Electroweak W[±]Z production measurement at $\sqrt{s} = 13~\text{TeV}$ with the ATLAS detector and an **EFT interpretation**

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Overview

- Motivation and theoretical framework
- Analysis overview and cross section measure[ments](https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/JHEP06(2024)192)
- Effective Field Theory Interpretation results
- Conclusion and prospects

Paper link

MOTIVATION AND THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK

Vector Boson Scattering(VBS): Motivation

- Vector Boson Scattering (VBS) processes are very rare process \longrightarrow low cross sections
- VBS provides an alternative way to study the mechanism of electroweak symmetry breaking (EWSB)
- VBS probes information on vector boson self-couplings
	- Explore the existence of New Physics through deviations from SM
- *Importance of WZ VBS process*
	- *Clean signature with only one neutrino*
	- *High cross section w.r.t. the other VBS processes*

Standard Model Production Cros

Electroweak and QCD WZjj production

- EWK WZjj production
	- Fully leptonic final state which contains three leptons and two jets
	- Characteristic kinematic signature:
		- the products of two bosons produced centrally and

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• two forward jets with large spatial separation in rapidity and a high invariant mass

VBS

EWK WZjj productions

- QCD WZjj production
	- Characteristic kinematic signature
		- Presence of gluons
		- low rapidity separation
		- low invariant mass of the two jets system
	- Fit in SR

Study of electroweak symmetry breaking through the vector boson selfcouplings

Explore the existence of New Physics through deviations from SM

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tagging jet (3)

tagging jet (4)

Effective Field Theory: Overview

- Two methods to look for physics beyond the Standard Model (BSM)
	- Look for new particles
	- Look for new interactions of SM particles (\sim model-independent)

Try to notice deviations in the tails of the distributions of some kinematical variables

 $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{EFT}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \sum_{i} \frac{c_i^{(6)}}{\Lambda_i^2} O_i^{(6)} + \sum_{i} \frac{c_i^{(8)}}{\Lambda_i^4} O_i^{(8)} + \dots$

- The Effective Field Theory (EFT) is the natural way to expand the SM such that the gauge symmetries are respected
- The EFT provides a way to search for effects of BSM
- Construction of an EFT Lagrangian:
	- SM: general theory of quark and lepton fields and their interactions with vector boson and the Higgs fields
	- Extend the theory: Add operators of higher dimension
- The EFT Lagrangian can be expressed as:
	- \cdot Λ is the scale of new physics
	- $O_i^{(6)}$, $O_i^{(8)}$ are the Lorentz and gauge invariant dimension-6 and dimension-8 operators
	- $c_i^{(6)}$, $c_i^{(6)}$ are the dimensionless Wilson coefficients of the dimension-6 and 8 effective operators
- \bullet Λ can be assumed as common to all the coefficients, the Wilson coefficients can be written as:

$$
f_i^{(6)} = \frac{c_i^{(6)}}{\Lambda^2}, f_i^{(8)} = \frac{c_i^{(8)}}{\Lambda^4}, \dots
$$

Energy scale of the interaction must be $E < \Lambda$

Effective Field Theory: dimension-8 operators

• The dimension-8 operators are dominant in aQGCs

They are divided into three categories: Longitudinal (L_S) , transverse (L_T) and mixed (L_M)

$$
\mathcal{L}_{S,0} = \frac{c_{S,0}}{\Lambda^4} \left[(D_{\mu} \Phi)^{\dagger} (D_v \Phi) \right] \times \left[(D^{\mu} \Phi)^{\dagger} (D^{\nu} \Phi) \right]
$$

$$
\mathcal{L}_{S,1} = \frac{c_{S,1}}{\Lambda^4} \left[(D_{\mu} \Phi)^{\dagger} (D^{\mu} \Phi) \right] \times \left[(D_v \Phi)^{\dagger} (D^{\nu} \Phi) \right]
$$

$$
\mathcal{L}_{S,2} = \frac{c_{S,2}}{\Lambda^4} \left[(D_{\mu} \Phi)^{\dagger} (D_v \Phi) \right] \times \left[(D^{\nu} \Phi)^{\dagger} (D^{\mu} \Phi) \right]
$$

Scalar operators: Pure

Mixed operators

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Effective Field Theory: Unitarity bounds

- aQGC terms: disturb the cancellation between different contributions to longitudinally polarized, massive electroweak gauge bosons
- Cross section for the scattering of massive electroweak gauge bosons is ri mass energy but it cannot exceed the physical upper bound
- Range of validity of the specific EFT model: $E^2 < \Lambda \leq s^U$, where bound

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Effective Field Theory: Decomposition method

- MC samples for the effect of higher dimension operators in many values of the coefficients
- In order to avoid the production of large amounts of Monte Carlo samples, we will profit from the decomposition method

ANALYSIS OVERVIEW AND RESULTS

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²⁵⁰ *Zjj* cross section measurements

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²⁵⁰ *Zjj* cross section measurements

²⁵¹ are performed in this phase space. The integrated cross section, measured in the inclusive fiducial region of

²⁵² the detector, can be extrapolated to a total phase space in order to ease comparisons between experiments

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Backgrounds

- **Challenging separation between the signals and the backgrounds**
- Backgrounds:
	- Reducible background: $Z + jets$, $Z\gamma$, $t\bar{t}$ and Wt
	- Irreducible background: $t\bar{t}V$, tZ , VVV , $ZZjj QCD$ and $ZZjj EW$

- At least one "fake" lepton
- Matrix method technique

• At least three prompt leptons in the final state • Simultaneous fit in dedicated CRs

WZjj Event selection and global WZjj strategy

Baseline event selection:

 $N_{b-jet} = 0$

Not used in the cross section measurement or

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 $N_{b-jet} = 0$

Strategy for inclusive σWZjj-EW and σWZjj-strong measurement

- Goal: simultaneous measurement of the integrated $\sigma_{WZjj-EW}$ and $\sigma_{WZjj-\text{strong}}$ cross sections in the SR
	- separate the signal region into two categories:
		- events with $N_{\text{iets}} = 2$ and $p_t > 25 \text{ GeV}$
		- events with $N_{\text{iets}} \geq 3$ and $p_t > 25 \text{ GeV}$
- Signal fit free parameters

• Improve the sensitivity and the significance of the $\sigma_{WZjj-EW}$ measurement

• Increase the robustness of the measurement to a mismodelling of the jet multiplicity for $WZjj$ –QCD events.

$$
\sigma_{WZjj-\text{EW}} = \mu_{WZjj-\text{EW}} \cdot \sigma_{WZjj-\text{EW}}^{\text{th. MC}},
$$
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$$
\sigma_{WZjj-\text{strong}} = \mu_{WZjj-\text{QCD}} \cdot \sigma_{WZjj-\text{QCD}}^{\text{th. MC}} + \mu_{WZjj-\text{INT}} \cdot \sigma_{WZjj-\text{INT}}^{\text{th. MC}},
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$$
= \mu_{WZjj-\text{QCD}} \cdot \sigma_{WZjj-\text{QCD}}^{\text{th. MC}} + \sqrt{\mu_{WZjj-\text{EW}}} \cdot \sqrt{\mu_{WZjj-\text{QCD}}} \cdot \sigma_{WZjj-\text{INT}}^{\text{th. MC}}
$$

- Background normalization parameters
	- μ_{ttV} and μ_{tZ} : normalization parameters, defined in all three regions
	- $\mu_{ZZ\text{-QCD}}$: normalization parameter, defined in the SR and the ZZ-CR
- Uncertainties parametrization
	- Detector related uncertainties: applied in every region in a correlated way
	- Theory uncertainties: parameters of interest \longrightarrow only shape (and migration) effects considered

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Inclusive σWZjj-EW and σWZjj-strong measurement: Results

EWK: Both generators consistent with data **Strong:** Both generators more than 2σ above data

Strategy for differential σWZjj-EW and σWZjj-strong measurement

- Goal: simultaneous measurement of $\sigma_{WZii-EW}$ and $\sigma_{WZii-strong}$ in the corresponding SR¹
- Free parameters in the fit
	- $\sigma_{WZii-EW}$ and $\sigma_{WZii-strong}$: parameters of interest, measured in the SRⁱ
	- μ_{ttV} and μ_{tZ} : normalization parameters, defined in all the regions
	- μ_{ZZ-QCD} : normalization parameter, defined in the SR and the ZZ-CR
	- Theory uncertainties decorrelated between bins (or SRi)

Signal sub-regions for M_{ii}:

- 500-1300 GeV
- 1300-2000 GeV
- \cdot >2000 GeV

Signal sub-regions for N_{jets}: • Exactly 2 jets • >2 jets

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- Kinematical variables:
	- WZ: M_T ^{WZ}, $\Delta\Phi$ (W,Z)
	- Jets: N_{jets} , m_{jj} , Δy_{jj} , $\Delta \varphi_{jj}$, $N_{jets}(gap)$, Z_{j3}
	- BDT score

EFT INTERPRETATION RESULTS

Extraction of reconstructed level limits

- Extraction of the limits using
	- two-dimensional distribution M_T^{WZ} BDT score in the fit
		- Create two-dimensional templates by binning two kinematic variables simultaneously
		- Create one dimension by 'unrolling' the bin contents

Expected and observed lower and upper 95% CL limits on the Wilson coefficients

2-D reconstructed level limits

• Limits on aQGC Wilson coefficients are also derived fitting two Wilson coefficients simultaneously

Unitarity limits

- Introduction of EFT operators can violate unitarity
	- for each operator there is an energy scale above which unitarity maybe violated
	- its absolute value is a function of the (arbitrary) cut-off scale

Evolution of the individual 95%C.L. expected limits of the dimension-8 operators as a function of the cut-off scale

CONCLUSION AND PROSPECTS

Conclusion and Prospects

- Ongoing combination of aQGC Run2 EFT results among many VBS an
- Possible improvements on Run 2 measurement:
	- SM meas[urements:](https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S240542832200003X)
		- Improve QCD modeling
		- Introduce EWK NLO corrections
		- Polarization measurements with one gauge boson (W or Z) longitudin
	- EFT interpretation:
		- Perform a simultaneous study of both dimension-6 and dimension-8 operators
		- Study of effect of dimension-6 operators in EWK and QCD production and how to incorporate it in the study of effect of dimension-6 operators in EWK and QCD production. EFT interpretation
		- Machine learning approach to the EFT re-interpretation of the WZ very promising from preliminary studies at generator level
- HL-LHC (luminosity 3000 fb⁻¹)
	- Possible <u>first observation</u> of W_LZ_L polarized state

BACKUP SLIDES

Experimental and theoretical uncertainties

Experimental uncertainties

◦ **Dominant experimental uncertainty sources**:

- reconstruction uncertainties related to
	- [jet re](https://cds.cern.ch/record/2820075)construction
	- electrons reconstruction
	- muons reconstruction
	- E_t^{miss} reconstruction
- Luminosity uncertainty
- uncertainties on the pile-up reweighting procedure

◦ **Systematic uncertainties on background contributions**

- Uncertainties on the amount of reducible background events arising from mis-identified leptons and determined using the data-driven matrix method order of 20 to 25%
- Irreducible backgrounds: propagate PDF and scale uncertainties in their generated cross sections
	- VVV: 20%
	- \circ ZZ-EW: 25%

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◦ **QCD-scale unce**

- Vary the renorm $x=1/2$ or $x=2$ fr
- \circ For WZjj-EW pr
	- alternative defi

- \circ Parton shower u Estimated using H generator
- \circ Model uncertain

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Impact of systematic uncertainties

