

Observations and measurements of Z and photons' scattering and interactions with the CMS detector

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The first observation of the electroweak (EW) production of a Z boson, a photon, and two forward jets ($Z\gamma jj$) in proton-proton collisions at a center-of-mass energy of 13 TeV is presented. A data set corresponding to an integrated luminosity of 137 fb⁻¹, collected by the CMS experiment at the LHC in 2016-2018 is used. The measured fiducial cross section for EW $Z\gamma jj$ is $5.21 \pm 0.52(\text{stat}) \pm 0.56(\text{syst}) \text{ fb} = 5.21 \pm 0.76 \text{ fb}$. Single-differential cross sections in photon, leading lepton, and leading jet transverse momenta, and double-differential cross sections in m_{jj} and $|\Delta\eta_{jj}|$ are also measured. Exclusion limits on anomalous quartic gauge couplings are derived at 95% confidence level in terms of the effective field theory operators.

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