

# **Vector Boson Scattering @ LHC**

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Three generations of matter (fermions)

	I	II	III		
mass →	2.4 MeV/c <sup>2</sup>	1.27 GeV/c <sup>2</sup>	171.2 GeV/c <sup>2</sup>	0	91.2 GeV/c <sup>2</sup>
charge →	2/3	2/3	2/3	0	0
spin →	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	1
name →	<b>u</b> up	<b>c</b> charm	<b>t</b> top	<b>γ</b> photon	<b>Z<sup>0</sup></b> Z boson
	4.8 MeV/c <sup>2</sup>	104 MeV/c <sup>2</sup>	4.2 GeV/c <sup>2</sup>	0	80.4 GeV/c <sup>2</sup>
	-1/3	-1/3	-1/3	0	±1
	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	1
<b>Quarks</b>	<b>d</b> down	<b>s</b> strange	<b>b</b> bottom	<b>g</b> gluon	<b>W<sup>±</sup></b> W boson
	<2.2 eV/c <sup>2</sup>	<0.17 MeV/c <sup>2</sup>	<15.5 MeV/c <sup>2</sup>		
	0	0	0		
	1/2	1/2	1/2		
	<b>ν<sub>e</sub></b> electron neutrino	<b>ν<sub>μ</sub></b> muon neutrino	<b>ν<sub>τ</sub></b> tau neutrino		
	0.511 MeV/c <sup>2</sup>	105.7 MeV/c <sup>2</sup>	1.777 GeV/c <sup>2</sup>	126 GeV/c <sup>2</sup>	
	-1	-1	-1	0	
	1/2	1/2	1/2	0	
<b>Leptons</b>	<b>e</b> electron	<b>μ</b> muon	<b>τ</b> tau	<b>H<sup>0</sup></b> Higgs boson	

Gauge bosons

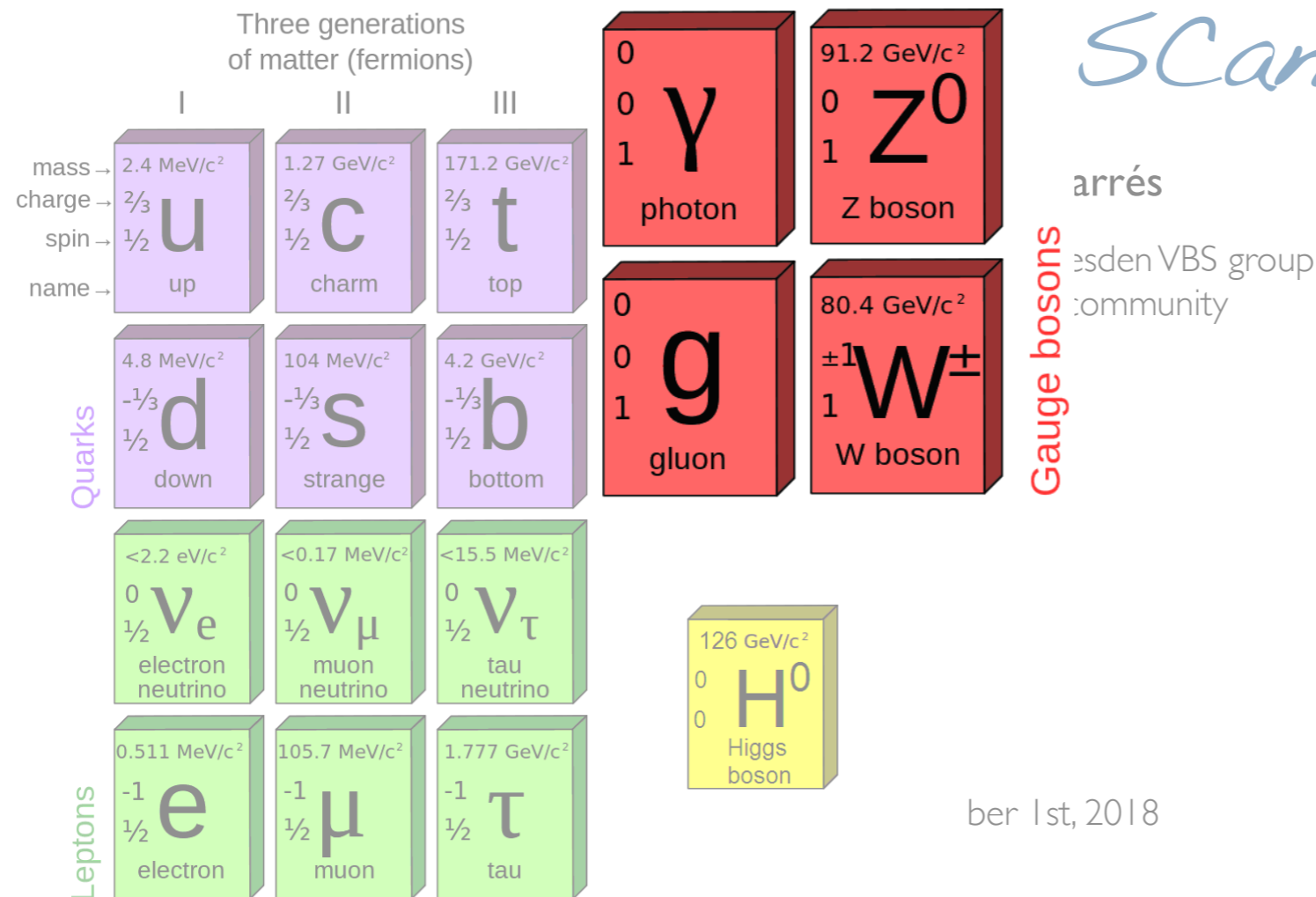
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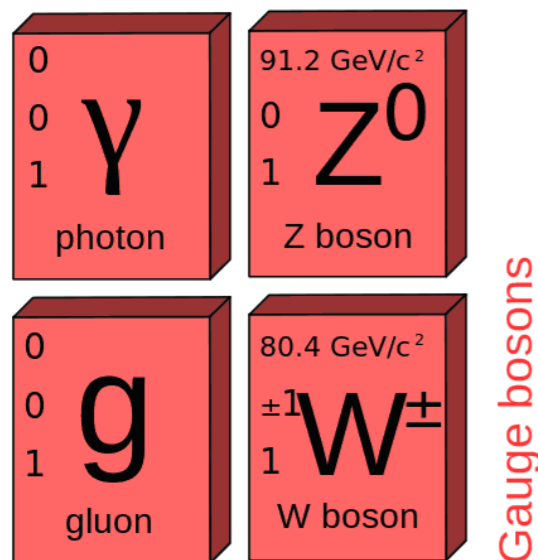


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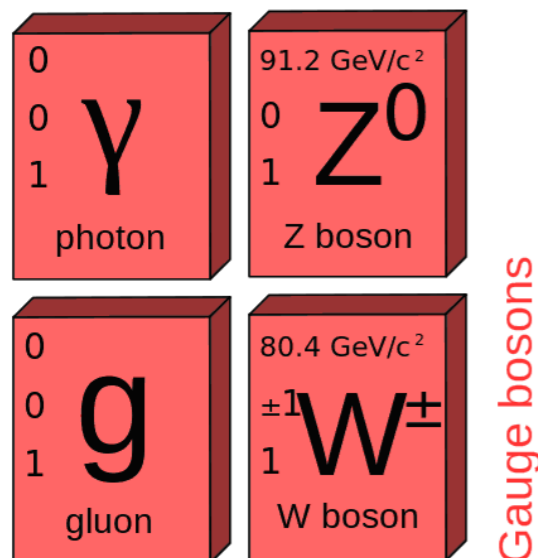
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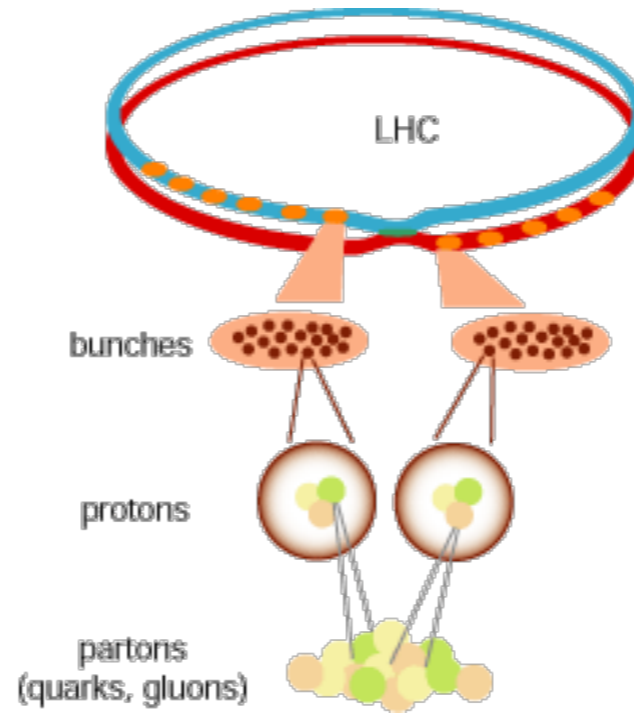
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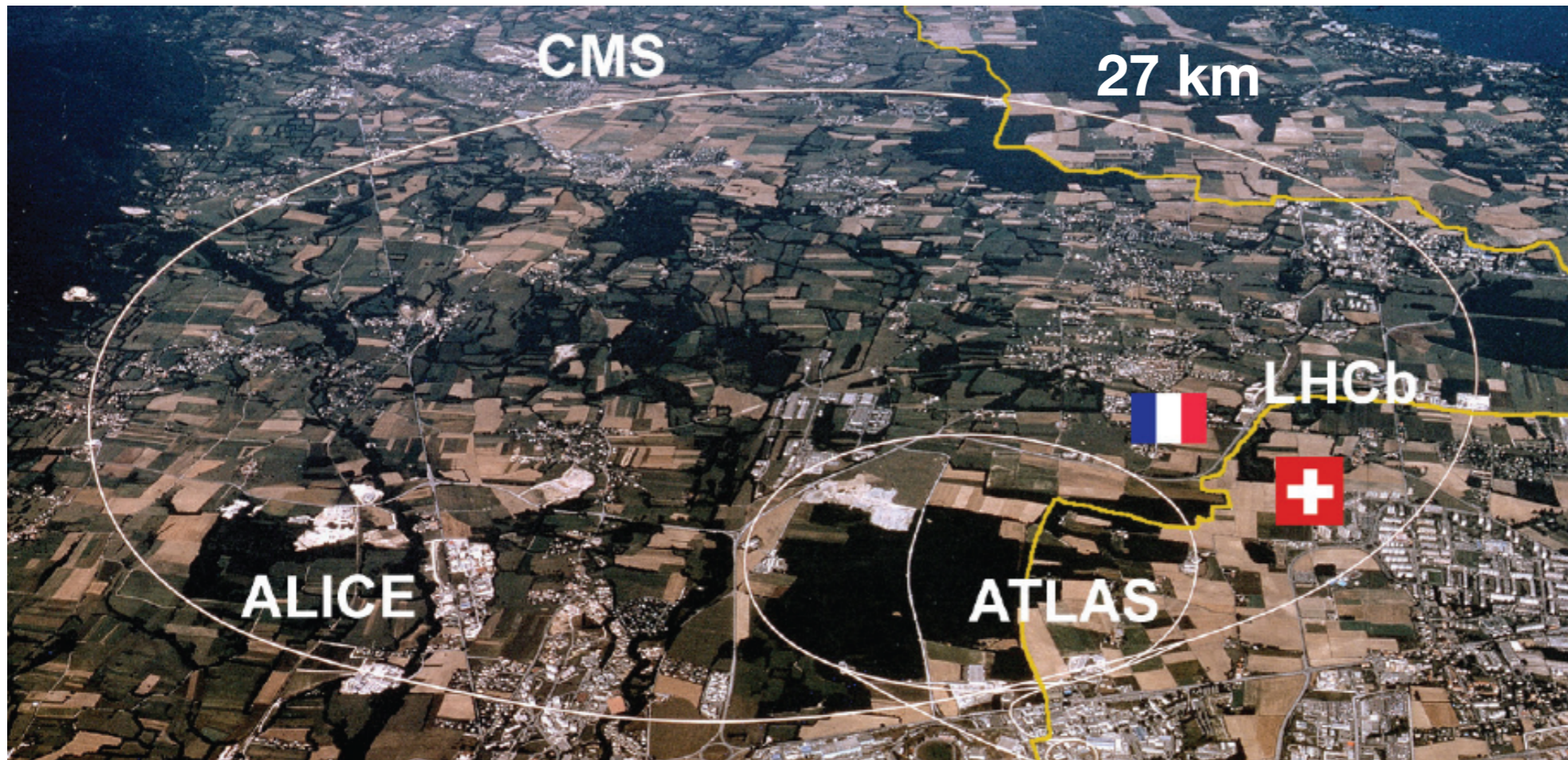
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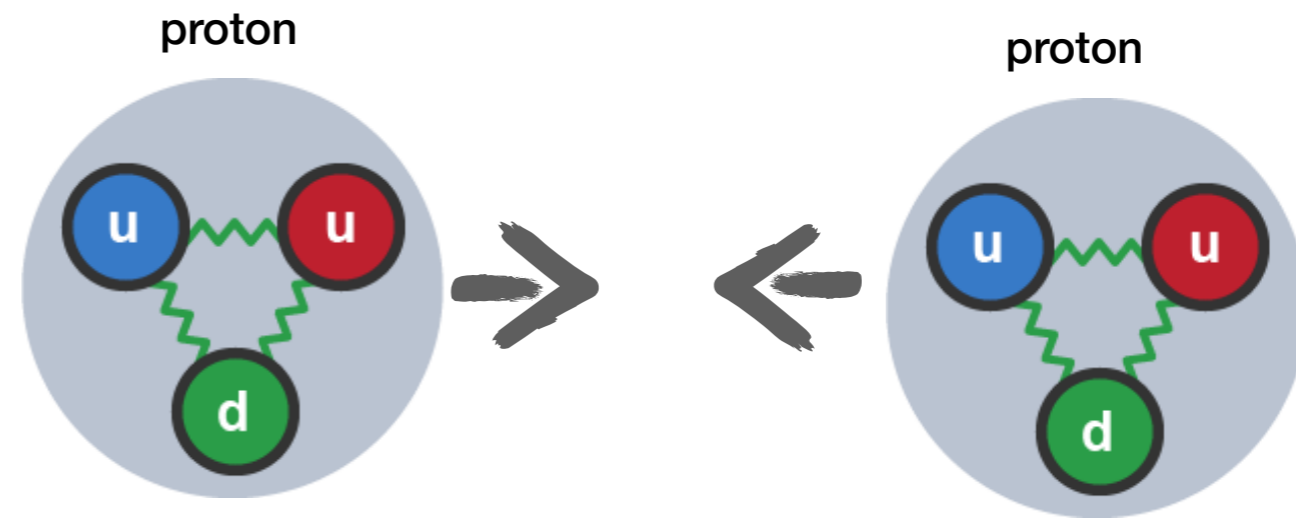
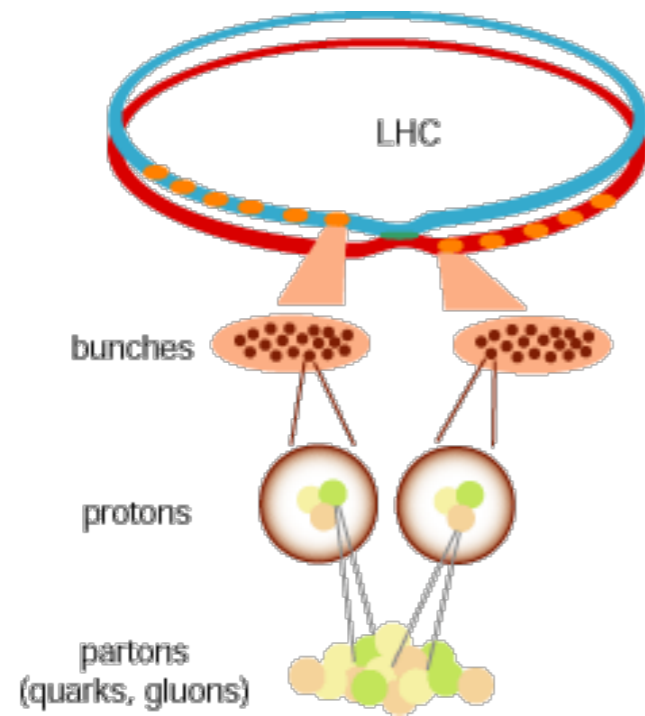


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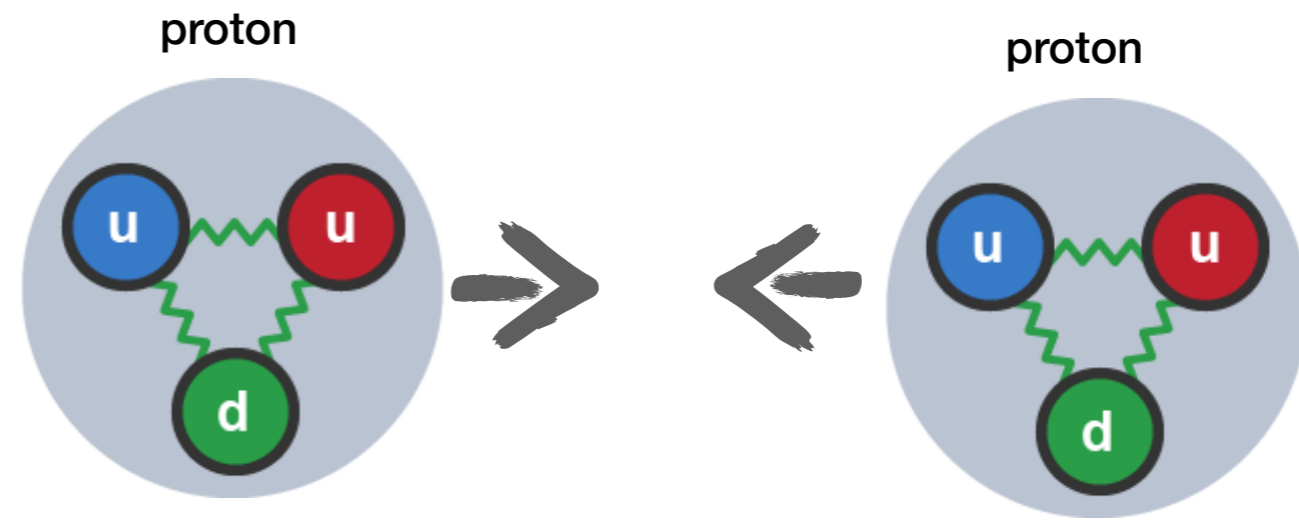
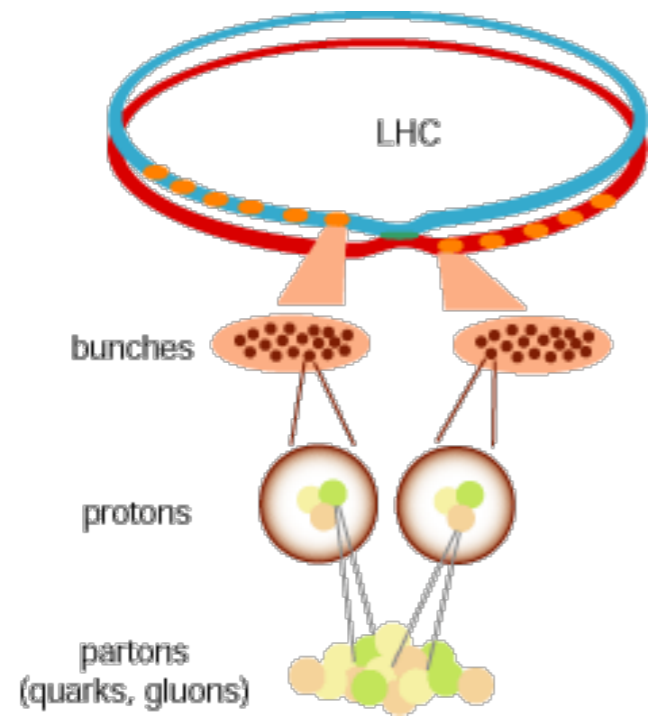




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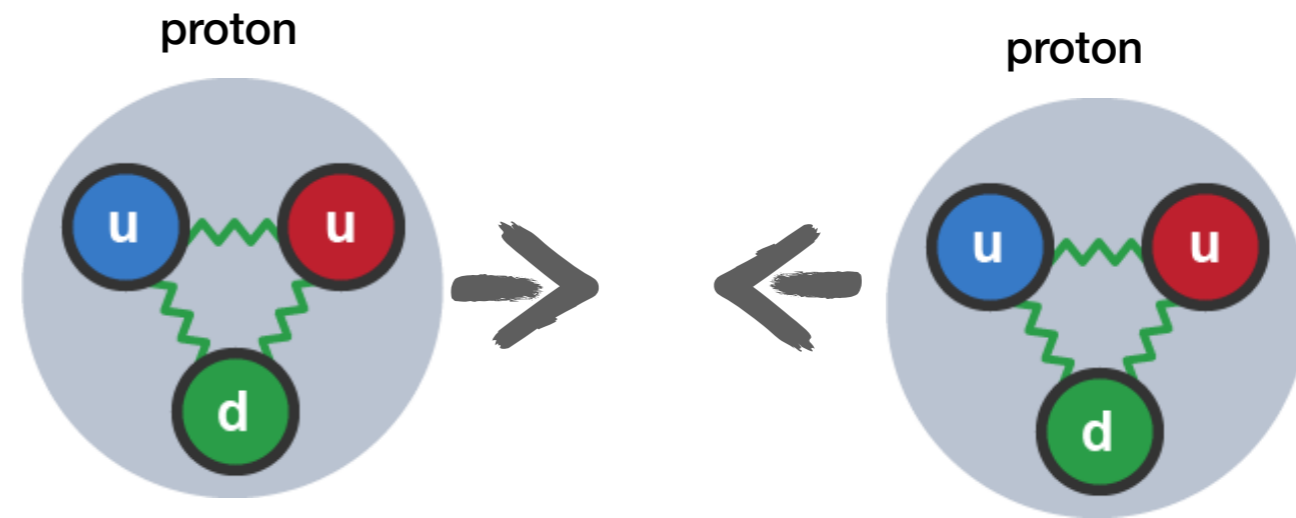
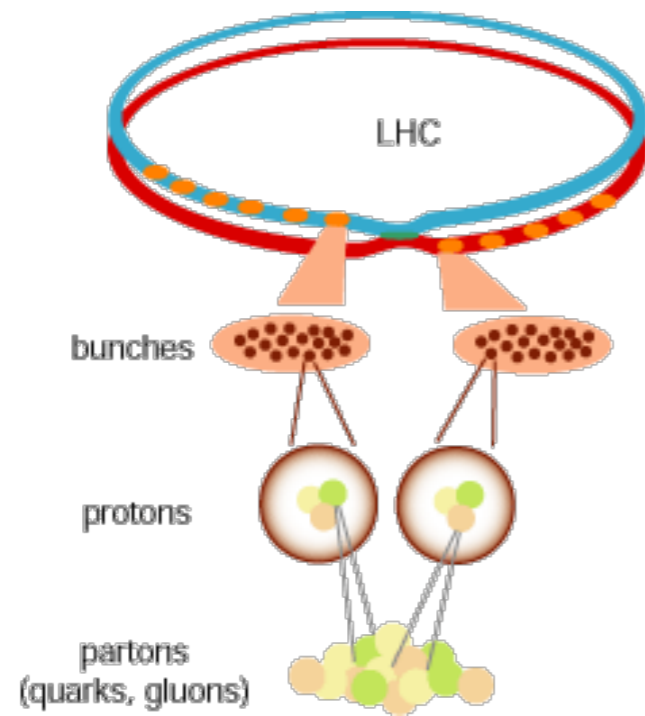


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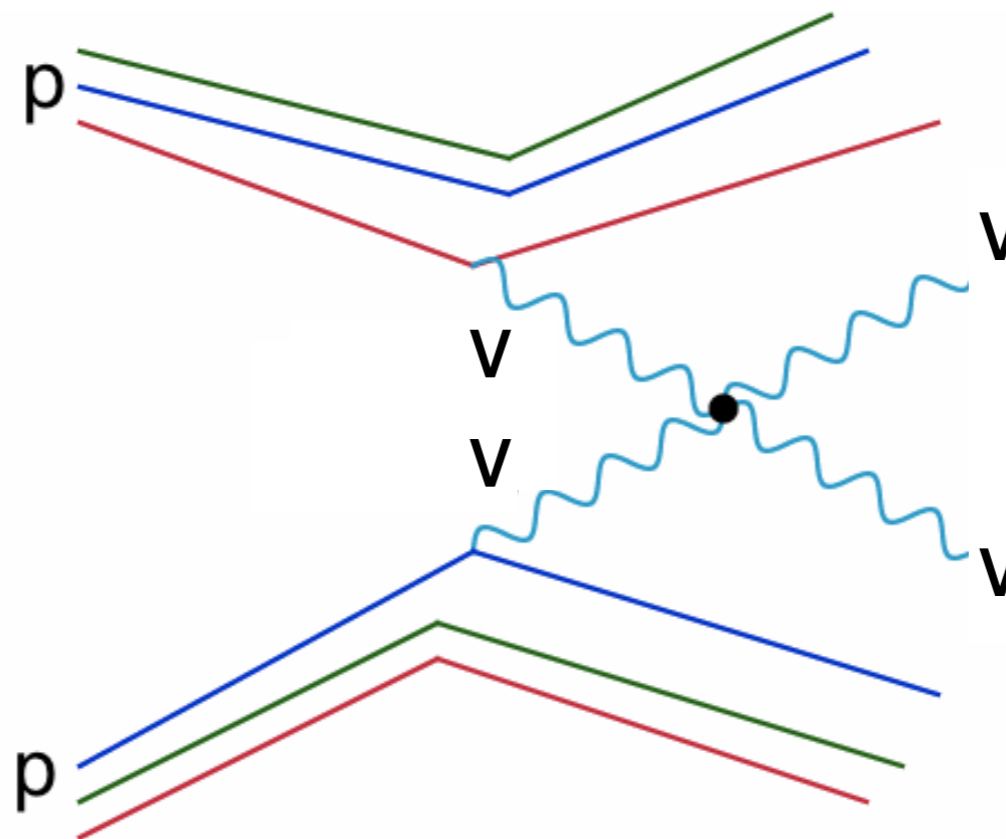




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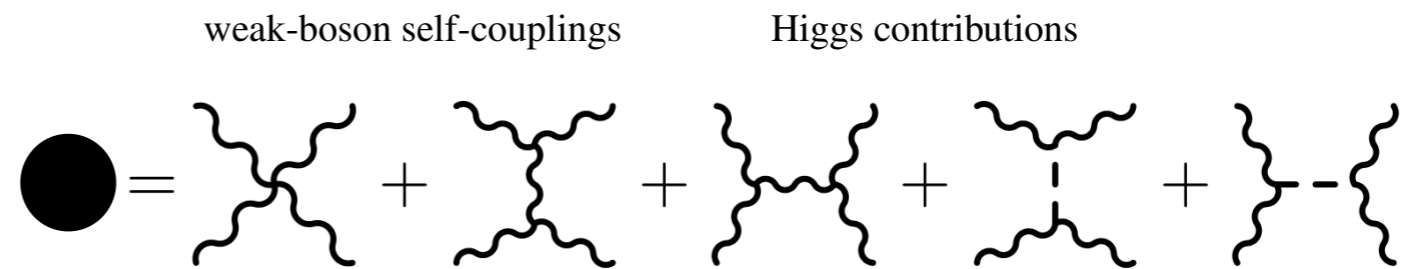
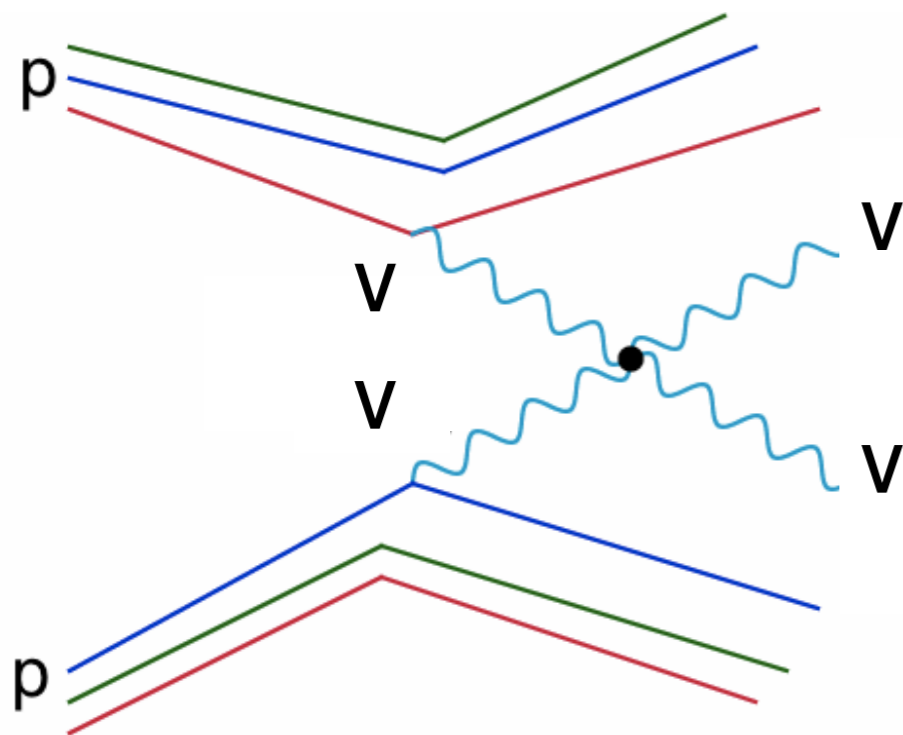


# Vector Boson Scattering @ LHC

Why is interesting to look at *VBS*  
~~Vector Boson Scattering @ LHC~~ ?

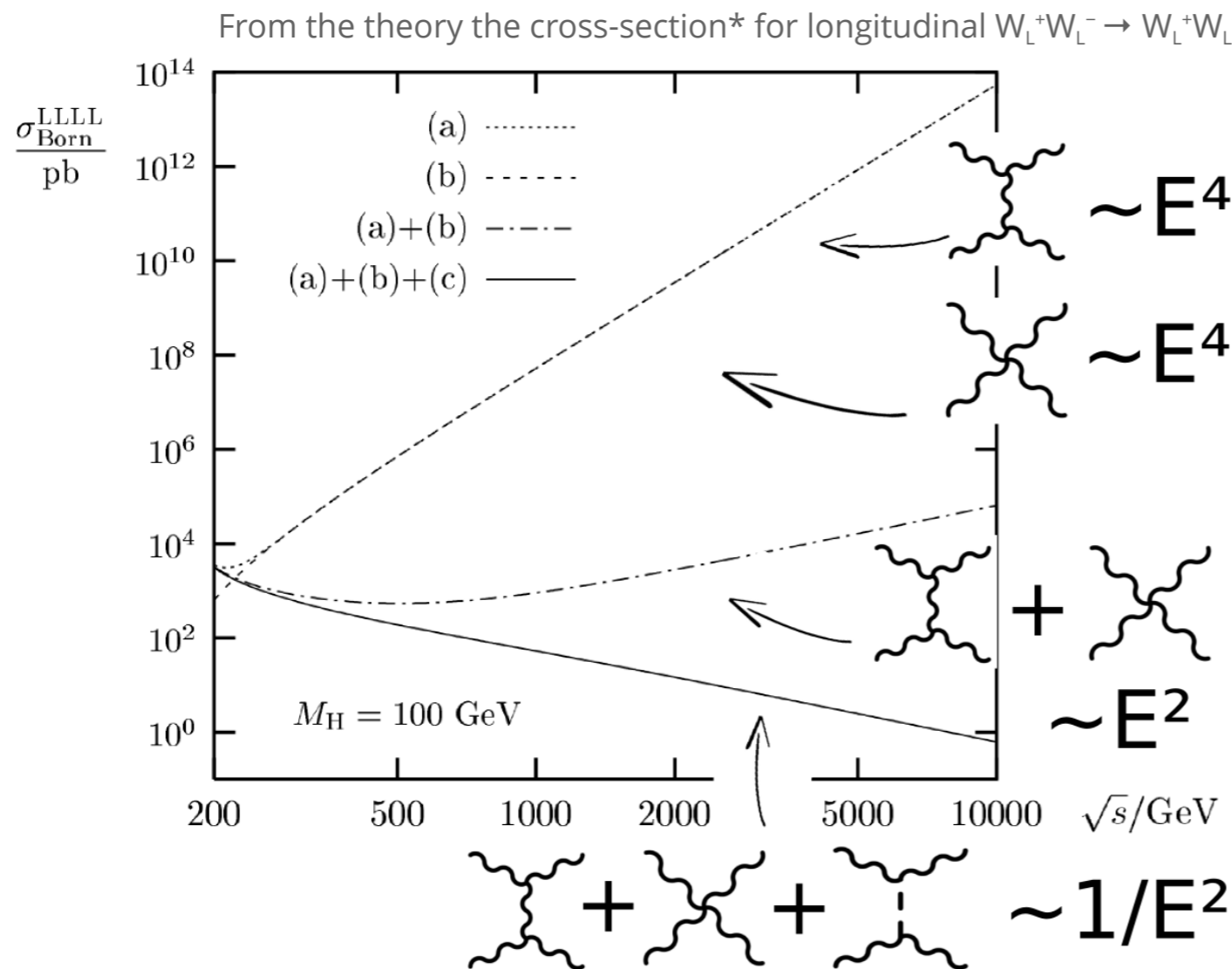
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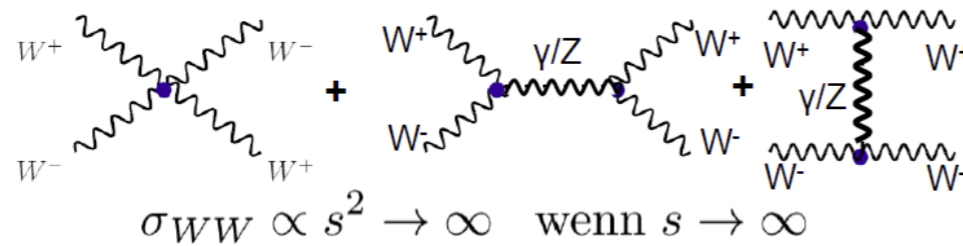


\* cross-section ( $\sigma$ ), a quantity expressing the likelihood of an interaction event between two particles. [Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cross_section)

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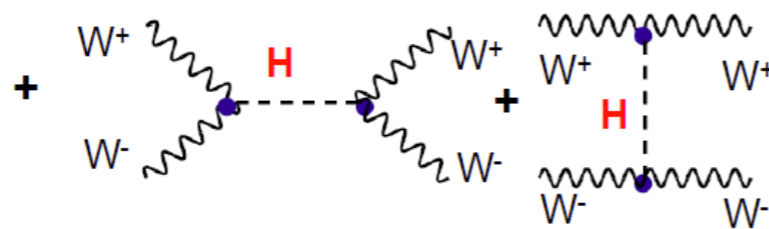
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- VBS Without Higgs contribution:

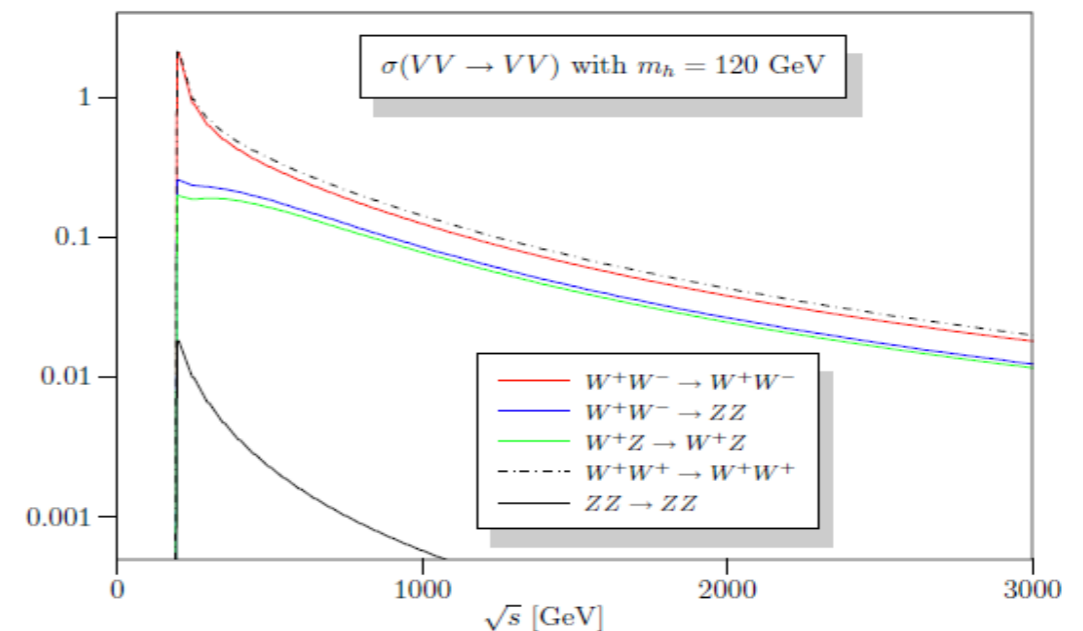
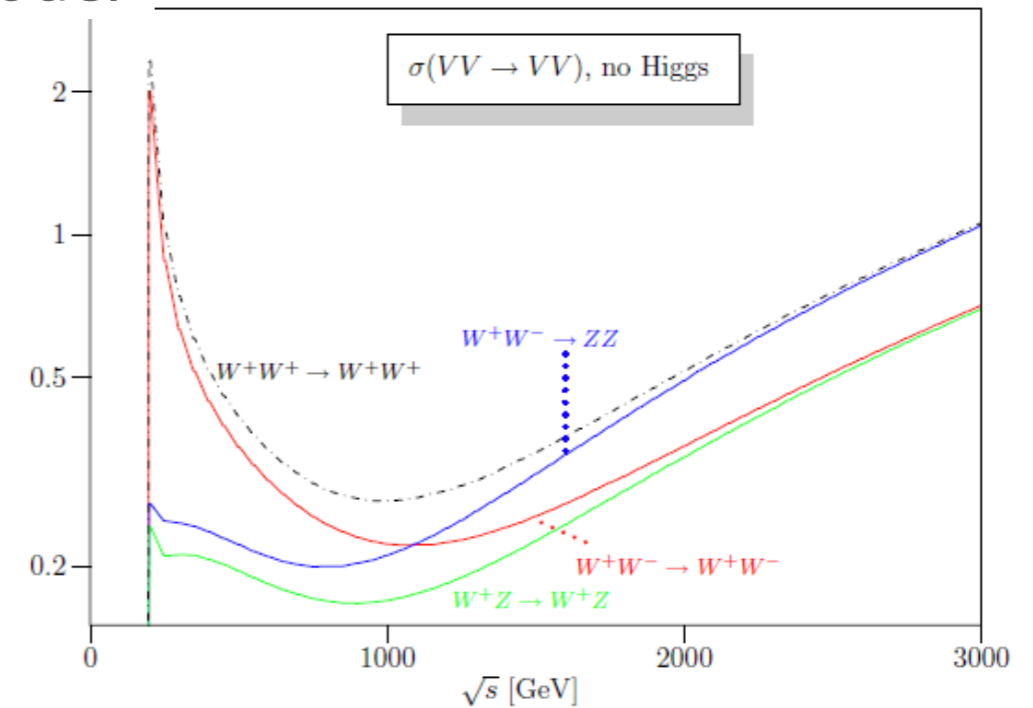


Violates "unitarity" (probability > 1) at ~2 TeV

- Higgs contribution (or new physics, or both) needed



Higgs exactly cancels increase for large  $s$  but \*only\* for SM H-WW coupling!

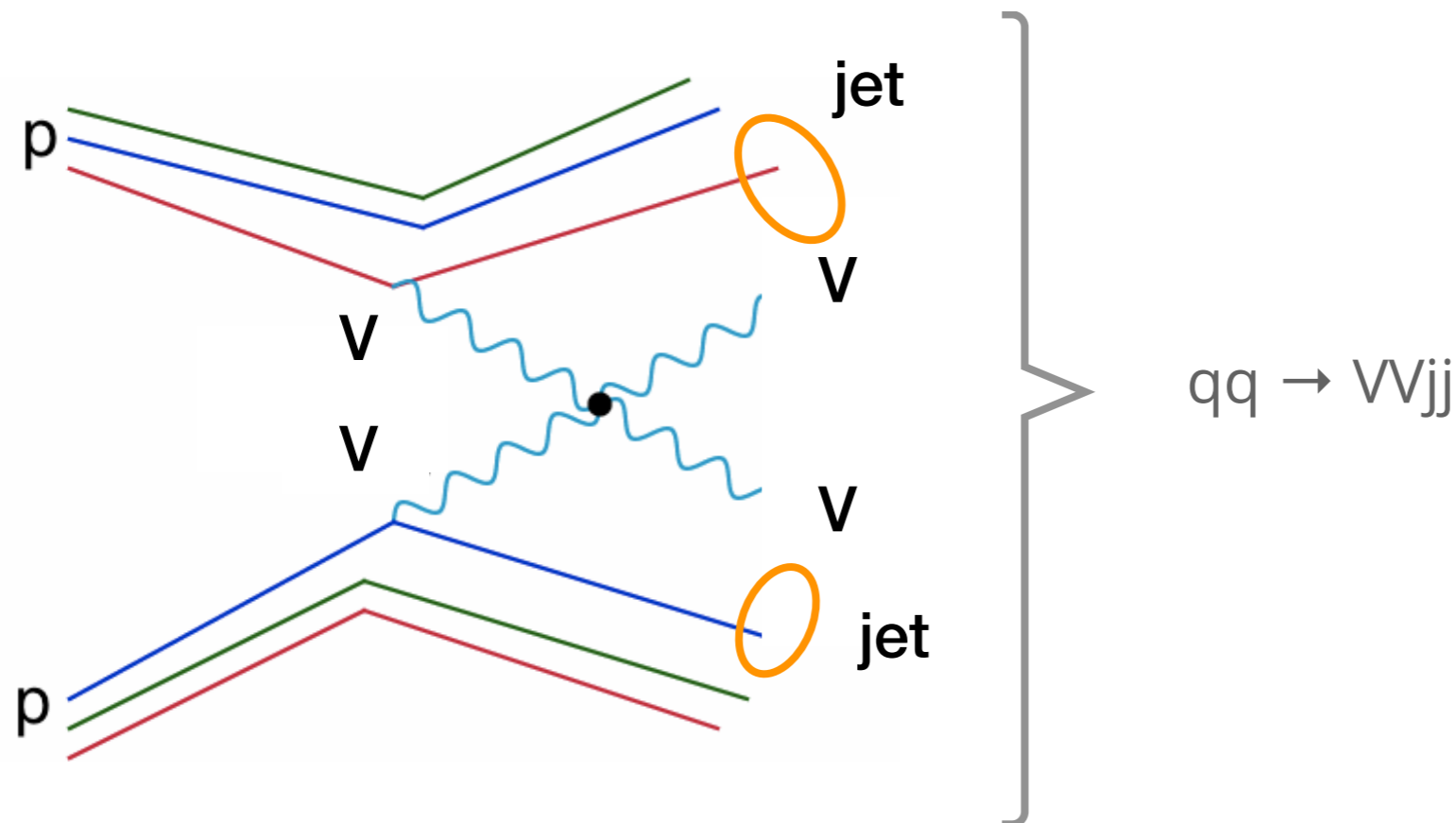


# Why VBS @ LHC ?

- 1) Important process for the Standard Model
- 2) Is a rare process that we can only observe now at the LHC

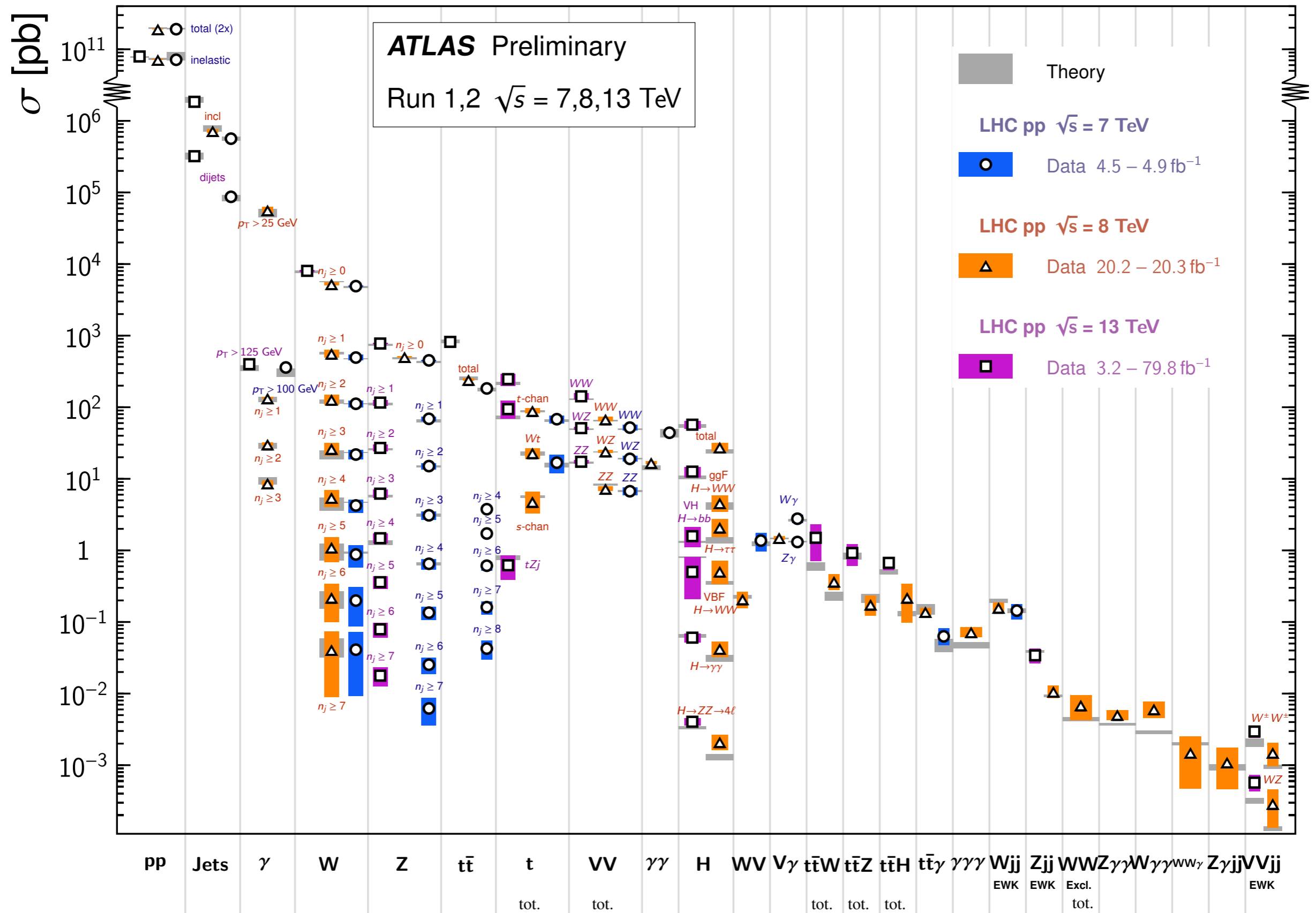
One quark in each of two colliding protons has to radiate a W or a Z boson. These extremely short-lived particles are only able to fly a distance of  $0.1 \times 10^{-15} \text{m}$  before transforming into other particles, and their interaction with other particles is limited to a range of  $0.002 \times 10^{-15} \text{m}$ . In other words, these extremely short “weak lightsabers” extend only about 1/10th of a proton’s radius and have to approach each other by 1/500th of a proton’s radius! **Such an extremely improbable coincidence happens only about once in 20,000 billion proton-proton interactions, recorded typically in one day of LHC operation**

from [ATLAS briefing](#)



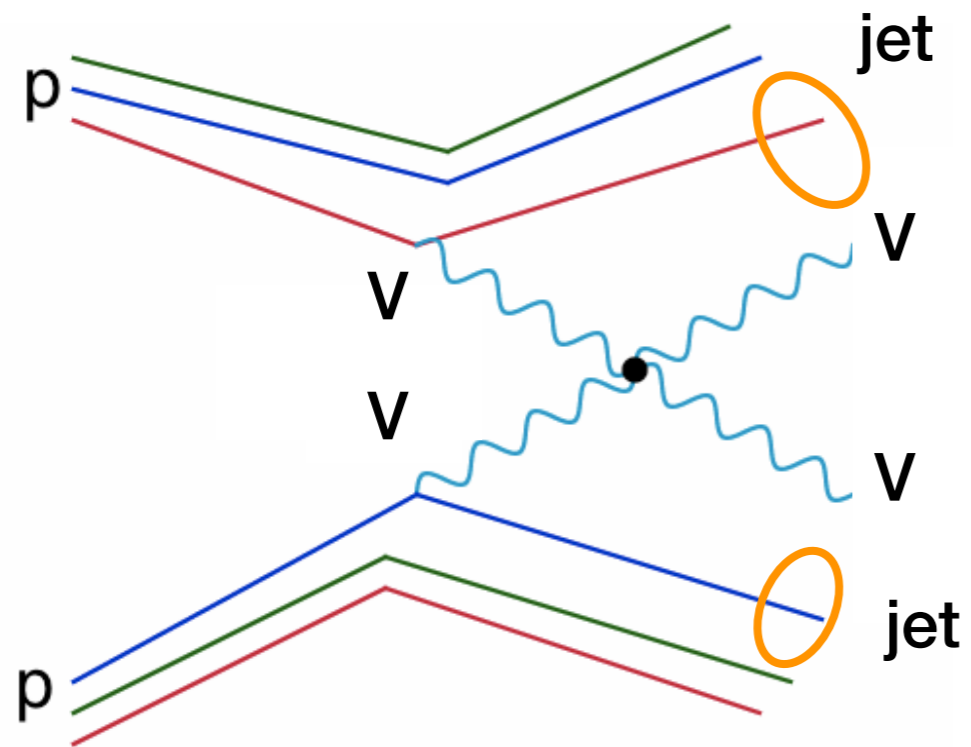
# Standard Model Production Cross Section Measurements

Status: July 2018



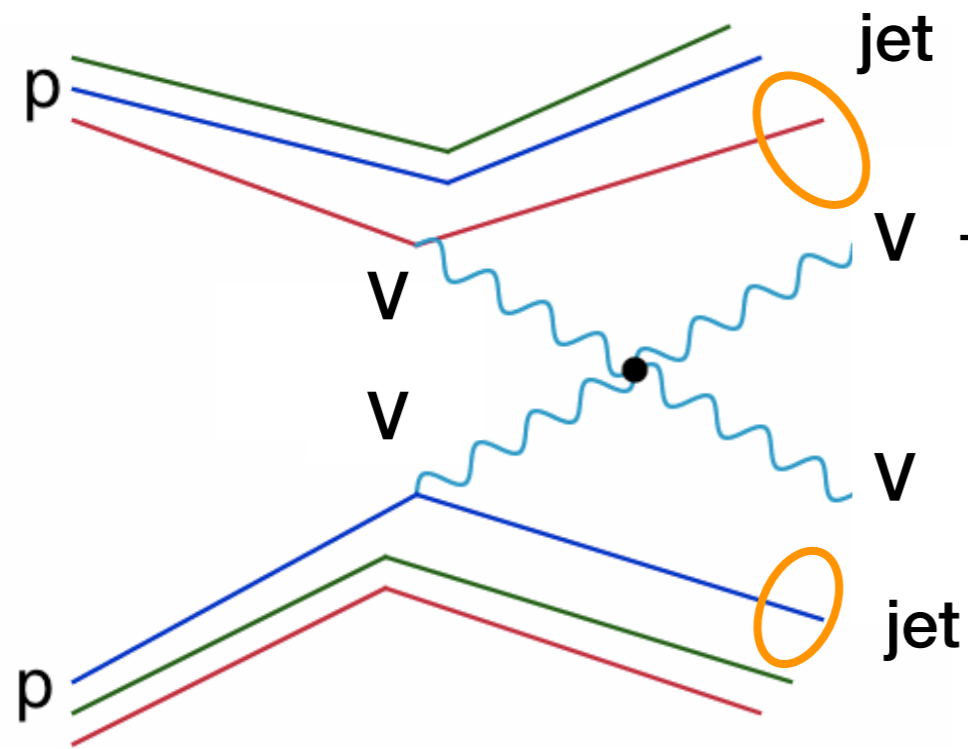


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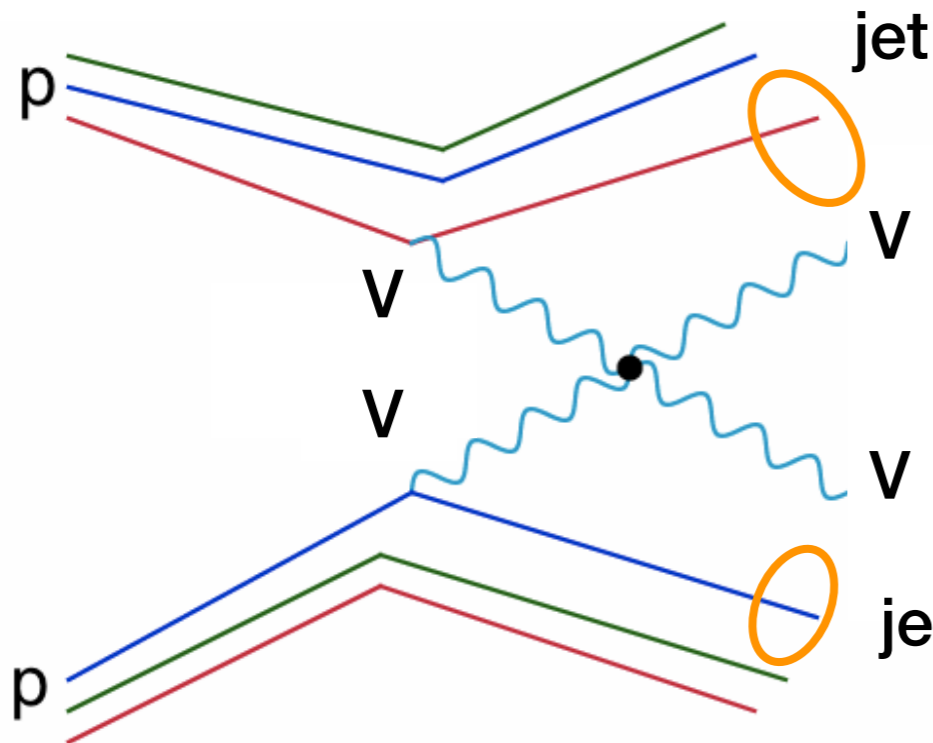
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## Z DECAY MODES

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$\Gamma_1$ $e^+ e^-$	( 3.363 $\pm$ 0.004 ) %	
$\Gamma_2$ $\mu^+ \mu^-$	( 3.366 $\pm$ 0.007 ) %	
$\Gamma_3$ $\tau^+ \tau^-$	( 3.370 $\pm$ 0.008 ) %	
$\Gamma_4$ $\ell^+ \ell^-$	[a] ( 3.3658 $\pm$ 0.0023 ) %	
$\Gamma_5$ invisible	(20.00 $\pm$ 0.06 ) %	
$\Gamma_6$ hadrons	(69.91 $\pm$ 0.06 ) %	
$\Gamma_7$ $(u\bar{u} + c\bar{c})/2$	(11.6 $\pm$ 0.6 ) %	
$\Gamma_8$ $(d\bar{d} + s\bar{s} + b\bar{b})/3$	(15.6 $\pm$ 0.4 ) %	
$\Gamma_9$ $c\bar{c}$	(12.03 $\pm$ 0.21 ) %	
$\Gamma_{10}$ $b\bar{b}$	(15.12 $\pm$ 0.05 ) %	
$\Gamma_{11}$ $b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$	( 3.6 $\pm$ 1.3 ) $\times 10^{-4}$	
$\Gamma_{12}$ $ggg$	< 1.1	% CL=95%
$\Gamma_{13}$ $\pi^0 \gamma$	< 5.2	$\times 10^{-5}$ CL=95%
$\Gamma_{14}$ $\eta \gamma$	< 5.1	$\times 10^{-5}$ CL=95%
$\Gamma_{15}$ $\omega \gamma$	< 6.5	$\times 10^{-4}$ CL=95%
$\Gamma_{16}$ $\eta'(958) \gamma$	< 4.2	$\times 10^{-5}$ CL=95%
$\Gamma_{17}$ $\gamma \gamma$	< 5.2	$\times 10^{-5}$ CL=95%
$\Gamma_{18}$ $\gamma \gamma \gamma$	< 1.0	$\times 10^{-5}$ CL=95%
$\Gamma_{19}$ $\pi^\pm W^\mp$	[b] < 7	$\times 10^{-5}$ CL=95%

## W+ DECAY MODES

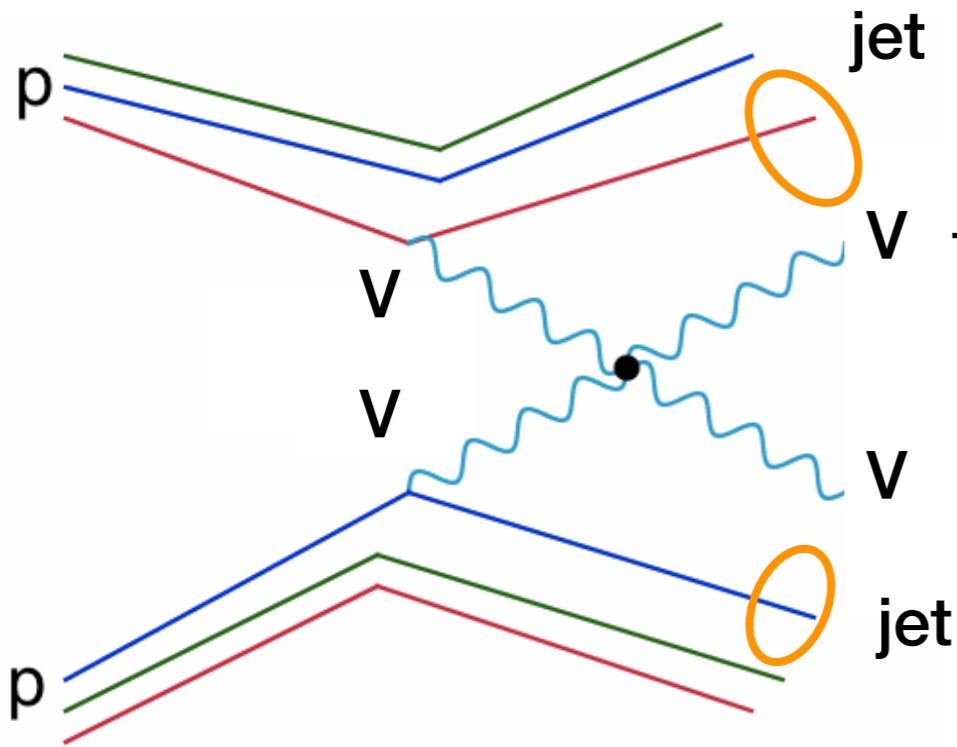
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$\Gamma_3$ $\mu^+ \nu$	(10.57 $\pm$ 0.15) %	
$\Gamma_4$ $\tau^+ \nu$	(11.25 $\pm$ 0.20) %	
$\Gamma_5$ hadrons	(67.60 $\pm$ 0.27) %	
$\Gamma_6$ $\pi^+ \gamma$	< 8 $\times 10^{-5}$	95%
$\Gamma_7$ $D_s^+ \gamma$	< 1.3 $\times 10^{-3}$	95%
$\Gamma_8$ $cX$	(33.4 $\pm$ 2.6) %	
$\Gamma_9$ $c\bar{s}$	(31 $^{+13}_{-11}$ ) %	
$\Gamma_{10}$ invisible	[b] ( 1.4 $\pm$ 2.9 ) %	

[a]  $\ell$  indicates each type of lepton ( $e$ ,  $\mu$ , and  $\tau$ ), not sum over them.

[b] This represents the width for the decay of the  $W$  boson into a charged particle with momentum below detectability,  $p < 200$  MeV.

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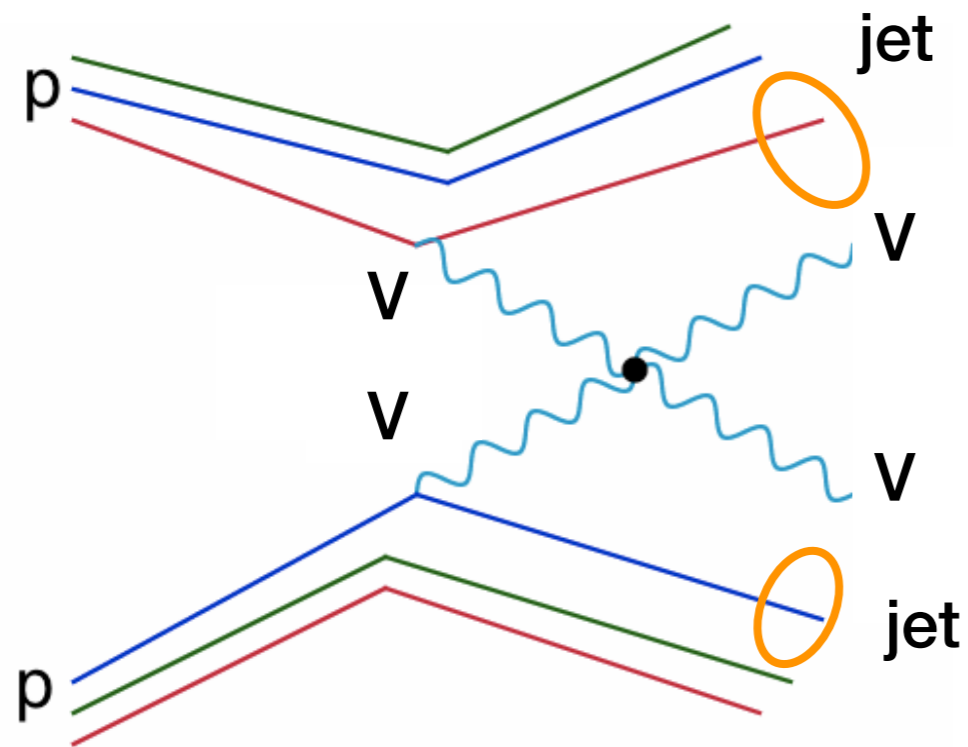
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Focus on electron and muons decays

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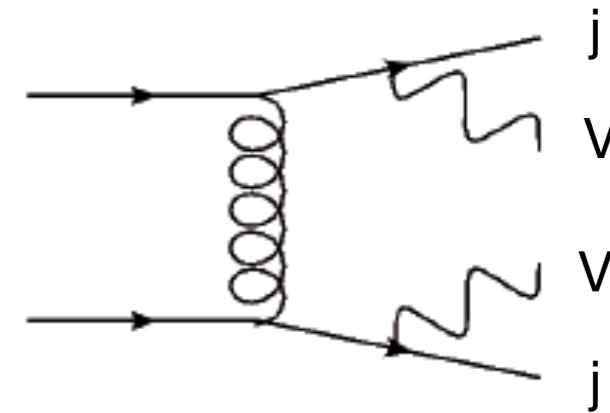
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- $W^\pm W^\pm jj \rightarrow \ell^\pm \nu \ell^\pm \nu jj$
- $W^\pm Z jj \rightarrow \ell^\pm \nu \ell^\pm \ell^\mp jj$

# Experimental work at the LHC

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- **$W^\pm W^\pm jj$ -EW** :=  $O(\alpha_W^6)$ 
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  - interf(QCD-EW)~10% included

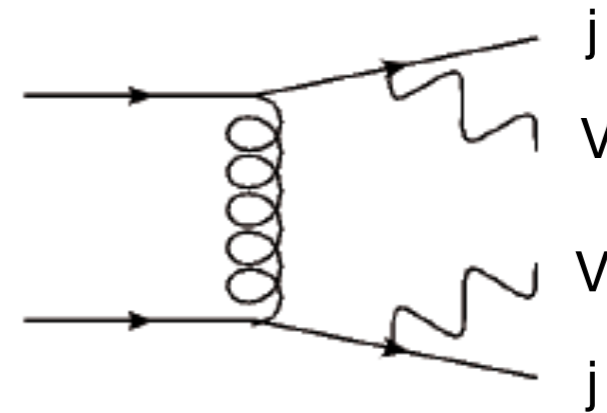


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$l^\pm \nu l'^\pm \nu' jj$	$W^\pm W^\pm$	19.5 fb	18.8 fb	1:1
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$l^\pm l^\mp l'^\pm \nu' jj$	$W^\pm Z$	30.2 fb	687 fb	1:20
$lllljj$	$ZZ$	1.5 fb	106 fb	1:70

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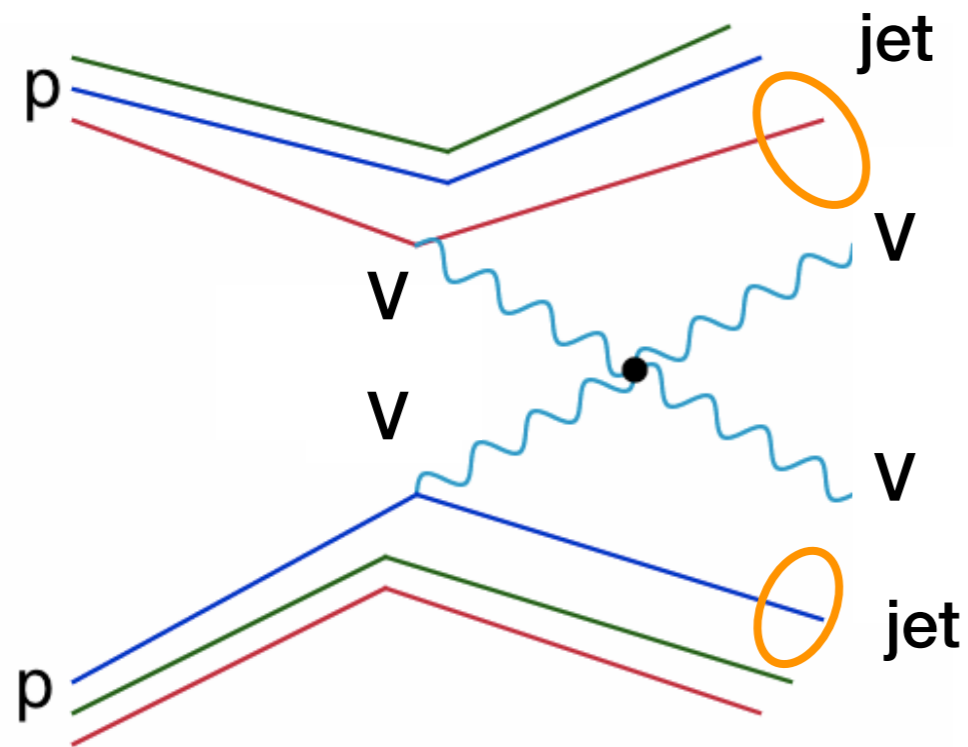
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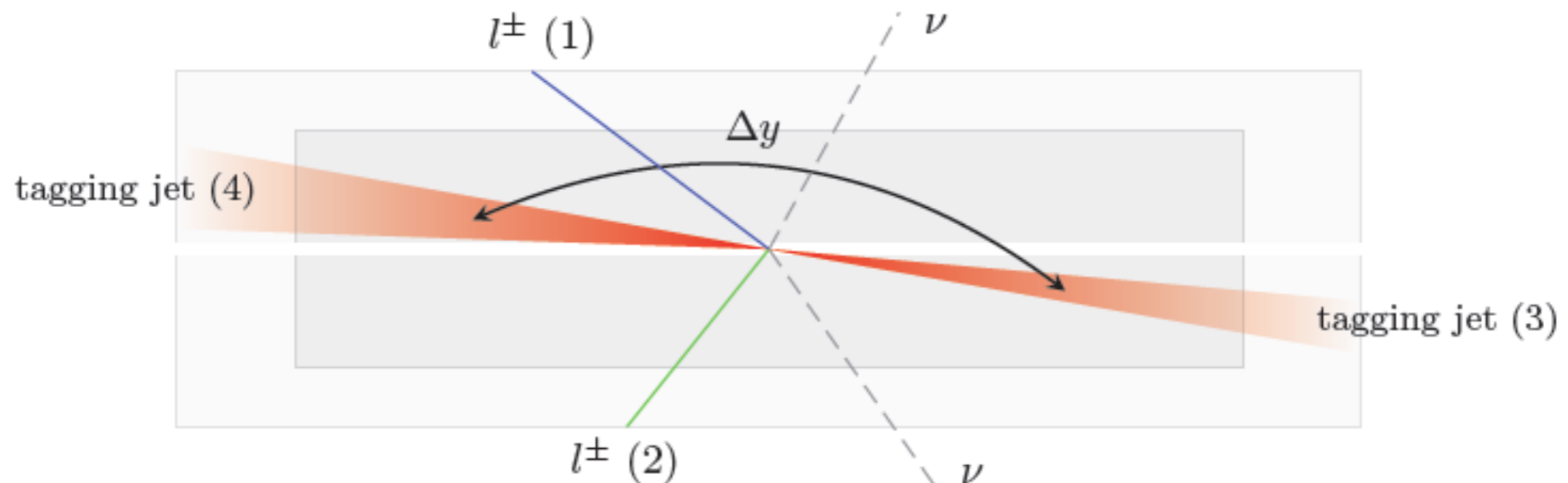


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- Distinct  $qq \rightarrow VVjj$  topology:
  - tagging Jets with large  $\Delta y$
  - leptons from  $VV \rightarrow \ell\nu \ell\nu$  between jets



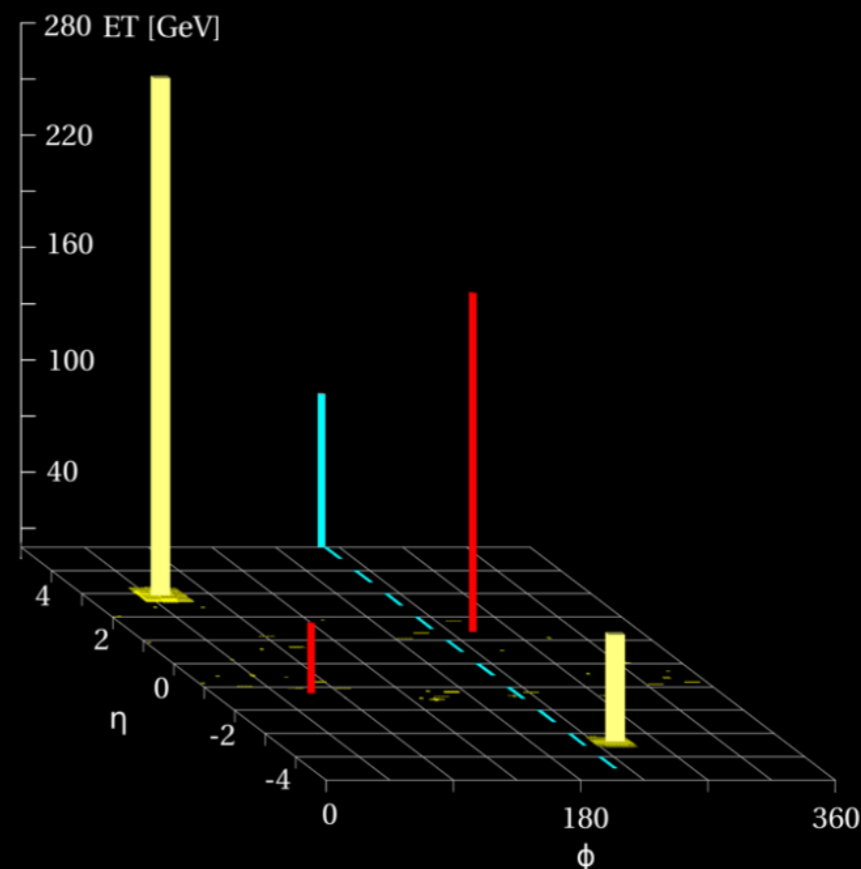
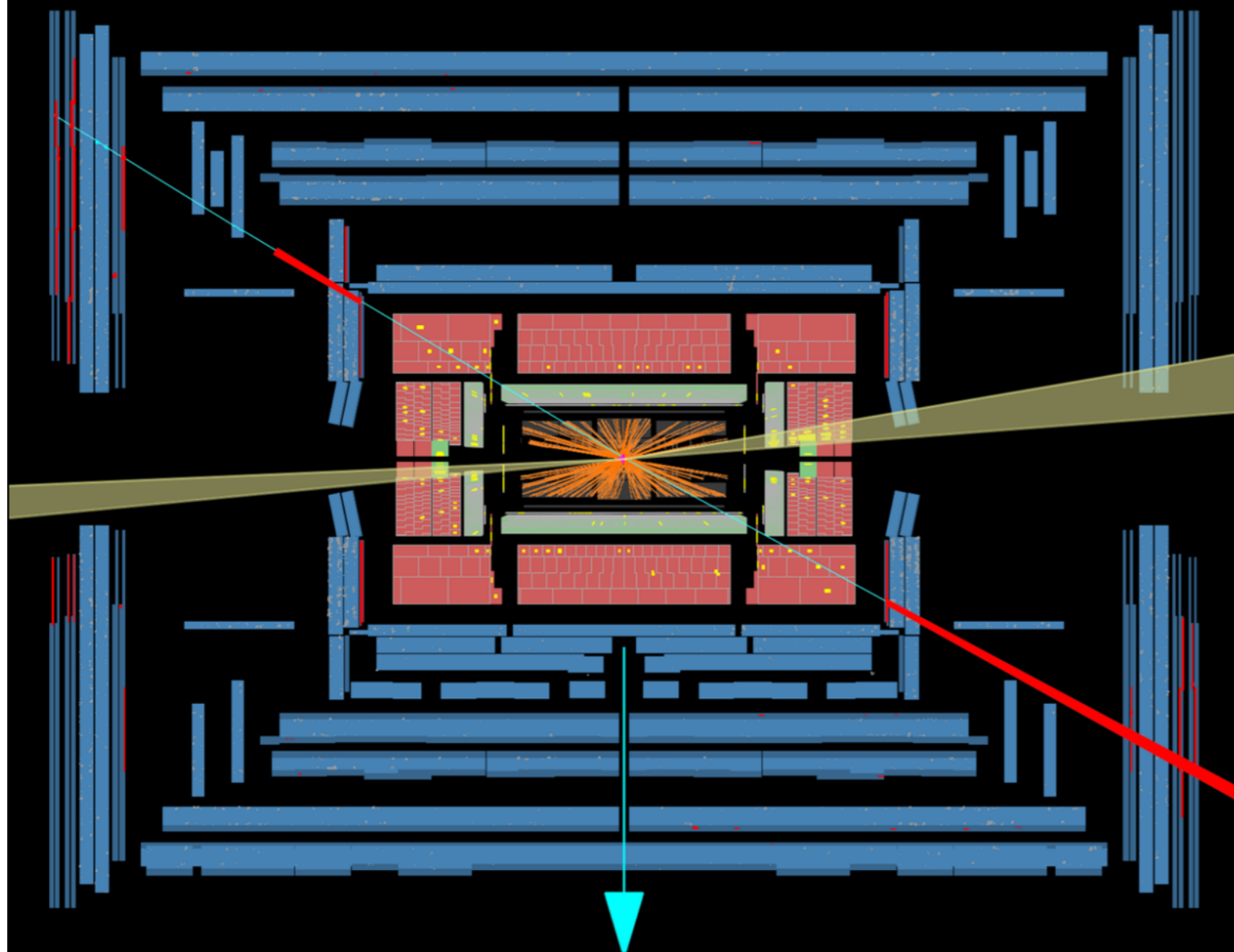


# Candidate event in ATLAS

$\mu^+\mu^+jj$  Candidate Event

$m_{jj}=2800$  GeV

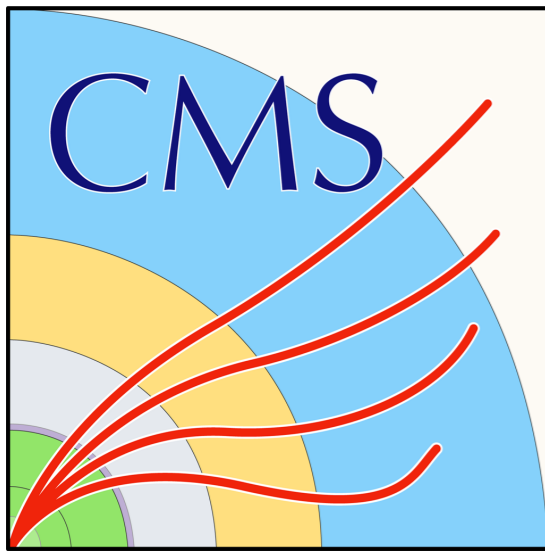
$|\Delta y_{jj}|=6.3$



 **ATLAS**  
**EXPERIMENT**

Run Number: 207490, Event Number: 33152138

Date: 2012-07-26 04:16:35 UTC



CMS observation of  $W^\pm W^\pm jj$  (5.5. s.d., CMS-SMP-17-004)  
large statistics for limits, well verified via control regions,

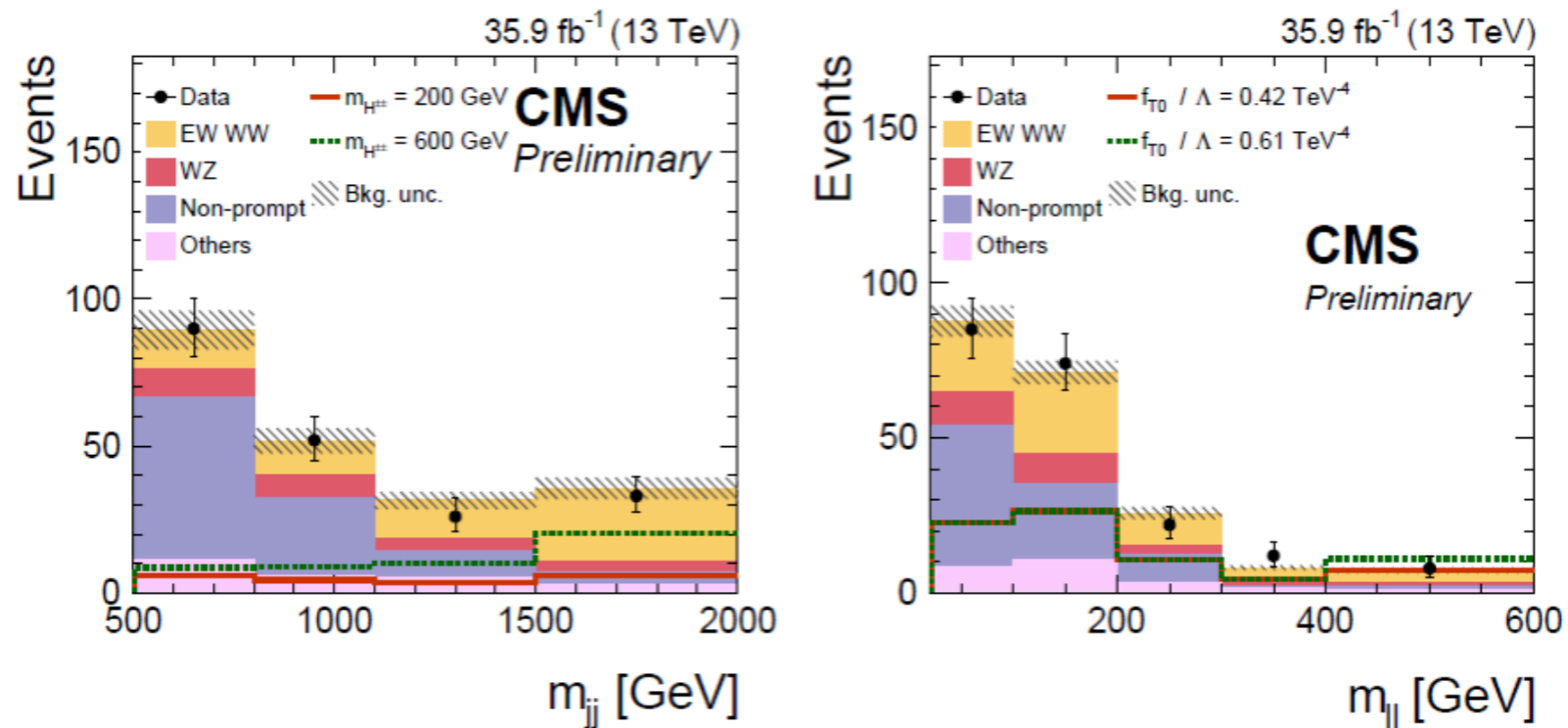
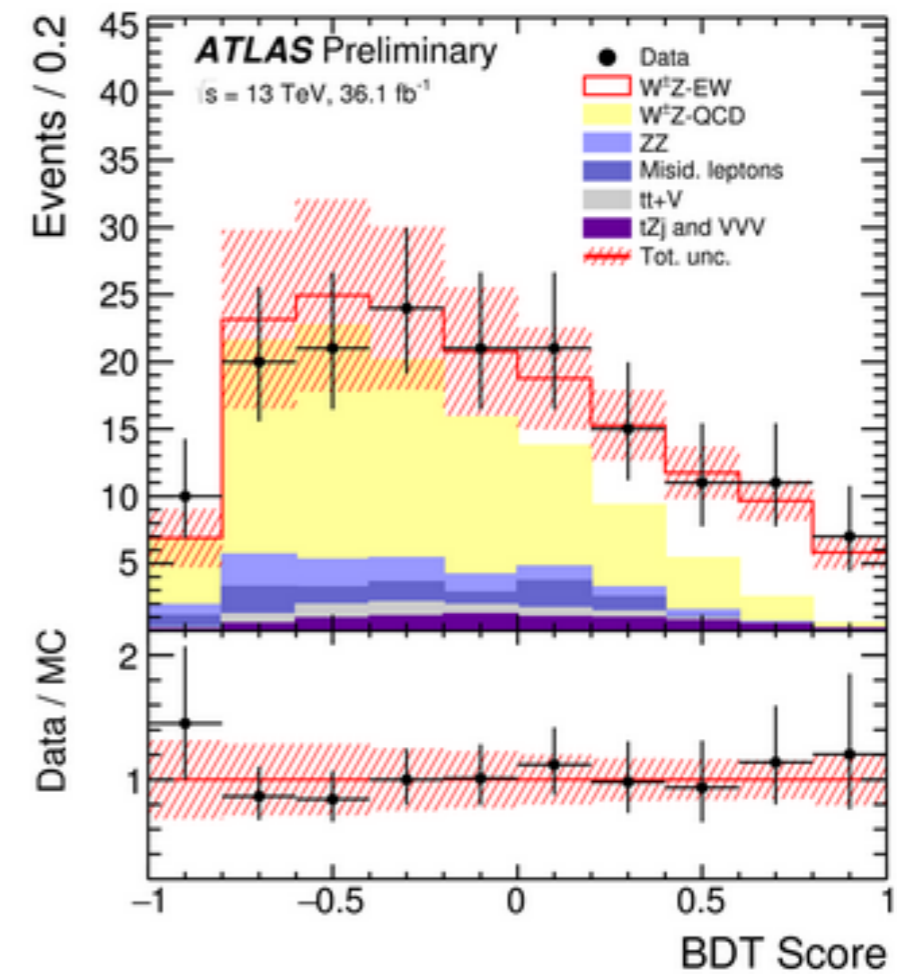
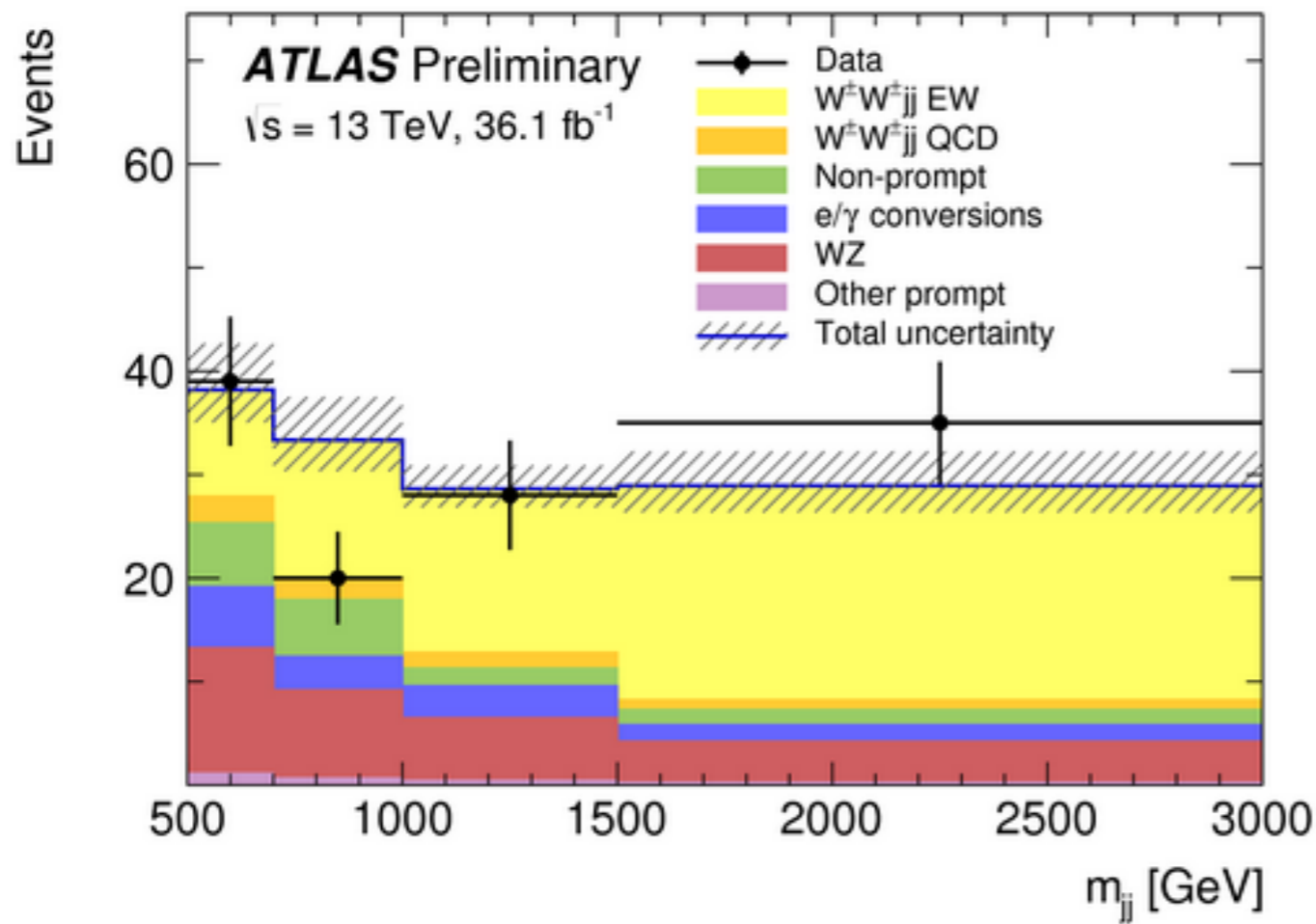


Figure 2: Distributions of  $m_{jj}$  (left) and  $m_{\ell\ell}$  (right) in the signal region. The normalization of the predicted signal and background distributions corresponds to the result of the fit. The hatched bars include statistical and systematic uncertainties. For illustration, the doubly charged Higgs boson signal normalized to a cross section of 0.1 pb (left) and the distribution with aQGCs are shown. The histograms for other backgrounds include the contributions from QCD  $WW$ ,  $W\gamma$ , wrong-sign events, DPS, and  $VVV$  processes.

ATLAS observation of  
 $W^\pm W^\pm jj$  (6.9. s.d., ATLAS-CONF-2018-030)  
 $W^\pm Z jj$  (5.6. s.d., ATLAS-CONF-2018-033)



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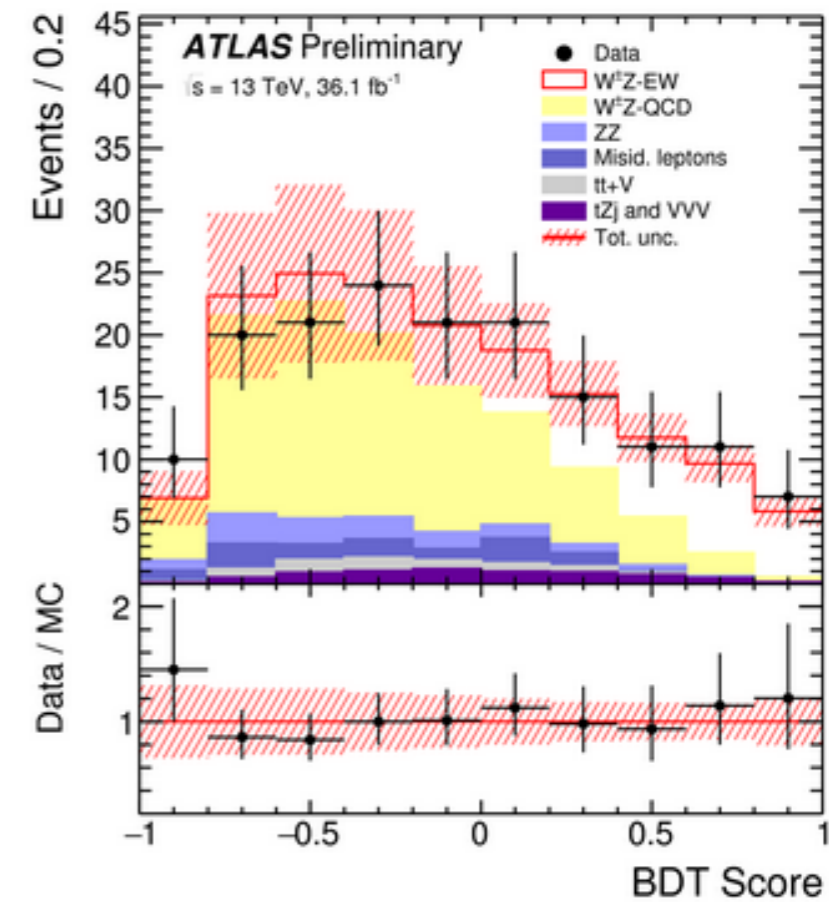
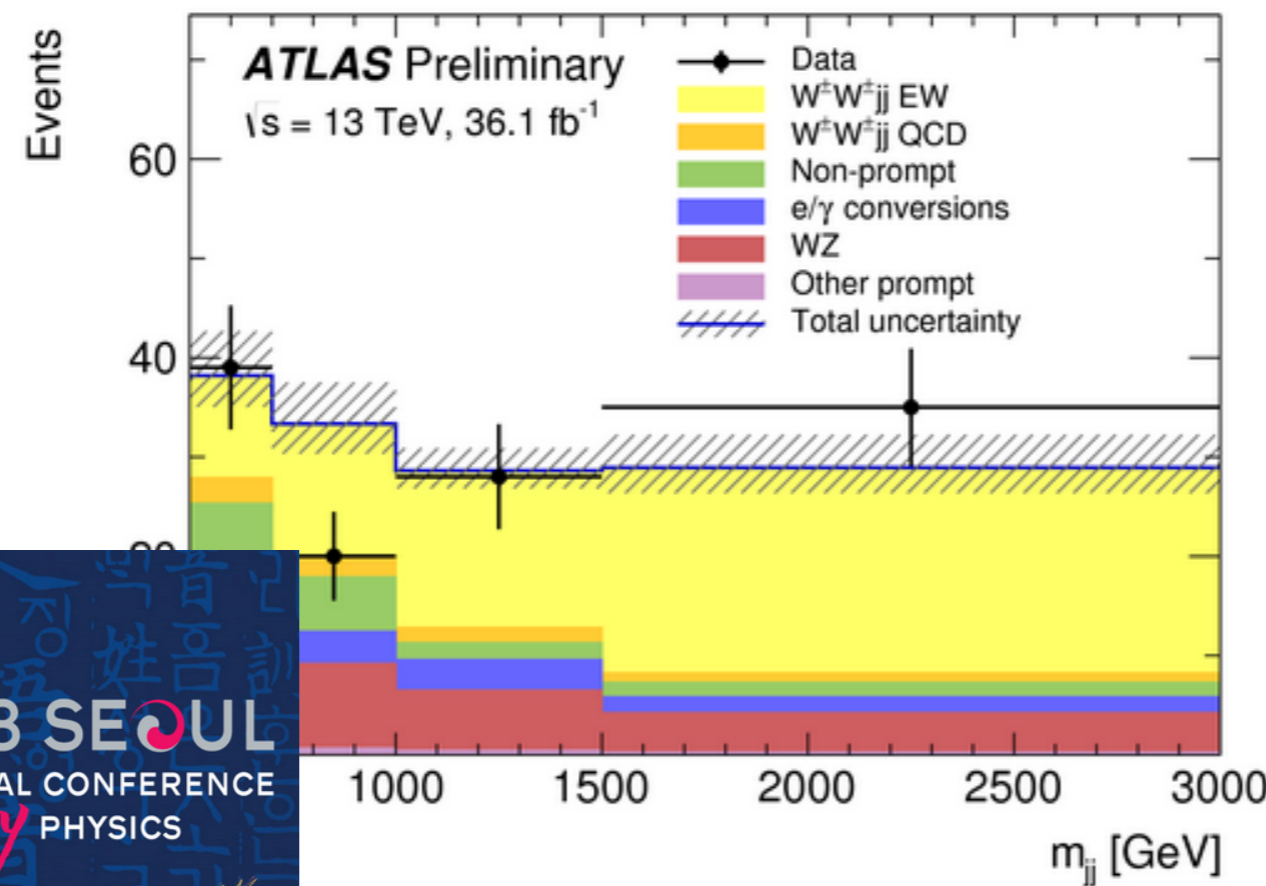
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Physics Briefing

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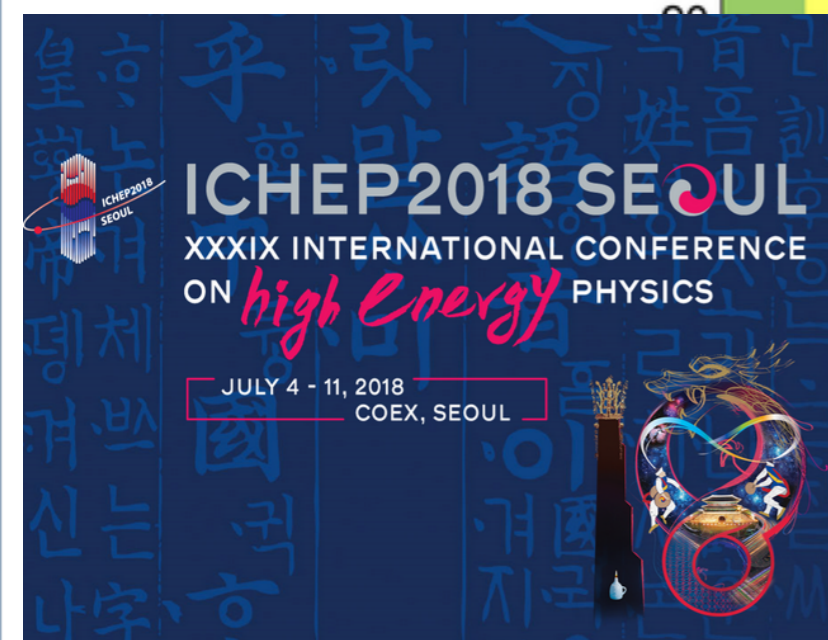
# Quarks observed to interact via minuscule “weak lightsabers”

By ATLAS Collaboration, 5th July 2018



Left: Especially at invariant jet-jet masses,  $m_{jj} > 1000$  GeV the yellow signal of  $W^\pm W^\pm jj$  scattering can be clearly seen above the background from other processes. Right: The orange signal of  $W^\pm Z$  scattering is evident as the white contribution at large values of the score value of a multivariate boosted decision tree (BDT). (Image: ATLAS Collaboration/CERN)

Two among the rarest processes probed so far at the Large Hadron Collider (LHC), the scattering between W and Z bosons emitted by quarks in proton-proton collisions, have been established by the ATLAS experiment at CERN.

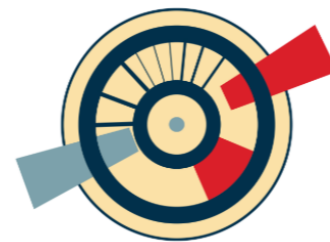


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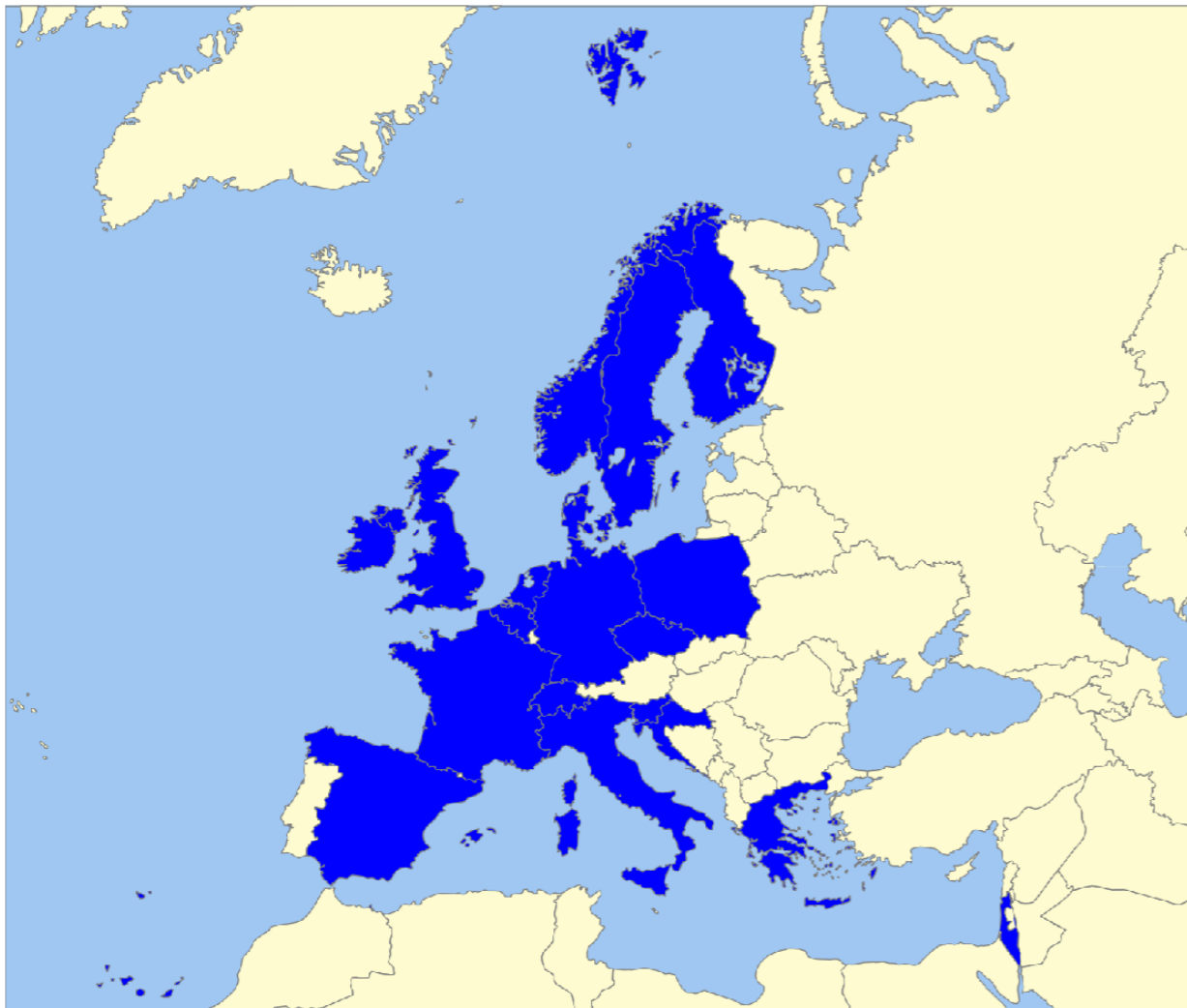


## VBSCan COST Network

investigate the Vector Boson Scattering (VBS) process and its implications for the Standard Model, by coordinating existing theoretical and experimental efforts in the area and by best exploiting hadron colliders data, thereby laying the groundwork for long-term studies of the subject and creating a solidly interconnected community of VBS experts

## the VBSCan Action current shape

- **Norway** and **Denmark** will join soon as well



Country	Date	Status
▶ Belgium	25/01/2017	Confirmed
▶ Croatia	06/12/2016	Confirmed
▶ Czech Republic	21/02/2017	Confirmed
▶ Finland	03/02/2017	Confirmed
▶ France	17/11/2016	Confirmed
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▶ Switzerland	20/02/2017	Confirmed
▶ United Kingdom	08/12/2016	Confirmed
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*We are now 21 countries !*



*Not everybody is in the picture!*



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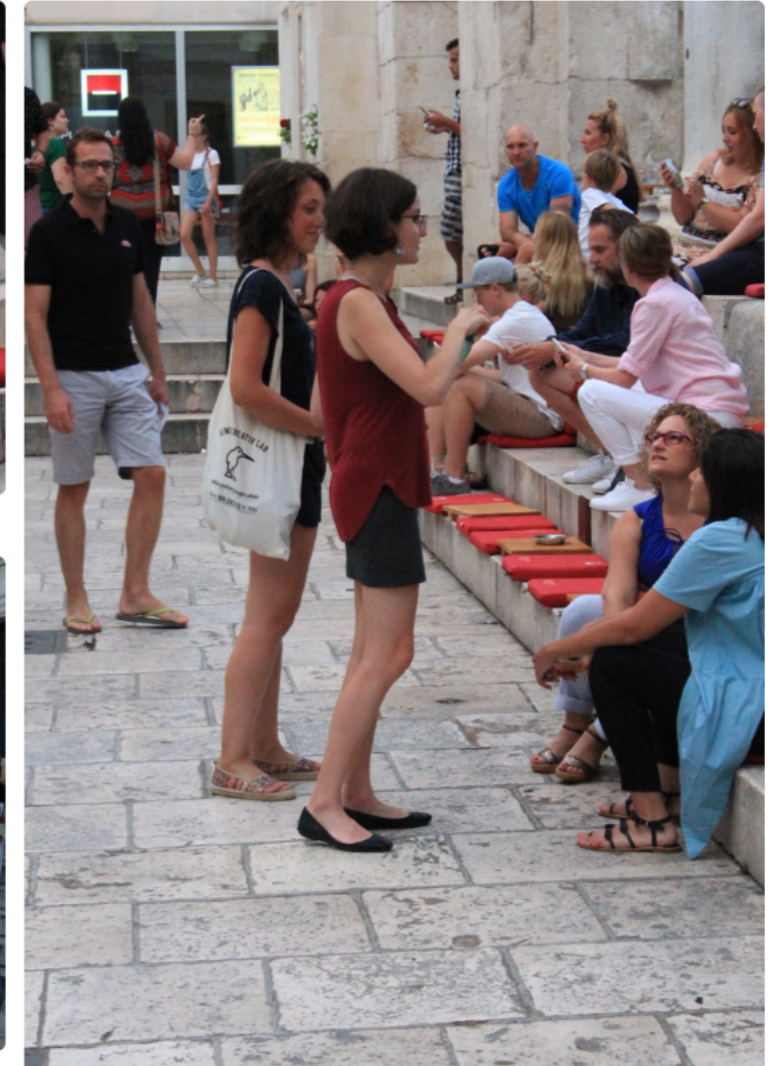
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Συνάντηση επιστήμονες  
του CERN!  
Μάθε όλα όσα θα ήθελες  
να ξέρεις και δεν είχες την  
ευκαιρία να ρωτήσεις!

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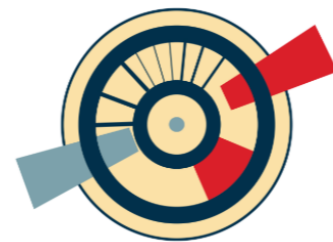
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# Vector Boson Scattering @ LHC

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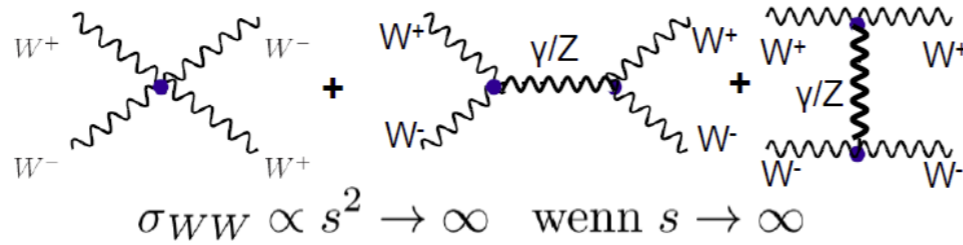
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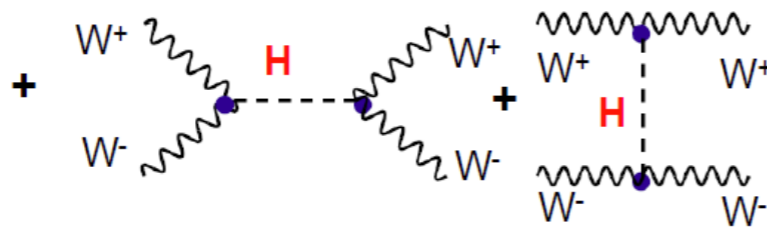
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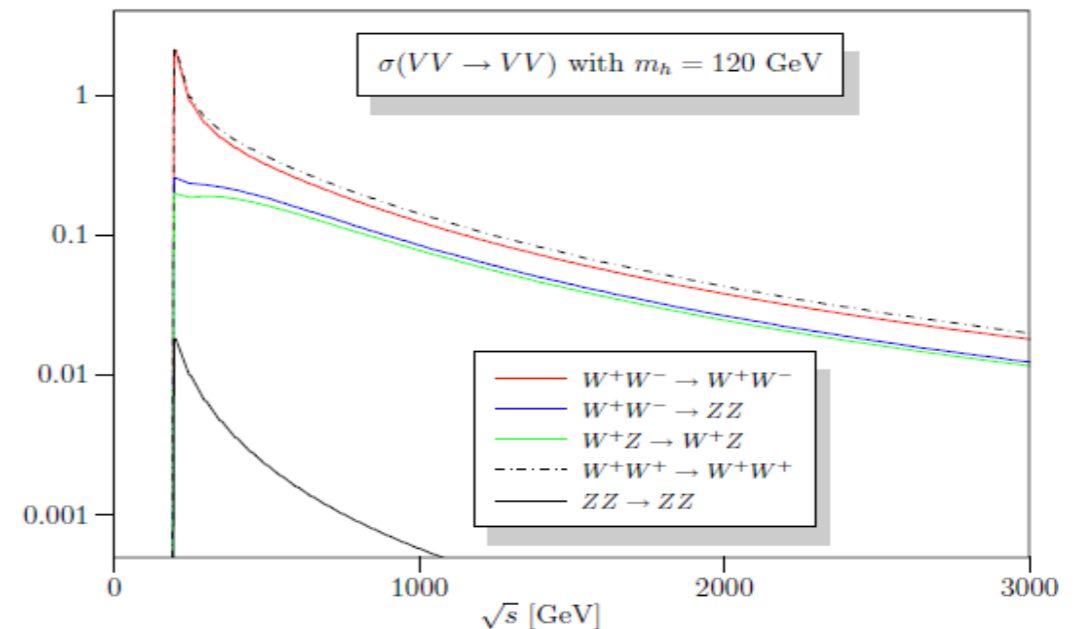
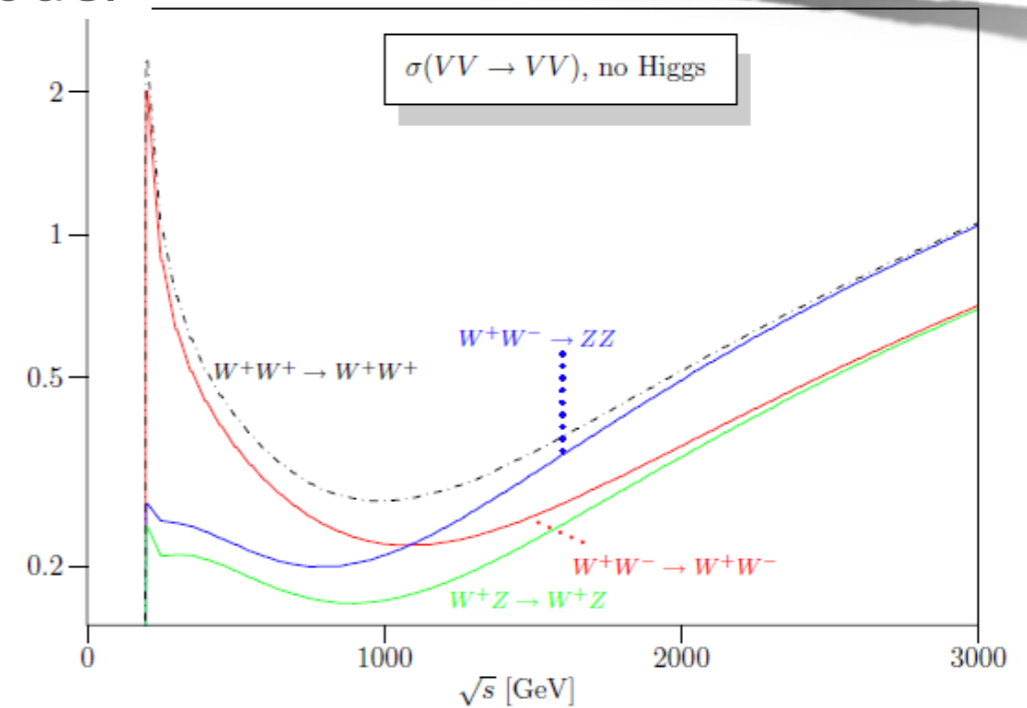


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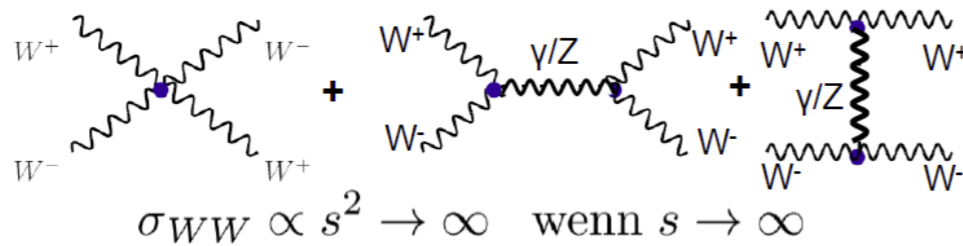


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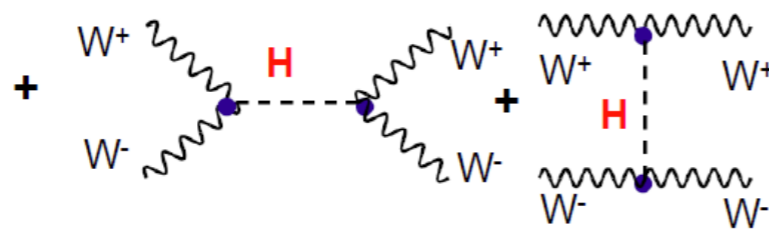
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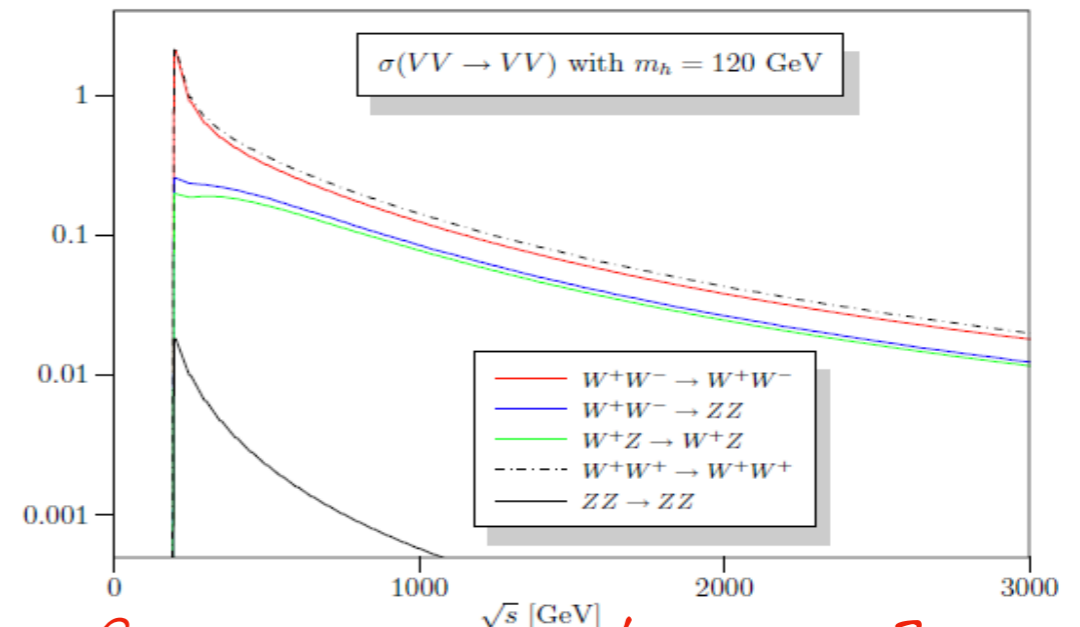
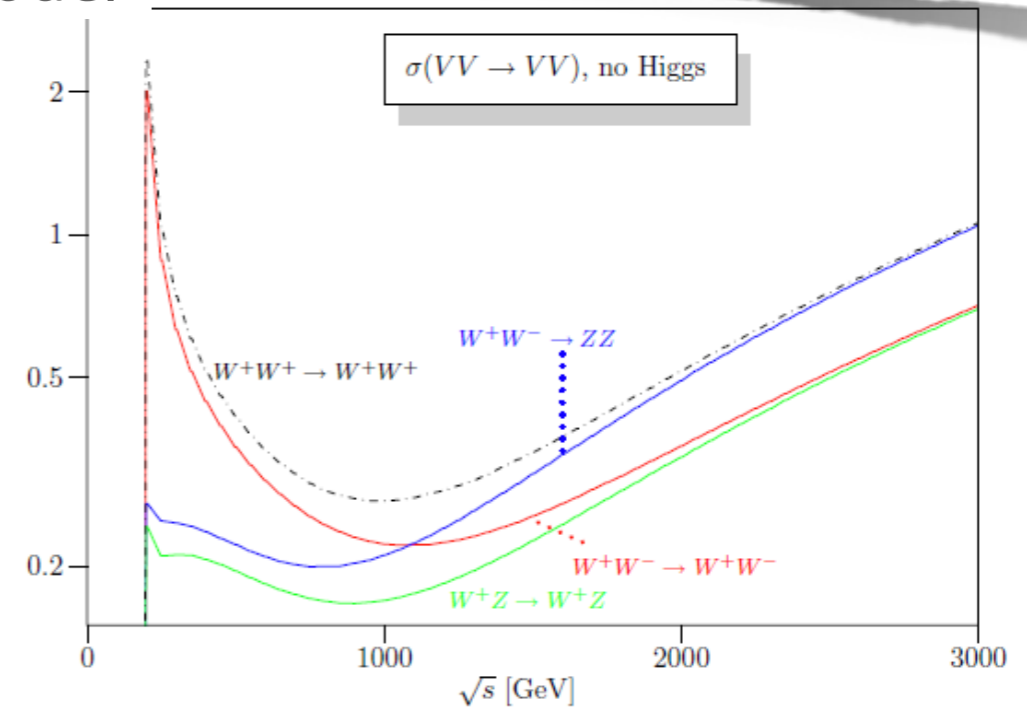


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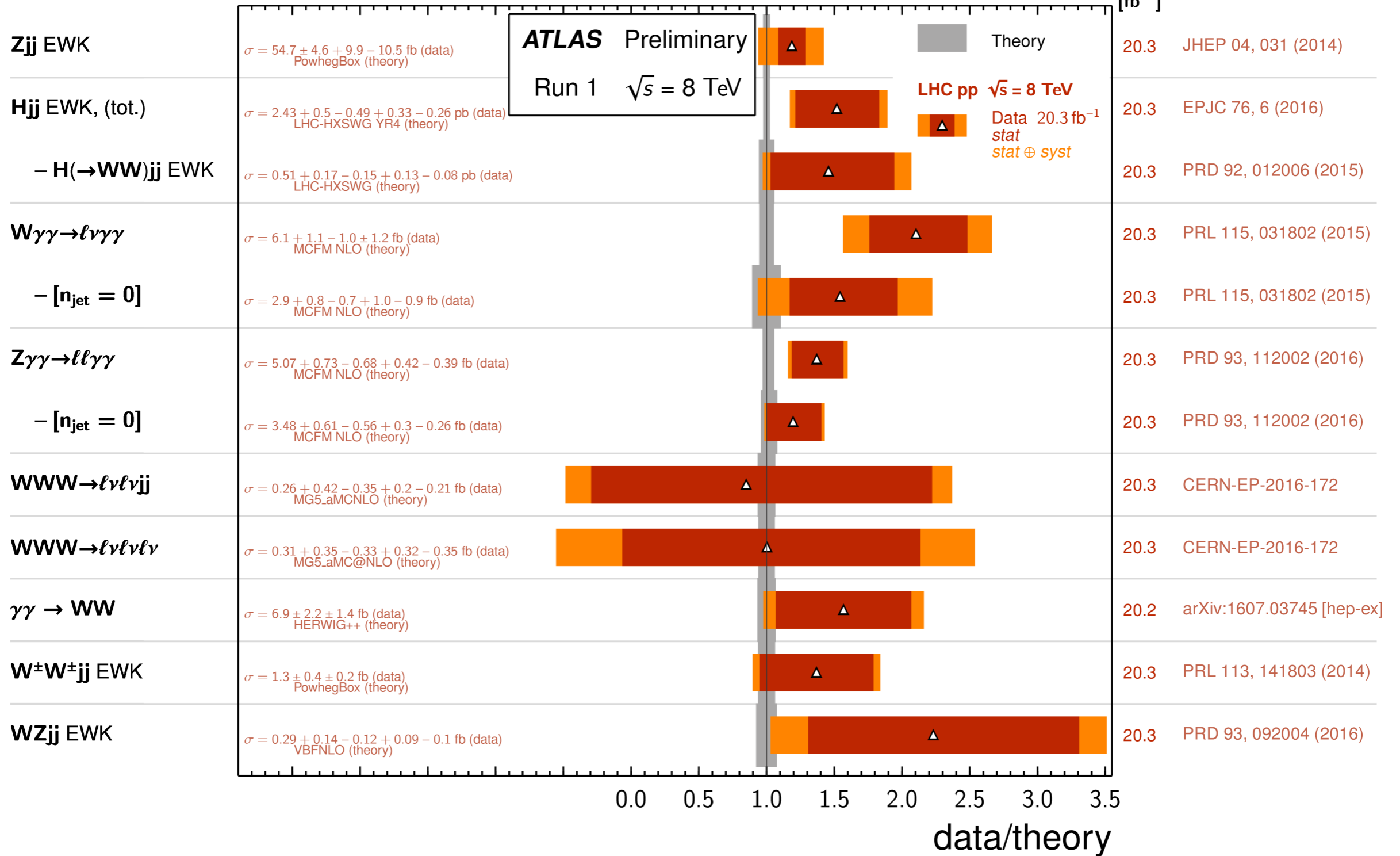
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Why if the SM is an effective theory of a more complex one?

## VBF, VBS, and Triboson Cross Section Measurements

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[fb<sup>-1</sup>]



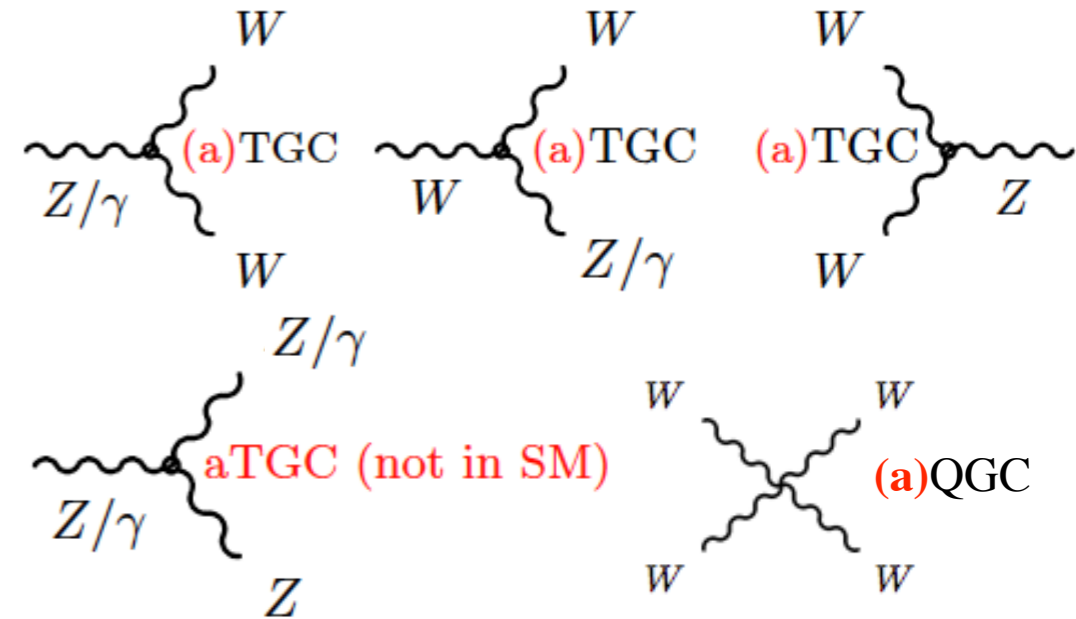
# Look at beyond the SM physics

- The presence of new Physics in EWK sector modify gauge boson self-interactions
- Anomalous coupling approach: effective Lagrangian with anomalous triple or quartic gauge couplings (aTGC, aQGC)
  - Low energy effect from beyond SM physics can be modeled by effective theories (SM+higher dimension operators)

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \sum_{\text{dimension } d} \sum_i \frac{c_i^{(d)}}{\Lambda^{d-4}} \mathcal{O}_i^{(d)}$$

$\Lambda$ : scale of New Physics

- anomalous triple or quartic coupling terms (aTGCs, aQGCs) are in the effective Lagrangian
- A single channel is not sensible to all the parameters
  - Need to study various processes to put constraints on all operators
- Anomalous couplings manifest themselves as :
  - Enhanced production cross section
  - Modified kinematics distributions



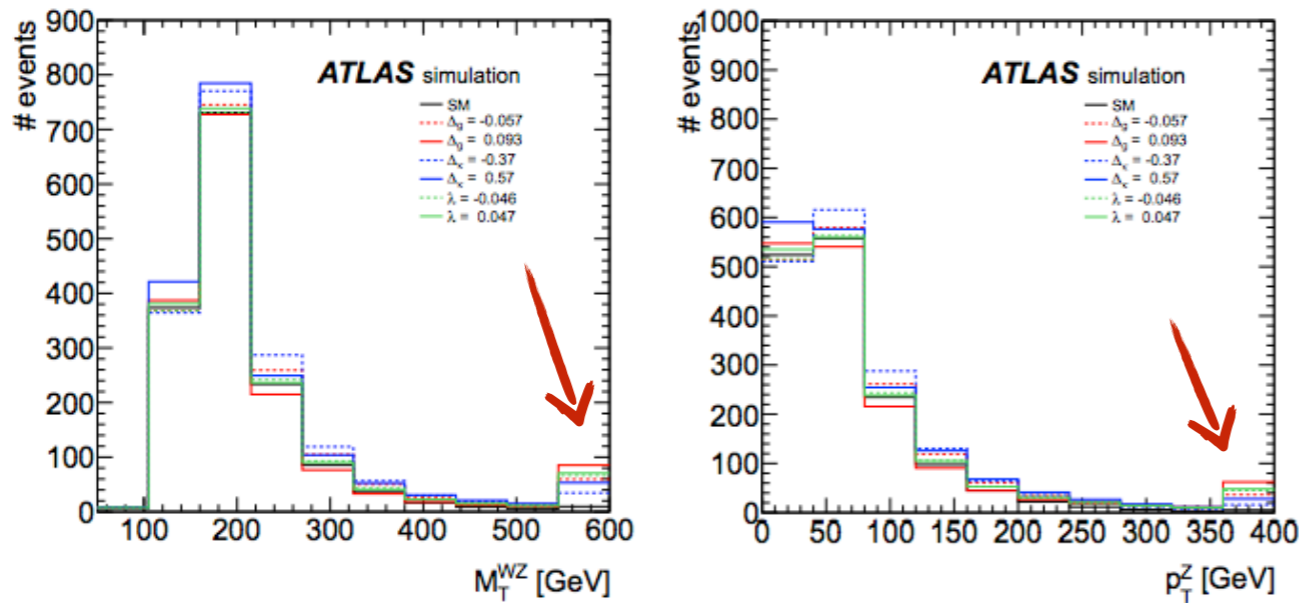
coupling	aTGC parameters (All = 0 in SM)	channel
$WW\gamma$	$\lambda_\gamma, \Delta\kappa_\gamma$	$WW, W\gamma$
$WWZ$	$\lambda_Z, \Delta\kappa_Z, \Delta g_1^Z$	$WW, WZ$
$ZZ\gamma$	$h_3^Z, h_4^Z$	$Z\gamma$
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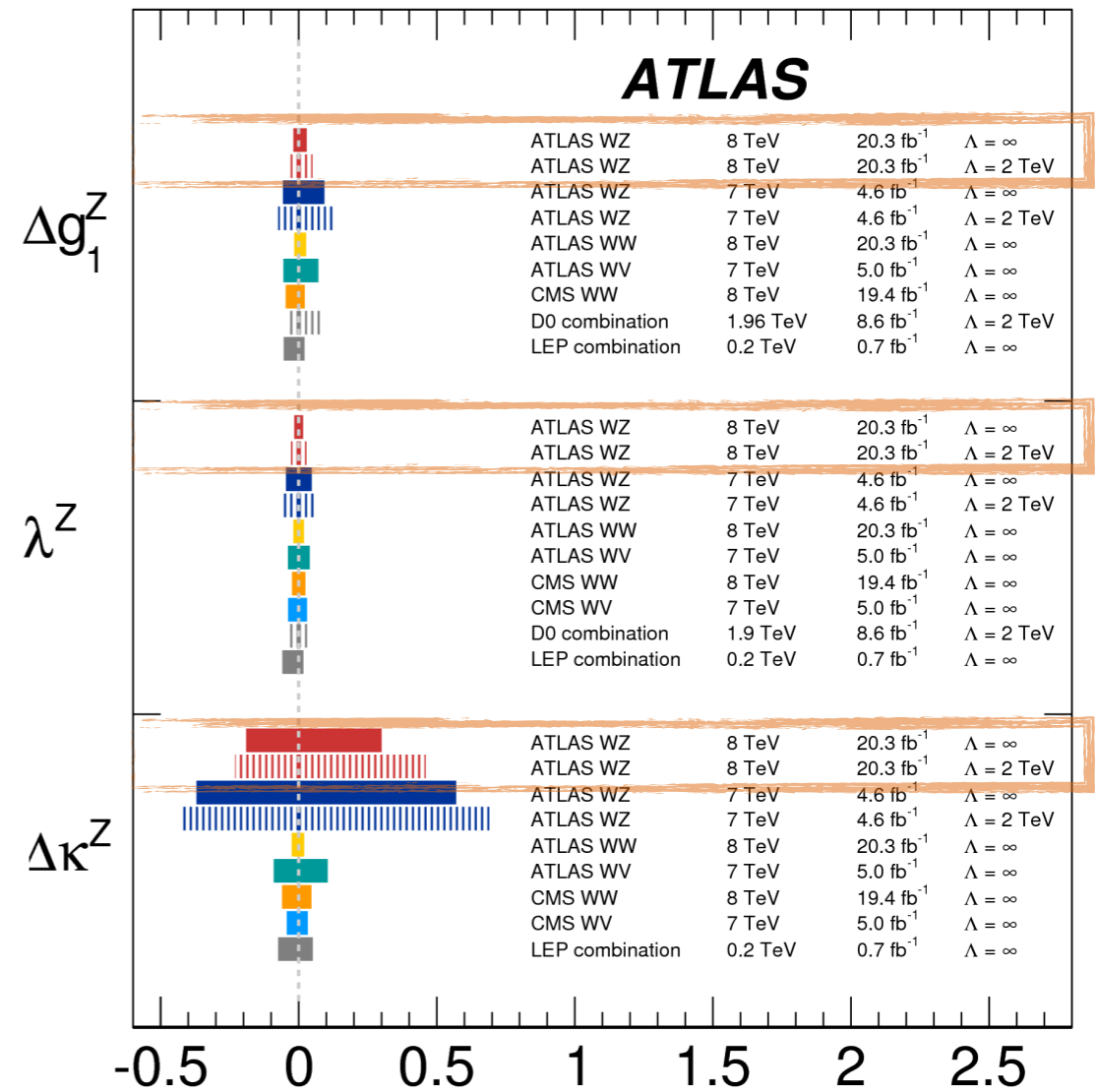
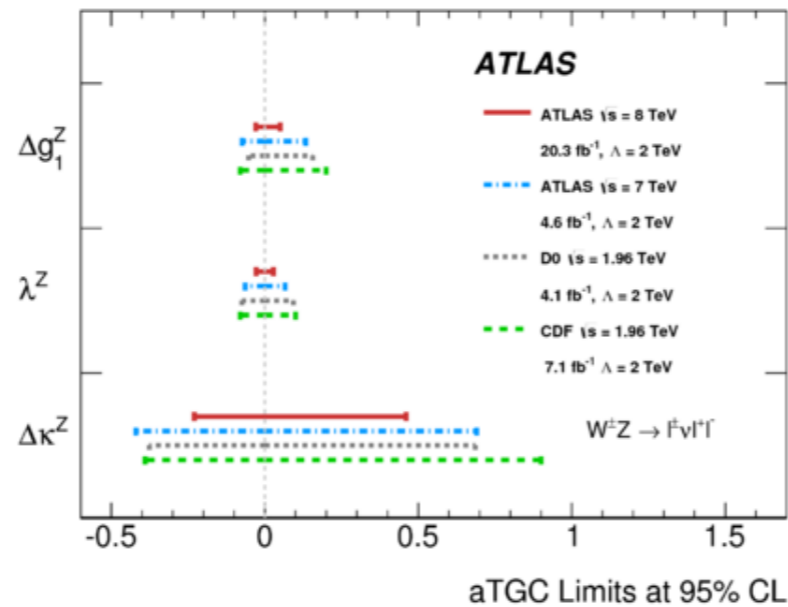


# aTGC limits results

- Studied different kinematic distributions for limit extraction
  - WZ Transverse mass,  $Z p_T$ , leading lepton and WZ Mass
  - Use the inclusive binned WZ  $M_T$  distribution to extract limits  $\rightarrow$  less sensitive to higher-order QCD and EW effects in perturbation theory



- The expected number of events is written as a function of the SM cross sections plus some other terms depending on the aTGC parameters
- 1D limits extracted using a likelihood fit, and fixing 2 of the parameters to the SM
- The limits are improved by a factor of  $\sim 2$  large dataset  $\rightarrow$  **most stringent limits on WWZ anomalous couplings to date**

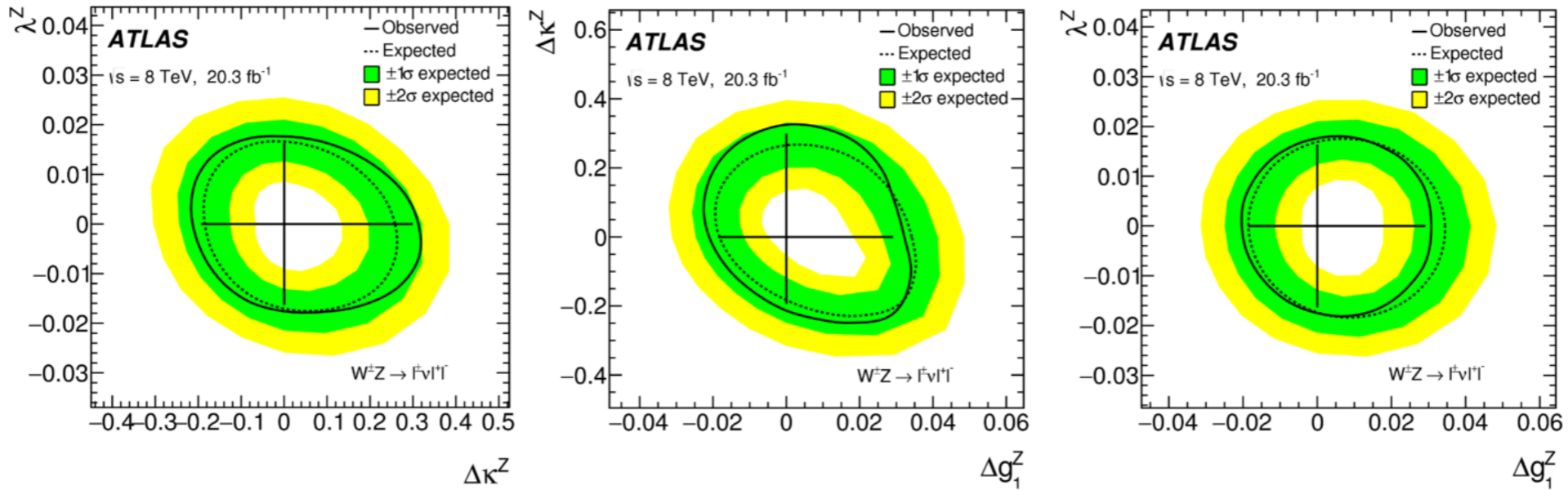


## aTGC Limits at 95% CL

Observed 1D aTGC limits compared with previous measurements

# aTGC limits results

- Limit contours for the different aTGC coupling combinations are calculated by fixing 1 aTGC parameter to the SM

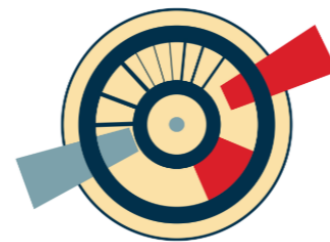


- The anomalous couplings can be reinterpreted in terms of the EFT parameters  $c_i/\Lambda^2$  ( $i = WWW, W, B$ )

EFT coupling	Expected [ $\text{TeV}^{-2}$ ]	Observed [ $\text{TeV}^{-2}$ ]
$c_W/\Lambda^2$	$[-3.7 ; 7.6]$	$[-4.3 ; 6.8]$
$c_B/\Lambda^2$	$[-270 ; 180]$	$[-320 ; 210]$
$c_{WWW}/\Lambda^2$	$[-3.9 ; 3.8]$	$[-3.9 ; 4.0]$

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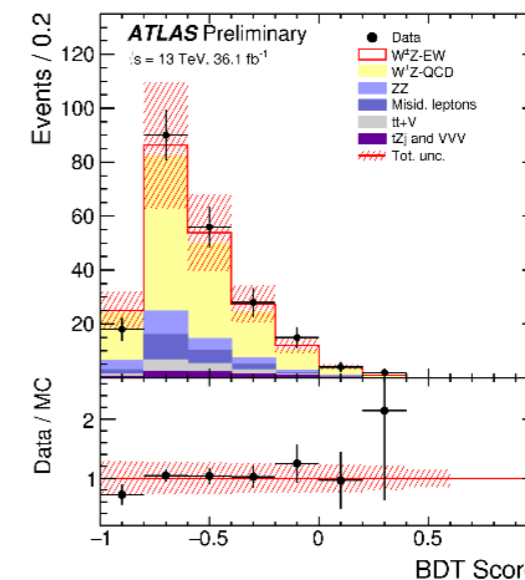
*Backup*

- ❖ Observation of electroweak production of a same-sign W boson pair in association with two jets in pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s}=13$  TeV with the ATLAS detector  
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## 7 Signal extraction procedure

Given the low purity in  $WZjj$ -EW processes in the signal region, a multivariate discriminant is therefore used to separate the signal and the backgrounds. A boosted decision tree (BDT), as implemented in the TMVA package [53], is used to exploit the kinematic differences between the  $WZjj$ -EW signal and the  $WZjj$ -QCD and other backgrounds. The BDT is trained and optimised on simulated events to separate  $WZjj$ -EW events from all other background processes.

A total of 15 variables are combined into one discriminant, the BDT score output value ranging onto the interval  $[-1, +1]$ . The variables can be classified into three categories. The variables related to the kinematic properties of the two tagging jets are the invariant mass of the two tagging jets,  $m_{jj}$ , the transverse momenta of the two jets, the difference in pseudorapidity and azimuthal angle of the two jets,  $\Delta\eta_{jj}$  and  $\Delta\phi_{jj}$ , respectively, the rapidity of the leading jet and the jet multiplicity. Variables related to the kinematic properties of the vector bosons are the transverse momenta of the W and Z bosons, the pseudorapidity of the W boson, the absolute difference between the rapidities of the Z boson and the lepton from the decay of the W boson,  $|y_Z - y_{\ell,W}|$ , and the transverse mass of the  $W^\pm Z$  system  $m_T^{WZ}$ . The pseudorapidity of the W boson is reconstructed using an estimation of the longitudinal momentum of the neutrino obtained using the W mass constraint as detailed in Ref. [54]. The  $m_T^{WZ}$  observable is reconstructed following Ref. [11]. Variables that relate the kinematic properties of jets and leptons are the distance in the pseudorapidity-azimuth plane between the Z boson and the leading jet,  $\Delta R(j_1, Z)$ , the event balance  $R_{p_T}^{\text{hard}}$ , defined as the transverse component of the vector sum of the WZ bosons and tagging jets momenta, normalized to their scalar  $p_T$  sum, and, finally the centrality of the WZ system with respect to the tagging jets, defined as  $\zeta_{\text{lep.}} = \min(\Delta\eta_-, \Delta\eta_+)$ , with  $\Delta\eta_- = \min(\eta_\ell^W, \eta_{\ell_2}^Z, \eta_{\ell_1}^Z) - \min(\eta_{j_1}, \eta_{j_2})$  and  $\Delta\eta_+ = \max(\eta_{j_1}, \eta_{j_2}) - \max(\eta_\ell^W, \eta_{\ell_2}^Z, \eta_{\ell_1}^Z)$ . A larger set of discriminant observables was studied and only variables improving the area under the signal-versus-background efficiency curve were retained.

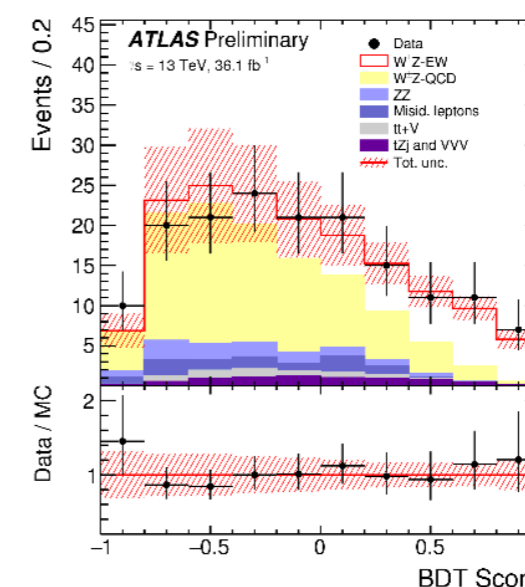


Distribution of BDT score

Control Region:

no white Signal

Background described well



Signal Region:

White signal visible at large BDT scores

(21 / 28 events above 0.4 are signal, 7 background)