

Habilitation à Diriger des Recherches

Physics with boson pairs

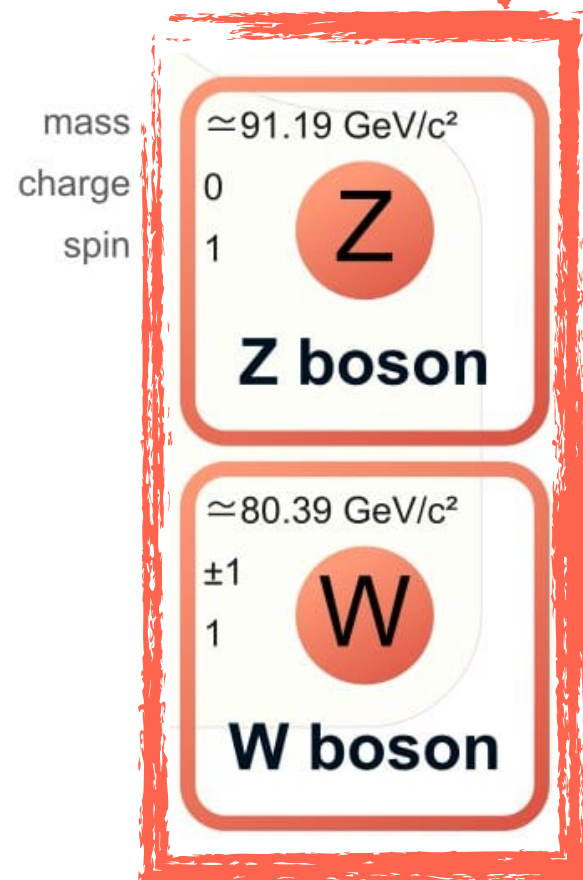
J. Manjarrés Ramos

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In this seminar

the main actors



challenge

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + i\bar{\psi}\not{D}\psi + \bar{\psi}_i Y_{ij} \psi_j \phi + \text{h.c.} + |D_\mu \phi|^2 - V(\phi)$$

We have our actors, and the main stage is the center of the ATLAS detector at the LHC

the stage



supporting actor



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mass
charge
spin

$\simeq 91.19 \text{ GeV}/c^2$

0

1

Z

Z boson

$\simeq 80.39 \text{ GeV}/c^2$

± 1

1

W

W boson

New physics

MATTER-ANTIMATTER ASYM,
 $\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$
NEUTRINO OSCILLATIONS
DARK ENERGY
DARK MATTER
 $\phi + h.c.$
 $V(\phi)$
POW!

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$\simeq 124.97 \text{ GeV}/c^2$

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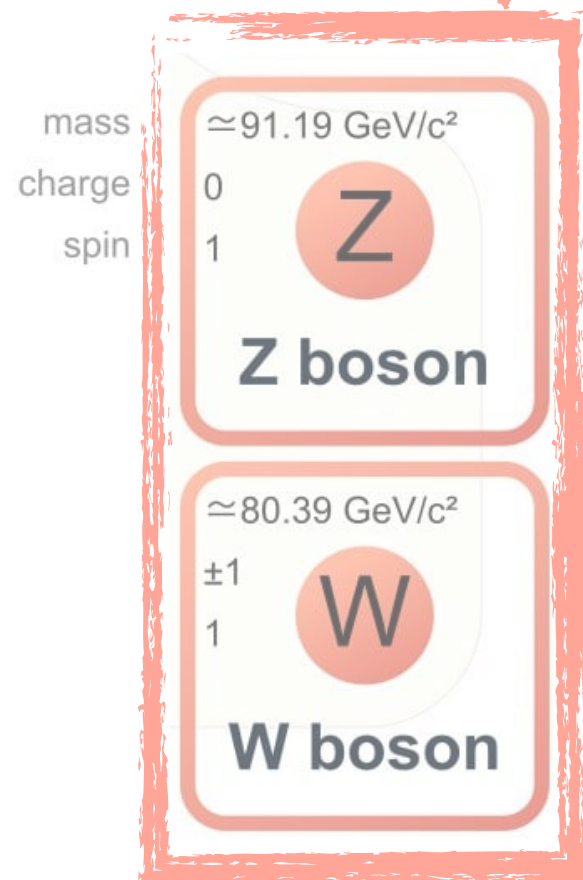
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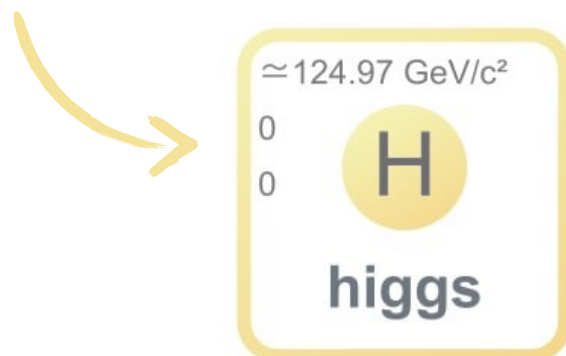
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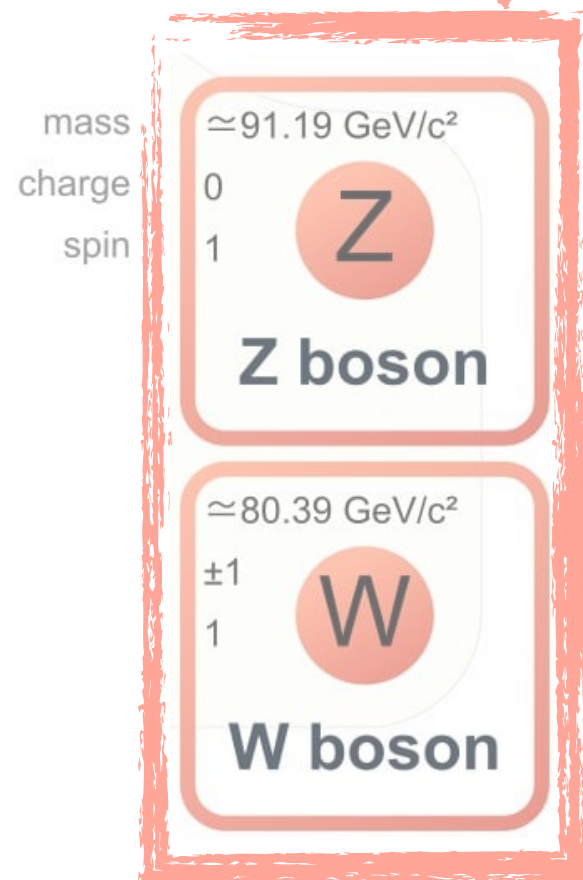


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Meet the Speaker

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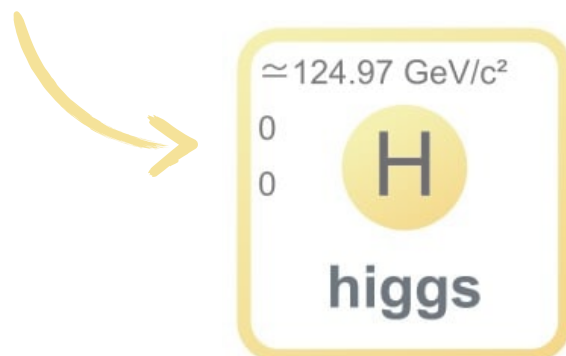
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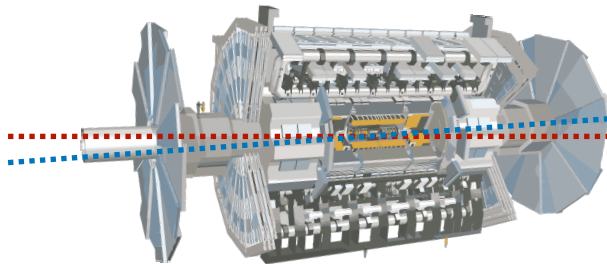
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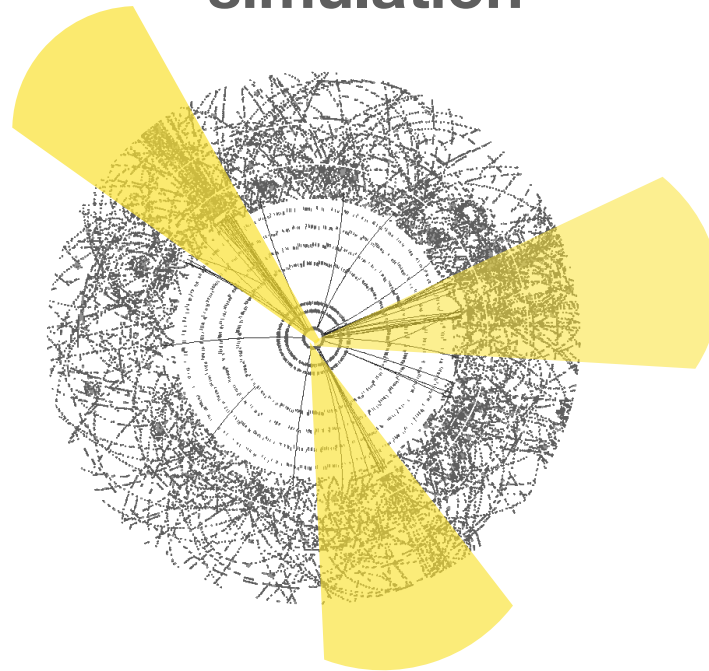
My contributions within ATLAS in a nutshell

Detector



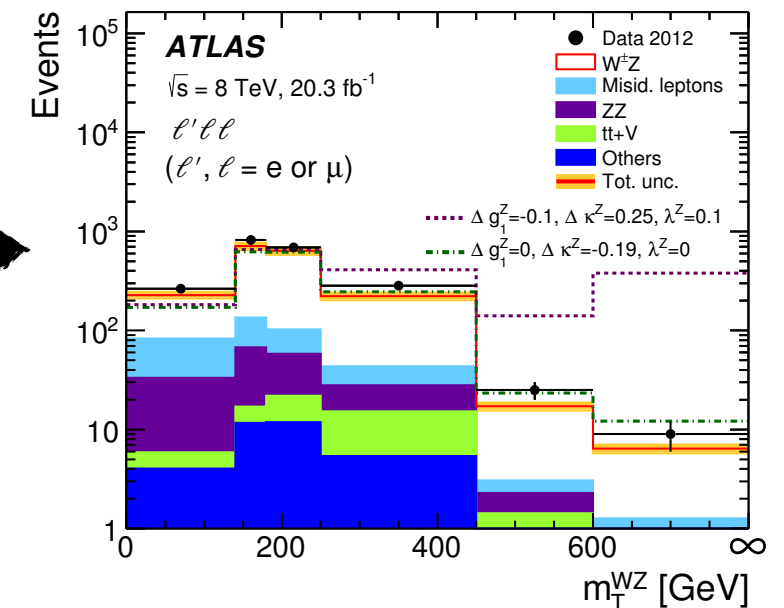
- ✓ Detector optimizations for the ATLAS upgrades

Data reconstruction simulation



- ✓ Coordination of TRT software team (~20 persons)
- ✓ MC simulation / modelling studies

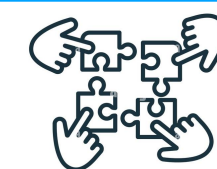
Physics Analysis



- ✓ Analyst of 9 ATLAS publications
- ✓ Analysis contact of 4 publications. ~ 10-20 persons
- ✓ Convener of the ATLAS Standard Model **Electroweak Group** (~ 250 persons)
- ✓ Convener of the ATLAS-Germany Standard Model Group (14 Universities + DESY + MPI)
- ✓ Convener of the ATLAS **Diboson resonance search group** (~ 100 persons)

Representing ATLAS

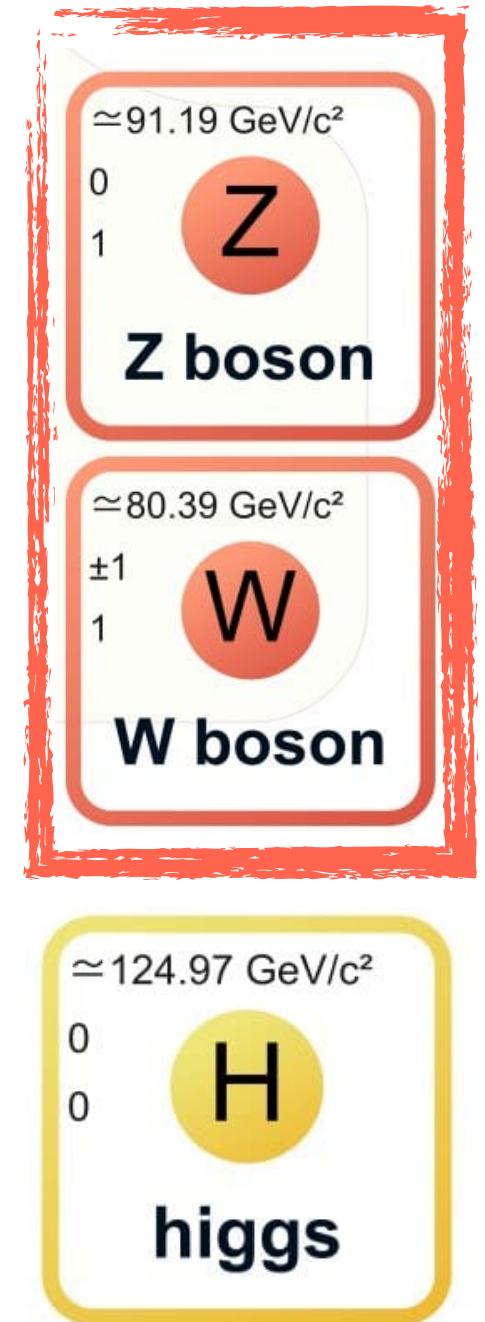
- ✓ LHC Electroweak Multibosons working group
- ✓ VBSCan EU COST Network
- ✓ COMETA EU COST Network



In this talk:
Direct participation

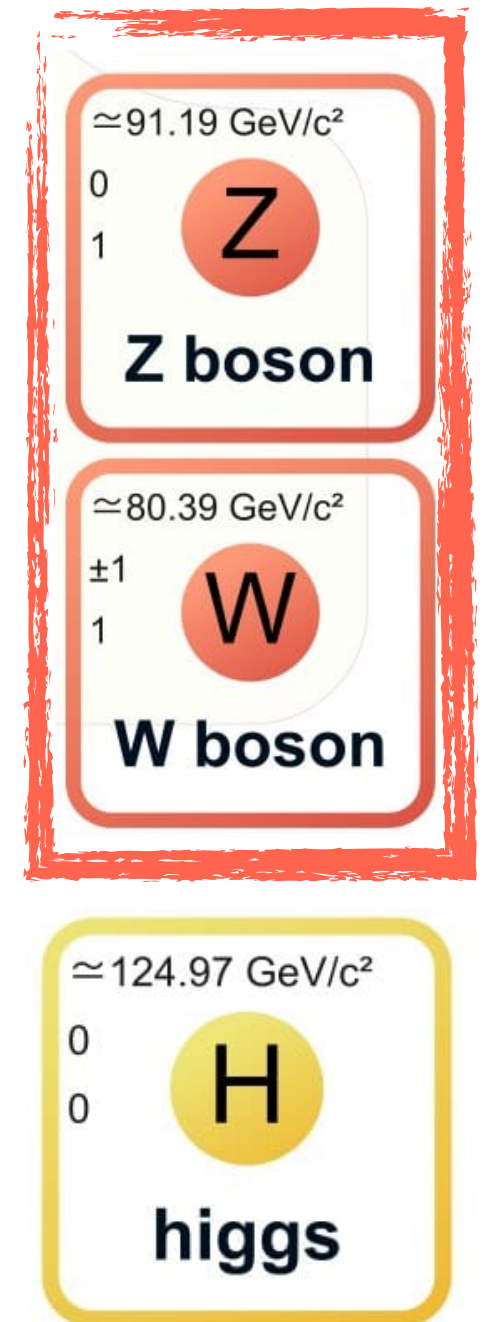
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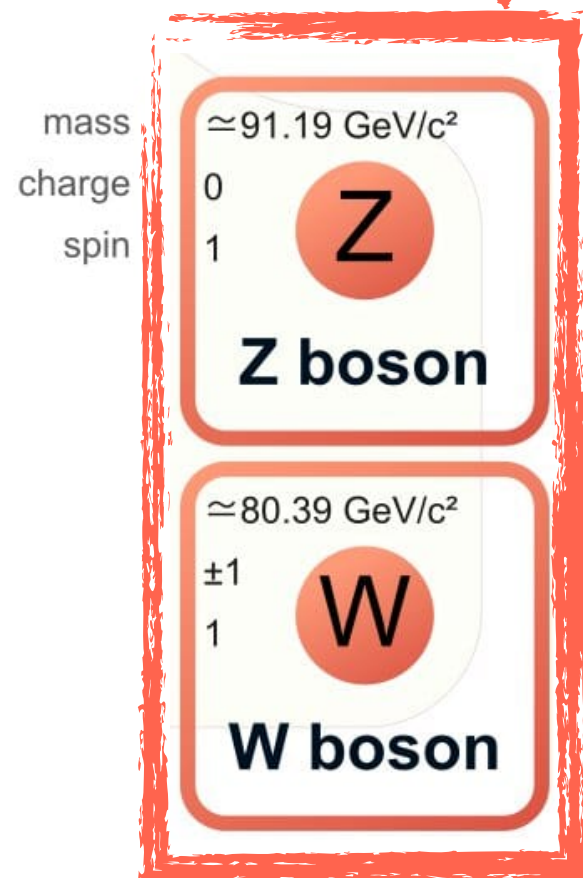
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Where the actors meet

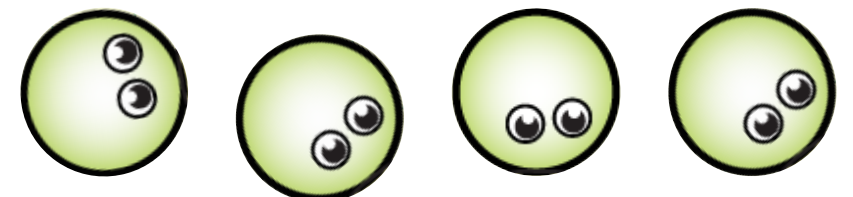
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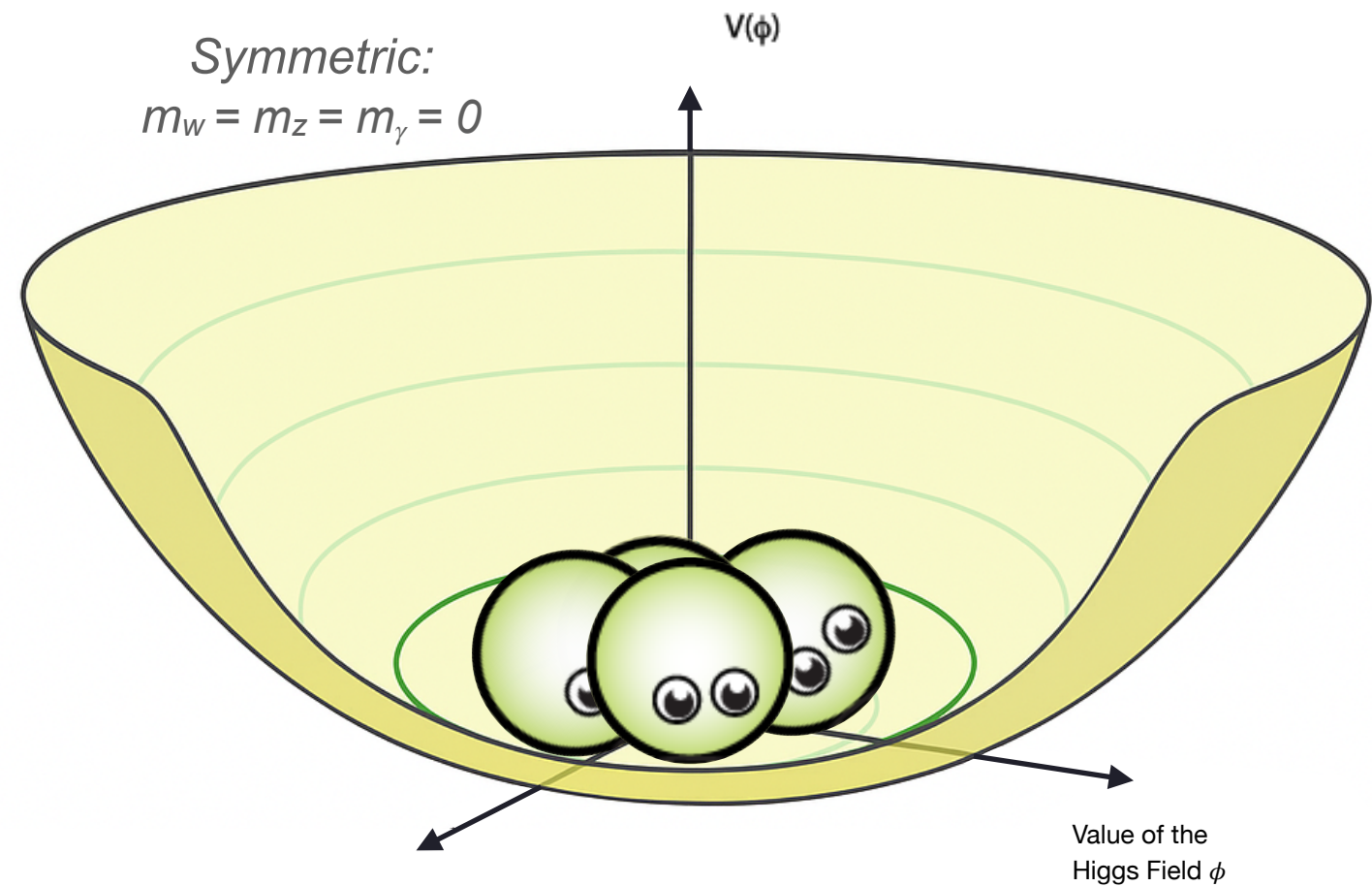
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the Electroweak symmetry breaking



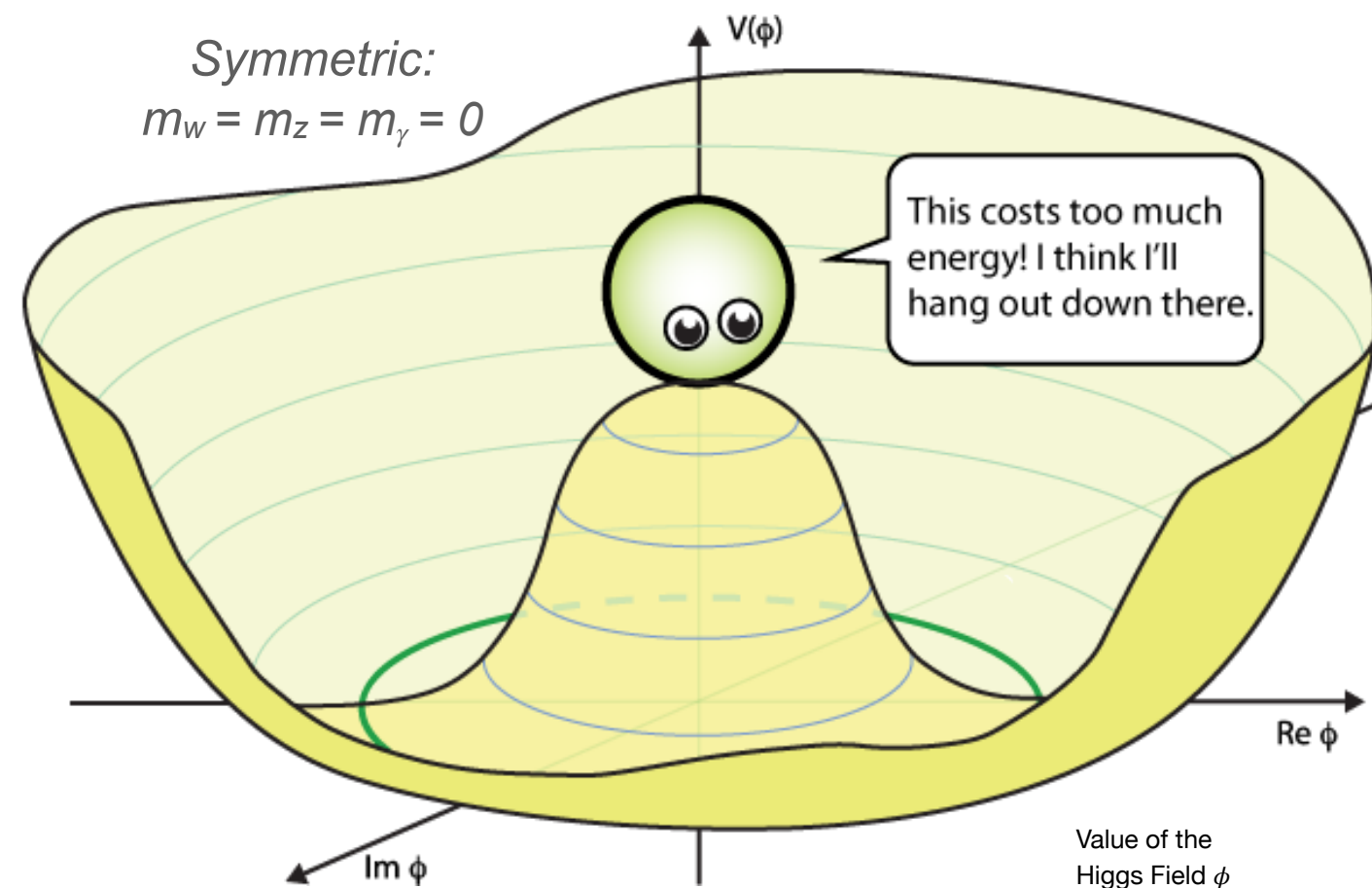
Before Electroweak symmetry breaking

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charge	-1		
spin	1		
mass	0		photon
charge	0		
spin	1		

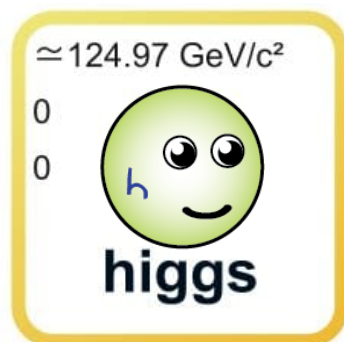
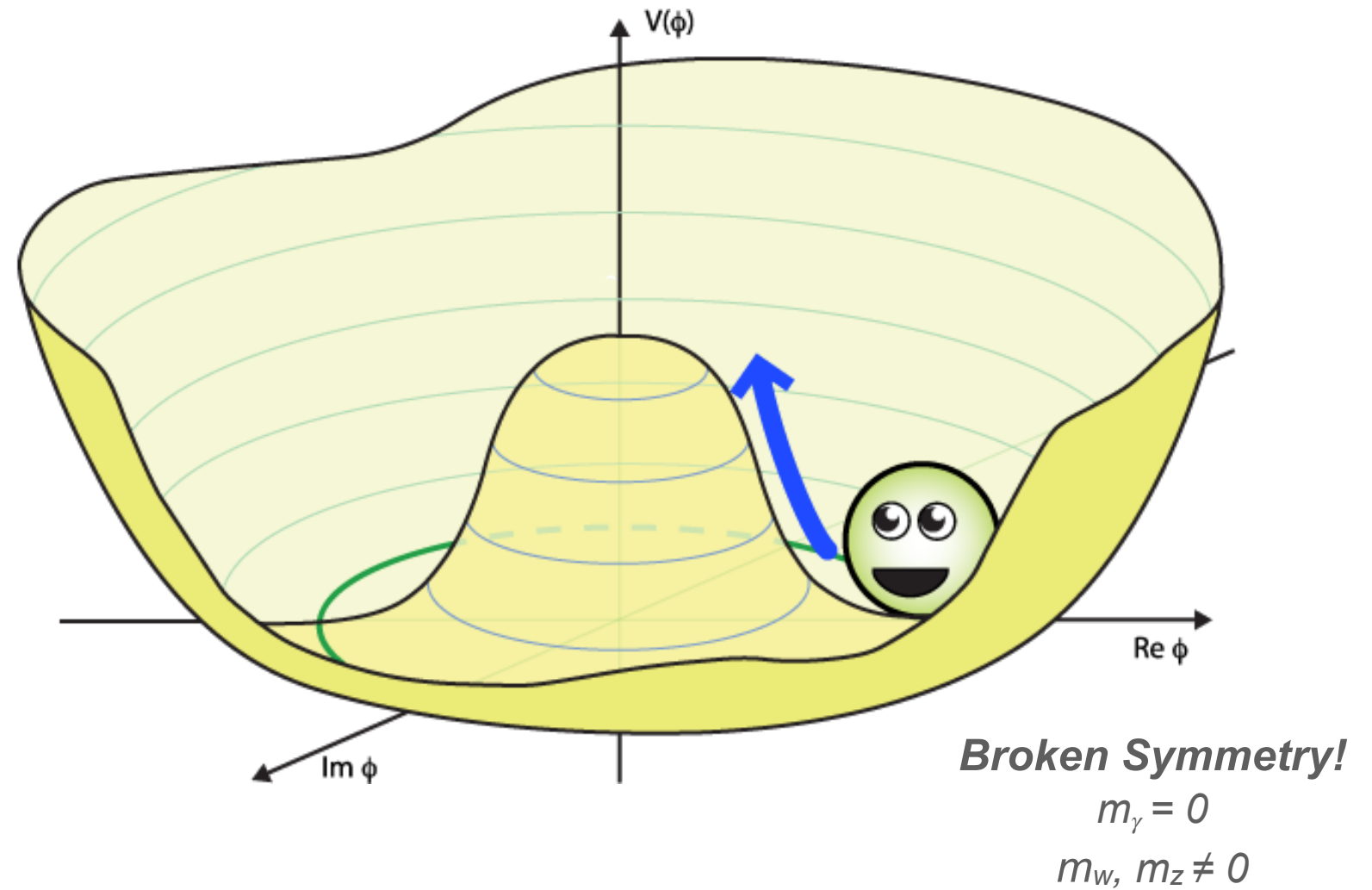


*4 massless gauge bosons
(Only Transversal polarization states)*

Electroweak symmetry breaking



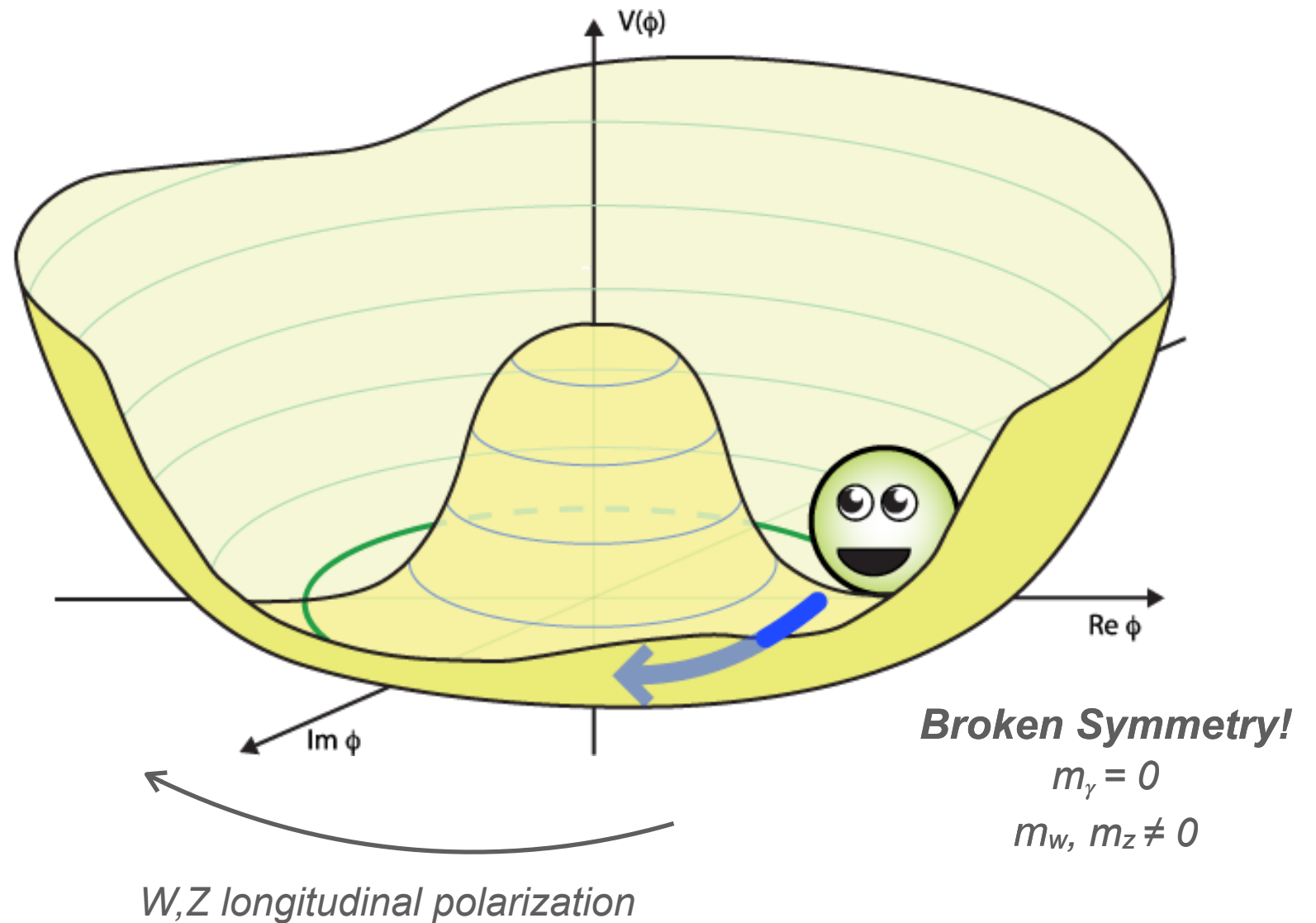
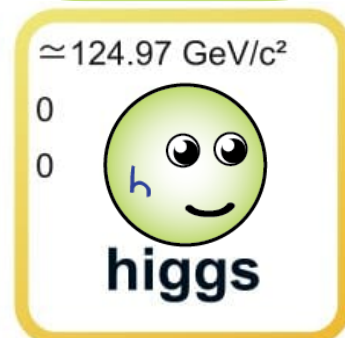
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The Goldstone bosons

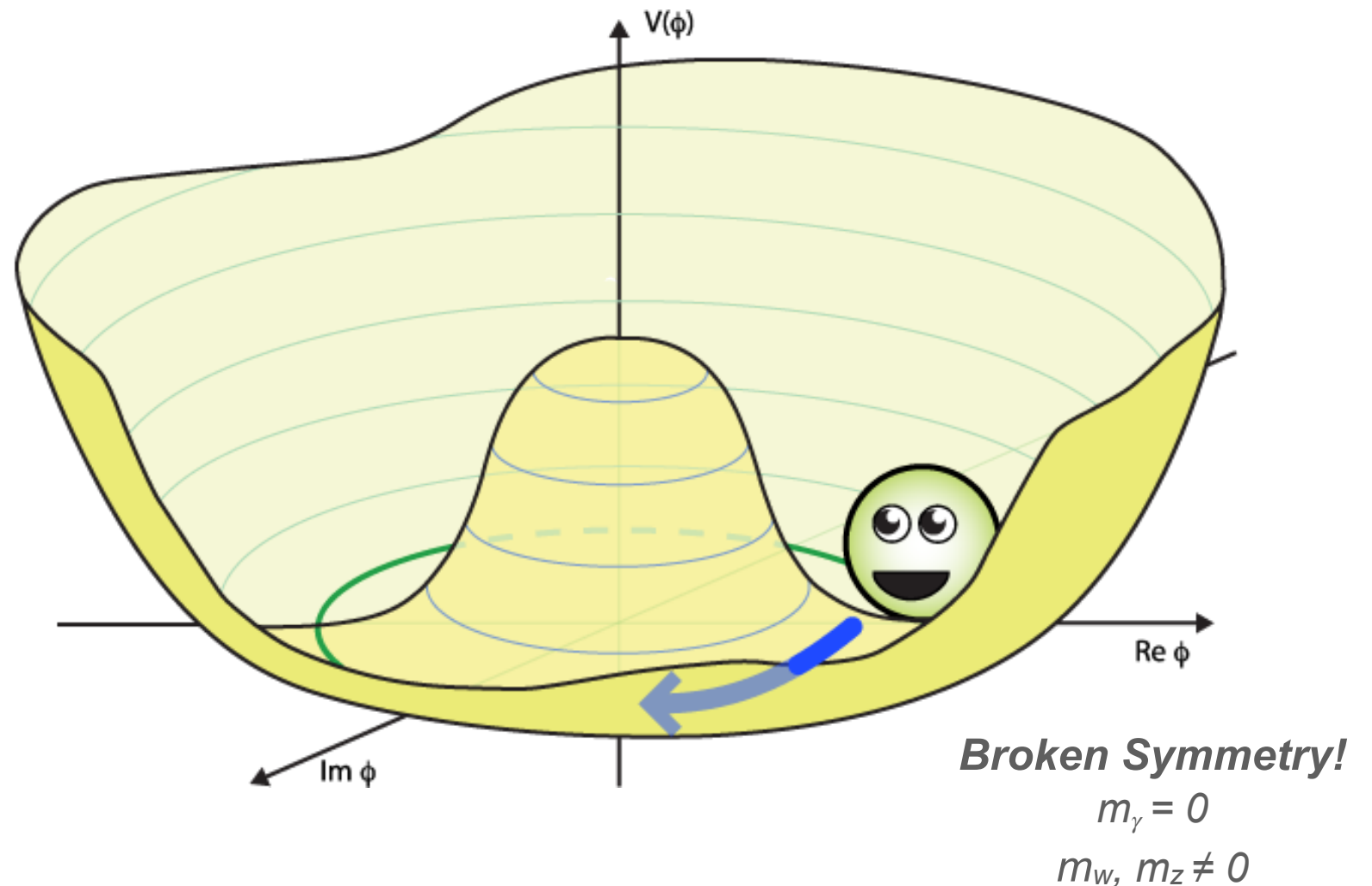
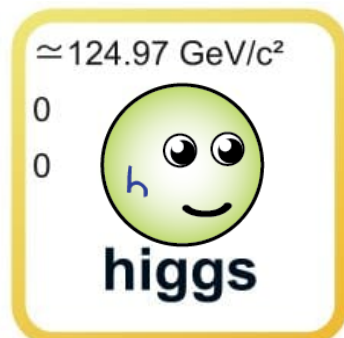
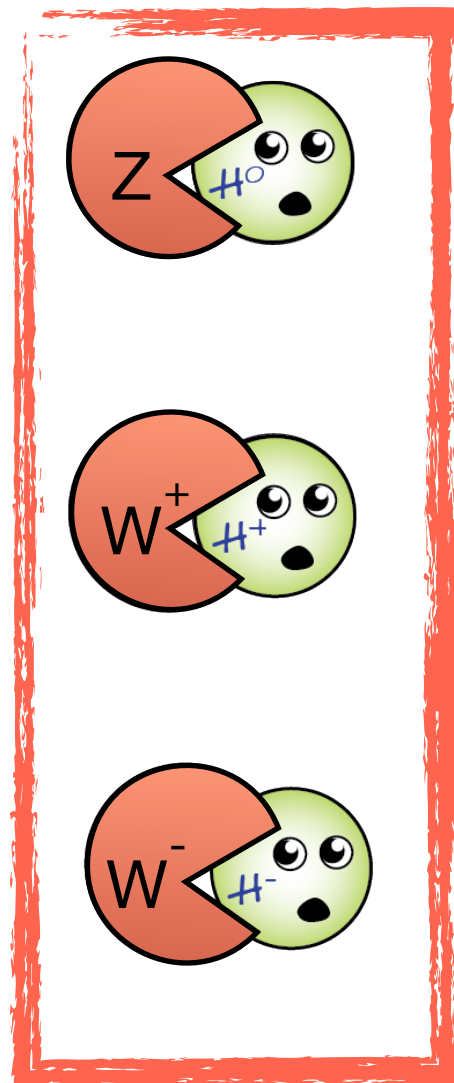


Electroweak symmetry breaking

**Goldstone boson
Equivalence theorem**
“At high energy, longitudinal
vector bosons are analogous
to goldstone bosons”

The Goldstone bosons are absorbed
becoming the W and Z

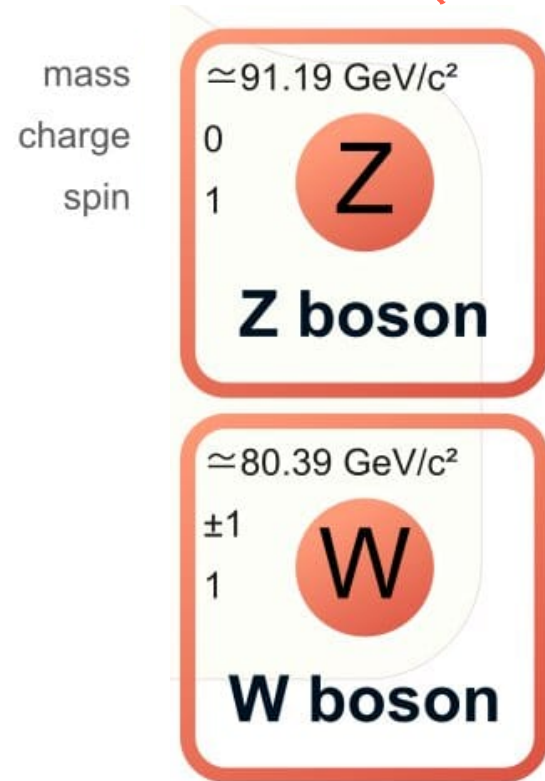
Longitudinal polarization ($V_0 = Z_0, W_0$)



The photon remains massless and with only transversal polarization 17

Now we know that the cast is all related

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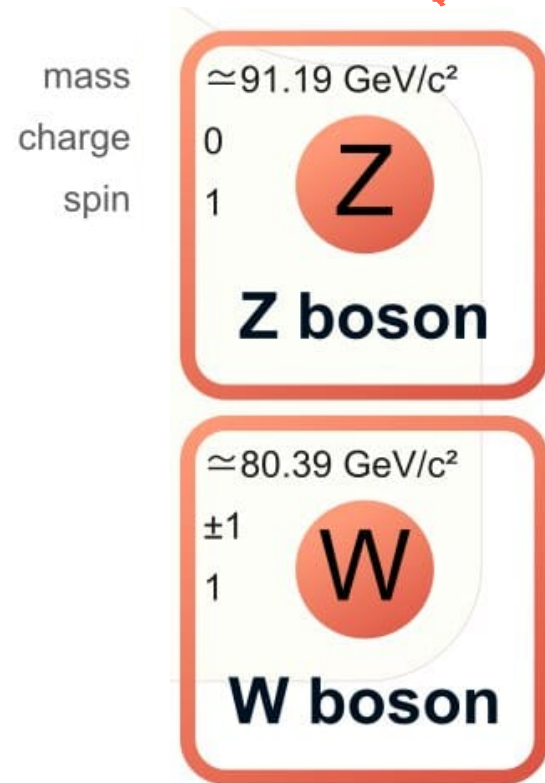


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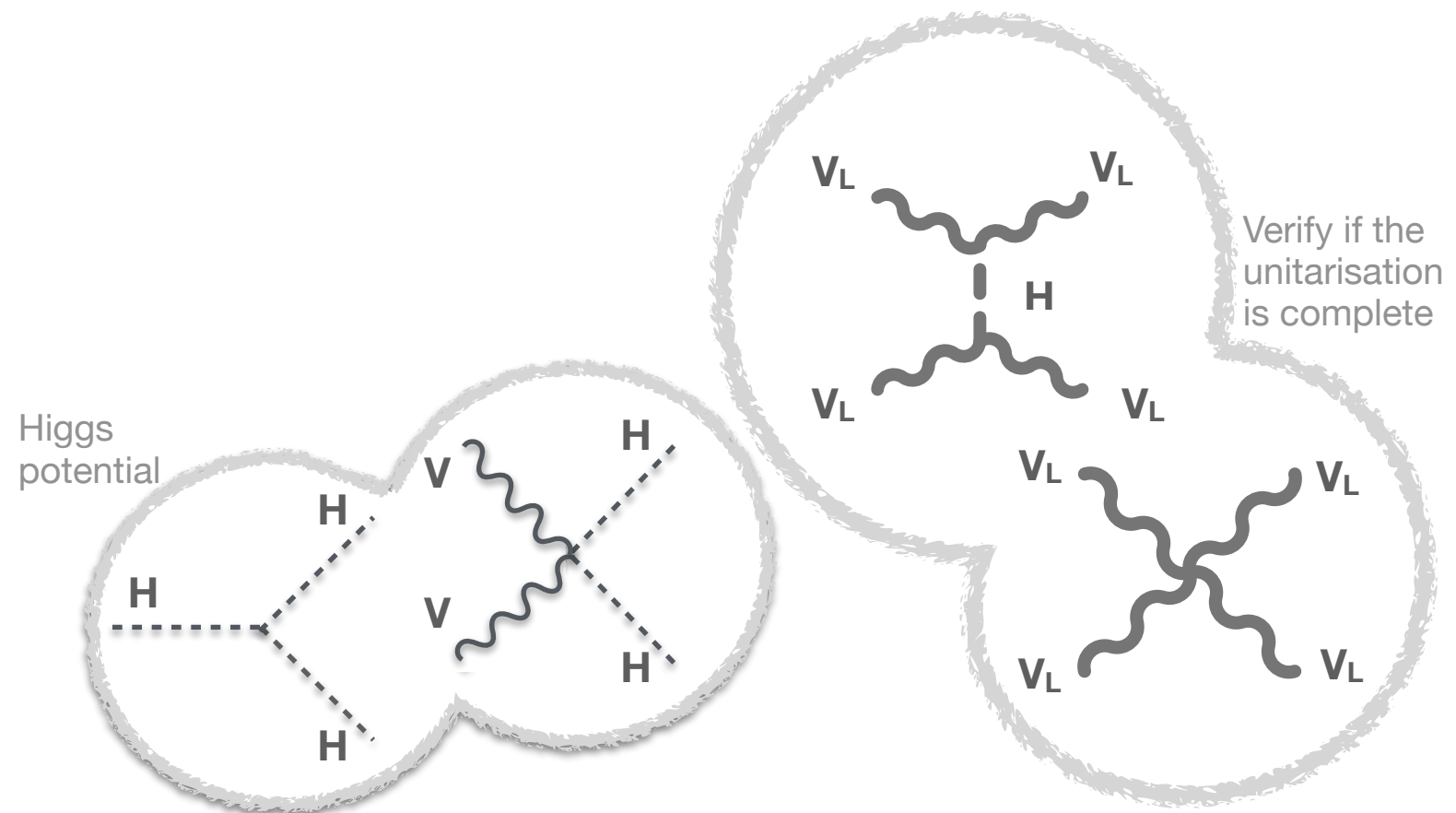


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Quartic Bosons interactions ◦

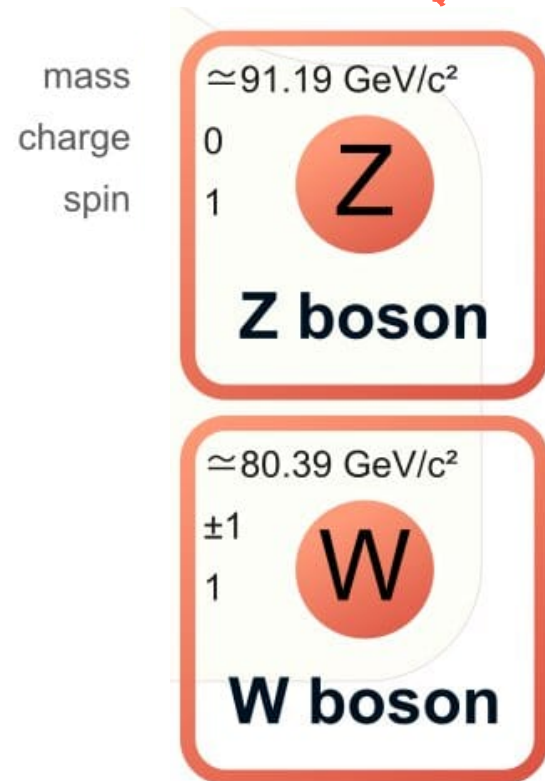
Longitudinally polarized boson interactions ◦

Higgs Boson self interactions ◦



The Outline

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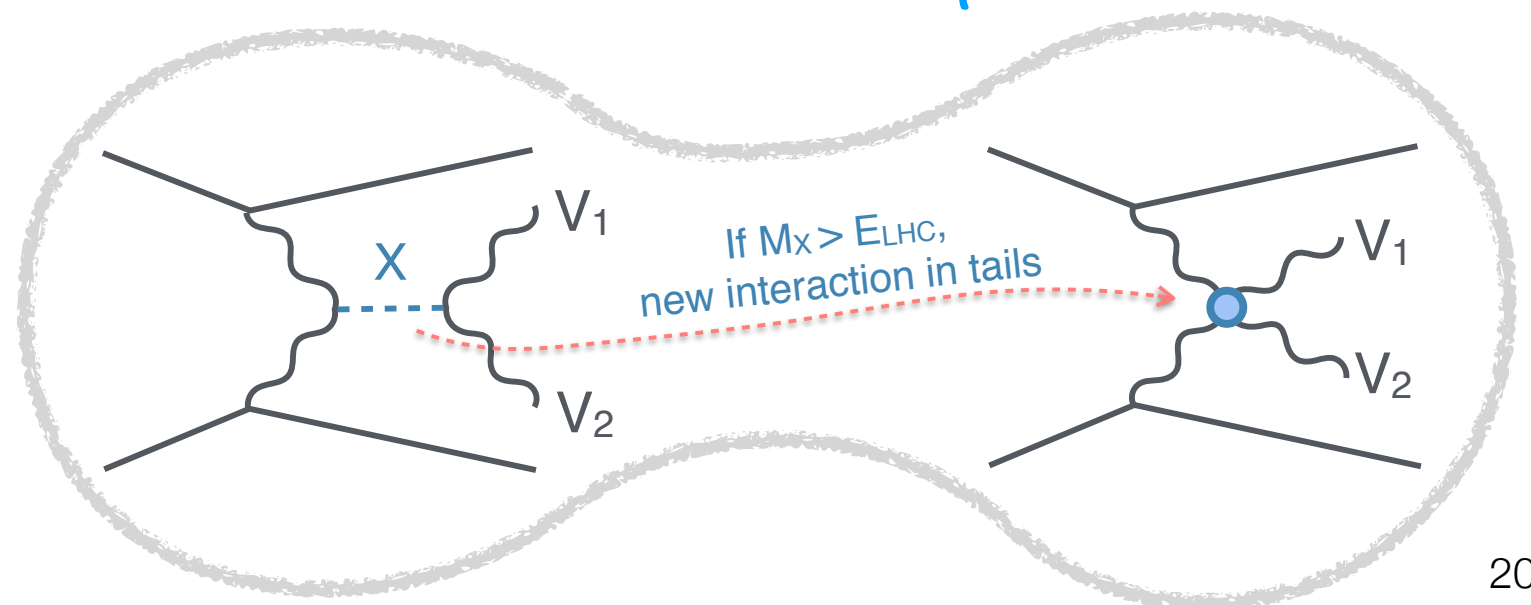


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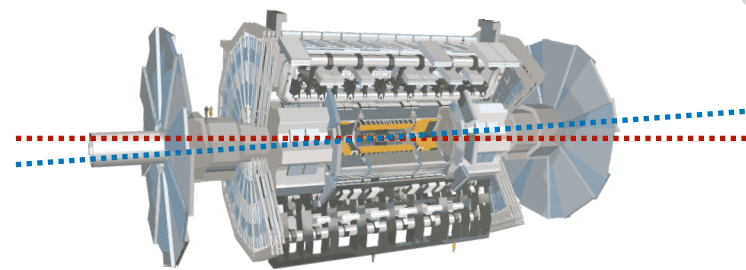
- New resonance ◦
- Deviations on SM predictions ◦



How do we explore those interactions?

1. Bosons collisions
2. Compare measurements with theory predictions

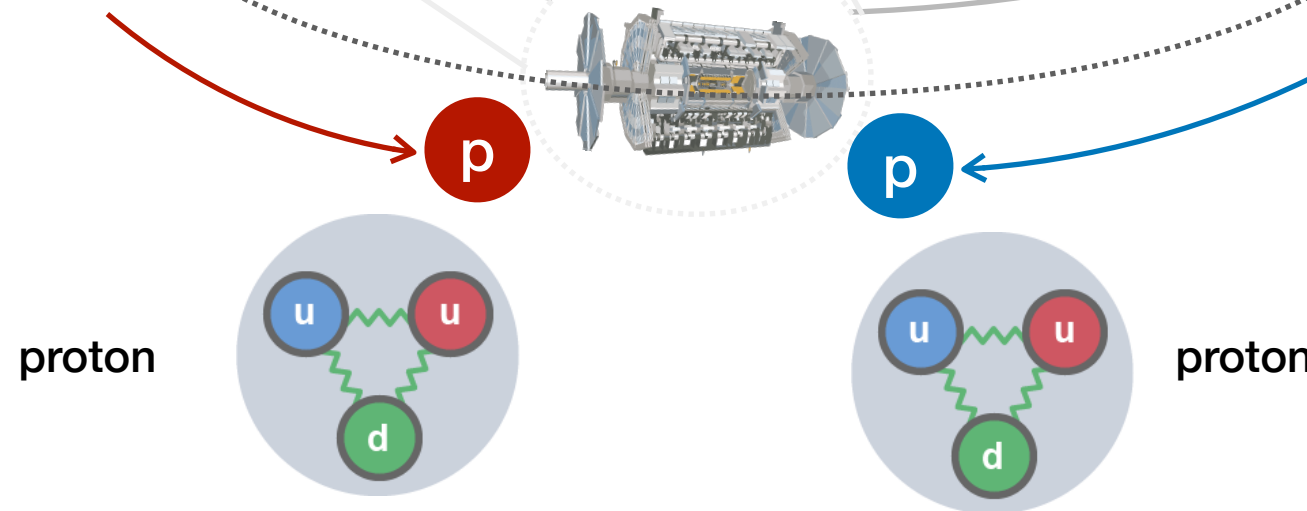
The Large Hadron Collider and ATLAS



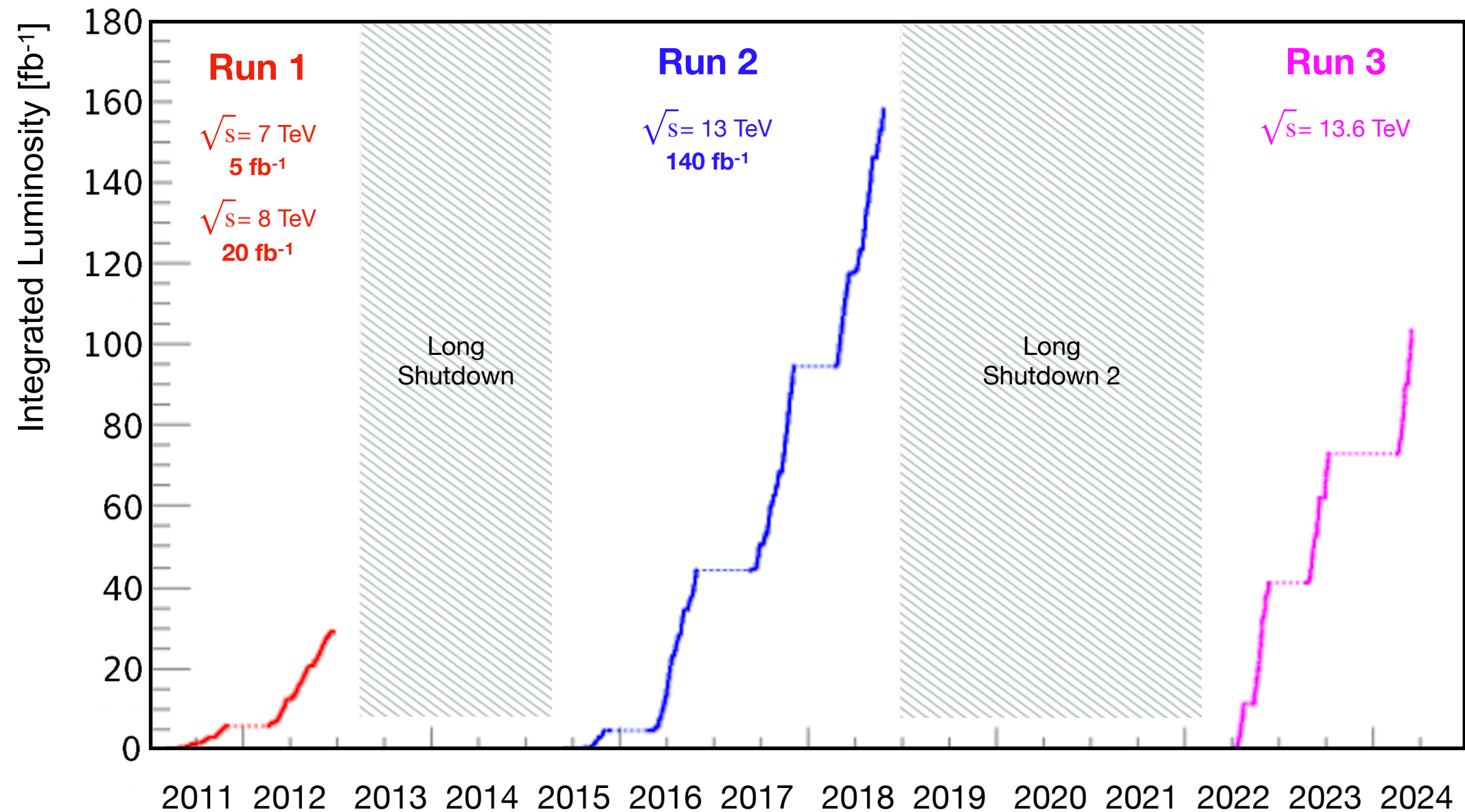
p-p collisions happen the center of the detector



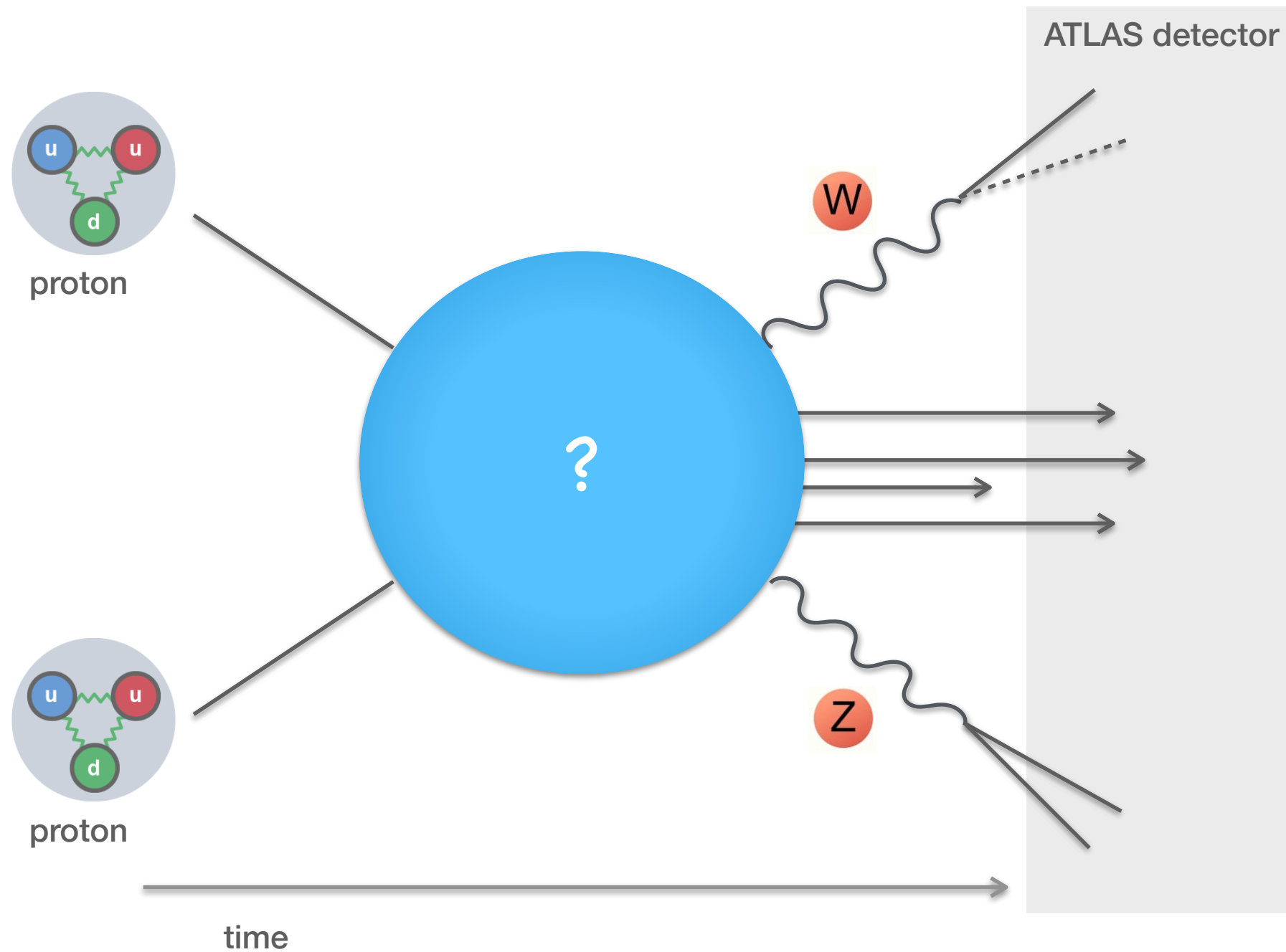
~100 m
underground



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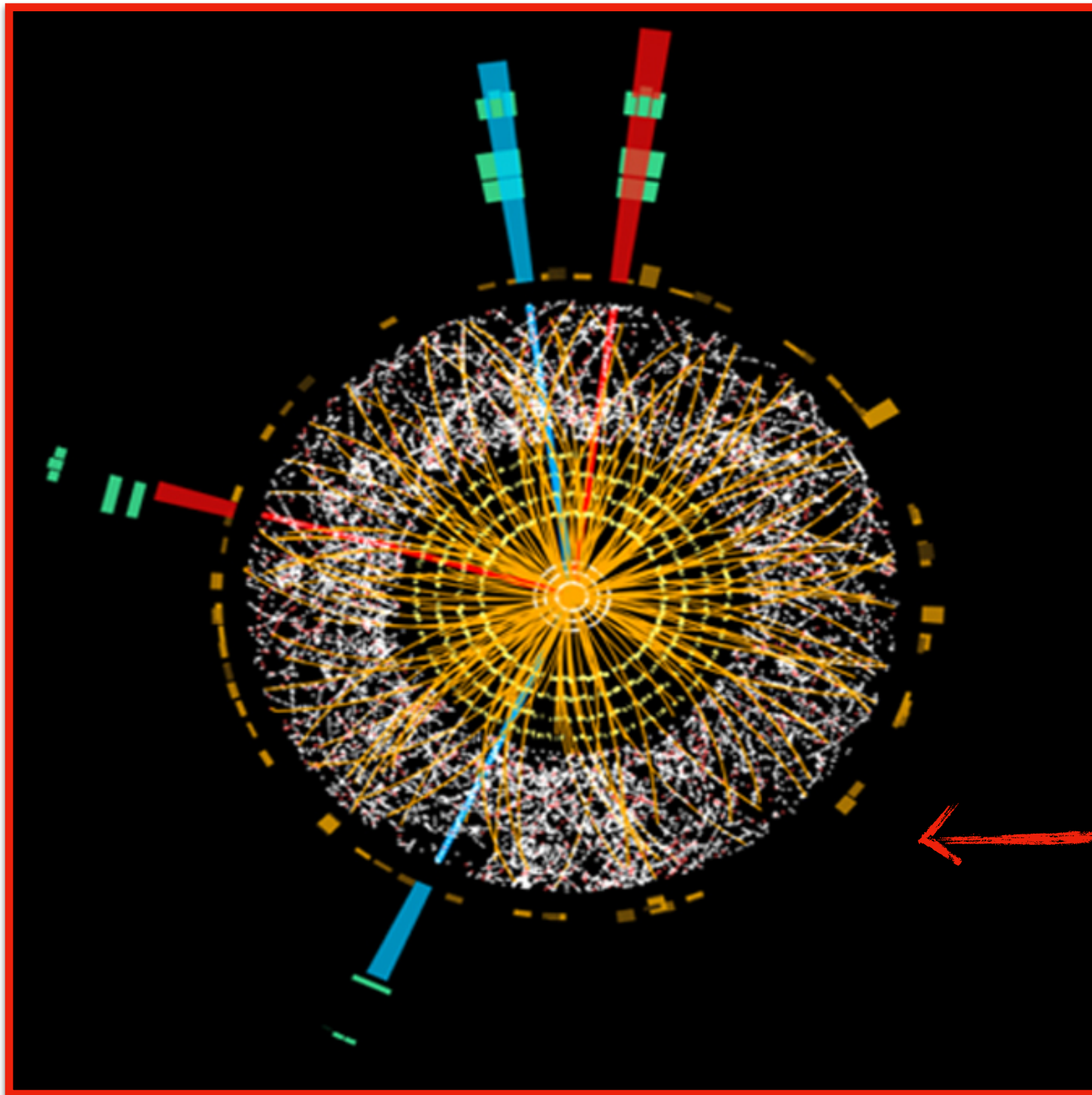


From proton collisions to vector boson pairs



Testing the Standard Model predictions

Detector measurement



Theory

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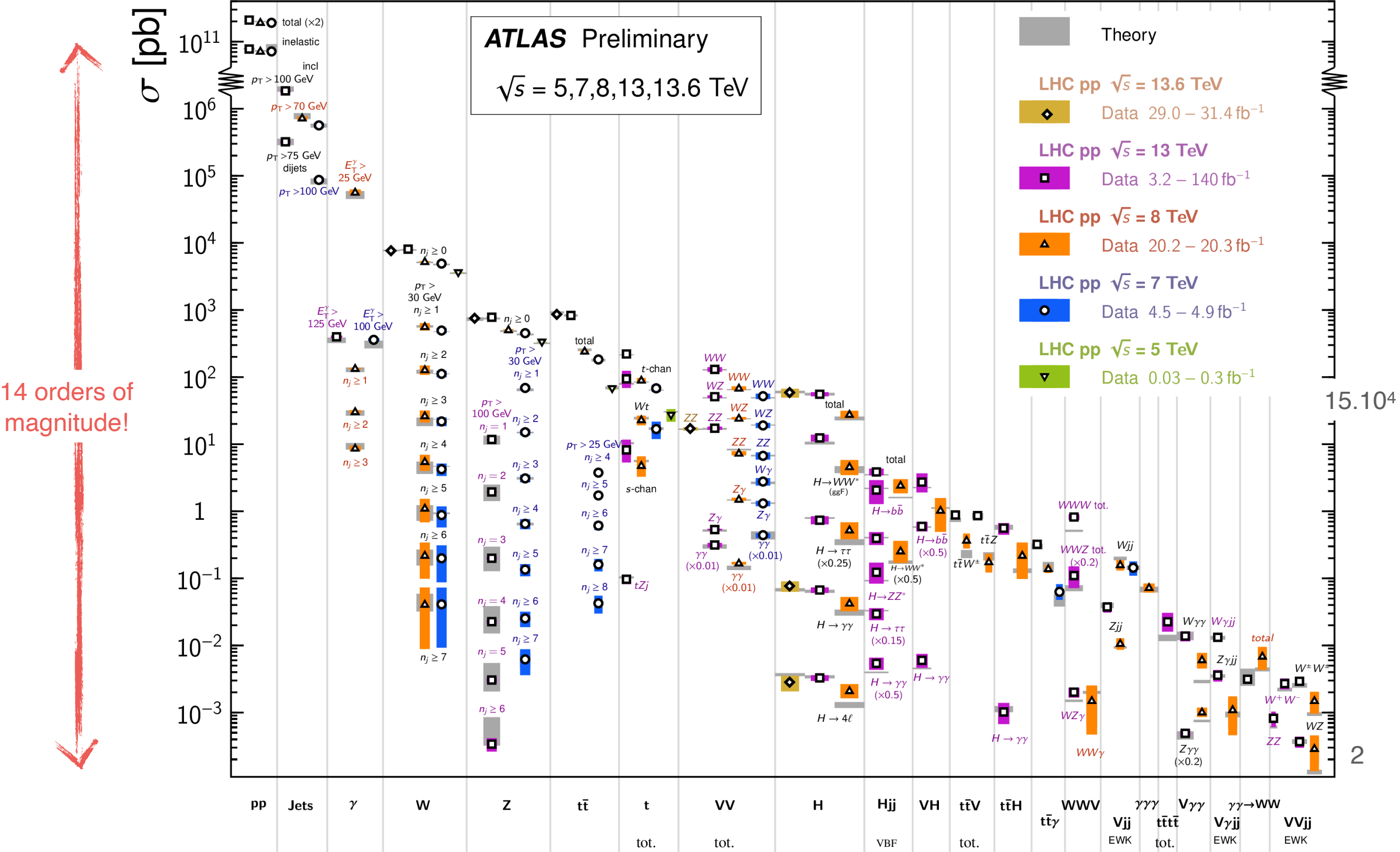
How?

Measuring and calculating **Cross-sections!**

A cross section is a measure of the probability that a specific process will take place

The Standard Model testing status

Status: June 2024 Events per month*



* at 13 TeV assuming 3fb⁻¹ are collected per month

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Theory

LHC pp $\sqrt{s} = 13.6$ TeV



Data 29.0 – 31.4 fb⁻¹

LHC pp $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV



Data 3.2 – 140 fb⁻¹

LHC pp $\sqrt{s} = 8$ TeV



Data 20.2 – 20.3 fb⁻¹

LHC pp $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV

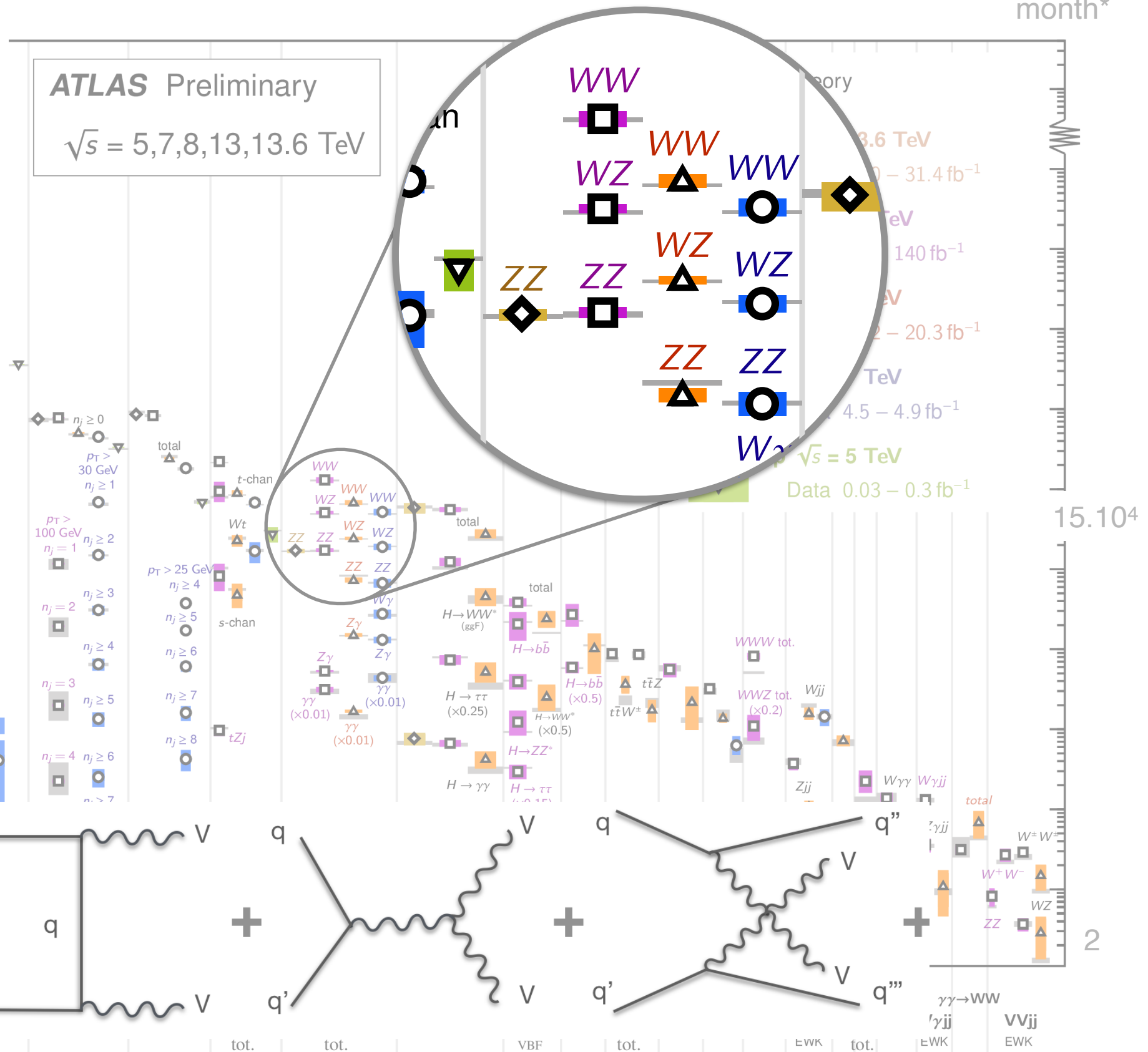


Data 4.5 – 4.9 fb⁻¹

LHC pp $\sqrt{s} = 5$ TeV

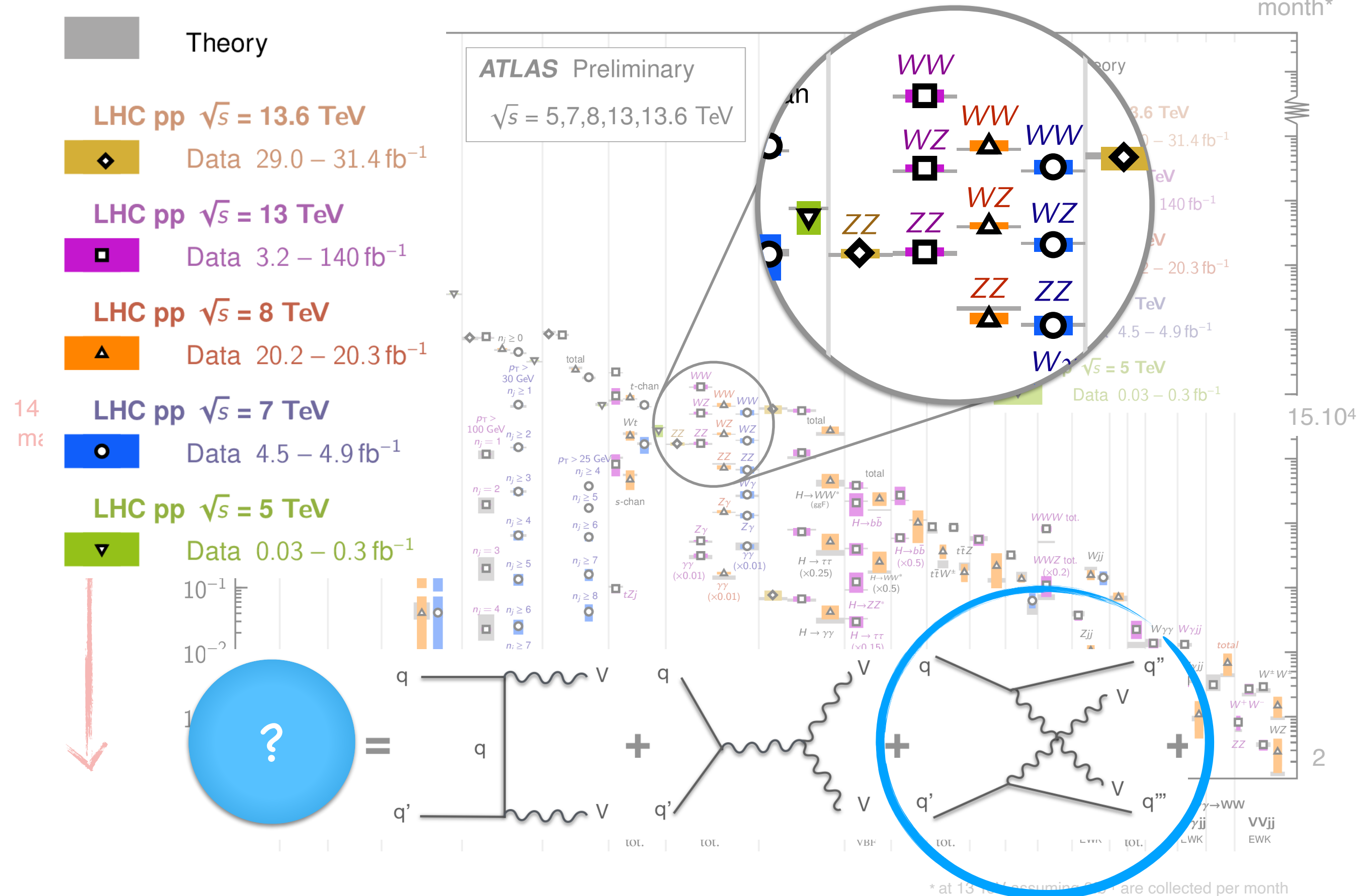


Data 0.03 – 0.3 fb⁻¹



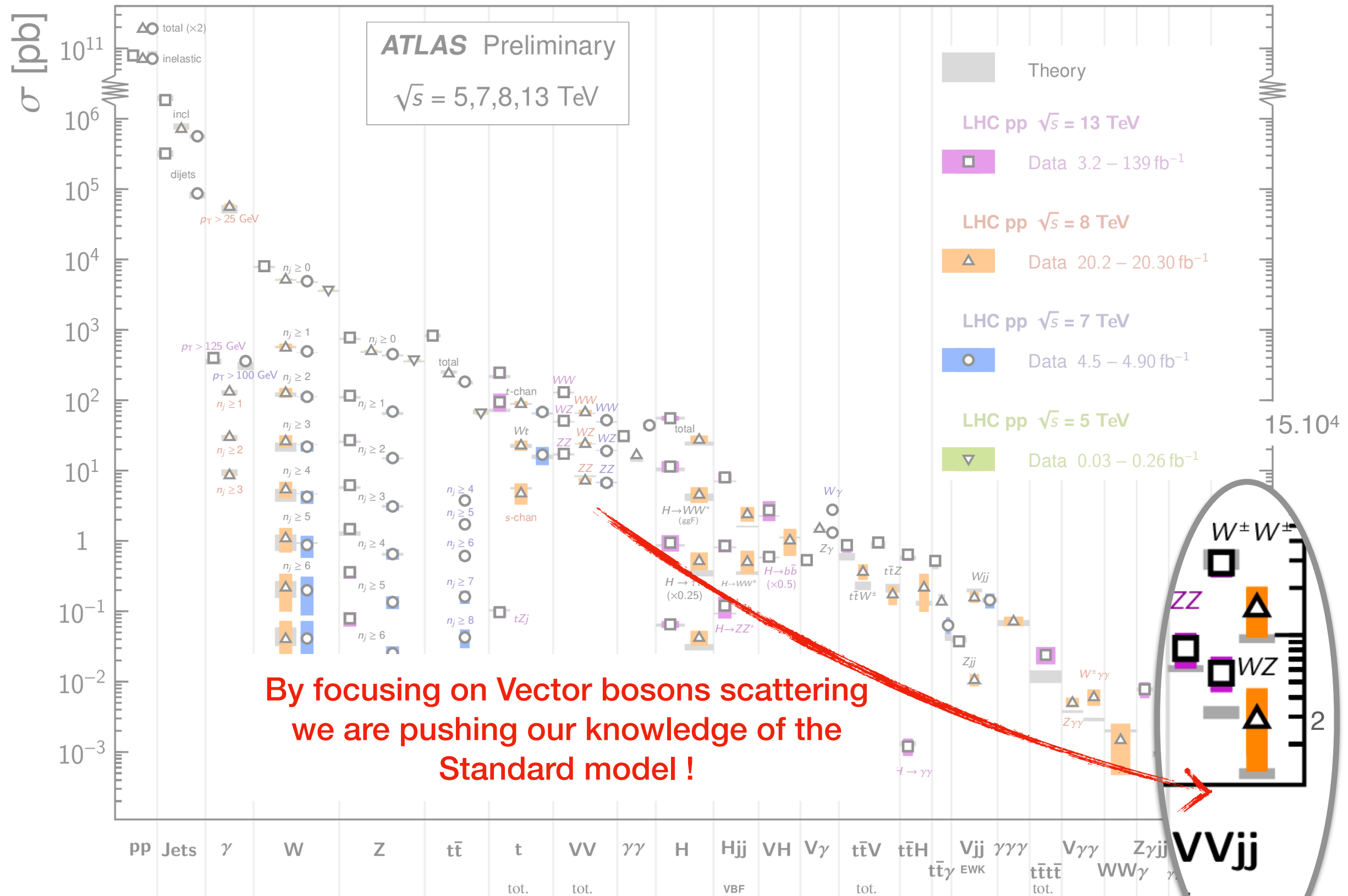
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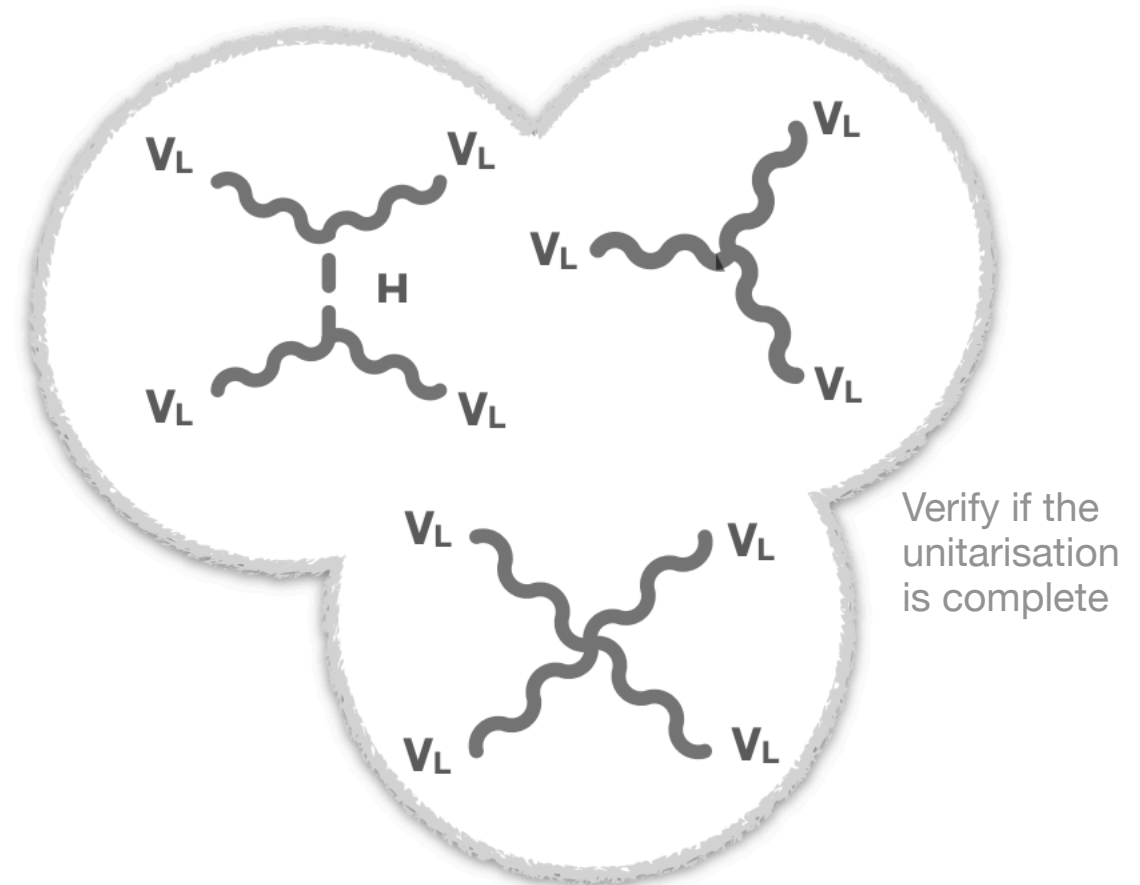


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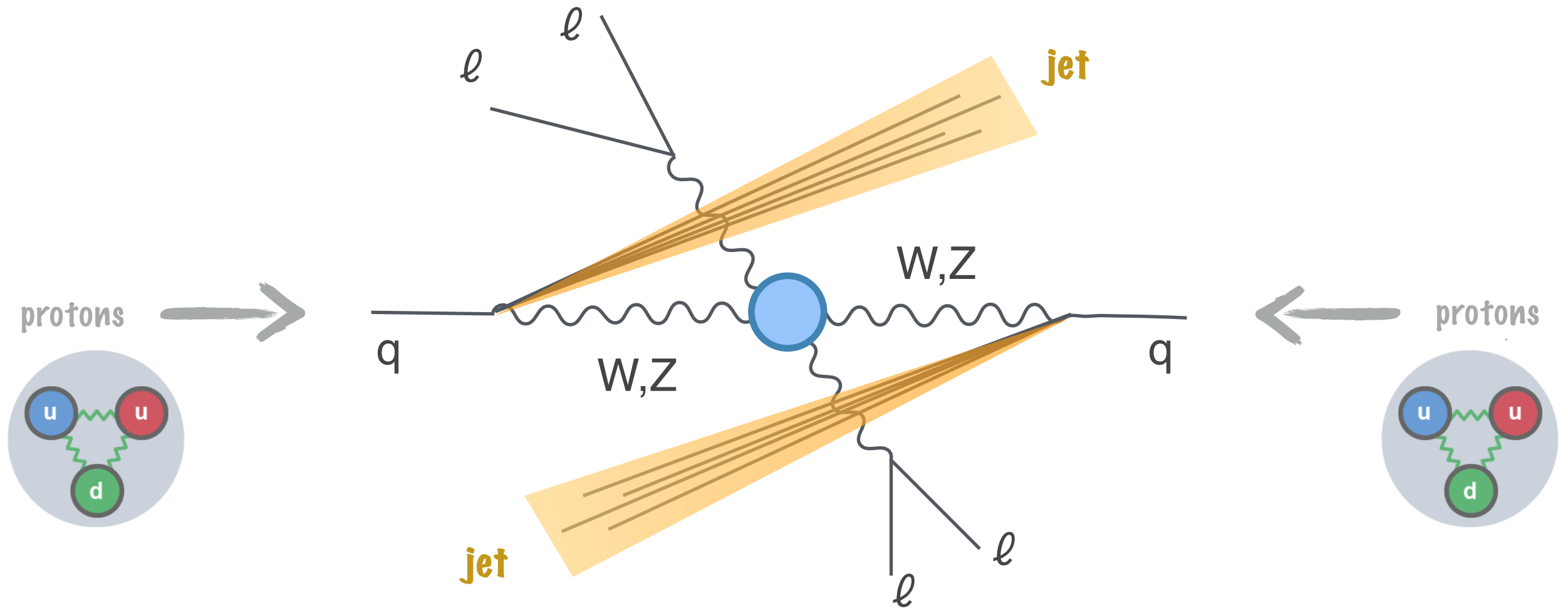
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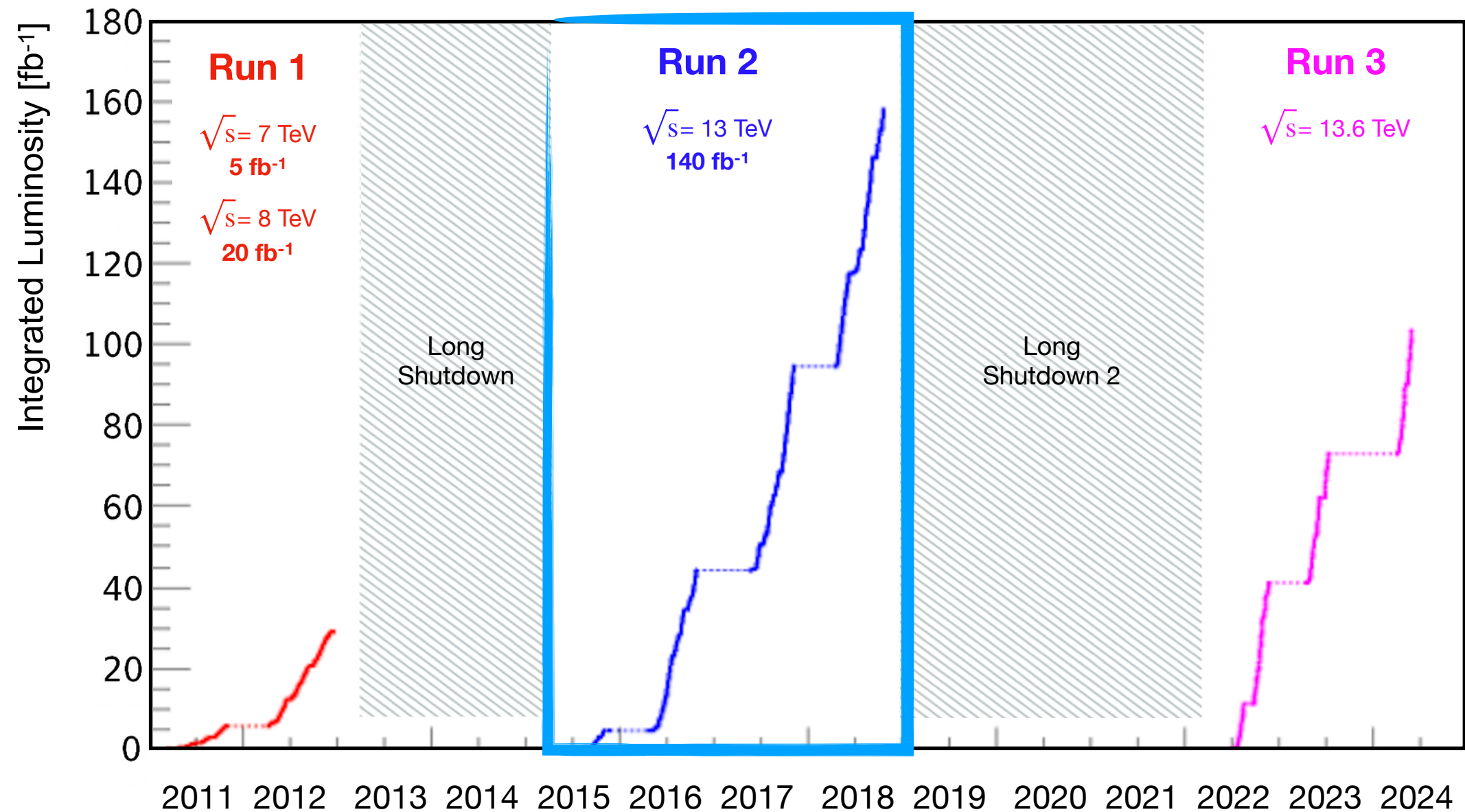
Vector Boson Scattering at the LHC

Protons in LHC serve as source of vector boson beams.



$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{Blue circle} = \text{gauge structure of the Standard Model} \quad \text{electroweak symmetry breaking} \\
 & + \quad \alpha_{EW} : \text{order 6} \\
 & \quad \quad \alpha_s : \text{order 0}
 \end{aligned}$$

The Large Hadron Collider and ATLAS



Run 1: Vector Boson Scattering

a bit of perspective

- The 8 TeV dataset gave us first analyses and with them the first evidence !

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Evidence for Electroweak Production of $W^\pm W^\pm jj$ in pp Collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 8$ TeV with the ATLAS Detector

G. Aad *et al.*^{*}
(ATLAS Collaboration)
(Received 23 May 2014; published 3 October 2014)

4.5 σ (3.6 σ)

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Study of Vector Boson Scattering and Search for New Physics in Events with Two Same-Sign Leptons and Two Jets

V. Khachatryan *et al.*^{*}
(CMS Collaboration)
(Received 23 October 2014; revised manuscript received 11 December 2014; published 2 February 2015)

2.0 σ (3.1 σ)



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Measurements of $W^\pm Z$ production cross sections in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 8$ TeV with the ATLAS detector and limits on anomalous gauge boson self-couplings

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Only upper limit on the cross section reported

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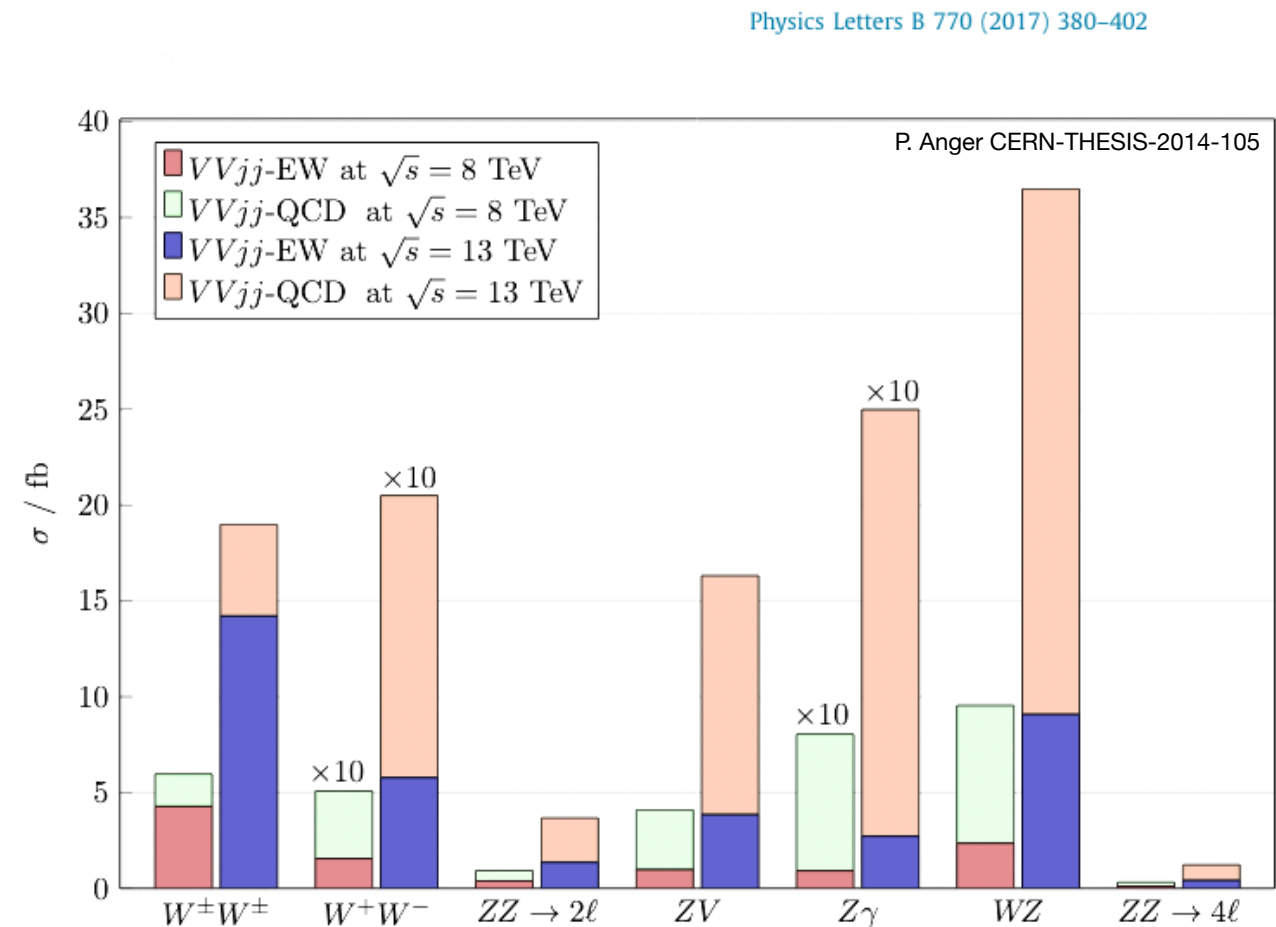
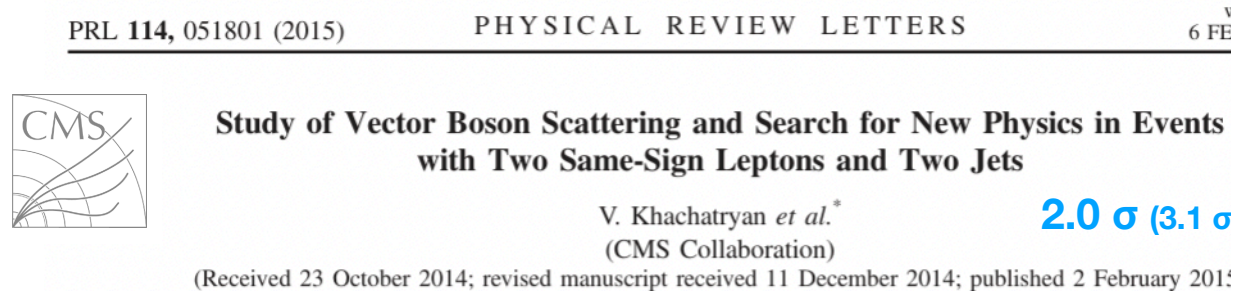
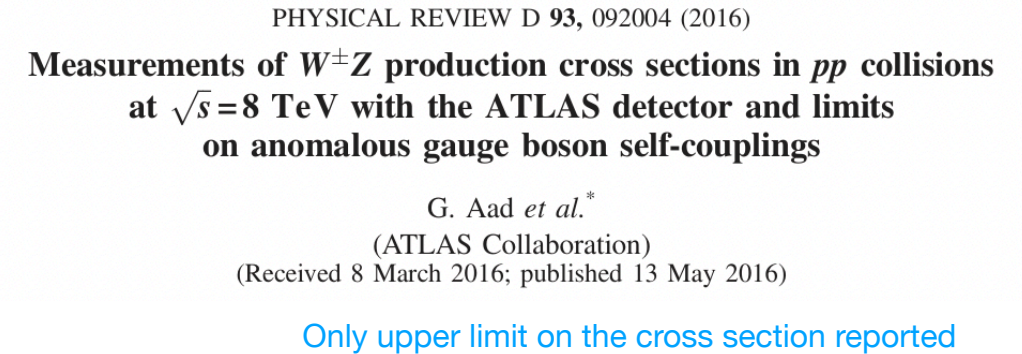
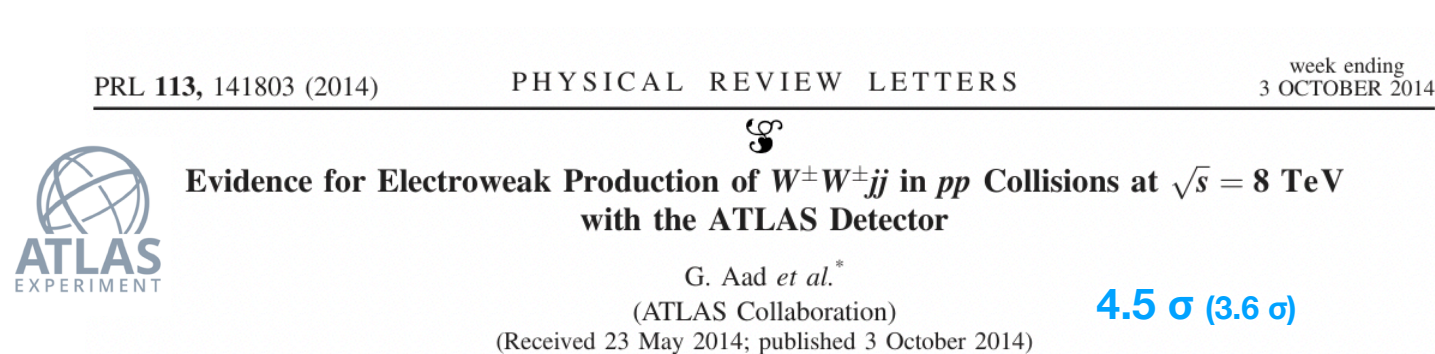
Measurement of the cross section for electroweak production of $Z\gamma$ in association with two jets and constraints on anomalous quartic gauge couplings in proton–proton collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 8$ TeV

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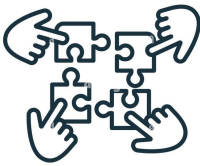
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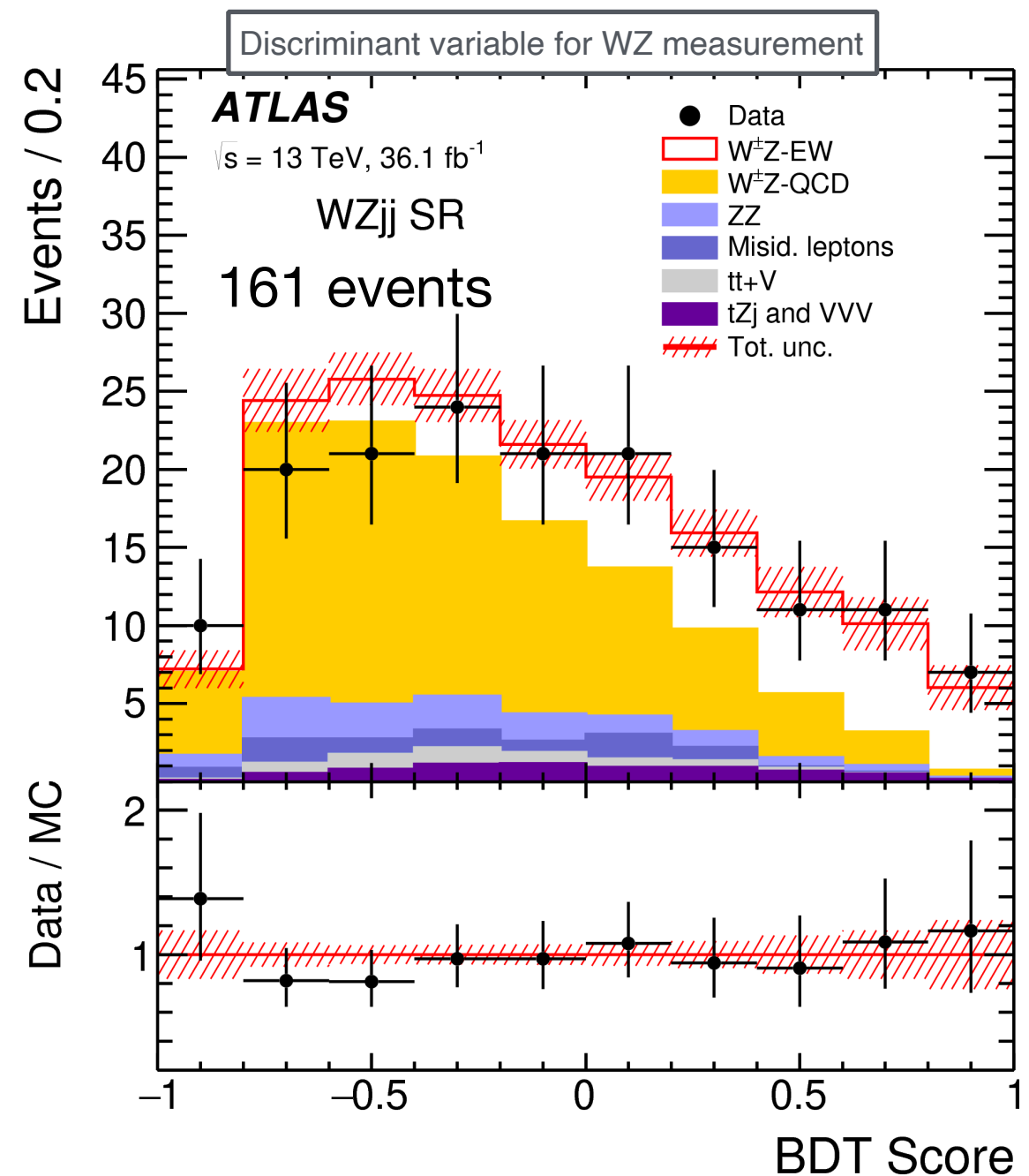
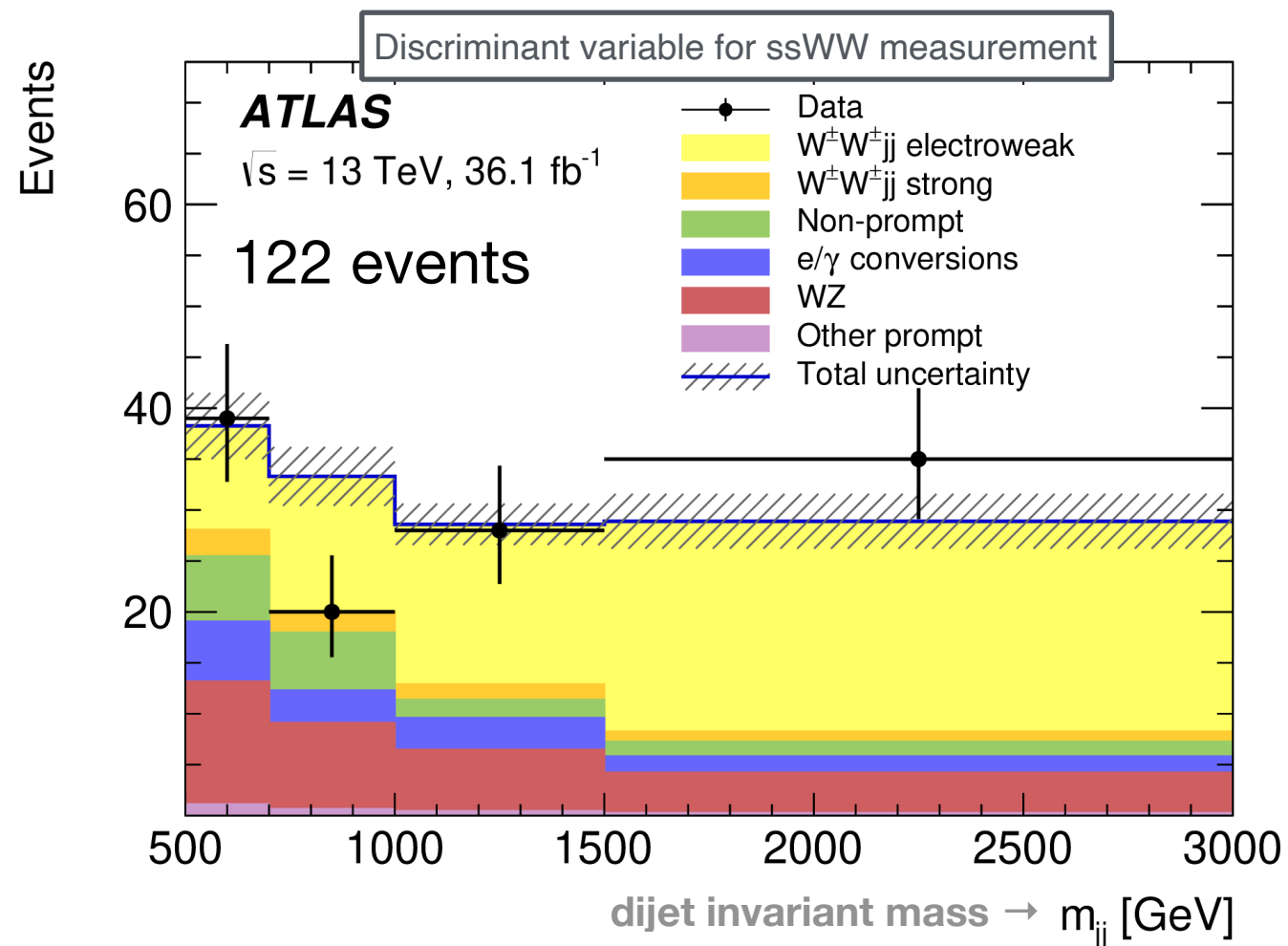
■ Run-2 data was coming:

- Increased energy $\rightarrow$ larger cross-sections (factor ~ 3)
- But still a small signal/background ratio
- Required analysis optimisations to reach observation
- First observations were expected with the early Run-2 dataset !

Analysis strategies

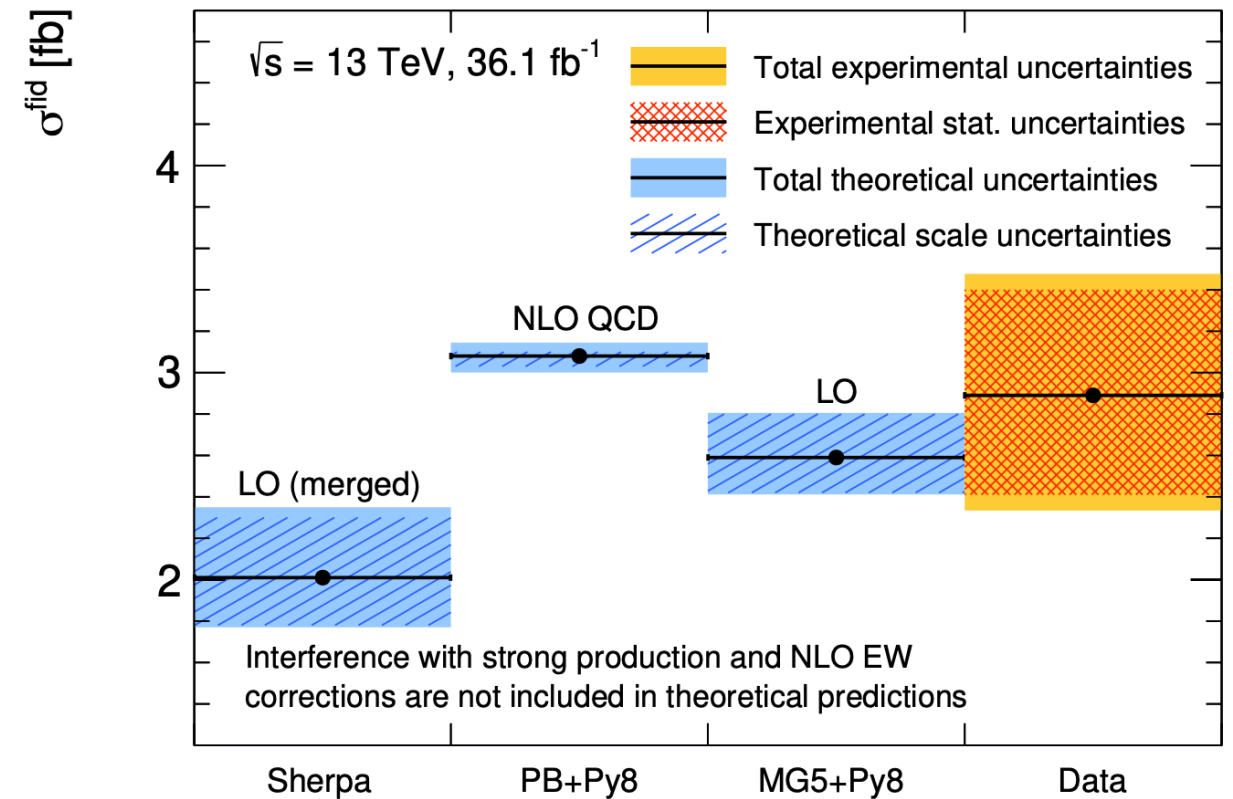
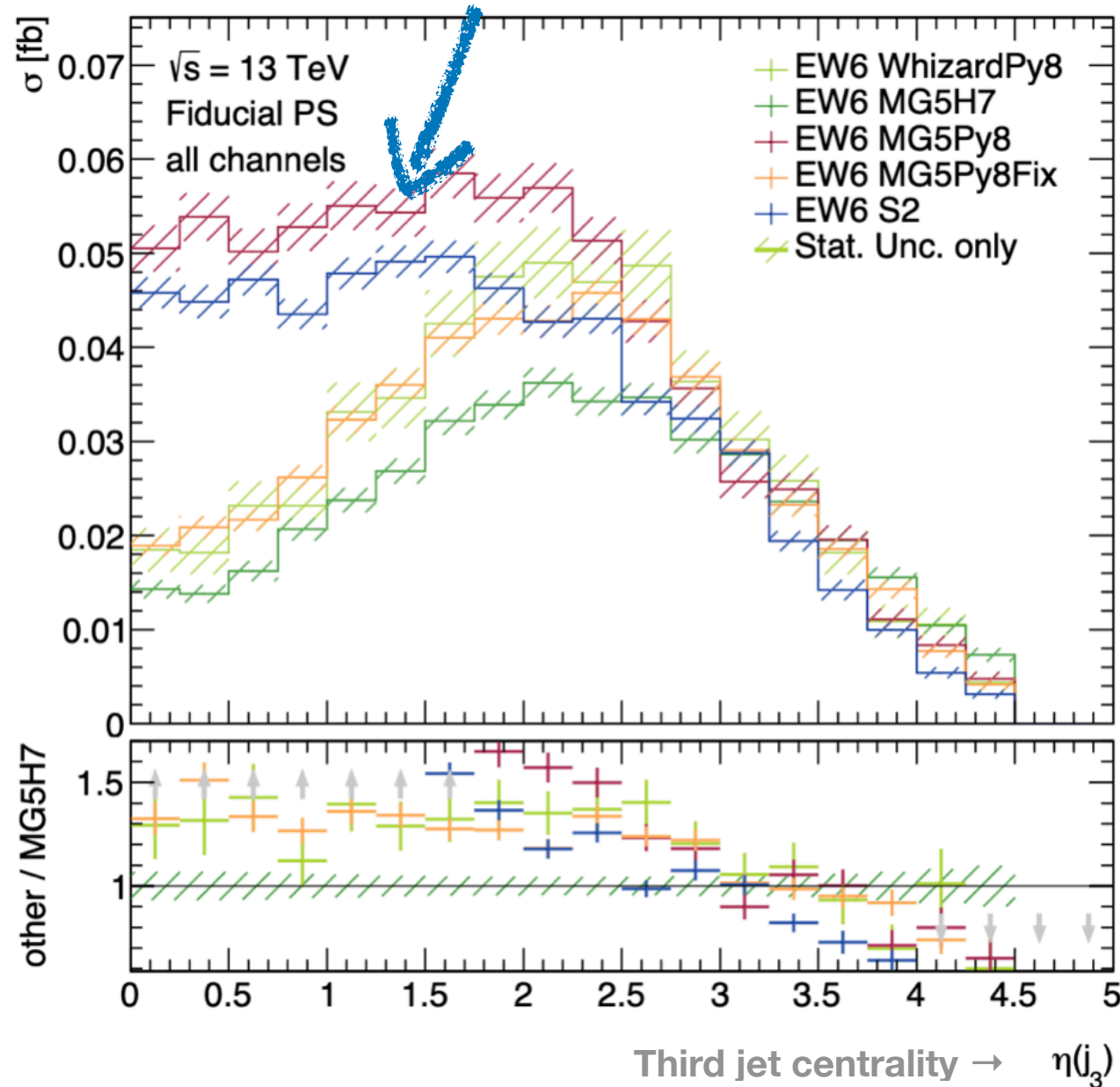


- Small signal over a large irreducible background
- Control regions to estimate from data the main backgrounds
- Use of discriminant variables or MVA to increase the signal and background sedation



Some lessons learned

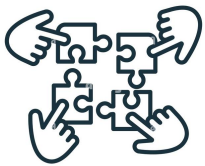
- ✓ Accurate MC modeling is essential — the shapes of the distributions are key!



Very different cross sections !

and shapes!

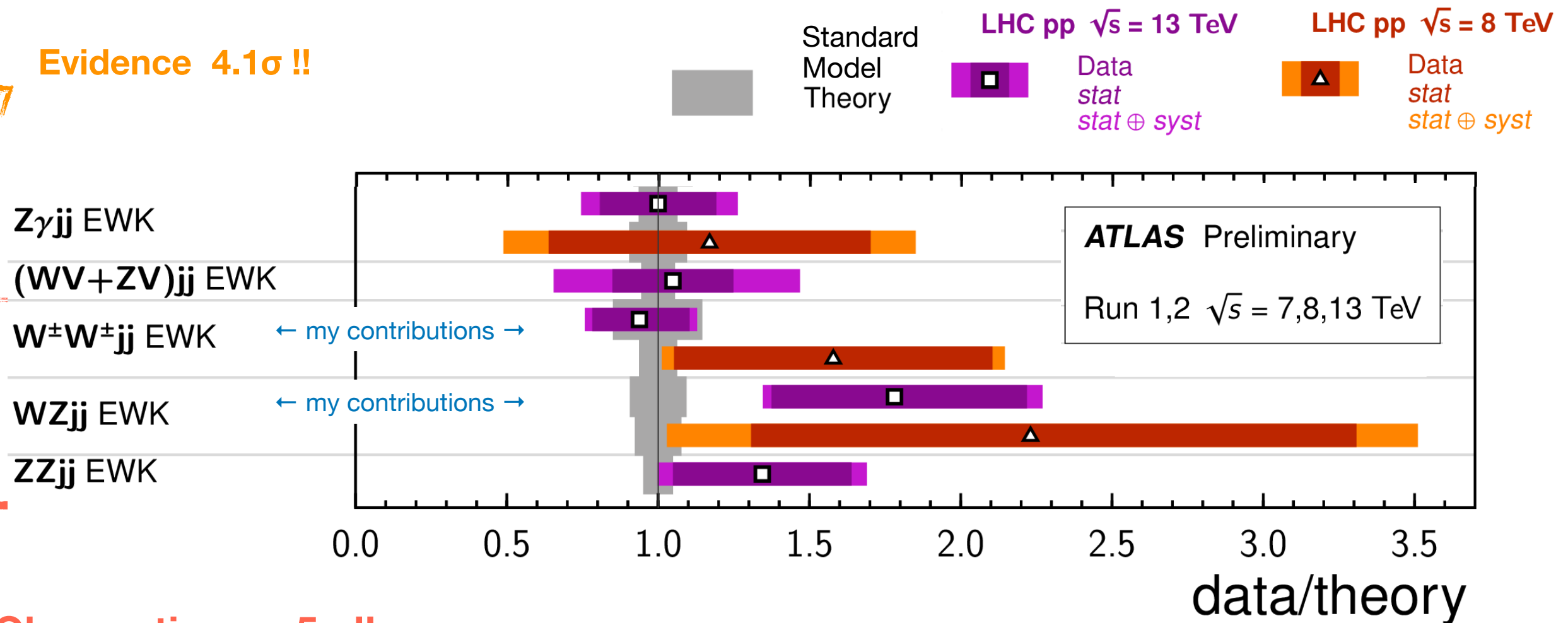
It is essential to get and provide feedback to theorists



First observations of VBS in 2019!

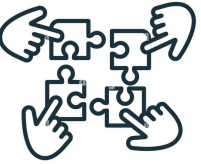
■ I was the convener of the EWK physics group, overseeing VBS analyses during the first observations.

Evidence 4.1σ !!



Observations $> 5\sigma$!!

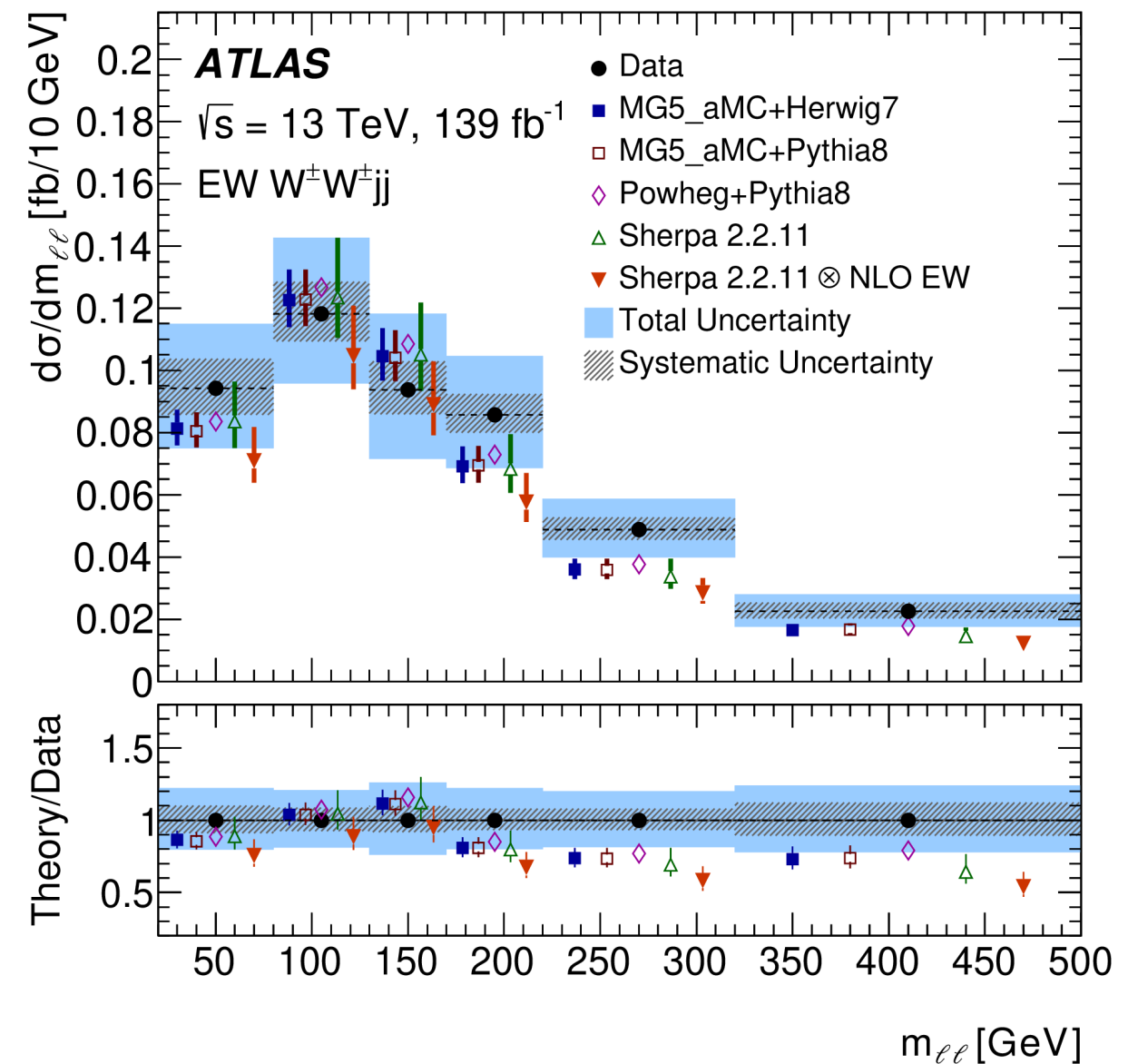
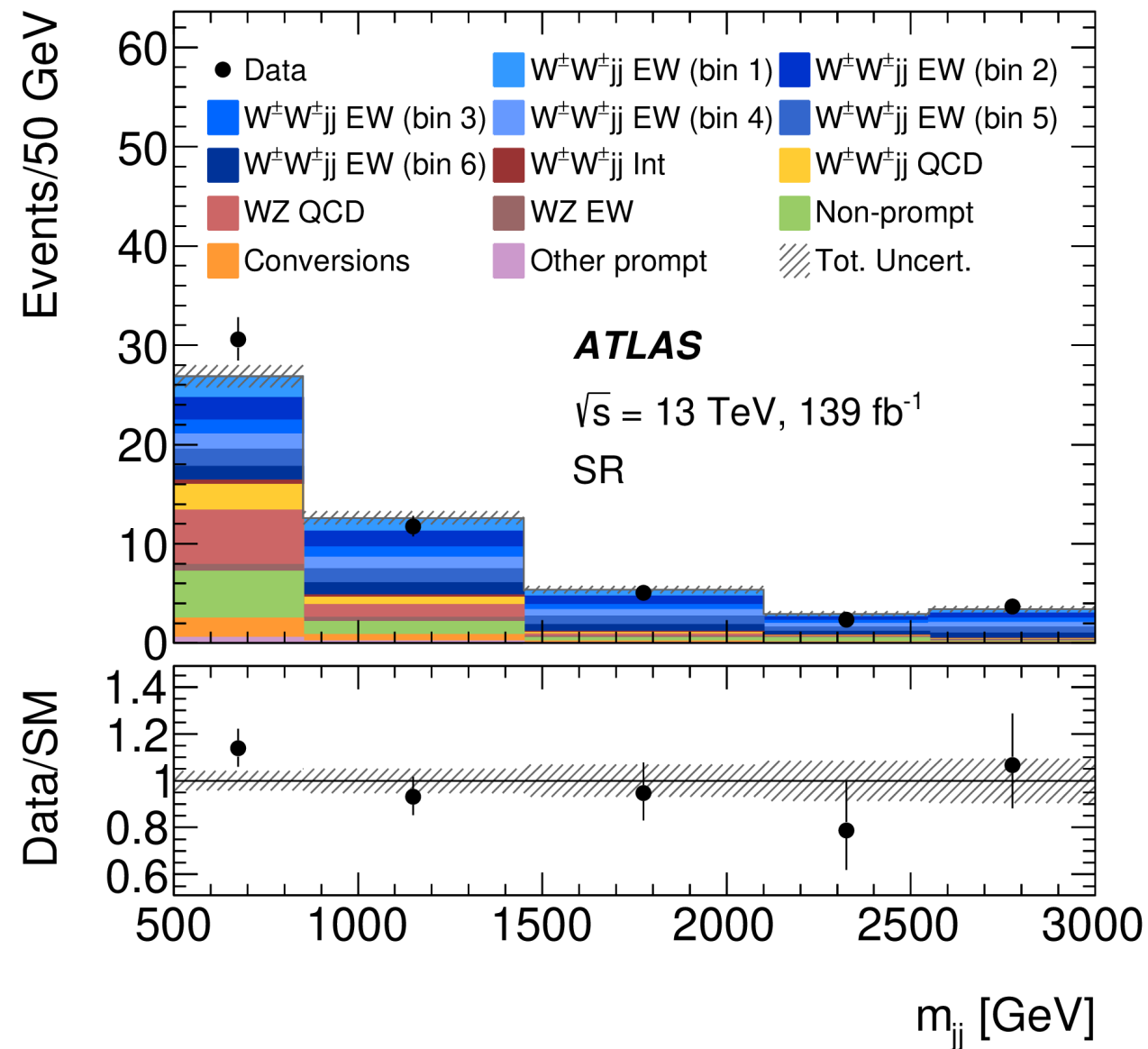
■ With Full Run-2 observations for all diboson combinations even with semi-leptonic decays!



Now with full Run-2 !

Let's have a closer look to our VBS golden channel

- We have with full run-2 ~500 events in this region (~250 ssWW signal)
- With this data we can now go differential !

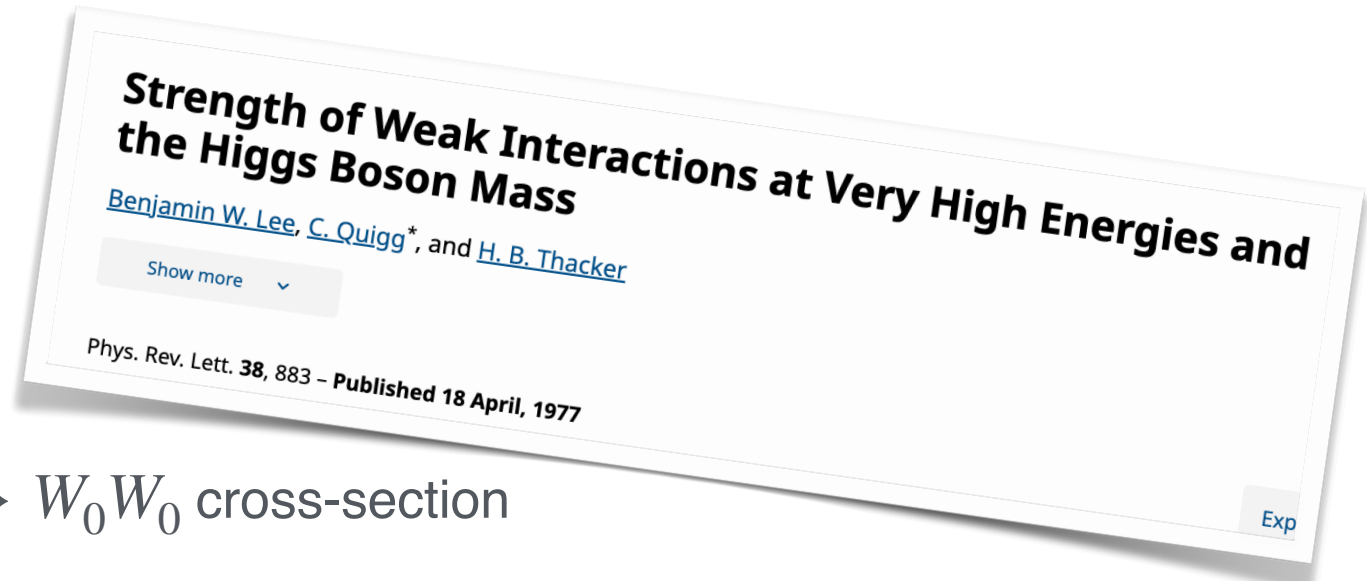


Are we really testing quartic couplings and the EWSB?

A unitarity argument

“No-lose theorem” for LHC

- We need something to regularise the $W_0 W_0 \rightarrow W_0 W_0$ cross-section



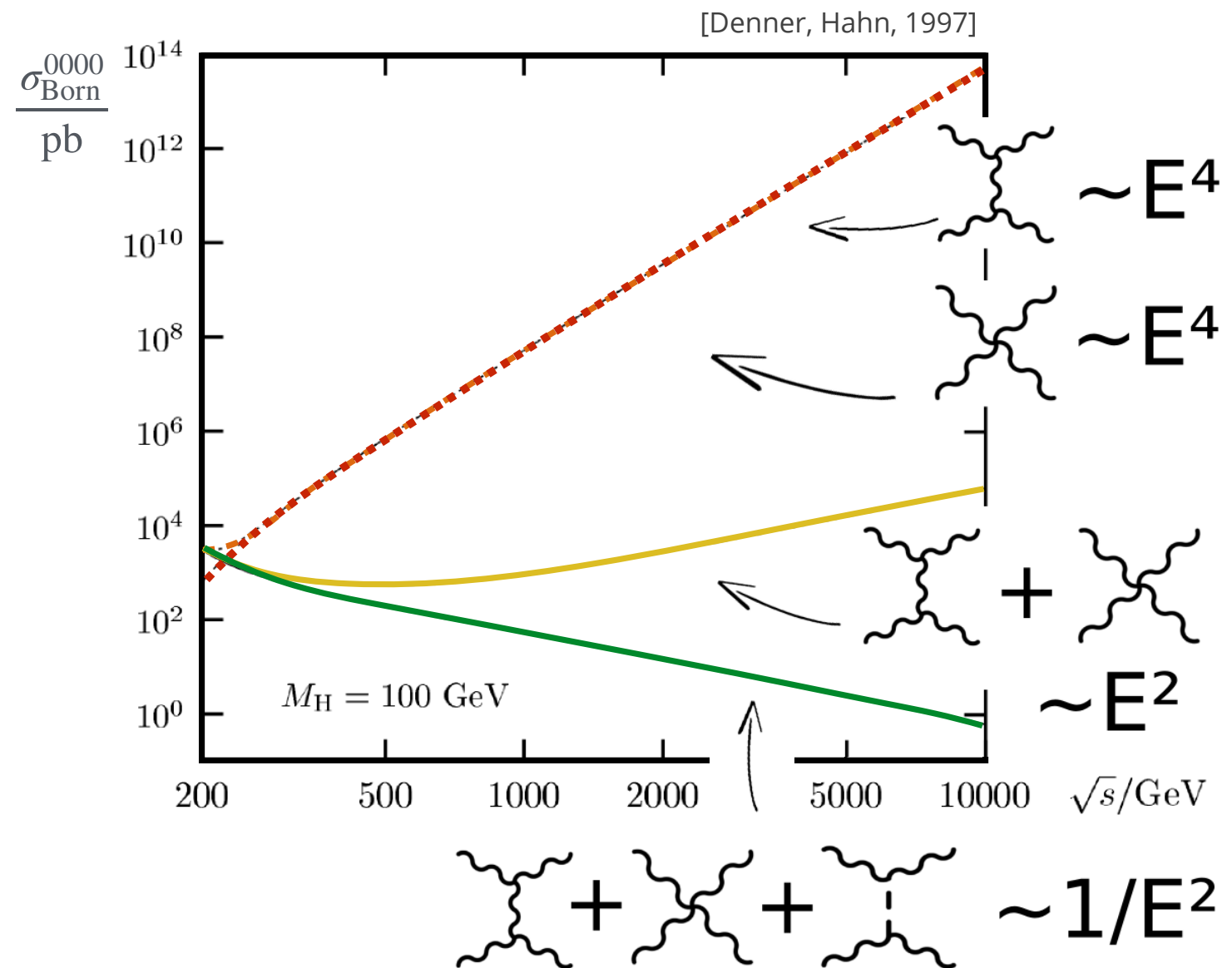
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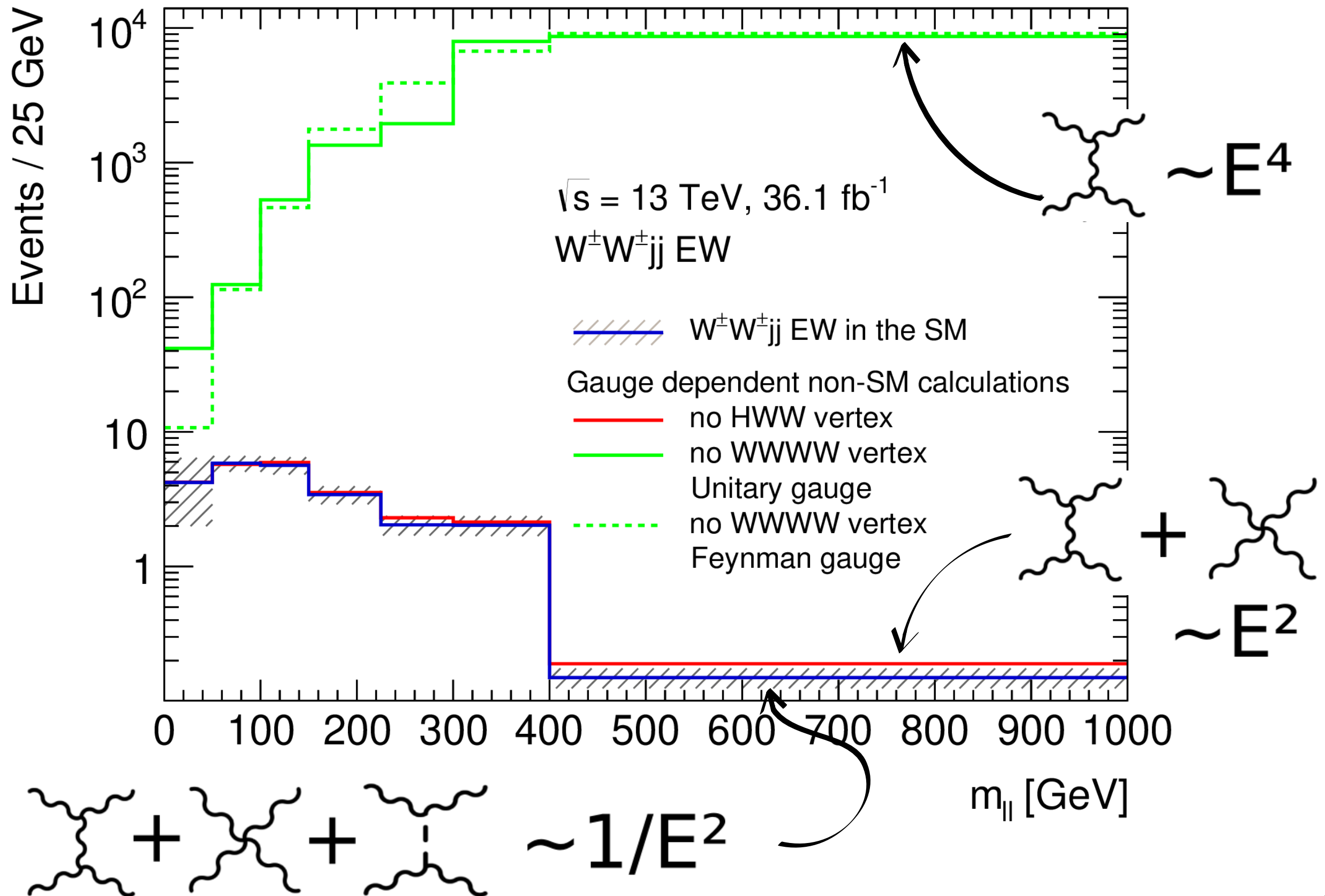
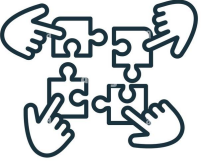
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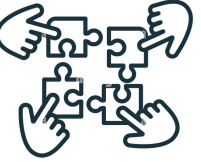
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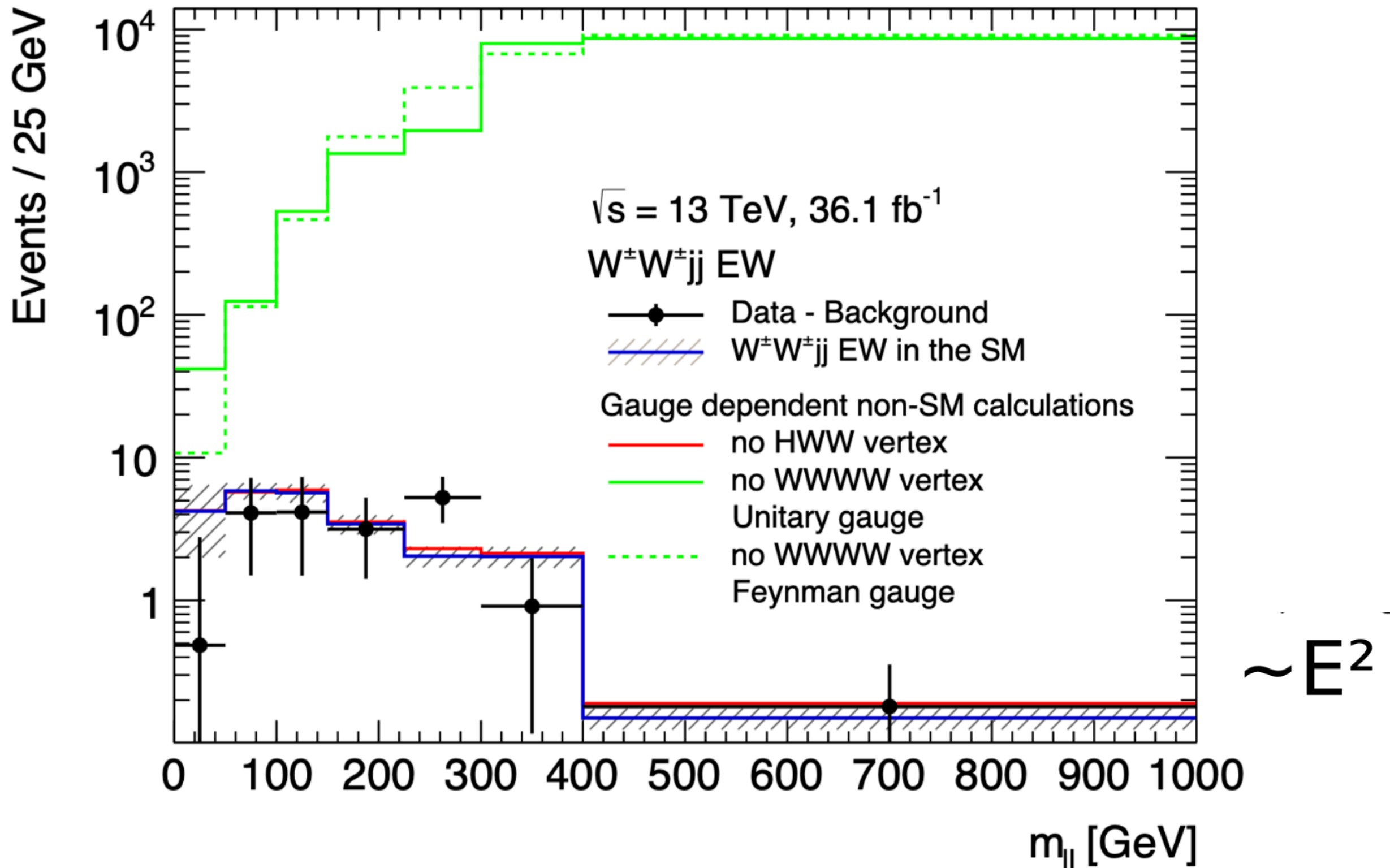
Now that we know the Higgs exist, we can still verify if he is doing the job

Challenge: Unitarisation





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Are we really testing quartic couplings and the EWSB?

A unitarity argument

“No **We need longitudinal bosons!**”

- We need something to regularise the $W_0 W_0 \rightarrow W_0 W_0$ cross-section
- Either we find the Higgs Boson
- Or some new physics must be there

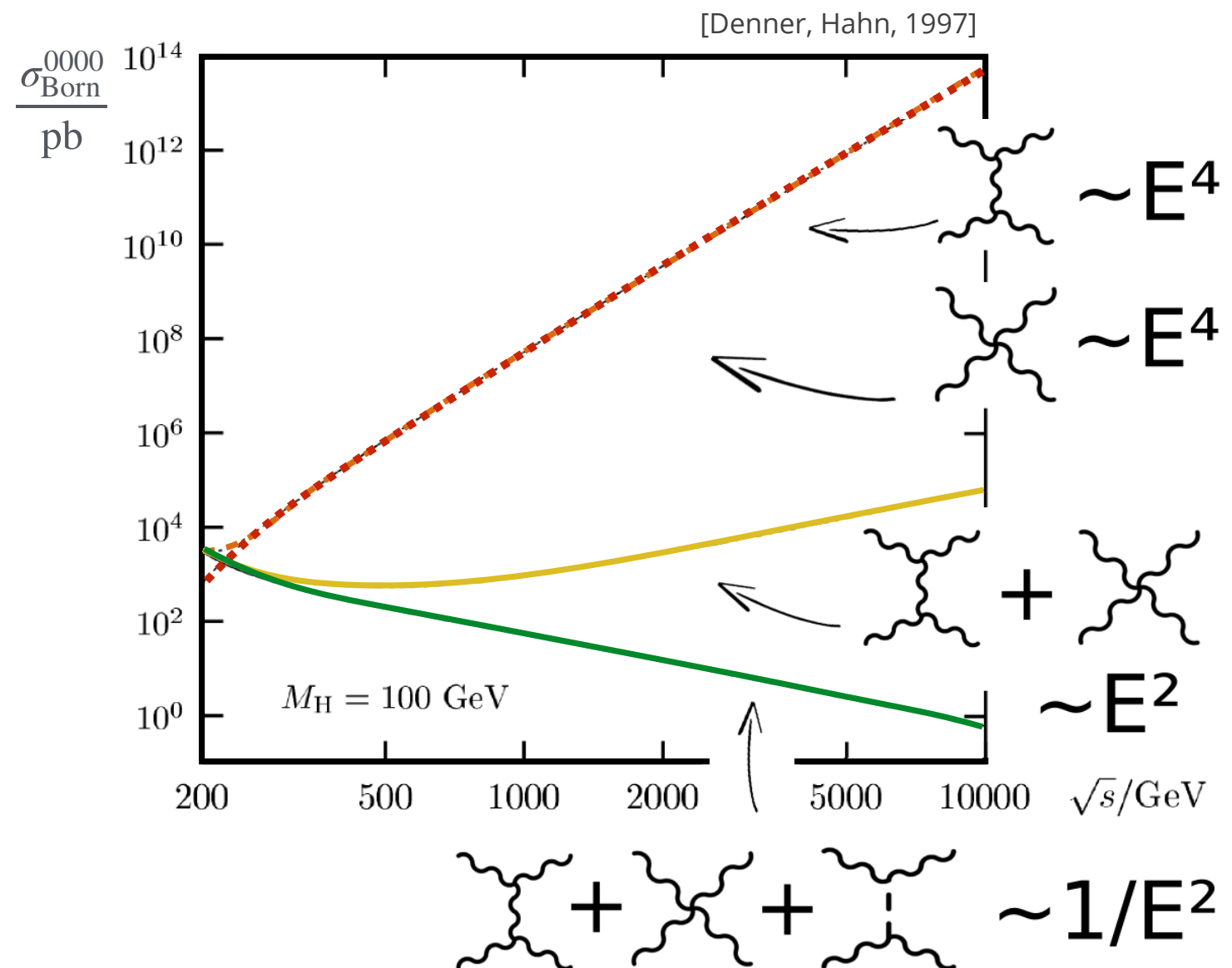
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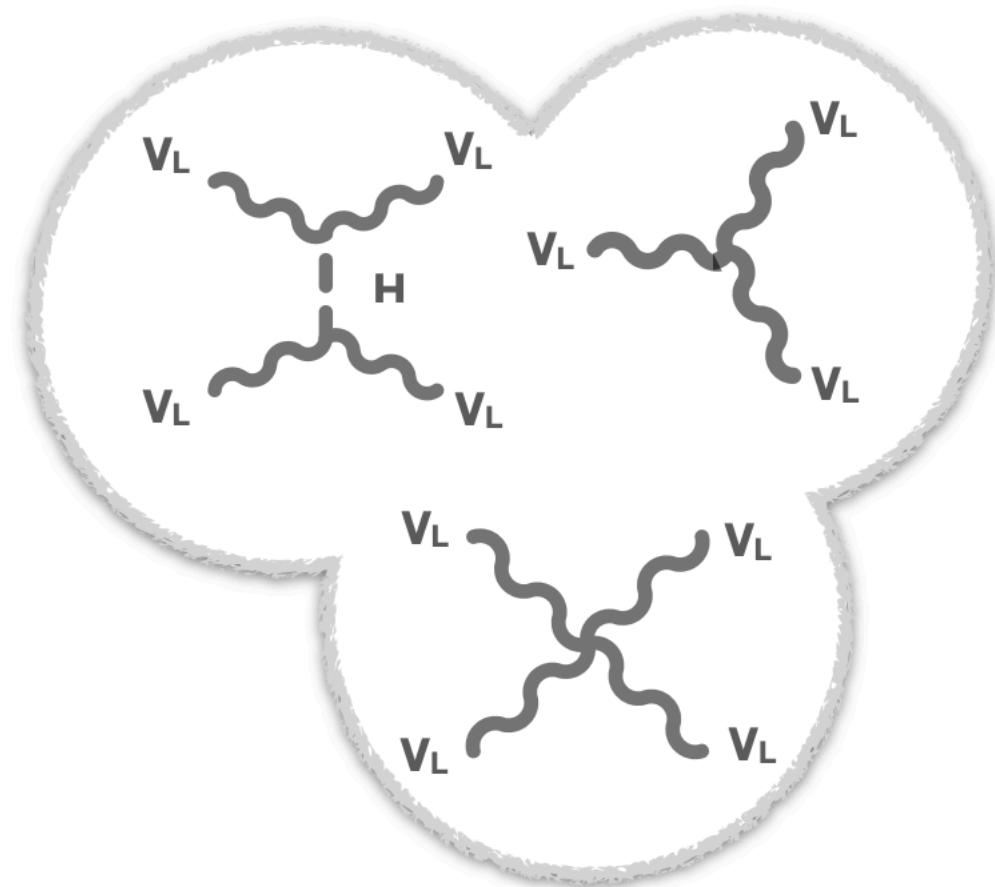
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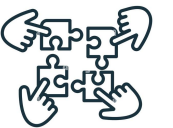
The state-of-the-art

Measurements at LEP:

- Only diboson process accessible for such measurements $e^+e^- \rightarrow W^+W^-$
 - **Single boson polarization measurements:** L3 [arXiv:0301027], OPAL [arXiv:0312047], DELPHI [arXiv:0801.1235]
 - **Joint-polarization measurements:** OPAL [arXiv:0009021], DELPHI [arXiv:0908.1023]
- Never reached observation level sensitivity for longitudinal-longitudinal joint-polarization

Measurements at the LHC:

- Single and Joint- boson polarization measurements
- **$pp \rightarrow W^\pm Z$**
 - CMS @13TeV 137 fb⁻¹ (inclusive phase space) [CMS-SMP-20-014](#)
 - ATLAS @13TeV 139 fb⁻¹ (inclusive phase space) [Phys. Lett. B 843 \(2023\) 137895](#)
 - ATLAS @13TeV 139 fb⁻¹ (high p_T (Z) phase space) [Phys. Rev. Lett. 133 \(2024\) 101802](#)
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Longitudinal polarised bosons interactions

The goal

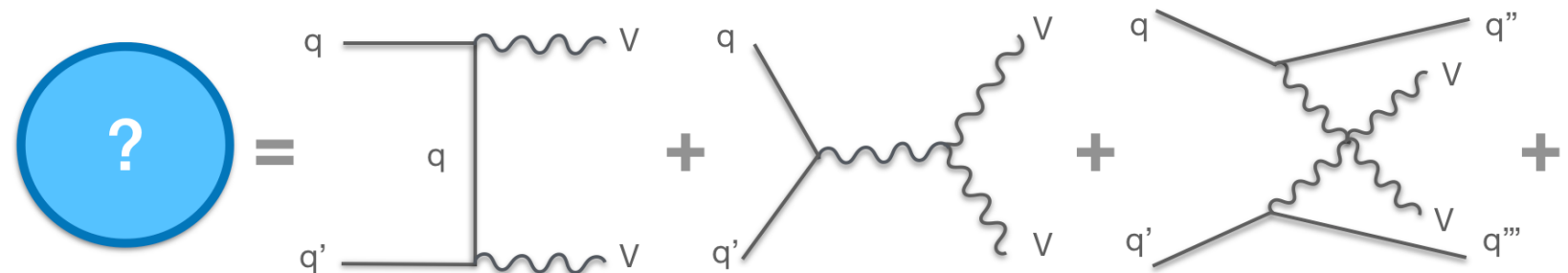
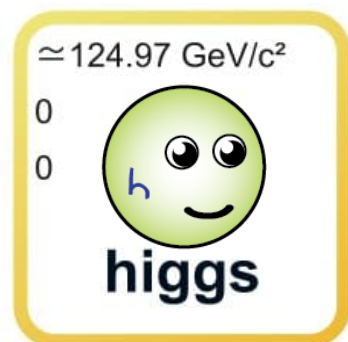
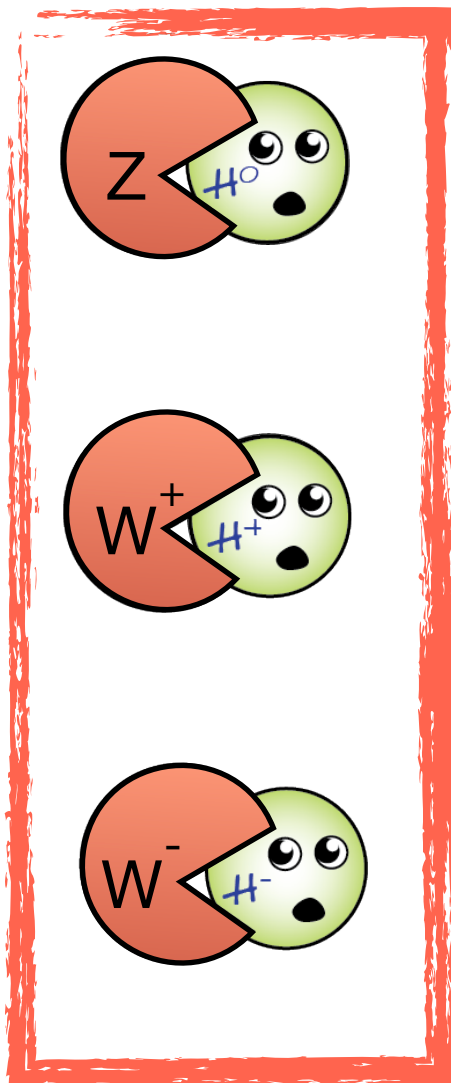
- Measure longitudinal bosons interactions → even better if it is a high energy

Goldstone boson Equivalence theorem

“At high energy, longitudinal vector bosons are analogous to goldstone bosons”

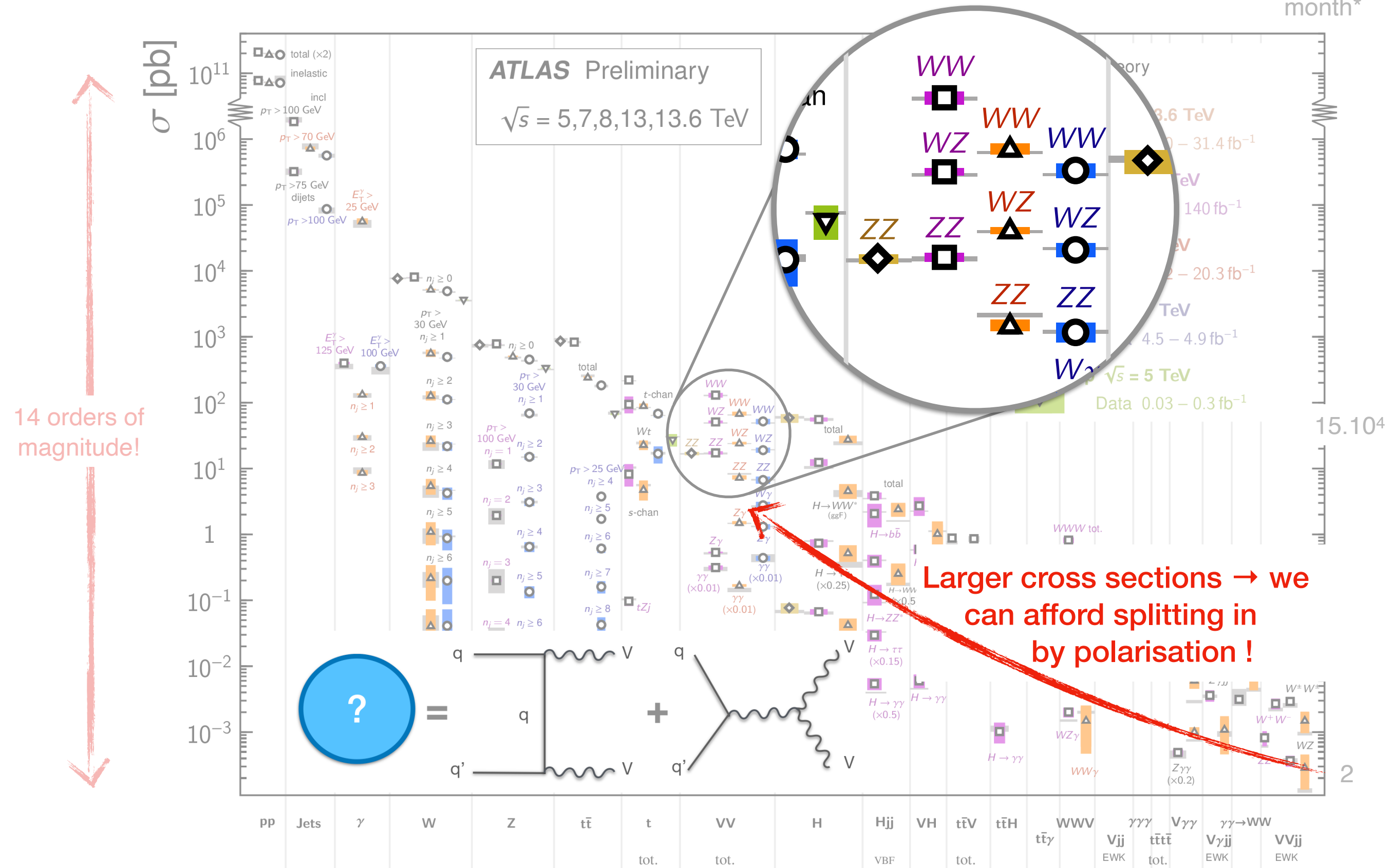
The challenges

- Simulation tools for polarised amplitudes → Madgraph [D. Buarque Franzosi et al. 2020]
- Vector Boson Scattering cross sections are tiny ($\sim 5\%$ of it is $V_0 V_0$)



The Standard Model testing status

Status: June 2024 Events per month*

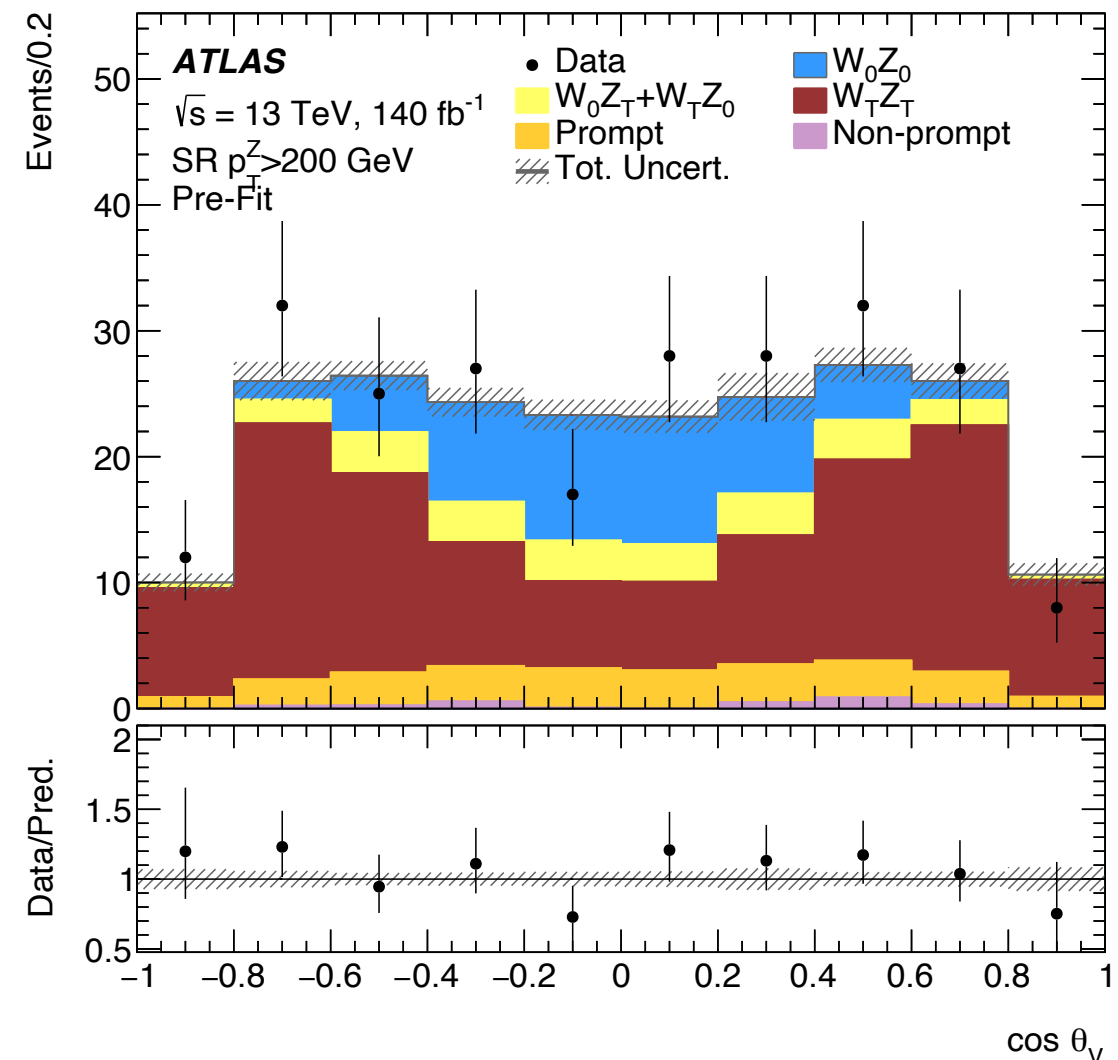
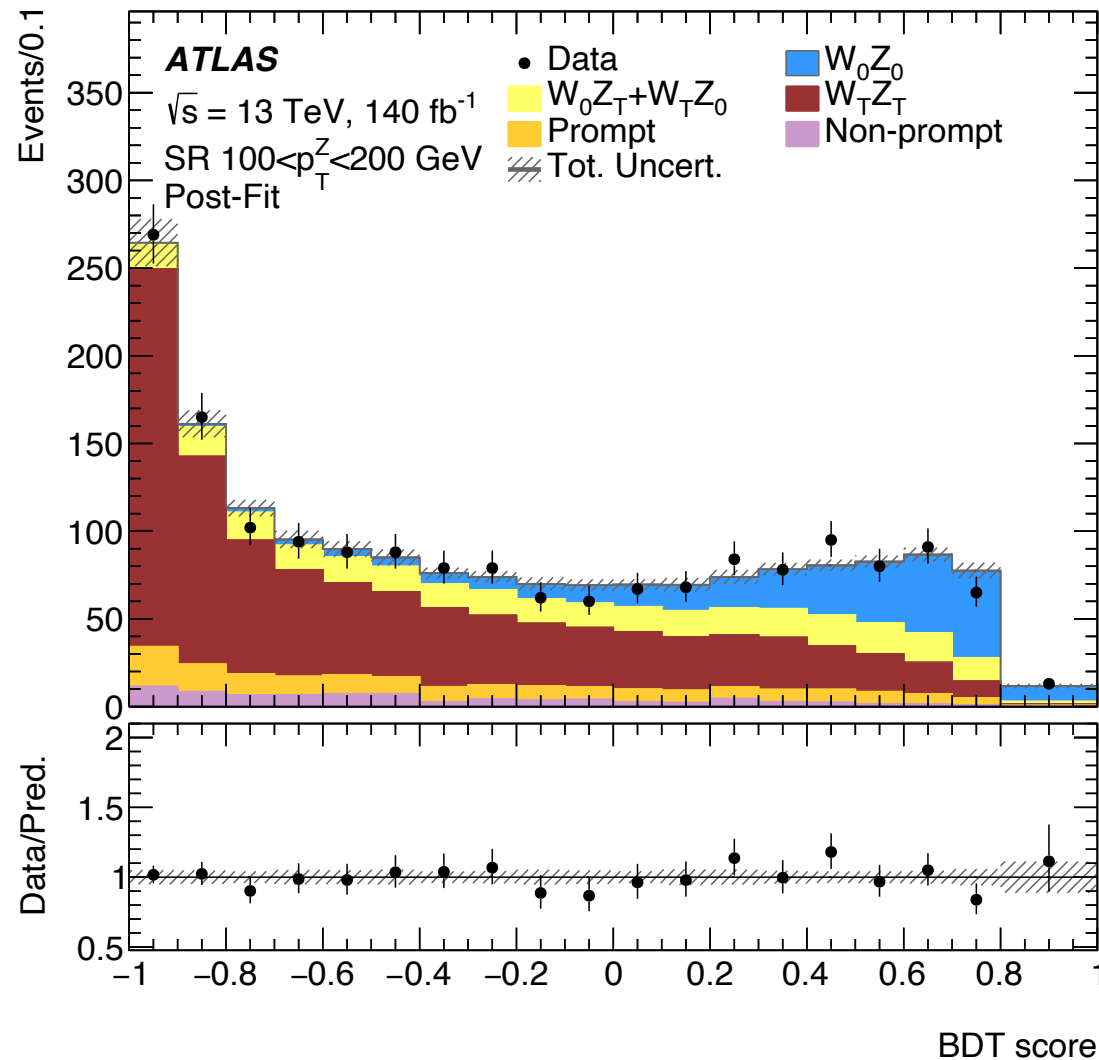


* at 13 TeV assuming 3fb $^{-1}$ are collected per month

W_0Z_0 joint polarization - 00-enhanced region

- Increase the W_0Z_0 contribution $\rightarrow$ exploit the RAZ by $p_T(WZ) < 70$ GeV
- Require high boson $p_T \rightarrow$ closer to the Goldstone boson behaviour

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



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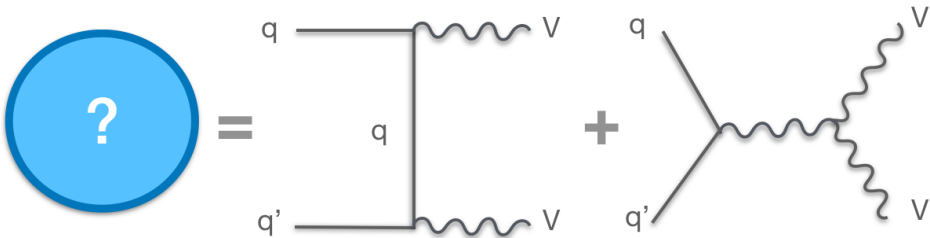
- We are able to measure W_0Z_0 bosons at high $p_T(Z)$!!

	Measurement	
	$100 < p_T^Z \leq 200 \text{ GeV}$	$p_T^Z > 200 \text{ GeV}$
f_{00}	$0.17 \pm_{0.02}^{0.02} \text{ (stat)} \pm_{0.02}^{0.01} \text{ (syst)}$	$0.16 \pm_{0.05}^{0.05} \text{ (stat)} \pm_{0.03}^{0.02} \text{ (syst)}$
f_{XX}	$0.83 \pm_{0.02}^{0.02} \text{ (stat)} \pm_{0.01}^{0.02} \text{ (syst)}$	$0.84 \pm_{0.05}^{0.05} \text{ (stat)} \pm_{0.02}^{0.03} \text{ (syst)}$
f_{00} obs (exp) sig.	7.7 (6.9) σ	3.2 (4.2) σ

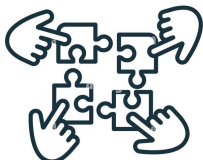
Observation

Evidence

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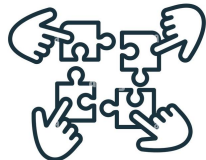


- The spin correlations using $R_c = \frac{f_{00}}{f_0^W f_0^Z}$
 - $R_c = 1$ No correlation
 - $R_c = 2.1$ SM prediction
- Measured value $2.4^{+0.8}_{-0.6}$ excluding the no correlation hypothesis with $2.8(2.2)\sigma$



What can we do better?

Source	Impact on f_{00} [%]	
	$100 < p_T^Z \leq 200 \text{ GeV}$	$p_T^Z > 200 \text{ GeV}$
Experimental		
Luminosity	0.1	0.1
Electron calibration	1.0	0.9
Muon calibration	0.6	0.6
Jet energy scale and resolution	3.1	4.8
E_T^{miss} scale and resolution	0.3	0.3
Flavor-tagging inefficiency	0.0	0.0
Pileup modelling	1.0	0.7
Non-prompt background estimation	3.6	0.6
Modelling		
Background, other	0.9	0.9
Model statistical	1.6	2.2
NLO QCD effects	3.7	9.1
NLO EW effects	0.9	7.5
Effect of additive vs multiplicative QCD+EW combination	0.5	1.7
Interference impact	2.4	1.4
PDF, Scales, and shower settings	4.0	4.0
Experimental and modelling	8.1	13.9
Data statistical	11.4	31.4
Total	14.0	34.4



Some nice work has started

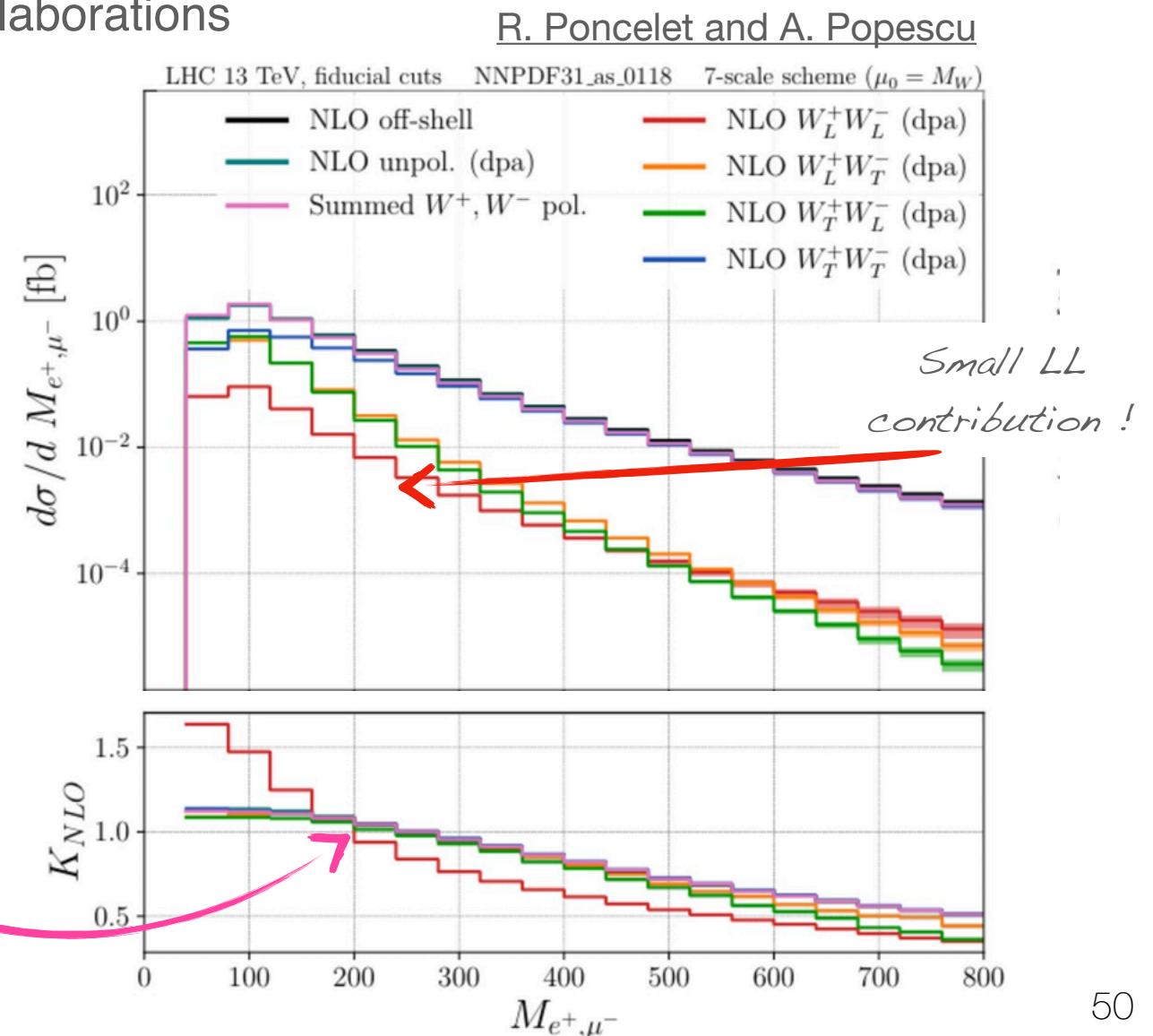
Monte Carlo generators

- Several generators in the market:
 - PHANTOM: $2 \rightarrow 6$ processes @ LO+PS [A. Ballestrero et al. [2008](#), [2017](#)]
 - Madgraph: arbitrary processes @ LO, PS matching, multi-jet merging [D. Buarque Franzosi et al. [2020](#)]
 - POWHEG-BOX-RES: diboson processes @NLO QCD+PS [G. Pelliccioli, G. Zanderighi [2023](#)]
 - Sherpa: arbitrary processes @nLO QCD, PS matching, multi-jet merging [MH, M. Schönherr, F. Siegert [2023](#)]
- Madgraph has been so far the one used by the collaborations

Fixed-order calculations

- Fixed-order calculations available for some processes (NNLO QCD, NLO QCD and EW) show large polarization depended corrections

NLO corrections are polarization aware and have different shape and size



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COMETA workshop on vector-boson polarisations

23–24 Sept 2024

Maison de la Recherche et de la Valorisation, Toulouse (France)
Europe/Paris timezone

[2020]

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heme ($\mu_0 = M_W$)

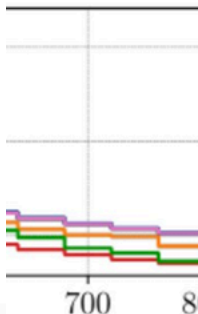
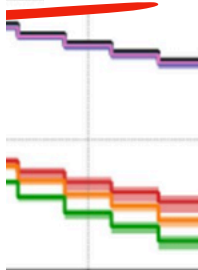
$V_L^+W_L^-$ (dpa)

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Small LL contribution !



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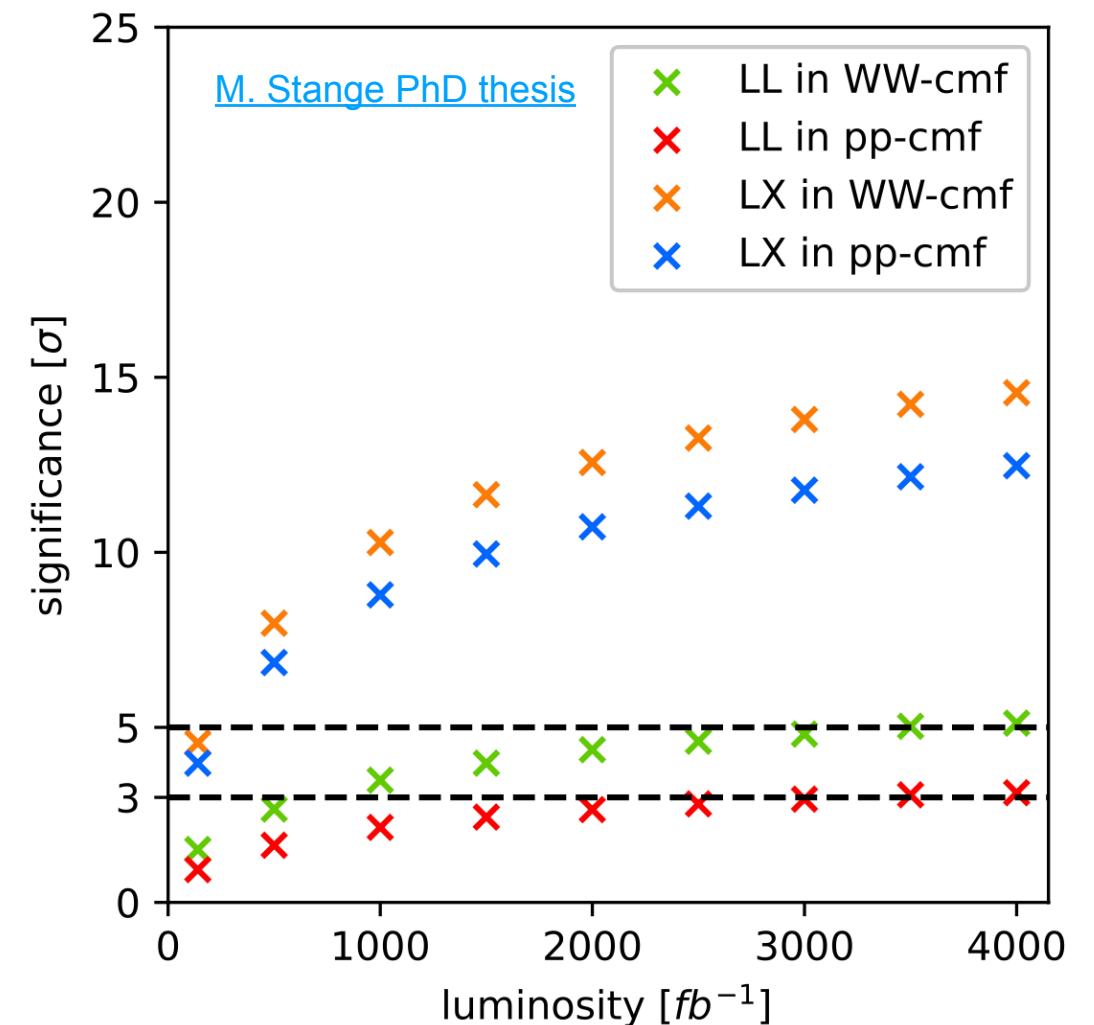
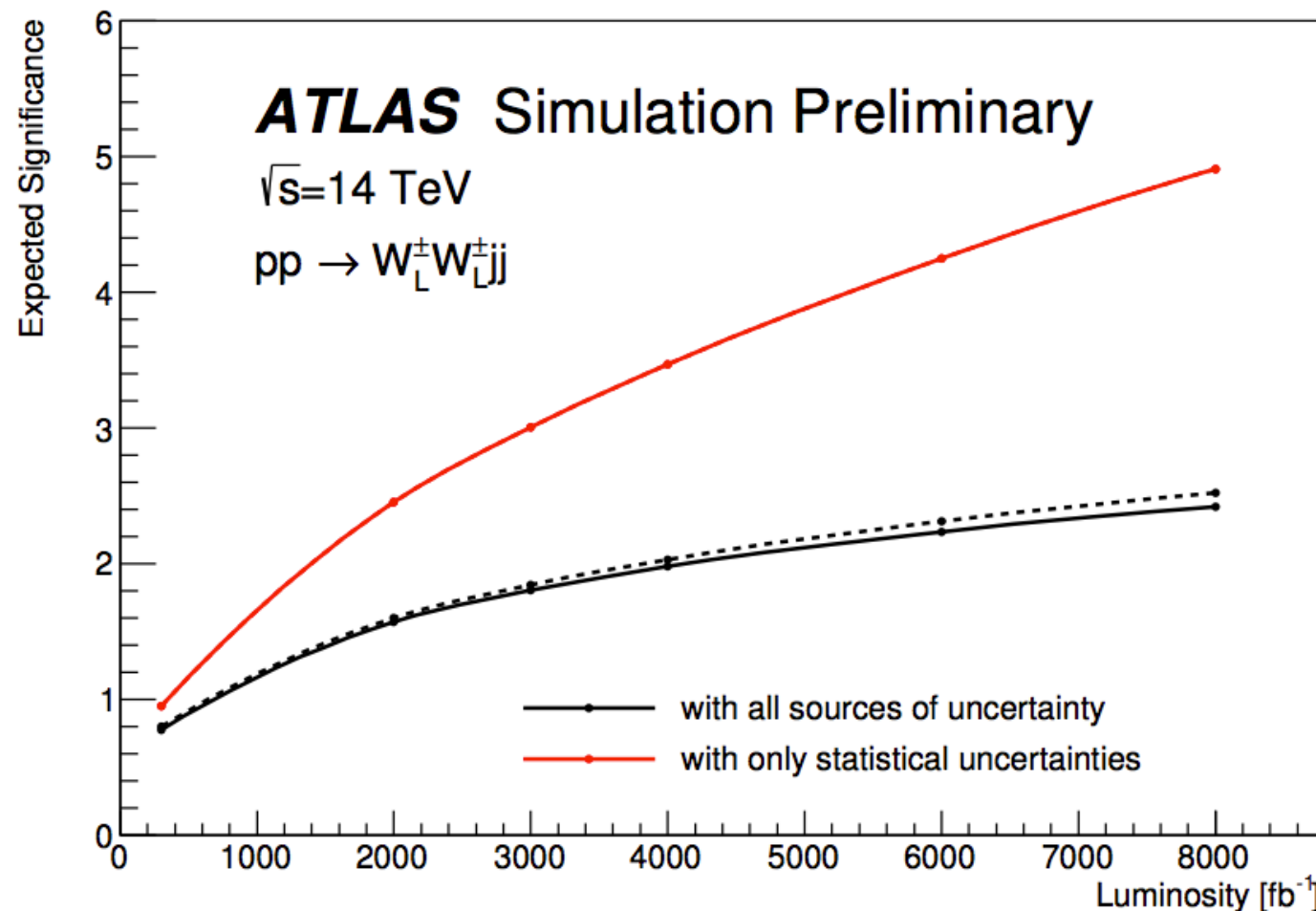


M_{e^+, μ^-}

In the future

- **Now in 2025:** The same sign $W^\pm W^\pm jj$ team reached [evidence \$3.3\sigma\$](#) of single boson polarization $W_L^\pm W^\pm jj$!!
- Some projection studies for polarization measurements in the HL-LHC were made back in 2018
- Updated projection results are more optimistic with evidence of $W_L^\pm W_L^\pm jj$ possible with 500 fb^{-1} !

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- Exploiting polarization in hadronic decays?

Polarised interactions will keep us busy



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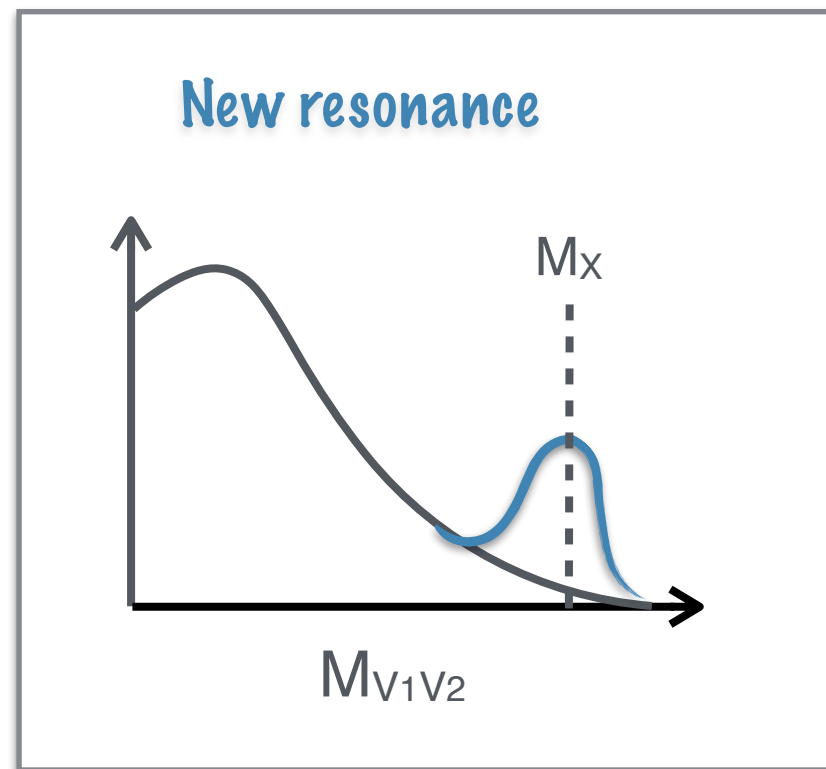
2. Look for New physics

New resonances ○

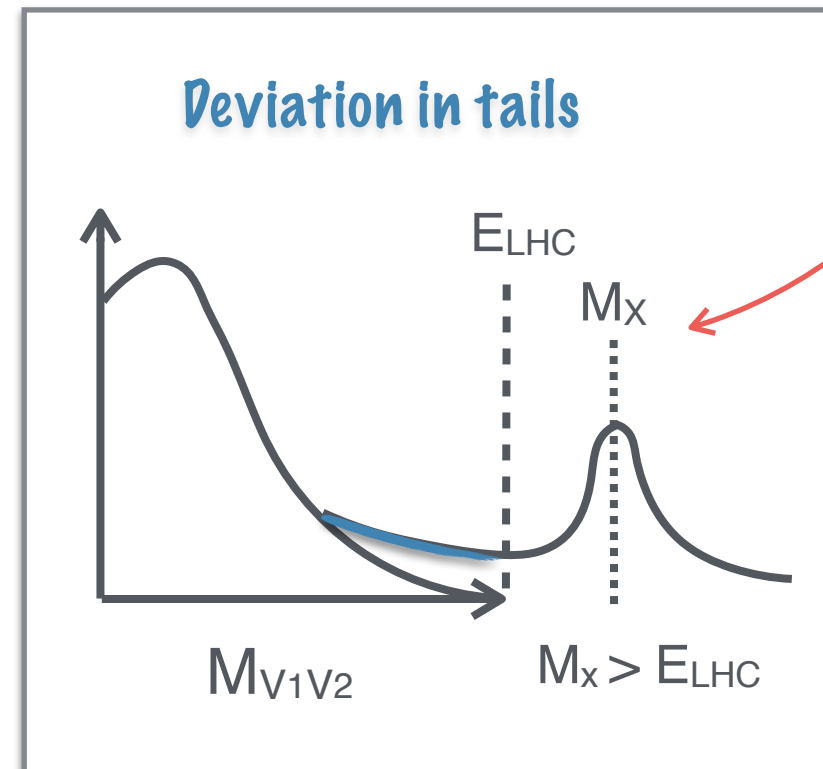
Deviations on SM predictions ○

How to look for the unknown ?

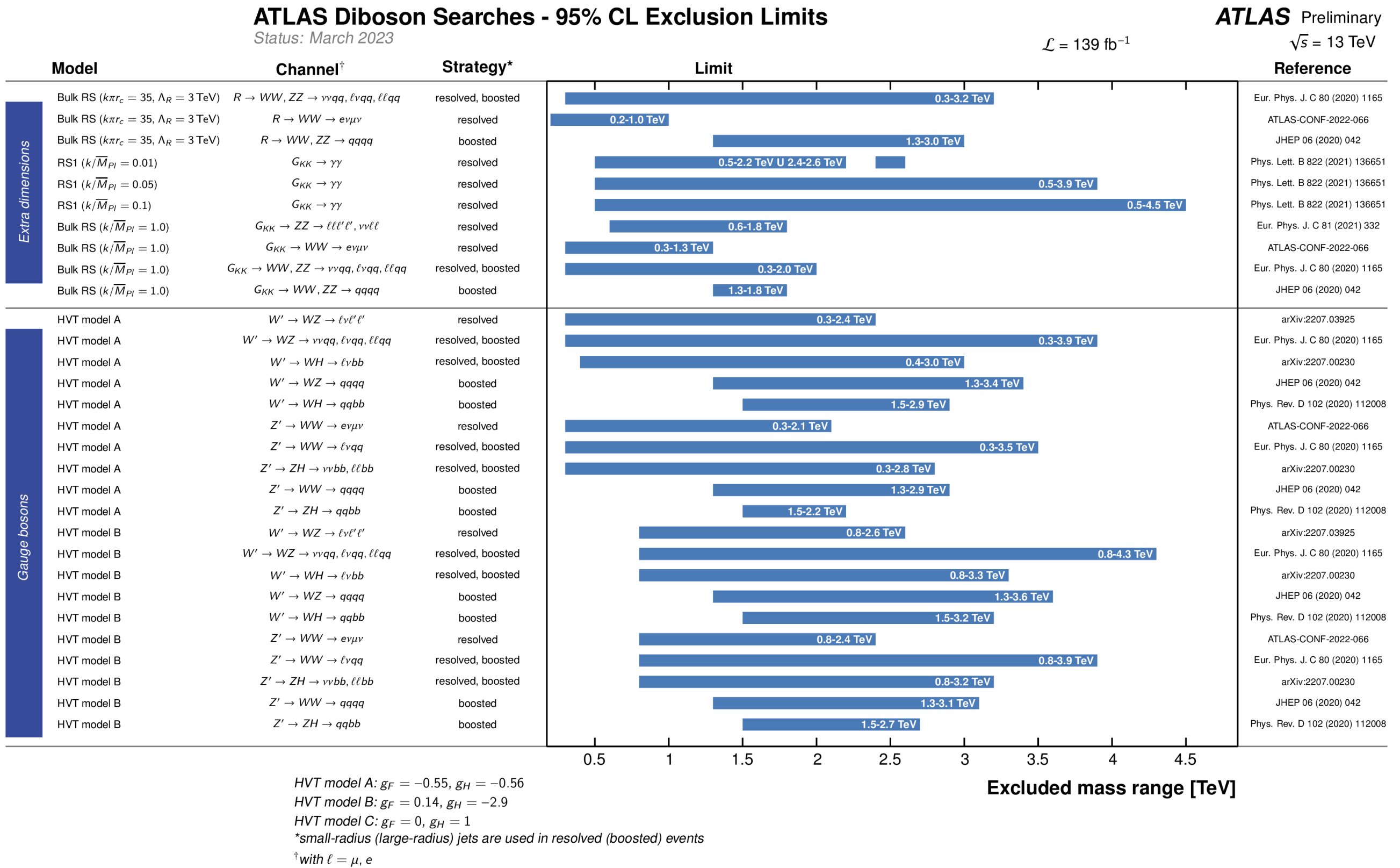
Direct search approach (model dependent)



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New physics may be
beyond the energy
reach of the LHC



Diboson resonance searches in ATLAS

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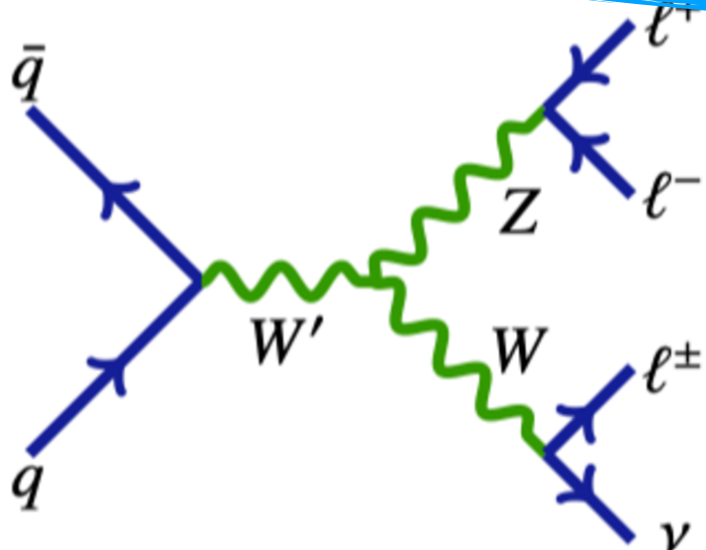
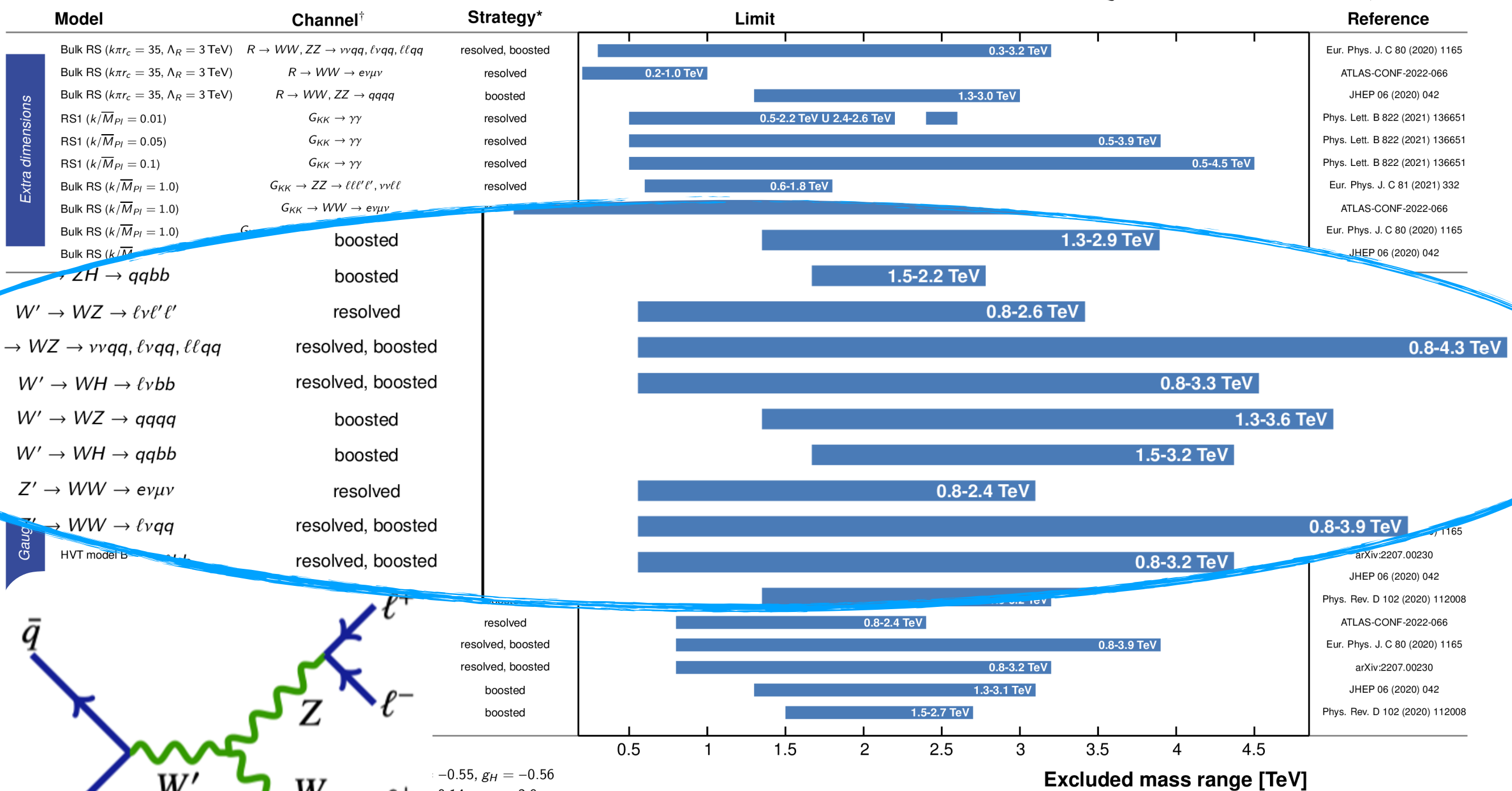
ATLAS Diboson Searches - 95% CL Exclusion Limits

Status: March 2023

ATLAS Preliminary

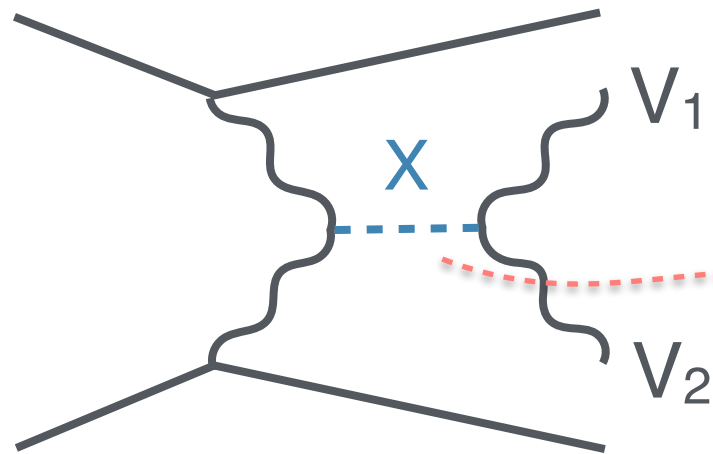
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$\mathcal{L} = 139 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

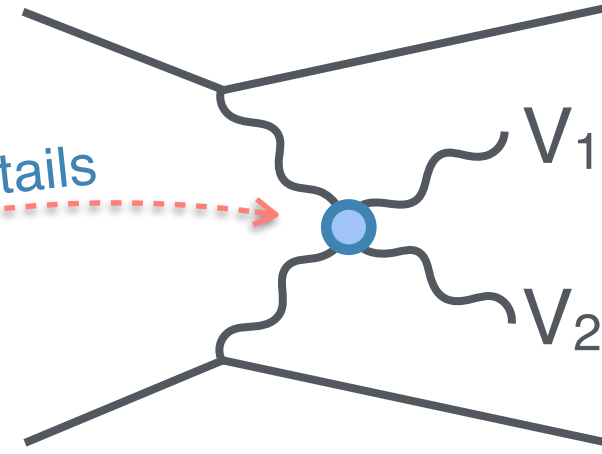


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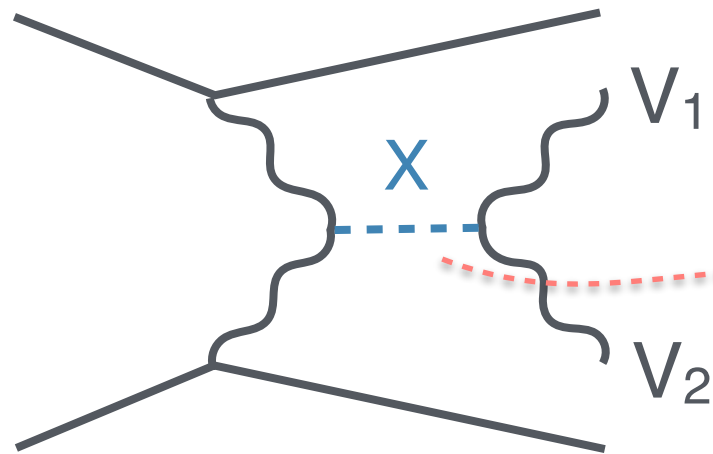


If $M_X > E_{\text{LHC}}$,
new interaction in tails

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- The new particles couple bosons

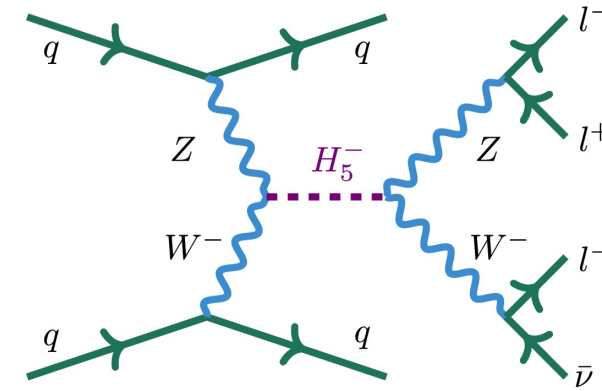
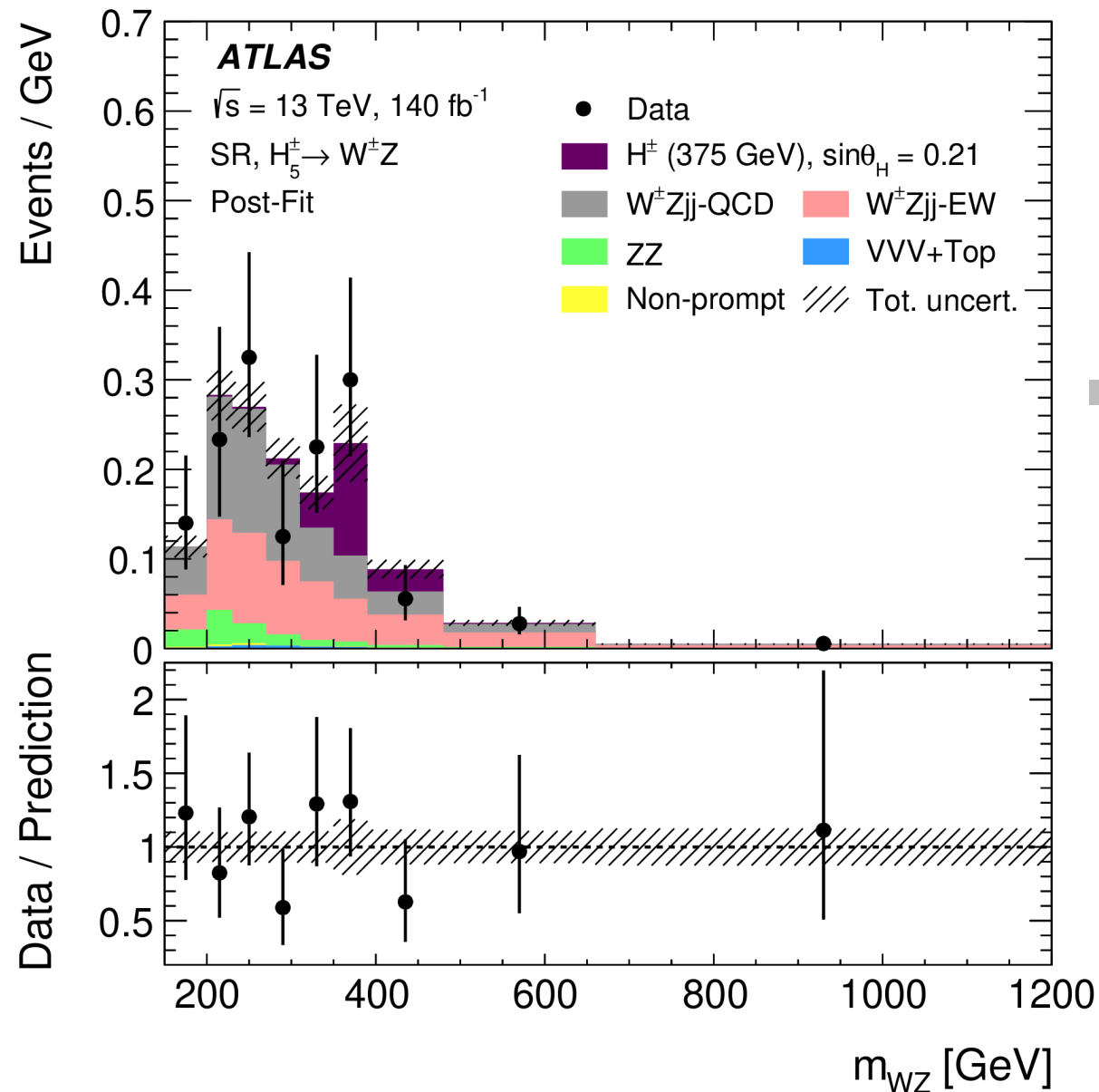
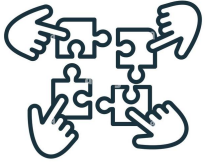
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Georgi-Machacek (GM) model

- Extends SM Higgs sector with scalar triplets
- Keeps custodial symmetry $\rightarrow \rho = 1$ at tree level
- Among the new scalars $H_5^\pm$, $H_5^{\pm\pm}$, H_5^0
- These couple directly to vector boson pairs

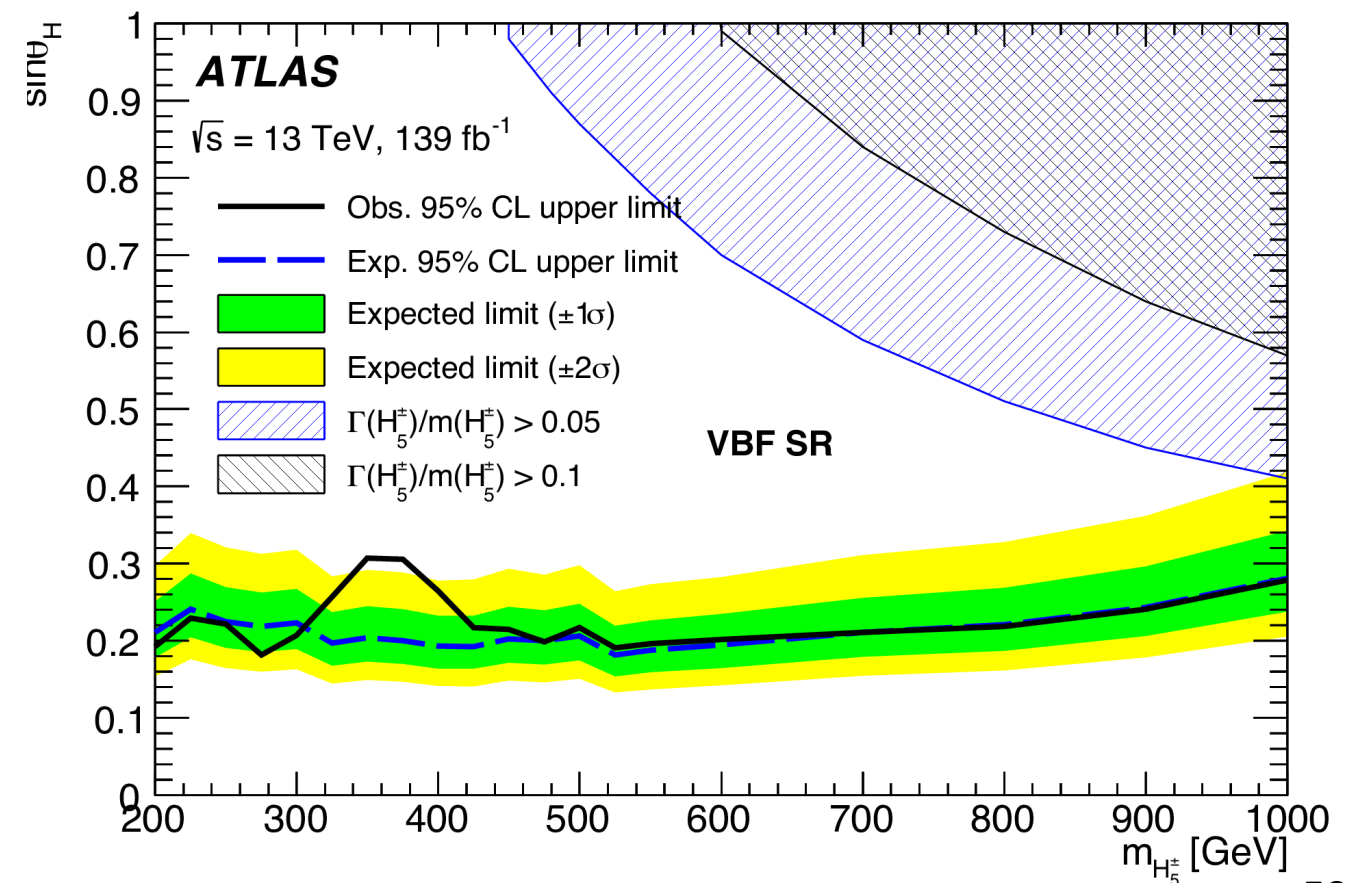
Charged Higgs resonance search



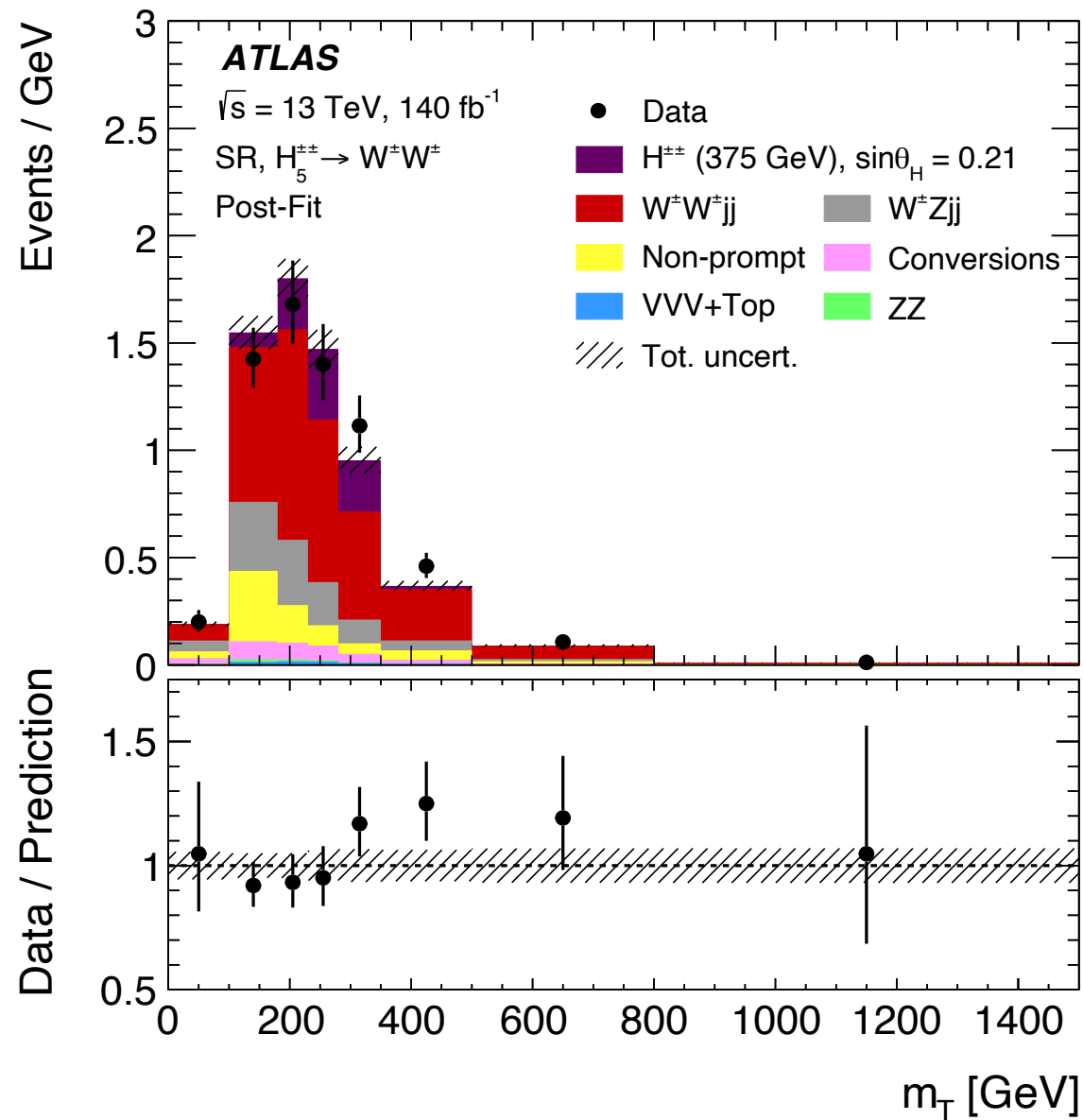
■ Limits on $\sin\theta_H$ quantifies how much of EWSB is due to triplet fields

- $\sin\theta_H \rightarrow 0$: triplet VEV $\rightarrow 0$, pure SM limit
- $\sin\theta_H \rightarrow 1$: doublet VEV $\rightarrow 0$, triplet-dominated

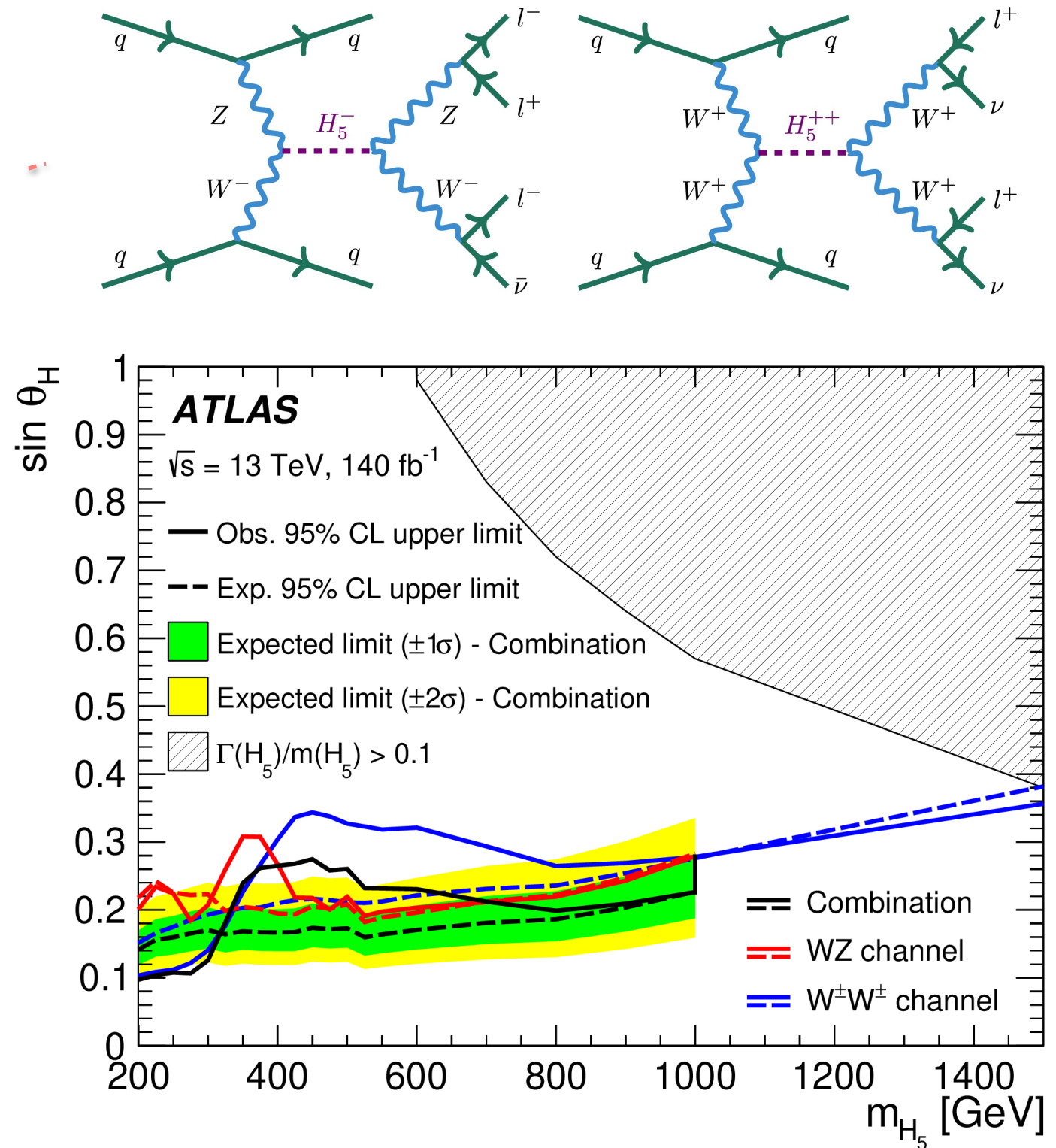
■ An excess of 2.8σ local (1.6σ global) significance found at 375GeV



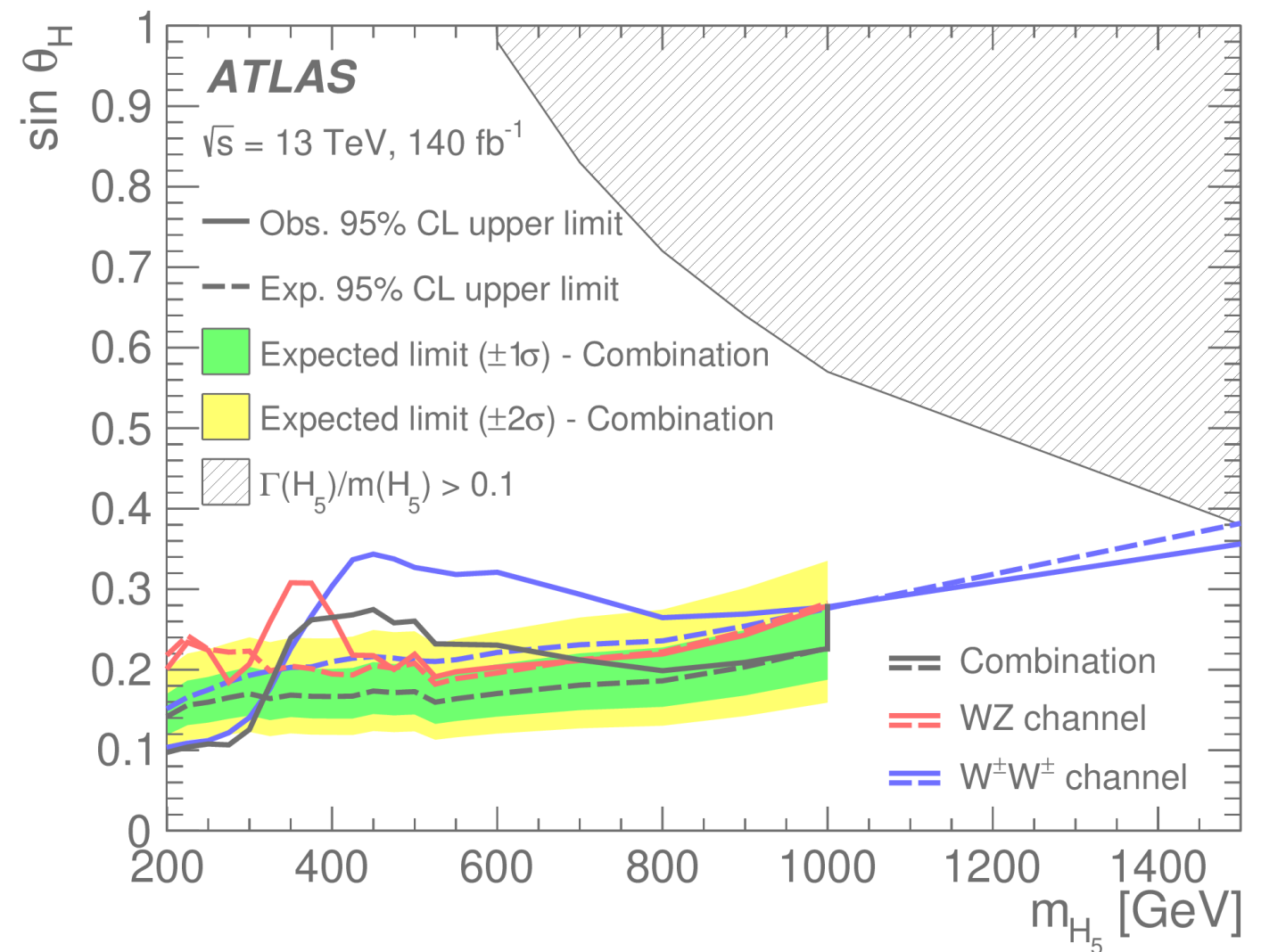
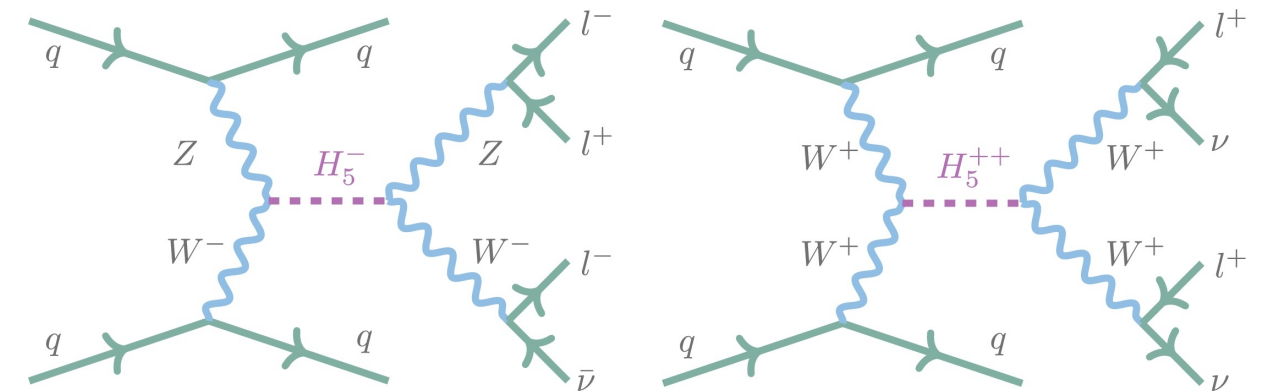
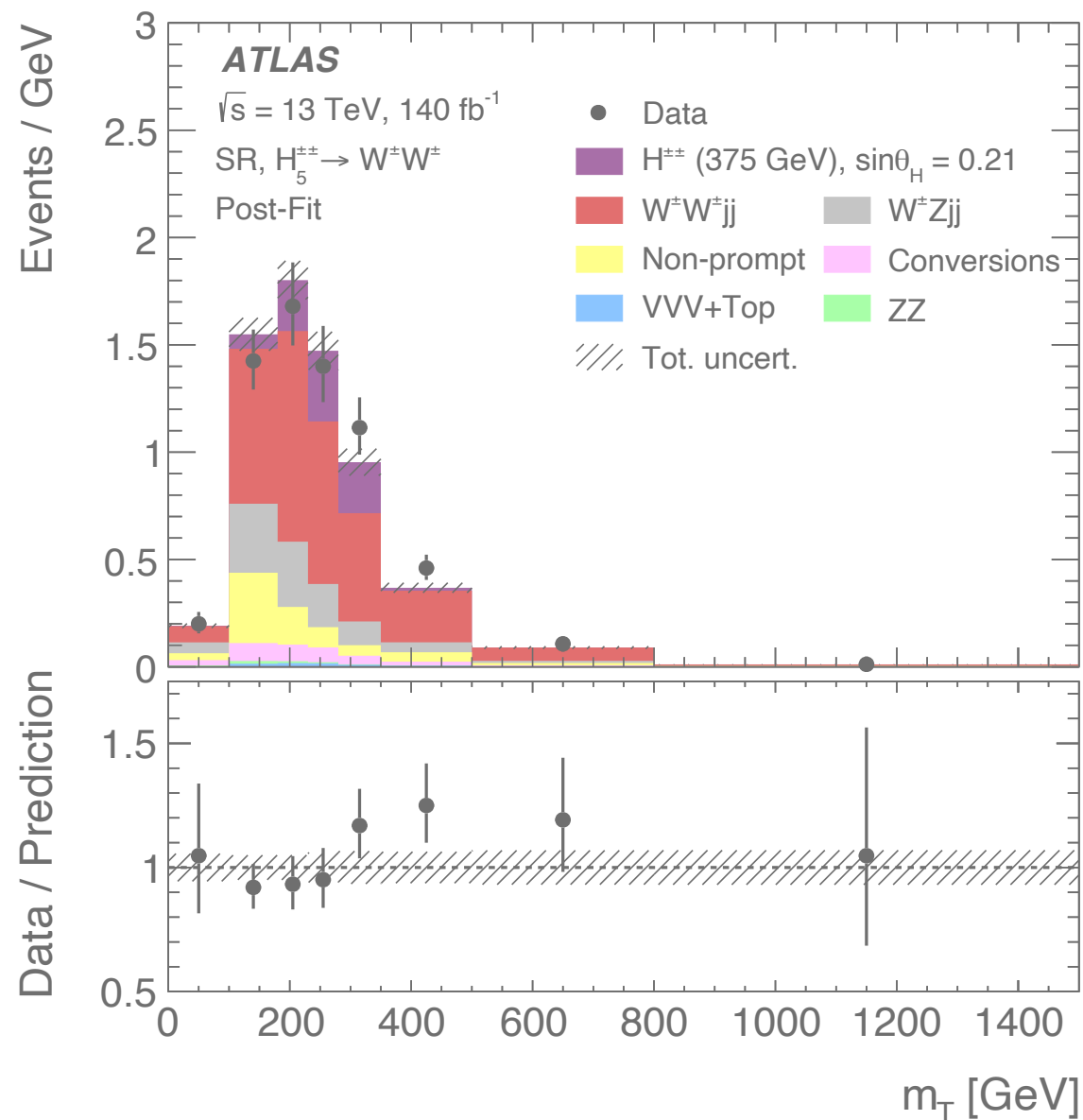
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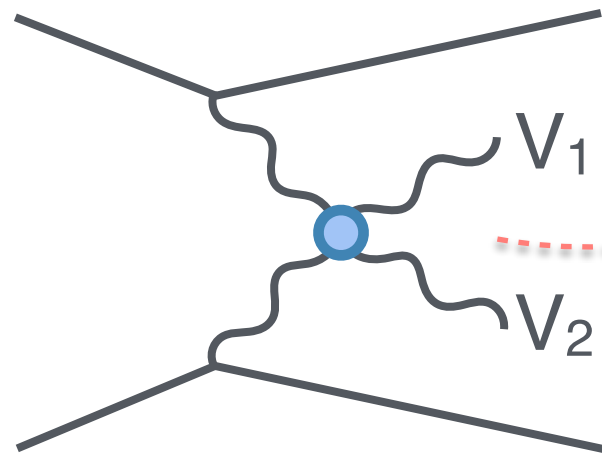


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A small excess to follow up, but so far no clear sign of a new physics.... 61

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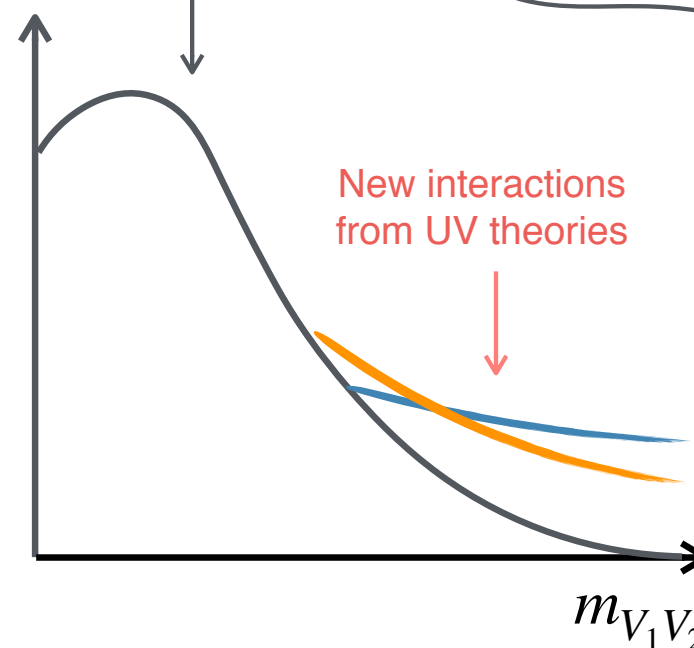


Effective Field Theory interpretation Eboli model

- Extends SM using higher order operators
- Focus on genuine quartic couplings i.e dim-8

$$L_{\text{LEFT}} = L_{\text{SM}} + \sum_i \frac{c_i}{\Lambda^2} O_{i,\text{dim-6}} + \sum_j \frac{c_j}{\Lambda^4} O_{j,\text{dim-8}}$$

$L_{\text{SM}} \sim$ determines
the bulk distribution



UV theories maps
to specific
coefficients
[\[arXiv:1711.10391\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/1711.10391)

New physics
theories?

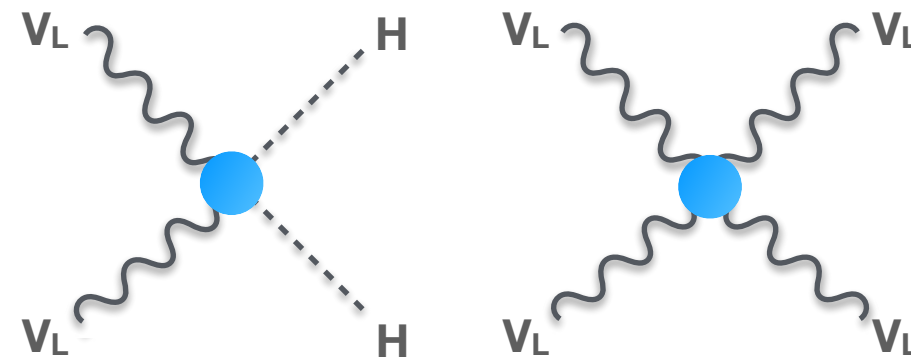
The dim-8 Operators

19 parameters*

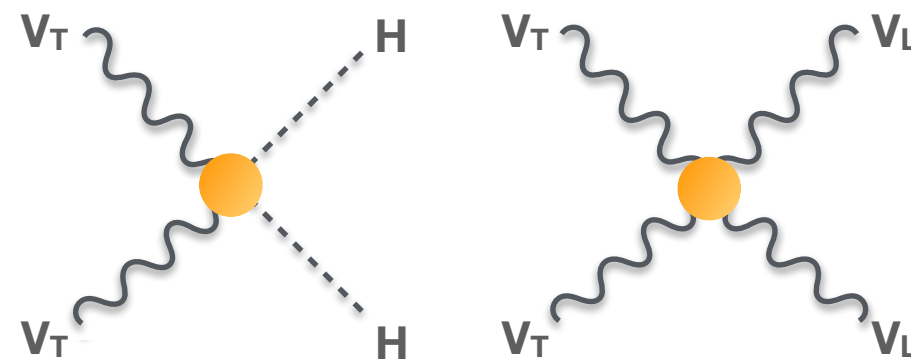
CP	Operator
++	$O_{S,0}, O_{S,1}, O_{S,2}$
	$O_{M,0}, O_{M,1}, O_{M,7}$
	$O_{M,2}, O_{M,3}, O_{M,4}, O_{M,5}$
	$O_{T,0}, O_{T,1}, O_{T,2}$ $O_{T,5}, O_{T,6}, O_{T,7}$ $O_{T,8}, O_{T,9}$

* 43 considering CP violating

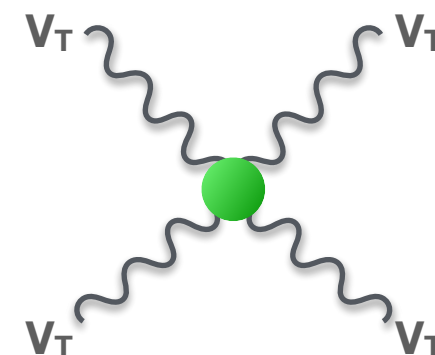
- S-Type: affecting Longitudinal polarised bosons and Higgs



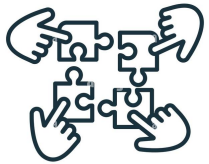
- M-Type: involving Higgs and gauge Fields



- T-Type: involving transversally polarised gauge bosons



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■ Many vertices affected by the same operator

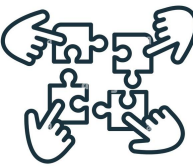
CP	Operator	Vertices													
		WWWW	WWZZ	WWγZ	WWγγ	ZZZZ	ZZZγ	ZZγγ	Zγγγ	γγγγ	ZZHH	WWHH	ZγHH	γγHH	
++	$O_{S,0}, O_{S,1}, O_{S,2}$	✓	✓			✓					✓	✓			
	$O_{M,0}, O_{M,1}, O_{M,7}$	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	
	$O_{M,2}, O_{M,3}, O_{M,4}, O_{M,5}$		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	
	$O_{T,0}, O_{T,1}, O_{T,2}$	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
	$O_{T,5}, O_{T,6}, O_{T,7}$		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
	$O_{T,8}, O_{T,9}$					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					

Effort so far by the ATLAS
and CMS collaborations

First results HH !
A. Tegetmeier, T. Amezza

The effect of the EFT operators

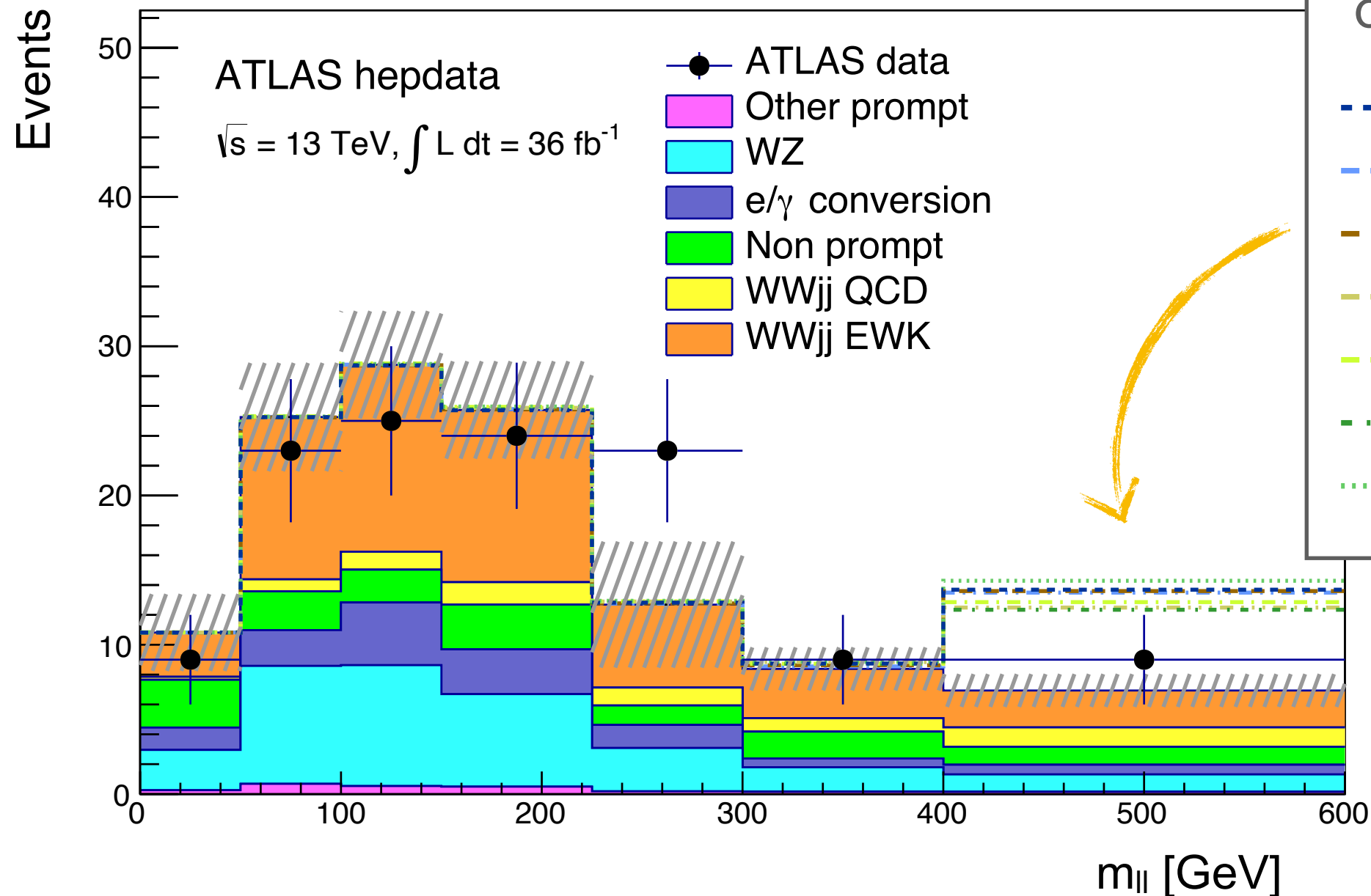
Same Charge $W^\pm W^\pm jj$



BSM interactions
of SM particles

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{EFT}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + F_{T2} \mathcal{O}_{T2}$$

↑
Coefficient



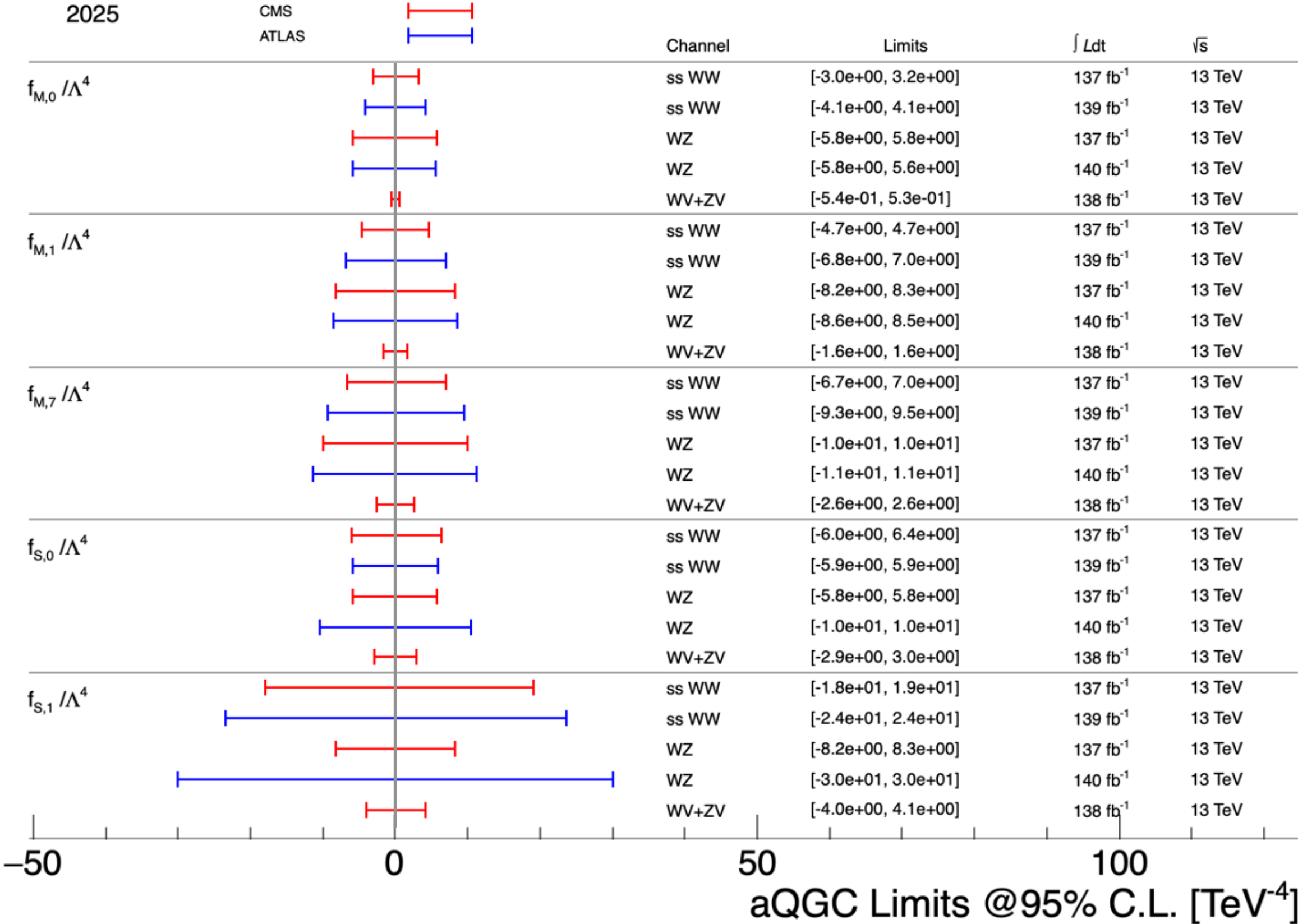
Coefficient values

- $S02 = 15 \text{ TeV}^{-4}$
- .-. $T0 = 1.0 \text{ TeV}^{-4}$
- - $T1 = 0.5 \text{ TeV}^{-4}$
- . . $T2 = 1.5 \text{ TeV}^{-4}$
- - - $M0 = 10 \text{ TeV}^{-4}$
- . - $M1 = 15 \text{ TeV}^{-4}$
- ... $M7 = 25 \text{ TeV}^{-4}$

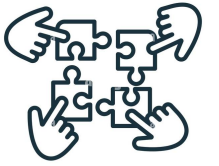
Other channels affected by
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combination!

The SM Effective Field Theory

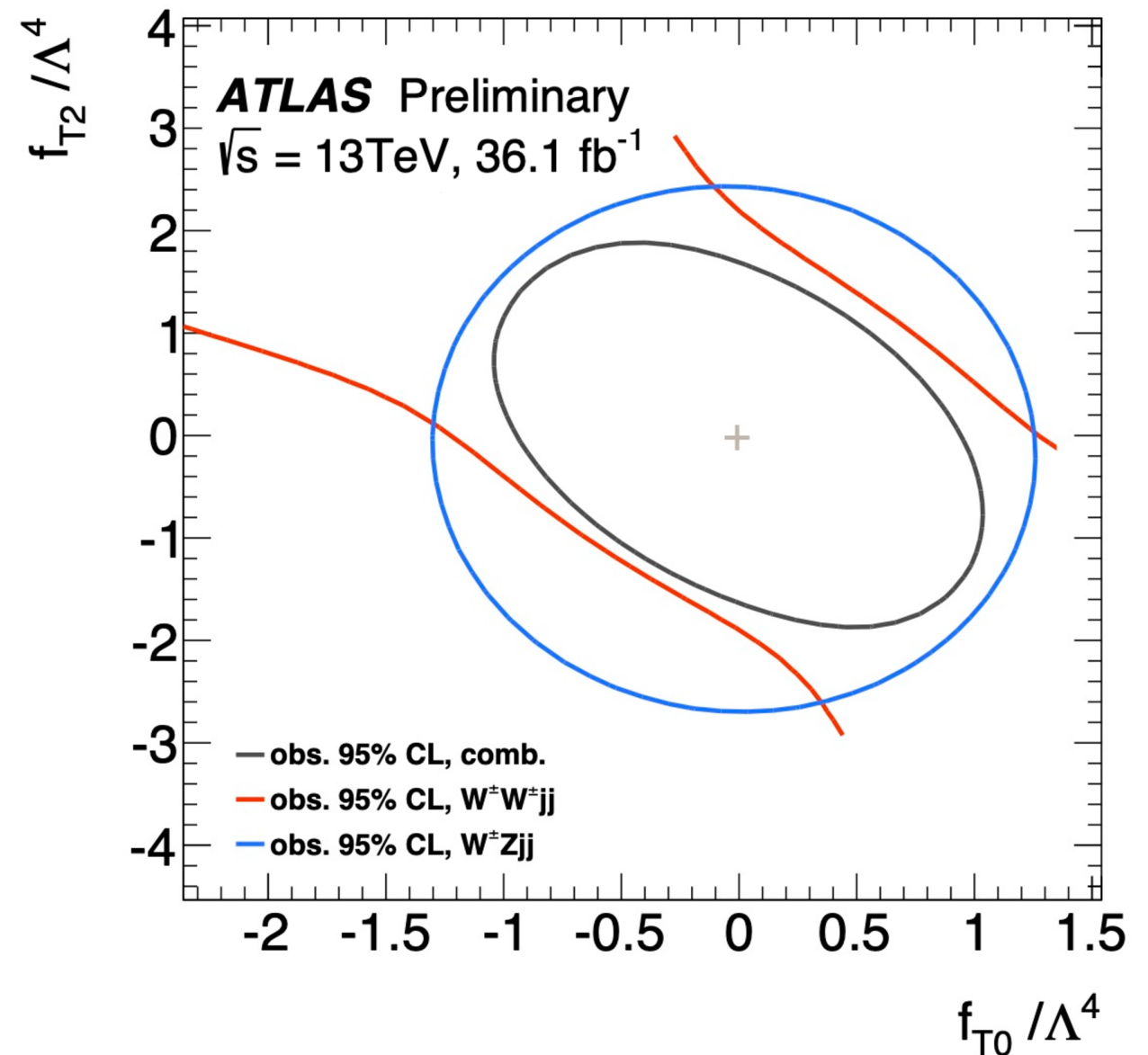
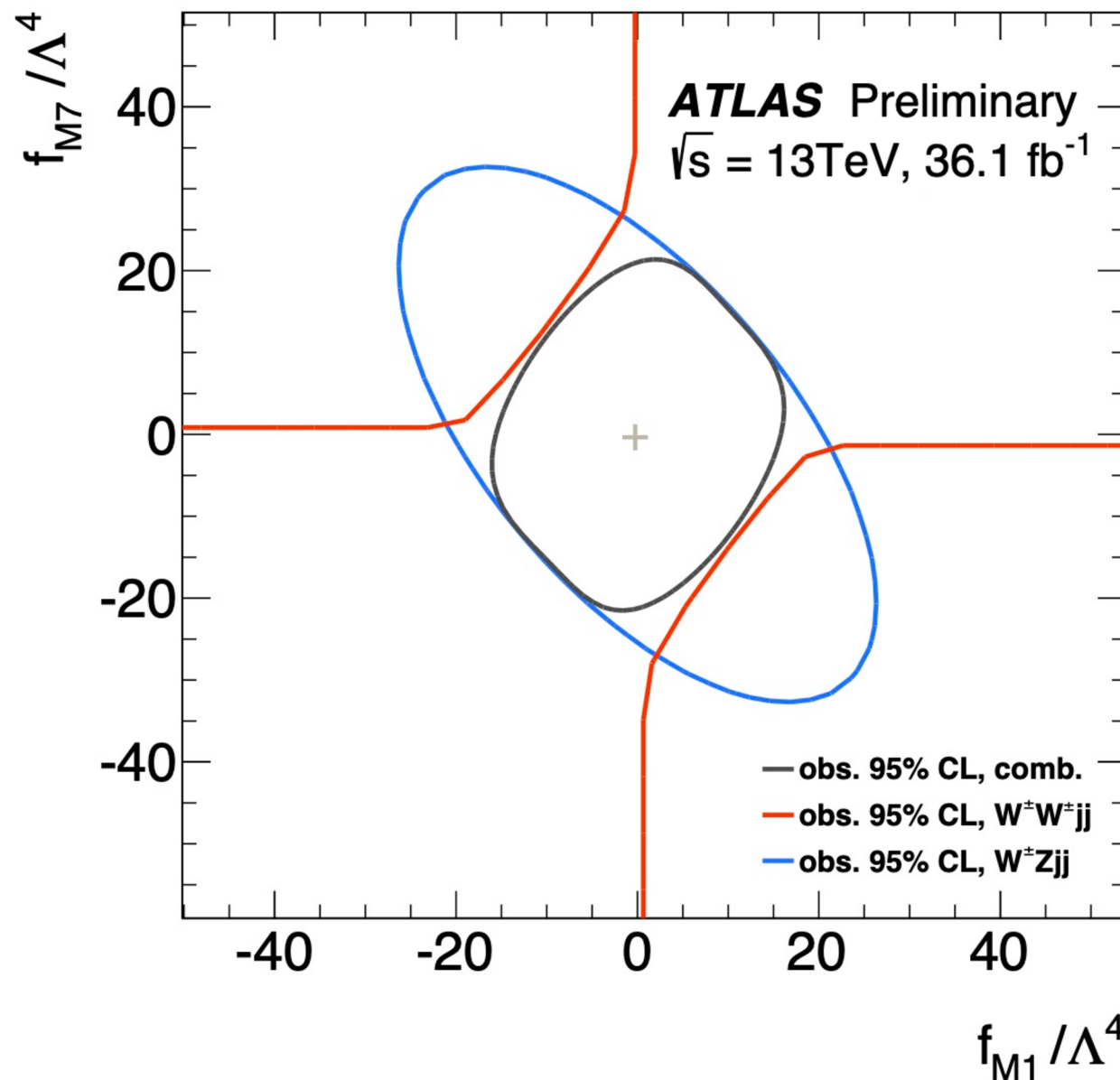
CMS
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Huge gain by combining channels!



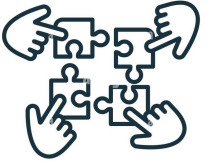
■ First combination of dim-8 EFT operators !



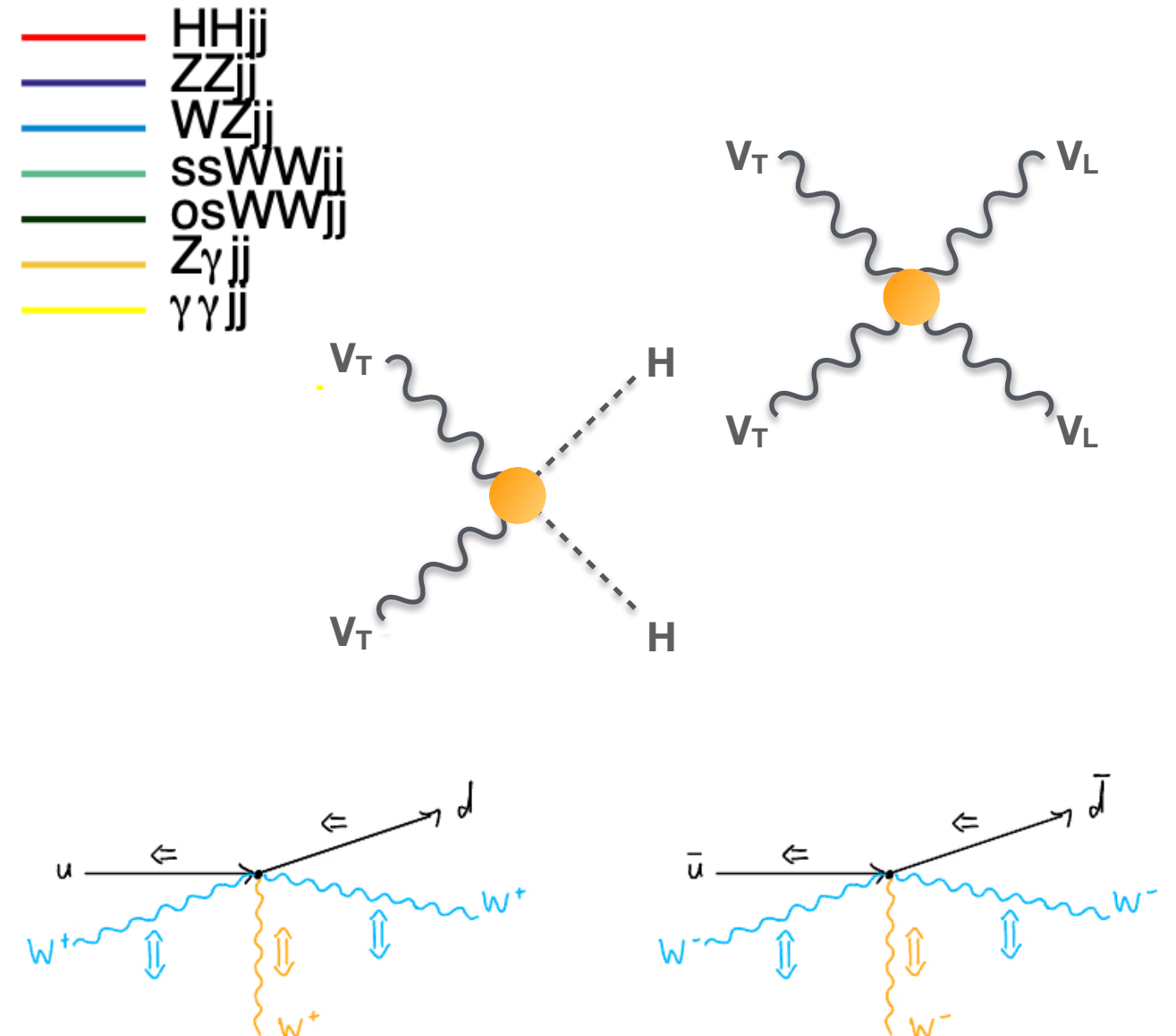
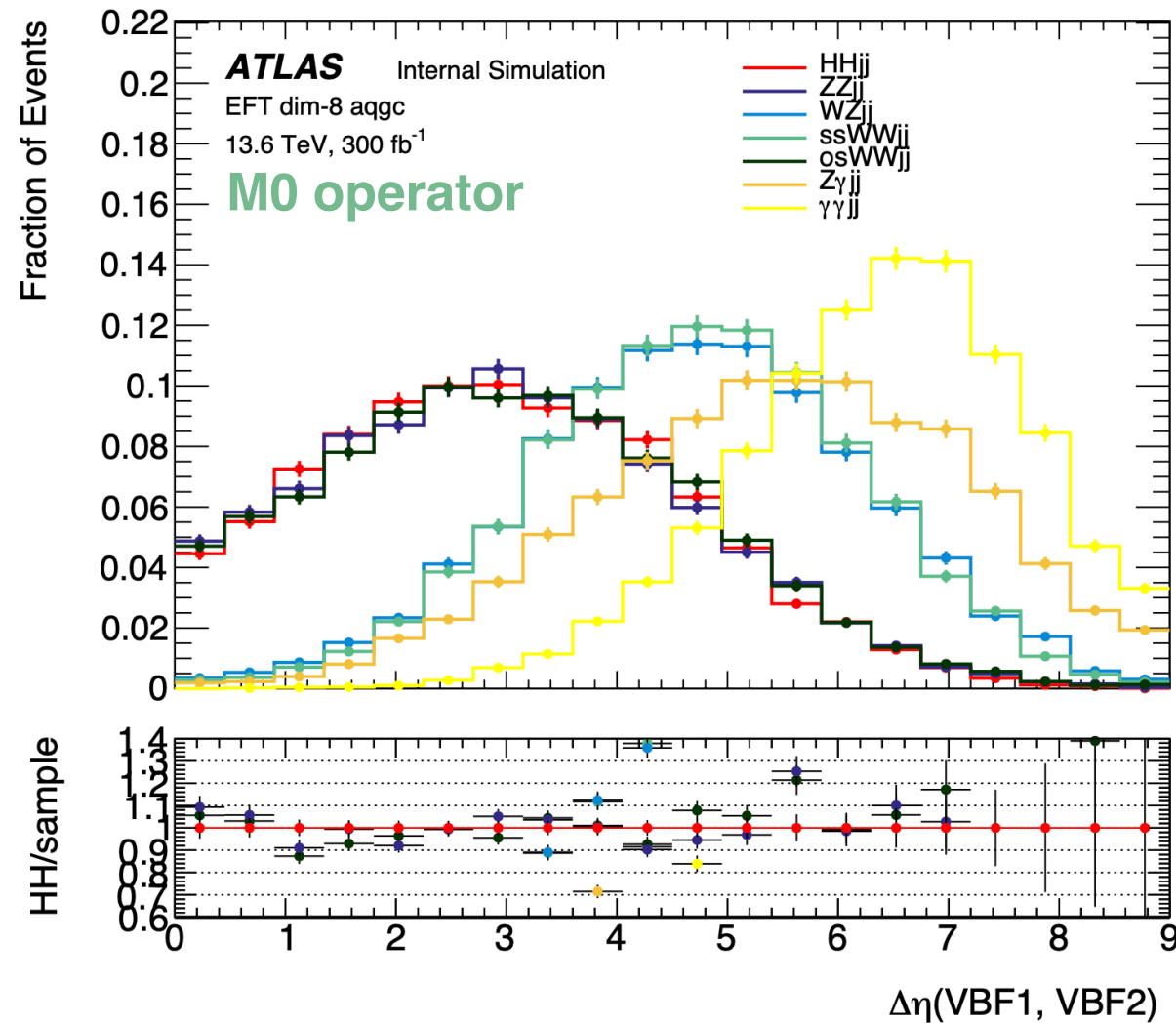
■ Ongoing work in preparation for EFT dim-8 recommendations inside ATLAS

so far there is no clear sign of a new physics.... But many ideas to test !

Polarised EFT dim-8

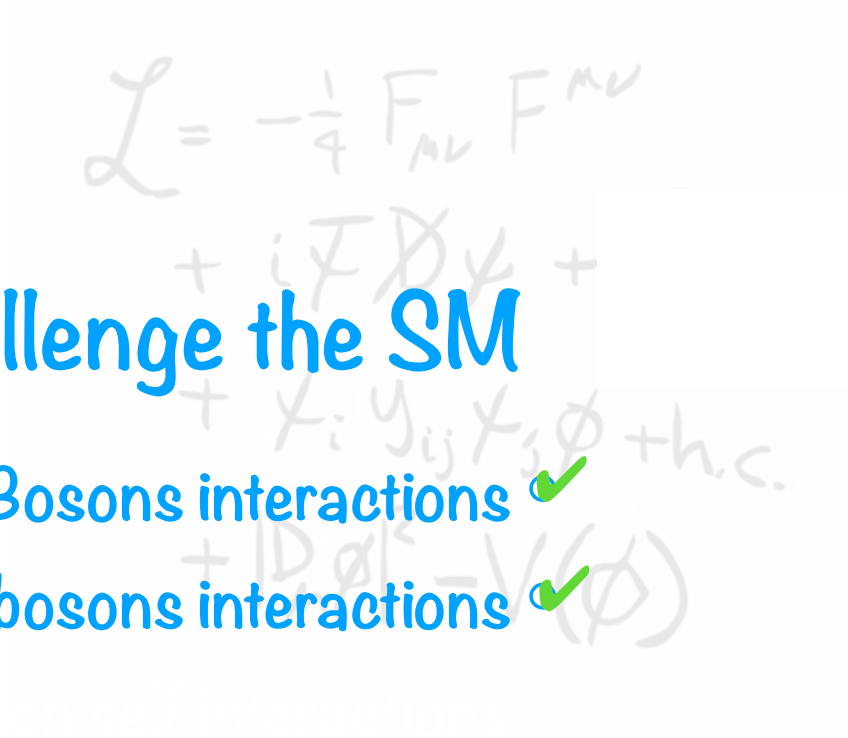


- There is correspondence between each operator, the vertices it modifies, and its polarization.



Our current understanding

- The link between polarization and EFT still needs to be explored further, especially in the context of future analyses.



1. Challenge the SM

Quartic Bosons interactions ✓

Longitudinal polarised bosons interactions ✓

2. Look for New physics

New resonances ✓

Deviations on SM predictions ✓

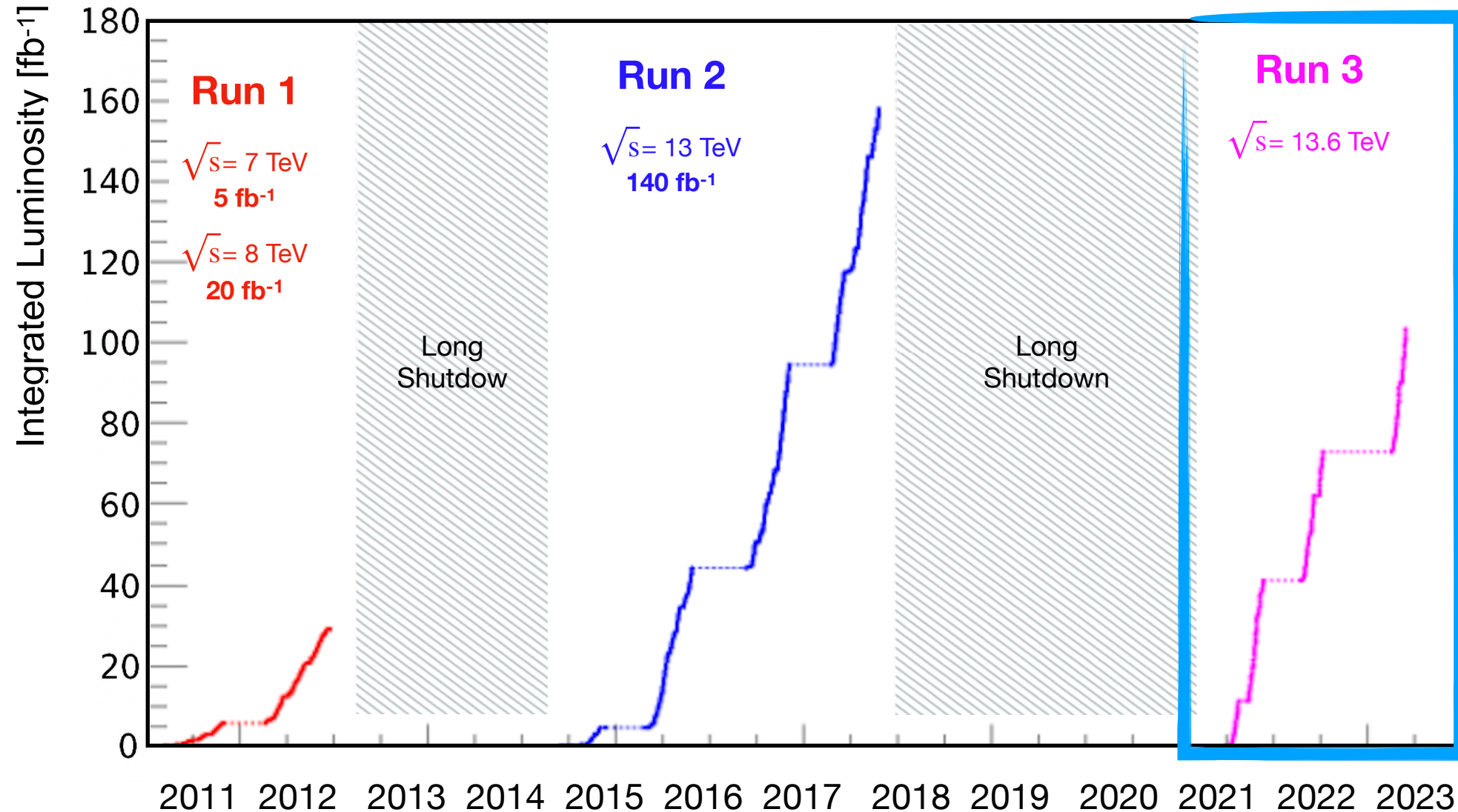
3. What is next?

Di-Higgs ○

Quartic gauge Higgs couplings ○

Polarised EFT ○

Outlook : More data

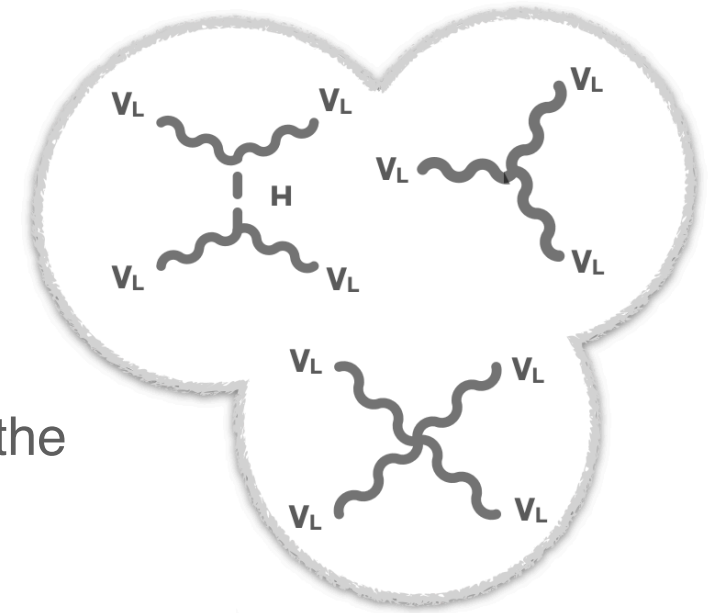


- Run 3 already has delivered 220 fb^{-1} of data, we might triple the Run-2 dataset by July 2026
- HL-LHC expected to deliver $\sim 3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ by 2041

Projection studies

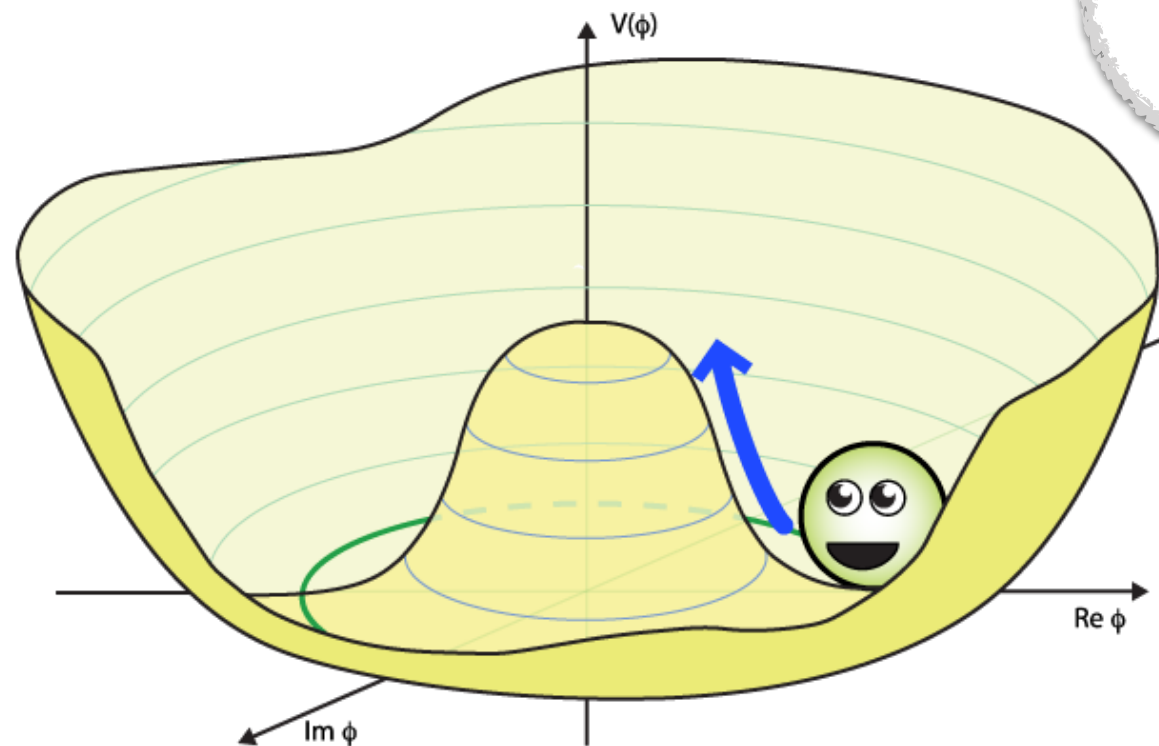
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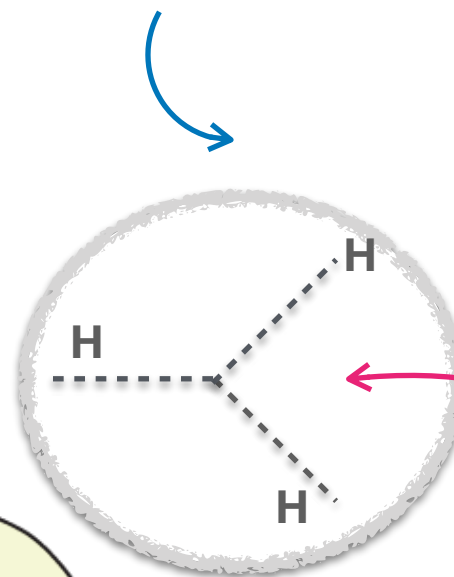


Di-Higgs

- Crucial to describe the shape of the Higgs potential



Di-Higgs



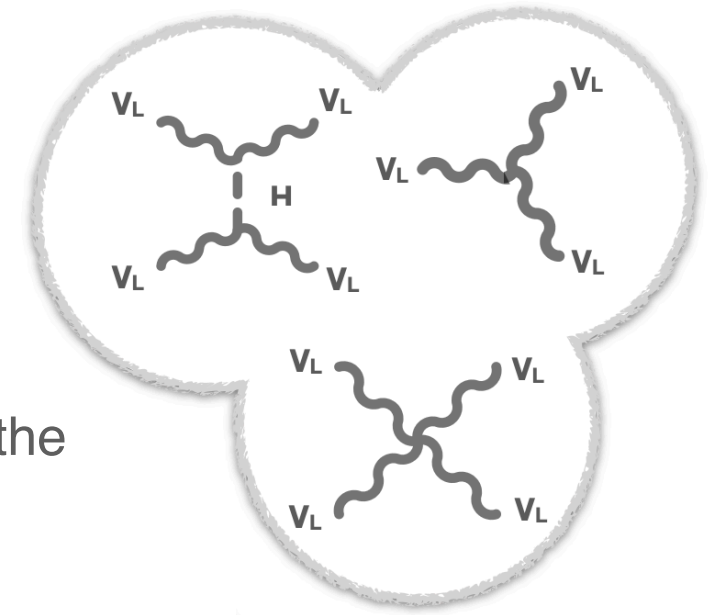
Direct access to λ_{HHH}

$$V(h) \simeq \frac{1}{2} m_H^2 h^2 + \lambda v h^3 + \frac{1}{4} \lambda h^4 + \dots$$

Projection studies

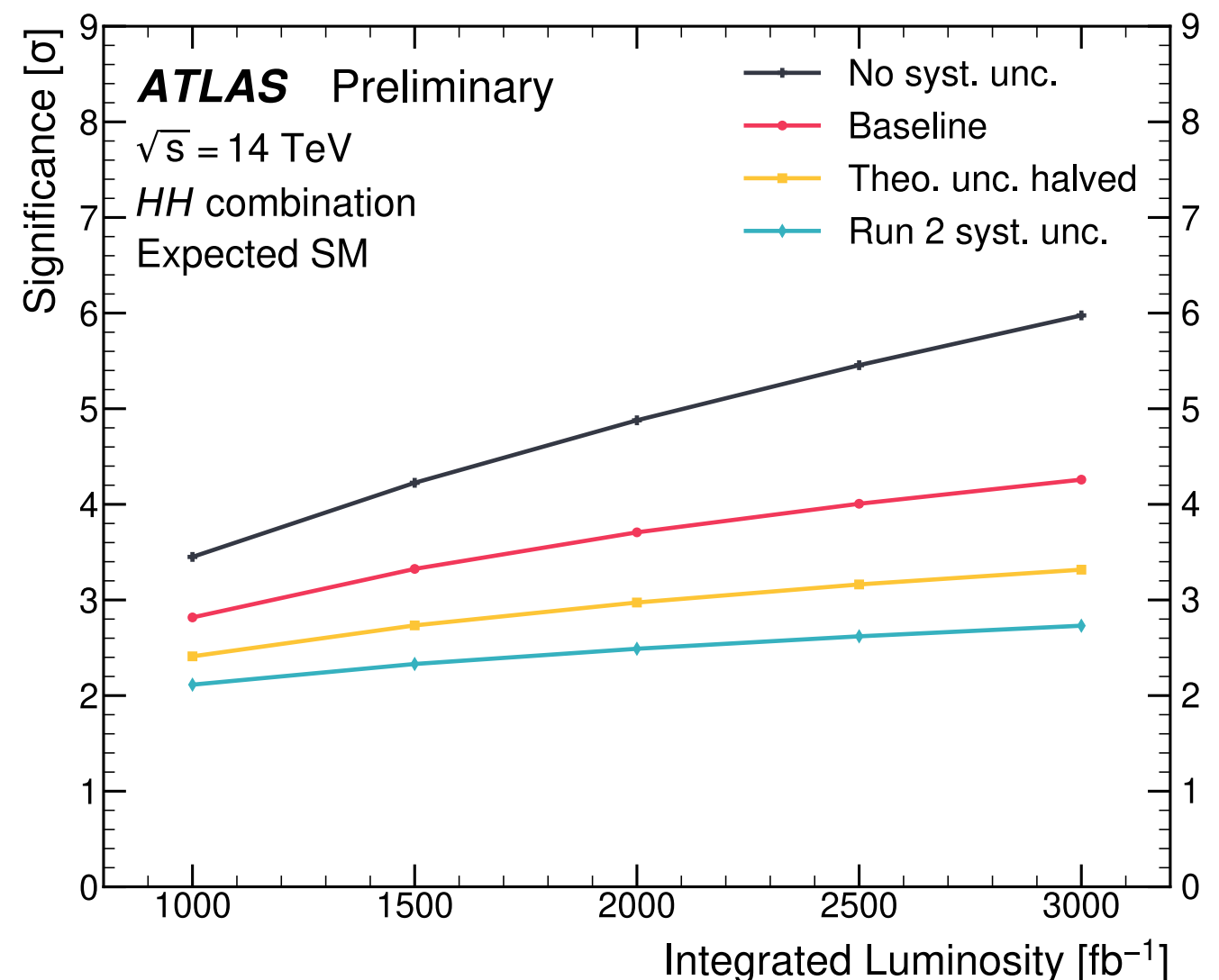
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Di-Higgs

- Crucial to describe the shape of the Higgs potential
- HH signal significance of 4.5 per experiment, above 7 after ATLAS+CMS combination.
- Imagine what we can do in 20 years!

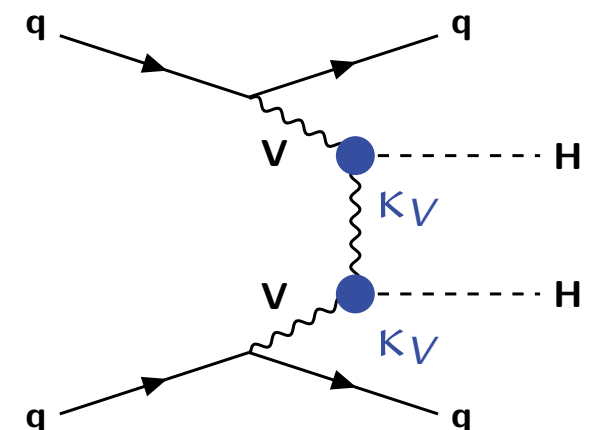
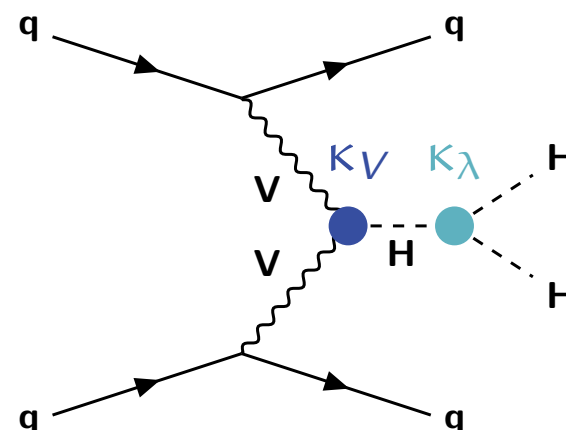
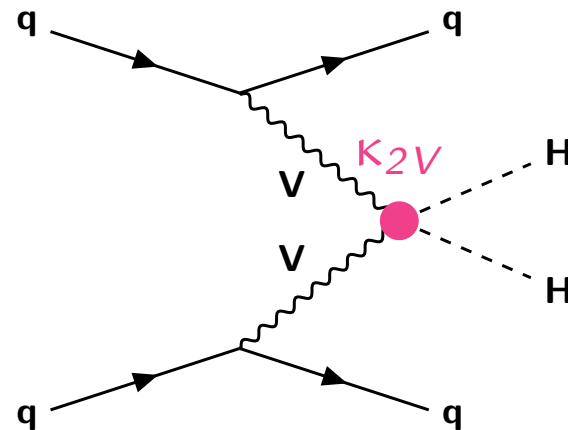


Outlook new analyses

- Look for rare processes with even smaller cross sections

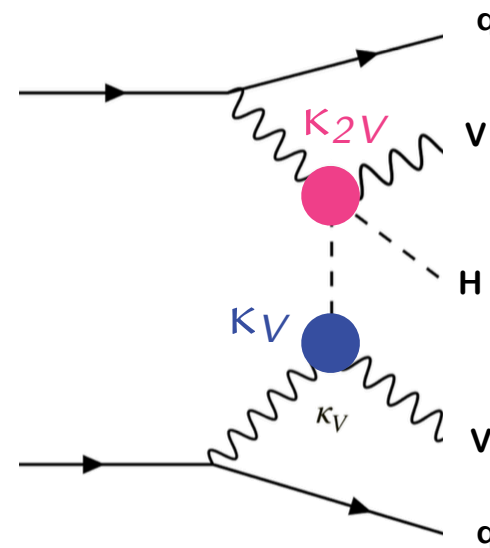
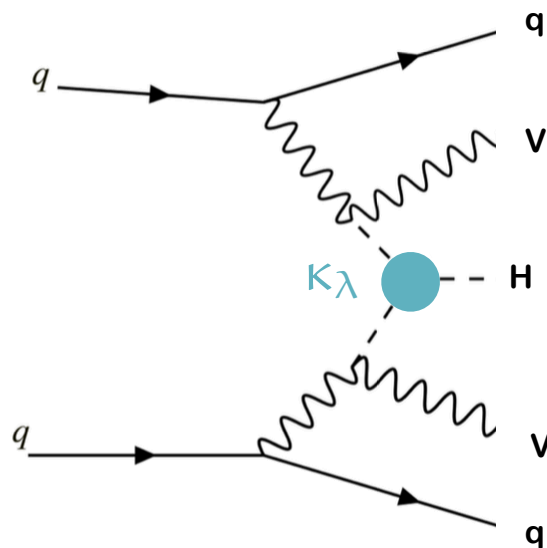
VBF di-Higgs

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VBS Higgs

A. Martone



New in ATLAS !

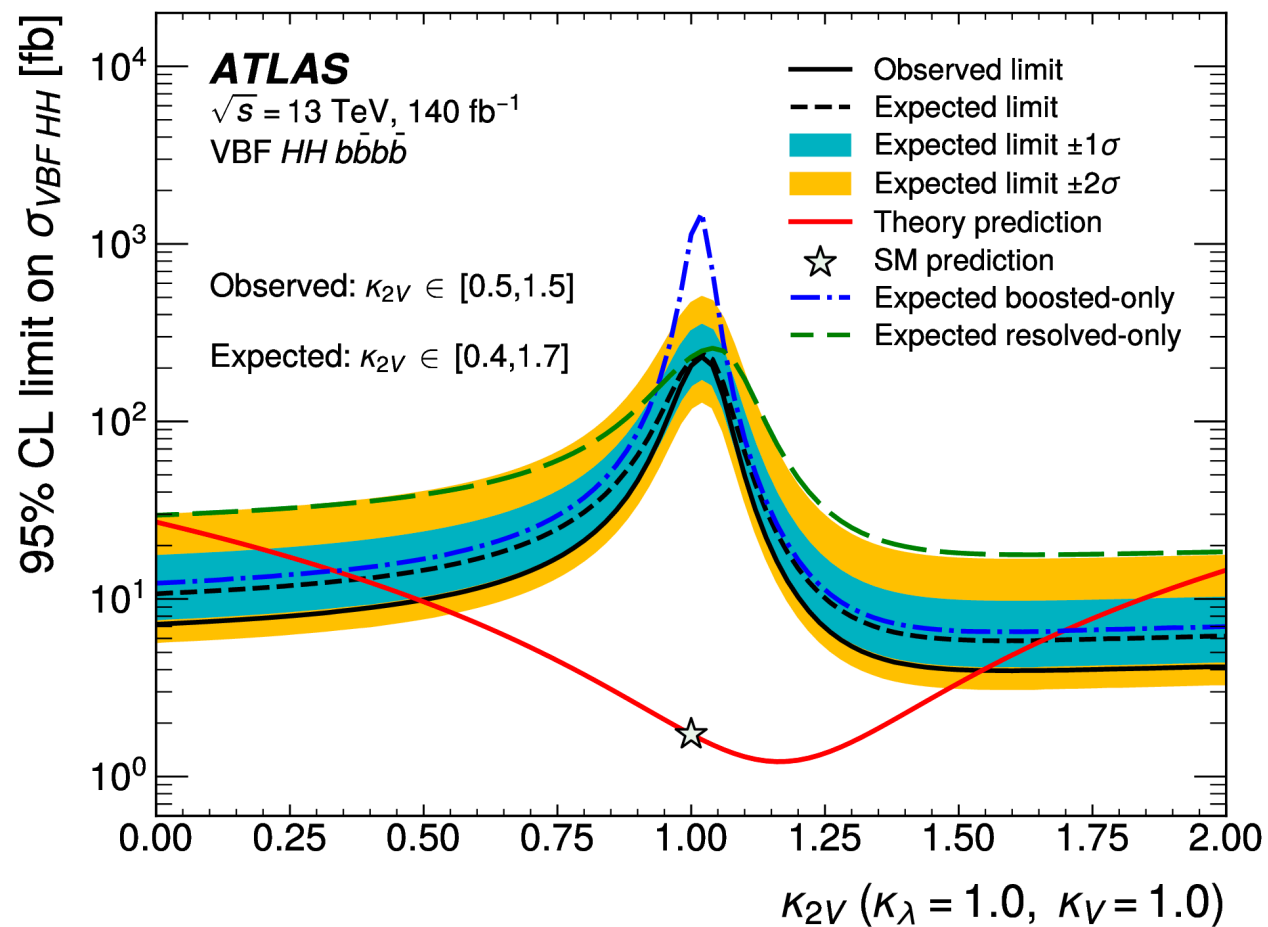
Analysis in preparation, first sensitivity studies made by our group

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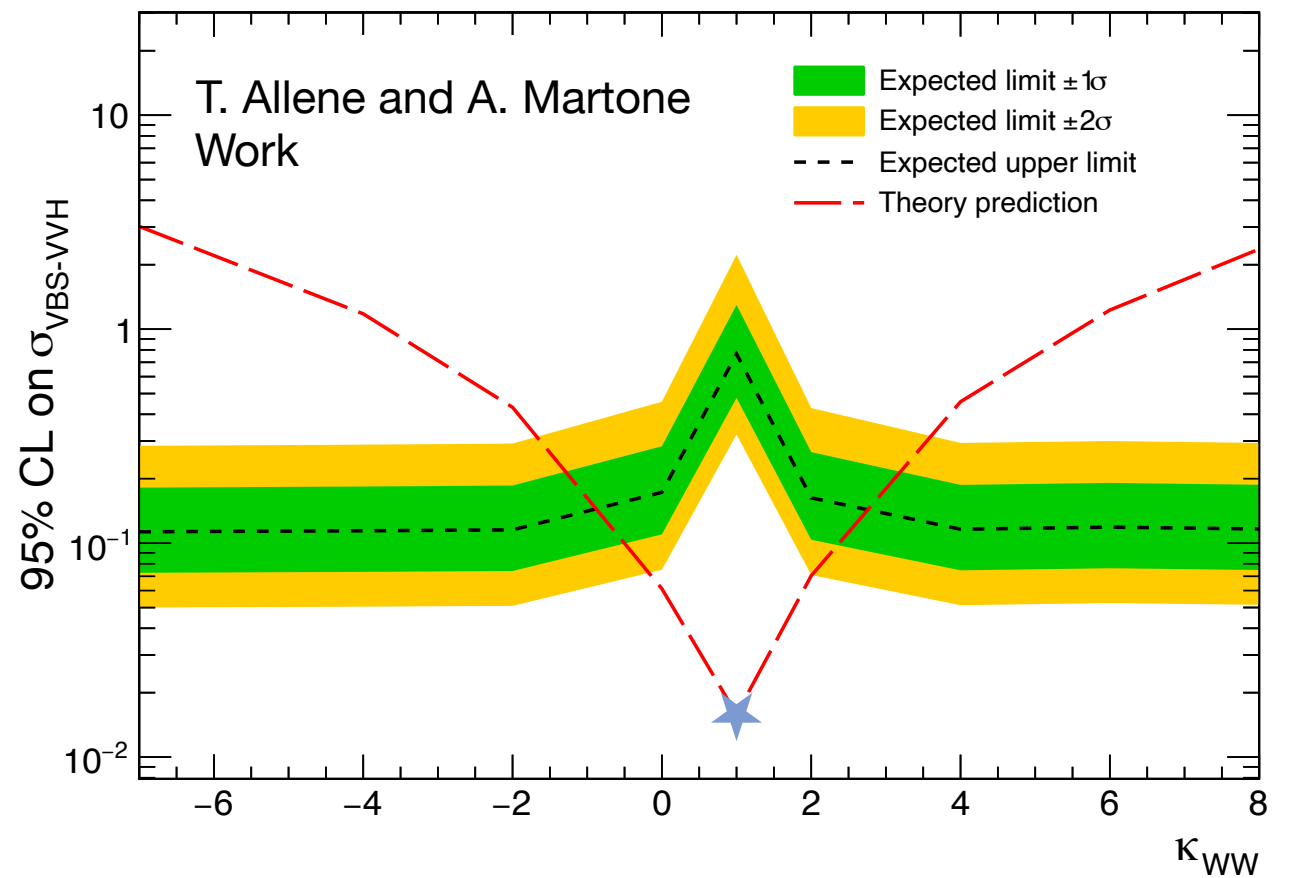
Quartic Gauge Higgs Couplings

- First ATLAS studies show excellent sensitivity!

VBF di-Higgs $\kappa_{2V} \in [0.4, 1.7]$

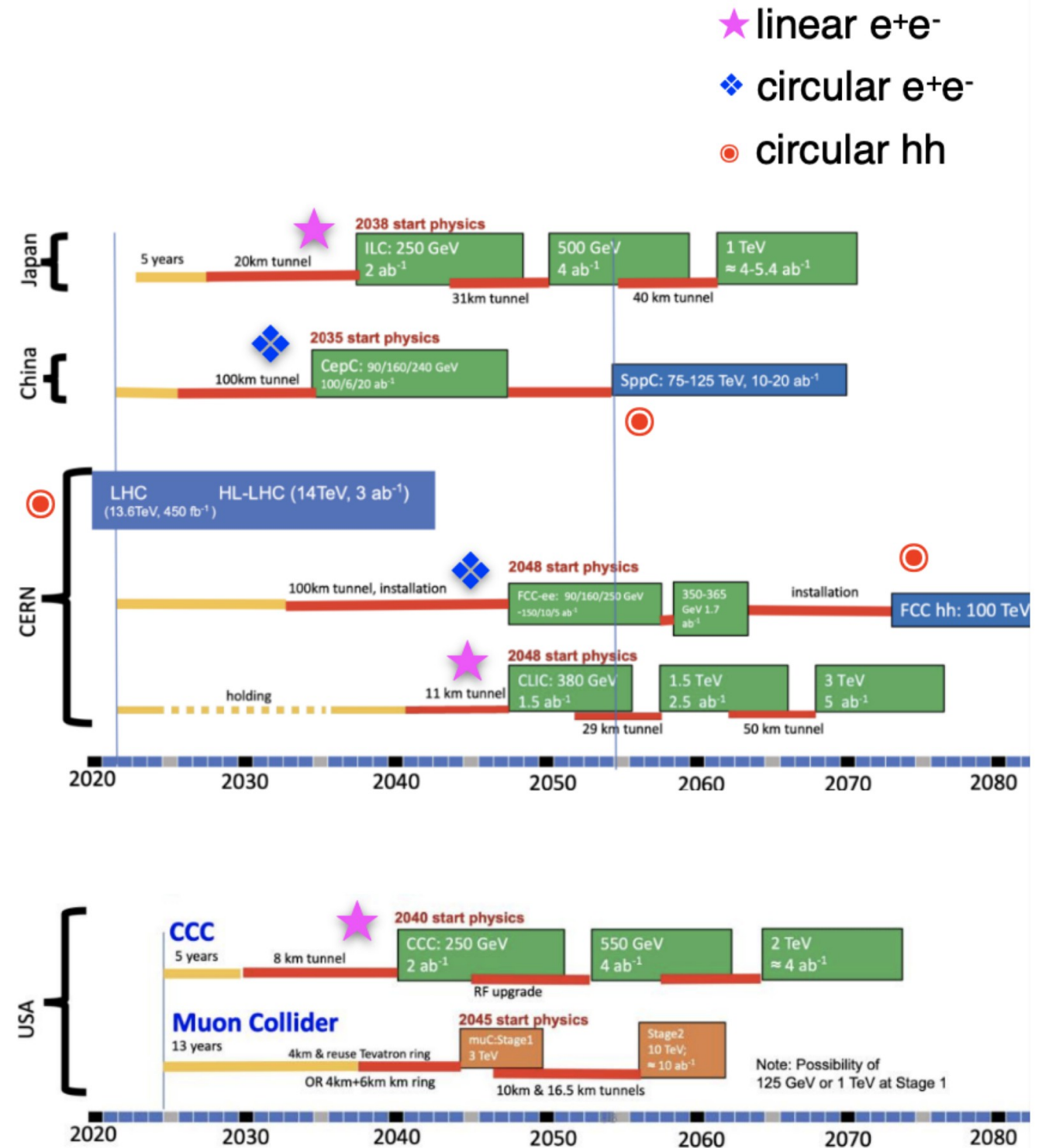
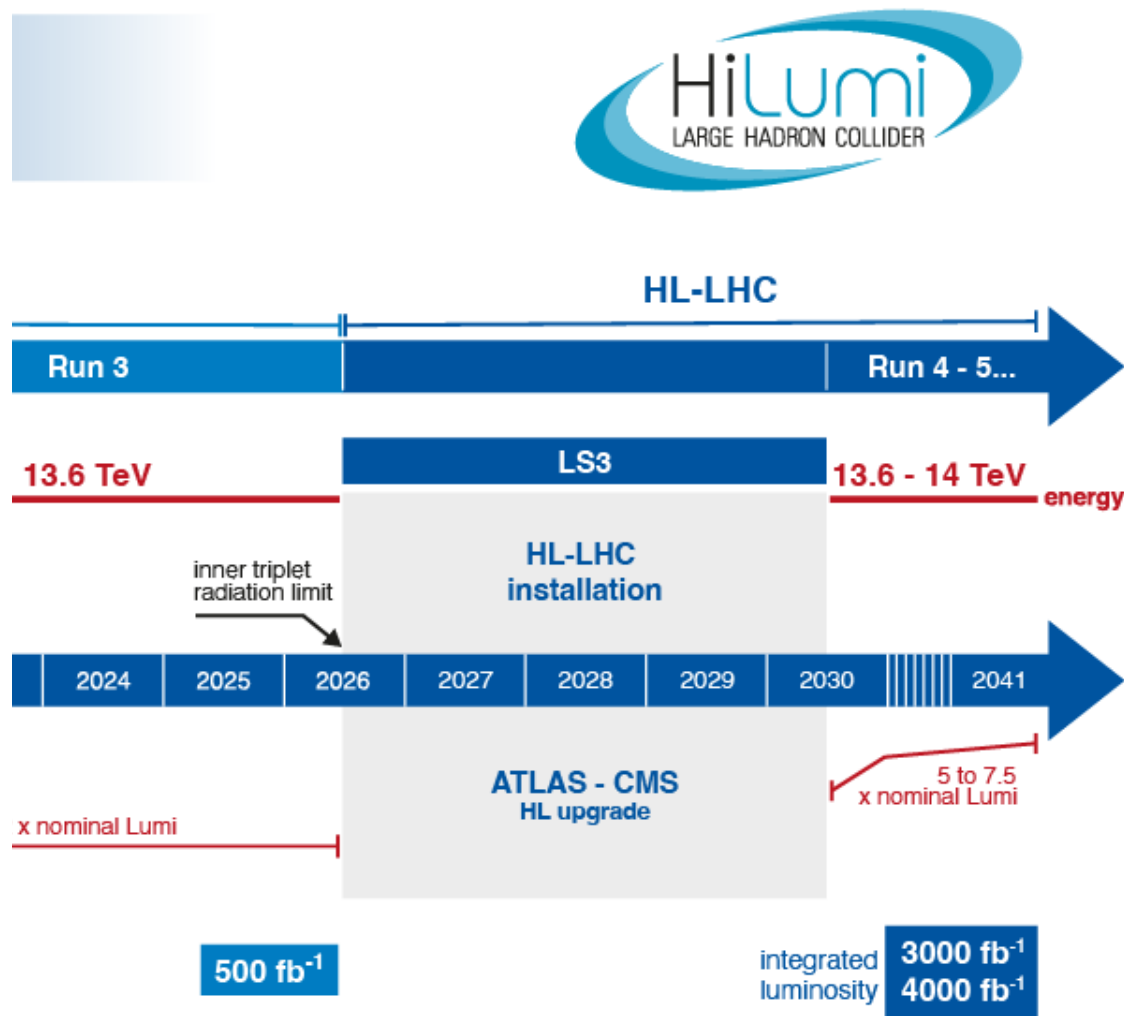


VBS $W^\pm W^\pm h \rightarrow l\nu l\nu bb$ $\kappa_{2V} \in [-1.0, 2.7]$



- CMS just presented in EPS this results using more decay channels with κ_{2V} observed (expected) range **[0.40, 1.60]** ([0.34, 1.66]) $\rightarrow$ best result on κ_{2V} !

Even further ahead



And an amazing group of people

