

Electroweak Measurements with the ATLAS Detector

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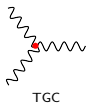
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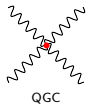
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Introduction

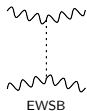
- ▶ test of the electroweak (EW) sector of the Standard Model at the TeV scale
- ▶ probe triple and quartic gauge boson self-interactions
- ▶ probe QCD calculations



- ▶ measurement of electroweak parameters
- ▶ diboson production
- ▶ EW production of single vector bosons



- ▶ triboson production
- ▶ EW diboson production



- ▶ needed for a consistent EW theory
- ▶ no explicit Higgs measurements in this talk



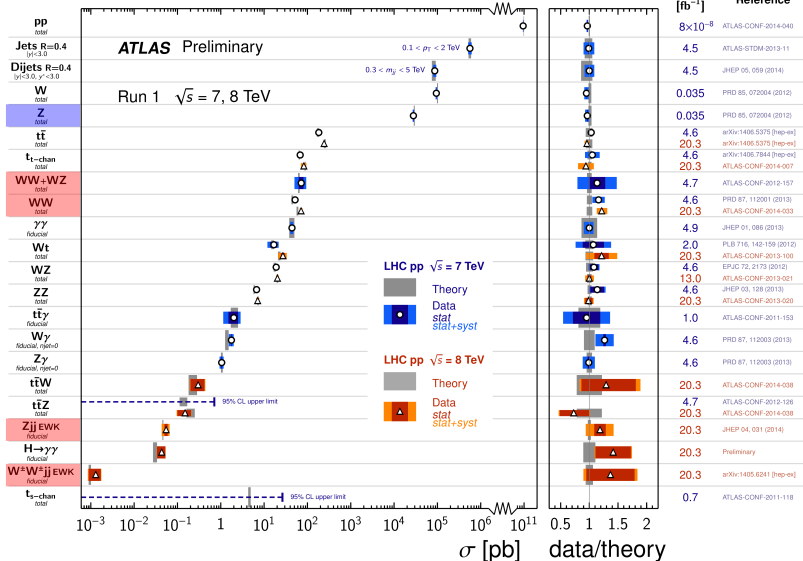
- ▶ search for anomalous triple and quartic gauge couplings

Standard Model Production Cross Section Measurements

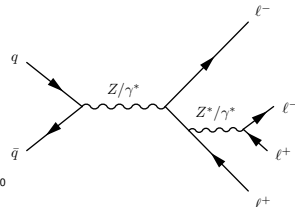
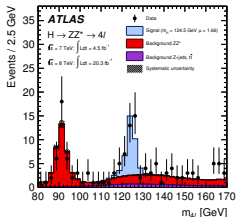
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$\int \mathcal{L} dt$
[fb⁻¹]

Reference



- ▶ SM test of a rare decay process
- ▶ resonant $Z \rightarrow 4\ell$ used to calibrate $h \rightarrow 4\ell$ measurements



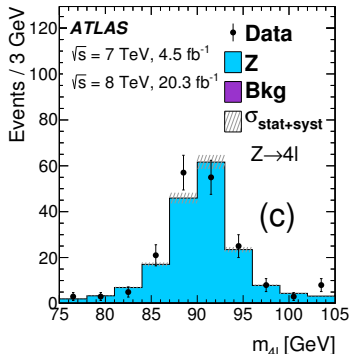
- ▶ determined cross-section and BR($Z \rightarrow 4\ell$)

$$\frac{\text{BR}(Z \rightarrow 4\ell)}{\text{BR}(Z \rightarrow 2\mu)} = \frac{\sigma_{4\ell}^{\text{meas.}}}{\sigma_{4\mu}^{\text{meas.}}} (1 - f_t)$$

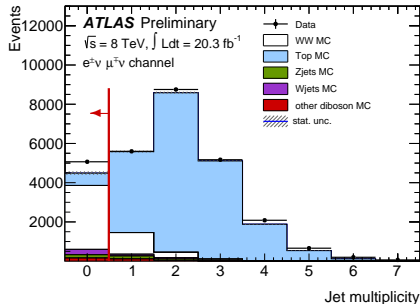
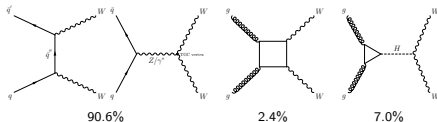
with correction factor f_t for t -channel contributions

| | \sqrt{s} | measured value | theory prediction |
|-----------------------------|------------|---|--------------------------------|
| BR | 7 TeV | $2.67 \pm 0.62(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.14(\text{syst.}) \times 10^{-6}$ | |
| | 8 TeV | $3.33 \pm 0.27(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.11(\text{syst.}) \times 10^{-6}$ | $3.33 \pm 0.01 \times 10^{-6}$ |
| | combined | $3.20 \pm 0.25(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.12(\text{syst.}) \times 10^{-6}$ | |
| $\sigma_{\text{fid.}}$ [fb] | 7 TeV | $76 \pm 18(\text{stat.}) \pm 4(\text{syst.}) \pm 1.4(\text{lumi})$ | 90.0 ± 2.1 |
| | 8 TeV | $107 \pm 9(\text{stat.}) \pm 4(\text{syst.}) \pm 3(\text{lumi})$ | 104.8 ± 2.5 |

- ▶ measurement dominated by statistical uncertainty
- ▶ good agreement with theory prediction



- ▶ very hard selection-criteria on E_T^{miss} and a jet-veto to suppress $t\bar{t}$ background
- ▶ dominant uncertainty due to jet-veto



- ▶ measured cross-section at 8 TeV is 2.1σ higher than NLO calculation
- ▶ enhancement of total cross-section by $\sim 10\%$ from NNLO [arXiv:1408.5243](https://arxiv.org/abs/1408.5243)
- ▶ enhancement of fid. cross-section by taking into account resummation effects [arXiv:1407.4537](https://arxiv.org/abs/1407.4537), [arXiv:1407.4481](https://arxiv.org/abs/1407.4481), [arXiv:1407.4745](https://arxiv.org/abs/1407.4745)

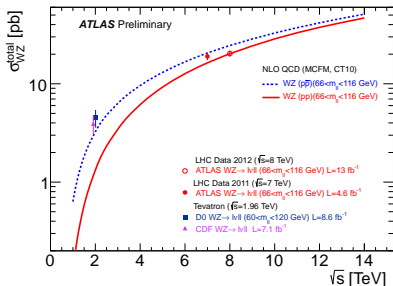
| \sqrt{s} | $\int \mathcal{L}dt [\text{fb}^{-1}]$ | Measured total cross-section [pb] | Theory [pb] |
|------------|---------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| 7 TeV | 4.6 | $51.9 \pm 2.0(\text{stat.}) \pm 3.9(\text{syst.}) \pm 2.0(\text{lumi})$ | $44.7_{-1.9}^{+2.1}$ |
| 8 TeV | 20.3 | $71.4 \pm 1.2(\text{stat.})_{-4.4}^{+5.0}(\text{syst.})_{2.1}^{+2.2}(\text{lumi})$ | $58.7_{-2.7}^{+3.0}$ incl. Higgs |

WZ and ZZ cross-sections

WZ $\rightarrow \ell\nu\ell\ell$

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- ▶ measurement at 7 and 8 TeV in fully leptonic final state

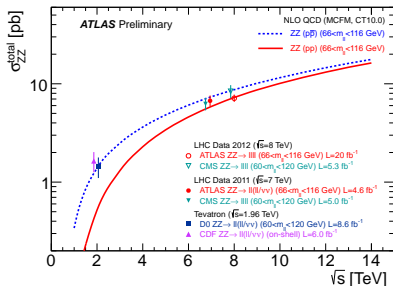


- ▶ both measurements in agreement with theory prediction
- ▶ WZ and ZZ $\rightarrow 4\ell$ analyses do *not* rely on a jet veto

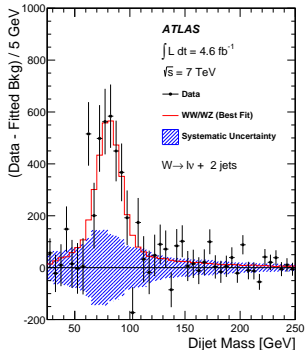
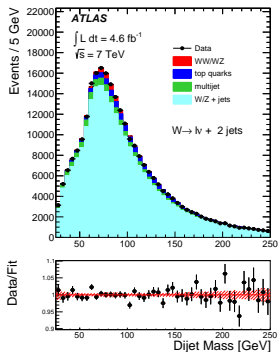
ZZ $\rightarrow 4\ell$ & ZZ $\rightarrow \ell\nu\nu$ (7TeV)

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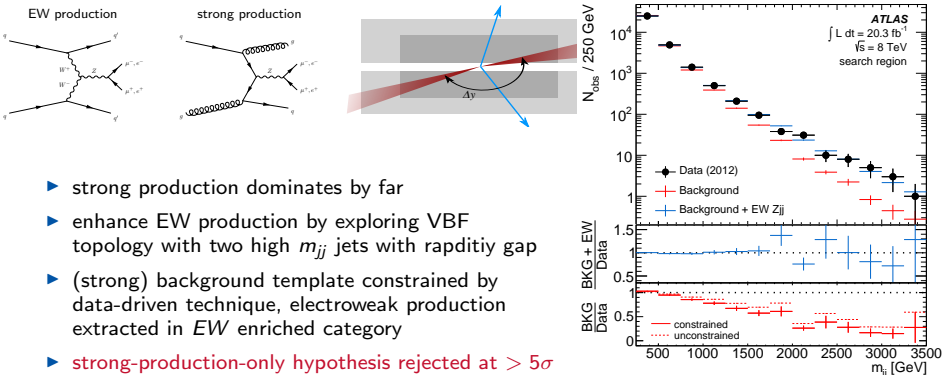
- ▶ measurement at 7 and 8 TeV in fully leptonic final state and in $2\ell 2\nu$ for 7 TeV
- ▶ contributions from $h \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4\ell$ suppressed due to kinematic selection



- ▶ new, final 7 TeV result
- ▶ measurement of combined WW/WZ cross-section in semi-leptonic final state
- ▶ 89% background from W +jets



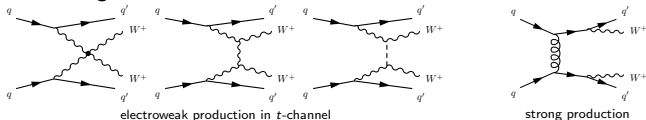
- ▶ signal yield extracted from a fit to m_{jj} distribution
- ▶ large m_{jj} range allows to constrain the W +jets rate in signal free regions
- ▶ the observed significance is 3.4σ
- ▶ $\sigma_{\text{tot}} = 68 \pm 7(\text{stat.}) \pm 19(\text{syst.}) \text{ pb}$, compared to $\sigma_{\text{tot}}^{\text{theo.}} = 61.1 \pm 2.2 \text{ pb}$
- ▶ with large uncertainties from W +jets modelling and jet uncertainties



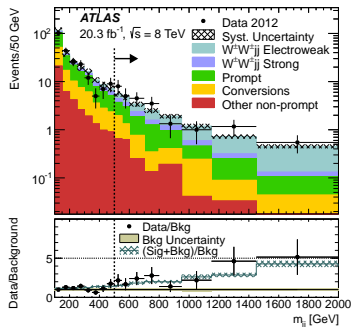
- ▶ strong production dominates by far
- ▶ enhance EW production by exploring VBF topology with two high m_{jj} jets with rapidity gap
- ▶ (strong) background template constrained by data-driven technique, electroweak production extracted in *EW* enriched category
- ▶ **strong-production-only hypothesis rejected at $> 5\sigma$**

| selection | Measured fiducial cross-section [fb] | | POWHEG | |
|----------------------------|--|---|--------|--|
| $m_{jj} > 250 \text{ GeV}$ | $54.7 \pm 4.6(\text{stat.})^{+9.8}_{-10.4}(\text{syst.}) \pm 2.5(\text{lumi})$ | $46.1 \pm 0.2(\text{stat.})^{+0.3}_{-0.2}(\text{scale}) \pm 0.8(\text{PDF}) \pm 0.5(\text{model})$ | | |
| $m_{jj} > 1 \text{ TeV}$ | $10.7 \pm 1.9(\text{stat.}) \pm 1.9(\text{syst.}) \pm 0.3(\text{lumi})$ | $9.38 \pm 0.05(\text{stat.})^{+0.15}_{-0.24}(\text{scale}) \pm 0.24(\text{PDF}) \pm 0.09(\text{model})$ | | |

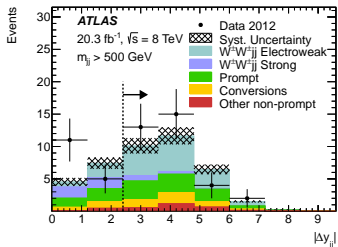
- ▶ EWSB needed to unitarise VV scattering at $Q^2 \sim 1$ TeV
- ▶ key process to study the SM nature of EWSB, most promising at LHC is *same-sign* $W^\pm W^\pm$ scattering



measurement of EW + strong production
selected at high m_{jj}

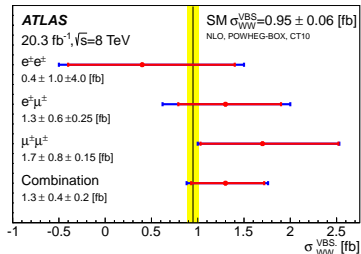
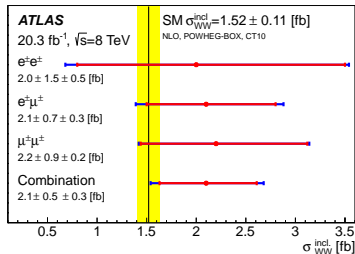


additional category enhanced in VBS
by cutting on $|\Delta y_{jj}|$ in addition



prompt: prompt leptons from multilepton processes
conversions: photon conversions and charge mis-ID

Electroweak $WWjj$ production (VBS)



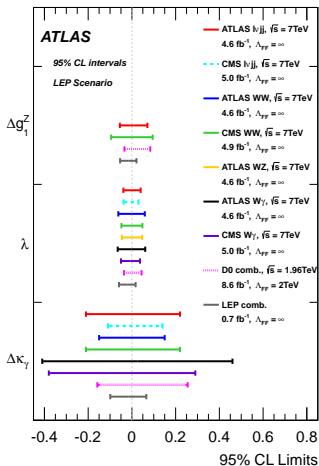
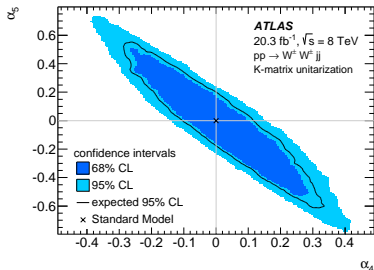
- ▶ a total of 34 candidate events in VBS region

| | measurement | POWHEG+PYTHIA8 prediction |
|--------------------|---|---------------------------|
| | inclusive category | |
| cross-section [fb] | $2.1 \pm 0.5(\text{stat}) \pm 0.3(\text{syst})$ | 1.5 ± 0.11 |
| significance | 4.5σ | 3.4σ |
| | VBS category | |
| cross-section [fb] | $1.3 \pm 0.4(\text{stat}) \pm 0.2(\text{syst})$ | 0.95 ± 0.06 |
| significance | 3.6σ | 2.8σ |

- ▶ measured cross-sections slightly higher but in agreement with theory prediction
- ▶ **first evidence for a VVV vertex**

Anomalous Gauge Couplings

- ▶ place model independent limits on BSM physics in the EW sector
- ▶ parametrised in anomalous couplings
- ▶ limits on aTGC couplings from 7 TeV analyses, with new limits from $WW \rightarrow \ell\nu jj$
- ▶ WWZ and $WW\gamma$ limits becoming comparable to LEP
- ▶ measurement of WW scattering allows for setting limits on anomalous quartic couplings
- ▶ first limits on α_4, α_5 from $W^\pm W^\pm$ (for notation see e.g. Phys. Rev. D 22, 200)



Summary

- ▶ measurement of diboson processes with accuracy of a few percent
- ▶ mostly good agreement with theory predictions
- ▶ theoretical and experimental work ongoing to understand WW discrepancy

- ▶ measurement of very rare processes become available:
- ▶ rare $Z \rightarrow 4\ell$ decay process
- ▶ evidence for VV scattering processes
- ▶ observation of electroweak Z production

- ▶ placed limits on aTGC and aQGC

- ▶ many run I results at 8 TeV about to come out before start of run II
- ▶ diboson differential distributions, triboson processes