

The mystery of the five little bumps

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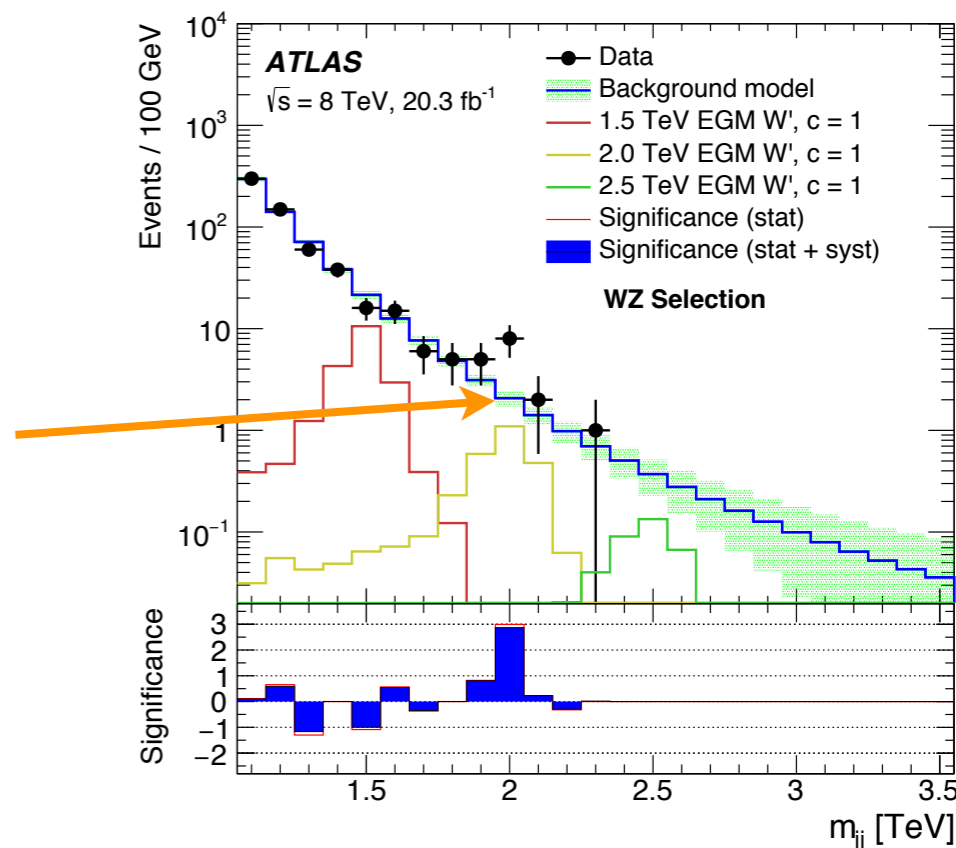
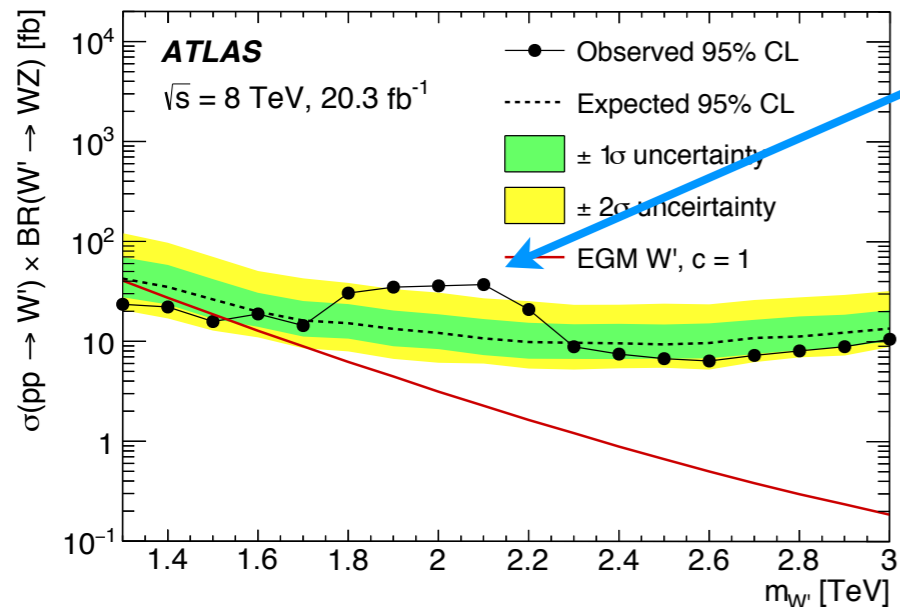
Red LHC workshop, IFT, May 8th 2017

Run I: excitement in $VV \rightarrow JJ$

ATLAS arXiv:1506.00962
CMS arXiv:1405.1994

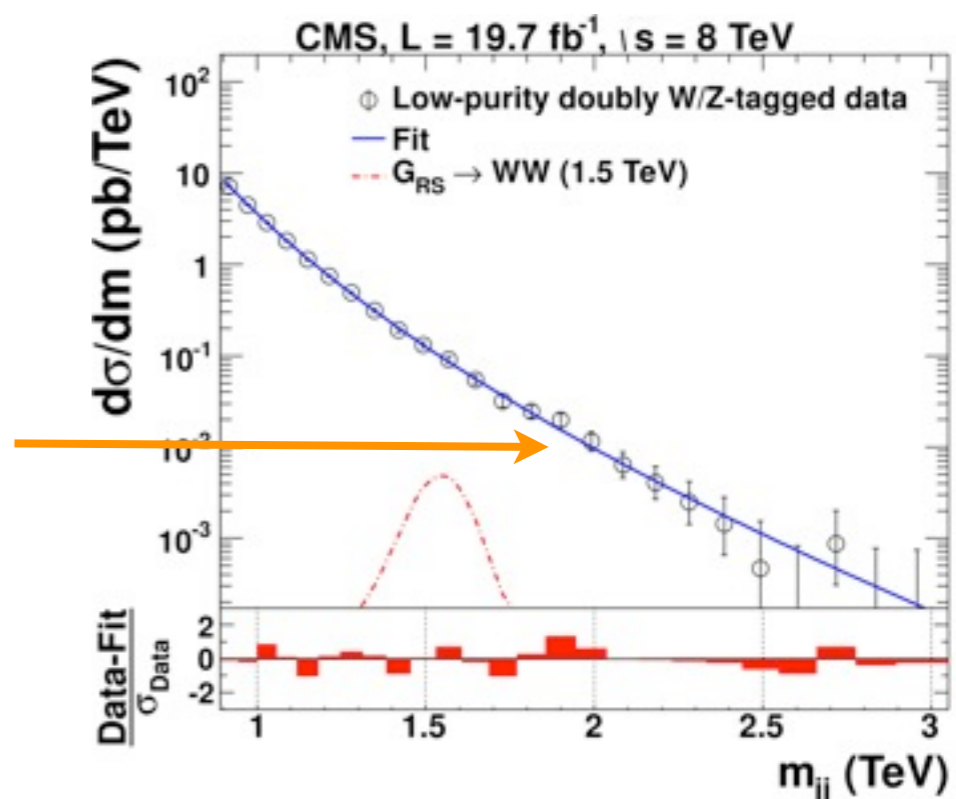
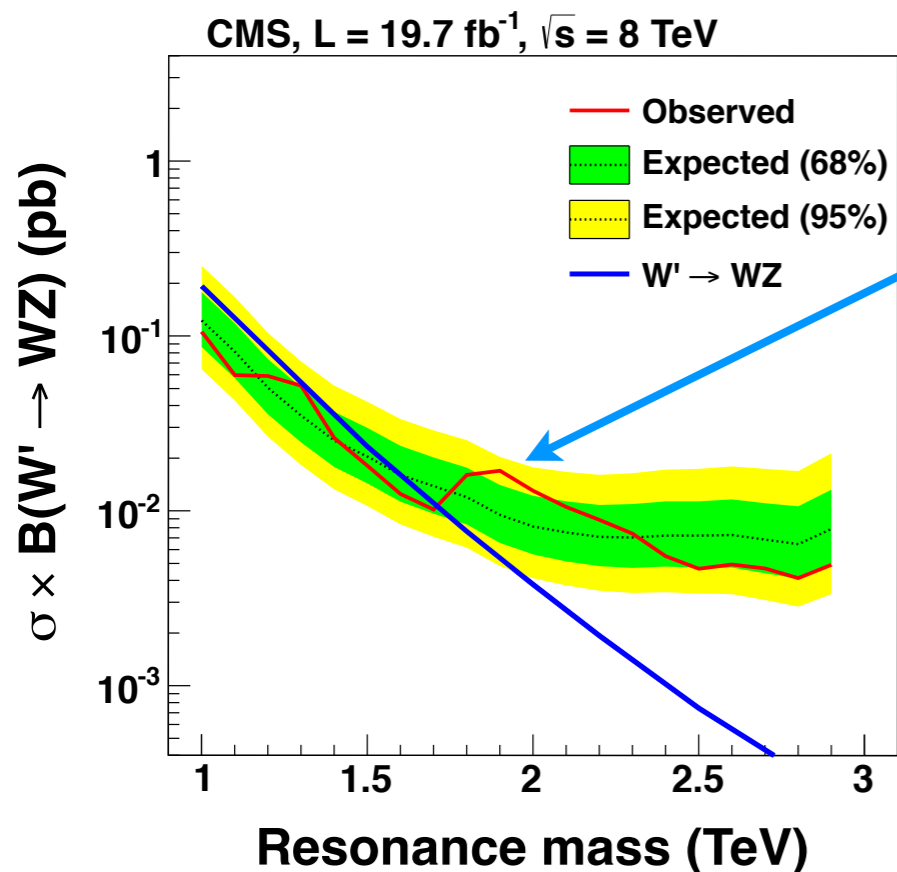
3.4σ

2 exp 8 obs
/100 GeV



$\sim 1.5\sigma$

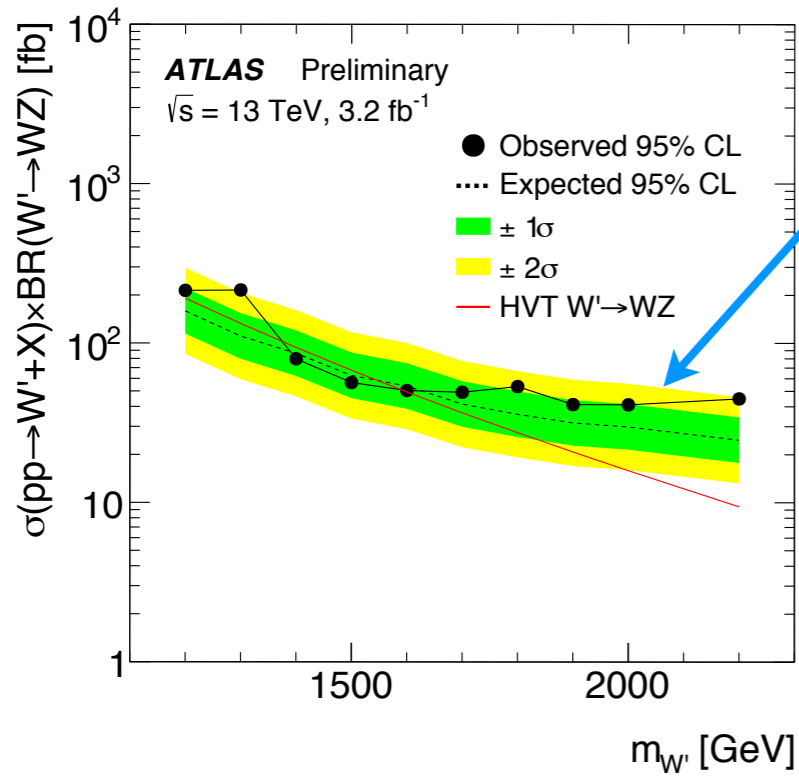
30 exp 39 obs
/100 GeV



ATLAS Run 2 / 3.2 fb⁻¹: the phantom bump

ATLAS-CONF-2015-073
December 2015

Brand new event selection



~1σ ☹️

0.7 exp | obs
/100 GeV

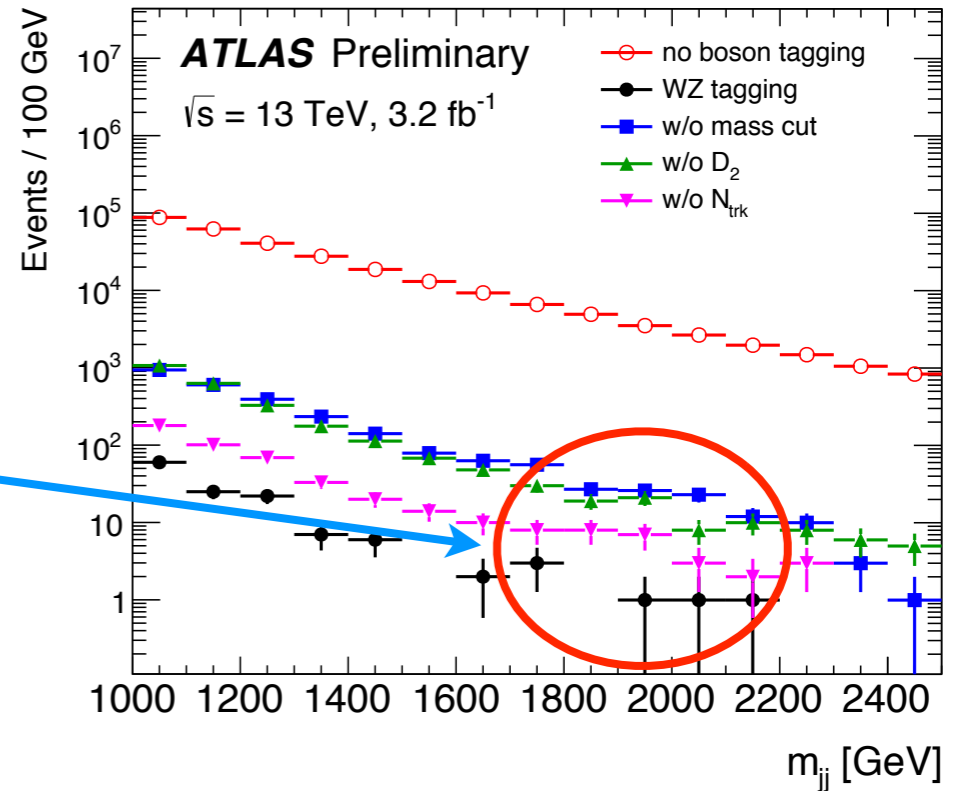
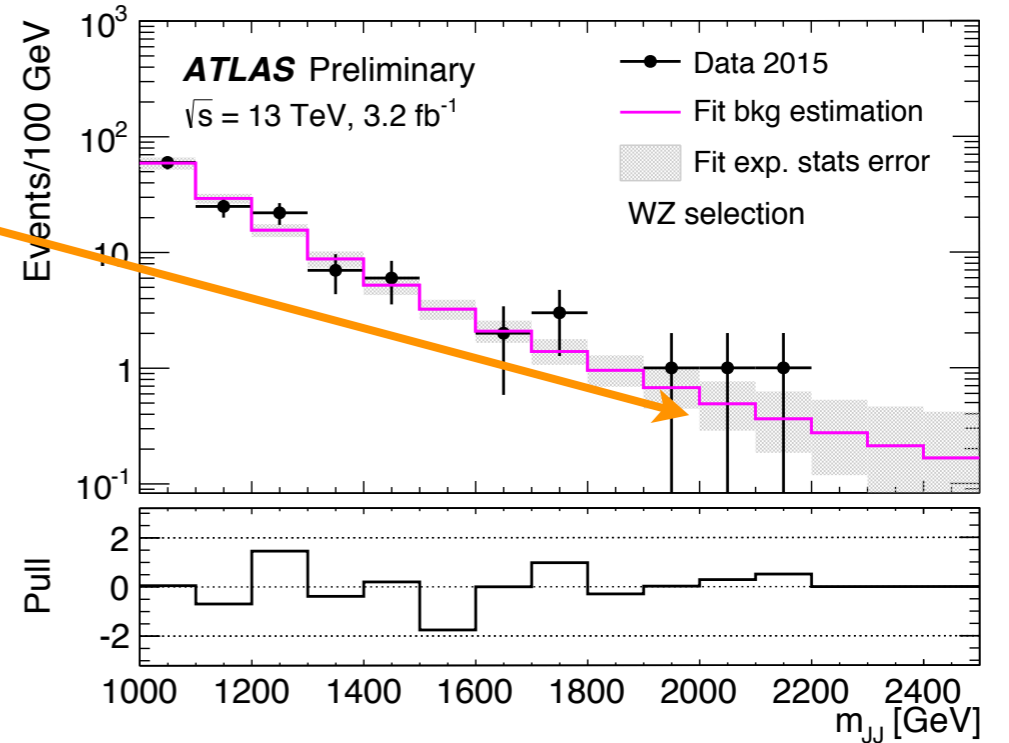
4-7x harsher
cuts than Run 1

PDF & lumi scale of
expected bkg (QCD)

$$(8 - 15) \times \frac{3.2}{20.3}$$

2.4σ

... hope survives
with looser selection (!)

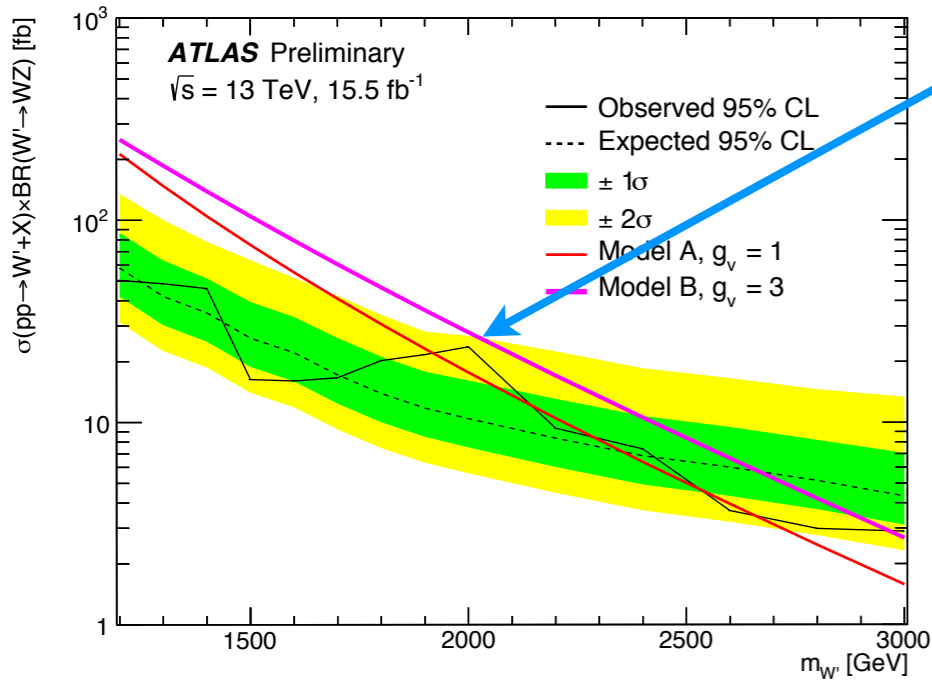


ATLAS Run 2 / 15.5 fb⁻¹: the bump strikes back

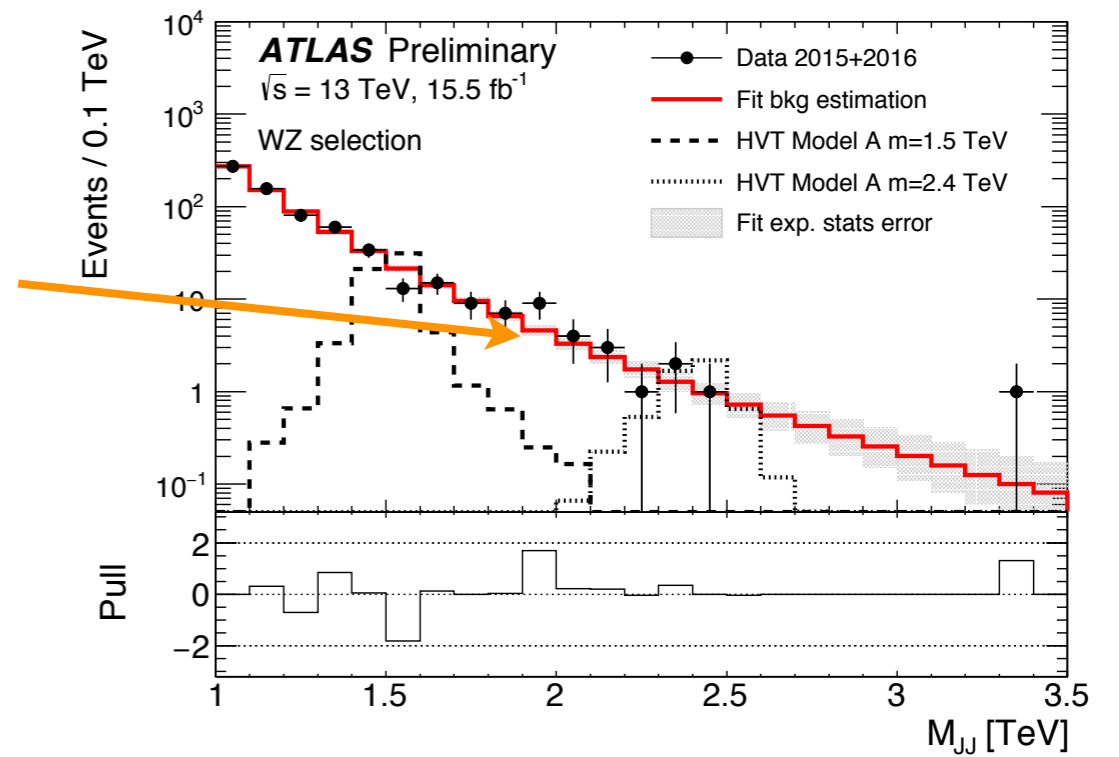
ATLAS-CONF-2016-055
August 2016

More luminosity

1.9 σ

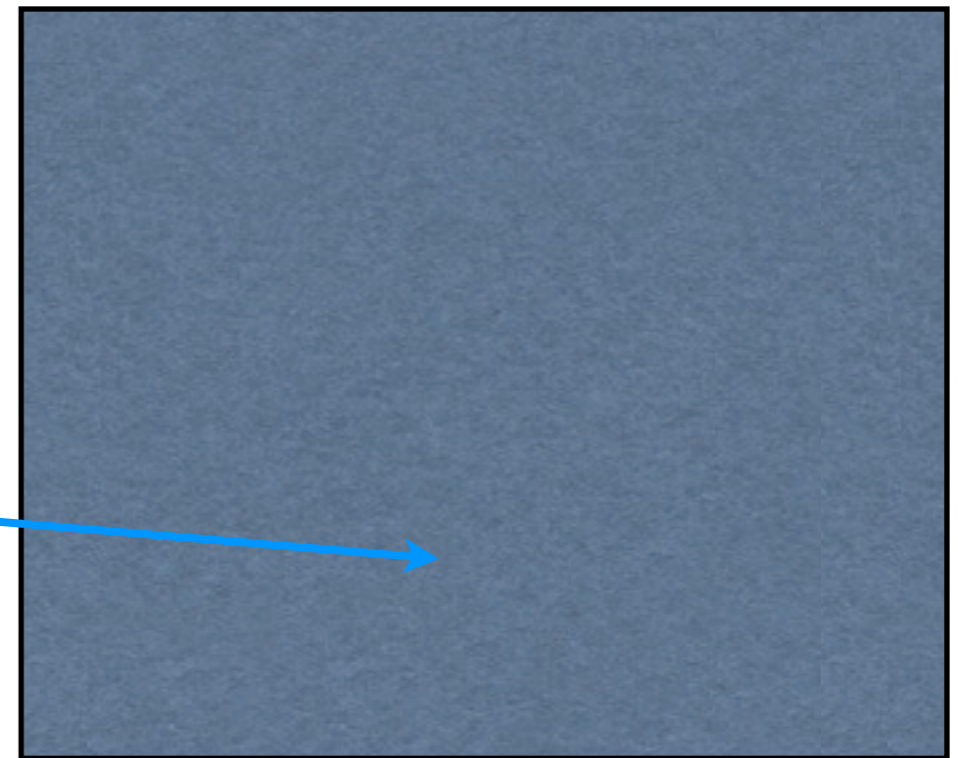


4.5 exp 9 obs
/100 GeV



No results released
with looser selection

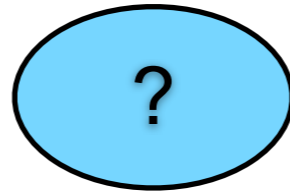
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CMS Run 2 / 2.6 fb⁻¹: the phantom bump (2)

CMS-PAS-EXO-15-002
January 2016

New: *W* vs *Z* 'discrimination'



Limits not calculated for *JJ* channel alone; combined limits useless

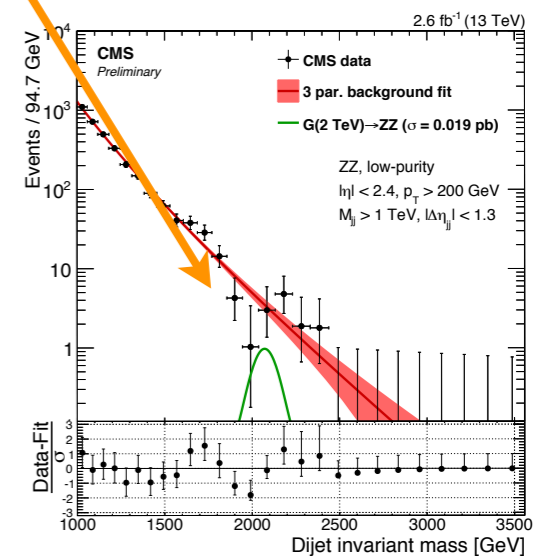
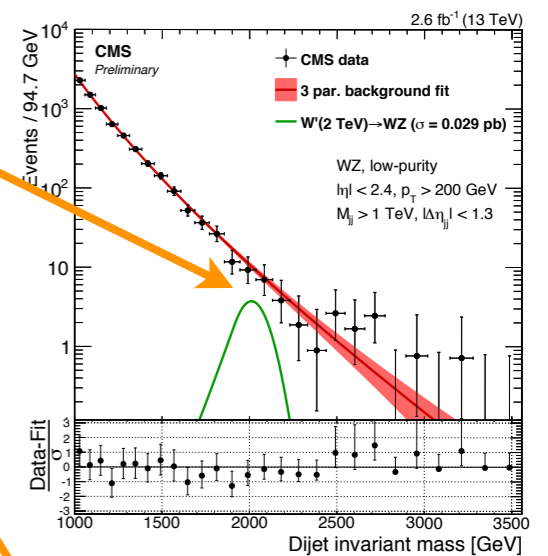
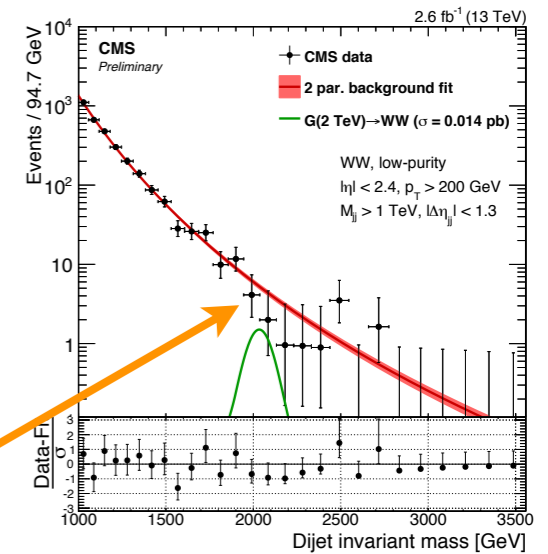
Overall
~33 exp ~26 obs
/100 GeV

1-2x harsher cuts than Run I (LP selection)

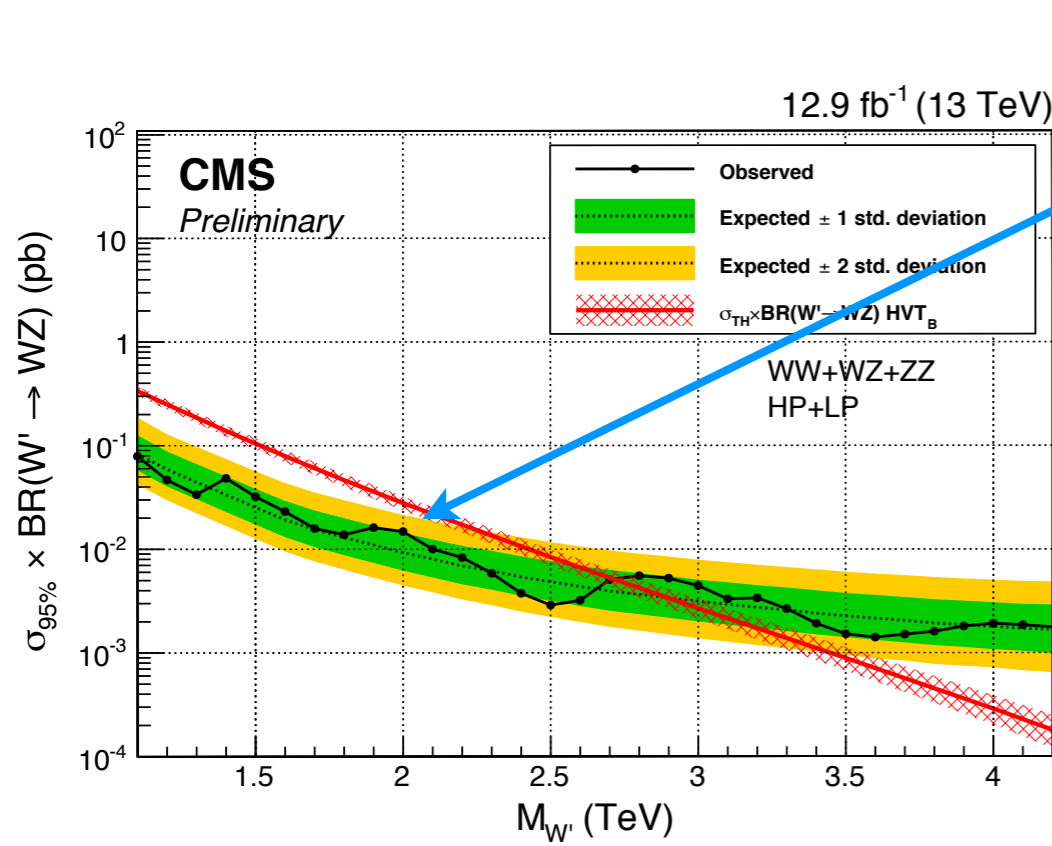
PDF & lumi scale of expected bkg (QCD)

$$(8 - 15) \times \frac{2.6}{19.7}$$

$T_{21} < 0.45$ (HP), 0.75 (LP)



CMS Run 2 / 12.9 fb⁻¹: the awakening of the bump

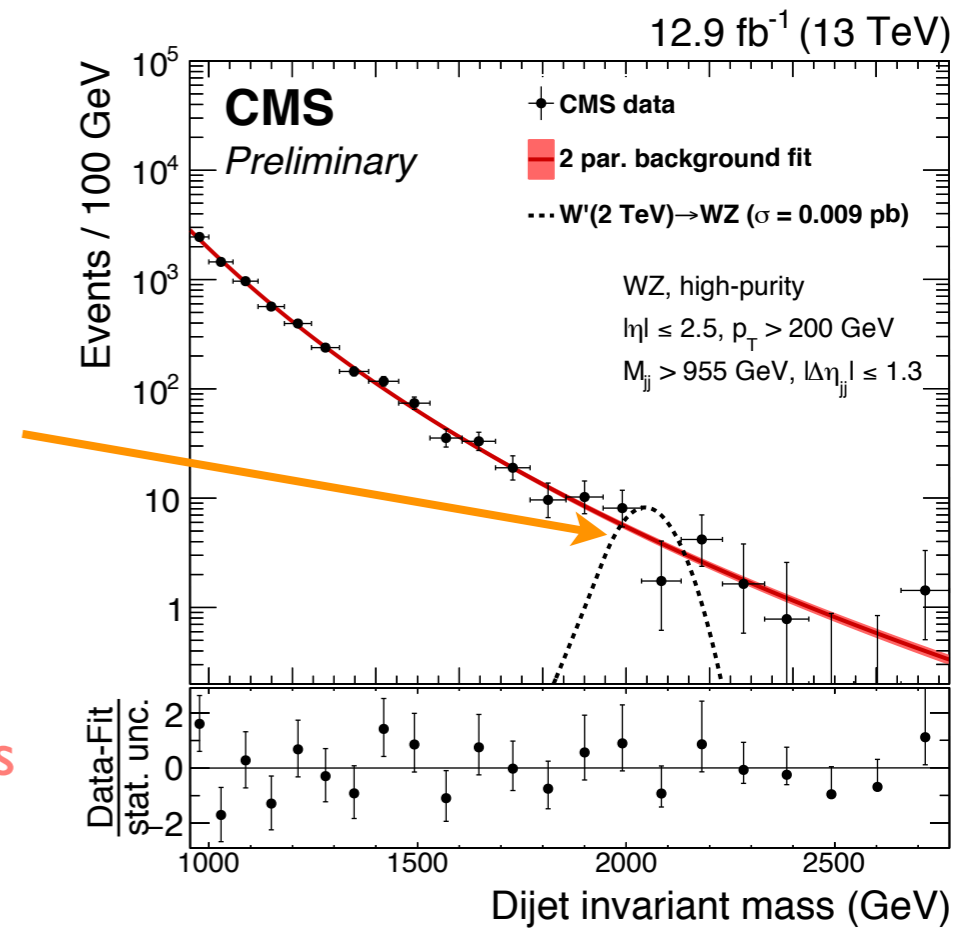


$\tau_{21} < 0.4$ (HP), 0.75 (LP)

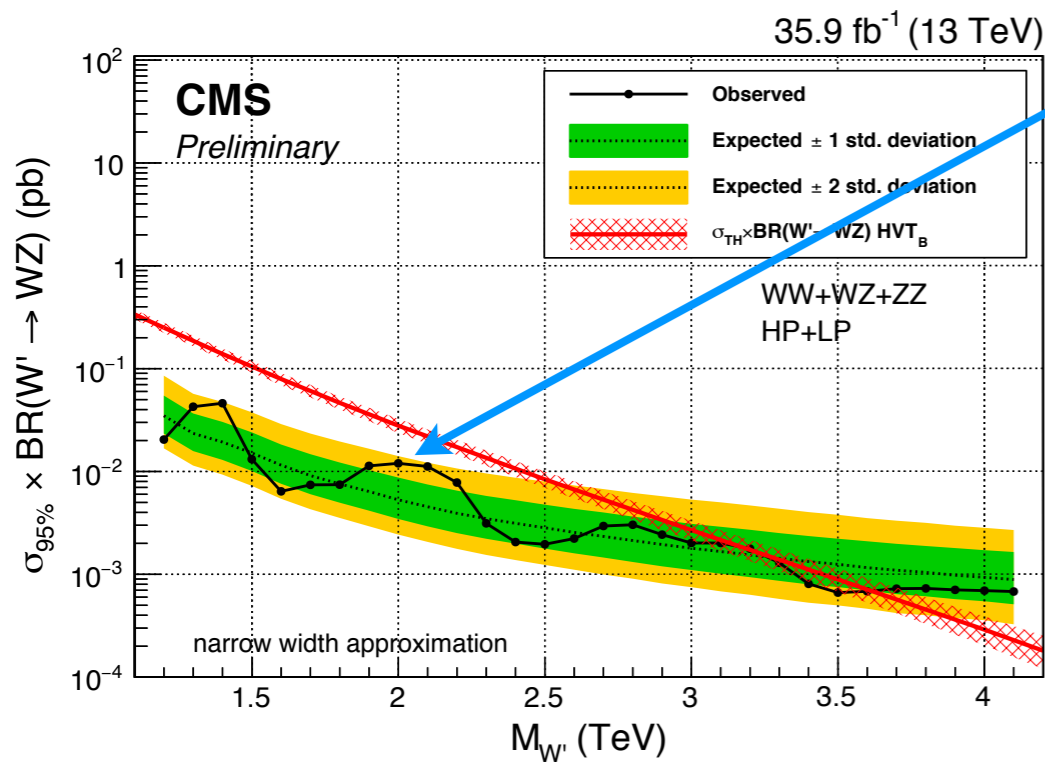
$\sim 1\sigma$

5.7 exp 8 obs
/100 GeV

$\sim 4x$ harsher cuts
than 2.6 fb⁻¹
(HP selection)



CMS Run 2 / 35.9 fb⁻¹: return of the bump

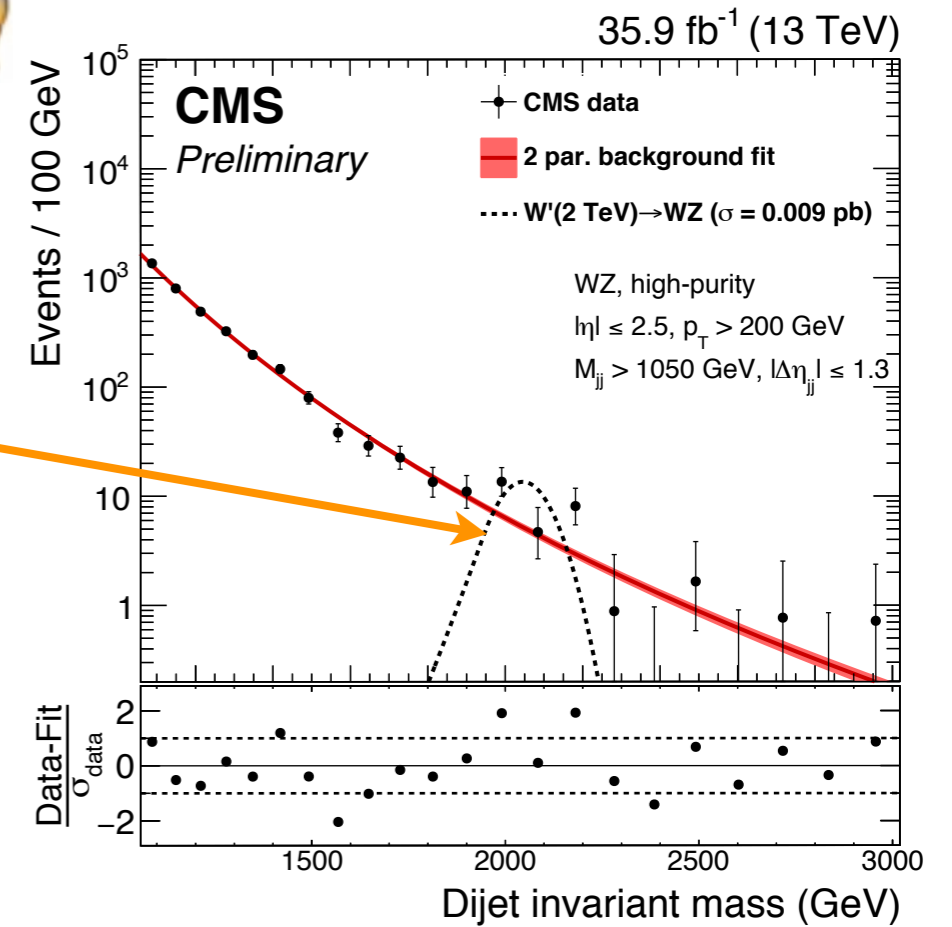


$\sim 2\sigma$ 🤯

6.8 exp 14 obs
/100 GeV

$\sim 2x$ harsher cuts
than 12.9 fb⁻¹
(HP selection)

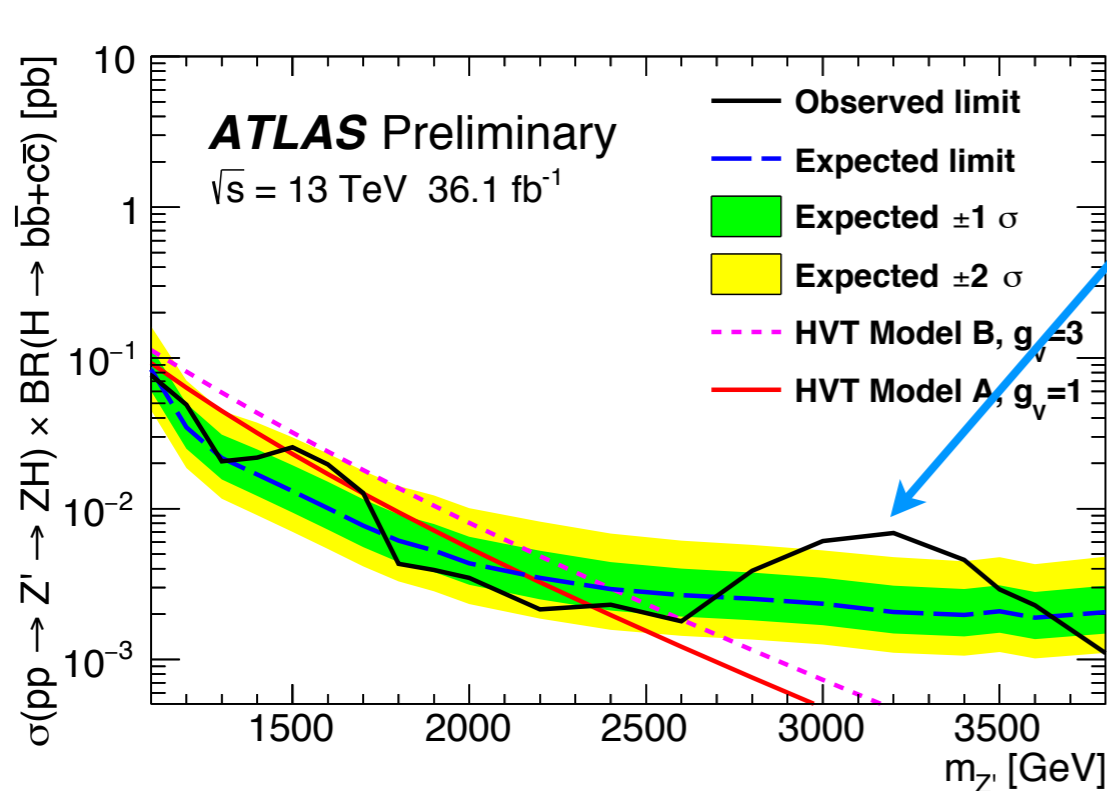
$\tau_{21} < 0.35$ (HP), 0.75 (LP)



Just for fun...

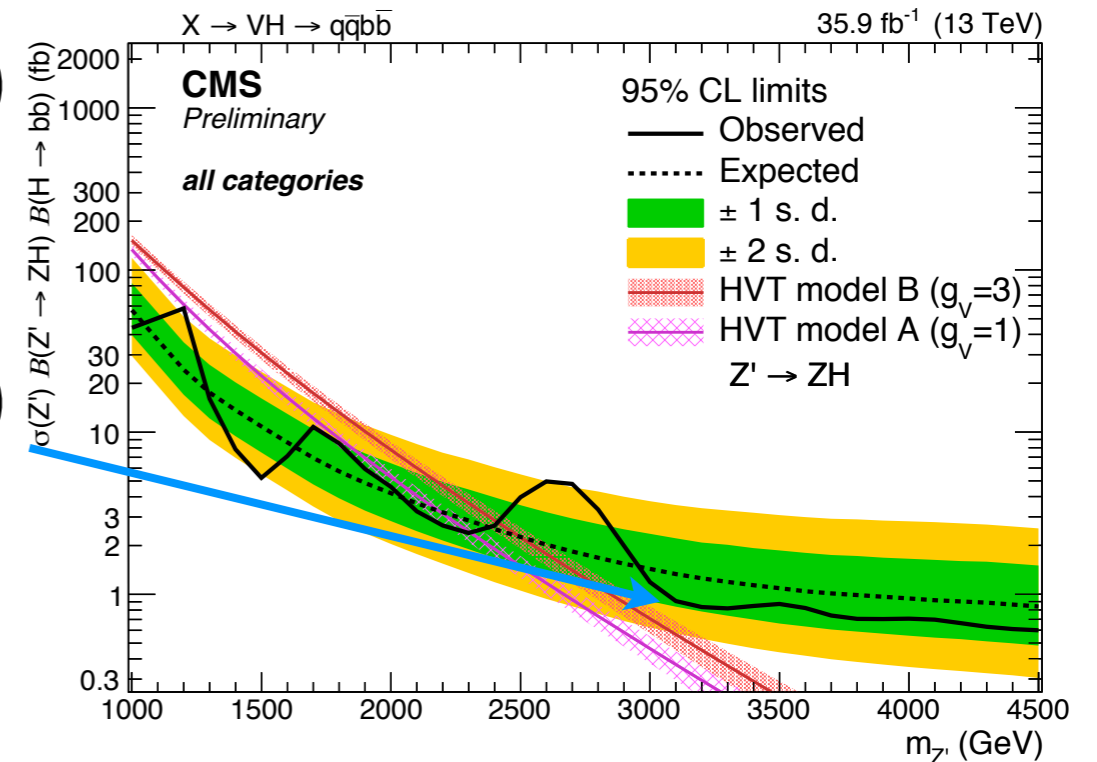
$$M_{Z'} = \frac{\sqrt{2} (1)}{\sin \varphi} M_{W'} \quad \dots \text{ is there something near } 3.2 \text{ TeV?}$$

Searches for ZH resonances



3.3 σ

🤔



$75 \leq m_H \leq 145 \text{ GeV}$

$105 \leq m_H \leq 135 \text{ GeV}$

might “H” be an A^0 with 100 GeV?

3.2 TeV bump is dubious, anyway!

- ▶ Only 3 events at the tail... suggestive but not compelling enough.
- ▶ Background modeled with power-law tails, might be underestimated.
- ▶ `Standard' $SU(2)_R$ Z' is not leptophobic; limits on $Z' \rightarrow \ell\ell$ are **one order of magnitude** below the $SU(2)_R$ prediction.
- ▶ $Z' \rightarrow Z A^0$ is absent (charge symmetry); $Z' \rightarrow Z H_1^0$ vanishes in the alignment limit.