

# Searches for resonant and non-resonant new phenomena from ATLAS

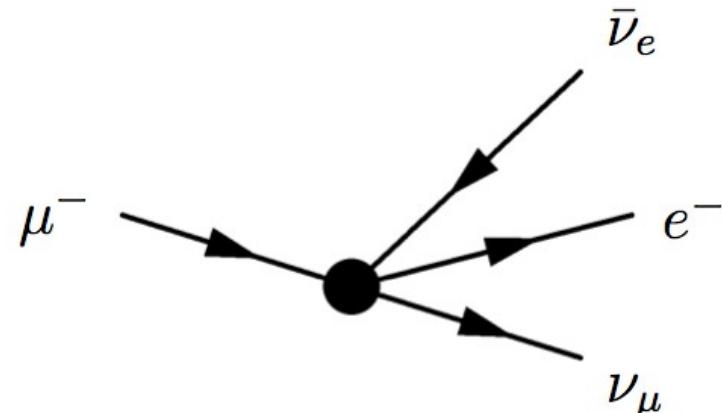
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# Introduction: Resonant and non-resonant searches

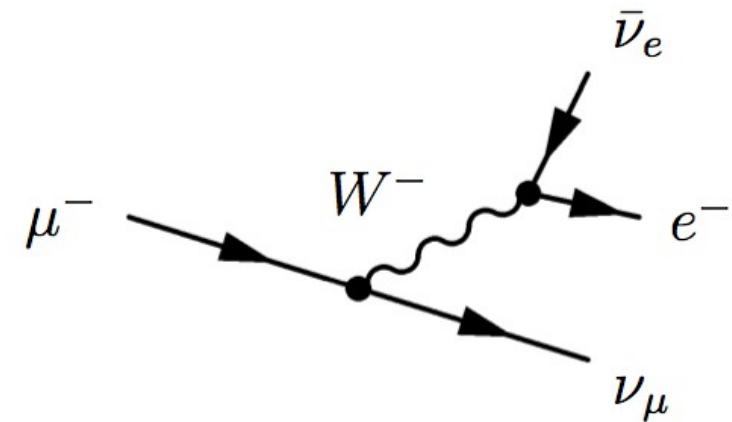
## Non-Resonant:

- Contact interactions can be found in a non-resonant search.
- Looks for an overall increase in total number of signal events.
- Can be mistaken for high energy QCD effects.



## Resonant:

- Mediator particle decays can be found in a resonant search.
- Looks for a narrow or broad peak on top of a continuum.

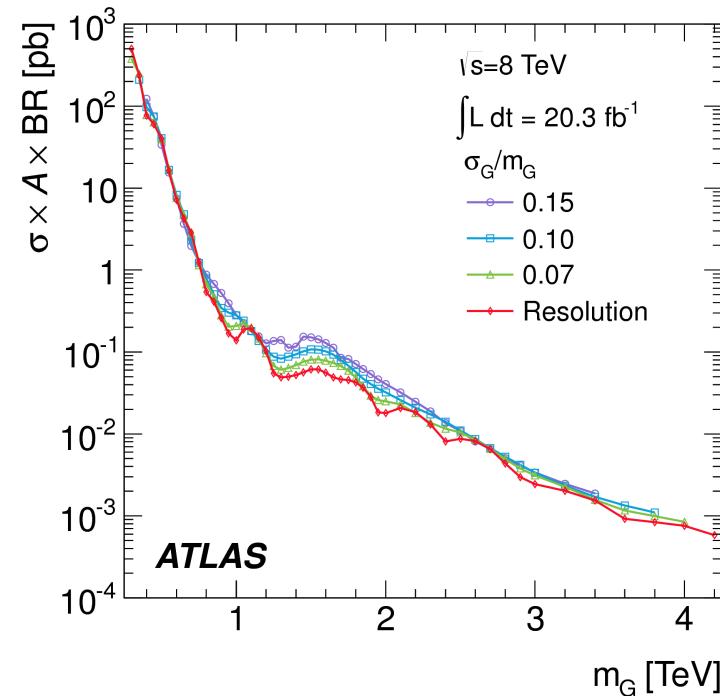
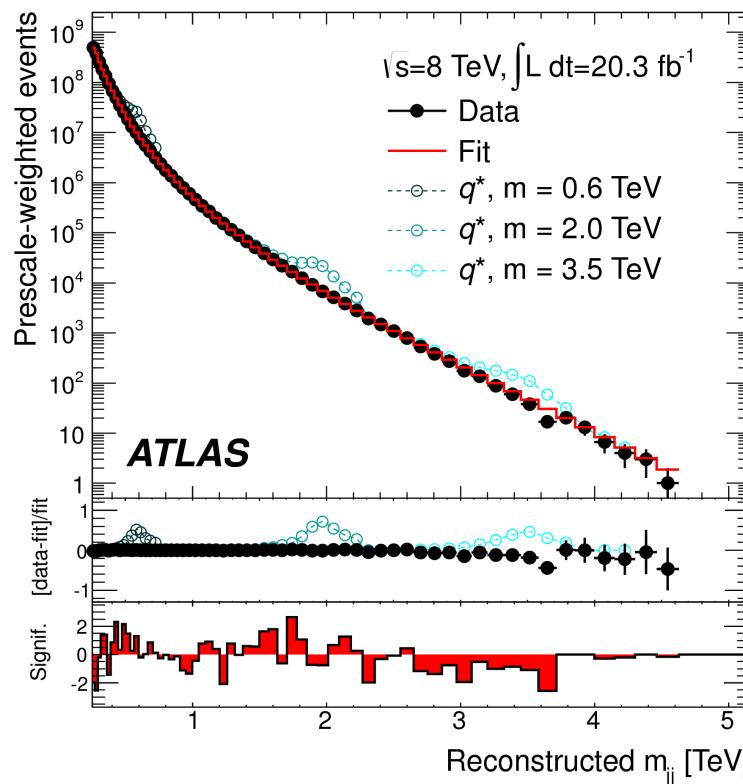




# Di-jet searches (resonant 8 TeV)

## Event Selection

- Single jet trigger
- At least two jets in event
- $m_{jj} > 250$  GeV
- Rapidity ( $y$ ) of leading jets  $< 2.8$
- Transverse momentums ( $p_T$ )  $> 50$  GeV
- $|y^*| = \frac{1}{2} |y_1 - y_2| < 0.6$



## Phenomenological Models (limits [TeV])

Excited quarks,  $q^*$ :  $m_{q^*} > 4.06$

Color-octet scalars,  $s_8$   $m_{s_8} > 2.70$

Heavy  $W'$  gauge bosons  $m_{W'} > 2.45$

Chiral  $W^*$  gauge bosons

$m_{W^*}$  leptophobic  $> 1.75$

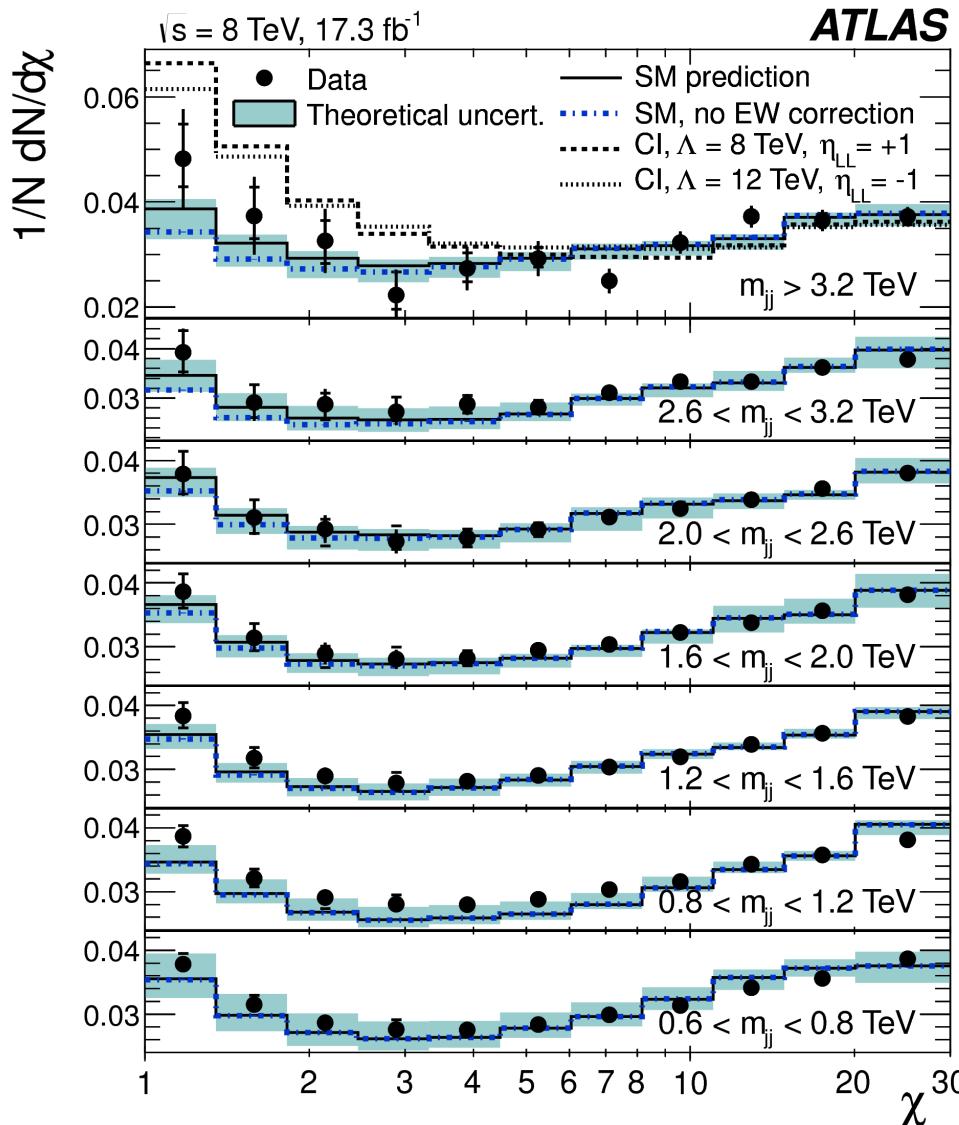
$m_{W^*}$  leptophilic  $> 1.65$

Quantum black holes  $m_{BH} > 5.66$



# Di-jet Searches (non-resonant 8 TeV)

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arXiv:1504.00357



## Event Selection:

- Single jet trigger
- At least two jets in event
- $m_{jj} > 600 \text{ GeV}$
- Rapidity boost of system:  
 $|y_B| = \frac{1}{2} |y_1 + y_2| < 1.1$
- $|y^*| = \frac{1}{2} |y_1 - y_2| < 1.7$

Scattering angle between two jets:  $\chi \equiv e^{|y_1-y_2|} = e^{2|y^*|}$

## Models:

- Strong gravity
- Contact interactions
  - $\Lambda > 8.1 \text{ TeV}$  (destructive interference)
  - $\Lambda > 12.0 \text{ TeV}$  (constructive interference)



# Di-lepton (resonant)

## Leptons:

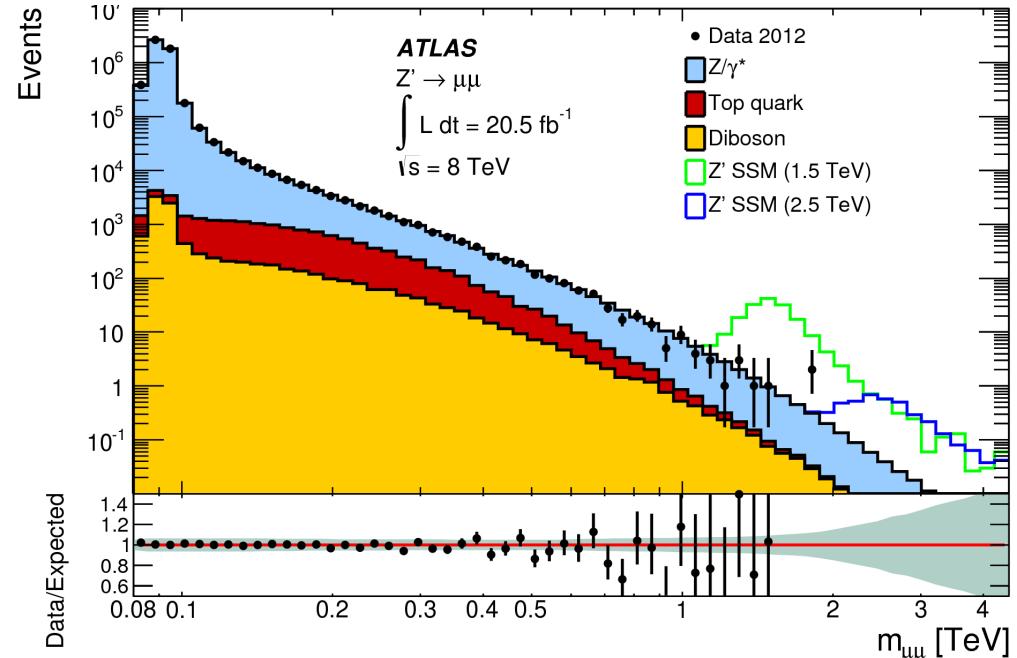
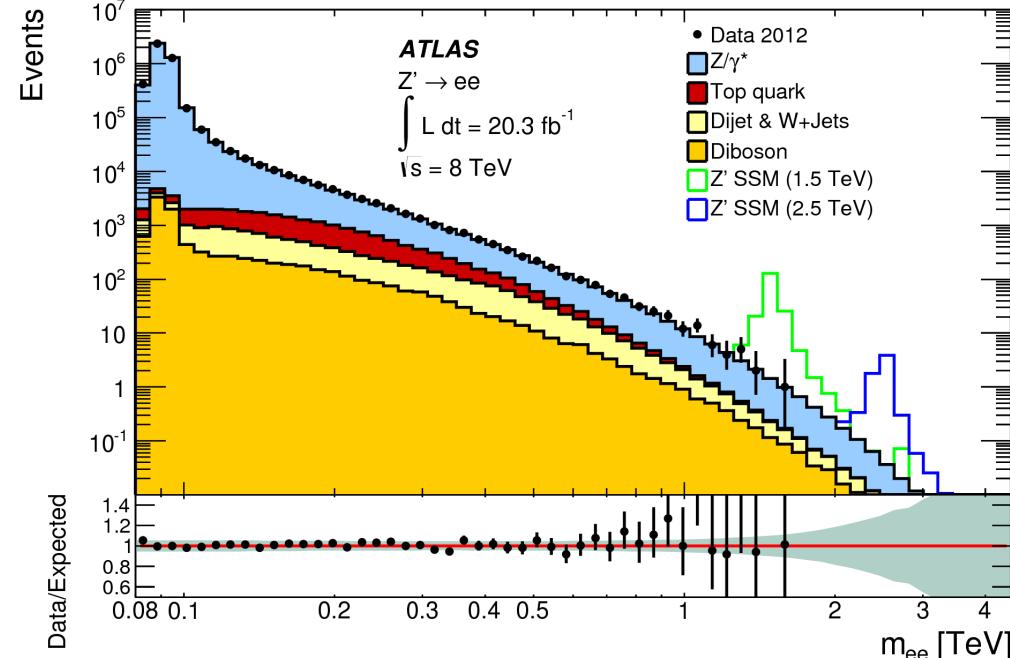
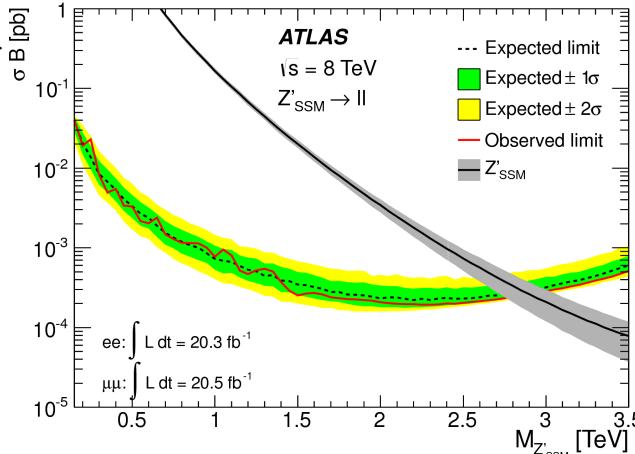
Normalized to data under Z peak

## Electrons:

- Di-EM calorimeter clusters trigger
- Shower profile and leakage, tracking quality
- Calorimetric isolation

## Muons:

- Single muon triggers
- Inner detector & Muon Spectrometer quality
- Track isolation
- Opposite sign

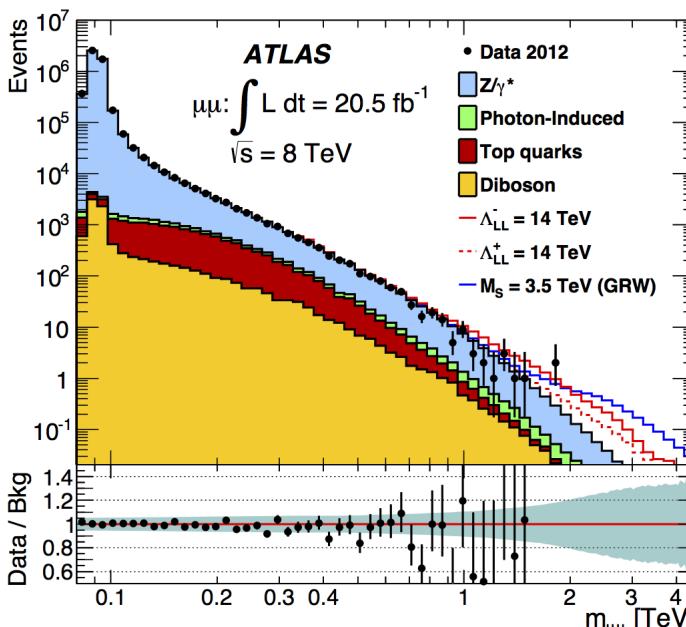
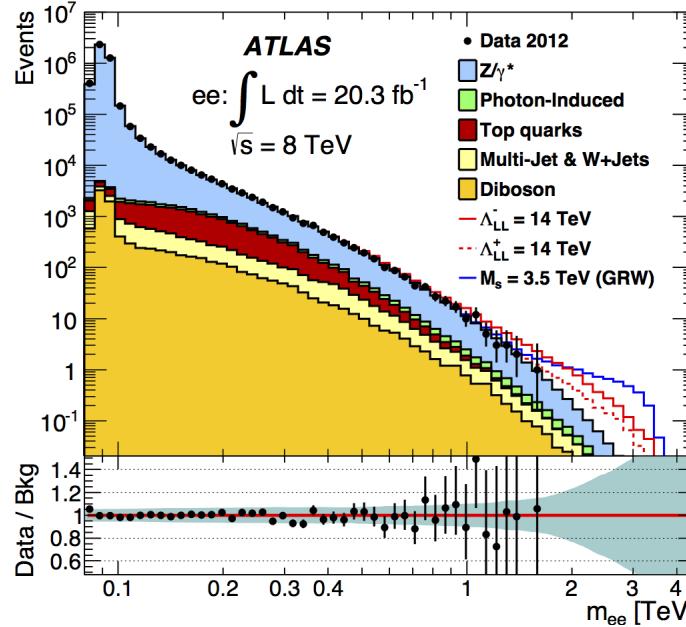


## Phenomenological Models (and limits in [TeV])

Sequential SM, $Z'_{\text{SSM}}$ ,	$m_{Z'} > 2.9 \text{ TeV}$
Grand Unification, $Z'_\chi, Z'_\psi$ ,	$m_{Z'} > 2.62, 2.51$
$Z^*$ Bosons,	$m_{Z^*} > 2.85 \text{ TeV}$
Spin-2 Graviton, ( $k/\bar{M}_{\text{Pl}} = 0.1$ )	$m_{G^*} > 2.68 \text{ TeV}$
QBH	
ADD:	$m_{\text{th}} > 3.65 \text{ TeV}$
RS:	$m_{\text{th}} > 2.24 \text{ TeV}$
Minimal Walking Technicolor Model	
	$M_A > 1.96, M_{R1} > 1.99$ (for $\tilde{g} = 2$ )



# Di-lepton (non-resonant)



## Contact Interactions

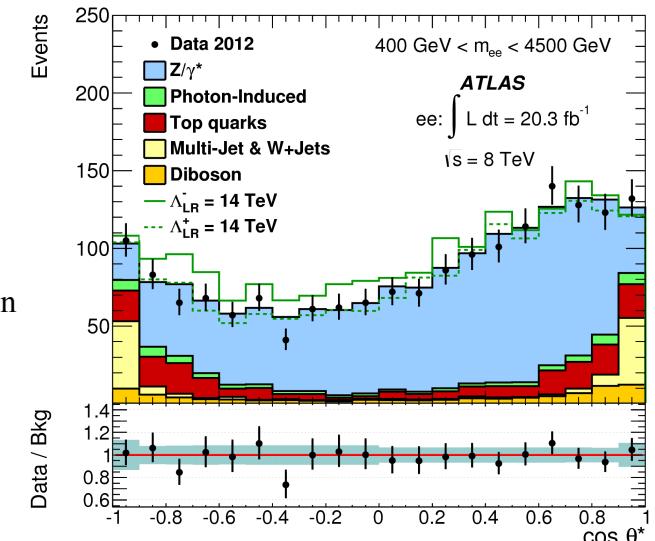
Coupling between  $q_{L,R}$  and  $\ell_{L,R}$   
probed for contact interactions

## Large extra spatial dimensions

The string scale  $M_s$  is probed for  
interference and graviton effects

$\Lambda > 26.3$  TeV (L-R constructive)

$M_s > 5.0$  TeV (HLZ n=3 ADD)



## Leptons:

- $m_{\ell\ell} > 80$  GeV
- Background scaled to data in region  $80 \text{ GeV} < m_{\ell\ell} < 120 \text{ GeV}$
- Control region for verification  $120 \text{ GeV} < m_{\ell\ell} < 400 \text{ GeV}$

## Electrons:

- Di-EM calorimeter clusters trigger
- Shower profile and leakage, tracking quality
- Calorimetric isolation
- Opposite sign

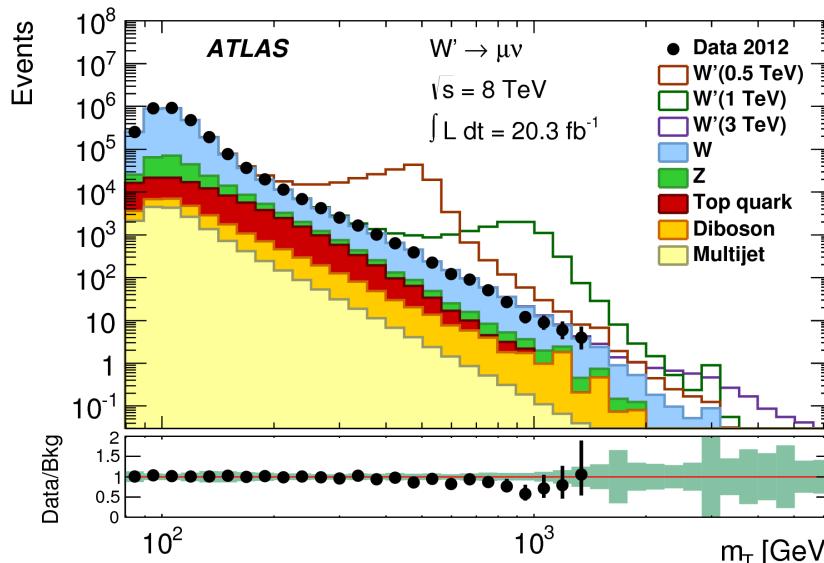
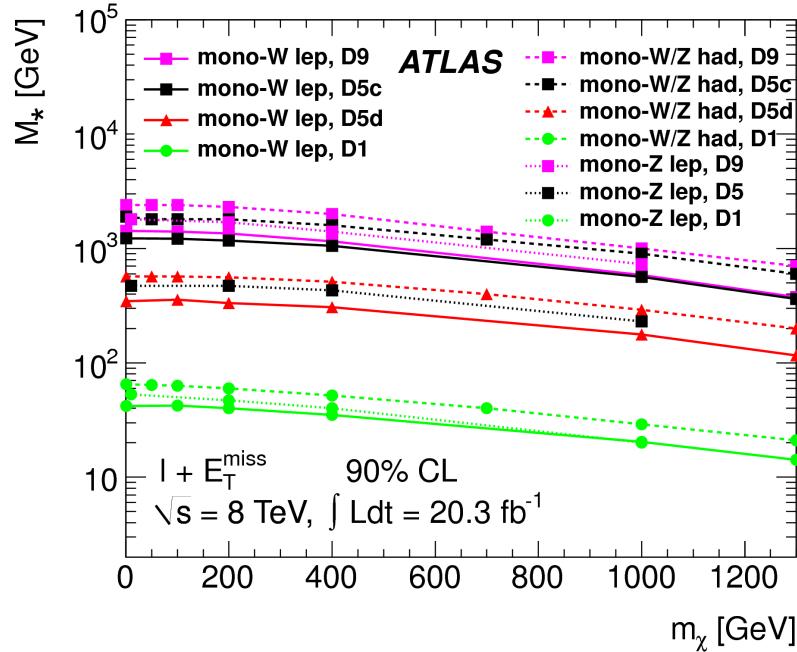
## Muons:

- Single muon triggers
- Inner detector & Muon Spectrometer quality
- Track isolation
- Opposite sign



# Lepton + MET

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## Phenomenological Models (limits [TeV])

SSM  $W'$  gauge bosons  $m_{W'} > 3.24 \text{ TeV}$

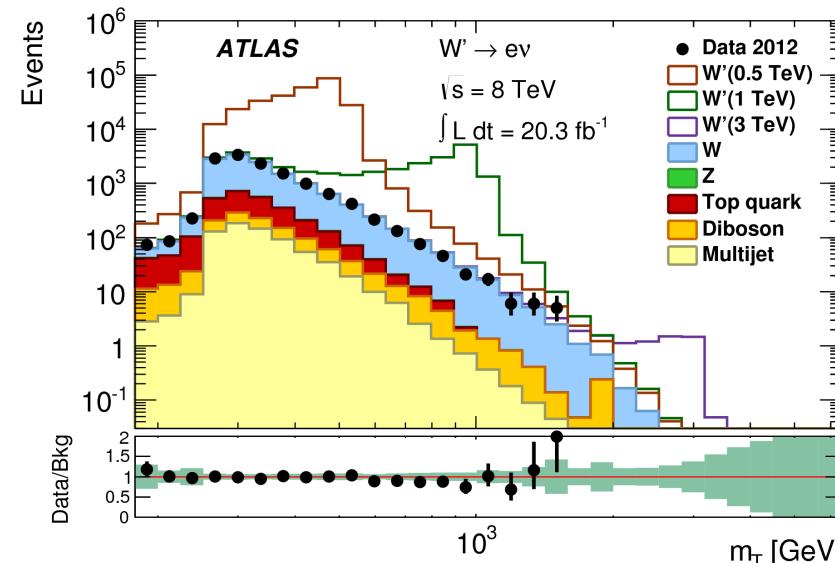
Chiral  $W^*$  gauge bosons  $m_{W^*} > 3.21 \text{ TeV}$

Dark Matter Effective Field Theory (DM EFT):  
Various  $M^*$  limits for different DM masses

## Event Selection

- Single EM or muon trigger
- Electron:  $E_T$  and  $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 125 \text{ GeV}$
- Muon:  $p_T$  and  $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 45 \text{ GeV}$
- Isolated lepton

$$m_T \equiv \sqrt{(2p_T E_T^{\text{miss}}(1 - \cos \phi_{\ell_T}))}$$

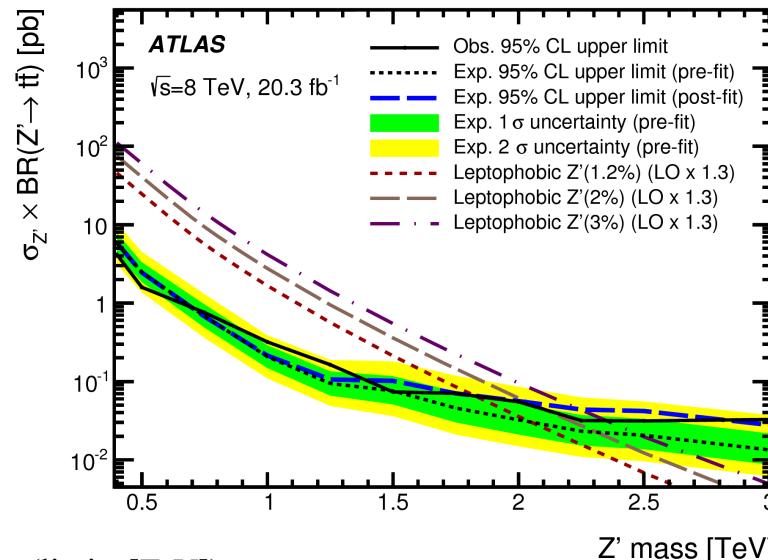




# Lepton + jets

## Event Selection

- Single electron, single muon, and large-radius jet triggers
- Isolated leptons with  $E_T > 25$  GeV (e),  $p_T > 25$  GeV (mu)
- Transverse mass:  $m_T \equiv \sqrt{2p_T E_T^{\text{miss}}(1 - \cos \phi_{\ell\nu})}$
- $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 25$  GeV
- $E_T^{\text{miss}} + m_T > 60$  GeV
- Boosted Topologies  
(large-radius jet along with lepton + small jet)
- Resolved Topologies  
(four small-radius jets individually resolved)

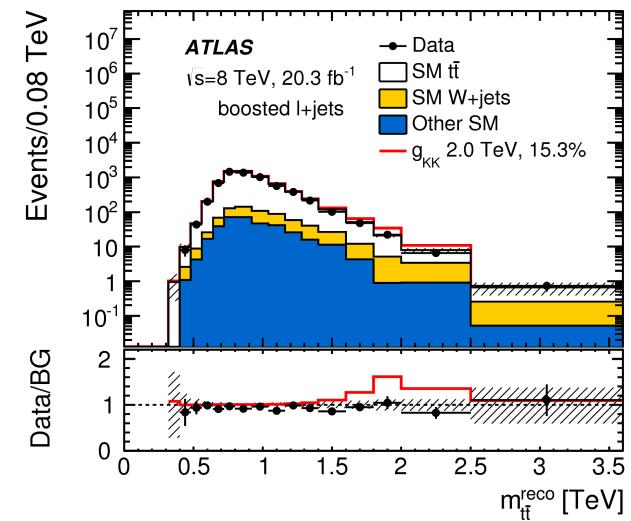


## Phenomenological Models (limits [TeV])

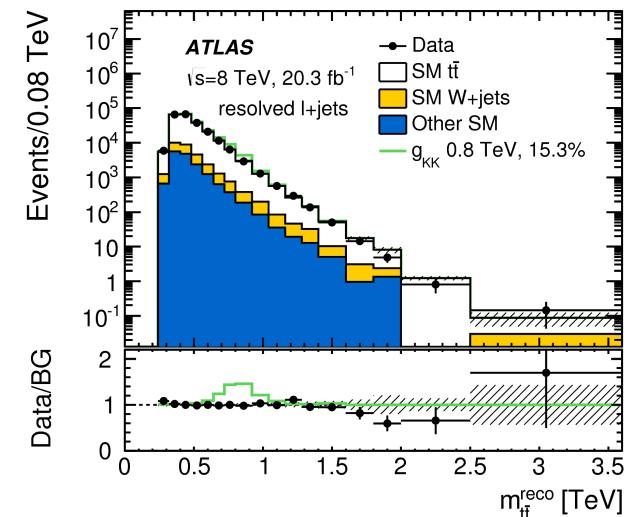
- Topcolour-assisted-technicolour  $Z'_{\text{TC2}}$   
 $m_{Z'} > 1.8$  TeV
- Bulk RS Kaluza–Klein gluon,  $m_{g_{KK}} > 2.2$  TeV
- Bulk RS Kaluza–Klein graviton, no limits set
- Scalar resonance, no limits set

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arXiv:1505.07018

## Boosted



## Resolved



# Di-photon

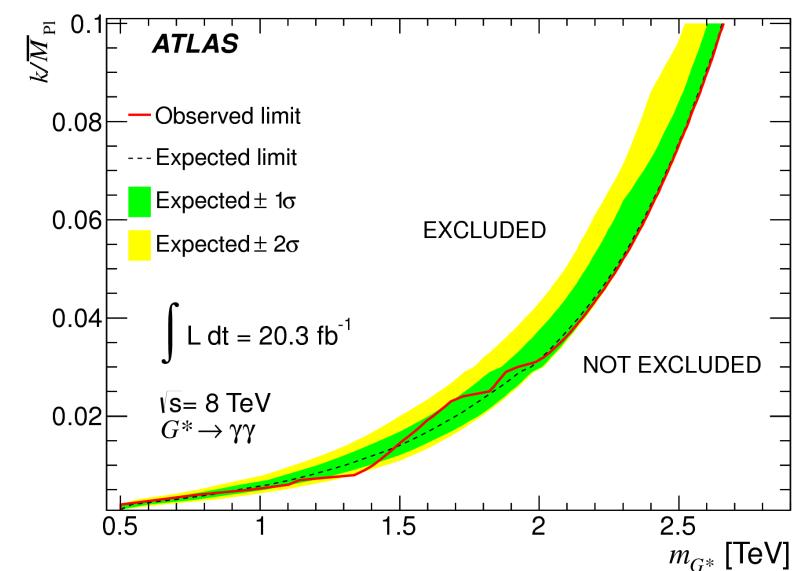
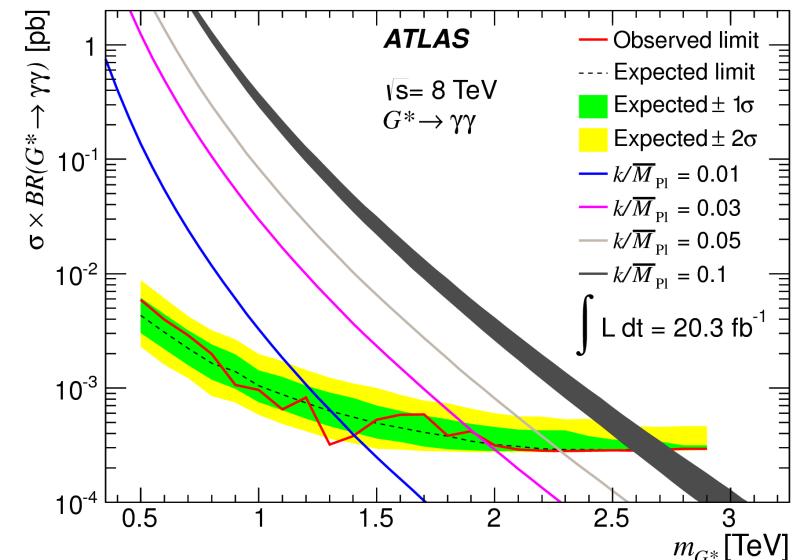
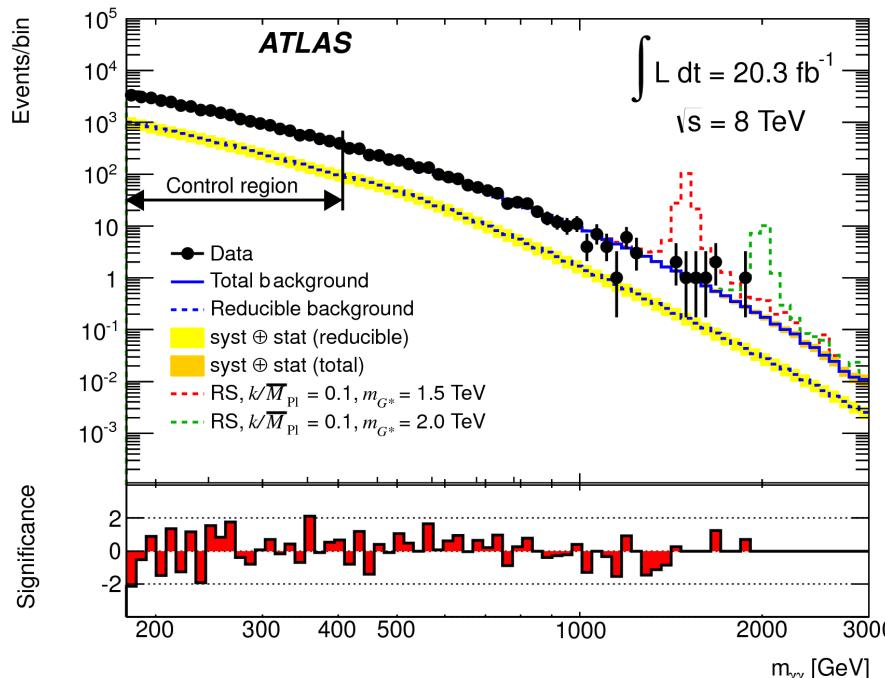
Phys. Rev. D 92, 032004 (2015)  
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- Randall-Sundrum (RS) Model of extra spacial dimensions, leading to spin-2 gravitons

$$m_{G^*} > 2.66 \text{ TeV } (k/\bar{M}_{\text{Pl}} = 0.1)$$

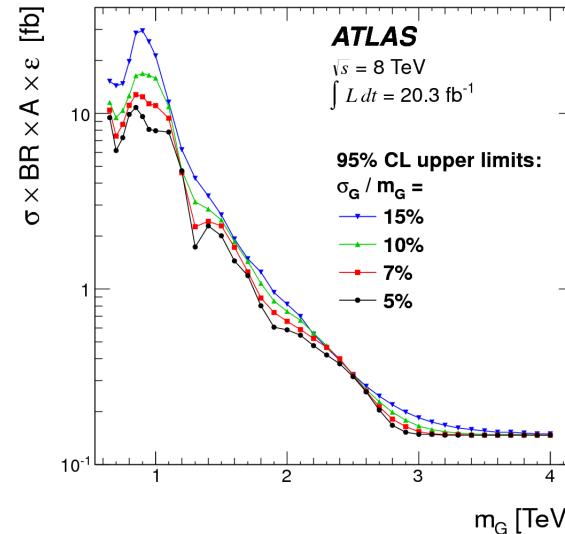
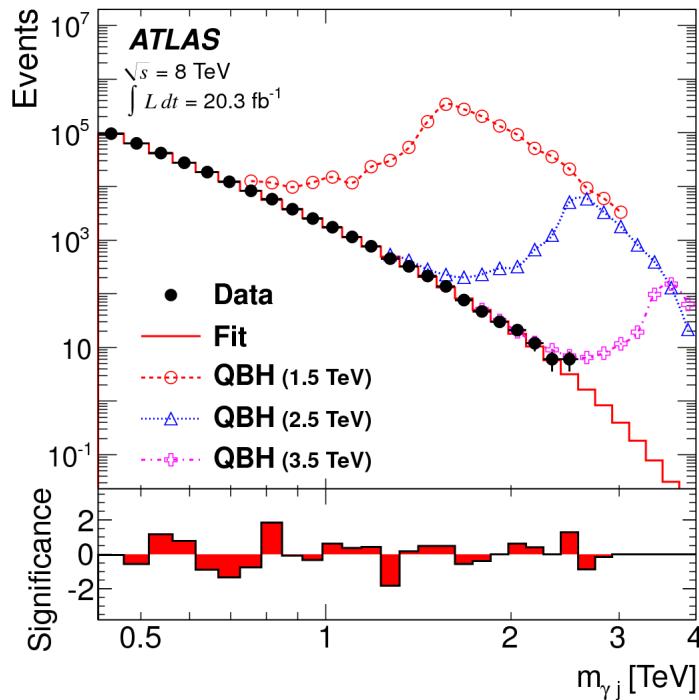
$$m_{G^*} > 1.41 \text{ TeV } (k/\bar{M}_{\text{Pl}} = 0.01)$$

- Di-photon trigger
- Calorimetric isolation
- Shower shape quality

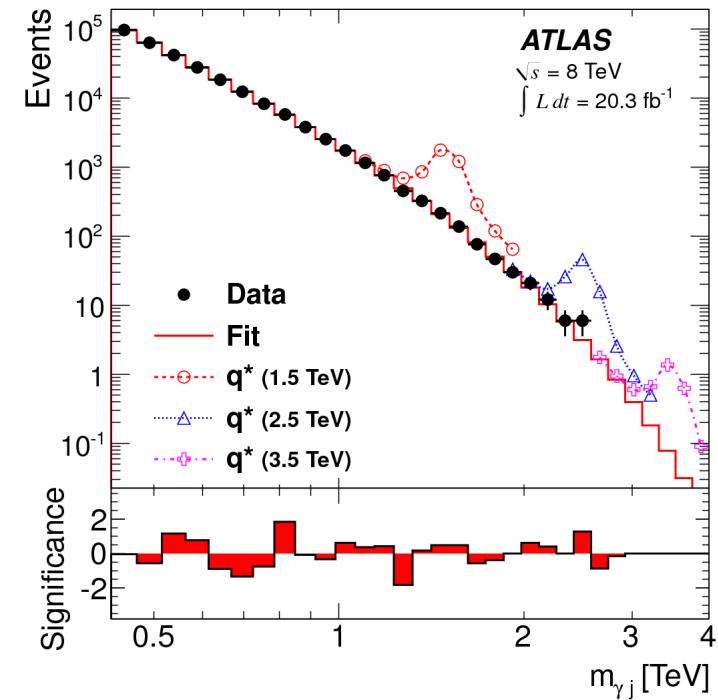




# Photon + jet



PLB 728, 562 (2013)  
arXiv:1309.3230



## Phenomenological Models (limits [TeV])

- QBH model  $M_{\text{th}} > 4.6 \text{ TeV}$
- Generic gaussian-shape, exclude  $m_G$  of 4 GeV (5% width, visible  $\sigma$  near 0.1)
- Excited-quark model  $m_{q^*} > 3.5 \text{ TeV}$

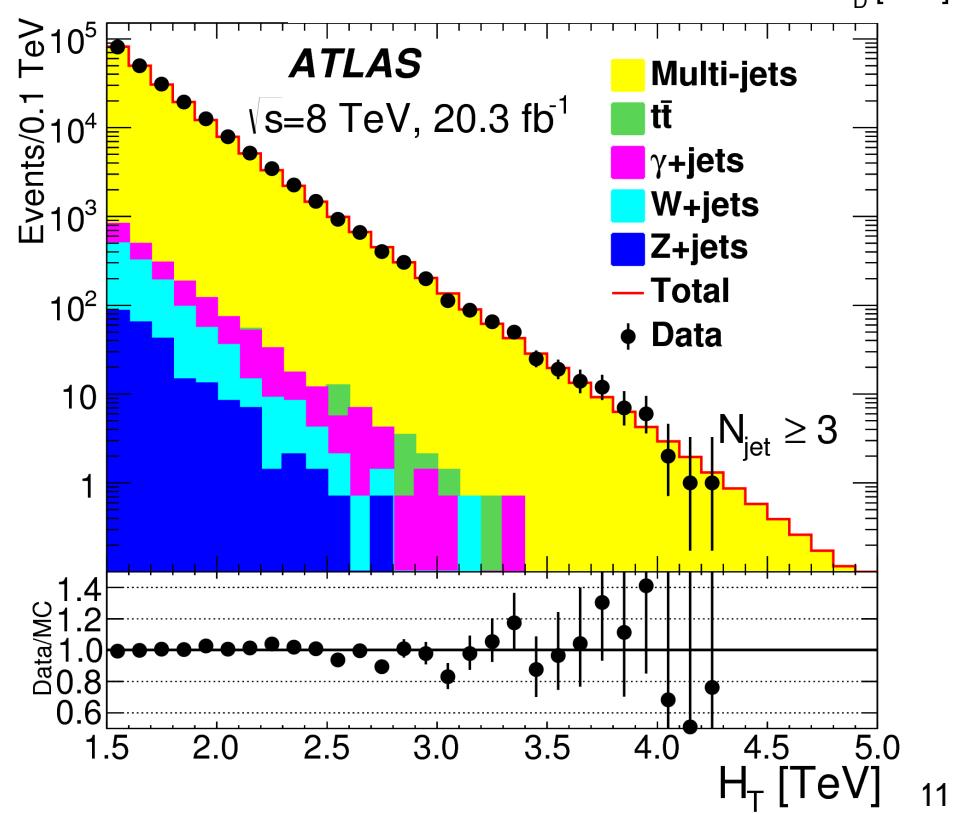
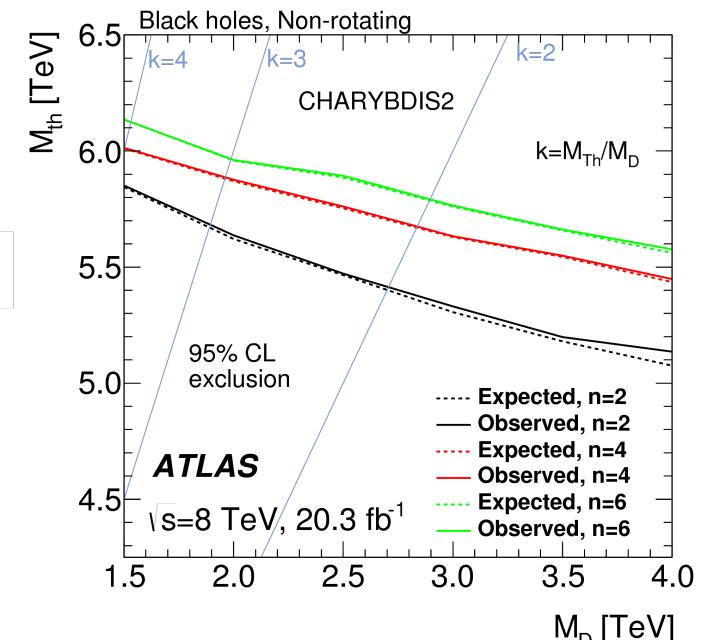
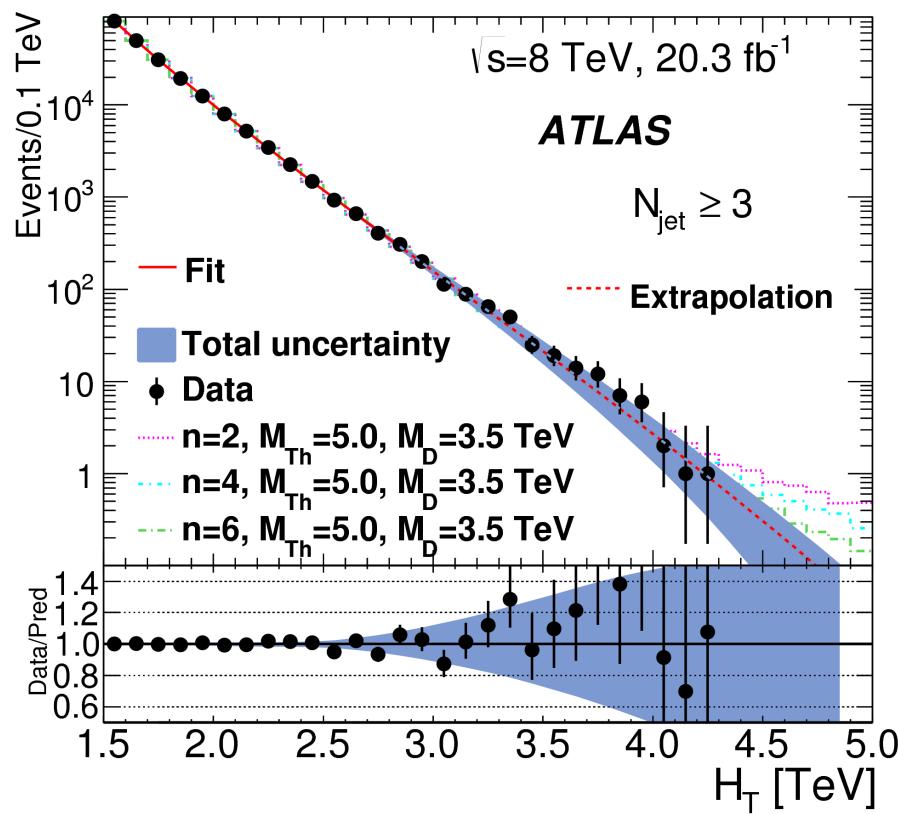
- One photon and one jet candidate, each with  $p_T > 125 \text{ GeV}$
- Central, isolated photon
- Pseudorapidity  $\Delta\eta = |\eta_\gamma - \eta_{\text{jet}}| > 1.6$



# Multi-jets (8 TeV)

$H_T$  is defined as the scalar sum of  $p_T$  of jets in the event

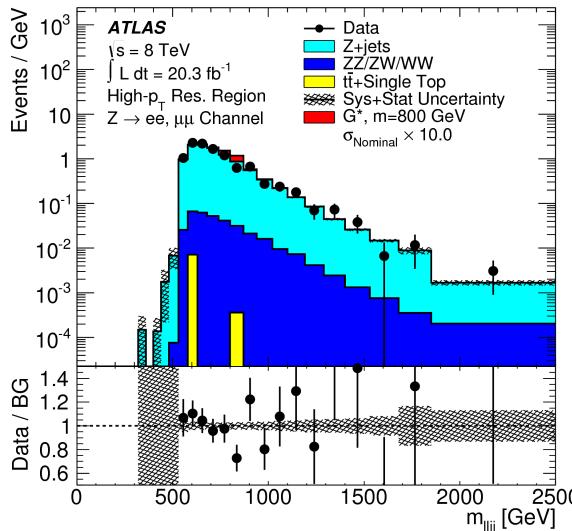
- High  $H_T$  trigger, efficient  $> 1.2$  TeV ( $> 1.5$  TeV used in analysis)
- Three or more central jets with  $p_T > 50$  GeV
- SM background estimated by low  $H_T$  region extrapolation through generators PYTHIA 8, Herwig++, and ALPGEN MC
- Black holes and string balls searched for in most sensitive regions





# Di-bosons

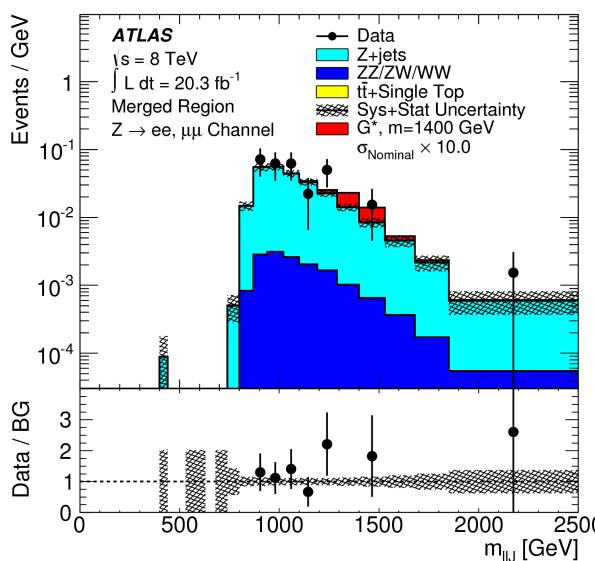
Eur. Phys. J. C (2015) 75:209,  
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$ZV \rightarrow \ell\ell jj$

Resolved – high or  
low  $p_T$  jets

Leptons or jets in  
mass window of  
 $Z$ , or  $Z/W$



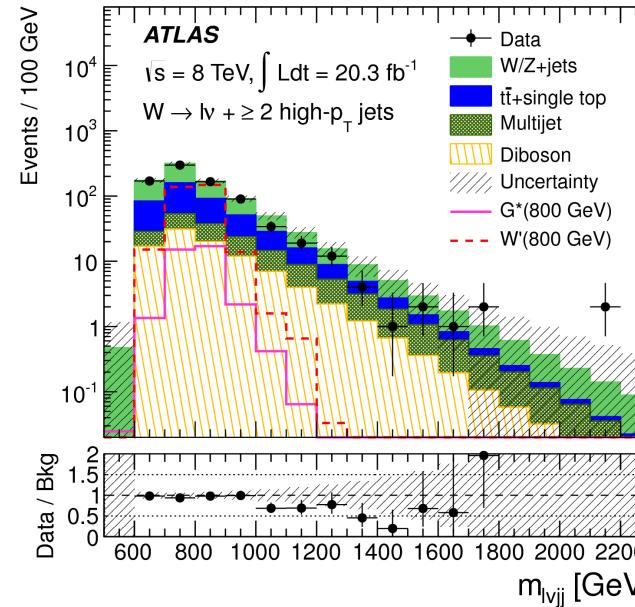
$ZV \rightarrow \ell\ell J$

Boosted – one large  
 $Z/W$  boson jet

$$m_W > 1.59 \text{ TeV}$$

$$m_{G^*} > 740 \text{ GeV}$$

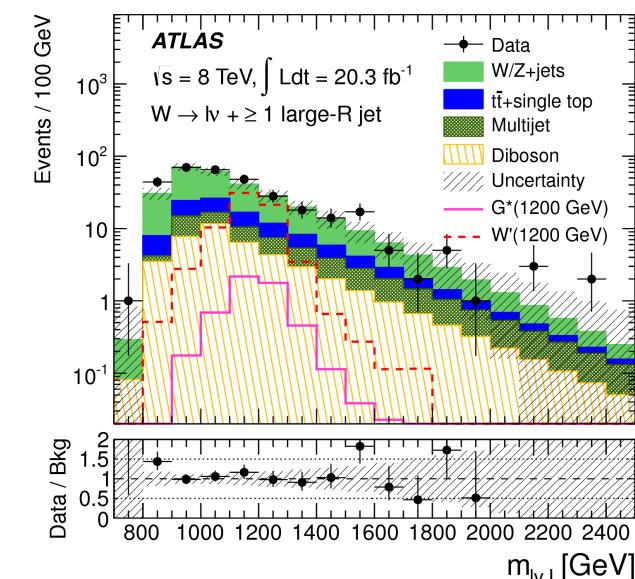
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arXiv:1409.6190



$WV \rightarrow \ell v jj$

Resolved – high  
or low  $p_T$  jets

Lepton +  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  or jets  
in mass window of  $W$ , or  $Z/W$



$WV \rightarrow \ell v J$

Boosted – one large  
 $Z/W$  boson jet

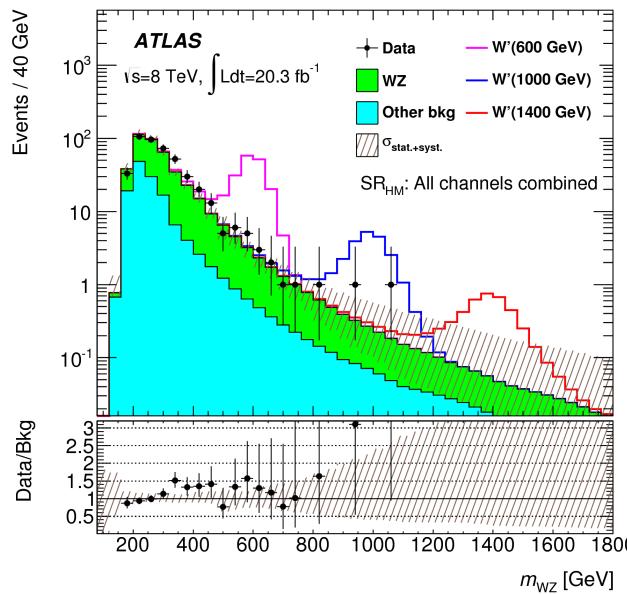
$$m_W > 1.49 \text{ TeV}$$

$$m_{G^*} > 760 \text{ GeV}^\dagger$$

<sup>†</sup>see erratum



# Di-bosons

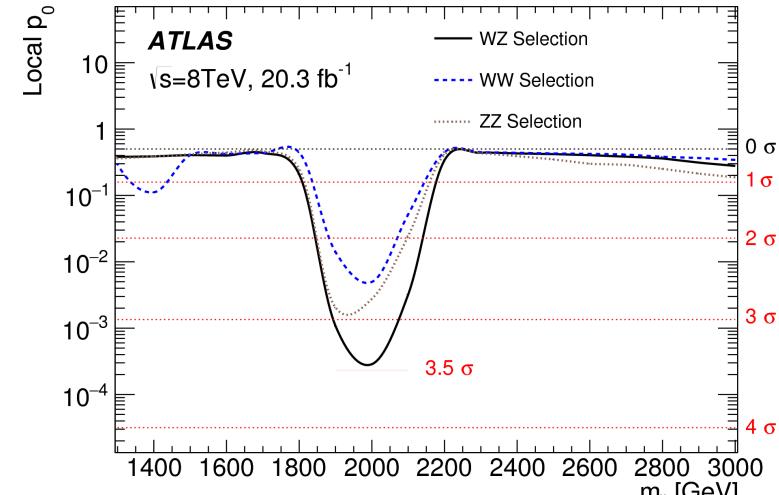


$WZ \rightarrow \ell v \ell' \ell'$  (low and high mass regions defined with  $m_{W'}, \Delta\phi$ )

Three charged tracks,  $\Delta\phi$  separated W, Z bosons

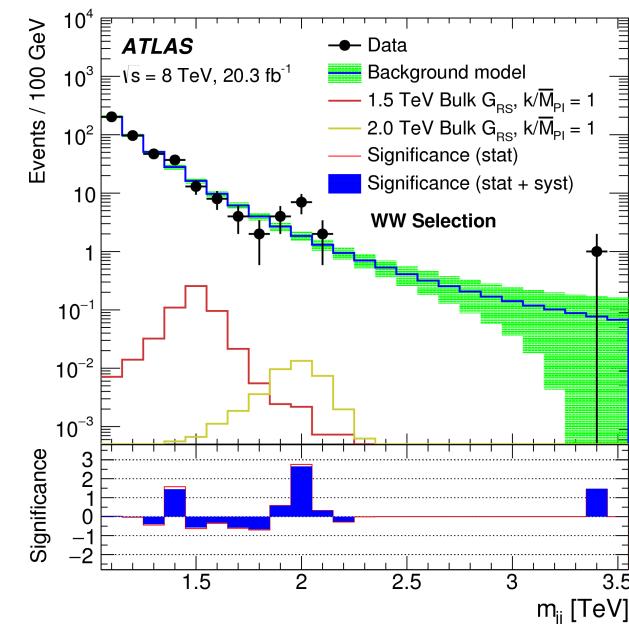
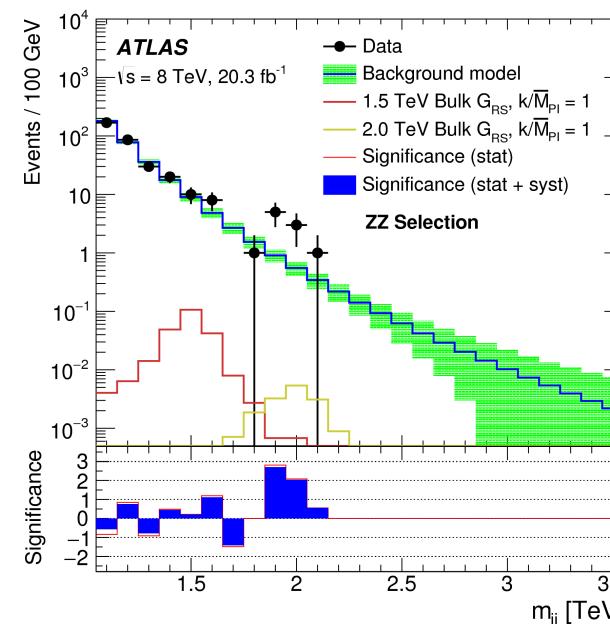
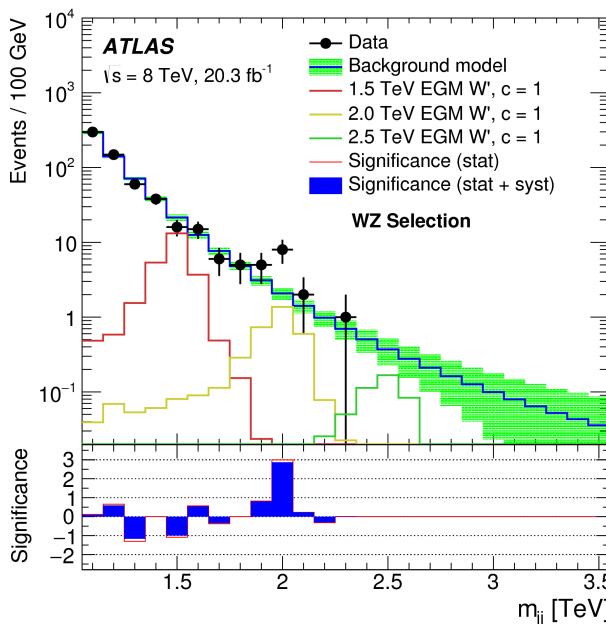
$$m_{W'} > 1.52\text{ TeV}$$

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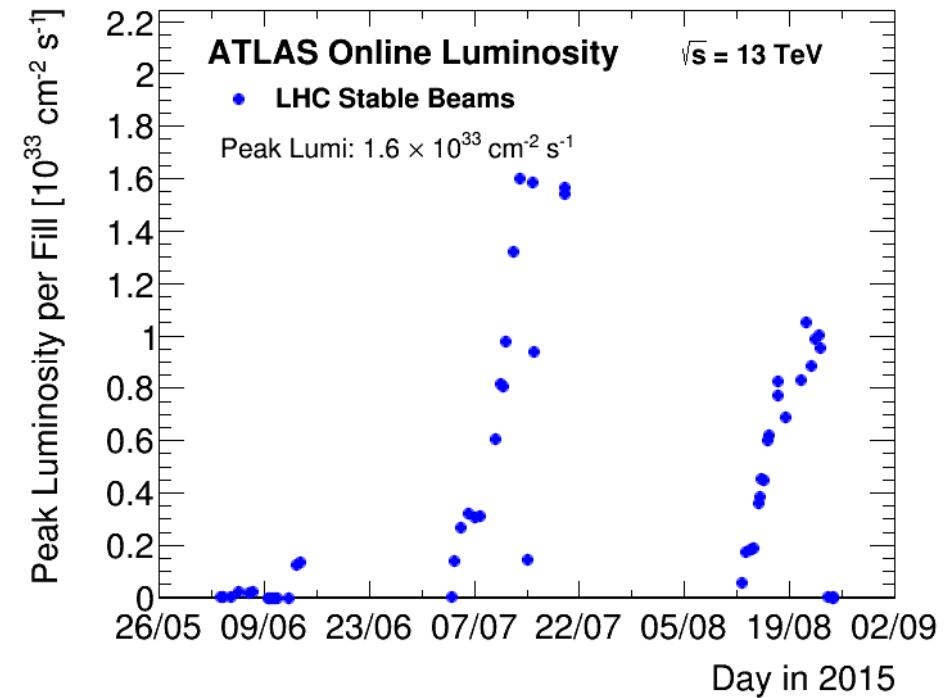
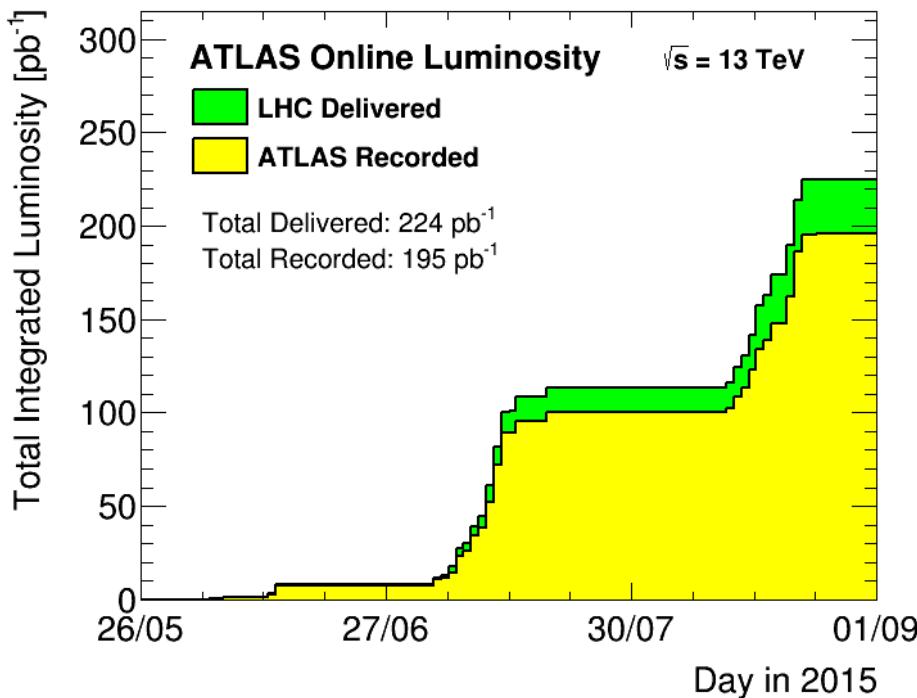
$VV \rightarrow JJ$  (Boosted jets)  
High  $p_T$  boosted jets selected in regions orthogonal to other di-boson searches





# New: Run-2 Results

<https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/AtlasPublic/LuminosityPublicResultsRun2>





# Di-jets (13 TeV)

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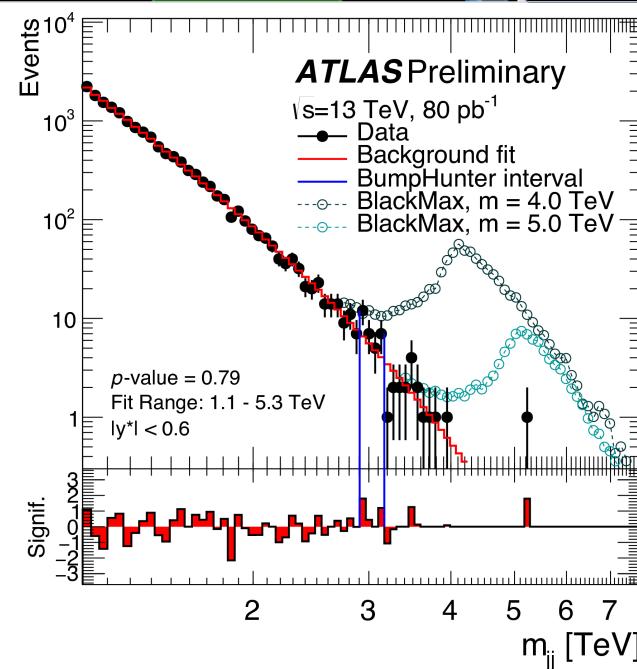
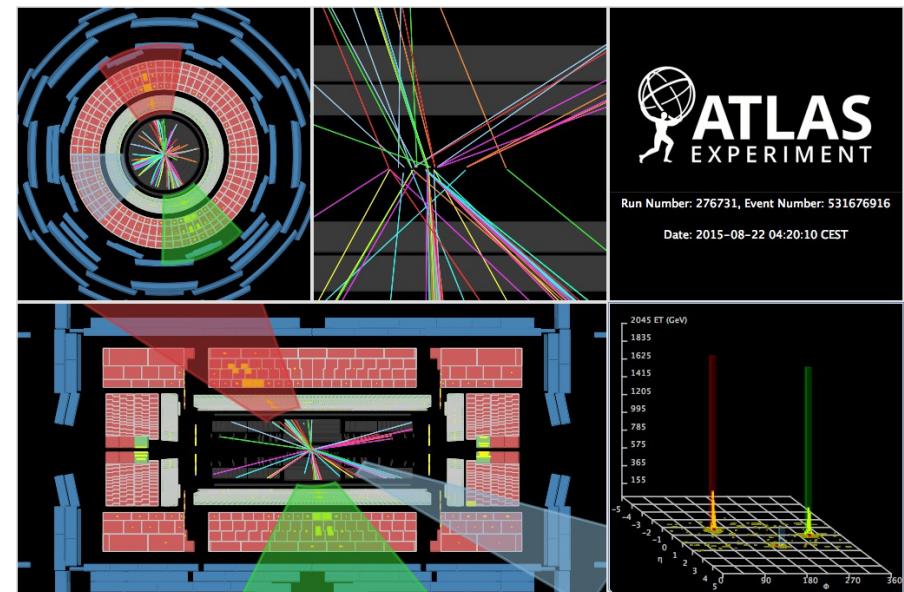
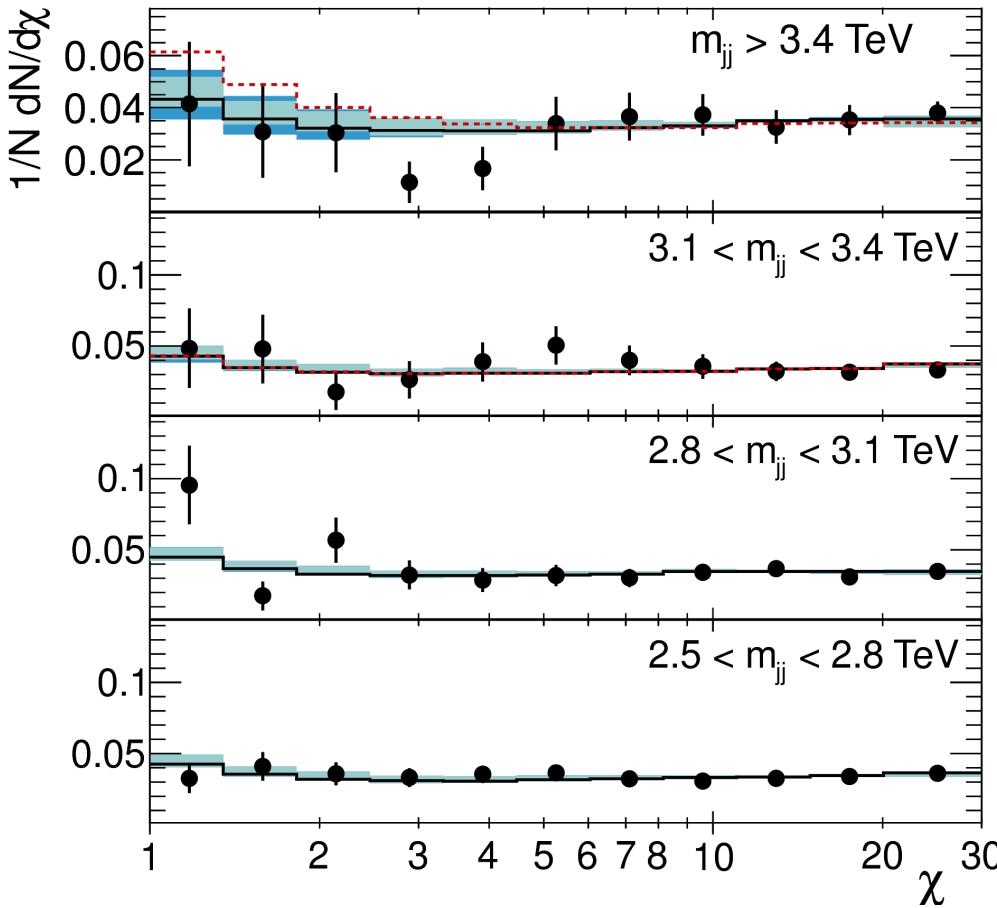
$\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}, 80 \text{ pb}^{-1}$

• Data  
--- QBH,  $M_{\text{th}} = 6.5 \text{ TeV}$

$|y^*| < 1.7, |y_B| < 1.1$

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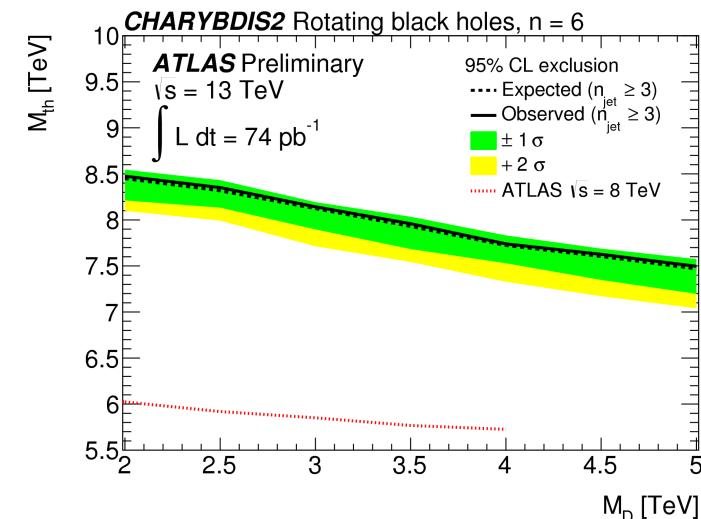
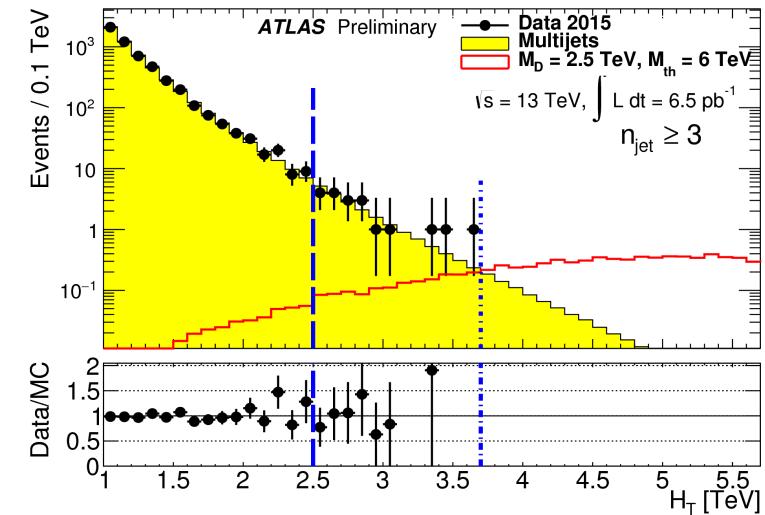
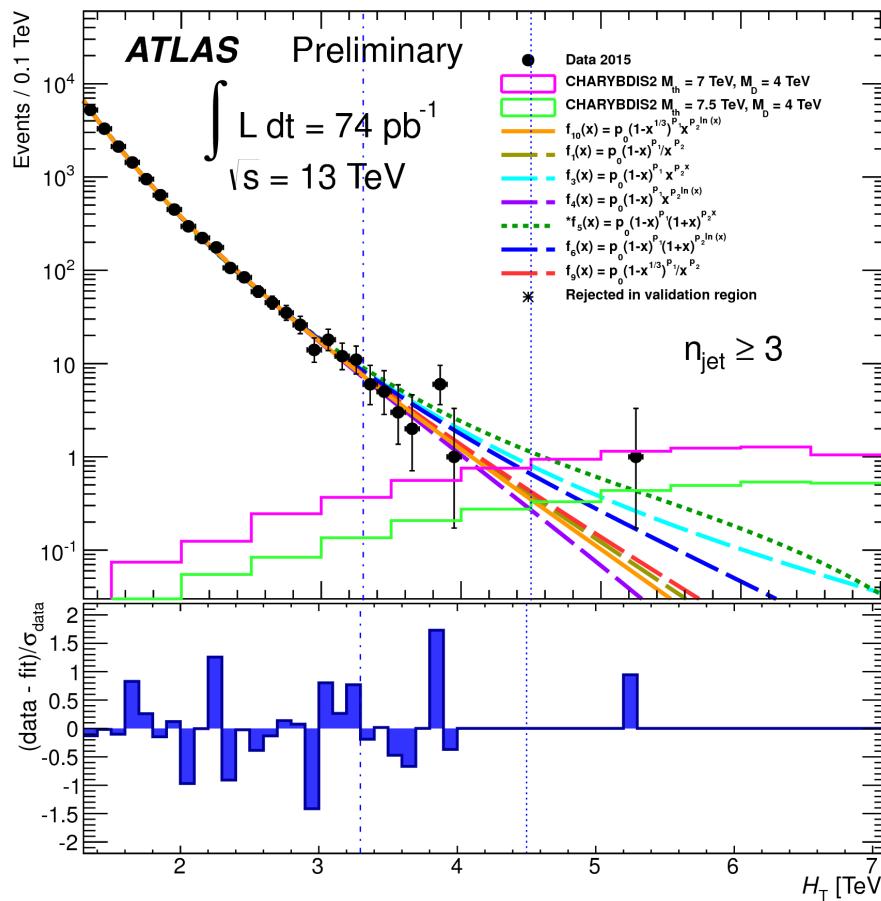
— SM  
■ Theoretical uncert.  
■ Total uncertainties





# Multi-jets (13 TeV)

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# Conclusion

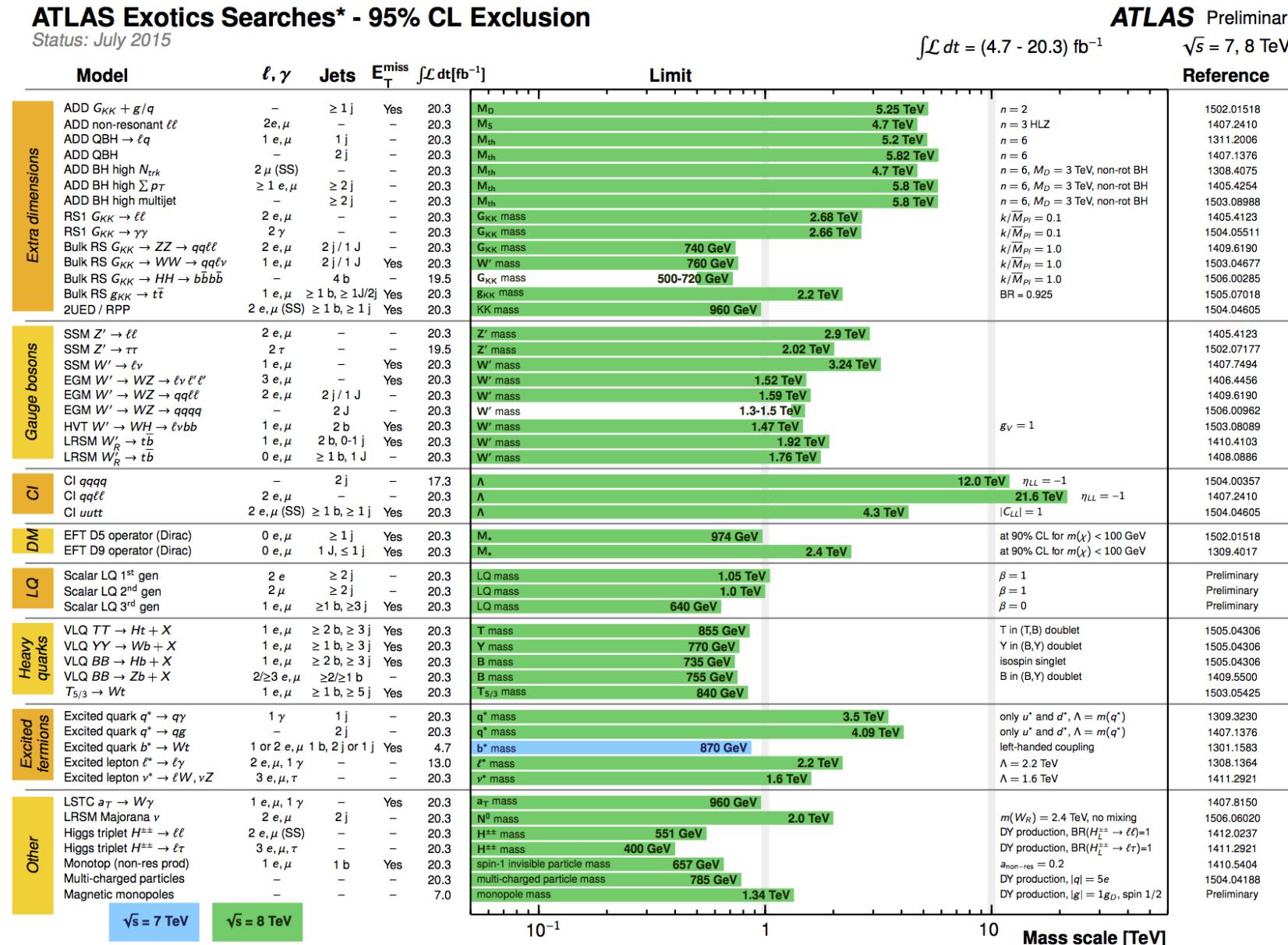
- Searches through many final states
- No significant excesses in any channels
  - Potential hints of new physics in di-boson channels
  - Very good agreement between data and Monte Carlo shapes in lepton + MET, di-lepton and multi-jets
- Excellent performance ATLAS Run-1
- New opportunities upcoming in Run-2
  - First data analyzed
  - Run-1 sensitivities should hopefully be exceeded by end of 2015



# Full Exotics search summary

## ATLAS Exotics Searches\* - 95% CL Exclusion

Status: July 2015



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