



Multiboson production in ATLAS and CMS

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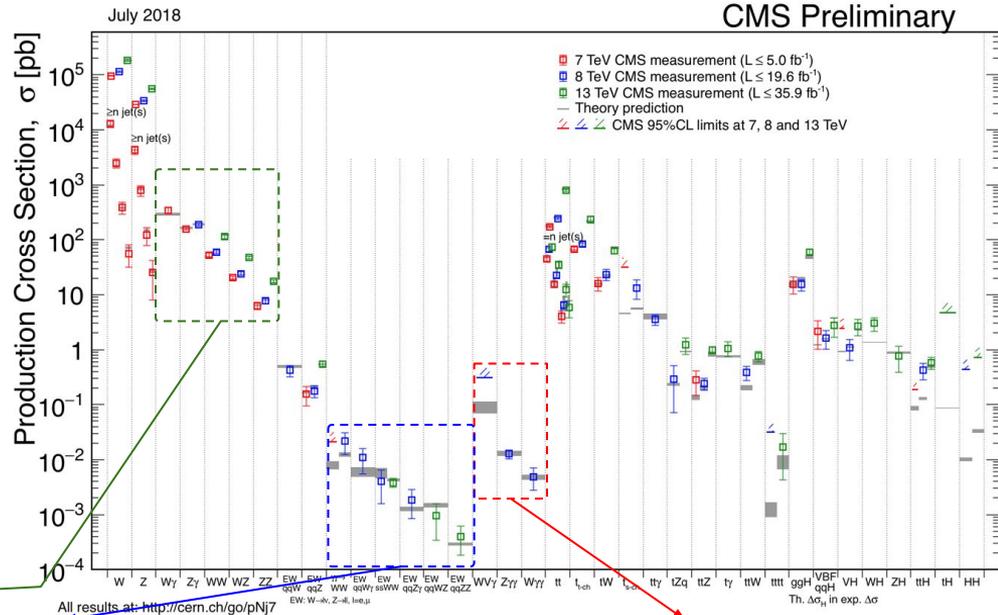
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Motivation

→ Multiboson production provides a unique probe to the electroweak sector of the SM. Provide further insight in the vector bosons' self interactions.

→ Great sensitivity to different BSM physics. Any deviation on the measurements can be pointing to new physics!



Diboson production (inclusive)

- Higher cross-sections.
- Era of **precision measurements**.
- Differential measurements.
- Sensitive to anomalies in triple gauge couplings (TGC).

VBS/VBF production

- Very low cross-sections.
- First **observations** at 13 TeV.
- Sensitivity to both triple and quartic gauge couplings.
- Discussed in next talk.

Triboson production

- Very rare processes. Final states usually overlapping with diboson processes.
- Starting to see **observations or evidences**.

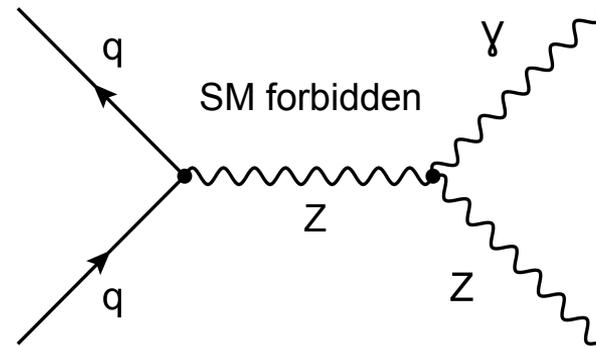
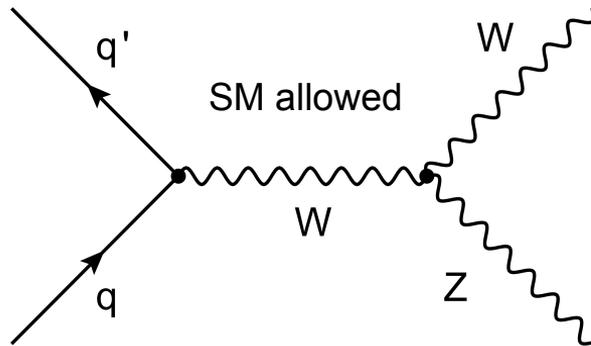
Anomalous gauge couplings

→ Most multiboson channels are sensitive to BSM processes through what effectively are “anomalous” alterations of the triple and quadruple gauge couplings (aTGC and aQGC).

→ Most measurements are complemented with searches for anomalous couplings. Sensitivity is increased at higher effective energies, i.e., high values of m_{VV} , m_{VVV} .

→ Different approaches (~different BSM lagrangian terms) are used in each analysis.

→ Both variations of couplings allowed and forbidden in the SM:



Recent results in multiboson measurements

→ Multiboson production is currently a very active area of research both at [ATLAS](#) and [CMS](#).

→ Today we focus on the most recent results from both collaborations:

Most recent results (ICHEP)

→ $pp \rightarrow WZ \rightarrow 3l\nu$ (13 TeV, $L=35.9 \text{ fb}^{-1}$) [SMP-PAS-18-002](#)

→ $pp \rightarrow WZ \rightarrow 3l\nu$ (13 TeV, $L=35.9 \text{ fb}^{-1}$) [CONF-2018-034](#)

→ $pp \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$ (13 TeV, $L=35.9 \text{ fb}^{-1}$) [Eur. Phys. J. C 78 \(2018\) 165](#)

→ $pp \rightarrow ZZ + \text{jets} \rightarrow 4l + \text{jets}$ (8TeV, 19.7 fb^{-1} + 13 TeV, 35.9 fb^{-1}) [SMP-17-005](#) (submitted to Phys.Lett.B)

→ $pp \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$ (13 TeV, $L=35.9 \text{ fb}^{-1}$) [Phys. Rev. D 97 \(2018\), 032005](#)

→ $pp \rightarrow Z\gamma \rightarrow \nu\nu\gamma$ (13 TeV, $L=35.9 \text{ fb}^{-1}$) [CONF-2018-035](#)

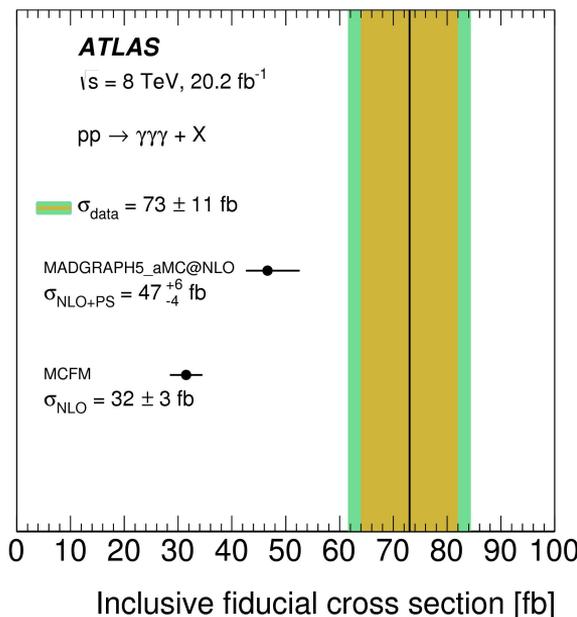
→ $pp \rightarrow \gamma\gamma\gamma$ (8 TeV, $L=35.9 \text{ fb}^{-1}$) [Phys. Lett. B 781 \(2018\) 55](#)

$\gamma\gamma\gamma$ production at ATLAS (8 TeV)

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→ Selected based on the “clean” final state with 3 isolated photons. Main backgrounds arise from misidentified objects.

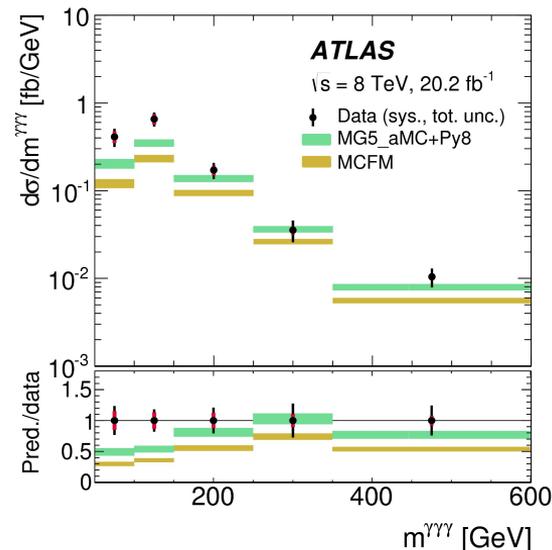
Requirements on	Phase-space region
E_T^{γ}	$E_T^{\gamma 1} > 27$ GeV, $E_T^{\gamma 2} > 22$ GeV, $E_T^{\gamma 3} > 15$ GeV
$m^{\gamma\gamma\gamma}$	$m^{\gamma\gamma\gamma} > 50$ GeV
$\Delta R^{\gamma\gamma}$	$\Delta R^{\gamma\gamma} > 0.45$
$ \eta^{\gamma} $	$ \eta^{\gamma} < 2.37$ (excluding $1.37 < \eta^{\gamma} < 1.56$)
Isolation	$E_T^{\text{iso}} < 10$ GeV



→ Excess over SM predictions. Expect sizable NNLO corrections (as for $\gamma\gamma$).

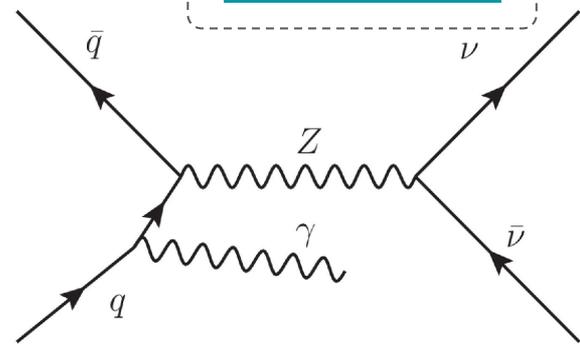
→ Dominated by uncertainties in photon identification and isolation.

→ Differential measurements for multiple kinematical variables of the photons.

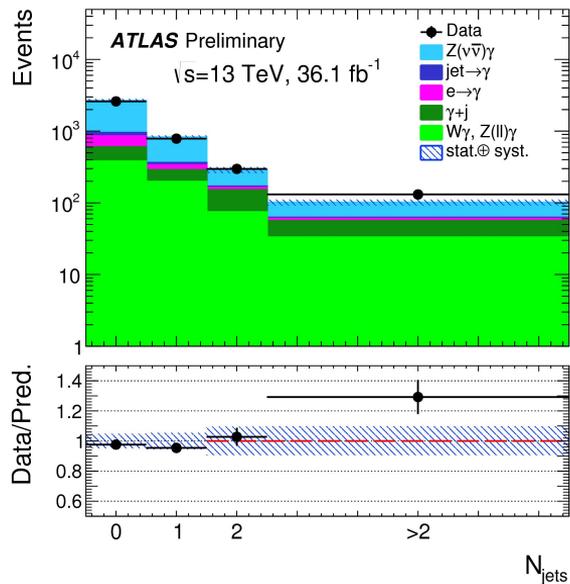


$Z\gamma$ ($\nu\nu\gamma$) production at ATLAS (13 TeV)

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- Select exactly 1 isolated photon and high $p_T^{\text{miss}} > 150$ GeV. Further criteria:
 - Reduce the “fake” p_T^{miss} : $(p_T^{\text{miss}})^2 / [(p_T^{\text{jet}})^2 + (p_T^\gamma)^2] > 110$ GeV
 - Reduce $W+\gamma$ backgrounds: **0 leptons**, $\Delta\phi(\gamma, p_T^{\text{miss}}) > \pi/2$
- Measurement in exclusive ($N_J=0$) and inclusive ($N_J \geq 0$) categories.



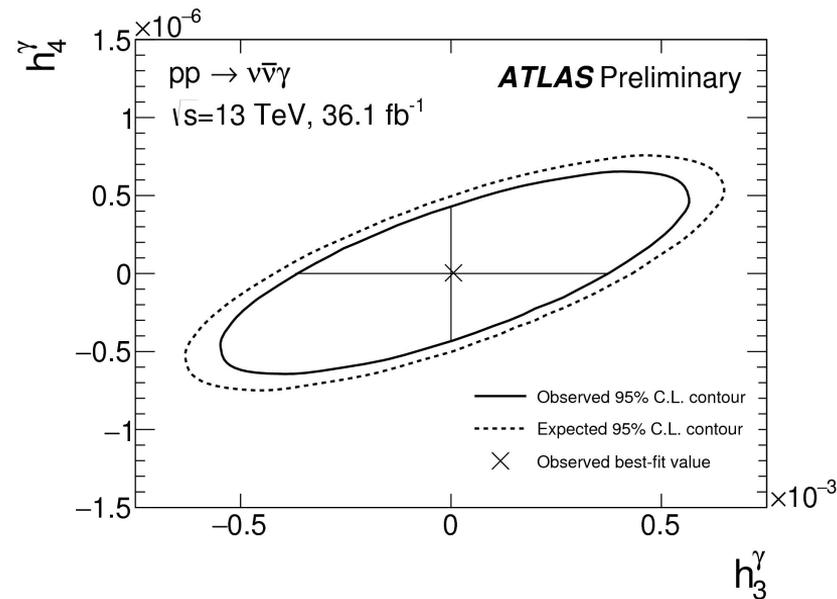
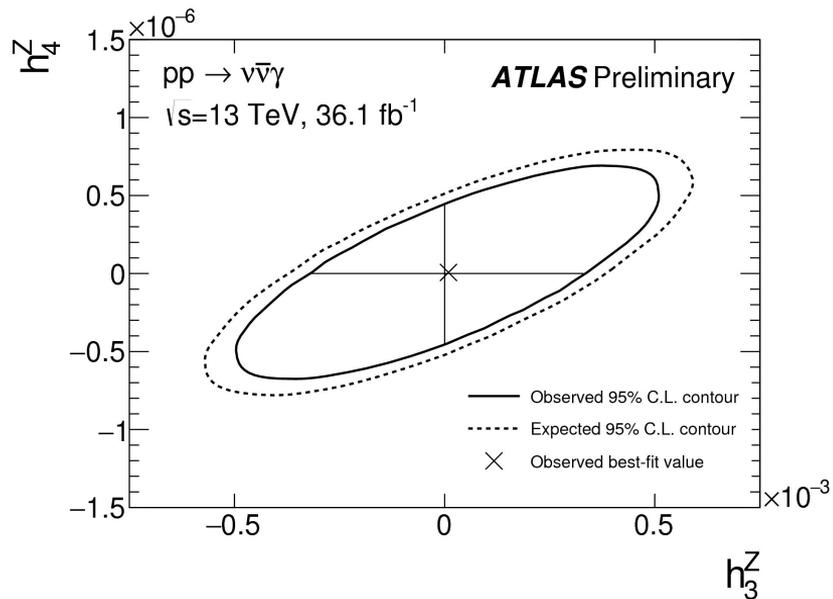
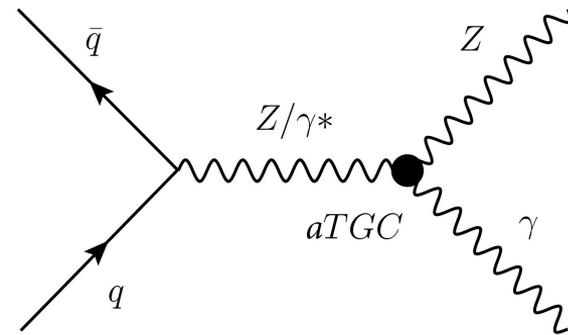
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Measurement	NNLO MCFM Prediction
$N_{\text{jets}} \geq 0$	
$83.7^{+3.6}_{-3.5}$ (stat.) $^{+6.9}_{-6.2}$ (syst.) $^{+1.7}_{-2.0}$ (lumi.)	78.1 ± 0.2 (stat.) ± 4.4 (syst.)
$N_{\text{jets}} = 0$	
$52.4^{+2.4}_{-2.3}$ (stat.) $^{+4.0}_{-3.6}$ (syst.) $^{+1.2}_{-1.1}$ (lumi.)	55.9 ± 0.1 (stat.) ± 2.5 (syst.)

- Good agreement with NNLO predictions.
- Dominated by photon isolation and identification efficiency uncertainties.
- Also measured differential results in p_T^γ , $p_T^{\nu\nu}$, N_{Jet} in good agreement with NNLO predictions.

$Z\gamma$ ($\nu\nu\gamma$) aQGC at ATLAS (13 TeV)

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- Restricting selection to $p_T^\gamma > 600$ GeV.
- Using the effective vertex approach.
- CL are set based on the predicted cross-section (yields) for each configuration of aQGC parameters.

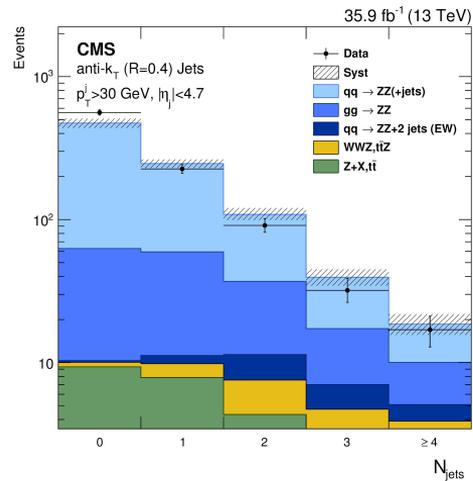
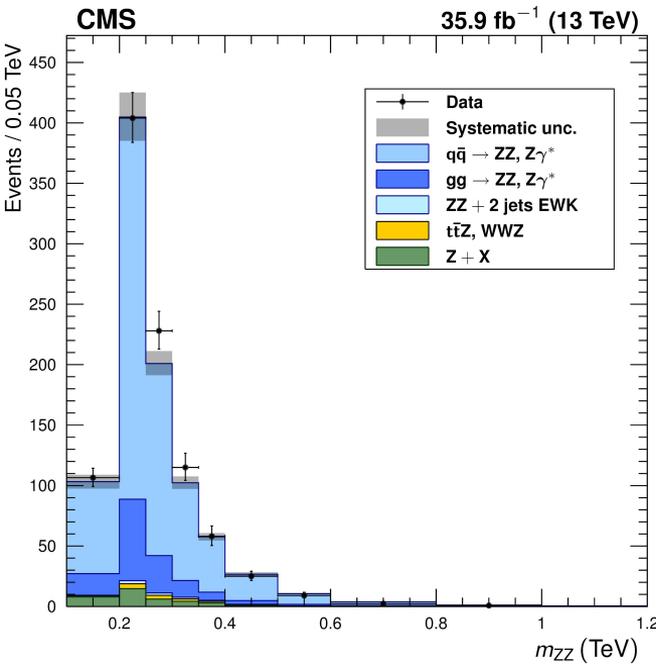


ZZ (+jets) production (CMS, 8+13 TeV)

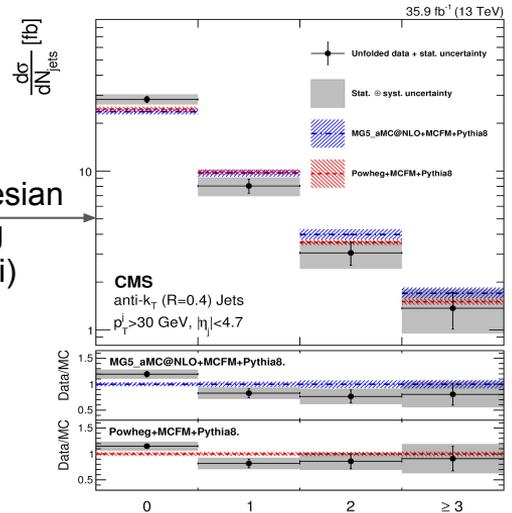
- Selection based on 4 leptons that reconstruct 2 Z candidates: $60 \text{ GeV} < m(Z1), m(Z2) < 120 \text{ GeV}$.
- Very “clean” final state with few contributions from ttV and triboson background processes.
- Measurements are dominated by the uncertainty in the total lepton identification efficiency.

$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow ZZ) = 17.2 \pm 0.5 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.7 \text{ (syst)} \pm 0.4 \text{ (theo)} \pm 0.4 \text{ (lumi)} \text{ pb}$$

- Results in agreement with NNLO predictions: $\sigma^{NNLO}(pp \rightarrow ZZ) = 16.2^{+0.6}_{-0.4} \text{ pb}$
- Differential results based on lepton and jets kinematics:



Iterative Bayesian Unfolding (d'Agostini)



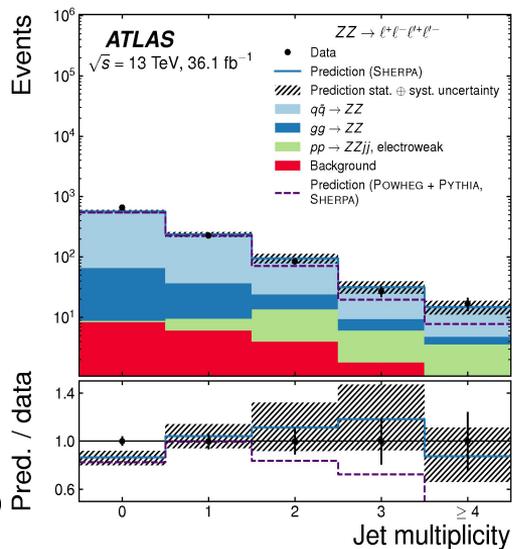
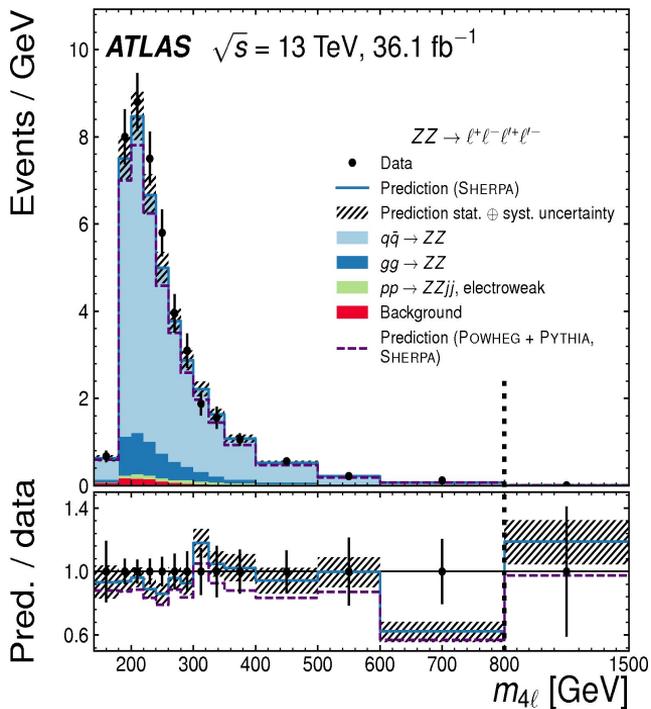
ZZ production (ATLAS, 13 TeV)

- Selection based on 4 leptons, more restricted in mass window: $66 \text{ GeV} < m(Z1), m(Z2) < 116 \text{ GeV}$.
- Very similar strategy and final states as in the CMS analysis. Slightly different lepton p_T requirements.
- Measurements are dominated by the uncertainty in the lepton identification efficiency and in luminosity.

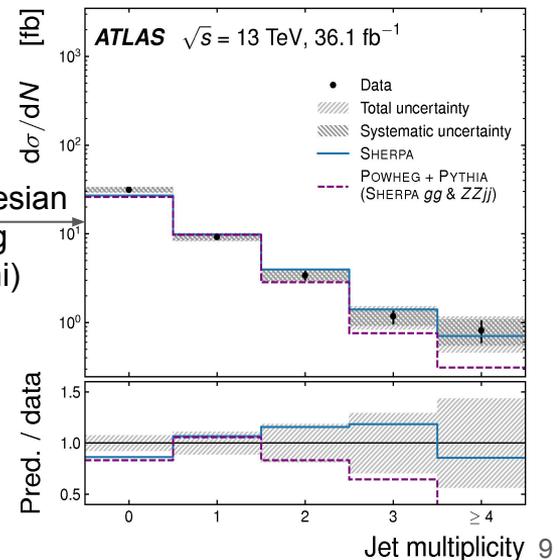
$$\sigma(\text{pp} \rightarrow \text{ZZ}) = 17.3^{+0.9}_{-0.6}(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.5(\text{syst.}) \pm 0.6(\text{lumi.}) \text{ pb}$$

→ Results in agreement with NNLO predictions: $\sigma^{NNLO}(\text{pp} \rightarrow \text{ZZ}) = 16.9^{+0.6}_{-0.5} \text{ pb}$

→ Differential results based on lepton and jets kinematics:



Iterative Bayesian
Unfolding
(d'Agostini)



ZZ aTGC (ATLAS + CMS, 13 TeV)

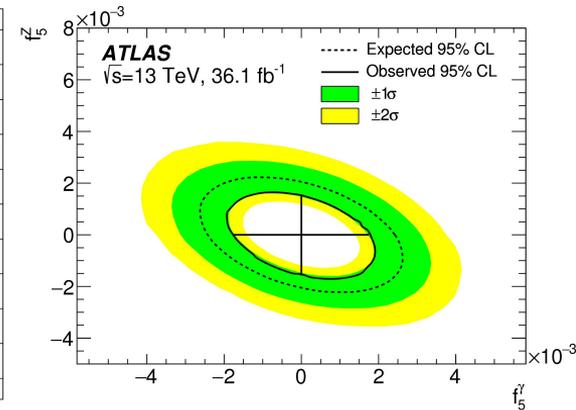
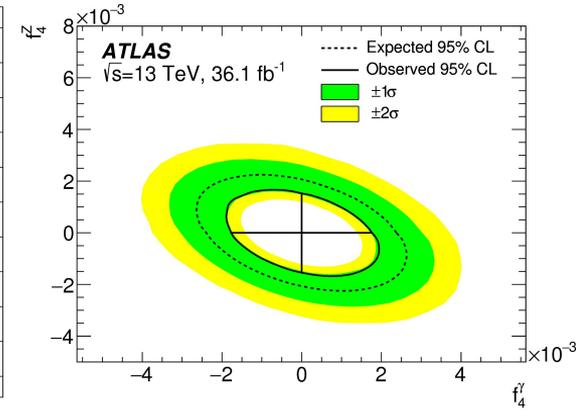
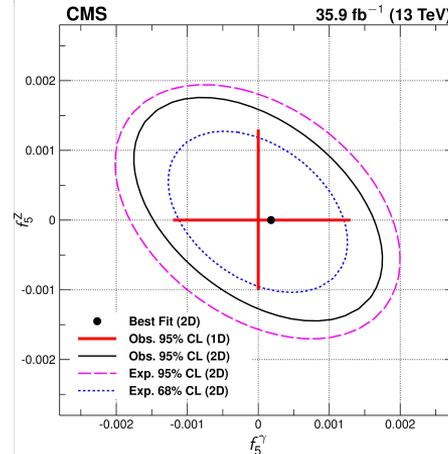
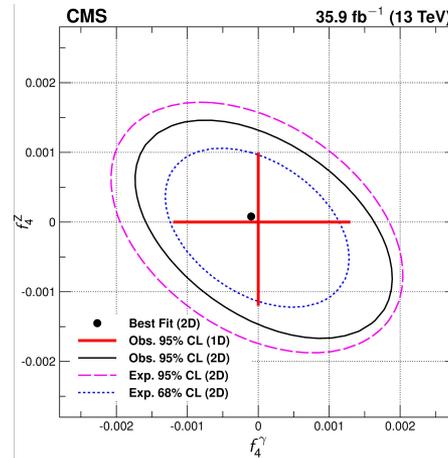
→ Searching for aTGC in the effective vertex approach. Based on the assumption of quadratic dependance of the expected yields on each aTGC parameter.

→ ATLAS: p_T^{Z1} as the discrimination variable.

→ CMS: m_{ZZ} as the discrimination variable.

→ Results are quite consistent between both experiments, slightly smaller confidence regions in the case of CMS.

→ Very good agreement with SM predictions.

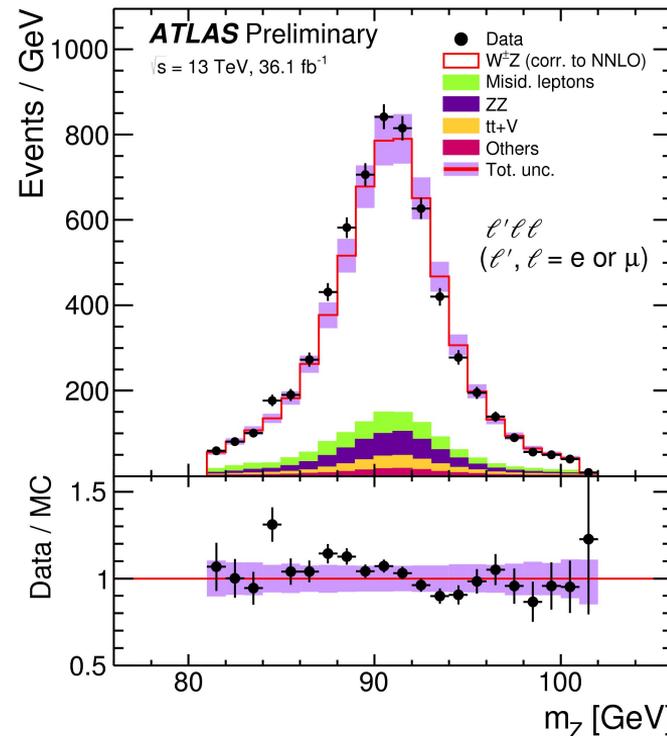


WZ production (ATLAS, 13 TeV)

→ Require exactly 3 isolated light leptons with a Z candidate: $|m_{ll} - m_Z| < 10$ GeV. Tag Z leptons based on the best reconstructed Z mass (Z_1, Z_2). The remaining lepton is tagged as W. “Reconstruct” full event.

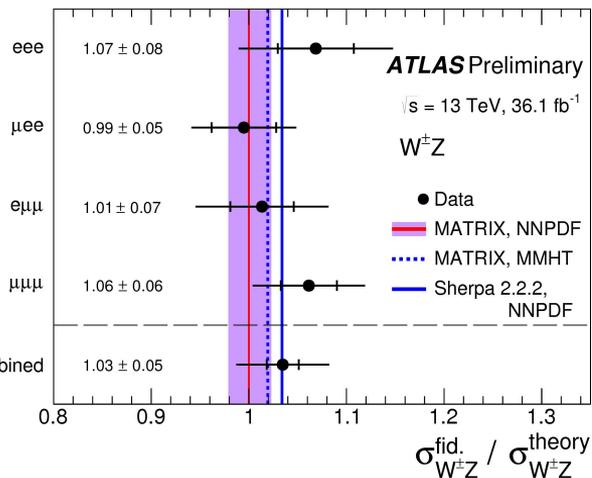
Additional background reduction criteria

- Reduce non-prompt leptons (Z+jets): $m_T^W > 30$ GeV
- Reduce non-prompt leptons: tighter W lepton.
- Reduce ZZ: veto 4th lepton.



→ Systematics dominated by b-tagging and lepton efficiency uncertainties.

→ Measurements are provided for the fiducial region.



WZ production (CMS, 13 TeV)

→ Require exactly 3 isolated light leptons with a Z candidate: $|m_{ll} - m_Z| < 15 \text{ GeV}$. Tag Z leptons based on the best reconstructed Z mass (Z_1, Z_2). The remaining lepton is tagged as W. “Reconstruct” full event.

Additional background reduction criteria

- Reduce asymmetric γ conversions ($Z\gamma$): $m_{3l} > 100 \text{ GeV}$
- Reduce non-prompt leptons (Z+jets): $p_T^{\text{miss}} > 30 \text{ GeV}$
- Reduce top-enriched processes: $N_{b\text{-tag}} = 0$
- Reduce ZZ: veto 4th lepton.

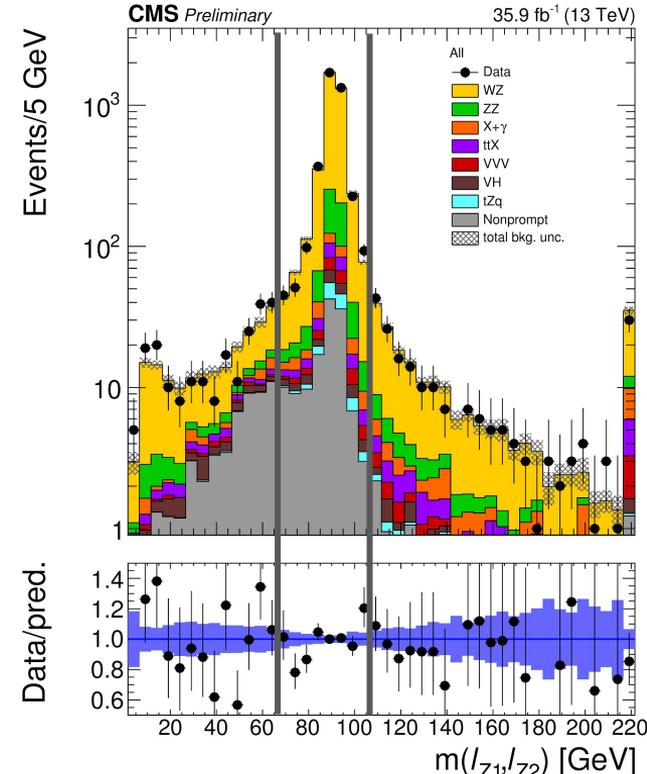
→ Results are dominated by uncertainties in b-tagging and lepton efficiencies.

→ Measurements in the mass window: $60 \text{ GeV} < |m_{ll} - m_Z| < 120 \text{ GeV}$

Category	$\sigma_{\text{tot}}(\text{pp} \rightarrow \text{WZ}) [\text{pb}]$
eee	$47.11^{+5.01}_{-4.63} \text{ (total)} = 47.11^{+2.88}_{-2.79} \text{ (stat)} +0.46 \text{ (theo)} +3.89 \text{ (syst)} \pm 1.41 \text{ (lumi)}$
ee μ	$47.16^{+3.87}_{-3.61} \text{ (total)} = 47.16^{+2.31}_{-2.29} \text{ (stat)} +0.45 \text{ (theo)} +2.83 \text{ (syst)} \pm 1.33 \text{ (lumi)}$
e $\mu\mu$	$47.70^{+3.58}_{-3.55} \text{ (total)} = 47.70^{+2.00}_{-1.96} \text{ (stat)} +0.45 \text{ (theo)} +2.66 \text{ (syst)} \pm 1.42 \text{ (lumi)}$
$\mu\mu\mu$	$49.00^{+3.18}_{-3.03} \text{ (total)} = 49.00^{+1.57}_{-1.53} \text{ (stat)} +0.41 \text{ (theo)} +2.42 \text{ (syst)} \pm 1.39 \text{ (lumi)}$

$$\sigma_{\text{Tot}}(\text{pp} \rightarrow \text{WZ}) = 48.09^{+2.98}_{-2.78} \text{ pb} = 48.09^{+1.00}_{-0.96} \text{ (stat)} +0.44 \text{ (theo)} +2.39 \text{ (syst)} \pm 1.39 \text{ (lumi)} \text{ pb}$$

→ In agreement with NNLO prediction: $\sigma^{\text{NNLO}}(\text{pp} \rightarrow \text{WZ}) = 49.9^{+1.1}_{-1.0} \text{ pb}$



WZ charge asymmetry (ATLAS+CMS 13 TeV)

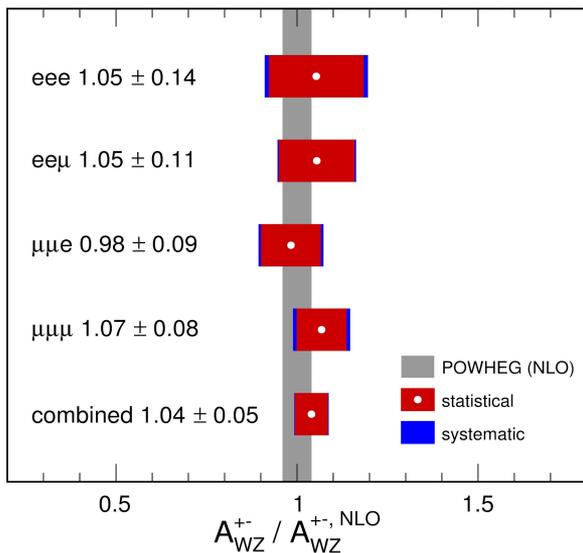
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- Both collaborations provide results, split by flavor categories, of the charge asymmetry: $A^{+-} = \frac{\sigma(\text{pp} \rightarrow W^+Z)}{\sigma(\text{pp} \rightarrow W^-Z)}$
- Both results are in complete agreement and dominated by statistical uncertainties.

Measured at “total” cross-section level

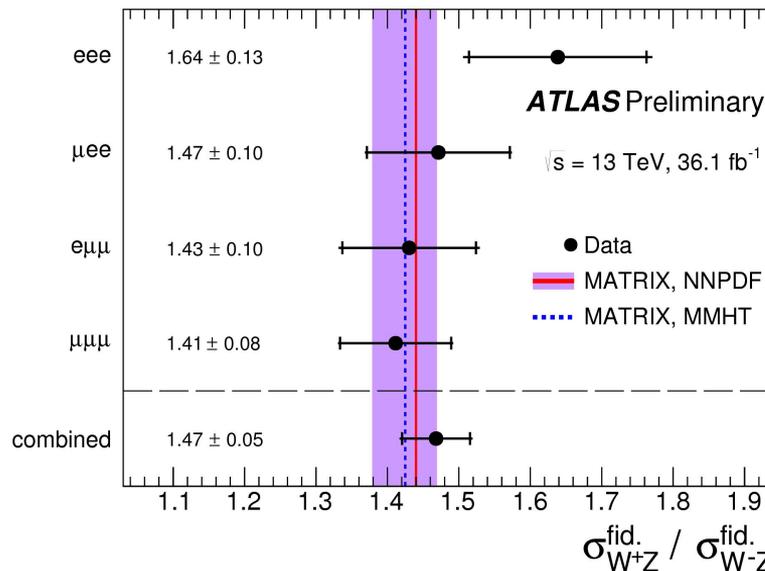
$$\frac{\sigma(\text{pp} \rightarrow W^+Z)}{\sigma(\text{pp} \rightarrow W^-Z)} = 1.48 \pm 0.06 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.02 \text{ (syst)} \pm 0.01 \text{ (theo)}$$

CMS Preliminary 35.9 fb⁻¹ (13 TeV)



Measured at “fiducial” cross-section level

$$\frac{\sigma_{\text{fid.}}^{W^+Z \rightarrow \ell' \nu \ell \ell}}{\sigma_{\text{fid.}}^{W^-Z \rightarrow \ell' \nu \ell \ell}} = 1.47 \pm 0.05 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.02 \text{ (sys.)}$$



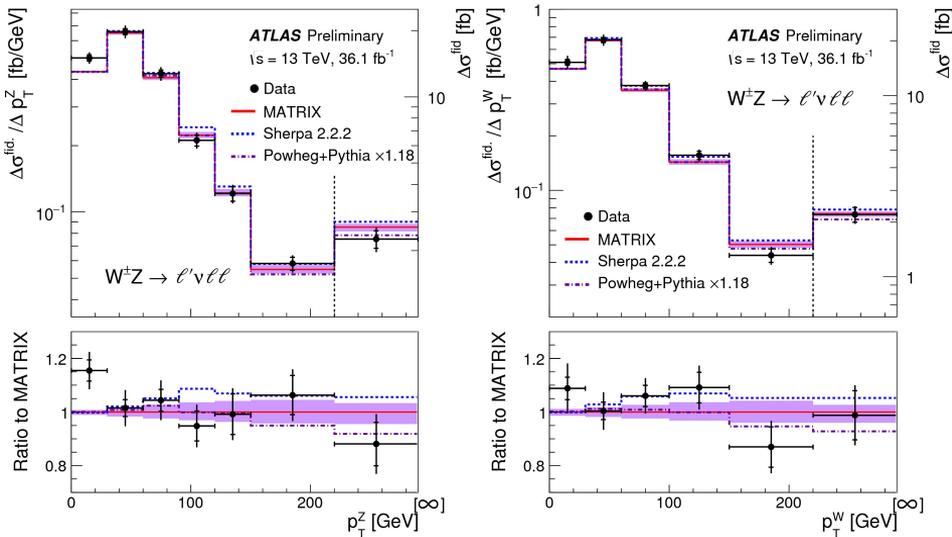
WZ differential cross-section (ATLAS+CMS 13 TeV)

→ Both collaborations provide differential results in similar variables with slightly different strategies.

ATLAS

→ Unfolding with iterative Bayesian (d'Agostini) algorithm. Bins are chosen based on statistical power and experimental resolution.

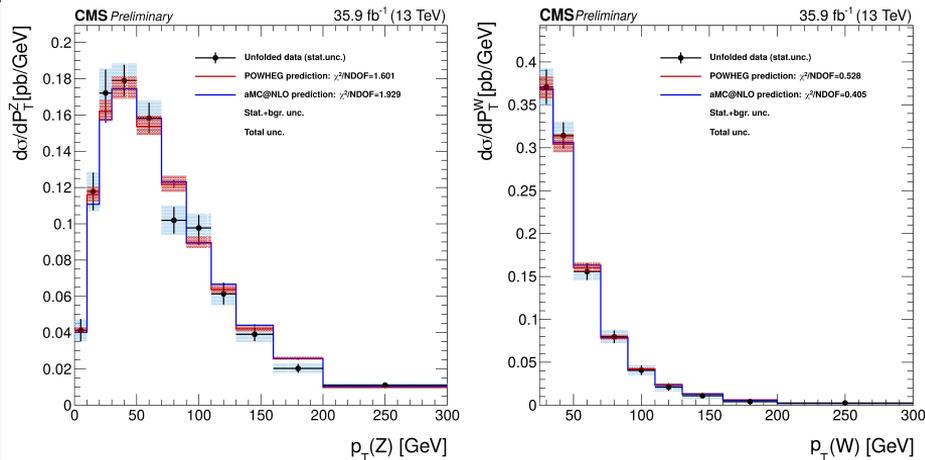
→ Providing additional angular variables.



CMS

→ Unfolding based on an area constrain regularization. Bins widths are chosen requiring additional stability of the unfolding procedure.

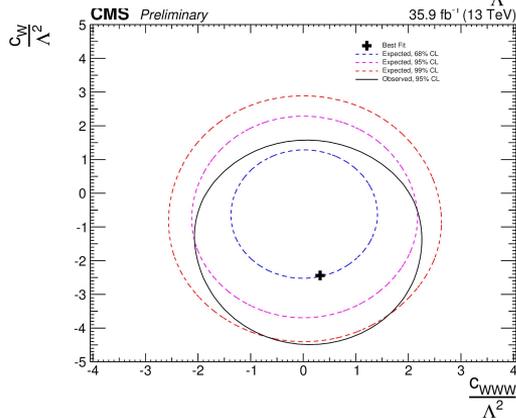
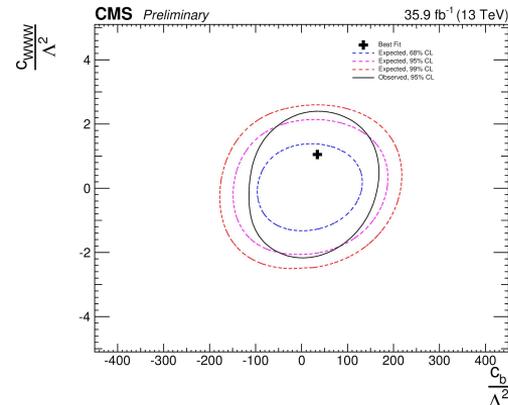
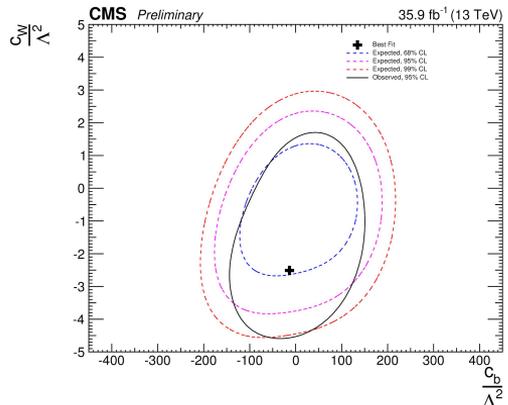
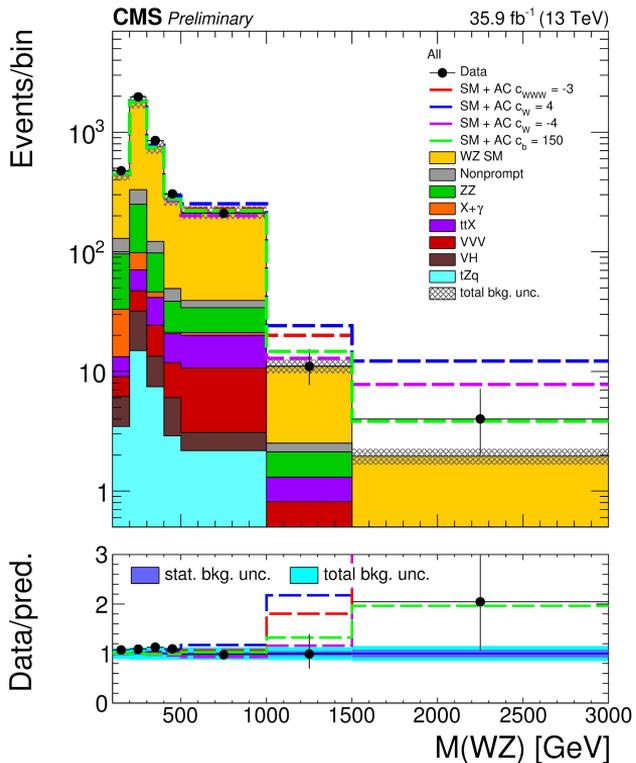
→ Providing measurements split by flavour.



WZ aTGC (CMS 13 TeV)

→ Results at 13 TeV are only provided by CMS. Using the EFT approach.

→ Signal assumptions: aTGC signal is built as a second degree polynomial on the 3 aTGC parameters.

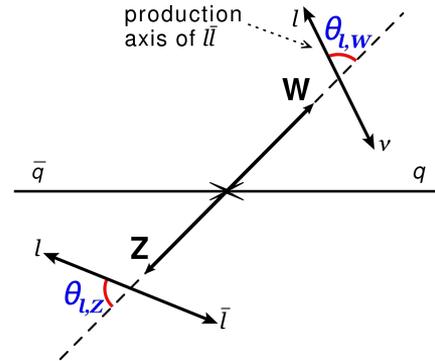


→ Results are consistent with SM predictions for all sets of parameters.

→ Small 1 σ deviations appear due to the excess in the last bin, compatible with an statistical fluctuation.

WZ polarization (ATLAS 13 TeV)

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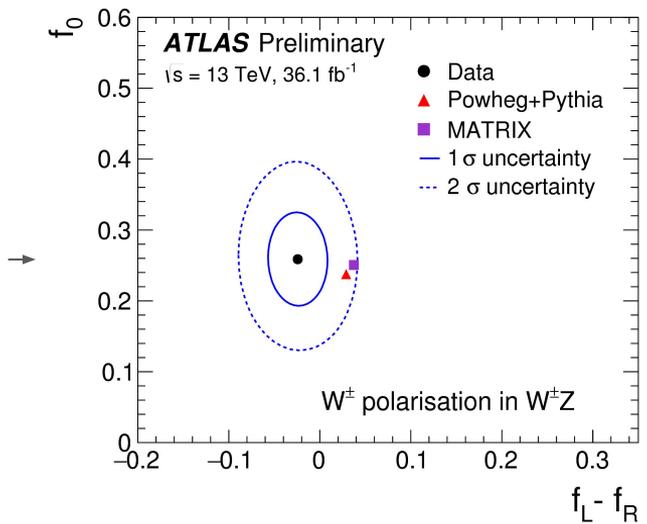
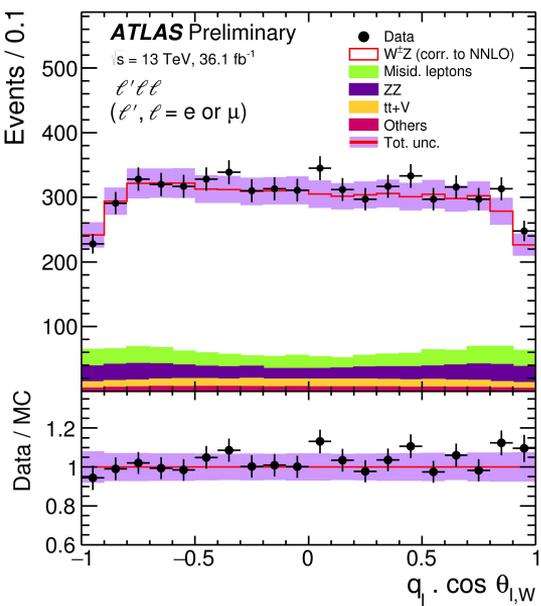


→ Results at 13 TeV are only provided by ATLAS. Measuring polarization parameters:

$$\frac{1}{\sigma_{W^{\pm}Z}} \frac{d\sigma_{W^{\pm}Z}}{d \cos \theta_{\ell,W}} = \frac{3}{8} f_L (1 \mp \cos \theta_{\ell,W})^2 + \frac{3}{8} f_R (1 \pm \cos \theta_{\ell,W})^2 + \frac{3}{4} f_0 \sin^2 \theta_{\ell,W}$$

→ The neutrino's momentum is obtained applying a W mass constraint.

→ $f_L - f_R$ and f_0 measured with a binned likelihood fit to the $\cos(\theta_{l,V})$ distributions.



→ Results are dominated by statistical uncertainties.

→ Small tension but still within 2σ of SM predictions.

→ Very close to observation of longitudinally polarized W bosons: 4.2 (3.8) observed (expected) significance.

Conclusions

- Multiboson production keeps providing us with new ways of exploring the properties of the SM's EWK sector with higher and higher predictions.
- We are already at the precision era for diboson processes but our understanding of the SM can still increase with even better measurements.
- The reach in anomalous couplings searches increases steadily, expect our sensitivity to BSM physics only to grow in the next years.
- The observation frontier is now set at triboson processes. Associated production with jets is now also accessible.

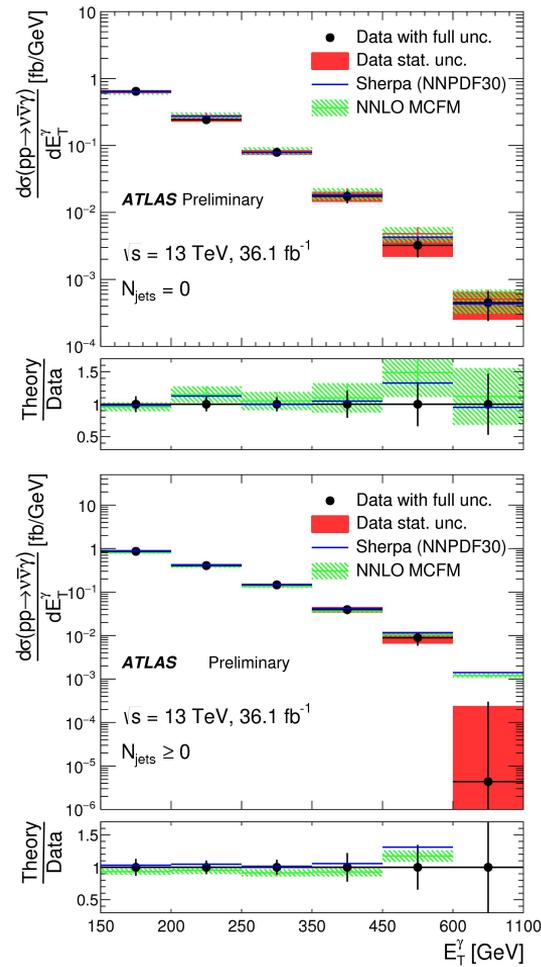
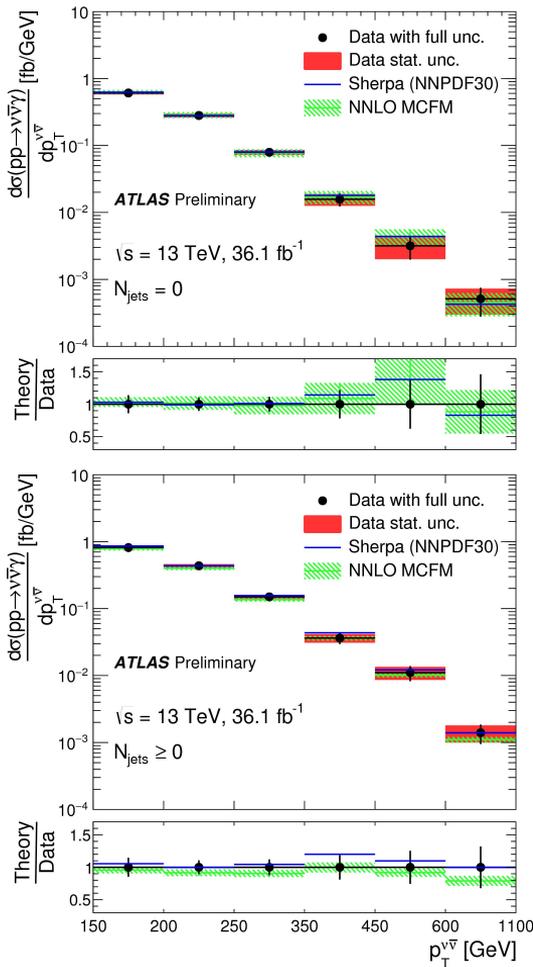
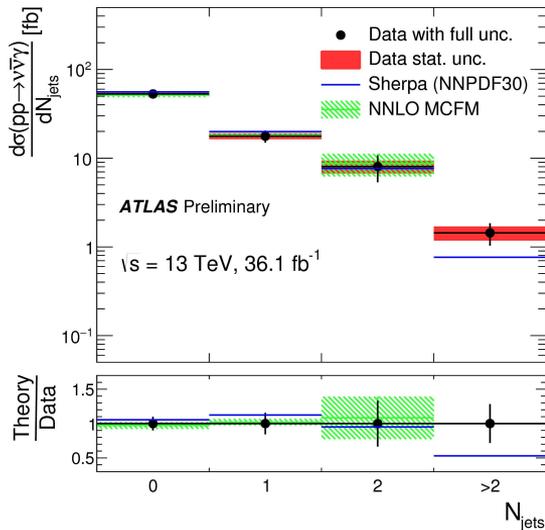
Back-Up

$Z\gamma$ ($\nu\nu\gamma$) (differential) at ATLAS (13 TeV)

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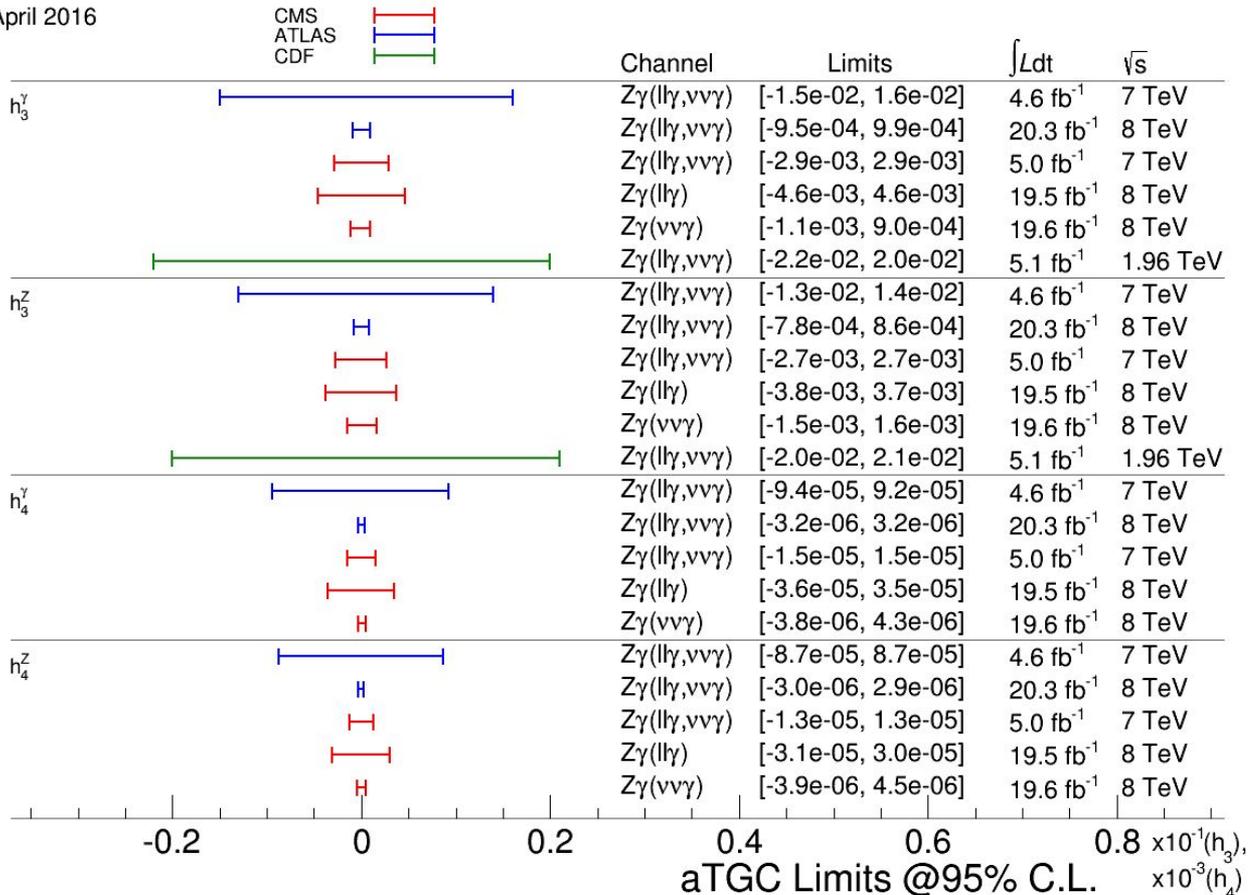
→ Using iterative Bayesian unfolding methods.

→ Good agreement with NNLO MC predictions.



aQGC - ZZG vertex

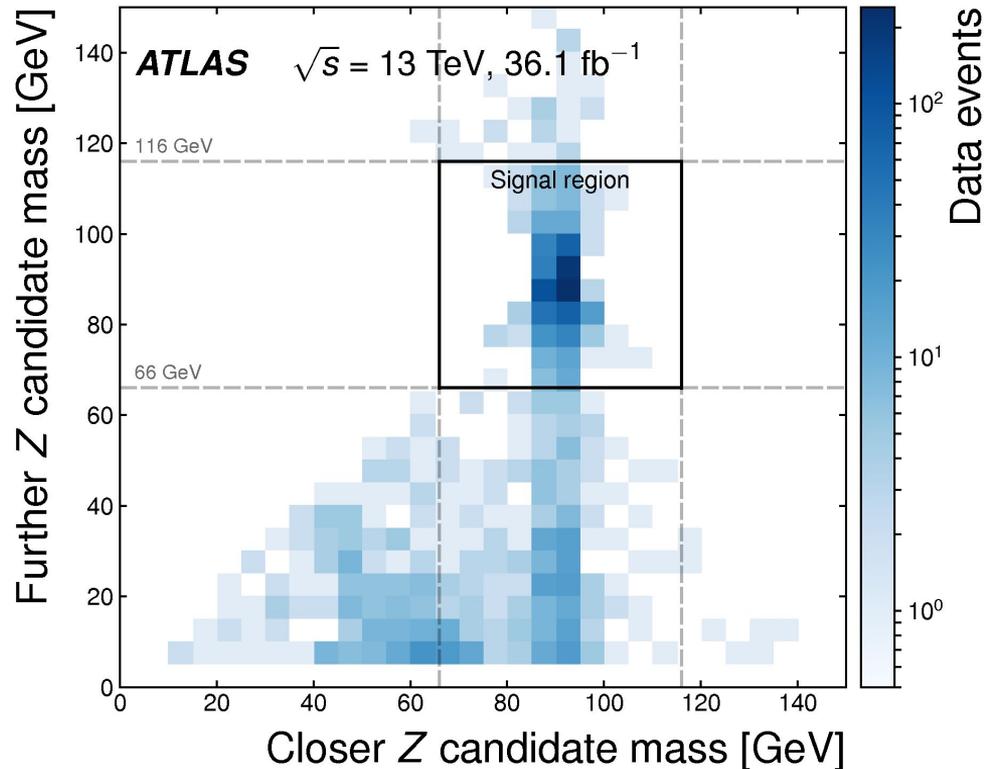
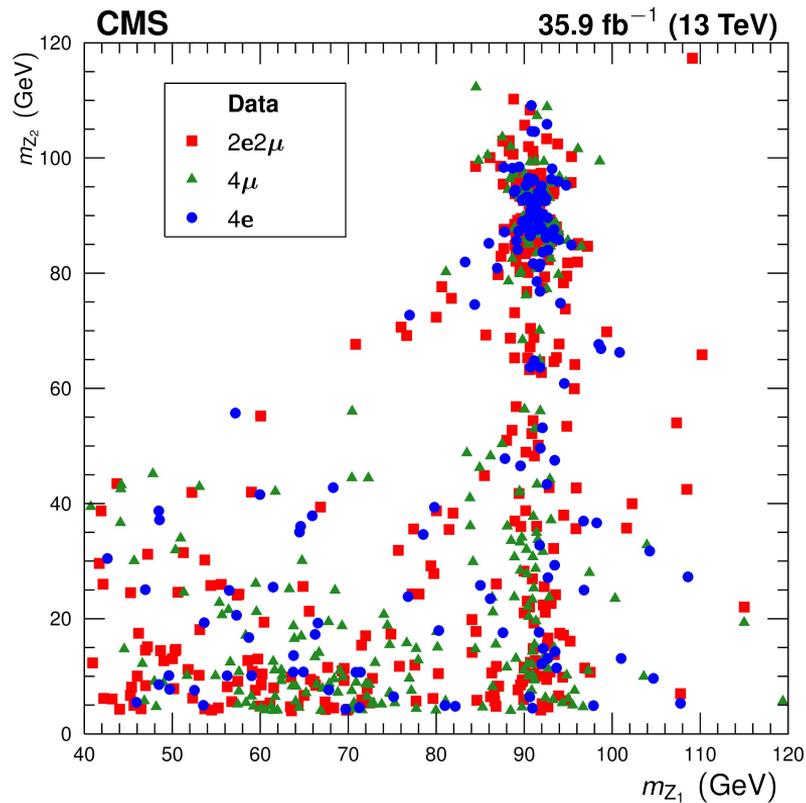
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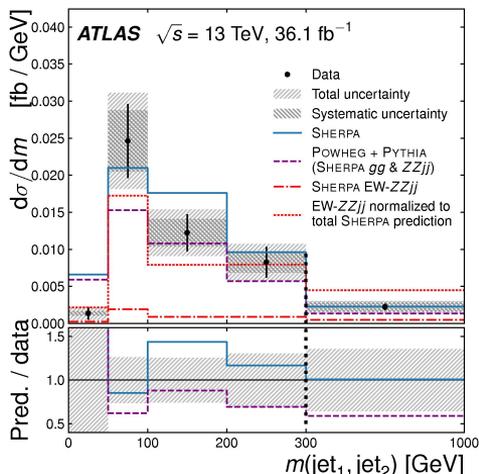
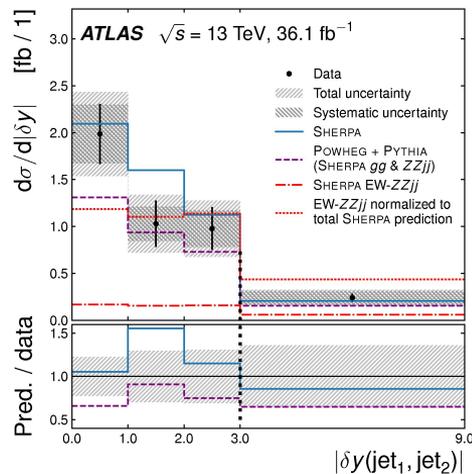
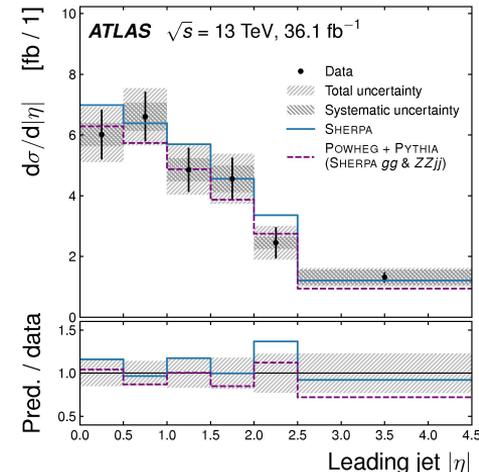
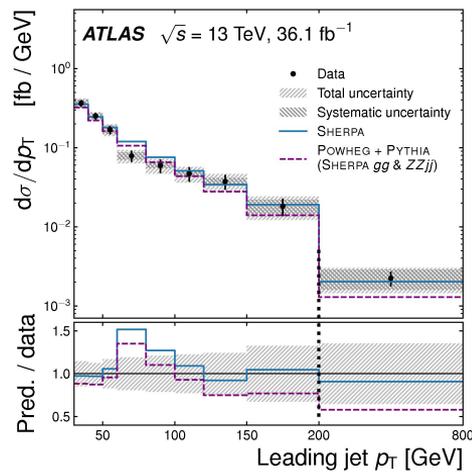
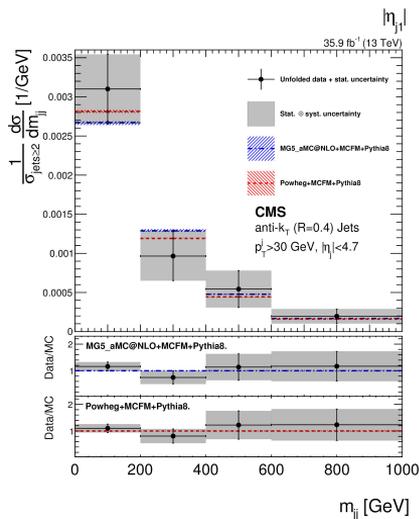
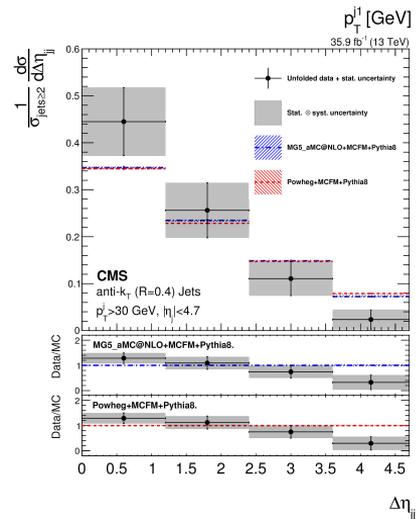
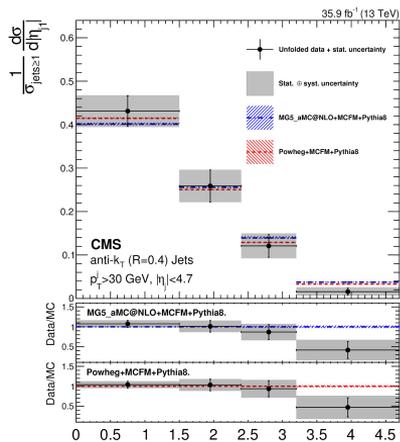
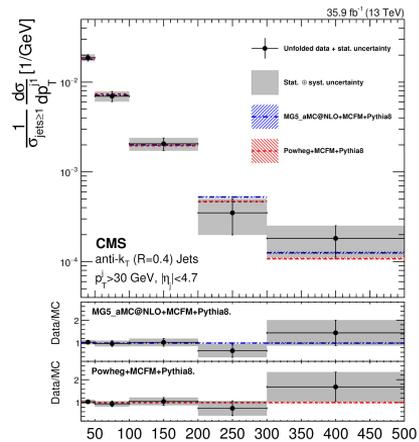
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ZZ (+jets) production, fiducial region selection (CMS, ATLAS)

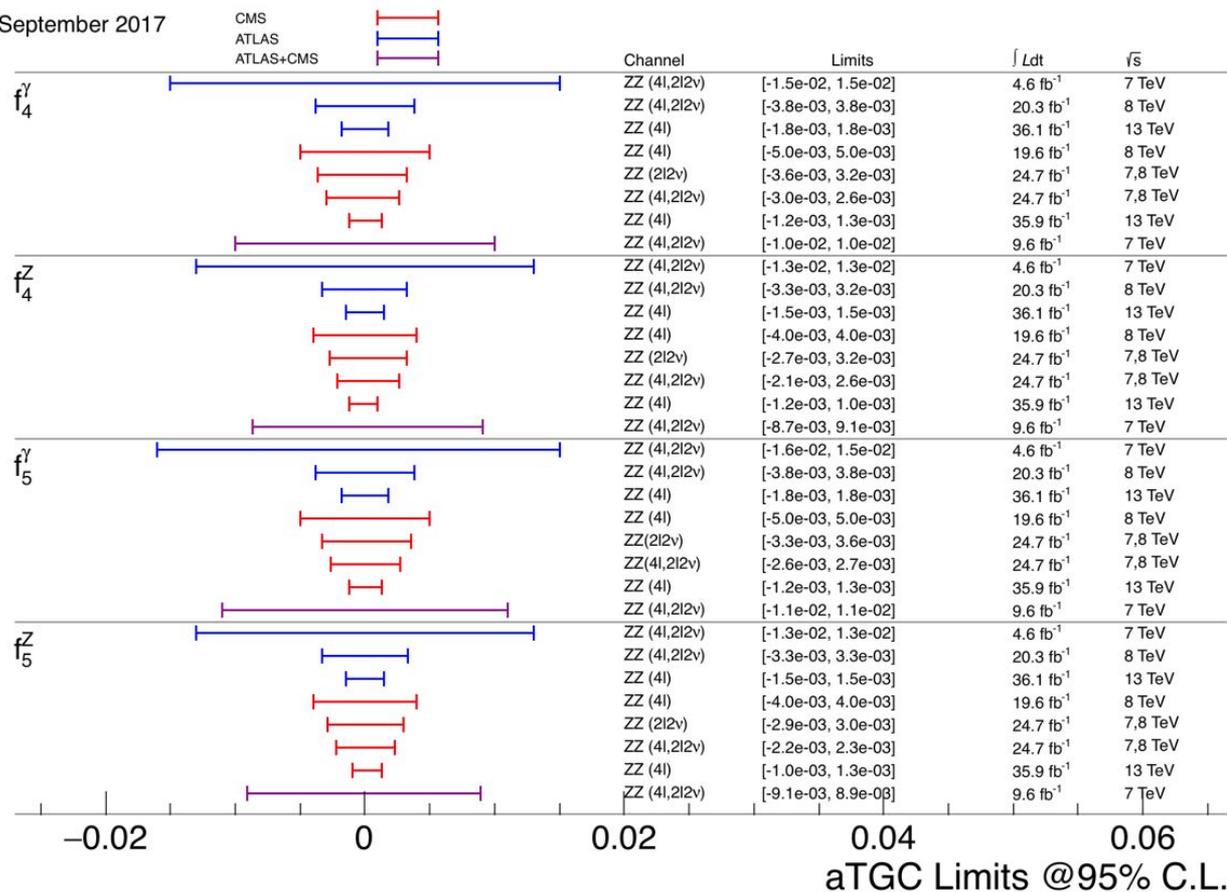


ZZ (+jets) production, differential measurements (CMS, ATLAS)



aTGC - ZZ

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To be compared
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