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# Triboson and VBS results at ATLAS and CMS



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# Triboson and VBS results at ATLAS

- **Measurements of multiboson production at the LHC are important probes of the EW gauge structure of the Standard Model**
  - Polarised production of  $W/Z$  boson pairs via VBS processes provides a sensitive test of the EW symmetry breaking mechanism
  - Triboson and VBS processes are key to finding signs of new physics at high energies
    - ▶ Effects of anomalous quartic gauge couplings can be parameterised in the EFT framework

- **Many new ATLAS and CMS physics results!**

Presented by Max Stange today!

 Evidence for longitudinally polarised  $W$  bosons in the EW  $W^\pm W^\pm$  production, [arXiv:2503.11317](https://arxiv.org/abs/2503.11317)

 EW diboson production in semileptonic final states at 13 TeV, [arXiv:2503.17461](https://arxiv.org/abs/2503.17461)

 Semileptonic VBS and anomalous quartic gauge couplings at 13 TeV, [CMS-PAS-SMP-22-011](https://arxiv.org/abs/2201.01111)

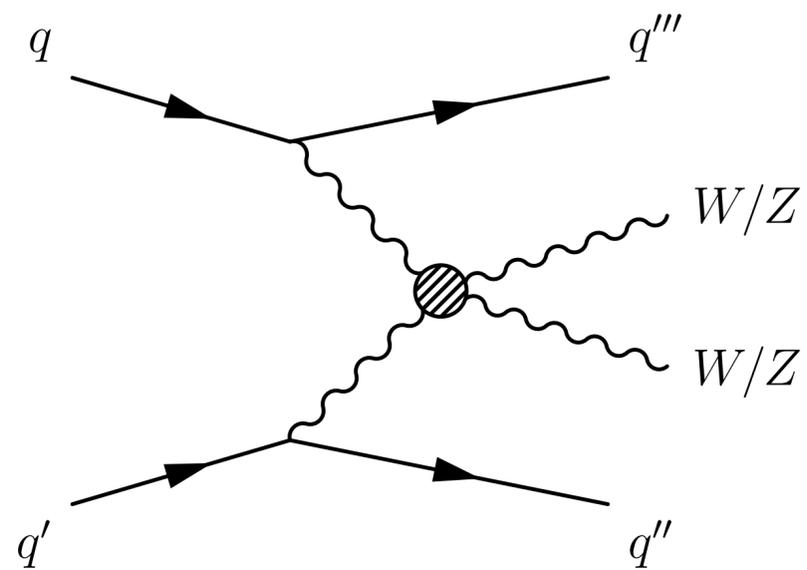
 Observation of  $VVZ$  production at 13 TeV with the ATLAS detector, [arXiv:2412.15123](https://arxiv.org/abs/2412.15123)

 Measurements of WWZ and ZH cross sections at 13 and 13.6 TeV, [CMS-PAS-SMP-24-015](https://arxiv.org/abs/2401.01111)

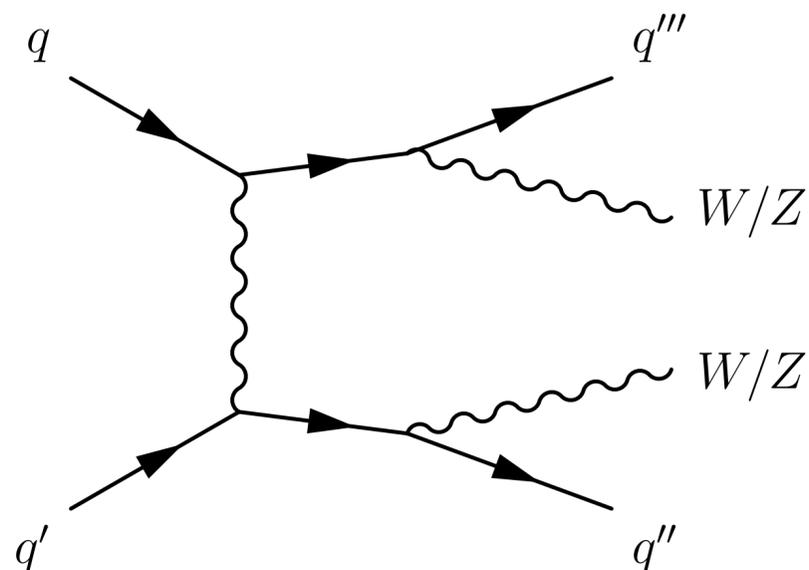
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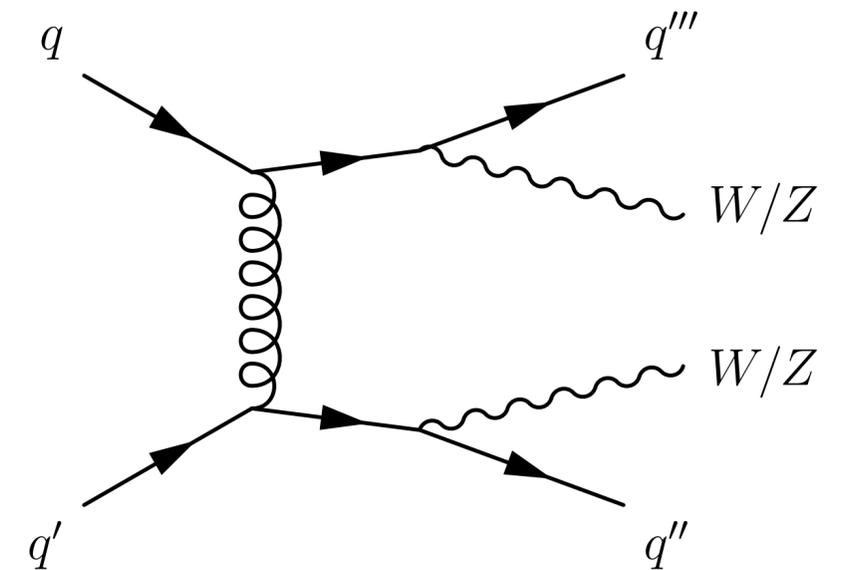
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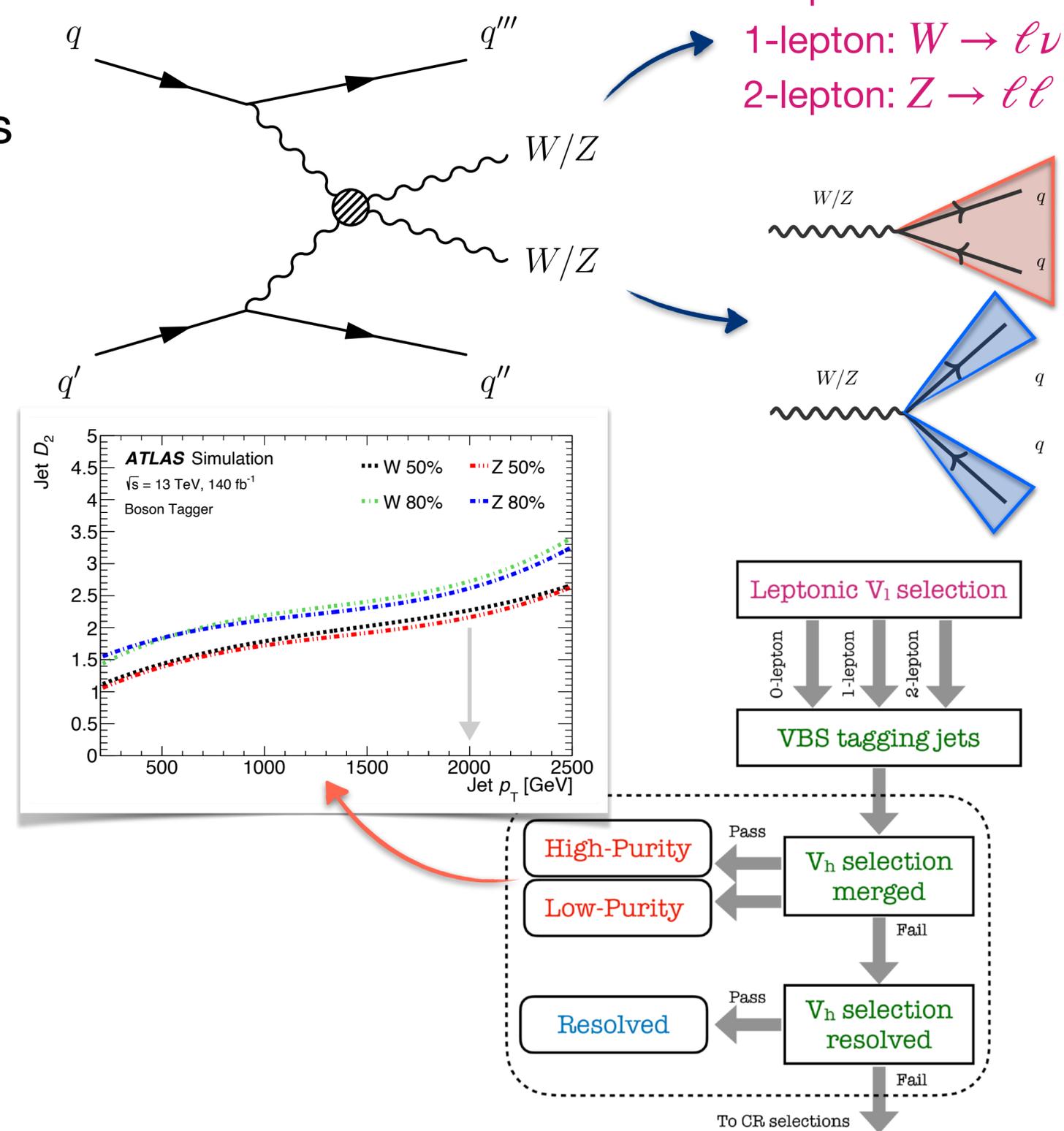
EW  $VVjj$  production



QCD  $VVjj$  production

# EW diboson production in semileptonic final states

- Semileptonic VBS  $VVjj$  at 13 TeV with  $140 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ 
  - Hadronic  $V$  decay: **merged** or **resolved** topologies
    - Select **large-R tagged jet** or **2 small-R jets**
- **9 orthogonal SRs** plus CRs to model the  $V + \text{jet}$  and top backgrounds
  - $(0-\ell, 1-\ell, 2-\ell) \times (\text{Merged HP, Merged LP, Resolved})$ 
    - Pass 50% tagger
    - Fail 50% tagger
    - Pass 80% tagger
- A Recurrent Neural Network (RNN) developed to separate VBS  $VV$  signal from backgrounds
  - Dedicated training in each  $\ell$  channel and **merged/resolved** regions
  - Input jet variables for training:  $p_T, \eta, \phi, E, n_{\text{tracks}}$
  - RNN score used as final discriminant



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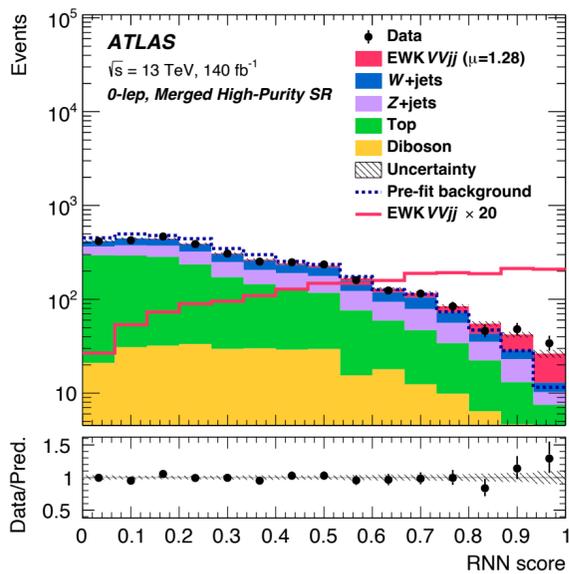
- Measured EW  $VVjj$  signal strength:

$$\mu_{EW}^{obs} = 1.28^{+0.23}_{-0.21} = 1.28 \pm 0.09 \text{ (stat.) }^{+0.20}_{-0.19} \text{ (syst.)}$$

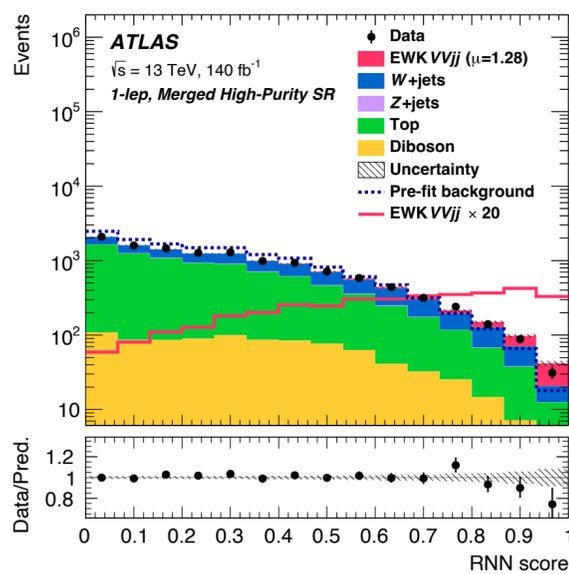
Dominated by signal modelling and jet reconstruction uncertainties

with obs. (exp.) significance of 7.4 (6.1)  $\sigma$

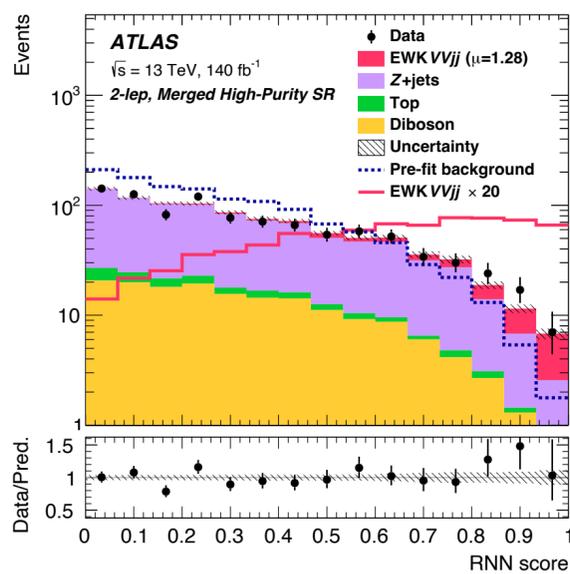
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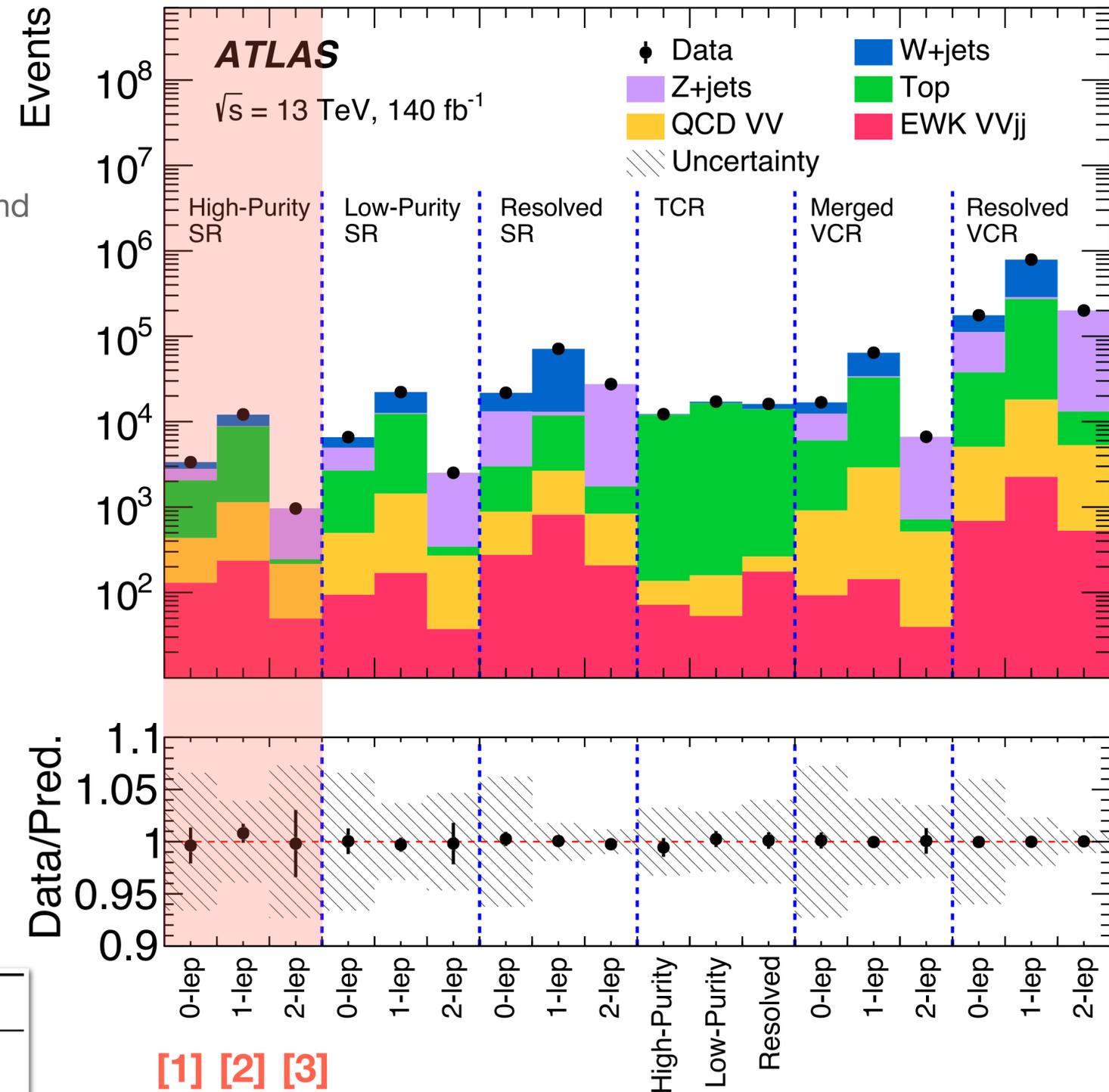


[3] High-Purity 2- $\ell$



- Fiducial expected and measured cross-sections:

	Combined	0-lepton	1-lepton	2-lepton	Resolved	Merged
$\sigma_{EWK}^{fid,exp}$	$20.4 \pm 3.5$ fb	$7.3 \pm 2.5$ fb	$10.3 \pm 2.5$ fb	$2.8 \pm 1.1$ fb	$11.7 \pm 3.4$ fb	$8.7 \pm 2.5$ fb
$\sigma_{EWK}^{fid,obs}$	$29.2 \pm 4.9$ fb	$15.7 \pm 2.8$ fb	$10.7 \pm 2.8$ fb	$3.1 \pm 1.1$ fb	$17.9 \pm 4.3$ fb	$11.4 \pm 3.4$ fb



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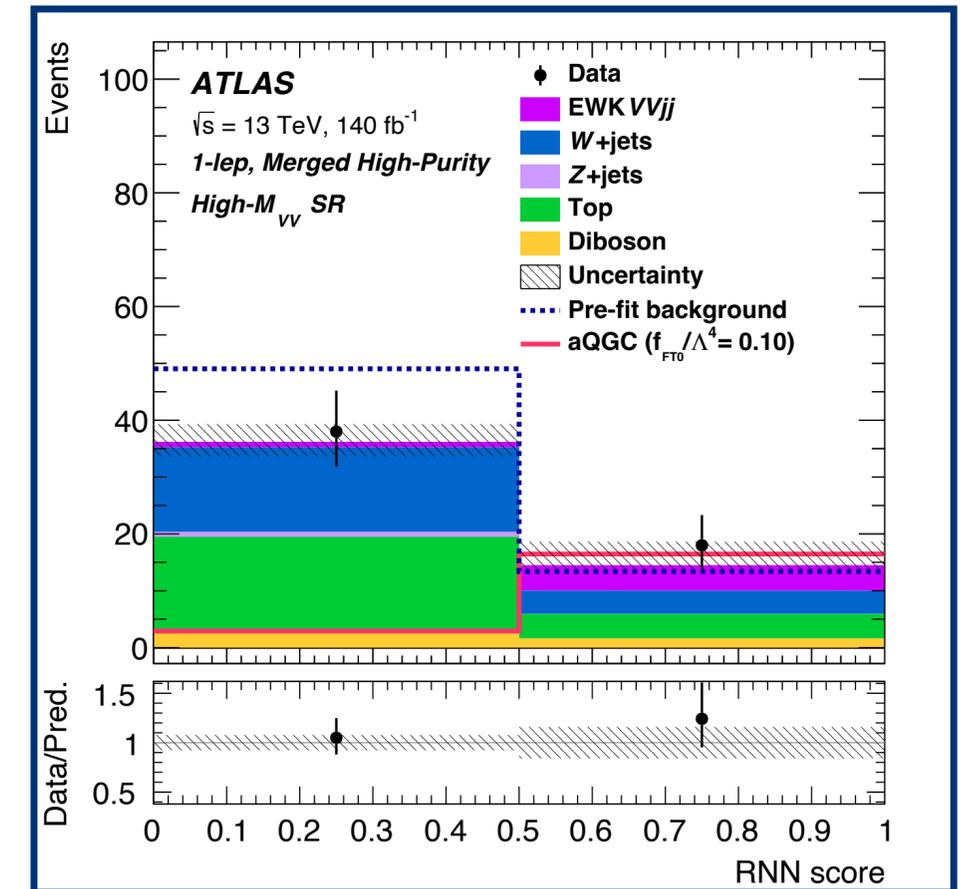
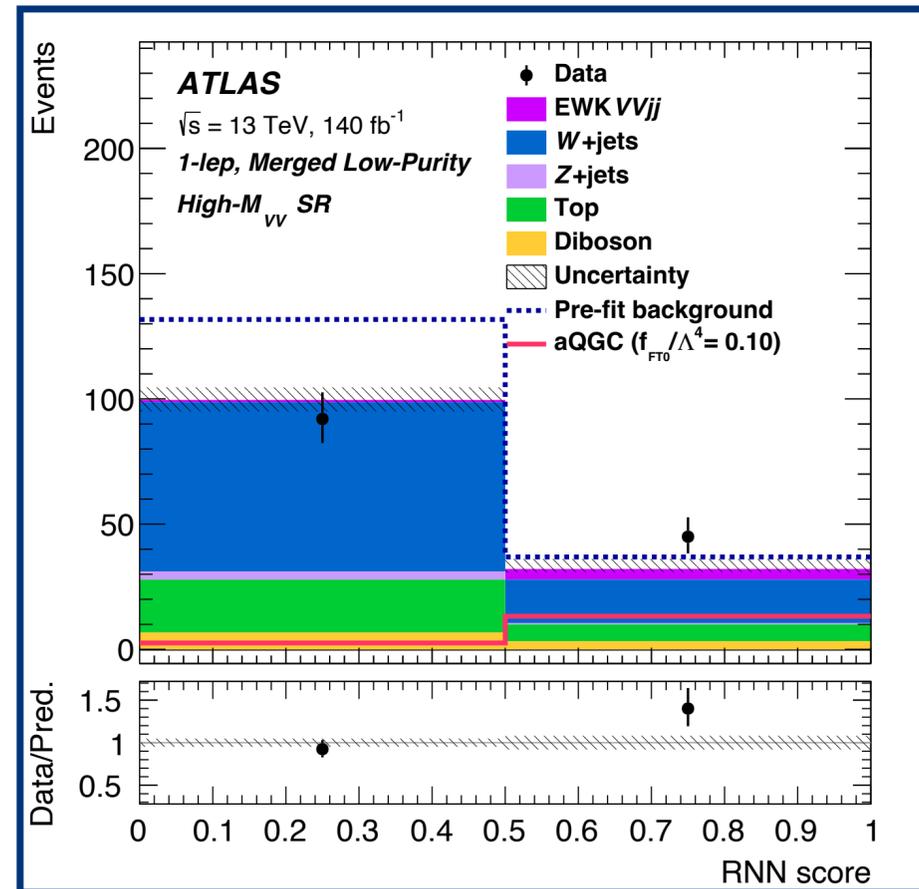
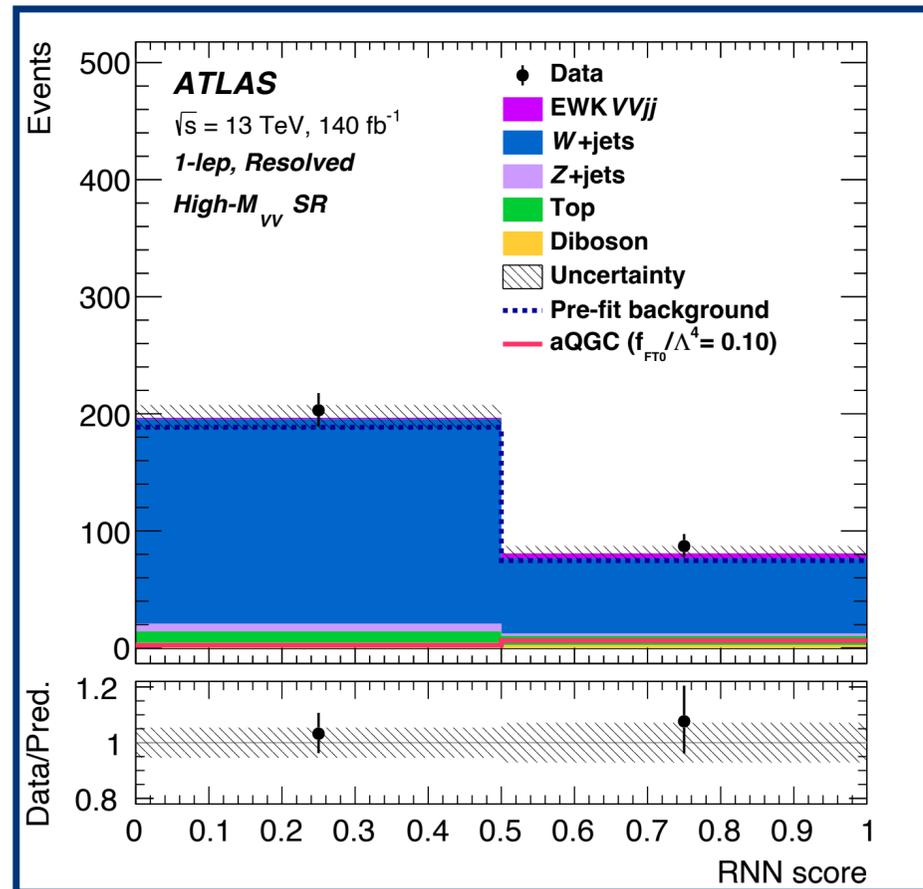
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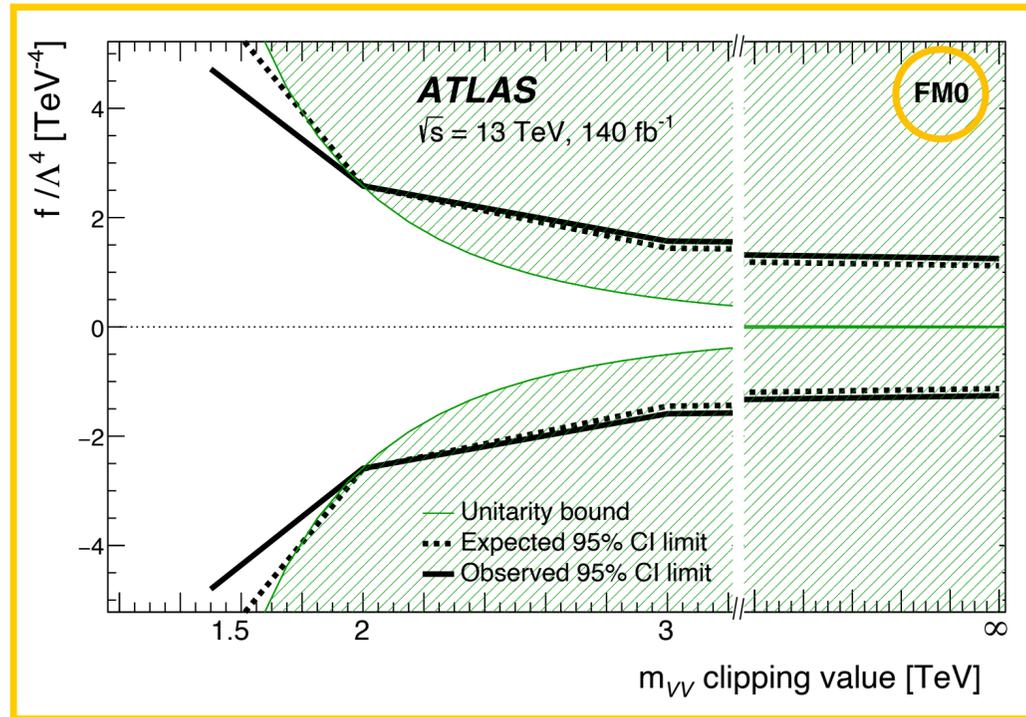
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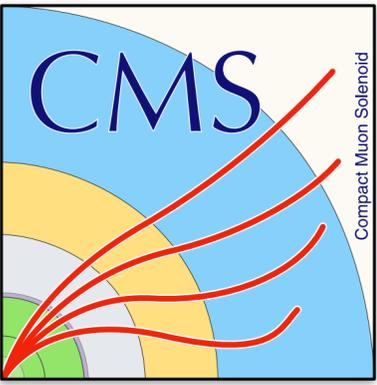
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Exp. and obs. 95 % CL limits

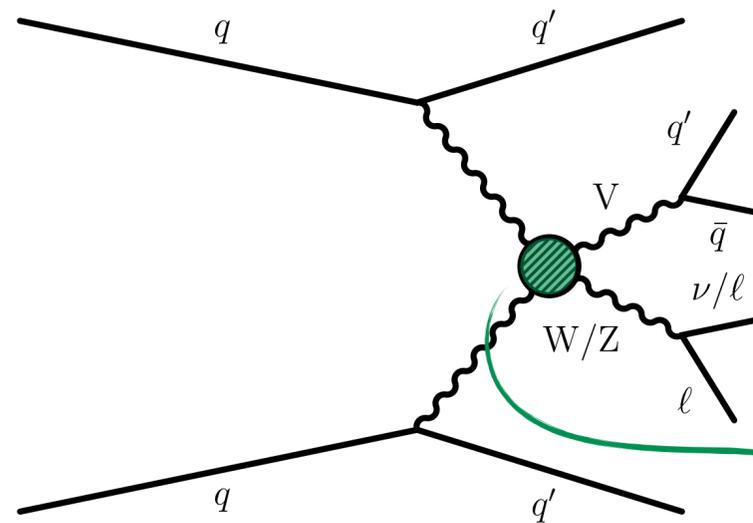


Wilson coefficient	Expected limit [TeV <sup>-4</sup> ]	Observed limit [TeV <sup>-4</sup> ]	Expected limit unitarized [TeV <sup>-4</sup> ]	Observed limit unitarized [TeV <sup>-4</sup> ]
$f_{T0}/\Lambda^4$	[-0.20, 0.18]	[-0.25, 0.22]	[-0.79, 0.47] at [1.76, 1.96] TeV	[-0.85, 0.47] at [1.73, 2.00] TeV
$f_{T1}/\Lambda^4$	[-0.19, 0.19]	[-0.24, 0.24]	[-0.34, 0.34] at [2.59, 2.59] TeV	[-0.43, 0.43] at [2.43, 2.43] TeV
$f_{T2}/\Lambda^4$	[-0.44, 0.44]	[-0.55, 0.55]	[-0.95, 0.96] at [2.22, 2.22] TeV	[-1.16, 1.17] at [2.12, 2.11] TeV
$f_{T3}/\Lambda^4$	[-0.38, 0.38]	[-0.48, 0.48]	[-0.62, 0.62] at [2.71, 2.71] TeV	[-0.88, 0.88] at [2.49, 2.48] TeV
$f_{T4}/\Lambda^4$	[-1.46, 1.32]	[-1.51, 1.37]	[-3.03, 2.60] at [2.02, 2.09] TeV	[-3.03, 2.60] at [2.02, 2.10] TeV
$f_{T5}/\Lambda^4$	[-0.57, 0.53]	[-0.64, 0.58]	-	[-2.65, 2.57] at [1.53, 1.54] TeV
$f_{T6}/\Lambda^4$	[-0.76, 0.72]	[-0.74, 0.71]	[-2.82, 2.01] at [1.66, 1.73] TeV	[-2.98, 2.62] at [1.64, 1.69] TeV
$f_{T7}/\Lambda^4$	[-1.78, 1.52]	[-1.94, 1.70]	[-7.88, 4.29] at [1.65, 1.90] TeV	[-6.70, 4.11] at [1.72, 1.91] TeV
$f_{T8}/\Lambda^4$	[-0.59, 0.59]	[-0.48, 0.48]	-	-
$f_{T9}/\Lambda^4$	[-1.22, 1.22]	[-1.02, 1.03]	-	-
$f_{S02}/\Lambda^4$	[-3.22, 3.22]	[-3.96, 3.96]	[-5.53, 5.54] at [2.07, 2.67] TeV	[-6.16, 6.17] at [2.01, 2.01] TeV
$f_{S1}/\Lambda^4$	[-6.84, 6.86]	[-8.06, 8.06]	-	-
$f_{M0}/\Lambda^4$	[-1.13, 1.12]	[-1.26, 1.25]	[-2.61, 2.58] at [2.00, 2.00] TeV	[-2.71, 2.65] at [1.97, 1.98] TeV
$f_{M1}/\Lambda^4$	[-3.23, 3.24]	[-3.95, 3.95]	[-6.22, 6.22] at [2.27, 2.27] TeV	[-7.42, 7.43] at [2.17, 2.17] TeV
$f_{M2}/\Lambda^4$	[-1.66, 1.67]	[-1.85, 1.85]	-	-
$f_{M3}/\Lambda^4$	[-5.29, 5.29]	[-5.68, 5.71]	[-23.69, 23.39] at [1.57, 1.57] TeV	[-18.62, 19.10] at [1.66, 1.65] TeV
$f_{M4}/\Lambda^4$	[-2.62, 2.62]	[-2.96, 2.97]	-	-
$f_{M5}/\Lambda^4$	[-3.81, 3.82]	[-4.41, 4.44]	[-6.80, 6.80] at [2.33, 2.33] TeV	[-7.28, 7.30] at [2.29, 2.29] TeV
$f_{M7}/\Lambda^4$	[-5.32, 5.20]	[-6.60, 6.43]	[-9.47, 9.38] at [2.43, 2.43] TeV	[-11.91, 11.11] at [2.29, 2.33] TeV



# Semileptonic VBS and anomalous quartic gauge couplings

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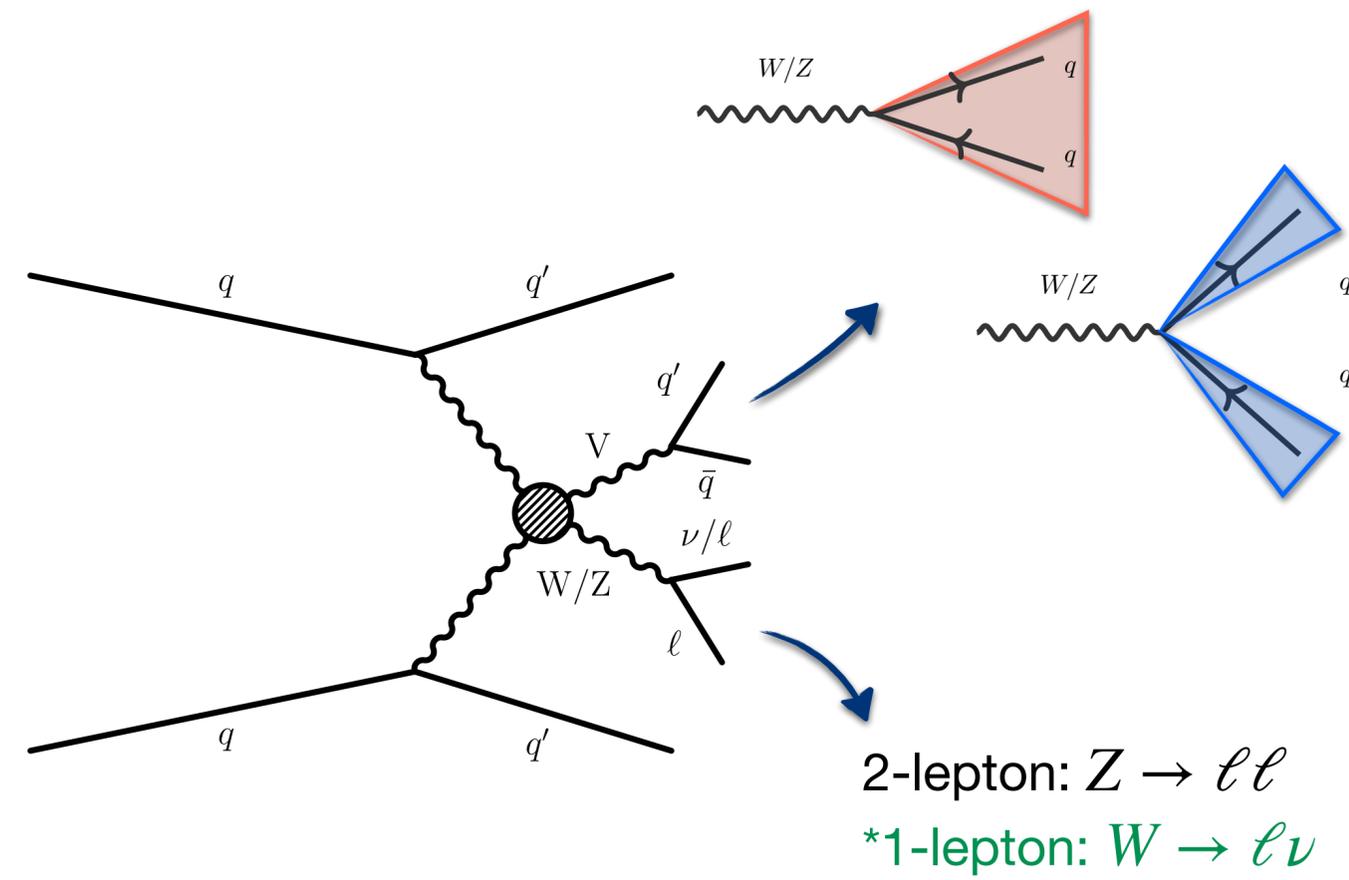


EW  $VVjj$  production via VBS

New physics in the EW sector  
can affect  $VV$  production

# Semileptonic VBS and aQGC

- EW production of  $ZVjj$  at 13 TeV with  $138 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ 
  - Target final states with one  $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$  and **3 – 4** jets
  - Hadronic  $V$  decay: **boosted** or **resolved** topologies
    - ▶ **Large- $R$  jets** tagged to distinguish  $V$  from  $q/g$  jets
- 4 orthogonal SRs** plus CRs to model the main backgrounds (top quark and Drell-Yan)



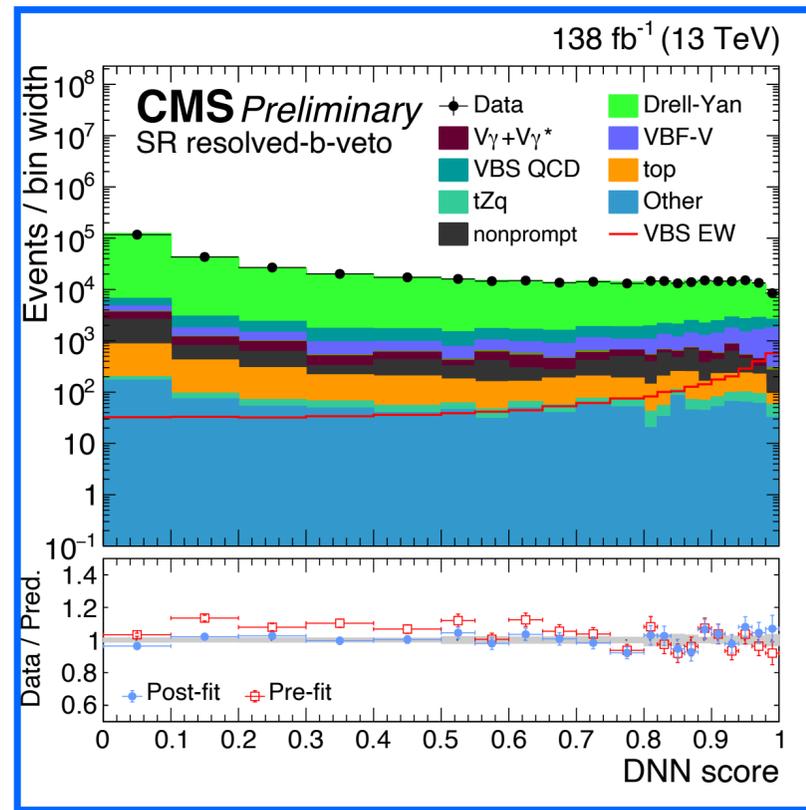
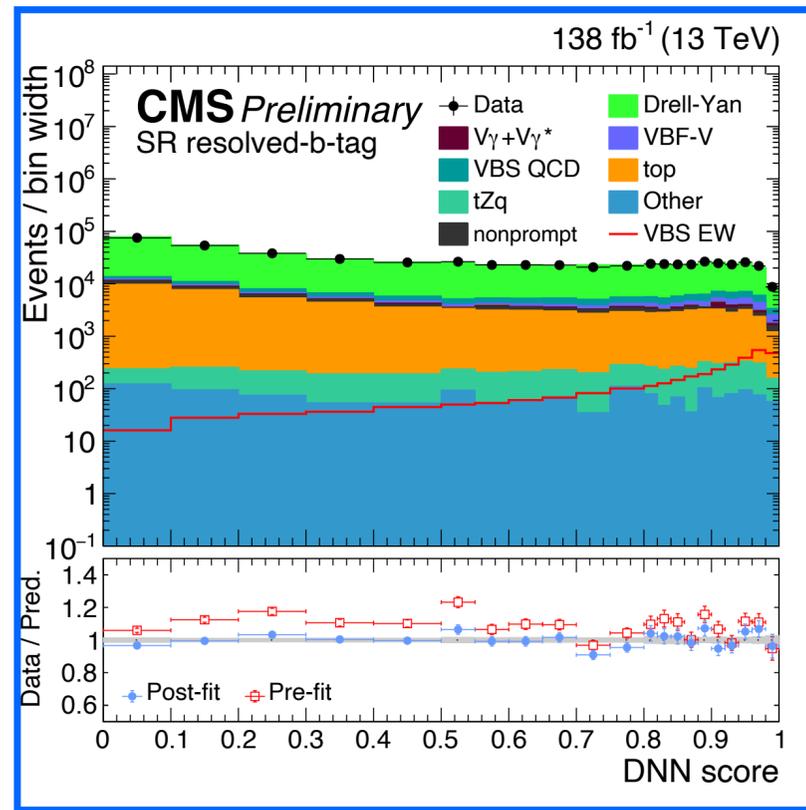
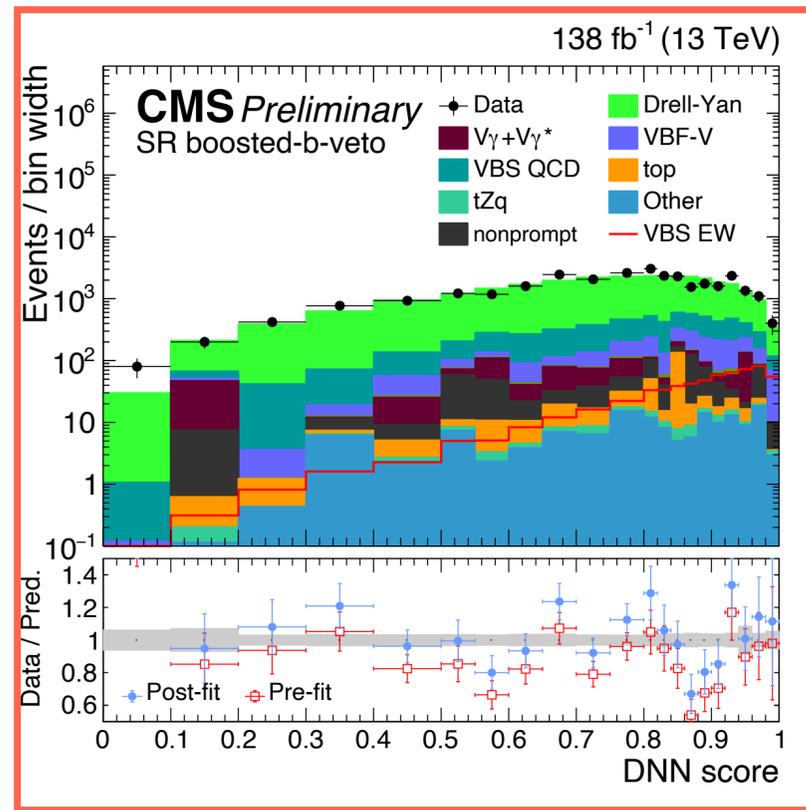
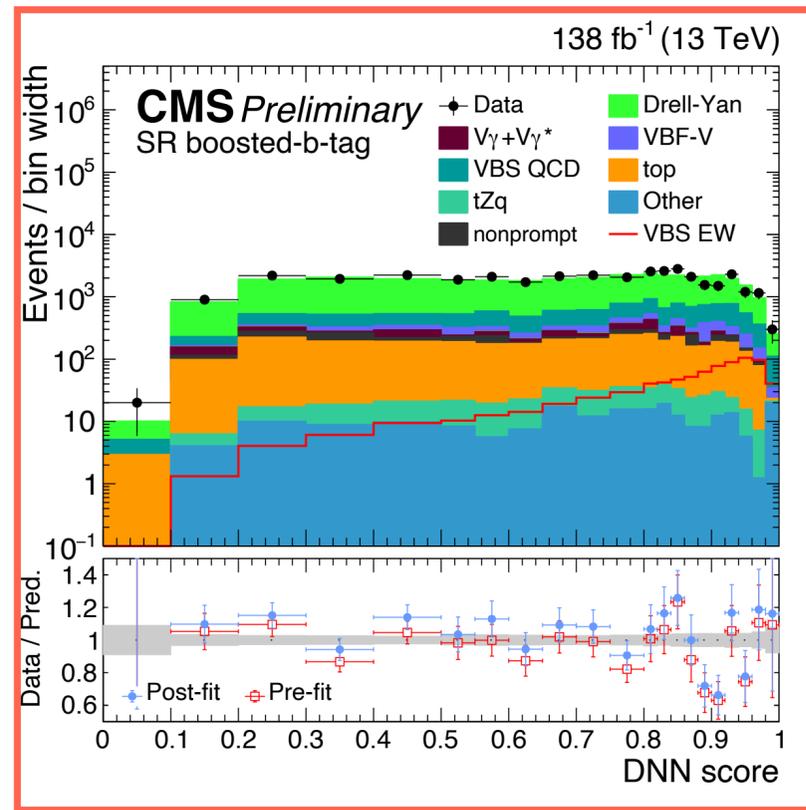
\* $\ell\nu qq$  events are used for the EFT combination

Preselection	$n_{\text{leptons}} = 2, m_{\ell\ell} \in [76, 106] \text{ GeV}, p_{\text{T}}(\ell_1) > 35 \text{ GeV}, p_{\text{T}}(\ell_2) > 20 \text{ GeV}, p_{\text{T}}(j_{1,2}) > 30 \text{ GeV}, m_{jj} > 500 \text{ GeV}, \Delta\eta_{jj} > 2.5$		
Regions	Variables	Lepton Selection	<u>Other Requirements</u>
Signal Region (SR)	$65 \text{ GeV} < m_V < 105 \text{ GeV}$	Same Flavor	Split in b-tag and b-veto
DY Control Region (DY CR)	$m_V < 65 \text{ GeV}, m_V > 105 \text{ GeV}$	Same Flavor	Split in b-tag and b-veto
Top Control Region (Top CR)	$65 \text{ GeV} < m_V < 105 \text{ GeV}$	Opposite Flavor	-

$m_V$  is a key discriminant!

- Large background and complex topology. DNN devised to improve the VBS signal separation
  - Dedicated DNN per topology and b-tagging region (**year-dependent for the resolved**)
  - Up to 14 input variables used for training, e.g:  $m_{jj}, n_{\text{jets}} (p_{\text{T}} > 30 \text{ GeV}), \ell$  Zeppenfeld,  $\Delta\eta_{jj}$

# Semileptonic VBS and aQGC



- The obs. (exp.) EW  $ZV$  VBS signal strength is

$$\mu_{EW}^{obs} = 0.63_{-0.51}^{+0.53} \quad (1.00_{-0.58}^{+0.61})$$

Corresponding to a signal significance of 1.3 (1.8)  $\sigma$

- Results driven by the statistical uncertainty of the data

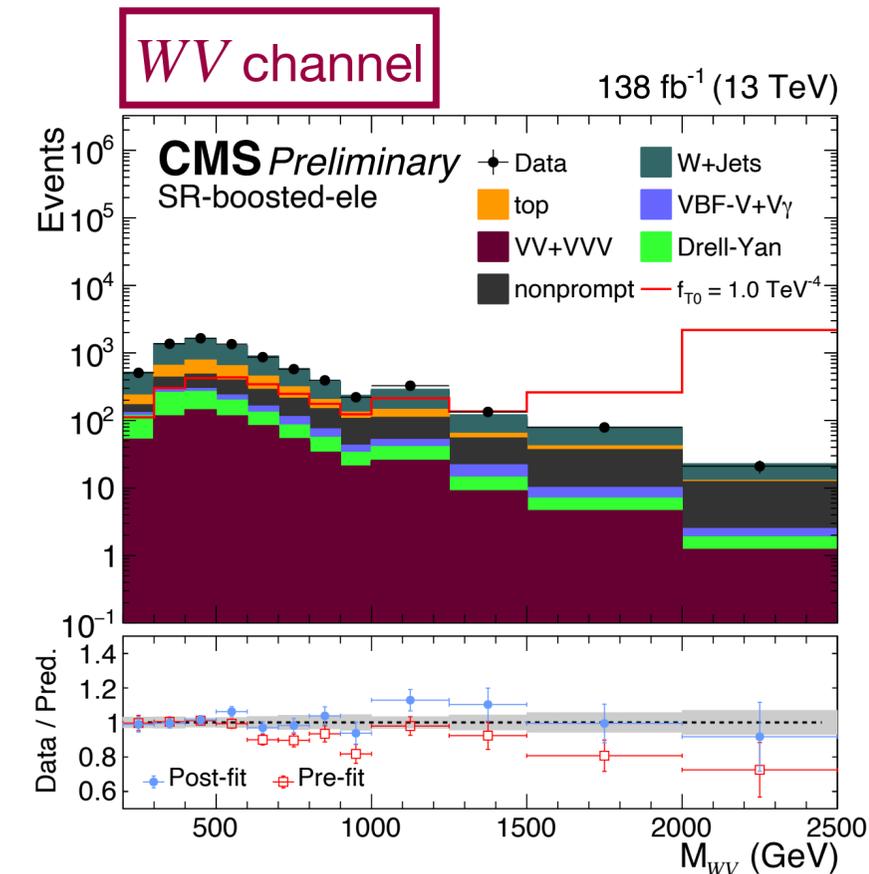
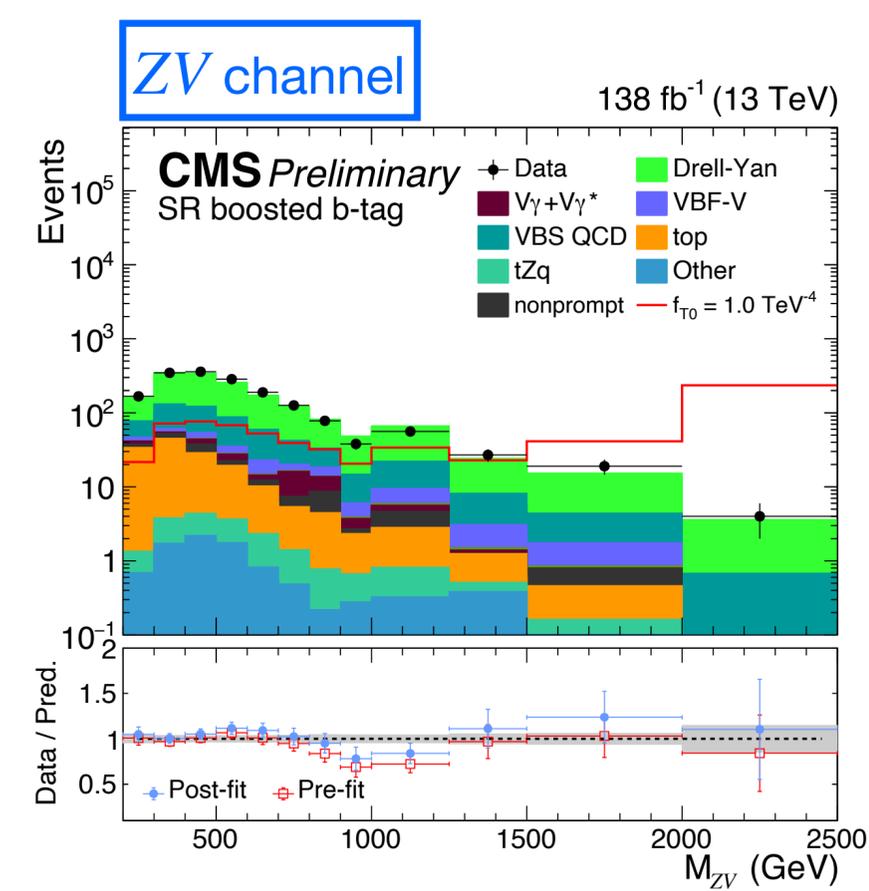
Impact on  $\mu_{EW}^{obs}$

Source	$-\Delta\mu$	$+\Delta\mu$
DY and top rate parameters	-0.20	+0.20
Theory	-0.24	+0.26
MC sample size (bin-by-bin unc.)	-0.14	+0.15
Other nuisances	-0.11	+0.13
Data sample size	-0.36	+0.36
<b>Total</b>	<b>-0.51</b>	<b>+0.53</b>

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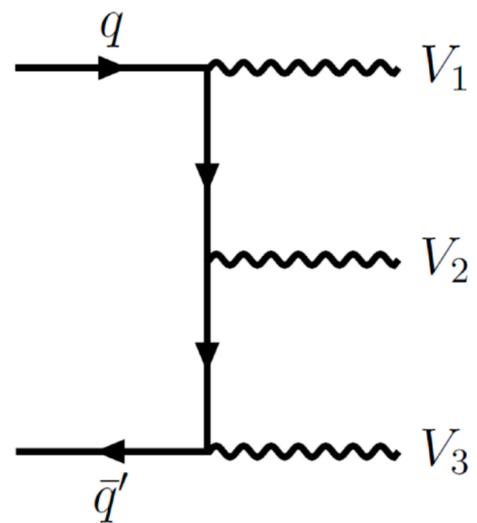
- Sensitivity to aQGC studied by performing likelihood scans varying Wilson coefficients of D-8 operators
  - Combination of  $ZV$  and  $WV$  ([arXiv:2112.05259](https://arxiv.org/abs/2112.05259)) boosted channels
  - Invariant mass of the diboson system ( $M_{ZV}$  or  $M_{WV}$ ) used for fitting
- **Stringent 95 % CL limits using Run 2 data are reported**

	Observed (WV) (TeV <sup>-4</sup> )	Expected (WV) (TeV <sup>-4</sup> )	Observed (ZV) (TeV <sup>-4</sup> )	Expected (ZV) (TeV <sup>-4</sup> )	Observed (TeV <sup>-4</sup> )	Expected (TeV <sup>-4</sup> )
$f_{S0}/\Lambda^4$	[-3.01, 3.1]	[-4.7, 4.77]	[-9.76, 9.89]	[-13.9, 14.0]	[-2.86, 2.96]	[-4.68, 4.75]
$f_{S1}/\Lambda^4$	[-4.27, 4.32]	[-6.56, 6.6]	[-10.2, 10.3]	[-13.9, 13.9]	[-3.97, 4.02]	[-6.45, 6.49]
$f_{S2}/\Lambda^4$	[-4.42, 4.48]	[-6.81, 6.86]	[-9.75, 9.89]	[-13.9, 14.0]	[-4.04, 4.11]	[-6.68, 6.73]
$f_{M0}/\Lambda^4$	[-0.568, 0.567]	[-0.844, 0.843]	[-1.38, 1.38]	[-1.74, 1.74]	[-0.539, 0.534]	[-0.828, 0.827]
$f_{M1}/\Lambda^4$	[-1.71, 1.75]	[-2.6, 2.63]	[-3.97, 4.00]	[-5.28, 5.29]	[-1.59, 1.62]	[-2.55, 2.58]
$f_{M2}/\Lambda^4$	[-0.746, 0.747]	[-1.11, 1.11]	[-1.86, 1.86]	[-2.37, 2.37]	[-0.703, 0.703]	[-1.1, 1.1]
$f_{M3}/\Lambda^4$	[-2.81, 2.81]	[-4.2, 4.2]	[-5.60, 5.59]	[-7.47, 7.47]	[-2.55, 2.55]	[-4.08, 4.07]
$f_{M4}/\Lambda^4$	[-1.74, 1.73]	[-2.6, 2.59]	[-2.70, 2.70]	[-3.61, 3.61]	[-1.48, 1.48]	[-2.42, 2.41]
$f_{M5}/\Lambda^4$	[-2.53, 2.51]	[-3.77, 3.76]	[-3.80, 3.81]	[-5.21, 5.23]	[-2.14, 2.13]	[-3.5, 3.5]
$f_{M7}/\Lambda^4$	[-2.86, 2.82]	[-4.35, 4.32]	[-6.09, 6.07]	[-8.26, 8.24]	[-2.63, 2.58]	[-4.24, 4.2]
$f_{T0}/\Lambda^4$	[-0.096, 0.083]	[-0.14, 0.128]	[-0.26, 0.25]	[-0.33, 0.32]	[-0.0921, 0.0785]	[-0.138, 0.127]
$f_{T1}/\Lambda^4$	[-0.0933, 0.1]	[-0.142, 0.149]	[-0.22, 0.24]	[-0.30, 0.31]	[-0.0863, 0.0943]	[-0.14, 0.147]
$f_{T2}/\Lambda^4$	[-0.225, 0.225]	[-0.336, 0.335]	[-0.56, 0.60]	[-0.74, 0.76]	[-0.21, 0.214]	[-0.331, 0.332]
$f_{T3}/\Lambda^4$	[-0.206, 0.206]	[-0.311, 0.31]	[-0.48, 0.51]	[-0.64, 0.66]	[-0.191, 0.194]	[-0.305, 0.305]
$f_{T4}/\Lambda^4$	[-1.09, 1.02]	[-1.58, 1.53]	[-1.44, 1.37]	[-1.84, 1.77]	[-0.895, 0.828]	[-1.4, 1.35]
$f_{T5}/\Lambda^4$	[-0.287, 0.257]	[-0.391, 0.383]	[-0.59, 0.57]	[-0.76, 0.73]	[-0.265, 0.237]	[-0.382, 0.373]
$f_{T6}/\Lambda^4$	[-0.656, 0.627]	[-0.976, 0.954]	[-0.73, 0.71]	[-0.94, 0.92]	[-0.5, 0.478]	[-0.794, 0.775]
$f_{T7}/\Lambda^4$	[-0.936, 0.899]	[-1.39, 1.36]	[-1.78, 1.67]	[-2.26, 2.16]	[-0.85, 0.8]	[-1.34, 1.29]
$f_{T8}/\Lambda^4$	—	—	[-0.53, 0.53]	[-0.67, 0.67]	[-0.53, 0.53]	[-0.67, 0.67]
$f_{T9}/\Lambda^4$	—	—	[-1.17, 1.16]	[-1.47, 1.45]	[-1.17, 1.16]	[-1.47, 1.45]

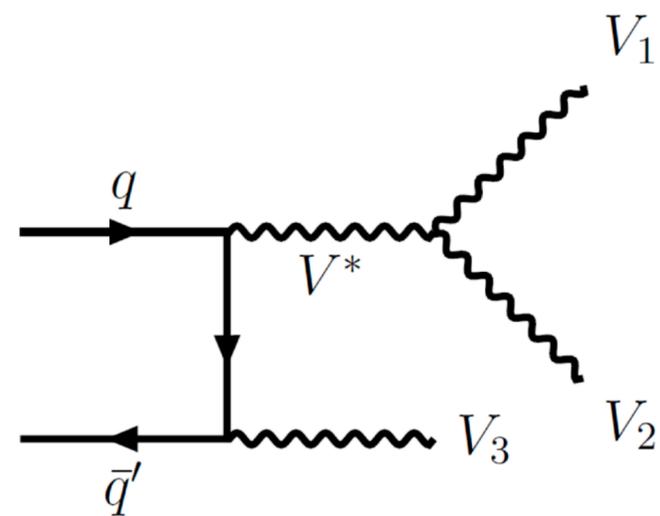


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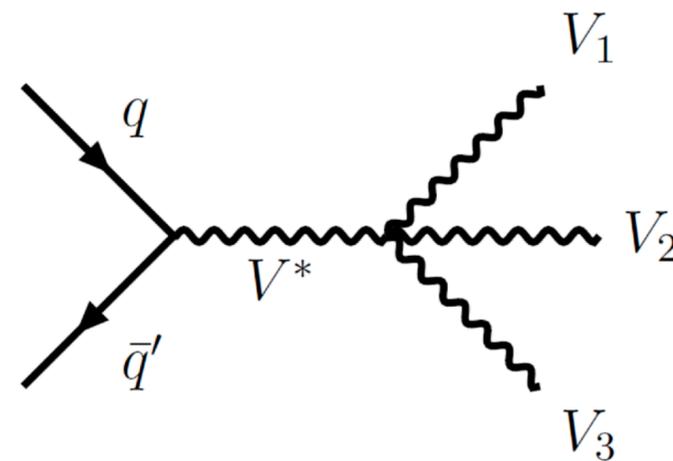
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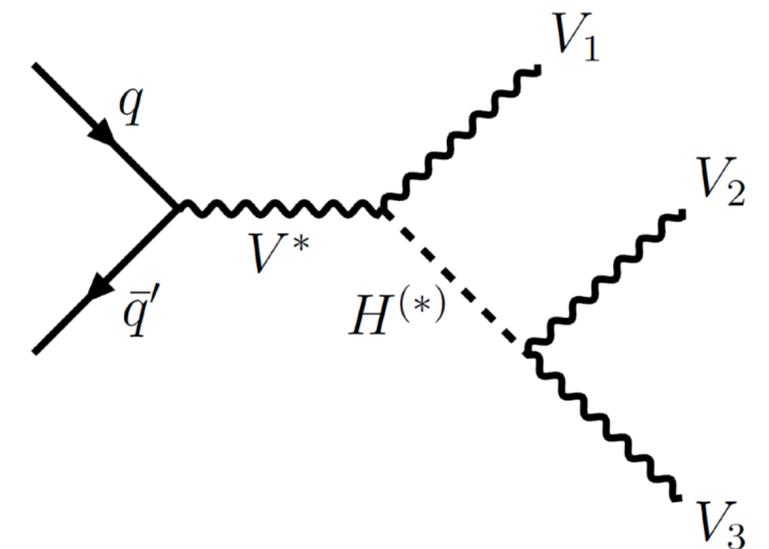
Mono- $V$  vertices



Triple-gauge-boson vertex



Quartic-gauge-boson vertex



Higgsstrahlung  $VH$  process

# Search for VVZ production

- Search for  $VVZ$  ( $WWZ + WZZ + ZZZ$ ) production at 13 TeV using  $140 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ 
  - Combined  $VVV$  observed by CMS ([arXiv:2006.11191](https://arxiv.org/abs/2006.11191))
  - $WWW$  observed by ATLAS ([arXiv:2201.13045](https://arxiv.org/abs/2201.13045))
- Extract combined signal strength  $\mu_{VVZ}$  (also  $\mu_{WWZ}$  and  $\mu_{WZZ}$ )
- Investigate 3 different final states:

$3\ell + \text{jets}$

$W/Z \rightarrow qq$   
 $W \rightarrow \ell\nu$   
 $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$

Target process  
 $W^\pm W^\mp Z, W^\pm ZZ$

Main backgrounds  
 $W^\pm Z$

$4\ell$

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 $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$

Target process  
 $W^\pm W^\mp Z$

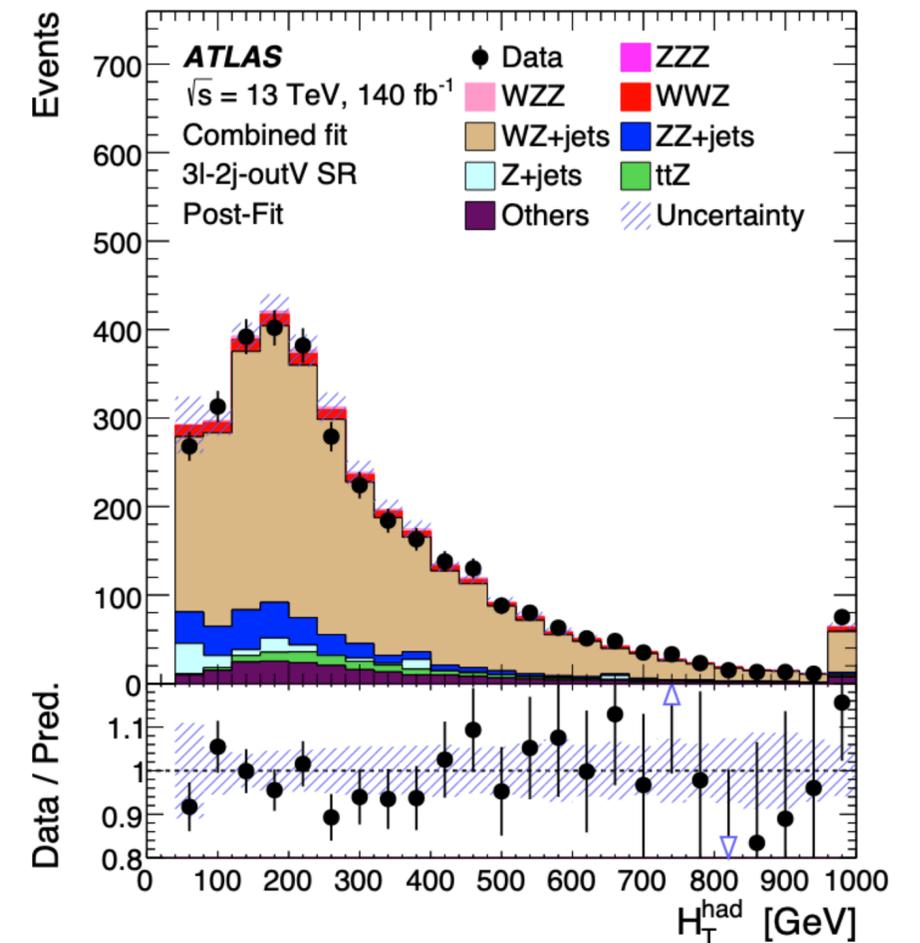
Main backgrounds  
 $W^\pm Z$  and  $ZZ$

$\geq 5\ell$

$W/Z \rightarrow \ell\nu/\ell\ell$   
 $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$   
 $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$

Target process  
 $W^\pm ZZ, ZZZ$

Main backgrounds  
 $W^\pm Z$  and  $ZZ$



- MVA techniques utilised to enhance sensitivity to  $VVZ$ 
  - BDTs optimised separately to each SR and final state
  - Most discriminant var.:  $H_T^{\text{tot}}$ ,  $p_T^{j_2}$ ,  $m_{\ell\ell}^Z$ ,  $n_{\text{jets}}$ , MET sig.,  $p_T^{\ell W}$

# Search for VVZ production

- Simultaneous fit across final states and SRs/CRs

At least  $3\ell$  and 1 “Z candidate”, with a di- $\ell$  pair with *same-flavour and opposite-sign* (SFOS) and  $|m_{\ell\ell} - m_Z| < 20$  GeV

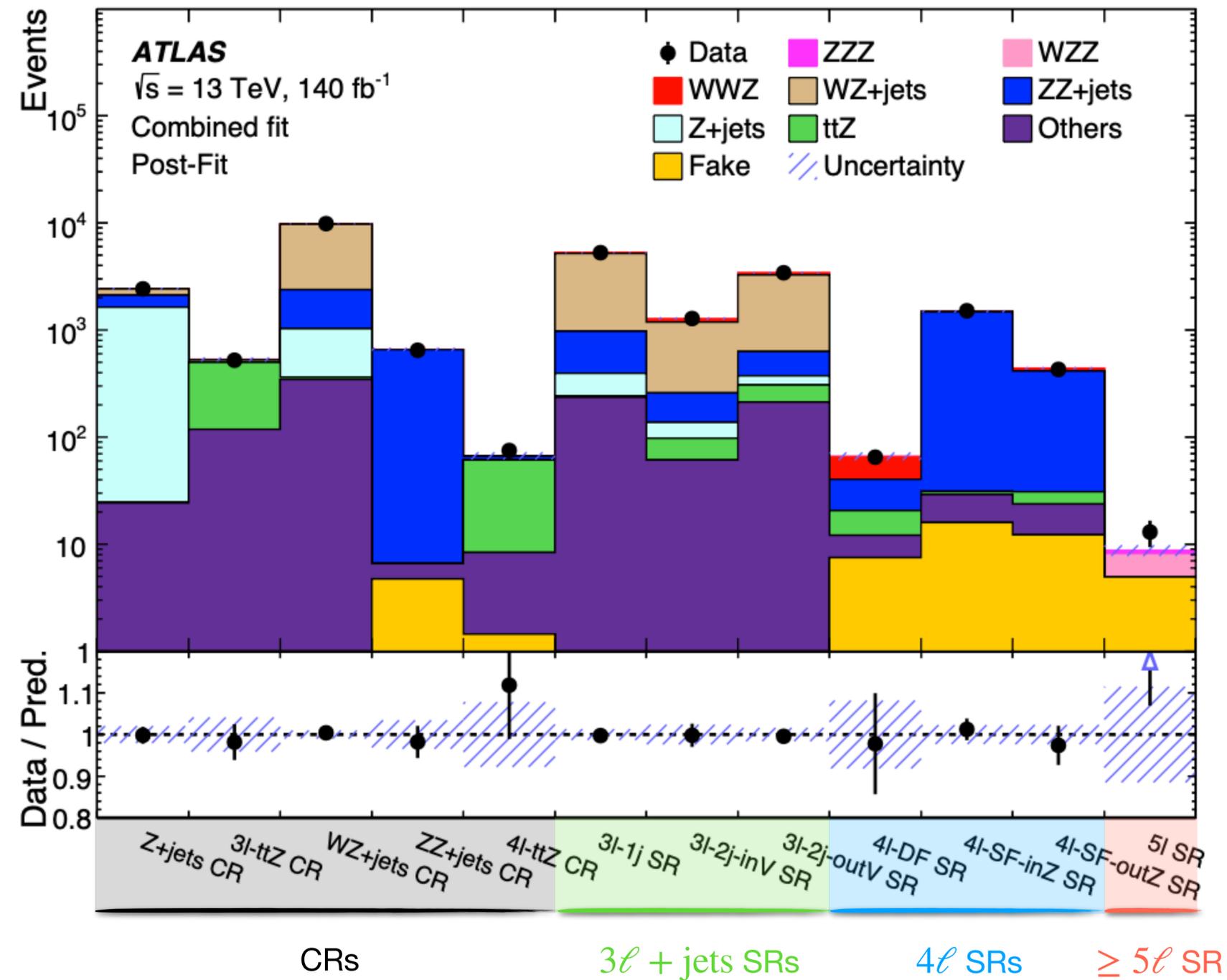
- SR 3l-1j:** 1 jet
- SR 3l-2j-inV:**  $\geq 2$  jets with  $60 < m_{j_1j_2} < 110$  GeV
- SR 3l-2j-outV:**  $\geq 2$  jets with  $m_{j_1j_2} < 60$  or  $m_{j_1j_2} > 110$  GeV
- CRs:** Z+jets, 3l-ttZ, and WZ+jets processes

At least  $4\ell$  and 1 SFOs di- $\ell$  pair with  $|m_{\ell\ell} - m_Z| < 20$  GeV

Categorisation using the 2 “W-leptons” flavour:

- SR 4l-DF:** Different Flavour  $\ell$
- SR 4l-SF-inZ:** Same Flavour  $\ell$ ,  $|m_{\ell_3\ell_4} - m_Z| < 20$  GeV
- SR 4l-SF-outZ:** Same Flavour  $\ell$ ,  $|m_{\ell_3\ell_4} - m_Z| \geq 20$  GeV
- CRs:** ZZ+jets and 4l-ttZ processes

**SR 5l:** at least  $5\ell$  and 2 SFOS with  $|m_{\ell\ell} - m_Z| < 20$  GeV



Process	Signal strength	Cross section (fb)	Observed (expected) sensitivity
VVZ	$1.43 \pm 0.20(\text{stat.})_{-0.19}^{+0.21}(\text{syst.})$	$660_{-90}^{+93}(\text{stat.})_{-81}^{+88}(\text{syst.})$	$6.4 (4.7) \sigma$
WWZ	$1.33 \pm 0.28(\text{stat.})_{-0.17}^{+0.21}(\text{syst.})$	$442 \pm 94(\text{stat.})_{-52}^{+60}(\text{syst.})$	$4.4 (3.6) \sigma$
WZZ	$2.13_{-0.96}^{+1.18}(\text{stat.})_{-0.41}^{+0.76}(\text{syst.})$	$200_{-91}^{+111}(\text{stat.})_{-37}^{+65}(\text{syst.})$	$2.8 (1.6) \sigma$

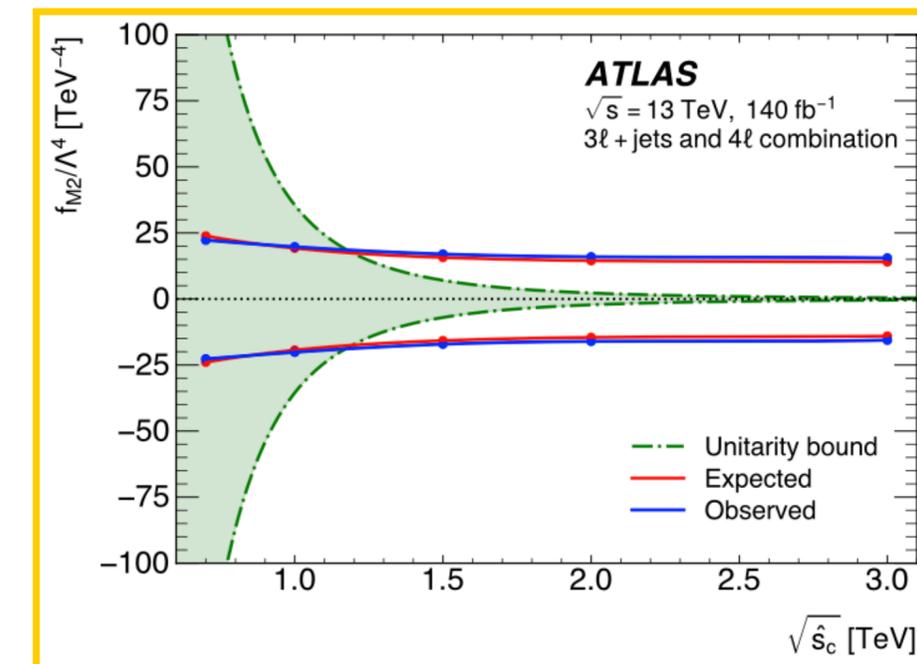
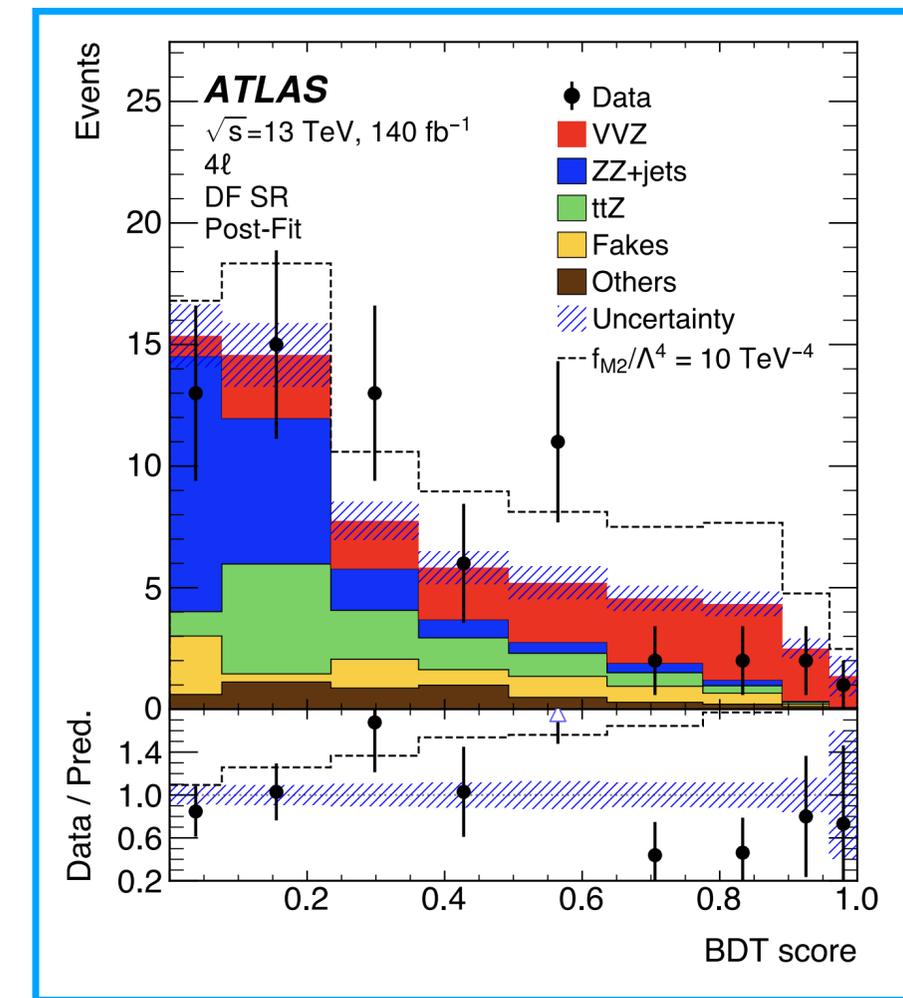
# Search for VVZ production

- Constraints on aQGC effects via an EFT analysis with D-8 operators
  - Wilson coefficients of most sensitive operators to  $VVV$  final states are  $f_{M2}$ ,  $f_{M3}$ ,  $f_{M4}$ , and  $f_{M5}$
- BDT distributions retrained to increase sensitivity to EFT effects using events from all operators considered

Observed (expected) 95% CL limits on Wilson coefficients ( $\text{TeV}^{-4}$ )			
Coefficient	$3\ell$	$4\ell$	Combination
$f_{M2}/\Lambda^4$	$[-15, 15]$ ( $[-17, 17]$ )	$[-23, 23]$ ( $[-18, 18]$ )	$[-15, 15]$ ( $[-14, 14]$ )
$f_{M3}/\Lambda^4$	$[-25, 25]$ ( $[-29, 30]$ )	$[-39, 40]$ ( $[-31, 31]$ )	$[-26, 26]$ ( $[-25, 25]$ )
$f_{M4}/\Lambda^4$	$[-13, 14]$ ( $[-16, 16]$ )	$[-17, 17]$ ( $[-16, 16]$ )	$[-11, 11]$ ( $[-13, 13]$ )
$f_{M5}/\Lambda^4$	$[-11, 11]$ ( $[-13, 13]$ )	$[-12, 12]$ ( $[-13, 13]$ )	$[-8.5, 8.7]$ ( $[-10, 10]$ )

- Clipping method to provide limits avoiding unitarity violation at high  $\sqrt{s}$

Coefficient	Expected limit [ $\text{TeV}^{-4}$ ]	Exp. $\sqrt{\hat{s}_c}$ [TeV]	Observed limit [ $\text{TeV}^{-4}$ ]	Obs. $\sqrt{\hat{s}_c}$ [TeV]
$f_{M2}/\Lambda^4$	$[-18, 17]$	1.2	$[-19, 19]$	1.2
$f_{M3}/\Lambda^4$	$[-28, 29]$	1.5	$[-28, 29]$	1.5
$f_{M4}/\Lambda^4$	$[-14, 14]$	1.6	$[-12, 12]$	1.7
$f_{M5}/\Lambda^4$	$[-11, 11]$	2.1	$[-9.1, 9.3]$	2.2



# Summary and conclusions

Three ATLAS / CMS measurements at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV using  $140 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  have been presented

## Same-sign $WW$ polarisation

- First evidence of production of polarised  $W_L^\pm W^\pm$ : obs. significance  $3.3 \sigma$
- Most stringent limits to date for the  $W_L^\pm W_L^\pm$  cross-section:  $0.45$  ( $0.70$ ) fb obs. (exp.)

## EW diboson production in semileptonic final states

- CMS and ATLAS have reported improvements on aQGCs upper limits thanks to the extended phase space by the merged  $V \rightarrow jj$  topology: especially for  $f_S$  and  $f_M$  operators

## Searches for triboson production

- First observation of  $VVZ$  production by ATLAS: obs. (exp.) significance  $6.4$  ( $4.7$ )  $\sigma$
- First evidence of  $WWZ$  production by ATLAS: obs. (exp.) significance  $4.4$  ( $3.6$ )  $\sigma$
- CMS reports evidence of  $WWZ$  using Run 2 + 3 data: obs. (exp.) significance  $4.5$  ( $5.0$ )  $\sigma$

**Back-up**

# Selections

# EW diboson production in semileptonic final states

[arXiv:2503.17461](https://arxiv.org/abs/2503.17461)

Selection	0-lepton	1-lepton	2-lepton
Trigger	$E_T^{\text{miss}}$ triggers	Single-electron triggers Single-muon or $E_T^{\text{miss}}$ triggers	Single-lepton triggers
$V \rightarrow \nu\nu/\ell\nu/\ell\ell$	0 ‘Loose’ leptons $p_T > 7$ GeV $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 200$ GeV $p_T^{\text{miss}} > 50$ GeV $\Delta\phi(\vec{E}_T^{\text{miss}}, \vec{p}_T^{\text{miss}}) < \pi/2$ $\min[\Delta\phi(\vec{E}_T^{\text{miss}}, \text{small-}R \text{ jet})] > \pi/6$ $\Delta\phi(\vec{E}_T^{\text{miss}}, V_{\text{had}}) > \pi/9$	1 ‘Tight’ lepton $p_T > 27$ GeV 0 other ‘Loose’ leptons with $p_T > 7$ GeV $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 80$ GeV	2 ‘Loose’ leptons $p_T > 27$ GeV $83 < m_{ee} < 99$ GeV $-0.0117 \times p_T^{\mu\mu} + 85.63 \text{ GeV} < m_{\mu\mu}$ $0.0185 \times p_T^{\mu\mu} + 94 \text{ GeV} > m_{\mu\mu}$
VBS topology tagging jets		Largest $m_{jj}$ pair with $\eta_{\text{tag } j_1} \cdot \eta_{\text{tag } j_2} < 0$ $m_{jj}^{\text{tag}} > 400$ GeV, $p_T^{\text{tag } j_{1,2}} > 30$ GeV	
$V \rightarrow J$		Leading $p_T$ large- $R$ jet $p_T > 200$ GeV, $ \eta  < 2$ V boson tagger requirements on $m_J$ , $D_2$ , and $n_{\text{Tracks}}^{\text{ungroomed}}$	
$V \rightarrow jj$		Two leading $p_T$ small- $R$ jets $p_T > 20$ GeV if $ \eta  < 2.5$ , and $p_T > 30$ GeV if $2.5 <  \eta  < 4.5$ $p_T^{j_1} > 40$ GeV $64 < m_{jj} < 106$ GeV	
Top veto		$m_{jjj} > 220$ GeV	
Additional b-jet veto	No	Yes	No

# Search for $VWZ$ production

Table 1: Summary of the object selection and event preselection criteria used in the analysis.

Object selection criteria	
Electron	Passes the “LooseAndBLayerLH” quality requirement $ d_0 /\sigma_{d_0} < 5$ , $ z_0 \times \sin \theta  < 0.5$ mm $p_T > 7$ GeV, $ \eta  < 2.47$
Muon	Passes the “Loose” quality requirement $ d_0 /\sigma_{d_0} < 3$ , $ z_0 \times \sin \theta  < 0.5$ mm $p_T > 5$ GeV ( $p_T > 15$ GeV for calorimetr-tagged muons), $ \eta  < 2.7$
Jet	Passes the JVT requirement, $p_T > 20$ GeV, $ \eta  < 4.5$
Event preselection criteria	
Trigger	Single lepton, dilepton, tri-lepton, or quad-lepton triggers
Number of charged leptons	$\geq 3$
Z boson invariant mass	$ m_{\ell\ell} - m_Z  < 40$ GeV

Table 2: Overview of the criteria used to select inclusive  $3\ell$  events and the three  $3\ell$  SRs.

Inclusive $3\ell$ event selection			
Satisfy preselection criteria	✓		
Lepton	$p_T > 15$ GeV and at least one lepton with $p_T > 27$ GeV		
Lepton from the Z decays	“Loose_VarRad” isolation for electrons and “PFLow_Loose_VarRad” isolation for muons		
Lepton from the W decays	“Tight” identification and “PLImprovedTight” isolation		
Invariant mass of any SFOS dilepton pairs	$> 12$ GeV		
Invariant mass of the Z boson	$ m_{\ell\ell} - m_Z  < 20$ GeV		
Number of leptons	$= 3$		
Number of $b$ -jets	$= 0$		
$3\ell$ signal regions			
	$3\ell$ -1j	$3\ell$ -2j-inV	$3\ell$ -2j-outV
Satisfy inclusive $3\ell$ selection criteria	✓	✓	✓
BDT score $> 0.42$	✓	✓	✓
Number of jets	$= 1$	$\geq 2$	$\geq 2$
$m_{jj}$	–	$> 60$ GeV and $< 110$ GeV	$< 60$ GeV or $> 110$ GeV

$3\ell + \text{jets SRs}$

Table 3: Overview of the criteria used to select inclusive  $4\ell$  events and the three  $4\ell$  SRs.

Inclusive $4\ell$ event selection			
Satisfy preselection criteria	✓		
Lepton	Exactly four leptons with $p_T > 30, 15, 8, 6$ GeV		
Lepton from the Z decays	“Loose_VarRad” isolation for electrons and “PFLow_Loose_VarRad” isolation for muons		
Leptons from the W decays	“Medium” identification and “PLImprovedTight” isolation		
Invariant mass of any SFOS dilepton pairs	$> 12$ GeV		
Invariant mass of the Z boson	$ m_{\ell\ell} - m_Z  < 20$ GeV		
Minimum angular distance between any lepton pairs	$> 0.1$		
$E_T^{\text{miss}}$	$> 10$ GeV		
Number of $b$ -jets	$= 0$		
$4\ell$ signal regions			
	$4\ell$ -DF	$4\ell$ -SF-inZ	$4\ell$ -SF-outZ
Satisfy inclusive $4\ell$ selection criteria	✓	✓	✓
Flavour for lepton from the W decays	$e\mu$	same-flavour	same-flavour
$m_{\ell\ell}$ for the two W-leptons	–	$ m_{\ell\ell} - m_Z  < 20$ GeV	$ m_{\ell\ell} - m_Z  > 20$ GeV

$4\ell$  SRs

Table 4: Overview of the criteria used to select inclusive  $5\ell$  events, which form the  $5\ell$  SR.

Inclusive $5\ell$ event selection ( $5\ell$ SR)	
Satisfy preselection criteria	✓
Leptons	At least five leptons
Z boson candidates	“Loose_VarRad” isolation for electrons and “PFlow_Loose_VarRad” isolation for muons
Z boson invariant mass	At least two SFOS pairs with $ m_{\ell\ell} - m_Z  < 20$ GeV
Number of $b$ -jets	$ m_{\ell\ell} - m_Z  < 20$ GeV $= 0$

$\geq 5\ell$  SR

[arXiv:2412.15123](https://arxiv.org/abs/2412.15123)

**Other**

# EW diboson production in semileptonic final states

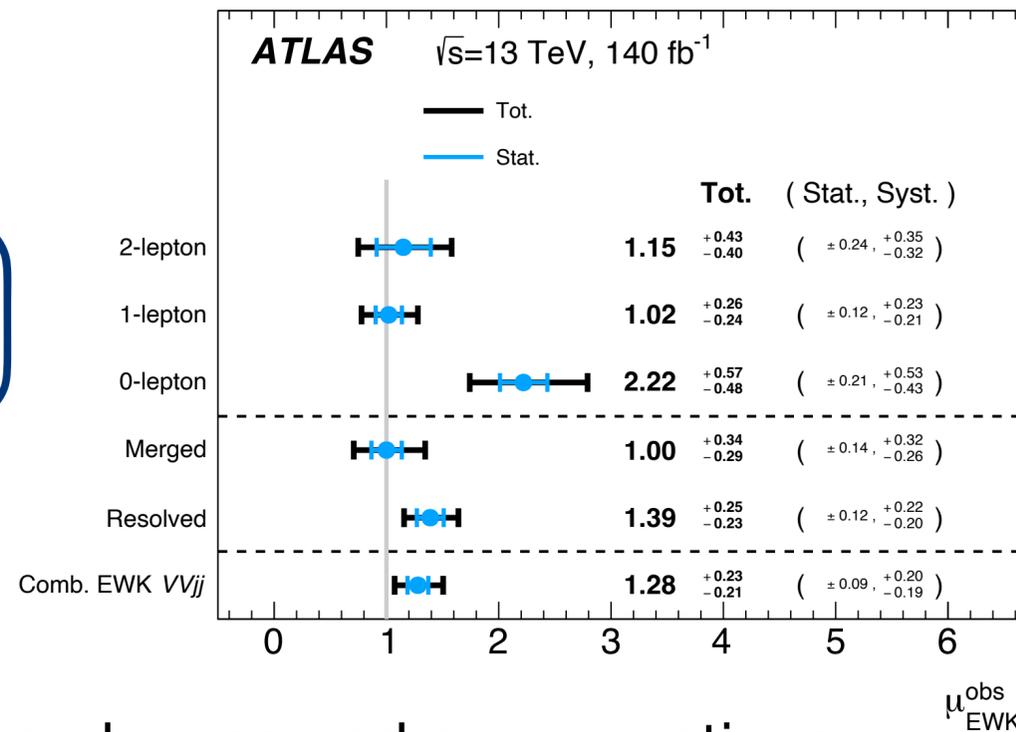
- Measured EW  $VVjj$  signal strength:

$$\mu_{EW}^{obs} = 1.28^{+0.23}_{-0.21} = 1.28 \pm 0.09 \text{ (stat.) }^{+0.20}_{-0.19} \text{ (syst.)}$$

Dominated by signal modelling and jet reconstruction uncertainties

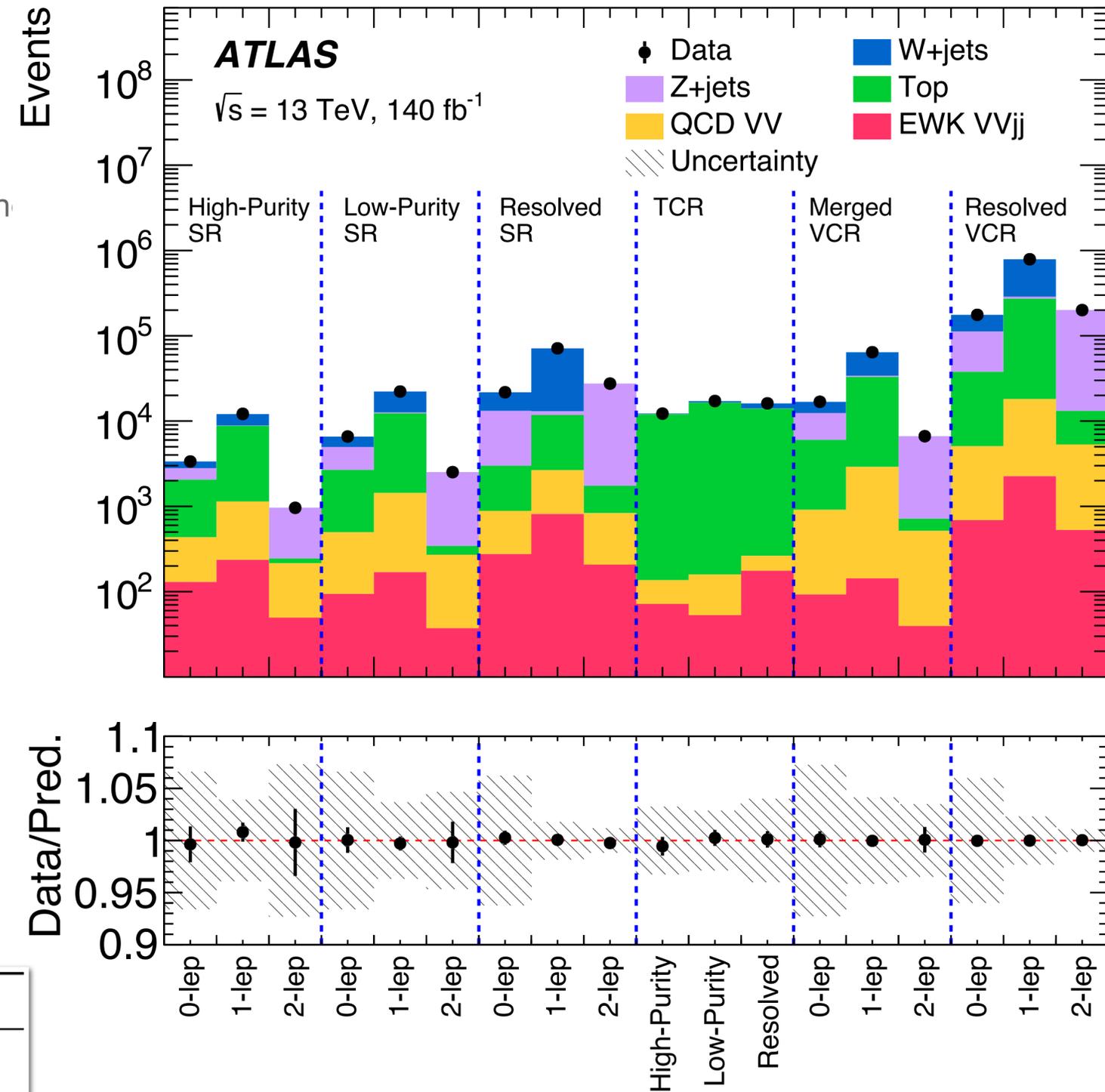
with obs. (exp.) significance of 7.4 (6.1)  $\sigma$

$\mu_{EW}^{obs}$  also extracted in each region



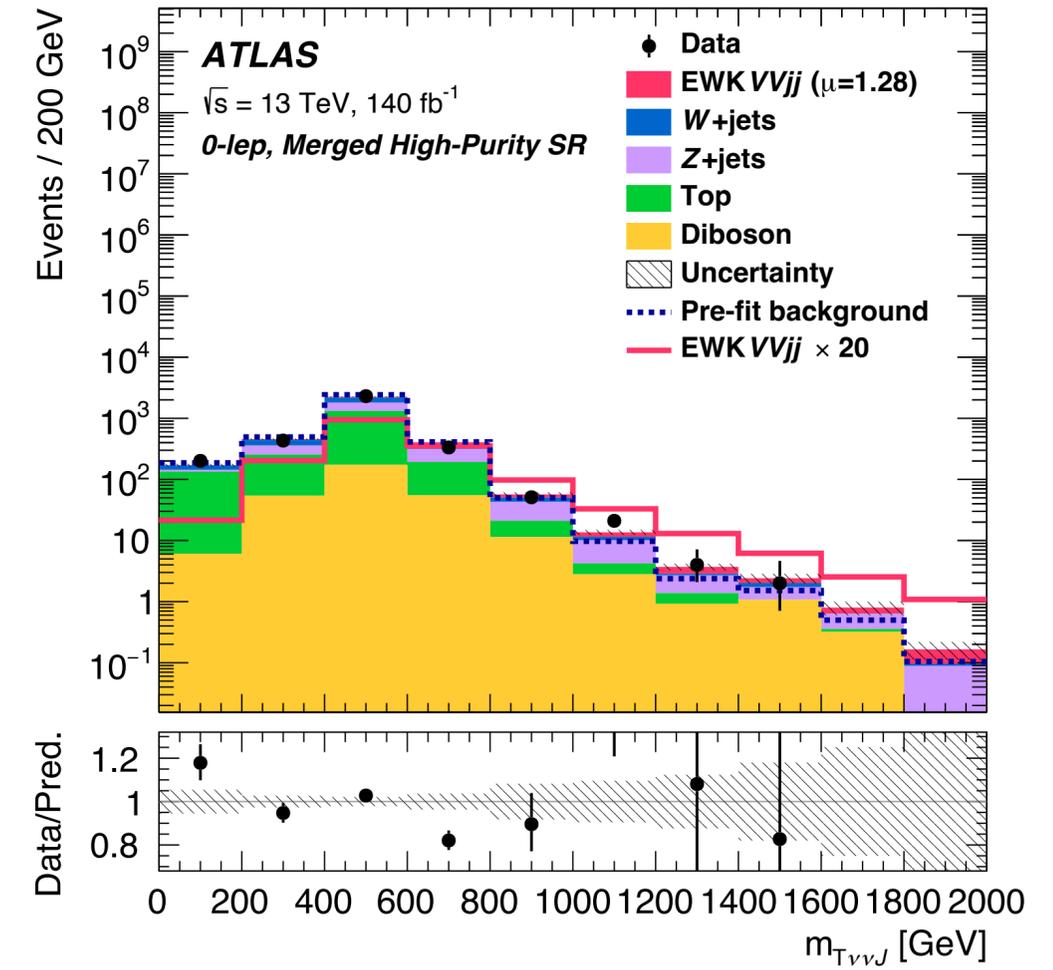
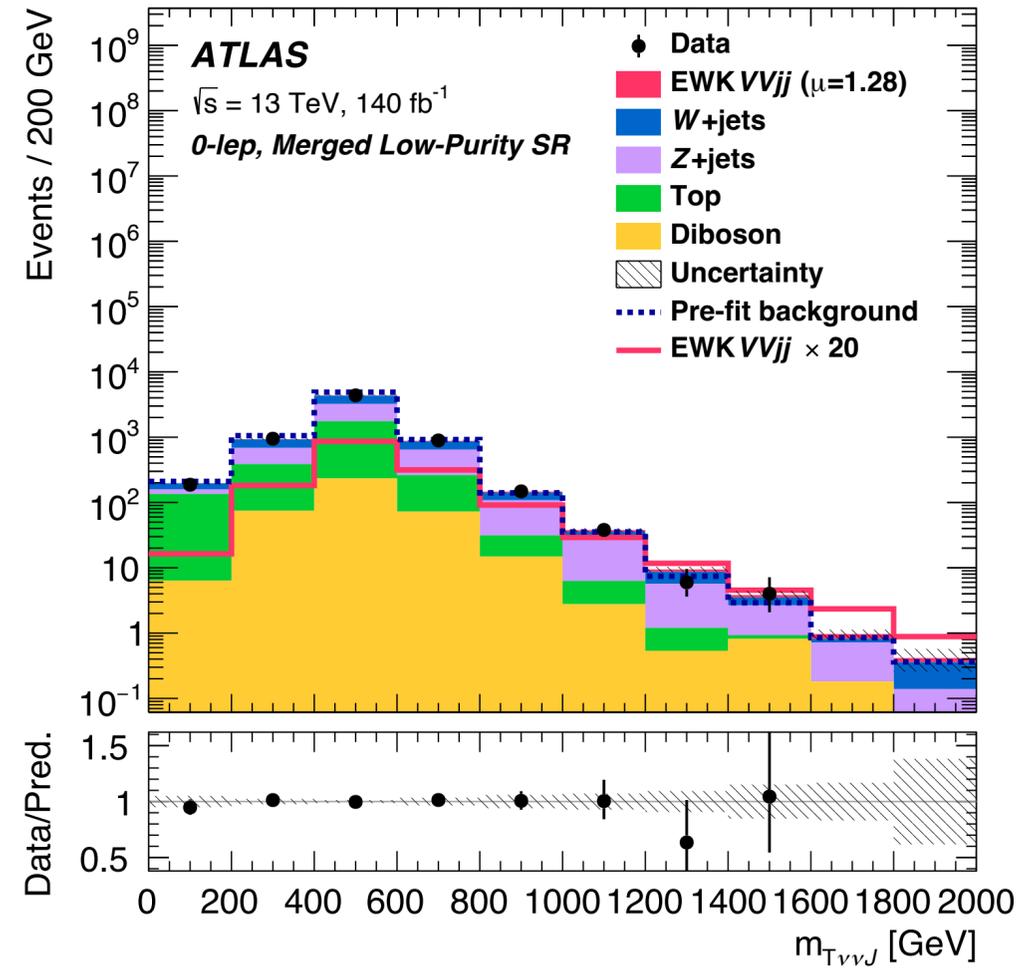
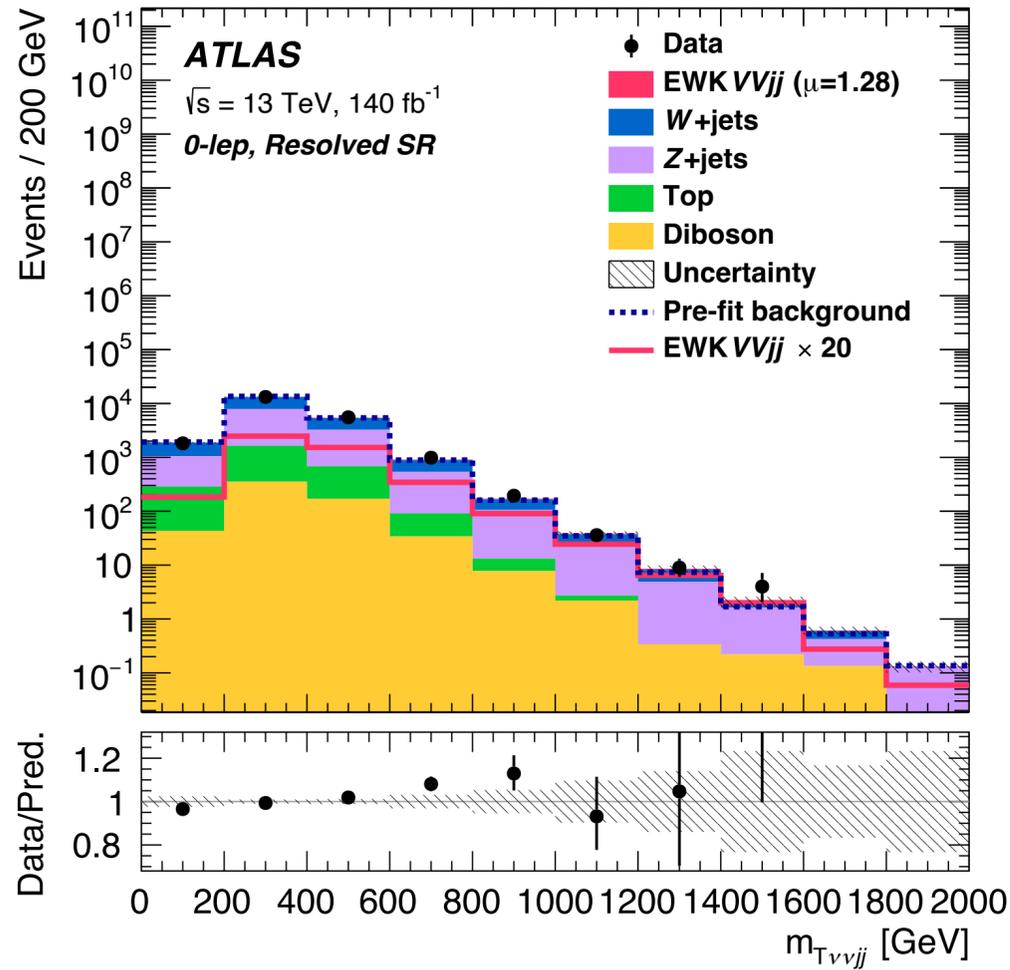
- Fiducial expected and measured cross-sections:

	Combined	0-lepton	1-lepton	2-lepton	Resolved	Merged
$\sigma_{EWK}^{fid,exp}$	$20.4 \pm 3.5$ fb	$7.3 \pm 2.5$ fb	$10.3 \pm 2.5$ fb	$2.8 \pm 1.1$ fb	$11.7 \pm 3.4$ fb	$8.7 \pm 2.5$ fb
$\sigma_{EWK}^{fid,obs}$	$29.2 \pm 4.9$ fb	$15.7 \pm 2.8$ fb	$10.7 \pm 2.8$ fb	$3.1 \pm 1.1$ fb	$17.9 \pm 4.3$ fb	$11.4 \pm 3.4$ fb



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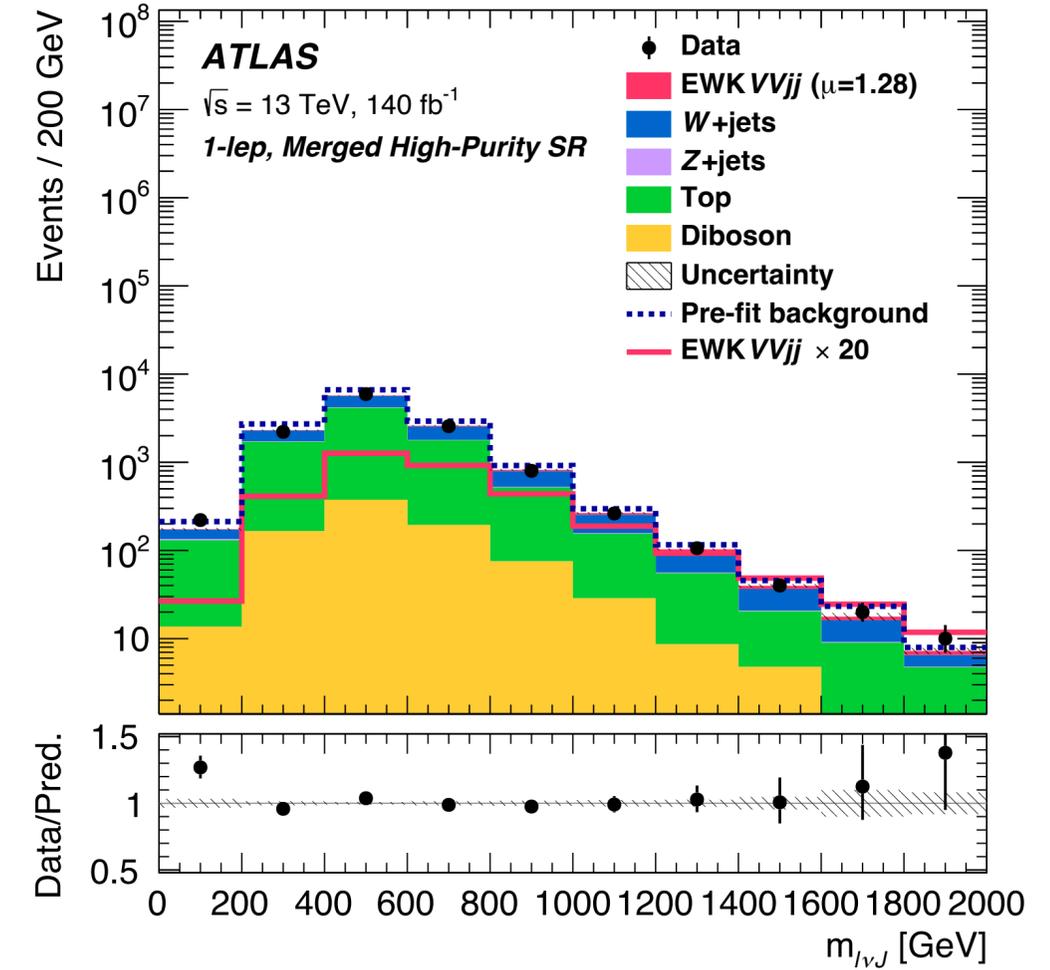
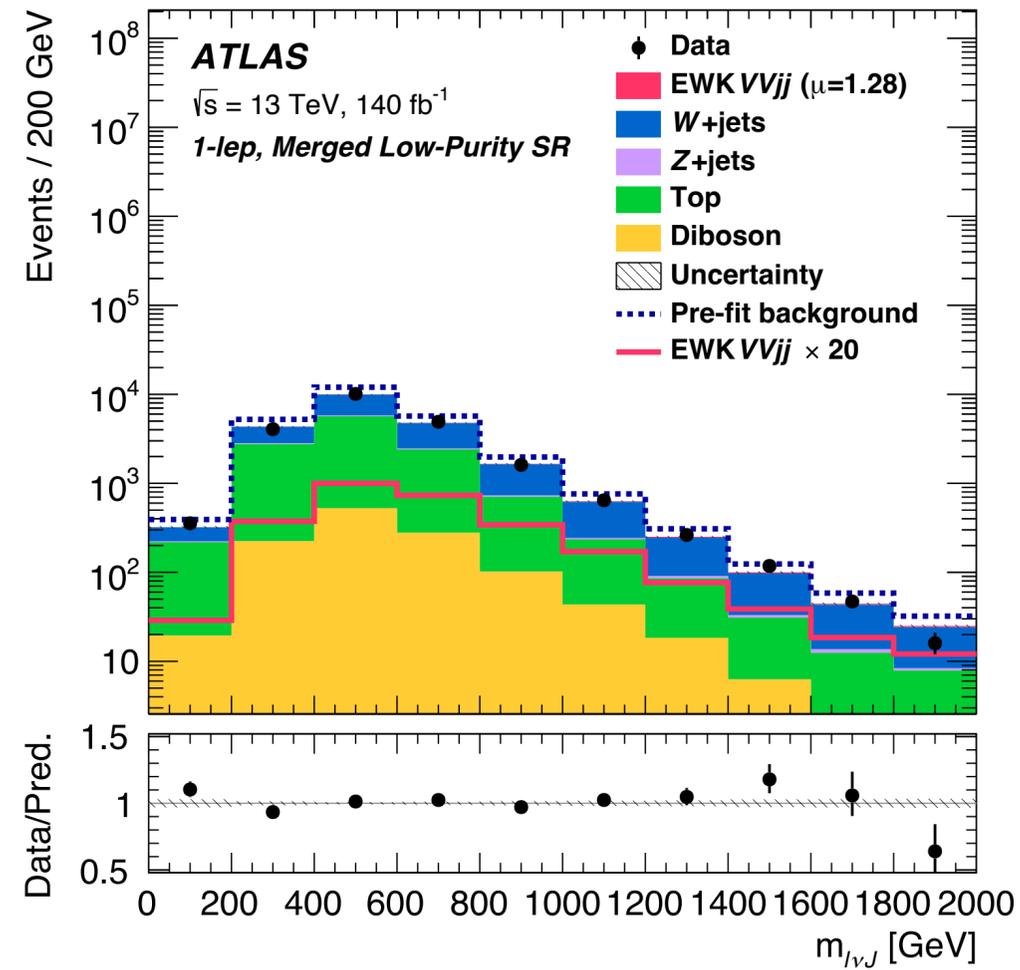
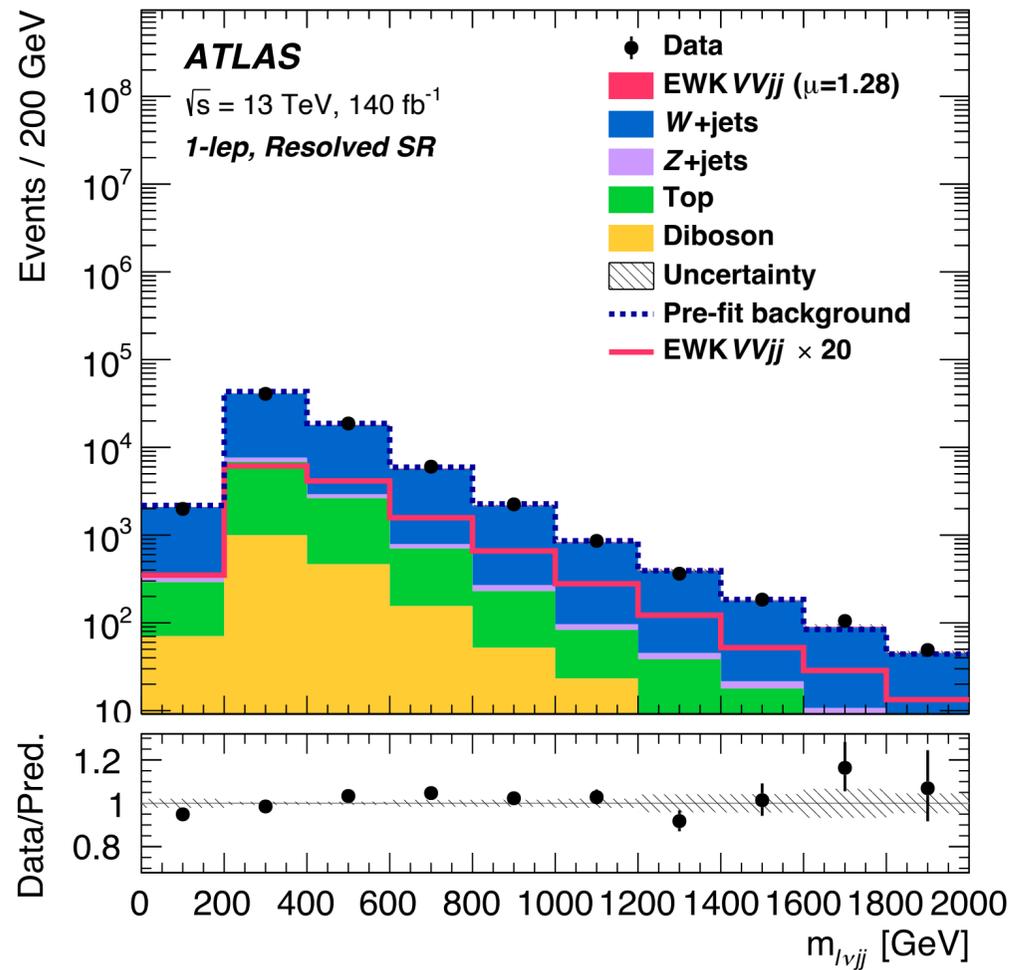
- Diboson system mass distributions in the  $0-\ell$  selection



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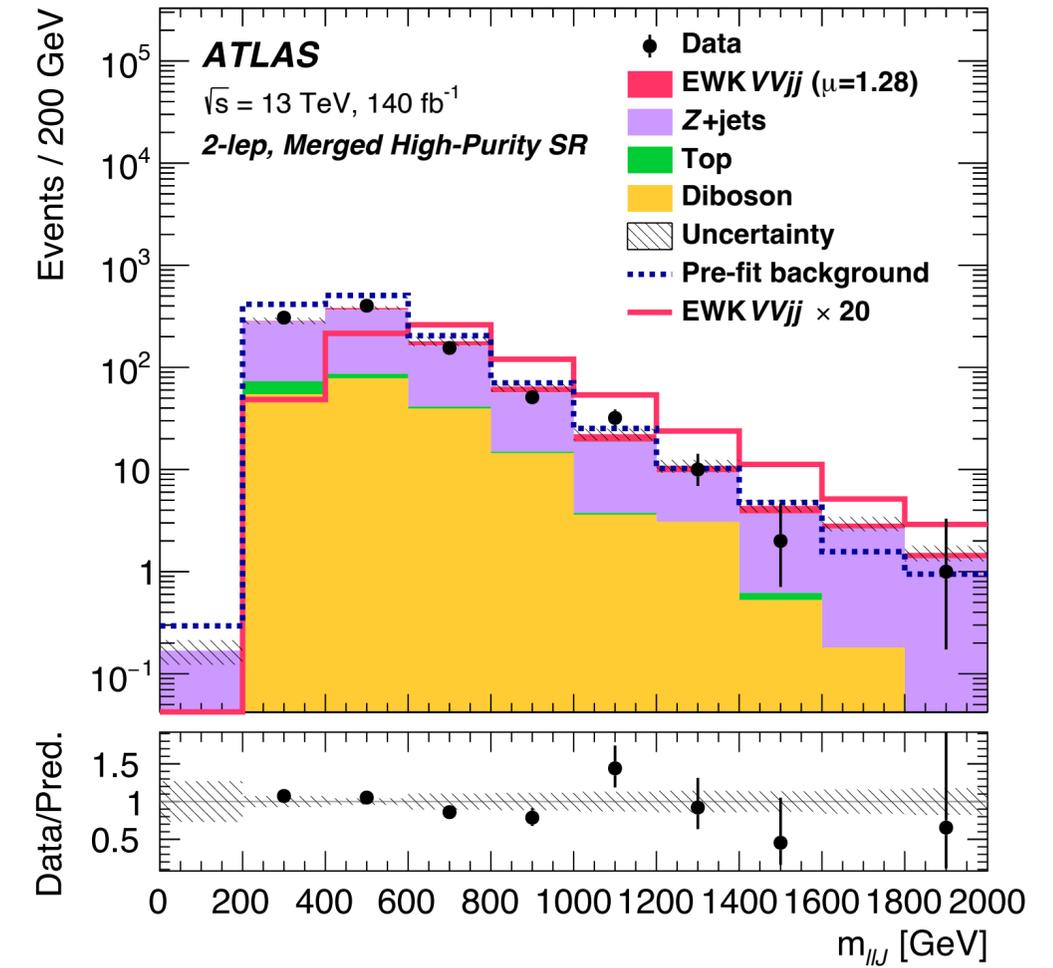
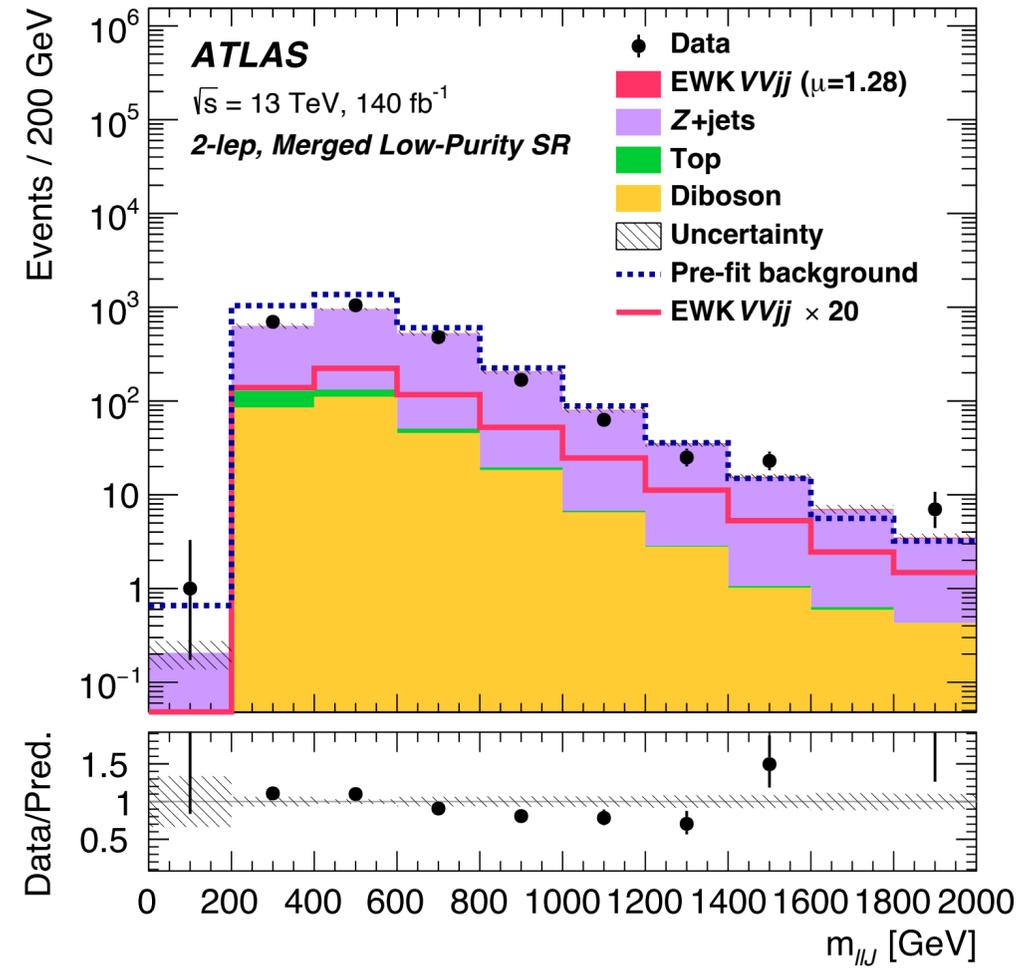
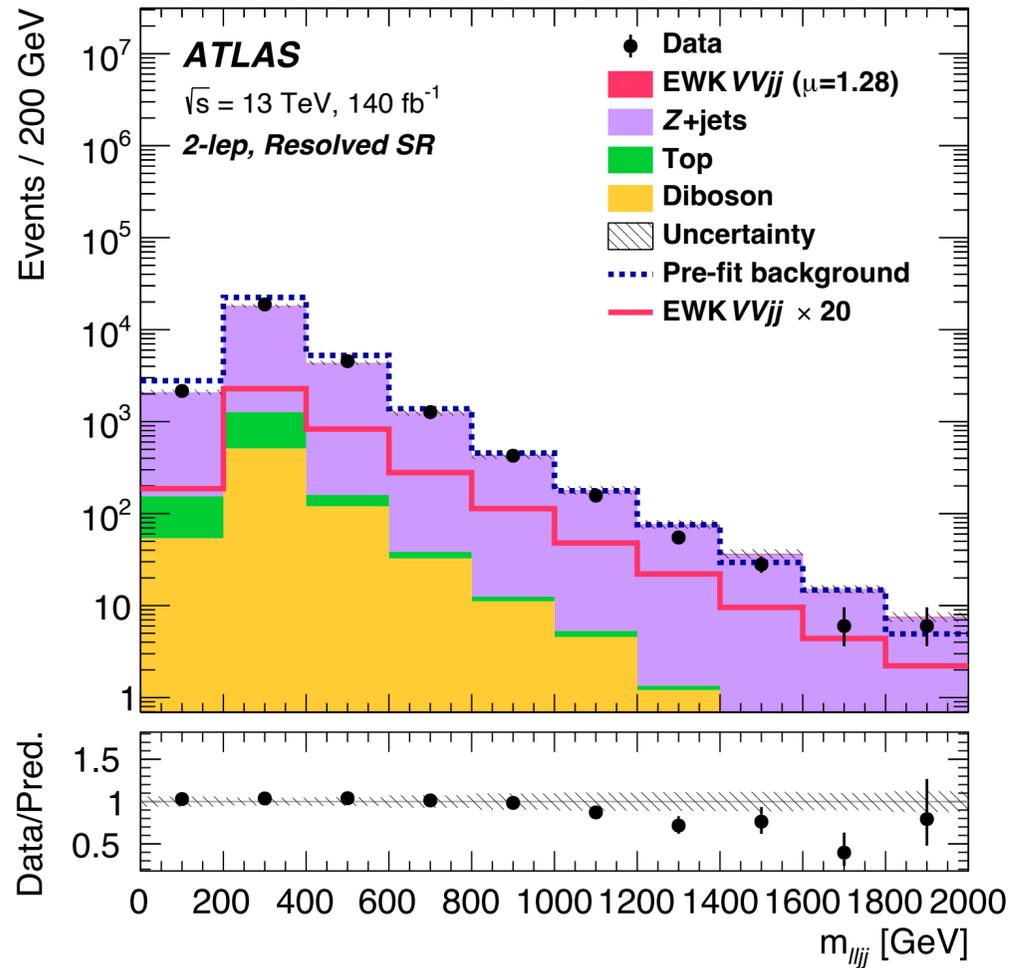
- Diboson system mass distributions in the  $1-\ell$  selection



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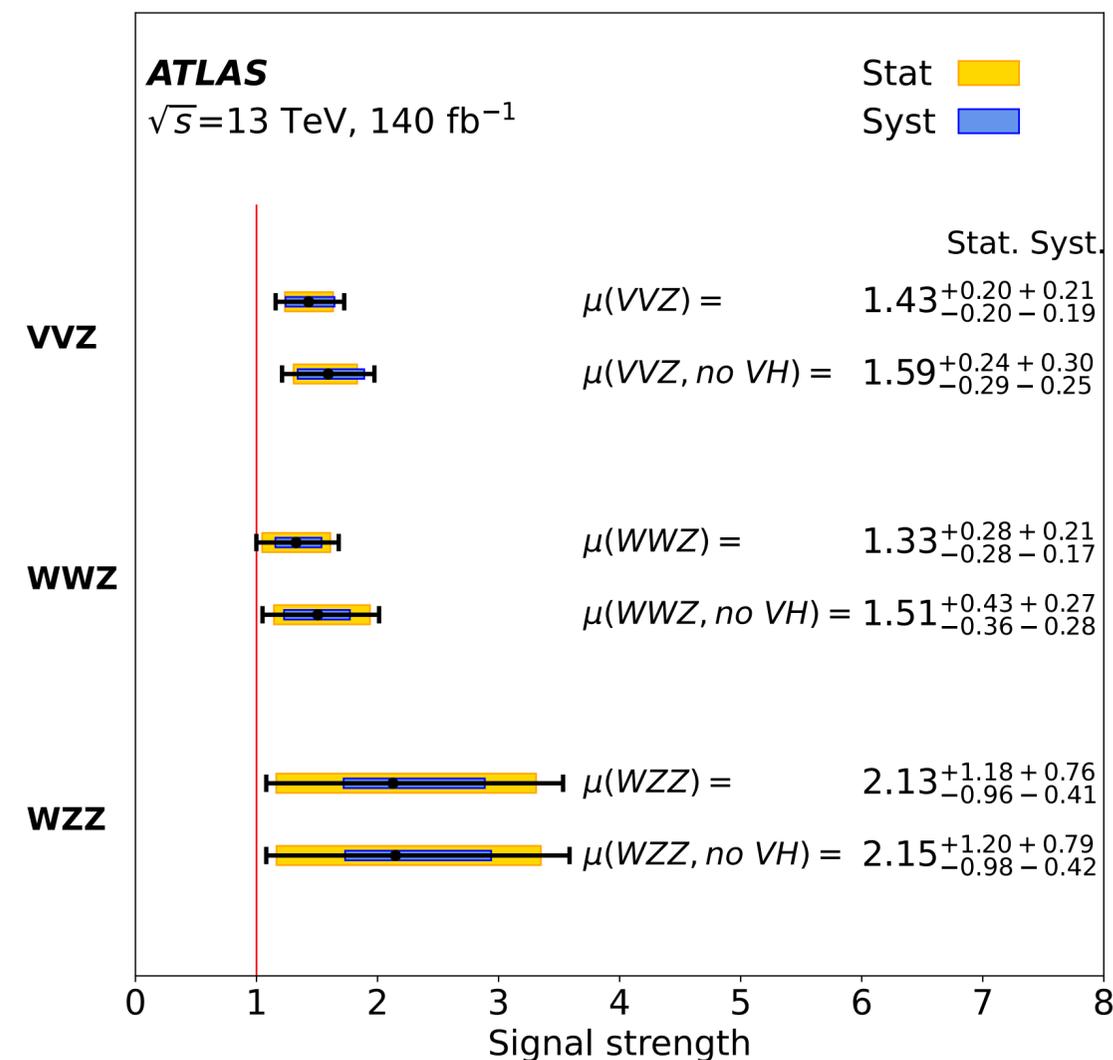
- Diboson system mass distributions in the  $2-\ell$  selection



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# Search for VVZ production

If  $VH$  production is considered as part of the background, the combined observed cross section is found to be  $\sigma(pp \rightarrow VVZ) = 382_{-63}^{+65}$  (stat.) $_{-60}^{+57}$  (syst.) fb with an observed signal strength of  $1.59_{-0.29}^{+0.24}$  (stat.) $_{-0.25}^{+0.30}$  (syst.). The observed (expected) significance corresponds to 5.5 (3.7)  $\sigma$ . The ratio of on-shell  $VVZ$  production to  $VH \rightarrow VWW^*/VZZ^*$  production is determined from MC simulation and is allowed to vary within the theoretical uncertainties of the two processes.



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