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## Observation of electroweak production of two jets and a Z-boson pair with the ATLAS detector at the LHC

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The observation of electroweak production of two jets in association with a Z- boson pair using 139 fb<sup>-1</sup> of pp collision data at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV collected by the ATLAS detector at the LHC is reported. Two different final states originating from the decays of the Z boson pair, 4l and 2l2v, are included in the measurements. A significant data excess from the background-only hypothesis is observed, which corresponds to a statistical significance of  $5.5\sigma$ . The observed excess is compatible with the electroweak production of two jets in association with a Z-boson pair in vector-boson scattering processes. The cross-sections for inclusive production of ZZ plus two jets, as well as the observed signal strength of the EW production, are presented.

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