Evidence for the production of three massive vector bosons with ATLAS

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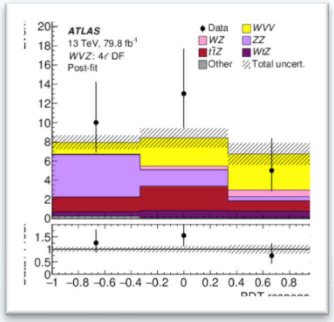

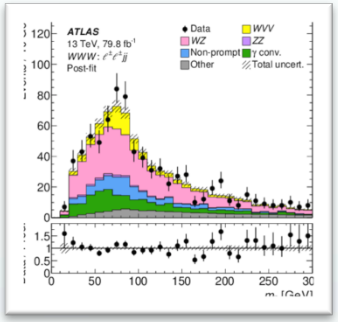

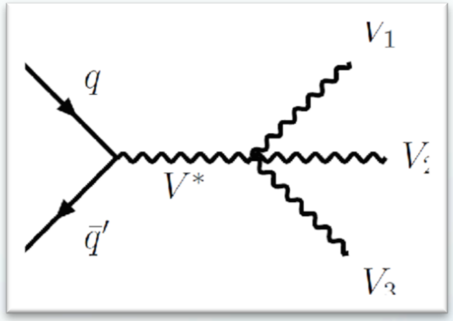

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- Past measurements of 4-boson couplings
- Evidence for production of 3 heavy gauge bosons

Introduction: Theory and motivation

Electroweak gauge fields

→ Lagrangian of free gauge fields:

$$\mathcal{L}_{gauge}^{EW} = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu}^{a} F_{a}^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4} B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}$$

with:

$$B_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu B_\nu - \partial_\nu B_\mu$$

$$F_{\mu\nu}^{a} = \partial_\mu W_\nu^a - \partial_\nu W_\mu^a - g_w \epsilon_{abc} W_\mu^b W_\nu^c$$

W/Z bosons carry
EM and/or weak charges

$$\left[\frac{\sigma_a}{2}, \frac{\sigma_b}{2}\right] = i\epsilon_{abc}\frac{\sigma_c}{2}$$

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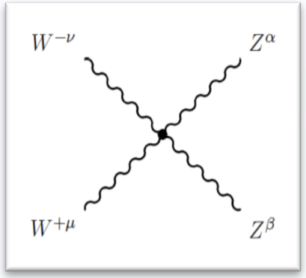

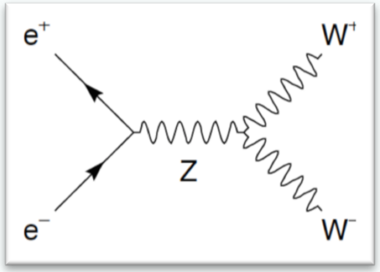

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Leads to triple and quartic gauge boson couplings:

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{L}^{EW}_{gauge} = \; & -\tfrac{1}{4}\left[(W^-_{\mu\nu})^\dagger W^{-\mu\nu} + (W^+_{\mu\nu})^\dagger W^{+\mu\nu} + Z_{\mu\nu}Z^{\mu\nu} + A_{\mu\nu}A^{\mu\nu}\right] \\
& -ig_w \left[(\cos\theta_w Z^\mu + \sin\theta_w A^\mu)(W^-_{\mu\nu}W^{+\nu} - W^+_{\mu\nu}W^{-\nu}) \right. \\
& \quad \left. +(\cos\theta_w Z_{\mu\nu} + \sin\theta_w A_{\mu\nu})W^{+\mu}W^{-\nu}\right] \\
& -\tfrac{g_w^2}{2}\left[2\cos^2\theta_w(W^+_\mu W^{-\mu}Z_\nu Z^\nu - W^+_\mu W^{-\nu}Z_\nu Z^\mu) \right. \\
& \quad +2\sin^2\theta_w(W^+_\mu W^{-\mu}A_\nu A^\nu - W^+_\mu W^{-\nu}A_\nu A^\mu) \\
& \quad +2\cos\theta_w\sin\theta_w(2W^+_\mu W^{-\mu}Z_\nu A^\nu - W^+_\mu W^{-\nu}Z_\nu A^\mu - W^+_\mu W^{-\nu}A_\nu Z^\mu) \\
& \quad \left. -W^+_\mu W^{+\mu}W^-_\nu W^{-\nu} + W^+_\mu W^{-\mu}W^-_\nu W^{+\nu}\right]
\end{aligned}$$

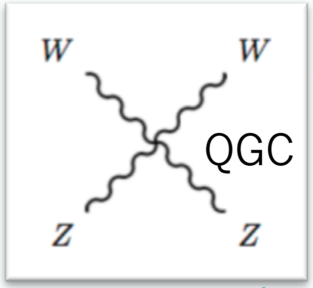
TGC

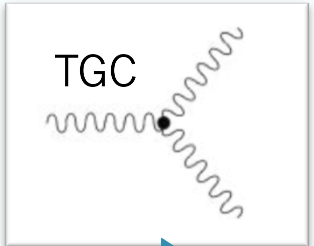
QGC

SM Lagrangian

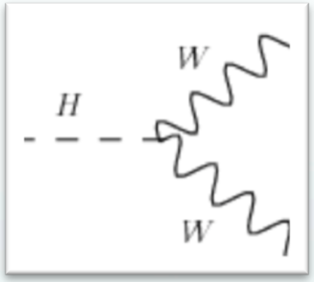
$$\mathcal{L}_{SM} = i\Psi_i\gamma^\mu \mathbf{D}_\mu \Psi_i - \frac{1}{4}V^j_{\mu\nu}V^{\mu\nu}_j + [\mathbf{D}_\mu\Phi]^2 - V(\Phi^*\Phi) - \mathcal{L}_{Yukawa}$$

Gauge boson kinematics and interaction:
Triple and Quartic Gauge Coupling



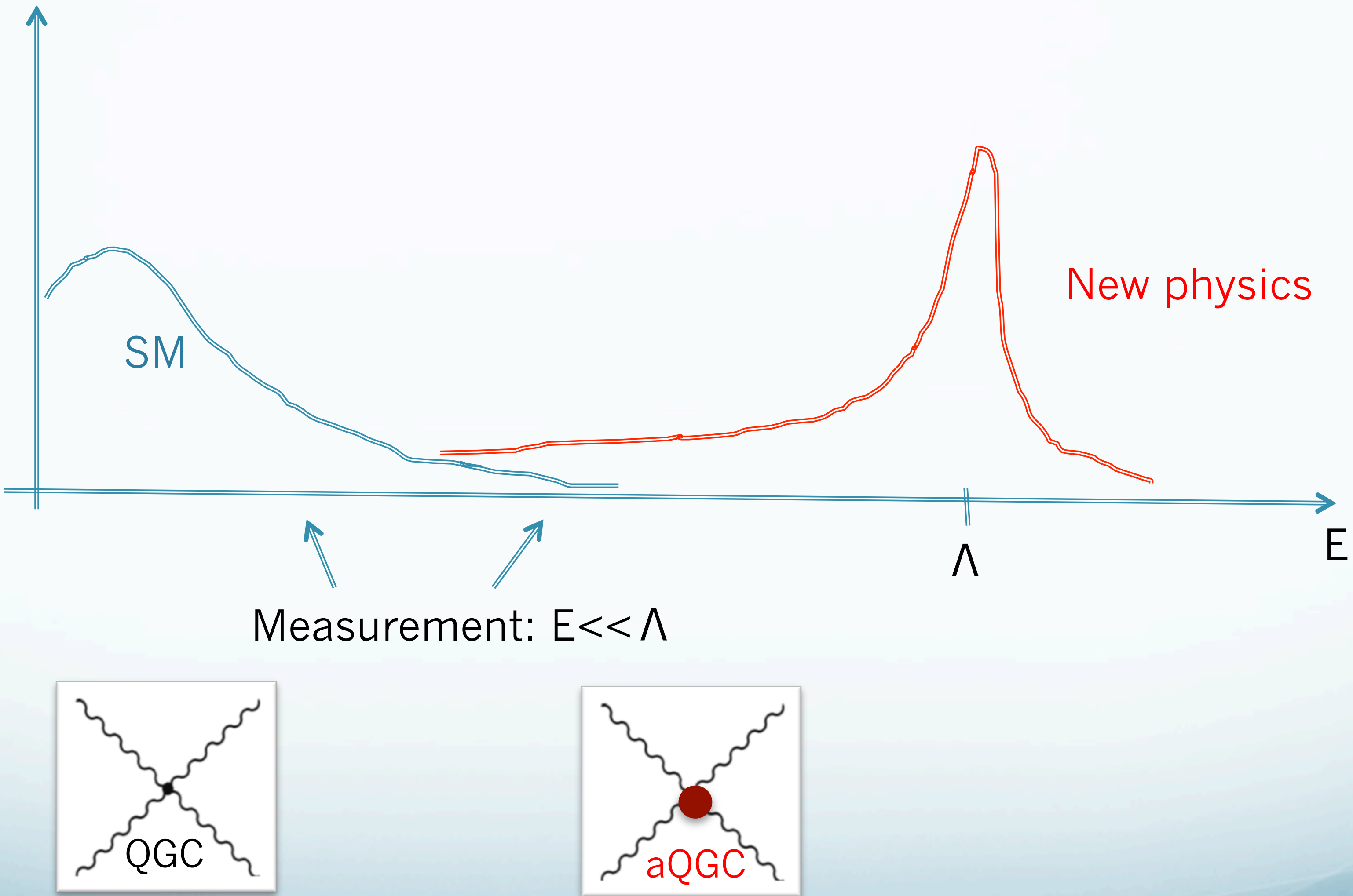


Higgs kinematics
and gauge boson coupling



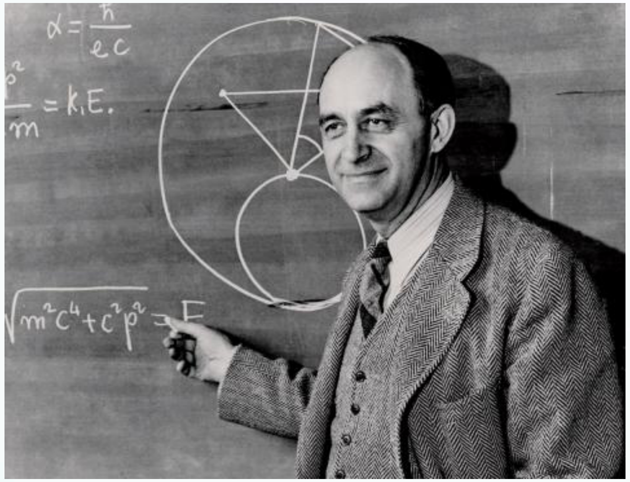
$$V^{\alpha}_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu V^{\alpha}_{\nu} - \partial_\nu V^{\alpha}_{\mu} + g f^{\alpha bc} V^{b}_{\mu} V^{c}_{\nu}$$

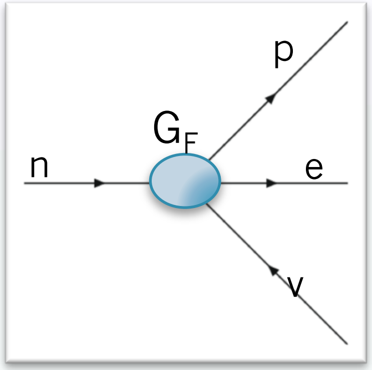
New physics at large energy scales



New physics at large energy scales

Fermi theory of weak interaction, 1933: Effective Field Theory





$G_F = 1.17 \times 10^{-5}\ \mathrm{GeV}^{-2}$

$$\mathcal{M} = -\frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}}[\bar{u}(p)\gamma^{\mu}u(n)][\bar{u}(\nu)\gamma_{\mu}u(e)]$$

Effective coupling parameter G_F,
related to new physics at a scale m_W
which was not accessible in 1933

Today's relation at low energies:

$$\frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{g^2}{8M_W^2}$$

Cross section diverges at high energies
and does not explain observed parity violation

SM +EFT

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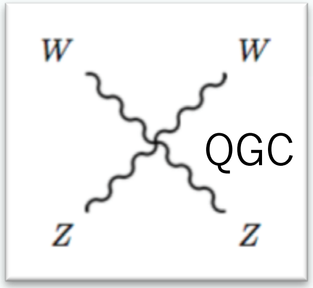

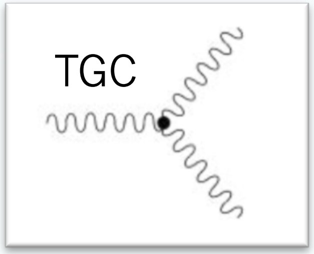

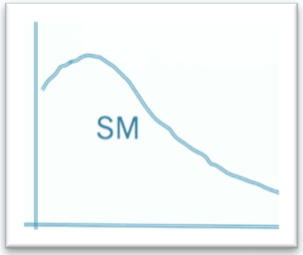

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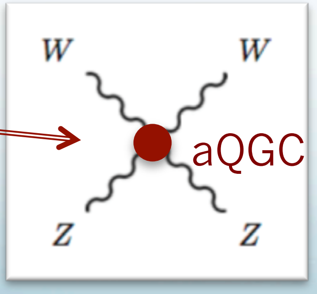
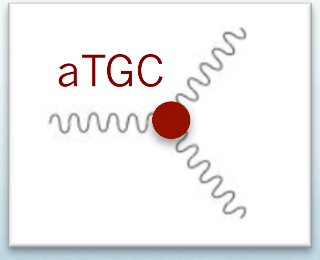
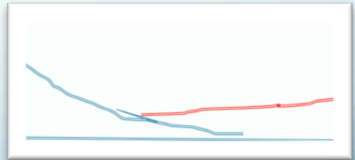
New Physics:

→ anomalous TGC
→ anomalous QGC



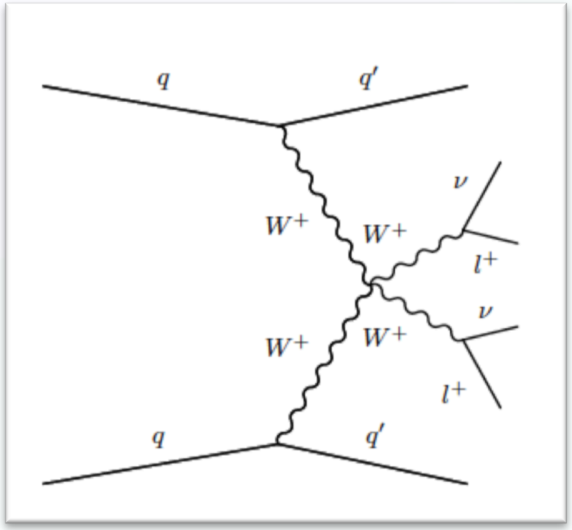


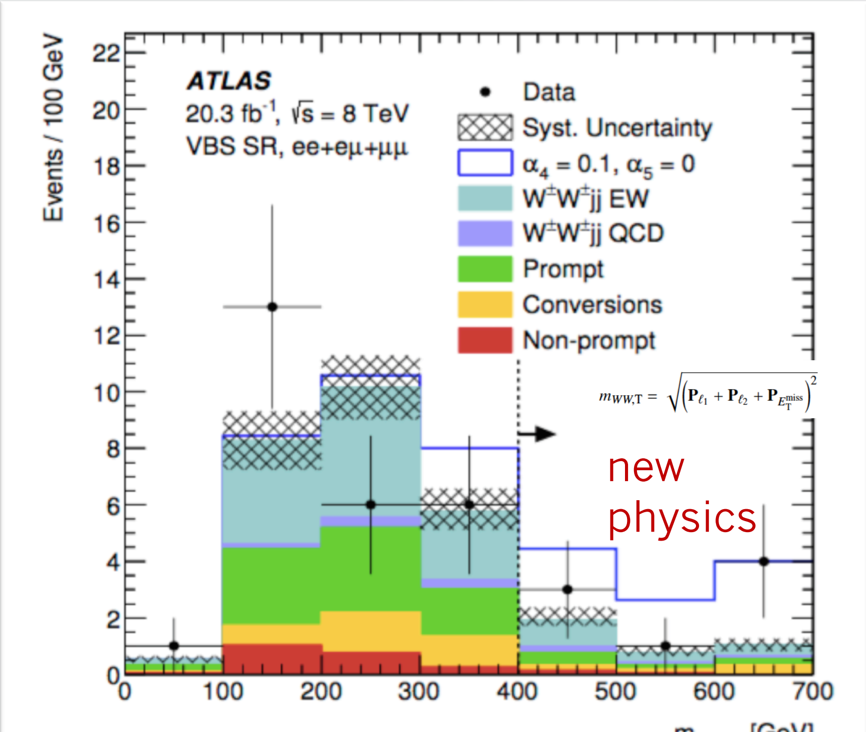


Measuring interactions of four gauge bosons: 1) Vector Boson Scattering

Example: VBS ssWW (8TeV)

ll+2jets, large m(jj),
large Δy(jj), lepton centrality





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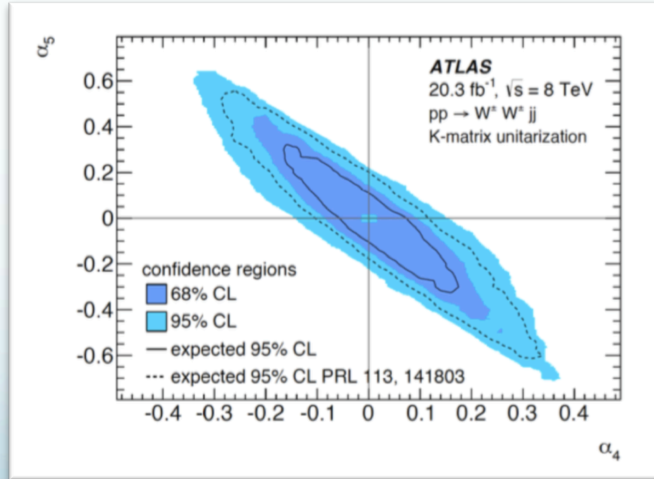

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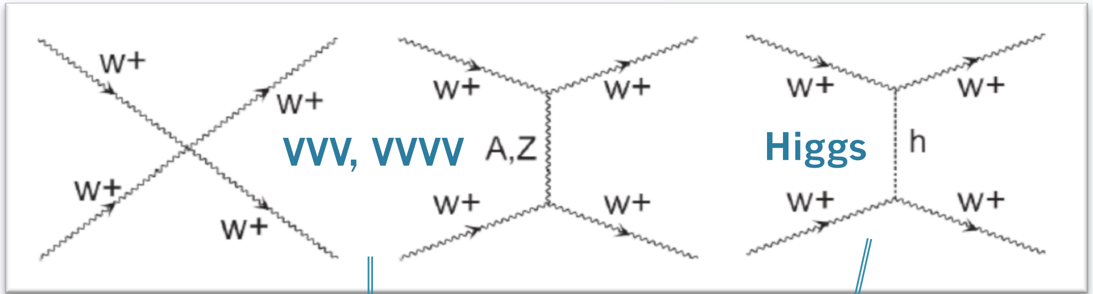
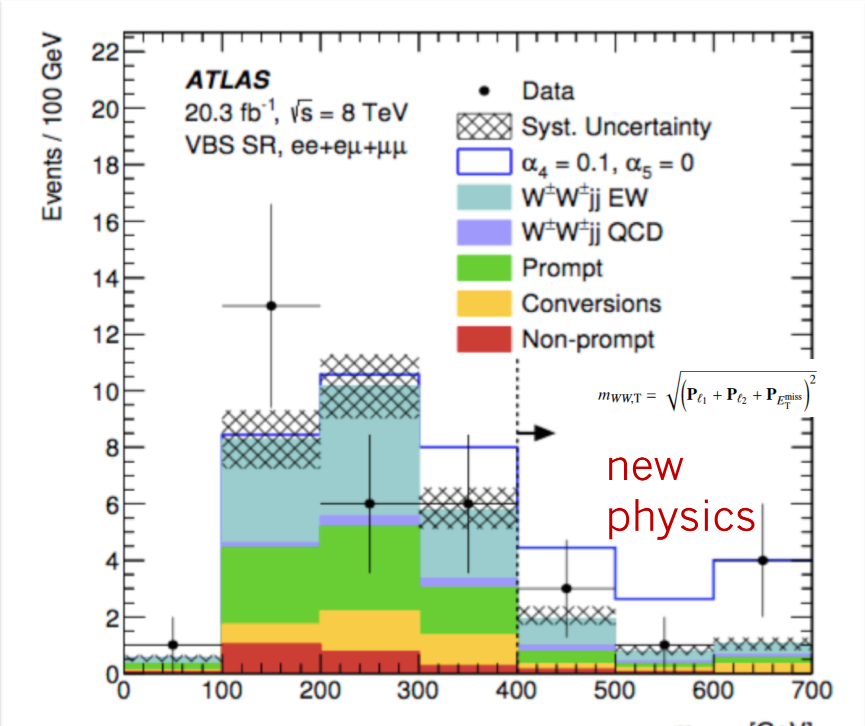
WZ and jets backgrounds



$$\mathcal{M}_{Gauge} = -g^2 \frac{s}{4M_W^2} + \mathcal{O}(s^0)$$

$$\mathcal{M}_H = g_{HWW}^2 \frac{s}{M_W^4} + \mathcal{O}(s^0)$$



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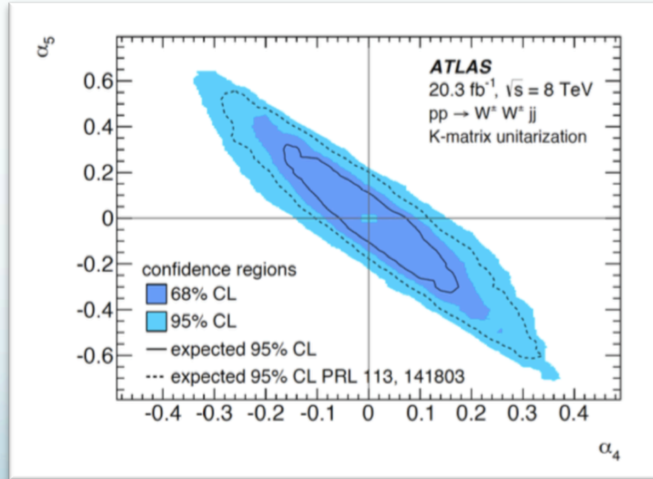
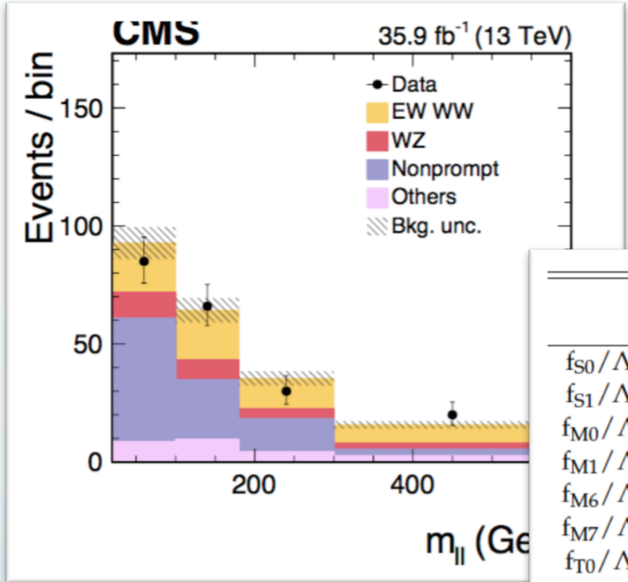


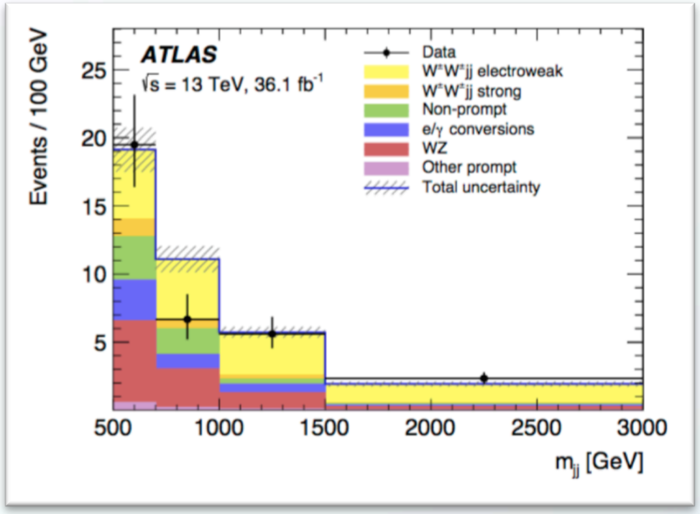
Example: VBS ssWW (13TeV)

Two jets with large dijet mass (and large η separation)

Fit of m(jj) (and m(ll)) SR, use WZ CR



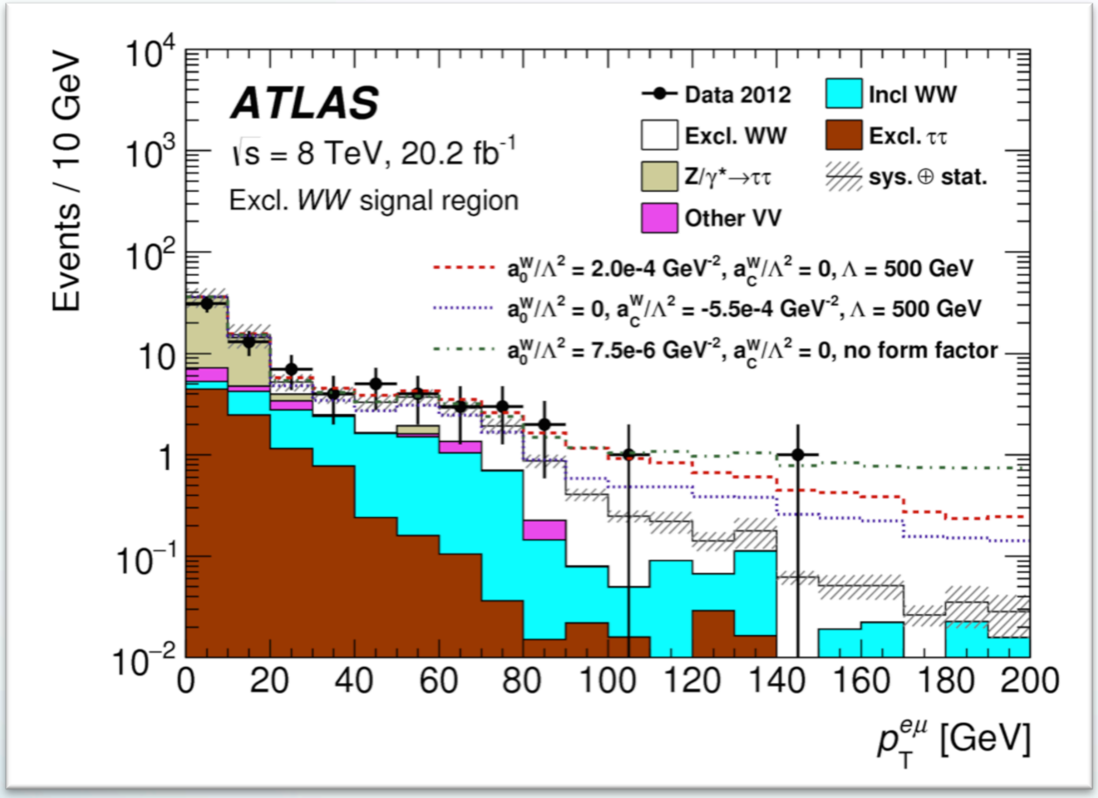
	Observed limits (TeV $^{-4}$)	Expected limits (TeV $^{-4}$)
f_{S0}/Λ^4	$[-7.7, 7.7]$	$[-7.0, 7.2]$
f_{S1}/Λ^4	$[-21.6, 21.8]$	$[-19.9, 20.2]$
f_{M0}/Λ^4	$[-6.0, 5.9]$	$[-5.6, 5.5]$
f_{M1}/Λ^4	$[-8.7, 9.1]$	$[-7.9, 8.5]$
f_{M6}/Λ^4	$[-11.9, 11.8]$	$[-11.1, 11.0]$
f_{M7}/Λ^4	$[-13.3, 12.9]$	$[-12.4, 11.8]$
f_{T0}/Λ^4	$[-0.62, 0.65]$	$[-0.58, 0.61]$
f_{T1}/Λ^4	$[-0.28, 0.31]$	$[-0.26, 0.29]$
f_{T2}/Λ^4	$[-0.89, 1.02]$	$[-0.80, 0.95]$

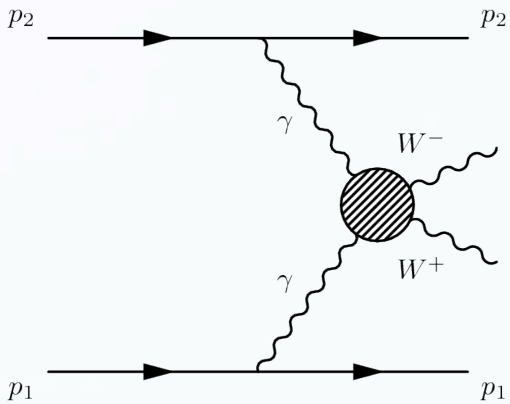


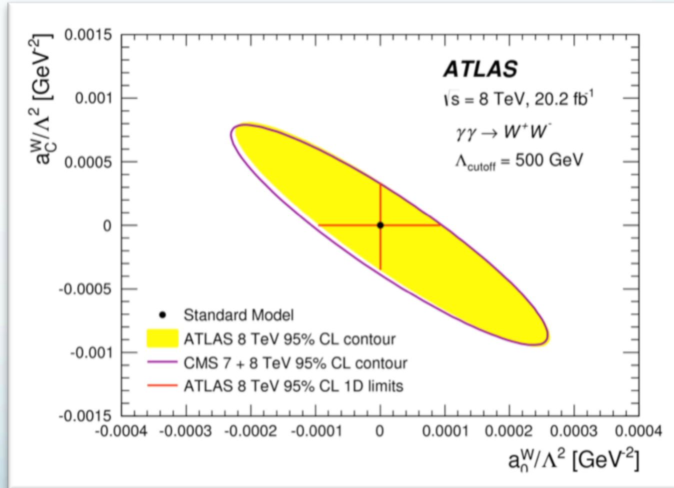
$$\sigma^{\text{fid.}} = 2.89^{+0.51}_{-0.48}\,(\text{stat.})\,^{+0.29}_{-0.28}\,(\text{syst.})\ \text{fb}$$

Meanwhile observations by both CMS and ATLAS:
CMS: Phys. Rev. Lett. 123 (2019) 161801, ATLAS: Phys. Rev. Lett. 123 (2019) 161801

Example: exclusive WW production, 8TeV





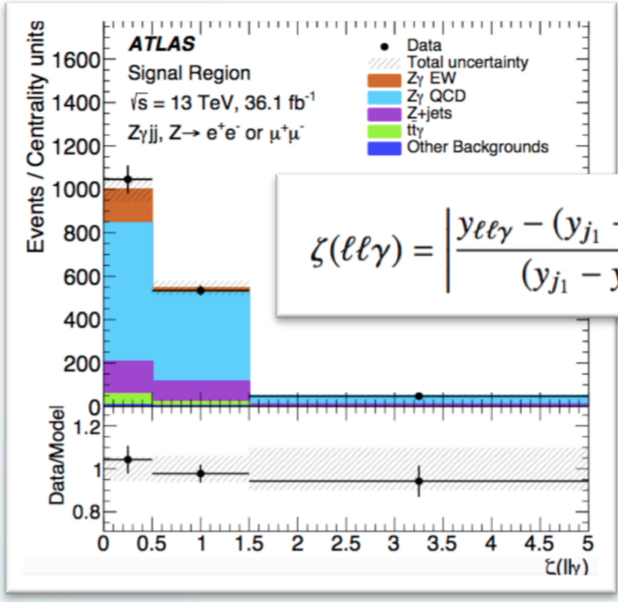


Here: Phys. Rev. D 94 (2016) 032011
CMS paper: JHEP 07 (2013) 116

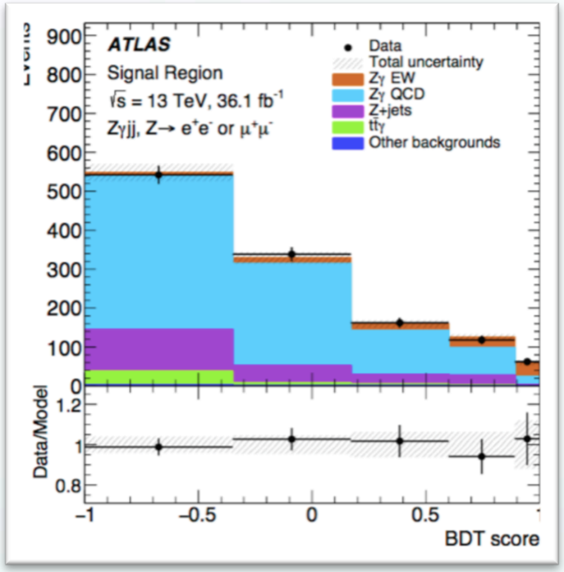
Difficult to extract due to vertex isolation but extremely sensitive to new physics

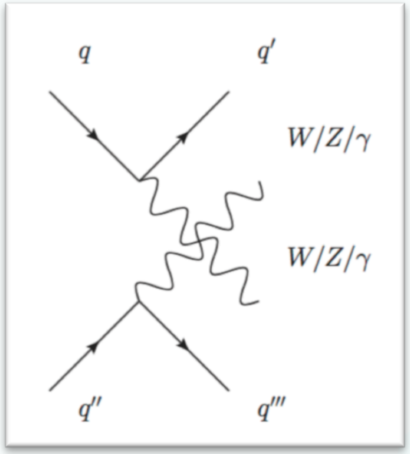
Example: VBS Zγ production

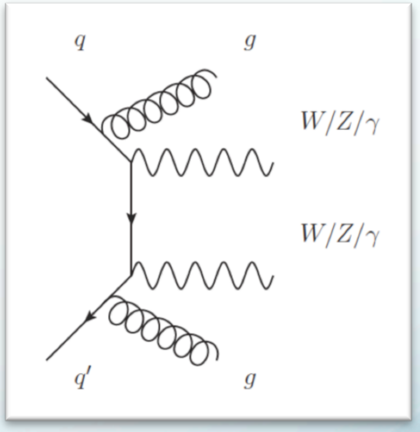
Evidence for VBS Zγ production
Signal includes WWZγ vertex
Main background: Standard Zγ with ISR jets



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







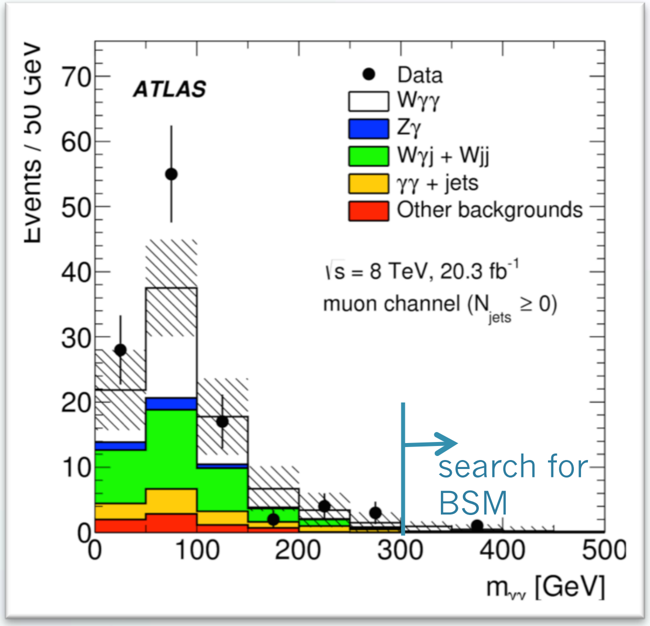
BDT to extract signal, most powerful input : centrality

arXiv:1910.09503
Submitted to PLB

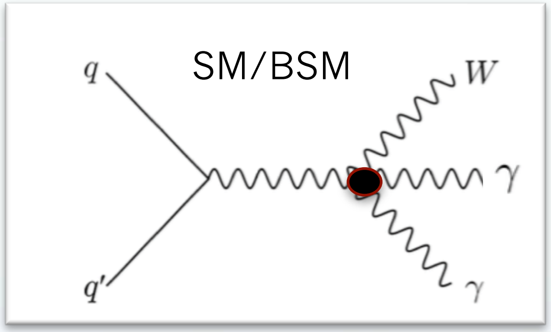
$$\mu_{Z\gamma jj\text{-EW}} = 1.00 \pm 0.19\,(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.13\,(\text{syst.})^{+0.13}_{-0.10}\,(\text{mod.}) = 1.00 \pm 0.26$$

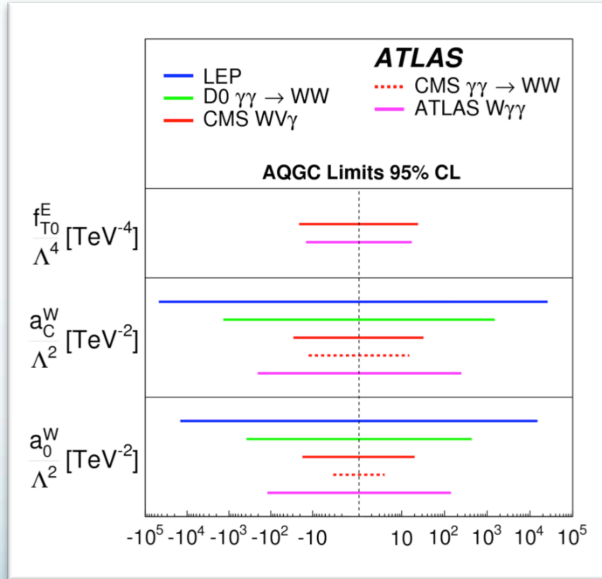
Measuring interactions of four gauge bosons: 2) Tri-Boson production

First Triboson measurements: Wγ γ



	σ^{fid} [fb]	σ^{MCFM} [fb]
Inclusive ($N_{\text{jet}} \geq 0$)		
$\mu\nu\gamma\gamma$	$7.1\ ^{+1.3}_{-1.2}$ (stat.) ± 1.5 (syst.) ± 0.2 (lumi.)	2.90 ± 0.16
$e\nu\gamma\gamma$	$4.3\ ^{+1.8}_{-1.6}$ (stat.) $^{+1.9}_{-1.8}$ (syst.) ± 0.2 (lumi.)	
$\ell\nu\gamma\gamma$	$6.1\ ^{+1.1}_{-1.0}$ (stat.) ± 1.2 (syst.) ± 0.2 (lumi.)	
Exclusive ($N_{\text{jet}} = 0$)		
$\mu\nu\gamma\gamma$	3.5 ± 0.9 (stat.) $^{+1.1}_{-1.0}$ (syst.) ± 0.1 (lumi.)	1.88 ± 0.20
$e\nu\gamma\gamma$	$1.9\ ^{+1.4}_{-1.1}$ (stat.) $^{+1.1}_{-1.2}$ (syst.) ± 0.1 (lumi.)	
$\ell\nu\gamma\gamma$	$2.9\ ^{+0.8}_{-0.7}$ (stat.) $^{+1.0}_{-0.9}$ (syst.) ± 0.1 (lumi.)	



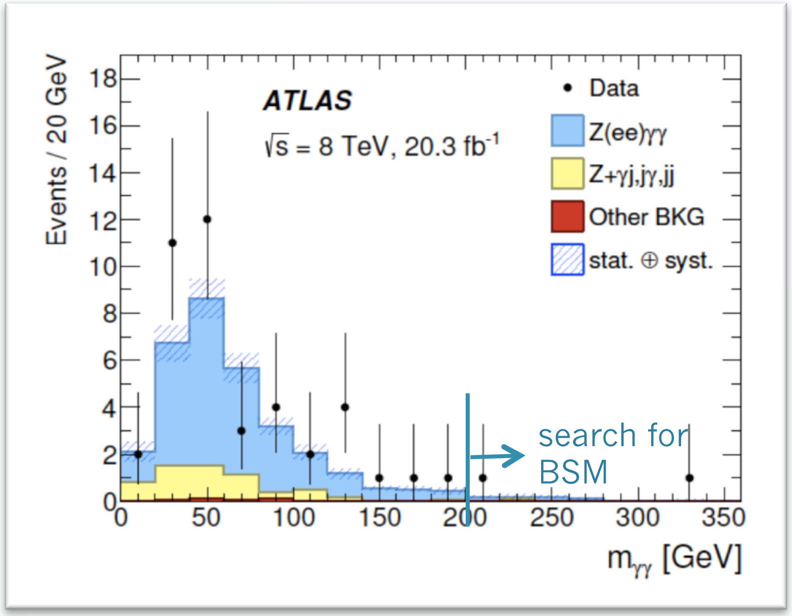


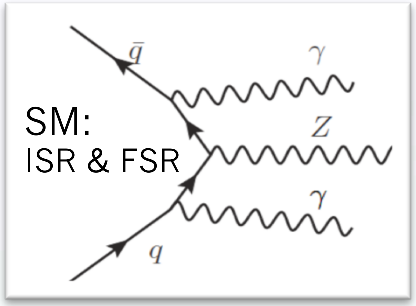
QGC in SM and BSM

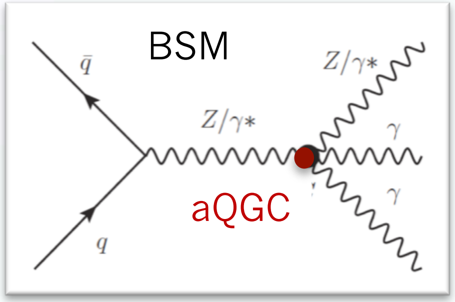
Backgrounds:
Wγj, Wjj jets → γ

Here: Phys. Rev. Lett. 115, 031802 (2015)
CMS paper: JHEP 10 (2017) 072

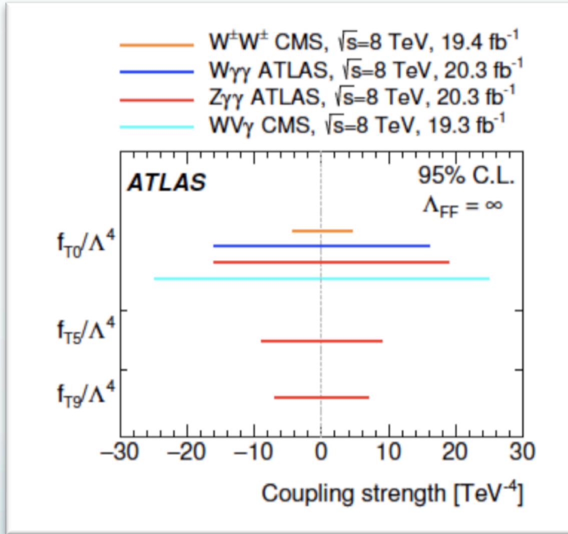
First Triboson measurements: $Z\gamma\gamma$







No neutral TGC or QGC in SM
Only t-channel

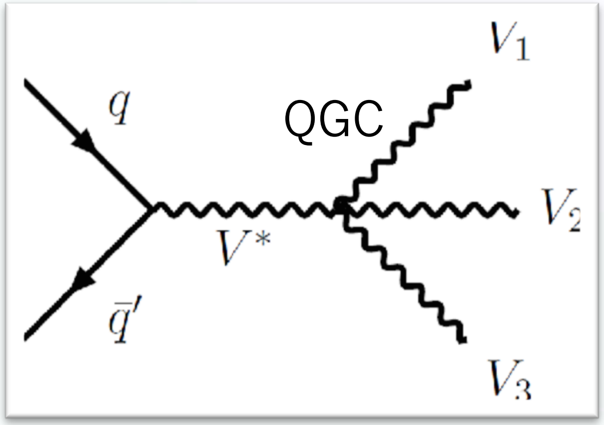


Channel	Measurement [fb]	MCFM Prediction [fb]
$e^+e^-\gamma\gamma$	$6.2\,^{+1.2}_{-1.1}$(stat.) $\pm$ 0.4(syst.) $\pm$ 0.1(lumi.)	
$\mu^+\mu^-\gamma\gamma$	$3.83\,^{+0.95}_{-0.85}$(stat.)$^{+0.48}_{-0.47}$(syst.) $\pm$ 0.07(lumi.)	$3.70^{+0.21}_{-0.11}$
$\ell^+\ell^-\gamma\gamma$	$5.07\,^{+0.73}_{-0.68}$(stat.)$^{+0.41}_{-0.38}$(syst.) $\pm$ 0.10(lumi.)	
$\nu\bar{\nu}\gamma\gamma$	$2.5\,^{+1.0}_{-0.9}$(stat.) $\pm$ 1.1(syst.) $\pm$ 0.1(lumi.)	$0.737^{+0.039}_{-0.032}$

Here: Phys. Rev. D 93, 112002 (2016)
CMS paper: JHEP 10 (2017) 072

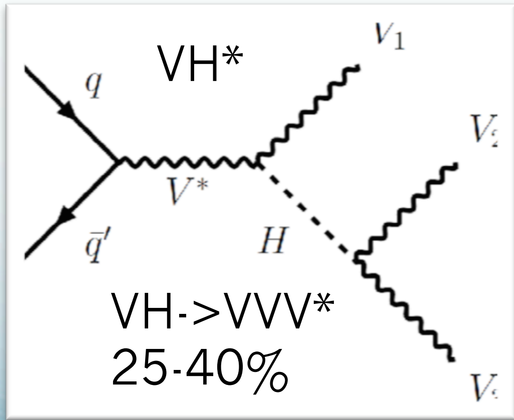
Production of 3 massive vector bosons

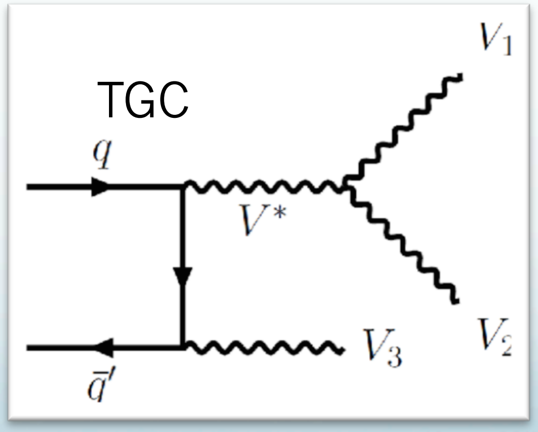
Production of 3 heavy gauge bosons

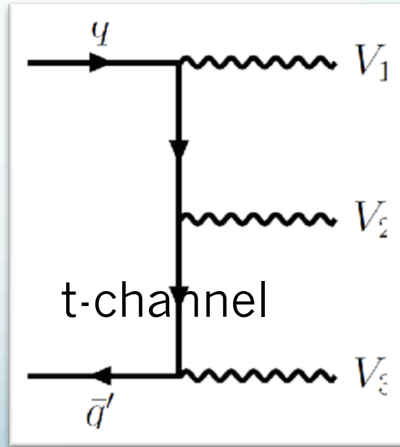


Simulation:
- VVV: Sherpa 2.2.2
- WH → WWW* Powheg+Pythia8
- WH -> WZZ*, ZH → ZWW*: Pythia8

Total cross section:
WWW: 0.50 pb, WWZ: 0.29 pb
uncertainty: 10%







Production of 3 heavy gauge bosons

WWW → **$l^{\pm}\nu+l^{\pm}\nu+qq$** or $l\nu+l\nu+l\nu$ no SFOS: reject backgrounds with Z

WWZ → $l\nu+qq+ll$ or $e\nu+e\nu+ll$ / $\mu\nu+\mu\nu+ll$ / **$e\nu+\mu\nu+ll$**

WZZ → $l\nu+qq+ll$ or $qq+ll+ll$

Here: arXiv:1903.10415, subm to PLB
CMS: search for WWW in 2015/16 data: PRD 100 (2019) 012004

Production of 3 heavy gauge bosons

		1)		2)
WWW	→	**$l^{\pm}\nu+l^{\pm}\nu$+qq**	or lν+lν+lν	no SFOS: reject backgrounds with Z
WWZ	→	lν+qq+ll	or	eν+eν+ll / μν+μν+ll / **eν+μν+ll**
WZZ	→	lν+qq+ll	or	qq+ll+ll
		3)		4)

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WWZ → $l\nu+qq+ll$ or $e\nu+e\nu+ll$ / $\mu\nu+\mu\nu+ll$ / **$e\nu+\mu\nu+ll$**

WZZ → $l\nu+qq+ll$ or $qq+ll+ll$

3) 4)

→ Signatures:

- 1) WWW → **ll+2jets**: **2SS leptons+2jets**, binned in m(jj)
- 2) WWW → 3l: **1 inclusive bin**
- 3) WVZ → 3l+jets 3 BDTs: 3l+1/2/3jets:
- 4) WVZ → 4l (+jets): 3 BDTs: Z + SF ll off-shell / on-shell / **Z+DF ll**

nearly no WZ/ZZ bkg

→ Combined fit of all channels: 186 bins

Data set used: 2015+2016+2017: 80/fb

Here: arXiv:1903.10415, subm to PLB
CMS: search for WWW in 2015/16 data: PRD 100 (2019) 012004

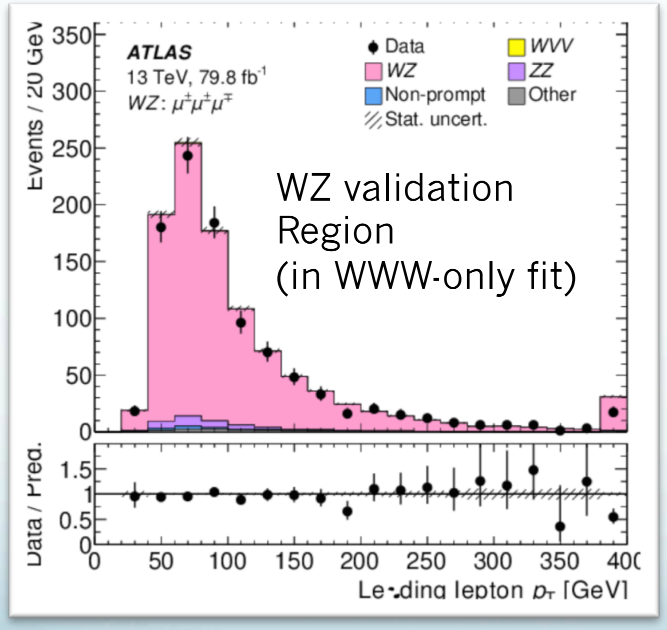
WWW selection

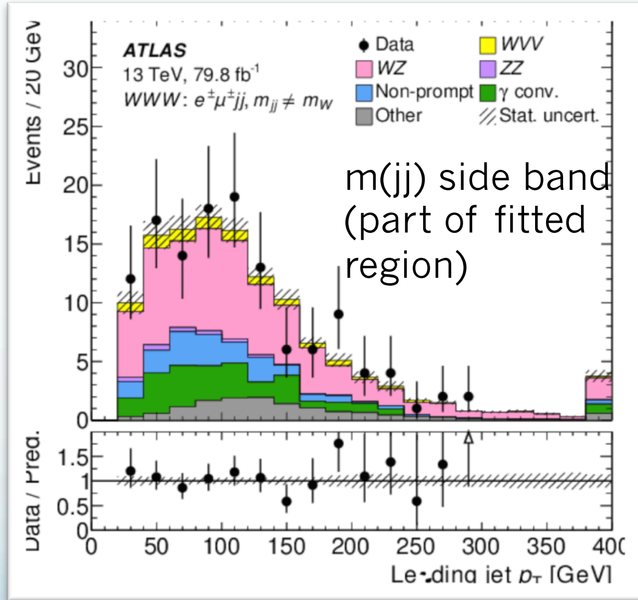
	$WWW \to \ell\nu\ell\nu qq$	$WWW \to \ell\nu\ell\nu\ell\nu$
Lepton	Two leptons with $p_{\mathrm{T}} > 27(20)\ GeV$ and one same-sign lepton pair	Three leptons with $p_{\mathrm{T}} > 27(20, 20)\ GeV$ and no same-flavour opposite-sign lepton pairs
$m_{\ell\ell}$	$40 < m_{\ell\ell} < 400$ GeV	–
Jets	At least two jets with $p_{\mathrm{T}} > 30(20)\ GeV$ and $\lvert\eta\rvert < 2.5$	–
m_{jj}	$m_{jj} < 300$ GeV	–
$\Delta\eta_{jj}$	$\lvert\Delta\eta_{jj}\rvert < 1.5$	–
$E_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{miss}}$	$E_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{miss}} > 55$ GeV (only for ee)	–
Z boson veto	$m_{ee} < 80$ GeV or $m_{ee} > 100$ GeV (only for ee and μee)	
Lepton veto	No additional lepton with $p_{\mathrm{T}} > 7$ GeV and $\lvert\eta\rvert < 2.5$	
b-jet veto	No b-jets with $p_{\mathrm{T}} > 25$ GeV and $\lvert\eta\rvert < 2.5$	

WWW → **$l^{\pm}$v+$l^{\pm}$v+qq** or lv+lv+lv no SFOS: reject backgrounds with Z

WWW: backgrounds

- Dominant WZ → lνll+jets (ll+2jets), lν τ τ (lll)
- → from MC, Jet multiplicity reweighted
- Non-prompt: mostly from ttbar: sample with one fake lepton
- fake factor from b-tagged CR
- Photon conversion in V γ jj: sample with photon-like electron
  fake factor from Z→ μμ γ





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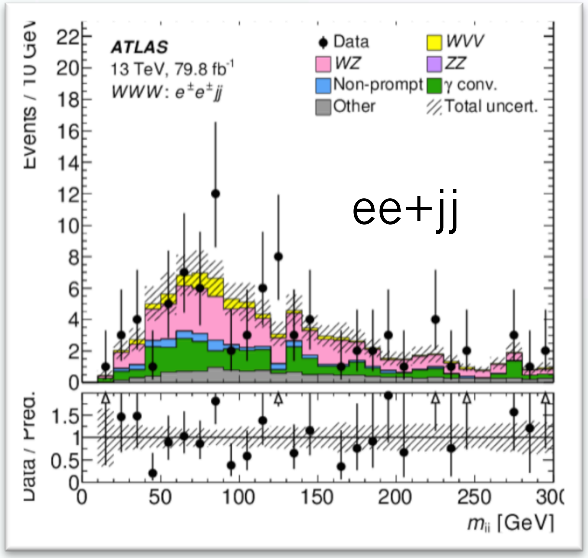
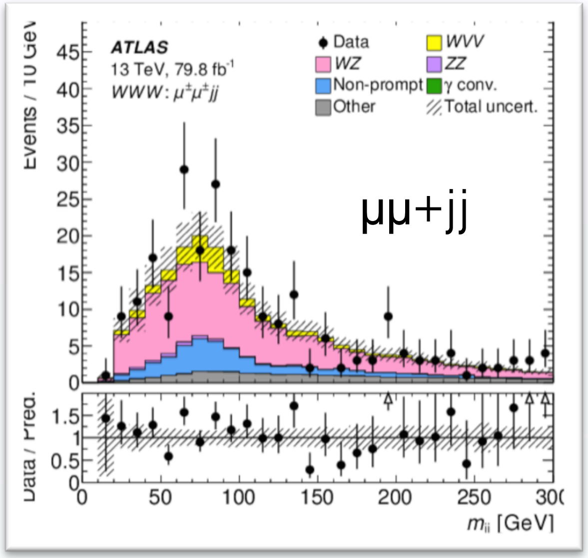
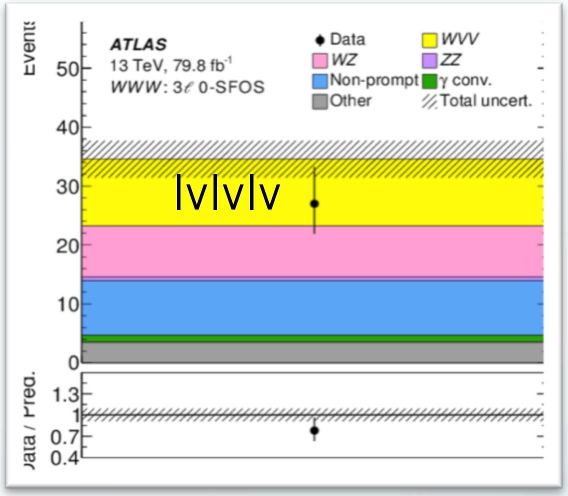
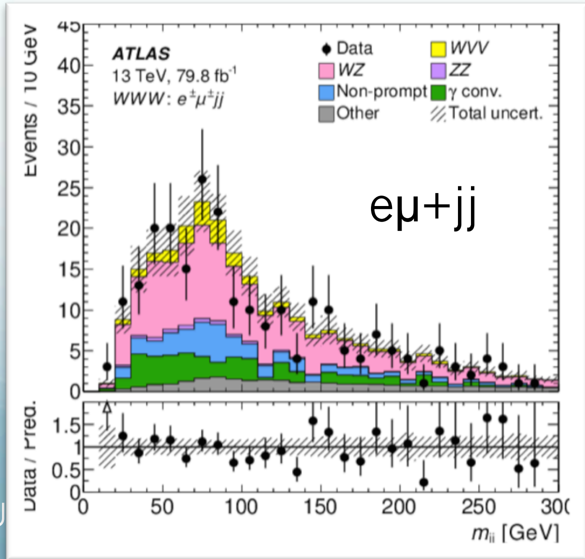
	ee	$e\mu$	μe	$\mu\mu$	$\mu ee + e\mu\mu$
WWW	9.9 ± 3.3	26 ± 9	23 ± 8	30 ± 10	15 ± 5
WZ	37.4 ± 2.2	121 ± 6	96 ± 5	119 ± 6	8.6 ± 0.5
ZZ	0.46 ± 0.05	5.11 ± 0.25	3.44 ± 0.18	4.12 ± 0.24	0.69 ± 0.03
Non-prompt	6.1 ± 3.0	35 ± 5	17 ± 9	37 ± 7	9.4 ± 1.5
γ conv.	20.9 ± 1.9	35.0 ± 3.1	76 ± 7	–	1.06 ± 0.11
Other	12.9 ± 1.0	25.7 ± 1.7	20.3 ± 1.3	25.3 ± 1.6	3.5 ± 0.4
Total	88 ± 4	249 ± 9	237 ± 10	216 ± 9	38 ± 4
Data	87	239	235	237	27

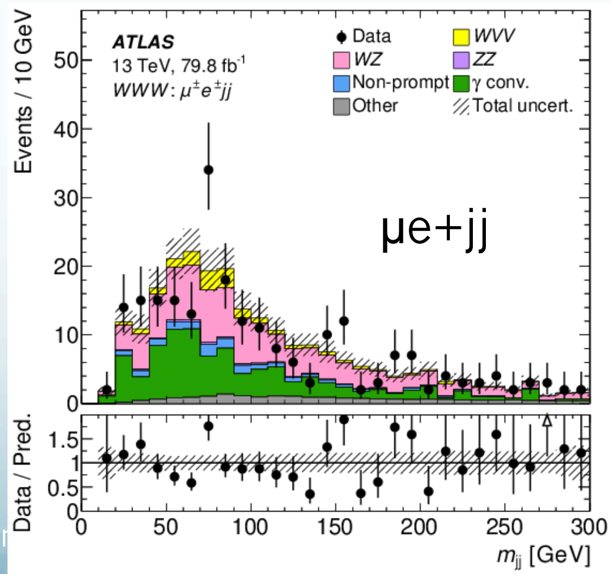
WWW: ll+2jets prefit distributions











WVZ selections

	$WVZ \to \ell\nu qq\ell\ell$	$WVZ \to \ell\nu\ell\nu\ell\ell/qq\ell\ell\ell\ell$
Z boson	At least one OS lepton pair with $\lvert m_{\ell\ell} - 91.2\,\mathrm{GeV}\rvert < 10\,\mathrm{GeV}$	
Low mass veto	$m_{\ell\ell} > 12\,\mathrm{GeV}$ for any OS lepton pair	
b-jet veto	No b-jets with $p_{\mathrm{T}} > 25\,\mathrm{GeV}$ and $\lvert\eta\rvert < 2.5$	
Leptons	One additional nominal lepton	One additional OS lepton pair; third and fourth lepton nominal
H_{T}	$H_{\mathrm{T}} > 200\,\mathrm{GeV}$	–

WWZ → lν+qq+ll or eν+eν+ll / μν+μν+ll / **eν+μν+ll**

WZZ → lν+qq+ll or qq+ll+ll

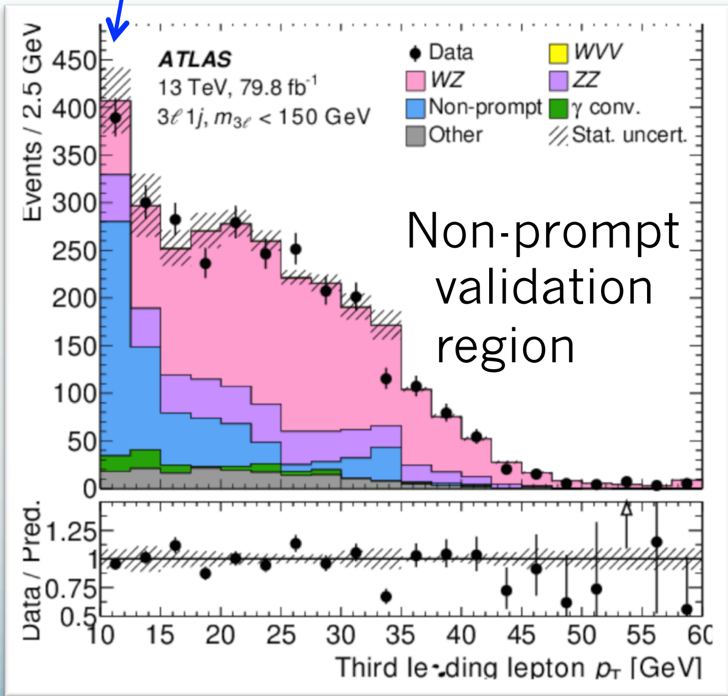
WVZ backgrounds

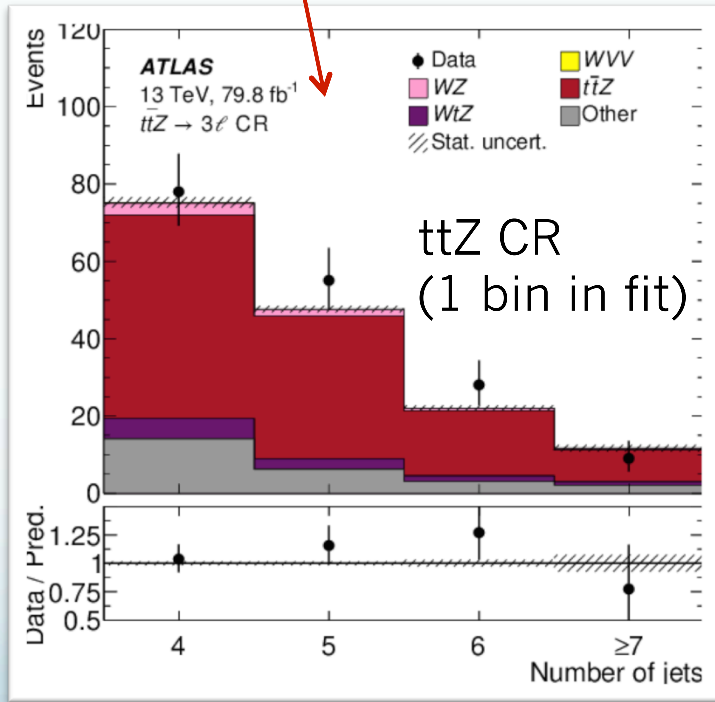
- All backgrounds estimated from MC
- Dominant: ZZ (4l channels), WZ (3l channels):
  → MC jet multiplicity reweighted

	4ℓ-DF	4ℓ-SF-Z	4ℓ-SF-noZ	3ℓ-1j	3ℓ-2j	3ℓ-3j	$t\bar{t}Z$ CR
WVZ	9.6 ± 3.5	5.0 ± 1.8	10 ± 4	62 ± 23	85 ± 30	84 ± 30	–
WZ	1.11 ± 0.13	–	1.08 ± 0.14	2580 ± 80	1830 ± 60	1110 ± 50	5.7 ± 0.4
ZZ	6.7 ± 0.4	933 ± 28	310 ± 10	344 ± 12	182 ± 13	98 ± 12	0.58 ± 0.06
$t\bar{t}Z$	5.1 ± 0.5	0.55 ± 0.08	4.5 ± 0.5	7.6 ± 1.1	22.6 ± 2.5	82 ± 8	122 ± 9
tWZ	1.9 ± 0.4	0.23 ± 0.10	1.6 ± 0.4	4.2 ± 0.9	11.2 ± 2.2	20 ± 4	10.3 ± 0.8
Non-prompt	–	–	0.18 ± 0.12	130 ± 50	77 ± 28	59 ± 24	0.47 ± 0.18
γ conv.	–	–	–	42 ± 8	32 ± 7	9.6 ± 3.4	0.4 ± 0.6
Other	0.4 ± 0.4	1.8 ± 1.1	1.0 ± 0.7	200 ± 15	182 ± 16	120 ± 10	24.4 ± 2.5
Total	24.8 ± 3.5	941 ± 27	329 ± 10	3370 ± 70	2430 ± 40	1580 ± 40	160 ± 10
Data	28	912	360	3351	2438	1572	170

WVZ backgrounds

- All backgrounds estimated from MC
- Dominant: ZZ (4l channels), WZ (3l channels):
  → MC jet multiplicity reweighted
- ttZ: CR without HT cut, 3l+4jets (at least 2b tags), added to fit (1bin)
- Non-prompt: WZ+jets, Z+jets: validated in region w/o HT cut, low pt(l3)



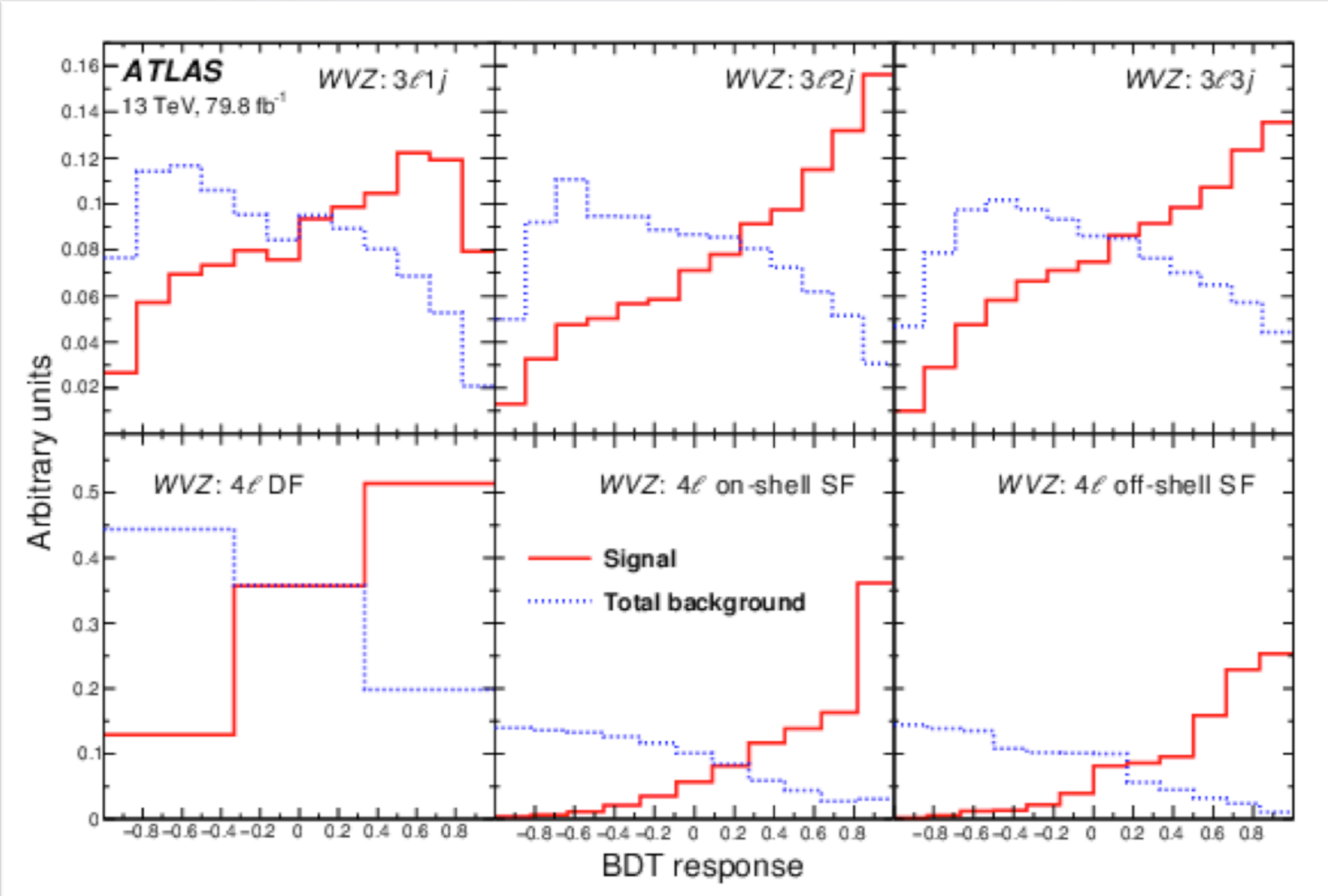


WVZ BDTs

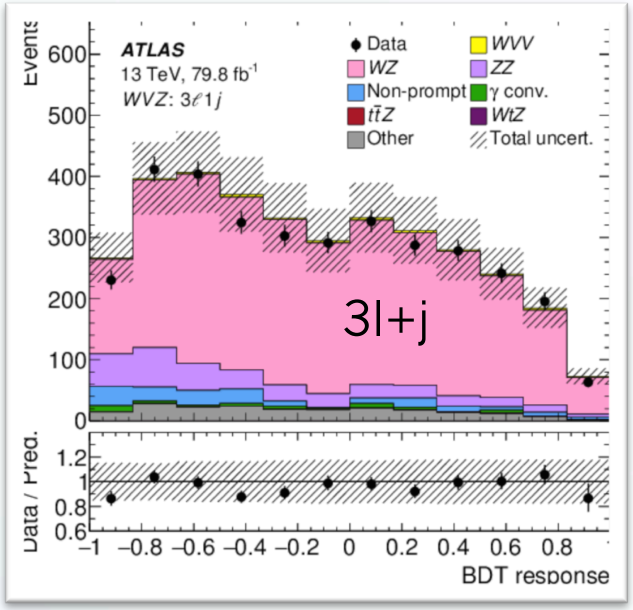
Variable	3ℓ-1j	3ℓ-2j	3ℓ-3j	4ℓ DF	4ℓ SF on-shell	4ℓ SF off-shell
$p_{\mathrm{T}}(\ell_1)$	×	×				
$p_{\mathrm{T}}(\ell_2)$	×	×	×			
$p_{\mathrm{T}}(\ell_3)$	×	×	×			
Sum of $p_{\mathrm{T}}(\ell)$	×	×	×			
$m_{\ell_1\ell_2}$	×	×				
$m_{\ell_1\ell_3}$	×	×				
$m_{\ell_2\ell_3}$	×	×				
$m_{\ell\ell}$ of best Z					×	×
$m_{\ell\ell}$ of other leptons				×	×	×
$m_{3\ell}$	×	×	×			
$m_{4\ell}$				×	×	×
Sum of lepton charges	×	×	×			
$p_{\mathrm{T}}(j_1)$	×	×				
$p_{\mathrm{T}}(j_2)$		×	×			
Sum of $p_{\mathrm{T}}(j)$			×			
Number of jets			×	×	×	×
$m_{j_1j_2}$		×				
$m_{\mathrm{T}}(W_\ell)$		×				
m_{jj} of best W			×			
Smallest m_{jj}			×			
$E_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{miss}}$		×	×	×	×	×
H_{T}	×	×			×	×
Leptonic H_{T}				×		
Hadronic H_{T}				×		
Invariant mass of all leptons, jets and $E_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{miss}}$	×		×			
Invariant mass of the best Z leptons and j_1	×					

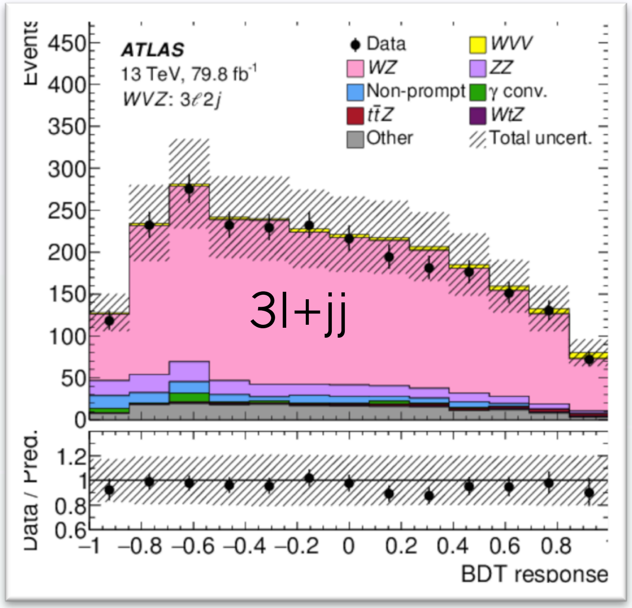
1 BDT per signal region

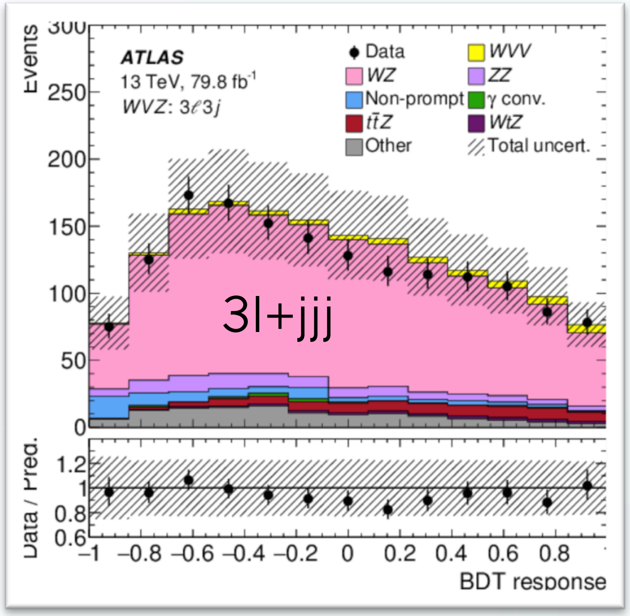
WVZ BDTs

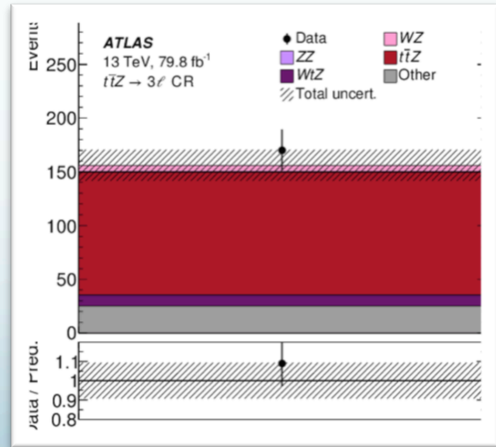

ATLAS
13 TeV, 79.8 fb^{-1}
WVZ: 3ℓ1j
WVZ: 3ℓ2j
WVZ: 3ℓ3j
WVZ: 4ℓ DF
WVZ: 4ℓ on-shell SF
WVZ: 4ℓ off-shell SF
Signal
Total background
Arbitrary units
BDT response

WVZ prefit distributions: 3l +jets

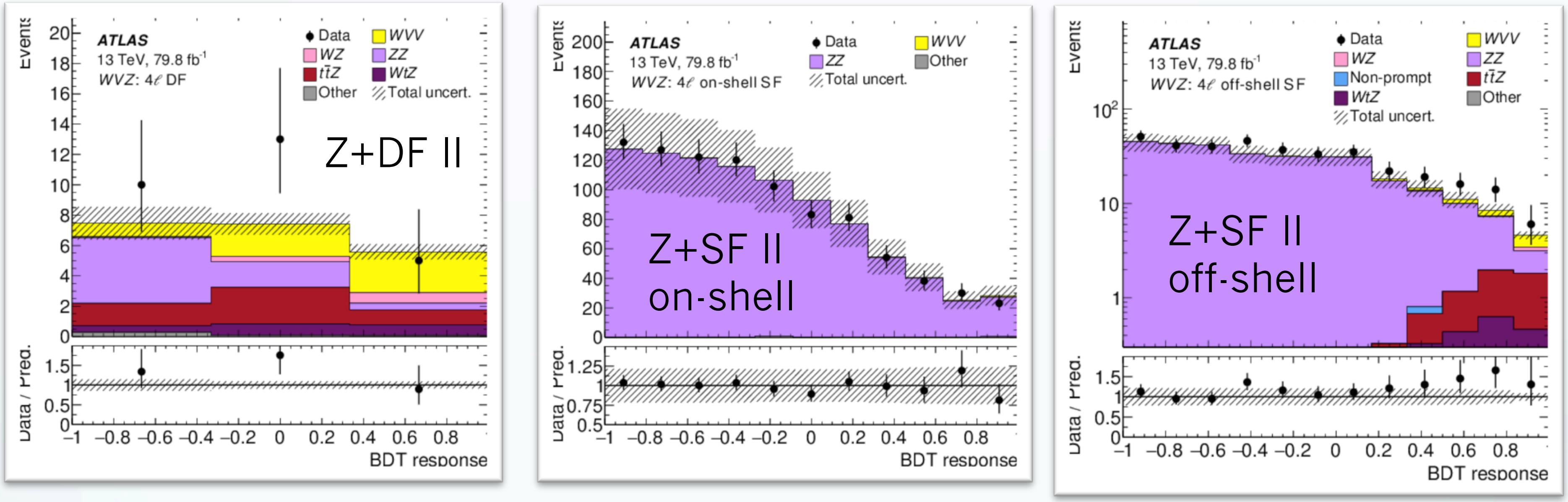






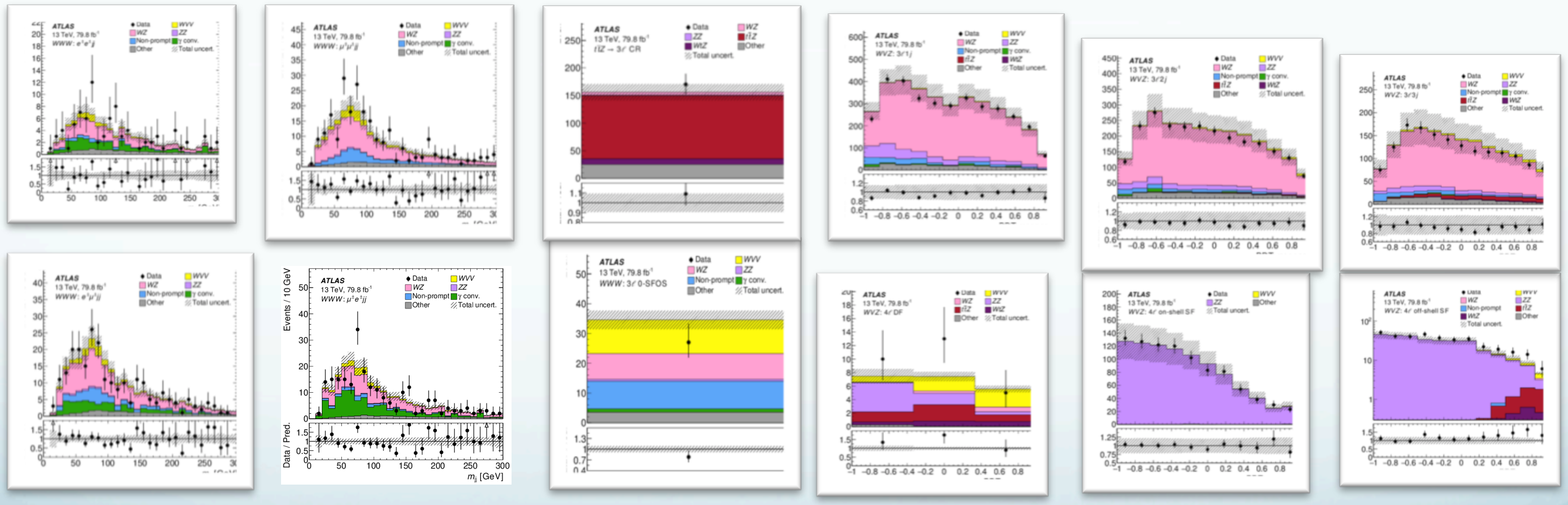


WVZ prefit distributions: 4l channels



Global fit

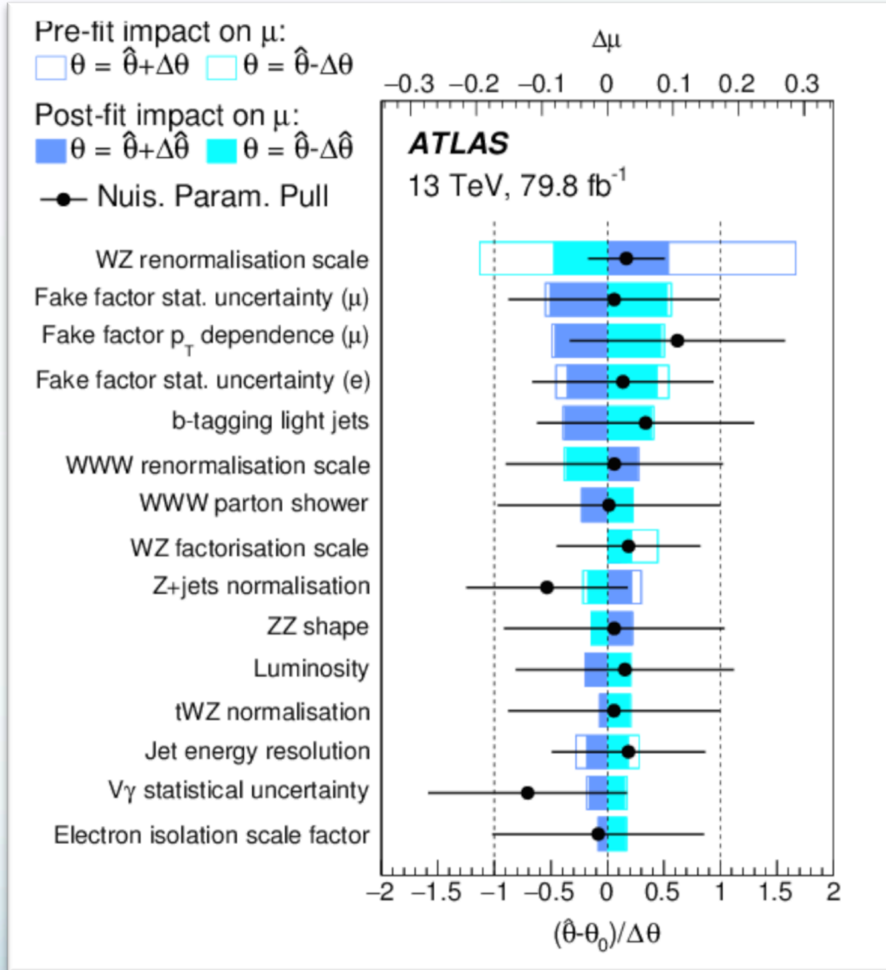
- Profile LLH: 186 bins in 12 regions
- Common signal strength μ fitted for all VVV processes
- Simulated backgrounds: 10%-40% normalisation uncertainty priors
- Shape uncertainties: alternate samples, fac/ren scale uncertainties
- Stat & syst uncertainties on data-driven backgrounds
- Experimental uncertainties on signal & background samples
- Signal shape uncertainties: fac/ren scale, PDF, matching



... additional WWW-only (incl WZ CR) and WWZ-only fits

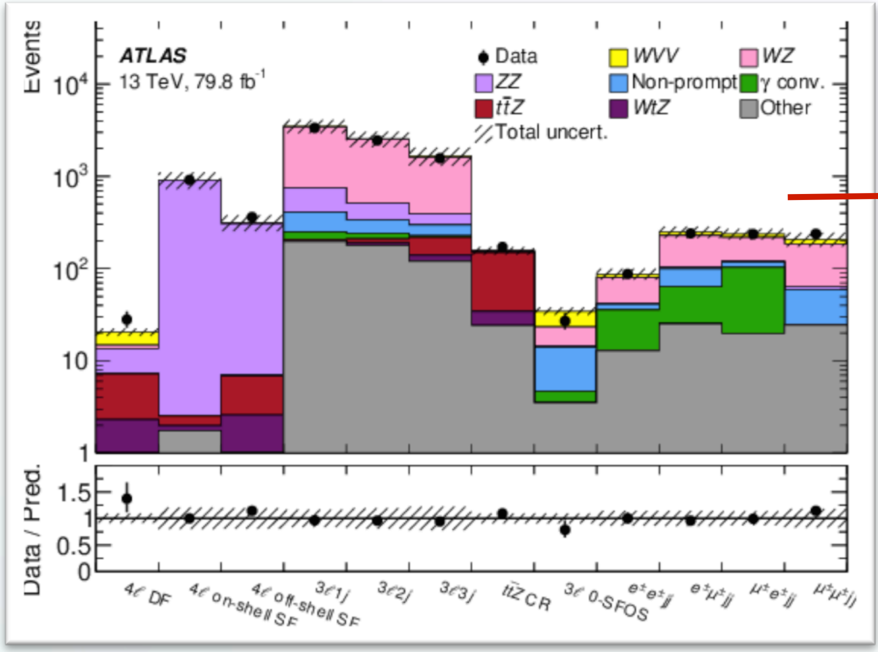
Global fit: uncertainties

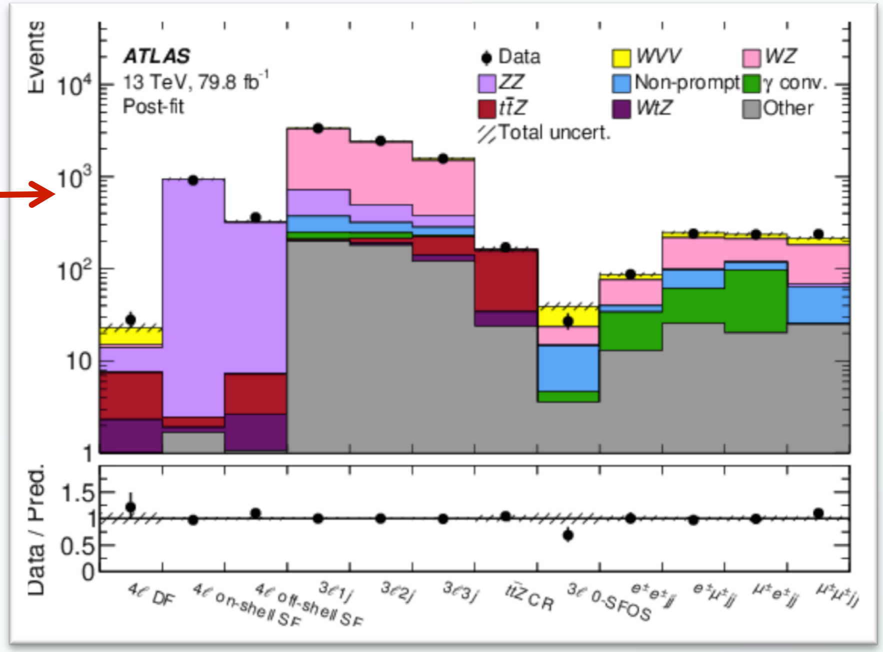
Uncertainty source	$\Delta\mu_{WVV}$	
Data-driven	+0.14	−0.14
Theory	+0.15	−0.13
Instrumental	+0.12	−0.09
MC stat. uncertainty	+0.06	−0.04
Generators	+0.04	−0.03
Total systematic uncertainty	+0.30	−0.27



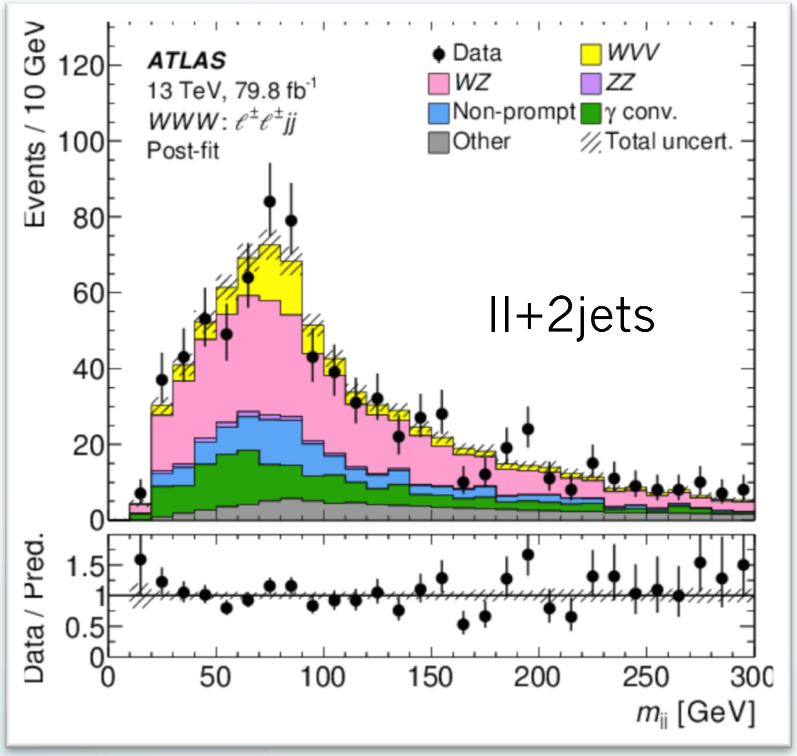
Largest post-fit impact on μ:
- non-prompt background
- WZ/ZZ shape (constrained in fit)
- VVV modeling

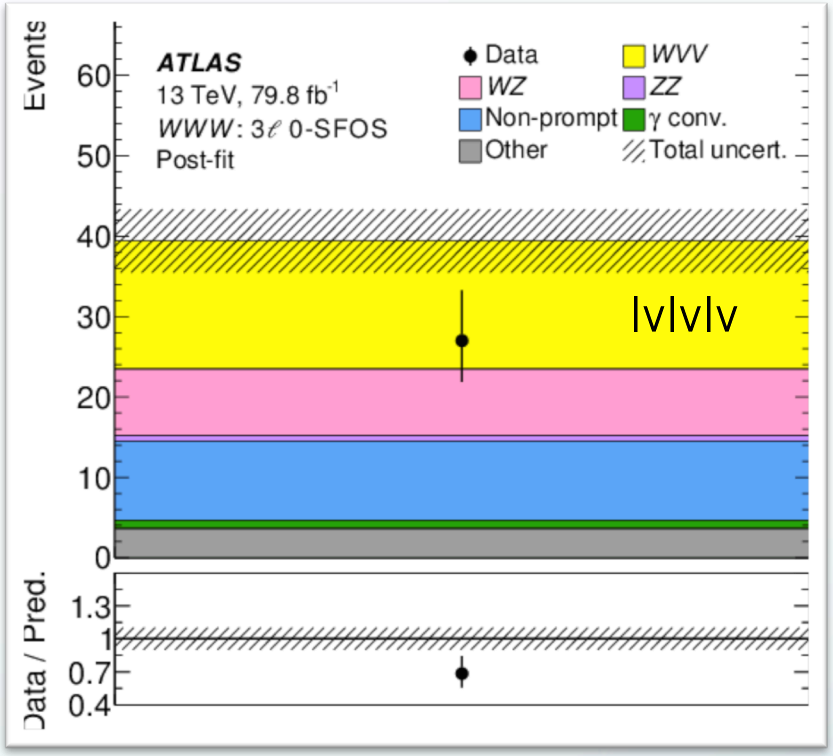
Global fit: summary



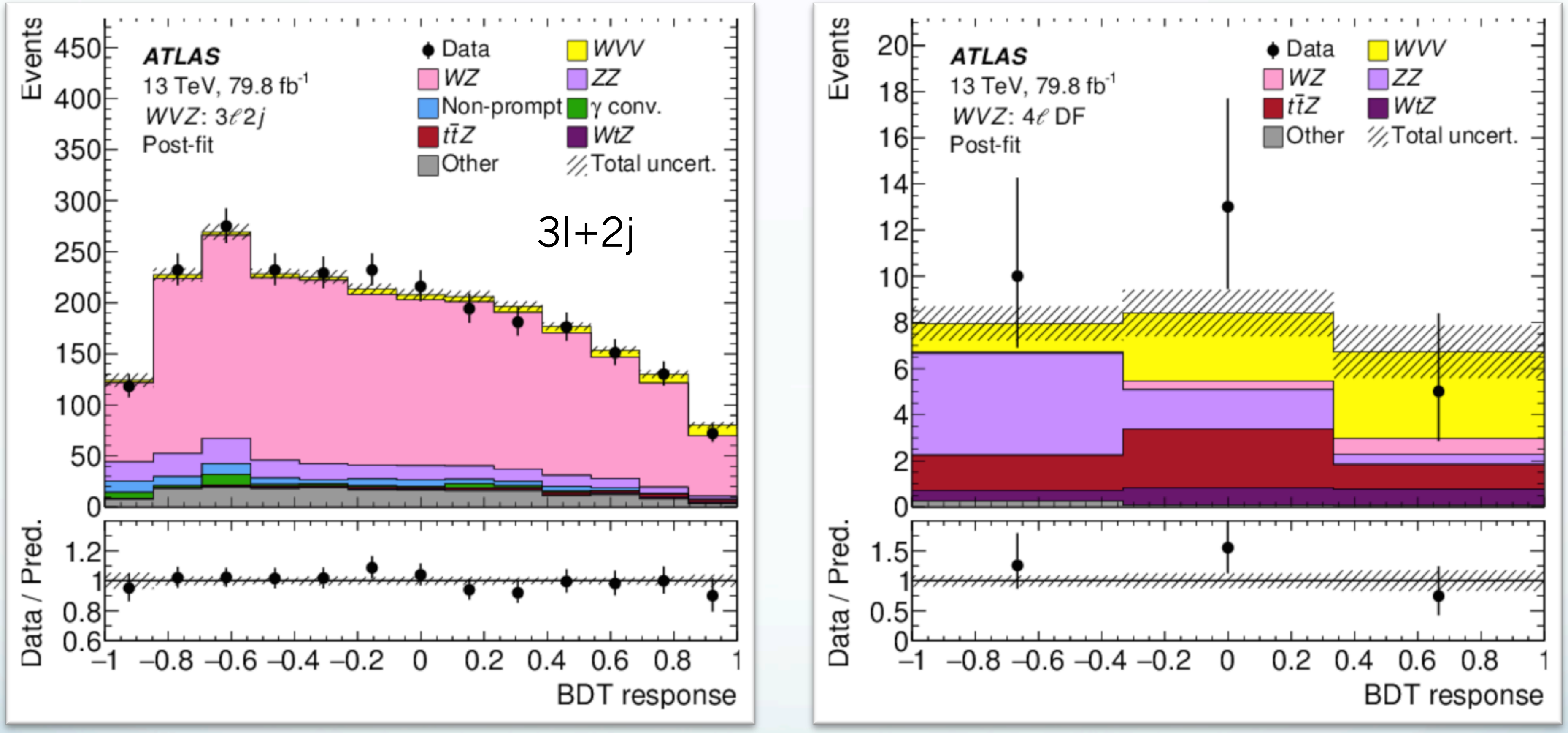


Global fit: post-fit distributions WWW

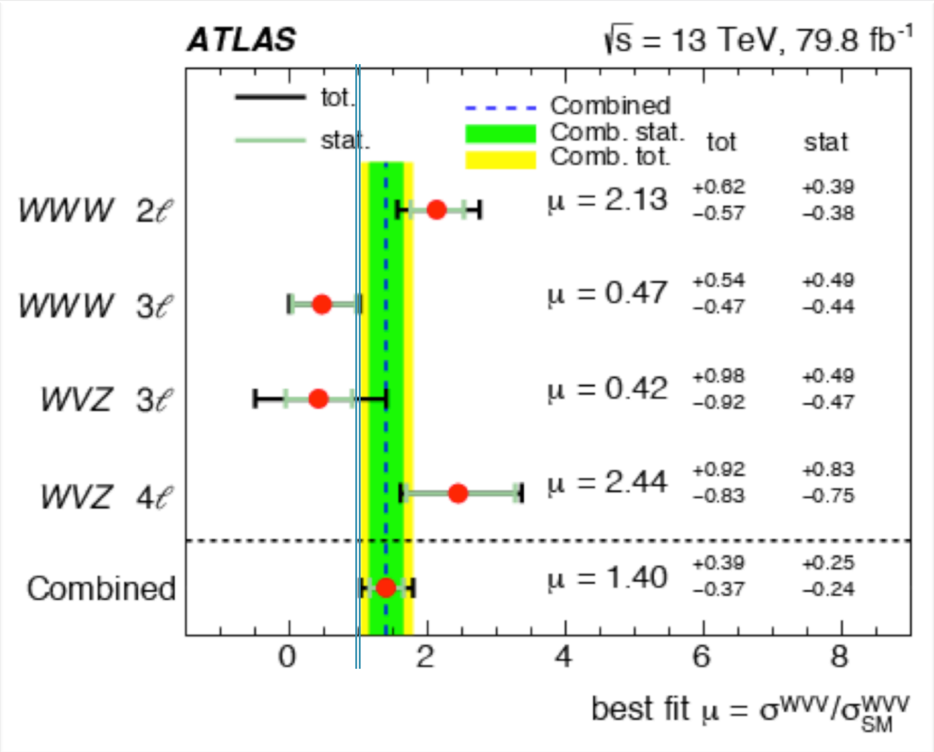


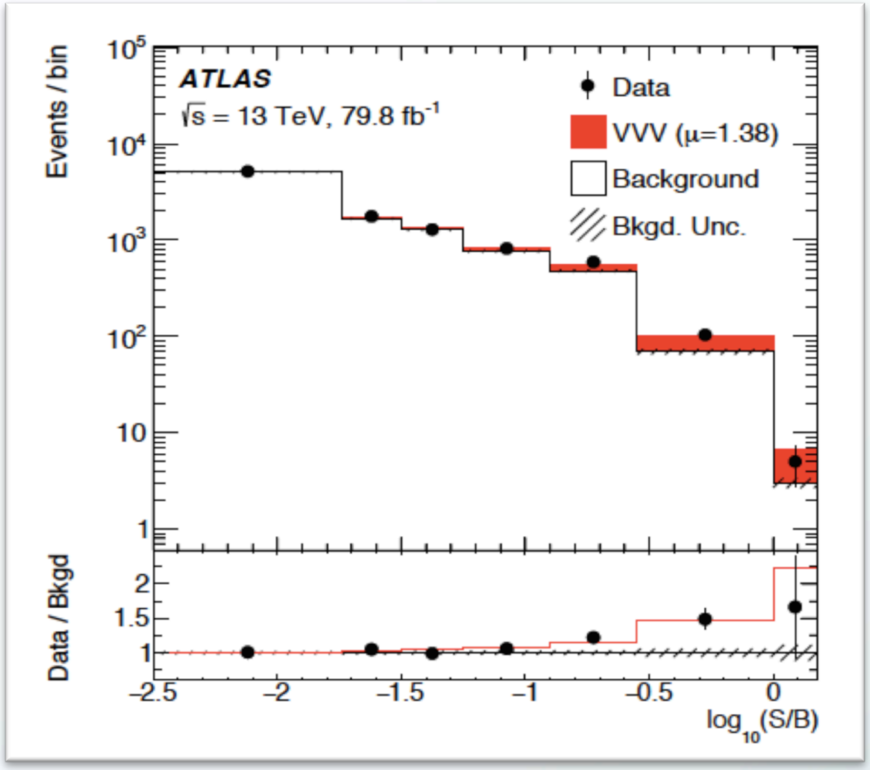


Global fit: post-fit distributions WVZ



Signal strength





Signal strength compatible with SM expectation

Data stat unc and syst unc At the same level

Events sorted according to S/B of the final discriminant → accumulation of data in bins with high S/B

Significance

First evidence for the joint production of 3 heavy gauge bosons

Decay channel	Significance Observed	Significance Expected
WWW combined	3.2σ	2.4σ
$WWW \to \ell\nu\ell\nu qq$	4.0σ	1.7σ
$WWW \to \ell\nu\ell\nu\ell\nu$	1.0σ	2.0σ
WVZ combined	3.2σ	2.0σ
$WVZ \to \ell\nu qq\ell\ell$	0.5σ	1.0σ
$WVZ \to \ell\nu\ell\nu\ell\ell/qq\ell\ell\ell\ell$	3.5σ	1.8σ
WVV combined	4.1σ	3.1σ

Fiducial cross sections

Fitted signal strengths from individual WWW and WWZ fits are converted into fiducial cross sections using the theoretical NLO cross sections from the signal samples.
Assuming SM cross section for WZZ.
Post-fit uncertainties from fit except signal normalisation.

$$\sigma_{WWW} = 0.65^{+0.16}_{-0.15}\,(\text{stat.})\,^{+0.16}_{-0.14}\,(\text{syst.})\ \text{pb}$$

$$\sigma_{WWZ} = 0.55 \pm 0.14\,(\text{stat.})\,^{+0.15}_{-0.13}\,(\text{syst.})\ \text{pb}$$

Stat and syst uncertainties contribute equally

Expected σ WWW: 0.50 ± 0.05 pb, σ WWZ: 0.29±0.03 pb

Summary

- First evidence for the production of 3 heavy gauge bosons.
- Dominated by WWW and WWZ channels.
- Most sensitive channels: WWW: ss ll+2jets, WVZ: Z+DF lepton pair
- Dominant backgrounds form WZ and ZZ
- Dominant syst uncertainties from WZ/ZZ shapes and non-promt bkg
- Currently equal contributions from stat and syst uncertainty

→ Expect improvement using the full Run2 data set of 139/fb

Parametrizing new physics

EFT approach

$$\mathcal{L}^{\text{eff.}} = \mathcal{L}^{\text{SM}} + \sum_i \frac{c_6^i}{\Lambda^2} \mathcal{O}_6^i + \sum_i \frac{c_8^i}{\Lambda^4} \mathcal{O}_8^i + \cdots$$

Only applicable for scales << Λ

Λ: scale of new physics
SM: Λ -> oo

Fermi theory of the 21st century

Example: Operators for WWV:

CP conserving:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{O}_{WWW} &= \mathrm{Tr}[W_{\mu\nu} W^{\nu\rho} W_\rho^\mu] \\ \mathcal{O}_W &= (D_\mu \Phi)^\dagger W^{\mu\nu} (D_\nu \Phi) \\ \mathcal{O}_B &= (D_\mu \Phi)^\dagger B^{\mu\nu} (D_\nu \Phi) \end{aligned}$$

C/P violating:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{W}WW} &= \mathrm{Tr}[\tilde{W}_{\mu\nu} W^{\nu\rho} W_\rho^\mu] \\ \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{W}} &= (D_\mu \Phi)^\dagger \tilde{W}^{\mu\nu} (D_\nu \Phi) \end{aligned}$$

In practice, we constrain ci/ Λ²

→ Observes the symmetries of the Standard Model
→ Higher dimensional terms are automatically suppressed by 1/ Λ²
→ Perturbative expansion in 1/ Λ² possible, renormalizable

Parametrizing new physics

Quartic Gauge couplings:

- Dim6 and Dim8 operators
- Dim 6 operators already constrained by TGC constraints
- Independent: Dim8 operators:

$$
\begin{aligned}
O_{S,0} &= [(D_\mu\Phi)^\dagger D_\nu\Phi] \times [(D^\mu\Phi)^\dagger D^\nu\Phi] \\
O_{S,1} &= [(D_\mu\Phi)^\dagger D^\mu\Phi] \times [(D_\nu\Phi)^\dagger D^\nu\Phi] \\
O_{S,2} &= [(D_\mu\Phi)^\dagger D_\nu\Phi] \times [(D^\nu\Phi)^\dagger D^\mu\Phi] \\
O_{M,0} &= \mathrm{Tr}\left[\hat{W}_{\mu\nu}\hat{W}^{\mu\nu}\right] \times \left[(D_\beta\Phi)^\dagger D^\beta\Phi\right] \\
O_{M,1} &= \mathrm{Tr}\left[\hat{W}_{\mu\nu}\hat{W}^{\nu\beta}\right] \times \left[(D_\beta\Phi)^\dagger D^\mu\Phi\right] \\
O_{M,2} &= \left[\hat{B}_{\mu\nu}\hat{B}^{\mu\nu}\right] \times \left[(D_\beta\Phi)^\dagger D^\beta\Phi\right] \\
O_{M,3} &= \left[\hat{B}_{\mu\nu}\hat{B}^{\nu\beta}\right] \times \left[(D_\beta\Phi)^\dagger D^\mu\Phi\right] \\
O_{M,4} &= \left[(D_\mu\Phi)^\dagger \hat{W}_{\beta\nu} D^\mu\Phi\right] \times \hat{B}^{\beta\nu} \\
O_{M,5} &= \left[(D_\mu\Phi)^\dagger \hat{W}_{\beta\nu} D^\nu\Phi\right] \times \hat{B}^{\beta\mu}(+h.c.) \\
O_{M,7} &= \left[(D_\mu\Phi)^\dagger \hat{W}_{\beta\nu}\hat{W}^{\beta\mu} D^\nu\Phi\right]
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
O_{T,0} &= \mathrm{Tr}\left[\hat{W}_{\mu\nu}\hat{W}^{\mu\nu}\right] \times \mathrm{Tr}\left[\hat{W}_{\alpha\beta}\hat{W}^{\alpha\beta}\right] \\
O_{T,1} &= \mathrm{Tr}\left[\hat{W}_{\alpha\nu}\hat{W}^{\mu\beta}\right] \times \mathrm{Tr}\left[\hat{W}_{\mu\beta}\hat{W}^{\alpha\nu}\right] \\
O_{T,2} &= \mathrm{Tr}\left[\hat{W}_{\alpha\mu}\hat{W}^{\mu\beta}\right] \times \mathrm{Tr}\left[\hat{W}_{\beta\nu}\hat{W}^{\nu\alpha}\right] \\
O_{T,5} &= \mathrm{Tr}\left[\hat{W}_{\mu\nu}\hat{W}^{\mu\nu}\right] \times \hat{B}_{\alpha\beta}\hat{B}^{\alpha\beta} \\
O_{T,6} &= \mathrm{Tr}\left[\hat{W}_{\alpha\nu}\hat{W}^{\mu\beta}\right] \times \hat{B}_{\mu\beta}\hat{B}^{\alpha\nu} \\
O_{T,7} &= \mathrm{Tr}\left[\hat{W}_{\alpha\mu}\hat{W}^{\mu\beta}\right] \times \hat{B}_{\beta\nu}\hat{B}^{\nu\alpha} \\
O_{T,8} &= \hat{B}_{\mu\nu}\hat{B}^{\mu\nu} \times \hat{B}_{\alpha\beta}\hat{B}^{\alpha\beta} \\
O_{T,9} &= \hat{B}_{\alpha\mu}\hat{B}^{\mu\beta} \times \hat{B}_{\beta\nu}\hat{B}^{\nu\alpha},
\end{aligned}
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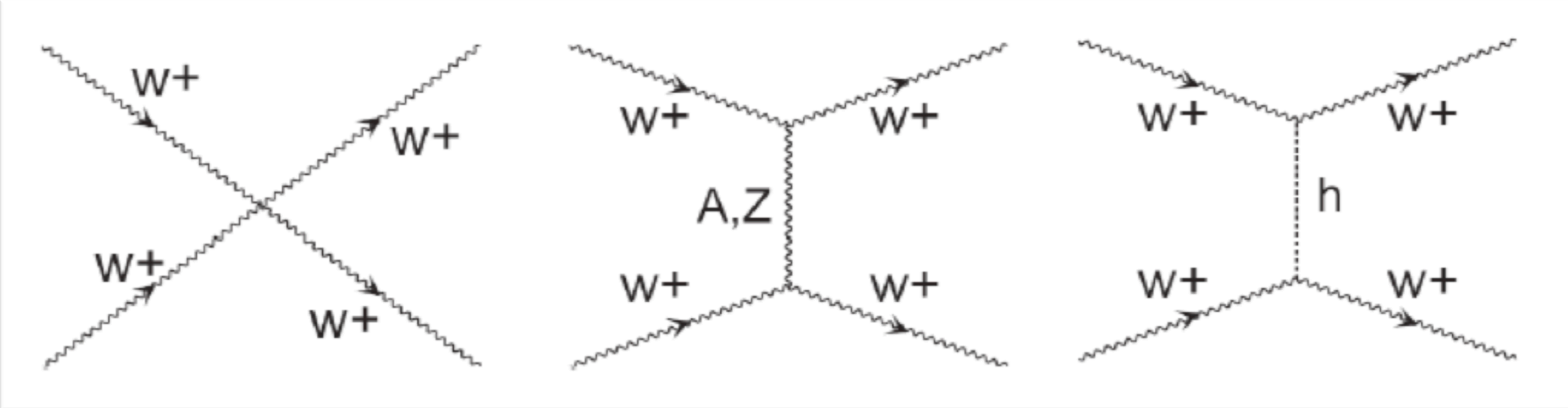
Boson scattering



$$\mathcal{M}_{Gauge} = -g^2 \frac{s}{4M_W^2} + \mathcal{O}(s^0)$$

$$\mathcal{M}_H = g_{HWW}^2 \frac{s}{M_W^4} + \mathcal{O}(s^0)$$

s = squared center-of-mass energy of the interacting bosons

Without the Higgs contribution the cross section diverges for high energies

→ Higgs contribution cancels divergence if Higgs couples proportional to W mass: $g_{HWW} = gM_W$ ... as expected from SM Higgs

$$\mathcal{M}_{Gauge} + \mathcal{M}_H = g^2 \frac{M_H^2}{4M_W^2}$$

Similar for W+W- scattering, WZ scattering, etc