

Vector boson scattering from an experimental perspective (II)

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Introduction

Trilinear and quartic couplings can probe different aspects:
- TGC: Non-abelian gauge structure of the SM
- QGC: Mechanism of spontaneous symmetry breaking

The SM Higgs boson is the most economic solution to restore unitarity We found a Higgs boson: is it fully or partially responsible for EWSB? Determine EWSB dynamics and look for new physics.

To this end, we really need to study the scattering of massive vector bosons





Electroweak production of a Z boson with di-jets



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Inclusive $Z \rightarrow II$



It is "known" that the Z \rightarrow II final state is "clean" Then one would think observing EW Z(\rightarrow II)jj is "trivial"

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Electroweak production of a Z boson with di-jets

Study Zjj production and "observe" EW Zjj CMS: 5 fb⁻¹ of 7 TeV data JHEP 10 (2013) 062 ATLAS: 20.3 fb⁻¹ of 8 TeV data JHEP 04 (2014) 031

Modeling of EW and strong Zjj (interference neglected): Sherpa (Matrix Element ⊕ parton shower) Powheg Box (+PYTHIA)

[Diboson contribution (small) through Sherpa]

Overall normalisation to Powheg Zjj NLO prediction





Jet activity both in terms of kinematics of the events, and as additional hadronic activity are crucial to separate EW and strong production

Pile-up...again...



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Event Selection

JHEP04(2014)031 Two prong effort: - Observe EWK Zjj production - Improve modeling of strong Zjj production Suppress EW and Optimized for EWK Fewer selection criteria to enhance strong production Zjj observation study Zjj production in simpler topologies Object baseline high-mass $high-p_{\rm T}$ search control $|\eta^{\ell}| < 2.47, \, p_{\rm T}^{\ell} > 25 \, {\rm GeV}$ Leptons Dilepton pair $81 < m_{\ell\ell} < 101 \, \text{GeV}$ $p_{\rm T}^{\ell\ell} > 20 \,{\rm GeV}$ $|y^j| < 4.4, \ \Delta R_{j,\ell} \ge 0.3$ Jets $p_{\rm T}^{j_1} > 55 \,{\rm GeV}$ $p_{\rm T}^{j_1} > 85 \,{\rm GeV}$ $p_{\rm T}^{j_2} > 45 \,{\rm GeV}$ $p_{\rm T}^{j_2} > 75 \,{\rm GeV}$ $m_{jj} > 250 \,\mathrm{GeV}$ Dijet system $m_{ij} > 1 \,\mathrm{TeV}$ Interval jets $N_{\rm jet}^{\rm gap} = 0$ $N_{\rm iet}^{\rm gap} \ge 1$ $p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{balance}} = \frac{\left| \vec{p}_{\mathrm{T}}^{\ell_{1}} + \vec{p}_{\mathrm{T}}^{\ell_{2}} + \vec{p}_{\mathrm{T}}^{j_{1}} + \vec{p}_{\mathrm{T}}^{j_{2}} \right|}{\left| \vec{p}_{\mathrm{T}}^{\ell_{1}} \right| + \left| \vec{p}_{\mathrm{T}}^{\ell_{2}} \right| + \left| \vec{p}_{\mathrm{T}}^{j_{1}} \right| + \left| \vec{p}_{\mathrm{T}}^{j_{2}} \right|}$ $p_{\rm T}^{\rm balance,3} < 0.15$ $p_{\rm T}^{\rm balance} < 0.15$ Z_{jj} system

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$Z(\rightarrow II)$ jj: Composition of regions

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	Composition $(\%)$					
Process	baseline	$high$ - p_{T}	search	control	high-mass	
Strong Zjj	95.8	94.0	94.7	96.0	85	
Electroweak Zjj	1.1	2.1	4.0	1.4	12	
WZ and ZZ	1.0	1.3	0.7	1.4	1	
$t\overline{t}$	1.8	2.2	0.6	1.0	2	
Single top	0.1	0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	
Multijet	0.1	0.2	< 0.1	0.2	< 0.1	
WW, W+jets	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 1.1	< 0.1	

Common issue among VBS/VBF type of studies.

Main background arise from strong production of the same final state, resulting in poor S/B → Modeling of this contribution is crucial



Z(→II)jj: Data-MC comparisons



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Fiducial cross section

Measure fiducial cross sections in phase space that mimics experimental selections (fiducial regions)

$$\sigma^{\text{fid.}} = \frac{N^{\text{obs.}} - N^{\text{bkg}}}{\mathcal{L} \cdot \epsilon}$$

$$\epsilon = \frac{N_{\text{signal region, reco-level}}}{N_{\text{fiducial region, particle-level}}}$$
Estimated with detector simulation
Accounting for experimental
effects: trigger efficiencies, object
reconstruction, e.t.c.
~0.80-0.92 for µµ
~0.64-0.71 for ee
depending on region







ATLAS NOTE



CERN

Proposal for particle-level object and observable definitions for use in physics measurements at the LHC

6th June 2015

The ATLAS Collaboration

- "Born leptons"

 leptons "prior to QED Final State Radiation (FSR)"
 [considered at the lowest-order diagram in the αQED for the process under study]

 Here one needs to neglect, e.g., interference effects between initial and final state QED radiation in the case of W and Z boson production.

- "Bare" leptons

leptons "after to QED Final State Radiation (FSR)"

Implementation of QED radiation depends in the details of MC generators.

- "Dressed" leptons

A cone or jet algorithm is used to cluster all photons around the bare lepton direction, forming a lepton after partial QED radiation recovery.

Usually fiducial cross-sections are reported at the "Dressed" level, to study of intermediate states (W,Z,etc) the observables are provided at the "Born" and/or "Dressed" levels to facilitate comparison with prediction

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Z(→II)jj: Fiducial cross sections



Now go ahead to study differential distributions in the fiducial regions Variables sensitive to the kinematics of the di-jet and the color flow

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Unfolding (1/3)

Often one would like to measure distribution f(x) of quantity x.

Ideal detector: measure x in each event

 \rightarrow obtain f(x) through histogram of measured x

Real detector:

1) Acceptance [Probability to observe an event is not 1, and depends on x]

2) Transformation [Instead of x, a related quantity y is measured (potential due to non-linear detector response)]

3) Resolution [Measured y is smeared due to finite resolution. Only statistical relation between variable x and measured quantity y] Also physics effects, e.g. radiation, hadronization, etc



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Unfolding (2/3)

Correction factor method

Estimators with smaller variances, based on multiplicative correction factors derived from MC:

$$\hat{\mu}_i = C_i(n_i - \mathrm{bkg}_i)$$
 $C_i = rac{\mu_i^{MC}}{
u_i^{MC}}$

Works well for $C_i \sim 1$ (i.e. migration is small, smearing effect smaller than bin size) with a bias of :

$$b_i = \left(\frac{\mu_i^{MC}}{\nu_i^{MC}} - \frac{\mu_i}{\nu_i^{sig}}\right) \nu_i^{sig}$$

(except if the MC simulation is equivalent to Nature)



Updated estimate of g(x) in each iteration, stopping criterion (otherwise same issues as with MLE) decided a priori. Usually a χ^2 estimate of difference wrt previous iteration.



Unfolding (3/3)

Unfolding not always necessary

(discovery, limit setting, parameter estimation)

One can compare measurements and model predictions at the uncorrected distribution level → if measurements are reported with expected background, response matrix and uncertainties (which is not always practical/feasible)

Unfolding yields an estimate of the distribution we think we have measured and can be compared to different measurements (e.g. from different experiments). Also, could demonstrate features which may not be recognizable in the uncorrected distribution (e.g. image reconstruction)

Note: Unfolded distributions come with covariance matrix \rightarrow needed when testing models

Z(→II)jj: Differential distributions



Baseline region

Both distributions sensitive to the differences between EW and QCD production



Z(→II)jj: Differential distributions



Search region

Z(→II)jj: Jet Veto Efficiency



Overall quite good description of the data,

Sherpa gives better description for variables related to additional jet activity

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Z(→II)jj: Uncertainties



Jet Energy Scale and Resolution uncertainties dominant at high $|\Delta y_{ii}|$ Forward region dominate by jet n response (studied using pT balance in di-jet event and other techniques) Theory modeling also more important than data statistics

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Extracting the EW Zjj component: Templates

To obtain EW Zjj contribution a Maximum Likelihood fit is performed in m_{jj} in the search region.

<u>Model</u>

EWK Zjj: Simulation (Sherpa) Strong Zjj: Simulation (Sherpa) + data-driven (plus the small diboson/ttbar contributions)

From baseline region established that strong Zjj simulation does not describe well the data.

Data-driven procedure:

Derive reweighting function is defined Data/MC in control region \rightarrow Apply to simulated background template in the search region.

Constrain generator modeling of m_{jj} with data, MC used to extrapolate from control to search regions.⁰

Experimental and theory systematics on the background templates are reduced.



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Extracting the EWK Zjj component: Fit



Fiducial cross section measurement for EW Zjj production in the search region:

$$\sigma_{\rm EW} = 54.7 \pm 4.6 \,(\text{stat}) \,{}^{+9.8}_{-10.4} \,(\text{syst}) \pm 1.5 \,(\text{lumi}) \,\text{fb.}$$

46.1 ± 0.2 (stat) ${}^{+0.3}_{-0.2} \,(\text{scale}) \pm 0.8 \,(\text{PDF}) \pm 0.5 \,(\text{model}) \,\text{fb}, \,\text{Powheg EW Zjj}$



Back to QGC



Two classes of processes give rise to VVjj final states:

VVjj-EW (electroweak mediated): exclusively electroweak processes, $O(\alpha_{ew}^6)$, and contains the VBS signal under investigation.

[processes with three decaying vector bosons, with one V→jj, can be separated gauge invariantly and are suppressed by kinematic requirements. Hence, not important in the signal region.]

VVjj-QCD (QCD mediated): contains processes $O(\alpha_{ew}^4 \alpha_s^2)$ can be suppressed by topological selection requirements.



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EW VVjj: Which final state?

Final state	Process	VVjj-EW	VVjj-QCD	S/B
$\ell^{\pm} \nu \ell'^{\pm} \nu' j j$ (same sign, arbitrary flavor)	$W^{\pm}W^{\pm}$	19.5 fb	18.8 fb	~1
$\ell^{\pm} \nu \ell'^{\mp} \nu' j j$ (opposite sign)	$W^{\pm}W^{\mp}$	91.3 fb	3030 fb	~0.03
$\ell^+\ell^-\nu'\nu'jj$	ZZ	2.4 fb	162 fb	~0.015
$\ell^{\pm}\ell^{\mp}\ell'^{\pm} u'jj$	$W^{\pm}Z$	30.2 fb	687 fb	~0.04
$\ell^{\pm}\ell^{\mp}\ell'^{\pm}\ell'^{\mp}jj$	ZZ	1.5 fb	106 fb	~0.014

Leading-order cross-sections calculated at $\sqrt{s}=8$ TeV using SHERPA

[2 leptons p_T >5 GeV, m_{II} >4 GeV, ≥2 jets p_T >10 GeV]

- \rightarrow No leading-order gluon-gluon initial state contributions to W[±]W[±]jj
- \rightarrow Only t-channel Higgs exchange contributes to W[±]W[±]jj
- \rightarrow Same-sign WW ensures small SM backgrounds (VV production, ttbar, Z+jets,...) CMS: 19.4 fb⁻¹ of 8 TeV data, published as PRL 114, 051801 (2015) ATLAS: 20.3 fb⁻¹ of 8 TeV data, published as PRL 113, 141803 (2014) EW W[±]W[±]jj production interferes with strong W[±]W[±]jj O(10%) effect [depends on region] \rightarrow SHERPA



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EW W[±]W[±]jj→l[±]vl[±]vjj: Event Display



Selection: (ATLAS as example)

- Two isolated same-sign leptons (p_T>25 GeV, $|\eta|$ <2.5): e[±]e[±],e[±]µ[±],µ[±]µ[±]
- MET>40 GeV
- \geq 2 jets with p_T>30 GeV and | η |<4.5
- veto 3rd lepton with looser p_T/id/isolation requirements (WZ veto)
- |m_{ee}-m_Z|>10 GeV (Z veto)
- reject events with b-tags (ttbar veto)
- m_{jj}>500 GeV (inclusive region)
 - m_{jj}>500 GeV and |Δy_{jj}|>2.4 (VBS region)

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EW W[±]W[±]jj→l[±]vl[±]vjj: Backgrounds

Prompt Lepton Backgrounds:

strong W[±]W[±]+jj

- Modeled with SHERPA
- WZ/ γ^* +jets $\rightarrow I^{\pm}I^{\pm}v$ +jets, where on lepton outside acceptance or failing selection
 - ~ 90% of the prompt lepton background (20% of that from EWK production)
 - Modeled with SHERPA taking into account both strong and EWK production
- ZZ+jets and ttbar+W/Z also considered
 - Modeled with MadGraph

Double parton scattering contributions (WZ/γ*⊕di-jet) found to be negligible after mjj>500GeV

Non-prompt Lepton backgrounds:

- Non-prompt leptons arise from hadron decays in jets
- W+jets, ttbar, single top, multijet production
- Data-driven from events passing all selections, but a lepton is non-isolated or looser quality

Conversion backgrounds:

Wy + jets production, including EWK Wyjj

- Modeled with simulation using ALPGEN (and SHERPA for the EWK component)
- Uncertainty of ±17%
- Processes with prompt opposite charge leptons, where charge misidentification occurs
 - Main sources ttbar, DY pair production
 - Estimated using data

In both cases there is a $\gamma{\rightarrow}e^+e^-$ conversion involved



Charge misIdentification



Electron charge mis-identification: typically early bremsstrahlung with subsequent conversion to e⁺e⁻ charge of an isolated prompt

To reconstruct an electron the electromagnetic cluster should be matched with a track in the inner detector \rightarrow quality criteria applied (charge mis-identification rate reduced also overall efficiency)

Charge misidentification rate estimated fro $Z \rightarrow ee$ decays, and then applied to events passing selection, but required to be same-charge.



Muon charge misID relates to mis-measurement of the bending direction. Relevant for high p_T muons

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Material distribution



Starting point is an as detailed as possible geometrical model of the "as-built" detector.

This is sub-sequently refined using collision data $[\gamma \rightarrow e^+e^-, hadronic interactions, e.t.c.]$

Methods precise to the 5-10% level, but sensitive to local variations Electron charge mis-identification rates sensitive in the amount of material

Simulation-based estimates involving conversions: careful assessment/validation of detector material needed → particularly important for local effects [also relevant for cases like h→γγ]



Data-driven background estimates

Background modeling (normalisation/shape) checked in control-regions with similar phase space to Signal Region:

- Tri-lepton CR:
 - Inverting third lepton veto, removing m_{jj} and $|\Delta y_{jj}|$ requirements
 - Testing modeling of prompt backgrounds
- ≤1jet CR:
 - Require at most one jet
 - Testing conversion and prompt backgrounds
- b-tag CR:
 - Require at least one b-tagged jet
 - Testing non-prompt leptons
- Overall validation of background model by inverting m_{jj}

Control	Region	Trilepton	≤ 1 jet	<i>b</i> -tagged	Low m_{jj}
$e^{\pm}e^{\pm}$	exp.	36 ± 6	278 ± 28	40 ± 6	76 ± 9
	data	40	288	46	78
$e^{\pm}\mu^{\pm}$	exp.	110 ± 18	288 ± 42	75 ± 13	127 ± 16
	data	104	328	82	120
$\mu^{\pm}\mu^{\pm}$	exp.	60 ± 10	88 ± 14	25 ± 7	40 ± 6
	data	48	101	36	30

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EW W[±]W[±]jj→l[±]vl[±]vjj: Tri-lepton control region



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EW W[±]W[±]jj→l[±]vl[±]vjj: ≤1 jet control region

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EW W[±]W[±]jj→l[±]vl[±]vjj: b-tag control region



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	Inclusive	Signal Region		
	$e^{\pm}e^{\pm}$	$e^{\pm}\mu^{\pm}$	$\mu^{\pm}\mu^{\pm}$	Total
$W^{\pm}W^{\pm}$ jj Electroweak	3.07 ± 0.30	9.0 ± 0.8	4.9 ± 0.5	16.9 ± 1.5
$W^{\pm}W^{\pm}$ jj Strong	0.89 ± 0.15	2.5 ± 0.4	1.42 ± 0.23	4.8 ± 0.8
WZ/γ^* , ZZ , $tar{t}+W/Z$	3.0 ± 0.7	6.1 ± 1.3	2.6 ± 0.6	11.6 ± 2.5
$W + \gamma$	1.1 ± 0.6	1.6 ± 0.8	—	2.7 ± 1.2
OS prompt leptons	2.1 ± 0.4	0.77 ± 0.27	—	2.8 ± 0.6
Other non-prompt	0.61 ± 0.30	1.9 ± 0.8	0.41 ± 0.22	2.9 ± 0.8
Total Predicted	10.7 ± 1.4	21.7 ± 2.6	9.3 ± 1.0	42 ± 5
Data				
S/B	~0.4	~0.7	~1.1	~
Signal is EWK WWj (illustration)	j		"blinc	led" signal regior

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EW W[±]W[±]jj \rightarrow I[±]vI[±]vjj: inclusive signal/validation region



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EW W[±]W[±]jj→l[±]vl[±]vjj: VBS signal



$EW \ W^{\pm}W^{\pm}jj {\rightarrow} l^{\pm}vl^{\pm}vjj \colon ATLAS/CMS$

VBS Signal Region							
	$e^{\pm}e^{\pm}$	$e^{\pm}\mu^{\pm}$	$\mu^{\pm}\mu^{\pm}$	Total			
$W^{\pm}W^{\pm}$ jj Electroweak	2.55 ± 0.25	7.3 ± 0.6	4.0 ± 0.4	13.9 ± 1.2			
$W^{\pm}W^{\pm}$ jj Strong	0.25 ± 0.06	0.71 ± 0.14	0.38 ± 0.08	1.34 ± 0.26			
WZ/γ^* , ZZ , $tar{t}+W/Z$	2.2 ± 0.5	4.2 ± 1.0	1.9 ± 0.5	8.2 ± 1.9			
$W + \gamma$	0.7 ± 0.4	1.3 ± 0.7	_	2.0 ± 1.0			
OS prompt leptons	1.39 ± 0.27	0.64 ± 0.24	_	2.0 ± 0.5			
Other non-prompt	0.50 ± 0.26	1.5 ± 0.6	0.34 ± 0.19	2.3 ± 0.7			
Total Predicted	7.6 ± 1.0	15.6 ± 2.0	6.6 ± 0.8	29.8 ± 3.5			
Data	6	18	10	34			

	Nonprompt	WZ	VVV	Wrong sign	WW DPS	Total bkg.	$W^{\pm}W^{\pm}jj$	Data
W^+W^+	2.1 ± 0.6	0.6 ± 0.1	0.2 ± 0.1	0.1 ± 0.1	0.1 ± 0.1	3.1 ± 0.6	7.1 ± 0.1	10
W^-W^-	2.1 ± 0.5	0.4 ± 0.1	0.1 ± 0.1			2.6 ± 0.5	1.8 ± 0.1	2
$W^{\pm}W^{\pm}$	4.2 ± 0.8	1.0 ± 0.1	0.3 ± 0.1	0.1 ± 0.1	0.1 ± 0.1	5.7 ± 0.8	8.9 ± 0.1	12

Without going into the details of the CMS analysis, it worths noting:

- 1) structure similar for both experiments (in terms of selections/control regions)
- 2) similar expected sensitivity (2.8 σ vs 2.9 σ)
- 3) background composition differs
 - ATLAS: lower non-prompt background component (isolation re-optimization)
 - CMS: lower "WZ" component (3rd lepton veto/b-tag veto including soft-µ tag)
 - CMS: (much)lower charge mis-identification contribution
 - Differences discussed and understood



A word about b-tagging



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EW W[±]W[±]jj→l[±]vl[±]vjj: aQGC

The two experiments followed different approaches here:

- 1) ATLAS used the production cross-section as observable to study aQGC CMS used shape analysis with m_{II} as discriminant
- 2) Results reported in different parametrizations:

ATLAS: dim-4 operators (non-linear realization of effective Lagrangian) and unitarization CMS: dim-8 operators (linear-realization of the effective Lagrangian) and no form factors



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and the Higgs...



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SM Higgs boson production and decay at the LHC



$H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 4I$



Run Number: 182747, Event Number: 63217197

Date: 2011-05-28 13:06:57 CEST

Tracking and calorimeter isolation
Impact Parameter (IP) significance

Two same-flavor opposite-sign di-leptons (e/μ)
pT^{1,2,3,4} > 20, 15, 10, 7 GeV (6 GeV for μ)
Single lepton and di-lepton triggers



 $H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 4I (I=e,\mu)$

Peak in m_{41} spectrum: • S/B~1.7 @ m_H =125 GeV • Mass resolution~1.6-2.2 GeV Backgrounds: $ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 4I$, Z+jets and ttbar

50 GeV < m_{12} < 106 GeV, $m_{thr}(m_{4l}) < m_{34} < 115 GeV m_{thr} = 12-50 GeV (140-190 GeV)$ \rightarrow same-flavour opposite-sign pairs m_>5 GeV

- → samé-flavour opposite-sign pairs m_{ll}>5 GeV → $\Delta R_{I,I'}$ >0.10(0.20) for (not-)same-flavour
- \rightarrow Recover Final State Radiation photons
- (~3% improvement in resolution)
- \rightarrow m_Z constraint to improve resolution (~15% improvement in resolution)

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H→ZZ^(*)→4I: Backgrounds



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H→ZZ^(*)→4I: Selected Events



$H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 4I$: Event Categorization



Category	$gg \rightarrow H, q\bar{q}/gg \rightarrow b\bar{b}H/t\bar{t}H$	$qq' \rightarrow Hqq'$	$q\bar{q} \rightarrow W/ZH$
	$\sqrt{s} = 8 \mathrm{TeV}$		
ggF enriched VBF enriched VH-hadronic enriched	$\begin{array}{c} 12.0 \pm 1.4 \\ 1.2 \pm 0.4 \\ 0.41 \pm 0.14 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.52 \pm 0.02 \\ 0.69 \pm 0.05 \\ 0.030 \pm 0.004 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.37 \pm 0.02 \\ 0.10 \pm 0.01 \\ 0.21 \pm 0.01 \end{array}$
VH-leptonic enriched	0.021 ± 0.003	0.0009 ± 0.0002	0.13 ± 0.01

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H→ZZ^(*)→4I: BDT category



Need to be careful to select variables that are reasonably described by simulation

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$H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 4I$: Systematic Uncertainties in categorisation

Process	$gg \to H, q\bar{q}/gg \to b\bar{b}H/t\bar{t}H$	$qq' \to Hqq'$	$q\bar{q} \to W/ZH$	ZZ^*			
	VBF enriched catego	ry					
Theoretical cross section	20.4%	4%	4%	8%			
Underlying event	6.6%	1.4%		_			
Jet energy scale	9.6%	4.8%	7.8%	9.6%			
Jet energy resolution	0.9%	0.2%	1.0%	1.4%			
Total	23.5%	6.4%	8.8%	12.6%			
VH-hadronic enriched category							
Theoretical cross section	20.4%	4%	4%	2%			
Underlying event	7.5%	3.1%	_	_			
Jet energy scale	9.4%	9.3%	3.7%	12.6%			
Jet energy resolution	1.0%	1.7%	0.6%	1.8%			
Total	23.7%	10.7%	5.5%	12.9%			
	VH-leptonic enriched cat	egory					
Theoretical cross section	12%	4%	4%	5%			
Leptonic VH-specific cuts	1%	1%	5%	_			
Jet energy scale	8.8%	9.9%	1.7%	3.2%			
Total	14.9%	10.7%	6.6%	5.9%			
$ggF \ enriched \ category$							
Theoretical cross section	12%	4%	4%	4%			
Jet energy scale	2.2%	6.6%	4.0%	1.0%			
Total	12.2%	7.7%	5.7%	4.1%			



$H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 4I$: Results



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$H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 4I$: Coupling Results



H→ZZ^(*)→4I: Coupling Results



Some way to go still before observation...

LHC Higgs boson: Combining all the channels



LHC/HL-LHC Plan





QGC in Run II and beyond

The increased energy and integrated luminosity at LHC Run II/III and beyond would allow access to various processes:

- VBS ZZ→4I, WZ→IvII,W[±]W[±]→I[±]vI[±]v,...

- Tri-bosons Ζγγ→ΙΙγγ,...

Each of them sensitive to different operators in the Effective Field Theory approach.

affects H→VV couplings





\mathcal{L}_{ϕ}	$W = \frac{c_{\phi W}}{\Lambda^2} \mathrm{Tr}(V)$	$(W^{\mu\nu}W_{\mu\nu})\phi^{\dagger}\phi$ (i.e. triboson and VBS studies) but not di-boson production					
Deremator dimension		channel	Δ [ΤοV]	300	fb ⁻¹	3000 fb ⁻¹	
rarameter unitension	Channel		5σ	95% CL	5σ	95%	
$c_{\phi W}/\Lambda^2$	6 2	ZZ	1.9	34 TeV^{-2}	20 TeV^{-2}	$16 {\rm TeV^{-2}}$	9.3 T
f_{S0}/Λ^4	8	$W^{\pm}W^{\pm}$	2.0	$10 { m TeV^{-4}}$	6.8 TeV^{-4}	4.5 TeV^{-4}	0.8 T
f_{T1}/Λ^4	8	WZ	3.7	1.3 TeV^{-4}	0.7 TeV^{-4}	0.6 TeV^{-4}	0.3 T
f_{T8}/Λ^4	8	Ζγγ	12	$0.9 { m TeV^{-4}}$	0.5 TeV^{-4}	0.4 TeV^{-4}	0.2 T
f_{T9}/Λ^4	8	Ζγγ	13	2.0 TeV^{-4}	0.9 TeV^{-4}	$0.7 { m TeV^{-4}}$	0.3 T

Higgs in Run II and beyond



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Summary



We just begin to explore the dynamics of Electro-Weak Symmetry Breaking

Within the Standard Model this is purely due to the Higgs non-zero vacuum expectation value. But new physics could contribute, without contradicting current experimental limits!

New physics may be lurking there!

With the LHC Run II/III and beyond, these are major questions to be answered!

Intensive dialogue/collaboration between theory and experiment is needed to reduce modeling uncertainties and to optimally benefit from the wealth of information



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W[±]W[±]jj→I[±]vI[±]vjj:Systematic Uncertainties

Systematic Un	certainties ee/e	$e\mu/\mu\mu$ (%) - Inclusive SR	
Background		Signal	
Jet uncertainties	11/13/13	Jet uncertainties	5.7
Theory WZ/γ^*	5.6/7.7/11	Theory $W^{\pm}W^{\pm}jj$ -ewk	4.7
MC statistics	8.2/5.9/8.4	Theory $W^{\pm}W^{\pm}jj$ -strong	3.1
Fake rate	3.5/7.1/7.2	Luminosity	2.8
OS lepton bkg/ Conversion rate	5.9/4.2/-	MC statistics	3.5/2.1/2.8
Theory $W + \gamma$	2.8/2.6/-	E_T^{miss} reconstruction	1.1
E_T^{miss} reconstruction	2.2/2.4/1.8	Lepton reconstruction	1.9/1.0/0.7
Luminosity	1.7/2.1/2.4	b-tagging efficiency	0.6
Lepton reconstruction	1.6/1.2/1.2	trigger efficiency	0.1/0.3/0.5
b-tagging efficiency	1.0/1.1/1.0		
Trigger efficiency	0.1/0.2/0.4		

Systematic Ur	ncertainties ee/	$e\mu/\mu\mu$ (%) - VBS SR		
Background		Signal		
Jet uncertainties	13/15/15	Theory $W^{\pm}W^{\pm}jj$ -ewk	6.0	
Theory WZ/γ^*	4.5/5.4/7.8	Jet uncertainties	5.1	
MC statistics	8.9/6.4/8.4	Luminosity	2.8	
Fake rate	4.0/7.2/6.8	MC statistics	4.5/2.7/3.7	
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Lepton reconstruction	1.7/1.1/1.1			
b-tagging efficiency	0.8/0.9/0.7			
Trigger efficiency	0.1/0.2/0.4			

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Overview of rate measurements



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H→γγ: Couplings



$H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$: Fiducial/Differential cross sections

