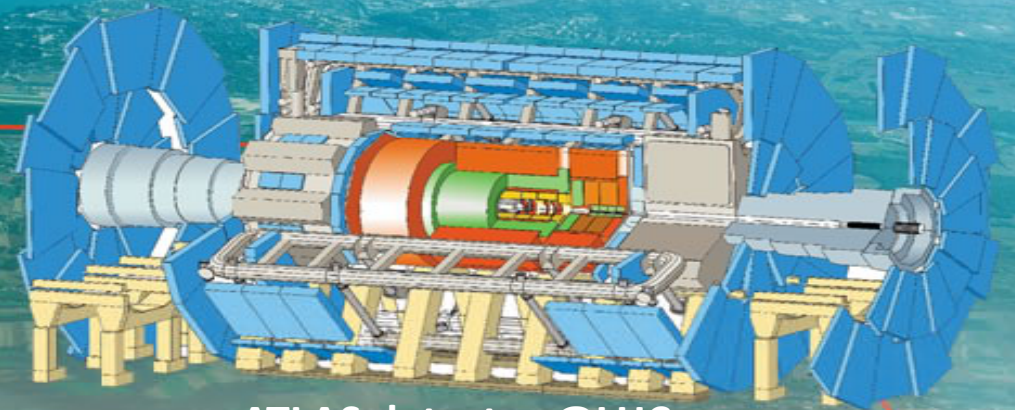


# Vector-boson fusion, vector-boson scattering and diboson production at ATLAS



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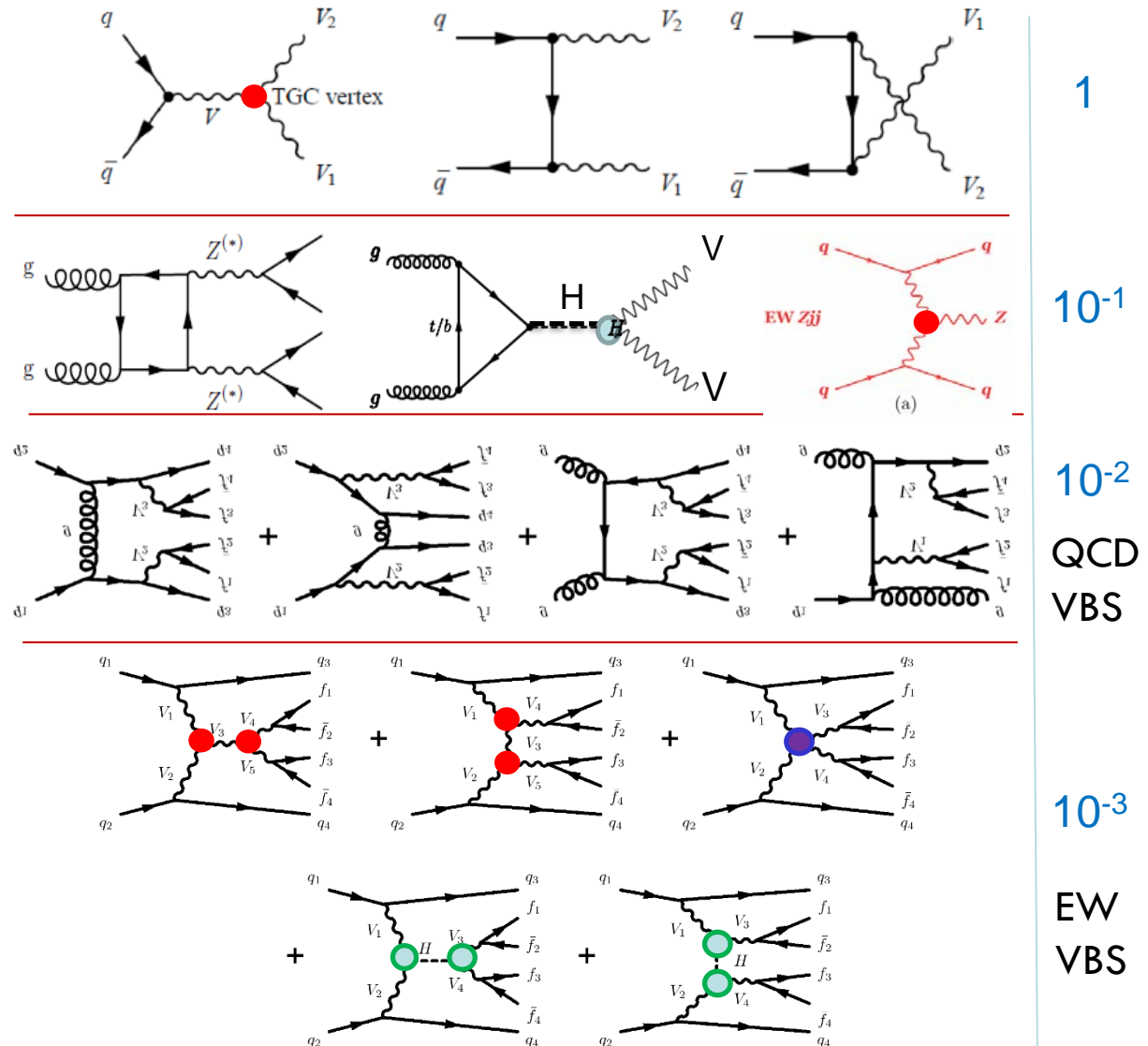
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# Introduction

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





# ATLAS Standard Model Production Cross Section Measurements

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

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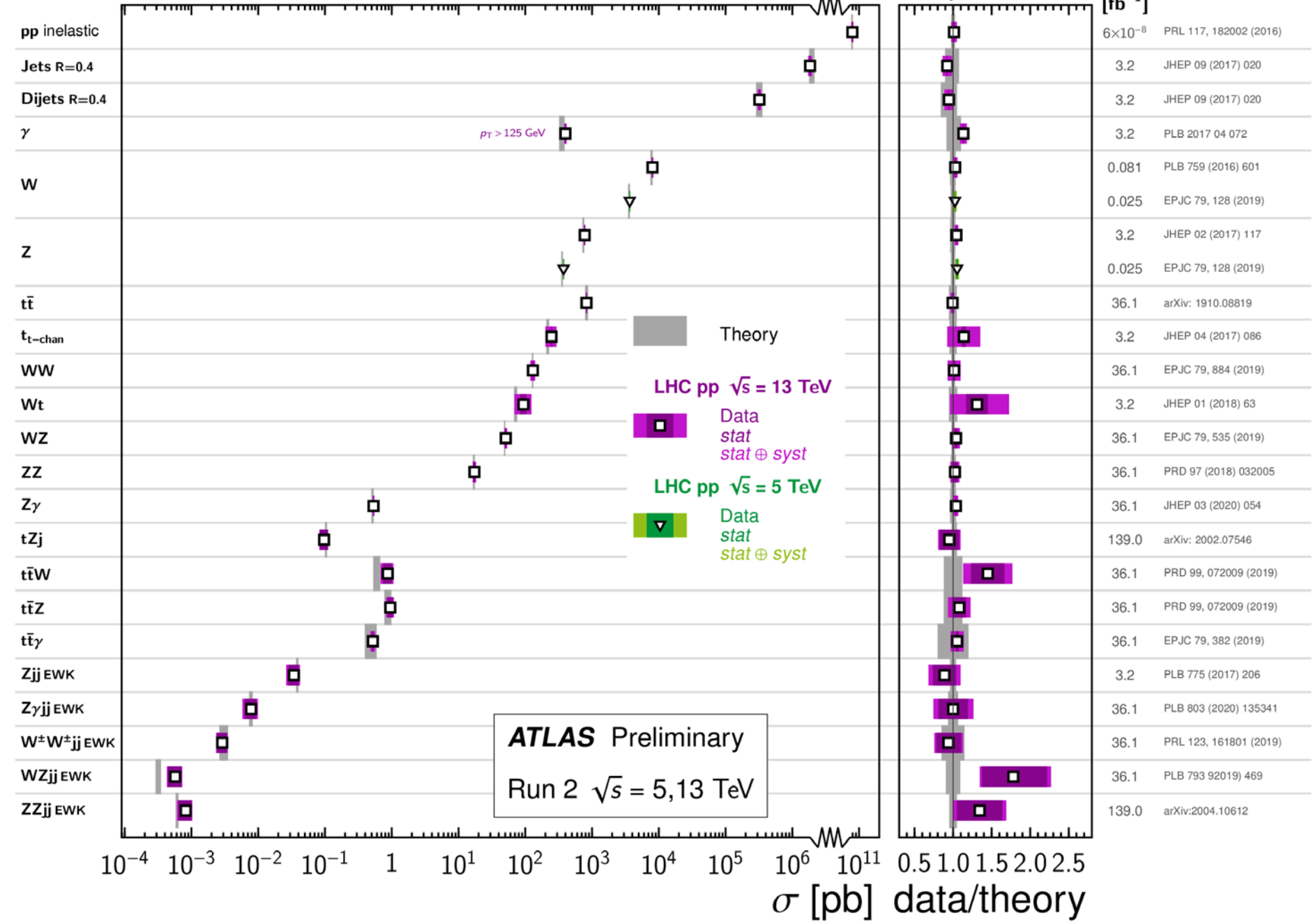
This talk will present diboson, and VBS/VBF production measurements with ATLAS Run 2 data involving neutral gauge bosons ( $Z, \gamma$ )

Precision measurement with dibosons

Inclusive  $4l, Z\gamma$

Observations of VBS/VBF rare productions

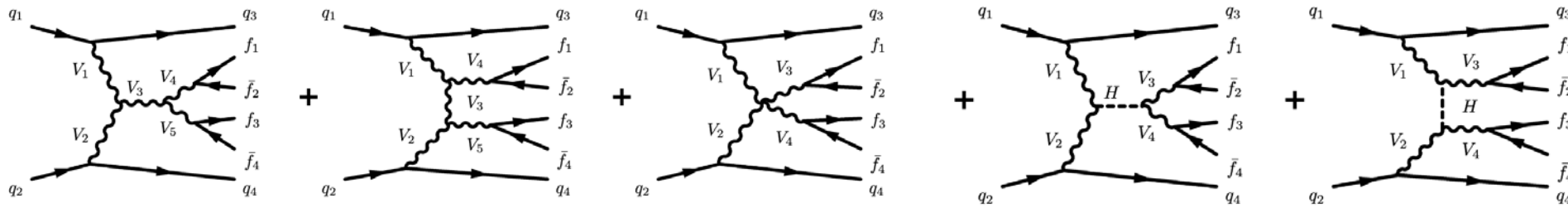
$ZZjj, Z\gamma jj, Zjj$



ATLAS Preliminary  
Run 2  $\sqrt{s} = 5, 13$  TeV

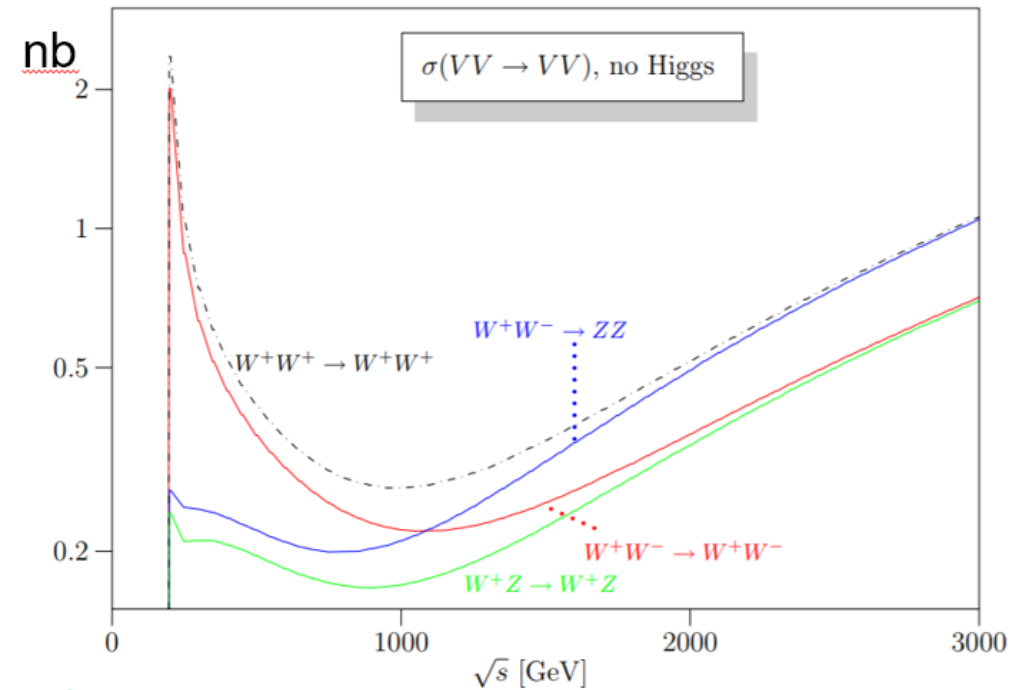
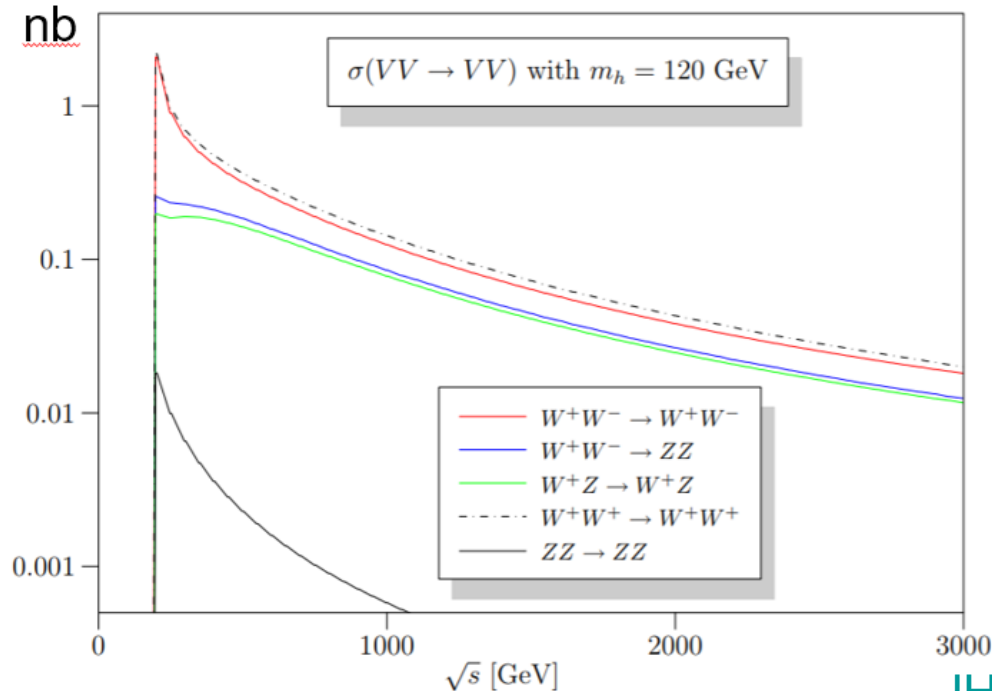
$\sigma$  [pb] data/theory

# An Important Test of EW Symmetry Breaking



SM VV scattering processes with low mass Higgs (120 GeV)

SM VV scattering processes w/o a Higgs boson



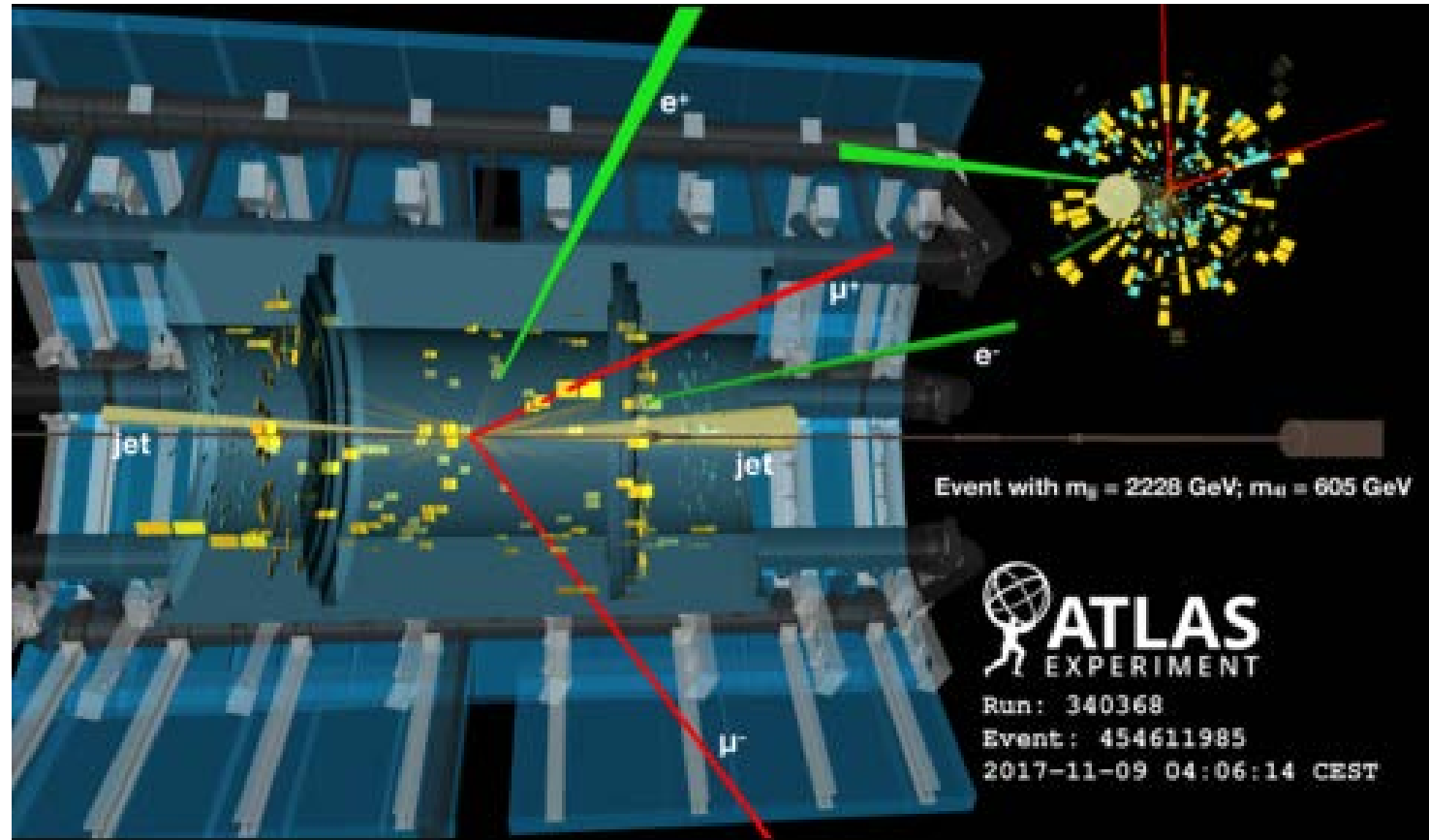
[JHEP11\(2008\)010](https://arxiv.org/abs/0803.0995)

# Observation of EW ZZjj Production

- ❖ Two Z bosons decaying leptonically
  - $ZZ \rightarrow 4l$  ( $4e, 2e2\mu, 4\mu$ )
  - $ZZ \rightarrow 2l2\nu$  ( $2e2\nu, 2\mu2\nu$ )
- ❖ Two Jets in forward/backward regions
  - Large rapidity separation
  - Large invariant mass
- ❖ Clean experimental signature
- ❖ Large theoretical uncertainties in modeling jets (up to 20% for ZZ + 2 jets)

ATLAS [arXiv:2004.10612](https://arxiv.org/abs/2004.10612)

With  $139 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  data (13 TeV), collected by ATLAS in Run 2



An event display of a  $ZZjj \rightarrow 4l jj$  event candidate

# ZZjj Analysis Strategy

arXiv:2004.10612

- ❖ Low  $m_{jj}$  or  $|\Delta Y| < 2$  control regions used to constrain the modelling of the QCD ZZjj component
- ❖ **ZZjj signal simulation models:** MadGraph5@LO+Pythia8 for EW ZZjj, Sherpa 2.2.2 for QCD ZZ+0, 1j@NLO+2,3,4j@LO; impact of interference component assigned as syst. on the EW signal
- ❖ Multivariate discriminant based on gradient BDT used to extract electroweak ZZjj component

## Event Selection

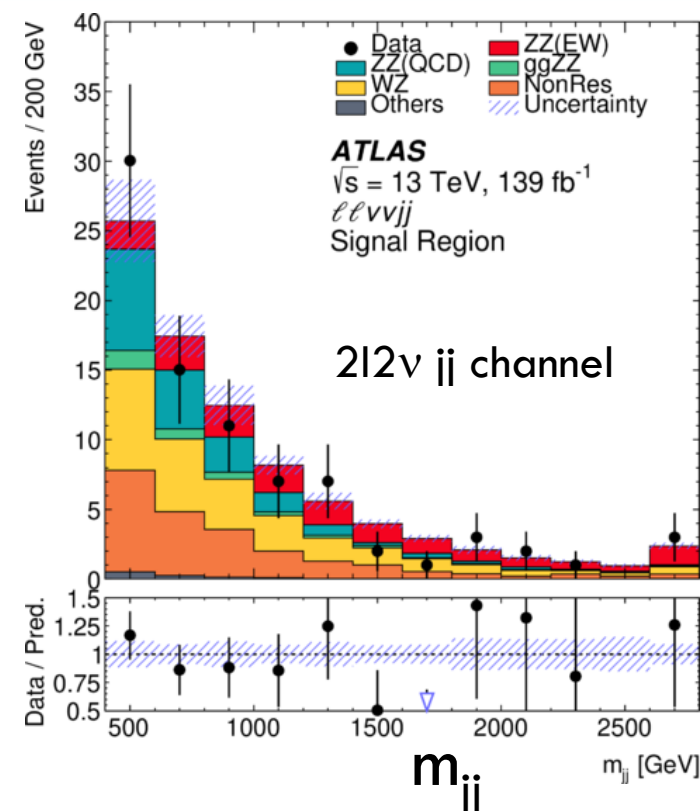
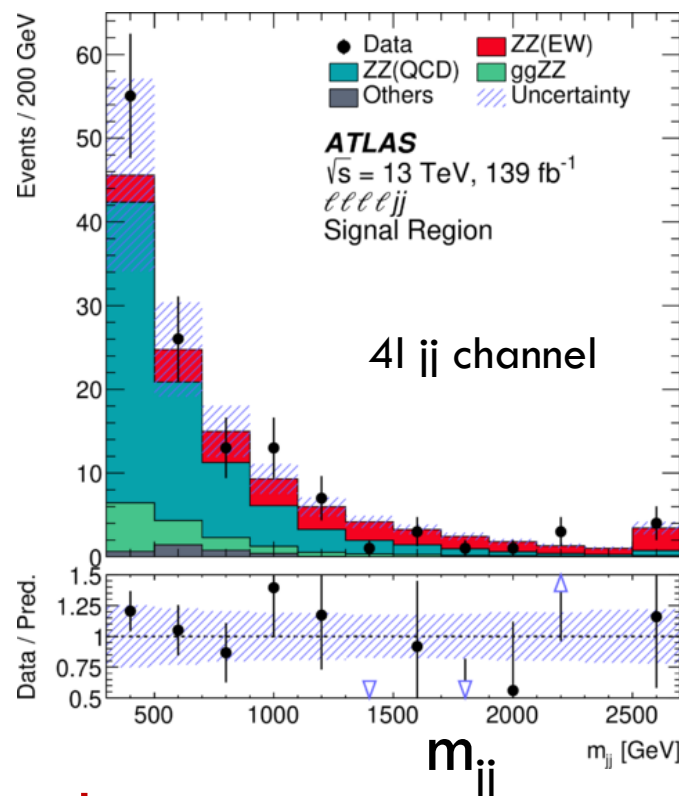
	$lllljj$	$ll\nu\nu jj$
Electrons	$p_T > 7 \text{ GeV},  \eta  < 2.47$ $ d_0/\sigma_{d_0}  < 5$ and $ z_0 \times \sin\theta  < 0.5 \text{ mm}$	<b>Common for 2 channels</b>
Muons	$p_T > 7 \text{ GeV},  \eta  < 2.7$ $ d_0/\sigma_{d_0}  < 3$ and $ z_0 \times \sin\theta  < 0.5 \text{ mm}$	<b>Common for 2 channels</b>
Jets	$p_T > 30$ (40) GeV for $ \eta  < 2.4$ ( $2.4 <  \eta  < 4.5$ )	$p_T > 60$ (40) GeV for the leading (sub-leading) jet
ZZ selection	$p_T > 20, 20, 10$ GeV for the leading, sub-leading and third leptons Two OSSF lepton pairs with smallest $ m_{\ell^+\ell^-} - m_Z  +  m_{\ell'^+\ell'^-} - m_Z $ $m_{\ell^+\ell^-} > 10$ GeV for lepton pairs $\Delta R(\ell, \ell') > 0.2$ $66 < m_{\ell^+\ell^-} < 116$ GeV	$p_T > 30$ (20) GeV for the leading (sub-leading) lepton One OSSF lepton pair and no third leptons $80 < m_{\ell^+\ell^-} < 100$ GeV No b-tagged jets $E_T^{\text{miss}}$ -significance $> 12$
Dijet selection	Two most energetic jets with $y_{j_1} \times y_{j_2} < 0$ $m_{jj} > 300$ GeV and $\Delta y(jj) > 2$	<b>Common for 2 channels</b> $m_{jj} > 400$ GeV and $\Delta y(jj) > 2$

# Measured Inclusive ZZjj $\sigma$ vs Prediction

arXiv:2004.10612

## Selected ZZjj events, data vs. MC

Process	$lllljj$	$ll\nu\nu jj$
EW ZZjj	$20.6 \pm 2.5$	$12.3 \pm 0.7$
QCD ZZjj	$77 \pm 25$	$17.2 \pm 3.5$
QCD ggZZjj	$13.1 \pm 4.4$	$3.5 \pm 1.1$
Non-resonant- $ll$	–	$21.4 \pm 4.8$
WZ	–	$22.8 \pm 1.1$
Others	$3.2 \pm 2.1$	$1.2 \pm 0.9$
Total	$114 \pm 26$	$78.4 \pm 6.2$
Data	127	82



## Inclusive ZZjj cross-section measurements

	Measured fiducial $\sigma$ [fb]
$lllljj$	$1.27 \pm 0.12(\text{stat}) \pm 0.02(\text{theo}) \pm 0.07(\text{exp}) \pm 0.01(\text{bkg}) \pm 0.03(\text{lumi})$
$ll\nu\nu jj$	$1.22 \pm 0.30(\text{stat}) \pm 0.04(\text{theo}) \pm 0.06(\text{exp}) \pm 0.16(\text{bkg}) \pm 0.03(\text{lumi})$

SM	Predicted fiducial $\sigma$ [fb]
$lllljj$	$1.14 \pm 0.04(\text{stat}) \pm 0.20(\text{theo})$
$ll\nu\nu jj$	$1.07 \pm 0.01(\text{stat}) \pm 0.12(\text{theo})$

Currently, statistic dominant the measurement uncertainties, but the theoretical modeling uncertainty is larger

# Extract the EW ZZj Component

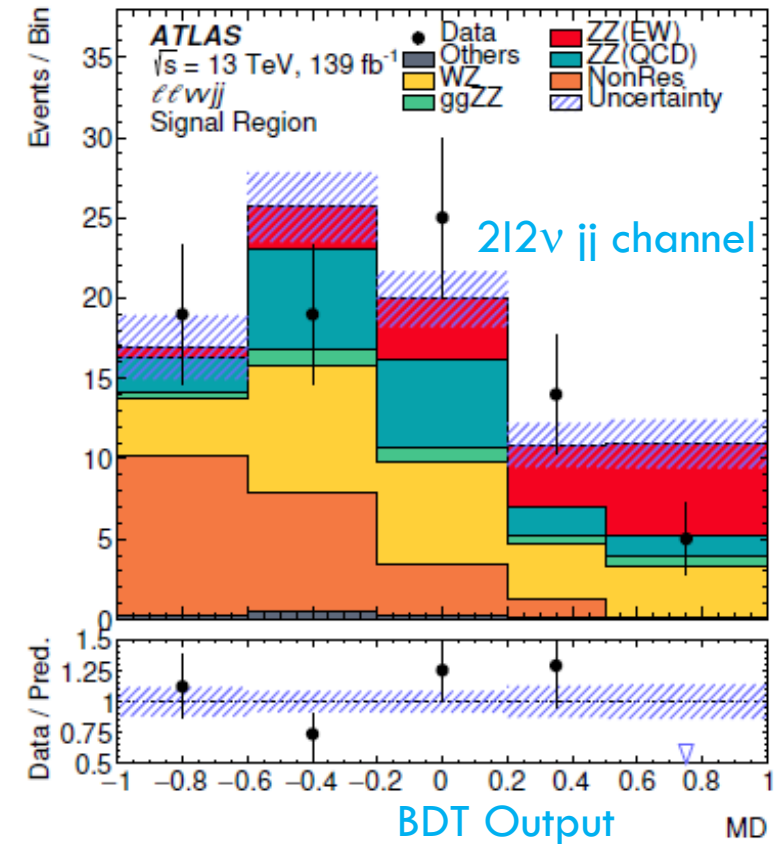
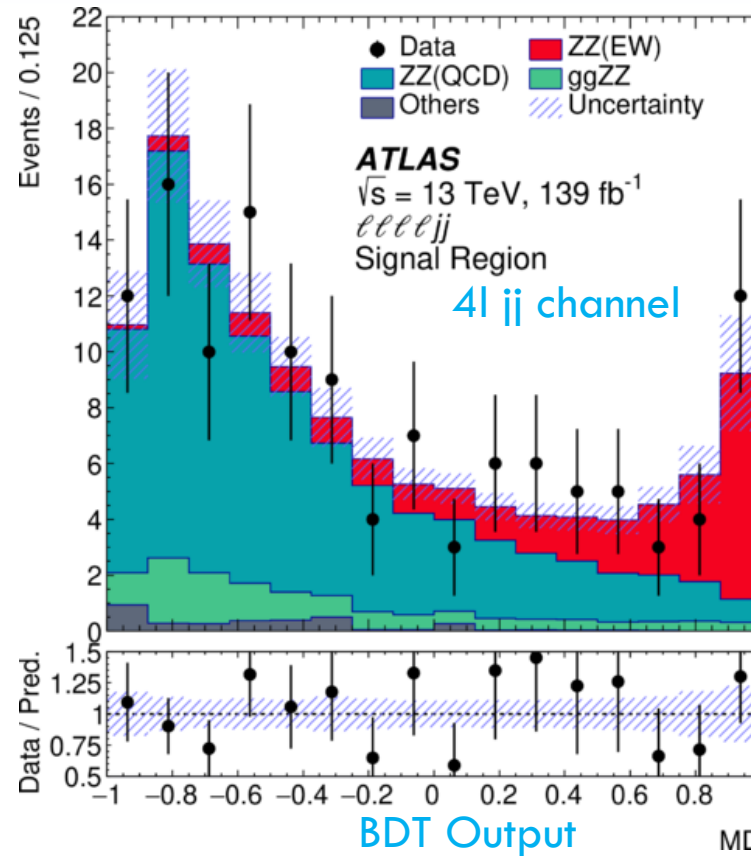
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- ❖ The first-ever measurement of the EW VBS process with the ZZjj channel, a rare and very important process

Significance:  $5.5\sigma$

- ❖ One of the smallest cross sections measured by ATLAS

$$\sigma_{EW}^{ZZjj} = 0.82 \pm 0.21 \text{ fb}$$



	$\mu_{EW}$	$\mu_{QCD}^{lllljj}$	Significance Obs. (Exp.)
$lllljj$	$1.5 \pm 0.4$	$0.95 \pm 0.22$	$5.5 (3.9) \sigma$
$ll\nu\nu jj$	$0.7 \pm 0.7$	–	$1.2 (1.8) \sigma$
Combined	$1.35 \pm 0.34$	$0.96 \pm 0.22$	$5.5 (4.3) \sigma$



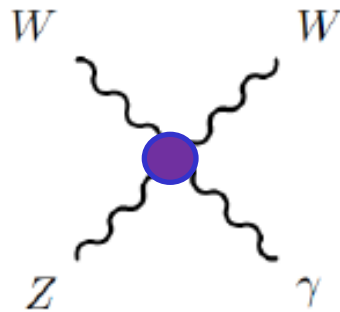
# Measurement of $Z\gamma jj$ Production

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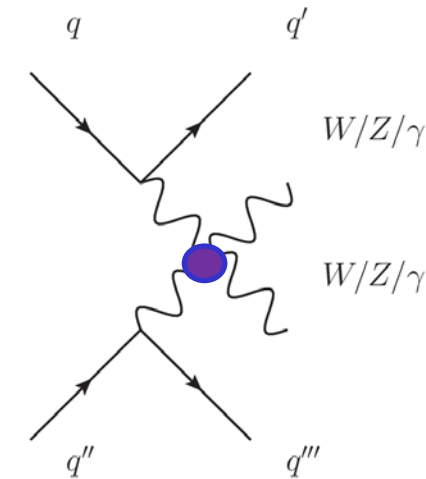
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❖ Measure VBS  $Z\gamma jj$  electroweak production cross-section ( $36.1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  at 13 TeV)

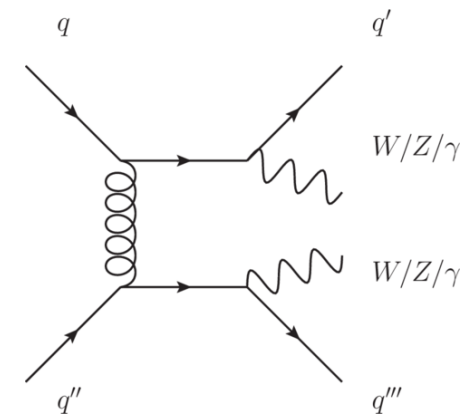
➤ Sensitive to quartic gauge coupling



➤ Major background from QCD VBS process



EW  $Z\gamma jj$  diagram



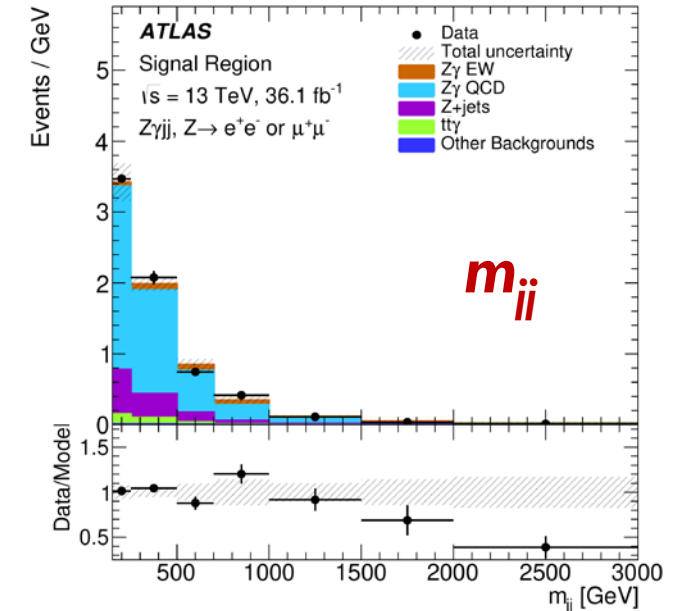
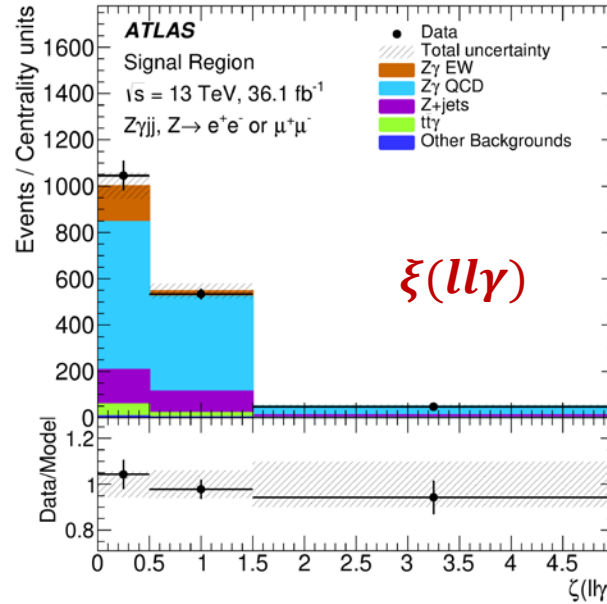
QCD-induced  $Z\gamma jj$  diagram

# Z $\gamma$ jj Event Selection

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- A central  $\{\ell\ell\gamma\}$  system
  - One  $Z \rightarrow ee, \mu\mu$
  - One  $\gamma$  not from final state radiation
- Two jets
  - Large rapidity separation
  - Large invariant mass
- No b-jet (CR:  $N_{bjet} > 0$ )
- **Signal region**  $|\Delta\eta_{jj}| > 1$

$$\xi(\ell\ell\gamma) = \left| \frac{y_{\ell\ell\gamma} - (y_{j_1} + y_{j_2})/2}{(y_{j_1} - y_{j_2})} \right| < 5$$

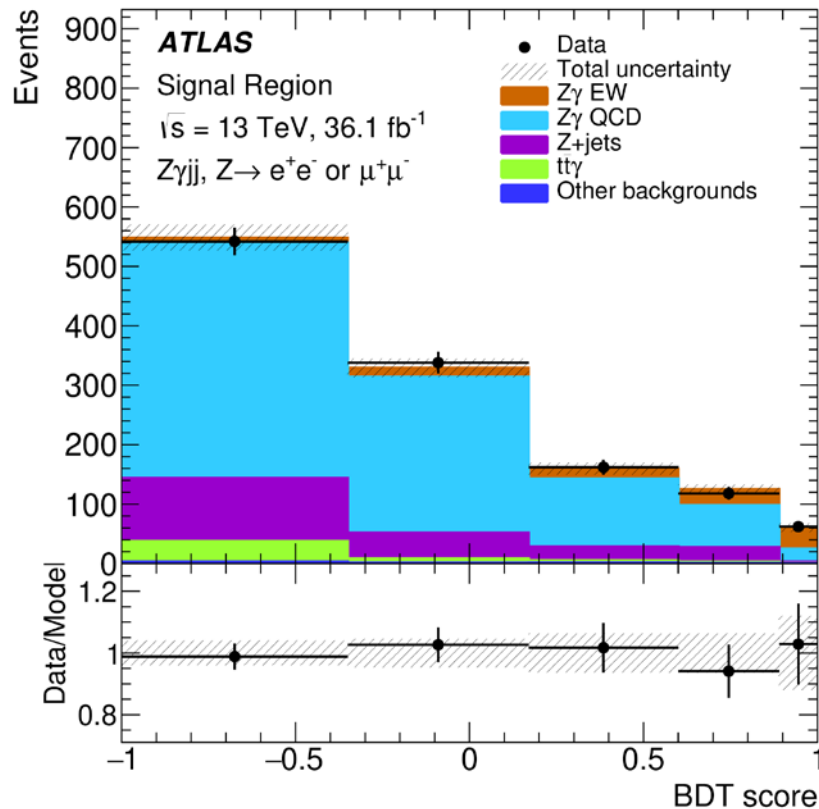


Selected Events	SR	$b$ -CR	
Data	1222	388	
Total expected	1222 ±35	389 ±19	
Z $\gamma$ jj-EW (signal)	104 ±26	5 ±1	
Z $\gamma$ jj-QCD	864 ±60	82 ±9	
Z+jets	200 ±40	19 ±4	
$t\bar{t} + \gamma$	48 ±10	280 ±21	
Other backgrounds	7 ±1	4 ±1	

# Evidence of EW $Z\gamma jj$ Production at LHC

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## BDT score distribution in SR



- Likelihood fit using BDT score distribution in SR and b-jet multiplicity distribution in CR to extract the EW  $Z\gamma jj$  signal strength. Observed and expected significance:  **$4.1\sigma$  ( $3.8\sigma$ )**.

- **Cross section derived from signal strength**

MADGRAPH5\_AMC@NLO 2.3.3

used to predict number of EW  $Z\gamma jj$  events

$$\mu_{Z\gamma jj-EW} = \frac{N_{Z\gamma jj-EW}^{data}}{N_{Z\gamma jj-EW}^{MC}}$$

## Fiducial electroweak $Z\gamma jj$ cross-section

$$\sigma_{Z\gamma jj-EW}^{fid.} = 7.8 \pm 1.5 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 1.0 \text{ (syst.)} {}^{+1.0}_{-0.8} \text{ (mod.) fb}$$

$$\sigma_{Z\gamma jj-EW}^{fid., MADGRAPH} = 7.75 \pm 0.03 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.20 \text{ (PDF + } \alpha_S) \pm 0.40 \text{ (scale) fb}$$

$$\sigma_{Z\gamma jj-EW}^{fid., SHERPA} = 8.94 \pm 0.08 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.20 \text{ (PDF + } \alpha_S) \pm 0.50 \text{ (scale) fb}$$

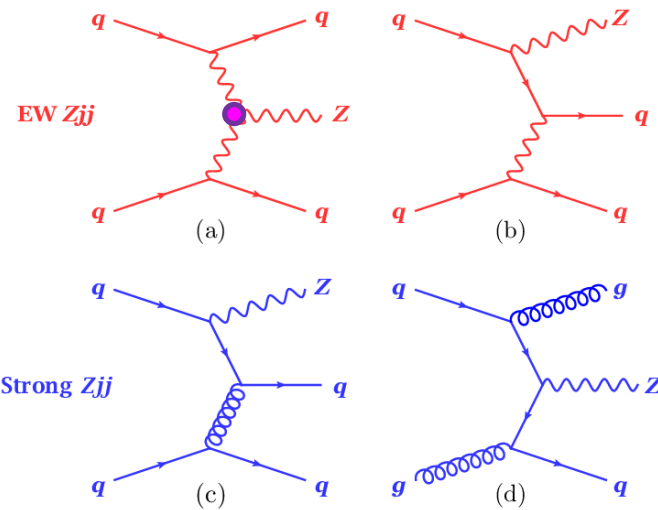
## Fiducial inclusive $Z\gamma+2$ jet cross-section

$$\sigma_{Z\gamma jj}^{fid.} = 71 \pm 2 \text{ (stat.)} {}^{+9}_{-7} \text{ (syst.)} {}^{+21}_{-17} \text{ (mod.) fb}$$

$$\sigma_{Z\gamma jj}^{fid., MADGRAPH+SHERPA} = 88.4 \pm 2.4 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 2.3 \text{ (PDF + } \alpha_S) {}^{+29.4}_{-19.1} \text{ (scale) fb.}$$

# VBF Zjj Production at the LHC

arXiv:2006.15458 (139 fb<sup>-1</sup>)

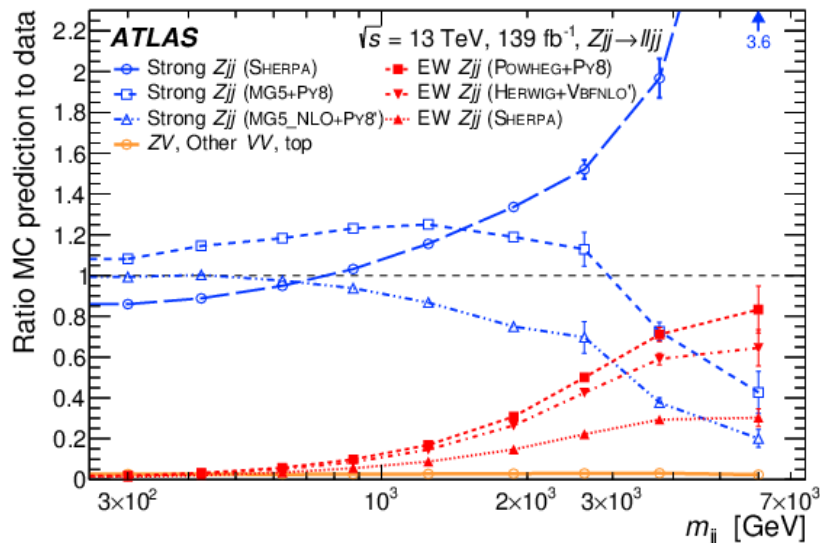


## Signal

- Z boson decays to ee and  $\mu\mu$
- Two jets in forward/backward region
  - Large rapidity separation
  - Large invariant mass
- No jets in the rapidity gap between  $j_1$  and  $j_2$

## The largest irreducible background

- Strong Zjj production
- Theoretical modeling of strong Zjj production is poor, particularly in high-mass  $m_{jj}$  signal enriched region
- Different MC generators used for comparison

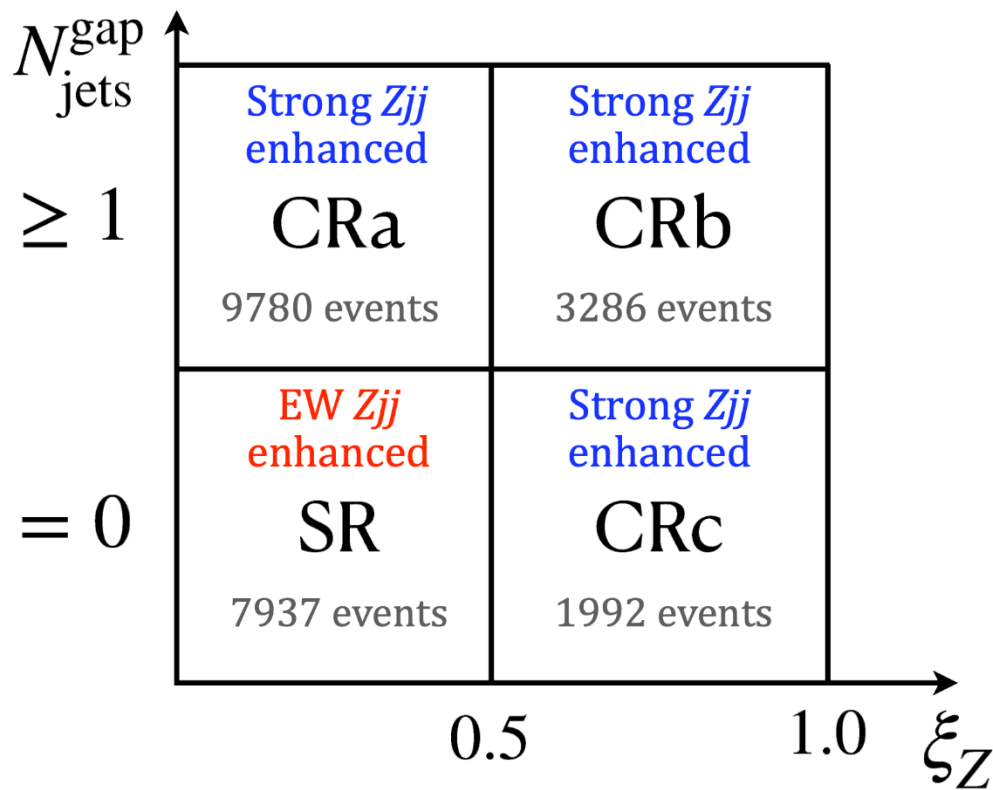




# Constrain the Background in Control Regions

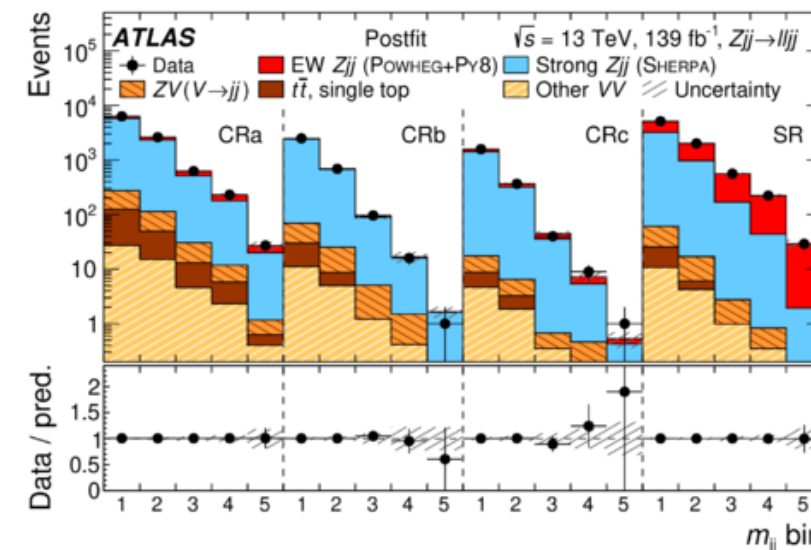
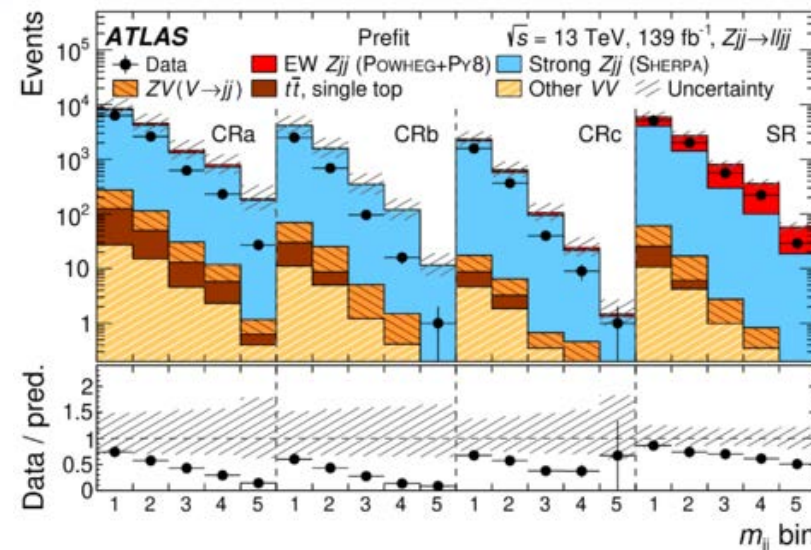
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- Modeling of the QCD Z + 2 jets contribution constrained using data in dedicated control region
- Data-driven constraint transferred into the signal region using Monte Carlo
- The interference is treated as EW syst.



Definition of the signal region (SR) and control regions (CRa, CRb, CRc) used in the extraction of the electroweak component

$$\xi_Z = |y_{\ell\ell} - 0.5(y_{j1} + y_{j2})| / |\Delta y_{jj}|$$



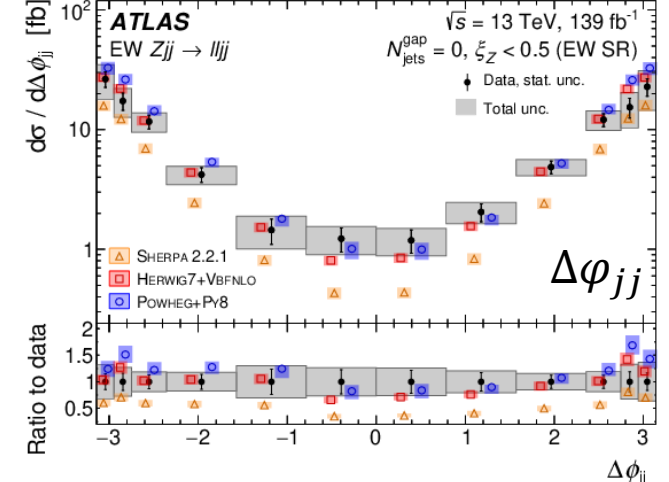
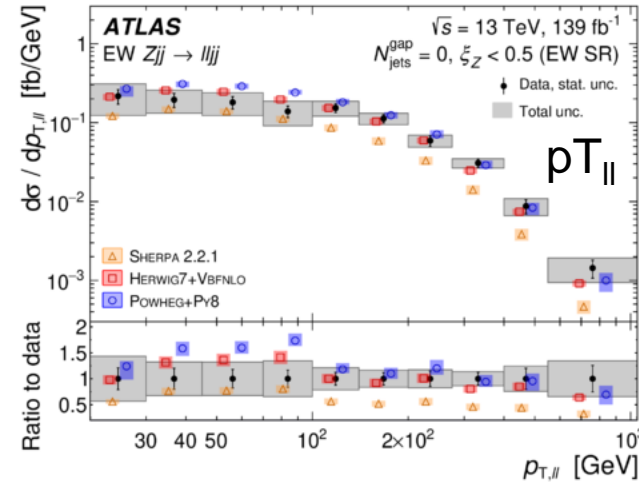
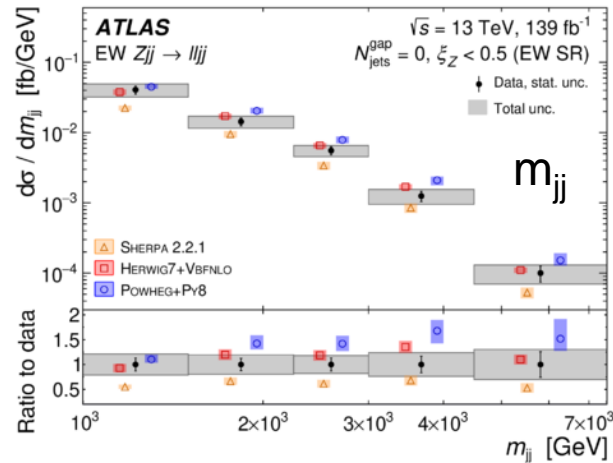
# Z<sub>jj</sub> Differential Cross-Sections

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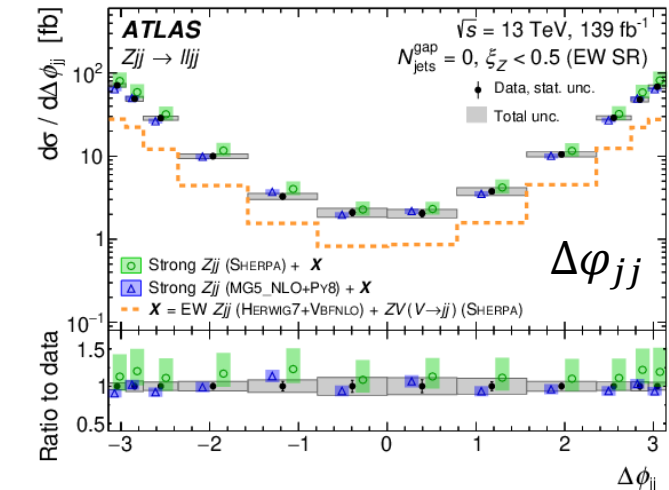
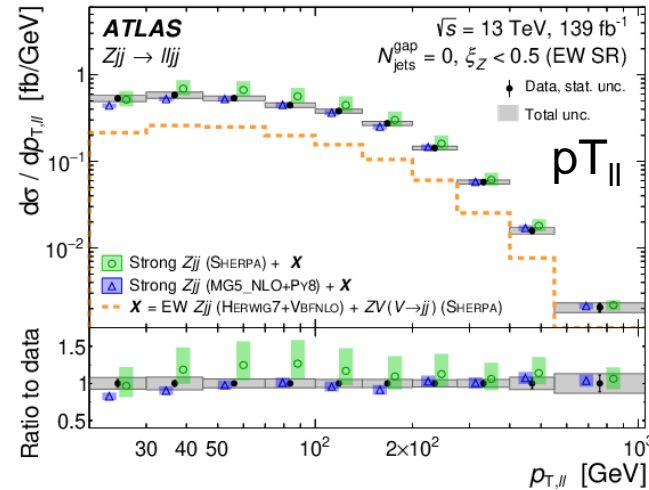
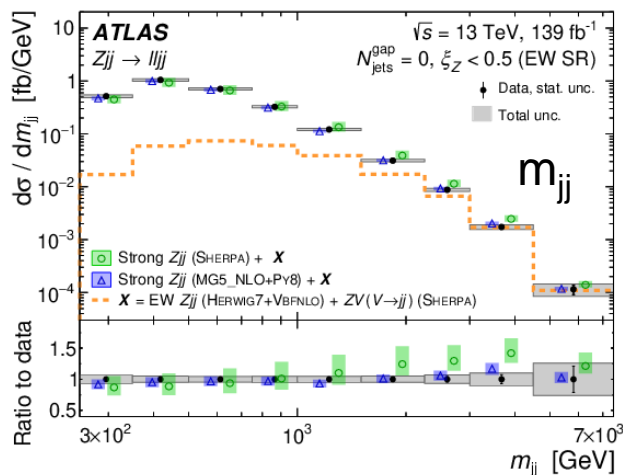
Integrated cross section of EW Z<sub>jj</sub>:  $\sigma = 37.4 \pm 3.5 \pm 5.5 \text{ fb}$

Compare to prediction:  $\sigma = 39.5 \pm 3.4(\text{scale}) \pm 1.2(\text{PDF}) \text{ fb}$  (from Herwig7+VBFNLO)

EW VBF Z<sub>jj</sub>  
differential  
cross-sections

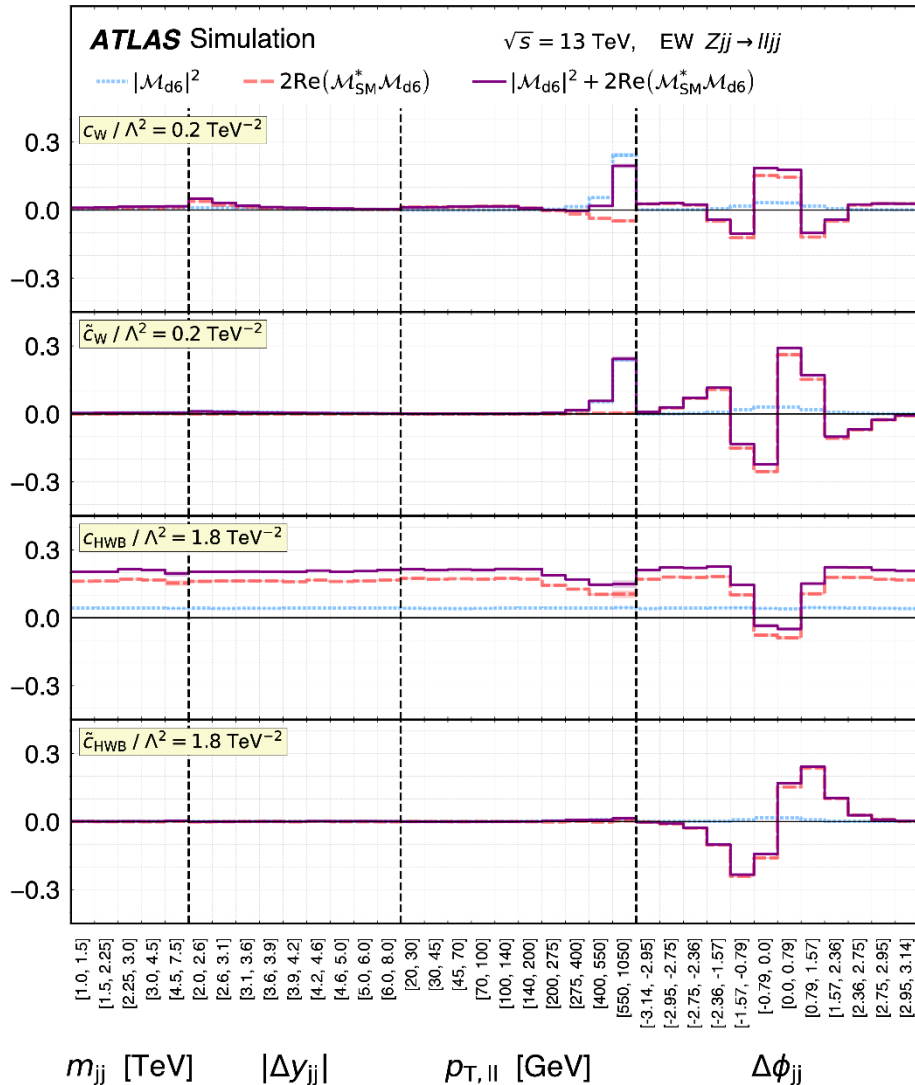


Inclusive Z<sub>jj</sub>  
differential  
cross-sections



# Effective Field Theory Interpretation

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The anomalous interactions are introduced with effective Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \sum_i \frac{c_i}{\Lambda^2} \mathcal{O}_i \quad \text{the } \mathcal{O}_i \text{ are dimension-six operators}$$

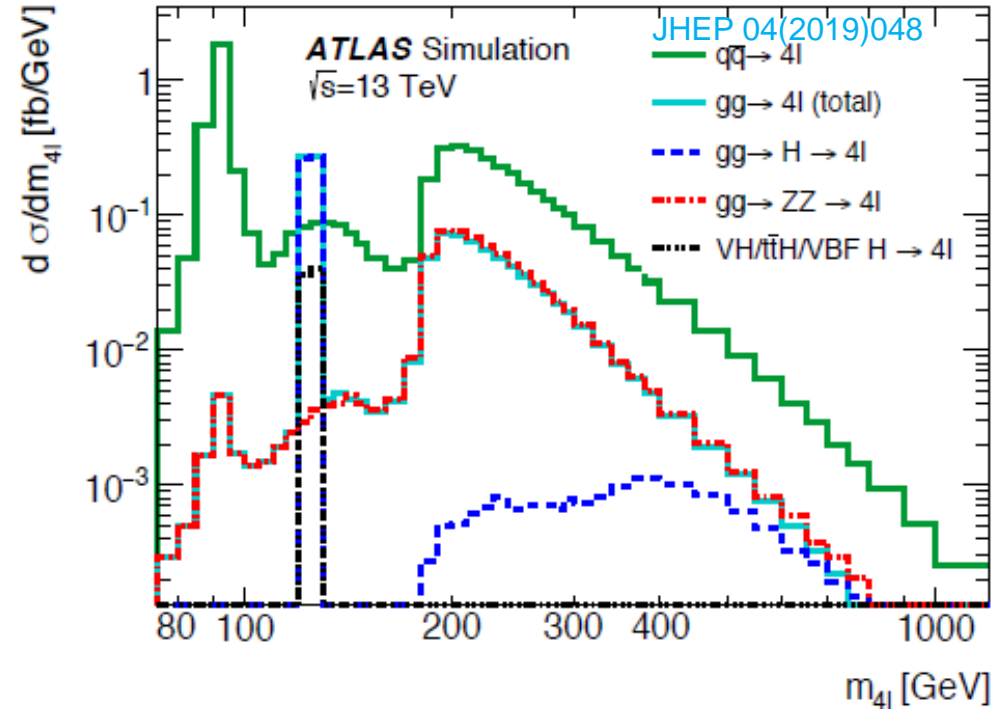
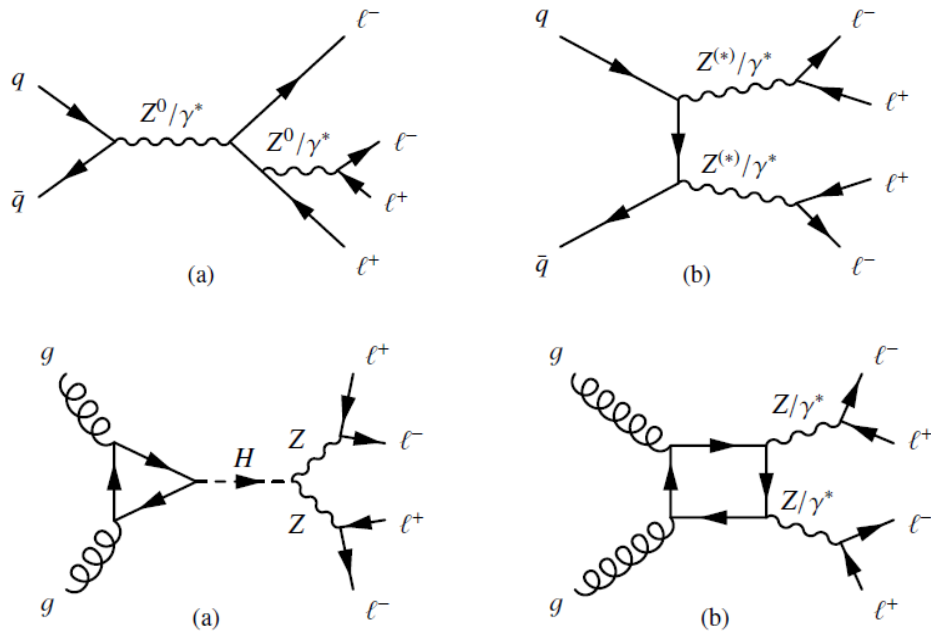
Two CP-even and CP-odd operators are tested using SMEFTsim +MG5+Pythia8. Sensitivity to CP-odd operators through the parity-odd observable  $\Delta\Phi_{jj}$

Wilson coefficient	Includes $ \mathcal{M}_{d6} ^2$	95% confidence interval [TeV <sup>-2</sup> ]	<i>p</i> -value (SM)
		Expected	Observed
$c_W/\Lambda^2$	no	[-0.30, 0.30]	45.9%
	yes	[-0.31, 0.29]	43.2%
$\tilde{c}_W/\Lambda^2$	no	[-0.12, 0.12]	82.0%
	yes	[-0.12, 0.12]	81.8%
$c_{HWB}/\Lambda^2$	no	[-2.45, 2.45]	29.0%
	yes	[-3.11, 2.10]	25.0%
$\tilde{c}_{HWB}/\Lambda^2$	no	[-1.06, 1.06]	1.7%
	yes	[-1.06, 1.06]	1.6%

# Inclusive 4l Differential $\sigma$ Measurement

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With 139 fb<sup>-1</sup> data



- ❖ Physics with 4l production is very rich. Depending on the invariant mass of the four leptons, the dominant underlying process behind their creation can be the decay of a Z boson, a Higgs boson that decays via two Z bosons, or the electroweak production of a Z-boson pair.
- ❖ Destructive interference between Higgs production and the continuum ZZ production through box diagram allowing constrain the off-shell Higgs production coupling to probe the Higgs nature width;
- ❖ Interpretation of BSM physics

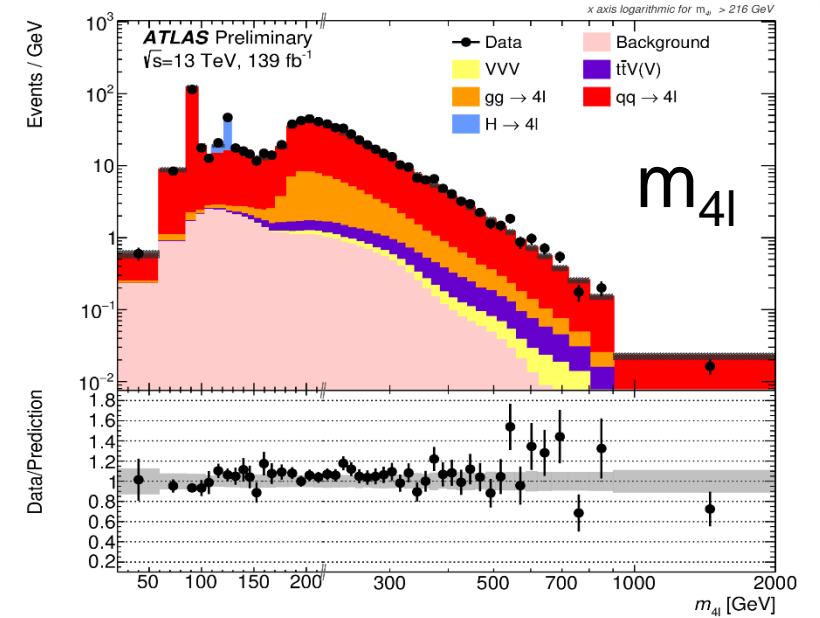


# Event Selection & 4l Cross Section

Select

- Lepton  $p_T > 20, 10, 5(7), 5(7)$  GeV for  $\mu$  (e)
- Any pair  $m_{ll} > 5$  GeV, and  $\Delta R(l,l) > 0.05$

Events	Region				
	Full	$Z \rightarrow 4\ell$	$H \rightarrow 4\ell$	Off-shell ZZ	On-shell ZZ
$q\bar{q} \rightarrow 4\ell$	$6100 \pm 500$	$1490 \pm 120$	$128 \pm 10$	$800 \pm 60$	$3640 \pm 280$
$gg \rightarrow 4\ell$	$680 \pm 90$	$10.8 \pm 2.9$	$3.9 \pm 0.7$	$49 \pm 6$	$620 \pm 80$
$H \rightarrow 4\ell$	$245 \pm 20$	$2.16 \pm 0.18$	$207 \pm 17$	$33.5 \pm 3.1$	$1.98 \pm 0.2$
VVV	$35 \pm 14$	$0.018 \pm 0.008$	$0.13 \pm 0.05$	$2.1 \pm 0.8$	$33 \pm 13$
$t\bar{t}V(V)$	$123 \pm 19$	$1.37 \pm 0.22$	$1.2 \pm 0.2$	$15.5 \pm 2.4$	$105 \pm 16$
Background	$330 \pm 50$	$44 \pm 8$	$26 \pm 5$	$129 \pm 20$	$139 \pm 31$
Total Pred.	$7500 \pm 500$	$1540 \pm 110$	$367 \pm 19$	$1030 \pm 60$	$4530 \pm 290$
Data	7755	1452	379	1095	4828



$$B_{Z \rightarrow 4l} = (4.41 \pm 0.30) \times 10^{-6}$$

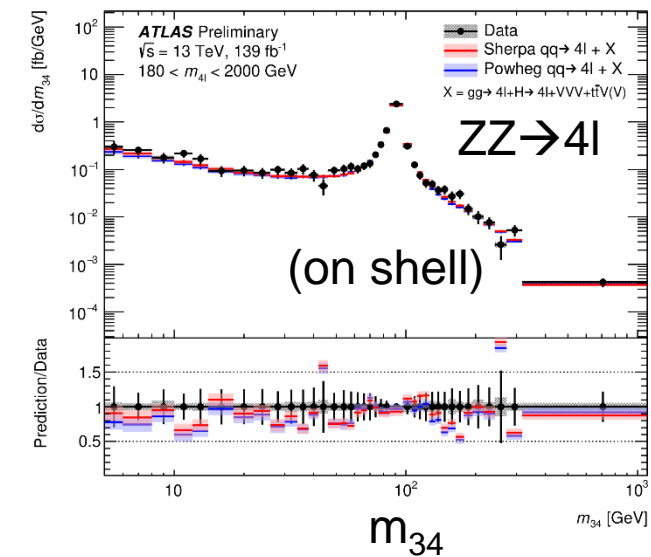
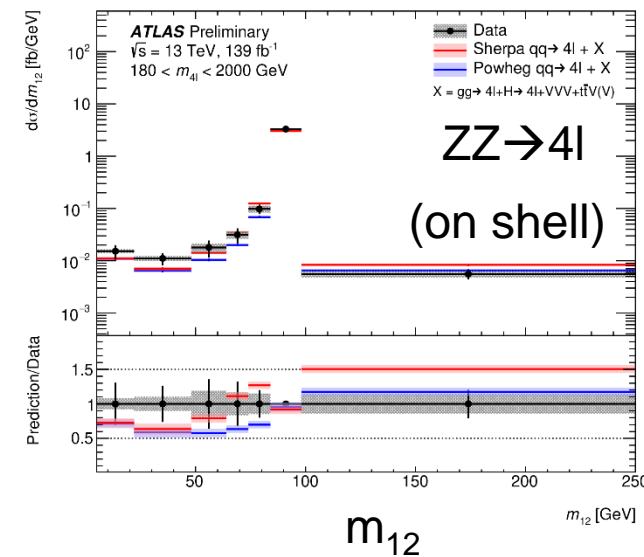
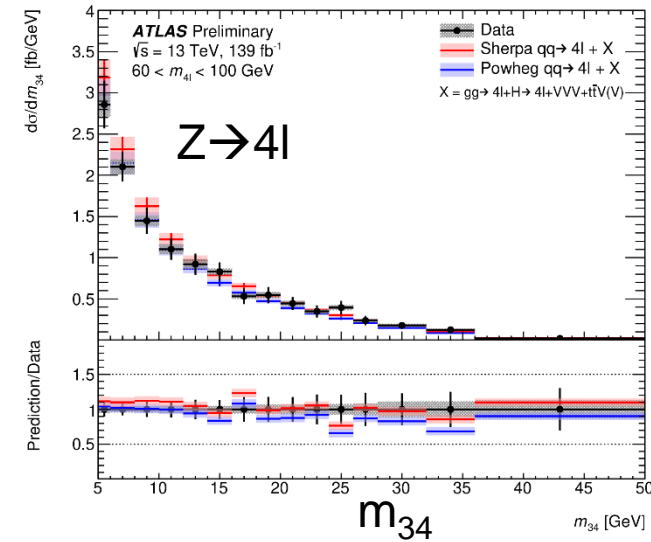
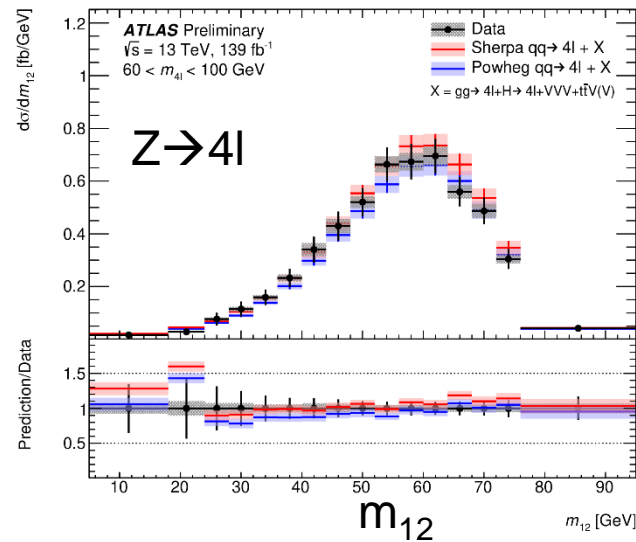
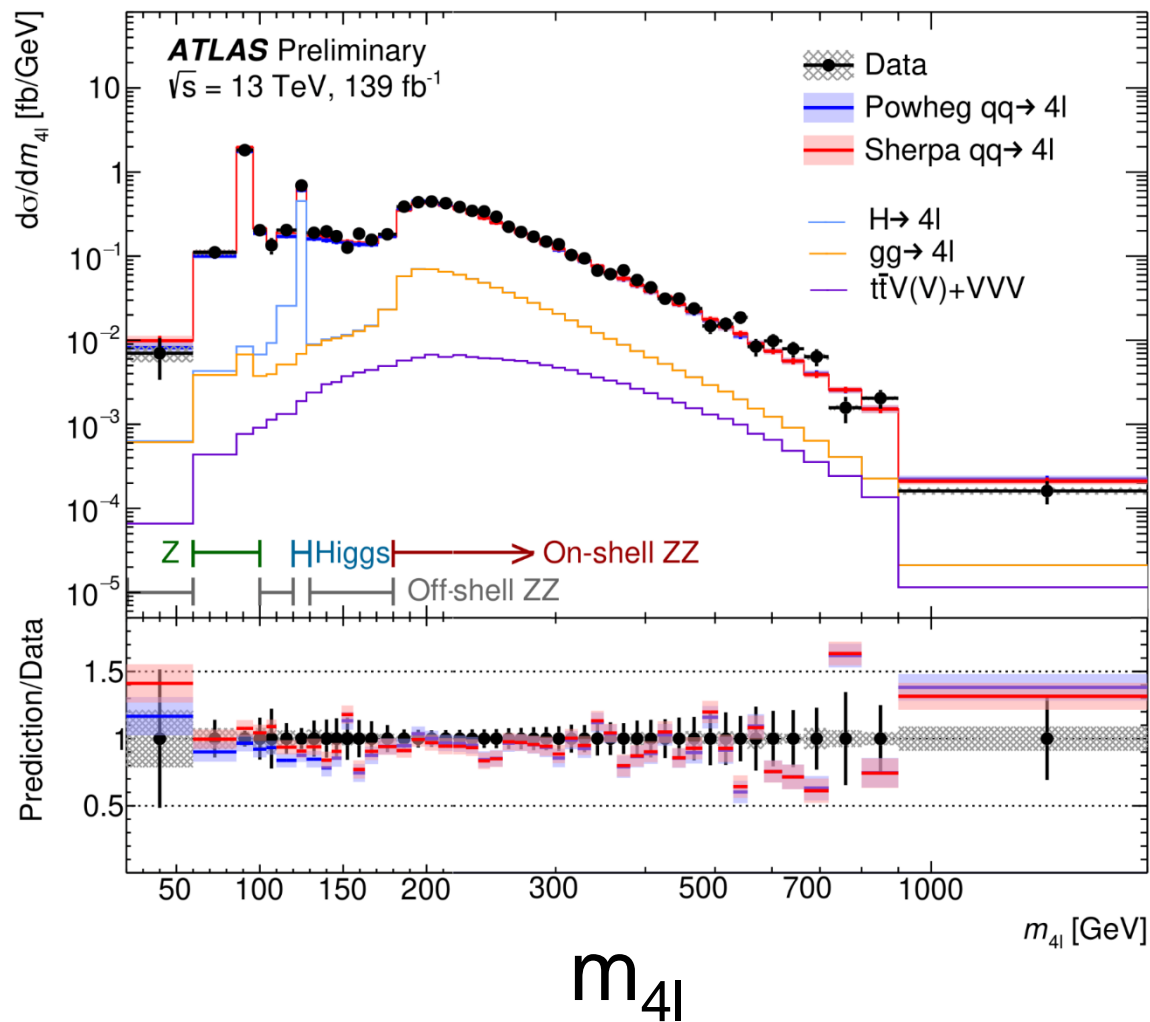
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- Measured ZZ  $\rightarrow$  4l production cross sections  $\frac{\Delta\sigma}{\sigma} \sim 3.3\%$
- Agree well with SM prediction

Measured	Region				
	Full	$Z \rightarrow 4\ell$	$H \rightarrow 4\ell$	Off-shell ZZ	On-shell ZZ
fiducial cross-section [fb]	88.9	22.1	4.76	12.4	49.3
	$\pm 1.1$ (stat.)	$\pm 0.7$ (stat.)	$\pm 0.29$ (stat.)	$\pm 0.5$ (stat.)	$\pm 0.8$ (stat.)
	$\pm 2.3$ (syst.)	$\pm 1.1$ (syst.)	$\pm 0.18$ (syst.)	$\pm 0.6$ (syst.)	$\pm 0.8$ (syst.)
	$\pm 1.5$ (lumi.)	$\pm 0.4$ (lumi.)	$\pm 0.08$ (lumi.)	$\pm 0.2$ (lumi.)	$\pm 0.8$ (lumi.)
	$\pm 3.0$ (total)	$\pm 1.3$ (total)	$\pm 0.35$ (total)	$\pm 0.8$ (total)	$\pm 1.3$ (total)
SHERPA	$86 \pm 5$	$23.6 \pm 1.5$	$4.57 \pm 0.21$	$11.5 \pm 0.7$	$46.0 \pm 2.9$
POWHEG + PYTHIA8	$83 \pm 5$	$21.2 \pm 1.3$	$4.38 \pm 0.20$	$10.7 \pm 0.7$	$46.4 \pm 3.0$

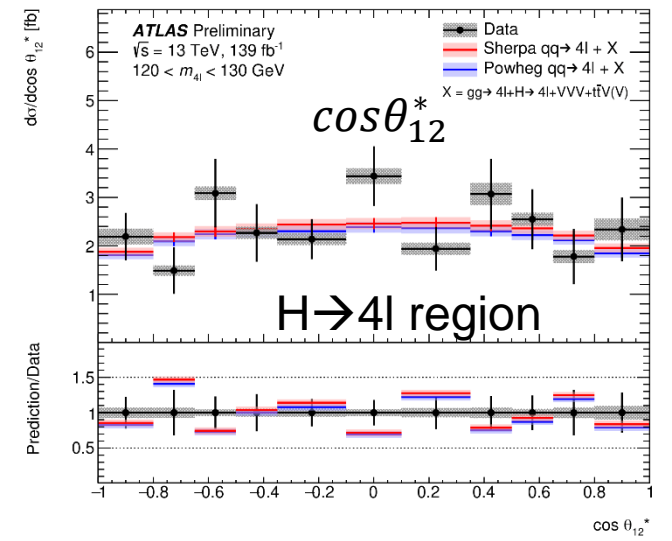
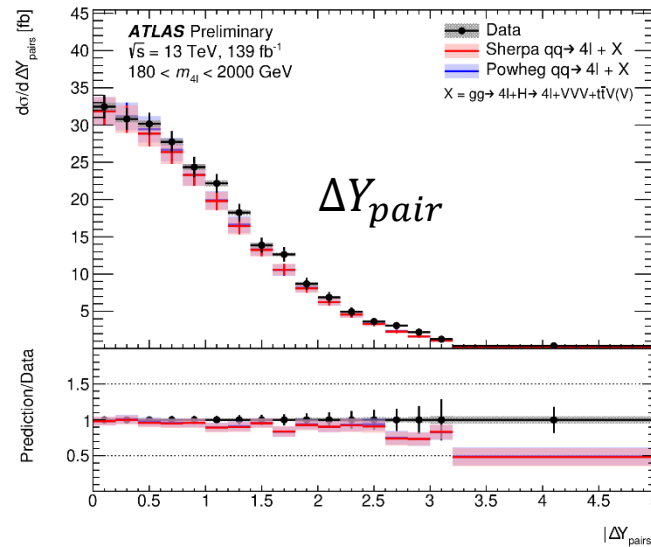
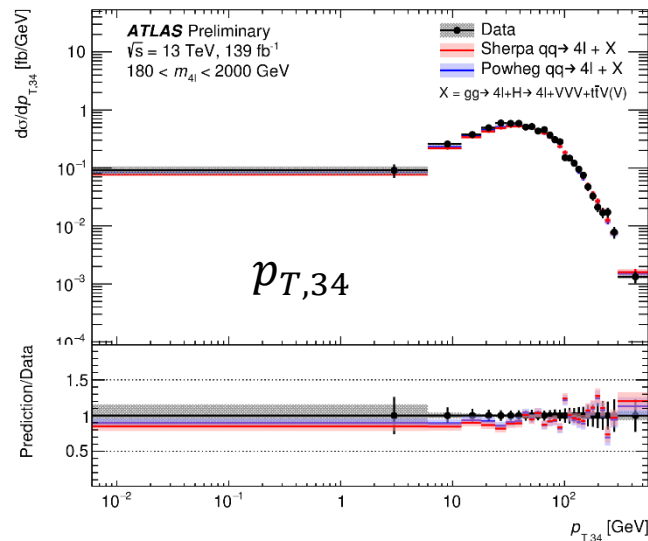
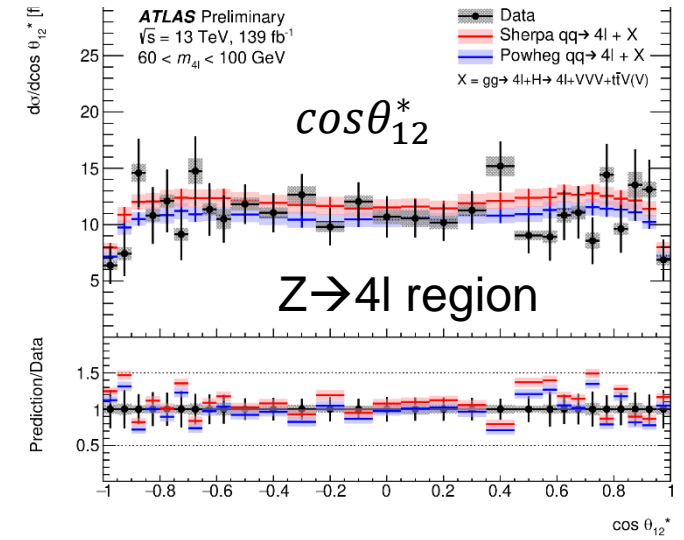
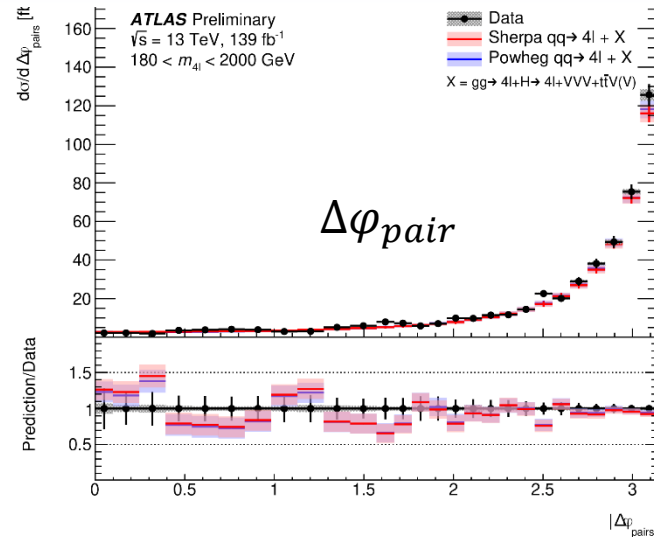
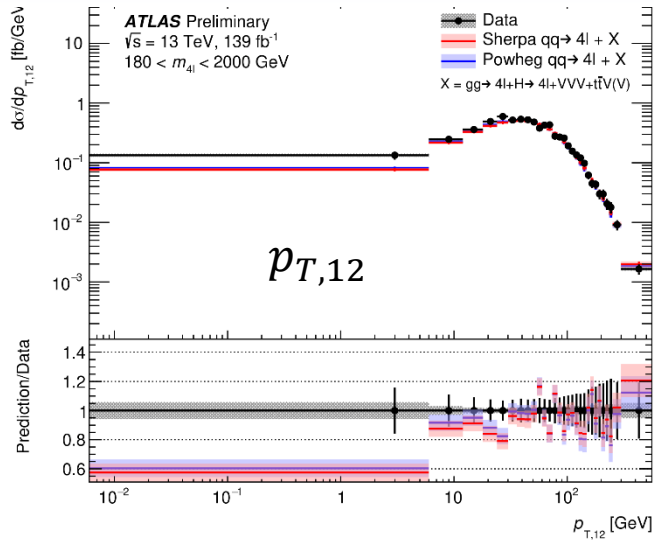
# Unfolded 4l, and 2l Mass Spectra

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# Differential pT and Angular Cross Sections

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# BSM Interpretation from Inclusive 4l Data

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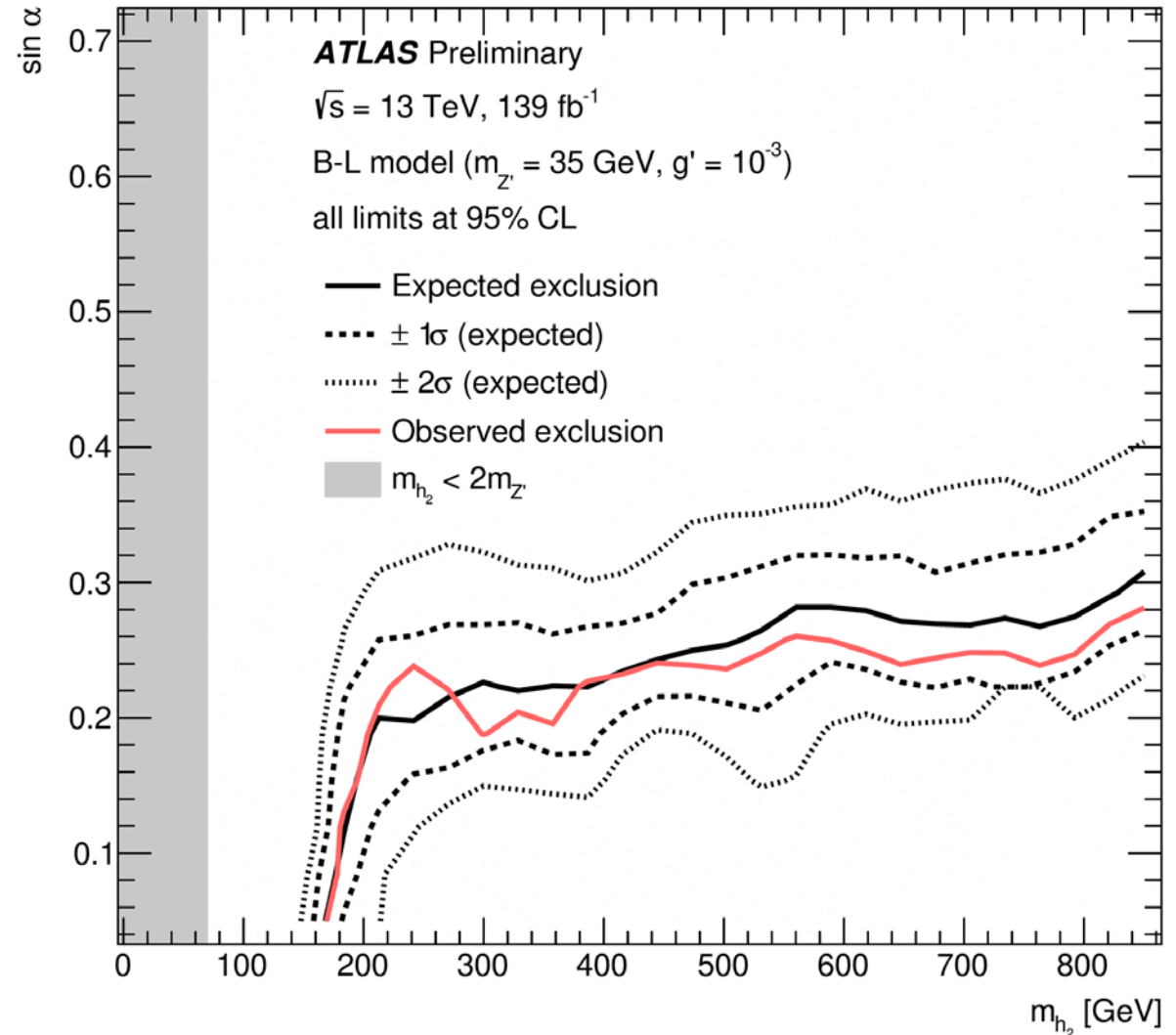
## The B-L Gauge Model [JHEP 08 (2018) 181]

A simple extension of the SM and based on symmetry groups:

$$SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y \times U(1)_{B-L},$$

B-L denotes baryon-number - lepton-number to include heavy RH neutrinos in the theory.

- The new gauge Field  $Z'$  is corresponding to  $U(1)_{B-L}$ , which can decay to RH neutrinos, and SM fermions
- The  $U(1)_{B-L}$  spontaneously broken by an exotic Higgs boson  $h_2$  which can decay to  $ZZ$  or  $Z'Z'$  with the gauge bosons decaying to lepton pairs.

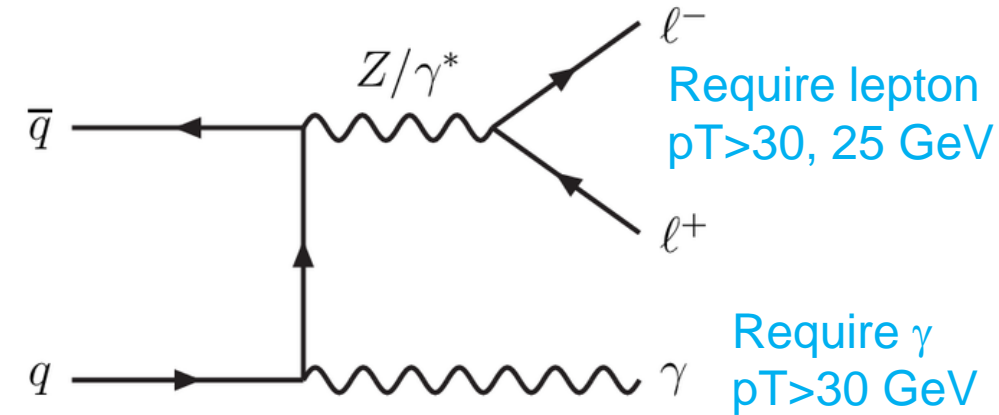
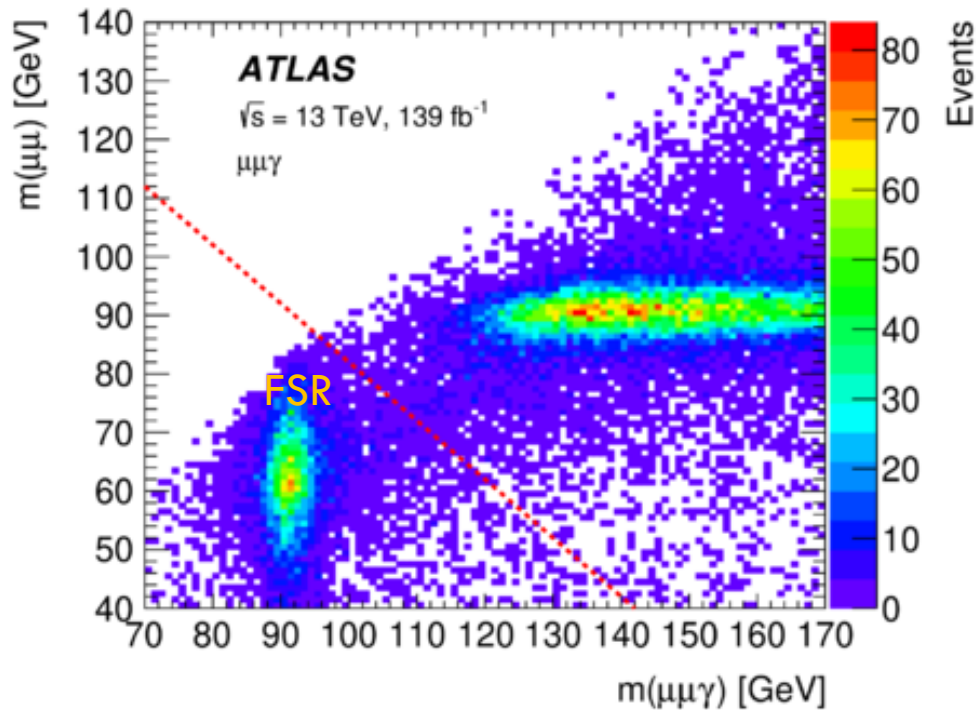




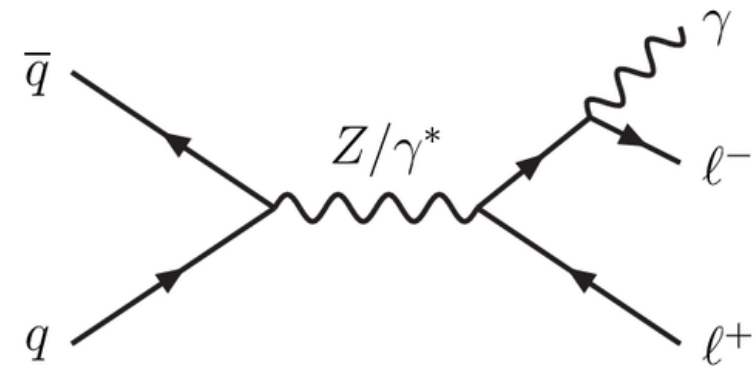
# Inclusive $Z\gamma$ Measurement

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- Test SM: measurements of  $\sigma^{\text{total}}$ , and  $\sigma^{\text{diff}}$  with high precision
- Major background in  $H \rightarrow Z\gamma$  search
- $m_{ll} + m_{ll\gamma} > 182 \text{ GeV}$  to suppress FSR



**Signal Diboson  $Z\gamma$  signal**



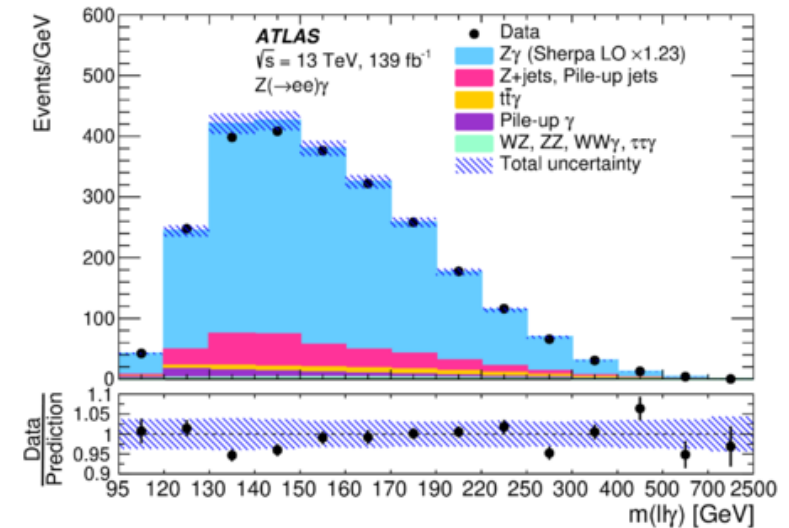
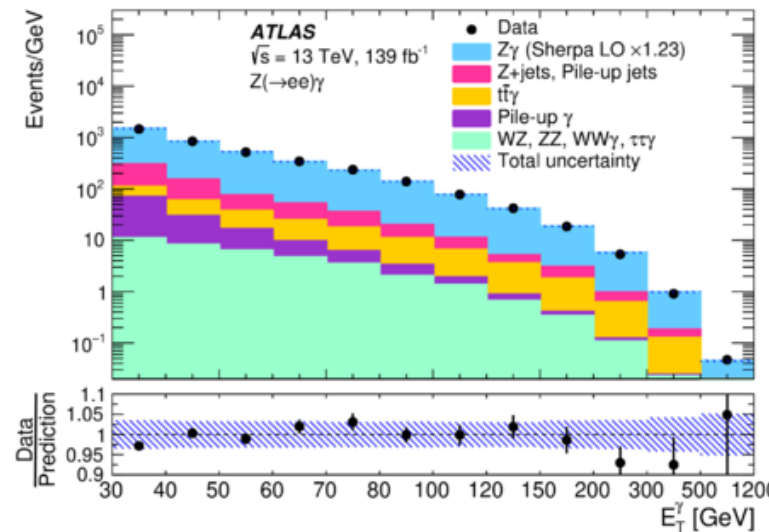
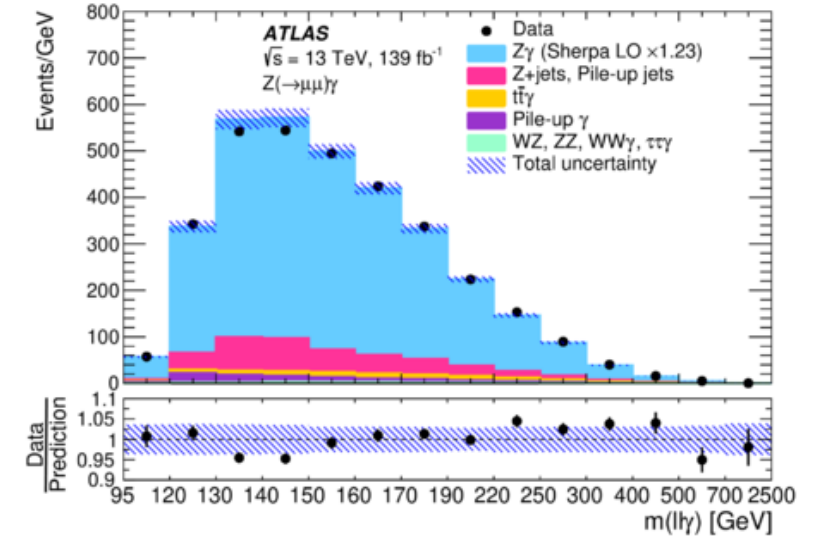
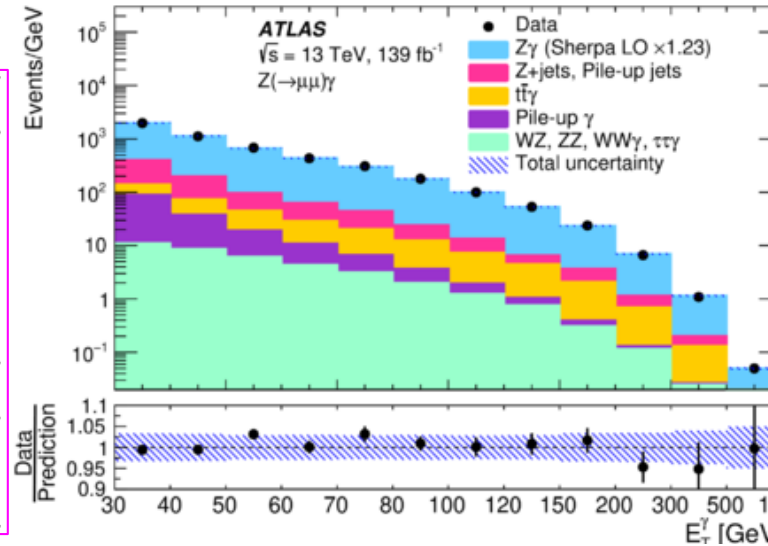
**Background:  $Z \rightarrow ll$  with FSR photon**

# $Z\gamma$ Kinematic Variable Distributions

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## $Z\gamma$ event selection

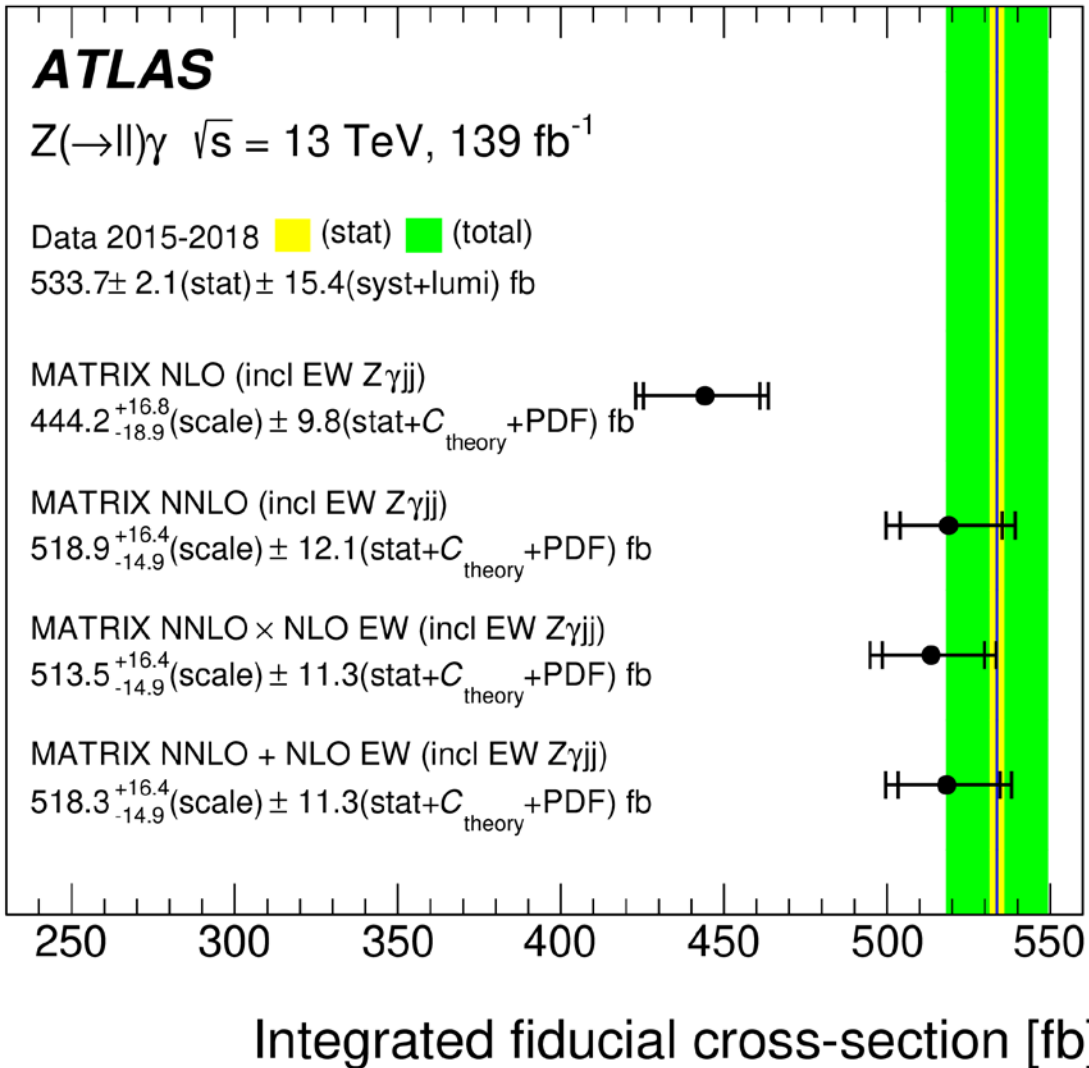
Photons	Electrons/Muons
$E_T^\gamma > 30 \text{ GeV}$	$p_T^\ell > 30, 25 \text{ GeV}$
$ \eta^\gamma  < 2.37$	$ \eta^\ell  < 2.47$
$E_T^{\text{cone}0.2} / E_T^\gamma < 0.07$	dressed leptons
$\Delta R(\ell, \gamma) > 0.4$	
Event selection	
$m(\ell\ell) > 40 \text{ GeV}$	
$m(\ell\ell) + m(\ell\ell\gamma) > 182 \text{ GeV}$	



- The largest background come from jet fake  $\gamma$ , estimate from data using sidebands
- Pile-up induced background: Z and  $\gamma$  from different collisions in one LHC BC (25ns)

# Integrated Fiducial Cross Section Measurement

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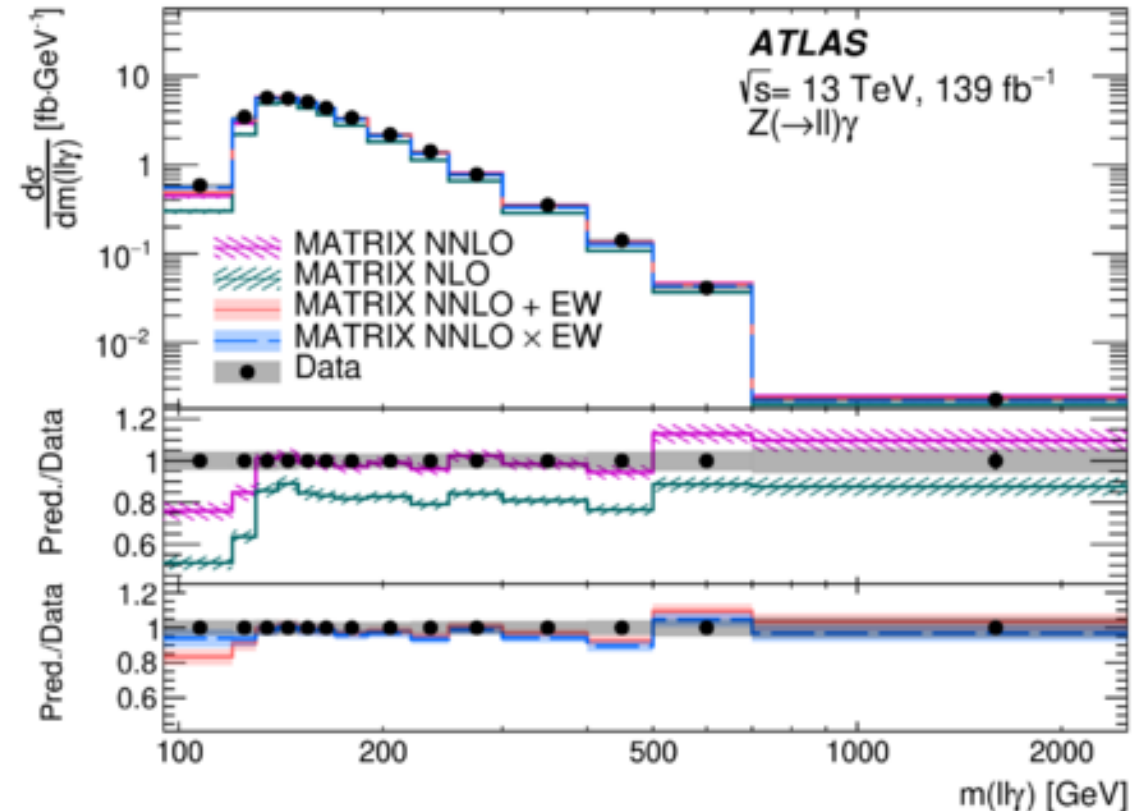
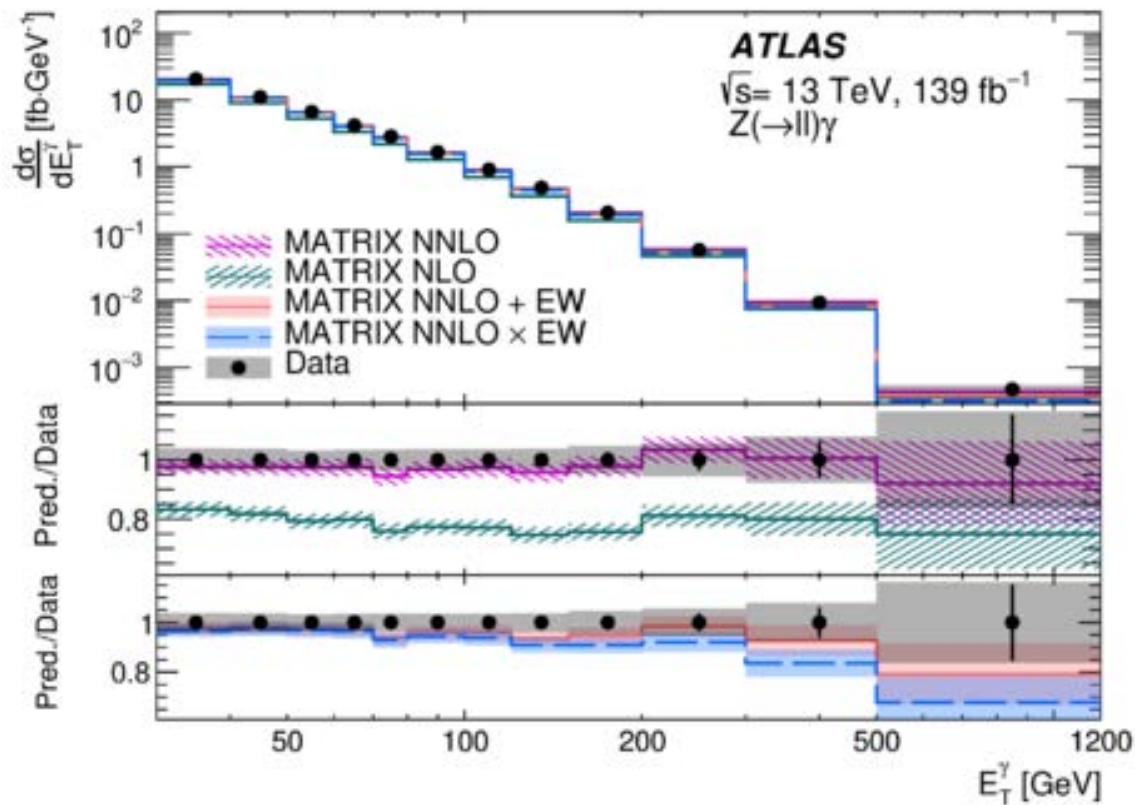
Source	Uncertainty [%]		Correlation
	$e^+e^-\gamma$	$\mu^+\mu^-\gamma$	
Trigger efficiency	–	0.2	no
Photon identification efficiency	1.0	–	yes
Photon isolation efficiency	0.9	–	yes
Electron identification efficiency	1.4	–	no
Electron reconstruction efficiency	0.3	–	no
Electron–photon energy scale	0.9	0.6	partial
Muon isolation efficiency	–	0.4	no
Muon identification efficiency	–	0.7	no
$Z$ + jets background	1.3	–	yes
Pile-up background	0.6	–	yes
Other backgrounds	0.8	0.7	partial
Monte Carlo event statistics	0.4	0.4	no
Integrated luminosity	1.7	–	yes
Systematic uncertainty	3.2	2.9	
Statistical uncertainty	0.6	0.5	
Total uncertainty	3.2	3.0	

**Total uncertainty ~3%**

# $Z\gamma$ Differential Cross Section Measurements

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- Differential cross sections with respect to  $E_T^\gamma, \eta^\gamma, m_{ll\gamma}, pT^{ll\gamma}, pT^{ll\gamma}/m(ll\gamma)$  and  $\Delta\varphi(l, \gamma)$  are all measured
- Both NLO EW and NNLO QCD corrections for  $Z\gamma$  cross-section are computed & included



# Summary

New ATLAS results on  $V(V)jj$  and  $VV$  productions are presented:

- With the large Run 2 dataset **rare** EW VBS processes are observed first time in the  $ZZjj$  and  $Z\gamma jj$  channels. While the VBF  $Zjj$  production having higher cross section precision differential cross sections are measured in detail, and search for anomalous triple-gauge coupling is performed with EFT framework
- Inclusive  $4l$  production, a process with very rich phenomenology, is studied in detail. Differential cross sections in different mass regions, each corresponding to a dominant production process, are measured with good precision, allowing physicists to set limits on new physics.
- The diboson  $Z\gamma$  production cross section measurement reached precision at **3%** level!



# Backup Slides

# $Z\gamma$ observed events vs predicted events

	$e^+e^-\gamma$	$\mu^+\mu^-\gamma$
$N_{obs}$	41343	54413
$N_{Z+jets}$	$4130 \pm 440$	$5470 \pm 580$
(Includes $N_{PU,jets}$ )	$870 \pm 170$	$1140 \pm 230$ )
$N_{PU,\gamma}$	$1030 \pm 210$	$1360 \pm 270$
$N_{t\bar{t}\gamma}$	$1650 \pm 250$	$1980 \pm 300$
$N_{WZ}$	$254 \pm 76$	$199 \pm 60$
$N_{ZZ}$	$64 \pm 19$	$102 \pm 31$
$N_{WW\gamma}$	$92 \pm 28$	$112 \pm 34$
$N_{\tau\tau\gamma}$	$46 \pm 15$	$39 \pm 12$
$N_{obs} - N_{bkg}$	$34080 \pm 590$	$45150 \pm 750$

Table 3: Summary of the observed number of events ( $N_{obs}$ ), and the estimated number of background events ( $N_{Z+jets}$ ,  $N_{PU,\gamma}$ ,  $N_{t\bar{t}\gamma}$ ,  $N_{WZ}$ ,  $N_{ZZ}$ ,  $N_{WW\gamma}$ ,  $N_{\tau\tau\gamma}$ ), in the  $e^+e^-\gamma$  and  $\mu^+\mu^-\gamma$  signal regions. The  $N_{Z+jets}$  background estimate includes a contribution from jets from pile-up interactions,  $N_{PU,jets}$ , which is also shown separately. In all cases, the uncertainty is the combination of the statistical and systematic uncertainties. The bottom row gives the number of observed events after subtracting the sum,  $N_{bkg}$ , of all estimated background contributions.

# Zjj Events – Data vs. Prediction

Sample	$Z \rightarrow ee$	$Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$
Data	10 870	12 125
EW $Zjj$ (POWHEG+PY8)	$2670 \pm 120 \pm 280$	$2740 \pm 120 \pm 290$
EW $Zjj$ (SHERPA)	$1280 \pm 60 \pm 140$	$1350 \pm 60 \pm 150$
EW $Zjj$ (HERWIG7+VBFNLO')	$2290 \pm 100 \pm 210$	$2350 \pm 100 \pm 220$
Strong $Zjj$ (SHERPA)	$13\,500 \pm 600 \pm 4500$	$15\,100 \pm 600 \pm 5000$
Strong $Zjj$ (MG5+PY8)	$13\,140 \pm 480 \pm \text{N/A}$	$14\,810 \pm 540 \pm \text{N/A}$
Strong $Zjj$ (MG5_NLO+PY8')	$8800 \pm 300 \pm 1000$	$10\,000 \pm 400 \pm 1200$
$ZV$ ( $V \rightarrow jj$ )	$179 \pm 8 \pm 6$	$178 \pm 8 \pm 6$
Other $VV$	$45 \pm 2 \pm 2$	$45 \pm 2 \pm 2$
$t\bar{t}$ , single top	$92 \pm 8 \pm 6$	$98 \pm 8 \pm 6$
$W(\rightarrow \ell\nu)$ +jets, $Z(\rightarrow \tau\tau)$ +jets	negligible	negligible