

# $WW/WZ/ZZ$ scattering at high energy at LHC

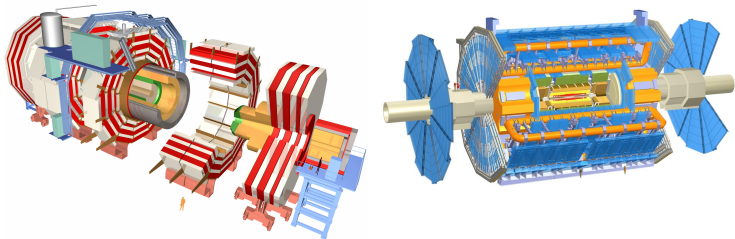
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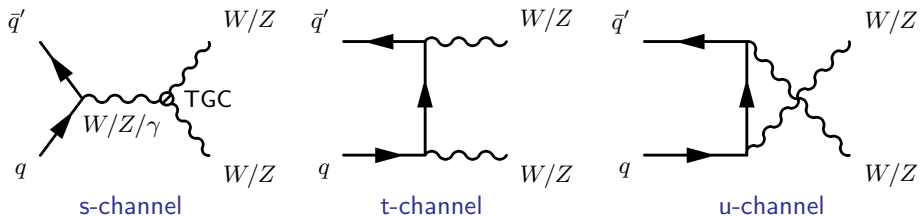
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# Introduction

- Electroweak diboson measurements
  - test of the electroweak sector of the SM at the TeV scale
  - sensitive to anomalous triple gauge couplings (aTGC)
  - irreducible background to Higgs searches
- $WW/WZ/ZZ$  scattering  $\rightarrow$  (massive, weak) vector boson scattering (VBS)
  - measurable key process inextricably linked with EWSB: the EWSB mechanism
    - must regulate  $\sigma(V_L V_L \rightarrow V_L V_L)$  in order to restore unitarity above  $\sim 1 - 2$  TeV
    - must thus be experimentally observable in VBS at the TeV scale
  - sensitive to anomalous quartic gauge couplings (aQGC)
  - final state: diboson +  $\geq 2$  jets
- VBS at the LHC at high energy (14 TeV) is the key process to experimentally probe the SM nature of EWSB, complementary to direct Higgs measurements

# WW/WZ/ZZ production at the LHC

- Measuring WW/WZ/ZZ production is an evident prerequisite for VBS measurements
- LO diagrams for WW/WZ/ZZ production:

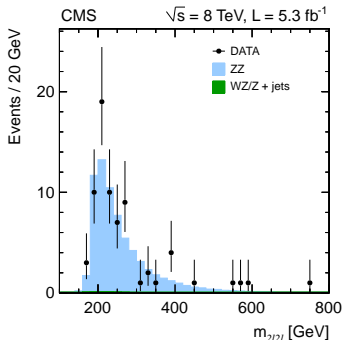


- Cross sections calculated to NLO (using MCFM with PDF set CT10 or MSTW08)
  - gluon-gluon enters at NLO, < 10% of the cross-section
- Access to triple gauge couplings (TGC)
  - new physics may show up as anomalous (= non-SM) TGCs
- Important background to Higgs and beyond-SM searches
  - precise knowledge of cross-sections and kinematic distributions needed

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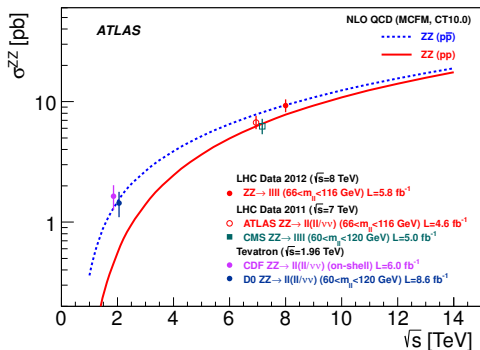
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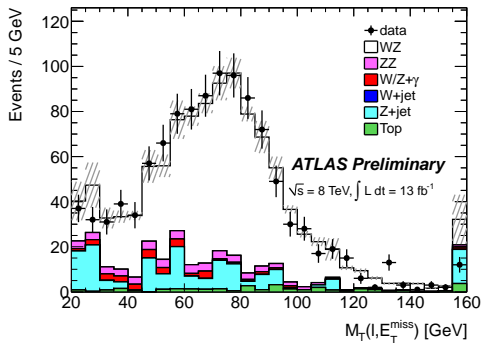
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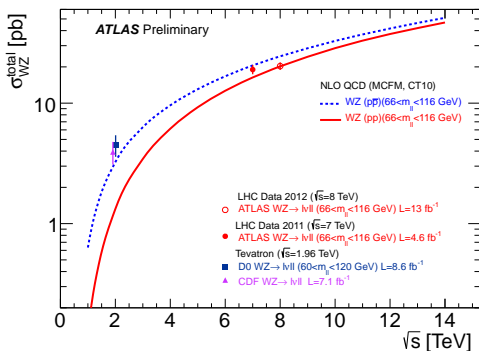
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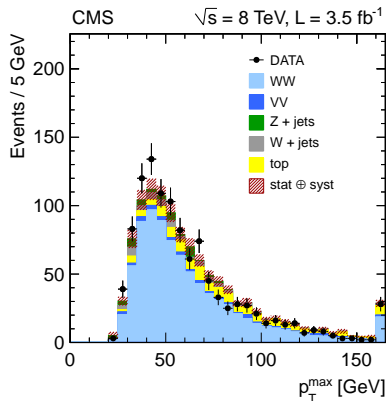




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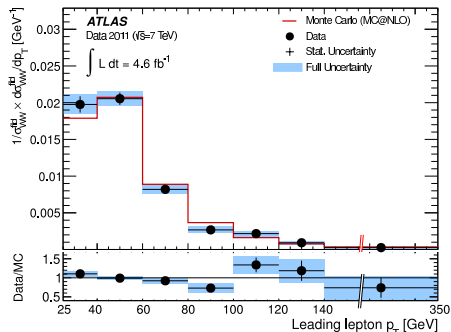
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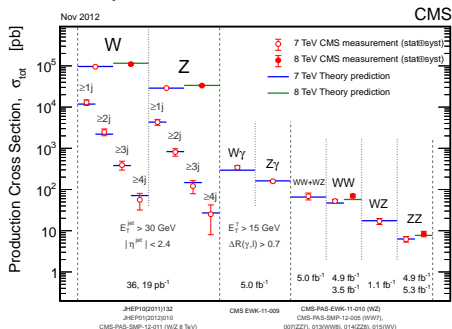
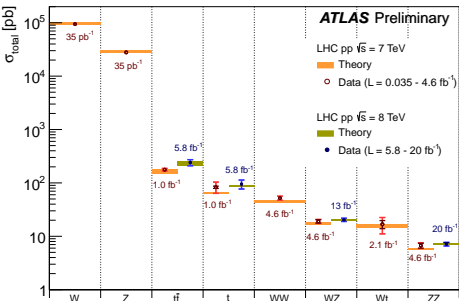
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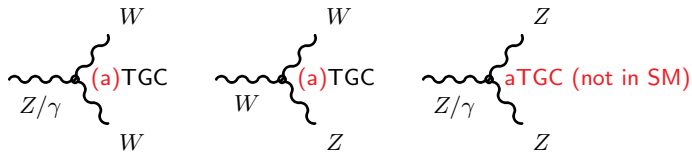
# Summary of (diboson) cross sections at the LHC

Standard Model total production cross-sections corrected for leptonic branching fractions, compared to theoretical expectations:



- No significant deviation from the SM observed
- (Massive) diboson measurements:
  - unfolded differential cross sections by ATLAS for all results at 7 TeV
  - jet multiplicity bins not yet measured ( $\rightarrow$  VBS)

# Anomalous triple gauge couplings



- $WWV$  ( $V = Z/\gamma$ ) couplings  $\longleftrightarrow WW$  and  $WZ$  (also  $W\gamma$ )

$$\frac{\mathcal{L}_{WWV}}{g_{WWV}} = ig_1^V (W_{\mu\nu}^+ W^{\mu\nu} V^\nu - W_\mu^+ V_\nu W^{\mu\nu}) + i\kappa_V W_\mu^+ W_\nu V^{\mu\nu} + \frac{i\lambda_V}{m_W^2} W_{\lambda\mu}^+ W_\nu^\mu V^{\nu\lambda}$$

5 parameters:  $\Delta g_1^Z$  ( $= g_1^Z - 1$ ),  $\Delta\kappa_Z$  ( $= \kappa_Z - 1$ ),  $\Delta\kappa_\gamma$  ( $= \kappa_\gamma - 1$ ),  $\lambda_Z$ ,  $\lambda_\gamma$

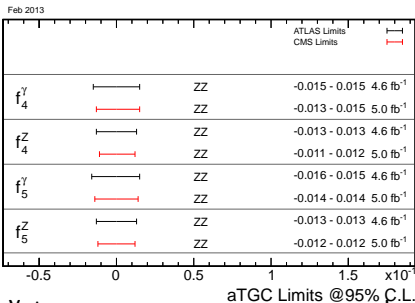
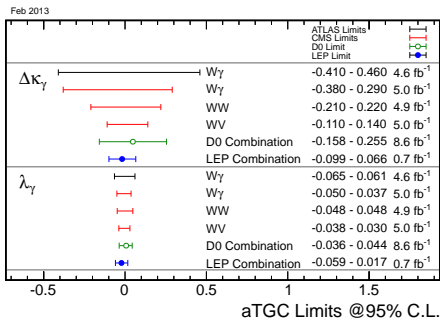
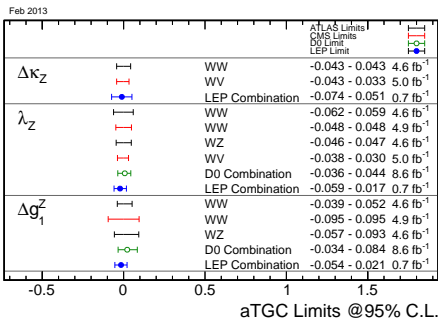
- $ZZV$  ( $V = Z/\gamma$ ) couplings  $\longleftrightarrow ZZ$  (also  $Z\gamma$ )

$$\mathcal{L}_{ZZV} = -\frac{e}{M_Z^2} \left( f_4^V (\delta_4^V V^{\mu\beta}) Z_\alpha (\delta^\alpha Z_\beta) + f_5^V (\delta^\sigma V_{\sigma\mu}) \tilde{Z}^{\mu\beta} Z_\beta \right)$$

4 parameters:  $f_4^Z$ ,  $f_4^\gamma$ ,  $f_5^Z$ ,  $f_5^\gamma$

- Parameters in red (aTGCs) are zero in the SM
- Unitarization via energy-dependent form factors

## aTGC results overview



- 8 TeV data not yet included
- TGCs consistent with the SM
- four of the  $WWZ$  and  $WW\gamma$  couplings constrained to  $\mathcal{O}(0.05)$  (LEP scenario)
- $ZZZ/\gamma$  couplings constrained to  $\mathcal{O}(0.01)$   
e.g.  $f_4^Z$  (CMS): [-0.011, 0.012],  $f_4^Z$  (LEP): [-0.28, 0.32]

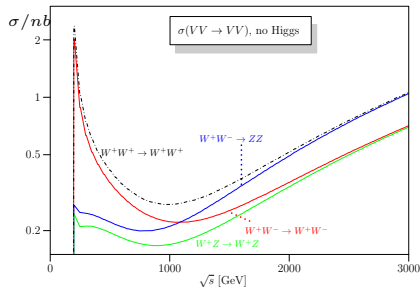
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# WW/WZ/ZZ scattering introduction

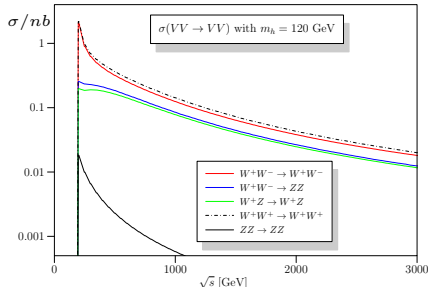
- A measurable key process inextricably linked with EWSB is the scattering of massive, weak vector bosons ( $WW/WZ/ZZ$ )  $\rightarrow$  “VBS”
- Without a light SM Higgs boson ( $m_H \lesssim 850$  GeV) VBS would violate unitarity,  $\rightarrow$  Higgs contribution exactly cancels increase for large  $s$  for SM- $HWW$  coupling

$$\mathcal{A}(W_L W_L \rightarrow W_L W_L) \propto \frac{g_W^2}{v^2} \left[ -s - t + \frac{s^2}{s - m_H^2} + \frac{t^2}{t - m_H^2} \right]$$

VBS cross sections as a function of the VBS center-of-mass energy ([arXiv:0806.4145](https://arxiv.org/abs/0806.4145)):



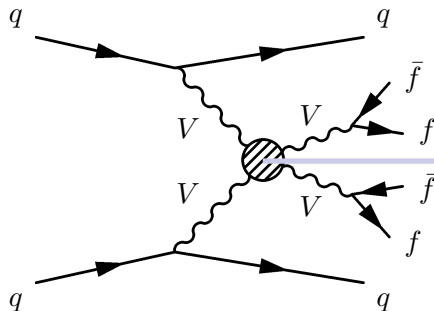
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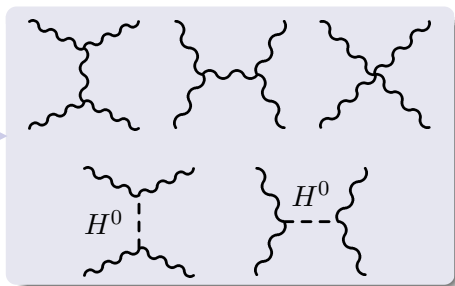
SM with a 120 GeV Higgs boson

# WW/WZ/ZZ scattering at LHC

WW/WZ/ZZ scattering at LHC is characterized by  $VVjj$  final state:



triple and **quartic** gauge vertices



Higgs exchange and Higgs production via vector boson fusion

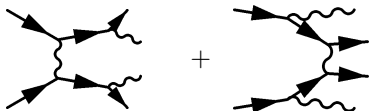
Sensitivity to QGC (only occur in few channels besides VBS)  
 → setting exclusion limits on aQGC

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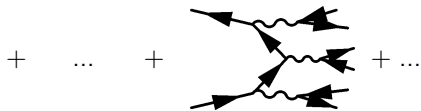
Further non-WW/WZ/ZZ scattering contributions to the  $VVjj$  final state:

- EW =  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_{EW}^6)$

not gauge invariantly separable:

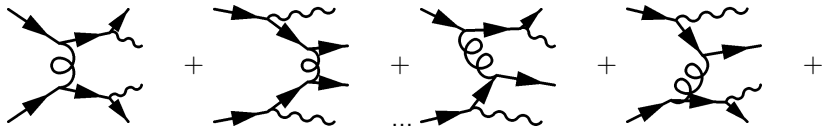


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can be suppressed by VBS topology cuts

- QCD =  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2 \alpha_{EW}^4)$

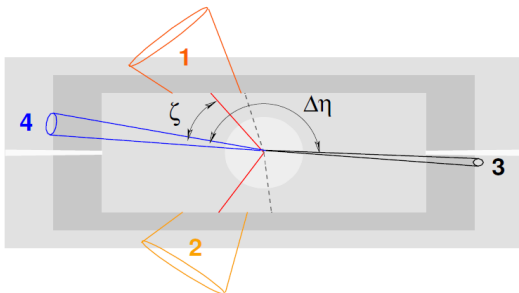


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# WW/WZ/ZZ scattering event topology

Example:



- high  $p_T$  central leptons (1, 2) (decay products of the vector bosons)
- two hard, forward tagging jets (3, 4) with large  $m_{jj}$  and well separated in  $\eta$
- missing transverse energy due to the neutrinos from  $W$  decays
- to extract the EW contribution from the total EW+QCD process:  
cut on  $|\Delta\eta_{jj}|$  and  $m_{jj}$

# VVjj final states

Most promising measurable VVjj final states in terms of WW/WZ/ZZ scattering :

- fully leptonic final states

|                  |                                      |   |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| $W^\pm W^\pm jj$ | $\rightarrow l^\pm \nu l^\pm \nu jj$ | equally charged leptons, best $\sigma_{EW}$ to $\sigma_{QCD}$ ratio |
| $W^\pm W^\mp jj$ | $\rightarrow l^\pm \nu l^\mp \nu jj$ | oppositely charged leptons, huge $t\bar{t}$ background              |
| $W^\pm Zjj$      | $\rightarrow l^+ l^- l^\pm \nu jj$   | clean channel due to three lepton final state                       |
| $ZZjj$           | $\rightarrow l^+ l^- l^+ l^- jj$     | very clean channel due to four lepton final state                   |
| $ZZjj$           | $\rightarrow l^+ l^- \nu \nu jj$     | more difficult to measure, but higher BR                            |

- semi-leptonic final states

$$W^\pm Zjj, ZZjj \rightarrow l^+ l^- jj_{\text{tag}j_{\text{tag}}}$$

$$W^\pm W^\pm jj, W^\pm Zjj, W^\pm W^\mp jj \rightarrow l^\pm \nu jj_{\text{tag}j_{\text{tag}}}$$

→ more difficult distinguish from hadronic background

# Modeling of anomalous quartic gauge couplings (VBS)

Extension of the effective SM-Lagrangian by introducing additional dimension-8 operators for QGCs (no effect on TGCs):

arXiv:hep-ph/0606118

electroweak chiral Lagrangian approach  
(e.g. in WHIZARD)

- operators:

$$\mathcal{L}_4 = \alpha_4 (\text{tr}[\mathbf{V}_\mu \mathbf{V}_\nu])^2$$

$$\mathcal{L}_5 = \alpha_5 (\text{tr}[\mathbf{V}_\mu \mathbf{V}^\mu])^2$$

- aQGC parametrizations:  $\alpha_4$  and  $\alpha_5$

effective field theory approach  
(e.g. in VBFNLO)

- operators:

$$\mathcal{L}_{S,0} = \frac{f_{S,0}}{\Lambda^4} [(D_\mu \Phi)^\dagger D_\nu \Phi] \times [(D^\mu \Phi)^\dagger D^\nu \Phi]$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{S,1} = \frac{f_{S,1}}{\Lambda^4} [(D_\mu \Phi)^\dagger D^\mu \Phi] \times [(D_\nu \Phi)^\dagger D^\nu \Phi]$$

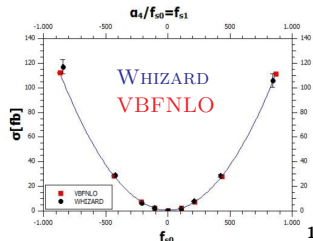
- aQGC parametrizations:  $f_{S,0}$  and  $f_{S,1}$

$\alpha_{4/5}$  and  $f_{S,0/1}$  can be converted into each other

for  $W^\pm W^\pm jj$  production:

$$\alpha_4 \approx \frac{1}{2176} \cdot \tilde{f}_{S,0} \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha_5 \approx \frac{1}{2176} \cdot \frac{1}{2} (\tilde{f}_{S,1} - \tilde{f}_{S,0})$$

$$\text{(with } \tilde{f}_{S,0/1} = \frac{f_{S,0/1}}{\Lambda^4} \text{ TeV}^4 \text{)}$$



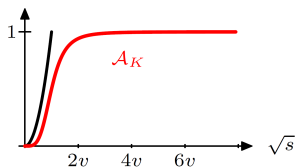
# Unitarization

- Unitarization with the **k-matrix method** ([WHIZARD](#) [arXiv:0806.4145](#))

- unitarization by infinitely heavy and wide resonance

$$\text{k-matrix amplitude: } |\mathcal{A}_K(s)|^2 \xrightarrow{s \rightarrow \infty} 1$$

- allows arbitrary number of resonances with free couplings  $g$  and free widths  $\Gamma$



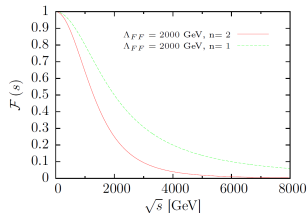
- Unitarization via **form factors** ([VBFNLO](#) [arXiv:1205.4231](#))

- regime where unitarity is violated depends on the operators and their coupling strengths

- energy-dependent form factors

$$\mathcal{F}(s) = \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{s}{\Lambda_{\text{FF}}^2}\right)^n}$$

$\Lambda_{\text{FF}}$ : scale above which unitarity is violated



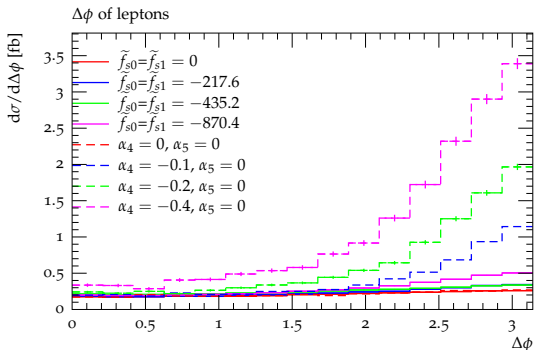
Shape of  $\mathcal{F}(s)$  with  $\Lambda_{\text{FF}} = 2 \text{ TeV}$

# Kinematic distributions, unitarized

Comparison of unitarization with k-matrix method (**WHIZARD**,  $\alpha_{4/5}$ ) and form factors (**VBFNLO**,  $\tilde{f}_{S,0/1}$ ) at generator level

Example process:  $pp \rightarrow qqe^+ \nu e^+ \nu$

$\Delta\phi(\text{leptons})$  differential cross-sections with unitarization:



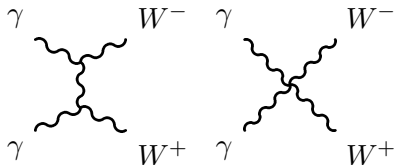
$$\tilde{f}_{S,0} = \tilde{f}_{S,1} \approx 2176 \cdot \alpha_4, \quad \alpha_5 = 0$$

## First LHC limits on aQGCs

First limits on anomalous quartic gauge couplings (CMS) from exclusive or quasi-exclusive (“inelastic” or “proton dissociative”)  $W^+W^-$  production

$$pp \rightarrow p^{(*)}W^+W^-p^{(*)} \rightarrow p^{(*)}l^+\bar{\nu}l^-\nu p^{(*)}$$

$$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow W^+W^- \rightarrow l^+\bar{\nu}l^-\nu$$



- both very forward-scattered protons escape detection
- process characterized by
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  - 0 extra tracks from this primary vertex
  - large pair transverse momentum  $p_T(l^+l^-)$  and invariant mass  $m_{l^+l^-}$
  - exclusive  $\mu^+\mu^-$  production used as benchmark to validate efficiency of vertexing and exclusivity selection, and pileup dependence

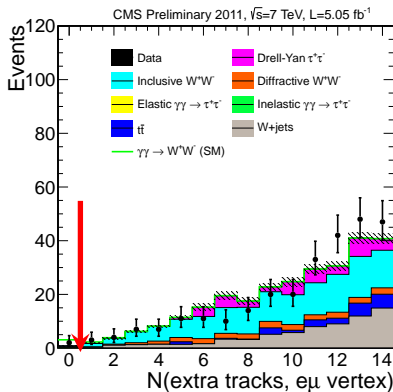
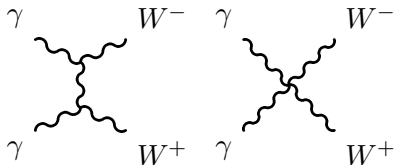
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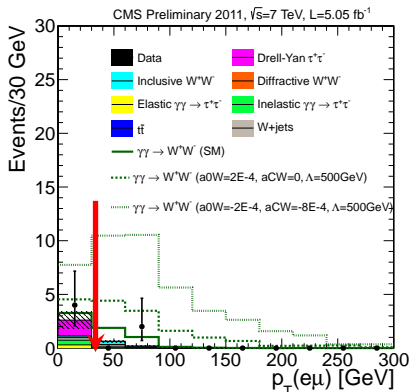
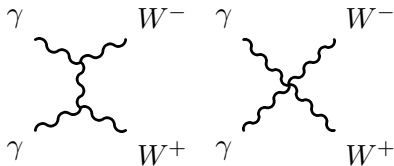
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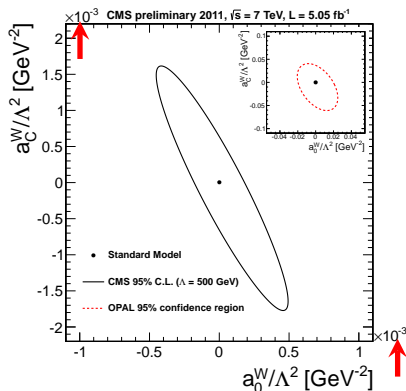
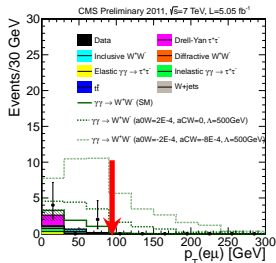
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- Two dimension-6 terms in effective Lagrangian  $\rightarrow$  parameters  $a_0^W$ ,  $a_c^W$
- Limits (95% C.L.) set from number of events with  $p_T(\mu e) > 100$  GeV:

$$|a_0^W/\Lambda^2|/\text{GeV}^{-2} < 0.00017$$

$$|a_c^W/\Lambda^2|/\text{GeV}^{-2} < 0.0006$$

$$\Lambda_{\text{FF}} = 500 \text{ GeV}, n = 2$$



LHC limits two orders of magnitude more stringent than LEP combined limit (corresponding to one order of magnitude better sensitivity in  $\Lambda$ )

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CERN-ESG-005, ATLAS-PHYS-PUB-2012-005

→ VBS centre-of-mass energy of  $\sim 1 - 2 \text{ TeV}$

- unitarization only guaranteed for explicitly included resonance(s) at unique values of the coupling  $g$  arXiv:0806.4145

|         | $J = 0$   | $J = 1$                        | $J = 2$                  |
|---------|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| $I = 0$ | $\sigma^0$ (Higgs)                                  | $\omega^0$ ( $\gamma'/Z'$ )    | $f^0$ (Graviton?)        |
| $I = 1$ | $\pi^\pm, \pi^0$ (2HDM?)                            | $\rho^\pm, \rho^0$ ( $w'/Z'$ ) | $a^\pm, a^0$             |
| $I = 2$ | $\phi^{\pm\pm}, \phi^\pm, \phi^0$ (Higgs triplett?) |                                | $t^{\pm\pm}, t^\pm, t^0$ |

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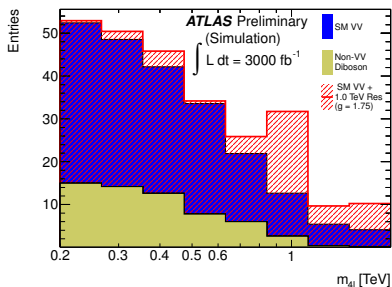
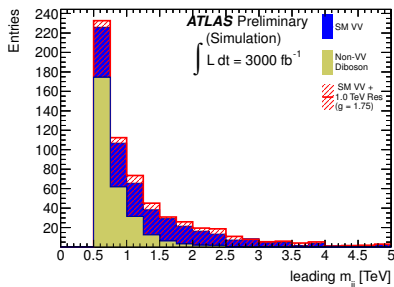
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  - 30% with  $300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
  - 10% with  $3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
- statistical precision on the SM contribution for  $m_{4l} > 500 \text{ GeV}$ :
  - 45% with  $300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
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| $m_{\text{resonance}}$ | coupling   | width                      | $300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ | $3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ |
|------------------------|------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 500 GeV                | $g = 1$    | $\Gamma = 2 \text{ GeV}$   | $2.4\sigma$           | $7.5\sigma$            |
| 1 TeV                  | $g = 1.75$ | $\Gamma = 50 \text{ GeV}$  | $1.7\sigma$           | $5.5\sigma$            |
| 1 TeV                  | $g = 2.5$  | $\Gamma = 100 \text{ GeV}$ | $3.0\sigma$           | $9.4\sigma$            |

- signal chosen is a hard benchmark, sensitivity higher for other resonances

# Summary and outlook

- $WW$ ,  $WZ$  and  $ZZ$  measurements continue to improve
  - cross-sections measured: no significant deviations from the SM
  - limits set on aTGCs: TGCs show no deviations from the SM
- (Massive) vector boson scattering measurements started
  - cross-section measurements
  - set limits on aQGCs
- First LHC limits on aQGCs ( $\gamma\gamma WW$ ):  $\sim$  two orders of magnitude more stringent than LEP limits
- More results on full 8 TeV dataset to come
- Probing  $WW/WZ/ZZ$  scattering at LHC at high energy (14 TeV) promising:
  - at a VBS centre-of-mass energy of  $\sim 1 - 2$  TeV it will be possible to experimentally probe the SM nature of EWSB, complementary to direct Higgs measurements
  - increase of significances for VBS anomalous resonances with high luminosity

**Backup**

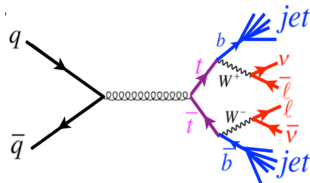
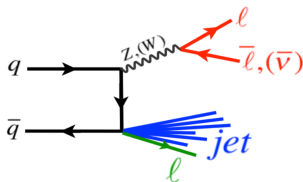
## References

|       | Analysis   | Dataset                                 | Reference               |
|-------|--|---|-------------------------|
| ATLAS | $ZZ \rightarrow lll$                                 | $20 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ , 8 TeV            | ATLAS-CONF-2013-020     |
|       | $WZ \rightarrow l\nu ll$                             | $13 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ , 8 TeV            | ATLAS-CONF-2013-021     |
|       | $WW + WZ \rightarrow l\nu jj$                        | $4.7 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ , 7 TeV           | ATLAS-CONF-2012-157     |
|       | $ZZ \rightarrow lll, ll\nu\nu$                       | $4.6 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ , 7 TeV           | arXiv:1211.6096         |
|       | $WW \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$                           | $4.6 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ , 7 TeV           | arXiv:1210.2979         |
|       | $WZ \rightarrow l\nu ll$                             | $4.6 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ , 7 TeV           | EPJC 72 (2012) 2173     |
|       | vector boson scattering                              | $300, 3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ , 14 TeV    | ATLAS-PHYS-PUB-2012-005 |
| CMS   | $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow WW \rightarrow e\nu\mu\nu$ | $5.05 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ , 7 TeV          | CMS-PAS-FSQ-12-010      |
|       | $WW \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$ and $ZZ \rightarrow lll$  | $3.5$ and $5.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ , 8 TeV | arXiv:1301.4698         |
|       | $ZZ \rightarrow lll$                                 | $5.0 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ , 7 TeV           | JHEP 1301 (2013) 063    |
|       | $WW + WZ \rightarrow l\nu jj$                        | $5.0 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ , 7 TeV           | EPJC 73 (2013) 2283     |
|       | $WW \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$                           | $4.9 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ , 7 TeV           | CMS-PAS-SMP-12-005      |
|       | $WZ \rightarrow l\nu ll$                             | $1.1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ , 7 TeV           | CMS-PAS-EWK-11-010      |
| Both  | vector boson scattering                              | $300, 3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ , 14 TeV    | CERN-ESG-005            |



# Analysis strategy

- Common characteristics:
  - small cross-sections
  - high  $p_T$  isolated leptons (electrons or muons)
  - $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  due to neutrinos from  $W$  decays
  - two forward jets for  $WW/WZ/ZZ$  scattering processes
- Common backgrounds:
  - $W$ +jets/ $Z$ +jets: data driven methods to estimate backgrounds from jets mis-reconstructed as charged leptons or  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$
  - $t\bar{t}$  and single top: estimated using data driven backgrounds



- (massive) diboson production: estimated from MC
- other backgrounds:  $Z\gamma$ ,  $W\gamma$ ,  $ZZZ$ ,  $ZWW$ : estimated from MC

# Analysis strategy

- Cross-section measurements

- fiducial phase space: event yields at final selection, correct for efficiency
- extrapolation to total phase space: additionally correct for acceptance

$$\sigma_{\text{fid}} = \frac{N_{\text{obs}} - N_{\text{bkg}}}{C \cdot \mathcal{L}}, \quad \sigma_{\text{tot}} = \frac{N_{\text{obs}} - N_{\text{bkg}}}{A \cdot C \cdot \mathcal{L} \cdot BR}, \quad C = \frac{N_{\text{passed}}}{N_{\text{generated fid}}}, \quad A = \frac{N_{\text{generated fid}}}{N_{\text{generated all}}}$$

- $N_{\text{obs}}$ : number of observed events passing the selection
- $N_{\text{bkg}}$ : number of estimated background events
- $\mathcal{L}$ : integrated luminosity
- $C$ : efficiency correction factor in the fiducial volume
- $A$ : kinematic and geometric acceptance from the total phase space to the fiducial phase space
- $BR$ : branching ratio of bosons decaying to leptons

- Extraction of exclusion limits:

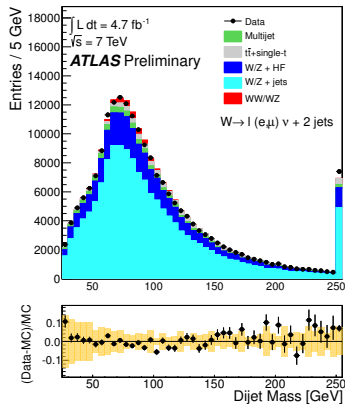
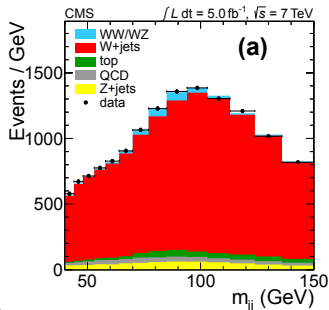
- we can use the impact of anomalous couplings on both production rate and event kinematics to set limits
- various scenarios assumed:
  - aTGC: equal couplings scenario, LEP scenario, HISZ scenario
  - aQGC: electroweak chiral Lagrangian / effective field theory approach
  - unitarization method

# $WW/WZ \rightarrow l\nu jj$

|       | $\sqrt{s}$ | $\int \mathcal{L} dt$ | measured cross section (pb)        | theory (pb) | reference                   |
|-------|------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| ATLAS | 7 TeV      | 4.7 fb <sup>-1</sup>  | 72 ±9(stat)±15(sys)±13(MC stat)    | 63.4 ±2.6   | ATLAS-CONF-2012-157         |
| CMS   | 7 TeV      | 5.0 fb <sup>-1</sup>  | 68.9 ±8.7(stat)±9.7(sys)±1.5(lumi) | 65.6 ±2.2   | Eur.Phys.J. C73 (2013) 2283 |

- $WW/WZ \rightarrow l\nu jj$  signal also established

- one high  $p_T$  isolated lepton
- $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 25/30$  GeV
- exactly two jets with  $p_T > 25/35$  GeV



# Phase space

Fiducial volume used in the generator level study quoted in this talk

... to suppress  $V \rightarrow jj$  diagrams which are not contained in the NLO calculation

- Leptons:

- $p_T^l > 10$  GeV
- $|\eta_l| < 5$

- Jets:

- $p_T^j > 20$  GeV
- $|\eta_j| < 5$
- $|\Delta R(jj)| > 0.4$
- $m_{jj} > 150$  GeV

# Event displays

Two candidate  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow W^+W^- \rightarrow l^+\bar{\nu}l^-\nu$  events:

