



VBF/VBS measurements in ATLAS and CMS

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Vector Boson Fusion/Scattering at LHC





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Why are VBF and VBS so charming?

- EW sector of the Standard Model is based on $SU(2)_L \otimes SU(1)_Y$ symmetry group. The non-abelian nature of the group results in selfinteraction of the gauge bosons (triple and quartic gauge couplings, **TGCs and QGCs**). VBF/VBS processes exhibit both types of interaction.
- VBF/VBS processes are strictly related to **unitarity violation** in SM and precise measurements can probe the nature of the Higgs sector
- Powerful instrument to search for effects beyond the SM using model-independent approaches











Topology in proton-proton collisions

VBS and VBF contribute to EW-induced diboson production at tree level $O(\alpha 4)$. At LHC interactions from VBS are characterized by: • Presence of vector bosons decay products in the

- central part of the detector;
- Two forward-backward jets with high dijet invariant mass and large pseudorapidity separation.

Typical observables in VBF/VBS measurements at LHC are cross sections in detector fiducial regions.









CMS results



Opposite-sign WWWBS

EWK production of a pair of opposite-sign Ws and two jets, with both W decaying leptonically.

The analysis selects final states with two OS leptons: e^+e^- , $\mu^+\mu^-$, $e^\pm\mu^\mp$. Sources of background:

- Top pair production makes the measurement quite challenging. Studied in a dedicated CR (~95% pure sample $t\bar{t}$)
- Drell Yan is one of the leading backgrounds in *ee* and $\mu\mu$ categories (~91% wrt 64% in $e\mu$), comes from different sources
- Non-prompt (data driven)
- QCD-induced WW, Higgs, multiboson

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Events where at least one jet comes from a pileup vertex $|\Delta \eta_{ii}| > 5$

Events where both jets are generated in hard interaction $|\Delta \eta_{jj}| < 5$

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Opposite-sign WWVBS

SR is split in two regions to optimize the signal significance, based on centrality of dilepton system with respect to the tagging jets, quantified by Zeppenfeld variable $Z_{ll} = \frac{1}{2} |\eta_{l1} + \eta_{l2} - (\eta_{j1} + \eta_{j2})|$.

All categories are fit to data using a maximun likelihood fit and different discriminating variables:

- A feed-forward deep neural network (DNN) for $e\mu$
- Different variables in different regions for *ee* and $\mu\mu$:

n. events
$$\begin{cases} mjj \in [300; 500] \text{ and } |\Delta \eta_{jj}| \in [2.5; 3.5] \\ mjj > 500 \text{ and } |\Delta \eta_{jj}| \in [2.5; 3.5] \\ mjj \in [300; 500] \text{ and } |\Delta \eta_{jj}| > 3.5 \\ mjj > 500 \text{ and } |\Delta \eta_{jj}| > 3.5 \\ mjj > 500 \text{ and } |\Delta \eta_{jj}| > 3.5 \\ \end{cases}$$
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The observed (expected) significance is 5.6 (5.2) σ .

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Opposite-sign WWWBS

EW osWW production cross section is measured in two different fiducial volumes:

- Inclusive volume (no tau veto, outgoing partons with $p_T > 10$ GeV and $m_{qq'} > 100 \text{ GeV}$): $\sigma_{obs} = 99 \pm 20 \text{ fb}$, $\sigma_{exp} = 89 \pm 5$ (scale) fb
- Fiducial volume similar to reconstructed SR: $\sigma_{obs} = 10.2 \pm 2.0$ fb, $\sigma_{exp} = 9.1 \pm 0.6$ (scale) fb

Objects	Requirements
Leptons	eµ, ee, µµ (not from τ decay), opposite charge $p_T^{\text{dressed }\ell} = p_T^{\ell} + \sum_i p_T^{\gamma_i} \text{ if } \Delta R(\ell, \gamma_i) < 0.1$ $p_T^{\ell_1} > 25 \text{ GeV}, p_T^{\ell_2} > 13 \text{ GeV}, p_T^{\ell_3} < 10 \text{ GeV}$ $ \eta < 2.5$ $p_T^{\ell\ell} > 30 \text{ GeV}, m_{\ell\ell} > 50 \text{ GeV}$
Jets	$p_{\rm T}^{j} > 30 { m GeV}$ $\Delta R(j, \ell) > 0.4$ At least 2 jets, no b jets $ \eta < 4.7$ $m_{\rm jj} > 300 { m GeV}, \Delta \eta_{\rm jj} > 2.5$
$p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{miss}}$	$p_{\rm T}^{\rm miss} > 20{ m GeV}$





Higgs

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 $\Delta \eta_{::} > 3.5$

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EWK production of Wy+2jets

EWK production of W, γ and two jets, with W boson decaying in the leptonic channel.

Main backgrounds sources are:

- W+jets
- Top quark processes with jet misidentified as photon
- Top, VV, *Z*γ

Scale factors for non-prompt photons are extrapolated in a loose- γ Control Region and are applied in the Signal Region. Discrimination relies on the photon σ_{nn} , an observable that quantifies the lateral extension of the shower.





EWK production of $W\gamma$ +2jets

- Measurement of EW W γ production rate is extracted using a binned likelihood fit to a 2D distribution in $m_{l\gamma}$ and m_{jj} . The observed (expected) significance is 6.0 (6.8) σ .
- The purely EW ($\mu_{QCD} = 1$) and EW+QCD W fiducial cross section is measured in a fiducial region as $\sigma^{fid} = \sigma_g \hat{\mu} \alpha$, where σ_g is the cross section calculated with MadGraph5 at LO in QCD.

Signal	$\mu = \sigma_{OBS}/\sigma_{SM}$	Cros
EWK W γ	$0.88\substack{+0.19 \\ -0.18}$	$23.5\pm2.8({ m st}$
EWK+QCD W γ	$0.98\substack{+0.12 \\ -0.11}$	$113\pm2.0({ m st}$

All the results are in agreement with SM predictions.

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EWK production of Wy+2jets **EFT** interpretation

Constraints on anomalous quartic gauge couplings for EFT@dim8 operators are extracted @95%CL via likelihood scan approach.

- One operator at the time (other EFT couplings set to zero) •
- $m_{W\gamma}$ distribution built in the VBS phase-space region to enhance sensitivity to aQGC



Most stringent limits to date on several aQGC parameters.



Expected limit	Observed limit	$U_{ m bo}$
$-5.1 < f_{M,0}/\Lambda^4 < 5.1$	$-5.6 < f_{M,0}/\Lambda^4 < 5.5$	1.
$-7.1 < f_{M,1}/\Lambda^4 < 7.4$	$-7.8 < f_{M,1}/\Lambda^4 < 8.1$	2.
$-1.8 < f_{M,2}/\Lambda^4 < 1.8$	$-1.9 < f_{M,2}/\Lambda^4 < 1.9$	2.
$-2.5 < f_{M,3}/\Lambda^4 < 2.5$	$-2.7 < f_{M,3}/\Lambda^4 < 2.7$	2.
$-3.3 < f_{M,4}/\Lambda^4 < 3.3$	$-3.7 < f_{M,4}/\Lambda^4 < 3.6$	2.
$-3.4 < f_{M,5}/\Lambda^4 < 3.6$	$-3.9 < f_{M,5}/\Lambda^4 < 3.9$	2.
$-13 < f_{M,7}/\Lambda^4 < 13$	$-14 < f_{M,7}/\Lambda^4 < 14$	2.
$-0.43 < f_{T,0}/\Lambda^4 < 0.51$	$-0.47 < f_{T,0}/\Lambda^4 < 0.51$	1.
$-0.27 < f_{T,1}/\Lambda^4 < 0.31$	$-0.31 < f_{T,1}/\Lambda^4 < 0.34$	2.
$-0.72 < f_{T,2}/\Lambda^4 < 0.92$	$-0.85 < f_{T,2}/\Lambda^4 < 1.0$	2.
$-0.29 < f_{T,5}/\Lambda^4 < 0.31$	$-0.31 < f_{T,5}/\Lambda^4 < 0.33$	2.
$-0.23 < f_{T,6}/\Lambda^4 < 0.25$	$-0.25 < f_{T,6}/\Lambda^4 < 0.27$	2.
$-0.60 < f_{T,7}/\Lambda^4 < 0.68$	$-0.67 < f_{T,7}/\Lambda^4 < 0.73$	3.



Same-sign WW with hadronic tau

EWK production of same-sign W boson pairs with a hadronically decaying τ in the final state.

Same-sign WW is the golden channel for VBS studies due to good separation between EWK and QCD components and full availability of NLO corrections.

Main backgrounds sources in SR are:

- events containing nonprompt leptons from QCD-mediated multijet, W+jets, hadr. and semi-leptonic tt (95%)
- Z/γ^* + jets (2%)
- Dileptonic tt production (1%)

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Same-sign WW with hadronic tau

9 significant observables are combined in a single ML discriminator (DNN) to separate signal and background. Two dedicated transverse masses are defined:

$$M_{1T}^2 = \left(\sqrt{M_{\tau l}^2 + p_T^{\tau l 2}} + p_T^{\text{miss}}\right)^2 - |\vec{p}_T^{\tau l} + \vec{p}_T|^2$$
$$M_{o1}^2 = \left(p_T^\tau + p_T^l + p_T\right)^2 - |\vec{p}_T^{\tau l} + \vec{p}_T^l + \vec{p}_T|^2$$

Measurement of purely EW ssWW signal strenght ($\mu_{QCD} = 1$) and EWK+QCD ssWW signal strenght:

Signal	$\mu = \sigma_{OBS}/\sigma_{SM}$	Si
EWK ssWW	$1.44\substack{+0.63 \\ -0.56}$	2
EWK+QCD ssWW	$1.43\substack{+0.60 \\ -0.54}$	2

ignificance $[\sigma]$

 $2.7 (1.9 \exp)$

 $2.9 (2.0 \exp)$





Same-sign WW with hadronic tau **EFT** interpretation

Constraints on bosonic dim6 and dim8 EFT Wilson coefficients are derived via likelihood scan approach. Both 1D and 2D limits are extrapolated.

First analysis considering pairs of different dimension operators in 2D scan.



- 1D limits consider one operator at the time
- 2D limits couple operators that give similar contributions to the $WW \rightarrow WW$ scattering amplitude and that have a similar ratio between quadratic and linear terms.

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$$\mathcal{O}_{i}^{(6)} + \sum_{i} \frac{f_{i}^{(8)}}{\Lambda^{4}} \mathcal{O}_{i}^{(8)} + \dots$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \mathcal{O}_{W} = \epsilon^{ijk} W^{\nu i}_{\mu} W^{\rho j}_{\nu} W^{\mu k}_{\rho} \\ \mathcal{O}_{\varphi \Box} = (\varphi^{\dagger} \varphi) \Box (\varphi^{\dagger} \varphi) \\ \mathcal{O}_{\varphi D} = (\varphi^{\dagger} D^{\mu} \varphi) * (\varphi^{\dagger} D_{\mu} \varphi) \\ \mathcal{O}_{\varphi W} = \varphi^{\dagger} \varphi W^{i}_{\mu \nu} W^{\mu \nu i} \\ \mathcal{O}_{\varphi WB} = \varphi^{\dagger} \tau^{i} \varphi W^{i}_{\mu \nu} B^{\mu \nu} \end{array}$$

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Same-sign WW with hadronic tau **EFT interpretation**

Wilson coefficient		68% CL interval(s)		95% CL interval	
		Expected	Observed	Expected	Obse
	$c_{ll}^{(1)}$	$[-12.9, -8.03] \cup [-2.95, 1.91]$	[-11.6, 0.045]	[-14.6, 3.53]	[-13.5
	$c_{qq}^{(1)}$	[-0.501, 0.576]	[-0.341, 0.416]	[-0.742, 0.818]	[-0.605]
	c_W	[-0.681, 0.669]	[-0.513, 0.481]	[-0.987, 0.974]	[-0.842]
	c_{HW}	[-7.00, 6.09]	[-5.48, 4.31]	[-9.99, 9.05]	[-8.68]
	c_{HWB}	[-41.7, 69.6]	[30.7, 89.2]	[-66.6, 96.4]	[-49.
dim-6	$c_{H\square}$	[-16.6, 18.1]	[-12.0, 14.0]	[-24.7, 26.3]	[-20.9]
	c_{HD}	[-24.6, 34.7]	[-15.3, 31.5]	[-38.2, 48.8]	[-31.4]
	$c_{Hl}^{(1)}$	[-28.8, 29.9]	[-38.2, 39.5]	[-49.4, 49.7]	[-69.3
	$c_{Hl}^{(3)}$	$[-1.43, 2.23] \cup [5.88, 9.54]$	[-0.045, 8.58]	[-2.64, 10.8]	[-1.59]
	$c_{Hq}^{(1)}$	[-4.53, 4.42]	[-3.27, 3.44]	[-6.56, 6.44]	[-5.55]
	$c_{Hq}^{(3)}$	[-2.39, 1.37]	[-1.88, 0.705]	[-3.24, 2.16]	[-2.82]
	f_{T0}	[-1.02, 1.08]	[-0.774, 0.842]	[-1.52, 1.58]	[-1.32]
	f_{T1}	[-0.426, 0.480]	[-0.319, 0.381]	[-0.640, 0.695]	[-0.552]
	f_{T2}	[-1.15, 1.37]	[-0.851, 1.12]	[-1.75, 1.98]	[-1.5]
	f_{M0}	[-9.89, 9.74]	[-8.07, 7.70]	[-14.6, 14.5]	[-13.]
dim 8	f_{M1}	[-12.5, 13.3]	[-9.54, 11.15]	[-18.7, 19.6]	[-16.4]
unn-o	f_{M7}	[-20.3, 19.2]	[-17.6, 15.3]	[-29.9, 28.8]	[-27.0]
	f_{S0}	[-11.6, 12.0]	[-9.60, 9.82]	[-17.4, 17.9]	[-15.9]
	f_{S1}	[-37.4, 38.8]	[-40.9, 41.3]	[-57.2, 58.6]	[-60.9]
	f_{S2}	[-37.4, 38.8]	[-40.9, 41.3]	[-57.2, 58.6]	[-60.9]



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VBF measurements at CMS

Zjj production (Z to 2L)

Measurement of EWK production cross section of a Z boson in association with 2 jets at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV (35.9 fb⁻¹) in l^+l^- decay channel.

Results in agreement with MC predictions:

Meas.:
$$\sigma_{LO}(\text{EWK } lljj) = 534 \pm 20(\text{stat}) \pm 57(\text{syst}) \text{ fb}$$

Exp.: $\sigma_{LO}^{MG5}(\text{EWK } lljj) = 543 \pm 24(\text{total}) \text{ fb}$

Limits on bosonic dimension-6 EFT operators with no evidence of BSM physics.

Reference: Eur. Phys. J. C (2018) 78:589

Wjj production (W to LNu)

Measurement of EWK production cross section of a W boson in association with 2 jets at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV (35.9 fb⁻¹) in $l\nu$ decay channel. Results in agreement with MC predictions:

Meas.: $\sigma_{LO}(\text{EWK } l\nu jj) = 6.23 \pm 0.12(\text{stat}) \pm 0.61(\text{syst}) \text{ pb}$ Exp.: $\sigma_{LO}^{MG5}(\text{EWK } l\nu jj) = 6.81^{+0.03}_{-0.06}(\text{scale}) \pm 0.26(\text{PDF}) \text{ pb}$

Meas.: $\sigma_{NLO}(\text{EWK } l\nu jj) = 6.07 \pm 0.12(\text{stat}) \pm 0.57(\text{syst}) \text{ pb}$ Exp: $\sigma_{NLO}^{MG5}(\text{EWK } l\nu jj) = 6.74^{+0.02}_{-0.04}(\text{scale}) \pm 0.26(\text{PDF}) \text{ pb}$

Limits on bosonic dimension-6 EFT operators with no evidence of BSM physics.

Reference: Eur. Phys. J. C (2020) 80:43







ATLAS results





EWK production of a pair of opposite-sign Ws a two jets, with both W decaying leptonically.

Tighter cuts wrt CMS to suppress W boson contributions from the second Higgs production.

In order to reduce contribution from DY background, only $e\mu$ state is considered. In Signal Region:

- 66% of bkg comes from **Top quark production** (dedicated bkg costrained in simultaneous fit of SR and CR)
- 24% comes from QCD osWW (normalised with a scale fact coming from a fake- enriched region, effect of 15%-60% acr NN distribution)

Opposite-sign WWWBS

nd	Category	Requirements
	Leptons	$p_{\rm T} > 27 { m GeV}$ $ \eta < 2.47 { m excluding} 1.37 < \eta < 1.52 ({ m electrons})$ $ \eta < 2.5 ({ m muons})$
om VBF		Identification: Tight Isolation: Gradient (electrons), Tight_FixedRad (muons)
		$ d_0/\sigma_{d_0} < 5$ (electrons), $ d_0/\sigma_{d_0} < 3$ (muons) $ z_0 \sin \theta < 0.5$ mm
<i>i</i> final	<i>b</i> -jets Jets	$p_{\rm T}$ > 20 GeV and $ \eta $ < 2.5 (DL1r <i>b</i> -tagging with 85% efficiency $p_{\rm T}$ > 25 GeV and $ \eta $ < 4.5
d CR,	Events	One electron and one muon with opposite electric charges No additional lepton with $p_{\rm T} > 10$ GeV, Loose isolation, Tight/Medium (electrons) and Loose (muons) identification $m_{e\mu} > 80$ GeV
tor ross the		$E_{\rm T}^{\rm mass} > 15 {\rm GeV}$ No <i>b</i> -jet Two or three jets $\zeta > 0.5$







Profile likelihood fit is performed on the NN output observable simultaneously in the SR and the CR, with signal strenght of osWW, top quark and QCD osWW bkgs left as floating parameters.

The observed (expected) significance is 7.1 (6.2) σ .

The fiducial cross-section for VBS osWW production is obtained by multiplying μ by the theoretical fiducial cross-section:

Signal	Measured xsec [fb]	Expected* xsec [f
EWK osWW	$2.65\substack{+0.49 \\ -0.46}$	$2.20\substack{+0.14 \\ -0.13}$
	*DOWHEC DOV9	

Opposite-sign WWWBS



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EWK production of WZ plus two jets, with both vector bosons decaying leptonically.

Events with three leptons and moderate missing energy in final state are selected.

Main sources of irreducible background arise from:

- **ZZ QCD** with a small contribution from ZZ EWK events
- $t\overline{t} + V(V = Z, W)$

Dedicated Control Regions are used to normalize those backgrounds. Minor sources (VVV) are estimated from MC simulations.

Reducible backgrounds are estimated with data driven methods.

WZ VBS







A Boost Decision Tree (BDT) discriminant is used to separate signal from backgrounds, trained with 15 kinematic distributions.

- To better separate $t\bar{t}V$ and tZj events in b-Control Region, a second BDT discriminant (**b-CR BDT**) is used, trained with an extended set of observables.
- For better modeling SR is divided in two regions, based on number of jets in the events (2, 3 or more).
- The good modeling of the background is validated in a region at low m_{ii} .

Background and signal normalisation are adjusted by the profilelikelihood fit.







Cross section measurements of purely EWK, QCD and EWK+QCD WZ show a good agreement with data and theoretical predictions.

Signal	Measured Cross Section [fb]	Ex
EWK WZ	$0.368 \pm 0.037 ({ m stat}) \pm 0.059 ({ m syst}) \pm 0.003 ({ m lumi})$	0.370 ± 0.00
QCD WZ	$1.093 \pm 0.066(\mathrm{stat}) \pm 0.131(\mathrm{syst}) \pm 0.009(\mathrm{lumi})$	1.537 ± 0.00
EWK+QCD WZ	$1.462 \pm 0.063(\mathrm{stat}) \pm 0.118(\mathrm{syst}) \pm 0.012(\mathrm{lumi})$	1.907 ± 0.00
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Considering separately events with 2 jets and events with three or more jets leads to a disagreement with MC prediction in the first channel.

Differential measurements are also performed, showing similar agreement with data (for more, take a look to Backup slides).

WZ VBS









Limits on aQGCs are set with the implementation of unitarization techniques.

- A profile-likelihood ratio test statistics is used on 2D combination of BDT score and transverse mass of WZ system;
- Unitarization procedure consists in a comparison between the curve of the limits obtained varying cutoff on m_{WZ} and unitarity bounds of reference Phys. Rev. D 101, <u>113003</u>.

Before	Expected [TeV ⁻⁴]	Observed [TeV ⁻⁴]	After	Expected [TeV ⁻⁴]	Observed [TeV ⁻⁴]
$f_{ m T0}/\Lambda^4$	[-0.80, 0.80]	[-0.57, 0.56]	$f_{\rm T0}/\Lambda^4$	[-7.0, 7.0]	[-1.5, 1.6]
$f_{ m T1}/\Lambda^4$	[-0.52, 0.49]	[-0.39, 0.35]	$f_{ m T1}/\Lambda^4$	[-1.1, 1.0]	[-0.7, 0.6]
$f_{\mathrm{T2}}/\Lambda^4$	[-1.6, 1.4]	[-1.2, 1.0]	$f_{\mathrm{T2}}/\Lambda^4$	[-12, 6]	[-2.4, 1.8]
$f_{ m M0}/\Lambda^4$	[-8.3, 8.3]	[-5.8, 5.6]	$f_{ m M0}/\Lambda^4$	[-60, 60]	[-12, 12]
$f_{ m M1}/\Lambda^4$	[-12.3, 12.2]	[-8.6, 8.5]	$f_{ m M1}/\Lambda^4$	[-32, 32]	[-15, 15]
$f_{ m M7}/\Lambda^4$	[-16.2, 16.2]	[-11.3, 11.3]	$f_{ m M7}/\Lambda^4$	[-30, 30]	[-15, 15]
$f_{\mathrm{S02}}/\Lambda^4$	[-14.2, 14.2]	[-10.4, 10.4]	$f_{\mathrm{S02}}/\Lambda^4$	[-41, 41]	[-18, 18]
$f_{ m S1}/\Lambda^4$	[-42, 41]	[-30, 30]	$f_{ m S1}/\Lambda^4$		

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WZ VBS







EWK production of two jets in association with a Z boson, where Z decays leptonically (e, mu)

This study aims to determine which event generator predictions can be used reliably in VBF and VBS analyses at LHC, using measurements to constraint generator parameters.

Different MC generators are used to simulate signal sample and main background.

Process	Generator	ME accuracy	PDF	Shower and hadronisation	Parameter set
EW Zjj	Powheg-Box v1	NLO	CT10nlo	Pythia8 + EvtGen	AZNLO
	Herwig7 + Vbfnlo	NLO	MMHT2014lo	Herwig7 + EvtGen	default
	Sherpa 2.2.1	LO (2–4j)	NNPDF3.0nnlo	Sherpa	default
Strong <i>Zjj</i>	Sherpa 2.2.1	NLO (0–2j), LO (3–4j)	NNPDF3.0nnlo	Sherpa	default
	MadGraph5_aMC@NLO	NLO (0–2j), LO (3–4j)	NNPDF2.3nlo	Pythia8 + EvtGen	A14
	MadGraph5	LO (0–4j)	NNPDF3.01o	Pythia8 + EvtGen	A14

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VBFZjj







Dominant background comes from strong Zjj production:

• Dedicated Control Regions, defined by intervals in the centrality of the dijet system and N^{gap}; jets'



• There's no reason to prefer one generator over another for background simulation.

VBFZjj



EWK signal yield is obtained as the midpoint of the envelope of three yields with different strong Zjj simulation.







Differential distributions for both EWK and EWK+QCD Zjj are derived as functions of *mjj*, $|\Delta y_{jj}|$, $p_{T,ll}$ and $\Delta \phi_{jj}$.

• **HERWIG7+VBFNLO** predictions are in agreement with data;

Signal	Measured xsec [fb]	Expected* xsec [fb]
EWK Zjj	$37.4 \pm 3.5(\mathrm{stat}) \pm 5.5(\mathrm{syst})$	$39.5 \pm 3.4 (ext{scale}) \pm 1.2 (ext{PDF})$
	*HERWIG7+VBFNLO	

- **POWHEG+PY8** overestimates EW Zjj cross section (setup of PS) when matched to the ME calculation);
- **SHERPA** prediction significantly underestimates the measured differential cross section (non-optimal setting of the colour flow).

VBFZjj









	Zyjj product	ion	
Production of a Z with a photon and	z boson (decaying ir d two jets.	n <i>ee</i> or µµ) in as	sociation
• Observation with significance higher that 5σ for combined channels;			
 Differential cro kinematic varia predictions for 	ss sections (in back bles lead to results both EWK and incl	up) for 10 differ consistent with usive Ζγ produc	ent SM ction.
Signal	Region	Meas. xsec [fb]	Exp.* xsec [fb]
	$m_{jj} > 500 { m ~GeV}$	3.6 ± 0.5	3.5 ± 0.3
EWK+QCD $Z\gamma$	$m_{jj} > 150 { m ~GeV}$	$16.8^{+2.0}_{-1.8}$	$15.7\substack{+5.0 \\ -2.6}$
*MG5_aMC@NLO and SHERPA			
Reference: <u>Phys. Lett. B 846 (2023) 138222</u>			

Summary of other results

ssWW production

Same-sign W VBS production with Ws decaying in e or μ .

EWK and inclusive cross section measurement: \bullet

Description	$\sigma_{ m fid}^{ m EW}$ [fb]	$\sigma_{ m fid}^{ m EW+Int+QCD}$ [fb]
Measured cross section	2.92 ± 0.22 (stat.) ± 0.19 (syst.)	3.38 ± 0.22 (stat.) ± 0.19 (syst.)
MG5_AMC+Herwig7	$2.53 \pm 0.04 (PDF) ^{+0.22}_{-0.19} (scale)$	2.92 ± 0.05 (PDF) $^{+0.34}_{-0.27}$ (scale)
MG5_AMC+Pythia8	$2.53 \pm 0.04 (PDF) + 0.22 \\ - 0.19 (scale)$	$2.90 \pm 0.05 (PDF) \stackrel{+ 0.33}{- 0.26} (scale)$
Sherpa	$2.48 \pm 0.04 (PDF) + 0.40 (Scale)$	$2.92 \pm 0.03 (PDF) \stackrel{+ 0.60}{- 0.40} (scale)$
Sherpa \otimes NLO EW	$2.10 \pm 0.03 (PDF) + 0.34 - 0.23$ (scale)	$2.54 \pm 0.03 (PDF) + 0.50 \\ -0.33 (scale)$
Powheg Box+Pythia	2.64	_

- Differential cross section (in backup); \bullet
- Extraction of limits on EFT dim8 operators w/ unitarity and \bullet Search for **double Higgs** boson $H^{\pm\pm}$ produced by VBF and decaying in ssWW (2.5 σ @450GeV).

Reference: <u>JHEP 04 (2024) 026</u>





If you want more, from CMS...



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CMS results for VBS (VBF) processes at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV and integrated luminosity of 138 (35.9) fb⁻¹





ATLAS results for VBS and VBF processes at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV and integrated luminosity of 140 fb⁻¹



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If you want more, from ATLAS...





- Many analyses performed with full Run2 datasets and more to come
- The exploration of Effective Field Theory interpretations is gaining importance in VBS and VBF field
- Recent studies shown a high sensitivity to dim6 EFT operators and this would allow VBS processes to be integrated into the landscape of global EFT interpretations

Stay tuned for Run3!









Backup



Opposite-sign WWVBS Uncertainties and yields

Uncertainty source	Value					
QCD-induced W ⁺ W ⁻ normalization	5.3%					
tt scale variation	5.1%					
VBS signal scale variation	5.0%	Drocoss	SP or 7 ~ 1	SP au 7 a > 1	SP_{00} $\mu\mu$ 7μ < 1	SP 00 1111 7
tt normalization	4.9%	FIOLESS	SK E $\mu Z_{\ell\ell} < \Gamma$	SK E $\mu Z_{\ell\ell} > 1$	SK EE - $\mu\mu Z_{\ell\ell} < \Gamma$	SK EE - $\mu\mu Z_{\ell\ell}$
b tagging	3.5%	DATA	2441	2192	1606	1667
Trigger corrections	3.3%	Signal + background	2396.8 ± 98.5	2239.6 ± 106.0	1590.4 ± 49.4	1660.5 ± 43.6
DY normalization	2.9%	Signal	169.1 ± 20.2	69.9 ± 8.4	98.0 ± 6.5	38.3 ± 2.5
Jet energy scale + resolution	2.6%	Background	2227.7 ± 96.4	2169.7 ± 105.6	1492.4 ± 48.9	1622.1 ± 43.5
Unclustered p_{T}^{miss}	2.4%	$t\bar{t} + tW$	1629.4 ± 71.4	1452.5 ± 69.5	767.8 ± 14.5	642.5 ± 13.2
OCD-induced W^+W^- scale variation	2.1%	WW (QCD)	327.0 ± 61.6	409.3 ± 77.3	111.1 ± 16.6	121.5 ± 17.3
Integrated luminosity	2.0%	Nonprompt	107.0 ± 18.4	109.9 ± 16.4	30.0 ± 4.9	32.0 ± 4.2
Muon efficiency	2.0%	DY no PU jets	—	—	259.5 ± 27.3	408.3 ± 17.1
Pileup	1.8%	DY + 1 PU jets	—	—	222.7 ± 33.3	337.4 ± 32.9
Electron efficiency	1.5%	$\mathrm{DY} au^+ au^-$	69.2 ± 4.6	102.0 ± 5.8	—	—
Underlying event	1.3%	Multiboson	67.7 ± 6.6	75.6 ± 7.3	60.9 ± 3.8	60.1 ± 4.8
Parton shower	1.0%	Zjj	1.0 ± 0.2	0.4 ± 0.0	40.5 ± 4.2	20.3 ± 1.3
Other	<1%	Higgs	26.6 ± 1.5	20.1 ± 1.0	_	_
Total systematic uncertainty	13.1%					
Total statistical uncertainty	14.9%					
Total uncertainty	19.8%					

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EWK production of Wy+2jets **Differential cross section**





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	Barrel	Endcap
EW W γ inside fiducial region	316 ± 16	90.2 ± 5.5
EW W γ outside fiducial region	64.7 ± 2.0	20.4 ± 1.0
$QCDW\gamma$	1301 ± 28	362 ± 13
top, VV, $Z\gamma$	402 ± 14	93.3 ± 7.2
Nonprompt photon	434 ± 13	120.2 ± 5.7
Nonprompt muon	134 ± 27	45 ± 11
Nonprompt electron	189 ± 20	86 ± 13
Nonprompt photon, nonprompt muon	43.0 ± 7.0	14.6 ± 3.4
Nonprompt photon, nonprompt electron	75.5 ± 5.5	25.0 ± 2.0
Total prediction	2960 ± 43	856 ± 21
Data	2959 ± 57	849 ± 32



EWK production of Wy+2jets **Discrimination of prompt and non-prompt photons**

Estimate of fake photons rate is done knowing fake photons fraction.

- prompt photon template and the fake photon template are fit to the data template to get the fake fraction for different photon pTbins
- $\sigma_{\eta\eta} < 0.01015 \ (0.0272) \ in \ barrel \ (endcap)^*$
 - One loose muon and no other leptons in muon channel, or one veto electron other leptons in electron channel
 - HLT pass
 - missing ET>30 GeV
 - W transverse mass>30 GeV
 - $\Delta R_{l\gamma} > 0.5$
 - $p_T^{lep} > 30 \,\text{GeV}, |\eta^{lep}| < 2.4 \,(2.5) \,\text{muon(ele)}$
 - $25 \text{ GeV} < p_T^{\gamma} < 4000 \text{ GeV}, |\eta^{\gamma}| < 1.4442 \text{ (barrel)}, 1.566 < |\eta^{\gamma}| < 2.5 \text{ (endcap)}$
 - $|M_{l\gamma} M_Z| > 10$ (ele)
 - Photon pixelseed veto



2D distribution of charge isolation and $\sigma_{\eta\eta}$ of photons (D is the good photon region), in other regions objects don't meet requirements for charge isolation and $\sigma_{\eta\eta}$

* energy-weighted spread within the 5×5 crystal matrix centered on the crystal with the largest energy deposit in the supercluster





Same-sign WW with hadronic tau **Non-prompt background estimate**

Hadronically decaying taus are reconstructed with hadrons-plus-strips algorithm and identified with DeepTau algorithm based on DNN models, and is capable of discriminating taus from jets, electron and muons using three different classifiers

Pagion		1 ℓ , 1 $ au_{ m h}$, no ad	ditional "loose
Region	same-sign (ℓ, τ_h)	$p_{\rm T}^{\rm miss} > 50 { m GeV}$	additio
SR	\checkmark	X	M
Nonprompt CR	\checkmark	×	
tŦ CR	×	\checkmark	b-tagge
OS CR	×	\checkmark	b-tagged
QCD-enriched CR	1 "loose" e , μ , or τ	r _h , no add. leptons	s, $p_{\rm T}^{\rm miss} \leq 50 { m GeV}$

Non-prompt yield estimated from data CRs by pass-fail method.

- QCD-enriched region (data jet-based trigger) is used to perform the first step of \bullet estimate, disjoint from other CRs and SR
- Non prompt region validates the bkg estimate. lacksquare

 $e''\ell$ onal requirements $I_{ii} > 500 \, \text{GeV}$

ed jet ("medium") d jet veto ("loose") $V, M_T(\ell, p_T^{\text{miss}}) < 50 \,\text{GeV}$





Same-sign WW with hadronic tau DNN variables and uncertainties

Input variable	SM DNN	dim-6 DNN	dim-8 DNN
$ au_{\mathrm{h}} p_{\mathrm{T}}$	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
$\ell p_{ m T}$	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
$ au_{ m h} \eta$		\checkmark	
$\ell \eta$		\checkmark	
leading VBS jet $p_{\rm T}$	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
subleading VBS jet $p_{\rm T}$	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
leading VBS jet mass		\checkmark	\checkmark
subleading VBS jet mass		\checkmark	\checkmark
VBS jet pair $\Delta \phi$		\checkmark	
M_{ii}	\checkmark	\checkmark	
M_{1T}	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
M_{o1}	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
$M_{\rm T}(\tau_{\rm h}, \vec{p}_{\rm T}^{\rm miss})$			\checkmark
$M_{\rm T}(\ell, \vec{p}_{\rm T}^{\rm miss})$	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
$M_{\rm T}(\ell, \tau_{\rm h}, \vec{p}_{\rm T}^{\rm miss})$			\checkmark
$p_{\rm T}^{\rm rel}(\ell, j_1)$		\checkmark	
$p_{\rm T}^{\rm rel}(\ell, j_2)$		\checkmark	
$p_{\rm T}^{\rm rel}(\tau_{\rm h}, j_1)$		\checkmark	
$p_{\rm T}^{\rm rel}(\tau_{\rm h}, j_2)$		\checkmark	
$\Delta \phi(\ell, j_1)$		\checkmark	
$\Delta \phi(\ell, j_2)$		\checkmark	
$\Delta \phi(\tau_{\rm h}, j_1)$		\checkmark	
$\Delta \phi(\tau_{\rm h}, j_2)$		\checkmark	
$p_{\text{T, leading } \tau_1 \text{ track}} / p_{\text{T}, \tau_1}$	\checkmark	\checkmark	
Zeppenfeld variable		\checkmark	

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Uncertainty source	$+\Delta\mu$	$-\Delta\mu$
Theory (PDF, QCD-scale, ISR, and FSR)	+0.157	-0.099
Non-prompt estimation	+0.136	-0.125
tt normalization	+0.051	-0.023
Prefiring	+0.105	-0.059
Luminosity	+0.079	-0.092
<i>b</i> -tagging and mistagging	+0.007	-0.004
Jet energy scale and resolution, Pile-up jet ID	+0.079	-0.097
Pileup	+0.152	-0.162
LO-to-NLO VBS corrections	+0.043	-0.025
Unclustered energy	+0.003	-0.010
Hadronic tau energy scale and DEEPTAU	+0.154	-0.152
Charge misidentification	+0.005	-0.010
Lepton reconstruction, identification, and isolation	+0.005	-0.024
MC statistical	+0.324	-0.322
Total systematic uncertainty	+0.344	-0.302
Data statistical uncertainty	+0.522	-0.477
Total uncertainty	+0.625	-0.564



Next to Leading Order corrections

Table 1: Summary of higher-order predictions currently available for the ss-WW channel: at fixed order and matched to parton shower. The symbols \checkmark , \checkmark^* , and **X** means that the corresponding predictions are available, in the VBS approximation, or not available yet.



Table 3: Summary of higher-order predictions currently available for the WZ channel: at fix order and matched to parton shower. The symbols \checkmark , \checkmark^* , and **X** means that the correspond predictions are available, in the VBS approximation, or not yet.

Order	$\mathcal{O}\left(lpha^{7} ight)$	$\mathcal{O}\left(lpha_{ m s} lpha^{6} ight)$	$\mathcal{O}\left({\alpha_{\mathrm{s}}}^2 \alpha^5\right)$	$\mathcal{O}\left(\alpha_{\mathrm{s}}{}^{3}\alpha^{4}\right)$
NLO	✓	<	X	✓
NLO+PS	X	√*	X	\checkmark

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Table 7: Summary of higher-order predictions currently available for the os-WW channel: at fixed order and matched to parton shower. The symbols \checkmark , \checkmark^* , and \mathbf{X} means that the corresponding predictions are available, in the VBS approximation, or not yet.



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Table 5: Summary of higher-order predictions currently available for the ZZ channel: at fixed order and matched to parton shower. The symbols \checkmark , \checkmark^* , and \mathbf{X} means that the corresponding predictions are available, in the VBS approximation, or not yet.

Order	$\mathcal{O}\left(lpha^{7} ight)$	$\mathcal{O}\left(lpha_{ m s} lpha^{6} ight)$	$\mathcal{O}\left({lpha_{ m s}}^2 lpha^5 ight)$	$\mathcal{O}\left({{lpha _{{ m{s}}}}^3}{lpha ^4} ight)$
NLO	 ✓ 	✓	X	\checkmark
NLO+PS	X	√*	X	\checkmark







WV semi-leptonic

- First evidence for EW production of WV+2jets (V = W,Z) in semi-leptonic channel
- To maximize the efficiency for the signal, different selection requirements are applied depending on jet pT.Two categories of events, based on recontruction of hadronically decaying V: resolved (2 distinct jets with dijet mass ~Vmass) or boosted (1 large-radius jet)
- Multivariate ML discriminators optimized to separate signal and bkgs





WV semi-leptonic

Measurement of purely EW WV signal strenght ($\mu_{QCD} = 1$) and EWK+QCD WV signal strenght (EWK/QCD ratio fixed to SM) in a fiducial phase space region.

Signal	$\mu = \sigma_{OBS} / \sigma_{SM}$
EWK WV	$0.85 \pm 0.12 ({ m stat})^{+0.19}_{-0.17} ({ m stat})^{+0.19}_{-0.17} ({ m stat})^{+0.19}_{-0.17} ({ m stat})^{-0.17}_{-0.17} ({ m stat})^{-0.$
EWK+QCD WV	$0.97 \pm 0.06 ({ m stat})^{+0.19}_{-0.21} ($

Simultaneous EW and QCD WV production fit: signal strenghts of two components are left as free independent parameters.

Agreement with SM predictions within 68% CL









Summary of other CMS results

ZZ to 4L + 2jets

	Perturbative ord	ler SM σ (fb)	Measured σ (fb)	
		ZZjj inclusive		
	LO	0.275 ± 0.021		
EW	NLO QCD	0.278 ± 0.017	$0.33^{+0.11}_{-0.10}$ (stat) $^{+0.04}_{-0.03}$ (syst)	
	NLO EW	$0.242^{+0.015}_{-0.013}$		
EW+QCD		5.35 ± 0.51	5.29 ^{+0.31} _{-0.30} (stat) ± 0.47 (syst)	
		VBS-enriched (loose)		
	LO	0.186 ± 0.015	0.100+0.070 (stat)+0.021 (such)	
EVV	NLO QCD	0.197 ± 0.013	$0.180_{-0.060}$ (stat)_ 0.012 (syst)	
EW+QCD		1.21 ± 0.09	1.00 ^{+0.12} _{-0.11} (stat) ± 0.07 (syst)	
		VBS-enriched (tight)		
E\\/	LO	0.104 ± 0.008	$0.00^{+0.04}$ (stat) ± 0.02 (syst)	
	NLO QCD	0.108 ± 0.007	$0.09_{-0.03}$ (stat) ± 0.02 (syst)	
EW+QCD		0.221 ± 0.014	$0.20^{+0.05}_{-0.04}$ (stat) \pm 0.02 (syst)	
$-0.24 < f_{TO}$	$/\Lambda^4 < 0.22$			
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$-0.31 < f_{T1}/\Lambda^4 < 0.31$		Most stringent limits to date on FT8 and FT9 dim-8 operators.		
$-0.63 < f_{\mathrm{T2}}/\Lambda^4 < 0.59$				
$-0.43 < f_{T8}$	$/\Lambda^4 < 0.43$	~		
$-0.92 < f_{T9}$	$/\Lambda^4 < 0.92$			

Polarized ssWW

	Theoretical prediction (fb)	$\sigma \mathcal{B}$ (fb)	Process
	0.44 ± 0.05	$0.32\substack{+0.42 \\ -0.40}$	$W_L^{\pm}W_L^{\pm}$
WW COM	3.13 ± 0.35	$3.06\substack{+0.51\\-0.48}$	$\mathrm{W}_X^\pm\mathrm{W}_\mathrm{T}^\pm$
frame	1.63 ± 0.18	$1.20\substack{+0.56\\-0.53}$	$\mathrm{W}^\pm_\mathrm{L}\mathrm{W}^\pm_X$
	1.94 ± 0.21	$2.11\substack{+0.49\\-0.47}$	$W_T^{\pm}W_T^{\pm}$
	Theoretical prediction (fb)	$\sigma \mathcal{B}$ (fb)	Process
n n CoM	0.28 ± 0.03	$0.24\substack{+0.40\-0.37}$	$W^\pm_L W^\pm_L$
frame	3.32 ± 0.37	$3.25\substack{+0.50\\-0.48}$	$\mathrm{W}_X^{\pm}\mathrm{W}_\mathrm{T}^{\pm}$
manne	1.71 ± 0.19	$1.40\substack{+0.60\\-0.57}$	$\mathrm{W}^\pm_\mathrm{L}\mathrm{W}^\pm_X$
	1.89 ± 0.21	$2.03\substack{+0.51 \\ -0.50}$	$W_T^{\pm}W_T^{\pm}$

Observed (expected) CL@95% upper limit on xsec for L-polarized ssWW: **1.17 (0.88) fb** (WW CoM frame)

EWK production for ssWW (at least one W longitudinally polarized) lead to observed (expected) significance of 2.3 (3.1) σ .





VBS WZ - differential distributions (1)





VBS WZ - differential distributions (2)



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Zyjj-results (1)





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Zyjj-results (2)









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VBF Zjj - some detail



Deviation from data before fit for different generators

fb ⁻¹ , Zjj \rightarrow Iljj	Dressed muons	$p_{\rm T} > 25 {\rm GeV} {\rm and} \eta < 2.4$
	Dressed electrons	$p_{\rm T}$ > 25 GeV and $ \eta $ < 2.47 (excluding 1.37 < $ \eta $ <
	Jets	$p_{\rm T} > 25 \text{ GeV and } y < 4.4$
	VBF topology	$N_{\ell} = 2$ (same flavour, opposite charge), $m_{\ell\ell} \in (81, 10)$
		$\Delta R_{\min}(\ell_1, j) > 0.4, \ \Delta R_{\min}(\ell_2, j) > 0.4$
		$N_{\text{jets}} \ge 2, \ p_{\text{T}}^{j1} > 85 \text{ GeV}, \ p_{\text{T}}^{j2} > 80 \text{ GeV}$
PA) \rightarrow ZV, Other VV, top		$p_{T,\ell\ell} > 20 \text{ GeV}, \ p_T^{\text{bal}} < 0.15$
		$m_{jj} > 1000 \text{ GeV}, \ \Delta y_{jj} > 2, \ \xi_Z < 1$
10 ³	CRa	VBF topology $\oplus N_{jets}^{gap} \ge 1$ and $\xi_Z < 0.5$
<i>р</i> _{т,//} [GeV]	CRb	VBF topology $\oplus N_{jets}^{gap} \ge 1$ and $\xi_Z > 0.5$
	CRc	VBF topology $\oplus N_{jets}^{gap} = 0$ and $\xi_Z > 0.5$
	SR	VBF topology $\oplus N_{jets}^{gap} = 0$ and $\xi_Z < 0.5$

SR and CR definition







Inclusive Zjj - differential distributions

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VBF Zjj - other results

Wilson	Includes	95% confidence interval [TeV ⁻²]		<i>p</i> -value (SI
coefficient	$ \mathcal{M}_{ m d6} ^2$	Expected	Observed	
c_W/Λ^2	no	[-0.30, 0.30]	[-0.19, 0.41]	45.9%
	yes	[-0.31, 0.29]	[-0.19, 0.41]	43.2%
\tilde{c}_W/Λ^2	no	[-0.12, 0.12]	[-0.11, 0.14]	82.0%
	yes	[-0.12, 0.12]	[-0.11, 0.14]	81.8%
c_{HWB}/Λ^2	no	[-2.45, 2.45]	[-3.78, 1.13]	29.0%
	yes	[-3.11, 2.10]	[-6.31, 1.01]	25.0%
$\tilde{c}_{HWB}/\Lambda^2$	no	[-1.06, 1.06]	[0.23, 2.34]	1.7%
	yes	[-1.06, 1.06]	[0.23, 2.35]	1.6%

EFT Dimension 6 constraints









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VBF-H at CMS and ATLAS Some literature

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