

**First results on precision constraints on Z-Z' mixing  
with ATLAS and CMS diboson production data at  
the LHC at 13 TeV and predictions for RUN II**

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# Outline

- “Classical” models of  $Z'$ -bosons: (SSM, E6, LR, ALR)
- DY as a principal  $Z'$  discovery channel:

$$pp \rightarrow Z' \rightarrow l^+ l^- + X (l = e, \mu)$$

- Study the potential of the LHC to observe of  $Z$ - $Z'$  mixing effects in

$$pp \rightarrow Z' \rightarrow W^+ W^- + X$$

**Main goal** – quantify sensitivity of  $W^+W^-$  pair production to

$M_{Z'}$  and  $Z$ - $Z'$  mixing angle using ATLAS and CMS data at 13 TeV

- Comparison with current limits (from EW data) and ILC potential
- Conclusions

based on: PRD (2017, 2014)

Other relevant refs.: Phys.At.Nucl.(2015), Phys.Part.Nucl.Lett.(2016).

# Introduction

Here, we study

(i) the **potential of the LHC to discover  $Z$ - $Z'$  mixing** effects in the process

$$pp \rightarrow Z' \rightarrow W^+W^- + X$$

and **compare** it with **current** one (from the EW precision data) as well as with that **expected** at the ILC.

(ii) we will present the  $Z'$  exclusion region

in the  $Z$ - $Z'$  mixing parameter  $\xi (\equiv \sin \phi)$  and  $Z'$  mass plane,  $(\xi - M_{Z'})$ , **for the first time** by using data comprised of pp collisions and recorded by the ATLAS and CMS detectors at the LHC(13 TeV) with integrated luminosities of  $\approx 36/\text{fb}$ .



# Models of Z'-bosons:

The list of  $Z'$ -models that will be considered in our analysis is the following:

1)  $E_6$  models:  $E_6 \rightarrow SO(10) \times U(1)_\psi \rightarrow SU(5) \times U(1)_\chi \times U(1)_\psi$   
 $Z'(\beta) = \chi \cos \beta + \psi \sin \beta$

three popular possible U(1)  $Z'$  scenarios originating from the exceptional group  $E_6$  breaking:

$\chi$  - model ( $\cos \beta = 0$ );  $\psi$  - model ( $\cos \beta = 1$ );  $\eta$  - model ( $\tan \beta = -\sqrt{5/3}$ )

2) Left-Right models (LR):  $SO(10) \rightarrow SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \times U(1)_{B-L}$

$$J_{LR}^\beta = \sqrt{\frac{5}{3}} \left( \alpha_{LR} J_{3R}^\beta - \frac{1}{2\alpha_{LR}} J_{B-L}^\beta \right), \quad \alpha_{LR} \equiv \sqrt{\frac{c_W^2}{s_W^2} \frac{g_R^2}{g_L^2} - 1}, \quad \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \leq \alpha_{LR} \leq \sqrt{\frac{c_W^2}{s_W^2} - 1}$$

3) Alternative Left-Right model (ALR).

4) Sequential Standard Model (SSM), where the couplings to fermions are the same as those of the SM Z.

## Left-handed and right-handed couplings of the first generation of SM fermions to the $Z'$ gauge bosons

$E_6$ model				
fermions ( $f$ )	$\nu$	$e$	$u$	$d$
$g_L^{f'}/g_{Z'}$	$3A + B$	$3A + B$	$-A + B$	$-A + B$
$g_R^{f'}/g_{Z'}$	0	$A - B$	$A - B$	$-3A - B$
Left-Right model (LR)				
$g_L^{f'}/g_{Z'}$	$\frac{1}{2\alpha_{LR}}$	$\frac{1}{2\alpha_{LR}}$	$-\frac{1}{6\alpha_{LR}}$	$-\frac{1}{6\alpha_{LR}}$
$g_R^{f'}/g_{Z'}$	0	$\frac{1}{2\alpha_{LR}} - \frac{\alpha_{LR}}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{6\alpha_{LR}} + \frac{\alpha_{LR}}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{6\alpha_{LR}} - \frac{\alpha_{LR}}{2}$
Alternative Left-Right model (ALR)				
$g_L^{f'}/g_{Z'}$	$-\frac{1}{2} + s_W^2$	$-\frac{1}{2} + s_W^2$	$-\frac{1}{6}s_W^2$	$-\frac{1}{6}s_W^2$
$g_R^{f'}/g_{Z'}$	0	$-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{2}s_W^2$	$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{7}{6}s_W^2$	$\frac{1}{3}s_W^2$

$$A = \cos \beta / 2\sqrt{6}, \quad B = \sqrt{10} \sin \beta / 12$$

$$\alpha_{LR} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \equiv E_6(\chi)$$

## Z-Z'-mixing

The mass eigenstates  $Z_1$  and  $Z_2$  are:

$$Z_1 = Z \cos \phi + Z' \sin \phi$$

$$Z_2 = -Z \sin \phi + Z' \cos \phi$$

$$\tan^2 \phi = \frac{M_Z^2 - M_1^2}{M_2^2 - M_Z^2} \simeq \frac{2M_Z \Delta M}{M_2^2}$$

$$\Delta M = M_Z - M_1 > 0, \quad \text{mass shift due to Z-Z' mixing.}$$



In general, such  $\mathbf{Z-Z'}$  mixing effects reflect

- (i) the underlying gauge symmetry and/or
- (ii) the Higgs sector of the model.

- We set  $p_0=1$  which corresponds to a Higgs sector with only SU(2) doublets and singlets  $\Rightarrow$  two free parameters:  $\phi$  and  $M_2$
- one free parameter - in specific “minimal-Higgs models”,

$$\phi = -s_W^2 \frac{\sum_i \langle \Phi_i^2 \rangle I_{3L}^i Q_i'}{\sum_i \langle \Phi_i^2 \rangle (I_{3L}^i)^2} = C \frac{M_1^2}{M_2^2}.$$

Here,  $\Phi_i$  are the Higgs vacuum expectation values spontaneously breaking the symmetry, and  $Q_i'$  are their charges with respect to the additional U(1)'.

# Coupling constants

$$\begin{aligned}v_{1f} &= v_f \cos \phi + v'_f \sin \phi , & a_{1f} &= a_f \cos \phi + a'_f \sin \phi , \\v_{2f} &= -v_f \sin \phi + v'_f \cos \phi , & a_{2f} &= -a_f \sin \phi + a'_f \cos \phi ,\end{aligned}$$

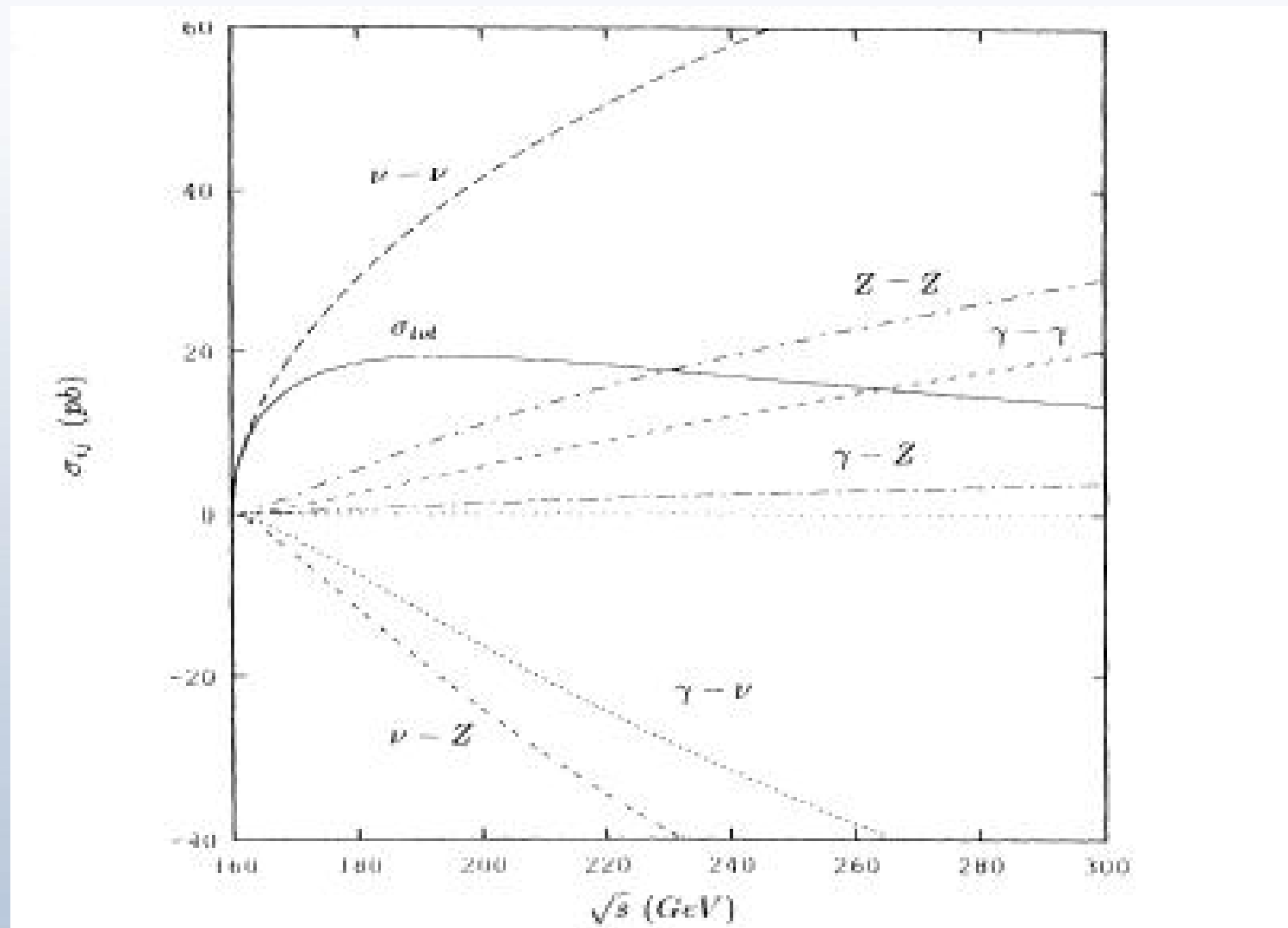
$$\begin{aligned}g_{WWZ_1} &= \cos \phi \, g_{WWZ} , \\g_{WWZ_2} &= -\sin \phi \, g_{WWZ}\end{aligned}$$

$$g_{WW\gamma} = 1 , \quad g_{WWZ} = \cot \theta_W .$$



# Example: gauge cancellation mechanism in SM

for  $e^+e^- \rightarrow W^+W^-$



## Search for $W^+W^-$ resonances

Direct searches for a heavy  $W^+W^-$  resonances

(RS graviton,  $Z'$  and  $W'$  bosons, scalar particles) by:

- **Tevatron** **with CDF** and **D0** collaborations by using the *leptonic*, *semi-leptonic* and *hadronic* final states.
- **LHC** **with ATLAS** and **CMS** collaborations at collider energies 7-8 TeV (**Run I**) and 13 TeV (**Run II**) set mass limits on heavy resonances.

## Current limits:

- **2 free** parameters case:

on  $Z'$  mass from LHC(13 TeV) in Drell-Yan

$M_{Z'} > 3.7 - 4.5 \text{ TeV}$  (95% C.L.) depending on the model

**EW:  $Z$ - $Z'$  mixing** angle (mostly from LEP1 and SLC):  $|\phi| < \text{few} \cdot 10^{-3}$

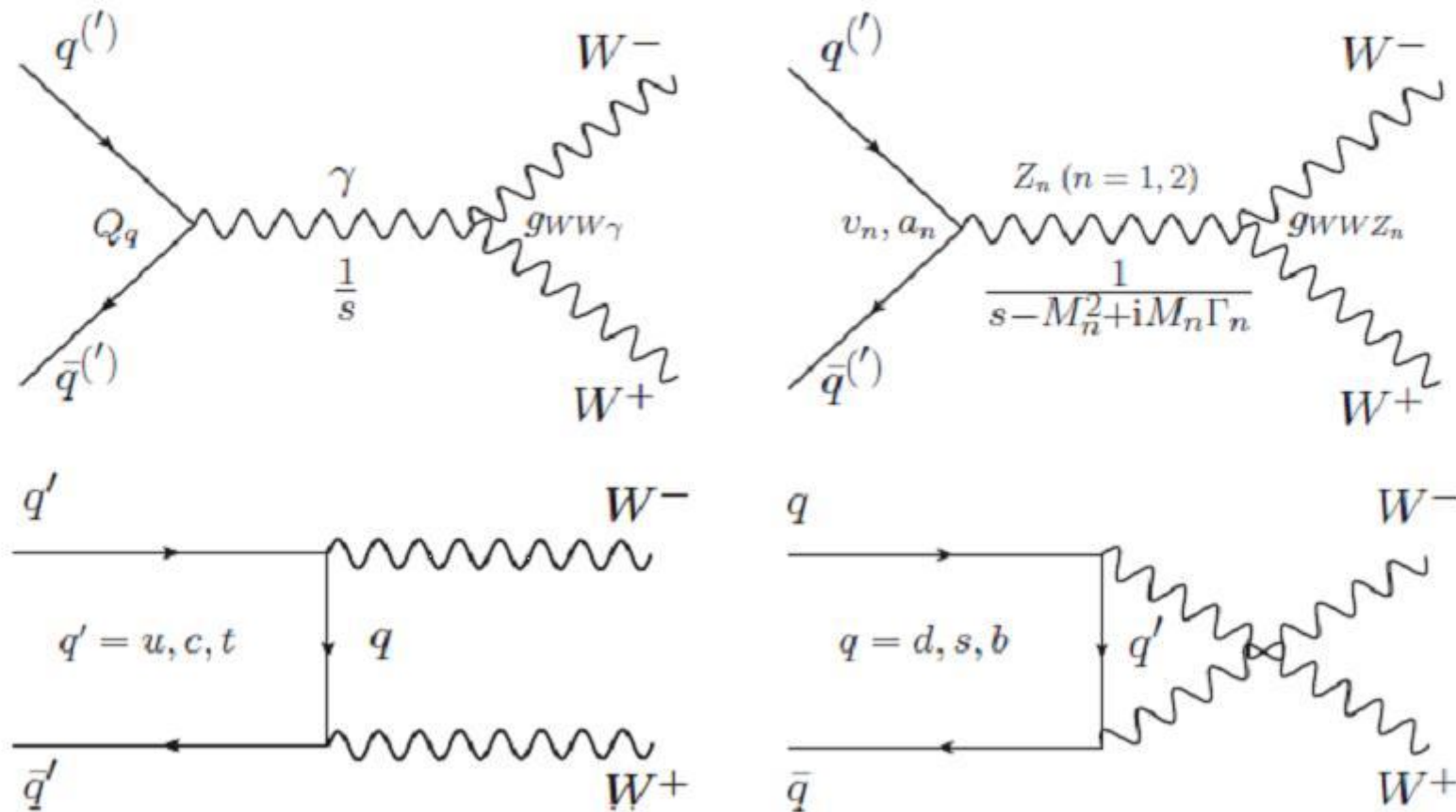
- **1 free** parameter case: Altarelli reference model

$$M_{Z'} > 3.5 \text{ TeV}, \quad |\phi| = (M_W / M_{Z'})^2 < \text{few} \cdot 10^{-4}$$



$$pp \rightarrow \gamma, Z_1, Z_2 \rightarrow W^+ W^- + X$$

Diagrams of the subprocess  $q\bar{q} \rightarrow WW$  in the framework of extended gauge models are presented below.



Feynman diagrams for  $q\bar{q} \rightarrow \gamma, Z_1, Z_2 \rightarrow W^+ W^-$  process in the Born approximation

# CROSS-SECTION

$$\frac{d\sigma_{q\bar{q}}}{dM \, dy \, dz} = K \frac{2M}{s} \sum_q [f_{q/P_1}(\xi_1) f_{\bar{q}/P_2}(\xi_2) + f_{\bar{q}/P_1}(\xi_1) f_{q/P_2}(\xi_2)] \frac{d\hat{\sigma}_{q\bar{q}}}{dz},$$

where

$z = \cos \theta$ ,  $y$  diboson rapidity,

$f_{\bar{q}/P_1}(\xi_1); f_{q/P_2}(\xi_2)$  pdfs,

$\xi_{1,2} = (M / \sqrt{s}) \cdot \exp(\pm y)$  parton fractional momenta (CTEQ-6L1)

K factor accounts NLO QCD corrections

Experimental rapidity cut  $|y| < 2.5$

# RESONANT CROSS SECTION: PARTON LEVEL

$$\frac{d\hat{\sigma}_{q\bar{q}}^{Z_2 WW}}{d\cos\theta} = \frac{1}{3} \frac{\pi\alpha^2 \cot^2\theta_W}{16} \beta_W^3 (v_{2,q}^2 + a_{2,q}^2) \frac{\hat{s}}{(\hat{s} - M_2^2)^2 + M_2^2 \Gamma_2^2} \sin^2\phi$$

$$\times \left[ \frac{\hat{s}^2}{M_W^4} \sin^2\theta + 4 \frac{\hat{s}}{M_W^2} (4 - \sin^2\theta) + 12 \sin^2\theta \right]$$

Dominant term  $\propto \frac{M^4}{M_W^4} \sin^2\theta$  enhances sensitivity to  $\phi$  !

It corresponds to the production of longitudinally polarized W's,  $Z_2 \rightarrow W_L^+ W_L^-$ .

"Violation" of gauge cancellation mechanism by  $Z'$ .



# Total cross section in NWA

$$\boxed{\Gamma_{Z'} \ll \Delta M}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(pp \rightarrow Z' \rightarrow W^+W^-)_{fid} &= \int_{M_{Z'} - \Delta M/2}^{M_{Z'} + \Delta M/2} dM \int_{-Y}^Y dy \int_{-Z_{cut}}^{Z_{cut}} dz \frac{d\sigma^{Z'}}{dM dy dz} = \\ &= A_{WW} \times \underbrace{\sigma(pp \rightarrow Z') \times Br(Z' \rightarrow W^+W^-)}_{\text{in total phase space}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow Z') - ? \quad Br(Z' \rightarrow W^+W^-) - ?$$

**Experimental mass resolution:**

$$\boxed{\Delta M \approx 5\% \cdot M_{Z'}}$$

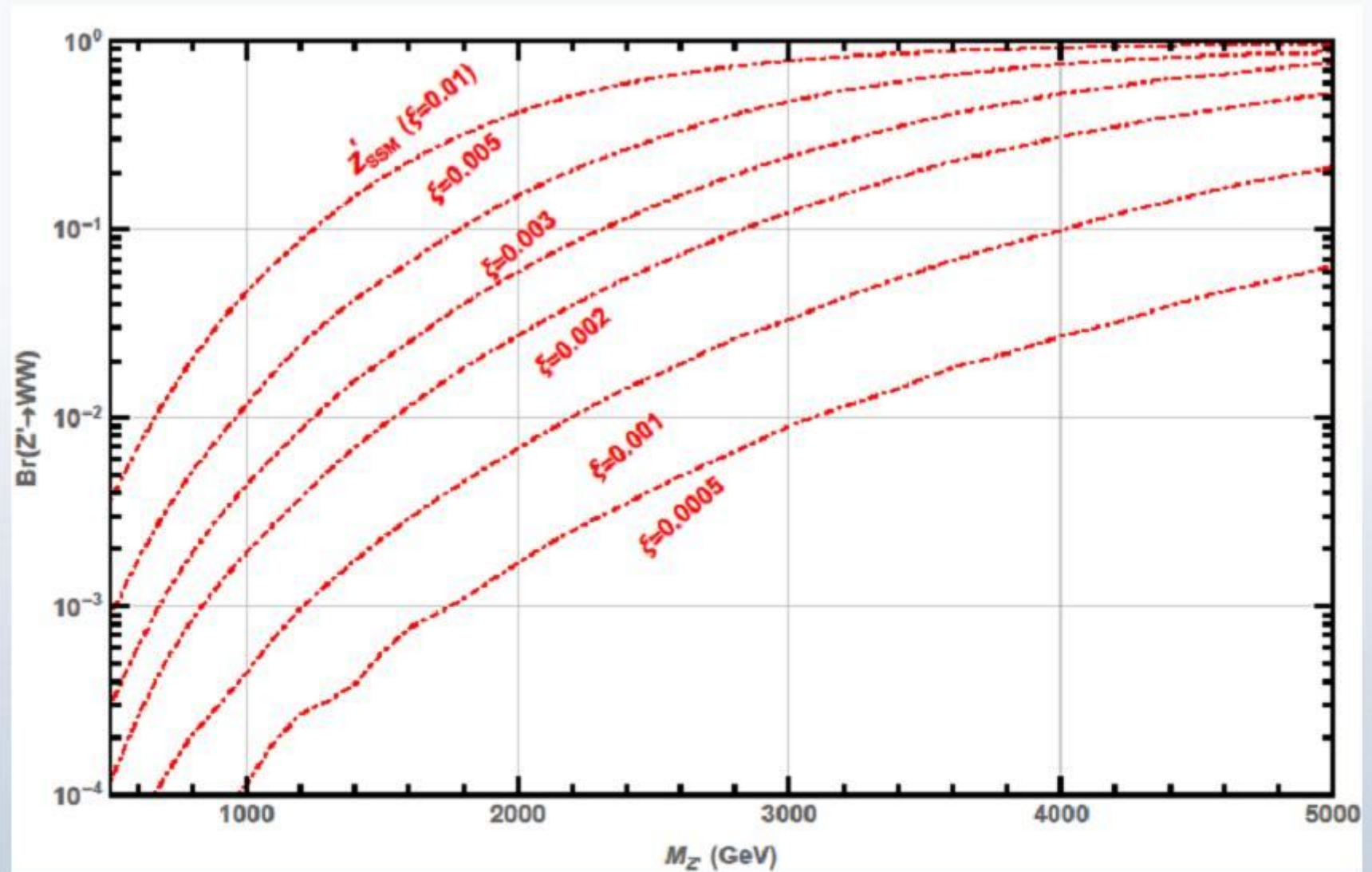
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$$\Gamma_{Z'} = \sum_{ff} \Gamma_{Z'}^{ff} + \Gamma_{Z'}^{WW} + \Gamma_{Z'}^{ZH}$$

$$SSM : \sum_{ff} \Gamma_{Z'}^{ff} = 0.03 \cdot M_{Z'} \quad (SM : f = \nu, l, q)$$

$$Br(Z'_{SSM} \rightarrow ZH) \leq 3\%$$

$$\Gamma_{Z'}^{WW} = \frac{\alpha \cot^2 \theta_W}{48} M_{Z'} \left( \frac{M_{Z'}}{M_W} \right)^4 \left( 1 - 4 \frac{M_W^2}{M_{Z'}^2} \right)^{3/2} \left[ 1 + 20 \frac{M_W^2}{M_{Z'}^2} + 12 \frac{M_W^4}{M_{Z'}^4} \right] \sin^2 \phi$$



$$Br(Z'_{SSM} \rightarrow W^+W^-) > Br(Z'_{SSM} \rightarrow e^+e^-) \approx 3\% \quad \text{at} \quad \xi \geq 5 \cdot 10^{-4} \quad (\xi \equiv \sin \phi)$$

$$M_{Z'} \geq 4.5 \text{ TeV}$$



# SIGNAL AND BACKGROUNDS

- Pure leptonic decay

$$pp \rightarrow W^+W^- + X \rightarrow l\nu\ l'\nu' + X \quad (l = e, \mu)$$

- Semileptonic process:  $pp \rightarrow W^+W^- + X \rightarrow l\nu\ jj + X$ 
  - higher cross section than pure leptonic one;
  - allows the reconstruction of the invariant mass of the WW system;
  - large QCD background.

# Constraints on $Z'$

$N_{SM}$  and  $N_{Z'}$ , number of background and signal events.

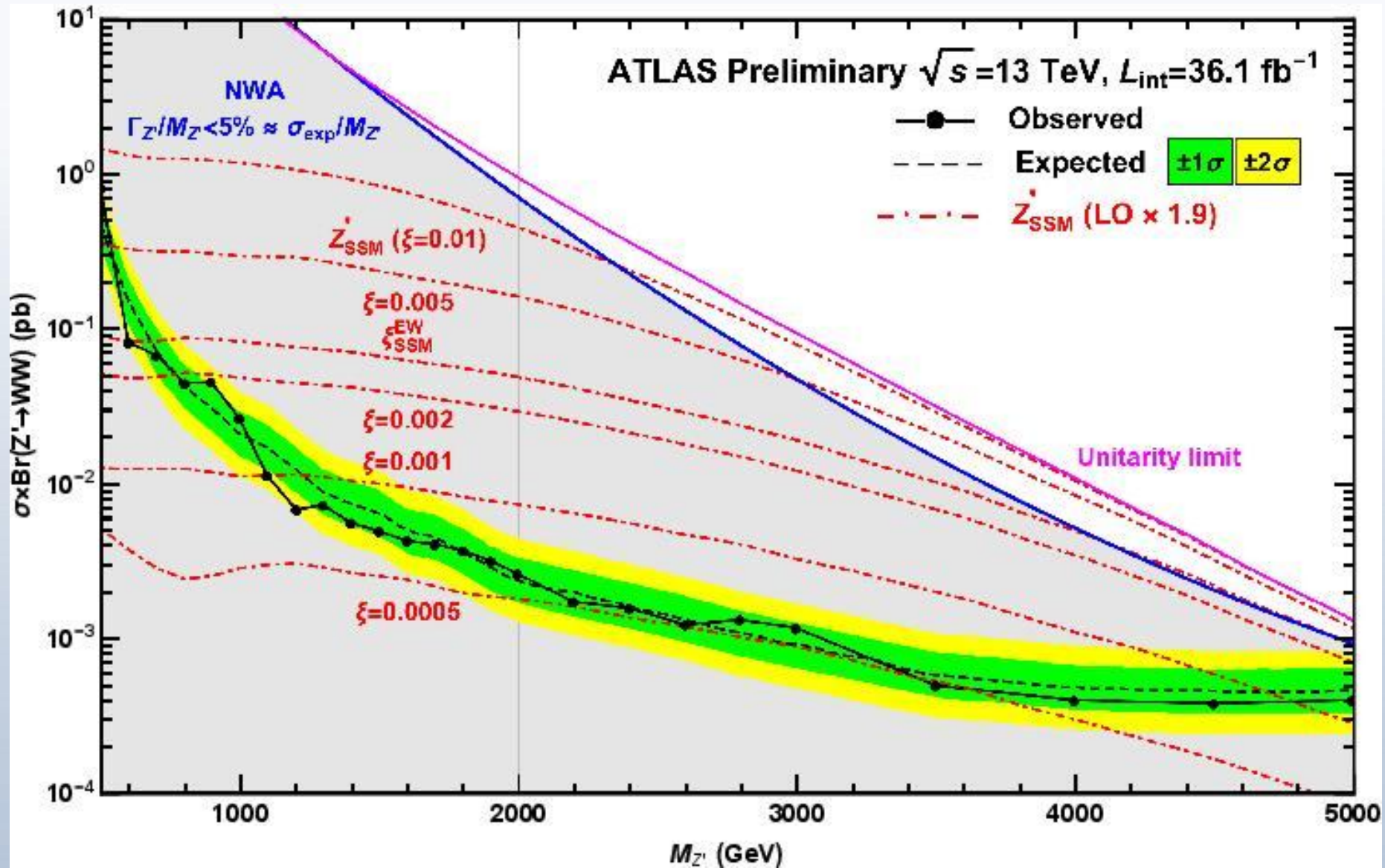
**Criterion:**  $N_{Z'} = 2\sqrt{N_{SM}}$  or **3 events**,  
whichever is larger (reach at the 95% C.L.)

$$N_{Z'} = N_{data} - N_{bkg} = L_{int} \cdot \varepsilon \cdot A_{WW} \cdot \underbrace{\sigma(pp \rightarrow Z') \times Br(Z' \rightarrow W^+W^-)}_{\text{theoretical resonant production cross section} \cdot Br \text{ extrapolated to the total phase space}}$$

$N_{data}$  and  $N_{bkg} (= N_{SM})$  are the number of observed data events and estimated background events, respectively.

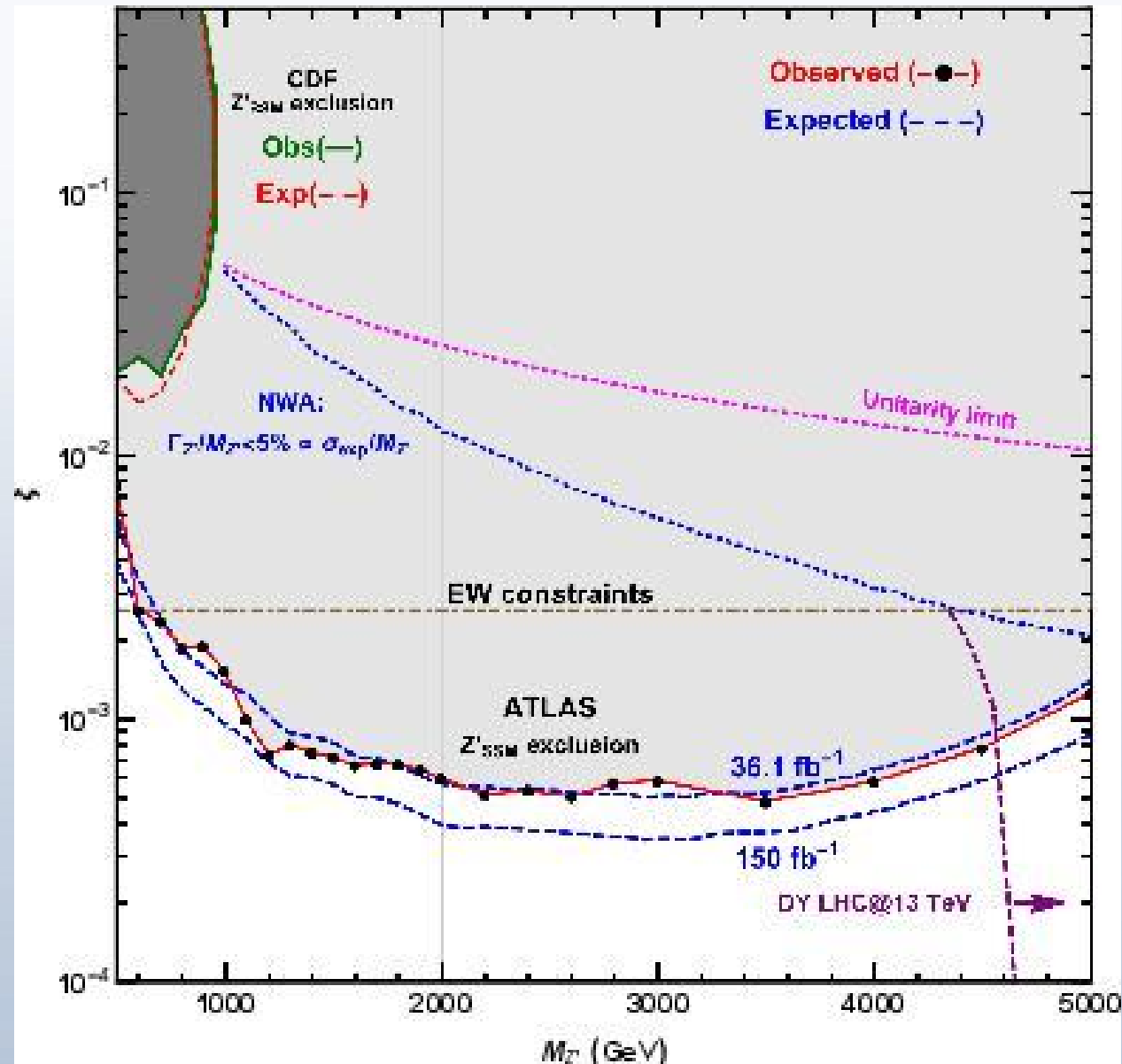
- $L_{int}$  integrated luminosity,
- $\varepsilon \cdot A_{WW}$  overall kinematic and geometric acceptance times trigger, reconstruction and selection efficiencies, is defined as the number of signal events passing the full event selection divided by the number of generated events,
- 95% C.L. upper limit  $(\sigma_{95\%} \times Br) \simeq (L_{int} \cdot \varepsilon \cdot A_{WW})^{-1} \cdot 2\sqrt{N_{bkg}}$

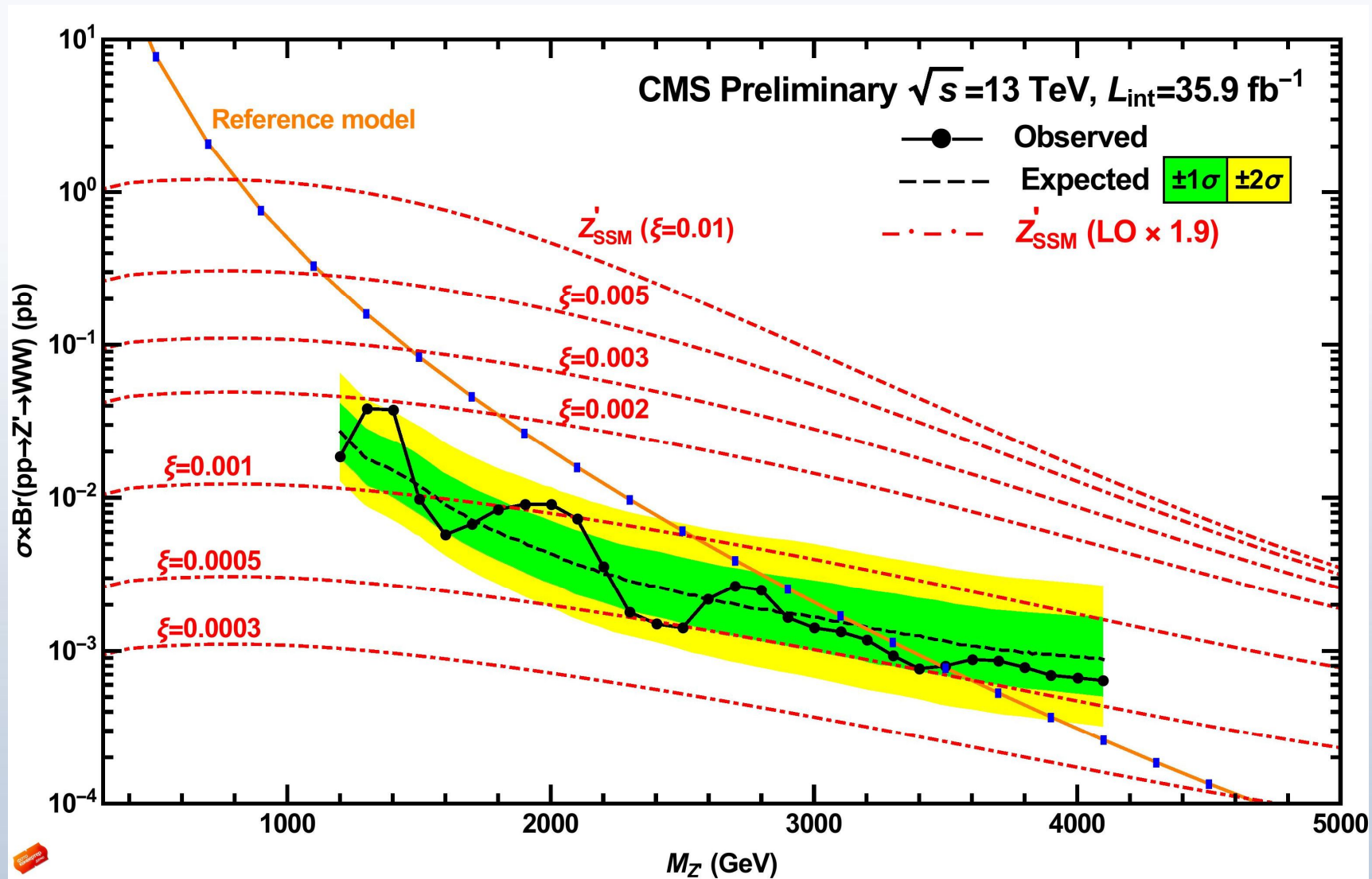
Observed and expected 95% C.L. upper limits on  $\sigma \times Br(W^+W^-)$  as a function of  $Z'$  mass.  
 Theoretical cross sections  $\sigma(pp \rightarrow Z') \times Br(Z' \rightarrow W^+W^-)$  for  $Z'_{SSM}$  are calculated from PYTHIA8.  
 $\sigma_{exp} (\simeq \Delta M)$

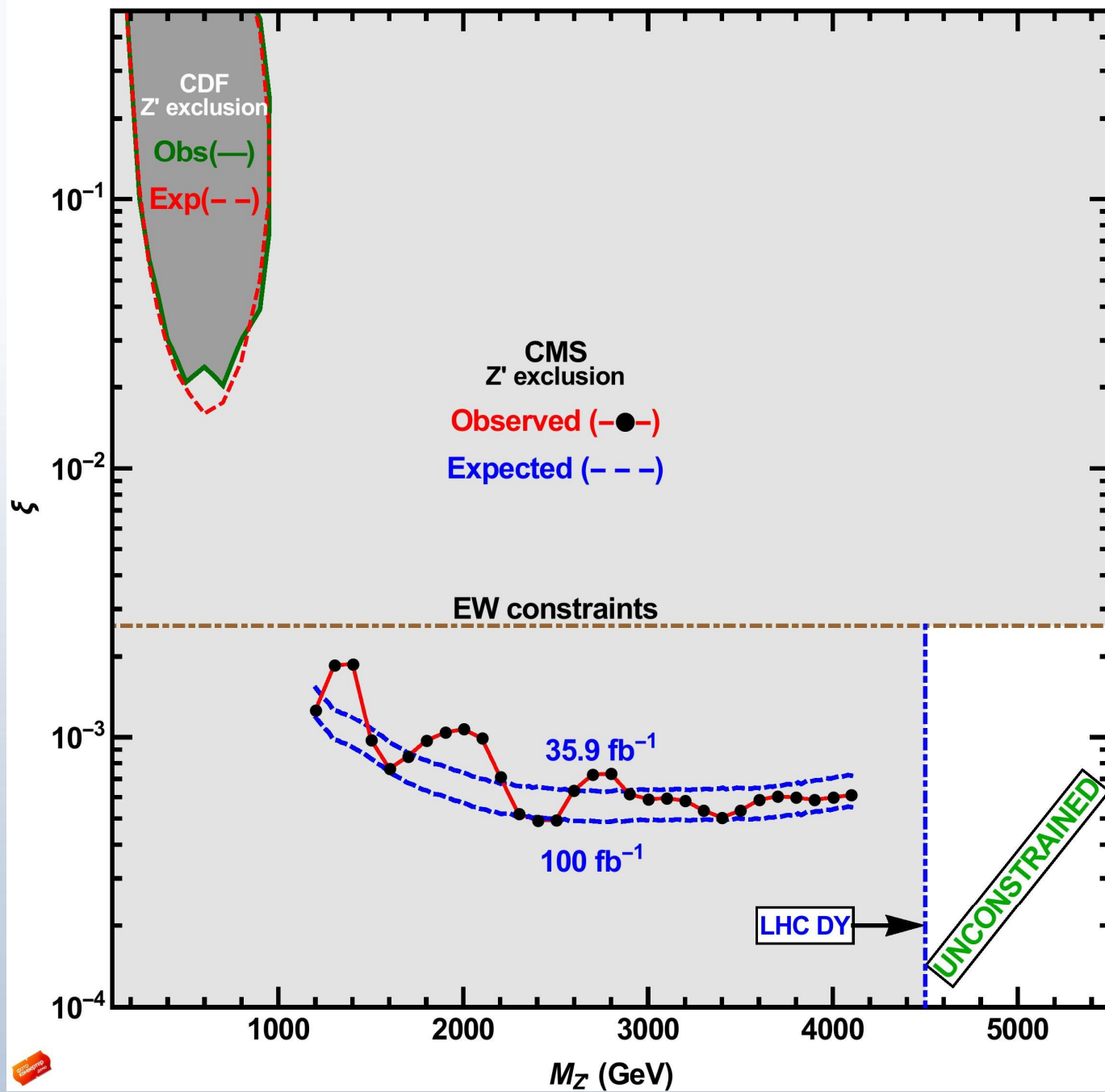




$Z'$  exclusion regions (95%C.L.) in the two-dimensional plane of  $(M_{Z'}, \xi)$  obtained from CDF (Tevatron), precision electroweak (EW) data and preliminary LHC(13 TeV) data. Exclusion plots with 150/fb of data correspond to an extrapolation of the expected sensitivity.







## Exclusion regions (95% C.L.) on Z-Z' mixing in different processes and experiments

Collider, process	Z' model	$ \xi $	SSM	$\chi$	$\psi$	$\eta$	$M_{Z'}$ TeV
LEP2, $e^+e^- \rightarrow W^+W^-$		$10^{-2}$	7	6	15	50	$>1$
Tevatron, $p\bar{p} \rightarrow W^+W^- + X$		$10^{-2}$	2	–	–	–	$< 0.9$
Electroweak (EW) data		$10^{-3}$	2.6	1.6	1.8	4.7	–
LHC@13TeV $pp \rightarrow W^+W^- + X$							
(this work) <b>from data</b> 36/fb		$10^{-3}$	0.48	0.59	0.47	0.42	$< \text{dis.}$
Extrapolated sensitivity for 150/fb		$10^{-3}$	0.34	0.42	0.34	0.30	$< \text{dis.}$
<u>ILC@0.5TeV</u> $e^+e^- \rightarrow W^+W^-$		$10^{-3}$	1.2	1.5	2.3	1.6	$>3$
<u>ILC@1 TeV</u> $e^+e^- \rightarrow W^+W^-$		$10^{-3}$	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.5	$>3$



# Scaling low

$$|\xi| \sim L_{\text{int}}^{-1/4}$$

**- Run2 (36/fb) → Run2(150/fb):  
improvement factor for mixing constraints  $\approx 1.4$**

**-Run2 (36/fb) vs HL-LHC (3000/fb):  
improvement factor for mixing constraints  $\approx 3$**

## Concluding remarks

- If a new  $Z'$  boson exists in the mass range  $\sim 4-5$  TeV, its discovery is possible at the LHC in the Drell—Yan process at nominal energy and luminosity.
- Detection of the  $Z' \rightarrow W^+W^-$  mode is eminently possible and would give valuable information on the  $Z - Z'$  mixing.
- Present analysis of the  $Z - Z'$  mixing is based on preliminary pp collision data collected by the ATLAS and CMS experiments at the LHC(13 TeV) with integrated luminosities of  $\approx 36/\text{fb}$ .
- We presented the  $Z'$  exclusion region in the  $\xi - M_{Z'}$  plane **for the first time** by using these data.
- We derived **large improvement** over previously published results obtained at the Tevatron, and precision electroweak data (EW); we obtained the most stringent exclusion limits to date on the  $(\xi - M_{Z'})$ .
- Further improvement: at **Run 2** LHC (13 TeV) with 150/fb, at **Run 3** LHC (14 TeV) with 300/fb and at **HL-LHC** (14 TeV) with 3000/fb.

**Semileptonic process**  $pp \rightarrow W^+W^- + X \rightarrow l\nu jj + X \quad (l = e, \mu)$

**Background reduction**

(i) W+jets with  $W \rightarrow l\nu$

(ii)  $t\bar{t}$  pair production,  $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t} \rightarrow Wb Wb$

using jet veto in the central region.

(iii) WW and WZ continuum (low rate) but irreducible in central region

**Set of cuts:**

- Lepton cuts  $P_T^l, P_T^{miss} > m_{Z'}/10$  (GeV/c) and  $|\eta_l| < 2.0$
- High  $P_T^W$  cuts:  $P_T^{W \rightarrow l\nu}, P_T^{W \rightarrow jj} > m_{Z'}/3$  (GeV/c)
- $M_{W \rightarrow jj} = M_W \pm 15$  GeV/c<sup>2</sup>
- $|\eta^{W \rightarrow jj}| < 2.0$ : hadronic W must be central