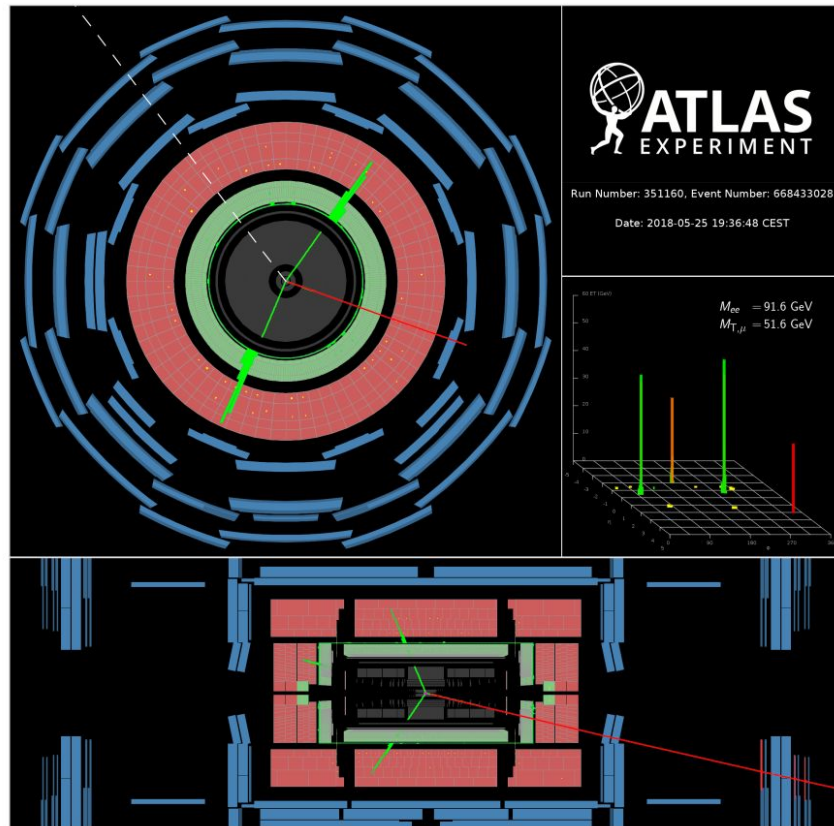


Observation of $WZ\gamma$ production in pp collisions at 13 TeV with the ATLAS detector

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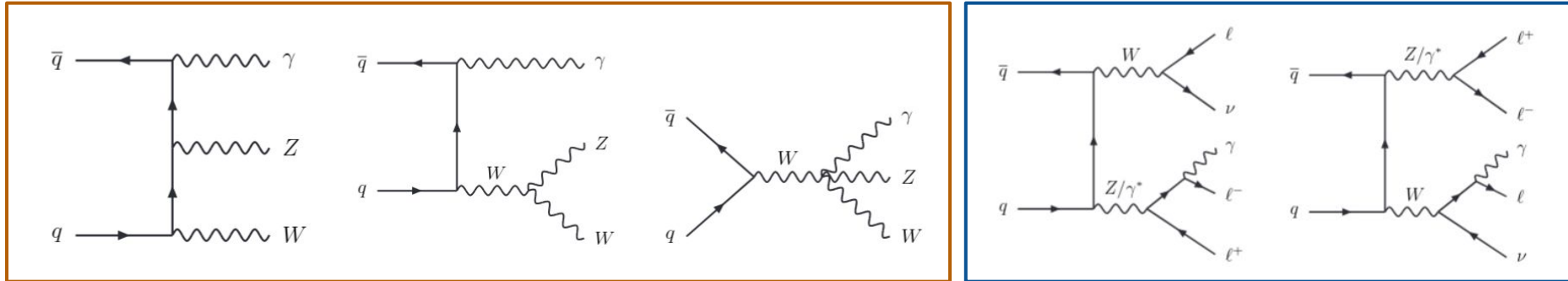
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Motivation

- No observation of $pp \rightarrow WZ\gamma$ reported yet
- Goals of this analysis
 - See evidence of $WZ\gamma$ production
 - Measure the integral cross section at 13 TeV in a region ($m(\ell\ell) > 81$ GeV) that enhances $WZ\gamma$ (ISR/TGC/QGC) and suppresses FSR (considered to be WZ)



Individual contribution is not gauge invariantly separable

Data samples

- Full Run2 data set (140 fb^{-1})
- MC samples
- Signal: 2.5 M inclusive $pp \rightarrow WZ\gamma \rightarrow l\nu ll\gamma$

Sample	Generator	Order	PDF Set	DSID
$l\nu ll\gamma$	Sherpa 2.2.11	LO	NNPDF3.0NNLO	700356
$llll\gamma$	Sherpa 2.2.11	LO	NNPDF3.0NNLO	700350
$ll\gamma\gamma$	Sherpa 2.2.10	NLO	NNPDF3.0NNLO	700195-700196
WZ, ZZ	Powheg-Box	NLO	CT10NLO	361601, 361603
$ll\gamma$	Sherpa 2.2.4	LO	NNPDF3.0NNLO	366140-366149
$t\bar{t}\gamma$	MadGraph5_aMC@NLO 2.3.3	LO	NNPDF2.3LO	410389
Z+jets	Powheg-Box v1	NLO	CT10NLO	361106

Event selection

- Using Run2 data
- Full leptonic states: $\mu\mu\mu$, $e\mu\mu$, $ee\mu$, eee

	Photons	Electrons	Muons
$ \eta $	$ \eta < 2.37^{(*)}$	$ \eta < 2.47^{(*)}$	$ \eta < 2.5$
Identification	Tight	Tight	Medium
Isolation	FixedCutLoose	Gradient	PflowTight_FixedRad
Track origin	–	$ d_0/\sigma(d_0) < 5$ $ z_0 \sin \theta < 0.5 \text{ mm}$	$ d_0/\sigma(d_0) < 3$ $ z_0 \sin \theta < 0.5 \text{ mm}$
p_T	$p_T^\gamma > 15 \text{ GeV}$	$p_T^{\ell_1, \ell_2, \ell_3} > 30, 20, 20 \text{ GeV}$	
lepton veto	no "loose" lepton (Medium ID, and loose isolation for μ) with $p_T^{\ell_4} > 10 \text{ GeV}$		
ℓ_Z selection	for eee , $\mu\mu\mu$: choose smallest $ m_{\ell\ell} - m_Z $		
ΔR	$\Delta R(\ell, \gamma) > 0.4$, $\Delta R(\mu, e) > 0.2$		
ZZ($e \rightarrow \gamma$) rejection	$ m(e_W, \gamma) - m_Z > 10 \text{ GeV}$		
missing E_T	$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 20 \text{ GeV}$		
Z candidate mass	$m_{\ell\ell} > 81 \text{ GeV}$		

- Unprescaled single electron and single muon triggers
- Event vetoed if a 4th lepton passing looser criteria and $p_T > 10 \text{ GeV}$ is present
- MET > 20 GeV to suppress backgrounds (ZZ γ , ZZ($e \rightarrow \gamma$), Z $\gamma\gamma$)
- $m(e_W, \gamma)$ away from Z to suppress ZZ($e \rightarrow \gamma$) background
- $m(\ell\ell) > 81 \text{ GeV}$ and $\Delta R(\ell, \gamma) > 0.4$ to suppress FSR contribution

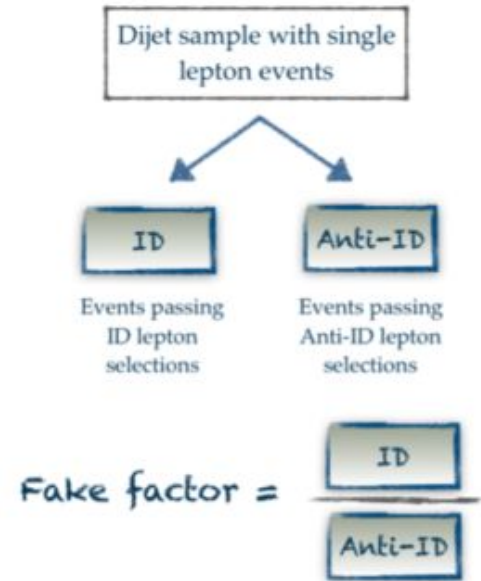
Fiducial region

- The lepton and photon are required to be not from hadron or τ
- Build Z by find the same flavor, opposite-charged dilepton pair closest to Z
- Build W using the third lepton and the same flavor leading neutrino

Quantity	cut
Photon and Lepton $ \eta $ cuts	$ \eta^\gamma < 2.37, \eta^\ell < 2.5$
Photon pt cut	$p_T^\gamma > 15 \text{ GeV}$
Lepton pt cuts	$p_T^{\ell_1} > 30 \text{ GeV}, p_T^{\ell_2}, p_T^{\ell_3} > 20 \text{ GeV}, p_T^\nu > 20 \text{ GeV}$
Photon isolation	$E_T^{\text{cone20}}/E_T^\gamma < 0.07$
Overlap Removal	$\Delta R(l, \gamma) > 0.4$
Mass cuts	$m_{\ell\ell} > 81 \text{ GeV}$

Background estimation

- Non-prompt lepton ($\text{jet} \rightarrow l$) or photon ($\text{jet} \rightarrow \gamma$) background
 - Data driven estimation based on fake factor of lepton-like/photon-like jet
- $\text{ZZ}\gamma$ (including ZZ with FSR γ) and ZZ with electron faking photon ($e \rightarrow \gamma$)
 - MC estimation with dedicated CRs
- $\text{WZ} + \text{pileup } \gamma$
 - Overlay MC
- $\text{Z}\gamma\gamma$ ($\gamma \rightarrow e$)
 - MC estimation



Separation between $\text{ZZ}(\text{jet} \rightarrow \gamma)$ and $\text{ZZ}(e \rightarrow \gamma)$ is based on truth information of selected photon

Non-prompt background

$$N_X^{data} = \sum_i (N_{X,i}^{prompt} + N_{X,i}^{non-prompt})$$

$$N_{X,i}^{prompt} = \mu_{sig} \cdot N_{X,i}^{WZ\gamma} + \mu_{ZZ\gamma} \cdot N_{X,i}^{ZZ\gamma} + \mu_{ZZ(e\rightarrow\gamma)} \cdot N_{X,i}^{ZZ(e\rightarrow\gamma)} + N_{X,i}^{Z\gamma\gamma} + N_{X,i}^{Pile-up\ \gamma}$$

$$F_i^\ell = \frac{N_{A,i}^{dijet}}{N_{B,i}^{dijet}} = \frac{N_{C,i}^{dijet}}{N_{D,i}^{dijet}}$$

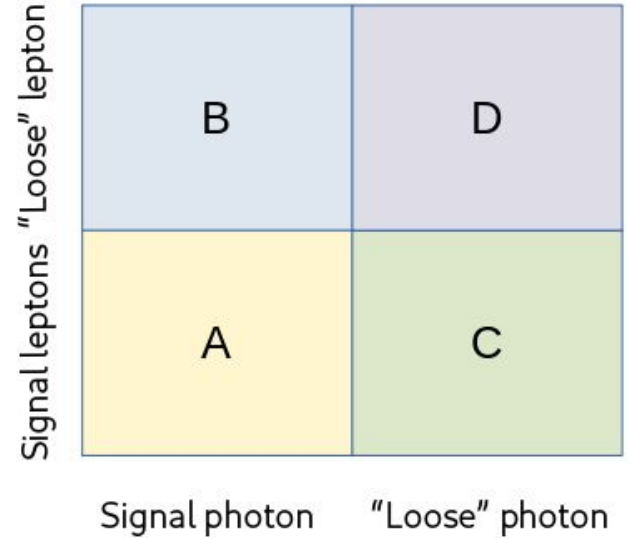
$$F_i^\gamma = \frac{N_{A,i}^{Z+jets}}{N_{C,i}^{Z+jets}} = \frac{N_{B,i}^{dijet}}{N_{D,i}^{dijet}}$$

$$N_A^{non-prompt} = \sum_i F_i^\ell \cdot (N_{B,i}^{data} - N_{B,i}^{prompt}) + \sum_j F_j^\gamma (N_{C,j}^{data} - N_{C,j}^{prompt}) - \sum_{i,j} F_i^\ell F_j^\gamma (N_{D,i,j}^{data} - N_{D,i,j}^{prompt})$$

X= A, B, C, D, i(j) means the lepton(photon) pt/eta/flavor bin number

F_ℓ (F_γ) is the fake factor of lepton-like(photon-like) jet

- Denoted as "Lepton (photon) fake factor"
- Determined from dijet (Z+jets) events



Estimation of lepton fake factor

- Follow procedure used in ATLAS ssWW analysis

Dijet event selection
GRL
Trigger
Trigger matching
$N_l = 1$ and $p_T^l > 20 \text{ GeV}$
$N_{\text{jet}} > 0$
$p_T^{\text{tagging jet}} > 25(30) \text{ GeV}$
$ \Delta\phi(l, j) > 2.8$
$E_{T, \text{track}}^{\text{miss}} + m_T < 50 \text{ GeV}$
ID or Anti-ID lepton

ID electron	Anti-ID electron
	$p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$
	$ \eta < 1.37$ and $1.52 < \eta < 2.47$
	$ d_0/\sigma_{d_0} < 5$
	$ z_0 \sin \theta < 0.5 \text{ mm}$
LHTight ID	LHMedium ID
Gradient isolation	-
	Fail LHTight ID fail Gradient isolation

ID muon	Anti-ID muon
	$p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$
	$ \eta < 2.5$
	$ z_0 \sin \theta < 0.5 \text{ mm}$
	Medium ID
$ d_0/\sigma_{d_0} < 3$	$ d_0/\sigma_{d_0} < 10$
PflowTight_FixedRad isolation	PflowLoose_FixedRad isolation
-	$ d_0/\sigma_{d_0} > 3$ or fail PflowTight_FixedRad isolation

Estimation of photon fake factor

- Follow and extend procedure for fake background estimation in ATLAS $Z\gamma$ analysis

Signal photon	Loose photon
	$p_T > 15$
	$ \eta < 1.37$ and $1.52 < \eta < 2.37$
Tight	LoosePrime5 ID
FixedCutLoose	$p_T^{iso} < 0.05 \times E_T^\gamma$ (track isolation)
	Fail Tight $E_T^{iso} > 0.065p_T + E_{gap}$

$Z\gamma$ event selection

	Photons	Electrons	Muons
Kinematics:	$E_T > 30$ GeV $ \eta < 2.37$ excl. $1.37 < \eta < 1.52$	$p_T > 30, 25$ GeV $ \eta < 2.47$ excl. $1.37 < \eta < 1.52$	$p_T > 30, 25$ GeV $ \eta < 2.5$
Identification:	Tight [55]	Medium [55]	Medium [56]
Isolation:	FixedCutLoose [55] $\Delta R(\ell, \gamma) > 0.4$	FCLoose [55] $\Delta R(\mu, e) > 0.2$	FCLoose_FixedRad [56]
Event selection:	$m(\ell\ell) > 40$ GeV, $m(\ell\ell) + m(\ell\ell\gamma) > 182$ GeV		

Yield of Z +jets in signal/loose region is estimated using data-driven method

Uncertainty of non-prompt background estimation

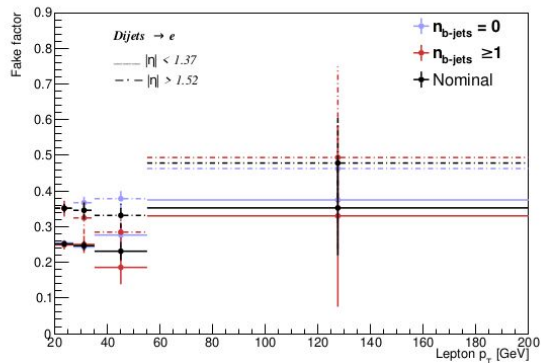
$$N_A^{non-prompt} = \sum_i F_i^\ell \cdot (N_{B,i}^{data} - N_{B,i}^{prompt}) + \sum_j F_j^\gamma (N_{C,j}^{data} - N_{C,j}^{prompt}) - \sum_{i,j} F_i^\ell F_j^\gamma (N_{D,i,j}^{data} - N_{D,i,j}^{prompt})$$

- From F_ℓ determination (follow uncertainty estimation in ATLAS ssWW analysis)
 - Vary prompt lepton backgrounds being subtracted by +/-5% (prediction and data agree within 5% in W+jets CR dominated by those prompt lepton backgrounds)
 - Jet flavor composition (difference between $N_{b-jets=0}$ and $N_{b-jets \geq 1}$)
 - Vary $E_{T, track}^{miss} + m_T$ cut
- From F_γ determination (follow uncertainty estimation in ATLAS Zy analysis)
 - Zy signal leakage factor
 - Z+jets correlation factor R
 - Fake photon p_T spectrum difference between Z+jets and WZ+jets
- From modelling of prompt backgrounds in B, C, D
- From statistics of data in B, C, D region (dominant)
- From statistics of MC in B, C, D region

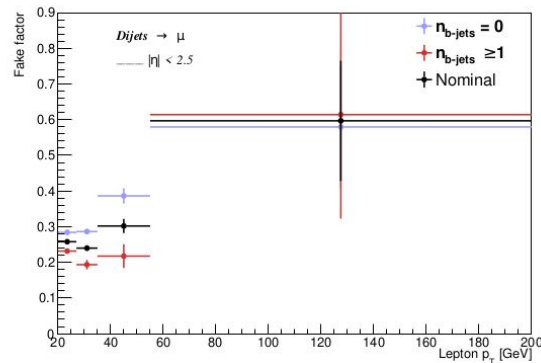
Determined lepton&photon fake factor

- Lepton fake factor is derived separately with b jet requirement ($N_{b\text{-jets}} \geq 1$) and b jet veto ($N_{b\text{-jets}} = 0$). The average between $N_{b\text{-jets}} = 0$ and $N_{b\text{-jets}} \geq 1$ is used as the nominal value
- Integral value of photon fake factor used: $F_{\gamma} = 0.399 \pm 0.030$

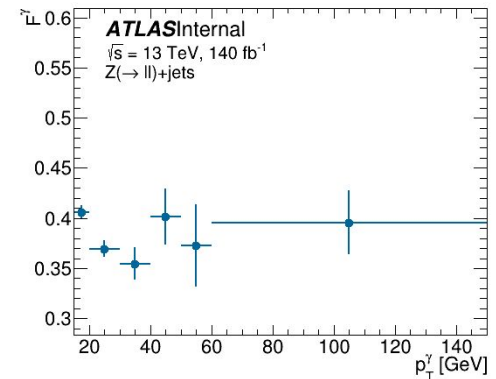
Electron fake factor



Muon fake factor



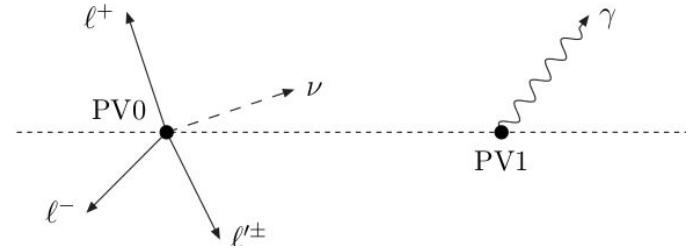
Photon fake factor



Pile-up γ estimation

- Using Overlay MC method:
 - Simulate the WZ +pile-up γ at truth-level, $N_{WZ+\gamma}^{\text{FR}}$
 - Apply detector efficiency ($C_{WZ+\gamma}$) correction to the overlaid sample

	Overlay MC
$WZ+\gamma$	1.62 ± 0.60
$(WZ)_{\tau} + \gamma$	0.02 ± 0.02
$(WZ)_{\text{bgd}} + \gamma$	0.27 ± 0.27
sum (total prompt)	1.91 ± 0.68



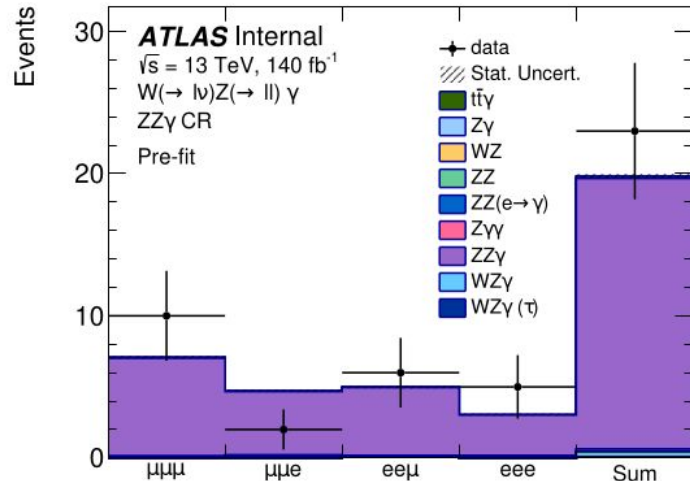
Source	Relative uncertainty
MC event statistics	2.5%
σ_{γ} scale variations	28%
σ_{γ} PDF $\oplus \alpha_s$	2.4%
σ_{WZ} (ATLAS measurement)	4.6%
Modelling of $WZ+\gamma$ pileup events	16%
Detector efficiency	3.3%
Integrated luminosity	1.7%
Total uncertainty	33%
$(WZ)_{\text{bgd}} + \gamma$ component	100% (33% corr.)
Total uncertainty	36%

Dominant sys. from γ +jets modelling and WZ +pile-up γ modelling

ZZ γ and ZZ(e $\rightarrow\gamma$) backgrounds estimation

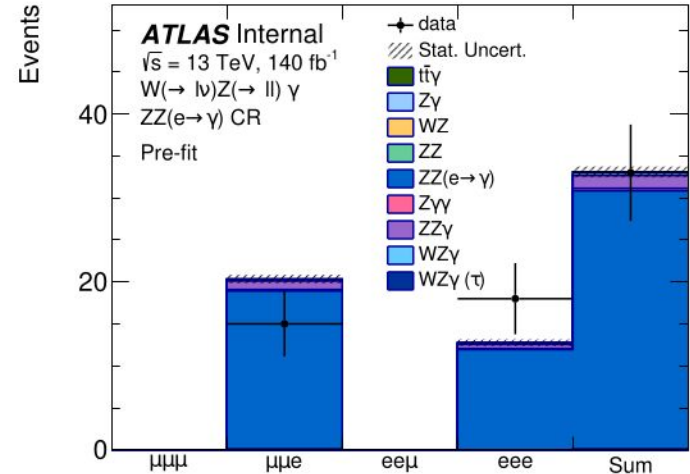
ZZ γ CR

- Requiring 4th lepton with $p_T > 10$ GeV and passing “loose” criteria
- Removing MET cut
- $m(\ell\ell) > 40$ GeV



ZZ(e $\rightarrow\gamma$) CR

- $|m(e_{\nu\nu}, \gamma) - m_Z| > 10$ GeV
- MET < 20 GeV



Signal extraction

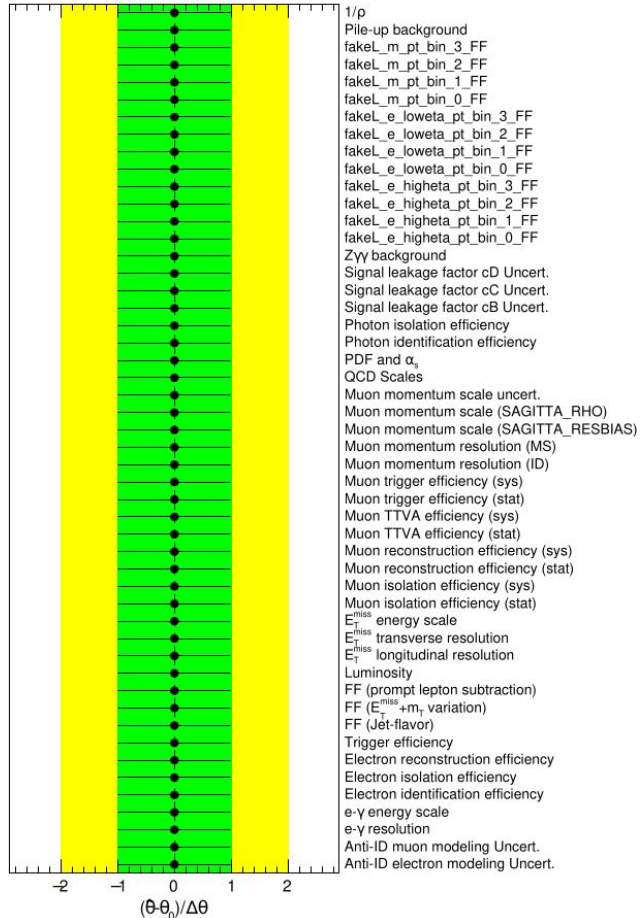
- Profile likelihood fit to extract the signal strength μ_{sig} together with $\mu_{\text{ZZ}\gamma}$ and $\mu_{\text{ZZ}(e\rightarrow\gamma)}$ (three POIs) in three bins (SR + 2 CRs)

$$\begin{aligned}
 L(n, \theta^0 | \mu_{\text{sig}}, b, \theta) &= P_{\text{SR}} \times P_{\text{CR}} \times C_{\text{sys}} \\
 &= P(n_S | \lambda_S(\mu_{\text{sig}}, b, \theta)) \times \prod_{i \in \text{CRs}} P(n_i | \lambda_i(\mu_{\text{sig}}, b, \theta)) \times G(\theta^0, \theta)
 \end{aligned}$$

- Inputs for parameterizing non-prompt background: $F_\ell, F_\gamma, N_X^{\text{data}}, N_X^{\text{prompt}}$ (X=B, C, D)

$$N_A^{\text{non-prompt}} = \sum_i F_i^\ell \cdot (N_{B,i}^{\text{data}} - N_{B,i}^{\text{prompt}}) + \sum_j F_j^\gamma (N_{C,j}^{\text{data}} - N_{C,j}^{\text{prompt}}) - \sum_{i,j} F_i^\ell F_j^\gamma (N_{D,i,j}^{\text{data}} - N_{D,i,j}^{\text{prompt}})$$

Nuisance parameters



- CP systematics
- Luminosity
- From non-prompt background estimation
 - Lepton/photon Fake factor
 - Modelling of prompt backgrounds in loose lepton/photon region
 - Statistics of data&prompt backgrounds in loose lepton/photon region
- Pile-up γ background uncertainty
- Z $\gamma\gamma$ background (30% uncertainty is assigned based on ATLAS Z $\gamma\gamma$ analysis)
- Uncert. from theoretical modelling of MC (PDF, α_s , QCD scales)

Break-down uncertainty on measured cross section

Sources	Relative uncertainty [%]
Photon identification and isolation efficiency	2.5
Electron identification, isolation, reconstruction efficiency	0.3
Electron–photon resolution and energy scale	0.6
Muon identification, isolation, reconstruction, momentum resolution and scale	2.4
Missing E_T resolution and energy scale	0.3
Lepton fake factor	1.9
Photon fake factor	2.2
Prompt lepton modelling in loose-lepton region	2.2
Prompt photon leakage factor in loose-photon region	0.9
Pile-up γ background	0.9
Signal PDF and α_s , QCD Scales	1.1
Integrated luminosity	0.9
$Z\gamma\gamma$ cross-section	0.2
Signal MC statistics	1.2
Background MC statistics	0.4
Data statistics in loose-lepton and/or loose-photon region	5.4
Total systematic uncertainty	7.7
$ZZ\gamma$ and $ZZ(e \rightarrow \gamma)$ normalisation	2.6
Data statistics	14.8
Total statistical uncertainty	15.1

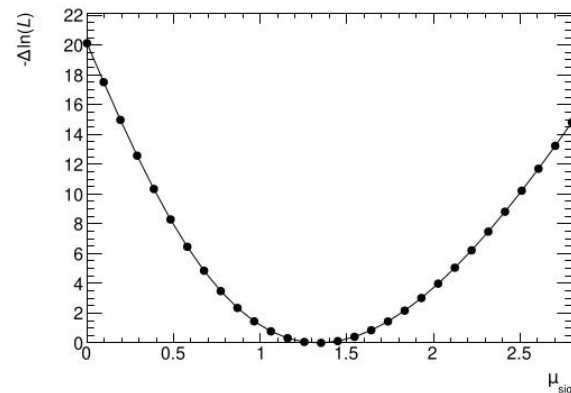
CP systematics
(3.3%)

Arising from non-prompt
background estimation
(6.6%)

Dominated by Stat.
Uncert. (15%)

Results

- **Observed (expected) significance: 6.3 (5.0) σ**
- Measured cross section: $\sigma_{\text{meas}} = \sigma_{\text{pred}} \cdot \mu_{\text{sig}}$
 - $\mu_{\text{sig}} = 1.34 \pm 0.20$ (stat.) ± 0.10 (syst.) ± 0.07 (theory)
 - $\sigma_{\text{pred}}(\text{pp} \rightarrow \text{WZ}\gamma) = 1.50 \pm 0.06$ fb (NLO QCD and LO EW)
 - $\sigma_{\text{meas}}(\text{pp} \rightarrow \text{WZ}\gamma) = 2.01 \pm 0.30$ (stat) ± 0.16 (syst) fb



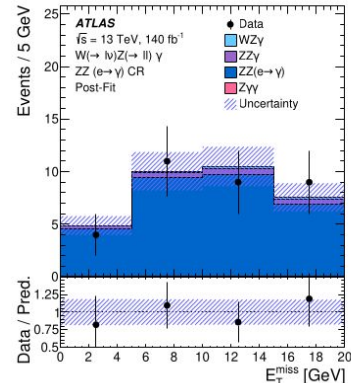
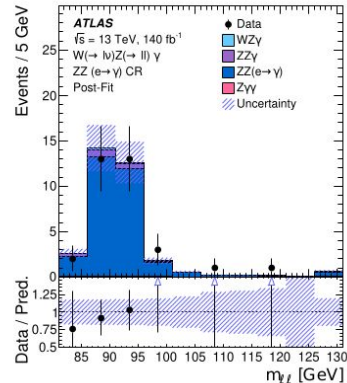
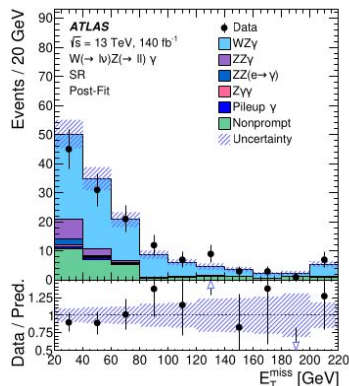
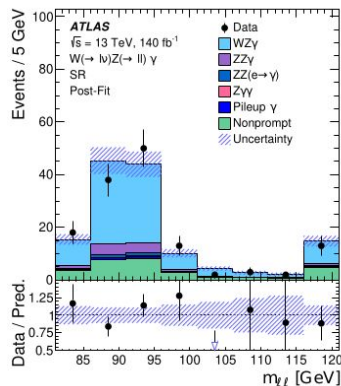
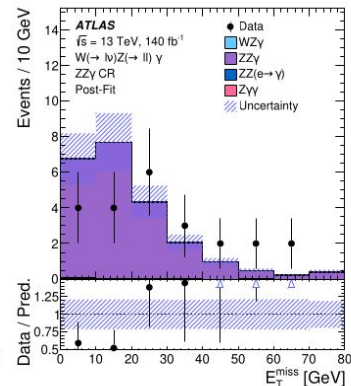
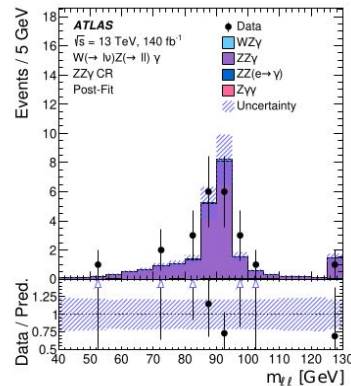
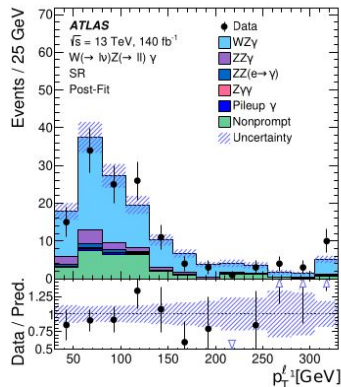
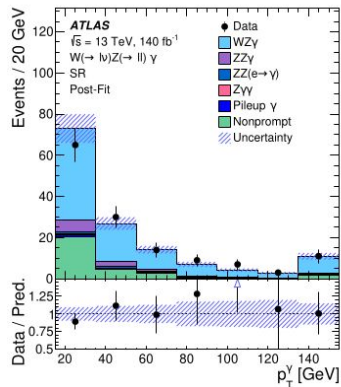
Post-fit yields

Process	SR	ZZ γ CR	ZZ($e \rightarrow \gamma$) CR
WZ γ	92 \pm 15	0.21 \pm 0.07	0.56 \pm 0.14
ZZ γ	10.7 \pm 2.3	23 \pm 5	1.8 \pm 0.4
ZZ($e \rightarrow \gamma$)	3.0 \pm 0.6	0.028 \pm 0.020	30 \pm 6
Z $\gamma\gamma$	1.05 \pm 0.32	0.15 \pm 0.06	0.29 \pm 0.10
Nonprompt background	30 \pm 6	-	-
Pileup γ	1.9 \pm 0.7	-	-
Total yield	139 \pm 12	23 \pm 5	33 \pm 6
Data	139	23	33

Post-fit distributions

SR

CRs



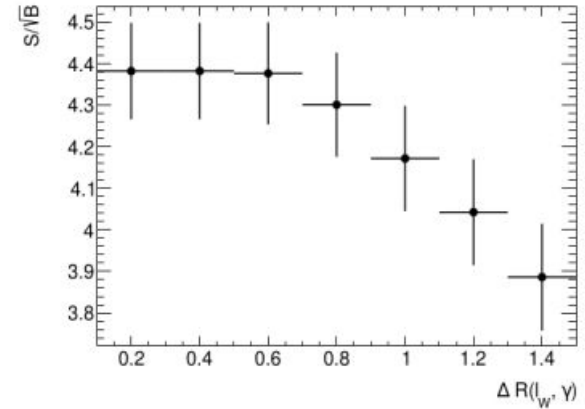
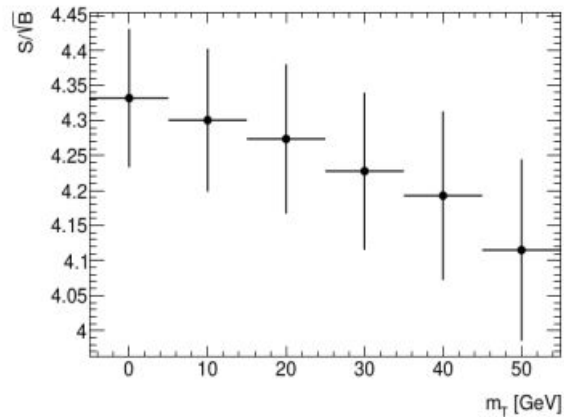
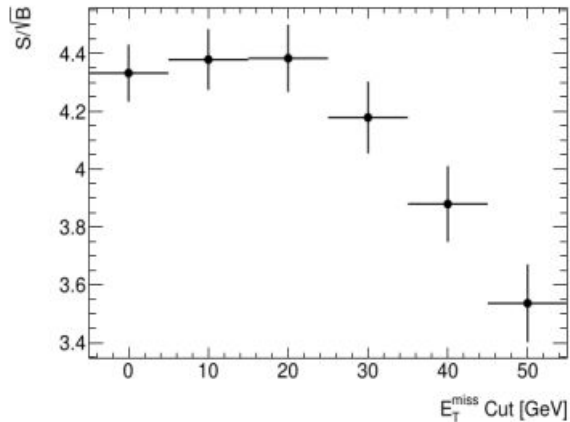
Summary

- Using ATLAS Run2 data, **WZ γ production in pp collisions at 13 TeV is observed with 6.3σ !**
- Data-driven estimation for the dominant backgrounds (non-prompt background, ZZ γ , ZZ(e $\rightarrow\gamma$))
- The measured fiducial cross section is 2.01 ± 0.34 fb compared to prediction cross section of 1.50 ± 0.07 fb (consistent within 1.5σ)
- Accepted by PRL on Nov 8, 2023

Backup

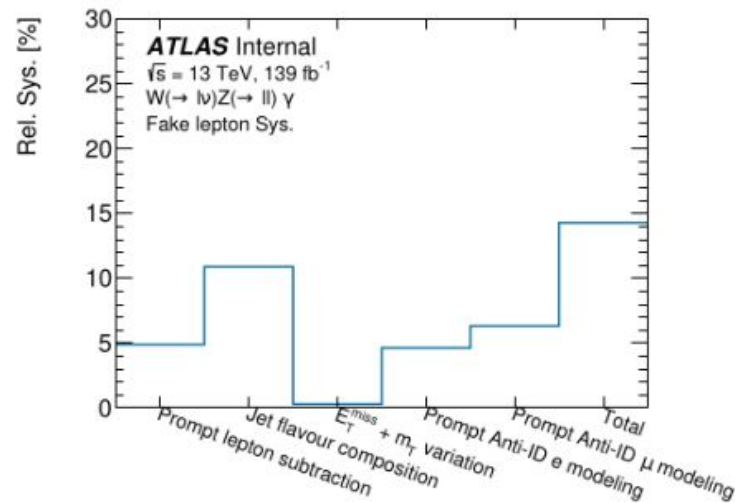
Selection optimization

- E_T^{miss} has best S/\sqrt{B} at 20 GeV
- Cut on m_T is less efficient than ETmiss
- No benefit from making $dR(l_w, \gamma)$ tighter than $dR(l, \gamma)$



Fake lepton background uncertainty

- From fake factor determination using dijet events (analogous to ssWW analysis)
 - Vary prompt lepton backgrounds being subtracted by +/-5% (prediction and data agree within 5% in W+jets CR dominated by those prompt lepton backgrounds)
 - Jet flavor composition (difference between Nb-jets = 0 and Nb-jets >= 1)
 - Vary $E_{T,track}^{miss} + m_T$ cut (e.g. +/- 5 GeV)
- From prompt-lepton modeling in Anti-ID region
 - 20% (30%) for electron/muon (based on José Pretel's studies [here](#))

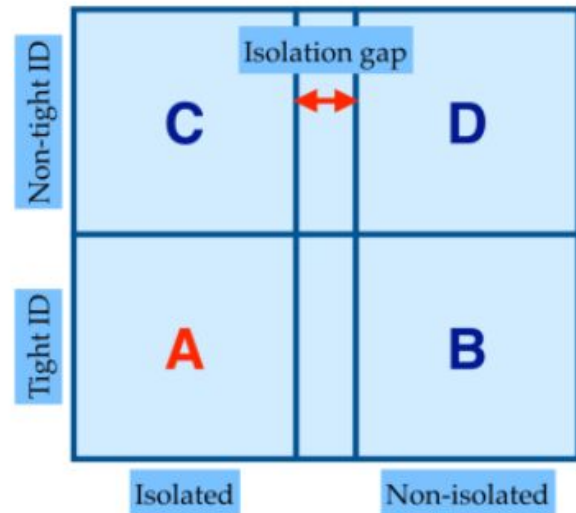


Fake photon estimation

- Use extended ABCD method based on fake photon ratio (ρ -value), i.e. fake photons failing the tight but passing the loose selection to those passing tight selection:

$$\rho = \frac{N(\gamma_f^L)}{N(\gamma_f^T)},$$

- ρ -value derived from Z+jets events using standard ABCD method as in ATLAS Z_γ analysis
 - Tight region: A
 - Loose region: B+C+D



ρ value estimation

$$R = \frac{N_A^{Z+jets} \times N_D^{Z+jets}}{N_B^{Z+jets} \times N_C^{Z+jets}}, \quad c_B = \frac{N_B^{sig}}{N_A^{sig}}, \quad c_C = \frac{N_C^{sig}}{N_A^{sig}}, \quad c_D = \frac{N_D^{sig}}{N_A^{sig}},$$

In Zy analysis:

- N^{sig} is the yield of Zy signal
- N^{bg} is yield of prompt photon backgrounds including $t\bar{t}\gamma$, WZ, WW γ , ZZ, WZ γ , $\tau\tau\gamma$, ZZ γ

$$(N_A - N_A^{bg}), (N_B - N_B^{bg}), (N_C - N_C^{bg}) \text{ and } (N_D - N_D^{bg})$$



$$N_A^{sig} = N_A - N_A^{bg} - N_A^{Z+jets} = N_A - N_A^{bg} - R \frac{[(N_B - N_B^{bg}) - c_B N_A^{sig}][(N_C - N_C^{bg}) - c_C N_A^{sig}]}{(N_D - N_D^{bg}) - c_D N_A^{sig}}.$$

Solve this equation to get N_A^{sig}

$$N_A^{Z+jets} = N_A - N_A^{bg} - N_A^{sig},$$

$$N_B^{Z+jets} = N_B - N_B^{bg} - c_B \times N_A^{sig},$$

$$N_C^{Z+jets} = N_C - N_C^{bg} - c_C \times N_A^{sig},$$

$$N_D^{Z+jets} = N_D - N_D^{bg} - c_D \times N_A^{sig}$$

$$\rho(Z + \gamma) = \frac{(N_B^{Z+jets} + N_C^{Z+jets} + N_D^{Z+jets})}{N_A^{Z+jets}}$$

Estimated value:

$$\rho = 2.508 \pm 0.041 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.185 \text{ (sys.)}$$

Fake photon background uncertainty

- From prompt photon backgrounds subtraction in Tight, Loose region
- From WZ γ Signal leakage factor c
- From ρ -value estimation
 - Z γ signal leakage factor
 - Z+jets correlation factor R
 - Fake photon p_T spectrum difference between Z+jets and WZ+jets
 - Integral ρ -value re-estimated with fake photon p_T in Z+jets scaled to WZ+jets

Sources	Relative Sys. (%)
N_{BG}	2.9
c_B, c_C and c_D in WZ γ	4.5
c_B, c_C and c_D in Z γ	
R in Z γ	7.1
Fake photon shape difference	10.6
Total	13.8

Taking advantage of relevant sys estimation in ATLAS Z γ analysis

Triggers

Electron triggers:

2015: e24_lhmedium_L1EM20VH, e60_lhmedium, e120_lhloose

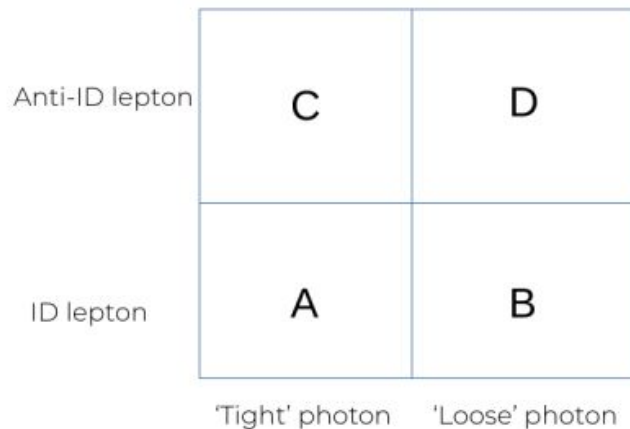
2016-2018: e26_lhtight_nod0_ivarloose, e60_lhmedium_nod0, e140_lhloose_nod0

Muons triggers:

2015: mu20_iloose_L1MU15, mu50

2016-2018: mu26_ivarmedium, mu50

Yields in Anti lepton/photon region



Process	ID lepton, Loose photon	Anti-ID lepton, Tight photon	Anti-ID lepton, Loose photon	$ZZ\gamma$ CR	$ZZ(e \rightarrow \gamma)$ CR
data	59	89	32	23	33
$WZ\gamma$ (no τ rejection)	8.3 ± 0.2	20.4 ± 0.4	2.6 ± 0.1	0.1 ± 0.0	0.4 ± 0.1
$ZZ\gamma$	1.2 ± 0.0	3.3 ± 0.1	0.5 ± 0.0	18.9 ± 0.1	1.5 ± 0.0
$ZZ(e \rightarrow \gamma)$	0.5 ± 0.1	1.4 ± 0.1	0.3 ± 0.1	0.0 ± 0.0	30.6 ± 0.6
$Z\gamma\gamma$	0.2 ± 0.1	0.8 ± 0.1	0.0 ± 0.1	0.2 ± 0.0	0.3 ± 0.0

Table 20: The yields of processes in the regions for Anti-ID lepton or/and Loose photon, and CRs for $ZZ\gamma$ and $ZZ(e \rightarrow \gamma)$.