

Probing the electroweak sector with single- and multiboson measurements at the LHC

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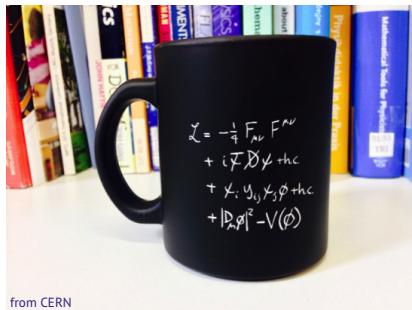
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The Standard Model

- ▶ The Standard Model describes the fundamental constituents of matter and their interactions
 - ▶ **strong** and **electroweak (EW)** interaction
- ▶ Rich variety of interactions derived from a rather simple set of symmetries
- ▶ Self-interactions of electroweak gauge bosons
 - ▶ Quantum corrections at EW mass scale (probed in W/Z precision measurements)
 - ▶ Large effects at highest energies
- ▶ At the LHC we can test the electroweak theory at highest energies



from CERN

$$\text{SU}(3)_C \times \text{SU}(2)_L \times \text{U}(1)_Y$$

colour red, green, blue	weak isospin $I_3 = 0, \pm \frac{1}{2}$	weak hypercharge Y
8 gluons	W^1, W^2, W^3 $\rightarrow W^+, W^-, Z, \gamma$	B

Electroweak Theory

- ▶ Gauge couplings arise from the SU(2) potential term $\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4} W_{\mu\nu}^a W_a^{\mu\nu}$, with the field strength tensor $W_{\mu\nu}^a = \partial_\mu W_\nu^a - \partial_\nu W_\mu^a - gf_{abc} W_\mu^b W_\nu^c$
- ▶ It generates cubic and quartic couplings

$$\mathcal{L}_3 = ie_{V=\gamma,Z} \left[W_{\mu\nu}^+ W^{-\mu} V^\nu - W_{\mu\nu}^- W^{+\mu} V^\nu + W_\mu^+ W_\nu^- V^{\mu\nu} \right]$$

$$\mathcal{L}_4 = e_W^2 \left[W_\mu^- W^{+\mu} W_\nu^- W^{+\nu} - W_\mu^- W^{-\mu} W_\nu^+ W^{+\nu} \right]$$

$$+ e_{V=\gamma,Z}^2 \left[W_\mu^- W^{+\mu} V_\nu V^\nu - W_\mu^- V^\mu W_\nu^+ Z^\nu \right]$$

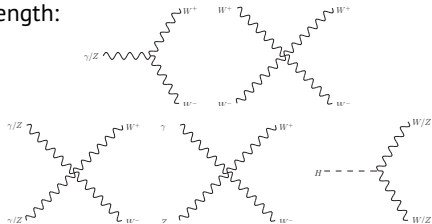
$$+ e_\gamma e_Z \left[2W_\mu^- W^{+\mu} Z_\nu A^\nu - W_\mu^- Z^\mu W_\nu^+ A^\nu - W_\mu^- A^\mu W_\nu^+ Z^\nu \right]$$

- ▶ With precise predictions of the coupling strength:

$$e_\gamma = g \sin \theta_W, \quad e_W = \frac{e_\gamma}{2\sqrt{2} \sin \theta_W} \quad \text{and} \quad e_Z = e_\gamma \cot \theta_W$$

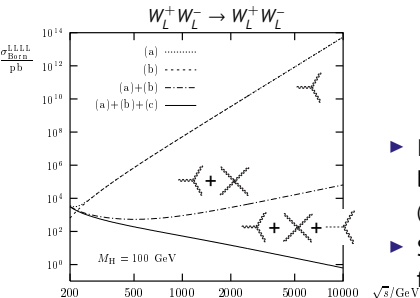
- ▶ They *always* involve a pair of W bosons, there are no neutral vertices
- ▶ Heavy gauge bosons also couple to the Higgs boson

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Higgs}} = \frac{m_W^2}{v^2} W_\mu^+ W^{-\mu} h^2 + \frac{m_Z^2}{v^2} Z_\mu Z^\mu h^2$$

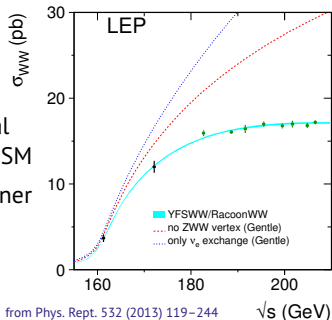


Gauge Cancellations

- ▶ Gauge-boson self interactions play a crucial role for the renormalisability of the electroweak theory
 - ▶ Large cancellations of divergences arising in individual diagrams are exact if couplings take the values of the SM
- Diboson measurements are a sensitive probe of the inner structure of the electroweak symmetry



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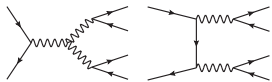


- ▶ In processes involving quartic couplings, the Higgs boson is governing the high-energy behaviour (if only massive gauge bosons participate in the scattering)
- ▶ Such processes became experimentally accessible for first time in the LHC run-2

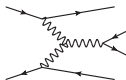
Experimental Probes

Trilinear Self-interactions

- ▶ Diboson production



- ▶ Electroweak single-boson production



- ▶ Any process involving quartic self-interactions

- ▶ Showing today:
 - ▶ electroweak Zjj production
 - ▶ EFT interpretation of WW meas.

Quartic Self-interactions

- ▶ Triboson production



- ▶ Electroweak diboson production

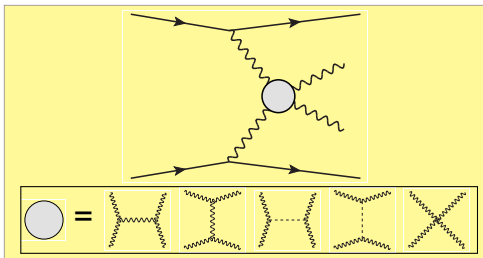


- ▶ Showing today:
 - ▶ electroweak $Z\gamma jj$ production
 - ▶ WWW production

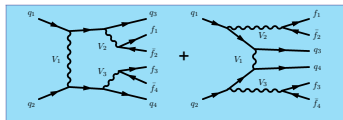
Vector-boson Fusion (VBF) and Vector-boson Scattering (VBS)

Vector-boson Fusion and Vector-boson Scattering

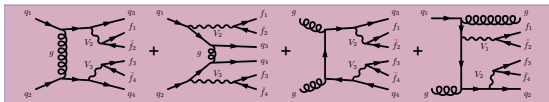
- ▶ *Quartic electroweak (EW) coupling* experimentally accessible in EW production of $VVjj$
- ▶ Electroweak production of Vjj sensitive to trilinear EW couplings



Purely electroweak interactions involving only cubic and quartic self interactions ●



Purely electroweak interactions without self interactions ●



Processes involving both strong and electroweak interactions ●



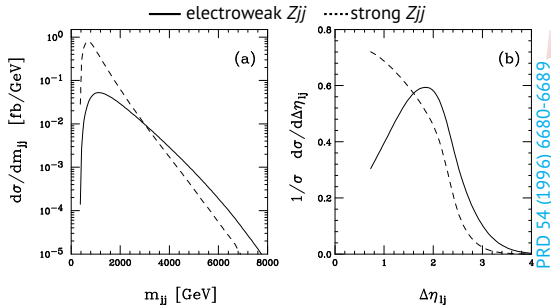
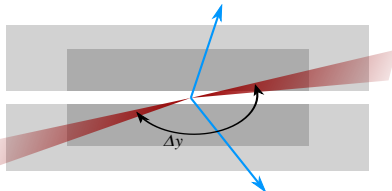
not gauge-invariantly separable → measure EW production



interference, subtracted from data or a modelling uncertainty

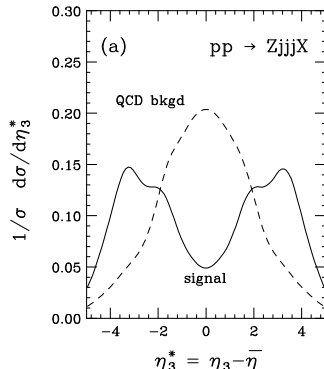
Experimental Signature

- No colour connection between scattering quarks leads to characteristic signature



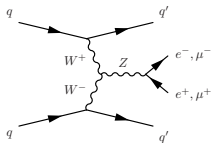
- Additional activity in the event measured relative to centre of “tagging jets”, e.g.:

$$\zeta_X = \left| \frac{y_X - (y_{j1} + y_{j2})/2}{y_{j1} - y_{j2}} \right|, \quad C_X = \exp \left[-4 \left(\frac{\eta_X - (\eta_{j1} + \eta_{j2})/2}{\eta_{j1} - \eta_{j2}} \right)^2 \right]$$

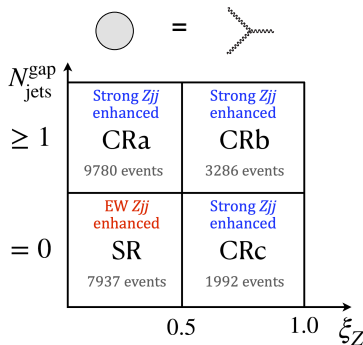
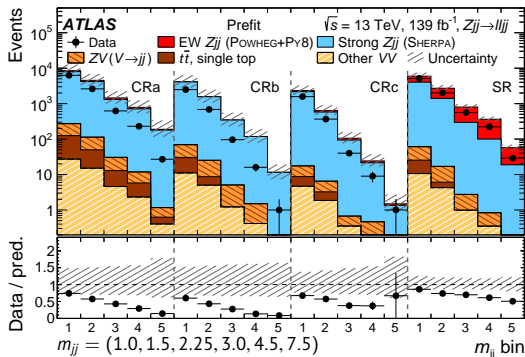


Electroweak Zjj Production

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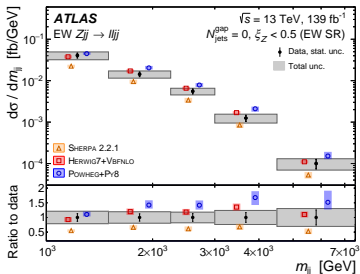
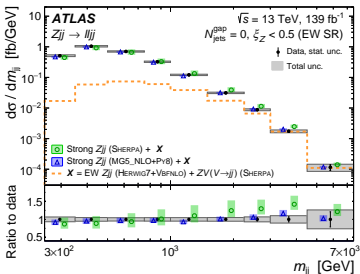


- ▶ Electroweak Zjj production as standard candle to benchmark theoretical calculations of VBF/VBS
- ▶ Critical for precise measurements of Zjj -electroweak is a good understanding of Zjj -strong background

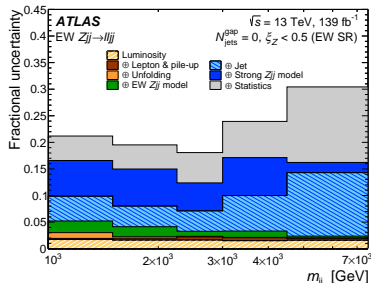


- ▶ Strong Zjj estimation relies on Z centrality and central jet activity

Electroweak Zjj Results



- ▶ Inclusive Zjj cross sections measured in signal and EW-suppressed phase space + Zjj -electroweak cross section in SR (m_{jj} , $p_T(\ell\ell)$, Δy_{jj} , $\Delta\phi_{jj}$)
- ▶ Dominant uncertainty in Zjj -strong modelling and jet-energy scale and resolution
- ▶ Powerful EFT interpretation, including CP sensitive operators



Electroweak $Z(\rightarrow \ell\ell)\gamma jj$ Production

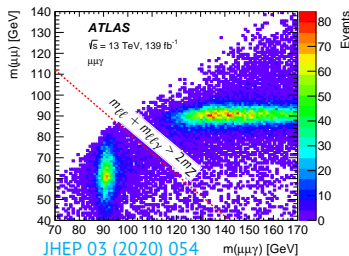
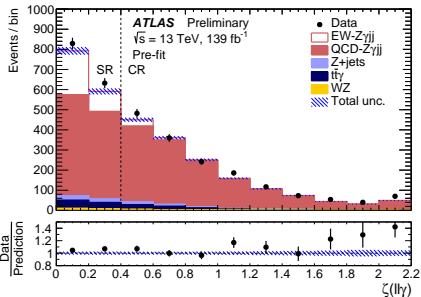
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Lepton	$p_T^\ell > 20, 30(\text{leading}) \text{ GeV}, \eta_\ell < 2.47$ $N_\ell \geq 2$	
Photon	$E_T^\gamma > 25 \text{ GeV}, \eta_\gamma < 2.37$ $E_T^{\text{cone}20} < 0.07 E_T^\gamma$ $\Delta R(\ell, \gamma) > 0.4$	
Jet	$p_T^{\text{jet}} > 50 \text{ GeV}, y_{\text{jet}} < 4.4$ $ \Delta y > 1.0$ $m_{jj} > 150 \text{ GeV}$	VBS signature
	remove jets if $\Delta R(\gamma, j) < 0.4$ or if $\Delta R(\ell, j) < 0.3$	
Event	$m_{\ell\ell} > 40 \text{ GeV}$ $m_{\ell\ell} + m_{\ell\ell\gamma} > 182 \text{ GeV}$ $\zeta(\ell\ell\gamma) < 0.4$ $N_{\text{jets}}^{\text{gap}} = 0$	strong- $Z\gamma jj$ separation

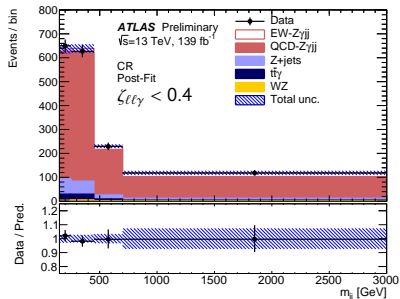
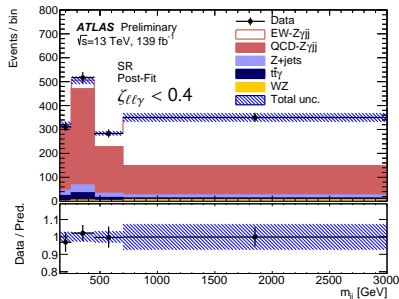
(fiducial phase space selection)

- ▶ Centrality used to control background from **strong $Z\gamma jj$** (with a jet-veto for improved background modelling)
- ▶ Background from **misidentified photons** estimated in data, background from $t\bar{t}\gamma$ validated in data



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Electroweak $Z(\rightarrow \ell\ell)\gamma jj$ Analysis



Sample	SR	CR
$N_{EW-Z\gamma jj}$	300 ± 36	55 ± 7
$N_{QCD-Z\gamma jj}$	987 ± 55	1352 ± 60
$N_{t\bar{t}\gamma}$	72 ± 11	59 ± 9
N_{WZ}	17 ± 3	14 ± 3
N_{Z+jets}	85 ± 30	143 ± 43
Total	1461 ± 38	1624 ± 40
N_{obs}	1461	1624

- ▶ To minimise dependence on theory modelling, the high- $\zeta_{\ell\ell\gamma}$ is only used to constrain the m_{jj} distribution
- ▶ Normalisation of strong $Z\gamma jj$ production is obtained separately in signal and control regions

$$\beta_{Z\gamma\text{-strong, CR}} = 1.00^{+0.18}_{-0.16}$$

$$\beta_{Z\gamma\text{-strong, SR}} = 1.06^{+0.17}_{-0.16}$$

Electroweak $Z(\rightarrow \ell\ell)\gamma jj$ Results

- ▶ Background-only hypothesis rejected with 10σ (exp. 11σ)
- ▶ Measured and theoretical $Z\gamma$ -EW cross sections:

$$\sigma_{EW, \text{ meas.}} = 4.49 \pm 0.40 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.42 \text{ (syst.) fb}$$

$$\sigma_{EW, \text{ theo.}} = 4.73 \pm 0.01 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.15 \text{ (PDF)}_{-0.22}^{+0.23} \text{ (scale) fb}$$

(from MG5_aMC@NLO+Pythia8 at LO)

- ▶ Measured and theoretical $Z\gamma$ -EW+QCD cross sections:

$$\sigma_{EW+QCD, \text{ meas.}} = 20.6 \pm 0.6 \text{ (stat.)}_{-1.0}^{+1.2} \text{ (syst.) fb}$$

$$\sigma_{EW+QCD, \text{ theo.}} = 20.4 \pm 0.1 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.2 \text{ (PDF)}_{-2.0}^{+2.6} \text{ (scale) fb}$$

(from MG5_aMC@NLO+Pythia8)

Uncertainty in $\sigma_{EW, \text{ meas.}}$

Source	Size [%]
Electron/photon calibration	± 0.3
Photon	± 0.3
Backgrounds	± 1.0
Electron	± 1.1
Flavour tagging	± 1.1
Muon	± 1.1
MC stat.	± 1.4
Pileup	± 2.6
Jets	± 4.7
<i>QCD-Zγjj modelling</i>	$+4.8$ -4.3
<i>EW-Zγjj modelling</i>	$+5.7$ -4.6
Data stat.	± 8.8
Total	$+13.4$ -12.6

includes 2% interference

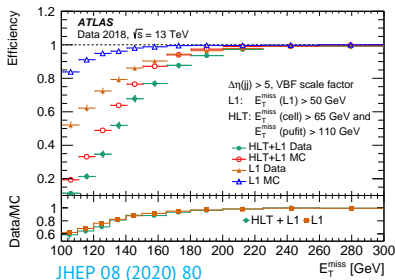
$Z(\rightarrow \nu\nu)\gamma jj$ Introduction

- ▶ In the past, $Z\rightarrow \nu\nu$ analyses yielded more stringent constraints on non-SM couplings
- ▶ Seen e.g. in search for non-SM ZZ couplings

- ▶ Using the missing transverse momentum to trigger $Z(\rightarrow \nu\nu)\gamma$ events
- ▶ This usually doesn't impact sensitivity to BSM effects, as these are expected at high energy

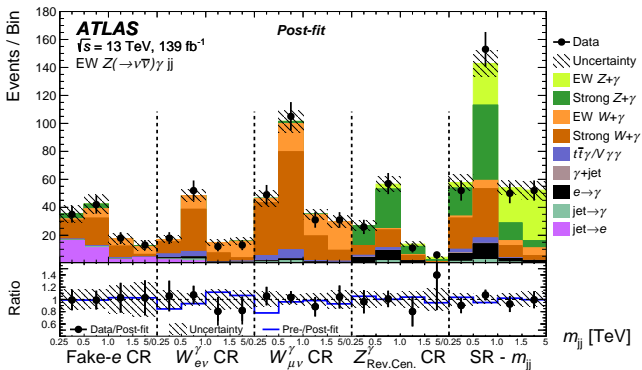
	$ZZ\rightarrow 2\ell 2\nu$	$ZZ\rightarrow 4\ell$
	JHEP 10 (2019) 127	Phys. Rev. D 97 (2018) 032005
$f_4^Y [\times 10^{-3}]$	$[-1.3, 1.3]$	$[-2.4, 2.4]$
$f_4^Z [\times 10^{-3}]$	$[-1.1, 1.1]$	$[-2.1, 2.1]$
$f_5^Y [\times 10^{-3}]$	$[-1.3, 1.3]$	$[-2.4, 2.4]$
$f_5^Z [\times 10^{-3}]$	$[-1.1, 1.1]$	$[-2.0, 2.0]$

Expected limits on ZZγ and ZZZ couplings



Electroweak $Z(\rightarrow \nu\nu)\gamma jj$ Production

arXiv:2109.00925



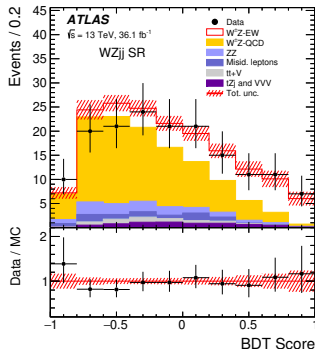
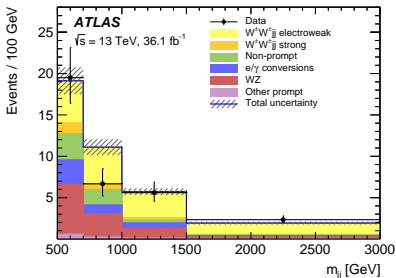
- ▶ Background-only hypothesis rejected with 5.2σ (exp. 5.1σ)
- ▶ Measured and theoretical $Z\gamma$ -EW cross sections:

$$\sigma_{\text{EW, meas.}} = 1.31 \pm 0.20 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.20 \text{ (syst.) fb}$$

$$\sigma_{\text{EW, theo.}} = 1.27 \pm 0.01 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.17 \text{ (scale)} \pm 0.03 \text{ (PDF) fb}$$

(from MG5_aMC@NLO+Pythia8 at LO, rescaled by 0.3% to VBFNLO)

- ▶ Largest sources of unc. in jet energy scale/reso. (7.6%) and $V\gamma$ +jets modelling (6.7%)

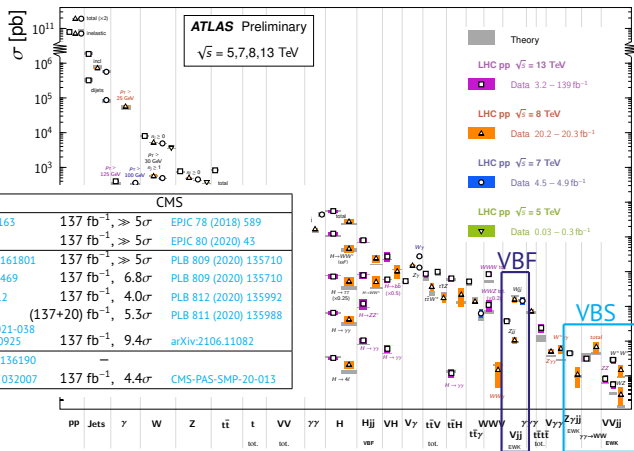
Electroweak $W^\pm W^\pm jj$ and $WZjj$ ProductionPRL 123 (2019) 161801
PLB 793 (2019) 469

- ▶ The $W^\pm W^\pm jj$ and $WZjj$ channels have already been observed on a partial dataset of 36 fb
 - ▶ They are theoretically understood well, at NLO EW \otimes QCD (k-factors \sim 10-15%)
 - ▶ In the $W^\pm W^\pm jj$ final state, QCD and EW diagrams without self-interactions suppressed
- \Rightarrow Powerful tool for the study of electroweak symmetry breaking

Experimental Status

Standard Model Production Cross Section Measurements

Status: July 2021



	ATLAS		CMS	
VBF Z	139 fb ⁻¹ , $\gg 5\sigma$	EPIC 81 (2021) 163	137 fb ⁻¹ , $\gg 5\sigma$	EPIC 78 (2018) 589
VBF W	–		137 fb ⁻¹ , $\gg 5\sigma$	EPIC 80 (2020) 43
VBS W [±] W [±]	36 fb ⁻¹ , 6.5σ	PRL 123 (2019) 161801	137 fb ⁻¹ , $\gg 5\sigma$	PLB 809 (2020) 135710
VBS W [±] Z	36 fb ⁻¹ , 5.3σ	PLB 793 (2019) 469	137 fb ⁻¹ , 6.8σ	PLB 809 (2020) 135710
VBS ZZ	139 fb ⁻¹ , 5.5σ	arXiv:2004.10612	137 fb ⁻¹ , 4.0σ	PLB 812 (2020) 135992
VBS Wγ	–		(137+20) fb ⁻¹ , 5.3σ	PLB 811 (2020) 135988
VBS Zγ	139 fb ⁻¹ , $> 10\sigma$	ATLAS-CONF-2021-038 arXiv:2109.00925	137 fb ⁻¹ , 9.4σ	arXiv:2106.11082
γγ→W ⁺ W ⁻	139 fb ⁻¹ , 8.4σ	PLB 816 (2021) 136190	–	
VBS VV	36 fb ⁻¹ , 2.7σ	PRD 100 (2019) 032007	137 fb ⁻¹ , 4.4σ	CMS-PAS-SMP-20-013

- ▶ Electroweak $VVjj$ production has been observed in all major channels in the LHC run-2
- ▶ They are amongst the rarest processes currently experimentally accessible

Triboson Production

Experimental Status

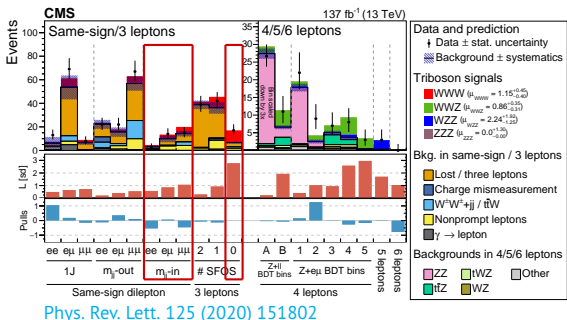
- ▶ Triboson production has been observed at 8 TeV in $Z\gamma\gamma$ (PRD 93 (2016) 112002) and $\gamma\gamma\gamma$ channels (PLB 781 (2018) 55 in agreement with the NNLO calculation in PLB 812 (2021) 136013)

- ▶ Evidence for WW from ATLAS

- ▶ in 80 fb^{-1} (2015-2017 data)
- ▶ 4.1σ (WV) and 3.2σ (WWW)
- ▶ PLB 798 (2019) 134913

- ▶ Observation of WV from CMS

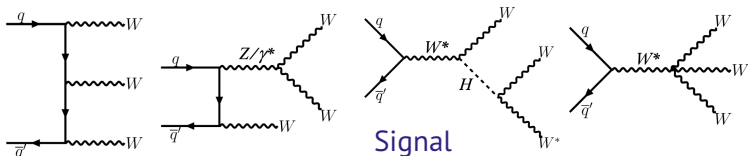
- ▶ in 137 fb^{-1} (2015-2018 data)
- ▶ 5.7σ (WV), 3.3σ (WWW)
- ▶ PRL 125 (2020) 151802



New ATLAS result focusses on WWW in $\ell^\pm \nu \ell'^\pm \nu jj$ and $\ell^\pm \nu \ell'^\mp \nu \ell^\pm \nu$

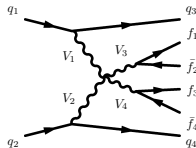
- ▶ $e^\pm e^\pm + 2j$, $e^\pm \mu^\pm + 2j$, $\mu^\pm \mu^\pm + 2j$ (same-sign dilepton)
- ▶ $3\ell + E_T^{\text{miss}}$ with no same-flavour opposite-charge lepton pair
- strong suppression of W +jets

WWW Signal Definition



WWW Simulation

- ▶ on-shell WWW simulated with Sherpa 2.2.2 at NLO
- ▶ $WH \rightarrow WWW^*$ simulated with Powheg+Pythia8 at NLO
- ▶ spin correlations accounted for in W decays
- ▶ t - and u -channel production at $O(\alpha^6)$ classified as background

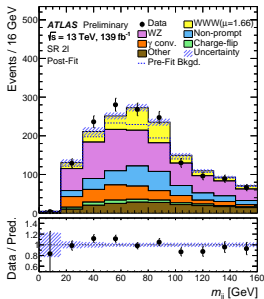


Background

WWW Analysis

- ▶ Experimentally, $WWW \rightarrow \ell^\pm \nu \ell^\pm \nu jj$ is distinguished from VBS signatures by requiring at least two central jets with $m_{jj} < 160$ GeV and $|\Delta\eta_{jj}| < 1.5$

Measurement in $\ell^\pm \ell^\pm 2j$ events

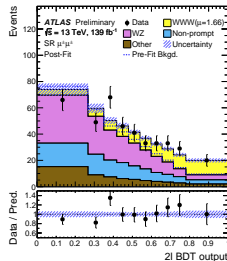
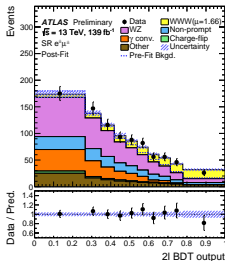
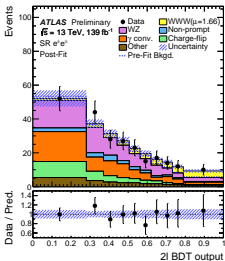


- ▶ Signal is measured in a fit to a BDT discriminant
- ▶ BDT modelling validated in control regions
 - ▶ the m_{jj} side bands
 - ▶ the WZ control region(s)
 - ▶ a b -tag control region

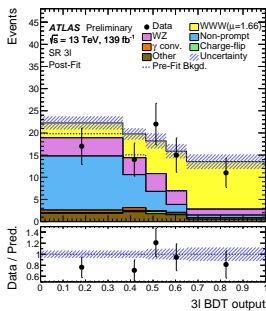
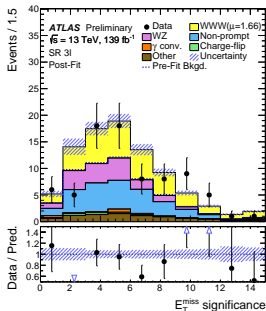
before unblinding signal region

2ℓ
$ m_{jj} - m_W $
p_T (forward jet)
E_T^{miss} significance
$p_T(j_2)$
minimum $m(\ell, j)$
$m(\ell_2, j_1)$
$N(\text{jets})$
$p_T(\ell_2)$
$m_{\ell\ell}$
$ \eta(\ell_1) $
$N(\text{leptons in jets})$
$m(\ell_1, j_1)$

BDT training variables



Measurement in 3ℓ events

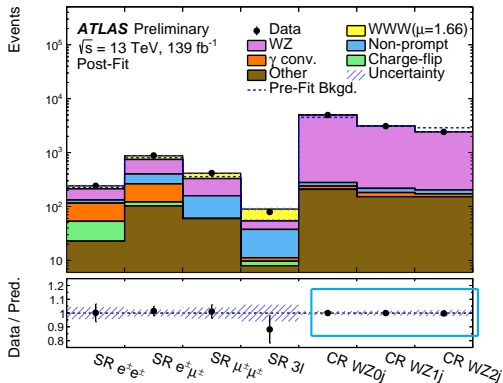


- ▶ Higher signal purity in 3ℓ events compared to $\ell^\pm\ell^\pm jj$
- ▶ Separate BDT training to extract signal
- ▶ Kinematic and angular variables, combining leptons and E_T^{miss}
- ▶ Similar validation of BDT modelling as for $\ell^\pm\ell^\pm jj$

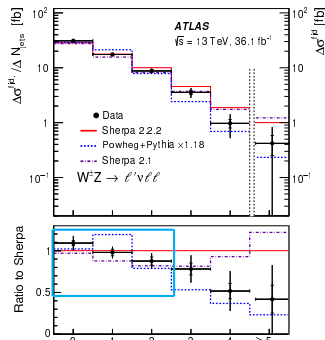
3ℓ
E_T^{miss} significance $\times 10 / E_T^{\text{miss}}$
$p_T(\ell_2)$
$N(\text{jets})$
same flavor $m_{\ell\ell}$
$m_T(\ell\ell, E_T^{\text{miss}})$
$m(\ell_2, \ell_3)$
$\Delta\phi(\ell\ell, E_T^{\text{miss}})$
minimum $\Delta R(\ell, \ell)$
$p_T(\ell_3)$
$m_T(\ell_2, E_T^{\text{miss}})$
E_T^{miss} significance

BDT training variables

Backgrounds and Background Estimation



Normalization Factors		
WZ + 0 jets	WZ + 1 jet	WZ + ≥ 2 jets
1.12 ± 0.11	0.98 ± 0.04	0.88 ± 0.18



from Eur. Phys. J. C 79 (2019) 535^{N_{bkg}}

- ▶ Fit of BDT (SRs) and $m_{3\ell}$ (WZ CRs)
- ▶ Largest source of background from WZ+jets production, constrained in control regions
- ▶ Most other backgrounds are instrumental and estimated in data (misidentified leptons, photons conversions, electron charge misreconstruction)

Cross-section Measurement

- ▶ Background-only hypothesis rejected with 8.2σ , where 5.4σ are expected

Fit	Observed (expected) significances [σ]	$\mu(WWW)$
$e^\pm e^\pm$	2.3 (1.4)	1.69 ± 0.79
$e^\pm \mu^\pm$	4.6 (3.1)	1.57 ± 0.40
$\mu^\pm \mu^\pm$	5.6 (2.8)	2.13 ± 0.47
2ℓ	6.9 (4.1)	1.80 ± 0.33
3ℓ	4.8 (3.7)	1.33 ± 0.39
Combined	8.2 (5.4)	1.66 ± 0.28

(relative to NLO Sherpa/Powheg+Pythia8 with $\sigma_{WWW} = 511 \pm 42$ fb)

- ▶ The measured cross section, extrapolated to the total phase space, is:

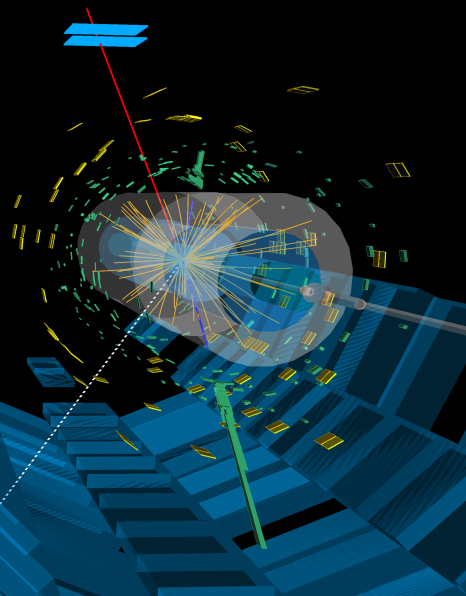
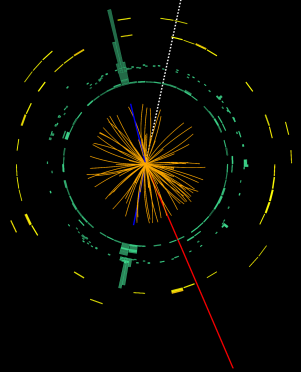
$$\sigma_{WWW} = 850 \pm 100 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 80 \text{ (syst.) fb}$$

- ▶ Compared to a theoretical calculation:

$W^- W^+ W^+$	136_{-5}^{+6} (scale) ± 4 (PDF) fb	JHEP 09 (2017) 034
$W^+ W^- W^-$	76_{-3}^{+4} (scale) ± 2 (PDF) fb	
$W^\pm H \rightarrow W^\pm W^+ W^-$	293_{-2}^{+1} (scale) $_{-5}^{+6}$ (PDF) ± 3 (α_s) fb	CERN-2013-004
505 fb		

Uncertainty source	$\Delta\sigma/\sigma$ [%]
Data-driven background	5.3
Prompt-lepton-background modeling	3.3
Jets and E_T^{miss}	2.8
MC statistics	2.8
Lepton	2.1
Luminosity	1.9
Signal modeling	1.5
Pile-up modeling	0.9
Total systematic uncertainty	9.5
Data statistics	11.2
WZ normalizations	3.3
Total statistical uncertainty	11.6

	δ^{EW} [%]	δ^{QCD} [%]
NLO QCD + NLO EW	+6.6	+67.1
NNLO QCD + NLO EW	+7.9	+71.2



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$WWW \rightarrow e^+ \nu e^+ \nu \mu^- \nu$ candidate event. The $E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}$ has a magnitude of 105 GeV and the BDT score is 0.81.

Interpretation

The Standard Model Effective Field Theory

- ▶ Interpretation of multiboson measurements in the Standard Model Effective Theory (SMEFT)

→ Expansion of SM Lagrangian in increasing powers of inverse scale of new physics, $1/\Lambda$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SMEFT}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \sum_i \frac{c_i^{(6)}}{\Lambda^2} \mathcal{O}_i^{(6)} + \sum_i \frac{c_i^{(8)}}{\Lambda^4} \mathcal{O}_i^{(8)} + \dots$$

- ▶ Leading SMEFT effect expected from interference of dim-6 operators with SM:

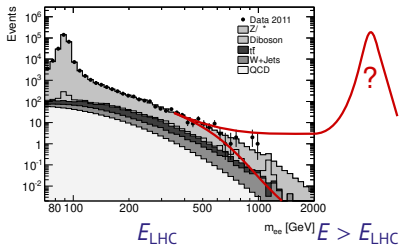
$$\begin{aligned} \sigma &\sim |\mathcal{M}_{\text{SMEFT}}|^2 \\ &= |\mathcal{M}_{\text{SM}}|^2 + \underbrace{\sum_i \frac{c_i^{(6)}}{\Lambda^2} 2\text{Re}(\mathcal{M}_i^{(6)} \mathcal{M}_{\text{SM}}^*)}_{\text{linear model}} + \underbrace{\sum_i \frac{(c_i^{(6)})^2}{\Lambda^4} |\mathcal{M}_i^{(6)}|^2}_{\text{quadratic terms}} + \underbrace{\sum_{i < j} \frac{c_i^{(6)} c_j^{(6)}}{\Lambda^4} 2\text{Re}(\mathcal{M}_i^{(6)} \mathcal{M}_j^{(6)*})}_{\text{cross terms}} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

linear plus quadratic model

quadratic term at the same order, $\mathcal{O}(\Lambda^{-4})$, as SM+dim-8 interference

- ▶ Focus on operators at dim-6

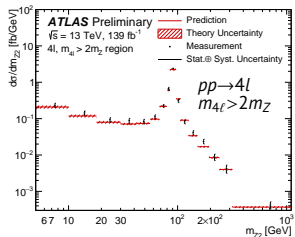
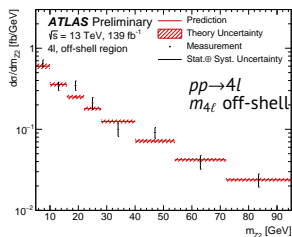
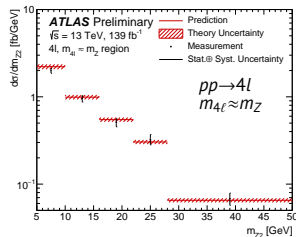
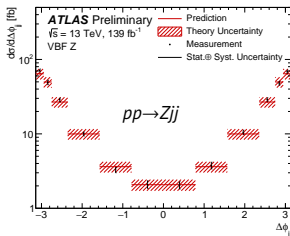
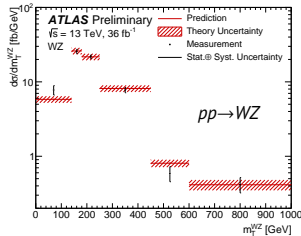
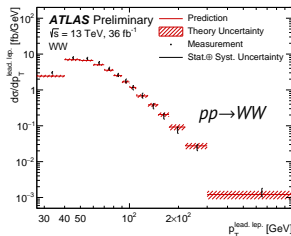
- ▶ 33 CP-even operators studied, assuming flavour symmetry and neglecting Higgs



Experimental Input

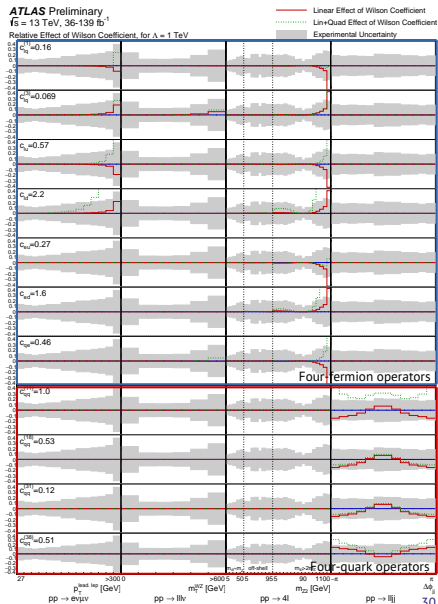
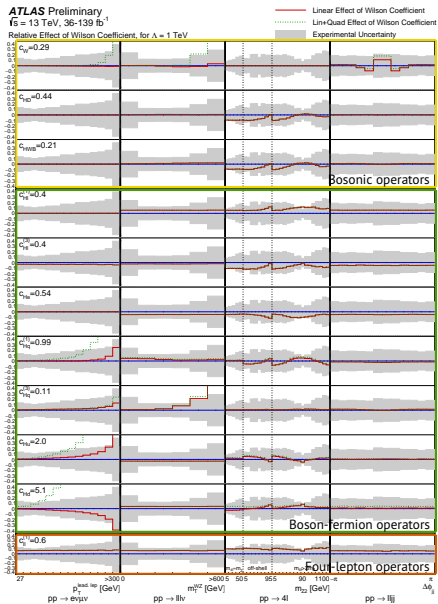
- ▶ Combination of several multiboson measurements
 - ▶ $pp \rightarrow WW \rightarrow e\nu\mu\nu$: [Eur. Phys. J. C 79 \(2019\) 884](#) using 36 fb^{-1}
 - ▶ $pp \rightarrow WZ \rightarrow \ell\ell'\nu$: [Eur. Phys. J. C 79 \(2019\) 535](#) using 36 fb^{-1}
 - ▶ $pp \rightarrow 4\ell \rightarrow \ell\ell\ell'\ell'$: [JHEP 07 \(2021\) 005](#) using 139 fb^{-1}
 - ▶ $pp \rightarrow Zjj \rightarrow \ell\ell jj$: [Eur. Phys. J. C 81 \(2021\) 163](#) using 139 fb^{-1}
- ▶ Measurements with high precision and small background contributions (assuming negligible effects of EFT on backgrounds)
- ▶ Sensitive to a large number of dim-6 operators affecting
 - ▶ gauge-boson self-couplings (though no neutral couplings at dim-6)
 - ▶ couplings of gauge bosons and fermions
 - ▶ four-fermion couplings
- ▶ Higgs-boson production kinematically suppressed:
 - ▶ see [ATLAS-CONF-2020-053](#) for dedicated EFT study
 - ▶ see [ATL-PHYS-PUB-2021-010](#) for a $H \rightarrow WW^*$ and WW combination

Kinematic Distributions

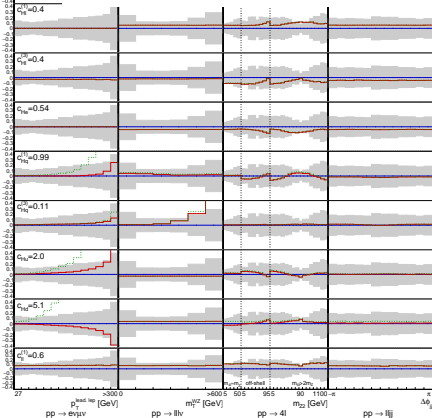
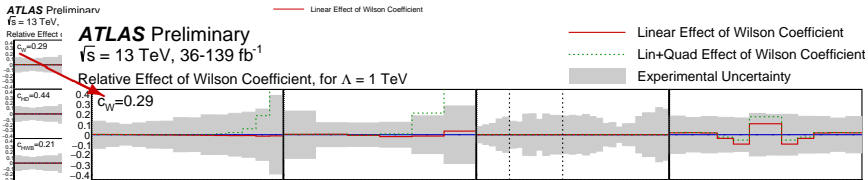


- ▶ Assuming smooth EFT effects have the folding matrix of the SM
 - ▶ Injection of BSM physics has been explicitly tested in m_{4l} measurement

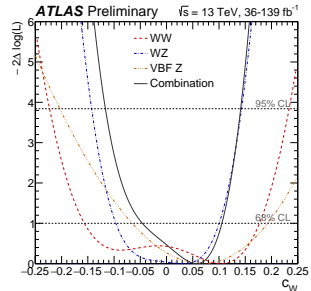
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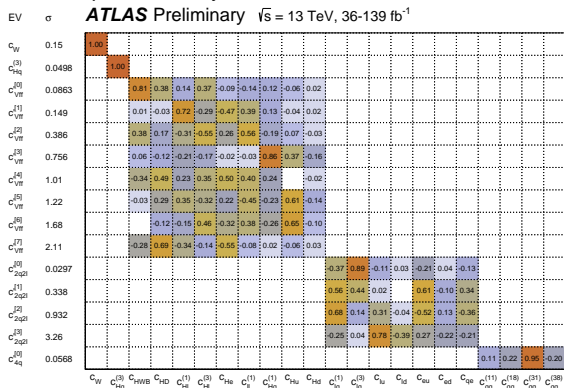
► Combination of several final states allows to improve limits



► Identified 33 sensitive CP-even coefficients in the Warsaw basis

Transformation of Basis

- ▶ Simultaneous constraints on multiple Wilson coefficients facilitated through complementarity of measurements

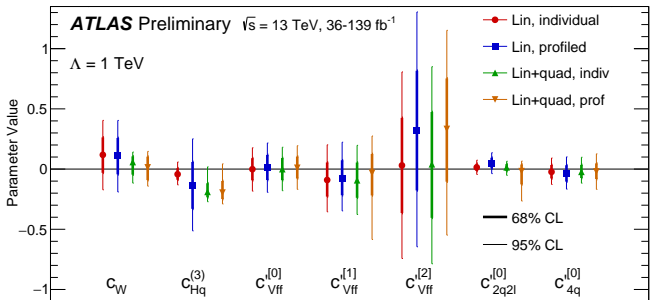


- ▶ Limited information in measurements prevents constraining *all* coefficients
- Sensitive directions in space of Wilson coefficients identified from eigenvalue decomposition of the covariance matrix
- ▶ Eigenvalues as sensitivity estimate:

$$\sigma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}}$$

- ▶ Limits are set on linear combination of Wilson combinations in Warsaw basis
- Transformation of basis with reduced dimensionality

Results



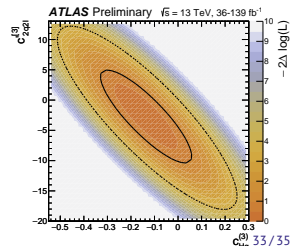
$$c_{Vff}^{[0]} = 0.81c_{HWB} + 0.38c_{HD} + 0.13c_{H\bar{e}}^{(1)} + 0.37c_{H\bar{e}}^{(3)} - 0.14c_{Hl}^{(1)} + 0.12c_{Hq}^{(1)}$$

$$c_{2q2l}^{[0]} = -0.37c_{q}^{(1)} + 0.89c_{q}^{(3)} - 0.11c_{lu} - 0.21c_{eu} - 0.13c_{qe}$$

$$c_{Vff}^{[1]} = 0.73c_{H\bar{e}}^{(1)} - 0.28c_{H\bar{e}}^{(3)} - 0.48c_{H\bar{e}} + 0.38c_{Hl}^{(1)} + 0.13c_{Hq}^{(1)}$$

$$c_{4q}^{[0]} = 0.11c_{qq}^{(1)} + 0.22c_{qq}^{(16)} + 0.95c_{qq}^{(31)} - 0.2c_{qq}^{(38)}$$

$$c_{Vff}^{[2]} = 0.37c_{HWB} + 0.17c_{HD} - 0.31c_{H\bar{e}}^{(1)} - 0.53c_{H\bar{e}}^{(3)} + 0.25c_{Hl} + 0.59c_{Hq}^{(1)} - 0.21c_{Hq}^{(1)}$$



- ▶ Limits set at 95% confidence level, both for the “linear” and “linear plus quadratic” models (difference illustrates effect of truncation of EFT expansion)
- ▶ Fits of individual coefficients, as well as combined fit

Interpretation of Quartic Electroweak Couplings

- ▶ There are no dim-6 operators that affect quartic electroweak couplings
- ▶ In VBS and triboson processes we study dim-8 operators only affecting quartic EW couplings (assuming the dim-6 coefficients are 0, and other dim-8 operators are constrained elsewhere)

four $\partial_\mu \Phi$ →

two $\partial_\mu \Phi$, two $F_{\mu\nu}$ →

four $F_{\mu\nu}$ →

	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	X	O	O
$\mathcal{L}_{M,2}, \mathcal{L}_{M,3}, \mathcal{L}_{M,4}, \mathcal{L}_{M,5}$	O	X	X	X	X	X	X	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

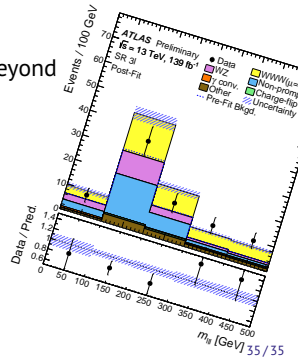
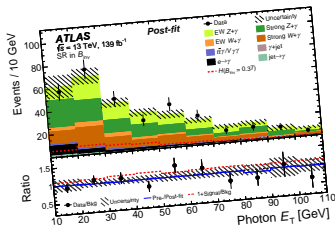
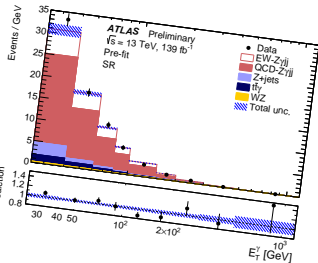
from PRD 93, 093013 (2016)

- ▶ Literature suggests that VBS is also useful to constrain dim-6 EFT operators, see e.g. [arXiv:2101.03180](https://arxiv.org/abs/2101.03180)

⇒ Route to systematically study quartic electroweak couplings in the future

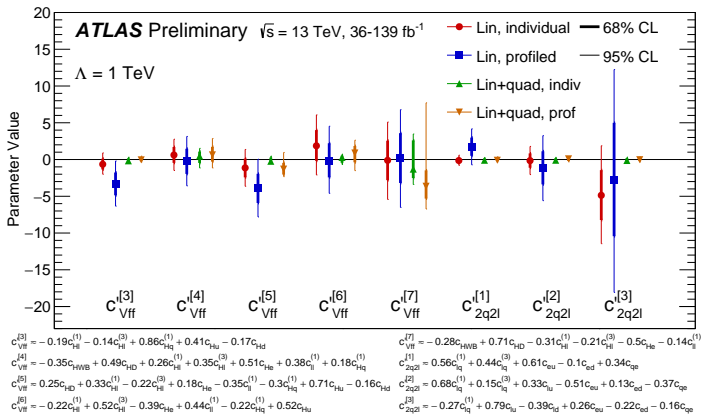
Summary

- ▶ Processes involving quartic EW couplings have become experimentally accessible
 - ▶ Observation of all major VBS processes in EW $VVjj$ production in the LHC run-2
 - ▶ First observation of $pp \rightarrow WWW$ production
- ▶ Critical step in the study of EW symmetry breaking with the Higgs mechanism
- ▶ First systematic study of diboson production in SMEFT framework in ATLAS
 - ▶ Simultaneous fits of several linear combinations of Wilson coefficients
 - Loss in stringency with improved generality
- ▶ We're well prepared to explore EW couplings in run-3 and beyond



Backup

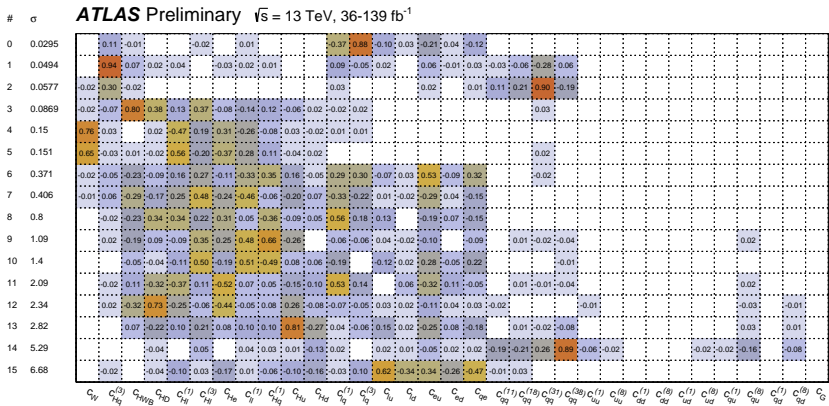
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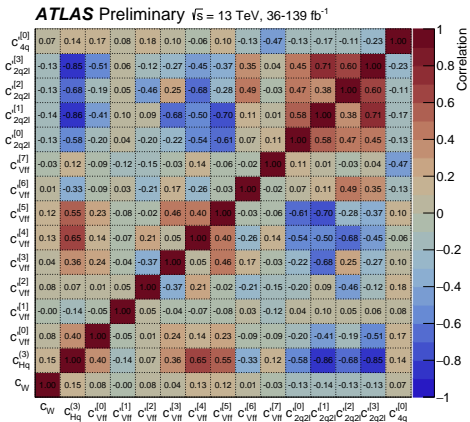
EFT Results for Additional Operators

Wilson coefficient and operator		Final state affected at leading order				C_{ed}	$(\bar{e}\gamma_\mu e)(\bar{d}\gamma^\mu d)$		✓	(✓)
		$e^\pm\nu\bar{\mu}^\mp\nu$	$\ell^+\ell^-\ell^\pm\nu$	4ℓ	$\ell^+\ell^-jj$					
C_G	$f^{abc}G_\mu^{ab}G_\nu^{bc}G_\rho^{ca}$				✓	C_{lu}	$(\bar{l}\gamma_\mu l)(\bar{u}\gamma^\mu u)$	✓		✓ (✓)
C_W	$\epsilon^{IJK}W_\mu^I W_\nu^J W_\rho^K$	✓	✓		✓	C_{ld}	$(\bar{l}\gamma_\mu l)(\bar{d}\gamma^\mu d)$	✓		✓ (✓)
C_{HD}	$(H^\dagger D_\mu H)^\dagger (H^\dagger D_\mu H)$		✓	✓	✓	C_{qe}	$(\bar{q}\gamma_\mu q)(\bar{e}\gamma^\mu e)$		✓	✓ (✓)
C_{HWB}	$H^\dagger \tau^I H W_{\mu\nu}^I B^{\mu\nu}$	✓	✓	✓	✓	$C_{qq}^{(1,1)}$	$(\bar{q}\gamma_\mu q)(\bar{q}\gamma^\mu q)$			✓
$C_{Hl}^{(1)}$	$(H^\dagger i\overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H)(\bar{l}\gamma^\mu l)$	✓	✓	✓	✓	$C_{qq}^{(1,8)}$	$(\bar{q}T^a\gamma_\mu q)(\bar{q}T^a\gamma^\mu q)$			✓
$C_{Hl}^{(3)}$	$(H^\dagger i\overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu^\dagger H)(\bar{l}\tau^I\gamma^\mu l)$	✓	✓	✓	✓	$C_{qq}^{(3,1)}$	$(\bar{q}\sigma^I\gamma_\mu q)(\bar{q}\sigma^I\gamma^\mu q)$			✓
C_{He}	$(H^\dagger i\overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H)(\bar{e}\gamma^\mu e)$	✓	✓	✓	✓	$C_{qq}^{(3,8)}$	$(\bar{q}\sigma^I T^a\gamma_\mu q)(\bar{q}\sigma^I T^a\gamma^\mu q)$			✓
$C_{Hq}^{(1)}$	$(H^\dagger i\overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H)(\bar{q}\gamma^\mu q)$	✓	✓	✓	✓	$C_{uu}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{u}\gamma_\mu u)(\bar{u}\gamma^\mu u)$			✓
$C_{Hq}^{(3)}$	$(H^\dagger i\overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu^\dagger H)(\bar{q}\tau^I\gamma^\mu q)$	✓	✓	✓	✓	$C_{uu}^{(8)}$	$(\bar{u}T^a\gamma_\mu u)(\bar{u}T^a\gamma^\mu u)$			✓
C_{Hu}	$(H^\dagger i\overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H)(\bar{u}\gamma^\mu u)$	✓	✓	✓	✓	$C_{dd}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{d}\gamma_\mu d)(\bar{d}\gamma^\mu d)$			✓
C_{Hd}	$(H^\dagger i\overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H)(\bar{d}\gamma^\mu d)$	✓	✓	✓	✓	$C_{dd}^{(8)}$	$(\bar{d}T^a\gamma_\mu d)(\bar{d}T^a\gamma^\mu d)$			✓
$C_{ll}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{l}\gamma_\mu l)(\bar{l}\gamma^\mu l)$	✓	✓	✓	✓	$C_{ud}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{u}\gamma_\mu u)(\bar{d}\gamma^\mu d)$			✓
$C_{lq}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{l}\gamma_\mu l)(\bar{q}\gamma^\mu q)$	✓	✓	✓	(✓)	$C_{ud}^{(8)}$	$(\bar{u}T^a\gamma_\mu u)(\bar{d}T^a\gamma^\mu d)$			✓
$C_{lq}^{(3)}$	$(\bar{l}\gamma_\mu\tau^I l)(\bar{q}\gamma^\mu\tau^I q)$	✓	✓	✓	(✓)	$C_{qu}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{q}\gamma_\mu q)(\bar{u}\gamma^\mu u)$			✓
C_{eu}	$(\bar{e}\gamma_\mu e)(\bar{u}\gamma^\mu u)$			✓	(✓)	$C_{qu}^{(8)}$	$(\bar{q}T^a\gamma_\mu q)(\bar{u}T^a\gamma^\mu u)$			✓
C_{ed}	$(\bar{e}\gamma_\mu e)(\bar{d}\gamma^\mu d)$			✓	(✓)	$C_{qd}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{q}\gamma_\mu q)(\bar{d}\gamma^\mu d)$			✓
				✓	(✓)	$C_{qd}^{(8)}$	$(\bar{q}T^a\gamma_\mu q)(\bar{d}T^a\gamma^\mu d)$			✓

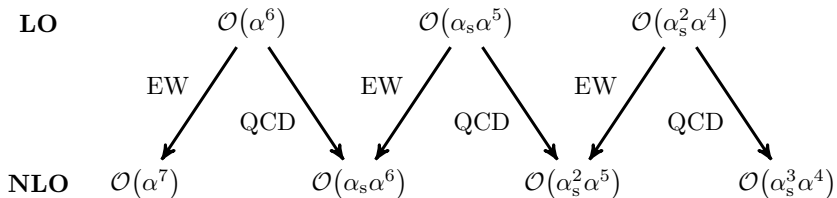
Eigenvalue Decomposition – Full Covariance Matrix



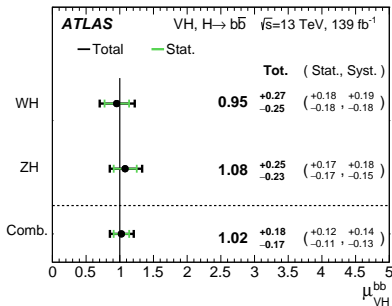
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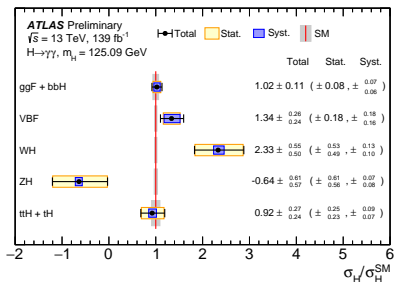
Couplings in Wjj production



WH Measurements

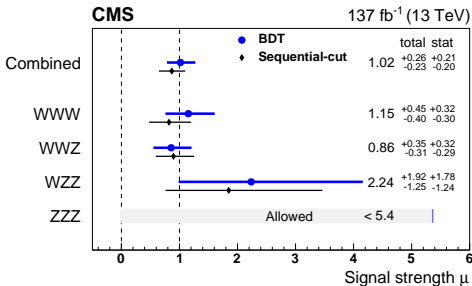


- ▶ Measurement of VH ,
 $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ in 139 fb^{-1}
- ▶ [EPJC 81 \(2021\) 178](#)



- ▶ Measurement of VH ,
 $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ in 139 fb^{-1}
 - ▶ [ATLAS-CONF-2020-026](#)
 - ▶ Large negative correlation (-42%)
between WH and ZH
- Σ : $\sigma_{\mathcal{B}}/(\sigma_{\mathcal{B}})_{\text{SM}} = (5.9 \pm 1.4 \text{ fb}) / (4.53 \pm 0.12 \text{ fb})$,
 p -value = 50%

WWW in CMS

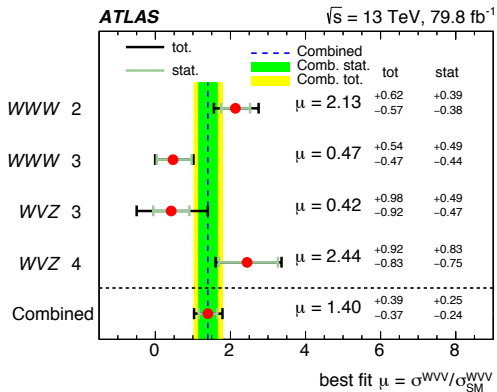


Process	Cross section (fb)
Treating Higgs boson contributions as signal	
VVV	1010 ^{+210 +150} _{-200 -120}
WWW	590 ^{+160 +160} _{-150 -130}
WWZ	300 ^{+120 +50} _{-100 -40}
WZZ	200 ^{+160 +70} _{-110 -20}
ZZZ	<200
Treating Higgs boson contributions as background	
VVV	370 ^{+140 +80} _{-130 -60}
WWW	190 ^{+110 +80} _{-100 -70}
WWZ	100 ^{+80 +30} _{-70 -30}
WZZ	110 ^{+100 +30} _{-70 -10}
ZZZ	<80

(Measured cross sections)

From [Phys. Rev. Lett. 125 \(2020\) 151802](#)

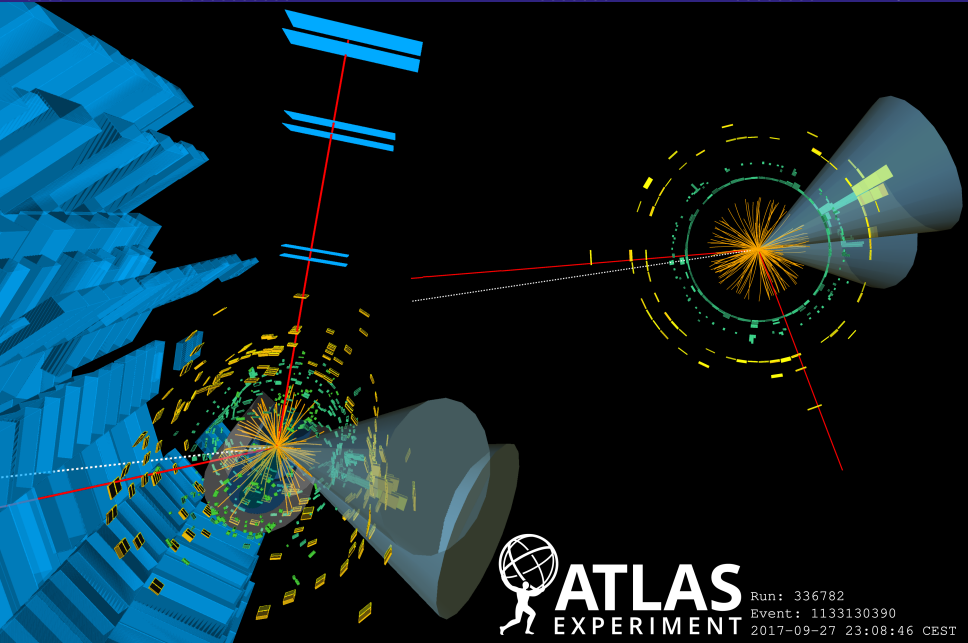
WW in ATLAS



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WW Event Yields

	$e^\pm e^\pm$	$e^\pm \mu^\pm$	$\mu^\pm \mu^\pm$	3ℓ
WW	29.3 ± 4.4	128 ± 19	84 ± 12	35.8 ± 5.2
WZ	80.6 ± 5.7	344 ± 22	171 ± 10	16.4 ± 1.4
Charge-flip	30.3 ± 7.2	18.8 ± 4.5	–	1.7 ± 0.4
γ conversions	62.1 ± 8.7	142 ± 15	–	1.5 ± 0.1
Non-prompt	16.6 ± 4.1	138 ± 24	98 ± 21	26.3 ± 2.9
Other	22.8 ± 3.7	102 ± 15	59.7 ± 9.0	8.0 ± 0.9
Total predicted	242 ± 11	872 ± 22	414 ± 17	89.7 ± 5.4
Data	242	885	418	79



 **ATLAS**
EXPERIMENT

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$WWW \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu \mu^+ \nu jj$ candidate event. The jets have $p_T=186$ GeV and $p_T=84$ GeV, with $m_{jj}=80.9$ GeV. The BDT score is 0.86.
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$Z(\rightarrow\nu\nu)\gamma$ Selection

Variable	SR	$W_{\mu\nu}^\gamma$ CR	W_{ev}^γ CR	$Z_{\text{Rev. Cen.}}^\gamma$ CR	Fake- e CR	Low- E_T^{miss} VR
$p_T(j_1)$ [GeV]				> 60		
$p_T(j_2)$ [GeV]				> 50		
$p_T(j_{>2})$ [GeV]				> 25		
N_{jet}				2,3		
$N_{b\text{-jet}}$				< 2		
$\Delta\phi_{ij}$				< 2.5 [2.0]		
$ \Delta\eta_{jj} $				> 3.0		
$\eta(j_1) \times \eta(j_2)$				< 0		
C_3				< 0.7		
m_{ij} [TeV]			> 0.25			0.25–1.0
E_T^{miss} [GeV]	> 150	–	> 80	> 150	< 80	110–150
$E_T^{\text{miss,lep-rm}}$ [GeV]	–	> 150	> 150	–	> 150	110–150
$E_T^{\text{jets,no-jvt}}$ [GeV]			> 130			> 100
$\Delta\phi(j_i, \vec{E}_T^{\text{miss,lep-rm}})$				> 1.0		
N_γ				1		
$p_T(\gamma)$ [GeV]			$> 15, < 110$ [$> 15, < \max(110, 0.733 \times m_T)$]			
C_γ	> 0.4	> 0.4	> 0.4	< 0.4	> 0.4	> 0.4
$\Delta\phi(\gamma, \vec{E}_T^{\text{miss,lep-rm}})$				> 1.8 [–]		
N_ℓ	0	1 μ	1 e	0	1 e	0
$p_T(\ell)$ [GeV]	–	> 30	> 30	–	> 30	–

$Z(\rightarrow\nu\nu)\gamma$ Uncertainties

Source	1σ Uncertainty on $\mu_{Z\gamma_{EW}}$	1σ Uncertainty on \mathcal{B}_{inv}	1σ Uncertainty on $\mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma_d)$
Jet scale and resolution	0.076	0.045	0.0011
$V\gamma$ + jets theory	0.067	0.044	0.0018
pile-up	0.040	0.021	0.0004
Photon	0.035	0.031	0.0011
$e \rightarrow \gamma$, jet $\rightarrow e, \gamma$ Bkg.	0.035	0.034	0.0028
Lepton	0.027	0.003	0.0008
E_T^{miss}	0.023	0.018	0.0003
Signal theory shape	0.020	–	–
Signal theory acceptance	0.12	–	–
Data stats.	0.16	0.11	0.0056
$W\gamma$ + jets/ $Z\gamma$ + jets Norm.	0.073	0.013	0.0004
MC stats.	0.063	0.046	0.0026
Total	0.25	0.15	0.0073

$Z(\rightarrow\nu\nu)\gamma$ Event Yields

Process	Fake- e CR	$W_{e\nu}^{\gamma}$ CR	$W_{\mu\nu}^{\gamma}$ CR	$Z_{\text{Rev.Cen.}}^{\gamma}$ CR	SR - m_{ij} [TeV]			
					0.25-0.5	0.5-1.0	1.0-1.5	≥ 1.5
Strong $Z\gamma$ + jets	8 ± 8	0 ± 1	3 ± 2	50 ± 12	20 ± 6	54 ± 12	13 ± 5	5 ± 2
EW $Z\gamma$ + jets	0.6 ± 0.2	0.3 ± 0.2	0.4 ± 0.2	7 ± 2	4 ± 1	30 ± 7	25 ± 5	36 ± 7
Strong $W\gamma$ + jets	43 ± 9	47 ± 9	133 ± 21	24 ± 6	22 ± 6	35 ± 10	9 ± 3	3 ± 1
EW $W\gamma$ + jets	19 ± 6	31 ± 7	59 ± 13	1.4 ± 0.5	2 ± 1	6 ± 1	4 ± 1	5 ± 1
jet $\rightarrow \gamma$	1 ± 1	2 ± 2	3 ± 2	2 ± 2	1 ± 1	2 ± 2	1 ± 1	0.4 ± 0.3
jet $\rightarrow e$	34 ± 17	5 ± 3	–	–	–	–	–	–
$e \rightarrow \gamma$	–	2.7 ± 0.4	2.9 ± 0.4	13 ± 1	6 ± 1	11 ± 1	2.6 ± 0.4	1.4 ± 0.3
γ + jet	–	–	–	0.7 ± 0.5	0.7 ± 0.5	0.4 ± 0.3	0.1 ± 0.1	0.1 ± 0.1
$t\bar{t}\gamma/V\gamma\gamma$	3 ± 1	9 ± 2	13 ± 2	3 ± 1	2 ± 1	4 ± 1	0.4 ± 0.2	0.1 ± 0.1
Fitted Yields	108 ± 10	96 ± 8	213 ± 14	102 ± 9	58 ± 6	143 ± 12	54 ± 5	52 ± 6
Data	108	95	216	100	52	153	50	52
Data/Fit	1.00 ± 0.14	0.99 ± 0.12	1.01 ± 0.09	0.98 ± 0.13	0.90 ± 0.15	1.07 ± 0.11	0.93 ± 0.16	0.99 ± 0.18

$Z(\rightarrow \ell\ell)\gamma$ Event Yields

