

# Higgs Physics, Dark Forces and the LHC

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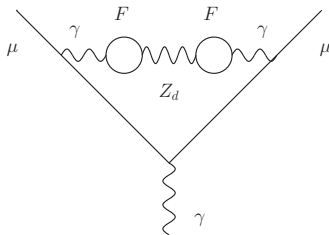
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# Motivation

- Observations indicate that a significant portion of the matter density of the Universe is dark matter (DM).
- May expect DM to be part of a larger sector.
- Dark sector may contain possible portal to Standard Model.
- In particular, this portal may be light.
- Been proposed as an explanation of positron excess observed by PAMELA/FERMI/AMS-02
- Independent DM, light new physics has also been proposed to explain the  $(g-2)_\mu$  excess [Pospelov, arXiv:0811.1030](#). Although, in some tension now...



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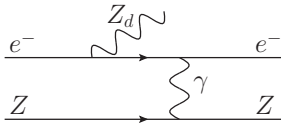
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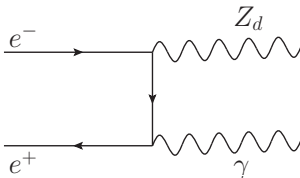
# Low Energy Searches

- Robust program looking for light vector bosons weakly coupled to SM:



- Beam dump and fixed target experiments

Bjorken, Essig, Schuster, Toro [PRD80 075018](#); Andreas, Niebuhr, Ringwald [PRD86 095019](#)  
 A1 Coll. [PRL106 251802](#); APEX Coll. [PRL107 191804](#)

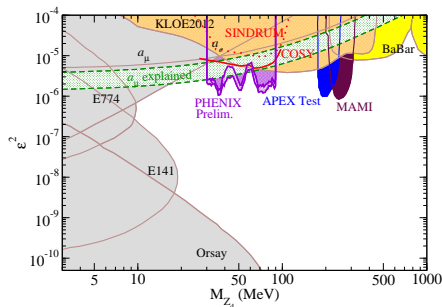


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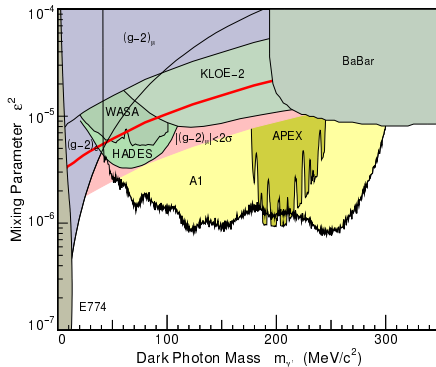
Reece, Wang [JHEP 0907 051](#); Essig, Schuster, Toro [PRD80 015003](#)  
 Batell, Pospelov, Ritz [PRD79 115008](#), [PRD80 095024](#)

- Meson decays [Fayet, hep-ph/0702176](#).

# Current Constraints Low Energy Searches



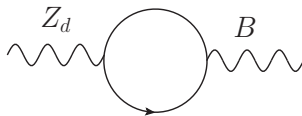
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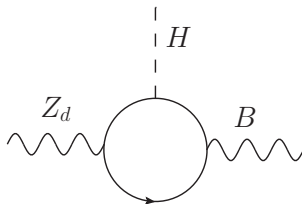
Merkel et al., PRL 112 (2014) 221802

- PHENIX and MAMI results exclude much of  $(g-2)_{\mu}$  anomaly explanation.
- For LHC searches will focus on  $M_{Z_d} \gtrsim 5$  GeV, complementary to previous low energy searches.

# Couplings to Higgs



- Imagine kinetic mixing term originates from integrating out heavy fermions.



- If fermions have Higgs interactions, can induce the effective operators ( $X = \gamma, Z, Z_d$ ):

$$O_{B,X} = c_{B,X} H X_{\mu\nu} Z_d^{\mu\nu}, \quad \tilde{O}_{B,X} = \tilde{c}_{B,X} H \tilde{X}_{\mu\nu} Z_d^{\mu\nu}$$

# Mass Mixing

- Can also have direct mass mixing between  $Z$  and  $Z_d$  Davoudiasl, Lee, Marciano **PRD85** 115019:

$$O_{A,X} = c_{A,X} H X_\mu Z_d^\mu$$

- Here  $X = Z, Z_d$
- For example, consider a two Higgs doublet model with extra SM singlet:

	$SU(2)_L$	$U(1)_Y$	$U(1)_d$
$H_1$	2	1/2	0
$H_2$	2	1/2	1
$S_d$	1	0	1

- The vev of  $H_2$  induces a mass mixing between  $Z$  and  $Z_d$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{Mass} &= \frac{1}{2} M_{Z^0}^2 Z^0 Z^0 - \Delta^2 Z^0 Z_d^0 + \frac{1}{2} M_{Z_d^0}^2 Z_d^0 Z_d^0 \\ \Delta^2 &= \frac{1}{2} g_d g_Z v_2^2\end{aligned}$$

- $\langle H_{1,2} \rangle = v_{1,2}$



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- This mass mixing induces off-diagonal Higgs couplings:

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- From this mixing the  $Z_d$  inherits a component of the SM Goldstone boson.
- For  $M_{Z_d} \ll E_{Z_d}$ , then  $Z_d$  in Higgs decays is longitudinally enhanced:

$$Z_d^\mu \rightarrow \partial^\mu \phi / M_{Z_d} + O(M_{Z_d}/E_{Z_d})$$

- Hence  $\Theta Z_d^\mu \rightarrow \partial^\mu \phi / M_Z \delta$ :
  - $H \rightarrow ZZ_d$  no longer suppressed by  $M_{Z_d}$ .

# Higgs Branching Ratios

- Assuming the kinetic mixing comes from heavy fermions with  $m_F \sim \text{few} \times 100 \text{ GeV}$ , operator coefficients are

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- Mass mixing:

$$\text{Br}(H \rightarrow ZZ_d) \approx 16\delta^2 \quad \text{Br}(H \rightarrow Z_d Z_d) \approx 80\delta^4$$

- $H \rightarrow Z_d Z_d$  is doubly suppressed by  $\delta^4$
- Rare  $B$  and  $K$  decays suggest  $\delta^2 \lesssim 10^{-5}$  for  $M_{Z_d} \ll 5 \text{ GeV}$   
Davoudiasl, Lee, Marciano [PRD85 115019](#)
- Low energy parity violation  $\delta^2 < \text{few} \times 10^{-4}$  for all  $M_{Z_d}$   
Davoudiasl, Lee, Marciano [PRD85 115019](#).
- So  $\text{Br}(H \rightarrow ZZ_d)$  can be comparable to  $\text{Br}(H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) \simeq 2.3 \times 10^{-3}$

# Higgs Decays

- Kinetic mixing motivated operators ( $X_{\mu\nu} Z_d^{\mu\nu}, \tilde{X}_{\mu\nu} Z_d^{\mu\nu}$ )

$$H \rightarrow Z Z_d, \quad \gamma Z_d, \quad Z_d Z_d$$

- Mass mixing motivated operators ( $X_\mu Z_d^\mu$ ) do not have  $\gamma$  decays due to gauge invariance:

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- $H \rightarrow Z_d Z_d$  doubly suppressed by mixing angle.
- Will focus on  $H \rightarrow Z Z_d$  signals.

# Dark Z decays

- If kinetic mixing is dominant:
  - $Z_d$  couples to SM E&M current.
  - $\text{Br}(Z_d \rightarrow 2\ell) > \text{Br}(Z \rightarrow 2\ell)$ , since no neutrino coupling.
  - For  $M_{Z_d} = 5 - 10$  GeV, can expect  $\text{Br}(Z_d \rightarrow 2\ell) \simeq 0.3$
- If mass mixing dominates:
  - $Z_d$  also couples to SM neutral current.
  - $\text{Br}(Z_d \rightarrow 2\ell)$  smaller than kinetic mixing case.
- Focus on  $H \rightarrow ZZ_d \rightarrow 4\ell$

# Parameterization

- Mass mixing parameterization:

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- For purposes of the collider search, will focus on mass mixing case.
- Will give results in terms of  $\delta^2 \text{Br}(Z_d \rightarrow 2\ell)$ 
  - $\delta^2$  is free parameter for  $\text{Br}(H \rightarrow ZZ_d)$

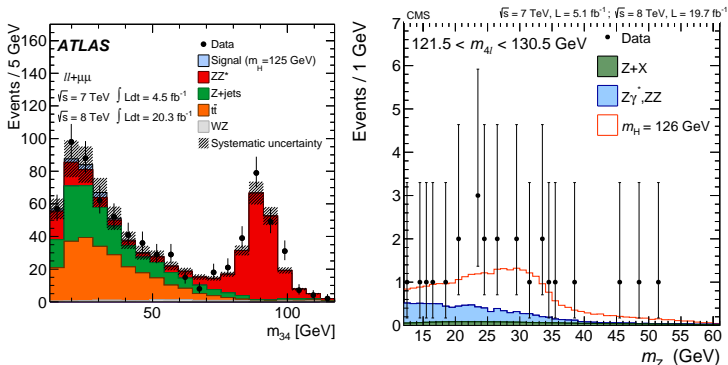


# LHC Search

- Work at  $\sqrt{s} = 14$  TeV LHC and with the signal of two same flavor, opposite charge lepton pairs:

$$pp \rightarrow H \rightarrow ZZ_d \rightarrow \ell_1^+ \ell_1^- \ell_2^+ \ell_2^-$$

- Interested in mass range  $M_{Z_d} \sim 5 - 10$  GeV.
- Complementary to previous low energy searches.
- May expect to appear in  $H \rightarrow ZZ^*$  searches already.
  - ATLAS and CMS place lower bound  $M_{Z^*} \geq 12$  GeV in published results.



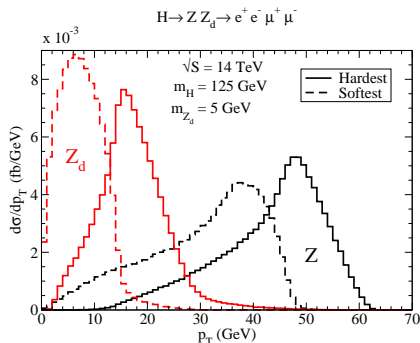
# Benchmark Point and Event Reconstruction

- Benchmark point (no kinetic mixing):

$$\begin{array}{ll} M_{Z_d} = 5 \text{ GeV} & M_H = 125 \text{ GeV} \\ \delta^2 \text{Br}(Z_d \rightarrow 2\ell) = 10^{-5} & \kappa_z = \tilde{\kappa}_Z = 0 \end{array}$$

- Want full reconstruction of signal to isolate from background.
  - Calculate invariant mass of all possible same flavor, opposite sign lepton pairs.
  - The lepton pair with mass closest to  $M_Z$  identified as originating from the  $Z$
  - Identify other lepton pair with  $Z_d$ .

# Transverse Momentum Distributions



- The momentum of Z and  $Z_d$  in Higgs rest frame:  $|\mathbf{p}| \approx 30$  GeV.
- Energy of Z dominated by  $M_Z$ 
  - $p_T$  of Z decay products peak near  $M_Z/2$
- Energy of  $Z_d$  dominated by  $|\mathbf{p}|$ 
  - $p_T$  of  $Z_d$  decay products peaked lower  $\lesssim |\mathbf{p}|/2$
  - Not as sharp as  $Z_d$  since is not from a resonance.

# Signal Isolation

- Require leptons with central rapidity:

$$p_T^\ell > 4 \text{ GeV} \quad |\eta^\ell| < 2.5$$

- Further triggers, following ATLAS [ATLAS-CONF-2013-012](#):

- One lepton with  $p_T^\ell > 24 \text{ GeV}$ , OR
- Two leptons with  $p_T^\ell > 13 \text{ GeV}$  each

- To trigger on four leptons, require isolation cut:

$$\Delta R = \sqrt{(\Delta\eta)^2 + (\Delta\phi)^2} > 0.3$$

- $\Delta\eta$  and  $\Delta\phi$  difference in lepton rapidity and azimuthal angle, respectively.

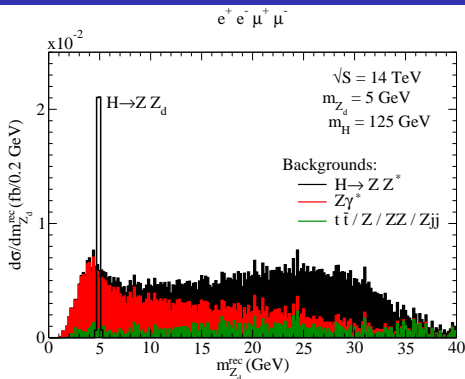
- Originating from a Higgs resonance:

$$|M_{4\ell} - M_H| < 2 \text{ GeV}$$

- $M_{4\ell}$  reconstructed four lepton invariant mass.

- Require the a Z is reconstructed:

$$|M_Z^{\text{rec}} - M_Z| < 15 \text{ GeV}$$

$Z_d$  resonance peak

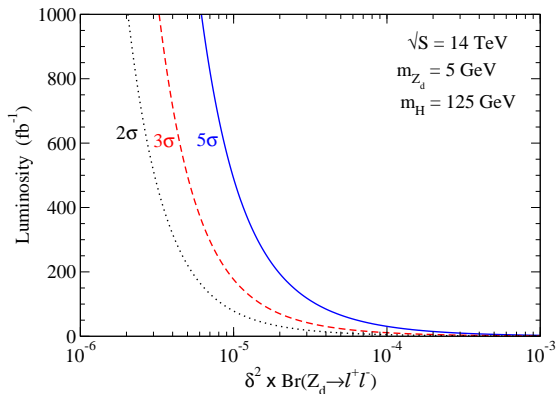
- After all previous cuts and energy smearing.
- Sharp drop-off in background below 4 – 5 GeV.
  - Invariant mass of two massless particles:  $m_{12}^2 = 2E_1 E_2 (1 - \cos \theta_{12})$
  - Isolation cuts and  $p_T$  cuts effectively put lower bounds on invariant mass.
- Use peak to measure  $M_{Z_d}$  and place cut:

$$|M_{Z_d}^{\text{rec}} - M_{Z_d}| < 0.1 M_{Z_d}$$

# Observability at Leading Order

300 fb<sup>-1</sup>:

Exclude	$\delta^2 \gtrsim 4 \times 10^{-6}$
Observe	$\delta^2 \gtrsim 7 \times 10^{-6}$
Discover	$\delta^2 \gtrsim 1.5 \times 10^{-5}$



- Parity violation excluded  $\delta^2 \gtrsim \text{few} \times 10^{-4}$
- For equal  $\text{Br}(H \rightarrow ZZ_d)$  in kinetic and mass mixing case:

$$\kappa_Z^2 = \tilde{\kappa}_Z^2 = \delta^2/2$$

# Observability

	$M_{Z_d} = 5 \text{ GeV}$		
	$2\sigma$ (Excl.)	$3\sigma$ (Obs.)	$5\sigma$ (Disc.)
No $K$ -factors	$78 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	$180 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	$490 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
+ $K$ -factors	$33 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	$75 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	$210 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
	$M_{Z_d} = 10 \text{ GeV}$		
	$2\sigma$ (Excl.)	$3\sigma$ (Obs.)	$5\sigma$ (Disc.)
No $K$ -factors	$100 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	$230 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	$640 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
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- $M_{Z_d} = 10 \text{ GeV}$ :

- For our parameterization, signal rate the same as 5 GeV.
- $|M_{Z_d}^{\text{rec}} - M_{Z_d}| < 0.1 M_{Z_d}$  cut looser.
- Background invariant mass distribution flat.
- Accept more background and same amount of signal.

# Distinguishing Operators

- Once discover such a signal, how can we determine what operator coupling is generated from?
- Kinetic mixing operators:

$$O_{B,Z} = c_{B,Z} H Z_{\mu\nu} Z_d^{\mu\nu}, \quad \tilde{O}_{B,Z} = \tilde{c}_{B,Z} H \tilde{Z}_{\mu\nu} Z_d^{\mu\nu}$$

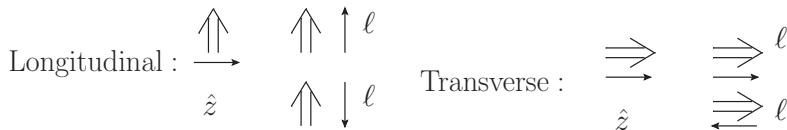
- $Z_d$  is typically transversely polarized.
- Mass mixing operators:

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- As discussed earlier, for  $M_{Z_d} \ll M_H$ ,  $Z_d$  typically longitudinally polarized.



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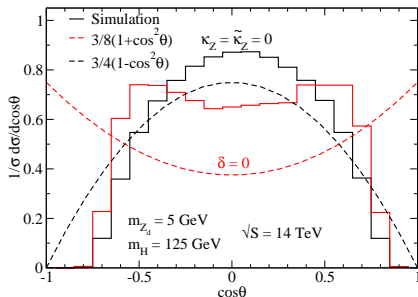
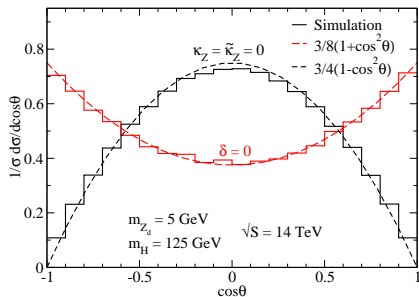


- $\hat{z}$  is  $Z_d$  moving direction.
  - Since  $Z_d$  highly boosted,  $\hat{z}$  can be in CM or Lab frame.
- Lepton angular distribution with respect to  $\hat{z}$ :

$$\frac{d\Gamma(Z_d \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-)}{d\cos\theta} \sim (1 \pm \cos^2\theta)$$

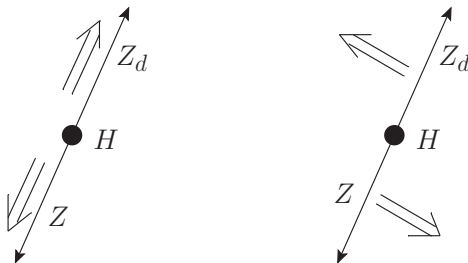
- Upper sign for transverse polarizations.
- Lower sign for Longitudinal

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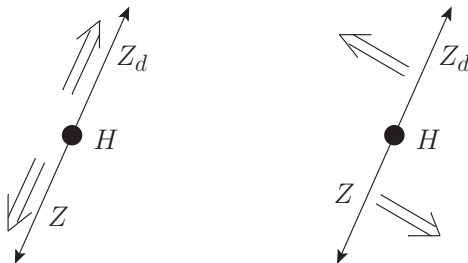
- After cuts cannot distinguish.
- $Z_d$  is highly boosted and its decay products collimated.
  - For  $\cos\theta_\ell = \pm 1$ , one lepton moving in  $-\hat{z}$ -direction.
    - Boost into lab frame against direction of motion in  $Z_d$ -frame.
  - This configuration results in softest leptons.
  - $p_T^\ell$  cuts kill  $\cos\theta_\ell = \pm 1$ .

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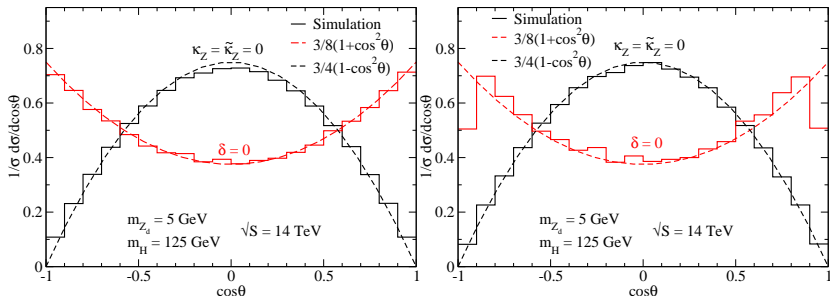
- Consider Higgs rest frame:
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- Use angular distributions of decay products of  $Z$  to probe coupling.
- Boost order:
  - Lab frame  $\rightarrow$  Higgs rest frame
  - Higgs rest frame  $\rightarrow$   $Z$  rest frame.
  - Unlike  $Z_d$  case, necessary to boost to Higgs frame first.

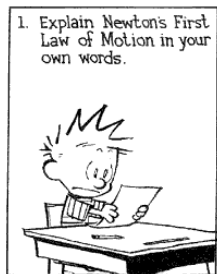
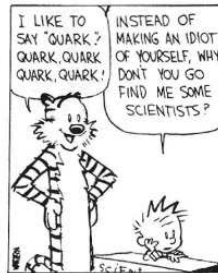
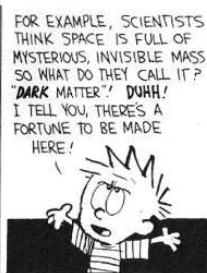
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- Angular distribution stable against cuts.

# Conclusions

- LHC study of  $H \rightarrow ZZ_d$ 
  - Two classes of operators:
    - “Kinetic” mixing:  $H Z_{\mu\nu} Z_d^{\mu\nu}$ ,  $H \tilde{Z}_{\mu\nu} Z_d^{\mu\nu}$
    - “Mass” mixing:  $H Z_\mu Z_d^\mu$
  - Focused on  $H - Z - Z_d$  couplings from mass mixing.
  - Can probe mixing parameters down to  $\delta^2 \gtrsim 4 \times 10^{-6}$  with  $300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  and  $M_{Z_d} = 5 \text{ GeV}$
  - With our benchmark points can exclude  $Z_d$  with mass  $5 - 10 \text{ GeV}$  with  $\sim 30 - 40 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
  - Discover  $Z_d$  with mass  $5 - 10 \text{ GeV}$  with  $\sim 200 - 250 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
  - Showed how to distinguish between two operators:
    - “Kinetic” mixing results in transversely polarized  $Z_d$
    - “Mass” mixing in longitudinally polarized  $Z_d$
    - Angular distribution of leptons from  $Z$  decay sensitive to this polarization, and stable against cuts.
- Could be interesting complementary search to low energy searches.
- May be able to distinguish mixing mechanisms with angular distributions.



# BACKUP SLIDES



# Event Simulation

- Model implemented in MadGraph 5 using FeynRules.
- CTEQ6L pdfs used throughout.
- MadGraph 5 used to simulate both signal and background.
- Apply Gaussian smearing to all events:

$$\frac{\sigma(E)}{E} = \frac{a}{\sqrt{E}} \oplus b$$

- Following ATLAS  $a = 10\% (50\%)$  and  $b = 0.7\% (3\%)$  for leptons (jets)  
Voss, Breskin "The CERN Large Hadron Collider, accelerator and experiments"

# Signal and Background Rates

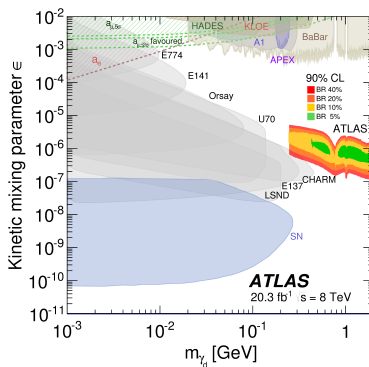
Channel	$e^+e^-\mu^+\mu^-$		$2\mu^+2\mu^-$		$2e^+2e^-$	
$\sigma$ (fb)	Sig.	Bkgrnd	Sig.	Bkgrnd	Sig.	Bkgrnd
No cuts and no energy smearing	0.10	.	0.051	.	0.051	.
Basic cuts + Trigger + Isol.	0.049	67	0.024	26	0.024	26
+ $M_{4\ell} + M_Z^{\text{rec}} + M_{Z_d}^{\text{rec}}$	0.043	0.030	0.022	0.017	0.022	0.014
$S/B$	1.5		1.3		1.5	

- Fraction of total background after basic cuts, trigger, and isolation:

$$2\mu^+\mu^- \text{ and } 2e^+e^-: \quad t\bar{t} \sim 32\% \quad Z \sim 38\% \quad ZZ \sim 26\%$$

$$e^+e^-\mu^+\mu^-: \quad t\bar{t} \sim 50\% \quad Z \sim 28\% \quad ZZ \sim 12\%$$

- After  $M_{4\ell}$  and  $M_Z^{\text{rec}}$  cuts dominate backgrounds are  $Z\gamma^*$  and  $H \rightarrow ZZ^*$



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Search for  $H \rightarrow \gamma_d \gamma_d + X$