

# Results on **VBS** production for neutral diboson channels from *ATLAS* and *CMS* and constraints on **aQGCs**

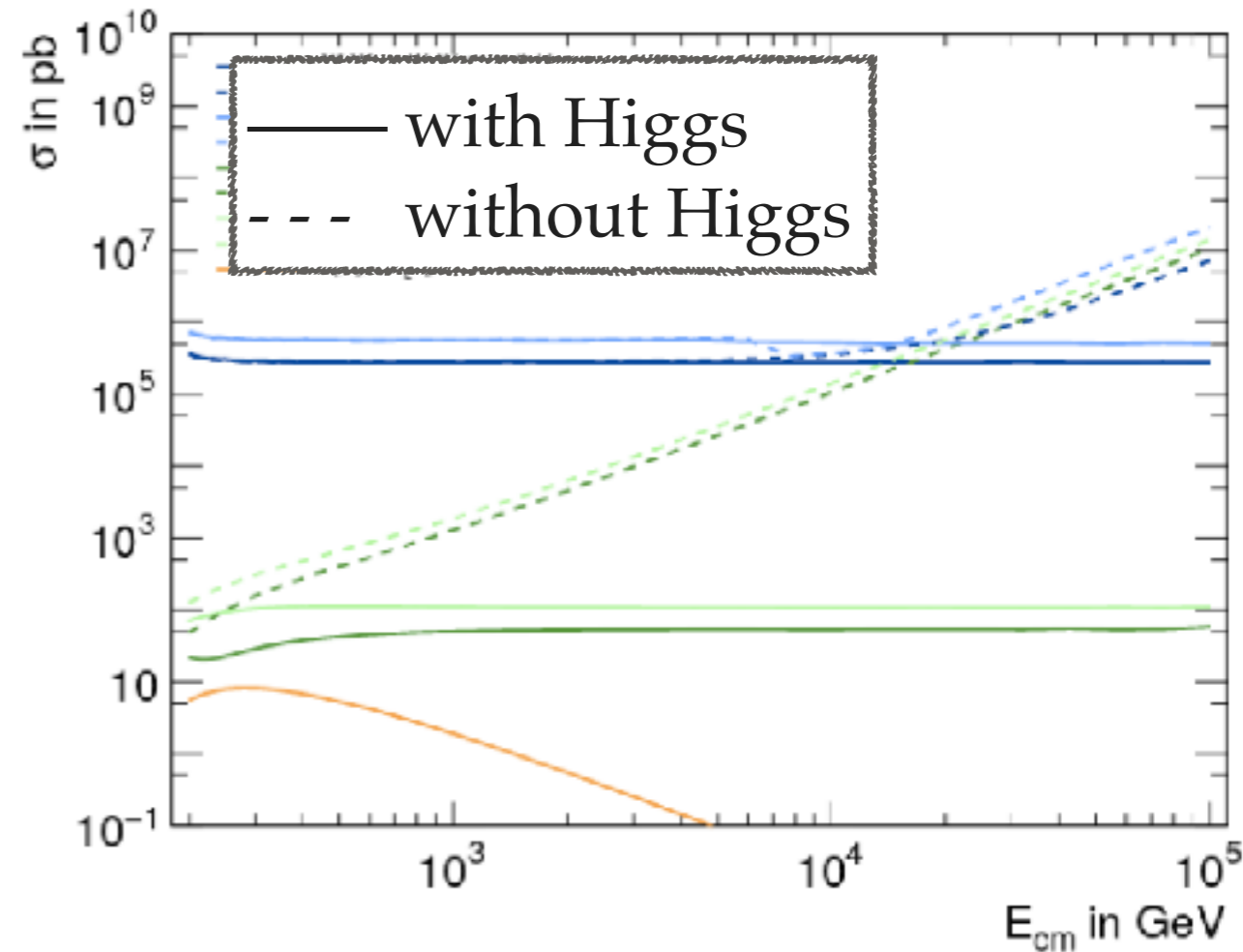
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# Introduction

- ❖ After Higgs discovery 5 years ago, no deviation found in its properties
- ❖ **Vector Boson Scattering (VBS) important test of electroweak sector and EW Symmetry Breaking**
  - ❖ Interaction with Higgs boson unitarizes the scattering amplitude -> is unitarization complete ?
  - ❖ **Complementary to Higgs boson property studies**



ATLAS Exotics Searches\* - 95% CL Exclusion  
Status: August 2016

ATLAS Preliminary  
 $\sqrt{s} = 8, 13 \text{ TeV}$   
 $\int \mathcal{L} dt = (33.0 - 30.3) \text{ fb}^{-1}$

Model	$k, \gamma$	$J_{\text{obs}}^{\text{exp}}$	$E_{\text{obs}}^{\text{SM}}$ [TeV]	Limit	Reference	
Dark photon	$A_{\text{SM}} \text{ via } \gamma \text{ BR}$	$2 \times \mu$	2.11	100	3.0 TeV	[10, 11]
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Heavy Higgs	$H \rightarrow \tau \tau$	$2 \times \mu$	-	100	3.0 TeV	[16, 17]
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Nothing!

- ❖ Yet no sign of new physics with direct searches @LHC
- ❖ VBS allows **indirect search** by studying anomalous quartic gauge couplings (aQGC)

\*Only a selection of the available mass limits on new states or phenomena is shown. Lower bounds are specified only when explicitly set excluded.  
 †Small-radius (fuzzy-radius, etc) are denoted by the letter [x].

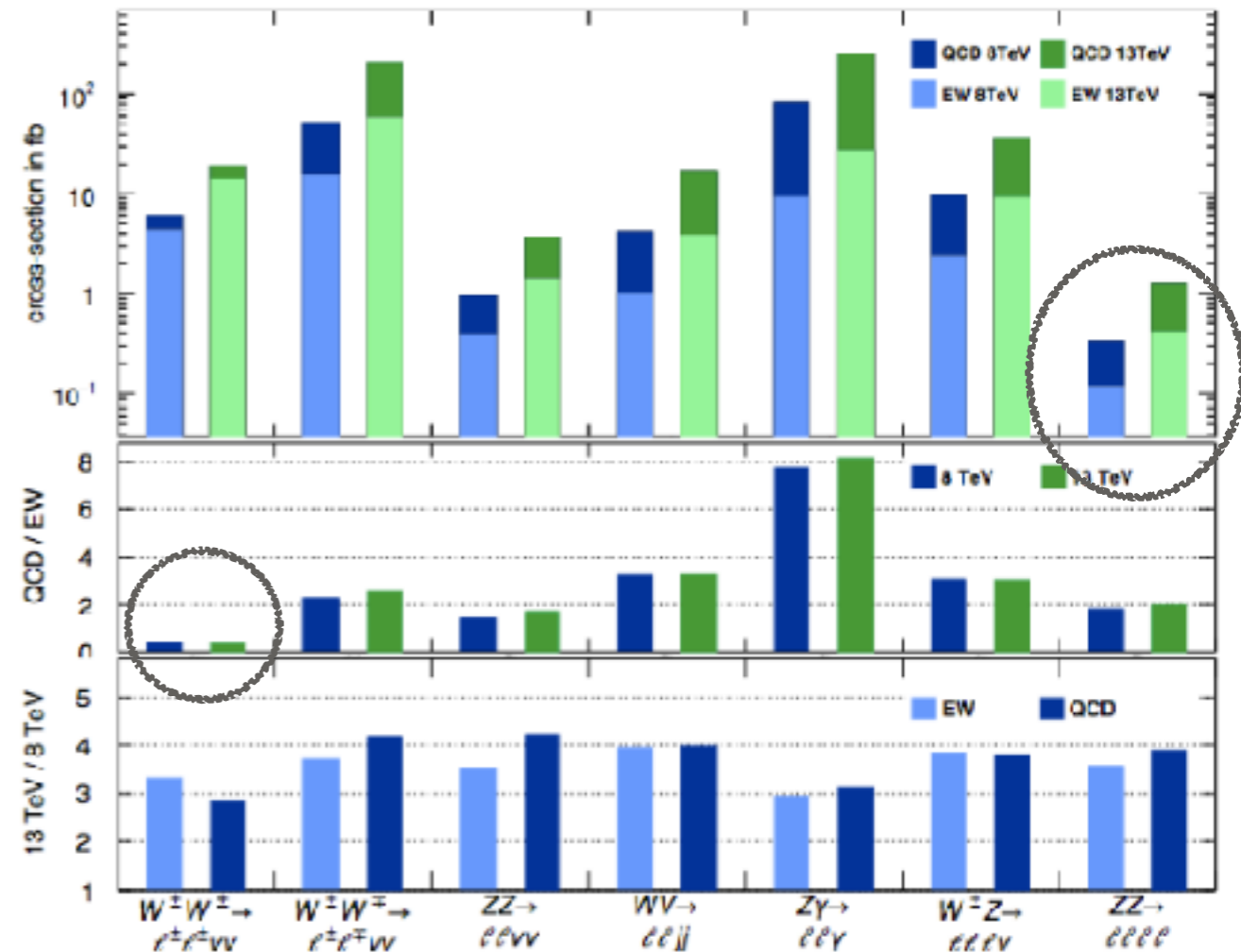
# Introduction

- ❖ Experimentally VBS is challenging

- ❖ very low rate ( $\mathcal{O}(\text{fb})$ )
- ❖ large background, generally from strong production of same final state  $\rightarrow$  **scales** as  $\alpha_s^2 / \alpha^2$
- ❖ large experimental and theory uncertainties
- ❖ **VBS observed only very recently !**

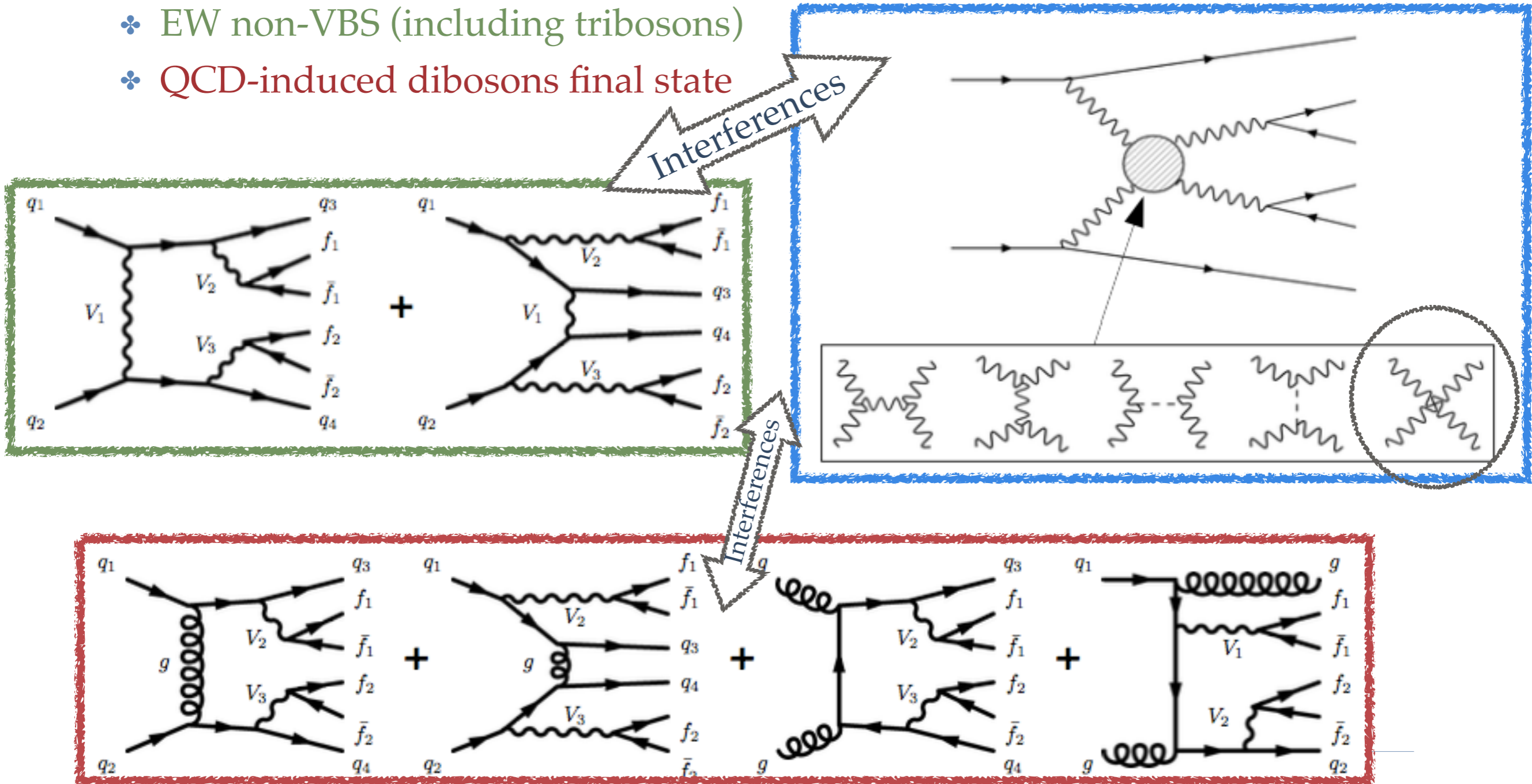
- ❖ What can help ?

- ❖ use of leptons / photons final states (clean channels, more limited backgrounds )
- ❖ use of 13 TeV dataset : XS multiplied by a factor  $\sim 3-4$
- ❖ use of control regions to reduce systematic uncertainties
- ❖ Topological selection to reduce QCD background



# Phenomenology of VBS

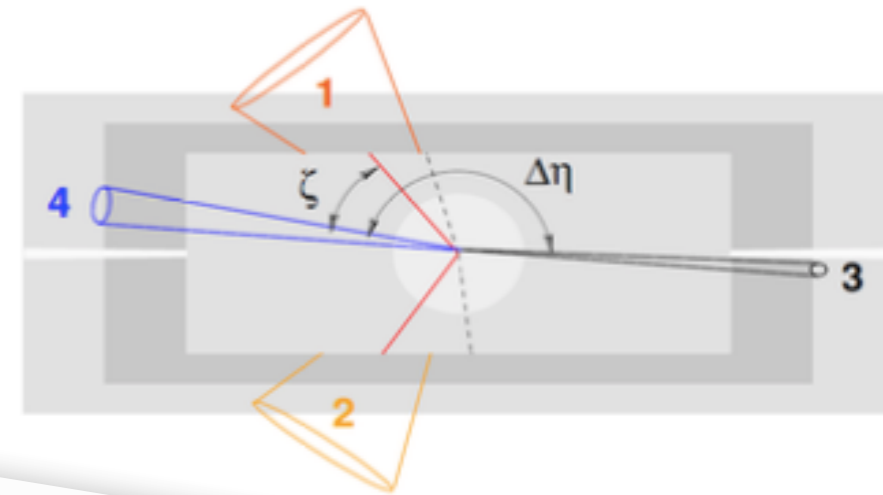
- ❖ As experimentalist, we cannot access pure VBS and pure quartic couplings
  - ❖ VBS with triple and quartic couplings
  - ❖ EW non-VBS (including tribosons)
  - ❖ QCD-induced dibosons final state



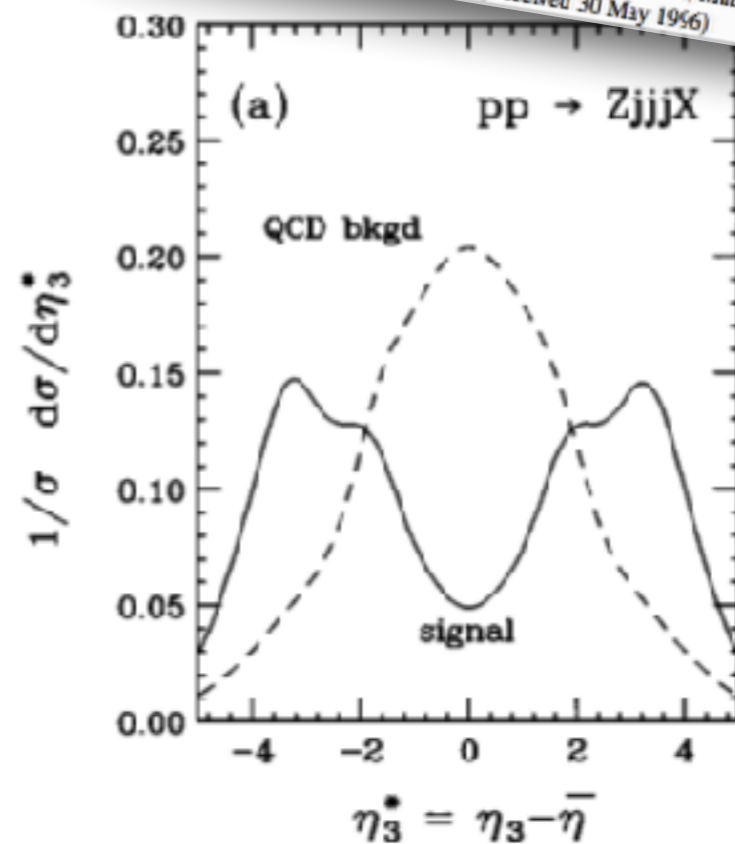
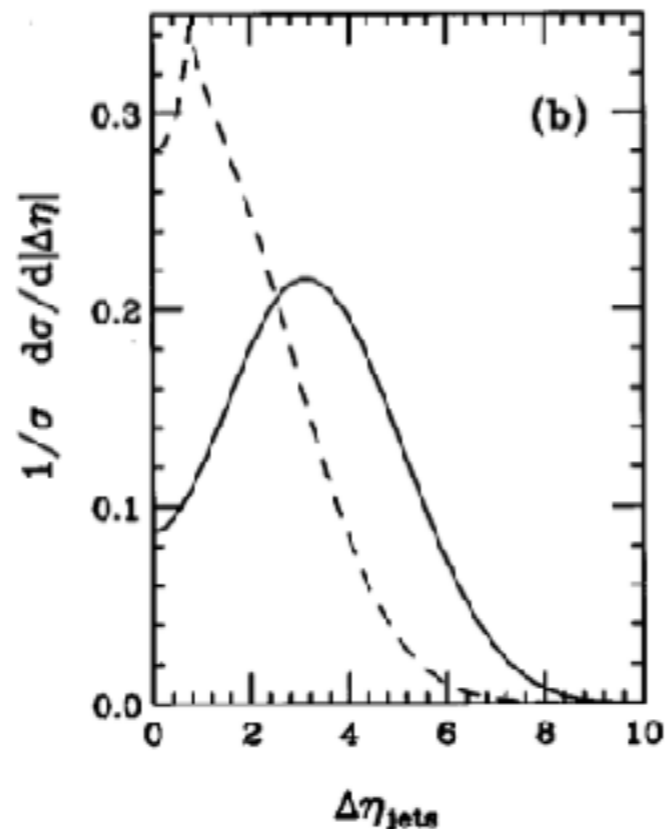
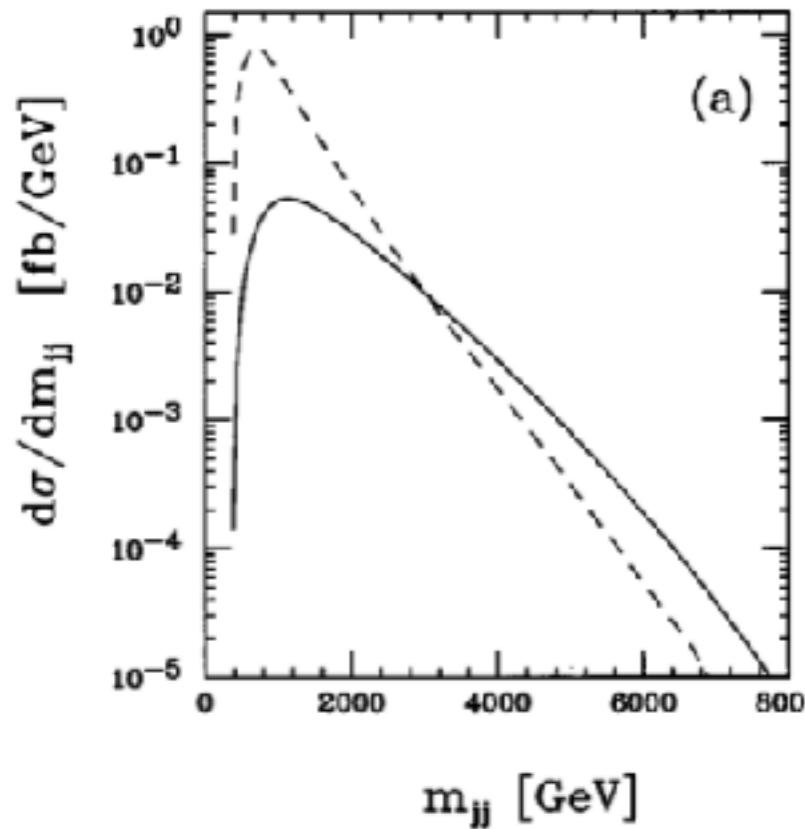
# Phenomenology of VBS

❖ **VBS: has typical final states topology**

1. Two hadronic jets in forward and backward regions with very high energy (*tagging jets*)
2. Hadronic activity suppressed between the two jets (*rapidity gap*) due to absence of colour flow between interacting partons
3. Two bosons produced  $\sim$ back-to-back



Probing color-singlet exchange in  $Z+2$ -jet events at the CERN LHC  
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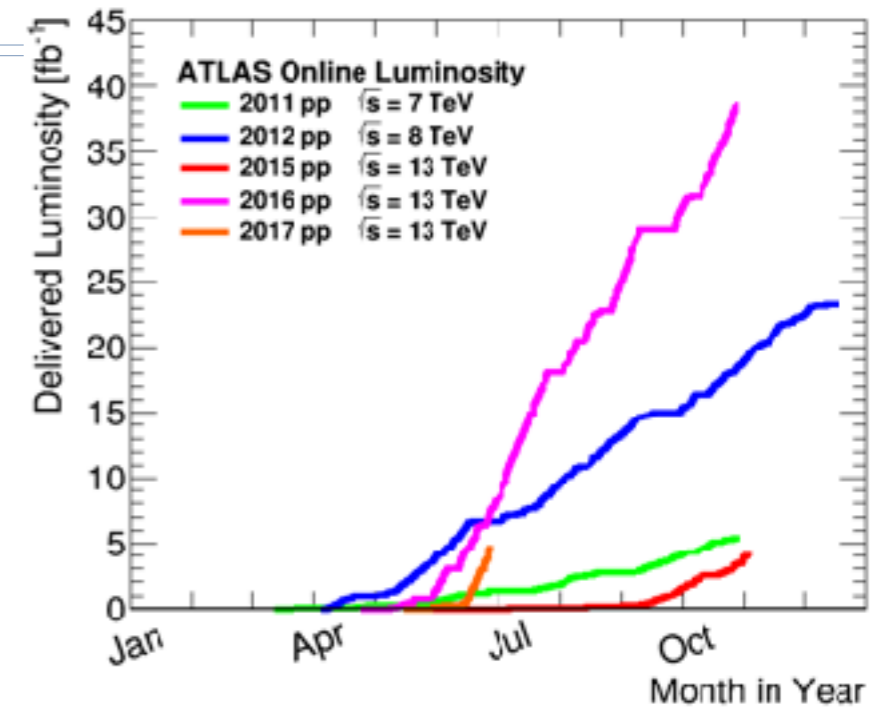
-> Zeppenfeld variable  
 « centrality »

# ATLAS and CMS VBS studies

- ❖ Datasets
  - ❖ ATLAS: 8 TeV (20.2 fb<sup>-1</sup>)
  - ❖ CMS: 8 TeV (19.7 fb<sup>-1</sup>) and 13 TeV (35.9 fb<sup>-1</sup>)

❖ Channels studied:

	ATLAS	CMS
$W^\pm W^\pm$ <i>Best EW/QCD</i>	8 TeV	8, 13 TeV
$W^\pm Z$	8 TeV	-
$W\gamma$ <i>Largest XS</i>	-	8 TeV
$WV$ semi-lept. <i>only access to aQGCs</i>	8 TeV	-
$Z\gamma$ <i>Low reduc. bkg</i>	8 TeV	8 TeV
$ZZ$	-	13 TeV



covered in **Md Naimuddin's** talk

covered in **this** talk

❖ All possible VBS final states studied @ LHC

- ❖ except  $\gamma\gamma$  and  $W^+W^-$ , difficult due to huge bkg.

❖ **Can probe all operators of EFT !**

VVjj final state	ZZ	Z $\gamma$ $\gamma\gamma$	W <sup>+</sup> W <sup>-</sup> WZ	W <sup>±</sup> W <sup>±</sup>	W $\gamma$
$f_{S,0}, f_{S,1}$	✓		✓	✓	
$f_{M,0}, f_{M,1}, f_{M,6}, f_{M,7}$	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
$f_{M,2}, f_{M,3}, f_{M,4}, f_{M,5}$	✓	✓	✓		✓
$f_{T,0}, f_{T,1}, f_{T,2}$	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
$f_{T,5}, f_{T,6}, f_{T,7}$	✓	✓	✓		✓
$f_{T,8}, f_{T,9}$	✓	✓			

# Anomalous quartic gauge couplings

- ❖ New physics could modify couplings between bosons, and allow neutral couplings  $ZZZ\gamma, ZZ\gamma\gamma, Z\gamma\gamma\gamma$  (forbidden in SM)  $\rightarrow$  aQGCs
- ❖ Presence of aQGC enhance EW XS at high-energy tails
  - ❖ **use variable that carry the energy of the system: transverse momentum or mass**
- ❖ **ATLAS and CMS common choice:** effective field theory (EFT) with higher order dimensions operators
  - ❖ Dim8 is lowest-**dimension** operators inducing only QGC without TGC vertices
  - ❖ VBS not competitive with dibosons/VBF for dim6 constraints.
- ❖ **Two approaches**
  - ❖  $\alpha_4 \alpha_5$ : coefficients of the two linearly independent dim4 operators contributing to aQGCs (**ATLAS** WZ, ssWW, WV semilept.)
  - ❖ C,P conserving dim8 EFT operators that maintains  $SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$  gauge symmetry of the type  $f_i / \Lambda_4$  (**ATLAS**  $Z\gamma$ , **CMS**  $Z\gamma, W\gamma, ssWW, ZZ$ )

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}^{\text{SM}} + \sum_i \frac{c_i}{\Lambda^2} \mathcal{O}_i + \sum_j \frac{f_j}{\Lambda^4} \mathcal{O}_j$$

← Dim 8 operators  
← New physics scale

# Anomalous quartic gauge couplings

❖ Dim8 operators: 3 types:

- ❖ pure Higgs field (fS) pure longitudinal (cannot induce couplings with photons)
- ❖ pure Field-strength tensor (fT) pure transverse
- ❖ Mixed Higgs-field-strength (fM), mixed longitudinal-transverse

$$\mathcal{L}_{S,0} = \left[ (D_\mu \Phi)^\dagger D_\nu \Phi \right] \times \left[ (D^\mu \Phi)^\dagger D^\nu \Phi \right]$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{S,1} = \left[ (D_\mu \Phi)^\dagger D^\mu \Phi \right] \times \left[ (D_\nu \Phi)^\dagger D^\nu \Phi \right]$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{M,0} = \text{Tr} \left[ \hat{W}_{\mu\nu} \hat{W}^{\mu\nu} \right] \times \left[ (D_\beta \Phi)^\dagger D^\beta \Phi \right]$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{M,1} = \text{Tr} \left[ \hat{W}_{\mu\nu} \hat{W}^{\nu\beta} \right] \times \left[ (D_\beta \Phi)^\dagger D^\mu \Phi \right]$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{M,2} = [B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}] \times \left[ (D_\beta \Phi)^\dagger D^\beta \Phi \right]$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{M,3} = [B_{\mu\nu} B^{\nu\beta}] \times \left[ (D_\beta \Phi)^\dagger D^\mu \Phi \right]$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{M,4} = \left[ (D_\mu \Phi)^\dagger \hat{W}_{\beta\nu} D^\mu \Phi \right] \times B^{\beta\nu}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{M,5} = \left[ (D_\mu \Phi)^\dagger \hat{W}_{\beta\nu} D^\nu \Phi \right] \times B^{\beta\mu}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{M,6} = \left[ (D_\mu \Phi)^\dagger \hat{W}_{\beta\nu} \hat{W}^{\beta\nu} D^\mu \Phi \right]$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{M,7} = \left[ (D_\mu \Phi)^\dagger \hat{W}_{\beta\nu} \hat{W}^{\beta\mu} D^\nu \Phi \right]$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{T,0} = \text{Tr} \left[ \hat{W}_{\mu\nu} \hat{W}^{\mu\nu} \right] \times \text{Tr} \left[ \hat{W}_{\alpha\beta} \hat{W}^{\alpha\beta} \right]$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{T,1} = \text{Tr} \left[ \hat{W}_{\alpha\nu} \hat{W}^{\mu\beta} \right] \times \text{Tr} \left[ \hat{W}_{\mu\beta} \hat{W}^{\alpha\nu} \right]$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{T,2} = \text{Tr} \left[ \hat{W}_{\alpha\mu} \hat{W}^{\mu\beta} \right] \times \text{Tr} \left[ \hat{W}_{\beta\nu} \hat{W}^{\nu\alpha} \right]$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{T,3} = \text{Tr} \left[ \hat{W}_{\alpha\mu} \hat{W}^{\mu\beta} \hat{W}^{\nu\alpha} \right] \times B_{\beta\nu}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{T,4} = \text{Tr} \left[ \hat{W}_{\alpha\mu} \hat{W}^{\alpha\mu} \hat{W}^{\beta\nu} \right] \times B_{\beta\nu}$$

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$$\mathcal{L}_{T,8} = B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu} B_{\alpha\beta} B^{\alpha\beta}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{T,9} = B_{\alpha\mu} B^{\mu\beta} B_{\beta\nu} B^{\nu\alpha}$$

Not all independent!

Exemple of conversion to  $\alpha_4, \alpha_5$  framework:

$$\frac{f_{S,0(1)}}{\Lambda^4} = \alpha_{4(5)} \times \frac{16}{v^4},$$

for the WWZZ vertex

Only neutral couplings



# Unitarity

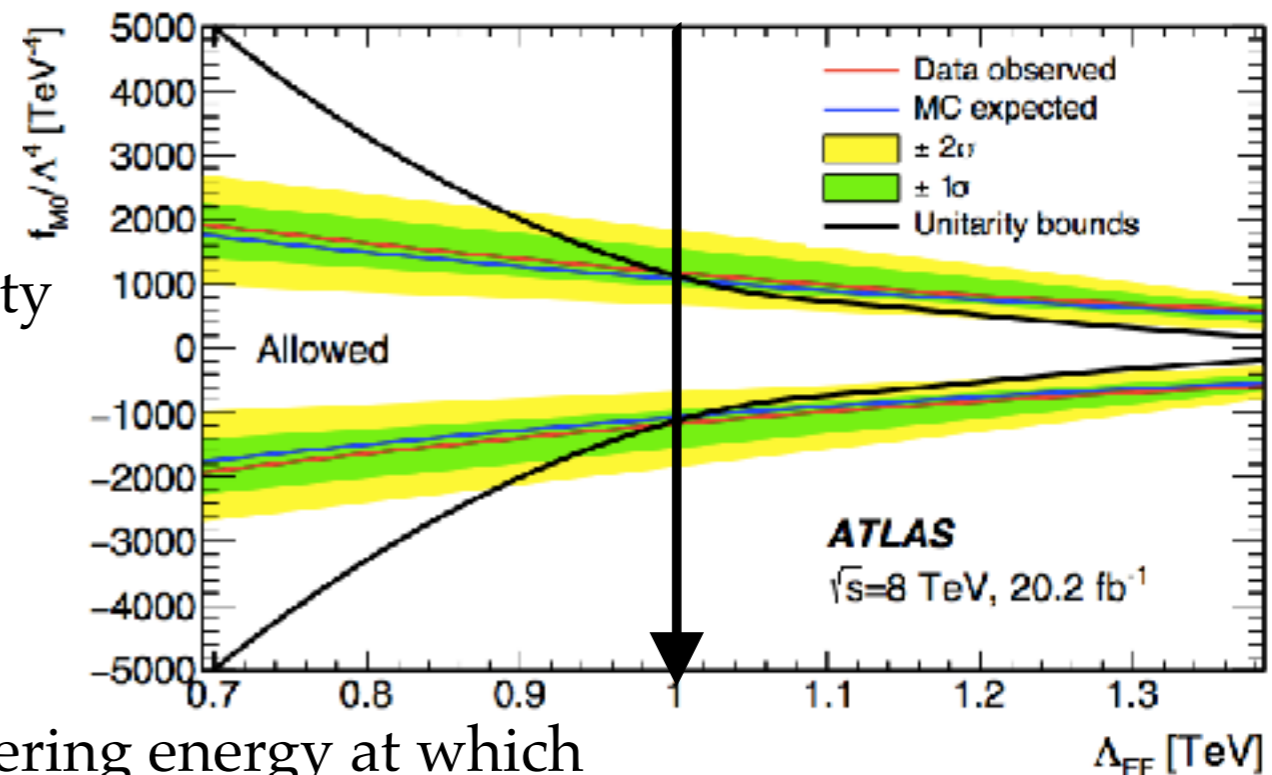
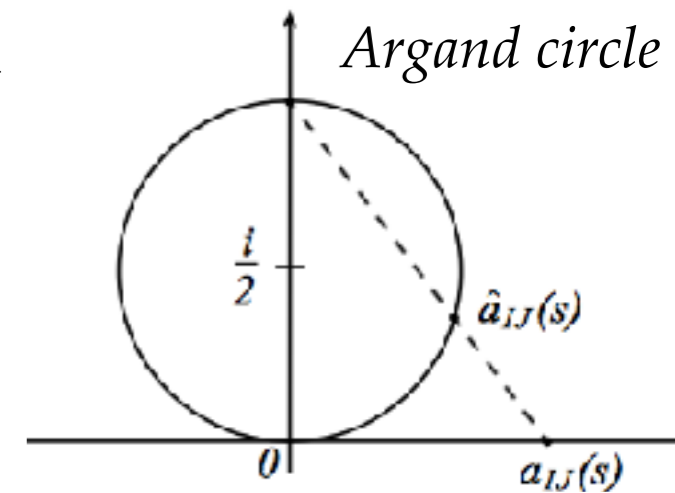
- ❖ Nonzero value in aQGCs lead to tree-level unitarity violation at high energy
- ❖ Could be unitarised with a form factor but depends on detailed structure of new physics -> we don't know it!
- ❖ In  $\alpha_4 \alpha_5$  framework, unitarisation done with **K-matrix method** (in WHIZARD) -> **ATLAS**
- ❖ In dim8 operators, two approaches
  1. **ATLAS**: use **form factor** to restore unitarity

$$f_i(\hat{s}) = f_i / (1 + \hat{s} / \Lambda_{\text{FF}}^2)^n$$

$n=2$ ,  $\Lambda_{\text{FF}}$  cut-off scale

2. **CMS**: provide only **validity bound** (scattering energy at which observed limit would violate unitarity, from VBFNLO) but don't use any form factor

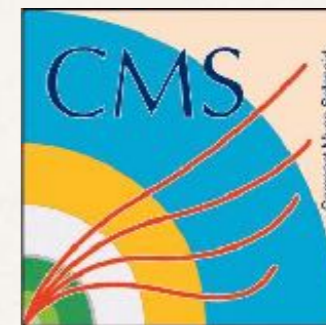
❖ Problem: many limits are set in the unitarity unsafe region!





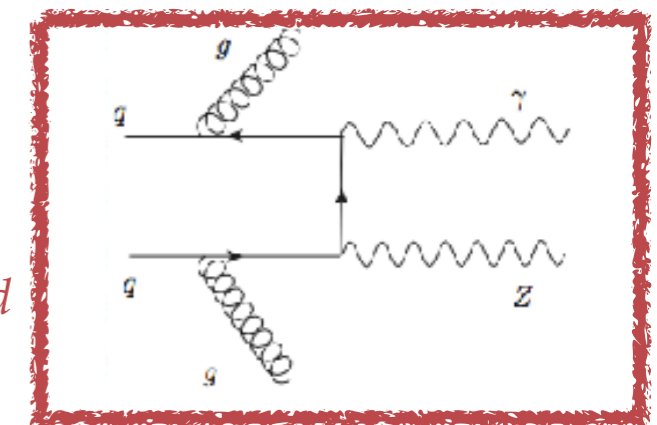
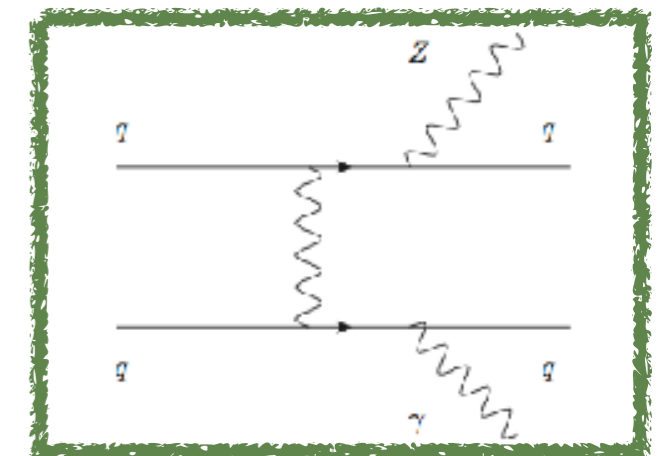
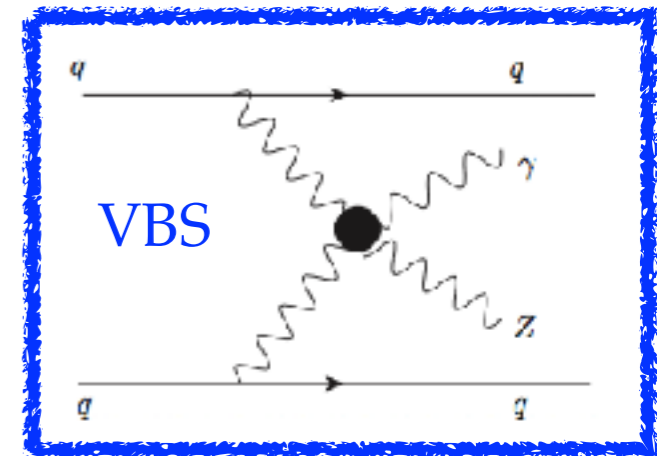
VBS  $Z\gamma+2j$

ATLAS and CMS



# Introduction

- ❖ Search for EW production of  $Z\gamma+2j$
- ❖ **CMS** and **ATLAS**, with 8 TeV data (2012, 19.7 fb<sup>-1</sup> and 20.2 fb<sup>-1</sup>)
  - ❖ CMS:  $Z \rightarrow ee, \mu\mu$  **Phys. Lett. B 770 (2017)**
  - ❖ ATLAS,  $Z \rightarrow ee, \mu\mu$  and  $Z \rightarrow \nu\nu$  for aQGCs **JHEP 07 (2017) 107**
- ❖ **Interest:**
  - ❖ can probe T8 and T9 operators, experimentally accessible only via neutral boson final states
  - ❖ larger XS than ZZ, clean channel, relatively low instrumental background
- ❖ **Analysis strategy**
  - ❖ Measurement of total  $Z\gamma jj$  cross section
  - ❖ Probing VBS with  $Z \rightarrow ee / \mu\mu$
  - ❖ Setting limits on aQGC with  $Z \rightarrow ee / \mu\mu / \nu\nu$



- ❖ **Z $\gamma$ +2j:**
    - ❖ **CMS:** LO MadGraph v5.1.3, matched to Parton shower based on MLM prescription.
      - ❖ 0-3 additional jets + NLO k-factor of 1.1 for  $m_{jj} < 400$  GeV for QCD.
    - ❖ **ATLAS:** LO Sherpa v1.4.5 (up to 3 add jets) and VBFNLO v2.7.1 for XS prediction
  
  - ❖ **Interference EW/QCD:** treated as a systematic uncertainty:
    - ❖ **CMS:** from MadGraph, 18% of EW for  $400 < m_{jj} < 800$  and 11% for  $m_{jj} > 800$  GeV
    - ❖ **ATLAS:** from MadGraph, ~7% of EW for  $m_{jj} > 500$  GeV
  
  - ❖ **aQGCs:**
    - ❖ **CMS:** LO MadGraph v5.1.3
    - ❖ **ATLAS:** LO MadGraph (for efficiencies) and NLO VBFNLO (for XS prediction)
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# Baseline selection (charged lepton channels) 13

Objects	Particle- (Parton-) level selection
Leptons	$p_T^\ell > 25 \text{ GeV}$ and $ \eta^\ell  < 2.5$ Dressed leptons, OS charge
Photon (kinematics)	$E_T^\gamma > 15 \text{ GeV}$ , $ \eta^\gamma  < 2.37$ $\Delta R(\ell, \gamma) > 0.4$
Photon (isolation)	$E_T^{\text{iso}} < 0.5 \cdot E_T^\gamma$ (no isolation)
FSR cut	$m_{\ell\ell} + m_{\ell\ell\gamma} > 182 \text{ GeV}$ $m_{\ell\ell} > 40 \text{ GeV}$
Particle jets (Outgoing partons) ( $j = \text{jets}$ ) ( $p = \text{outgoing quarks or gluons}$ )	At least two jets (outgoing partons) $E_T^{j(p)} > 30 \text{ GeV}$ , $ \eta^{j(p)}  < 4.5$ $\Delta R(\ell, j(p)) > 0.3$ $\Delta R(\gamma, j(p)) > 0.4$

ATLAS

+  $m_{jj} > 150 \text{ GeV}$

Remove triboson  
production  
 $Z\gamma V(->jj)$

## CMS

Differences:

- lepton  $p_T$  (20 / 25 GeV)
- Photon  $E_T$  (20-25 / 15 GeV)
- photon  $\eta$  (<1.4 / <2.37)
- $m_{\ell\ell}$  cut ([70,110] / >40 GeV + FSR cut)

### Common selection

$$p_T^{j1,j2} > 30 \text{ GeV}, |\eta^{j1,j2}| < 4.7$$

$$p_T^{\ell1,\ell2} > 20 \text{ GeV}, |\eta^{\ell1,\ell2}| < 2.4$$

$$|\eta^\gamma| < 1.4442$$

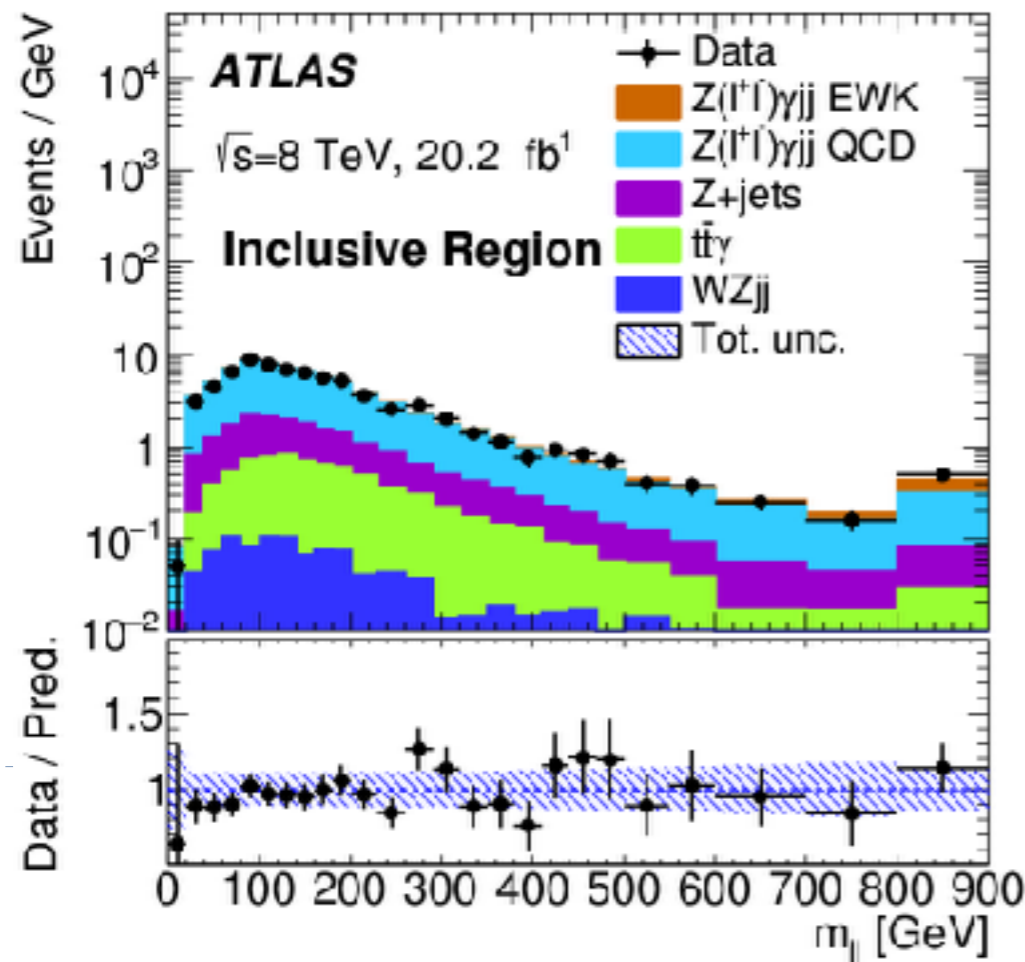
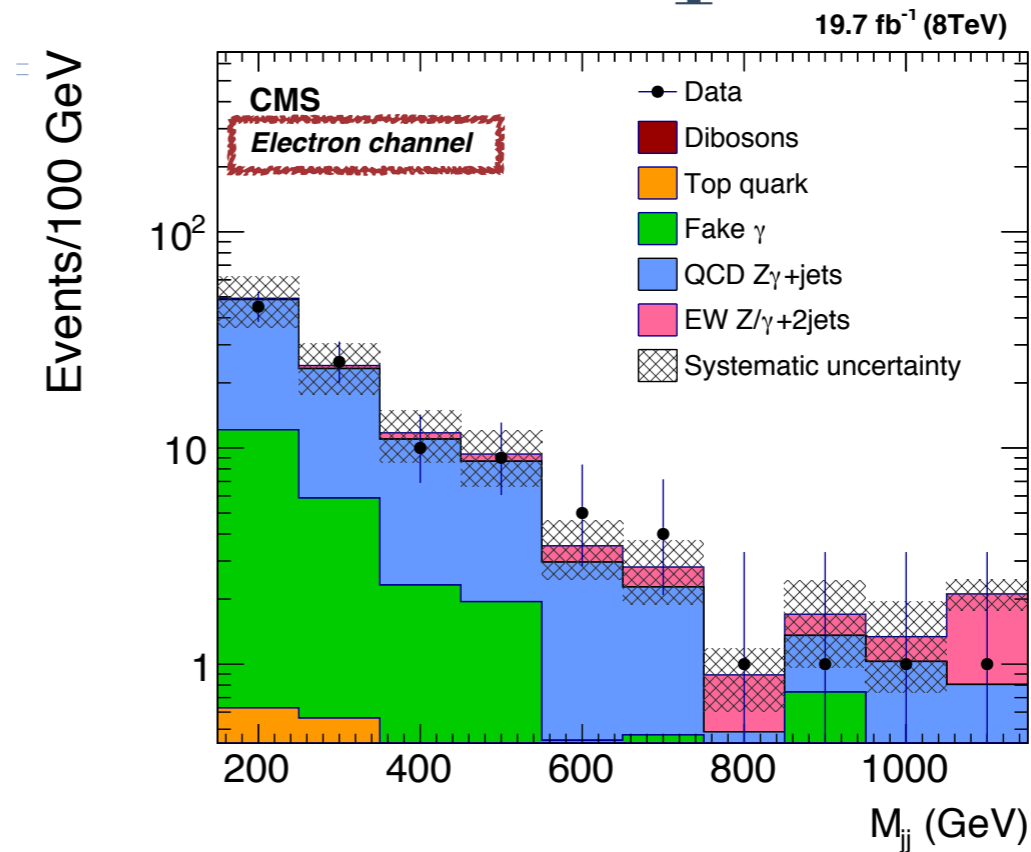
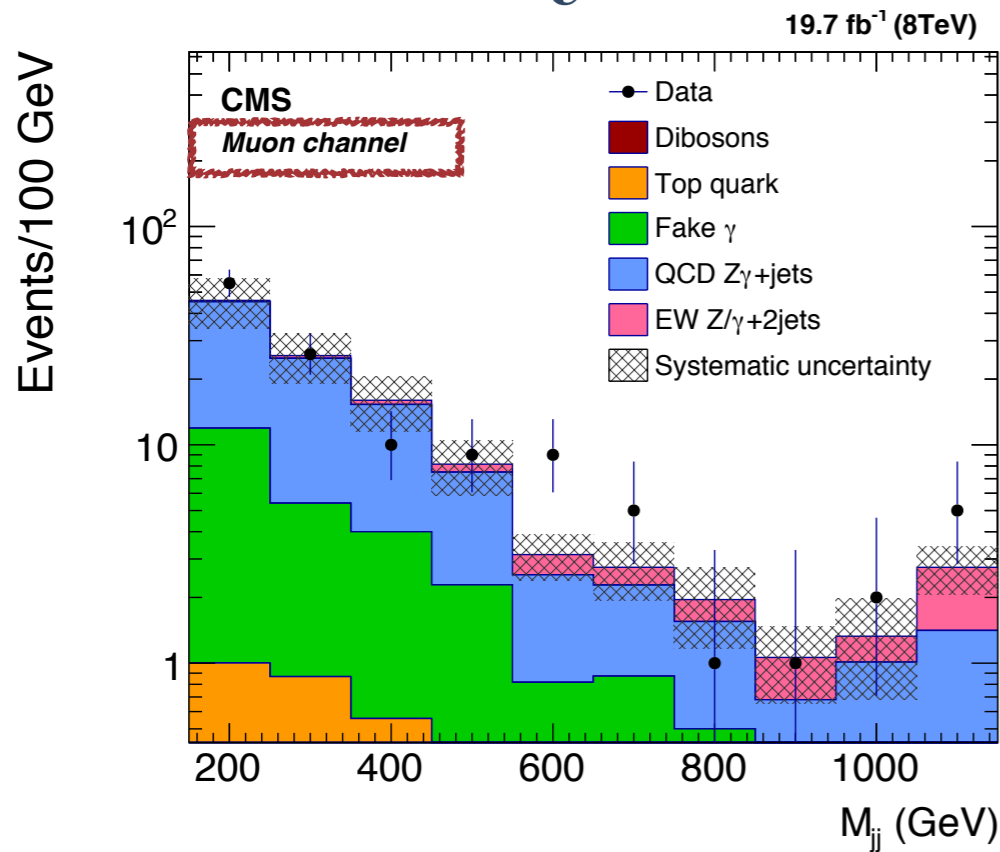
$$M_{jj} > 150 \text{ GeV}$$

$$70 < M_{\ell\ell} < 110 \text{ GeV}$$

+  $E_{T\gamma} > 20-25 \text{ GeV}$

1. **QCD background dominant** in these analyses, yield validated (see later)
  2. **Z+jets (jet faking photon)**: extracted from data (not well modelled by MC) with a method based on **identification quality and isolation of photon**.
    - ❖ **ATLAS**: 3 control regions populated by events failing photon ID and/or isolation (ABCD method).
      - ❖ Shape of Z+jets found to be similar to Sherpa  $Z\gamma jj$  (validated with Powheg and Alpgen)
      - ❖ Ratio of Z+jets /  $Z\gamma jj$  extracted in region  $m_{jj} > 100$  GeV and used in other regions
      - ❖ **23 +/- 6% of QCD events**
    - ❖ **CMS**: select photon failing tight ID but passing looser requirements
      - ❖ get jets with similar kinematics than genuine photons
      - ❖ Calculate probability to get a fake photon in different  $E_{T\gamma}$  regions -> **~30% of QCD**
  3. **ttbar $\gamma$  background**: from simulation
    - ❖ **CMS**: Madgraph interfaced with Pythia (XS @ LO)
    - ❖ **ATLAS**: MadGraph5\_aMC@NLO v5.2.1 , (XS @ NLO)
  4. **Dibosons**: almost negligible in EW / aQGC regions, from simulation
    - ❖ **CMS**: consider WW, WZ, ZZ with Pythia
    - ❖ **ATLAS**: consider only WZ with Sherpa
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# Event yield and control plots



	Inclusive region Z(l <sup>+</sup> l <sup>-</sup> ) $\gamma$ + > 2 jets	
	$e^+e^-\gamma jj$	$\mu^+\mu^-\gamma jj$
Data	781	949
Z+jets bkg.	134 ± 36	154 ± 42
Other bkg. (t $\bar{t}$ $\gamma$ , WZ)	88 ± 17	91 ± 18
N <sub>data</sub> - N <sub>bkg</sub>	559 ± 46	704 ± 53
N <sub>Z<math>\gamma</math> QCD</sub> (SHERPA MC)	583 ± 41	671 ± 47
N <sub>Z<math>\gamma</math> EWK</sub> (SHERPA MC)	25.4 ± 1.5	27.3 ± 1.7
N <sub>Z<math>\gamma</math></sub> (SHERPA MC)	608 ± 42	698 ± 49

Data properly described by simulation

# Probing EW - CMS

- ❖ QCD/EW discriminant variables used to build an EW-enriched region, cuts optimised wrt expected significance
  - ❖ ~38% of EW/QCD in this region in total (e+μ)
- ❖ Use 2-bins  $m_{jj}$  distribution :  $400 < m_{jj} < 800$  GeV and  $m_{jj} > 800$  GeV
- ❖ Combination of electron and muon channels
- ❖ Significance of **both EW and EW+QCD combined**  $Z\gamma jj$  processes are measured
- ❖ EW fiducial cross-section also measured in fiducial region with a different selection

$400 < M_{jj} < 800$ GeV	muon	electron
Fake photon from jet	$3.4 \pm 0.8$	$1.7 \pm 0.5$
Other background	$0.1 \pm 0.1$	$0.1 \pm 0.1$
QCD $Z\gamma jj$	$4.8 \pm 0.9$	$5.0 \pm 1.0$
EW $Z\gamma jj$	$1.7 \pm 0.1$	$1.8 \pm 0.1$
Total background	$8.3 \pm 1.2$	$6.8 \pm 1.1$
Data	13	8
$M_{jj} > 800$ GeV	muon	electron
Fake photon from jet	$0.4 \pm 0.3$	$0.1 \pm 0.1$
Other background	$0 \pm 0$	$0 \pm 0$
QCD $Z\gamma jj$	$0.4 \pm 0.1$	$1.1 \pm 0.2$
EW $Z\gamma jj$	$1.8 \pm 0.1$	$1.8 \pm 0.1$
Total background	$0.8 \pm 0.3$	$1.2 \pm 0.2$
Data	5	2

EW signal measurement	Fiducial cross section
$p_T^\gamma > 25$ GeV $ \Delta\eta_{jj}  > 1.6$ $\Delta R_{j\ell} > 0.3, \Delta R_{jj,\gamma i,\gamma \ell} > 0.5$ $ y_{Z\gamma} - (y_{j1} + y_{j2})/2  < 1.2$ $\Delta\phi_{Z\gamma,jj} > 2.0$ radians $M_{jj} > 400$ GeV with two divided regions $400 < M_{jj} < 800$ GeV and $M_{jj} > 800$ GeV	$p_T^\gamma > 20$ GeV $ \Delta\eta_{jj}  > 2.5$ $\Delta R_{jj,\gamma j,\gamma \ell,j\ell} > 0.4$ $M_{jj} > 400$ GeV

← Minimum EW-enriched selection

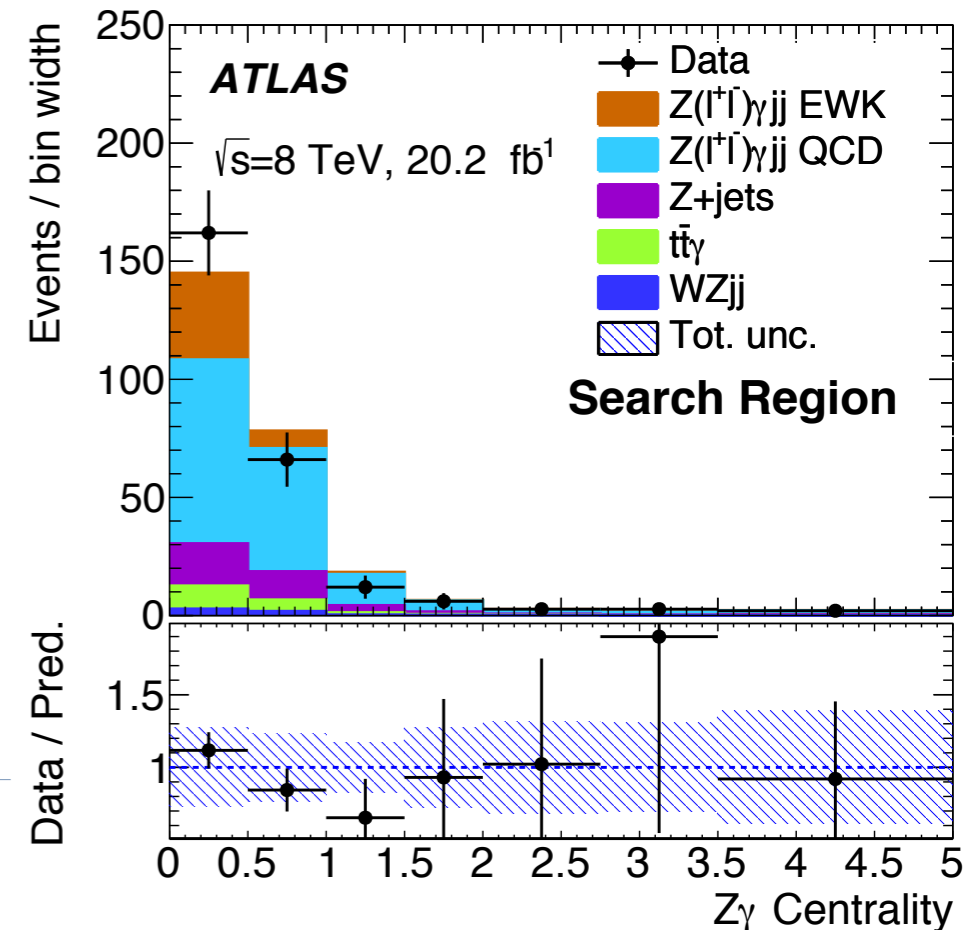
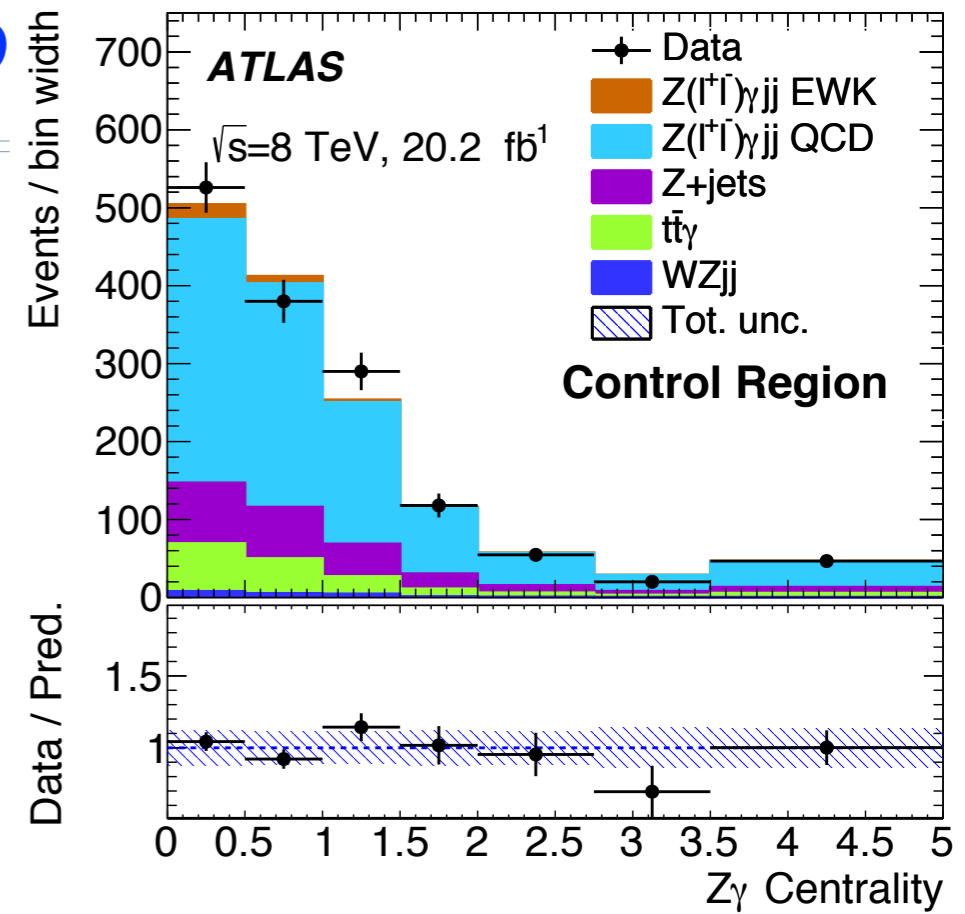


# Probing EW - ATLAS

- ❖ EW-enriched region build by adding a cut  $m_{jj} > 500$  GeV on top of baseline selection (~30% of EW/QCD)
- ❖ QCD-enriched region ( $150 < m_{jj} < 500$  GeV) build to validate the QCD modelling
- ❖ **Centrality** of  $Z\gamma$  system fitted using a template fit (~44% of EW/QCD in first bin !)
- ❖ All regions and channels ( $\mu/e$ ) are fitted simultaneously
- ❖ Cross-section of **both EW (in SR) and EW+QCD (in SR and CR)  $Z\gamma jj$**  processes are measured

**Centrality:**  $\zeta \equiv \left| \frac{\eta - \bar{\eta}_{jj}}{\Delta\eta_{jj}} \right|$  with  $\bar{\eta}_{jj} = \frac{\eta_{j1} + \eta_{j2}}{2}$ ,  $\Delta\eta_{jj} = \eta_{j1} - \eta_{j2}$ ,

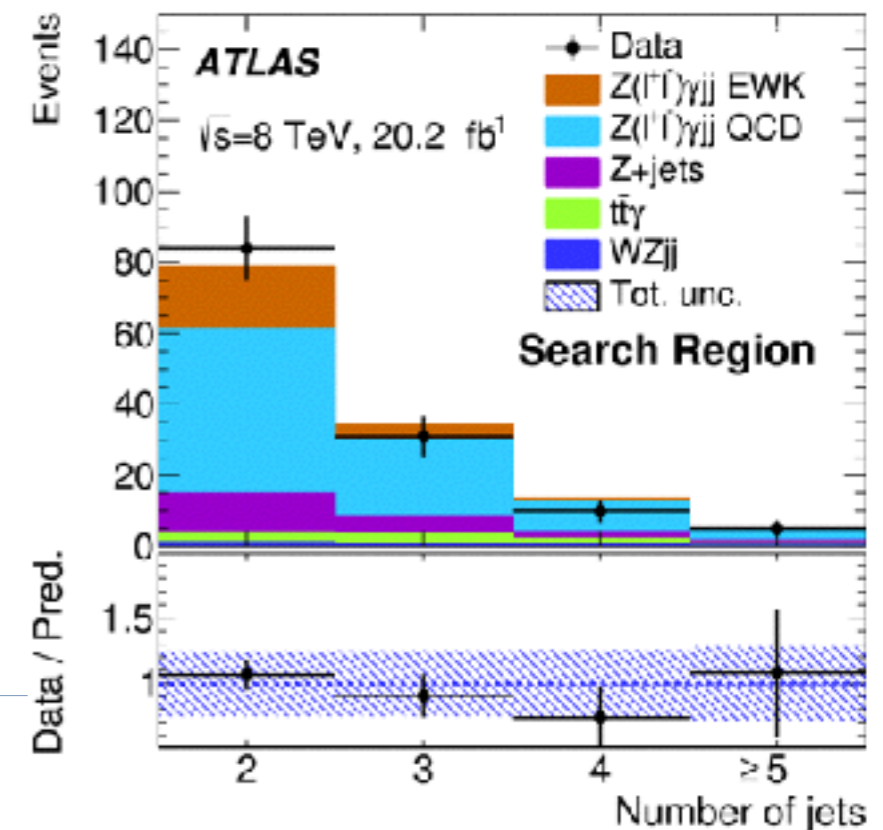
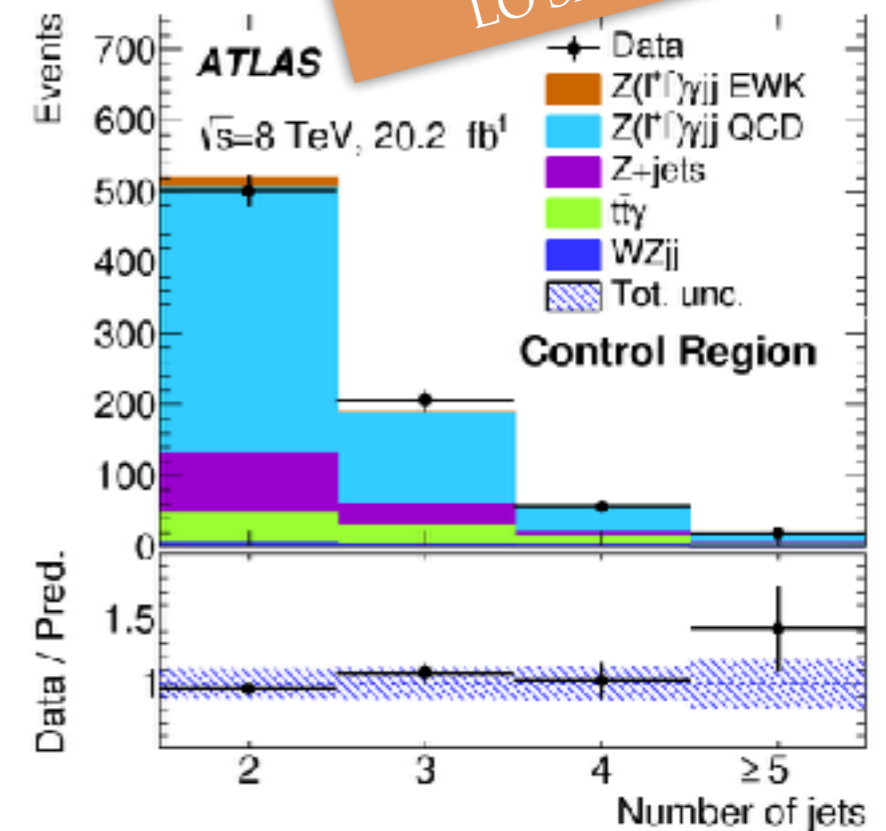
	Control region		Search region	
	$150 < m_{jj} < 500$ GeV $e^+e^-\gamma jj$	$150 < m_{jj} < 500$ GeV $\mu^+\mu^-\gamma jj$	$m_{jj} > 500$ GeV $e^+e^-\gamma jj$	$m_{jj} > 500$ GeV $\mu^+\mu^-\gamma jj$
Data	362	421	58	72
$Z$ +jets bkg.	$57 \pm 16$	$67 \pm 18$	$8.5 \pm 2.5$	$9.4 \pm 2.7$
Other bkg. ( $t\bar{t}\gamma$ , $WZ$ )	$47 \pm 9$	$46 \pm 9$	$5.8 \pm 1.1$	$5.0 \pm 1.0$
$N_{\text{data}} - N_{\text{bkg}}$	$258 \pm 24$	$308 \pm 27$	$44 \pm 7$	$58 \pm 8$
$N_{Z\gamma\text{-QCD}}$ (SHERPA MC)	$249 \pm 24$	$290 \pm 26$	$37 \pm 5$	$41 \pm 5$
$N_{Z\gamma\text{-EWK}}$ (SHERPA MC)	$8.6 \pm 0.6$	$9.3 \pm 0.6$	$11.2 \pm 0.8$	$11.6 \pm 0.7$
$N_{Z\gamma}$ (SHERPA MC)	$258 \pm 25$	$299 \pm 27$	$48 \pm 6$	$53 \pm 6$



# Validating modelling of QCD

Good description of data by  
LO Sherpa v1.4.5

- ❖ QCD-enriched CR built to validate modelling of QCD background
- ❖ Both CMS and ATLAS use shape from simulation
- ❖ **CMS:**
  - ❖ control region:  $150 < m_{jj} < 400$  (signal  $< 1\%$ ),
  - ❖ extract yield of QCD from data, well reproduced by simulation, **correction factor of:  $1 \pm 0.22$**
  - ❖ compatible with NLO QCD k-factor (1.1 for  $m_{jj} < 400$  GeV)
- ❖ **ATLAS**
  - ❖ control region:  $150 < m_{jj} < 500$  GeV (signal  $\sim 2\%$ )
  - ❖ fit the QCD normalisation scale factor simultaneously in CR and SR
  - ❖ perfect agreement with Sherpa prediction within errors.
  - ❖ CR kept in fit because helps to reduce syst. on QCD: reduces total syst. unc. of EWK XS measurement in the SR from  $\sim 60\%$  to  $38\%$ .



# Systematics uncertainties

- ❖ Inputs systematics to the cross section/significance results
- ❖ Dominated by **jet energy scale uncertainties**, background normalisation (**QCD**, **others**) and by **theory uncertainties** (scales, pdf, interference)

ATLAS

Source of uncertainty	EWK yield [%]		QCD yield [%]		Bkg. yield [%]	
	CR	SR	CR	SR	CR	SR
Trigger			0.2 (0.4)			
Pile-up			0.6			
Lepton selection			3.8 (2.3)			
Photon selection			1.6			
Jet reconstruction	1.1	2.5	5.0	12	4.9	12
Bkg. 2D sideband	-	-	-	-	26	26
Total experimental	4.3 (3.1)	4.9 (3.8)	6.5 (5.8)	13 (12)	27 (27)	29 (29)
Theory	5.2	8.7	5.6	3.8	5.6	3.8

Source	Uncertainty
QCD $Z\gamma$ + jets normalization	22% ( $400 < M_{jj} < 800$ GeV) 24% ( $M_{jj} > 800$ GeV)
Fake photon from jet ( $p_T^\gamma$ dependent)	15% (20–30 GeV) 22% (30–50 GeV) 49% (>50 GeV)
Trigger efficiency	1.2% ( $Z \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ ), 1.7% ( $Z \rightarrow e^+e^-$ )
Lepton selection efficiency	1.9% ( $Z \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ ), 1.0% ( $Z \rightarrow e^+e^-$ )
Jet energy scale and resolution	14% ( $M_{jj} > 400$ GeV)
$t\bar{t}\gamma$ cross section	20% [? ]
Pileup modeling	1.0%
Renormalization/ factorization scale (signal)	9.0% ( $400 < M_{jj} < 800$ GeV), 12% ( $M_{jj} > 800$ GeV) (SM) 14% (aQGC)
PDF (signal)	4.2% ( $400 < M_{jj} < 800$ GeV), 2.4% ( $M_{jj} > 800$ GeV) (SM) 4.3% (aQGC)
Interference (signal)	18% ( $400 < M_{jj} < 800$ GeV), 11% ( $M_{jj} > 800$ GeV) (SM)
Luminosity	2.6%

CMS

- ❖ EW signal significance with  $CL_s$  criterion, using 2  $m_{jj}$  bins (400-800, >800 GeV)
- ❖ Significance for observing the EW signal (**EW region**)
  - ❖ **3.0  $\sigma$  (2.1  $\sigma$  expected)**
- ❖ Signal strength extracted with binned likelihood fit over 2  $m_{jj}$  bins
  - ❖  $\mu = \sigma_{\text{obs}} / \sigma_{\text{exp}} = 1.5^{+0.9}_{-0.6}$
- ❖ Significance for observing EWK+QCD :  $5.7\sigma$  ( $5.5\sigma$  expected)
- ❖ Cross section in **fiducial region**

Process type	Measured cross-section [fb]	Predicted cross-section [fb]
EWK	$1.86^{+0.90}_{-0.75}(\text{stat})^{+0.34}_{-0.26}(\text{syst}) \pm 0.05(\text{lumi})$	$1.27 \pm 0.11(\text{scale}) \pm 0.05(\text{pdf})$
EWK+QCD	$5.94^{+1.53}_{-1.35}(\text{stat})^{+0.43}_{-0.37}(\text{syst}) \pm 0.13(\text{lumi})$	$5.05 \pm 1.22(\text{scale}) \pm 0.31(\text{pdf})$

# Results - ATLAS

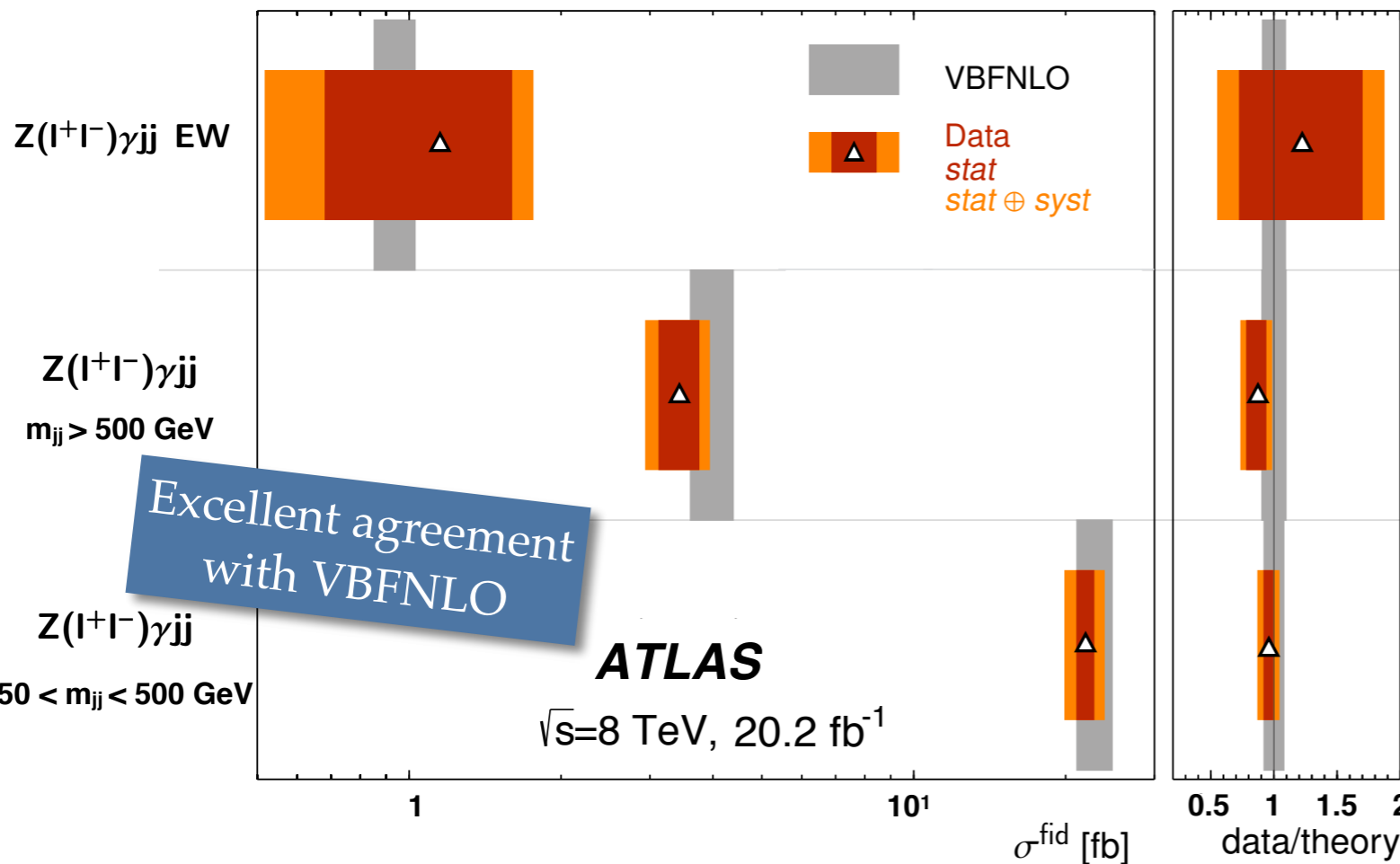
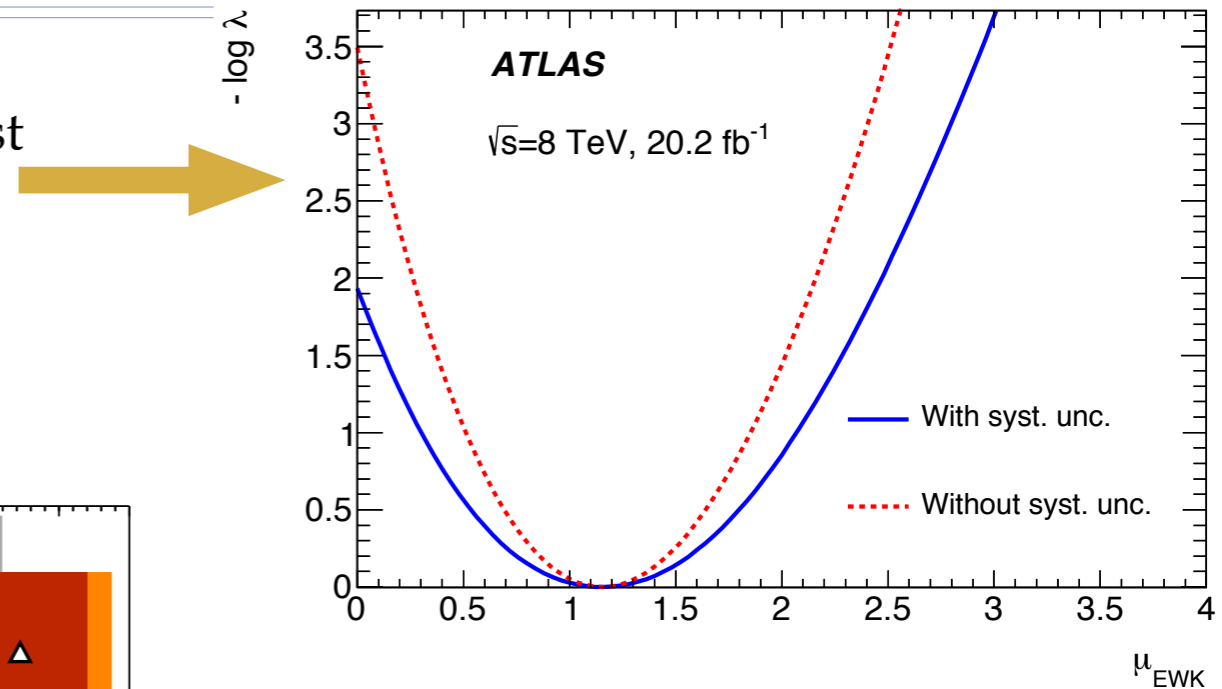
❖ **Cross section measurements:**

- ❖ Extended binned likelihood with parameter of interest

$$\mu = \sigma_{\text{data}} / \sigma_{\text{MC}}$$

- ❖ Significance for observing the EW signal: **2.0  $\sigma$  (1.8  $\sigma$  expected)**

- ❖ Upper limit on cross section: **2.2 fb**



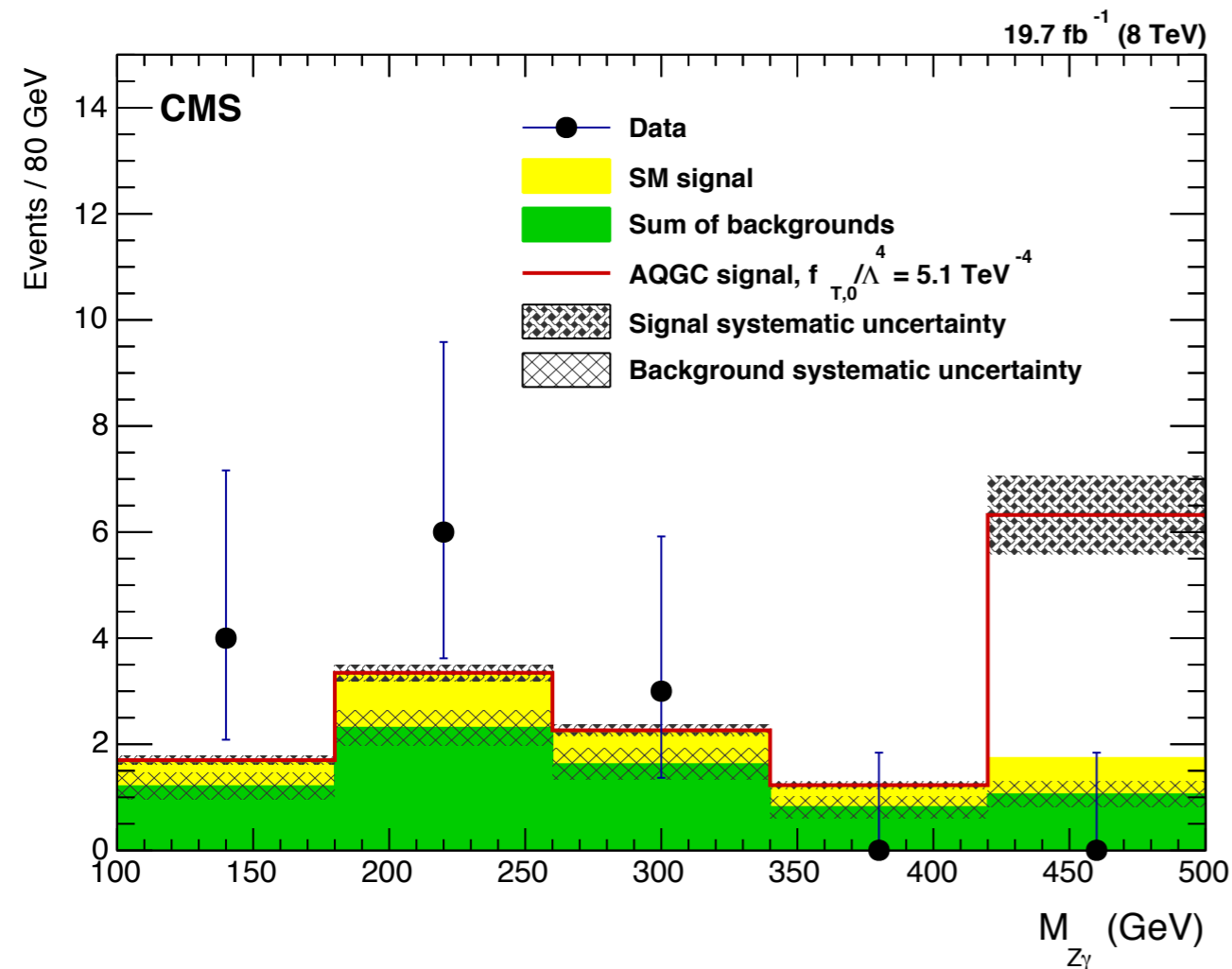
- ❖ 3 measurements: EW only in SR, and QCD+EW in SR and CR
- ❖ Measurements compared with **VBFNLO v2.7.1** (4-10% unc.)

Source of uncertainty	EWK [%]	Total (EWK+QCD) [%]	
		SR	CR
Statistical	40	9	4
Jet energy scale	36	9	4
Theory	10	5	4
All other	8	5	6
<b>Total systematic</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>

Phase-space region	Process type	Measured cross-section [fb]	Predicted cross-section [fb]
Search region	EWK	$1.1 \pm 0.5$ (stat) $\pm 0.4$ (syst)	$0.94 \pm 0.09$
Search region	EWK+QCD	$3.4 \pm 0.3$ (stat) $\pm 0.4$ (syst)	$4.0 \pm 0.4$
Control region	EWK+QCD	$21.9 \pm 0.9$ (stat) $\pm 1.8$ (syst)	$22.9 \pm 1.9$

**Unc. on the XS results dominated by stat. unc.(50%) and jet energy scale unc. (40%)**

- ❖ On top of baseline region:
  - ❖  $E_{T\gamma} > 60 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $\Delta Y > 2.5$ ,  $m_{jj} > 400 \text{ GeV}$
- ❖ Likelihood ratio test on  $M_{Z\gamma}$  distribution
- ❖ EFT dim8, Lagrangian of aQGC implemented in MadGraph
- ❖ Each coupling varied over a set of discrete values, other parameters set to 0
- ❖ Unitarity bound checked with VBFNLO
  - ❖ no form factors introduced, limits on all aQGC parameters (except FT9) are set in the **unitary unsafe region**



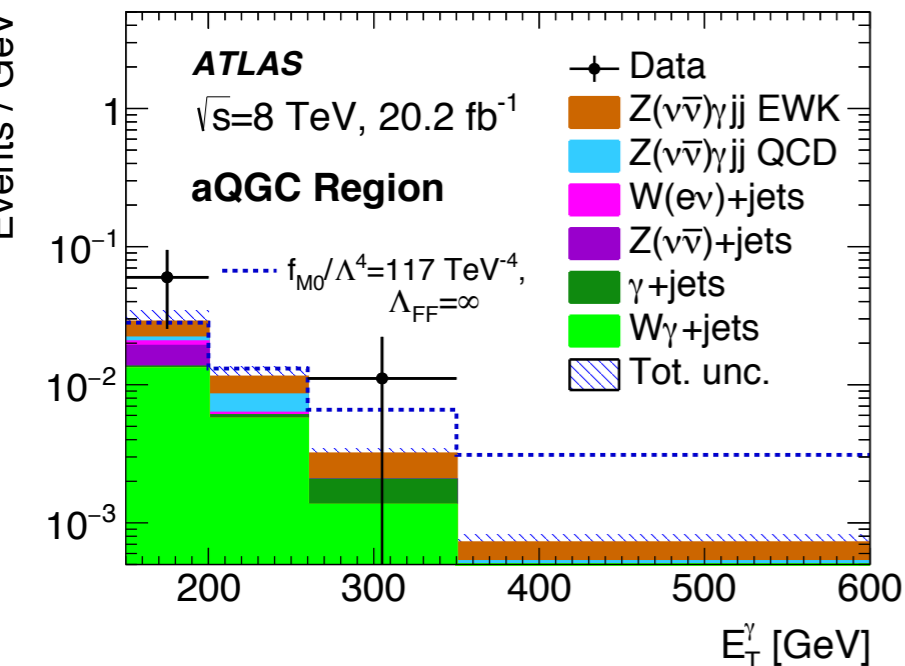
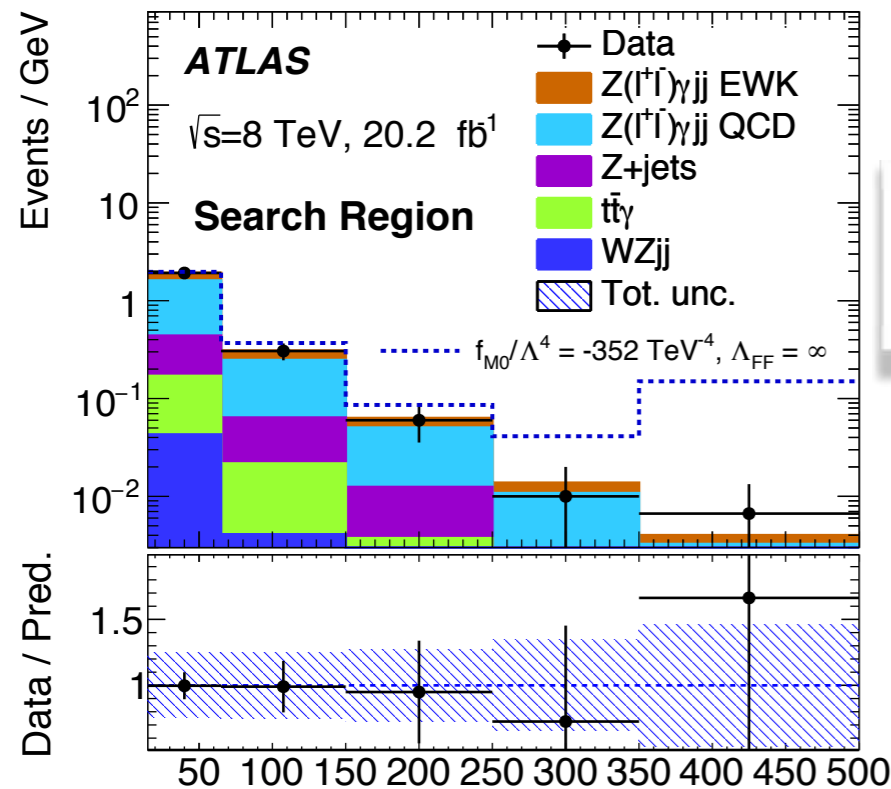
Observed limits (TeV <sup>-4</sup> )	Expected limits (TeV <sup>-4</sup> )
$-71 < f_{M0}/\Lambda^4 < 75$	$-109 < f_{M0}/\Lambda^4 < 111$
$-190 < f_{M1}/\Lambda^4 < 182$	$-281 < f_{M1}/\Lambda^4 < 280$
$-32 < f_{M2}/\Lambda^4 < 31$	$-47 < f_{M2}/\Lambda^4 < 47$
$-58 < f_{M3}/\Lambda^4 < 59$	$-87 < f_{M3}/\Lambda^4 < 87$
$-3.8 < f_{T0}/\Lambda^4 < 3.4$	$-5.1 < f_{T0}/\Lambda^4 < 5.1$
$-4.4 < f_{T1}/\Lambda^4 < 4.4$	$-6.5 < f_{T1}/\Lambda^4 < 6.5$
$-9.9 < f_{T2}/\Lambda^4 < 9.0$	$-14.0 < f_{T2}/\Lambda^4 < 14.5$
$-1.8 < f_{T8}/\Lambda^4 < 1.8$	$-2.7 < f_{T8}/\Lambda^4 < 2.7$
$-4.0 < f_{T9}/\Lambda^4 < 4.0$	$-6.0 < f_{T9}/\Lambda^4 < 6.0$

# aQGC strategy - ATLAS

- Three Z decays channels used : Z->ee/μμ/νν
- aQGC region:
  - Z->ee/μμ:  $E_{T\gamma} > 250$  GeV on top of SR

**aQGC Z->νν selection**

- $E_{T\text{miss}} > 100$  GeV,  $1\gamma p_T > 150$  GeV
- 2 jets with  $p_T > 30$  GeV,
- lepton veto (reduce  $W\gamma jj$  bkg), angular cuts (remove  $\gamma$  +jet bkg)
- centrality  $< 0.3$  ;  $p_T$  balance  $< 0.1$  ;  $m_{jj} > 600$  GeV (to reduce QCD)



$$p_T^{\text{balance}} \equiv \frac{|\vec{p}_T^{\text{miss}} + \vec{p}_T^\gamma + \vec{p}_T^{j1} + \vec{p}_T^{j2}|}{E_T^{\text{miss}} + p_T^\gamma + p_T^{j1} + p_T^{j2}}$$

**Main bkg in νν channel :**

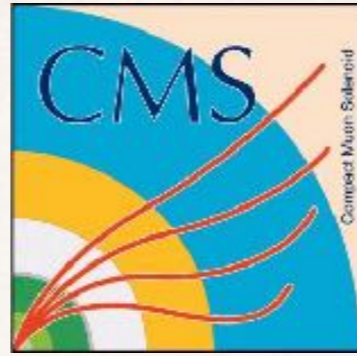
- $W\gamma$ +jets (59%) norm. from data with 41% syst.
- Z+jets (15%) 2D sideband method with 50% syst.
- $\gamma$ +jets (7%)

Data	aQGC region	
	$m_{jj} > 500$ GeV $E_T^\gamma > 250$ GeV $\ell^+\ell^-\gamma jj$	$m_{jj} > 600$ GeV $E_T^\gamma > 150$ GeV $\nu\bar{\nu}\gamma jj$
Data	2	4
Z+jets background	$0.28 \pm 0.08$	$0.3 \pm 0.2$
$W(\ell\nu)\gamma$ +jets background	-	$1.1 \pm 0.5$
$\gamma$ +jets background	-	$0.13 \pm 0.08$
$W(e\nu)$ +jets background	-	$0.09 \pm 0.04$
$t\bar{t}\gamma, WZ$ background	$0.02 \pm 0.01$	-
$N_{\text{data}} - N_{\text{bkg}}$	$1.7 \pm 1.4$	$2.4 \pm 2.0$
$N_{Z\gamma \text{ QCD}}$ (SHERPA MC)	$1.2 \pm 0.4$	$0.29 \pm 0.07$
$N_{Z\gamma \text{ EWK}}$ (SHERPA MC)	$0.41 \pm 0.04$	$0.65 \pm 0.05$
$N_{Z\gamma}$ (SHERPA MC)	$1.6 \pm 0.4$	$0.9 \pm 0.1$

- ❖ **Upper limit on cross section (log-likelihood fit,  $CL_s$  technique)** :
  - ❖ **1.06 fb** (0.99 exp.)  $\nu\nu\gamma$  and **1.03 fb** (1.01 fb exp.)  $l+l-\gamma$
- ❖ **Parametrisation**: parity conserving EFT Lagrangian with dim8 operators + Form factor (FF) to restore unitarity at very high  $\sqrt{s}$
- ❖ One dim. profile likelihood fit  $\rightarrow$  95%CL intervals
- ❖ Three channels are combined
- ❖ **Best expected interval:  $\nu\nu\gamma$ , improved by 10-30% when including  $l+l-\gamma$**
- ❖ Uncertainties dominated by QCD renormalization and factorization scale ( $\sim 8\%$ )
- ❖ Expected intervals are a factor  $\sim 2$  better than CMS (without FF)

	95% CL intervals	Measured [ $\text{TeV}^{-4}$ ]	Expected [ $\text{TeV}^{-4}$ ]	$\Lambda_{\text{FF}}$ [TeV]
$n = 0$	$f_{T9}/\Lambda^4$	$[-4.1, 4.2] \times 10^3$	$[-2.9, 3.0] \times 10^3$	
	$f_{T8}/\Lambda^4$	$[-1.9, 2.1] \times 10^3$	$[-1.2, 1.7] \times 10^3$	
	$f_{T0}/\Lambda^4$	$[-1.9, 1.6] \times 10^1$	$[-1.6, 1.3] \times 10^1$	
	$f_{M0}/\Lambda^4$	$[-1.6, 1.8] \times 10^2$	$[-1.4, 1.5] \times 10^2$	
	$f_{M1}/\Lambda^4$	$[-3.5, 3.4] \times 10^2$	$[-3.0, 2.9] \times 10^2$	
	$f_{M2}/\Lambda^4$	$[-8.9, 8.9] \times 10^2$	$[-7.5, 7.5] \times 10^2$	
	$f_{M3}/\Lambda^4$	$[-1.7, 1.7] \times 10^3$	$[-1.4, 1.4] \times 10^3$	
$n = 2$	$f_{T9}/\Lambda^4$	$[-6.9, 6.9] \times 10^4$	$[-5.4, 5.3] \times 10^4$	0.7
	$f_{T8}/\Lambda^4$	$[-3.4, 3.3] \times 10^4$	$[-2.6, 2.5] \times 10^4$	0.7
	$f_{T0}/\Lambda^4$	$[-7.2, 6.1] \times 10^1$	$[-6.1, 5.0] \times 10^1$	1.7
	$f_{M0}/\Lambda^4$	$[-1.0, 1.0] \times 10^3$	$[-8.8, 8.8] \times 10^2$	1.0
	$f_{M1}/\Lambda^4$	$[-1.6, 1.7] \times 10^3$	$[-1.4, 1.4] \times 10^3$	1.2
	$f_{M2}/\Lambda^4$	$[-1.1, 1.1] \times 10^4$	$[-9.2, 9.6] \times 10^3$	0.7
	$f_{M3}/\Lambda^4$	$[-1.6, 1.6] \times 10^4$	$[-1.4, 1.3] \times 10^4$	0.8

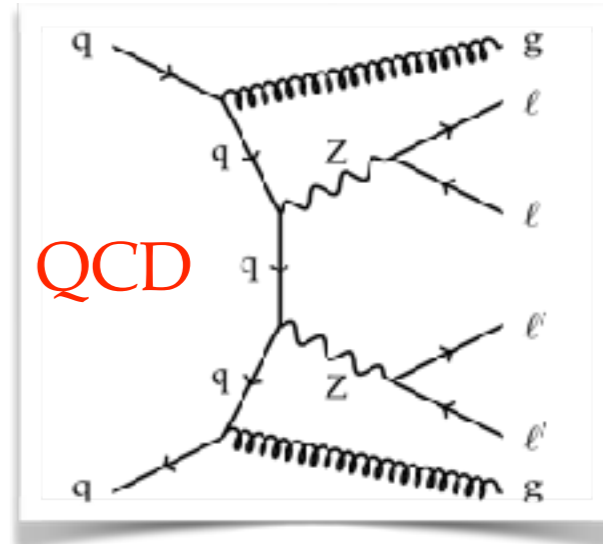
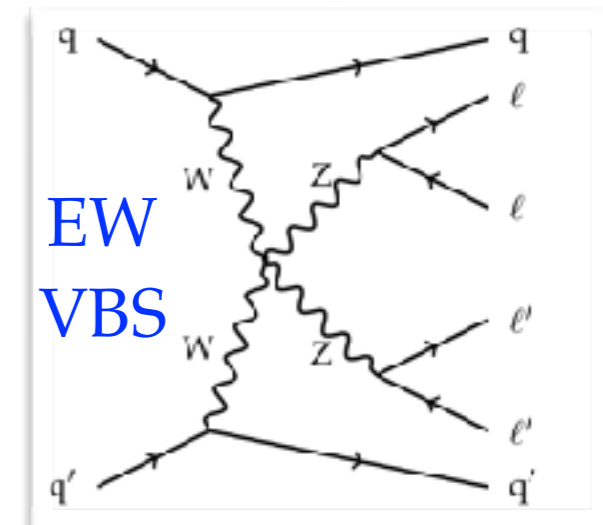




VBS ZZ+2j

CMS

- ❖ Search for EW production of ZZ+2j fully leptonic decay of Z (electron and muons)
- ❖ CMS, 13 TeV data (2015 and 2016, 35.9 fb<sup>-1</sup>), <pileup> ~23
- ❖ **Interests:**
  - ❖ Cross section very low (<1fb), but very clean channel, relatively less instrumental backgrounds than in other channels
  - ❖ Can probe T8 and T9 operators, experimentally accessible only via neutral boson final states
- ❖ **Analysis strategy**
  - ❖ Use a TMVA discriminant to extract the EW component, from a baseline region
  - ❖ Use this region to extract aQGC limits



- ❖ **ZZ+2j EWK**: MadGraph5\_aMC @NLO (nominal) and Phantom @LO, include tribosons
  - ❖ **ZZ+2j QCD**:
    - ❖ MadGraph5\_aMC@NLO, up to 2 ongoing partons at born level, merging with FxFx scheme (scale 30 GeV). Leptonic decay: MadSpin
    - ❖ MCFM for  $gg \rightarrow ZZjj$  (loop induced) and check with MadGraph5\_aMC@NLO
  - ❖ **Interference EWK/QCD**: <1% , neglected
  - ❖ **aQGC**: LO Madgraph\_aMC@NLO, ME reweighing to obtain grid for each of the 5 anomalous coupling constants
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# ZZ VBS - Selection

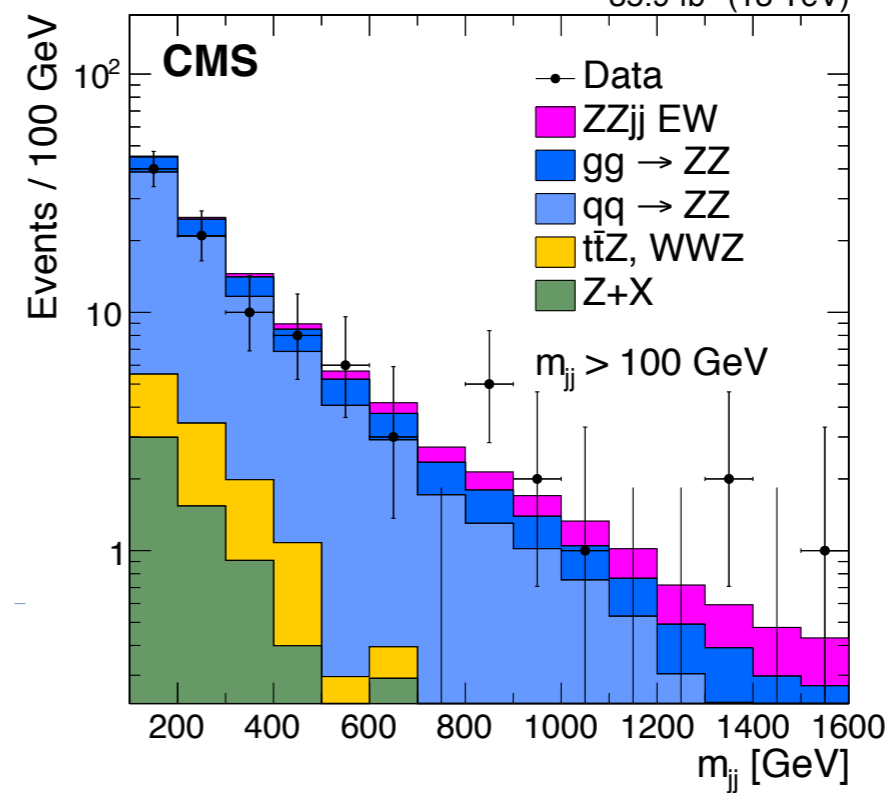
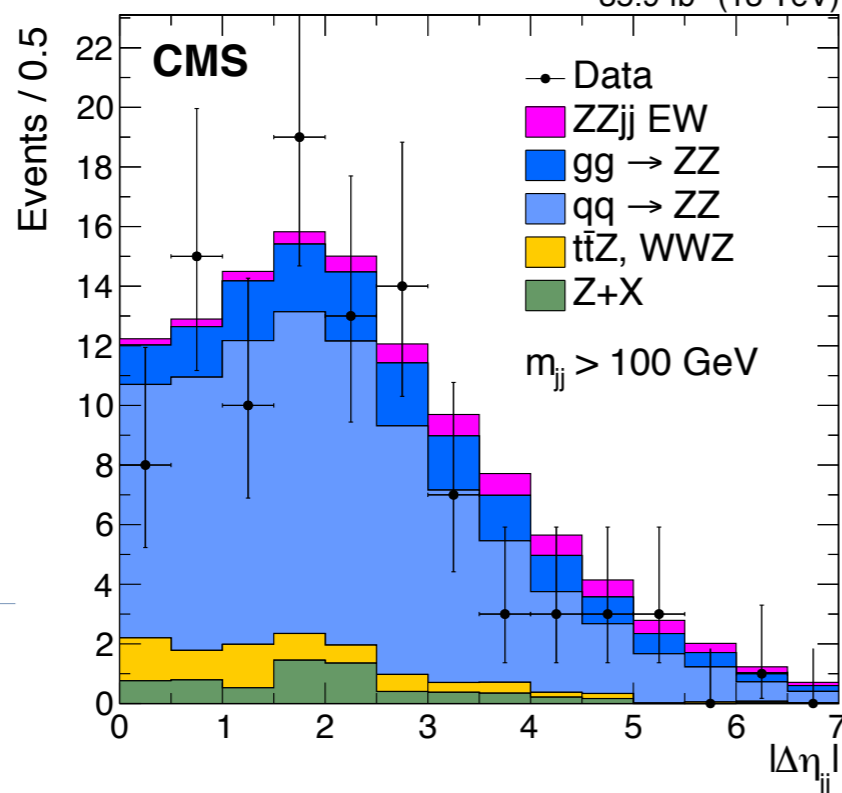
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- ❖ **ZZ selection: 2 pairs of calibrated, isolated ID e/ $\mu$  opposite charge**
    - ❖  $p_{T1} > 20$  GeV (highest),  $p_{T2} > 12$  (10) GeV for e( $\mu$ ) (second highest);  $\Delta R(l1, l2) > 0.02$ ,  $\Delta R(e, \mu) > 0.05$ .
    - ❖  $m_{Z1} > 40$  GeV (for mass closest to  $m_Z$ )  $60 < m_{Z1}, m_{Z2} < 120$  GeV,  $m_{l+l-} > 4$  GeV (for all pairs)
    - ❖ In case more than one 4l candidate: candidate with  $m_{Z1}$  closest to  $m_Z$  chosen
  - ❖ **Jets:**  $\Delta R(l, j) > 0.4$ , Loose ID,  $p_T > 30$  GeV  $\eta < 4.7$ . Energy correction
  - ❖ **ZZ+2j selection (used in analysis)**
    - ❖  $\geq 2$  jets,  $m_{jj} > 100$   $\rightarrow$  **5% EW, 83% QCD**
  - ❖ **QCD-enriched region (not used, just for check)**
    - ❖  $m_{jj} < 400$  GeV  $\parallel \parallel \Delta Y_{jj} < 2.4$
  - ❖ **VBS-enriched region (not used, just for check)**
    - ❖  $m_{jj} > 400$  GeV and  $\Delta Y_{jj} > 2.4$
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# Backgrounds, event yields

- ❖ **QCD is the dominant background** in this analysis, yield checked while extracting EW
- ❖ **Irreducible bkg** (4 prompt and isolated leptons):
  - ❖  $t\bar{t}Z$ ,  $WWZ$ , from MadGraph5\_aMC@NLO (small)
- ❖ **Reducible bkg** (secondary leptons, jets misID as leptons)
  - ❖  $Z$ +jets,  $t\bar{t}$ ,  $WZ$ +jets
  - ❖ Extracted with data-driven method with 2 control samples ( $ZZ$  selection with 1 and 2 leptons failing isolation and ID)
  - ❖ Bkg yield in SR obtained by weighting number of events in CR by lepton misID rate

Selection	$t\bar{t}Z$ and $WWZ$	QCD $ZZjj$	$Z+X$	Total bkg.	EW $ZZjj$	Total expected	Data
$ZZjj$	$7.1 \pm 0.8$	$97 \pm 14$	$6.6 \pm 2.5$	$111 \pm 14$	$6.2 \pm 0.7$	$117 \pm 14$	99
VBS signal-enriched	$0.9 \pm 0.2$	$19 \pm 4$	$0.7 \pm 0.3$	$20 \pm 4$	$4 \pm 0.5$	$25 \pm 4$	19
QCD-enriched	6.2	78	5.9	91	2.2	92	80



# Probing EW

- ❖ Multivariate classifier used to separate signal and QCD using the following variables:

- ❖  $m_{jj}, \Delta Y_{jj}, m_{ZZ}$

- ❖ Zeppenfeld variables of the 2 bosons:

$$\eta_{Z_i}^* = \eta_{Z_i} - (\eta_{jet1} + \eta_{jet2})/2$$

- ❖  $p_{T_{jj}}/|p_{T_{j1}}|+|p_{T_{j2}}|$

- ❖ **pT balance:**

$$p_T^{bal} = \frac{|p_T^{Z1} + p_T^{Z2} + p_T^{j1} + p_T^{j2}|}{|p_T^{Z1}| + |p_T^{Z2}| + |p_T^{j1}| + |p_T^{j2}|}$$

- ❖ BDT performance checked with a ME based approach: provides similar separation b/w signal and backgrounds

- ❖ **Systematics**

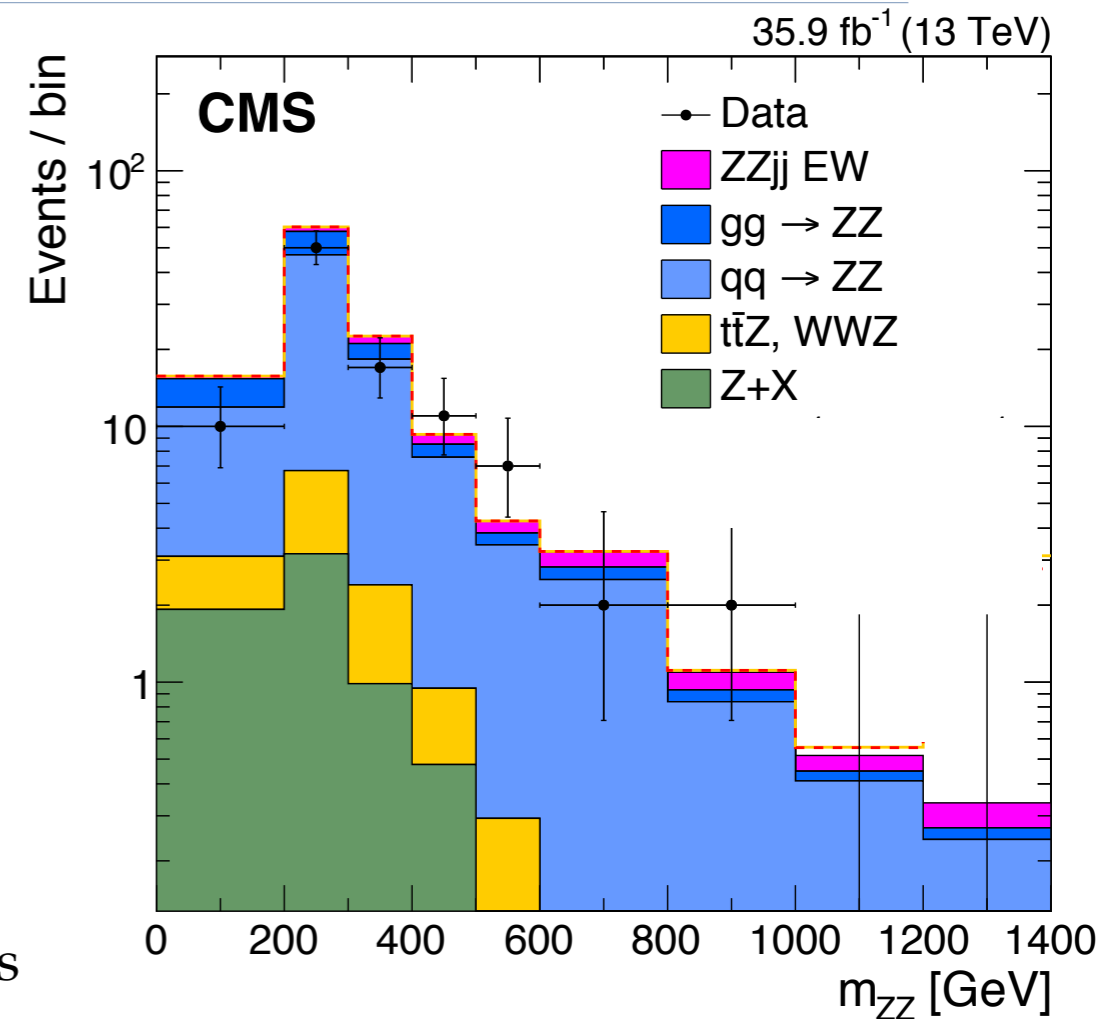
- ❖ JES: 4-20% (low-high BDT score). JER: 8%

- ❖ Leptons: 2-6%

- ❖ Reducible bkg norm. : 40% (only yield)

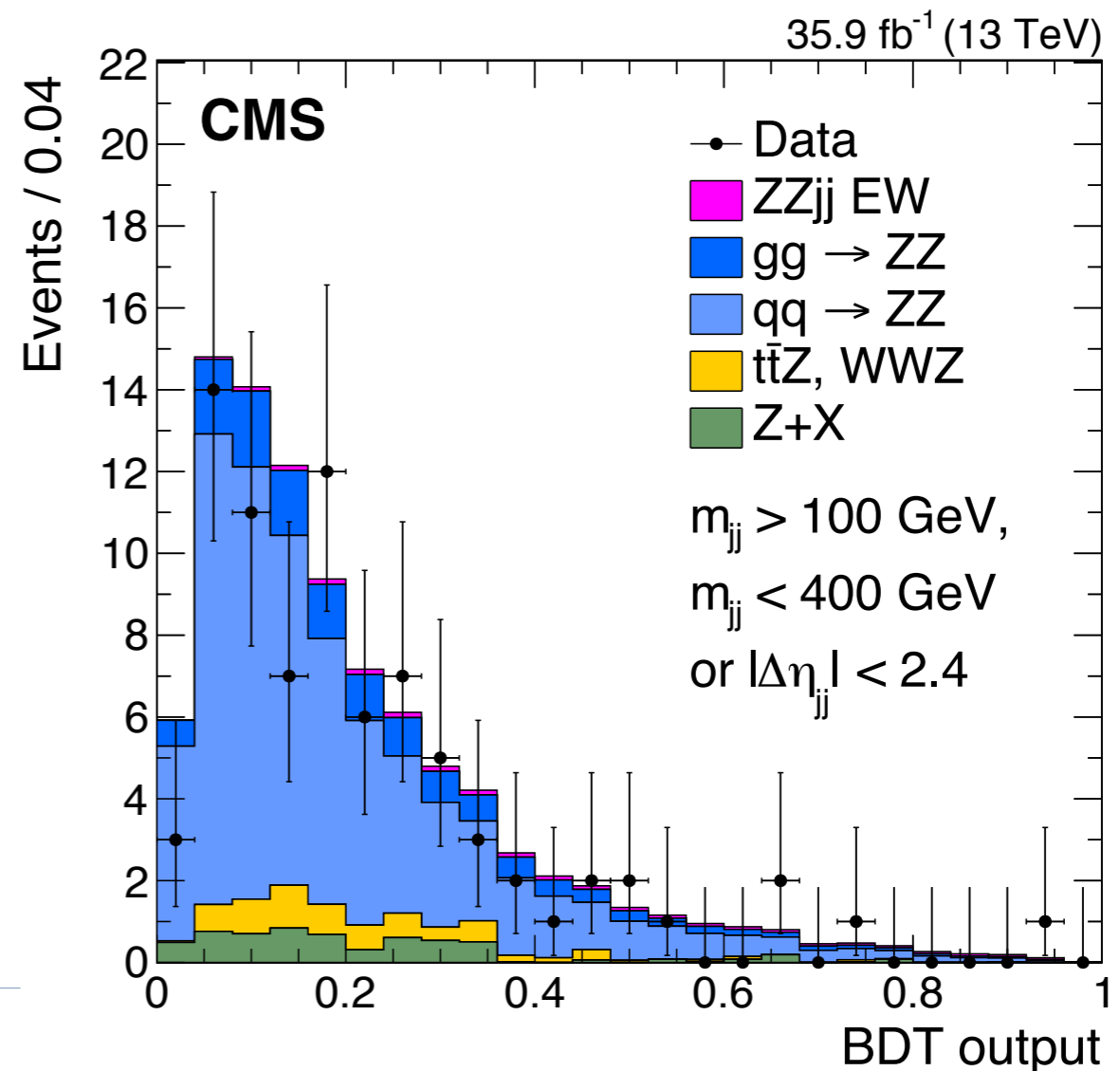
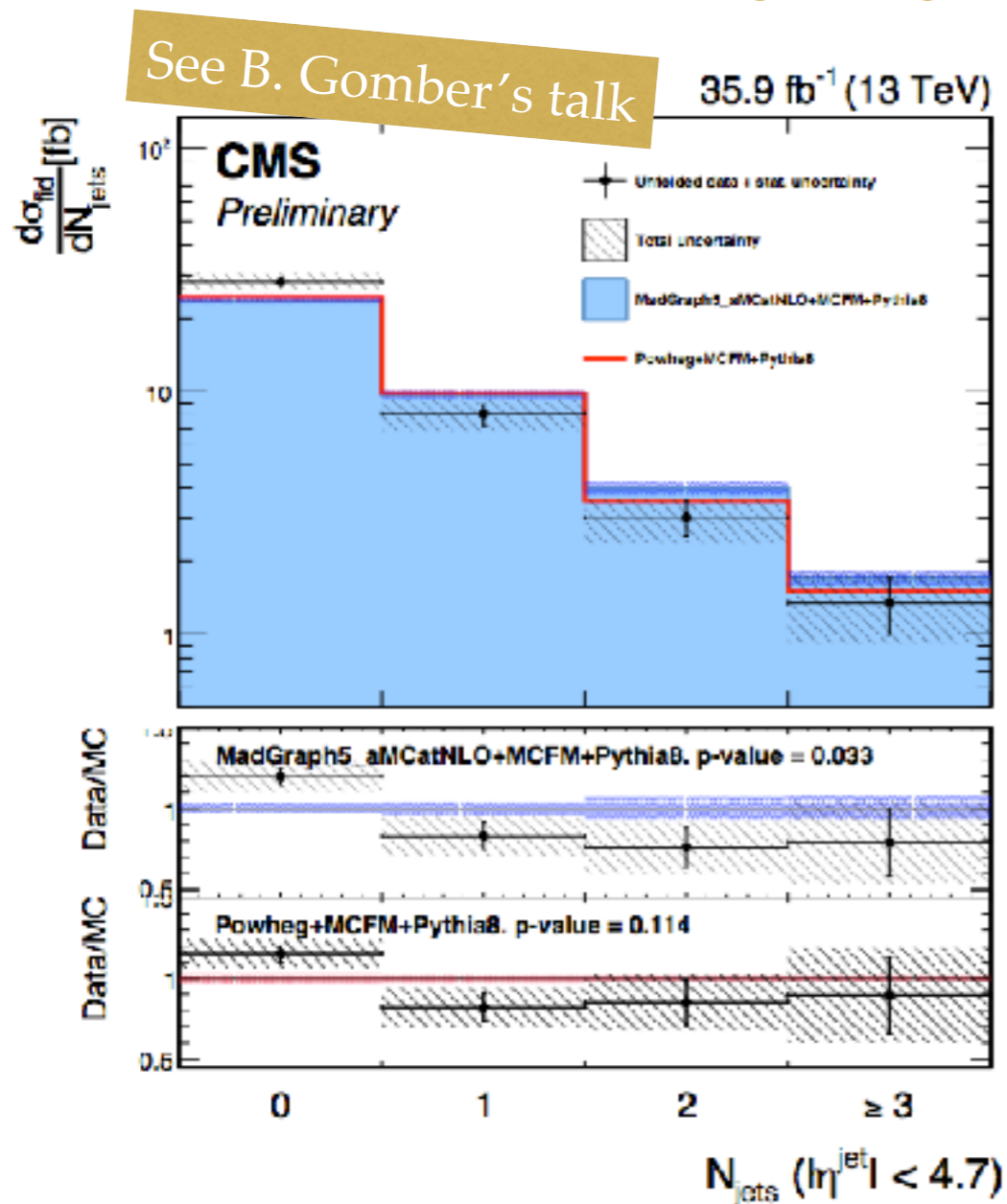
- ❖ Scales for QCD (EW): 10 (7)% ; PDF: 6-9%

- ❖ **Propagated through the classifier** -> variation of MVA output, used in stat. analysis



# Validating modelling of QCD

- ❖ Understanding of QCD production of ZZ pair and kinematic of associated jets crucial
  1. Dependence of the cross section on the jet multiplicity, important test of QCD corrections to ZZ production -> **overall good**, better with Powheg and in central region
  2. In the QCD-enriched region, check agreement of the BDT score between data and simulation -> **overall good agreement**

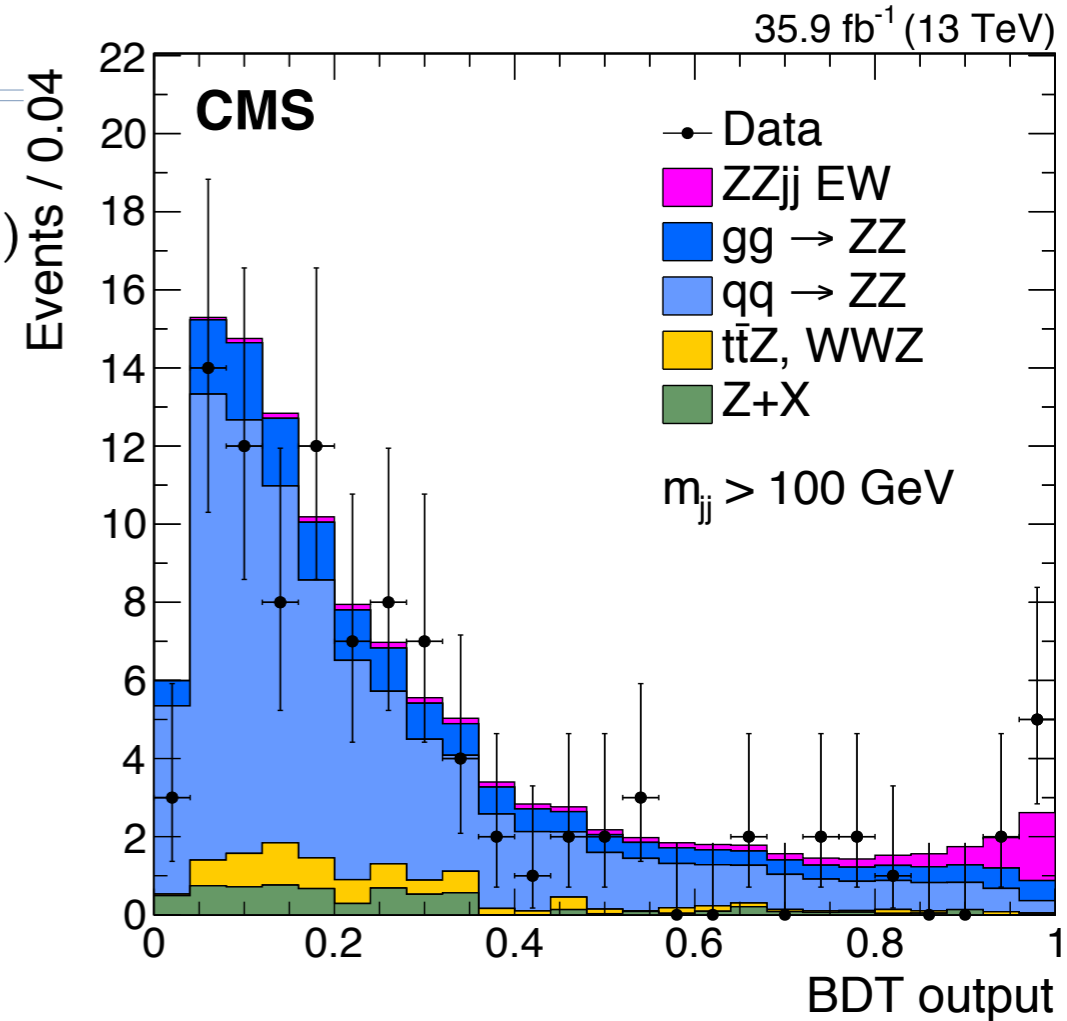


# Results

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- ❖ Full BDT spectrum fitted with max. likelihood template (signal and irreducible bkg from sim, reduc. bkg from data)
- ❖ Template shape and norm, vary within unc. (treated as NP in fit and profiled)

$$\mu = 1.39^{+0.72}_{-0.57}(\text{stat})^{+0.46}_{-0.31}(\text{syst}) = 1.39^{+0.86}_{-0.65}$$



- ❖ **Background-only hypothesis excluded with**
  - ❖ 1.6  $\sigma$  expected
  - ❖ 2.7  $\sigma$  observed

- ❖ **Fiducial cross section in fiducial volume**

$$\sigma_{\text{fid}} = 0.40^{+0.21}_{-0.16}(\text{stat})^{+0.13}_{-0.09}(\text{syst}) \text{ fb}$$

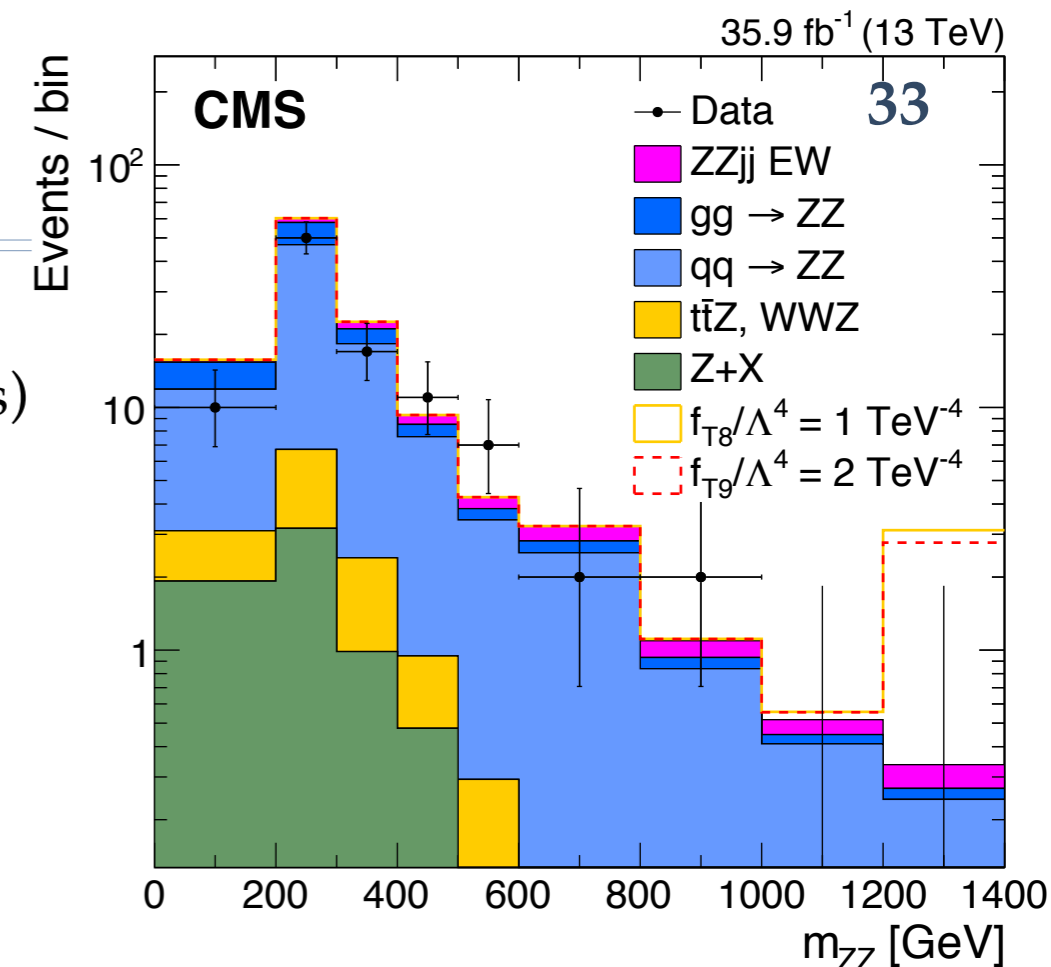
0.29 $\pm$ 0.03 fb expected

$$\begin{aligned}
 & p_T^e > 5 \text{ GeV}, |\eta^e| < 2.5 \\
 & p_T^\mu > 5 \text{ GeV}, |\eta^\mu| < 2.5 \quad + m_{jj} > 100 \text{ GeV} \\
 & p_T^{l_{3,4}} > 5 \text{ GeV} \\
 & p_T^{l_1} > 20 \text{ GeV}, p_T^{l_2} > 10 \text{ GeV} \\
 & m_{l+l-} > 4 \text{ GeV (any opposite-sign same-flavor pair)} \\
 & 60 < m_{Z_1}, m_{Z_2} < 120 \text{ GeV}
 \end{aligned}$$



# aQGCs

- ❖ ZZjj can probe to all operators
  - ❖ in particular sensitive to T0,T1,T2 (SU<sub>L</sub>(2) gauge fields)
  - ❖ and T8 and T9 (U<sub>Y</sub>(1) field) -> experimentally accessible only with neutral boson final states
- ❖ m<sub>ZZ</sub> used as a probe
- ❖ Quadratic increase of yields with anomalous couplings modelled with parabolic function
- ❖ Same statistic methodology as for EW signal strength
  - ❖ Wald Gaussian and Wilk's theorem to derive 95%CL limits
- ❖ Individual limits, setting other to zero, no form factor
- ❖ **Unitarity bound:** using VBFNLO framework)



Coupling	Exp. lower	Exp. upper	Obs. lower	Obs. upper	Unitarity bound
$f_{T_0} / \Lambda^4$	-0.53	0.51	-0.46	0.44	0.6
$f_{T_1} / \Lambda^4$	-0.72	0.71	-0.61	0.61	0.6
$f_{T_2} / \Lambda^4$	-1.4	1.4	-1.2	1.2	0.6
$f_{T_8} / \Lambda^4$	-0.99	0.99	-0.84	0.84	2.8
$f_{T_9} / \Lambda^4$	-2.1	2.1	-1.8	1.8	2.9

# Conclusions

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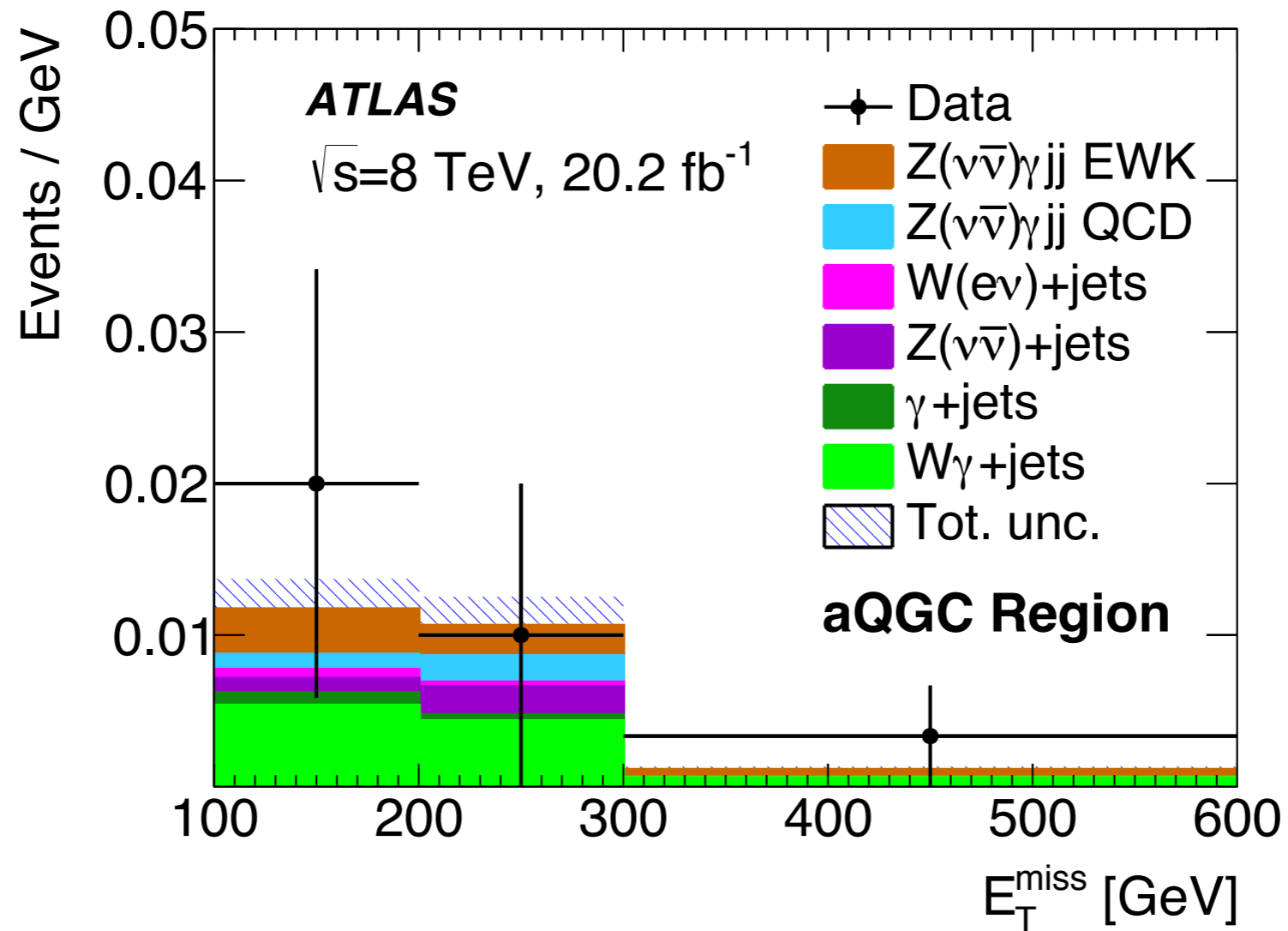
- ❖ Lot of information obtained from the study of neutral VBS final states (total QCD+EW cross section in several phase spaces, EW cross-section, validation of QCD modelling, ...)
- ❖ In particular on the  $ft8$  and  $ft9$  operators of the EFT, most stringent limits set on them.
- ❖ Very small cross-sections !
- ❖ Study of 13 TeV ongoing, new results on  $Z\gamma$  and  $ZZ$  to come soon
  - ❖ will also allow to check dependence of XS with  $\sqrt{s}$  for a given process

Back-up

# VBS $Z\gamma$ : more details ( $\nu\nu$ channel)

Objects	Particle- (Parton-) level selection
Neutrinos	$E_T^{\nu\bar{\nu}} > 100 \text{ GeV}$
Photon (kinematics)	$E_T^\gamma > 150 \text{ GeV},  \eta^\gamma  < 2.37$ $\Delta R(\ell, \gamma) > 0.4$
Photon (isolation)	$E_T^{\text{iso}} < 0.5 \cdot E_T^\gamma$
Generator-level jets (Outgoing quarks) ( $pp \rightarrow Z\gamma qq$ )	At least two jets (quarks) $E_T^{j(q)} > 30 \text{ GeV},  \eta^{j(q)}  < 4.5$ $\Delta R(\gamma, j(q)) > 0.4$
Event kinematic selection	$ \Delta\phi(E_T^{\nu\bar{\nu}}, \gamma jj(qq))  > \frac{3\pi}{4}$ $ \Delta\phi(E_T^{\nu\bar{\nu}}, \gamma)  > \frac{\pi}{2}$ $ \Delta\phi(E_T^{\nu\bar{\nu}}, j(q))  > 1$ $E_T^\gamma > 150 \text{ GeV}$ $ \Delta y_{jj(qq)}  > 2.5$ $\zeta_\gamma \leq 0.3$ $p_T^{\text{balance}} < 0.1$ $m_{jj(qq)} > 600 \text{ GeV}$

# VBS $Z\gamma$ : more details (results)



# Backgrounds determination

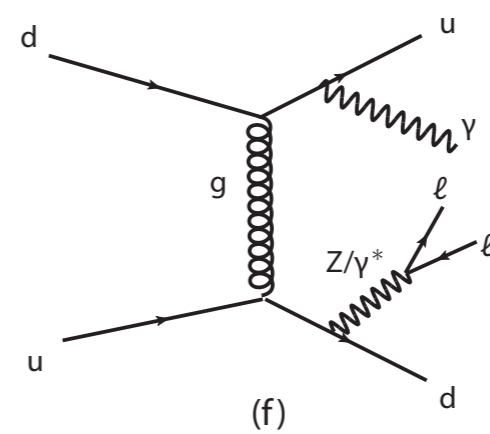
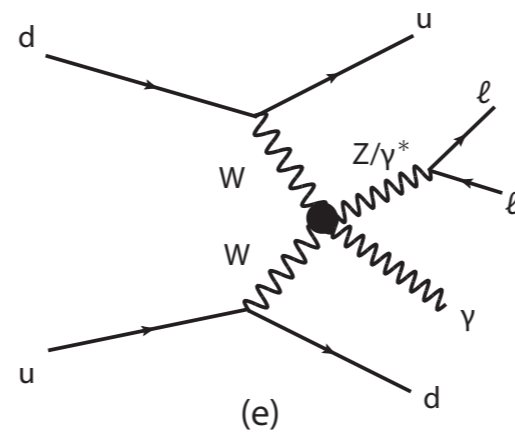
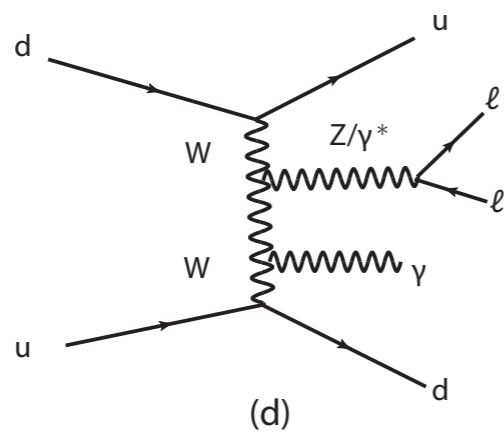
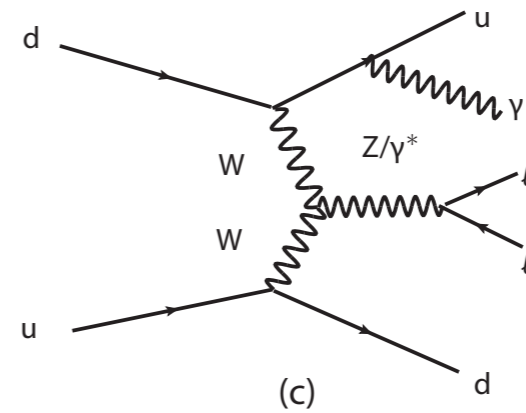
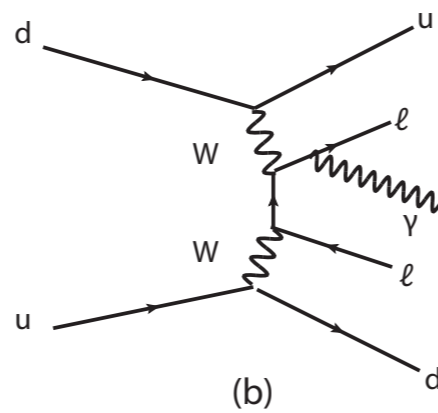
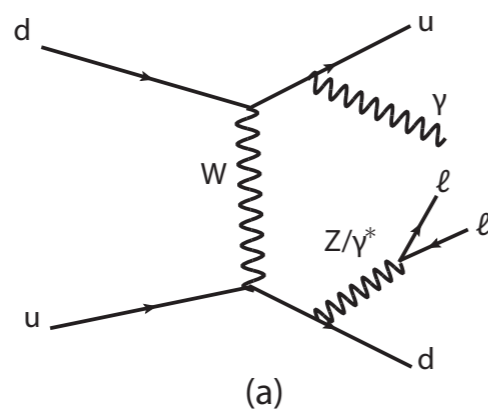
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- ▶ Major backgrounds
  - ▶ **(Z→vv)γ QCD** – from **MC** (for aQGC limits).
    - ▶ A combined cross section is measured together with VBS Zγγ in a aQGC sensitive region
  - ▶ **W+γ** – shape from **MC** with normalization from data in CR region with inversed charged lepton veto. *Same technique as in Zγ(γ) analysis.*
    - ▶ Extrapolation to aQGC phase space done using MC. Stability for MC vs data Transfer Factor (TF) checked for VBS cuts.
  - ▶ **W→ev** – data-driven method: fake-rate from Z peak, e+E<sub>T</sub>(miss) control region. *Same technique as in Zγ(γ) analysis.*
    - ▶ No extrapolation, since background can be estimated for VBS region directly.
  - ▶ **Z+jets** - data-driven method: ABCD based on photon ID and Isolation. *Same technique as in Zγ channel.*
    - ▶ Same extrapolation as for Z(ℓ)γ.
  - ▶ **γ +jet** – data-driven method: ABCD based on E<sub>T</sub>(miss) and Δφ(E<sub>T</sub>(miss),jets).
    - ▶ Extrapolation was done using data control region. R\_MC stability was checked vs VBS topology cuts.

# Comparison of ATLAS and CMS $Z\gamma$ aQGC limits

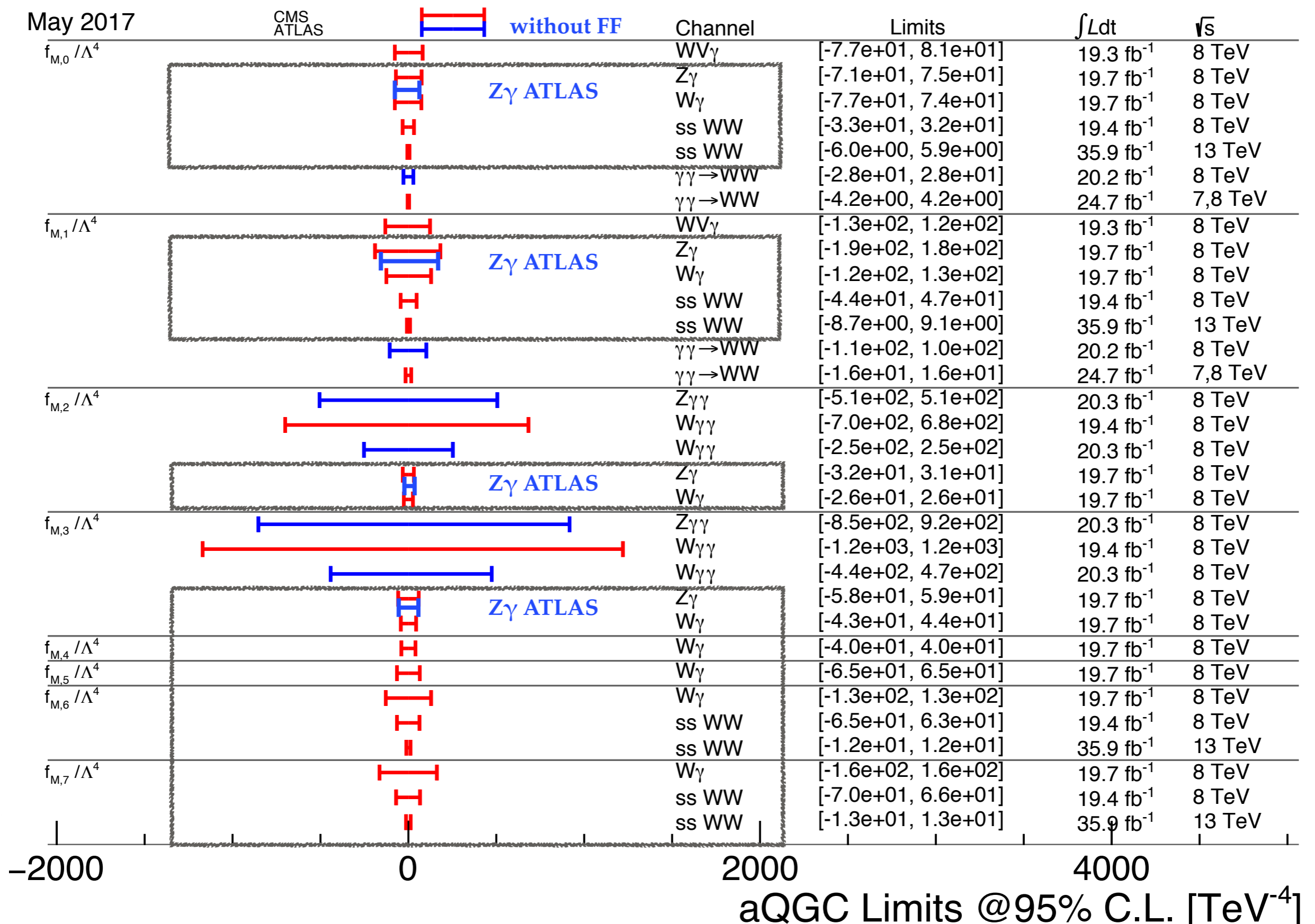
	Limits 95% CL	Measured [ $\text{TeV}^{-4}$ ]	Expected [ $\text{TeV}^{-4}$ ]
<b>ATLAS <math>Z(\rightarrow \ell\bar{\ell}/\nu\bar{\nu})\gamma</math>-EWK</b> <i>(result without FF to compare with CMS)</i>	$f_{T9}/\Lambda^4$	[-3.9, 3.9]	[-2.7, 2.8]
	$f_{T8}/\Lambda^4$	[-1.8, 1.8]	[-1.3, 1.3]
	$f_{T0}/\Lambda^4$	[-3.4, 2.9]	[-3.0, 2.3]
	$f_{M0}/\Lambda^4$	[-76, 69]	[-66, 58]
	$f_{M1}/\Lambda^4$	[-147, 150]	[-123, 126]
	$f_{M2}/\Lambda^4$	[-27, 27]	[-23, 23]
	$f_{M3}/\Lambda^4$	[-52, 52]	[-43, 43]
<b>CMS <math>Z(\rightarrow \ell\bar{\ell})\gamma</math>-EWK</b> arXiv: <a href="https://arxiv.org/abs/1702.03025">1702.03025</a>	$f_{T9}/\Lambda^4$	[-4.0, 4.0]	[-6.0, 6.0]
	$f_{T8}/\Lambda^4$	[-1.8, 1.8]	[-2.7, 2.7]
	$f_{T0}/\Lambda^4$	[-3.8, 3.4]	[-5.1, 5.1]
	$f_{M0}/\Lambda^4$	[-71, 75]	[-109, 111]
	$f_{M1}/\Lambda^4$	[-190, 182]	[-281, 280]
	$f_{M2}/\Lambda^4$	[-32, 31]	[-47, 47]
	$f_{M3}/\Lambda^4$	[-58, 59]	[-87, 87]

# ZZ Feynman diagrams





# Comparisons of intervals for fM operators <sup>41</sup>



# Comparisons of intervals for fT operators <sup>42</sup>

