

Searches for new resonances with the ATLAS detector



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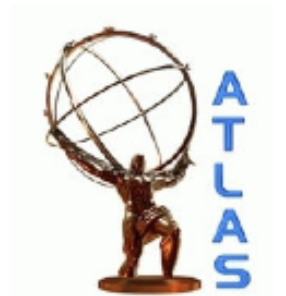
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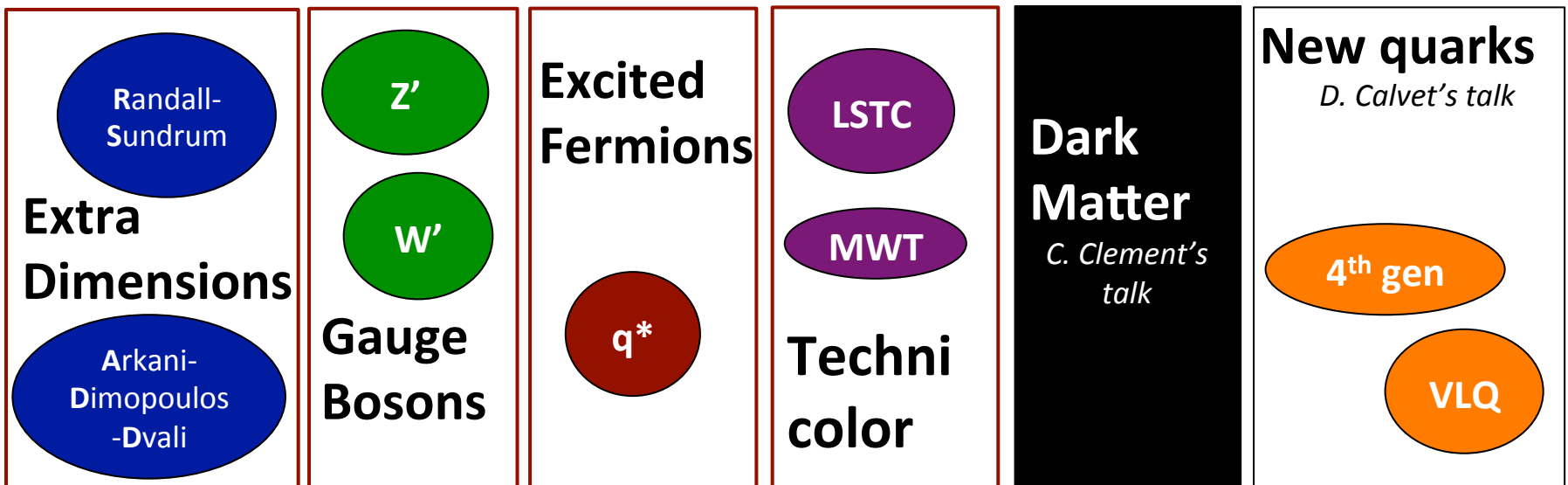
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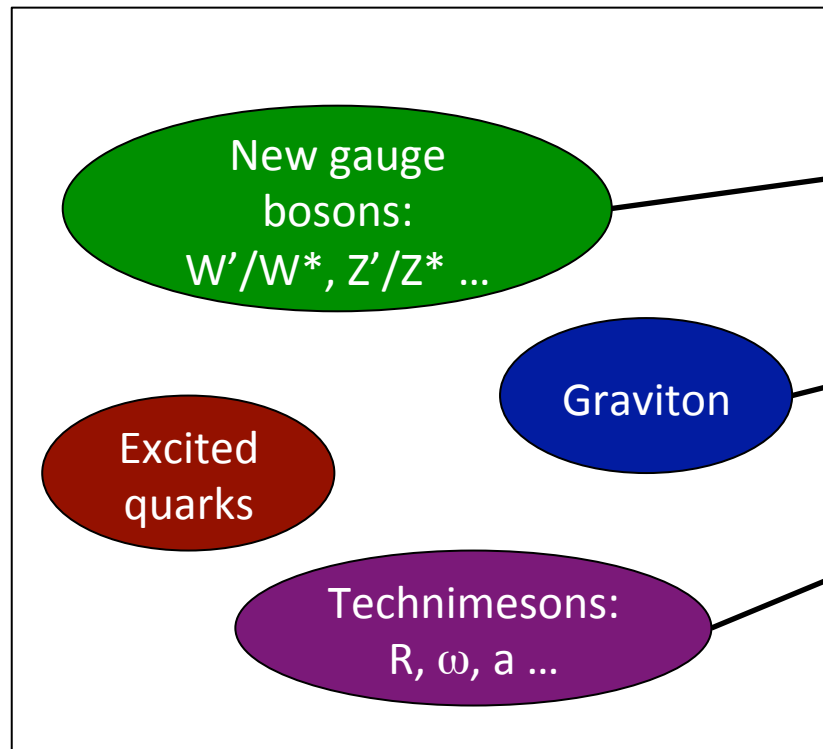
BSM physics @ the LHC

- Searches for Beyond Standard Model physics is a primary goal of the LHC program at CERN
- Such new physics could manifest in many ways; one of the most obvious is in the form of new resonance(s)
- ATLAS strategy: Model-independent searches, in the absence of a discovery, set limits on benchmark/generic models, and/or physically interesting ones



What do we set limits on?

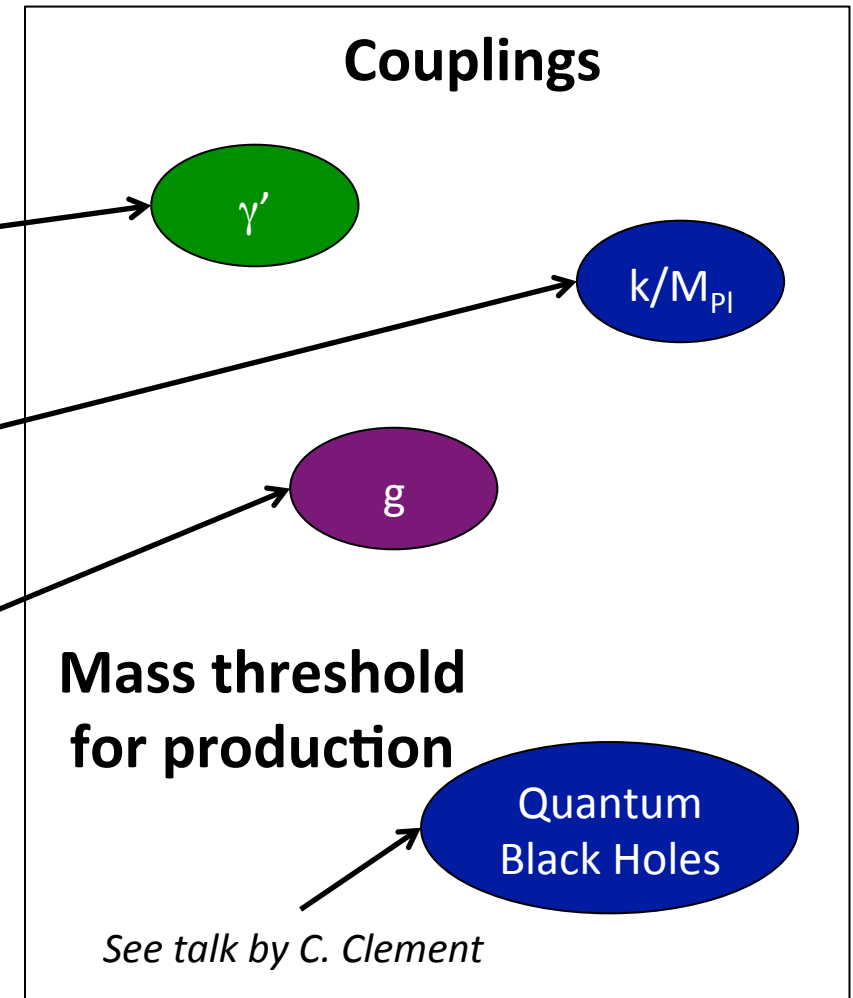
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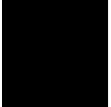
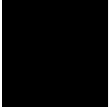
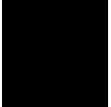
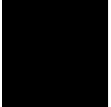
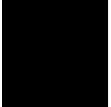
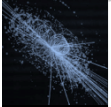
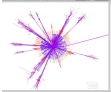


Other Model Parameters

Couplings

Mass threshold for production





Dijet resonances

arXiv:1407.1376

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Criteria:

≥ 2 anti- k_t 6, $p_T > 50$ GeV
jets

Poorly-measured high p_T
jets rejected

$|y| < 2.8$, $m_{jj} > 250$ GeV

BG from data fit:

$$f(x) = a(1-x)^b x^{(c+d \ln x)}$$

$\chi^2 = 79$ for 56 DOF

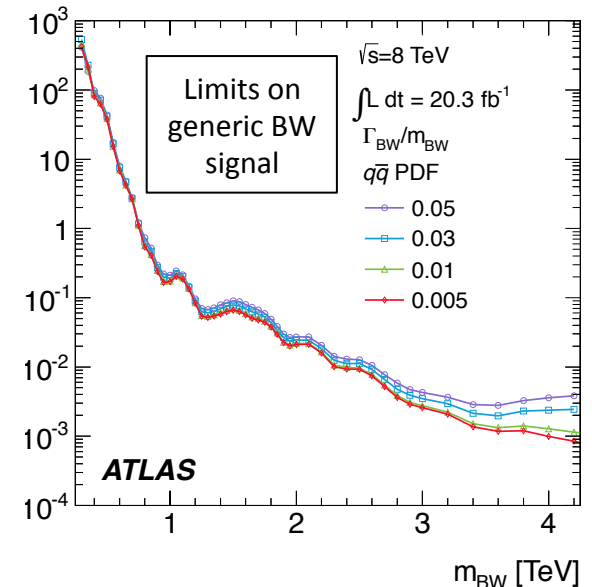
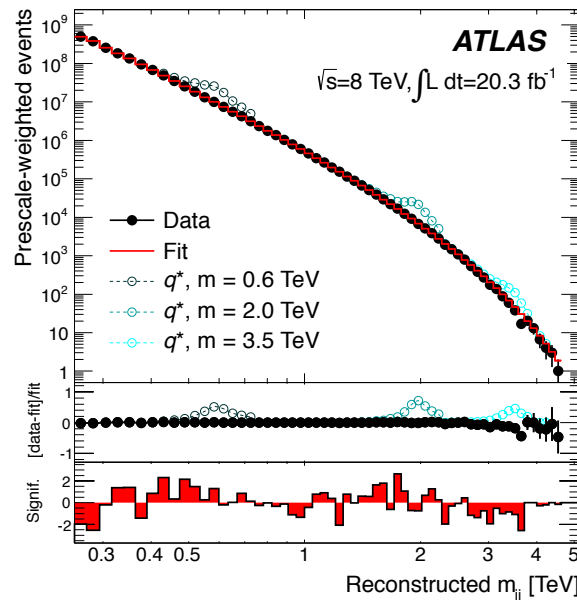
Systematics:

BG fit func. choice, qual.

Jet Energy Scale

Luminosity, beam energy

Theoretical uncert.



Model

Obs. Limit [TeV]

$q^* \rightarrow q\bar{q}$

4.09

$s_8 \rightarrow g\bar{g}$

2.72

$W' \rightarrow q\bar{q}'$

2.45

Leptophobic $W^* \rightarrow q\bar{q}'$

1.75

Leptophilic $W^* \rightarrow q\bar{q}'$

1.66

QBH $\rightarrow q$ or g only

5.82

BlackMax BH

5.75

Acceptances
range from
25-63%

Resonances
are narrow:
resolution 8%
@ 200 GeV,
<4% above 2
TeV

Dilepton resonances

arXiv:1405.4123

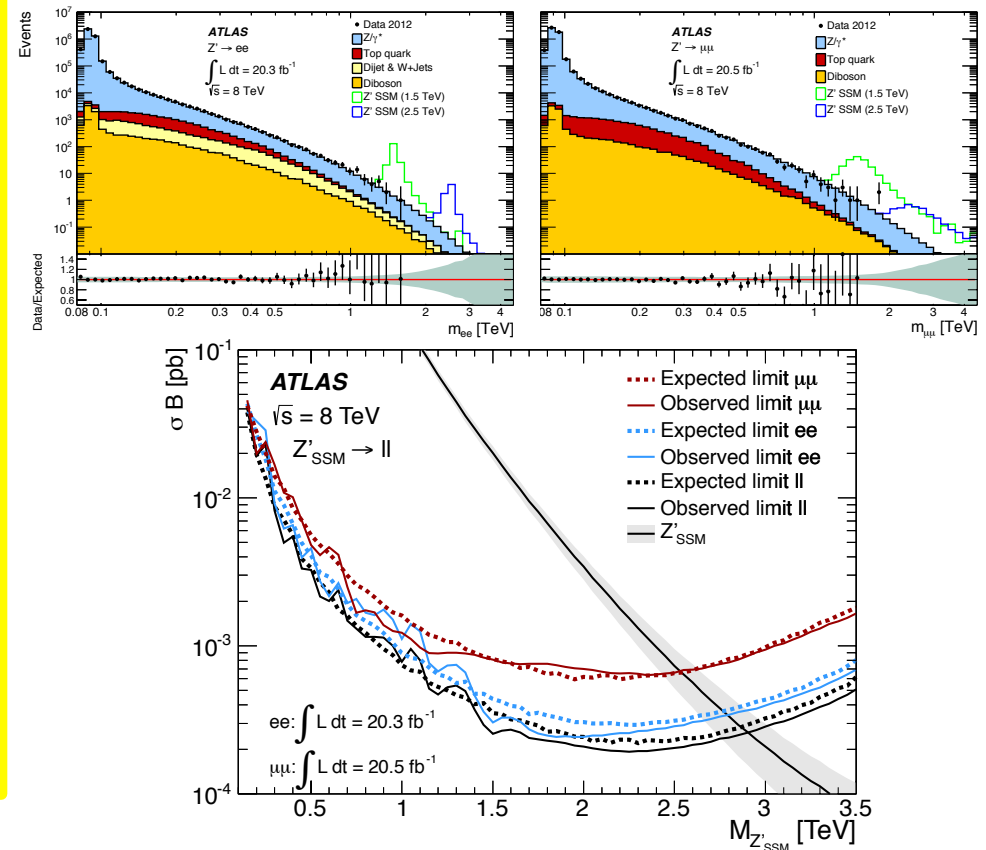
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Criteria:
$\geq 2 p_T > 25 \text{ GeV } e \text{ or } \mu$
Reject poorly-measured E (electrons) or p (muons)

Backgrounds:
Irreducible, dominant: DY
Multi-jet (el channel only), Diboson, ttbar

Systematics:
Theoretical uncert.
Beam energy uncert.
Resolution (muons)
Multi-jet BG (electrons)

Model	Obs. Limit [TeV]
Z' SSM	2.90
Z' E6 χ	2.62
Z' E6 ψ	2.51
Z*	2.85
Z' (B-L)	2.75
Z' 3R	2.72
RS G*, $k/\text{Mpl} = 0.1$	2.68
RS QBH	2.24
ADD QBH	3.65
MWT R1, $g=2$	1.99





$\ell + \text{MET}$ resonances

arXiv:1407.7494

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Criteria:

$e\ell$ isolated with $p_T > 125 \text{ GeV}$, $|\eta| < 2.5$

In $e\ell$ channel, if other good $e\ell$ with $p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$, reject

μ $p_T > 45 \text{ GeV}$, $|\eta| < 2.0$ les $1.0 < |\eta| < 1.3$

In $e\ell$ channel, $\text{MET} > 125 \text{ GeV}$, in μ channel, $\text{MET} > 45 \text{ GeV}$

Backgrounds:

SM W is dominant

Also contributions from: SM $Z \rightarrow \ell\bar{\ell}$, W/Z decays to τ , $t\bar{t}$ and single top, multi-jet

Systematics:

Uncert. on BG cross sections

Muon momentum resolution

Monte-Carlo statistics

Reconstruction and trigger efficiency

Model

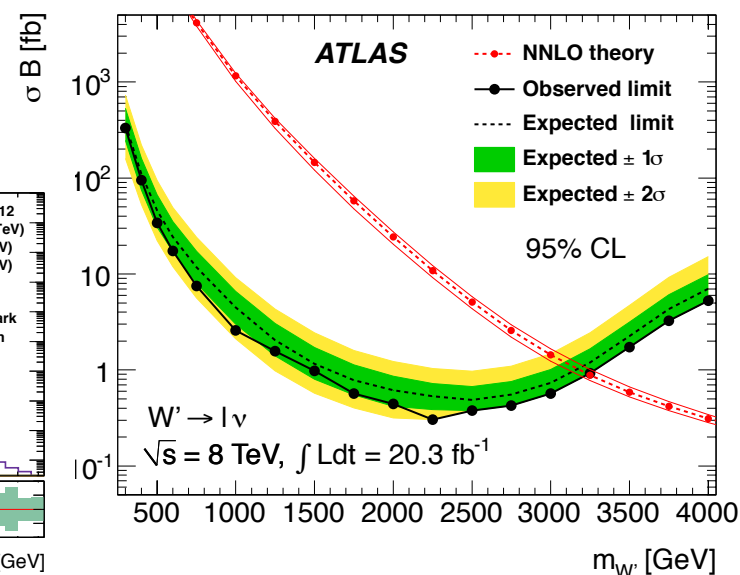
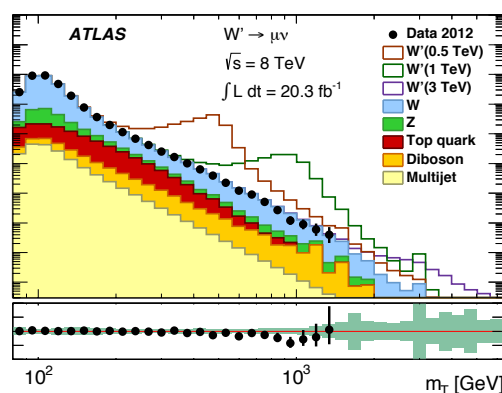
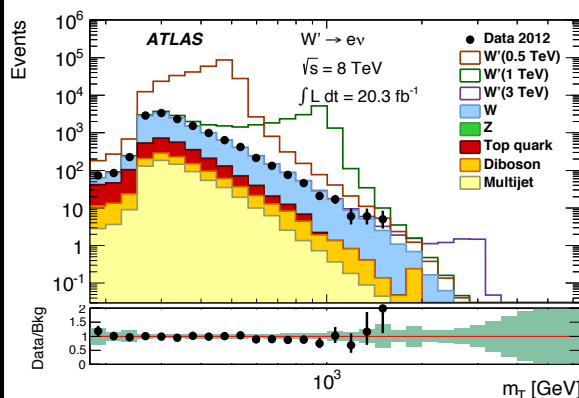
Obs. Limit [TeV]

W' SSM

3.24

W^*

3.21



W γ resonances

arXiv:1407.8150

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$\ell\nu\gamma$ criteria:

$$\ell p_T > 25 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\gamma E_T > 40 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\text{MET} > 35 \text{ GeV}$$

$$m_{T(\ell, \text{MET})} > 40 \text{ GeV}$$

if $\ell=e$, $m_{e\gamma}$ not in
15 GeV of m_Z

$$\Delta R(\ell, \gamma) > 0.7,$$

ℓ & γ isolated

Backgrounds:

Dominant is SM $V\gamma$

$V\gamma$, diboson, top BG
from MC

W/Z+jets data-
driven estimate

Systematics:

γ reco and ID

MET calib.

Luminosity

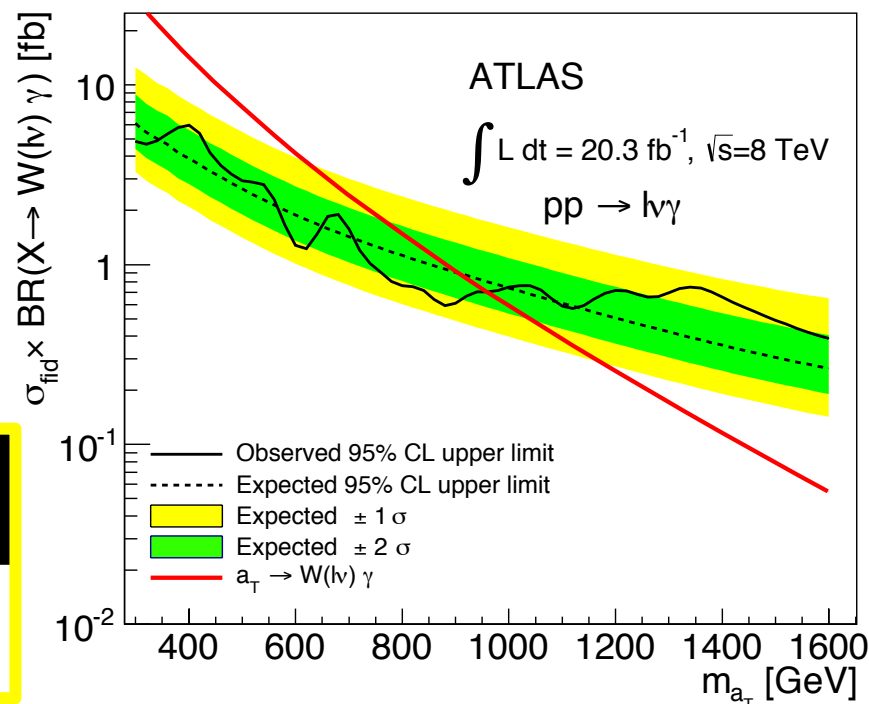
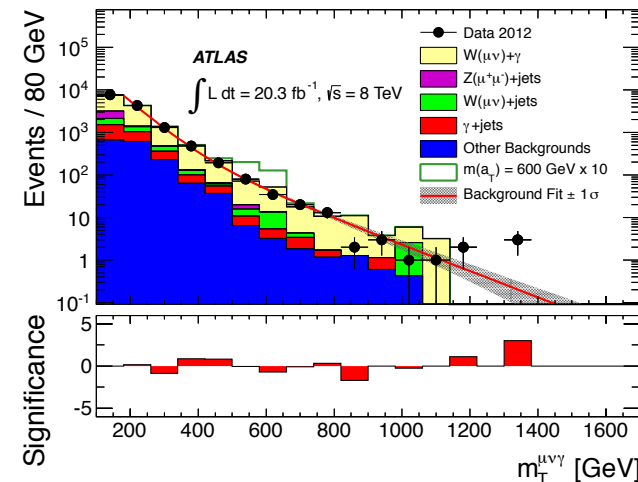
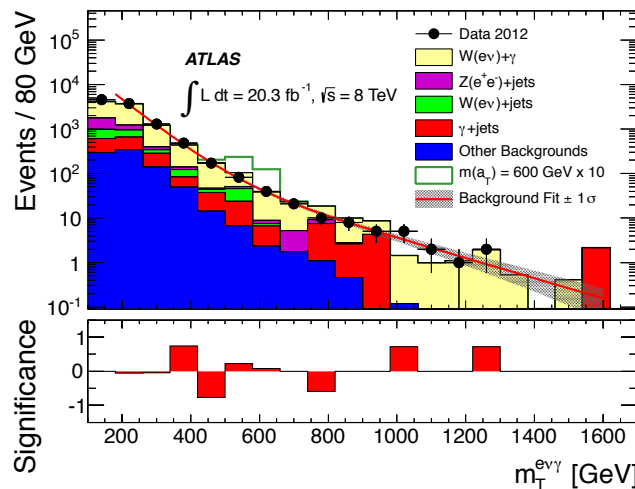
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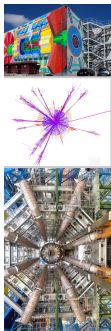
LSTC

$a_T \rightarrow W\gamma$

**Obs. Limit
[GeV]**

275-960





$Z\gamma$ resonances

arXiv:1407.8150

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$\ell\gamma$ criteria:

ℓ opp. charge,
same flavor

$65 < m_{\ell\ell} < 115$ GeV

$\gamma E_T > 40$ GeV

if $\ell = \mu$, ≥ 1 μ has
track in MS and ID

$\Delta R(\ell, \gamma) > 0.7$,
 ℓ & γ isolated

Backgrounds:

Dominant is SM $V\gamma$

$V\gamma$, diboson, top BG
from MC

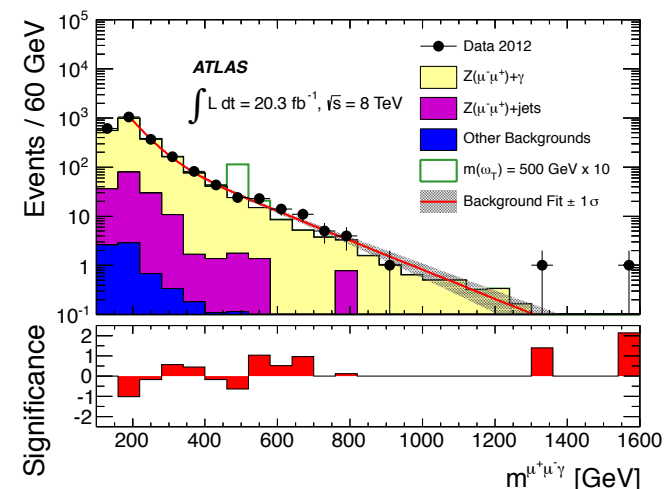
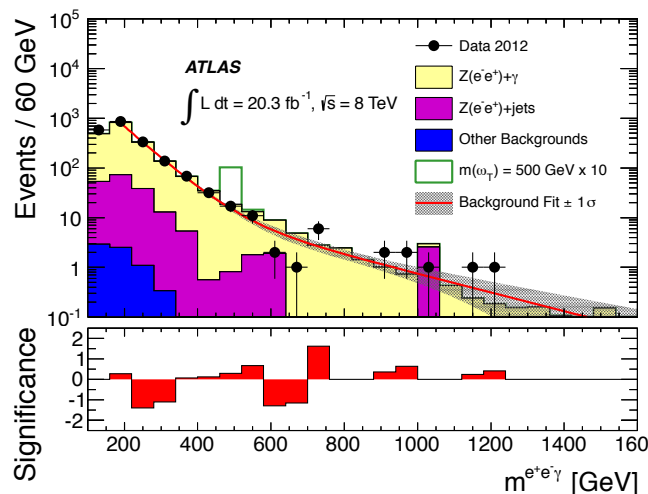
W/Z+jets data-
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Systematics:

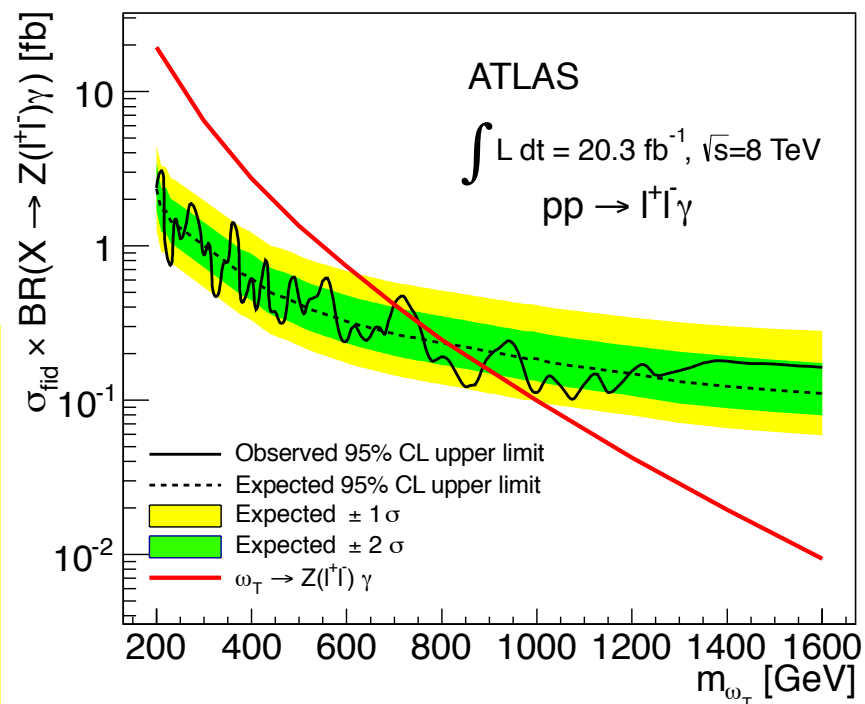
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MET calib.

Luminosity



Model	Obs. Limit [GeV]
LSTC $\omega_T \rightarrow Z\gamma$	200-700, 750-890
LSTC $\phi \rightarrow Z\gamma$	200-1180



WZ resonances

arXiv:1406.4456

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Signal criteria:

3 ℓ with $p_T > 25$ GeV

MET > 25 GeV

Reject if 4th ℓ with $p_T > 20$ GeV

ℓ iso, except from same-flavor ℓ (collimated high p_T Z decays)

2 ℓ opp. sign, same flavor, have $m_{\ell\ell}$ within 20 GeV of m_Z

$\Delta\phi(W,Z) < 1.5$

High-mass ($m_{\ell\nu\ell\ell} > 250$ GeV) and low-mass search regions

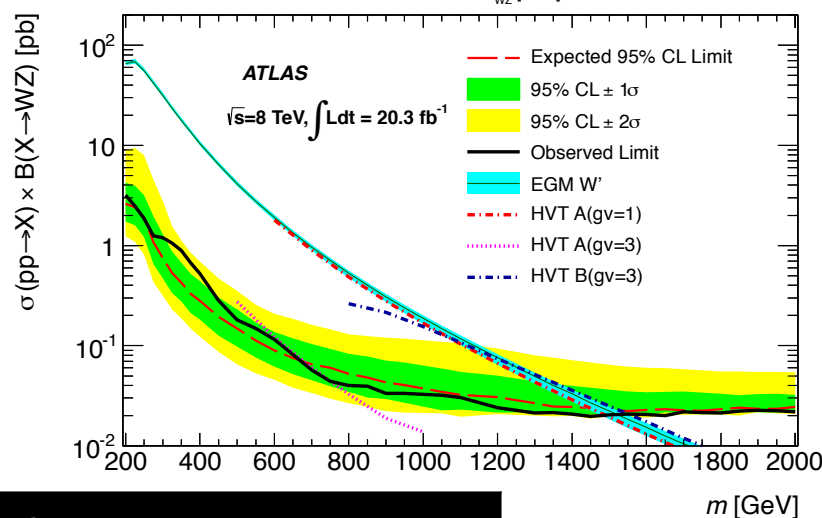
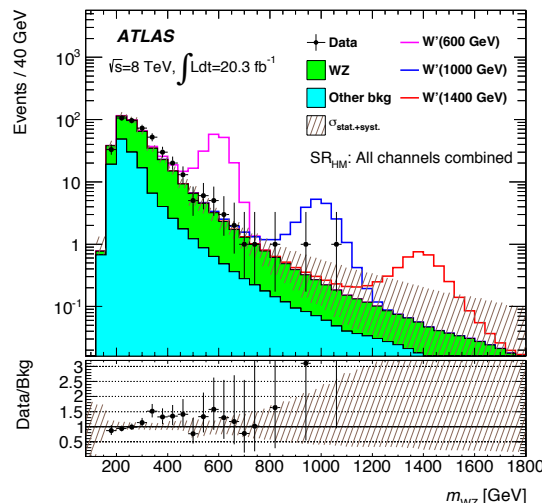
HM: $\Delta\phi_{(\ell,MET)} < 1.5$,
LM: $\Delta\phi_{(\ell,MET)} > 1.5$

Backgrounds:

Dominant is SM WZ

BG with ≥ 3 real prompt ℓ , or γ faking ℓ , from MC

BG with jets faking leptons estimated from data



Model

W' EGM

Obs. Limit

1.49 TeV

Also limits on Heavy Vector Triplets model, constrains couplings directly

Systematics:

Theory (dominant)

High mass extrapolation

ZZ and ZW resonances

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Signal criteria:

Exactly 2 ℓ , 2 resolved jets (j)
or one unresolved (J)

ℓ $p_T > 25$ GeV

ℓ iso, except from same-flavor
 ℓ (collimated high p_T Z decays)

j reconstructed with anti- k_t 4,
 j $p_T > 30$ GeV, $|\eta| < 2.1$

J reconstructed with
Cambridge-Aachen $R=1.2$,
 J $p_T > 100$ GeV, $|\eta| < 1.2$

$66 < m_{\ell\ell} < 116$ GeV

$70 < m_{jj/J} < 110$ GeV

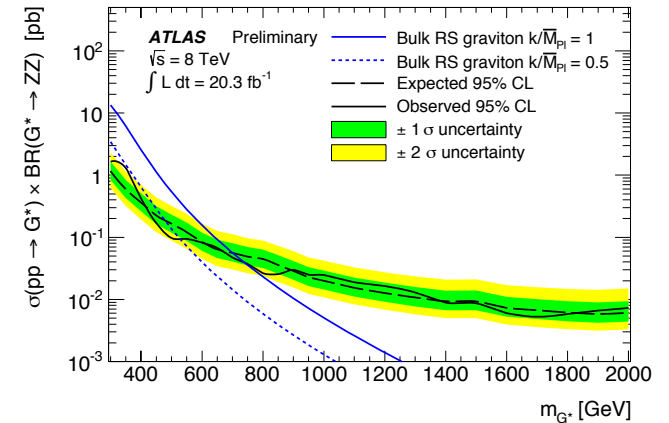
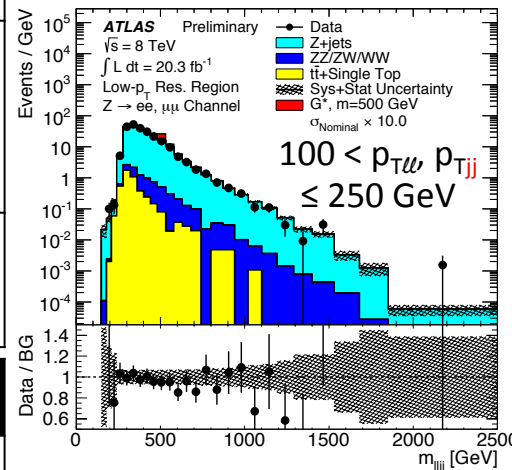
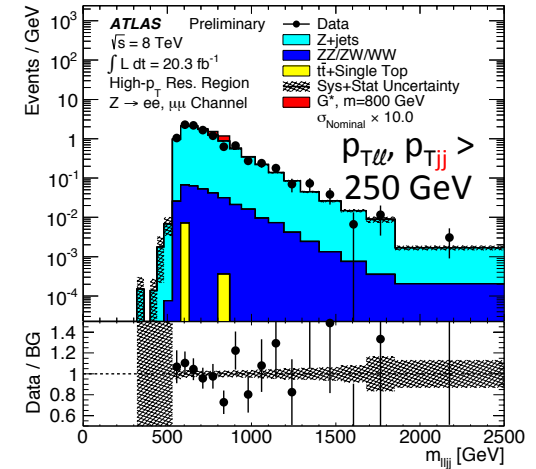
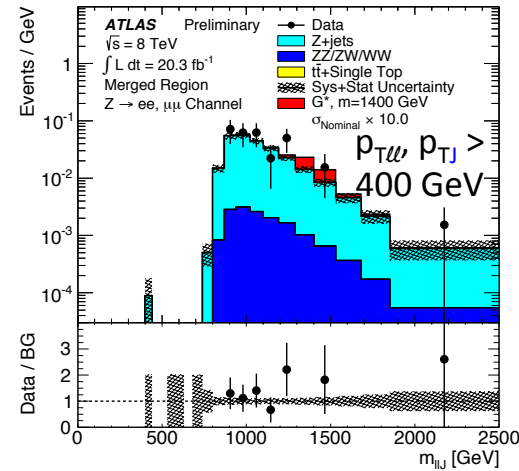
Systematics:

Data-driven corrections to BG

ISR/FSR modeling

Backgrounds:

SM Z + jets (dominant), tt, non-res. diboson



Model

W' EGM

Bulk RS G^* , $k/M_{pl} = 1.0$

Obs. Limit

1.59 TeV

740 GeV

4 b jets resonances

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Signal criteria:

≥ 4 anti- k_t 4 j, b-tagged, $p_T > 40$ GeV, $|\eta| < 2.5$

Reject events with high p_T j coming from non-collision BG

Form 2 dijet pairs using j a, b:
 $\Delta R_{ab} < 1.5$, $p_{Tab} > 200$ GeV

j with $p_T > 30$ GeV, and not in dijets but in $\Delta R < 1.5$:
Reject event if likely from tt

Require 4j mass consistent with HH hypothesis

b-tagging:

Multivariate requirements combined in NN

Trk impact params, displaced vtx, c/b hadron decays

Working point used 70% efficient

Systematics:

BG shape, yield

Jet calibration

b-tagging

Backgrounds:

$\sim 90\%$ from multi-jets (data-driven)

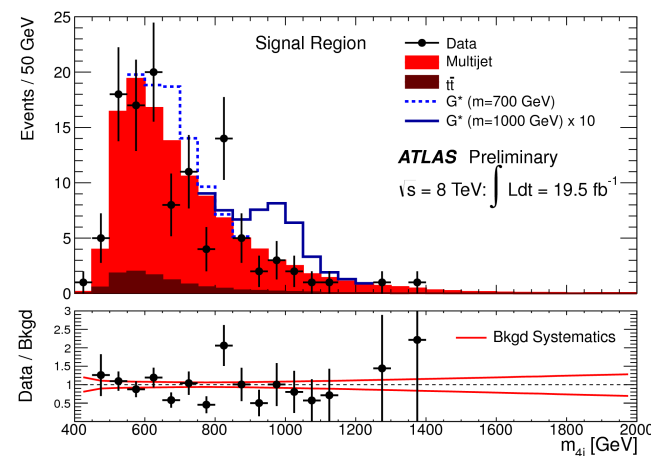
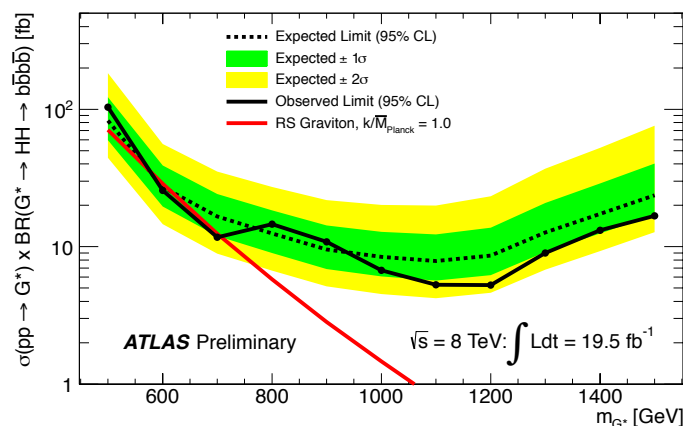
10% tt (shape MC, yield dd), $< 1\%$ Z+ jets (MC)

Model

Bulk
RS G^*

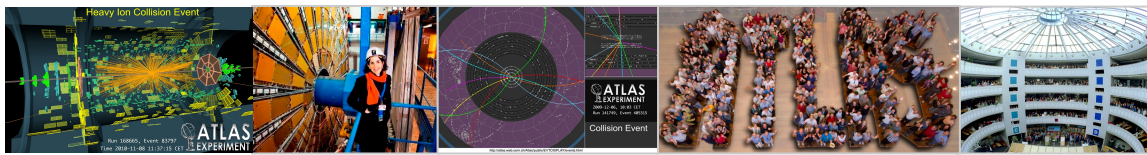
Obs. Limit

590-710
GeV



Summary

- No evidence for new resonances found, but limits have been set on many models
 - In many cases, general limits assuming no specific model have also been set (useful for further interpretation)
- Sensitivity to new resonances dramatically increases with center of mass energy of collisions
 - Preparations for Run II are underway
 - In some cases possible to surpass Run I sensitivity with just a few fb^{-1} @ 13 TeV



BACKUP



Model parameters

- **ADD**: One or more ED. KK excitations of Graviton and quantum black holes (QBH) predicted. New resonance is lightest Graviton mode (G^*). QBH not resonances, but for some models can be treated as such, so some limits on mass threshold for QBH production (M_{th}). (*For dedicated BH/QBH searches see talk by C. Clement*).
- **RS 1**: Two 4D branes in a 5D bulk, with ED in bulk compactified. SM particles confined to one brane. Limits set on G^* mass vs coupling k/M_{pl} .
- **Bulk RS**: As RS 1, but SM particles can propagate into the bulk.
- **W', Z'**: Benchmarks SSM and EGM. Sequential Standard Model high-mass gauge bosons have same couplings as SM W/Z. Extended Gauge Model has modified coupling to WZ. Limits set on masses of new bosons.
- **W*, Z***: Chiral gauge bosons with masses near weak scale. Limits set on their masses.
- **q***: Excited states of a composite quark. Limits set on excited quark mass.
- **Technicolor**: (Low Scale Technicolor, Minimal Walking Technicolor) New force analogous to strong force. Models include Higgs boson consistent with LHC discovery. Limits set on masses of new technimesons, couplings.

Detector and Particle identification

e/γ

EM cluster with assoc.
ID track (e, conv. γ)

Conv. vtx. resolve
between e and conv. γ

Trk-clus match, trk qual,
shower shape in calo to
reject hadronic BG

e $\rightarrow$ use *medium* level
working point

γ $\rightarrow$ use *tight* level
working point

el (γ) in $|\eta| < 2.47$ (2.37),
less $1.37 < |\eta| < 1.52$

μ

Usually trk in ID
and MS

Can use just ID trk+
calo, or just MS trk

Use stringent req.
on MS hits, MS/ID
trk match

MET

From sum of E_T of
all clusters in calo
($|\eta| < 4.9$) and μ

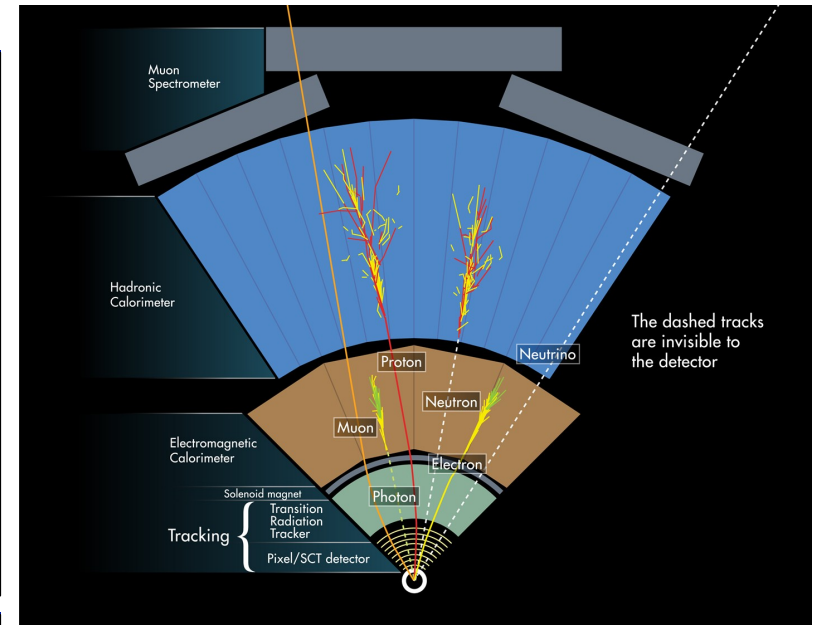
Correct for clus.
assoc. w/reco obj.

j

Seeded by clusters in hadronic calo

Reconstruct with anti- k_t algorithm in
 $|\eta| < 2.8$, with cone size 0.6 or 0.4

For j with $|\eta| < 2.5$ use vertexing to
reject pileup





Matrix method for fake BG estimation

Method used in
several searches

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- Jets can fake muons or electrons or photons (more common)
- Estimate BG from data-driven method:
 - Have a nominal selection (as for the signal candidates)
 - Have a loosened selection (background-enriched sample)
 - Relate number of events that pass/fail each selection to the number of events with no fakes and the number of events with fakes
 - Use also probabilities that a real $e/\mu/\gamma$ passes each selection (r) and the probability a jet fakes $e/\mu/\gamma$



Matrix method for fake BG estimation (2)

Method used in several searches

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- Can form matrix relating number of events where objects pass nominal (T) selection vs loosened (L) selection, and number of events with real prompt particles (R) vs fakes (F):

$$\begin{pmatrix} N_{TT} \\ N_{TL} \\ N_{LT} \\ N_{LL} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} r_1 r_2 & r_1 f_2 & f_1 r_2 & f_1 f_2 \\ r_1 (1 - r_2) & r_1 (1 - f_2) & f_1 (1 - r_2) & f_1 (1 - f_2) \\ (1 - r_1) r_2 & (1 - r_1) f_2 & (1 - f_1) r_2 & (1 - f_1) f_2 \\ (1 - r_1) (1 - r_2) & (1 - r_1) (1 - f_2) & (1 - f_1) (1 - r_2) & (1 - f_1) (1 - f_2) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} N_{RR} \\ N_{RF} \\ N_{FR} \\ N_{FF} \end{pmatrix}$$

Specific equation
taken from arXiv:
1405.4123



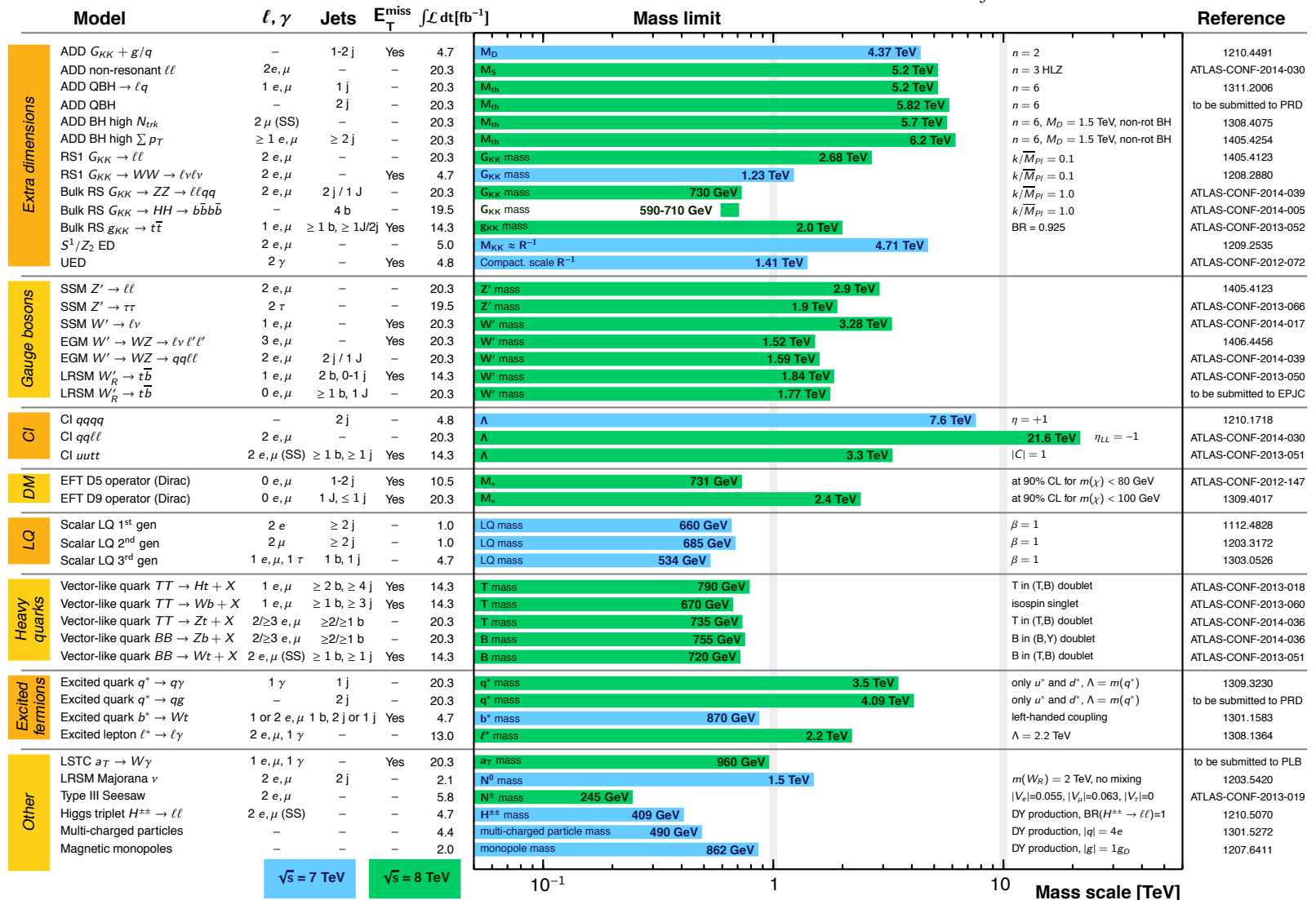
Overview of all ATLAS Exotics results

ATLAS Exotics Searches* - 95% CL Exclusion

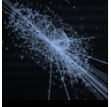
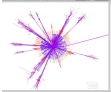
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$$\int \mathcal{L} dt = (1.0 - 20.3) \text{ fb}^{-1} \quad \sqrt{s} = 7, 8 \text{ TeV}$$



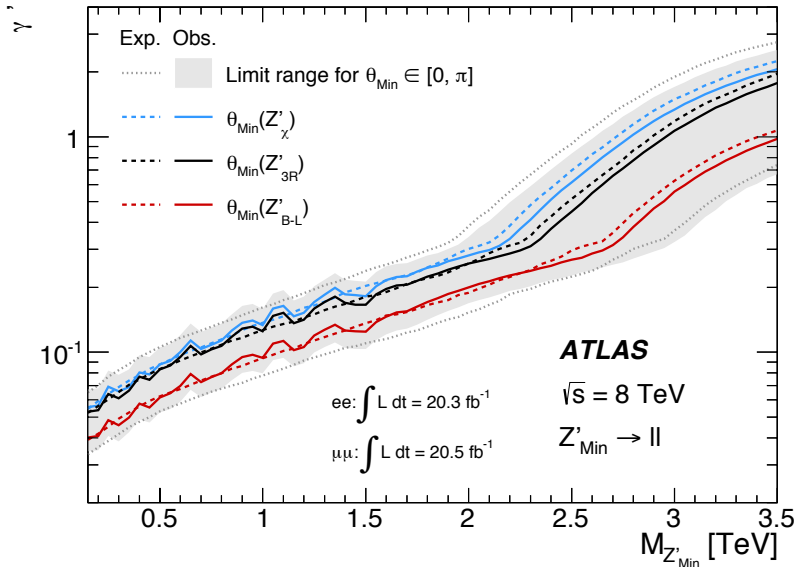
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Dilepton resonances

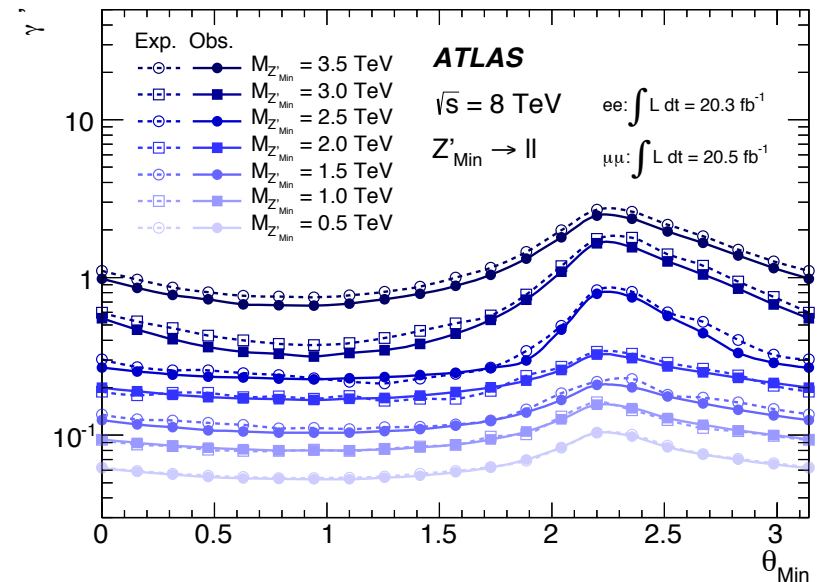
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Limits set on Z' mass vs coupling g' in the Minimal Models framework. Here the model is completely characterized by 3 parameters: 2 coupling constants, g_γ and g_{B-L} , and $M_{Z'}$. The coupling constants can be written in terms of γ' and θ_{Min} .

Limits can also be set on γ' and θ_{Min} for fixed values of $M_{Z'}$.

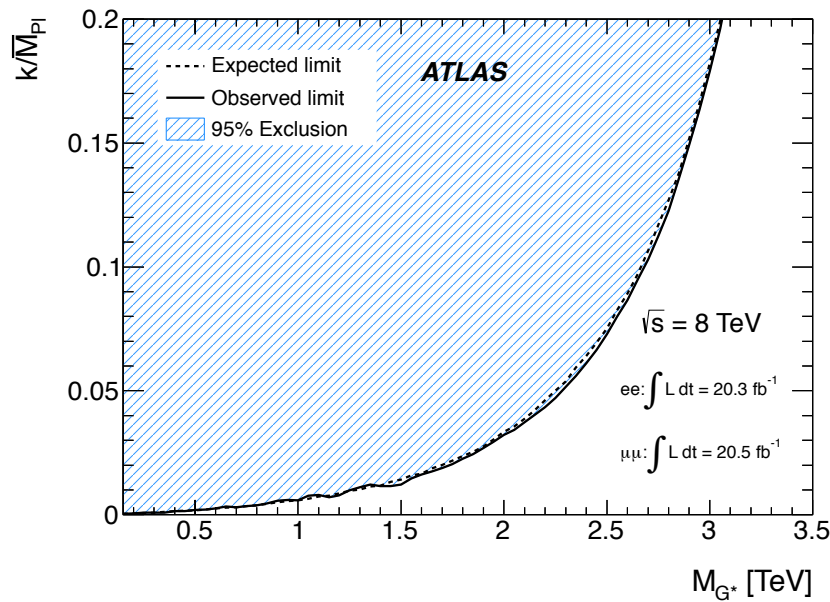




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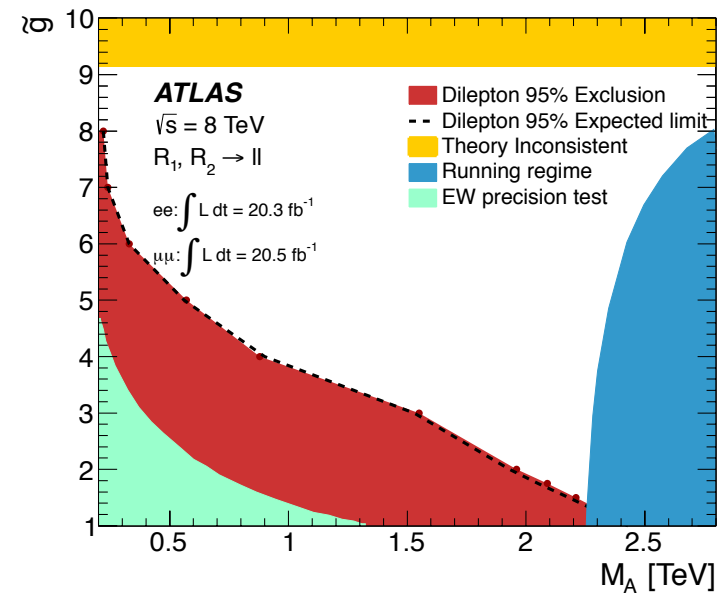
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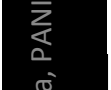
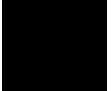
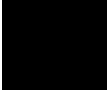
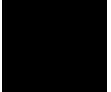
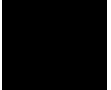
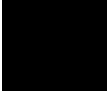
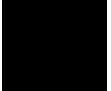
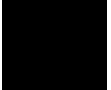
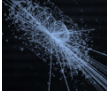
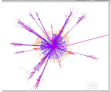
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Limits set on G^* mass in the RS1 model as a function of the coupling to SM particles, k/M_{Pl} .

Limits set on the bare-axial mass vs the coupling of the new spin-1 resonance to SM fermions, in the Minimal Walking Technicolor model.

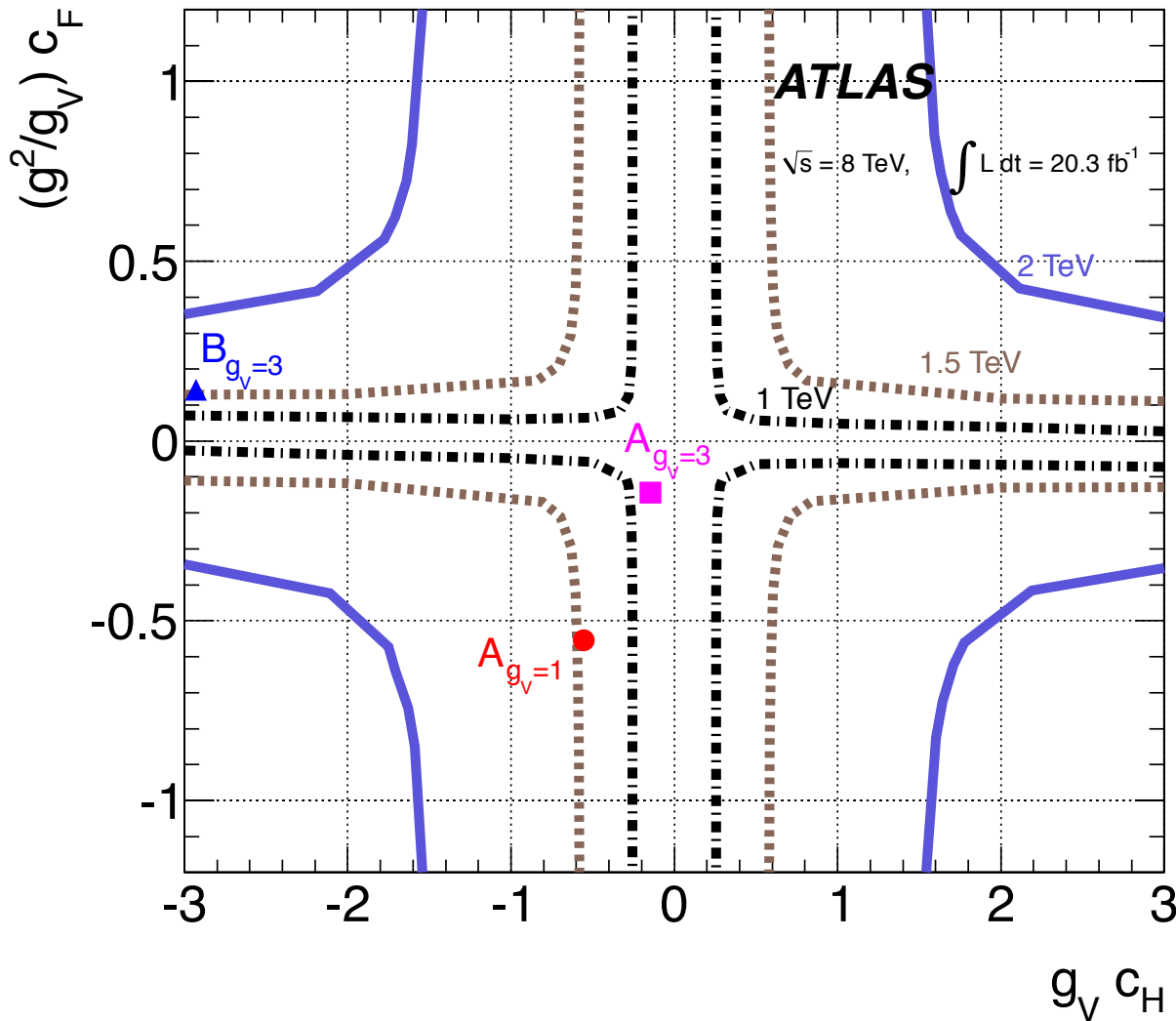




WZ resonances

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Observed 95% exclusion contours in the HVT parameter space $\{(g^2/g_V)c_F, g_V c_H\}$ for resonances of mass 1 TeV, 1.5 TeV and 2 TeV. Also shown are the benchmark model parameters $A(g_V=1)$, $A(g_V=3)$ and $B(g_V=3)$. The observed limits for the benchmark HVT resonances are 1.49, 0.76 and 1.56 TeV, respectively.



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Check consistency with $t\bar{t}$ hypothesis

- m_W formed extra jet + jet in the dijet with lowest probability of being a b jet
- m_t taken from invariant mass of extra jet + dijet
- $\sigma_{m_W} = 0.1m_W$, $\sigma_{m_t} = 0.1m_t$, $M_W = 80.4$ GeV, $M_t = 172.5$ GeV
- Define variable $X_{t\bar{t}}$:

$$X_{t\bar{t}} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{m_W - M_W}{\sigma_{m_W}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{m_t - M_t}{\sigma_{m_t}}\right)^2}$$

- If either dijet for the event has $X_{t\bar{t}} < 3.2$ for any combination, the event is rejected



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Check consistency with HH hypothesis

- “Signal Region” defined by making elliptical cut in plane of leading dijet invariant mass, m_{JJ} , and sub-leading dijet invariant mass, m_{jj}
- $\sigma_{m_{JJ}} = 0.1m_{JJ}$, $\sigma_{m_{jj}} = 0.1m_{jj}$, $M_{JJ} = 124.0$ GeV, $M_{jj} = 115.0$ GeV
- Define variable X_{HH} :

$$X_{HH} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{m_{JJ} - M_{JJ}}{\sigma_{m_{JJ}}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{m_{jj} - M_{jj}}{\sigma_{m_{jj}}}\right)^2}$$

- $X_{HH} < 1.6$ defines the signal region



$\gamma + \text{jet resonances}$

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Signal criteria:

AntiKT6 j $p_T > 125$ GeV in $|\eta| < 2.8$

γ iso., $p_T > 125$ GeV in $|\eta| < 1.37$

Exactly 1 j such that $\Delta R(\gamma, j) < 0.1$

$$|\Delta\eta_{\gamma j}| < 1.6$$

Data-driven BG:

Estimate from fit to $m_{\gamma j}$, validate with MC and data control regs.

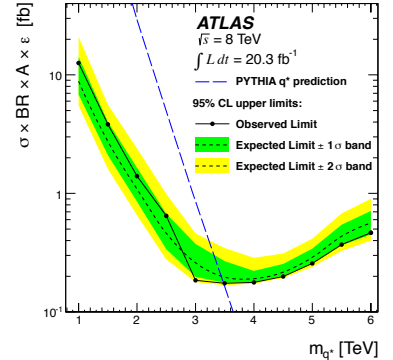
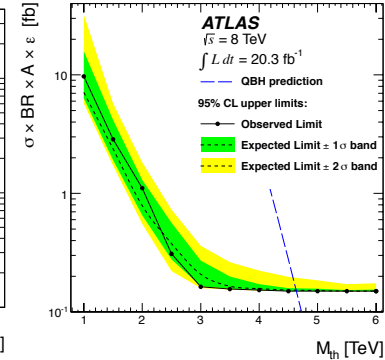
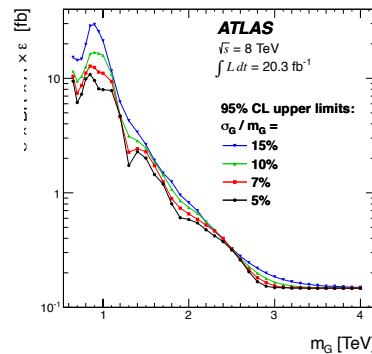
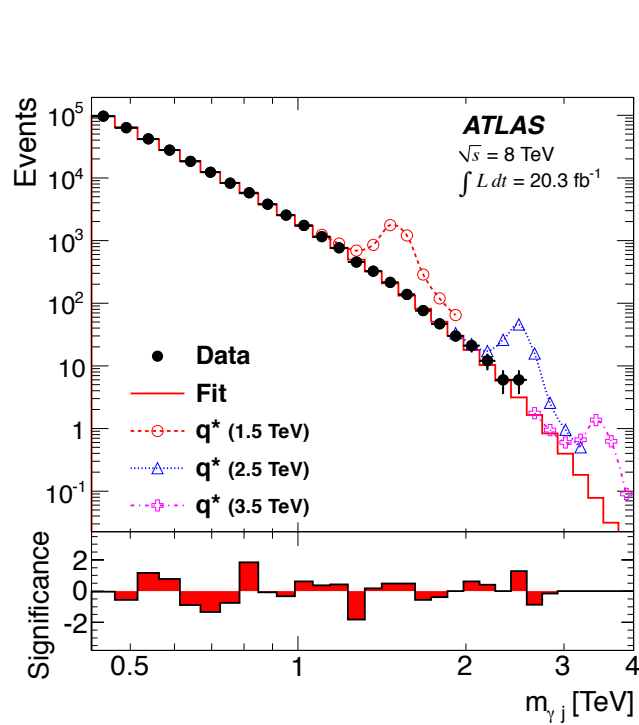
$$f(x) = a(1-x)^b x^{-(c+d \ln x)}$$

Systematics:

Luminosity

γ trigger, ID, iso. eff.

γ, j E scales



Model

Gaus. res. 5% width,
 $m=1$ TeV
 $m=4$ TeV

QBH $n=6$

q^*

Obs. Limit

$\sigma^* \text{Br}^* A^* \epsilon <$
 8 fb
 0.1 fb

$M_{\text{th}} < 4.6$ TeV

$m_{q^*} < 3.5$ TeV