



# ZZ Measurements in $4\ell$ final states at ATLAS

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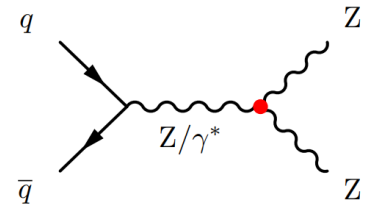
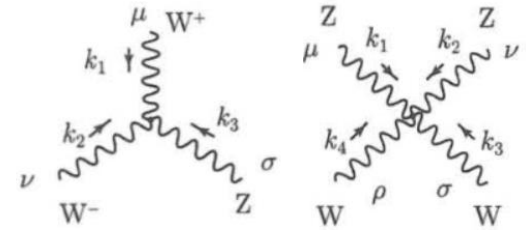
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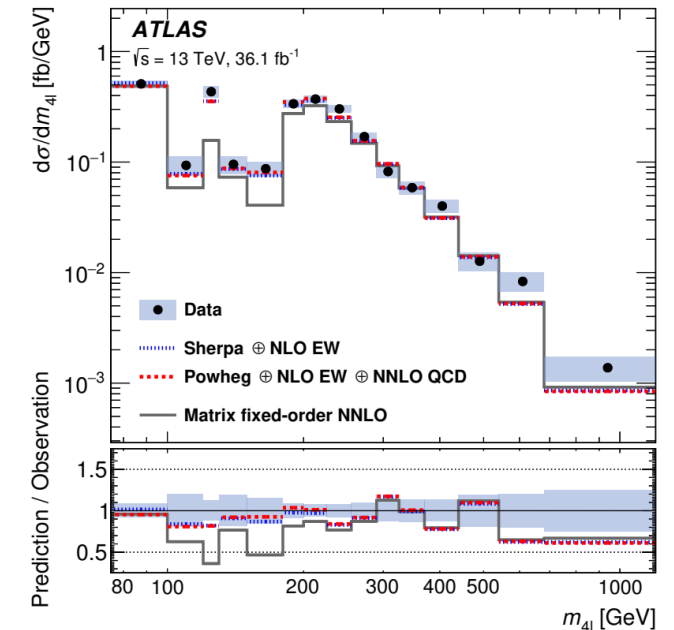
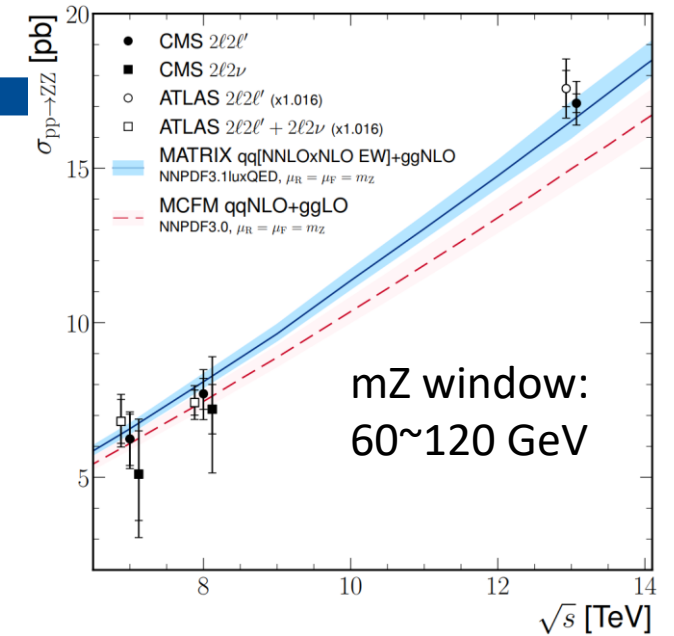
# Introduction

- Multi-boson processes: a powerful probe to the electroweak gauge structure:
  - Better understand the Standard Model (SM)
    - Test directly the gauge boson self-interaction (SU(2))
    - Higgs mechanism for Electroweak Symmetry Breaking (EWSB)
      - e.g. vector boson scattering (VBS) processes for gauge unitarity
  - Search for Beyond the Standard Model (BSM) physics
    - Anomalous gauge boson coupling (aTGC, aQGC...)
    - Effective field theory (EFT), a more general way for new physics search
- Measurement of multi-boson processes:
  - Total cross-section
  - Differential cross-sections



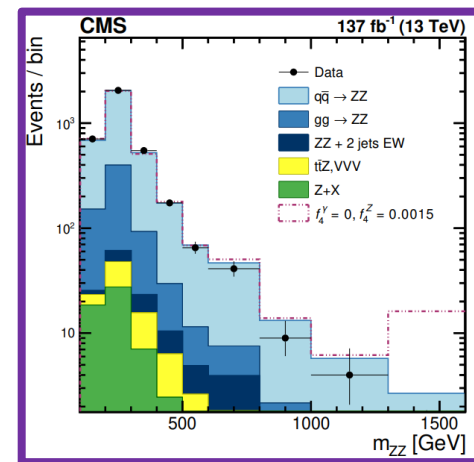
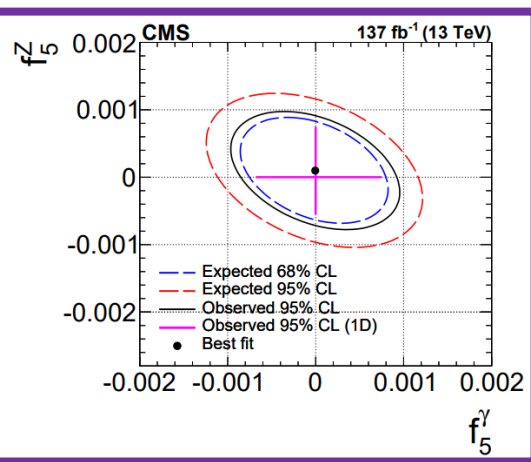
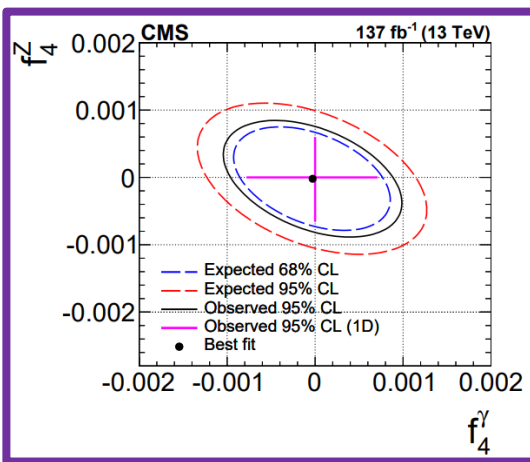
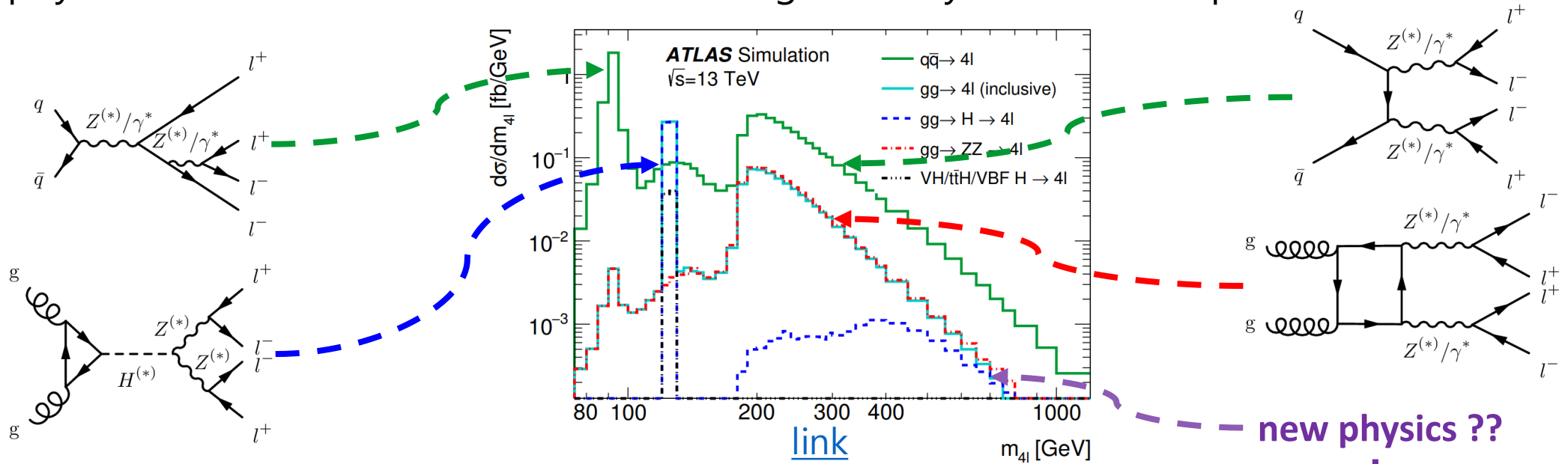
# Introduction

- Measurement of ZZ process
  - Clean and full-reconstructed signal for the leptonic decay ( $4\ell(e, \mu)$ ) in experiment
  - Low cross-section comparing with other di-boson processes
- Previous study
  - $4\ell$  final state was measured in the on-shell ZZ region to determine the ZZ production cross-section both at ATLAS and CMS experiment ([link](#), [link](#))
  - Differential cross-sections was also measured including off-shell events form  $Z^*/\gamma^*$  ([link](#))
- We expected more precise measurement on more variables as well as more accurate test on BSM with full 13 TeV dataset



# Introduction

- Rich physics contents in  $4\ell$  final states including not only SM but also possible BSM

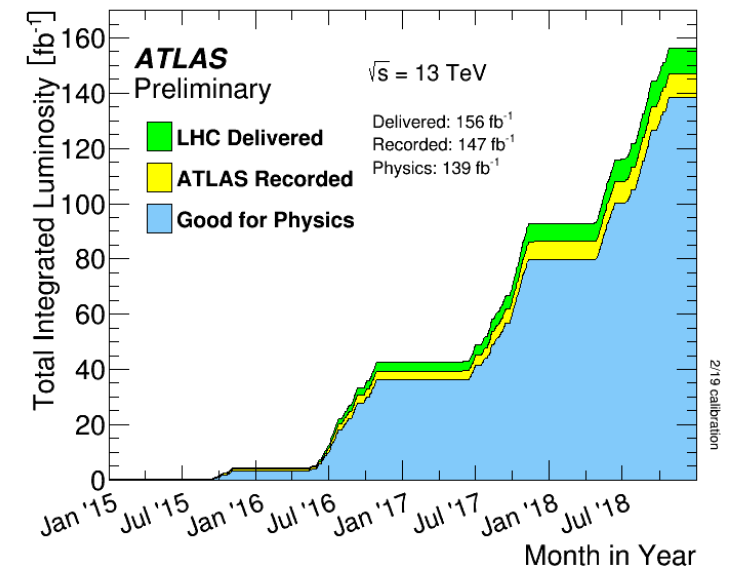
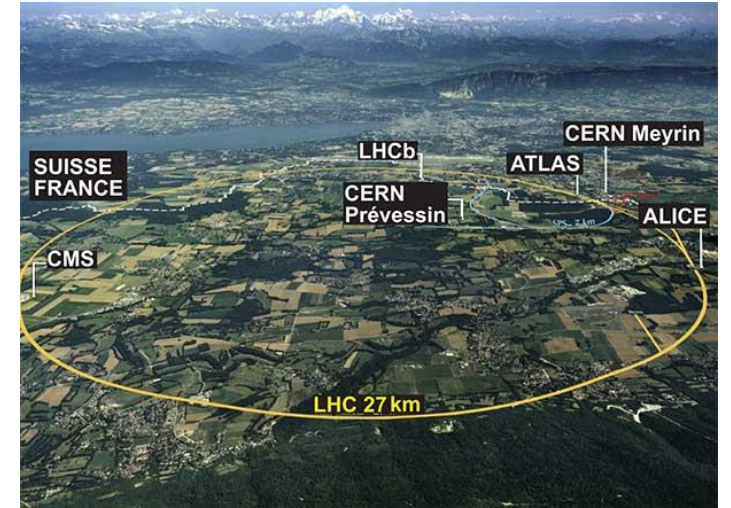


e.g. aTGC

- aTGC
- Latest CMS result

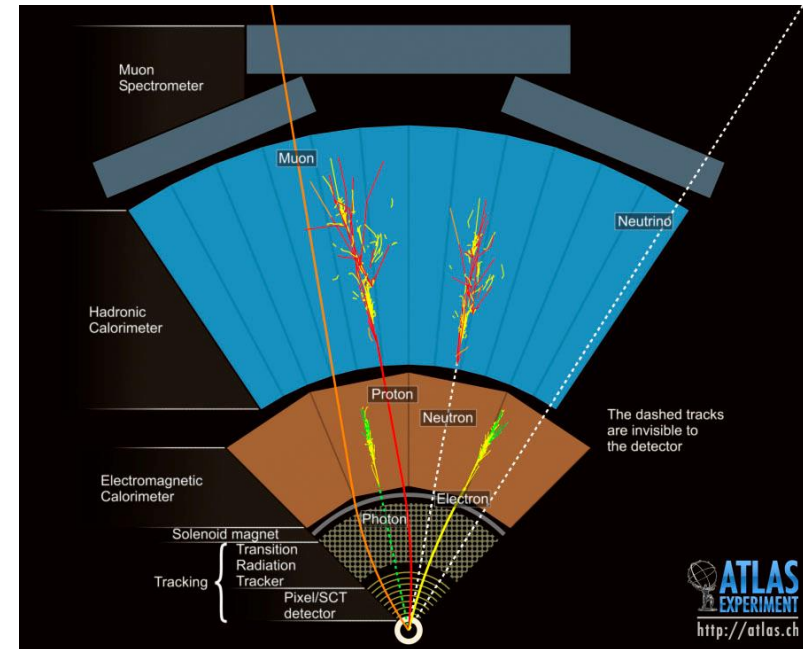
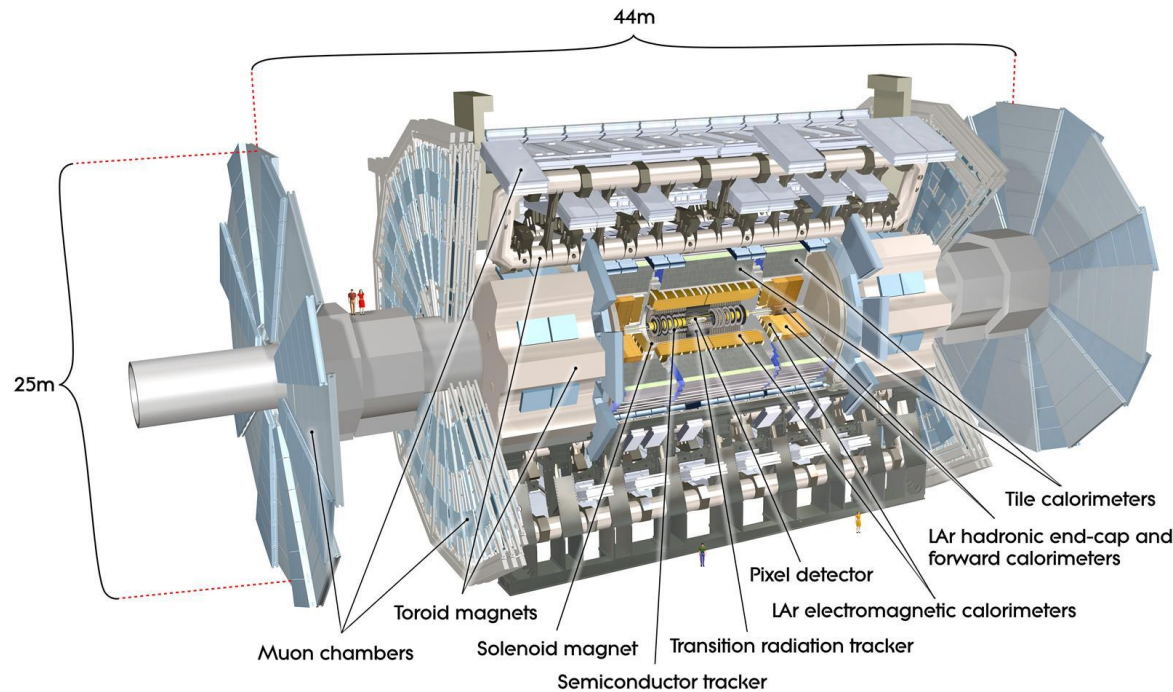
# LHC

- Large Hardon Collider:
  - Most powerful accelerator in the world
    - $pp$  collision:
    - Run-I:
      - 2010: 7 TeV 45.0 pb<sup>-1</sup>(recorded)
      - 2011: 7 TeV 4.57 fb<sup>-1</sup>
      - 2012: 8 TeV 20.3 fb<sup>-1</sup>
    - Run-II:
      - 2015: 13 TeV 3.2 fb<sup>-1</sup>
      - 2016: 13 TeV 33.0 fb<sup>-1</sup>
      - 2017: 13 TeV 44.3 fb<sup>-1</sup>
      - 2018: 13 TeV 58.5 fb<sup>-1</sup>
    - Run-III keeps coming...



# ATLAS Detector

- One of the two general purpose detectors on Large Hadron Collider (LHC)
- Sub-detectors: inner trackers, electromagnetic, hadronic calorimeters and muon spectrometer
- Object reconstruction: electron, photon; muon; jet (tagging); MET; ...



- ATLAS Run-2 (2015-2018) data corresponding to 139fb<sup>-1</sup> of  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV pp collisions

# Fiducial region and event selection

## ➤ Fiducial Region

- Designed to be as inclusive as possible
- Based on particle-level prompt leptons, with dressed electrons and bare muons

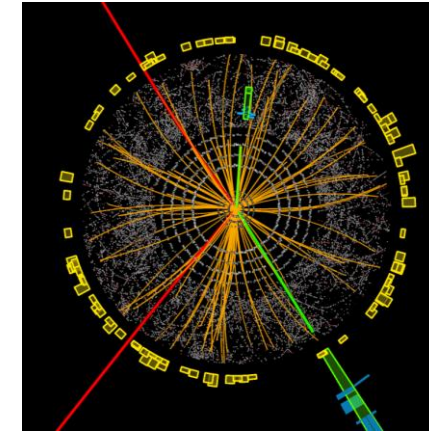
## ➤ **Quadruplet**: invariant mass of same-flavor opposite-sign lepton pair which is closest (second closet) to Z mass treated as primary (secondary) pair

- One quadruplet defined in an event
- Three flavor categories: **4 $\mu$** , **2e2 $\mu$** , **4e**

## ➤ Event Selection

- At first leptons are reconstructed and checked with baseline criteria
- Event selection which mimics the fiducial definition
- Tight criteria applied on leptons in quadruplet to mitigate misidentified or non-prompt leptons

[link](#)



<i>Lepton selection</i>	
Muon selection	Bare, $p_T > 5 \text{ GeV}$ , $ \eta  < 2.7$
Electron selection	Dressed, $p_T > 7 \text{ GeV}$ , $ \eta  < 2.47$
<i>Event selection</i>	
Four-lepton signature	At least 4 leptons, with 2 Same-Flavour, Opposite-Sign pairs
Lepton kinematics	$p_T > 20/10 \text{ GeV}$ for leading two leptons
Lepton separation	$\Delta R_{ij} > 0.05$ for any leptons
$J/\psi$ -Veto	$m_{ij} > 5 \text{ GeV}$ for all SFOS pairs
Truth isolation	$ptcone30/p_T < 0.16$

# Observables

- Integrated cross-sections

- Differential cross-sections:

- $m_{4\ell}$
- $m_{4\ell}$  in slices of  $\mathbf{p}_{4\ell}^T$
- $m_{4\ell}$  in slices of  $|\mathbf{y}_{4\ell}|$
- $m_{4\ell}$  in slices of flavor categories:  $4\mu, 2e2\mu, 4e$
  
- $m_{12}, m_{34}$
- $\mathbf{p}_{12}^T, \mathbf{p}_{34}^T$
- rapidity difference between two lepton pairs  $|\Delta y_{\text{pairs}}|$
- azimuthal angle between the pairs  $|\Delta\phi_{\text{pairs}}|$
- azimuthal angle between leading/subleading leptons  $|\Delta\phi_{\parallel}|$
- polarization variables  $\cos\theta_{12}^*, \cos\theta_{34}^*$  ( $\theta^*$  angle between the negative lepton in the lepton pair rest frame, and the lepton pair in the lab frame)

Single Z ( $60 < m_{4\ell} < 100$  GeV)

Higgs ( $120 < m_{4\ell} < 130$  GeV)

On-shell ZZ ( $180 < m_{4\ell} < 2000$  GeV)

Off-shell ZZ ( $20 < m_{4\ell} < 60$  GeV OR  
 $100 < m_{4\ell} < 120$  GeV OR  
 $130 < m_{4\ell} < 180$  GeV)



# Physics modelling

- MC samples are generated dedicatedly for each essential process:
  - Signal
    - qqZZ
    - ggZZ
      - $m_{4\ell} < 130$  GeV, loop-induced only
      - $m_{4\ell} > 130$  GeV, inclusive generation taking the interference of ggF off-shell Higgs process into account
    - detailed on-shell Higgs modelling
      - ggF, VBF, ttH, VH
    - triboson production
    - ttV(V)
  - Background
    - Z+jets
    - ttbar

# Physics modelling

- Accuracy and PDF set for MC samples for essential process:

qqZZ	SHERPA 2.2.2	NLO QCD@0,1 jet	NNPDF3.0NNLO
ggZZ	SHERPA 2.2.2	LO QCD@0,1 jet (k-factor reweighted to NNLO)	NNPDF3.0NNLO
Higgs	ggF	POWHEG + PYTHIA 8	NNLO QCD (normalized to N <sup>3</sup> LO XS)
	VBF	POWHEG + PYTHIA 8	NLO QCD (normalized to NNLO XS)
	VH	POWHEG + PYTHIA 8	NLO QCD@0,1 jet (normalized to NNLO XS)
	ttH	POWHEG + PYTHIA 8	NLO QCD
triboson	SHERPA 2.2.2	NLO	NNPDF3.0NNLO
ttV(V)	SHERPA 2.2.0	LO	NNPDF3.0NNLO

[MC prediction details](#)

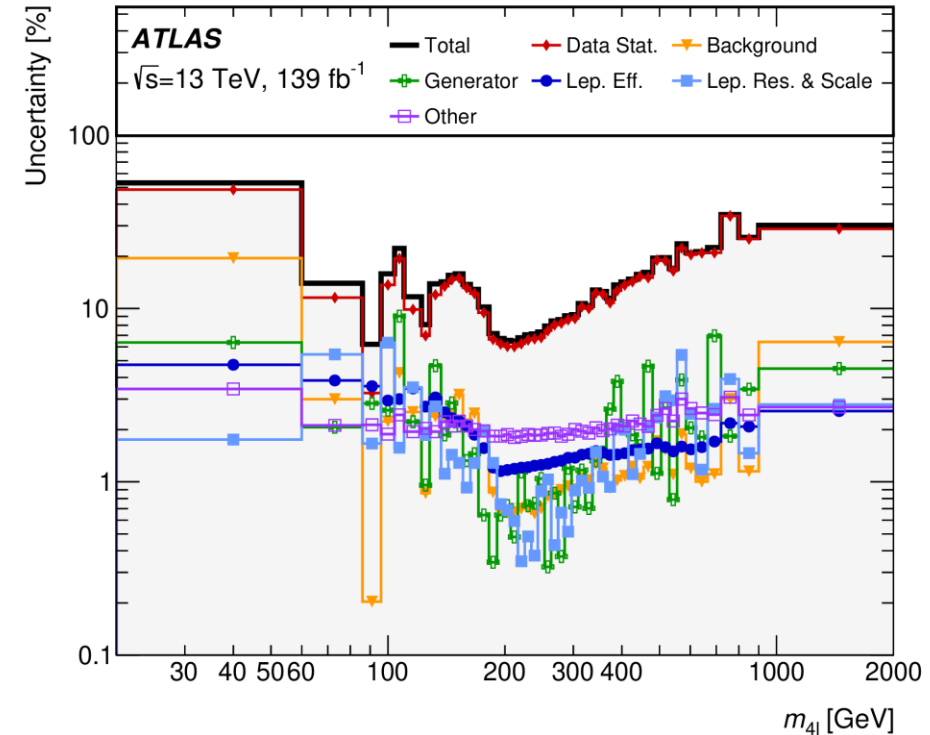
# Background



- Background refers to events with one or more non-prompt/fake leptons entering quadruplet, mainly from **Z+jets** and **ttbar** processes
- Background estimated with data-driven approach:
  - Fake Factor method, estimate fake factor in Control Region and transfer it into Signal Region
- Validation: Validation Region comparison; cross-check with Matrix method
- Background contributes  $< 10\%$  in most bins

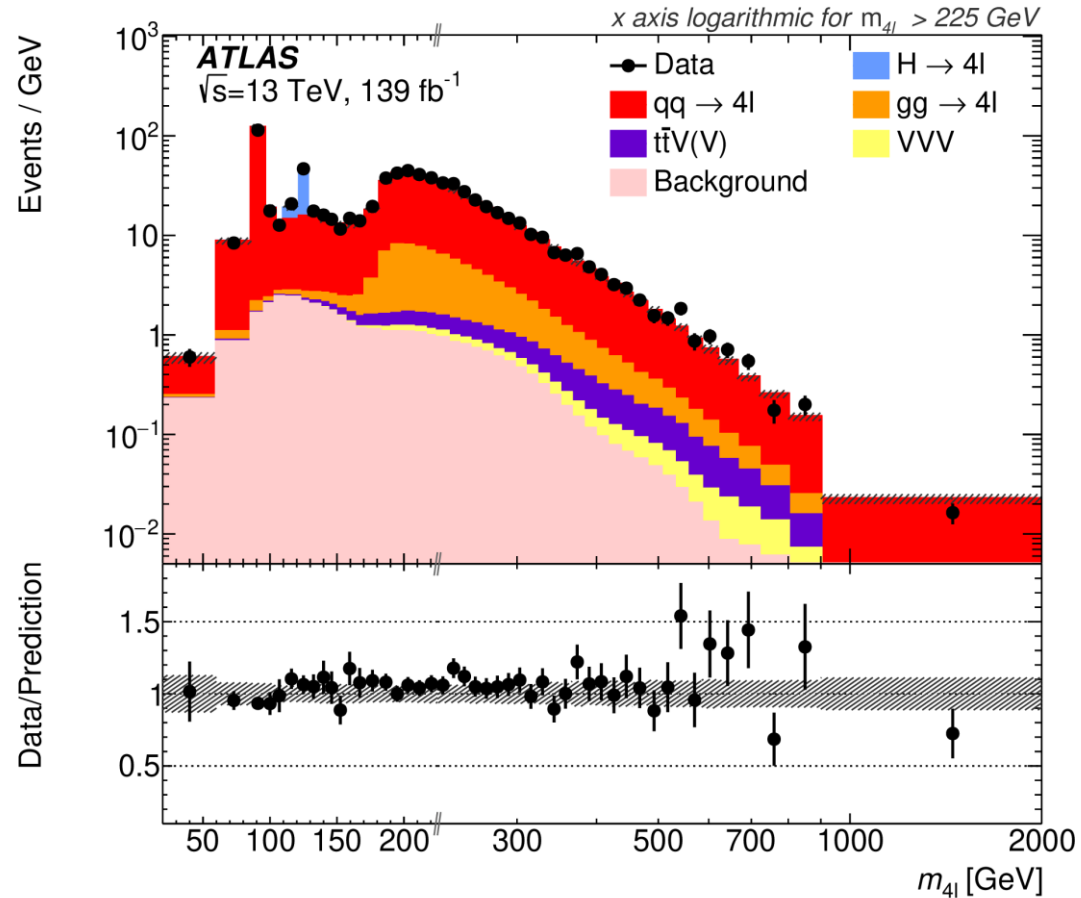
# Uncertainties

- Multi-source of uncertainties are studied and estimated:
  - **Data statistics** → Predominant uncertainty
  - Experimental uncertainties → Propagated to unfolded distributions
  - Generator selection → SHERPA V.S. POWHEG + PYTHIA
  - Background → Data-driven FF, application statistics...
  - Unfolding method → Data-driven closure
  - ...



# Detector-level yields

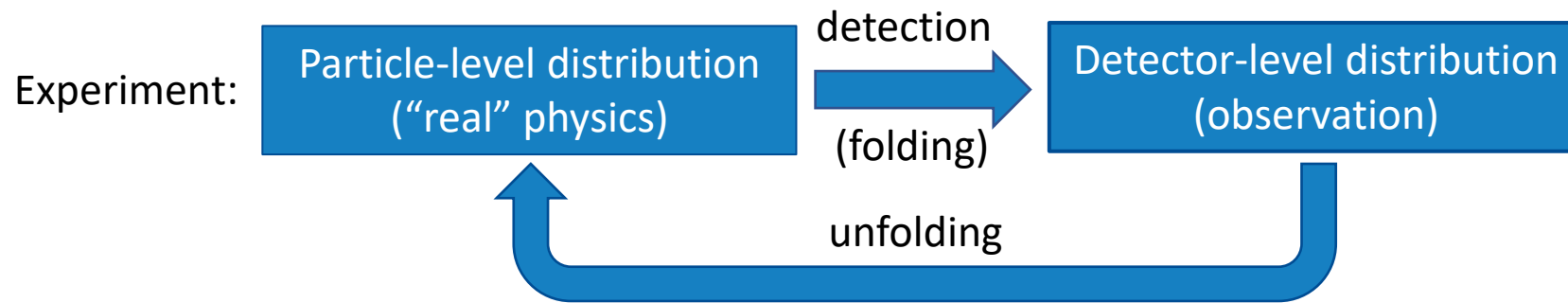
- Predicted yields V.S. data counts on detector level:



	Region				
	Full	$Z \rightarrow 4\ell$	$H \rightarrow 4\ell$	Off-shell ZZ	On-shell ZZ
$q\bar{q} \rightarrow 4\ell$	$6100 \pm 500$	$1490 \pm 120$	$128 \pm 10$	$800 \pm 60$	$3640 \pm 280$
$gg \rightarrow 4\ell$	$680 \pm 90$	$10.8 \pm 2.9$	$3.9 \pm 0.7$	$49 \pm 6$	$620 \pm 80$
$H \rightarrow 4\ell$	$245 \pm 20$	$2.16 \pm 0.18$	$207 \pm 17$	$33.5 \pm 3.1$	$1.98 \pm 0.20$
$VVV$	$35 \pm 4$	$0.018 \pm 0.005$	$0.127 \pm 0.018$	$2.05 \pm 0.22$	$32.9 \pm 3.4$
$t\bar{t}V(V)$	$123 \pm 19$	$1.37 \pm 0.22$	$1.2 \pm 0.2$	$15.5 \pm 2.4$	$105 \pm 16$
Background	$330 \pm 50$	$44 \pm 8$	$26 \pm 5$	$129 \pm 19$	$139 \pm 30$
Total Pred.	$7500 \pm 500$	$1540 \pm 110$	$367 \pm 19$	$1030 \pm 60$	$4530 \pm 290$
Data	7755	1452	379	1095	4828

# Unfolding and detector correction

- Differential measurement needs to correct the detector effects (resolution, inefficiency) and get the distributions at particle-level

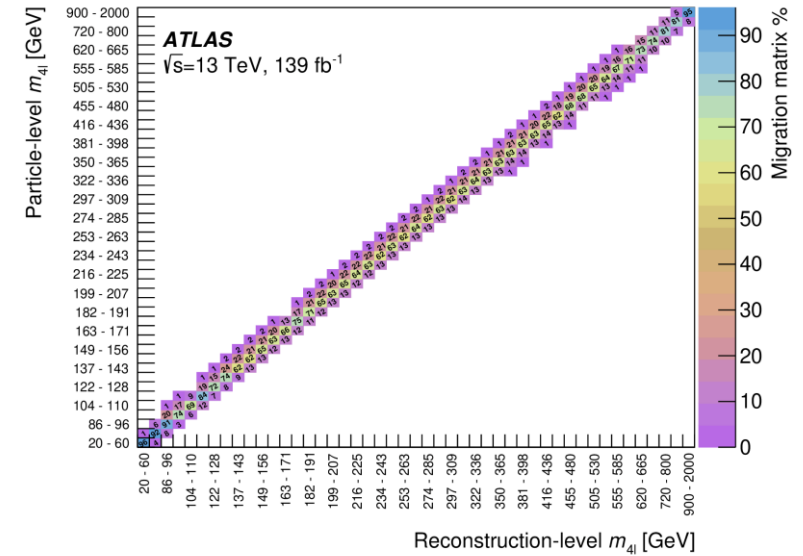
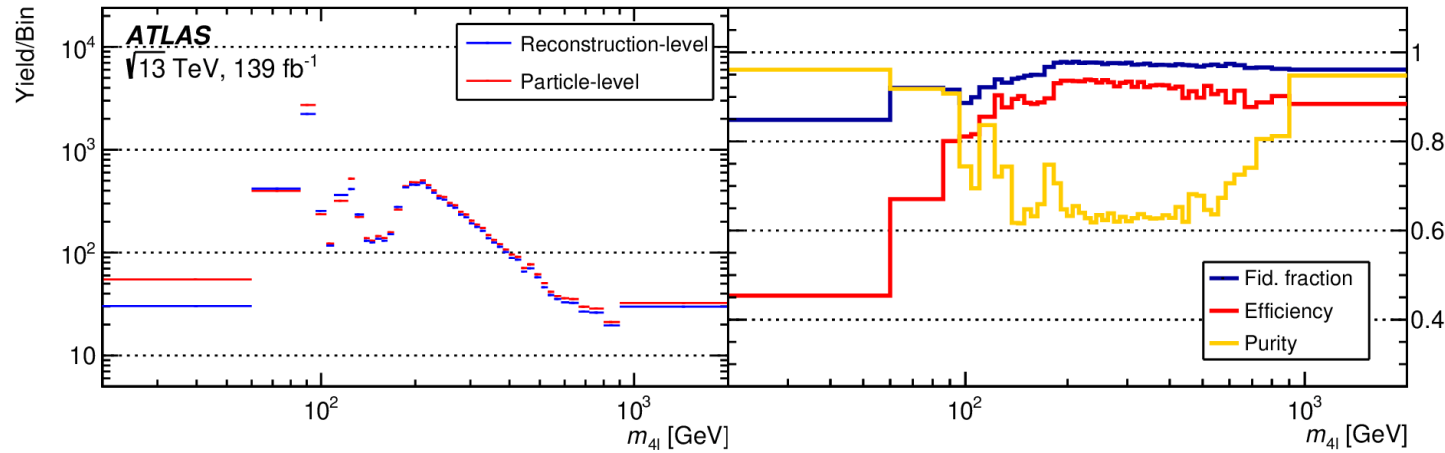


$$\begin{pmatrix} R_1 \\ \vdots \\ R_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} F_{11} & \cdots & F_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ F_{n1} & \cdots & F_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} T_1 \\ \vdots \\ T_n \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} T_1 \\ \vdots \\ T_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} M_{11} & \cdots & M_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ M_{n1} & \cdots & M_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} R_1 \\ \vdots \\ R_n \end{pmatrix}$$

Detector-level distr.      Response Matrix      Particle-level distr.      Unfolding Matrix

- The unfolded distribution could be used to retrieve differential cross-section and compare with theoretical prediction directly!

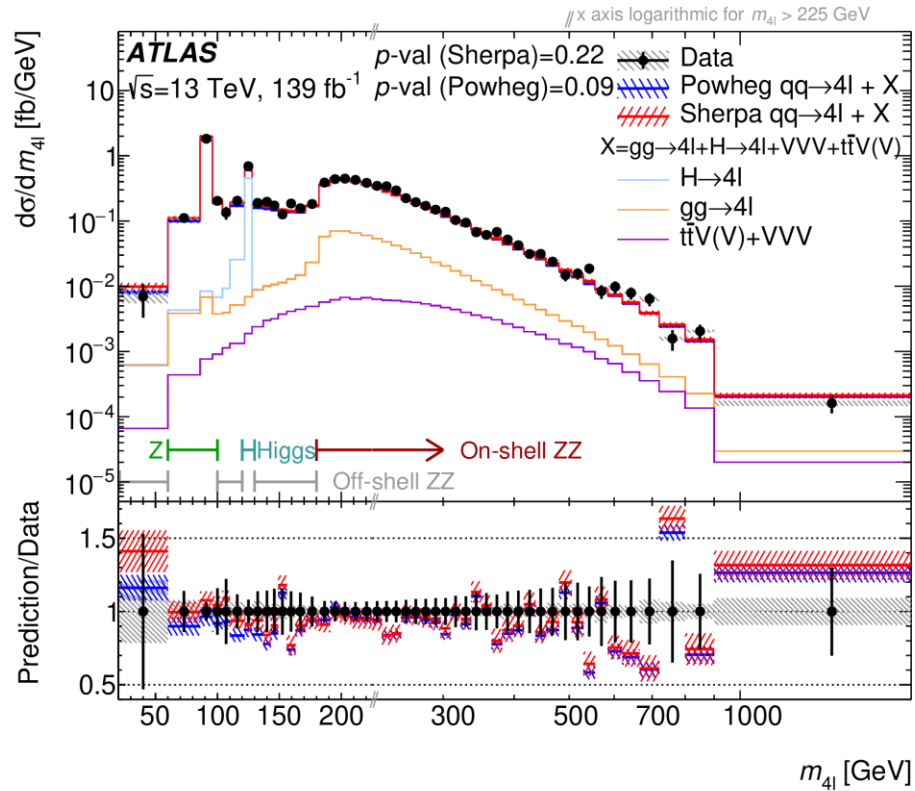
# Unfolding and detector correction



- Get unfolding ingredients (efficiency, migration matrix...) from MC simulation samples
- Validation: data-driven closure test, injection test
- Unfolding method also used to optimize the binning of distributions

# Unfolded measurement

- Differential cross-section as a function of  $m_{4\ell}$ :



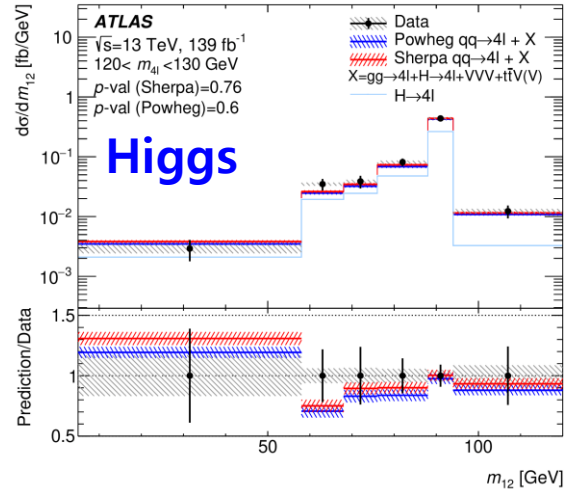
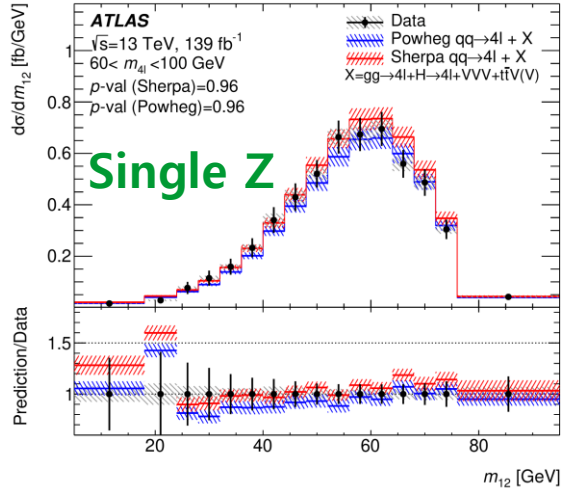
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cross-section	$\pm 2.3$ (syst.)	$\pm 1.1$ (syst.)	$\pm 0.18$ (syst.)	$\pm 0.6$ (syst.)	$\pm 0.8$ (syst.)
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	$\pm 3.0$ (total)	$\pm 1.3$ (total)	$\pm 0.35$ (total)	$\pm 0.8$ (total)	$\pm 1.3$ (total)
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- The agreement between the data and both predictions is generally within the quoted uncertainties
- Improve the measurement precision significantly

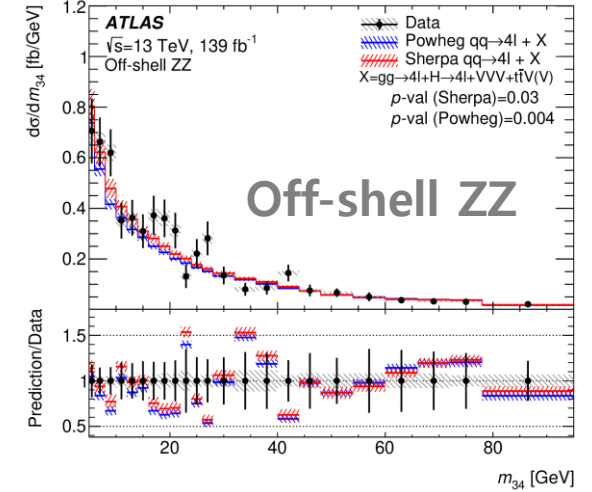
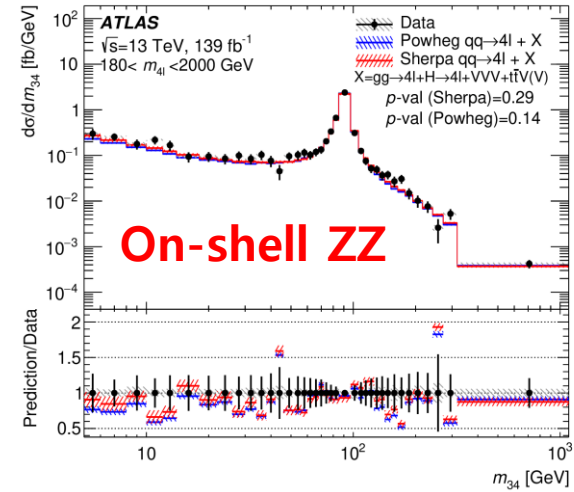
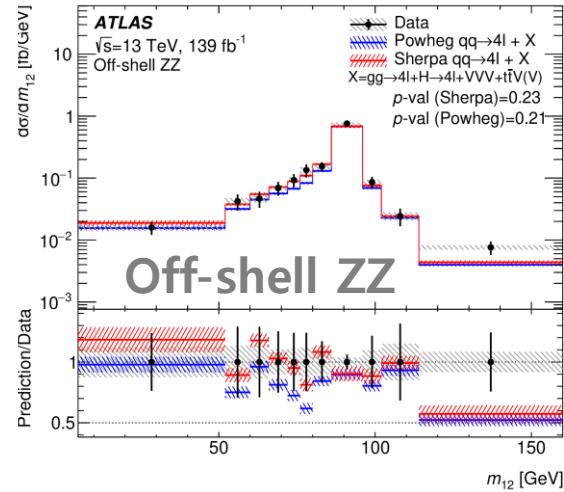
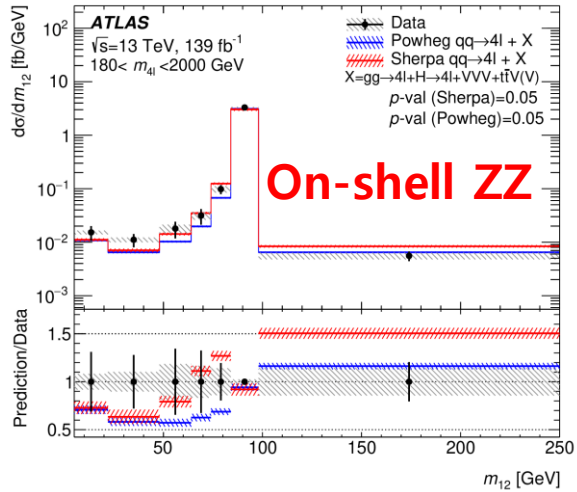
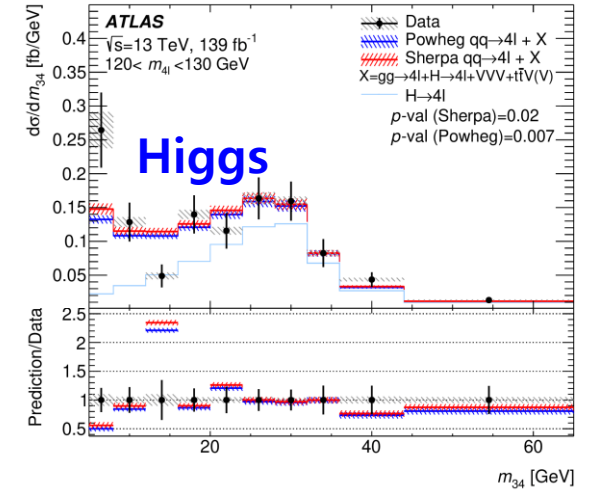
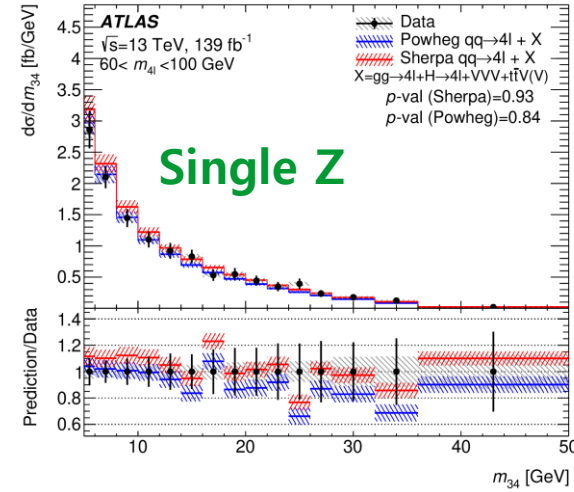


# Unfolded measurement

Differential cross-section as a function of  $m_{12}$  vs  $m_{4\ell}$



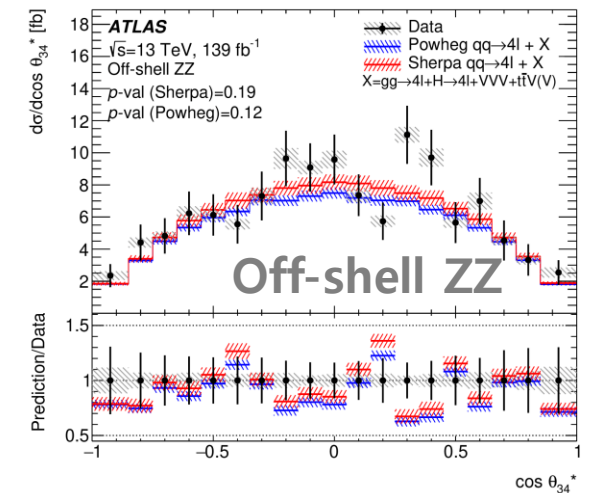
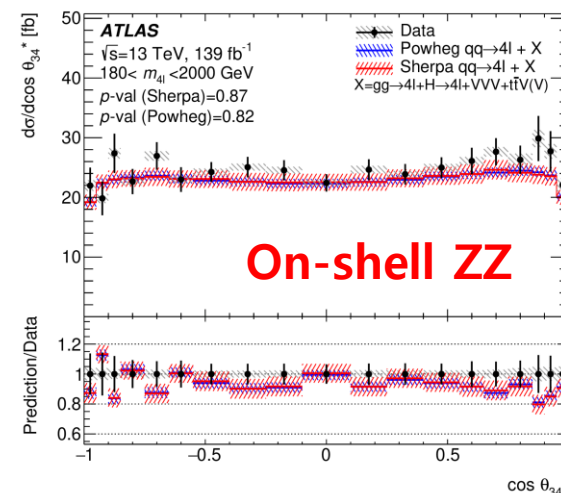
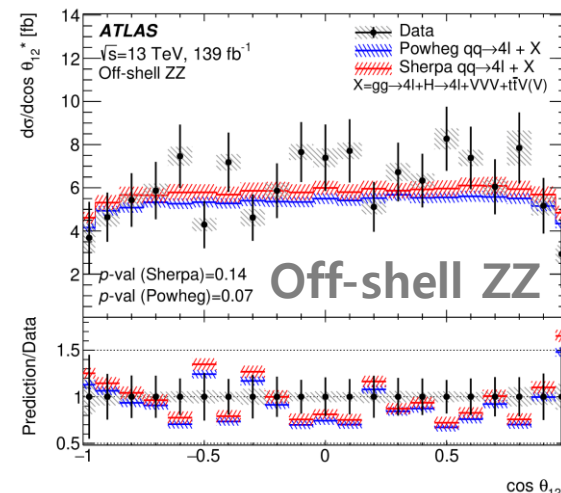
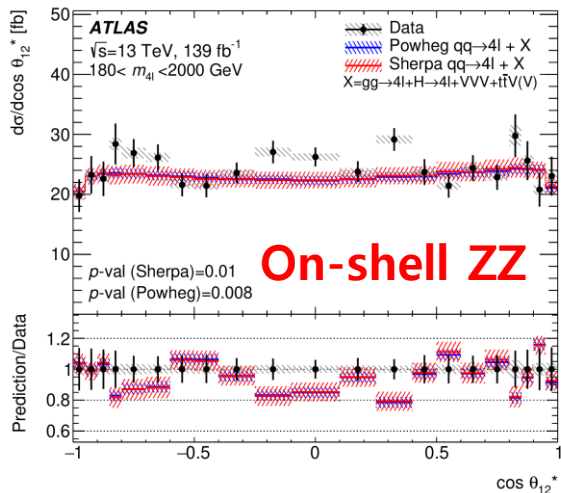
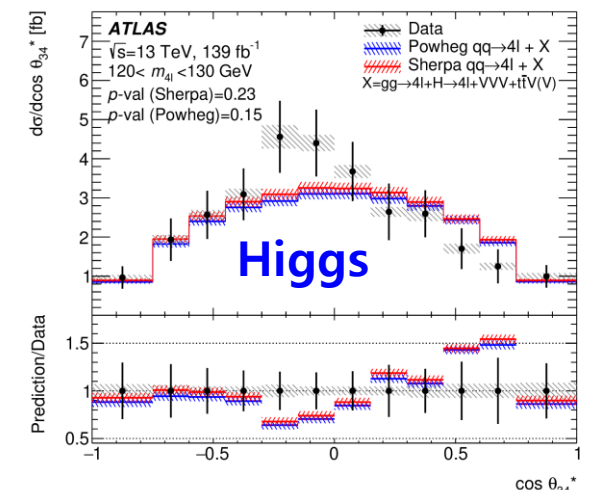
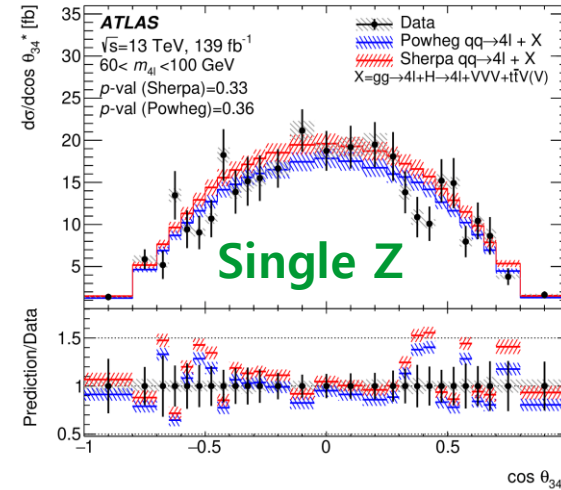
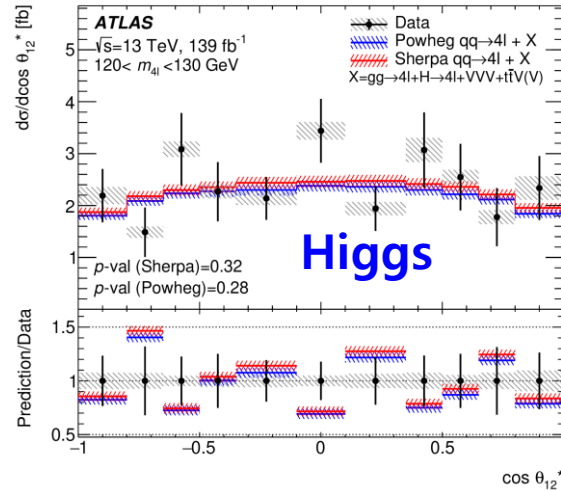
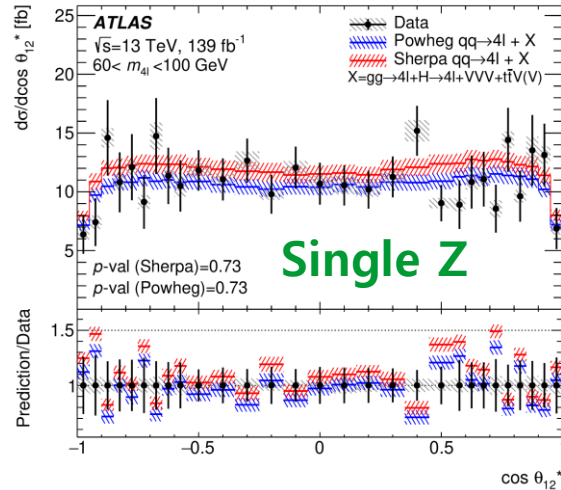
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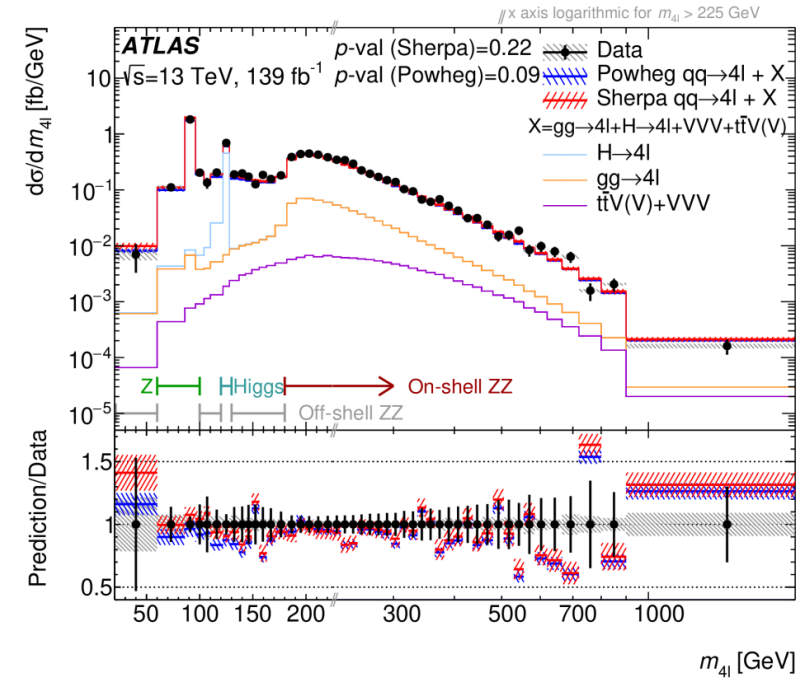
other differential cross-sections

Differential cross-section as a function of  $\cos\theta_{12}^*$  vs  $m_{4\ell}$  Differential cross-section as a function of  $\cos\theta_{34}^*$  vs  $m_{4\ell}$



# How to make use of them?

- With the precise measurements, what's next?
  - $Z \rightarrow 4\ell$  Branching Ratio extraction
  - BSM interpretation:
    - EFT interpretation
    - $B - L$  model interpretation
  - Further re-interpretation in the future...



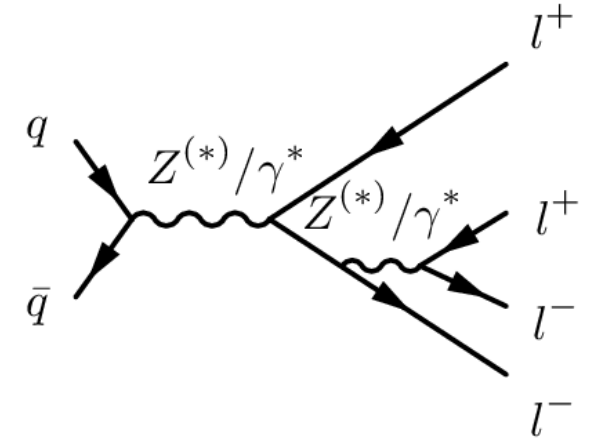
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# Extract $Z \rightarrow 4\ell$ Branching Ratio

- Rare process: internal conversion  $Z \rightarrow 4\ell$
- Extracted the BR with measured cross-section in the  $Z \rightarrow 4\ell$  region

$$\mathcal{B}_{Z \rightarrow 4\ell} = \frac{\left( \sigma^{\text{meas}} - \sigma_{\text{non-}q\bar{q} \rightarrow 4\ell}^{\text{pred}} \right) \times f_Z \times f_{\text{non-}\tau}}{\sigma_Z \times A_{\text{fid}}}$$

pred. fid. XS from non- $q\bar{q}ZZ$  source  
 frac. of  $q\bar{q}ZZ$  coming from single  $Z$  prod.  
 $Z$  prod. XS  
 ratio of  $q\bar{q}ZZ$  in fid. region and ext. region  
 frac. of events where no leptons originate from tau decays



$$\mathcal{B}_{Z \rightarrow 4\ell} = (4.41 \pm 0.13(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.23(\text{syst.}) \pm 0.09(\text{theory}) \pm 0.12(\text{lumi.})) \times 10^{-6} = (4.41 \pm 0.30) \times 10^{-6}$$

- Accepted as one of the experimental inputs of world average value in the latest PDG ([PDG2022](#))

# Introduction to BSM interpretation

- Utilize the numerous differential cross-sections of  $4\ell$  final state to test BSM/fit BSM parameters/constrain BSM

- Dig out the information far from resonances

- Statistics:

- $$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^k |C|}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \left(\vec{\sigma}_{\text{data}} - \vec{\sigma}_{\text{pred}}(\mu, \vec{\theta})\right)^T C^{-1} \left(\vec{\sigma}_{\text{data}} - \vec{\sigma}_{\text{pred}}(\mu, \vec{\theta})\right)\right) \times \prod_i \mathcal{G}(\theta_i, 0, 1)$$

- $C = C_{\text{stat}}$  (fixed to expected SM) +  $C_{\text{syst}}$  (unfolding) (other uncertainties)

- nuisance parameters  $\vec{\theta}$  (BSM theoretical uncertainties)

- Multi-gaussian statistics model to characterize the correlation among bins by unfolding procedure

# EFT: operators

- Constrain on Wilson coefficients of dim-6 operators in Standard-Model EFT formalism(SMEFT)
  - $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \sum_i \frac{c_i}{\Lambda^{d_i-4}} \mathcal{O}_i$
  - $c_i \equiv \frac{c_i^{d=6}}{\Lambda^2}$
- Among the full list of 59 dim-6 operators, 22 Wilson coefficients that give non-negligible contributions to the  $4\ell$  final state are considered
  - 3 affecting Higgs couplings:  $c_{HG}, \tilde{c}_{HG}, c_{HD}$
  - 1 affecting gauge boson coupling:  $c_{HWB}$
  - 7 affecting the  $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$  vertex:  $c_{Hd}, c_{Hu}, c_{He}, c_{Hl}^{(1)}, c_{Hl}^{(3)}, c_{Hq}^{(1)}, c_{Hq}^{(3)}$
  - 11 four-fermion interaction:  $c_{ed}, c_{ee}, c_{eu}, c_{ld}, c_{le}, c_{ll}, c_{ll}^{(1)}, c_{lq}^{(1)}, c_{lq}^{(3)}, c_{lu}, c_{qe}$
- Different variables are sensitive to different coefficients

# EFT: methodology

- Parametrization:
  - Matrix element:  $\mathcal{M}_{\text{mix}} = \mathcal{M}_{\text{SM}} + c \cdot \mathcal{M}_{\text{BSM}}$
  - The full prediction SM+BSM can be decomposed into three components of SM term, linear term(interference), quadratic term(pure BSM):
  - $\sigma(c) = \sigma_{\text{SM}} + c \cdot \sigma_{\text{INT}} + c^2 \cdot \sigma_{\text{BSM}}$
- Generate the three components separately at LO precision in QCD
- Scale the MC with the ratio best SM to LO SM to consider the high-order effect
- The variable providing the best sensitivity is chosen to set limits for a Wilson coefficient, and a variable measured in slices counts as one variable

# EFT: fitting results

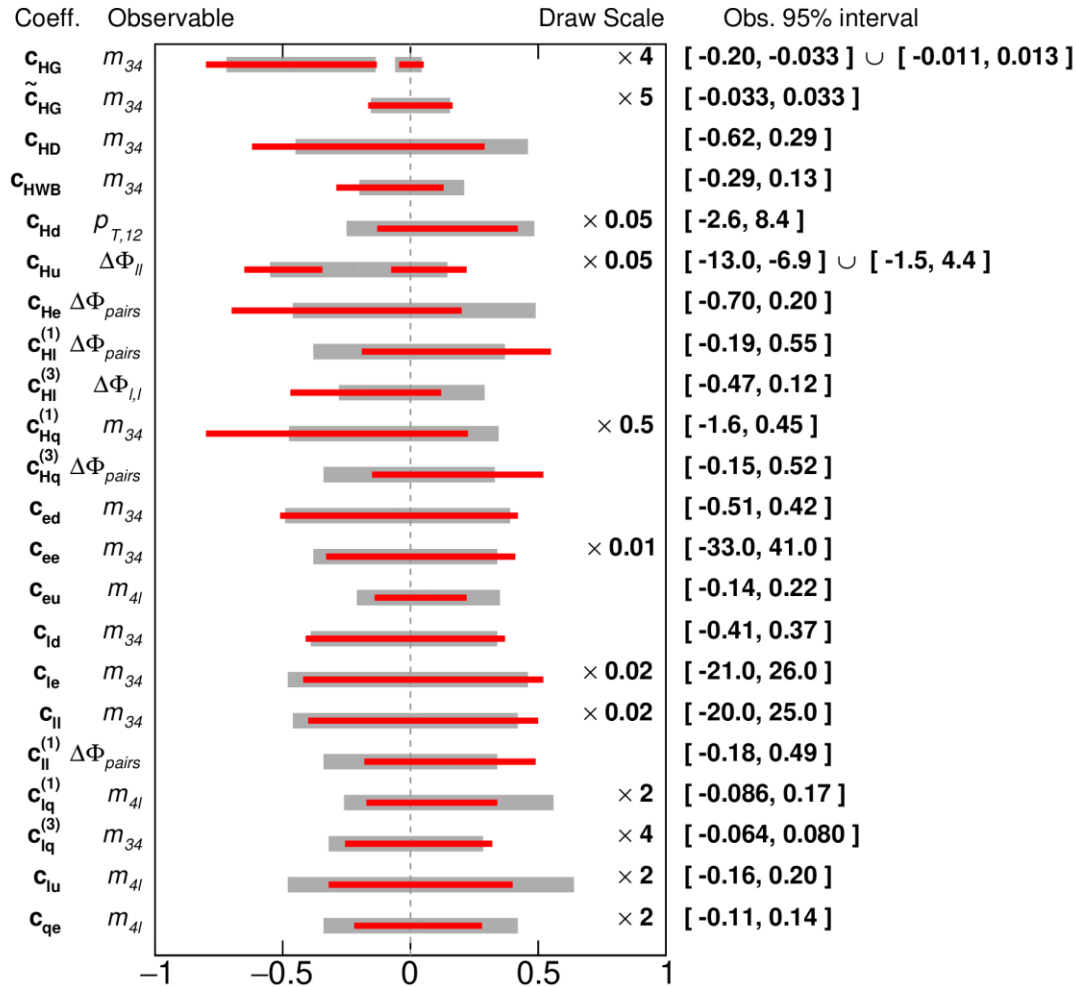
**ATLAS**

$\sqrt{s}=13$  TeV, 139 fb<sup>-1</sup>

full model

Expected 95% CL

Observed 95% CL



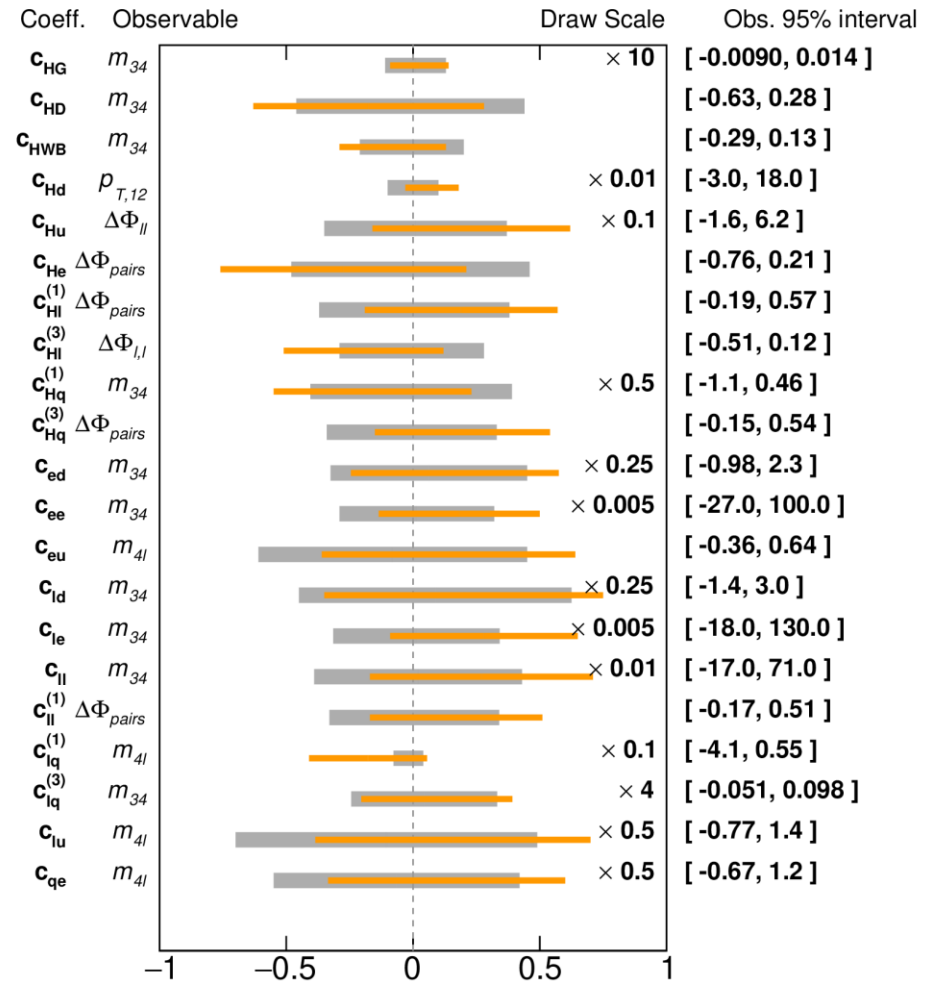
**ATLAS**

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only linear term

Expected 95% CL

Observed 95% CL



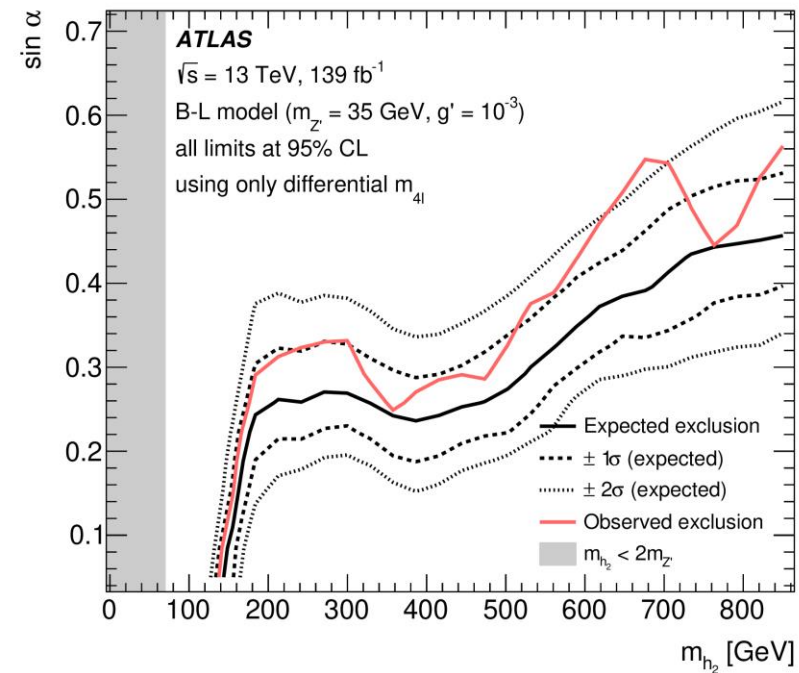
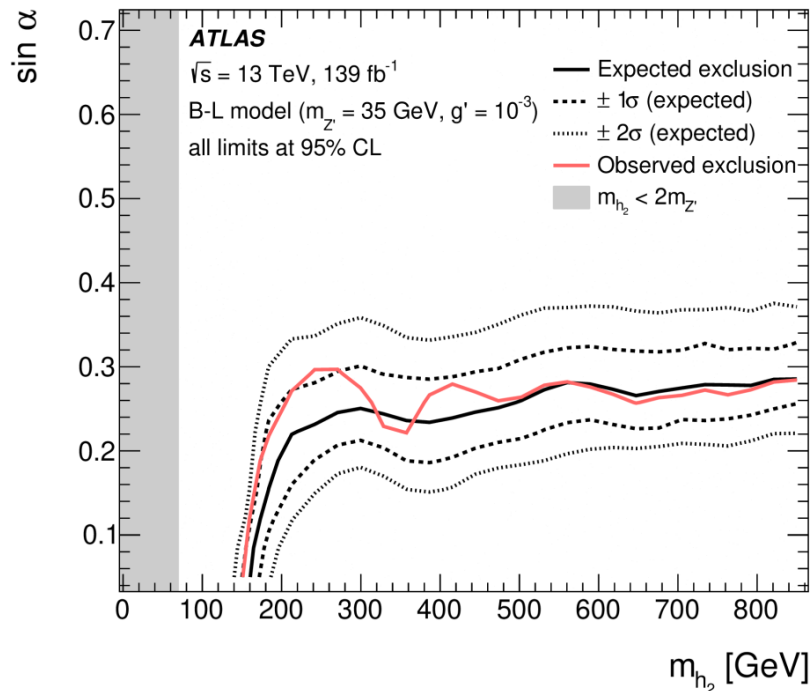


# B-L model: introduction

- An extension of SM with additional  $U(1)_{B-L}$ , with spontaneously breaks of  $B - L$  symmetry, the neutrinos get mass ([B-L model](#))
  - Model predicts new particles: gauge boson  $Z'$ , exotic Higgs  $h_2$  as well as RH neutrinos
  - $Z'$  interacts with fermions through coupling  $g'$ , and  $h_2$  mixes with SM Higgs via mixing angle  $\alpha$
- Scenario considered: fixed parameters: low  $Z'$  mass (35 GeV) weakly coupled to SM ( $g' = 10^{-3}$ )
- Set limit on 2D  $m_{h_2} \sim \sin\alpha$  parameter space
- B-L samples with different parameter settings generated at particle-level with LO precision
- Same as EFT, the variable providing the best sensitivity is chosen to set limits

# B-L model: limit setting

- 95% CL exclusion:
- Left:  $m_{4l}$  only exclusion; Right: all variables included exclusion



- $\sin \alpha > 0.28$  over most of the range and constraints on  $m_{h_2}$  above 400 GeV
- Numerous variables we measured, provide us stronger power of exclusion

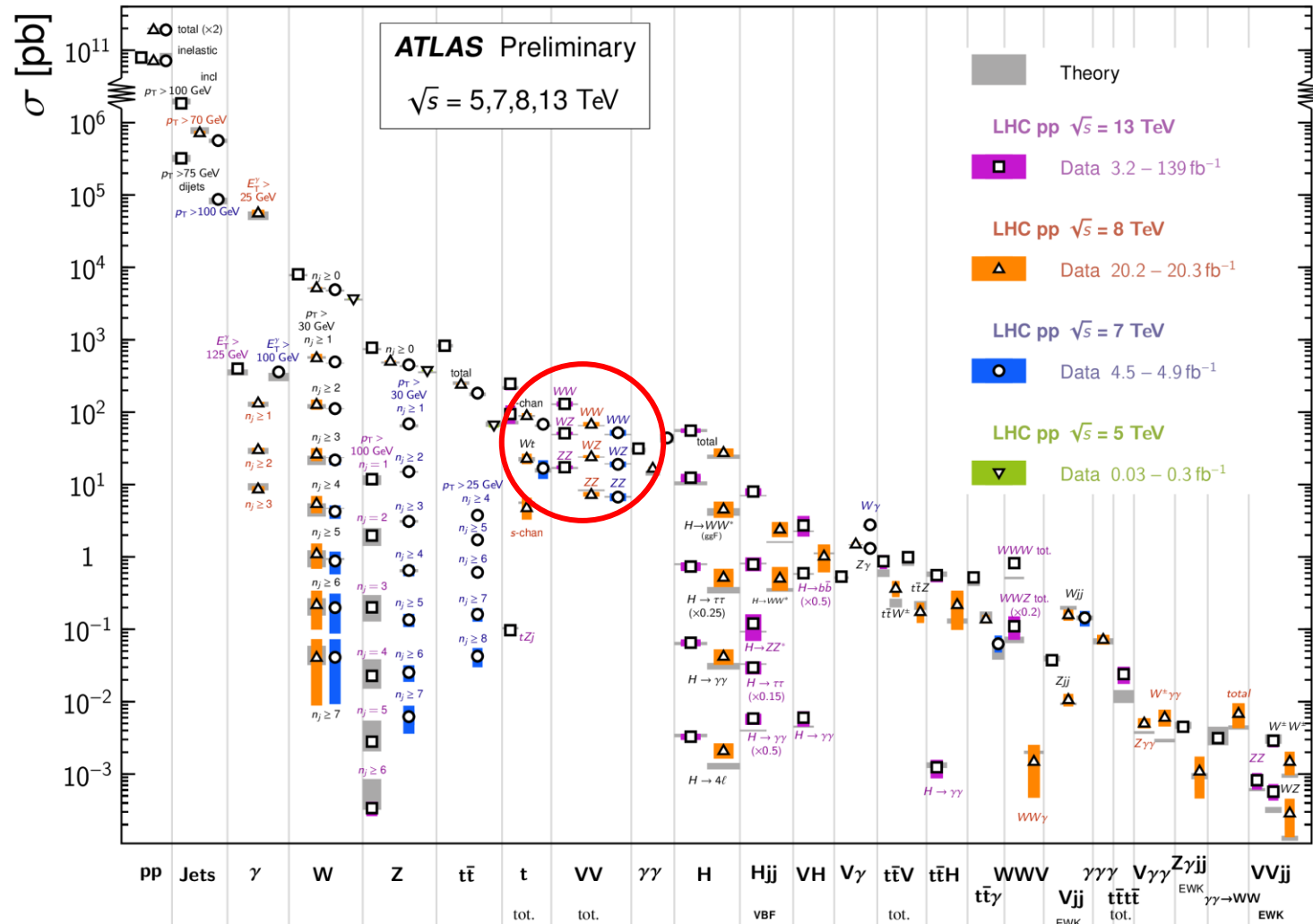
# Summary

- We present the measurement of various differential cross-sections in 4-lepton events with ATLAS full Run-II data at a new-precision regime
- All information are corrected to particle-level and prepared in **HEPData** with **Rivet** routine, providing convenient way for rapid future re-interpretation to both experimentalists and theorists ([HEPData](#), [Rivet routine](#))
- Improve the  $Z \rightarrow 4l$  BR measurement
- Constraints setting on EFT dim-6 operators and gauged B-L model as an example
- publication of the work
  - [Measurements of differential cross-sections in four-lepton events in 13 TeV proton-proton collisions with the ATLAS detector](#)

# Back-up: SM production cross-sections

Standard Model Production Cross Section Measurements

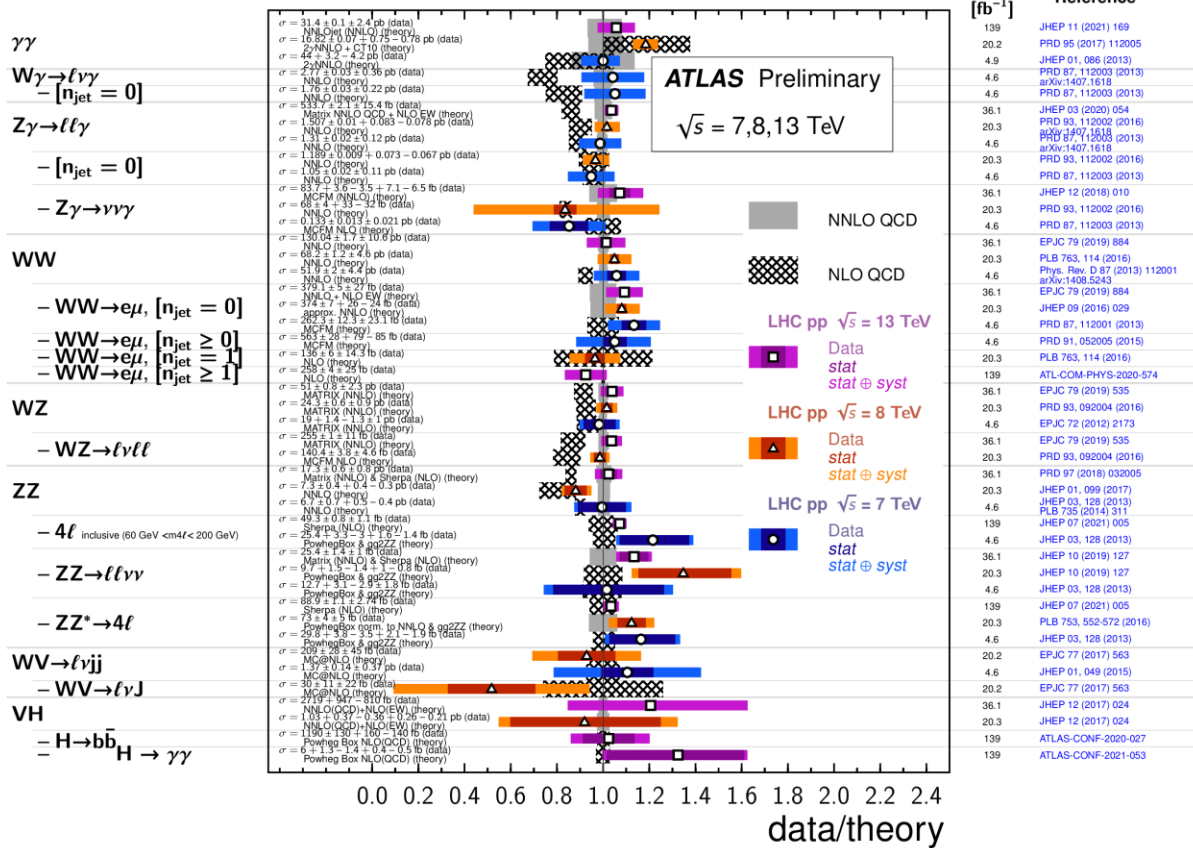
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# Back-up: Multi-boson cross-sections

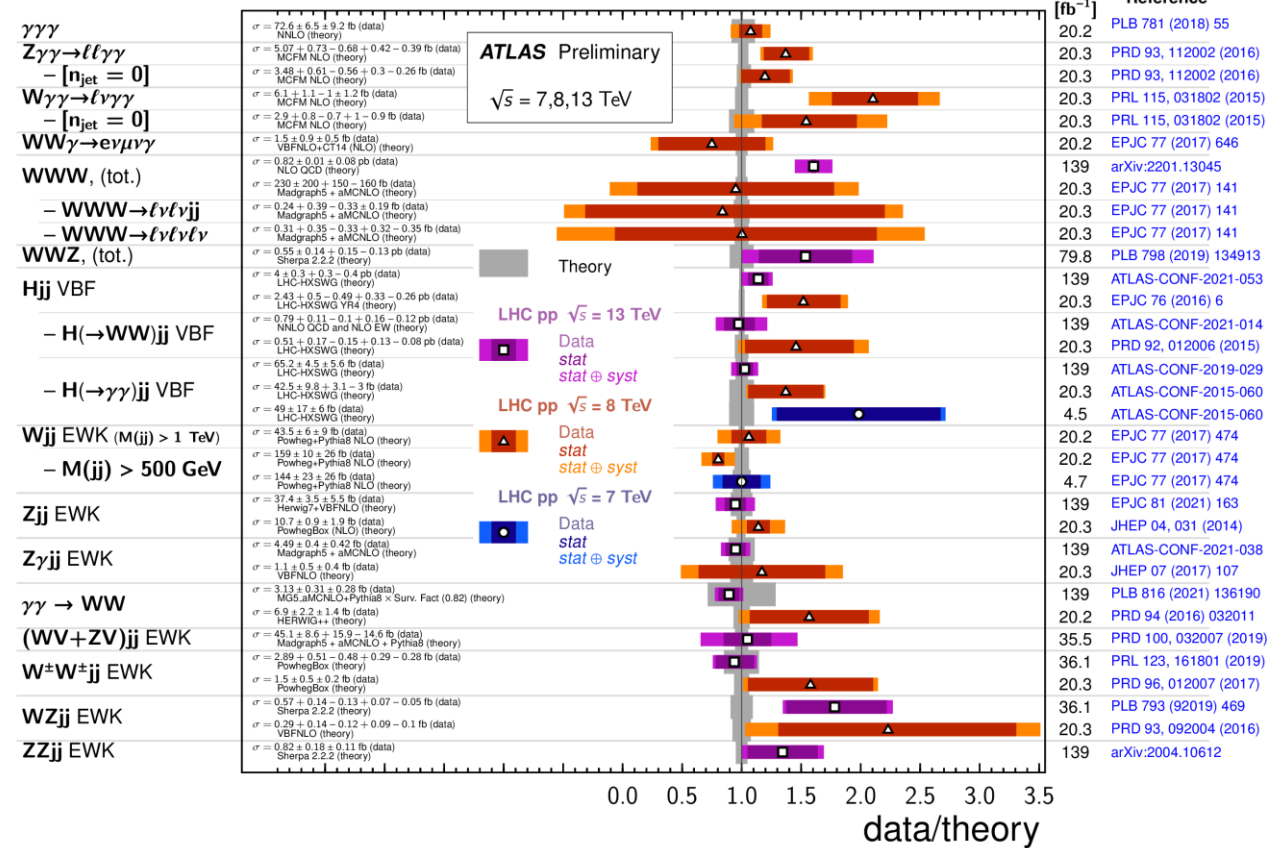
## Diboson Cross Section Measurements

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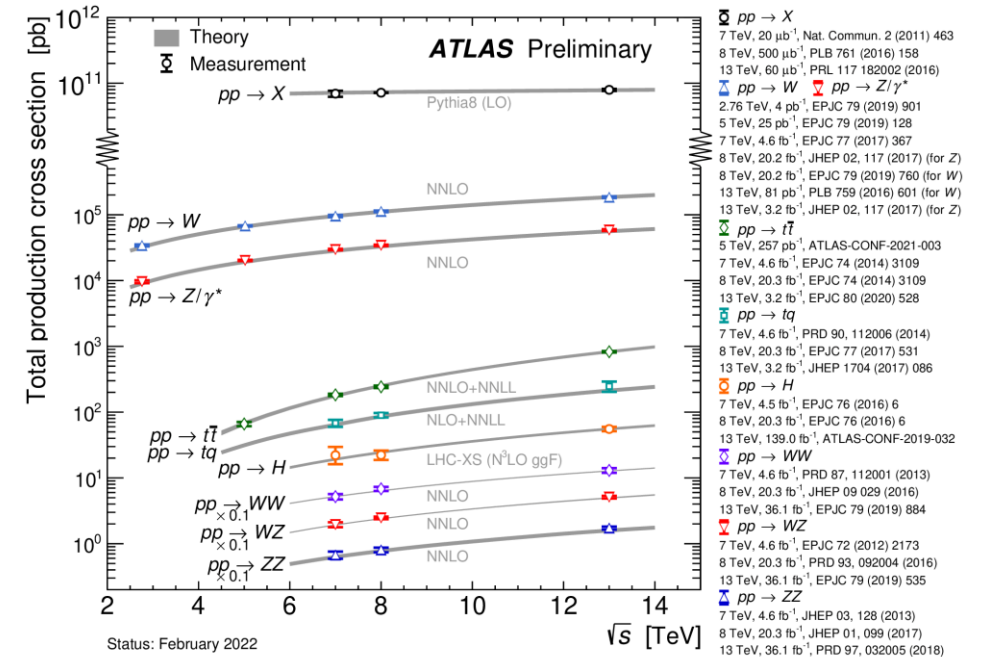
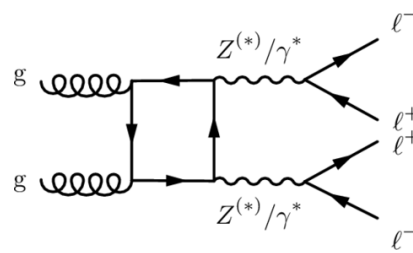
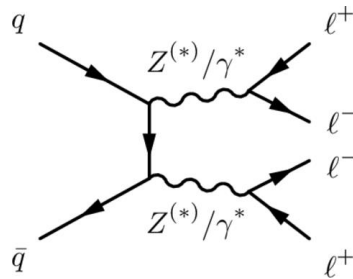
## VBF, VBS, and Triboson Cross Section Measurements

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# Back-up: $pp \rightarrow Z^{(*)}Z^{(*)} \rightarrow 4\ell$ at LHC

- $4\ell$  final state: two same-flavor opposite-sign e or  $\mu$  pairs
- Production is dominated by qq-initiated t-channel ZZ, the secondary contribution is from loop-induced ggZZ process  $\mathcal{O}(10\%)$



- Resonance production contributions of HZZ as well as internal conversion of Z decay
- Even through  $4\ell$  channel has very low Branching Ratio ( $\sim 0.4\%$ ), it is clean channel with high energy resolution

# Back-up: Triggers

- data selected using a logical OR of a reduced set of lowest prescaled single, di- and tri-lepton triggers

Year	
2015	HLT_e24_lhmedium_L1EM20VH HLT_e60_lhmedium HLT_e120_lhloose HLT_2e12_lhvloose_L12EM10VH
2016	HLT_e26_lhtight_nod0_ivarloose HLT_e60_lhmedium_nod0 HLT_e140_lhloose_nod0 HLT_2e17_lhvloose_nod0
2017	HLT_e26_lhtight_nod0_ivarloose HLT_e60_lhmedium_nod0 HLT_e140_lhloose_nod0 HLT_2e24_lhvloose_nod0 HLT_e24_lhvloose_nod0_2e12_lhvloose_nod0_L1EM20VH_3EM10VH
2018	HLT_e26_lhtight_nod0_ivarloose HLT_e60_lhmedium_nod0 HLT_e140_lhloose_nod0 HLT_2e17_lhvloose_nod0_L12EM15VHI HLT_2e24_lhvloose_nod0 HLT_e24_lhvloose_nod0_2e12_lhvloose_nod0_L1EM20VH_3EM10VH

Year	
2015	HLT_mu20_iloose_L1MU15 HLT_mu50 HLT_2mu10 HLT_mu18_mu8noL1
2016	HLT_mu26_ivarmedium HLT_mu50 HLT_2mu14 HLT_mu22_mu8noL1
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Year	
2015	HLT_e7_lhmedium_mu24 HLT_e17_lhloose_mu14
2016	HLT_e7_lhmedium_nod0_mu24 HLT_e17_lhloose_nod0_mu14 HLT_2e12_lhloose_nod0_mu10
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2018	HLT_e17_lhloose_nod0_mu14 HLT_e26_lhmedium_nod0_mu8noL1

# Back-up: Fiducial region definition

- any process with at least 4 leptons in the hard scattering is considered as part of the signal

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<i>Lepton selection</i>	
Muon selection	Bare, $p_T > 5 \text{ GeV}$ , $ \eta  < 2.7$
Electron selection	Dressed, $p_T > 7 \text{ GeV}$ , $ \eta  < 2.47$

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<i>Event selection</i>	
Four-lepton signature	At least 4 leptons, with 2 Same-Flavour, Opposite-Sign pairs
Lepton kinematics	$p_T > 20/10 \text{ GeV}$ for leading two leptons
Lepton separation	$\Delta R_{ij} > 0.05$ for any leptons
$J/\psi$ -Veto	$m_{ij} > 5 \text{ GeV}$ for all SFOS pairs
Truth isolation	$ptcone30/p_T < 0.16$

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# Back-up: Event selection

- Leptons are reconstructed and checked with baseline criteria

Category	Requirement
Kinematics	Muons : $p_T > 5 \text{ GeV}$ If CaloTag: $> 15 \text{ GeV}$ $ \eta  < 2.7$  Electrons: $p_T > 7 \text{ GeV}$ $ \eta  < 2.47$
Vertex association	Both : $ z_0 \sin\theta  < 0.5 \text{ mm}$
Identification:	Muons: Loose ID Electrons: LooseLH ID
Overlap removal: Lepton-favoured	

- Event selection with fiducial definition

Category	Requirement
Event Preselection	Fire at least one lepton trigger $\geq 1$ vertex with 2 or more tracks
Four-lepton signature	At least 4 leptons ( $e, \mu$ )
Lepton kinematics	$p_T > 20/10 \text{ GeV}$ for leading two leptons
Lepton separation	$\Delta R_{ij} > 0.05$ for any two leptons
$J/\psi$ -Veto	$m_{ij} > 5 \text{ GeV}$ for all SFOS pairs
Trigger matching	Baseline leptons matched to at least one lepton trigger
Quadruplet formation	At least one quadruplet with 2 Same-Flavour, Opposite-Sign (SFOS) pairs
Quadruplet categorisation	4 signal, 0 non-signal: signal region $\leq 3$ signal, $\geq 1$ non-signal: background control region

- Lepton pairing:

Primary pair	$\min  m_{ij} - m_Z $ in all SFOS leptons pairs
Secondary pair	$\min  m_{ij} - m_Z $ in the rest SFOS lepton pairs

- Tight criteria applied on leptons in quadruplet to mitigate misidentified or non-prompt leptons

Input objects	Baseline electrons and muons that are part of the quadruplet
Isolation	FixedCutPflowLoose working point <i>Contribution from all other baseline leptons is subtracted</i>
Cosmic muon veto	Muons: $ d_0  < 1 \text{ mm}$
Impact Parameter	Muons: $d_0/\sigma_{d_0} < 3$ Electrons: $d_0/\sigma_{d_0} < 5$
Stricter Electron ID	Electrons: LooseBLayerLH ID

# Back-up: Event selection

## jet selection

Collection:	AntiKt4EMPFLOW
Kinematics:	$ \eta  < 4.5$ $p_T > 30 \text{ GeV}$
Signal jet (after overlap removal):	pass JVT

## details of overlap removal strategy

Reject	Against	Overlap Criteria
electron	electron	shared track, $p_T^1 < p_T^2$
calo muon	electron	shared ID track
electron	muon	shared ID track
jet	electron	$\Delta R < 0.2$
jet	muon	NumTrack < 3 and ghost-associated/ $\Delta R < 0.2$

# Back-up: MC simulation

- qqZZ:
  - PS: MEPS@NLO Catani-Seymour dipole factorization
  - OPENLOOPS lib for virtual QCD correction
- ggZZ:
  - > 130 GeV (SM box + ggF + interference)
  - K-factor to NLO
- on-shell Higgs:
  - ggF cross-section @ N3LO
  - PS: PYTHIA8
- triboson
- ttV
  - PS: same as qqZZ

Process		Generator
$q\bar{q} \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 4\ell$	inclusive	SHERPA 2.2.2
	2 add. jets (EW)	SHERPA 2.2.2
$gg (\rightarrow H^{(*)}) \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 4\ell$	inclusive, $m_{4\ell} > 130$ GeV	SHERPA 2.2.2
	no H, $m_{4\ell} < 130$ GeV	SHERPA 2.2.2
$pp \rightarrow H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 4\ell$	ggF	POWHEG (NNLOPS) + PYTHIA 8
	VBF	POWHEG + PYTHIA 8
	ZH	POWHEG + PYTHIA 8
	WH	POWHEG + PYTHIA 8
	ttH	POWHEG + PYTHIA 8
$pp \rightarrow W^{(*)}W^{(*)}Z^{(*)} \rightarrow 4\ell 2\nu$	inclusive	SHERPA 2.2.2
$pp \rightarrow W^{(*)}Z^{(*)}Z^{(*)} \rightarrow 5\ell 1\nu$	inclusive	SHERPA 2.2.2
$pp \rightarrow Z^{(*)}Z^{(*)}Z^{(*)} \rightarrow 6\ell$	inclusive	SHERPA 2.2.2
$pp \rightarrow Z^{(*)}Z^{(*)}Z^{(*)} \rightarrow 4\ell 2\nu$	inclusive	SHERPA 2.2.2
$pp \rightarrow t\bar{t} + \ell\ell$	$t\bar{t}Z, m_{\ell\ell} > 5$ GeV	SHERPA 2.2.0

Process		Generator
$pp \rightarrow Z^{(*)} \rightarrow 2e + \text{jets}$	$\geq 4$ truth leptons with $p_T > 4$ GeV $m_1(\ell\ell) > 40$ GeV, $m_2(\ell\ell) > 8$ GeV	SHERPA 2.2.0
$pp \rightarrow Z^{(*)} \rightarrow 2\mu + \text{jets}$	$\geq 4$ truth leptons with $p_T > 4$ GeV, $m_1(\ell\ell) > 40$ GeV, $m_2(\ell\ell) > 8$ GeV	SHERPA 2.2.0
$pp \rightarrow Z^{(*)} \rightarrow 2e + \text{jets}$	$\geq 3$ truth leptons with $p_T > 4$ GeV veto filter of 344295	SHERPA 2.2.0
$pp \rightarrow Z^{(*)} \rightarrow 2\mu + \text{jets}$	$\geq 3$ truth leptons with $p_T > 4$ GeV veto filter of 344296	SHERPA 2.2.0
$pp \rightarrow Z^{(*)} \rightarrow 2e + \text{jets}$	inclusive	SHERPA 2.2.1
$pp \rightarrow Z^{(*)} \rightarrow 2\mu + \text{jets}$	inclusive	SHERPA 2.2.1
$pp \rightarrow Z^{(*)} \rightarrow 2\tau + \text{jets}$	inclusive	SHERPA 2.2.1
$pp \rightarrow t\bar{t} \rightarrow 2l$	inclusive	POWHEG + PYTHIA 8
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$pp \rightarrow Z + \Upsilon \rightarrow 4\ell$	inclusive	PYTHIA 8

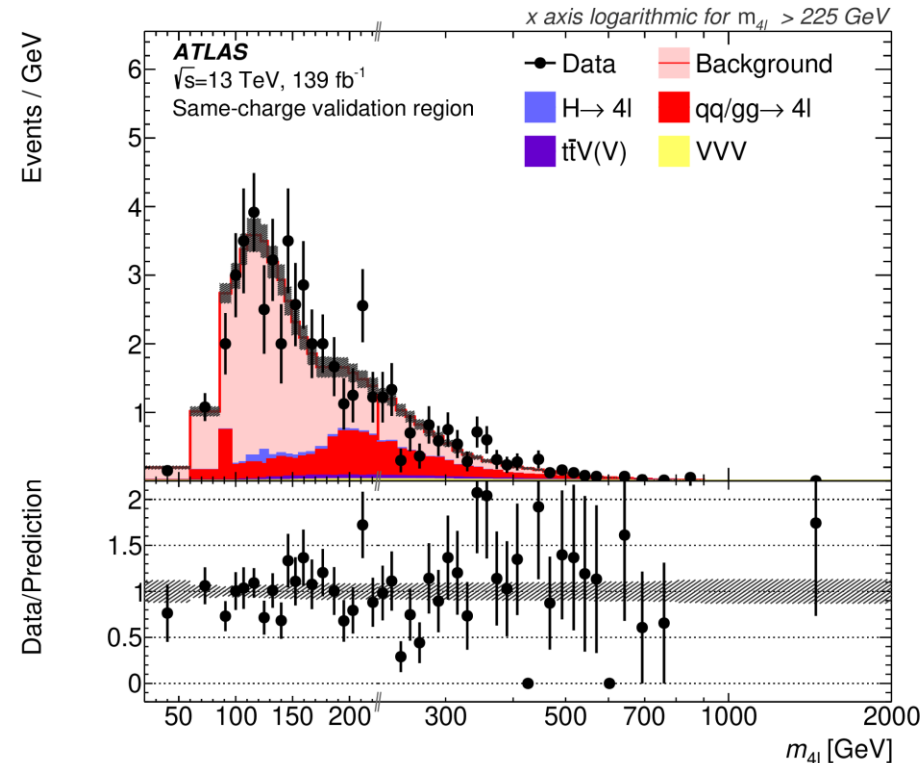
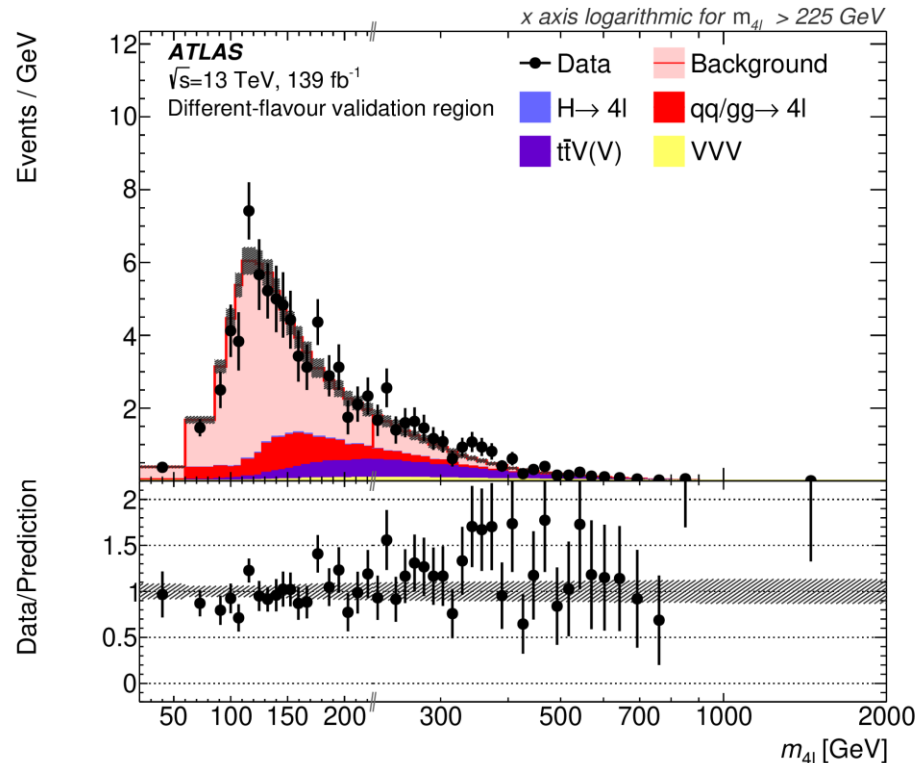
# Back-up: Fake factor method



- fake factor: calculate what fraction of fake leptons is expected given the number of baseline-not-signal leptons
- calculated in Z->ll CR (events one SFOS pairs within 15 GeV of mZ and at least one other baseline lepton)
- fake factor applied to the number of baseline-not-signal leptons in each event

# Back-up: Fake background validation

- validation regions: similar with SR but with one different-flavor, opposite-sign pair OR same-flavor, same-sign pair



- validate the FF method as well as cross-checking with Matrix method

# Back-up: Fake background smoothing

- to suppress the statistical fluctuations
- reduce the impact of single outlier with larger FF weights
  - background estimation in fine binning for each histogram
  - smooth fine-binned distribution with Friedman's super smoother
  - integrate smoothed distribution over coarser, target bins
  - normalized to the background yield obtained before smoothing in the first step

# Back-up: Unfolding details

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \begin{pmatrix} R_1 \\ \vdots \\ R_n \end{pmatrix} & = & \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & \varepsilon_n \end{pmatrix} & \times & \begin{pmatrix} M_{11} & \cdots & M_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ M_{n1} & \cdots & M_{nn} \end{pmatrix} & \times & \begin{pmatrix} c_1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & c_n \end{pmatrix} & \times & \begin{pmatrix} T_1 \\ \vdots \\ T_n \end{pmatrix} \\
 \text{Reco} & & \text{Fiducial Correction} & & \text{Migration Matrix} & & \text{Efficiency Correction} & & \text{Truth} \\
 & & \underbrace{\hspace{15em}} & & & & & & \\
 & & \text{Response Matrix} & & & & & & 
 \end{array}$$

- R and T: reco distribution & truth distribution with events passing reco or fiducial level selection respectively
- EC: reconstruction inefficiency effect of detector
- MM: smearing and resolution effect of detector
- FC: minor correction for events passing reco selection but failing truth selection

## • Iterative Bayesian unfolding technique

- $$P_n(T_j | R_i) = \frac{P(R_j | T_i) P_{n-1}(T_i)}{\sum_k P(R_j | T_k) P_{n-1}(T_k)}, \quad P_n(T_i) = \sum_j P_n(T_j | R_j) P(R_j)$$
  - $T_i, R_j$  are the bin content at particle-, detector-level
  - 2/3 iterations, optimized based on bias and stats.

# Back-up: Unfolding optimization

- statistical variation based toy study
  - toys generated randomly from the MC reco prediction
  - unfold toys with several possible iteration choices
  - estimate the bias and statistical error for each unfolded toy
- metric: **bias significance** defined as the ratio of bias and stat, indicating the size of bias comparing with stat
- we require 0.5 threshold so here the 3 Bayesian iterations is proper
- for other variables, most of them prefer 3 iterations while for  $mZ1$ ,  $\Delta\phi_{ll}$ , and  $\Delta y_{pairs}$  2 iterations is sufficient

## Binning requirements

# Reco events	Purity
[14,20)	80%
[20,25)	70%
$\geq 25$	60%

binning criteria



# Back-up: Unfolding closure test

- MC closure:
  - direct MC reco unfolding: full closure
  - half MC reco unfolding: closure within statistical uncertainty
- data-driven closure
  - smooth data/MC ratio
  - reweight MC
  - unfold reweighted MC , compare with reweighted truth
- take the difference as unfolding systematic uncertainty

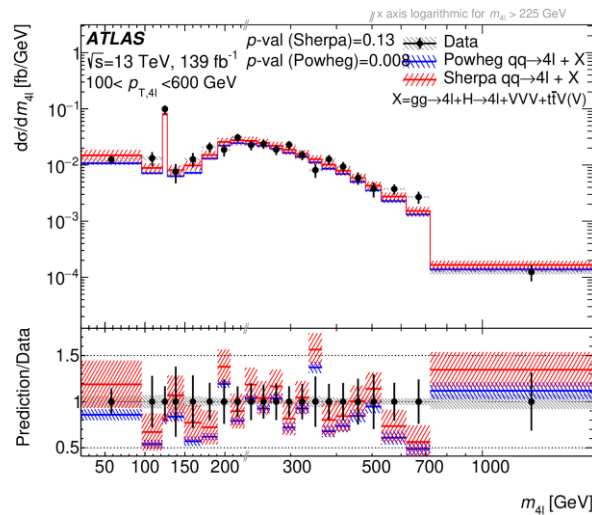
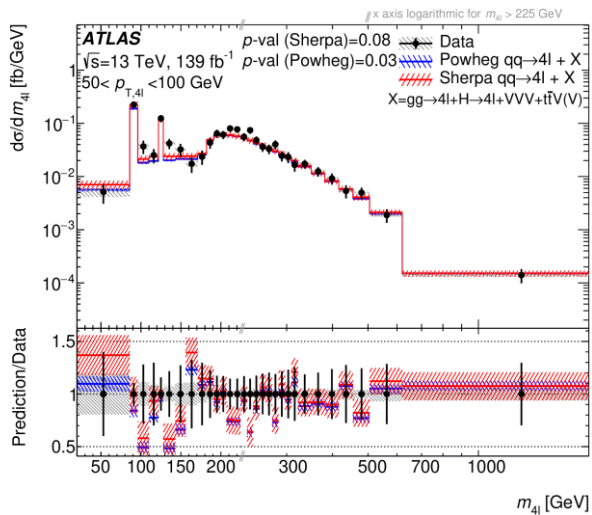
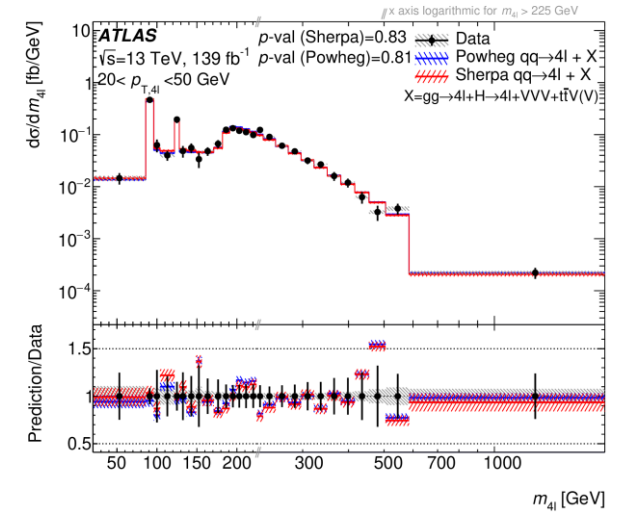
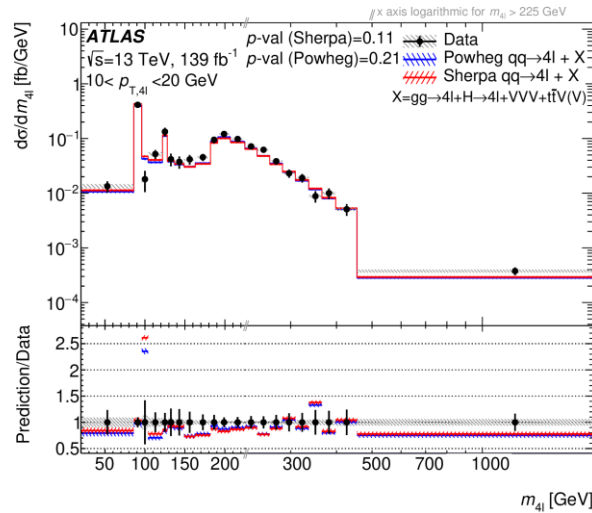
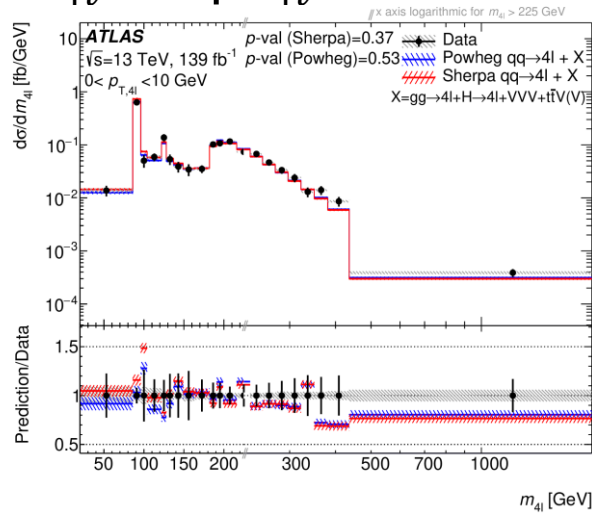
# Back-up: Unfolding injection test



- further check on the model-independence of unfolding
  - ggF BSM Higgs mass 300GeV, width 15GeV, XS 20fb
  - ggF BSM Higgs mass 800GeV, narrow-width, XS 1fb
  - ggZZ 5-fold enhanced
- nominal unfolding is robust to broad excess over the SM prediction

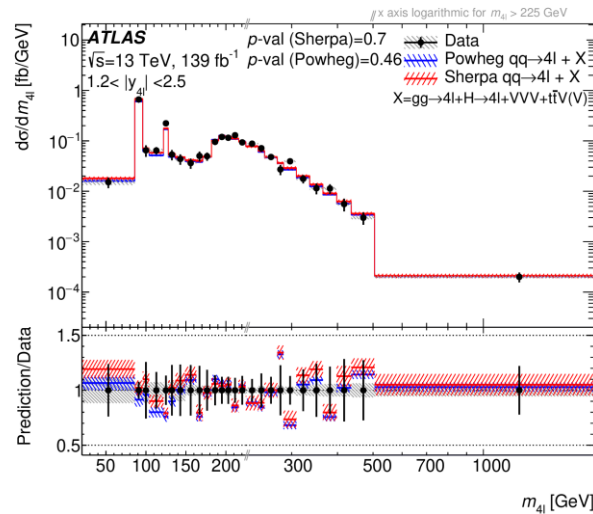
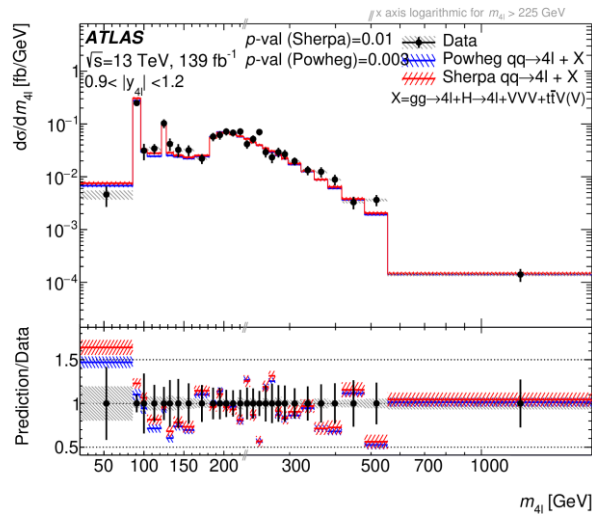
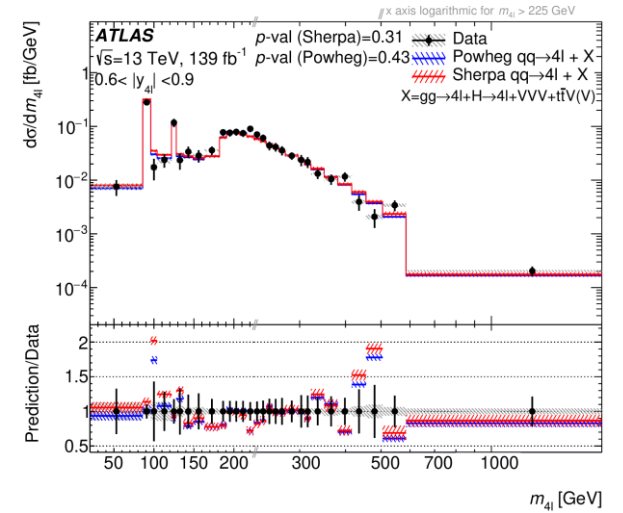
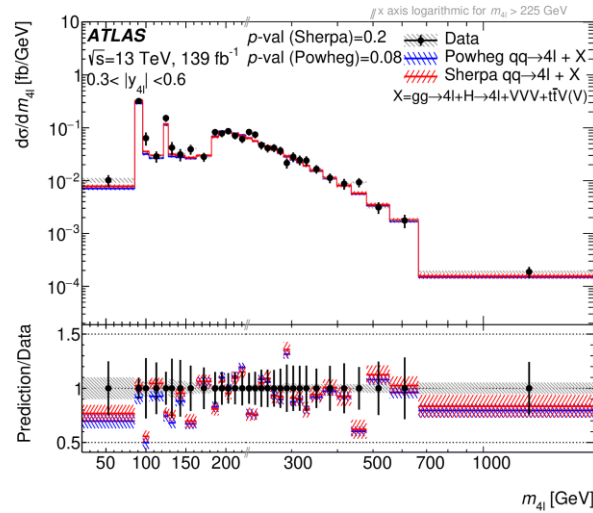
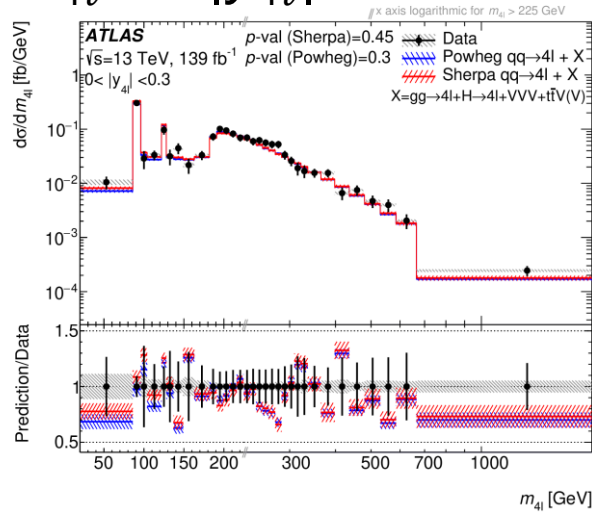
# Backup: Differential X-sections

- $m_{4\ell}$  vs  $p_{T,4\ell}^T$



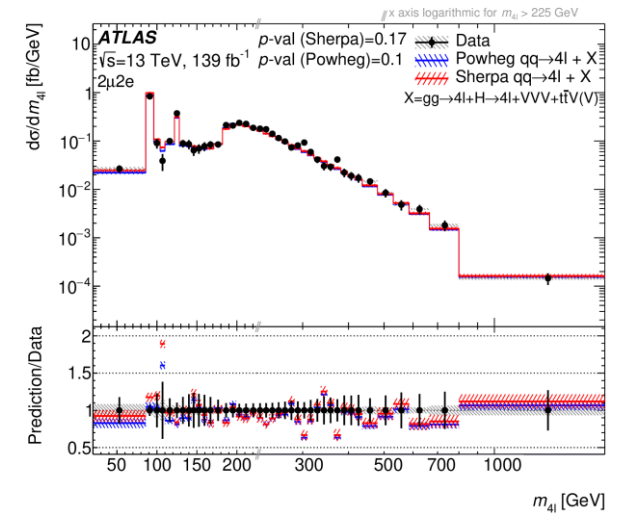
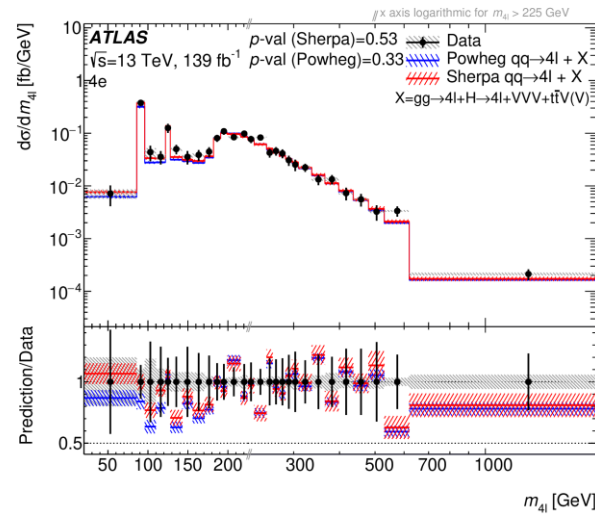
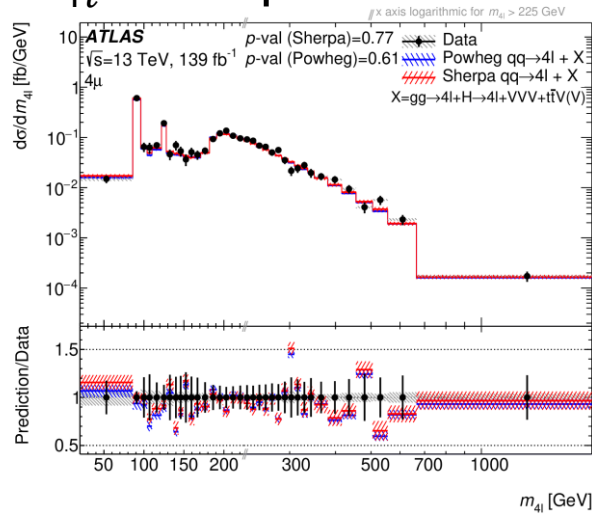
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- $m_{4\ell}$  vs  $|y_{4\ell}|$



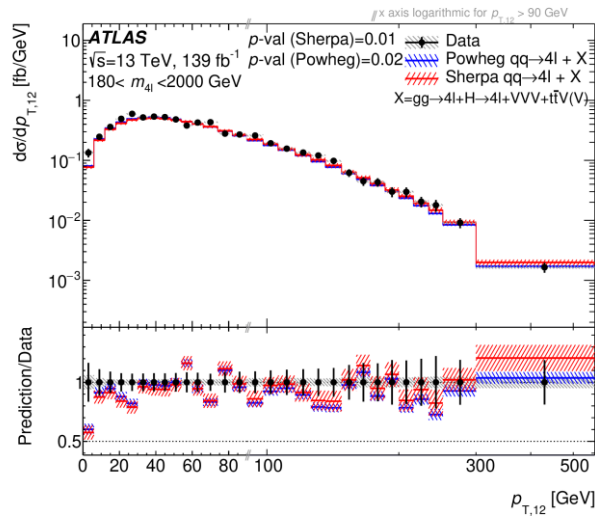
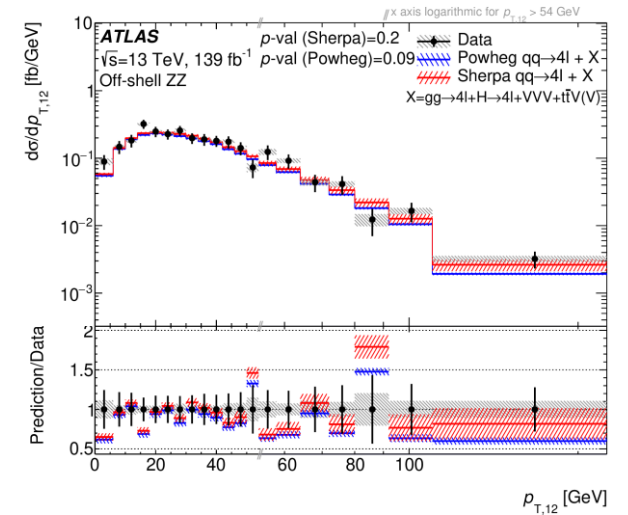
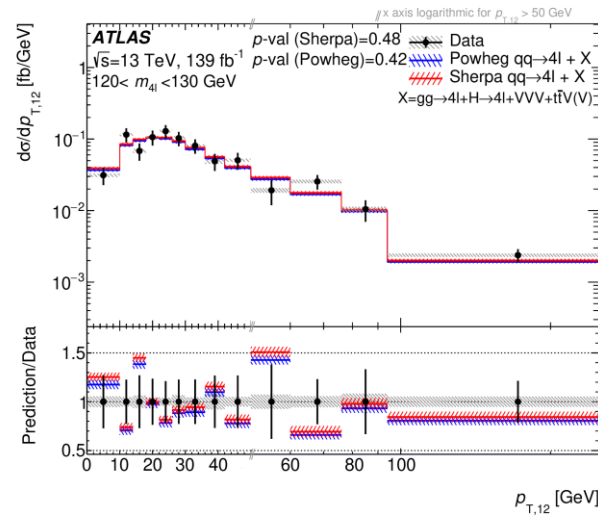
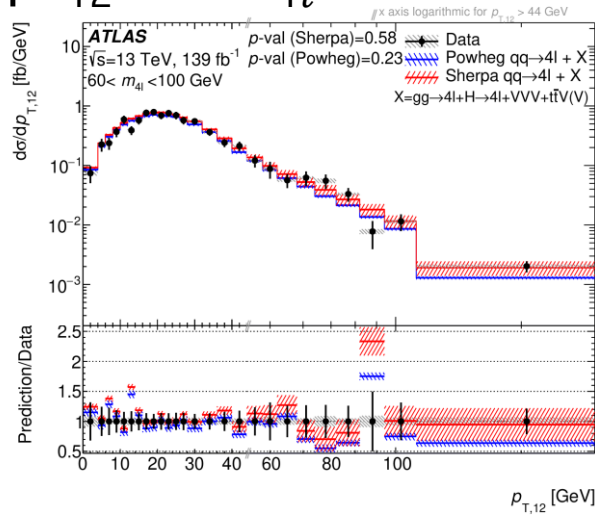
# Backup: Differential X-sections

- $m_{4\ell}$  vs lepton flavor



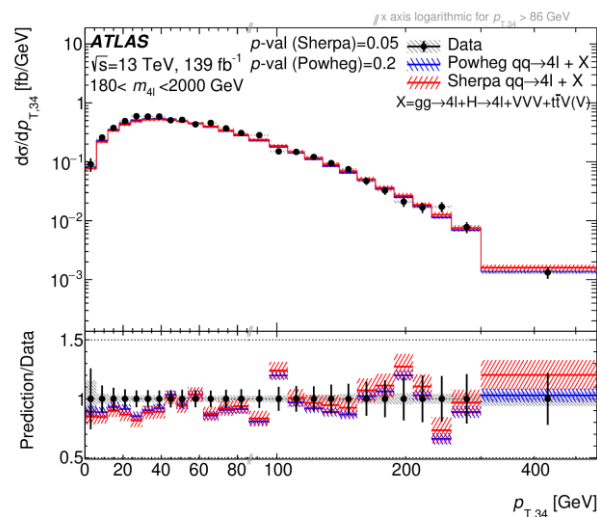
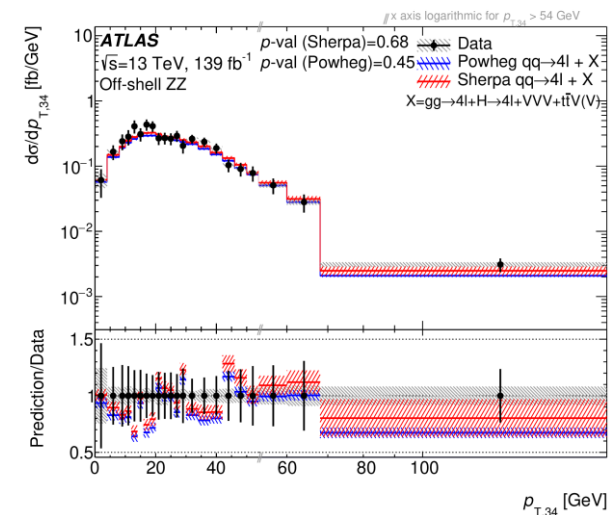
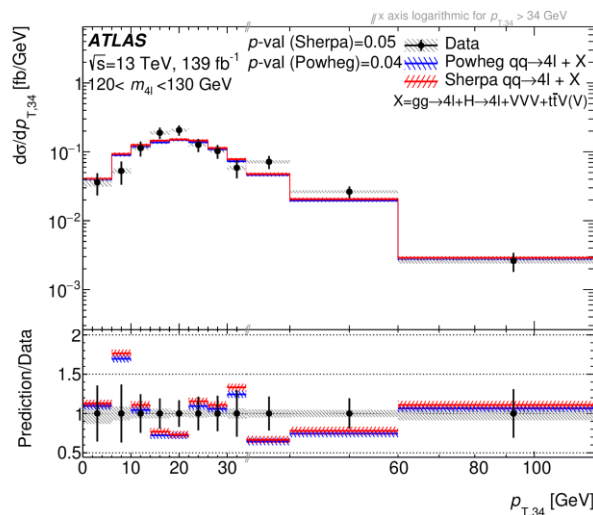
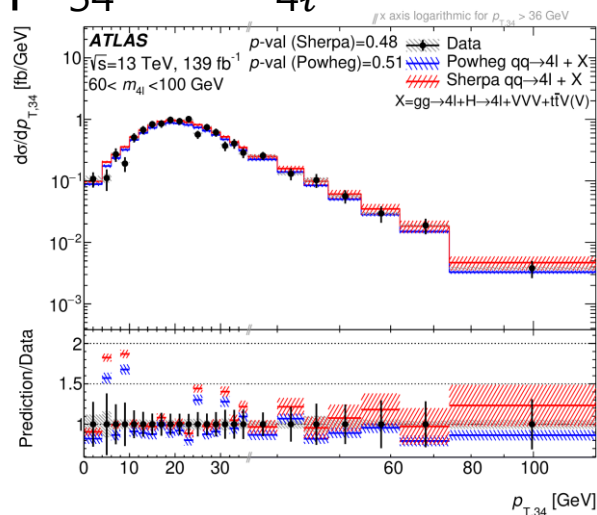
# Backup: Differential X-sections

- $p_{T,12}^T$  vs  $m_{4\ell}$



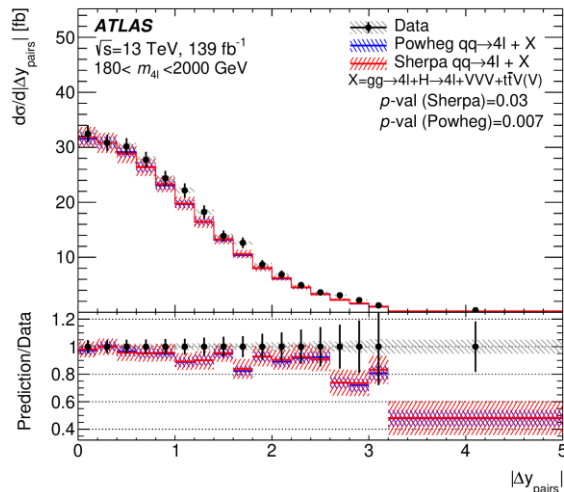
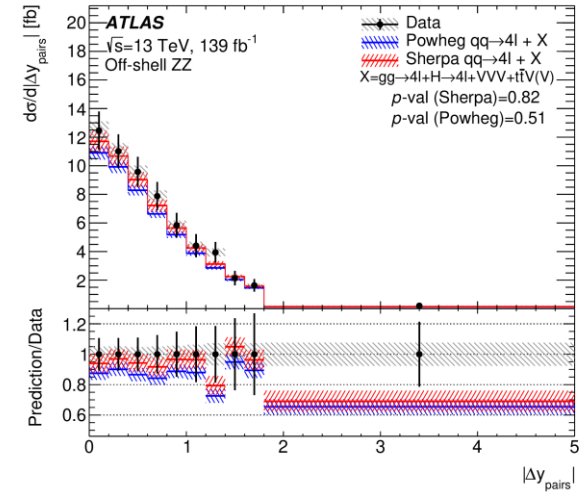
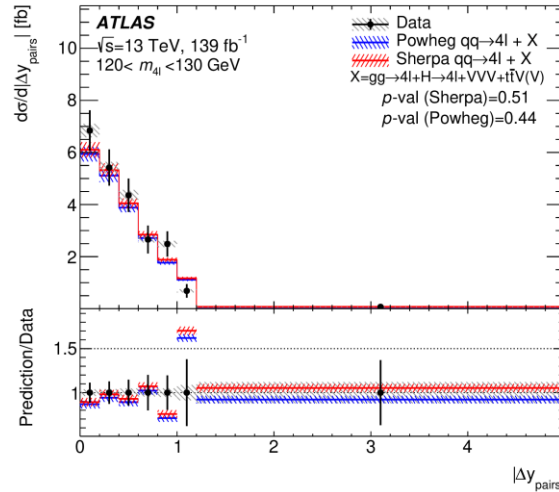
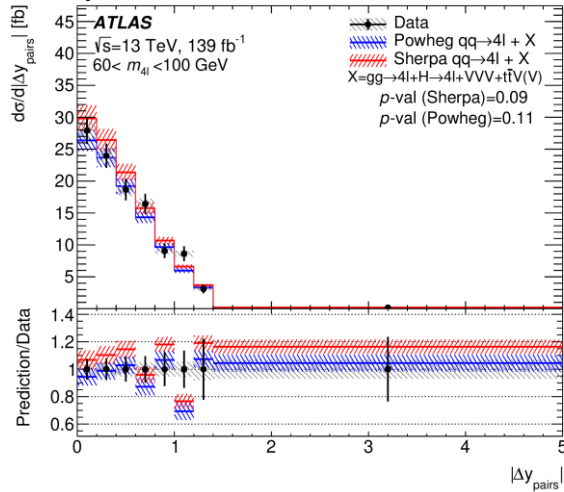
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- $p_{T,34}^T$  vs  $m_{4\ell}$



# Backup: Differential X-sections

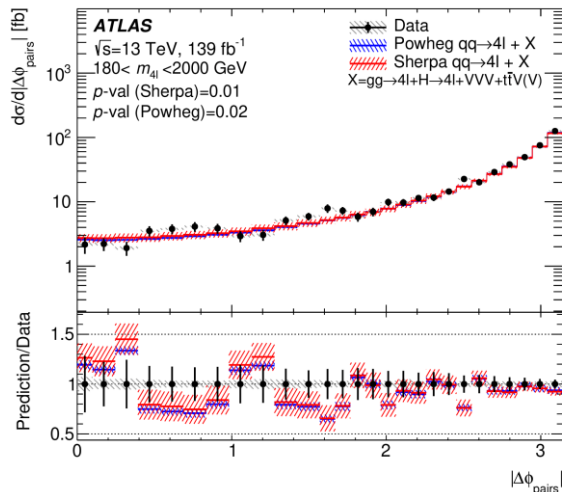
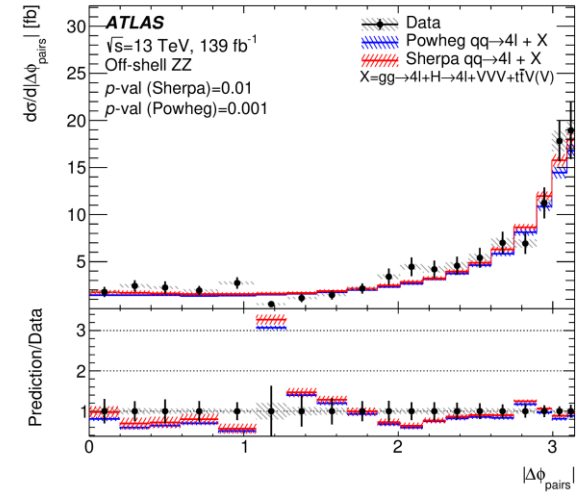
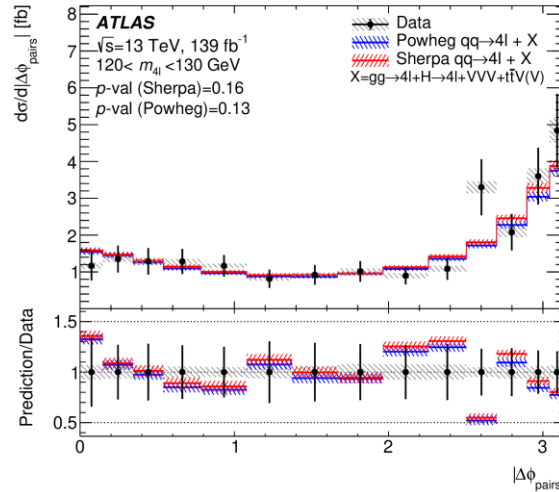
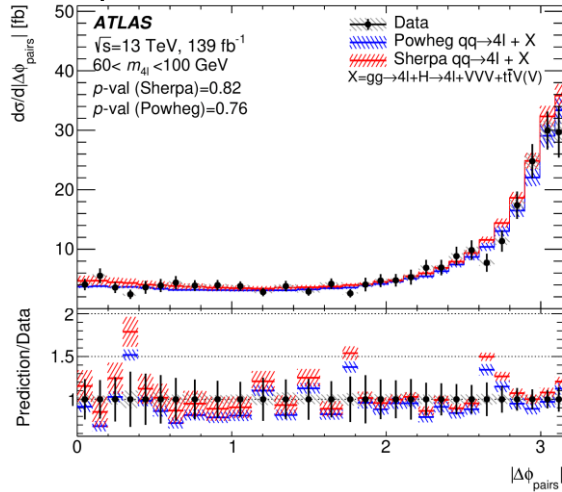
- $|\Delta y_{\text{pairs}}|$  vs  $m_{4\ell}$





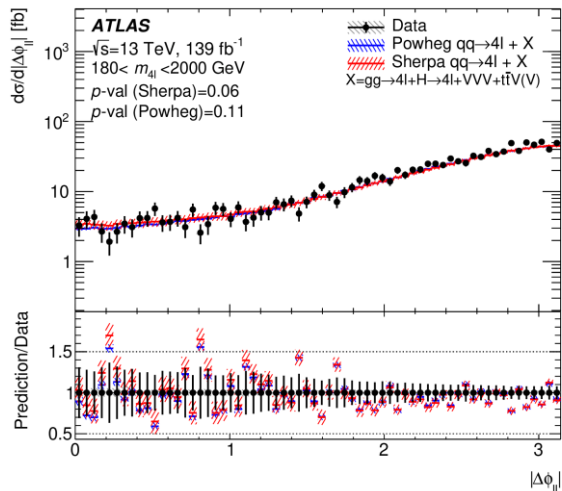
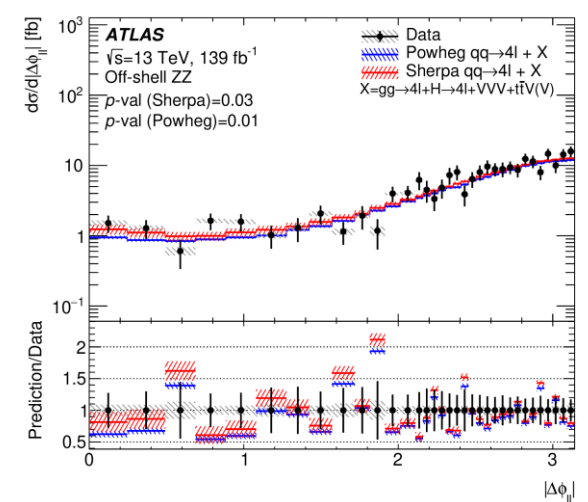
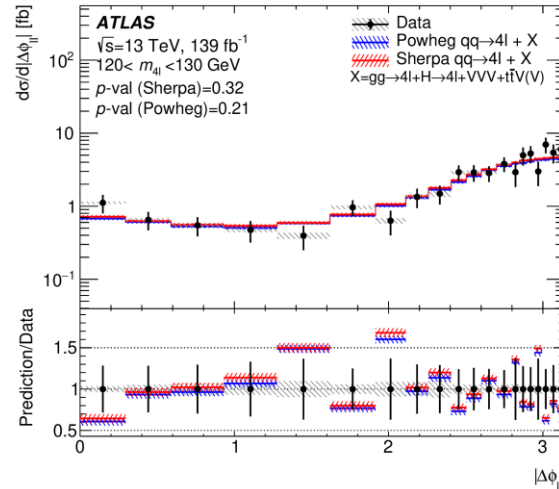
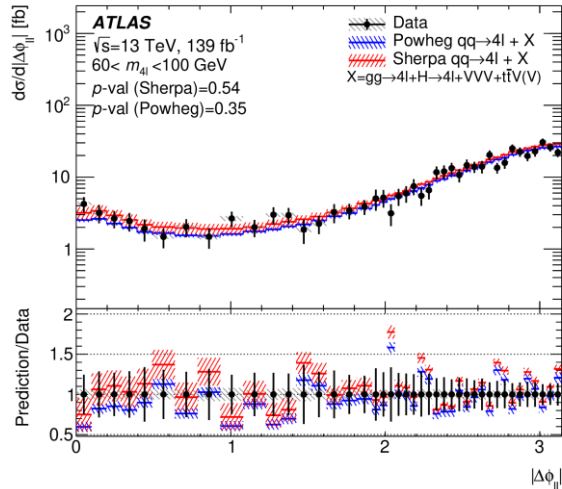
# Backup: Differential X-sections

- $|\Delta\phi_{\text{pairs}}|$  vs  $m_{4\ell}$



# Backup: Differential X-sections

- $|\Delta\phi_{ll}|$  vs  $m_{4\ell}$



# Backup: EFT methodology

- Parametrization:
  - matrix element:  $\mathcal{M}_{\text{mix}} = \mathcal{M}_{\text{SM}} + c \cdot \mathcal{M}_{\text{BSM}}$
  - the full prediction SM+BSM can be decomposed into three components of SM term, linear term(interference), quadratic term(pure BSM):
  - $\sigma(c) = \sigma_{\text{SM}} + c \cdot \sigma_{\text{INT}} + c^2 \cdot \sigma_{\text{BSM}}$
- SMEFTsim package is used for SMEFT implementations of FeynRules
- Generate the three components separately with `MADGRAPH5_aMC@NLO2.6.5 + PYTHIA8.243` at LO precision in QCD
- Scale the MC with the ratio best SM to LO SM to consider the high-order effect
- The variable providing the best sensitivity is chosen to set limits for a Wilson coefficient, and a variable measured in slices counts as one variable

# Back-up: EFT: fitting results

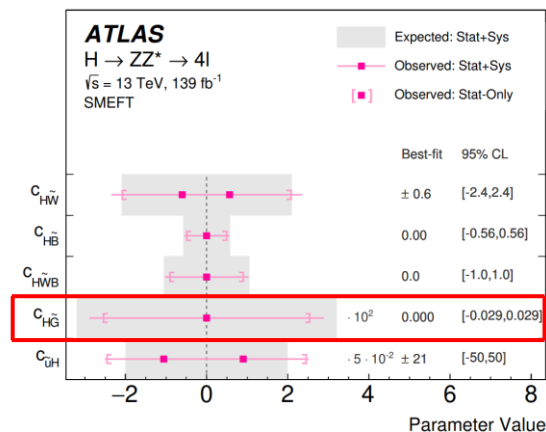
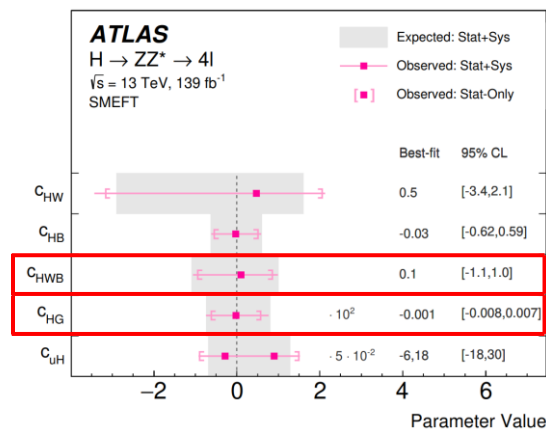
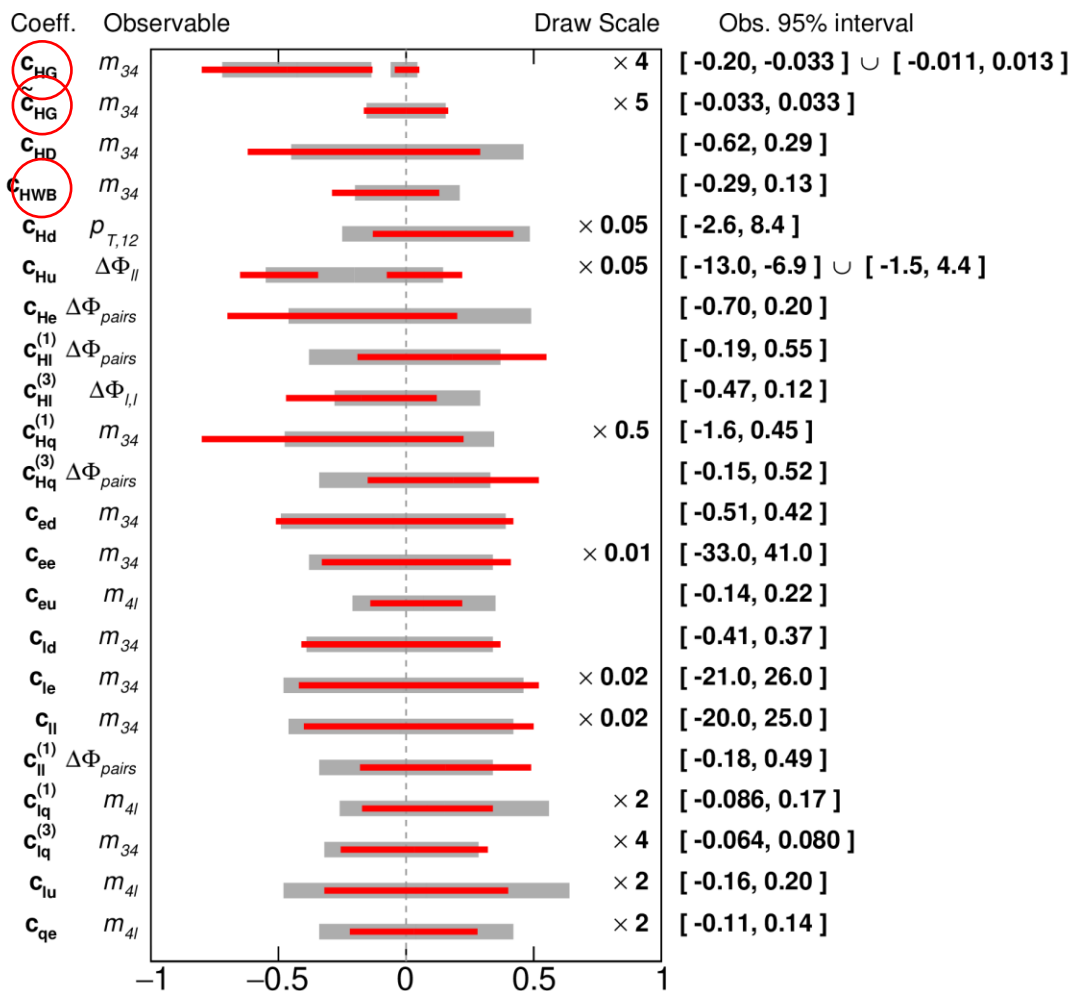
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full model

Expected 95% CL

Observed 95% CL

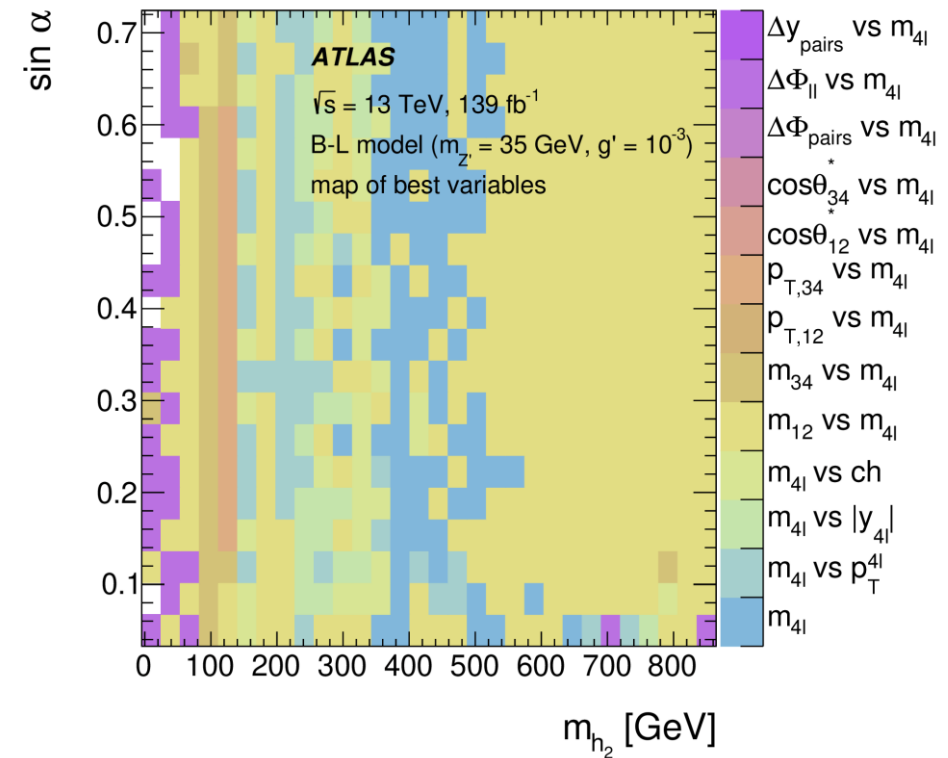


- Comparing with the same limit setting with  $H \rightarrow 4\ell$  process,  $c_{HG}$  is less stringent and  $\tilde{c}_{HG}$  is very similar, while for  $c_{HWB}$  the constraint is significantly more stringent

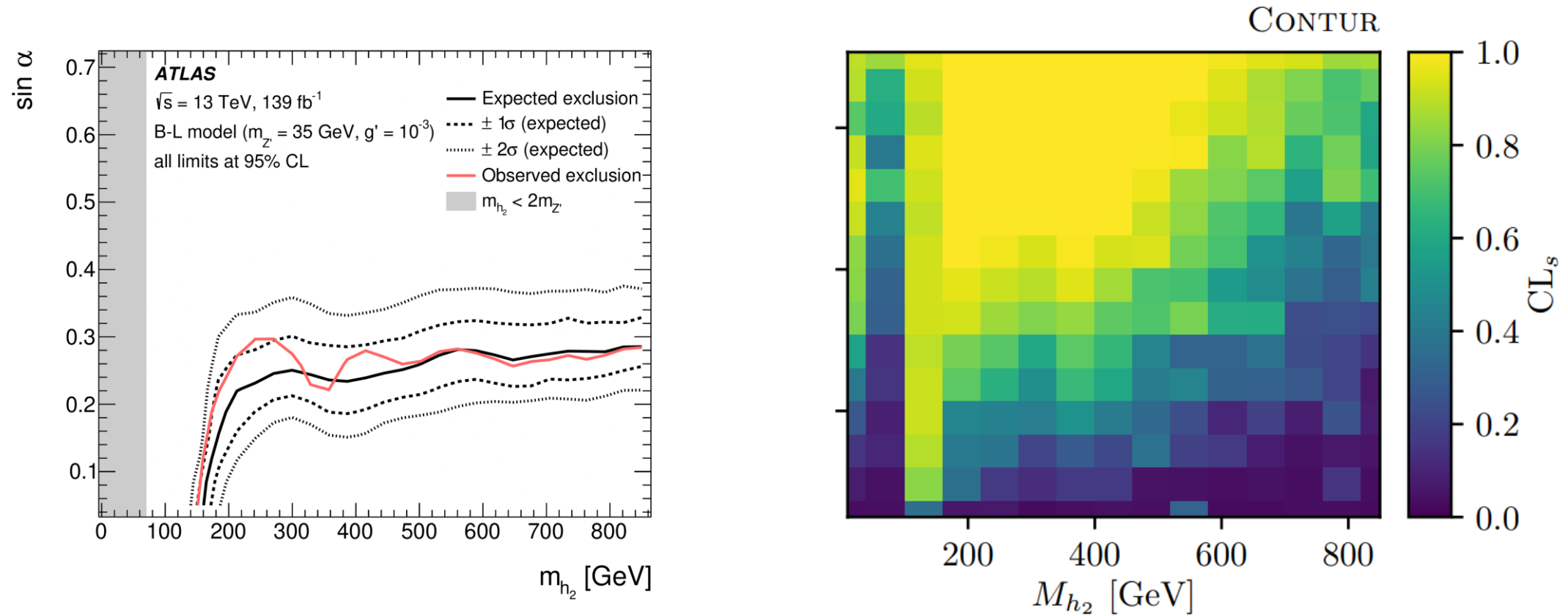
# Back-up: B-L model

- BSM samples generated using Herwig7 at particle-level with LO precision

- B-L observable with greatest expected sensitivity used to set limit in a given 2D bin



# Back-up: B-L model



- Improvements over [previous results](#)(LHC constraints on B-L model)