

Exotic Searches with ATLAS

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Motivation

The Standard Model has been very successful but there are still problems

- Dark Matter
- Mass hierarchy problem
- Neutrino masses
- Gravity
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Exotic theories could hold the answers to these questions

- Supersymmetry?
- Extra dimensions?
- WIMPS as dark matter candidates?
- Seesaw mechanism?
- New TeV scale interactions or particles?
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ATLAS Exotics Searches* - 95% CL Exclusion

Status: March 2015

ATLAS Preliminary

$$\int \mathcal{L} dt = (1.0 - 20.3) \text{ fb}^{-1} \quad \sqrt{s} = 7, 8 \text{ TeV}$$

Model	ℓ, γ	Jets	E_T^{miss}	$\int \mathcal{L} dt [\text{fb}^{-1}]$	Mass limit	Reference
Extra dimensions	ADD $G_{KK} + g/q$	$\geq 1j$	Yes	20.3	M_D 5.25 TeV	$n = 2$ 1502.01518
	ADD non-resonant $\ell\ell$	$2e, \mu$	-	20.3	M_S 4.7 TeV	$n = 3$ HLZ 1407.2410
	ADD QBH $\rightarrow \ell q$	$1e, \mu$	$1j$	-	M_{th} 5.2 TeV	$n = 6$ 1311.2006
	ADD QBH	-	$2j$	-	M_{th} 5.82 TeV	$n = 6$ 1407.1376
	ADD BH high N_{trk}	2μ (SS)	-	-	M_{th} 4.7 TeV	$n = 6, M_D = 3 \text{ TeV}$, non-rot BH 1308.4075
	ADD BH high $\sum p_T$	$\geq 1e, \mu$	$\geq 2j$	-	M_{th} 5.8 TeV	$n = 6, M_D = 3 \text{ TeV}$, non-rot BH 1405.4254
	ADD BH high multijet	-	$\geq 2j$	-	M_{th} 5.8 TeV	$n = 6, M_D = 3 \text{ TeV}$, non-rot BH Preliminary
	RS1 $G_{KK} \rightarrow \ell\ell$	$2e, \mu$	-	-	G_{KK} mass 2.68 TeV	$k/\overline{M}_{pl} = 0.1$ 1405.4123
	RS1 $G_{KK} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	2γ	-	-	G_{KK} mass 2.66 TeV	$k/\overline{M}_{pl} = 0.1$ Preliminary
	Bulk RS $G_{KK} \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow qq\ell\ell$	$2e, \mu$	$2j/1J$	-	G_{KK} mass 740 GeV	$k/\overline{M}_{pl} = 1.0$ 1409.6190
	Bulk RS $G_{KK} \rightarrow WW \rightarrow qq\ell\nu$	$1e, \mu$	$2j/1J$	Yes	W mass 700 GeV	$k/\overline{M}_{pl} = 1.0$ 1503.04677
	Bulk RS $G_{KK} \rightarrow HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$	-	$4b$	-	G_{KK} mass 590-710 GeV	$k/\overline{M}_{pl} = 1.0$ ATLAS-CONF-2014-005
	Bulk RS $G_{KK} \rightarrow t\bar{t}$	$1e, \mu$	$\geq 1b, \geq 1J/2j$	Yes	g_{KK} mass 2.2 TeV	BR = 0.925 ATLAS-CONF-2015-009
	2UED / RPP	$2e, \mu$ (SS)	$\geq 1b, \geq 1j$	Yes	KK mass 960 GeV	Preliminary
Gauge bosons	SSM $Z' \rightarrow \ell\ell$	$2e, \mu$	-	20.3	Z' mass 2.9 TeV	1405.4123
	SSM $Z' \rightarrow \tau\tau$	2τ	-	19.5	Z' mass 2.02 TeV	1502.07177
	SSM $W' \rightarrow \ell\nu$	$1e, \mu$	-	Yes	W' mass 3.24 TeV	1407.7494
	EGM $W' \rightarrow WZ \rightarrow \ell\nu \ell'\ell'$	$3e, \mu$	-	Yes	W' mass 1.52 TeV	1406.4456
	EGM $W' \rightarrow WZ \rightarrow qq\ell\ell$	$2e, \mu$	$2j/1J$	-	W' mass 1.59 TeV	1409.6190
	HVT $W' \rightarrow WH \rightarrow \ell\nu b\bar{b}$	$1e, \mu$	$2b$	Yes	W' mass 1.47 TeV	Preliminary
	LRSM $W'_R \rightarrow t\bar{b}$	$1e, \mu$	$2b, 0-1j$	Yes	W' mass 1.92 TeV	1410.4103
LRSM $W'_R \rightarrow t\bar{b}$	$0e, \mu$	$\geq 1b, 1J$	-	W' mass 1.76 TeV	1408.0886	
CI	CI $qqqq$	-	$2j$	-	Λ 12.0 TeV	$\eta_{LL} = -1$ Preliminary
	CI $qq\ell\ell$	$2e, \mu$	-	-	Λ 21.6 TeV	$\eta_{LL} = -1$ 1407.2410
	CI $uutt$	$2e, \mu$ (SS)	$\geq 1b, \geq 1j$	Yes	Λ 4.35 TeV	$ C_{LL} = 1$ Preliminary
DM	EFT D5 operator (Dirac)	$0e, \mu$	$\geq 1j$	Yes	M_χ 974 GeV	at 90% CL for $m(\chi) < 100 \text{ GeV}$ 1502.01518
	EFT D9 operator (Dirac)	$0e, \mu$	$1J, \leq 1j$	Yes	M_χ 2.4 TeV	at 90% CL for $m(\chi) < 100 \text{ GeV}$ 1309.4017
LQ	Scalar LQ 1 st gen	$2e$	$\geq 2j$	-	LQ mass 660 GeV	$\beta = 1$ 1112.4828
	Scalar LQ 2 nd gen	$2e, \mu$	$\geq 2j$	-	LQ mass 685 GeV	$\beta = 1$ 1203.3172
	Scalar LQ 3 rd gen	$1e, \mu, 1\tau$	$1b, 1j$	-	LQ mass 534 GeV	$\beta = 1$ 1303.0526
Heavy quarks	VLQ $TT \rightarrow Ht + X, Wb + X$	$1e, \mu$	$\geq 1b, \geq 3j$	Yes	T mass 785 GeV	isospin singlet ATLAS-CONF-2015-012
	VLQ $TT \rightarrow Zt + X$	$2/\geq 3e, \mu$	$\geq 2/\geq 1b$	-	T mass 735 GeV	T in (T,B) doublet 1409.5500
	VLQ $BB \rightarrow Zb + X$	$2/\geq 3e, \mu$	$\geq 2/\geq 1b$	-	B mass 755 GeV	B in (B,Y) doublet 1409.5500
	VLQ $BB \rightarrow Wt + X$	$1e, \mu$	$\geq 1b, \geq 5j$	Yes	B mass 640 GeV	isospin singlet Preliminary
	$T_{5/3} \rightarrow Wt$	$1e, \mu$	$\geq 1b, \geq 5j$	Yes	$T_{5/3}$ mass 840 GeV	Preliminary
Excited fermions	Excited quark $q^* \rightarrow q\gamma$	1γ	$1j$	-	q^* mass 3.5 TeV	only u^* and d^* , $\Lambda = m(q^*)$ 1309.3230
	Excited quark $q^* \rightarrow qg$	-	$2j$	-	q^* mass 4.09 TeV	only u^* and d^* , $\Lambda = m(q^*)$ 1407.1376
	Excited quark $b^* \rightarrow Wt$	1 or $2e, \mu, 1b, 2j$ or $1j$	Yes	4.7	b^* mass 870 GeV	left-handed coupling 1301.1583
	Excited lepton $\ell^* \rightarrow \ell\gamma$	$2e, \mu, 1\gamma$	-	-	ℓ^* mass 2.2 TeV	$\Lambda = 2.2 \text{ TeV}$ 1308.1364
	Excited lepton $\nu^* \rightarrow \ell W, \nu Z$	$3e, \mu, \tau$	-	-	ν^* mass 1.6 TeV	$\Lambda = 1.6 \text{ TeV}$ 1411.2921
Other	LSTC $a_T \rightarrow W\gamma$	$1e, \mu, 1\gamma$	-	Yes	a_T mass 960 GeV	1407.8150
	LRSM Majorana ν	$2e, \mu$	$2j$	-	N^0 mass 1.5 TeV	$m(W_R) = 2 \text{ TeV}$, no mixing 1203.5420
	Higgs triplet $H^{\pm\pm} \rightarrow \ell\ell$	$2e, \mu$ (SS)	-	-	$H^{\pm\pm}$ mass 551 GeV	DY production, $\text{BR}(H^{\pm\pm} \rightarrow \ell\ell)=1$ 1412.0237
	Higgs triplet $H^{\pm\pm} \rightarrow \ell\tau$	$3e, \mu, \tau$	-	-	$H^{\pm\pm}$ mass 400 GeV	DY production, $\text{BR}(H^{\pm\pm} \rightarrow \ell\tau)=1$ 1411.2921
	Monotop (non-res prod)	$1e, \mu$	$1b$	Yes	spin-1 invisible particle mass 657 GeV	$a_{\text{non-res}} = 0.2$ 1410.5404
	Multi-charged particles	-	-	-	multi-charged particle mass 785 GeV	DY production, $ q = 5e$ Preliminary
	Magnetic monopoles	-	-	-	monopole mass 862 GeV	DY production, $ g = 1g_D$ 1207.6411

$\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$ $\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$

10⁻¹ 1 10 Mass scale [TeV]

*Only a selection of the available mass limits on new states or phenomena is shown.

Outline

I'll be showing recent exotic search results from ATLAS:

Long Lived Particle Searches

$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma + \text{MET}$

VLQ in Lepton + jets

$H \rightarrow Z_{(d)} Z_d \rightarrow 4l$

Z + lepton

$HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$

$t\bar{t}$ resonances in lepton + jets

Diboson resonances in boosted boson tagged jets

All results shown are from 2012 $\sqrt{s} = 8$ TeV data, made public in May and June 2015. There are many more results which can be found [here](#)

Long Lived Particle Searches

Many new physics models give rise to new, massive particles with long lifetimes

LLPs can arise in models with:

- Small coupling in decay chain
- Strong virtuality (decay to heavy particles)
- Small mass differences in decay chain
- Pair production of particles with conserved quantum numbers

These lead to signatures which we can look for:

- Non-pointing or delayed photons
- Out-of-time decays
- Lepton jets
- Large dE/dx
- Disappearing tracks
- Displaced jets/vertices
- Trackless jets
- ...

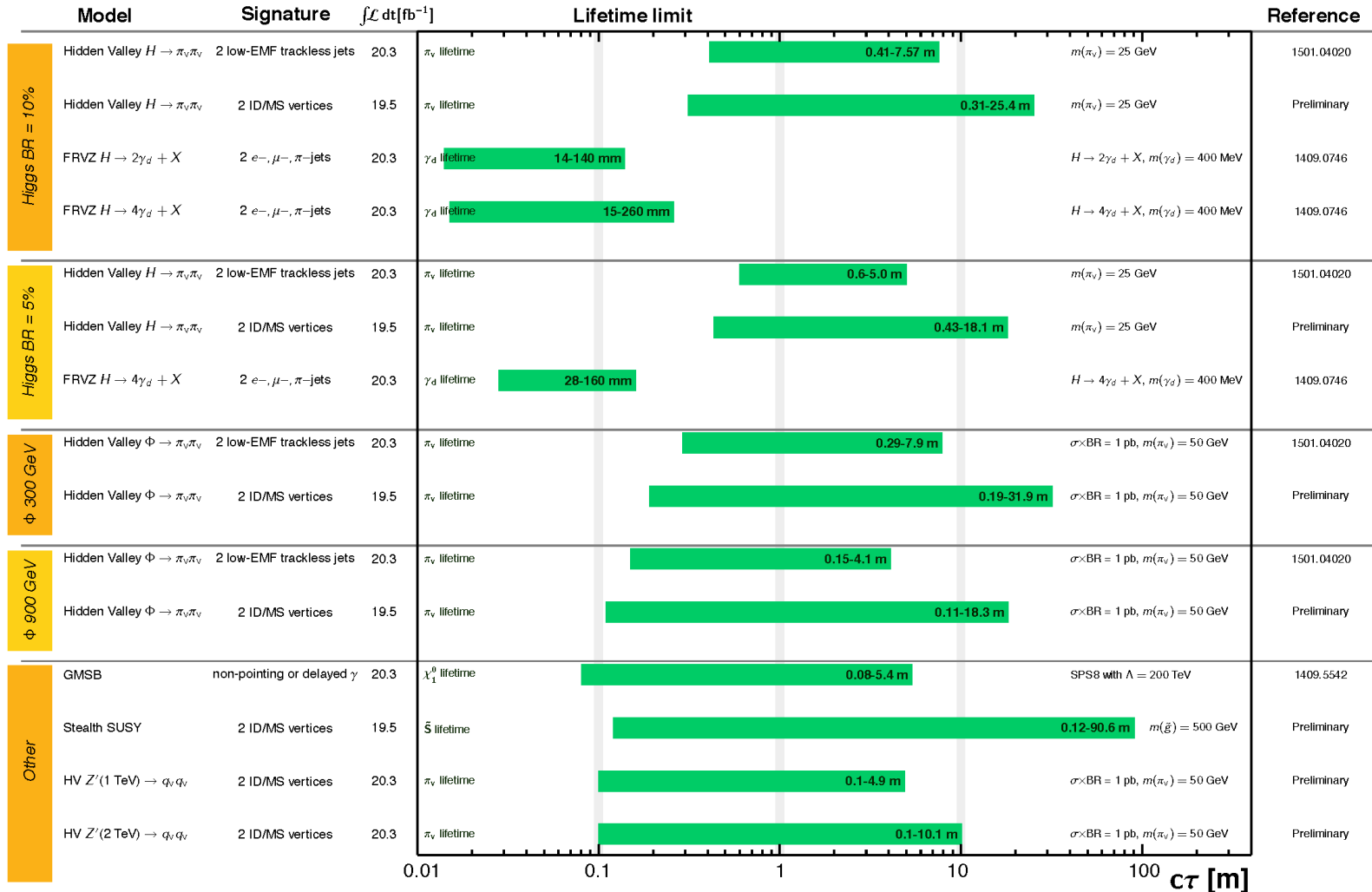
Long Lived Particle Searches Summary

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Search for Dark Matter in $H(\rightarrow\gamma\gamma) + \text{MET}$

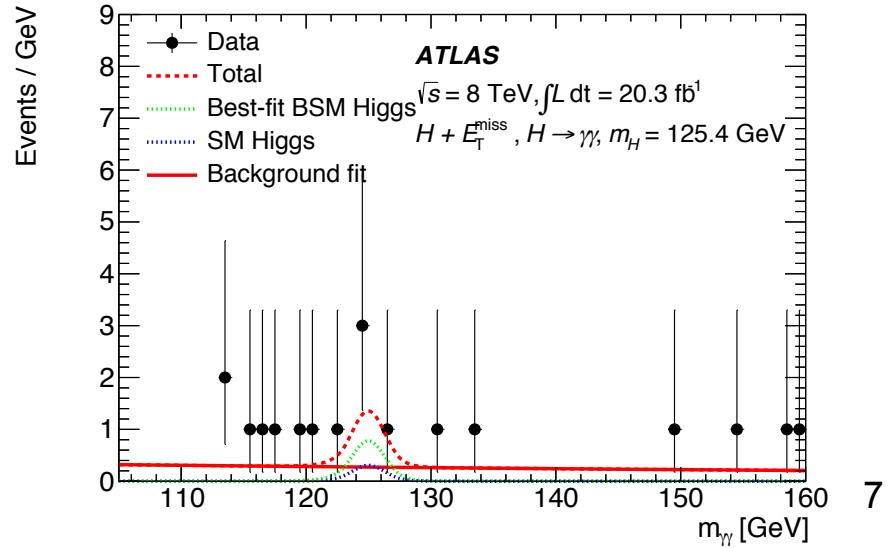
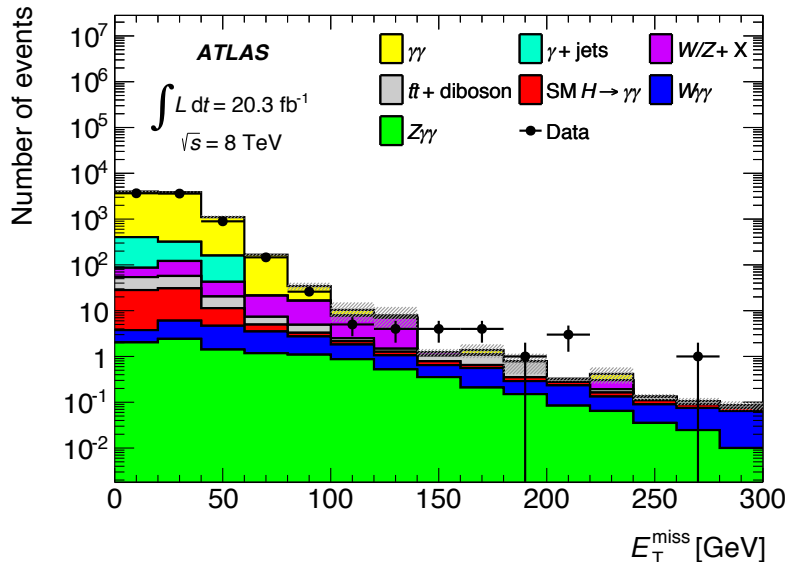
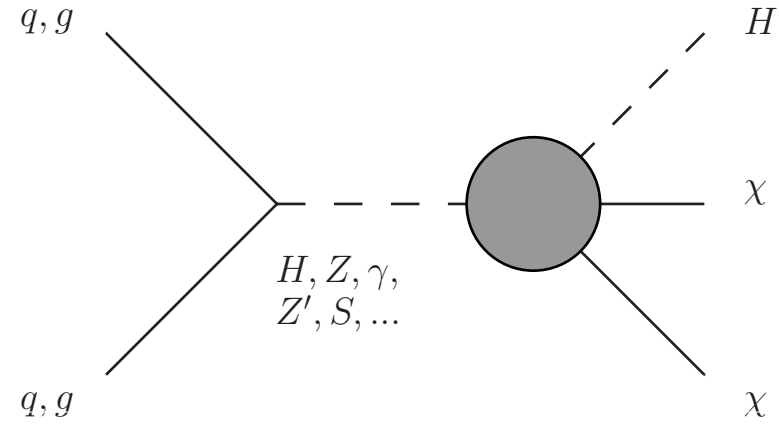
DM invisible to detector

- Uses $H\rightarrow\gamma\gamma$ to tag and trigger
- Look for large MET and local excess of events in $m_{\gamma\gamma}$ spectrum near m_H

Main Cuts: $105 < m_{\gamma\gamma} < 160 \text{ GeV}$, $\text{MET} > 90 \text{ GeV}$

Backgrounds:

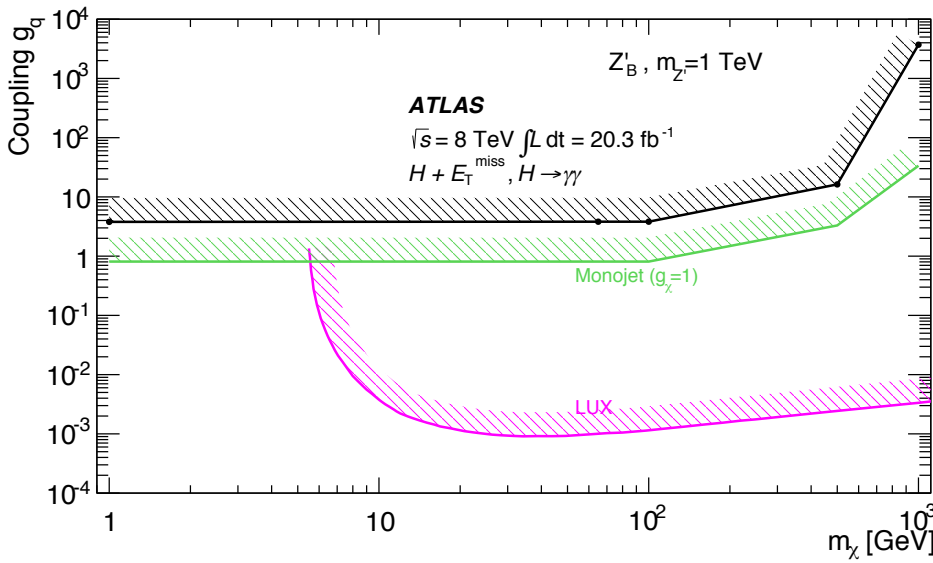
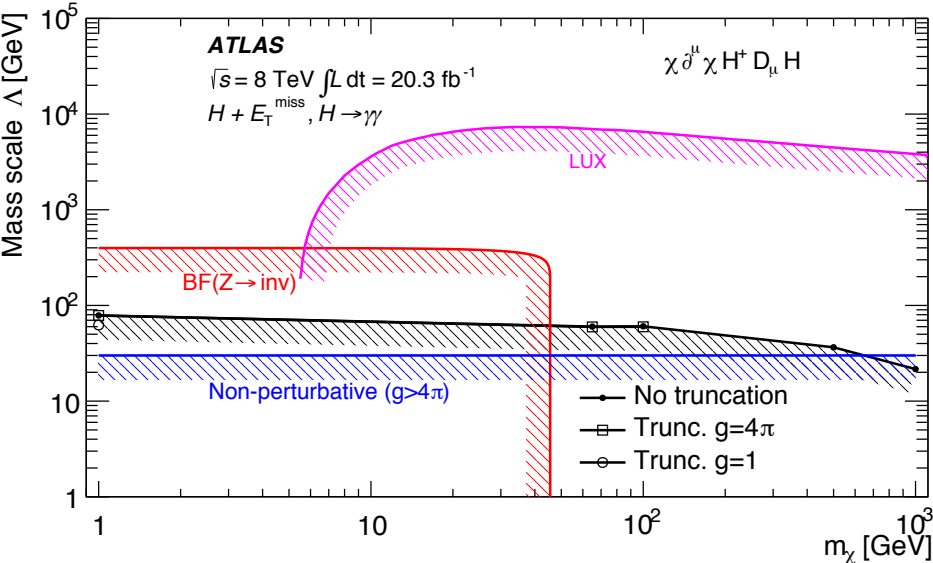
- SM Higgs bkgd from MC
- Continuum bkgds from $m_{\gamma\gamma}$ sideband



Search for Dark Matter in $H(\rightarrow\gamma\gamma) + \text{MET}$

1.4 σ excess observed relative to expected limit

- Observed (expected) upper limit on the σ_{fid} is 0.70 (0.43) fb at 95% CL



Search for Vector Like Quark pairs and 4t in the lepton + jets final state

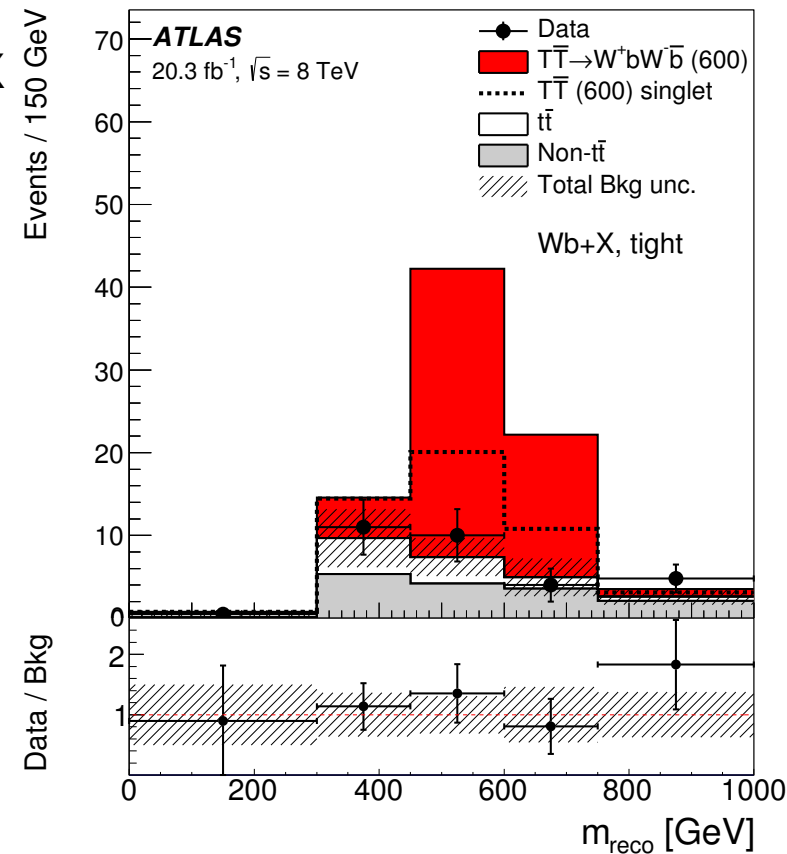
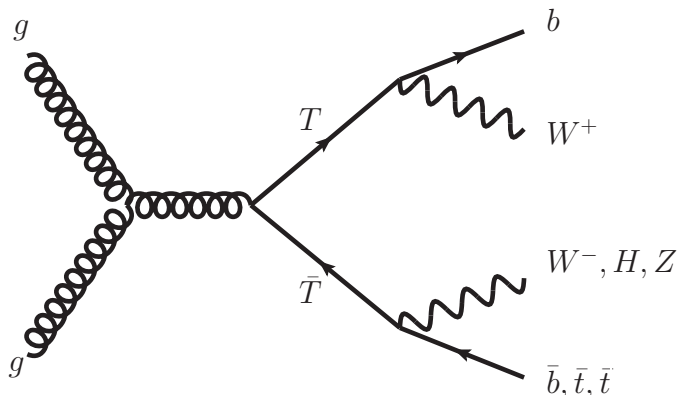
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➤ Decays: $T \rightarrow Wb, Zt, Ht$ $B \rightarrow Wt, Zb, Hb$

3 Analyses performed: $T\bar{T} \rightarrow Wb + X$, $T\bar{T} \rightarrow Ht + X$
and $t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$ production, $B\bar{B} \rightarrow Hb + X$

$T\bar{T} \rightarrow Wb + X$

➤ Reconstruct T mass using boosted W bosons and b-tagged jets



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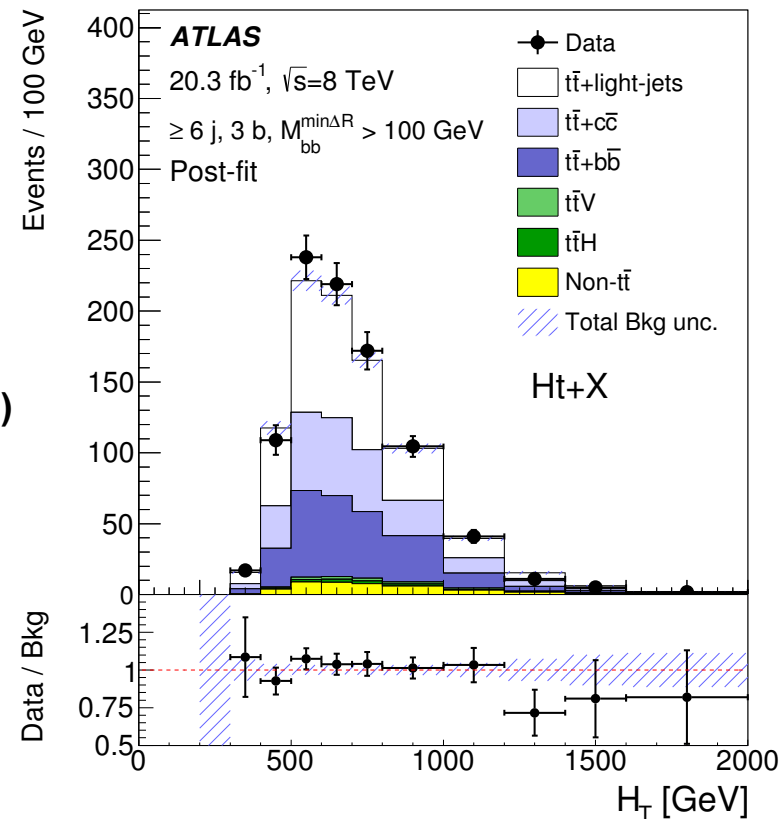
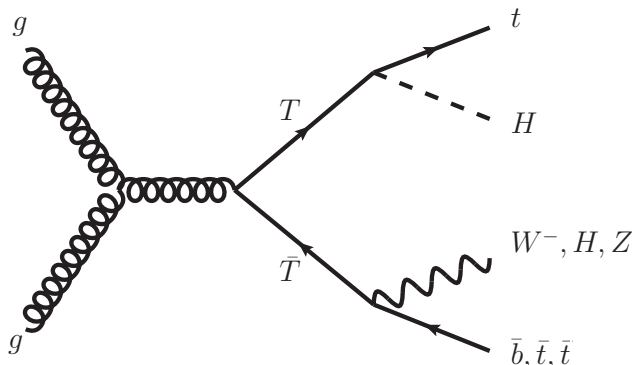
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$T\bar{T} \rightarrow Ht + X$ and $t\bar{t}$ production

- Dominant decay is $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$
- Focus on high jet & b-jet multiplicities
- Use H_T as discriminant: $\Sigma(\text{jet } p_T, \text{lepton } p_T, \text{MET})$
- Also used to set limits on 4t production in several benchmark scenarios



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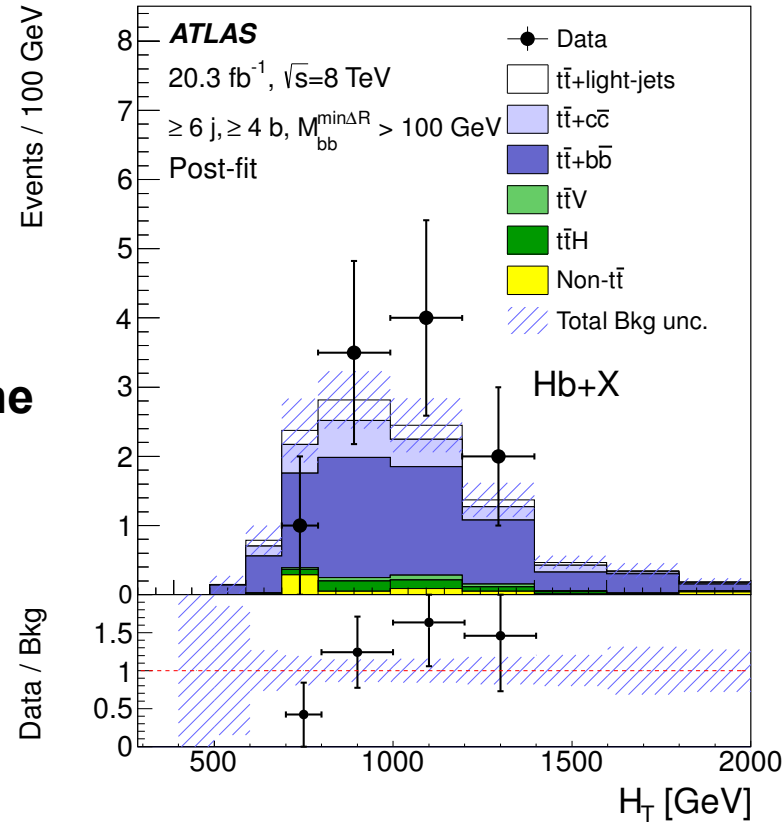
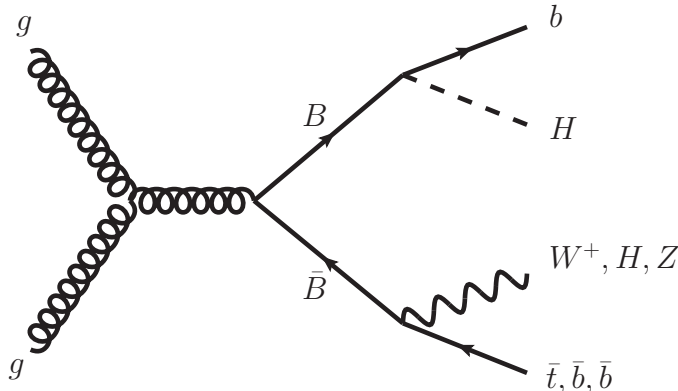
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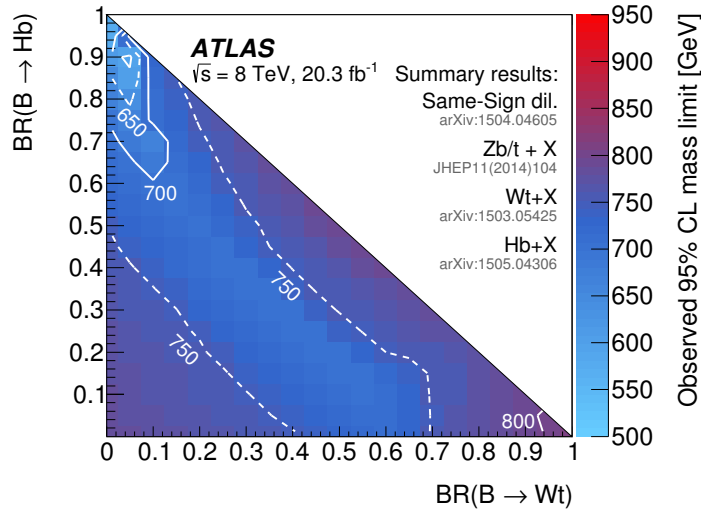
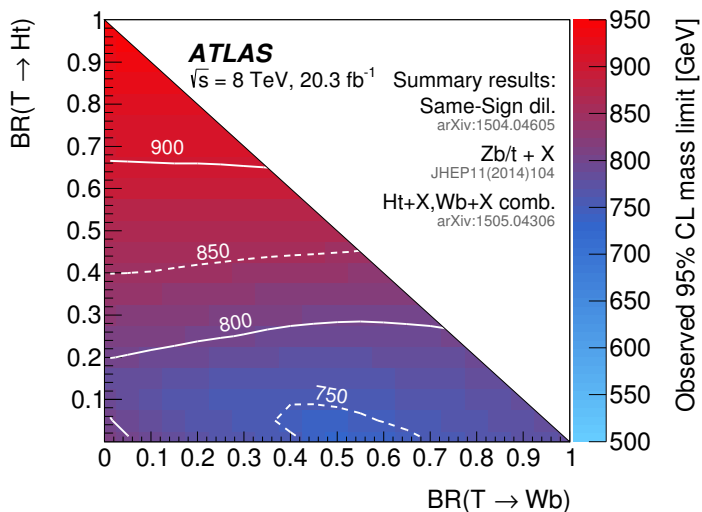
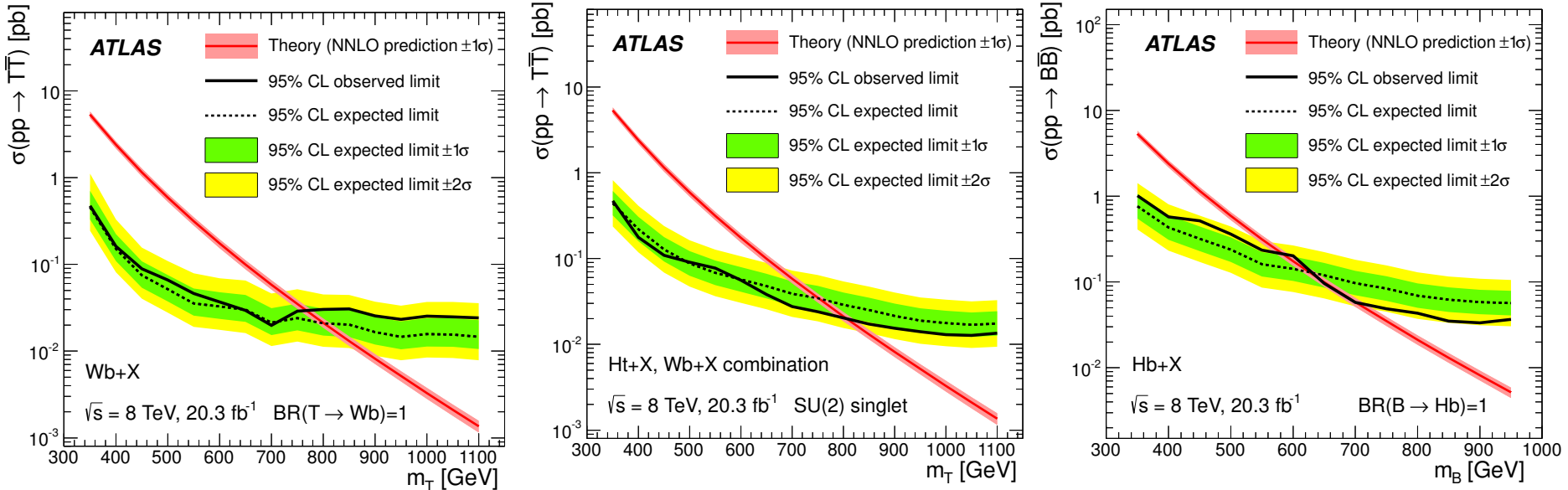
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- Same strategy as $Ht + X$ but optimised for $B \rightarrow Hb$
- Look at $B\bar{B} \rightarrow HbH\bar{b} \rightarrow (WW)b(b\bar{b})\bar{b}$ where one W decays leptonically



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See also:
 Same-Sign dilepton,
 arXiv:1504.04605

Zb/t + X,
 JHEP11(2014)104

Wt + X,
 arXiv:1503.05425

Search for new light gauge bosons in

$$H \rightarrow Z_{(d)} Z_d \rightarrow 4l$$

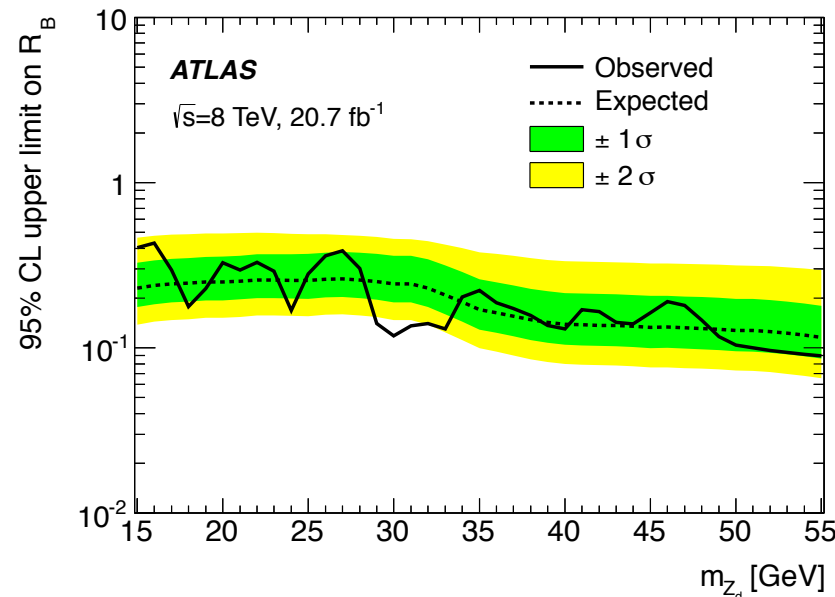
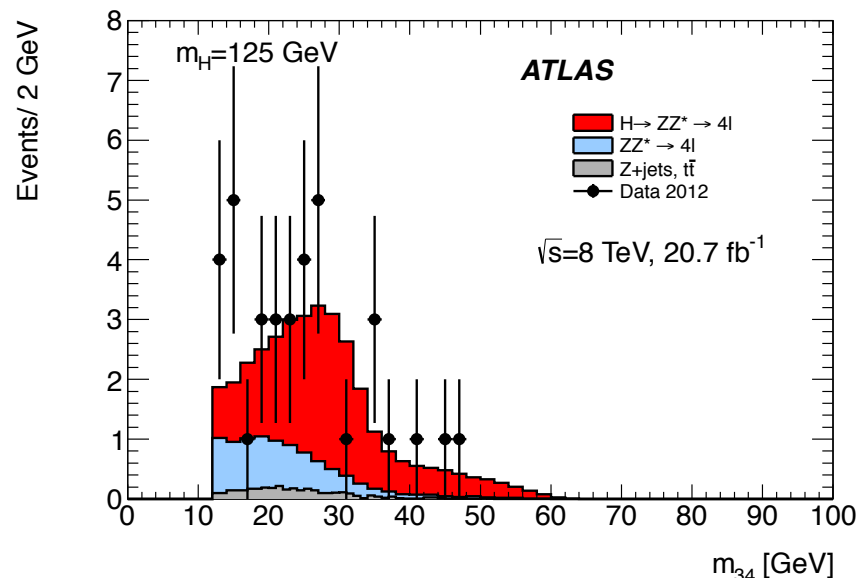
The presence of a dark sector which couples to the SM can be inferred from exotic intermediate decays of Higgs Bosons

➤ Looking for $H \rightarrow ZZ_d / Z_d Z_d \rightarrow 4l$ ($l = e/\mu$)

$H \rightarrow ZZ_d \rightarrow 4l$:

- Define m_{12} as invariant mass of opp. Sign, same flavour lepton pair with m closest to Z boson
- m_{34} is invariant mass of remaining pair
- Look for local excess in m_{34}

$$R_B = \frac{BR(H \rightarrow ZZ_d \rightarrow 4l)}{BR(H \rightarrow 4l)}$$



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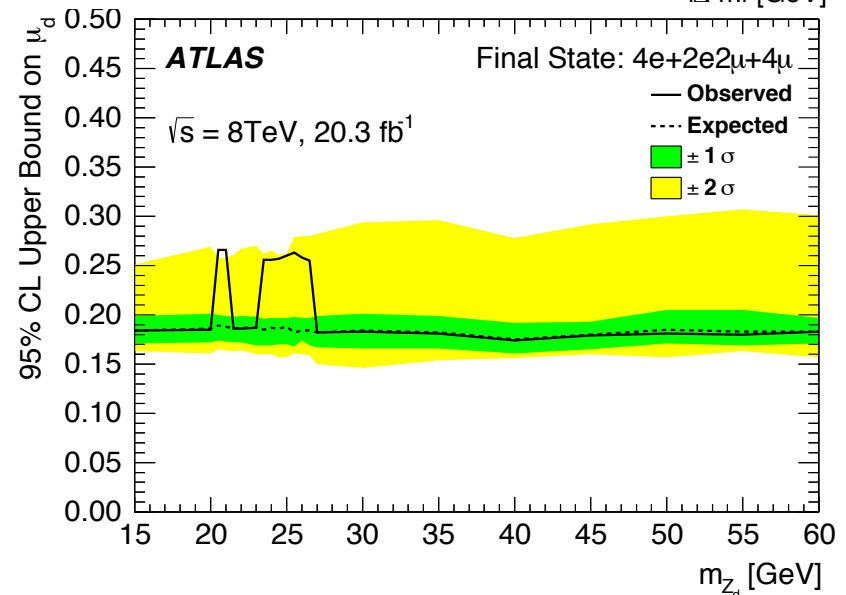
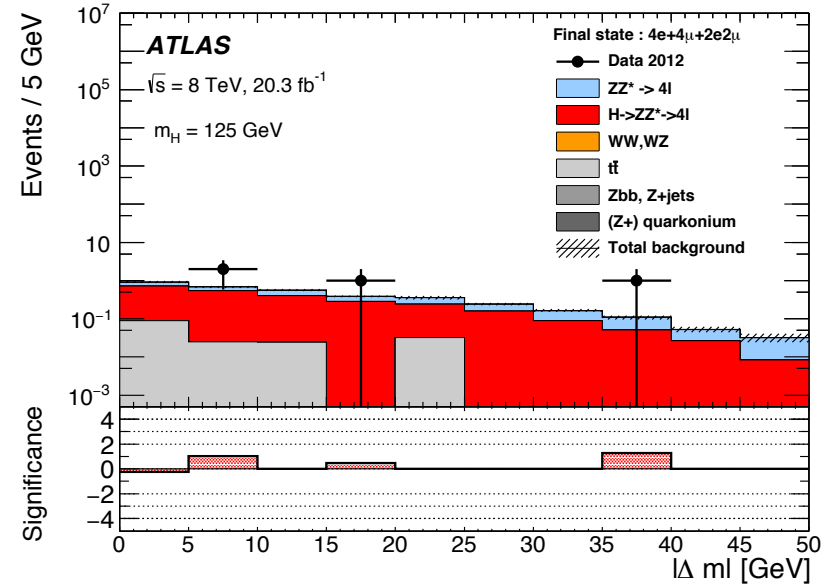
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$H \rightarrow Z_d Z_d \rightarrow 4l$:

- Events are selected by requiring the difference in invariant mass of the dilepton pairs is minimized
- Upper limits are computed from a maximum likelihood fit

$$\mu_d = \frac{\sigma \times BR(H \rightarrow Z_d Z_d \rightarrow 4l)}{[\sigma \times BR(H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l)]_{SM}}$$



Search for heavy lepton resonances in Z + lepton events

Many extensions to the SM predict heavy resonances in trileptons

- Seesaw
- Vector Like Leptons

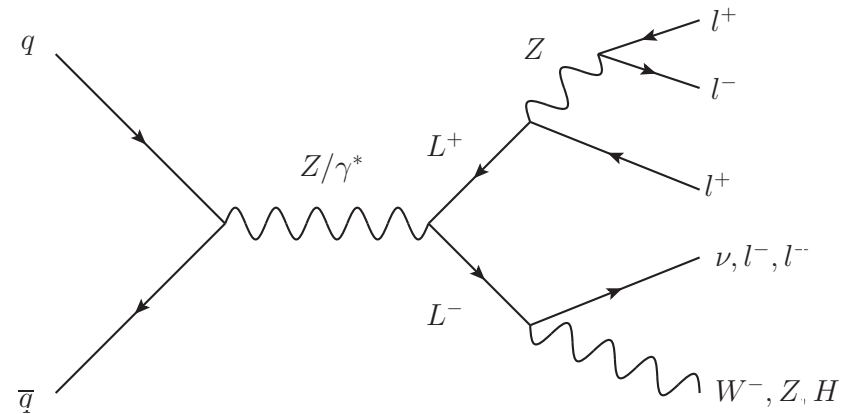
Searching for heavy leptons, L^+, L^-, N^0 which decay to $W/Z/H + l/\nu$ (depending on charge)

Looking in $L \rightarrow l+Z(H)$ channel

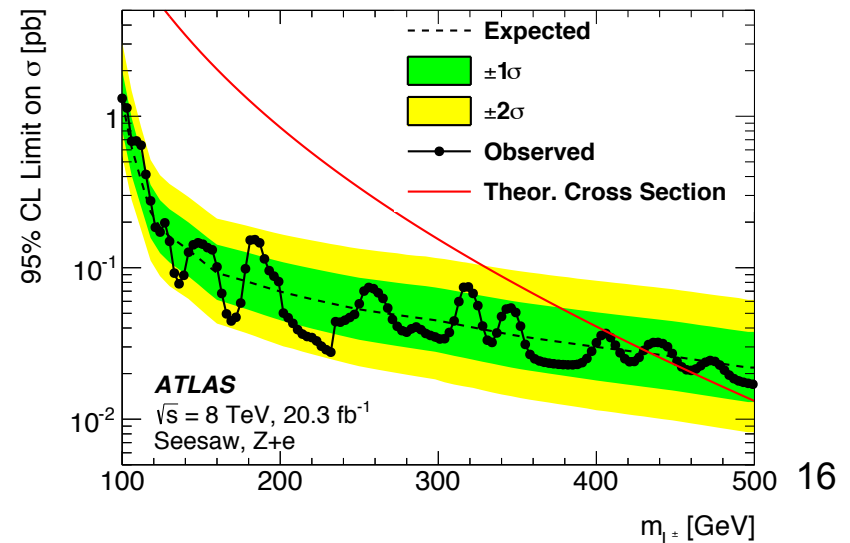
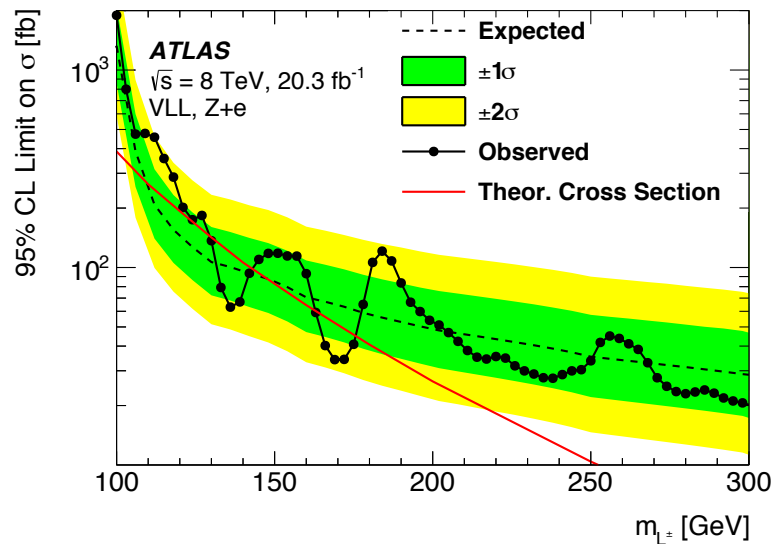
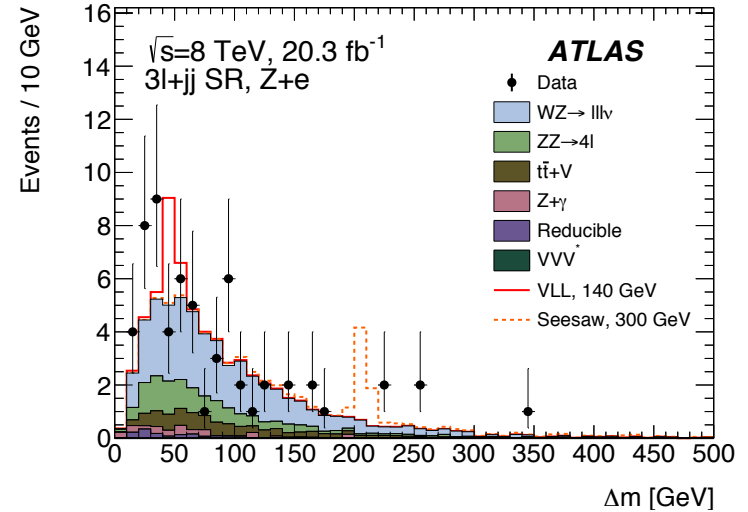
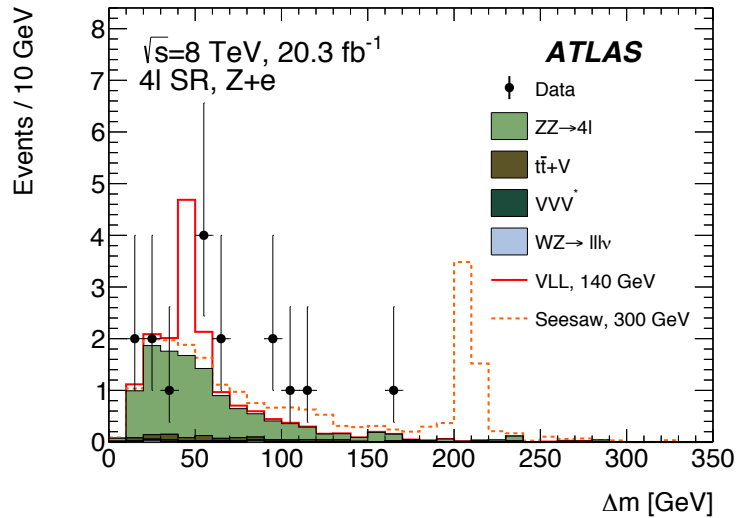
Look for 3 leptons with 1 Z candidate, reconstruct m_L from invariant mass of the 3 leptons and use $\Delta M \equiv m_{3l} - m_Z$ as discriminating variable

Use 6 signal regions depending on 3rd lepton flavour and other side of event: 4l, 3l+jj, 3l-only

Backgrounds: WZ, ZZ and DY Z+ γ taken from MC. Other bkgds are constrained from scaling control samples in data

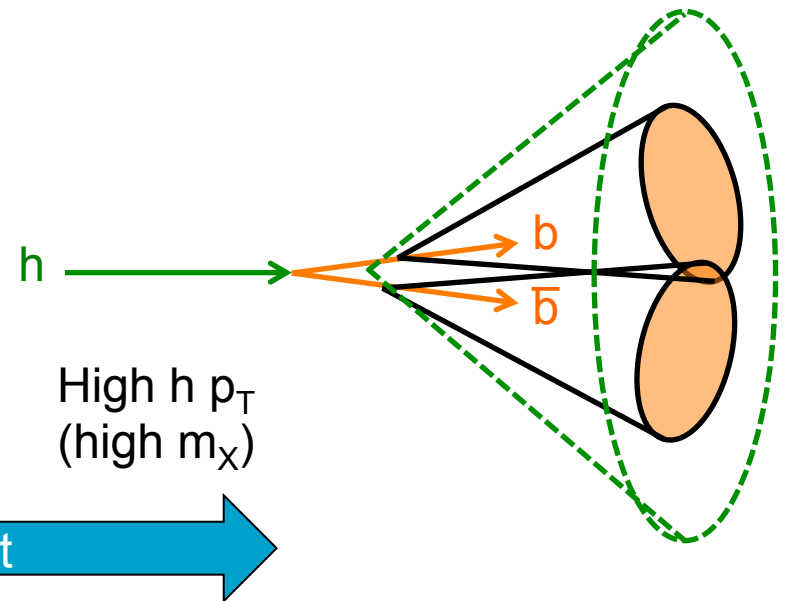
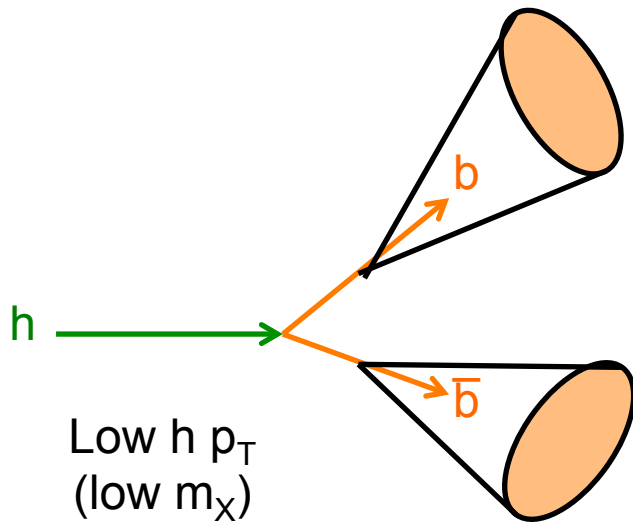
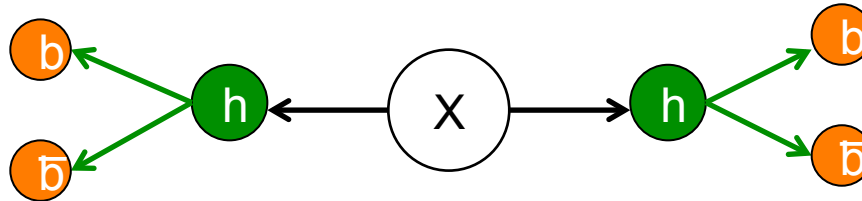


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Boosted Methods

Example: $X \rightarrow hh \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$



Rule of thumb for angular separation between decay products:

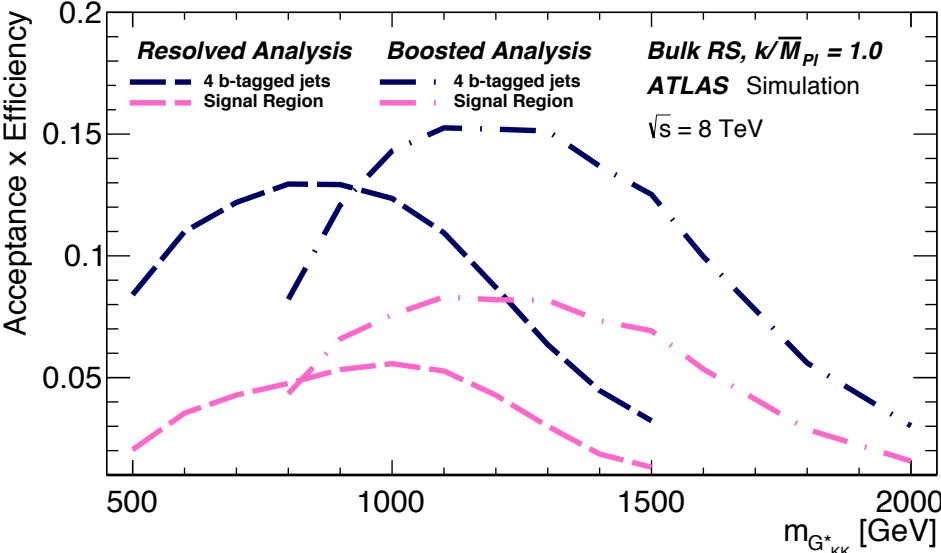
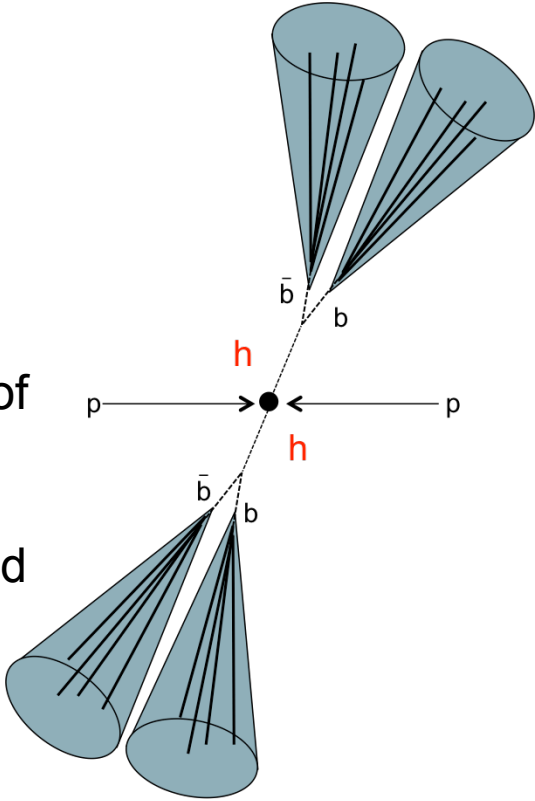
$$\Delta R \approx \frac{2m}{p_T}$$

Higgs Boson Pair Production in the $b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$ Final State

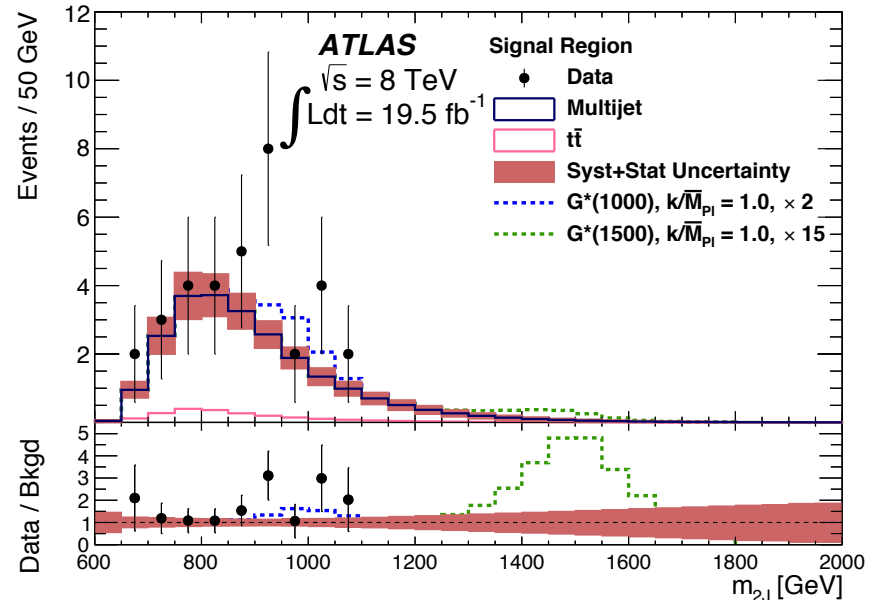
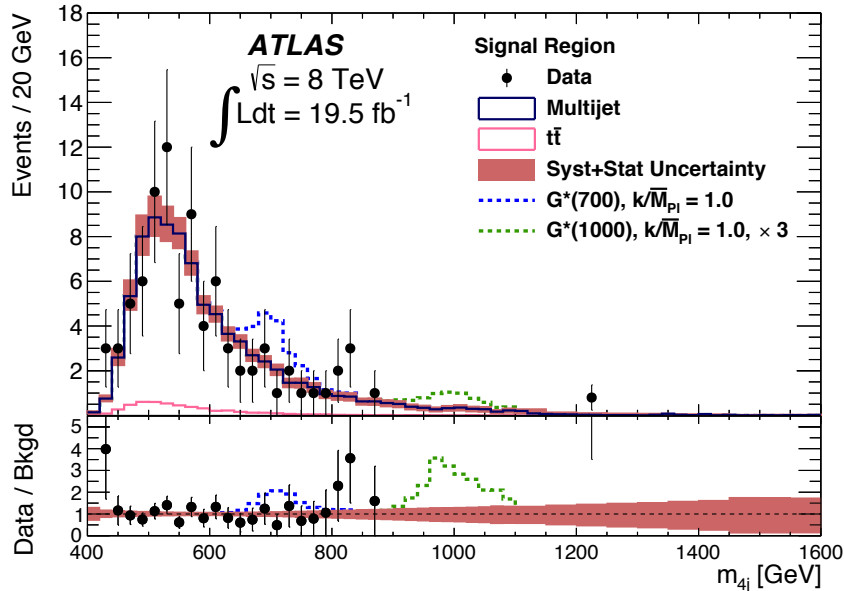
New physics models predict enhanced Higgs Boson pair production rates over the SM

Boosted Higgs gives clear event topology
Large $BR(H \rightarrow b\bar{b})$ means that the 4b final state happens $\sim 1/3$ of the time

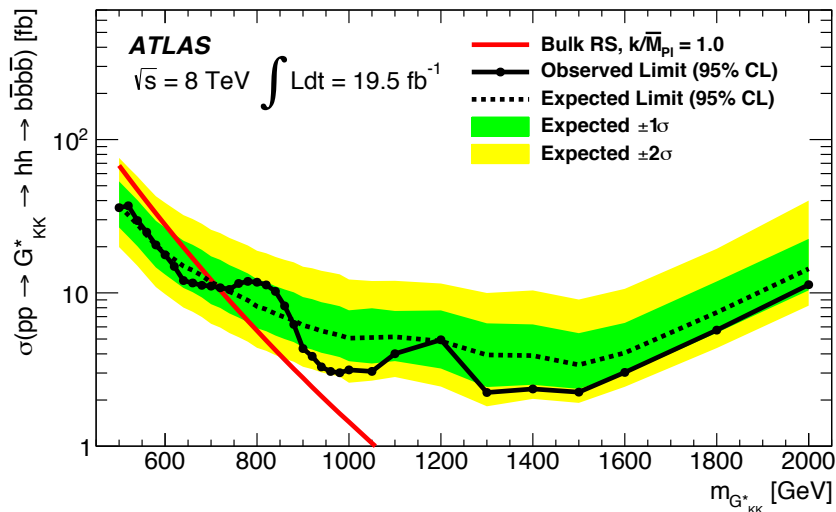
Analysis based on two complementary approaches – resolved and boosted



Higgs Boson Pair Production in the $b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$ Final State



k/\bar{M}_{P1}	95% CL Excluded G_{KK}^* Mass Range [GeV]
1.0	500 – 720
1.5	500 – 800 and 870 – 910
2.0	500 – 990



Upper limit on SM hh non-resonant production,
 $\sigma(pp \rightarrow hh \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b}) = 202 \text{ fb}$ (95% CL)
 [SM prediction of $3.6 \pm 0.5 \text{ fb}$]
World's best limit!!

$t\bar{t}$ Resonances using lepton + jet events

Many extensions to the SM predict heavy resonances with large BR to top-pairs

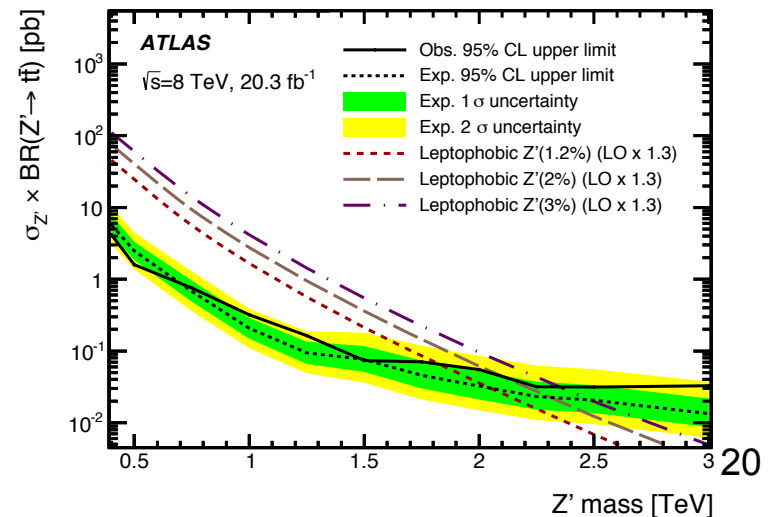
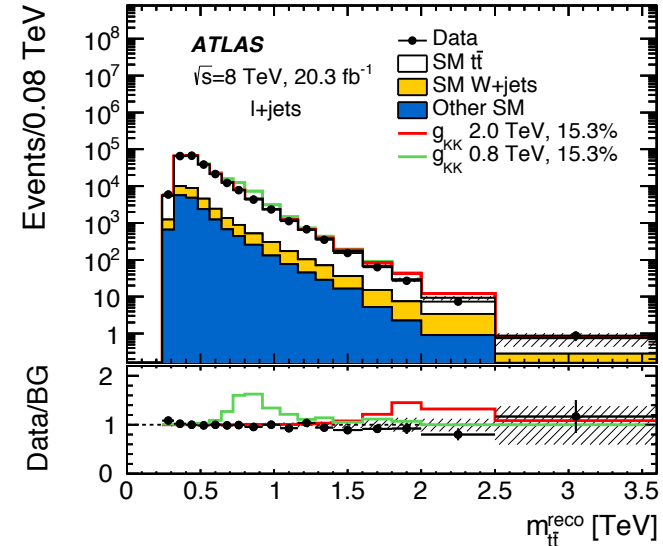
Lepton + jets final state has large BR & also good background discrimination

Analysis based on two approaches “resolved” and “boosted”. If event fails boosted try resolved.

- Resolved: 1 lepton, ≥ 4 small radius jets, ≥ 1 b-tagged jet, $MET > 20$ GeV, $MET + m_T > 60$ GeV
- Boosted: same as resolved but require a trimmed Anti- K_T 1.0 jet $p_T > 300$ GeV, $m > 100$ GeV

No excesses found so limits on masses and cross-sections were made

- Observed limits exclude $m_{Z'} < 1.8$ TeV and $m_{g_{KK}} < 2.2$ TeV



High Mass Diboson Resonances with Boson-Tagged Jets

Many extensions to the SM predict high mass resonances in dibosons

- Bulk-RS graviton \rightarrow WW/ZZ
- Extended gauge model: $W' \rightarrow$ WZ

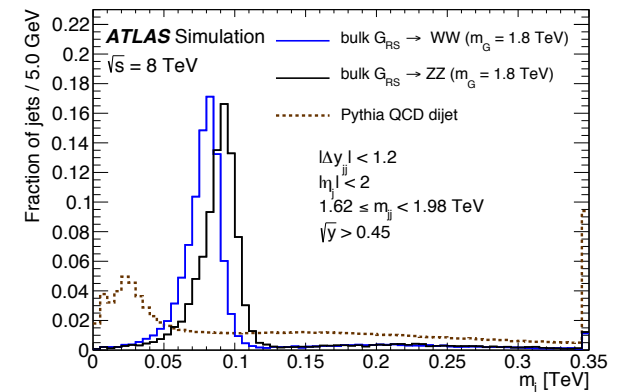
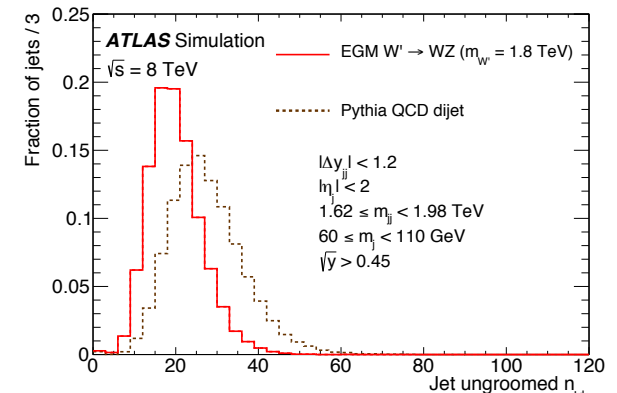
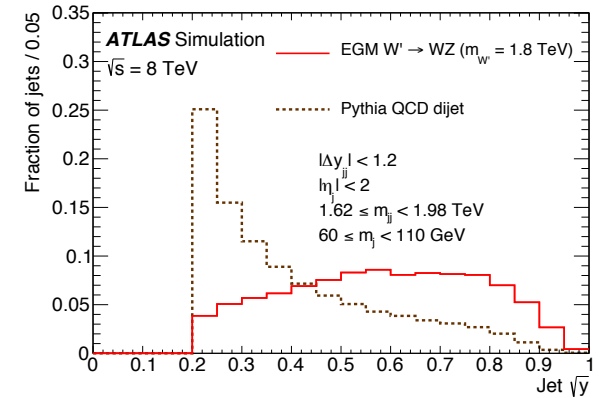
All hadronic final state has large BR compared to leptonic and semileptonic decays

Boosted boson tagging to suppress backgrounds

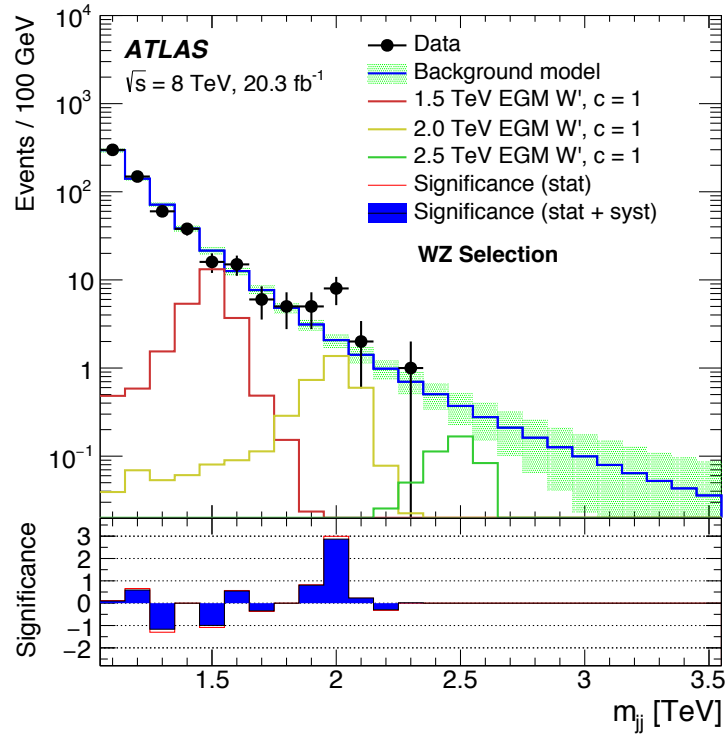
- 2 C/A 1.2 jets with $m_{2J} > 1.05$ TeV
- $\sqrt{y} \geq 0.45$, $n_{\text{track}} < 30$, $|m_j - m_V| < 13$ GeV

Search for bumps on steeply falling background

- Background taken from fit to data
- Signal shape from MC

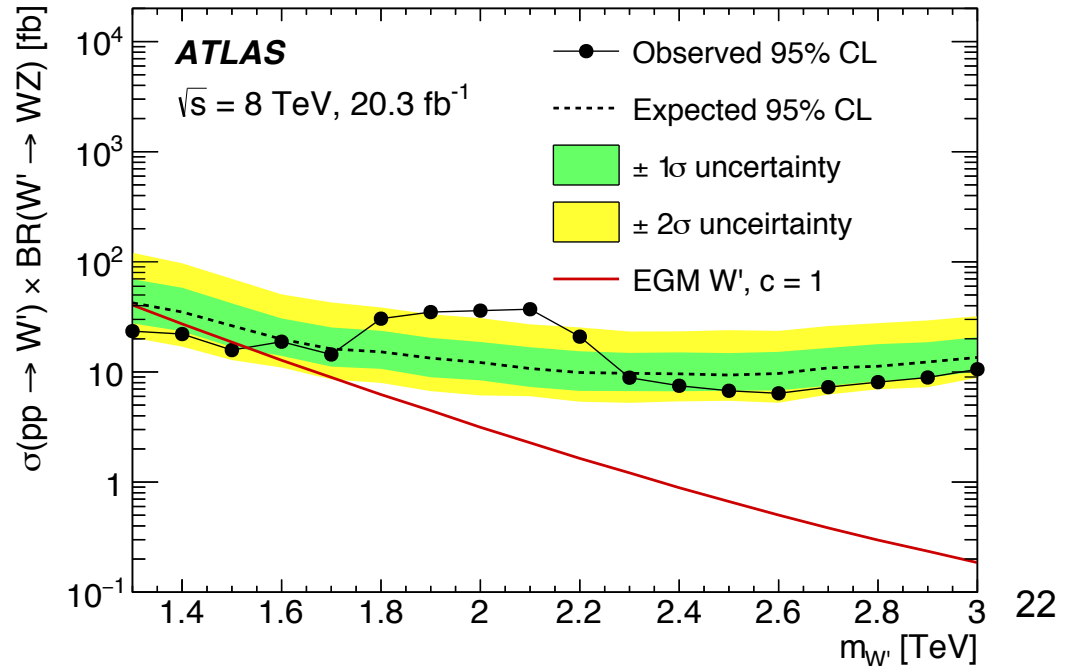
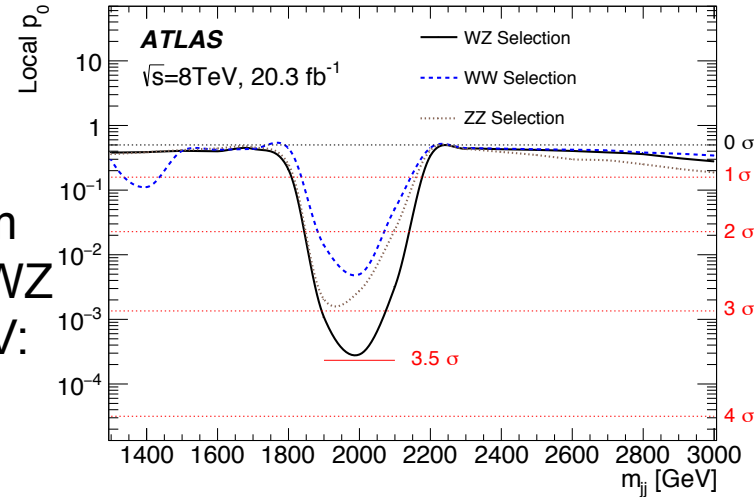


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EGM W' excluded for
 $1.3 < m_{W'} < 1.5 \text{ TeV}$

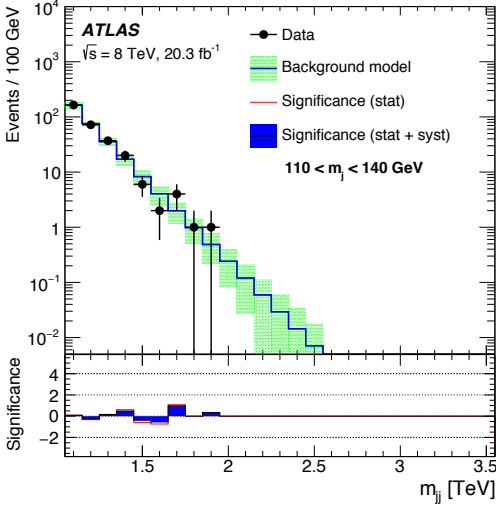
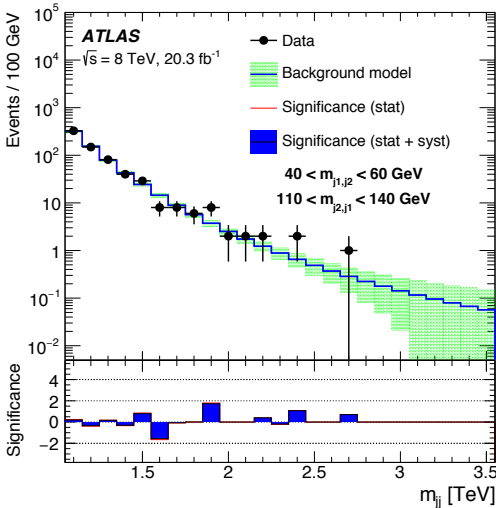
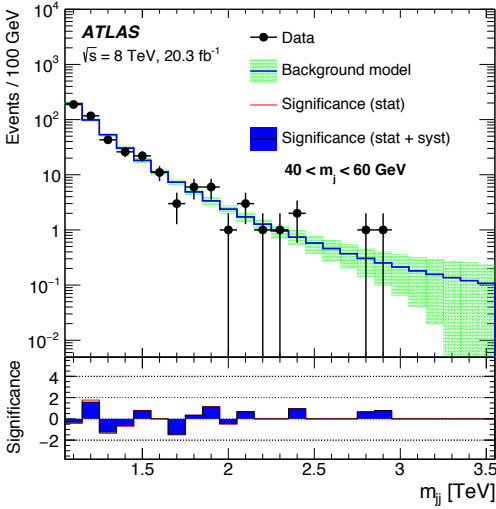
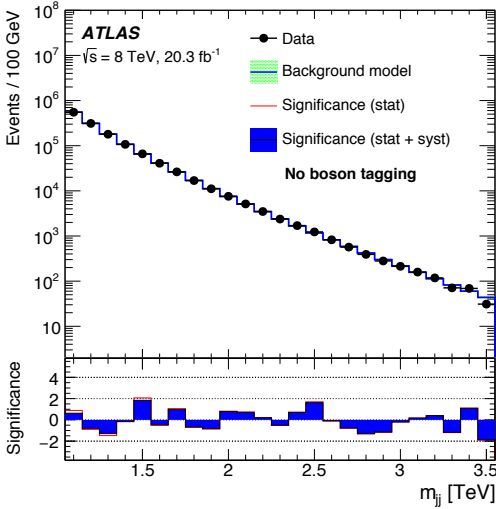
Most significant discrepancy from background is in WZ selection at 2 TeV:
3.4 σ local, 2.5 σ global



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Summary

Many exotic searches have been performed on the Run-1 data with ATLAS

I've presented here 7 of them, but many more can be found at [ExoticsPublicResults](#)

Many limits have been placed on models

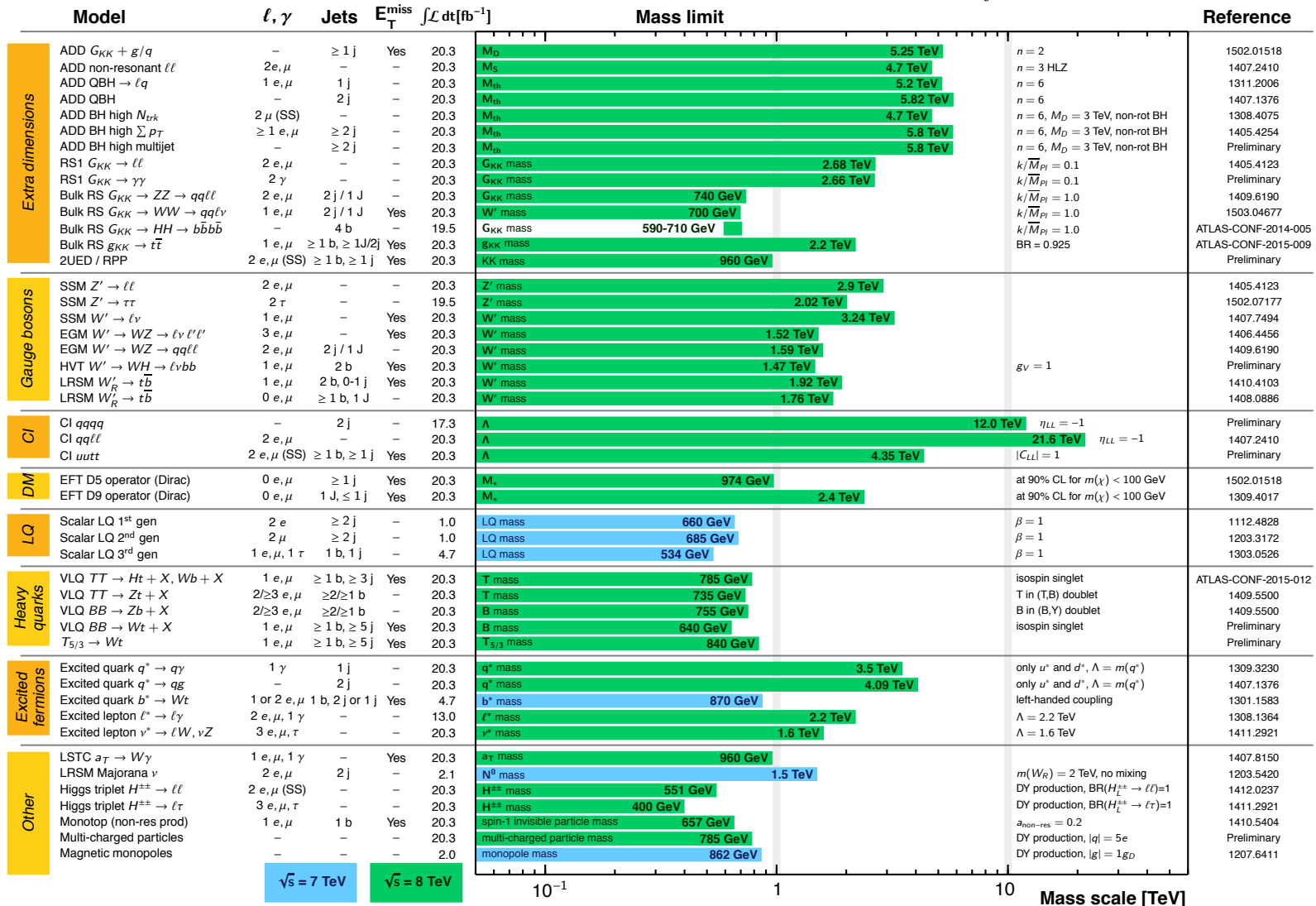
With the large increase in energy for Run 2, new physics may be just around the corner!!

ATLAS Exotics Searches* - 95% CL Exclusion

Status: March 2015

ATLAS Preliminary

$$\int \mathcal{L} dt = (1.0 - 20.3) \text{ fb}^{-1} \quad \sqrt{s} = 7, 8 \text{ TeV}$$

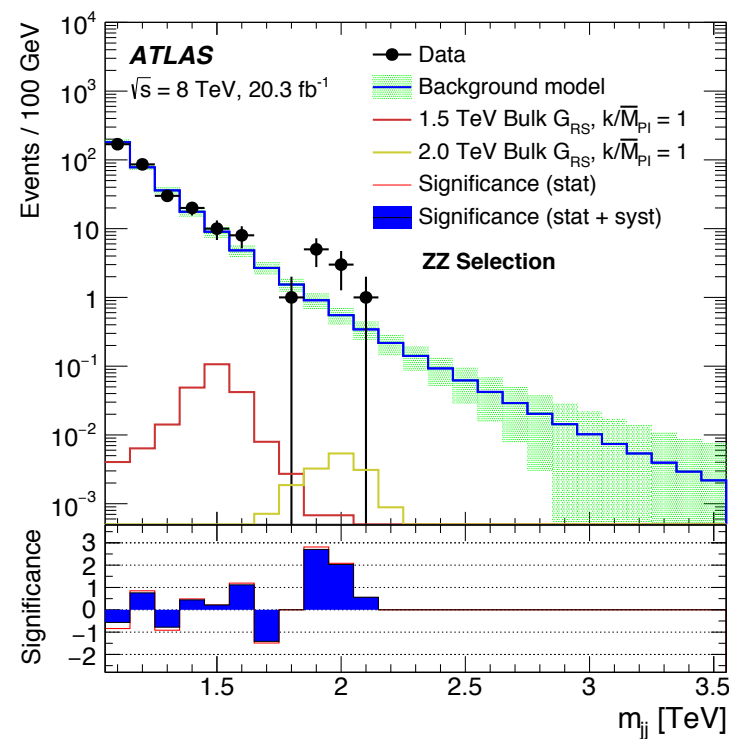
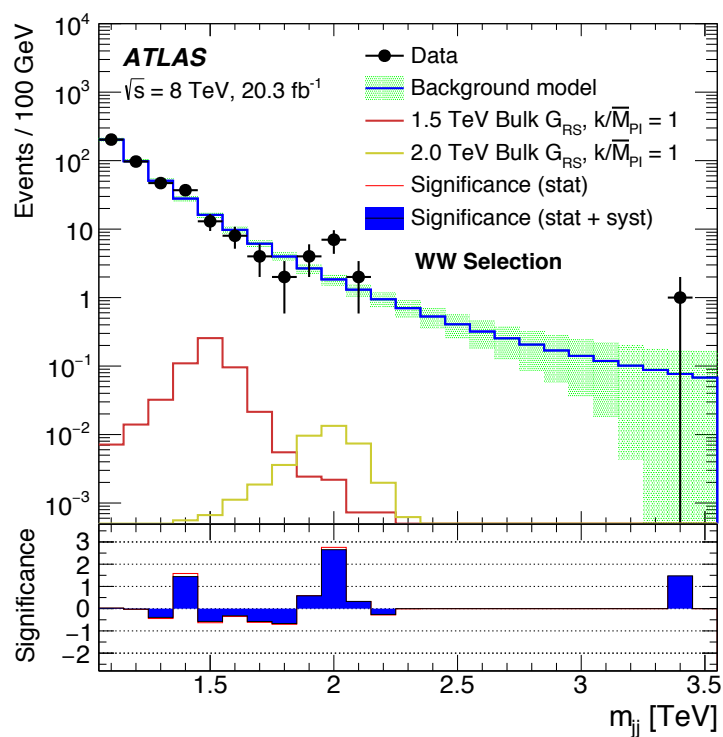


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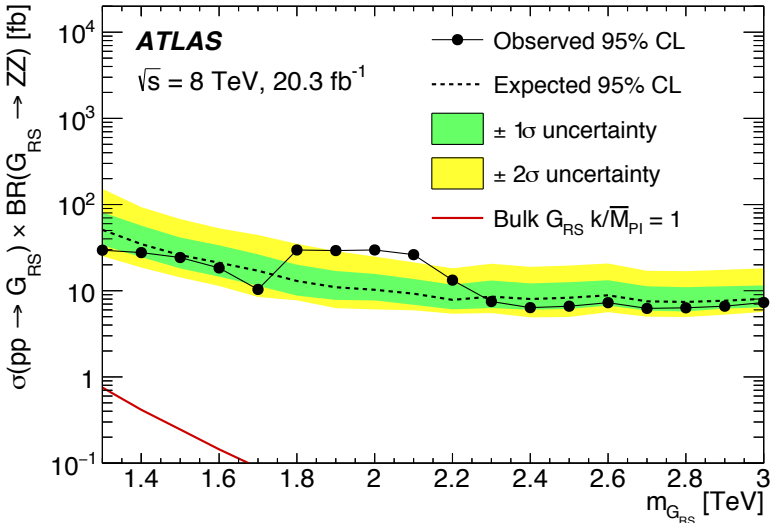
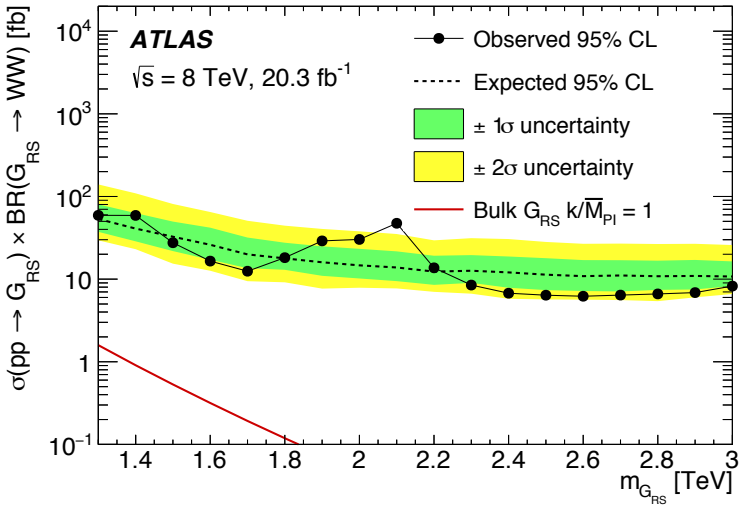
Thanks for Listening!

EXTRA SLIDES

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Parametric fit to background:
$$\frac{dn}{dx} = p_1 (1-x)^{p_2 - \xi p_3} x^{p_3}$$

Where:

- $X = m_{JJ}/\sqrt{s}$
- p_1 is a normalisation factor
- p_2 and p_3 are dimensionless shape parameters
- ξ is a dimensionless constant chosen after the fitting to minimize the correlations between p_1 and p_2

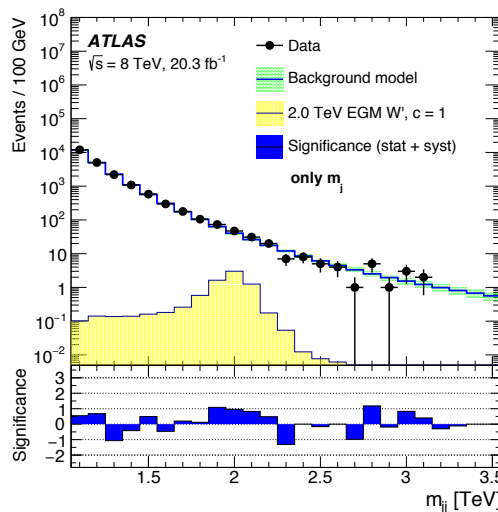
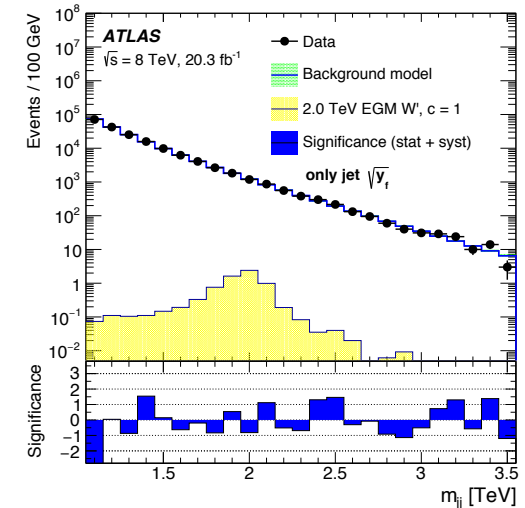
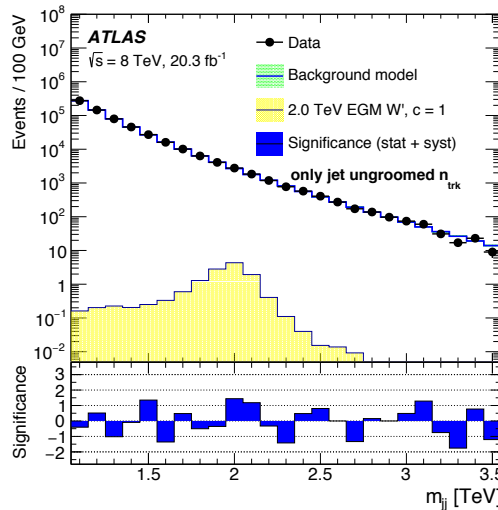
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e.g.

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- Look at the effect of N-1 cuts on the distribution



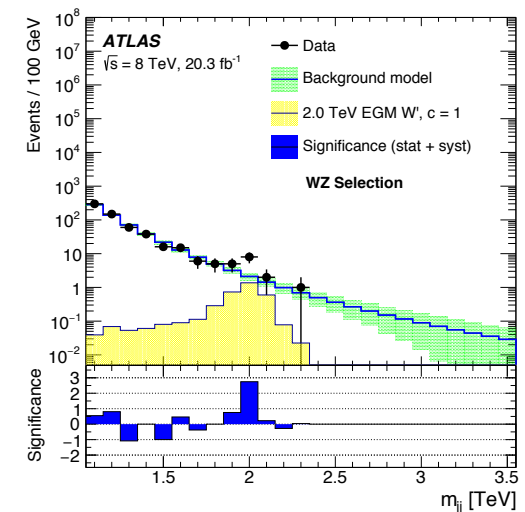
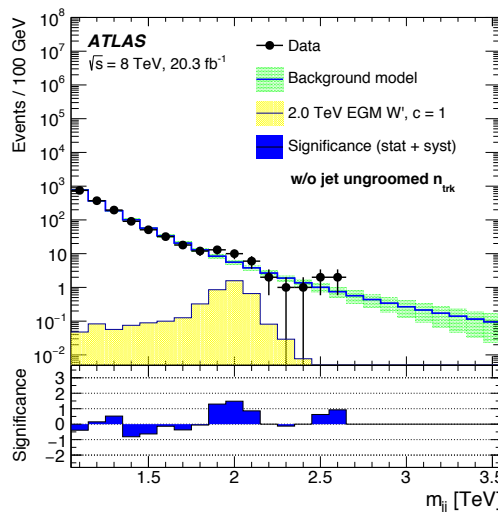
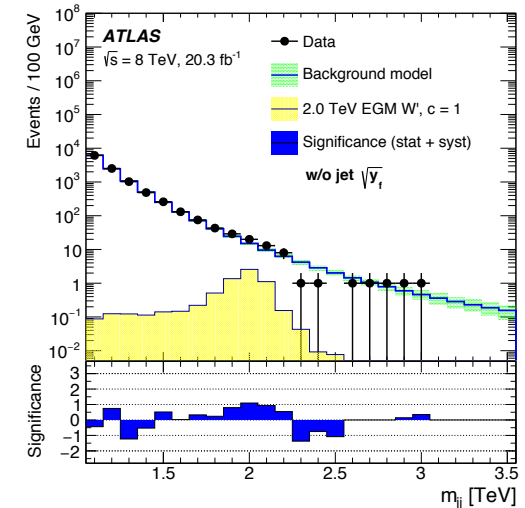
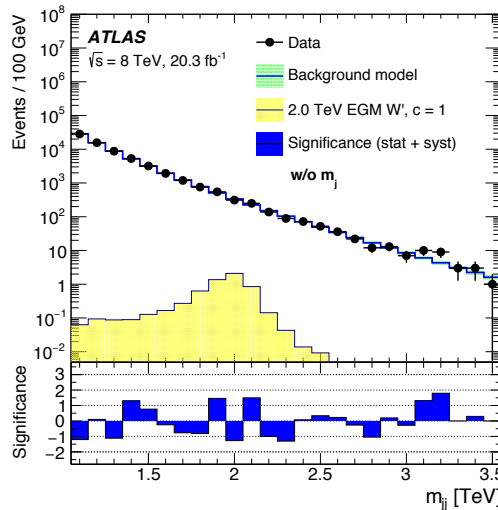
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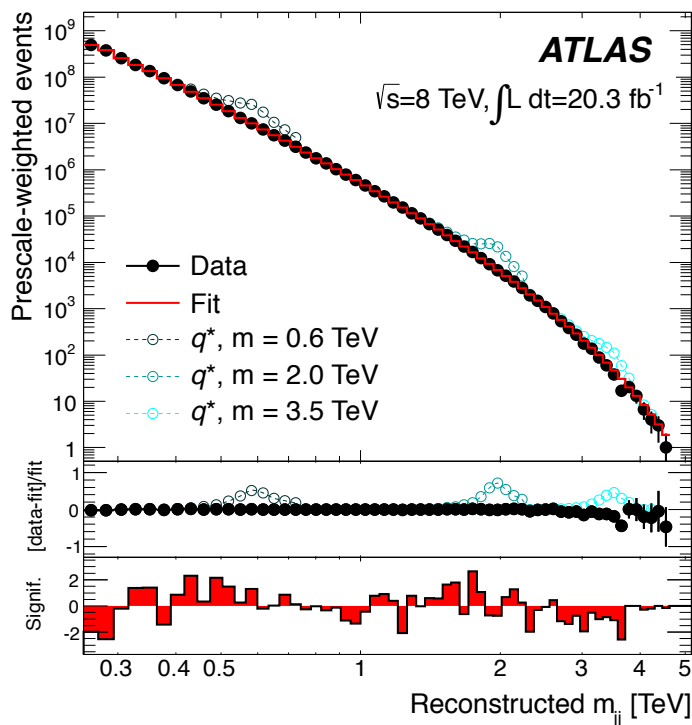
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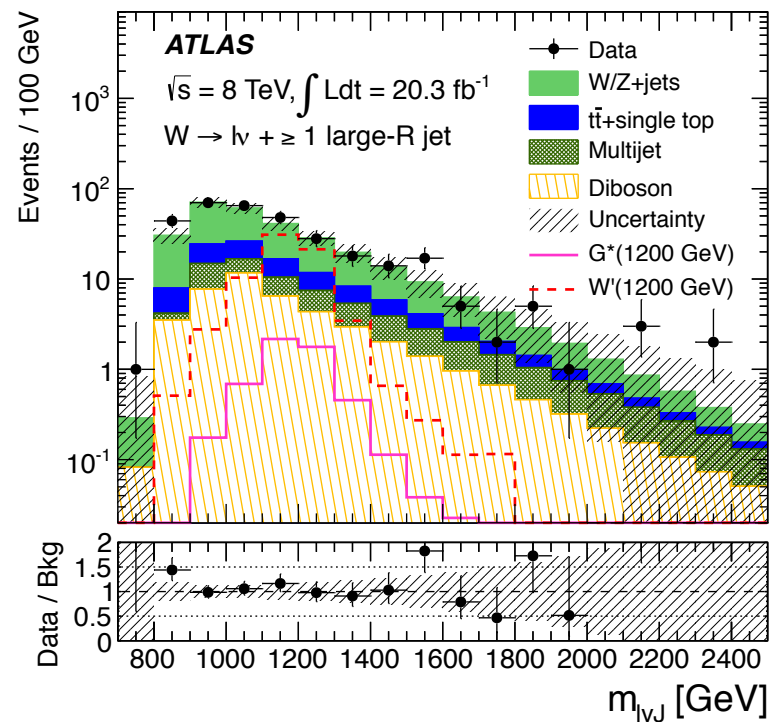


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ATLAS resolved dijet search
arXiv:1407.1376

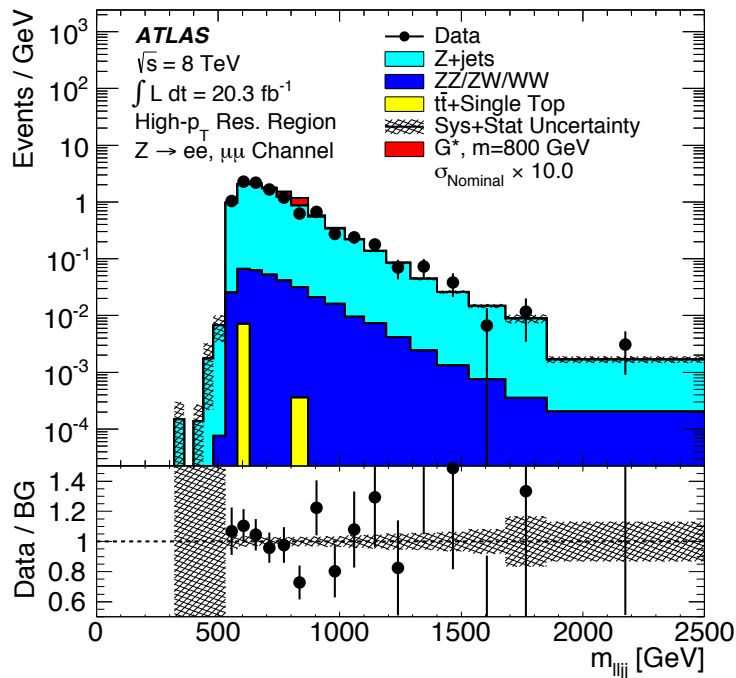


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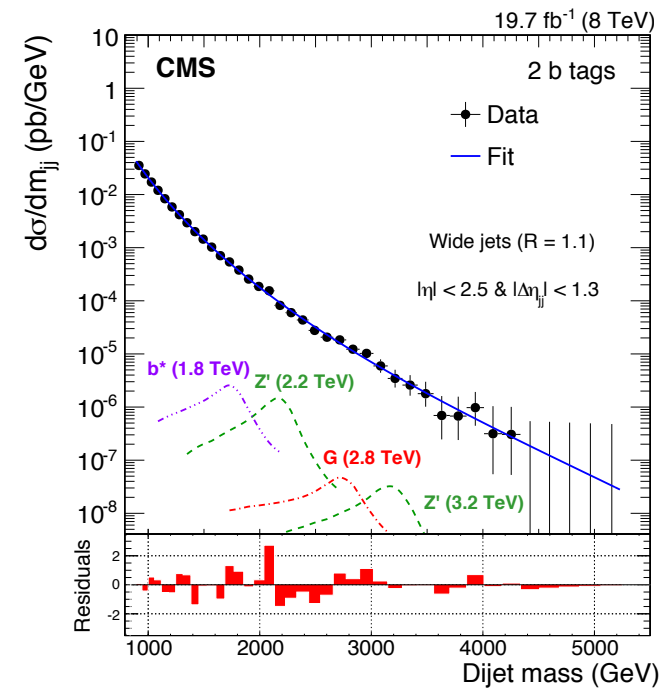


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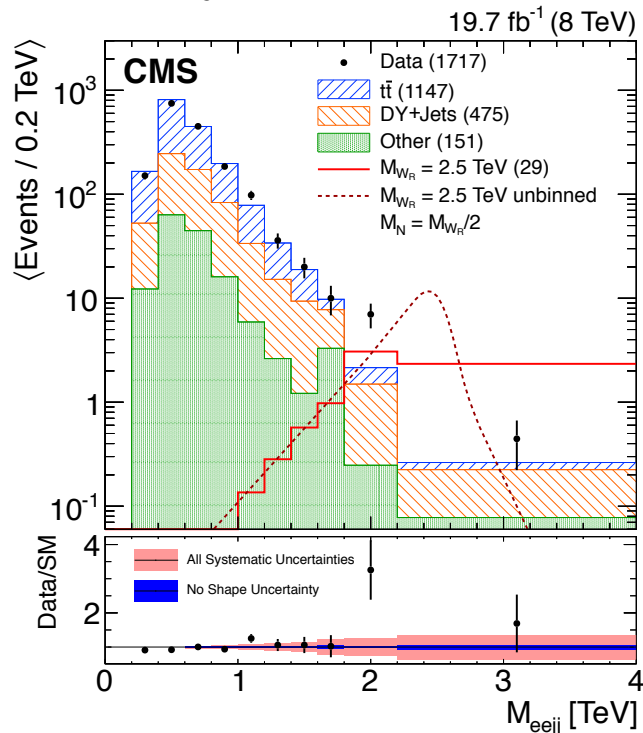
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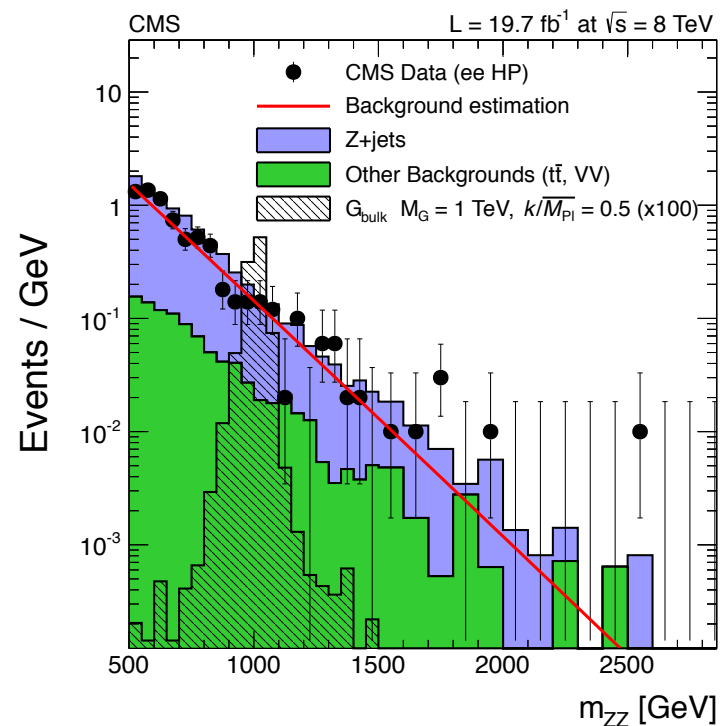
Tiny blip at 2 TeV in 2 b-tag channel

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CMS right-handed boson search
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CMS semileptonic WW WZ ZZ search
arXiv:1405.3447
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Excess at 2 TeV only seen in eejj channel

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CMS fully hadronic WW WZ ZZ search
 arXiv:1405.1994
 JHEP 08 (2014) 173

