





ZZ cross section measurement at 8TeV Vasiliki Kouskoura (CERN, AUTh) on behalf of the ATLAS Collaboration

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Physics Motivation

- Provide direct high energy test of Standard Model (SM) predictions
- Probe for new physics through deviations from SM expectation e.g. anomalous TGCs
- Irreducible background for Higgs measurements



How do we measure the cross section?

I. Measure the cross section in the detector fiducial region fiducial volume definition $p_{T}^{\ell} > 7 \text{GeV}, |\eta_{T}^{\ell}| < 2.7$ $\sigma_{ZZ}^{fid} = \frac{N_{obs} - N_{bkg}}{L \cdot C_{ZZ}}$ $\min(\Delta R(\ell, \ell)) > 0.2,$ $66 < m_{\ell} < 116 \text{ GeV}$ efficiency correction for detector effects obtained from 2. then extrapolate to the full Monte Carlo and corrected by phase space efficiencies measured in data $\sigma_{ZZ}^{tot} = \frac{N_{obs} - N_{bkg}}{L \cdot (BR(ZZ)) \cdot (A_{ZZ}) \cdot C_{ZZ}}$ acceptance correction for correction for $ZZ \rightarrow 4\ell$ Branching Ratio kinematic and geometric selection criteria

ZZ event selection

- Single lepton (electron or muon) trigger
- Leading lepton in the event with transverse momentum pT > 25 GeV
- 4 isolated leptons with high transverse momentum (pT > 7GeV)
- Opposite sign same flavor lepton pairs $e^+e^-e^+e^-$, $\mu^+\mu^-\mu^+\mu^-$, $e^+e^-\mu^+\mu^-$
- Mass range of each 2 lepton pair: $66 < m_{\ell\ell} < 116$ GeV
- All selected leptons are separated by $\Delta R(\ell, \ell) > 0.2$

tau contribution: 0.30% ±0.02% of selected ZZ events estimated from simulation



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Background Estimate

Sources of background:

- Z/W+X (jets or photons)
- $t\bar{t}$ or single top
- Other di-boson final states

Estimated with data-driven method



- Build control regions (data samples enriched in background events)
 - select 4 lepton events where 1 or 2 leptons fail isolation criteria
- Obtain the fraction of fakes (f) from Z + lepton candidates
- Extrapolate the background yield from the control region to the signal region

$$N_{4\ell}^{\text{fake}} = N_{TTFF} \times f \times f + N_{TTTF} \times f$$

 Irreducible background Z+tt, ZZZ, ZWW (estimated from simulation) T: true isolated leptons

ZZ Candidate Events

Final state	$e^{+}e^{-}e^{+}e^{-}$	$\mu^+\mu^-\mu^+\mu^-$	$e^+e^-\mu^+\mu^-$	$\ell^+\ell^-\ell'^+\ell'^-$
Observed	62	85	158	305
Signal (MC)	59.5 ± 4.0	90.2±2.7	142.7 ± 5.6	292.5±10.6
Background	$10.0 \pm 1.8 \pm 1.4$	$1.1 \pm 1.4 \pm 0.5$	9.3±2.1±3.1	$20.4 \pm 2.9 \pm 5.0$
C_{ZZ}	0.55 ± 0.04	0.83 ± 0.03	0.66 ± 0.03	0.68 ± 0.02



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Final Result

Fiducial cross section

 $\sigma_{ZZ \to \ell \ell \ell' \ell'}^{\text{fid}} = 20.7^{+1.3}_{-1.2}(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.8(\text{syst.}) \pm 0.6(\text{lumi.}) \text{ fb}$

NLO SM prediction (MCFM, PDF set CT10) $\sigma^{fid}_{ZZ \rightarrow lll'l'} = 21.1^{+0.9}_{-0.7} fb$



Total cross section $\sigma_{ZZ}^{\text{tot}} = 7.1_{-0.4}^{+0.5} (\text{stat.}) \pm 0.3 (\text{syst.}) \pm 0.2 (\text{lumi.}) \text{ pb}$

NLO SM prediction (MCFM, PDF set CT10) $\sigma_{ZZ}^{tot} = 7.2^{+0.3}_{-0.2} pb$

- ✓ Statistical uncertainty
 - dominates the measurement
- ✓ Systematic uncertainties

originate from:

- ✓ luminosity (2.8%)
- ✓ background estimate (1.6%)
- ✓ reconstruction efficiencies

(3.3%)

Back up slides

Lepton Selection Criteria

Requirement	$\ell^+\ell^-\ell'^+\ell'^-$ final state		
Standard Muons			
1. μ : type	"loose" STACO muons, Combined or SegmentTagged		
2. μ : $p_{\rm T}$ and η	$p_{\rm T} > 7 \; {\rm GeV}, \eta < 2.5$		
3. μ : ID hits	MCP recommendation, see Sec.8		
4. μ : $z_0 * sin(\theta)$	$ z_0 * \sin(\theta) < 0.5 \text{ mm}$	Requirement	$\ell^+\ell^-\ell'^+\ell'^-$ final state
5. μ : d_0	$ d_0 /\sigma(d_0) < 3.0$	Central Electron Selection:	
6. μ : track iso	$\Sigma p_{\rm T}(\Delta R < 0.2)/p_{\rm T} < 15\%$	1 <i>e</i> : Type	author - 1 or 3
Forward Muons		2 a: Opelity	(00 AND 1446 - 0)
1. μ : type	"loose" STACO muons, Combined or StandAlone	2. e. Quanty	(00 AND 1440 = 0)
2. μ : $p_{\rm T}$ and η	$p_{\rm T} > 10 \text{ GeV}, 2.5 < \eta < 2.7$ MCP recommendation, see Sec.8 $ z_0 * sin(\theta) < 0.5 \text{ mm}$ $ d_0 /\sigma(d_0) < 3.0$	5. <i>e</i> . ID cut 4. <i>e</i> : η 5. <i>e</i> : E_T 6. <i>e</i> : $z_0 * sin(\theta)$ 7. <i>e</i> : d_0	$ \eta < 2.47 \text{ (include crack: } 1.37 < \eta_{Cluster} < 1.52)$ $E_T > 7 \text{ GeV}$ $ z_0 * sin(\theta) < 0.5 \text{ mm}$ $ d_0 /\sigma(d_0) < 6$
3. μ : ID hits			
4. μ : $z_0 * sin(\theta)$			
5. μ : d_0			
7. μ : calo iso	calo $\Sigma E_T (\Delta R < 0.2) / p_{\rm T} < 15\%$		
Calorimeter-tagged Muons		8. e: Track isolation	$\Sigma p_{\rm T} (\Delta R < 0.2) / p_{\rm T} < 15\%$
1. <i>μ</i> : type	Calorimeter Tagged muons	10. <i>e</i> : Overlap removal	a) Remove <i>e</i> if $\Delta R < 0.1$ from μ
2. μ : $p_{\rm T}$ and η	$p_{\rm T} > 20 {\rm ~GeV}, \eta < 0.1$		b) Remove lowest $E_T e \ln \Delta R < 0.1$ from another e
3. μ : ID hits	MCP recommendation, see Sec.8	Table 5: Electron selection requirements.	
4. μ : $z_0 * sin(\theta)$	$ z_0 * sin(\theta) < 0.5 \text{ mm}$		
5. μ : d_0	$ d_0 /\sigma(d_0) < 3.5$		
6. μ : track iso	$\Sigma p_{\rm T}(\Delta R < 0.2)/p_{\rm T} < 15\%$		
8. Quality Cuts	$CaloMuonIDTag > 10 \parallel CaloLRLikelihood > 0.9$		
9. Overlap Removal	Remove if overlaps with a standard muon in $\Delta R < 0.1$		

Table 4: Muon selection requirements.

Summary of Systematics

Source	$e^+e^-e^+e^-$	$\mu^+\mu^-\mu^+\mu^-$	$e^+e^-\mu^+\mu^-$	$\ell^+\ell^-\ell'^+\ell'^-$	
Reconstruction Uncertainties					
Lepton identification and reconstruction	6.2%	1.2%	3.1%	2.8%	
Lepton energy/momentum	0.4%	<0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	
Lepton isolation and impact parameter	1.8%	2.6%	1.5%	1.6%	
Trigger efficiency	<0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	
Total Reconstruction Uncertainty (C_{ZZ})	6.4%	2.8%	3.4%	3.3%	
Theoretical Uncertainties					
PDF & Scale (C_{ZZ})	0.1%	0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%	
MC Generator Difference (C_{ZZ})	1.7%	0.9%	1.8%	1.5%	
PDF & Scale (A_{ZZ})	1.0%				
MC Generator Difference (A_{ZZ})	0.8%				
Total for C_{ZZ}	6.6%	3.0%	3.9%	3.6%	
Total for A_{ZZ}	1.3%				
Luminosity	2.8%				

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