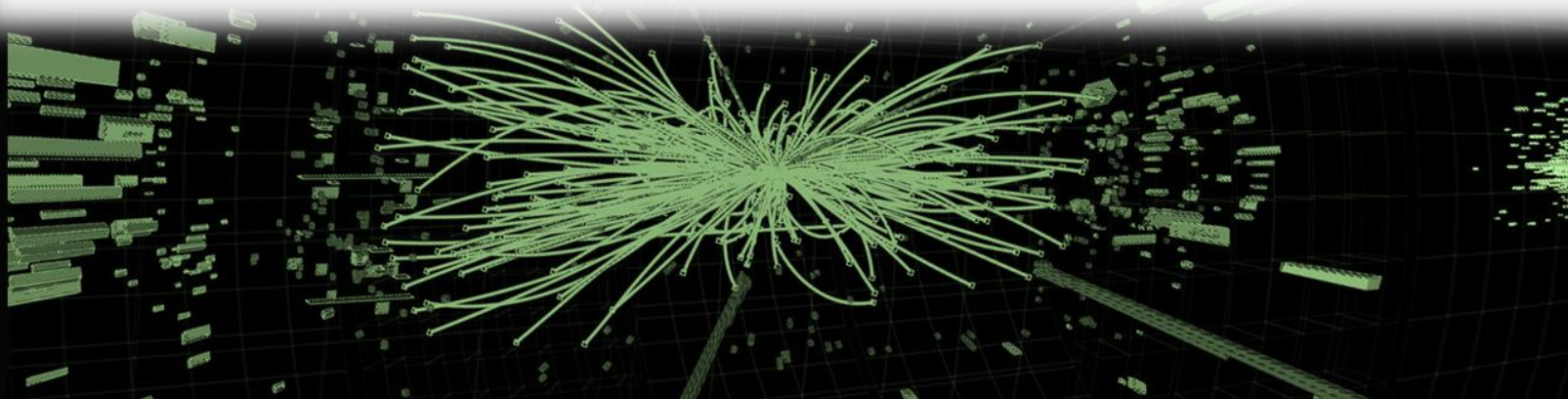


Measurements of multi-boson production including vector-boson scattering at ATLAS



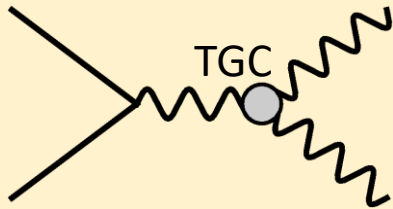
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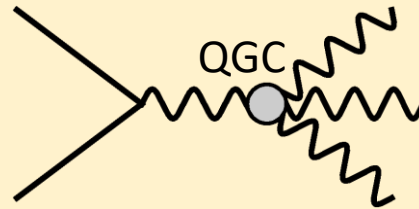
Introduction

Multibosons

Two or more electroweak bosons V : W, Z, γ



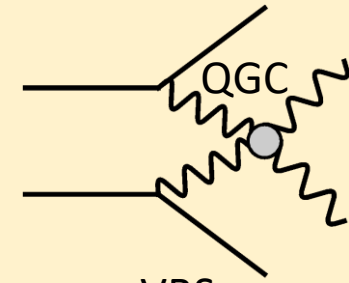
Dibosons



Tribosons

Vector boson scattering

$VV \rightarrow VV$



VBS

Signature: $VVjj$

Why measure multibosons & VBS:

- Test the Standard Model predictions for gauge boson self-interactions and electroweak (EW) symmetry breaking with the Higgs mechanism
- Study for deviations from the Standard Model
 - Typically parametrized using Effective Field Theory (EFT)

$$L_{\text{EFT}} = L_{\text{SM}} + \sum_i \frac{\bar{C}_i^{(6)}}{\Lambda^2} \mathcal{O}_i^{(6)} + \sum_i \frac{\bar{C}_i^{(8)}}{\Lambda^4} \mathcal{O}_i^{(8)} + \dots$$

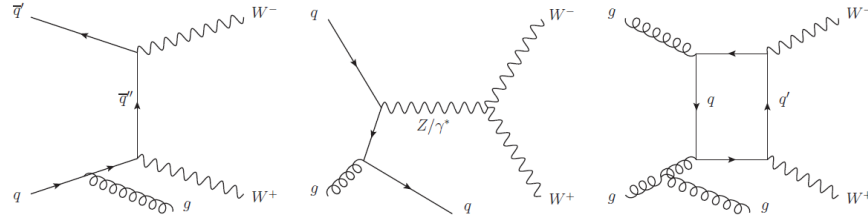
- Expect high sensitivity for operators generating anomalous triple (TGC) and quartic (QGC) gauge couplings

Outline

- Recent ATLAS full Run 2 (139 fb⁻¹) based measurements using pp data at 13 TeV:
 - $W^+W^- + \geq 1$ jet, [JHEP 06 \(2021\) 003](#)
 - Four-lepton differential (ZZ), [JHEP 07 \(2021\) 005](#)
 - Observation of WWW , [ATLAS-CONF-2021-039](#)
 - $Z(\rightarrow ll)\gamma jj$ electroweak, [ATLAS-CONF-2021-038](#)
 - $Z(\rightarrow \nu\nu)\gamma jj$ electroweak, [arXiv:2109.00925](#), submitted to EPJC
- Combined EFT interpretation of WW, WZ, four-lepton, and Zjj VBF cross sections, [ATL-PHYS-PUB-2021-022](#)

WW + ≥1 jet

$e^\pm \mu^\mp, m(e\mu) > 85 \text{ GeV}$
 b -jet veto (20 GeV)
 ≥ 1 jet (35 GeV)



- Extra jet: enhance EFT-SM interference
- Robust estimate of the (dominant) $t\bar{t}$ background using b -jet counting method in 1- and 2 b -jet regions:

$$N_{1b}^{t\bar{t}} = N_{1b} - N_{1b}^{\text{others}} = \mathcal{L} \sigma_{t\bar{t}} \epsilon_{e\mu} \cdot 2\epsilon_b (1 - C_b \epsilon_b),$$

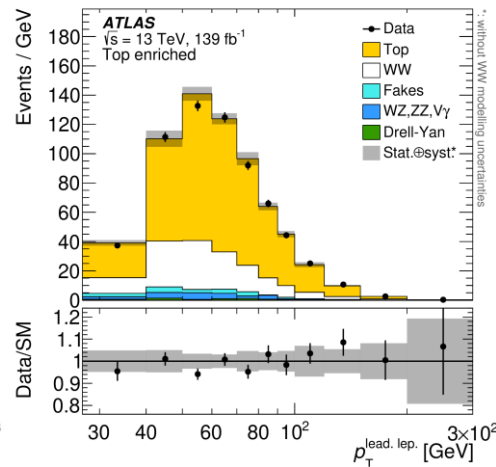
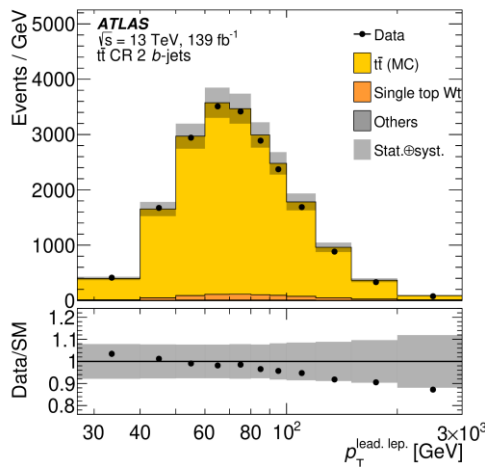
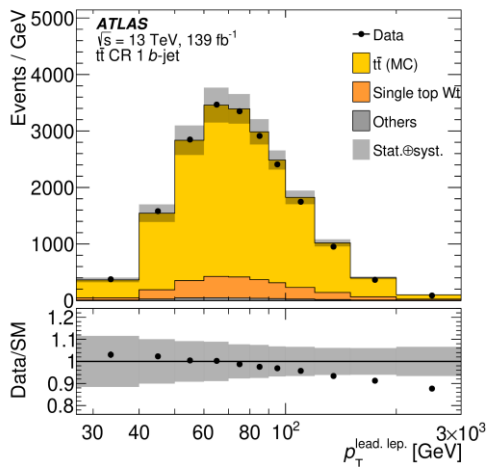
$$N_{2b}^{t\bar{t}} = N_{2b} - N_{2b}^{\text{others}} = \mathcal{L} \sigma_{t\bar{t}} \epsilon_{e\mu} \cdot C_b \epsilon_b^2,$$

$$N_{0b}^{t\bar{t}} = \mathcal{L} \sigma_{t\bar{t}} \epsilon_{e\mu} \cdot \left(1 - 2\epsilon_b + C_b \epsilon_b^2 \right),$$

Derive $\mathcal{L} \sigma_{t\bar{t}} \epsilon_{e\mu}$ and ϵ_b from data
 Use $C_b = \epsilon_{bb} / \epsilon_b^2$ from $t\bar{t}$ simulation

Signal region		
Data	89 239	
Total SM	91 600 ± 2500	
WW	28 100 ± 1200	31%
Total bkg.	63 500 ± 1800	69%
Top	55 800 ± 1500	61%
Drell-Yan	2200 ± 700	2%
Fake leptons	2700 ± 1100	3%
WZ, ZZ, Vγ	2800 ± 500	3%

Technique of [Eur. Phys. J. C 80 \(2020\) 528](#)



Data-driven b -tag counting method:

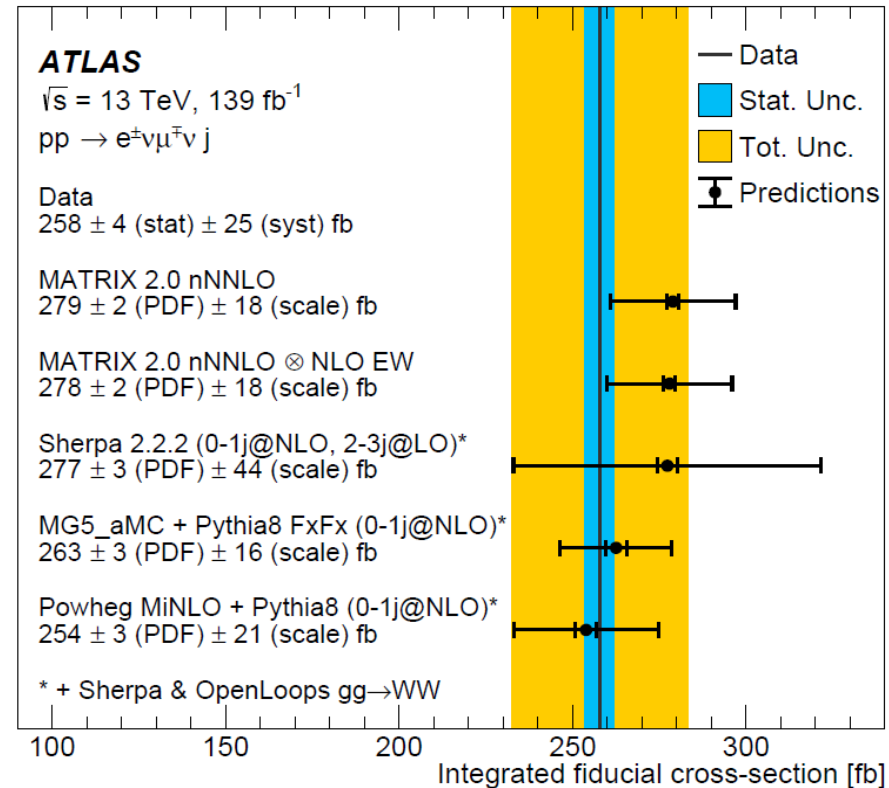
- correct the $t\bar{t}$ mismodelling
- a factor 5 reduction of $t\bar{t}$ uncertainty!

WW + ≥1 jet

- Precise measurement: 10% fiducial cross section uncertainty
 - Dominant systematic uncertainty: jet calibration (6%)
- Measurement agrees with state-of-the art theory predictions

$$\sigma^{\text{fid}} = \frac{N_{\text{obs}} - N_{\text{bkg}}}{C \times \mathcal{L}}$$

Uncertainty source	Relative effect
Total uncertainty	10%
Signal region statistical uncertainty	1.1%
Data-driven background and MC statistics	1.2%
Jet calibration	6.3%
Top modelling	4.5%
Fake-lepton background	4.3%
Signal modelling	2.7%
Other background	2.3%
Flavour tagging	2.3%
Luminosity	1.9%
Other systematic uncertainties	0.6%



WW + ≥1 jet

- Fiducial and differential cross sections (12 variables)

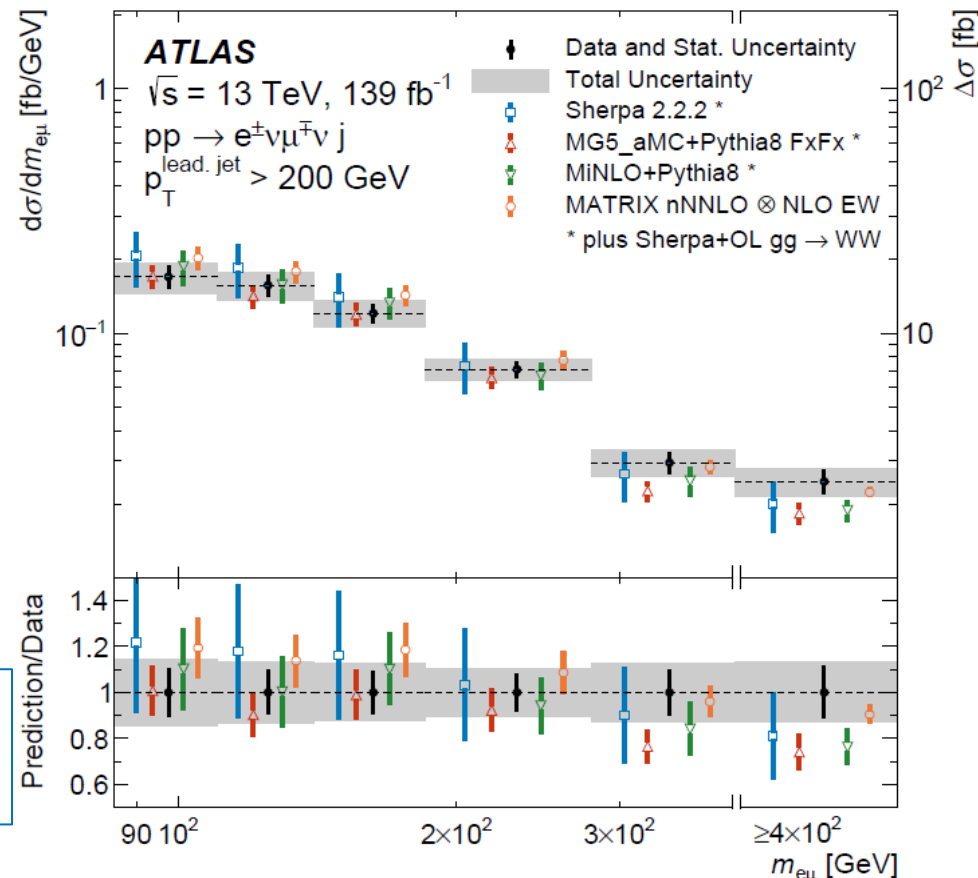
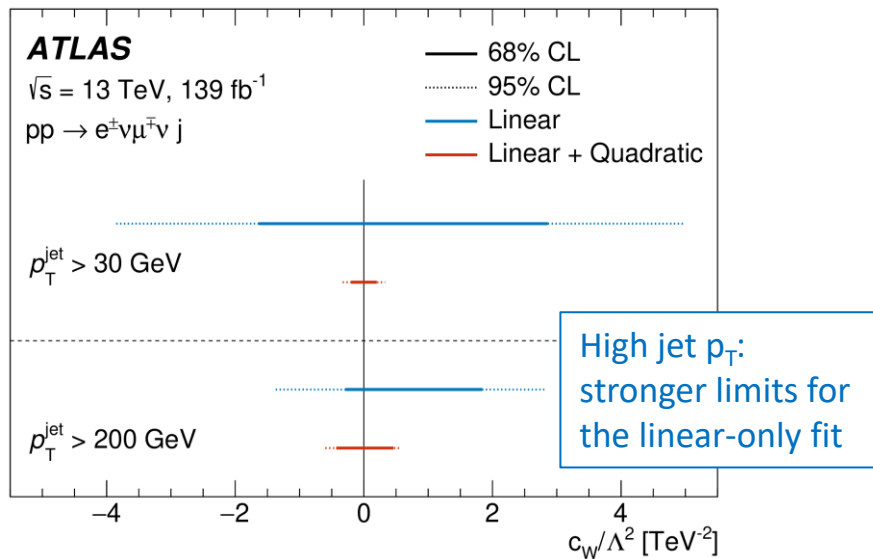
➤ Also: extra differential cross sections in high- $p_T^{\text{lead. jet}}$ (>200 GeV) and high- $p_T^{\text{lead. lep}}$ (>200 GeV) regions

- Interpreted within the EFT dim-6 using unfolded $m_{e\mu}$

➤ High- $p_{T,\text{jet}}$ region helps to further enhance SM-EFT interference term:

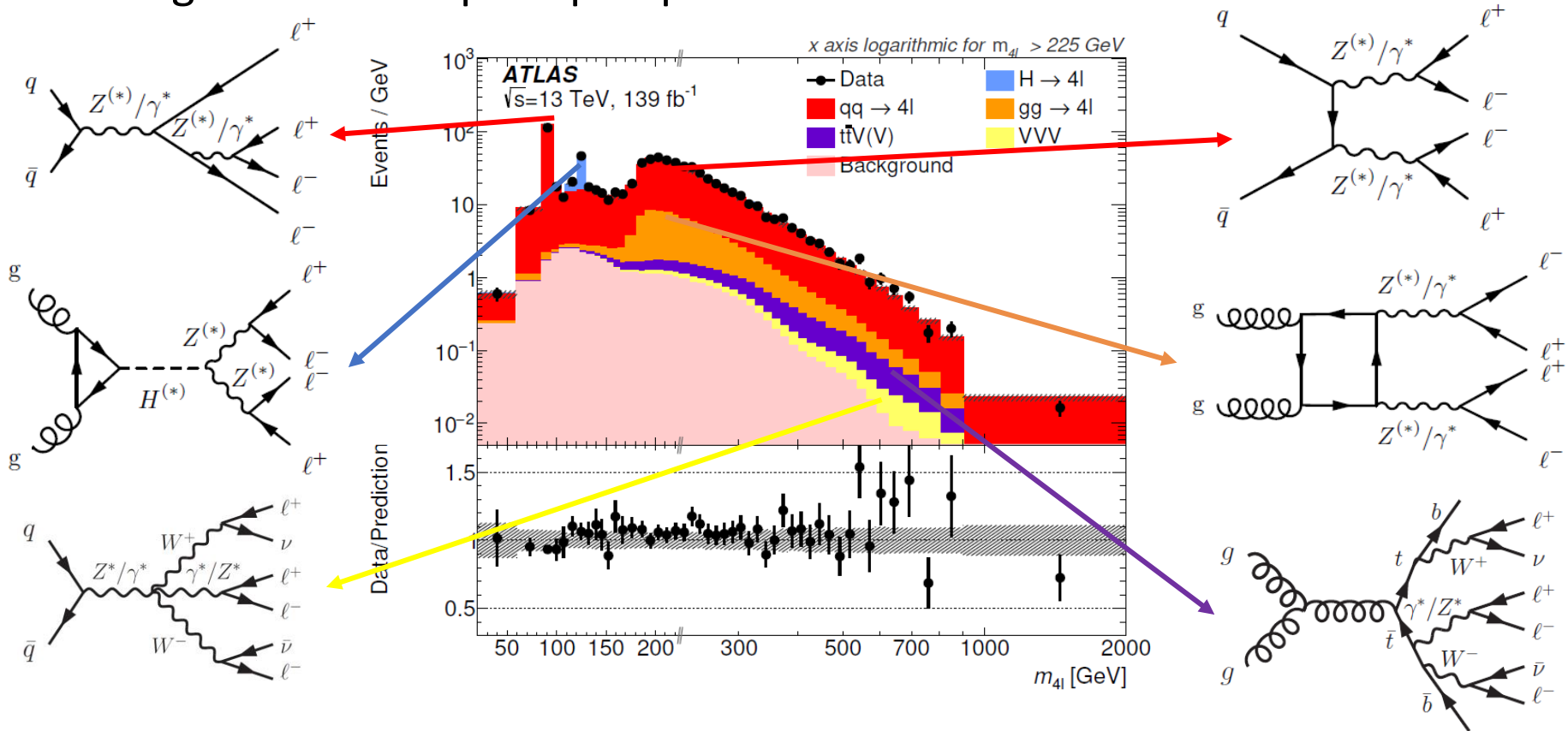
$$\sigma(c_W) = \sigma_{SM} + c_W \sigma_{int} + c_W^2 \sigma_{BSM}$$

- Limits on c_W for linearized and quadratic EFT fit ($\Lambda = 1$ TeV):



Four-lepton measurement

- 4 leptons with two same-flavour opposite-charge dileptons
- Signal includes on- and off-shell ZZ, resonant Z and H decays, tribosons and $t\bar{t}V(V)$ events -> broad definition, good for reinterpretations
- Background = non-prompt leptons



Four-lepton measurement

- Integrated and differential cross sections (also in different regions of m_{4l})
- Comprehensive interpretation of results:

1. Most precise to date $Z \rightarrow 4l$ branching ratio measurement

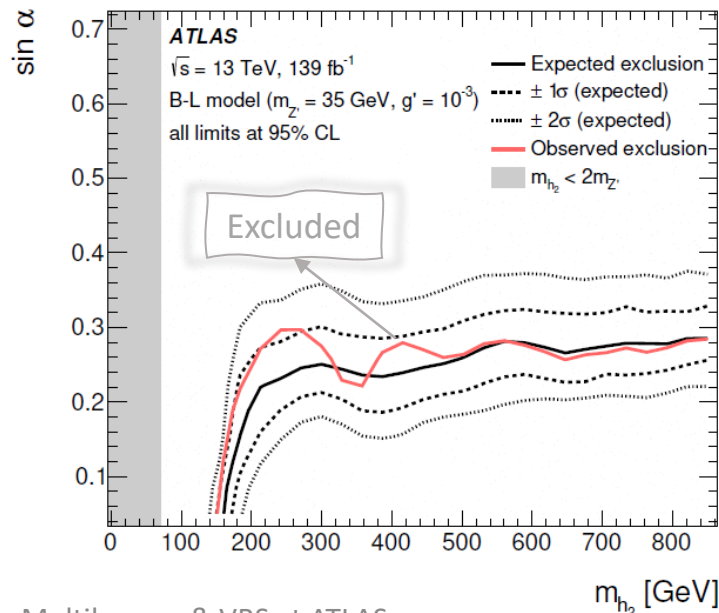
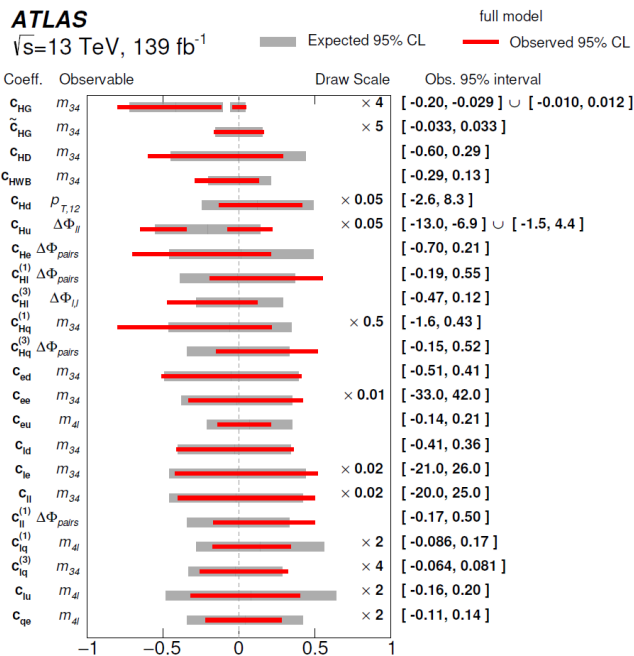
$$\mathcal{B}_{Z \rightarrow 4l} = (4.41 \pm 0.13 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.23 \text{ (syst.)} \pm 0.09 \text{ (theory)} \pm 0.12 \text{ (lumi.)}) \times 10^{-6}$$

$$= (4.41 \pm 0.30) \times 10^{-6},$$

➤ Thanks to 130% acceptance gain compared to previous ATLAS measurement

2. EFT dim-6 limits (22 parameters) using Warsaw basis

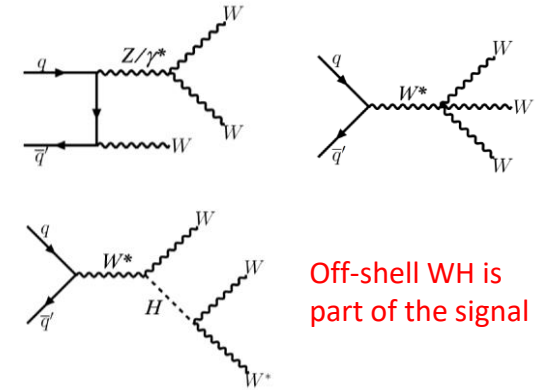
3. Limits on parameters of a BSM with a spontaneously broken B-L gauge symmetry



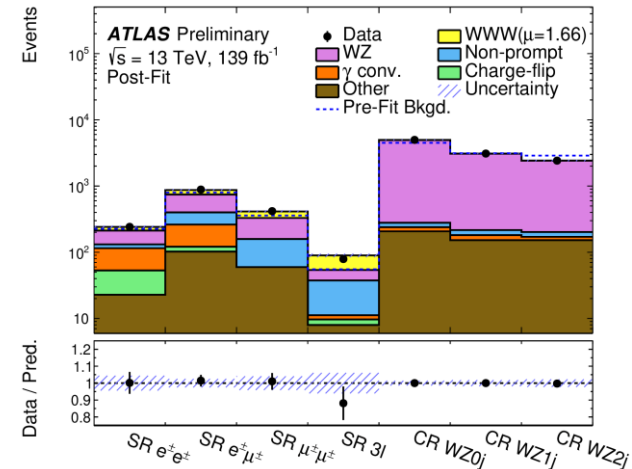
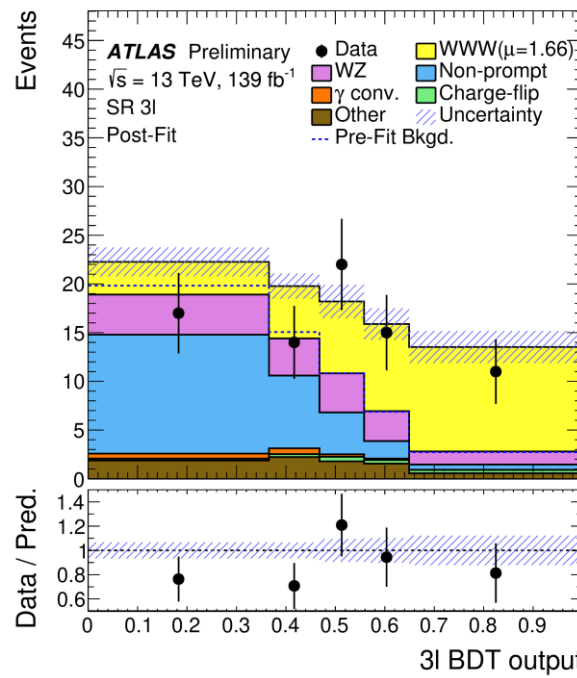
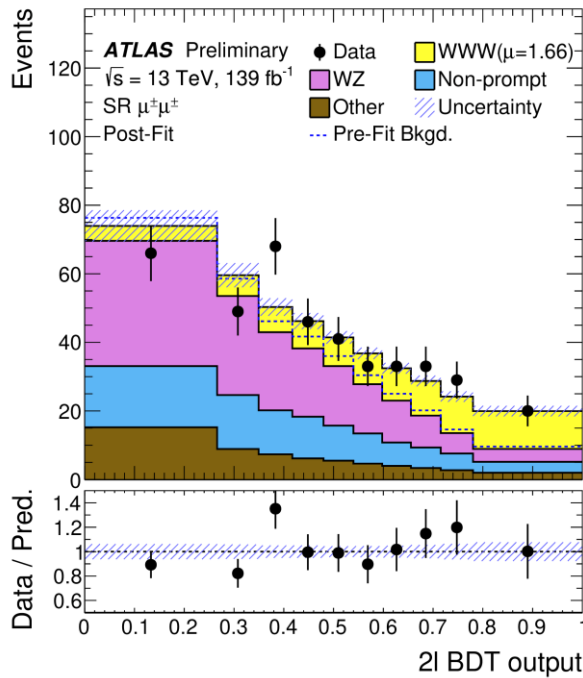
BSM Higgs boson h_2 mixing with the SM Higgs with the mixing angle α

WWW observation

- $l^\pm \nu l^\pm \nu jj$ (2l) and $l^\pm \nu l^\pm \nu l^\mp \nu$ (3l) channels
 - No same-flavour opposite-sign leptons
- Signal from the fit of the BDT score distribution
 - Simultaneous fit of BDT in 2l and 3l SRs and m(3l) in three WZ CRs



	$e^\pm e^\pm$	$e^\pm \mu^\pm$	$\mu^\pm \mu^\pm$	3ℓ
WWW	29.3 ± 4.4	128 ± 19	84 ± 12	35.8 ± 5.2
WZ	80.6 ± 5.7	344 ± 22	171 ± 10	16.4 ± 1.4
Charge-flip	30.3 ± 7.2	18.8 ± 4.5	–	1.7 ± 0.4
γ conversions	62.1 ± 8.7	142 ± 15	–	1.5 ± 0.1
Non-prompt	16.6 ± 4.1	138 ± 24	98 ± 21	26.3 ± 2.9
Other	22.8 ± 3.7	102 ± 15	59.7 ± 9.0	8.0 ± 0.9
Total predicted	242 ± 11	872 ± 22	414 ± 17	89.7 ± 5.4
Data	242	885	418	79



WWW observation

- The WWW process is **observed for the first time at LHC, with a significance of 8.2σ**

Fit	Observed (expected) significances [σ]	$\mu(WWW)$
$e^\pm e^\pm$	2.3 (1.4)	1.69 ± 0.79
$e^\pm \mu^\pm$	4.6 (3.1)	1.57 ± 0.40
$\mu^\pm \mu^\pm$	5.6 (2.8)	2.13 ± 0.47
2ℓ	6.9 (4.1)	1.80 ± 0.33
3ℓ	4.8 (3.7)	1.33 ± 0.39
Combined	8.2 (5.4)	1.66 ± 0.28

Uncertainty source	$\Delta\sigma/\sigma$ [%]
Data-driven background	5.3
Prompt-lepton-background modeling	3.3
Jets and E_T^{miss}	2.8
MC statistics	2.8
Lepton	2.1
Luminosity	1.9
Signal modeling	1.5
Pile-up modeling	0.9
Total systematic uncertainty	9.5
Data statistics	11.2
WZ normalizations	3.3
Total statistical uncertainty	11.6

$$\sigma_{MC} = 511 \text{ fb}$$

- Measured total cross section:

$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow WWW) = 850 \pm 100 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 80 \text{ (syst.) fb}$$

- Higher-order predictions:

	σ (fb)	Scale unc. (fb)	PDF unc. (fb)	α_s unc. (fb)	Calculation order	Ratio NLO to LO or NNLO to NLO
$W^-W^+W^+$	136	+6/-5	4		NLO in QCD and EW [1]	~1.7
$W^+W^-W^-$	76	+4/-3	2			
WH	293	+1/-2	+6/-5	3	NNLO QCD, NLO EW [2]	1.00 ... 1.05
Total	505	> 2.5σ tension with the SM				

[1] [JHEP 2017, 34](#)

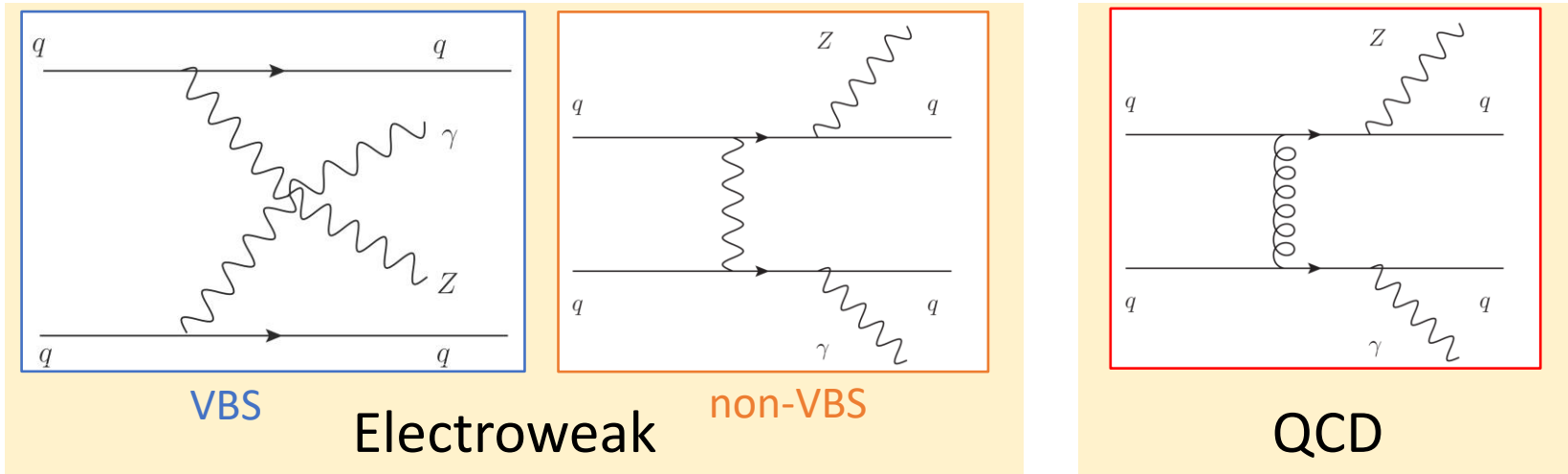
[2] [CERN-2017-002](#)

- Measured cross section consistent between 2l and 3l channels, and between different data taking periods

Electroweak production of $Z\gamma jj$

See the plenary talk
by Philip Sommer

- Electroweak production mode includes VBS and non-VBS contributions



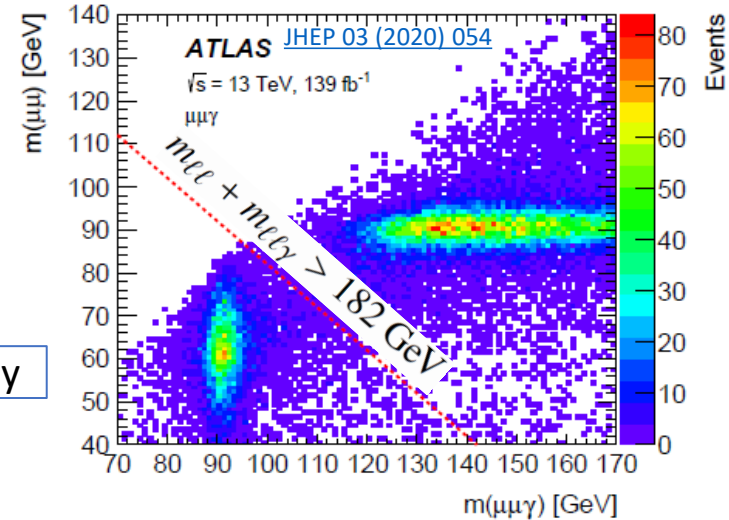
- Contributions from VBS and non-VBS diagrams are not separable from each other in a gauge invariant way \rightarrow measure electroweak production
- EW and QCD production modes interfere (if same initial and final states)
- EW, QCD, and interference terms are separable from each other at LO
- EW mode: quarks not colour-connected, low hadronic activity expected in the gap between two jets \rightarrow rapidity gap and high dijet invariant mass

Electroweak production of $Z(\rightarrow ll)\gamma jj$

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- Considered are Z boson decays to electrons or muons

Lepton	$p_T^\ell > 20, 30(\text{leading}) \text{ GeV}, \quad \eta_\ell < 2.47$ $N_\ell \geq 2$
Photon	$E_T^\gamma > 25 \text{ GeV}, \quad \eta_\gamma < 2.37$ $E_T^{\text{cone}20} < 0.07 E_T^\gamma$ $\Delta R(\ell, \gamma) > 0.4$
Jet	$p_T^{\text{jet}} > 50 \text{ GeV}, \quad y_{\text{jet}} < 4.4$ $ \Delta y > 1.0$ $m_{jj} > 150 \text{ GeV}$ } Select VBS topology remove jets if $\Delta R(\gamma, j) < 0.4$ or if $\Delta R(\ell, j) < 0.3$
Event	$m_{\ell\ell} > 40 \text{ GeV}$ $m_{\ell\ell} + m_{\ell\ell\gamma} > 182 \text{ GeV}$ } Suppress QED FSR $\zeta(\ell\ell\gamma) < 0.4$ } Central Z and gamma: region dominated by EW mode $N_{\text{jets}}^{\text{gap}} = 0$



Zgamma centrality:

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

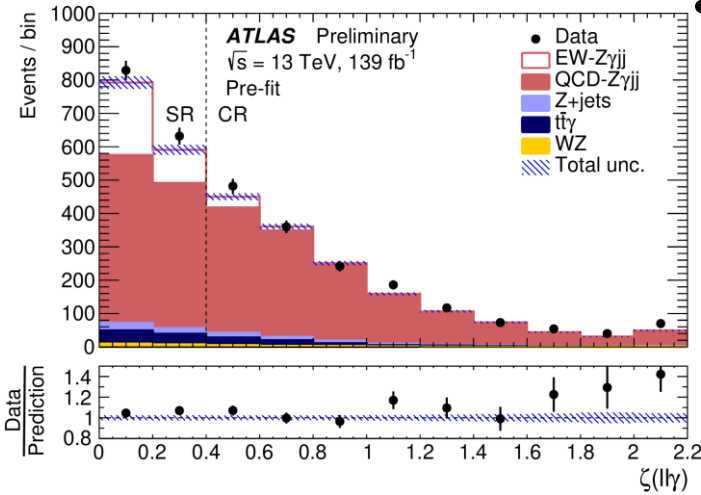
• Signal modelling:

- EW: MadGrapp5_aMC@NLO at LO
- QCD: MadGraph5_aMC@NLO merged with 0,1 extra jets at NLO; Sherpa 2.2.2 for cross checks
- Interference: MadGraph5_aMC@NLO at LO (assigned as uncertainty on EW)

Electroweak production of $Z(\rightarrow ll)\gamma jj$

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- Zgamma centrality used to separate signal and QCD control regions



- SR dominated by QCD-induced mode:

Sample	SR	CR
$N_{EW-Z\gamma jj}$	300 ± 36	55 ± 7
$N_{QCD-Z\gamma jj}$	987 ± 55	1352 ± 60
$N_{t\bar{t}\gamma}$	72 ± 11	59 ± 9
N_{WZ}	17 ± 3	14 ± 3
N_{Z+jets}	85 ± 30	143 ± 43
Total	1461 ± 38	1624 ± 40
N_{obs}	1461	1624

Source	Size [%]
Electron/photon calibration	± 0.3
Photon	± 0.3
Backgrounds	± 1.0
Electron	± 1.1
Flavour tagging	± 1.1
Muon	± 1.1
MC stat.	± 1.4
Pileup	± 2.6
Jets	± 4.7
$QCD-Z\gamma jj$ modelling	+4.8 -4.3
$EW-Z\gamma jj$ modelling	+5.7 -4.6
Data stat.	± 8.8
Total	+13.4 -12.6

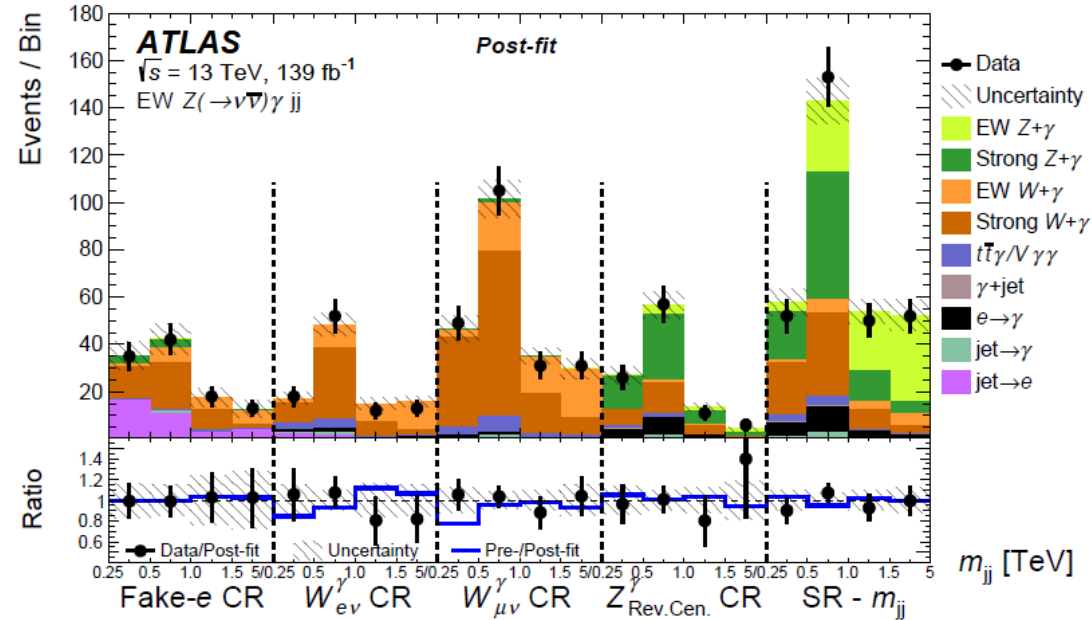
- Use m_{jj} as a template variable in SR and CR
- Fit normalization of the EW signal in SR, and (separate) normalizations of QCD mode in SR and CR
- Largest systematics due to signal modelling and jets
- Measured cross section: $\sigma_{EW} = 4.49 \pm 0.40$ (stat.) ± 0.42 (syst.) fb
- Theory (MC) prediction: $\sigma_{EW}^{pred} = 4.73 \pm 0.01$ (stat.) ± 0.15 (PDF) $^{+0.23}_{-0.22}$ (scale) fb.
- EW-induced production **observed with a significance of 10σ** (11σ expected)

Electroweak production of $Z(\rightarrow \nu\nu)\gamma jj$

[arXiv:2109.00925](https://arxiv.org/abs/2109.00925), submitted to EPJC

- Z bosons decays to neutrinos considered

Observable	Requirements
N_{jet} with $p_T > 25$ GeV	≥ 2
$ \eta(j_{1,2}) $	< 4.5
$p_T(j_1)$ [GeV]	> 60
$p_T(j_2)$ [GeV]	> 50
$\Delta R(j, \ell)$	> 0.4
$ \Delta\eta_{jj} $	> 3.0
C_3	< 0.7
m_{jj} [TeV]	> 0.5
truth- E_T^{miss} [GeV]	> 150
$\Delta\phi(\text{truth-}\vec{E}_T^{\text{miss}}, j_i)$	> 1.0
$p_T(\gamma)$ [GeV]	$> 15, < 110$
$ \eta(\gamma) $	< 2.37
$E_T^{\text{cone20}}/E_T^\gamma$	< 0.07
$\Delta R(\gamma, \text{jet-or-}\ell)$	> 0.4
C_γ	> 0.4
$\Delta\phi(\text{truth-}\vec{E}_T^{\text{miss}}, \gamma)$	> 1.8
N_e with $p_T > 4$ GeV and $ \eta < 2.47$	0



- Largest backgrounds normalizations constrained in dedicated control regions

- EW $Z(\rightarrow \nu\nu)\gamma jj$ process **observed with a significance 5.2σ** (expected 5.1σ)
- Measured cross section $\sigma_{Z(\rightarrow \nu\nu)\gamma\text{EW}}^{\text{fid.}} = 1.31 \pm 0.20(\text{stat}) \pm 0.20(\text{syst}) \text{ fb}$
- Theory (MC with NLO K-factors): $1.27 \pm 0.17 \text{ fb}$.
- Upper limit of 0.37 at 95% C.L. set on Higgs branching ratio to invisible particles

EFT interpretation

- Combined analysis of ATLAS published measurements:
 - Zjj via Vector Boson Fusion (VBF) with 139 fb⁻¹, [Eur. Phys. J. C 81 \(2021\) 163](#)
 - Diboson WW with 36 fb⁻¹, [Eur. Phys. J. C 79 \(2019\) 884](#)
 - Diboson WZ with 36 fb⁻¹, [Eur. Phys. J. C 79 \(2019\) 535](#)
 - Inclusive four-lepton with 139 fb⁻¹, [JHEP 07 \(2021\) 005](#)
- EFT dimension-6 with 33 CP-even operators, using Warsaw basis
- The information contained in data is not sufficient to constrain all 33 operators
- Identify sensitive directions from eigenvalue decomposition of the covariance matrix
 - Construct a modified basis with linear combinations of the Warsaw basis operators
 - Linear combinations of operators constrained (two Wilson coefficients c_W and $c_{Hq}^{(3)}$ and 13 combinations of other Wilson coefficients)

- The expansion of the cross section contains linear and quadratic terms in Wilson coefficients $c_i^{(6)}$:

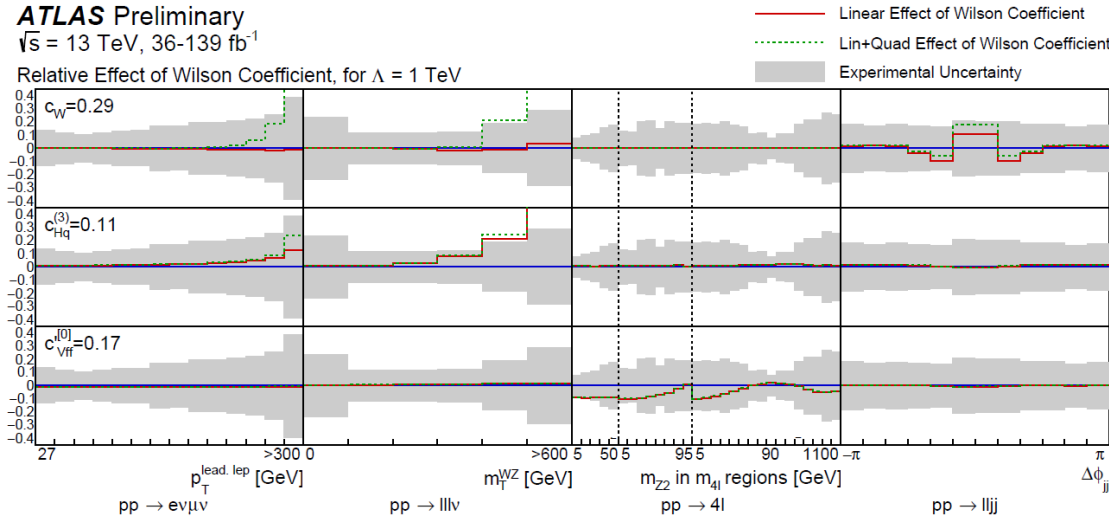
$$\sigma \propto |\mathcal{M}_{\text{SMEF}}|^2 = |\mathcal{M}_{\text{SM}}|^2 + \sum_i \frac{c_i^{(6)}}{\Lambda^2} 2\text{Re} \left(\mathcal{M}_i^{(6)} \mathcal{M}_{\text{SM}}^* \right) + \sum_i \frac{(c_i^{(6)})^2}{\Lambda^4} \left| \mathcal{M}_i^{(6)} \right|^2 + \sum_{i < j} \frac{c_i^{(6)} c_j^{(6)}}{\Lambda^4} 2\text{Re} \left(\mathcal{M}_i^{(6)} \mathcal{M}_j^{(6)*} \right) + \mathcal{O} \left(\Lambda^{-4} \right)$$

- Quadratic terms are of the same order as those of EFT dimension-8 interfering with the SM
 - EFT dim-8 not considered in the model -> report limits based on linear and linear+quadratic fits; difference gives estimate of missing 1/Λ⁴ terms

EFT interpretation

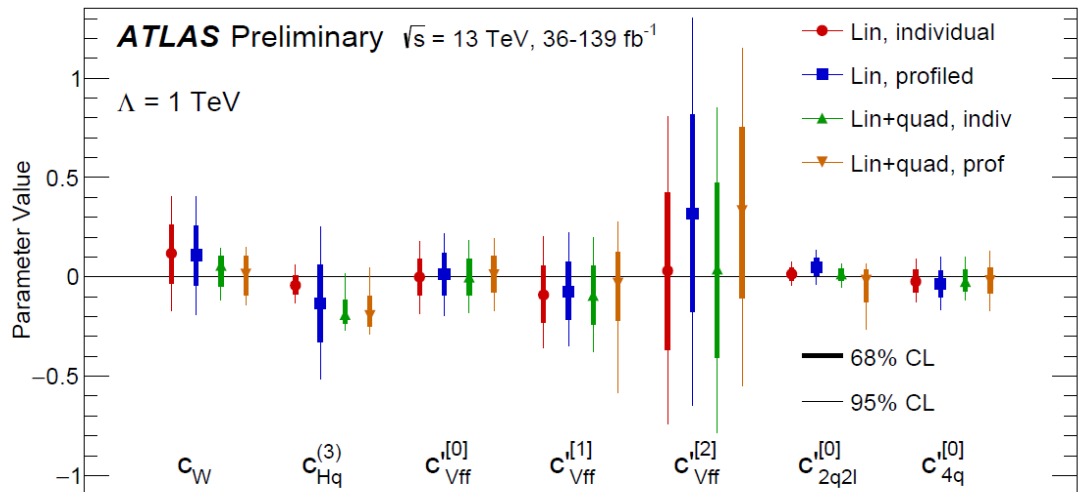
ATLAS Preliminary
 $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}, 36\text{-}139 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

Relative Effect of Wilson Coefficient, for $\Lambda = 1 \text{ TeV}$



- Correlation of systematics between measurements taken into account

Correlated Uncertainty Source	WW	WZ	4l	VBF Z
Luminosity (correlated part)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Luminosity 2015/16	✓	✓	✓	✓
Luminosity 2017/18			✓	✓
Lepton efficiency (correlated part)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pile-up modelling	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pile-up jet suppression	✓			✓
Jet energy scale (Pile-up modelling)	✓			✓
Jet energy scale η -inter-calibration	✓			✓



$$c_{Vff}^{[0]} \approx 0.81c_{HWB} + 0.38c_{HD} + 0.13c_{HI}^{(1)} + 0.37c_{HI}^{(3)} - 0.14c_{He}^{(1)} + 0.12c_{Hq}^{(1)}$$

$$c_{Vff}^{[1]} \approx 0.73c_{HI}^{(1)} - 0.28c_{HI}^{(3)} - 0.48c_{He} + 0.38c_{He}^{(1)} + 0.13c_{Hq}^{(1)}$$

$$c_{Vff}^{[2]} \approx 0.37c_{HWB} + 0.17c_{HD} - 0.31c_{HI}^{(1)} - 0.53c_{HI}^{(3)} + 0.25c_{He} + 0.59c_{He}^{(1)} - 0.21c_{Hq}^{(1)}$$

$$c_{2q2l}^{[0]} \approx -0.37c_{lq}^{(1)} + 0.89c_{lq}^{(3)} - 0.11c_{lu} - 0.21c_{eu} - 0.13c_{qe}$$

$$c_{4q}^{[0]} \approx 0.11c_{qq}^{(11)} + 0.22c_{qq}^{(18)} + 0.95c_{qq}^{(31)} - 0.2c_{qq}^{(38)}$$

- Limits at 95% CL for linear and linear+quadratic fits (to illustrate the effect of truncation of EFT expansion)
- Fits of individual coefficients (with others set to zero) as well as combined fit
- No deviations from SM found

Step forward towards global EFT interpretations!

Summary

- Run 2 ATLAS measurements and interpretations continuing to come
- Presented today:
 - $W^+W^- + \geq 1$ jet, [JHEP 06 \(2021\) 003](#)
 - Four-lepton differential, [JHEP 07 \(2021\) 005](#)
 - **8.2 σ** observation of WWW , [ATLAS-CONF-2021-039](#)
 - Observation of the electroweak production:
 - ✓ $Z(\rightarrow ll)\gamma jj$ with **10 σ** , [ATLAS-CONF-2021-038](#)
 - ✓ $Z(\rightarrow \nu\nu)\gamma jj$ with **5.2 σ** , [arXiv:2109.00925](#), submitted to EPJC
 - Combined EFT interpretation of WW, WZ, four-lepton, and Zjj VBF cross sections, [ATL-PHYS-PUB-2021-022](#) -> important step forward towards larger joint EFT interpretations (multiboson+Higgs+top)
- Looking forward to higher precision results and new observations with Run 3 data!

Backup

c_W limit comparison

ATLAS EFT interpretation

Parameter	Linear fit					Linear-plus-quadratic fit				
	Best fit	68% CI Bound.		95% CI Bound.		Best fit	68% CI Bound.		95% CI Bound.	
		Lower	Upper	Lower	Upper		Lower	Upper	Lower	Upper
c_W	0.11	-0.04	0.26	-0.19	0.40	0.01	-0.09	0.10	-0.14	0.15

ATLAS Zjj VBF 139 fb-1

Wilson coefficient	Includes $ \mathcal{M}_{d6} ^2$	95% confidence interval [TeV^{-2}]		p -value (SM)
		Expected	Observed	
c_W/Λ^2	no	[-0.30, 0.30]	[-0.19, 0.41]	45.9%
	yes	[-0.31, 0.29]	[-0.19, 0.41]	43.2%
\tilde{c}_W/Λ^2	no	[-0.12, 0.12]	[-0.11, 0.14]	82.0%
	yes	[-0.12, 0.12]	[-0.11, 0.14]	81.8%
c_{HWB}/Λ^2	no	[-2.45, 2.45]	[-3.78, 1.13]	29.0%
	yes	[-3.11, 2.10]	[-6.31, 1.01]	25.0%
$\tilde{c}_{HWB}/\Lambda^2$	no	[-1.06, 1.06]	[0.23, 2.34]	1.7%
	yes	[-1.06, 1.06]	[0.23, 2.35]	1.6%

CMS WW 35 fb-1

Coefficients (TeV^{-2})	68% confidence interval expected		95% confidence interval expected	
	observed	observed	observed	observed
c_{WWW}/Λ^2	[-1.8, 1.8]	[-0.93, 0.99]	[-2.7, 2.7]	[-1.8, 1.8]
c_W/Λ^2	[-3.7, 2.7]	[-2.0, 1.3]	[-5.3, 4.2]	[-3.6, 2.8]
c_B/Λ^2	[-9.4, 8.4]	[-5.1, 4.3]	[-14, 13]	[-9.4, 8.5]

ATLAS WW+>=1 jet 139 fb-1

Jet p_T	Linear only	68% CI obs.	95% CI obs.	68% CI exp.	95% CI exp.
> 30 GeV	yes	[-1.64, 2.86]	[-3.85, 4.97]	[-2.30, 2.27]	[-4.53, 4.41]
> 30 GeV	no	[-0.20, 0.20]	[-0.33, 0.33]	[-0.28, 0.27]	[-0.39, 0.38]
> 200 GeV	yes	[-0.29, 1.84]	[-1.37, 2.81]	[-1.12, 1.09]	[-2.24, 2.10]
> 200 GeV	no	[-0.43, 0.46]	[-0.60, 0.58]	[-0.38, 0.33]	[-0.53, 0.48]

ATLAS WW+0 jets 36 fb-1

Operator	95% CL (linear and quadratic terms)	95% CL (linear terms only)
c_{WWW}/Λ^2	[-3.4 TeV^{-2} , 3.3 TeV^{-2}]	[-179 TeV^{-2} , -17 TeV^{-2}]
c_W/Λ^2	[-7.4 TeV^{-2} , 4.1 TeV^{-2}]	[-13.1 TeV^{-2} , 7.1 TeV^{-2}]
c_B/Λ^2	[-21 TeV^{-2} , 18 TeV^{-2}]	[-104 TeV^{-2} , 101 TeV^{-2}]

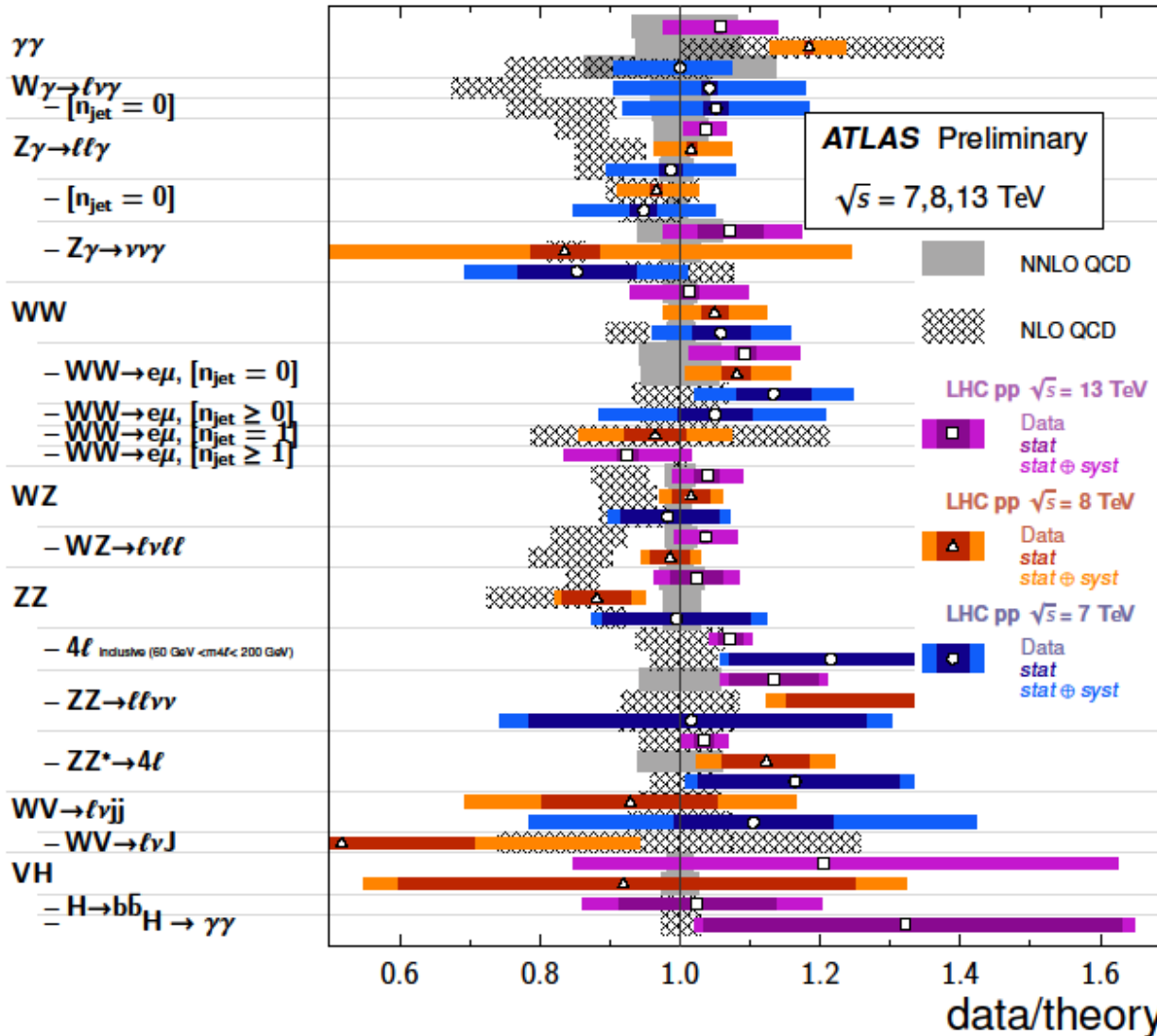
- Ordered from most to least constrained when considering both linear and quadratic terms
- Warsaw or HISZ basis
- $c_W \approx c_{WWW}/14.2$

Diboson measurements overview

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Diboson Cross Section Measurements

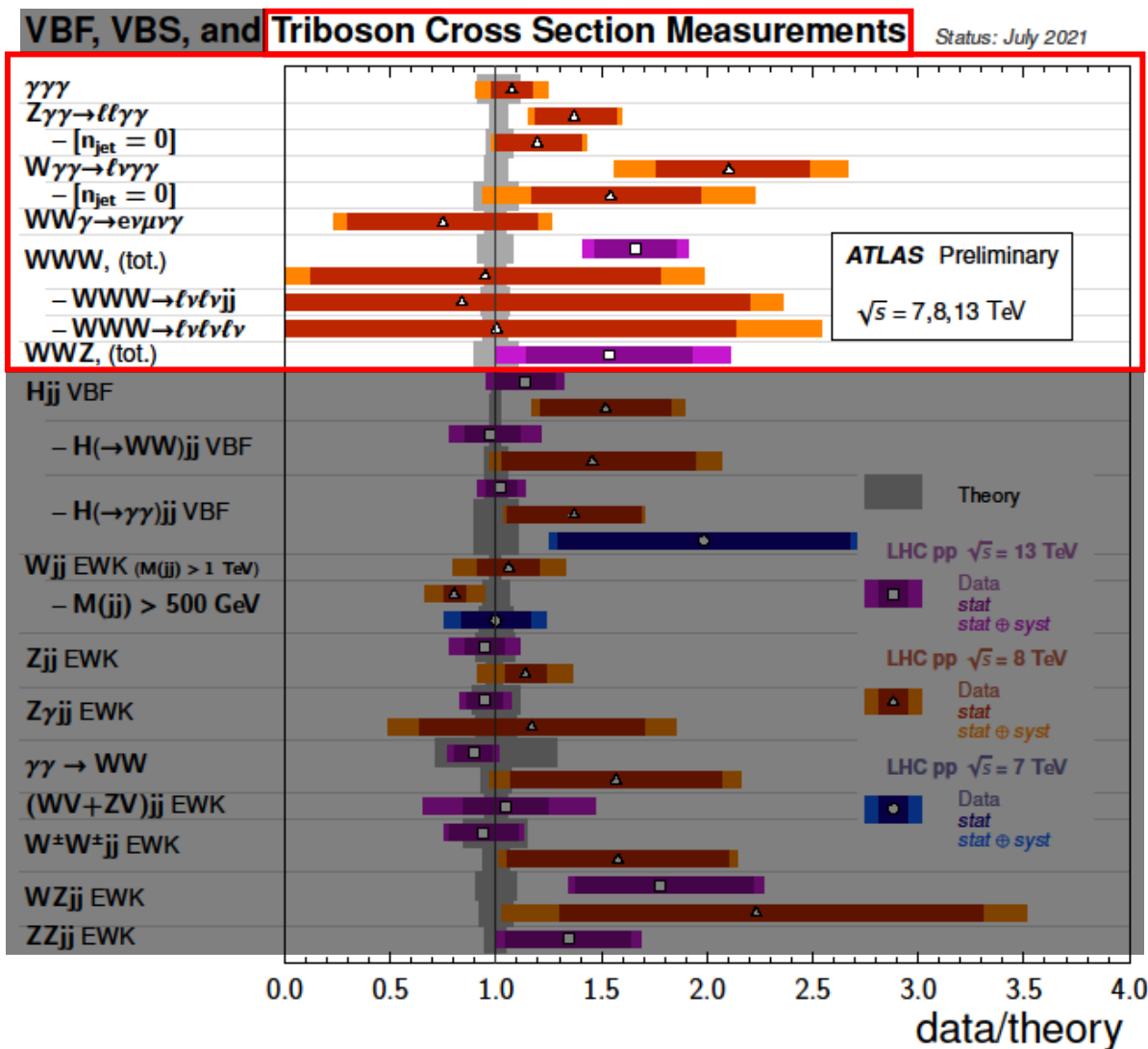
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- Remarkable agreement between measured diboson cross sections and NNLO QCD predictions

Triboson measurements overview

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- ~ 2 sigma disagreement between measurement and theory for $W\gamma\gamma$ and WWW
 - No NNLO calculations (yet)

Partial decay width Z to four leptons

$$\Gamma(e^+e^-e^+e^-)/\Gamma_{\text{total}}$$

$$\Gamma_6/\Gamma$$

Here ℓ indicates either e or μ . The branching fractions in this node are given within the phase-space defined by the requirements that (i) the 4-lepton invariant mass is between 80 GeV and 100 GeV, and (ii) any opposite-sign same-flavor lepton pair has a di-lepton invariant mass larger than 4 GeV.

VALUE (units 10^{-6})	EVTS	DOCUMENT ID	TECN	COMMENT
4.63 ± 0.21		OUR AVERAGE		
$4.70 \pm 0.32 \pm 0.25$		¹ AABOUD	19N ATLS	$E_{\text{cm}}^{pp} = 13$ TeV
$4.83^{+0.23+0.35}_{-0.22-0.32}$	509	² SIRUNYAN	18BT CMS	$E_{\text{cm}}^{pp} = 13$ TeV
$4.9^{+0.8+0.4}_{-0.7-0.2}$	39	³ KHACHATRY...	16CC CMS	$E_{\text{cm}}^{pp} = 13$ TeV
$4.31 \pm 0.34 \pm 0.17$	172	AAD	14N ATLS	$E_{\text{cm}}^{pp} = 7, 8$ TeV
$4.6^{+1.0}_{-0.9} \pm 0.2$	28	⁴ CHATRCHYAN	12BN CMS	$E_{\text{cm}}^{pp} = 7$ TeV

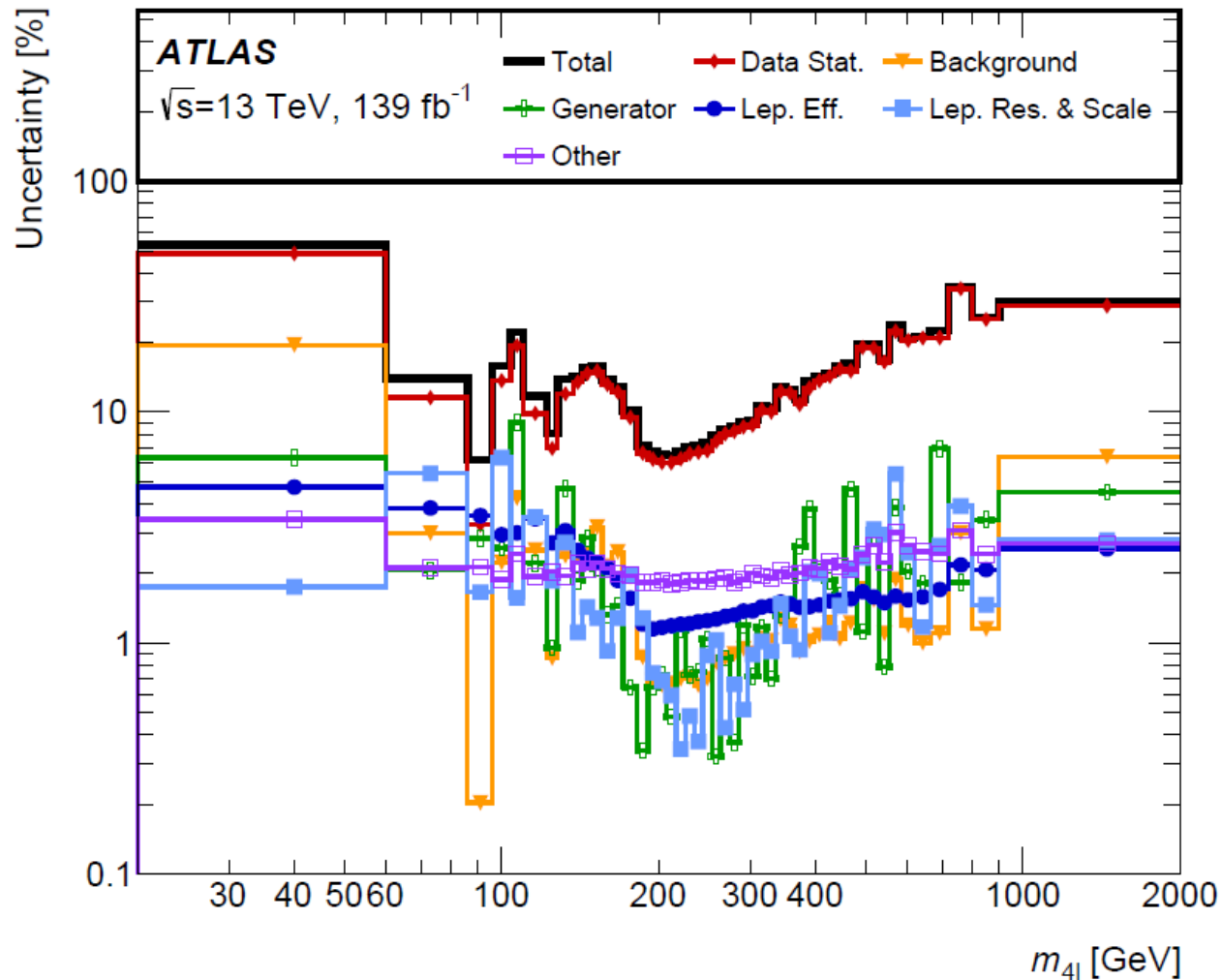
- ATLAS new result:

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

$$= (4.41 \pm 0.30) \times 10^{-6},$$

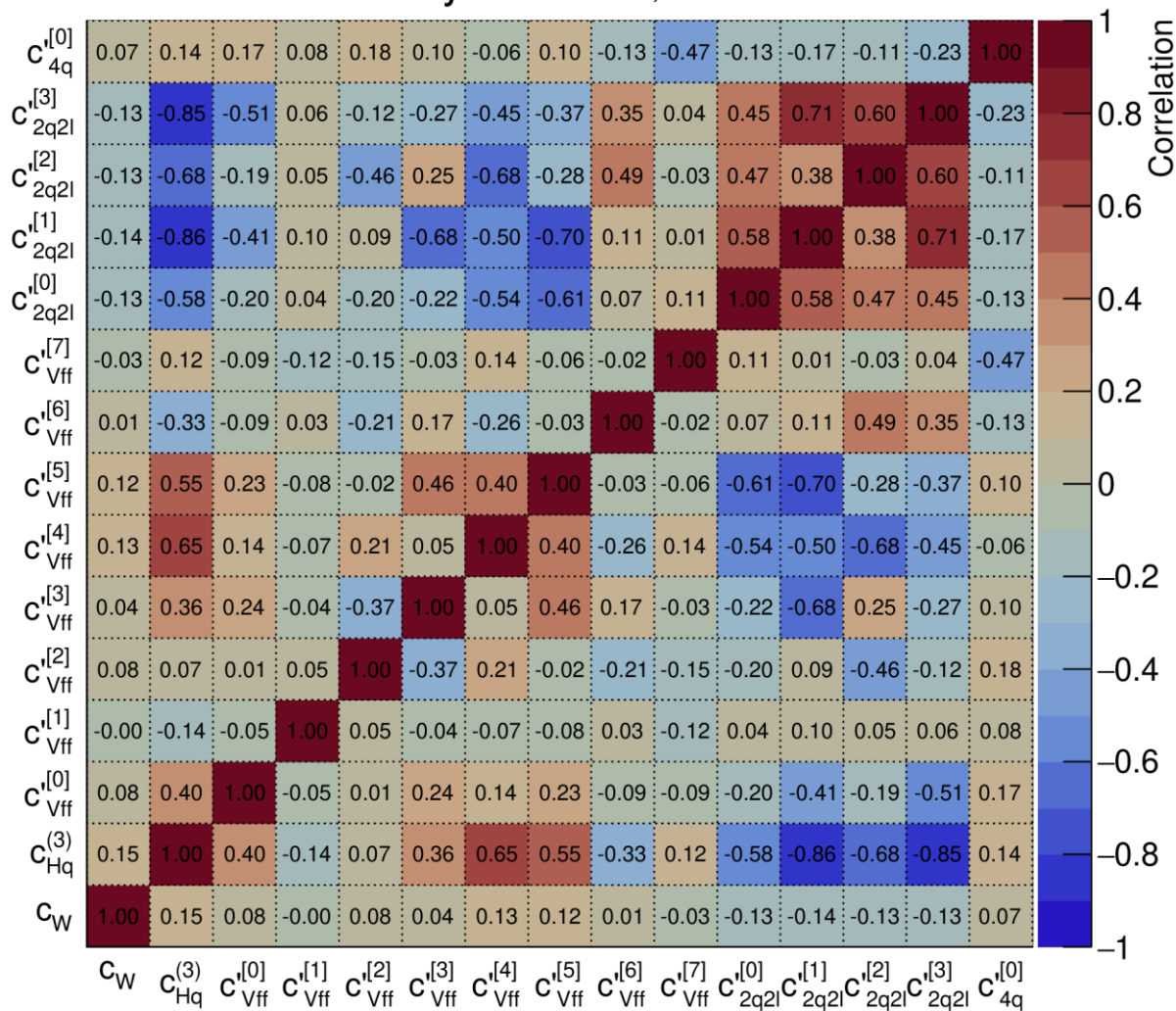
Lepton number (p_T ordered)	p_T thresholds old (GeV)	p_T thresholds new (GeV)
1	20	20
2	15	10
3	10	5 (7)
4	5 or 15 (7)	5 (7)

Z to four leptons - uncertainties



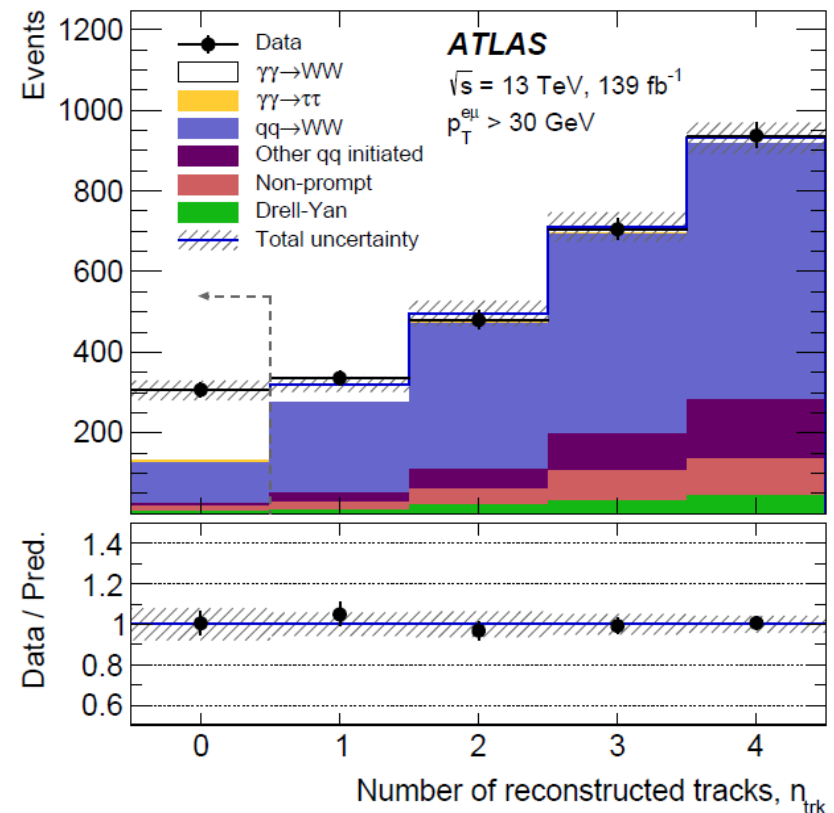
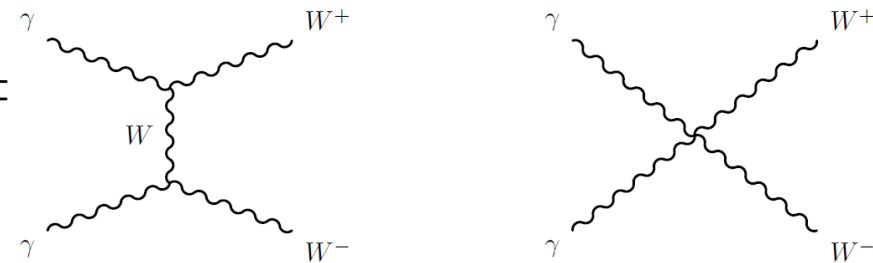
Combined EFT interpretation - parameter correlations

ATLAS Preliminary $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$, $36\text{-}139 \text{ fb}^{-1}$



Observation of $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow WW$

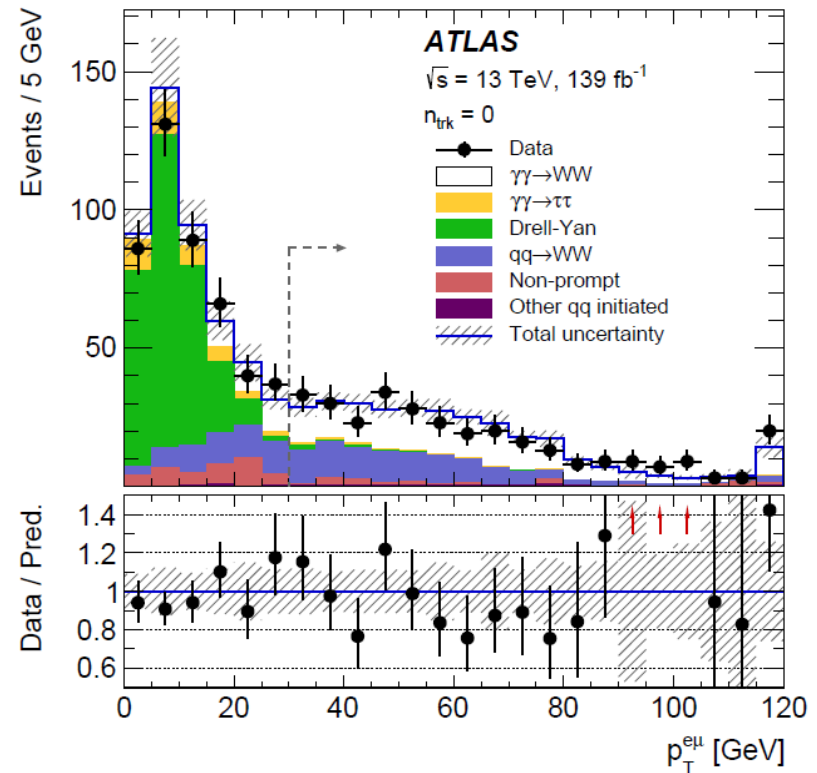
- Opposite-sign, opposite-flavour $e^\pm \mu^\mp$
- Intact or dissociated protons
- Exclusive production; exclusivity defined using central detector cuts, $n_{trk} = 0, p_{T,track} > 500$ MeV
- At LO, process only proceeds via EW gauge boson self-couplings
- Largest background: inclusive $qq \rightarrow WW$
- Proton dissociation not included in the signal model -> data-driven correction



Observation of $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow WW$

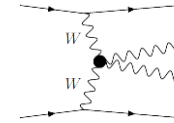
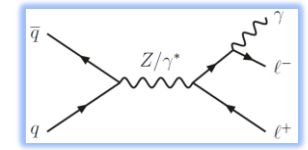
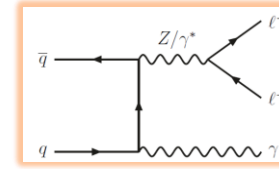
- Many non-standard corrections:
 - Vertex definition (ATLAS vertex reconstruction biased for exclusive vertices)
 - MC beamspot width rescaled to data
 - MC pileup mismodelling correction
 - Charged particle multiplicity correction
- Fit to data yields in SR and 3 CRs based on values of μ and κ
- Measured fiducial cross section
 $3.13 \pm 0.31(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.28(\text{syst.}) \text{ fb}$
 - Agrees with theory corrected for a proton survival factor

Observed signal significance: 8.4σ

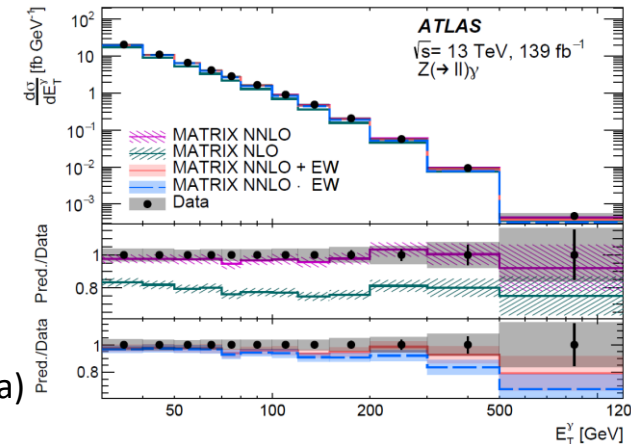
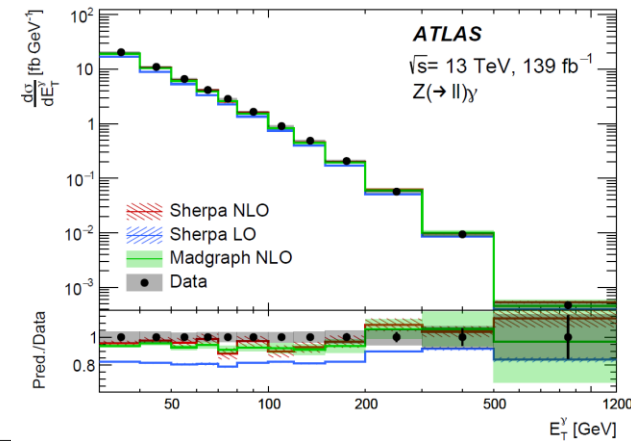


Z γ

- $e^+e^- \gamma, \mu^+ \mu^- \gamma$
- No VZ γ TGC in SM -> LO diagrams are **ISR** and **FSR**
 - Small contribution from VBS at higher EW orders
- Pileup photon background estimated using converted photons
- Integrated and differential cross sections compared to a number of MC and fixed-order predictions
 - Generally good description by MATRIX NNLO



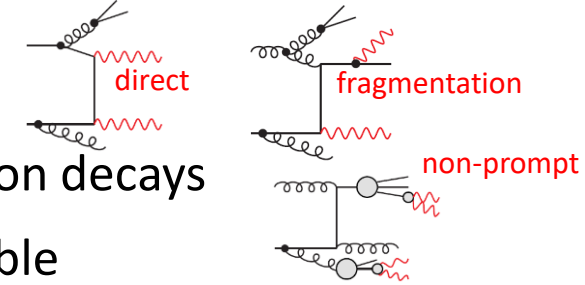
Condition
 $m(l\bar{l}) + m(l\bar{l}\gamma) > 182 \text{ GeV}$
 applied to suppress FSR



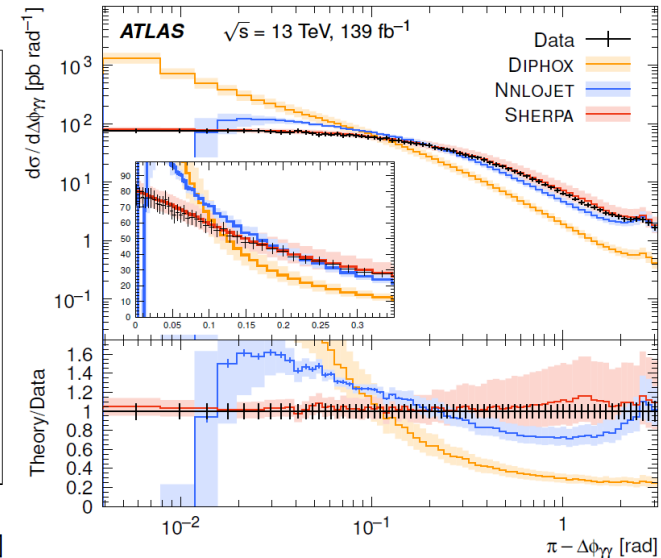
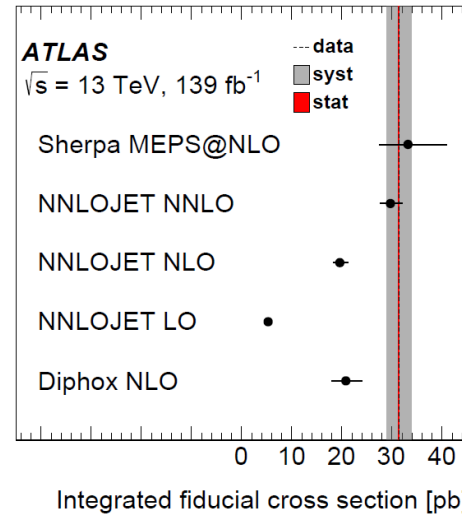
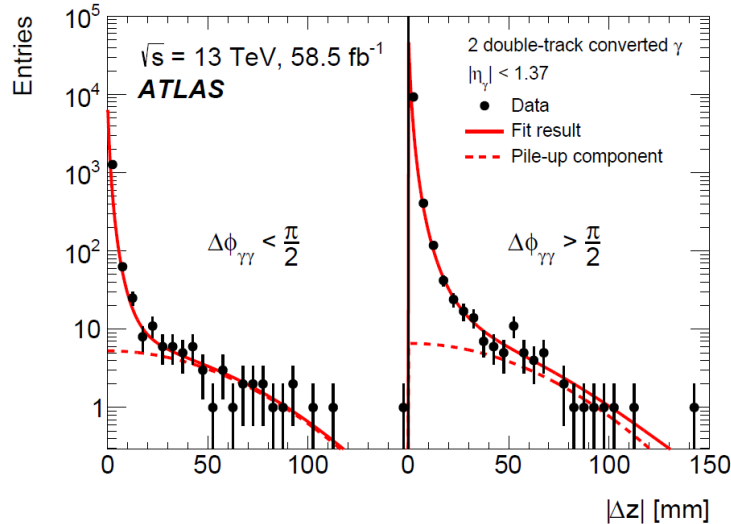
$l^+l^-\gamma$	2.9% precision!	533.7 ± 5.1 (uncorr)	± 11.6 (corr)	± 9.1 (lumi)
SHERPA LO		438.9 ± 0.6 (stat)		
SHERPA NLO		514.2 ± 5.7 (stat)		
MADGRAPH NLO		503.4 ± 1.8 (stat)		
MATRIX NLO		444.2 ± 0.1 (stat)	± 4.3 (C_{theory}) ± 8.8 (PDF)	$^{+16.8}_{-18.9}$ (scale)
MATRIX NNLO		518.9 ± 2.0 (stat)	± 5.1 (C_{theory}) ± 10.8 (PDF)	$^{+16.4}_{-14.9}$ (scale)
MATRIX NNLO × NLO EW		513.5 ± 2.0 (stat)	± 2.7 (C_{theory}) ± 10.8 (PDF)	$^{+16.4}_{-14.9}$ (scale)
MATRIX NNLO + NLO EW		518.3 ± 2.0 (stat)	± 2.7 (C_{theory}) ± 10.8 (PDF)	$^{+16.4}_{-14.9}$ (scale)

* C_{theory} is a parton-to-particle level correction factor (~ 0.9 , obtained from Sherpa)

γγ



- Signal includes direct and fragmentation photons
- Dominant background: non-prompt photons from hadron decays
- Pileup background normalization from events with double conversions, by fitting $|\Delta z| = |z_{\gamma 1} - z_{\gamma 2}|$



- Integrated cross section described well by Sherpa NLO and NNLOJET NNLO
 - LO and NNLO results differ by a factor of 6!
- Differential cross sections described best by Sherpa
 - Fixed-order predictions fail when the photons are back-to-back -> region sensitive to resummation effects