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Vector-boson Scattering, Diboson And Triboson Production at ATLAS

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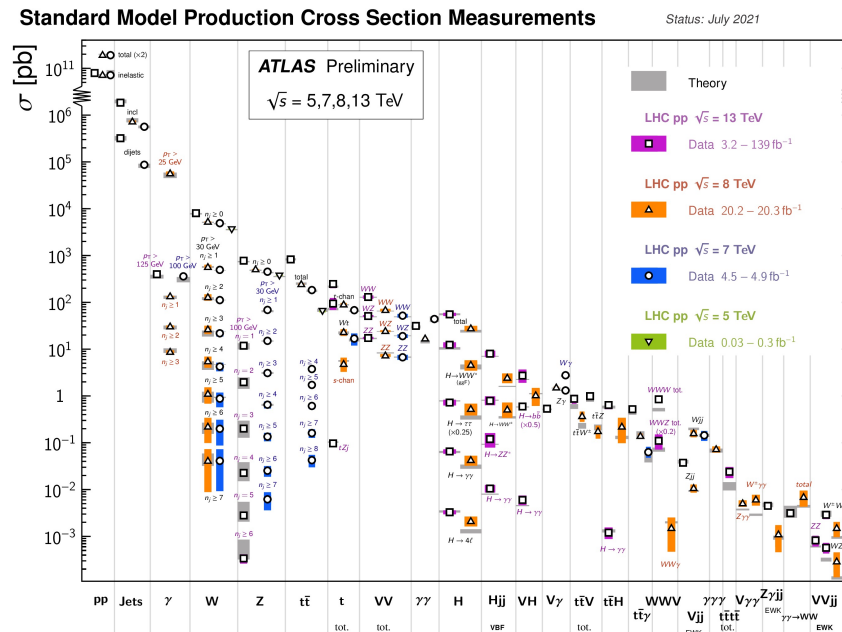
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Motivation

- Through electroweak Boson self-interaction multi-boson can provide unique probe of standard model
- Precious test of higher order prediction
 - Higher order corrections important at higher center of mass energy
- Search for the Beyond Standard Model
 - Many process acts as a background for many direct BMS searches
 - Important to measure them precisely
- Differential Fiducial cross-section measurements
 - $W^+W^- + \geq 1$ Jets Production [JHEP 06 \(2021\) 003](#)
- Observation and cross-section measurements
 - $Z(\rightarrow \ell\ell)\gamma jj$ Production [ATLAS-CONF-2021-038](#)
 - $Z(\rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu})\gamma jj$ Production [EXOT-2021-17](#)



- Triboson Measurements
 - WWW results [ATLAS-CONF-2021-039](#)

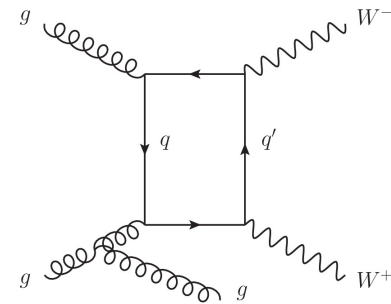
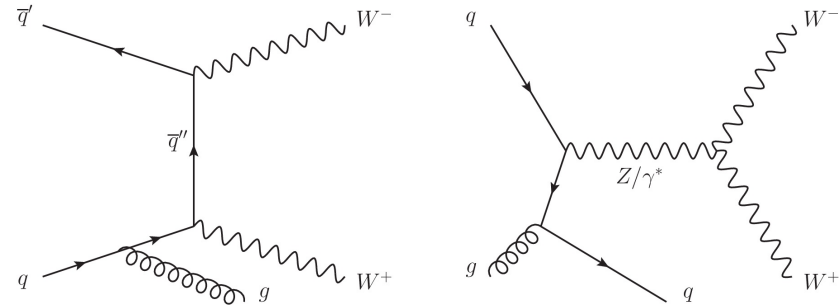
Measurements of $W^+W^- + \geq 1$ Jets Production



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$W^+W^- + \geq 1$ Jets Inclusive Measurements

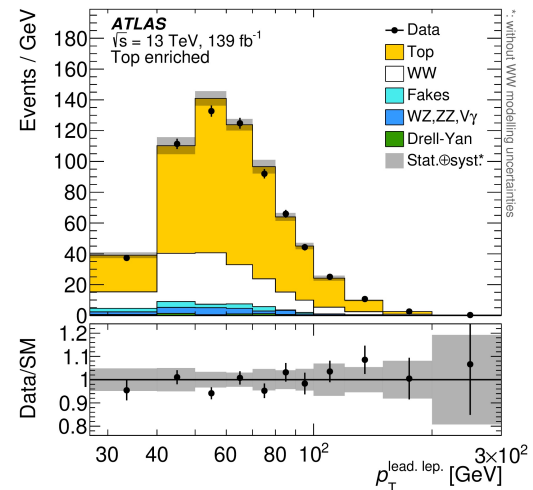
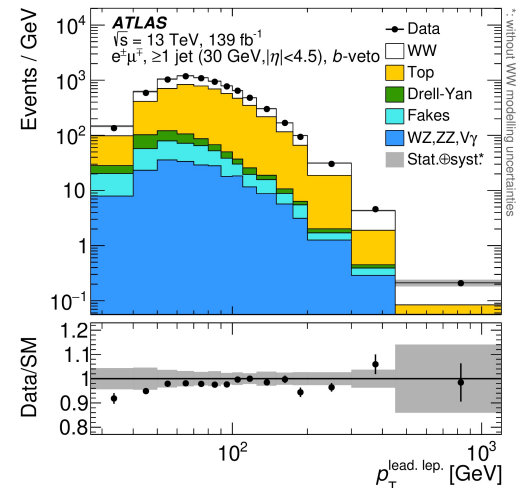
- The fiducial and differential cross-section measurements
 - First time at LHC, differential measurements performed in jet-inclusive phase space
- Provides stringent test of theoretical prediction
 - Perturbative QCD
 - Higher order EWK corrections
- Measurements are performed by selecting on opposite sign $e\mu$ pair along with at least one hadronic jet
- Sensitivity to triple gauge coupling vertex



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W⁺W⁻ + ≥ 1 Jets Analysis Strategies

- Event selection criteria
 - Considered eμ channel only
 - Kinematic cuts selected to match the fiducial region
 - b-jet veto to reduced large top background
 - $m_{e\mu} > 85$ MeV to suppress Drell-Yan background as well as H→WW resonance
- Background Estimation
 - Dominated by Top background
 - $t\bar{t}$ is estimated with data-driven method
 - Consider 2 control region with 1btag and 2btag
 - Drell-Yan background is estimated using the MC samples
 - Fake leptons also estimated using the data-driven method
 - Single top and diboson background estimated using MC (Sherpa) Samples



Fiducial Cross-Section

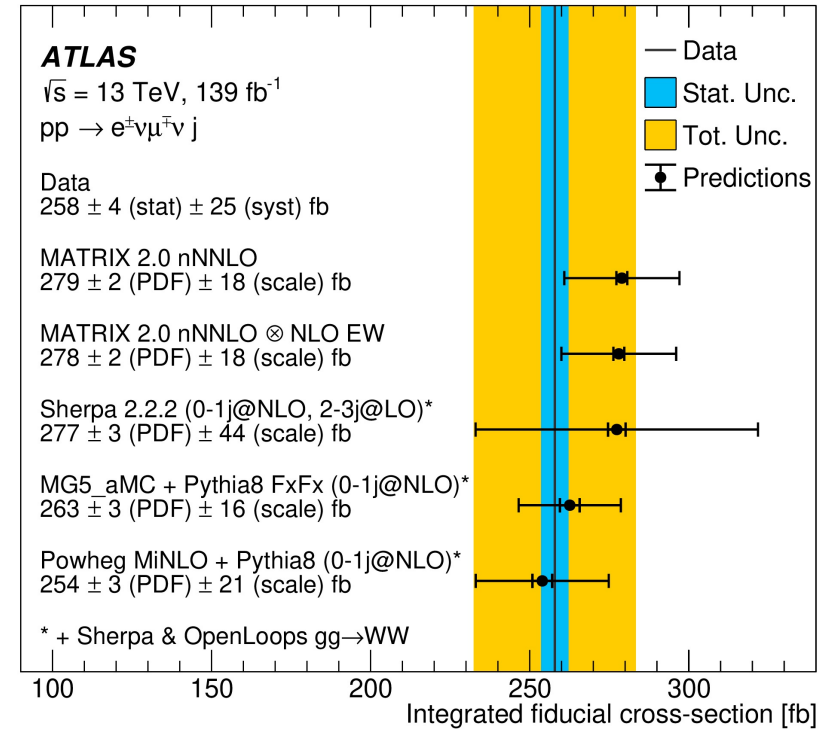
$$\sigma_{\text{fid}} = 258 \pm 4 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 25 \text{ (syst.) fb}$$

10% total uncertainty

- Fix-order NLO prediction with Sherpa, Madgraph and Powheg generators are consistent with theory prediction

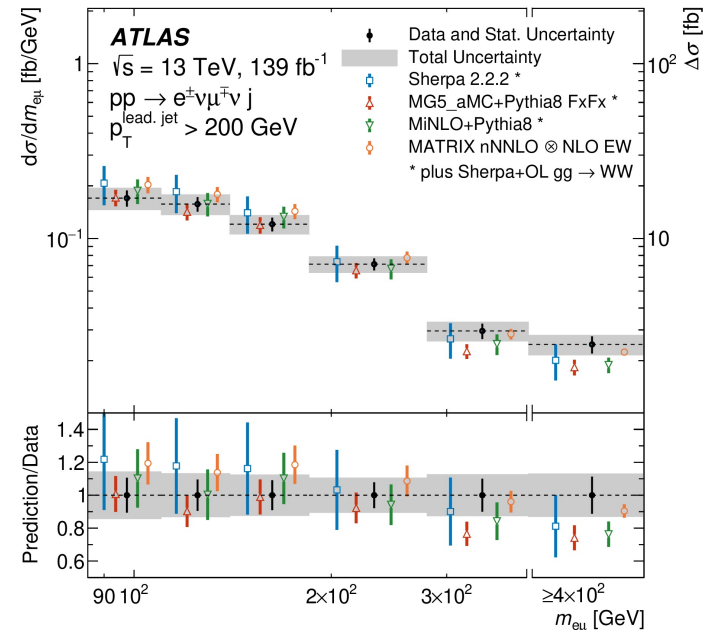
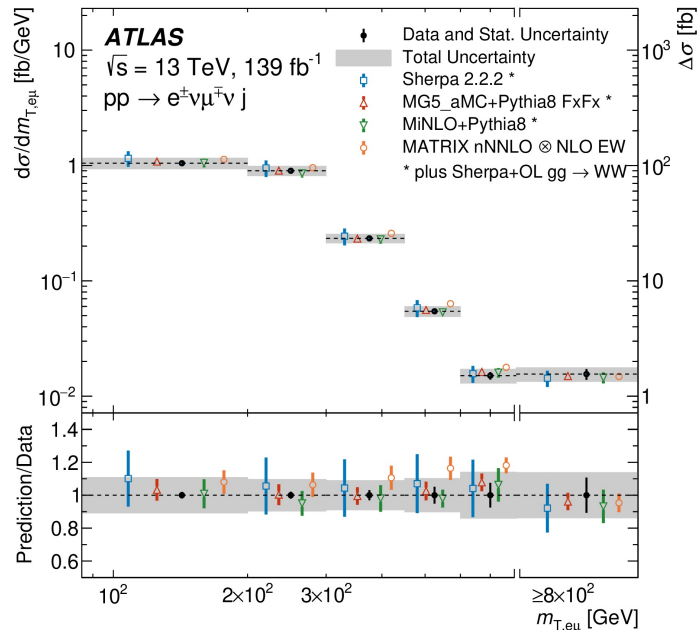
Fiducial selection requirements

$$\begin{aligned}
 p_T^\ell &> 27 \text{ GeV} \\
 |\eta^\ell| &< 2.5 \\
 m_{e\mu} &> 85 \text{ GeV} \\
 p_T^j &> 30 \text{ GeV} \\
 |y^j| &< 4.5
 \end{aligned}$$



Differential Cross-section

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- Differential cross-section is measured with different kinematic variables
- Good agreement with MC prediction and Data

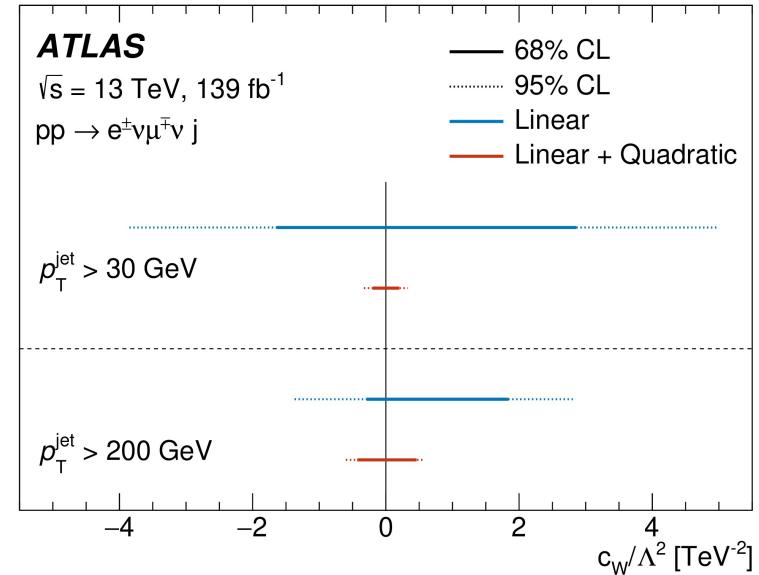
- Measurements with higher momentum for NLO EW correction
- Higher sensitivity to aTGCs

EFT in $W^+W^- + \geq 1$ Jets: dim-6 operators

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$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{EFT}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \sum_i C_i^{(6)} \mathcal{O}_i^{(6)} + \sum_i C_i^{(8)} \mathcal{O}_i^{(8)} + \dots$$

- Final state sensitive to dim-6 Q_W variable
- $m_{e\mu}$ used as a discriminant in an enhanced $p_T > 200$ GeV jet phase space
- C_W coefficient is constrained
- In addition to these studies ATLAS has published combined EFT interpretation results of differential cross-section measurements of WW , WZ , $4l$, and $Z + jj$ production [ATL-PHYS-PUB-2021-022](#)



Jet p_T	Linear only	68% CI obs.	95% CI obs.	68% CI exp.	95% CI exp.
$> 30 \text{ GeV}$	yes	[-1.64, 2.86]	[-3.85, 4.97]	[-2.30, 2.27]	[-4.53, 4.41]
$> 30 \text{ GeV}$	no	[-0.20, 0.20]	[-0.33, 0.33]	[-0.28, 0.27]	[-0.39, 0.38]
$> 200 \text{ GeV}$	yes	[-0.29, 1.84]	[-1.37, 2.81]	[-1.12, 1.09]	[-2.24, 2.10]
$> 200 \text{ GeV}$	no	[-0.43, 0.46]	[-0.60, 0.58]	[-0.38, 0.33]	[-0.53, 0.48]

Vector Boson Scattering

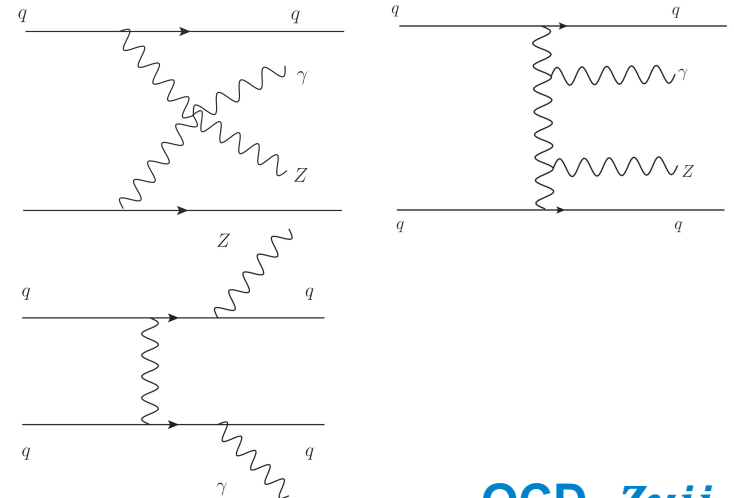


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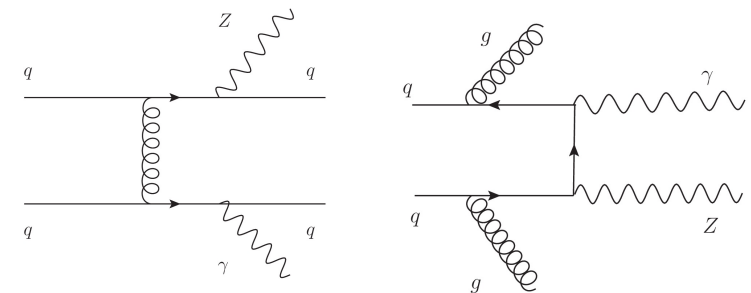
Production $Z(\rightarrow \ell\ell)\gamma jj$

- Powerful test to the standard model (SM) for its sensitivity to the gauge self-interaction
- Provides opportunity to explore vector boson scattering (VBS), which directly probe the electroweak symmetry breaking of the SM as well as can extract the constraints on anomalous gauge coupling
- Electroweak production of the $Z\gamma jj$ final state contains both VBS and non-VBS process
- When initial and final states of the $Z\gamma$ production are same then the production mechanism with EWK and QCD interference
- Observation and cross-section measurements of EW- $Z\gamma jj$ with 139 fb^{-1} Run-II data is presented
 - Z boson decays to either e^+e^- or $\mu^+\mu^-$

EW- $Z\gamma jj$



QCD- $Z\gamma jj$



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

Analysis Strategy

- Events selection by defining phase is applied at particle level

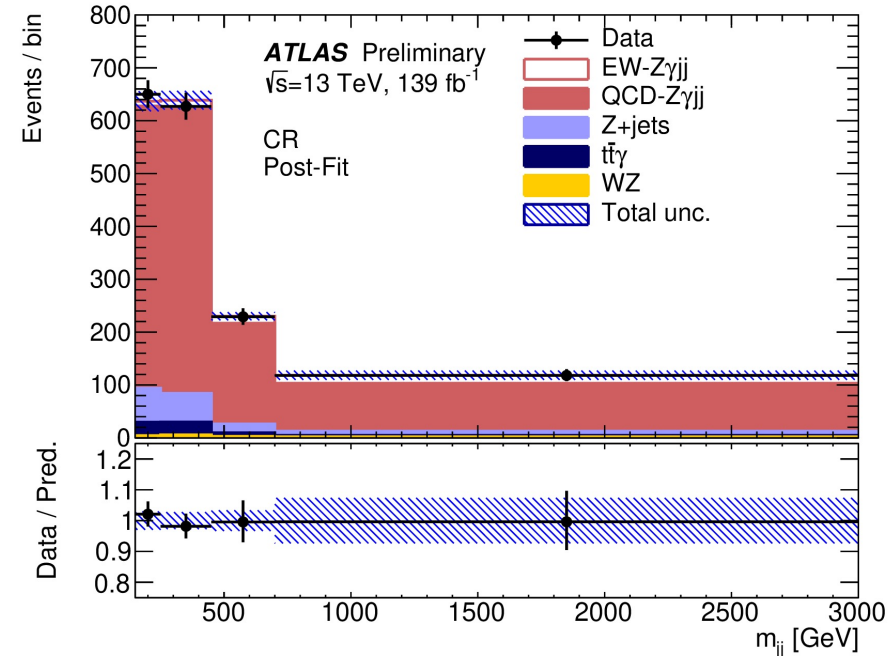
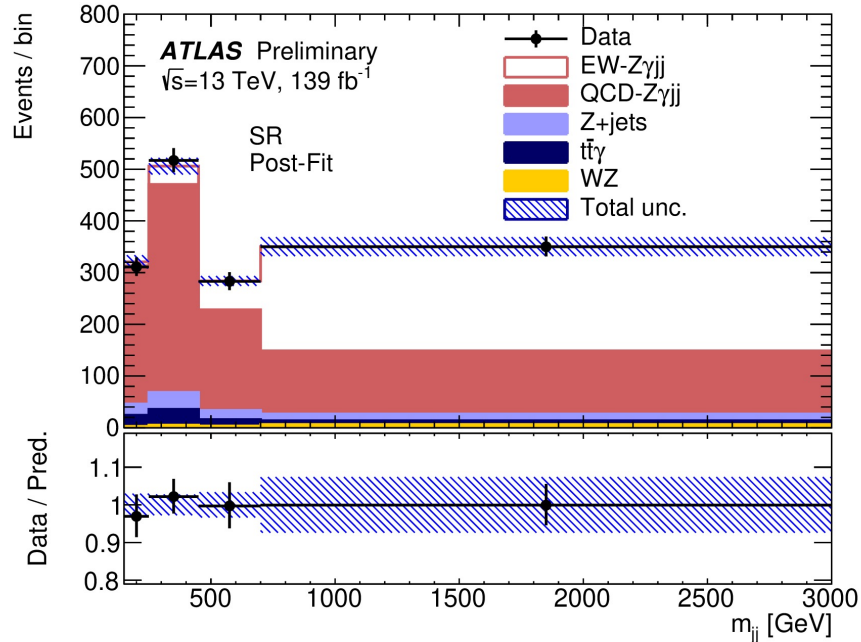
Lepton	$p_T^\ell > 20, 30(\text{leading}) \text{ GeV}, \quad \eta_\ell < 2.47$ $N_\ell \geq 2$
Photon	$E_T^\gamma > 25 \text{ GeV}, \quad \eta_\gamma < 2.37$ $E_T^{\text{cone}20} < 0.07 E_T^\gamma$ $\Delta R(\ell, \gamma) > 0.4$
Jet	$p_T^{\text{jet}} > 50 \text{ GeV}, \quad y_{\text{jet}} < 4.4$ $ \Delta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

- Cuts on the centrality (ζ) of the $\ell^+\ell^-\gamma$ system defines the Signal and Control Regions
 - **SR ($\zeta < 0.4$)** and **QCD CR ($\zeta > 0.4$)**

Background Estimation

- Main source of background: $Z\gamma jj$ events from QCD induced process i.e. QCD- $Z\gamma jj$
 - Shape estimated from MC and normalization factor determined from the final fit
- Second largest background comes from $Z+\text{jet}$
 - Estimated with data driven method
- $t\bar{t}\gamma$ events estimated using MC samples
 - scaled factor is derived by comparing the prediction with the data using an $e\mu\gamma$ events
- Other small backgrounds estimated using MC

m_{jj} Distribution in SR and CR

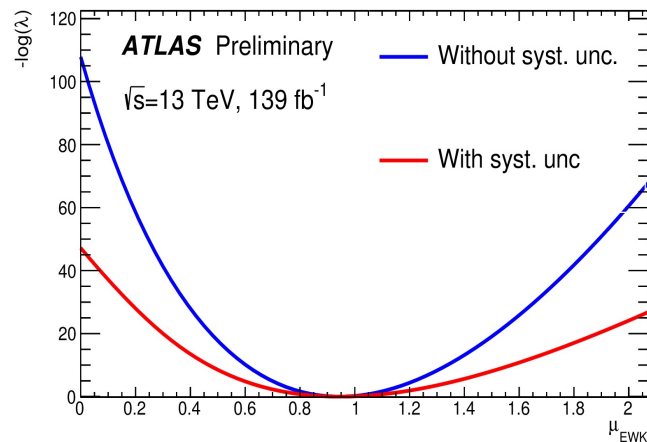


Events beyond the upper limit of the histogram are included in the last bin

Cross-section of Production $Z(\rightarrow \ell\ell)\gamma jj$

- Measured signal strength
 - $\mu_{EW} = 0.95 \pm 0.08 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.11 \text{ (syst)}$
- Observed significance of 10σ , whereas expected is 11σ
- Fiducial cross-section in the EWK $pp \rightarrow Z\gamma jj$ in the phase space
 - $\sigma_{EW} = 4.49 \pm 0.40 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.42 \text{ (syst) fb}$ with overall 13% uncertainty
 - Results are consistent with the predicated cross-section using the MadGraph5 interfaced with Pythia8
- The total cross-section of $(EW + QCD) - Z\gamma jj$ is obtained with the precision of 7%
 - $\sigma_{EW+QCD} = 20.6 \pm 0.6 \text{ (stat)}_{-1.0}^{+1.2} \text{ (syst) fb}$

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Production of $Z(\rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu})\gamma jj$

- The first observation measurement of production of $Z(\rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu})\gamma jj$ with $5.2(5.1) \sigma$ significance
- Backgrounds are constrained during the final fit with defining the multiple control regions
- In the signal regions all events with leptons are vetoed

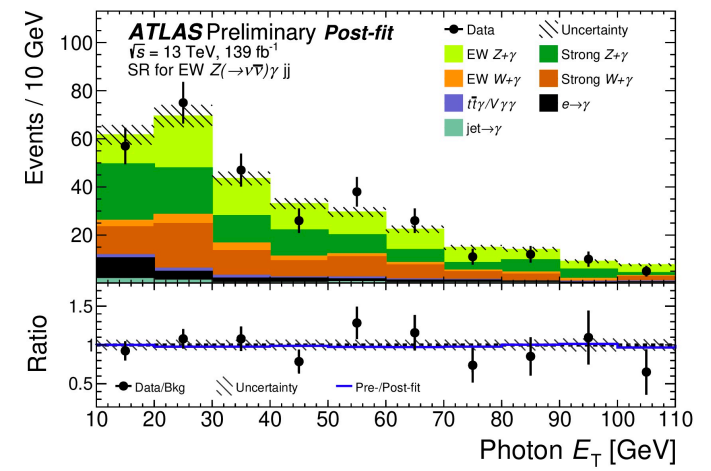
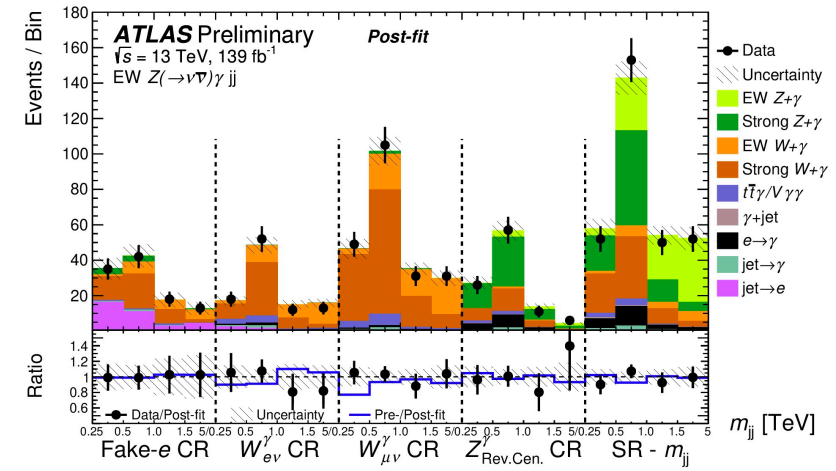
- Measured signal strength

$$\mu_{EW} = 1.03 \pm 0.25$$

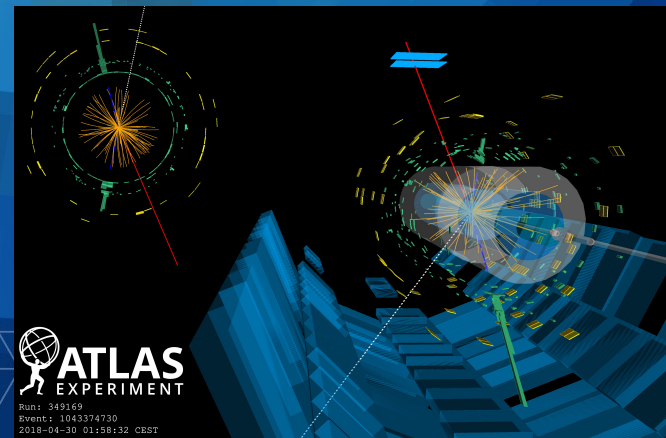
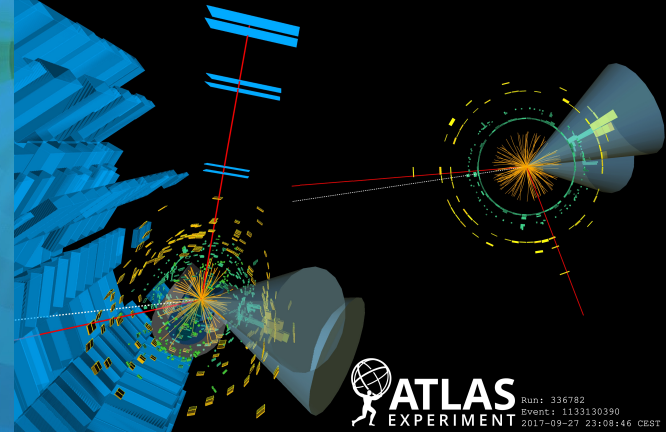
- Measured fiducial cross-section:

$$\sigma_{Z(\rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu})\gamma EW}^{fid} = 1.31 \pm 0.2 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.2 \text{ (syst)} \text{ fb}$$

- Analysis also set limits on the invisible Higgs decay



Triboson Production



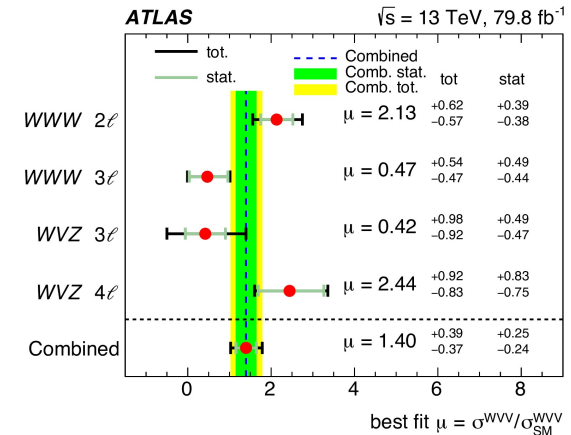
Triboson Production at LHC

- Evidence and observations of the combined triboson channels are reported by ATLAS and CMS experiments
 - Evidence for production of massive vector boson with ATLAS detector
 - ATLAS 80 fb⁻¹ : WWV 4.1σ, WWW 3.2σ
 - CMS 137 fb⁻¹ : VVV 5.7σ, WWW 3.3σ
- Now with full Run II 139 fb⁻¹ data ATLAS experiment achieved observation results in stand alone WWW channel

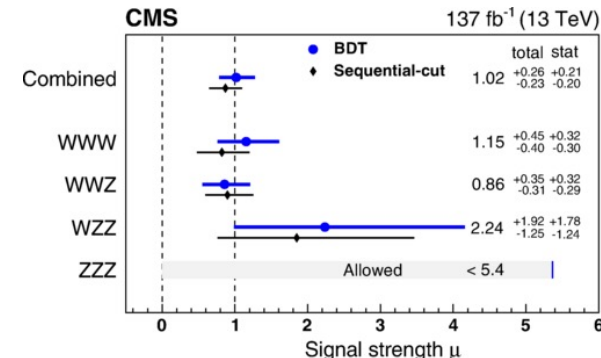
New Results: ATLAS 139 fb⁻¹ WWW 8.2σ

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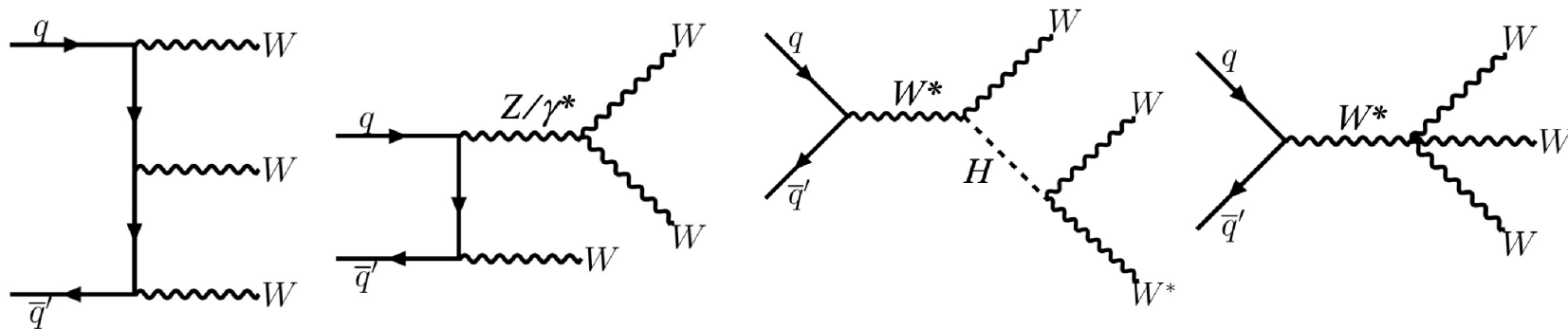


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WWW Production

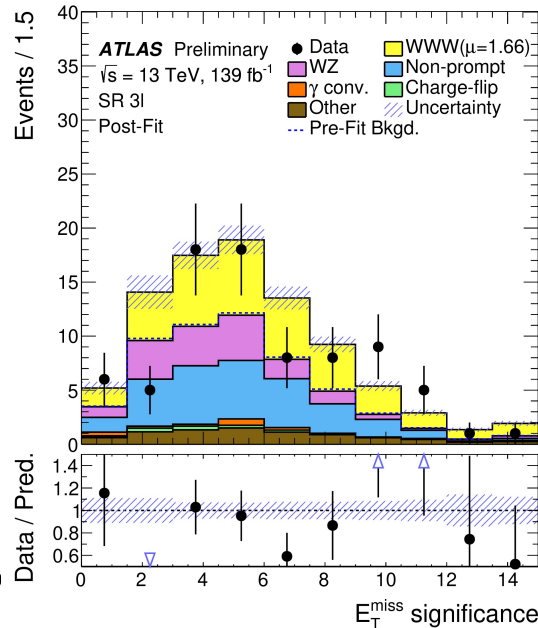
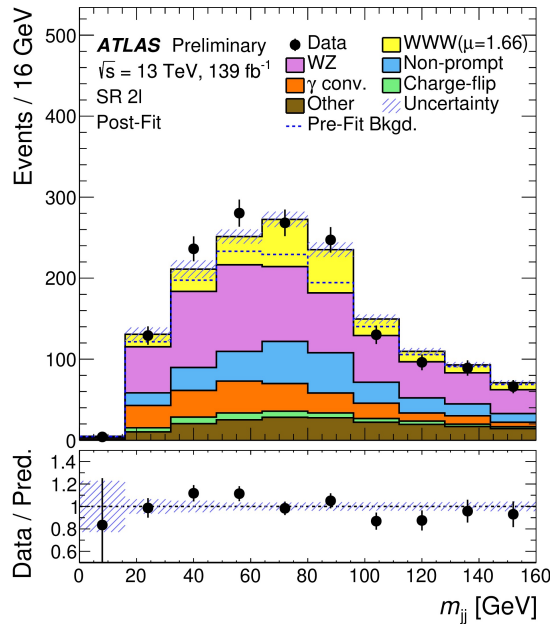
Using Run II ATLAS Data: $W^\pm W^\mp W^\mp \rightarrow l\nu l\nu jj$ ($l\nu l\nu l\nu$)



- During Run II analysis, WWW production is measured using two final states:
 - Two lepton channel: $W^\pm W^\mp W^\mp \rightarrow l^\pm \nu l^\pm \nu jj$
 - It only includes same-sign leptons (ee, e μ , $\mu\mu$) and two jets from the third W bosons
 - Three lepton channel: $W^\pm W^\mp W^\mp \rightarrow l^\pm \nu l^\mp \nu l^\mp \nu$
 - It includes zero same flavor opposite sign lepton pairs

WWW Signal and Backgrounds

- The signal events includes events from WWW along with WH events contributing from the 3rd Feynman diagram

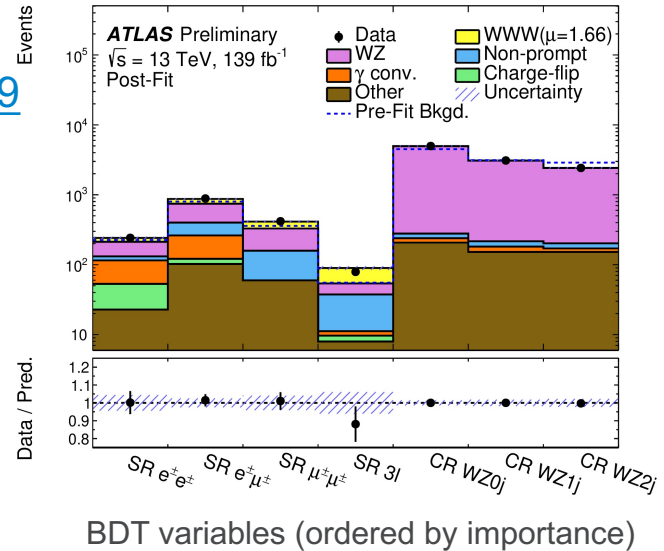


- Background includes WZ, Non-prompt, γ -conversion, and charge flip
- 2 lepton channel: More statistics but also large background
 - Dominated by WZ, γ -conversion and followed by other backgrounds
- 3 lepton channel: Relatively small background but is statistically limited
 - Dominated by non-prompt background

Analysis Strategy

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- Analysis is dominated by the WZ background
 - Data-driven method is used to estimate the WZ normalization scale factors
 - There are three WZ control regions based on the jet multiplicity i.e. 0j, 1j and $\geq 2j$
 - Separate normalization factor used for each control region
- Machine learning techniques are used to increase the signal sensitivity
 - Boosted Decision Trees (BDT) is used to fit the signal and control region simultaneously
 - For BDT training:
 - 2 lepton channel: includes 12 variables
 - 3 lepton channel: includes 11 variables



2 ℓ	3 ℓ
$ m_{jj} - m_W $	E_T^{miss} significance $\times 10/E_T^{\text{miss}}$
p_T (forward jet)	$p_T(\ell_2)$
E_T^{miss} significance	$N(\text{jets})$
$p_T(j_2)$	same flavor $m_{\ell\ell}$
minimum $m(\ell, j)$	$m_T(\ell\ell, E_T^{\text{miss}})$
$m(\ell_2, j_1)$	$m(\ell_2, \ell_3)$
$N(\text{jets})$	$\Delta\phi(\ell\ell, E_T^{\text{miss}})$
$p_T(\ell_2)$	minimum $\Delta R(\ell, \ell)$
$m_{\ell\ell}$	$p_T(\ell_3)$
$ \eta(\ell_1) $	$m_T(\ell_2, E_T^{\text{miss}})$
$N(\text{leptons in jets})$	E_T^{miss} significance
$m(\ell_1, j_1)$	

WWW Measurements

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Signal Strength

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

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

Measured Cross-Section of WWW production

850 ± 100 (stat.) ± 80 (sys.) fb

- SM expected cross-section from MC samples is used to estimate the μ
 - Cross-section from MC: WWW + WH: 511 ± 42 fb

Summary

- ATLAS Run-II measurements with integrated luminosity 139 fb^{-1} are presented
 - $W^+W^- + \geq 1 \text{ Jets}$, $Z(\rightarrow \ell\ell)\gamma jj$, $Z(\rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu})\gamma jj$, and WWW production
- Cross-section measurements are studied in detail
- Observation results in stand-alone WWW channel are achieved with 8.2σ

Thank You!!