Highlights of Search for New Particles at the LHC

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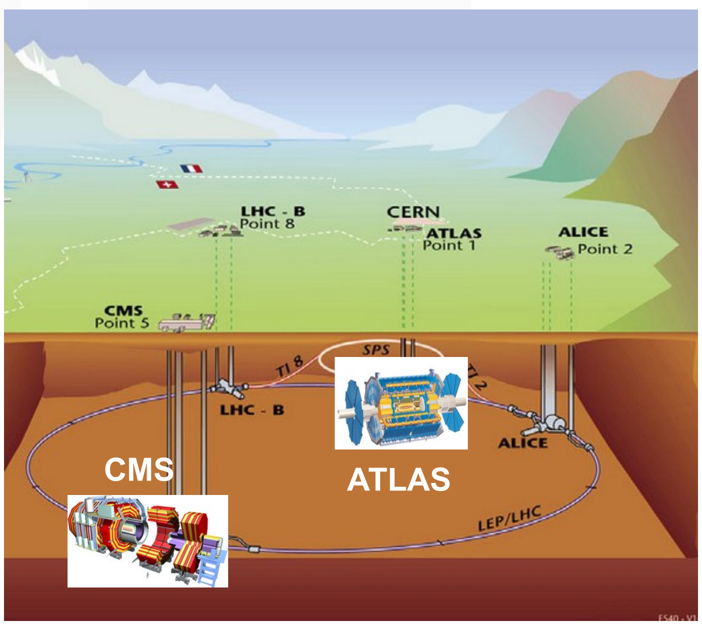
LHC experiments



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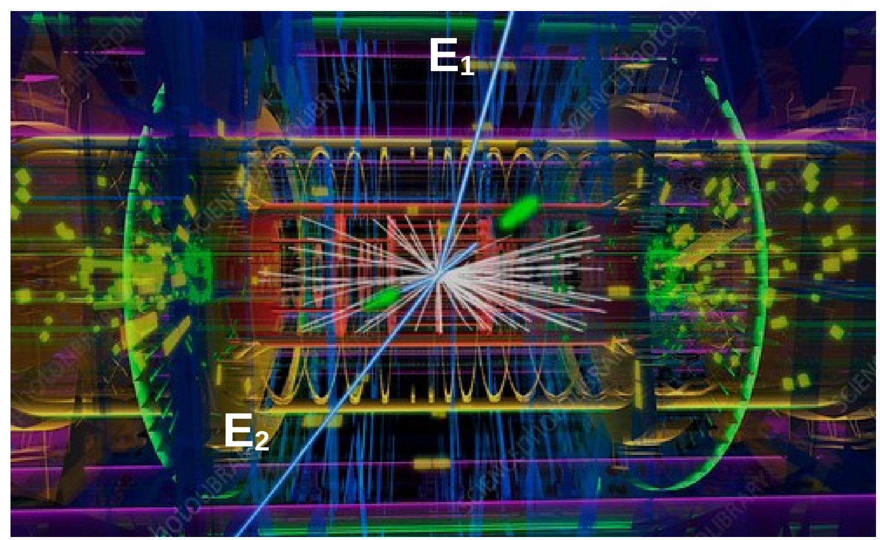
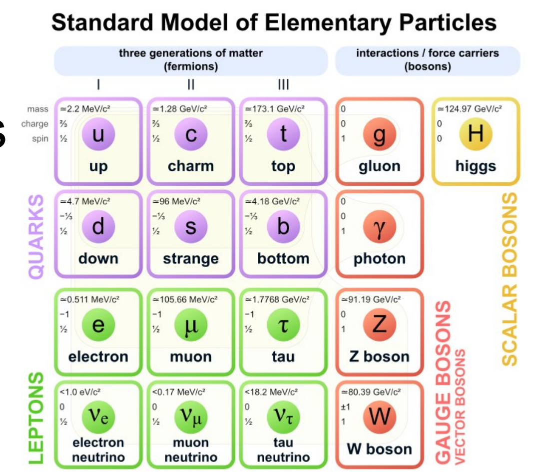
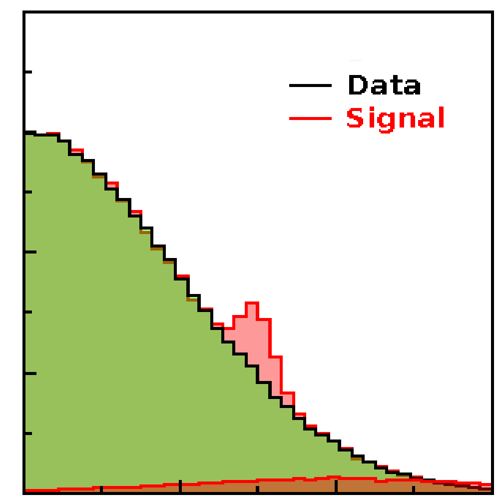


New particles at collider experiments

- Standard Model (SM) is successful for particle collisions
- Discrepancies may indicate new physics ≡ new particles/fields



- **<u>Direct observations</u> of new particles**
  - Combine known particles to create "invariant masses" & search for "resonance" enhancements above background
  - or observe through unusual signatures in detectors (anomalously high dE/dx tracks etc)



$$M^2 = (E_1 + E_2)^2 - \|\mathbf{p}_1 + \mathbf{p}_2\|^2$$

Invariant mass from known particles with energy E and **p**

- **<u>Indirect observations</u> of new particles**
  - Compare SM predictions with data
  - Search for any discrepancy with SM background
  - Explain using theoretical frameworks beyond SM (BSM)

No evidence yet but no shortage of models predicting exotic heavy particles

LHC limits for direct and indirect BSM searches

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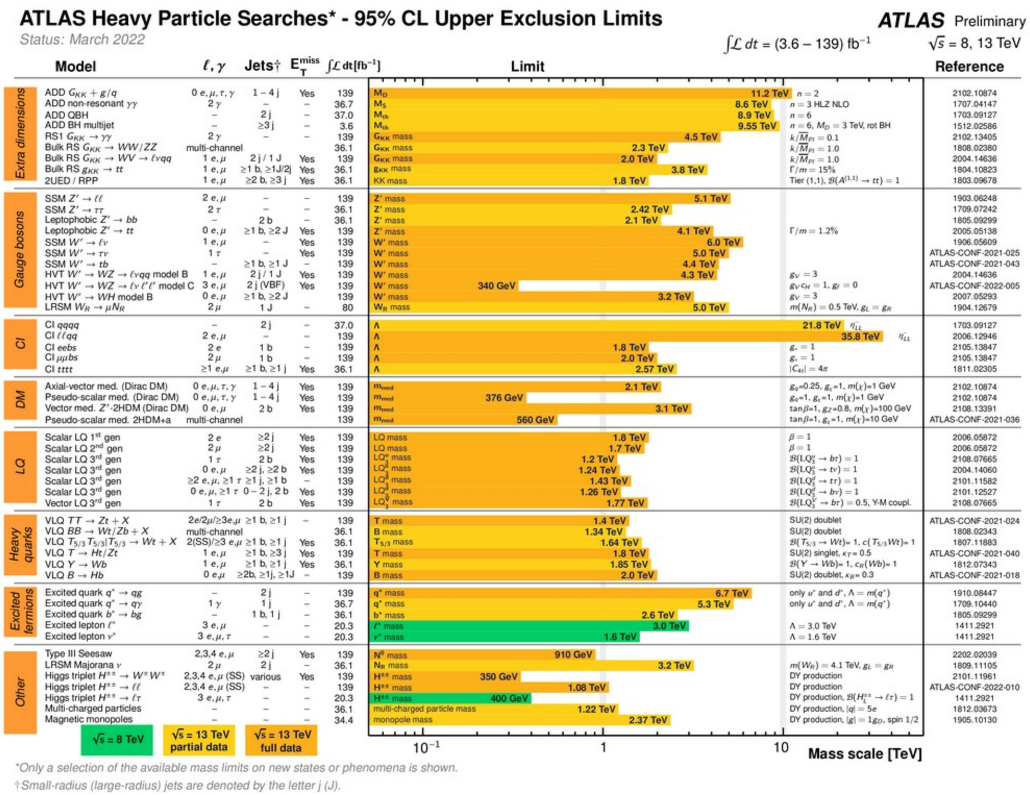
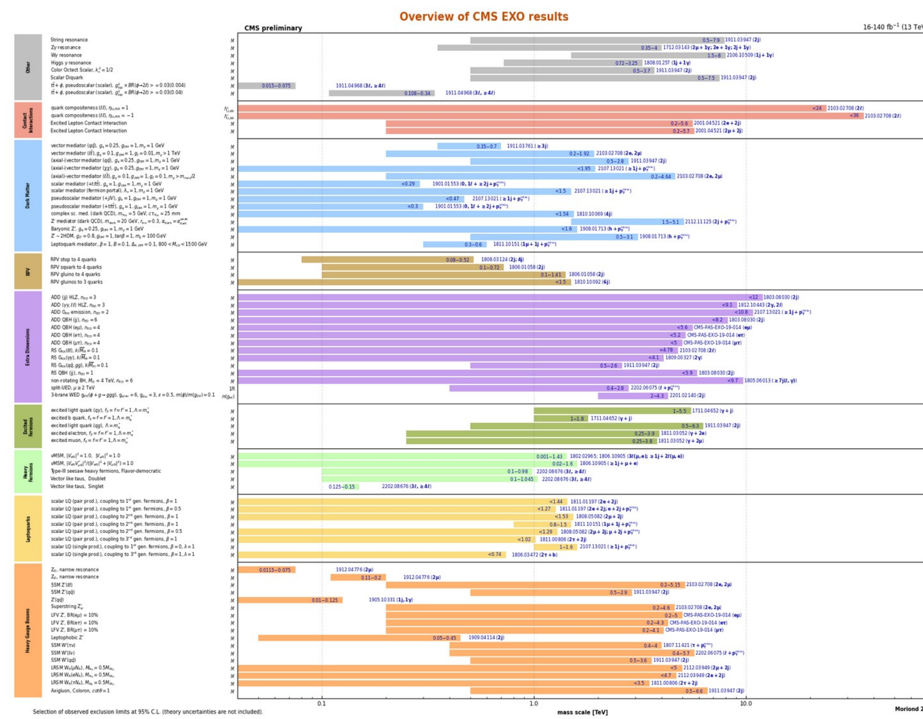
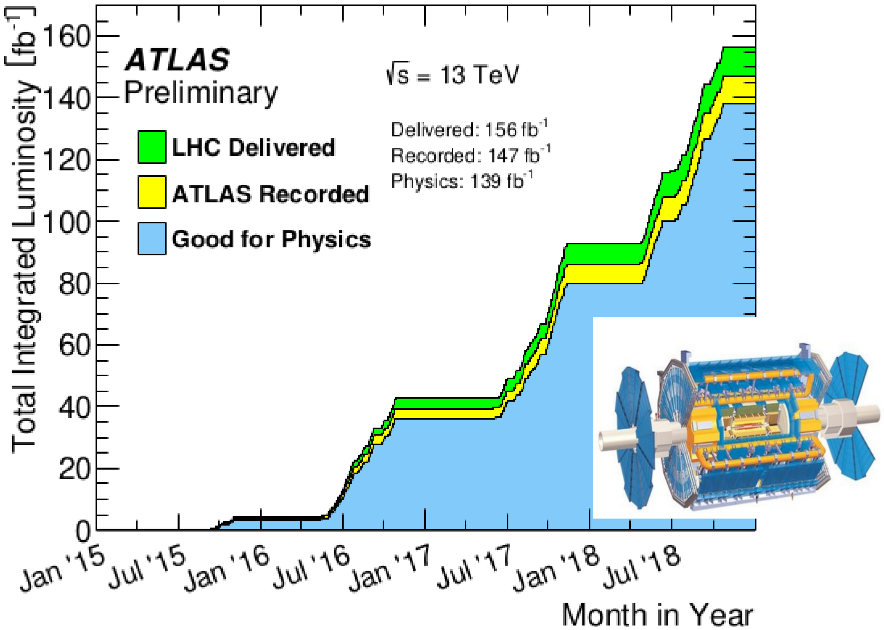
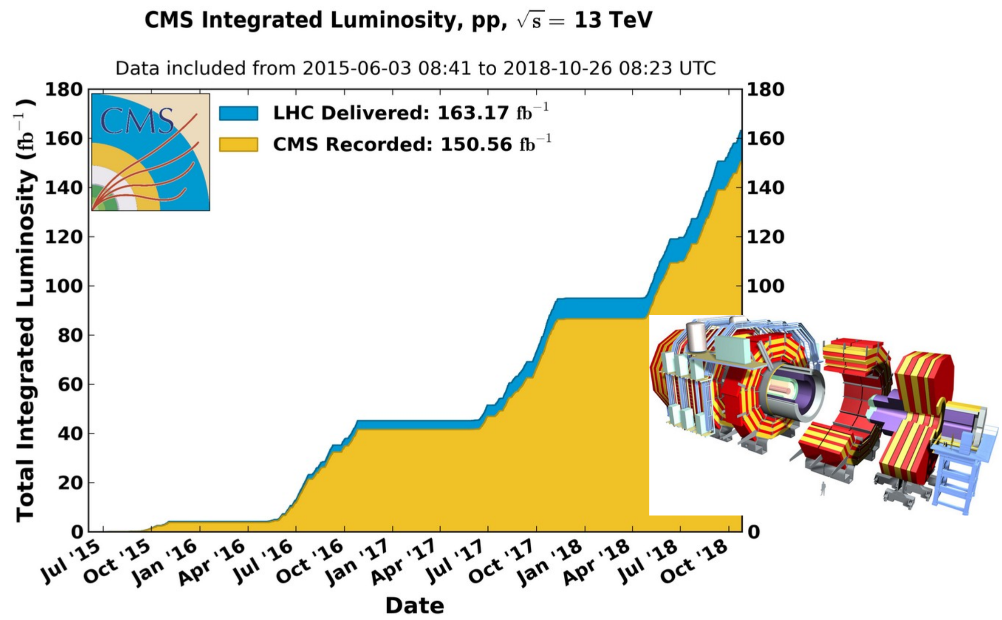




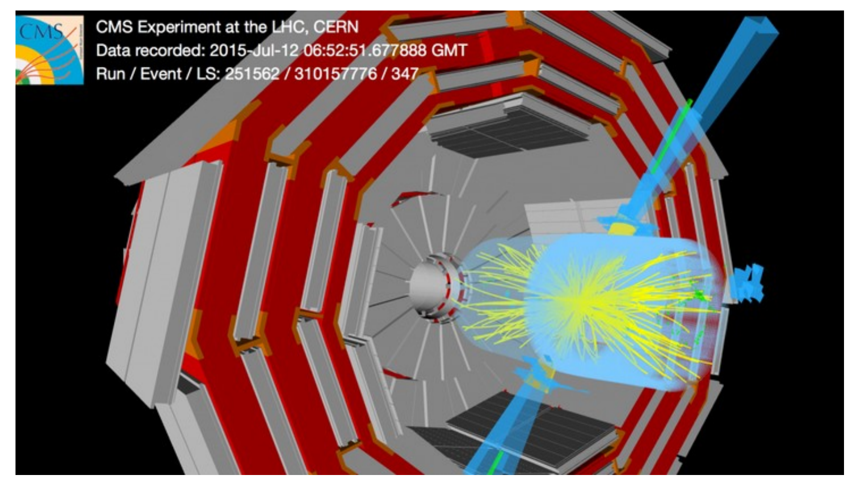
- ~100 decay channels studied for various models that predict certain production rate *(extra dimensions, gauge bosons, contact interactions, dark matter, heavy quarks, excited fermions, leptoquarks etc)*
- Commonly excluded masses ~ **0.4 – 12 TeV**
- But plenty of models that predict too small cross section for exclusion!

LHC operation





- Run2 pp collision data-set, √s= 13 TeV.
- Both experiments collected ~150 fb^{-1} .



Typical search strategy:

- Select events with “X” (= jet, γ, Higgs, top, Z, W)
- Veto other activity (μ,e,..)
- Measure missing transverse momentum (MET)
- Combine reconstructed objects → compare with theory expectations

Search for high mass dijet resonances

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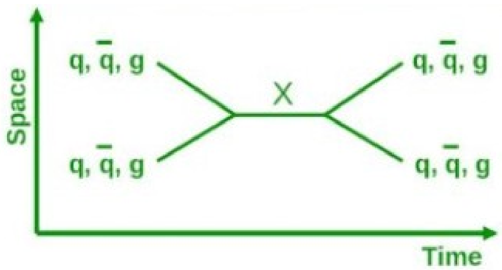
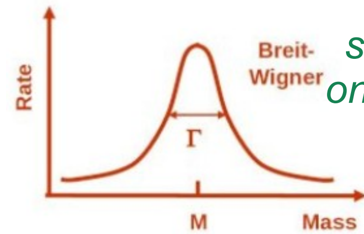


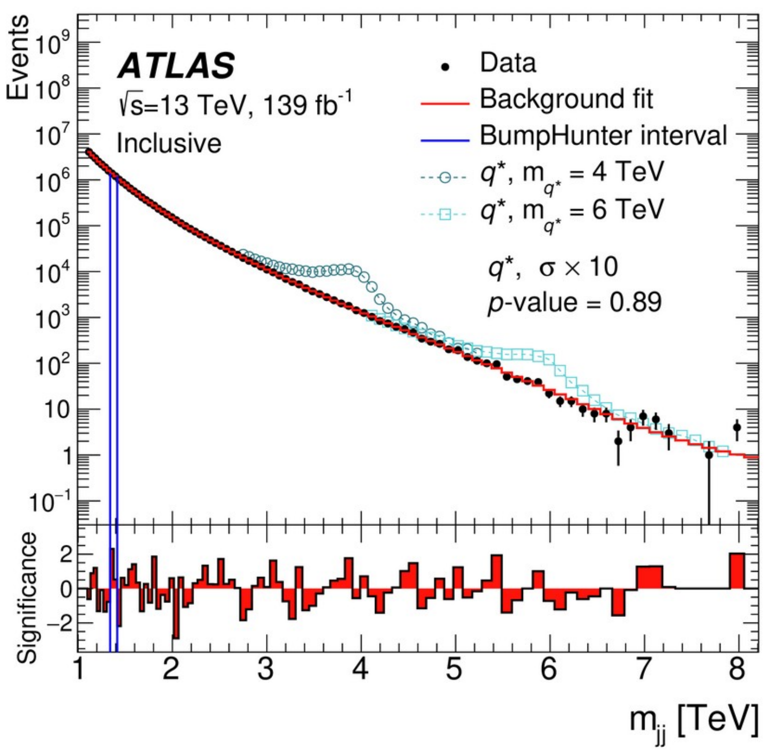


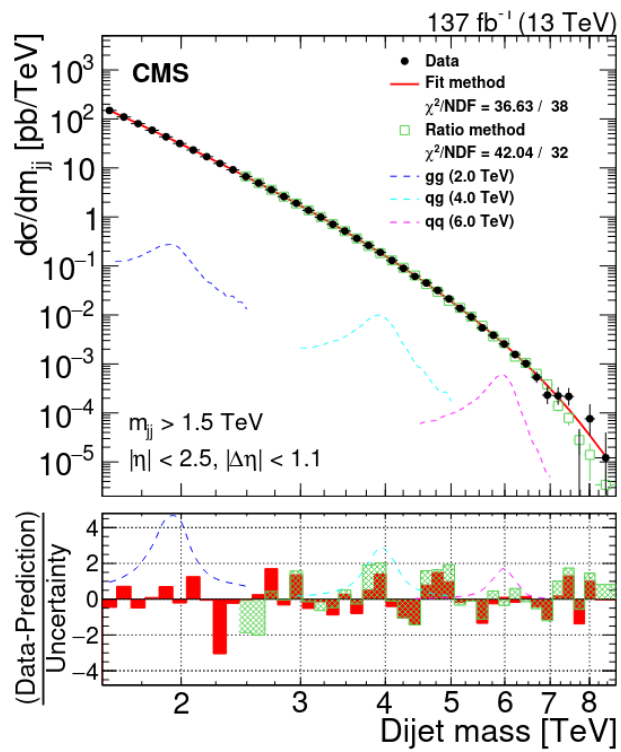
Resonance shapes depend on qq, qg and gg interactions

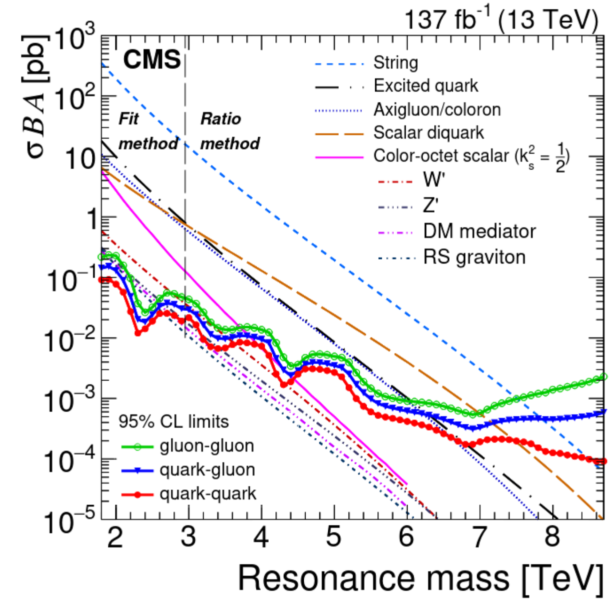
- Calculate invariant mass from 2 hadronic jets
- Fit with smooth analytic functions (red lines)
- Competitive limits for masses from 1 to 8 TeV

Physics of additional Z'/W' bosons:
(review by P.Langacker Rev.Mod.Phys.81:1199 (2009))

- *Similar to the SM W/Z bosons (but heavier)*
- *Extending SM to group SU(3) × SU(2) × **U(1)***
- *Sequential Standard Model*
- *Grand unified theories, fine tuning problem*
- *Extra dimensions*
- *Dark matter mediator etc. etc.*







Observed and expected mass limits at 95% CL

Jets originating from b-quark

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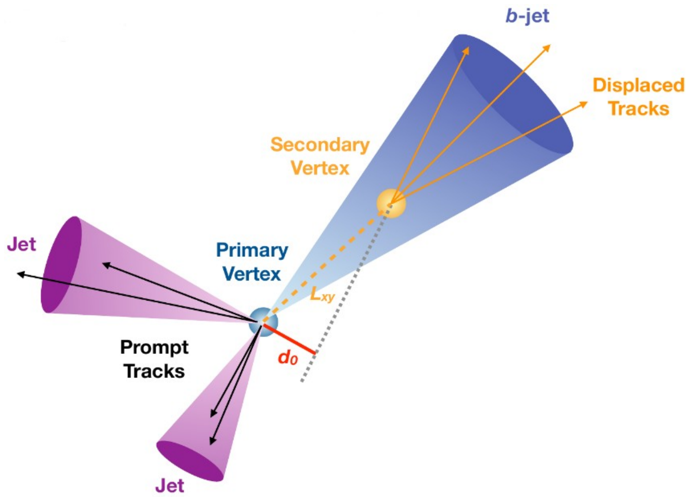
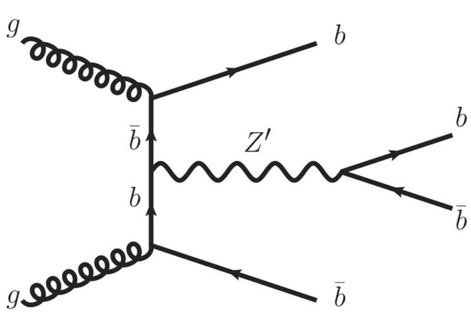
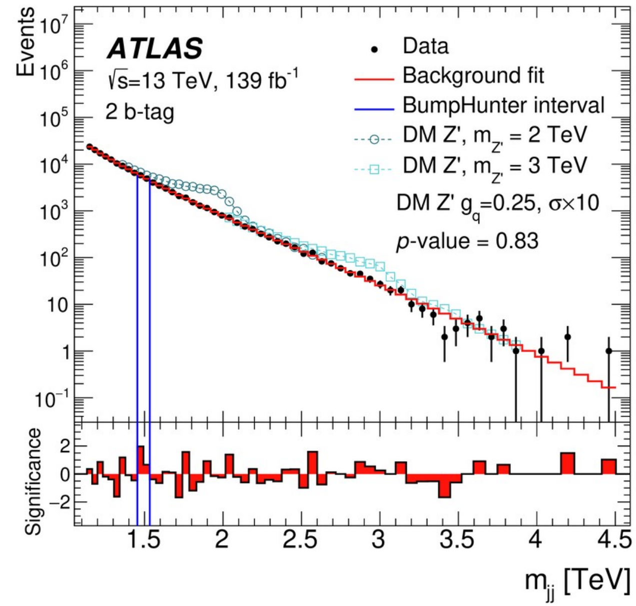
- Heavy Z' couples to SM particles (like $q\bar{q}$) similar to Z-bosons
- "Leptophobic" Z' (does not decay to leptons), can couple to third-generation quarks for some modes
- Search for $Z' \to b\bar{b}$ by combining jets from b-quarks

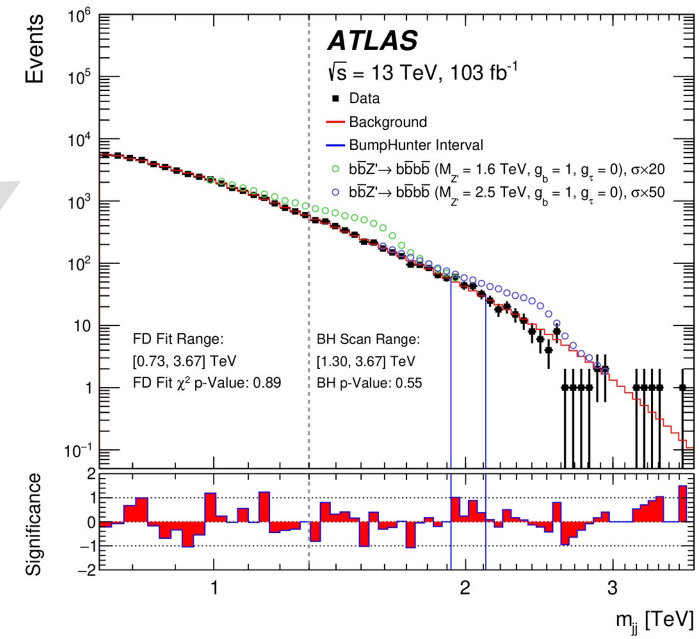




2-b jet mass in all events



2-b jet mass in events with multiple b-quarks



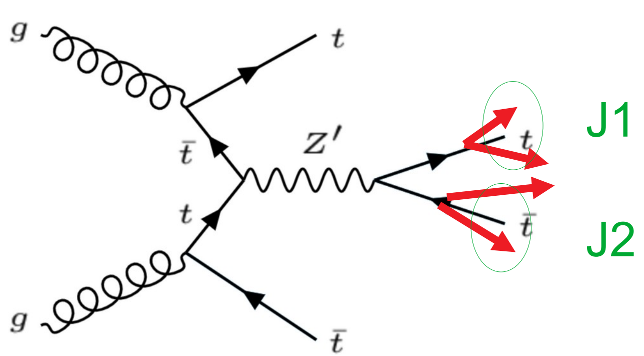
- No signals. Competitive limits for $Z' \to b\bar{b}$ processes

Top-associated production of Z'

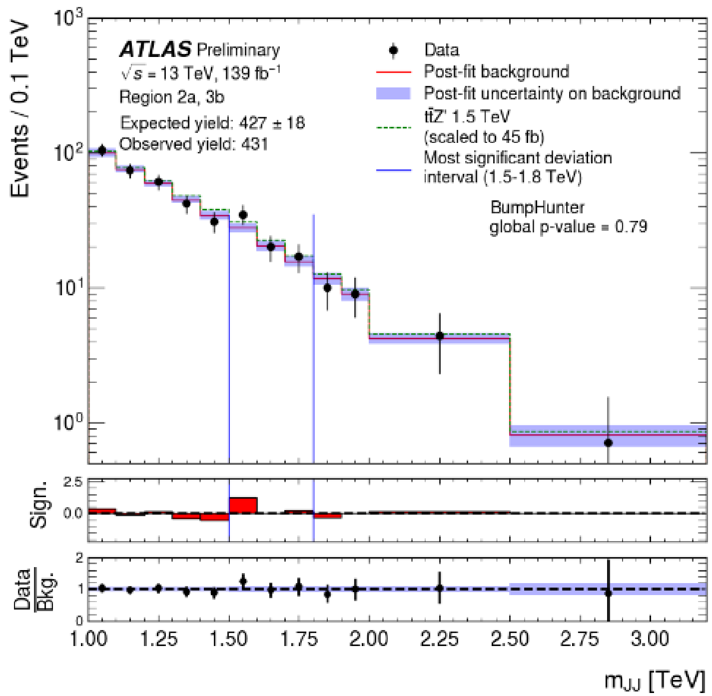
ATLAS: ATLAS-CONF-2021-048

- Some BSM models predict 'top-philic' vector resonances that couple mainly to top quark
- Best sensitivity → both top quarks decay hadronically & spectator top decays semi-leptonicaly
- Use two large radius jets as proxies of the hadronically decaying top quarks (anti-kT with R=1)

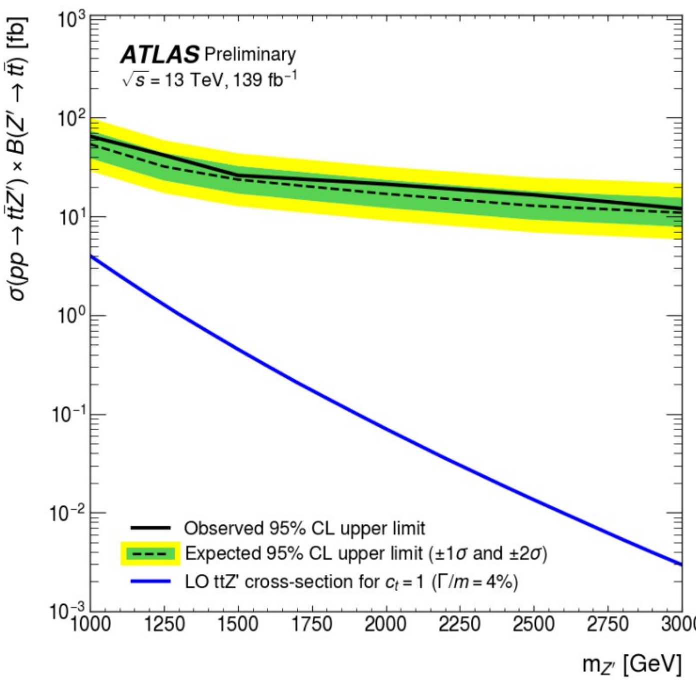
> 1 boosted jets
> 2 b-tagged jets
at least 1 lepton



Representative invariant mass of two large-radius jets



Experimental limits for tt̄Z'



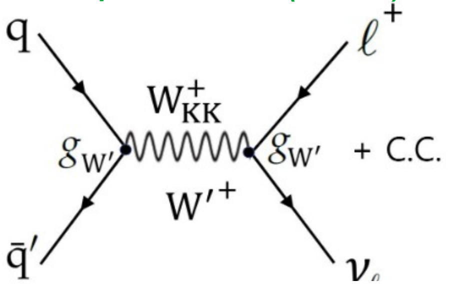
- No excess above the expected SM background
- Competitive Run II limits. Require more data to exclude tt̄Z' production

Searches for W' heavy bosons - I

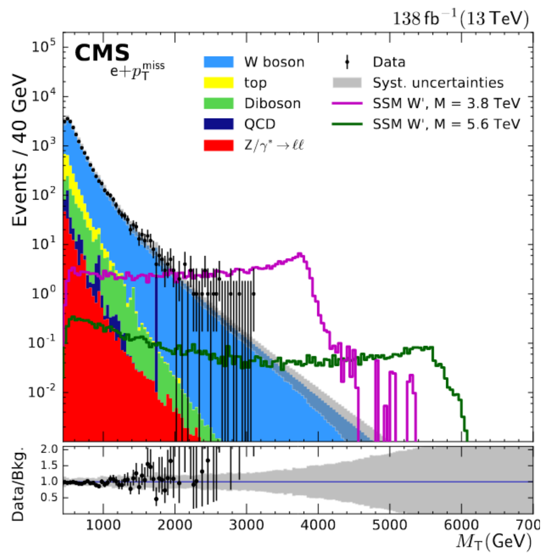
CMS arXiv:2202.06075
ATLAS ATLAS-CONF-2021-043

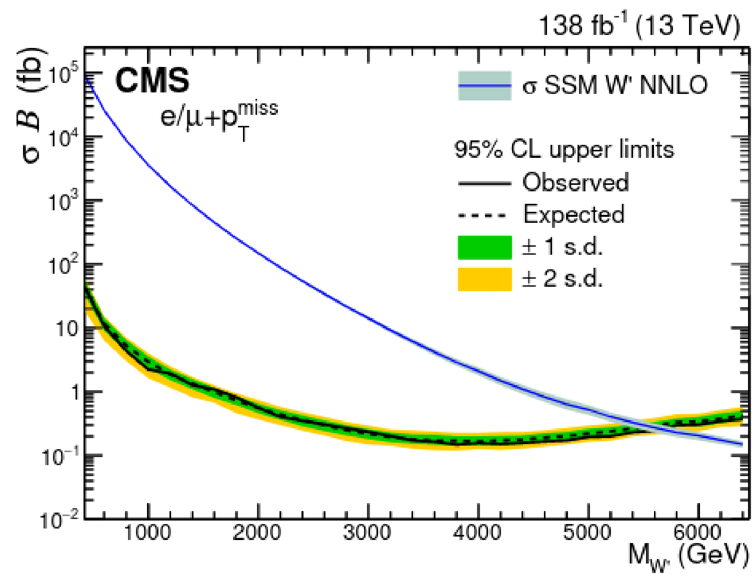
W' is analog of W bosons in several BSM scenarios

All leptonic W' (W_{KK}')



$$m_T = \sqrt{2E_T^{miss} p_T (1 - \cos\Delta\phi)}$$

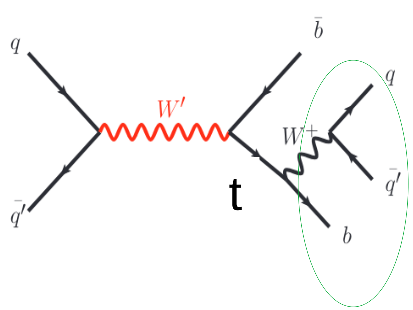




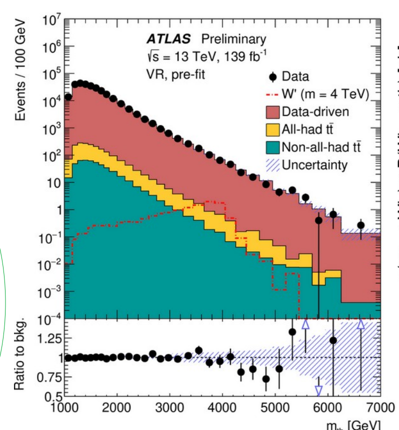
CMS: use transverse mass (m_T) calculated from charged lepton and the missing transverse momenta

ATLAS: Search for heavy W' decaying to boosted top and b-quark

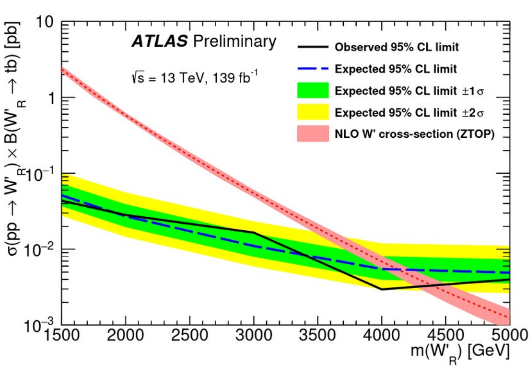
All-hadronic W'



anti-kT with R=1



top+b jet mass



LHC data exclude M(W'):

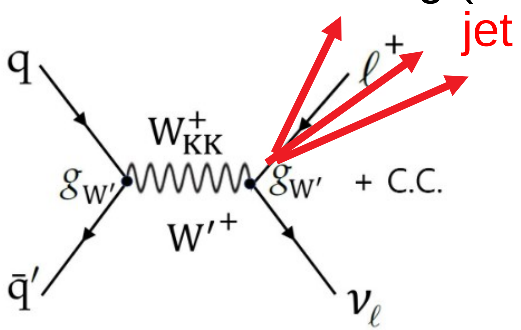
< 5.7 TeV (lepton + ν)
< 4.4 TeV (b-jet + boosted top)

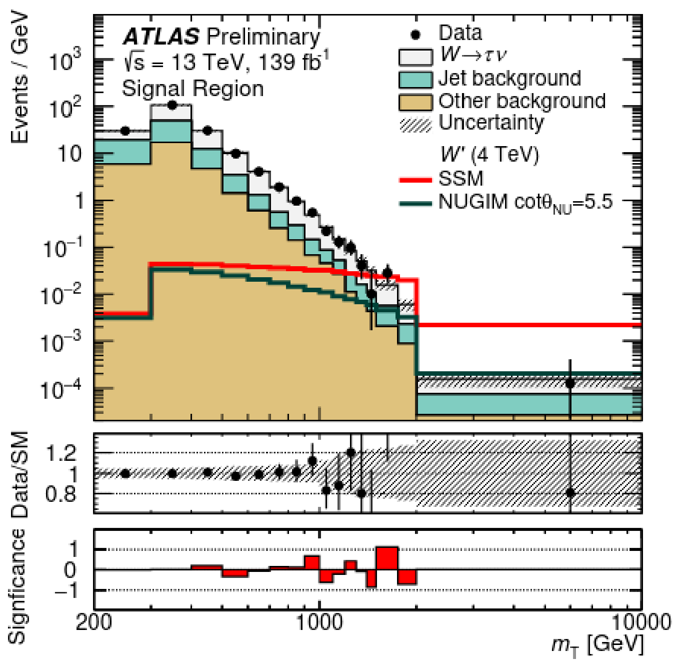
Exclude BSM models:

- Composite Higgs boson models
- Universal extra dimension
- Effective field theory (EFT)
- etc..

Searches for W’ heavy bosons - II

Hadronic decays of tau-leptons
Challenging background!
→ use machine learning (ML)





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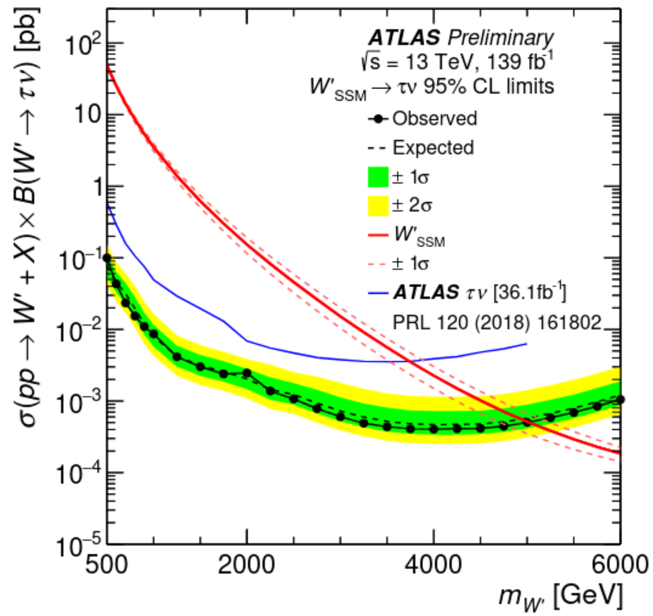

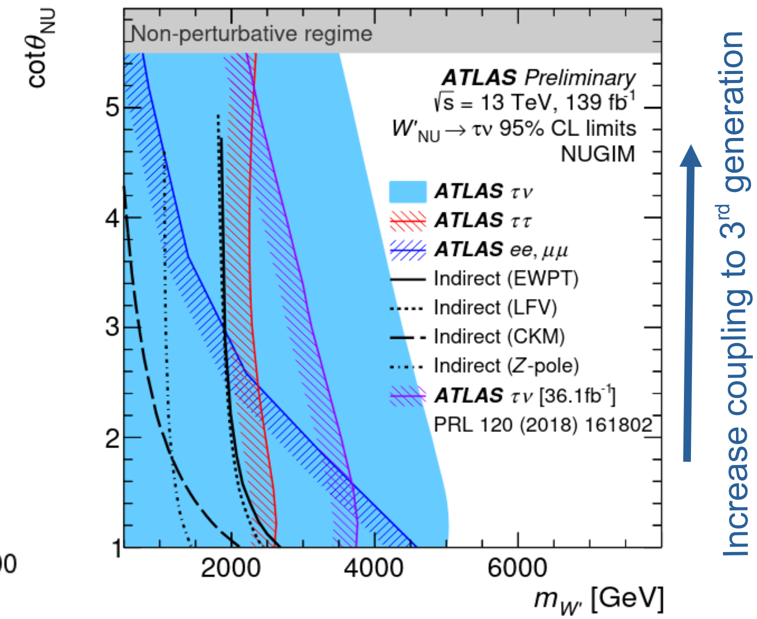

- Model independent limits
- <5 TeV 95% CL for SSM scenario
- Limits for Non-Universal Gauge Interaction Models (NUGIM) with additional parameter **cot θ_{NU}** used to scale the couplings to the first and second generations of fermions

Searches using di-jets + X

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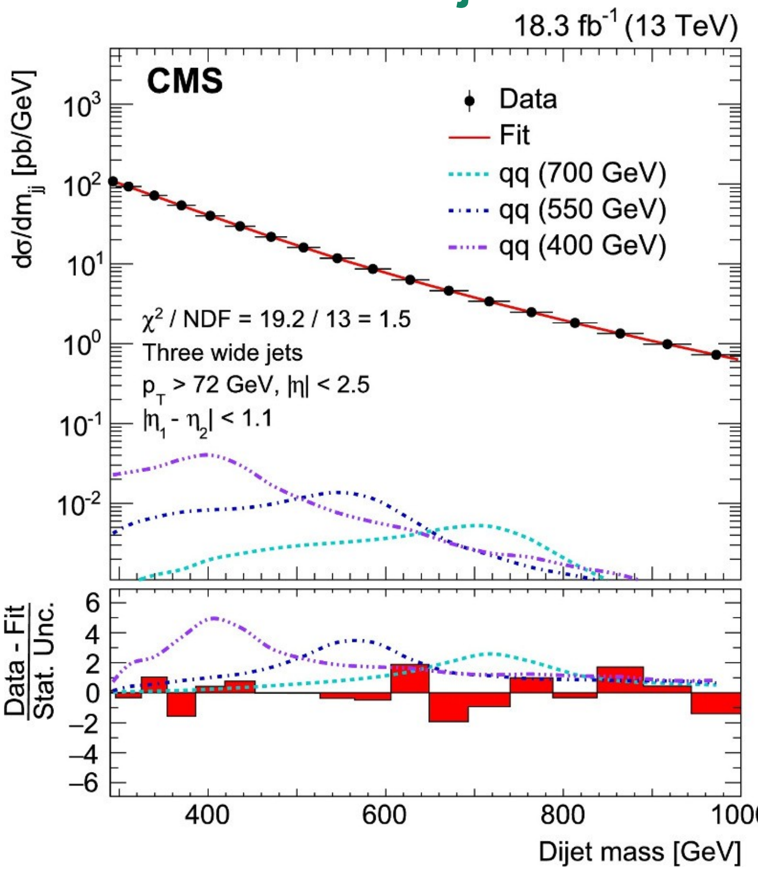
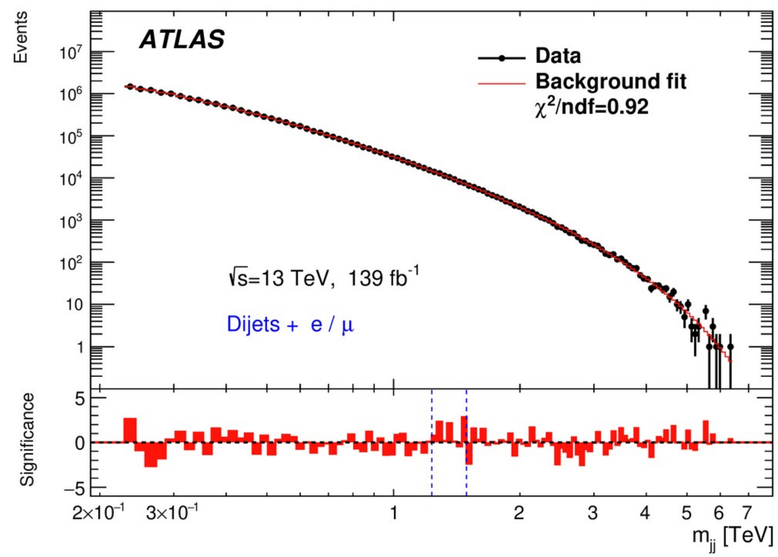
CMS Phys. Let (2020) 805

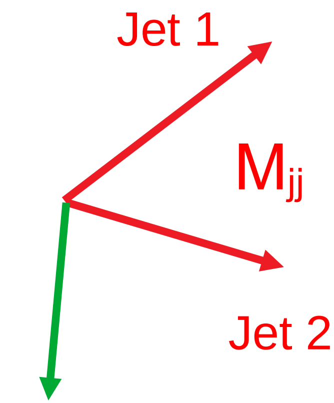
- Additional object X (lepton, jet, photon) helps triggering events with smaller masses (~ 300 GeV – 1 TeV)

X= 3rd jet

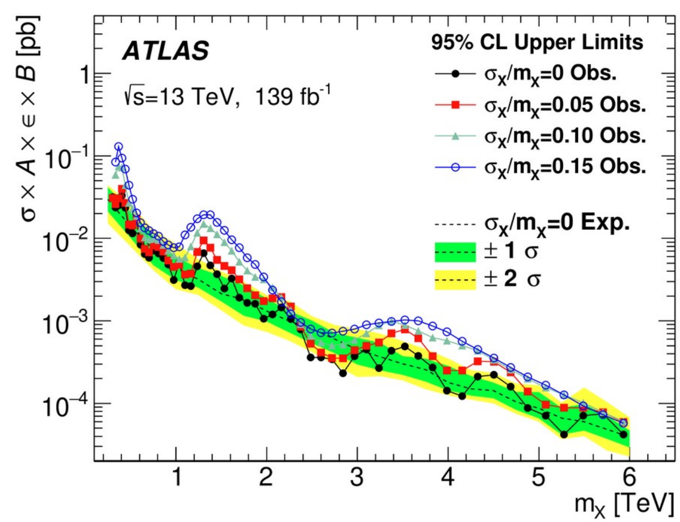


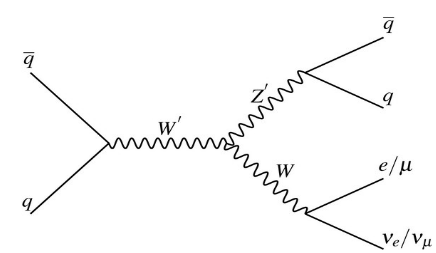
X= e,mu





X = event trigger





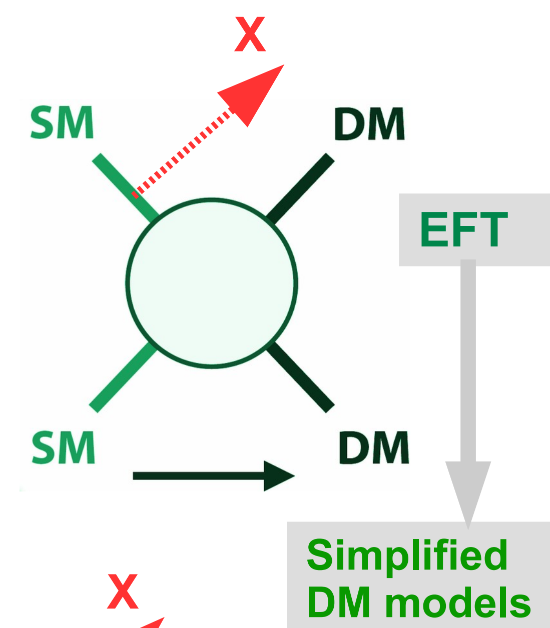
Limits on Sequential Standard model at 1.5 TeV

- Several specific models excluded, including technicolor, sequential SM, H+, DM with associated W

Searches for Dark Matter (DM) at the LHC

- Overwhelming evidence for DM
- If new particle → DM & SM particles in thermal equilibrium in the past
  - DM abundance determines annihilation cross section at freeze-out
  - DM is at electroweak scale? → within LHC energy reach

- LHC collides pp under well-controlled conditions
  - SM particles can radiate other SM particles "**X**" **(via ISR)**
  - Undetected DM → imbalance in transverse momentum

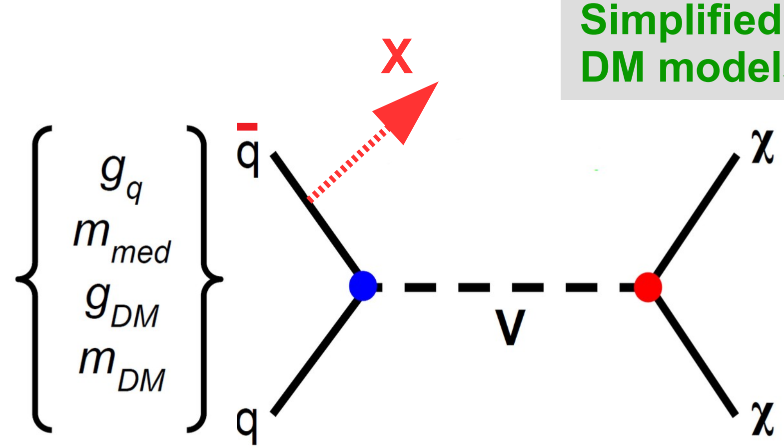


Adopt simplified DM model with a "mediator" **V**

- g_q (g_{DM}) – mediator coupling to quarks (DM)
- m_{med} (m_{DM}) – mass of mediator (DM)

ATLAS & CMS: **g_q=0.25 (S=1), g_q=1 (S=0), g_{DM}=1**

Γ=minimum width formula



Mono jet searches

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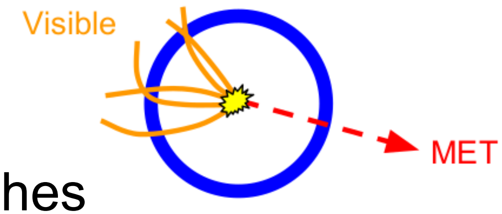
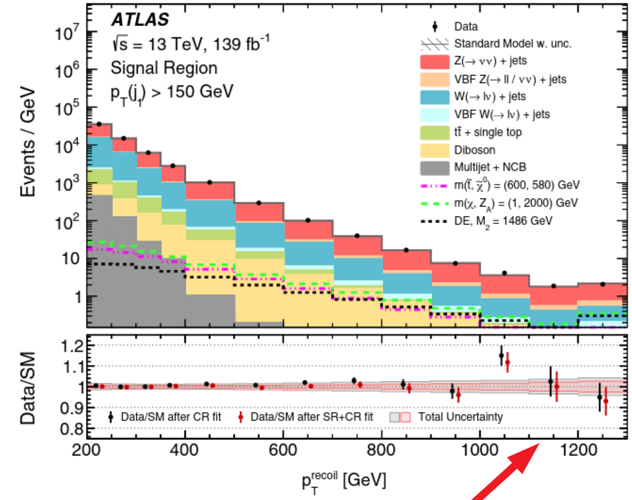
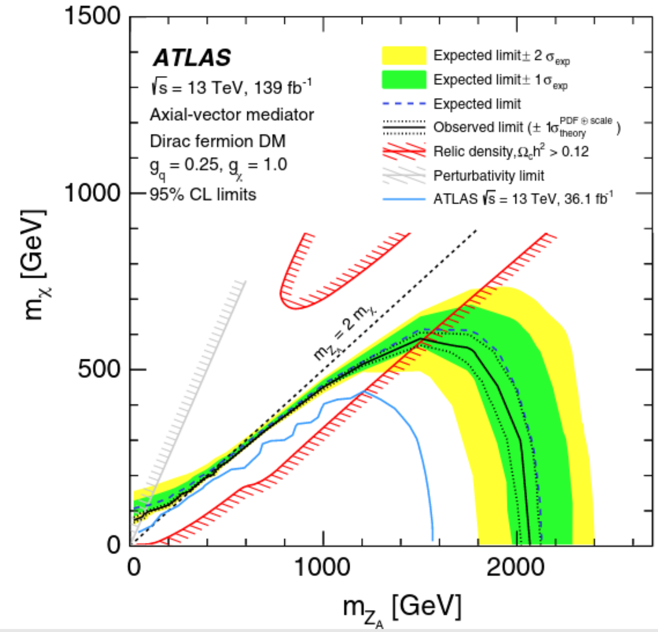


- Mono jet searches rely on MET
  - MET > 200 GeV for typical searches
- Challenging pileup and non-collision background
- SM background:
  - **Z(vv)+j – irreducible (real MET)** → MC with data on Z→ ll
  - **W(lv)+j, $t\bar{t}$ – reducible (loss of leptons from W)** → MC
  - **QCD multi-jet, non-collision BG** → data driven

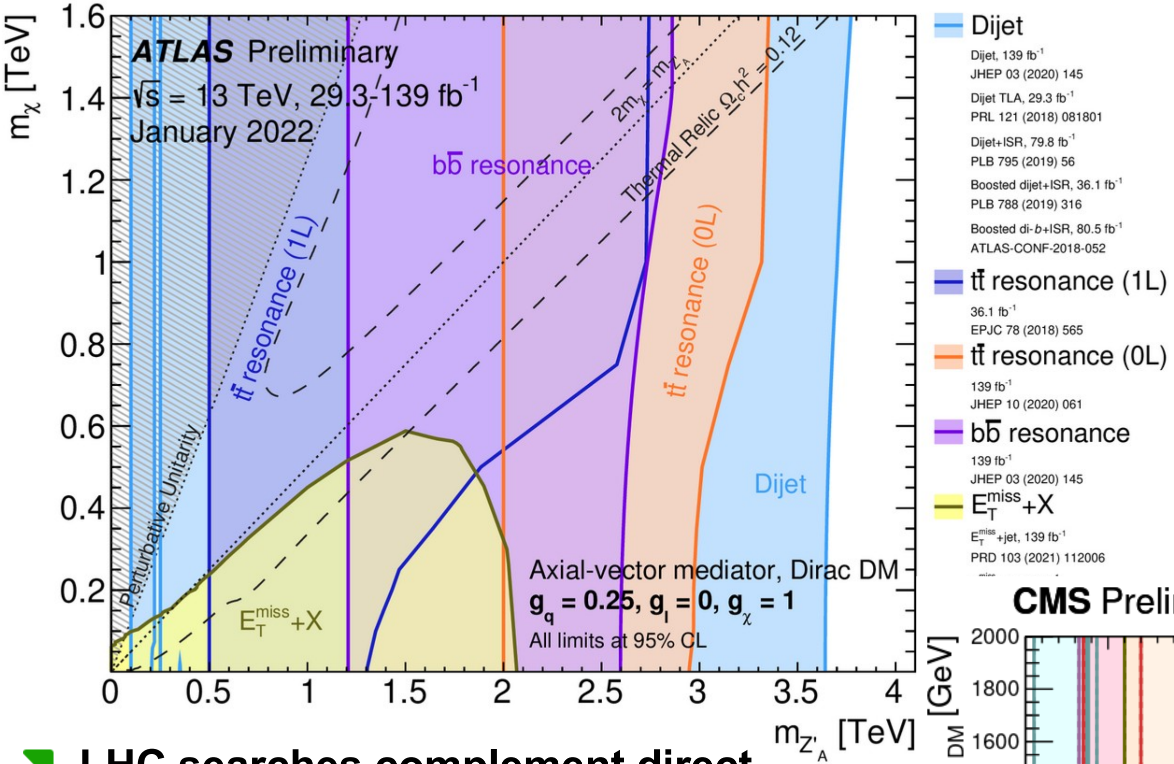


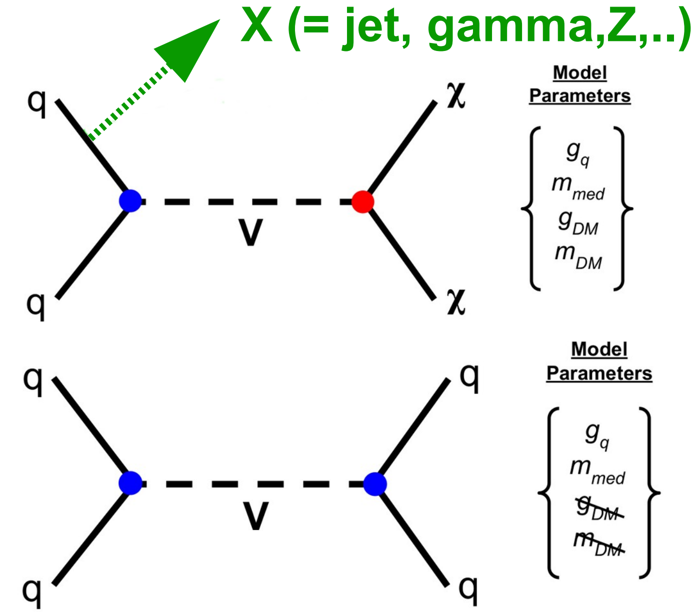
Typical precision for SM description

- Required high-precision SM measurements
  - Examples:
    - **jet+γ** – missing NNLO effects for Z(vv) (CMS)
    - **W+jet** control region also for Z(vv) (ATLAS)

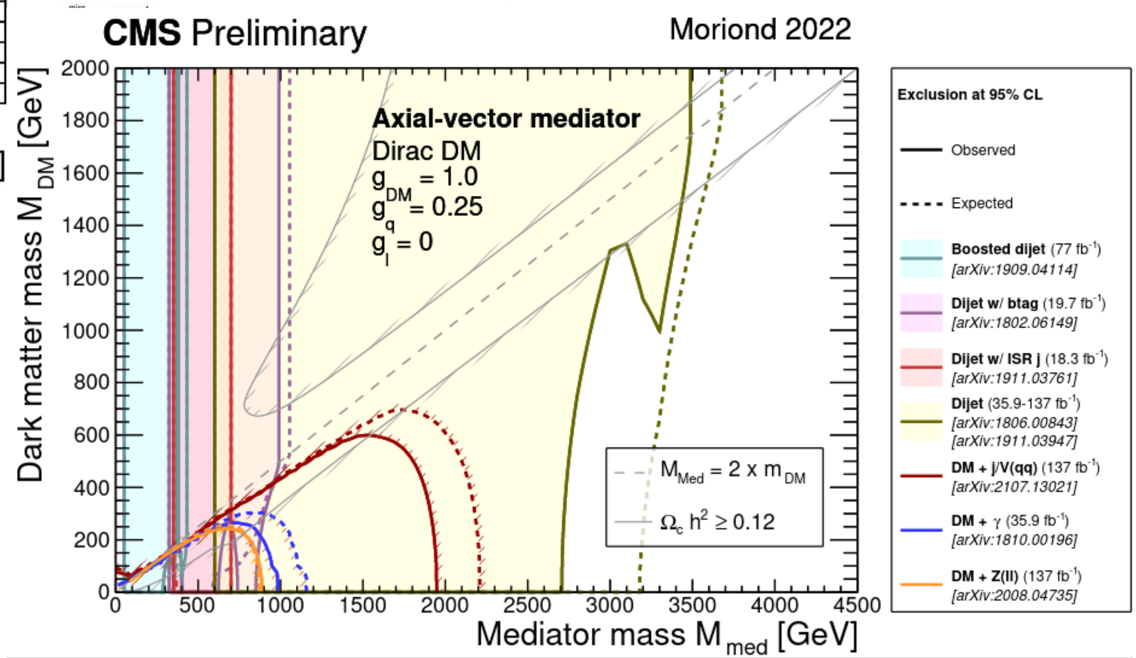


Dark Matter summary plots



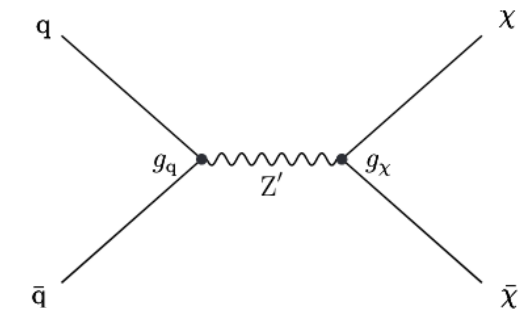


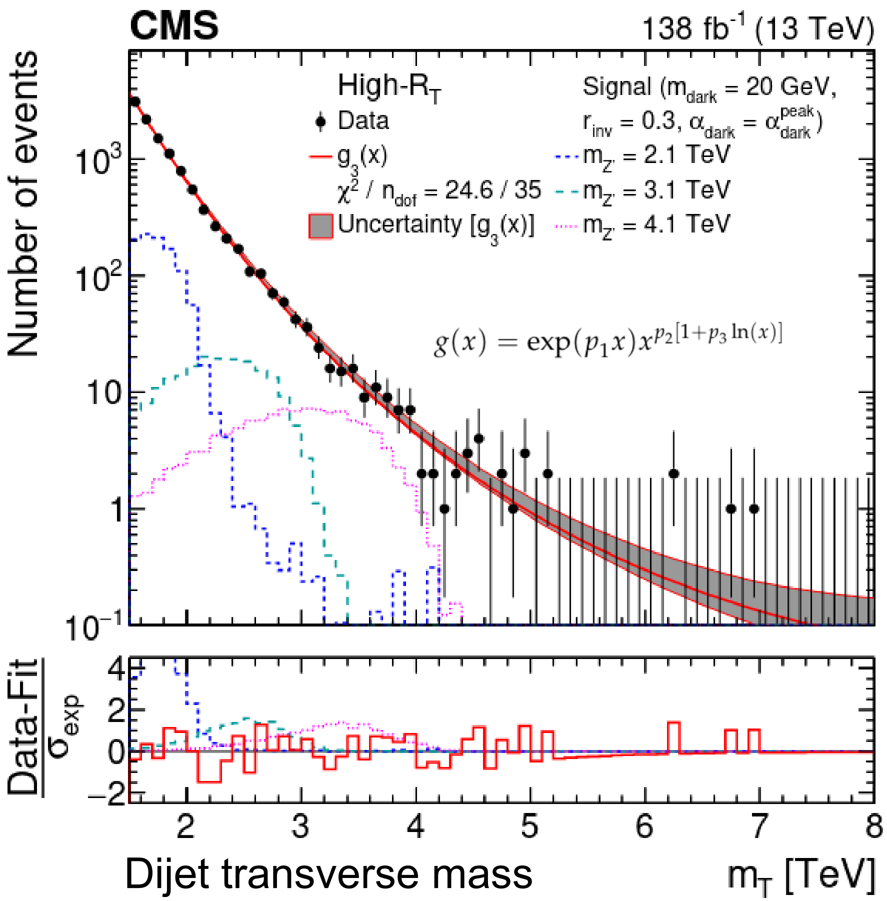
- **LHC searches complement direct detection experiments:**
  - Strong (model-dependent) limits for low mass m_{DM} (<10 GeV)
  - Strong limits for spin-dependent DM-nucleon cross section
  - Comprehensive searches for DM-SM mediators

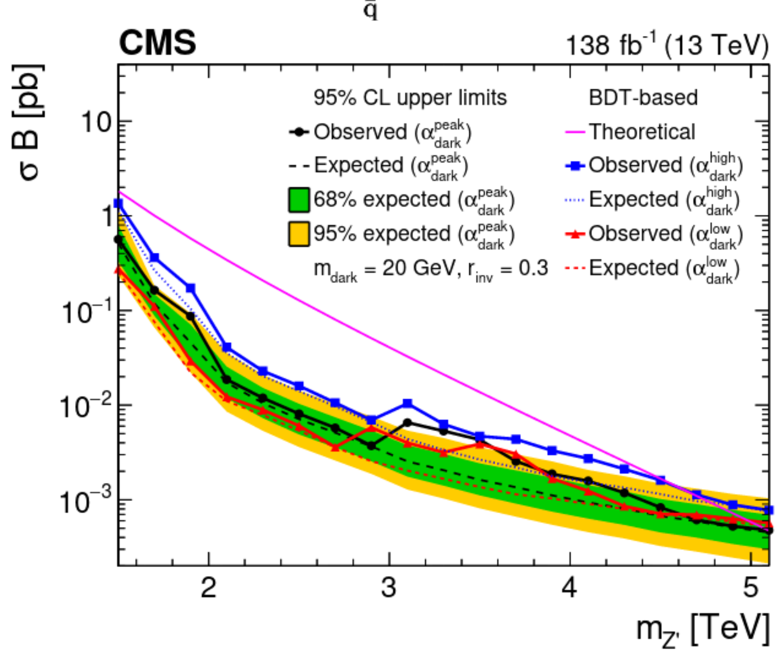


Resonant production of DM candidates

- Heavy leptophobic Z' mediator can decay to two "semi-visible" jets, containing both visible matter and invisible dark matter ("dark hadrons" from "dark quarks")
- Train BDT to separate SM and wider "semi-visible" jets







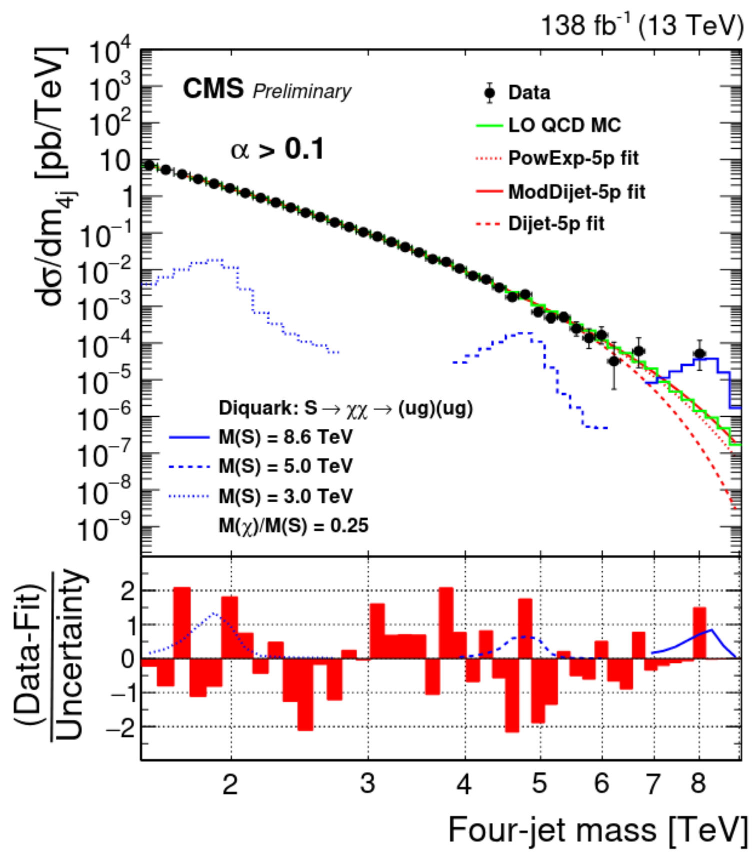
Limits for Z' mass for m_{dark}=20 GeV and fraction of stable invisible dark hadrons

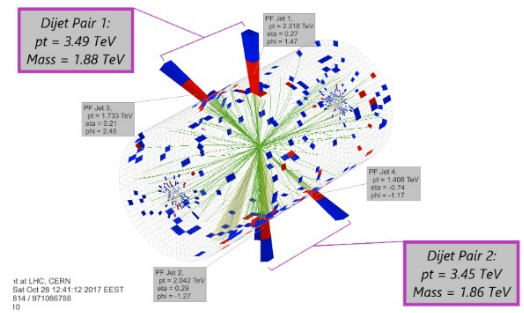
Complement DM searches using missing momentum and initial-state radiation

BSM particles decaying X → YY / YH

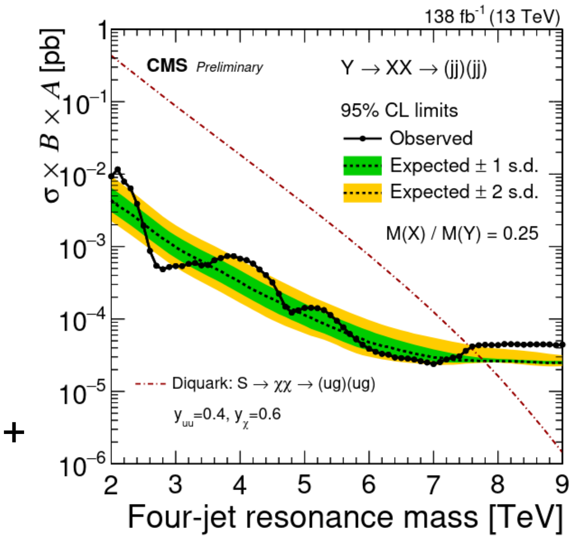
CMS CMS PAS EXO-21-010
CMS CERN-EP-2022-034

- Resonant pp → X → YY → (jj) (jj) & Non-resonant pp→ YY → (jj) (jj)
- Scan α values (average mass of the two dijets divided by the four-jet mass)

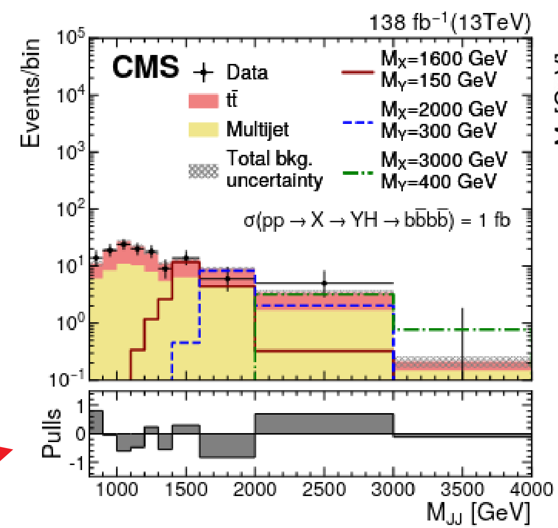


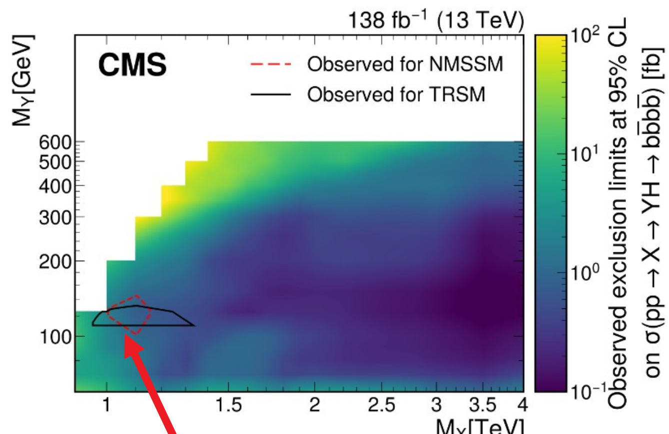


First model-independent upper limits at 95% confidence levels + R-parity violating SUSY



- pp→X (scalar)→ YH→ $b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$
- Boosted regime: 2 large R-jets



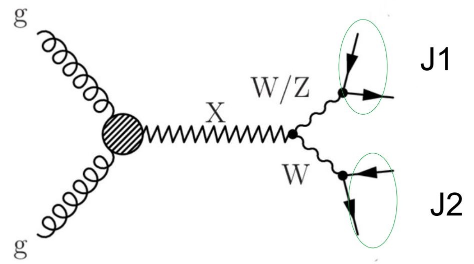


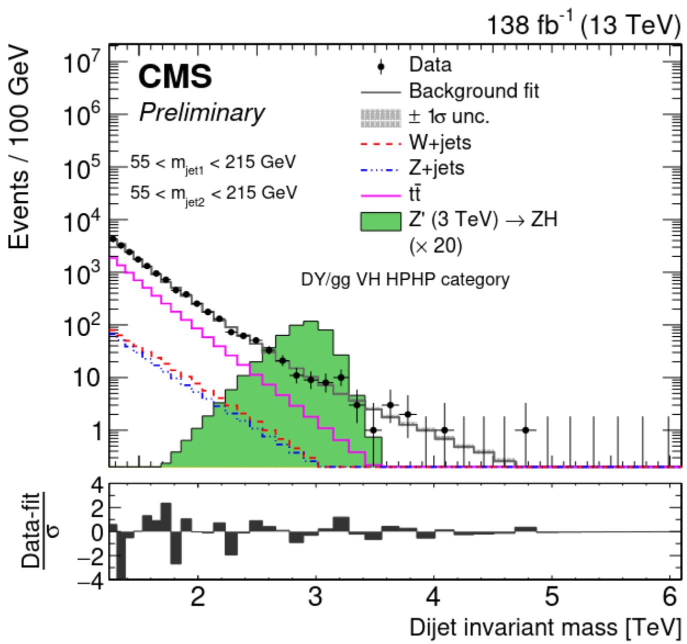
95% CL exclusions for M_X and M_Y

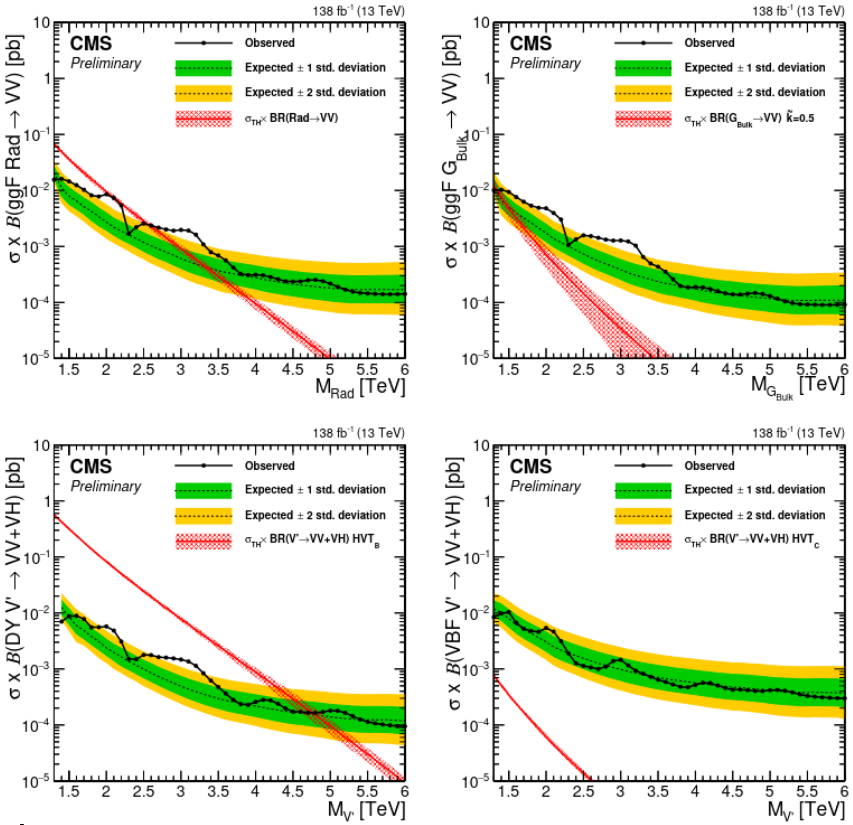
WW, WZ, ZZ, WH or ZH resonances

CMS CMS-PAS-B2G-20-009

- For heavy resonances, each W/Z/H decays to large R-jet (AK8)
- Hadronic decays of W, Z, and H bosons identified using ML
- Measure masses of 2 jets (m_{J1}, m_{J2}) and dijet mass (m_{JJ})
- Simultaneous 3D likelihood fit

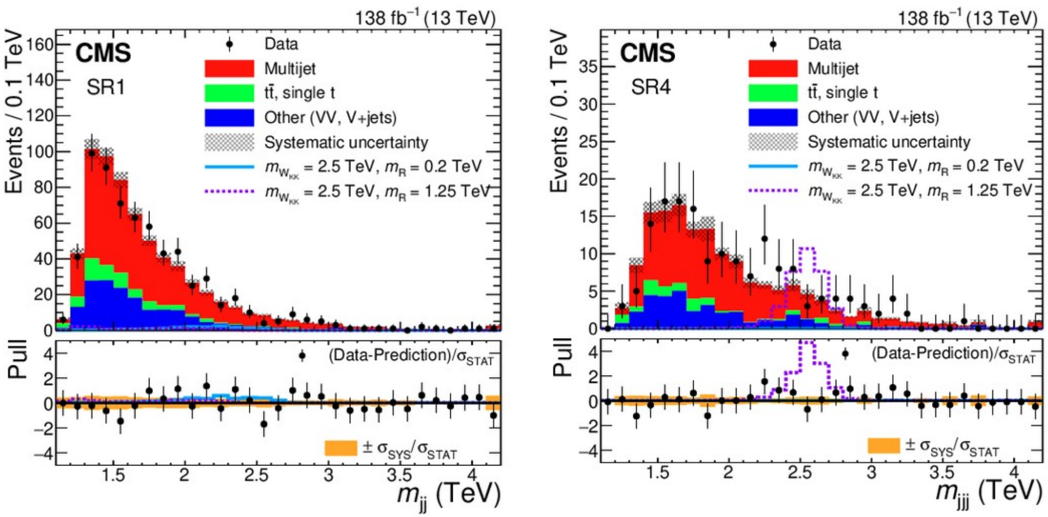


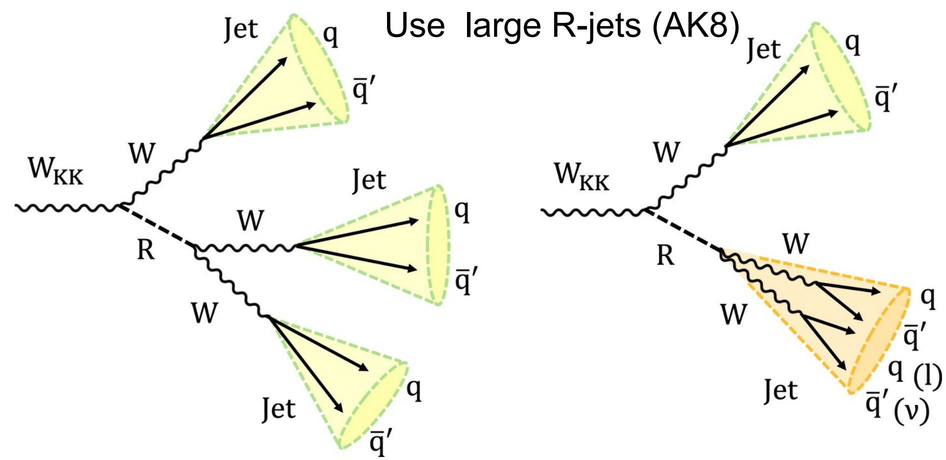


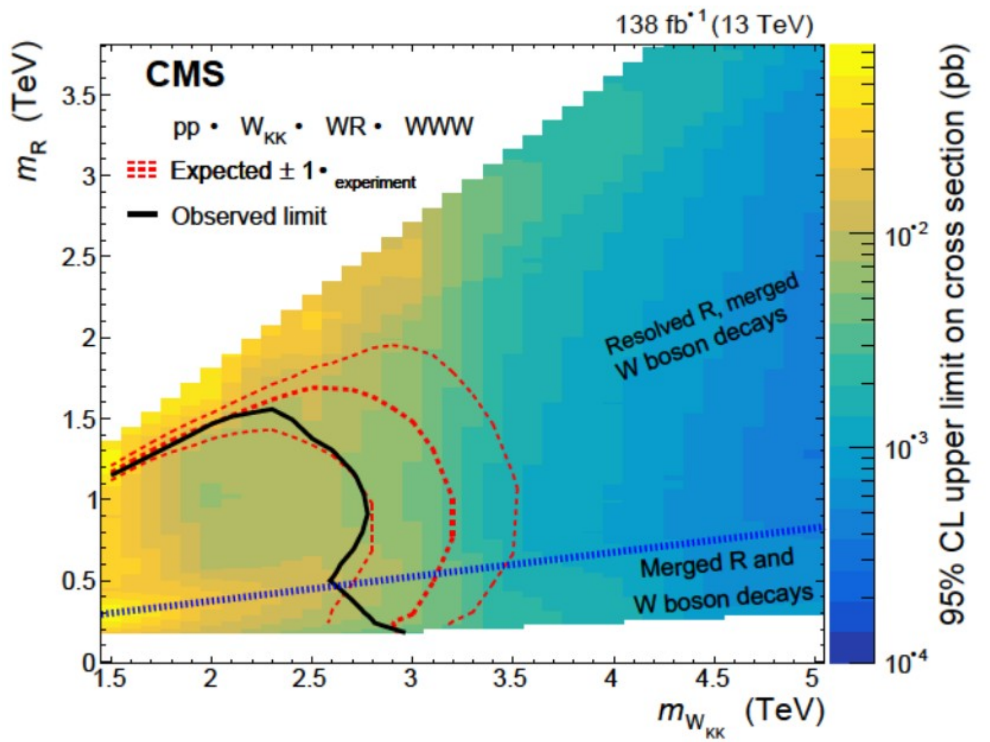


- No evidence for new resonances
- Largest deviation at ~2-3 TeV has ~2.3 σ (global)
- Competitive limits for several BSM signals (including VBF mode)

- Search for Kaluza–Klein excited vector boson resonances, $W_{KK} \rightarrow R\,W \rightarrow WWW$ (R is a scalar radion)
- No signal-like excess over the background







- First results using jet measurements
- Technical advances:
  - Novel jet substructure techniques
  - Dedicated "radion" taggers based on ML

Combination of searches for heavy resonances

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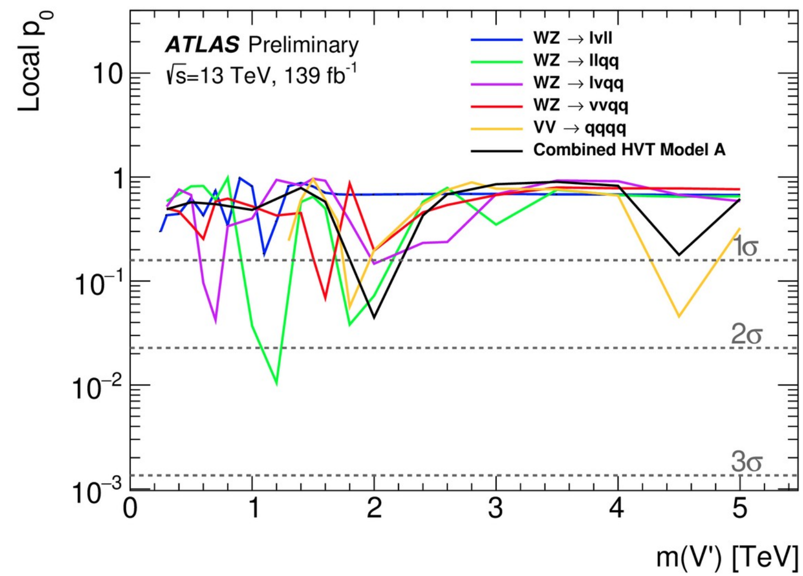
- Uses 16 (orthogonal) ATLAS publications during 2018 - 2022
- Combine bosonic decay modes $qqqq$, $\nu\nu qq$, $\ell\nu qq$, $\ell\ell qq$, $\ell\nu\ell\ell$, $qqbb$, $\nu\nu bb$, $\ell\nu bb$
- Results are interpreted in terms in the context of Spin-1 Heavy Vector Triplet (HVT)
  - V' is collectively denotes W'$^{\pm}$ and Z'

Analysis	leptons	$E_{T_{miss}}$	jets	b-tags	Discr.
$WW/WZ/ZZ \to qqqq$	0	Veto	≥2J	-	m_{VV}
$WZ/ZZ \to \nu\nu qq$	0	Yes	≥1J	0	m_{VV}
$WW/WZ \to \ell\nu qq$	1e, 1μ	Yes	≥2j, ≥1J	0, 1, 2	m_{VV}
$WZ/ZZ \to \ell\ell qq$	2e, 2μ	-	≥2j, ≥1J	0	m_{VV}
$WZ \to \ell\nu\ell\ell$	3 ⊂ (e, μ)	Yes	-	0	m_{VV}
$WH/ZH \to qqbb$	0	Veto	≥2J	1, 2	m_{VH}
$ZH \to \nu\nu bb$	0	Yes	≥2j, ≥1J	1, 2	m_{VH}
$WH \to \ell\nu bb$	1e, 1μ	Yes	≥2j, ≥1J	1, 2	m_{VH}
$ZH \to \ell\ell bb$	2e, 2μ	Veto	≥2j, ≥1J	1, 2	m_{VH}
$\ell\nu$	1e, 1μ	Yes	-	-	m_T
$\tau\nu$	0	Yes	-	-	m_T
$\ell\ell$	≥2e, ≥2μ	-	-	-	$m_{\ell\ell}$



Typical example of p-value scan over the HVT pole masses up to 5 TeV

Scans for only-leptonic channel is extended up to 6 TeV (higher statistics!)

Combination of searches for heavy resonances

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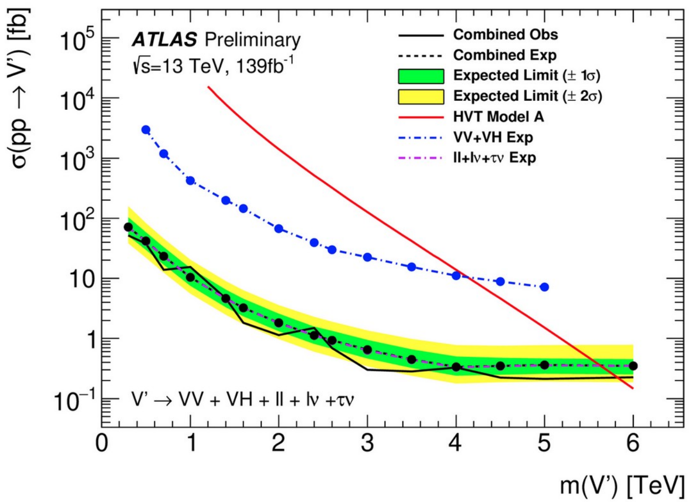
- Results interpreted in terms of exclusions limits on masses and coupling constants

Weakly coupled HVT-A coupling



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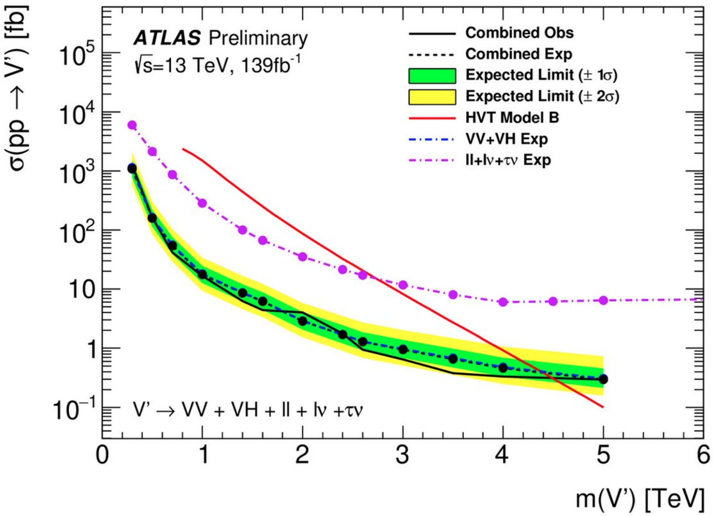
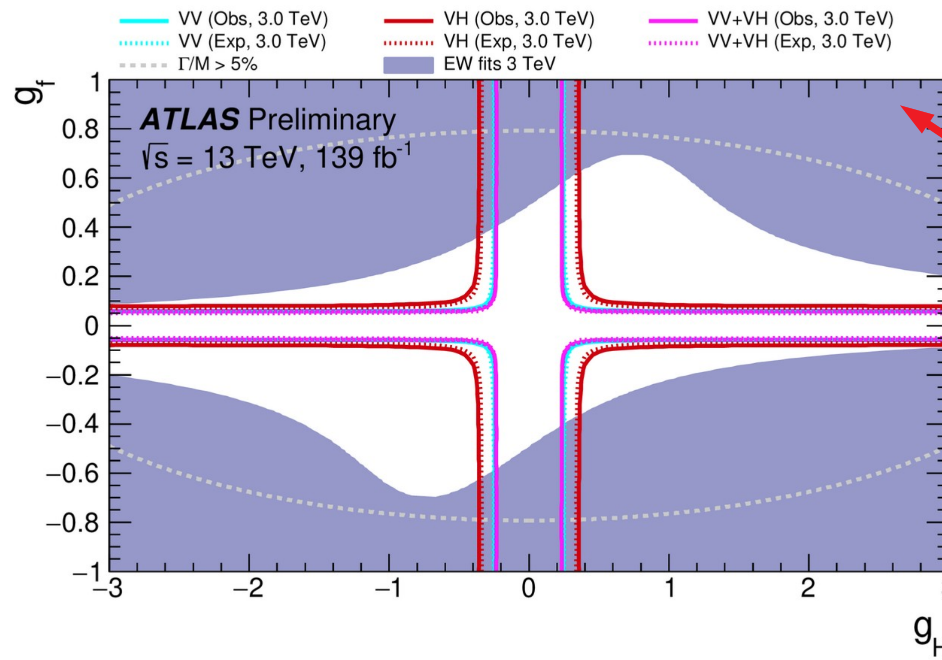




Constraints from EWK measurements

See other channels & masses in the original CONF note

Typical exclusions for 3 TeV for {gH , gf } for qq production mode

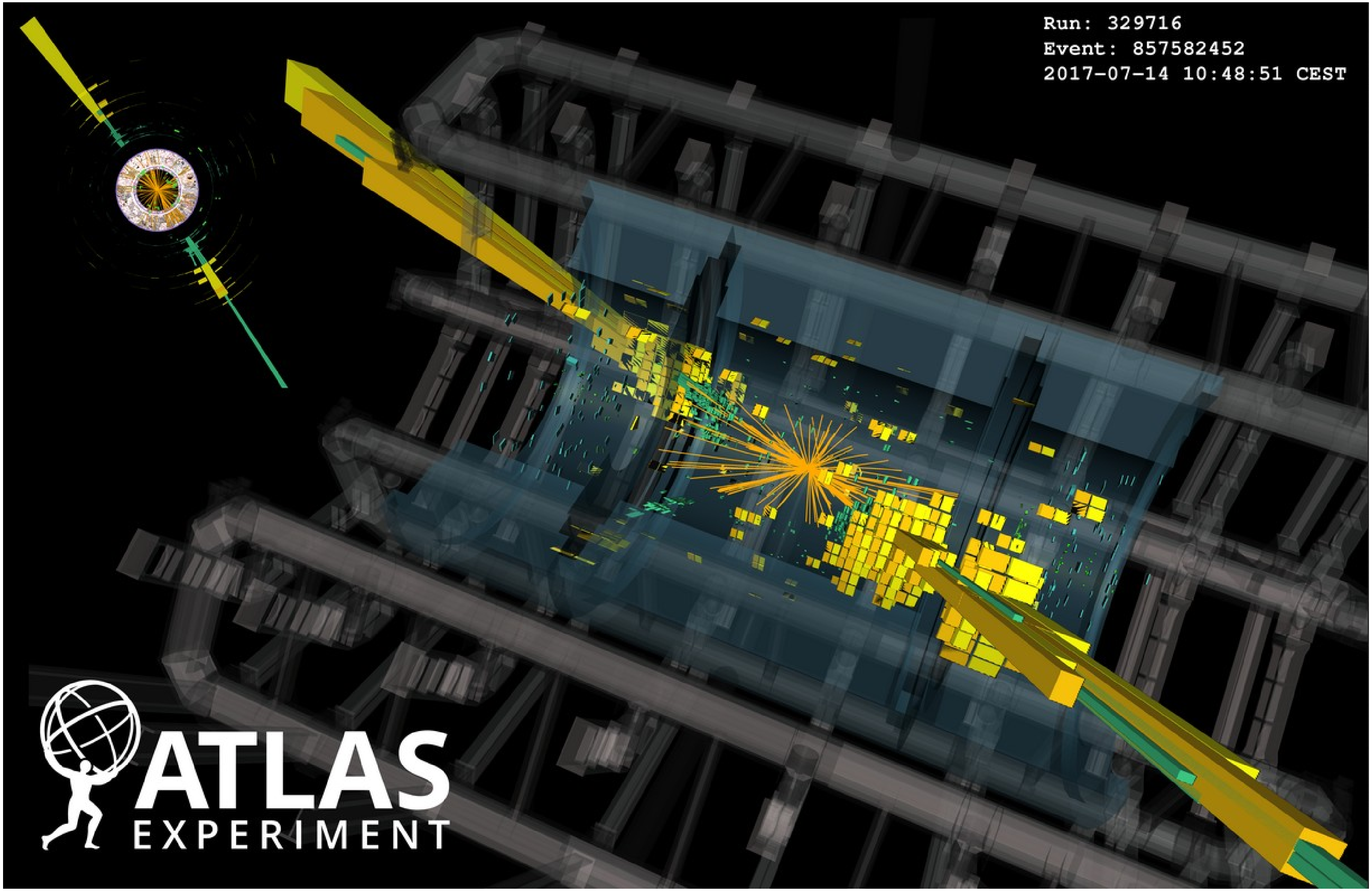
- Combined results strengthen the constraints on BSM physics and allow expressions of constraints in terms of couplings to quarks, leptons and fermions

Conclusions

- **Extensive program for searches for new heavy particles**
- **Refined studies with complex final state (jet, top, γ, $t\bar{t}$, W, Higgs, etc)**
- **Mass reach extends up to 8 TeV for many inclusive jet/lepton studies**
- **Constraints on simplified DM models that complement direct detection experiments:**
  - Strong (model-dependent) limits for low mass m_{DM} (<10 GeV)
  - Strong limits for spin-dependent DM-nucleon cross section
  - Comprehensive searches for DM-SM mediators
- **Combination of Run 2 searches for heavy resonances the context of HVT**
- **Stay tuned: Ongoing analysis using full Run 2 data**
- **Opportunities at Run 3:**
  - 13 TeV → 13.6 TeV CM energy
  - Increase in luminosity (x 2, statistics!)
  - Cutting edge analysis techniques

→ Can translate to ~1 TeV in mass reach for some channels

Backup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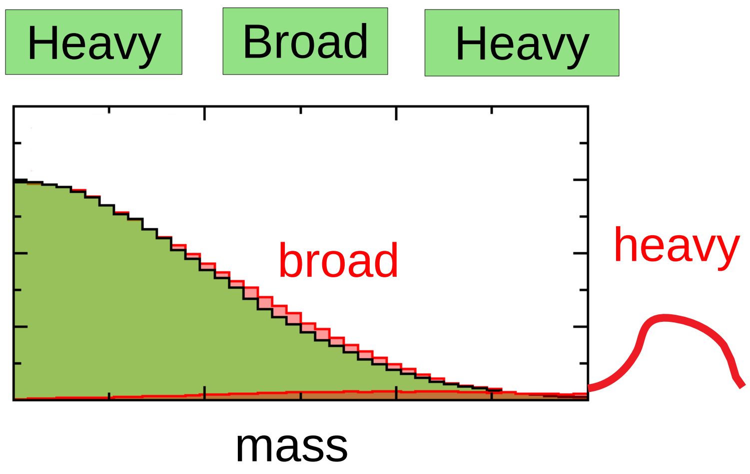
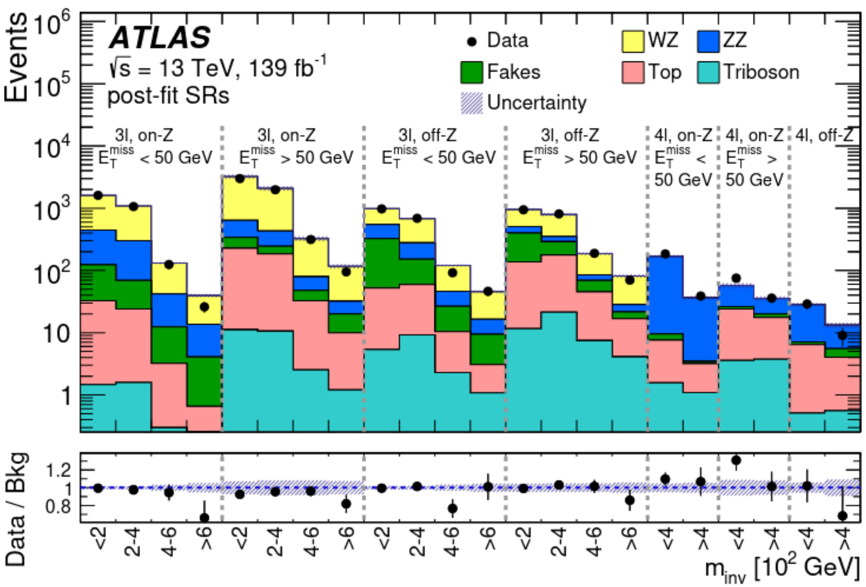
Non-resonant multilepton probes

- New physics may show up in deviations over expected rates (wide resonances, non-resonant production etc)
- More elusive for direct production, but:
  - can have larger cross section
  - affects the measured distributions
- Look at production rate of 3 or 4 leptons
  - 22 event categories according to the number of leptons in the event, the missing transverse momentum, the invariant mass of the leptons
- No deviations from the Standard Model

Non-resonant production

See M.Folgado & V.Sanz, Advances in High Energy Physics, Volume 2021, Article ID 2573471,





Non-resonant multilepton probes

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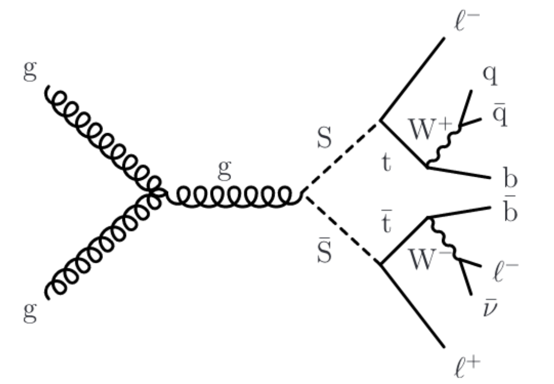
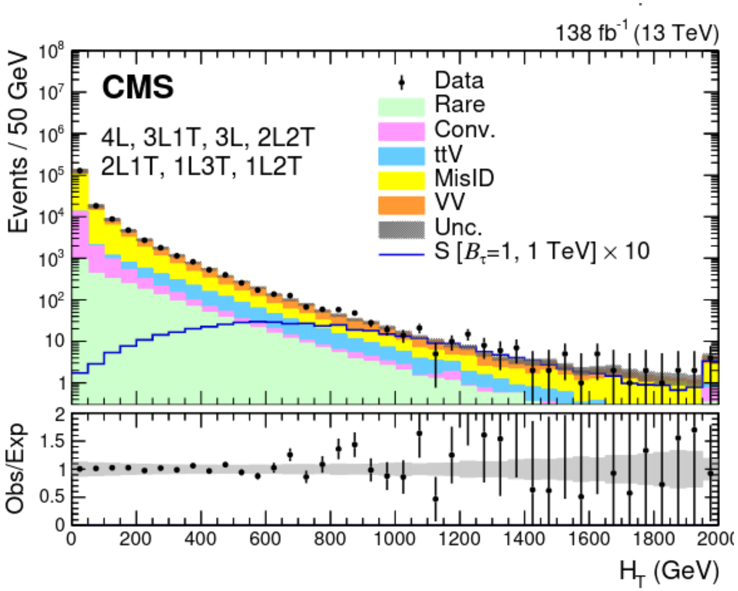
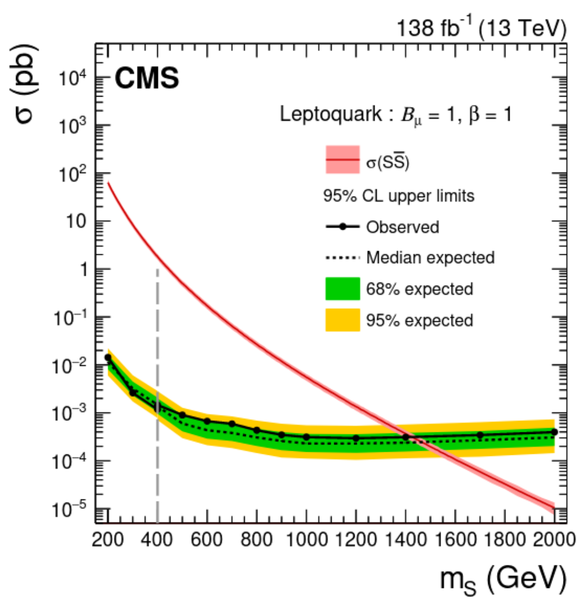
- Events with at least 3 leptons
- Boosted decision tree to define signal regions.
- Observations are consistent with the SM
- 95% CL limits for Leptoquarks (<1.4 TeV), Type-III seesaw heavy fermions (<1 TeV), Vector-like fermions (<1 TeV)

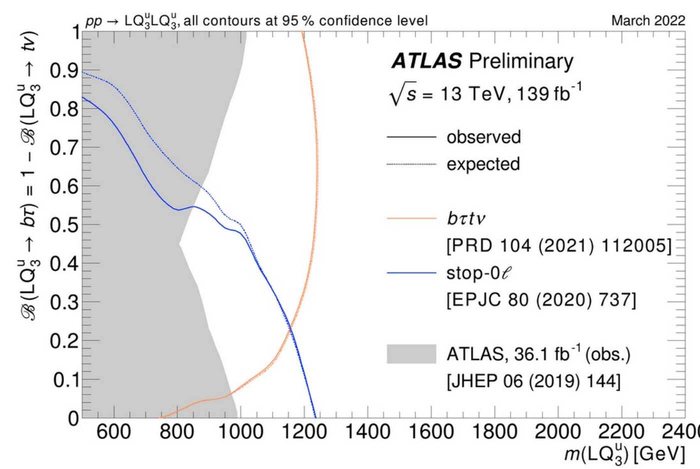
Example: Leptoquarks







H_T is the scalar pT sum of all jets



ATLAS updated summary for pair-produced scalar third-generation up-type leptoquarks