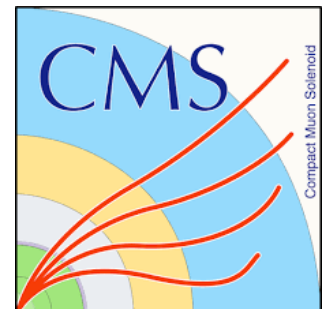


# Experimental overview of Exotics Searches

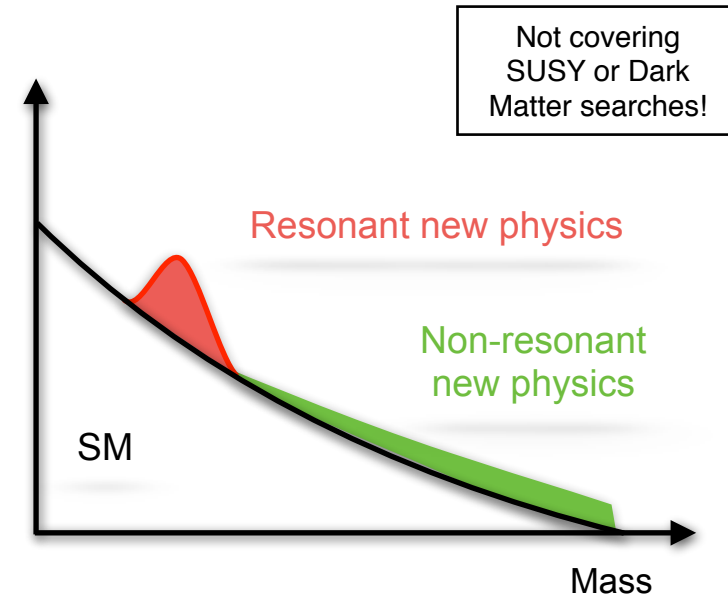
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May 28th

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ATLAS and CMS Collaborations



- A rich program of new physics searches by ATLAS and CMS has been underway, to address the many questions left unanswered by the Standard Model.
- Under a myriad of new physics scenarios, new phenomena could manifest itself via resonant or non-resonant effects in a wide energy range.



- **This overview covers new results by ATLAS and CMS, targeting:**
  - Hadronic, dilepton and lepton+jets, and diboson final states.
- Wide variety of final states that are generic probes for many models of new physics...
- ...as well as final states that are motivated by particular classes of models.
- **Powerful programs with large focus on re-interpretability of results.**
- Many results include excellent LHC full Run 2 dataset: 140-150/fb of 13 TeV collisions.

# Searches for hadronic resonances

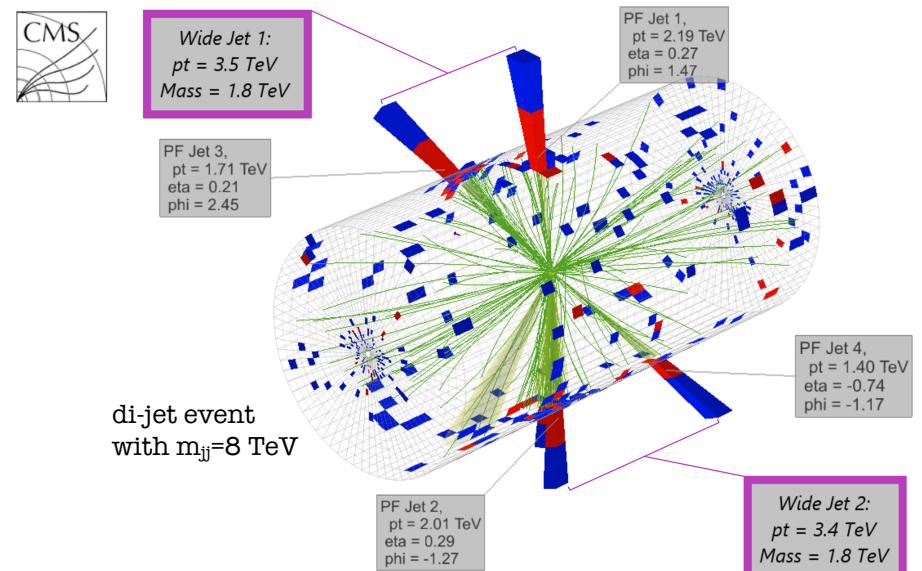
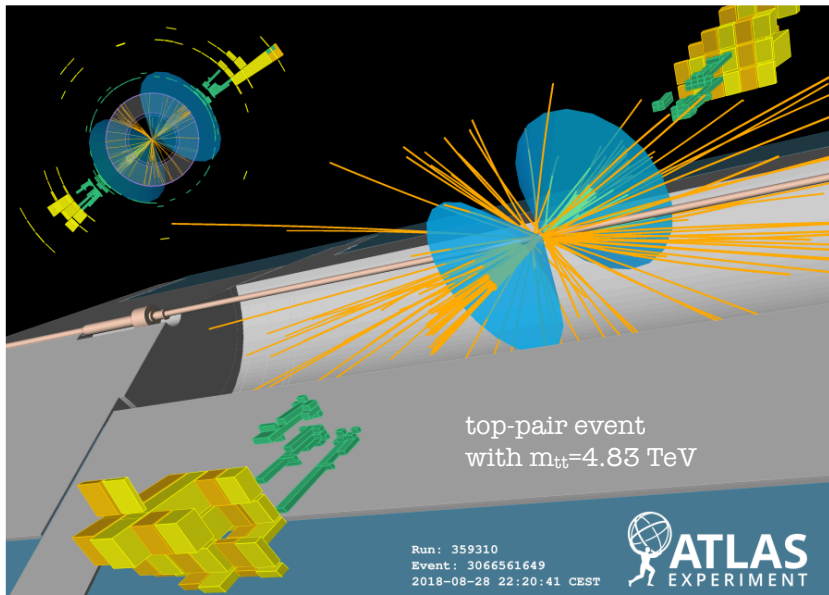
- A probe for heavy gauge bosons, excited quarks, quantum black holes, Kaluza-Klein gravitons, chiral excitations of the W boson, SSM Z', top-assisted-technicolor Z', Z' dark matter mediators, ...

- A wide range of masses, from 350 GeV to 10 TeV.

## Highlights:

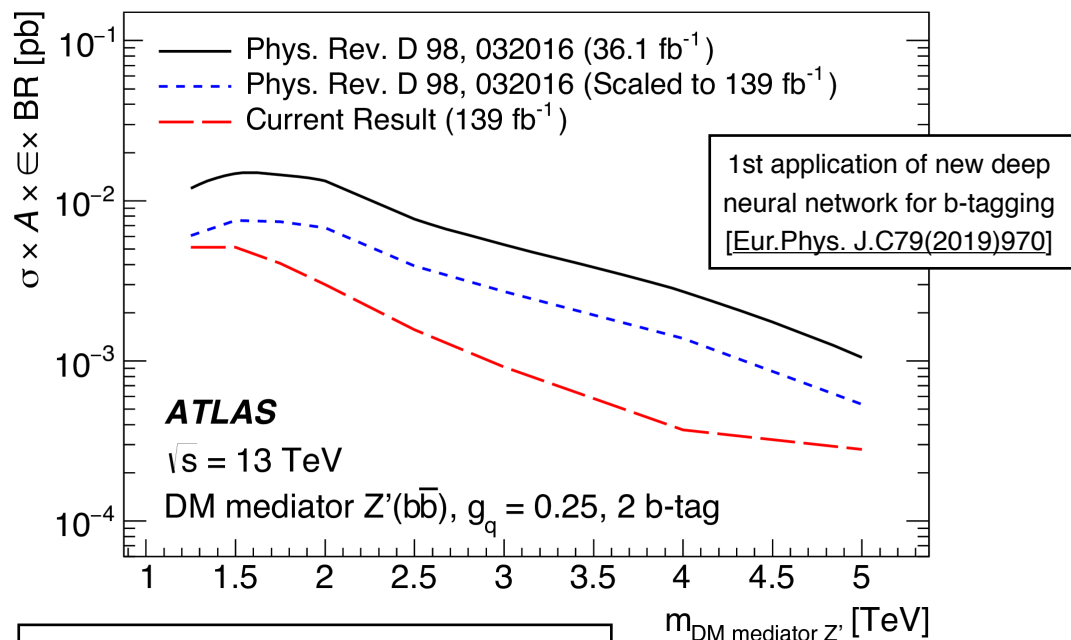
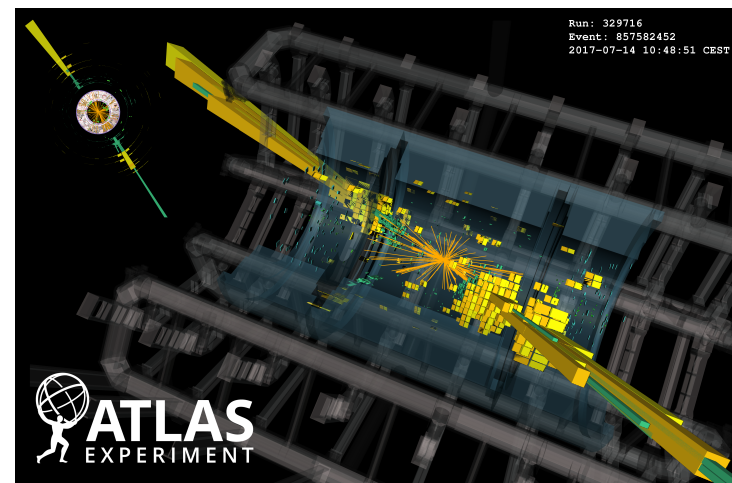
- New trigger technique for low mass acceptance.
- New and improved b-tagging algorithms at high- $p_T$ .
- Dedicated techniques to identify high- $p_T$  (boosted) top-jets.

mass →	≈2.3 MeV/c <sup>2</sup>	≈1.275 GeV/c <sup>2</sup>	≈173.07 GeV/c <sup>2</sup>
charge →	2/3	2/3	2/3
spin →	1/2	1/2	1/2
	<b>u</b>	<b>c</b>	<b>t</b>
	up	charm	top
	≈4.8 MeV/c <sup>2</sup>	≈95 MeV/c <sup>2</sup>	≈4.18 GeV/c <sup>2</sup>
	-1/3	-1/3	-1/3
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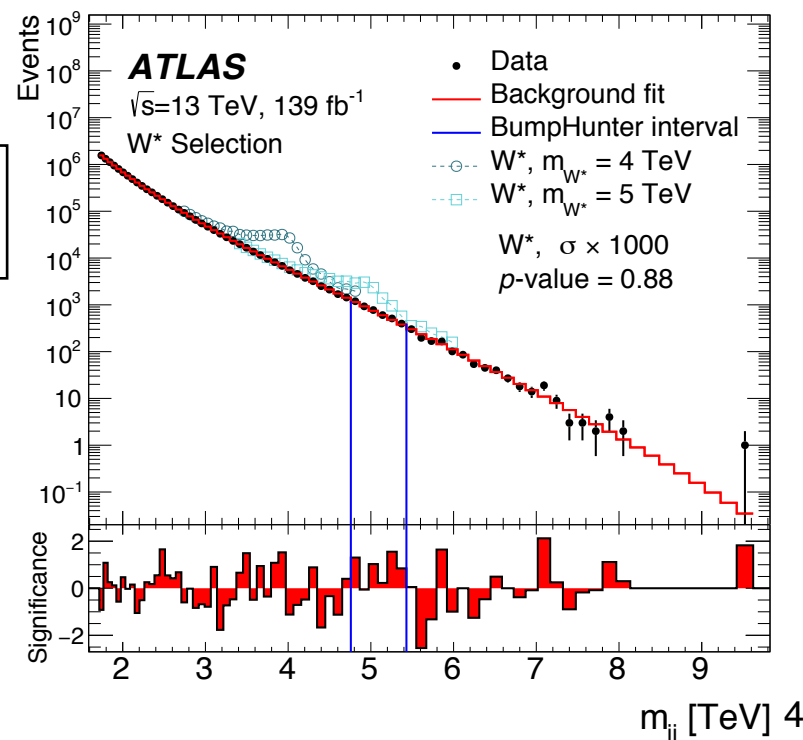


- **Inclusive** result and **in events with 1 or 2 b-jets**.
- Jets close in  $|\Delta y|$  (to reject background).
- Background from sliding-window fit to data.
- Exclusions on several benchmarks: e.g. excited quarks, chiral excitation of the W, leptophobic Z' DM mediator.
- For reinterpretation: 95% CL cross-section limits on gaussian-shaped signals of various widths (up to 15%) as a function of the mass.

Dijet event with  $m_{jj}=9.5$  TeV

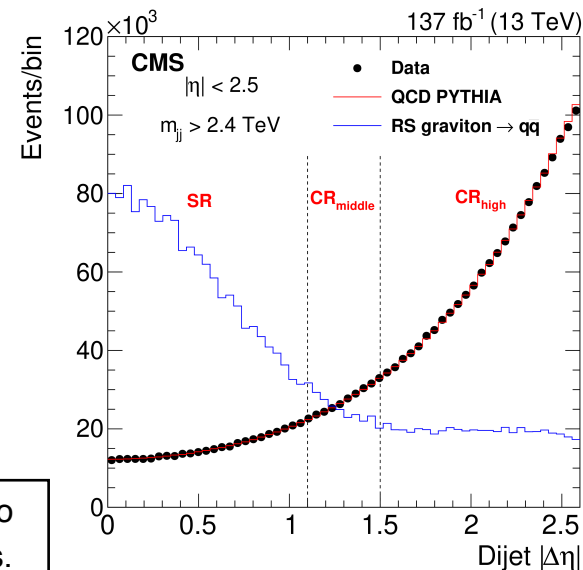


A search for di-jet resonances in events with a charged lepton not covered here: EXOT-2018-32

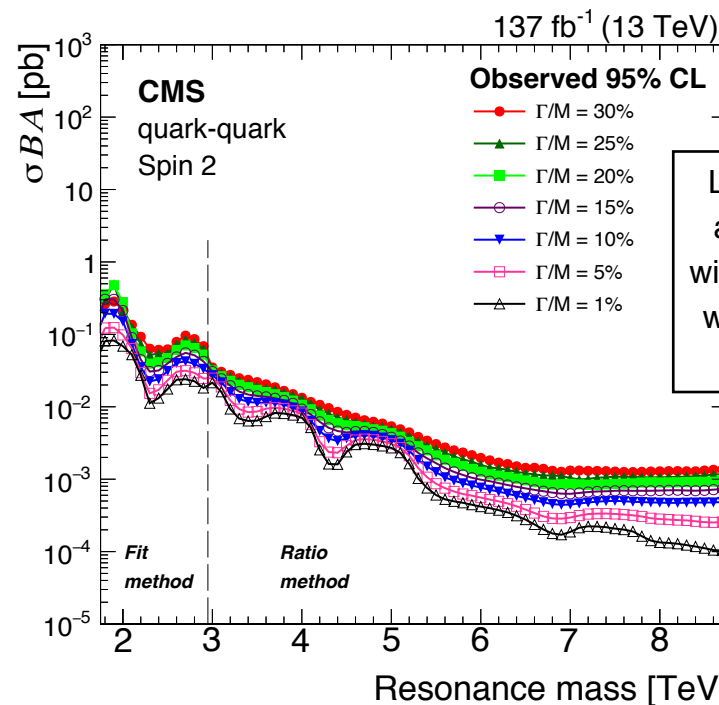
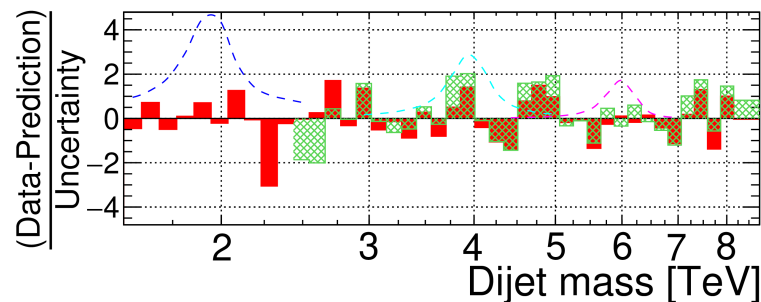
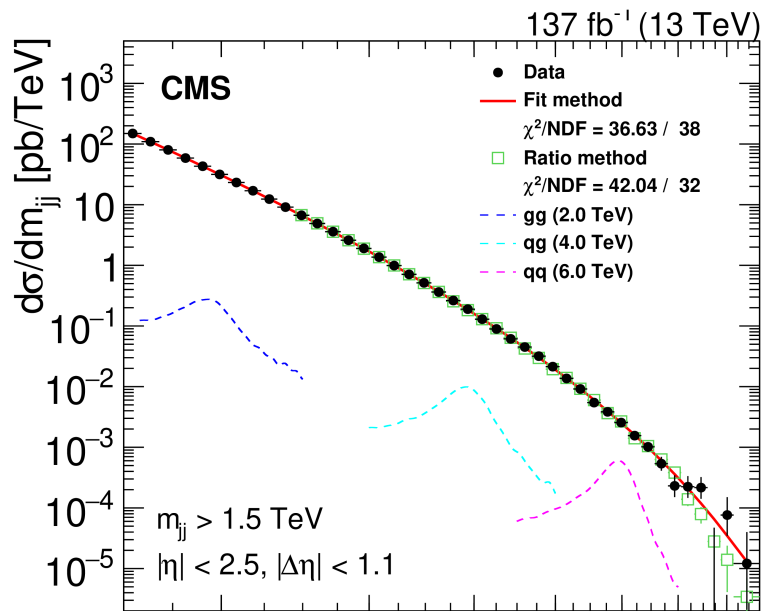


$m_{jj}$  [TeV] 4

- "Wide" jets by combining R=0.4 close-by jets: reduce analysis sensitivity to final state radiation.
- Parametric fit to signal region data for  $1.5 < m_{jj} < 2.4$  TeV.
- New "ratio method" for  $m_{jj} > 2.4$  TeV: using control regions with larger  $\Delta\eta$  values and MC-to-data transfer factors.

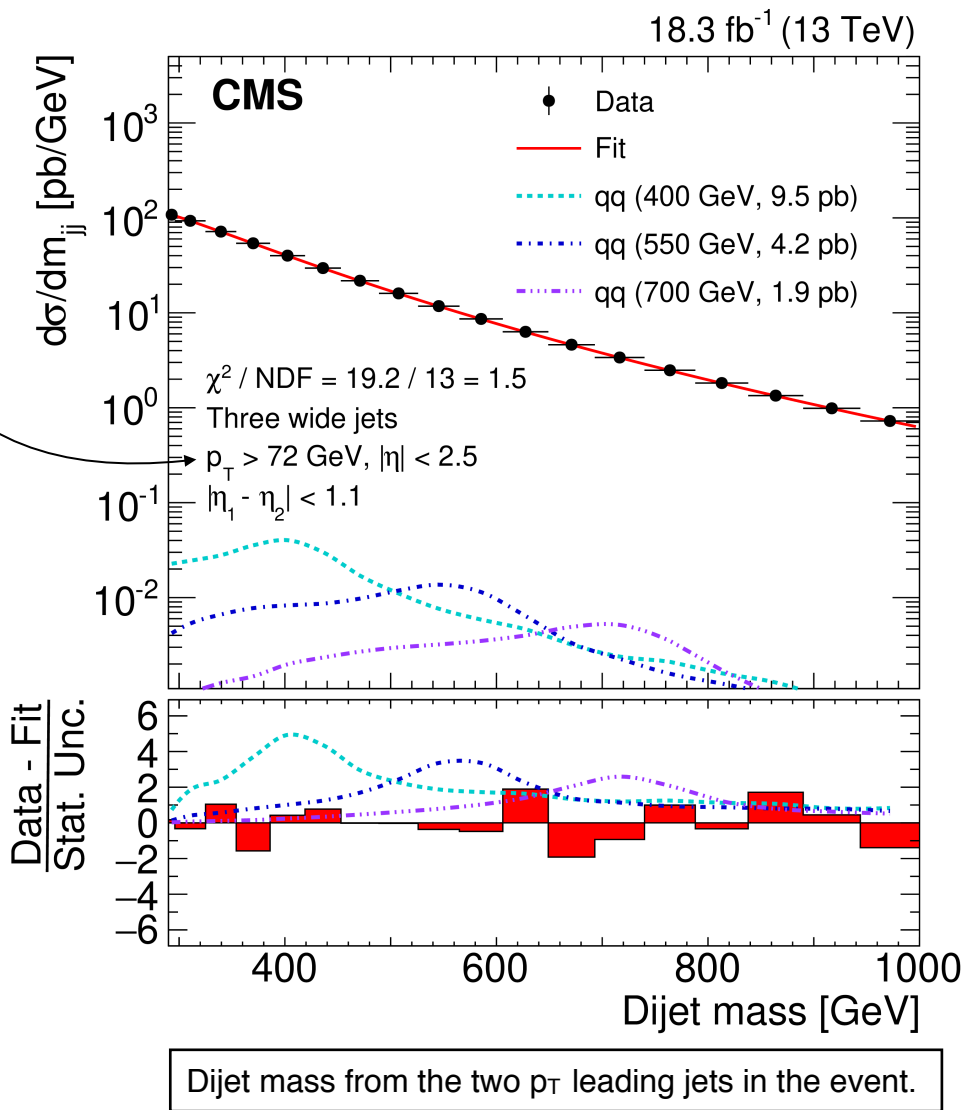
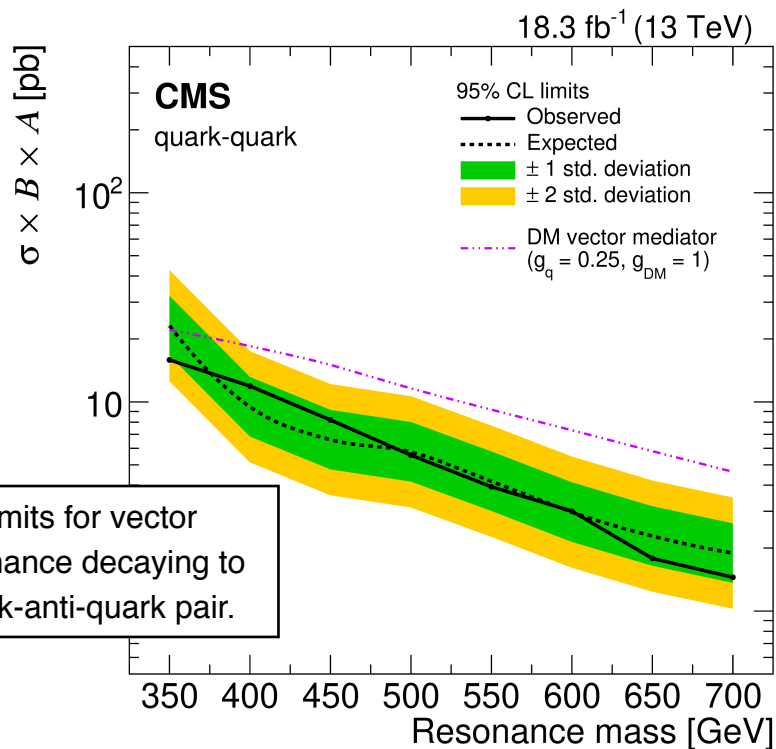


Enhanced sensitivity with ratio method for broad resonances.



Limits set for qq, qg and gg final states, with narrow and broad widths (up to 30% of resonance mass).

- How to get sensitivity at lower masses?
  - E.g. to dark matter mediators.
- **Data-scouting:** 3-jet events reconstructed and recorded at higher rate in a compact form (only calorimeter-based jets) with lower  $p_T$  thresholds.
- Background from parametric fit to data.

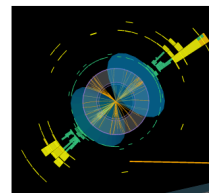
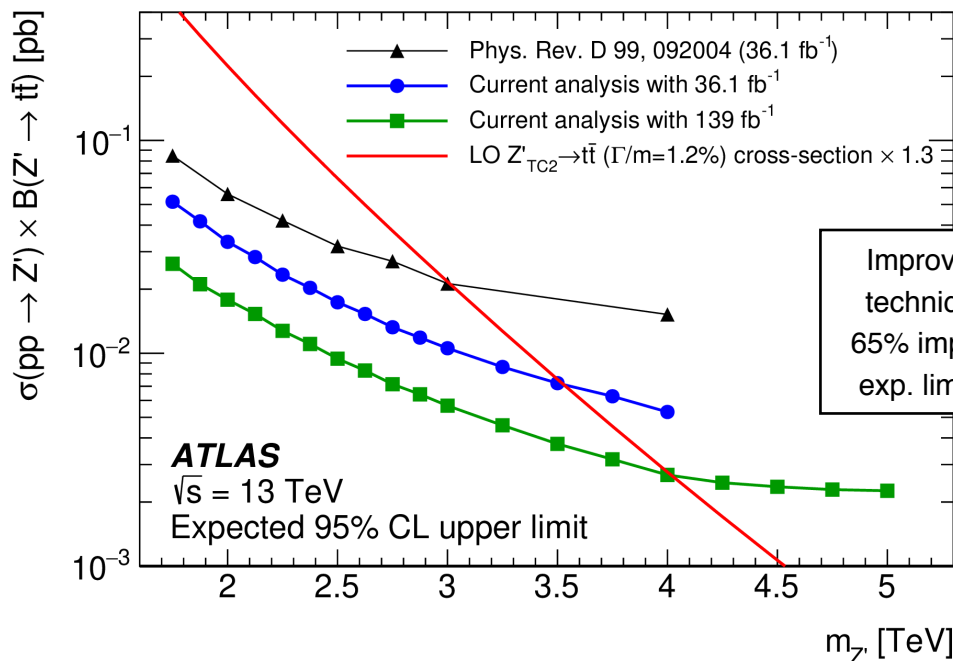


# Fully-hadronic top-pair resonances

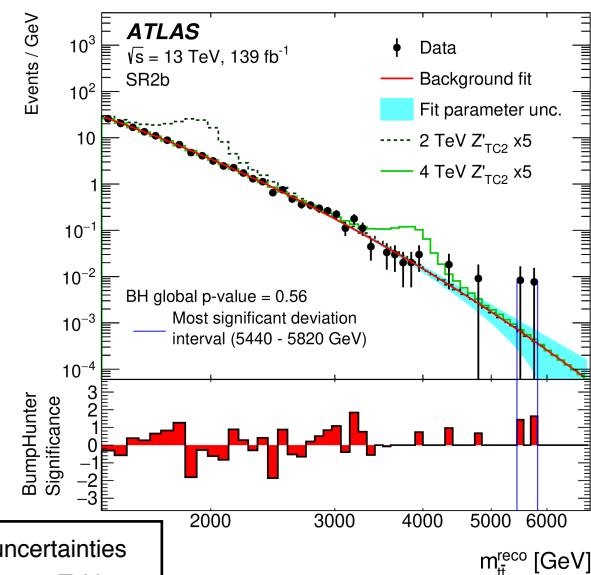
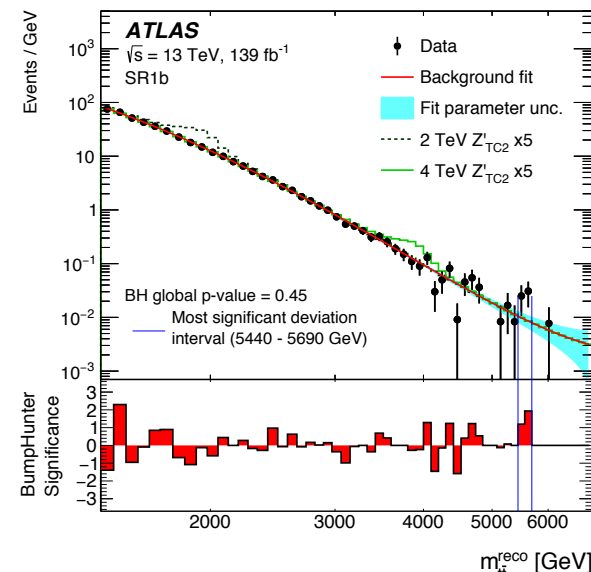
ATLAS: EXOT-2018-48

Full Run 2 dataset

- What if couplings to third generation are favored?
  - Search for resonances from top-pairs with masses  $> 1.4$  TeV.
- Fully-hadronic top decays are captured in a large-radius jet.
- **New DNN top tagger:** substructure variables as features.
- **b-tagging with variable-radius track-jets:** two signal regions with 1 or 2 b-tagged jets.
- Background from SM multijet and top-pair production from fit to data.
- $Z'_{TC2}$  with  $\Gamma/m=1\%(3\%)$  excluded for masses up to 3.9 (4.7) TeV.



Spurious-signal uncertainties dominate above 4.5 TeV.

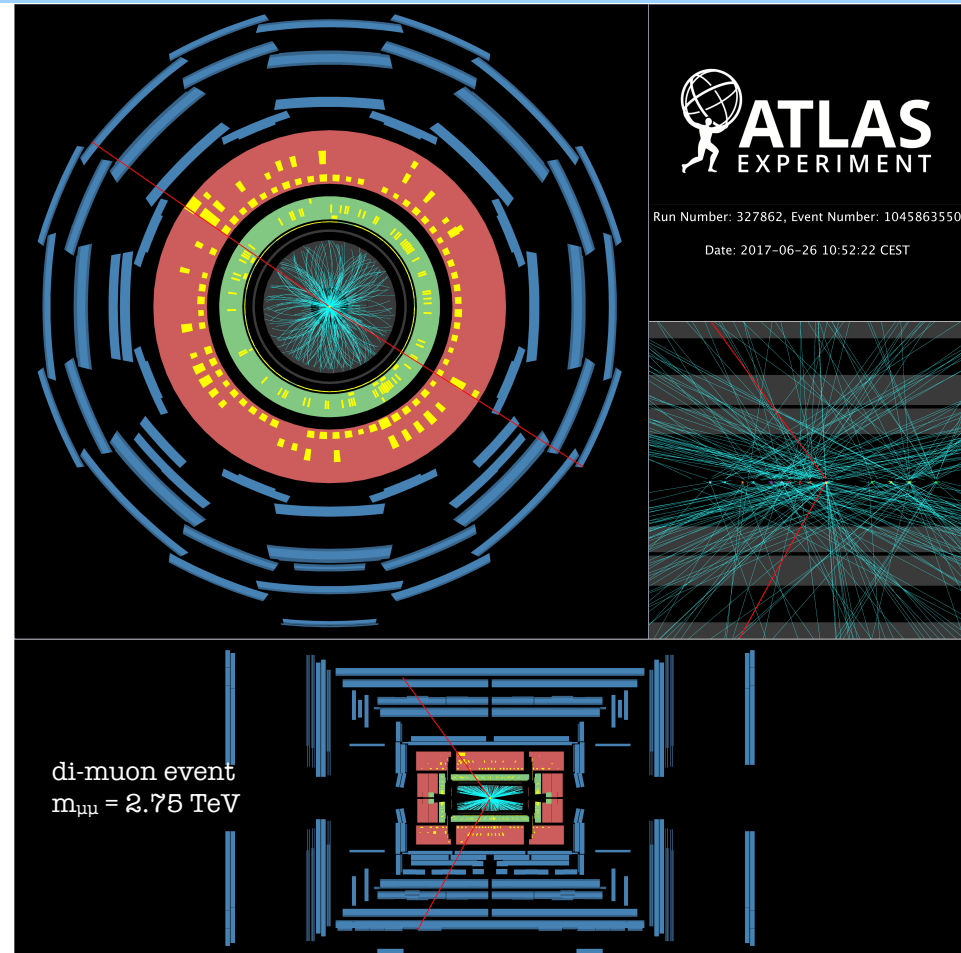


# Dilepton and lepton+jets final states

- Dilepton signatures: the cleanest final states to probe for new physics!
- Typical benchmarks:  $Z'$  bosons in the Sequential Standard Model (SSM), Heavy Vector Triplet (HVT) and E6 GUT models.
- Lepton+jets as probes for excited leptons and leptoquarks.

## Highlights:

- Increasing use of generator-only MC samples or fully data-driven approaches for background estimation.
- More data leads to better understanding of the detector: e.g. improved treatment of relative alignment of sub-detectors, critical for high- $p_T$  muons.



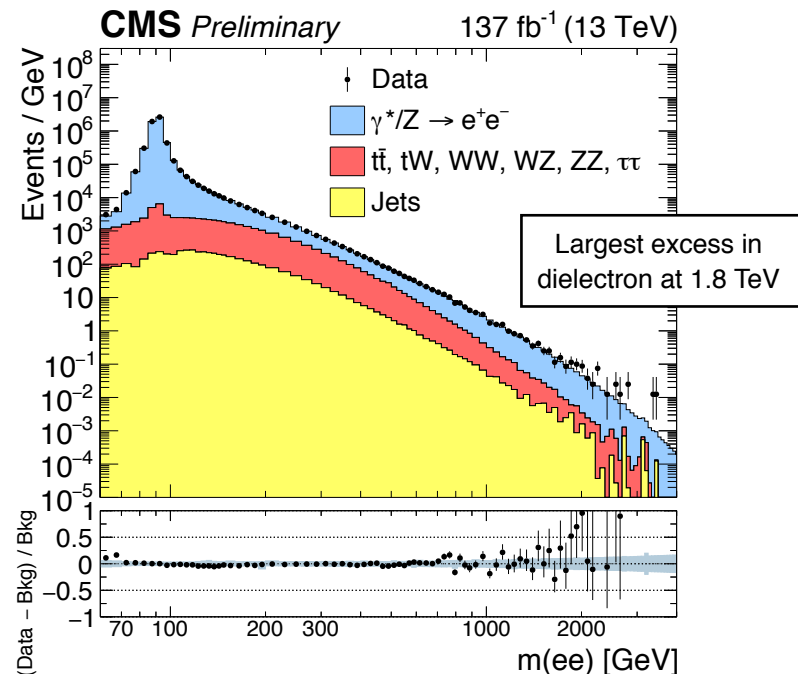
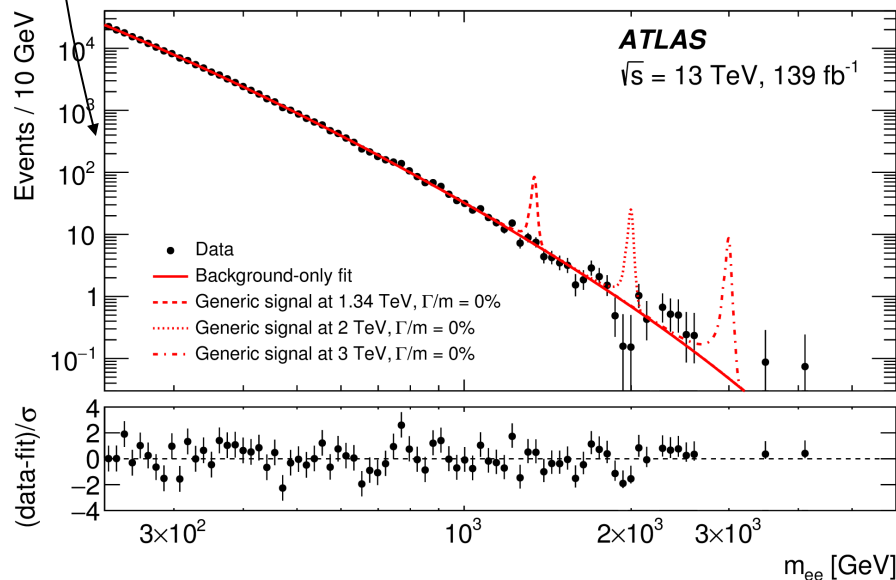
Searches in  $\ell^+\nu$  final states not covered here:  
EXOT-2018-30 (ATLAS) and EXO-16-033 (CMS)



ATLAS: [PhysLettB796\(2019\)68](#)

CMS: [EXO-19-019](#)

- Narrow and broad in range: 250 GeV to 6 TeV.
- Data-driven background estimation above Z peak.
- Generic signal shape at various widths: Breit-Wigner convolved with detector resolution.
- Cross-sections for spin-0, 1 and 2 benchmarks obtained in fiducial volume for compatibility with the definition of the generic signal model.

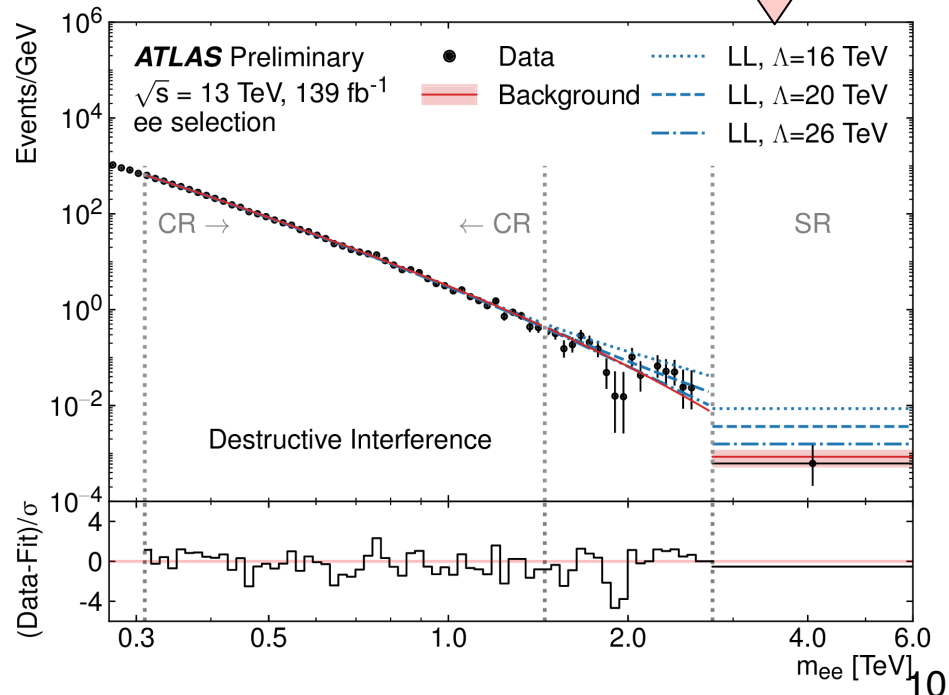
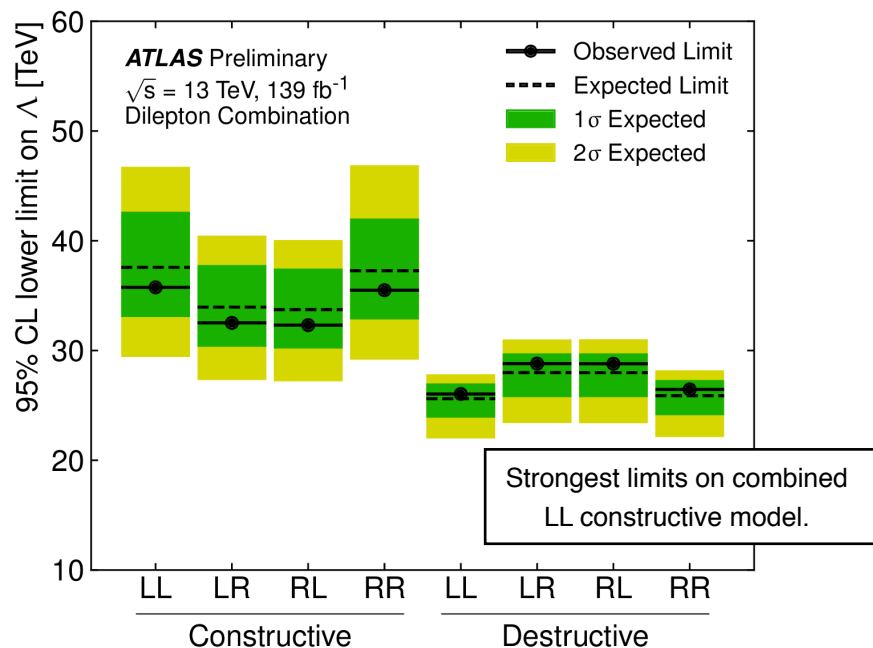
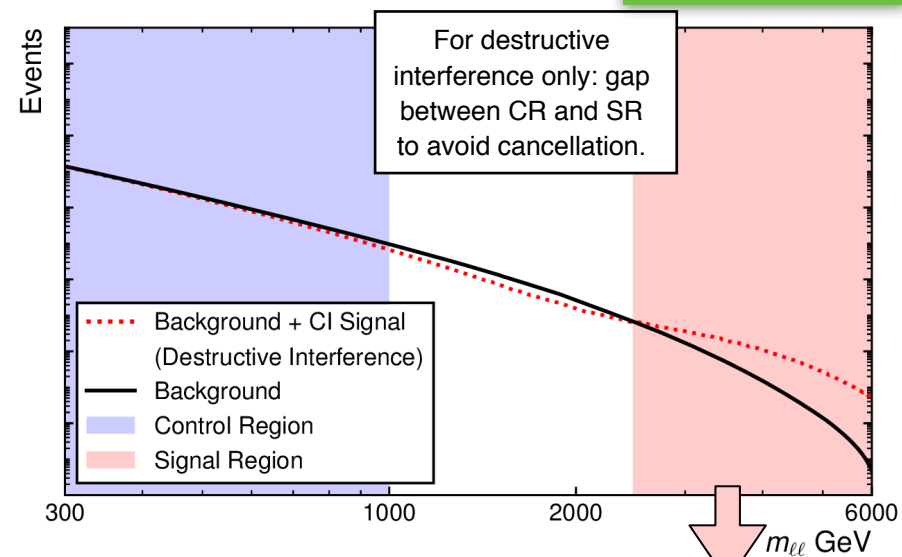


- Narrow resonances in range 200 GeV to 5.5 TeV.
- Main backgrounds from simulation.
- Search in mass window of assumed  $Z'_{\text{SSM}}$  or  $Z'_{\psi}$  resonance mass.
- 95% CL limits on ratio of cross-section for new signal wrt SM Z boson: cancels experimental and theoretical uncertainties common to both.

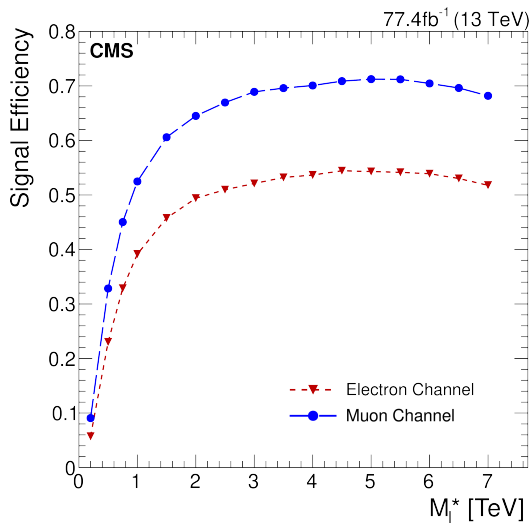
$ee+\mu\mu$  fit  $\rightarrow$  most stringent limits to data on  $Z'_{\psi}$  ( $Z'_{\text{SSM}}$ ): ATLAS excluded at 4.5 (5.1) TeV and CMS at 4.6 (5.2) TeV.

Full Run 2 dataset

- Search for enhanced dilepton rates for masses above 2 TeV: can be interpreted with 2q2l contact interaction (CI) framework.
- First use of data-driven background estimate and single-bin high-mass signal region.
- Functional form fit to data in control region and extrapolated to signal region.
- Lower limits on the CI scale for different chiral structure and interference sign.

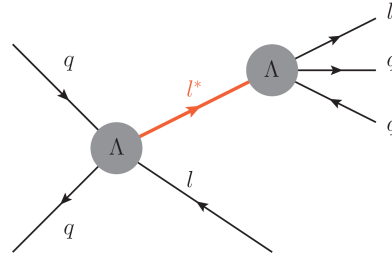


- Search for excited muon or electron decaying to  $l l + 2j$ ets.
- Contact interaction for production and decay with energy scale  $\Lambda$ .
- Main backgrounds (top-pair and DY) from simulation, validated in dedicated regions in low  $M_{ll}$  events.

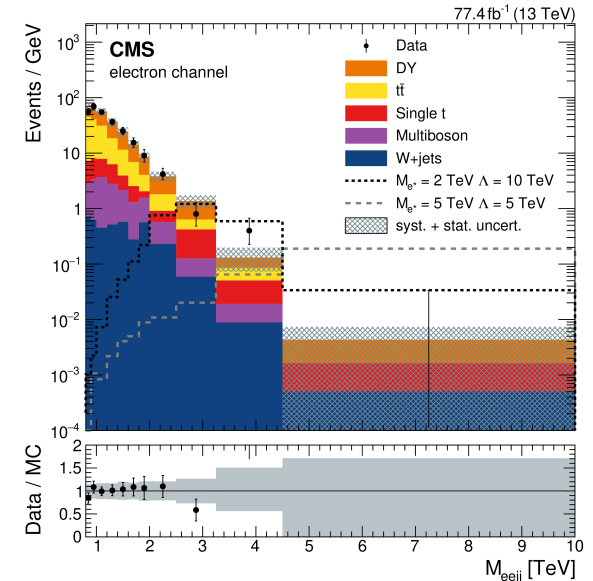
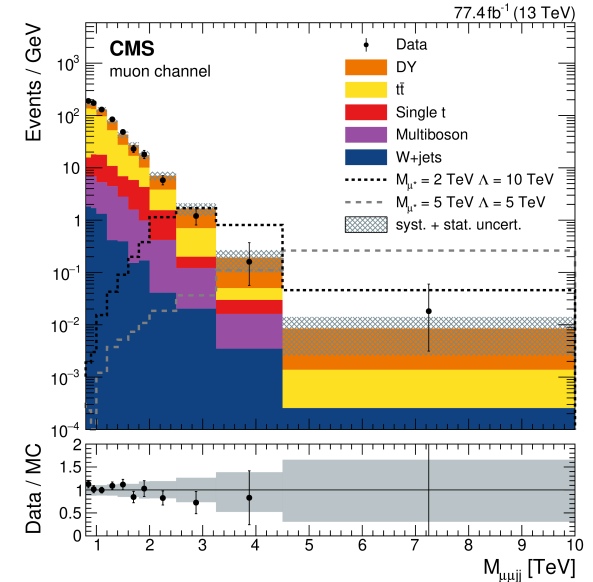
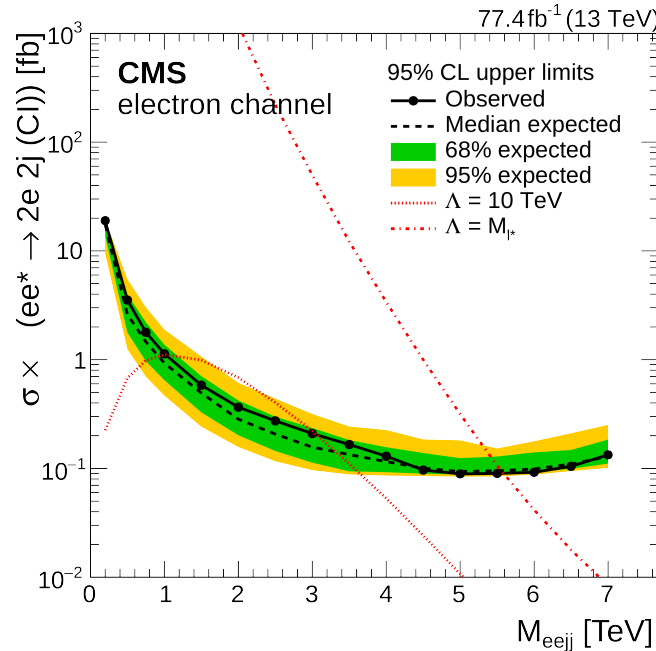


Excited electrons (muons) excluded up to masses of 5.6 (5.7) TeV, under  $M_{l^*} = \Lambda$ .

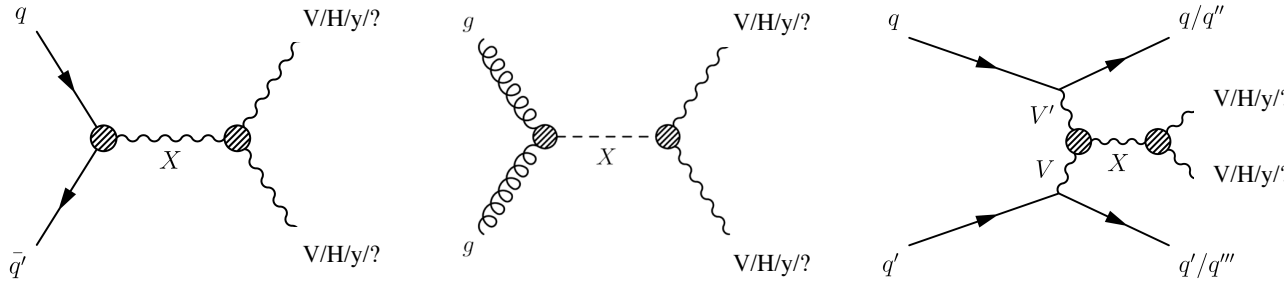
In terms of substructure scale  $\Lambda$ , limits of 11 (12) TeV for excited electrons (muons) of mass  $\sim 2$  TeV.



$l^*$  produced in association with a lepton of the same flavour.



- Targeting O(100 GeV) to multi-TeV resonances (radions, gravitons, new vector bosons, extended Higgs sector) in different BSM scenarios:
  - Warped extra-dimensions, composite Higgs, technicolor, ...



0  
0  
1

**g**

gluon

=126 GeV/c<sup>2</sup>

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0  
0

**H**

Higgs boson

0  
0  
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**γ**

photon

91.2 GeV/c<sup>2</sup>

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**Z**

Z boson

80.4 GeV/c<sup>2</sup>

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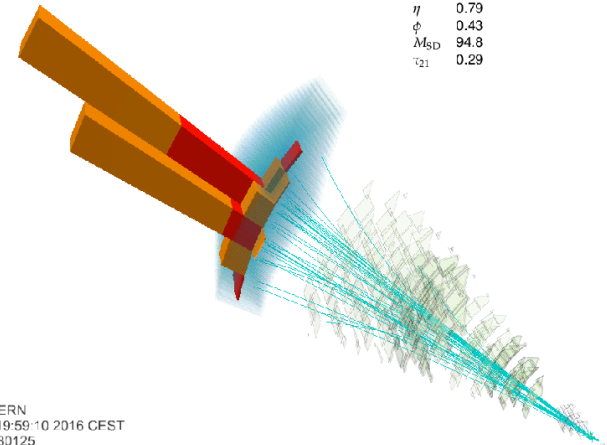
**W**

W boson

GAUGE BOSONS

## Highlights:

- Improved tagging algorithms for high- $p_T$   $V \rightarrow qq$ ,  $H \rightarrow bb$ ,  $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$  decays:
  - Dense environment: critical to combine calorimeter with superior angular resolution of trackers.
- Novel analysis methods: 3D likelihood fits and anomaly detection techniques for broadening scope of the searches.

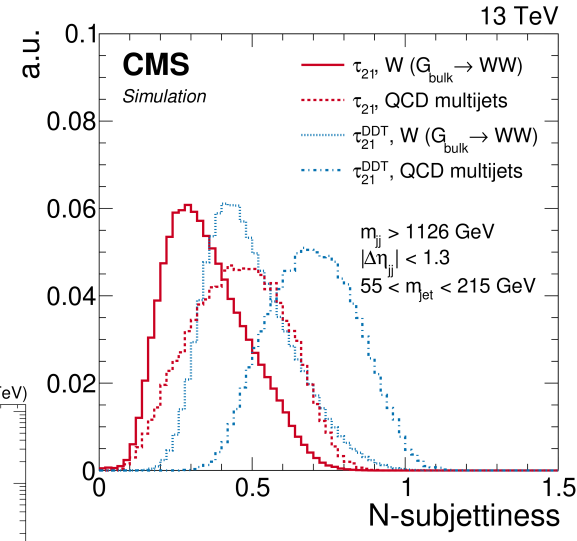


Candidate Z jet

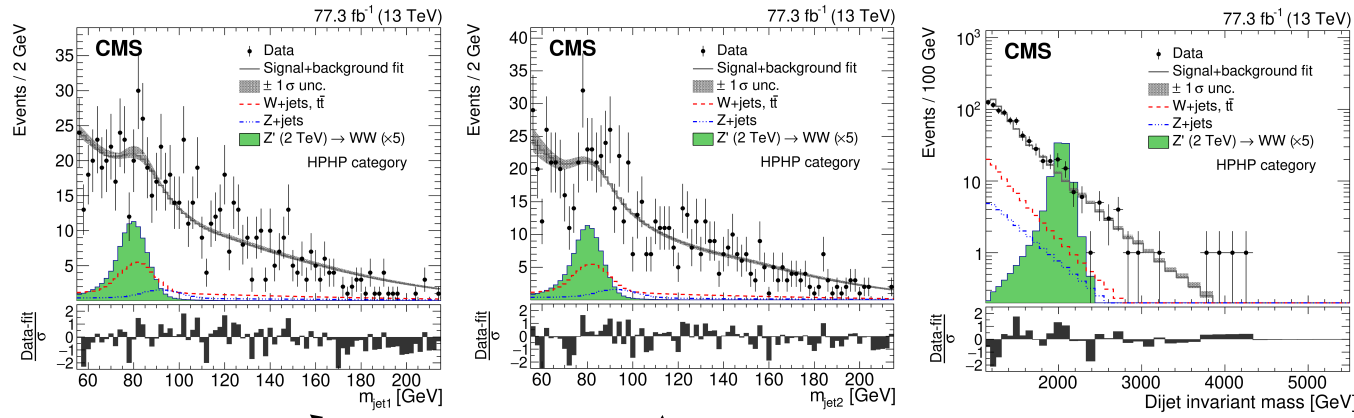
Anti-k <sub>T</sub> R=0.8 jet	
$p_T$	1374 GeV
$\eta$	0.79
$\phi$	0.43
$M_{SD}$	94.8
$\tau_{21}$	0.29

# WW → qqqq resonances

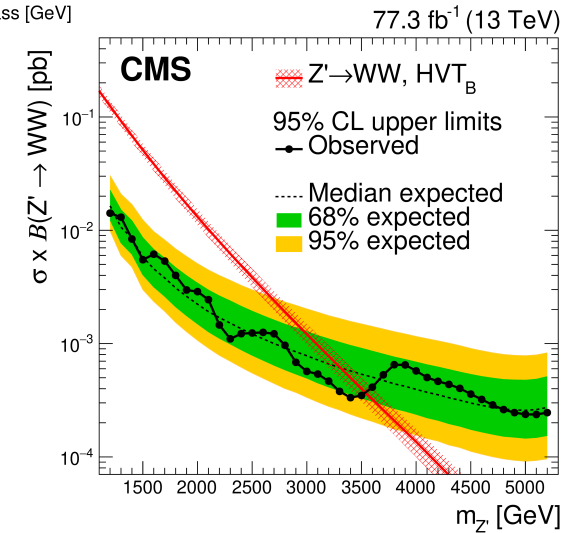
- Search for massive resonances decaying to WW, WZ or ZZ.
- Boosted W/Z decaying into single large-radius jets and within  $|\Delta\eta| < 1.3$ .
- W/Z tagging with high-purity and low-purity selections: recovering acceptance where background is small.



W/Z-tagging with N-subjettiness,  
after mass decorrelation.



- **New analysis method:** 3D fit to masses of the two jets and dijet invariant mass ⇒ up to 30% improvement in sensitivity.
- Benchmarks: Randall-Sundrum gravitons and Heavy Vector Triplets
  - Under HVT Model B, exclusions for W' (Z') resonances with masses below 3.8 (3.5) TeV.

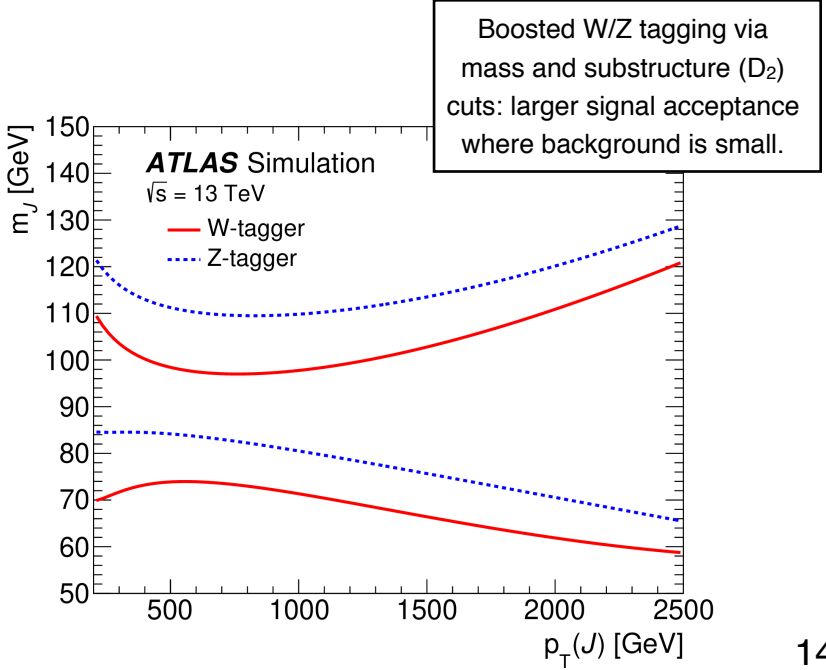
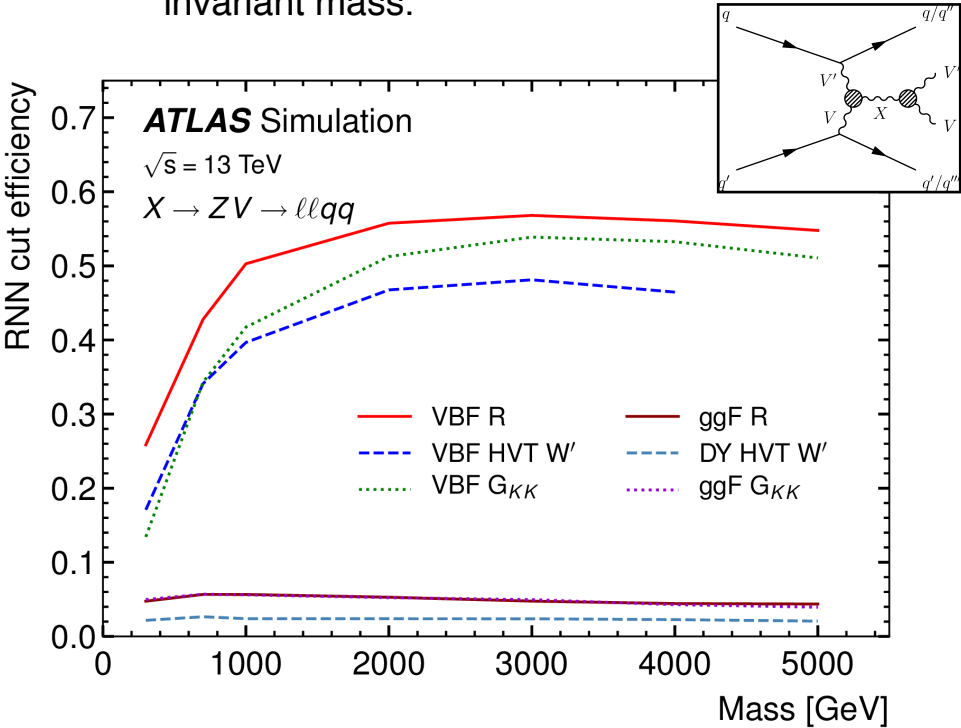


Full Run 2 dataset

- Search for massive resonances decaying to  $WW$ ,  $WZ$  or  $ZZ$  boson pairs via  $gg$  fusion ( $ggF$ ), Drell-Yan ( $DY$ ) or vector boson fusion ( $VBF$ ).
- Wide mass range: 300 GeV to 5 TeV.
  - $V \rightarrow qq$  reconstructed as 2 small-R jets or a single large-R jet depending on  $p_T(V)$ .
- **Recurrent neural network with 4-momentum of small-radius jets for categorizing between  $ggF/DY$  or  $VBF$ :**
  - $VBF$  production typically accompanied of well-separated jets with large dijet invariant mass.

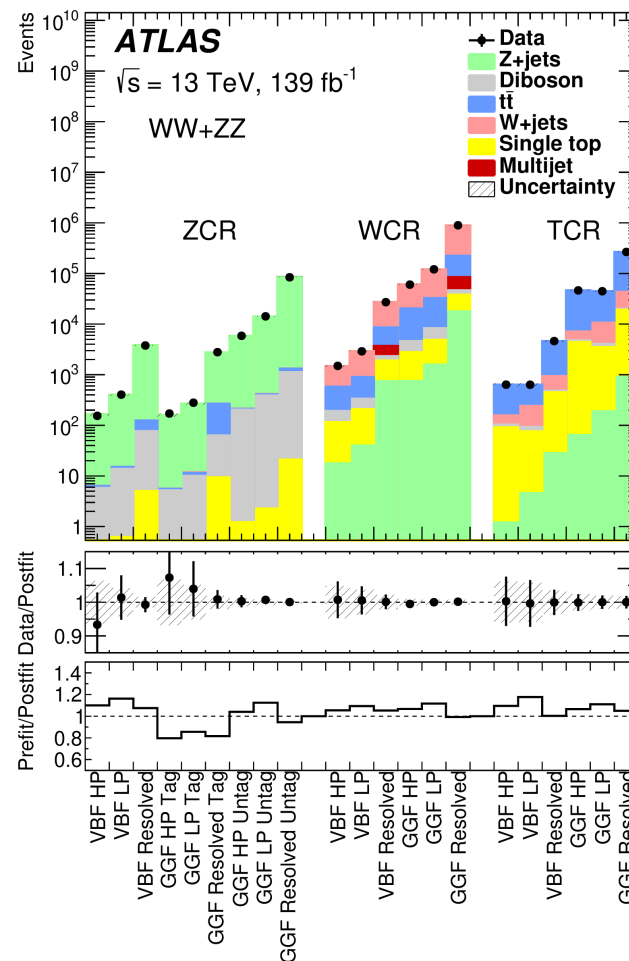
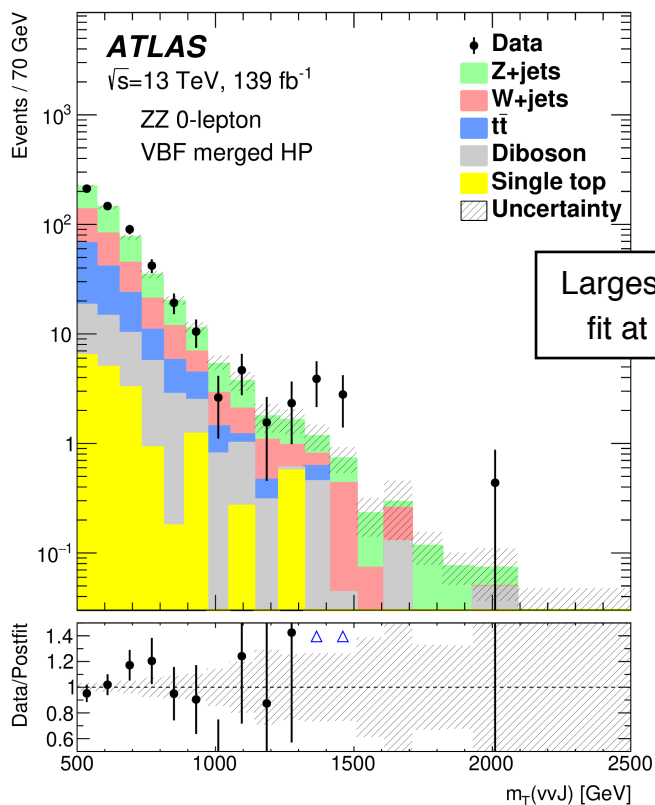
Three distinct channels:

- $ZV \rightarrow \nu\nu qq$  (0-lepton)
- $WV \rightarrow l\nu qq$  (1-lepton)
- $ZV \rightarrow ll qq$  (2-lepton)



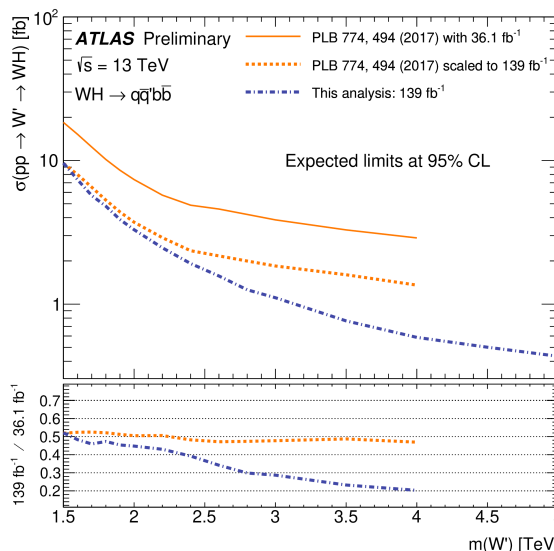
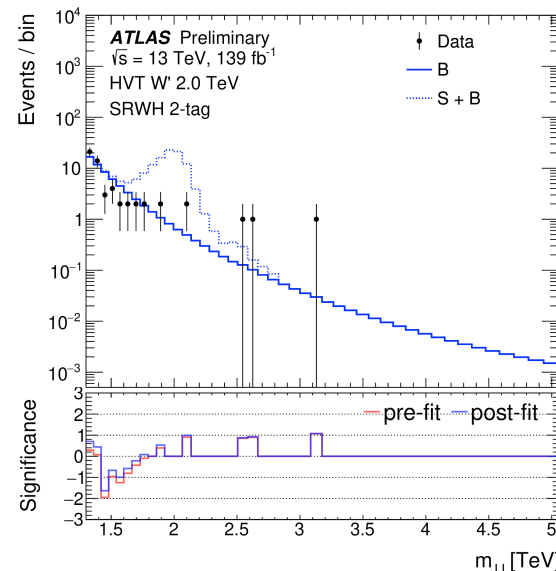
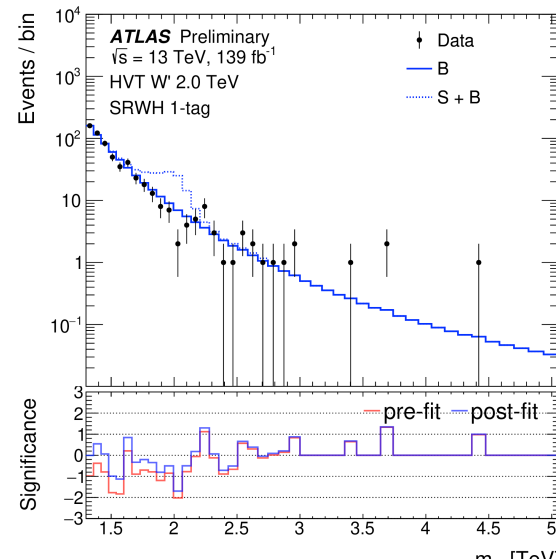
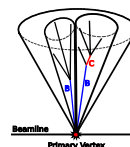
Full Run 2 dataset

- Separate WW+ZZ and WZ fits are performed for the ggF/DY and VBF production modes, but including signal and control regions from both categories.
- Dominant backgrounds from simulation: simultaneous fit to  $m_{VV}$  (or  $m_{T,VV}$ ) in signal regions and Z+jets, W+jets and top-pair control regions.



Production process	RS radion	HVT		RS graviton
		$W'$	$Z'$	
→ ggF/DY	3.2 (2.9)	Model A: 3.9 (3.8)	3.5 (3.4)	2.0 (2.2)
→ VBF	—	Model B: 4.3 (4.0)	3.9 (3.7)	—
		Model C: —	—	0.76 (0.77)

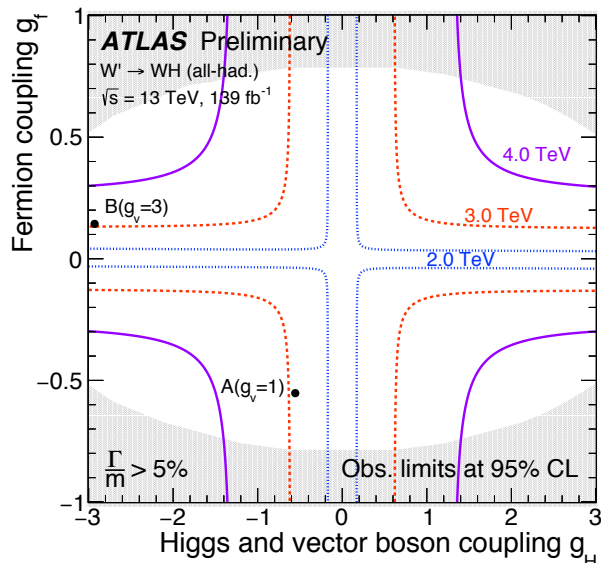
- Fully-hadronic final state: two large-radius jets, jet substructure, track multiplicity and b-tagging to identify  $H \rightarrow bb$  and  $V \rightarrow qq^{(\prime)}$  candidates.
- Variable-radius track-jets for b-tagging:**  $p_T$ -dependent radius to resolve highly boosted  $bb$  pairs from Higgs boson decay.
- Signal regions with 1 or 2 b-tagged jets.
- Background (dominated by multijet) estimated from region with 0-tag: BDT trained on control region data to estimate extrapolation corrections to 1 and 2-tag.



Substantial improvement in sensitivity at high masses (e.g. due to improved  $H \rightarrow bb$  tagging)

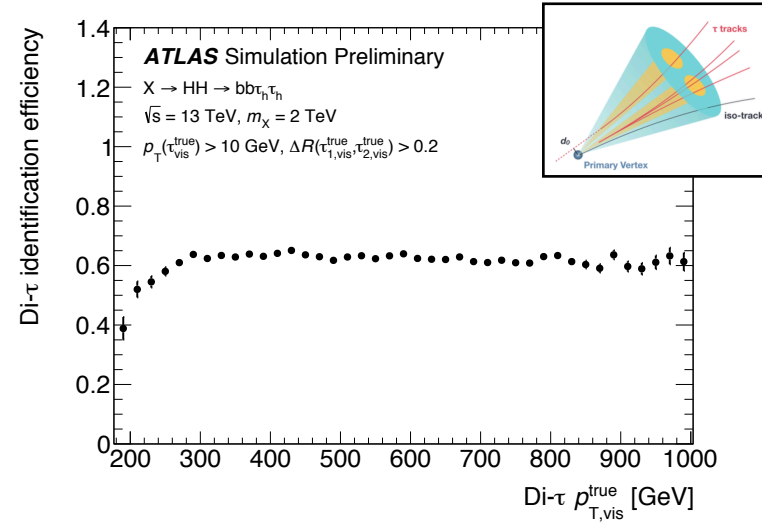
HVT Model B exclusions of  $W'$  ( $Z'$ ) up to 3.20 (2.65) TeV.

Limits in coupling plane for HVT framework.

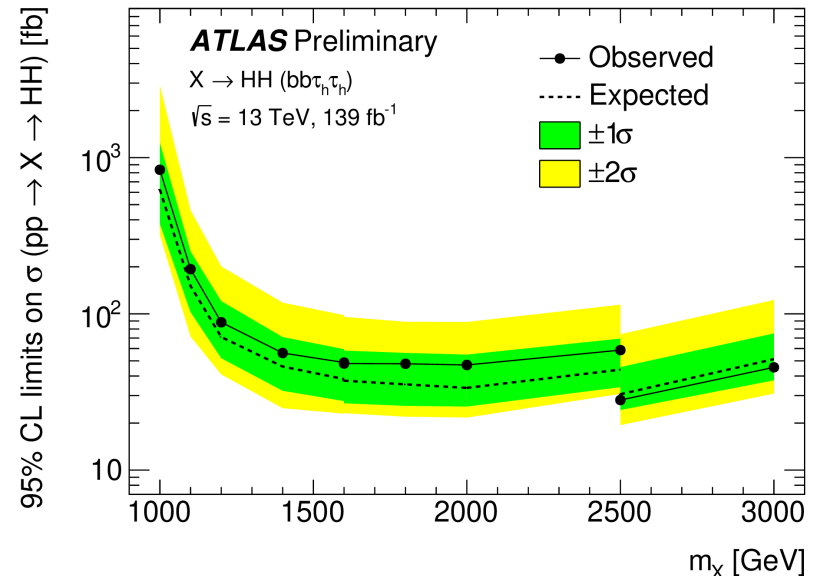
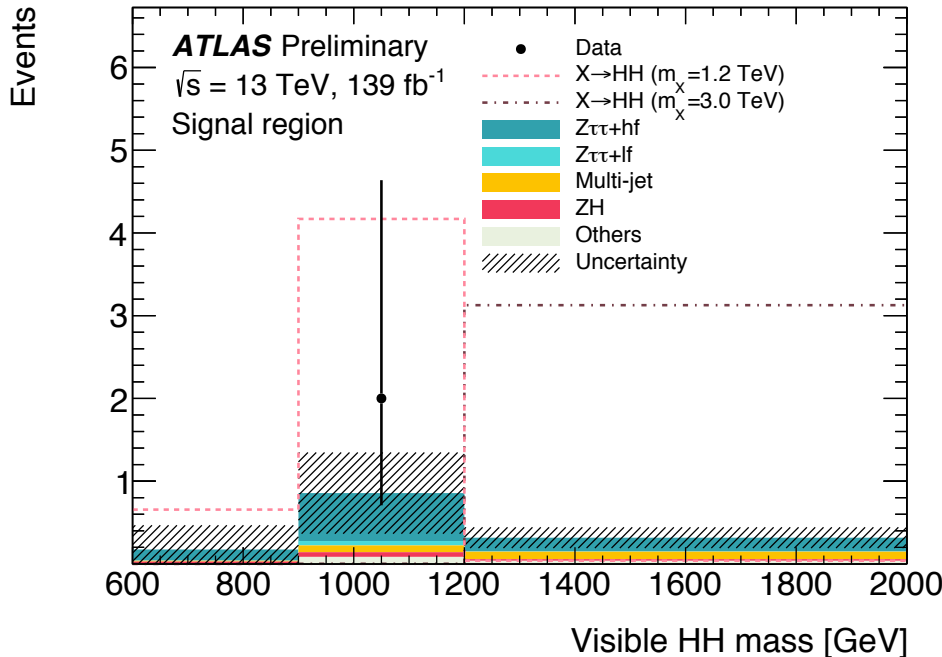




- Targets boosted Higgs boson decays into bb-pair and two hadronically decaying τ-leptons.
- **New method** for reconstructing and identifying the ττ pair.
- **b-tagging of variable-radius track-jets** for H → bb.
- Relative fractions of Z+jets (light vs heavy flavor) adjusted from control region in data.
- Observed cross-section limits on heavy, narrow-width, scalar resonance between 88 and 46 fb (1.2-3 TeV).

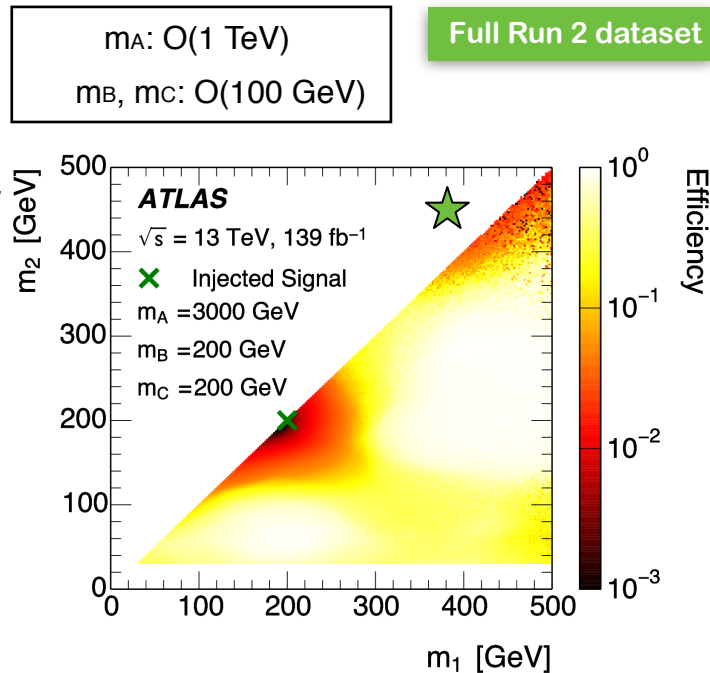
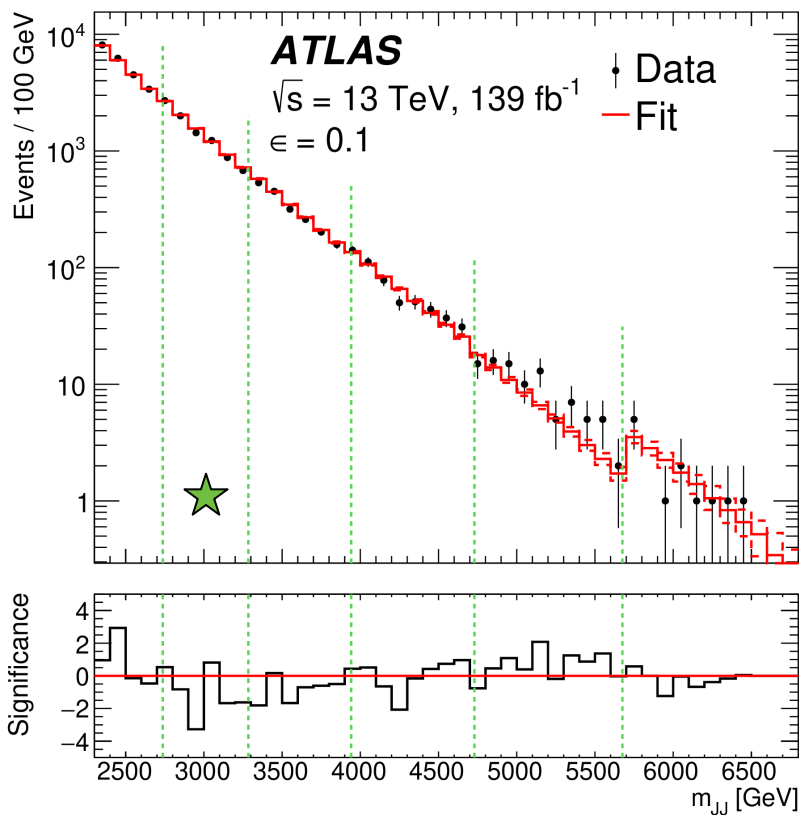


BDT with calorimeter, tracking and vertexing information, trained on  $G \rightarrow HH \rightarrow \tau\tau\tau\tau$  simulation vs multi-jet enriched data.



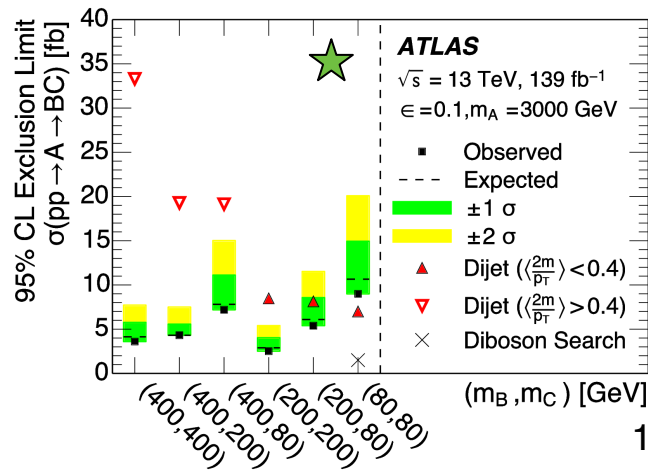
# A → BC with weak supervision

- Generic search for new resonances via anomaly detection procedure, targeting dijet topology with large-radius jets.
- **CWoLa method:** Classification WithOut Labels for generic new physics in A → BC topology.
- Using data in a series of  $m_{ij}$  regions, train NNs to distinguish signal region from sidebands (jet masses as input features).



- Fits performed to a portion of the  $m_{ij}$  distribution after cut on NN outputs (one per signal region) at selection efficiencies of 1% and 10%.

Cross section limits for narrow-width A, B, and C particles for different values of  $m_A, m_B, m_C$ .



# Summary and outlook

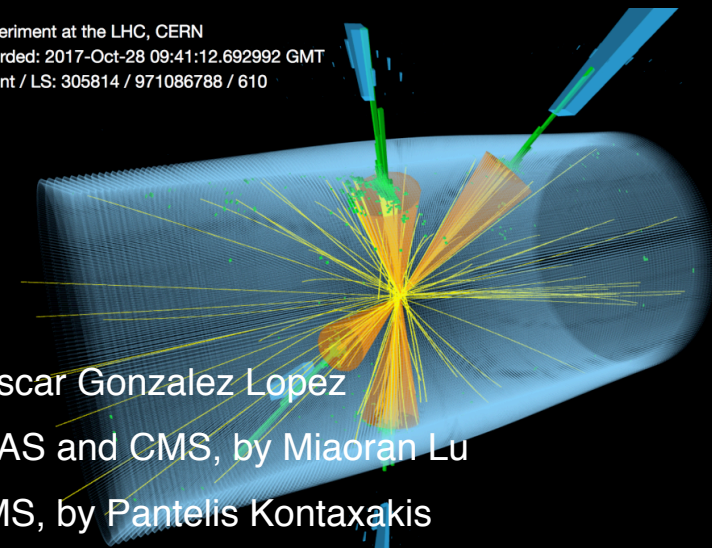
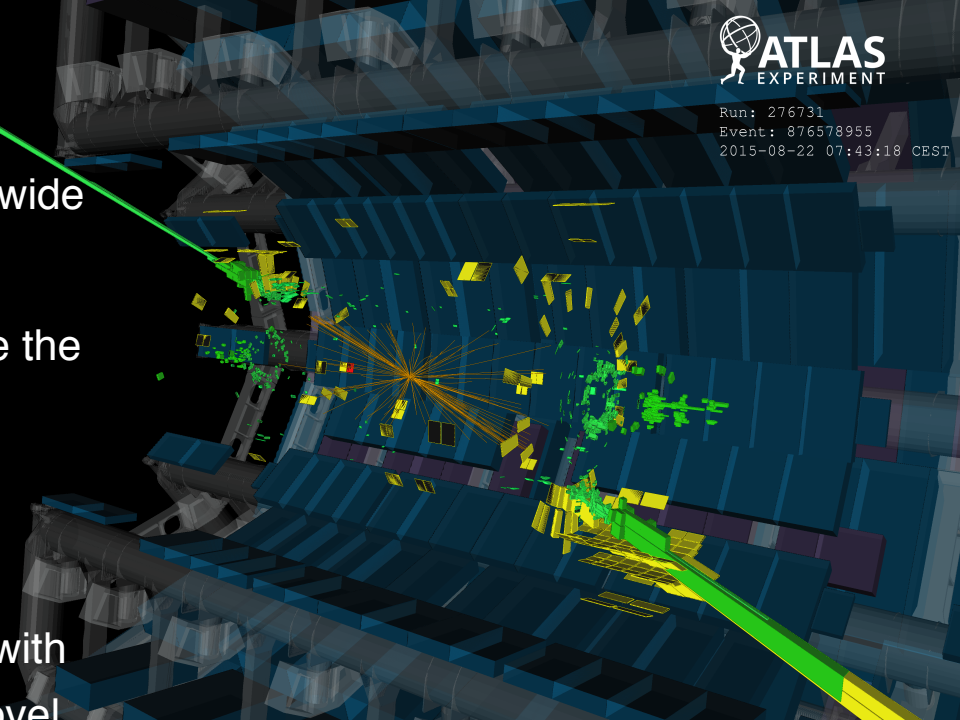
- Huge effort by CMS and ATLAS to cover a wide kinematic range and final states.
- Producing re-interpretable limits to increase the longevity of each result.
- Broadening the scope by minimizing direct theory biases.
- **Making the most out of the full dataset**, with improved knowledge of the detector and novel analysis techniques leading to improved sensitivity.



CMS Experiment at the LHC, CERN  
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## Many more details will be covered in parallel talks:

- Searches for heavy resonances at ATLAS and CMS, by Oscar Gonzalez Lopez
- Diboson resonance and vector-like quark searches at ATLAS and CMS, by Miaoran Lu
- Boosted object identification in searches in ATLAS and CMS, by Pantelis Kontaxakis
- Search for heavy resonances decaying to Higgs bosons at ATLAS & CMS, by Ke Li



# Backup

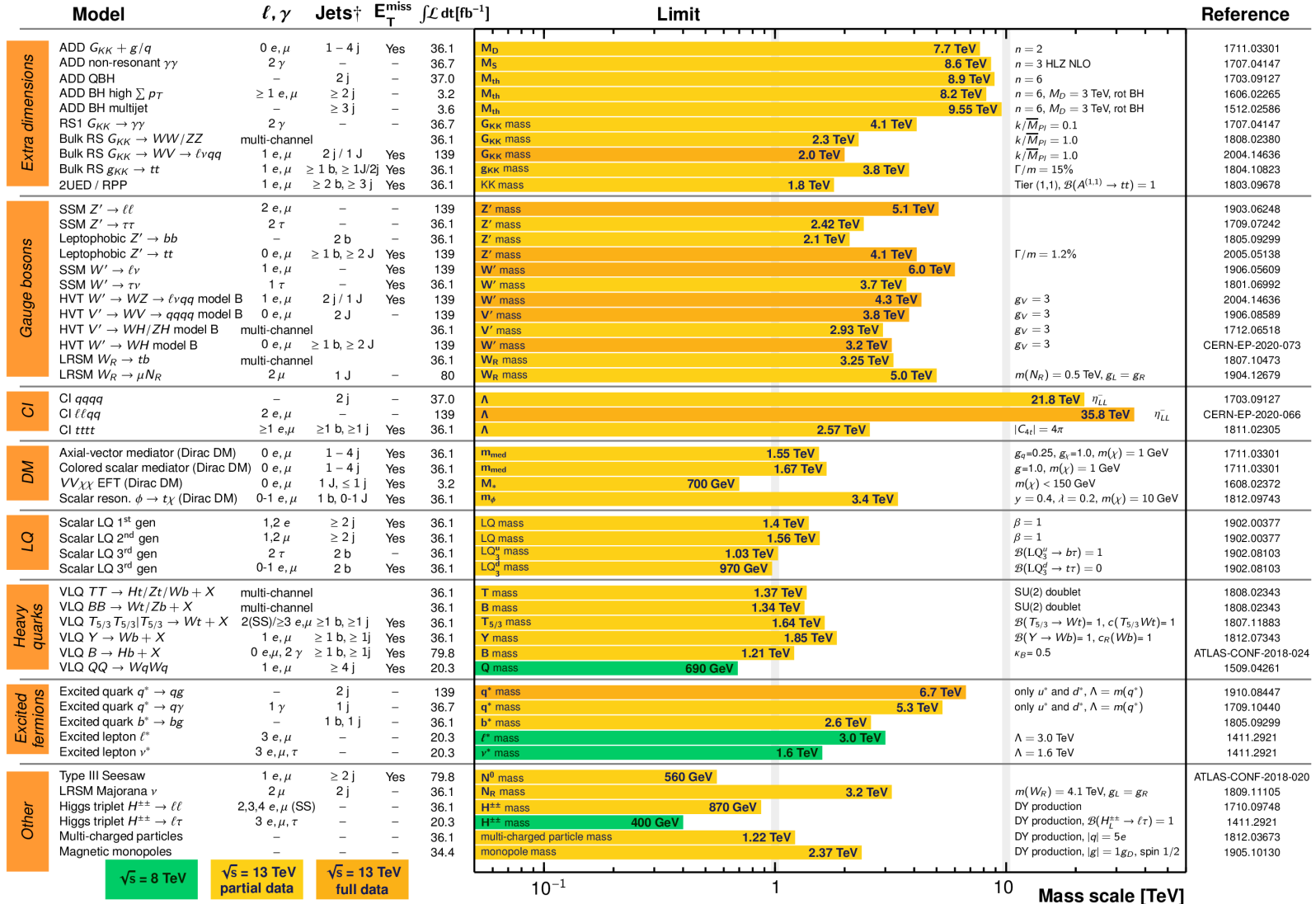
## ATLAS Exotics Searches\* - 95% CL Upper Exclusion Limits

Status: May 2020

**ATLAS** Preliminary

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$$\sqrt{s} = 8, 13 \text{ TeV}$$

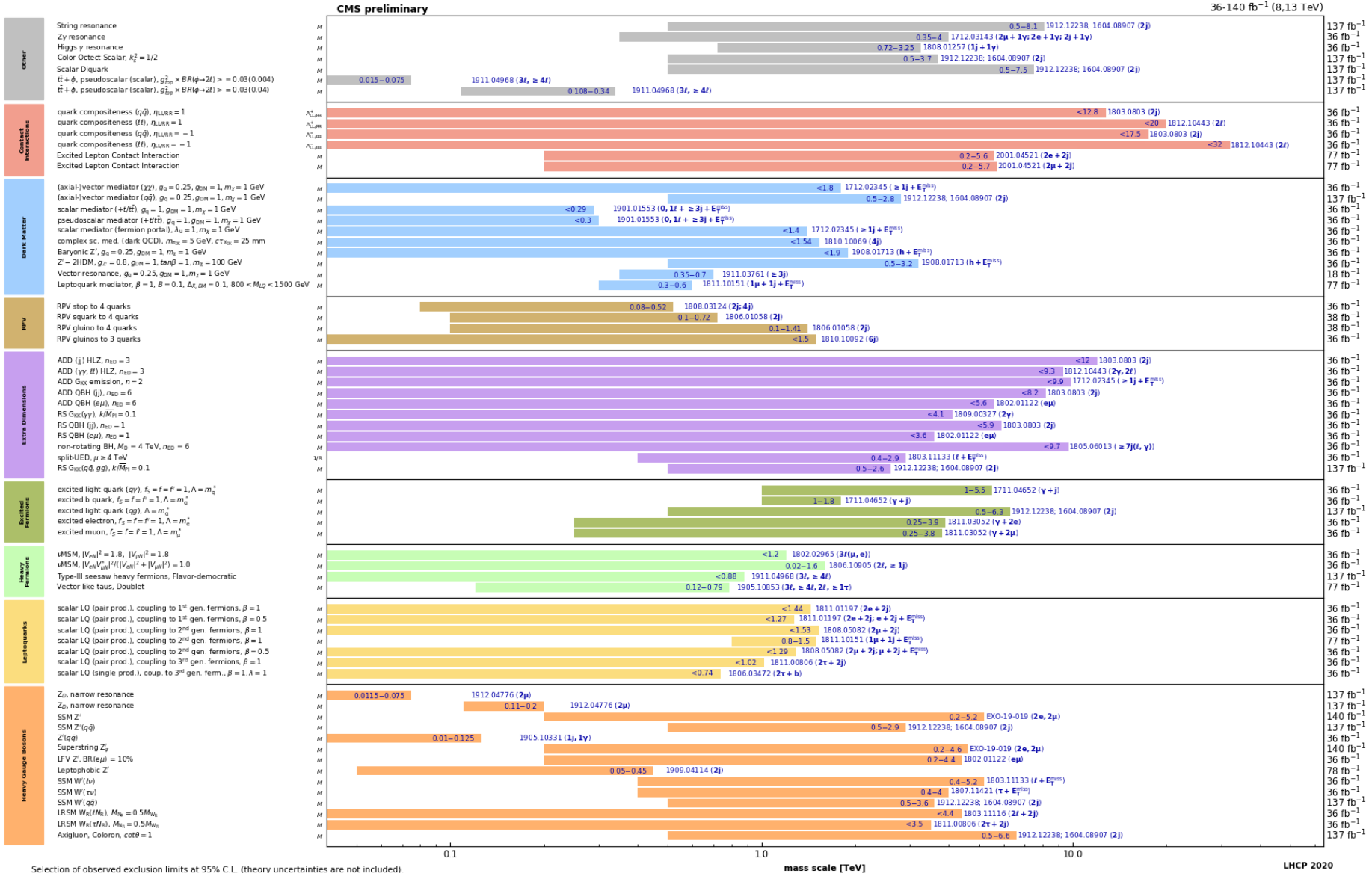


√s = 8 TeV
√s = 13 TeV partial data
√s = 13 TeV full data

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

†Small-radius (large-radius) jets are denoted by the letter j (J).

## Overview of CMS EXO results



Selection of observed exclusion limits at 95% C.L. (theory uncertainties are not included).

mass scale [TeV]

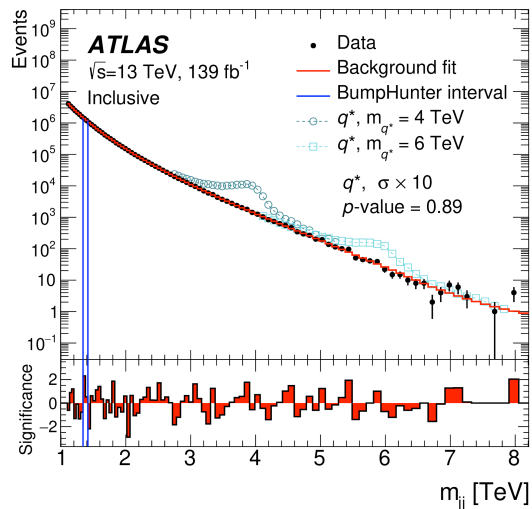
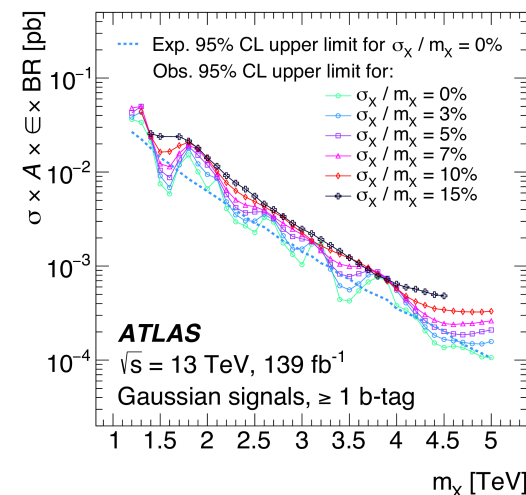
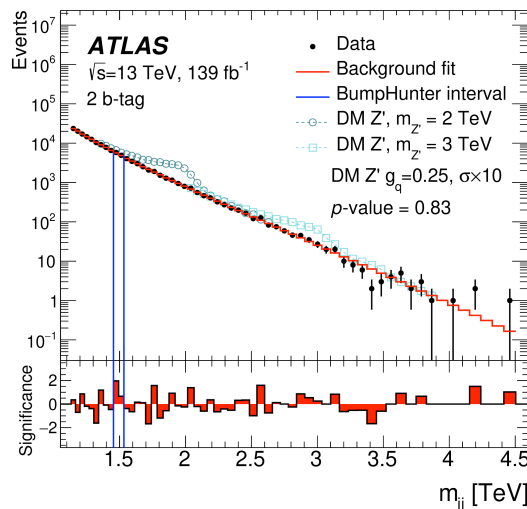
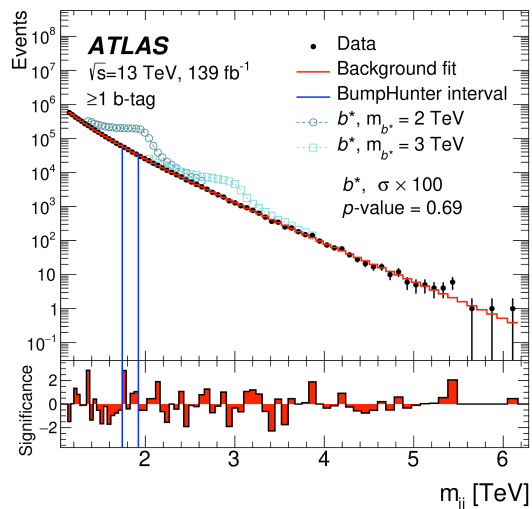
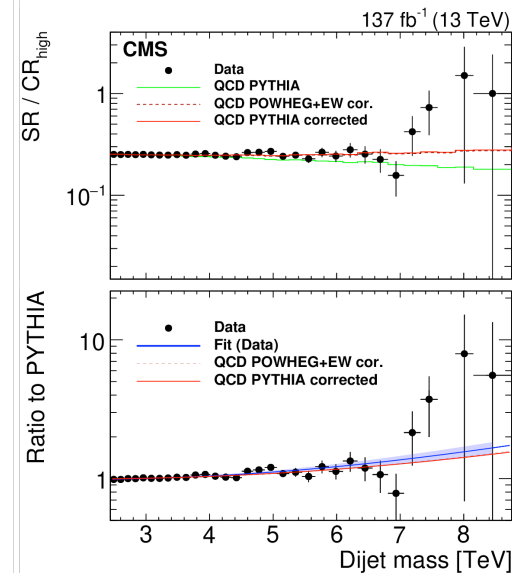
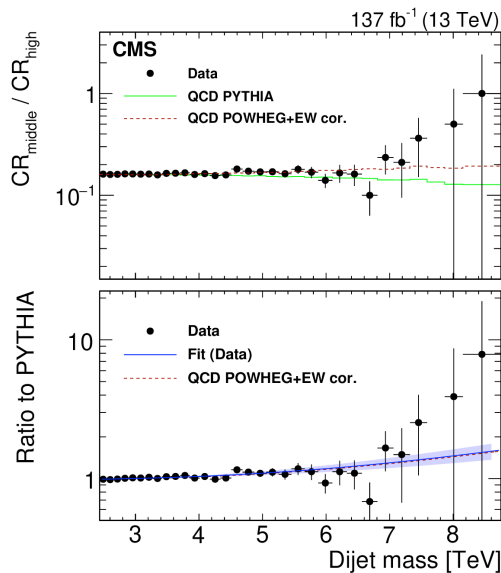
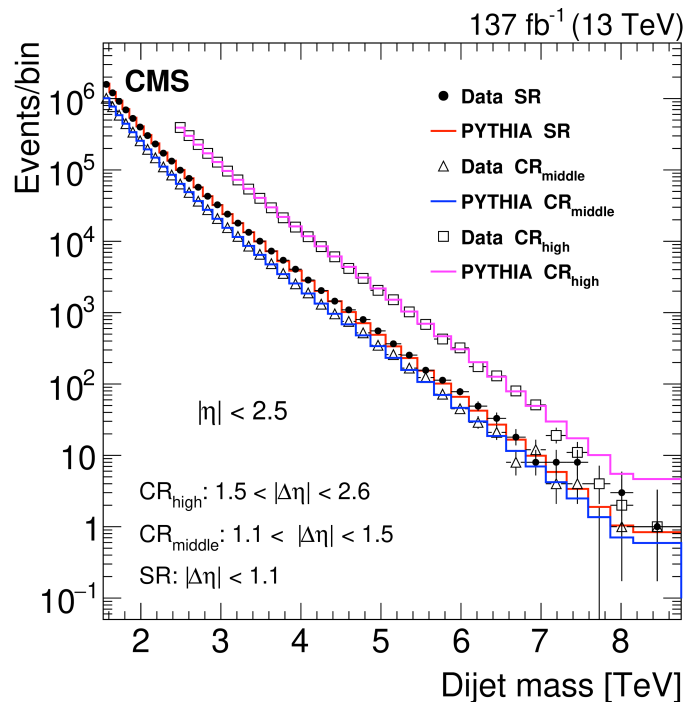


Table 2: The lower limits on the masses of benchmark signals at 95% CL.

Category	Model	Lower limit on signal mass at 95% CL	
		Observed	Expected
Inclusive	$q^*$	6.7 TeV	6.4 TeV
	QBH	9.4 TeV	9.4 TeV
	$W'$	4.0 TeV	4.2 TeV
	$W^*$	3.9 TeV	4.1 TeV
	DM mediator $Z'$ , $g_q = 0.20$	3.8 TeV	3.8 TeV
	DM mediator $Z'$ , $g_q = 0.50$	4.6 TeV	4.9 TeV
1b	$b^*$	3.2 TeV	3.1 TeV
2b	DM mediator $Z'$ , $g_q = 0.20$	2.8 TeV	2.8 TeV
	DM mediator $Z'$ , $g_q = 0.25$	2.9 TeV	3.0 TeV
	SSM $Z'$ ,	2.7 TeV	2.7 TeV
	graviton, $k/\overline{M}_{\text{PL}} = 0.2$	2.8 TeV	2.9 TeV





Fit method:  $\frac{d\sigma}{dm_{jj}} = \frac{P_0(1-x)P_1}{x^{P_2+P_3} \ln(x)}$

Ratio method:

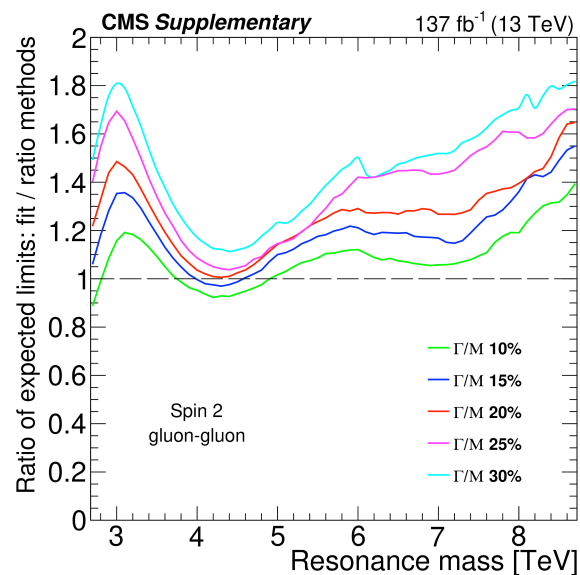
$$N_{SR}^{Prediction} = R \times N_{CR_{high}}^{Data}$$

$$R = C \times N_{SR}^{Simulation} / N_{CR_{high}}^{Simulation}$$

$$R_{aux.} = N_{CR_{middle}} / N_{CR_{high}}$$

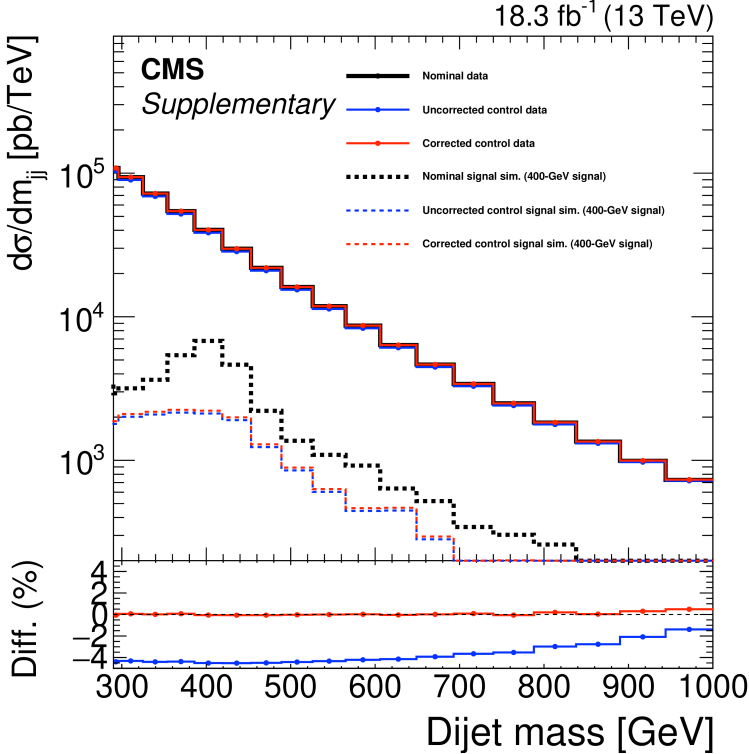
$$C = \frac{R_{aux.}^{Data}}{R_{aux.}^{Simulation}} = p_0 + p_1 \times (m_{jj} / \sqrt{s})^3$$

Model	Final state	Observed (expected) mass limit [TeV]
String	q g	7.9 (8.1)
Scalar diquark	q q	7.5 (7.9)
Axigluon/coloron	q q̄	6.6 (6.4)
Excited quark	q g	6.3 (6.2)
Color-octet scalar ( $k_s^2 = 1/2$ )	g g	3.7 (3.9)
W' SM-like	q q̄	3.6 (3.9)
Z' SM-like	q q̄	2.9 (3.4)
RS graviton ( $k/\overline{M}_{Pl} = 0.1$ )	q q̄, g g	2.6 (2.6)
DM mediator ( $m_{DM} = 1 \text{ GeV}$ )	q q̄	2.8 (3.2)





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Selection	Data after trigger sel.	Signal (800 GeV)	Signal (600 GeV)	Signal (500 GeV)	Signal (400 GeV)	Signal (300 GeV)
Trigger	(100%)	91.1% ± 0.1%	85.9% ± 0.1%	82.2% ± 0.1%	68.1% ± 0.1%	43.3% ± 0.1%
$ \Delta\eta(jj)  < 1.1$	45.2% ± 0.2%	52.4% ± 0.1%	52.6% ± 0.1%	52.6% ± 0.1%	47.1% ± 0.1%	34.2% ± 0.1%
Three jets $p_T > 72$ GeV	7.8% ± 0.1%	13.6% ± 0.1%	10.9% ± 0.1%	9.2% ± 0.1%	6.68% ± 0.05%	4.04% ± 0.03%
$290 < m_{jj} < 1000$ GeV	3.6% ± 0.1%	12.3% ± 0.1%	10.1% ± 0.1%	8.3% ± 0.1%	5.39% ± 0.05%	2.70% ± 0.03%

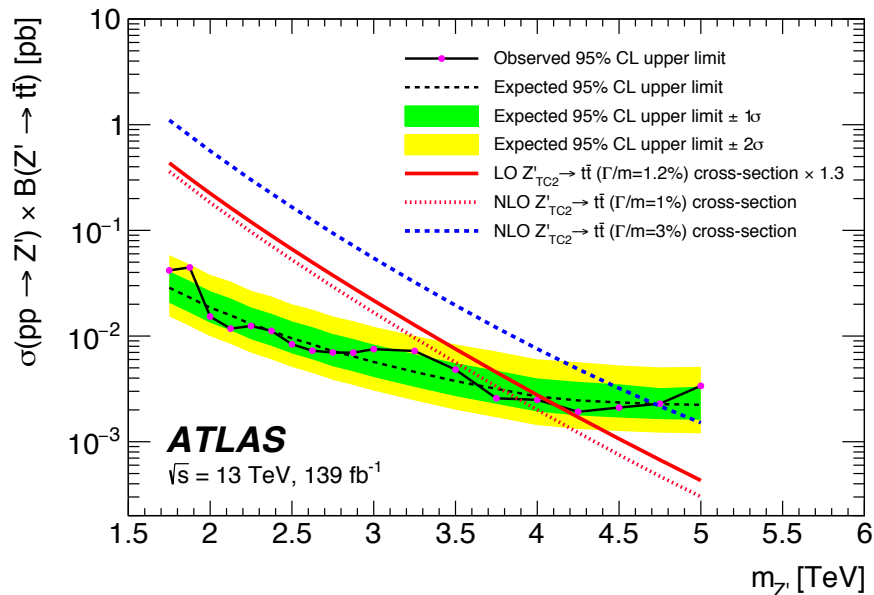
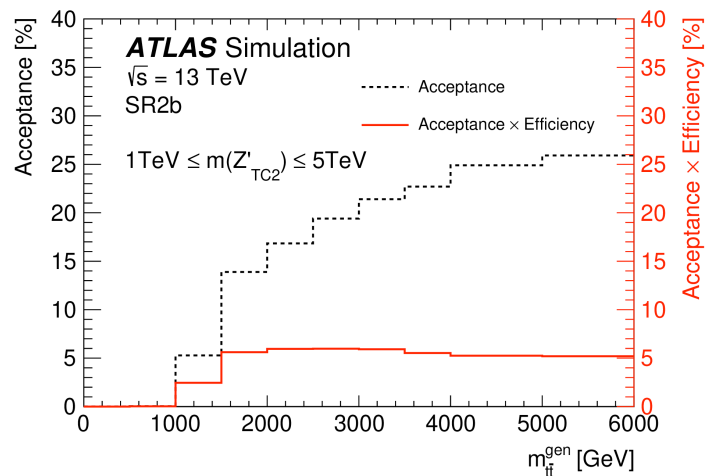
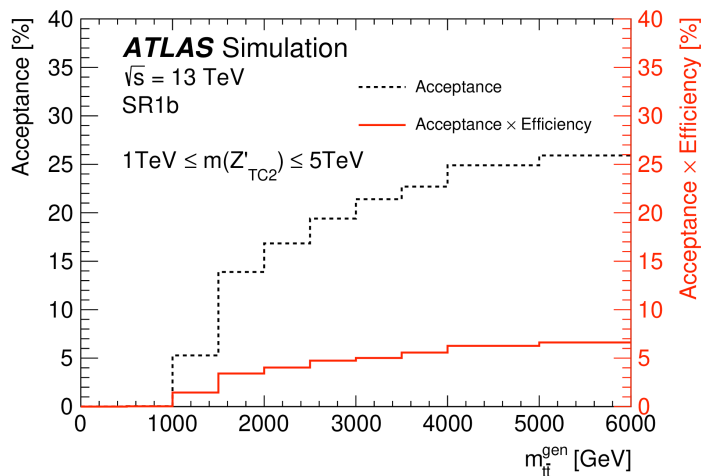


Table 1: Event categorization used to model the multijet background from data according to whether the leading and subleading large- $R$  jets are top-tagged or  $b$ -tagged. If the large- $R$  jet is top-tagged, it is denoted by  $t$ , and otherwise by  $\bar{t}$ , as indicated in the left column or in the bottom row. Similarly, if the large- $R$  jet is  $b$ -tagged, it is denoted by  $b$ , and otherwise by  $\bar{b}$ . The percentages in parentheses show the expected fractions of SM  $t\bar{t}$  events obtained using the  $t\bar{t}$  and multijet simulation samples. Non- $t\bar{t}$  or non-multijet background events are negligible. The signal regions, SR1 $b$  and SR2 $b$ , are coloured in red, the template region (TR) in grey and the rest of the control regions A-I in light blue.

Subleading large- $R$ jet	$t\bar{b}$	A (6.1%)		SR1 $b$ (23%)	SR2 $b$ (90%)
	$t\bar{\bar{b}}$	B (0.5%)	E (1.8%)	TR (2.6%)	SR1 $b$ (28%)
	$\bar{t}b$	C (0.4%)		G (2.3%)	
	$\bar{t}\bar{b}$	D (< 0.1%)	F (0.3%)	H (0.4%)	I (6.7%)
		$\bar{t}\bar{b}$	$\bar{t}b$	$t\bar{b}$	$t\bar{t}$

Leading large- $R$  jet



# CMS: dilepton resonances

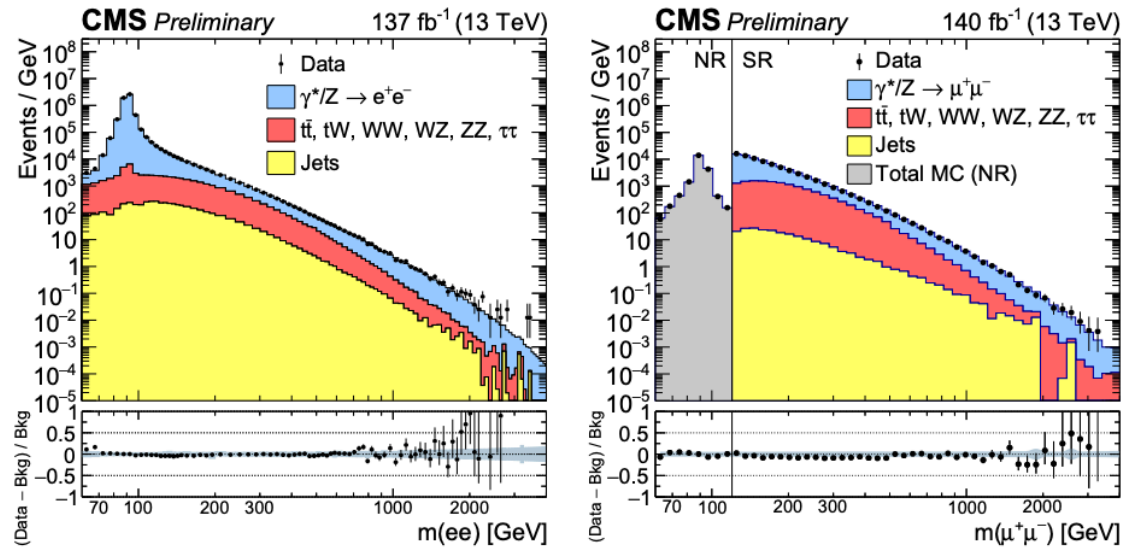
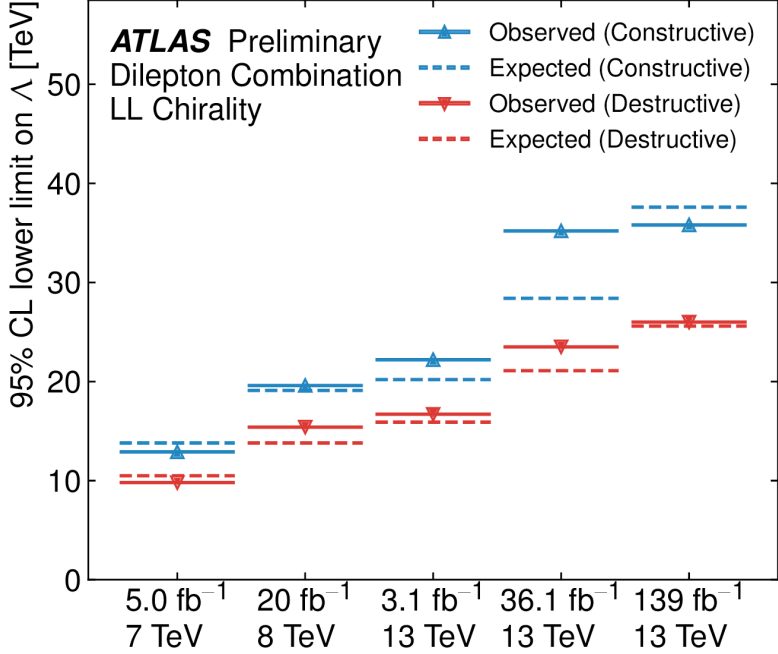


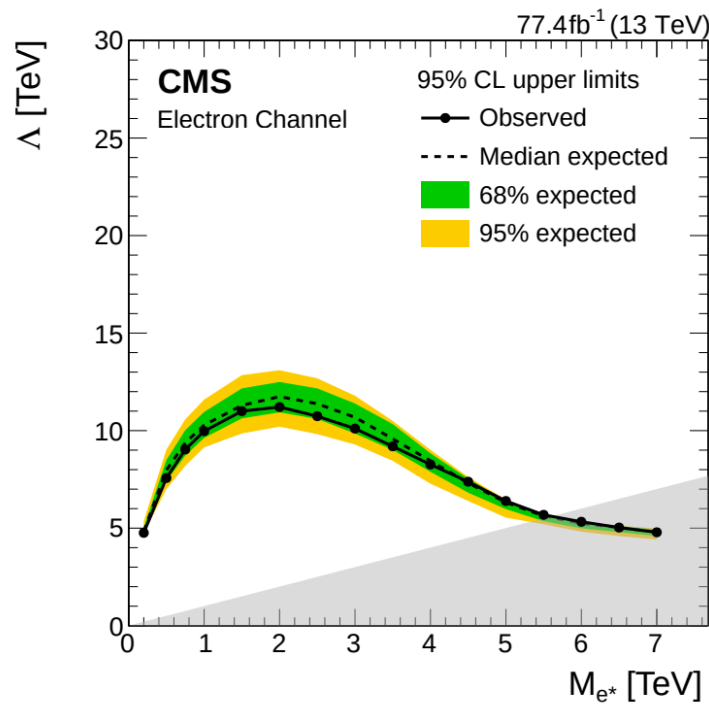
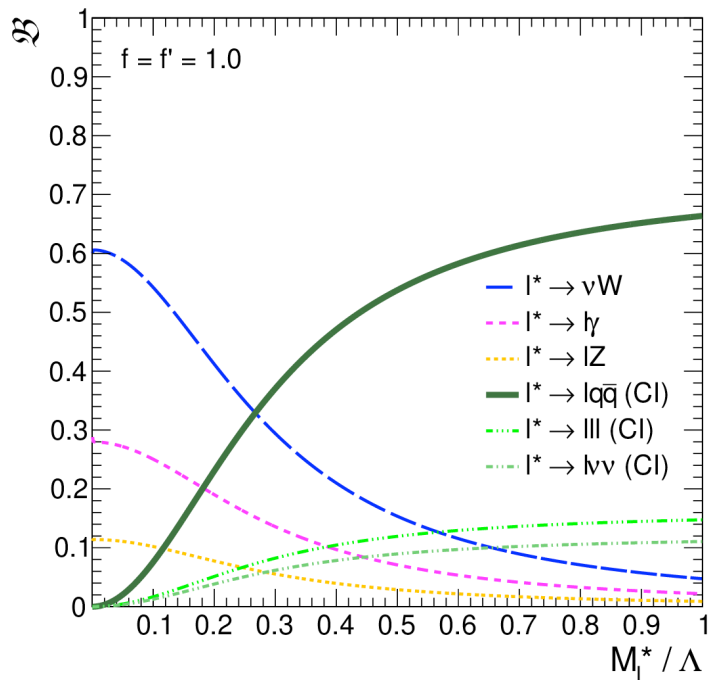
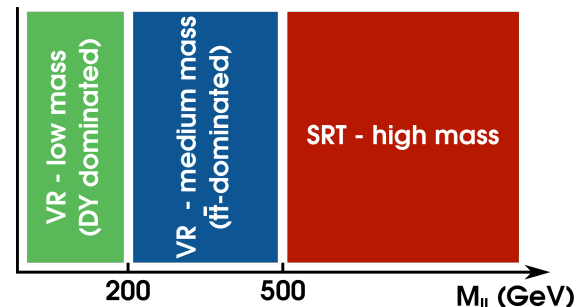
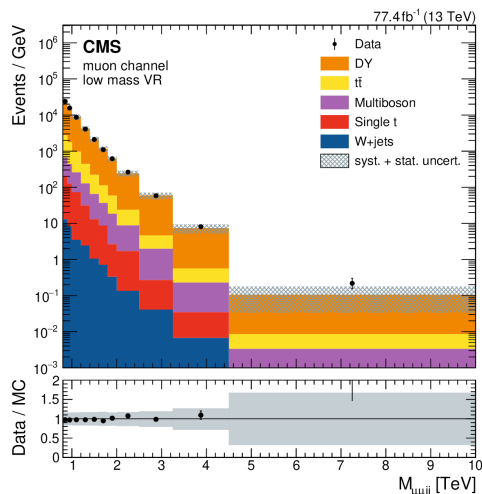
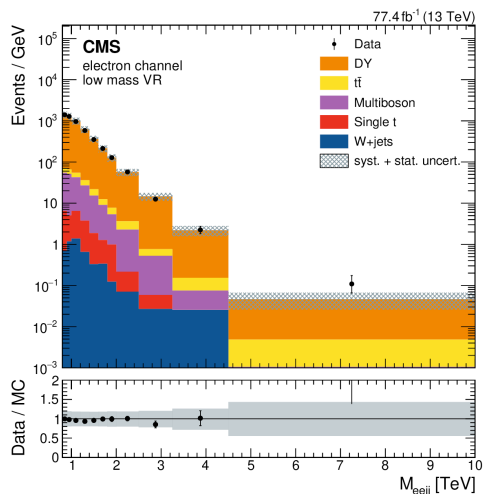
Figure 1: The invariant mass distribution of pairs of (left) electrons and (right) muons observed in data (black dots with statistical error bars) and expected from the SM processes (stacked histograms). For the dimuon channel, a prescaled trigger with a  $p_T$  threshold of 27 GeV was used to collect events in the normalization region (NR) with  $m_{\mu\mu} < 120$  GeV. The corresponding offline threshold is 30 GeV. Events in the signal region (SR) corresponding to masses above 120 GeV are collected using an unprescaled single muon trigger. The bin width gradually increases with mass. The ratio of the data yields after background subtraction to the background yields is shown on the bottom plots. The blue band represents the various statistical and systematic uncertainties on the background.

Channel	$Z'_{SSM}$		$Z'_\psi$	
	Obs. [TeV]	Exp. [TeV]	Obs. [TeV]	Exp. [TeV]
ee	4.72	4.72	4.11	4.13
$\mu^+\mu^-$	4.89	4.90	4.29	4.30
ee + $\mu^+\mu^-$	5.15	5.14	4.56	4.55

Channel	Constructive interference			Destructive interference		
	CR <sub>min</sub>	CR <sub>max</sub>	SR <sub>min</sub>	CR <sub>min</sub>	CR <sub>max</sub>	SR <sub>min</sub>
$e^+e^-$	280	2200	2200	310	1450	2770
$\mu^+\mu^-$	310	2070	2070	320	1250	2570

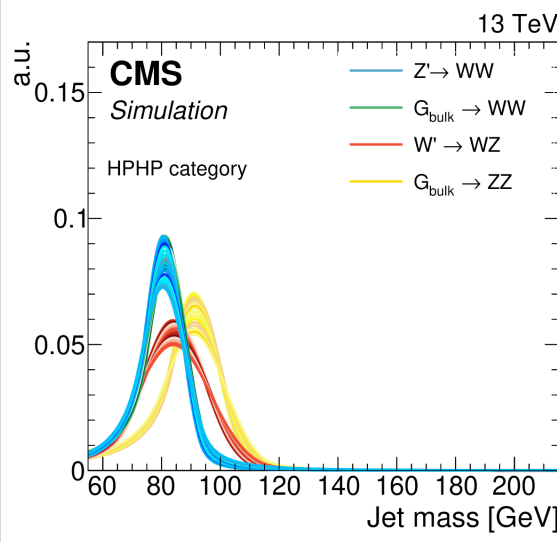
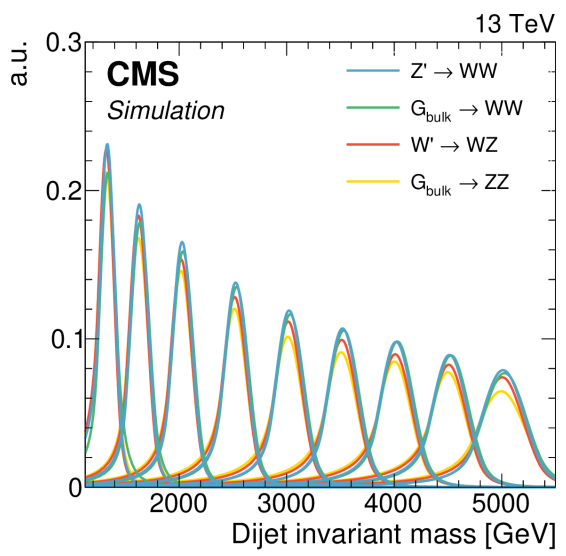
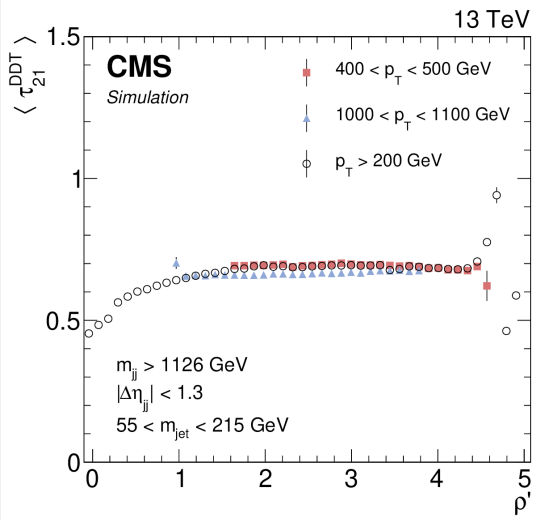
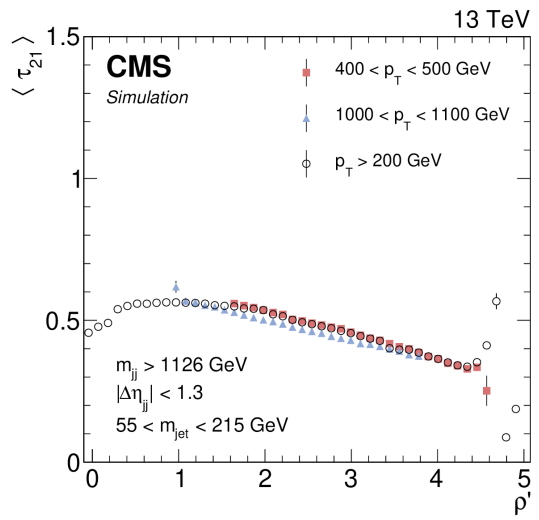
Int.	Channel	Exp./Obs.	LL	LR	RL	RR
Constructive	$ee$	Expected	31.1	28.9	28.7	30.9
		Observed	26.1	24.7	24.6	26.0
	$\mu\mu$	Expected	29.2	27.1	27.0	29.0
		Observed	32.7	30.0	29.8	32.6
	$\ell\ell$	Expected	37.6	34.0	33.7	37.3
		Observed	35.8	32.5	32.3	35.5
Destructive	$ee$	Expected	23.0	24.4	24.4	23.2
		Observed	23.5	25.1	25.1	23.7
	$\mu\mu$	Expected	22.0	23.6	23.6	22.2
		Observed	22.3	23.9	23.9	22.5
	$\ell\ell$	Expected	25.6	28.0	28.0	25.9
		Observed	26.0	28.8	28.8	26.5





# CMS: $VV \rightarrow qqqq$ resonances (I)

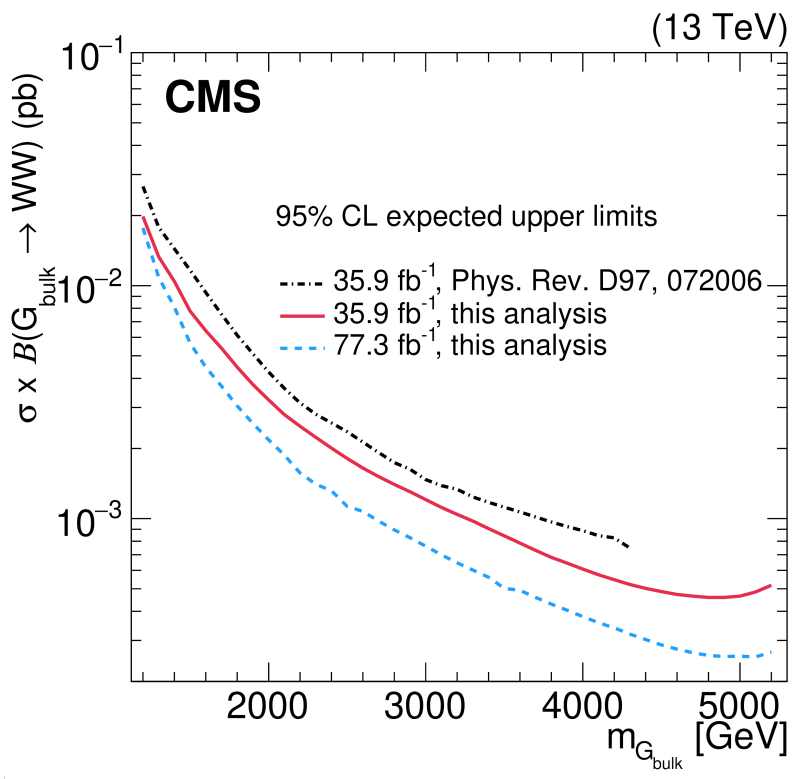
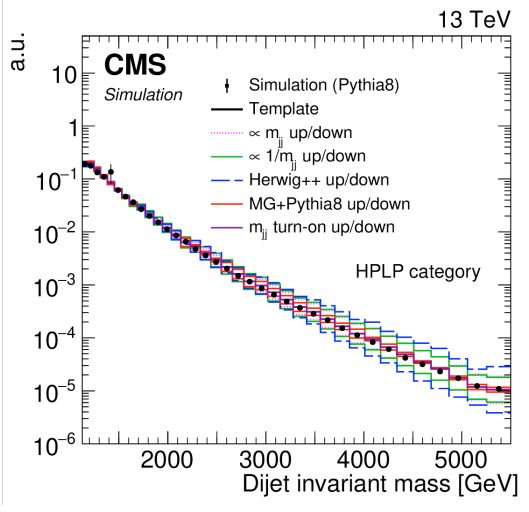
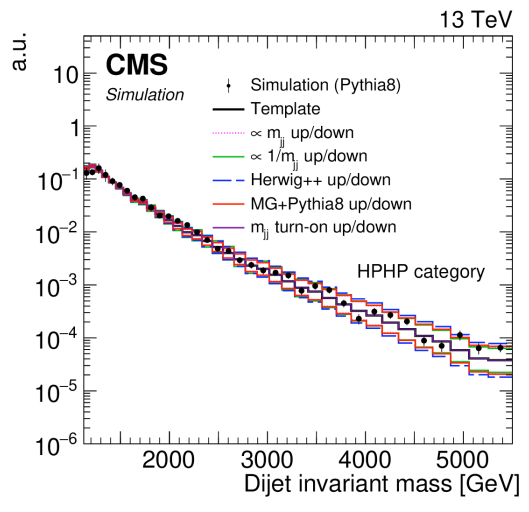
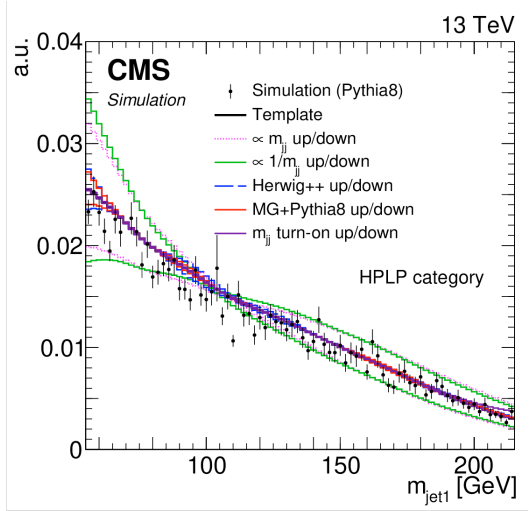
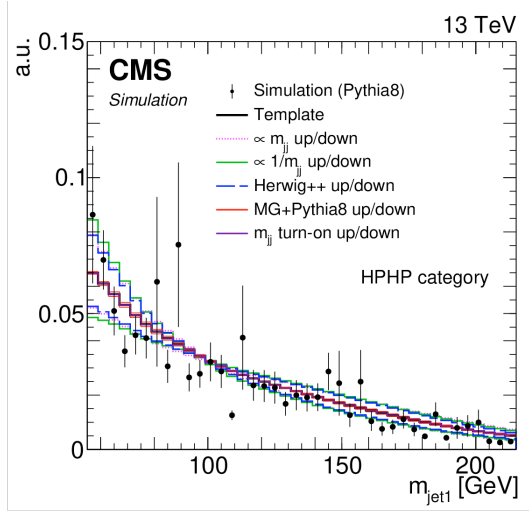
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Source	Relevant quantity	HPHP unc. (%)	HPLP unc. (%)
PDFs	Signal yield		3
Wboson tagging efficiency	Signal + V+jets yield	25 (21)	13 (11)
Wboson tagging $p_T$ dependence	Signal + V+jets yield	8-23	9-25
Integrated luminosity	Signal + V+jets yield		2.3 (2.6)
QCD normalization	Background yield		50
W+jets normalization	Background yield		20
Z+jets normalization	Migration		20
PDFs	Signal $m_{jj}/m_{jet}$ mean and width		<1
Jet energy scale	Signal $m_{jj}$ mean		2
Jet energy resolution	Signal $m_{jj}$ width		5
Jet mass scale	Signal + V+jets $m_{jet}$ mean		2
Jet mass resolution	Signal + V+jets $m_{jet}$ width		8
QCD HERWIG++	QCD shape		—
QCD MADGRAPH+PYTHIA8	QCD shape		—
$p_T$ variations	QCD shape		—
Scale variations	QCD shape		—
High- $m_{jet}$ turn-on	QCD shape		—
$p_T$ variations	V+jets $m_{jj}$ shape		—

# CMS: $VV \rightarrow qqqq$ resonances (II)

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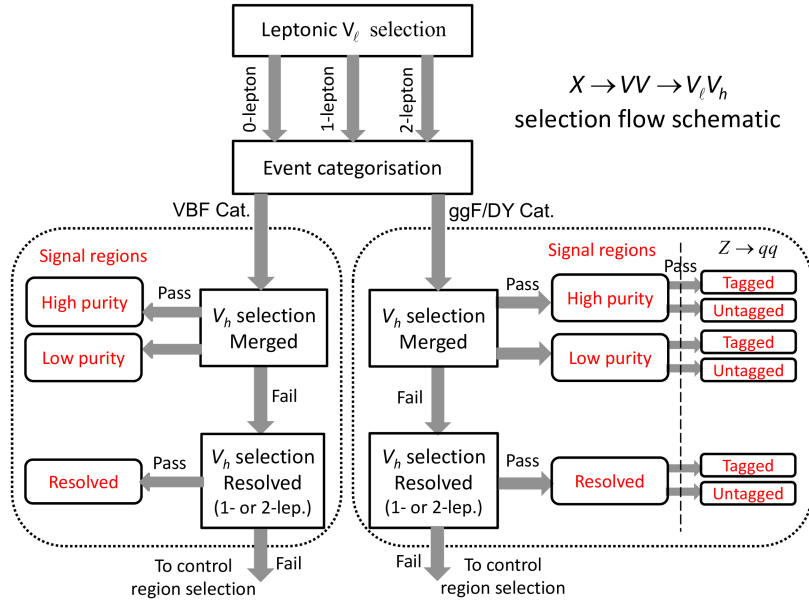
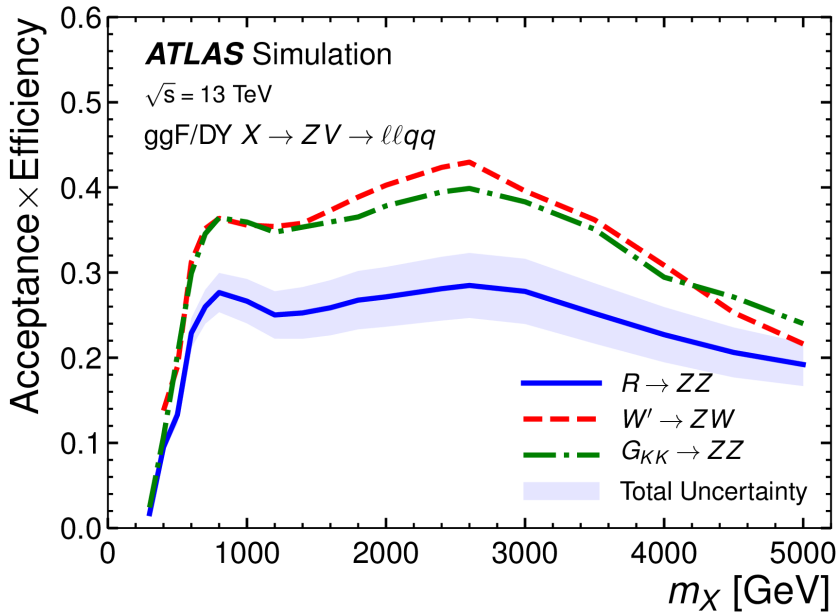
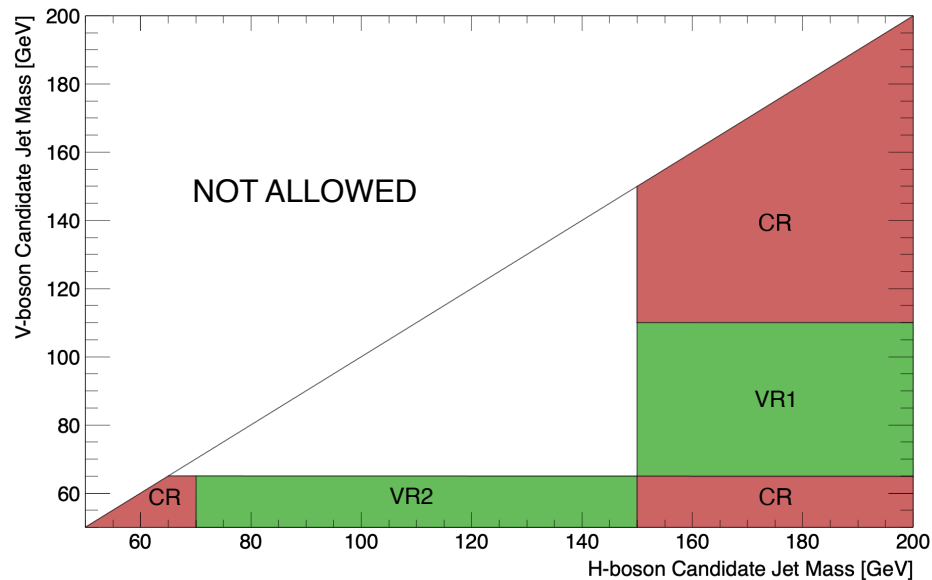
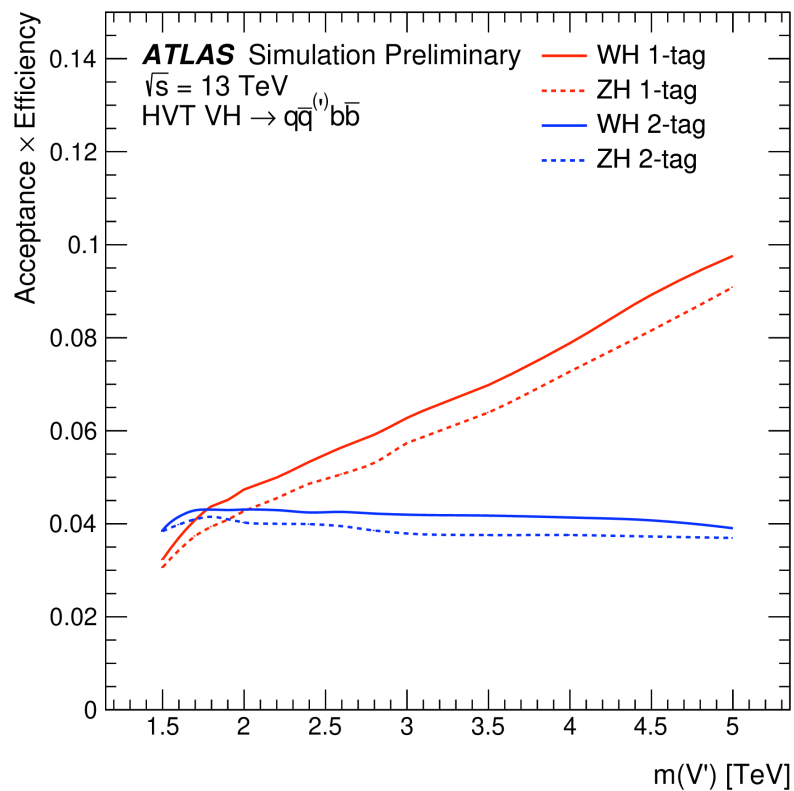


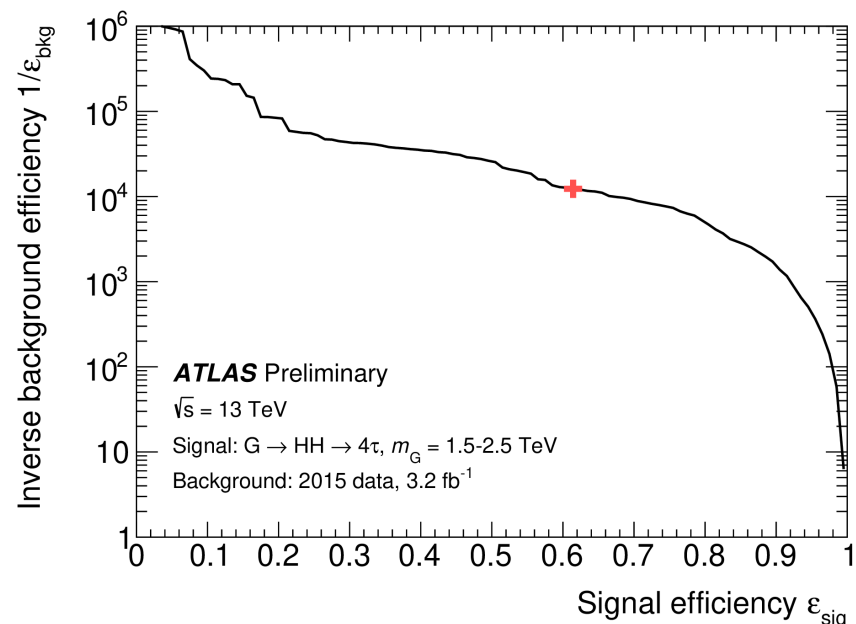
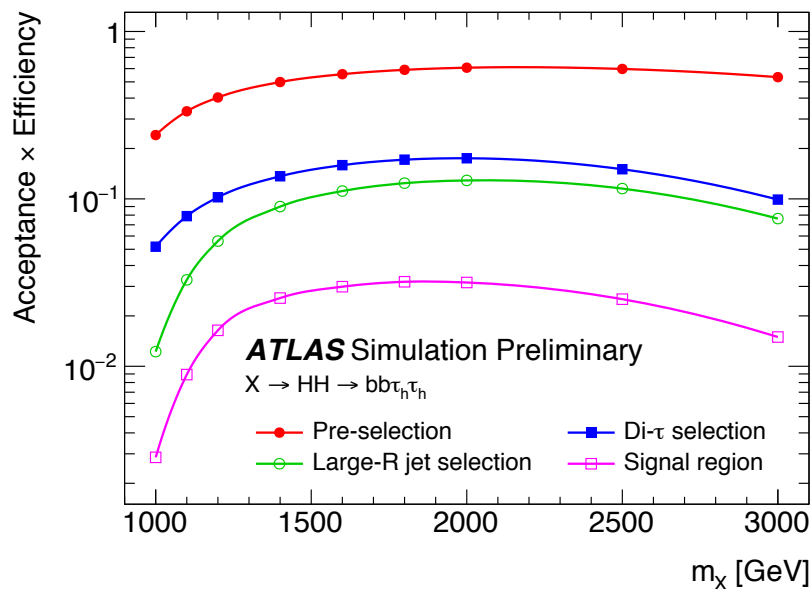
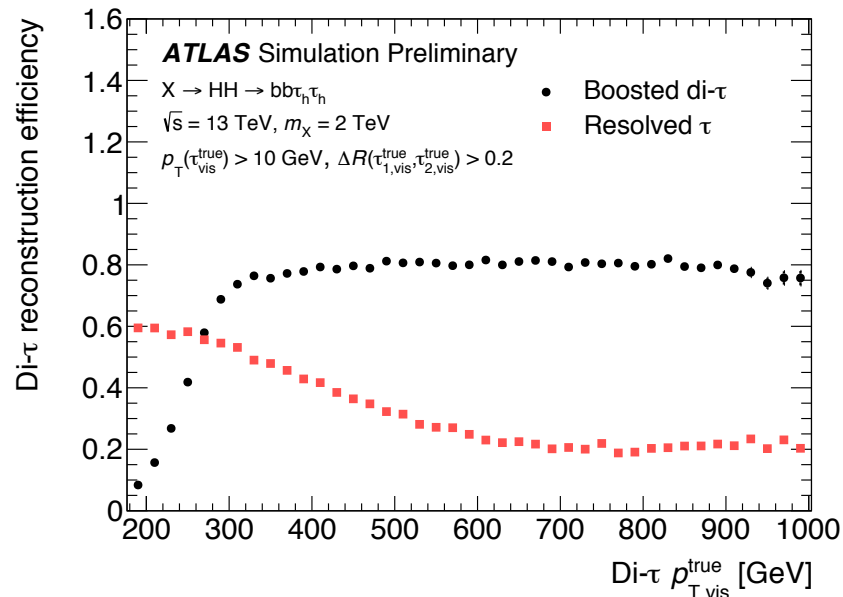
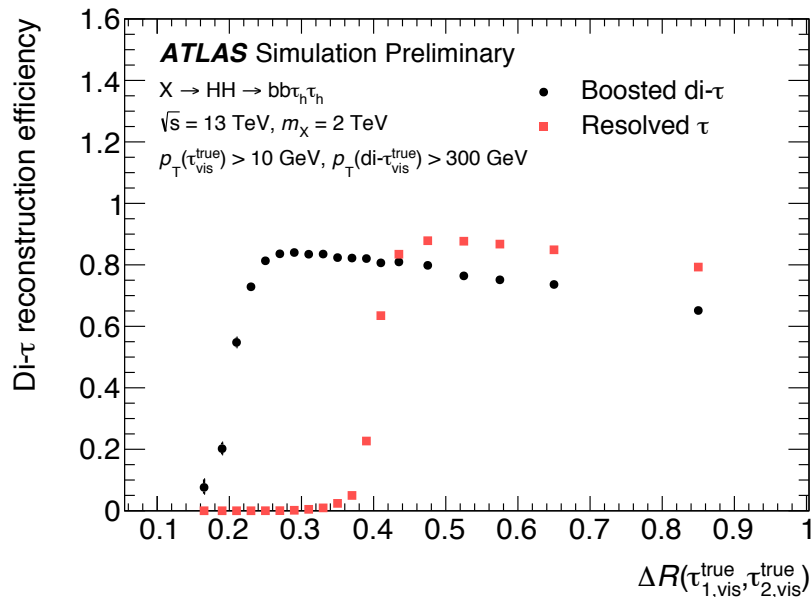
Table 2: Overview of the main  $X \rightarrow VV \rightarrow V_\ell V_h$  selection criteria; the text gives more details.  $\mathcal{R}_{p_{T/m}}$  stands for  $\min(p_{T/m}^{V_\ell}, p_{T/m}^{V_h})/m_{VV}$ .

Event selection	0-lepton ( $ZV \rightarrow \nu\nu V_h$ )	1-lepton ( $WV \rightarrow \ell\nu V_h$ )	2-lepton ( $ZV \rightarrow \ell\ell V_h$ )
$V_\ell$ selection	No <i>Loose</i> lepton $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 250$ GeV $p_T^{\text{miss}} > 50$ GeV	1 <i>Tight</i> electron or 1 <i>Medium</i> muon with $p_T^\ell > 30$ GeV $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 60$ GeV $p_T^{V_\ell} > 75$ GeV	2 <i>Loose</i> leptons with $p_T^\ell > 30$ GeV from the $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$ candidate
Event veto	No additional <i>Loose</i> leptons Veto events with $b$ -jets not associated with the $Z \rightarrow qq$ candidate		
Event categorisation	$\geq 1$ large- $R$ jets or $\geq 2$ small- $R$ jets VBF and ggF/DY classification according to RNN score		
$V_h$ selection (Merged)	$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 100$ GeV $p_T^{V_\ell} > 200$ GeV		
	$\geq 1$ large- $R$ jets The leading jet passing $p_T$ -dependent $m_J$ requirement		
$V_h$ selection (Resolved)	$\mathcal{R}_{p_{T/m}} > 0.35$ (ggF/DY)	$\mathcal{R}_{p_{T/m}} > 0.35$ (ggF/DY)	
	$\mathcal{R}_{p_{T/m}} > 0.25$ (VBF)	$\mathcal{R}_{p_{T/m}} > 0.25$ (VBF)	
Not Performed	Failed merged selection $\geq 2$ small- $R$ jets with $ \eta  < 2.5$ $62 < m_{jj} < 97$ GeV for $W \rightarrow jj$ $70 < m_{jj} < 105$ GeV for $Z \rightarrow jj$		
	$\mathcal{R}_{p_{T/m}} > 0.35$ (ggF/DY)	$\mathcal{R}_{p_{T/m}} > 0.35$ (ggF/DY)	
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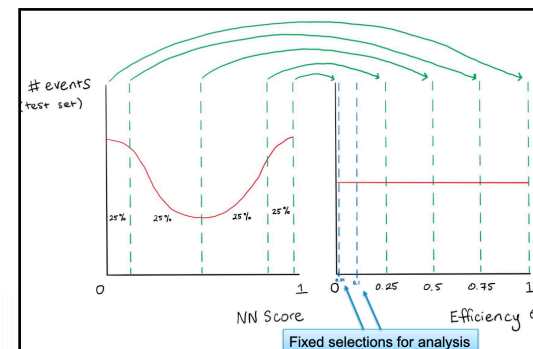
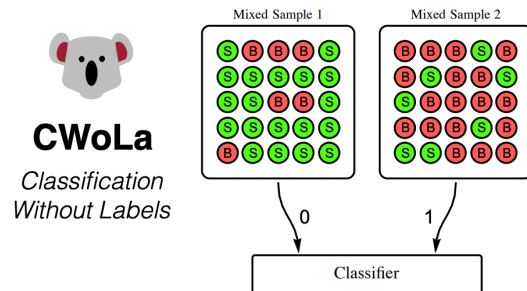
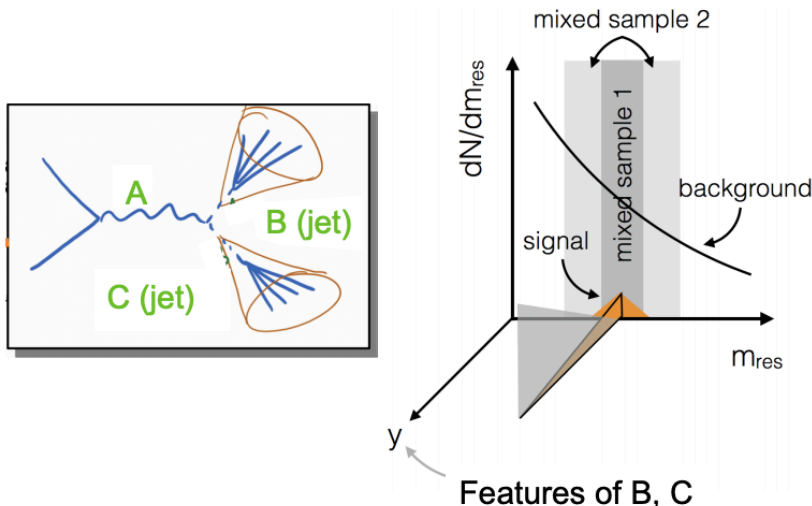






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## Trials Factors

SLAC

- Trials factor for discovery potential with large numbers of bins

$$\max_{n_{bins}} \left( \text{Pois}(B) \cdots \text{Pois}(B) \right) \rightarrow \text{High probability of large excess}$$

- In 3D  $m_A, m_B, m_C$  space,  $n_{bins} \gg 1$
- CWoLa hunting (for fixed  $m_A$ ):

Background-only

$$\text{argmax} \left( \text{Pois}(B) \cdots \text{Pois}(B) \right)$$

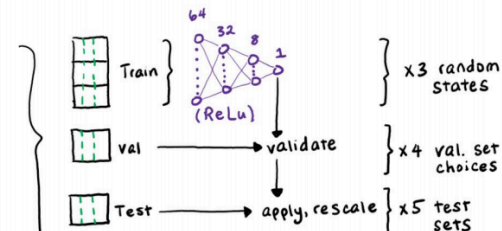
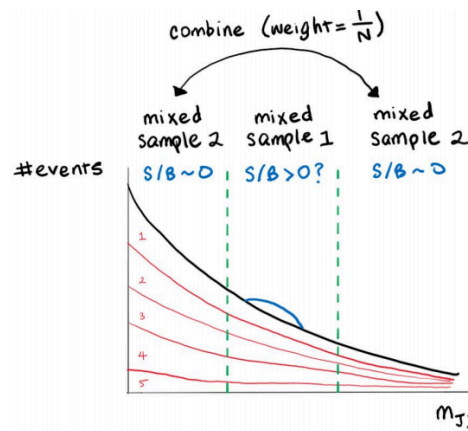
$$\text{argmax} \left( \text{Pois}(B) \cdots \text{Pois}(B) \right) \rightarrow \text{Low probability of large excess}$$

True signal present

$$\text{argmax} \left( \text{Pois}(B+S) \cdots \text{Pois}(B) \right)$$

$$\text{argmax} \left( \text{Pois}(B+S) \cdots \text{Pois}(B) \right) \rightarrow \text{Excess in bin with signal}$$

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$$\times n_{\text{signal regions}} = 6$$