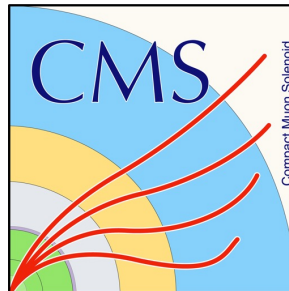


Latest diboson polarization measurements at the LHC

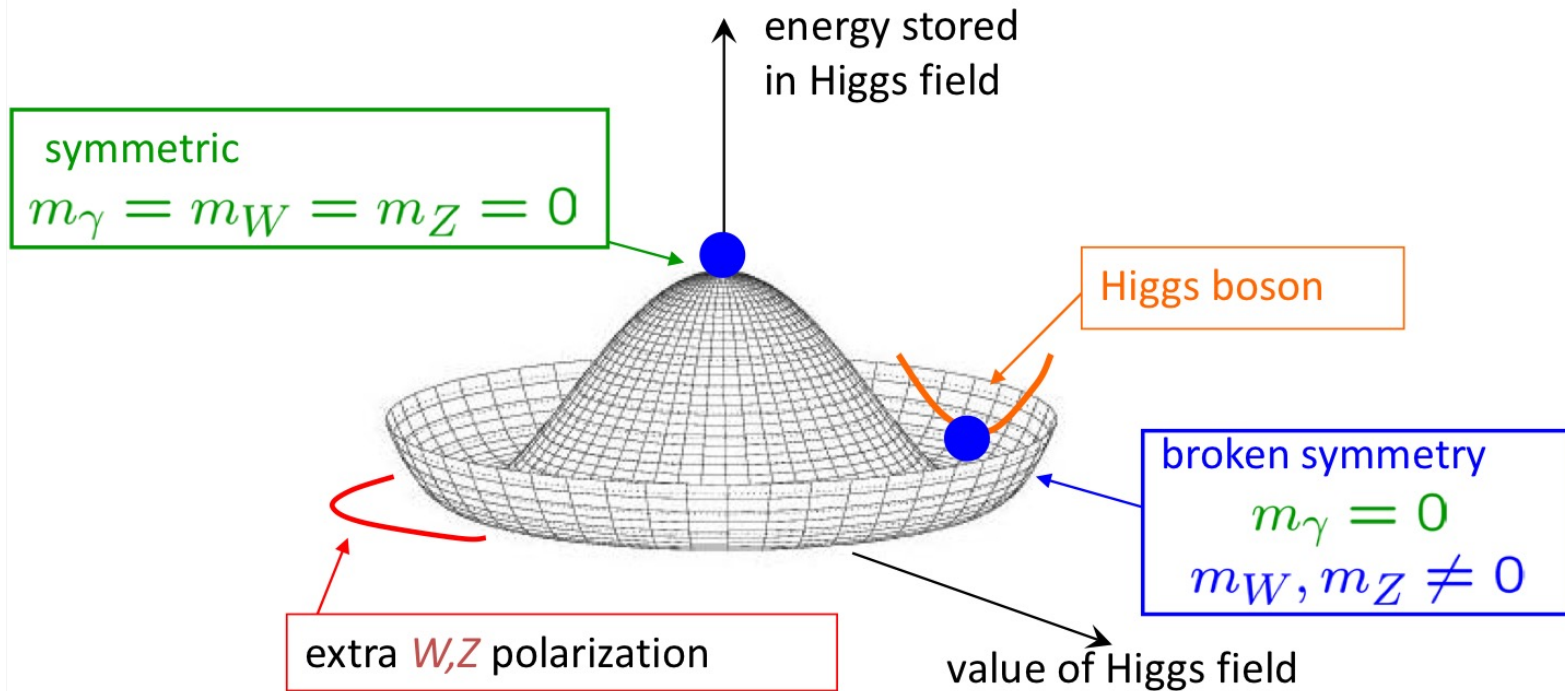


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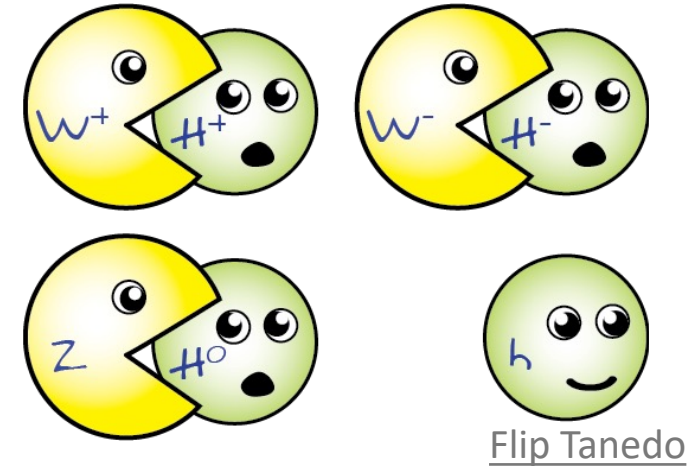
Introduction

- The longitudinally polarization measurement of massive W and Z bosons is a direct way to probe the EWSB mechanism



Goldstone boson theorem:

"At high energy, longitudinal vector bosons are analogous to goldstone bosons"



Higgs mechanism

W and Z boson
massive

Longitudinal
polarization

Boson polarization

- Helicity: $h = \frac{\vec{S} \cdot \vec{p}}{|\vec{p}|}$ (spin $\vec{S}$, momentum $\vec{p}$)
 - Transversal (T): left-/right-handed ($h = -/+1$)
 - Longitudinal (L): spin orthogonal to the momenta ($h = 0$)
- Polarization vectors in the helicity basis:

★ For a spin-1 boson travelling along the z-axis, the polarization four vectors are:

$\epsilon_-^\mu = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(0, 1, -i, 0);$	$\epsilon_L = \frac{1}{m}(p_z, 0, 0, E)$	$\epsilon_+^\mu = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(0, 1, i, 0)$
		
$S_z = -1$	$S_z = 0$	$S_z = +1$
transverse	longitudinal	transverse

Longitudinal polarization isn't present for on-shell massless particles, the photon can exist in two helicity states $h = \pm 1$ (LH and RH circularly polarized light)

Polarization and Spin Density Matrix

- The density matrix of $Z \rightarrow ll$ decay

R. Rahaman, R. Singh, [arXiv:2109.09345](https://arxiv.org/abs/2109.09345)

$$\Gamma = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} \boxed{1 + \cos^2 \theta - 2\eta_\ell \cos \theta}^{f_L} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\sin 2\theta - 2\eta_\ell \sin \theta) e^{i\varphi} & (1 - \cos^2 \theta) e^{i2\varphi} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\sin 2\theta - 2\eta_\ell \sin \theta) e^{-i\varphi} & \boxed{2 \sin^2 \theta}^{f_0} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\sin 2\theta + 2\eta_\ell \sin \theta) e^{i\varphi} \\ (1 - \cos^2 \theta) e^{-i2\varphi} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\sin 2\theta + 2\eta_\ell \sin \theta) e^{-i\varphi} & \boxed{1 + \cos^2 \theta + 2\eta_\ell \cos \theta}^{f_R} \end{pmatrix}$$

E. Gabrielli et al,
[arXiv:2302.00683](https://arxiv.org/abs/2302.00683)

- The differential cross section is simply given by the SDM

$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega_1 d\Omega_2} = \left(\frac{3}{4\pi} \right)^2 \text{Tr} \{ \boxed{\rho}^{f_0} \boxed{(\Gamma_1 \otimes \Gamma_2)}^{f_L} \}$$

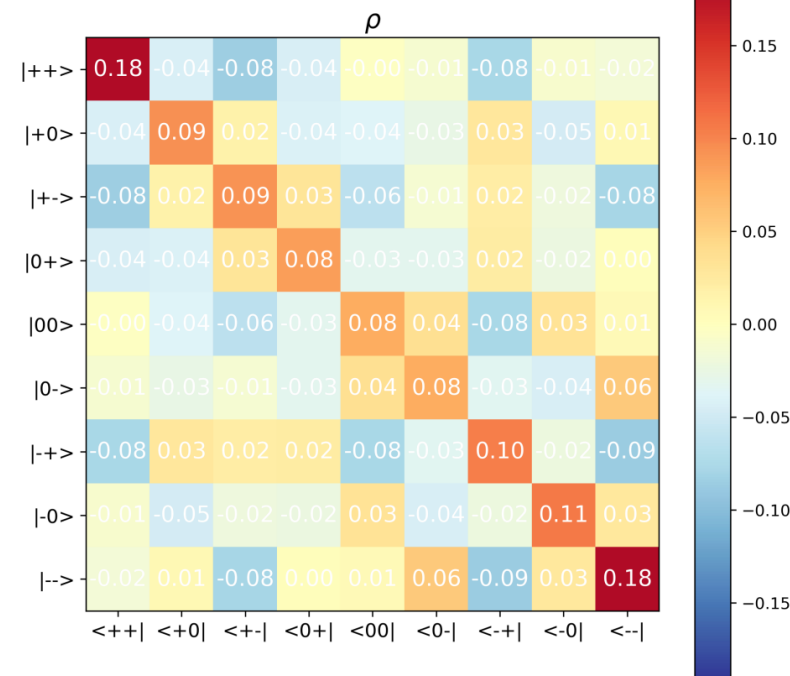
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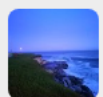
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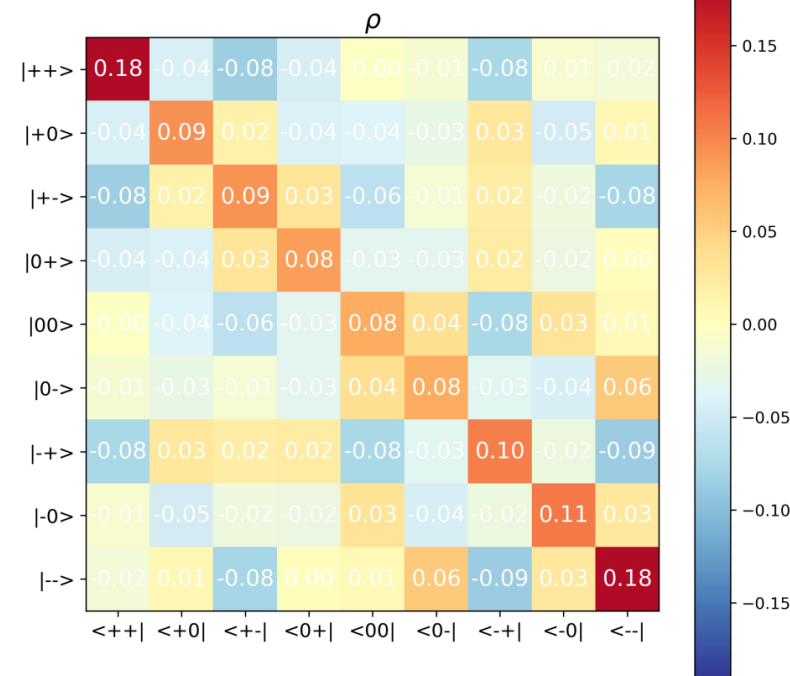
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Entanglement is old physics 😊

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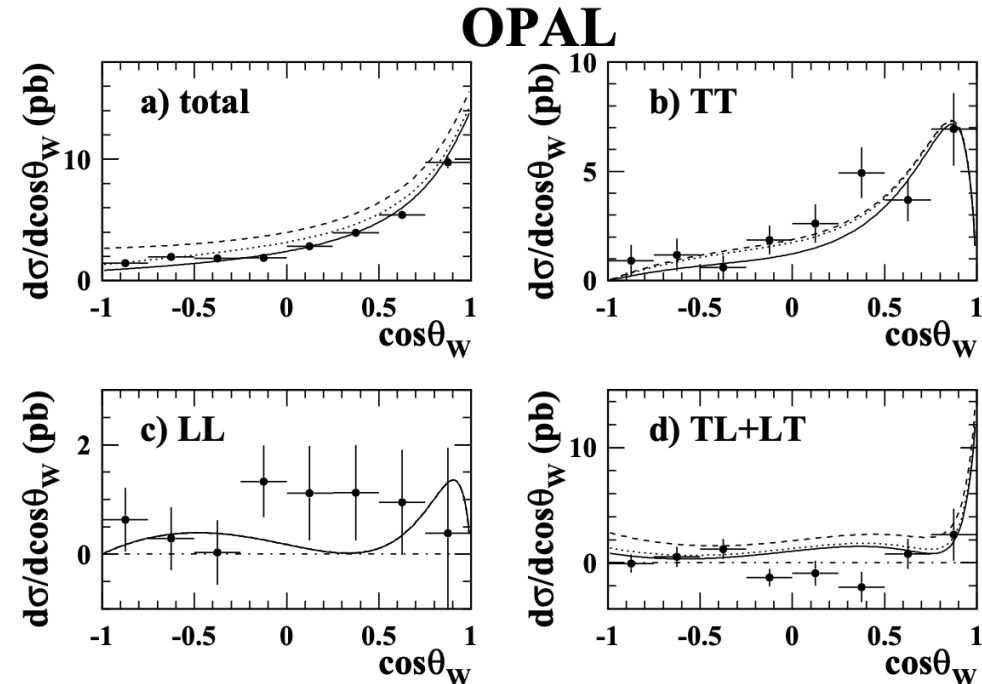
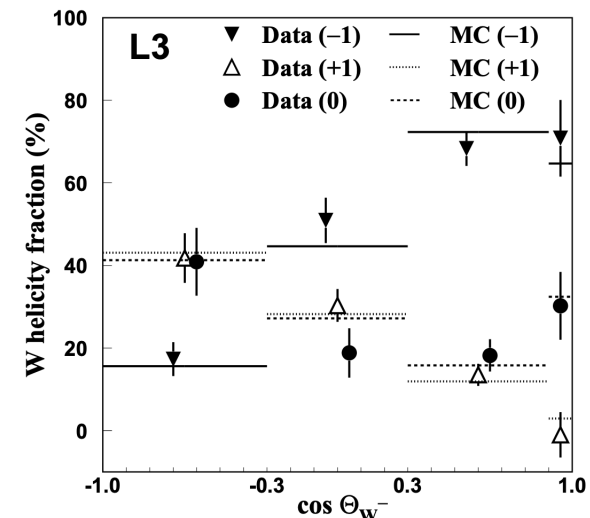


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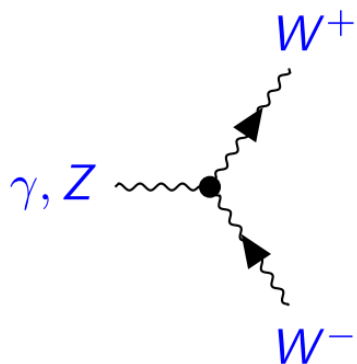
- Only $ee \rightarrow WW \rightarrow lvqq$ process accessible
- Single boson polarization
 - L3, [arXiv:hep-ex/0301027](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ex/0301027)
 - OPAL, [arXiv:hep-ex/0312047](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ex/0312047)
 - DELPHI, [arXiv:0801.1235](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ex/08011235)
- Diboson polarization
 - OPAL, [arXiv:hep-ex/0009021](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ex/0009021)
 - DELPHI, [arXiv:0908.1023](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ex/09081023)

Never reached observation level sensitivity for longitudinal-longitudinal joint-polarization ($V_L V_L$)



Diboson polarization

- In diboson events, the polarizations of both bosons are quantum correlated
 - Joint polarization is described by the Spin Density Matrix
 - Closely connected to Quantum Entanglement and Bell non-locality
- Novel sensitivity to BSM



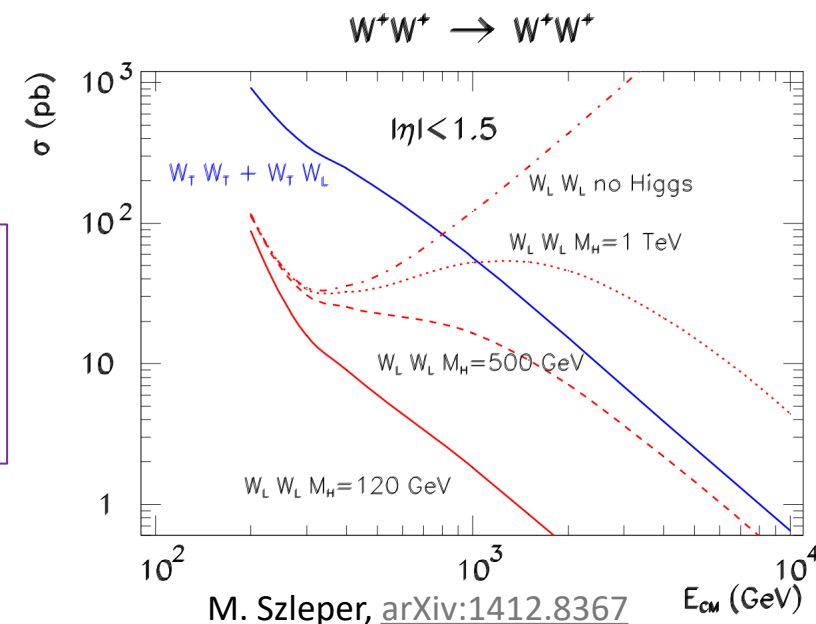
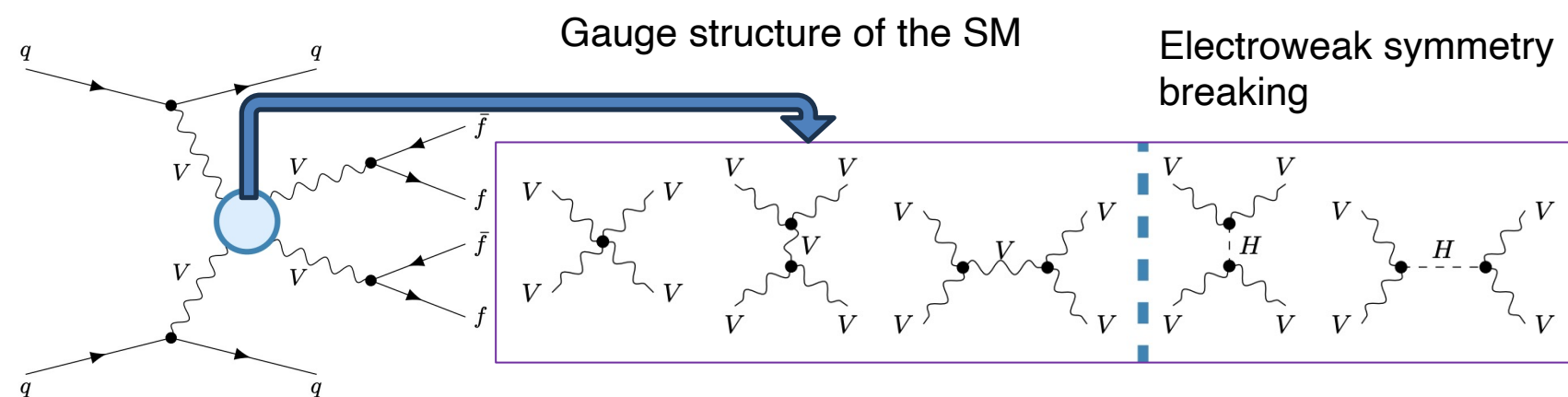
	SM	BSM
$q_{L,R}\bar{q}_{L,R} \rightarrow V_L V_L(h)$	~ 1	$\sim E^2/M^2$
$q_{L,R}\bar{q}_{L,R} \rightarrow V_{\pm} V_L(h)$	$\sim m_W/E$	$\sim m_W E/M^2$
$q_{L,R}\bar{q}_{L,R} \rightarrow V_{\pm} V_{\pm}$	$\sim m_W^2/E^2$	$\sim E^2/M^2$
$q_{L,R}\bar{q}_{L,R} \rightarrow V_{\pm} V_{\mp}$	~ 1	~ 1

High-energy behavior of amplitudes with different diboson helicity configurations

F. Riva et al, [arXiv:1712.01310](https://arxiv.org/abs/1712.01310)

Polarization in VBS

- VBS: a no-lose theorem program for the LHC
 - We would have either discovered the Higgs boson or New Physics
- A primary goal in VBS is to measure the scattering of $V_L V_L \rightarrow V_L V_L$
 - Strict cancellation required to unitarize the high energy behavior

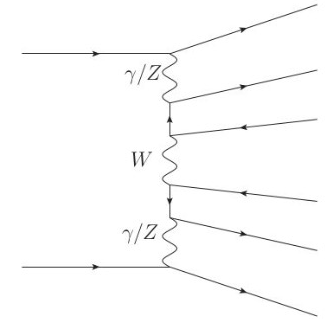
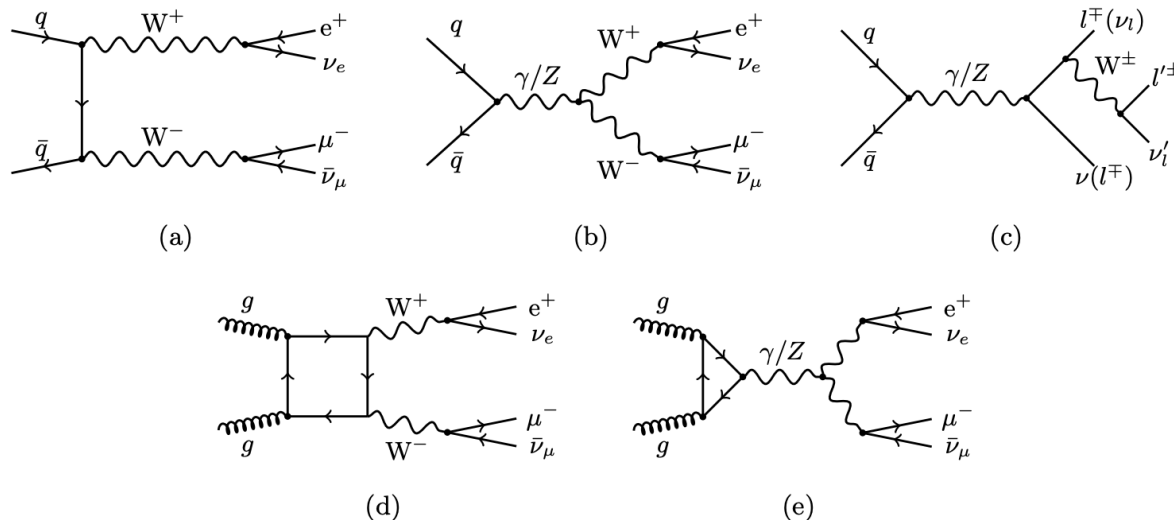


Theoretical challenges

- **Two main obstacles** for the direct theoretical calculations with polarized boson
 - Weak bosons can be produced **off-shell** and some adjustment is required to make sense of their polarization state
 - **Non-resonant diagrams** should be handled properly to keep **gauge invariance**

- **Commonly used approaches**

- Narrow-Width Approximation (NWA)
- On-shell projection (OSP)



$$\mathcal{M} = \sum_{\lambda=1}^3 \mathcal{M}^{\mathcal{P}}_{\lambda} \frac{i}{k^2 - M^2 + i\Gamma_w M} \mathcal{M}^{\mathcal{D}}_{\lambda} = \sum_{\lambda=1}^3 \mathcal{M}^{\mathcal{F}}_{\lambda},$$

$$\underbrace{|\mathcal{M}|^2}_{\text{coherent sum}} = \underbrace{\sum_{\lambda} |\mathcal{M}^{\mathcal{F}}_{\lambda}|^2}_{\text{incoherent sum}} + \underbrace{\sum_{\lambda \neq \lambda'} \mathcal{M}^{\mathcal{F}*}_{\lambda} \mathcal{M}^{\mathcal{F}}_{\lambda'}}_{\text{interference terms}}.$$

Theoretical challenges

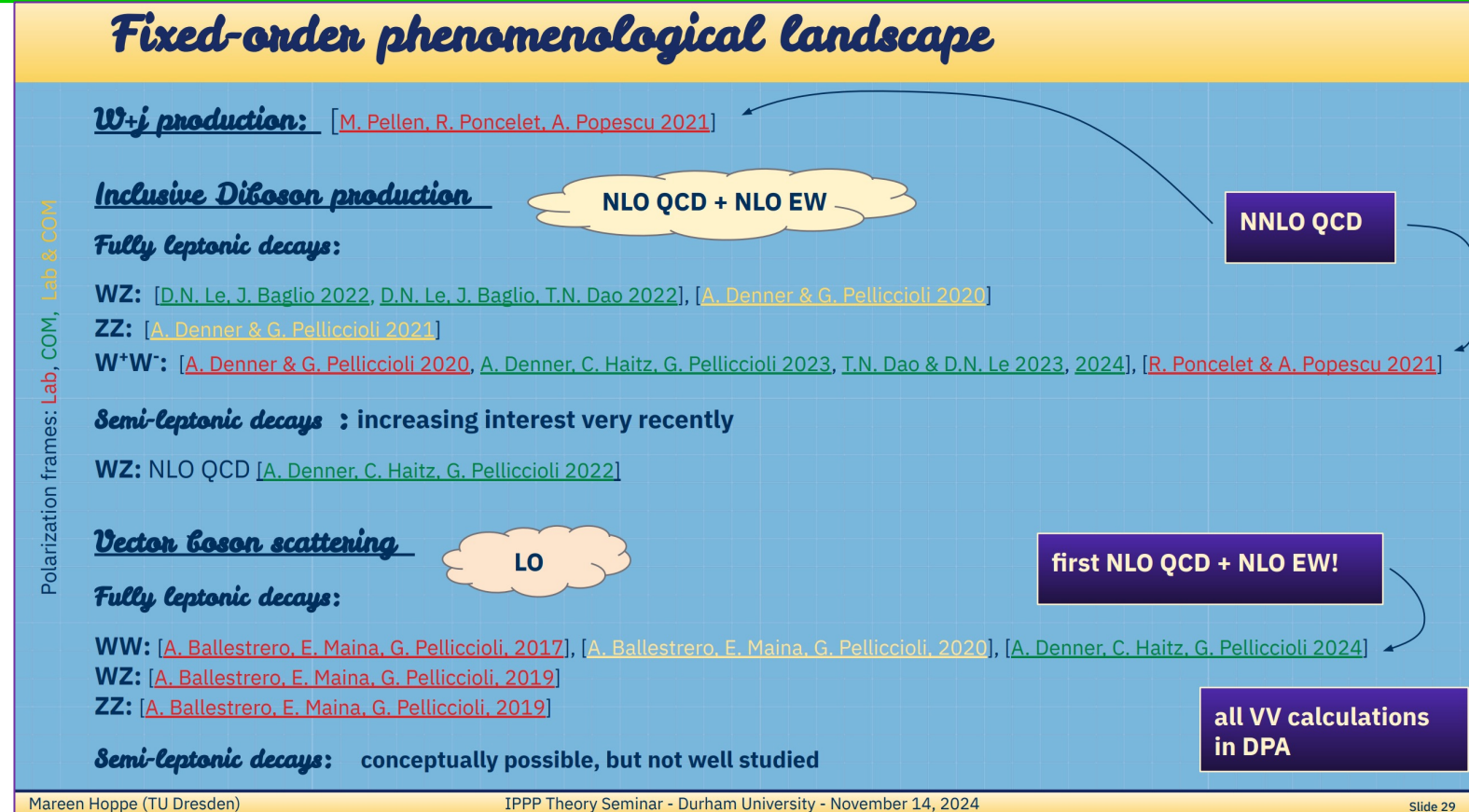
- Fixed-order calculations

Mareen Hoppe's talk

See also a recent review, [arXiv:2509.20232](https://arxiv.org/abs/2509.20232)

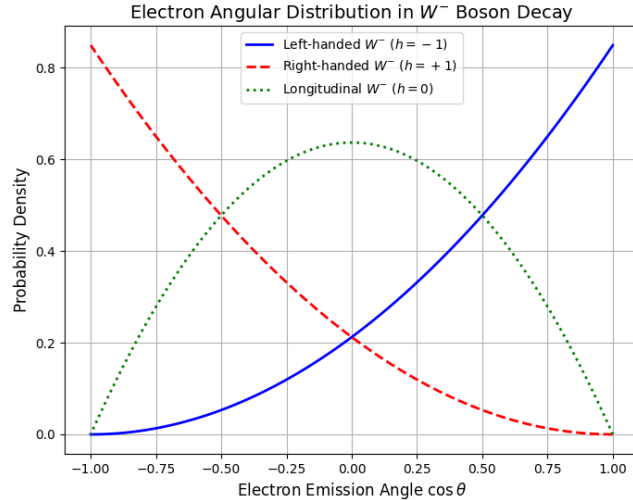
- MC simulations (ME+PS)

- **PHANTOM**: $2 \rightarrow 6$ processes @ LO+PS
- **MadGraph5**: arbitrary processes @ LO+ PS, also with multi-jet merging
- **POWHEG-BOX-RES**+PYTHIA: inclusive diboson processes @NLO QCD+PS
- **Sherpa3**: arbitrary processes @nLO QCD+PS, multi-jet merging



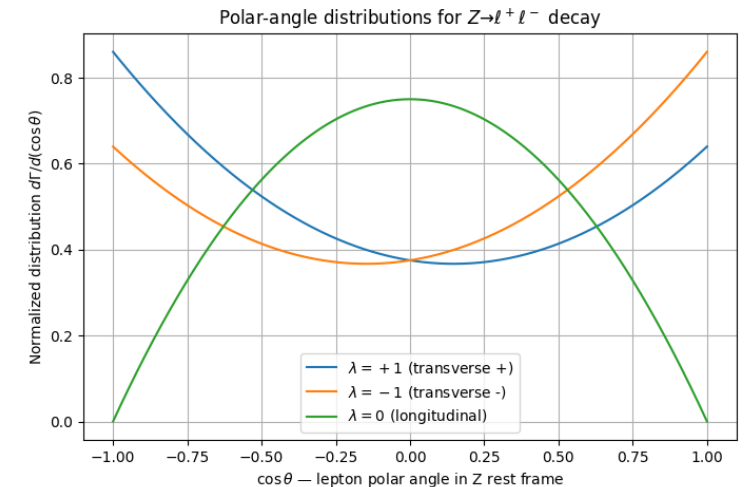
How to measure the polarization

- Helicity is **not Lorentz invariant** → **reference frame dependent**
 - For diboson, the center-of-mass frame of the diboson system is preferred
- Weak bosons are their own polarimeters:
 - The helicity of W and Z bosons is inferred from its decay products
- Polarization fractions extracted from template fits of angular variables or multivariate
 - **The polarization fraction is also kinematically dependent**



For $W^\pm \rightarrow l^\pm \nu$

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



$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{d\cos\theta_{\ell^+}^*} = \frac{3}{4} f_L (1 - \cos^2\theta_{\ell^+}^*) \quad \text{For } Z \rightarrow ll$$

$$+ \frac{3}{8} f_- \left(1 + \cos^2\theta_{\ell^+}^* - 2\cos\theta_{\ell^+}^* \frac{c_{L,\ell}^2 - c_{R,\ell}^2}{c_{L,\ell}^2 + c_{R,\ell}^2} \right) + \frac{3}{8} f_+ \left(1 + \cos^2\theta_{\ell^+}^* + 2\cos\theta_{\ell^+}^* \frac{c_{L,\ell}^2 - c_{R,\ell}^2}{c_{L,\ell}^2 + c_{R,\ell}^2} \right),$$

Inclusive diboson production

Diboson polarization

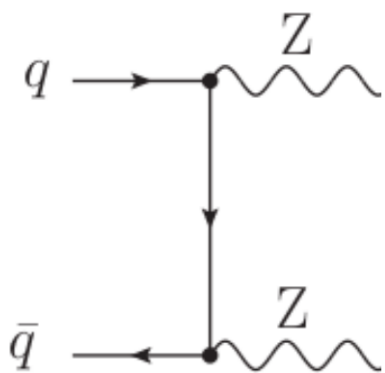
Why the LL fraction is smallest ?

Stable-Z approximation:

$$\varepsilon_-^\mu = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(0, \cos \theta, -i, -\sin \theta),$$

$$\varepsilon_+^\mu = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(0, -\cos \theta, -i, \sin \theta),$$

$$\varepsilon_L^\mu = \frac{1}{M}(p, E \sin \theta, 0, E \cos \theta) \xrightarrow{E \gg M} \frac{p^\mu}{M}$$



$$\frac{d\sigma_{LL}}{d\cos\theta} = \frac{a}{96} \frac{M_Z^4}{s^3} \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{\sin^2 \theta} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{s^4}\right),$$

$$\frac{d\sigma_{LT}}{d\cos\theta} = \frac{a}{12} \frac{M_Z^2}{s^2} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{s^3}\right),$$

$$\frac{d\sigma_{TT}}{d\cos\theta} = \frac{a}{48} \frac{1 + \cos^2 \theta}{s \sin^2 \theta} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{s^2}\right)$$

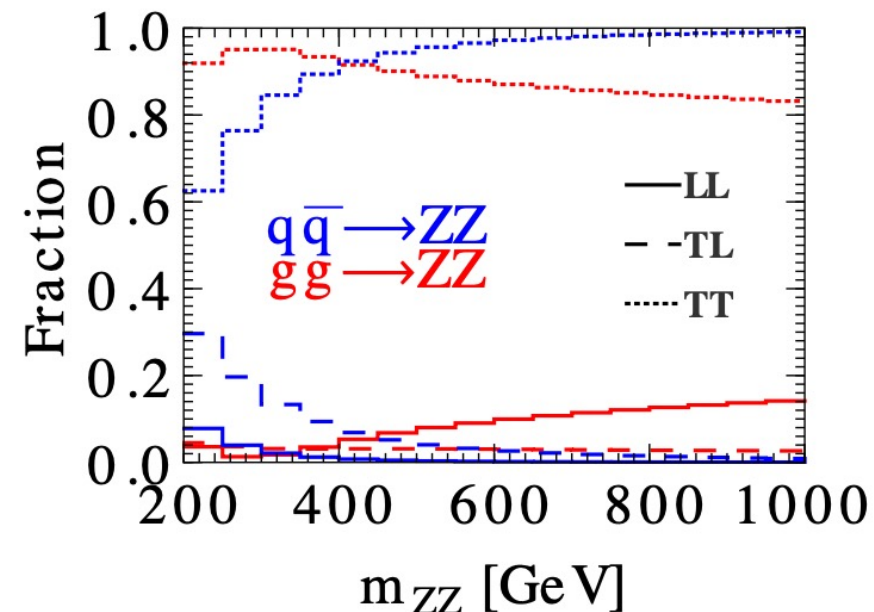
with $a = \pi\alpha^2(c_L^4 + c_R^4)/(s_W^4 c_W^4)$, $\sqrt{s} \in [2M_Z, 13 \text{ TeV}]$

► LL is most sensitive to the mass, but kinematically suppressed !

► Dominant contribution to σ_{LL} comes from the threshold region.

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Q-H Cao, B. Yan et al, [arXiv:2004.02031](https://arxiv.org/abs/2004.02031)

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Diboson polarization

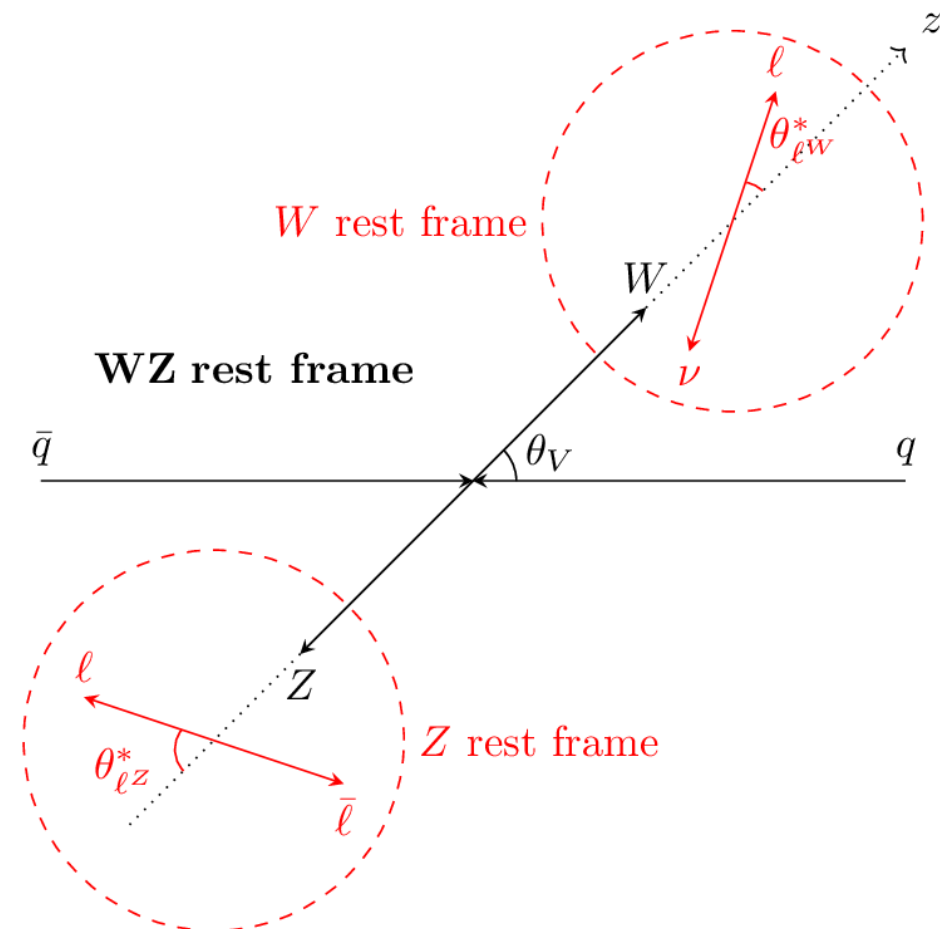
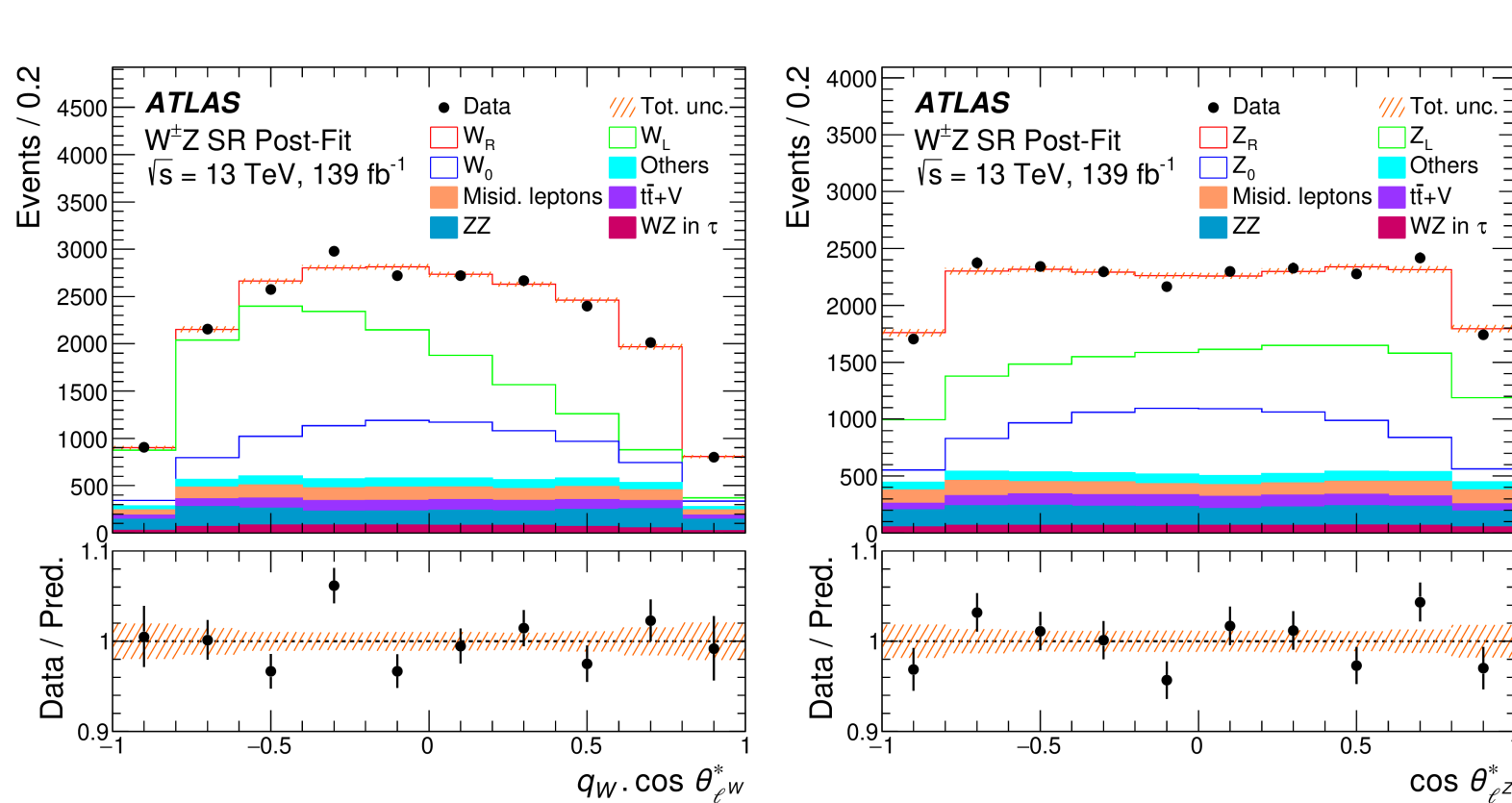
- Recent measurements
 - $pp \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$, ATLAS [JHEP 12 \(2023\) 107](#) ($Z_L Z_L$ measured with 4.3σ)
 - $pp \rightarrow WZ \rightarrow lvll$ joint WZ polarization measurements
 - ATLAS [PLB 843 \(2023\) 137895](#) ($W_L Z_L$ observed with 7.1σ)
 - $pp \rightarrow WZ \rightarrow lvll$ single-boson polarization measurements
 - ATLAS [EPJC 79 \(2019\) 535](#)
 - CMS [JHEP 07 \(2022\) 032](#)

Process	Features			Experimental status
	Signal rate	S/B	Spin information	
$ZZ \rightarrow 4l$	X	✓	✓✓	ATLAS
$WZ \rightarrow lvll$	✓	✓	✓	ATLAS (and CMS with single boson polarization)
$WW \rightarrow lvlv$	✓	X	X	None
$WW \rightarrow lvqq$	✓	X	✓	None

WZ polarization measurement

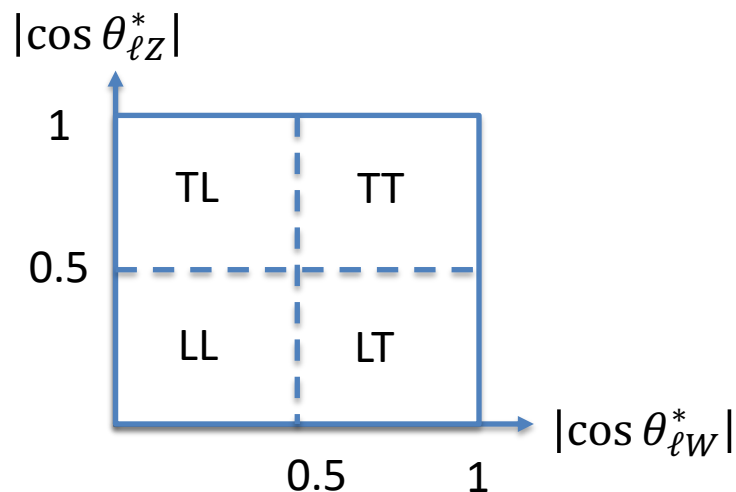
- A regression NN is developed to reconstruct p_Z^ν from the $W \rightarrow l\nu$ decay

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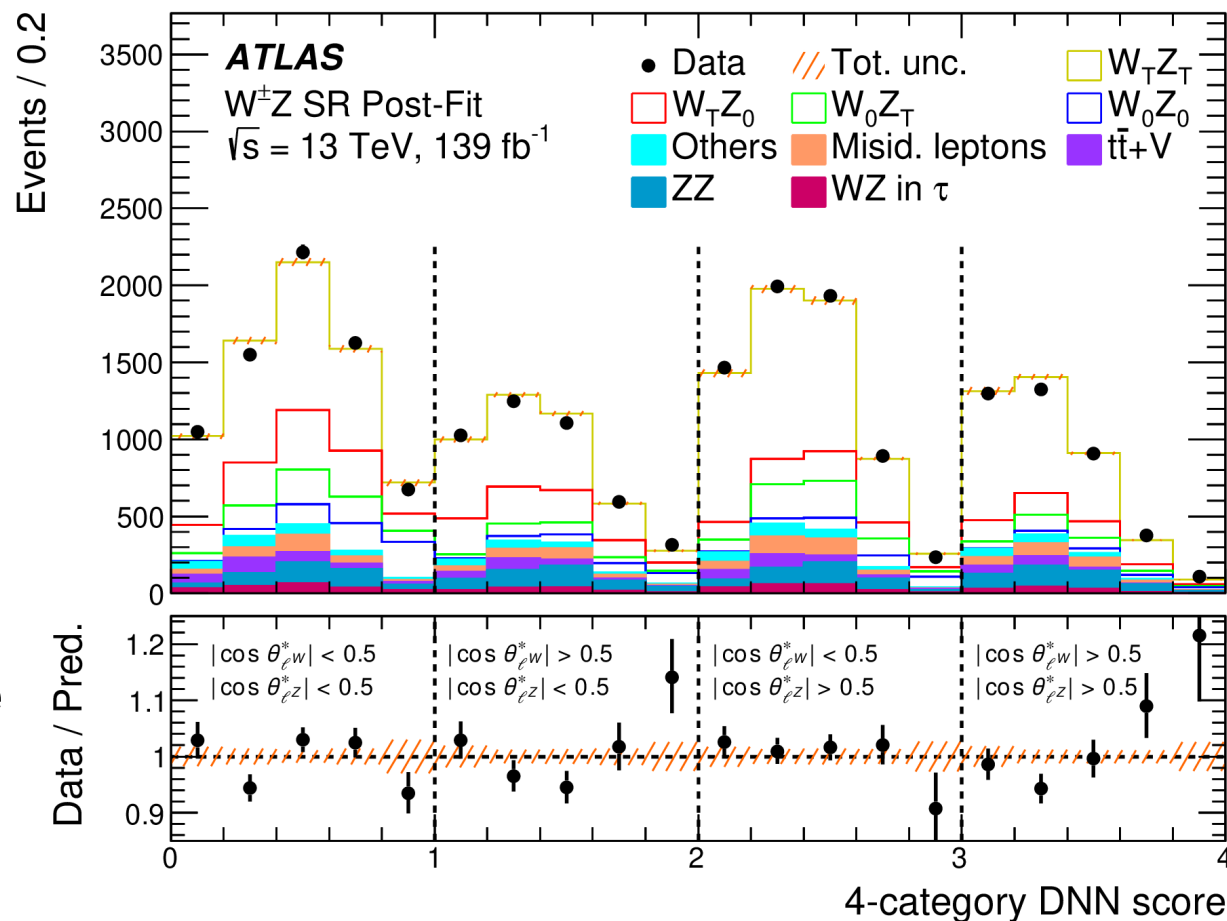


WZ polarization measurement

- A DNN based discriminant used to extract the polarization fractions
 - Events are further split into 4 categories based on $(|\cos \theta_{\ell W}^*|, |\cos \theta_{\ell Z}^*|)$



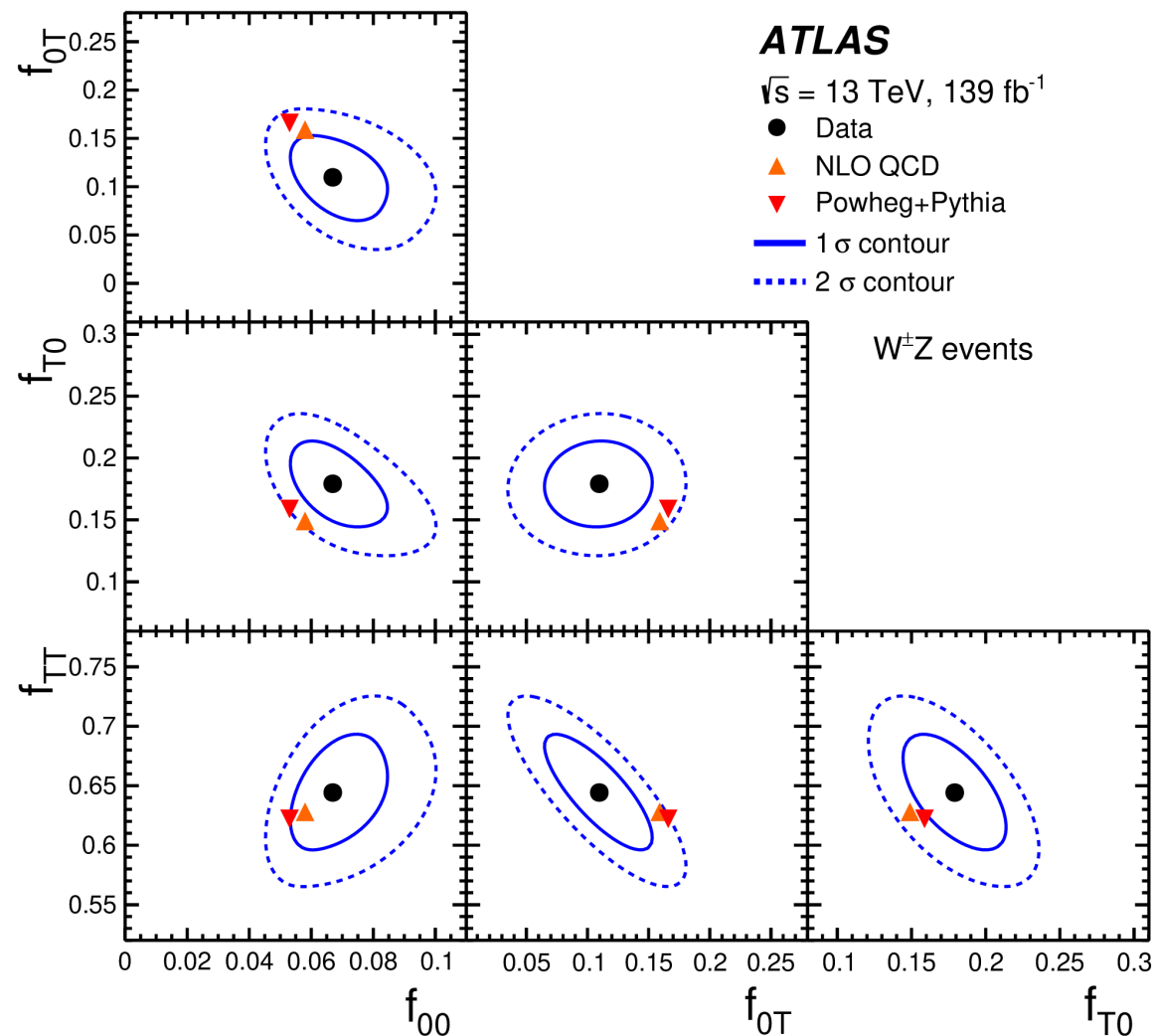
- NLO QCD corrections with a DNN reweighting
 - 4 DNNs trained to reweight the inclusive WZ events to each polarized sample
 - The 4 DNNs are then applied to the Powheg WZ inclusive sample



WZ polarization measurement

- All joint polarization states observed
 - Observed (expected) $W_L Z_L$ 7.1(6.2) σ
 - Consistent with NLO QCD predictions

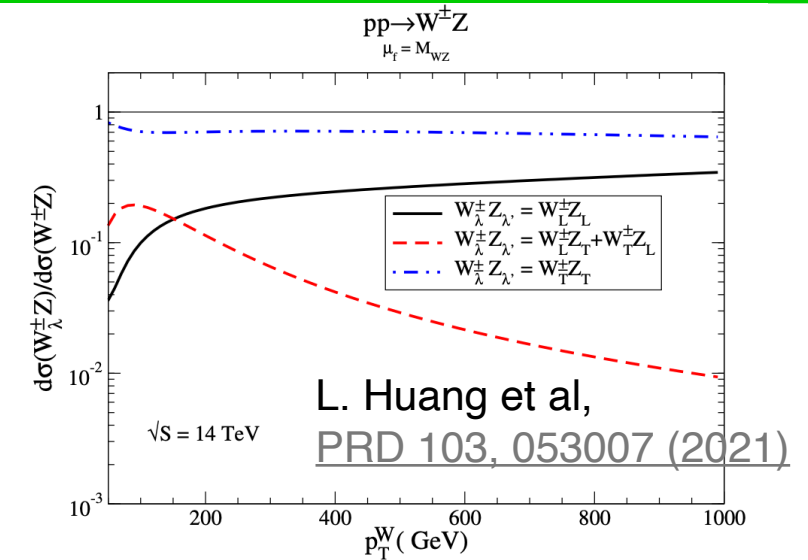
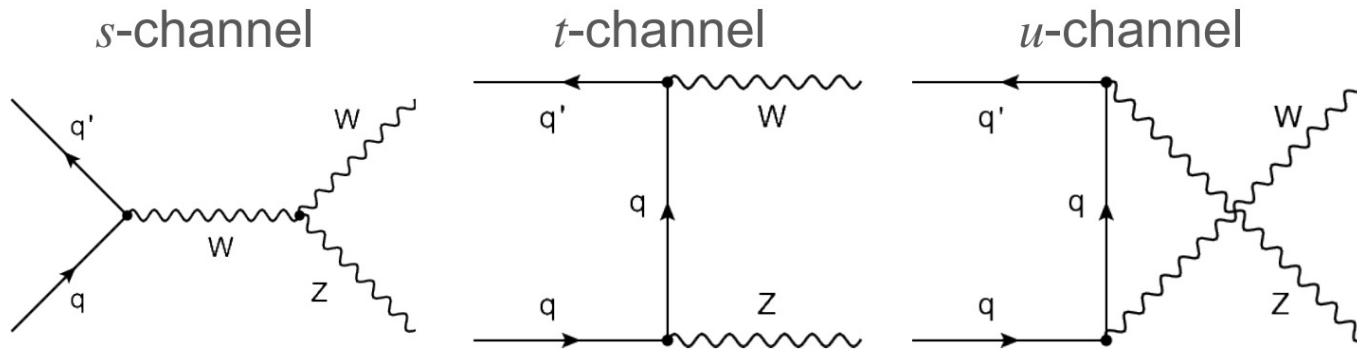
	Data	POWHEG+PYTHIA	NLO QCD
$W^\pm Z$			
f_{00}	0.067 ± 0.010	0.0590 ± 0.0009	0.058 ± 0.002
f_{0T}	0.110 ± 0.029	0.1515 ± 0.0017	0.159 ± 0.003
f_{T0}	0.179 ± 0.023	0.1465 ± 0.0017	0.149 ± 0.003
f_{TT}	0.644 ± 0.032	0.6431 ± 0.0021	0.628 ± 0.004



Energy Dependence and the Radiation Amplitude Zero Effect

- Polarization fraction is p_T dependent
- **RAZ effect**: at leading-order, the dominant helicity amplitude for TT vanishes when $\cos \theta_V \sim 0$
- **RAZ only** happens for WZ and $W\gamma$ processes and **not** for WW and ZZ processes
 - Observed in $W\gamma$ but not in WZ yet

$$\frac{d^2\sigma_{WZ}^{LL}}{d^2\sigma_{WZ}^{TT}} \sim \frac{1}{8 \cos^2 \theta_V} \frac{1 - \cos^2 \theta_V}{1 + \cos^2 \theta_V}$$

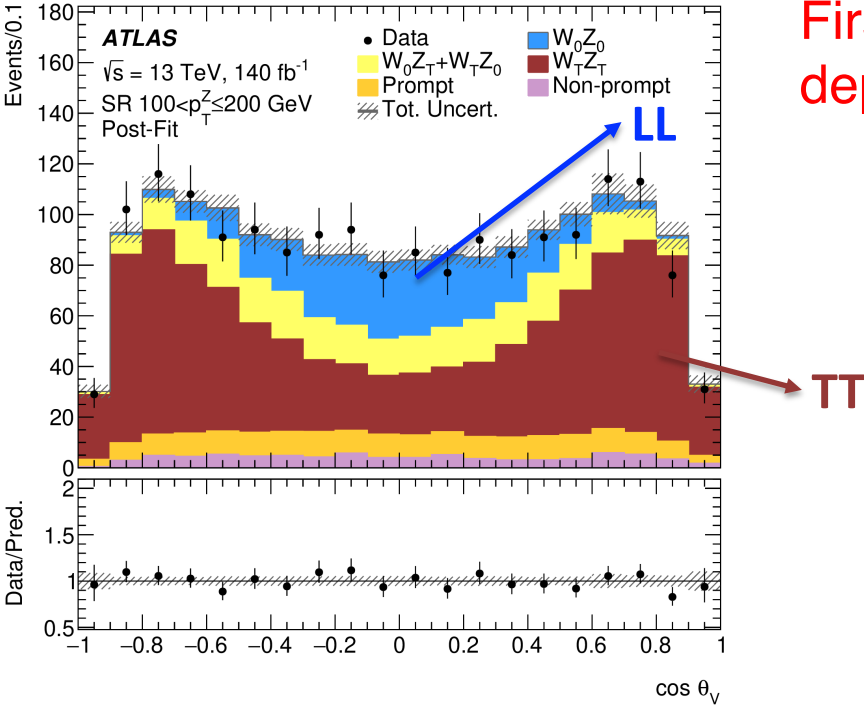


- High $p_T(Z)$ region enhances the LL fraction
- Low $p_T(WZ)$ region suppresses jet activity thus enhances the RAZ effect $\rightarrow$ also enhancing the LL fraction

f_{LL} increases from 5 – 7% in the inclusive region to 20 – 30% in the region with high $p_T(Z)$ and low $p_T(WZ)$

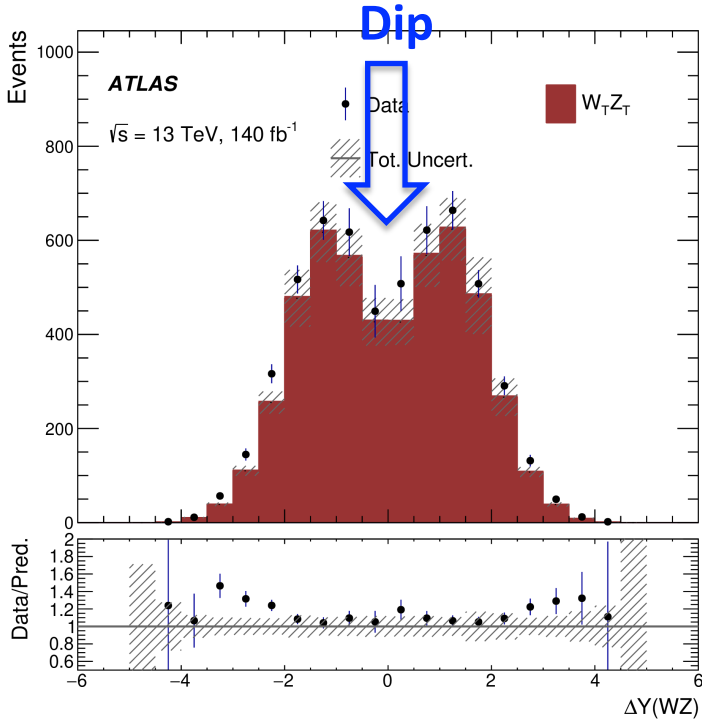
Observation of WZ pol. and the Radiation Amplitude Zero effect

	Measurement	
	$100 < p_T^Z \leq 200 \text{ GeV}$	$p_T^Z > 200 \text{ GeV}$
f_{00}	$0.19 \pm_{0.03}^{0.03} \text{ (stat)} \pm_{0.02}^{0.02} \text{ (syst)}$	$0.13 \pm_{0.08}^{0.09} \text{ (stat)} \pm_{0.02}^{0.02} \text{ (syst)}$
f_{0T+T0}	$0.18 \pm_{0.08}^{0.07} \text{ (stat)} \pm_{0.06}^{0.05} \text{ (syst)}$	$0.23 \pm_{0.18}^{0.17} \text{ (stat)} \pm_{0.10}^{0.06} \text{ (syst)}$
f_{TT}	$0.63 \pm_{0.05}^{0.05} \text{ (stat)} \pm_{0.04}^{0.04} \text{ (syst)}$	$0.64 \pm_{0.12}^{0.12} \text{ (stat)} \pm_{0.06}^{0.06} \text{ (syst)}$
$f_{00} \text{ obs (exp) sig.}$	5.2 (4.3) σ	1.6 (2.5) σ



First measurement of energy dependence of diboson polarization

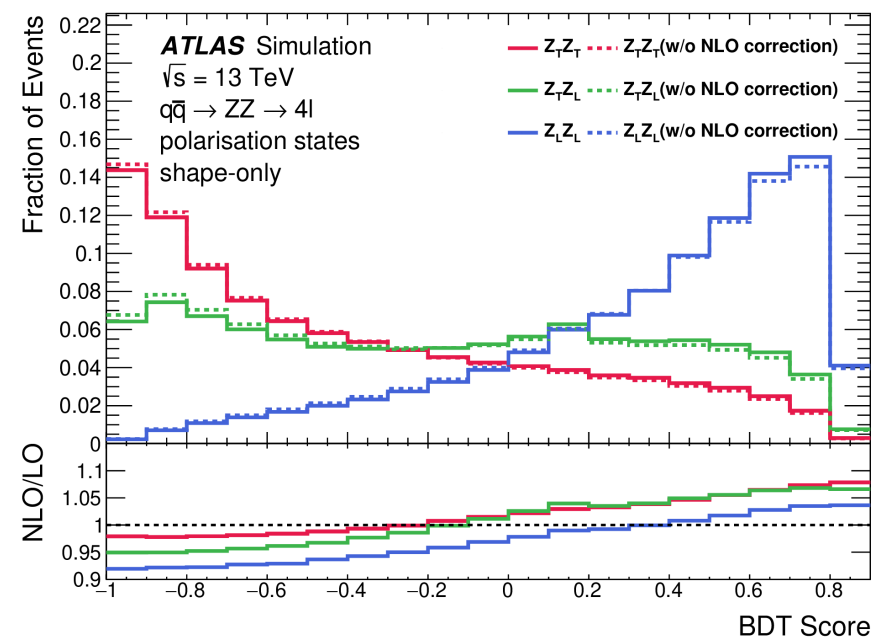
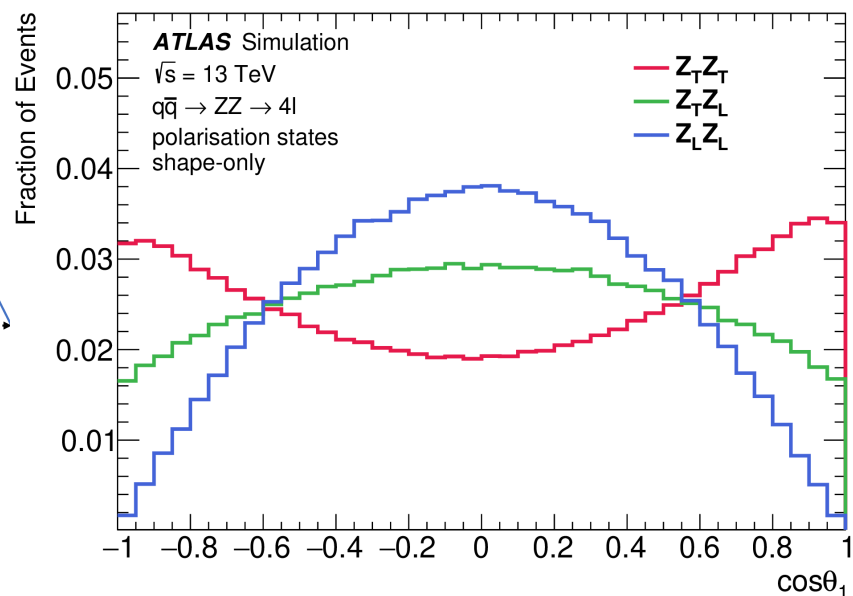
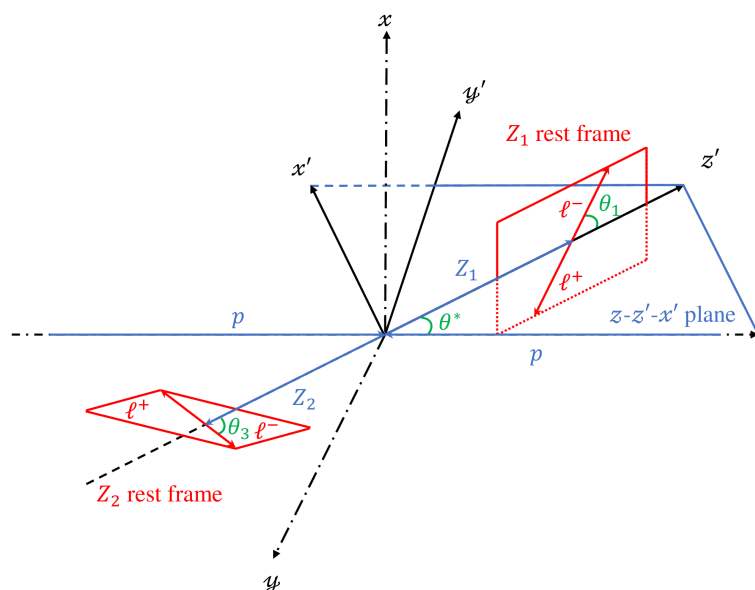
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- RAZ effect leads to a dip around 0 in the $\Delta Y(WZ)$ and $\Delta Y(l_WZ)$ distributions
- Significant dips are observed
- Unfolded distributions also measured

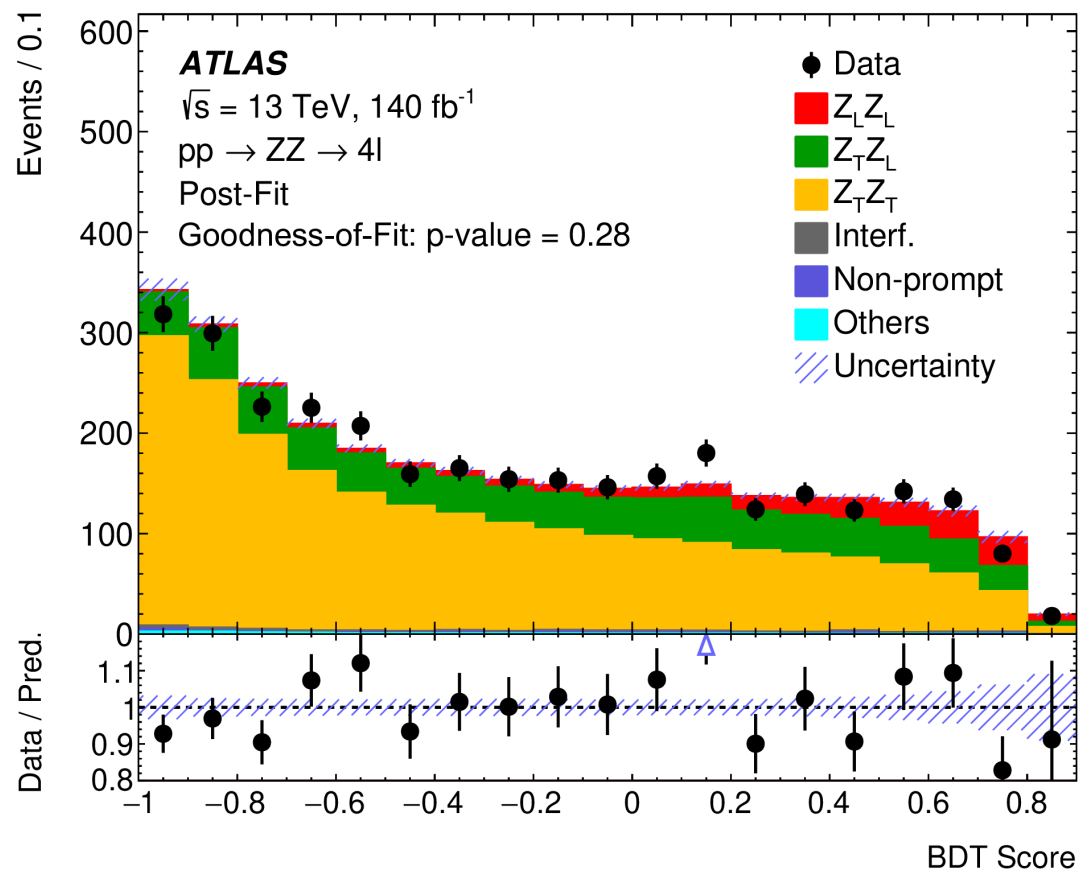
ZZ polarization measurement

- In $ZZ \rightarrow 4l$ decay, both Z bosons can be fully reconstructed
 - Two on-shell Z events are selected: $m_{4l} > 180 \text{ GeV}$, $|m_{ll} - m_Z| < 10 \text{ GeV}$
- A BDT discriminant to separate $Z_L Z_L$ from the others
- NLO QCD and EW corrections applied to LO events via reweighting



ZZ polarization measurement

- BDT template fit to extract the polarization fraction
 - Observed(expected) $Z_L Z_L$ signal strength: $4.3(3.8) \sigma$

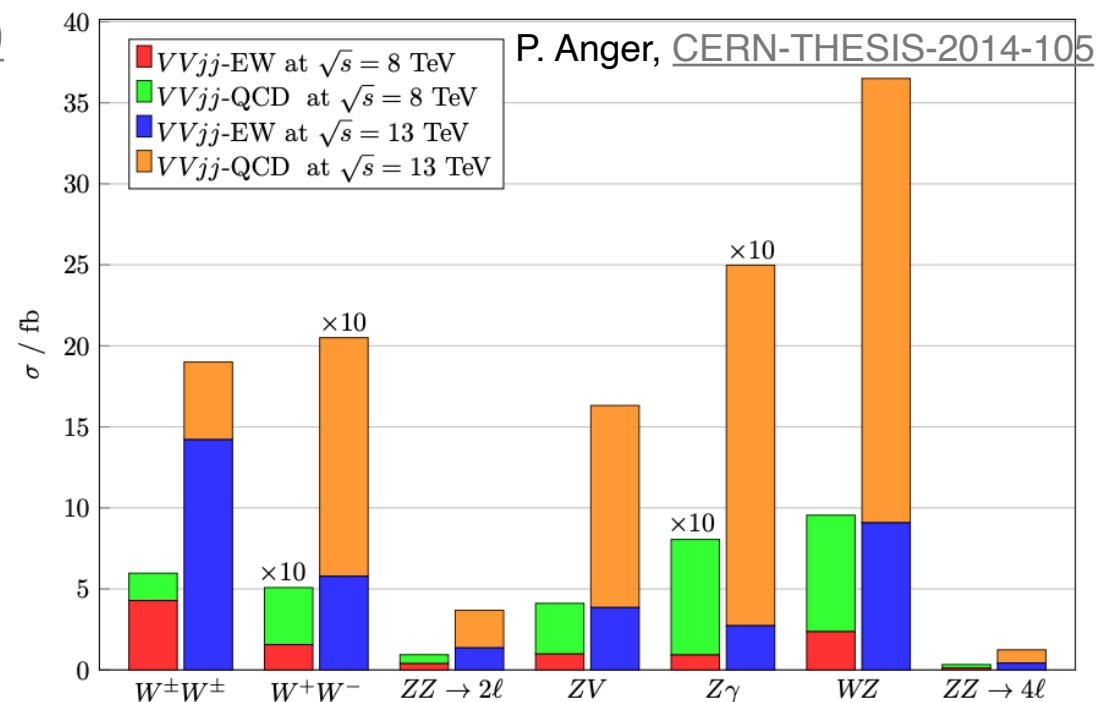


First evidence of $Z_L Z_L$ production

VBS

Polarization measurements in VBS

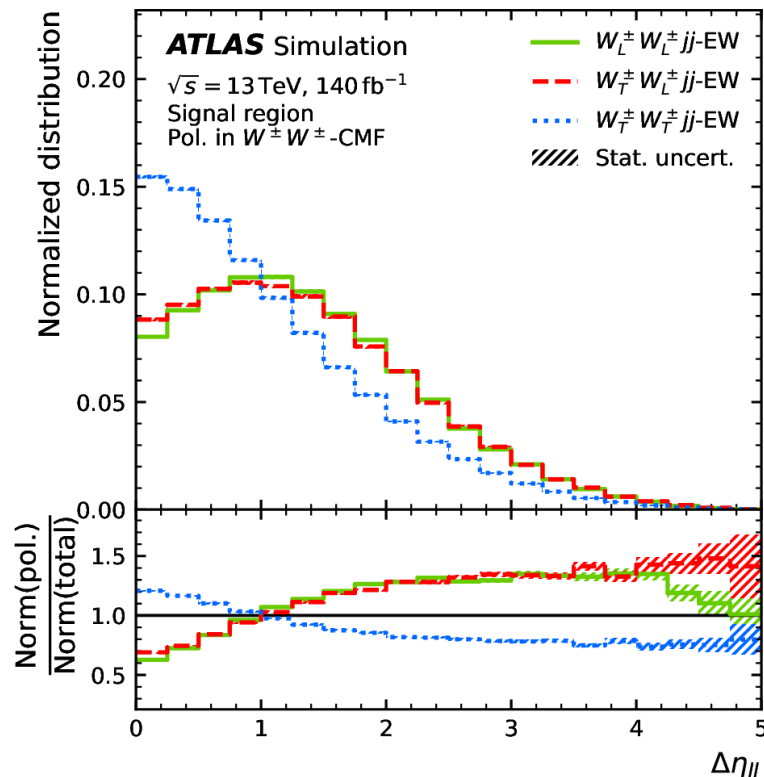
- Same-sign WW production is the most sensitive channel to study vector boson scattering
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 - $pp \rightarrow W^\pm W^\pm jj$ VBS, ATLAS [*PRL 135 \(2025\) 111802*](#), ($W_L W_X$ measured with 3.3σ)



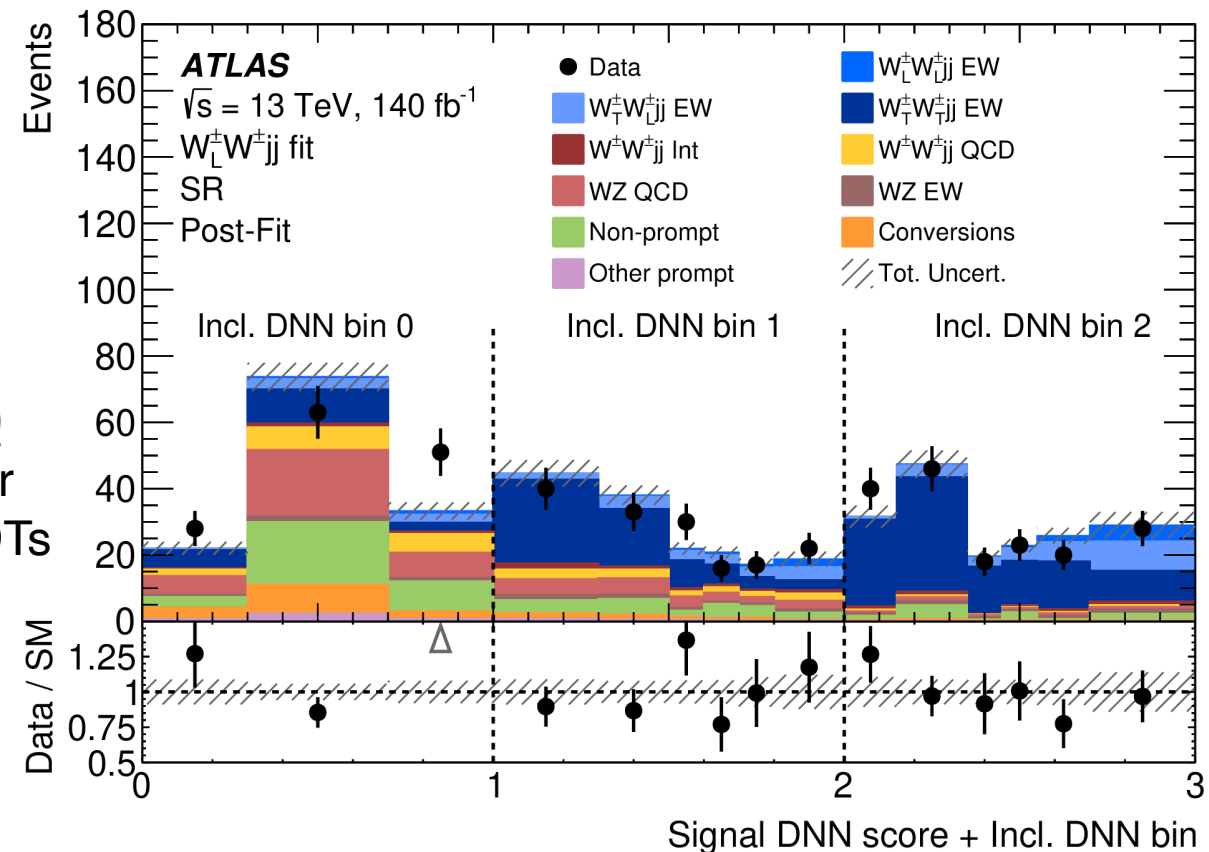
$W^\pm W^\pm jj$ VBS polarization measurement

ATLAS: [PRL 135 \(2025\) 111802](#)

- Two sets of DNNs are trained to improve the separation
 - $DNN_{\text{inclusive}}$ to distinguish EW $W^\pm W^\pm jj$ process from backgrounds
 - $DNN_{\text{polarization}}$ to extract the polarized signal for EW $W_L^\pm W_L^\pm jj$ or $W_L^\pm W^\pm jj$



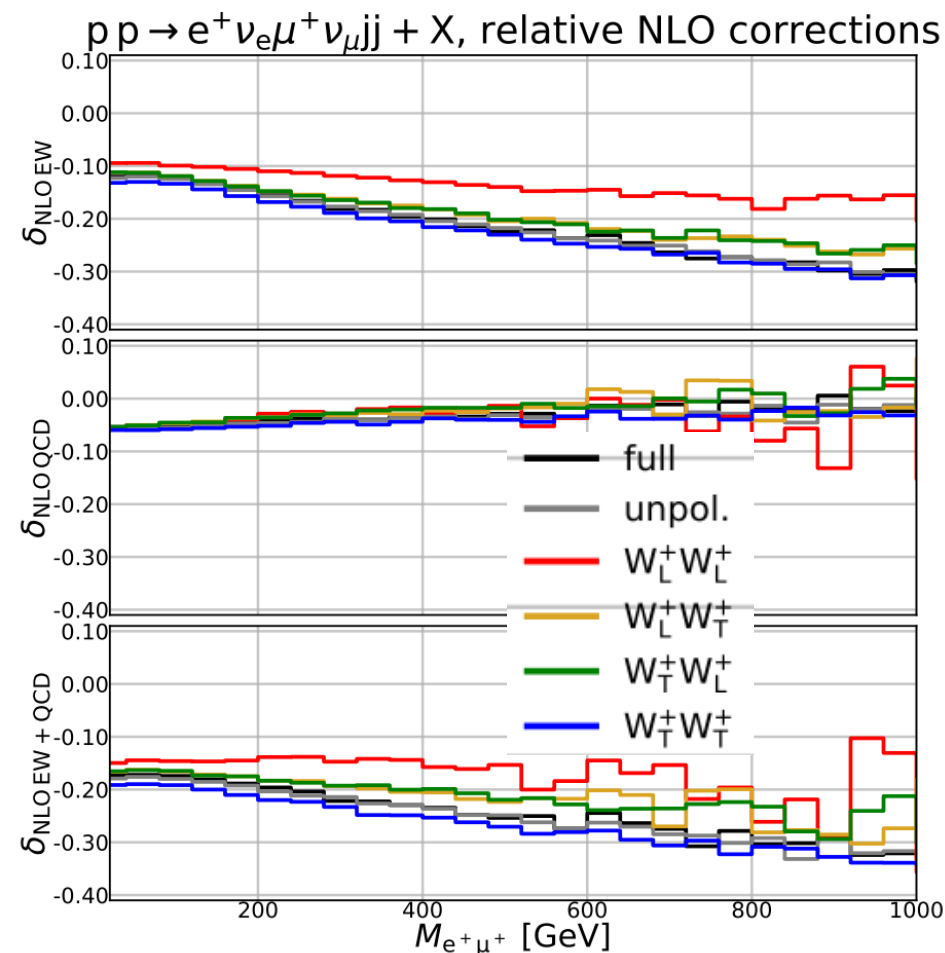
CMS [PLB 812 \(2020\) 136018](#) used a similar approach but with BDTs



Higher-order corrections

ATLAS: [PRL 135 \(2025\) 111802](#)

- Polarization effects reflected in the kinematics of leptons, jets and missing energies
 - Precise full-kinematics simulation is essential
- Substantial NLO QCD and EW corrections
 - Polarization state dependent
- NLO QCD:
 - [Sherpa3](#) provides VBS polarization simulation for LL, TL, TT and the Interference
 - With VBS approximation and Narrow-Width-Approximation
 - LO in EW and approximate NLO in QCD
 - Dedicated DNNs used to correct approximations
- NLO EW:
 - M_{jj} reweighting based on [fixed-order](#) corrections



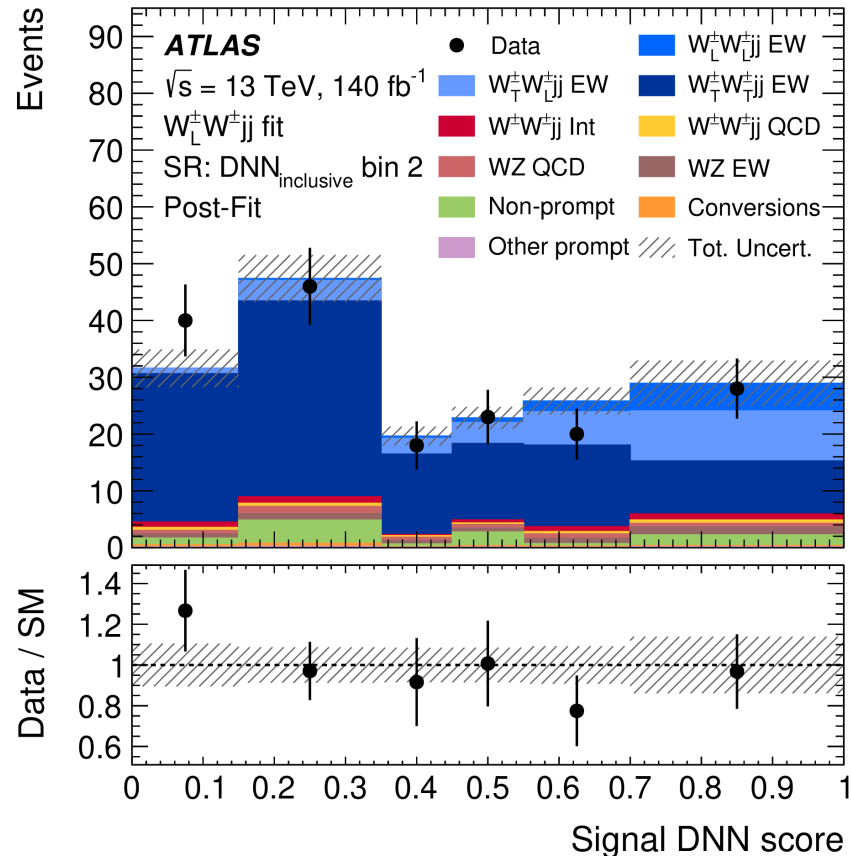
A. Denner, C. Haitz, G. Pelliccioli,
[arXiv:2409.03620](#)

$W^\pm W^\pm jj$ VBS polarization measurement

- DNN template fit to extract the polarization fraction
 - Observed(expected) $W_L^\pm W^\pm jj$ signal significance: 3.3(4.0) σ
 - CMS: 2.3(3.1) σ

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A deep neural network has proven essential in confirming a key prediction of one of the standard model's cornerstones.

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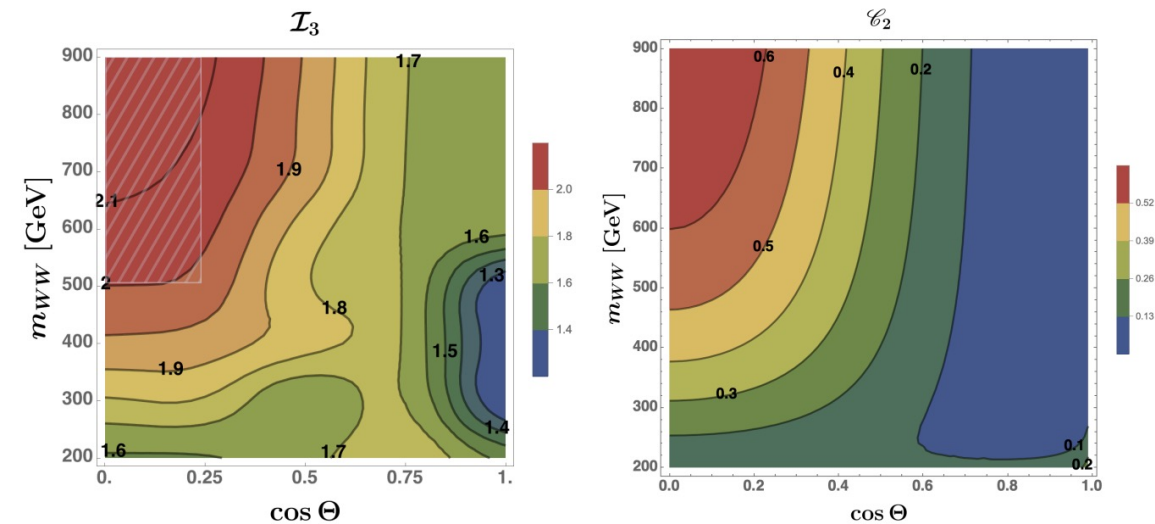
Pinpointing polarisation in vector-boson scattering

16 May 2025

A report from the ATLAS experiment.

Propsect

- Diboson polarization measurements
 - Only $W_L Z_L$ observed so far, more channels to come ($Z_L Z_L$, $W_L W_L$, etc)
 - Probe BSM
 - Quantum tomograph in diboson system?



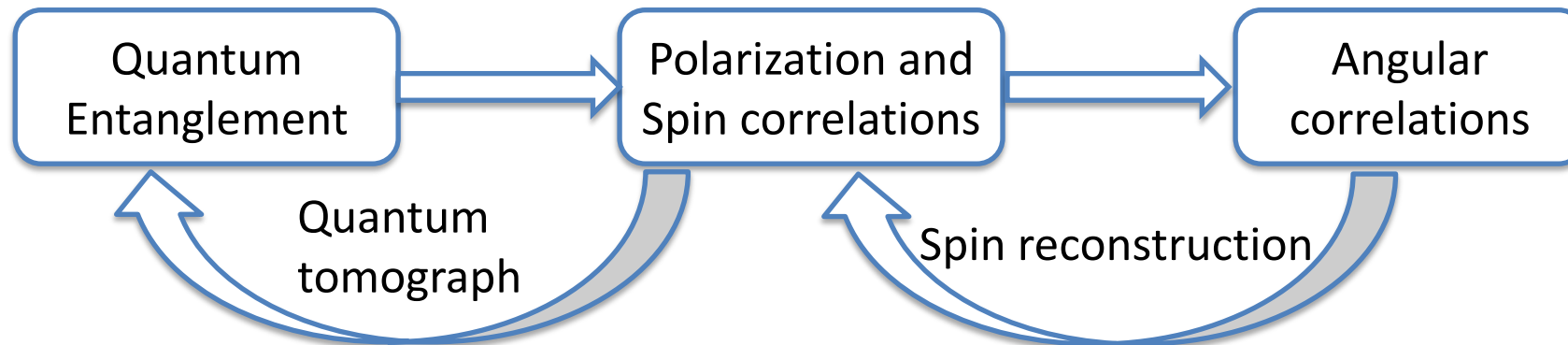
- VBS polarization measurement
 - Establish $V_L V_L \rightarrow V_L V_L$ at the HL-LHC?

(run2) $\mathcal{L} = 140 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ (Hi-Lumi) $\mathcal{L} = 3 \text{ ab}^{-1}$

events	288	6145
E. Gabrielli et al, arXiv:2302.00683		

Summary

- Diboson polarization study (either in inclusive $pp \rightarrow VV$ production or in VBS) well motivated to test the EWSB and probe BSM
 - Large datasets available at the LHC
 - New developments in MC event generators for polarized boson production
 - Advanced ML techniques as polarization taggers
- Continuous development in theoretical calculations also essential
- Also paves the road for Quantum Entanglement study



Backup

SDM and Quantum Entanglement

- The spin density matrix is a fundamental tool in quantum mechanics, encapsulating all observable information of a quantum system

$$\rho = \sum_i p_i |\Psi_i\rangle \langle \Psi_i|,$$

- A $V_A V_B$ system produced in pp collisions is a pair of qutrits
- The system is separable if If the SDM can be written as
$$\rho = \sum_i p_i \rho_A^i \otimes \rho_B^i,$$
 - ρ_A^i, ρ_B^i are the density matrices acting on the Hilbert spaces of subsystems A and B, respectively.
 - $p_i \geq 0, \sum_i p_i = 1$
- QE witness: concurrence

For pure state $\mathcal{C}[|\Psi\rangle] \equiv \sqrt{2(1 - \text{Tr}[(\rho_A)^2])} = \sqrt{2(1 - \text{Tr}[(\rho_B)^2])},$

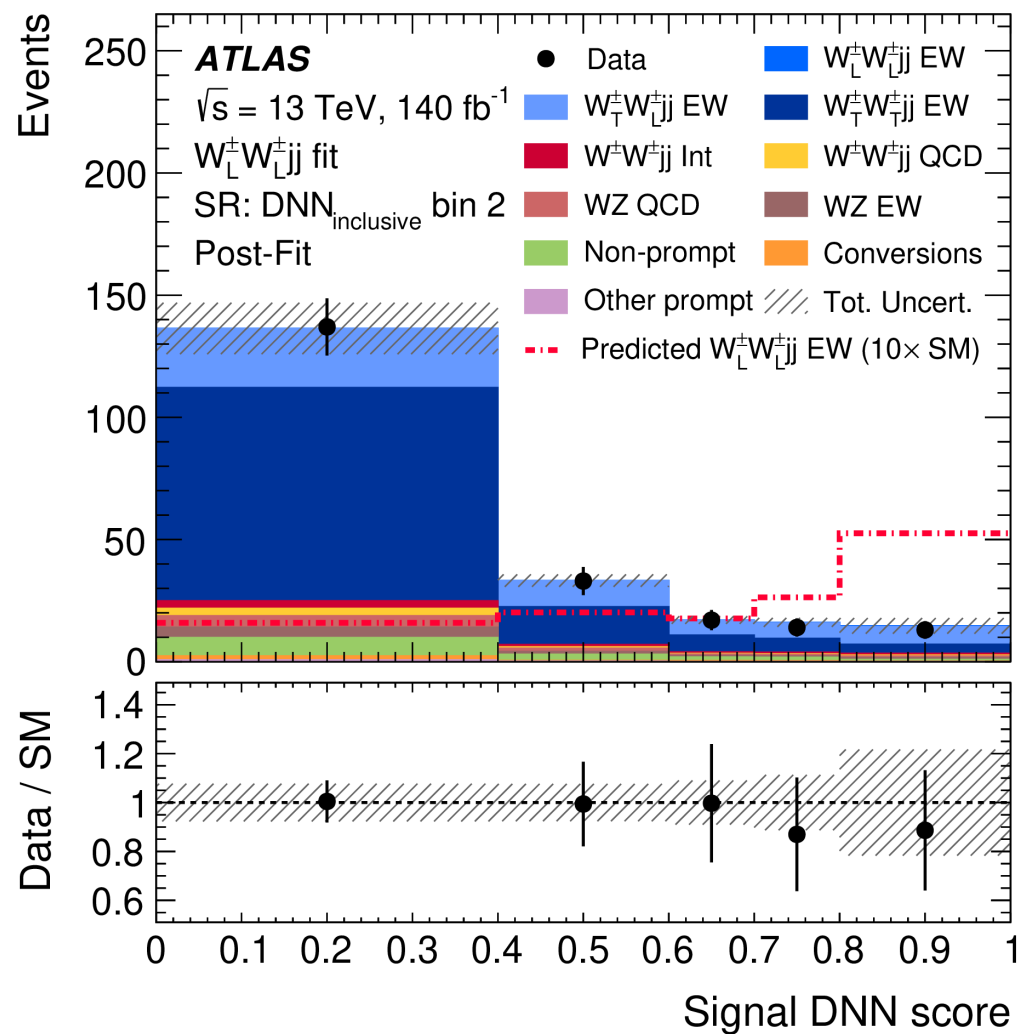
For mixed state $\mathcal{C}(\rho) \equiv \inf_{\{|\Psi_i\rangle\}} \sum_i p_i \mathcal{C}[|\Psi_i\rangle].$

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathcal{C}(\rho))^2 &\geq 2 \max \left\{ 0, \text{Tr}[\rho^2] - \text{Tr}[(\rho_A)^2], \text{Tr}[\rho^2] - \text{Tr}[(\rho_B)^2] \right\} \equiv \mathcal{C}_{\text{LB}}^2, \\ (\mathcal{C}(\rho))^2 &\leq 2 \min \left\{ 1 - \text{Tr}[(\rho_A)^2], 1 - \text{Tr}[(\rho_B)^2] \right\} \equiv \mathcal{C}_{\text{UB}}^2. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{C}_{\text{LB}} > 0 &\Rightarrow \text{QE} \\ \mathcal{C}_{\text{UB}} = 0 &\Rightarrow \text{non-QE (separable)} \end{aligned}$$

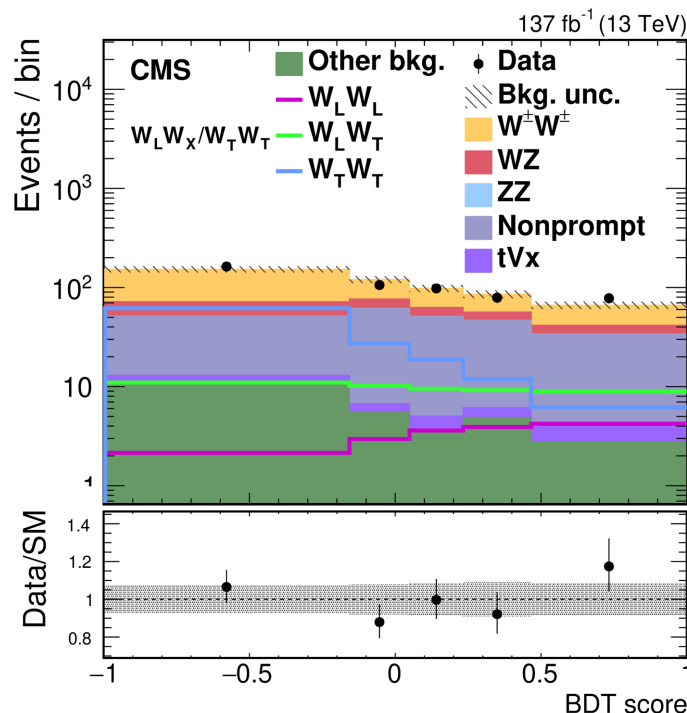
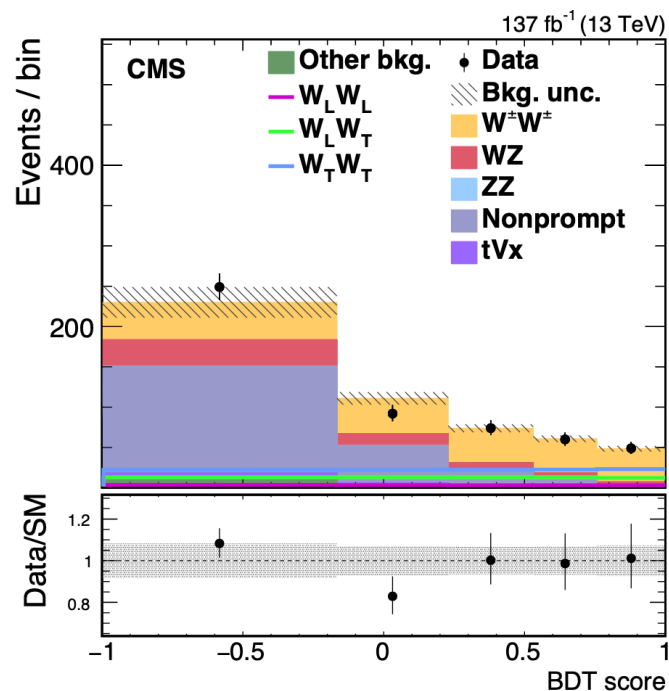
Frank Krauss et al, [arXiv:2505.12125](https://arxiv.org/abs/2505.12125)

ATLAS ssWW polarization

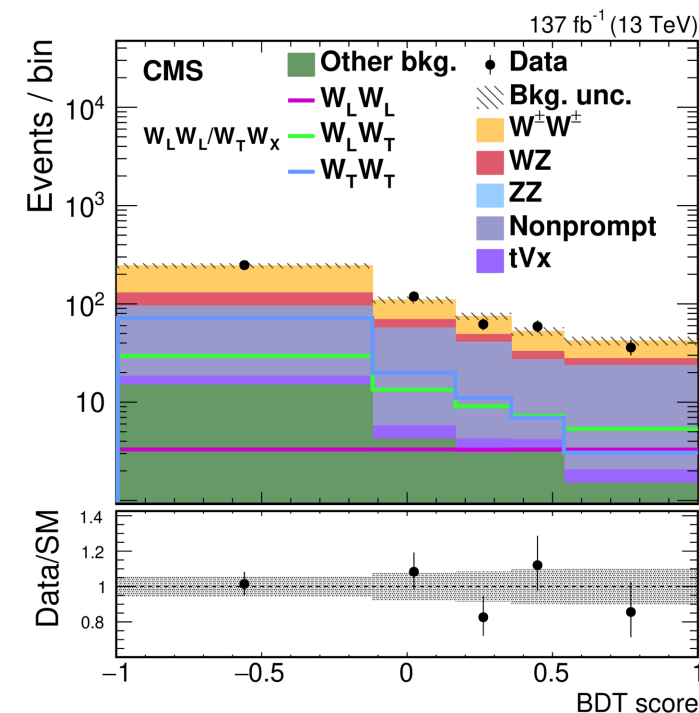


CMS ssWW

- Polarization samples are generated using MADGRAPH5 aMC@NLO at LO interfaced with Pythia8



$W_L^\pm W^\pm jj$ against all



$W_L^\pm W_L^\pm jj$ against all

“Inclusive BDT”: Trained on WW as a signal vs Top quark simulated events that account for the Non-prompt background

Two BDTs to separate the polarization components

ssWW

ATLAS	CMS
LX WW-cmf signifance: 4.56 (expected)	LX WW-cmf signifance: 2.3 (3.1)
LL WW-cmf upper limit: 0.75 fb (expected)	LL WW-cmf upper limit: 1.17 (0.88) fb
Expect about 210 ssWW-EW events	Expect about 190 ssWW-EW events
53% ssWW-EW purity	36% ssWW-EW purity (40% are nonprompt events with high uncertainty)
Polarised higher-order QCD	Unpolarized NLO-QCD
Polarised NLO-EW	Unpolarised NLO-EW Only applied on TT (would explain overestimated significance)
Renorm. and factor., resumm., and merging scale uncertainty calculated at higher-order QCD	Renorm. and factor. scale uncertainty at LO-QCD
Polarisation interference directly modelled	Polarisation interference not taken into account
Discrimination via DNNs - Study of different MVA approaches - Extensive optimization of training setup	Discrimination via BDTs Application of DNNs leaded to similar results
Combination of two DNNs 2D bin optmization to maximize significance	Combination of two BDTs 5x5 bins with similar LL (LX) yields
Dominated by statistic	Dominated by statistic