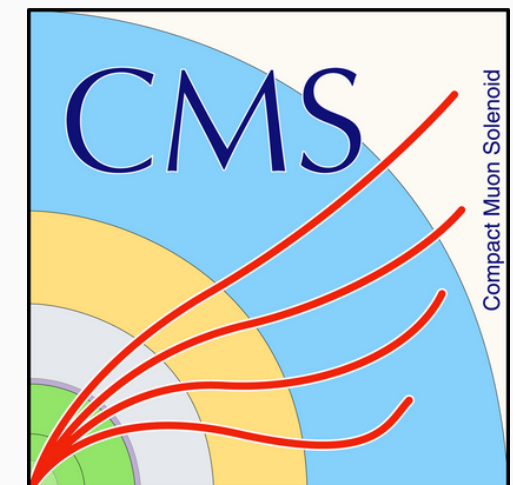


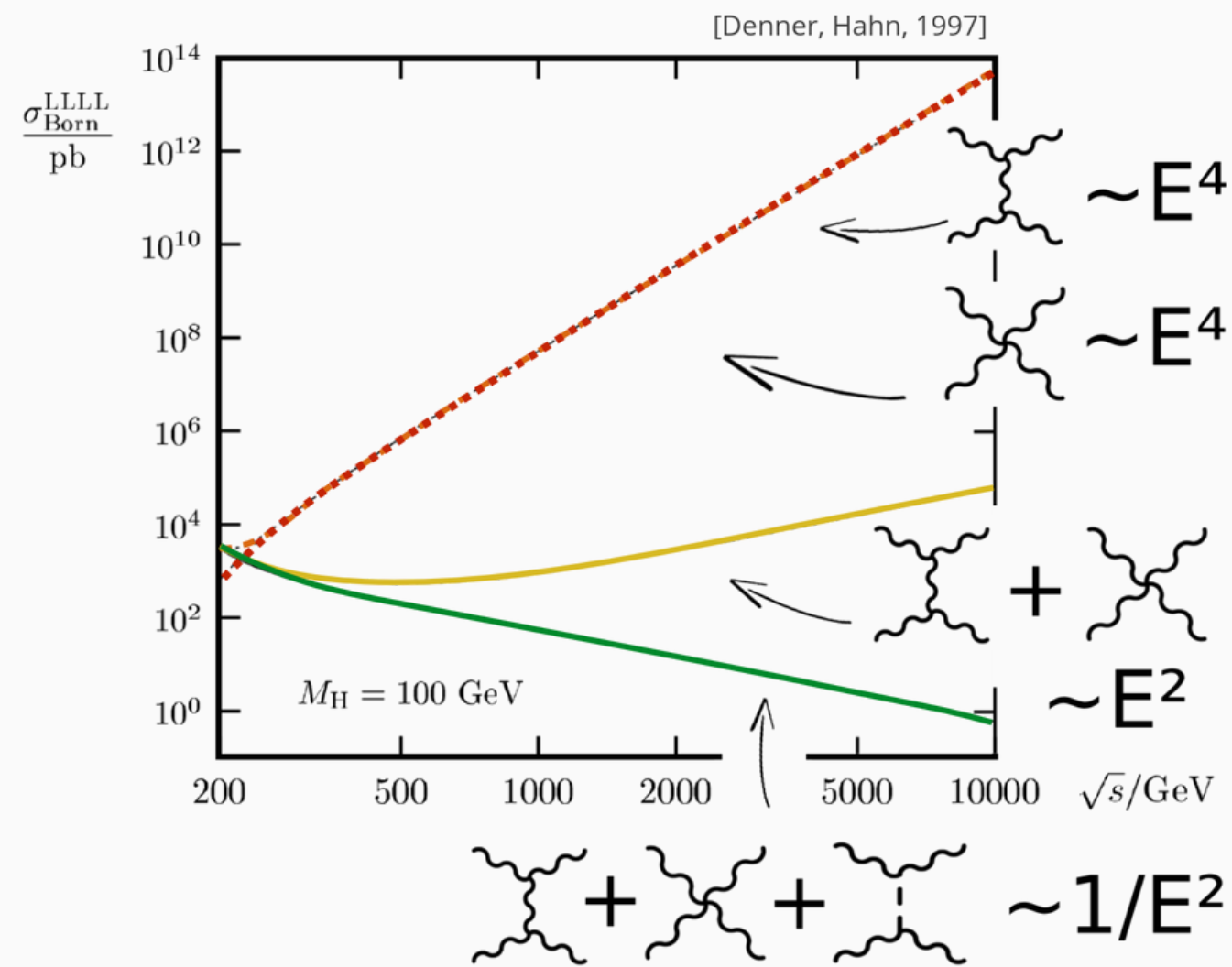
Polarization Measurements in ATLAS and CMS

Erik Bachmann, on behalf of the ATLAS and CMS Collaborations
LHC EW WG General Meeting, 11 July 2024

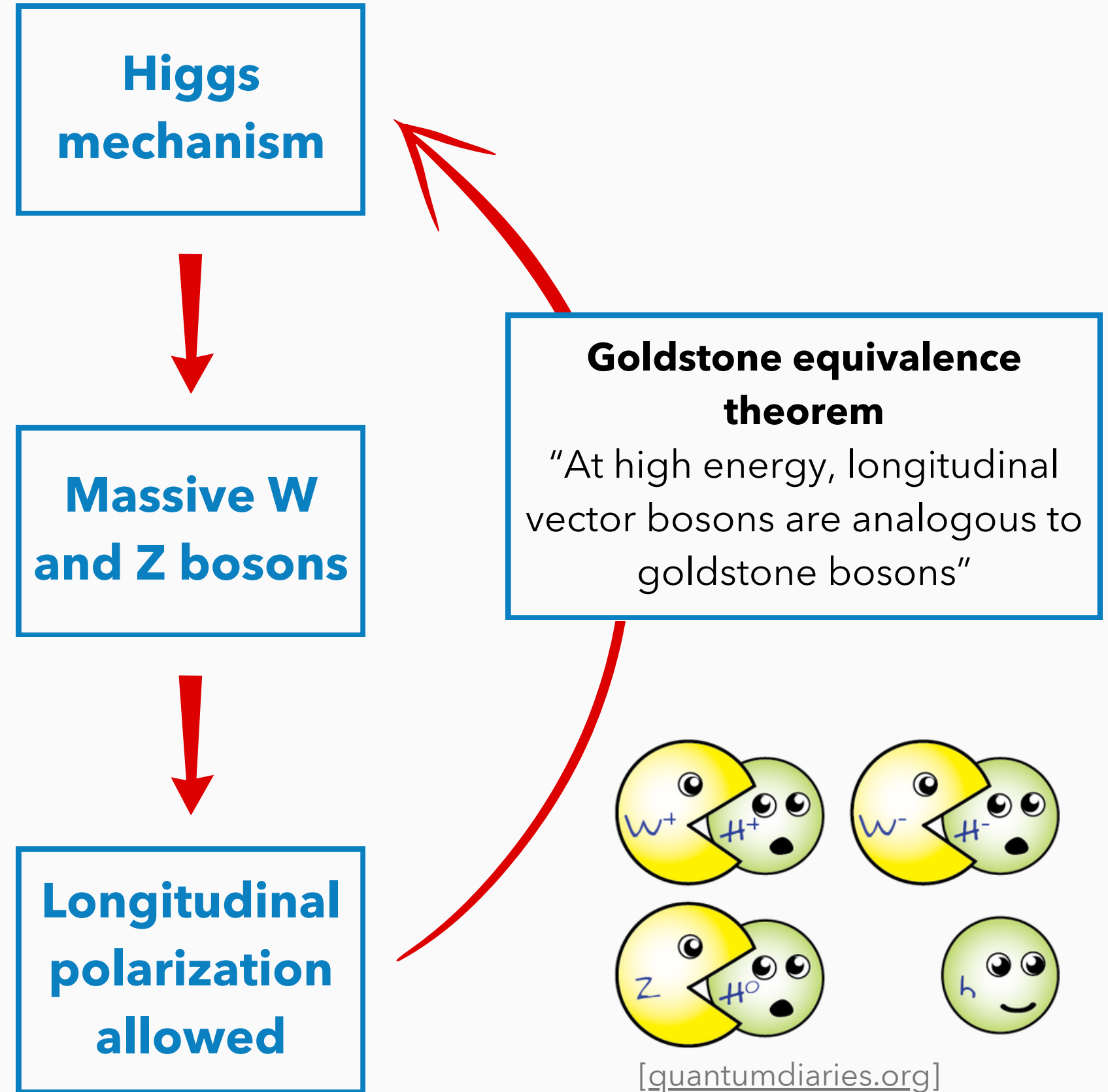


Motivation

- Longitudinal polarization of electroweak gauge bosons is a direct consequence of the EWSB
- **Important test of the Higgs mechanism**
- Particularly interesting: **longitudinal VBS**



[J. Manjarrés Ramos, LHCP2022]

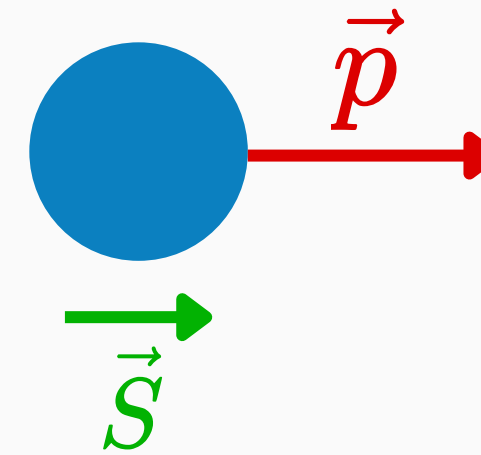


Vector boson polarization

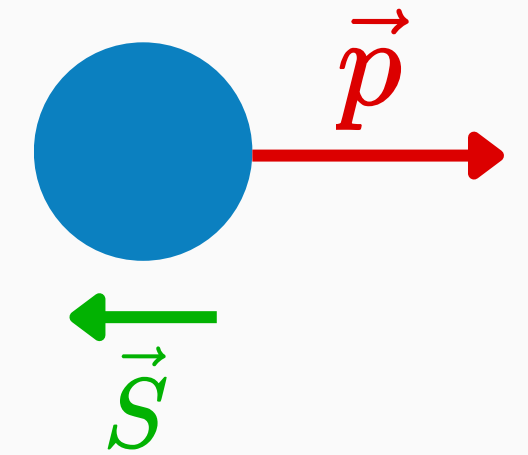
What is vector boson polarization?

- **Alignment** of a particle's **spin** with its **momentum**
- Helicity: $h = \vec{S} \cdot \frac{\vec{p}}{|\vec{p}|}$
 - **Transverse** polarization (T): (anti-)aligned ($h = \pm 1$)
 - **Longitudinal** polarization (0/L): orthogonal ($h = 0$)
- Helicity is not Lorentz-invariant
 - **reference-frame** needs to be defined for all polarization measurements

Right-handed



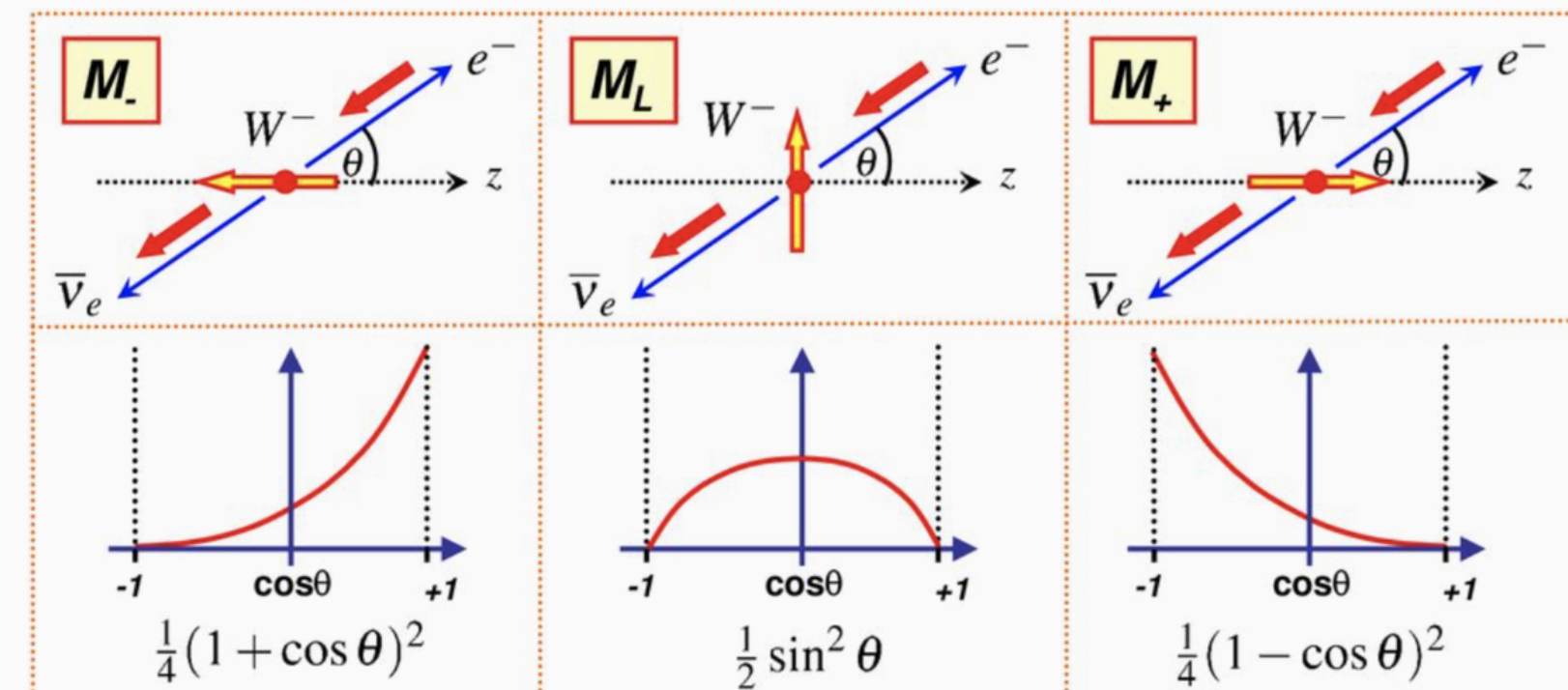
Left-handed



How to measure vector boson polarization?

- Parity violation in weak interactions
→ **effects on decay products**
- Analytical distribution of **decay angle** is known at born-level
- In practise: **polarized templates**

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dX} = f_L \frac{d\sigma_L}{dX} + f_R \frac{d\sigma_R}{dX} + f_0 \frac{d\sigma_0}{dX} \left(+ f_{\text{int.}} \frac{d\sigma_{\text{int.}}}{dX} \right)$$



Polarized templates

Monte-Carlo event generators

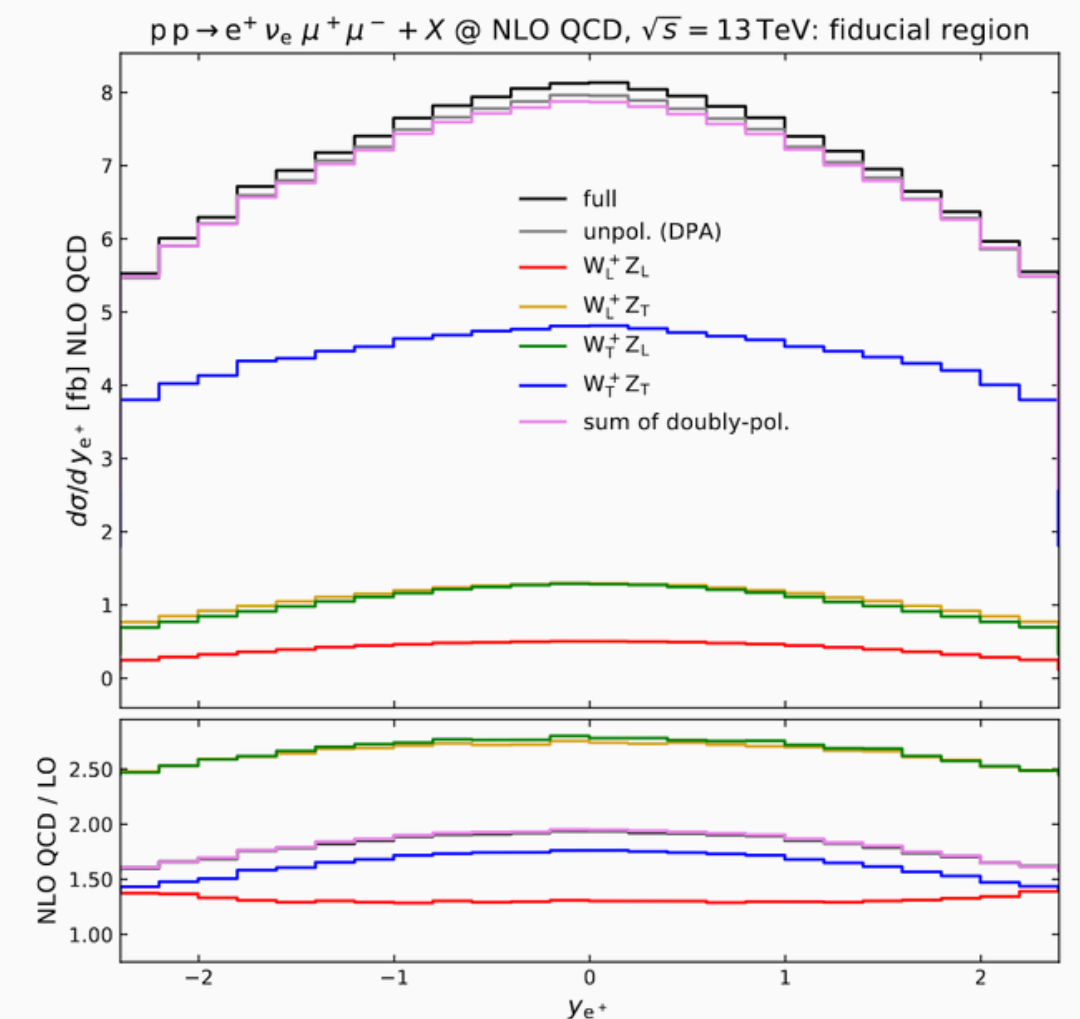
- Several generators available:
 - Phantom: 2→6 proceses at LO+PS [A. Ballestrero et al. [2008](#), [2017](#)]
 - MG5_aMC@NLO: arbitrary processes at LO+PS, multi-jet merging [D. Buarque Franzosi et al. [2020](#)]
 - Sherpa: arbitrary processes at nLO QCD + PS, multi-jet merging [M. Hoppe et al. [2023](#)]
 - POWHEG BOX RES: diboson processes at NLO QCD + PS [G. Pelliccioli, G. Zanderighi [2023](#)]
- **Only Madgraph used so far by the collaborations**

Fixed-order calculations

- fixed-order calculations show **large, polarization-dependent NLO corrections**

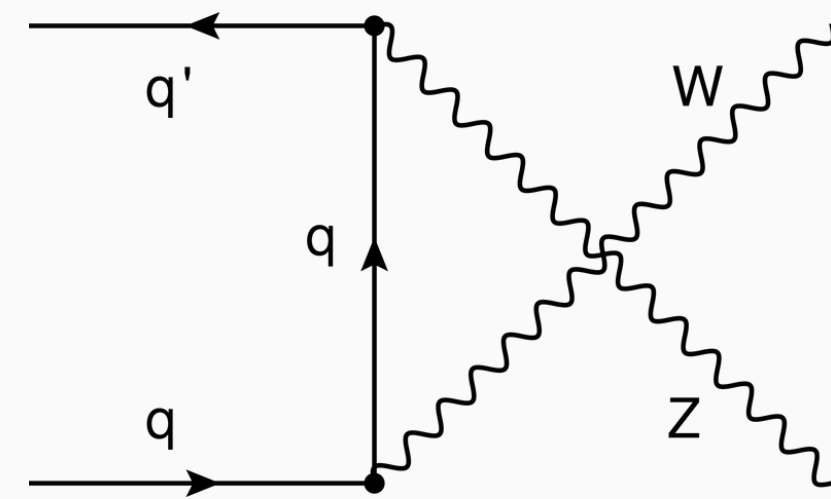
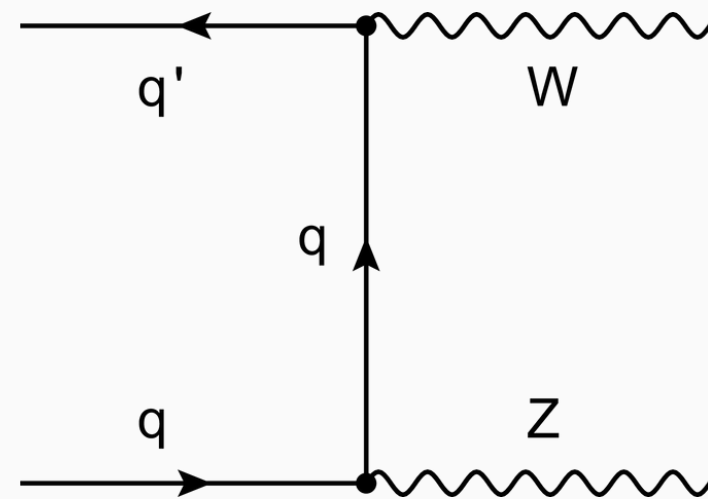
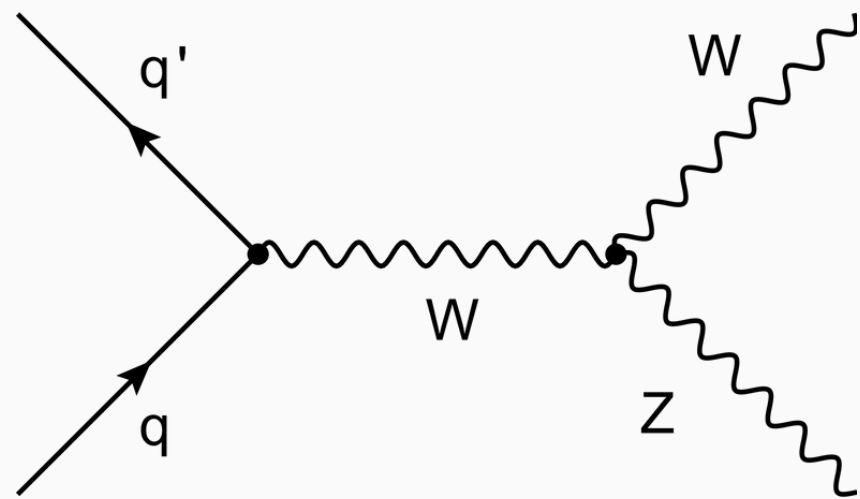
Process	LO	NLO	NLO EW	NNLO
pp → WW	X	X	X	X
pp → ZZ	X	X	X	
pp → WZ	X	X	X	
pol. VBS	X	X		

[R. Poncelet, [1st COMETA General Meeting](#)]



[A. Denner, G. Pelliccioli [2020](#)]

Polarization measurements in WZ

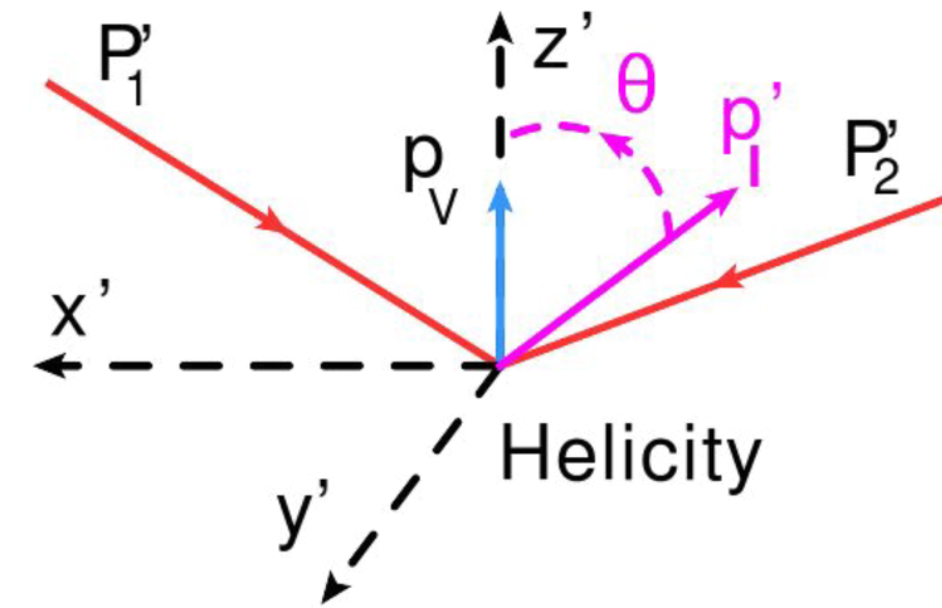


CMS polarization measurement in WZ

Analysis target

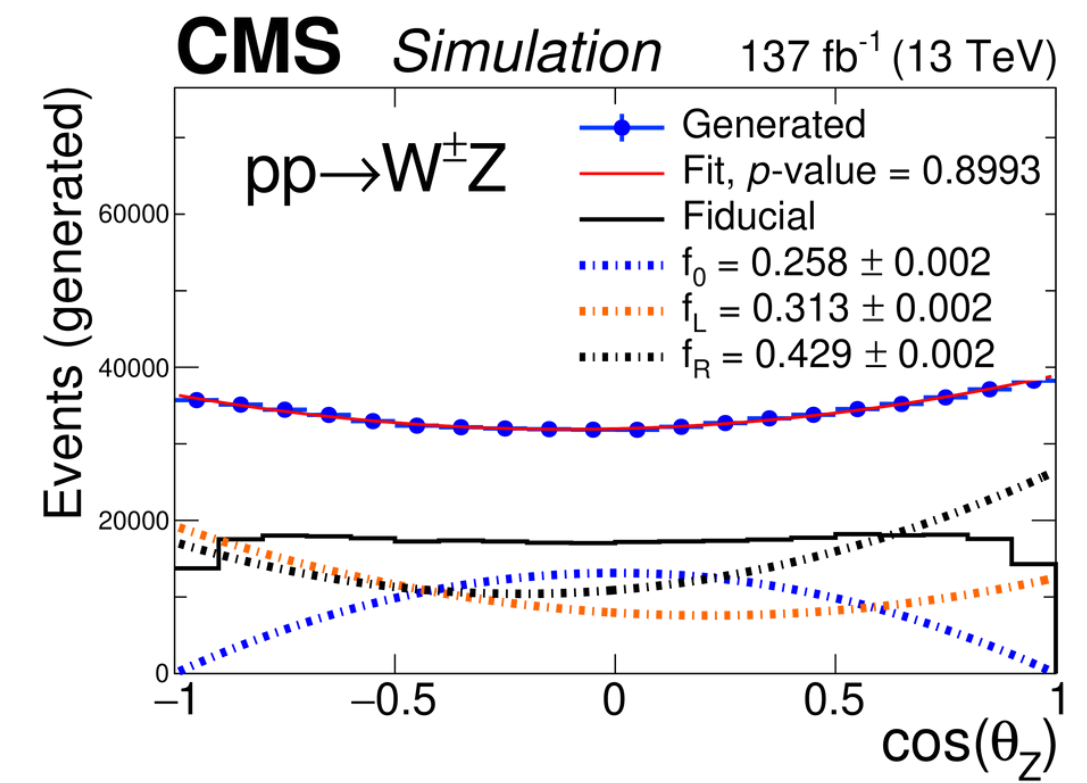
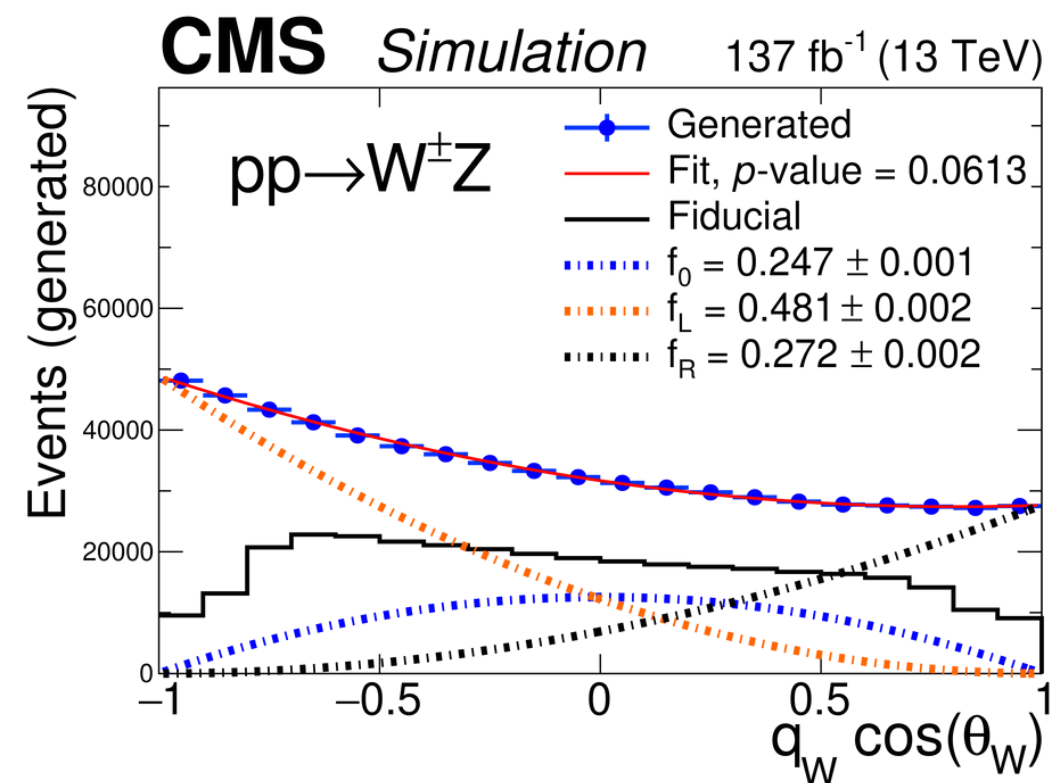
- Singly-polarized states:
 - W-polarization: $W_L Z$, $W_R Z$, $W_0 Z$
 - Z-polarization: WZ_L , WZ_R , WZ_0

Reference frame: laboratory frame



Polarized templates

- Reweighting of inclusive Powheg NLO-QCD sample using generator-level $\cos \theta_V$ distribution

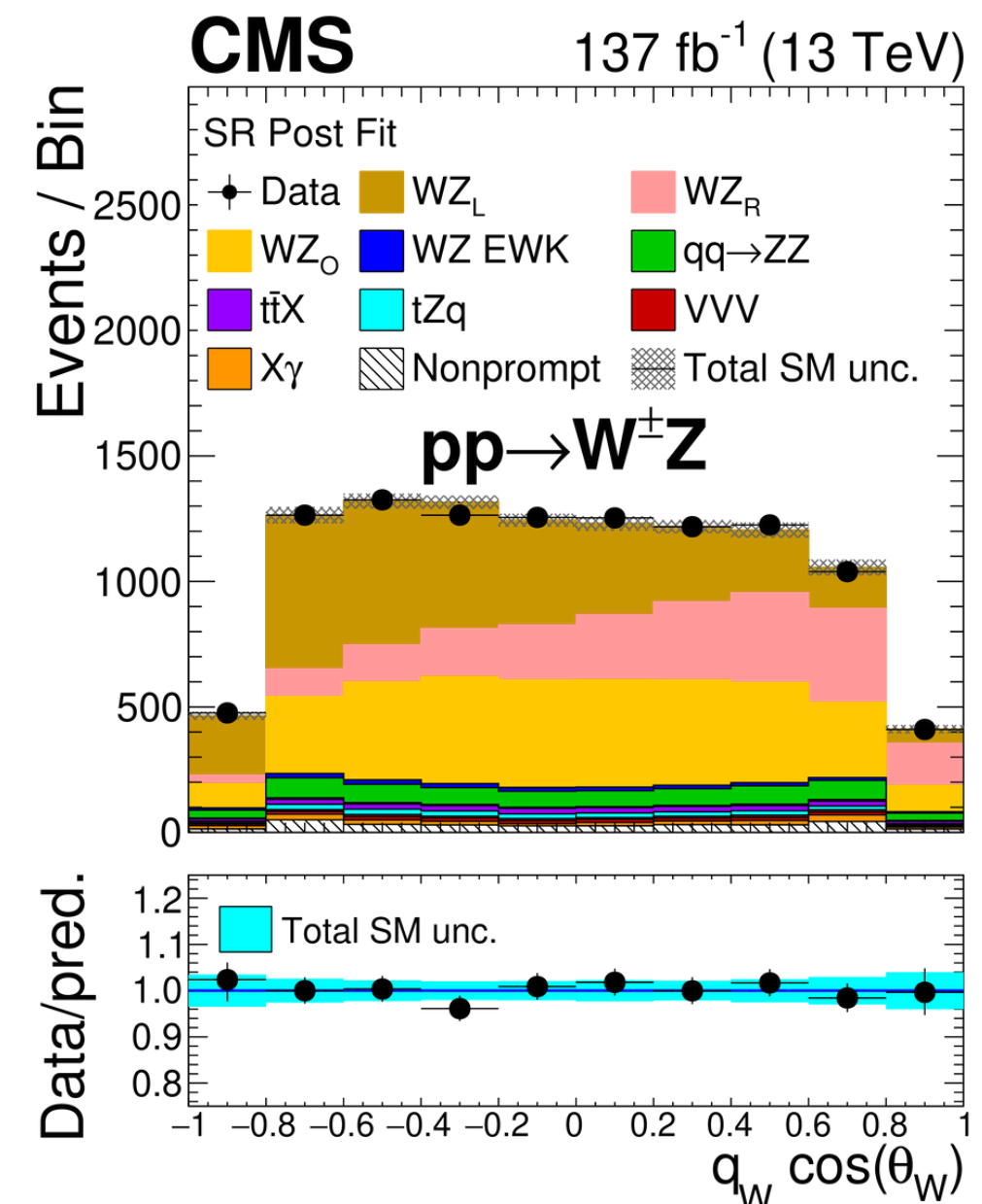
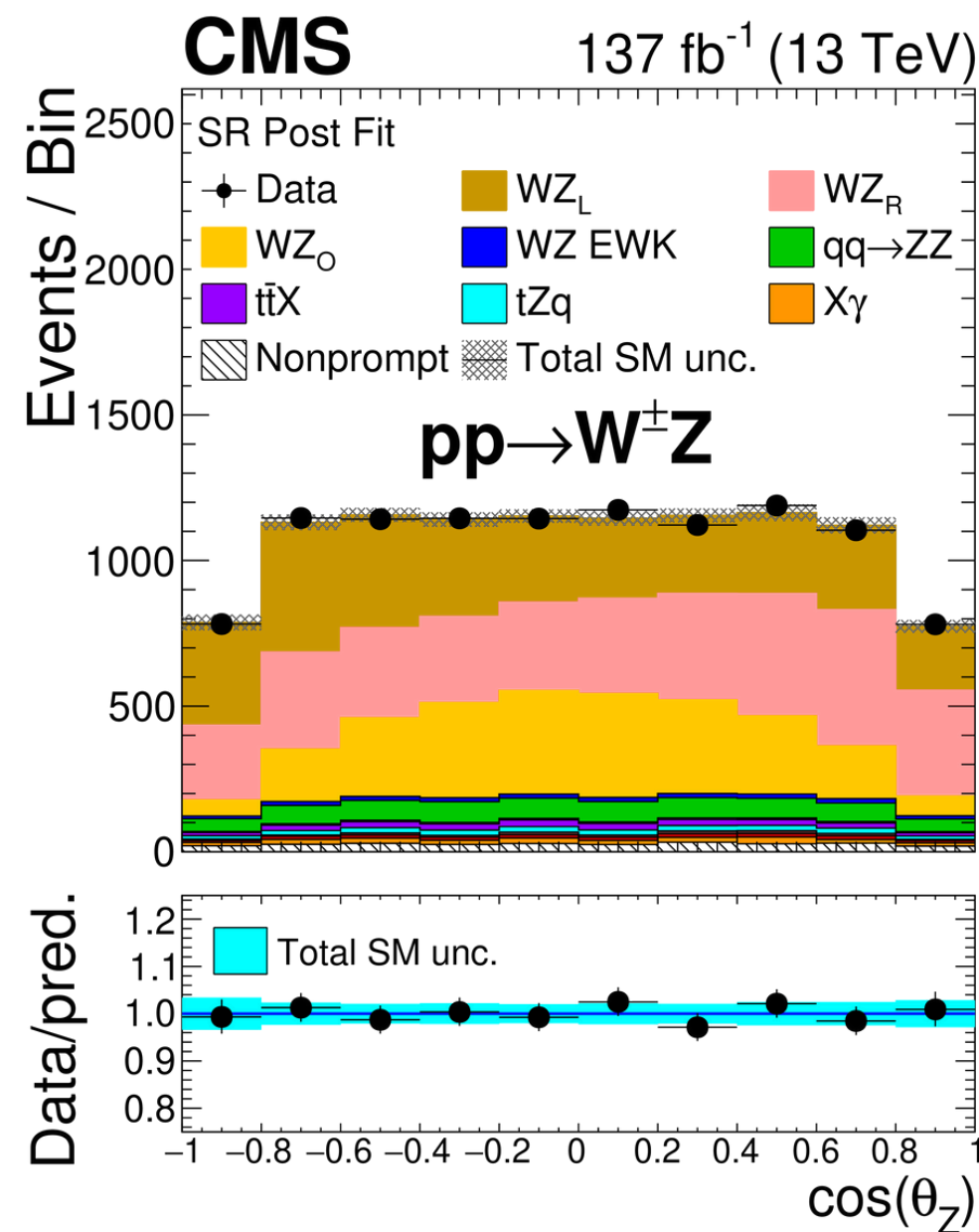


CMS polarization measurement in WZ

Region	N_ℓ	$p_T\{\ell_{Z1}, \ell_{Z2}, \ell_W, \ell_4\}$	N_{OSSF}	$ M(\ell_{Z1}, \ell_{Z2}) - m_Z $	p_T^{miss}	$N_{b \text{ tag}}$	$\min(M(\ell\ell'))$	$M(\ell_{Z1}, \ell_{Z2}, \ell_W)$
SR	=3	$>\{25, 10, 25, -\}$ GeV	≥ 1	< 15 GeV	> 30 GeV	=0	> 4 GeV	> 100 GeV
CR-ZZ	=4	$>\{25, 10, 25, 10\}$ GeV	≥ 1	< 15 GeV	—	=0	> 4 GeV	> 100 GeV
CR-ttZ	=3	$>\{25, 10, 25, -\}$ GeV	≥ 1	< 15 GeV	> 30 GeV	> 0	> 4 GeV	> 100 GeV
CR-conv	=3	$>\{25, 10, 25, -\}$ GeV	≥ 1	—	≤ 30 GeV	=0	> 4 GeV	< 100 GeV

Statistical Analysis

- Cut-based event selection
- CR for ZZ, top and photon conversion
- $\cos\theta_V$ fitted separately for W and Z in charge-inclusive and charged (W^+Z / W^-Z) channels
- free parameters: $\mu, f_0, f_L - f_R$

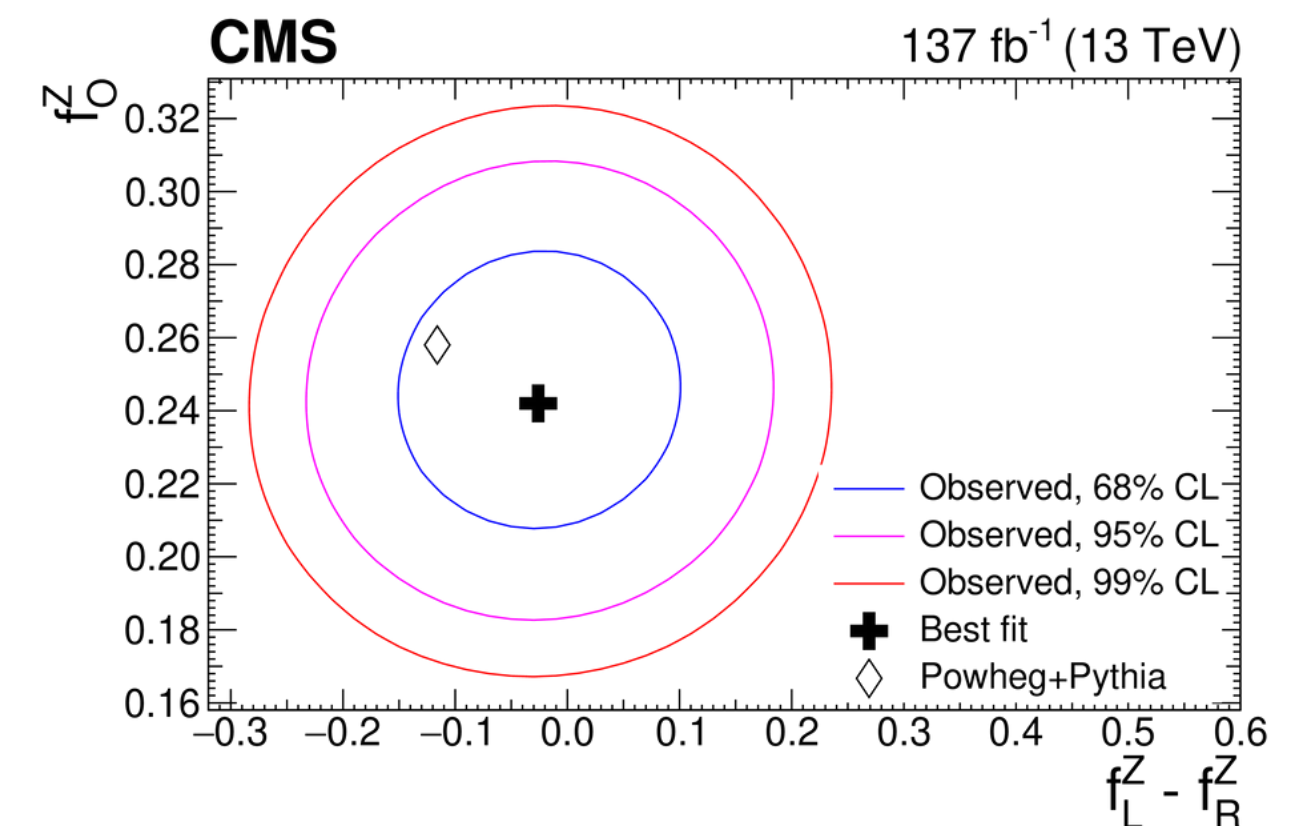
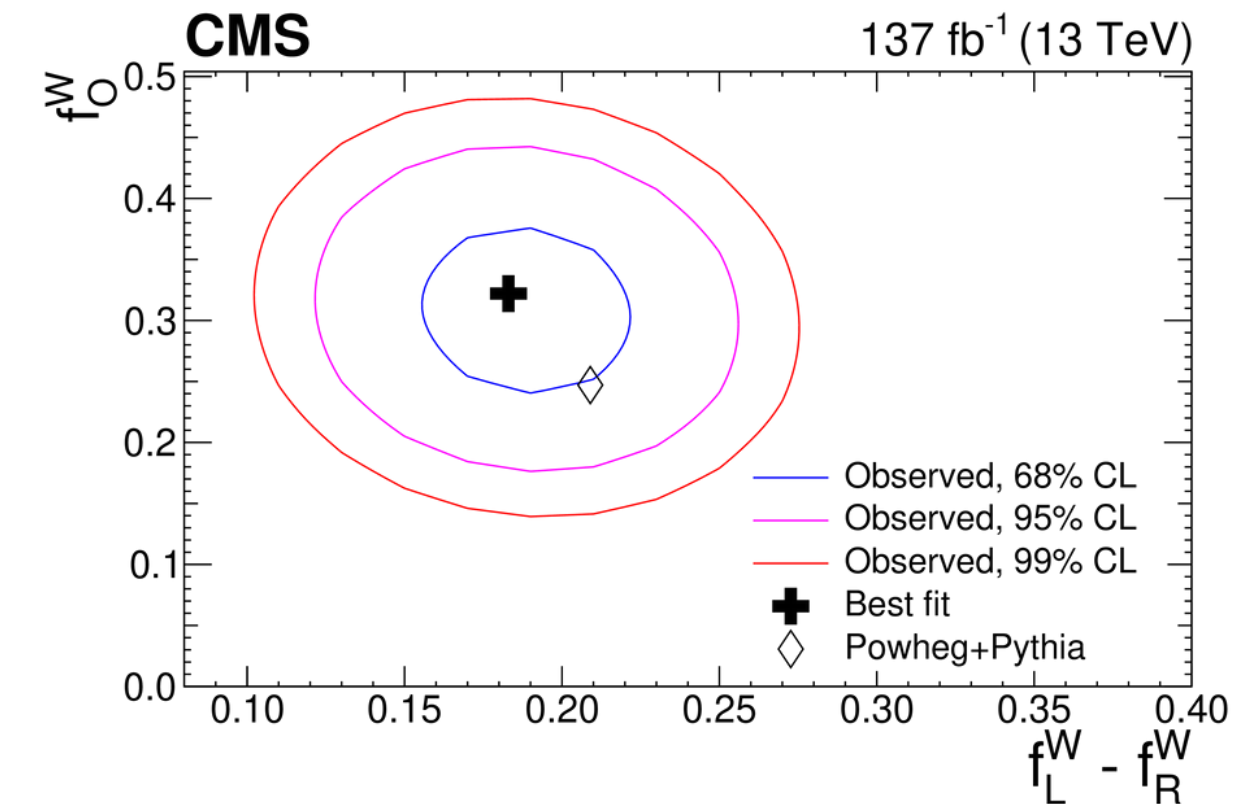


CMS polarization measurement in WZ

First observation of longitudinally polarized W-bosons in WZ: $5.6\sigma(4.3\sigma)$

Significance for longitudinally polarized Z-bosons way above five standard deviations

Category	Observable	Observed	POWHEG expected	MATRIX expected
W, inclusive	f_0	$0.322^{+0.080}_{-0.077}$	$0.2470^{+0.0003}_{-0.0003}$	$0.248^{+0.003}_{-0.003}$
	f_{LR}	$0.183^{+0.032}_{-0.032}$	$0.209^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$	$0.210^{+0.006}_{-0.006}$
W, plus	f_0	$0.358^{+0.100}_{-0.096}$	$0.2294^{+0.0003}_{-0.0003}$	$0.237^{+0.004}_{-0.004}$
	f_{LR}	$0.288^{+0.041}_{-0.042}$	$0.305^{+0.003}_{-0.003}$	$0.293^{+0.007}_{-0.007}$
W, minus	f_0	$0.361^{+0.118}_{-0.128}$	$0.2782^{+0.0007}_{-0.0007}$	$0.268^{+0.005}_{-0.005}$
	f_{LR}	$0.010^{+0.055}_{-0.049}$	$0.056^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$	$0.076^{+0.007}_{-0.007}$
Z, inclusive	f_0	$0.245^{+0.024}_{-0.024}$	$0.2583^{+0.0003}_{-0.0003}$	$0.253^{+0.003}_{-0.003}$
	f_{LR}	$-0.038^{+0.078}_{-0.078}$	$-0.116^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$	$-0.120^{+0.006}_{-0.006}$
Z, plus	f_0	$0.236^{+0.030}_{-0.030}$	$0.2710^{+0.0003}_{-0.0003}$	$0.263^{+0.004}_{-0.004}$
	f_{LR}	$0.039^{+0.101}_{-0.101}$	$-0.073^{+0.003}_{-0.003}$	$-0.083^{+0.007}_{-0.007}$
Z, minus	f_0	$0.266^{+0.037}_{-0.037}$	$0.2392^{+0.0005}_{-0.0005}$	$0.238^{+0.004}_{-0.004}$
	f_{LR}	$-0.164^{+0.121}_{-0.121}$	$-0.179^{+0.003}_{-0.003}$	$-0.178^{+0.007}_{-0.007}$



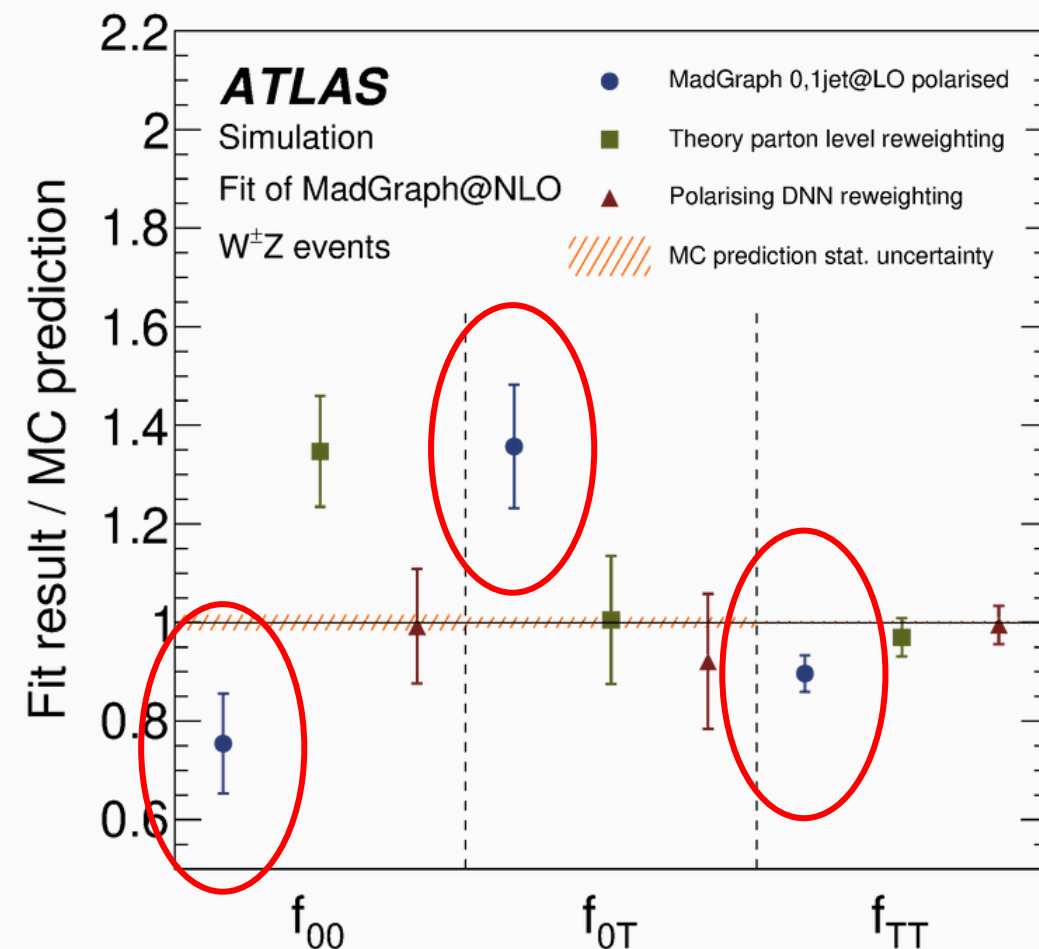
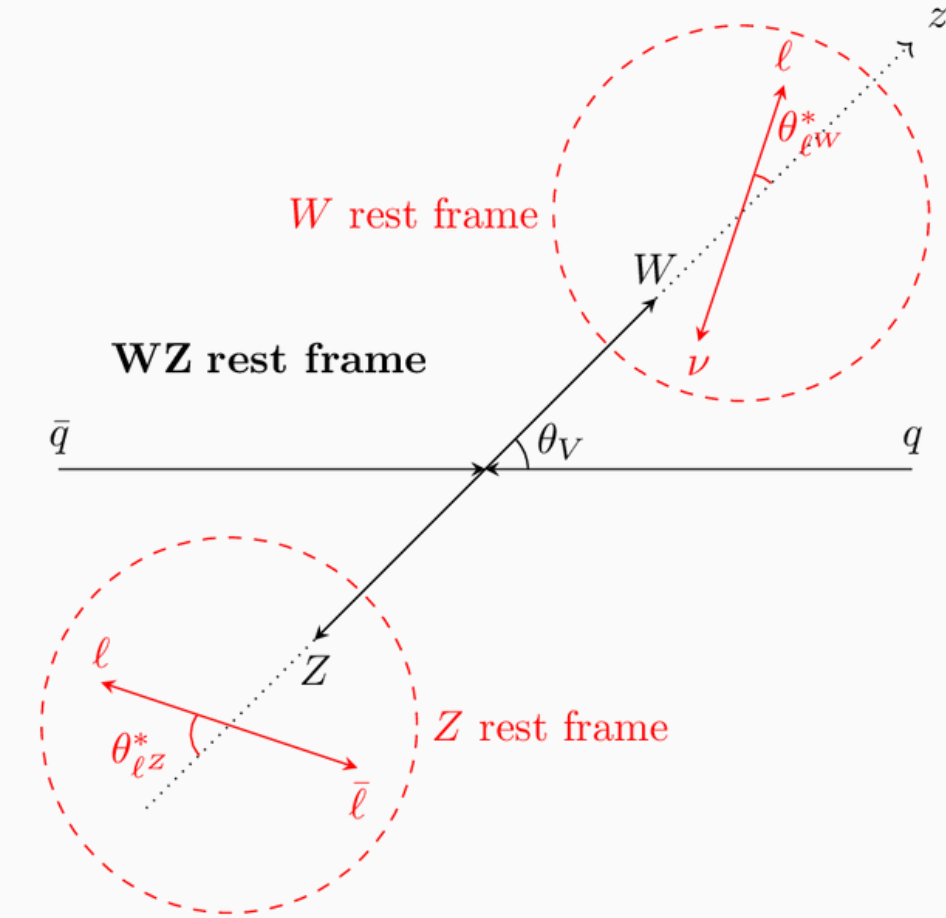
ATLAS polarization measurement in WZ

Analysis target

- Joint-polarization states $W_0Z_0, W_TZ_0, W_0Z_T, W_TZ_T$
- Singly-polarized states

Reference frame: WZ rest frame

→ minimizes correlation between 00 and TT modes



Polarization templates

- Events generated with MadGraph 2.7.3 + Pythia 8 in 0,1j@LO merged setup

→ **observed bias in extracted polarization fractions, up to 50% of fraction value!**

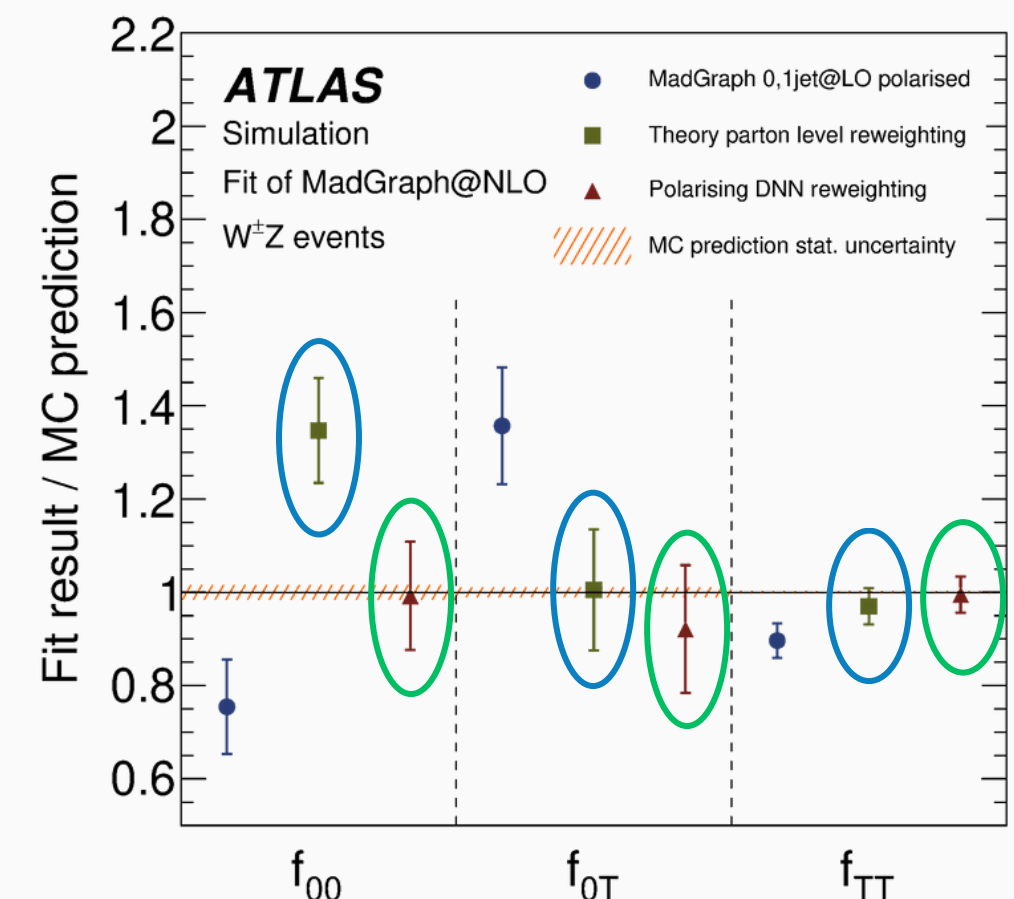
Joint-polarization measurement in WZ

Templates Challenge: multiple reweighting methods to obtain templates at NLO-QCD

- **Full phase-space reweighting** of Powheg NLO-QCD with DNN [[arXiv:1907.08209](https://arxiv.org/abs/1907.08209)]
 - factorization assumption: $p_{\text{NLO}}(\vec{x}, i, j) \propto p_{0,1j@LO}(\vec{x}) \cdot p(i, j|\vec{x}) \cdot p_{0,1j@LO \rightarrow \text{NLO}}(\vec{x})$
 - MadGraph 0,1j@LO: $p_{0,1j@LO}(\vec{x}, i, j) \propto p_{0,1j@LO}(\vec{x}) \cdot p(i, j|\vec{x})$
 - Powheg NLO-QCD: $p_{\text{NLO}}(\vec{x}) \propto p_{0,1j@LO}(\vec{x}) \cdot p_{0,1j@LO \rightarrow \text{NLO}}(\vec{x})$

→ learn $p(i, j|\vec{x})$ by discriminating (i, j) polarization against sum of polarizations

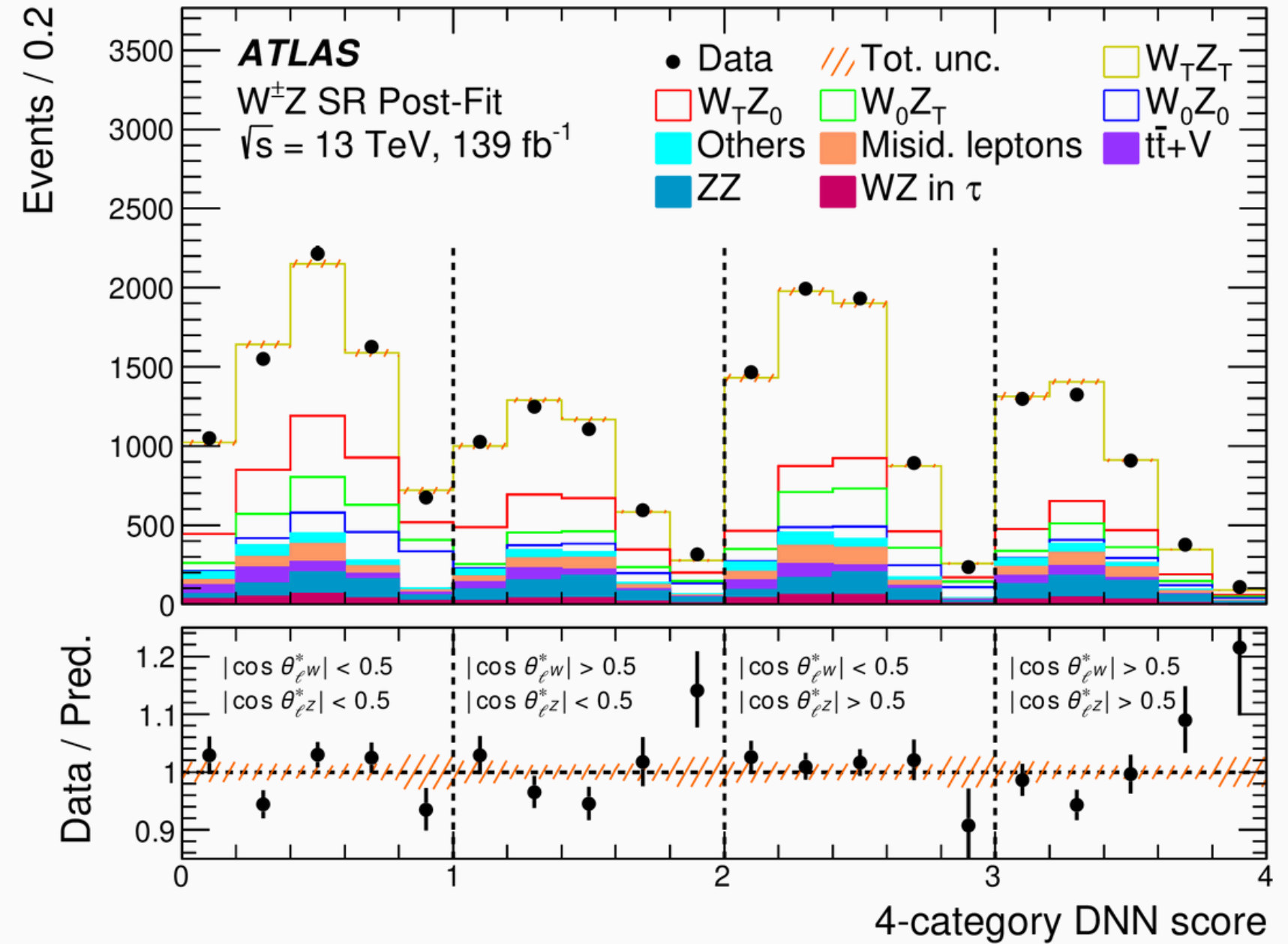
- **Binned reweighting of DNN score** based on polarized fixed-order NLO-QCD calculations (MoCaNLO) [[A. Denner, G. Pelliccioli, arXiv:2010.07149](https://arxiv.org/abs/2010.07149)]
 - used to assess modelling uncertainties



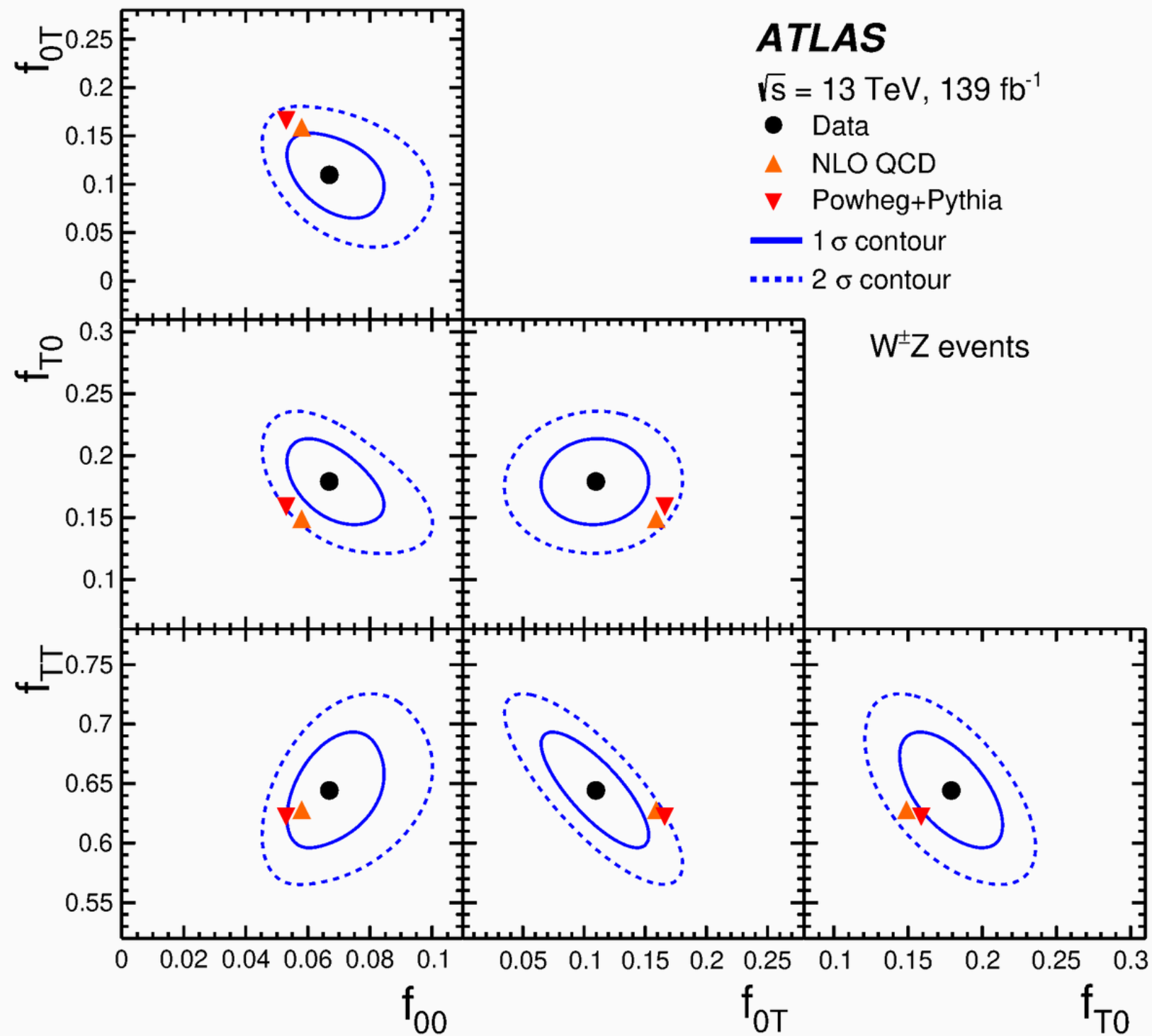
Joint-polarization measurement in WZ

Statistical Analysis

- Free parameters: μ , f_{00} , f_{T0} , f_{TT}
- DNN multiclass classifier trained on MadGraph 0,1j@LO polarized samples
 - inputs: $p_T^{\ell^W}$, $p_T^{\ell_1^Z}$, $p_T^{\ell_2^Z}$, E_T^{miss} , $|y_Z - y_{\ell^W}|$, $\Delta\phi(\ell^W, \nu)$, $\Delta\phi(\ell_1^Z, \ell_2^Z)$, p_T^{WZ}
- p_{00}^{DNN} distribution fitted in four decay angle categories to separate 0T and T0 states
- Statistical uncertainties at the same level as systematic uncertainties
 - Modelling uncertainty on DNN reweighting and choice of templates
 - QCD scale
 - Jets / E_T^{miss} reconstruction, calibration



Joint-polarization measurement in WZ



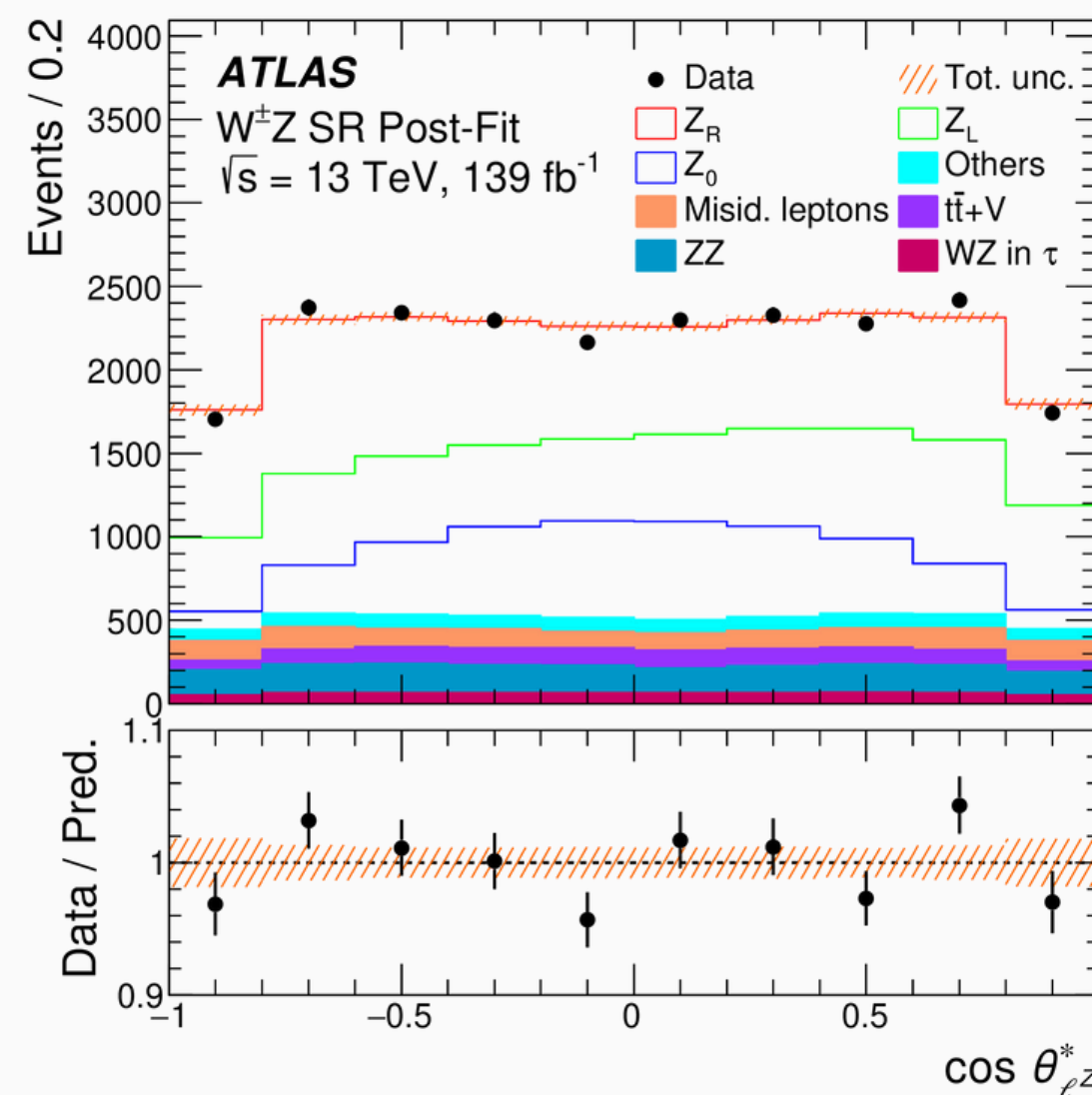
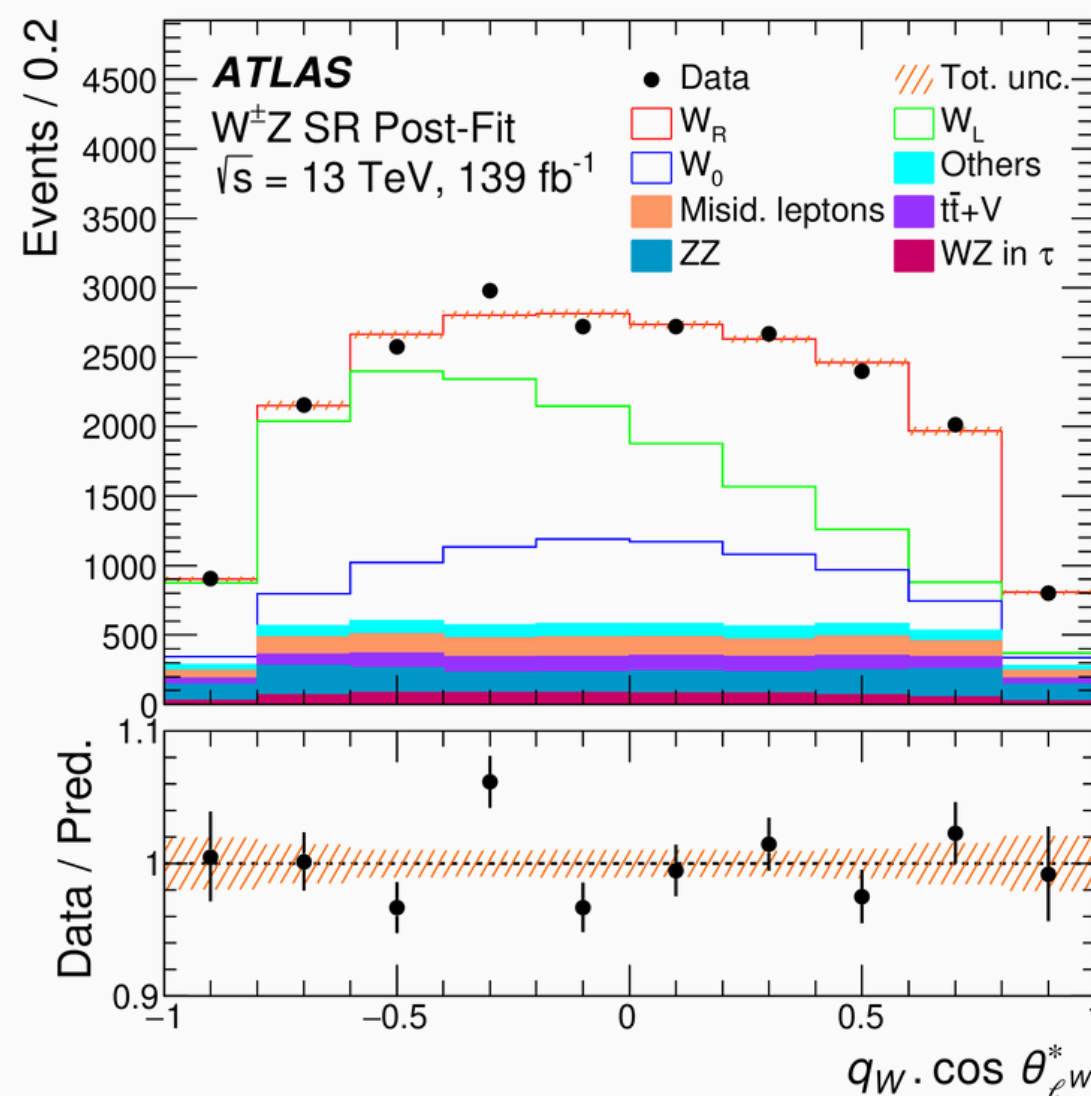
First observation of simultaneous pair-production of longitudinally-polarised VB

- significance of 7.1σ (6.2σ) for f_{00}
- significance for f_{T0} and $f_{TT} > 5\sigma$

	Data	POWHEG+PYTHIA	NLO QCD
	$W^\pm Z$		
f_{00}	0.067 ± 0.010	0.0590 ± 0.0009	0.058 ± 0.002
f_{0T}	0.110 ± 0.029	0.1515 ± 0.0017	0.159 ± 0.003
f_{T0}	0.179 ± 0.023	0.1465 ± 0.0017	0.149 ± 0.003
f_{TT}	0.644 ± 0.032	0.6431 ± 0.0021	0.628 ± 0.004

Single boson polarization in WZ

- Measured f_0 and $f_L - f_R$ for W and Z bosons in charge inclusive and both charged final states
- Polarization templates of $\cos \theta_V^*$ from analytical reweighting of Powheg NLO-QCD
- **Spin correlation:** measured $R_c = \frac{f_{00}}{f_0^W f_0^Z} = 1.54 \pm 0.35$ (SM: 1.3)



	f_0	
	Data	POWHEG+PYTHIA
W in W ⁺ Z	0.23 ± 0.05	0.2044 ± 0.0024
W in W ⁻ Z	0.19 ± 0.05	0.217 ± 0.004
W in W [±] Z	0.21 ± 0.04	0.2094 ± 0.0016
Z in W ⁺ Z	0.223 ± 0.025	0.1971 ± 0.0019
Z in W ⁻ Z	0.241 ± 0.029	0.2065 ± 0.0023
Z in W [±] Z	0.231 ± 0.019	0.2009 ± 0.0014

	$f_L - f_R$	
	Data	POWHEG+PYTHIA
W in W ⁺ Z	0.071 ± 0.023	0.0990 ± 0.0015
W in W ⁻ Z	0.026 ± 0.027	-0.0491 ± 0.0020
W in W [±] Z	0.059 ± 0.016	0.0390 ± 0.0011
Z in W ⁺ Z	-0.20 ± 0.10	-0.217 ± 0.006
Z in W ⁻ Z	0.10 ± 0.13	0.092 ± 0.007
Z in W [±] Z	-0.10 ± 0.08	-0.092 ± 0.005

ATLAS measurement of energy dependence of WZ polarization fractions and RAZ effect

Analysis target

- Joint-polarization states at high p_T^Z : $W_0Z_0, W_TZ_0, W_0Z_T, W_TZ_T$
 - **first measurement to probe the energy dependence of polarization fractions**
- Radiation Amplitude Zero (RAZ) effect in WZ production

00-enhanced signal regions

- Cuts on p_T^Z to increase 00-fraction \longrightarrow **up to 23%!**
- Cut on p_T^{WZ} to reduce jet activity
 \longrightarrow **more LO-like phase space**

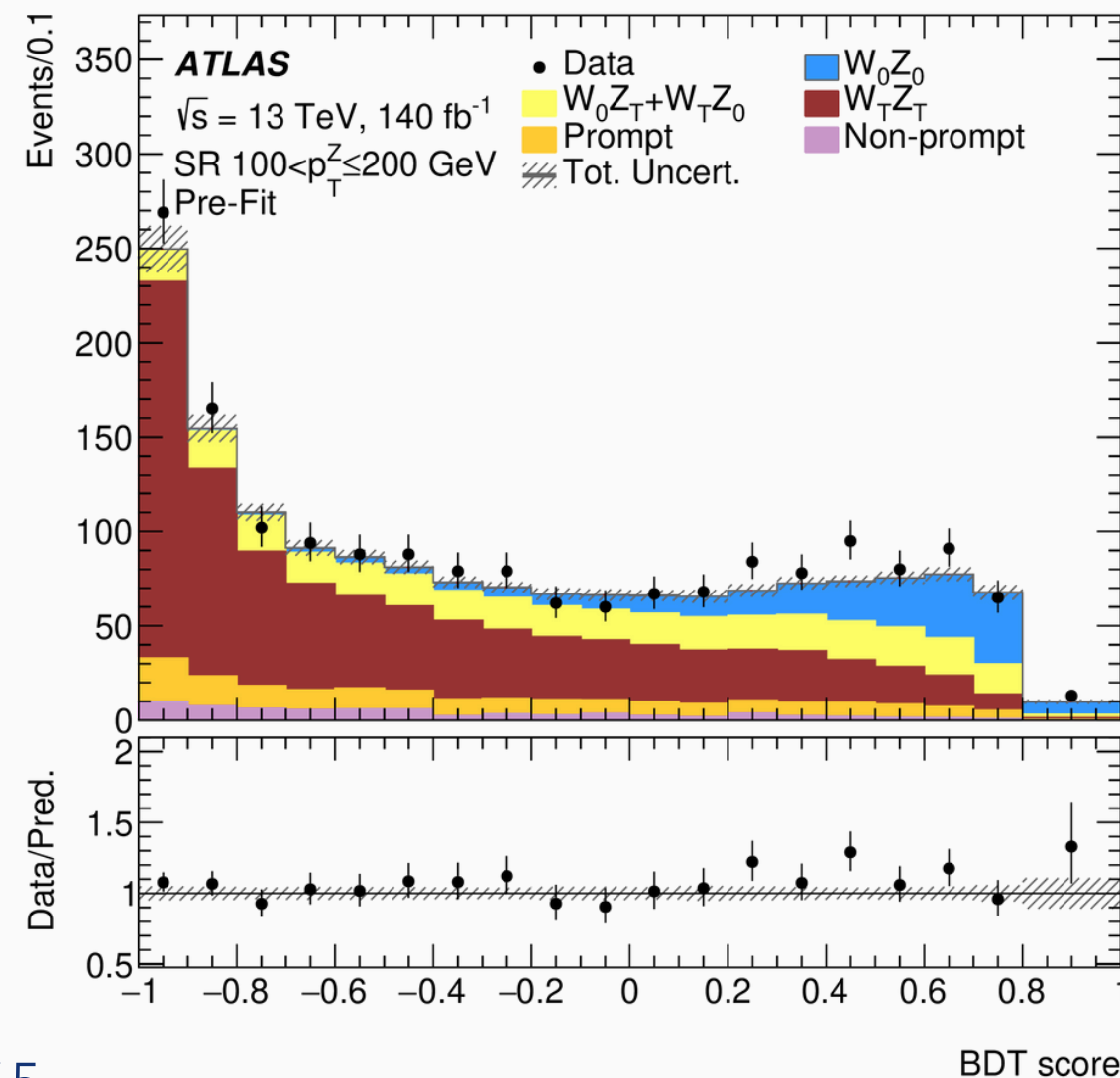
	Prediction	
	$100 < p_T^Z \leq 200$ GeV	$p_T^Z > 200$ GeV
f_{00}	0.152 ± 0.006	0.234 ± 0.007
f_{0T}	0.120 ± 0.002	0.062 ± 0.002
f_{T0}	0.109 ± 0.001	0.058 ± 0.001
f_{TT}	0.619 ± 0.007	0.646 ± 0.008

	Signal regions	
	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})		< 70 GeV

Energy dependence of WZ polarization fractions

Polarization modelling

- MadGraph LO+0,1j
- Uncertainties from NLO QCD+EW fixed-order calculations (G. Pelliccioli, Duc Ninh Le)



Discriminant variable

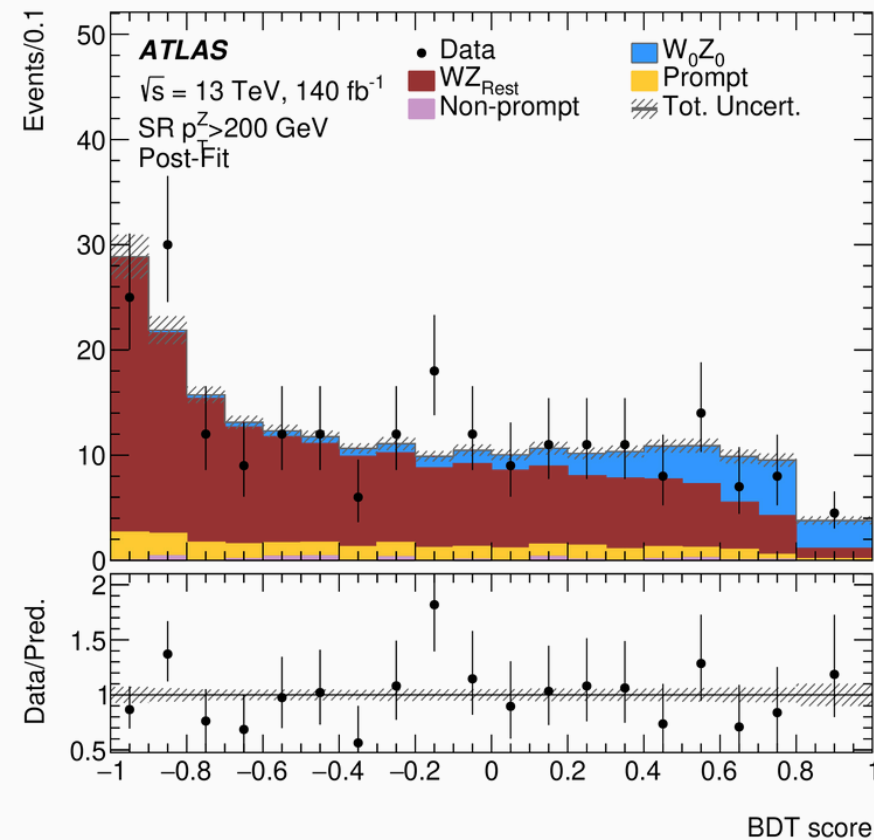
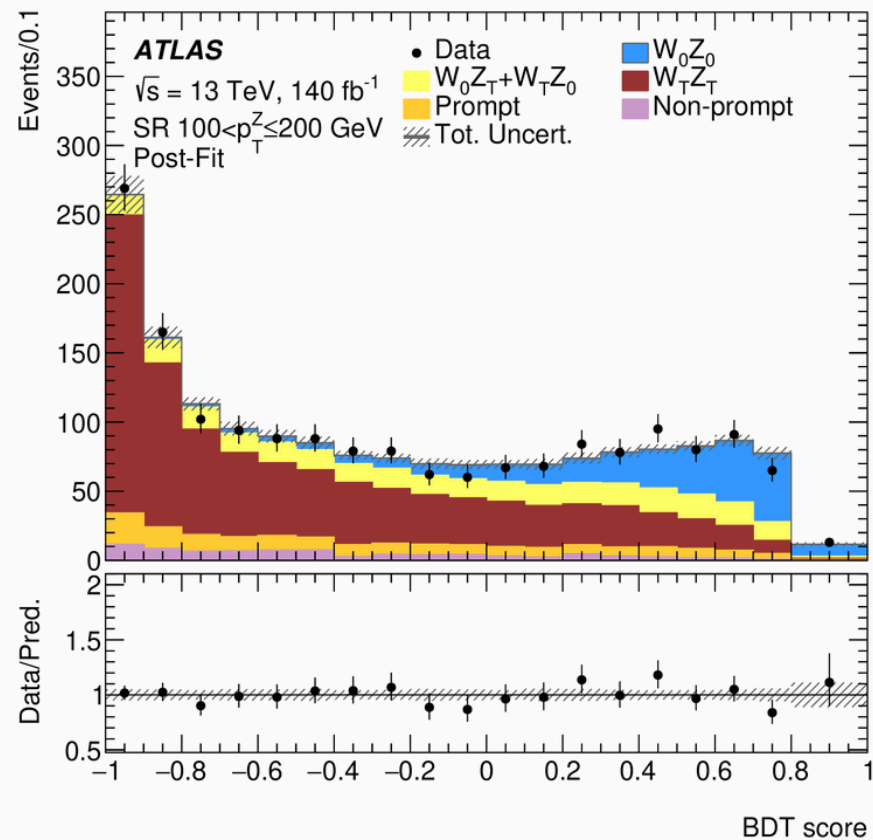
- Dedicated BDTs trained in each p_T^Z bin to discriminate W_0Z_0 vs rest

Training variable	Definition
$\Delta Y(\ell_W Z)$	Rapidity difference between the W lepton and Z boson
p_T^{WZ}	Transverse momentum of the WZ system
$p_T(\ell_W)$	Transverse momentum of the W lepton
$p_T(\ell_2^Z)$	Transverse momentum of the subleading Z lepton
E_T^{miss}	Missing transverse momentum
$\cos \theta_{\ell_Z}$	Cosine of the angle of the Z lepton in the WZ rest frame w.r.t the z -axis
$\cos \theta_{\ell_W}$	Cosine of the angle of the W lepton in the WZ rest frame w.r.t. the z -axis

Statistical analysis

- 2 fit configurations
 - 3 parameters: $\mu, f_{00}, f_{T0} + f_{0T}$
 - 2 parameters: μ, f_{00}
- Dominated by statistical uncertainties
- NLO QCD uncertainties subleading

Energy dependence of WZ polarization fractions



5 sigma observation for f_{00} in $100 < p_T^Z \leq 200 \text{ GeV}$ region

Evidence for f_{00} in $p_T^Z > 200 \text{ GeV}$ region for 2 parameter fit

3 parameter fit

	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}	$0.63 \pm_{0.05}^{0.05} \text{ (stat)} \pm_{0.04}^{0.04} \text{ (syst)}$	$0.64 \pm_{0.12}^{0.12} \text{ (stat)} \pm_{0.06}^{0.06} \text{ (syst)}$
$f_{00} \text{ obs (exp) sig.}$	5.2 (4.3) σ	1.6 (2.5) σ

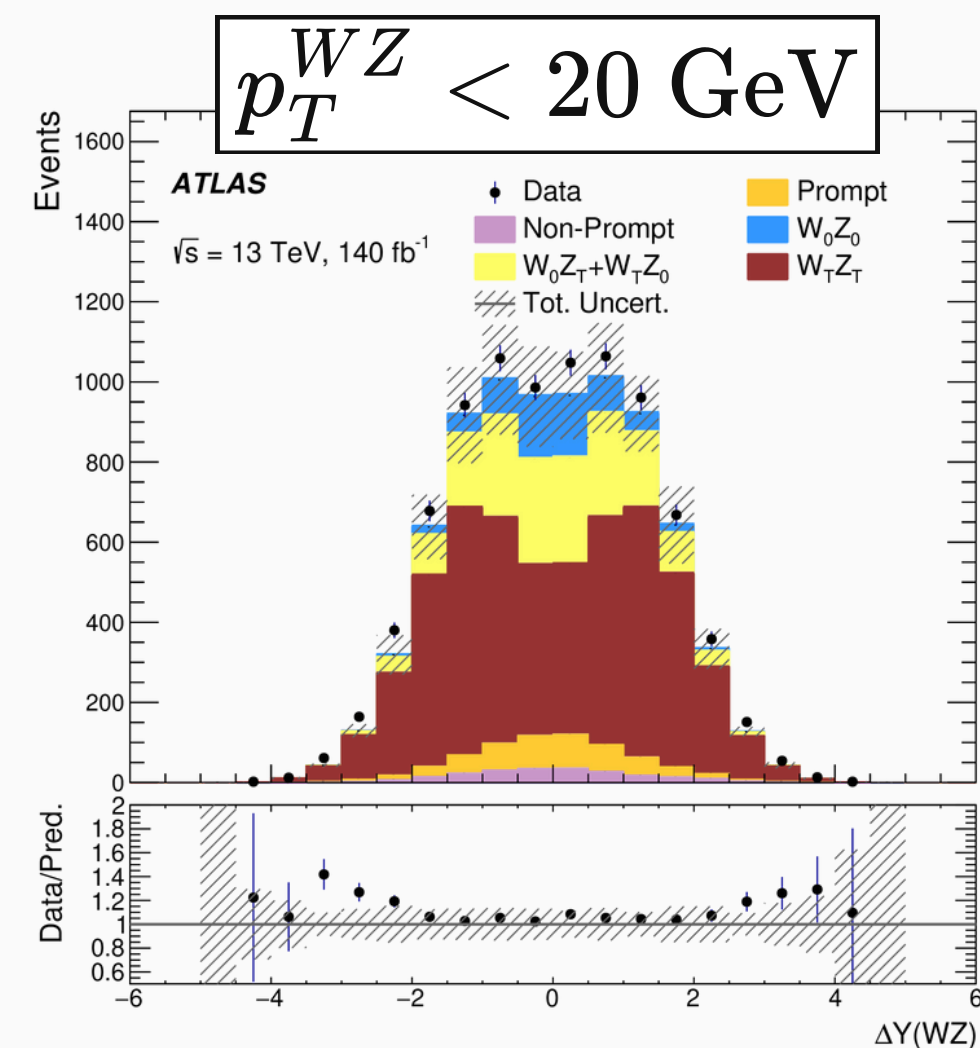
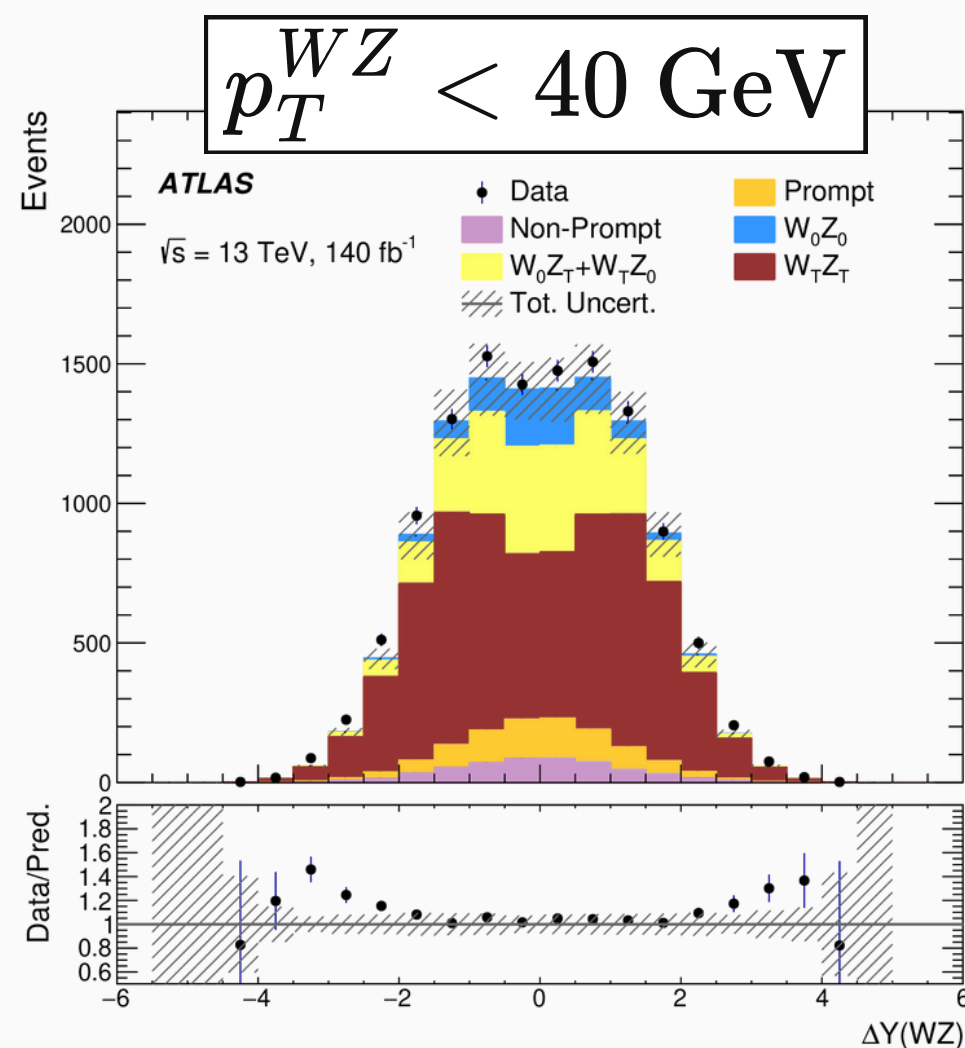
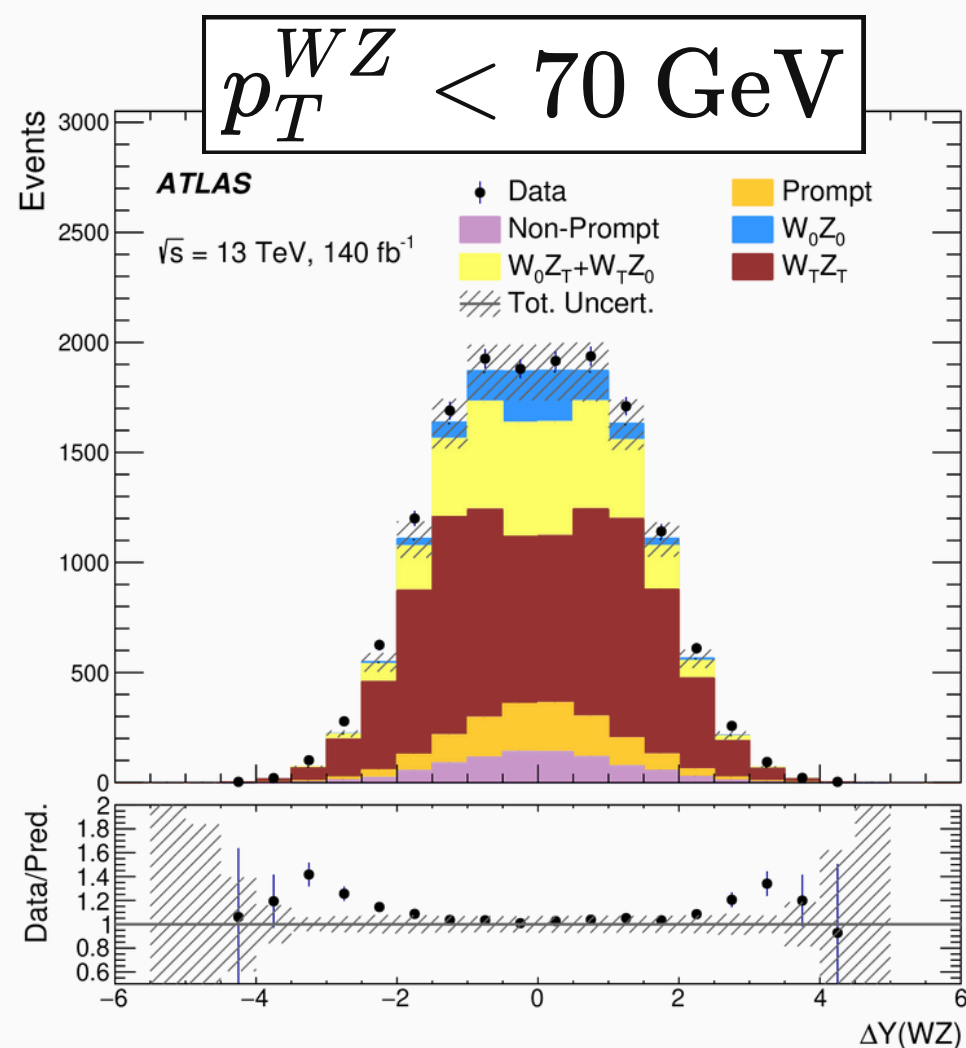
2 parameter fit

	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}	$0.83 \pm_{0.02}^{0.02} \text{ (stat)} \pm_{0.01}^{0.02} \text{ (syst)}$	$0.84 \pm_{0.05}^{0.05} \text{ (stat)} \pm_{0.02}^{0.03} \text{ (syst)}$
$f_{00} \text{ obs (exp) sig.}$	7.7 (6.9) σ	3.2 (4.2) σ

RAZ effect in WZ

Radiation Amplitude Zero effect

- At LO: TT cross-section drops to zero when $\cos \theta_V$ approaches zero
 → observable as dip in $\Delta Y(WZ)$ and $\Delta Y(\ell_W Z)$
- Diluted by NLO QCD effects
 → reduce jet activity with p_T^{WZ} cuts

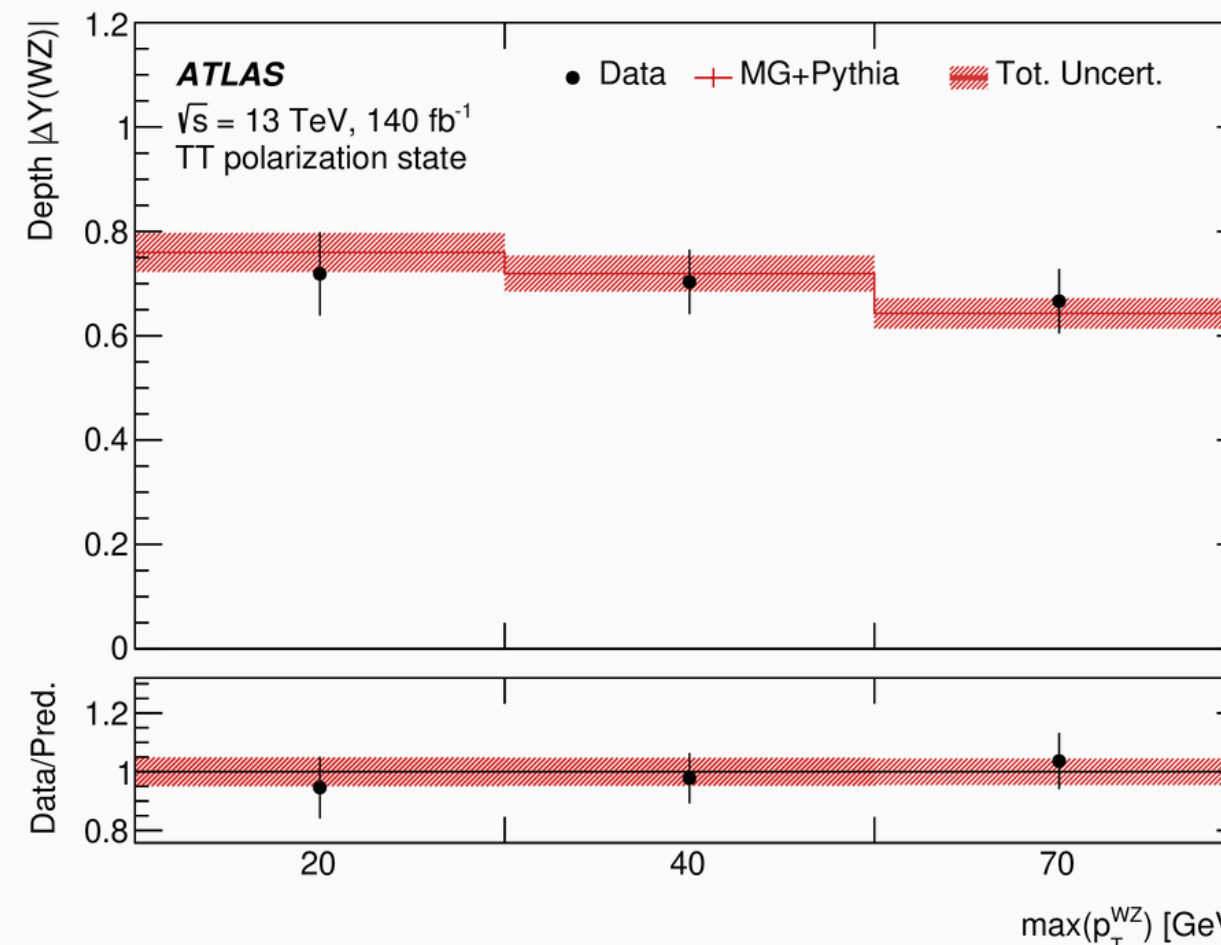
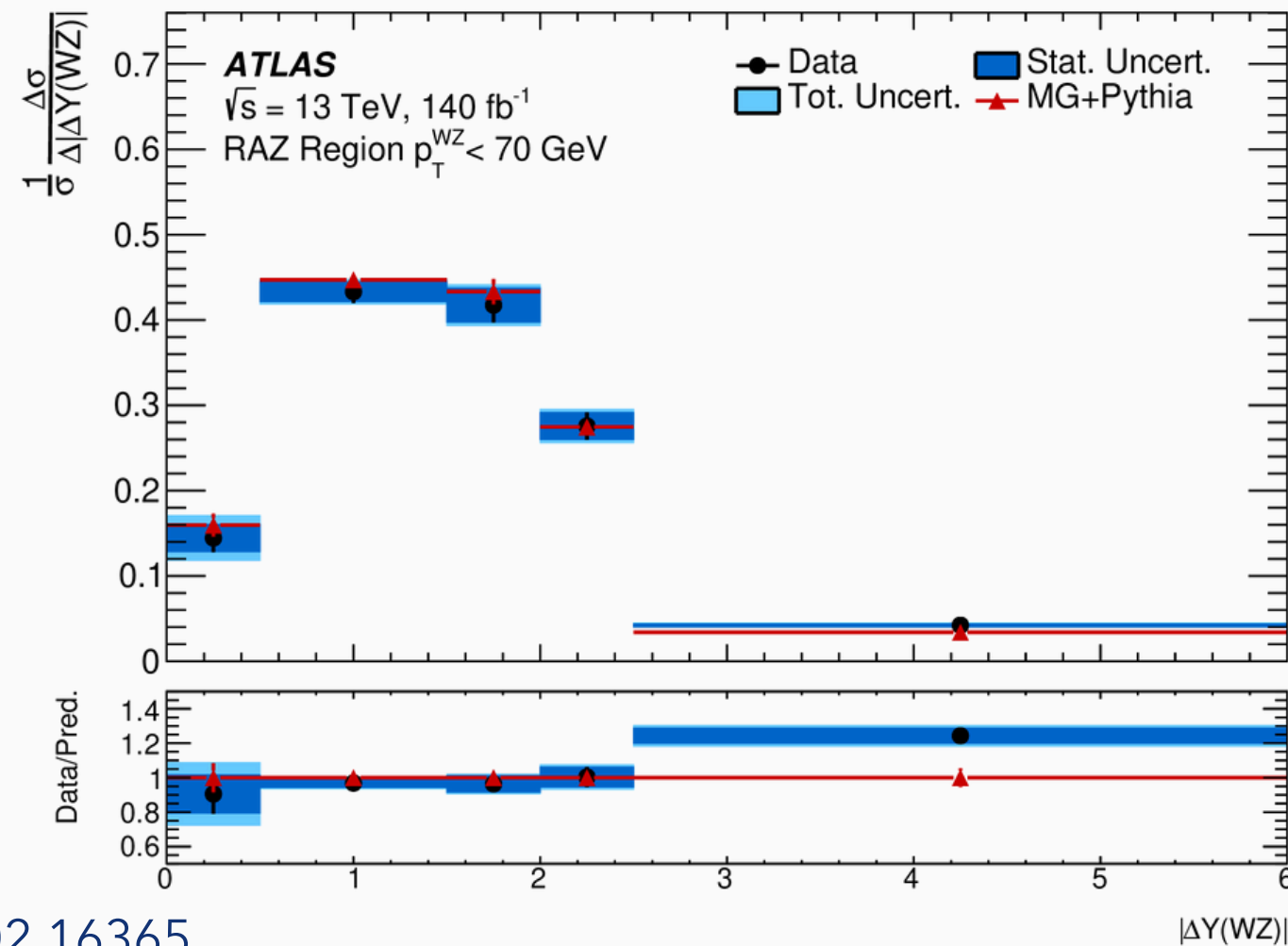
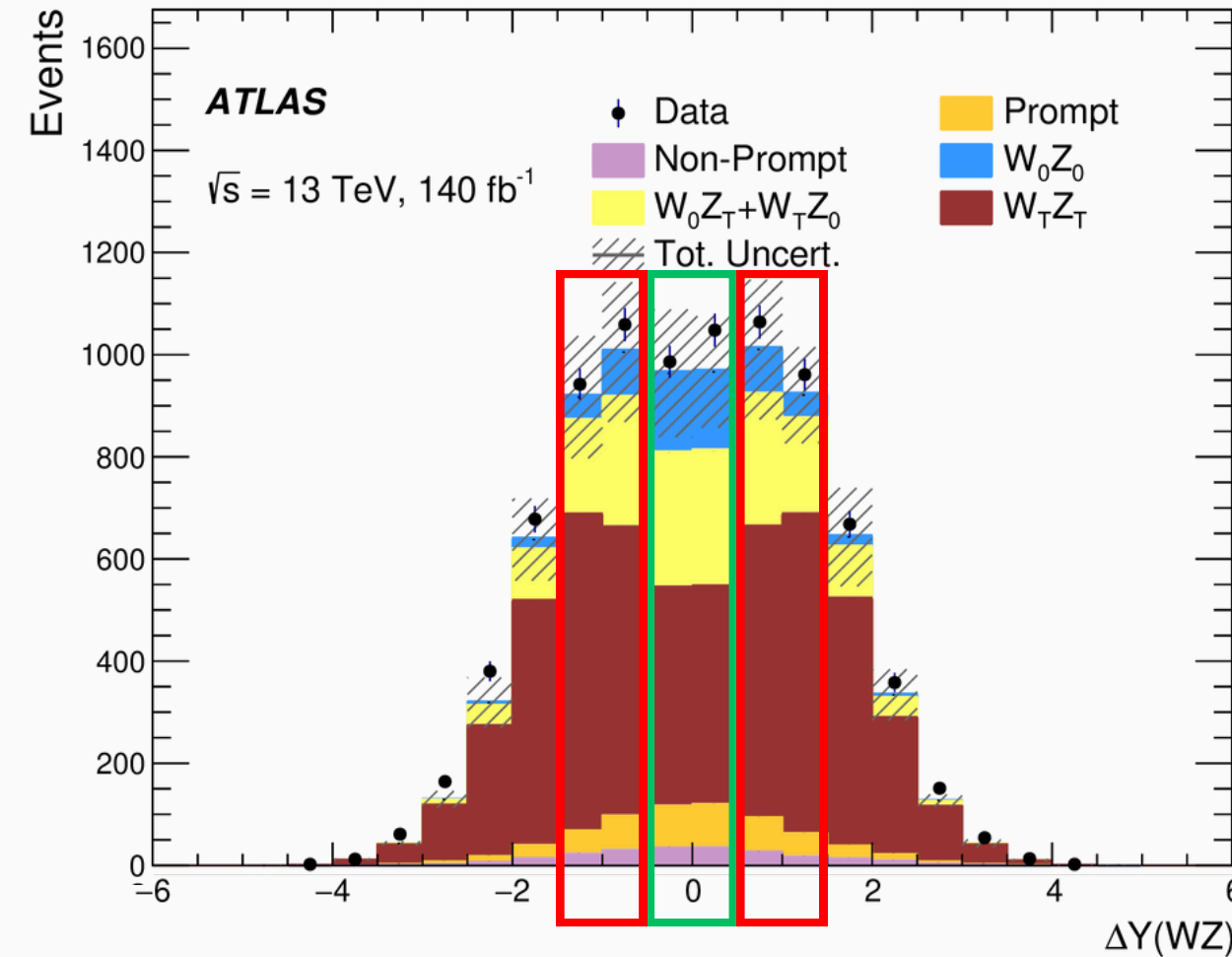


RAZ effect in WZ

Depth variable to quantify dip

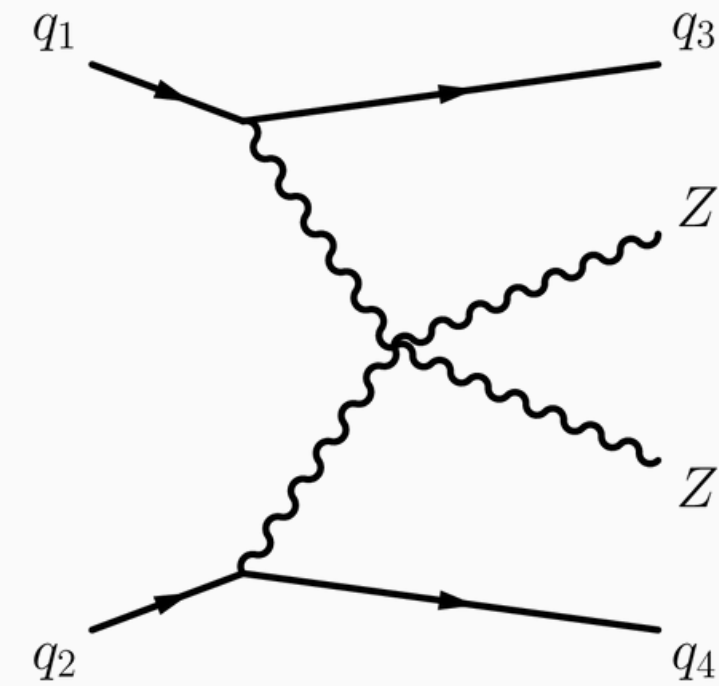
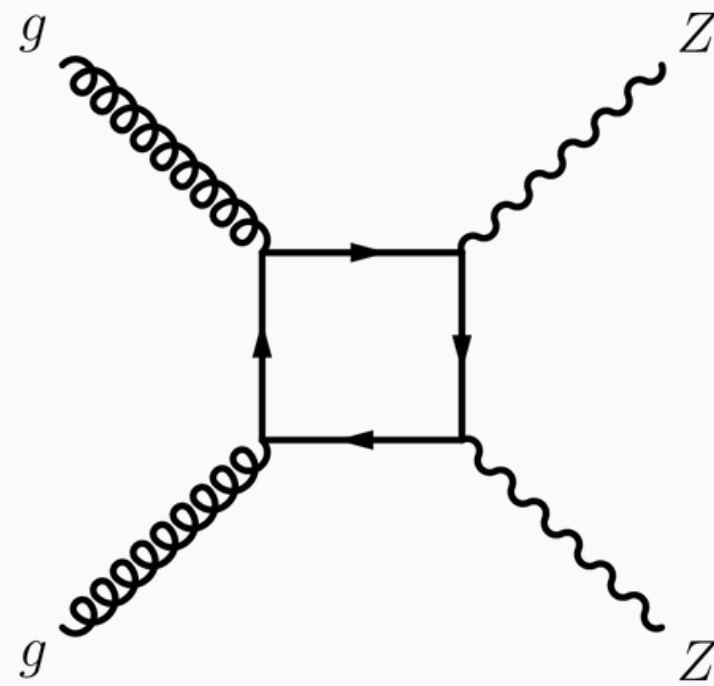
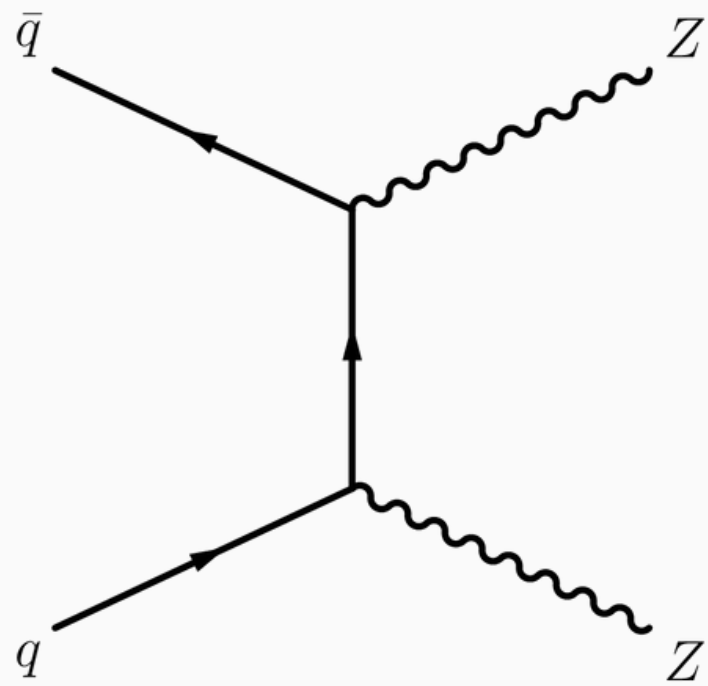
$$D = 1 - \frac{N(|\Delta Y| < 0.5)}{N(0.5 < |\Delta Y| < 1.5)/2}$$

Measure depth using unfolded TT-only distributions for different p_T^{WZ} cuts



RAZ dip is clearly visible!

Polarization measurements in ZZ



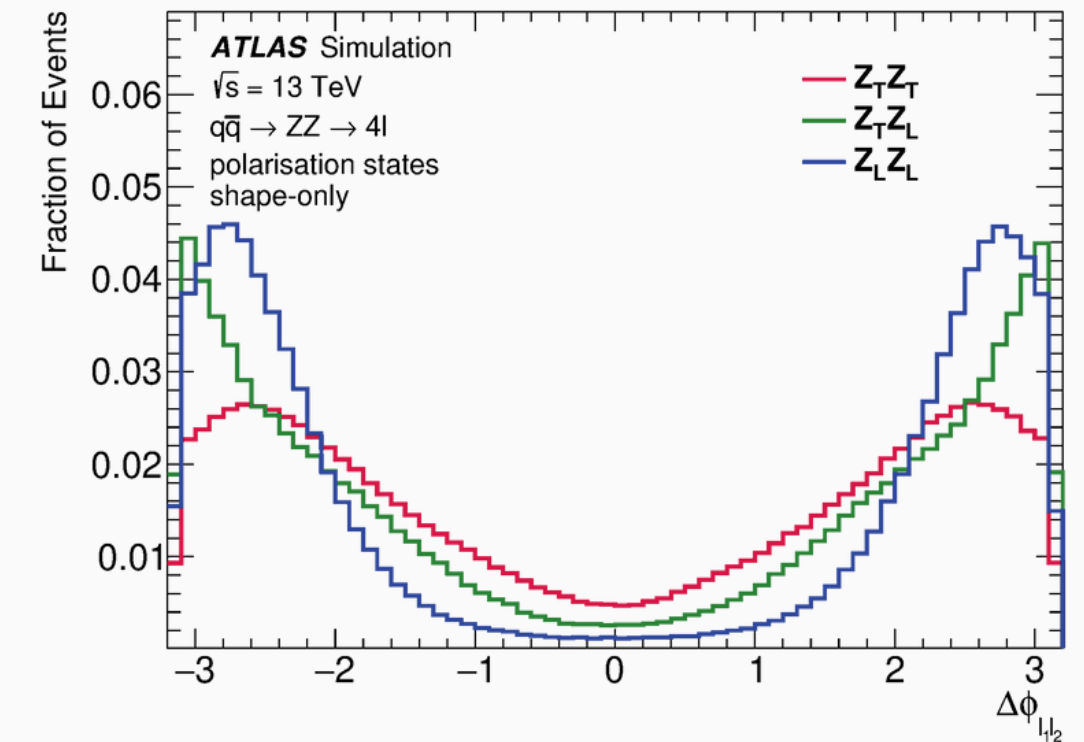
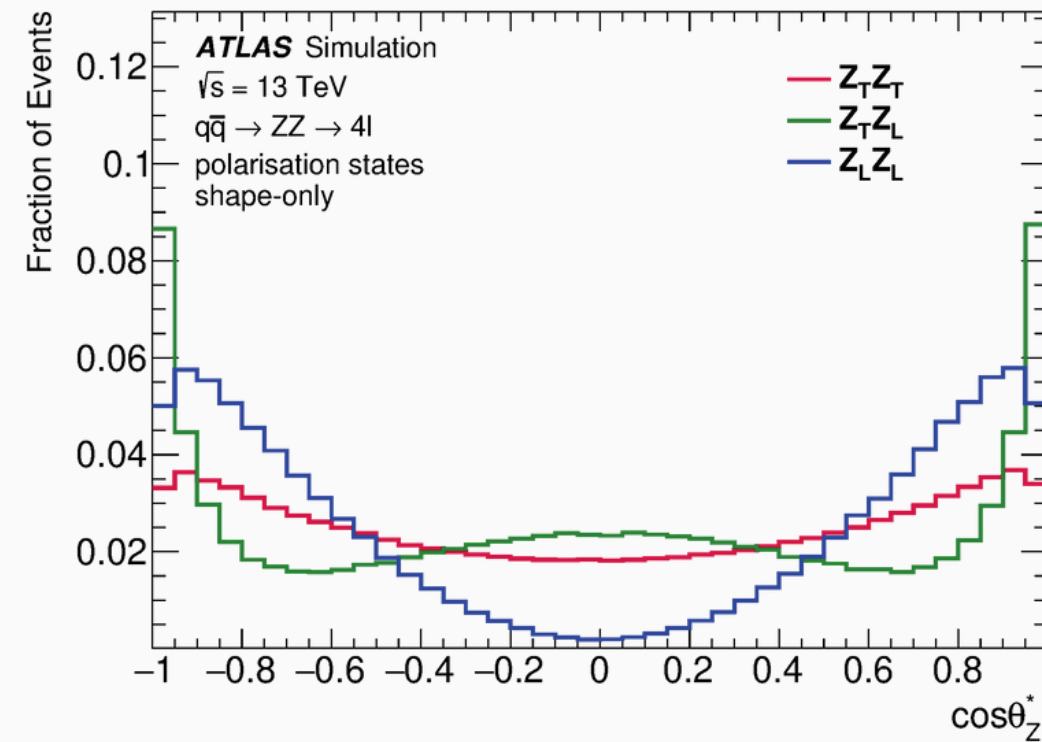
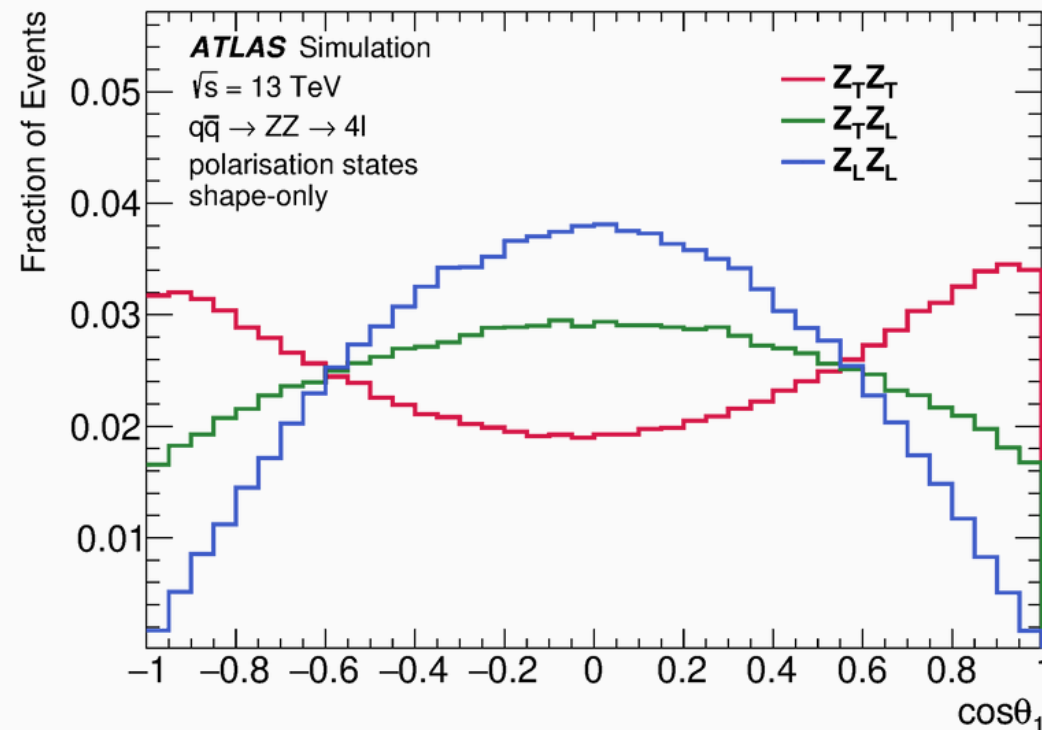
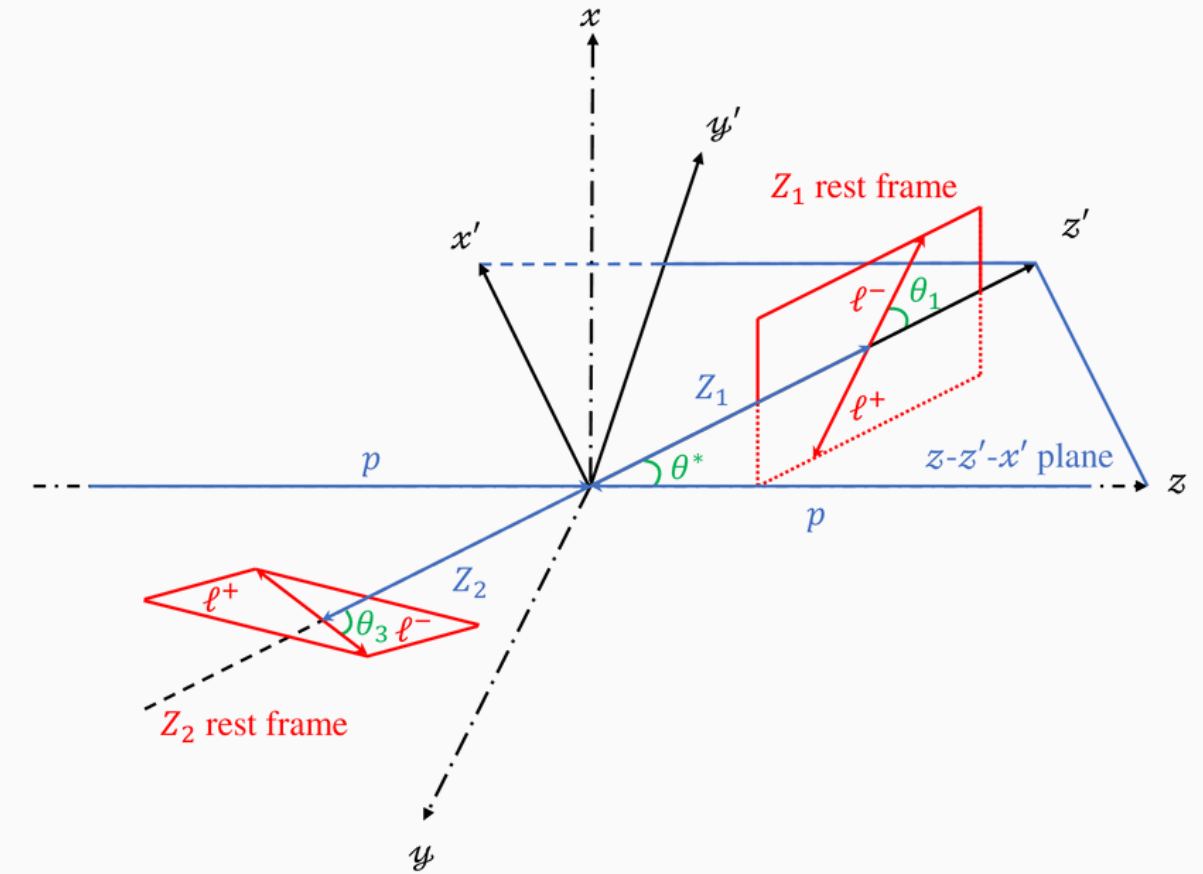
ATLAS polarization measurement in ZZ

Analysis target: joint-polarization states $Z_L Z_L$ and $Z_T Z_X$

Reference frame: ZZ rest frame

Discriminant variable

- BDT trained to separate $Z_L Z_L$ from $Z_T Z_X$
 - inputs: $\cos \theta_1$, $\cos \theta_3$, $\cos \theta_{Z_1}^*$, $\Delta \phi_{l_1 l_2}^*$, $\Delta \phi_{l_3 l_4}^*$



ATLAS polarization measurement in ZZ

Templates challenge

- MadGraph 2.7.3 + Pythia 8 for **polarized QCD** $qq \rightarrow ZZ+0,1,2j$ and **EWK** $qq \rightarrow ZZjj$
- **Reweight QCD samples** based on **polarized NLO QCD+EW** corrections (MoCaNLO):

[JHEP10(2021)097]

$$1. k_{\text{pol}} = \frac{\text{MoCaNLO}_{\text{pol}}^{\text{parton}}}{\text{MG_012jLO}_{\text{pol}}^{\text{particle}}} \times \frac{\text{Sh_NLO}_{\text{inc}}^{\text{particle}}}{\text{MoCaNLO}_{\text{inc}}^{\text{parton}}}$$

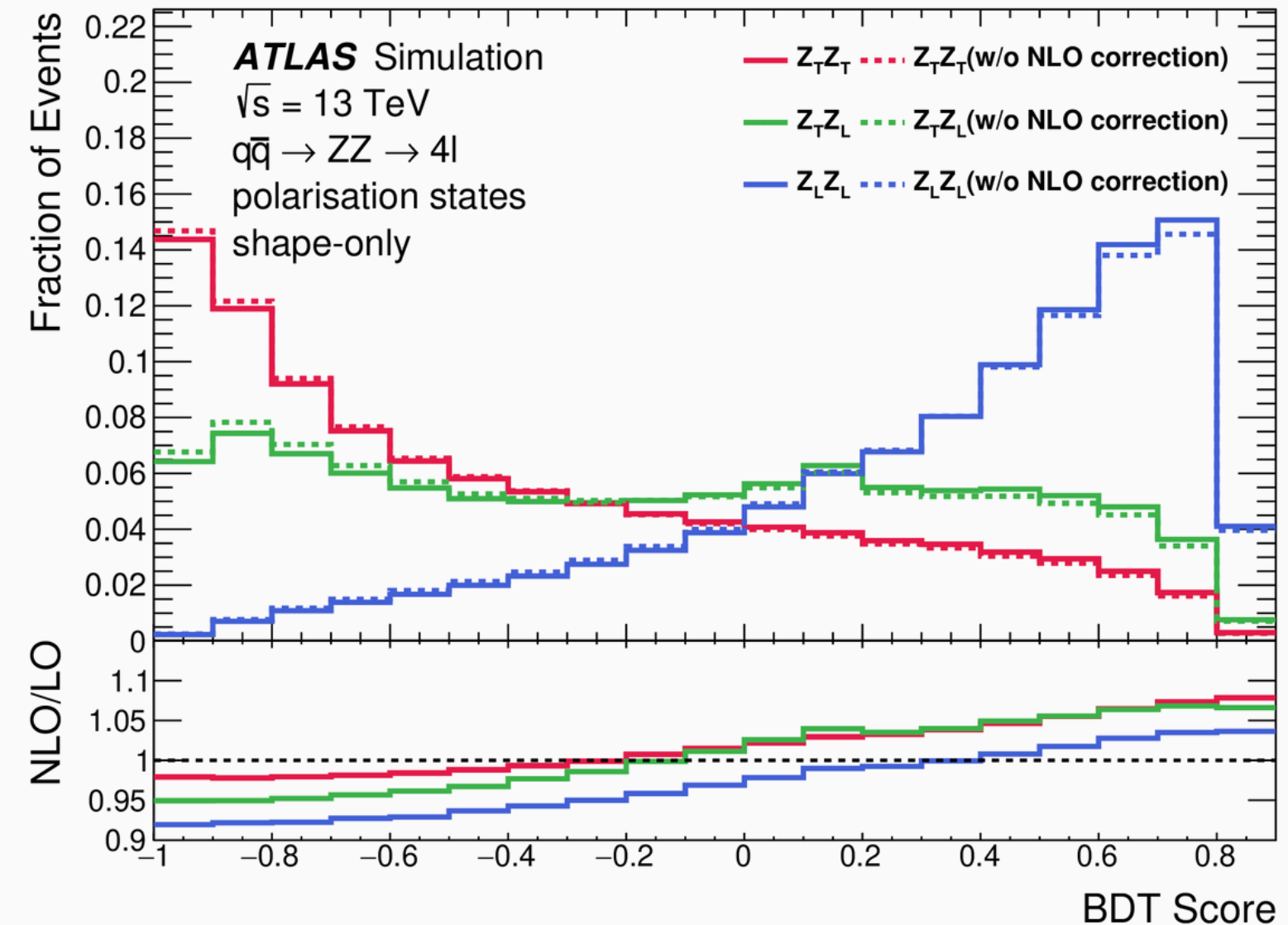
as a function of $\cos \theta_1$ or $|\Delta Y_{ZZ}|$

$$2. N_{\text{int}}^{\text{reco}} = \frac{\text{MoCaNLO}_{\text{inc}}^{\text{parton}} - \sum_{\text{pol}} \text{MoCaNLO}_{\text{pol}}^{\text{parton}}}{\text{MoCaNLO}_{\text{inc}}^{\text{parton}}} \times \text{Sh_NLO}_{\text{inc}}^{\text{reco}}$$

as a function of $\cos \theta_1$ or $|\Delta Y_{ZZ}|$

$$3. k_{\text{res}} = \frac{\text{Sh_NLO}_{\text{inc}}^{\text{reco}} - N_{\text{int}}^{\text{reco}}}{\sum_{\text{pol}} N_{\text{pol}}}$$

as a function of $\cos \theta_{Z_1}^*$ and $\Delta \phi_{l_1 l_2}^*$



ATLAS polarization measurement in ZZ

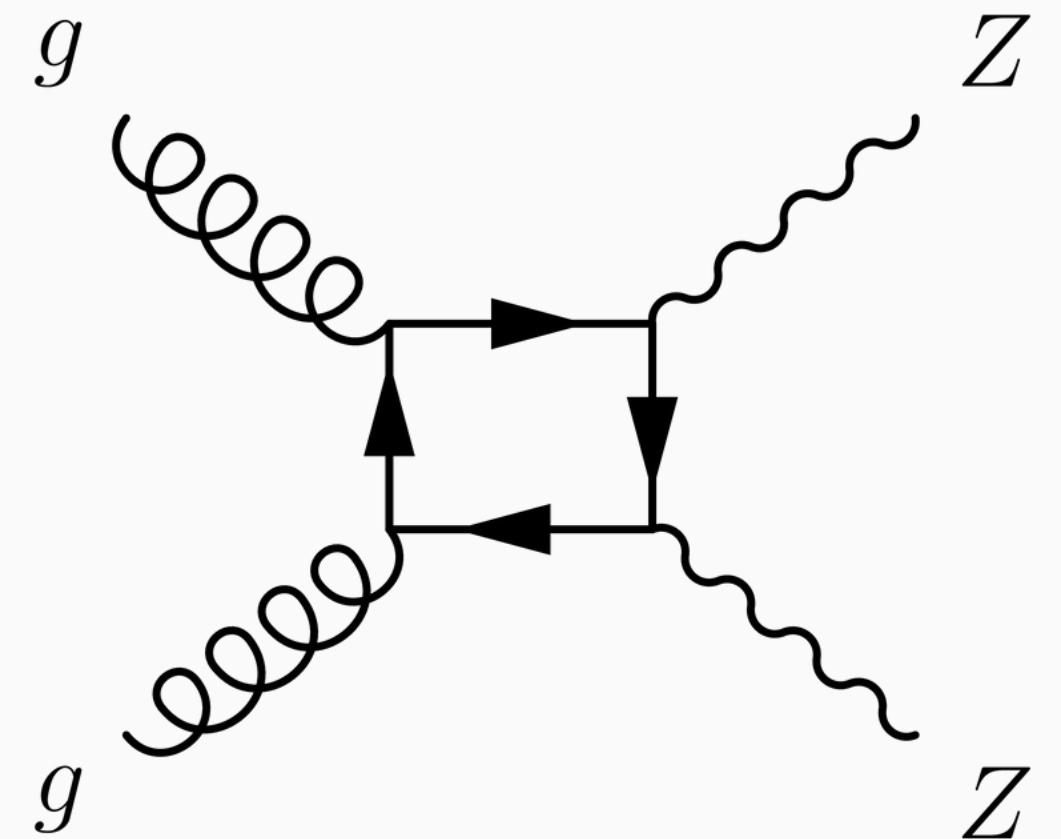
Templates challenge

- Polarized templates for **gg-loop induced ZZ** from **inclusive ggZZ** sample (Sherpa 2.2.2) and **polarized leading order calculation** (MoCaNLO)

$$\circ N_{\text{pol}}^{\text{ggZZ, reco}} = \frac{\text{MoCaNLO}_{\text{pol}}^{\text{ggZZ, parton}}}{\text{MoCaNLO}_{\text{inc}}^{\text{ggZZ, parton}}} \times \text{Sh}_{\text{inc}}^{\text{ggZZ, reco}}$$

as a function of $\cos \theta_1$

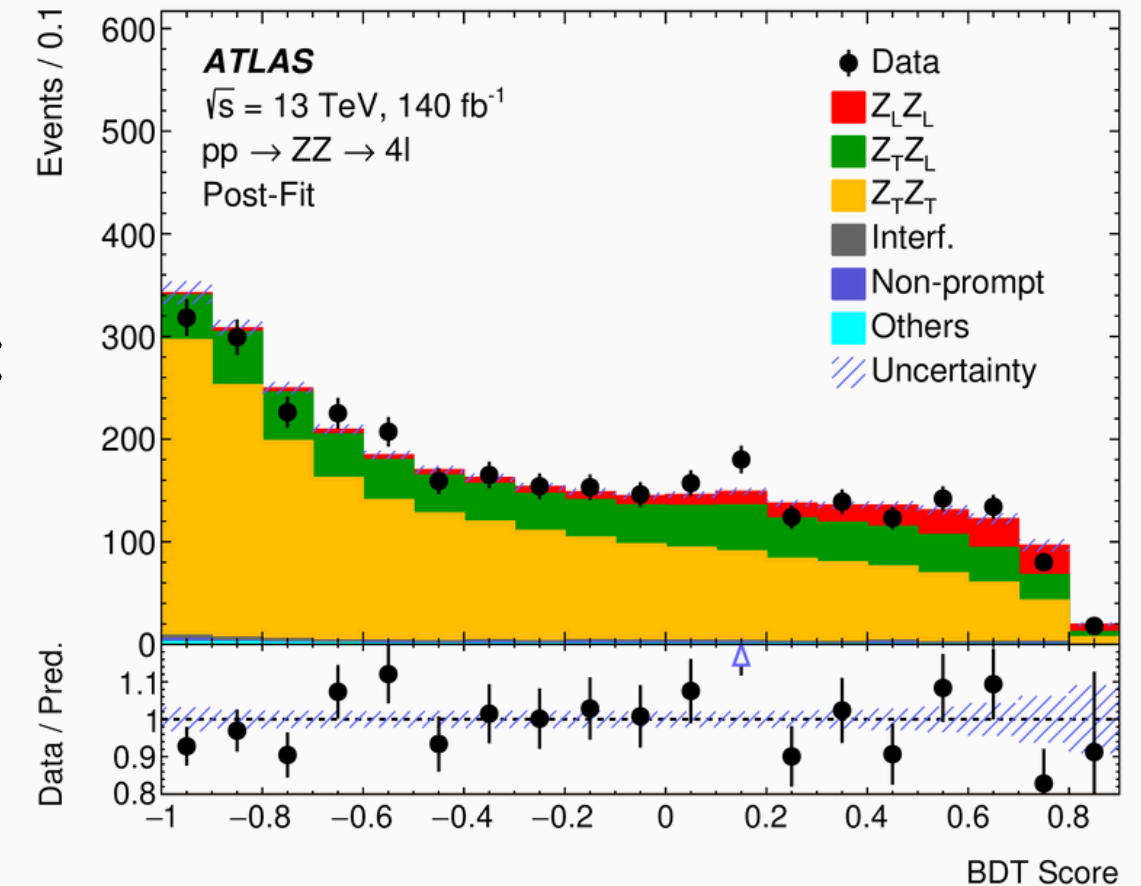
- interference negligible
- 2D reweighting as for qqZZ



ATLAS polarization measurement in ZZ

Statistical analysis

- Free parameters: $\mu_{LL}, \mu_{LT} + \mu_{TL} + \mu_{TT}$
- **Evidence for doubly-longitudinal ZZ with 4.3σ (3.8σ)**
- Measured cross-section in agreement with SM prediction:
 - $\sigma_{Z_L Z_L}^{\text{obs.}} = 2.45 \pm 0.56(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.21(\text{syst.}) \text{ fb}$
 - $\sigma_{Z_L Z_L}^{\text{pred.}} = 2.10 \pm 0.09 \text{ fb}$



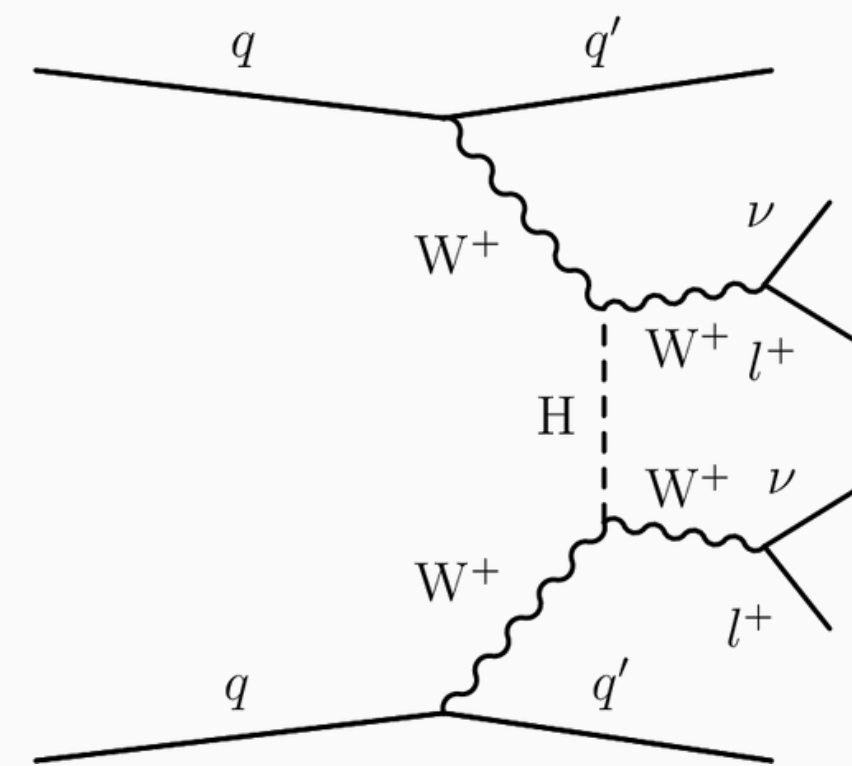
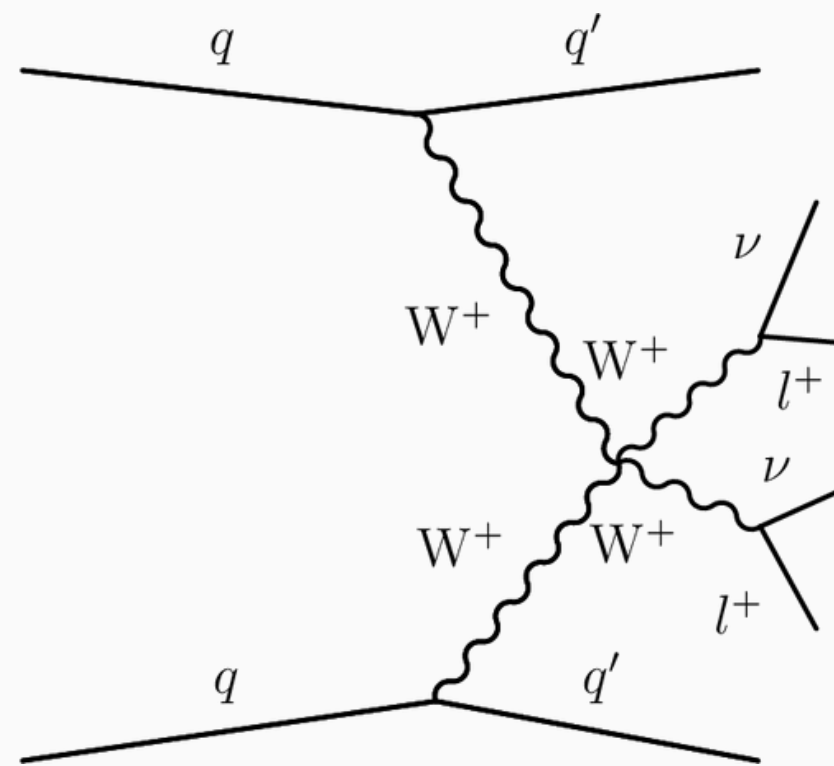
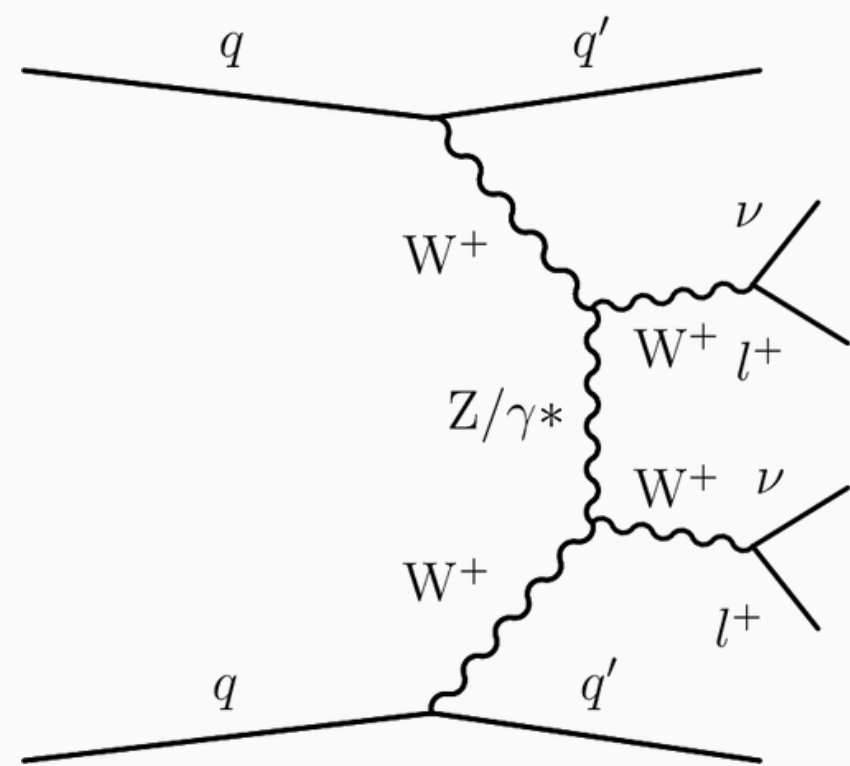
Contribution	Relative uncertainty [%]
Total	24
Data statistical uncertainty	23
Total systematic uncertainty	8.8
MC statistical uncertainty	1.7
Theoretical systematic uncertainties	
$q\bar{q} \rightarrow ZZ$ interference modelling	6.9
NLO reweighting observable choice for $q\bar{q} \rightarrow ZZ$	3.7
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

Measurement limited by statistical power

Theoretical systematics dominated by reweighting uncertainties!

Polarization measurements in same-sign WW

Vector Boson Scattering



CMS same-sign WW polarization measurement

Analysis target

- Joint-polarization: $W_L^\pm W_L^\pm, W_T^\pm W_T^\pm$
- Singly-polarized states: $W_L^\pm W_X^\pm, W_T^\pm W_X^\pm$

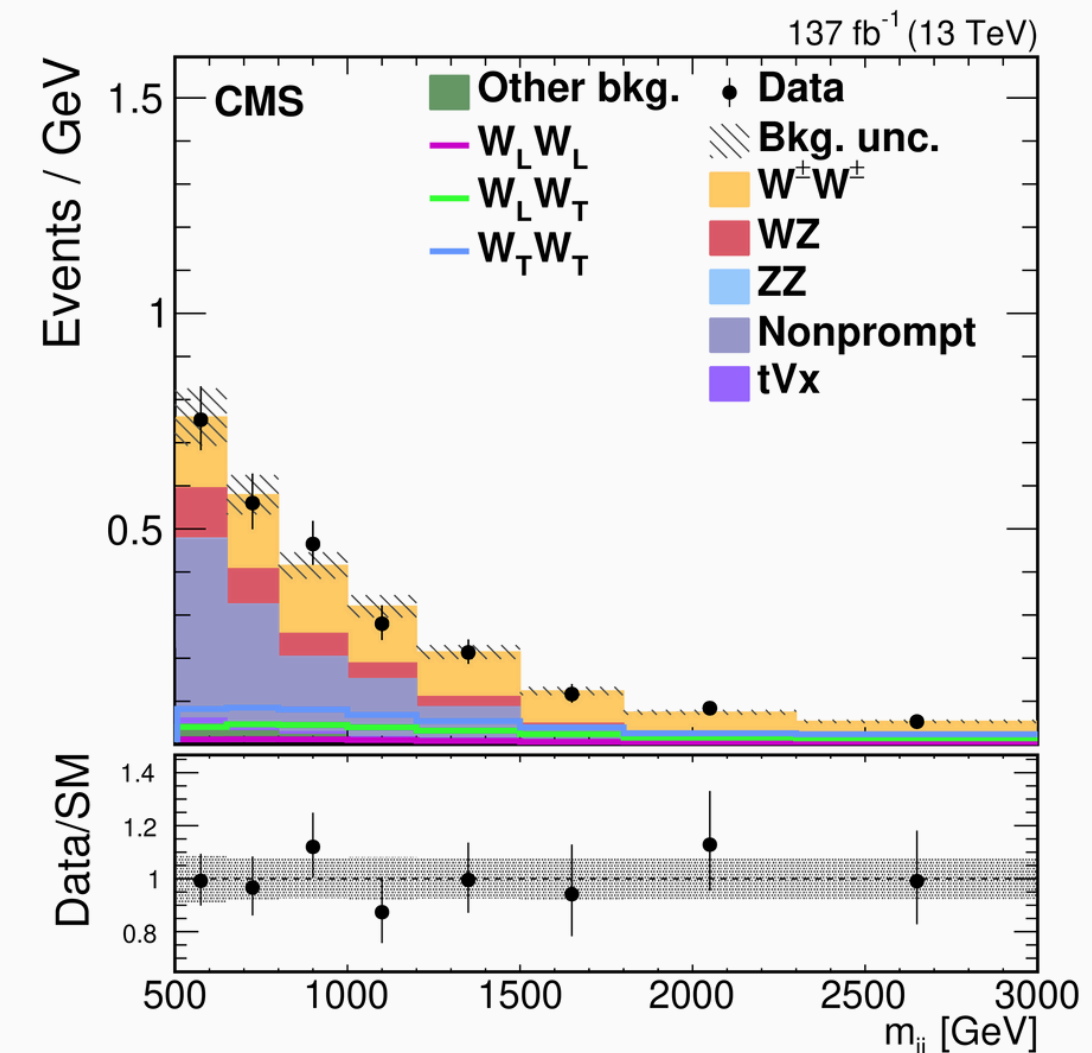
Reference frame

- WW rest frame
- Initial state parton-parton rest frame

Analysis strategy

- Cut-based SR selection, leveraging VBS topology
- CRs to constrain WZ, nonprompt lepton, tZq and ZZ backgrounds

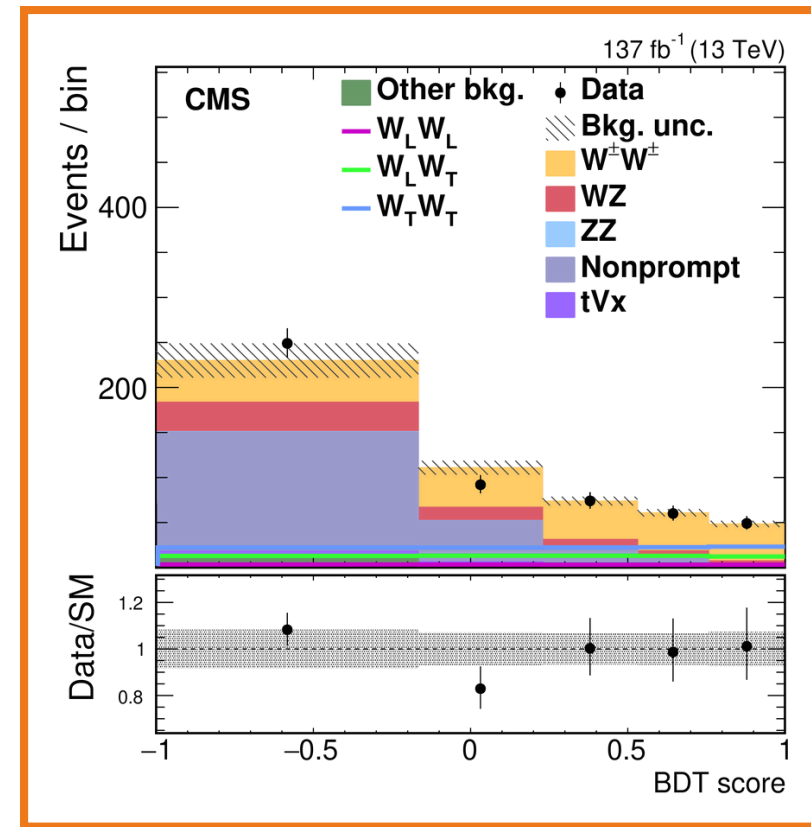
Variable	Requirement
Leptons	Exactly 2 same-sign leptons, $p_T > 25/20$ GeV
p_T^j	> 50 GeV
$ m_{\ell\ell} - m_Z $	> 15 GeV (ee)
$m_{\ell\ell}$	> 20 GeV
p_T^{miss}	> 30 GeV
b quark veto	Required
$\text{Max}(z_\ell^*)$	< 0.75
m_{jj}	> 500 GeV
$ \Delta\eta_{jj} $	> 2.5



CMS same-sign WW polarization measurement

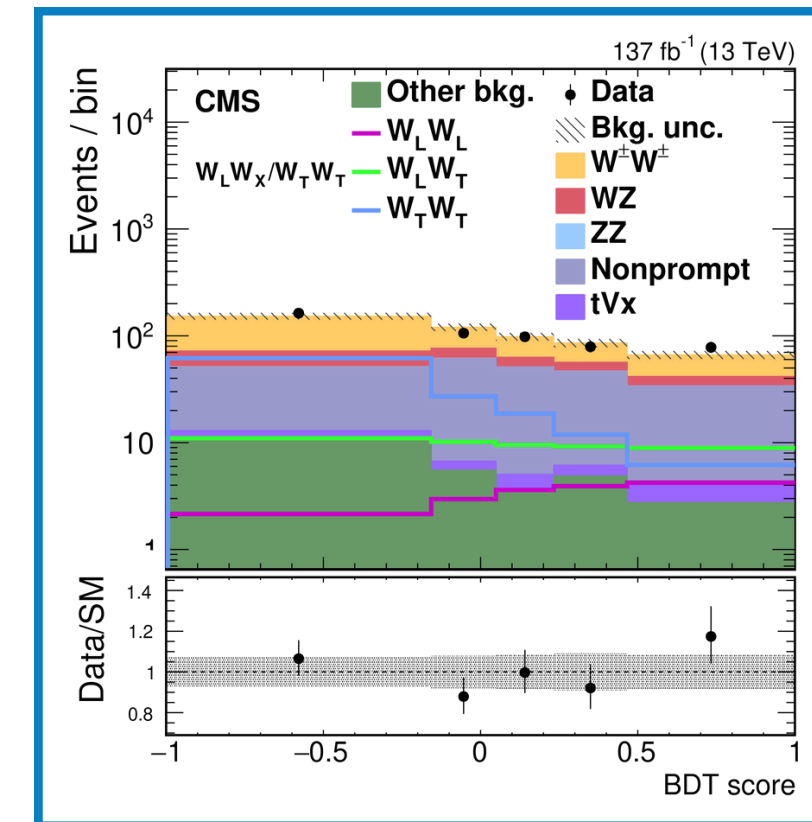
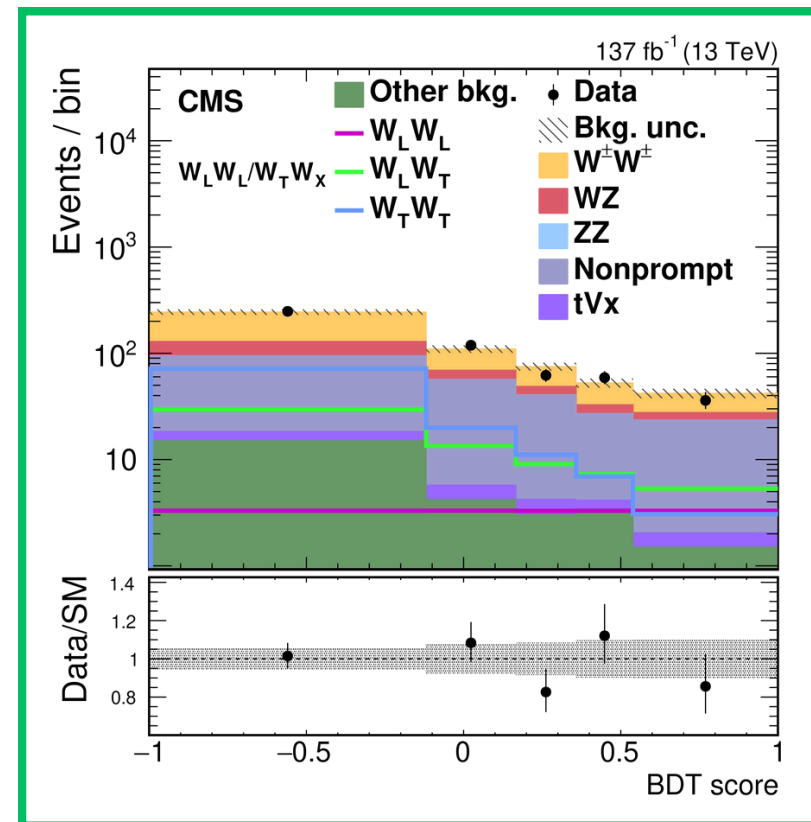
Discriminant variable

- Inclusive BDT: $W^\pm W^\pm$ vs bkg.
- Two signal BDTs per frame:
 - $W_L^\pm W_L^\pm$ vs $W_T^\pm W_X^\pm$
 - $W_L^\pm W_X^\pm$ vs $W_T^\pm W_T^\pm$



Polarization modelling

- pol. MadGraph LO
- NLO QCD+EW corrections from inclusive fixed-order calculations



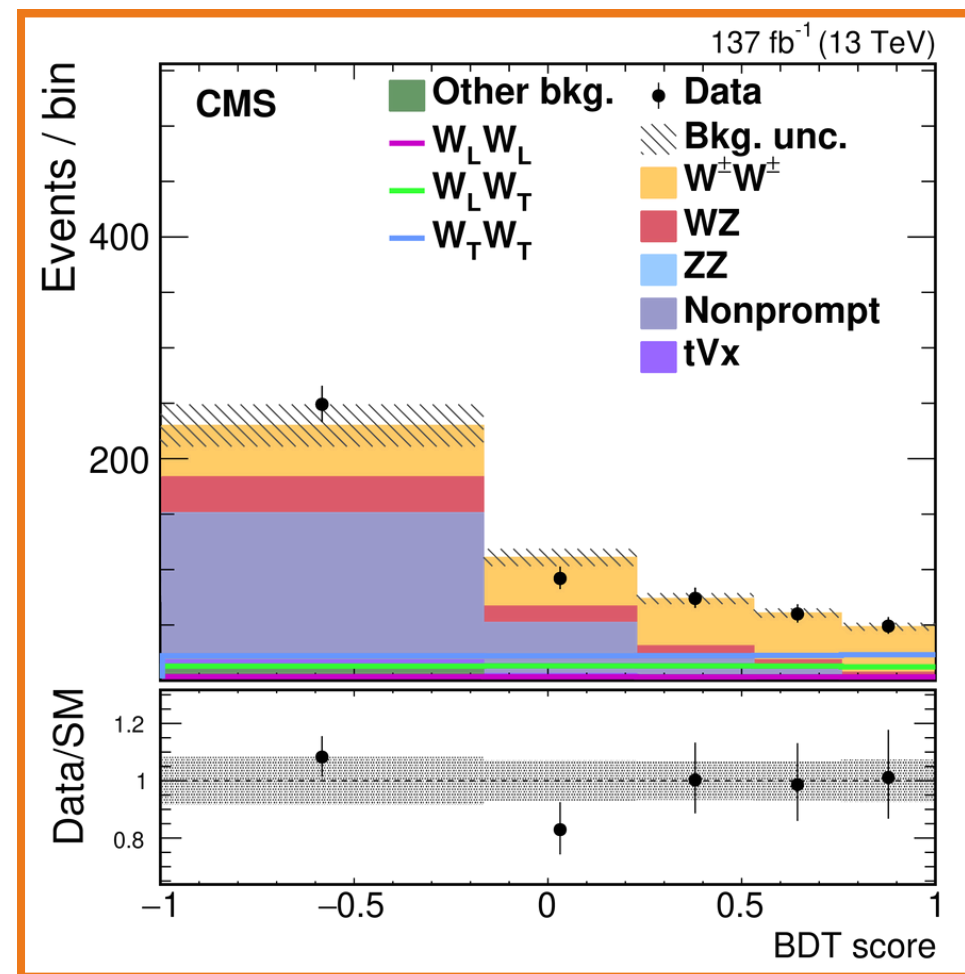
BDT input variables

signal BDT	inclusive BDT
m_{jj}	$\Delta\phi_{jj}$
$ \Delta\eta_{jj} $	p_T^{j1}
$\Delta\phi_{jj}$	p_T^{j2}
p_T^{j1}	p_T^{l1}
p_T^{j2}	p_T^{l2}
p_T^{l1}	$\Delta\phi_{\ell\ell}$
p_T^{l2}	$m_{\ell\ell}$
p_T^{miss}	$p_T^{\ell\ell}$
z_{l1}^*	m_T^{WW}
z_{l2}^*	z_{l1}^*
	z_{l2}^*
	$\Delta R_{j1,\ell\ell}$
	$\Delta R_{j2,\ell\ell}$
	$(p_T^{l1} p_T^{l2}) / (p_T^{j1} p_T^{j2})$
	p_T^{miss}

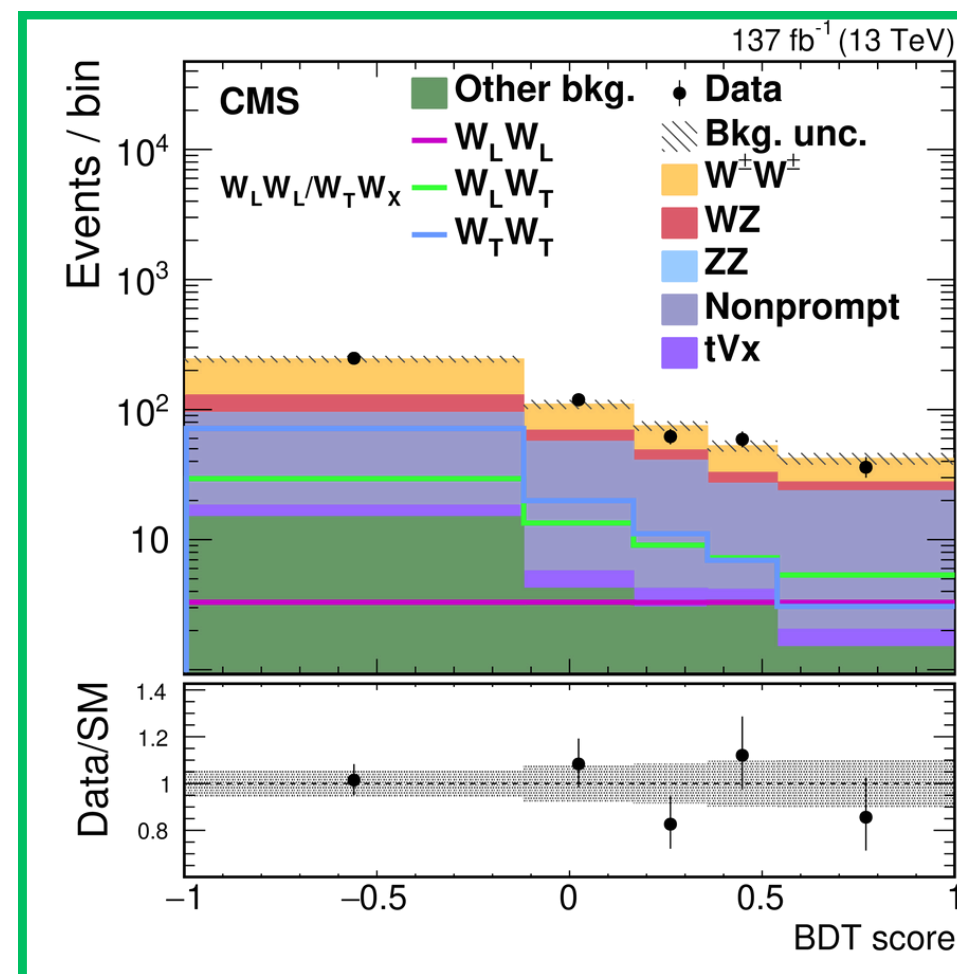
CMS same-sign WW polarization measurement

Statistical Analysis

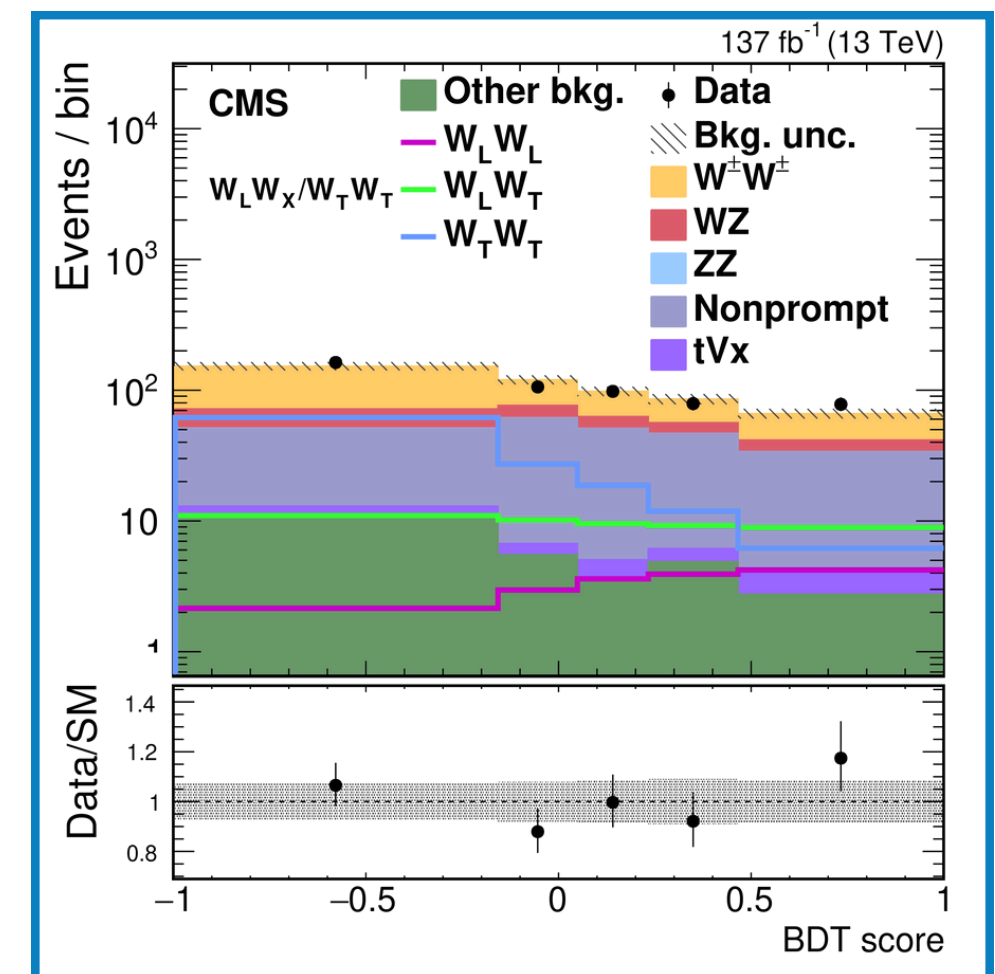
- One fit per signal hypothesis
 - $W_L^\pm W_L^\pm$ and $W_T^\pm W_X^\pm$: Inclusive BDT \times "LL vs TX" BDT (5x5 bins)
 - $W_L^\pm W_L^\pm$ and $W_T^\pm W_X^\pm$: Inclusive BDT \times "LX vs TT" BDT (5x5 bins)
- Free parameters: $\mu_{LL}, \mu_{LT} + \mu_{TL} + \mu_{TT}$ / $\mu_{TT}, \mu_{LL} + \mu_{LT} + \mu_{TL}$



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or



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WW-frame

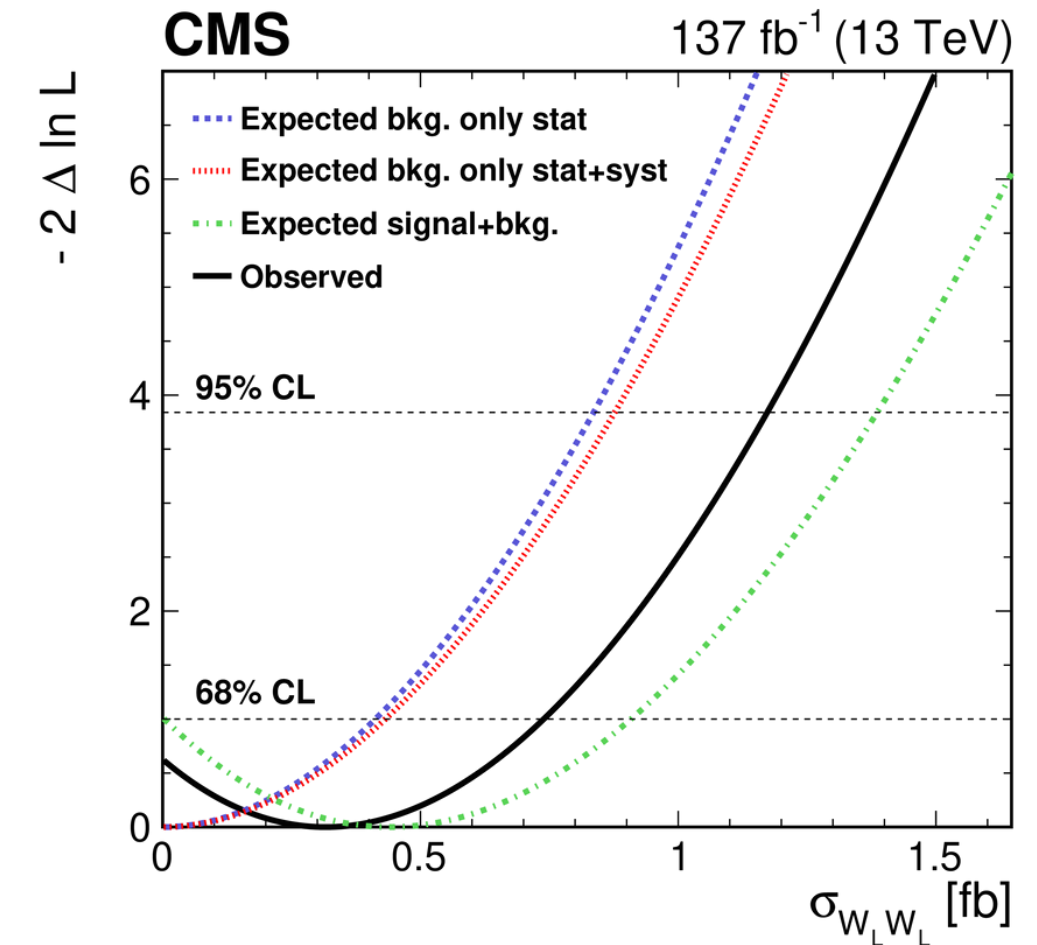
- Significance for $W_L^\pm W_X^\pm$ production of 2.3σ (3.1σ)
- 95% CL upper limit on $W_L^\pm W_L^\pm$: 1.17 (0.88) fb

Process	$\sigma \mathcal{B}$ (fb)	Theoretical prediction (fb)
$W_L^\pm W_L^\pm$	$0.32^{+0.42}_{-0.40}$	0.44 ± 0.05
$W_X^\pm W_T^\pm$	$3.06^{+0.51}_{-0.48}$	3.13 ± 0.35
$W_L^\pm W_X^\pm$	$1.20^{+0.56}_{-0.53}$	1.63 ± 0.18
$W_T^\pm W_T^\pm$	$2.11^{+0.49}_{-0.47}$	1.94 ± 0.21

pp-frame

- Significance for $W_L^\pm W_X^\pm$ production of 2.6σ (2.9σ)
- 95% CL upper limit on $W_L^\pm W_L^\pm$: 1.06 (0.85) fb

Process	$\sigma \mathcal{B}$ (fb)	Theoretical prediction (fb)
$W_L^\pm W_L^\pm$	$0.24^{+0.40}_{-0.37}$	0.28 ± 0.03
$W_X^\pm W_T^\pm$	$3.25^{+0.50}_{-0.48}$	3.32 ± 0.37
$W_L^\pm W_X^\pm$	$1.40^{+0.60}_{-0.57}$	1.71 ± 0.19
$W_T^\pm W_T^\pm$	$2.03^{+0.51}_{-0.50}$	1.89 ± 0.21



Measurement strongly dominated by statistical uncertainties!

Conclusion

Summary

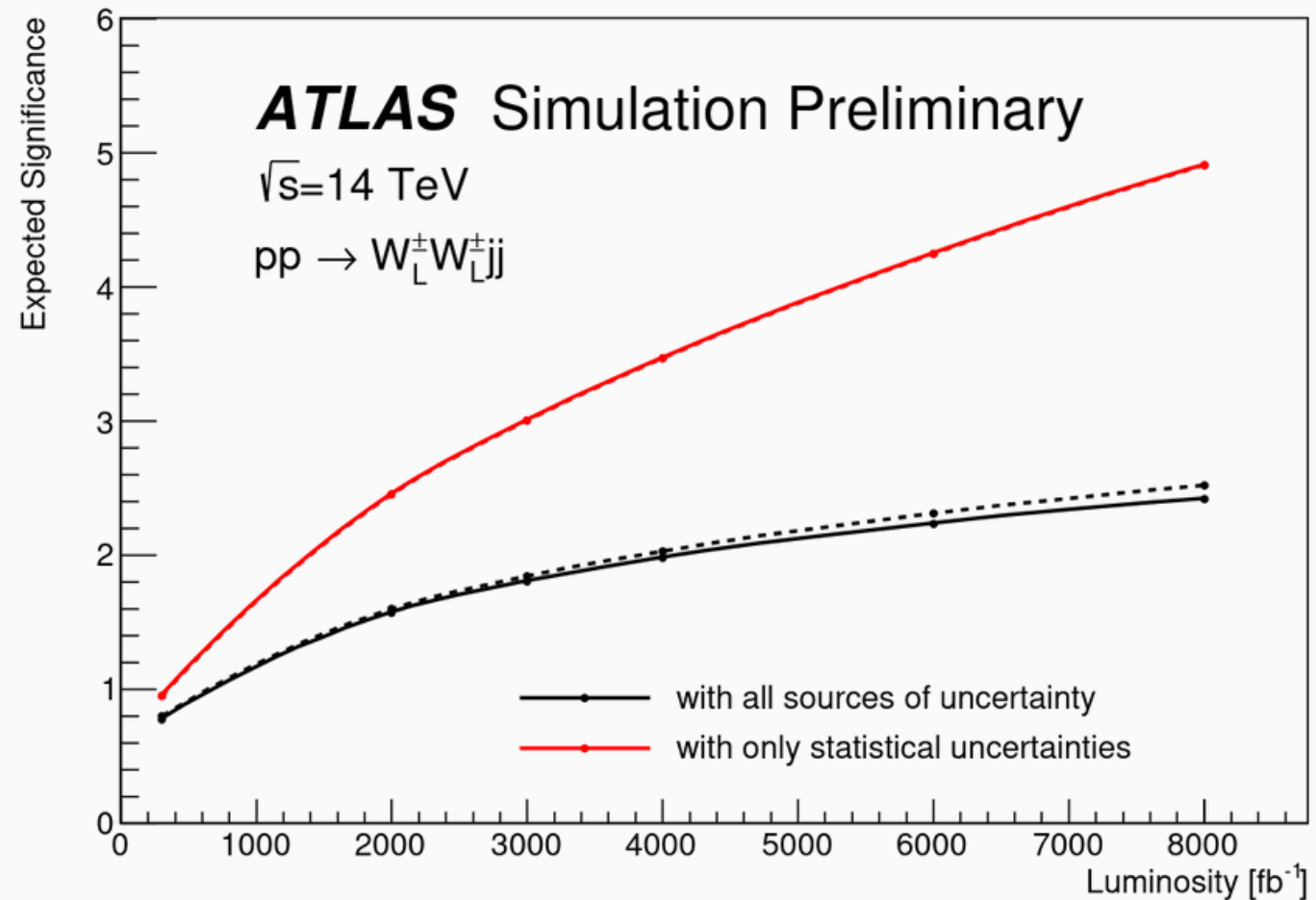
- Weak boson polarization is a useful tool to
 - probe the inner workings of the EWSB
 - look for physics beyond the Standard Model
- First observation of joint-longitudinally polarized VB in WZ, evidence in ZZ, with Run 2 dataset
 - Modelling of polarization templates is the main systematic uncertainty
 - Interference contribution may not be negligible
 - Careful selection of observables, decorrelation from ϕ_V^* , and / or interference templates necessary

Outlook

- Recent advancements in Monte-Carlo generators:
 - Powheg-Box-Res+Pythia: **inclusive VV @NLO QCD+PS** [[G. Pelliccioli, G. Zanderighi 2023](#)]
 - Sherpa 3: **arbitrary processes @nLO QCD+PS**, multi-jet merging, **interference templates** [[M. Hoppe, M. Schönherr, F. Siegert 2023](#)]
 - **polarized gluon-loop induced processes** via UFO model [[M. Javurkova et al. 2024](#)]
- Recent interest in **semi-leptonic decay channels**
 - higher statistical power, but larger backgrounds
- New developments in machine learning techniques
 - first steps towards a polarization tagger: **"Amplitude-assisted tagging"** [[arXiv:2306.07726](#)]
- Study of BSM sensitivity in polarized analyses
 - **EFT via UFO models** should be possible in MadGraph and Sherpa

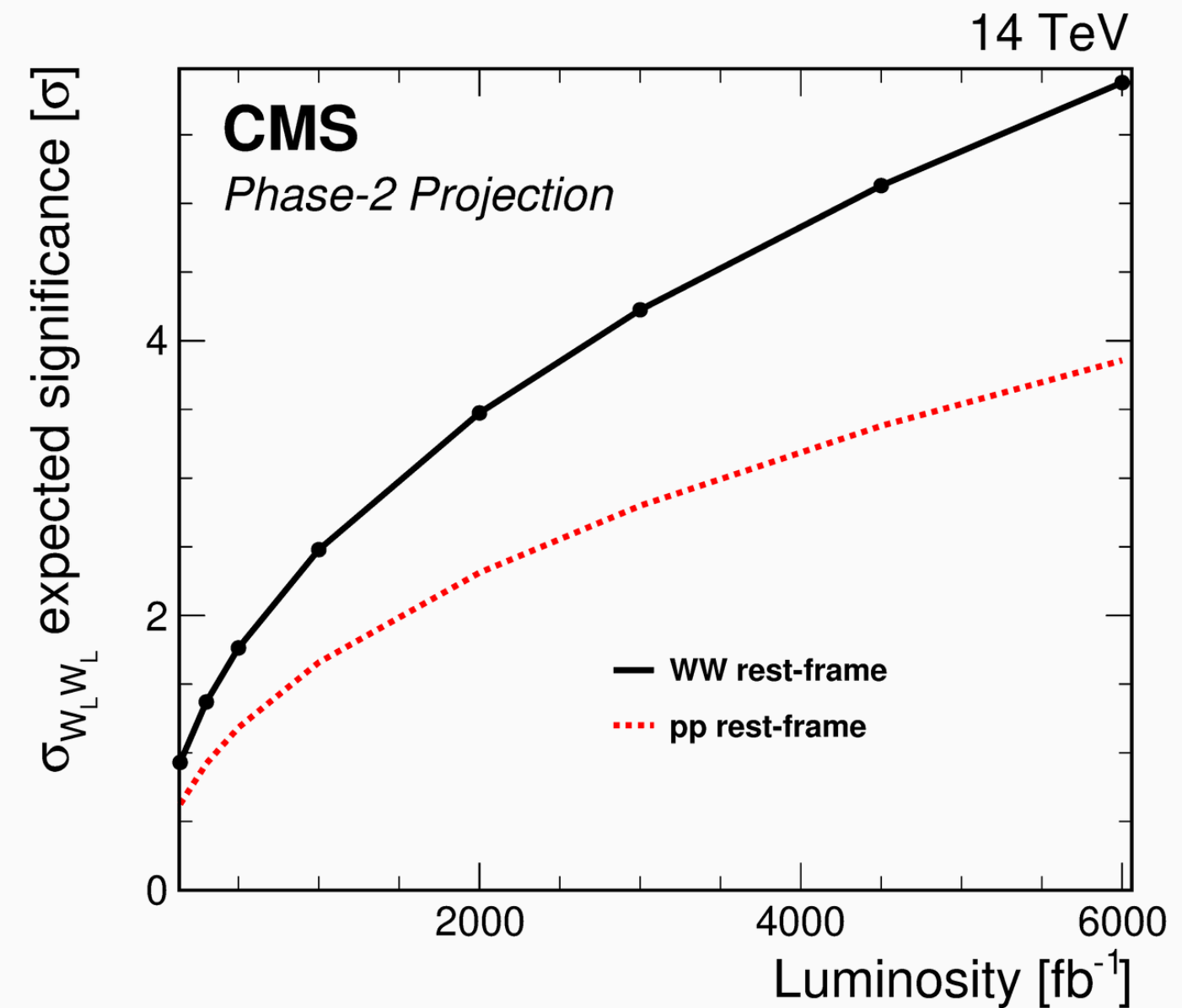
Outlook

- Projections for measurement of joint-longitudinal $W_L^\pm W_L^\pm$ at the HL-LHC presented in the Yellow Report



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- Cut based analysis



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- Almost the same analysis as presented before

Open questions

- Interpretation of template-based polarization measurements
 - inherently model-dependent → **alternative approach?**
 - in the meantime: **as many polarization fractions as possible!**
- Best reference frame to use
 - agreed-upon standard choice not yet defined
- Optimal definition of polarised-boson signals
 - clear guidelines for the experiments are needed

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Backup

CMS polarization measurement in WZ

Yields

Process	eee	ee μ	$\mu\mu e$	$\mu\mu\mu$	Inclusive
Nonprompt	19 ± 8	48 ± 16	45 ± 15	143 ± 39	255 ± 46
ZZ	42.9 ± 1.4	73 ± 7	188 ± 6	363 ± 10	668 ± 15
X γ	25 ± 3	5.5 ± 0.9	98 ± 10	33 ± 4	161 ± 11
t \bar{t} X	12.6 ± 1.3	24 ± 3	47 ± 5	98 ± 11	181 ± 13
VVV	8 ± 3	14 ± 6	30 ± 12	60 ± 24	111 ± 28
VH	3.1 ± 0.6	8.7 ± 1.6	19 ± 4	37 ± 7	68 ± 8
tZq	11.2 ± 1.9	21 ± 4	45 ± 8	88 ± 16	165 ± 19
WZ EWK	8.5 ± 1.3	16 ± 2	35 ± 5	72 ± 11	132 ± 12
Total background	130 ± 10	211 ± 20	507 ± 26	894 ± 54	1741 ± 64
WZ	561 ± 15	1122 ± 24	2328 ± 39	4974 ± 82	8985 ± 95
Total expected	691 ± 18	1333 ± 28	2835 ± 43	5868 ± 89	10726 ± 95
Observed	739	1286	2849	5855	10729

CMS polarization measurement in WZ

Uncertainties

Source	Combined	eee	ee μ	$\mu\mu e$	$\mu\mu\mu$
Electron efficiency	0.6	3.2	1.8	0.9	—
Muon efficiency	1.2	—	0.5	1.0	1.5
Electron energy scale	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.0
Muon energy scale	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1
Trigger efficiency	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.7
Jet energy scale	0.9	0.8	0.7	1.0	0.9
b tagging	1.6	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.6
Pileup	0.9	1.0	1.2	0.8	0.7
ISR	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Nonprompt normalization	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.7
Nonprompt shape	1.0	1.2	1.0	0.9	0.9
VVV normalization	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5
VH normalization	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
WZ EWK normalization	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
ZZ normalization	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
t \bar{t} Z normalization	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3
tZq normalization	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
X γ normalization	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.5	0.1
Total systematic uncertainties	2.8	4.3	3.7	3.0	3.0
Integrated luminosity	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.1
Statistical uncertainty	1.5	5.0	3.4	2.5	2.0
PDF+scale	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9

ATLAS Polarization measurement in WZ

Object selection

Muon object selection			
Selection	Baseline selection	Z selection	W selection
$p_T > 5 \text{ GeV}$	✓	✓	✓
$ \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 \text{ mm}$ (for $ \eta < 2.5$ only)	✓	✓	✓
PflowLoose_FixedRad isolation	✓	✓	✓
μ -jet Overlap Removal		✓	✓
$p_T > 15 \text{ GeV}$		✓	✓
$ \eta < 2.5$		✓	✓
Medium quality		✓	✓
$p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$			✓
Tight quality			✓
PflowTight_FixedRad isolation			✓

Electron object selection			
Selection	Baseline selection	Z selection	W selection
$p_T > 5 \text{ GeV}$	✓	✓	✓
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 \text{ mm}$	✓	✓	✓
Loose_VarRad isolation	✓	✓	✓
e -to- μ and e -to- e overlap removal	✓	✓	✓
e -to-jets overlap removal		✓	✓
$p_T > 15 \text{ GeV}$		✓	✓
Exclude $1.37 < \eta^{\text{cluster}} < 1.52$		✓	✓
MediumLH identification		✓	✓
HighPtCaloOnly isolation		✓	✓
$p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$			✓
TightLH identification			✓
Tight_VarRad isolation			✓
Unambiguous author			✓
DFCommonAddAmbiguity ≤ 0			✓

ATLAS Polarization measurement in WZ

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

ATLAS Polarization measurement in WZ

Yields

	Signal Region			
	Pre-fit		Post-fit	
WZ in τ	620	± 60	630	± 60
ZZ	1420	± 120	1630	± 50
$t\bar{t} + V$	870	± 130	820	± 120
Misid. leptons	1170	± 230	1010	± 220
Others	800	± 90	780	± 90
W_0Z_0	920	± 40	1190	± 160
W_0Z_T	2670	± 50	1900	± 500
W_TZ_0	2670	± 60	3100	± 400
W_TZ_T	10200	± 230	10900	± 600
Total MC	21400	± 500	21950	± 170
Data	—		21936	

	ZZ Control Region			
	Pre-fit		Post-fit	
WZ unpol.	35.6	± 1.9	35.6	± 1.9
ZZ	2030	± 150	2290	± 50
$t\bar{t} + V$	153	± 23	143	± 21
Misid. leptons	14	± 4	15	± 4
Others	32	± 8	33	± 8
Total MC	2260	± 150	2510	± 50
Data	—		2554	

ATLAS Polarization measurement in WZ

Predicted and measured fractions

	Data	POWHEG+PYTHIA	NLO QCD
$W^\pm Z$			
f_{00}	0.067 ± 0.010	0.0590 ± 0.0009	0.058 ± 0.002
f_{0T}	0.110 ± 0.029	0.1515 ± 0.0017	0.159 ± 0.003
f_{T0}	0.179 ± 0.023	0.1465 ± 0.0017	0.149 ± 0.003
f_{TT}	0.644 ± 0.032	0.6431 ± 0.0021	0.628 ± 0.004
$W^+ Z$			
f_{00}	0.072 ± 0.016	0.0583 ± 0.0012	0.057 ± 0.002
f_{0T}	0.119 ± 0.034	0.1484 ± 0.0022	0.155 ± 0.003
f_{T0}	0.152 ± 0.033	0.1461 ± 0.0022	0.147 ± 0.003
f_{TT}	0.66 ± 0.04	0.6472 ± 0.0026	0.635 ± 0.004
$W^- Z$			
f_{00}	0.063 ± 0.016	0.0600 ± 0.0014	0.059 ± 0.002
f_{0T}	0.11 ± 0.04	0.1560 ± 0.0027	0.166 ± 0.003
f_{T0}	0.21 ± 0.04	0.1470 ± 0.0027	0.152 ± 0.003
f_{TT}	0.62 ± 0.05	0.6370 ± 0.0033	0.618 ± 0.004

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

ATLAS Polarization measurement in WZ

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 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

ATLAS measurement of energy dependence of WZ polarization fractions and RAZ effect

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_iloose_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

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Yields

Process	$100 < p_T^Z \leq 200 \text{ GeV}$		$p_T^Z > 200 \text{ GeV}$	
	Pre-fit	Post-fit	Pre-fit	Post-fit
W_0Z_0	222 ± 5	290 ± 60	47.6 ± 1.5	28 ± 19
$W_0Z_T + W_TZ_0$	323 ± 12	280 ± 140	23.7 ± 0.8	50 ± 40
W_TZ_T	856 ± 31	920 ± 100	124 ± 4	132 ± 29
Prompt background	169 ± 18	166 ± 18	24.1 ± 2.7	24.2 ± 2.7
Non-prompt background	68 ± 29	80 ± 40	2.8 ± 1.1	2.8 ± 1.1
Total Expected	1640 ± 60	1740 ± 40	222 ± 8	236 ± 15
Data	1740		236	

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Predicted and measured fractions

3 parameter fit

	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
$f_{00} \text{ obs (exp) sig.}$	$5.2 \text{ (4.3)} \sigma$	$1.6 \text{ (2.5)} \sigma$	f_{TT}	0.619 ± 0.007	0.646 ± 0.008

2 parameter fit

	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
$f_{00} \text{ obs (exp) sig.}$	$7.7 \text{ (6.9)} \sigma$	$3.2 \text{ (4.2)} \sigma$	f_{T0}	0.109 ± 0.001	0.058 ± 0.001
			f_{TT}	0.619 ± 0.007	0.646 ± 0.008

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Uncertainties

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	12.1	17.7
Data statistical	18.0	64.5
Total	21.7	66.9

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

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	1.2	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

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Yields

		Pre-fit		Post-fit	
<i>ZZ</i>	$Z_L Z_L$	189.3	± 8.7	220	± 54
	$Z_T Z_L$	710	± 29	711	± 29
	$Z_T Z_T$	2170	± 120	2147	± 60
	Interference	33.7	± 2.8	33.4	± 2.7
Non-prompt		18.7	± 7.1	18.5	± 7.0
Others		20.0	± 3.7	19.9	± 3.7
Total		3140	± 150	3149	± 57
Data		3149		3149	

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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
Triboson and $t\bar{t}Z$ normalisations	0.1

CMS same-sign WW polarization measurement

Yields

Process	Yields in $W^\pm W^\pm$ SR
$W_L^\pm W_L^\pm$	16.0 ± 18.3
$W_L^\pm W_T^\pm$	63.1 ± 10.7
$W_T^\pm W_T^\pm$	110.1 ± 18.1
QCD $W^\pm W^\pm$	13.8 ± 1.6
Interference $W^\pm W^\pm$	8.4 ± 0.6
WZ	63.3 ± 7.8
ZZ	0.7 ± 0.2
Nonprompt	213.7 ± 52.3
tVx	7.1 ± 2.2
Other background	26.9 ± 9.9
Total SM	522.9 ± 60.7
Data	524

CMS same-sign WW polarization measurement

Uncertainties

Source of uncertainty	$W_L^\pm W_L^\pm$ (%)	$W_X^\pm W_T^\pm$ (%)	$W_L^\pm W_X^\pm$ (%)	$W_T^\pm W_T^\pm$ (%)
Integrated luminosity	3.2	1.8	1.9	1.8
Lepton measurement	3.6	1.9	2.5	1.8
Jet energy scale and resolution	11	2.9	2.5	1.1
Pileup	0.9	0.1	1.0	0.3
b tagging	1.1	1.2	1.4	1.1
Nonprompt lepton rate	17	2.7	9.3	1.6
Trigger	1.9	1.1	1.6	0.9
Limited sample size	38	3.9	14	5.7
Theory	6.8	2.3	4.0	2.3
Total systematic uncertainty	44	6.6	18	7.0
Statistical uncertainty	123	15	42	22
Total uncertainty	130	16	46	23