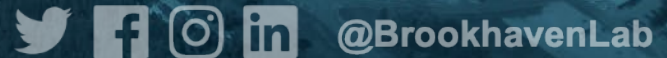




Measurements of processes sensitive to quartic electroweak couplings in ATLAS

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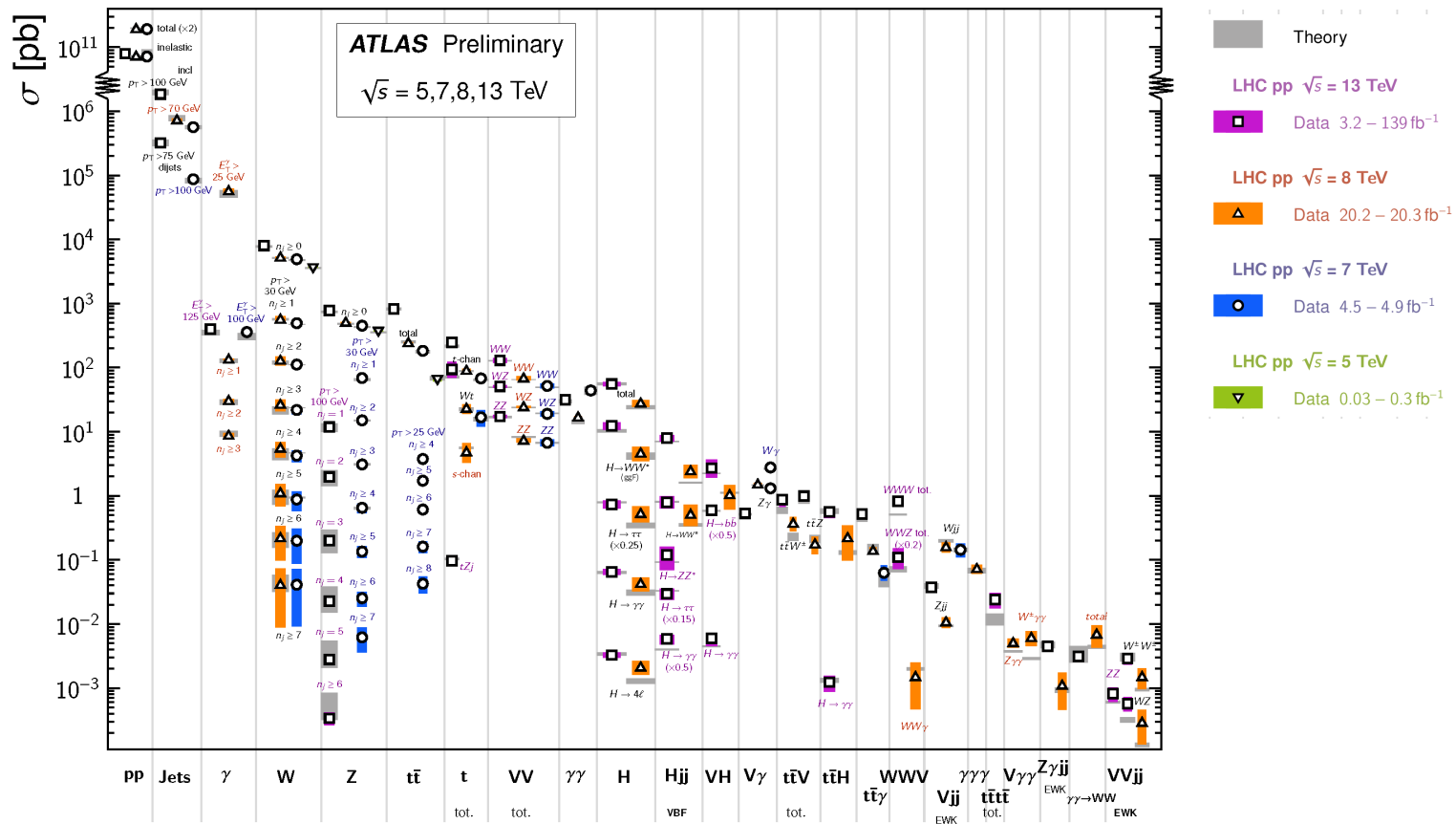
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(Multi-) V Production

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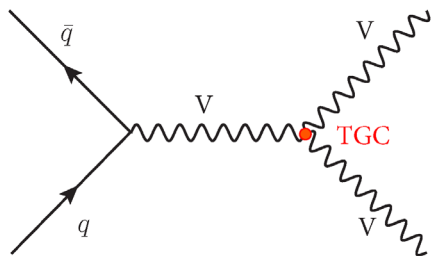
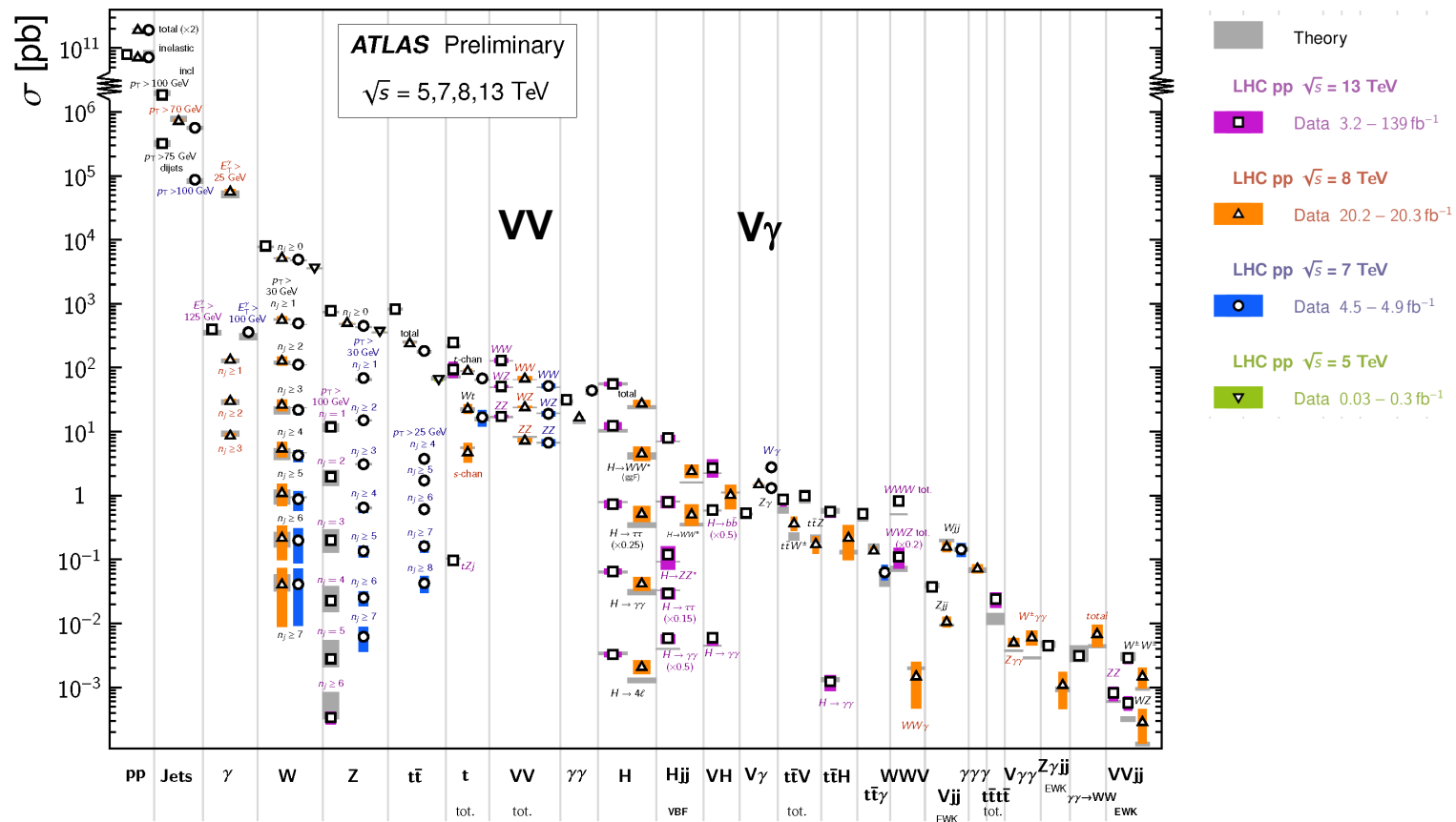
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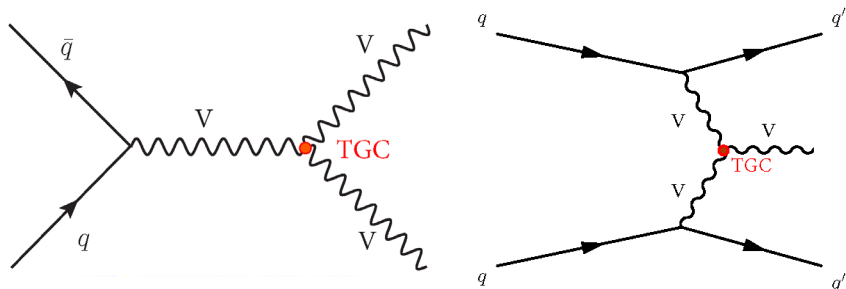
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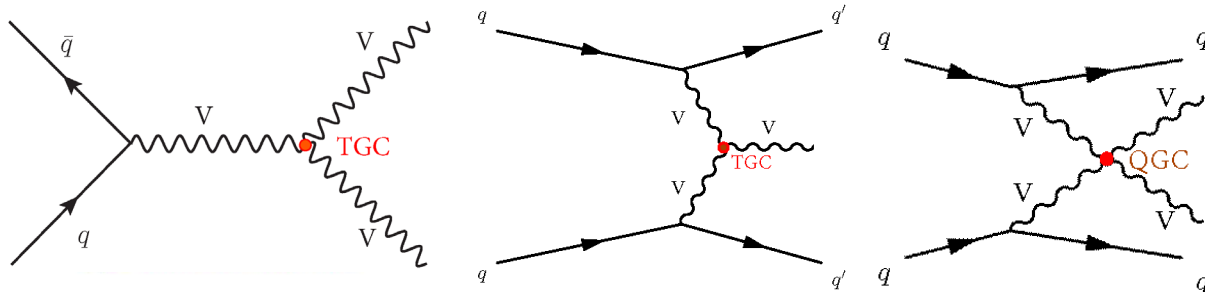
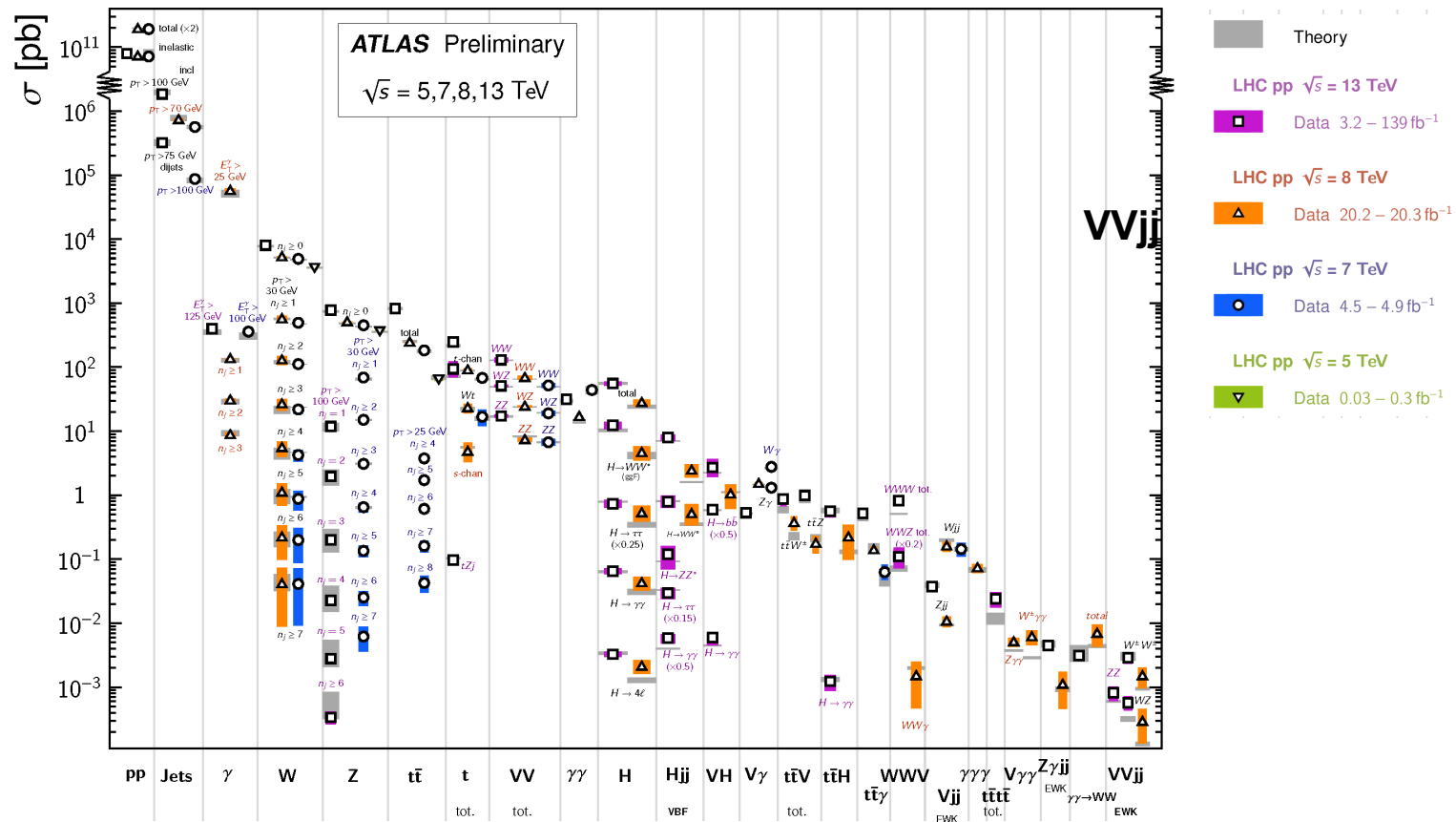
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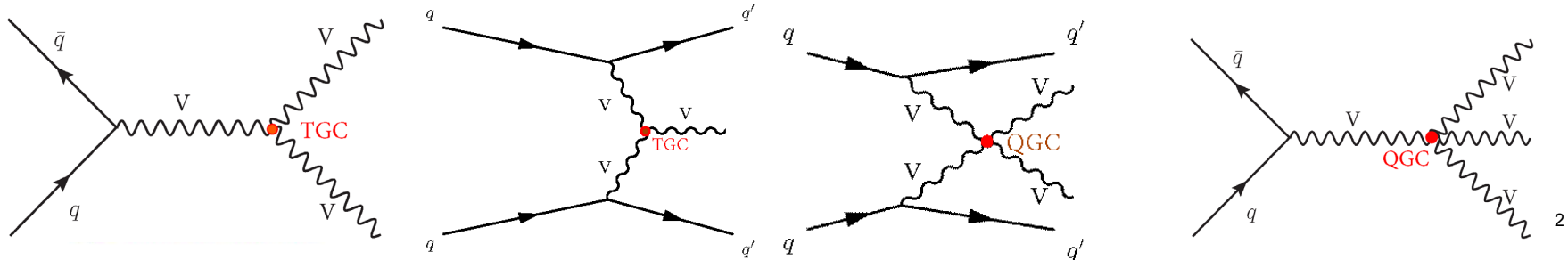
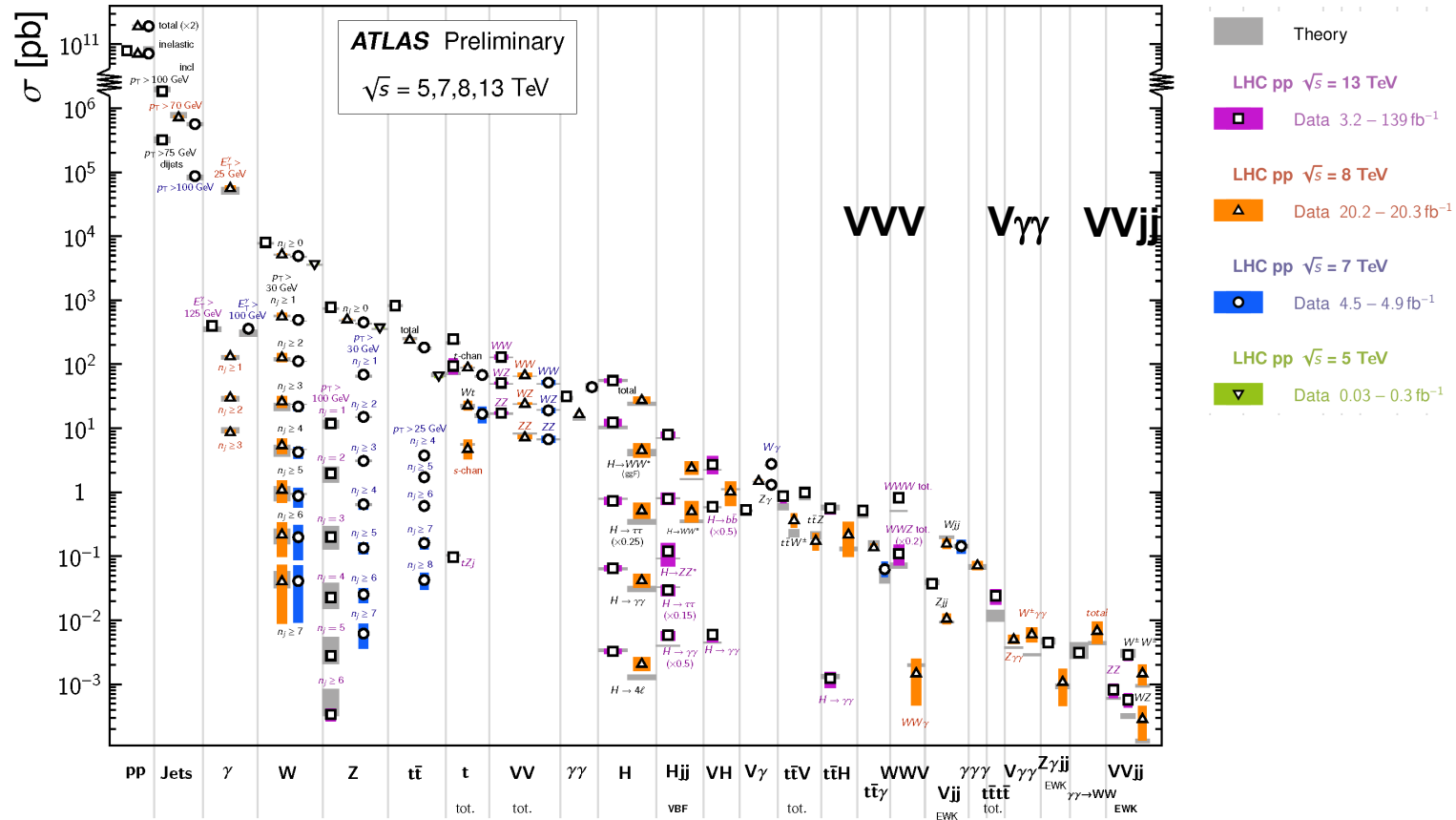
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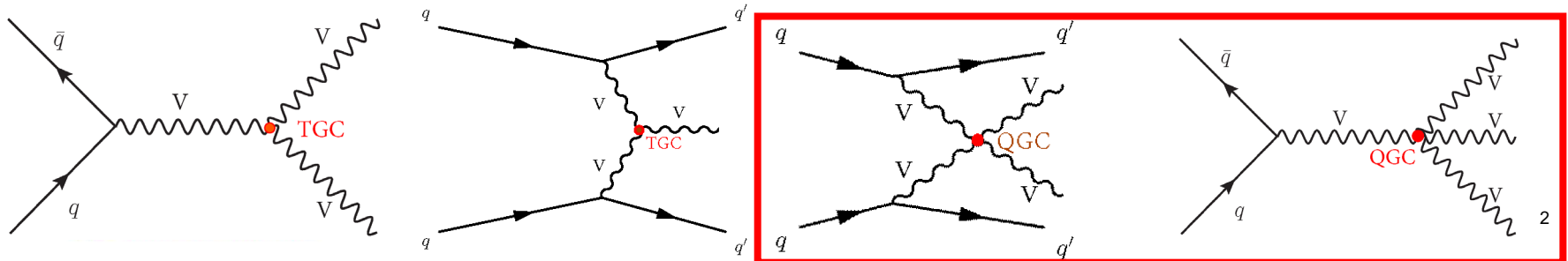
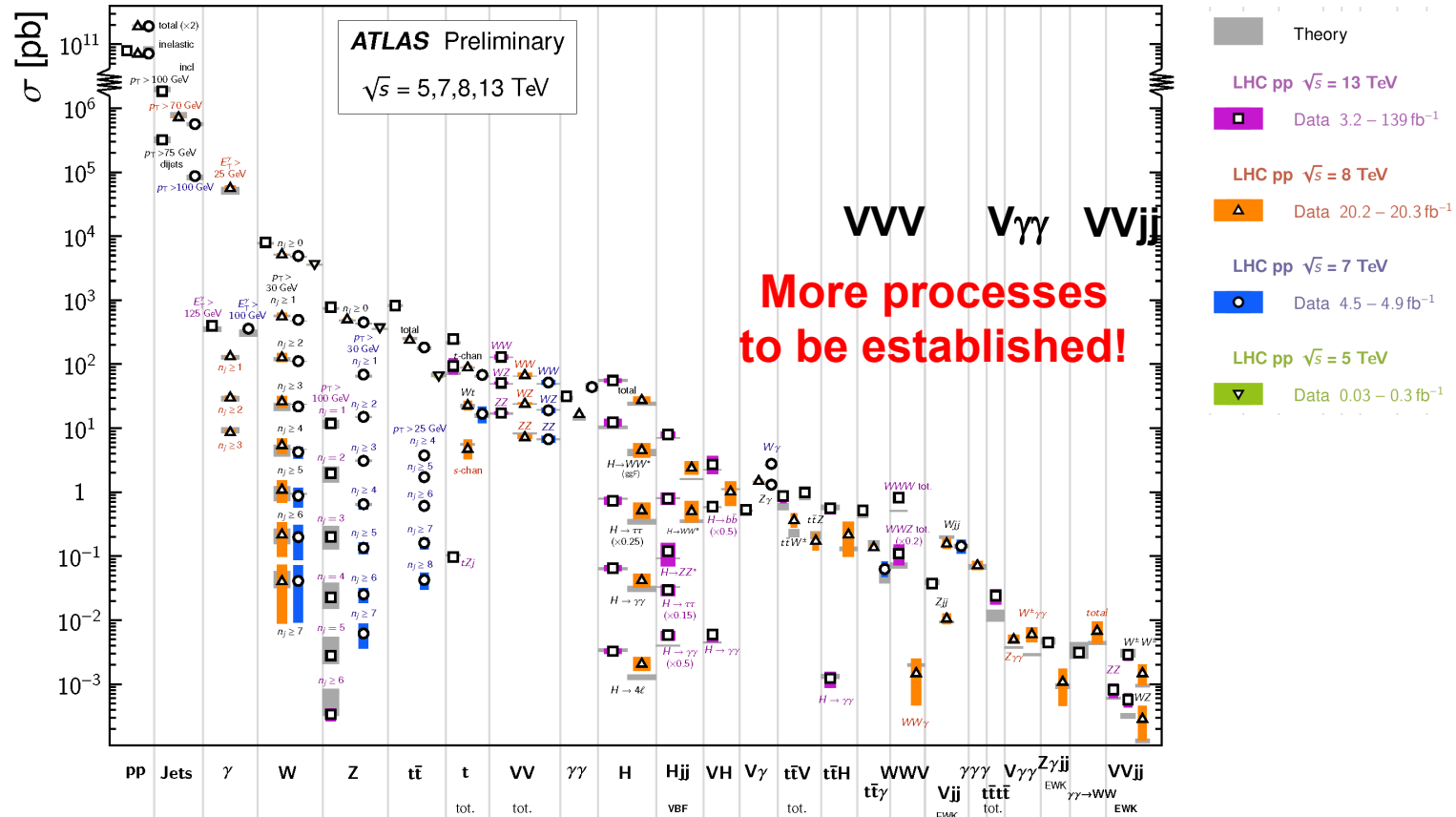
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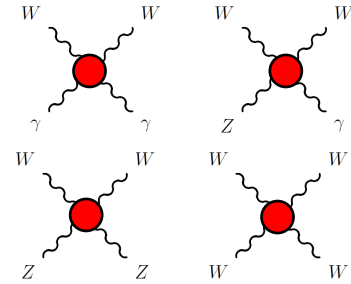
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VBS/VVV Production and aQGCs

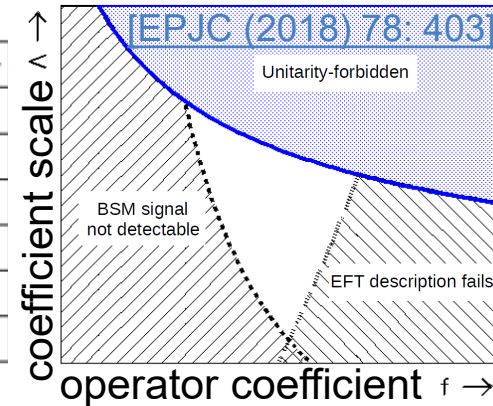
Quartic self-interactions of W/Z/ γ never observed before LHC era – untested territory!

- Quartic self interactions just involving γ /Z forbidden...



Overview of studied [aQGCs](#): $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \sum_i \frac{c_i}{\Lambda^2} \mathcal{O}_i + \dots$

	WWWW	WWZZ	WW γ Z	WW $\gamma\gamma$	ZZZZ	ZZZ γ	ZZ $\gamma\gamma$	Z $\gamma\gamma\gamma$	$\gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma$
$\mathcal{O}_{S,0}, \mathcal{O}_{S,1}$	✓	✓			✓				
$\mathcal{O}_{M,0}, \mathcal{O}_{M,1}, \mathcal{O}_{M,6}, \mathcal{O}_{M,7}$	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
$\mathcal{O}_{M,2}, \mathcal{O}_{M,3}, \mathcal{O}_{M,4}, \mathcal{O}_{M,5}$		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
$\mathcal{O}_{T,0}, \mathcal{O}_{T,1}, \mathcal{O}_{T,2}$	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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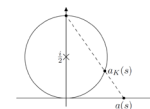


Experimental access: aQGCs modify total production rate as well as event kinematics

- Use cross-section measurement or kinematics to constrain aQGCs

Unitarisation methods: Form factor, [K-matrix](#), clipping

$$\lambda(\hat{s}) = \frac{\lambda_0}{(1 + \hat{s}/\Lambda_{FF}^2)^n}$$

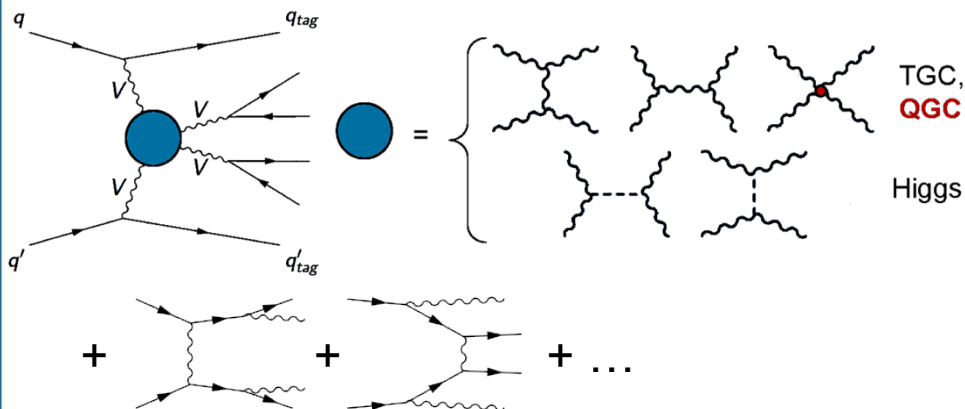


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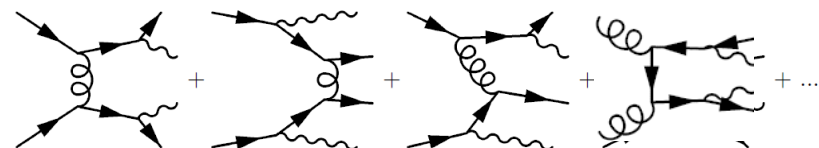
Vector Boson Scattering

- $VV \rightarrow VV$ provides insight into EWSB mechanism, quartic couplings access:

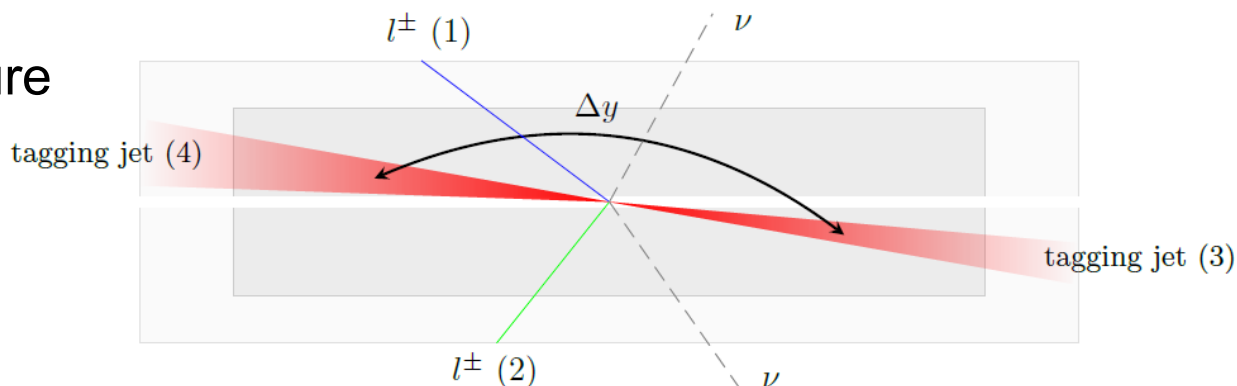
electroweak $VVjj$ production includes:



strong $VVjj$ production includes:



- Experimental signature ($W^\pm W^\pm$ example):



- 1,2 = Central, high- p_T charged leptons from V decays
- 3,4 = Forward/backward tagging jets (large m_{jj} and well separated in y)

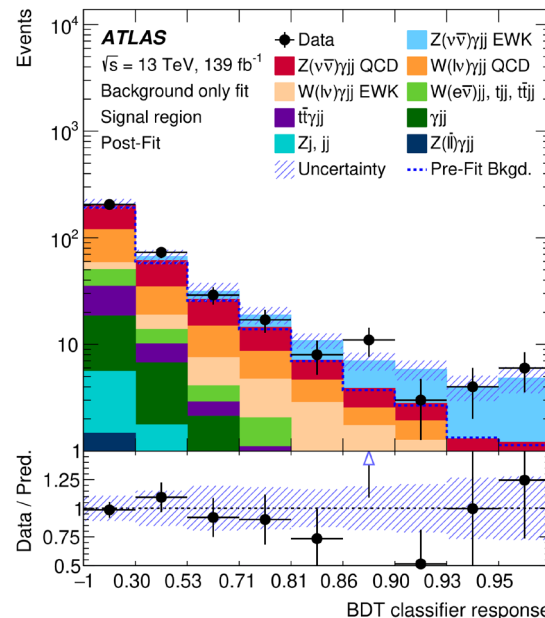
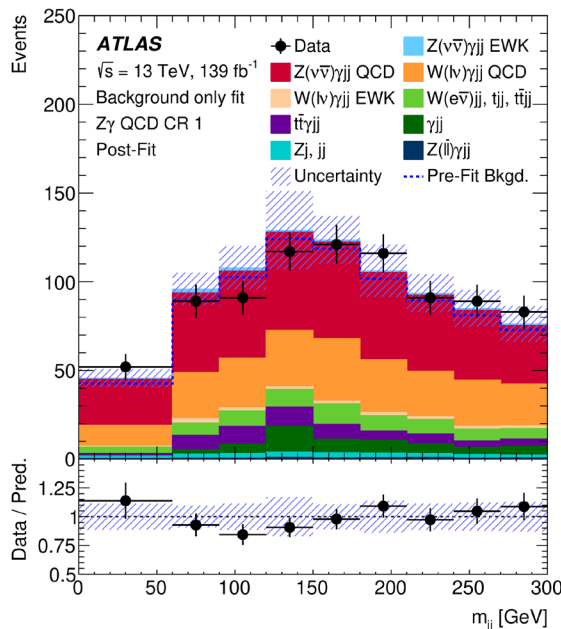
Electroweak $Z(\nu\nu)\gamma$ jj production

Isolated high $E_T \gamma$ (>150 GeV), $MET > 120$ GeV, $m_{jj} > 300$ GeV

- High Energy, high ν -BR \Rightarrow increased aQGC sensitivity
- Dominant BG: QCD $Z(\nu\nu)\gamma$ jj , $W\gamma$ jj : use simultaneous fit to data CRs
- MET, $e \rightarrow \gamma$ and $j \rightarrow \gamma$ mis-ID evaluated using data-driven methods

Extract electroweak signal with fit to BDT classifier

- observed (expected) significance of the result is 3.2σ (3.7σ)
- combination with lower $E_T \gamma$ [ATLAS observation](#) yields 6.3σ (6.6σ)



$$\mu_{Z\gamma\text{EWK}} = 0.78^{+0.25}_{-0.23} \text{ (stat.)}$$

$$+0.21 \text{ (syst.)}$$

$$-0.17$$

$$\sigma_{Z\gamma\text{EWK}}^{\text{pred}} = 0.98 \pm 0.02 \text{ (stat.)}$$

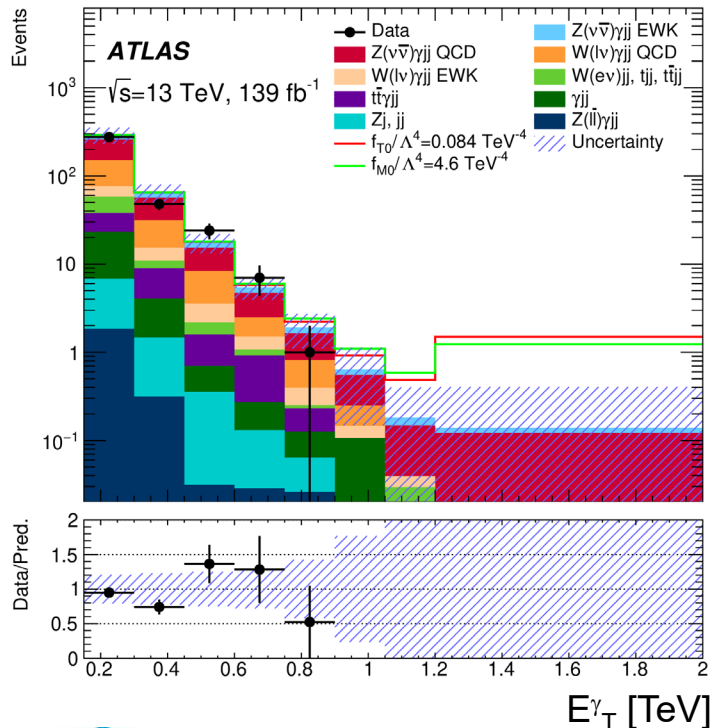
$$\pm 0.09 \text{ (scale)} \pm 0.02 \text{ (PDF) fb}$$

$$\sigma_{Z\gamma\text{EWK}} = 0.77^{+0.34}_{-0.30} \text{ fb}$$

Electroweak $Z(\nu\nu)\gamma$ jj production - aQGC

Use high E_T γ tail to constrain aQGCs

- (Un-)unitarized limits are obtained for coefficients of EFT dimension-8 operators $T0$, $T5$, $T8$, $T9$, $M0$, $M1$ and $M2$
- “Clipping” is used to illustrate unitarization impact: remove anomalous signal contribution for $m_{Z\gamma} > E_c$ (using particle-level information)



Coefficient	Observed limit [TeV^{-4}]	Expected limit [TeV^{-4}]
f_{T0}/Λ^4	$[-9.4, 8.4] \times 10^{-2}$	$[-1.3, 1.2] \times 10^{-1}$
f_{T5}/Λ^4	$[-8.8, 9.9] \times 10^{-2}$	$[-1.2, 1.3] \times 10^{-1}$
f_{T8}/Λ^4	$[-5.9, 5.9] \times 10^{-2}$	$[-8.1, 8.0] \times 10^{-2}$
f_{T9}/Λ^4	$[-1.3, 1.3] \times 10^{-1}$	$[-1.7, 1.7] \times 10^{-1}$
f_{M0}/Λ^4	$[-4.6, 4.6]$	$[-6.2, 6.2]$
f_{M1}/Λ^4	$[-7.7, 7.7]$	$[-1.0, 1.0] \times 10^1$
f_{M2}/Λ^4	$[-1.9, 1.9]$	$[-2.6, 2.6]$

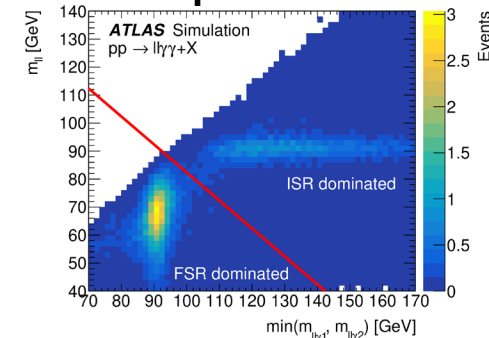
Coefficient	E_c [TeV]	Observed limit [TeV^{-4}]	Expected limit [TeV^{-4}]
f_{T0}/Λ^4	1.7	$[-8.7, 7.1] \times 10^{-1}$	$[-8.9, 7.3] \times 10^{-1}$
f_{T5}/Λ^4	2.4	$[-3.4, 4.2] \times 10^{-1}$	$[-3.5, 4.3] \times 10^{-1}$
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f_{M2}/Λ^4	1.0	$[-3.3, 3.2] \times 10^1$	$[-3.0, 3.0] \times 10^1$

Triboson Production

Measurement of $Z\gamma\gamma$ production

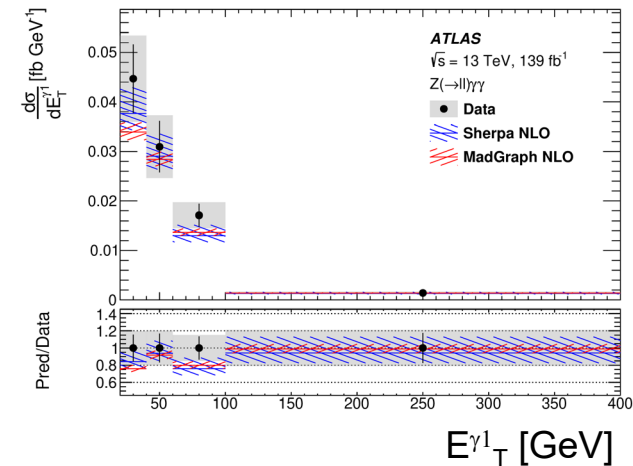
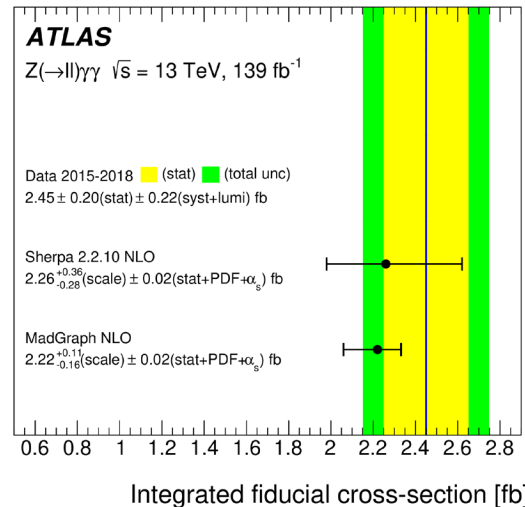
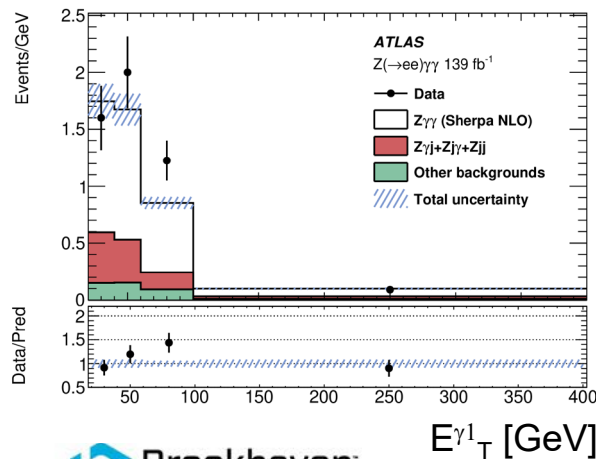
Charged lepton pair (e^+e^- , $\mu^+\mu^-$) + 2 isolated photons

- Enhance signal (ISR) region:
 $m_{\ell\ell} + \min(m_{\ell\ell\gamma 1}, m_{\ell\ell\gamma 2}) > 2m_Z$
- Dominant BG: $j \rightarrow \gamma$ mis-ID,
 evaluated using data-driven method



Integrated cross-section measurement precision: 12%

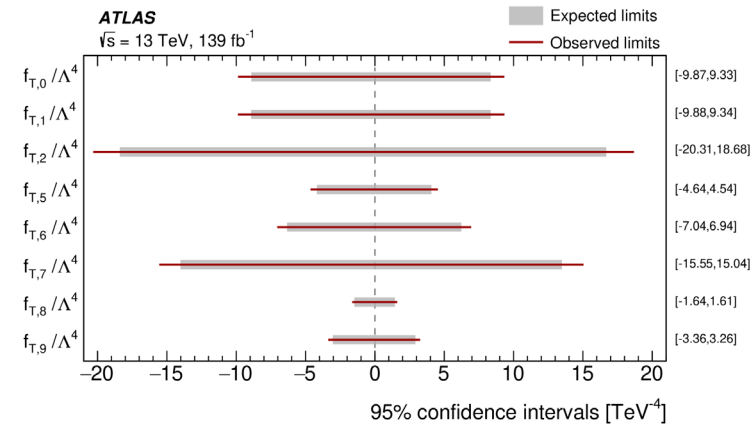
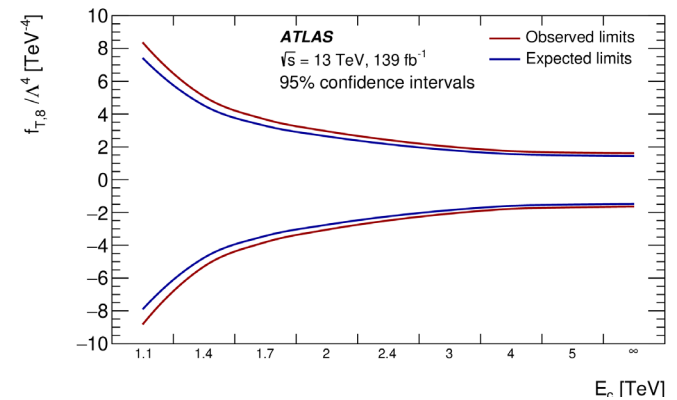
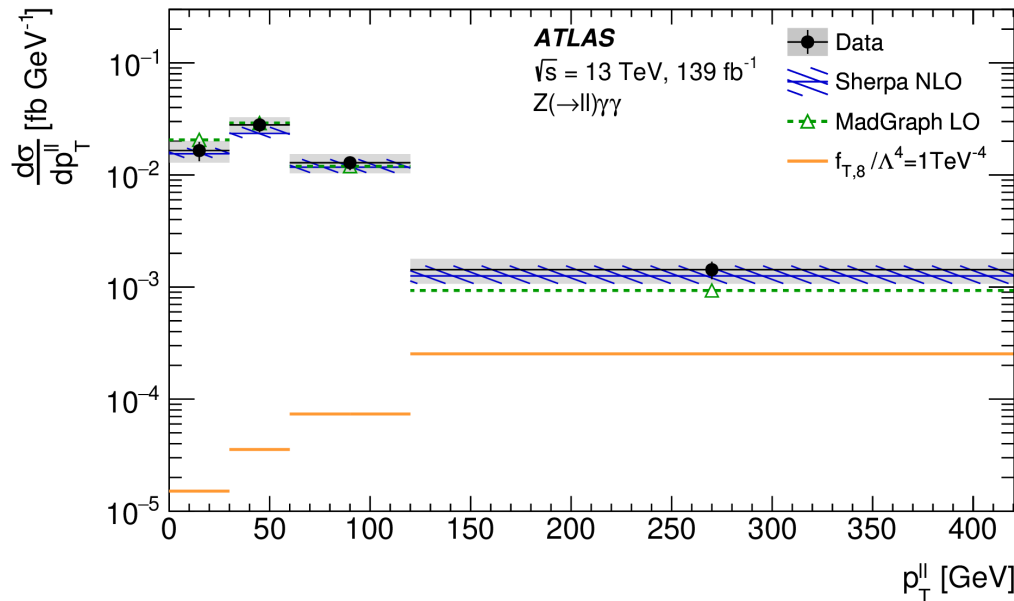
- Unfolded differential cross-sections provided for first time
- Test SM predictions at up to NLO accuracy with Sherpa & MG5



Measurement of $Z\gamma\gamma$ production - aQGC

Use unfolded $p_T^{\ell\ell}$ to constrain aQGCs

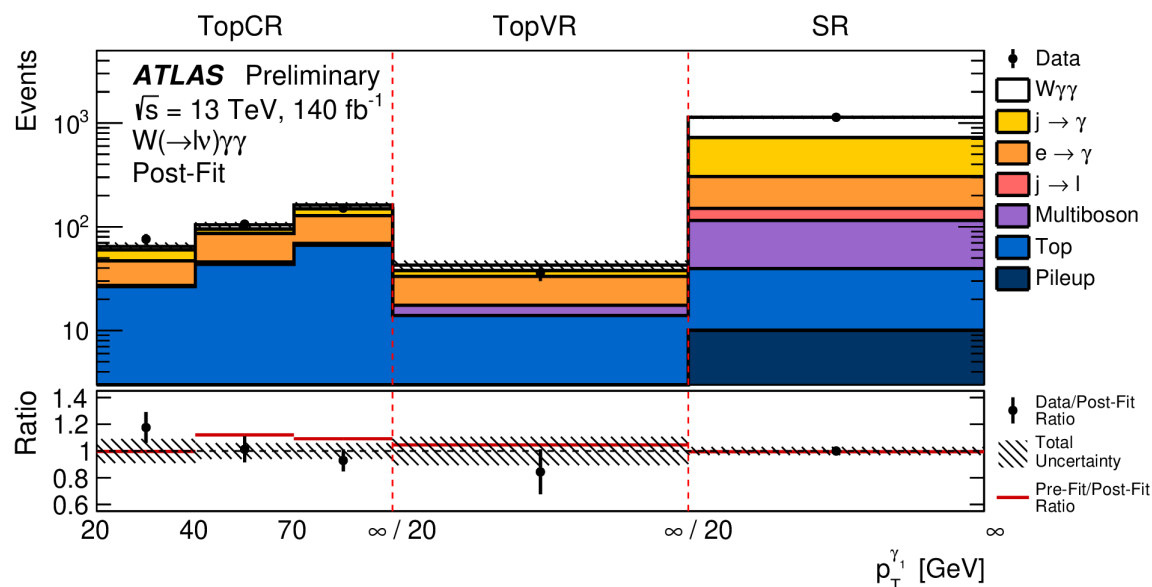
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First observation of $W\gamma\gamma$ production

Charged lepton (e, μ) + MET + 2 isolated photons

- Dominant BG: $j \rightarrow \gamma$ mis-ID and $e \rightarrow \gamma$ mis-ID in electron channel, evaluated using data-driven methods
- $t\bar{t}\gamma$ background normalization uses simultaneous fit to data CR



$$\sigma_{\text{pred}} = 12.02 \pm 0.31 \text{ fb}$$

$$\sigma_{\text{fid}} = 12.2^{+2.1}_{-2.0} \text{ fb}$$

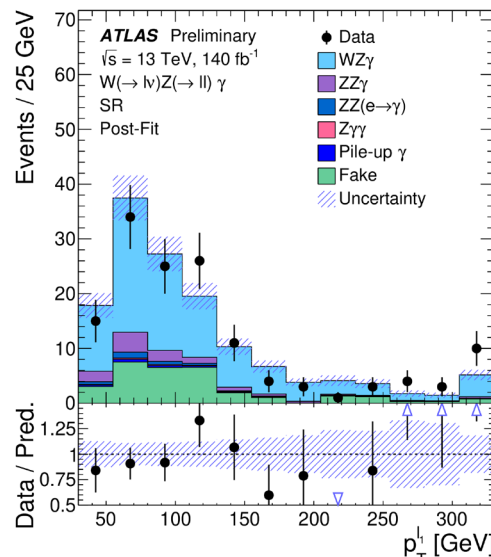
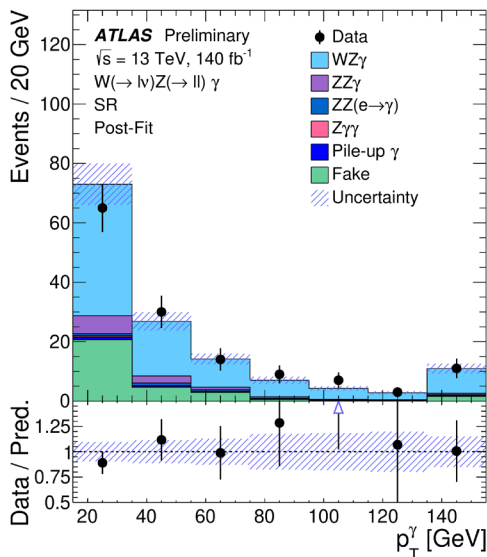
Observed (exp.) significance: 5.6σ (5.6σ): **First observation!**

- Good agreement between prediction and measurement
- Dominant sources of uncertainty: data-driven bg & statistical uncertainty

First observation of $WZ\gamma$ production

3 charged leptons (e, μ) + MET + 1 isolated photon

- Dominant BG: $j \rightarrow \gamma$ and $j \rightarrow \ell$ mis-ID, using data-driven evaluation
- $ZZ\gamma$ and ZZ ($e \rightarrow \gamma$) bg normalization uses simultaneous fit to data CR



$$\sigma^{\text{pred}}(\text{pp} \rightarrow WZ\gamma) = 1.50 \pm 0.06 \text{ fb} \quad (\text{NLO QCD, LO EW})$$

$$\sigma^{\text{meas}}(\text{pp} \rightarrow WZ\gamma) = 2.01 \pm 0.30 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.16 \text{ (syst) fb}$$

Observed (exp.) significance: 6.3σ (5.0σ): **First observation!**

- $\mu_{WZ\gamma} = 1.34 \pm 0.21 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.10 \text{ (syst.)} \pm 0.07 \text{ (theory)}$
- Consistent with SM prediction within 1.5 standard deviations

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but there is a lot more
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