

Measurements of inclusive neutral diboson production with ATLAS

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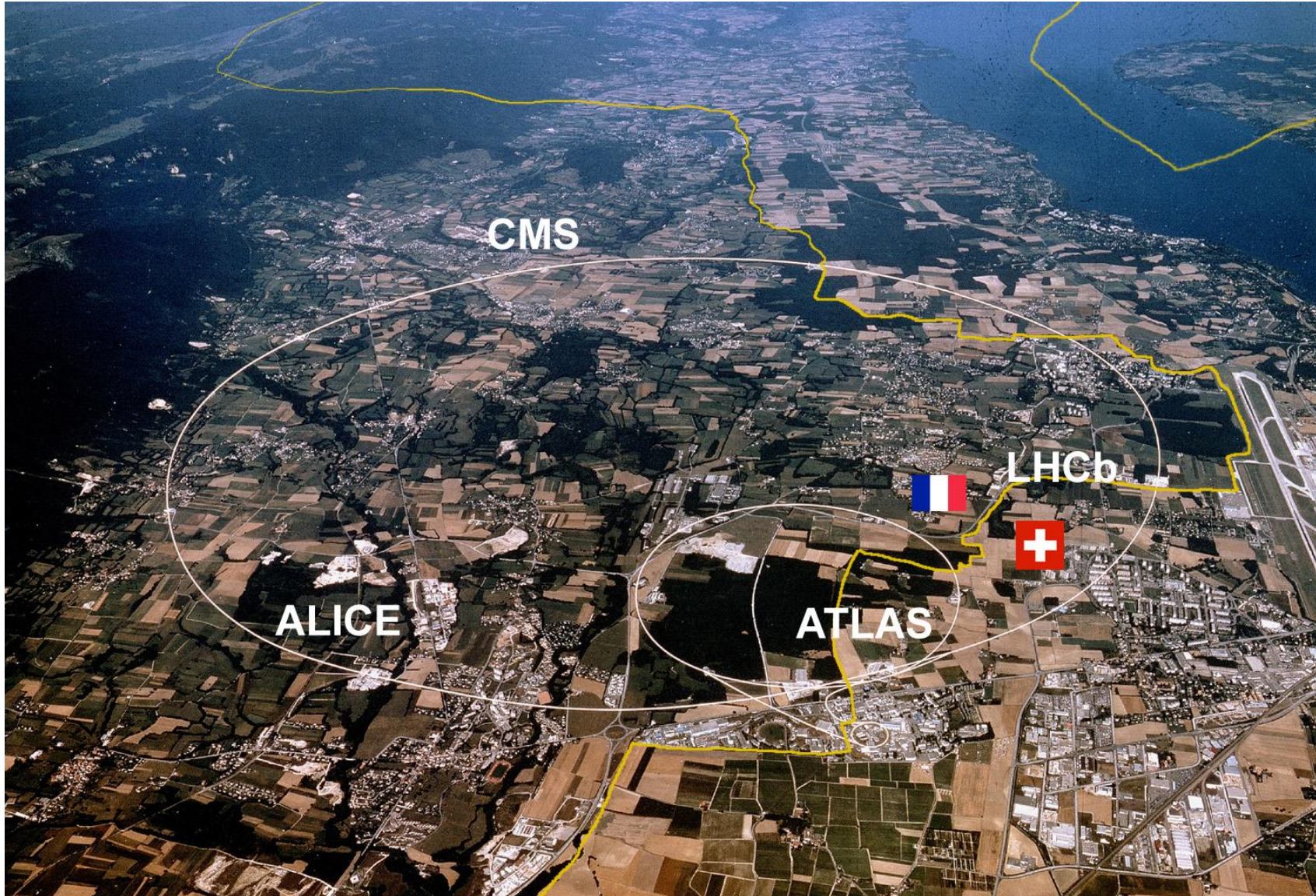
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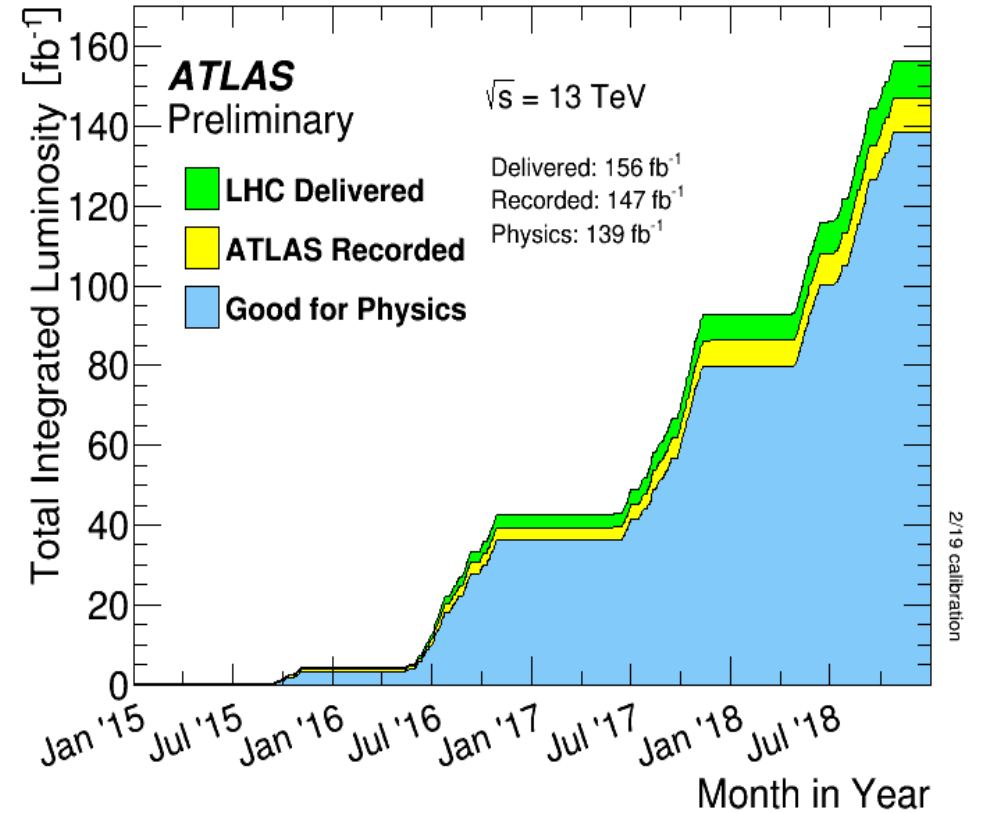
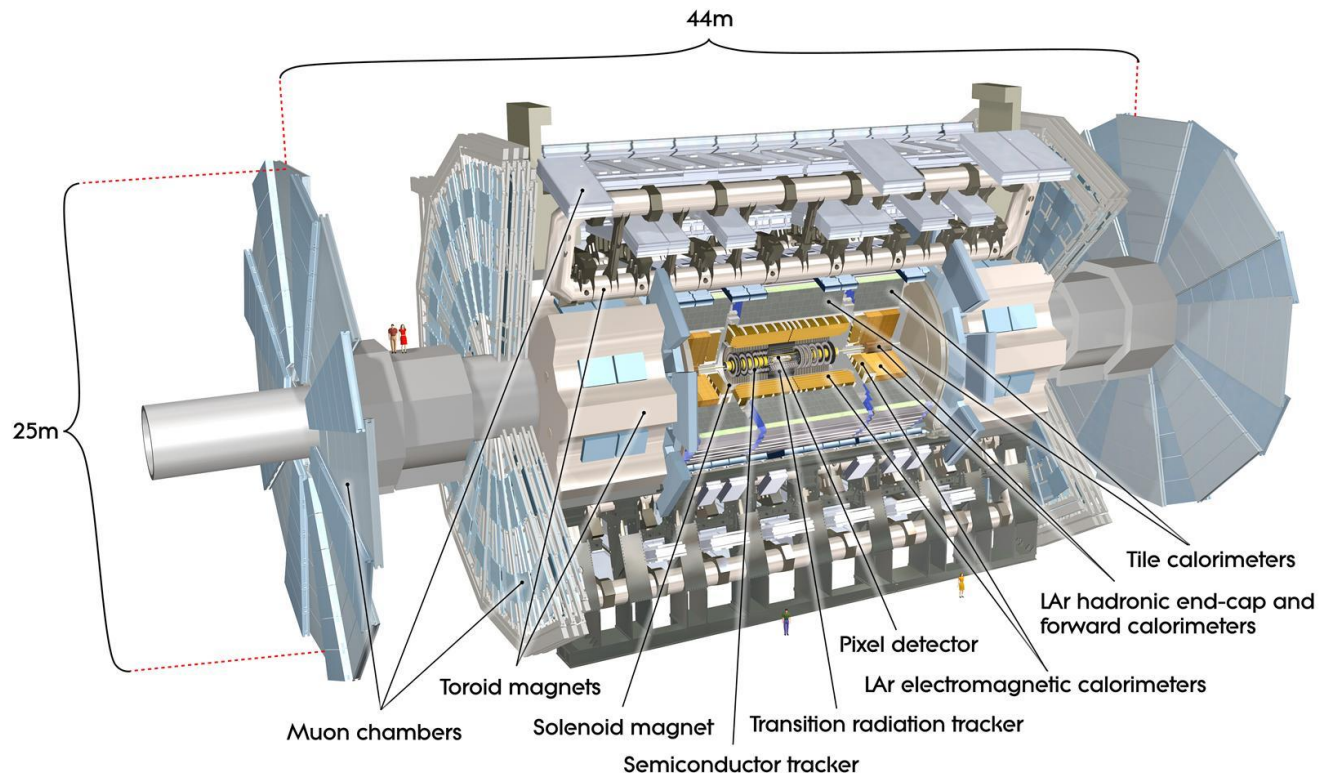
Outline

- ❖ Introduction to ATLAS
- ❖ Physics motivation
- ❖ Measurement of unfolded invariant mass of 4-leptons at 13 TeV
- ❖ Measurement of $Z\gamma$ with $Z \rightarrow \nu\nu$ at 13 TeV
- ❖ Summary

CERN and LHC

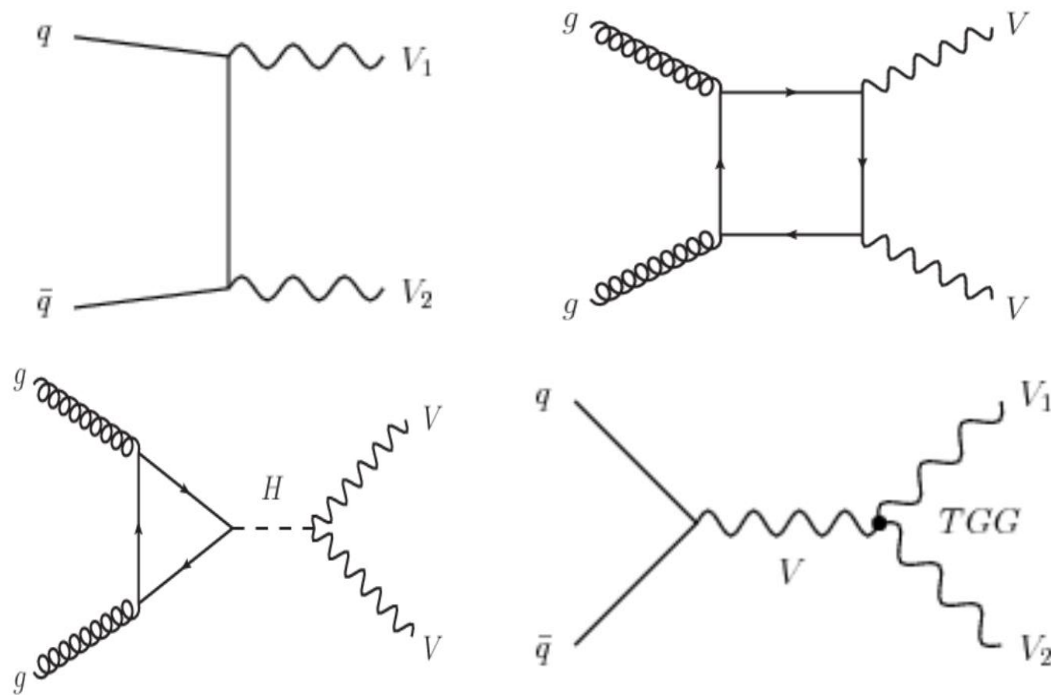


ATLAS detector and data taking



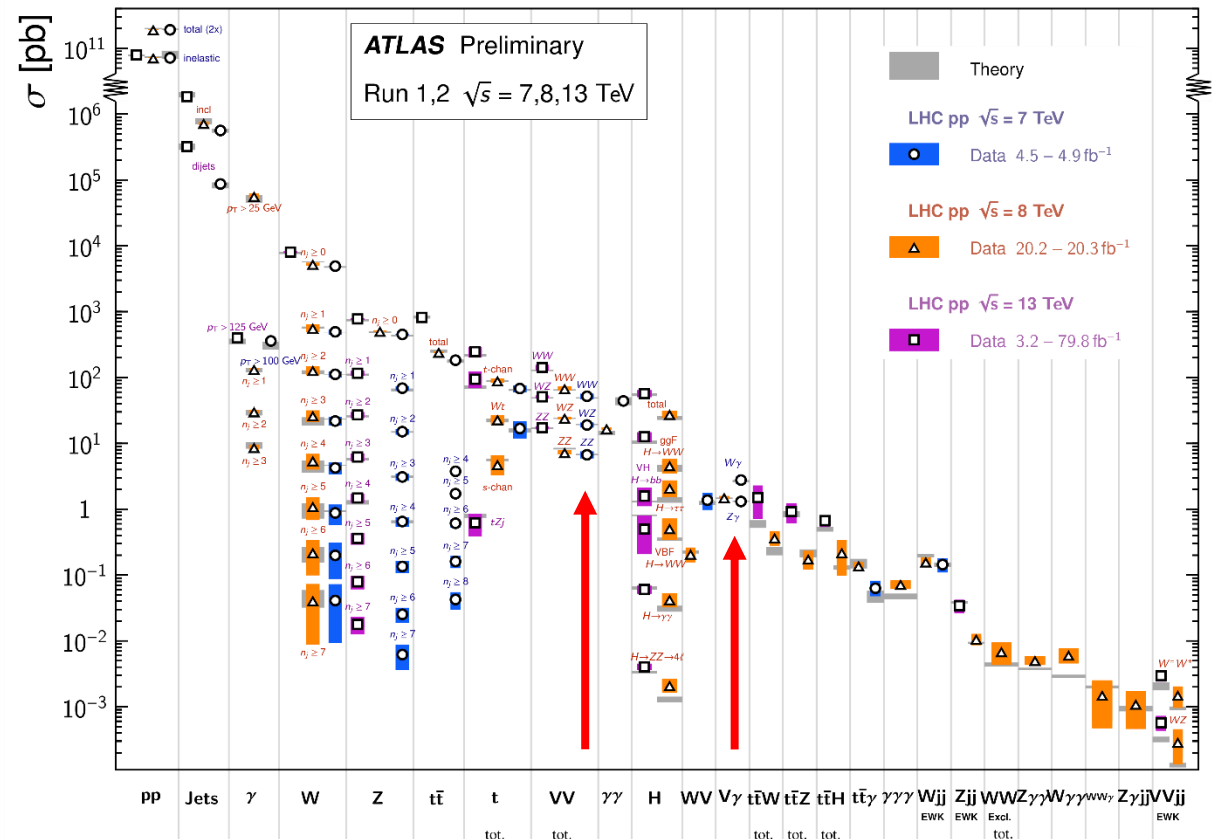
The analysis presented in this talk use the 36.1 fb⁻¹.

Physics motivation



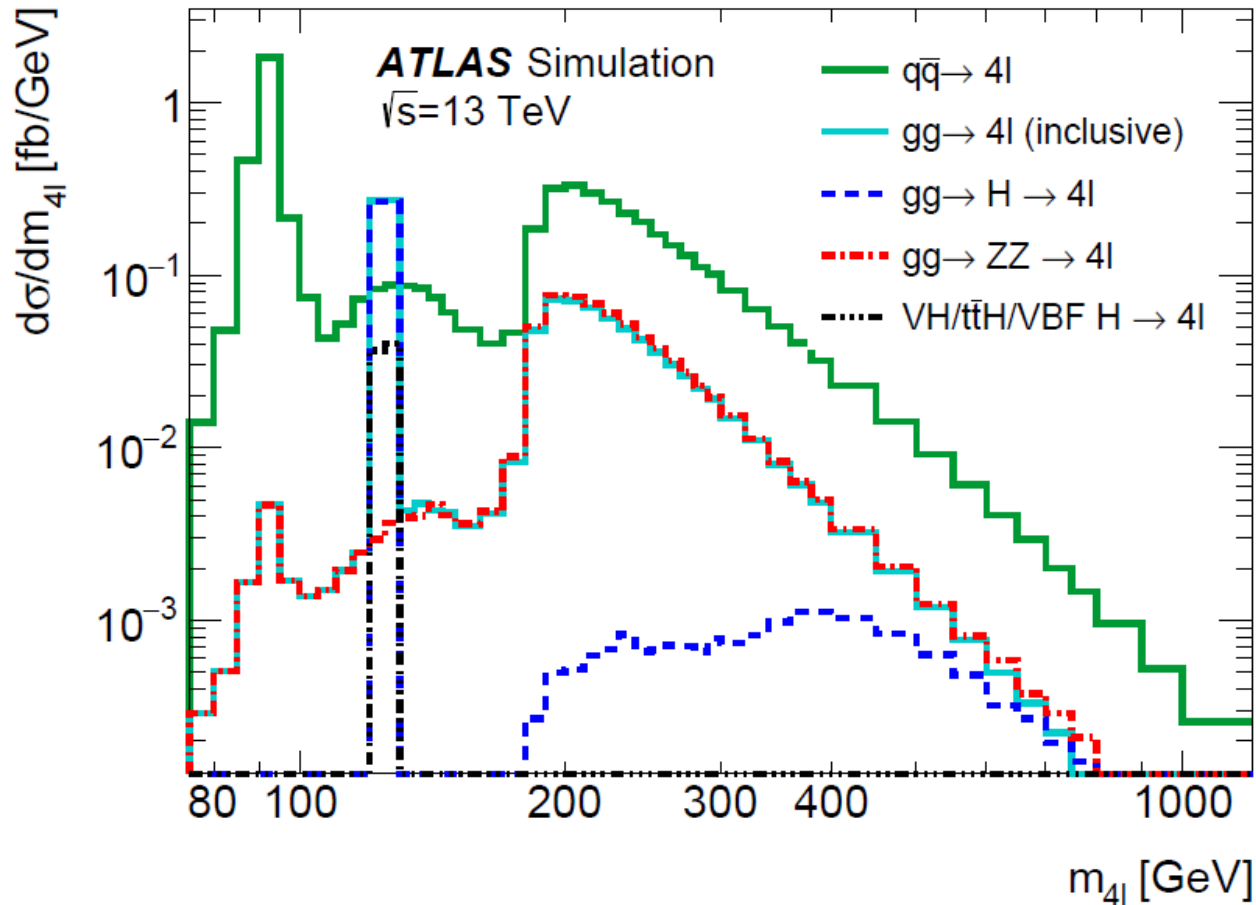
Standard Model Production Cross Section Measurements

Status: July 2018



- ❖ Search for the neutral TGC coupling which is forbidden in SM
- ❖ Sensitive to gluon induced process ; potential BSM hint in the quark-loop
- ❖ Important channel for constraint on Higgs property.

Measurement of unfolded $m(4l)$ at 13 TeV



[arXiv:1902.05892](https://arxiv.org/abs/1902.05892)

Interesting topics:

- ❖ Behavior of **full $m(4l)$ spectrum**.
- ❖ Measurement of **$gg \rightarrow 4l$** signal strength: K-factor w.r.t current LO/NLO simulation.
- ❖ Branching ratio of **$Z \rightarrow 4l$**
- ❖ Measurement of **off-shell Higgs** production: indirect constraint on Higgs width
- ❖ BSM searches in the higher energy region: anomalous neutral TGC (**aTGC**), BSM Higgs coupling ...

Modelling of each process

❖ Quark induced 4l ($q \rightarrow 4l$) process

- Nominal: modelled by “[Sherpa-2.2.2 + NNPDF3.0-NNLO](#)”, and reweighted with virtual NLO EW effects as function of $m(4l)$.
- Cross checked with : “Powheg-Box v2 (NLO) + CT10 PDF” interfaced with Pythia 8, correction to higher-order precision (NNLO QCD and NLO EW)

❖ Gluon induced 4l ($g \rightarrow 4l$) process

- Off-Higgs region three components: $gg \rightarrow H^* \rightarrow 4l$, continuum $gg \rightarrow 4l$, interference term.
- Nominal: modelled by “[Sherpa-2.2.2 + NNPDF3.0-NNLO](#)”, and reweighted to the NLO QCD precision as function of $m(4l)$; An additional 1.2 factor is further applied to account for potential NNLO/NLO effects.
- Cross checked with : “MCFM (LO) + CT10 PDF” interfaced with Pythia 8, correction to NNLO QCD precision

Analysis strategy

Matrix-element discriminant

$$D_{\text{ME}} = \log_{10} \frac{\tilde{M}_{gg \rightarrow H^{(*)} \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 4\ell}^2(p_{1,2,3,4}^\mu)}{\tilde{M}_{gg(\rightarrow H^{(*)}) \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 4\ell}^2(p_{1,2,3,4}^\mu) + 0.1 \cdot \tilde{M}_{q\bar{q} \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 4\ell}^2(p_{1,2,3,4}^\mu)}$$

Reco-level SR selections

Object selection

Electron	Muon
<i>Loose working point</i> $E_T > 7 \text{ GeV}$ and $ \eta < 2.47$ $ z_0 \cdot \sin\theta < 0.5 \text{ mm}$	<i>Loose working point</i> $p_T > 5 \text{ GeV}$ and $ \eta < 2.7$ $[p_T > 15 \text{ GeV if calorimeter-tagged}]$ $ z_0 \cdot \sin\theta < 0.5 \text{ mm}, d_0 < 1 \text{ mm}$

Event level selections

Quadruplet Selection:

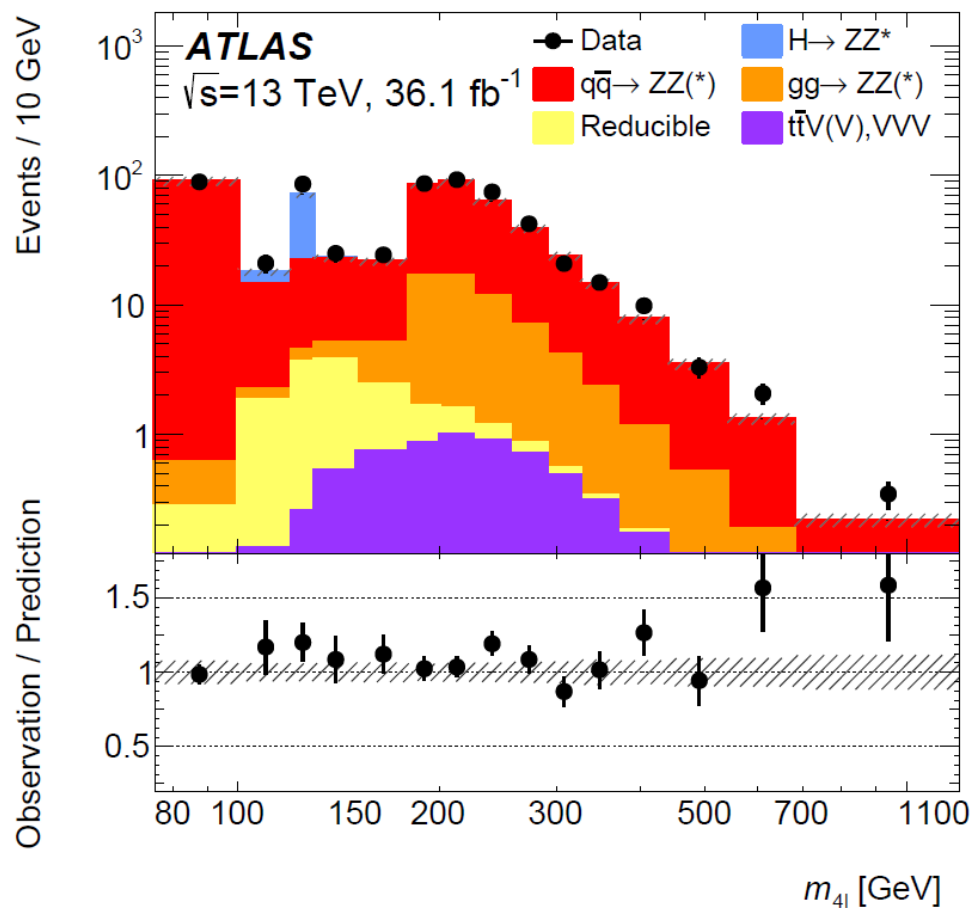
- SFOS lepton pairs with smallest and second-smallest $|m(\text{ll}) - m_Z|$ as primary and secondary lepton pair;
- $p_T > 20/15/10 \text{ GeV}$ for leading three leptons; Mass window for 2l pairs.

J/ψ veto; Lepton isolation; Lepton transverse impact parameter; 4-lepton vertex fit

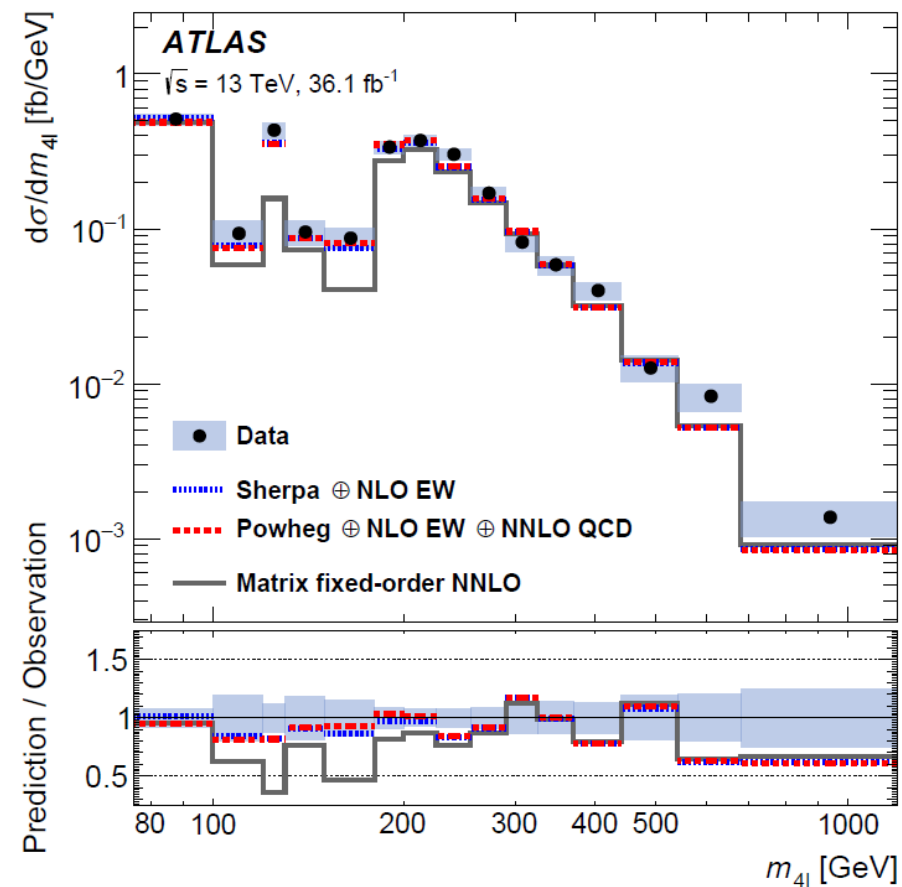
- ❖ Quite pure 4-lepton signal events
 - On-shell Higgs signal S/B ~ 1:2
 - < 5% contamination (non-ZZ) in the $m_{4l} > 180 \text{ GeV}$ region
- ❖ Major backgrounds:
 - Fake background → Zjets, ttbar
 - 4 prompt leptons → VVV, ttV
- ❖ Fiducial phase space definition is close to the reco-level SR selections at particle level.

Unfolded inclusive $m(4l)$

Reco-level distribution in SR



Differential cross section in Fid region



Interpretation: $gg \rightarrow 4l$ signal strength, $\text{Br}(Z \rightarrow 4l)$

All the interpretations are done at the particle level

□ $gg \rightarrow 4l$ signal strength ($\mu_{gg \rightarrow 4l}$)

❖ A likelihood scan in the range $m_{4l} \sim [180, 1200]$ GeV.

Generator	Observed $\mu_{gg \rightarrow 4l}$	Predicted $\mu_{gg \rightarrow 4l}$
Sherpa 2.2.2 with K-factor	1.3 ± 0.5	1.0 ± 0.4
MCFM, LO QCD	2.7 ± 0.9	2.2 ± 0.9

□ Measurement of $\text{Br}(Z \rightarrow 4l)$

❖ Lowest $m(4l)$ bin $[75, 100]$ GeV

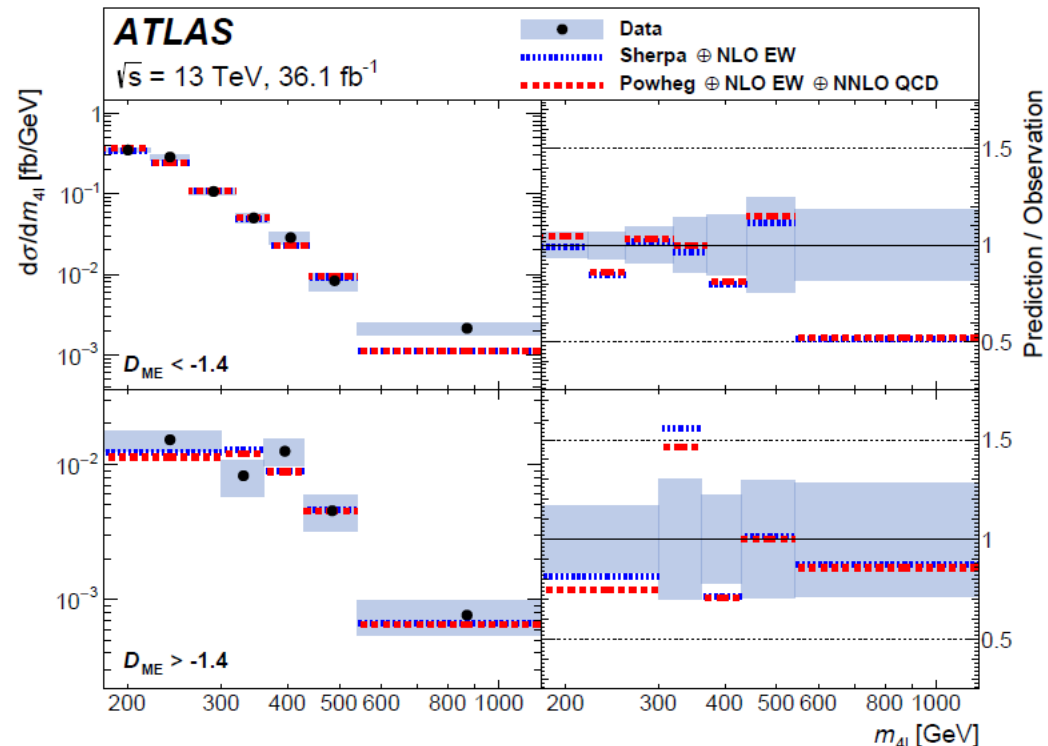
❖ All the uncertainties are treated uncorrelated.

$$\mathcal{B}_{Z \rightarrow 4\ell} = \frac{N_{\text{fid}} \times (1 - f_{\text{non-res}})}{\sigma_Z \times A_{\text{fid}} \times \mathcal{L}}$$

Measurement	$\mathcal{B}_{Z \rightarrow 4\ell} / 10^{-6}$
ATLAS, $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV and 8 TeV	$4.31 \pm 0.34(\text{stat}) \pm 0.17(\text{syst})$
CMS, $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV	$4.83^{+0.23}_{-0.22}(\text{stat})^{+0.32}_{-0.29}(\text{syst}) \pm 0.08(\text{theo}) \pm 0.12(\text{lumi})$
ATLAS, $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV	$4.70 \pm 0.32(\text{stat}) \pm 0.21(\text{syst}) \pm 0.14(\text{lumi})$

Interpretation: off-shell Higgs signal strength

- ❖ The double-differential distribution for “ $m_{4l}-D_{ME}$ ” is used to constrain the off-shell Higgs production process at high mass ($m_{4l} > 180$ GeV)
- ❖ Assuming that the contribution of the box diagram is as predicted by the SM.



- Interference is quite significant between off-shell signal and continuum $ggZZ$ production

$$\mathbf{SBI} = \mathbf{S} + \mathbf{I} + \mathbf{B}$$

S : signal ($gg \rightarrow H^* \rightarrow ZZ$); **B** : background ($gg \rightarrow ZZ$);

I : interference term

- Interference is varied with signal strength. The signal related distribution built (**signal strength, μ_{off}**):

$$\mu_{off} \cdot S + \sqrt{\mu_{off}} \cdot I + B$$

Observed μ_{off}

Predicted

< 6.5 @ 95% C.L.

< 5.4 @ 95% C.L.

Consistent with recent reco-level results [PLB 786 \(2018\) 223](#)

Interpretation: modified Higgs couplings

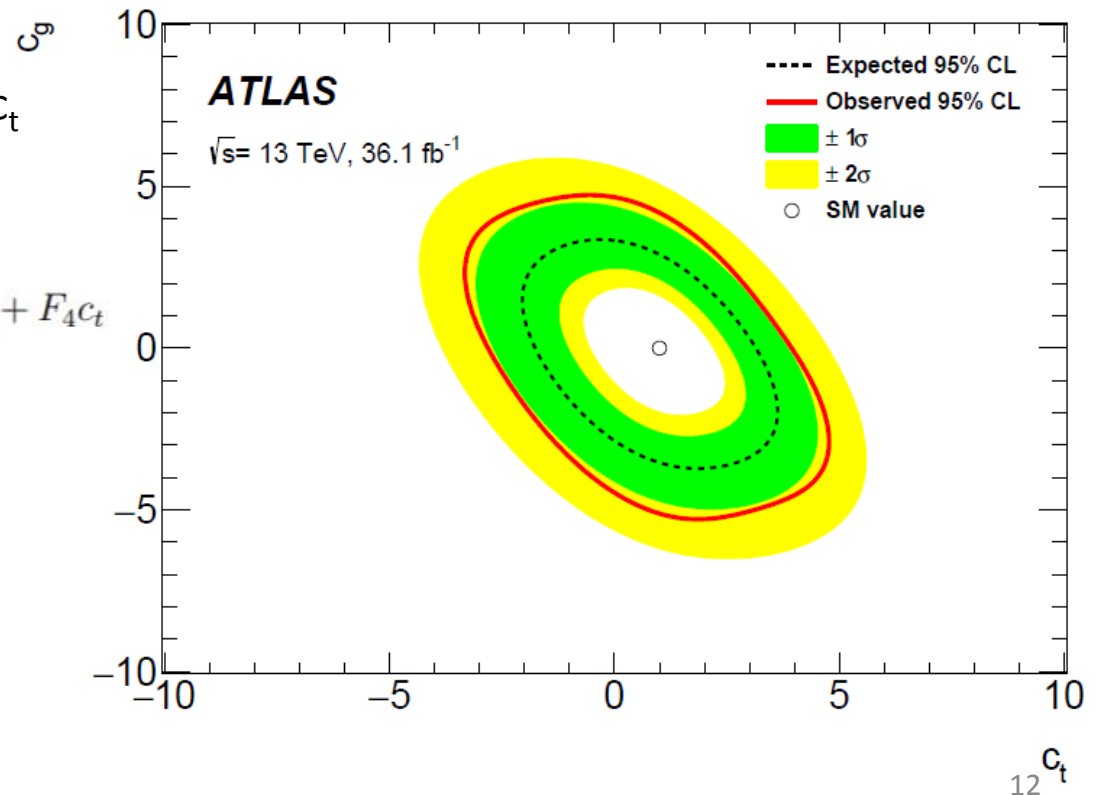
- ❖ Constrain possible BSM modifications of the couplings of H to top quarks (c_t) and gluons (c_g , 0 in the SM).
- ❖ Measurements at higher mass (> 180 GeV) can decouple c_t and c_g , as the partonic centre-of-mass energy of the process becomes larger than the top-quark mass.

- ❖ The yield from $gg \rightarrow 4l$ is parameterised as a function of c_t and c_g [J. Exp. Theor. Phys. **120** (2015) 354] .

$$\frac{d\sigma(c_t, c_g)}{dm_{4\ell}} = F_0 + F_1 \left(c_t + c_g \frac{F_\Delta(\infty)}{\text{Re } F_\Delta(m_t)} \right)^2 + F_3 \left(c_t + c_g \frac{F_\Delta(\infty)}{\text{Re } F_\Delta(m_t)} \right) + F_2 c_t^2 + F_4 c_t$$

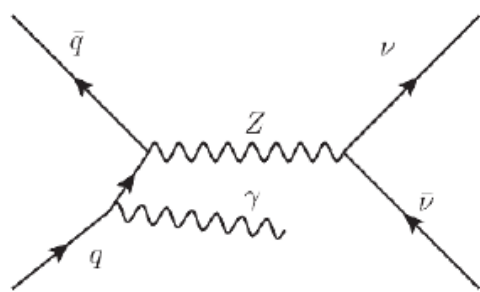
$$\text{SM : } c_t=1, c_g=0$$

- ❖ First interpretation with ATLAS data \rightarrow improved the sensitivity compared to previous LHC result (CMS)

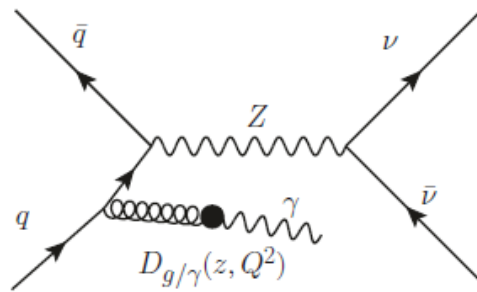


$Z\gamma$ production with $Z \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu}$ at 13TeV

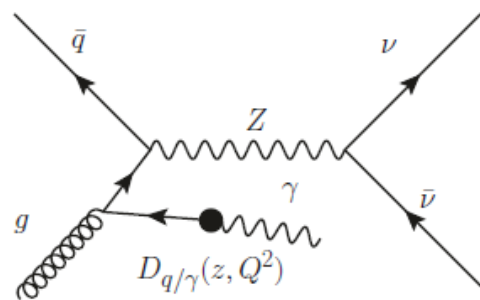
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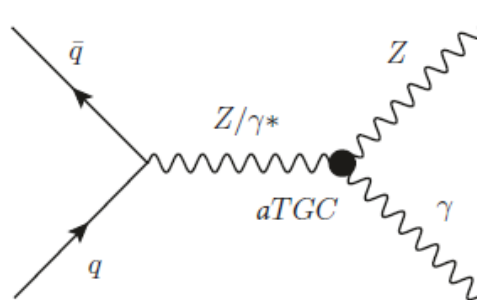
(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)

□ Advantage of $Z\gamma$ with $Z \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu}$:

- ❖ Higher branching ratio than $Z\gamma$ with $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$ (e or μ); more sensitive in higher energetic region.
- ❖ Less contamination than $Z\gamma$ with $Z \rightarrow q\bar{q}$.

□ Measurement in this analysis:

- ❖ Integrated and differential cross section in a dedicated fiducial phase space.
- ❖ Inclusive (no Njets requirement) and exclusive (Njets=0) results.

□ Searches : anomalous neutral TGC coupling.

Signal region definition

Signal topology: one high- p_T and isolated γ , and a large E_T^{miss}

Photons	Leptons	Jets
$E_T > 150 \text{ GeV}$	$p_T > 7 \text{ GeV}$	$p_T > 50 \text{ GeV}$
$ \eta < 2.37,$ excluding $1.37 < \eta < 1.52$	$ \eta < 2.47(2.7) \text{ for } e(\mu),$ excluding $1.37 < \eta^e < 1.52$	$ \eta < 4.5$ $\Delta R(\text{jet}, \gamma) > 0.3$
Event selection		
$N^\gamma = 1, \quad N^{e,\mu} = 0, \quad E_T^{\text{miss}} > 150 \text{ GeV}, \quad E_T^{\text{miss}} \text{ signif.} > 10.5 \text{ GeV}^{1/2}, \quad \Delta\phi(\vec{E}_T^{\text{miss}}, \gamma) > \pi/2$ Inclusive : $N_{\text{jet}} \geq 0, \quad \text{Exclusive : } N_{\text{jet}} = 0$		

- ❖ Lepton number = 0 : suppress events with leptons, e.g. $W\gamma$ with $W \rightarrow l\nu$
- ❖ $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 150 \text{ GeV}$ and E_T^{miss} -signif > 10.5 : suppress the events with fake E_T^{miss}
- ❖ $\Delta\phi(E_T^{\text{miss}}, \gamma)$: suppress $pp \rightarrow W(e\nu) + X$

$$E_T^{\text{miss}} \text{ signif} : E_T^{\text{miss}} / \sqrt{\Sigma p_T^{\text{jet}} + E_T^\gamma}$$

Signal and backgrounds

❖ Modelling of signal

- Sherpa 2.2.2 + NNPDF3.0-NNLO
- Alternative for systematic uncertainty : Sherpa 2.1.1, MG5_aMC@NLO

❖ Backgrounds components

- $W\gamma$ with $W \rightarrow l\nu$: 60% arises from τ hadronic decay in $W \rightarrow \tau\nu$; misdetection of e/μ
- γ +jet : large E_T^{miss} due to mismeasurement of jet resolution.
- $e/\text{jet} \rightarrow \gamma$: misidentified photon.

❖ Background estimation

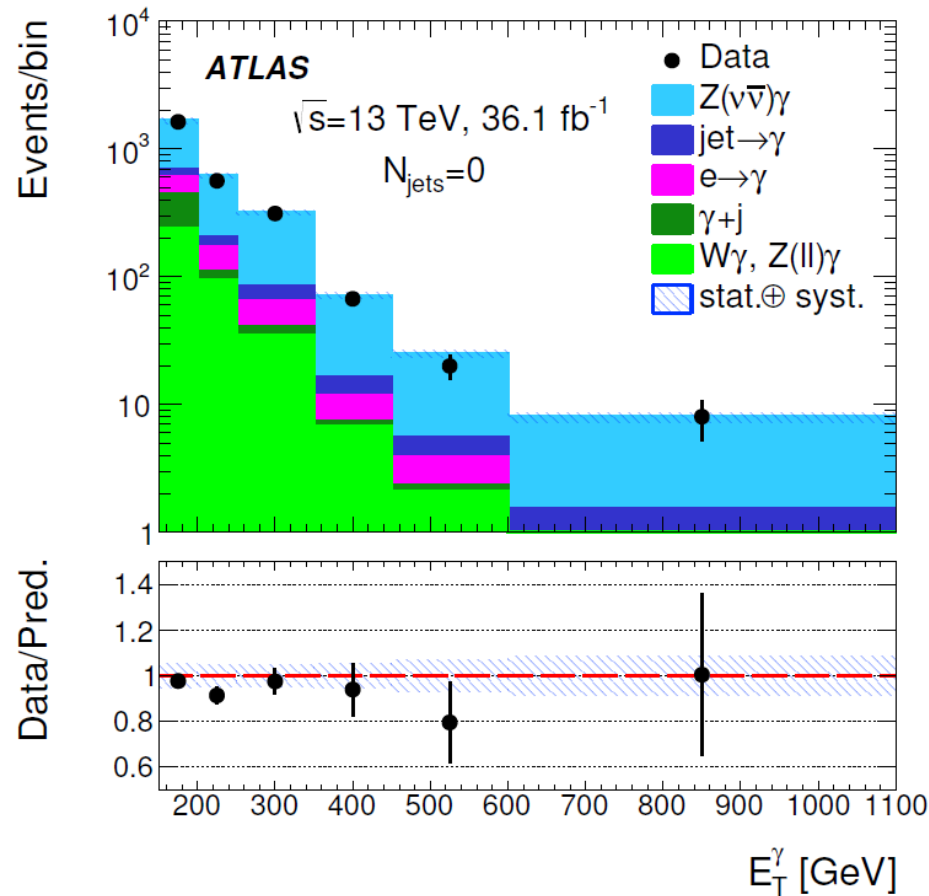
- $W\gamma$ and γ +jet : 2 CRs with reversing SR definition (1 lepton, or small E_T^{miss} -sig value);
- $e \rightarrow \gamma$: fake factor of $e \rightarrow \gamma$
- $\text{jet} \rightarrow \gamma$: 2D sideband, defined with photon isolation and identification.

	$N_{\text{jets}} \geq 0$	$N_{\text{jets}} = 0$
$N^{W\gamma}$	$650 \pm 40 \pm 60$	$360 \pm 20 \pm 30$
$N^{\gamma+\text{jet}}$	$409 \pm 18 \pm 108$	$219 \pm 10 \pm 58$
$N^{e \rightarrow \gamma}$	$320 \pm 15 \pm 45$	$254 \pm 12 \pm 35$
$N^{\text{jet} \rightarrow \gamma}$	$170 \pm 30 \pm 50$	$140 \pm 20 \pm 40$
$N^{Z(\ell\ell)\gamma}$	$40 \pm 3 \pm 3$	$26 \pm 3 \pm 2$
$N_{\text{total}}^{\text{bkg}}$	$1580 \pm 50 \pm 140$	$1000 \pm 40 \pm 90$
$N^{\text{sig}}(\text{exp})$	$2328 \pm 4 \pm 135$	$1710 \pm 4 \pm 91$
$N_{\text{total}}^{\text{sig+bkg}}$	$3910 \pm 50 \pm 190$	$2710 \pm 40 \pm 130$
$N^{\text{data}}(\text{obs})$	3812	2599

Result of integrated cross section

Fiducial region is defined at particle level which is close to reco-level SR definition.

$$\sigma_{\text{ext-fid}} = \frac{N - B}{A_{Z\gamma} \cdot C_{Z\gamma} \cdot \int L dt}$$



The likelihood function is defined as

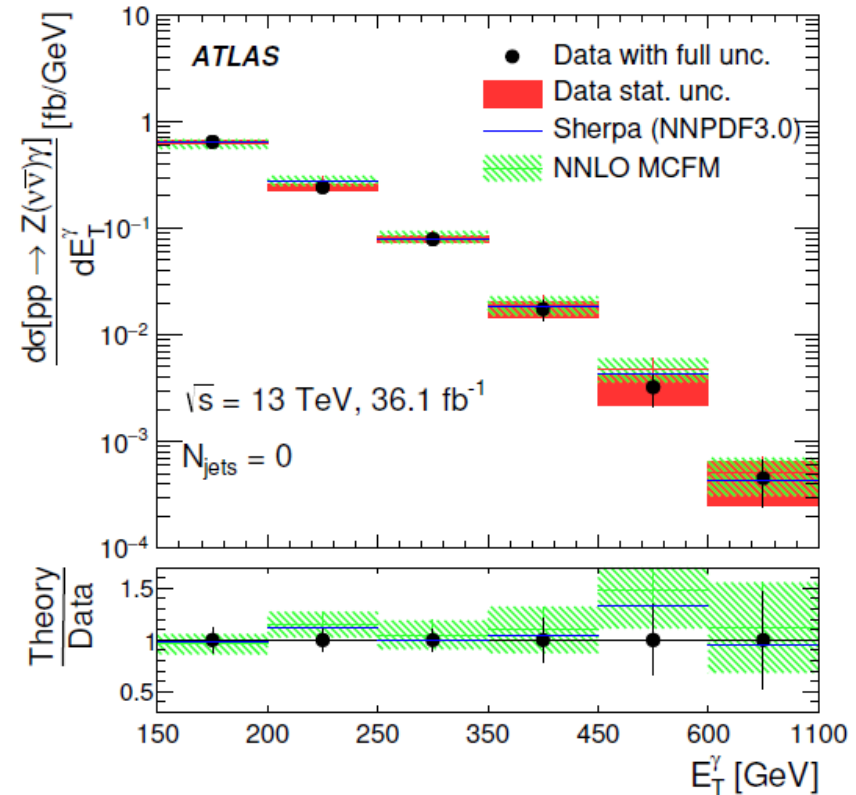
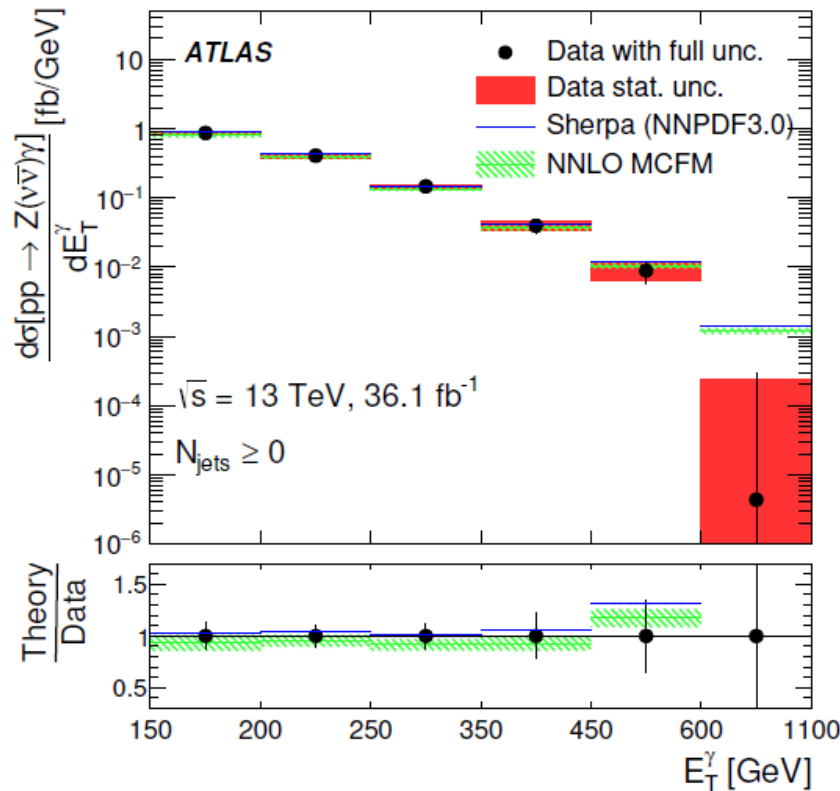
$$\mathcal{L}(\sigma, \theta) = \text{Poisson}(N \mid S(\sigma, \theta) + B(\theta)) \cdot \text{Gaussian}(\theta_0 \mid \theta)$$

Good agreement between measurements and NNLO predictions!

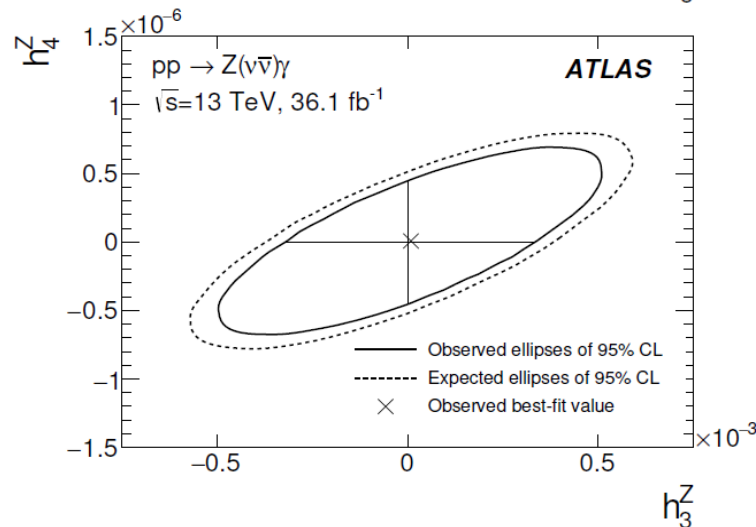
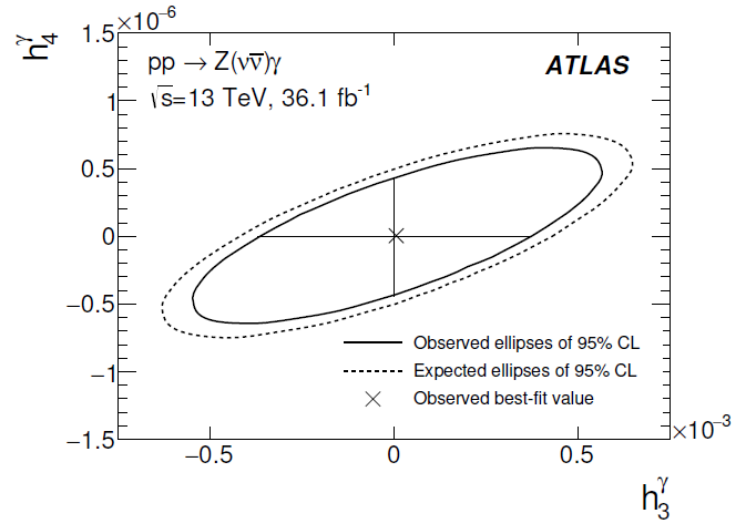
$\sigma^{\text{ext.fid.}}$ [fb] Measurement	$\sigma^{\text{ext.fid.}}$ [fb] NNLO MCFM Prediction
$N_{\text{jets}} \geq 0$	
$83.7^{+3.6}_{-3.5} \text{ (stat.)}^{+6.9}_{-6.2} \text{ (syst.)}^{+1.7}_{-2.0} \text{ (lumi.)}$	$78.1 \pm 0.2 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 4.7 \text{ (syst.)}$
$N_{\text{jets}} = 0$	
$52.4^{+2.4}_{-2.3} \text{ (stat.)}^{+4.0}_{-3.6} \text{ (syst.)}^{+1.2}_{-1.1} \text{ (lumi.)}$	$55.9 \pm 0.1 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 3.9 \text{ (syst.)}$

Differential cross sections

- ❖ Good agreement is also observed in the differential measurements w.r.t Sherpa and NNLO MCFM.
- ❖ Besides variable E_T^γ , differential cross section results of $p_T(vv)$ and N_{jets} are provided in publication.
- ❖ The last bin in E_T^γ (>600 GeV) is also used for aTGC searches.



Constraint on aTGC parameter



- ❖ The framework of the effective vertex function approach: four CP-violating (h^V_1 , h^V_2) and four CP-conserving (h^V_3 , h^V_4)
- ❖ These parameters would influence the event yield of $Z\gamma$, especially behaving quite significant in higher energetic region.

$$N_{Z\gamma}^{\text{aTGC}}(h_3^V, h_4^V) = \sigma_{Z\gamma}^{\text{aTGC}}(h_3^V, h_4^V) \cdot C_{Z\gamma} \cdot A_{Z\gamma} \cdot C^{*(\text{parton} \rightarrow \text{particle})} \cdot \int L dt.$$

- ❖ Higher E_T^γ bin (>600 GeV) is used for the aTGC searches.
- ❖ 3-7 times improved limits w.r.t. ATLAS 8TeV measurement

Parameter	Limit 95% CL	
	Measured	Expected
h_3^γ	$(-3.7 \times 10^{-4}, 3.7 \times 10^{-4})$	$(-4.2 \times 10^{-4}, 4.3 \times 10^{-4})$
h_3^Z	$(-3.2 \times 10^{-4}, 3.3 \times 10^{-4})$	$(-3.8 \times 10^{-4}, 3.8 \times 10^{-4})$
h_4^γ	$(-4.4 \times 10^{-7}, 4.3 \times 10^{-7})$	$(-5.1 \times 10^{-7}, 5.0 \times 10^{-7})$
h_4^Z	$(-4.5 \times 10^{-7}, 4.4 \times 10^{-7})$	$(-5.3 \times 10^{-7}, 5.1 \times 10^{-7})$

Summary

- ❖ 4l (mainly ZZ production) and $Z\gamma$ productions are reported with latest results (using **36.1 fb⁻¹**) : $gg \rightarrow 4l$ signal strength, $\text{Br}(Z \rightarrow 4l)$, BSM Higgs coupling, and aTGCs ($ZZ\gamma$, $Z\gamma\gamma$) searches.
- ❖ Looking forward more results with full Run-2 dataset !

Thanks !