

Multi-Boson Interaction (MBI) 2021

EWK single and diboson production and aGCs of massive vector bosons



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CMS

Z+2jets

2016

$W^{\pm}W^{\pm}$ WZ WV ZZ

Full Run II

ATLAS

Z+2jets

Full Run II

$W^{\pm}W^{\pm}$ WZ VV

2015+2016

ZZ

Full Run II

CMS ANALYSES

- **VBF Z+ two jets** ([EPJC 78 \(2018\) 589](#)) - Electroweak production of two jets in association with a Z boson in proton–proton collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV
- **VBS $W^\pm W^\pm WZ$** ([PLB 809\(2020\) 135710](#)) - Measurements of production cross sections of WZ and same-sign WW boson pairs in association with two jets in proton-proton collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV
- **VBS WV** ([CMS-PAS-SMP-20-013](#)) - Search for vector boson scattering at the LHC Run 2 with CMS data in the semi-leptonic lvqq final state
- **VBS ZZ** ([PLB 812 \(2020\) 135992](#)) - Evidence for electroweak production of four charged leptons and two jets in proton-proton collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV

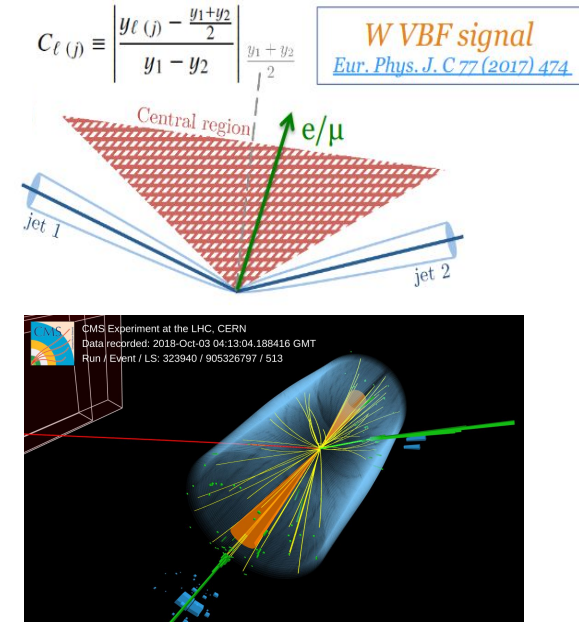
ATLAS ANALYSES

- **VBF Z+ two jets** ([Eur. Phys. J. C 81 \(2021\) 163](#)) - Differential cross-section measurements for the electroweak production of dijets in association with a Z boson in proton–proton collisions at ATLAS
- **VBS $W^\pm W^\pm$** ([Phys. Rev. Lett. 123 \(2019\) 161801](#)) - Observation of electroweak production of a same-sign W boson pair in association with two jets in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV with the ATLAS detector
- **VBS WZ** ([Phys. Lett. B 793 \(2019\) 469](#)) - Observation of electroweak $W^\pm Z$ boson pair production in association with two jets in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV with the ATLAS detector
- **VBS VV** ([Phys. Rev. D 100, 032007 \(2019\)](#)) - Search for electroweak diboson production in association with a high-mass dijet system in semileptonic final states in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV with the ATLAS detector
- **VBS ZZ** ([2004.10612](#)) - Observation of electroweak production of two jets and a Z-boson pair with the ATLAS detector at the LHC

A big thanks to Guillelmo(CMS) and Monica(ATLAS)!

Higgs Boson lone player responsible for Electroweak Symmetry Breaking ?

- Measurements of **vector boson fusion (VBF)** and **vector boson scattering (VBS)** processes → Key processes to test SM EW sector and to experimentally probe nature of EWSB
 - VBF with Z/W is a ‘standard candle’ for the other fusion processes at LHC (e.g. Higgs production)
 - VBS production cross-section can be used to probe how Higgs unitarizes the scattering amplitude
- VBF and VBS topology**
 - Two high energy hadronic jets (large dijet mass) in forward and backward regions
 - Hadronic activity suppressed inside rapidity gap due to absence of colour flow between interacting partons
- Experimental Analysis**
 - Select EW V/VV events
 - Estimate non-EW V/VV backgrounds
 - Combination of simulation and data driven techniques
 - Measurements
 - Inclusive and Differential Cross section Measurements
 - Search for anomalous Gauge Couplings

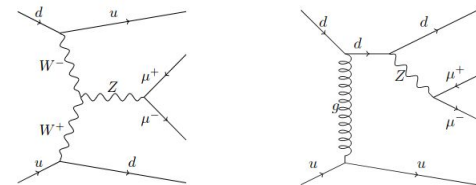


CMS VBF Z+2jets 2016 dataset: Overview

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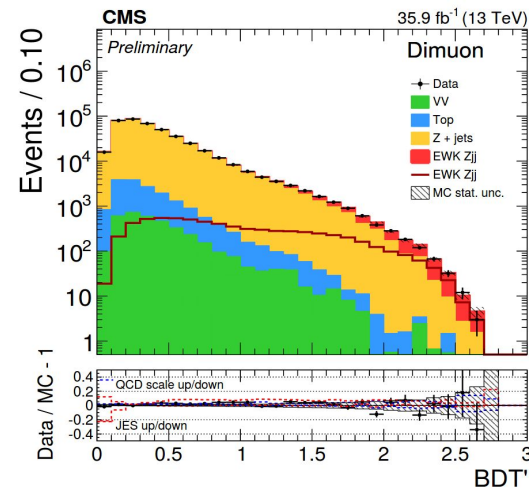
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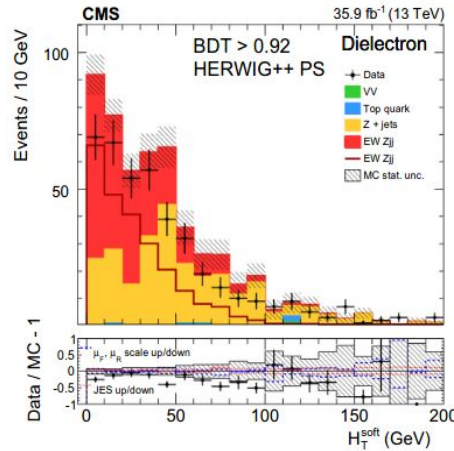
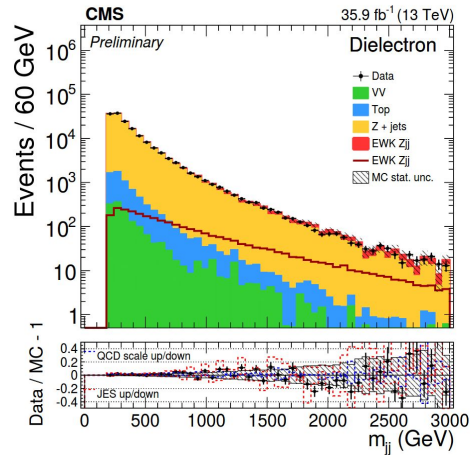
- The EWK Z+2jets process - Important SM benchmark to measure
 - Cross check and validate other VBF productions
- VBF Z process :
 - Central Z decay associated with energetic forward-backward jets
 - Large invariant dijet mass and large η separation between the tagging jets
- Pure EWK process :
 - Suppressed color flow between the quark-jets using QGL discriminator
 - Low hadronic activity in the central part of the detector
- Background Estimation
 - DY(major background)
 - MVA is used to discriminate signal & background
 - Independently in the di-electron and di-muon channels
 - Other backgrounds (top, WW, ZZ, WZ, t \bar{t})
 - Estimated from simulation
- Study of hadronic activity in tag-jet rapidity gap
 - Good agreement between data and QCD predictions



VBF EWK production

DY background





YIELDS

| Sample | Initial | | BDT > 0.92 | |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | ee | $\mu\mu$ | ee | $\mu\mu$ |
| WW | 62 ± 16 | 116 ± 22 | – | – |
| WZ | 914 ± 38 | 2151 ± 63 | 1.6 ± 1.6 | 1.8 ± 1.8 |
| ZZ | 522 ± 17 | 1324 ± 29 | 1.8 ± 1.1 | 2.7 ± 1.3 |
| $t\bar{t}$ | 5363 ± 48 | 12938 ± 81 | 7.1 ± 1.9 | 7.1 ± 1.9 |
| Single top quark | 269 ± 18 | 723 ± 31 | – | – |
| W + jets | 34 ± 5 | 36 ± 5 | – | – |
| DY Zjj | 152750 ± 510 | 394640 ± 880 | 273 ± 20 | 493 ± 31 |
| Total backgrounds | 159890 ± 510 | 411890 ± 890 | 283 ± 29 | 505 ± 43 |
| EW Zjj signal | 2833 ± 10 | 6665 ± 16 | 194.9 ± 2.6 | 379.7 ± 3.9 |
| Data | 163640 | 422499 | 418 | 892 |

Signal Strength

dielectron: $\mu = 0.96 \pm 0.06 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.13 \text{ (syst)}$

$= 0.96 \pm 0.14 \text{ (total)},$

dimuon: $\mu = 0.97 \pm 0.04 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.11 \text{ (syst)}$

$= 0.97 \pm 0.12 \text{ (total)},$

combined: $\mu = 0.98 \pm 0.04 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.10 \text{ (syst)}$

$= 0.98 \pm 0.11 \text{ (total)},$

Signal is defined in the kinematic region with $m_{ll} > 50 \text{ GeV}$, $p_T^j > 25 \text{ GeV}$, $m_{jj} > 120 \text{ GeV}$ and $|\eta_l| < 2.4$

Fiducial Cross section Measurements

dielectron: $\sigma(\text{EW } \ell\ell jj) = 521 \pm 34 \text{ (stat)} \pm 68 \text{ (syst) fb}$

$= 521 \pm 76 \text{ (total) fb.}$

dimuon: $\sigma(\text{EW } \ell\ell jj) = 524 \pm 23 \text{ (stat)} \pm 61 \text{ (syst) fb}$

$= 524 \pm 65 \text{ (total) fb.}$

combined: $\sigma(\text{EW } \ell\ell jj) = 534 \pm 20 \text{ (stat)} \pm 57 \text{ (syst) fb}$

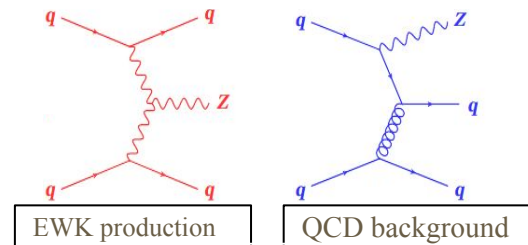
$= 534 \pm 60 \text{ (total) fb,}$

In agreement with SM prediction: $\sigma_{\text{LO}}(\text{EW } \ell\ell jj) = 543 \pm 24 \text{ fb}$

- Differential Cross section measurement
 - Observables : m_{jj} , $|\Delta y_{jj}|$, $\Delta\phi_{jj}$, and $p_T^{\ell\ell}$
 - Both the EW and EW+QCD cross sections are extracted for several different phase spaces
- Determine which event generator predictions can be used reliably in analyses that seek to exploit VBF and VBS at the LHC
 - Theoretical predictions calculated using Powheg+Pythia8, Herwig7+Vbfno and Sherpa2.2
- Background Estimation
 - Data-driven method used to constrain both the shape and normalisation of the strong Zjj background
 - Data split into four regions by imposing criteria on Z centrality ξ_Z [*] and multiplicity of jets in the rapidity interval between the leading and subleading jets, $N_{\text{jets}}^{\text{gap}}$
 - EW Zjj event yield is measured in the EW-enhanced SR using a binned maximum-likelihood fit

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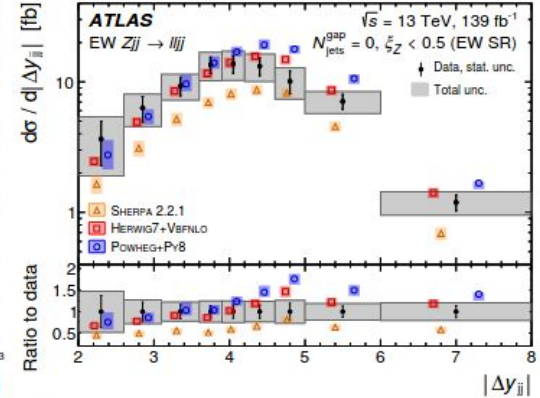
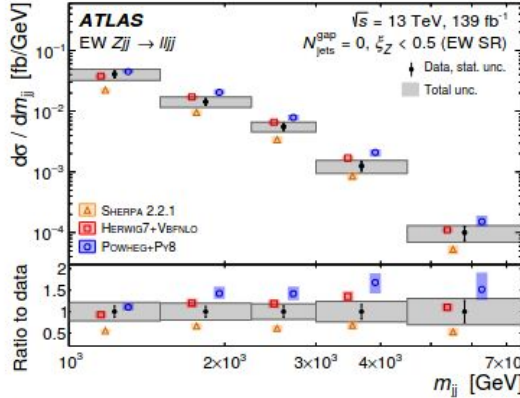
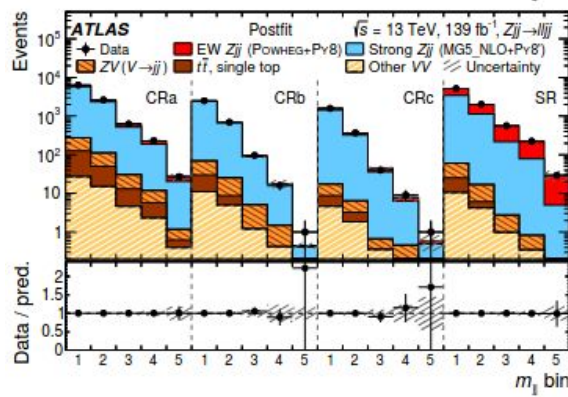


Event Selection

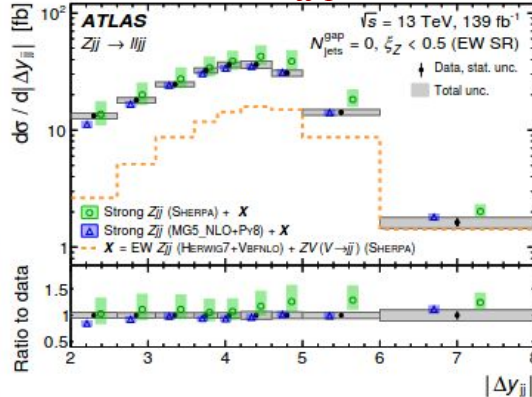
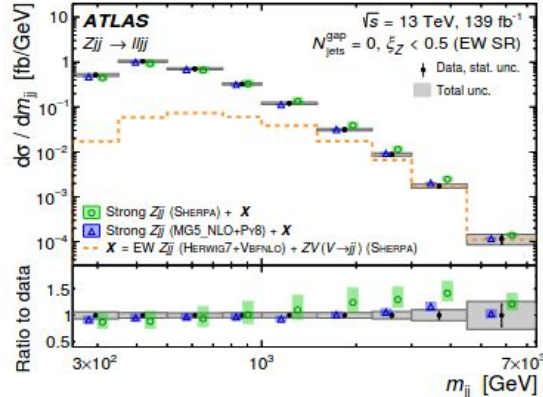
| | |
|-------------------|---|
| Dressed muons | $p_T > 25 \text{ GeV}$ and $ \eta < 2.4$ |
| Dressed electrons | $p_T > 25 \text{ GeV}$ and $ \eta < 2.47$ (excluding $1.37 < \eta < 1.52$) |
| Jets | $p_T > 25 \text{ GeV}$ and $ \eta < 4.4$ |
| VBF topology | $N_\ell = 2$ (same flavour, opposite charge), $m_{\ell\ell} \in (81, 101) \text{ GeV}$ $\Delta R_{\min}(\ell_1, j) > 0.4$, $\Delta R_{\min}(\ell_2, j) > 0.4$ $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2$, $p_T^{\ell 1} > 85 \text{ GeV}$, $p_T^{\ell 2} > 80 \text{ GeV}$ $p_{T,\ell\ell} > 20 \text{ GeV}$, $p_T^{\text{bal}} < 0.15$ $m_{jj} > 1000 \text{ GeV}$, $ \Delta y_{jj} > 2$, $\xi_Z < 1$ |
| CRA | VBF topology $\oplus N_{\text{jets}}^{\text{gap}} \geq 1$ and $\xi_Z < 0.5$ |
| CRb | VBF topology $\oplus N_{\text{jets}}^{\text{gap}} \geq 1$ and $\xi_Z > 0.5$ |
| CRc | VBF topology $\oplus N_{\text{jets}}^{\text{gap}} = 0$ and $\xi_Z > 0.5$ |
| SR | VBF topology $\oplus N_{\text{jets}}^{\text{gap}} = 0$ and $\xi_Z < 0.5$ |

* $\xi_Z = |y_{\ell\ell} - 0.5(y_{j1} + y_{j2})| / |\Delta y_{jj}|$

Differential cross-sections for EW Zjj production



Differential cross-sections in the SR for inclusive Zjj production



Fiducial Cross section Measurements

Calculated by integrating the differential cross-section as a function of m_{jj}

$$\sigma_{\text{EW}} = 37.4 \pm 3.5 \text{ (stat)} \pm 5.5 \text{ (syst) fb.}$$

excellent agreement with the theoretical prediction from

$$\text{HERWIG7+VBFNLO, } 39.5 \pm 3.4 \text{ (scale)} \pm 1.2 \text{ (PDF) fb.}$$

CMS & ATLAS $W^\pm W^\pm$ & WZ VBS: Overview

• Why $W^\pm W^\pm jj$?

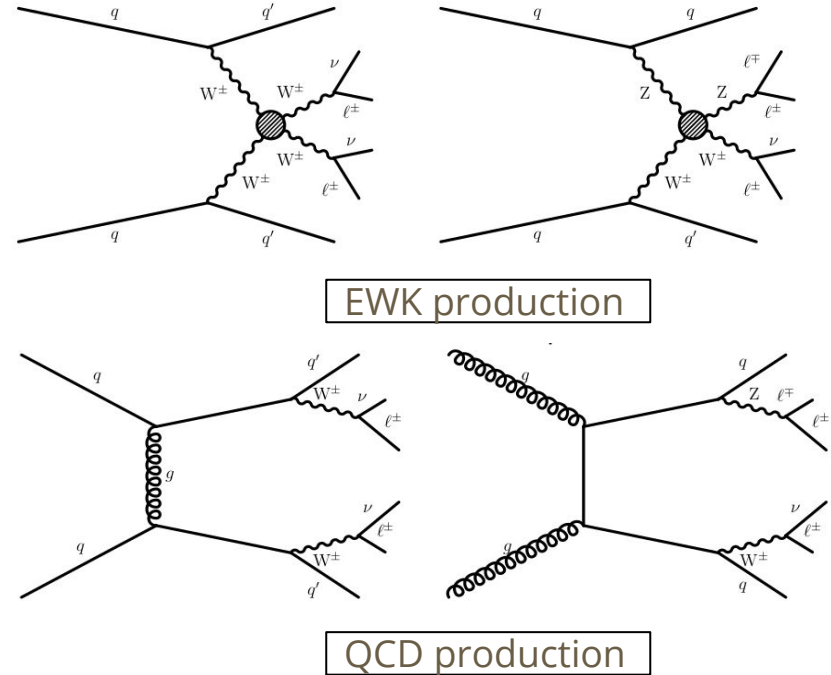
- EW production dominant over QCD-induced
- Distinct same-sign (SS) lepton state with low background

• Why WZjj ?

- Sensitive to charged resonances or couplings
- Clean signature but higher background compared to $W^\pm W^\pm$

★ CMS - First **simultaneous** $W^\pm W^\pm jj$ & WZjj analyses using fully leptonic final states (exploiting full Run II data) *Published in Phys. Lett. B*

[PLB 809\(2020\) 135710](#)



CMS $W^\pm W^\pm$ & WZ: Event Selection & Background Estimation

EVENT SELECTION IN SIGNAL REGIONS

| Variable | SSWW | WZ |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| leptons | 2 SS, $P_T > 25/20$ GeV | 1 OS pair + 1, $P_T > 25/10/20$ GeV |
| $ m_{ll} - m_Z $ | > 15 GeV for ee | < 15 GeV |
| m_{ll} | > 20 GeV | - |
| m_{ll} | - | > 100 GeV |
| p_T^j | > 50 GeV | > 50 GeV |
| p_T^{miss} | > 30 GeV | > 30 GeV |
| Anti b-tagging | applied | applied |
| tau veto | applied | applied |
| $\max(z^* z)$ | < 0.75 | < 1.0 |
| m_{jj} | > 500 GeV | > 500 GeV |
| $ \Delta\eta_{jj} $ | > 2.5 | > 2.5 |

$$z^* = |\eta_\ell - (\eta_{j1} + \eta_{j2}) / 2| / |\Delta\eta_{jj}|$$

BACKGROUND ESTIMATION :

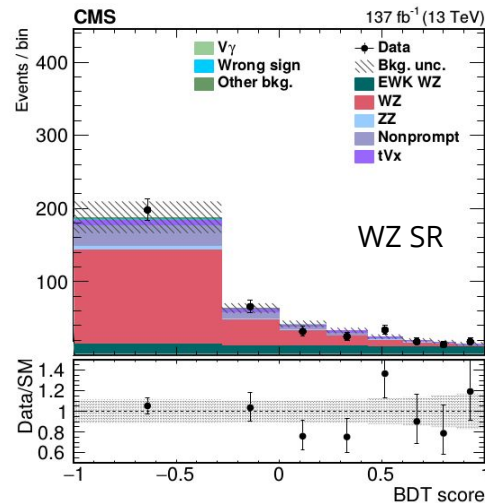
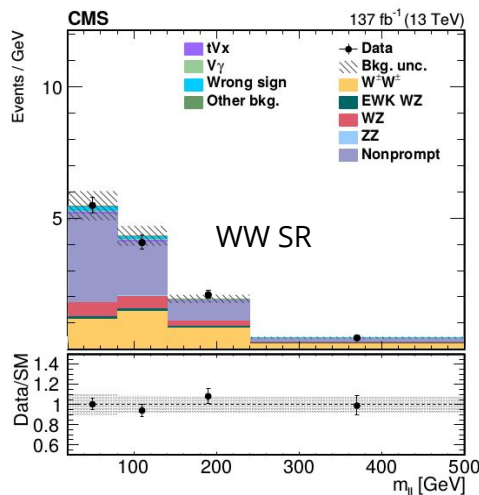
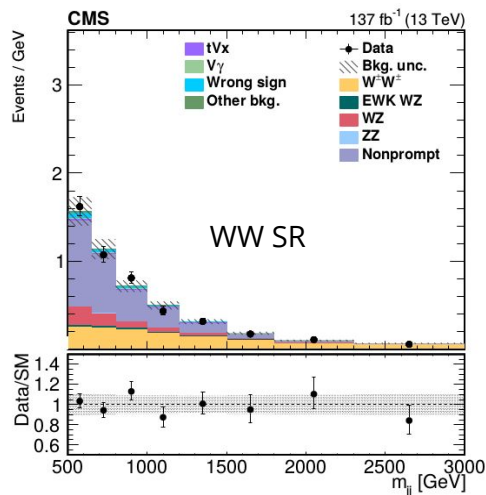
- Backgrounds estimated from simulation marked with [*] have **normalization assessed from data**, others are normalized to the best theoretical cross section prediction
- In all cases where simulation is used, events are reweighted to correct for the pileup, lepton and trigger efficiencies to agree with the data distribution

- WW SR is dominated by the EW signal process after the kinematic selection
- WZ SR is dominated by QCD WZ events after the kinematic selection
- **MultiVariate Analysis for WZ** → enhance WZ EWK production w.r.t large WZ QCD production
- Overall good separation between EWK signal and background

BACKGROUNDS

| Category | Estimation |
|---|--|
| Non Prompt | From Data-Driven technique - from fake rates and “Tight+Loose” “Loose+Loose” data events |
| Wrong sign | From charge mis-ID scale factors and simulated opposite sign events |
| QCD WZ[*], ZZ[*], tZq[*], WW QCD, WW DPS, VVV | From simulation |

CMS $W^\pm W^\pm$ & WZ: Results



Simultaneously fitting signal yields in WW & WZ signal regions as well as background yields in control regions (Non prompt, WZb(tZq) and ZZ), to assess normalization from data

YIELDS

| Process | $W^\pm W^\pm$ SR | | WZ SR | |
|----------|------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Pre-fit | Post-fit | Pre-fit | Post-fit |
| Total SM | 535 ± 60 | 522 ± 49 | 216 ± 12 | 229 ± 23 |
| Data | | 524 | | 229 |

UNCERTAINTIES

| Source of uncertainty | $W^\pm W^\pm$ (%) | WZ (%) |
|------------------------------|-------------------|--------|
| Total systematic uncertainty | 5.7 | 7.9 |
| Statistical uncertainty | 8.9 | 22 |
| Total uncertainty | 11 | 23 |

Inclusive Fiducial Cross section Measurements

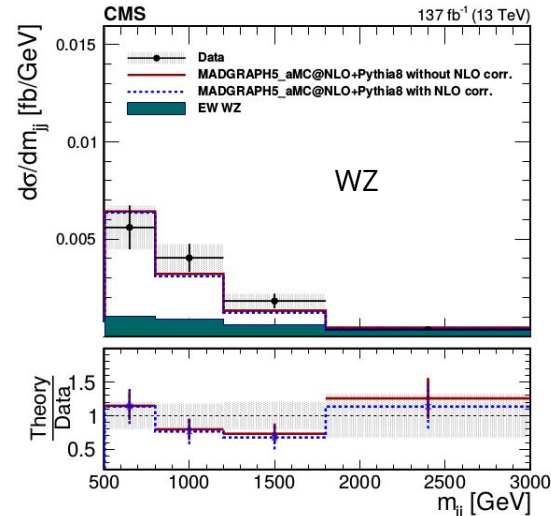
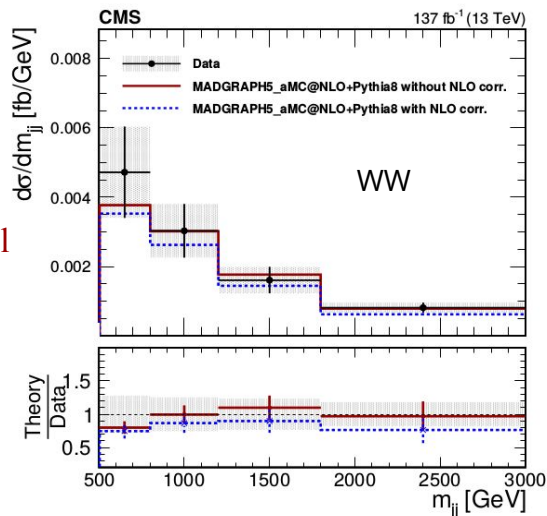
| Process | $\sigma \mathcal{B}$ (fb) | Theoretical prediction without NLO corrections (fb) | Theoretical prediction with NLO corrections (fb) |
|----------------------|--|--|---|
| EW $W^\pm W^\pm$ | 3.98 ± 0.45 $0.37(\text{stat}) \pm 0.25(\text{syst})$ | 3.93 ± 0.57 | 3.31 ± 0.47 |
| EW+QCD $W^\pm W^\pm$ | 4.42 ± 0.47 $0.39(\text{stat}) \pm 0.25(\text{syst})$ | 4.34 ± 0.69 | 3.72 ± 0.59 |
| EW WZ | 1.81 ± 0.41 $0.39(\text{stat}) \pm 0.14(\text{syst})$ | 1.41 ± 0.21 | 1.24 ± 0.18 |
| EW+QCD WZ | 4.97 ± 0.46 $0.40(\text{stat}) \pm 0.23(\text{syst})$ | 4.54 ± 0.90 | 4.36 ± 0.88 |
| QCD WZ | 3.15 ± 0.49 $0.45(\text{stat}) \pm 0.18(\text{syst})$ | 3.12 ± 0.70 | 3.12 ± 0.70 |

Significance Obs(Exp)

EWK WZ : 6.8 (5.3) σ

EWK WW : $>> 5 \sigma$

Absolute and normalized - WW (EWK+QCD) **differential cross section** measurements on m_{jj} (left plot), m_{ll} & p_T^{\max} and WZ (EWK+QCD) **differential cross section** measurements on m_{jj} (right plot)



ATLAS $W^\pm W^\pm$ VBS 2015+2016 dataset: Results

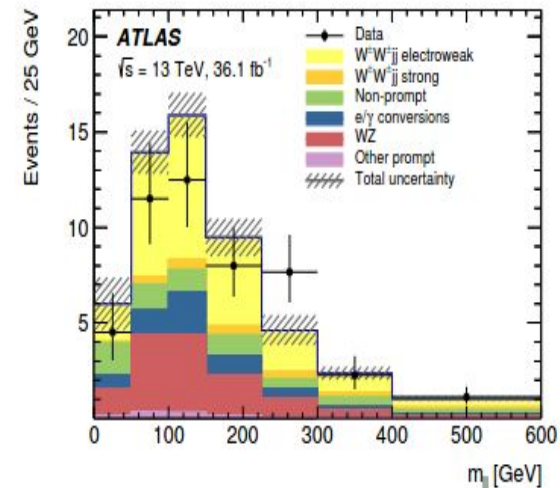
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- Inclusive Cross section Measurement
- Kinematic selection cuts and background estimation - almost same as CMS analysis

YIELDS

| | e^+e^+ | e^-e^- | $e^+\mu^+$ | $e^-\mu^-$ | $\mu^+\mu^+$ | $\mu^-\mu^-$ | Combined |
|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| WZ | 1.48 ± 0.32 | 1.09 ± 0.27 | 11.6 ± 1.9 | 7.9 ± 1.4 | 5.0 ± 0.7 | 3.4 ± 0.6 | 30 ± 4 |
| Non-prompt | 2.2 ± 1.1 | 1.2 ± 0.6 | 5.9 ± 2.5 | 4.7 ± 1.6 | 0.56 ± 0.05 | 0.68 ± 0.13 | 15 ± 5 |
| e/γ conversions | 1.6 ± 0.4 | 1.6 ± 0.4 | 6.3 ± 1.6 | 4.3 ± 1.1 | — | — | 13.9 ± 2.9 |
| Other prompt | 0.16 ± 0.04 | 0.14 ± 0.04 | 0.90 ± 0.20 | 0.63 ± 0.14 | 0.39 ± 0.09 | 0.22 ± 0.05 | 2.4 ± 0.5 |
| $W^\pm W^\pm jj$ strong | 0.35 ± 0.13 | 0.15 ± 0.05 | 2.9 ± 1.0 | 1.2 ± 0.4 | 1.8 ± 0.6 | 0.76 ± 0.25 | 7.2 ± 2.3 |
| Expected background | 5.8 ± 1.4 | 4.1 ± 1.1 | 28 ± 4 | 18.8 ± 2.6 | 7.7 ± 0.9 | 5.1 ± 0.6 | 69 ± 7 |
| $W^\pm W^\pm jj$ electroweak | 5.6 ± 1.0 | 2.2 ± 0.4 | 24 ± 5 | 9.4 ± 1.8 | 13.4 ± 2.5 | 5.1 ± 1.0 | 60 ± 11 |
| Data | 10 | 4 | 44 | 28 | 25 | 11 | 122 |



Significance

EWK WW : 6.5σ (obs.)

Inclusive Fiducial Cross section Measurements

$$\sigma^{\text{fid.}} = 2.89^{+0.51}_{-0.48} \text{ (stat.) } ^{+0.24}_{-0.22} \text{ (exp. syst.) } ^{+0.14}_{-0.16} \text{ (mod. syst.) } ^{+0.08}_{-0.06} \text{ (lumi.) fb,}$$

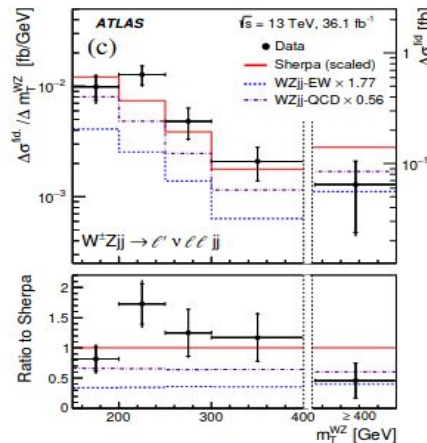
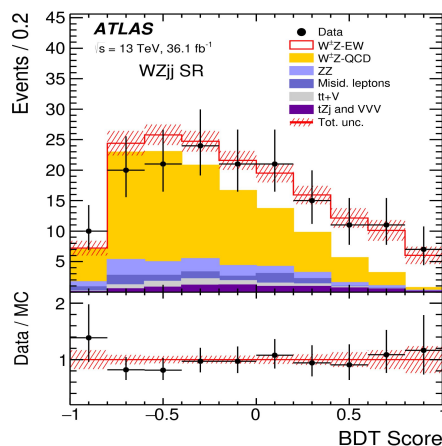
★ 2015 dataset contributes about 10% to the total dataset

- Inclusive and Differential Cross section Measurements
- Kinematic selection cuts and background estimation - almost same as CMS analysis
 - BDT score in the WZ SR is used to extract the significance of the EW WZ signal and to measure its fiducial cross-section via a maximum likelihood fit

[Phys. Lett. B 793 \(2019\) 469](#)

YIELDS

| | SR |
|------------------|-------------|
| Data | 161 |
| Total predicted | 167 ± 11 |
| WZjj-EW (signal) | 44 ± 11 |
| WZjj-QCD | 91 ± 10 |
| Misid. leptons | 7.8 ± 3.2 |
| ZZjj-QCD | 11.1 ± 2.8 |
| tZj | 6.2 ± 1.1 |
| t \bar{t} + V | 4.7 ± 1.0 |
| ZZjj-EW | 1.80 ± 0.45 |
| VVV | 0.59 ± 0.15 |



Significance Obs(Exp)
EWK WZ : 5.3 (3.2)σ

Inclusive Fiducial Cross section Measurements

LO

EW

$$\sigma_{WZjj-EW} = 0.57^{+0.14}_{-0.13} \text{ (stat.) }^{+0.05}_{-0.04} \text{ (exp. syst.) }^{+0.05}_{-0.04} \text{ (mod. syst.) }^{+0.01}_{-0.01} \text{ (lumi.) fb.}$$

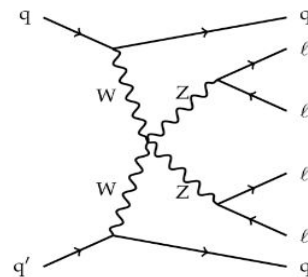
$$\sigma_{WZjj-EW}^{\text{fid., MadGraph}} = 0.366 \pm 0.004 \text{ (stat.) fb}$$

EW+

QCD

$$\sigma_{W^{\pm}Zjj}^{\text{fid.}} = 1.68 \pm 0.16 \text{ (stat.) } \pm 0.12 \text{ (exp. syst.) } \pm 0.13 \text{ (mod. syst.) } \pm 0.044 \text{ (lumi.) fb, } = 1.68 \pm 0.25 \text{ fb,}$$

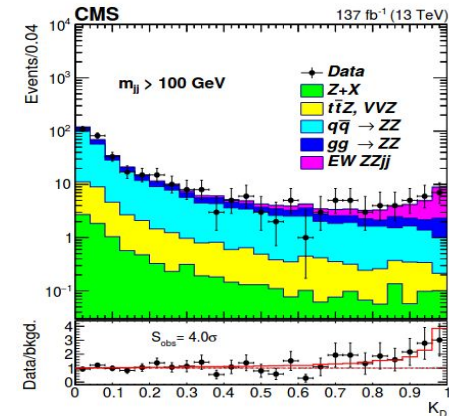
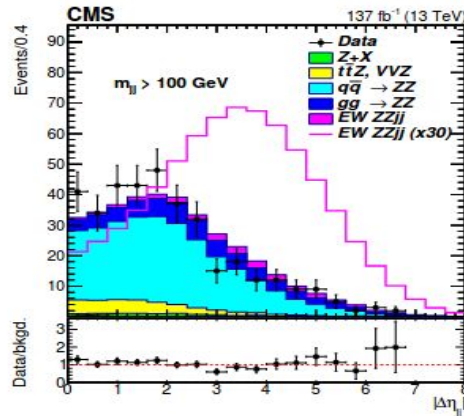
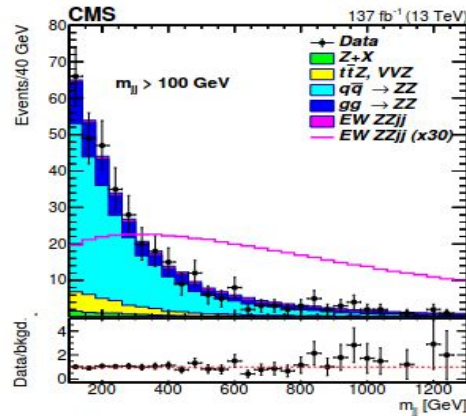
$$\sigma_{W^{\pm}Zjj}^{\text{fid., Sherpa}} = 2.15 \pm 0.01 \text{ (stat.) } \pm 0.05 \text{ (PDF)}^{+0.65}_{-0.44} \text{ (scale) fb.}$$



EWK production

- Measurement of EW ZZjj production using 4ℓ events
 - Really clean, fully reconstructable final state
 - Small instrumental background
- Challenges
 - Small cross-section
 - Large QCD induced background
- Background Estimation
 - Irreducible Backgrounds
 - QCD ZZ, ttZ, VVZ \rightarrow From MC
 - Reducible Backgrounds (Z+X)
 - Z+jets, tt+jets, WZ+jets \rightarrow Data Driven
- Making use of a matrix-element discriminant (K_D) to enhance EW production
 - BDT was also studied - gave consistent results
- Define three regions to measure EW production
 - ZZjj inclusive
 - VBS-enriched loose
 - VBS-enriched tight

| Object | Selection |
|-----------------------------|--|
| ZZjj inclusive | |
| Leptons | $p_T(\ell_1) > 20 \text{ GeV}$ $p_T(\ell_2) > 10 \text{ GeV}$ $p_T(\ell) > 5 \text{ GeV}$ $ \eta(\ell) < 2.5$ $(\gamma \text{ with } \Delta R(\ell, \gamma) < 0.1 \text{ added to } \ell \text{ 4-vector})$ |
| Z and ZZ | $60 < m(\ell\ell) < 120 \text{ GeV}$ $m(4\ell) > 180 \text{ GeV}$ |
| Jets | at least 2 $p_T(j) > 30 \text{ GeV}$ $ \eta(j) < 4.7$ $m_{jj} > 100 \text{ GeV}$ $\Delta R(\ell, j) > 0.4 \text{ for each } \ell, j$ |
| VBS-enriched (loose) | |
| ZZjj inclusive + | |
| Jets | $ \Delta\eta(jj) > 2.4$ $m_{jj} > 400 \text{ GeV}$ |
| VBS-enriched (tight) | |
| ZZjj inclusive + | |
| Jets | $ \Delta\eta(jj) > 5$ $m_{jj} > 400 \text{ GeV}$ |



Inclusive Fiducial Cross section Measurements

| Perturbative order | | SM σ (fb) | Measured σ (fb) |
|----------------------|---------|---------------------------|---|
| ZZjj inclusive | | | |
| EW | LO | 0.275 ± 0.021 | $0.33^{+0.11}_{-0.10} \text{ (stat)}^{+0.04}_{-0.03} \text{ (syst)}$ |
| | NLO QCD | 0.278 ± 0.017 | |
| | NLO EW | $0.242^{+0.015}_{-0.013}$ | |
| EW+QCD | | 5.35 ± 0.51 | $5.29^{+0.31}_{-0.30} \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.47 \text{ (syst)}$ |
| VBS-enriched (loose) | | | |
| EW | LO | 0.186 ± 0.015 | $0.180^{+0.070}_{-0.060} \text{ (stat)}^{+0.021}_{-0.012} \text{ (syst)}$ |
| | NLO QCD | 0.197 ± 0.013 | |
| | | 1.21 ± 0.09 | |
| EW+QCD | | | $1.00^{+0.12}_{-0.11} \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.07 \text{ (syst)}$ |
| VBS-enriched (tight) | | | |
| EW | LO | 0.104 ± 0.008 | $0.09^{+0.04}_{-0.03} \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.02 \text{ (syst)}$ |
| | NLO QCD | 0.108 ± 0.007 | |
| | | 0.221 ± 0.014 | |
| EW+QCD | | | $0.20^{+0.05}_{-0.04} \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.02 \text{ (syst)}$ |

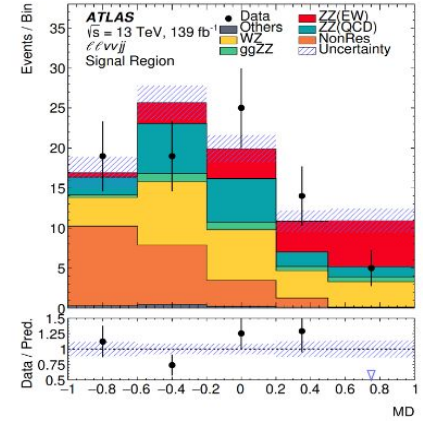
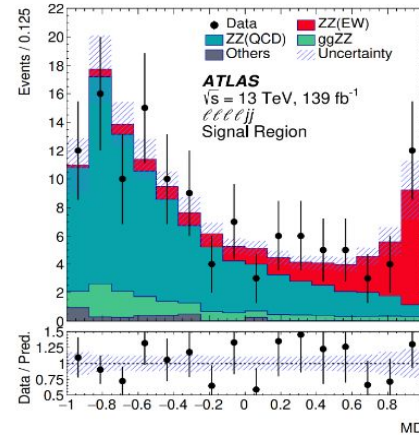
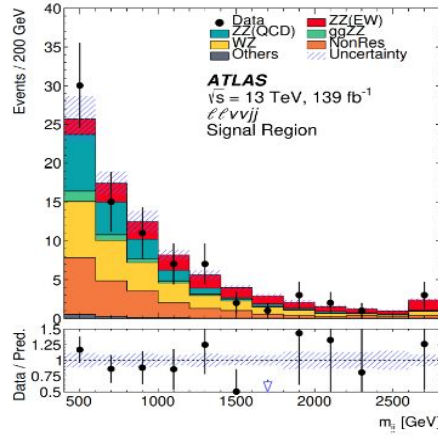
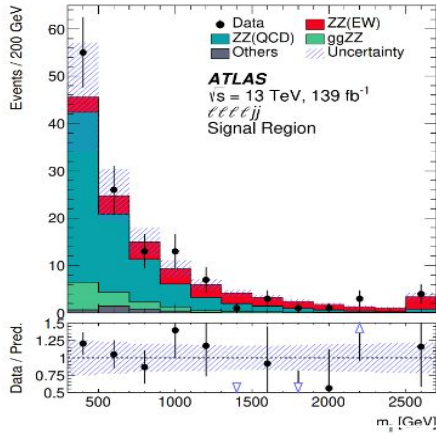
Significance Obs. (exp.)
EWK ZZ : 4.0 (3.5) σ

- Two ZZ decay channels: $ZZ \rightarrow 4\ell$ and $ZZ \rightarrow \ell\ell\nu\nu$
- 4 ℓ channel: Small background contribution ($\sim 3\%$) from reducible backgrounds
 - QCD ZZjj: Large irreducible background. EW/QCD is $\sim 20\%$ level overall, MVA is needed
 - Estimated from simulation. Simulation is normalized to data in a EW-suppressed CR
 - Small backgrounds: Z+jets, top, WZjj
 - Data-driven: estimated using a fake-factor method
 - Minor backgrounds: triboson, ttV
 - Estimated from simulation
- $\ell\ell\nu\nu$ channel: More complicated backgrounds
 - WZjj
 - Constrained by a dedicated 3 ℓ WZ CR
 - WWjj, top (non-resonant- $\ell\ell$ backgrounds)
 - Estimated with events in dedicated $e\mu$ data CR
 - Z+jets
 - Largely suppressed with tight cut on the MET-significance[*]

Object Selection

| | $\ell\ell\ell jj$ | $\ell\ell\nu\nu jj$ |
|-----------------|--|--|
| Electrons | $p_T > 7 \text{ GeV}, \eta < 2.47$ $ d_0/\sigma_{d_0} < 5$ and $ z_0 \times \sin \theta < 0.5 \text{ mm}$ | |
| Muons | $p_T > 7 \text{ GeV}, \eta < 2.7$ $ d_0/\sigma_{d_0} < 3$ and $ z_0 \times \sin \theta < 0.5 \text{ mm}$ | $p_T > 7 \text{ GeV}, \eta < 2.5$ |
| Jets | $p_T > 30$ (40) GeV for $ \eta < 2.4$ ($2.4 < \eta < 4.5$) | $p_T > 60$ (40) GeV for the leading (sub-leading) jet |
| ZZ selection | $p_T > 20, 20, 10 \text{ GeV}$ for the leading, sub-leading and third leptons Two OSSF lepton pairs with smallest $ m_{\ell^+\ell^-} - m_Z + m_{\ell'^+\ell'^-} - m_Z $ $m_{\ell^+\ell^-} > 10 \text{ GeV}$ for lepton pairs $\Delta R(\ell, \ell') > 0.2$ $66 < m_{\ell^+\ell^-} < 116 \text{ GeV}$ | $p_T > 30$ (20) GeV for the leading (sub-leading) lepton One OSSF lepton pair and no third leptons $80 < m_{\ell^+\ell^-} < 100 \text{ GeV}$ No b-tagged jets E_T^{miss} -significance > 12 |
| Dijet selection | Two most energetic jets with $y_{j_1} \times y_{j_2} < 0$ $m_{jj} > 300 \text{ GeV}$ and $\Delta y(jj) > 2$ | $m_{jj} > 400 \text{ GeV}$ and $\Delta y(jj) > 2$ |

[*]MET significance is used to distinguish missing transverse energy arising from undetectable particles to object mis-reconstruction, finite detector resolution, or detector noise



EW and QCD Signal strength from fitting, and the EW ZZjj production significant

| | μ_{EW} | μ_{QCD}^{lllljj} | Significance Obs. (Exp.) |
|----------|-----------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| $lllljj$ | 1.5 ± 0.4 | 0.95 ± 0.22 | $5.5 (3.9) \sigma$ |
| $llvvjj$ | 0.7 ± 0.7 | — | $1.2 (1.8) \sigma$ |
| Combined | 1.35 ± 0.34 | 0.96 ± 0.22 | $5.5 (4.3) \sigma$ |

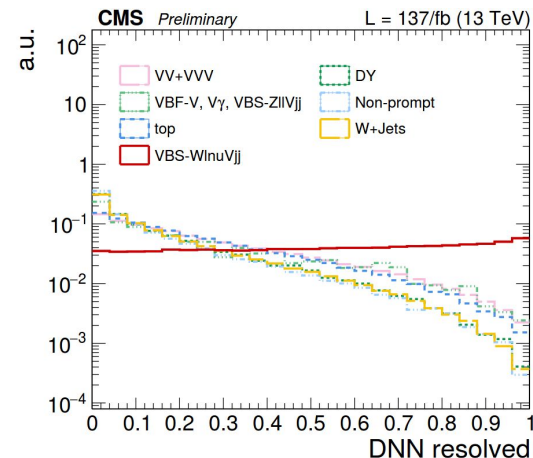
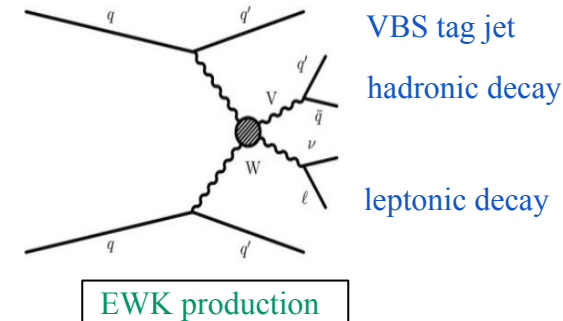
μ_{EW} is POI, μ_{QCD} (4ℓ channel) is used as a free parameter in the fit to constrain QCD normalization

Inclusive Fiducial Cross section Measurements

| | Measured fiducial σ [fb] | Predicted fiducial σ [fb] |
|----------|--|--|
| $lllljj$ | $1.27 \pm 0.12(\text{stat}) \pm 0.02(\text{theo}) \pm 0.07(\text{exp}) \pm 0.01(\text{bkg}) \pm 0.03(\text{lumi})$ | $1.14 \pm 0.04(\text{stat}) \pm 0.20(\text{theo})$ |
| $llvvjj$ | $1.22 \pm 0.30(\text{stat}) \pm 0.04(\text{theo}) \pm 0.06(\text{exp}) \pm 0.16(\text{bkg}) \pm 0.03(\text{lumi})$ | $1.07 \pm 0.01(\text{stat}) \pm 0.12(\text{theo})$ |

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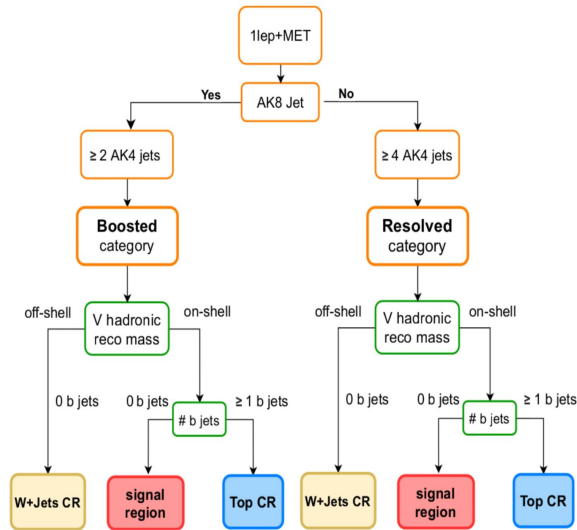
- First evidence of VBS in the semileptonic channel at LHC!
 - Purely EW process at LO with 6 fermions in final state
 - One V boson decay leptonically and other hadronically
 - Jets from initial scattering partons used to tag the VBS topology
 - Both resolved and boosted decay regimes of hadronic V bosons are combined in the analysis
- DNN models are trained for resolved and boosted category to separate signal and backgrounds
 - DNN architecture 4 layers of 64(32) nodes for resolved(boosted) category models
 - 14 input variables
 - Trained with Adam optimizer[*], dropouts and L2 weights regularization to avoid overtraining.



[*] [Ref. 1](#)

CMS WV semileptonic: Analysis Strategy & Bkgd Estimation

Analysis cut flow and categories



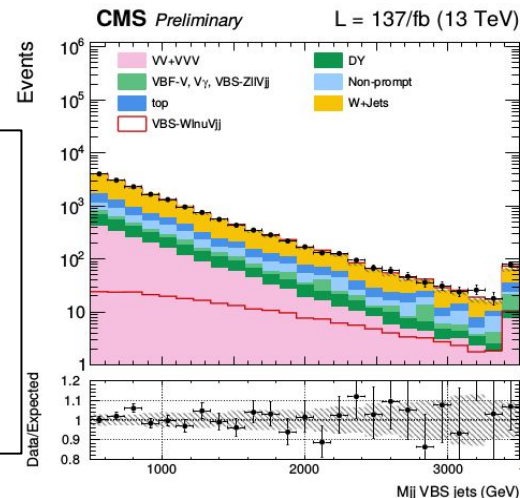
Combined likelihood ratio fit performed on the DNN distributions in the SR and measuring the W+jets and top contributions in the dedicated CRs

Background Estimation

- QCD multijet background
 - From Data-driven
- W+jets and Top
 - From Simulation but data-driven technique is applied to improve the modelling
- Minor backgrounds contribution, e.g. DY, VBF-V, VVV, $V\gamma$ processes

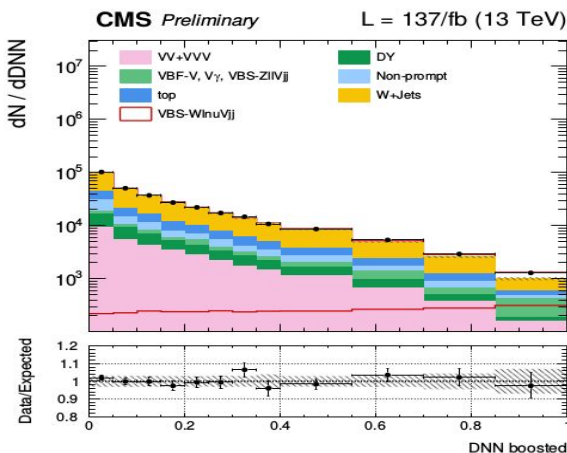
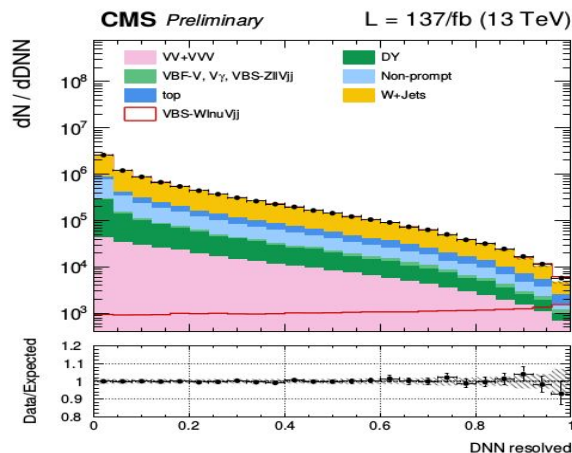
■ From Simulation

- Postfit distributions of VBS tag jet invariant mass in the boosted category
- One of most important observables for the signal extraction, as evaluated using the SHAP[*] explanation techniques on the DNN models



[*] [Ref. 1](#) [Ref. 2](#)

CMS WV semileptonic: Results



Signal Strength

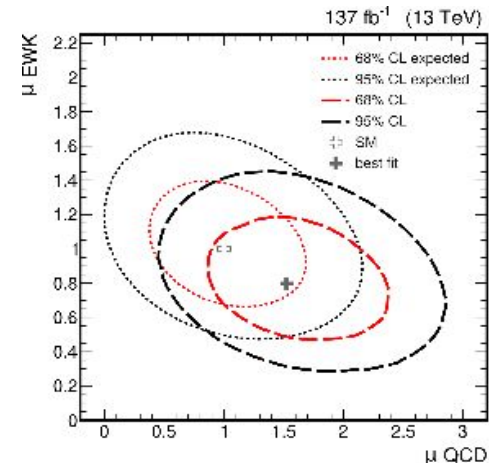
$$\mu_{EW} = \sigma^{obs} / \sigma^{SM} = 0.85_{-0.20}^{+0.24} = 0.85_{-0.17}^{+0.21}(\text{syst}) \quad {}_{-0.12}^{+0.12}(\text{stat}),$$

$$\mu_{EW+QCD} = \sigma^{obs} / \sigma^{SM} = 0.98_{-0.17}^{+0.20} = 0.98_{-0.16}^{+0.19}(\text{syst}) \quad {}_{-0.07}^{+0.07}(\text{stat})$$

Fiducial Cross section Measurements

EW $1.9 \pm 0.5 \text{ pb}, 2.23_{-0.11}^{+0.08}(\text{scale}) \quad {}_{-0.05}^{+0.05}(\text{pdf}) \text{ pb expected.}$

EW+QCD $16.6_{-2.9}^{+3.4} \text{ pb}, 16.9_{-2.1}^{+2.9}(\text{scale}) \quad {}_{-0.5}^{+0.5}(\text{pdf}) \text{ expected.}$



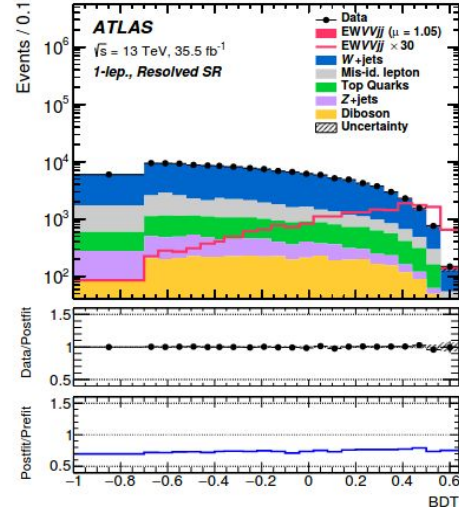
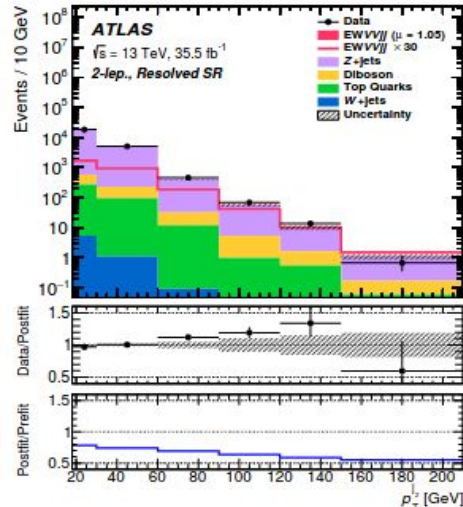
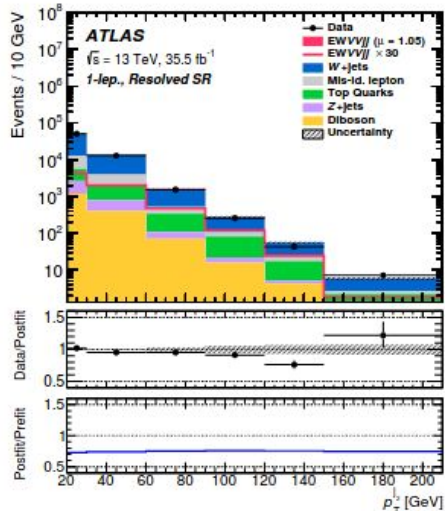
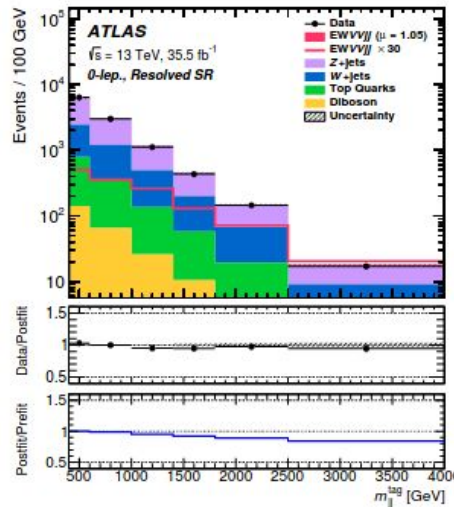
Significance Obs(Exp)

EWK WV : $4.4(5.1)\sigma$

- Three final states
 - $ZV \rightarrow \nu\nu qq$, $WV \rightarrow \ell\nu qq$ and $ZV \rightarrow \ell\ell qq$
 - Events are categorized into the 0, 1 and 2 lepton channels
 - Two different reconstruction techniques are considered : resolved and merged (as in CMS)
- Background Estimation
 - Estimated using a combination of MC and data-driven techniques
 - 1-lepton channel
 - W^+ jets and $t\bar{t}$ production(dominant)
 - 2-lepton channel
 - Z^+ jets production(dominant)
 - 0-lepton channel
 - All backgrounds contribute significantly
 - Multijet -smaller background
- Single-top and QCD-induced diboson production - small background for all three lepton channels
- MVA is used
 - BDTs input variables are chosen in order to maximize the separation between signal and background
 - good agreement between data and simulation

Event Selection

| Selection | 0-lepton | 1-lepton | 2-lepton |
|---|--|--|--|
| Trigger | E_T^{miss} triggers | Single-electron triggers Single-muon or E_T^{miss} triggers | Single-lepton triggers |
| Leptons | 0 'loose' leptons with $p_T > 7$ GeV | 1 'tight' lepton with $p_T > 27$ GeV 0 'loose' leptons with $p_T > 7$ GeV | 2 'loose' leptons with $p_T > 20$ GeV ≥ 1 lepton with $p_T > 28$ GeV |
| E_T^{miss} | > 200 GeV | > 80 GeV | – |
| $m_{\ell\ell}$ | – | – | $83 < m_{\ell\ell} < 99$ GeV $(-0.0117 \times p_T^{\mu\mu} + 85.63 \text{ GeV}) < m_{\mu\mu} < (0.0185 \times p_T^{\mu\mu} + 94 \text{ GeV})$ |
| Small- R jets | $p_T > 20$ GeV if $ \eta < 2.5$, and $p_T > 30$ GeV if $2.5 < \eta < 4.5$ | | |
| Large- R jets | $p_T > 200$ GeV, $ \eta < 2$ | | |
| $V_{\text{had}} \rightarrow J$ $V_{\text{had}} \rightarrow jj$ | V boson tagging, $\min(m_J - m_W , m_J - m_Z)$ $64 < m_{jj} < 106$ GeV, jj pair with $\min(m_{jj} - m_W , m_{jj} - m_Z)$, leading jet with $p_T > 40$ GeV | | |
| Tagging-jets | $j \notin V_{\text{had}}$, not b -tagged, $\Delta R(J, j) > 1.4$ $\eta_{\text{tag}, j_1} \cdot \eta_{\text{tag}, j_2} < 0$, $m_{jj}^{\text{tag}} > 400$ GeV, $p_T > 30$ GeV | | |
| Num. of b -jets | – | 0 | – |
| Multijet removal | $p_T^{\text{miss}} > 50$ GeV $\Delta\phi(E_T^{\text{miss}}, p_T^{\text{miss}}) < \pi/2$ $\min[\Delta\phi(E_T^{\text{miss}}, \text{small-}R \text{ jet})] > \pi/6$ $\Delta\phi(E_T^{\text{miss}}, V_{\text{had}}) > \pi/9$ | – | – |



Signal Strength

Fiducial Cross section Measurements

$$\mu_{EWVVjj}^{obs} = 1.05 \pm 0.20(stat.)^{+0.37}_{-0.34}(syst.)$$

Significance Obs(Exp)
EWK VV : 2.7(2.5) σ

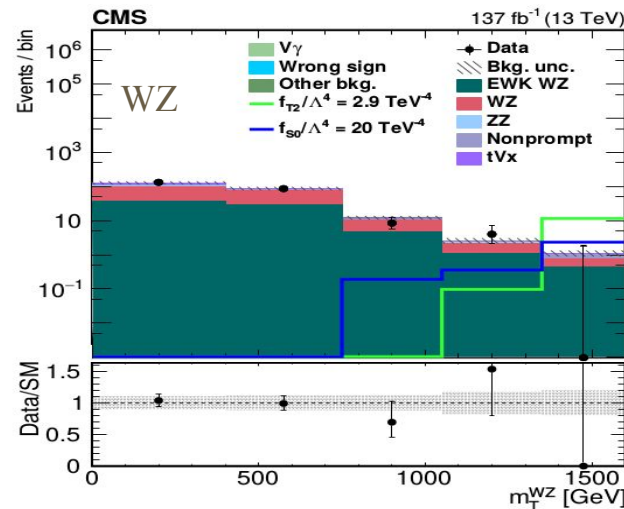
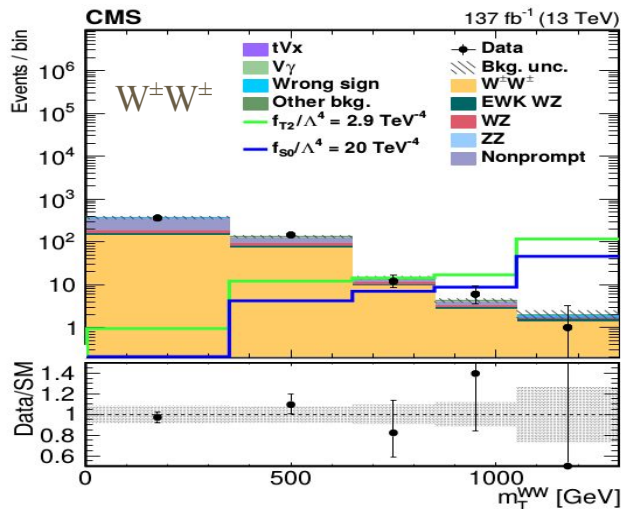
| Fiducial phase space | Predicted $\sigma_{EWVVjj}^{fid,SM}$ [fb] | Measured $\sigma_{EWVVjj}^{fid,obs}$ [fb] |
|----------------------|---|---|
| Merged | 11.4 ± 0.7 (theo.) | 12.7 ± 3.8 (stat.) $^{+4.8}_{-4.2}$ (syst.) |
| Resolved | 31.6 ± 1.8 (theo.) | 26.5 ± 8.2 (stat.) $^{+17.4}_{-17.1}$ (syst.) |
| Inclusive | 43.0 ± 2.4 (theo.) | 45.1 ± 8.6 (stat.) $^{+15.9}_{-14.6}$ (syst.) |

Searches for Anomalous Couplings

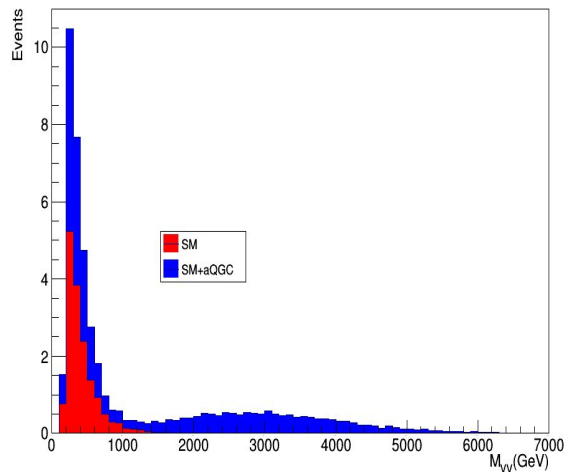
- ★ Limits on Anomalous Trilinear and Quartic Gauge Couplings associated with dimension-six and dimension-eight operators are given in the framework of an Effective Field Theory (EFT)
- ★ Covered in more detail in Saptaparna's talk tomorrow - Searches for New Physics in multi-boson events using both anomalous coupling and effective field theory approaches
- ★ SMP-19-012(CMS $W^\pm W^\pm$ & WZ): Highlight of this aQGC analysis - “Clipping method”

CMS aQGCs: Overview ($W^\pm W^\pm$ & WZ VBS Full Run II)

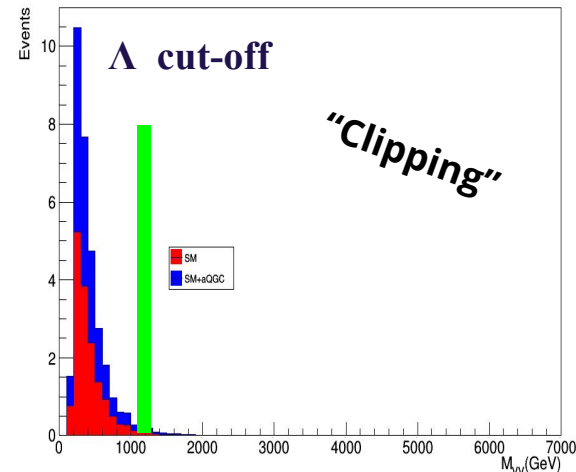
- Extensions of the Standard Model induce coupling modifications that can be parameterized in terms of the Effective Field Theory (EFT) approach.
- In this analysis, limits on **aQGCs** are set via **EFT approach**. **Dimension-8 operators** that can modify $VVjj$ production through aQGCs are considered; one at a time
- Fitted regions and bins: different from SM analysis due to sensitivity and statistics



CMS aQGCs: Clipping Technique



For every Λ cut-off value depending upon the Wilson Coefficients



- Measured signal is in general a sum of $M_{VV} < \Lambda$ (unitarity limit) and $M_{VV} > \Lambda$. The only way to correctly use EFT is to make sure the region $M_{VV} > \Lambda$ does not significantly contribute
- Most conservative estimate = “clip” the generated aQGC distribution: take only SM contribution above Λ . This is the practical equivalent of not using data above Λ
- The technique is known as “Clipping”, and essentially means using EFT only in the region it is valid
 - Implementation of “Clipping” in CMS Results
 - For aqgc simulation, events violating unitarity (vary with operator values) are rejected \sim max 80%(WW) & max 50%(WZ). Data & SM processes are not affected

$W^\pm W^\pm$ & WZ without considering unitarity bounds

| | Observed ($W^\pm W^\pm$) (TeV^{-4}) | Expected ($W^\pm W^\pm$) (TeV^{-4}) | Observed (WZ) (TeV^{-4}) | Expected (WZ) (TeV^{-4}) | Observed (TeV^{-4}) | Expected (TeV^{-4}) |
|--------------------|---|---|--|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| f_{T0}/Λ^4 | [-0.28, 0.31] | [-0.36, 0.39] | [-0.62, 0.65] | [-0.82, 0.85] | [-0.25, 0.28] | [-0.35, 0.37] |
| f_{T1}/Λ^4 | [-0.12, 0.15] | [-0.16, 0.19] | [-0.37, 0.41] | [-0.49, 0.55] | [-0.12, 0.14] | [-0.16, 0.19] |
| f_{T2}/Λ^4 | [-0.38, 0.50] | [-0.50, 0.63] | [-1.0, 1.3] | [-1.4, 1.7] | [-0.35, 0.48] | [-0.49, 0.63] |
| f_{M0}/Λ^4 | [-3.0, 3.2] | [-3.7, 3.8] | [-5.8, 5.8] | [-7.6, 7.6] | [-2.7, 2.9] | [-3.6, 3.7] |
| f_{M1}/Λ^4 | [-4.7, 4.7] | [-5.4, 5.8] | [-8.2, 8.3] | [-11, 11] | [-4.1, 4.2] | [-5.2, 5.5] |
| f_{M6}/Λ^4 | [-6.0, 6.5] | [-7.5, 7.6] | [-12, 12] | [-15, 15] | [-5.4, 5.8] | [-7.2, 7.3] |
| f_{M7}/Λ^4 | [-6.7, 7.0] | [-8.3, 8.1] | [-10, 10] | [-14, 14] | [-5.7, 6.0] | [-7.8, 7.6] |
| f_{S0}/Λ^4 | [-6.0, 6.4] | [-6.0, 6.2] | [-19, 19] | [-24, 24] | [-5.7, 6.1] | [-5.9, 6.2] |
| f_{S1}/Λ^4 | [-18, 19] | [-18, 19] | [-30, 30] | [-38, 39] | [-16, 17] | [-18, 18] |

$W^\pm W^\pm$ & WZ with considering unitarity bounds

| | Observed ($W^\pm W^\pm$) (TeV^{-4}) | Expected ($W^\pm W^\pm$) (TeV^{-4}) | Observed (WZ) (TeV^{-4}) | Expected (WZ) (TeV^{-4}) | Observed (TeV^{-4}) | Expected (TeV^{-4}) |
|--------------------|---|---|--|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| f_{T0}/Λ^4 | [-1.5, 2.3] | [-2.1, 2.7] | [-1.6, 1.9] | [-2.0, 2.2] | [-1.1, 1.6] | [-1.6, 2.0] |
| f_{T1}/Λ^4 | [-0.81, 1.2] | [-0.98, 1.4] | [-1.3, 1.5] | [-1.6, 1.8] | [-0.69, 0.97] | [-0.94, 1.3] |
| f_{T2}/Λ^4 | [-2.1, 4.4] | [-2.7, 5.3] | [-2.7, 3.4] | [-4.4, 5.5] | [-1.6, 3.1] | [-2.3, 3.8] |
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| f_{M6}/Λ^4 | [-27, 32] | [-37, 37] | [-34, 33] | [-39, 39] | [-22, 25] | [-31, 30] |
| f_{M7}/Λ^4 | [-22, 24] | [-27, 25] | [-22, 22] | [-28, 28] | [-16, 18] | [-22, 21] |
| f_{S0}/Λ^4 | [-35, 36] | [-31, 31] | [-83, 85] | [-88, 91] | [-34, 35] | [-31, 31] |
| f_{S1}/Λ^4 | [-100, 120] | [-100, 110] | [-110, 110] | [-120, 130] | [-86, 99] | [-91, 97] |

- CMS and ATLAS results on EWK single and diboson productions are presented
 - Inclusive fiducial cross section measurements in all channels
 - First Measurement of WV EW cross sections
 - First Differential cross sections measurements of $W^\pm W^\pm jj$ & $WZjj$ processes on several distributions
 - The first observation of the EW $ZZjj$ production with the ATLAS experiment
- Limits on dim-8 Wilson coefficients are set for anomalous quartic gauge couplings within the EFT validity for the first time

BACK UP

Z+2jets:Fiducial Definitions

CMS

The signal is defined in the kinematic region with dilepton invariant mass $m_{ll} > 50$ GeV, parton transverse momentum $p_T^j > 25$ GeV, diparton invariant mass $m_{jj} > 120$ GeV and $|\eta| < 2.4$

ATLAS

| | |
|-------------------|--|
| Dressed muons | $p_T > 25$ GeV and $ \eta < 2.4$ |
| Dressed electrons | $p_T > 25$ GeV and $ \eta < 2.47$ (excluding $1.37 < \eta < 1.52$) |
| Jets | $p_T > 25$ GeV and $ y < 4.4$ |
| VBf topology | $N_\ell = 2$ (same flavour, opposite charge), $m_{\ell\ell} \in (81, 101)$ GeV $\Delta R_{\min}(\ell_1, j) > 0.4$, $\Delta R_{\min}(\ell_2, j) > 0.4$ $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2$, $p_T^{j1} > 85$ GeV, $p_T^{j2} > 80$ GeV $p_{T,\ell\ell} > 20$ GeV, $p_T^{\text{bal}} < 0.15$ $m_{jj} > 1000$ GeV, $ \Delta y_{jj} > 2$, $\xi_Z < 1$ |
| CRA | VBf topology $\oplus N_{\text{jets}}^{\text{gap}} \geq 1$ and $\xi_Z < 0.5$ |
| CRb | VBf topology $\oplus N_{\text{jets}}^{\text{gap}} \geq 1$ and $\xi_Z > 0.5$ |
| CRc | VBf topology $\oplus N_{\text{jets}}^{\text{gap}} = 0$ and $\xi_Z > 0.5$ |
| SR | VBf topology $\oplus N_{\text{jets}}^{\text{gap}} = 0$ and $\xi_Z < 0.5$ |

$W^\pm W^\pm$ & WZ VBS: Fiducial Definitions

CMS

- $W^\pm W^\pm$ fiducial region
 - Two same-sign leptons with a transverse momentum $p_T > 20$ GeV, $|\eta| < 2.5$ and $m_{ll} > 20$ GeV
 - Two jets with $p_T > 50$ GeV, $m_{jj} > 500$ GeV, $|\eta| < 4.7$ and a pseudo-rapidity difference $|\Delta\eta_{jj}| > 2.5$
- WZ fiducial region
 - Three leptons with $p_T > 20$ GeV, $|\eta| < 2.5$, and opposite charge same-flavor lepton pair with $|m_{ll} - m_Z| < 15$ GeV
 - Two jets with $p_T > 50$ GeV, $m_{jj} > 500$ GeV, $|\eta| < 4.7$ and a pseudo-rapidity difference $|\Delta\eta_{jj}| > 2.5$

ATLAS

- $W^\pm W^\pm$ fiducial region
 - Two same-sign leptons with a transverse momentum $p_T > 27$ GeV and $|\eta| < 2.5$
 - Two jets, one with $p_T > 65$ GeV and another with $p_T > 35$ GeV. The two highest- p_T jets must have an invariant mass $m_{jj} > 500$ GeV and a rapidity difference $|\Delta y_{jj}| > 2$
- WZ fiducial region
 - Leptons from Z decay should have $p_T > 25$ GeV & lepton from W $p_T > 20$ GeV, $|\eta| < 2.5$, and opposite charge same-flavor lepton pair with $|m_{ll} - m_Z| < 10$ GeV
 - Two jets with $p_T > 40$ GeV and $|\eta| < 4.5$

ZZ full Run II : Fiducial Definitions

CMS

| Particle type | Selection |
|----------------------|--|
| ZZjj inclusive | |
| Leptons | $p_T(\ell_1) > 20 \text{ GeV}$ $p_T(\ell_2) > 10 \text{ GeV}$ $p_T(\ell) > 5 \text{ GeV}$ $ \eta(\ell) < 2.5$ |
| Z and ZZ | $60 < m(\ell\ell) < 120 \text{ GeV}$ $m(4\ell) > 180 \text{ GeV}$ |
| Jets | at least 2 $p_T(j) > 30 \text{ GeV}$ $ \eta(j) < 4.7$ $m_{jj} > 100 \text{ GeV}$ $\Delta R(\ell, j) > 0.4$ for each ℓ, j |
| VBS-enriched (loose) | |
| Jets | ZZjj inclusive + $ \Delta\eta_{jj} > 2.4$ $m_{jj} > 400 \text{ GeV}$ |
| VBS-enriched (tight) | |
| Jets | ZZjj inclusive + $ \Delta\eta_{jj} > 2.4$ $m_{jj} > 1 \text{ TeV}$ |

ATLAS

- Fiducial regions are defined closely following the detector-level event selections, except
- 4 ℓ channel:
 - Z window loose to [60, 120] GeV (is [66, 116] GeV for detector-level). This is to reduce migration effect and keep compatibility with the CMS publication
- $\ell\ell\nu\nu$ channel:
 - Lepton eta cuts harmonized to 2.5 for both electrons and muons
 - Generator level MET > 130 GeV instead of MET significance (difficult to define at truth level)

VV VBS: Fiducial Definitions

CMS

- WV fiducial region
 - At parton level requiring all partons to have $p_T > 10$ GeV and at least one pair of outgoing quarks with invariant mass $m_{qq} > 100$ GeV

ATLAS

Table 4: Fiducial phase-space definitions used for the measurement of electroweak $VVjj$ production.

| Object selection | |
|------------------------|---|
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| Large- R jets | $p_T > 200$ GeV, $ \eta < 2.0$ |
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| Tagging-jets | Two small- R non- b jets, $\eta_{\text{tag},j_1} \cdot \eta_{\text{tag},j_2} < 0$, highest m_{jj}^{tag} $m_{jj}^{\text{tag}} > 400$ GeV, $p_T^{\text{tag},j_{1,2}} > 30$ GeV |
| Number of b -jets | 0-lepton — |
| | 1-lepton 0 |
| | 2-lepton — |

- **Multivariate analysis** → enhance WZ EWK production w.r.t large WZ QCD production
- 13 Input variables retained ; BDT Gradient chosen from ROC curve

| | Variable | Definition |
|-------------------|---|---|
| jj variables | m_{jj} | Mass of the leading and trailing jets system |
| | $ \Delta\eta_{jj} $ | Absolute difference in rapidity of the leading and trailing jets |
| | $\Delta\phi_{jj}$ | Absolute difference in azimuthal angles of the leading and trailing jets |
| | p_T^{j1} | p_T of the leading jet |
| | p_T^{j2} | p_T of the trailing jet |
| | η^{j1} | Pseudorapidity of the leading jet |
| VV variable | $ \eta^W - \eta^Z $ | Absolute difference between the rapidities of the Z boson and the charged lepton from the decay of the W boson |
| V-j mix variables | $z_{\ell_i}^* (i = 1 - 3)$ | Zeppenfeld variable of the three selected leptons |
| | $z_{3\ell}^*$ | Zeppenfeld variable of the vector sum of the three leptons |
| | $\Delta R_{j1,Z}$ | ΔR between the leading jet and the Z boson |
| | $ \vec{p}_T^{\text{tot}} / \sum_i p_T^i$ | Transverse component of the vector sum of the bosons and tagging jets momenta, normalized to their scalar p_T sum |

◆ Overall good separation between EWK WZ and QCD WZ

Note: Larger set of discriminating observables studied but variables improving sensitivity & showing some S/B separation retained.

- Fake rate ϵ_{fake}
 - Defined as the efficiency for fakeable objects to pass full lepton selection
 - Measured in a QCD-enriched sample with real lepton subtraction
 - η and p_T dependence
- Extrapolate the background yields
 - from “tight+loose” and “loose+loose” data events in “SR”
 - by weighted

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{“tight+loose”}: \quad w_i &= \frac{\epsilon_{\text{fake}}(p_{T_i}, \eta_i)}{1 - \epsilon_{\text{fake}}(p_{T_i}, \eta_i)} \\
 \text{“loose+loose”}: \quad (w_{ij} &= \frac{\epsilon_{\text{fake}}(p_{T_i}, \eta_i)}{1 - \epsilon_{\text{fake}}(p_{T_i}, \eta_i)} \times \frac{\epsilon_{\text{fake}}(p_{T_j}, \eta_j)}{1 - \epsilon_{\text{fake}}(p_{T_j}, \eta_j)})
 \end{aligned}$$

- and with real lepton from simulation subtraction

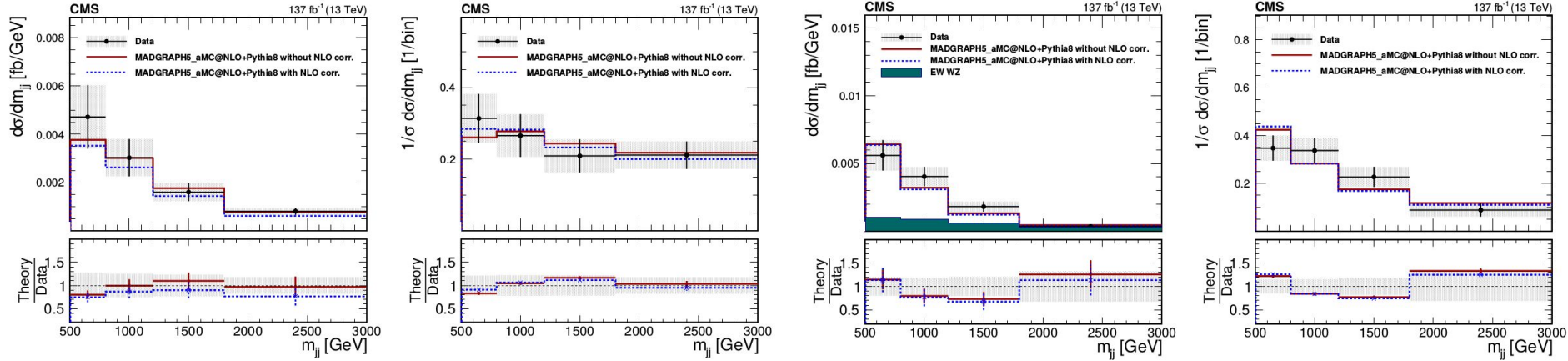
$$N^{\text{non-prompt}} = \left(\sum_i w_i^{\text{data}} - \sum_i w_i^{\text{MC}} - \sum_{i,j} w_{ij}^{\text{data}} + \sum_{i,j} w_{ij}^{\text{MC}} \right) N_{\text{tt/tl}}$$

CMS $W^\pm W^\pm$ & WZ VBS: Analysis Strategy & Yields

| Process | $W^\pm W^\pm$ SR | | WZ SR | |
|----------------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| | Pre-fit | Post-fit | Pre-fit | Post-fit |
| EW $W^\pm W^\pm$ | 209 ± 22 | 210 ± 26 | — | — |
| QCD $W^\pm W^\pm$ | 13.6 ± 2.3 | 13.7 ± 2.2 | — | — |
| Interference $W^\pm W^\pm$ | 8.4 ± 2.3 | 8.7 ± 2.3 | — | — |
| EW WZ | 14.1 ± 1.7 | 17.8 ± 3.9 | 54.3 ± 5.7 | 69 ± 15 |
| QCD WZ | 42.9 ± 4.7 | 42.7 ± 7.4 | 117.9 ± 6.8 | 117 ± 17 |
| Interference WZ | 0.3 ± 0.1 | 0.3 ± 0.2 | 2.2 ± 0.6 | 2.7 ± 1.0 |
| ZZ | 0.7 ± 0.1 | 0.7 ± 0.2 | 6.1 ± 0.4 | 6.0 ± 1.8 |
| Nonprompt | 211 ± 55 | 193 ± 40 | 14.6 ± 7.6 | 14.4 ± 6.7 |
| $t\bar{t}V$ | 9.0 ± 3.1 | 7.4 ± 2.2 | 15.1 ± 1.9 | 14.3 ± 2.8 |
| $W\gamma$ | 7.8 ± 2.0 | 9.1 ± 2.9 | 1.1 ± 0.5 | 1.1 ± 0.4 |
| Wrong-sign | 13.5 ± 7.1 | 13.9 ± 6.5 | 1.6 ± 0.7 | 1.7 ± 0.7 |
| Other background | 5.0 ± 2.4 | 5.2 ± 2.1 | 3.3 ± 0.7 | 3.3 ± 0.7 |
| Total SM | 535 ± 60 | 522 ± 49 | 216 ± 12 | 229 ± 23 |
| Data | 524 | | 229 | |

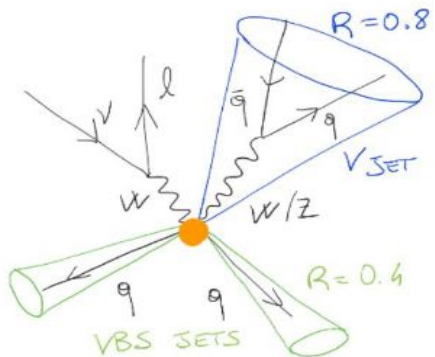
| Source of uncertainty | $W^\pm W^\pm$ (%) | WZ (%) |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|--------|
| Integrated luminosity | 1.5 | 1.6 |
| Lepton measurement | 1.8 | 2.9 |
| Jet energy scale and resolution | 1.5 | 4.3 |
| Pileup | 0.1 | 0.4 |
| b tagging | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Nonprompt rate | 3.5 | 1.4 |
| Trigger | 1.1 | 1.1 |
| Limited MC sample size | 2.6 | 3.7 |
| Theory | 1.9 | 3.8 |
| Total systematic uncertainty | 5.7 | 7.9 |
| Statistical uncertainty | 8.9 | 22 |
| Total uncertainty | 11 | 23 |

- Absolute and normalized - WW (EWK+QCD) **differential cross section** measurements on m_{jj} (shown below), m_{jj} & p_T^{\max} and WZ (EWK+QCD) **differential cross section** measurements on m_{jj} (shown below)



Boosted category

- **1 FatJet** (anti-kt $R=0.8$ jet) from **hadronic decay of W/Z boson** with $P_T > 200$ GeV
 - τ_{21} variables used for ID
- At least 2 jets (anti-kt $R=0.4$) with $P_T > 30$ GeV tagged as **VBS jets** looking for the max invariant mass pair.

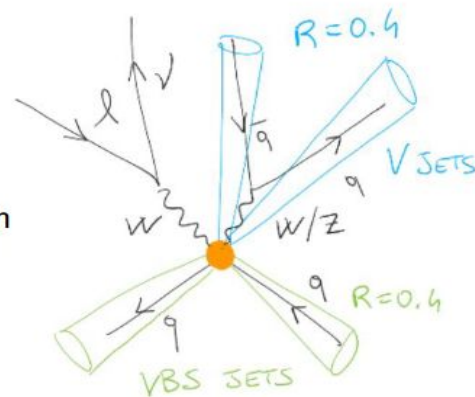


Resolved category

- At least 4 jets (anti-kt $R=0.4$) with $P_T > 30$ GeV.
 - 2 jets \rightarrow **resolved** hadronic decay of W/Z boson
 - 2 jets \rightarrow scattered initial partons (**VBS jets**)

Tagging order:

1. **VBS tag jets:**
maximum invariant mass pair
2. **V hadronic:** pair with invariant mass near W/Z mass



WV Full Run II : Signal Selections

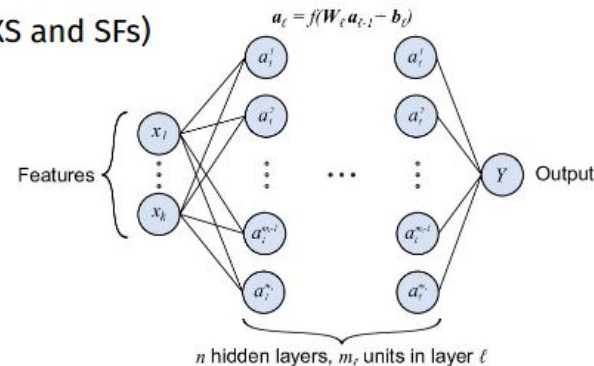
| | Signal region | Top control region | W+jets control region |
|-------------------|---|--|---|
| Resolved category | <p>Ele $p_T > 30$ GeV (2016), 35 GeV (2017, 2018) Muon $p_T > 30$ GeV PuppiMET > 30 GeV Leading VBS jet $p_T > 50$ GeV trailing VBS jet and Vjets $p_T > 30$ GeV $\Delta\eta_{VBS} > 2.5$, $M_{jj VBS} > 500$ GeV Leptonic $M_W^l < 185$ GeV bVeto with Loose DeepCSV WP V had $p_T < 200$ GeV 65 GeV $< M_{jj} Vhad < 105$ GeV</p> | <p>Ele $p_T > 30$ GeV (2016), 35 GeV (2017, 2018) Muon $p_T > 30$ GeV PuppiMET > 30 GeV Leading VBS jet $p_T > 50$ GeV trailing VBS jet and Vjets $p_T > 30$ GeV $\Delta\eta_{VBS} > 2.5$, $M_{jj VBS} > 500$ GeV Leptonic $M_W^l < 185$ GeV bTag with Tight DeepCSV WP V had $p_T < 200$ GeV 65 GeV $< M_{jj} Vhad < 105$ GeV</p> | <p>Ele $p_T > 30$ GeV (2016), 35 GeV (2017, 2018) Muon $p_T > 30$ GeV PuppiMET > 30 GeV Leading VBS jet $p_T > 50$ GeV trailing VBS jet and Vjets $p_T > 30$ GeV $\Delta\eta_{VBS} > 2.5$, $M_{jj VBS} > 500$ GeV Leptonic $M_W^l < 185$ GeV bVeto with Loose DeepCSV WP V had $p_T < 200$ GeV 40 $< M_{jj} Vhad < 65$ GeV, $M_{jj} Vhad > 105$ GeV</p> |
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Studied the ranking of the DNN input variables with the SHapley Additive exPlanations (SHAP) method (presented also at CMS ML forum [indico](#))

Table 1: Variables used as input of the DNN for the resolved and boosted models. The Zeppenfeld variable of a particle X is defined as $Z_X = \frac{\eta^X - \bar{\eta}^{VBS}}{\Delta\eta^{VBS}}$, where $\bar{\eta}^{VBS}$ is the mean η of VBS tag-jets, while the centrality [6, 49] is $C_{VW} = \min(\Delta\eta_-, \Delta\eta_+)$, with $\Delta\eta_+ = \max(\eta^{VBS}) - \max(\eta^{V_{had}}, \eta^W)$ and $\Delta\eta_- = \min(\eta^{VBS}) - \min(\eta^{V_{had}}, \eta^W)$. The η^W is built assuming the W-mass from the lepton and p_T^{miss} kinematics.

| Variable | Resolved | Boosted |
|--|----------|---------|
| Lepton pseudorapidity | ✓ | ✓ |
| Lepton transverse momentum | ✓ | ✓ |
| Zeppenfeld variable for the lepton | ✓ | ✓ |
| Number of jets with $p_T > 30$ GeV | ✓ | ✓ |
| VBS leading tag-jet p_T | - | ✓ |
| VBS trailing tag-jet p_T | ✓ | ✓ |
| Pseudorapidity interval between VBS tag-jets | ✓ | ✓ |
| Quark Gluon discriminator of the highest p_T jet of the VBS tag-jets | ✓ | ✓ |
| Azimuthal angle distance between VBS tag-jets | ✓ | ✓ |
| Invariant mass of the VBS tag-jets pair | ✓ | ✓ |
| p_T of jets from V_{had} | ✓ | - |
| Pseudorapidity difference between V_{had} jets | ✓ | - |
| Quark Gluon discriminator of the V_{had} jets | ✓ | - |
| V_{had} p_T | - | ✓ |
| Invariant mass of the V_{had} | ✓ | ✓ |
| Zeppenfeld variable for the V_{had} | - | ✓ |
| V_{had} centrality | - | ✓ |

- Basic approach: **all Backgrounds** vs **Signal** (events weighted by XS and SFs)
- Training performed on events in **signal region**
- **Trained 2 different** models:
 - o for **boosted** and **resolved** categories
 - o joining all the years datasets
- Carefully checked and avoided **overtraining**



Boosted

- DNN fully connected (64-32-32-32 nodes)
- 13 inputs (see next slide)
- Regularization: Batch normalization and L2 norm weights normalization
- 416k background, 50k signal samples

Resolved

- DNN fully connected (64-64-64-64 nodes)
- 16 inputs (see next slide)
- Regularization: Batch normalization and L2 norm weights normalization
- 1.7 M background, 220k signal samples

- MVA Analysis to extract EW ZZjj signal
 - Gradient boosted decision tree (BDTG) is used in both channels
 - In the $4\ell jj$ channel, twelve input variables are used
 - The jet-related information provides the greatest sensitivity
 - In the $\ell\ell\nu\nu$ channel, thirteen input variables are used
 - Both the jet-related dilepton-related variables are important
- ◆ Overall good separation between EWK ZZ and QCD ZZ

| Rank | $llll$ | $ll\nu\nu$ |
|------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 | m_{jj} | $\Delta\eta(ll)$ |
| 2 | leading p_T^j | m_{ll} |
| 3 | subleading p_T^j | $\Delta\phi(ll)$ |
| 4 | $p_T(ZZjj)/h_T(ZZjj)$ | m_{jj} |
| 5 | $Y(j1) \times Y(j2)$ | MET significance |
| 6 | $ \Delta Y(jj) $ | $\Delta Y(jj)$ |
| 7 | Y_{ZZ}^* | $Y(j1) \times Y(j2)$ |
| 8 | Y_{Z1}^* | h_T |
| 9 | p_T^{4l} | $\Delta R(ll)$ |
| 10 | m_{4l} | subleading p_T^j |
| 11 | p_T^{Z1} | MET |
| 12 | p_T^{l3} | subleading p_T^l |
| 13 | - | leading p_T^l |

- MVA Analysis to extract EW ZZjj signal
- 4ℓ channel trained in SR using EW vs QCD events
- $\ell\ell\nu\nu$ channel trained in SR using EW vs all backgrounds
- BDT score is used as final discriminator for fitting
 - 3 regions are used in fitting: 4ℓ SR, 4ℓ QCD CR, $\ell\ell\nu\nu$ SR
 - μ_{EW} is POI, μ_{QCD} (4ℓ channel) is used as a free parameter in the fit to constrain QCD normalization

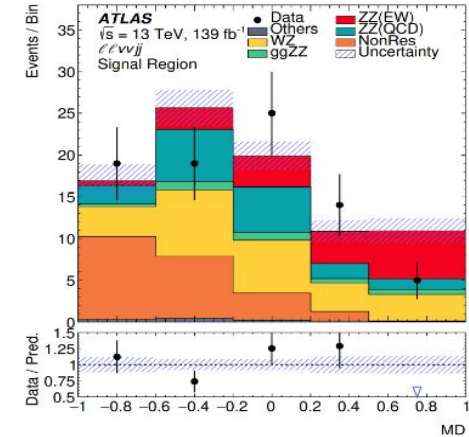
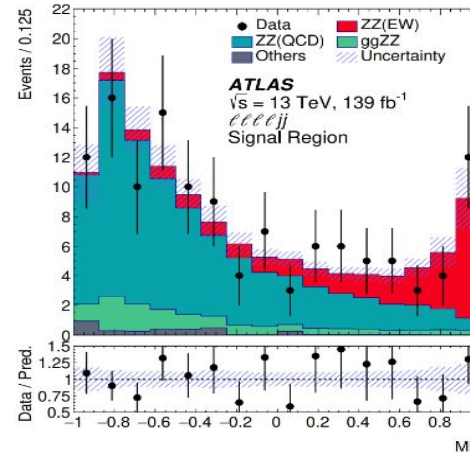


Table 4: Fiducial phase-space definitions used for the measurement of electroweak $VVjj$ production.

| Object selection | | |
|------------------------|--|--|
| Leptons | $p_{\text{T}} > 7 \text{ GeV}, \eta < 2.5$ | |
| Small- R jets | $p_{\text{T}} > 20 \text{ GeV}$ if $ \eta < 2.5$, and $p_{\text{T}} > 30 \text{ GeV}$ if $2.5 < \eta < 4.5$ | |
| Large- R jets | $p_{\text{T}} > 200 \text{ GeV}, \eta < 2.0$ | |
| Event selection | | |
| Leptonic V selection | 0-lepton | Zero leptons, $p_{\text{T}}^{\gamma\gamma} > 200 \text{ GeV}$ |
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| Number of b -jets | 0-lepton | – |
| | 1-lepton | 0 |
| | 2-lepton | – |

Table 2: Variables used for the BDT discriminant in the merged analysis category of each lepton channel.

| Variable | 0-lepton | 1-lepton | 2-lepton |
|---|----------|----------|----------|
| m_{jj}^{tag} | ✓ | — | ✓ |
| $\Delta\eta_{jj}^{\text{tag}}$ | — | — | ✓ |
| $p_{\text{T}}^{\text{tag},j_2}$ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| m_J | ✓ | — | — |
| $D_2^{(\beta=1)}$ | ✓ | — | ✓ |
| $E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}$ | ✓ | — | — |
| $\Delta\phi(\vec{E}_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}, J)$ | ✓ | — | — |
| η_{ℓ} | — | ✓ | — |
| $n_{j,\text{track}}$ | ✓ | — | — |
| ζ_V | — | ✓ | ✓ |
| m_{VV} | — | — | ✓ |
| p_{T}^{VV} | — | — | ✓ |
| m_{VVjj} | — | ✓ | — |
| p_{T}^{VVjj} | — | — | ✓ |
| w^{tag,j_1} | ✓ | — | — |
| w^{tag,j_2} | ✓ | — | — |

Table 3: Variables used for the BDT discriminant in the resolved analysis category of each lepton channel analysis.

| Variable | 0-lepton | 1-lepton | 2-lepton |
|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| m_{jj}^{tag} | ✓ | – | ✓ |
| $\Delta\eta_{jj}^{\text{tag}}$ | – | – | ✓ |
| p_T^{tag,j_1} | ✓ | ✓ | – |
| p_T^{tag,j_2} | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| $\Delta\eta_{jj}$ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| $p_T^{j_1}$ | ✓ | – | – |
| $p_T^{j_2}$ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| w^{j_1} | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| w^{j_2} | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| $n_{\text{tracks}}^{j_1}$ | – | ✓ | ✓ |
| $n_{\text{tracks}}^{j_2}$ | – | ✓ | ✓ |
| w^{tag,j_1} | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| w^{tag,j_2} | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| $n_{\text{tracks}}^{\text{tag},j_1}$ | – | ✓ | ✓ |
| $n_{\text{tracks}}^{\text{tag},j_2}$ | – | ✓ | ✓ |
| $n_{j,\text{track}}$ | ✓ | – | ✓ |
| $n_{j,\text{extr}}$ | ✓ | – | – |
| E_T^{miss} | ✓ | – | – |
| η_ℓ | – | ✓ | – |
| $\Delta R(\ell, \nu)$ | – | ✓ | – |
| ζ_V | – | ✓ | ✓ |
| m_{VV} | – | – | ✓ |
| m_{VVjj} | – | ✓ | – |

CMS aQGCs: Unitarity Issue

- It is well known that EFT amplitudes grow with M_{VV} and this growth is unphysical above a certain scale Λ ; this sets the limit of validity of EFT approach
- **FACT:** pure EFT does not provide any predictions for $M_{VV} > \Lambda$, dictated by the requirement of unitarity
- Measured signal is in general a sum of $M_{VV} < \Lambda$ and $M_{VV} > \Lambda$. The only way to correctly use EFT is to make sure the region $M_{VV} > \Lambda$ does not significantly contribute
- Only the most conservative limits are guaranteed to be true
 - Most conservative estimate = “clip” the generated aQGC distribution: take only SM contribution above Λ . This is the practical equivalent of not using data above Λ [*]

The **EFT-controlled** part of the signal is given by:

$$D_i^{model} = \underbrace{\int_{2M_W}^{\Lambda} \frac{d\sigma}{dM} |_{model} dM}_{\text{EFT in its range of validity}} + \underbrace{\int_{\Lambda}^{M_{max}} \frac{d\sigma}{dM} |_{SM} dM}_{\text{Only SM contribution}}$$

- The technique is known as “Clipping”, and essentially means using EFT only in the region it is valid!
- **Implementation** of “Clipping” in CMS Results

[*] [Eur. Phys. J. C \(2018\) 78: 403](#) [Eur. Phys. J. C 80, 181 \(2020\)](#)