Recent diboson and multiboson results from ATLAS



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Experiments at Large Hadron Collider

pp collider (also can collide heavy ion particles) Run 1: 7, 8 TeV Run 2: 13 TeV Run 3: 13.6 TeV

A Toroidal LHC ApparatuS



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Weight : ~ 7000 tons Channels: ~ 10⁸

Total weight: 7900 T **Overall diameter: 25 m Overall length:** 46 m Magnet filed: 2, 3-8 Tesla

What's happening inside the detector



A reconstructed $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$ candidate event from the simple physics process



- Very complicated experimental environments in proton-proton collisions
- ✓ One vertex correctly reconstructed from 66 candidates. Two muons correctly reconstructed and calibrated, from numerous tracks.



Run 3 plan

Starts in 2021, collide at 14 TeV, deliver 300/fb pp data

Run 3 reality

Starts in 2022, collide at 13.6 TeV, deliver XX pp data?

Nothing is simple \bigcirc



Mean Number of Interactions per Crossing

ATLAS Physics

- SM precision measurements and rare processes
- Higgs (and di-Higgs) measurements and searches
- Searches for new physics beyond SM
- Heavy flavor physics
- Heavy ion physics

Full list of ATLAS public results



ATLAS summary plots

Multi-boson production



- Measurement of multi-boson productions at LHC is important to test the validity of the SM at TeV scale
 - * Many precision differential measurements
 - * VBF/S processes with relative lower cross-section, being key process to probe the mechanism of electroweak symmetry breaking (EWSB)
- Involve with Triple or Quartic Gauge Couplings (T/QGCs)
 - * To look for vector boson self-couplings
 - Probe new physics through deviations from SM couplings
 (6) (8)
- * EFT interpretation $\mathcal{L}_{\text{SMEFT}} \approx \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}}^{(4)} + \sum_{i} \frac{c_i^{(6)}}{\Lambda^2} O_i^{(6)} + \sum_{j} \frac{c_j^{(8)}}{\Lambda^4} O_j^{(8)}$
- A way to search for high mass resonance decaying to VV final state







Precision measurements of diboson processes

With Run-2 luminosity, ATLAS has been able to provide precision measurements of diboson processes, and start to looking into polarization studies

Inclusive $ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 4I$ Measurements



 Vey rich physics information can be obtained from the four-lepton channel, given the very clean and fully reconstructable final states

JHEP 07 (2021) 005

- Very clear structures in the four-lepton mass distributions at different mass regions
- Z region, Higgs region, on-shell ZZ region and off-shell ZZ region



Differential measurements and BSM interpretation

JHEP 07 (2021) 005

- Differential cross sections measured vs. several * variables, in four different m_{41} region
 - * $m_{12}, m_{34}, p_T^{12}, p_T^{34}, \cos\theta_{12} \dots$



An example for BSM interpretation with a model in which the global baryon-number-minus-lepton-number (B-L) symmetry is treated as a local gauge symmetry and spontaneously broken (JHEP 08 (2018) 181)





arXiv:2310.04350

Z₄ rest fram

Pre-fit

 189.3 ± 8.7

 2170 ± 120

 33.7 ± 2.8

 18.7 ± 7.1

 20.0 ± 3.7

 3140 ± 150

3149

 710 ± 29

z - z' - x' plane

Post-fit

 220 ± 54

 33.4 ± 2.7

 18.5 ± 7.0

 19.9 ± 3.7

 3149 ± 57

3149

 ± 29

 ± 60

711

2147

Polarization measurements at ZZ channel

- Using events from the on-shell ZZ region
- Observed 4.3σ for the Z_LZ_L, two longitudinally polarized Z bosons



Measuring the Higgs width

arXiv:2304.01532

 With a precise measurement of the qq→ZZ process, the Higgs width could be constraint through its interference effect with the gg box process, under certain assumptions





Assuming no BSM effect and combine with on-shell Higgs measurement → measured Higgs total width: 4.5 +3.3 -2.5 MeV

Not possible for direct measurement at LHC due to detector resolution at GeV

ZZ measurement at 13.6 TeV

ATLAS-CONF-2023-062

- Fresh new results with Run-3 data!
- ATLAS introduced new slim data format to deal with the bigger and bigger data size



Dear 13.6 TeV ZZ Cross-Section Team, Emai

Email from ATLAS spokesperson

Congratulations on achieving the first public ATLAS result based on the PHYSLITE format — with the additional bonus of being a Run-3 result!

Following the announcement at the Vancouver ATLAS Week, and also at the <u>ATLAS Weekly meeting</u>, it is my huge pleasure to present you, on behalf of the Physics, Software & Computing Coordinators and ATLAS Management, with the PHYSLITE Champaign Challenge Award.

Champaign to be served to the team on Oct. 16 (next Monday)

ATLAS measures ZZ production using Run-3 data and a new slim data format ²⁵ August 2023 | By ATLAS Collaboration Physics Briefing

The ATLAS Collaboration has just released a new measurement of the production cross section of two Z bosons. This highlight result examines data collected during Run 3 of the LHC with pretons colliding at a record energy of 13.6 TeV – and pioneers the use of PHYSLITE – a new, reduced data format that requires significantly less storage.



WZ polarization

- Longitudinal component is critical to understand the Higgs mechanism and probe * **VBS** unitarization
- ATLAS reports the first measurement of joint polarization, with significance of the * double-longitudinal component of 7.1σ ATLAS L^{0.25}

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Data

ILO QCD

Powheg+Pythia

WW (\rightarrow evµv) + 1jet

- * First differential measurements in this final state at the LHC
- Test of perturbative QCD and EW theory
- Dominant background from top processes
 - * Estimated with data-driven method
 - * Factor of 5 uncertainty reduction w.r.t. MC based



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Crosse section measurements and EFT

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Inclusive WW measurements

- * Jet inclusive phase space, allowing comparison to precise theoretical predictions
- * WW decays leptonically to different flavor channels, $WW \rightarrow ev\mu v$
- Dominant background from top processes



Uncertainty source	Effect
Total uncertainty	3.1%
Stat. uncertainty	1.1%
Top modelling	1.6%
Fake lepton background	1.5%
Flavour tagging	0.7%
Other background	0.9%
Signal modelling	1.0%
Jet calibration	0.6%
Luminosity	0.8%
Other systematic uncertainties	0.9%

Dedicated control region to estimate the top background (~80% of total background)

Good control of top systematic



Most precise measurement

Also have differential measurements. Check the CONF note

Observation of photon-induced WW production

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Figure 7: Diagrams for the exclusive $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow WW$ production representing the (a) elastic process and the inelastic processes consisting of (b) single-dissociation where one initial proton dissociates (SD) and (c) double-dissociation where both protons fragment (DD). The symbols X and X' denote any additional final state created.

- * For the $pp(\gamma\gamma) \rightarrow p(*)WWp(*)$
 - * The final state protons stay either intact or fragments after emitting a photon (elastic, singledissociative and double-dissociative WW production)
 - Rather clean events (two charged leptons and no additional charged-particle activity) for elastic case
 - In the dissociative cases, remaining charged particles often fall into the forward region beyond tracking detector
- Signal selections
 - * eµ pairs with different charges, no tracks near leptons vertex, pT(II) > 30 GeV (MET proxy)
- Major challenges
 - * Modeling of number of charged particles from underlying events for background process
 - * Corrected with data measurements of DY \rightarrow II production

Cross-section Measurements

5 GeV Events 1200 ATLAS ATLAS 150 $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}, 139 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ √s = 13 TeV, 139 fb⁻¹ Events / 1000 $p_{-}^{e\mu} > 30 \text{ GeV}$ ther ag initiated Data $\gamma \rightarrow WW$ Non-prompt 800 γγ→ττ Drell-Yan 100 Drell-Yar Total uncertainty 600 a→WW 400 Fotal uncertainty 50 200 1.4 Data / Pred. Data / Pred. 1.4 1.2 1.2 0.8 0.8 0.6 0.6 20 40 60 80 100 120 3 n 0 2 $p_{\tau}^{e\mu}$ [GeV] Number of reconstructed tracks, n_{trk}

Events categorized into 4 regions based on n_{trk} and $pT(e\mu)$ SR: $n_{trk} = 0$ and $pT(e\mu) > 30$ GeV Other 3 CRs to constrain dedicated backgrounds

	Signal region		Control regions	
$n_{ m trk}$	$n_{\rm trk} = 0$		$1 \le n_{\rm trk} \le 4$	
$p_{\mathrm{T}}^{e\mu}$	> 30 GeV	< 30 GeV	> 30 GeV	< 30 GeV
$\gamma\gamma \to WW$	174 ± 20	45 ± 6	95 ± 19	24 ± 5
$\gamma\gamma o \ell\ell$	5.5 ± 0.3	39.6 ± 1.9	5.6 ± 1.2	32 ± 7
Drell–Yan	4.5 ± 0.9	280 ± 40	106 ± 19	4700 ± 400
$qq \rightarrow WW$ (incl. gg and VBS)	101 ± 17	55 ± 10	1700 ± 270	970 ± 150
Non-prompt	14 ± 14	36 ± 35	220 ± 220	500 ± 400
Other backgrounds	7.1 ± 1.7	1.9 ± 0.4	311 ± 76	81 ± 15
Total	305 ± 18	459 ± 19	2460 ± 60	6320 ± 130
Data	307	449	2458	6332

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Integrated event yields from different regions are used in profile likelihood fit to get the signal events

Signal strength: $1.33^{+0.14}_{-0.14}$ (stat.) $^{+0.22}_{-0.17}$ (syst.) Significance: 8.4 σ Measured fiducial cross-section: 3.13 ± 0.31 (stat.) ± 0.28 (syst.) fb

Searches for BSM decays to VV

ATL-PHYS-PUB-2023-007



*small-radius (large-radius) jets are used in resolved (boosted) events

[†]with $\ell = \mu$, e

Observation and measurements of vector boson scattering processes

With Run-2 luminosity, ATLAS has been able to observe VBS processes in all major channels, and start to have differential measurements

The Higgs Mechanism and EWSB

The Nobel Prize in Physics 2013

- The Higgs boson is special in the SM, as to explain how other particles get their masses
- Known as the "Higgs Mechanism", with a very delicate electroweak symmetry breaking (EWSB)
- From the proton-proton collisions at the LHC, the EWSB can be studied with the vector-boson scattering (VBS) processes





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The Nobel Prize in Physics 2013 was awarded jointly to François Englert and Peter W. Higgs "for the theoretical discovery of a mechanism that contributes to our understanding of the origin of mass of subatomic particles, and which recently was confirmed through the discovery of the predicted fundamental particle, by the ATLAS and CMS experiments at CERN's Large Hadron Collider."

The VBS Processes at the LHC



- Constraint on anomalous QGCs (aQGCs) \triangleright
- Probe new physics through deviations from SM \geq

From VV to VVjj

- Theoretically more complicated mostly due to the jet modelling
 - A typical issue observed by several ATLAS measurements, m_{jj} modelling
 - * In most analyses the m_{jj} is corrected to data \rightarrow introduce additional uncertainty
- Experimentally also challenging
 - Pileup effect in the forward region
 - * Lack of detector coverage in the forward region makes it more difficult
 - * Will be more challenging at HL-LHC when luminosity further increased



Observation of VBS at the LHC

- Two intermediate vector bosons radiated from two incoming quarks
- Final state with decay products from two vector bosons plus two outgoing jets
- In general, two "tag" jets in forward region with large rapidity separation and large invariant mass
- * Cross-sections of the EW VBS are small,

suffer from irreducible QCD VV + 2jets events



Candidate VBS event from ssWW Phys. Rev. Lett. **113**, 141803

Now have been observed in all major channels during Run-2!

The first evidence of these processes at LHC in the same-sign WW channel



Observation of EW ZZjj

Nature Physics 19, 237-253 (2023)

- * Two Z bosons decaying leptonically
 - * ZZ \rightarrow IIII (4e, 4µ, 2e2µ)
 - * ZZ \rightarrow IIvv (2e2v, 2µ2v)
- * Two jets in the back and forward regions
- Clear experimental signatures
- * Large modeling uncertainties of the dijets





	μ _{EW}	$\mu_{ ext{QCD}}^{ ext{ellejj}}$	Significance obs. (exp.)
<i>tttljj</i>	0.97±0.27	0.99±0.22	5.5 (5.6) σ
<i>ł</i> łvvjj	0.7±0.5	-	1.3 (2.1) σ
Combined	0.92±0.24	0.99±0.22	5.7 (5.9) σ

Leads to the first observation of the EW ZZjj production at the LHC

Follow-up measurements in the 4ljj channel

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- Differential measurements of EW+QCD processes in the VBS enhanced and suppressed regions
- Several measurements covering the typical VBS variables, polarization and CP sensitive variables, and QCD sensitive variables





Wilson	$ \mathcal{M}_{d8} ^2$	95% confidence interval [TeV ⁻⁴]	
coefficient	Included	Expected	Observed
$f_{\rm T,0}/\Lambda^4$	yes	[-0.98, 0.93]	[-1.00, 0.97]
	no	[-23, 17]	[-19, 19]
$f_{\mathrm{T},1}/\Lambda^4$	yes	[-1.2, 1.2]	[-1.3, 1.3]
	no	[-160, 120]	[-140, 140]
$f_{\mathrm{T},2}/\Lambda^4$	yes	[-2.5, 2.4]	[-2.6, 2.5]
	no	[-74, 56]	[-63, 62]
$f_{\mathrm{T},5}/\Lambda^4$	yes	[-2.5, 2.4]	[-2.6, 2.5]
	no	[-79, 60]	[-68, 67]
$f_{\mathrm{T,6}}/\Lambda^4$	yes	[-3.9, 3.9]	[-4.1, 4.1]
	no	[-64, 48]	[-55, 54]
$f_{\mathrm{T},7}/\Lambda^4$	yes	[-8.5, 8.1]	[-8.8, 8.4]
	no	[-260, 200]	[-220, 220]
$f_{\mathrm{T,8}}/\Lambda^4$	yes	[-2.1, 2.1]	[-2.2, 2.2]
	no	[-4.6, 3.1]×10 ⁴	[-3.9, 3.8]×10 ⁴
$f_{\rm T,9}/\Lambda^4$	yes	[-4.5, 4.5]	[-4.7, 4.7]
	no	[-7.5, 5.5]×10 ⁴	[-6.4, 6.3]×10 ⁴

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Same-sign WW channel ATLAS-CONF-2023-023

- The large majority of backgrounds from the top-related processes have two different-sign leptons in the leptonic decay
- * The WWjj events from strong interactions are also largely reduced
- * Observation (6.5σ) with partial Run-2 data, Phys. Rev. Lett. 123, 161801
- Differential measurements of the EW process with full Run-2 data





Also set limits on doublycharged Higgs Also has EFT limits

The Zyjj channel

Eur. Phys. J. C 82 (2022) 105 JHEP 06 (2023) 082 arXiv:2305.19142, accepted by PLB



The WZjj channel

Phys. Lett. B 793 (2019) 469

- Only leptonic decays of the W/Z are considered
- A statistical fit on the BDT score is used to extract the EW component
- * Observed significance: 5.3 σ





Measured cross section:

 $\sigma_{WZjj-EW} = 0.57 \stackrel{+0.14}{_{-0.13}} (\text{stat.}) \stackrel{+0.07}{_{-0.06}} (\text{syst.}) \text{ fb.}$

Searching for triboson processes

With Run-2 luminosity, ATLAS has been able to start looking for very rare VVV processes

Observation of WWW production

Phys. Rev. Lett. 129 (2022) 061803

- Directly probe the gauge boson self-interactions *
- Events with 2 same-sign leptons and two jets, or three * charged leptons are considered
- BDT used to discriminate between signal and background *
- First observation, 8.0σ *

Measured cross section approximately 2.6σ higher than the SM prediction at NLO QCD and LO EW Measured: $820 \pm 100 \text{ (stat)} \pm 80 \text{ (syst)}$ fb Predicted: 511 ± 18 fb



Signal strength consistently high in all channels be consistent: 1.54 ± 0.76 for $e^{\pm}e^{\pm}$, 1.44 ± 0.39 for $e^{\pm}\mu^{\pm}$, 2.23 ± 0.46 for $\mu^{\pm}\mu^{\pm}$, and 1.32 ± 0.39 for 3ℓ .



Wyy, WZy and Zyy channels

Eur. Phys. J. C 83 (2023) 539 arXiv:2305.16994, submitted to PRL arxiv:2308.03041, submitted to PLB



Summary

- * An overview of ATLAS multi-boson results
 - Precision measurements of VV processes. Already observed jointpolarization states in certain channels
 - * Observation of VBS processes in all major channels
 - * Observation of VVV processes in certain channels
 - * Searches for new physics

Backup

Electroweak publications (I)

Published

13 TeV WWW/WVZ 2015-2017 [PLB 798 (2019) 134913, arXiv:1903.10415] 13 TeV Z(II) γ Full run-2 [JHEP 03 (2020) 054, arXiv:1911.04813] 13 TeV VBF Zjj Full run-2 [Eur. Phys. J. C 81 (2021) 163, arXiv:2006.15458] 13 TeV $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow$ WW observation [Phys. Lett. B 816 (2021) 136190, arXiv:2010.04019] 13 TeV WW+1jet [axXiv:2103.10319, JHEP 06 (2021) 003] 13 TeV m4I Full run-2 [JHEP 07 (2021) 005, arXiv:2103.01918] 13 TeV Z(vv) γ VBS (in VBF H(inv.) γ) [Eur. Phys. J. C 82 (2022) 105, arXiv:2109.00925] 13 TeV WWW Full run-2 [Phys. Rev. Lett. 129 (2022) 061803, arXiv:2201.13045] 13 TeV VBS ZZ Full run-2 [Nature Phys. (2023), arXiv:2004.10612] 13 TeV Polarization in incl. WZ [Phys. Lett. B 843 (2023) 137895, arXiv:2211.09435] 13 TeV Z(vv) γ VBS full run-2 [JHEP 06 (2023) 082, arXiv:2208.12741] 13 TeV Z $\gamma\gamma$ Triboson [Eur. Phys. J. C 83 (2023) 539, arXiv:2211.14171] 13 TeV Z γ +jets (STDM-2020-14) [JHEP 07 (2023) 72, arXiv:2212.07184]

Submitted to the journals

13 TeV tau g-2 (STDM-2019-19) [arXiv:2204.13478, accepted by PRL] 13 TeV WZy (STDM-2019-17) [arXiv:2305.16994, submitted to PRL] 13 TeV VBS Z(->II)y (STDM-2018-36) [arXiv:2305.19142, accepted by PLB] 13 TeV Wyy (STDM-2018-33) [arxiv:2308.03041, submitted to PLB] 13 TeV ZZ4ljj (STDM-2020-02) [arXiv:2308.12324, submitted to JHEP]

Electroweak publications (II)

CONF note

13 TeV VBS Z(->II)y Full run-2 [ATLAS-CONF-2021-038] 8 TeV Z vertex form factor II*γ* [ATLAS-CONF-2022-046] (conv. of ANA-STDM-2017-05) 13 TeV Polarization in incl. WZ [ATLAS-CONF-2022-046] (conv. of ANA-STDM-2022-01) 13 TeV Zy+jets [ATLAS-CONF-2022-047] (conv. of ANA-STDM-2020-14) 13 TeV Wyy [ATLAS-CONF-2023-005] (conv. of ANA-STDM-2018-33) 13 TeV WZy [ATLAS-CONF-2023-014] (conv. of ANA-STDM-2019-17) 13 TeV WW+0j [ATLAS-CONF-2023-012] (conv. of ANA-STDM-2020-16) 13 TeV ZZ4Ijj [ATLAS-CONF-2023-024] (conv. of ANA-STDM-2020-02) 13 TeV VBS same-sign WW [ATLAS-CONF-2023-023] (conv. of ANA-STDM-2018-32) 13 TeV ZZ CP+polarization [ATLAS-CONF-2023-038] (conv. of ANA-STDM-2021-05) 13.6 TeV ZZ4I (ATLAS-CONF-2023-062) [conv. of ANA-STDM-2022-17]

PUB note

yy->WW Upgrade [ATL-PHYS-PUB-2021-026] Dim-6 EFT Interpretation [ATL-PHYS-PUB-2021-022] 13 TeV Global EFT (joint SM+Higgs) [ATL-PHYS-PUB-2022-037]

13 TeV aQGC Re-interpretation of WWjj&WZjj (ANA-STDM-2019-08) [ATL-PHYS-PUB-2023-002]