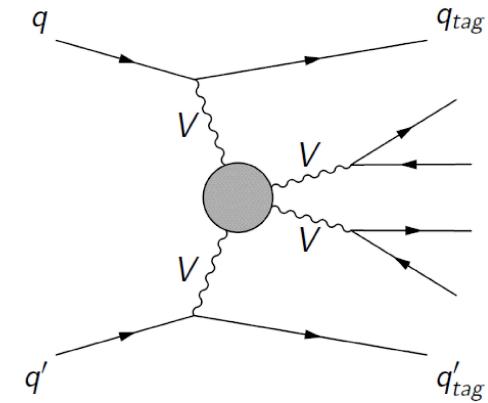


# Experimental Challenges in Di/Tri Boson Production

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# Experimental Challenges-Outline

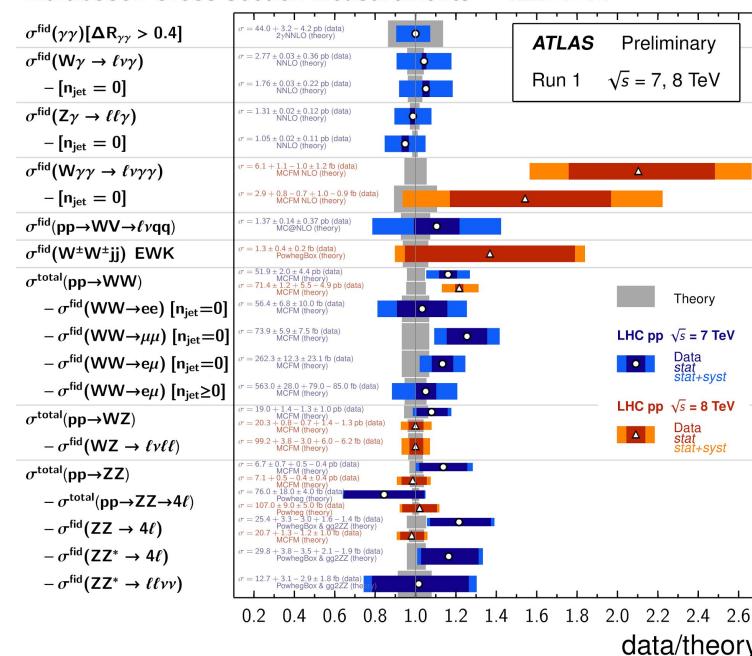
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- Lots of Challenges is Diboson and Tri-boson studies for run 2
  - Di-boson
    - Modeling
  - Vector Boson Scattering
    - Backgrounds
    - Longitudinal Fraction measurements
  - Tri-Bosons
    - Backgrounds
    - Luminosity

# Dibosons Production at the LHC

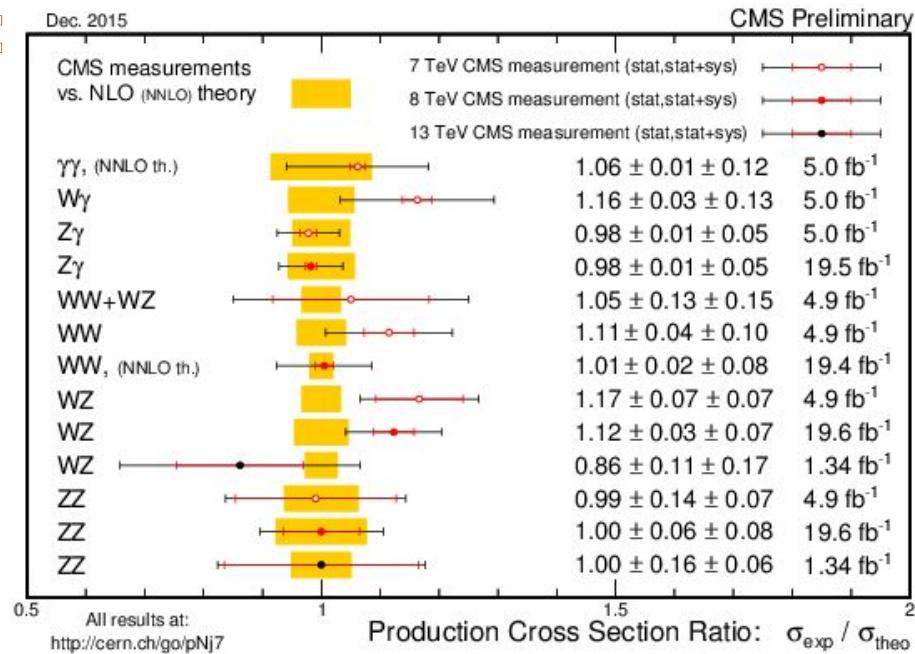
## Multiboson Cross Section Measurements

Status: Nov 2015



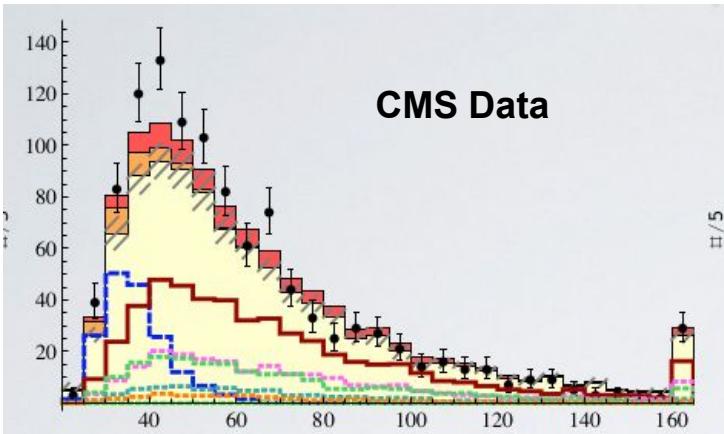
- Differentially is possible

- Attempt to measure every combination of W,Z, gamma

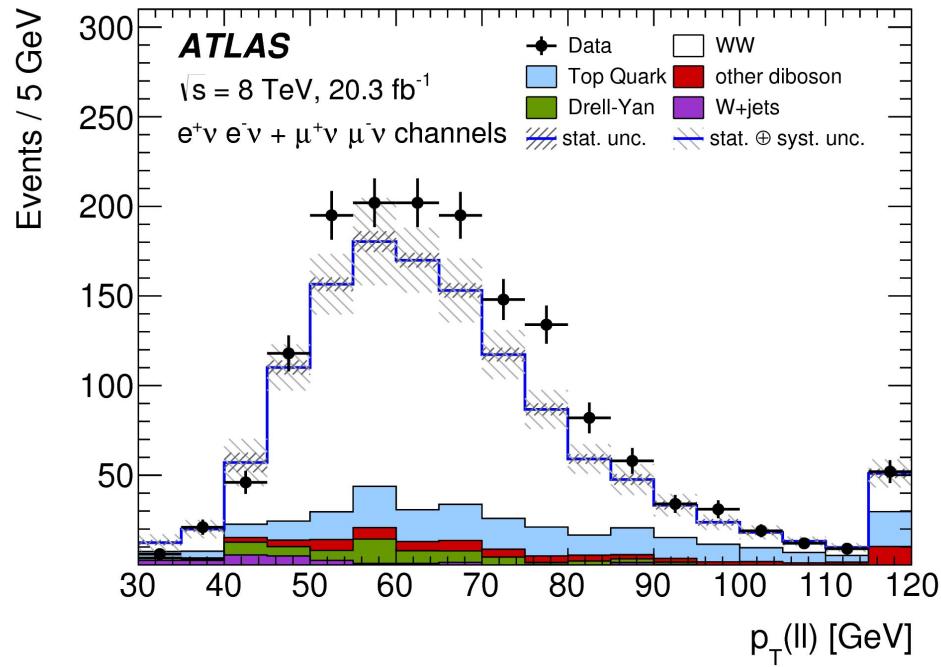


# Experimental Challenge Modeling

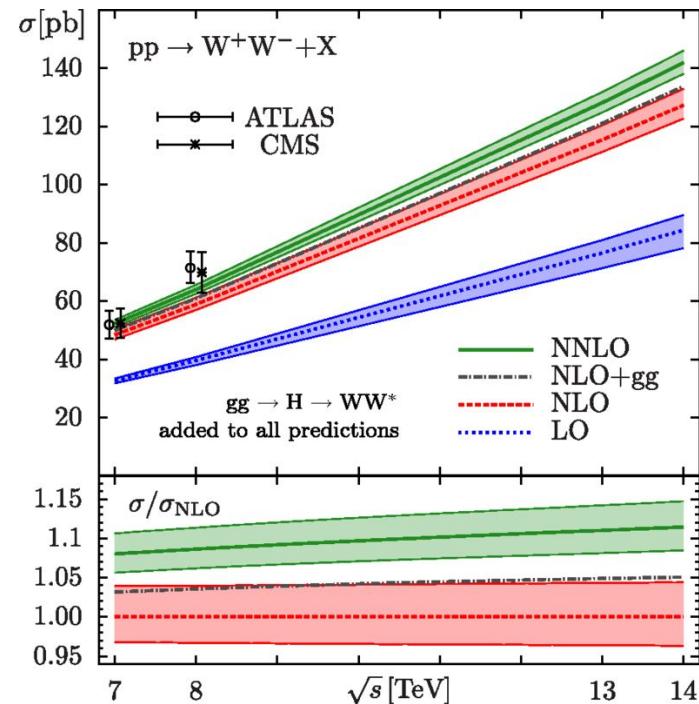
- Long Standing WW excess
- Seen by both CMS and ATLAS



Patrick Meade [https://indico.bnl.gov/conferenceDisplay.py?  
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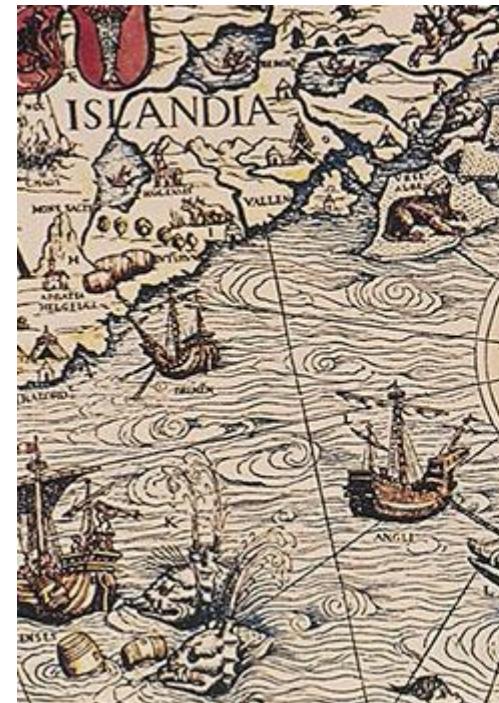
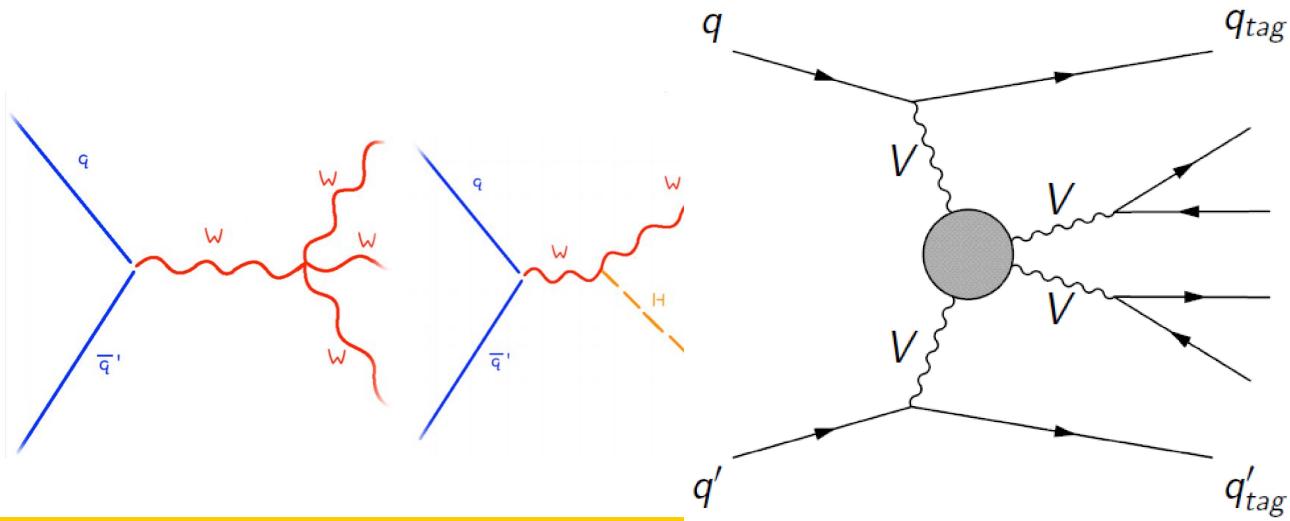
- It appears this excess is real
  - Can be explained with higher order QCD corrections
- Found a mild systematic excess
  - Could have been new physics
  - Seemed to just need better calculations
- Some Lessons
  - New physics might show up in the bulk of SM distributions
  - **In order to be confident we need excellent modeling**
- **NNLO not available for WZ**
- **LO EWK corrections becoming important**
- **My deepest thanks to the theorists working on this right now**



<http://journals.aps.org/prl/abstract/10.1103/PhysRevLett.113.212001>

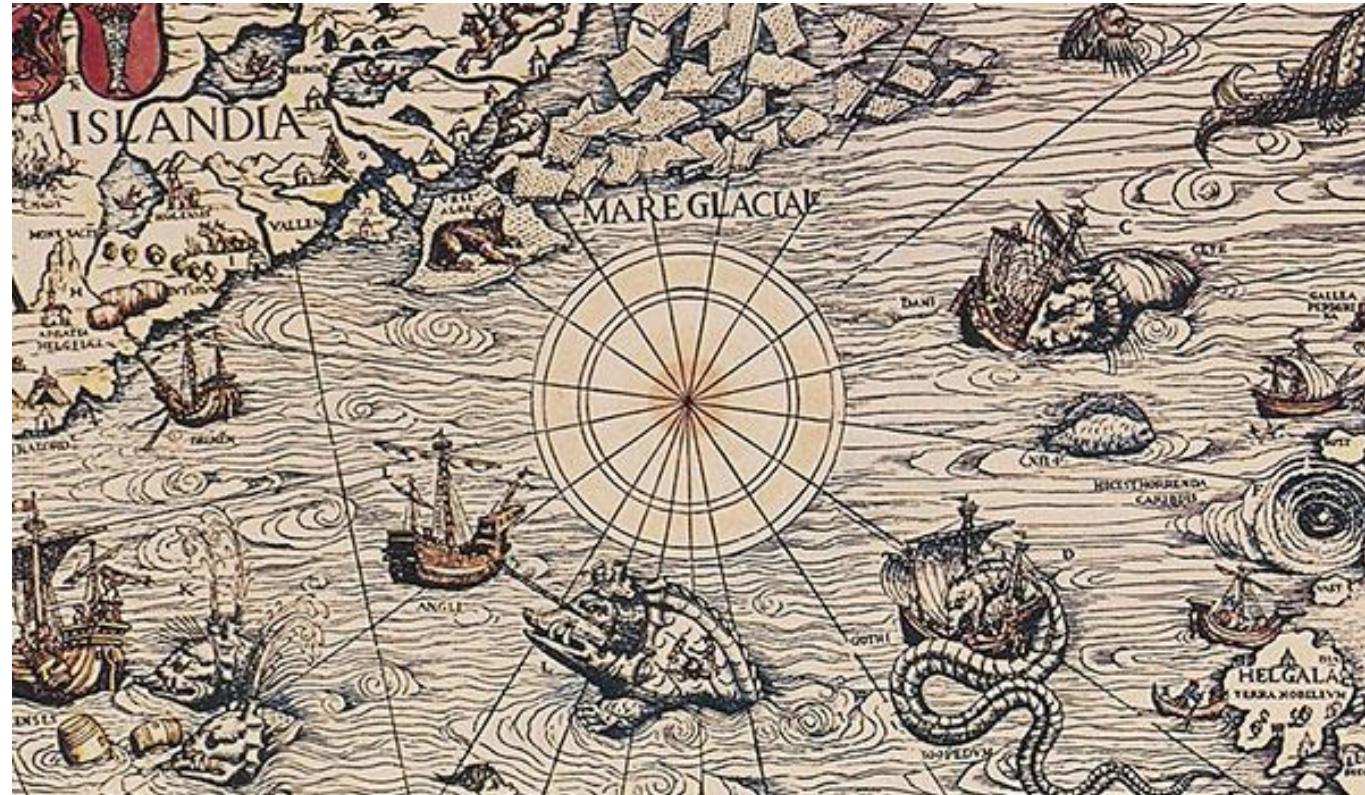
# Whys Quartic Interactions

- We have never been able to do it before
- Longitudinal polarization of the W and Z directly related to electroweak symmetry breaking



# Some new physics

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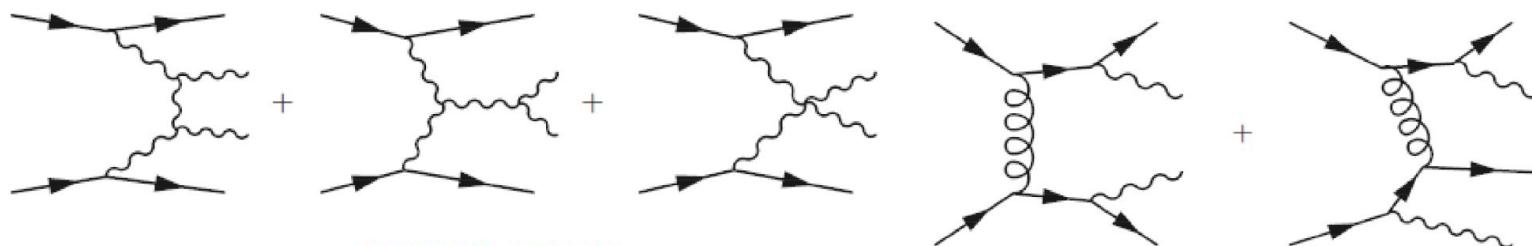
# The Measurements

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- Just at the start of exploring this interesting sector
  - VBS
    - W/Z+gamma
      - [CMS-PAS-SMP-14-011](#)
    - WZ
      - [ATLAS-STDM-2014-02](#)
    - Same Sign WW
      - [SMP-13-015](#)
      - [ATLAS-STDM-2013-06](#)
    - gamma,gamma->WW
      - [FSQ-12-010](#)
  - Tri-Boson
    - W/Zgammagamma
      - [STDM-2013-05](#)
      - [SMP-15-008](#)
    - WVgamma
      - [SMP-13-009](#)

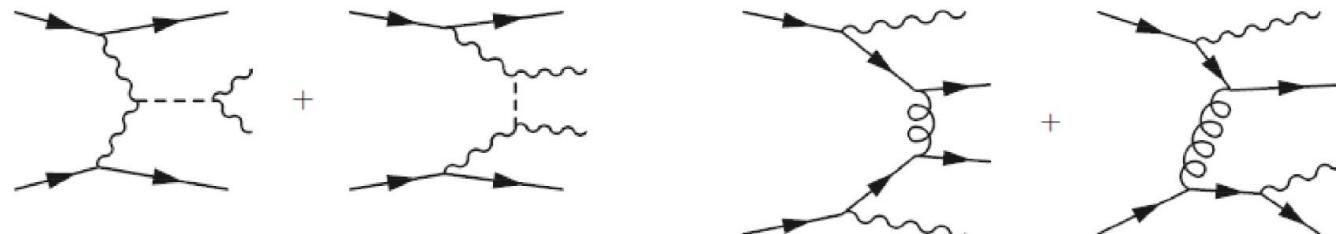
# VBS: 1st Experimental challenge finding EWK signal

- Final State signatures with two “tag” jets come from two categories\*



VVjj-EW

VVjj-QCD

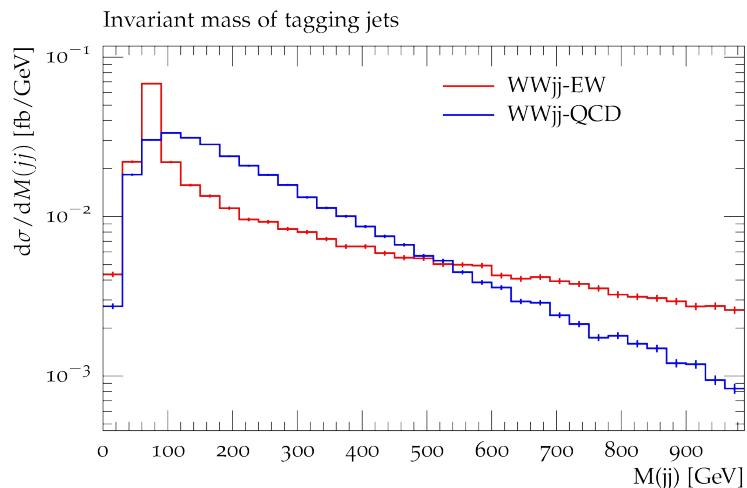
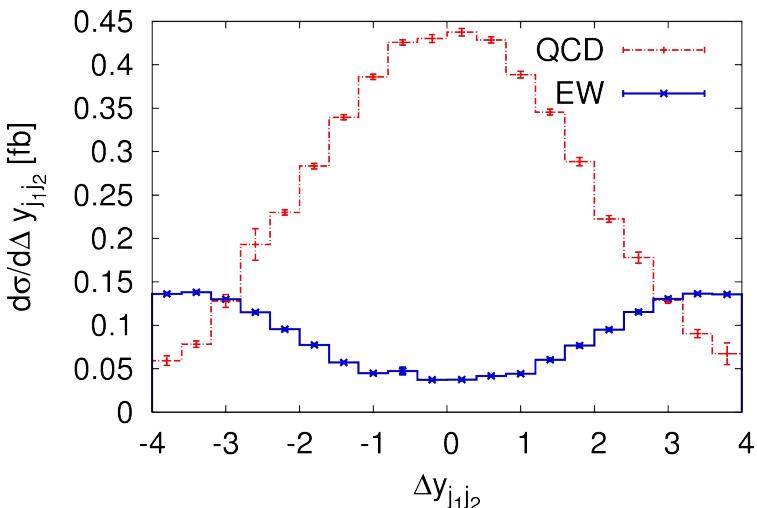


\*at tree level

A few example diagrams

# QCD VS. Electroweak

- Experimental Signatures
  - 2 Jets with large  $M(j,j)$
  - 2 Jets with large rapidity separation



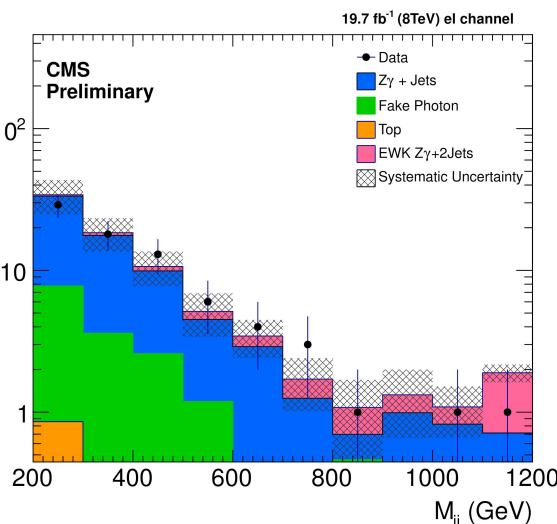
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# Examples

$M(j,j)$  often (one of) the final plot for these studies

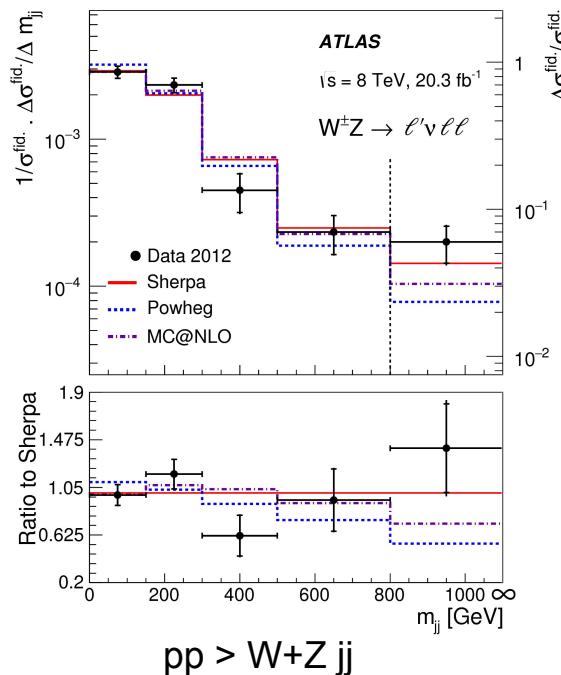
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CMS-PAS-SMP-14-011

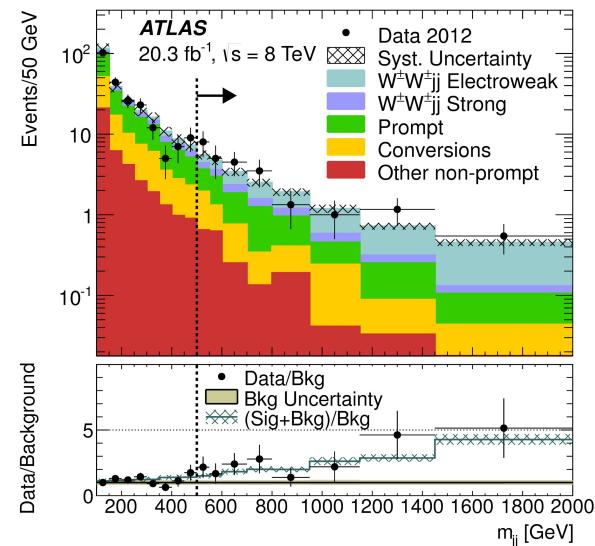


$pp > Z + \gamma + jj$  CMS

ATLAS-STDM-2014-02



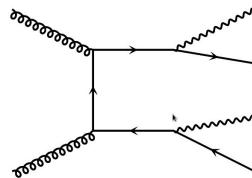
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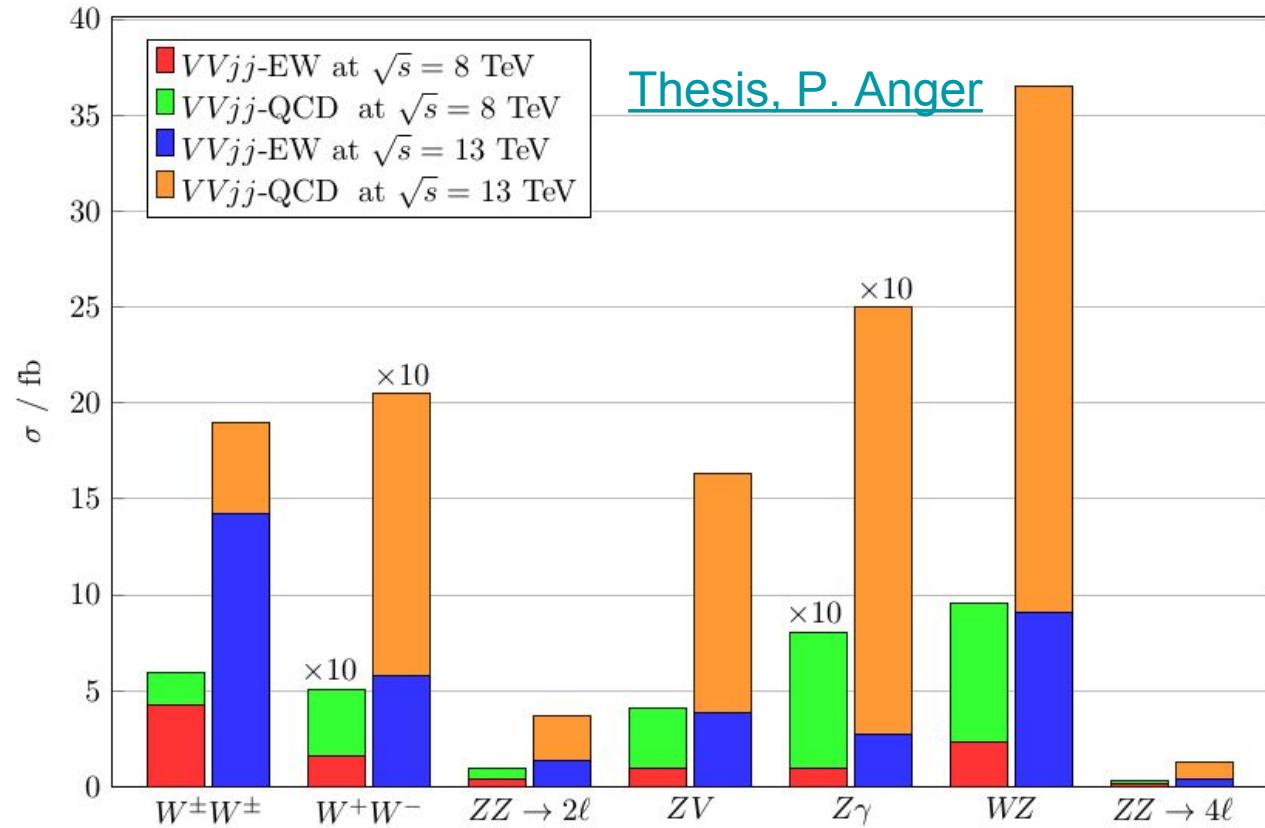
$pp > W+W+ jj$

# Electroweak vs. Strong cross section by process

- EWK and Strong Production by channel
  - After some analysis cuts to suppress QCD
- Same Sign  $W+W+$  has no gluon initial states



- Others are definitely an experimental challenge



# More ways to reject Strong production

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- Central jet vetos
  - The color connection between quarks in strong production gives you more radiation between the leading jets than EWK
- Quark Gluon Tagging
  - Can help mitigate some of strong production
- Lepton Centrality cuts
  - Correlated to  $dY(j,j)$  and  $M(j,j)$
- Other ideas?
- All require good models of signal and background process
  - Good modeling of the background with 2-jets missing
    - Some NLO like  $WZjj$  available in VBFNLO, but without a shower interface tilize
  - Or complicated experimental correction schemes

# Experimental Challenge 2: Measuring Polarization

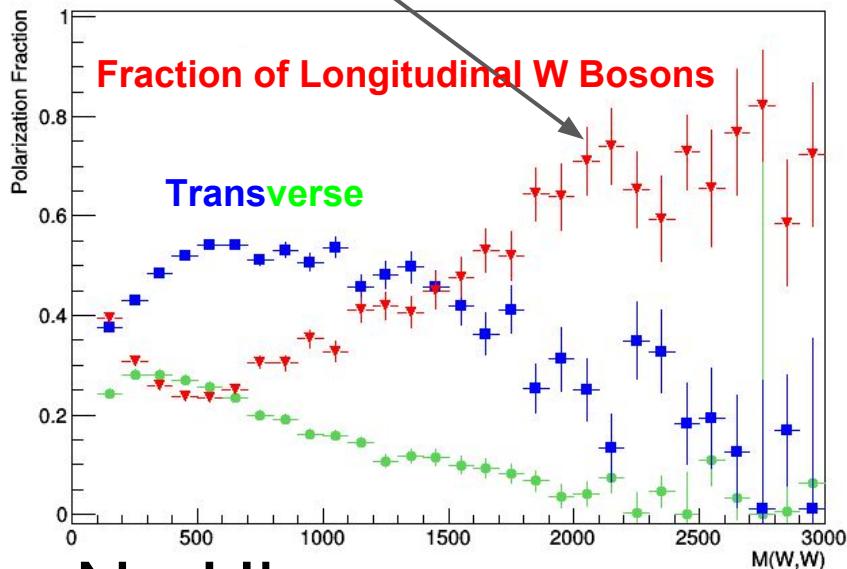
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- **Aim: Measure Longitudinal scattering**
  - How can we do it?
- **Same Sign  $W^+W^+$** 
  - Signal is clean, small strong contribution
  - Reasonable Cross Section
  - Two neutrinos
- **$WZ, ZZ, W^+W^-$** 
  - All have significant strong background
  - $WZ, ZZ$  can fully reconstruct event with leptonic decays
    - Semi-leptonic decays can be used in all channels

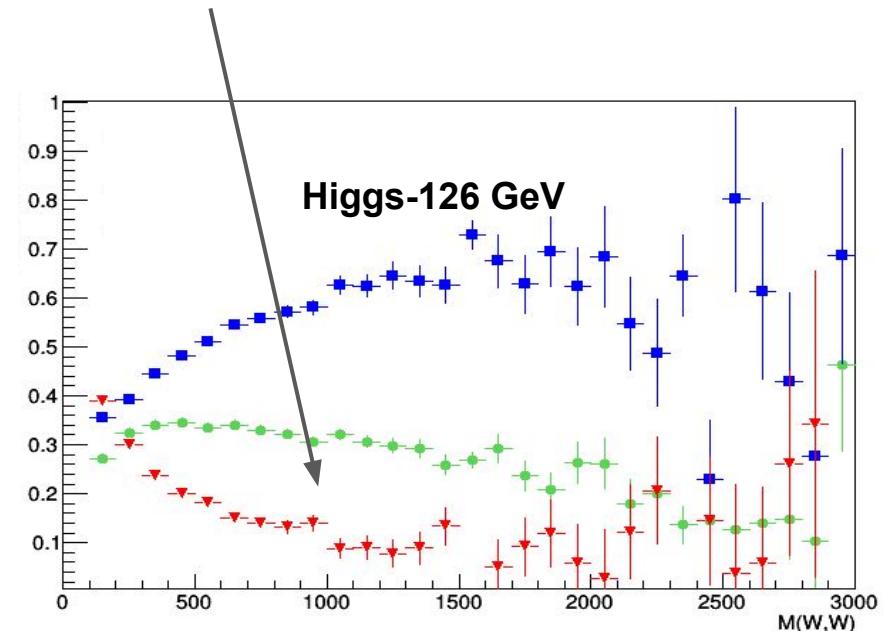
# Longitudinal Scattering

Extra useful info:[Link](#)

Longitudinal bosons grow with  $M(WW)$  if there is no Higgs. Falls in normal SM.



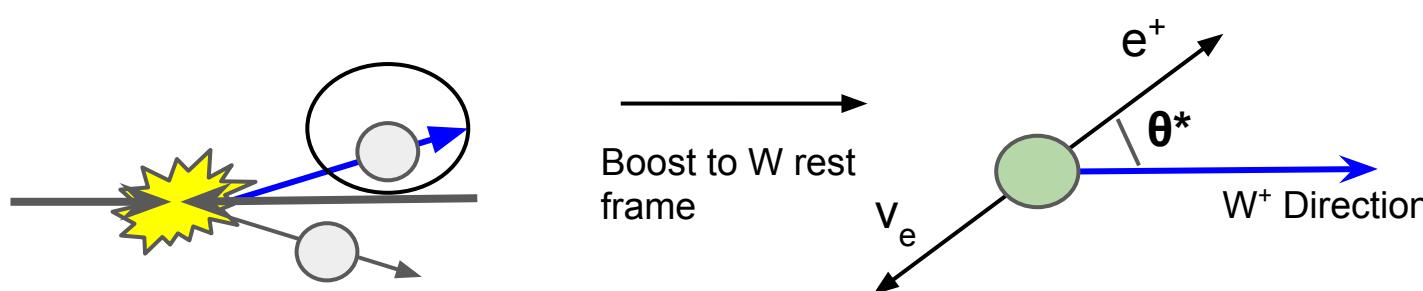
No Higgs



With Higgs

# Measuring VLVL

- We've seen the first signs of VBS in  $W^+W^+$ 
  - Next step is to see  $V_L V_L$ 
    - Then can we measure  $V_L V_L$  at high  $M(W,W)$ ?
- Effect of polarization is on the  $\theta^*$  distribution

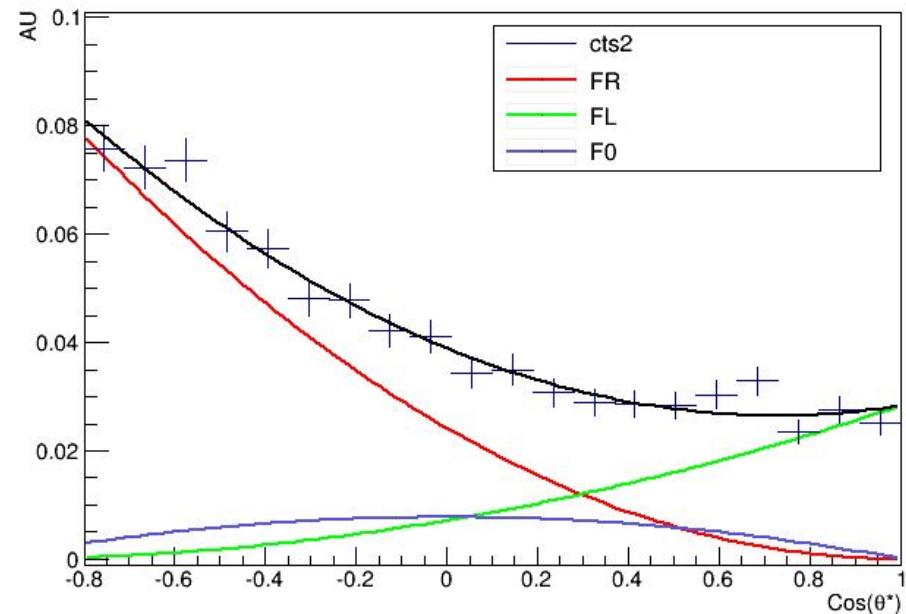


# $\text{Cos}(\theta^*)$ distributions - 1D

<http://arxiv.org/pdf/1203.2165v2.pdf>

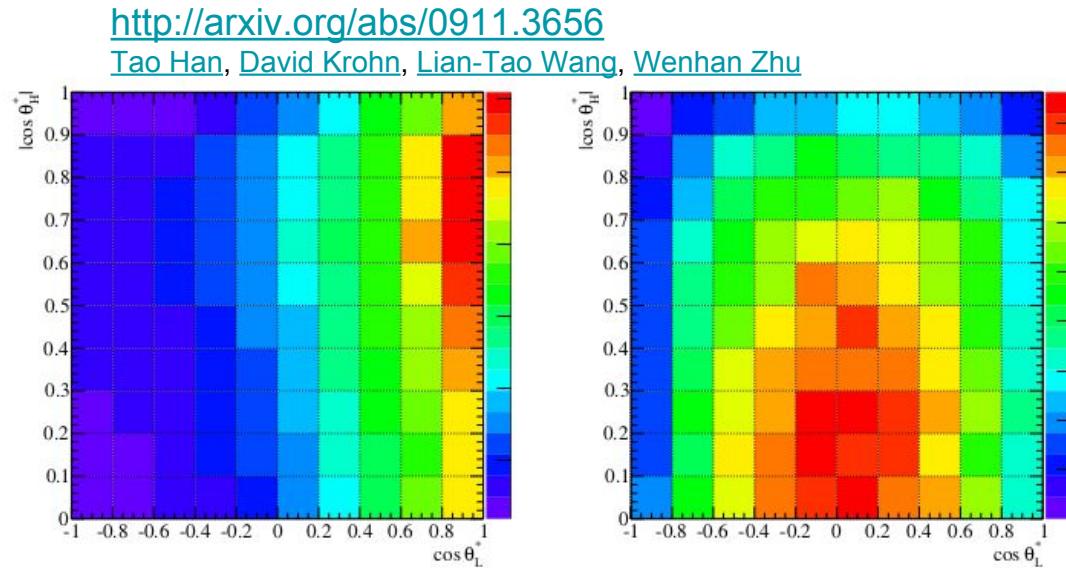
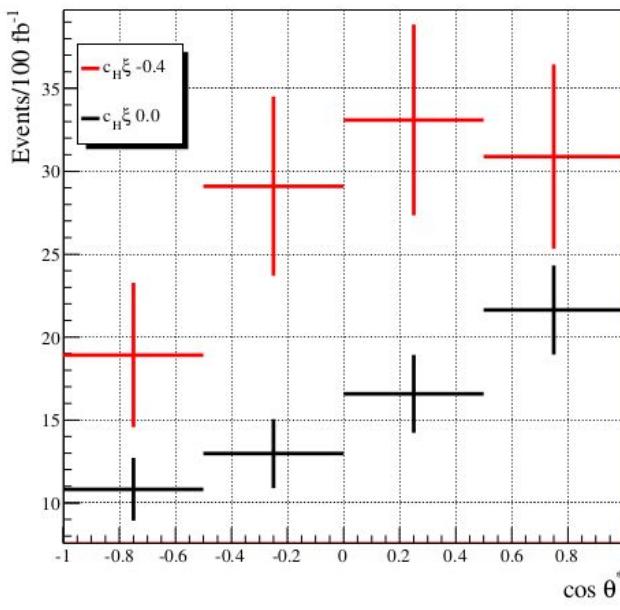
$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{d \cos \theta_{3D}} = \frac{3}{8} f_L (1 \mp \cos \theta_{3D})^2 + \frac{3}{8} f_R (1 \pm \cos \theta_{3D})^2 + \frac{3}{4} f_0 \sin^2 \theta_{3D}$$

- Fits give polarization fractions
- **Can't be done directly in di-leptonic events**
  - Do we have any sensitivity with measurable quantities?
- **Possible in semi-leptonic events**



# Semi-leptonic Example

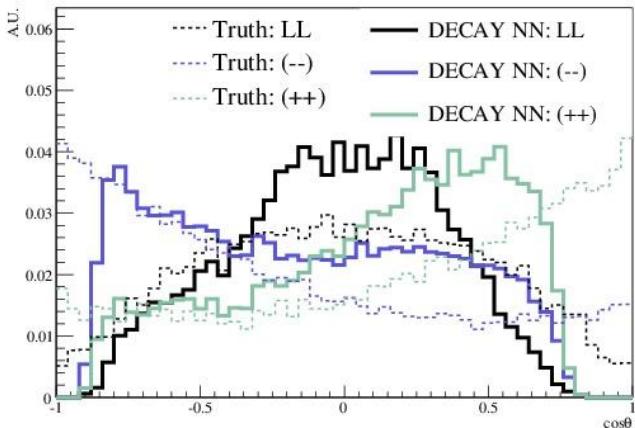
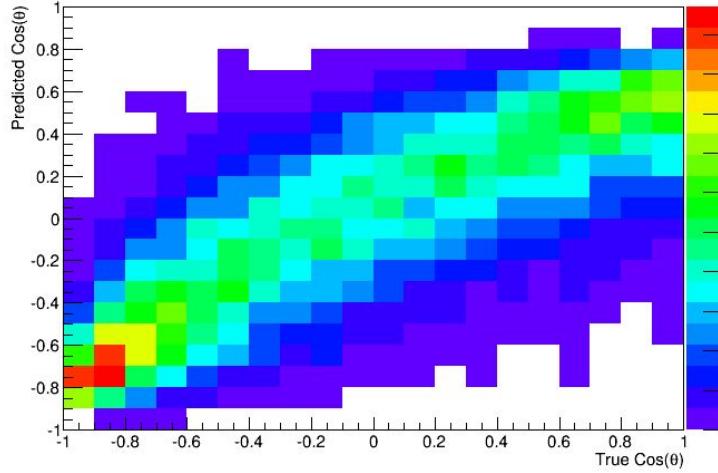
- $\cos(\theta^*)$  can be directly reconstructed in semi-leptonic VV events
  - Gives the possibility of measuring LL fraction and sensitivity to new physics
  - Still have to pull the signal out in the first place (see experimental challenge 1)



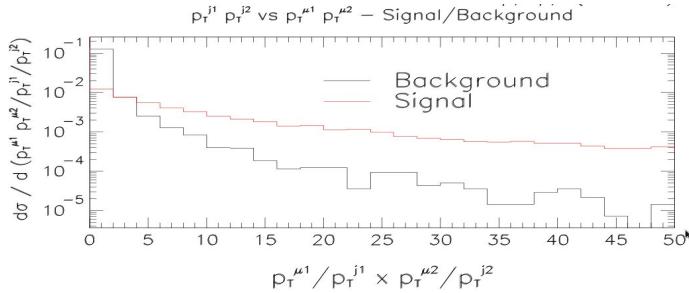
<http://arxiv.org/abs/0911.3656>  
Tao Han, David Krohn, Lian-Tao Wang, Wenhan Zhu

# Approximate $\text{Cos}(\theta^*)$ in ssWW

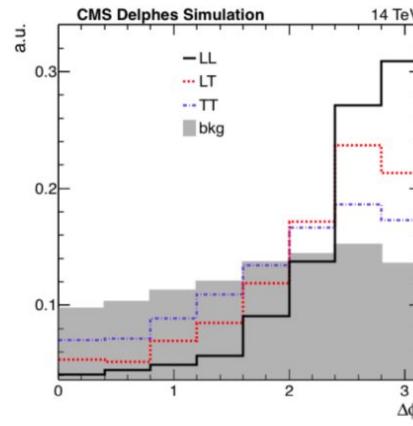
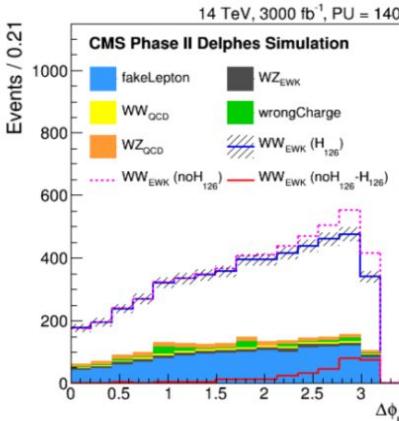
- Deep learning with regression has been used to approximate  $\text{Cos}(\theta^*)$  of the two bosons in a di-lepton decay
  - Cleaner signal
  - Worse resolution on  $\text{cos}(\theta^*)$
  - Far from perfect, but certainly usable



# Non-Cos( $\theta^*$ ) techniques in ssWW



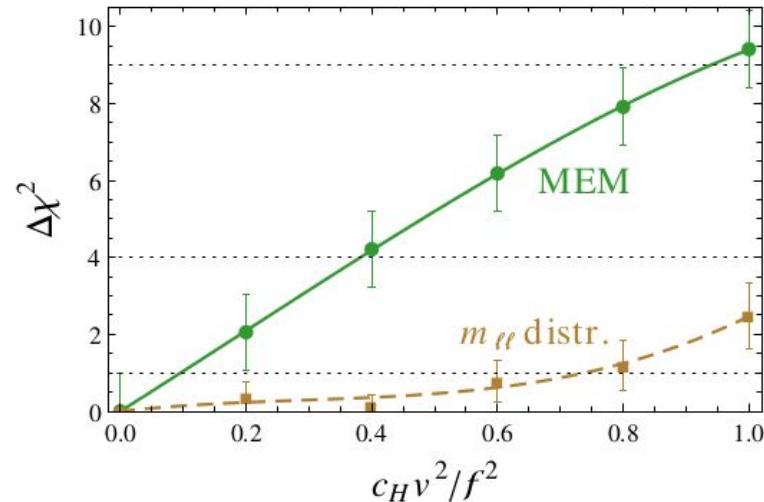
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[CMS Phase 2 Proposal](#)

- Lots of other methods tried in ssWW
  - All have advantages and disadvantages
- No “golden” proposal yet on the best way to extract the longitudinal fraction

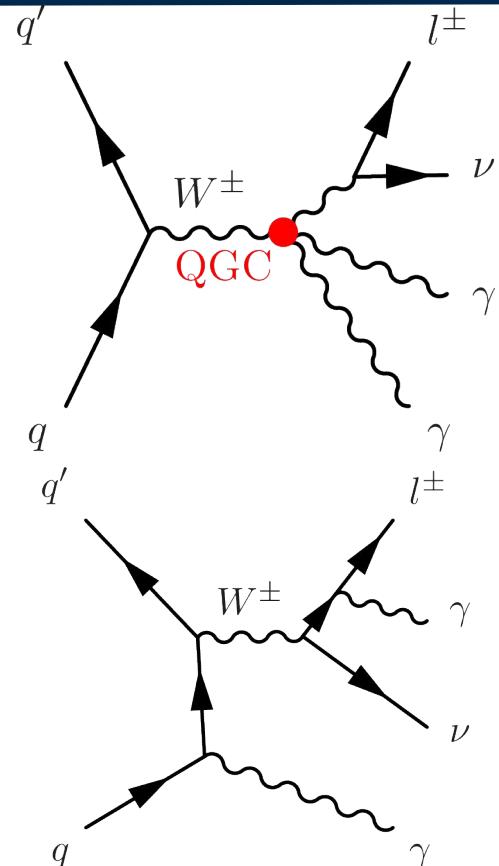
## Matrix element analysis



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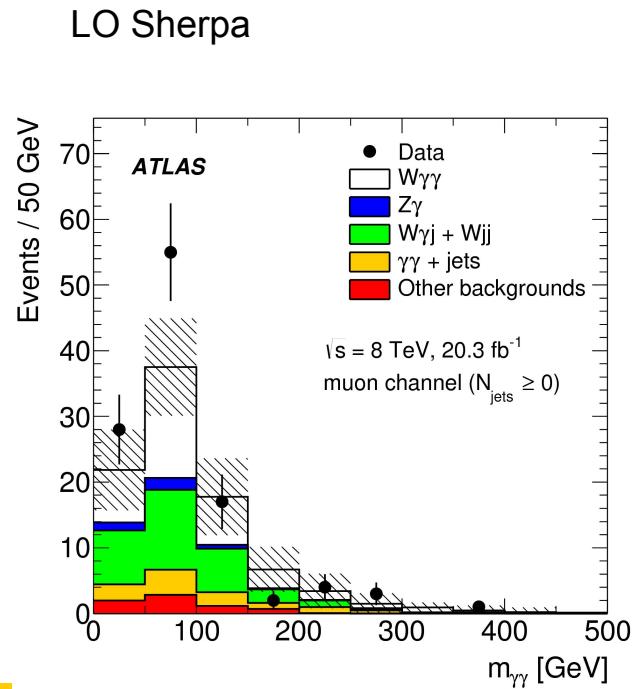
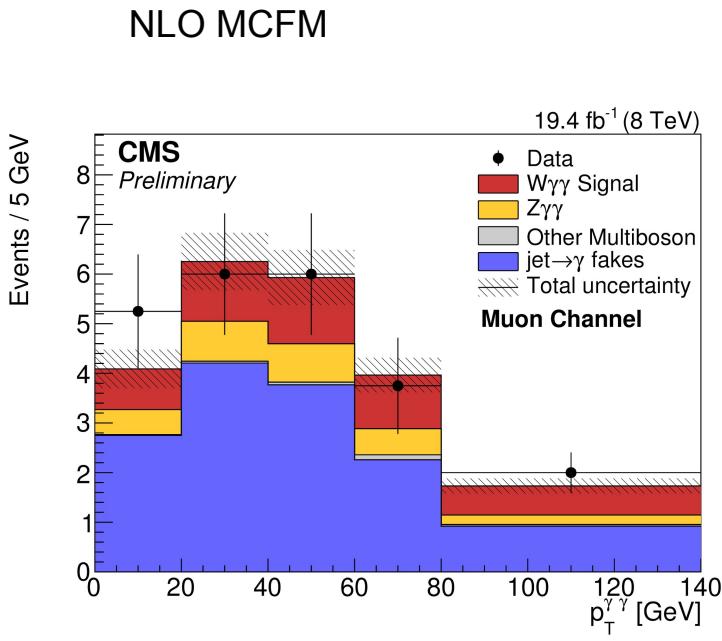
# Tri-boson production

- Quartic couplings can also be probed with tri-boson production
- Currently probing events with at least 1 gamma
  - Also has some less exciting diagrams
    - FSR of the final state lepton
    - Tend to be reduced by  $\Delta R(l, \gamma)$  cut
    - $\Delta R(l, \gamma) > 0.7$  ATLAS;  $\Delta R(l, \gamma) > 0.4$  CMS
- Tri-heavy bosons will need more data to measure



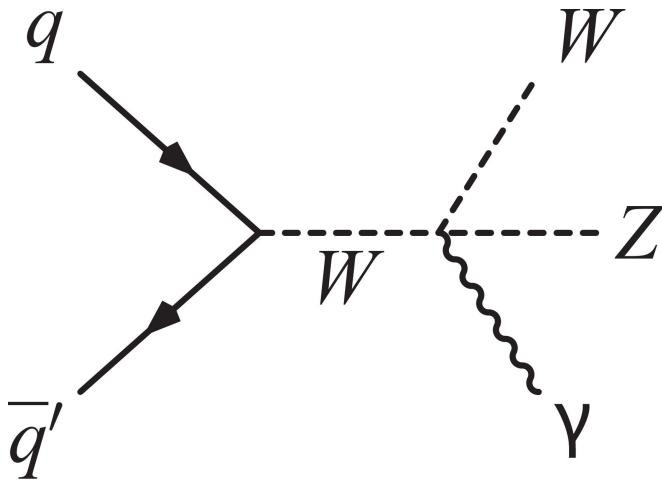
# W+gamma+gamma

- Another good example of Modeling



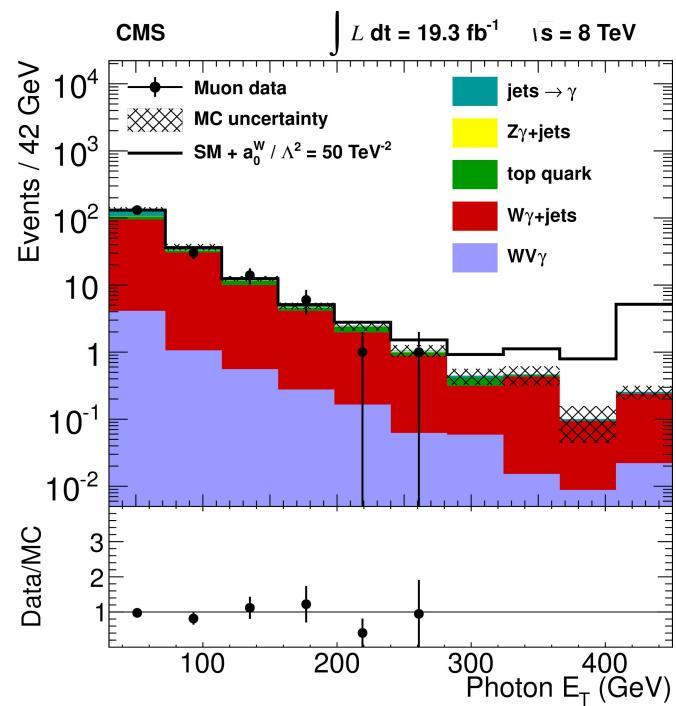
# Tri-bosons 1 photon

- Two heavy bosons + 1 photon still in search mode



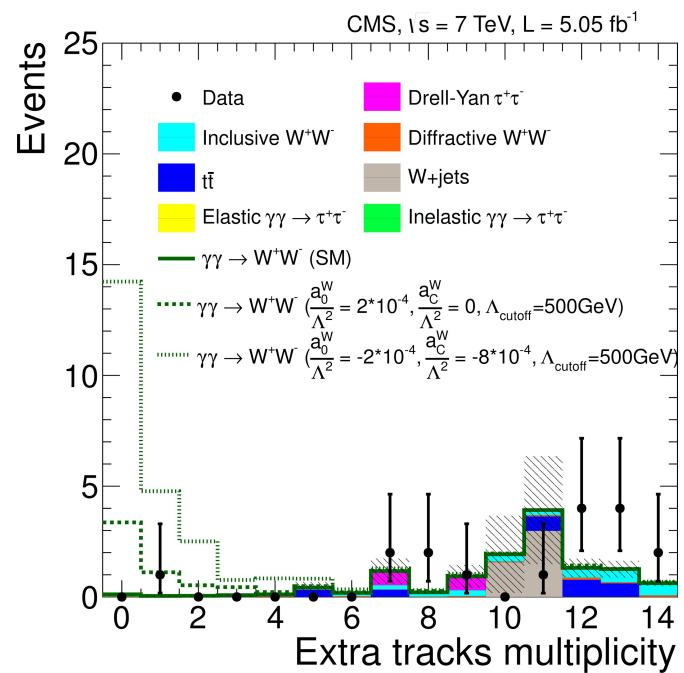
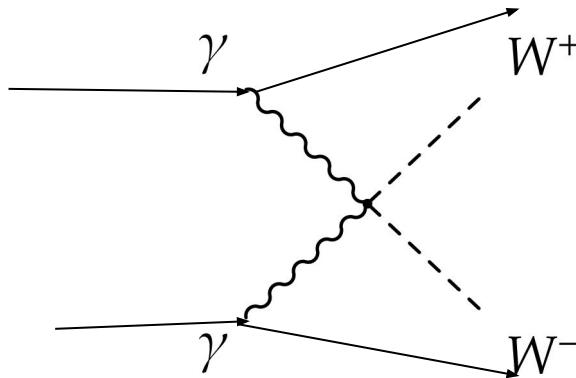
Semi-leptonic decays are used to boost signal

- Three heavy bosons aren't available yet



# Exclusive WW production

- You can also get VBS with jets so far forward they go directly down the beam pipe
  - Signature of two leptons with no additional tracks except from the two leptons in a dileptonic W decay
  - Also is search mode
- **Experimental Challenge:** Dealing with tracks from higher pile-up and underlying event at higher energies



# Summary

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- Reach of the LHC is giving us access to processes never studied before
  - Caught the first glimpse of them in run 1
  - Have some challenges ahead of us to understand these processes
    - Signal and Background Modeling essential for understanding what we measure
      - Also important for good background measurements
    - Finding small signals with lots of background
      - Need good methods of Strong Production rejection
      - May need MVA tools to extract interesting parameters like polarization fractions
    - Extracting the Longitudinal scattering fraction
      - Have to deal with large backgrounds or missing decay information
  - Tri-boson cross sections have started, more will become available with more luminosity