Sensitivity Study of $\gamma\gamma\to\gamma Z$ Anomalous Coupling in HL-LHC

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Exclusive Production of $\gamma\gamma \to \gamma Z$ Anomalous Coupling

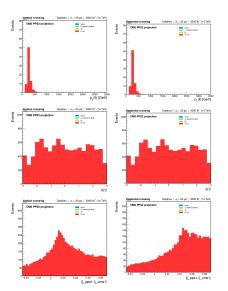
Exclusive reactions pp \rightarrow **p** + **X** + **p** can be studied by measuring X in a general purpose detector (CMS) and the scattered intact protons with forward proton detectors (PPS) located at \sim 210 m with respect to the main interaction vertex.



Table of Signal and Background Cross Sections

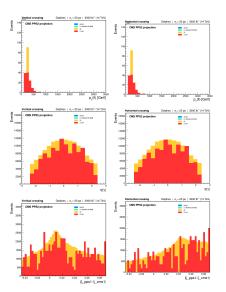
Signal/Background	Process	σ (pb)
Signal, Vertical ε	FPMC bSM 14TeV AAAAzeft A1A 0E0 A2A 1E-13 pt50-noHADR 3.556E-4 Zmumu.root	3.55e-4
Signal, Horizontal ε	FPMC bSM 14TeV AAAAzeft A1A 0E0 A2A 1E-13 pt50 horXing-noHADR 2.439E-3 Zmumu Delphes PU200.root	2.439e-3
DY background	ZToMuMu M-120to200 Tune CP5_14TeV-powheg-pythia8	18.72
DY background	ZToMuMu M-200to400 Tune CP5_14TeV-powheg-pythia8	2.682
DY background	ZToMuMu M-400to800 Tune CP5_14TeV-powheg-pythia8	0.2396
SM Zy background	Zgamma_inc_SM_Madgraph5_Delphes_PU200	0.152
Z+jet (fake photon)	ZJets_inc_SM_Madgraph5_JetPT200GeV_Delphes_PU200	60.517

Central Object Selection (Muon Selection)



Two same flavor, oppositely signed charged leptons(Muons) with loose criteria, $\eta < 2.4$. $p_{T_Z} > 100$ GeV.

Central Object Selection (Photon Selection)

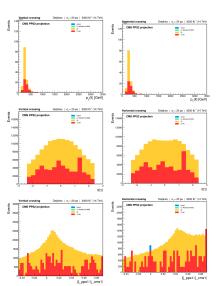


- $p_{T_{\gamma}} > 200 \,\text{GeV}$
- Loose criteria and $\eta < 2.4$
- Rejecting photons with:
 - SumPtCharged > 10
 - SumPtCharged < 0

Proton Selection

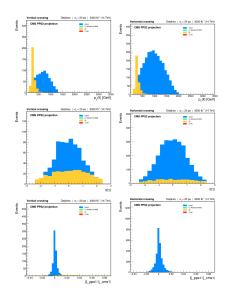
- Two protons are selected from both sides of the CMS detector.
- $\xi_{PPS} = 1 |P_z(\text{GenProton})|/7000.$
- ξ is smeared by a Gaussian distribution with mean = 0 and std = 0.02.
- PPS acceptance:
 - $0.0147 < \xi_{\text{vertical}} < 0.196$
 - $0.0472 < \xi_{\text{horizontal}} < 0.287$
- To mitigate PU, two protons with the smallest $|Z_{\text{Vertex, cms}} Z_{\text{Vertex, PPS}}|$ are selected.

Central Object Selection (ξ Resolution Cut)



$$\begin{split} |\xi_{\rm cms} - \xi_{\rm pps}| &< 0.2 \\ \xi_1 &= \frac{\sum_{i=l^+,l^-,\gamma} (E_i + P_{z_i})}{\sqrt{s}}, \\ \xi_2 &= \frac{\sum_{i=l^+,l^-,\gamma} (E_i - P_{z_i})}{\sqrt{s}}. \end{split}$$

Central Object Selection (Z Vertex Cut)



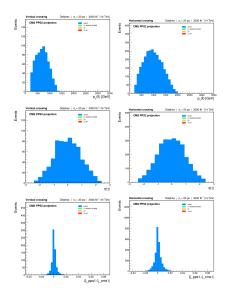
Selected Events within Z Vertex Cut:

$$|Z_{\text{Vertex, cms}} - Z_{\text{Vertex, PPS}}| < 0.433$$

$$Z_{\text{Vertex, PPS}} = \frac{(t_{\rho 1} - t_{\rho 2})}{2} \times C$$

where
$$C = 30 \,\mathrm{cm/ns}$$
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Central Object Selection (Timing Cut)



Timing Cut Condition:

$$\begin{split} |t_{\text{Vertex, cms}} - t_{\text{Vertex, PPS}}| &< 0.0058 \\ t_{\text{Vertex, PPS}} &= \frac{(t_{p1} + t_{p2})}{2} - \frac{Z_{ppss}}{C} \\ \text{where } C &= 30 \, \text{cm/ns} \text{ and } \\ Z_{ppss} &= 23400 \, \text{cm}. \end{split}$$

Cut-Flow tables

Crossing: Vertical, Timing Resolution: 20 ps									
NEvents	Signal (no PU)	Signal (realistic)	DY+Jets, $M_Z = [120 - 800] \text{ GeV}$	$Z\gamma(SM)$	Z + Jet	S/√B			
AllEvents	1065.0	1065.0	64924800.0	456000.0	181552000.0	0.068			
$n_{Leptons} > 1$	926.104	1000.05	39363206.0	353890.0	140956000.0	0.074			
$p_{T,Z} > 100 \text{ GeV}$	919.909	993.853	2159559.0	347551.0	138170000.0	0.084			
$p_{T,\gamma} > 200 GeV, 0 < SumPtCharged < 10$	760.629	820.384	2009.63	144071.0	118190.0	1.596			
75 GeV $< M_Z < 110$ GeV	711.066	767.823	115.008	138485.0	56825.8	1.737			
ProtonSelection	711.066	767.823	115.008	138485.0	56825.8	1.737			
$Resolution_{\xi_{cms1}} < 2\sqrt{2}$	711.066	767.823	115.008	138483.0	56825.8	1.737			
Resolution _{ξ_{cms2}} $< 2\sqrt{2}$	711.066	767.823	115.008	138481.0	56825.8	1.737			
$Resolution_{ZVertex} < 2\sqrt{2} \times 20ps \times C$	711.066	711.266	0.0	315.082	0.0	40.07			
Resolution _{time} $< 2\sqrt{2} \times 20ps$	711.066	711.066	0.0	0.744	0.0	824.213			

Crossing: Horizontal, Timing Resolution: 20 ps										
NEvents	Signal (no PU)	Signal (realistic)	DY+Jets, $M_Z = [120 - 800]$ GeV	$Z_{\gamma}(SM)$	Z + Jet	S/√B				
AllEvents	7317.0	7317.0	64924800.0	456000.0	181552000.0	0.466				
$n_{Leptons} > 1$	3574.06	6782.86	39791238.0	357638.0	142511000.0	0.502				
$p_{T,Z} > 100 \text{ GeV}$	3563.67	6765.15	2180753.0	351232.0	139692000.0	0.567				
$p_{T,\gamma} > 200 \text{GeV}$, $0 < \text{SumPtCharged} < 10$	2971.58	5647.55	2024.0	145615.0	119280.0	10.931				
75 GeV < M _Z < 110 GeV	2763.48	5239.41	122.196	139969.0	57915.1	11.775				
ProtonSelection	2763.48	5239.41	122.196	139969.0	57915.1	11.775				
Resolution _{Ecm1} $< 2\sqrt{2}$	2763.48	5104.49	93.444	133101.0	55918.1	11.738				
Resolution _{Ecmil} $< 2\sqrt{2}$	2763.48	4989.32	86.256	127664.0	54284.1	11.694				
Resolution _{ZVertex} $< 2\sqrt{2} \times 20ps \times C$	2763.48	2772.26	0.0	371.647	0.0	143.803				
Resolution _{time} $< 2\sqrt{2} \times 20ps$	2763.48	2764.07	0.0	4.466	0.0	1307.987				

$\gamma\gamma \to \gamma Z$ Anomalous Coupling in EFT Physics

The EFT Lagrangian for the process $\gamma\gamma\to\gamma Z$ can be written as:

$$\mathcal{L}_{EFT} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \mathcal{L}_{\gamma Z}^{0} + \mathcal{L}_{\gamma Z}^{C} \tag{1}$$

where:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\gamma Z}^{0} = -\frac{e^{2} a_{0}^{\gamma Z}}{16 \cos^{2} \theta_{W} \Lambda^{2}} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} Z_{\alpha} A^{\alpha}$$
 (2)

and

$$\mathcal{L}_{\gamma Z}^{C} = -\frac{e^2 a_C^{\gamma Z}}{16 \cos^2 \theta_W \Lambda^2} F_{\mu \alpha} F^{\mu \beta} Z_{\beta} A^{\alpha}$$
 (3)

where:

- e is the electromagnetic coupling,
- $F_{\mu\nu}$ is the photon field strength tensor,
- Z_{α} represents the Z-boson field, and A_{α} represents the photon field,
- θ_W is the weak mixing angle,
- Λ is the scale of new physics,
- a_0^Z and a_C^Z are the coupling coefficients for this process.

