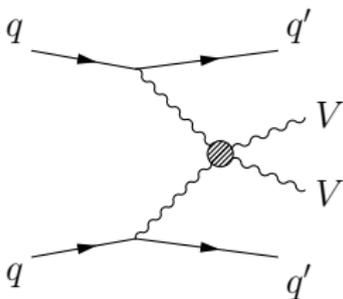


## VBS-VV Results from ATLAS



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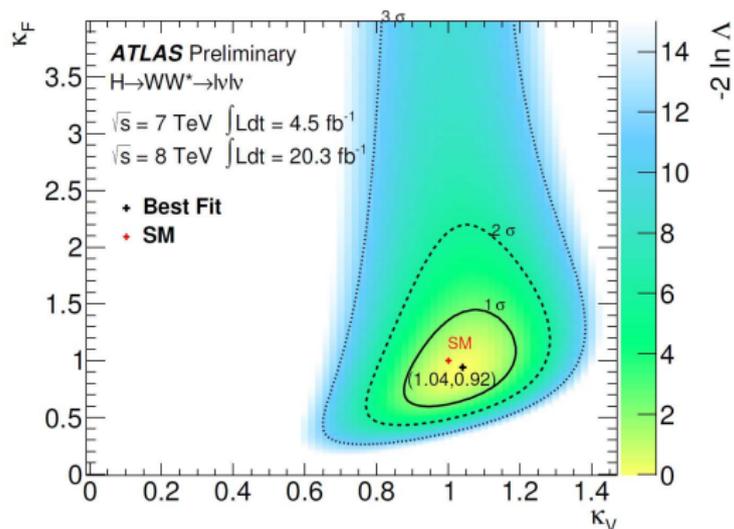
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- The Higgs couplings have been measured. Take the ATLAS  $H \rightarrow WW^*$  as an example:

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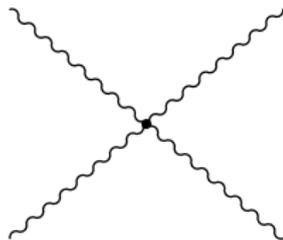


- Best fit:  
 $\kappa_F = 0.92^{+0.31}_{-0.23}$ ,  
 $\kappa_V = 1.04^{+0.10}_{-0.11}$
- Prospects at HL-LHC  
 for  $\kappa_V \sim 5\%$  precision

- Still room for new physics! If the Higgs is only partially responsible for the EWSB, the  $V_L V_L$  scattering amplitude still grows as  $\mathcal{O}(s/m_W^2)$  until new physics kicks in.

# why vector boson scattering? (II)

- Gauge boson self interactions are an important part of the electroweak sector
- Triple-gauge-boson coupling (TGC) has been studied extensively
- No direct evidence for a process involving QGC vertex in previous experiments
- Probe to quartic-gauge-boson couplings (QGC) through VBS:



- QGC can be also studied in tri-boson production

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$V\gamma$	In progress
$pp \rightarrow pWWp$	In progress
$H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow \ell^+ \nu \ell^- \nu$	<a href="#">ATLAS-CONF-2014-060</a> . Evidence for VBF production!
$H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^- \ell'^+ \ell'^-$	<a href="#">ATLAS-HIGG-2013-21</a>

- This talk will focus on the same-sign  $WW$  analysis and briefly discuss the VBF part of the  $H \rightarrow WW^*$  analysis.
- More to come in the future.

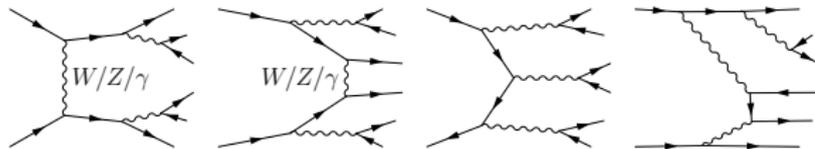
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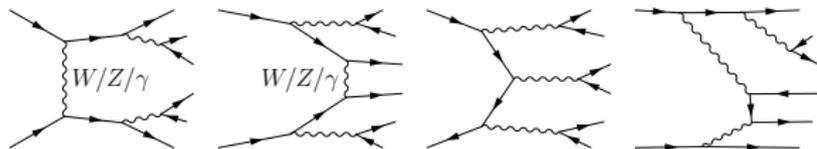
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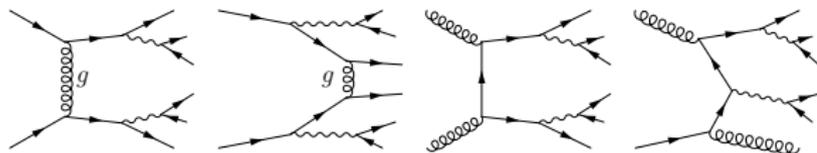
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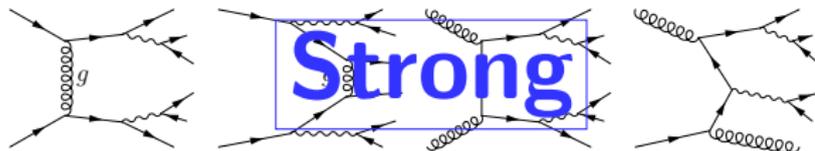
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- VBS not separately gauge invariant. Look at electroweak production as a whole.

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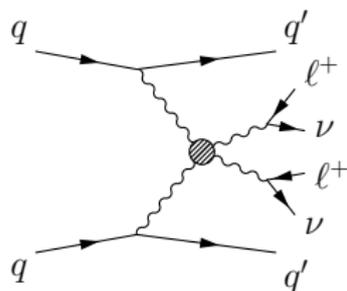
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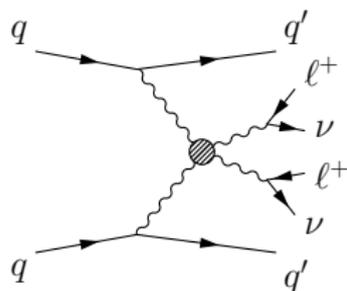
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- $W^\pm W^\pm jj$ -Ewk and -Strong are simulated using Sherpa up to one extra parton.
- Interference (7%-12%) is added to electroweak production, assuming “No electroweak production, no interference”.
- Normalized to NLO cross section calculated using PowhegBox in the fiducial regions.

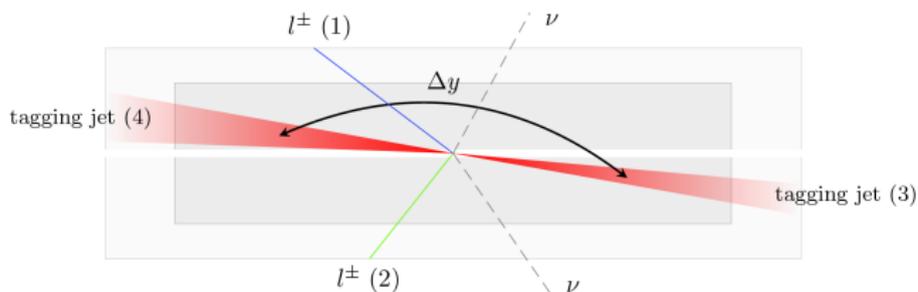
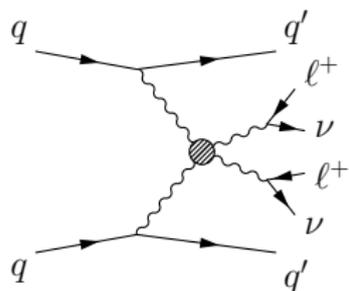


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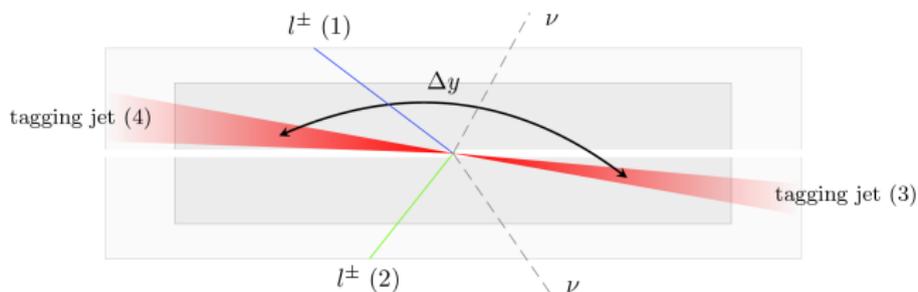
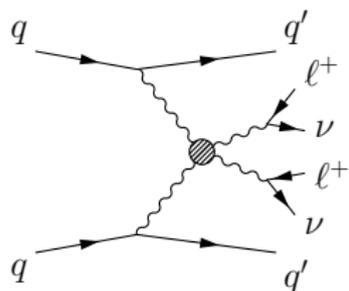
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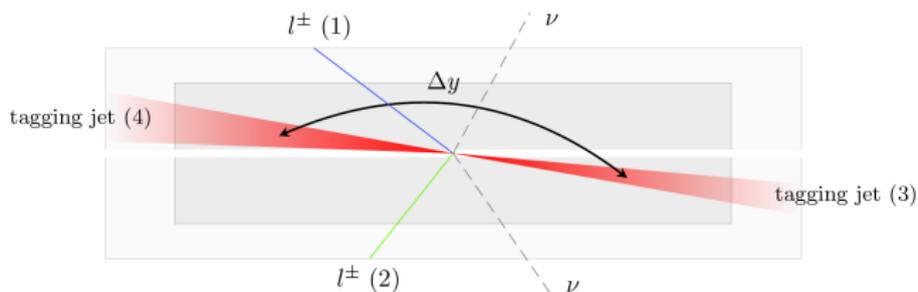
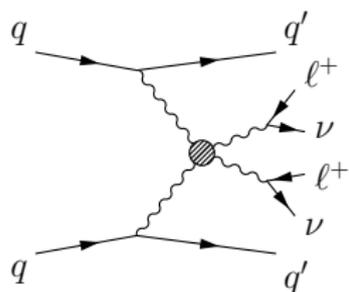


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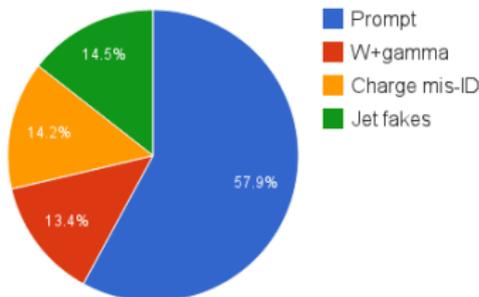
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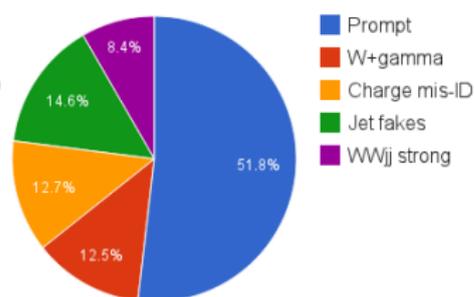
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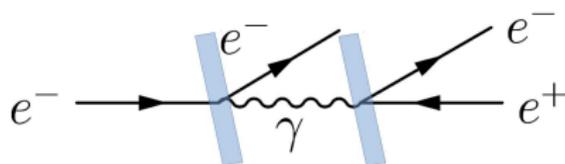
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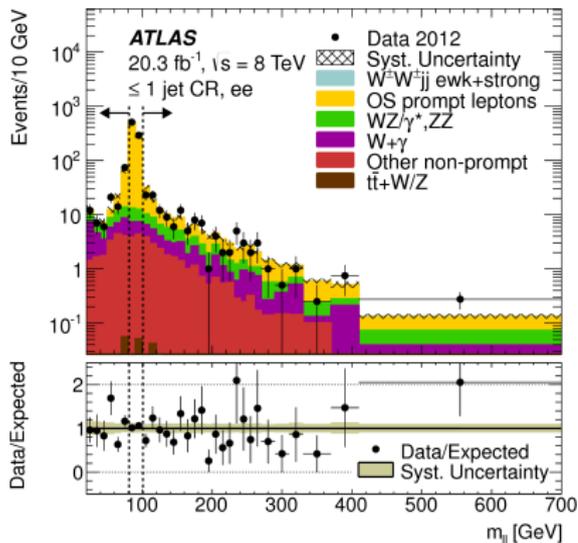
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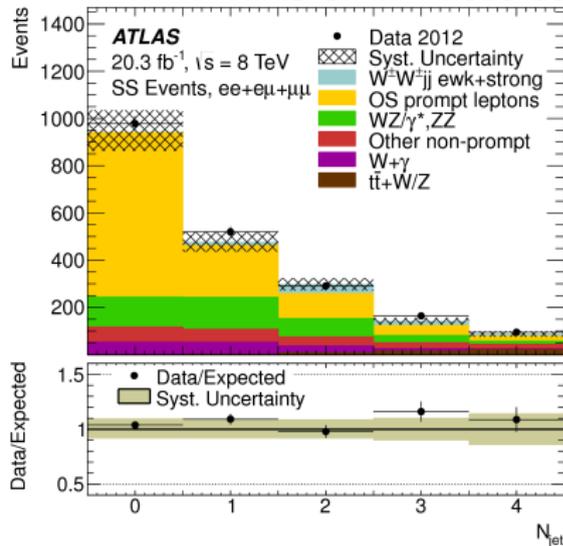
- Mostly through photon conversion. Negligible for muons.



- Charge mis-ID rate measured using  $Z \rightarrow ee$  events in data.
- Scale opposite-sign data sample by the charge mis-ID rate to estimate the background in same-sign signal regions.
- Electron energy loss applied according to MC studies.



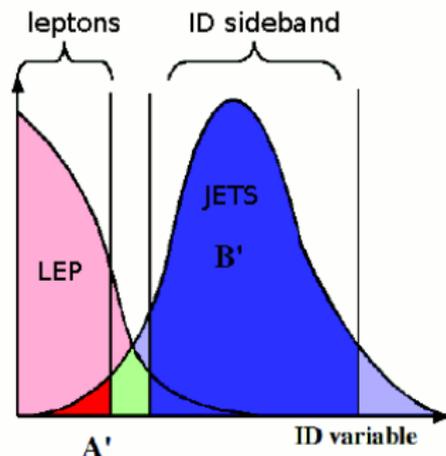
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- $m_{\ell\ell}$  shape validates charge mis-ID rate and energy loss correction.
- Jet distributions correctly predicted by charge mis-ID background estimation.

# non-prompt background

- Non-prompt leptons come from hadronic jets: mis-reconstruction or hadron decay.
- Use lepton isolation sideband to extrapolate from non-prompt dominated region to signal region: fake factor method.



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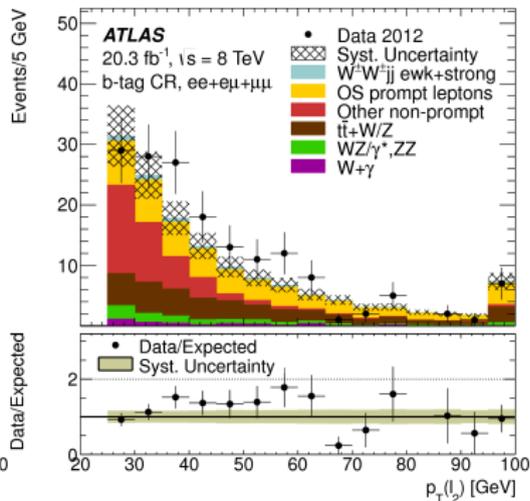
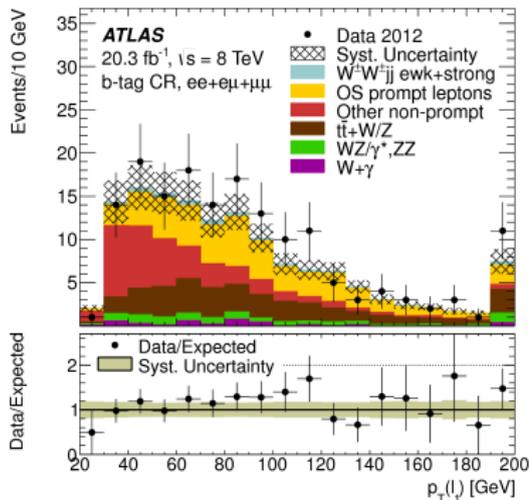
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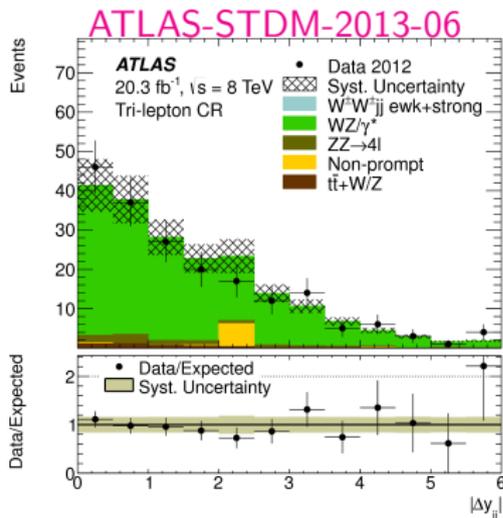
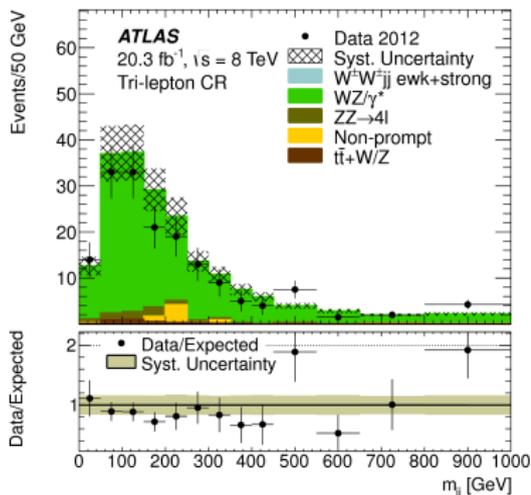
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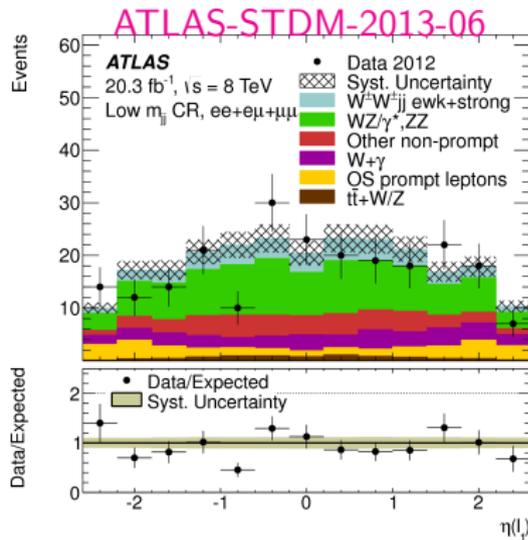
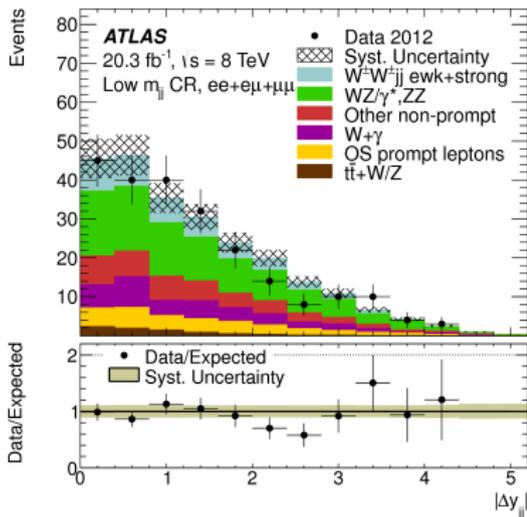


- The largest background in both signal regions.
- Estimated using MC. Checked in trilepton control region.
  - Instead of vetoing a third lepton, require exactly one third lepton passing the veto lepton definition,
  - $m_{jj}$  and  $\Delta y(jj)$  cuts not applied.



# low $m_{jj}$ control region

- Same as the Inclusive Signal Region up to the  $m_{jj} > 500$  GeV cut. Require instead  $m_{jj} < 500$  GeV.
- Good test of the overall background estimation.



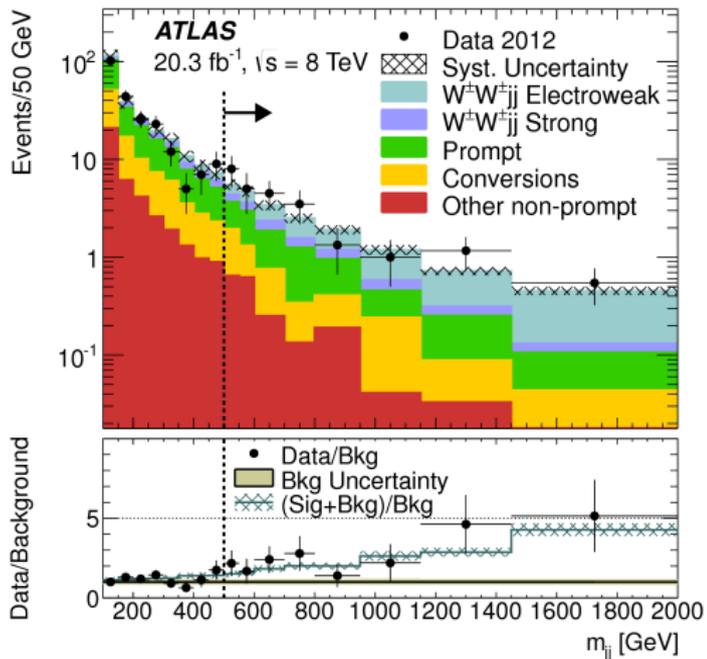
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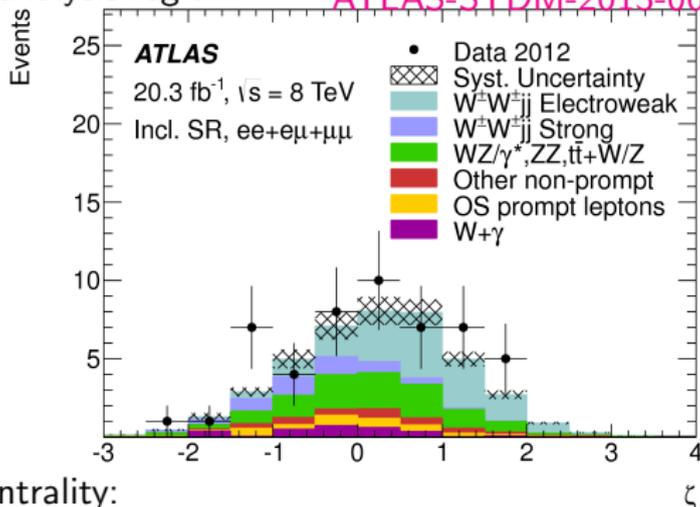
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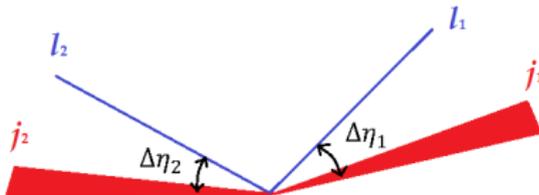
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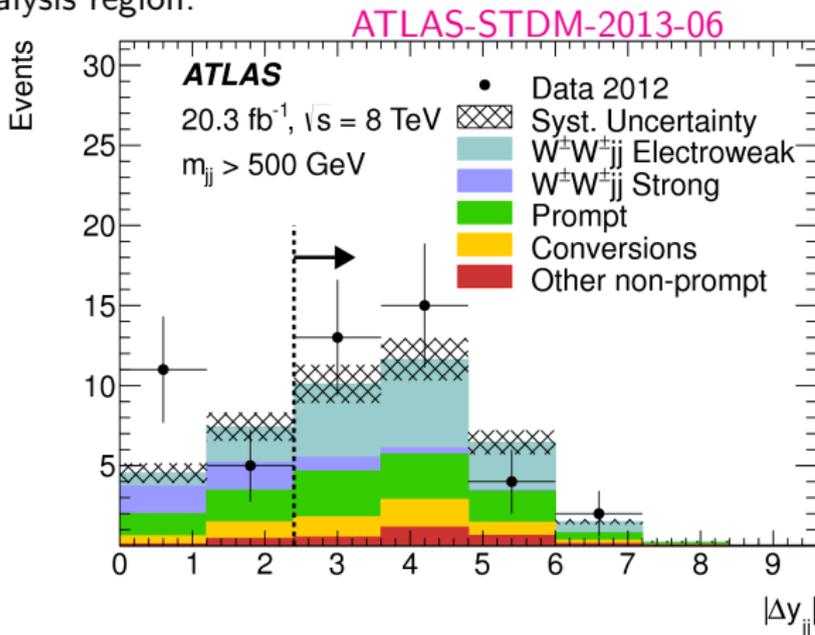
- lepton centrality:

$$\zeta = \min\{\eta(j_1) - \eta(l_1), \eta(l_2) - \eta(j_2)\} \text{ where } \eta(j_1) > \eta(j_2) \text{ and } \eta(l_1) > \eta(l_2)$$

- $\zeta > 0$  for VBS and centers around 0 for other processes.



- VBS analysis region:



## ■ Event yields in the signal region

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	Inclusive Region			VBS Region		
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Prompt	$3.0 \pm 0.7$	$6.1 \pm 1.3$	$2.6 \pm 0.6$	$2.2 \pm 0.5$	$4.2 \pm 1.0$	$1.9 \pm 0.5$
Conversions	$3.2 \pm 0.7$	$2.4 \pm 0.8$	–	$2.1 \pm 0.5$	$1.9 \pm 0.7$	–
Other non-prompt	$0.61 \pm 0.30$	$1.9 \pm 0.8$	$0.41 \pm 0.22$	$0.50 \pm 0.26$	$1.5 \pm 0.6$	$0.34 \pm 0.19$
$W^\pm W^\pm jj$ Strong	<b><math>0.89 \pm 0.15</math></b>	<b><math>2.5 \pm 0.4</math></b>	<b><math>1.42 \pm 0.23</math></b>	$0.25 \pm 0.06$	$0.71 \pm 0.14$	$0.38 \pm 0.08$
$W^\pm W^\pm jj$ Electroweak	<b><math>3.07 \pm 0.30</math></b>	<b><math>9.0 \pm 0.8</math></b>	<b><math>4.9 \pm 0.5</math></b>	<b><math>2.55 \pm 0.25</math></b>	<b><math>7.3 \pm 0.6</math></b>	<b><math>4.0 \pm 0.4</math></b>
<b>Total background</b>	<b><math>6.8 \pm 1.2</math></b>	<b><math>10.3 \pm 2.0</math></b>	<b><math>3.0 \pm 0.6</math></b>	<b><math>5.0 \pm 0.9</math></b>	<b><math>8.3 \pm 1.6</math></b>	<b><math>2.6 \pm 0.5</math></b>
<b>Total signal</b>	<b><math>4.0 \pm 0.4</math></b>	<b><math>11.4 \pm 1.2</math></b>	<b><math>6.3 \pm 0.7</math></b>	<b><math>2.55 \pm 0.25</math></b>	<b><math>7.3 \pm 0.6</math></b>	<b><math>4.0 \pm 0.4</math></b>
<b>Total predicted</b>	<b><math>10.7 \pm 1.4</math></b>	<b><math>21.7 \pm 2.6</math></b>	<b><math>9.3 \pm 1.0</math></b>	<b><math>7.6 \pm 1.0</math></b>	<b><math>15.6 \pm 2.0</math></b>	<b><math>6.6 \pm 0.8</math></b>
<b>Data</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>10</b>

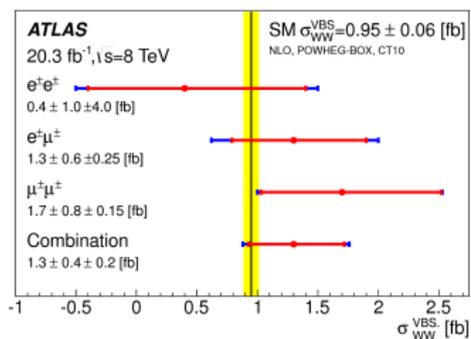
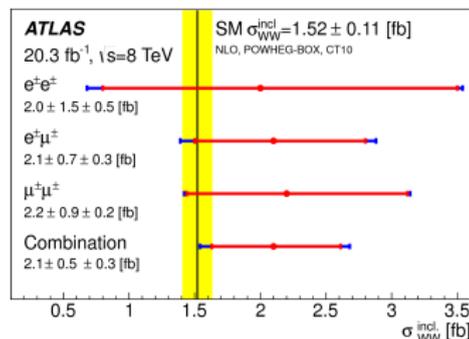
- Significant excess when comparing observed data with backgrounds only.
- Good agreement between data and signal+background.

“Cut and count” experiment:

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channel	Inclusive analysis region		VBS analysis region	
	Significance Z (expected)	$\sigma_{W^\pm W^\pm jj}^{\text{Ewk+Strong}}$ [fb]	Significance Z (expected)	$\sigma_{W^\pm W^\pm jj}^{\text{Ewk}}$ [fb]
ee channel	1.6/(1.3)	$2.0^{+1.54}_{-1.32}$	0.4/(1.1)	$0.4^{+1.1}_{-0.4}$
$e\mu$ channel	3.3/(2.6)	$2.1^{+0.78}_{-0.71}$	2.4/(2.0)	$1.3^{+0.6}_{-0.6}$
$\mu\mu$ channel	3.5/(2.5)	$2.2^{+0.94}_{-0.78}$	3.2/(2.1)	$1.7^{+0.8}_{-0.7}$
combined	<b>4.5/(3.4)</b>	$2.1^{+0.58}_{-0.56}$	<b>3.6/(2.8)</b>	$1.3^{+0.46}_{-0.42}$

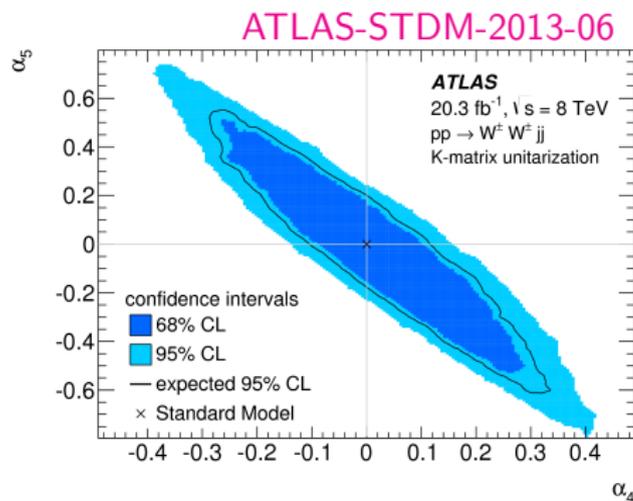
First evidence for both the inclusive and electroweak production of same-sign  $W^\pm W^\pm jj$



Measured cross sections agree with the SM prediction within  $1 \sigma$

# anomalous quartic gauge coupling

- Low energy effects from new physics at scales beyond our LHC reach can be parameterized by effective field theories with higher-dimensional operators:  $\mathcal{L}_{eff} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \sum_d \sum_i \frac{\alpha_i^{(d)}}{\Lambda^{d-4}} \mathcal{L}_i^{(d)}$
- Use WHIZARD to simulate different aQGC points (non-linear representation). K-matrix method is adopted to restore unitarity.
- Our analysis is sensitive to the dimensional 4 parameters  $\alpha_4$  ( $((\text{tr}\{V_\mu V_\nu\})^2)$ ) and  $\alpha_5$  ( $((\text{tr}\{V_\mu V^\mu\})^2)$ ).
- Limits are extracted using the VBS signal region.



Observed 1D limits:

$$\alpha_4 \in [-0.14, 0.16]$$

$$\alpha_5 \in [-0.23, 0.24]$$

Expected 1D limits:

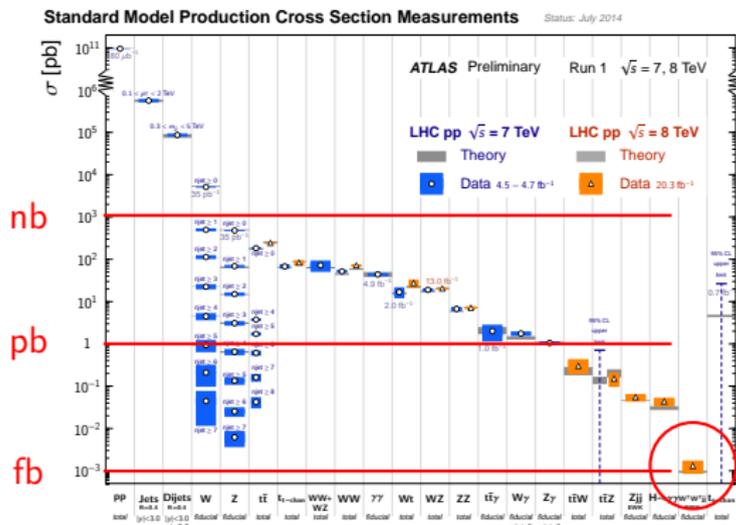
$$\alpha_4 \in [-0.10, 0.12]$$

$$\alpha_5 \in [-0.18, 0.20]$$



# summary of same-sign WW VBS

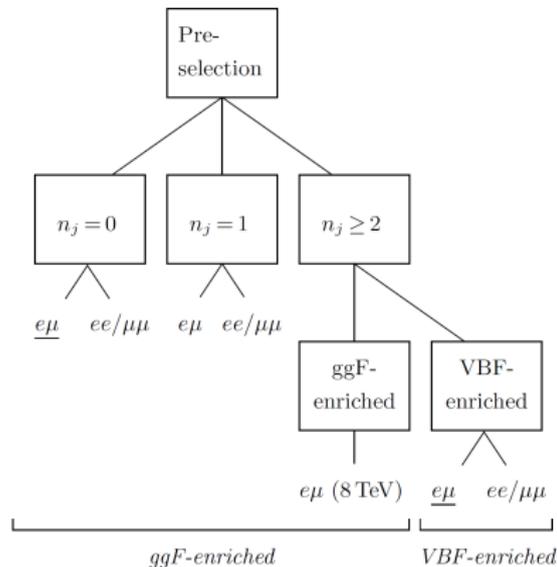
- The fiducial cross section of the inclusive  $W^\pm W^\pm jj$  and  $W^\pm W^\pm jj$ -Ewk has been measured using the 2012 8 TeV data set, consistent with the SM prediction within  $1\sigma$ .
- First evidence for both inclusive  $W^\pm W^\pm jj$  ( $4.5\sigma$ ) and  $W^\pm W^\pm jj$ -Ewk ( $3.6\sigma$ )! Evidence for VBS!
- aQGC limits are set on  $\alpha_4, \alpha_5$  parameters in the effective field theory (with K-matrix unitarisation).



$$H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow \ell^+ \nu \ell'^- \nu'$$

- The ATLAS  $H \rightarrow WW^*$  analysis using 7 and 8 TeV data is recently updated with 6.1  $\sigma$  for total production and 3.2  $\sigma$  for VBF production.
- Improvements of the analysis:
  - track-based missing transverse momentum: better  $m_T(WW)$  resolution, better background suppression
  - likelihood ID for electron: same signal efficiency with better background suppression
  - lower sub-leading lepton  $p_T$ : increase in signal acceptance
- Major backgrounds:
  - Drell-Yan, top, SM  $W^+W^-$ , other diboson processes: MC estimation
  - Non-prompt ( $W + jets$  and multijet): data-driven

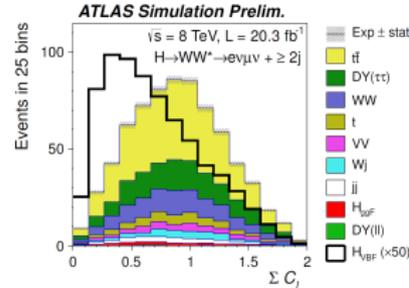
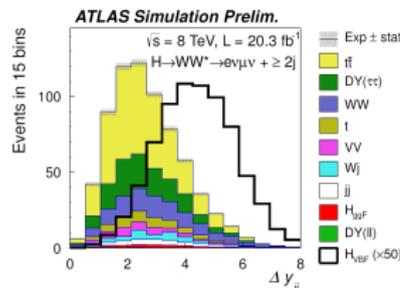
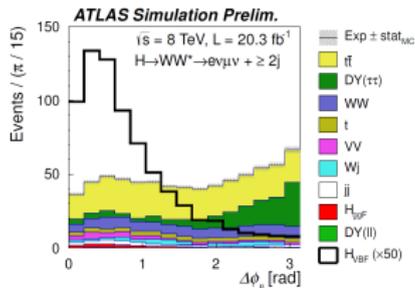
- The VBF-enriched region is defined based on BDT after di-lepton,  $p_T^{\text{miss}}$ ,  $N_{jet} \geq 2$  and central jet veto.
- Input variables to BDT:
  - VBS topology:  $m_{jj}$ ,  $\Delta y_{jj}$ , sum of lepton centrality  $(C_\ell = \left| \eta_\ell - \frac{\sum \eta_{jj}}{2} \right| / \frac{\Delta \eta_{jj}}{2})$ ,  $\sum m_{\ell j}$
  - Higgs decay topology:  $m_{\ell\ell}$ ,  $\Delta\phi_{\ell\ell}$ ,  $m_T$
  - others: vector sum of all  $p_T$



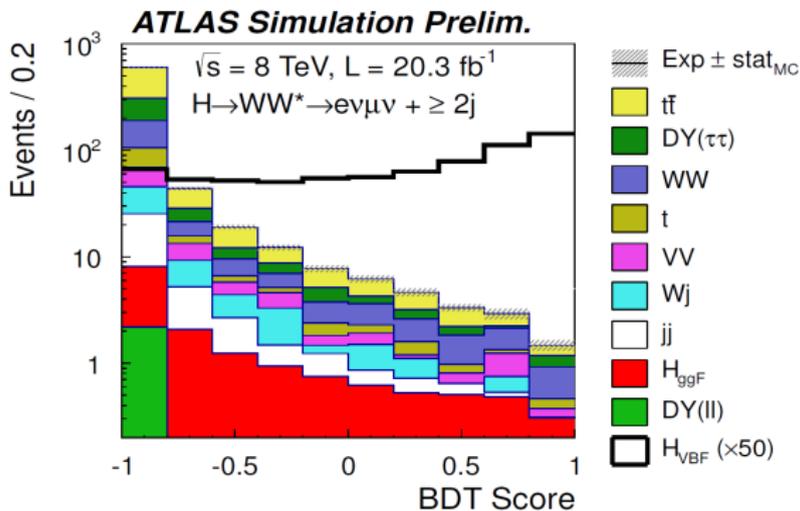
# BDT for VBF $H \rightarrow WW^*$

Input variables:  $\Delta\phi_{\ell\ell}$ ,  $\Delta y_{jj}$ ,  $\Sigma C_\ell$

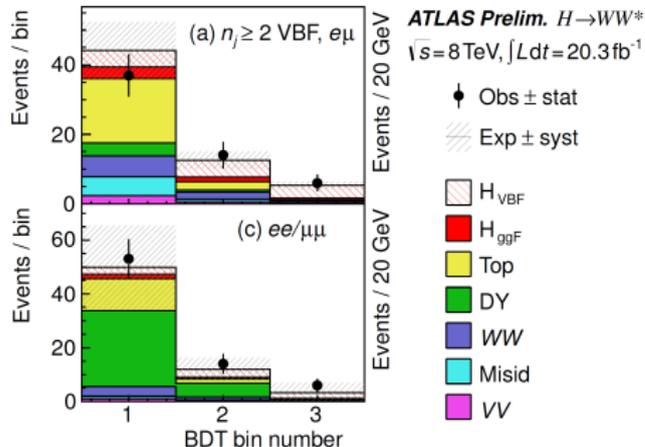
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BDT score:



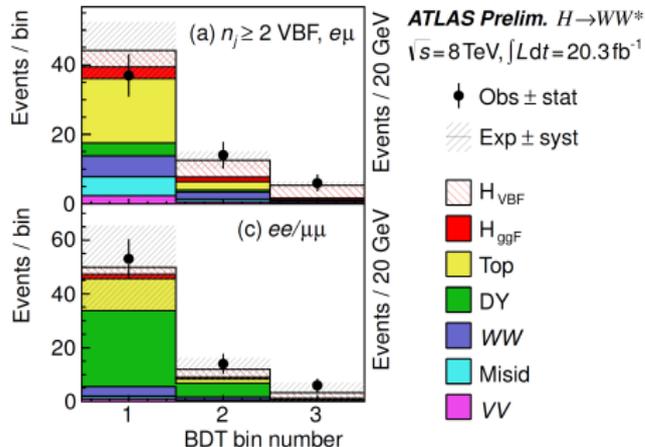
■ Observed BDT:



■ Event yields:

Channel	Obs.	Sig.	Bkg.
$n_j \geq 2, \text{VBF (8 TeV)}$	130	$29 \pm 4$	$99 \pm 9$
$e\mu$ bin 1	37	$8.2 \pm 1.3$	$36 \pm 4$
$e\mu$ bin 2	14	$6.3 \pm 0.8$	$6.5 \pm 1.3$
$e\mu$ bin 3	6	$4.2 \pm 0.8$	$1.2 \pm 0.3$
$ee/\mu\mu$ bin 1	53	$4.2 \pm 0.7$	$46 \pm 6$
$ee/\mu\mu$ bin 2	14	$3.6 \pm 0.5$	$8.4 \pm 1.8$
$ee/\mu\mu$ bin 3	6	$2.3 \pm 0.4$	$1.1 \pm 0.4$
$n_j \geq 2, \text{VBF (7 TeV)}$	9	$3.6 \pm 0.4$	$7.8 \pm 1.8$
$e\mu$ bin 1	6	$1.0 \pm 0.2$	$3.0 \pm 0.9$
$e\mu$ bin 2-3	0	$1.3 \pm 0.2$	$0.7 \pm 0.2$
$ee/\mu\mu$ bins 1-3	3	$1.2 \pm 0.2$	$4.1 \pm 1.3$

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■ Measured VBF production cross section:

$$\sigma_{\text{VBF}}^{8\text{TeV}} \times \mathcal{B}_{H \rightarrow WW^*} = 0.51_{-0.15}^{+0.17}(\text{stat.})_{-0.08}^{+0.13}(\text{syst.}) = 0.51_{-0.17}^{+0.22} \text{ pb}$$

SM prediction:  $0.35 \pm 0.02 \text{ pb}$

- Observed significance:  $3.2 \sigma$ ; Expected significance:  $2.7 \sigma$
- Evidence for VBF  $H \rightarrow WW^*$  production!

- The VBS is a process essential to the understanding of the EWSB; Sensitivity to aQGC.
- First evidence has been obtained for VBS!
- It's finally the time to study VBS at LHC. With higher energy and more data in the next three years, more to expect!

## Backup Slides

- J. Chang, K Cheung, CT Lu, TC Yuan, PRD 87 (2013) 093005:

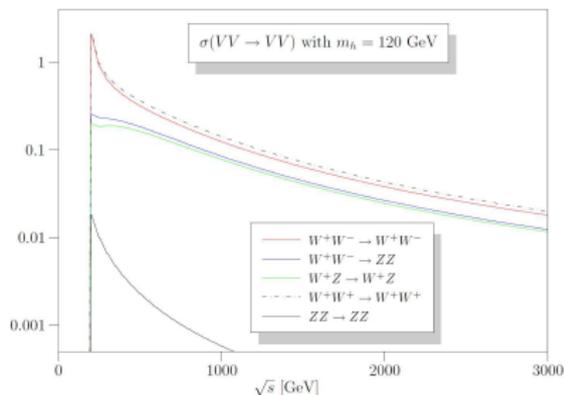
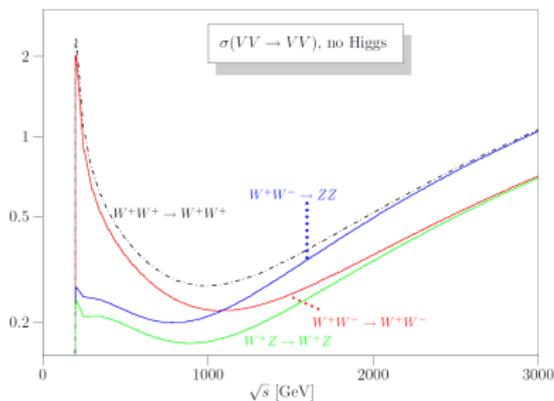
- $$i\mathcal{M}_{QGC} = i\frac{g^2}{4m_W^4} \left[ s^2 + 4st + t^2 - 4m_W^2(s+t) - \frac{8m_W^2}{s}ut \right]$$

- $$i\mathcal{M}_{s\text{-channel}}^{Z/\gamma} = -i\frac{g^2}{4m_W^4} [s(t-u) - 3m_W^2(t-u)]$$

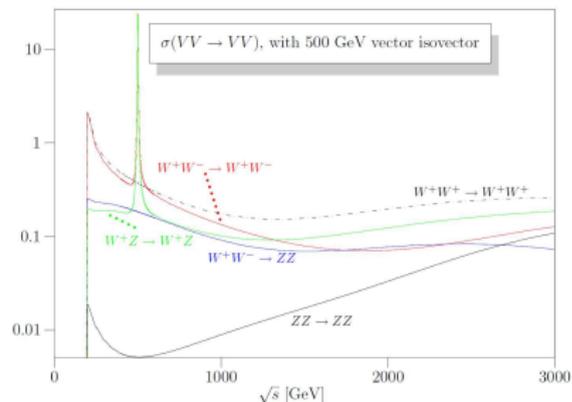
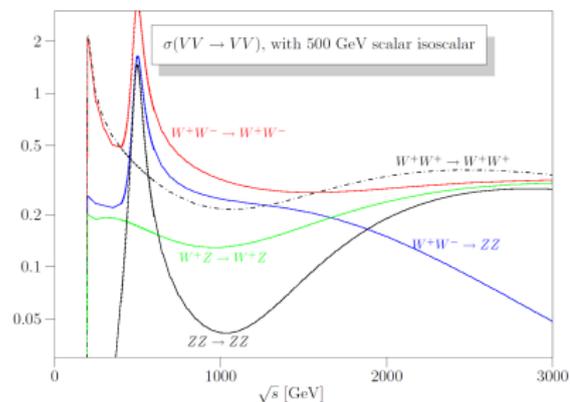
- $$i\mathcal{M}_{t\text{-channel}}^{Z/\gamma} = -i\frac{g^2}{4m_W^4} \left[ (s-u)t - 3m_W^2(s-u) + \frac{8m_W^2}{s}u^2 \right]$$

- $$i\mathcal{M}_H = -i\frac{g^2}{4m_W^2} \left[ \frac{(s-2m_W^2)^2}{s-m_H^2} + \frac{(t-2m_W^2)^2}{t-m_H^2} \right]$$

- Alboteanu et al. JHEP: 0811.010 (2008):



- Higgs mechanism is not the only solution to the unitarization. BSM resonances can also contribute: ( Alboteanu et al. JHEP: 0811.010 (2008) )



- object definitions:
  - dressed leptons: leptons summed with all four-vectors of any photon within  $\Delta R = 0.1$ ; leptons are selected before dressing to avoid over-dressing with the photons from jet fragmentation; leptons are dressed before passed to event selections
  - jets: reconstructed with the anti- $k_T$  algorithm with radius parameter  $R = 0.4$ , clustering all particles but neutrinos and muons; jets overlapping with dressed electrons within  $\Delta R = 0.05$  are removed
- Inclusive region:
  - No ME-level  $\tau$  lepton
  - Two leptons ( $e$  or  $\mu$ ) with  $p_T > 25$  GeV and  $|\eta| < 2.5$
  - Two leptons have same electric charge with  $m_{\ell\ell'} > 20$  GeV
  - Two leptons are separated with  $\Delta R(\ell\ell') > 0.3$
  - Truth  $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 40$  GeV
  - At least two jets with  $p_T > 30$  GeV and  $|\eta| < 4.5$
  - Selected leptons and jets are separated with  $\min(\Delta R(\ell, \text{jet})) > 0.3$
  - The two leading  $p_T$  jets have  $m_{jj} > 500$  GeV
- VBS region:
  - On top of the inclusive region, require the two leading  $p_T$  jets separated with  $|\Delta y_{jj}| > 2.4$

## ■ nominal leptons

	electron	muon
$p_T$	$>25$ GeV	
$ \eta $	$<2.47, \notin [1.37, 1.52]$	$<2.5$
ID/quality	author = 1 or 3 OQ cleaning tight++	staco MCP hits combined and tight same ID/MS trk. charge
impact parameter	$ z_0 \times \sin\theta  < 0.5$ mm, $ d_0/\sigma(d_0)  < 3$	
isolation	$p_T^{\text{cone30}}/p_T < 0.06$ $\text{topo-}E_T^{\text{cone30}}/p_T < 0.14$	$p_T^{\text{cone30}}/p_T < 0.07$ $E_T^{\text{cone30}}/p_T < 0.07$

## ■ veto leptons

	electron	muon
$p_T$	$>7$ GeV	$>6$ GeV
ID/quality	loose++	loose no trk. charge requirement
isolation	$p_T^{\text{cone30}}/p_T < 0.13$	$p_T^{\text{cone30}}/p_T < 0.15$

## ■ jets

algorithm	AntiKt4TopoEM
$p_T$	$>30$ GeV
$ \eta $	$<4.5$
quality	NOT looserBad
pileup removal	$ JVF  > 0.5$ when $ \eta  < 2.4$ && $p_T < 50$ GeV
$b$ -jets	MV1 tagger, 70% eff. working point, $ \eta  < 2.5$

## ■ overlap removal

if $\Delta R(e, jet) < 0.3$	remove jet
if $\Delta R(e, \mu) < 0.1$	remove electron
if $\Delta R(\mu, jet) < 0.3$	remove event

- $E_T^{\text{miss}}$ : MET\_RefFinal, recalculated using calibrated objects

# systematic uncertainties in the VBS analysis region

Systematic Uncertainties $ee/e\mu/\mu\mu$ (%) - VBS SR			
Background		Signal	
Jet reconstruction	13/15/15	Theory $W^\pm W^\pm jj$ -ewk	6.0
Theory $WZ/\gamma^*$	4.5/5.4/7.8	Jet reconstruction	5.1
MC statistics	8.9/6.4/8.4	Luminosity	2.8
Fake rate	4.0/7.2/6.8	MC statistics	4.5/2.7/3.7
OS lepton bkg/ Conversion rate	5.5/4.4/-	$E_T^{miss}$ reconstruction	1.1
$E_T^{miss}$ reconstruction	2.9/3.2/1.4	Lepton reconstruction	1.9/1.0/0.7
Theory $W + \gamma$	2.6/2.6/-	b-tagging efficiency	0.6
Luminosity	1.7/2.1/2.4	trigger efficiency	0.1/0.3/0.5
Theory $W^\pm W^\pm jj$ -strong	0.9/1.5/2.6		
Lepton reconstruction	1.7/1.1/1.1		
b-tagging efficiency	0.8/0.9/0.7		
trigger efficiency	0.1/0.2/0.4		

Inclusive analysis region			
	<i>ee</i> channel	<i>eμ</i> channel	<i>μμ</i> channel
$W^\pm W^\pm jj$ EW	$(56.7 \pm 1.5)\%$	$(73.0 \pm 0.9)\%$	$(80.4 \pm 1.1)\%$
$W^\pm W^\pm jj$ QCD	$(54.5 \pm 2.3)\%$	$(68.1 \pm 1.4)\%$	$(77.3 \pm 1.8)\%$
$W^\pm W^\pm jj$ EW+QCD	$(56.2 \pm 1.3)\%$	$(71.7 \pm 0.8)\%$	$(77.0 \pm 0.9)\%$
VBS analysis region			
	<i>ee</i> channel	<i>eμ</i> channel	<i>μμ</i> channel
$W^\pm W^\pm jjjj$ EW	$(57.2 \pm 1.6)\%$	$(72.7 \pm 1.0)\%$	$(82.7 \pm 1.2)\%$
$W^\pm W^\pm jjjj$ QCD	$(53.4 \pm 3.8)\%$	$(70.2 \pm 2.4)\%$	$(73.7 \pm 3.2)\%$
$W^\pm W^\pm jjjj$ EW+QCD	$(56.8 \pm 1.4)\%$	$(72.4 \pm 0.9)\%$	$(81.8 \pm 1.3)\%$

- Two signal regions: In the Inclusive analysis region, the same sign  $W^\pm W^\pm jj$  Ewk+Strong is taken as the signal. In the VBS analysis region, Ewk is the signal.
- Cut and count experiment: Likelihood function is constructed using numbers of events in all three dilepton channels assuming Poisson distributions and nuisance parameters representing the systematic uncertainties.  $L(\sigma_{W^\pm W^\pm jj}, \mathcal{L}, \alpha_j) = \text{Gaus}(\mathcal{L}_0 | \mathcal{L}, \sigma_{\mathcal{L}}) \prod_{i \in \{ee, \mu\mu, e\mu\}} \text{Pois}(N_i^{\text{obs}} | N_{i, \text{tot}}^{\text{exp}}) \prod_{j \in \text{syst}} \text{Gaus}(\alpha_j^0 | \alpha_j, 1)$

combined:

$$\sigma_{W^\pm W^\pm jj}^{\text{EWQCD}} = 2.1 \pm_{0.5}^{0.5} (\text{stat.}) \pm_{0.3}^{0.3} (\text{sys.}) \text{ fb.} \quad (1)$$

$$\sigma_{W^\pm W^\pm jj}^{\text{EW+INT}} = 1.3 \pm_{0.4}^{0.4} (\text{stat.}) \pm_{0.2}^{0.2} (\text{sys.}) \text{ fb.} \quad (2)$$

in separate channels:

$$\sigma_{W^\pm W^\pm jj}^{\text{EWQCD, } ee, \text{ Incl. SR}} = 2.0 \pm_{1.2}^{1.5} (\text{stat.}) \pm_{0.5}^{0.5} (\text{sys.}) \text{ fb.} \quad (3)$$

$$\sigma_{W^\pm W^\pm jj}^{\text{EWQCD, } e\mu, \text{ Incl. SR}} = 2.1 \pm_{0.6}^{0.7} (\text{stat.}) \pm_{0.3}^{0.3} (\text{sys.}) \text{ fb.} \quad (4)$$

$$\sigma_{W^\pm W^\pm jj}^{\text{EWQCD, } \mu\mu, \text{ Incl. SR}} = 2.2 \pm_{0.8}^{0.9} (\text{stat.}) \pm_{0.2}^{0.2} (\text{sys.}) \text{ fb.} \quad (5)$$

$$\sigma_{W^\pm W^\pm jj}^{\text{EW+INT, } ee, \text{ VBS SR}} = 0.37 \pm_{0.80}^{1.0} (\text{stat.}) \pm_{0.40}^{0.36} (\text{sys.}) \text{ fb.} \quad (6)$$

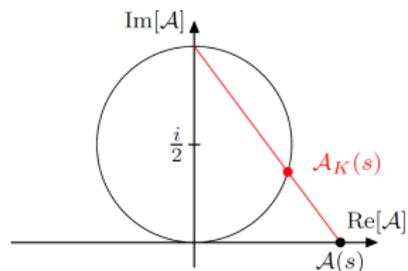
$$\sigma_{W^\pm W^\pm jj}^{\text{EW+INT, } e\mu, \text{ VBS SR}} = 1.26 \pm_{0.51}^{0.60} (\text{stat.}) \pm_{0.25}^{0.24} (\text{sys.}) \text{ fb.} \quad (7)$$

$$\sigma_{W^\pm W^\pm jj}^{\text{EW+INT, } \mu\mu, \text{ VBS SR}} = 1.74 \pm_{0.67}^{0.82} (\text{stat.}) \pm_{0.15}^{0.15} (\text{sys.}) \text{ fb.} \quad (8)$$

# $K$ -matrix unitarization

- Project the scattering amplitude  $\mathcal{A}(s)$  onto the Argand circle: saturation of the amplitude to achieve unitarity
- Amplitudes satisfying unitarity are invariant under  $K$ -matrix unitarization
- $$\mathcal{A}_K(s) = \frac{\mathcal{A}(s)}{1 - i\mathcal{A}(s)}$$

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