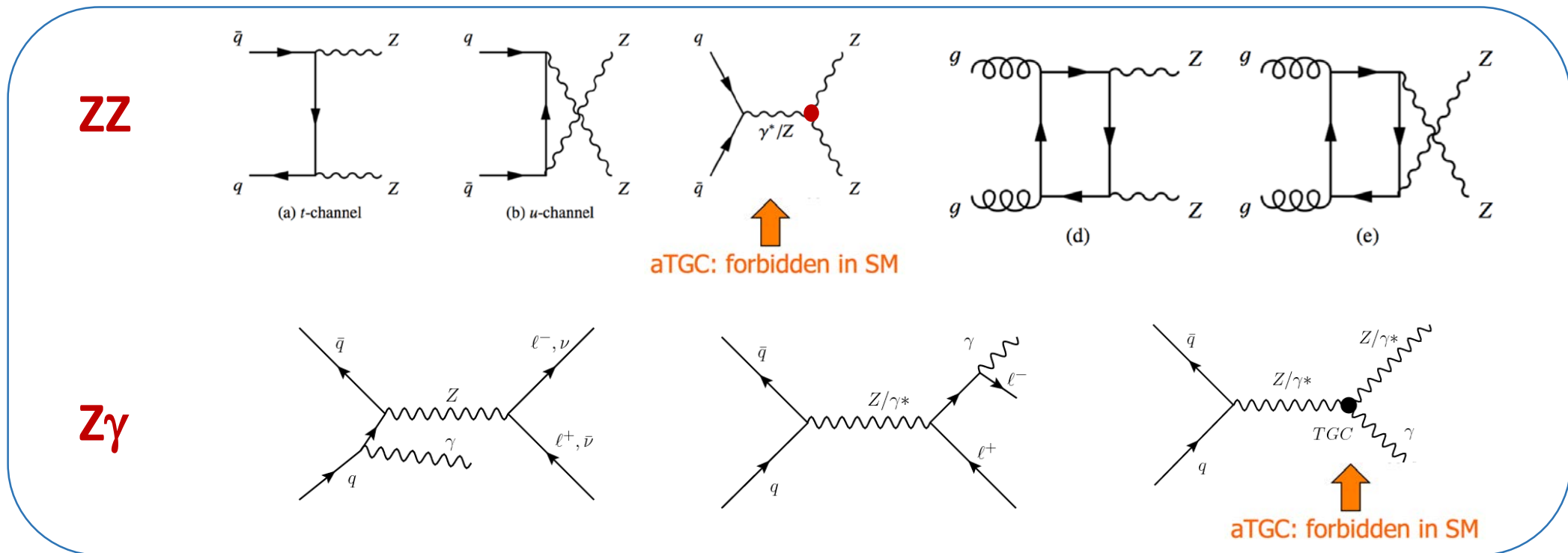


Measurement of the $ZZ(^*)$ and $Z\gamma$ production cross section at 8 TeV and 13 TeV and limits on anomalous triple gauge couplings with the ATLAS detector



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ZZ and $Z\gamma$ Physics and Measurements in ATLAS

Test SM at energy frontier; search for new physics with anomalous triple-gauge couplings

- **ZZ, $Z\gamma$ (7TeV, $L = 4.6 \text{ fb}^{-1}$):**

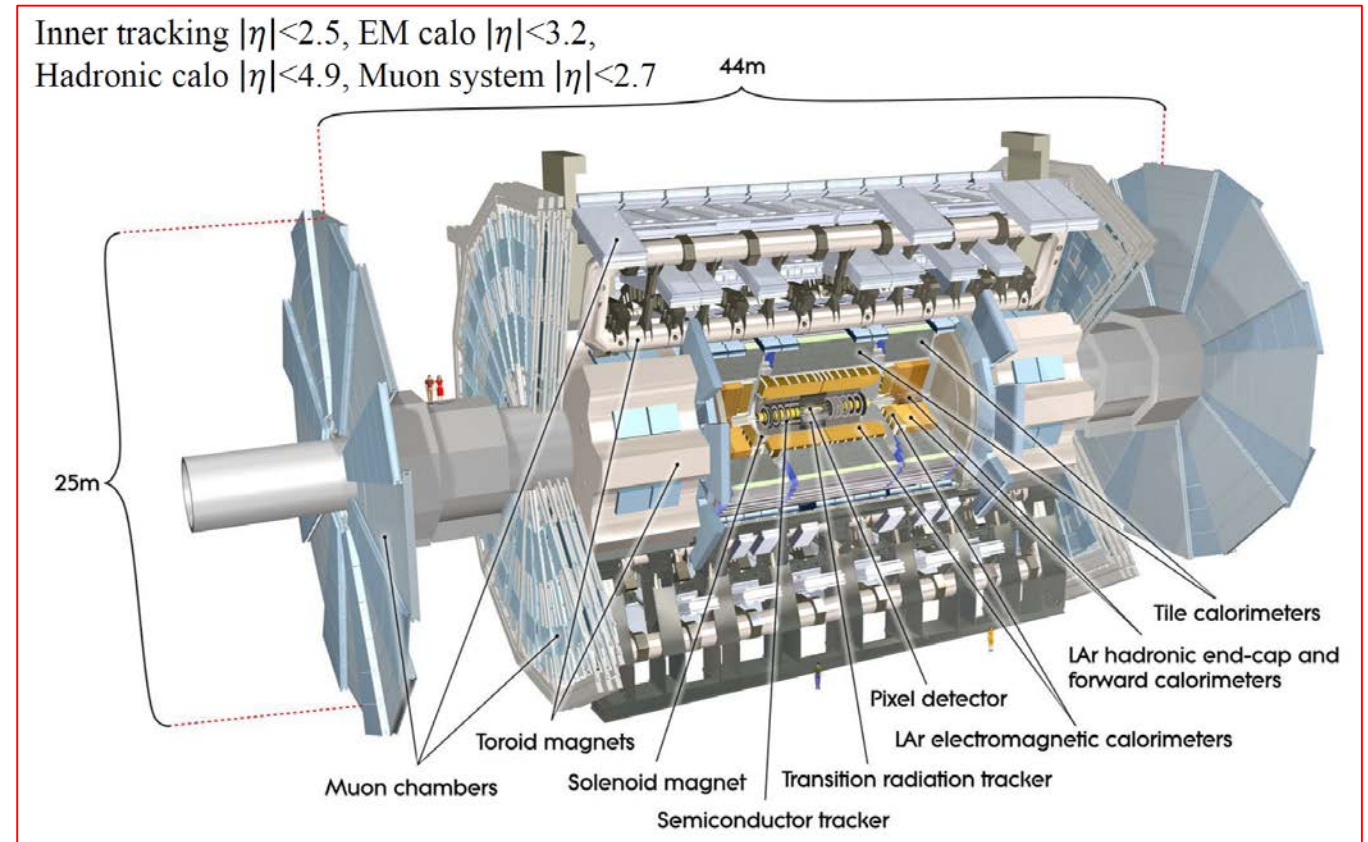
- Phys.Rev. D87 (2013) no.11, 112003
- JHEP 1303 (2013) 128
- ATLAS-CONF-2016-036

- **ZZ, $Z\gamma$ (8TeV, $L = 20.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$):**

- Phys. Rev. D93 (2016) no.11, 112002
- Phys. Lett. B753 (2016) 552-572
- ATLAS-CONF-2013-020 (paper to be submitted to JHEP)

- **ZZ (13 TeV, $L = 3.2 \text{ fb}^{-1}$)**

- Phys.Rev.Lett. 116 (2016) no.10, 101801



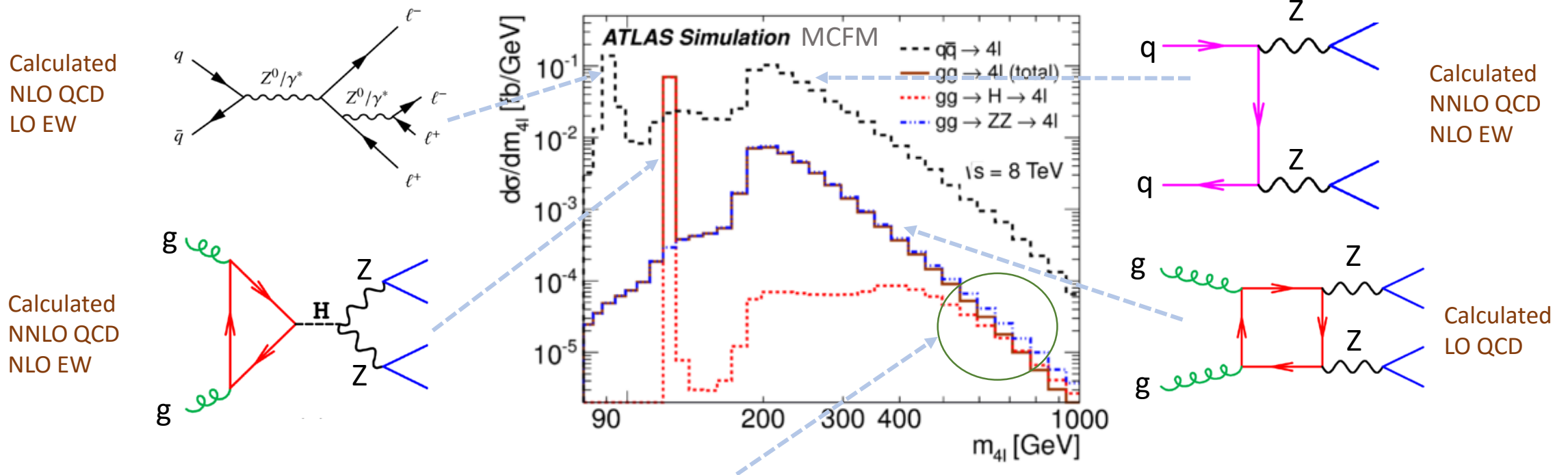
Measurements of σ^{total} , σ^{diff} , and couplings with leptonic final states: 4ℓ , $\ell\ell\nu\nu$, and $\ell\ell\gamma$, $\nu\nu\gamma$

$ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 4l$ Lineshape Measurement at 8 TeV

4l lineshape is measured in mass range of 80 \rightarrow 1000 GeV

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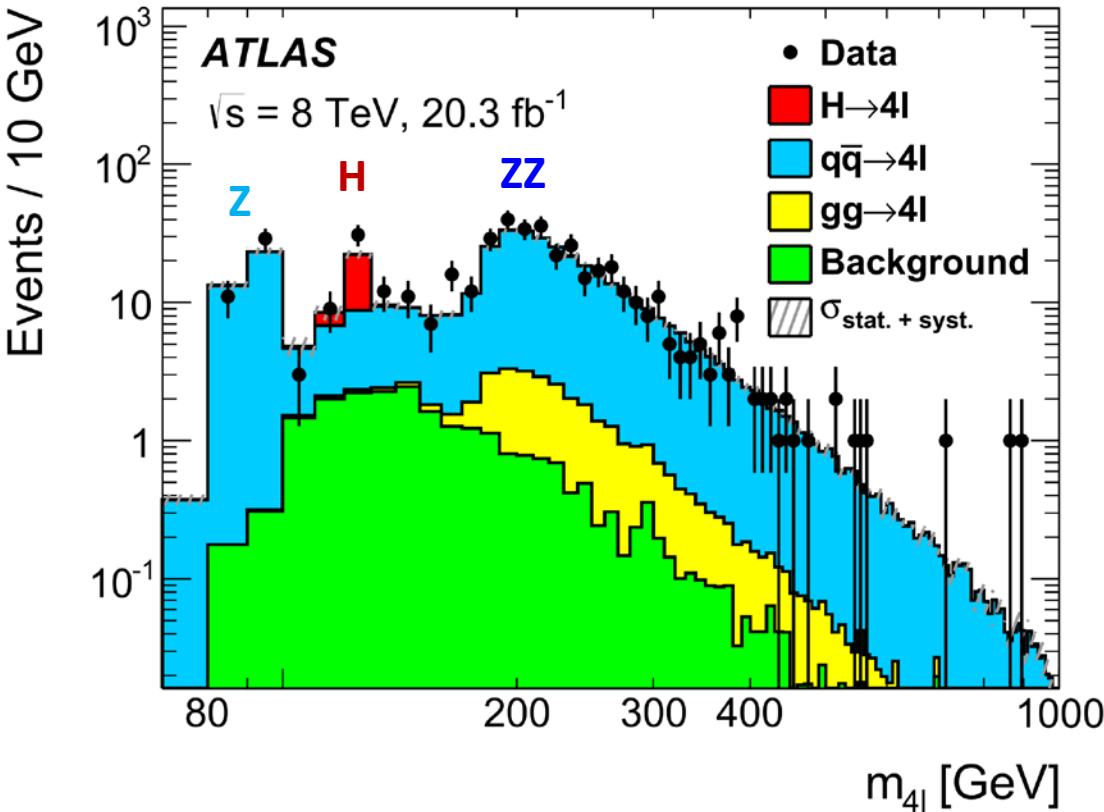
- ❖ Multiple processes involved in 4l productions; Measure at once give consistent look into missing corners not covered by dedicated analyses with certain mass ranges
- ❖ Test the validity of the SM through the interplay of QCD and EW effects for different 4l production mechanisms



Interference between $gg \rightarrow 4l$ and off-shell $Higgs \rightarrow 4l$; Region for Higgs width study

4| Event Selection to Measure the Lineshape

Lepton selection	
Muons:	$p_T > 6 \text{ GeV}, \eta < 2.7$
Electrons:	$p_T > 7 \text{ GeV}, \eta < 2.5$
Lepton pairing	
Leading pair:	SFOS lepton pair with smallest $ m_Z - m_{\ell\ell} $
Sub-leading pair:	The remaining SFOS with the largest $m_{\ell\ell}$
For both pairs:	$p_T^{\ell^+\ell^-} > 2 \text{ GeV}$
Event selection	
Lepton $p_T^{\ell_1, \ell_2, \ell_3}$:	$> 20, 15, 10(8 \text{ if } \mu) \text{ GeV}$
Mass requirements:	$50 < m_{12} < 120 \text{ GeV}$ $12 < m_{34} < 120 \text{ GeV}$
Lepton separation:	$\Delta R(\ell_i, \ell_j) > 0.1 (0.2)$ for same- (different-) flavour leptons
J/ψ veto:	$m(\ell_i^+, \ell_j^-) > 5 \text{ GeV}$
4ℓ mass range:	$80 < m_{4\ell} < 1000 \text{ GeV}$



Observed 476 candidate, estimate <5% backgrounds



In phase space: $80 < m_{4\ell} < 1000 \text{ GeV}$, $m_{2\ell} > 4 \text{ GeV}$, $p_T^Z > 2 \text{ GeV}$, $p_T^\ell > 5 \text{ GeV}$, and $|\eta^\ell| < 2.8$

Measured σ^{ext} [fb]	SM σ^{ext} [fb]
$73^{+4}_{-4} \text{ (stat)} \text{ }^{+4}_{-4} \text{ (syst)} \text{ }^{+2}_{-2} \text{ (lumi)}$	65 ± 4

Note: $\sigma(\text{SM})$ calculation for diff processes includes diff. higher-order corrections (State-of-Art prediction)

Unfolded 4l Spectrum in Fiducial Phase Space

❖ Compared with state-of-art MC prediction

- PowHeg MC (NLO+PS) predicts acceptance
- Higgs pole and on-shell ZZ scaled to NNLO predictions
- NLO EWK correction applied to high mass

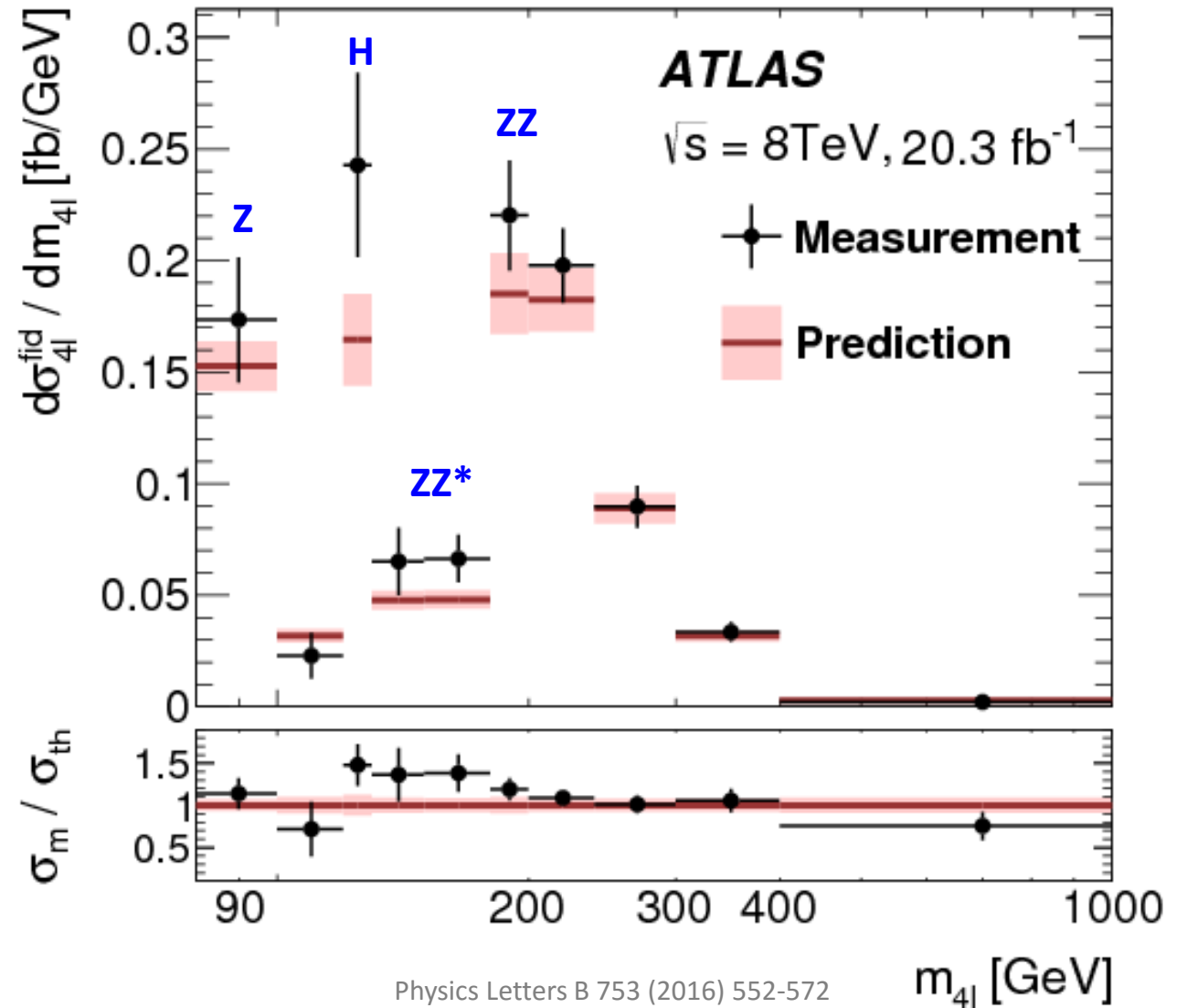
❖ Statistical uncertainty O(10%)

❖ Systematic uncertainty O(5%)

- lepton reconstruction

Remarks

- 1) Good agreement in the **Z** and **H** resonances with dedicated measurements
- 2) Data excess between H pole and on-shell ZZ – no NNLO correction available
- 3) Data excess around ZZ on-shell (no higher-order correction for continuum $gg \rightarrow 4l$)



Extract the $gg \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$ Contribution

- ❖ Study of $gg \rightarrow 4l$ contribution in $m_{4l} > 200$ GeV region

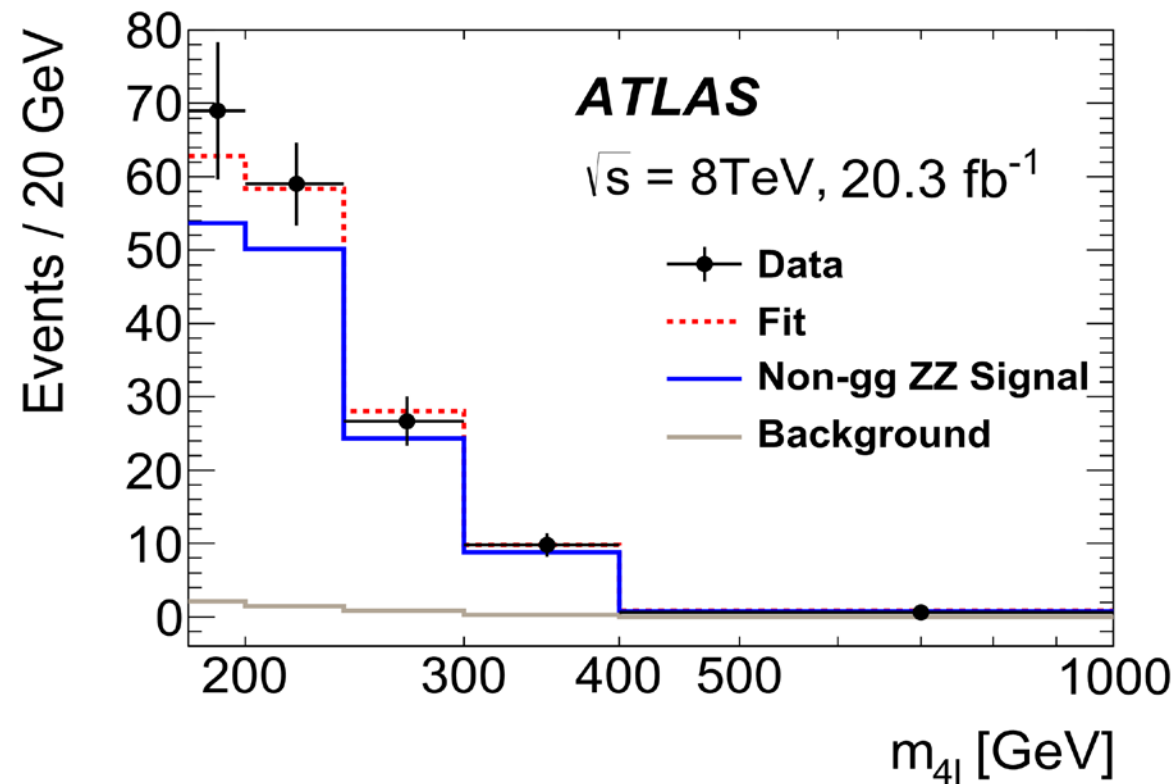
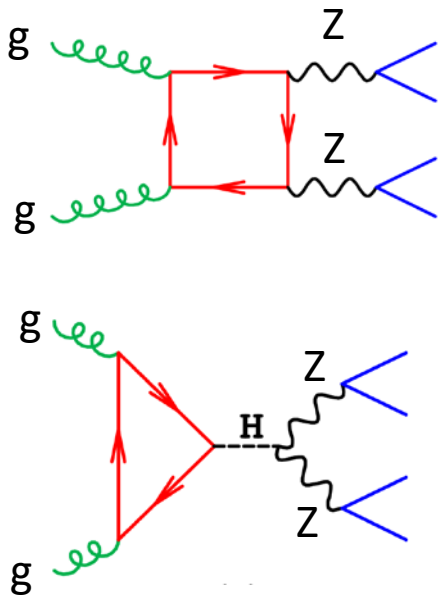
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- ❖ Derived $\mu = \sigma_{gg}^{meas} / \sigma_{gg}^{LO}$

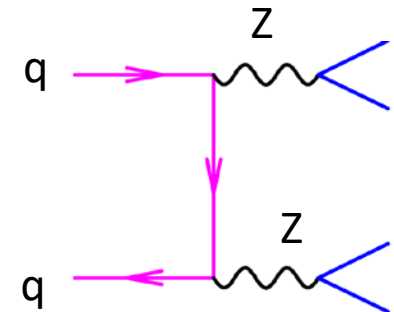
$$\mu_{gg} = 2.4 \pm 1.0 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.5 \text{ (syst.)} \pm 0.8 \text{ (theory)}$$

- ❖ Compatible to recent calculation of NLO/LO k-factor of 1.5-2 (PhysRevD.92.094028)

$gg \rightarrow ZZ$ signal (including interference) is calculated at **LO QCD**

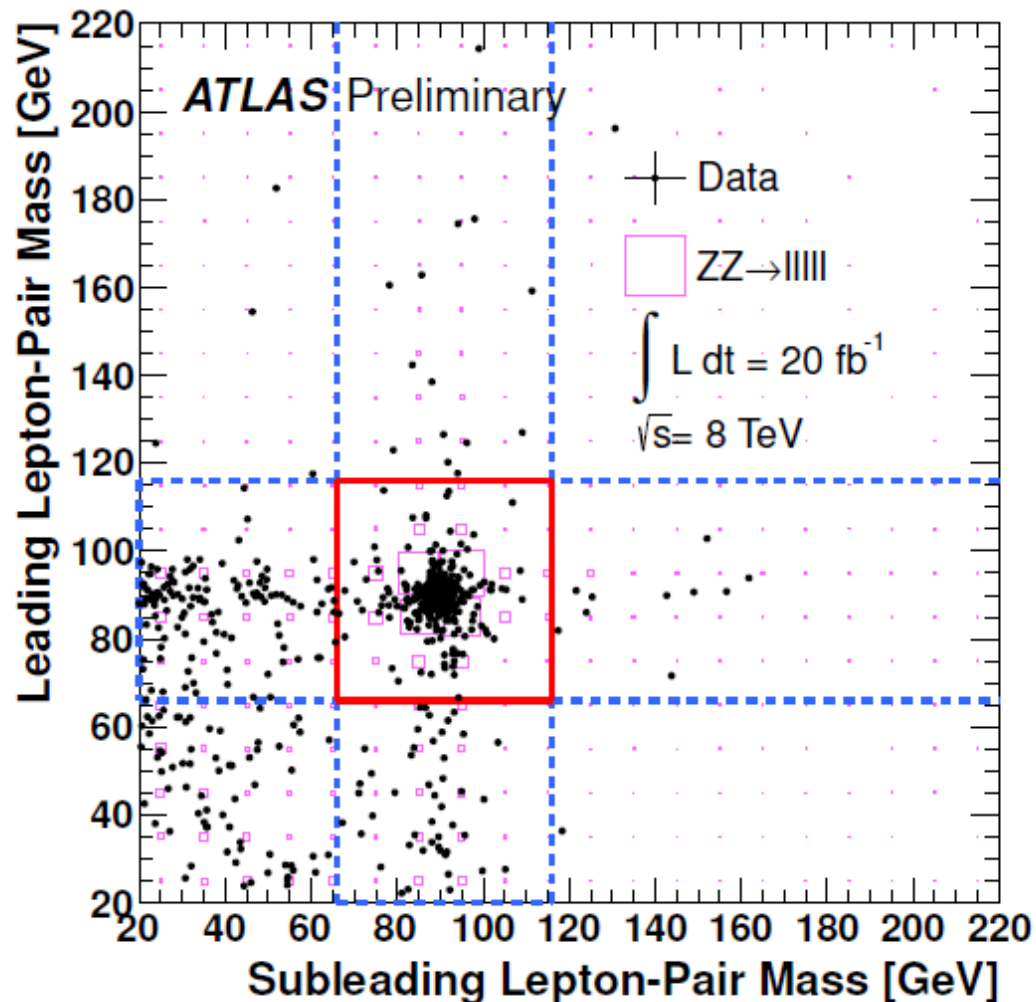


Non-gg ZZ signal s is calculated at **NNLO QCD, NLO EW**



Study of On-shell ZZ Production at 8 TeV

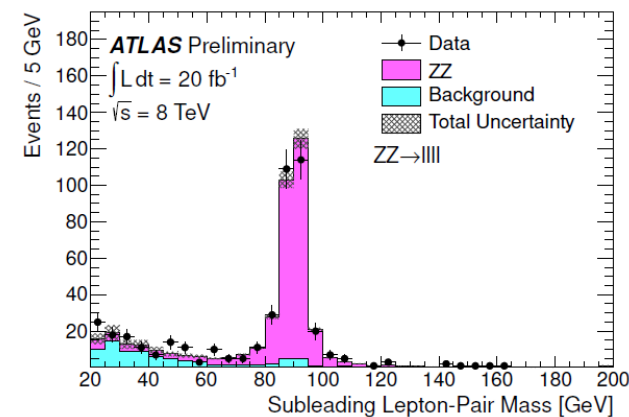
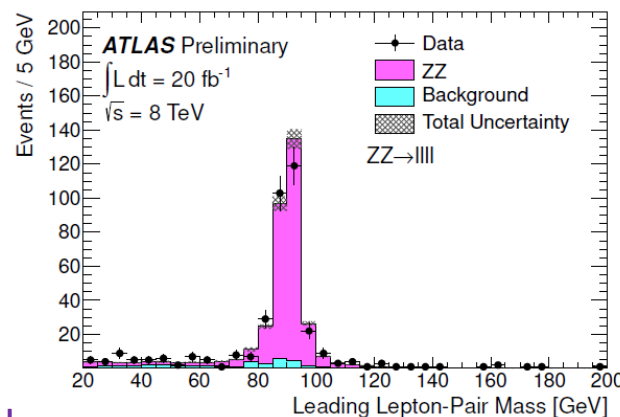
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Observed 305 candidate, estimate 20.5 ± 5.5 background

Measure the total cross section in a phase space: for both Z in mass window:
 $66 \text{ GeV} < m_Z < 116 \text{ GeV}$ (with 4e, 4μ, 2e2μ)

Fiducial cross section is measured with
 $p_T^\ell > 7 \text{ GeV}$, $|\eta_\ell| < 2.7$, $\Delta R(\ell, \ell') > 0.2$ and
 $66 \text{ GeV} < m_Z < 116 \text{ GeV}$



Measurements of ZZ Production Cross Section at 8 TeV

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The observation compared with predictions

Measured and predicted

Total cross sections and **fiducial cross sections**

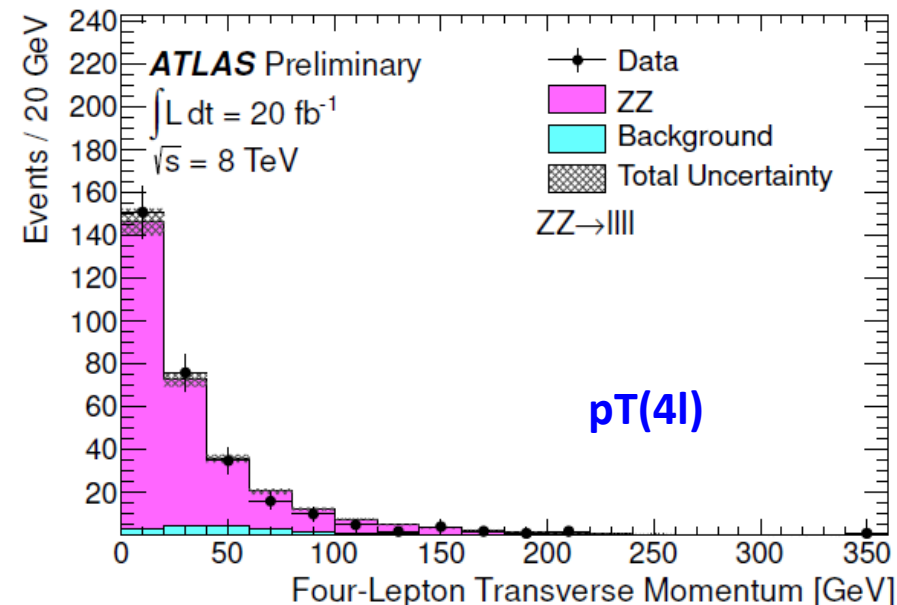
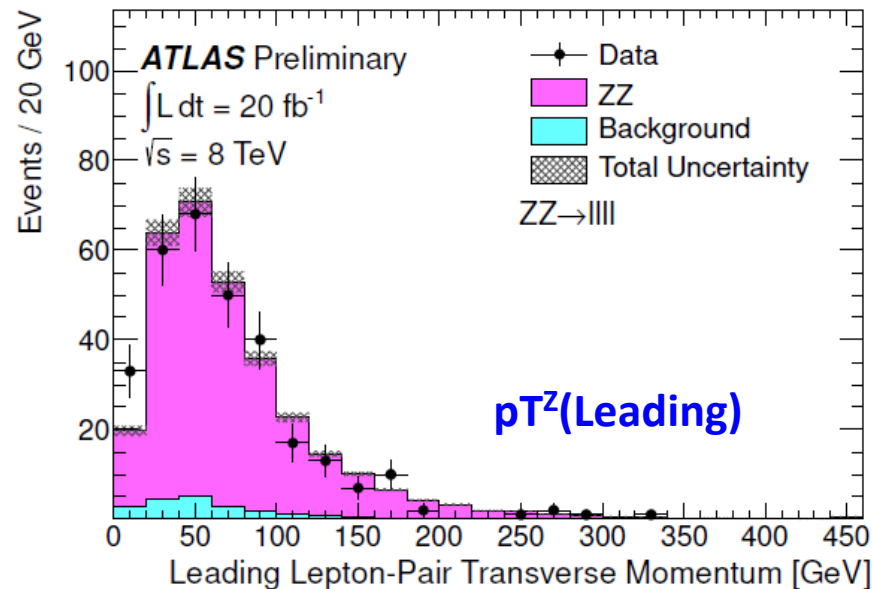
$7.1^{+0.5}_{-0.4}(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.3(\text{syst.}) \pm 0.2(\text{lumi.}) \text{ pb}$

Standard Model expectation of $6.6^{+0.7}_{-0.6} \text{ pb}$

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	$10.0 \pm 1.8 \pm 1.4$	$1.1 \pm 1.4 \pm 0.5$	$9.3 \pm 2.1 \pm 3.1$	$20.4 \pm 2.9 \pm 5.0$

$20.7^{+1.3}_{-1.2}(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.8(\text{syst.}) \pm 0.6(\text{lumi.}) \text{ fb}$

Standard Model expectation of $19.1^{+0.9}_{-0.7} \text{ fb}$



ZZ Production Cross Section Measurement at 13 TeV

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⇒ With $ZZ \rightarrow 4l$ channel; Each lepton $p_T > 20$ GeV, each Z pairs with $66 < \text{mass} < 116$ GeV

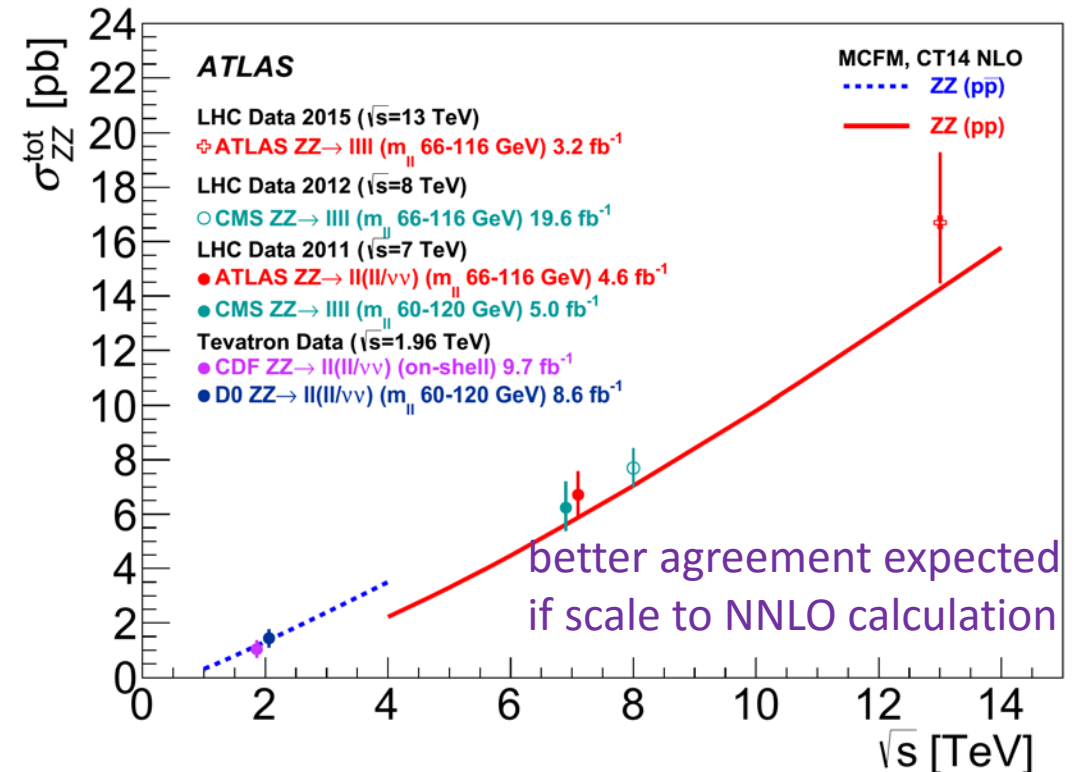
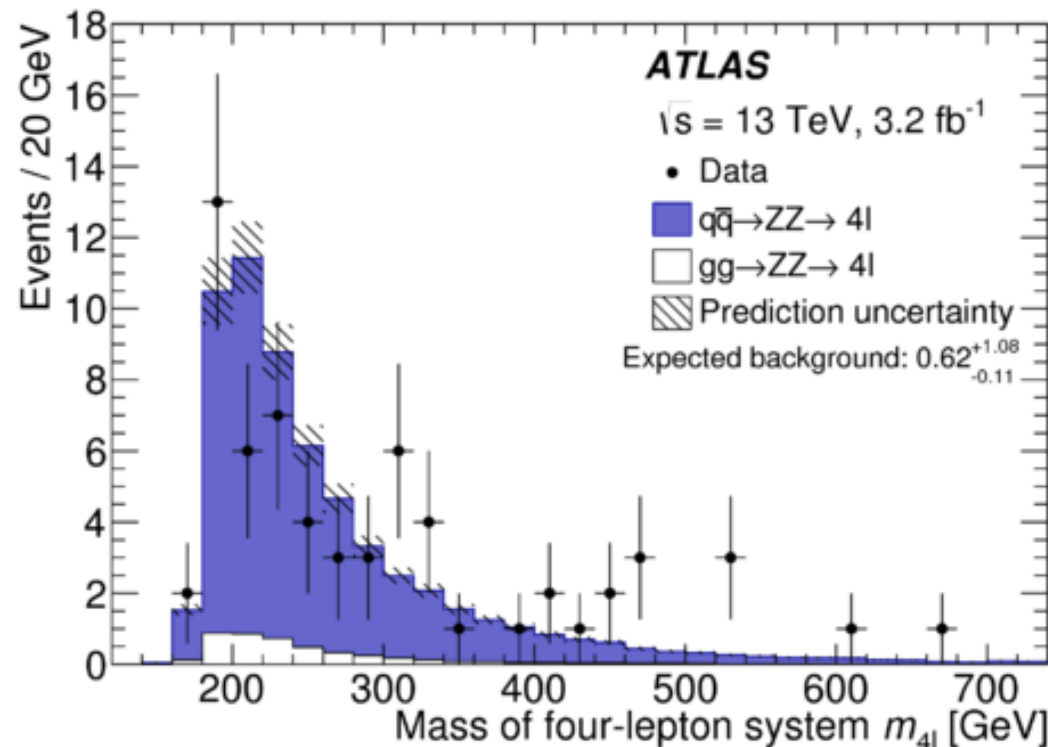
⇒ Observed 63 $ZZ \rightarrow 4l$ candidate events (3.2 fb^{-1}), estimate 1% from backgrounds

Measured σ in phase space of $66 < m_Z < 116$ GeV

$$16.7^{+2.2}_{-2.0}(\text{stat.})^{+0.9}_{-0.7}(\text{syst.})^{+1.0}_{-0.7}(\text{lumi.}) \text{ pb}$$

SM prediction (NNLO) (PLB 750 (2015) 407)

$$15.6^{+0.4}_{-0.4} \text{ pb}$$



Z γ Measurements at 8 TeV (L = 20.3 fb⁻¹)

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Measurement of Z γ production with Z \rightarrow ll (l=e, μ) and Z \rightarrow $\nu\nu$ channels

❖ Event selection and major background

- Z \rightarrow ll channels (two leptons p_T>25 GeV, one or two γ E_T>15 GeV)
 - Major background from Z+jets (estimated from data)
- Z \rightarrow $\nu\nu$ channels (hard cut on MET (>100 GeV), harder cut on γ E_T (>130 GeV) due to photon trigger threshold)
 - Major backgrounds from γ +jet and W+ γ (estimated from data)
- **Exclusive channel defined with jet veto (for jet p_T>30 GeV)**
 - Study high order calculation on Z γ channel

Selected numbers of candidates, and estimated bkg

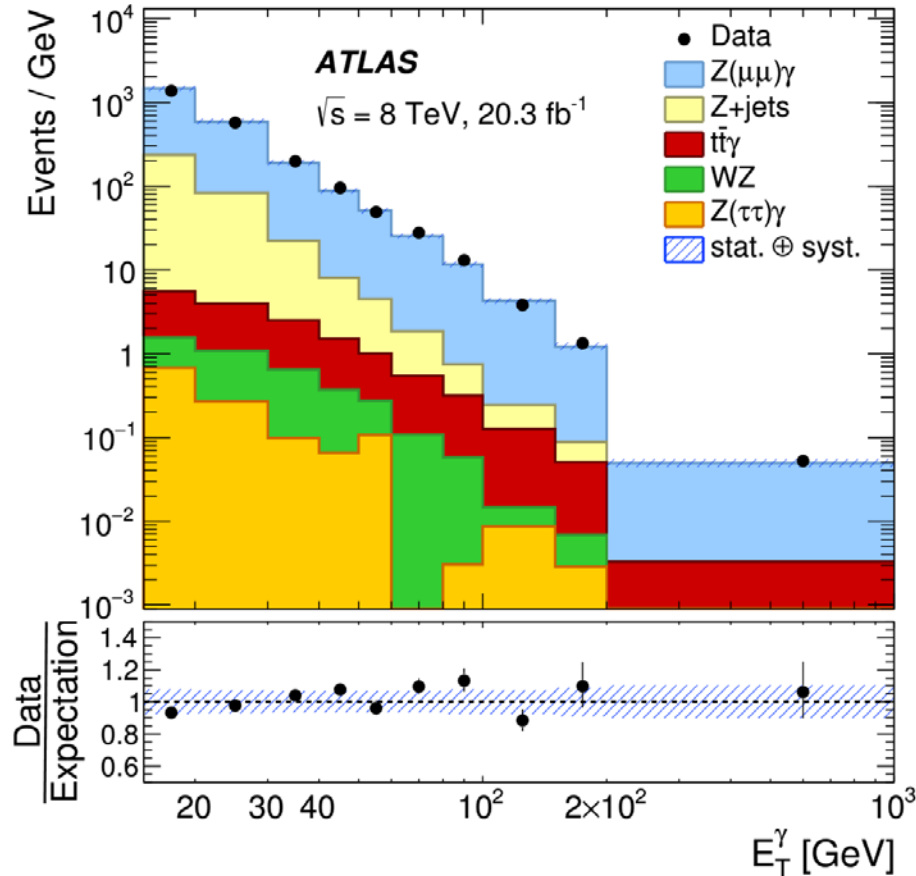
Z $\gamma \rightarrow$ ll γ	$e^+e^-\gamma$		$\mu^+\mu^-\gamma$	
	$N_{\text{jets}} \geq 0$		$N_{\text{jets}} = 0$	
$N_{Z\gamma}^{\text{obs}}$	13807		17054	
$N_{Z\gamma}^{j \rightarrow \gamma}$	1840 \pm 90 \pm 480	2120 \pm 90 \pm 560	1260 \pm 80 \pm 330	1510 \pm 80 \pm 400
$N_{Z\gamma}^{\text{Other BKG}}$	143 \pm 3 \pm 26	146 \pm 2 \pm 28	30.8 \pm 1.6 \pm 3.9	26.9 \pm 1.5 \pm 3.4

Z $\gamma \rightarrow$ $\nu\nu\gamma$	$N_{\text{jets}} \geq 0$	$N_{\text{jets}} = 0$
$N_{Z\gamma}^{\text{obs}}$	3085	1039
$N_{Z\gamma}^{\gamma+\text{jets}}$	950 \pm 30 \pm 300	9.2 \pm 3.5 \pm 0.7
$N_{Z\gamma}^{W(\ell\nu)\gamma}$	900 \pm 50 \pm 300	272 \pm 14 \pm 92
$N_{Z\gamma}^{W(e\nu)}$	258 \pm 38 \pm 18	147 \pm 21 \pm 10
$N_{Z\gamma}^{Z(\nu\bar{\nu})+\text{jets}}$	22.9 \pm 0.5 \pm 6.1	11.1 \pm 0.4 \pm 3.4
$N_{Z\gamma}^{Z(\tau^+\tau^-)\gamma}$	46.2 \pm 0.9 \pm 3.2	10.23 \pm 0.43 \pm 0.72

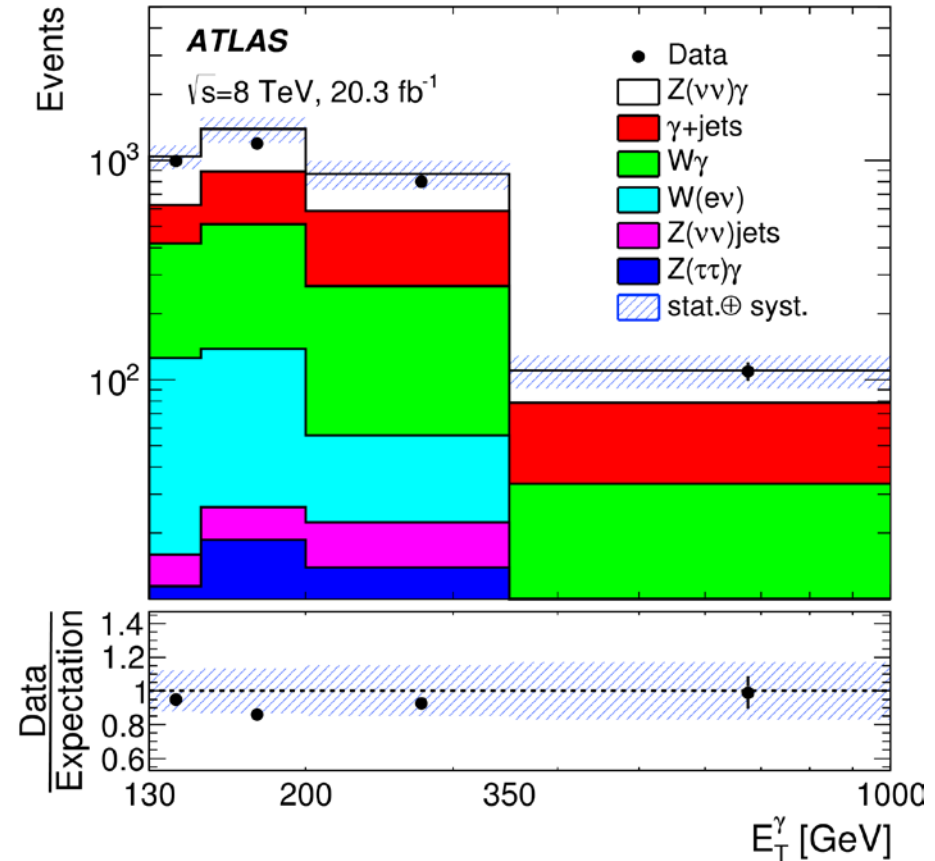
E_T^γ Distributions of the Selected $Z\gamma$ Events

Spectra sensitive to aTGC measurement

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$Z(\rightarrow ll)\gamma$: Clean
 observed 3×10^4 candidates,
 expected 4000 backgrounds



$Z(\rightarrow \nu\nu)\gamma$: better statistics in high E_T
 observed 4000 candidates,
 expected 2200 backgrounds

Z γ Total and Differential Cross Section Measurements

Channel	Measurement [fb]	MCFM Prediction [fb]	NNLO Prediction [fb]
$N_{\text{jets}} \geq 0$ $\sigma(\text{NLO})$ $\sigma(\text{NNLO})$			
$e^+e^-\gamma$	$1510 \pm 15(\text{stat.})^{+91}_{-84}(\text{syst.})^{+30}_{-28}(\text{lumi.})$	1345^{+66}_{-82}	1483^{+19}_{-37}
$\mu^+\mu^-\gamma$	$1507 \pm 13(\text{stat.})^{+78}_{-73}(\text{syst.})^{+29}_{-28}(\text{lumi.})$		
$\ell^+\ell^-\gamma$	$1507 \pm 10(\text{stat.})^{+78}_{-73}(\text{syst.})^{+29}_{-28}(\text{lumi.})$		
$\nu\bar{\nu}\gamma$	$68 \pm 4(\text{stat.})^{+33}_{-32}(\text{syst.}) \pm 1(\text{lumi.})$	68.2 ± 2.2	$81.4^{+2.4}_{-2.2}$
$N_{\text{jets}} = 0$			
$e^+e^-\gamma$	$1205 \pm 14(\text{stat.})^{+84}_{-75}(\text{syst.}) \pm 23(\text{lumi.})$	1191^{+71}_{-89}	1230^{+10}_{-18}
$\mu^+\mu^-\gamma$	$1188 \pm 12(\text{stat.})^{+68}_{-63}(\text{syst.})^{+23}_{-22}(\text{lumi.})$		
$\ell^+\ell^-\gamma$	$1189 \pm 9(\text{stat.})^{+69}_{-63}(\text{syst.})^{+23}_{-22}(\text{lumi.})$		
$\nu\bar{\nu}\gamma$	$43 \pm 2(\text{stat.}) \pm 10(\text{syst.}) \pm 1(\text{lumi.})$	$51.0^{+2.1}_{-2.3}$	$49.21^{+0.61}_{-0.52}$

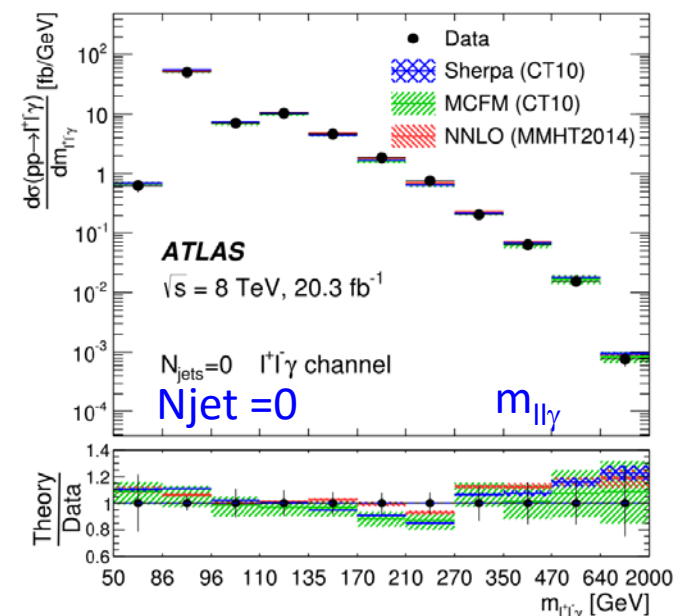
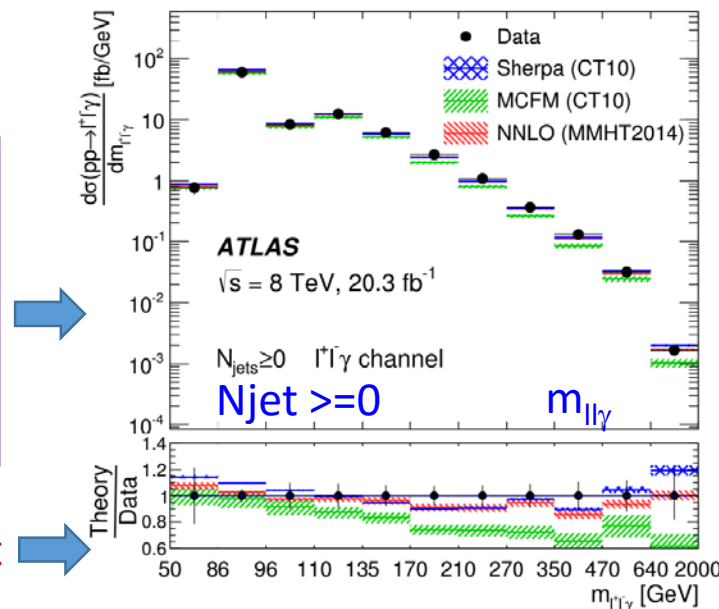
❖ About 6% uncertainty from combined $\ell\ell\gamma$ fiducial σ

- Main systematics: photon, backgrounds
- Consistent with NNLO

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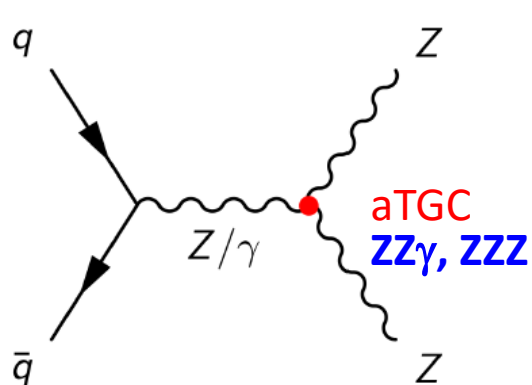
differential cross sections measurements of $m_{\ell\ell\gamma}$ for $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 0$ and $N_{\text{jets}} = 0$ categories

Start being sensitive to NNLO effect

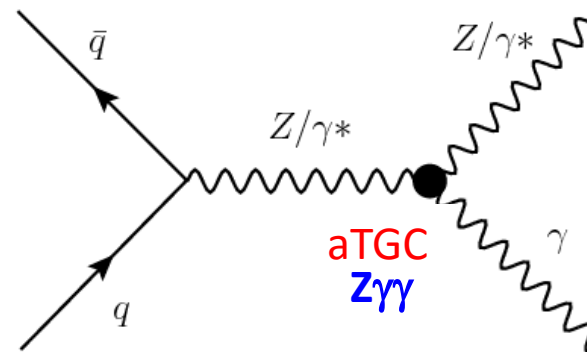


Explore Anomalous Neutral Gauge Boson Couplings

- ❖ Vector boson self-couplings arise in the SM from the non-Abelian nature of the $SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$ gauge symmetry; Only charged TGCs are allowed in SM
- ❖ In the SM the vertices of neutral gauge bosons are forbidden \rightarrow anomalous neutral gauge boson couplings would indicate the existence of new physics.
 - For example, exotic, high mass particles can affect the observed properties of SM particles at low energy through virtual effects.



ZZ detect with
4l and 2l2v



Zg detect with
2l γ and 2v γ

- ❖ Effective Lagrangian approach is used to extend the SM Lagrangian with new operators in a generic way to accommodate physics beyond the SM
- ❖ Leading Z p_T and γ E_T spectra are used to explore the aTGC in analysis

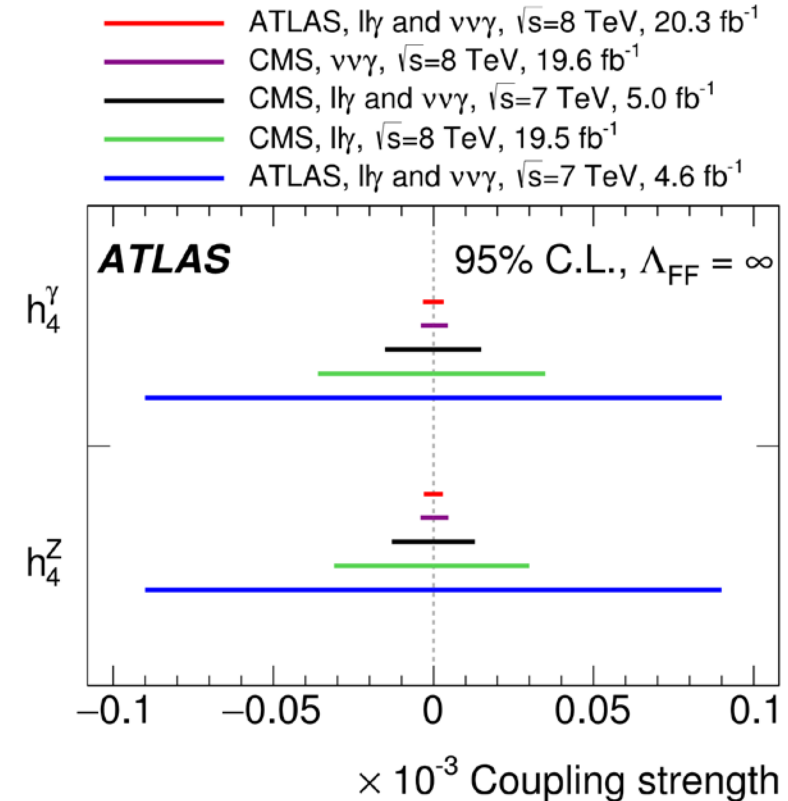
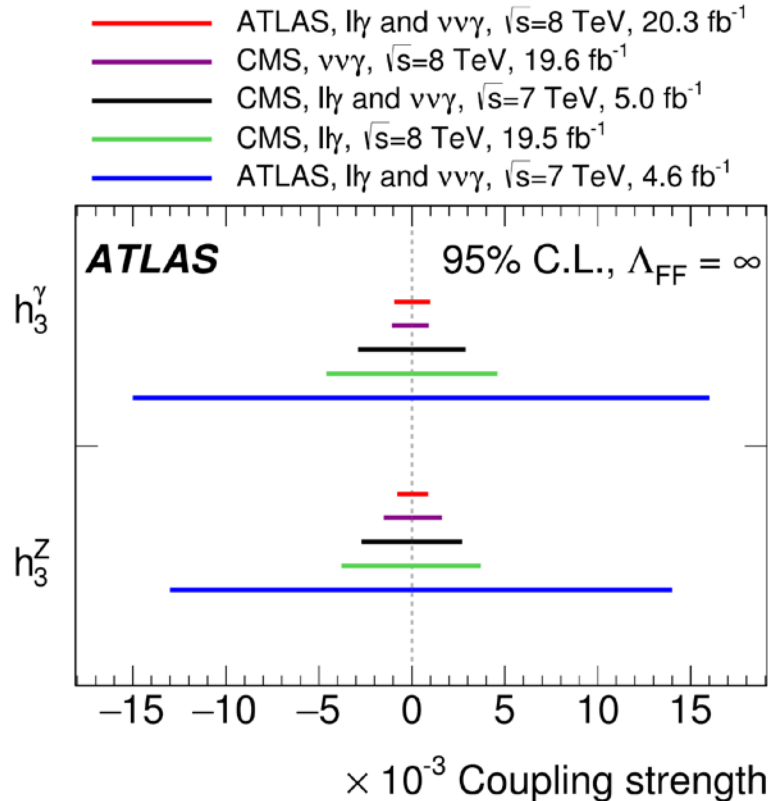
Explore aTGC in $Z\gamma$ production

Using effective lagrangian approach: aTGC parameters

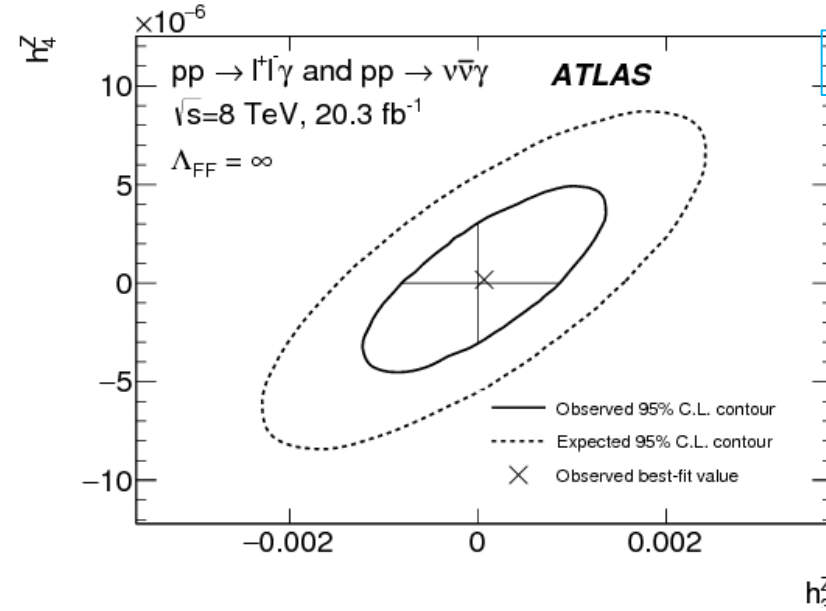
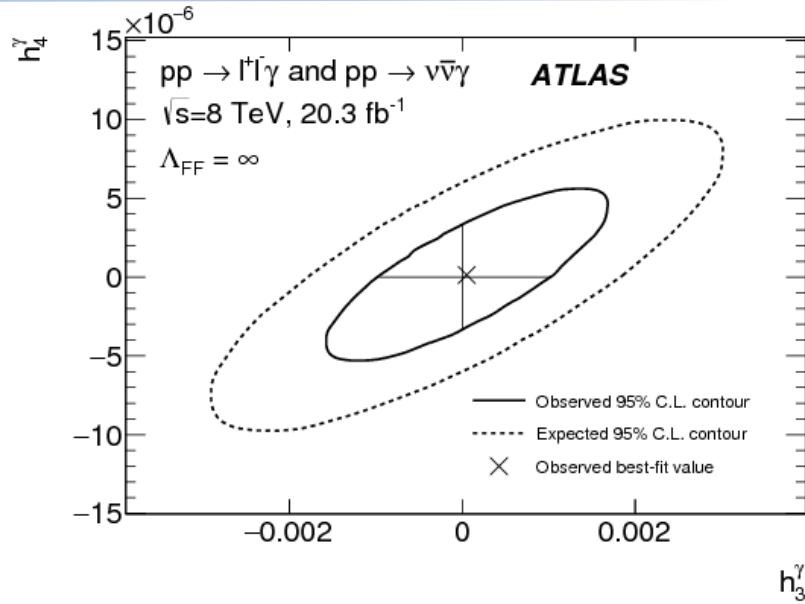
$$h_3^Z, h_3^\gamma, h_4^Z, h_4^\gamma$$

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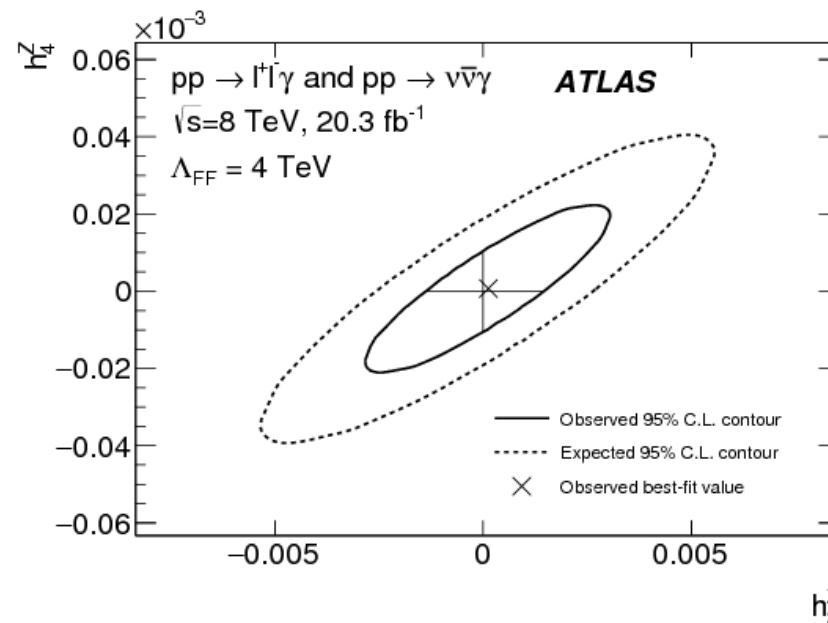
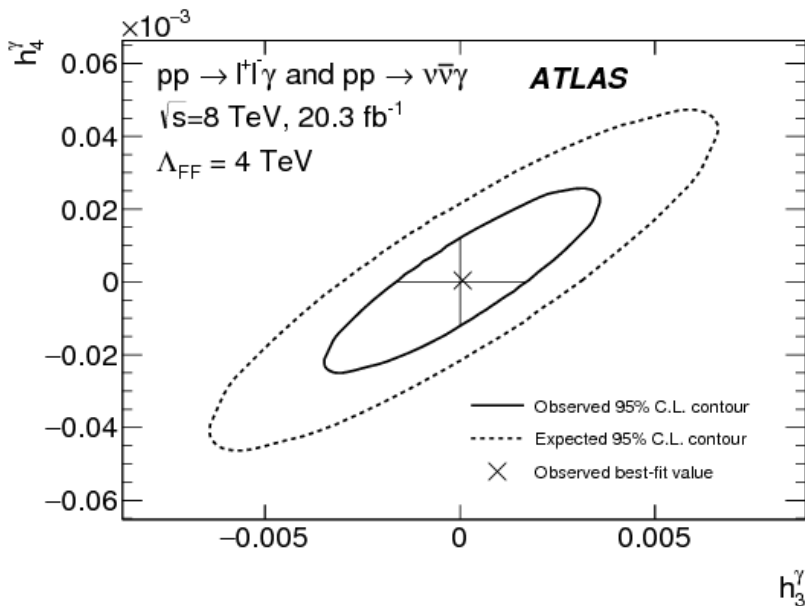
- Use the event yield with photon $E_T > 250$ ($\ell\ell\gamma$) and 400 ($\nu\nu\gamma$) GeV with exclusive selection ($N_{Jets} = 0$) for the limit setting.
- Set limit on the CP-conserving couplings : h_3^Z and h_4^Z from $ZZ\gamma$ vertex and h_3^γ and h_4^γ from $Z\gamma\gamma$ vertex



2D aTGC limit at 95% CL extracted from $Z\gamma$ production



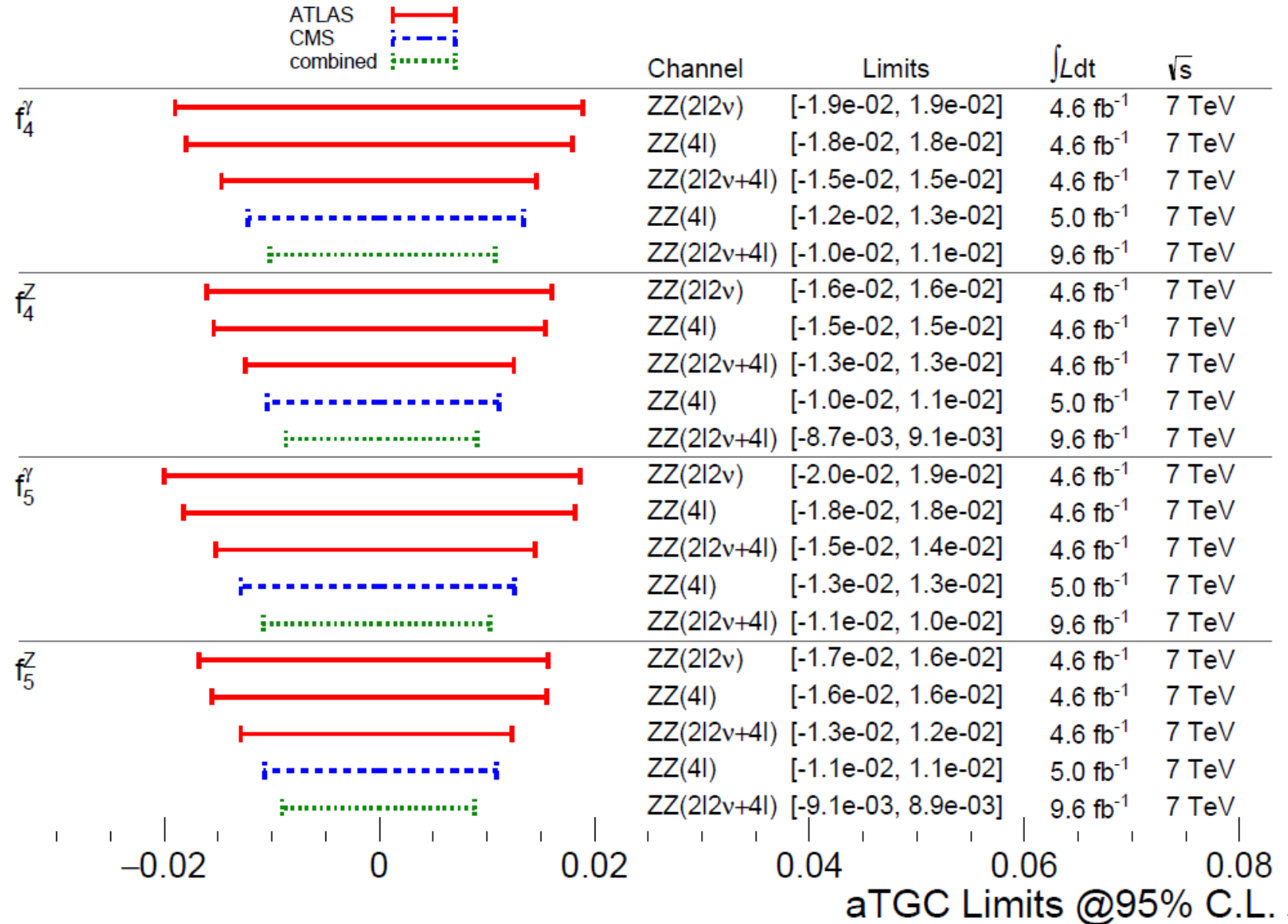
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aTGC Limits at 95% C.L. from ZZ Production at 7 TeV

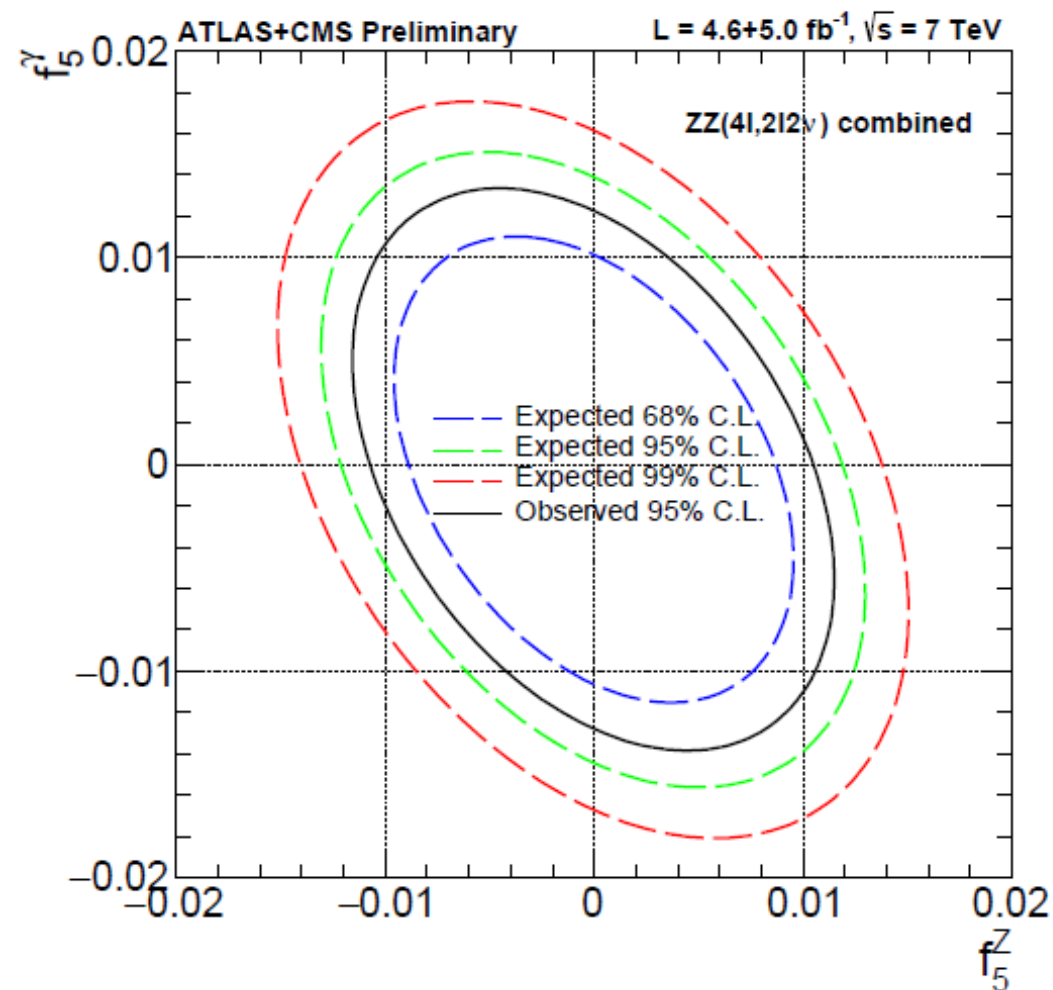
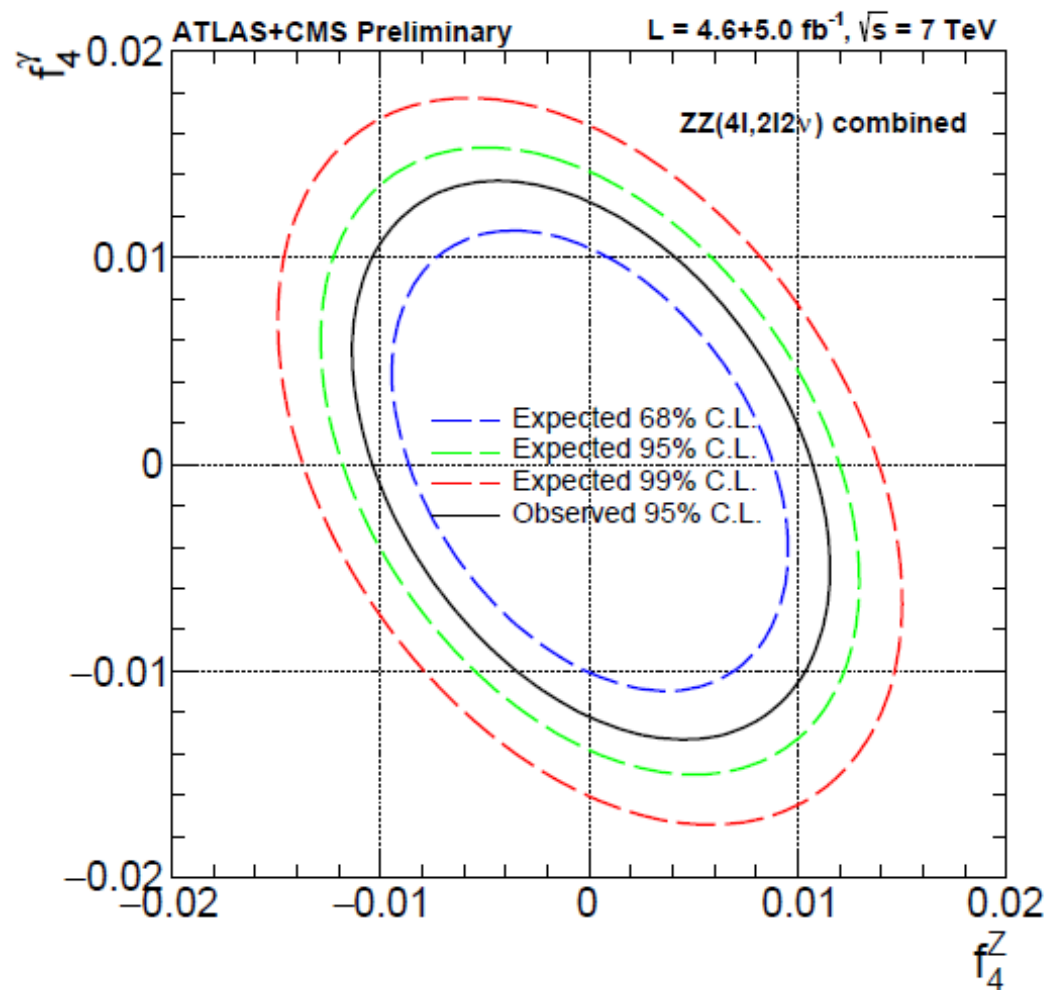
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- ❖ Search for aTGC from pTZ spectra with 4l, and 2l2v final states;
- ❖ SHERPA MC is used by both ATLAS and CMS to model the anomalous coupling ($ZZ\gamma$, and ZZZ) signals with parameters:
 $f_4^\gamma, f_4^Z, f_5^\gamma, f_5^Z$



2D aTGC Limit at 95% C.L. from ZZ production

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Summary

- The measured $ZZ(^*)$ and $Z\gamma$ production cross sections (including integrated total and differential cross sections) at 7, 8 and 13 TeV by the ATLAS experiment are consistent within the uncertainties with the SM predictions calculated at NNLO QCD
- The stringent limits on anomalous neutral triple-gauge couplings are set by comparing the pT^V ($V=Z$, or γ) spectra of data with the theoretical predicted spectra in anomalous neutral triple-gauge-boson coupling space.

Back up slides

Explore aTGC from ZZ (ATLAS and CMS combined)

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CMS-PAS-SMP-15-001

- ❖ Data used to explore neutral aTGC (ZZZ, ZZ γ) are ZZ \rightarrow 4l, 2l2 ν at 7 TeV collected by ATLAS (4.6 fb $^{-1}$) and CMS (5.0 fb $^{-1}$)
- ❖ SHERPA is used by both ATLAS and CMS to model the anomalous coupling signals (aTGC parameters: $f_4^\gamma, f_4^Z, f_5^\gamma, f_5^Z$)

$$\mathcal{L}_{VZZ} = -\frac{e}{M_Z^2} \left\{ \left[f_4^\gamma (\partial_\mu F^{\mu\alpha}) + f_4^Z (\partial_\mu Z^{\mu\alpha}) \right] Z_\beta (\partial^\beta Z_\alpha) - \left[f_5^\gamma (\partial^\mu F_{\mu\alpha}) + f_5^Z (\partial^\mu Z_{\mu\alpha}) \right] \tilde{Z}^{\alpha\beta} Z_\beta \right\}$$

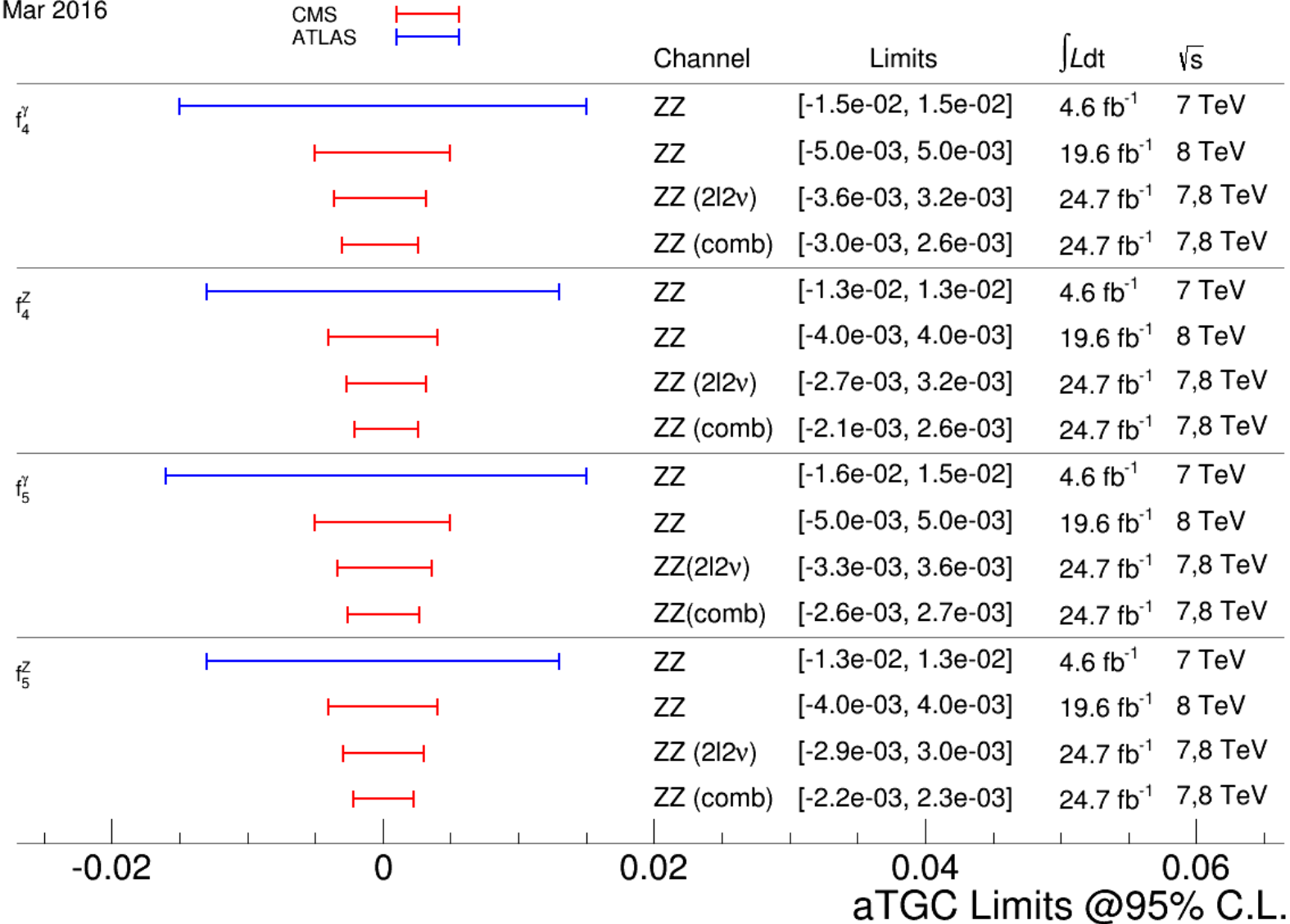
Source	CMS (4l)	Yield
Data		54.0
ZZ SM signal		53.2
Background estimate		1.4

ATLAS (4l)	Observed events	Expected ZZ signal events	Background events
$50 < p_T^Z < 90$ GeV	42	$13.6 \pm 0.2 \pm 1.3$	$26.0 \pm 4.5 \pm 1.1$
$90 < p_T^Z < 130$ GeV	29	$15.7 \pm 0.3 \pm 1.7$	$16.0 \pm 2.8 \pm 0.7$
$p_T^Z > 130$ GeV	16	$10.1 \pm 0.1 \pm 1.5$	$4.9 \pm 1.8 \pm 0.2$

ATLAS (2l2 ν)	Observed events	Expected ZZ signal events	Background events
$0 < p_T^Z < 60$ GeV	28	$27.9 \pm 0.2 \pm 2.0$	$0.6 \pm 0.8 \pm 0.5$
$60 < p_T^Z < 100$ GeV	25	$14.6 \pm 0.2 \pm 1.2$	$0.2 \pm 0.2 \pm 0.2$
$100 < p_T^Z < 200$ GeV	11	$9.3 \pm 0.1 \pm 0.9$	$0.1 \pm 0.1 \pm 0.1$
$p_T^Z > 200$ GeV	2	$1.6 \pm 0.1 \pm 0.3$	$0.01 \pm 0.01 \pm 0.01$

Neutral aTGC limits from ZZ (ATLAS and CMS)

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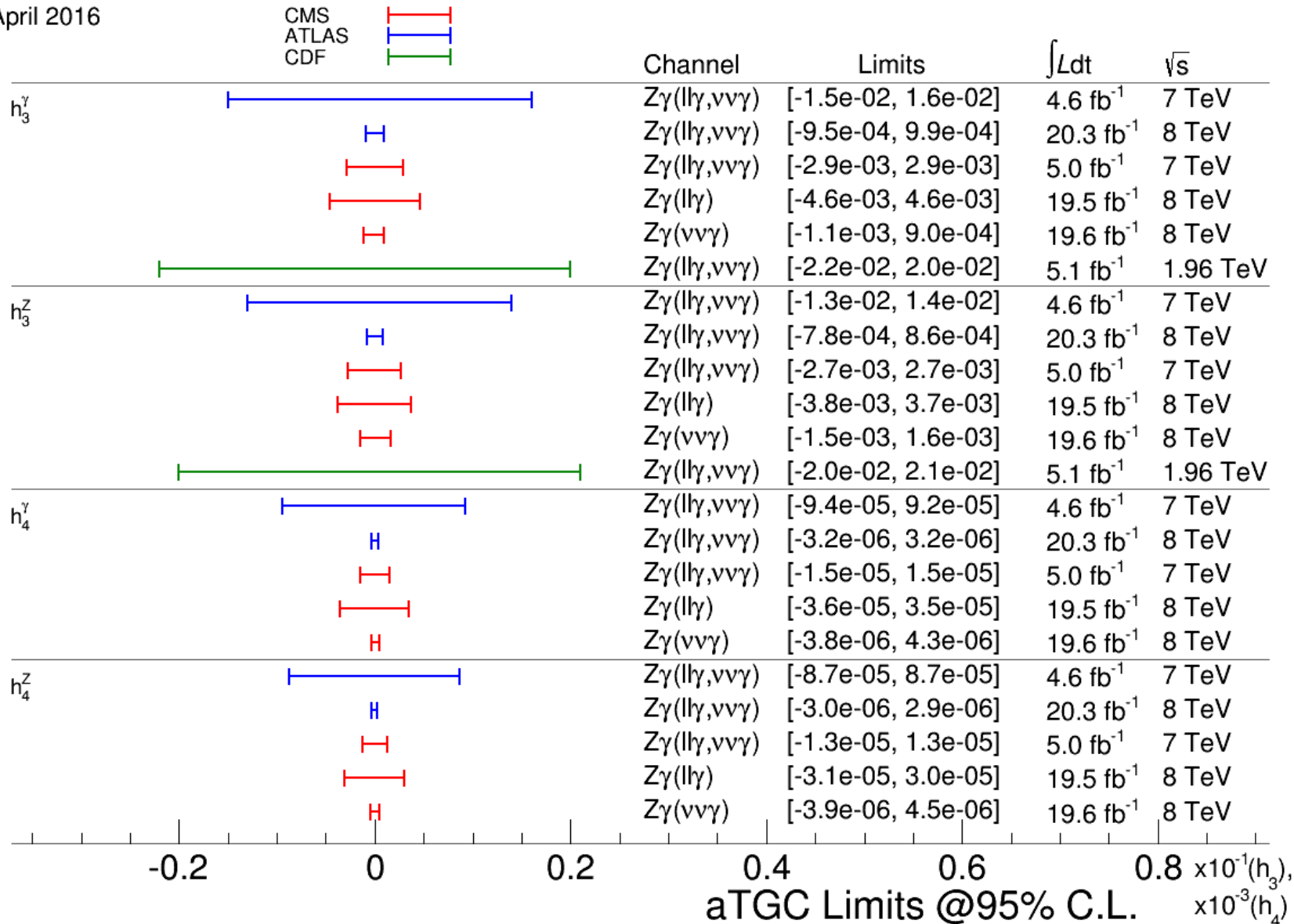
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