

# Searching for new physics with di-boson measurements in ATLAS

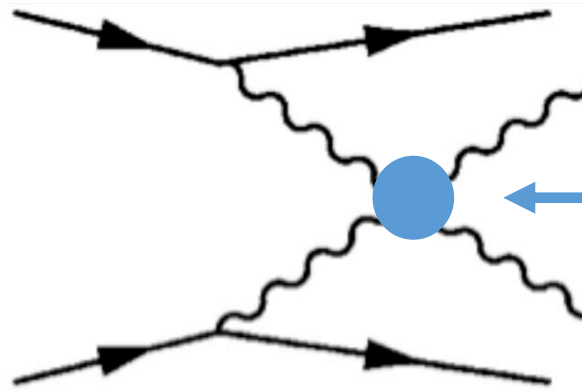
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# Outline

- Motivation
  - searches for electroweak di-boson production
  - measurements of triple and quartic gauge boson couplings
  - searches for BSM physics in the framework of Standard Model Electroweak Field Theory (SMEFT)
- Vector Boson Scattering
  - two same-sign  $W$  bosons accompanied by two jets
  - $Z$  boson pair and two jets
  - photon-induced production of  $W$  boson pairs
  - vector boson fusion Higgs production using decays to two  $W$  bosons
- Measurement of the four-lepton invariant mass spectrum
- Production of two  $W$  bosons and at least one jet

# Vector boson scattering at the LHC

# vector boson scattering



quartic gauge coupling

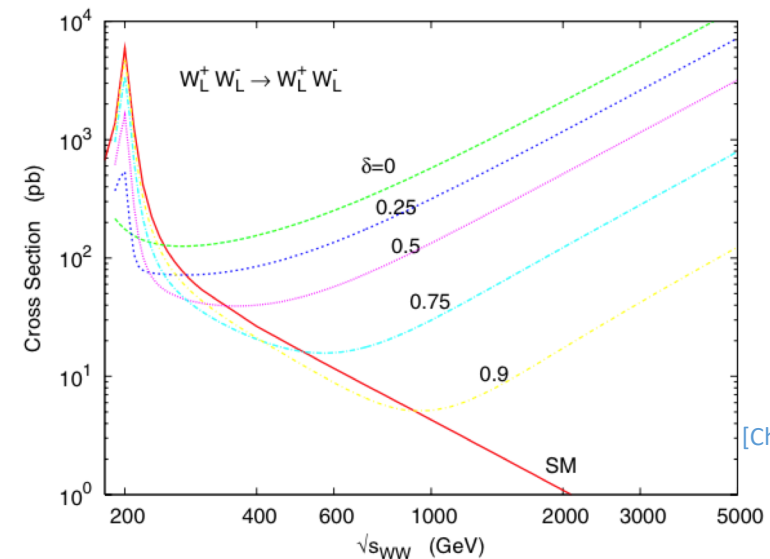
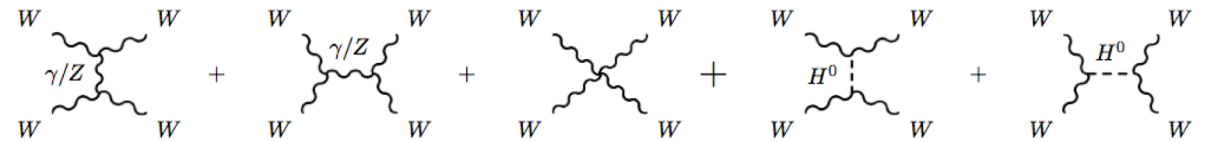
triple gauge couplings

the Higgs boson

BSM physics

## Motivation for VBF/VBS measurements

- couplings among gauge bosons as well as Higgs and gauge bosons precisely predicted in the SM
- EWK di-boson production at high energies is a sensitive probe of gauge (non-)cancellations that cause cross-sections to diverge
- probe of BSM (charged, composite, ...) Higgs in its bosonic couplings



[Cheung, Chiang, Yuan, 2008]



# Standard Model Effective Field Theory

- BSM fields above  $\Lambda=1\text{TeV}$  give rise to higher-dimensions operators that form SMEFT Lagrangian

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

- The canonical dimension of SM operators is 4, dim-6 operators suppressed by  $\Lambda^{-2}$  wrt. the SM, dim-8 operators suppressed by  $\Lambda^{-4}$ , ...
- $C_i^{(d)}$  specify the strength of the BSM interactions and are known as Wilson coefficients,  $c_i^{(6)} = C_i^{(6)} / \Lambda^{-2}$
- The set of operators of each dimension is renormalizable
- The complete basis of dim-6 operators is known [JHEP10\(2010\) 085](#)

(\*) neglecting all lepton- and baryon-number violating terms, which include dim-5 operators

# EFT cross-section measurements

- EFT dimension 6 operators implemented in the SMEFTSim package at the leading order
- Predicted cross-sections can be decomposed into:

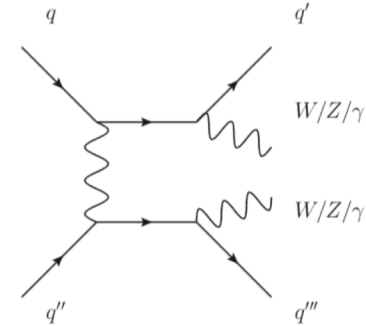
$$\vec{\sigma}^{\text{pred}} = \vec{\sigma}^{\text{SM}} \times \left( 1 + c_i \cdot \vec{\sigma}^{\text{INT}} / \vec{\sigma}^{\text{LO SM}} + c_i^2 \cdot \vec{\sigma}^{\text{BSM}} / \vec{\sigma}^{\text{LO SM}} \right)$$

- The linear (interference) and non-linear (quadratic) EFT contributions
- Quadratic term is of the same dimension as higher-order linear term thus some fit variants do not include it

# Analysis strategy

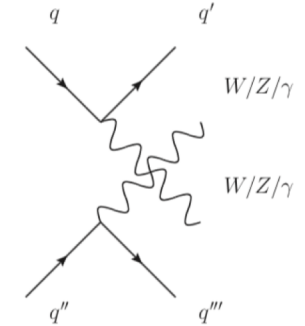
- Select  $VVjj$  events
- Estimate non- $VV$  processes from data
- Separate EWK processes from QCD interactions using kinematical properties:
  - forward high energetic jets with large separation in rapidity gap
  - large di-jet invariant mass
  - leptons central wrt. jets
- Measure EWK cross-section, (anomalous) couplings, EFT coefficients

EWK non-VBS

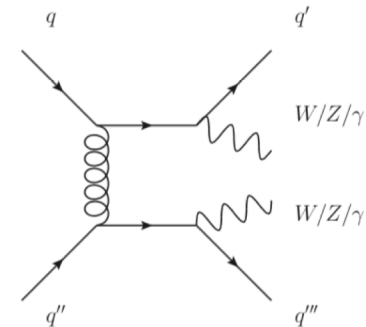


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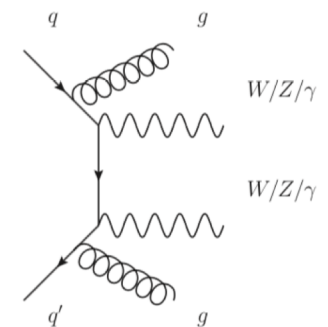
VBS di-boson production



(b)



(c)



(d)

QCD production

# Next To Leading Order cross-sections calculations

- LO contributions:
  - $\mathcal{O}(\alpha^6)$  EW
  - $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s \alpha^5)$  interference
  - $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2 \alpha^4)$  QCD
- NLO contributions
  - $\mathcal{O}(\alpha^7)$  EW corrections
  - $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s \alpha^6)$  QCD+EW
  - $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2 \alpha^5)$  QCD+EW
  - $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3 \alpha^4)$  QCD corrections

Beyond the leading order the distinction between EW and QCD contributions is meaningless.

Full NLO QCD+EW corrections available only for  $W^\pm W^\pm j j$

## State of the art of theory predictions:

- pure NLO QCD predictions computed for:
  - $W^\pm W^\pm j j$  (\*)
  - $W^\pm Z j j$  (\*\*)
  - $ZZ j j$  (\*\*\*) and  $W^+ W^- j j$  (\*\*\*)
- pure NLO EW corrections computed for:
  - $W^\pm W^\pm j j$  (\*)
  - $W^\pm Z j j$  (\*\*)
- QCD+EW corrections:
  - $W^\pm W^\pm j j$  (\*)
  - only  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s \alpha^6)$  in  $W^\pm Z j j$  (\*\*\*),  $ZZ j j$  (+) and  $W^+ W^- j j$  (+ +)

(\*) Biedermann, Denner, Pellen; 1611.02951, 1708.00268

(\*\*) Denner, Dittmaier, Maierhoefer, Pellen, Schwan; 1904.00882

(\*\*\*) Campanario et al.; 1305.1623

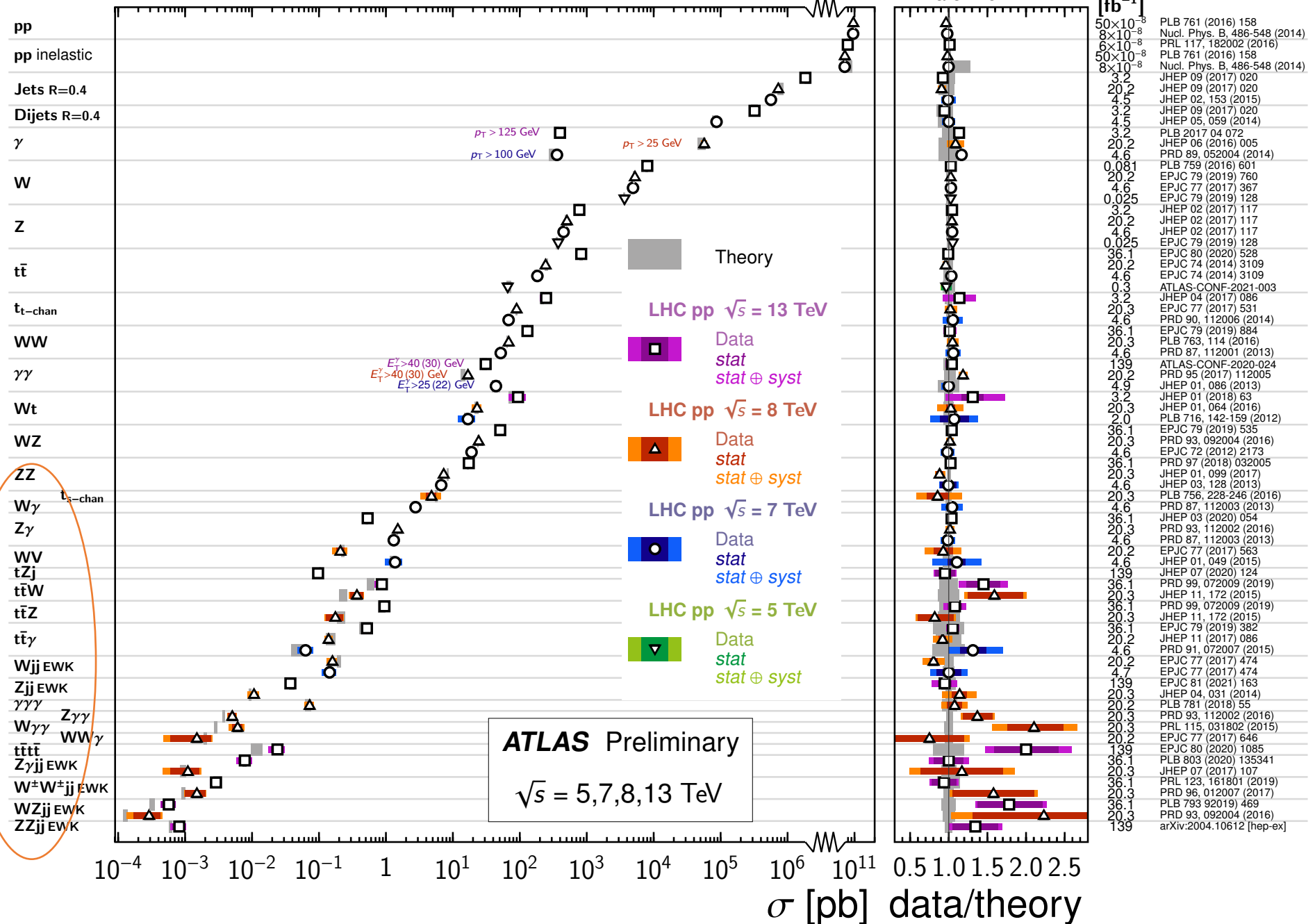
(\*\*\*\*) Jaeger, Zanderighi; 1301.1695

(+) Jaeger, Karlberg, Zanderighi; 1312.3252

(+ +) Greiner et al.; 1202.6004

# Standard Model Production Cross Section Measurements

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# Experimental challenges in reconstructing forward objects

# Jets

Jets reconstructed using AntiKT algorithm:

Small-R jets ( $R = 0.4$ )

Large-R jets ( $R = 1.0$ )

- to identify hadronically decaying boosted bosons
- $p_T > 200$  GeV,  $|\eta| < 2$

Dedicated techniques to improve central jets reconstruction:

- JVT is applied to central jets with  $p_T < 60$  GeV and  $|\eta| < 2.4$  to suppress jets from pileup interactions.
- Two jet grooming definitions for reconstructing the  $Z \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  decay: trimming and soft drop.

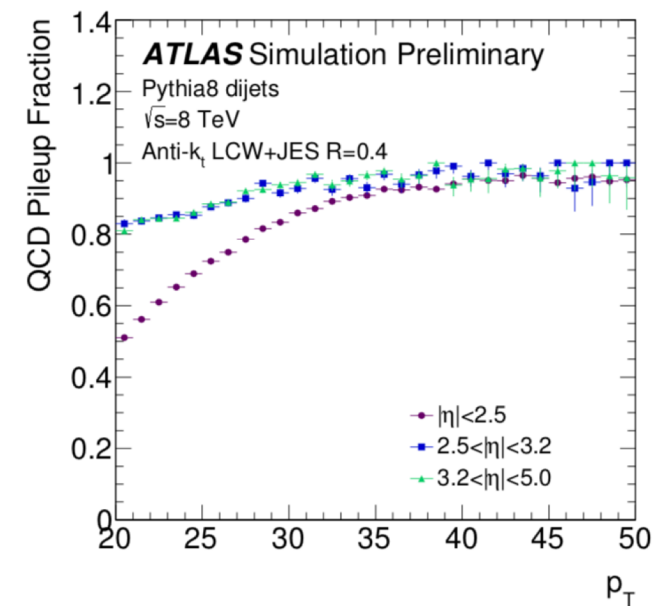
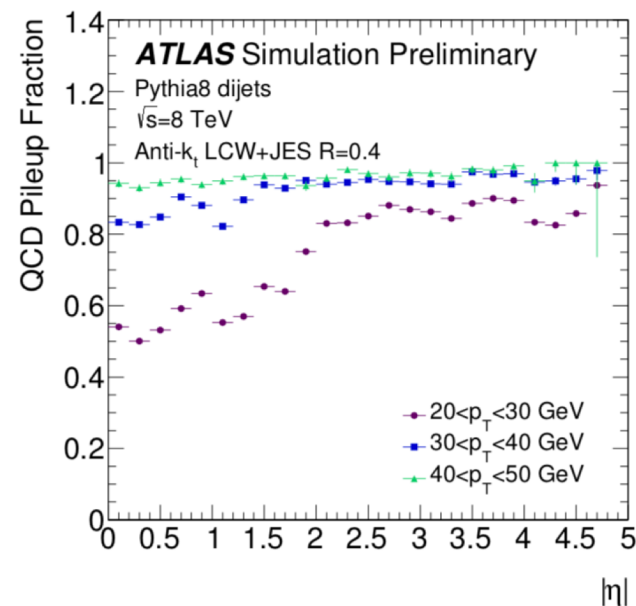
Small-R jets selection in the central and forward region

Analysis \ min $p_T$	$ \eta  < 2.5$	$2.5 <  \eta  < 4.5$
semileptonic	20 GeV	30 GeV
$W^\pm W^\pm jj$	20 GeV	25 GeV
$Z\gamma jj$	25 GeV	25 GeV
VBF $H \rightarrow WW$	30 GeV	30 GeV

$$R = \sqrt{\Delta\eta^2 + \Delta\phi^2}$$

# Tagging pileup jets in the forward region (fJVT)

- The dominant source of pileup in the forward region is QCD, while stochastic pile-up jets populate entire rapidity range
- track based jet vertex tagging (JVT) is limited to the tracker coverage  $|\eta| < 2.4$
- calorimeter information available for jets  $|\eta| < 4.9$
- The minimum  $\Delta R p_T$  requirement defines the operating point in terms of hard-scatter and pileup efficiencies.



$$R_{pT} = \frac{\sum_k p_T^{\text{trk}_k}(\text{PV}_0)}{p_T^{\text{jet}}}$$



# Pileup in the forward region

- Applied in VBF H->WW(lvlv)
  - Tests in VBF H->WW using MCTruth information:
  - fJVT rejects 56% of events in which pile jet are taken as leading VBF jets, and 50% of events in which pile jet are taken as subleading VBF jets.
  - The VBF signal efficiency for the FJVT selection is about 76%
- used now also in EWK  $W^\pm W^\pm jj$
- plans to use the fJVT tool before VBS jet selection in other EWK analyses

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	bkg (no Wjets)	VBF signal
MVA > -0.8	758.96 ± 88.40	48.9 ± 0.59
lead jet is pileup	78.74 ± 25.00	0.13 ± 0.03
lead jet is pileup pass fJVT	44.76 ± 19.37	0.1 ± 0.02
lead jet is pileup pass fJVTTight	41.43 ± 19.35	0.1 ± 0.02

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MVA > -0.8	758.96 ± 88.40	48.9 ± 0.59
lead jet is pileup	190.80 ± 36.34	1.17 ± 0.10
lead jet is pileup pass fJVT	101.84 ± 11.16	0.77 ± 0.09
lead jet is pileup pass fJVTTight	89.85 ± 10.79	0.63 ± 0.08

# Jets containing heavy flavor quarks (b-jets)

- Flavour tagging used to suppress top backgrounds
- The chosen b-tagging algorithms vary in efficiency 70%-85%
- b-tagging only possible in central region  $|\eta| < 2.5$ , forward jets originating from top decays escape tagging

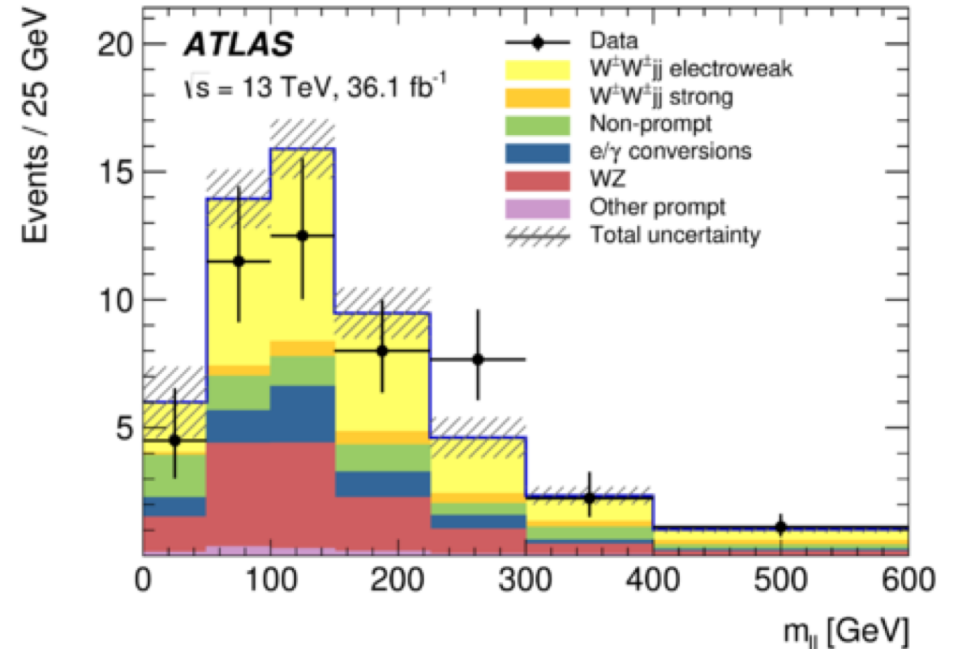
Analysis	b-tagging WP
$W^\pm W^\pm jj$	85%
ZZjj	85%
$Z\gamma$	70%
VBF H- $\rightarrow$ WW	85%

# Observation of electroweak same-sign W boson pairs accompanied by two jets

[1906.03203](#)

- The  $W^\pm W^\pm jj$  final state has the largest ratio of electroweak to strong production cross sections compared to other VBS diboson processes
- integrated luminosity  $36.1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
- NLO QCD corrections included in EW and QCD  $W^\pm W^\pm jj$
- The measured fiducial signal cross section is

$$\sigma_{\text{fid.}} = 2.89^{+0.51}_{-0.48} \text{ (stat.) } +0.29_{-0.28} \text{ (syst.) fb.}$$



	$e^+e^+$	$e^-e^-$	$e^+\mu^+$	$e^-\mu^-$	$\mu^+\mu^+$	$\mu^-\mu^-$	Combined
$WZ$	$1.48 \pm 0.32$	$1.09 \pm 0.27$	$11.6 \pm 1.9$	$7.9 \pm 1.4$	$5.0 \pm 0.7$	$3.4 \pm 0.6$	$30 \pm 4$
Non-prompt	$2.2 \pm 1.1$	$1.2 \pm 0.6$	$5.9 \pm 2.5$	$4.7 \pm 1.6$	$0.56 \pm 0.05$	$0.68 \pm 0.13$	$15 \pm 5$
$e/\gamma$ conversions	$1.6 \pm 0.4$	$1.6 \pm 0.4$	$6.3 \pm 1.6$	$4.3 \pm 1.1$	—	—	$13.9 \pm 2.9$
Other prompt	$0.16 \pm 0.04$	$0.14 \pm 0.04$	$0.90 \pm 0.20$	$0.63 \pm 0.14$	$0.39 \pm 0.09$	$0.22 \pm 0.05$	$2.4 \pm 0.5$
$W^\pm W^\pm jj$ strong	$0.35 \pm 0.13$	$0.15 \pm 0.05$	$2.9 \pm 1.0$	$1.2 \pm 0.4$	$1.8 \pm 0.6$	$0.76 \pm 0.25$	$7.2 \pm 2.3$
Expected background	$5.8 \pm 1.4$	$4.1 \pm 1.1$	$28 \pm 4$	$18.8 \pm 2.6$	$7.7 \pm 0.9$	$5.1 \pm 0.6$	$69 \pm 7$
$W^\pm W^\pm jj$ electroweak	$5.6 \pm 1.0$	$2.2 \pm 0.4$	$24 \pm 5$	$9.4 \pm 1.8$	$13.4 \pm 2.5$	$5.1 \pm 1.0$	$60 \pm 11$
Data	10	4	44	28	25	11	122

# Observation of electroweak production of two jets and a Z-boson pair

arXiv:2004.10612

- 2 final states:  $4l\ jj$  and  $2l2\nu jj$
- integrated luminosity  $139\ \text{fb}^{-1}$
- a fully reconstructed final state when both of the Z bosons decay into charged leptons
- VBS ZZ production is sensitive to the possible anomalous interaction between four Z bosons (forbidden at tree-level in the SM)
- small signal rate predicted by the SM, low background
- EW ZZjj signal generated at the LO, QCD-induced ZZjj production includes NLO QCD corrections
- Dominating sources of uncertainties are: data statistics, experimental uncertainties related to jet measurements and the background estimate

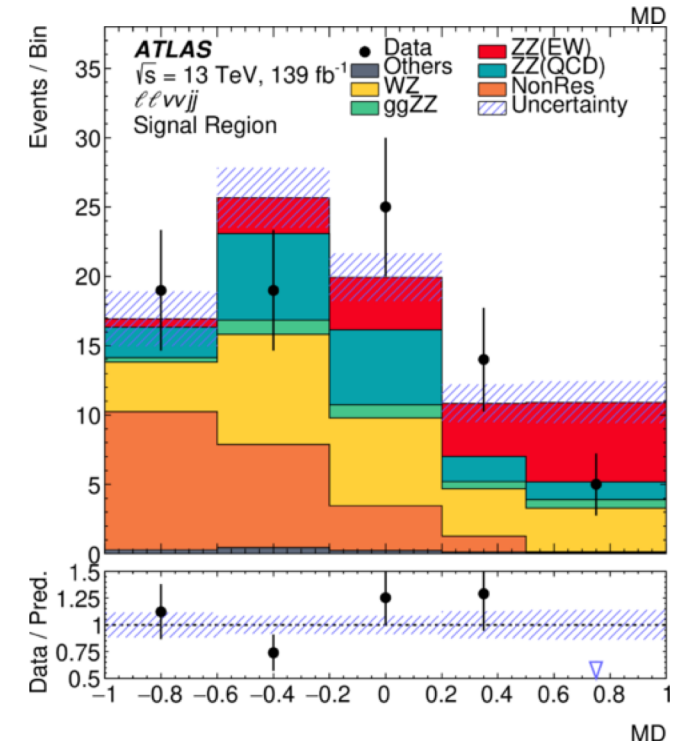
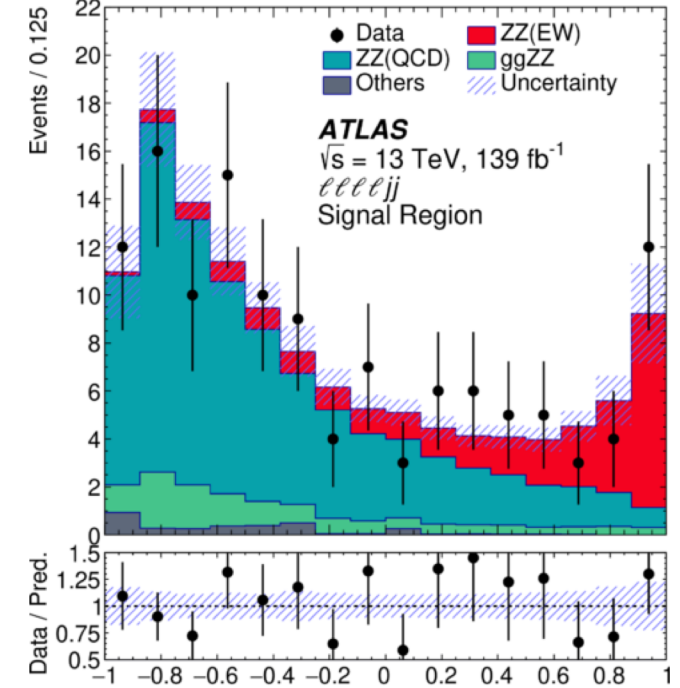
# Electroweak production of ZZjj

The hypothesis of no electroweak production is rejected with a statistical significance of  $5.5\sigma$ , and the measured cross-section for electroweak production is consistent with the SM prediction.

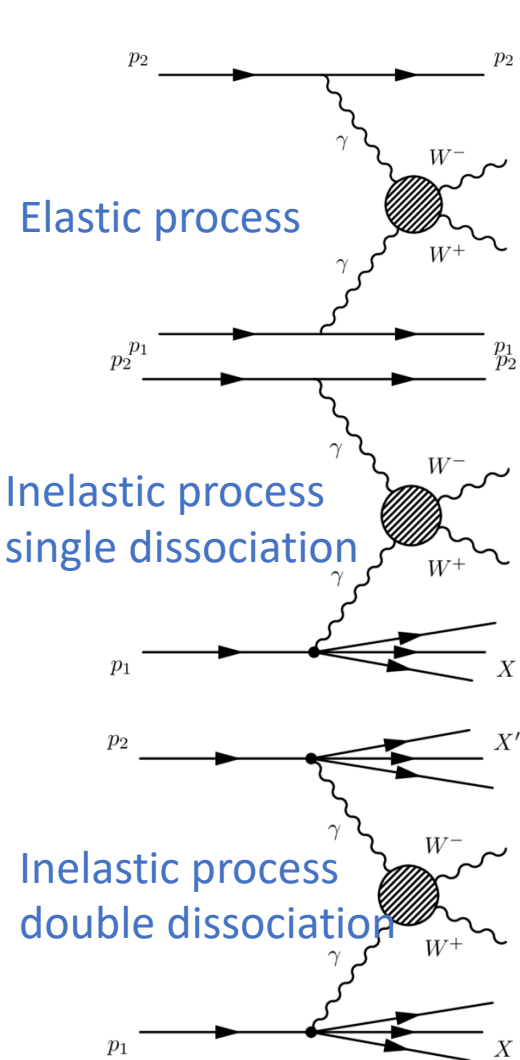
signal strengths for QCD and EW production

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

	Measured fiducial $\sigma$ [fb]	Predicted fiducial $\sigma$ [fb]
$\ell\ell\ell jj$	$1.27 \pm 0.12(\text{stat}) \pm 0.02(\text{theo}) \pm 0.07(\text{exp}) \pm 0.01(\text{bkg}) \pm 0.03(\text{lumi})$	$1.14 \pm 0.04(\text{stat}) \pm 0.20(\text{theo})$
$\ell\nu\nu jj$	$1.22 \pm 0.30(\text{stat}) \pm 0.04(\text{theo}) \pm 0.06(\text{exp}) \pm 0.16(\text{bkg}) \pm 0.03(\text{lumi})$	$1.07 \pm 0.01(\text{stat}) \pm 0.12(\text{theo})$



# Observation of photon-induced production of W boson pairs

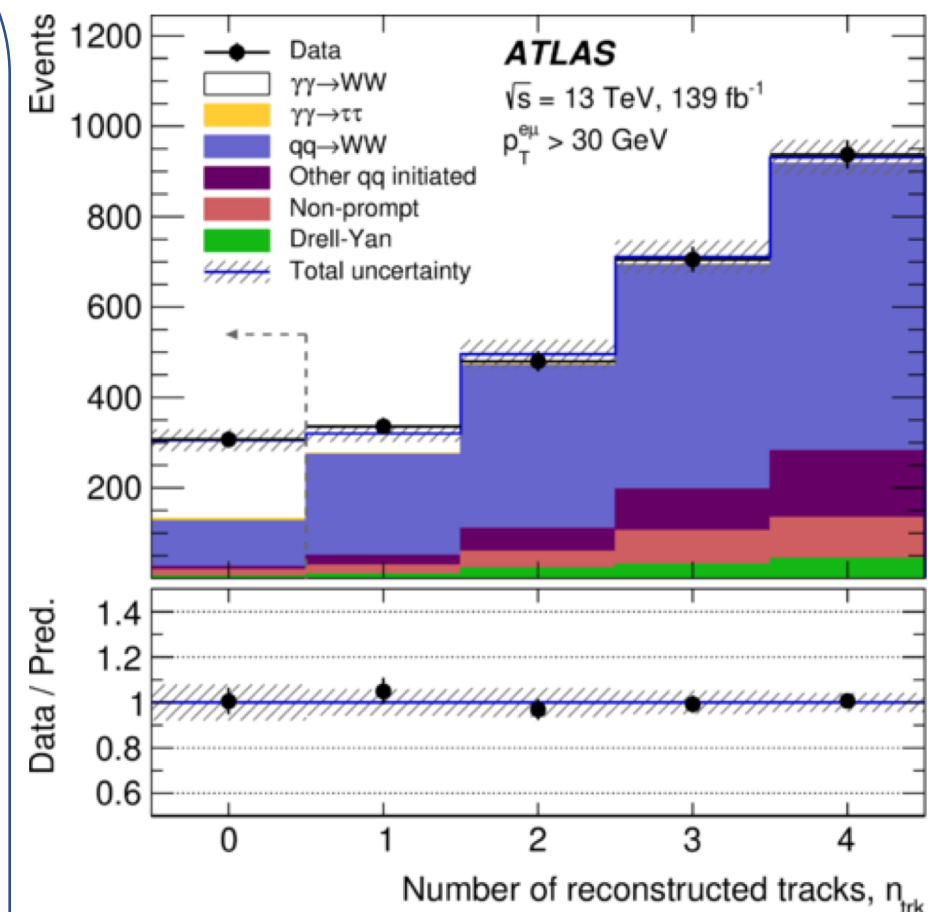


The signal is sensitive to triple and quartic gauge boson couplings

In the signal events the number of charged particles tracks is expected to be 0

- Modeling of hadronic activity is constrained using Drell-Yan events in data
- Observed significance of 6.7 standard deviations
- • Measured cross section:

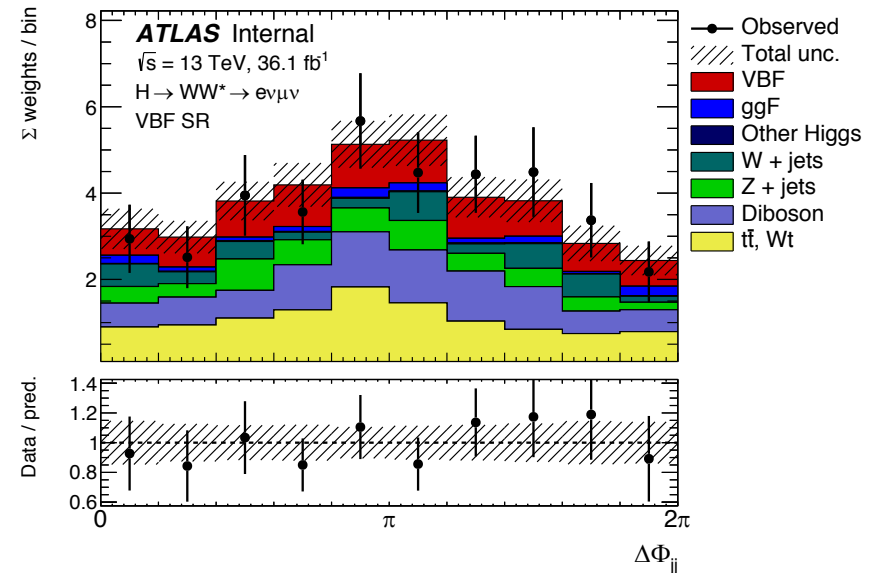
$$3.13 \pm 0.31(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.28(\text{syst.}) \text{ fb}$$



# Constraining the Higgs boson couplings to longitudinally and transversally polarised W and Z bosons

- Vector boson fusion Higgs production and WW final state
- Integrated luminosity of  $36 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
- $a_L = g_{HVLVL}/g_{HVV}$  and  $a_T = g_{HVTVT}/g_{HVV}$ ,
  - in the SM  $a_L = a_T = 1$
  - defined in the Higgs rest frame so that only  $HV_L V_L$  and  $HV_T V_T$  coupling combinations are present (see 1404.5951)

- Anomalous couplings extracted from:
  - $\sigma \cdot \text{Br}(H \rightarrow WW^*)$
  - the distribution of the signed azimuthal angle between two tagging jets  $\Delta\Phi_{jj}$



Type	exp.	obs.
$a_L$ shape-only fit ( $a_T = 1$ )	–	–
$a_T$ shape-only fit ( $a_L = 1$ )	$1.00 \pm 0.5(\text{stat.})^{+0.35}_{-0.39}(\text{syst.})$	$1.27^{+0.8}_{-0.4}(\text{stat.})^{+0.35}_{-0.27}(\text{syst.})$
$a_L$ shape + rate fit ( $a_T = 1$ )	$1.00^{+0.08}_{-0.10}(\text{stat.})^{+0.08}_{-0.13}(\text{syst.})$	$0.90^{+0.10}_{-0.13}(\text{stat.})^{+0.09}_{-0.19}(\text{syst.})$
$a_T$ shape + rate fit ( $a_L = 1$ )	$1.00^{+0.36}_{-0.49}(\text{stat.})^{+0.22}_{-0.32}(\text{syst.})$	$1.18^{+0.26}_{-0.31}(\text{stat.})^{+0.14}_{-0.16}(\text{syst.})$
$a_L$ shape + rate fit ( $a_T$ profiled)	$1.00^{+0.08}_{-0.10}(\text{stat.})^{+0.08}_{-0.13}(\text{syst.})$	$0.91^{+0.10}_{-0.18}(\text{stat.})^{+0.09}_{-0.18}(\text{syst.})$
$a_T$ shape + rate fit ( $a_L$ profiled)	$1.00^{+0.38}_{-0.5}(\text{stat.})^{+0.22}_{-0.43}(\text{syst.})$	$1.16 \pm 0.4(\text{stat.})^{+0.4}_{-0.3}(\text{syst.})$

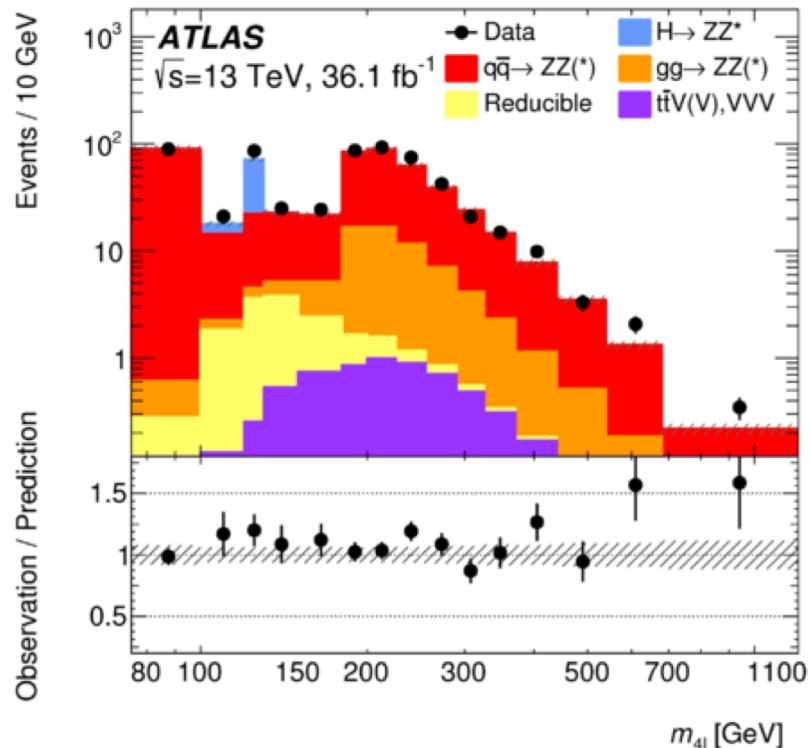
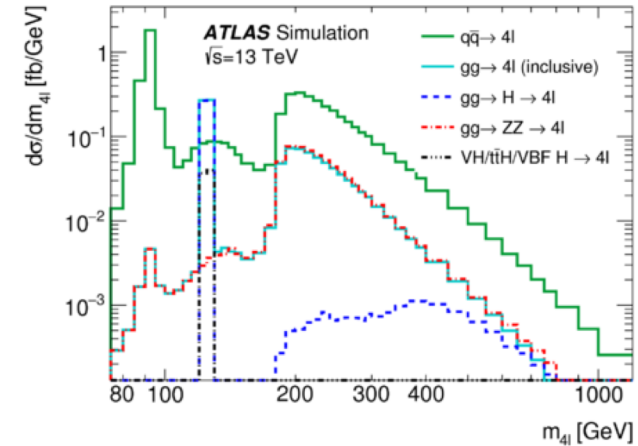
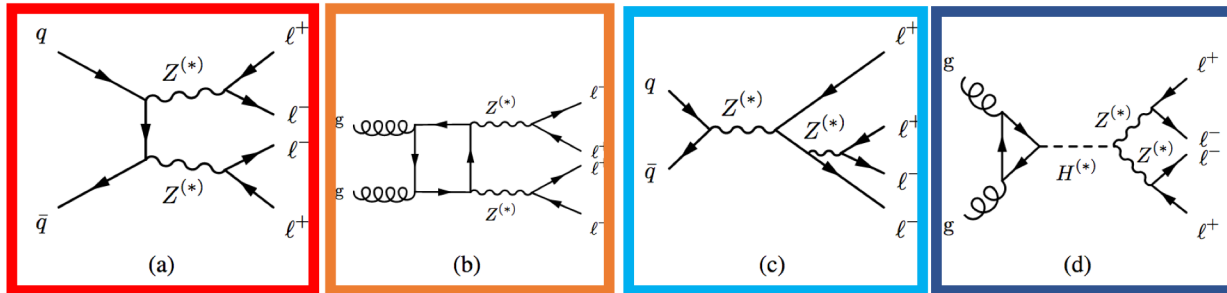
# di-boson measurements



# Measurement of the four-lepton invariant mass spectrum

- The integrated luminosity of  $139 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
- Selected events contain two same-flavour opposite-sign lepton pairs.
- Measurements of differential cross-section in the invariant four-lepton mass  $m_{4l}$ ,
- Measurements of double-differential cross-sections with respect to both  $m_{4l}$  and the following kinematic variables:
  - the transverse momentum of the four-lepton system  $p_{4l}$ ,
  - the rapidity of the four-lepton system  $y_{4l}$ ,
  - and a matrix-element discriminant DME

# Measurement of the four-lepton invariant mass spectrum



The final state has contributions from a number of processes that dominate in different four-lepton invariant mass regions.

# measurement of $Z \rightarrow 4l$ branching fraction

Extracted from the measured fiducial cross-section in the mass bin corresponding to  $m_Z$

Measurement	$\mathcal{B}_{Z \rightarrow 4\ell}/10^{-6}$
ATLAS, $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV and 8 TeV [8]	$4.31 \pm 0.34(\text{stat}) \pm 0.17(\text{syst})$
CMS, $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV [6]	$4.83^{+0.23}_{-0.22}(\text{stat})^{+0.32}_{-0.29}(\text{syst}) \pm 0.08(\text{theo}) \pm 0.12(\text{lumi})$
<b>ATLAS, <math>\sqrt{s} = 13</math> TeV</b>	<b><math>4.70 \pm 0.32(\text{stat}) \pm 0.21(\text{syst}) \pm 0.14(\text{lumi})</math></b>

# Higgs boson measurements using 4 lepton invariant mass

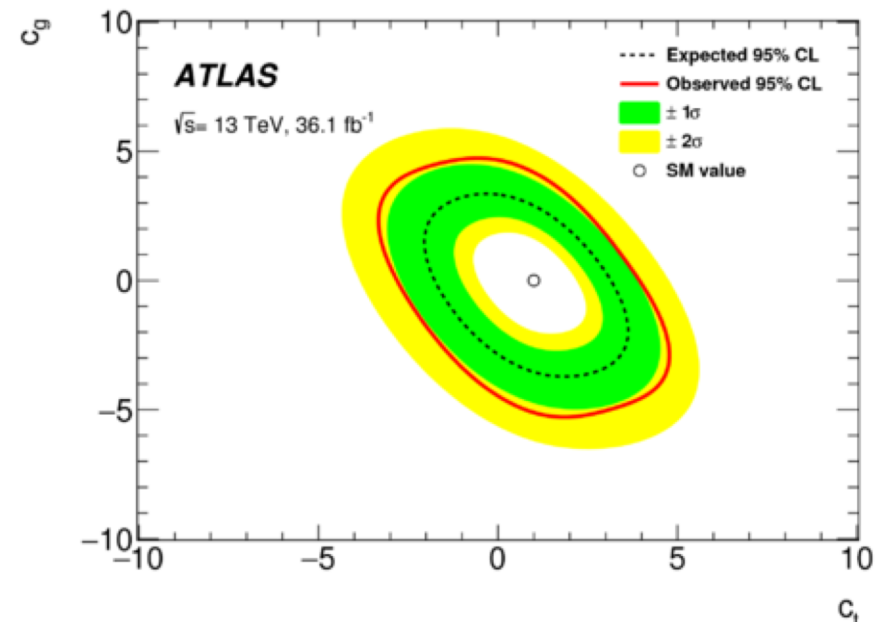
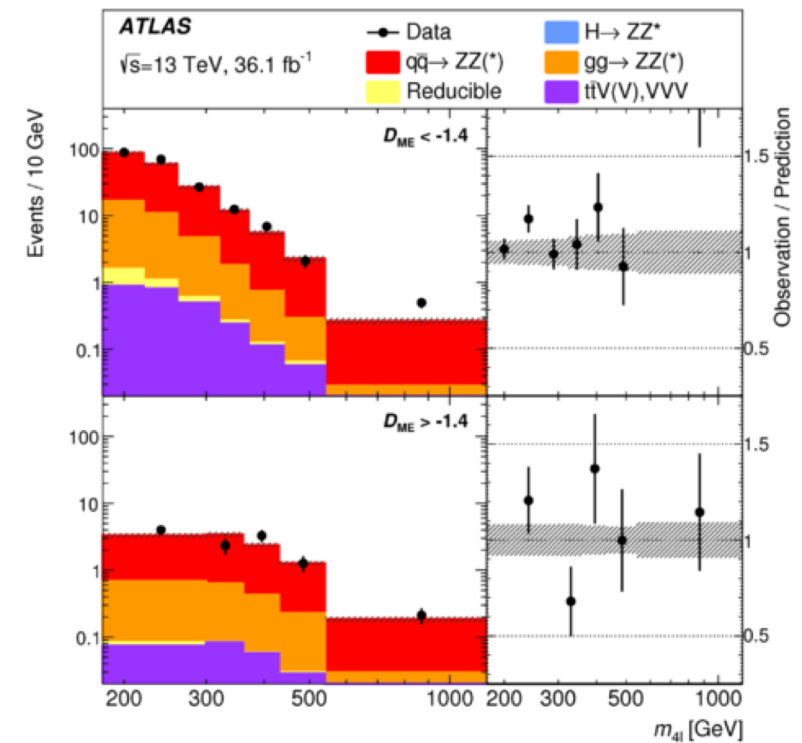
- Constraint on off-shell Higgs boson signal strength

-> from double-differential cross-section measured as a function of  $m_{4l}$  and the matrix element discriminant  $D_{ME}$ ,

- Constraints to tree level Higgs couplings to top quarks ( $c_t$ ) and to gluons ( $c_g$ )

-> from the measured differential cross-section as a function of  $m_{4l}$ .

On-shell rates for Higgs production via gluon-gluon fusion are only sensitive to  $|c_t+c_g|^2$ , but measurements at higher mass ( $>180\text{GeV}$ ) can be used to probe these parameters independently



# Constraints on EFT Wilson coefficients

operators affecting:

Higgs-gauge bosons couplings

gauge bosons couplings

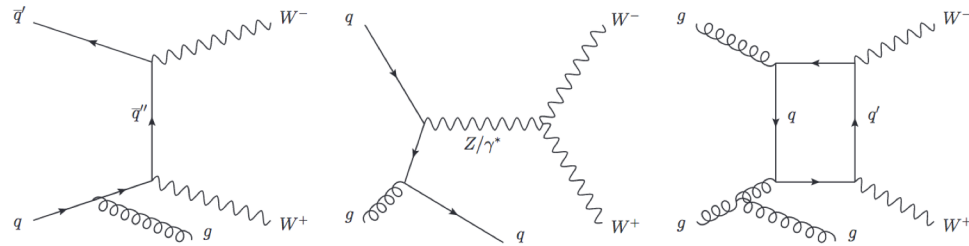
$Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$  vertex

four-fermion contact terms

Only linear term included in the fit  
(non-linear variant included in the  
paper as well)

Coefficient	Observable	95% CL Expected [ $\text{TeV}^{-2}$ ]	95% CL Observed [ $\text{TeV}^{-2}$ ]
$c_{HG}$	$m_{34}$ vs $m_{4\ell}$	$[-0.011, 0.013]$	$[-0.0090, 0.014]$
$\tilde{c}_{HG}$	$m_{34}$ vs $m_{4\ell}$	–	–
$c_{HD}$	$m_{34}$ vs $m_{4\ell}$	$[-0.46, 0.44]$	$[-0.63, 0.28]$
$c_{HWB}$	$m_{34}$ vs $m_{4\ell}$	$[-0.21, 0.20]$	$[-0.29, 0.13]$
$c_{Hd}$	$p_{T,12}$ vs $m_{4\ell}$	$[-10, 10]$	$[-3.0, 18]$
$c_{Hu}$	$ \Delta\phi_{\ell\ell} $ vs $m_{4\ell}$	$[-3.5, 3.7]$	$[-1.6, 6.2]$
$c_{He}$	$ \Delta\phi_{\text{pairs}} $ vs $m_{4\ell}$	$[-0.48, 0.46]$	$[-0.76, 0.21]$
$c_{Hl}^{(1)}$	$ \Delta\phi_{\text{pairs}} $ vs $m_{4\ell}$	$[-0.37, 0.38]$	$[-0.19, 0.57]$
$c_{Hl}^{(3)}$	$ \Delta\phi_{\ell\ell} $ vs $m_{4\ell}$	$[-0.29, 0.28]$	$[-0.51, 0.12]$
$c_{Hq}^{(1)}$	$m_{34}$ vs $m_{4\ell}$	$[-0.81, 0.78]$	$[-1.1, 0.46]$
$c_{Hq}^{(3)}$	$ \Delta\phi_{\text{pairs}} $ vs $m_{4\ell}$	$[-0.34, 0.33]$	$[-0.15, 0.54]$
$c_{ed}$	$m_{34}$ vs $m_{4\ell}$	$[-1.3, 1.8]$	$[-0.98, 2.3]$
$c_{ee}$	$m_{34}$ vs $m_{4\ell}$	$[-58, 64]$	$[-27, 100]$
$c_{eu}$	$m_{4\ell}$	$[-0.61, 0.45]$	$[-0.36, 0.64]$
$c_{ld}$	$m_{34}$ vs $m_{4\ell}$	$[-1.8, 2.5]$	$[-1.4, 3.0]$
$c_{le}$	$m_{34}$ vs $m_{4\ell}$	$[-63, 68]$	$[-18, 130]$
$c_{ll}$	$m_{34}$ vs $m_{4\ell}$	$[-39, 43]$	$[-17, 71]$
$c_{ll}^{(1)}$	$ \Delta\phi_{\text{pairs}} $ vs $m_{4\ell}$	$[-0.33, 0.34]$	$[-0.17, 0.51]$
$c_{lq}^{(1)}$	$m_{4\ell}$	$[-0.77, 0.40]$	$[-4.1, 0.55]$
$c_{lq}^{(3)}$	$m_{34}$ vs $m_{4\ell}$	$[-0.061, 0.083]$	$[-0.051, 0.098]$
$c_{lu}$	$m_{4\ell}$	$[-1.4, 0.98]$	$[-0.77, 1.4]$
$c_{qe}$	$m_{4\ell}$	$[-1.1, 0.84]$	$[-0.67, 1.2]$

# WW+jets



WW+j production

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Fiducial selection requirements

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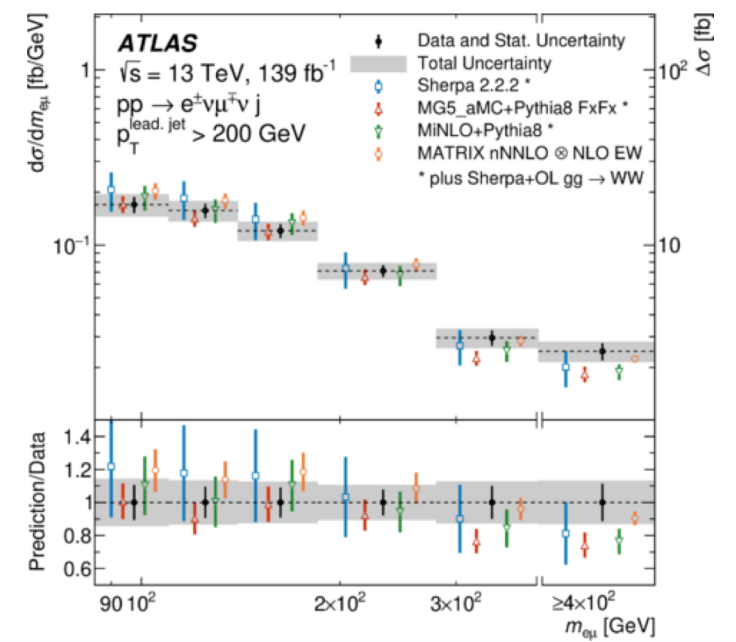
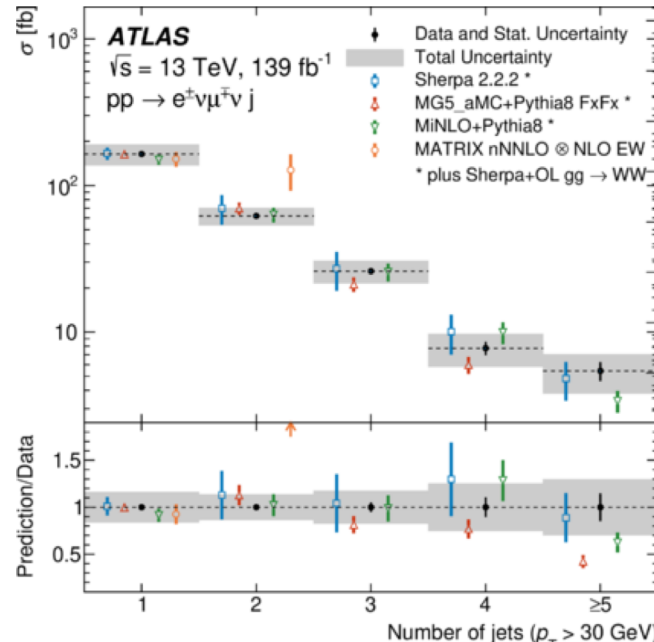
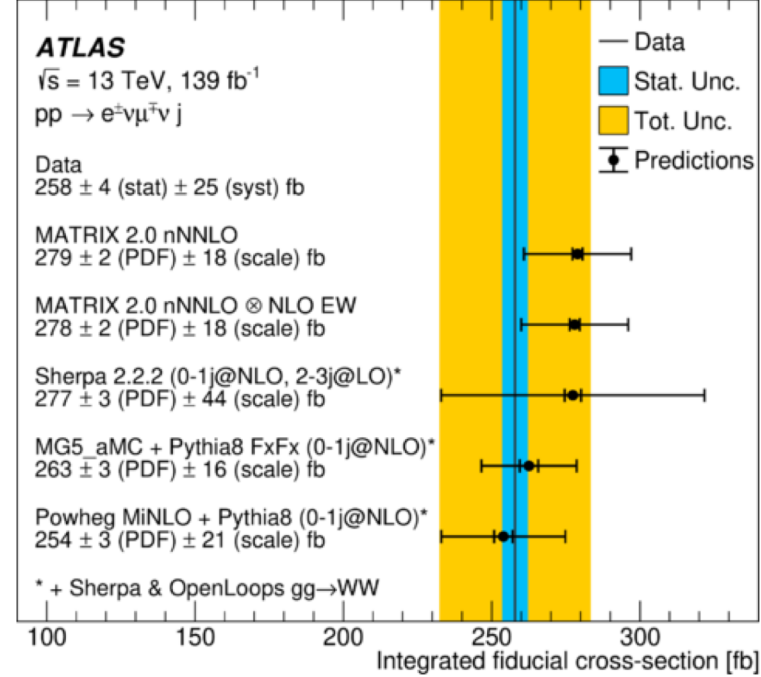
$p_T^\ell$	>	27 GeV
$ \eta^\ell $	<	2.5
$m_{e\mu}$	>	85 GeV
$p_T^j$	>	30 GeV
$ y^j $	<	4.5

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- The  $WW$ +jets cross-section is evaluated in the fiducial phase space of the  $WW \rightarrow e\nu\mu\nu$  decay channel
- at least one jet required in the event selection
- Background estimation:
  - Top quark:  $t\bar{t}$  from CR,  $Wt$  from simulation
  - Drell-Yan from MC (validation region)
  - Fake-lepton backgrounds estimated using a data-driven technique
  - Backgrounds from  $WZ$ ,  $ZZ$ ,  $W\gamma$  and  $Z\gamma$  from simulation
  - triboson background neglected

# WW+jets

- The differential cross-sections are determined using an iterative Bayesian unfolding method and compared to numerous theory predictions
- Fiducial cross-section and differential cross-section with respect to several kinematical variables related to leptons and jets are measured



# WW+ jets

- Limits set on anomalous triple gauge couplings
- Limits set on a single EFT parameter  $c_W$
- Interference between the Standard Model amplitude and the anomalous amplitude enhanced by kinematical selection ( $p_T^j > 200$  GeV)

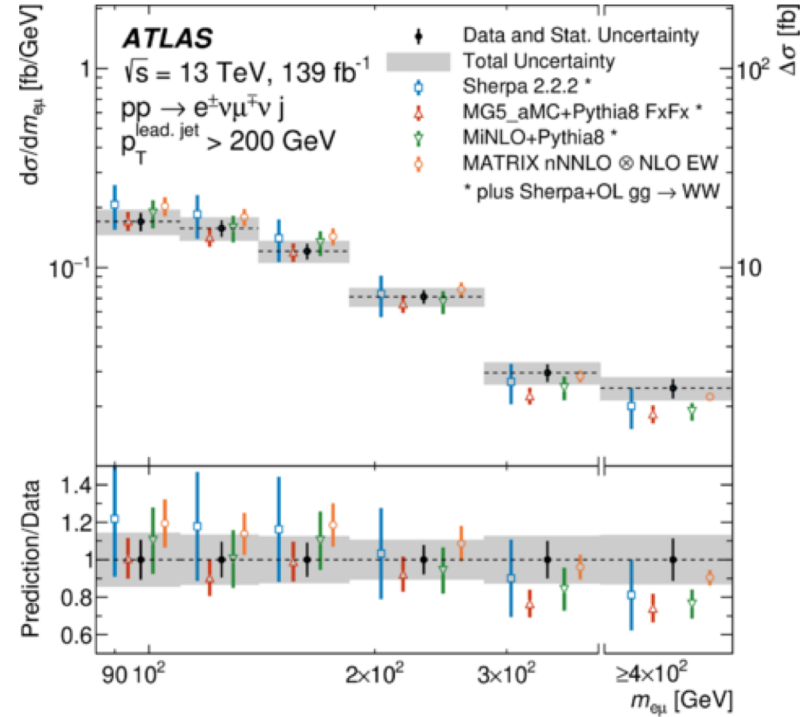


Table 8: Observed and expected confidence intervals (CI) for  $c_W$  for a linearized and a quadratic EFT fit of  $m_{e\mu}$ , when requiring either jet  $p_T > 30$  GeV or jet  $p_T > 200$  GeV. The new-physics scale  $\Lambda$  is set to 1 TeV.

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]



# Di-Higgs measurements

Di-Higgs production in the SM and the trilinear coupling (+BSM searches)

2014 projection vs results of early 2015+16 combination

update on  $b\bar{b}l\nu l\nu$  (inclusion of 3 channels)

# Electroweak Symmetry Breaking in the SM

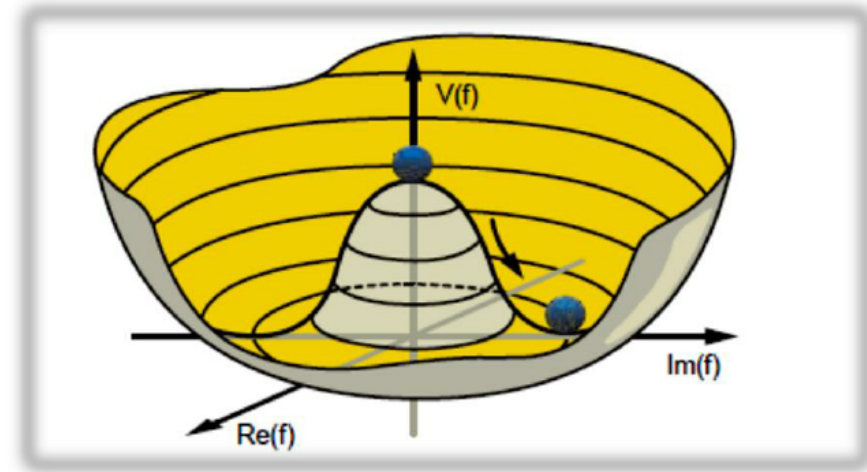
- The SM Higgs potential

$$V = -\mu H^2 + \lambda H^4$$



$$V = \frac{m_h^2}{2} h^2 + \lambda_3 v h^3 + \frac{\lambda_4}{4} h^4$$

$$m_h^2 = \lambda v^2$$



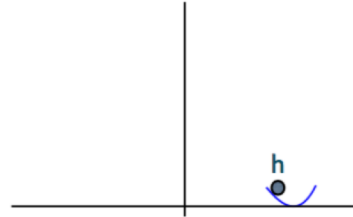
$$\lambda_3 = \lambda_4 = m_h^2 / (2v^2)$$

Higgs triple and quadruple self-couplings

A different electroweak symmetry breaking mechanism would result in a different shape of the Higgs potential.

# The shape of the Higgs potential

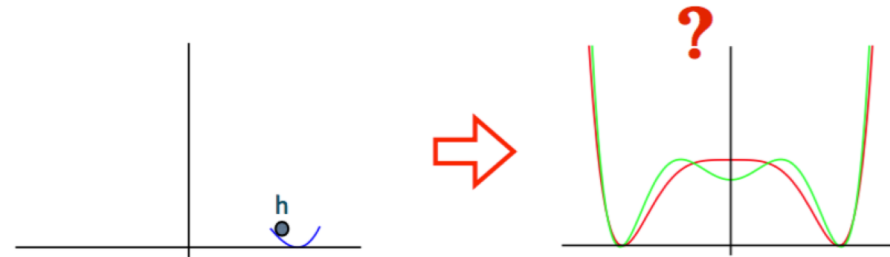
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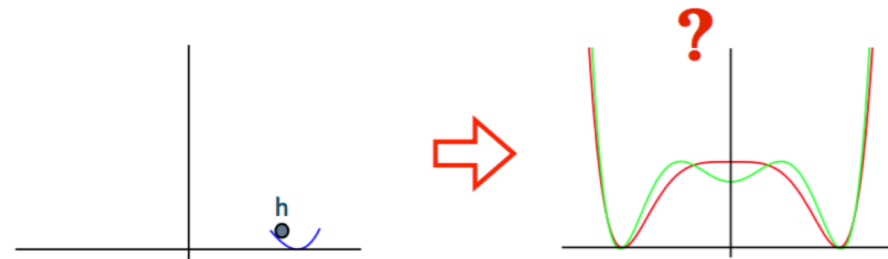
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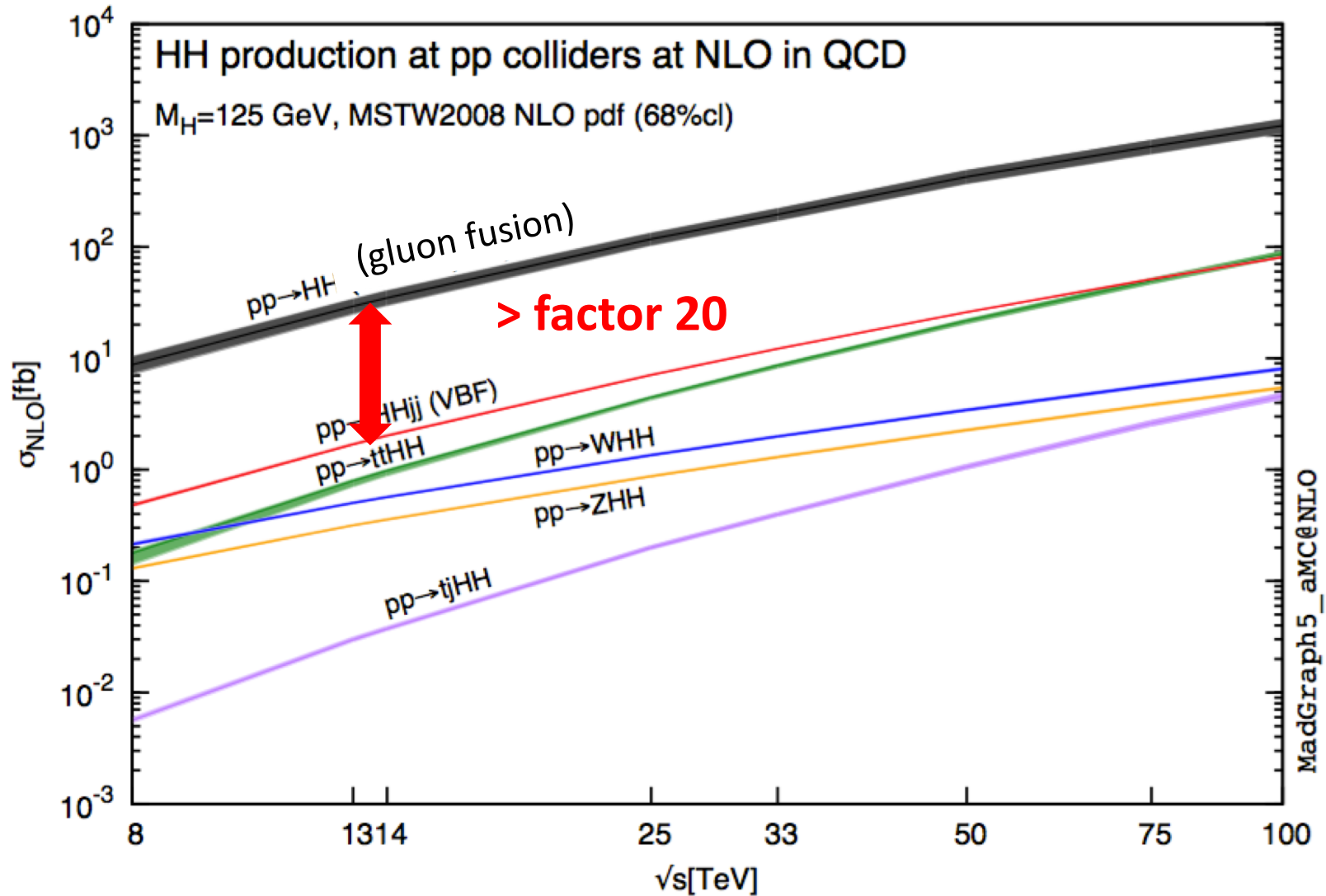
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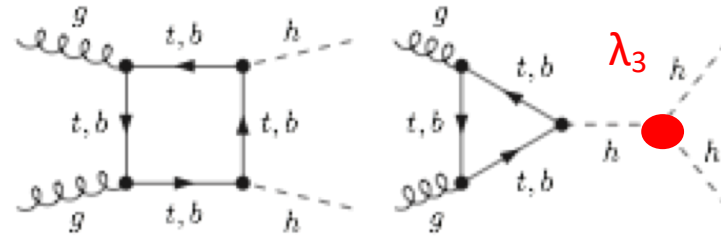
- Leading differences among various potentials are visible in the value of the Higgs self-couplings. In general, both self-couplings can differ.
- Higgs triple-interactions can be probed directly by di-Higgs production processes.

# Di-Higgs production channels in the SM

3 orders  
of magnitude  
wrt. single Higgs  
production



# Cross-section calculations

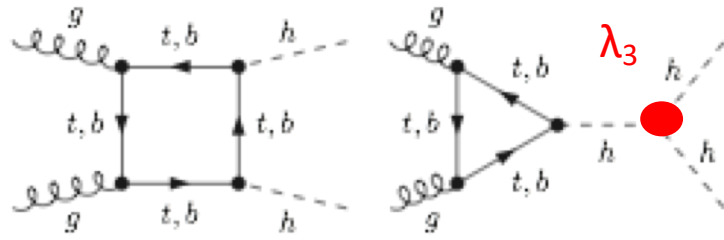


Di Higgs production is loop induced already at the leading order.

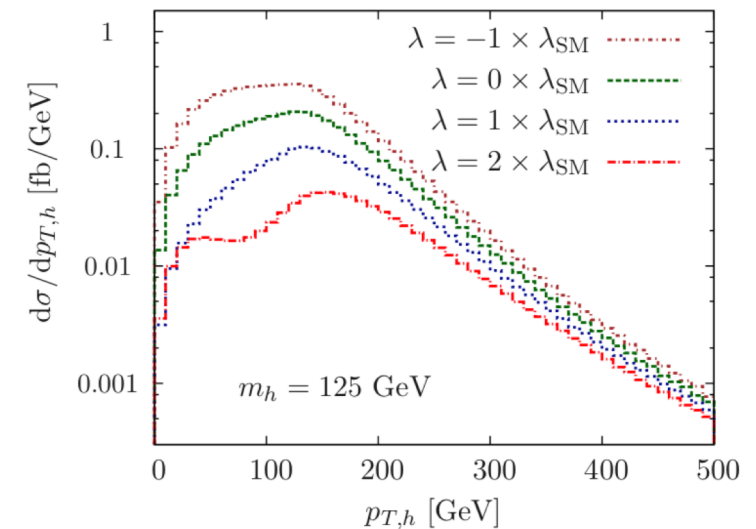
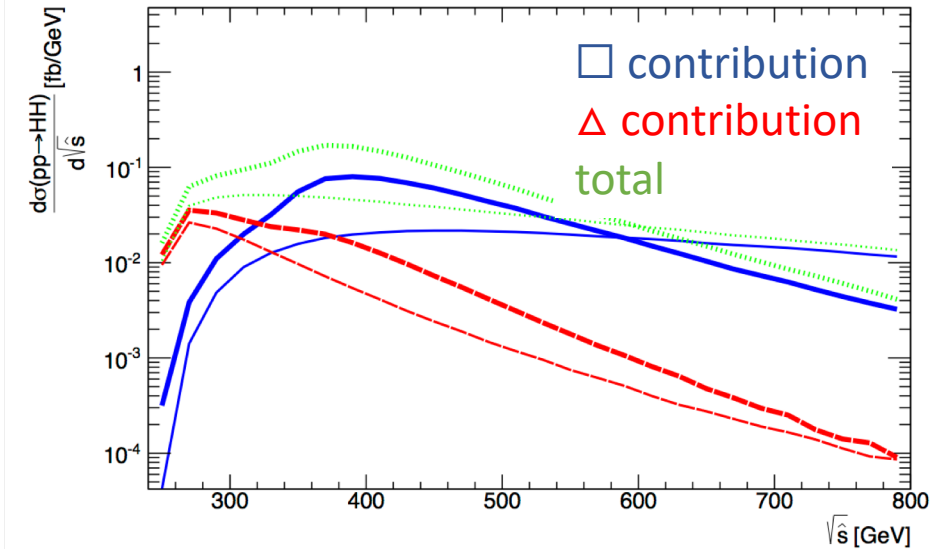
- LO [Glover, van der Bij '88] [Plehn, Spira, Zerwas '96] [Djouadi et al '99] ...
- NLO ( $m_t \rightarrow \infty$ ) [Dawson, Dittmaier, Spira '98] [de Florian, Mazzitelli '13]
- NNLO+NNLL in  $m_t \rightarrow \infty$  (Born normalised to exact LO) [de Florian, Mazzitelli '13, '15]
- exact  $m_t$  for real emission & LO reweighted virtuals [Frederix et al '14] [Maltoni, Vryonidou, Zaro '14]
- NLO [Borowka, Greiner, Heinrich, Jones, MK, Schlenk, Schubert, Zirke '16]

# gg $\rightarrow$ hh kinematics

arXiv:1408:5010



- The Higgs self-coupling contribution small due to Higgs propagators.
- Negative interference between both diagrams results in small total cross-section.
- Kinematics of the process depends on  $\lambda_3$ .





# Expected numbers of di-Higgs events at the LHC

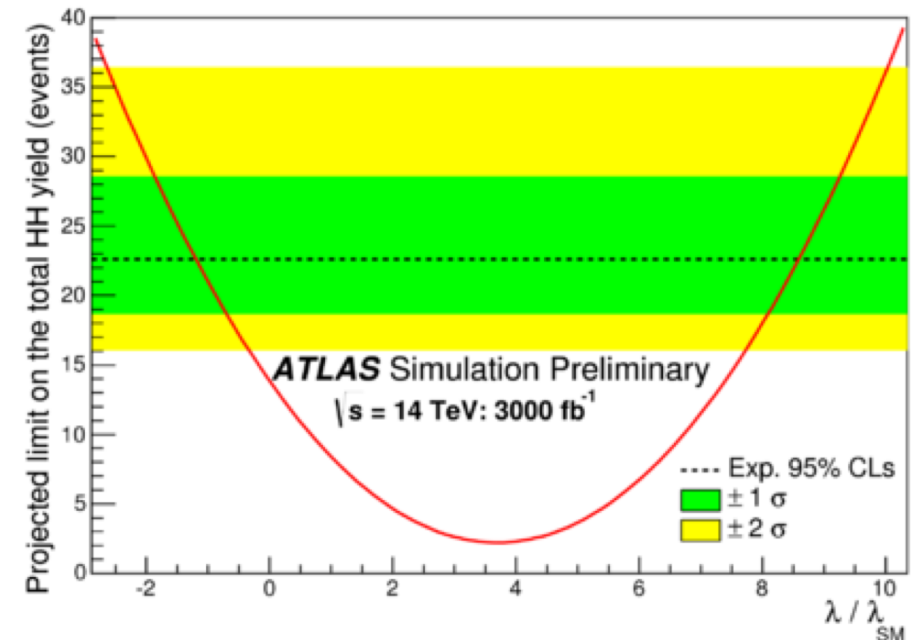
Final state	Branching ratios	N Run 1 (L=20 fb <sup>-1</sup> )	N Run 2 (L=36 fb <sup>-1</sup> )	N HL-LHC (L=3000 fb <sup>-1</sup> )
bbbb	34%	<b>76</b>	463	45841
bb WW(lvlv)	25%(0.3%)	56 (0.6)	340 (3.9)	33641 (383)
bbττ	4%	<b>8</b>	50	4937
bbZZ (lvlv)	3%(0.1%)	6.8 (0.2)	41.7 (1.1)	4123 (111)
bbγγ	0.3%	<b>1</b>	4	357
γγWW(lvjj)	0.1%(0.03%)	<b>0</b>	1(0.4)	131(38)

LHCHXSWG YR4, arXiv:1610.07922v2,  
 based on: arXiv:1505.07122, arXiv:1604.06447

# Prospects for measuring Higgs pair production in the channel $H(\rightarrow\gamma\gamma)H(\rightarrow bb)$ using the ATLAS detector at the HL-LHC

ATL-PHYS-PUB-2014-019

- Projections made in 2014 using fast simulation of the upgraded detector performance
- The expected number of background events is  $\sim 47$  and signal events is  $\sim 8$ , corresponding to a signal significance of  $1.3\sigma$ .
  - cut-based event selection
  - optimistic assumptions about pileup
  - rough estimate of flavor tagging performance
  - pessimistic assumptions of detector coverage
- systematical uncertainties not included
- Overall projected sensitivity much worse than assumed by theorists mainly due to momentum resolution of reconstructed particles.

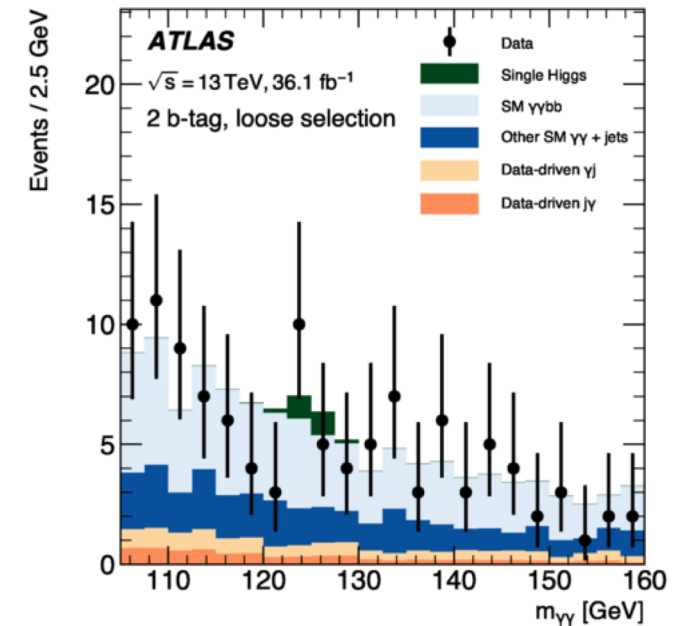
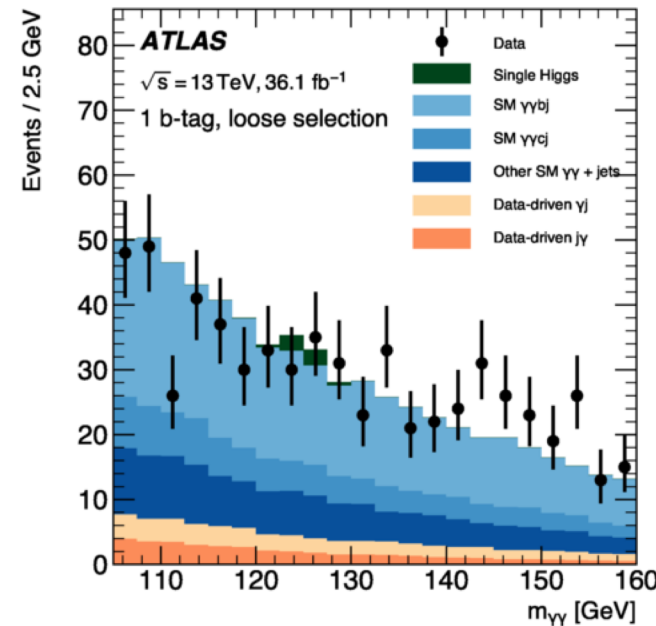


exclusion at 95% C.L.  
 $\lambda/\lambda_{\text{SM}} < -1.3$  and  $\lambda/\lambda_{\text{SM}} < 8.7$ .

# Search for Higgs boson pair production in the $b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$ final state

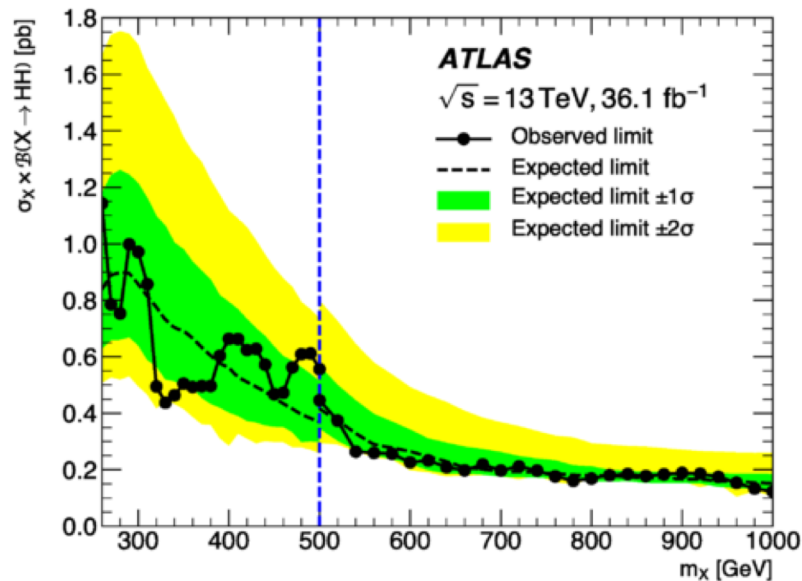
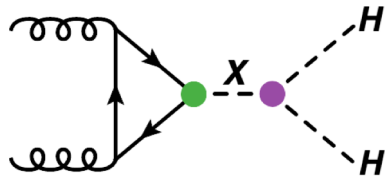
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- pp collision data at  $\sqrt{s}=13$  TeV
- integrated luminosity of 36.1/fb
- Selection requirements:
  - two isolated photons
  - two jets whose invariant mass is compatible with the Higgs mass
  - 1 or 2 jets are tagged as b-jets
  - loose and tight kinematic selections defined (b-tagging efficiency, jets requirements and  $m_{jj}$  window)
- Signal extracted using a fit to the diphoton invariant mass distribution of the selected events.
- The Higgs boson self-coupling is constrained at 95% CL to  $-8.2 < \lambda_{HHH}/\lambda_{HHH}^{SM} < 13.2$



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Limits on a BSM electroweak singlet



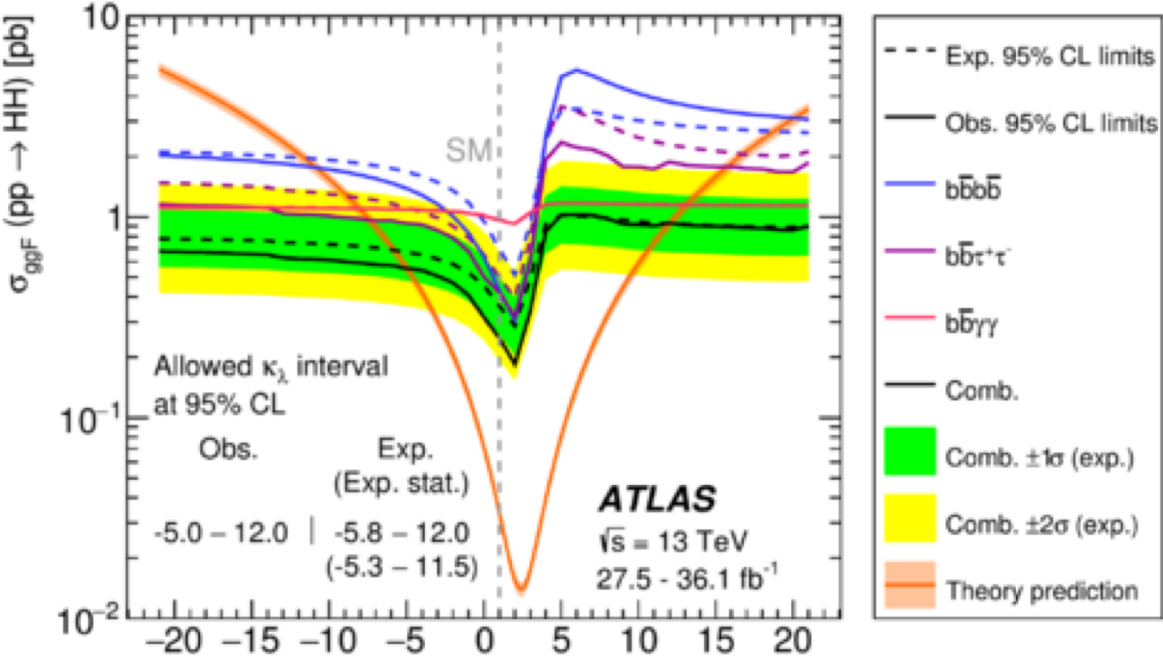
- Additional di-Higgs production mechanism through an electroweak singlet  $X$ .
- The signal is extracted from the four-object invariant mass ( $m_{\gamma\gamma jj}$ ) spectrum by fitting a resonance peak superimposed on a smoothly changing background.
- The narrow-width approximation is used, probing the range the range  $260 \text{ GeV} < m_X < 1000 \text{ GeV}$ .
- Loose selection is used for resonances with  $m_X \leq 500 \text{ GeV}$  and the tight selection for resonances with  $m_X \geq 500 \text{ GeV}$

# 2019 combination

- Combination of 6 analyses
  - pp collision data at  $\sqrt{s}=13$  TeV
  - integrated luminosity of 36.1/fb

	$b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$	$b\bar{b}W^+W^-$	$b\bar{b}\tau^+\tau^-$	$W^+W^-W^+W^-$	$b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$	$W^+W^-\gamma\gamma$
$\mathcal{B}(HH \rightarrow x\bar{x}y\bar{y})$	0.34	0.25	0.073	0.046	$2.6 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$1.0 \cdot 10^{-3}$
$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}}$ [fb $^{-1}$ ]	27.5 [36.1]	36.1	36.1	36.1	36.1	36.1
Categories	2 [2-5]	1 [1]	3 [2-3]	9 [9]	2 [2]	1 [1]
Discriminant	$m_{HH}$ [ $m_{HH}$ ]	c.e. [ $m_{HH}$ ]	BDT [BDT]	c.e. [c.e.]	$m_{\gamma\gamma}$ [ $m_{HH}$ ]	$m_{\gamma\gamma}$ [ $m_{\gamma\gamma}$ ]
Model	NR [ $S/G$ ]	NR [ $S/G$ ]	NR [ $S/G$ ]	NR [ $S$ ]	NR [ $S$ ]	NR [ $S$ ]
$m_{S/G}$ [TeV]	[0.26-3.00]	[0.50-3.00]	[0.26-1.00]	[0.26-0.50]	[0.26-1.00]	[0.26-0.50]

- Upper limits at 95% CL on the cross-section of the ggF non-resonant SM HH production as a function of  $\kappa_\lambda$  ( $=\lambda/\lambda_{\text{SM}}$ ).

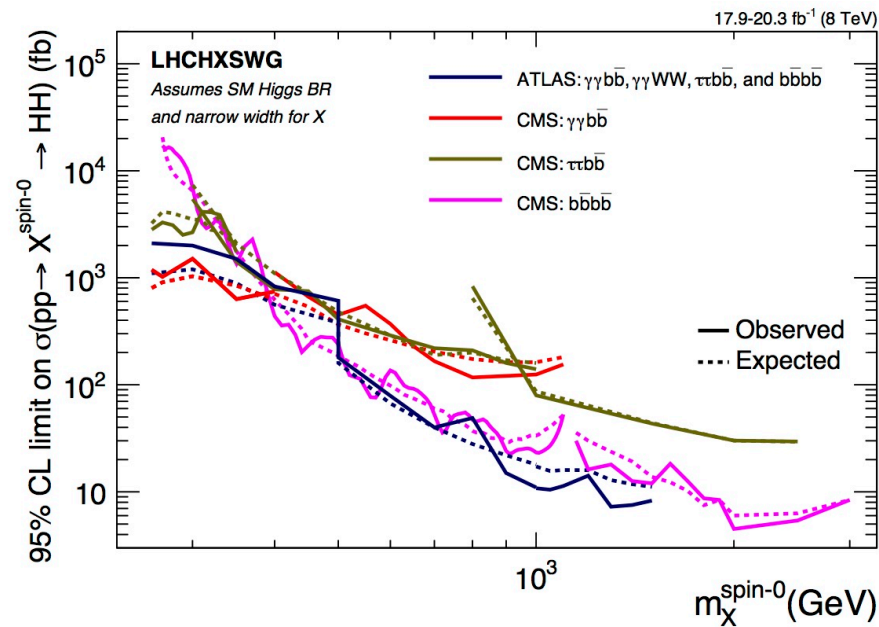


Final state	Allowed $\kappa_\lambda$ interval at 95% CL		
	Obs.	Exp.	Exp. stat.
$b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$	-10.9 — 20.1	-11.6 — 18.8	-9.8 — 16.3
$b\bar{b}\tau^+\tau^-$	-7.4 — 15.7	-8.9 — 16.8	-7.8 — 15.5
$b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$	-8.1 — 13.1	-8.1 — 13.1	-7.9 — 12.9
Combination	-5.0 — 12.0	-5.8 — 12.0	-5.3 — 11.5

# Limits on spin-0 heavy scalar cross-sections

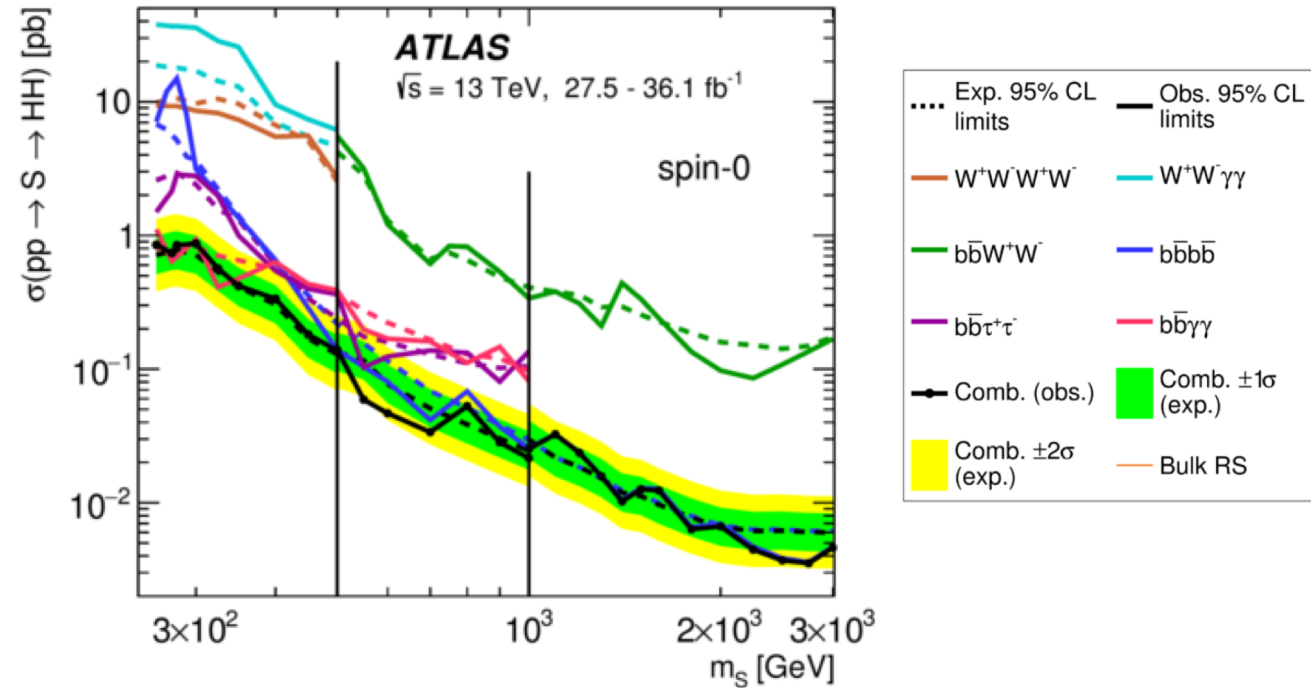
Run 1:

CMS measurements & ATLAS combination



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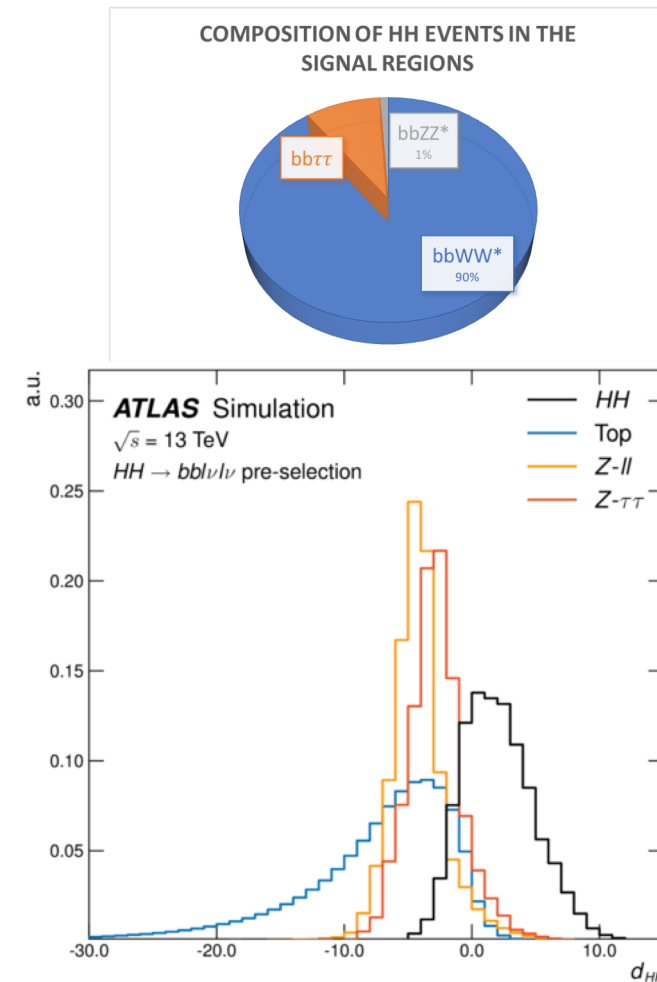
ATLAS 2019 combination



Improvements due to: larger cross-sections (31fb vs 10 fb ), luminosity (36.1/fb vs 17.9/fb), experimental reconstruction

# Search for non-resonant Higgs boson pair production $bb\ l\nu l\nu$ channel

- $bb+WW/ZZ/\tau\tau$  final states
- main backgrounds: Top and  $Z/\gamma^* +$  jets processes ,
- signal selection
  - $m_{ll} \in (20,60)$  GeV and
  - $m_{bb} \in (110,140)$  GeV
- DNN classifier trained on  $HH \rightarrow bbWW^*$  events
- The classifier produces four outputs  $p_i$  ( $i \in \{HH, Top, Z-II, Z-\tau\tau\}$ ).
- The main discriminant  $d_{HH} = \ln[p_{HH}/(p_{Top} + p_{Z-II} + p_{Z-\tau\tau})]$ .



	$-2\sigma$	$-1\sigma$	Expected	$+1\sigma$	$+2\sigma$	Observed
$\sigma(gg \rightarrow HH)$ [pb]	0.5	0.6	0.9	1.3	1.9	1.2
$\sigma(gg \rightarrow HH) / \sigma^{SM}(gg \rightarrow HH)$	14	20	29	43	62	40

# Conclusions

- New di-boson measurements at the LHC crucial to fully explore the SM  $SU(2) \times U(1)$  symmetry structure and EW symmetry breaking
  - ATLAS studies move from first observations of rare EW processes to precision measurements
  - Numerous constraints on New Physics in anomalous couplings and using the SMEFT framework
- Interplay between SM and Higgs measurements are starting to be explored through measurements of four leptons invariant mass spectra and EFT fits
- Di-Higgs searches performed in several channels
  - SM Higgs production not yet observed
  - Limits on the Higgs trilinear coupling largely improved
  - Exclusion limits on BSM resonances
- Most measurements statistically limited; improvements are expected at Run3 and HL-LHC
- Extensive work, challenges and opportunities ahead to collect quality data and produce good physics results



Backup

# rapidity and pseudorapidity

rapidity

$$y = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{E + p_z c}{E - p_z c},$$

pseudorapidity

$$\eta \equiv -\ln \left[ \tan \left( \frac{\theta}{2} \right) \right]$$

$$\eta = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{|\mathbf{p}| + p_L}{|\mathbf{p}| - p_L} \right)$$

In the limit  $m \rightarrow 0$   $\eta \rightarrow y$

