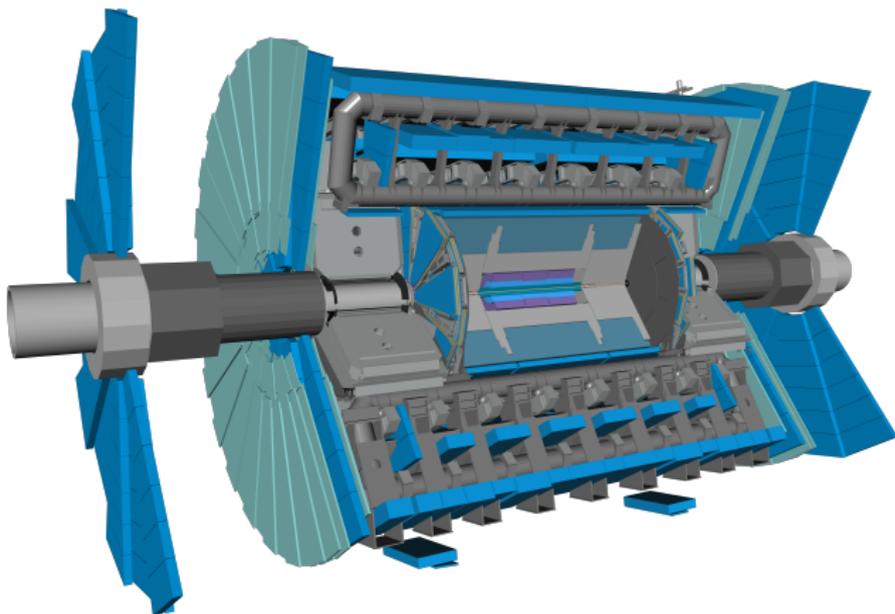


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Introduction

- ▶ The Standard Model represents our current best understanding of particle physics.
- ▶ However, we know that it is not complete – there has to be something more...
- ▶ ATLAS has a large program of **direct searches** for new physics – *Mohamed's talk!*
- ▶ Then we have **Standard Model Measurements!** – why do we do them?
 - ▶ Measure a fundamental Standard Model parameter (eg. masses, couplings...)
 - ▶ Test a fundamental property (eg. *lepton flavour universality*)
 - ▶ Observe/study a new process or phenomena
 - ▶ Precisely test a theory calculation
 - ▶ Search for hints of new physics through data/MC discrepancies
 - ▶ Provide inputs to tune non-perturbative processes
 - ▶ Test MC modelling eg. parton shower implementations
 - ▶ Measure the proton PDF
 - ▶ And more...!
- ▶ There are a *very large* number of **ATLAS results** each of which could have a whole talk so I will be selective (with personal bias on recent/important) on what I show...
- ▶ I will focus on the measurements of more fundamental physics rather than those used for tuning, but the latter are obviously essential for future LHC precision measurements to be possible! (*also see George's and Ethan's talks!*)

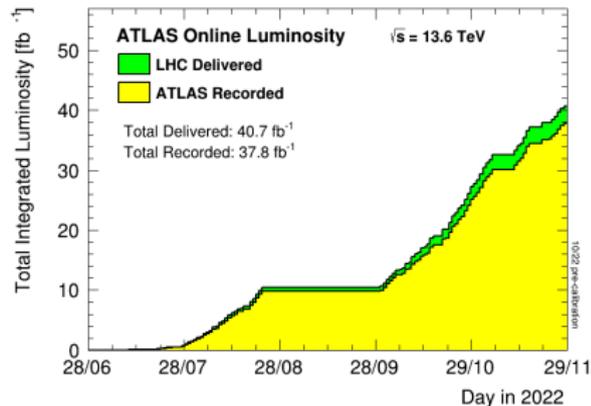
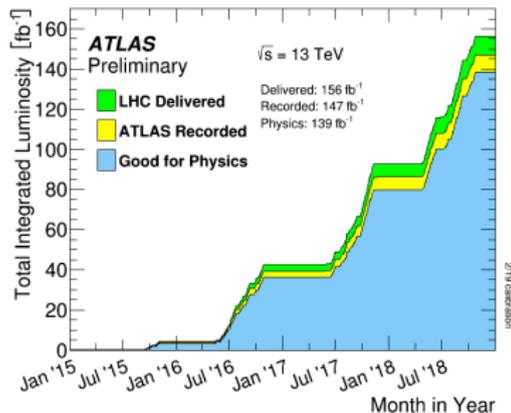
The Standard Model

- ▶ The Standard Model is defined by its particles and their interactions.
- ▶ We look to measure the properties of the particles and their interactions.

three generations of matter (fermions)			interactions / force carriers (bosons)				
	I	II	III				
QUARKS	mass = 2.2 MeV/c ² charge 2/3 spin 1/2 u up	mass = 1.28 GeV/c ² charge 2/3 spin 1/2 c charm	mass = 173.1 GeV/c ² charge 2/3 spin 1/2 t top	0 0 1 g gluon	SCALAR BOSONS	STRONG VERTICES 	
	mass = 4.7 MeV/c ² -1/3 1/2 d down	mass = 96 MeV/c ² -1/3 1/2 s strange	mass = 4.18 GeV/c ² -1/3 1/2 b bottom	0 0 1 γ photon			WEAK VERTICES
	mass = 0.511 MeV/c ² -1 1/2 e electron	mass = 105.66 MeV/c ² -1 1/2 μ muon	mass = 1.7768 GeV/c ² -1 1/2 τ tau	0 0 1 Z Z boson			ELECTROMAGNETIC VERTEX
LEPTONS	mass < 1.0 eV/c ² 0 1/2 ν_e electron neutrino	mass < 0.17 MeV/c ² 0 1/2 ν_μ muon neutrino	mass < 18.2 MeV/c ² 0 1/2 ν_τ tau neutrino	0 ±1 1 W W boson	ELECTROWEAK VERTICES 		
				GAUGE BOSONS VECTOR BOSONS	HIGGS VERTICES <p>Any particle with mass!</p> <p>Any boson with mass!</p>		

The Dataset

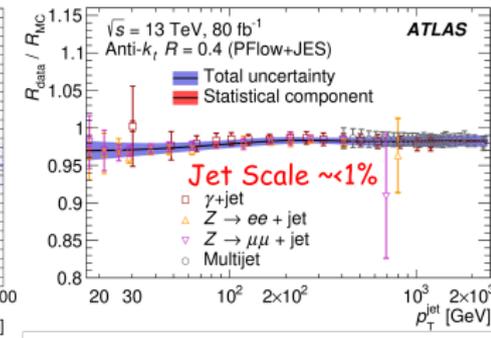
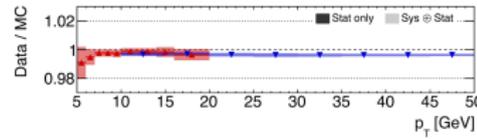
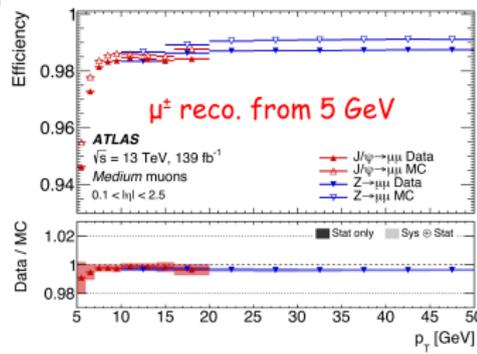
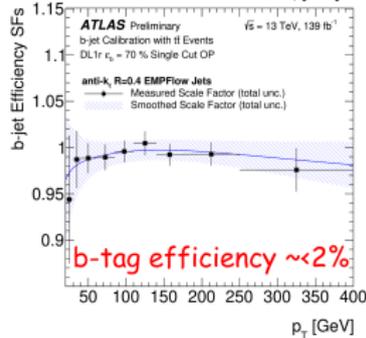
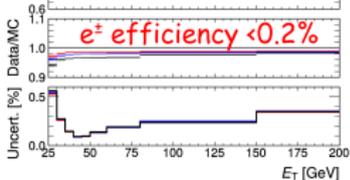
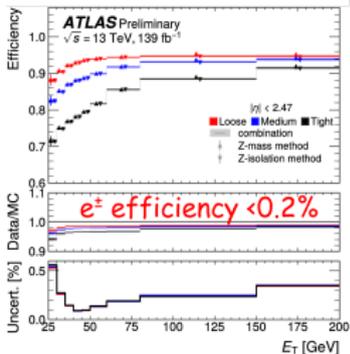
- ▶ In Run 2 we successfully recorded 139 fb^{-1} for physics analysis.
- ▶ This corresponds to 8.4 billion $W \rightarrow \ell\nu$, 813 million $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$, 115 million $t\bar{t}$ and 7.7 million Higgs events!
- ▶ This is a huge dataset to probe many aspects of the Standard Model
- ▶ For reference, LEP had 1.7 million $Z \rightarrow \ell^+\ell^-$ events and ~ 50 thousand WW events across the 4 experiments.
- ▶ Run 3 will bring another $250(?) \text{ fb}^{-1}$ at a 13.6 TeV, and we already have 37.8 fb^{-1} recorded this year!



Detector & Performance [EGAM-2022-02] [2012.00578] [FTAG-2021-001] [2007.02645]

- None of the measurements I will present would be possible without the excellent precise calibrations and uncertainties on the different physics objects:

e^\pm , μ^\pm , τ_h^\pm , γ , jets, b/c-tagging & E_T^{miss} !



Outline

1. Inclusive Cross-Sections
2. Differential Cross-Sections
3. Fundamental couplings (α_S)
4. Particle Masses
5. Particle Decay Branching Ratios
6. Spin/Helicity Properties
7. Asymmetry measurements
8. Studying QCD
9. Beyond the current reach / looking forward
10. Conclusions & Outlook

*For each I will just show examples and a global summary
– many more results can be found on the ATLAS website*

1. Inclusive Cross-Sections

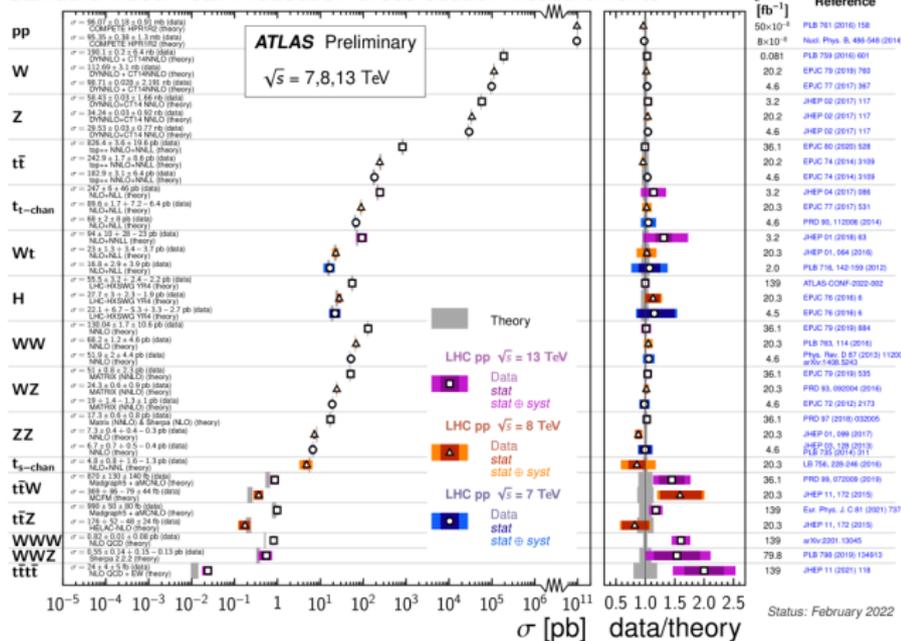
*The simplest thing we can measure is
how often we see a particle being produced
or how often we observe a particular process!*

Inclusive cross-sections

- ▶ Measuring the rate of production of different processes is a key SM measurement.
- ▶ Processes measured over 7 orders of magnitude!
- ▶ Huge success of the Standard Model to predict all these different processes!

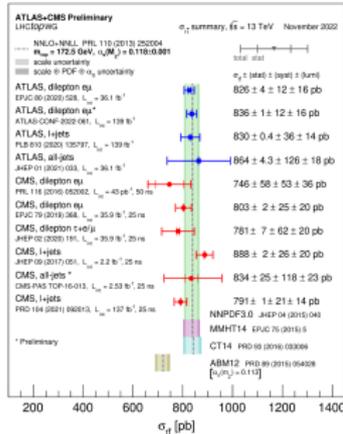
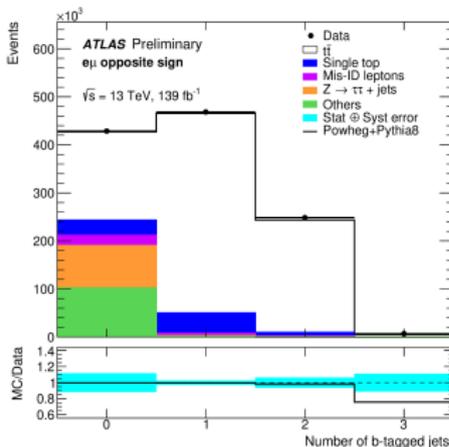


Standard Model Total Production Cross Section Measurements



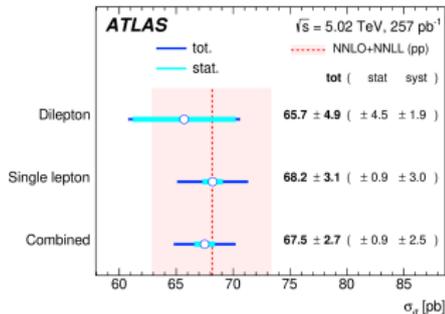
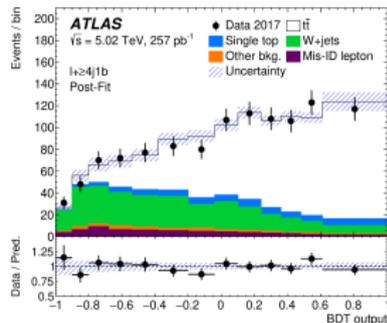
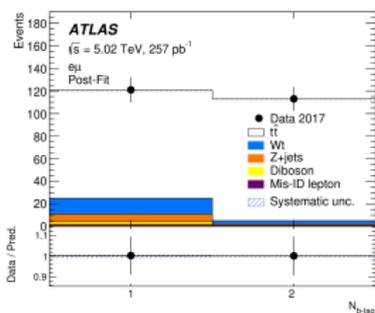
Inclusive $t\bar{t}$ cross-sections @ 13 TeV [ATLAS-CONF-2022-061]

- ▶ The LHC produces a huge number of top-pair events, and they are quite distinctive.
- ▶ At 13 TeV we're not statistics limited so we use the purest channel; $e - \mu$
- ▶ By counting events with 1 and 2 b-tagged jets we can extract: the *cross-section*, $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$ and *probability of a b-jet falling in the detector, being reco. & tagged*, ϵ_b .
- ▶ Main systematics; $t\bar{t}$ theory+PDF - affects how often ℓ in acceptance, $\ell \in_{\text{ISO.}}$, & Wt .
- ▶ The cross-section is: $\sigma_{t\bar{t}} = 836 \pm 1(\text{stat.}) \pm 12(\text{sys.}) \pm 16(\text{lumi.}) \pm 2(\text{beam})\text{pb}$
 → a **total relative uncertainty of 2.3%** and in excellent agreement with prediction.



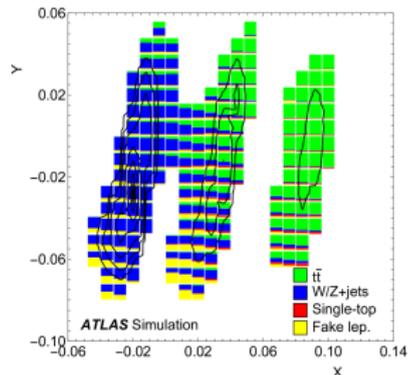
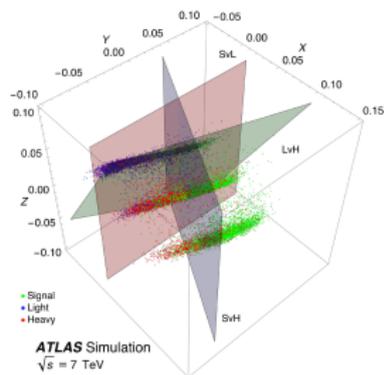
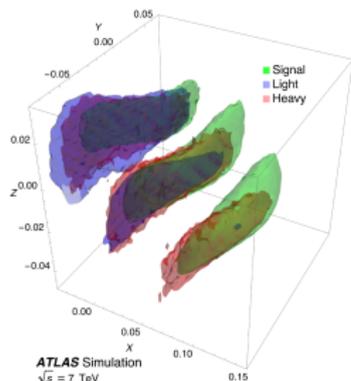
Inclusive $t\bar{t}$ cross-sections @ 5 TeV [2207.01354]

- ▶ The LHC did a short run at $\sqrt{s} = 5.02$ TeV where we collected 257 pb^{-1} .
- ▶ Cross-section at this energy is ~ 12 times smaller than 13 TeV - now stat. limited!
→ need to use all channels - same flavour di-lepton and ℓ +jets.
- ▶ Di-lepton channels follow same methods as @ 13 TeV, but now very stat. limited.
- ▶ ℓ +jets suffers from large W +jets background.
- ▶ Events are separated into 6 regions based on jet and b-tagged jet multiplicity.
- ▶ *Boosted Decision Trees* are used to enhance signal (different BDTs for low/high nJet). Cross-section extracted from a likelihood fit of BDT outputs.
- ▶ Combined result: $\sigma_{t\bar{t}} = 67.5 \pm 0.9(\text{stat.}) \pm 2.3(\text{syst.}) \pm 1.1(\text{lumi.}) \pm 0.2(\text{beam})\text{pb}$
→ a **total relative uncertainty of 3.9%** and in excellent agreement with prediction.



Inclusive $t\bar{t}$ cross-sections @ 7 TeV & 8 TeV [\[1406.5375\]](#) [\[2212.00571\]](#)

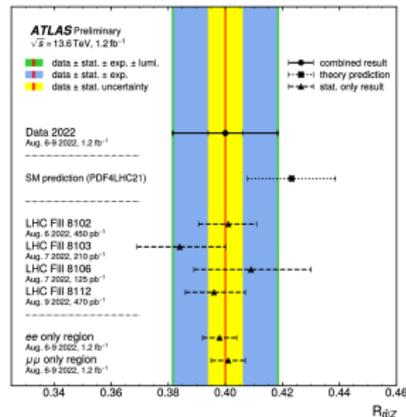
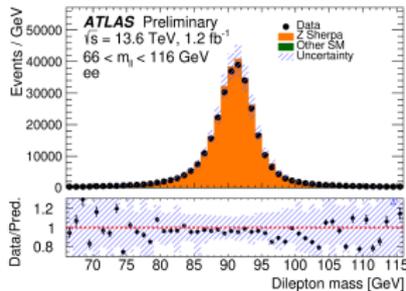
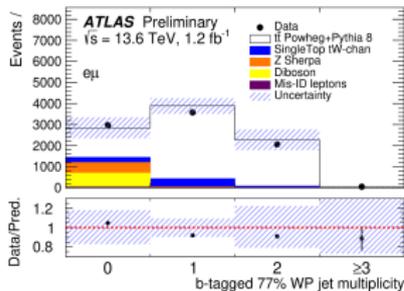
- ▶ The cross-section at 7 TeV and 8 TeV was measured with the same di-lepton method with Run 1 data, and good agreement with the Standard Model was found.
- ▶ The relative uncertainties are **3.9%** and **4.3%**.
- ▶ The statistical components are **1.7%** and **0.7%**.
- ▶ Therefore it is also interesting to look at the 1-lepton channel in 7 TeV data – **and we have a new result!**
- ▶ Support vector machines are used to separate the large $W + jets$ backgrounds separately treating processes with b -jets (eg. $Wb\bar{b}$, Wt , etc.) and those without.
- ▶ The resulting cross-section is $\sigma_{t\bar{t}} = 168.5 \text{ pb} \pm 4.1\%$ – competitive with 2ℓ !



Inclusive $t\bar{t}$ cross-sections @ 13.6 TeV – Run 3 Result!

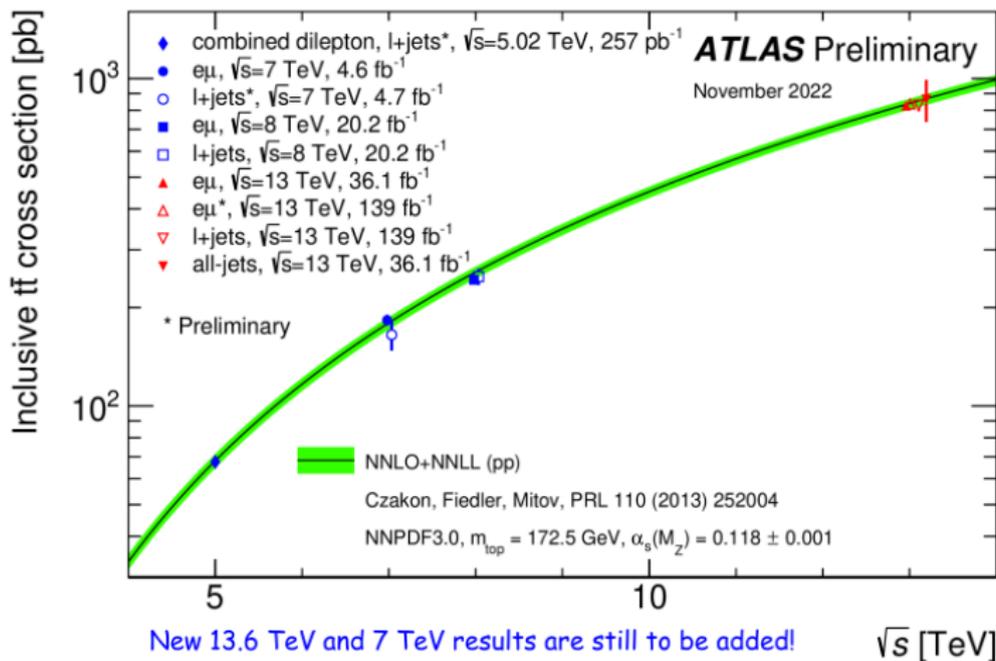
[CONF]

- ▶ This year we started running at 13.6 TeV.
- ▶ Obviously we don't yet have the same level of understanding.
- ▶ Large luminosity uncertainty means we measure $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}/\sigma_Z$.
- ▶ $\sigma_{t\bar{t}} = 830 \pm 12(\text{stat.}) \pm 27(\text{syst.}) \pm 86(\text{lumi.})$ pb
– relative uncertainty of 11%
- ▶ $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}/\sigma_Z = 0.400 \pm 0.006(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.017(\text{syst.}) \pm 0.005(\text{lumi.})$ – δR of 4.7%
- ▶ In agreement with the Standard Model!



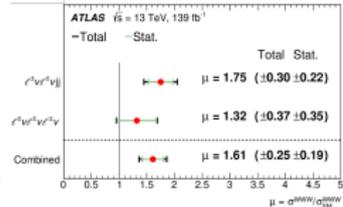
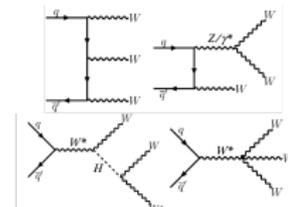
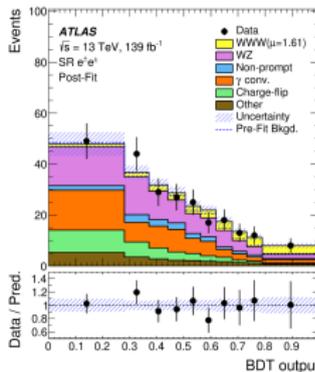
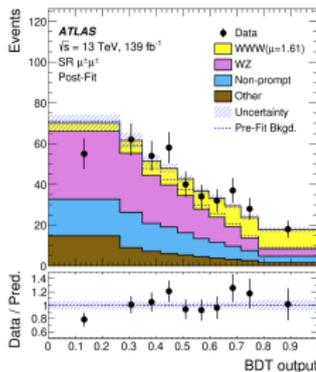
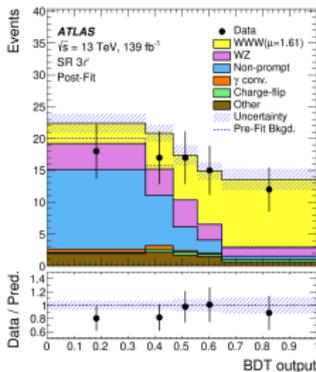
Inclusive $t\bar{t}$ cross-sections

- ▶ We see excellent agreement across all collision energies and achieve uncertainties as low as 2.4% – dominated by luminosity measurement.
- ▶ Fantastic test of the SM and can be used to tune PDFs and measure $m_{\text{top}}^{\text{pole}}$.



WWW cross-section [2201.13045]

- ▶ A more rare process: WWW production was observed for the 1st time in 2022!
- ▶ Predicted cross-section 511 ± 18 fb - only 71,000 events in Run 2 dataset!
- ▶ Purest selection is $3\ell^\pm$ (e^\pm or μ^\pm) and E_T^{miss} – but low stats.
- ▶ Add channels with 2 same-sign charged $\ell^\pm + 2$ jets (no b-jets) + E_T^{miss}
- ▶ Events with additional ℓ^\pm are rejected to reduce ZZ and WZ backgrounds.
- ▶ A fit of BDT outputs to enhance the signal finds $\sigma/\sigma_{SM} = 1.61 \pm 0.25$
- ▶ Main uncertainties: stats. (12%), non-prompt bkg. (6%) and WZ modeling (3%).
- ▶ **8σ observation of WWW** , (only) 2.6σ above SM prediction.



2. Differential Cross-Sections

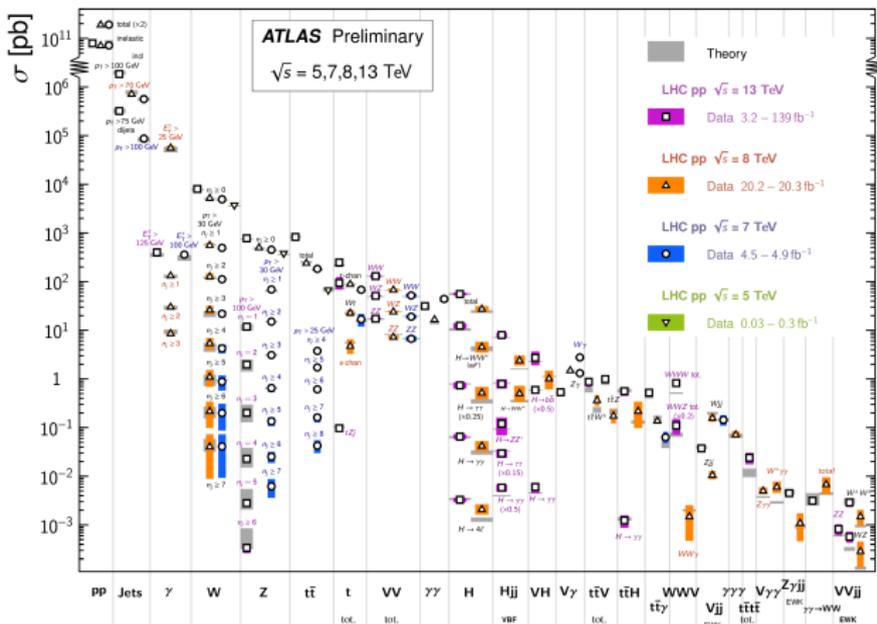
*As we have lots of data we can measure
cross-sections differentially!*

Differential Cross-Section Introduction

- ▶ With the large dataset we are able to perform many of the measurements in several kinematic bins defined by *truth level selections*.
- ▶ To extract the cross-sections the data distributions are unfolded to the truth level.

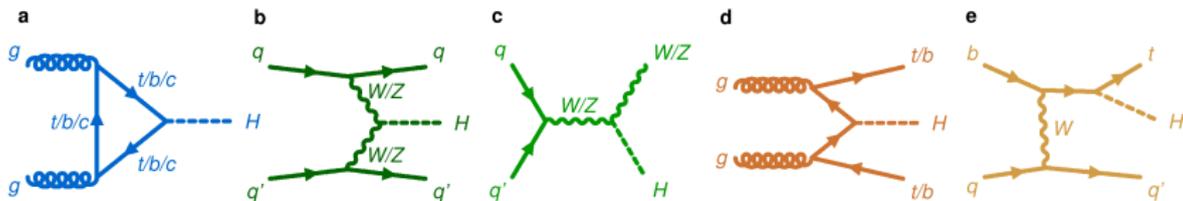
Standard Model Production Cross Section Measurements

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Higgs STXS Measurements [2207.00092]

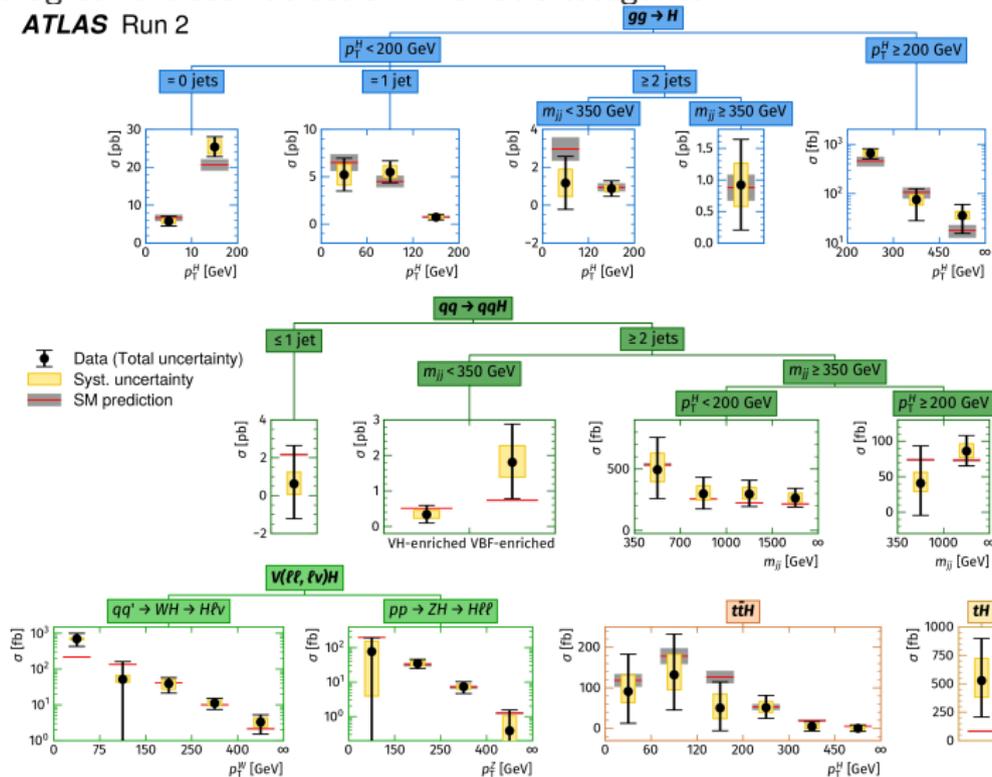
- ▶ The Higgs boson was discovered at the LHC in 2012 – discovering all of its properties is an essential part of the LHC physics program.
- ▶ To study Higgs production differentially the *Simplified Template X-Section* (STXS) is used.
- ▶ We separate QCD and electro-weak production, then study different bins of jet multiplicity, di-jet mass and Higgs p_T .
- ▶ To extract the cross-sections with the best precision a combination of the analyses of the different decay channels is performed: $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$, $H \rightarrow ZZ$, $H \rightarrow WW$, $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$, $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$, $H \rightarrow Z\gamma$, $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$, $H \rightarrow c\bar{c}$, $H \rightarrow$ invisible.
- ▶ The $\gamma\gamma$ and ZZ dominate inclusive and low p_T measurements, with WW and $\tau\tau$ channels essential for VBF production, and $b\bar{b}$ is important for VH production and also reaches the highest p_T .



Higgs STXS Measurements [\[2207.00092\]](#)

- ▶ Good agreement seen across all kinematic categories.

ATLAS Run 2



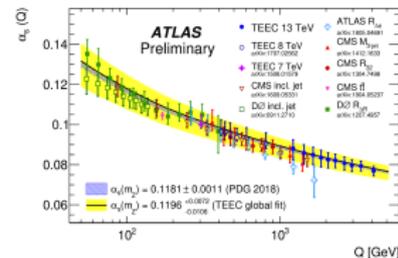
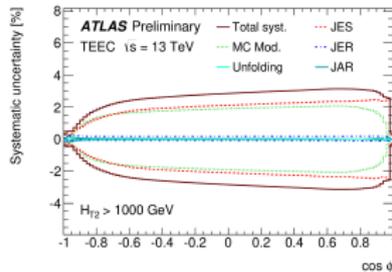
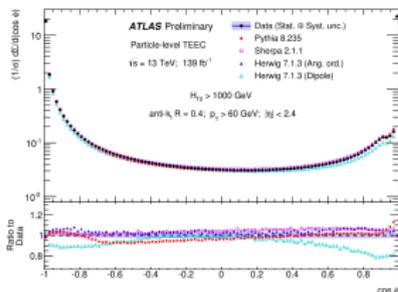
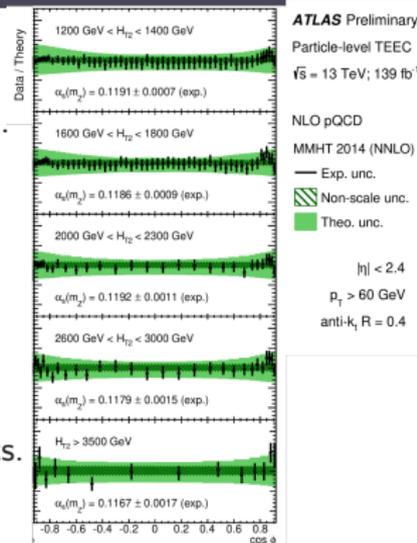
3. Fundamental Couplings

*We can extract fundamental couplings
from our differential measurements!*

α_S from Jets (A/TEEC) [ATLAS-CONF-2020-025]

- ▶ The strong coupling constant, α_S , is a fundamental parameter in the Standard Model.
- ▶ It runs with energy so it typically extracted at $\alpha_S(M_Z)$.
- ▶ But an additional measurements as a function of Q^2 test QCD theory.
- ▶ Transverse energy correlators are used to extract α_S .
- ▶ Measurements as a function of Q^2 also show good agreement with extrapolation from other measurements.

$$\alpha_S(M_Z) = 0.1196 \pm 0.0004(\text{exp.})^{+0.0072}_{-0.0105}(\text{th.})$$

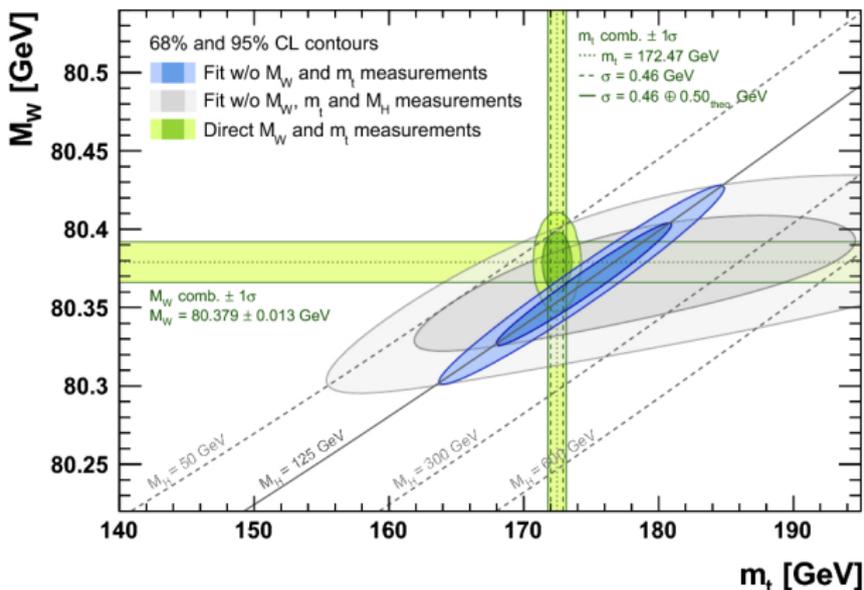


4. Particle Masses

*The masses of the particles are
fundamental inputs to the Standard Model
→ we need to measure them precisely!*

Masses of Particles

- ▶ We focus on Higgs, W-boson and Top quark as the others are not really measurable^{1,2} at the LHC.
- ▶ Also they have largest uncertainties, and the biggest impact on the Electroweak Fit!

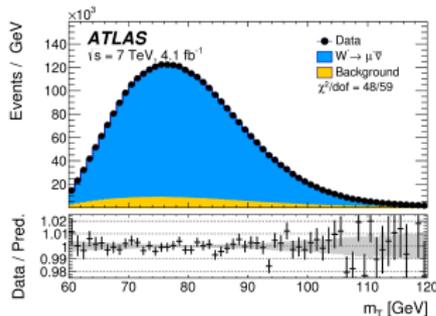
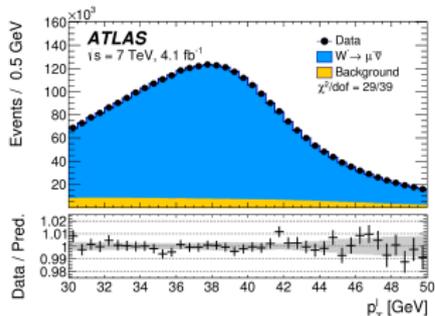
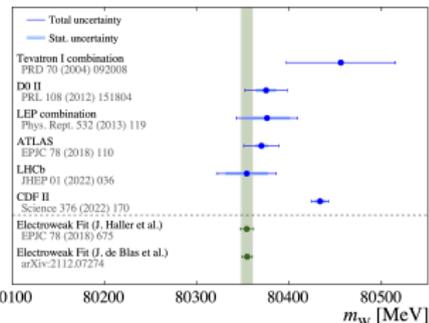


¹ We have lots of Z-bosons but we use the Z mass peak to calibrate e^\pm, μ^\pm

² $m_\tau, m_b(m_H)$ and $m_c(m_H)$ are technically measured through their coupling to the Higgs but not with high precision.

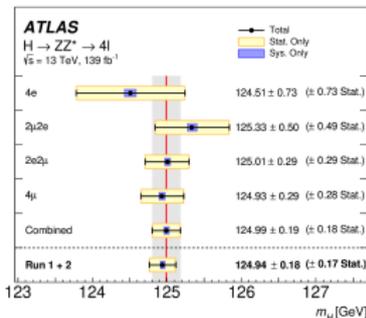
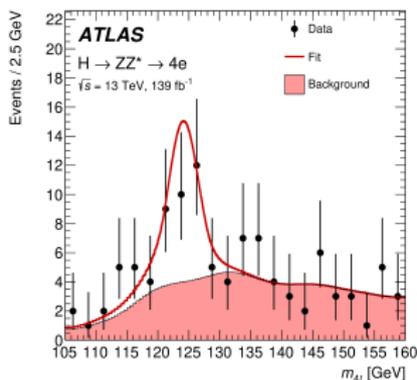
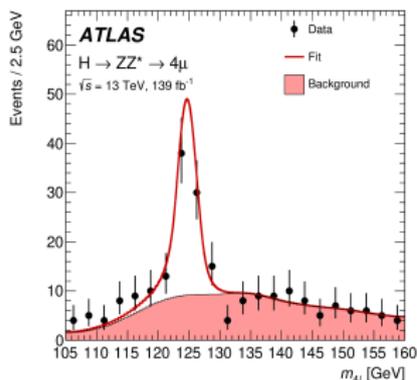
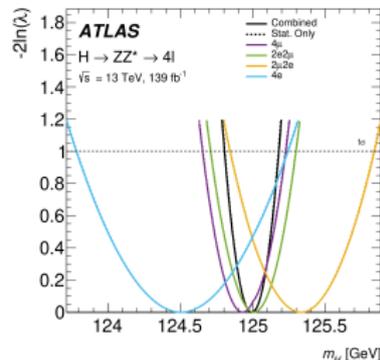
W mass [1701.07240]

- ▶ This isn't a new result but this year there was a new result from CDF [link] & C. Hays' talk.
- ▶ CDF measured 80433 ± 9 MeV
- ▶ ATLAS measured 80370 ± 19 MeV (0.023%)
- ▶ A difference of 63 MeV – so there is some tension
- ▶ The ATLAS measurement was based on 2011 data → analysis is highly affected by *pile-up* such that the lower *pile-up* smaller dataset was preferred, over the 2012 and Run 2 datasets.
- ▶ W -mass is extracted from p_T^ℓ and m_T separately showing good agreement.
- ▶ In Run 2 there were low- μ runs at 13 TeV – good prospects for future results...



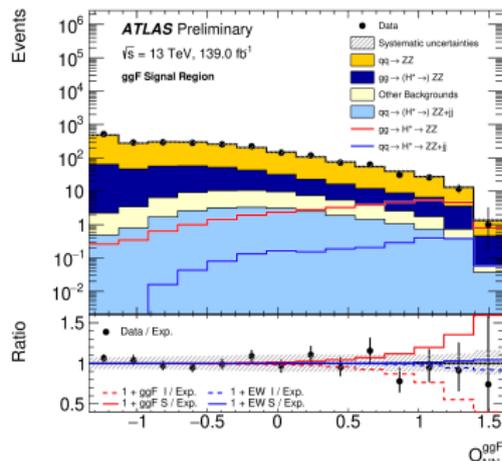
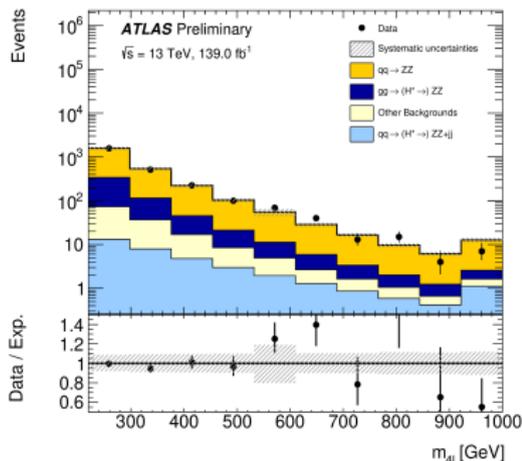
Higgs mass [2207.00320]

- ▶ The channels that are best for measuring the Higgs mass are $\gamma\gamma$ and $ZZ \rightarrow 4\ell$.
- ▶ Both analyses highly dependent on the precise reconstruction and calibration of physics objects.
- ▶ Recent analysis of $ZZ \rightarrow 4\ell$ with full Run 2
- ▶ A deep feed-forward neural network (NN) is employed and another network estimates the event-level $m_{4\ell}$ resolution, σ_i .
- ▶ **A precision of $\pm 0.14\%$ is achieved!** (stat. dominated)



Higgs width [ATLAS-CONF-2022-068]

- ▶ The total width is another fundamental property which we want to measure!
- ▶ The on-shell Higgs cross-section is $\propto 1/m_H \Gamma_H$
- ▶ Off-shell Higgs cross-section is $\propto 1/m_H^2$ *
- ▶ Looking at $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4\ell$ and $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow \ell\ell\nu\nu$ we can measure the off-shell cross-section and get width from the ratio!
- ▶ $\Gamma_H = 4.6 \pm 2.6$ MeV – in agreement with the SM $\Gamma_H^{SM} = 4.1$ MeV.

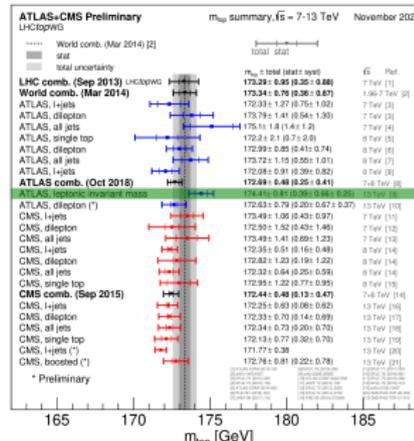
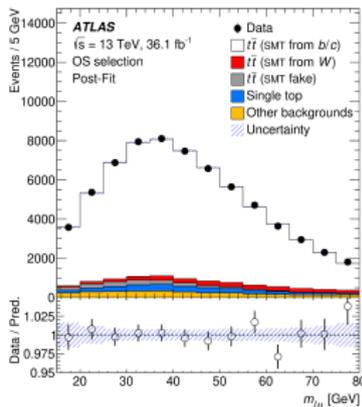
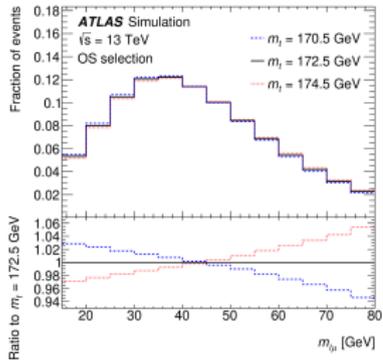


Top mass (soft- μ) [2209.00583]

- ▶ Top mass traditionally extracted from $m_{b\bar{t}}$ template and $m_{\ell b}$ in the di-lepton channel.
- ▶ New analysis uses semi-lep. $t\bar{t}$ where one B-hadron decays semi-leptonically to a μ .
- ▶ The mass of the two leptons; one from $W \rightarrow \ell\nu$, the other from the B-hadron, is used to extract the top mass.
- ▶ This is sensitive to fragmentation, but not hadronic uncertainties which affect the other methods, **a largely uncorrelated measurement!**

$$m_t = 174.41 \pm 0.39(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.66(\text{sys.}) \pm 0.25(\text{recoil.})\text{GeV}$$

("recoil" is a change in the recoil scheme for gluons in the parton shower).

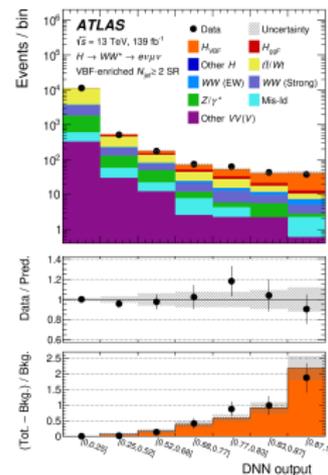
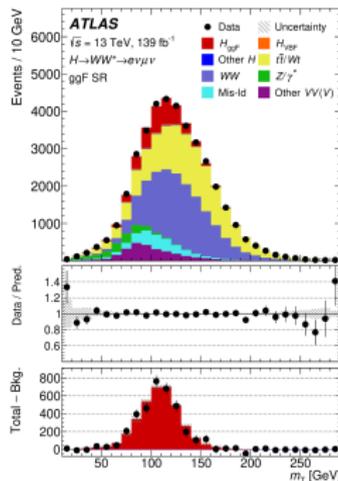
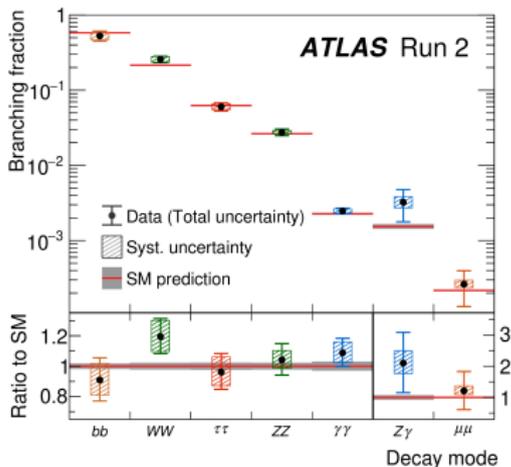


5. Particle Decay Branching Ratios

*How do the particles decay?
Does it agree with expectation?*

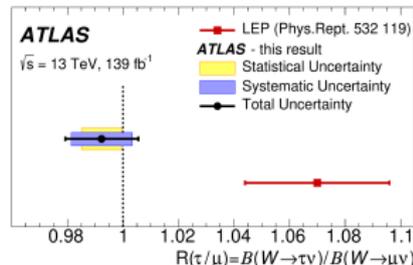
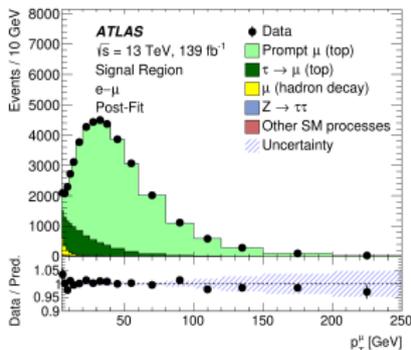
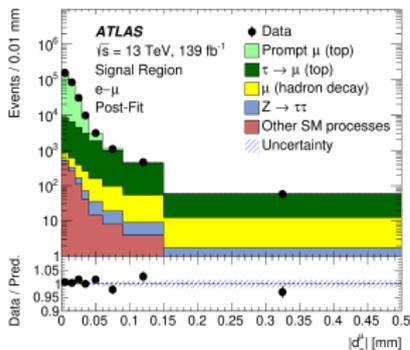
Higgs Decays [\[2207.00092\]](#) [\[2207.00338\]](#)

- ▶ The Higgs branching ratios are measured for all the different decay channels assuming SM Higgs production cross-sections.
- ▶ 7 channels are assessible with 5 measured with a **precision better than 20%**!
- ▶ Each channel is a complete analysis; eg. WW is measured in both ggF and VBF.
- ▶ In ggF a fit of $m_T = \sqrt{(E_T^{\ell\ell} + E_T^{\text{miss}})^2 + |\mathbf{p}_T^{\ell\ell} + \mathbf{E}_T^{\text{miss}}|^2}$ is performed.
- ▶ In VBF the fit is the the output of a *Deep Neural Network* (DNN).



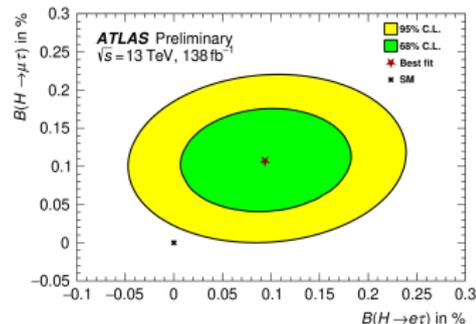
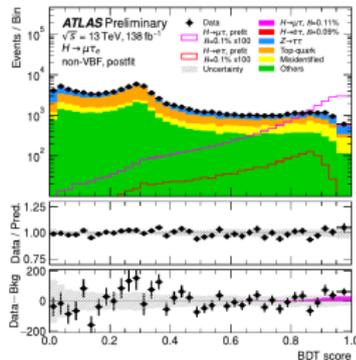
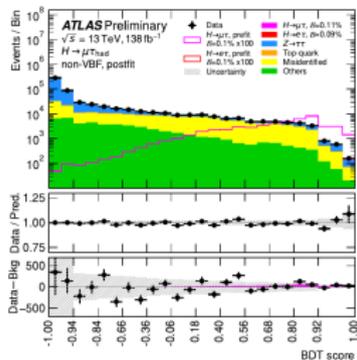
W Couplings and testing LFU [2007.14040]

- ▶ *Lepton Flavour Universality* means the BRs of W/Z should be the same for all ℓ .
- ▶ At LEP they found $R_{\tau/\mu} = BR(W \rightarrow \tau\nu)/BR(W \rightarrow \mu\nu) = 1.070 \pm 0.026$
- ▶ Using W-bosons from $t\bar{t}$ this has been tested at ATLAS.
- ▶ One W-boson is used to trigger and select the event, the other to measure the BR.
- ▶ $\tau \rightarrow \mu\nu$ decays are used to avoid hadronic τ reco. efficiency uncertainties.
- ▶ A 2-D fit of the transverse impact parameter d_0 and the lepton p_T is used to separate $W \rightarrow \mu\nu$ and $W \rightarrow \tau(\rightarrow \mu\nu)\nu$.
- ▶ Measured ratio; $R_{\tau/\mu} = 0.992 \pm 0.013[\pm 0.007(\text{stat}) \pm 0.011(\text{syst})]$
→in agreement with the Standard Model and refutes the LEP discrepancy.



Lepton Flavour Violation in Higgs [ATLAS-CONF-2022-060]

- ▶ In the Standard Model there should be no Lepton Flavour Violation so decays like $Z \rightarrow e\mu, e\tau, \mu\tau, H \rightarrow e\mu, e\tau, \mu\tau$ are forbidden.
- ▶ New result looking at $H \rightarrow e\tau$ and $H \rightarrow \mu\tau$.
- ▶ Two methods used - a MC-based method, and one which exploits the symmetry in the backgrounds to measure $\text{BR}(H \rightarrow \mu\tau) - \text{BR}(H \rightarrow e\tau)$.
- ▶ Both utilize both leptonic and hadronic tau-decays, and use machine learning to form the final discriminant.
- ▶ Upper limits are set of $\text{BR}(H \rightarrow e\tau) < 0.19\%$ and $\text{BR}(H \rightarrow \mu\tau) < 0.18\%$.
- ▶ **Best fit result is compatible with the SM at the level of 2.2σ .**



6. Spin/Helicity Properties

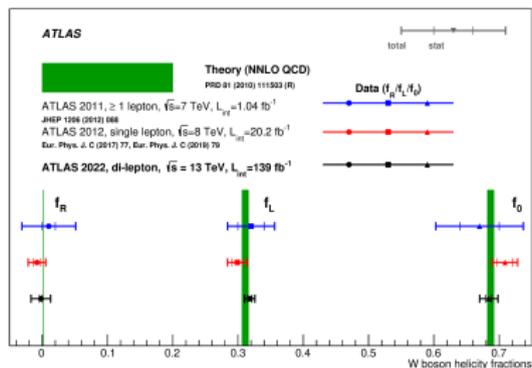
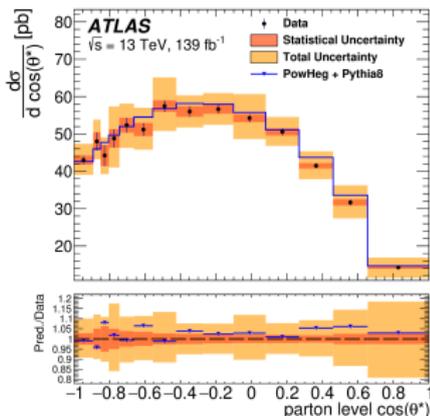
*We can predict the spin/helicity
of the produced particles...
Does this match expectation?*

Top helicity [2209.14903]

- ▶ In top decay to $b + W$ we expect the W -boson helicity to have well defined fractions - eg. f_R will be small as W couples to left-handed particles.
- ▶ By reconstructing the system and measuring the angle between the lepton and the b -quark in the W -boson rest frame, $\cos \theta^*$, the fractions can be measured.

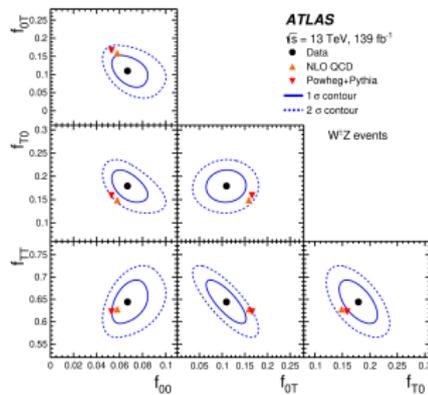
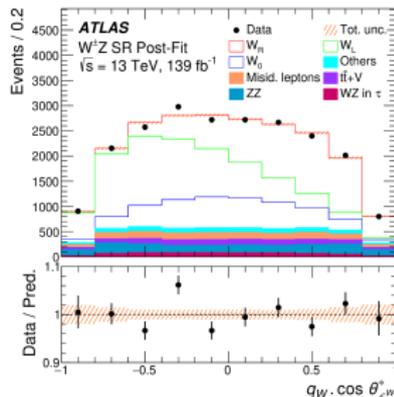
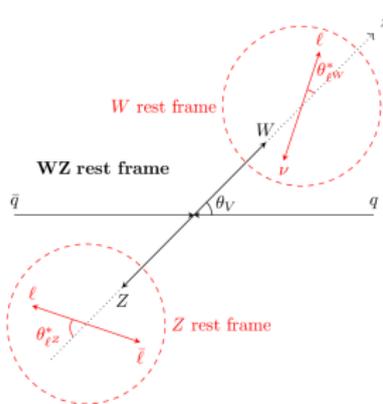
$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{d \cos \theta^*} = \frac{3}{4}(1 - \cos^2 \theta^*)f_0 + \frac{3}{8}(1 - \cos \theta^*)^2 f_L + \frac{3}{8}(1 + \cos \theta^*)^2 f_R.$$

- ▶ Fit to unfolded normalized data used to extract the three helicity fractions.
- ▶ Systematics dominated by jet reconstruction and $t\bar{t}$ modeling.
- ▶ **1st ATLAS Run 2 measurement, and more precise!**



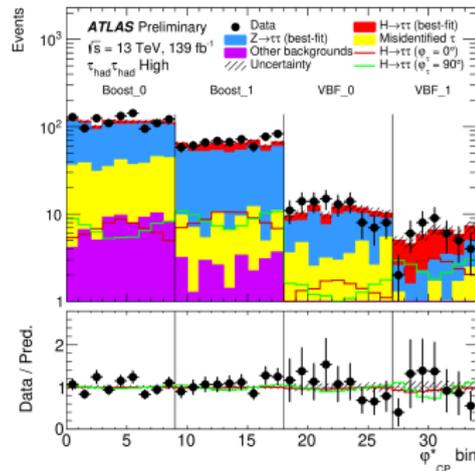
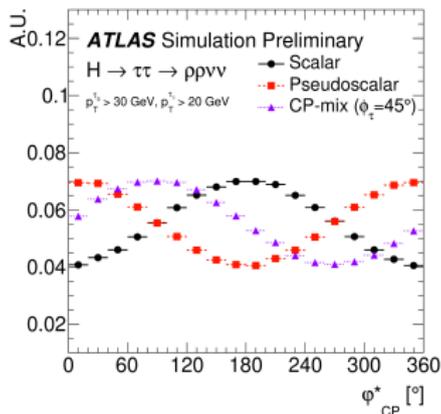
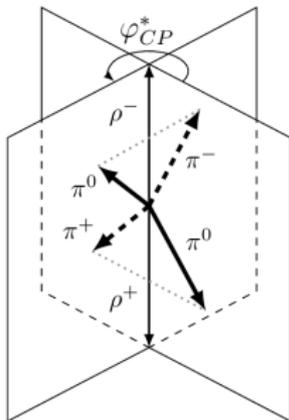
WZ Polarization [2211.09435]

- ▶ Similarly in WZ production the helicity of the two bosons is encoded into the distributions of the leptons that they decay into.
- ▶ By measuring the angle of the leptons in the W and Z rest frames the fractions of longitudinal, left and right transverse helicities can be extracted.
- ▶ The measurement extracts the fractions where both bosons are longitudinal f_{00} , both are transverse f_{TT} , and mixed states.
- ▶ The measurements are in agreement with the NLO QCD calculation.
- ▶ **This is the first observation of WZ production where both bosons are longitudinally polarized!**



$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ and CP violation [ATLAS-CONF-2022-032]

- ▶ The transverse spin correlations of the τ leptons encode the CP nature of the Higgs decay vertex; $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$.
- ▶ The spin properties are translated into kinematics of the τ decay products.
- ▶ ϕ_{CP}^* is formed from these reconstructed decay products and is sensitive to the CP nature. A fit is then performed across categories enhanced in Higgs signal.
- ▶ The CP-mixing angle, ϕ_τ is measured to be $9 \pm 16^\circ$ (with $\phi_\tau = 0^\circ$ in the SM).



7. Asymmetry measurements

*With large uncertainty cancelations
small effects can be probed!*

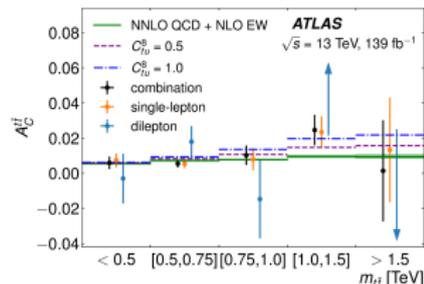
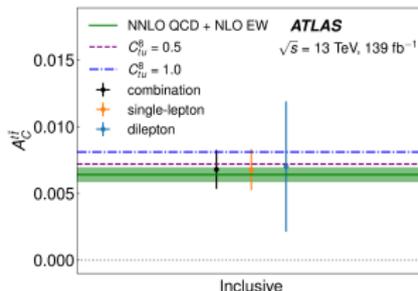
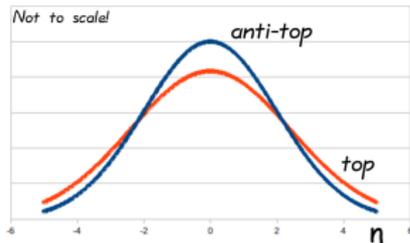
Charge Asymmetry in $t\bar{t}$ [2208.12095]

- ▶ To find new physics we want to be sensitive to effects beyond tree level ie. to interference/loop effects.

- ▶ The forward-central charge asymmetry is defined by;

$$A_C = \frac{N(\Delta|y|>0) - N(\Delta|y|<0)}{N(\Delta|y|>0) + N(\Delta|y|<0)} \quad \Delta|y| = |y_t| - |y_{\bar{t}}|$$

- ▶ For gg production $A_C = 0$ to all orders, for $q\bar{q}, qg$ $A_C = 0$ at LO, but interference beyond LO gives a small SM asymmetry – also sensitive to new physics!
- ▶ Combination of resolved and boosted channels in 1-lepton and 2-lepton channel.
- ▶ $A_C = 0.0068 \pm 0.0015$, **differs from zero by 4.7σ !**

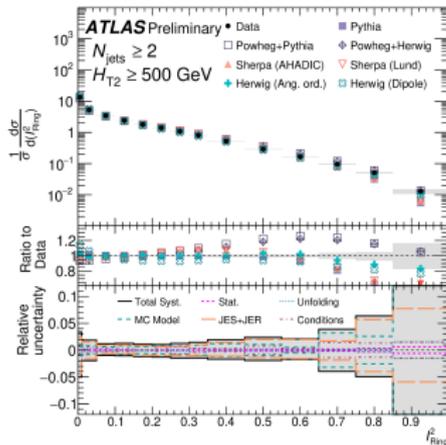


8. Studying QCD

*QCD dominates events at the LHC
We can study the shapes of events to
tune MC and compare to predictions.*

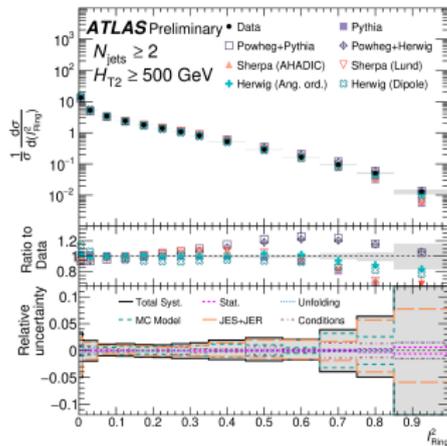
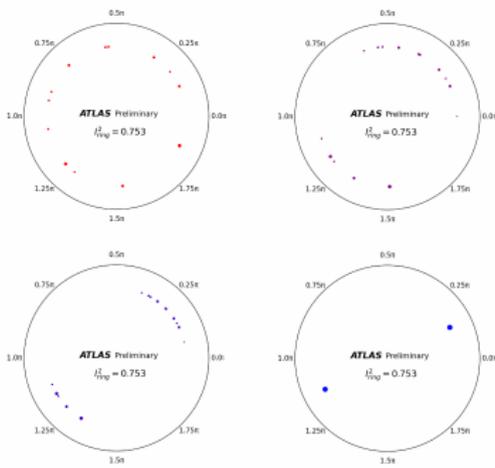
Event isotropies using optimal transport [ATLAS-CONF-2022-056]

- ▶ *Optimal transport* quantifies the energy required to move the vectors in an event to a given configuration.
- ▶ For I_{ring}^2 this is the energy required to make the jet a perfect di-jet.
- ▶ This distribution is unfolded to show how well different generators can model complex states found in the tails of QCD distributions.
- ▶ The parton shower generators are generally unable to capture the full shape of the distribution showing how this is useful for future tuning of parameters.



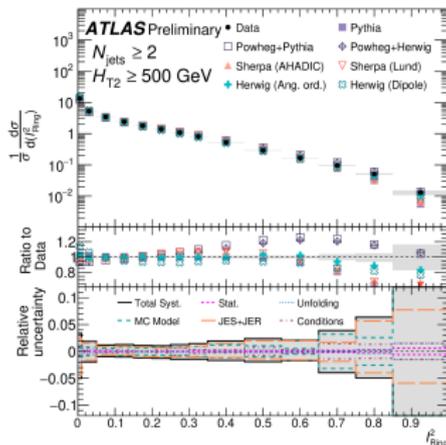
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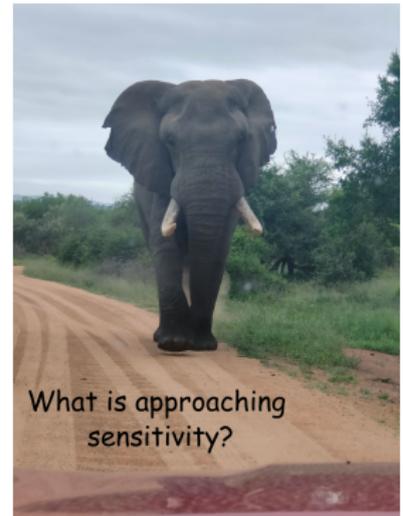
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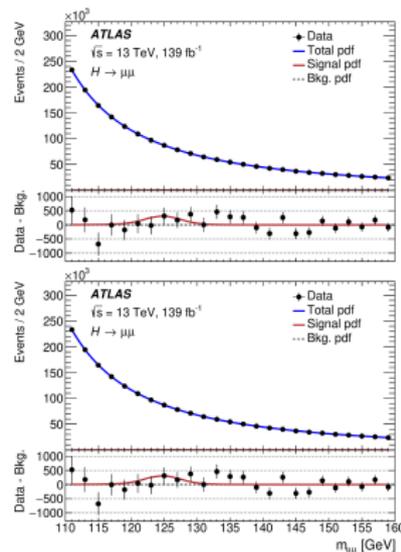
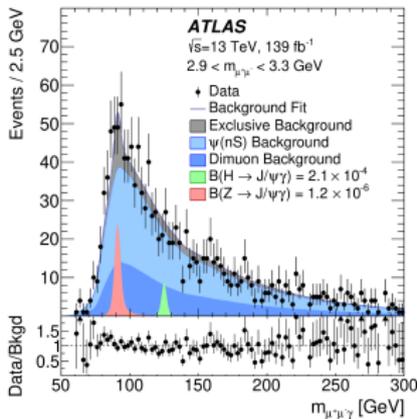
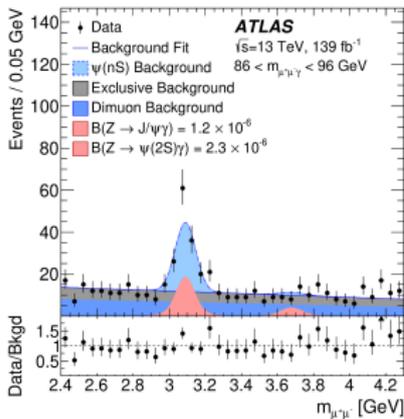
9. Beyond the current reach / looking forward

*Some things we haven't managed to see yet...
What could be round the corner? (in the Standard Model)*



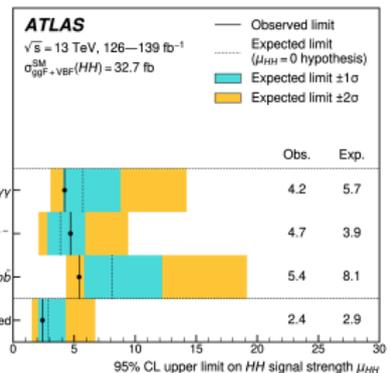
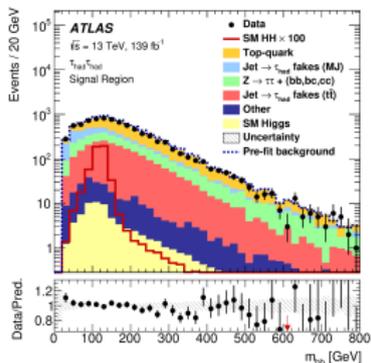
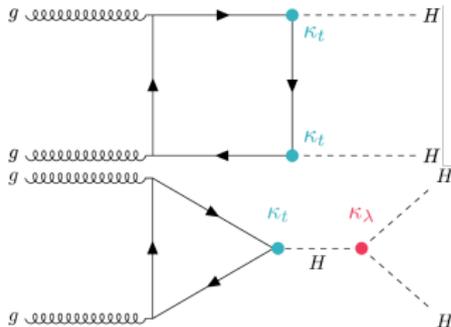
Rare decays: eg. $Z \rightarrow J/\psi + \gamma$ & $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$ [2208.03122] [2007.07830]

- ▶ A recent search for rare Z and H decays involving meson+ γ eg. BR($Z \rightarrow J/\psi + \gamma$).
 - ▶ 2D unbinned likelihood in $m_{\mu\mu}$, $m_{\mu\mu\gamma}$ used to search for signals.
 - ▶ Limit of 1.2×10^{-6} on BR($Z \rightarrow J/\psi + \gamma$), with SM prediction of $\sim 1 \times 10^{-7}$.
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- ▶ Observing $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$ would indicate that the Higgs provides mass to muons!
 - ▶ Small signal on top of large Drell-Yan background.
 - ▶ Multiple categories targetting ggF, VBF, VH and ttH.
 - ▶ Best fit signal strength: $\mu = 1.2 \pm 0.6$



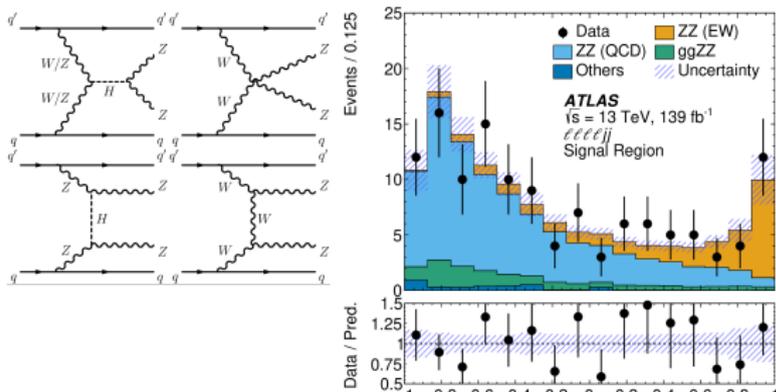
Di-Higgs [2211.01216]

- ▶ The production of two Higgs bosons is yet to be observed.
- ▶ This is particularly interesting as it is sensitive to the self-coupling of the Higgs
→ **this is us beginning to explore the shape of the Higgs potential!**
- ▶ The cross-section is very small ~ 1700 times smaller than single Higgs - need to exploit channels where we can reconstruct the mass of both Higgs, and have significant branching ratio.
- ▶ Recent combination of $b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$, $b\bar{b}\tau\tau$, $b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$ gives an upper limit on the HH cross-section of 2.4 times the Standard Model x-sec.
- ▶ We also extract limits on the Higgs self coupling; $-0.4 < \kappa_\lambda = \lambda_{HHH}/\lambda_{HHH}^{SM} < 6.3$

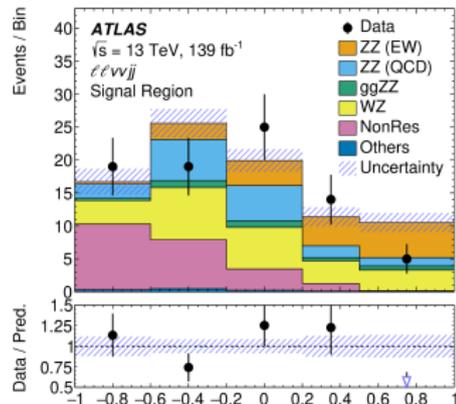


VBS and Polarization [\[2004.10612\]](#)

- ▶ Earlier I discussed the measurement of the polarization in WZ events.
- ▶ One of the key motivations for the LHC is to investigate EW-symmetry breaking in vector boson scattering - specifically in the longitudinally polarized case.
- ▶ We have now observed vector boson scattering of ZZ (5.5σ), $W^\pm Z$ (5.3σ), $W^\pm W^\pm$ (6.5σ) and $Z\gamma$ (6.3σ).
- ▶ An exciting prospect for Run 3 and the HL-LHC is to start to study the polarisation of scattering bosons!



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10. Conclusions & Outlook

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- ▶ I've shown a large number of results in the last 49 minutes!
- ▶ But this was just a snapshot of the ATLAS measurement program.
- ▶ Overall the Standard Model is performing fantastically, and the predictions and data generally agree within the uncertainties
 - **there are no clear signs of new physics** (currently...)
- ▶ We will be:
 - ▶ taking more data
 - ▶ improving analysis techniques
 - ▶ reducing uncertainties by understanding our detector better
- ▶ We will see if the current small discrepancies grow or shrink, or other disagreements appear!
- ▶ Run 3 is only just beginning, and there are many other results which are still being carried out with the Run 2 dataset – doing careful, precise measurements takes time!

Sorry if I omitted your favourite measurement or topic – there wasn't time to cover everything so large (and important) areas of our physics program are missing from my slides...