



# aQGC Sensitivity Studies from CMS

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# Quartic couplings

I will only talk about couplings involving W boson

- In the SM, the allowed couplings are:  
 $WW\gamma\gamma$ ,  $WWZ\gamma$ ,  $WWWW$ ,  $WWZZ$
- Observable in two topologies at the LHC
  - Triple gauge boson production (e.g.,  $W\gamma\gamma$ ,  $WW\gamma$ ,  $WWW$ ,  $WWZ$ )
  - Scattering process (e.g.,  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow WW$ ,  $WW \rightarrow WW$ )
- Anomalous couplings introduced via effective Lagrangian
  - Should use the linear realization with light Higgs
  - aQGCs for SM allowed processes introduced at dimension 6
  - However they are the same operators as the aTGCs which are better measured (see next slide)
- Lowest independent aQGC interactions are dimension 8

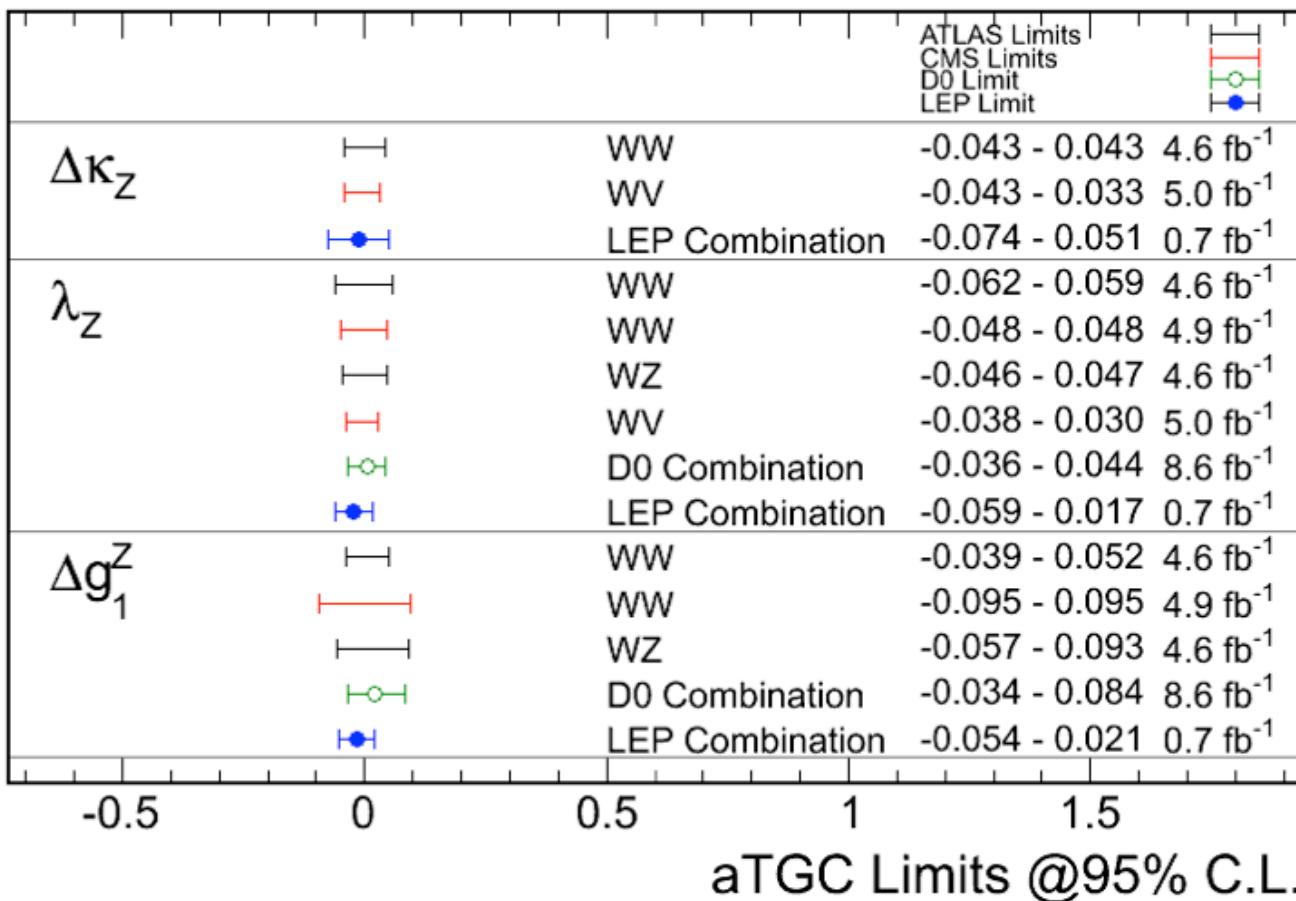


# Summary of charged aTGC measurements

<https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/CMSPublic/PhysicsResultsSMPaTGC>

in the notation of LEP parametrization [hep-ph/9601233](#)

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- aTGCs entangled with aQGC, as explained in the following slides.

- Current constraints on aTGCs: < 10% deviation from SM. Expect to achieve a few % precision with 8 TeV data.



# Anomalous quartic couplings in dimension 8

All D8 aQGC operators  
in Eboli's notation

hep-ph/0606118  
Eboli et. al.

$\mathcal{L}_M$  have D6  
equivalents  
( $a_0, a_c$ ),  
 $\mathcal{L}_T$  are  
novel to D8

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{M,0} &= \text{Tr} [\hat{W}_{\mu\nu} \hat{W}^{\mu\nu}] \times [(D_\beta \Phi)^\dagger D^\beta \Phi] \\ \mathcal{L}_{M,1} &= \text{Tr} [\hat{W}_{\mu\nu} \hat{W}^{\nu\beta}] \times [(D_\beta \Phi)^\dagger D^\mu \Phi] \\ \mathcal{L}_{M,2} &= [B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}] \times [(D_\beta \Phi)^\dagger D^\beta \Phi] \\ \mathcal{L}_{M,3} &= [B_{\mu\nu} B^{\nu\beta}] \times [(D_\beta \Phi)^\dagger D^\mu \Phi] \\ \mathcal{L}_{M,4} &= [(D_\mu \Phi)^\dagger \hat{W}_{\beta\nu} D^\mu \Phi] \times B^{\beta\nu} \\ \mathcal{L}_{M,5} &= [(D_\mu \Phi)^\dagger \hat{W}_{\beta\nu} D^\nu \Phi] \times B^{\beta\mu} \\ \mathcal{L}_{M,6} &= [(D_\mu \Phi)^\dagger \hat{W}_{\beta\nu} \hat{W}^{\beta\nu} D^\mu \Phi] \\ \mathcal{L}_{M,7} &= [(D_\mu \Phi)^\dagger \hat{W}_{\beta\nu} \hat{W}^{\beta\mu} D^\nu \Phi]\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{S,0} &= [(D_\mu \Phi)^\dagger D_\nu \Phi] \times [(D^\mu \Phi)^\dagger D^\nu \Phi] \\ \mathcal{L}_{S,1} &= [(D_\mu \Phi)^\dagger D^\mu \Phi] \times [(D_\nu \Phi)^\dagger D^\nu \Phi]\end{aligned}$$

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|  | WWWW | WWZZ | ZZZZ | WWAZ | WWAA | ZZZA | ZZAA | ZAAA | AAAA |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| $\mathcal{L}_{S,0}, \mathcal{L}_{S,1}$                                       | X    | X    | X    | O    | O    | O    | O    | O    | O    |
| $\mathcal{L}_{M,0}, \mathcal{L}_{M,1}, \mathcal{L}_{M,6}, \mathcal{L}_{M,7}$ | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | O    | O    | O    |
| $\mathcal{L}_{M,2}, \mathcal{L}_{M,3}, \mathcal{L}_{M,4}, \mathcal{L}_{M,5}$ | O    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | O    | O    | O    |
| $\mathcal{L}_{T,0}, \mathcal{L}_{T,1}, \mathcal{L}_{T,2}$                    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    |
| $\mathcal{L}_{T,5}, \mathcal{L}_{T,6}, \mathcal{L}_{T,7}$                    | O    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    |
| $\mathcal{L}_{T,9}, \mathcal{L}_{T,9}$                                       | O    | O    | X    | O    | O    | X    | X    | X    | X    |



# aQGC D6 vs D8

- In the two realizations
  - Linear: all lowest order independent aQGCs are D8
  - Nonlinear: a number of dimensions, aQGCs involving  $\gamma$  are D6
- Consider  $WW\gamma\gamma$ 
  - Largest contributing nonlinear terms:
    - Limits set on  $a/\Lambda^2$
  - Equivalent D8 terms ( $L_{M2}$ ,  $L_{M3}$ )
    - Limits set on  $q/\Lambda^4$
    - Straightforward conversions
- Expectations:
  - SM rate detectable with TGC and QGC contributions at  $e^2$
  - aTGC and aQGC entangled, suppressed by  $q/\Lambda^4$
  - Sensitivity on high  $p_T$  tail

$$L_6^0 = -\frac{e^2}{16\Lambda^2} a_0 F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} \vec{W}^\alpha \cdot \vec{W}_\alpha$$
$$L_6^c = -\frac{e^2}{16\Lambda^2} a_c F^{\mu\alpha} F_{\mu\beta} \vec{W}^\beta \cdot \vec{W}_\alpha$$

$$\frac{q_i}{\Lambda^4} = \frac{8a_i}{\Lambda^2 M_W^2}$$



## Burden of legacy ....

### Almost all previous work in nonlinear realization

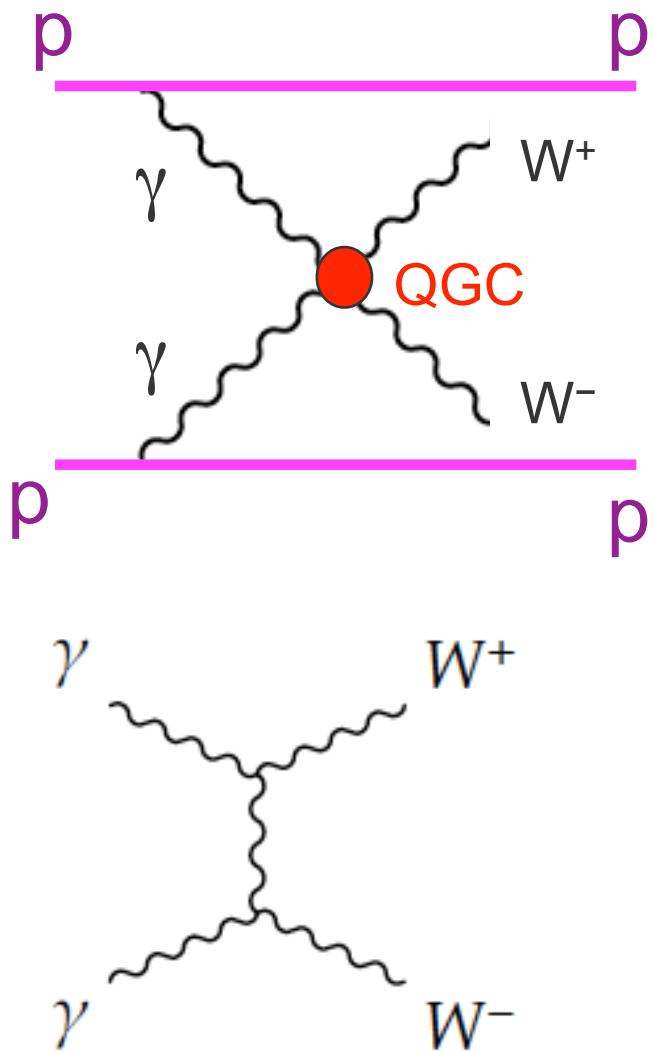


- Symmetries enforced without light Higgs
- Lower dimension D4, D6 aQGCs
- Have to connect with that work
  - LEP, LHC limits already set in that approach
  - they often use arbitrary form factors to dampen non-unitarity

### Our current/proposed approach

- Adopt D8 (linear) approach for setting aQGC limits
- However, in order to easily compare with the existing results
  - use D6 equivalents for those operators which exist in both D6 and D8 realizations
  - operators that are novel in D8 are probed for the first time, so there is no legacy issues to take care of

# Probing quartic couplings via $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow WW$ process



**CMS analysis:**

See talk by Jonathan Hollar

[https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/CMSPublic/  
PhysicsResultsFSQ12010](https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/CMSPublic/PhysicsResultsFSQ12010)

Limits on aQGC without form-factors:

$$\begin{aligned}-2.80 \times 10^{-6} < a_0^W / \Lambda^2 &< 2.80 \times 10^{-6} \text{ GeV}^{-2} \\ -1.02 \times 10^{-5} < a_C^W / \Lambda^2 &< 1.02 \times 10^{-5} \text{ GeV}^{-2}\end{aligned}$$

$o(10^2)$  times more constraining than the LEP combined limit

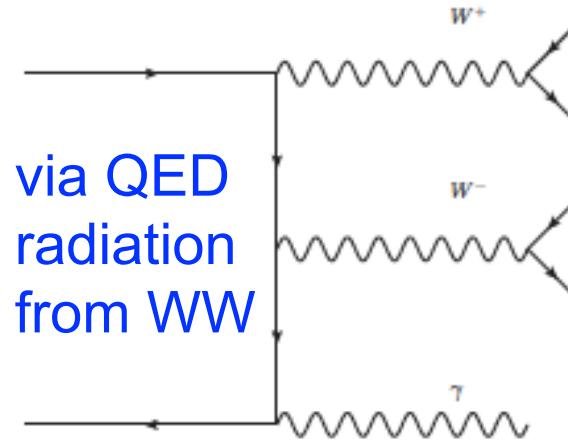
# Probing quartic couplings via VVV production



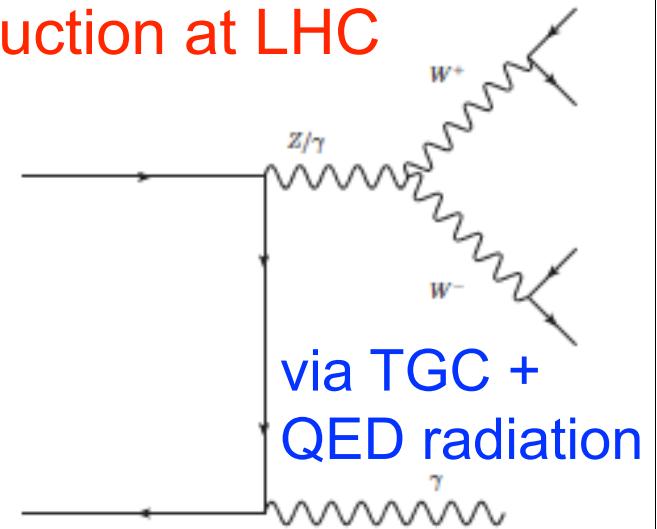
For example: WW $\gamma$  production at LHC

## References:

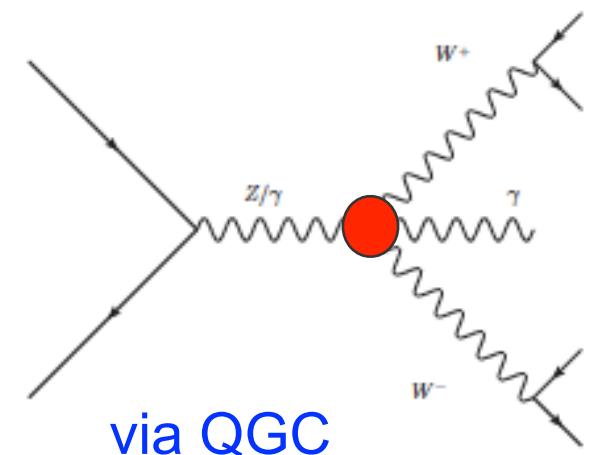
- 1.) Yang et al, arXiv: 1211.1641
- 2.) LEP combination, hep-ex/0612034
- 3.) Bozzi et al, arXiv: 0911.0438



via QED  
radiation  
from  $WW$



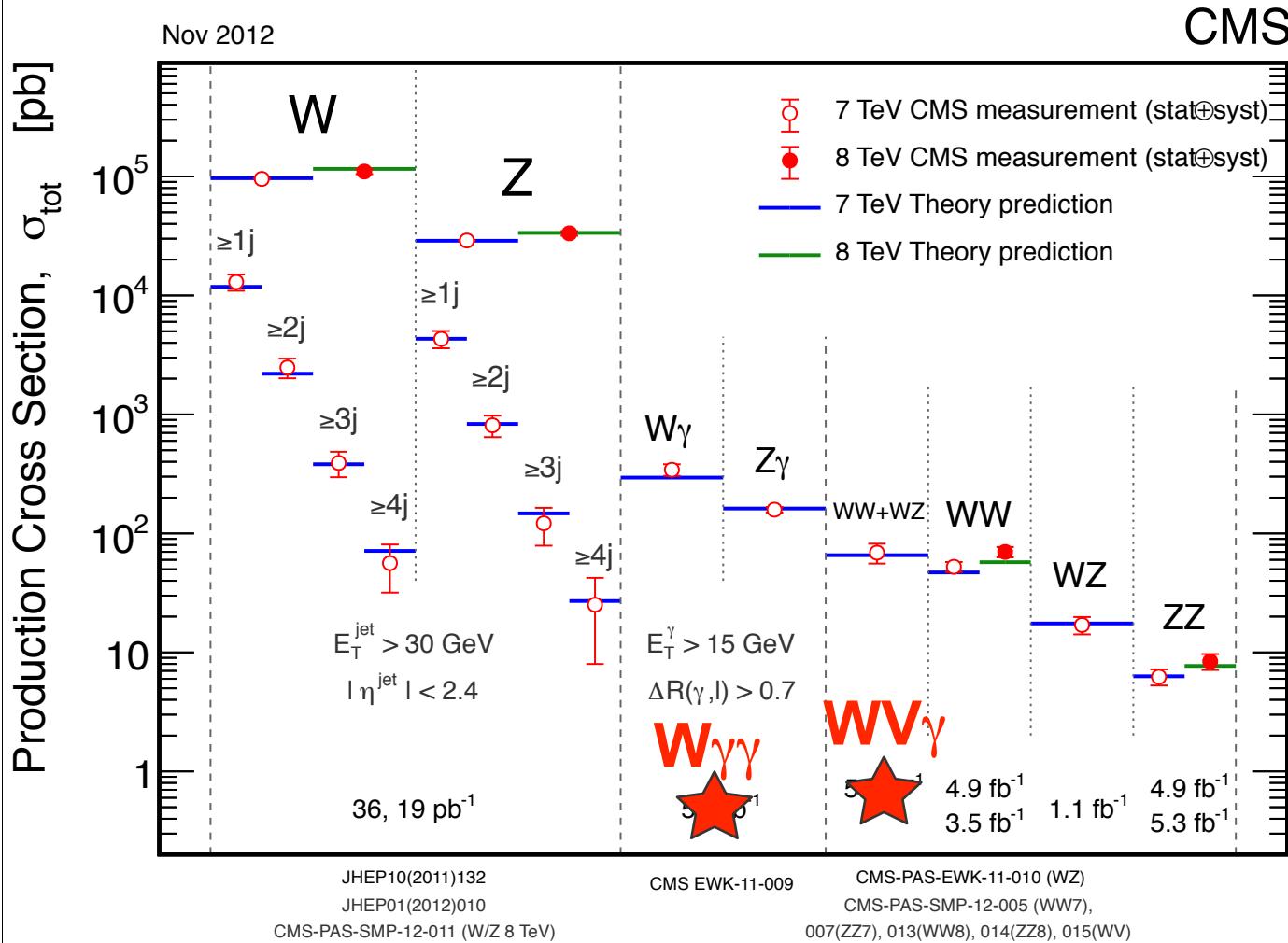
via TGC +  
QED radiation



via QGC

- SM production highly suppressed
  - By a factor of  $10^3$  compared to  $WW$
- aQGC at  $WW\gamma\gamma$  and  $WW\gamma Z$  vertices
  - can enhance production for high photon  $p_T$  events by several factors

# Truly rare processes



- Sub-pb cross section
- Higher BR makes semi-leptonic channel more attractive
  - $\sigma \times \text{BR}$  for  $WV\gamma \approx 60 \text{ fb}$  w/o cut on photon  $p_T$ , where  $V = W$  or  $Z \rightarrow q\bar{q}$



# WW $\gamma$ , WZ $\gamma$ semi-leptonic channel expectations

- Within detector fiducial, expect 10–20 reconstructed WW $\gamma$  events ( $\gamma + \ell + E_T^{\text{miss}} + jj$ ) in 20 fb $^{-1}$  of 8 TeV data
- Given small S/B, barely getting sensitive to SM WW $\gamma$  signal
  - likely to set upper limit @ a few times the SM cross section
- Expect more constraining limits on aQGC than LEP

## Simulation

### LO Madgraph simulation

- process: p p > w+ w- a @ 8TeV LHC
- PDF (LO): CTEQ6L1, scale: default MadGraph setting
- generator cuts:  $p_T^\gamma > 10$  GeV,  $|n_\gamma| < 2.5$ ,  $\Delta R(\gamma, j) > 0.5$   
**(not Rja cut, but the cut as Eq.(3.4) in arXiv:0911.0438)**

$$\sum_{i, R_{i\gamma} < R} p_T^{\text{parton},i} \leq \frac{1 - \cos R}{1 - \cos \delta_0} p_T^\gamma \quad \forall R \leq \delta_0,$$



## NLO simulation & computation of k-factors

<http://amcatnlo.cern.ch/>

**NLO QCD matched with Parton Shower (HERWIG or PYTHIA)**

generate  $p\ p \rightarrow w^+ w^- \text{ a}$  [QCD]

output nlowwa

launch -m

**4 core mode on a single 3.3GHz machine,  
~21 hours to get 40k events**

**Output:** (1) **events.lhe.gz** unweighted events (up to a sign),  
NLO matched with Parton shower level  
(2) **events\_HERWIG6\_0.hep.gz** stdHEP file, showered events

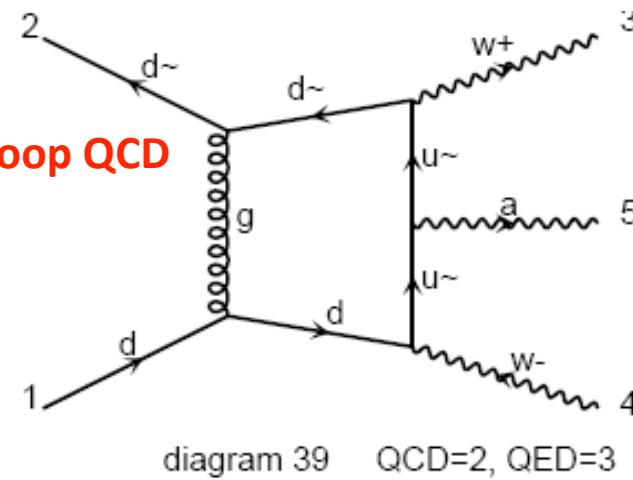
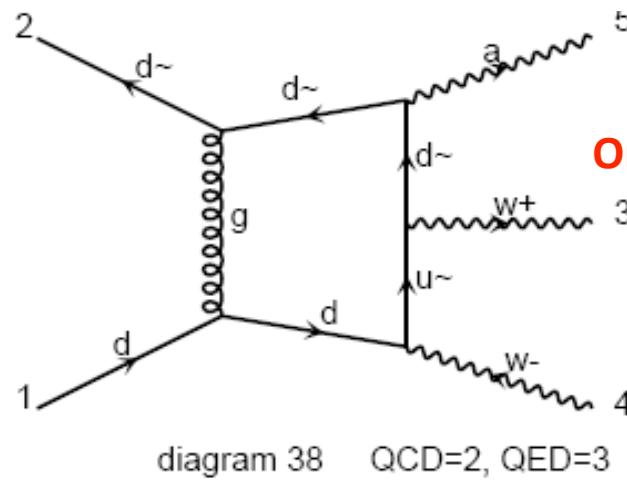
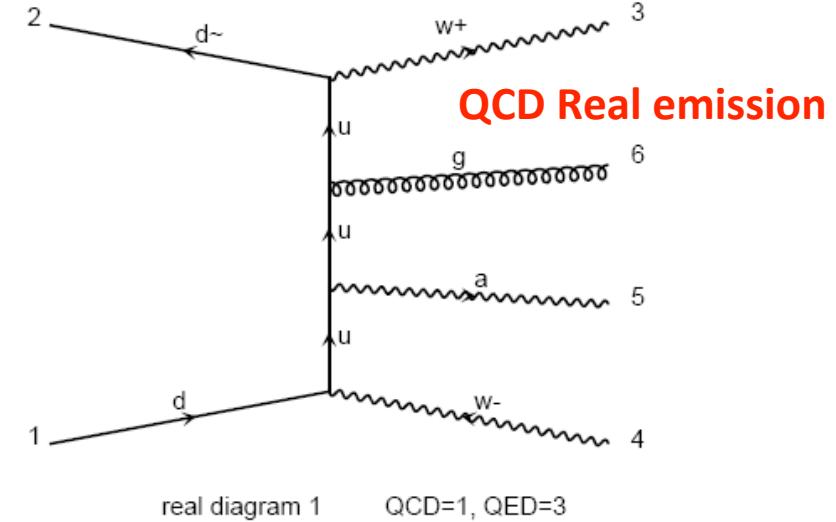
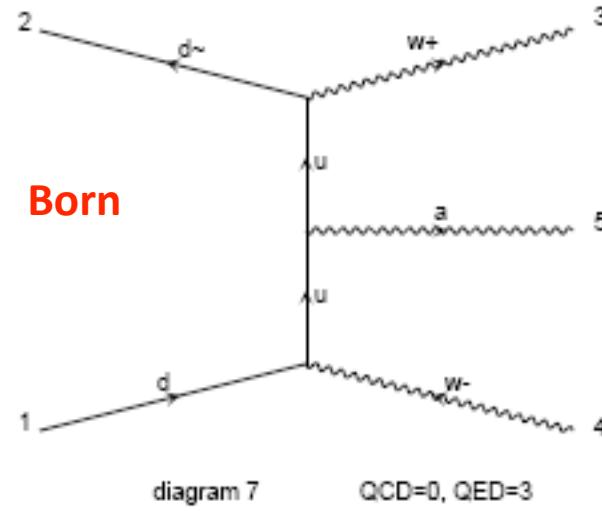
**Total cross sections:**

LO:  $0.1428 \pm 0.0002$  pb

NLO (CTEQ6M PDF):  $0.2533 \pm 0.0011$  pb

**K factor: 1.8**

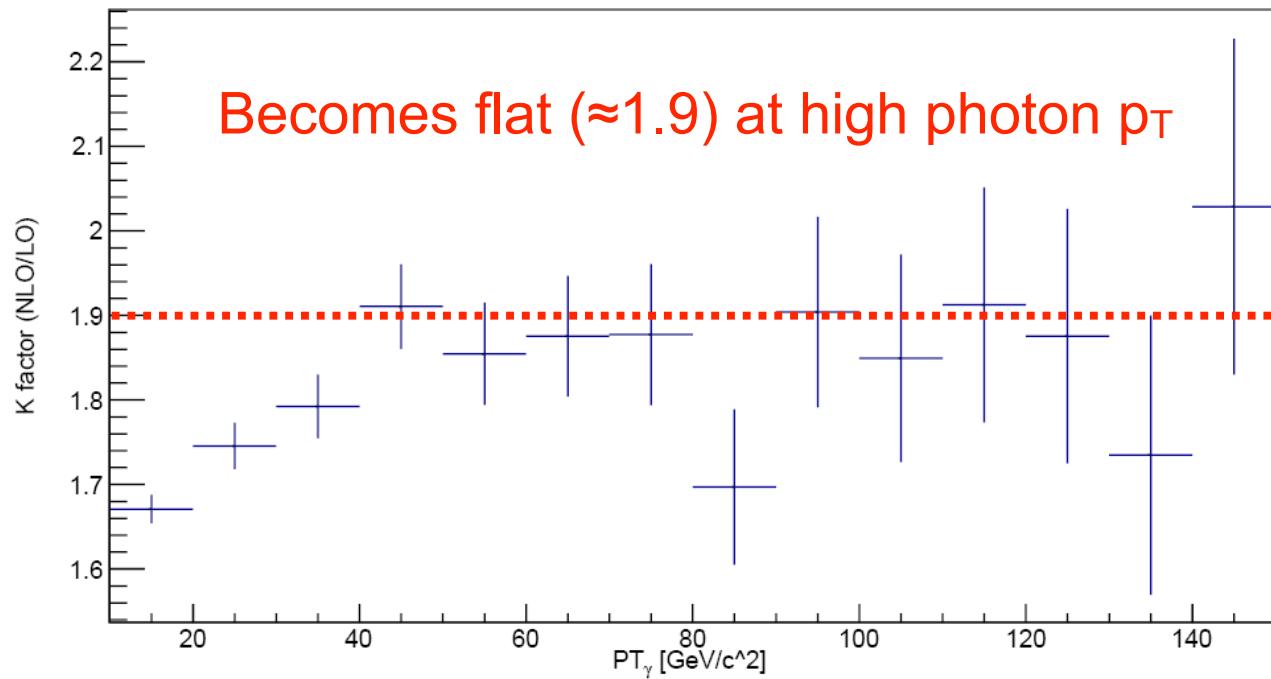
# Some representative diagrams from aMC@NLO



# k-factor depends on photon $p_T$

**Requiring  $p_{T\gamma} > 10\text{GeV}$ ,  $|n_\gamma| < 2.5$ ,  $\Delta R(j,\gamma) > 0.5$**

aMC@NLO, PP>WWA@8TeV LHC, without W decay

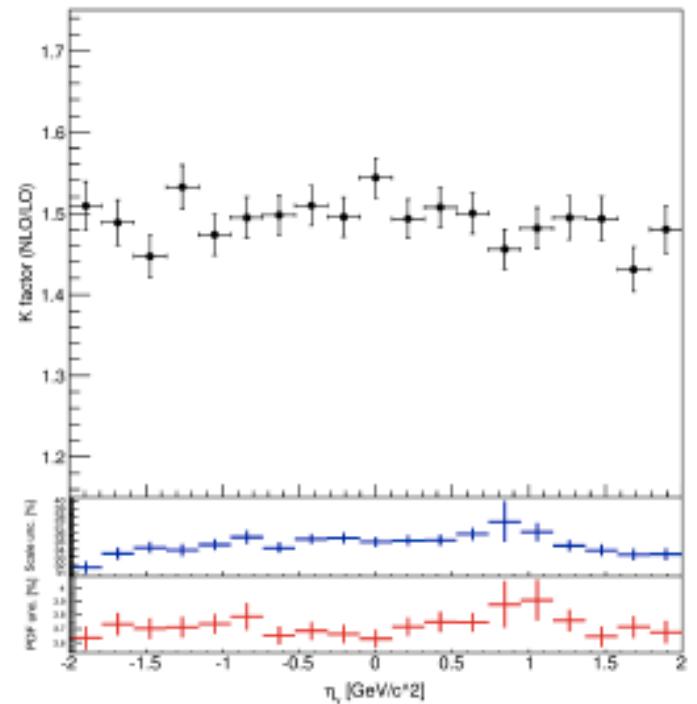
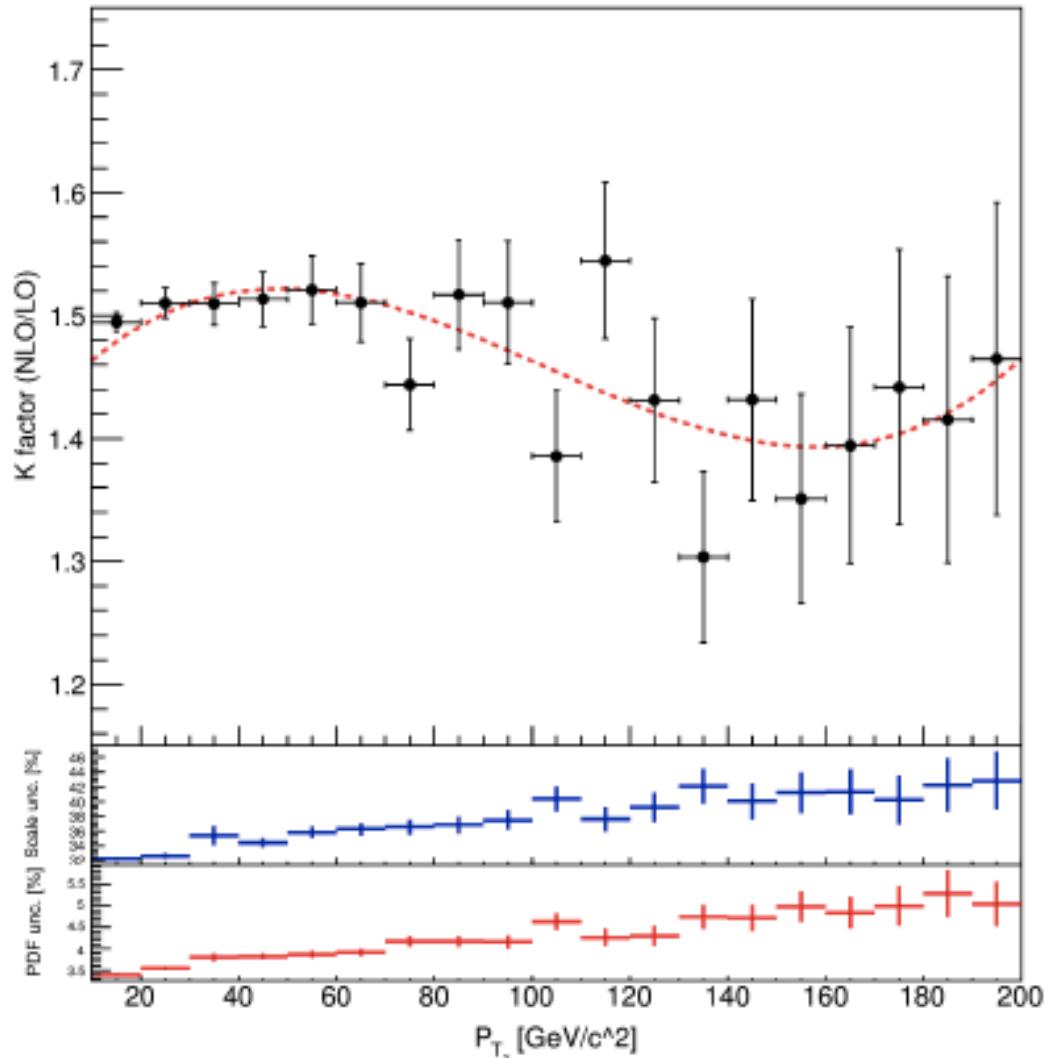


Note:  $W \rightarrow jj$ 's k-factor is  $(1+\alpha_s/\pi) \sim 1.04$ , which is quite small

We use this  $p_T$ -dependent k-factor in our nominal analysis

# k-factor after requiring jet veto

Additional jet veto for  $p_T > 30\text{GeV}$  and  $|\eta| < 4.5$



Clearly, applying jet veto  
in this analysis is not a  
good idea !!!



## Additional verifications

Have checked that

- 1.) k-factor, as a function of photon  $p_T$ , is **consistent between  $WW\gamma$  and  $WZ\gamma$**  within MC statistical uncertainties of the samples
- 2.) k-factor for aQGC events also seems **consistent with the k-factor for SM** within MC statistical uncertainties (checked several aQGC points)

We will verify both these conclusions again with larger aMC@NLO samples.



## Limits on aQGC using MC analysis

Use generator-level quantities and apply correction factor for efficiency and acceptance effects

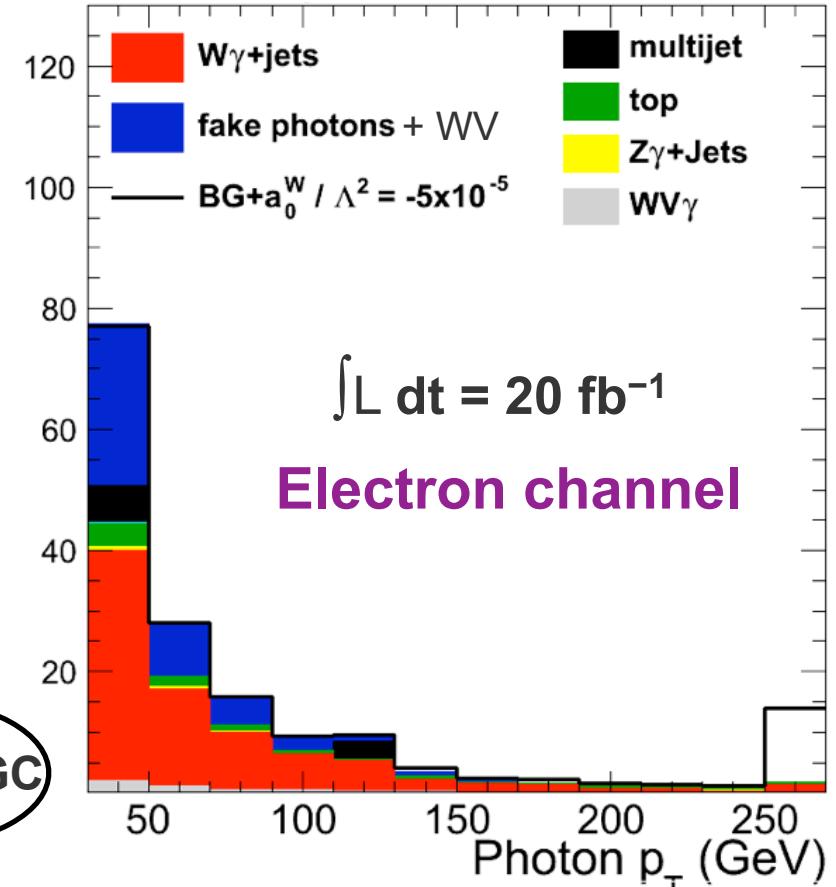
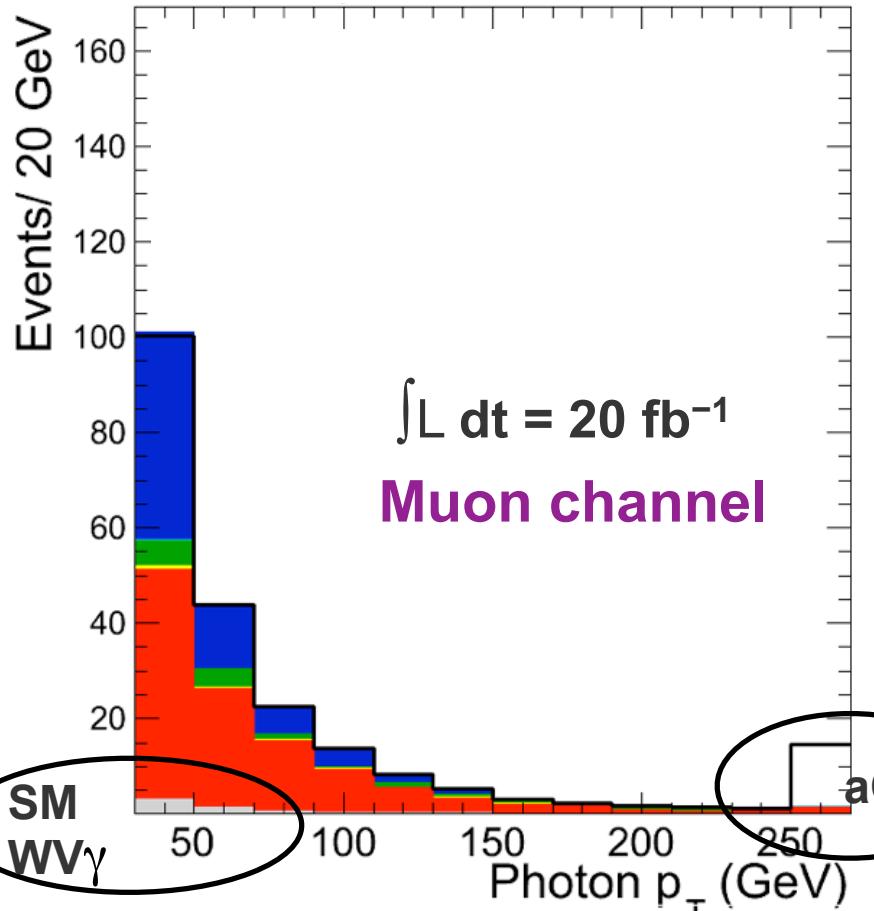
### Event selection:

- Lepton  $p_T > 25 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $|\eta| < 2.4$
- At least 2 non- $b$  jets with  $p_T > 30 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $|\eta| < 2.5$
- MET  $> 35 \text{ GeV}$
- Photon  $E_T > 30 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $|\eta| < 1.44$ ,  $\Delta R(\gamma, \ell) > 0.5$ ,  $\Delta R(\gamma, j) > 0.5$
- $|\Delta\eta(j_1, j_2)| < 1.4$
- $70 < M_{jj} < 100 \text{ GeV}$  for the leading central jets

Expected yields in  $20 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  data with some optimized selection:  
340 events, 12  $WV\gamma$  signal and 328 background ( $W\gamma+\text{jets}$ ,  
 $WV+\text{fake photon}$ ,  $t\bar{t}\text{bar}+\gamma$ , multi-jet)

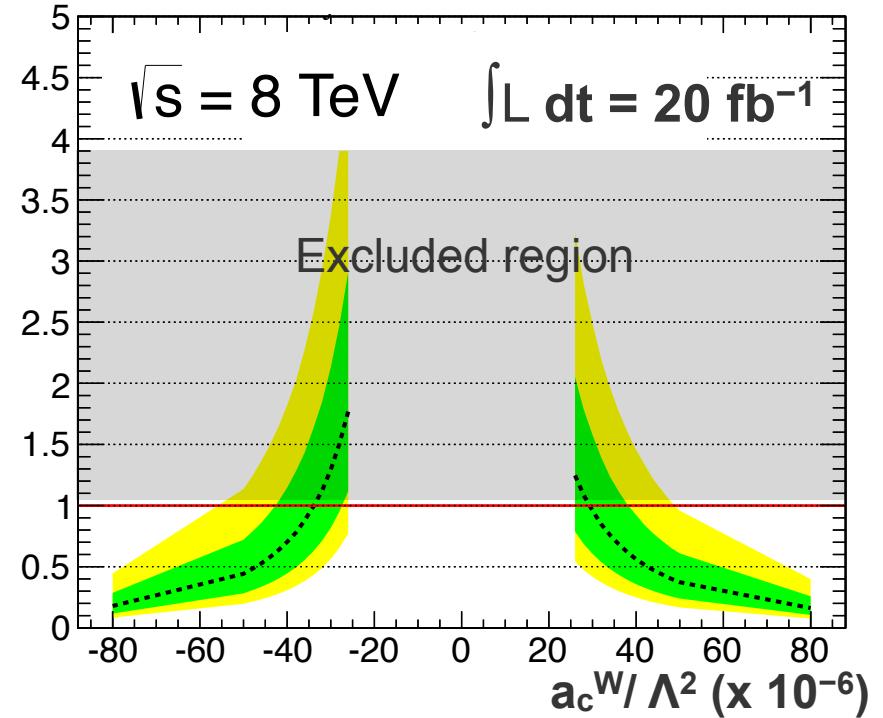
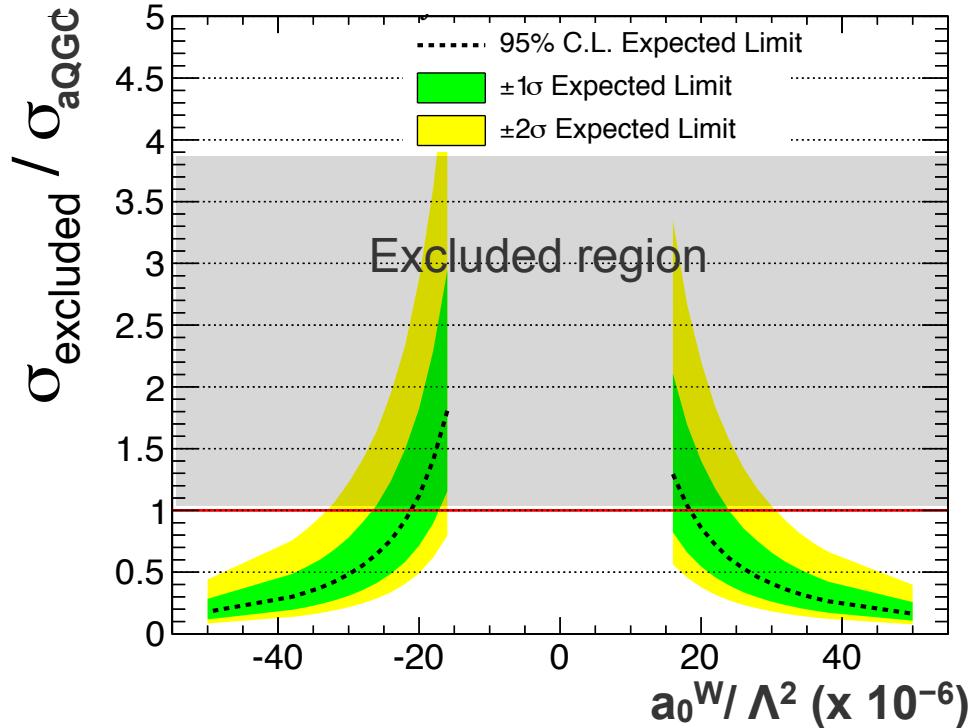
Use  $\gamma p_T$  as observable for setting limits on aQGC.

# Observable: $\gamma p_T$ distribution



Systematic uncertainties: aQGC signal strength 30%, background normalization 20%, experimental uncertainties (JES/R, efficiencies, lumi,...) each within 5%.

# Expected limits on aQGCs



LHC WW $\gamma$  channel expected limits (from each experiment at 95% CL):

$$-2.0 \times 10^{-5} < a_0^W / \Lambda^2 < 2.0 \times 10^{-5}$$

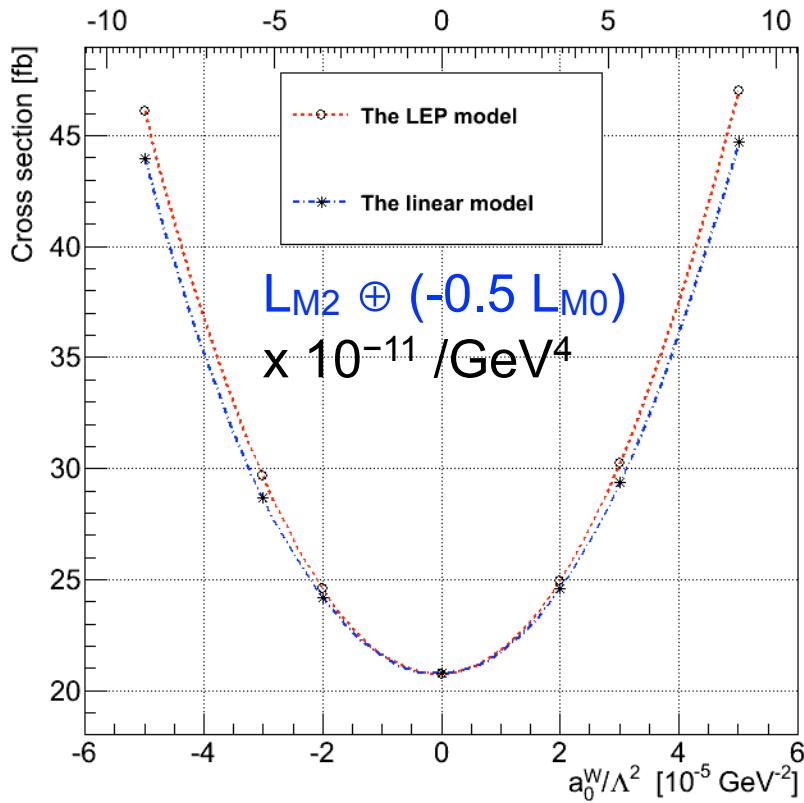
$$-3.5 \times 10^{-5} < a_c^W / \Lambda^2 < 3.0 \times 10^{-5}$$

LEP limits

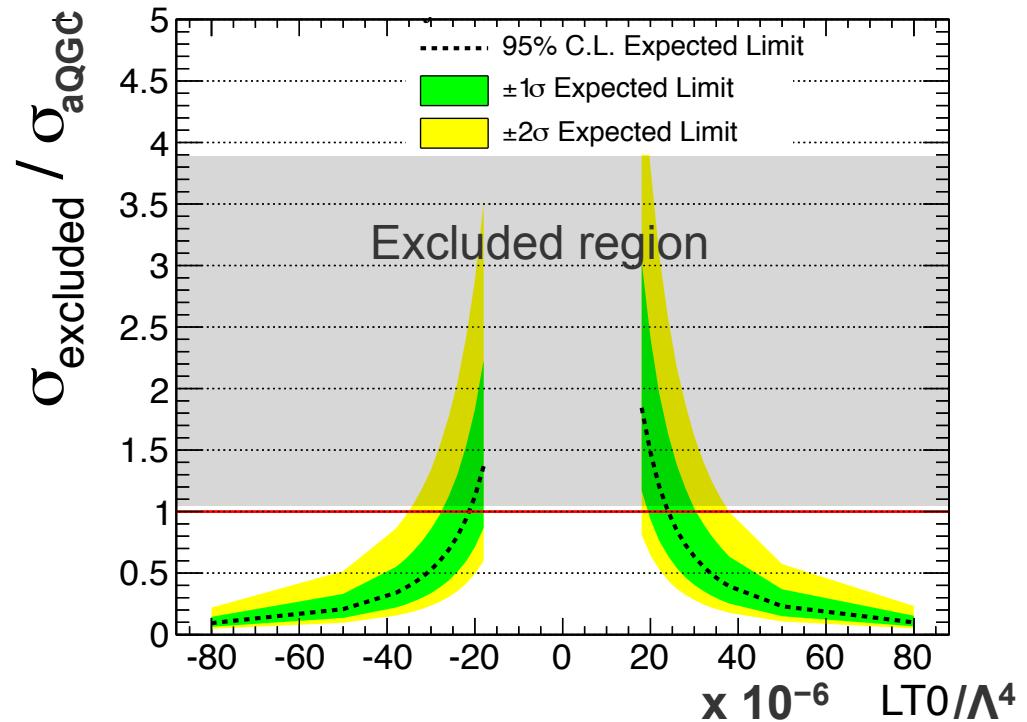
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| $W^+W^-\gamma$ | $a_0^W$ | $-0.020 \text{ GeV}^{-2} < a_0^W / \Lambda^2 < 0.020 \text{ GeV}^{-2}$ |
| $W^+W^-\gamma$ | $a_c^W$ | $-0.053 \text{ GeV}^{-2} < a_c^W / \Lambda^2 < 0.037 \text{ GeV}^{-2}$ |

LHC limits  $0(10^2)$  times more precise than the LEP combined limit

# Expected limits II



Shows that coupling  $a_0$  in D6 realization can be expressed as linear combination of couplings  $L_M$  of D8 realization



Couplings  $L_T$  are novel to D8 realization. There is no D6 equivalent. We set limit on  $L_{T0}$  assuming other  $L_T$ 's vanish (they all produce the  $\sim$ same effect).

# Summary

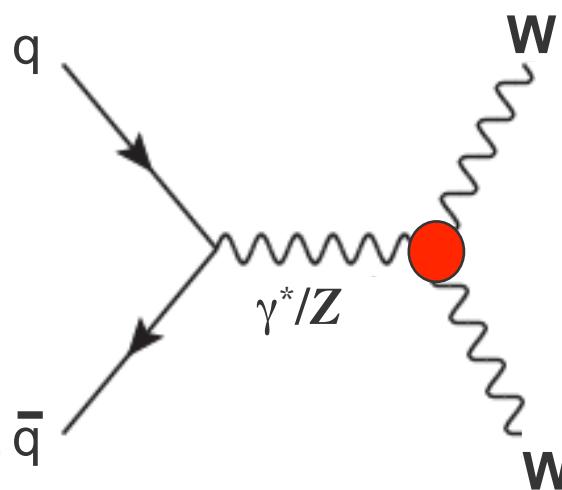


- ✓ Study of QGC and related states is a rich physics program
  - LHC data sufficient for sensitivity to SM QGC and aQGCs
  - New excitement after the discovery of a light Higgs boson
- ✓ CMS has dedicated effort to measure QGCs
  - in both multi-boson and scattering topologies
- ✓ Starting to set serious constraints on electroweak gauge boson couplings
  - Broke new ground by exceeding LEP aQGC limits by orders of magnitude
  - More results with improved precision soon, stay tuned!

**Thank You !**

## BACKUP SLIDES

# Measurements of gauge boson self couplings



- Gauge boson trilinear & quartic couplings emerges naturally from the non-abelian gauge symmetry structure of the SM.
- With  $\mathcal{O}(10^3)$   $WW$ ,  $\mathcal{O}(10^2)$   $WZ$ , and  $\mathcal{O}(\text{dozens})$   $ZZ$  events, quickly approaching precision measurement of gauge couplings.
  - Already improved over LEP and Tevatron in most cases.
- Measure anomalous coupling parameters in effective Lagrangian approach.

**Let's do a quick overview of the current aTGC results**

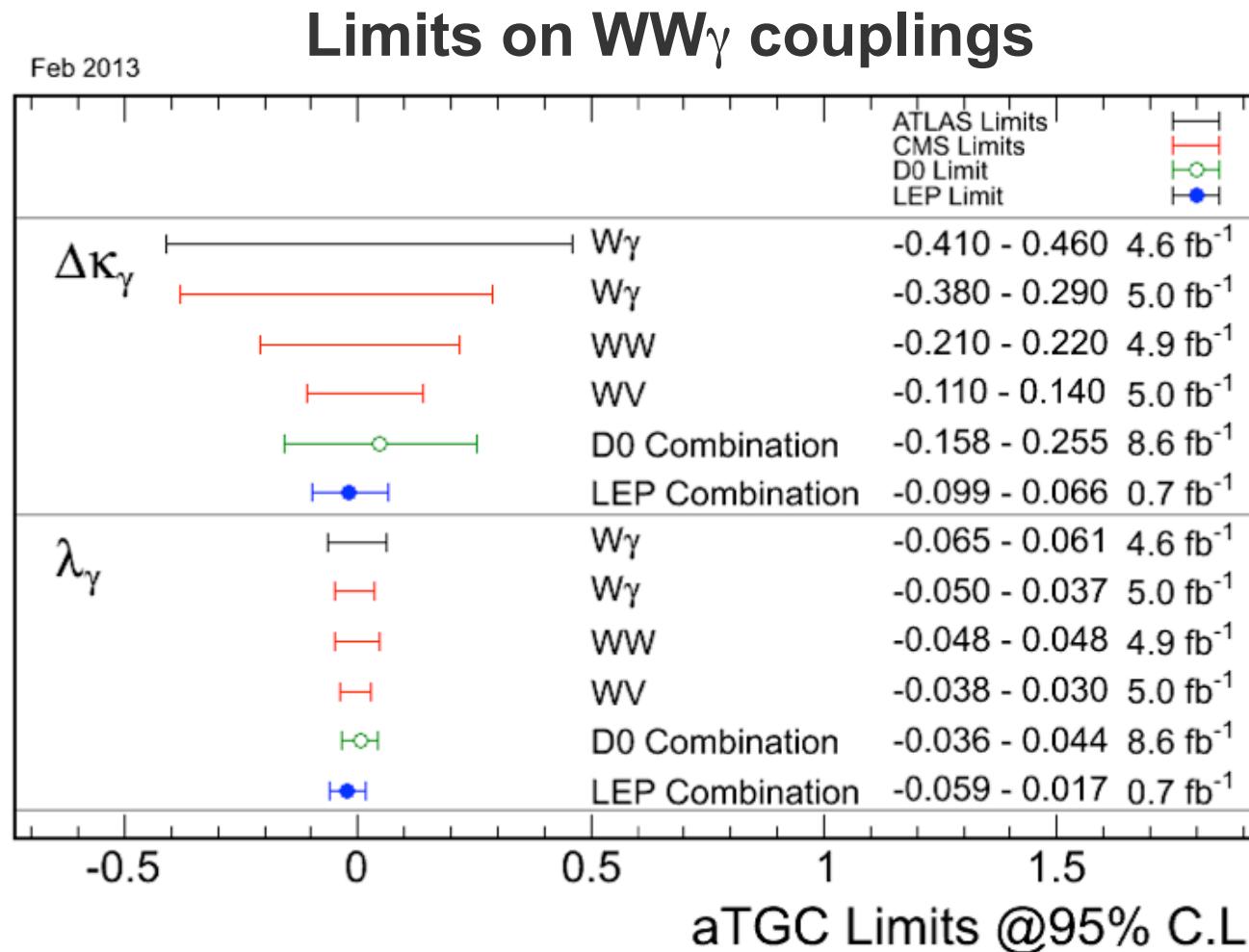
in the notation of LEP parametrization [hep-ph/9601233](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/9601233)

since they are also relevant for discussion of quartic couplings



# Summary of aTGC measurements I

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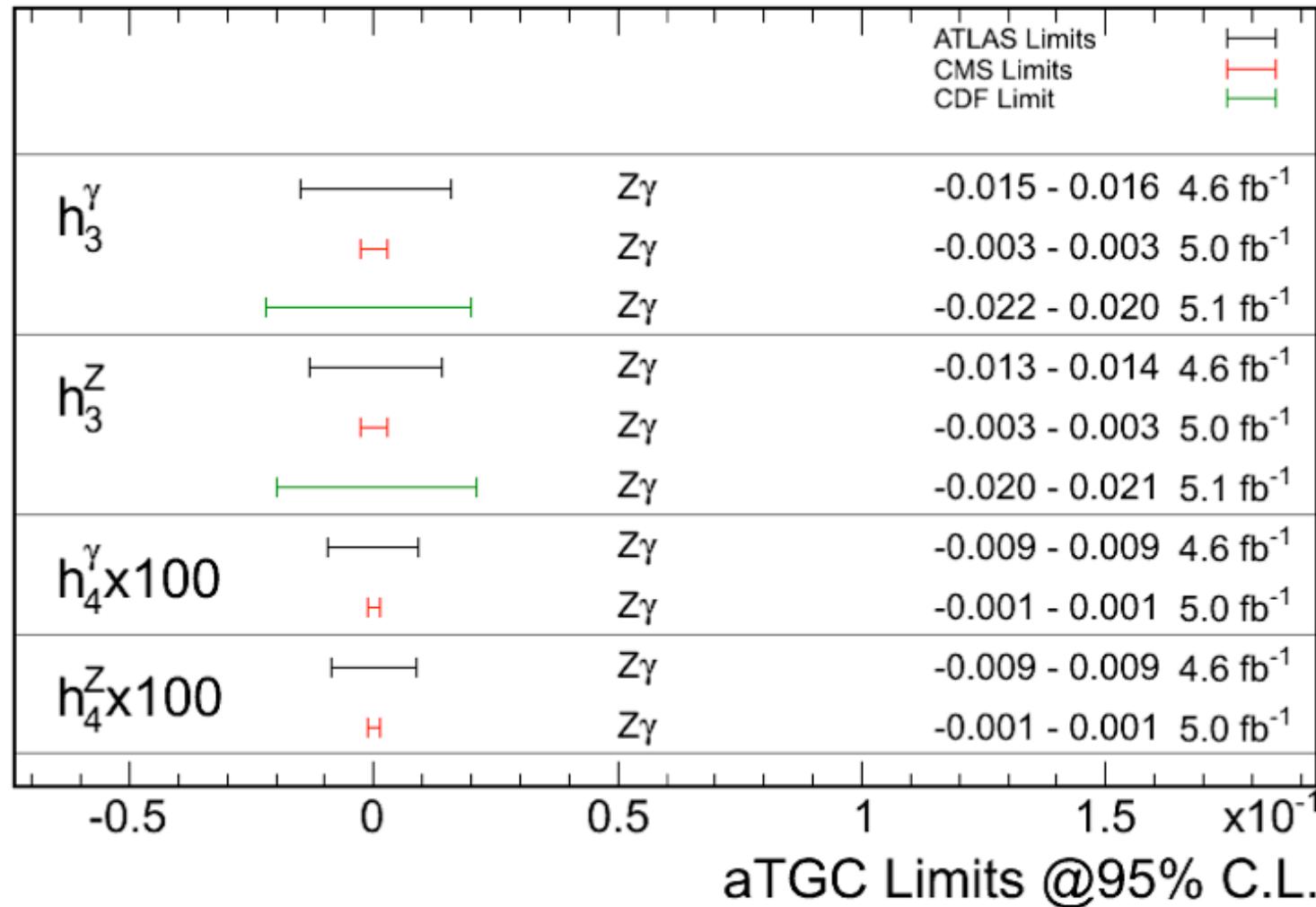




# Summary of aTGC measurements II

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## Limits on $Z\gamma\gamma$ and $ZZ\gamma$ couplings

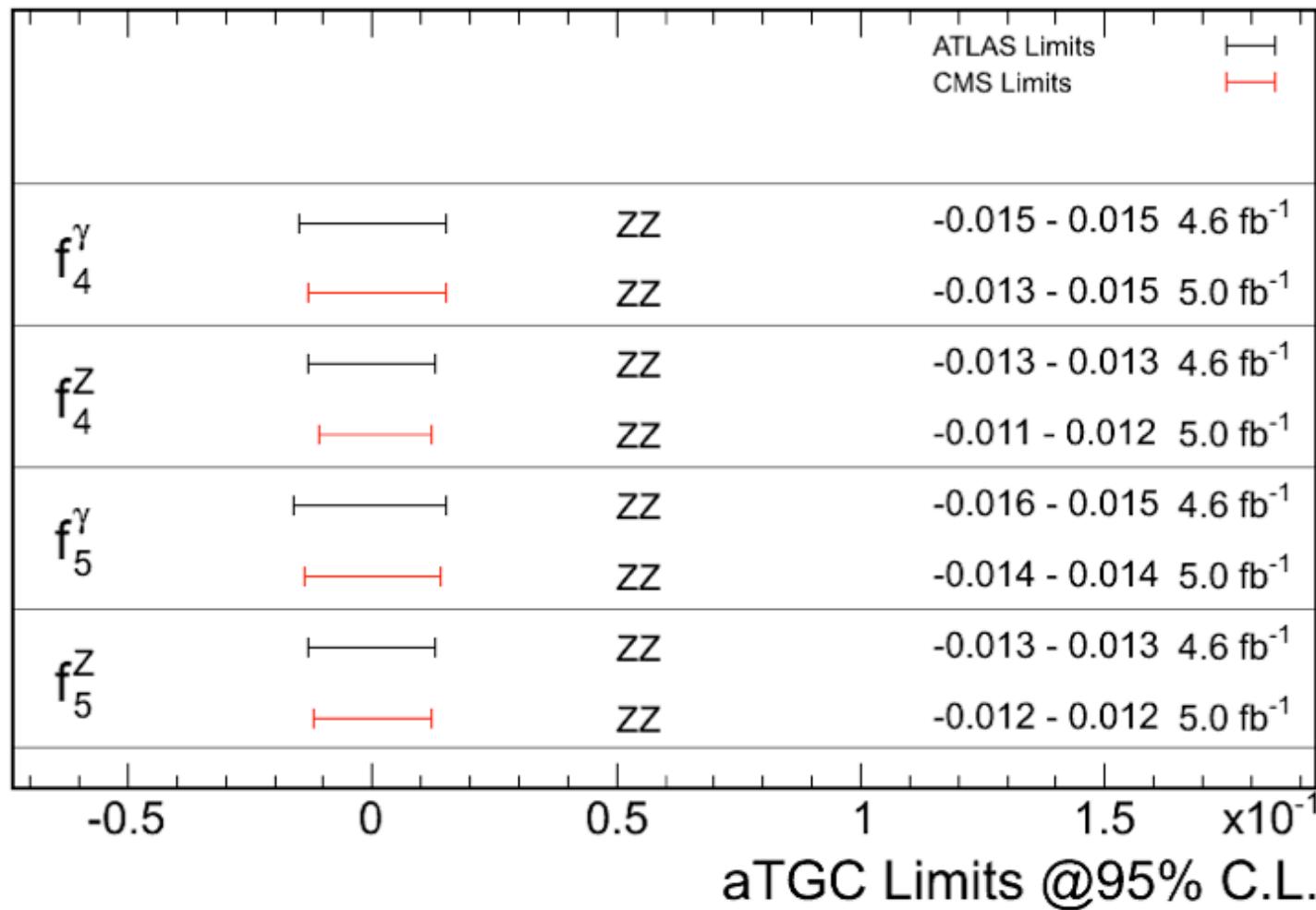


# Summary of aTGC measurements III



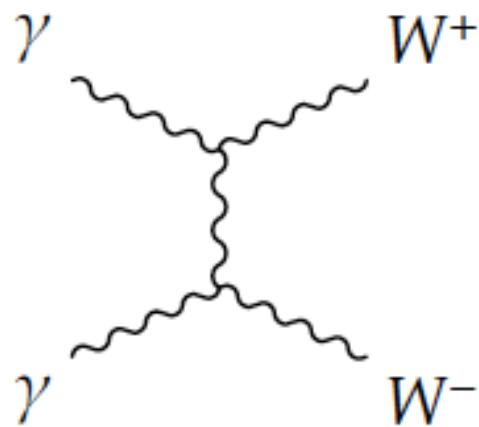
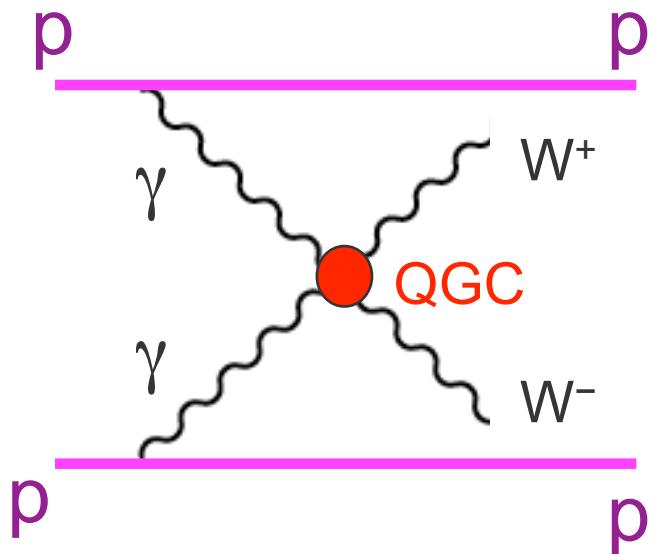
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## Limits on ZZ $\gamma$ and ZZZ couplings





# Probing quartic couplings via $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow WW$ process



## CMS analysis:

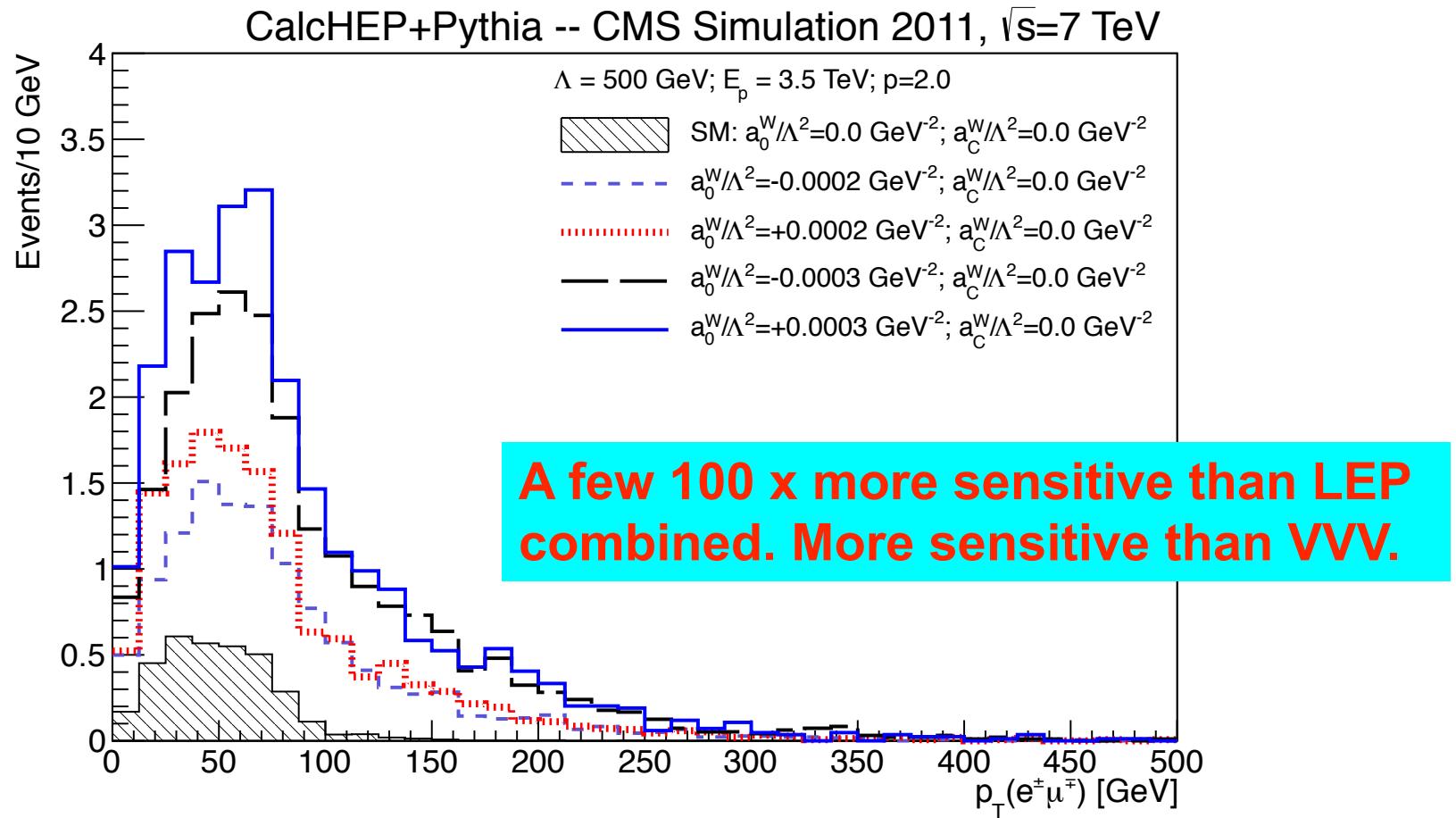
Search for exclusive and quasi-exclusive two-photon production of  $W^{\pm}W^{\mp}$  in the fully leptonic channel,  $pp \rightarrow p^{(*)}W^+W^-p^{(*)} \rightarrow p^{(*)}\mu^{\pm}e^{\mp}p^{(*)}$

<https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/CMSPublic/PhysicsResultsFSQ12010>

Also investigate the tail of  $p_T(\mu^{\pm}e^{\mp})$  in the region where the SM  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow WW$  contribution is small to look for pure aQGC

# How sensitive we are to aQGC ?

Since backgrounds from same-flavor decays of  $W^+W^-$  are huge,  
**only  $\mu^\pm e^\mp$  channel** is considered on **quasi-exclusive** signal.



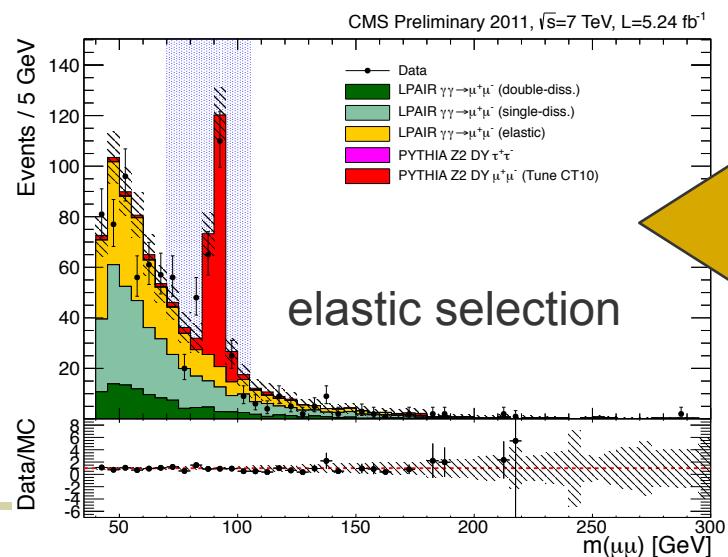
# $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow WW$ : CMS analysis details



## Event Selection:

- lepton  $p_T > 20$  GeV,  $|\eta| < 2.4$ , isolated and well-identified
- $m(\mu^\pm e^\mp) > 20$  GeV,  $p_T(\mu^\pm e^\mp) > 30$  GeV (to reduce  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$ )
- No extra tracks associated with  $\mu^\pm e^\mp$  vertex

| Selection step                             | Signal $\epsilon \times A$ | Visible cross section (fb) | Events in data |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| Trigger and preselection                   | 28.5%                      | 1.4                        | 9086           |
| $m(\mu^\pm e^\mp) > 20$ GeV                | 28.0%                      | 1.4                        | 8200           |
| Muon ID and Electron ID                    | 22.6%                      | 1.1                        | 1222           |
| $\mu^\pm e^\mp$ vertex with 0 extra tracks | 13.7%                      | 0.7                        | 6              |
| $p_T(\mu^\pm e^\mp) > 30$ GeV              | 10.6%                      | 0.5                        | 2              |

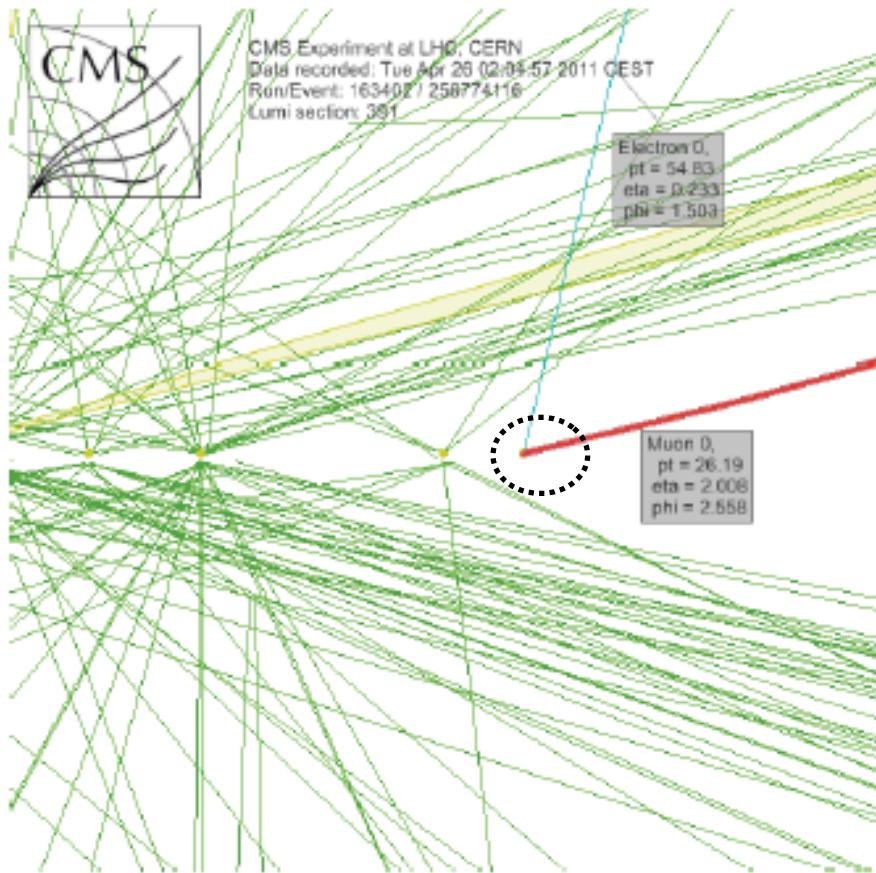


(Expect  $2.2 \pm 0.5$  signal,  $0.84 \pm 0.13$  bkgd)

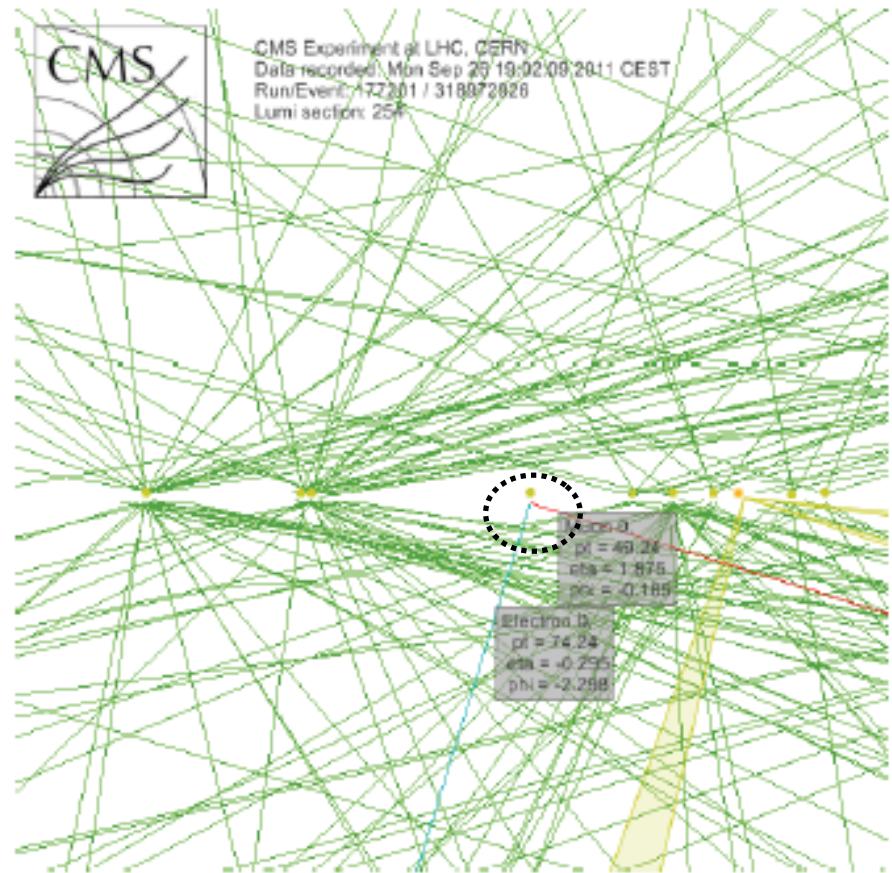
Use exclusive  $\mu^+\mu^-$  production as benchmark to validate efficiency of vertexing and exclusivity selection and pileup dependence.

# Got 2 candidate $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow WW$ events in 7 TeV data

Event #1



Event #2

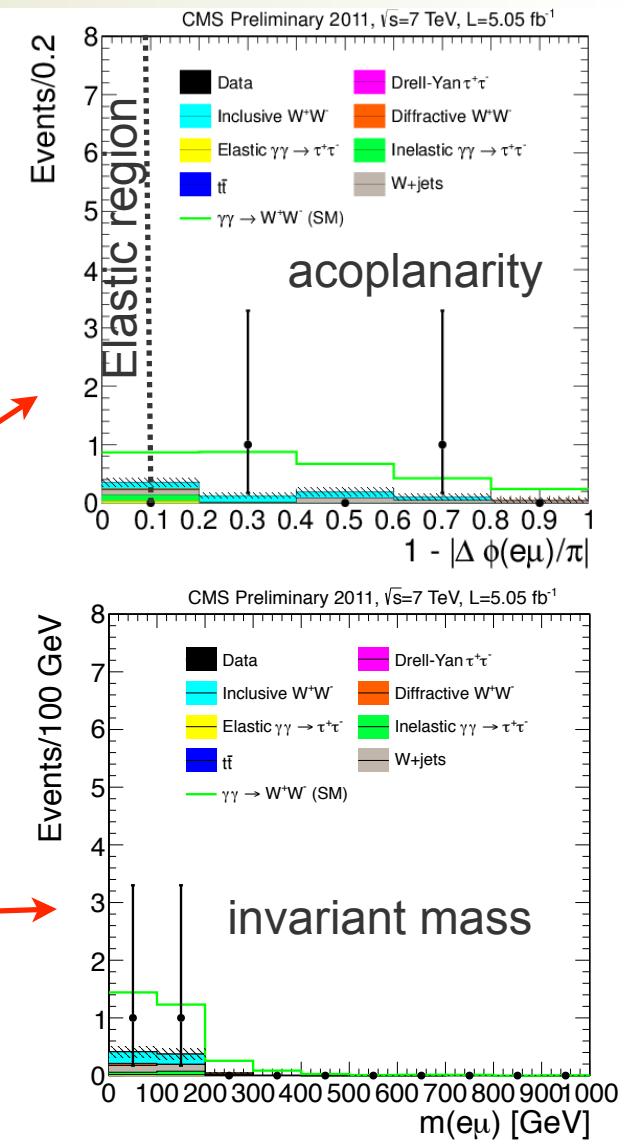
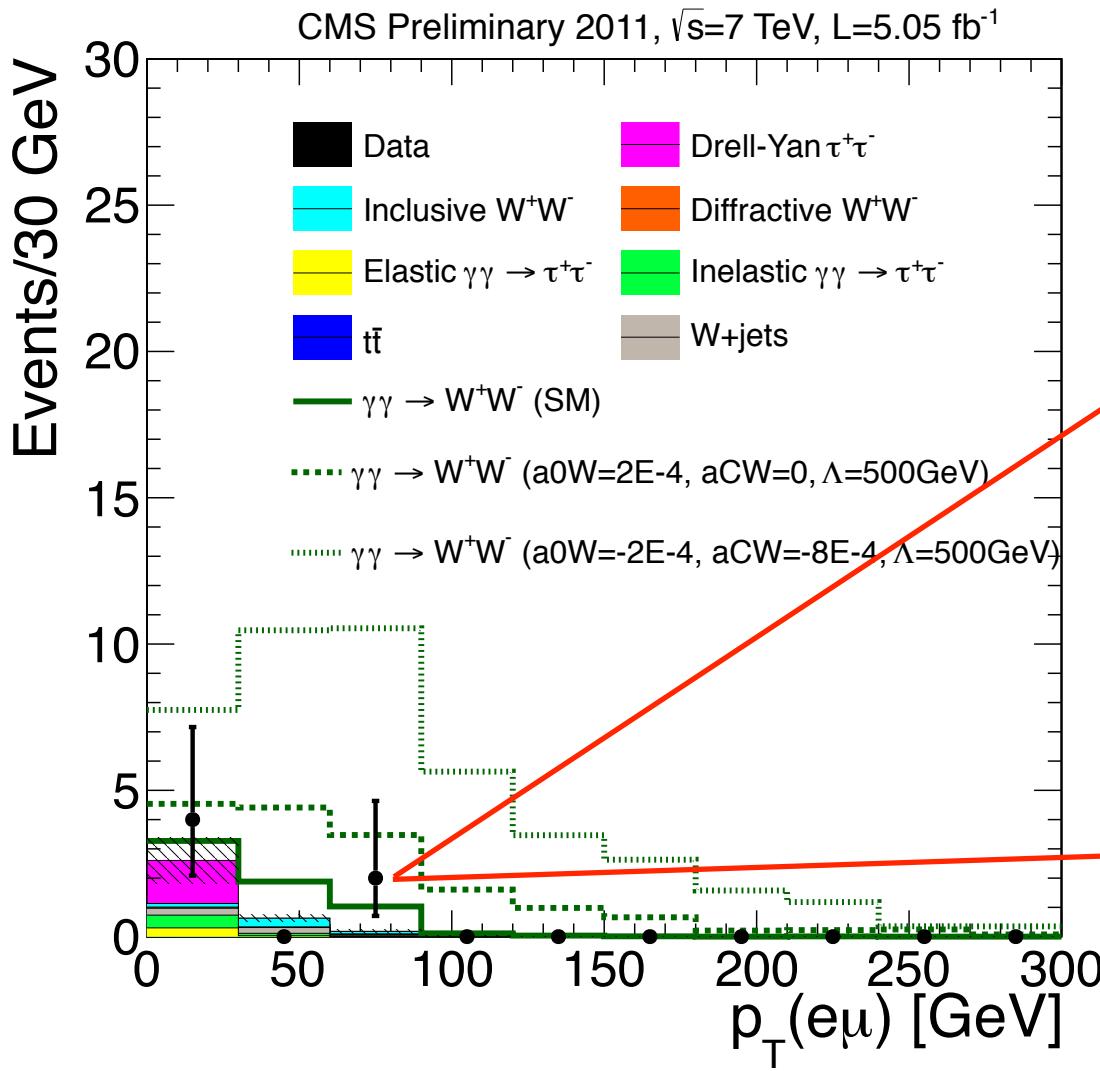


$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow p^{(*)}W^+W^-p^{(*)} \rightarrow p^{(*)}\mu^\pm e^\mp p^{(*)}) = 2.1^{+3.1}_{-1.9} \text{ fb},$$

SM prediction =  $3.8 \pm 0.9$  fb (including uncertainty in proton dissociation)



# Kinematic distributions of signal-like events





# Limits on aQGC

Observe no events in the high  $p_T$  region where SM contribution is small within the acceptance of  $p_T(\mu, e) > 20 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $|\eta(\mu, e)| < 2.4$ ,  $p_T(\mu^\pm e^\mp) > 100 \text{ GeV}$ :  
 $\sigma(pp \rightarrow p^{(*)}W^+W^- p^{(*)} \rightarrow p^{(*)}\mu^\pm e^\mp p^{(*)}) < 1.9 \text{ fb.}$

Limits on aQGC without form-factors (LHC preferred way):

$$-2.80 \times 10^{-6} < a_0^W / \Lambda^2 < 2.80 \times 10^{-6} \text{ GeV}^{-2} \quad (a_C^W / \Lambda^2 = 0, \text{ no form factor}),$$
$$-1.02 \times 10^{-5} < a_C^W / \Lambda^2 < 1.02 \times 10^{-5} \text{ GeV}^{-2} \quad (a_0^W / \Lambda^2 = 0, \text{ no form factor}),$$

Limits using a form-factor:

$$-0.00017 < a_0^W / \Lambda^2 < 0.00017 \text{ GeV}^{-2} \quad (a_C^W / \Lambda^2 = 0, \Lambda = 500 \text{ GeV}),$$

$$-0.0006 < a_C^W / \Lambda^2 < 0.0006 \text{ GeV}^{-2} \quad (a_0^W / \Lambda^2 = 0, \Lambda = 500 \text{ GeV}),$$

where the dipole form factor is

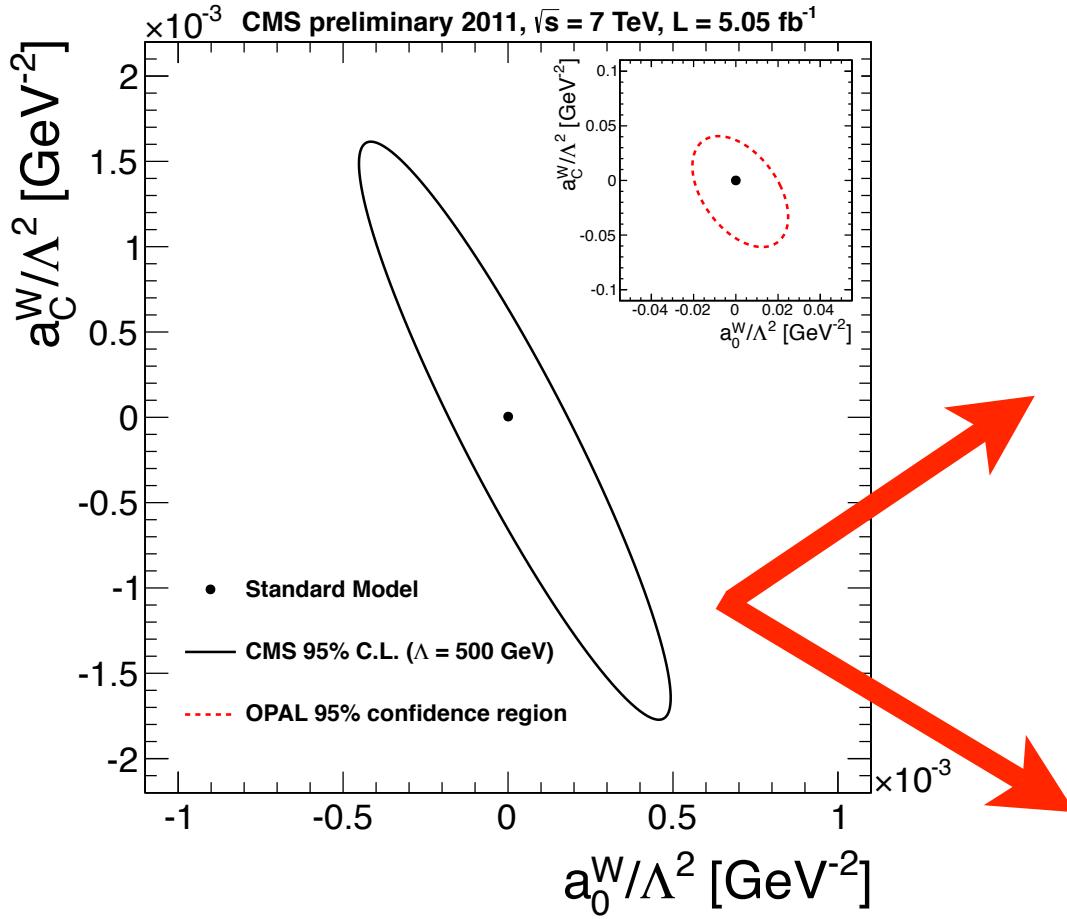
$$a_{0,C}^W(W_{\gamma\gamma}^2) = \frac{a_{0,C}^W}{\left(1 + \frac{W_{\gamma\gamma}^2}{\Lambda^2}\right)^p},$$

$W_{\gamma\gamma}$  =  $\gamma\gamma$  center of mass energy  
 $p$  = a free parameter = 2 by convention

Two orders of magnitude more constraining than the LEP combined limit.

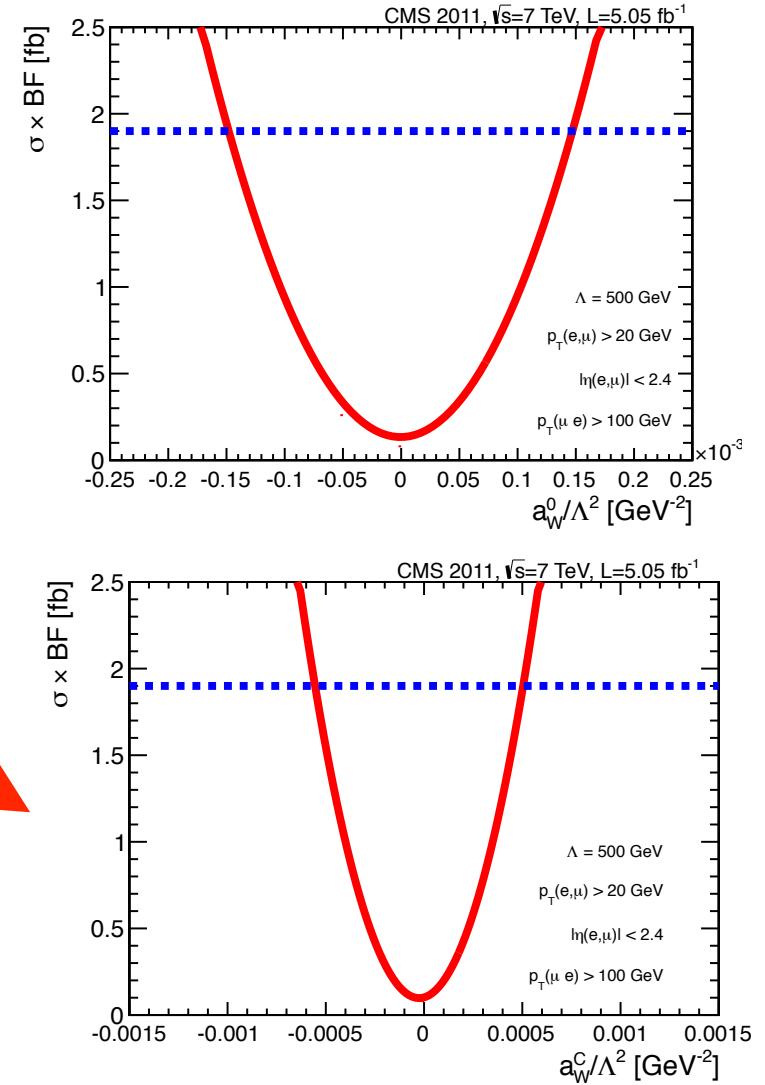


# Limits on aQGC: contour and signal strength

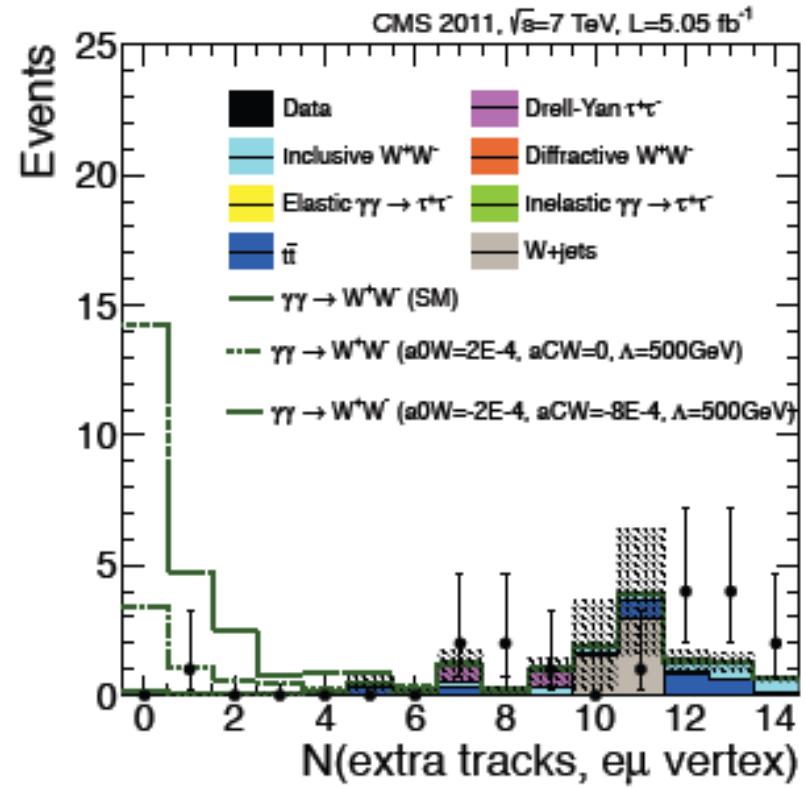
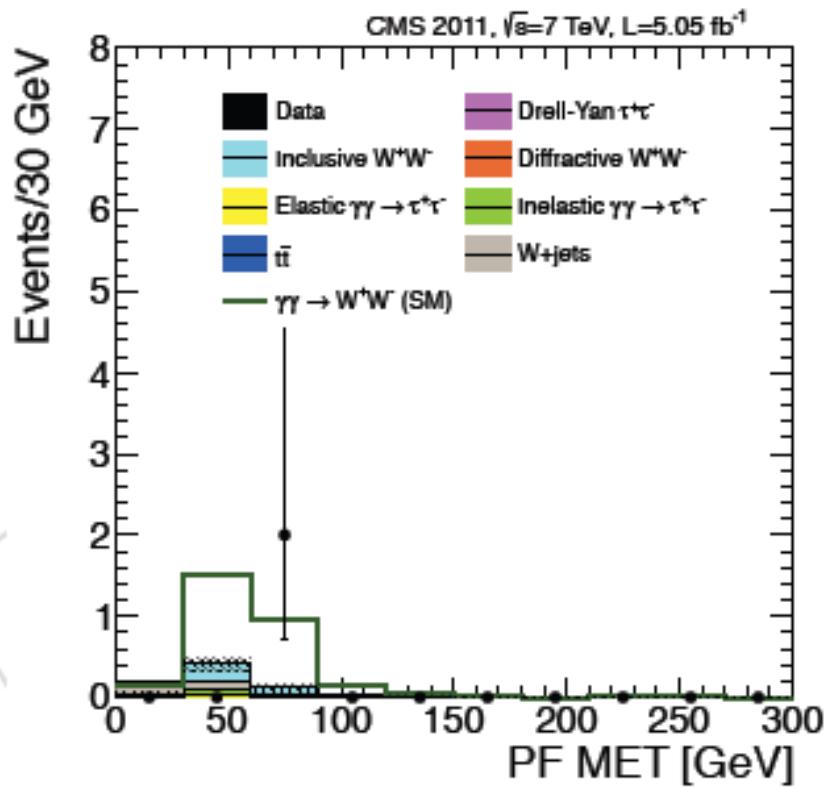


LEP limits

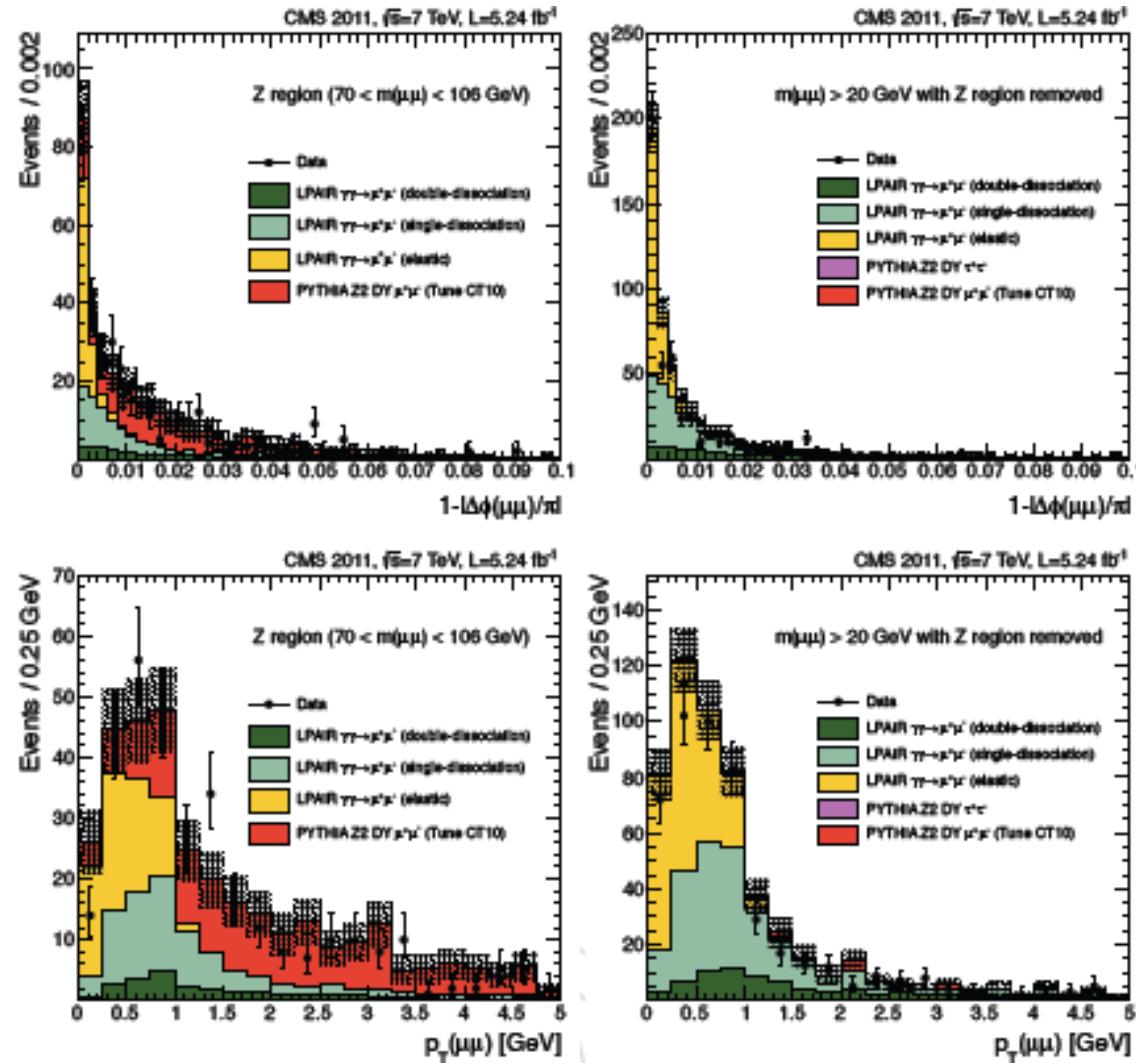
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|---------|--|
| $a_0^W$ | $-0.020 \text{ GeV}^{-2} < a_0^W / \Lambda^2 < 0.020 \text{ GeV}^{-2}$ |
| $a_c^W$ | $-0.053 \text{ GeV}^{-2} < a_c^W / \Lambda^2 < 0.037 \text{ GeV}^{-2}$ |



# $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow WW$ : more kinematic plots



# $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow WW$ : control region



# $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow WW$ : systematics I



| Region       | Data          | Simulation        | Data/Simulation   |
|--------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Elastic      | $820 \pm 29$  | $906.2 \pm 30.1$  | $0.905 \pm 0.044$ |
| Dissociation | $1312 \pm 36$ | $1829.5 \pm 42.8$ | $0.717 \pm 0.026$ |
| Total        | $2132 \pm 46$ | $2735.7 \pm 52.3$ | $0.779 \pm 0.023$ |

|                                  |                  |                    |                     |                      |                      |
|----------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| $a_0^W/\Lambda^2$ [GeV $^{-2}$ ] | 0                | $2 \times 10^{-4}$ | $-2 \times 10^{-4}$ | $7.5 \times 10^{-6}$ | 0                    |
| $a_C^W/\Lambda^2$ [GeV $^{-2}$ ] | 0                | 0                  | $-8 \times 10^{-4}$ | 0                    | $2.5 \times 10^{-5}$ |
| $\Lambda$ [GeV]                  | -                | 500                | 500                 | No form factor       | No form factor       |
| Efficiency                       | $30.5 \pm 5.0\%$ | $29.8 \pm 2.1\%$   | $31.3 \pm 1.8\%$    | $36.0 \pm 1.7\%$     | $36.3 \pm 1.8\%$     |

Table 5: Signal efficiency of all trigger, reconstruction, and analysis selections, relative to the acceptance [ $p_T(\mu, e) > 20$  GeV,  $|\eta(\mu, e)| < 2.4$ ,  $p_T(\mu^\pm e^\mp) > 100$  GeV] for the Standard Model and for four representative values of the anomalous couplings  $a_0^W/\Lambda^2$  and  $a_C^W/\Lambda^2$ , with and without form factors.

# $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow WW$ : systematics II



|                                   | Uncertainty |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Trigger and lepton identification | 4.2%        |
| Luminosity                        | 2.2%        |
| Vertexing efficiency              | 1.0%        |
| Exclusivity and pileup dependence | 10.0%       |
| Proton dissociation factor        | 20.0%       |

Table 4: Summary of systematic uncertainties affecting the signal.

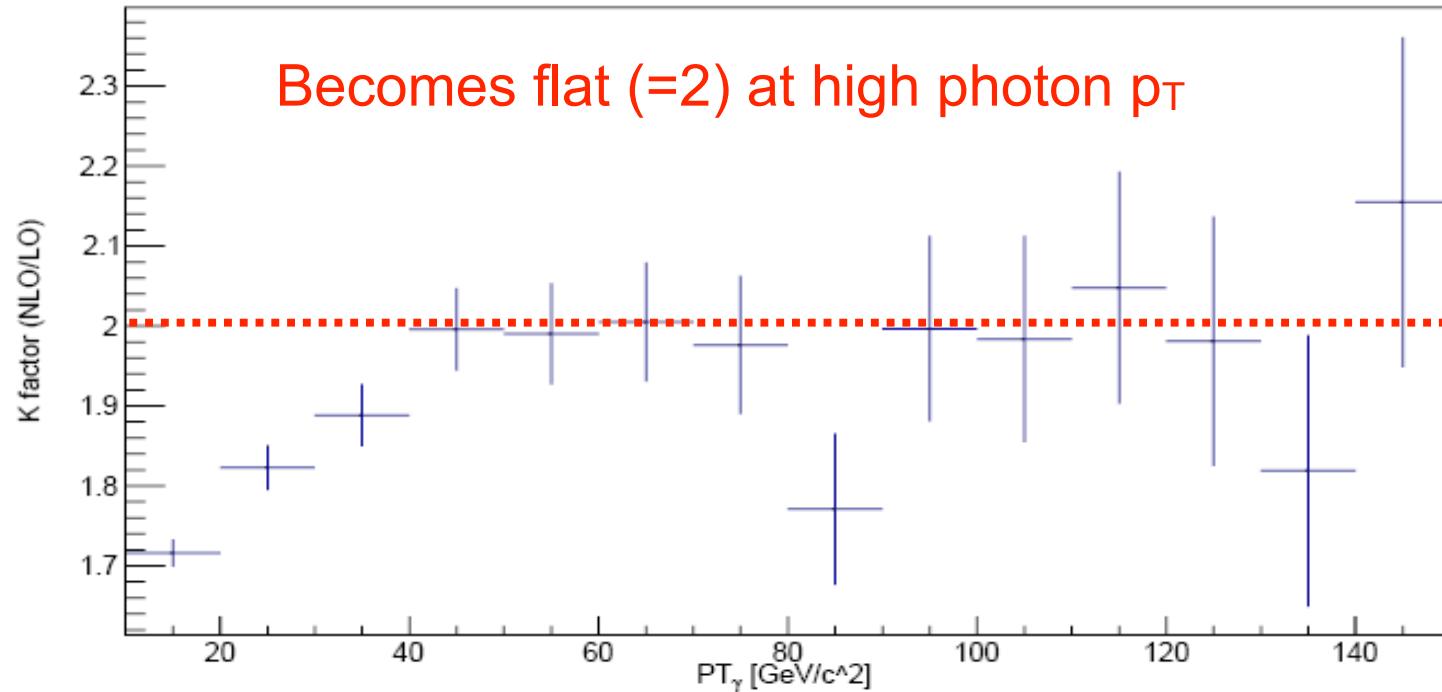
| Region  | Data | Sum of MC backgrounds | MC $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow W^+W^-$ signal |
|---|------|-----------------------|---|
| Inclusive $W^+W^-$                                | 43   | $46.2 \pm 1.7$        | 1.0   |
| Inclusive Drell-Yan $\tau^+\tau^-$                | 182  | $256.7 \pm 10.1$      | 0.3   |
| Exclusive $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$ | 4    | $2.6 \pm 0.8$         | 0.7   |

Table 3: Background event yields for the three orthogonal control regions.

# k-factor depends on photon $p_T$

**Requiring only  $p_{T\gamma} > 10\text{GeV}$ ,  $|\eta_\gamma| < 2.5$**

aMC@NLO, PP>WWA@8TeV LHC, without W decay



Note:  $W \rightarrow jj$ 's k-factor is  $(1+\alpha_s/\pi) \sim 1.04$ , which is quite small



# Attempt to compute k-factor using VBFNLO

Compute k-factor independently using a different generator. Since VBFNLO doesn't have  $WW\gamma$  semi-leptonic final state, try  $WWZ$  as proxy.

VBFNLO 2.7.0 -- BETA 2

(Configuration setting in the backup)

**PROCESS: 401 : p p --> W+ W- Z --> q q~ e- ve~ e- e+**

TOTAL result (LO):  $0.132 \pm 9E-005$  fb

TOTAL result (NLO):  $0.333 \pm 2E-004$  fb

**K-Factor: 2.535**

**PROCESS: 402 : p p --> W+ W- Z --> ve e+ q q~ e- e+**

TOTAL result (LO):  $0.127 \pm 1E-005$  fb

TOTAL result (NLO):  $0.338 \pm 4E-005$  fb

**Factor: 2.654**

**Note:**

(1) It Is  $WWZ$ , not  $WWA$ ,  
no  $P_{ta}$  cut here

(2) Scale:  $WWZ$  invariant  
mass (VBFNLO default for  
this process).

(3) PDF's : *Cteq6ll* for LO  
and *CT10* for NLO

Difference between aMC@NLO and VBFNLO might be due to different scale  
and PDF choices, and also due to intrinsic differences between  $WWZ$  vs  $WW\gamma$ .  
We are investigating it further.



# Computation of scale and PDF uncertainties

- Reweight to get scale dependence and PDF uncertainty Ref: arXiv1110.4738

## Scale uncertainty

Factor 0.5/2 around central scale

3x3 values of weight

$$\delta S = \max - \min$$

## PDF uncertainty

MSTW2008nlo68cl

1 central + 20 pairs

arXiv: 0201195v3 Eq(3)

$$\Delta X = \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{N_p} [X(S_i^+) - X(S_i^-)]^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

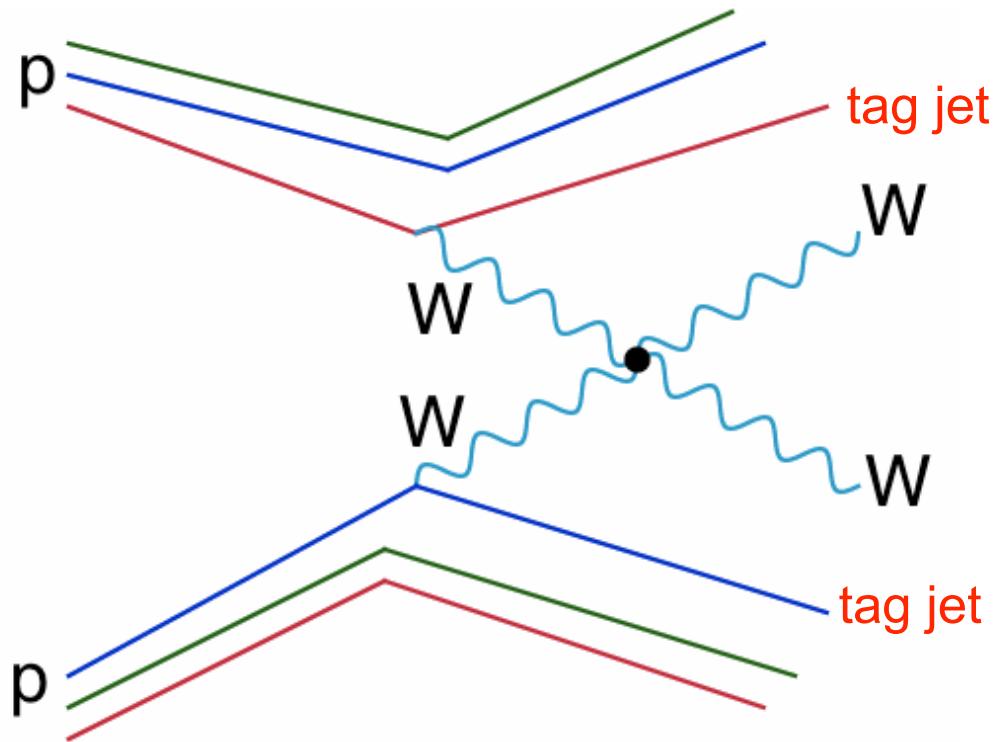


# Information on VBFNLO cut parameters

minimum jet pt (PT\_JET\_MIN): 30.00 30.00 30.00  
maximum jet rapidity (Y\_JET\_MAX): 4.50000000000000000000  
maximum parton pseudorapidity (Y\_P\_MAX): 5.00000000000000000000  
minimum jet-jet R-separation (RJJ\_MIN): 0.50000000000000000000  
minimum number of jets (NJET\_MIN): 2  
exponent of generalised kT algorithm (PGENKTJET):  
1.00000000000000000000  
minimum lepton-lepton R-separation (RLL\_MIN):  
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minimum jet-lepton R-separation (RJL\_MIN): 0.00000000000000000000  
minimum jet-photon R-separation (RJG\_MIN):  
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minimum lepton-photon R-separation (RLG\_MIN):  
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minimum invariant dilepton mass (MLL\_MIN):  
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minimum photon pt (PT\_G\_MIN): 30.00000000000000000000  
photon isolation cut (PHISOLCUT): 0.6999999999999996

efficiency of photon isolation cut (EFISOLCUT):  
1.00000000000000000000  
minimum invariant lepton-photon mass (MLG\_MIN):  
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minimal missing transverse momentum (PTMISS\_MIN):  
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minimum jet rapidity separation (ETAJJ\_MIN):  
1.399999999999999  
tagging jets in opposite hemispheres (YSIGN): F  
leptons fall inside rapidity gap (LRAPIDGAP): F  
min leptons y-dist from tagging jets (DELY\_JL):  
0.00000000000000000000  
photons fall inside rapidity gap (GRAPIDGAP): T  
min photons y-dist from tagging jets (DELY\_JG):  
0.00000000000000000000  
dijet min mass cut on tag jets (MDIJ\_MIN): 72.00000000000000000000  
dijet max mass cut on tag jets (MDIJ\_MAX): 98.00000000000000000000  
veto criteria for jets (JVETO): F  
minimum veto-tag y-dist (DELY\_JVETO): 0.00000000000000000000  
maximum |y| for veto jet (YMAX\_VETO): 5.00000000000000000000  
minimum pT for veto jet (PTMIN\_VETO): 10.00000000000000000000  
definition of tagging jets (DEF\_TAGJET): 1  
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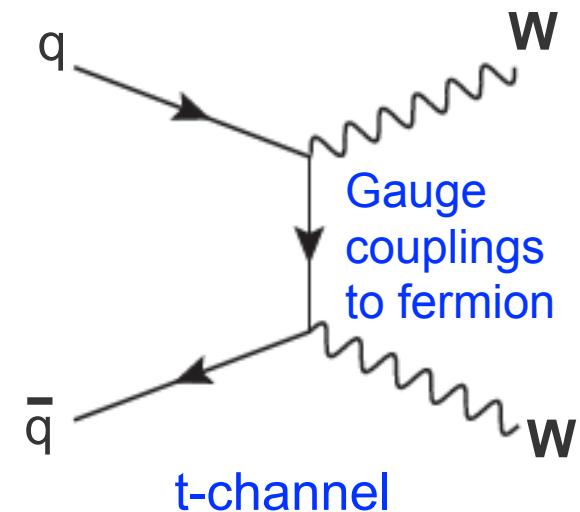
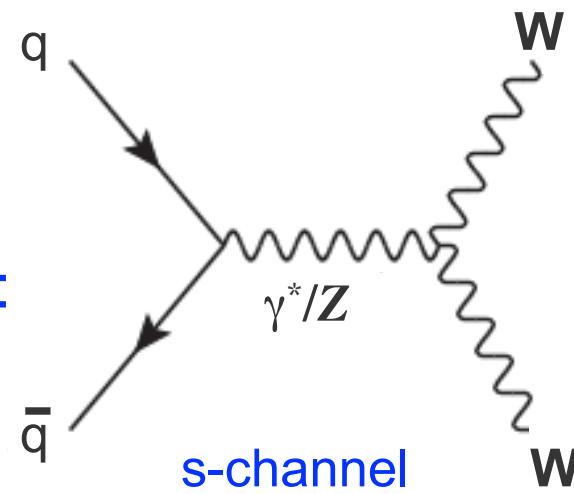
# Probing quartic couplings via $qq \rightarrow WW$ VBF



# WW production and TGC

Need to measure WW production rate first !

WW production  
at Leading Order:



- Each diagram is divergent but the sum is finite !!!
- Higher order contribution is large: ~60% of the LO !  
(see backup for details, if interested)



# Anomalous couplings in WW/WZ production

5 independent couplings remain after assuming basic symmetry

$$\mathcal{L}_{anom} = ig_{WWZ} \left[ \Delta g_1^Z (W_{\mu\nu}^* W^\mu Z^\nu - W_{\mu\nu} W^{*\mu} Z^\nu) + \Delta \kappa^Z W_\mu^* W_\nu Z^{\mu\nu} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{\lambda^Z}{M_W^2} W_{\rho\mu}^* W_\nu^\mu Z^{\nu\rho} \right] + ig_{WW\gamma} \left[ \Delta \kappa_\gamma W_\mu^* W_\nu \gamma^{\mu\nu} + \frac{\lambda_\gamma}{M_W^2} W_{\rho\mu}^* W_\nu^\mu \gamma^{\nu\rho} \right],$$

## Equal coupling (HISZ) parametrization

$$\Delta \kappa_Z = \Delta g_1^Z - \Delta \kappa_\gamma \cdot \tan^2 \theta_W \quad \lambda_Z = \lambda_\gamma = \lambda$$

Further assume that  $\Delta g_1^Z = 0$  (SM), leaves two parameters:  $\lambda_Z$ ,  $\Delta \kappa_\gamma$

| Coupling               | Particle Data Group Fit   |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| $\Lambda_\gamma$       | $0.028^{+0.020}_{-0.021}$ |
| $\Lambda_Z$            | $0.088^{+0.060}_{-0.057}$ |
| $\Delta g_1^Z$         | $0.016^{+0.022}_{-0.019}$ |
| $\Delta \kappa_\gamma$ | $0.027^{+0.044}_{-0.045}$ |
| $\Delta \kappa_Z$      | $0.026^{+0.059}_{-0.056}$ |

LEP combination  
@ 95% CL

[-0.026, 0.208]

[-0.063, 0.115]

Tevatron (DØ)  
arXiv:1208.5458

$\lambda_Z$ : [-0.039, 0.042]

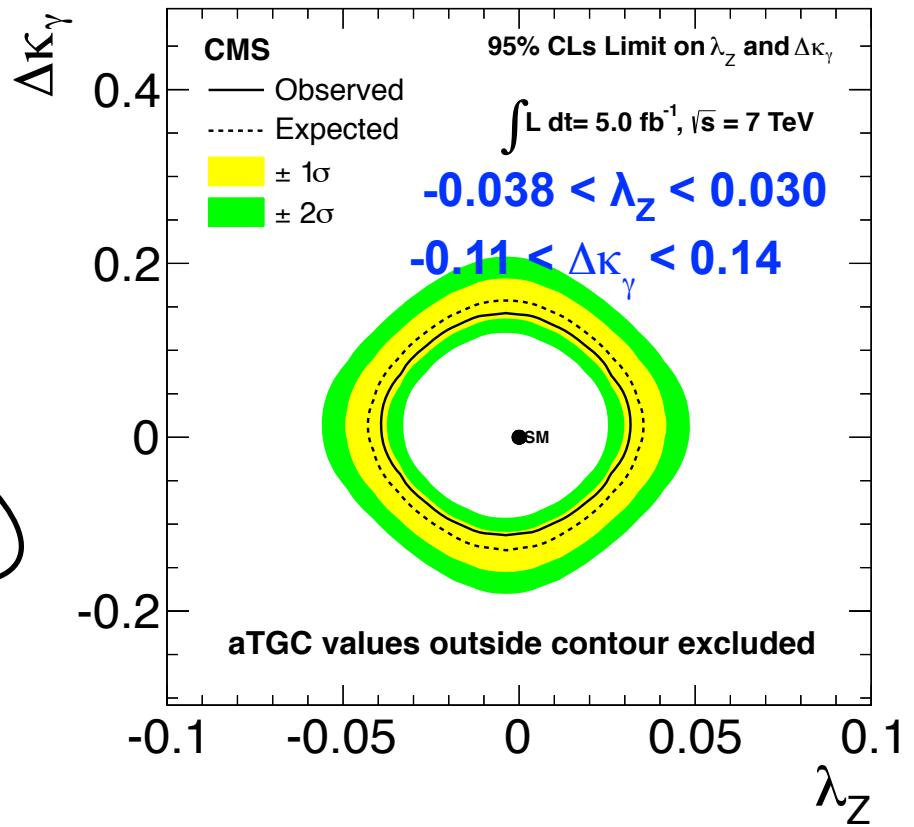
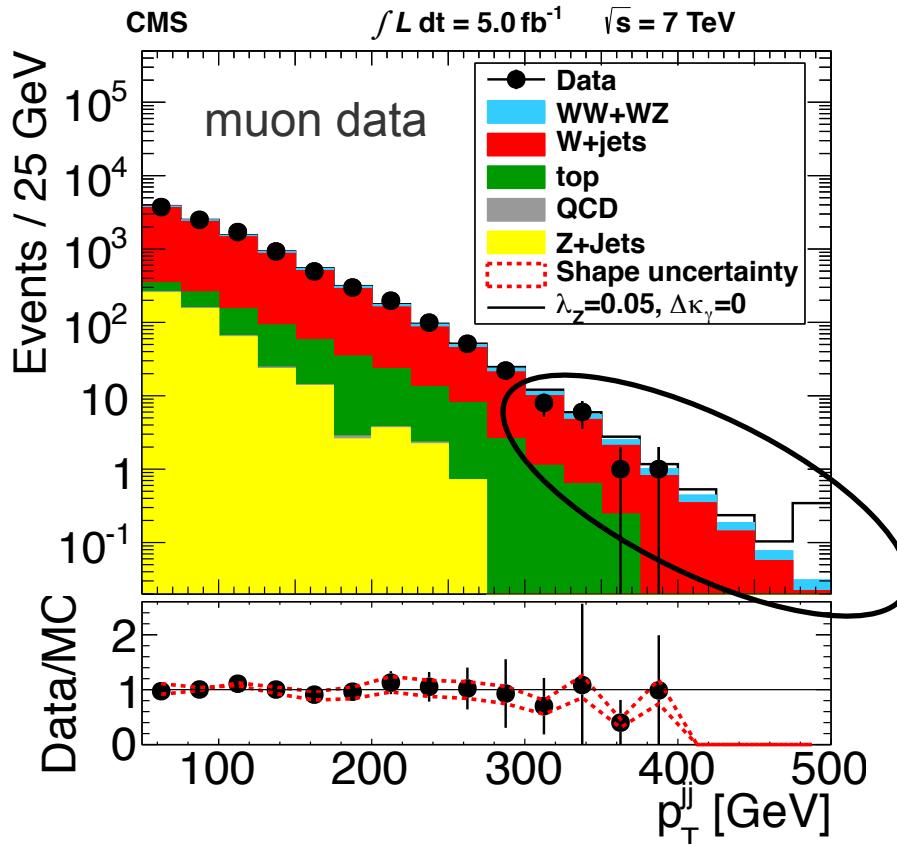
$\Delta \kappa_\gamma$ : [-0.049, 0.124]

Note: assumes form factor of 2 TeV

ATLAS (arXiv:1208.1390)  $\lambda_Z$ : [-0.057, 0.093],  $\Delta \kappa_\gamma$ : [-0.37, 0.57]

# Limits from WW/WZ $\rightarrow\ell\nu qq$ measurement

Use hadronic W p<sub>T</sub> as the observable

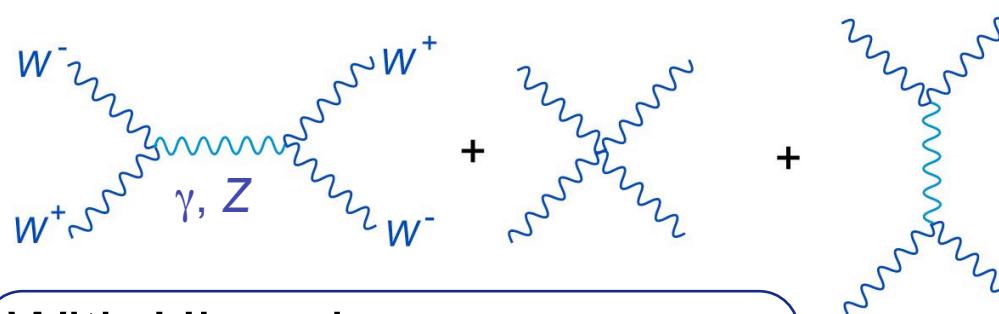


Anomalous couplings show up in high p<sub>T</sub> tails. Model using MCFM.

Improve upon the LEP limit in some cases.

# Thinking of future: weak interaction @ high E

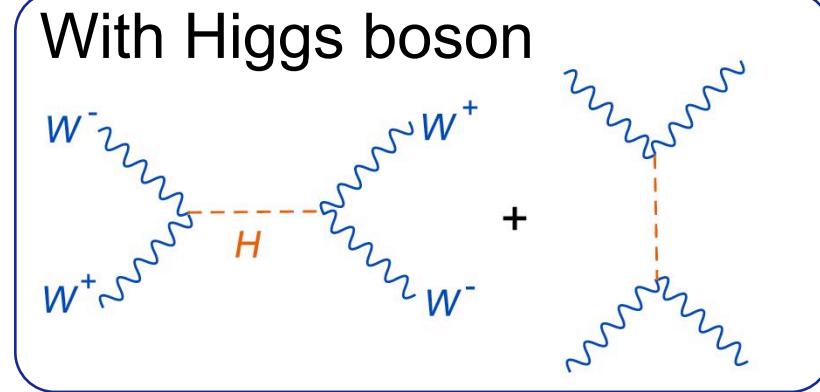
Without Higgs boson, WW scattering becomes divergent



Feynman diagram for WW scattering without Higgs boson. Two incoming W<sup>-</sup> and W<sup>+</sup> bosons interact via a virtual photon ( $\gamma$ ) or Z boson exchange to produce two outgoing W<sup>+</sup> and W<sup>-</sup> bosons. This process is shown as a sum of two diagrams: one with a virtual photon exchange and one with a Z boson exchange.

$$= \frac{g^2 E^2}{2m_W^2} (1 + \cos \theta)$$

unitarity violated:  
grows as E<sup>2</sup>



$$= -\frac{g^2 E^2}{2m_W^2} (1 + \cos \theta)$$

no problem now!

Higgs exchange needed to prevent **unitarity** violation in WW scattering at high energies or **New Phenomena** possible. With 20/fb, lvjj sensitive to weakly produced NP at 1 TeV.

Ballestrero et al, JHEP 1205, 083 (2012) [arXiv:1203.2771]