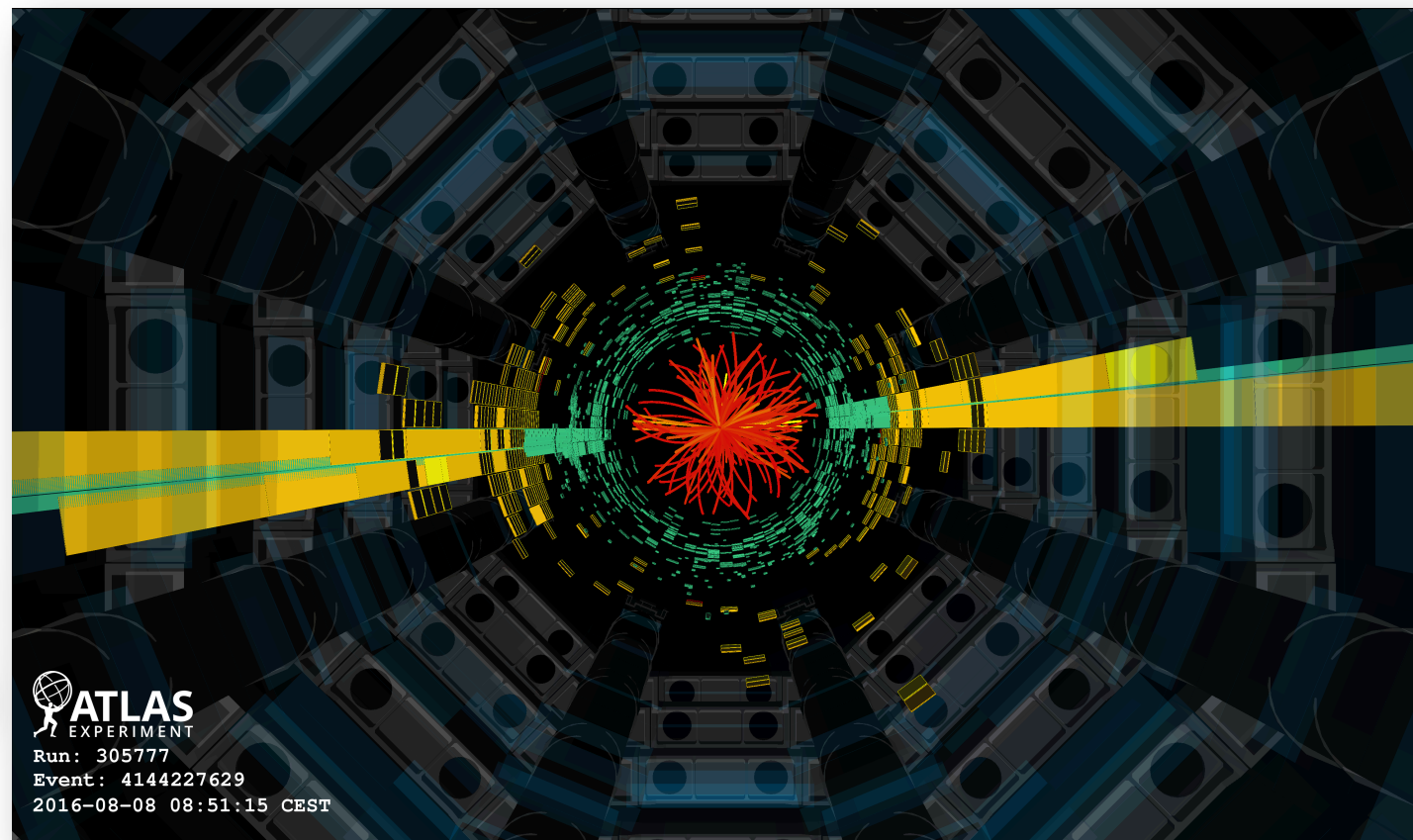


# Search for New Phenomena with Dijets @ ATLAS



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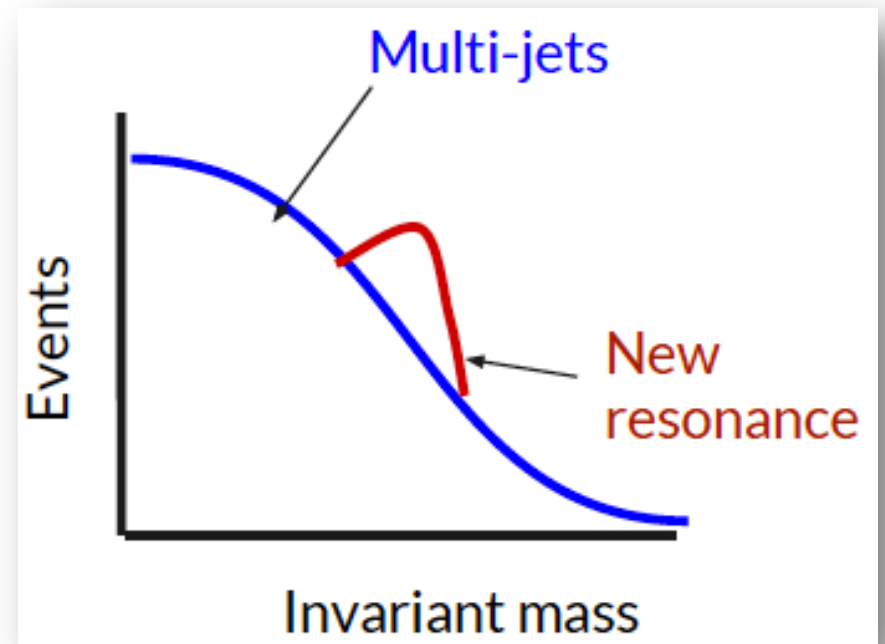
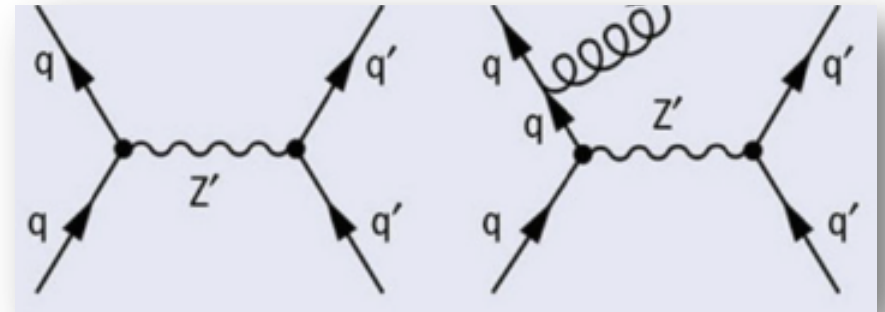
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# Introduction

- **Beyond Standard Model (BSM) physics predicts new resonances decay to a pair of objects**
  - Di (b)-jet final states with or without associated ISR object
  - Dark Matter mediators may show as a resonance in SM particles
- **Standard Model background processes produce smoothly falling invariant mass spectra**
  - Look for narrow peak signal
  - Model background with parametric function from data
- **Searches:**
  - Model independent analyses
  - Limits on specific models



# Experimental ingredients

- **Select final state and resonance mass range**
  - Low mass or high mass in these cases
- **Look for appropriate trigger and physical objects, select events in unbiased way**
  - Small-R jets (resolved topologies) / large-R jets (boosted topologies)
- **Estimate background and systematic variations to be used as nuisance parameters in a fit**
  - MC statistically limited due to high rate for these final states
  - Data-driven background estimation, brings challenges when fitting high statistics distributions
- **Use favorite peak searching algorithm on invariant masses**
  - Narrow or wide resonances
  - Global fit challenging, sliding window methods
  - Local significance of a peak. Set limits if no significant peak found
- **Compare to simulated signal and put limits on specific models. One dimensional vs mass or two dimensional (coupling-mass plane)**
  - 95% CL limits on  $\sigma \times BR$

# Dijet resonances at low mass



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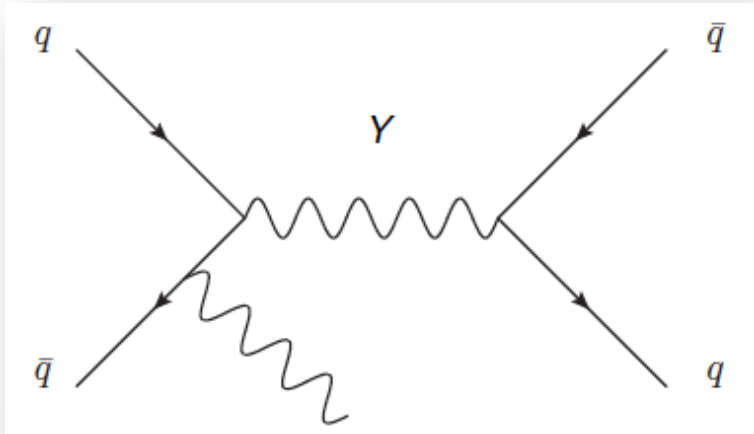
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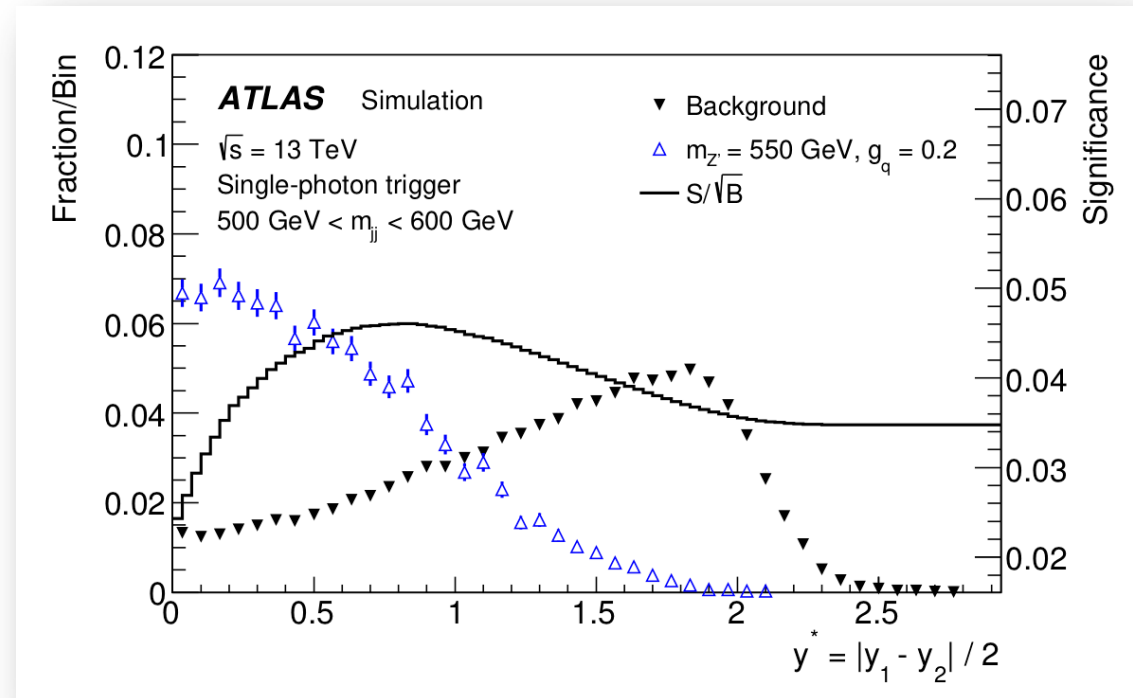
# Dijet resonances at low mass

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- 2015 + 2016 + 2017 data
- Flavor inclusive and 2-btag selections
- SM dijet suppression with  $y^* < 0.75$

- Trigger on radiated photon to circumvent trigger limitations and explore the low invariant mass region
  - Single- $\gamma$  trigger for  $M_{jj} < 450$  GeV
  - $\gamma$ +2-jets trigger for  $M_{jj} > 450$  GeV

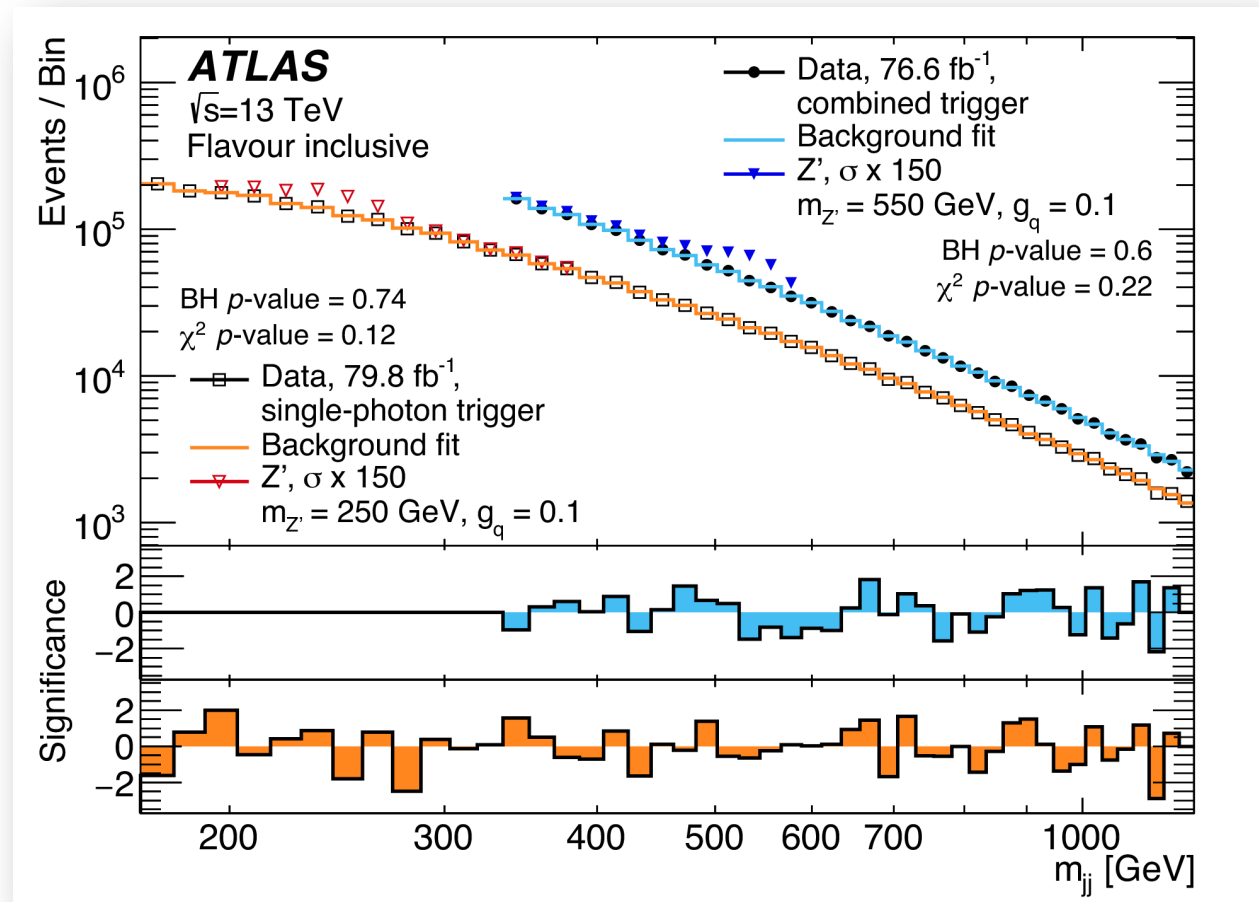


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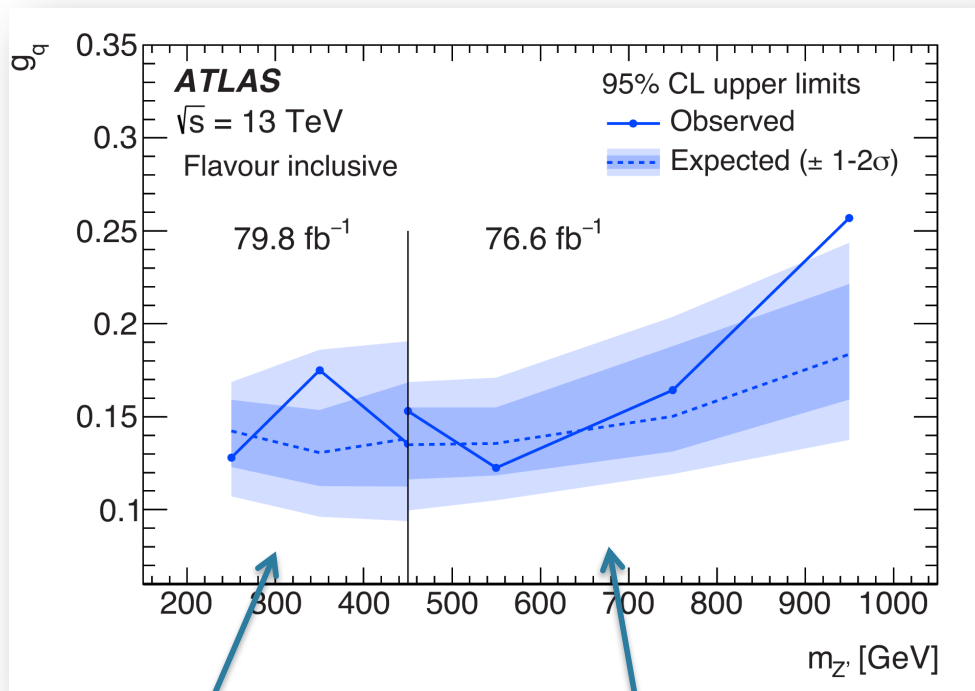


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# Dijet resonances at low mass

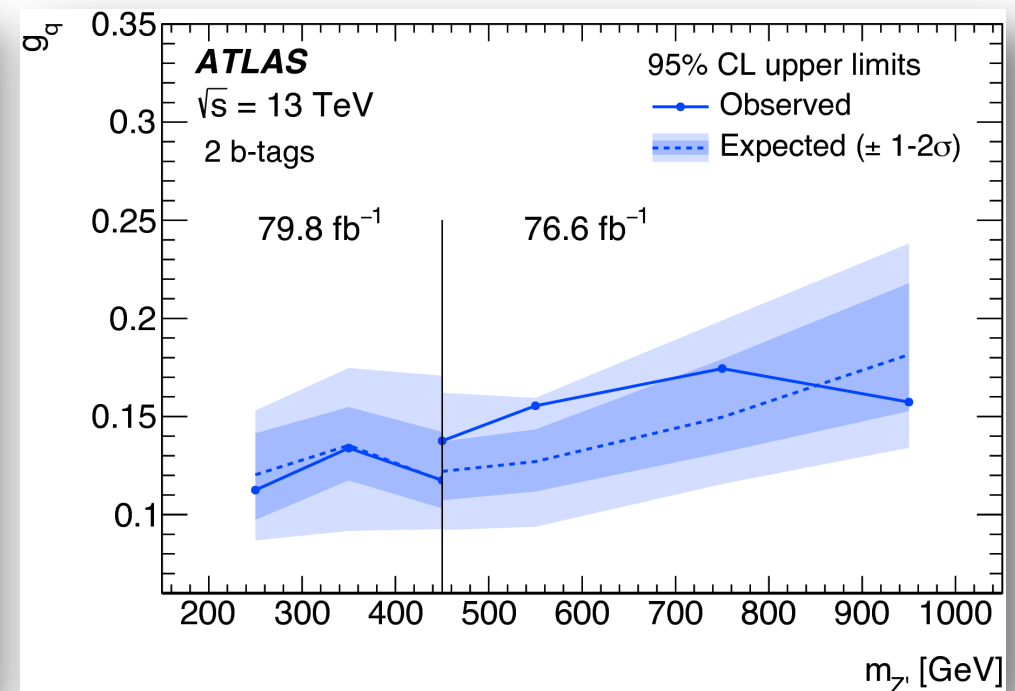
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- Excluded values of the coupling between a  $Z'$  and quarks @ 95% CL
- 2 b-tag selection sensitive to models with enhanced couplings to heavy quarks, slightly better sensitivity than flavor-inclusive couplings



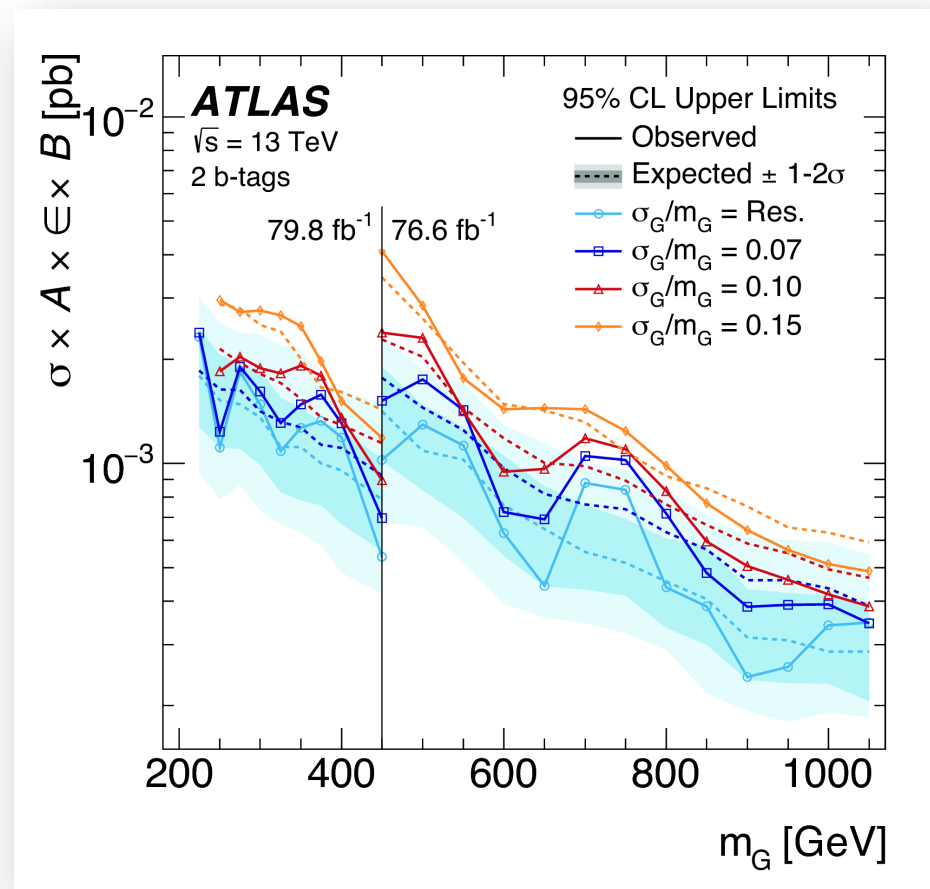
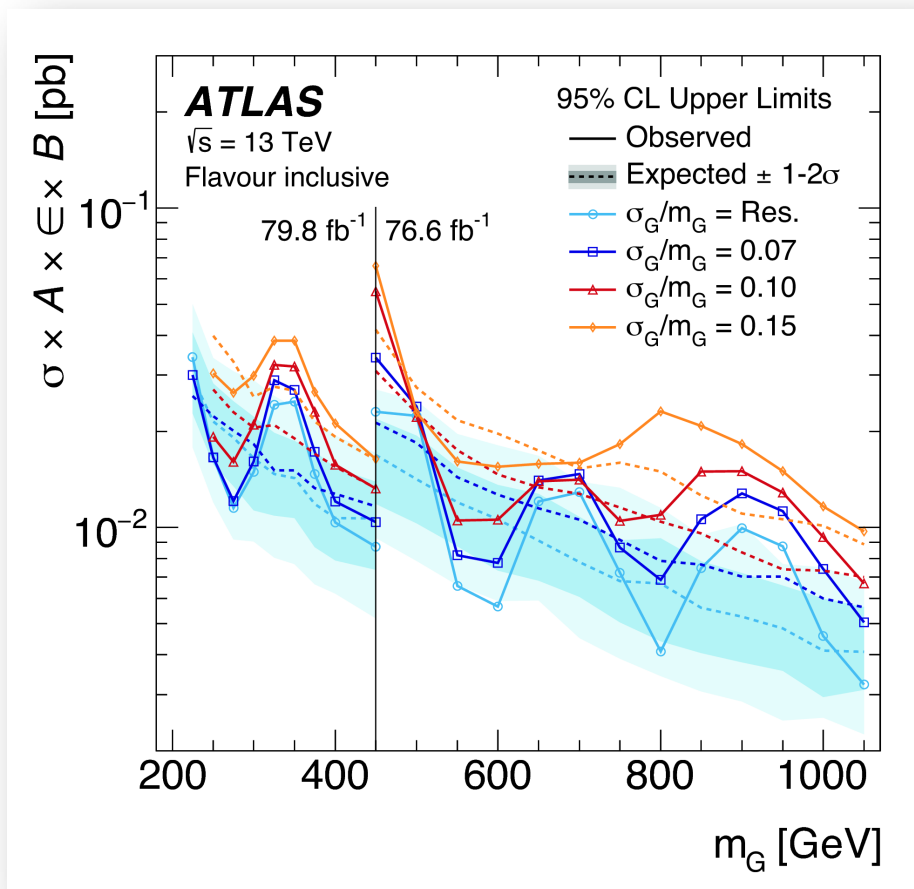
Single photon trigger

Combined trigger



# Dijet resonances at low mass

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- Upper limits on Gaussian-shape contributions to the dijet mass distributions
- Limits on intrinsically narrow contributions with Gaussian mass resolution ranging from 8% to 3%



# Dijet resonances at high mass



**ATLAS CONF Note**

ATLAS-CONF-2019-007

17th March 2019



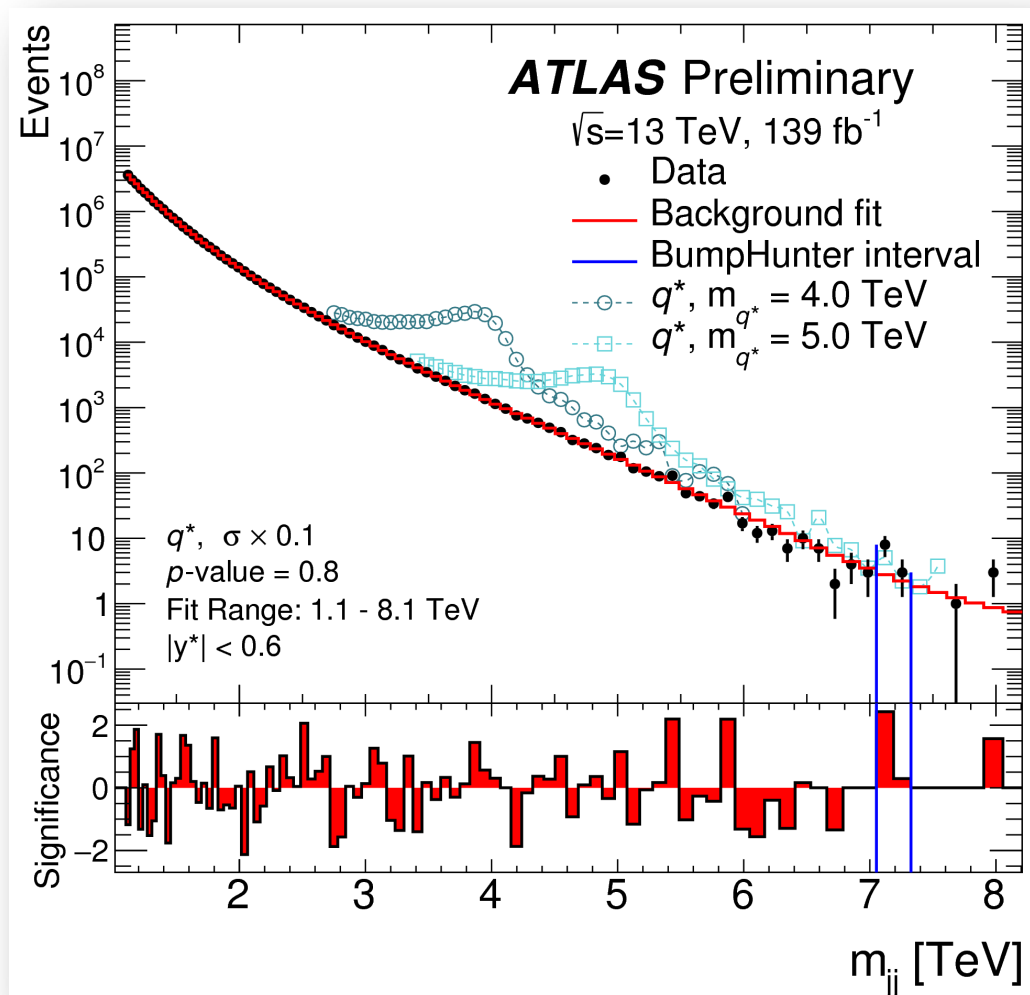
**Search for New Phenomena in Dijet Events using  
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with the ATLAS Detector**

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# Dijet resonances at high mass

ATLAS-CONF-2019-007

- Searches for BSM signals at high masses (large fraction of collision energy)
- Smoothly falling (QCD) dijet invariant mass spectrum
- New resonant state may appear as localized excess (probe high mass region)

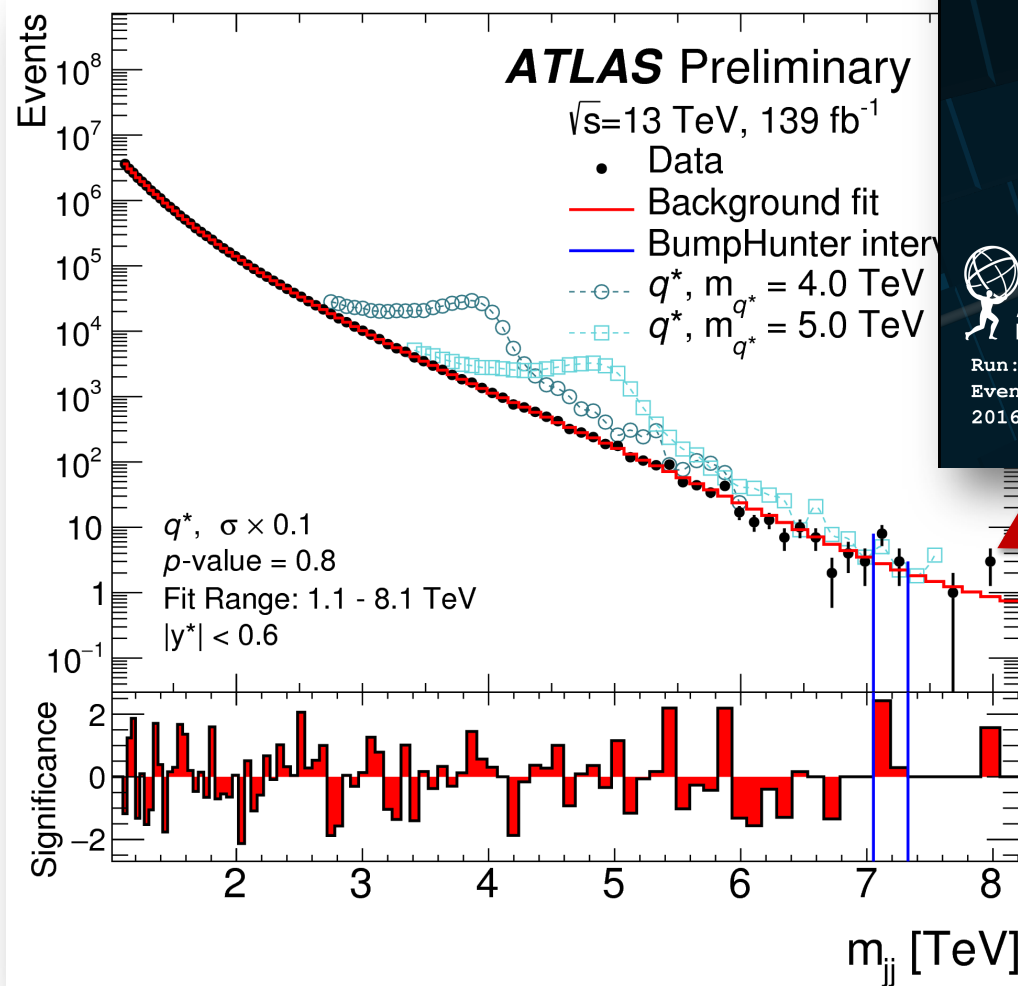
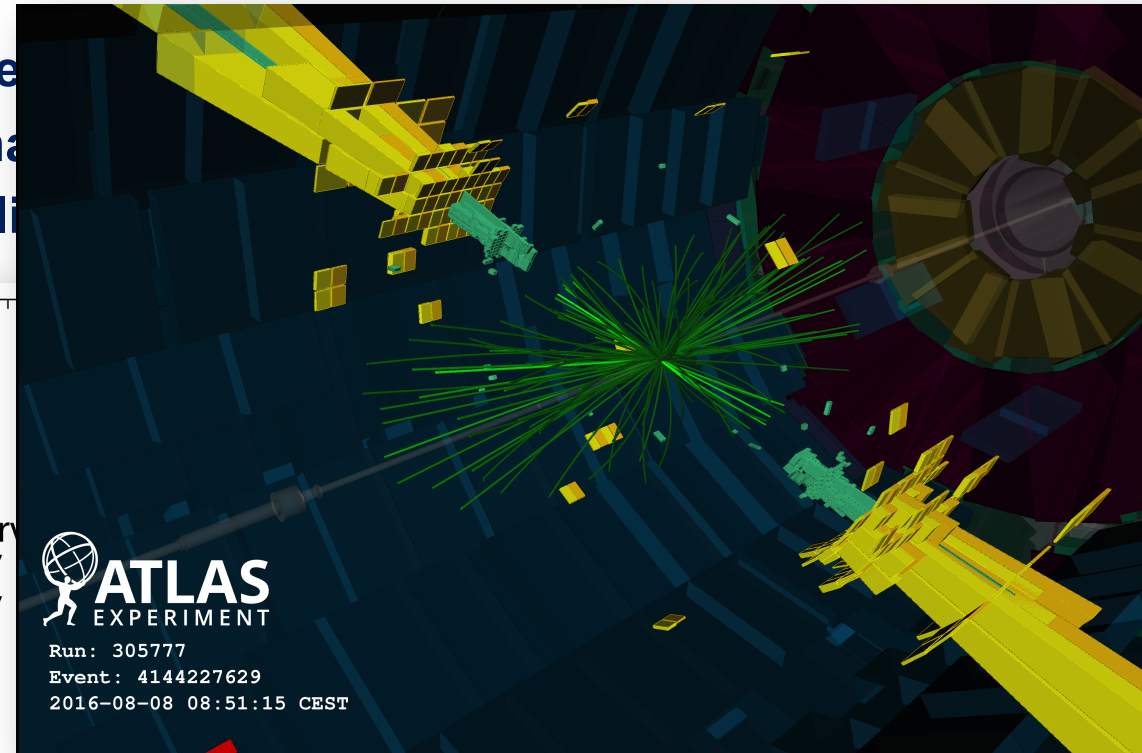


- Full Run2 data ( $139$  fb $^{-1}$ )
  - Single jet trigger requirement ( $p_T^{\text{lead-jet}} > 420$  GeV)
  - Low end mass range determined by trigger threshold
  - $y^* < 0.6$  (reduce QCD)
- Variable binning accounting for detector resolution
- Background estimate with SWIFT
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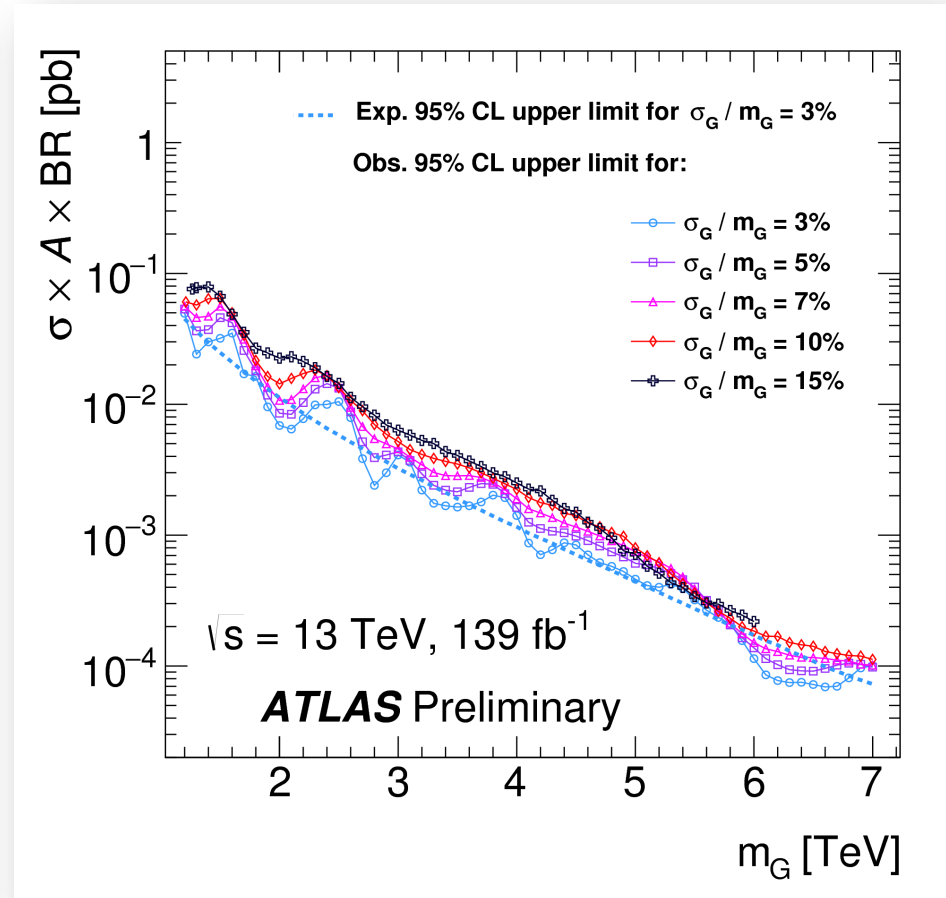
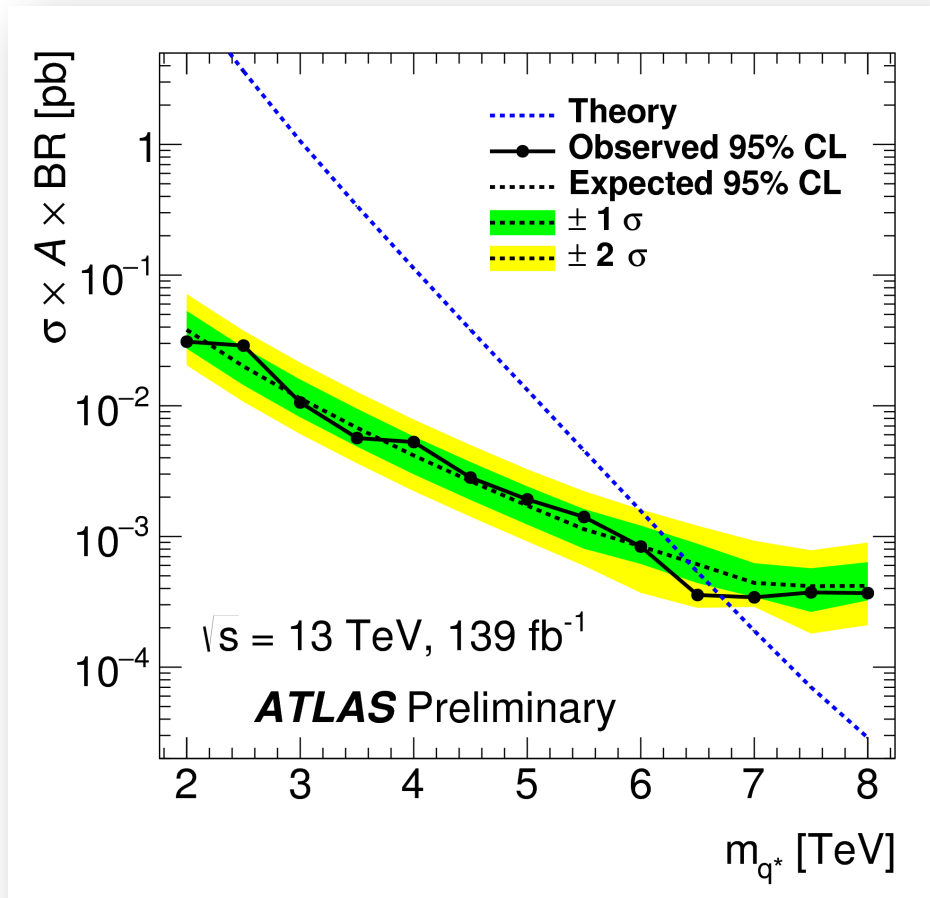


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# Dijet resonances at high mass

ATLAS-CONF-2019-007

- Benchmark model  $q^*$  excluded up to 6.7 TeV
- Search also for generic Gaussian shaped signals with different widths
  - (excluded up to 6 TeV)



# (boosted) $b\bar{b}$ low mass resonances



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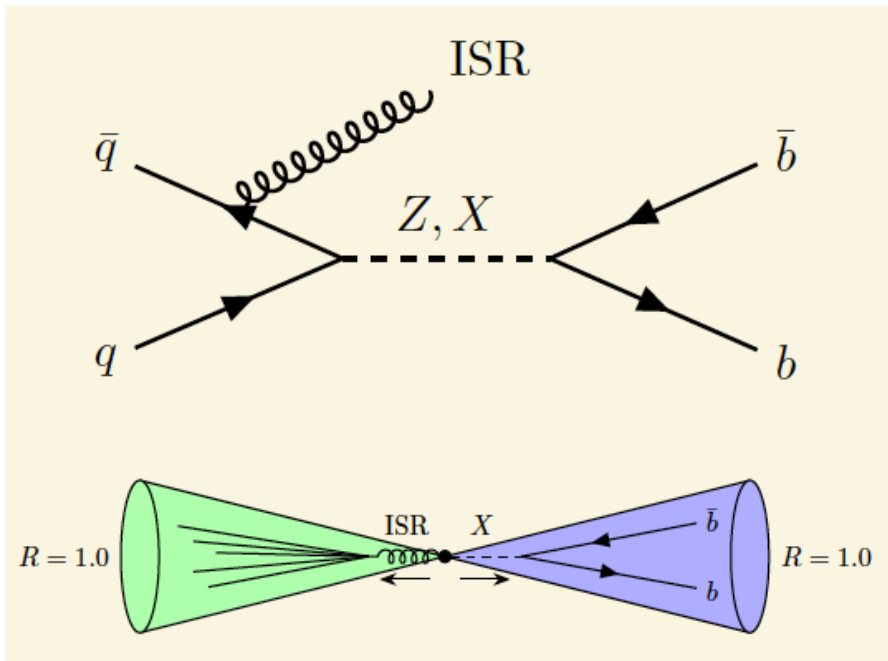


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# $b\bar{b}$ low mass resonances

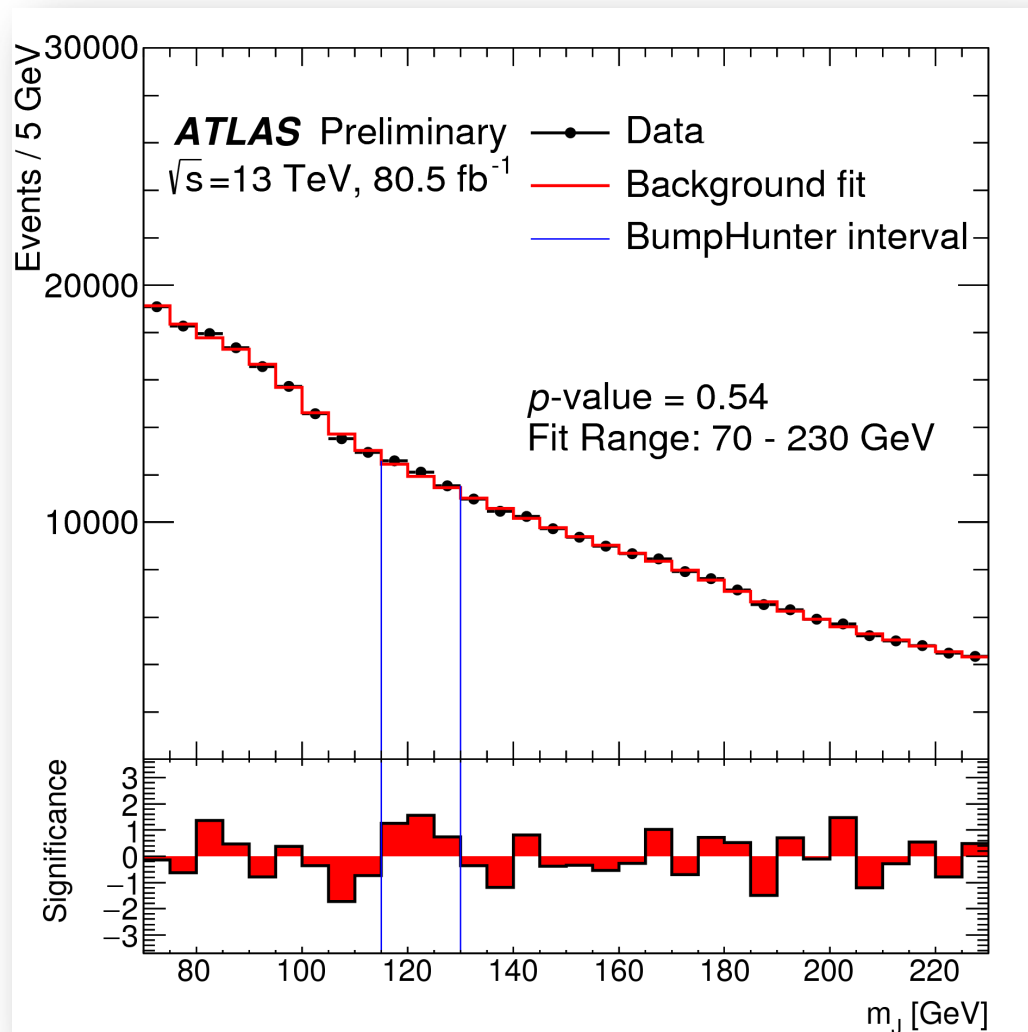
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- Search for dark matter through boosted decays to  $b\bar{b} + \text{ISR jet / photon}$ 
    - ISR trigger event allowing low mass mediator search
  - Sensitive to new mediators with Higgs-like couplings through  $\bar{X} \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  decays
    - Benchmark  $Z'$  model with democratic couplings
  - Signature: two large-R jets (1 b-tagged)
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- Many choices in reconstructing large-R jets
    - radius: increasing containment of signal
    - Grooming: remove pile-up cluster and soft radiation
    - Use of tracking information: better angular resolution for substructure

# $b\bar{b}$ low mass resonances

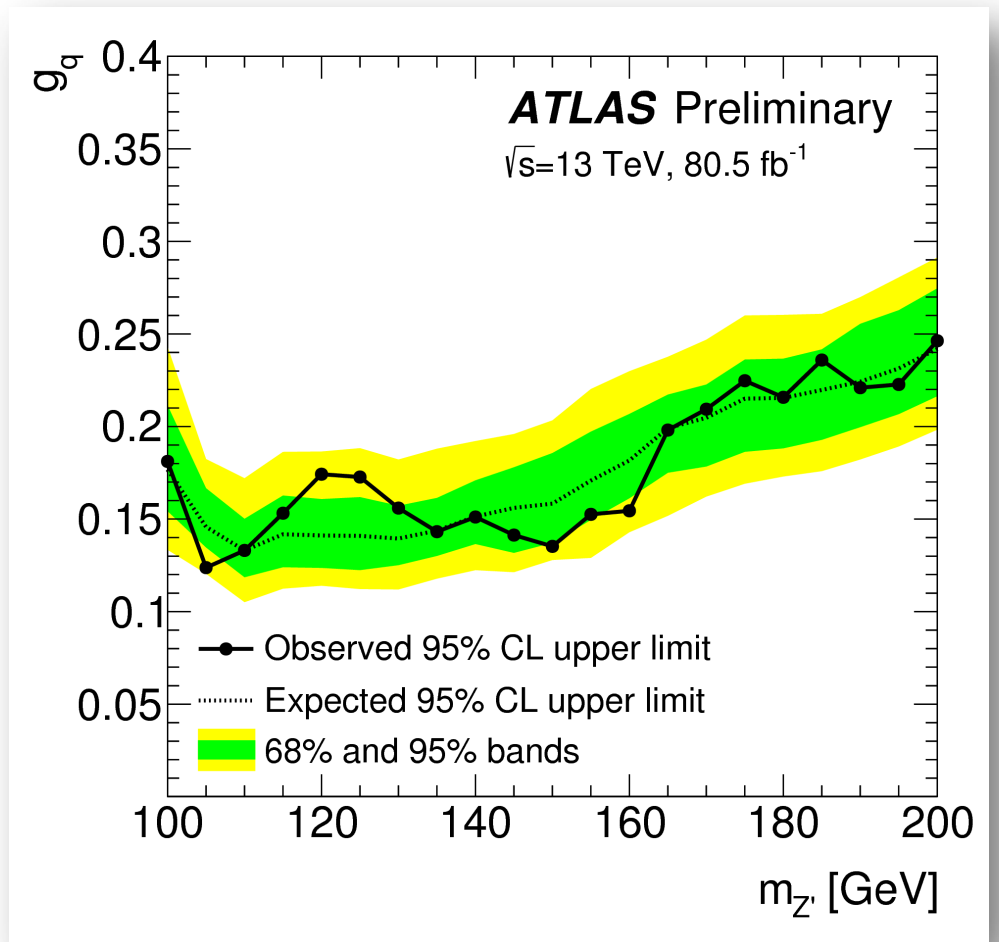
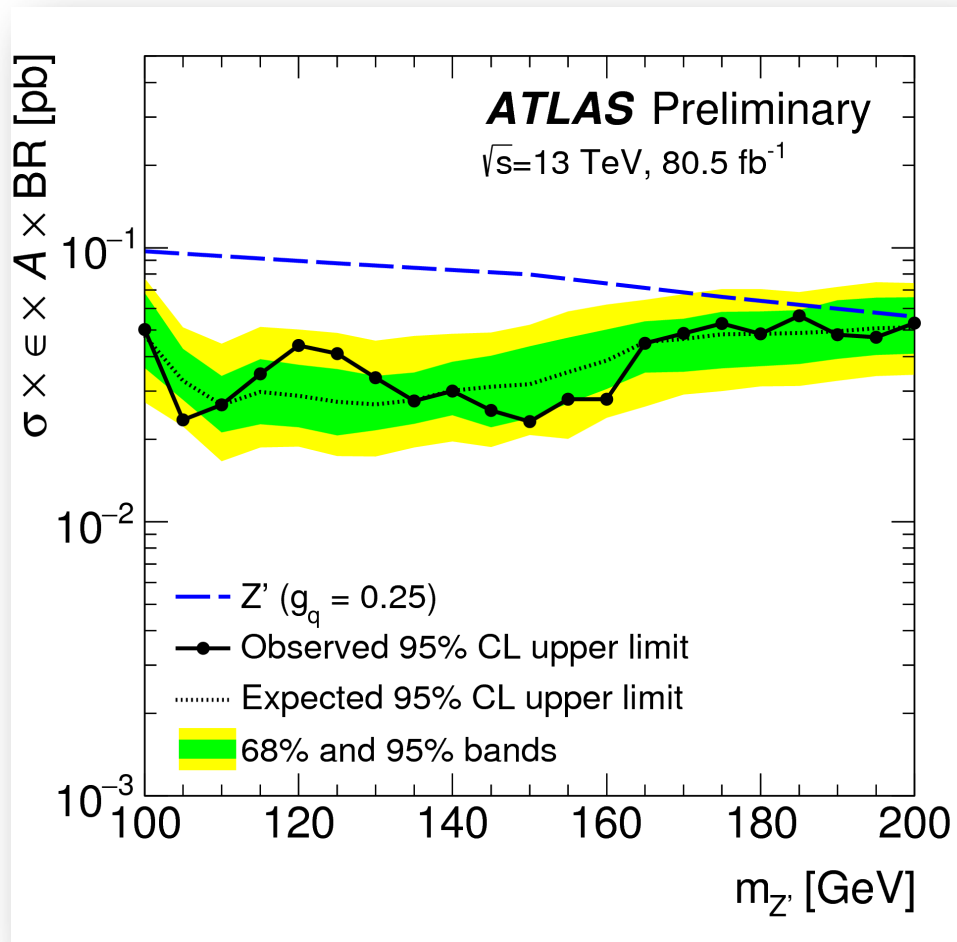
- Search for new physics with model-independent tools
  - SWIFt + BumpHunter
  - Model quite consistent with data (BH p-value = 0.54)



# $b\bar{b}$ low mass resonances

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- Axial  $Z'$  exclusion limits translated into limits function of the DM coupling





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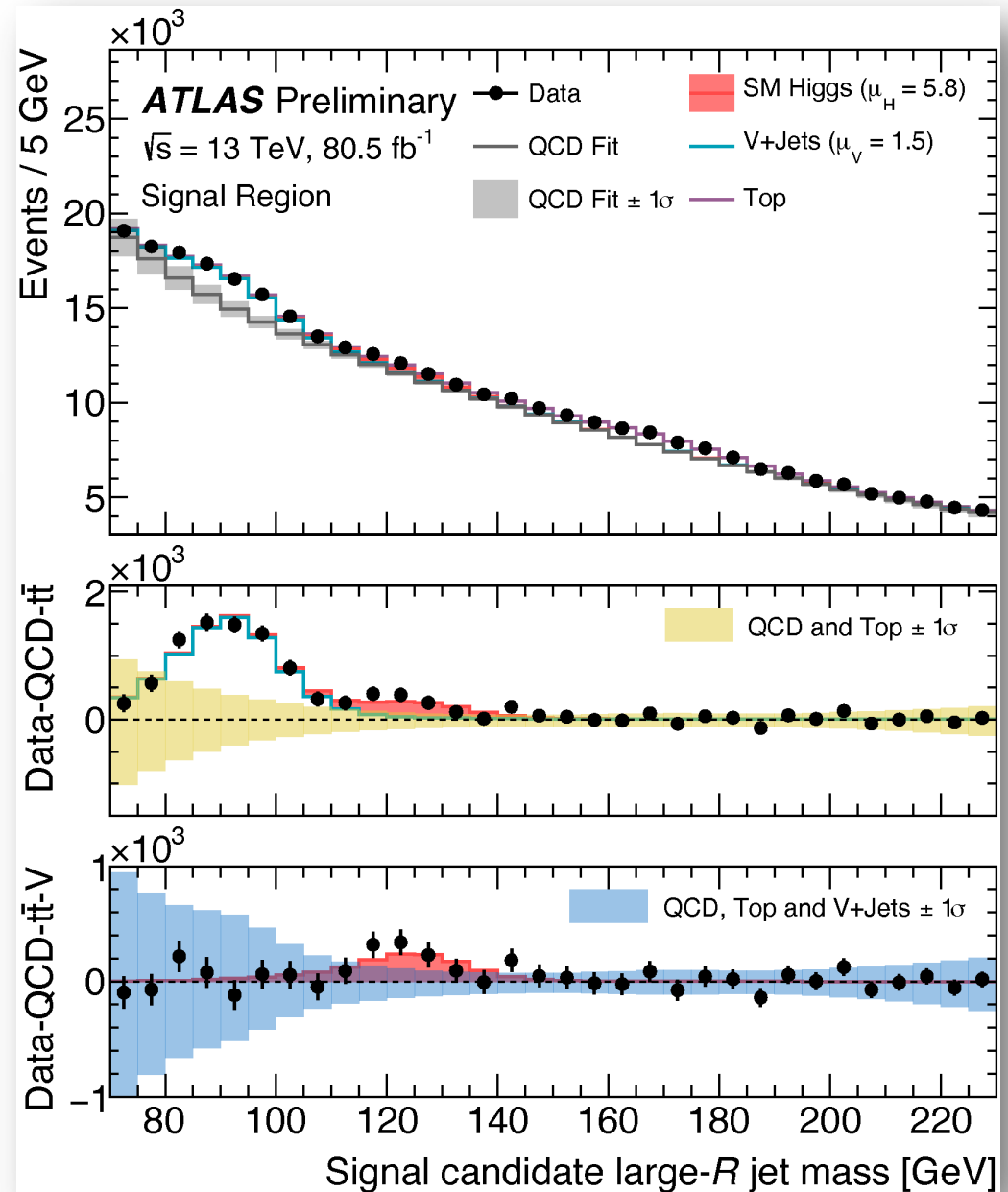
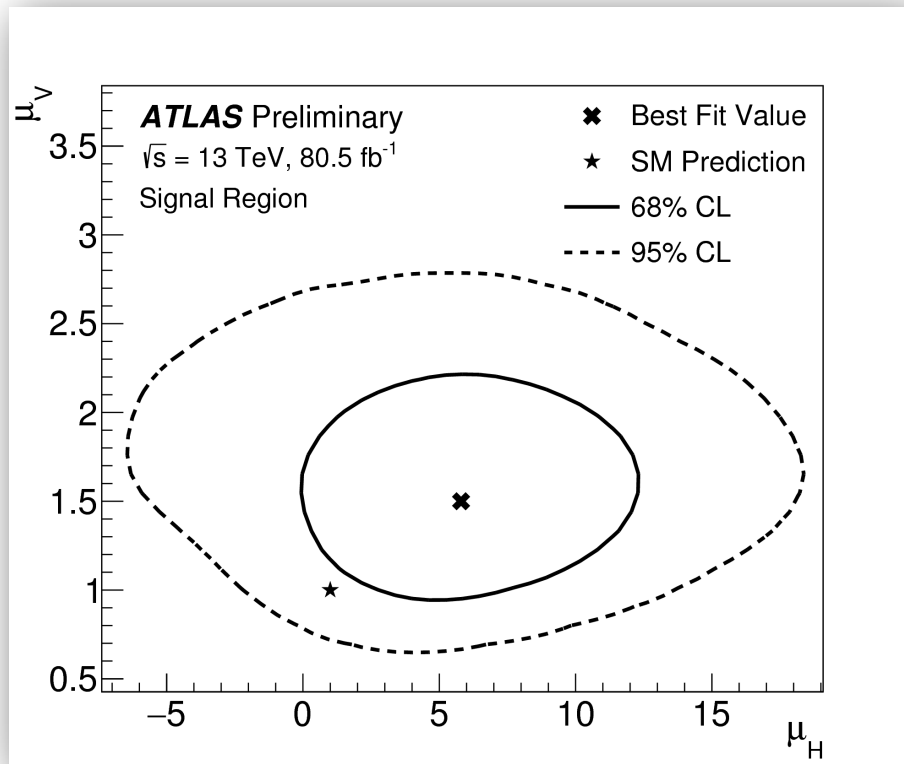
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- V+jets  $\mu$  measurement: 5  $\sigma$  significance**

$$\mu_V = 1.5 \pm 0.22 \pm 0.29/0.25 \text{ (syst.)} \pm 0.18 \text{ (th.)}$$

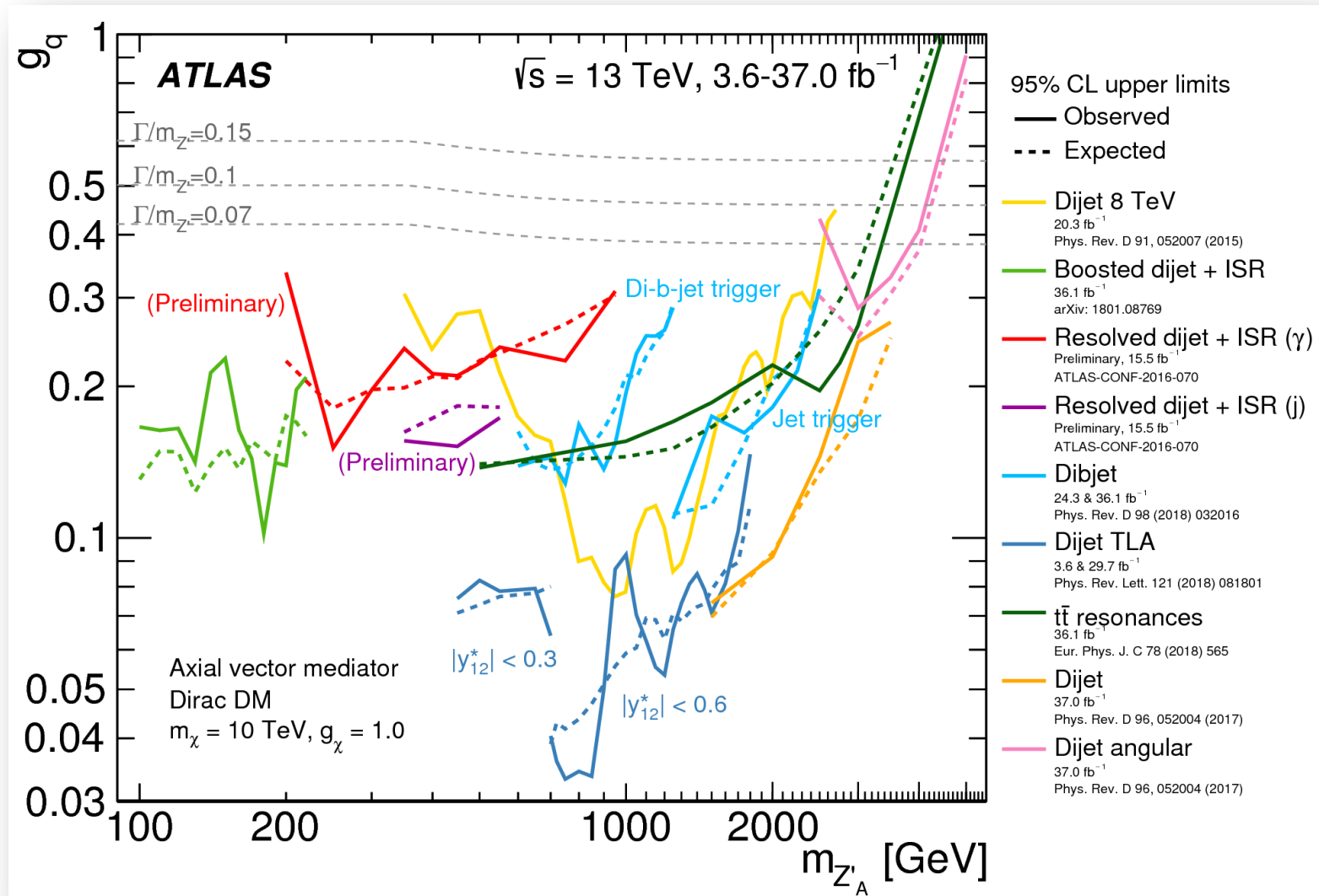
- H+jets  $\mu$  measurement: 1.6  $\sigma$  significance**

$$\mu_H = 5.8 \pm 3.1 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 1.9 \text{ (syst.)} \pm 1.3 \text{ (th.)}$$



# Dijet search status

Dijet search contours for 95% CL upper limits on the coupling  $g_q$  as a function of the resonance mass  $m_{Z'}$  for the leptophobic axial-vector  $Z'$  model



# Conclusions

- **Search for new resonances is a key goal of LHC experiments**
- **New results in BSM resonances searches decaying to a pair of SM objects**
  - No excesses in ATLAS data so far
  - Constraints in several benchmark models
- **Significant improvements due to**
  - increased datasets (full Run 2)
  - Better understanding of detectors, better triggers and object definitions
  - Boosted and resolved topologies
  - Sensitivity to heavy quarks couplings
  - Improved background model and fitting techniques
  - Unexpected findings can be around the corner!

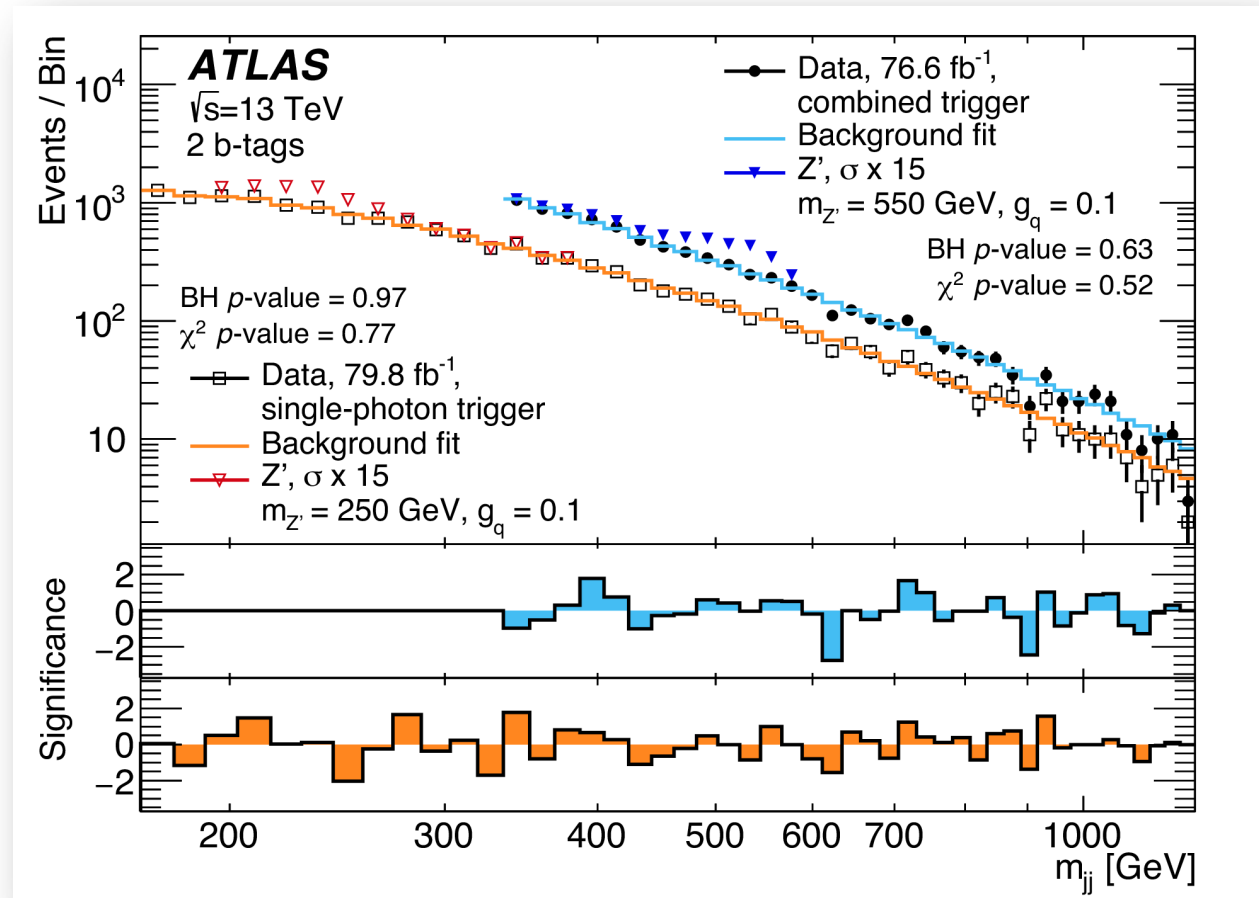
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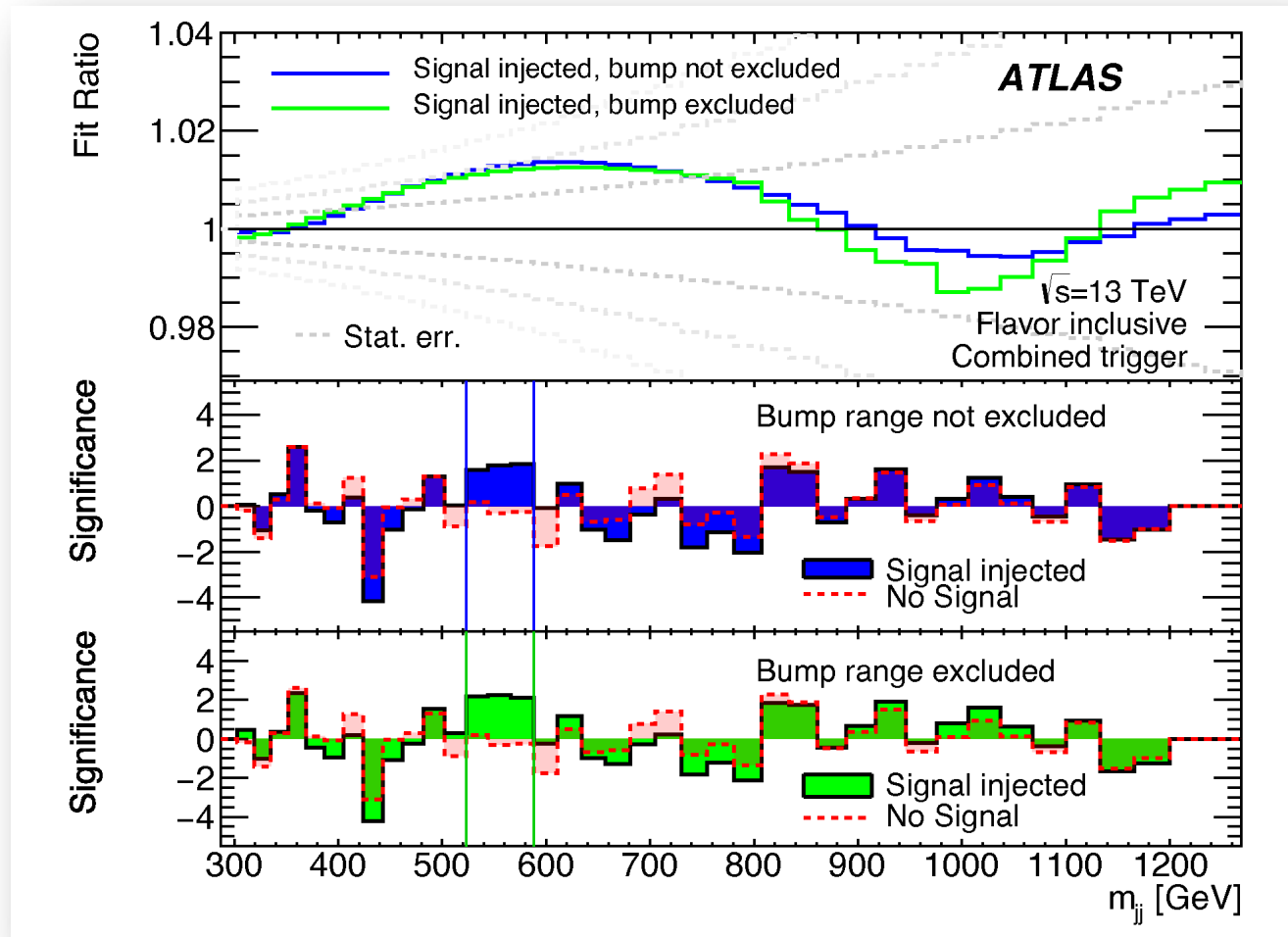
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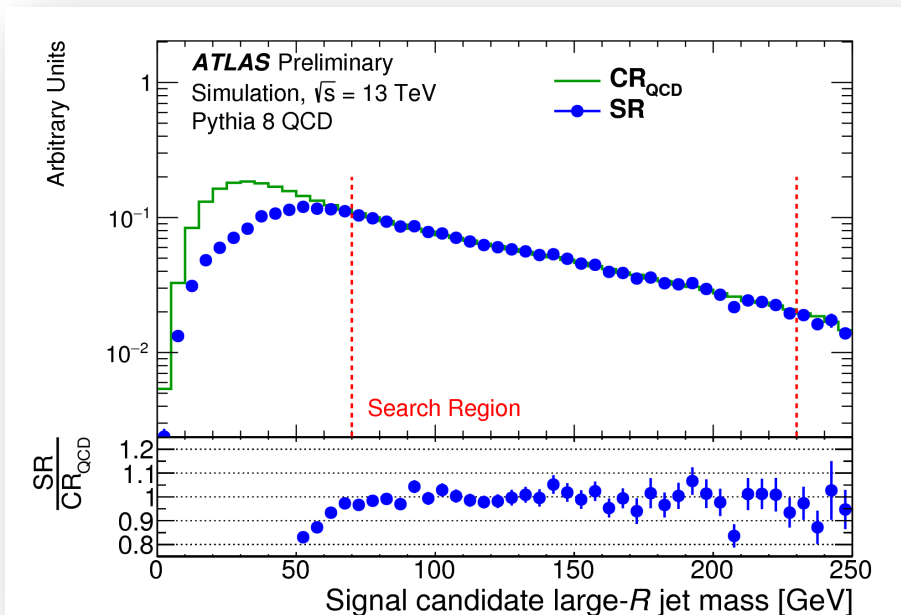
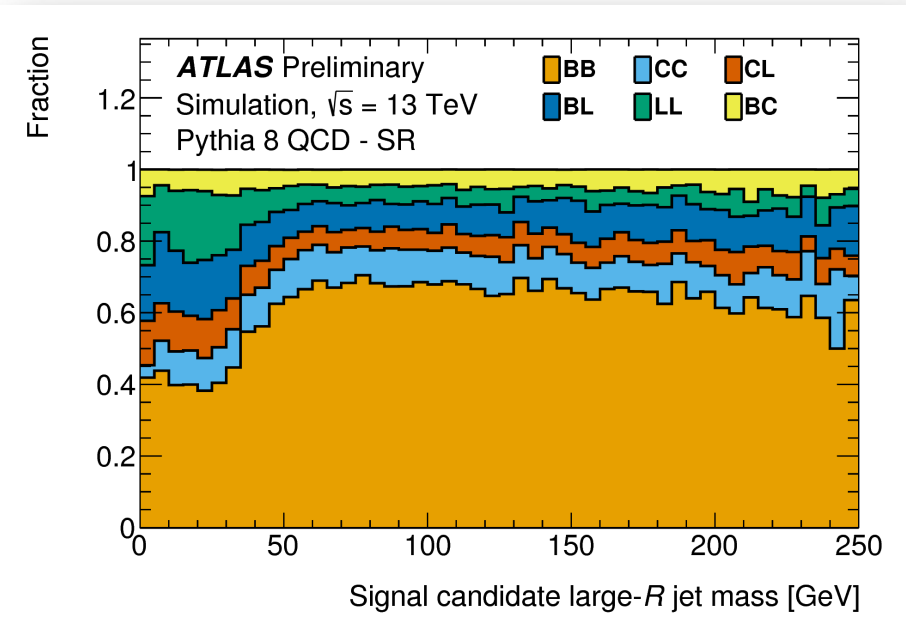
**Signal injection test:** test robustness of background estimation method within the search phase. The test demonstrates that the presence of a nearly detectable signal, namely one with a signal strength slightly below the threshold needed by the BumpHunter algorithm to trigger exclusion of the corresponding  $m_{jj}$  window from the fit range, does not significantly change the background estimation with respect to the background-only case.

# $b\bar{b}$ low mass resonances

ATLAS-CONF-2018-052

## Event classification

- Signal and validation regions defined based on number of b-tagged sub-jets
- Predict flavor composition of dijet background in the SR



## Dijet background

- Modeled with exponential polynomials
- Found to be unbiased in SR and CR within the search region

# Dijet resonances with an isolated lepton



**ATLAS CONF Note**

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May 29, 2018



**Search for dijet resonances in events with an isolated lepton using  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV proton–proton collision data collected by the ATLAS detector**

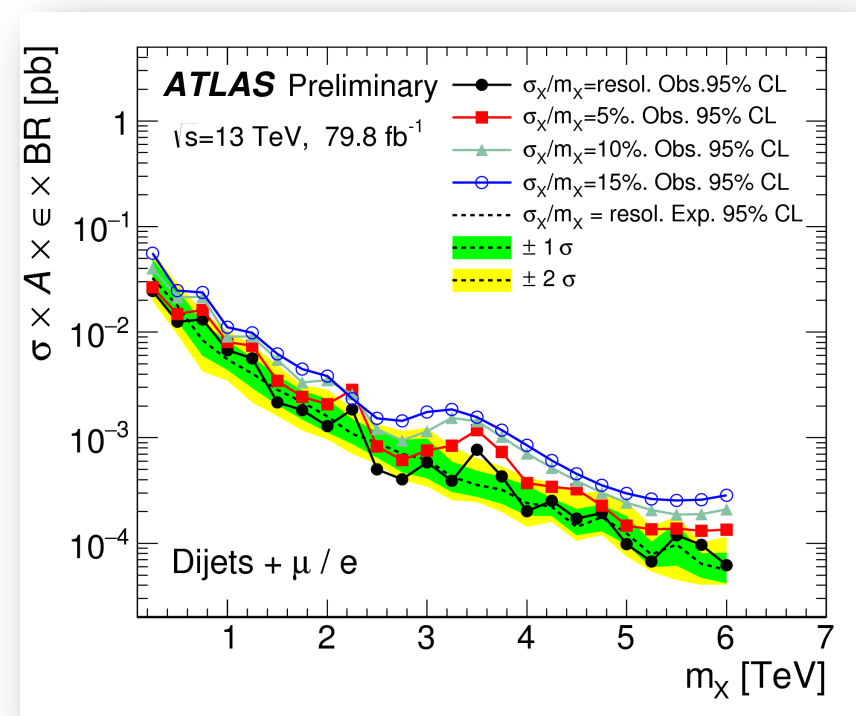
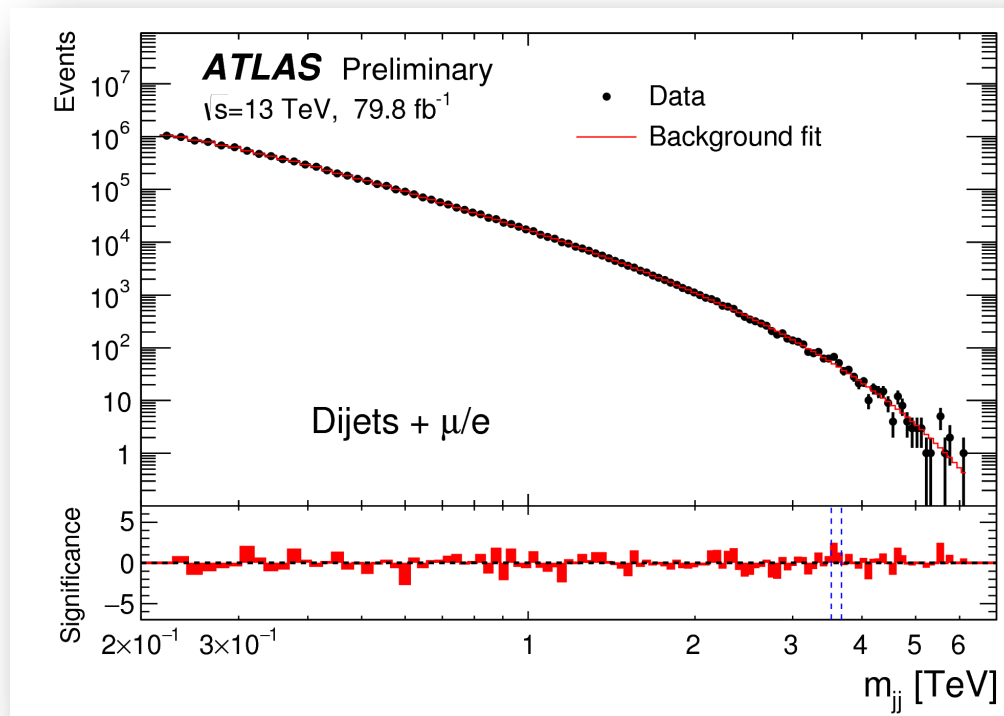
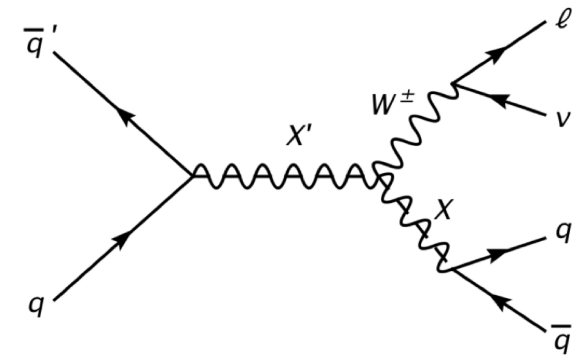
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# Dijet resonances with a lepton

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- New experimental signature
- Use single electron or muon trigger to extend  $m_{jj}$  region below 1 TeV
- Background model based on 5 parameter fit function and SWIFT



Limits on BSM signal approximated by Gaussian contributions of various widths