

# Vector Boson Scattering: Status and Prospects for the Large Hadron Collider and Beyond

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<sup>1</sup>Many, many works. For a review, see Buarque-Franzosi, Gallinaro, RR, et al [[2106.01393](#)]

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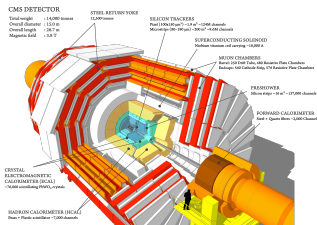
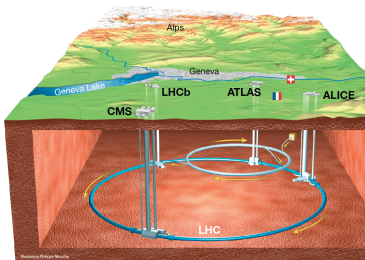
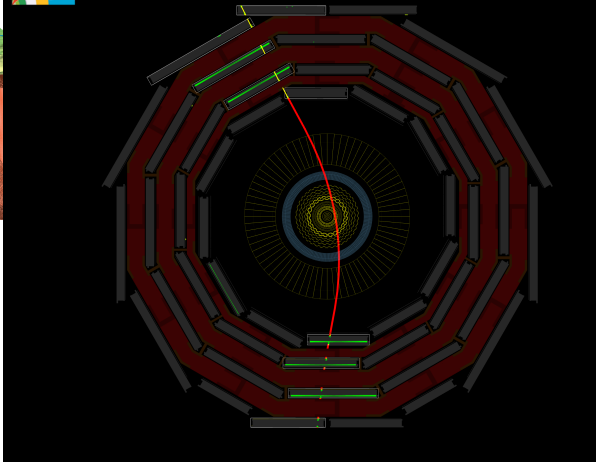
# A real cosmic muon ( $\mu$ ) passing through the CMS detector at the LHC



CMS Experiment at the LHC, CERN

Data recorded: 2022-Mar-11 08:17:42.214016 GMT

Run / Event / LS: 348683 / 35407138 / 1771



Since  $|\vec{B}| = 4 \text{ T}$  and radius  $\neq 0, \infty \implies \mu$  is massive and charged!

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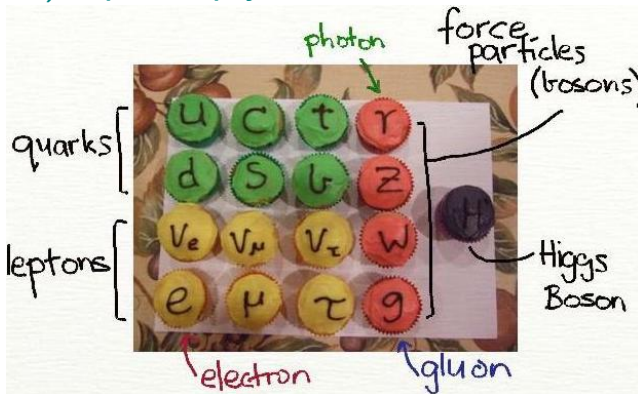
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## The Standard Model (SM) of particle physics

Position indicates quantum numbers/ charges

(just like in chemistry!)

E.g., spin, weak isospin, color, electromagnetic, weak hyper charge



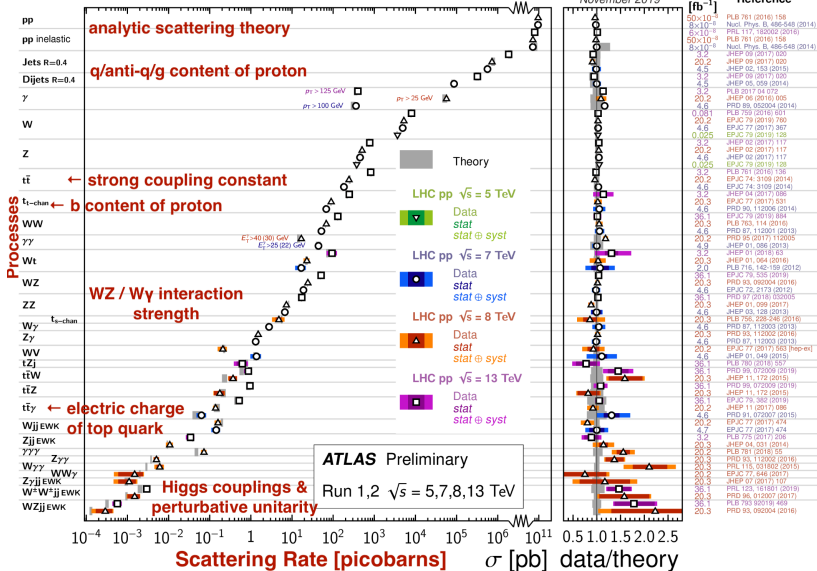
**Today's goals include understanding the origin of the SM itself**

**Undoubtedly, the SM is incredibly successful...**

# Standard Model Production Cross Section Measurements

Status:  
November 2019

$\int \mathcal{L} dt$   
[fb<sup>-1</sup>]



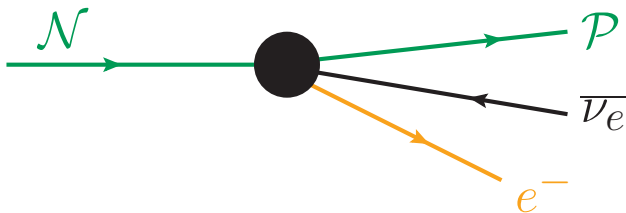
... but not perfect (we will return to this point!)





**first a few ingredients**

## Nuclear $\beta$ decay<sup>2</sup>

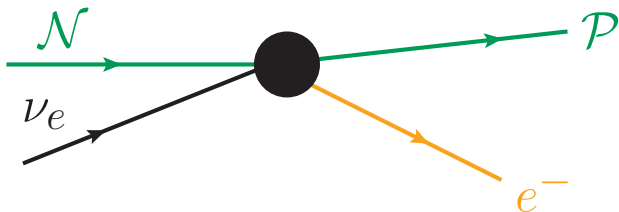


$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Fermi}} = G_F [\bar{\mathcal{N}} \gamma^\mu P_L \mathcal{P}] \cdot [\bar{\nu}_e \gamma_\mu P_L e]$$

Fermi('31)

<sup>2</sup>For non-experts: Action =  $\mathcal{S} = \int dt L = \int d^4x \mathcal{L}$ . ← HEP uses Lagrangian density with four-vectors  $x^\mu$ ,  $k^\mu$

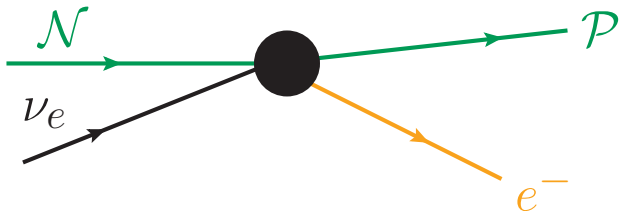
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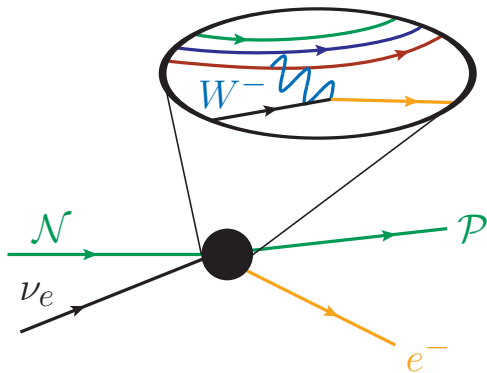
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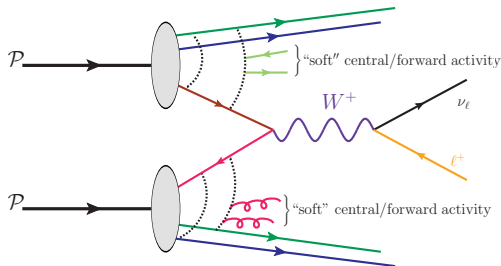
Fermi theory is the low-energy manifestation of the electroweak theory

$$\left(\frac{g_W}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 \times \left(\frac{g_{\mu\nu} - \frac{q_\mu q_\nu}{M_W^2}}{q^2 - M_W^2 + i\Gamma_W M_W}\right) \xrightarrow{q^2 \ll M_W^2} \frac{-g_W^2}{2M_W^2} = -2\sqrt{2}G_F$$

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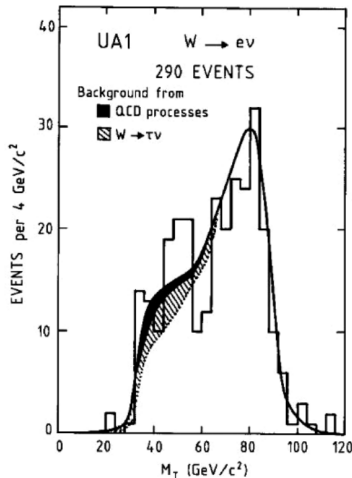
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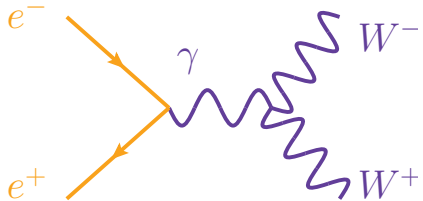
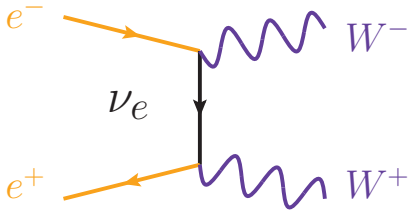
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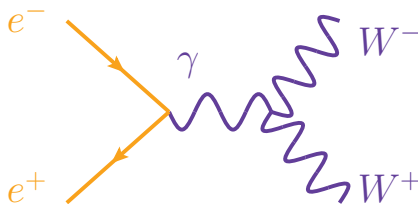
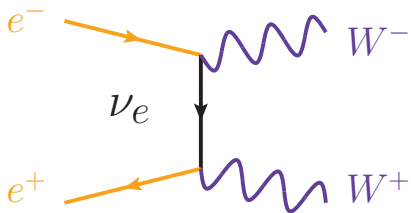
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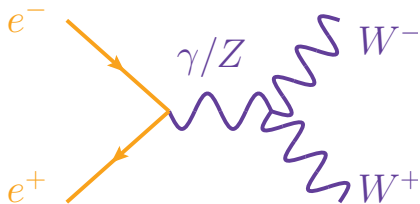
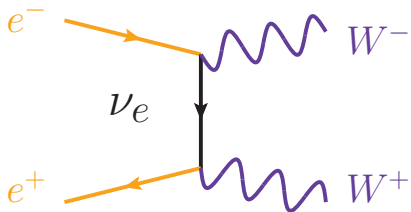
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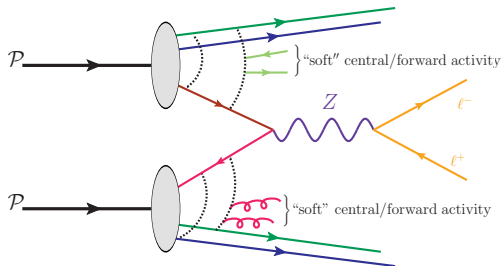
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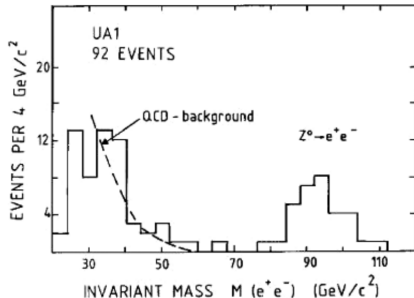
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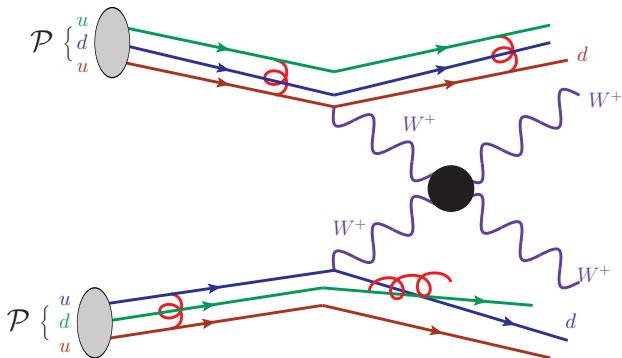
## The Standard Model toolbox

- $W^\pm$ ,  $Z$ ,  $\gamma$  all exist!
- effective field theories break down at high energies ☺
- unitarity violation = bad ☹
- breakdown of theory  $\implies$  unitarity violation ☹
- missing contributions  $\implies$  unitarity violation ☹
- small mis-cancellations from new contributions  
 $\implies$   $E$ -enhanced scattering rates ☺

## vector boson scattering (VBS) / fusion (VBF)

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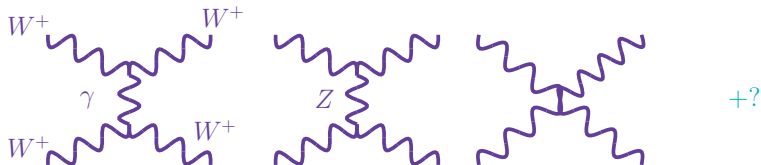


## Just one of many examples:

- $W^+W^-, W^\pm Z, W^\pm\gamma, \gamma\gamma, ZZ, Z\gamma$  scattering are all possible
- $W^+W^- \rightarrow ZZ, W^\pm\gamma \rightarrow W^\pm Z$ , etc, are also possible

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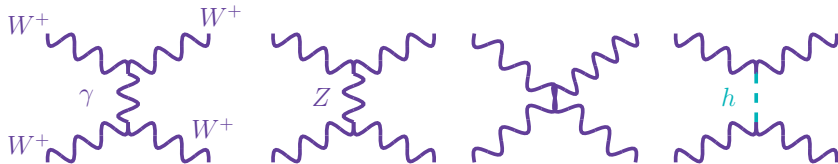
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Higgs  ('13)

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Lee, Quigg, and Thacker ('77x2); Chanowitz and Gaillard ('84,'85)

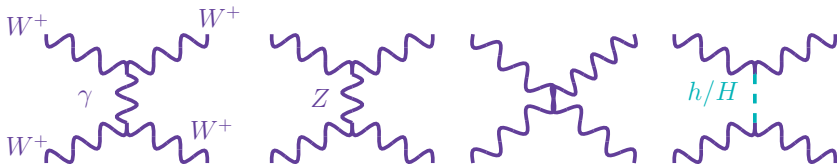
$\implies$  **modified  $h-V-V$  couplings can partially disrupt cancellations**

# Too many contributions?

It is possible that Higgs with  $m_h = 125$  GeV is one of several in nature

add'l scalars appears in Two Higgs Doublet Models, Supersymmetry, scalar-singlet dark matter, composite Higgs

$$\underbrace{|h_{SM}\rangle}_{\text{interaction eigenstate}} = \underbrace{\cos\psi |h_{125 \text{ GeV}}\rangle}_{\text{mass eigenstate}} + \underbrace{\sin\psi |H_{\text{several TeV}}\rangle}_{\text{mass eigenstate}}$$



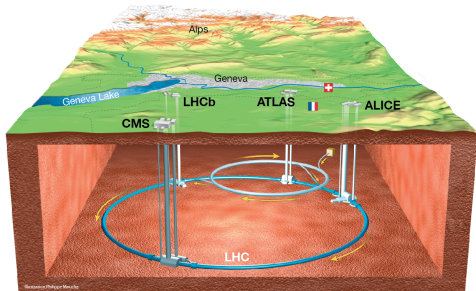
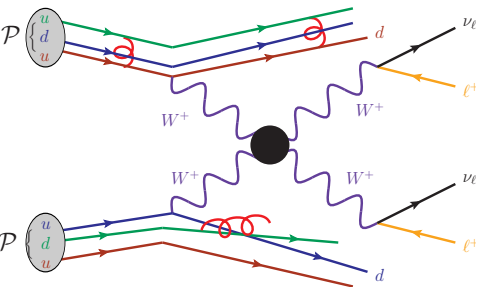
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$\Rightarrow \mathcal{M}$  grows with scattering energy for  $E_{(\sim 1 \text{ TeV})} \ll m_H(\text{several TeV})!$



**big idea: studying VBS = studying Higgs sector**

The **LHC** is the **largest, etc.** hadron collider ( $pp, pA, AA$ ) at  $\sqrt{s} = 13.6$  TeV, with a **broad particle and nuclear physics program**

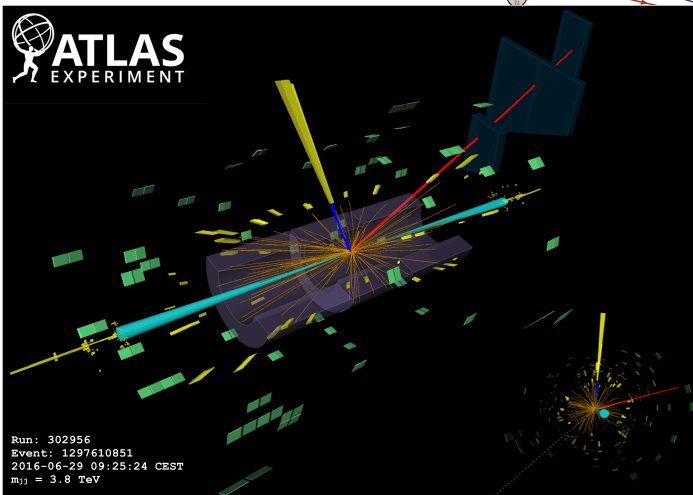
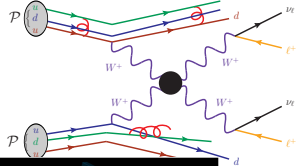


The **ATLAS** and **CMS** detectors at the **LHC** were designed to study VBS

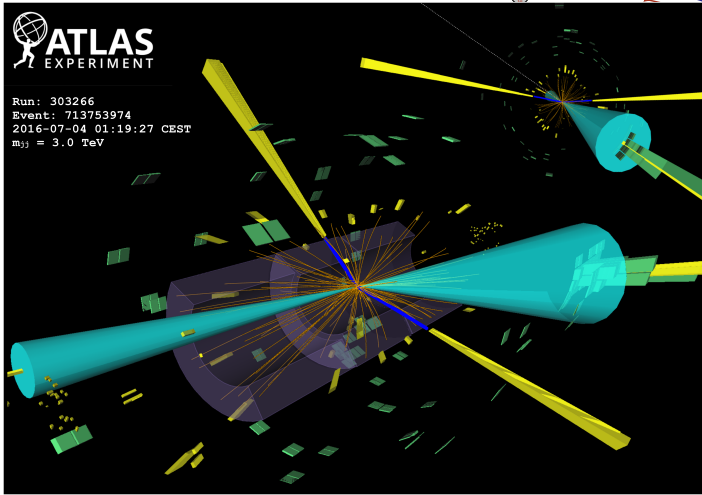
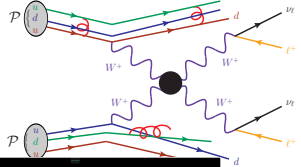
Using **VBS** to measure **SM physics with high precision** and search for **new phenomena** is part of the **LHC's** long-term plan

Buarque (ed.), Gallinaro (ed.), RR (ed.), et al, *Rev. Physics ('22)* [arXiv:2106.01393]

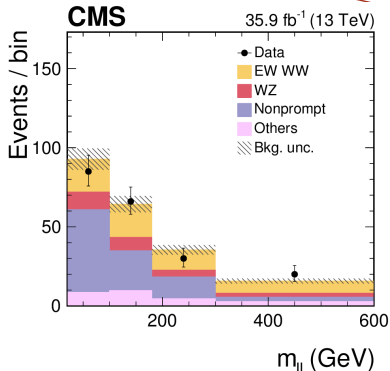
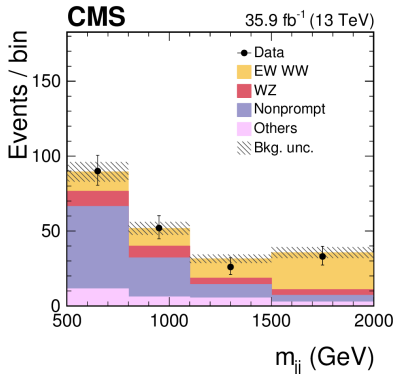
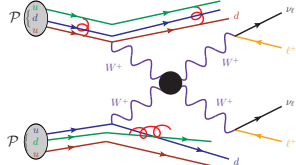
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**Plotted:** in  $pp \rightarrow \ell_1^\pm \ell_2^\pm \nu \nu jj$ , invariant mass of (L) ( $jj$ )-system, (R) ( $\ell_1 \ell_2$ )-system



[PRL('18)]

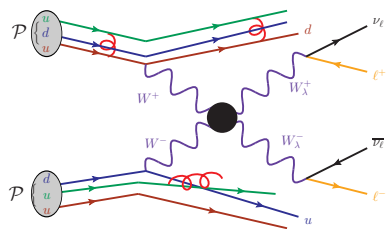
**VBS observed for first time** during LHC's Run II [CMS('18), ATLAS('19)]

- VBS at the LHC probes multi-TeV energy scales
- First measurements of VBS within 20% of SM predictions

# polarization

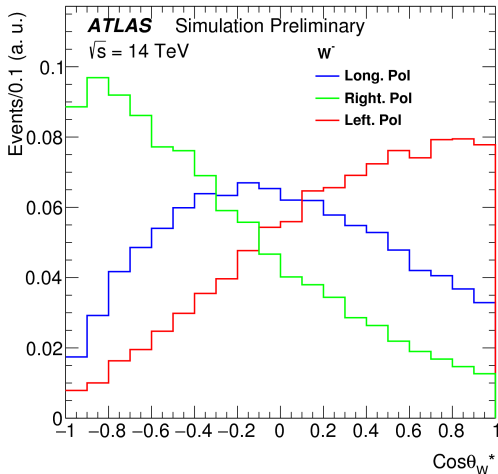
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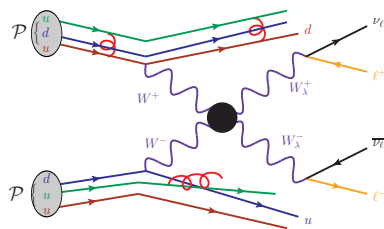
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ATLAS [ATL-PHYS-PUB-2018-023]

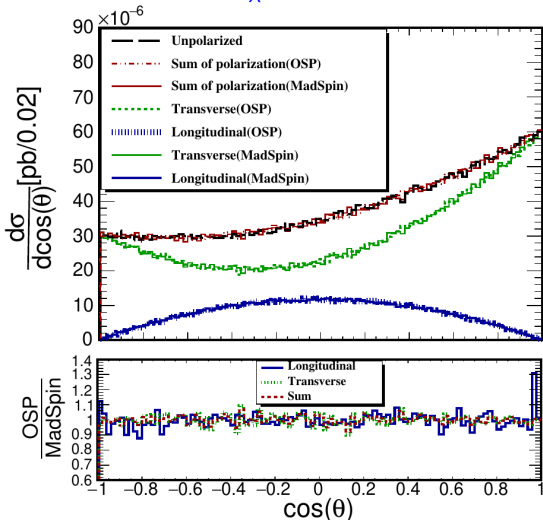
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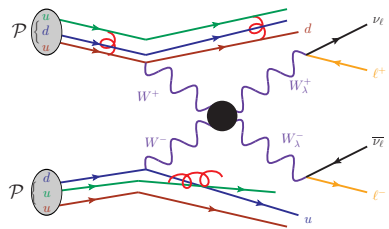


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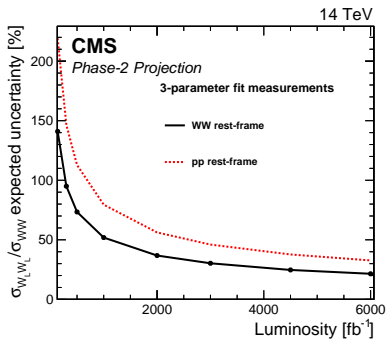
## First measurement of polarization

in  $W^\pm W^\pm$  scattering

CMS (PLB'20)

Process	$\sigma \mathcal{B}$ (fb)	Theoretical prediction (fb)
$W_L^\pm W_L^\pm$	$0.32^{+0.42}_{-0.40}$	$0.44 \pm 0.05$
$W_X^\pm W_T^\pm$	$3.06^{+0.51}_{-0.48}$	$3.13 \pm 0.35$
$W_L^\pm W_X^\pm$	$1.20^{+0.56}_{-0.53}$	$1.63 \pm 0.18$
$W_T^\pm W_T^\pm$	$2.11^{+0.49}_{-0.47}$	$1.94 \pm 0.21$

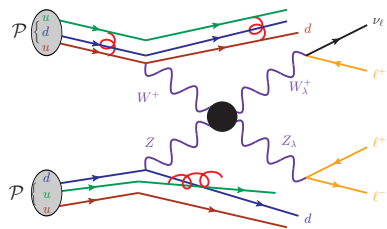
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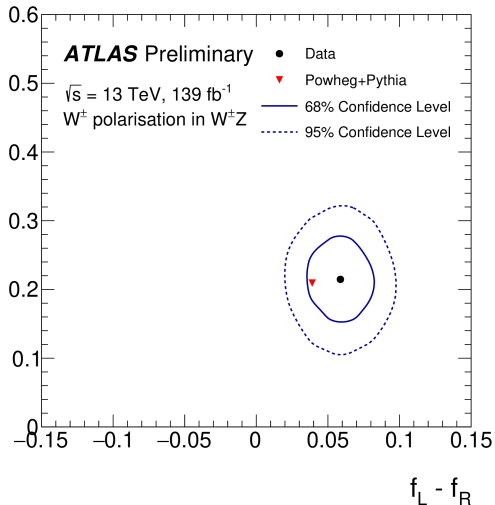
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## First measurement of polarization fractions ( $f_\lambda$ ) in $W^\pm Z$ scattering

ATLAS ('22) [ATLAS-CONF-2022-053]

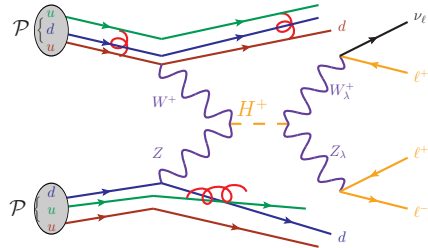


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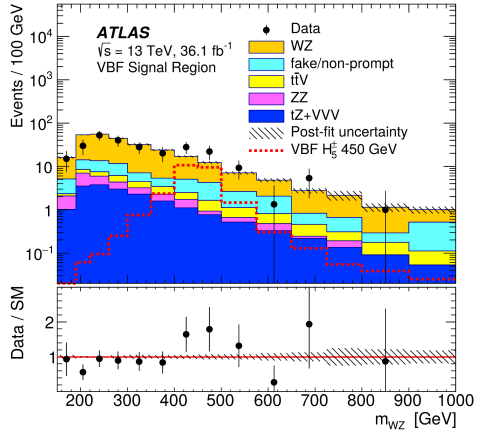
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**Plotted:** invariant mass of ( $WZ$ )-system  
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 ATLAS [PRL('15)]



Searches for  $H^\pm$  in  $W^\pm Z$  scattering with early Run II data gave *suggestive hints of something new* 😊!

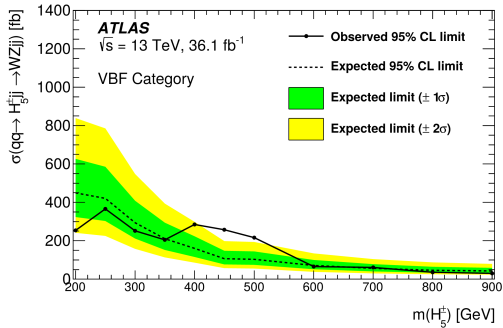


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ATLAS [PRL('15)]

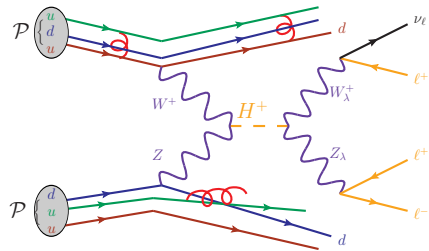


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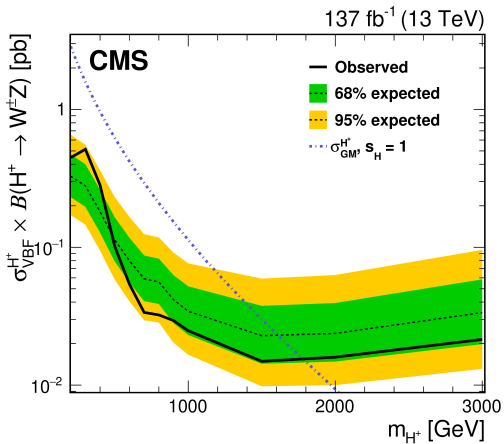
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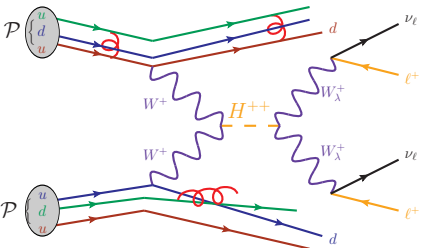
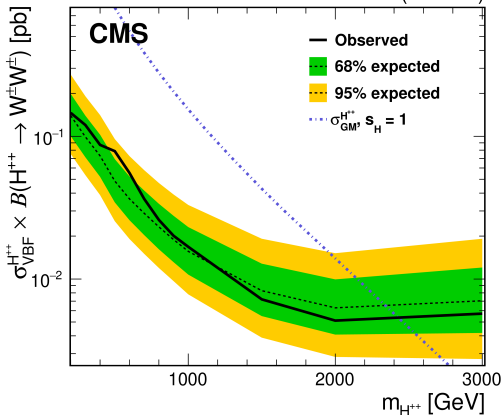


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137 fb<sup>-1</sup> (13 TeV)



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<sup>3</sup> too long to get into many details!



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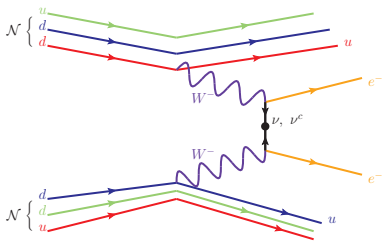
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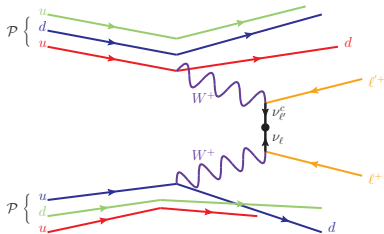
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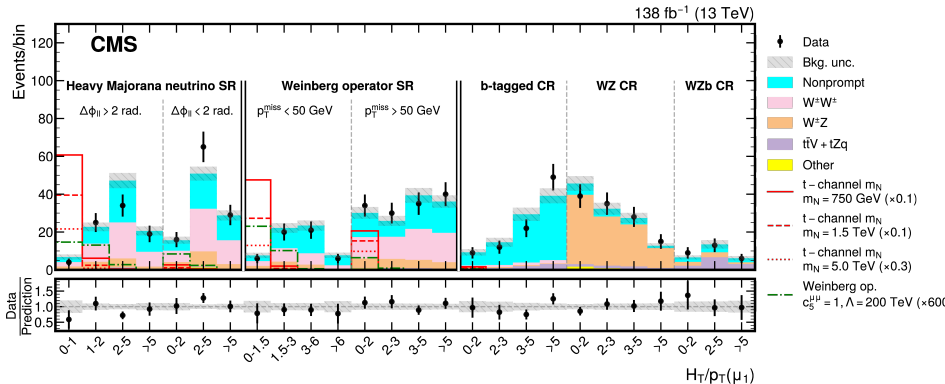
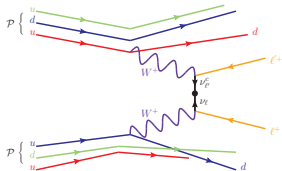
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for different signal categories  
in  $pp \rightarrow \mu^\pm \mu^\pm jj$  via  $W^\pm W^\pm \rightarrow \mu^\pm \mu^\pm$

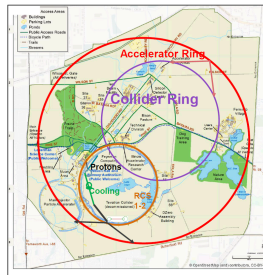
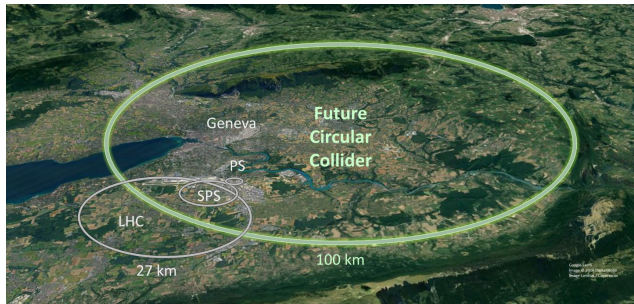


**For the first time** collider searches for Weinberg operator constrains

$$\Lambda/C_5^{\mu\mu} \gtrsim 5 \text{ TeV}$$

## a future beyond the LHC

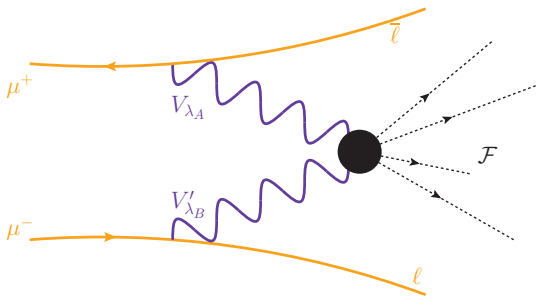
Many physics and technical discussions are taking place over the successor of the **LHC** (beyond '30s-'40s)



Multi-stage 100 TeV  $pp$  collider at CERN (FCC program) and 14-30 TeV  $\mu^+\mu^-$  at CERN or Fermilab are most supported

European Strategy for Particle Physics [[1910.11775](https://arxiv.org/abs/1910.11775), [CERN-ESU-013](https://arxiv.org/abs/2009.01318)]; Black (ed.), Jindariani (ed.), Li (ed.), F. Maltoni (ed.), et al, [[2209.01318](https://arxiv.org/abs/2209.01318)]

**Why?**<sup>4</sup> Situation where scattering formalism is **theoretically interesting**



**Partonic** collisions at  $Q \sim \mathcal{O}(10)$  TeV explore when **electroweak (EW)** symmetry is nearly restored, i.e.,  $(M_{W/Z/H}^2/Q^2) \rightarrow 0$

See C. Bauer, et al ('16,'17,'18); T. Han, et al ('16,'20,'21); A. Manohar, et al ('14,'18) + others

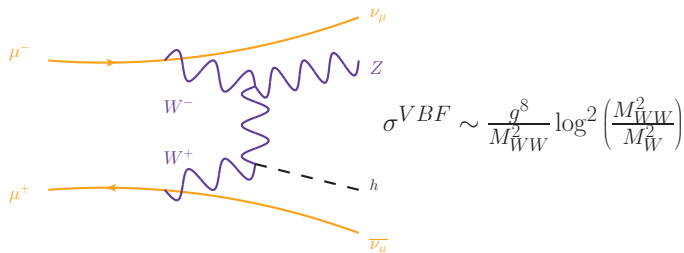
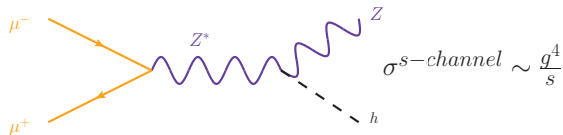
When momentum transfers reach  $Q \sim \mathcal{O}(10)$  TeV, vector boson scattering (**VBS/VBF**) **acts a bit... funny**

w/ A. Costantini, et al [2005.10289]

<sup>4</sup> Many motivations, e.g., Al Ali, et al. [2103.14043]; R&D progress as reported in the European Strategy Update (Delahaye, et al) [1901.06150], [muoncollider.web.cern.ch](http://muoncollider.web.cern.ch); Snowmass (on-going this week)

**some examples of VBS at higher energies**

# Quick interlude: s-channel annihilation vs VBF/S



More legs  $\implies$  more propagators  $\implies \int dk^2 / (k^2 - M_W^2) \sim \log(\Lambda^2 / M_W^2)$   
 Larger  $s \implies$  larger  $(M_{WW}^2 / M_W^2) \implies$  collinear  $V$  compensate for  $g$



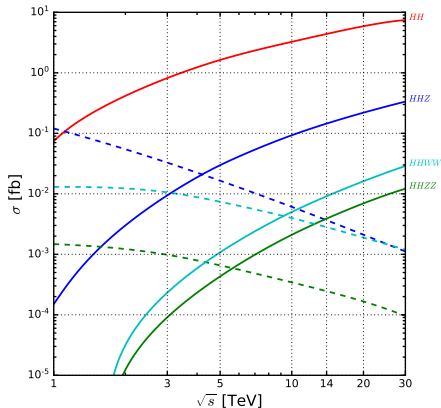
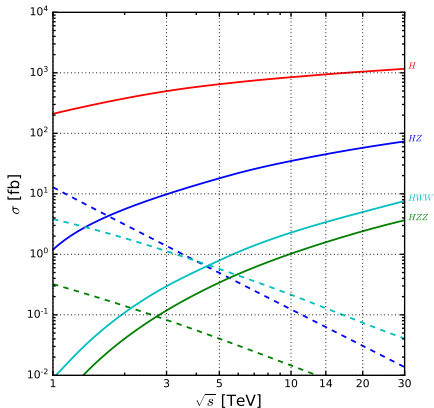
# Higgs production

**The Standard Model**

	Fermions			Bosons	
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	$d$ down	$s$ strange	$b$ bottom	$Z$ Z boson	
Leptons	$\nu_e$ electron neutrino	$\nu_\mu$ muon neutrino	$\nu_\tau$ tau neutrino	$W$ W boson	
	$e$ electron	$\mu$ muon	$\tau$ tau	$g$ gluon	
				$H$ Higgs boson	

Sources: American Association for the Advancement of Science; *The Economist*

cross sections ( $\sigma$ ) vs  $\sqrt{s}$  for  
 s-channel annihilation (dash) vs VBF (solid)



• Eventually,  $\sigma^{VBF} > \sigma^{s\text{-channel}}$  since

▶  $\sigma^{s\text{-channel}} \sim 1/s$

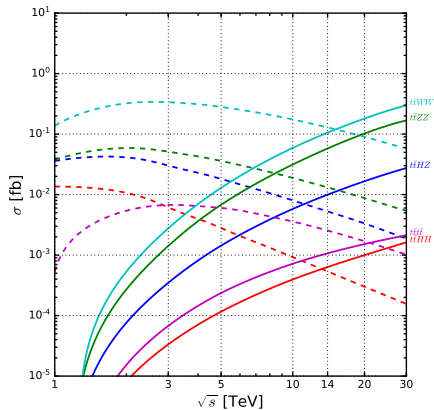
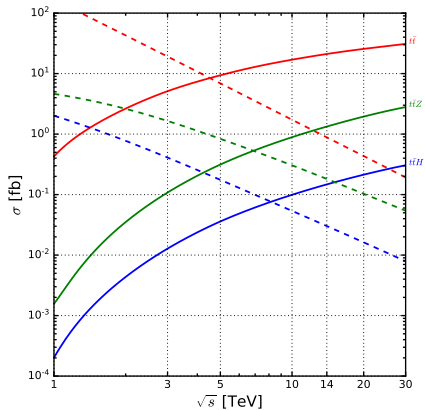
▶  $\sigma^{VBF} \sim \log^2(M_{VV}^2/M_V^2)/M_{VV}^2$  due to forward emission of  $V = W/Z$

# Top production

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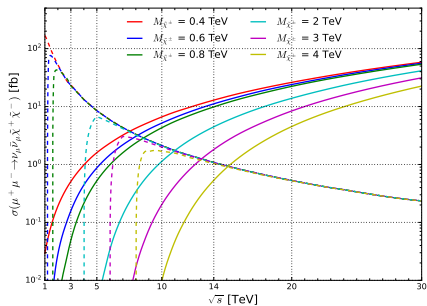
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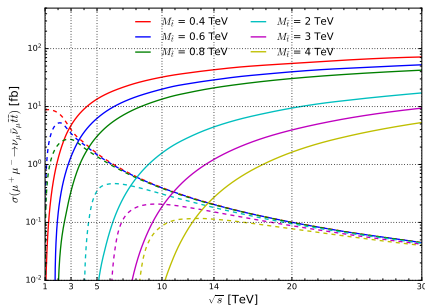
- Do you notice a pattern?

# Supersymmetry

(L) chargino pairs



(R) stop pairs

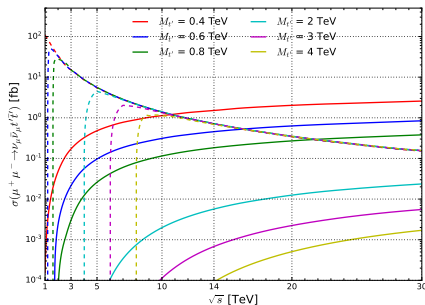
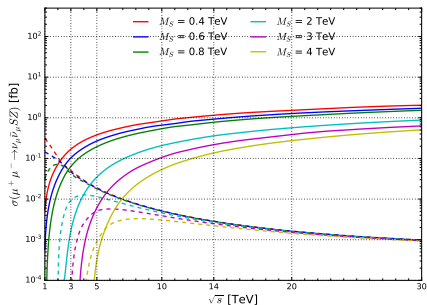


• And now?

## Simple Extensions

(L) Singlet + Z production

(R) vector-like top pair production



• ... a little different but a lot of the same



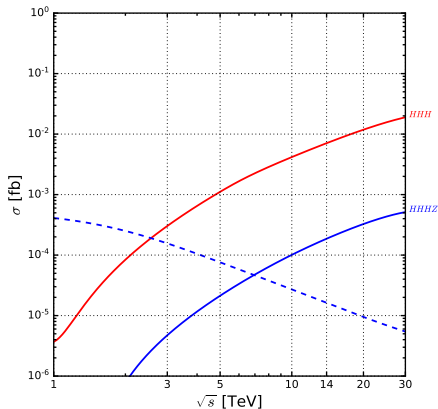
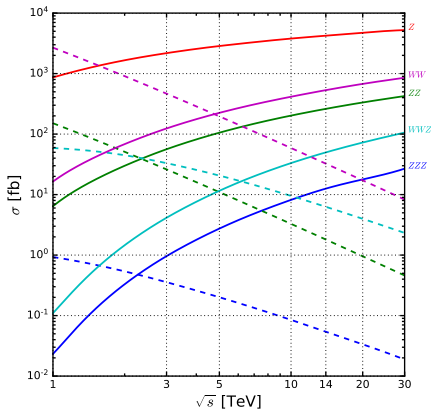
# Many-boson production<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> My favorite! I find these processes really neat!



- **VBF is the dominant production vehicle for many processes**

**Evidence for universal behavior** when the production of  $X$  by **VBF** and **annihilation** are driven by same physics

**Consider** a generic  $s$ -channel process

$$\sigma^{s-ch.} \sim \frac{(s - M_X^2)}{(s - M_V^2)^2} \sim \frac{(s - M_X^2)}{s^2}$$

**Think of**  $W/Z/\gamma$  as constituents of  $\mu^\pm$ , to express  $\sigma^{\text{VBF}}$  in terms of  $\sigma^{s-ch.}$

$$\frac{d\sigma^{\text{VBF}}}{dz_1 dz_2} \sim f_V(z_1) f_{V'}(z_2) \frac{(z_1 z_2 s - M_X^2)}{(z_1 z_2 s - M_V^2)^2} \sim f_V(z_1) f_{V'}(z_2) \frac{(z_1 z_2 s - M_X^2) \sigma^{s-ch.}}{(z_1 z_2)^2 (s - M_X^2)}$$

**Solve** for collider energy  $E = \sqrt{s}$  when  $\sigma^{\text{VBF}} > \sigma^{s\text{-channel}}$

$$\frac{\sigma^{\text{VBF}}}{\sigma^{s-ch.}} \sim \mathcal{S} \left( \frac{g_W^2}{4\pi} \right)^2 \left( \frac{s}{M_X^2} \right) \log^2 \frac{s}{M_V^2} \log \frac{s}{M_X^2} > 1$$

**Evidence for universal behavior:** when the production of  $X$  by **VBF** and **annihilation** are driven by same physics, **VBF dominates** for  $\sqrt{s}$  given by

w/ A. Costantini, et al [2005.10289]

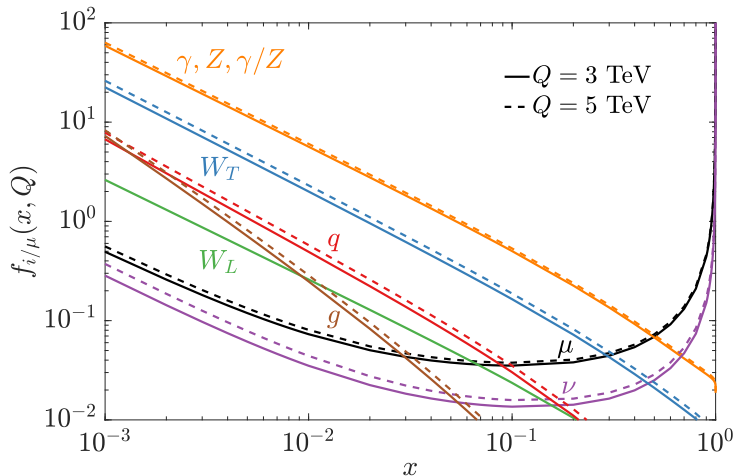
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Scaling estimate not so bad if  $M_X \gg M_V$ . Difference is about  $\mathcal{O}(10\%)$

mass ( $M_X$ ) [TeV]	$SZ$ (Singlet)	$H_2Z$ (2HDM)	$t'\bar{t}$ (VLQ)	$\tilde{t}\bar{\tilde{t}}$ (MSSM)	$\tilde{\chi}^0\tilde{\chi}^0$ (MSSM)	$\tilde{\chi}^+\tilde{\chi}^-$ (MSSM)	Scaling (Eq. 7.7)
400 GeV	2.1 TeV	2.1 TeV	11 TeV	2.9 TeV	3.2 TeV	7.5 TeV	1.0 (1.7) TeV
600 GeV	2.5 TeV	2.5 TeV	16 TeV	3.8 TeV	3.8 TeV	8.1 TeV	1.3 (2.4) TeV
800 GeV	2.8 TeV	2.8 TeV	22 TeV	4.3 TeV	4.3 TeV	8.5 TeV	1.7 (3.1) TeV
2.0 TeV	4.0 TeV	4.0 TeV	>30 TeV	7.8 TeV	6.9 TeV	11 TeV	3.7 (6.8) TeV
3.0 TeV	4.8 TeV	4.8 TeV	>30 TeV	10 TeV	9.0 TeV	13 TeV	5.3 (9.8) TeV
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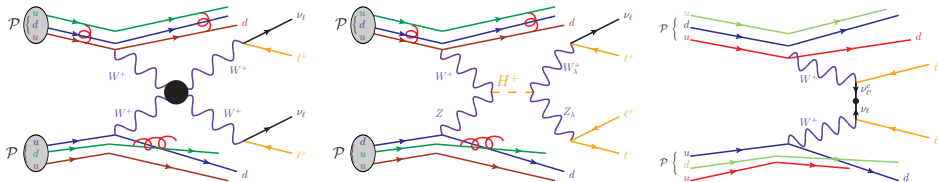
**Table 9.** For representative processes and inputs, the required muon collider energy  $\sqrt{s}$  [TeV] at which the VBF production cross section surpasses the  $s$ -channel, annihilation cross section, as shown in figure 17. Also shown are the cross over energies as estimated from the scaling relationship in equation (7.7) assuming a mass scale  $M_X$  ( $2M_X$ ).

Idea:  $W_\lambda/Z_\lambda/\gamma_\lambda$  content of  $\mu$



Han, et al [2007.14300]

## summary and outlook



**Vector boson scattering** is a powerful probe of the Standard Model and new phenomena

**Long-predicted but observed first during Run I/II of LHC!**

**Take-away:** With Run II data, first measurements of VBS have established our understanding of a new tool

**Take-away:** Run III (now-'25) will see VBS used as new probe for the first time in many situations

**Take-away:** Run IV ('30-'40) will see legacy precision measurements [↻](#) [🔍](#) [🔄](#)





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## neutrino masses

## For the experts (1 slide)

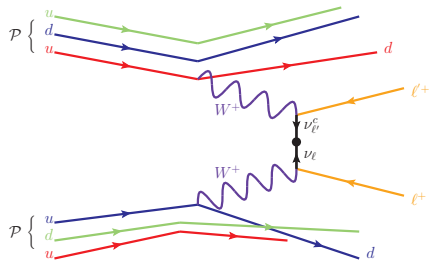
To generate  $m_\nu$  via the Higgs mechanism, we need  $\nu_R$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_\nu \text{ Yuk.} &= -y_\nu \bar{L} \tilde{\Phi} \nu_R + \dots = -y_\nu (\bar{\nu}_L \quad \bar{\ell}_L) \begin{pmatrix} \langle \Phi \rangle + h \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \nu_R + \dots \\ &= \underbrace{-y_\nu \langle \Phi \rangle}_{\equiv m_\nu} \bar{\nu}_L \nu_R + \dots\end{aligned}$$

$\nu_R$  do not exist in the SM, so  $m_\nu = 0!$

**Dilemma:** postulating  $\nu_R$  requires either new conservation laws or violation of **lepton number** and/or **lepton flavor number** symmetries

(expected but no evidence! suggestive that there is more to the picture)



The helicity amplitude for the  $0\nu\beta\beta$  process  $q\bar{q}' \rightarrow \ell_1^+ \ell_2^+ \bar{f} f'$  is

$$\mathcal{M}_{LNV} = J_{f_1 f_1'}^\mu J_{f_2 f_2'}^\nu \Delta_{\mu\alpha}^W \Delta_{\nu\beta}^W \underbrace{T_{LNV}^{\alpha\beta} \mathcal{D}(p_\nu)}_{\text{lepton current}}$$

Difficult to simulate since Weinberg op. modifies propagator of  $\nu_\ell$

modern Monte Carlo tools work in mass basis and do not like the idea of modifying  $\langle 0 | \bar{\nu}_{\ell'} \nu_\ell | 0 \rangle$

$$\begin{array}{c} \nu_\ell(p) \\ \longrightarrow \\ p \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \longleftarrow \\ \nu_{\ell'}^c(-p) \end{array} = \frac{i\not{p}}{p^2} \frac{-iC_5^{\ell\ell'} v^2}{\Lambda} \frac{i\not{p}}{p^2} = \frac{im_{\ell\ell'}}{p^2}$$

**Solution:** Treat vertex as a particle! Invent **unphysical** Majorana fermion with (small) mass  $m_{\ell\ell'}$  that couples to **all lepton flavors**

recovers right behavior!

$$T_{LNV}^{\alpha\beta} \mathcal{D}(p_\nu) \propto \gamma^\alpha P_L \frac{i(\not{p} + m_{\ell\ell'})}{p^2 - m_{\ell\ell'}^2} \gamma^\beta P_R = \gamma^\alpha P_L \frac{im_{\ell\ell'}}{p^2} P_L \gamma^\beta \times \left[ 1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\left|\frac{m_{\ell\ell'}^2}{p^2}\right|\right) \right]$$

## Plotted: Normalized production rate ( $C_5 = 1$ ) vs scale ( $\Lambda$ )

w/ Fuks, Neundorf, Peters, Saimpert [2012.09882]

Full  $2 \rightarrow 4$  calculation at NLO(+PS)  
in QCD is more involved

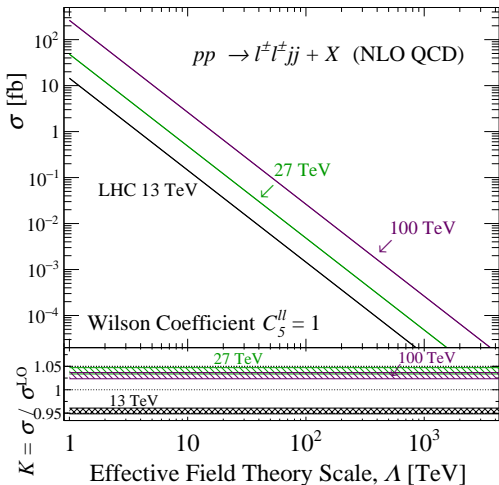
Used mg5amc + NEW SMWeinberg UFO libraries

Driven by  $W_0^+ W_0^+$  scattering

$$\hat{\sigma}(W^+ W^+ \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^+) \sim \frac{|C_5^{\ell\ell}|^2}{18\pi\Lambda^2}$$

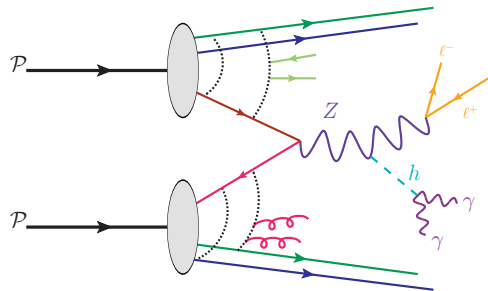
Once  $\sigma$  is obtained for a “high”  
scale, i.e.,  $C_5^{\ell\ell} = 1, \Lambda = 200$  TeV,  
rescale for other  $\Lambda/C_5$ .

$C_5^{ee}/\Lambda$  is heavily constrained. **What  
can the LHC say about  $C_5^{\ell\ell}$ ?**



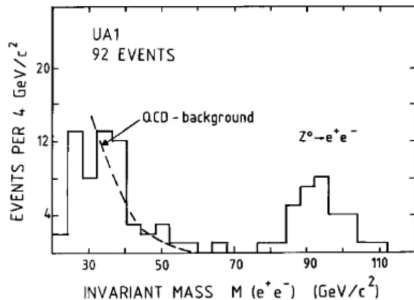
# Diagram games $\implies$ $h$ boson production

predicted by Brout, Englert ('64), Higgs ('64); + Nobel ('14); discovered by ATLAS and CMS ('12)



## Electroweak sector of Standard Model is powerful:

- explains  $\beta$  decay
- explains inverse  $\beta$  decay
- explains masses of  $W^\pm, Z, e$ , others
- inputs needed, eg,  $G_F, M_W, M_Z, m_h$



Invariant mass distribution of all  $e^+e^-$  pairs recorded by UA1