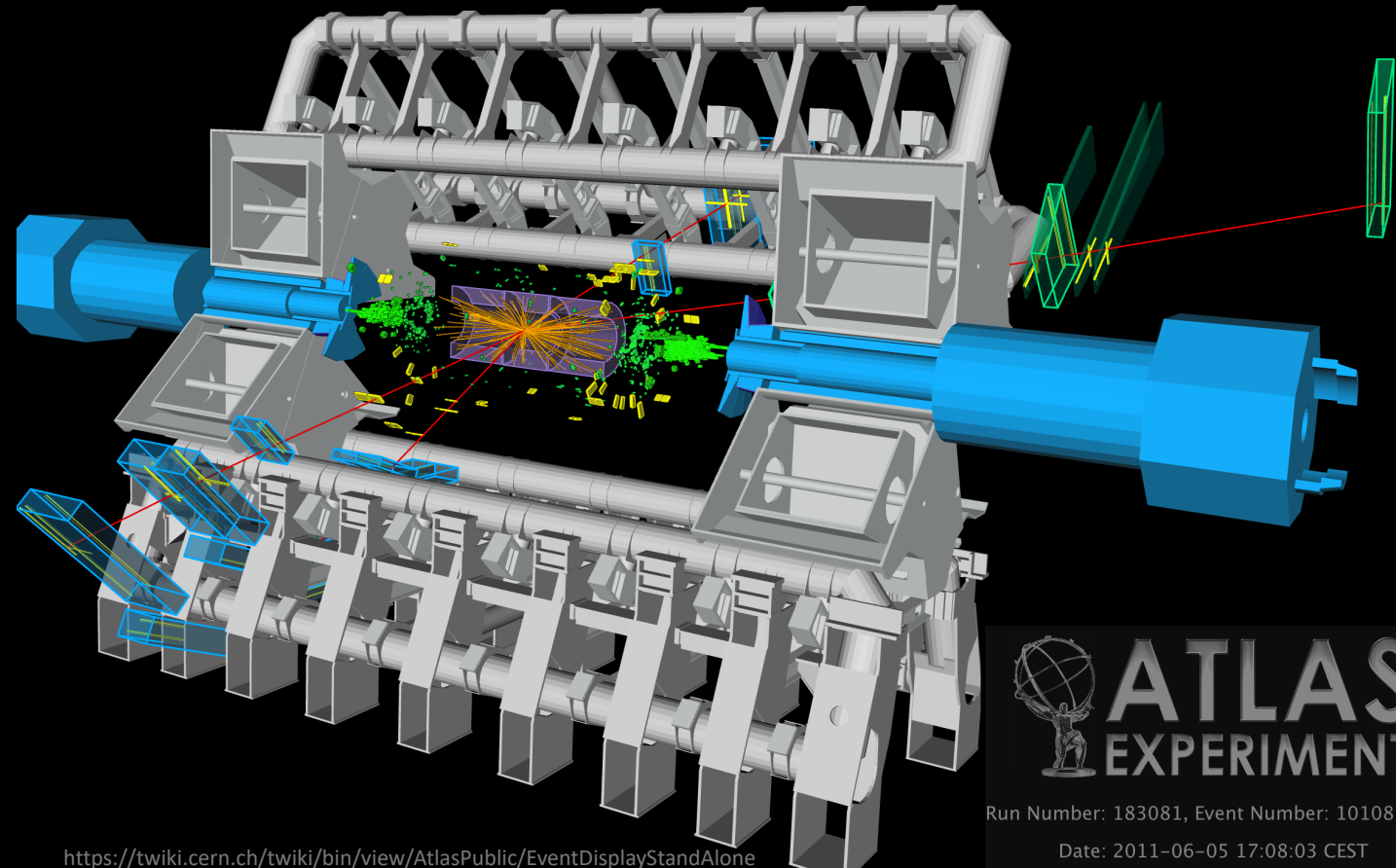


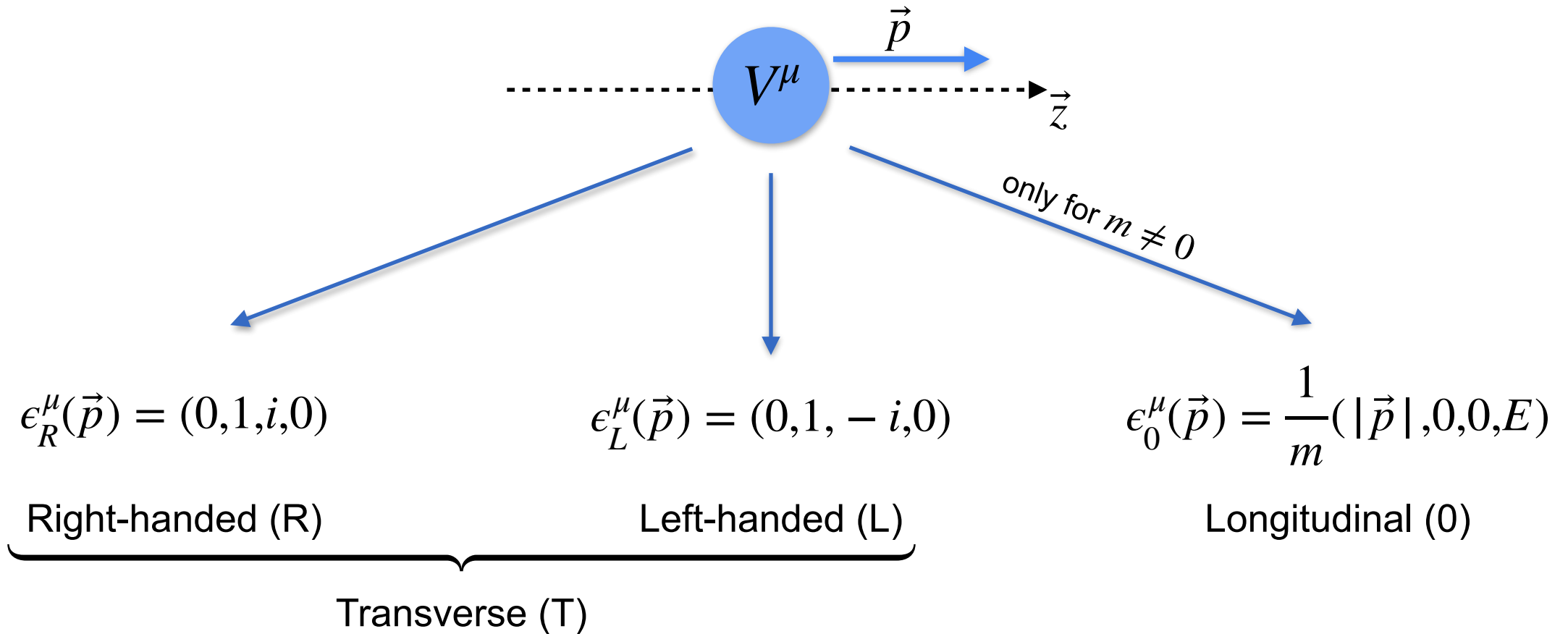
Polarisation Measurements in ATLAS



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What is Boson Polarisation?



Why Polarisation Measurement?

EWK Symmetry Breaking

$$(D_\mu\phi)^\dagger D^\mu\phi = \frac{1}{2}\partial_\mu h\partial^\mu h + \frac{1}{4}g_W^2 W_\mu^- W^{+\mu}(v+h)^2 + \frac{1}{8}(g_W^2 + g^2) Z_\mu Z^\mu (v+h)^2$$

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Arrows from the terms above point to the mass formulas below:

$$m_W = \frac{1}{2}g_W v$$
$$m_Z = \frac{1}{2}v\sqrt{g_W^2 + g'^2}$$

$$\phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1 + i\phi_2 \\ v + h + i\phi_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

Arrows from the components $\phi_1 + i\phi_2$, $v + h + i\phi_4$, and $i\phi_4$ point to the text "Goldstone bosons".

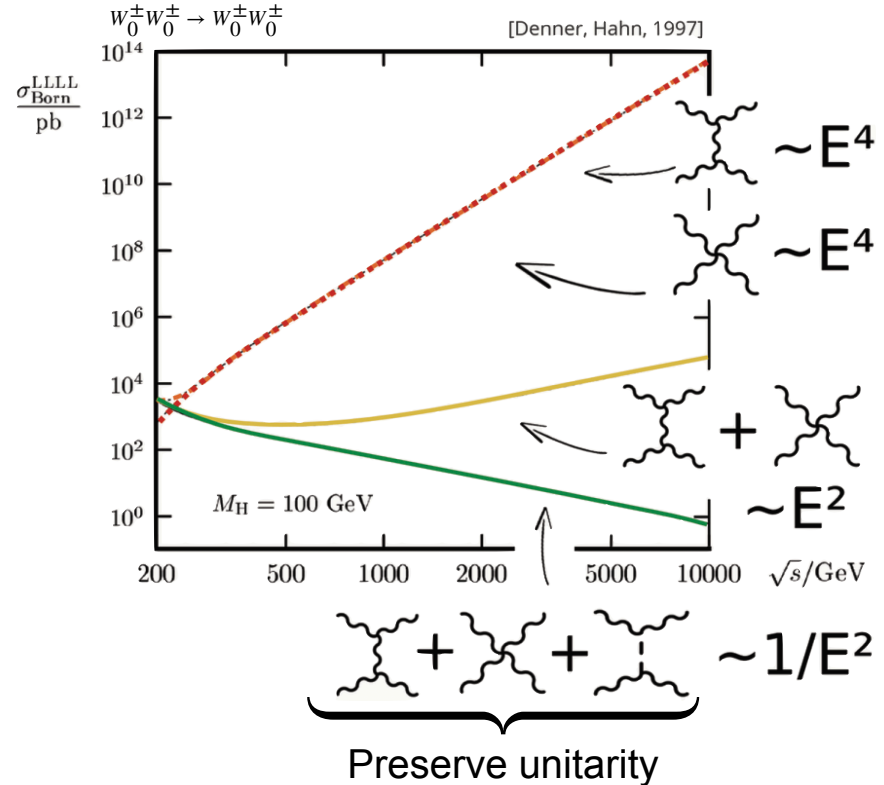
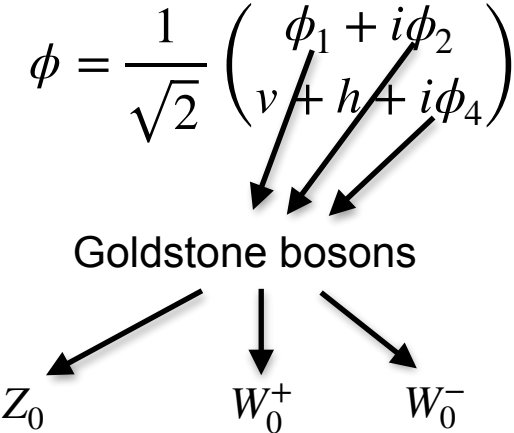
Arrows from "Goldstone bosons" point to Z_0 , W_0^+ , and W_0^- .

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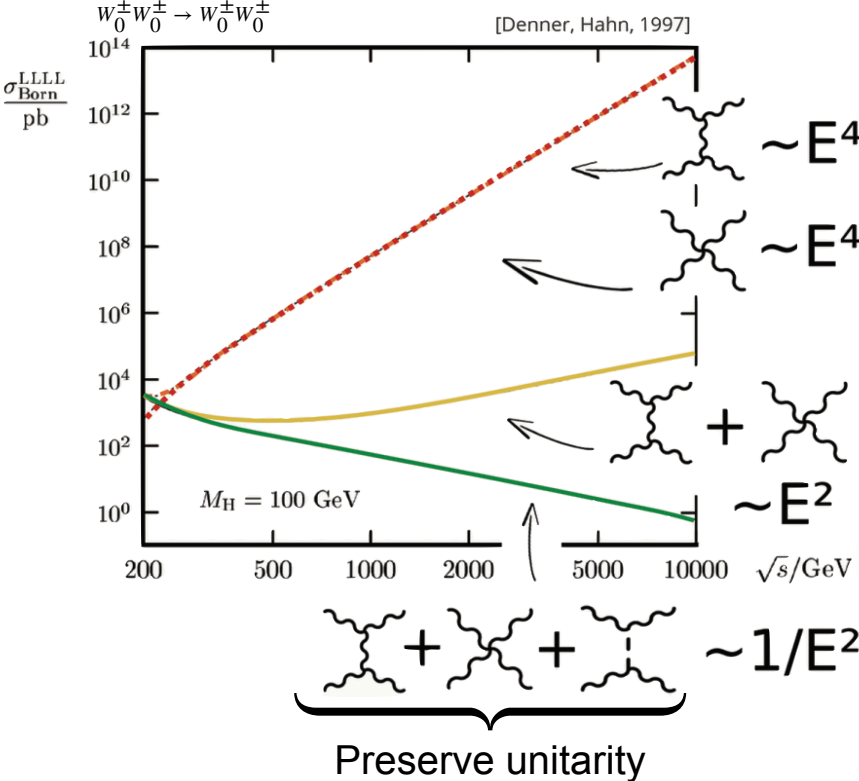
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Goldstone bosons

Z_0 W_0^+ W_0^-



$W_0^\pm W_0^\mp \rightarrow W_0^\pm W_0^\mp$

Not studied

$W_0^\pm W_0^\pm \rightarrow W_0^\pm W_0^\pm$

1 ATLAS analysis ongoing

$W_0^\pm Z_0 \rightarrow W_0^\pm Z_0$ $Z_0 Z_0 \rightarrow Z_0 Z_0$

2 ATLAS analyses published 1 ATLAS analysis published

ATLAS Polarisation Measurements

Overview

$W^\pm Z$ Polarisation

[arXiv:2211.09435](https://arxiv.org/abs/2211.09435)

Single
Polarisation

$V_{pol} V$

Joint
Polarisation

$V_{pol} V_{pol}$

$W^\pm Z$ Polarisation
Kinematic

[arXiv:2402.16365](https://arxiv.org/abs/2402.16365)

Energy
Dependence

$V_{pol} V_{pol}$

RAZ
Effect

$V_T V_T$

ZZ Analysis

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Joint
Polarisation

$V_{pol} V_{pol}$

CP
Properties

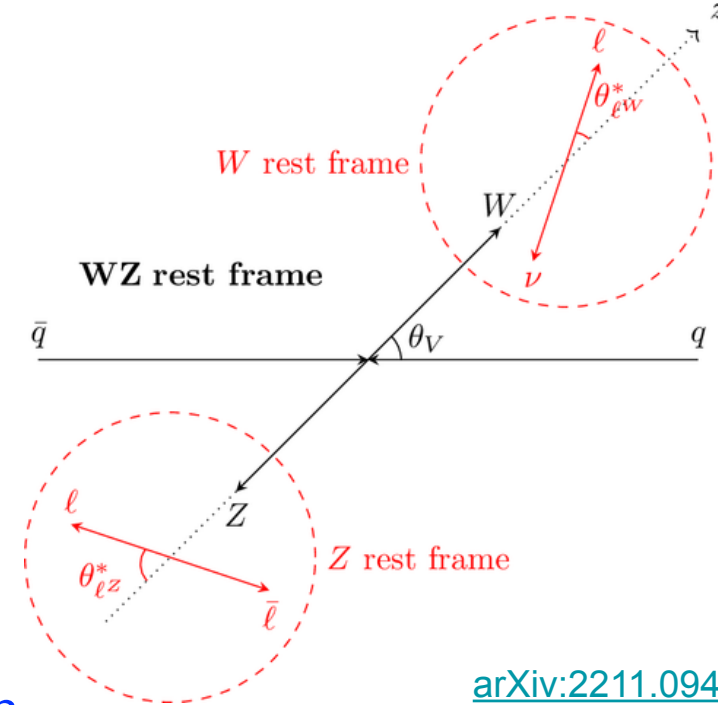
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Access the Polarisation

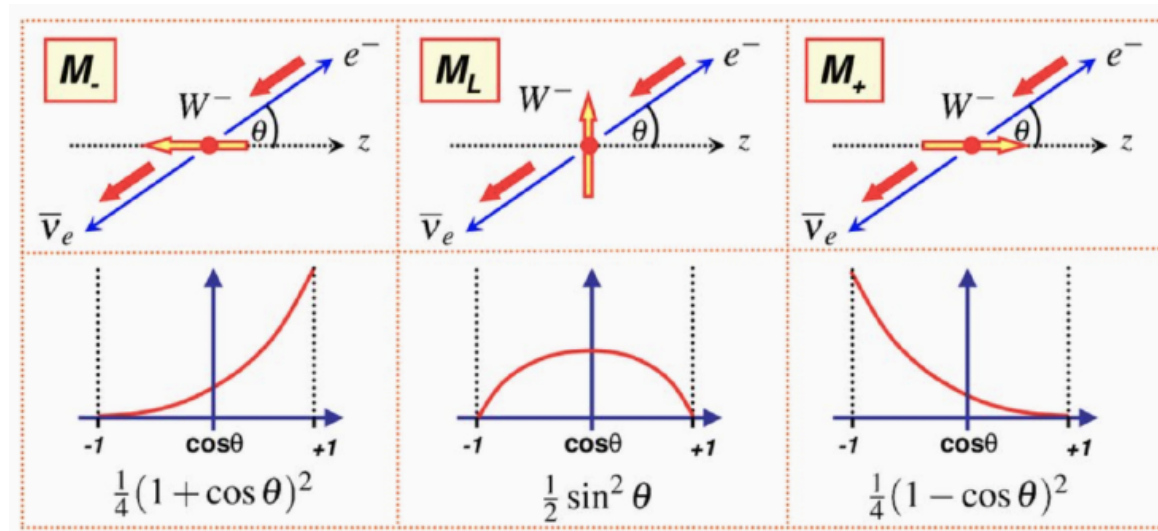
Polarisation defined in VV reference frame

$$W^\pm: \frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{d \cos \theta'_{lW}} = \frac{3}{8} (1 \mp \cos \theta'_{lW})^2 f_L + \frac{3}{8} (1 \pm \cos \theta'_{lW})^2 f_R + \frac{3}{4} \sin^2 \theta'_{lW} f_0$$

$$Z: \frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{d \cos \theta'_{lZ}} = \frac{3}{8} (1 + 2\alpha \cos \theta'_{lZ} + \cos^2 \theta'_{lZ}) f_L + \frac{3}{8} (1 - 2\alpha \cos \theta'_{lZ} + \cos^2 \theta'_{lZ}) f_R + \frac{3}{4} \sin^2 \theta'_{lZ} f_0$$



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ATLAS Polarisation Measurements

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Super fancy polarisation measurement in VBS from pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV with the ATLAS detector

The ATLAS Collaboration

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5. Statistical analysis

$W^\pm Z$ Polarisation Measurement

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Observation of gauge boson joint-polarisation states in $W^\pm Z$ production from pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV with the ATLAS detector

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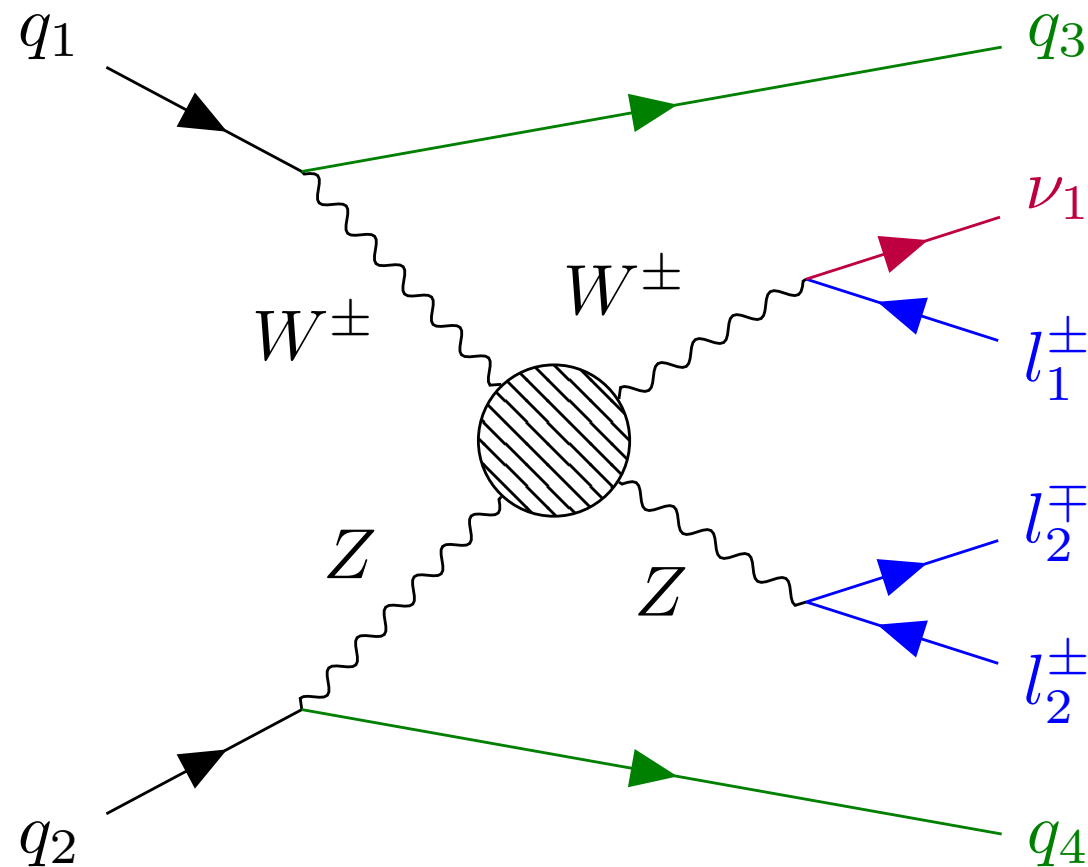
Measurements of joint-polarisation states of W and Z gauge bosons in $W^\pm Z$ production are presented. The data set used corresponds to an integrated luminosity of 139 fb^{-1} of proton–proton collisions at a centre-of-mass energy of 13 TeV recorded by the ATLAS detector at the CERN Large Hadron Collider. The $W^\pm Z$ candidate events are reconstructed using leptonic decay modes of the gauge bosons into electrons and muons. The simultaneous pair-production of longitudinally polarised vector bosons is measured for the first time with a significance of 7.1 standard deviations. The measured joint helicity fractions integrated over the fiducial region are $f_{00} = 0.067 \pm 0.010$, $f_{0T} = 0.110 \pm 0.029$, $f_{T0} = 0.179 \pm 0.023$ and $f_{TT} = 0.644 \pm 0.032$, in agreement with the next-to-leading-order Standard Model predictions. Individual helicity fractions of the W and Z bosons are also measured and found to be consistent with joint helicity fractions within the expected amounts of correlation. Both the joint and individual helicity fractions are also measured separately in $W^+ Z$ and $W^- Z$ events. Inclusive and differential cross sections for several kinematic observables sensitive to polarisation are presented.

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$W^\pm Z$ Polarisation Measurement

Analysis Goal

- Joint-polarisation
 - Measure f_{00} , f_{T0} , f_{0T} , and f_{TT}
- Single-polarisation
 - Individual polarisation of W^\pm or Z boson
 - Measure f_0 and $f_L - f_R$

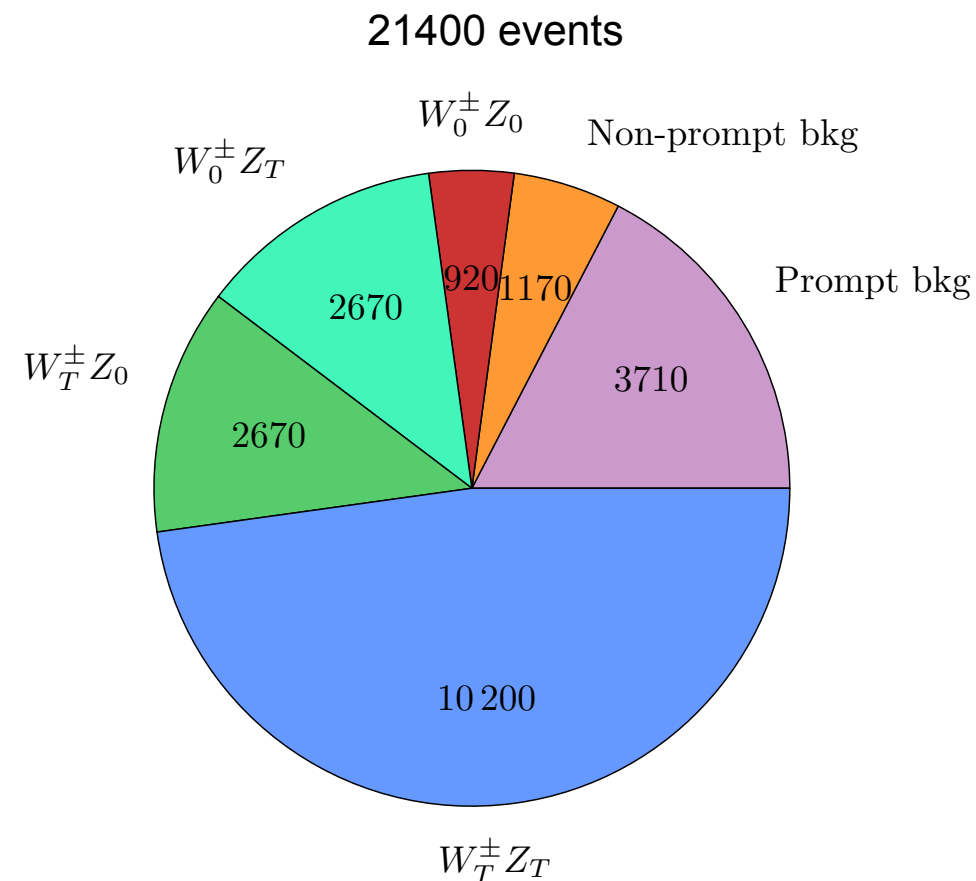


$W^\pm Z$ Polarisation Measurement

Phase Space

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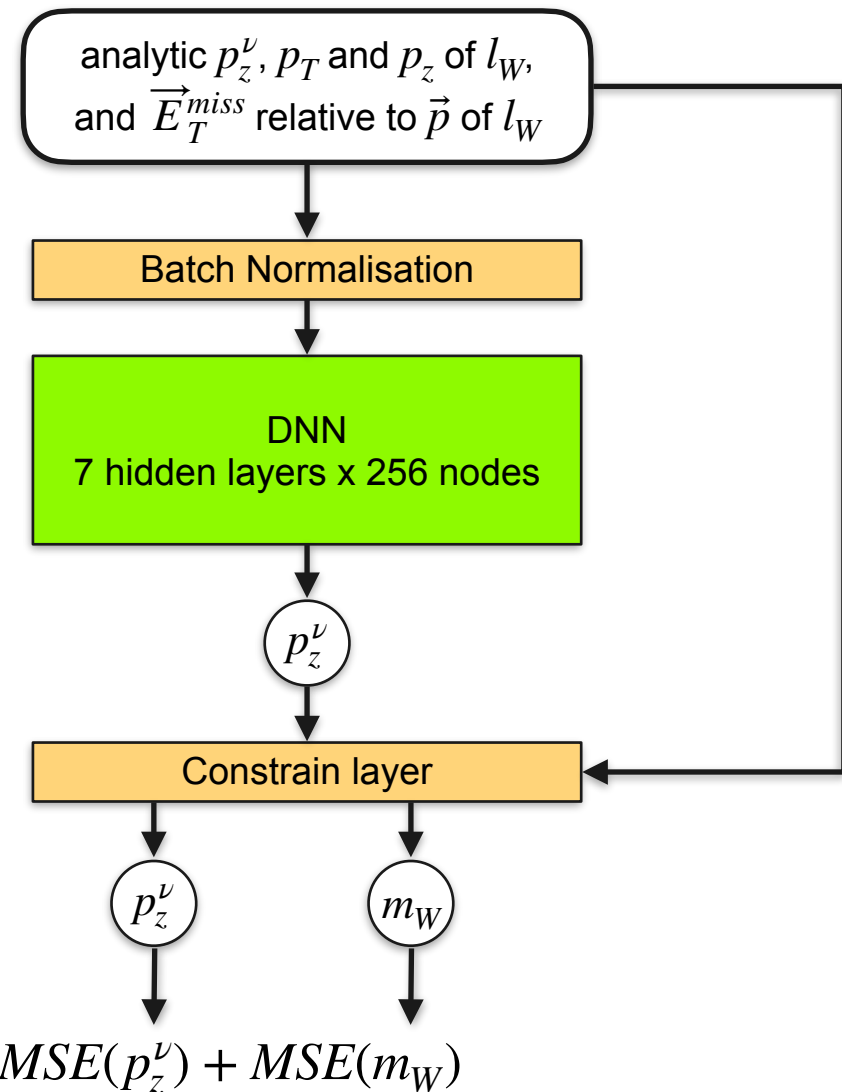


$W^\pm Z$ Polarisation Measurement

DNN to Reconstruct Neutrino p_z

\vec{p}_ν required to access $W^\pm Z$ center of mass

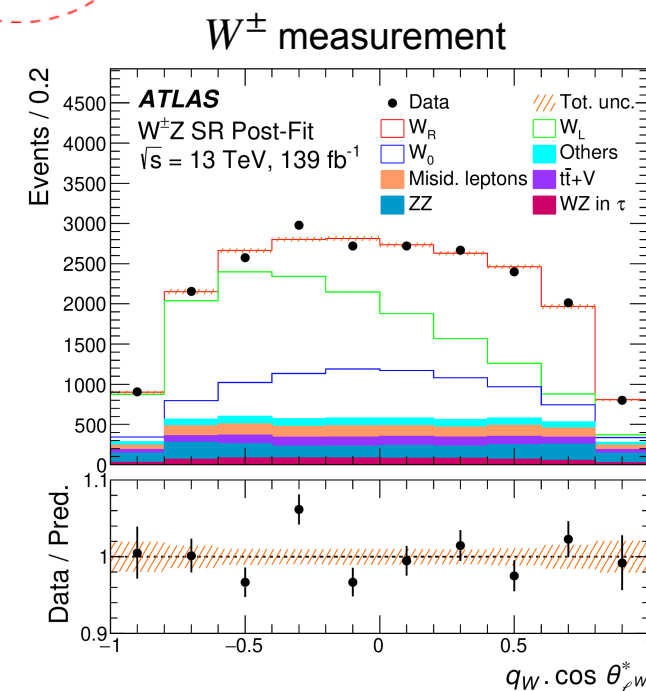
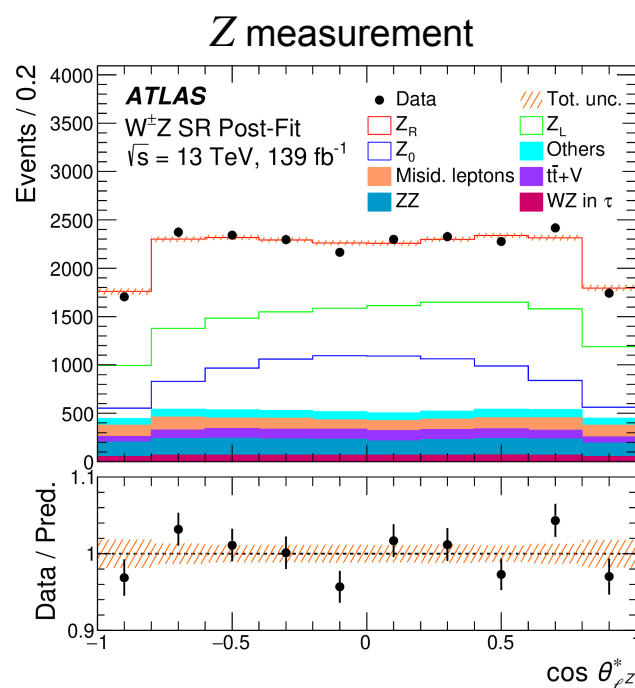
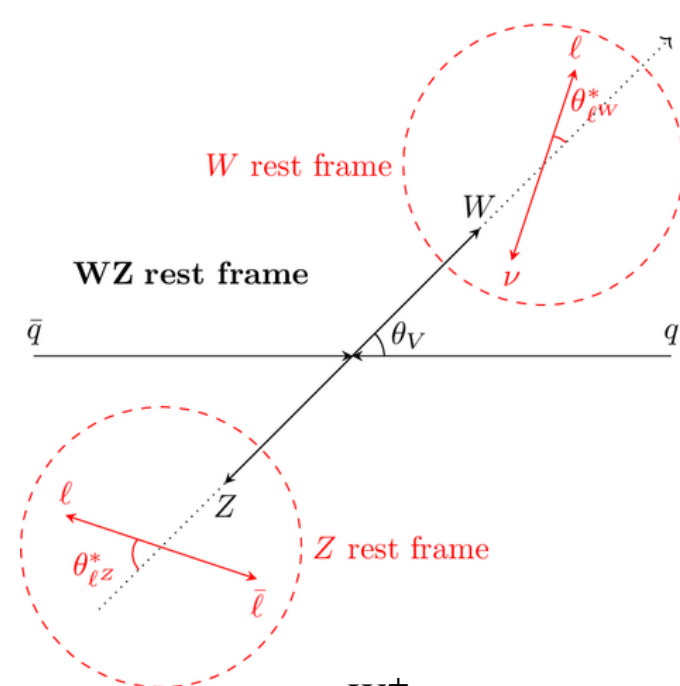
- Improve analytic calculation of p_z^ν
- Regression DNN trained on inclusive Powheg+Pythia sample
- Introduce m_W constrain in last layer
- Better regression than analytic p_z^ν calculation



$W^\pm Z$ Single-Polarisation Measurement

Analysis Strategy

- Fit directly in $\cos \theta_{lW}^*$ and $\cos \theta_{lZ}^*$
- Reweight Powheg+Pythia (NLO-QCD) with corresponding $\cos \theta_{lV}^*$ distribution to get polarised sample
- Measure f_0 and $f_L - f_R$



$W^\pm Z$ Single-Polarisation Measurement

Fit Results

- Good agreement with SM
- Dominated by statistical uncertainty
- Dominant systematic is modelling uncertainty

	f_0		$f_L - f_R$	
	Data	POWHEG+PYTHIA	Data	POWHEG+PYTHIA
W in $W^+ Z$	0.23 ± 0.05	0.2044 ± 0.0024	0.071 ± 0.023	0.0990 ± 0.0015
W in $W^- Z$	0.19 ± 0.05	0.217 ± 0.004	0.026 ± 0.027	-0.0491 ± 0.0020
W in $W^\pm Z$	0.21 ± 0.04	0.2094 ± 0.0016	0.059 ± 0.016	0.0390 ± 0.0011
Z in $W^+ Z$	0.223 ± 0.025	0.1971 ± 0.0019	-0.20 ± 0.10	-0.217 ± 0.006
Z in $W^- Z$	0.241 ± 0.029	0.2065 ± 0.0023	0.10 ± 0.13	0.092 ± 0.007
Z in $W^\pm Z$	0.231 ± 0.019	0.2009 ± 0.0014	-0.10 ± 0.08	-0.092 ± 0.005

$W^\pm Z$ Joint-Polarisation Measurement

Simulate Polarisation at NLO-QCD

- Extensive study of polarisation simulation
⇒ only nominal strategy presented
- Use two samples:
 - Polarised MadGraph LO-QCD
 - Unpolarised Powheg NLO
- Train 4 binary classifier DNN for pol-sum MadGraph vs pol MadGraph

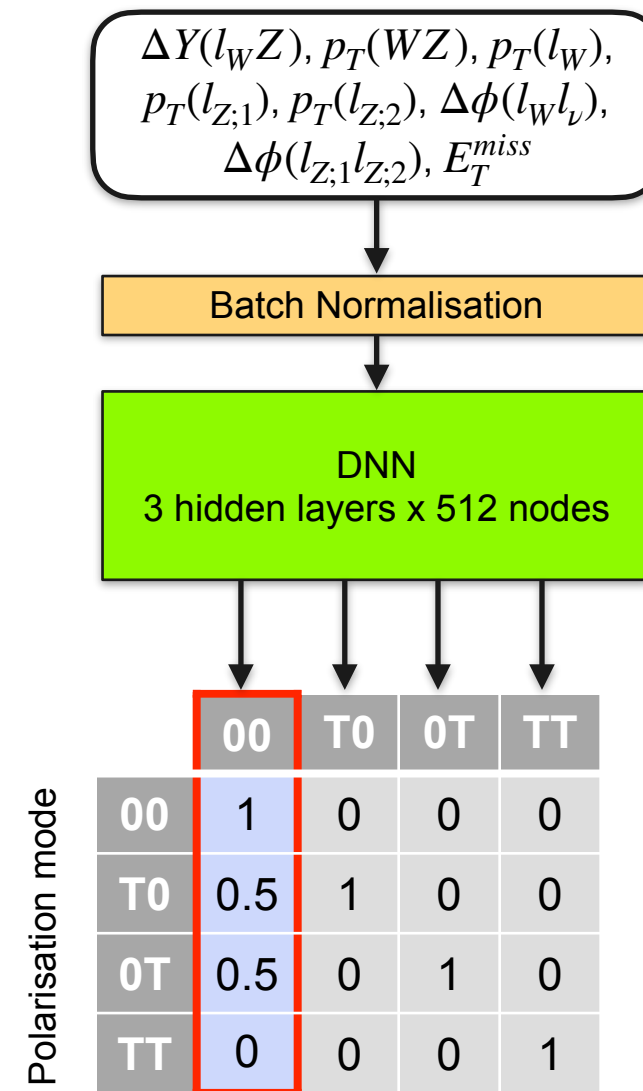
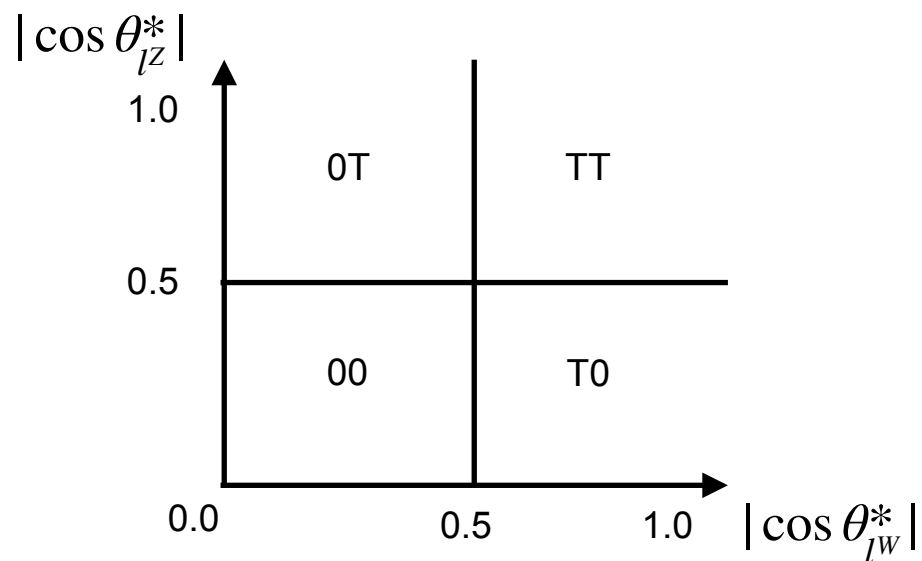
$$w_{pol}(X) = \frac{DDN_{pol}(X)}{1 - DDN_{pol}(X)}$$

- Use $w_{pol}(X)$ to introduce polarisation in Powheg NLO

$W^\pm Z$ Joint-Polarisation Measurement

Multivariate Analysis

- Multiclass DNN trained on Madgraph-0,1j@LO
- Modify the 00-output node targets
- ➔ sufficient to separate 00, TT and mixed modes
- Combine DNN output with $\cos \theta_{lW}^*$ and $\cos \theta_{lZ}^*$



$W^\pm Z$ Joint-Polarisation Measurement

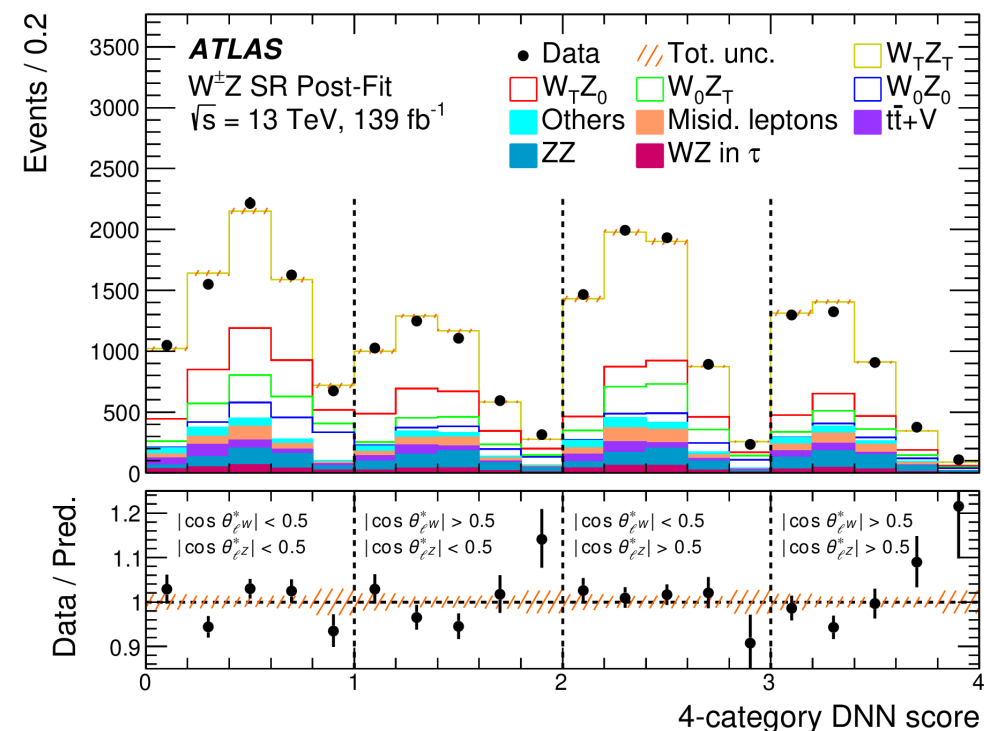
Fit Results

- Measure f_{00} , f_{T0} , f_{0T} , and f_{TT}
- Statistic, QCD-scale and modelling have similar impact
- Modelling uncertainty mainly from polarisation at NLO-QCD

	Data	POWHEG+PYTHIA	observed	expected
f_{00}	0.067 ± 0.010	0.0590 ± 0.0009	7.1σ	6.2σ
f_{0T}	0.110 ± 0.029	0.1515 ± 0.0017	3.4σ	5.4σ
f_{T0}	0.179 ± 0.023	0.1465 ± 0.0017	7.1σ	6.6σ
f_{TT}	0.644 ± 0.032	0.6431 ± 0.0021	11σ	9.7σ

Observation 🎉

Evidence 🔍

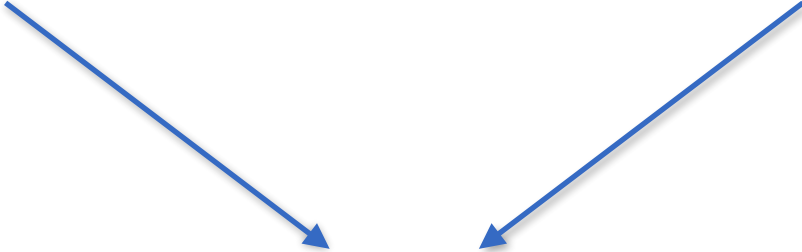


$W^\pm Z$ Joint-Polarisation Measurement

Spin correlation

Single-polarisation
measurement

Joint-polarisation
measurement


$$R_c = \frac{f_{00}}{f_0^W f_0^Z}$$

No correlation $R_c = 1$ and SM $R_c = 1.3$

$R_c = 1.54 \pm 0.35$ with 1.6σ against $R_c = 1$

$W^\pm Z$ Polarisation Energy Dependency & RAZ

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Studies of the energy dependence of diboson polarization fractions and the Radiation Amplitude Zero effect in WZ production with the ATLAS detector

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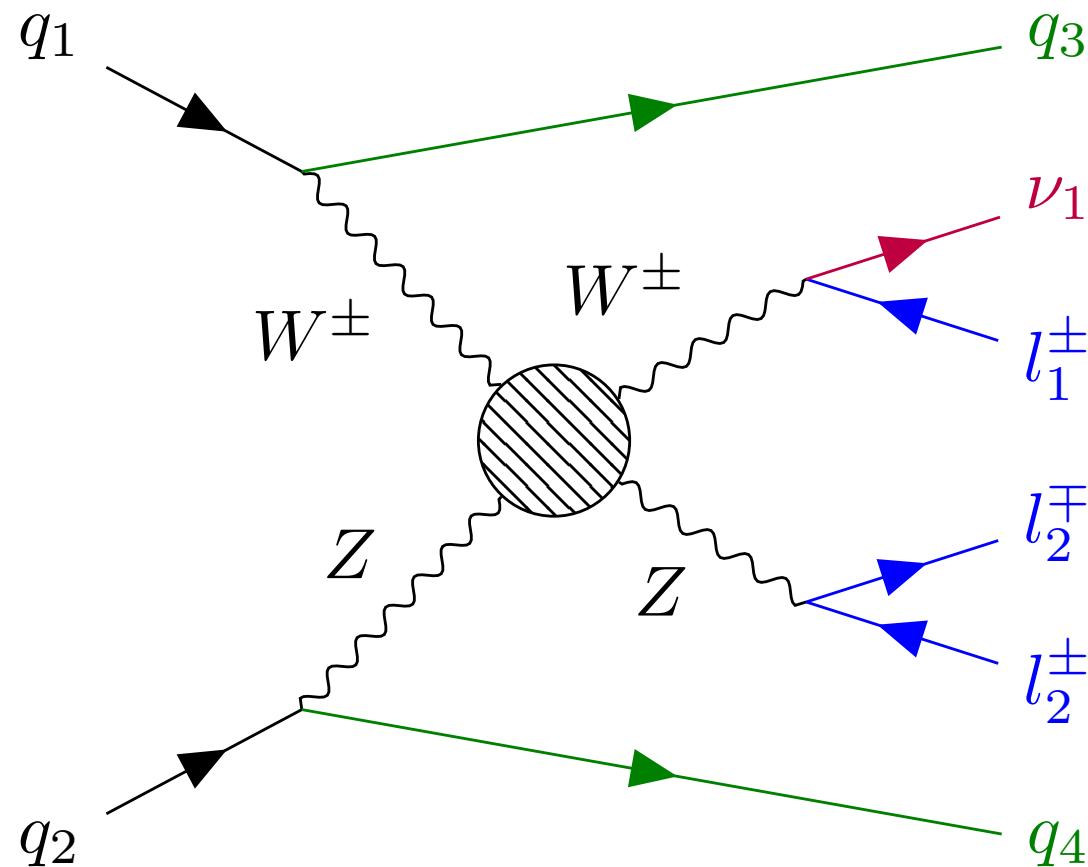
This Letter presents the first study of the energy-dependence of diboson polarization fractions in $WZ \rightarrow \ell\nu\ell'\ell'$ ($\ell, \ell' = e, \mu$) production. The data set used corresponds to an integrated luminosity of 140 fb^{-1} of proton-proton collisions at a center-of-mass energy of 13 TeV recorded by the ATLAS detector. Two fiducial regions with an enhanced presence of events featuring two longitudinally-polarized bosons are defined. A non-zero fraction of events with two longitudinally-polarized bosons is measured with an observed significance of 5.3 standard deviations in the region with $100 < p_T^Z \leq 200 \text{ GeV}$ and 1.6 standard deviations in the region with $p_T^Z > 200 \text{ GeV}$, where p_T^Z is the transverse momentum of the Z boson. This Letter also reports the first study of the Radiation Amplitude Zero effect. Events with two transversely-polarized bosons are analyzed for the $\Delta Y(\ell_W Z)$ and $\Delta Y(WZ)$ distributions defined respectively as the rapidity difference between the lepton from the W boson decay and the Z boson and the rapidity difference between the W boson and the Z boson. Significant suppression of events near zero is observed in both distributions. Unfolded $\Delta Y(\ell_W Z)$ and $\Delta Y(WZ)$ distributions are also measured and compared to theoretical predictions.

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$W^\pm Z$ Polarisation Energy Dependency & RAZ

Analysis Goal

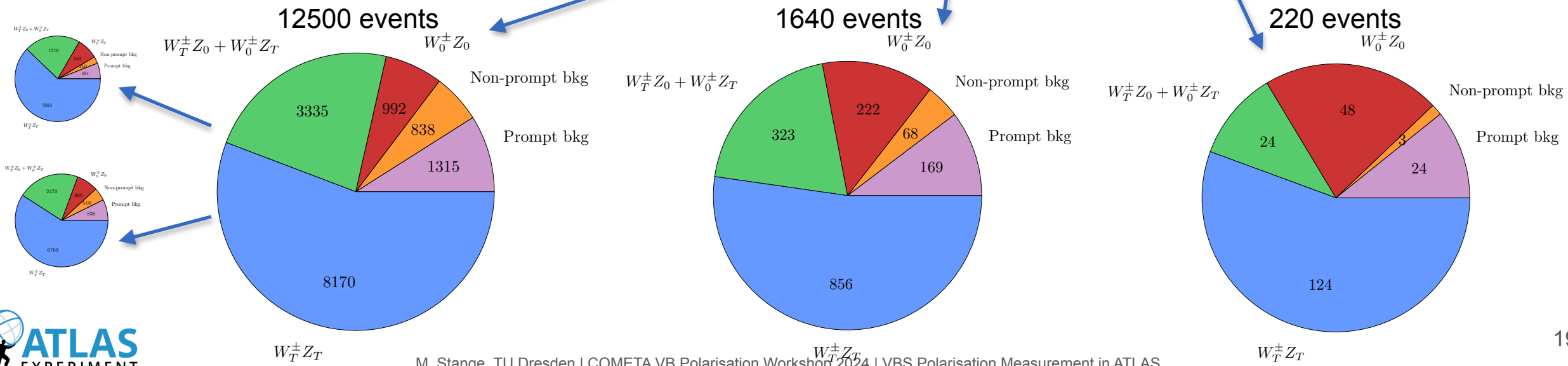
- Joint-polarisation at high p_T^Z
 - Measure $f_{00}, f_{T0} + f_{0T}$, and f_{TT}
 - Measure p_T^Z dependency with two distinct fits
- Radiation Amplitude Zero (RAZ) effect



$W^\pm Z$ Polarisation Energy Dependency & RAZ

Phase Space

Inclusive WZ event selection			
ZZ veto	Less than 4 baseline leptons		
N leptons	Exactly three leptons passing the Z lepton selection		
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W transverse mass	$m_T^W > 30$ GeV		
ΔR	$\Delta R(\ell_Z^-, \ell_Z^+) > 0.2, \Delta R(\ell_Z, \ell_W) > 0.3$		
Signal regions			
	Radiation Amplitude Zero	00-enhanced region 1	00-enriched region 2
Pass inclusive WZ event selection	✓	✓	✓
Transverse momentum of the Z boson (p_T^Z)	-	[100, 200] GeV	> 200 GeV
Transverse momentum of the WZ system (p_T^{WZ})	< 20, 40, 70 GeV		< 70 GeV



$W^\pm Z$ Polarisation Energy Dependency & RAZ

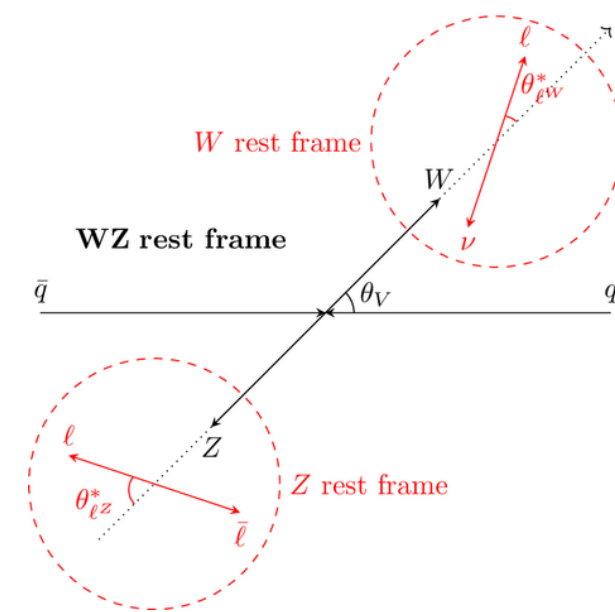
Polarisation Simulation

- Use MadGraph0,1j@LO to get NLO-QCD effects
- Compared with unpolarised NLO samples:
 - Powheg+Pythia8
 - MadGraph aMC@NLO
 - Sherpa
 - ➔ Sufficient NLO modelling
- Scale factor from data in inclusive multi-jet region for remaining NLO-QCD effects

$W^\pm Z$ Polarisation Radiation Amplitude Zero

Analysis Strategy

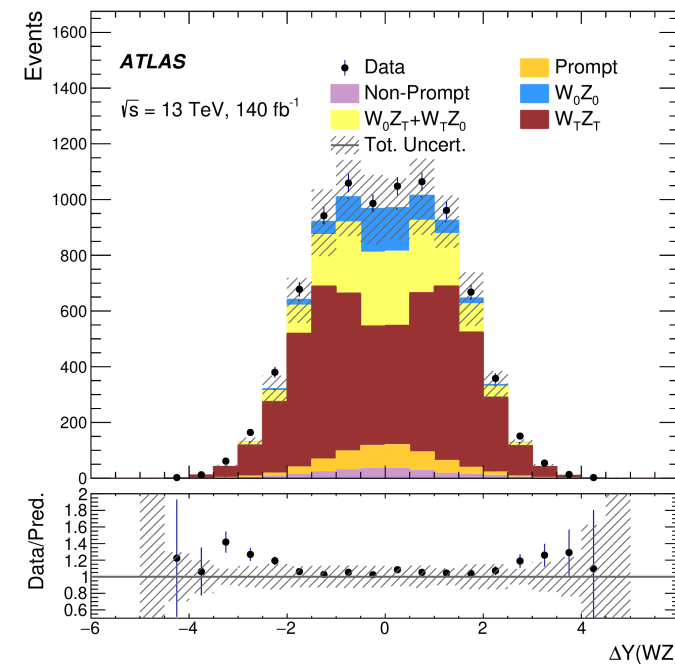
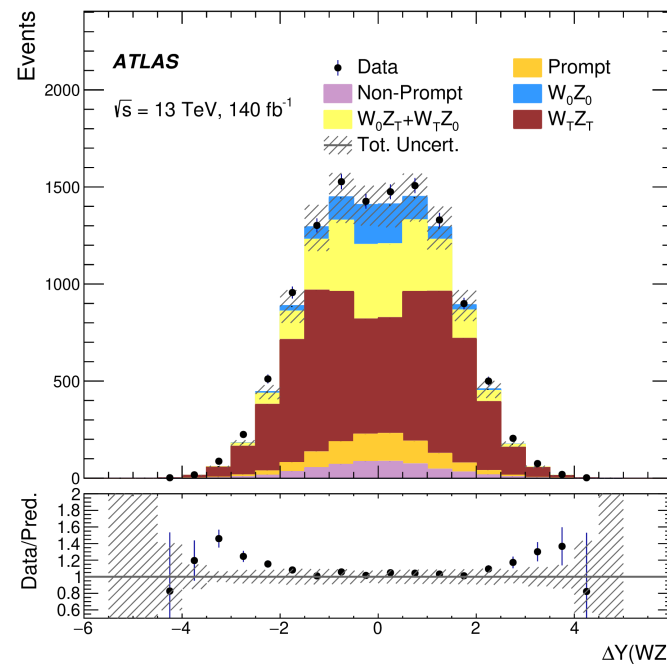
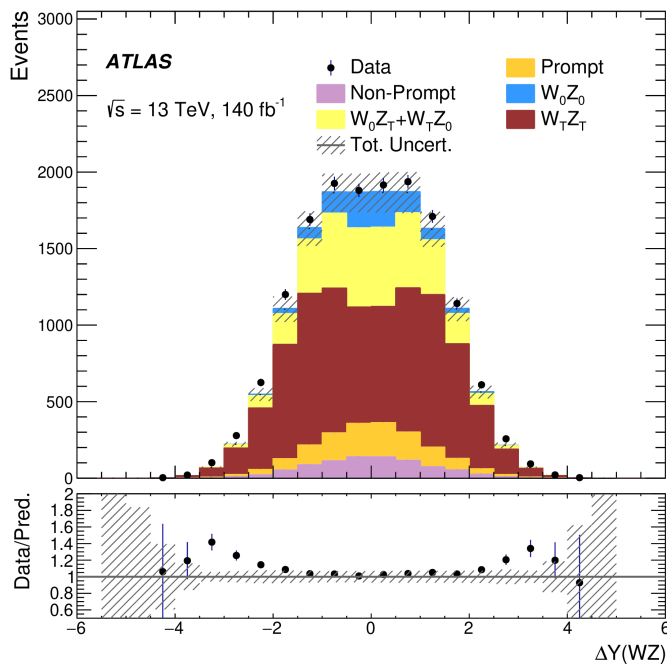
- $\mathcal{M}_{WZ}^{TT} = 0$ at $\theta_V = \pi/2 \Rightarrow$ visible at $\Delta Y_{WZ} = |Y_W - Y_Z| = 0$
- Dip is filled by NLO-QCD contributions
- Split in 3 regions to suppress NLO-QCD



$p_T^{WZ} < 70 \text{ GeV}$
12500 events

$p_T^{WZ} < 40 \text{ GeV}$
10100 events

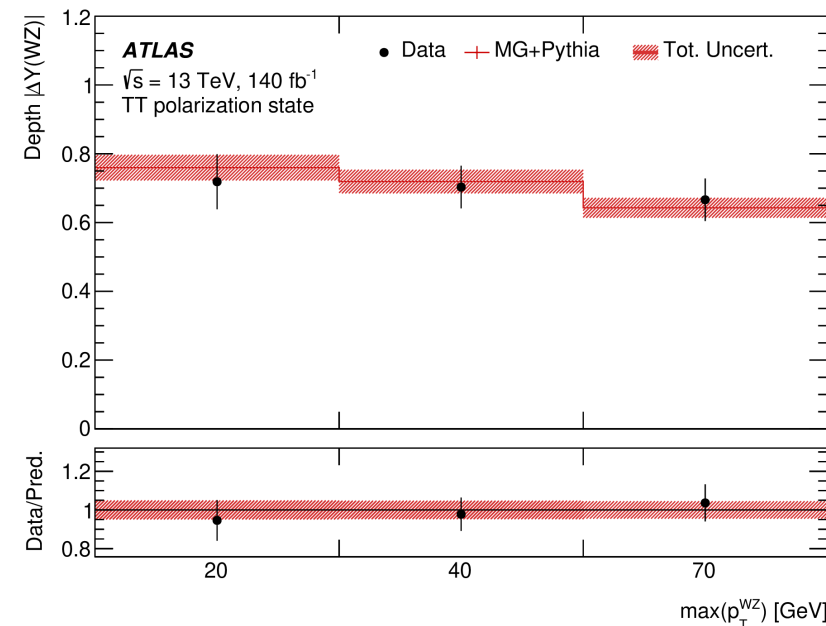
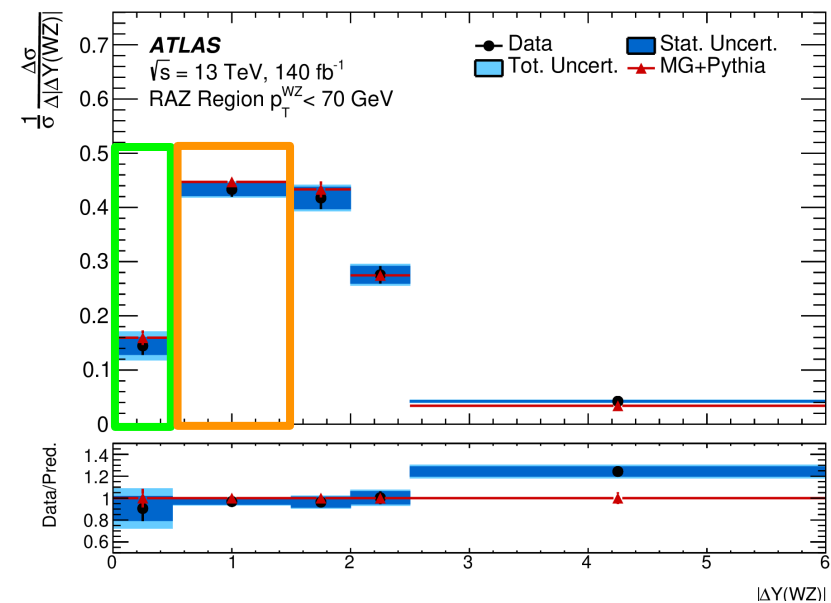
$p_T^{WZ} < 20 \text{ GeV}$
7390 events



$W^\pm Z$ Polarisation Radiation Amplitude Zero

Measurement

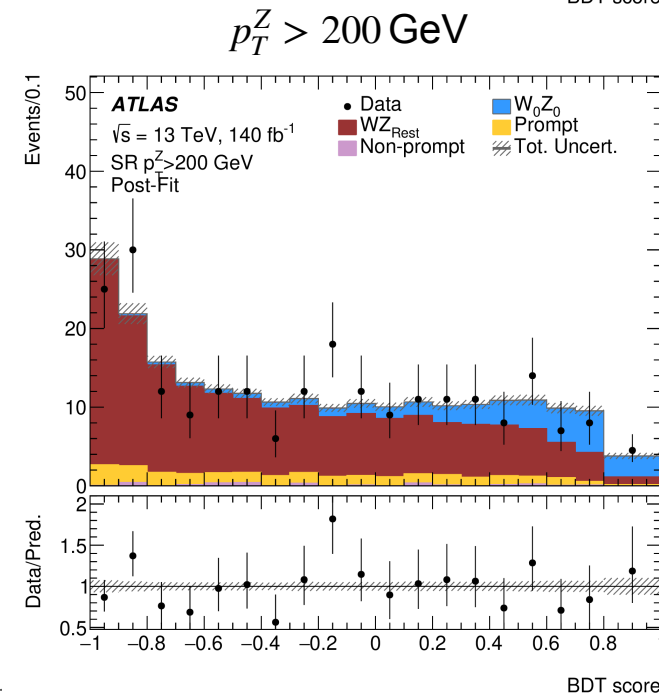
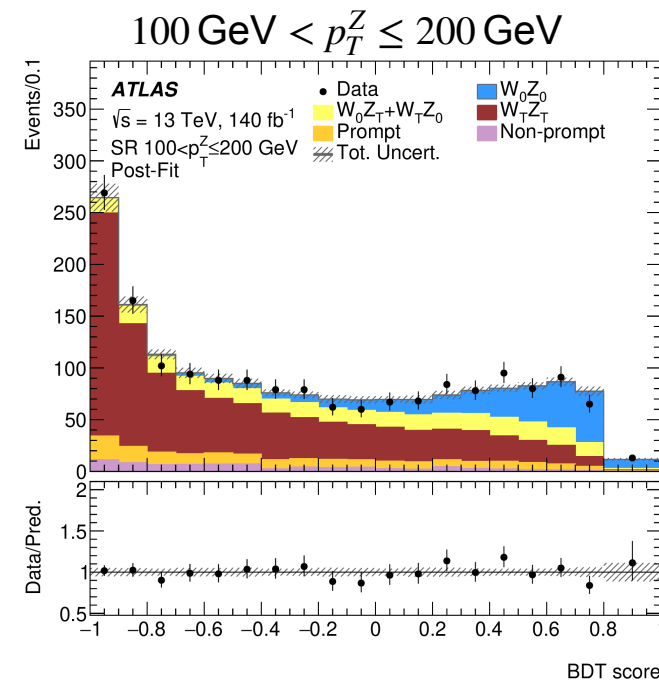
- Unfold $W_T^\pm Z_T$
- Depth variable $D = 1 - \frac{N_{central}}{N_{sides}/2}$
- Dominated by statistic
- Dominant systematic are NLO effects



$W^\pm Z$ Polarisation Energy Dependency

Measurement

- Train BDTs for $W_0^\pm Z_0$ vs rest in two p_T^Z regions
- Perform 2 parameter and 3 parameter fit
- Dominated by statistic
- Dominant systematic are NLO effects



3 parameter:

	Measurement	
	$100 < p_T^Z \leq 200 \text{ GeV}$	$p_T^Z > 200 \text{ GeV}$
f_{00}	$0.19 \pm_{0.03}^{0.03} \text{ (stat)} \pm_{0.02}^{0.02} \text{ (syst)}$	$0.13 \pm_{0.08}^{0.09} \text{ (stat)} \pm_{0.02}^{0.02} \text{ (syst)}$
f_{0T+T0}	$0.18 \pm_{0.08}^{0.07} \text{ (stat)} \pm_{0.06}^{0.05} \text{ (syst)}$	$0.23 \pm_{0.18}^{0.17} \text{ (stat)} \pm_{0.10}^{0.06} \text{ (syst)}$
f_{TT}	$0.63 \pm_{0.05}^{0.05} \text{ (stat)} \pm_{0.04}^{0.04} \text{ (syst)}$	$0.64 \pm_{0.12}^{0.12} \text{ (stat)} \pm_{0.06}^{0.06} \text{ (syst)}$
f_{00} obs (exp) sig.	5.2 (4.3) σ	1.6 (2.5) σ

Observation 🎉

Evidence 🔍

2 parameter:

	Measurement	
	$100 < p_T^Z \leq 200 \text{ GeV}$	$p_T^Z > 200 \text{ GeV}$
f_{00}	$0.17 \pm_{0.02}^{0.02} \text{ (stat)} \pm_{0.02}^{0.01} \text{ (syst)}$	$0.16 \pm_{0.05}^{0.05} \text{ (stat)} \pm_{0.03}^{0.02} \text{ (syst)}$
f_{XX}	$0.83 \pm_{0.02}^{0.02} \text{ (stat)} \pm_{0.01}^{0.02} \text{ (syst)}$	$0.84 \pm_{0.05}^{0.05} \text{ (stat)} \pm_{0.02}^{0.03} \text{ (syst)}$
f_{00} obs (exp) sig.	7.7 (6.9) σ	3.2 (4.2) σ

ZZ Polarisation Measurement

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Evidence of pair production of longitudinally polarised vector bosons and study of CP properties in $ZZ \rightarrow 4\ell$ events with the ATLAS detector at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV

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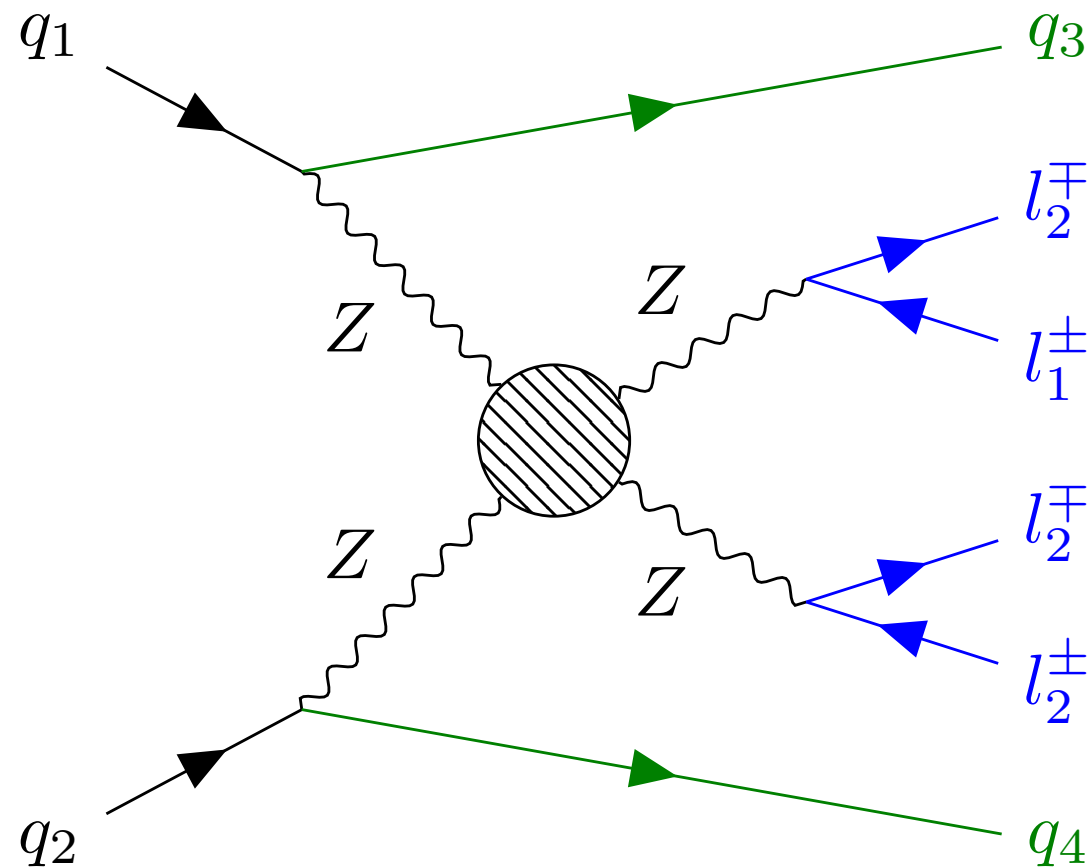
A study of the polarisation and CP properties in ZZ production is presented. The used data set corresponds to an integrated luminosity of 140 fb^{-1} of proton–proton collisions at a centre-of-mass energy of 13 TeV recorded by the ATLAS detector at the Large Hadron Collider. The ZZ candidate events are reconstructed using two same-flavour opposite-charge electron or muon pairs. The production of two longitudinally polarised Z bosons is measured with a significance of 4.3 standard deviations, and its cross-section is measured in a fiducial phase space to be $2.45 \pm 0.60 \text{ fb}$, consistent with the next-to-leading-order Standard Model prediction. The inclusive differential cross-section as a function of a CP-sensitive angular observable is also measured. The results are used to constrain anomalous CP-odd neutral triple gauge couplings.

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ZZ Polarisation Measurement

Analysis Goal

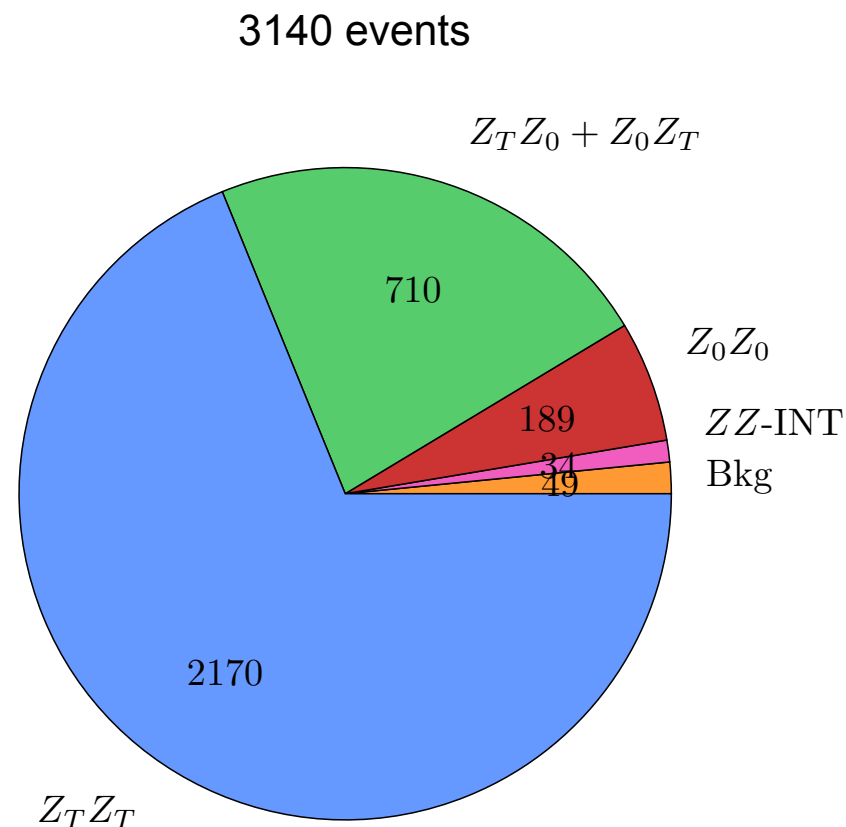
- Joint-polarisation
 - Cross-section of Z_0Z_0 and $Z_0Z_T + Z_TZ_0 + Z_TZ_T$
- CP-odd optimal variable
⇒ not covered in this talk



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Phase Space

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Trigger matching	Baseline leptons matched to at least one lepton trigger
Quadruplet formation	At least one quadruplet with 2 Same-Flavor, Opposite-Sign (SFOS) pairs (the quadruplet having the smallest $ m_{Z_1} - m_{Z_{pole}} + m_{Z_2} - m_{Z_{pole}} $ is chosen)
On-shell ZZ pair	$m_{4l} > 180$ GeV
On-shell Z boson	$ m_{ij} - m_Z < 10$ GeV

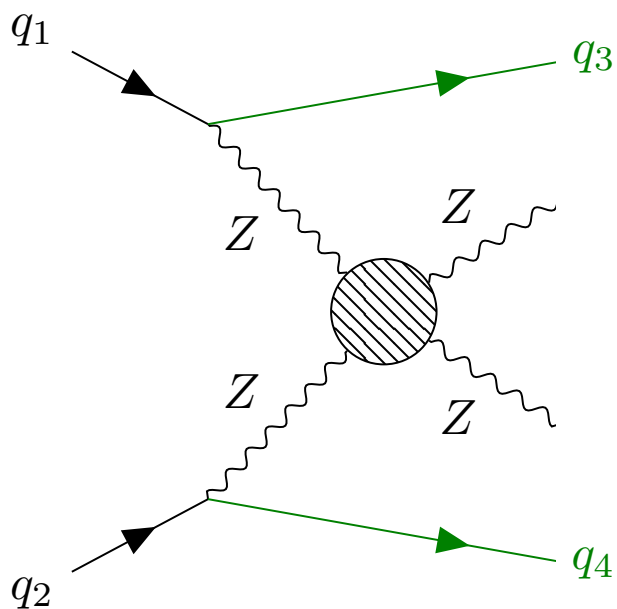


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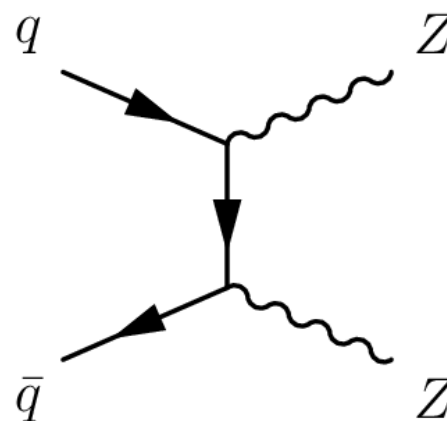
Polarisation Simulation

$$qq \rightarrow ZZjj \rightarrow 4lj$$

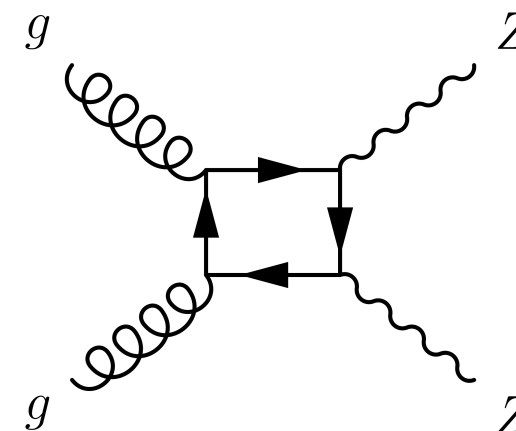
MadGraph 2.7.3 + Pythia 8



$$q\bar{q} \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$$



$$gg \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$$



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Polarisation Simulation for $q\bar{q} \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$

- MadGraph+Pythia8 at LO

1. **NLO correction** from analytic calculation [\[A. Denner, G. Pelliccioli, arXiv:2107.06579\]](#)

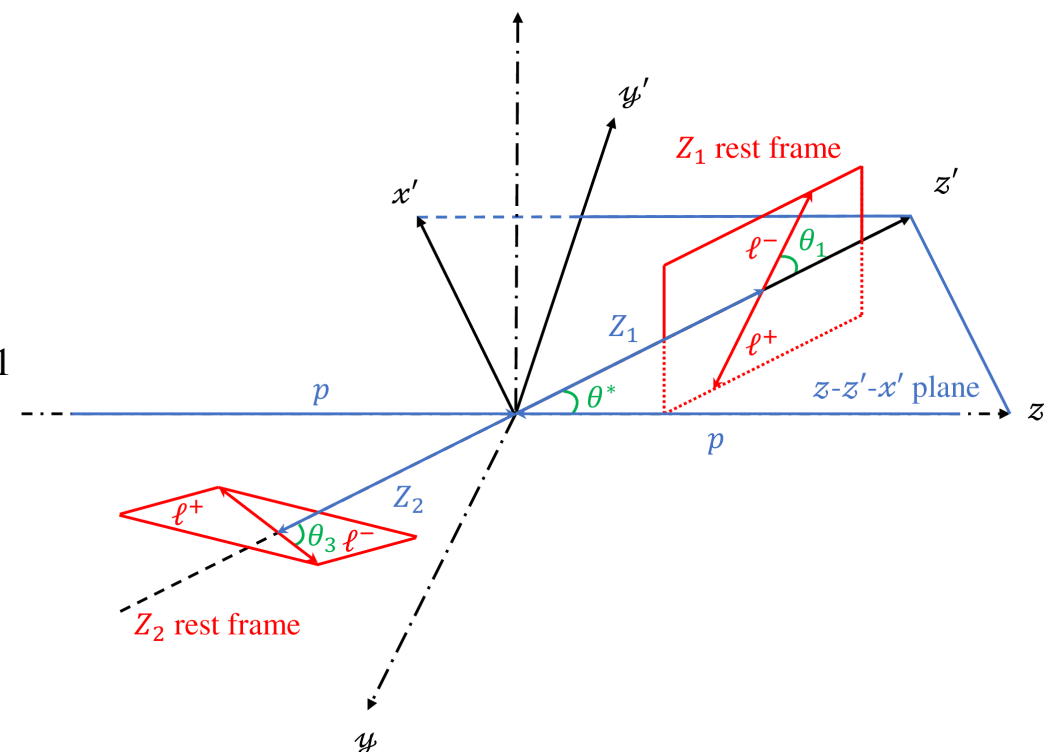
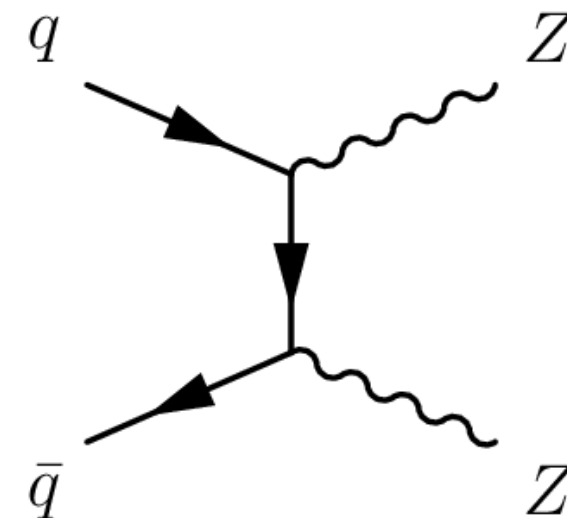
$$k = \underbrace{\frac{\text{MoCaNLO}_{pol}^{Parton}}{\text{MG012LO}_{pol}^{Particle}}}_{\text{NLO correction}} \times \underbrace{\frac{\text{Sh_NLO}_{Incl}^{Particle}}{\text{MoCaNLO}_{Incl}^{Parton}}}_{\text{parton shower}} \text{ in } \cos \theta_1$$

2. **Interference**

$$N^{int,Reco} = \left(1 - \frac{\sum_{pol} \text{MoCaNLO}_{pol}^{Parton}}{\text{MoCaNLO}_{Incl}^{Parton}} \right) \times \text{Sh_NLO}_{Incl}^{Reco} \text{ in } \cos \theta_1$$

3. Correction for **residual higher-order effects**

$$c = \frac{\text{Sh_NLO}_{Incl}^{Reco} - N^{int,Reco}}{\sum_{pol} N_{pol}} \text{ in } \cos \theta^* \text{ and } \Delta\phi_{l_1 l_2}$$



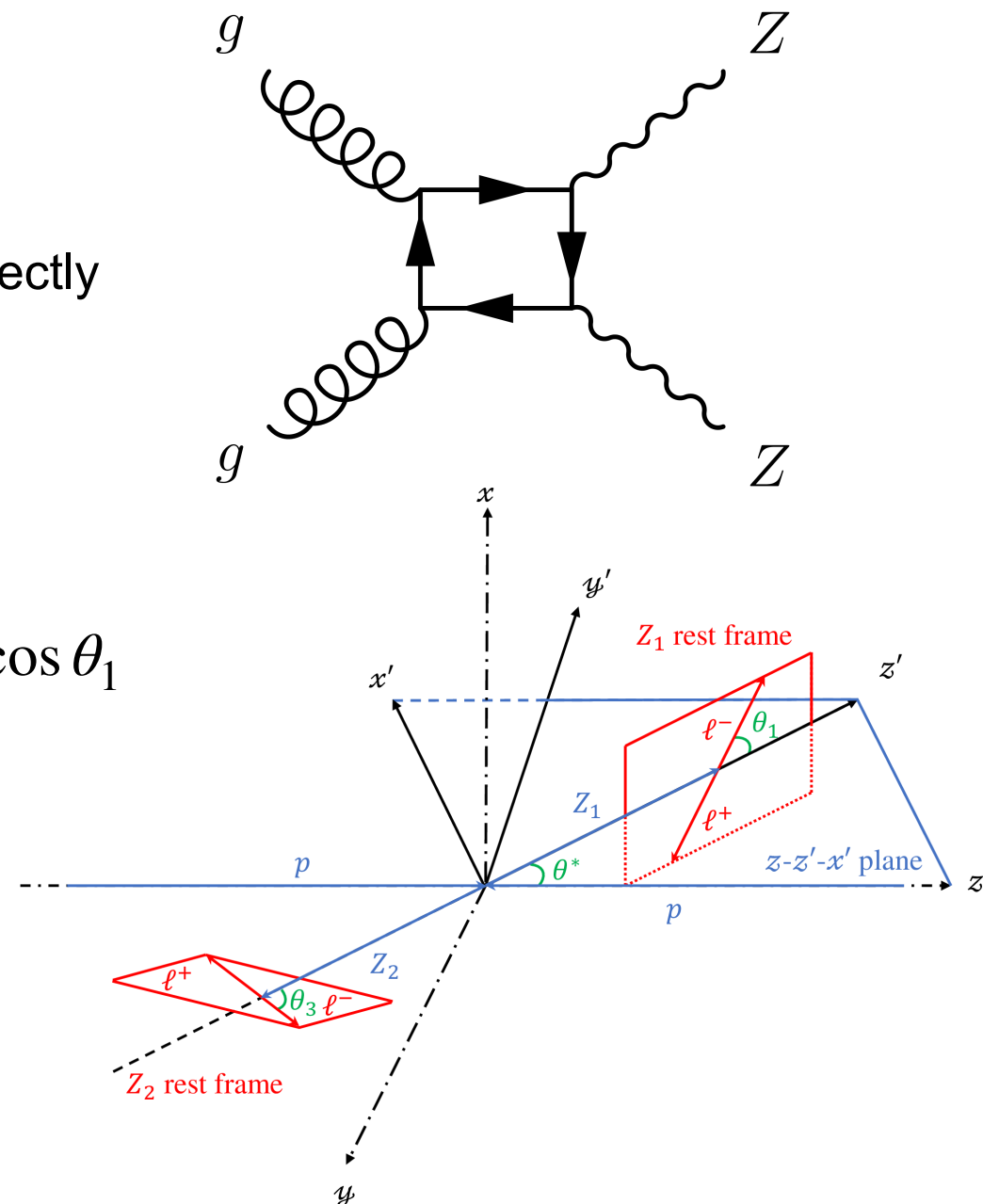
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Polarisation Simulation for $gg \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$

- MadGraph cannot directly simulate $gg \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$ directly
- Unpolarised $gg \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$ by Sherpa
- Introduce polarisation via analytic calculation

[A. Denner, G. Pelliccioli, arXiv:2107.06579]

$$N_{LO,pol}^{ggZZ,reco} = \underbrace{\frac{\text{MoCaNLO}_{pol}^{ggZZLO,Parton}}{\text{MoCaNLO}_{incl}^{ggZZLO,Parton}}}_{\text{polarisation}} \times \text{Sh}_{incl}^{ggZZ,reco} \text{ in } \cos \theta_1$$



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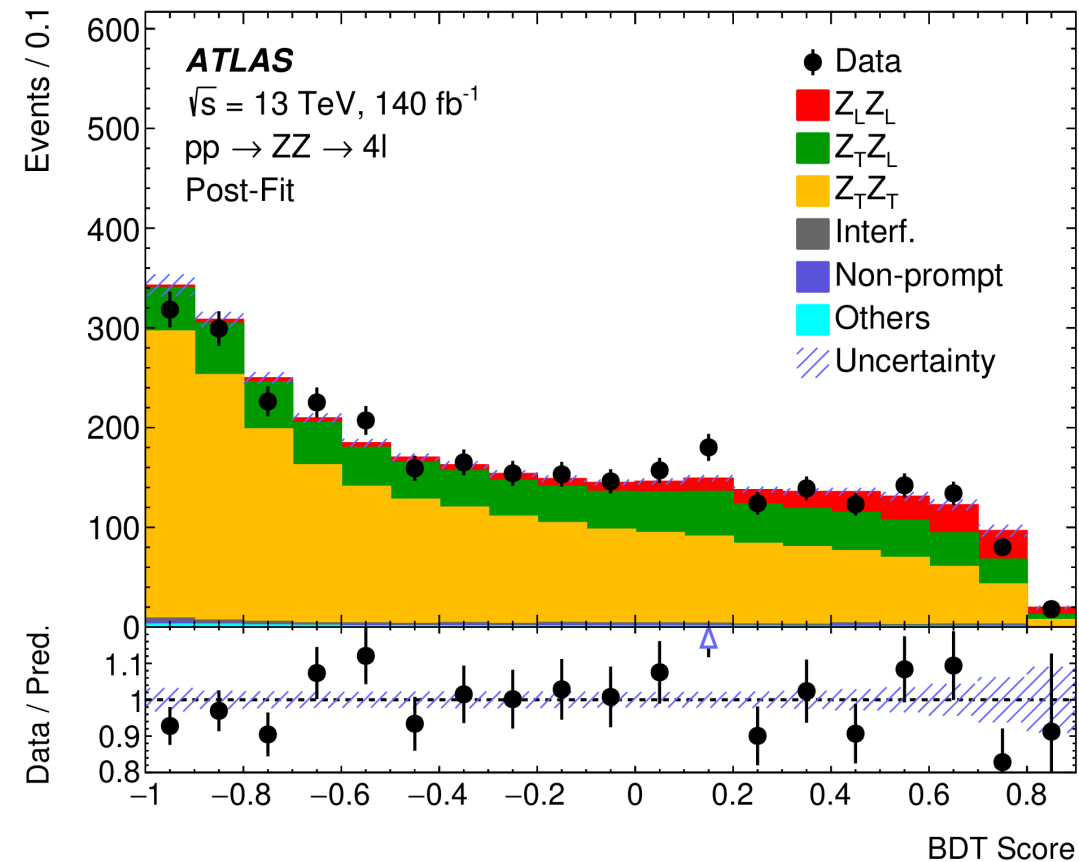
Measurement

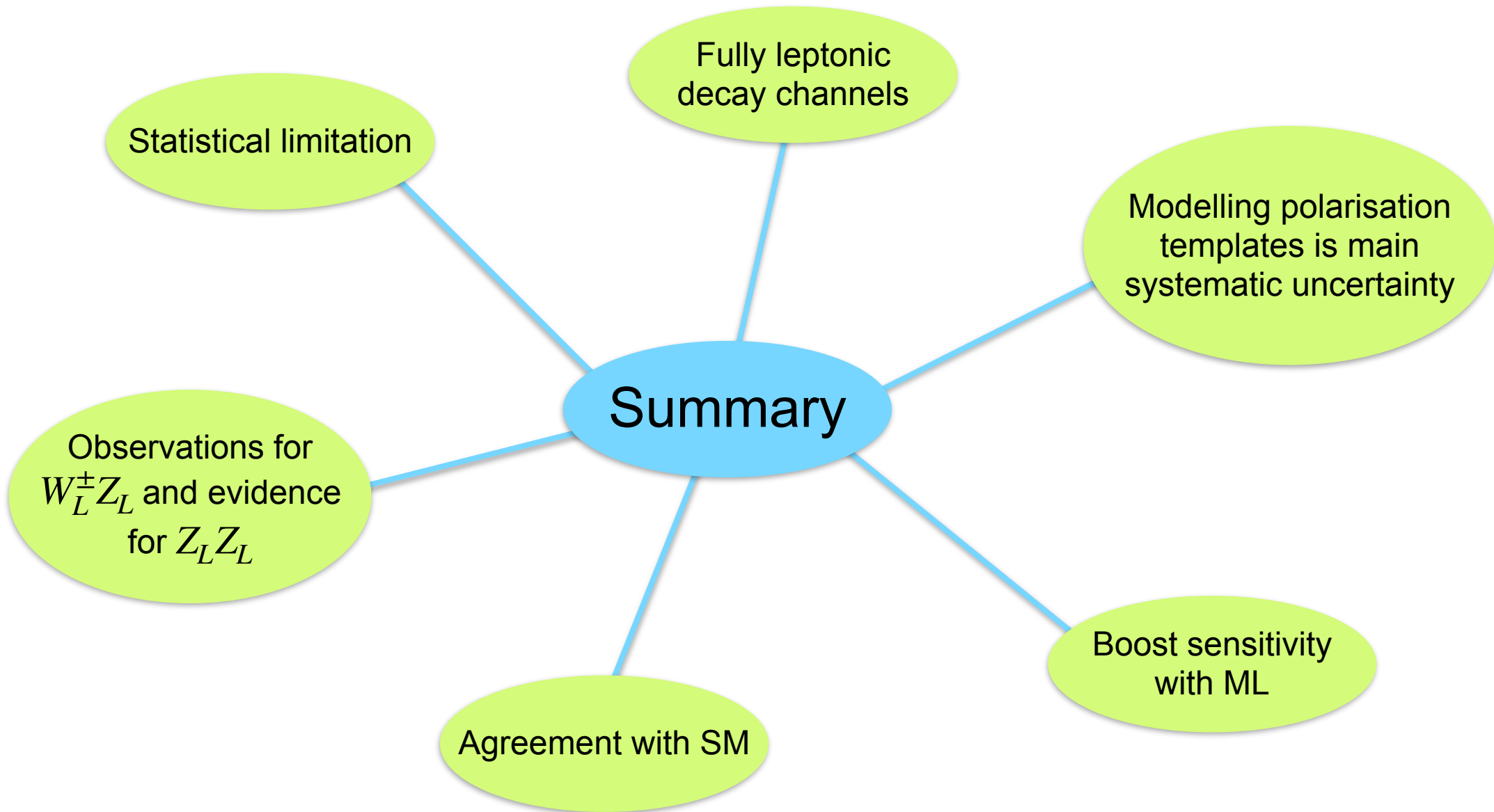
- Train BDT on LO $q\bar{q} \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$ to separate Z_0Z_0 from rest
- Fit normalisation of Z_0Z_0 and $Z_0Z_T + Z_TZ_0 + Z_TZ_T$
- Dominated by statistic
- Dominant systematic from reweighting steps

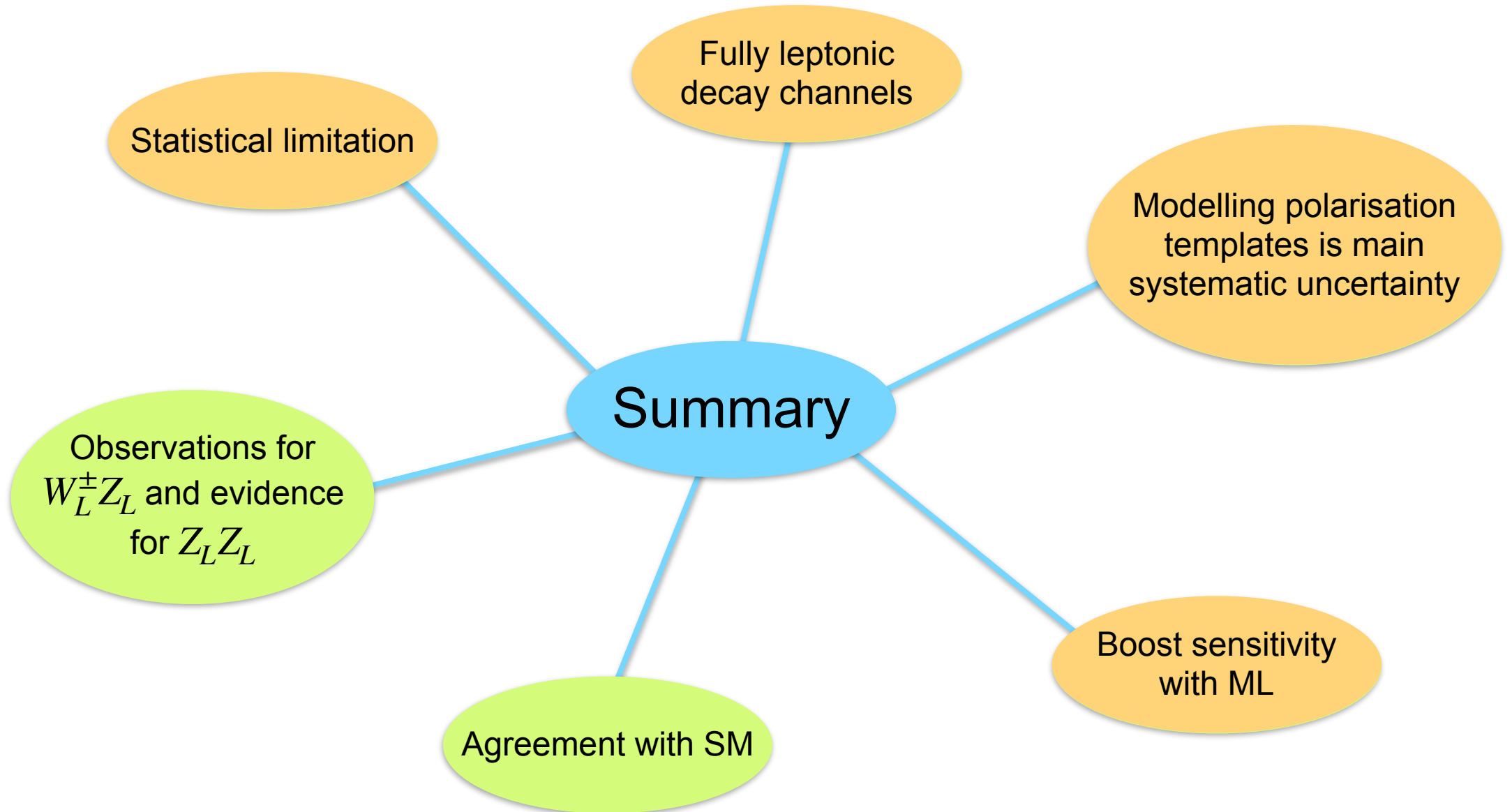
σ_{00}^{obs}	$2.45 \pm 0.56 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.21 \text{ (syst)}$
$\sigma_{00}^{\text{pred.}}$	2.10 ± 0.09
$f_{00} \text{ obs (exp) sig.}$	$4.3\sigma \text{ (} 3.8\sigma \text{)}$

Observation 🎉

Evidence 🔍

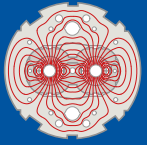




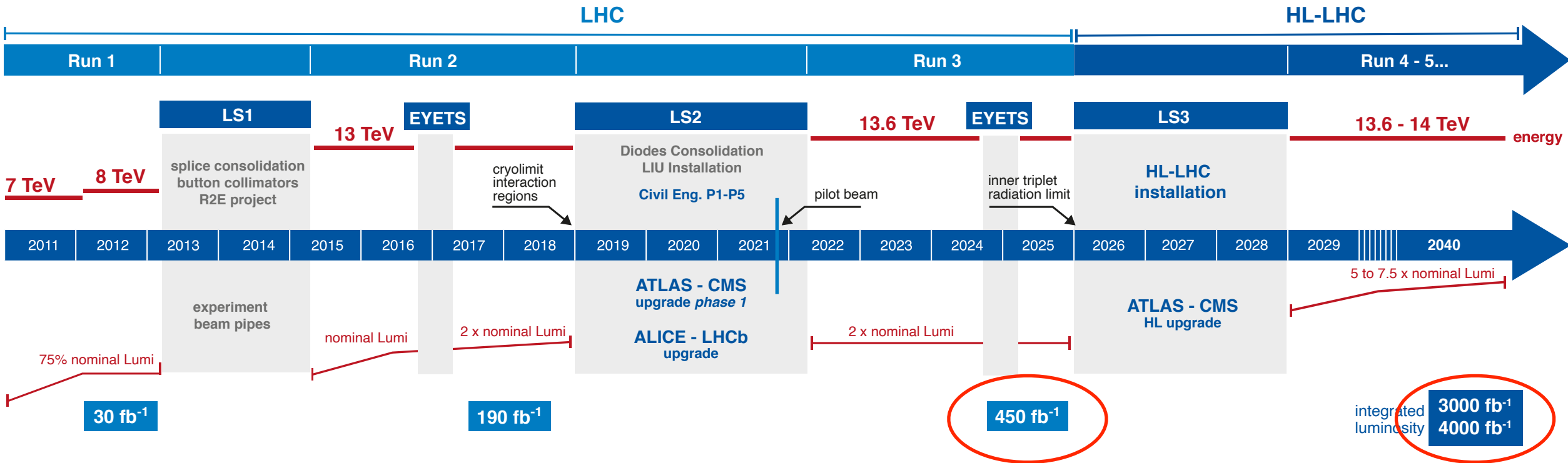


What's next?

Statistic



LHC / HL-LHC Plan



<https://hilumilhc.web.cern.ch/content/hl-lhc-project>

What's next?

Polarisation Simulation

Powheg-Box-Res+Pythia

[\[G. Pelliccioli, G. Zanderighi, arXiv:2311.05220\]](#)

polarisation in VBS @NLO QCD + PS

Sherpa 3

[\[M. Hoppe, M. Schönherr, F. Siegert, arXiv:2310.14803\]](#)

VB polarisation @nLO QCD + PS and also interference

UFO model for gluon-loop induced VB

[\[M. Javurkova, R. Ruiz, R. Coelho Lopes de Sá, J. Sandesara, arXiv:2401.17365\]](#)

modify Feynman rules for polarisation in loop-induced processes

What's next?

Polarisation Reconstruction by ML

Amplitude-assisted tagging

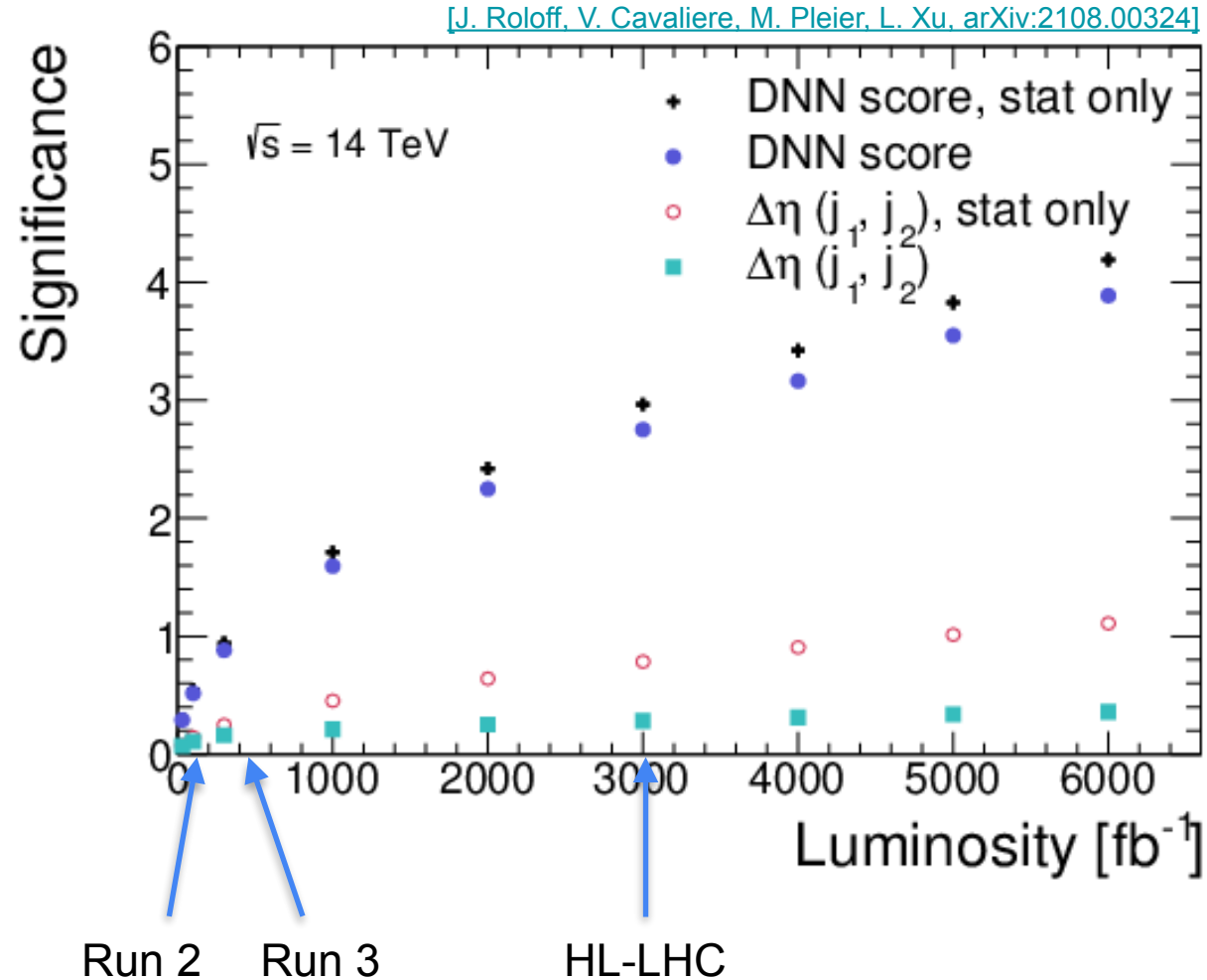
[\[M. Grossi, M. Incudini, M. Pellen, G. Pelliccioli, arXiv:2306.07726\]](#)

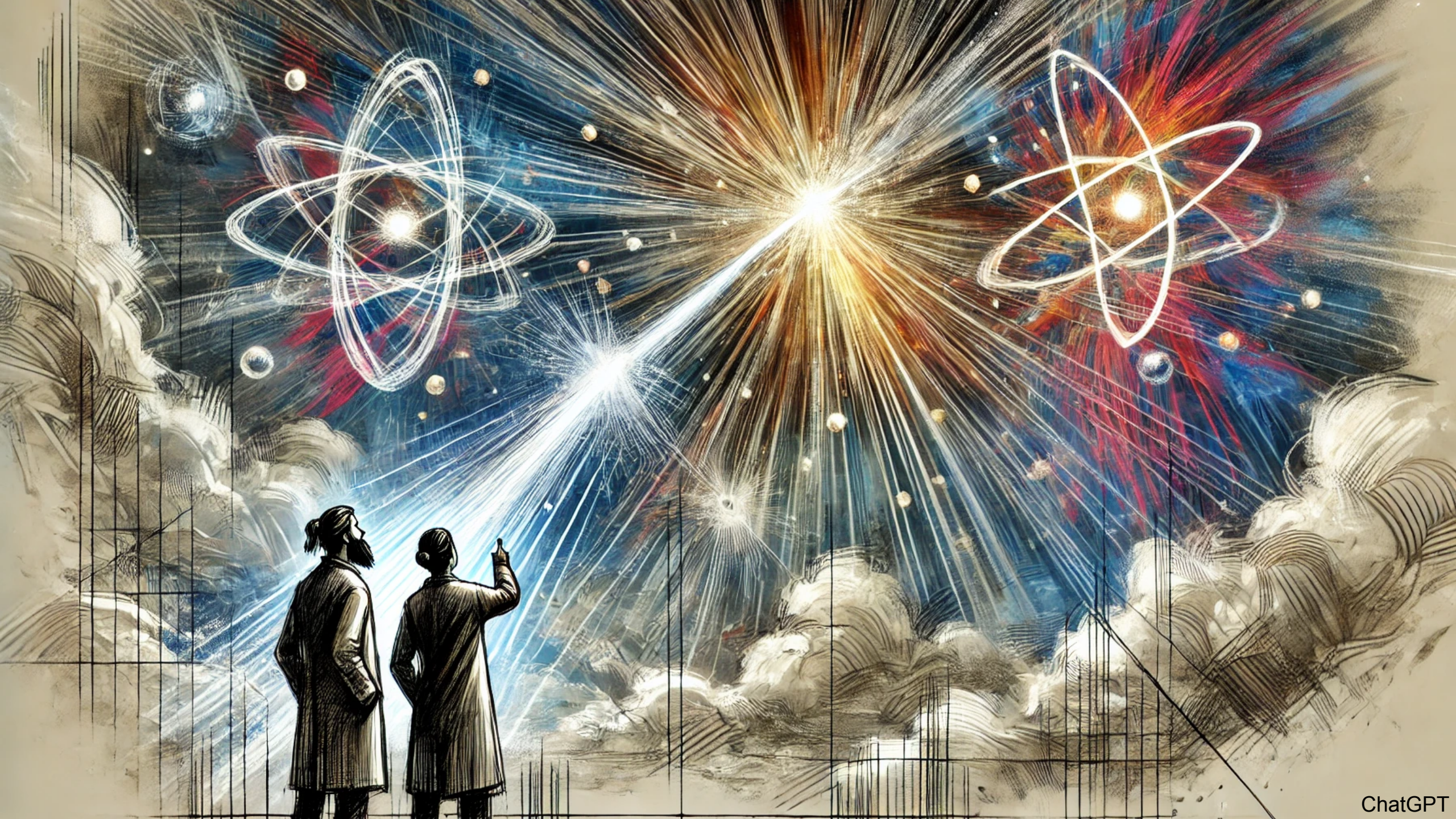
DNN access longitudinal polarisation on amplitude level

$$r_L = \frac{|\mathcal{M}_L|^2}{|\mathcal{M}|^2}$$

What's next?

$W_L^\pm V_L \rightarrow l^\pm \nu q \bar{q}$ with Semi-Leptonic Final State





$W^\pm Z$ Polarisation Measurement

Object Selection

Electron object selection			
Selection	Baseline selection	Z selection	W selection
$p_T > 5$ GeV	✓	✓	✓
Electron object quality	✓	✓	✓
$ \eta^{\text{cluster}} < 2.47, \eta < 2.5$	✓	✓	✓
LooseLH+BLayer identification	✓	✓	✓
$ d_0^{\text{BL}}/\sigma(d_0^{\text{BL}}) < 5$	✓	✓	✓
$ \Delta z_0^{\text{BL}} \sin \theta < 0.5$ mm	✓	✓	✓
Loose_VarRad isolation	✓	✓	✓
e -to- μ and e -to- e overlap removal	✓	✓	✓
e -to-jets overlap removal		✓	✓
$p_T > 15$ GeV		✓	✓
Exclude $1.37 < \eta^{\text{cluster}} < 1.52$		✓	✓
MediumLH identification		✓	✓
HighPtCaloOnly isolation		✓	✓
$p_T > 20$ GeV			✓
TightLH identification			✓
Tight_VarRad isolation			✓
Unambiguous author			✓
DFCommonAddAmbiguity ≤ 0			✓

Muon object selection			
Selection	Baseline selection	Z selection	W selection
$p_T > 5$ GeV	✓	✓	✓
$ \eta < 2.7$	✓	✓	✓
Loose quality	✓	✓	✓
$ d_0^{\text{BL}}/\sigma(d_0^{\text{BL}}) < 3$ (for $ \eta < 2.5$ only)	✓	✓	✓
$ \Delta z_0^{\text{BL}} \sin \theta < 0.5$ mm (for $ \eta < 2.5$ only)	✓	✓	✓
PflowLoose_FixedRad isolation	✓	✓	✓
μ -jet Overlap Removal		✓	✓
$p_T > 15$ GeV		✓	✓
$ \eta < 2.5$		✓	✓
Medium quality		✓	✓
$p_T > 20$ GeV			✓
Tight quality			✓
PflowTight_FixedRad isolation			✓

$W^\pm Z$ Polarisation Measurement

Event Selection

Inclusive event selection	
Event cleaning	Reject LAr, Tile and SCT corrupted events and incomplete events
Primary vertex	Hard scattering vertex with at least two tracks
Trigger 2015	HLT_e24_lhmedium_L1EM20VH HLT_e60_lhmedium HLT_e120_lhloose HLT_mu20_iloose_L1MU15 HLT_mu50
Trigger 2016–2018	HLT_e26_lhtight_nod0_ivarloose HLT_e60_lhmedium_nod0 HLT_e140_lhloose_nod0 HLT_mu26_ivarmedium HLT_mu50
ZZ veto	Less than 4 baseline leptons
N leptons	Exactly three leptons passing the Z lepton selection
Leading lepton p_T	$p_T^{\text{lead}} > 25$ GeV (in 2015) or $p_T^{\text{lead}} > 27$ GeV (in 2016)
Z leptons	Two same flavor oppositely charged leptons passing Z-lepton selection
Mass window	$ M_{\ell\ell} - M_Z < 10$ GeV
W lepton	Remaining lepton passes W -lepton selection
W transverse mass	$m_T^W > 30$ GeV

$W^\pm Z$ Polarisation Energy Dependency & RAZ

Event Selection

Inclusive WZ event selection			
Event cleaning	Reject LAr, Tile and SCT corrupted events and incomplete events		
Primary vertex	Hard scattering vertex with at least two tracks		
Triggers in 2015	HLT_e24_lhmedium_L1EM20VH HLT_e60_lhmedium HLT_e120_lhloose HLT_mu20_loose_L1MU15 HLT_mu50		
Triggers in 2016–2018	HLT_e26_lhtight_nod0_ivarloose HLT_e60_lhmedium_nod0 HLT_e140_lhloose_nod0 HLT_mu26_ivarmedium HLT_mu50		
ZZ veto	Less than 4 baseline leptons		
N leptons	Exactly three leptons passing the Z lepton selection		
Leading lepton p_T	$p_T^{\text{lead}} > 25$ GeV (in 2015) or $p_T^{\text{lead}} > 27$ GeV (in 2016-2018)		
Z leptons	Two same flavor oppositely charged leptons passing the Z-lepton selection		
Z lepton invariant mass	$ m_{\ell\ell} - M_Z < 10$ GeV		
W lepton	Remaining lepton passes the W-lepton selection		
W transverse mass	$m_T^W > 30$ GeV		
ΔR	$\Delta R(\ell_Z^-, \ell_Z^+) > 0.2, \Delta R(\ell_Z, \ell_W) > 0.3$		
Signal regions			
	Radiation Amplitude Zero	00-enhanced region 1	00-enriched region 2
Pass inclusive WZ event selection	✓	✓	✓
Transverse momentum of the Z boson (p_T^Z)	-	[100, 200] GeV	> 200 GeV
Transverse momentum of the WZ system (p_T^{WZ})	< 20, 40, 70 GeV		< 70 GeV

ZZ Polarisation Measurement

Event Selection

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$W^\pm Z$ Polarisation Energy Dependency & RAZ

Measurement

	Measurement		Prediction		
	$100 < p_T^Z \leq 200 \text{ GeV}$	$p_T^Z > 200 \text{ GeV}$	$100 < p_T^Z \leq 200 \text{ GeV}$	$p_T^Z > 200 \text{ GeV}$	
f_{00}	$0.19 \pm_{0.03}^{0.03} \text{ (stat)} \pm_{0.02}^{0.02} \text{ (syst)}$	$0.13 \pm_{0.08}^{0.09} \text{ (stat)} \pm_{0.02}^{0.02} \text{ (syst)}$	f_{00}	0.152 ± 0.006	0.234 ± 0.007
f_{0T+T0}	$0.18 \pm_{0.08}^{0.07} \text{ (stat)} \pm_{0.06}^{0.05} \text{ (syst)}$	$0.23 \pm_{0.18}^{0.17} \text{ (stat)} \pm_{0.10}^{0.06} \text{ (syst)}$	f_{0T}	0.120 ± 0.002	0.062 ± 0.002
f_{TT}	$0.63 \pm_{0.05}^{0.05} \text{ (stat)} \pm_{0.04}^{0.04} \text{ (syst)}$	$0.64 \pm_{0.12}^{0.12} \text{ (stat)} \pm_{0.06}^{0.06} \text{ (syst)}$	f_{T0}	0.109 ± 0.001	0.058 ± 0.001
f_{00} obs (exp) sig.	$5.2 \text{ (4.3)} \sigma$	$1.6 \text{ (2.5)} \sigma$	f_{TT}	0.619 ± 0.007	0.646 ± 0.008

	Measurement		Prediction		
	$100 < p_T^Z \leq 200 \text{ GeV}$	$p_T^Z > 200 \text{ GeV}$	$100 < p_T^Z \leq 200 \text{ GeV}$	$p_T^Z > 200 \text{ GeV}$	
f_{00}	$0.17 \pm_{0.02}^{0.02} \text{ (stat)} \pm_{0.02}^{0.01} \text{ (syst)}$	$0.16 \pm_{0.05}^{0.05} \text{ (stat)} \pm_{0.03}^{0.02} \text{ (syst)}$	f_{00}	0.152 ± 0.006	0.234 ± 0.007
f_{XX}	$0.83 \pm_{0.02}^{0.02} \text{ (stat)} \pm_{0.01}^{0.02} \text{ (syst)}$	$0.84 \pm_{0.05}^{0.05} \text{ (stat)} \pm_{0.02}^{0.03} \text{ (syst)}$	f_{0T}	0.120 ± 0.002	0.062 ± 0.002
f_{00} obs (exp) sig.	$7.7 \text{ (6.9)} \sigma$	$3.2 \text{ (4.2)} \sigma$	f_{T0}	0.109 ± 0.001	0.058 ± 0.001
			f_{TT}	0.619 ± 0.007	0.646 ± 0.008

$W^\pm Z$ Single-Polarisation Measurement

Uncertainties

	W^\pm in $W^\pm Z$		Z in $W^\pm Z$	
	f_0	$f_L - f_R$	f_0	$f_L - f_R$
Relative uncertainty [%]				
e energy scale and id. efficiency	1.4	0.8	1.3	0.7
μ energy scale and id. efficiency	2.1	5	0.8	0.5
E_T^{miss} and jets	1.9	2.8	0.28	3.0
Pile-up	1.4	4	1.2	3.1
Misidentified lepton background	3.4	0.8	1.6	1.2
ZZ background	0.7	0.6	0.6	2.5
Other backgrounds	0.9	1.3	0.7	1.3
Parton Distribution Function	0.5	2.9	0.05	0.5
QCD scale	6	6	0.22	5
Modelling	12	3.1	2.2	19
Total systematic uncertainty	14	11	3.5	21
Luminosity	0.25	0.09	0.06	0.19
Statistical uncertainty	13	40	9	90
Total	19	40	10	90

$W^\pm Z$ Joint-Polarisation Measurement

Uncertainties

	f_{00}	f_{0T}	f_{T0}	f_{TT}
Relative uncertainty [%]				
e energy scale and id. efficiency	0.34	0.6	0.8	0.31
μ energy scale and id. efficiency	0.8	0.23	0.23	0.13
E_T^{miss} and jets	3.3	1.3	1.2	0.4
Pile-up	0.6	0.17	0.4	0.15
Misidentified lepton background	2.3	1.6	0.8	0.26
ZZ background	0.9	0.17	0.32	0.07
Other backgrounds	3.0	1.6	1.3	0.4
Parton Distribution Function	0.5	1.8	0.09	0.5
QCD scale	0.19	8	0.9	2.0
Modelling	9	4	2.9	1.2
Total systematic uncertainty	14	15	8	4
Luminosity	0.35	0.24	0.15	0.05
Statistical uncertainty	13	10	12	3.0
Total	19	18	14	5

$W^\pm Z$ Polarisation Radiation Amplitude Zero

Uncertainties

$$p_T^Z < 70 \text{ GeV}$$

$$p_T^Z < 40 \text{ GeV}$$

$$p_T^Z < 20 \text{ GeV}$$

Source	Impact [%]			
	TT state		Sum of polarizations	
Experimental	$\Delta Y(\ell_W Z)$	$\Delta Y(WZ)$	$\Delta Y(\ell_W Z)$	$\Delta Y(WZ)$
Luminosity	1.5	0.6	0.5	0.1
Electron calibration	0.9	0.5	1.7	0.4
Muon calibration	1.6	0.8	1.4	0.5
Jet energy scale and resolution	3.4	1.9	1.8	1.2
E_T^{miss} scale and resolution	1.3	1.0	2.2	1.4
Flavor-tagging inefficiency	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
Pileup modelling	0.0	0.4	3.4	0.4
Non-prompt background estimation	9.5	3.6	13.5	3.7
Modelling				
Background, other	5.7	2.1	8.0	2.1
Model statistical	2.4	1.3	4.6	2.0
NLO corrections	9.2	1.0	0.0	0.0
PDF, Scale and shower settings	7.5	3.9	0.7	0.2
Unfolding uncertainty	0.0	2.3	0.0	2.6
Experimental and modelling	17.0	6.8	17.2	5.7
Data statistical	12.8	6.2	27.0	10.3
Total	21.3	9.3	32.0	11.8

Source	Impact [%]			
	TT state		Sum of polarizations	
Experimental	$\Delta Y(\ell_W Z)$	$\Delta Y(WZ)$	$\Delta Y(\ell_W Z)$	$\Delta Y(WZ)$
Luminosity	1.4	0.5	0.4	0.1
Electron calibration	1.1	0.6	1.2	0.4
Muon calibration	1.9	0.8	1.1	0.6
Jet energy scale and resolution	5.1	2.5	1.2	1.1
E_T^{miss} scale and resolution	1.0	1.1	1.7	1.8
Flavor-tagging inefficiency	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
Pileup modelling	0.3	0.6	3.3	0.2
Non-prompt background estimation	7.2	2.5	10.0	2.7
Modelling				
Background, other	4.9	1.7	6.5	1.8
Model statistical	2.4	1.2	4.3	2.0
NLO corrections	11.3	1.7	0.0	0.0
PDF, Scale and shower settings	9.0	4.3	0.6	0.3
Unfolding uncertainty	0.0	1.4	0.0	0.9
Experimental and modelling	18.0	6.5	13.3	4.5
Data statistical	13.3	5.9	26.0	10.3
Total	22.4	8.8	29.2	11.2

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Experimental	$\Delta Y(\ell_W Z)$	$\Delta Y(WZ)$	$\Delta Y(\ell_W Z)$	$\Delta Y(WZ)$
Luminosity	1.2	0.5	0.3	0.1
Electron calibration	1.3	0.7	0.7	0.2
Muon calibration	1.9	0.7	1.1	0.8
Jet energy scale and resolution	8.1	3.6	2.0	1.0
E_T^{miss} scale and resolution	0.3	0.8	0.4	1.0
Flavor-tagging inefficiency	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Pileup modelling	1.3	1.3	2.7	0.4
Non-prompt background estimation	4.2	1.4	5.7	1.7
Modelling				
Background, other	4.0	1.4	4.9	1.5
Model statistical	2.3	1.3	4.1	2.2
NLO corrections	13.3	3.5	0.0	0.0
PDF, Scale and shower settings	13.1	5.4	0.7	0.5
Unfolding uncertainty	0.0	4.4	0.0	0.8
Experimental and modelling	21.5	9.1	9.3	3.7
Data statistical	13.3	6.5	24.1	11.7
Total	25.3	11.1	25.9	12.3

$W^\pm Z$ Polarisation Energy Dependency

Uncertainties

2 parameter fit

Source	Impact on f_{00} [%]	
	$100 < p_T^Z \leq 200$ GeV	$p_T^Z > 200$ GeV
Experimental		
Luminosity	0.1	0.1
Electron calibration	1.0	0.9
Muon calibration	0.6	0.6
Jet energy scale and resolution	3.1	4.8
E_T^{miss} scale and resolution	0.3	0.3
Flavor-tagging inefficiency	0.0	0.0
Pileup modelling	1.0	0.7
Non-prompt background estimation	3.6	0.6
Modelling		
Background, other	0.9	0.9
Model statistical	1.6	2.2
NLO QCD effects	3.7	9.1
NLO EW effects	0.9	7.5
Effect of additive vs multiplicative QCD+EW combination	0.5	1.7
Interference impact	2.4	1.4
PDF, Scales, and shower settings	4.0	4.0
Experimental and modelling		
Data statistical	11.4	31.4
Total	14.0	34.4

3 parameter fit

Source	Impact on f_{00} [%]	
	$100 < p_T^Z \leq 200$ GeV	$p_T^Z > 200$ GeV
Experimental		
Luminosity	0.1	0.2
Electron calibration	1.0	0.9
Muon calibration	1.1	1.3
Jet energy scale and resolution	5.9	9.0
E_T^{miss} scale and resolution	1.0	0.6
Flavor-tagging inefficiency	0.1	0.2
Pileup modelling	1.6	1.1
Non-prompt background estimation	5.8	0.8
Modelling		
Background, other	1.4	1.6
Model statistical	2.5	5.6
NLO QCD effects	6.8	8.2
NLO EW effects	1.1	3.3
Effect of additive vs multiplicative QCD+EW combination	1.3	3.8
Interference impact	1.4	0.7
PDF, Scales, and shower settings	3.5	9.2
Experimental and modelling		
Data statistical	18.0	64.5
Total	21.7	66.9

ZZ Polarisation Measurement

Uncertainties

Contribution	Relative uncertainty [%]
Total	24
Data statistical uncertainty	23
Total systematic uncertainty	8.8
MC statistical uncertainty	1.7
Theoretical systematic uncertainties	
$q\bar{q} \rightarrow ZZ$ interference modelling	6.9
NLO reweighting observable choice for $q\bar{q} \rightarrow ZZ$	3.7
PDF, α_s and parton shower for $q\bar{q} \rightarrow ZZ$	2.2
NLO reweighting non-closure	1.0
QCD scale for $q\bar{q} \rightarrow ZZ$	0.2
NLO EW corrections for $q\bar{q} \rightarrow ZZ$	0.2
$gg \rightarrow ZZ$ modelling	1.4
Experimental systematic uncertainties	
Luminosity	0.8
Muons	0.6
Electrons	0.4
Non-prompt background	0.3
Pile-up reweighting	0.3
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ML Comparison

Variables

$W^\pm Z$ Polarisation

Variables
$\Delta Y(l_W Z)$
$p_T(W Z)$
$p_T(l_W)$
$p_T(l_{Z;1})$
$p_T(l_{Z;2})$
$\Delta\phi(l_W l_\nu)$
$\Delta\phi(l_{Z;1} l_{Z;2})$
E_T^{miss}

$W^\pm Z$ Polarisation Kinematic

Variables
$\Delta Y(l_W Z)$
$p_T(W Z)$
$p_T(l_W)$
$p_T(l_{Z;2})$
$\cos\theta_{decay}^*(Z)$ in $W^\pm Z$ -rest boosted in Z -rest
$\cos\theta_{decay}^*(W)$ in $W^\pm Z$ -rest boosted in W^\pm -rest
E_T^{miss}

ZZ Analysis

Variables
$\Delta\phi(l_1 l_2)$ in ZZ -rest
$\Delta\phi(l_3 l_4)$ in ZZ -rest
$\cos\theta^*(Z_1)$ in ZZ -rest
$\cos\theta_{decay}^*(Z_1)$ in ZZ -rest
$\cos\theta_{decay}^*(Z_2)$ in ZZ -rest