

Searches for exotic heavy particles with ATLAS

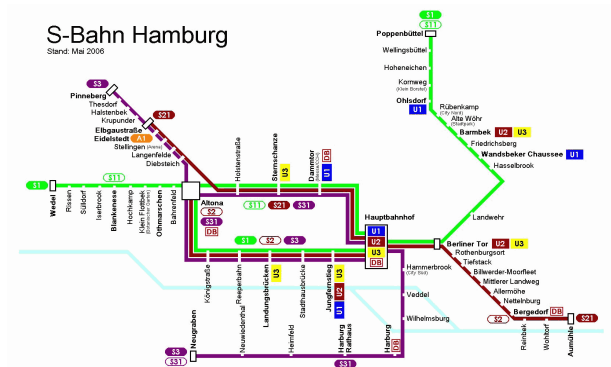
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- Run-1 search Highlights
- A brief look towards run-II
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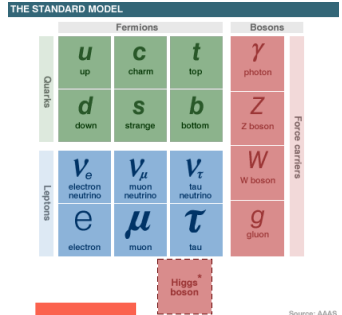
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The Standard Model (SM) of particle physics:

- Fermionic matter:
 - Three generations of **quarks**
 - Three generations of **leptons**
- Gauge Bosons:
 - Four Force carriers : γ (EM), $W^{\pm}$, Z (Weak), g (strong)
 - The Higgs Boson to give mass

"Was she pretty?" asked the bigger of the small girls. "Not as pretty as any of you," said the bachelor, "but she was horribly good."

The storyteller - H. H. Munro (Saki)



So what's wrong with the Standard Model?

- No Dark Matter candidates
- Not enough CP violation to explain the observed matter-antimatter imbalance
- ~~The Higgs boson has still not been observed~~
- No gravity
- Particle masses are not understood

Is there physics beyond the Standard Model?



- Searches for Exotic (Non-SUSY) BSM physics are a large part of the LHC Programme:
 - 79 (75) ATLAS Exotics (CMS Exotica+B2G) Publications (2011-2014)
- Easy for a seminar discussing this wide programme to become a fashion parade of exotic models and searches
- Here I will present what I consider to be the edited highlights: concentrating on searches for new heavy bosons and fermions
- Will discuss topics that I think are of particular relevance for run-II
- Will present the results of the run-I searches in approximately the order I expect the results to appear from LHC Run-II

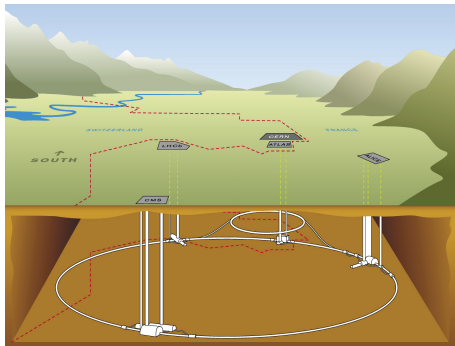


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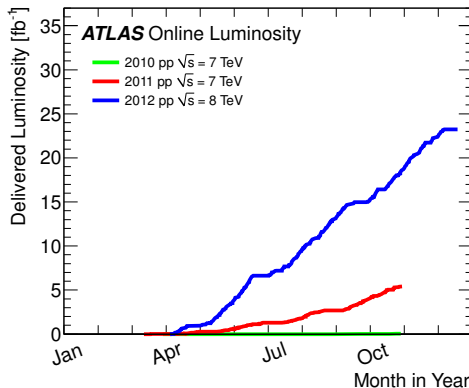
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- 27 km circumference ring
- So far collided protons at centre-of-mass energies 7 and 8 TeV, expecting 13 TeV in run-II
- Four detectors installed around the ring
- An excellent environment to test the Standard Model and search for new Physics



The LHC performed excellently in 2010-2012:

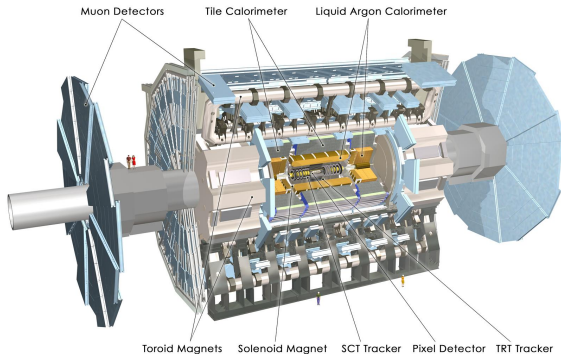
- $\sim 35 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ of 7 TeV pp collisions/experiment 2010
- $\sim 5 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ of 7 TeV pp collisions/experiment 2011
- $\sim 20 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ of 8 TeV pp collisions/experiment 2012



The ATLAS detector at the LHC:

- precise calorimetry:
 - Hadronic jets
 - electrons
- Precise tracking:
 - Muons
 - b -jet tagging
- Excellent solid-angle coverage:
 - E_T^{miss}

Versatile detector for finding new physics in a variety of final states



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- First go for the potential early discoveries:
 - large-cross-section processes
 - simple final states
- Then tougher targets:
 - smaller cross-sections
 - complex signatures
- Make sure to check the rest with:
 - model independent searches
 - precision measurements



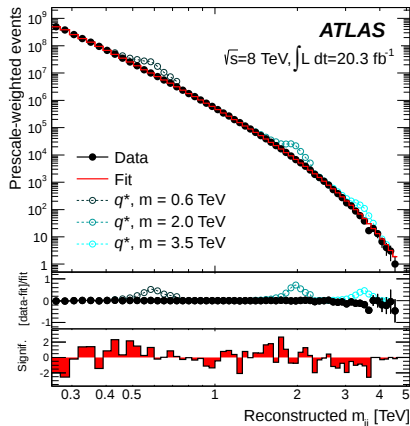
First, the low hanging fruit:

- large cross section:
 - dijets
- simple (clean) final states
 - $l^+ l^-$
 - $l \nu$

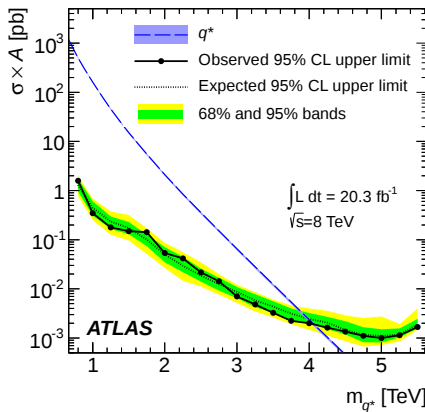


Search for new physics in dijets
 20 fb^{-1} @ 8 TeV: [arXiv:1407.1376](https://arxiv.org/abs/1407.1376)

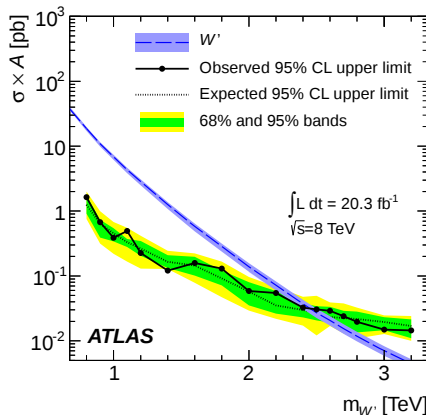
- Require two central jets
 $|y| < 2.8$, $p_T > 50 \text{ GeV}$
- Reduce t -channel-like processes
 $|y_{1,2}| < 2.8$, $|y^*| < 0.6$
- $|m_{jj}| > 250 \text{ GeV}$
- Search for a bump in the m_{jj} spectrum



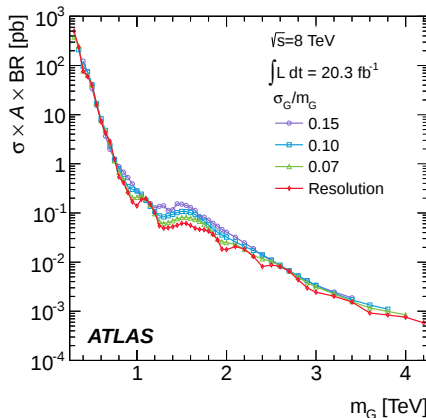
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- Application to set limits on NP models beyond those directly considered is possible



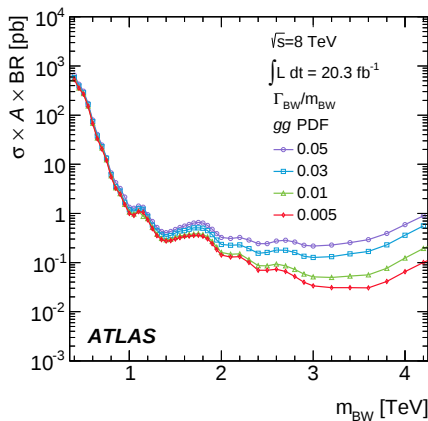
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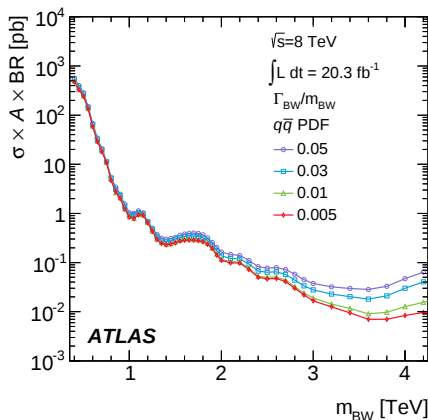
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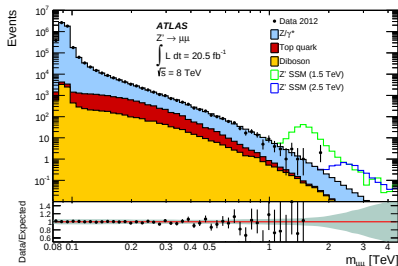
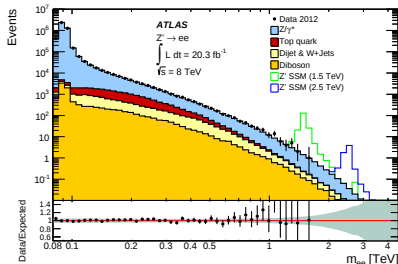


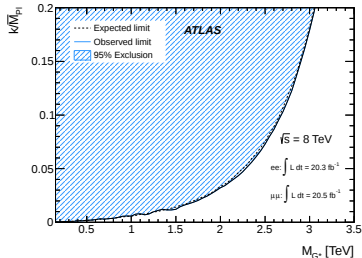
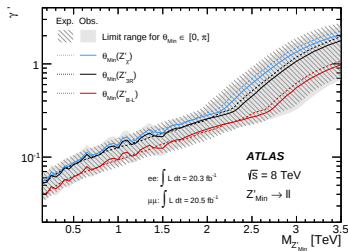
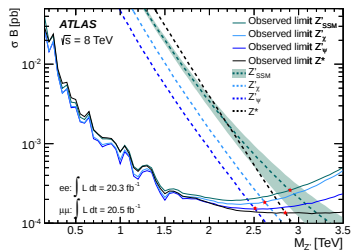
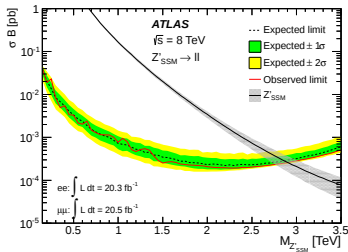
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Another early search channel is l^+l^- :
 (Phys Rev D90, 052005 (2014))

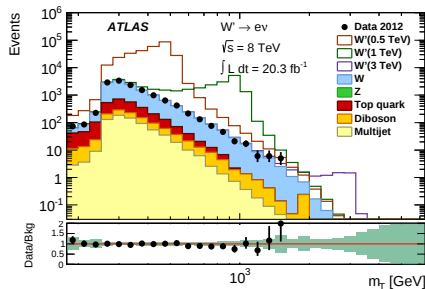
- Select two high p_T leptons
- Search invariant mass spectrum
- Set limits on models





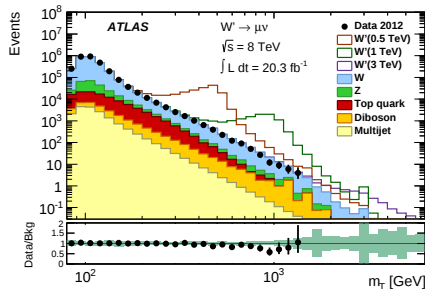
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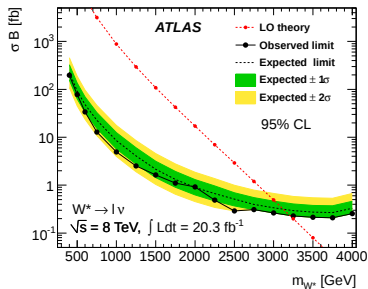
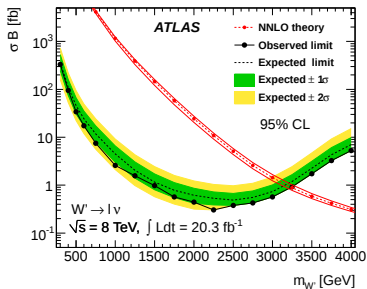
- JHEP 1409 (2014) 037
- Select a high- p_T lepton
- Require E_T^{miss} that balances p_T^l
- Search m_T distribution for excesses
 - e-channel
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As data sets become better understood, more challenging quarry can be approached:

- More complex observables (e.g. [Eur. Phys. J. C \(2014\) 74 3134](#))
- Final states with τ s and b s (e.g. [JHEP 1411 \(2014\) 056](#))
- Complex multi-object final states
- Processes with very small expected cross sections
- Final states with boosted heavy objects
- Long-lived particle searches, (e.g. [arXiv:1501.04020](#))



Examples of models that produce many-particle final states:

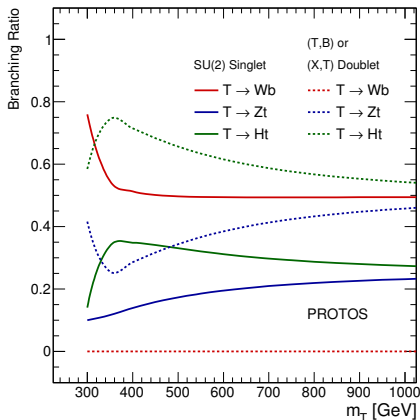
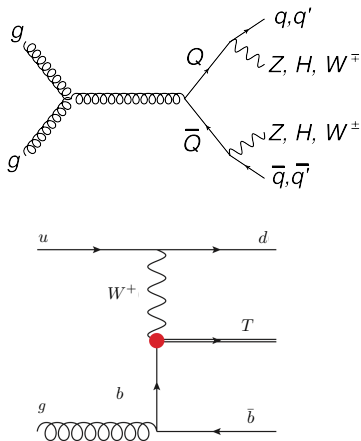
- Compositeness scenarios and Extra dimension models produce Vector-Like quarks
- Such scenarios can also produce resonances that decay to pairs of vector bosons such as were searched for in [arXiv:1409.6190](#) (as can various BSM Higgs bosons)



Vector-Like Quarks

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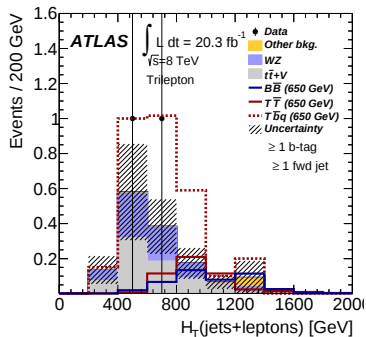
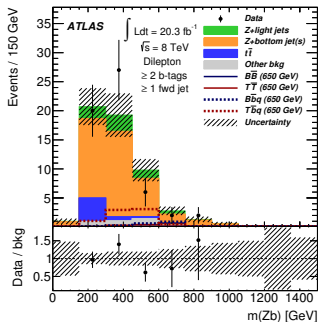


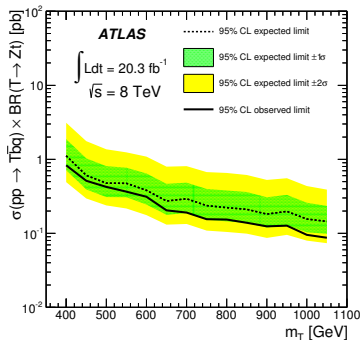
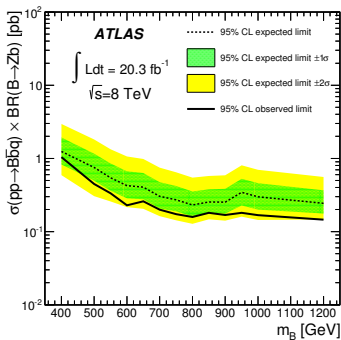
- Most recent result, search for $T \rightarrow tZ$ (JHEP 1411 (2014) 104)
- Small branching ratio but clean signature



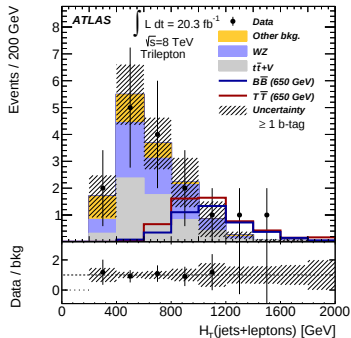
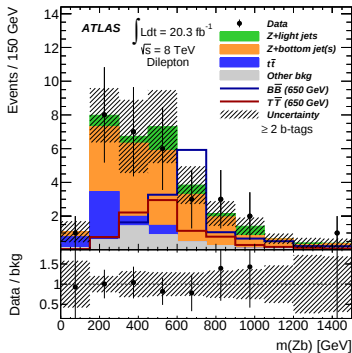
Event selection			
Z boson candidate preselection ≥ 2 central jets $p_T(Z) \geq 150$ GeV			
Dilepton channel		Trilepton channel	
$= 2$ leptons		≥ 3 leptons	
≥ 2 b -tagged jets		≥ 1 b -tagged jet	
Pair production	Single production	Pair production	Single production
$H_T(\text{jets}) \geq 600$ GeV	≥ 1 fwd. jet	–	≥ 1 fwd. jet
Final discriminant			
$m(Zb)$		$H_T(\text{jets+leptons})$	



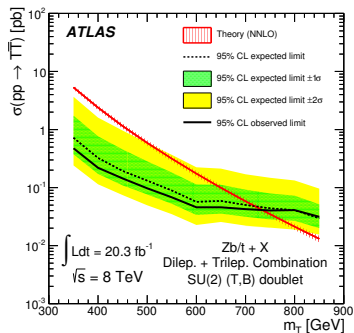
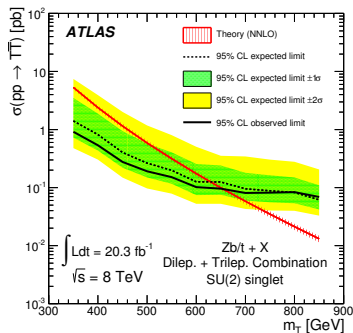




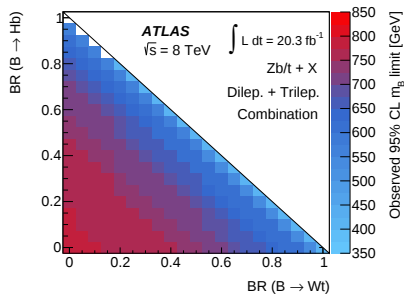
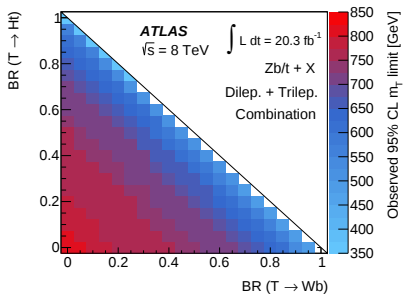
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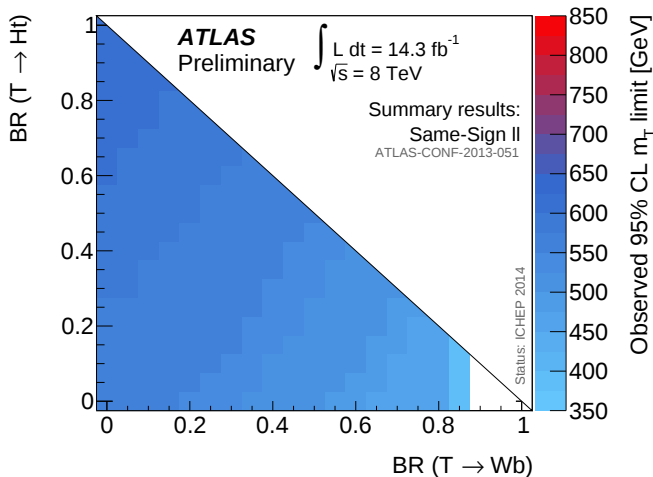


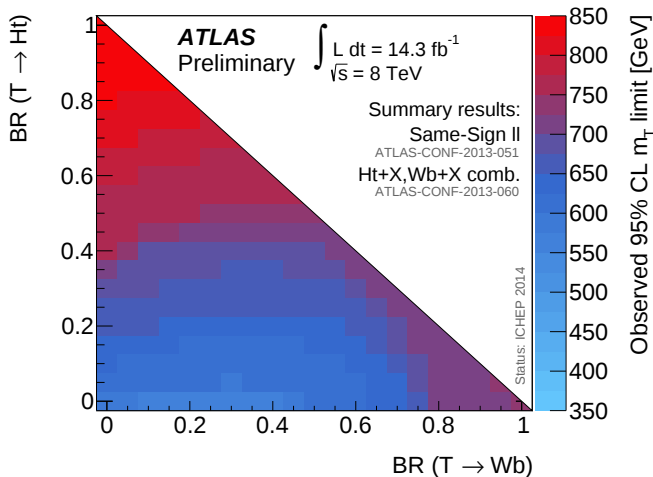
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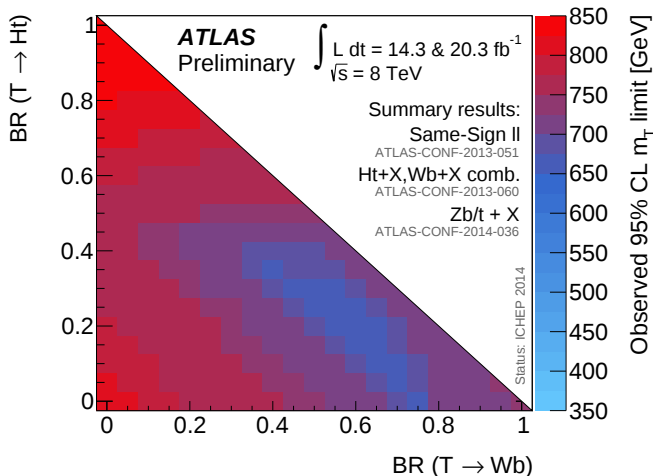


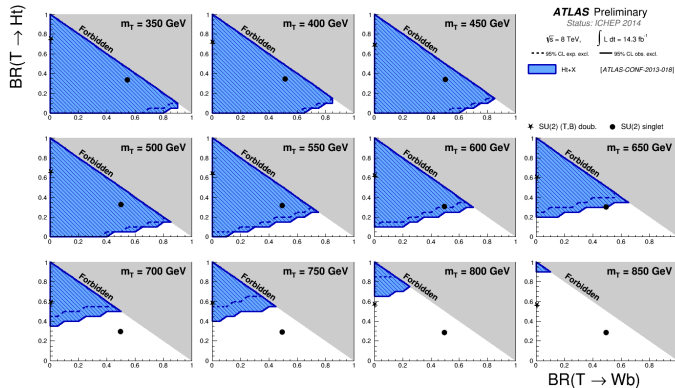
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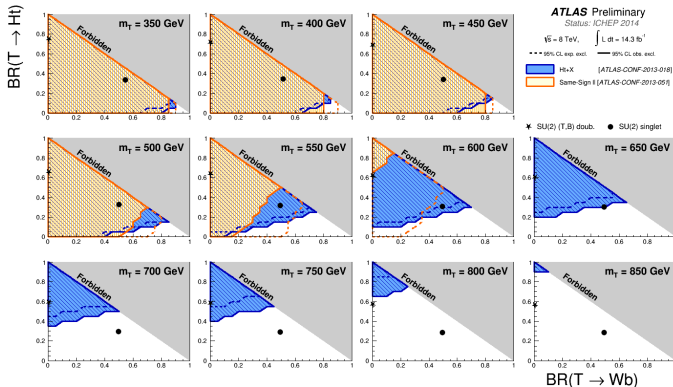








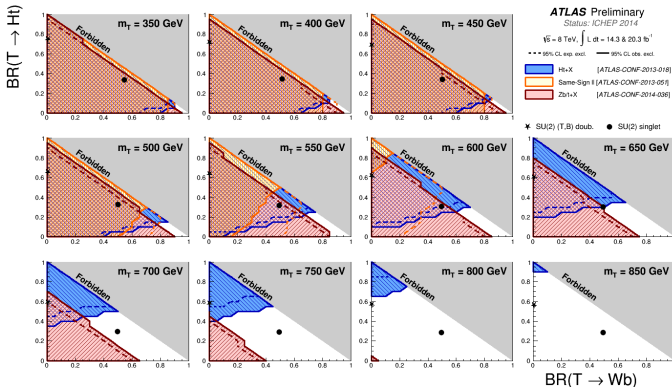




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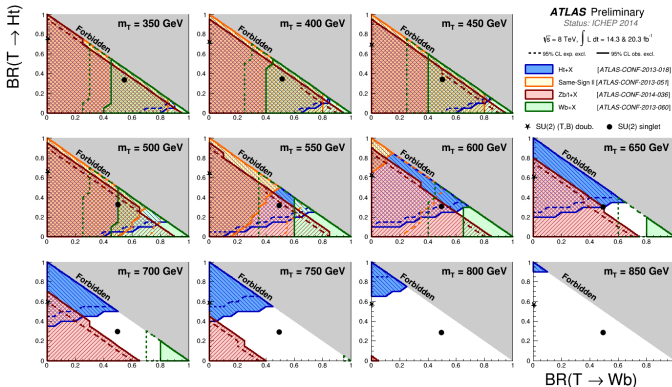
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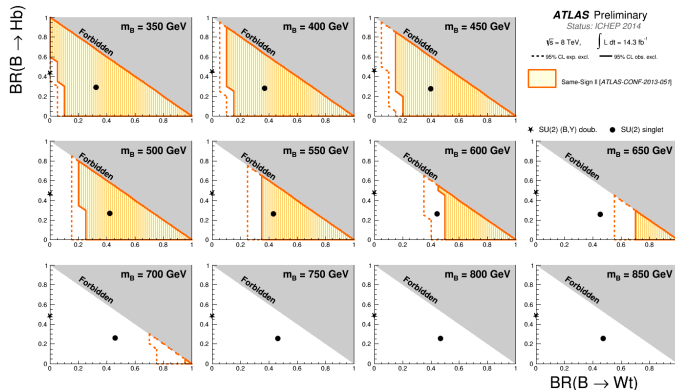


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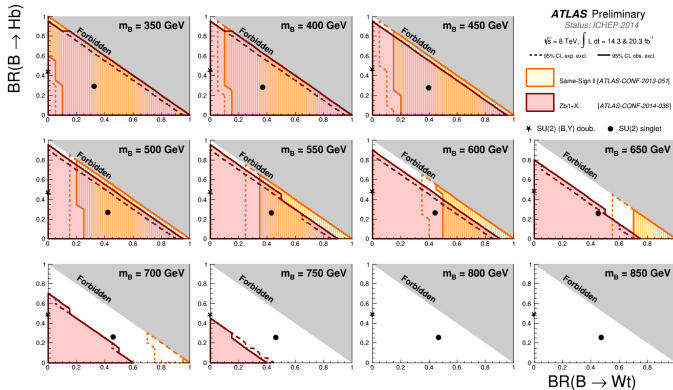




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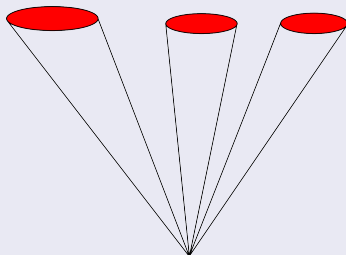


When pushing to higher energies, new factors come into play:

Low Energy tops

$t \rightarrow bW, W \rightarrow qq'$ gives three distinct “jets”:

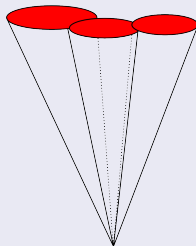
b-jet Light Jets



High Energy tops

top decay system is highly **boosted** and reconstructed as only one jet:

Top Monojet



Need new techniques to identify these boosted objects



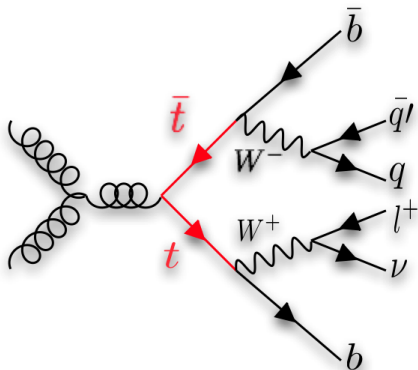
$$Z' \rightarrow t\bar{t}$$

An ideal test case is a search for high-mass particles decaying to $t\bar{t}$:

- Use the l+jets topology
- Lepton and E_T^{miss} cuts ensure sample is quite pure
- Can search for new physics
- Can verify that jet substructure variables are well described



$$Z' \rightarrow t\bar{t}$$



Search strategy adopted by ATLAS, combines two selections:

■ Resolved

- lepton
- E_T^{miss}
- ≥ 3 jets
- ≥ 1 b -jet

■ Boosted:

- lepton
- E_T^{miss}
- ≥ 1 large- R jet with $p_T > 350$ GeV and large jet-mass
- ≥ 1 b -jet

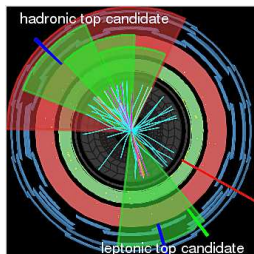
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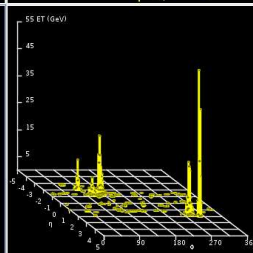
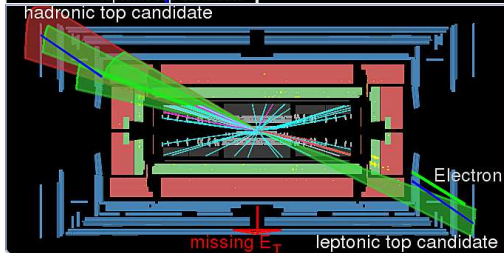
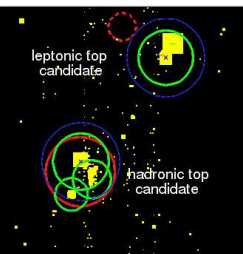
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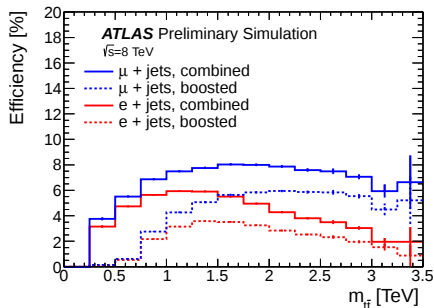
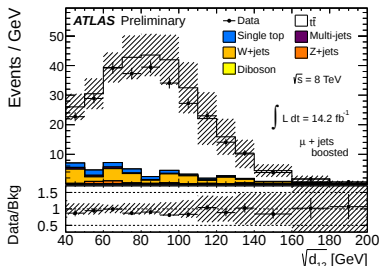
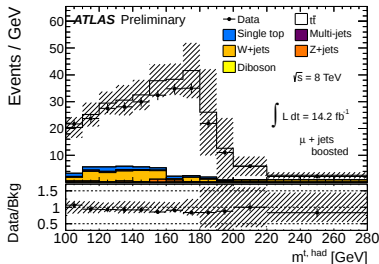
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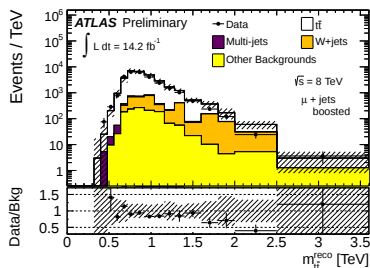
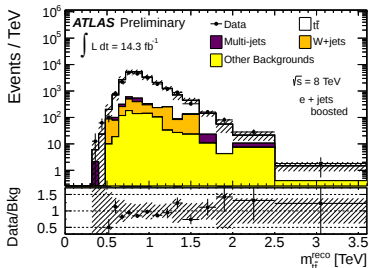
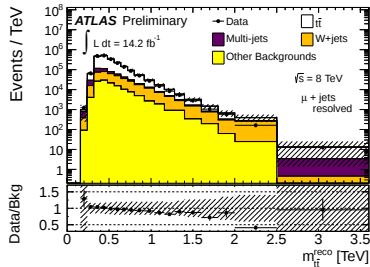
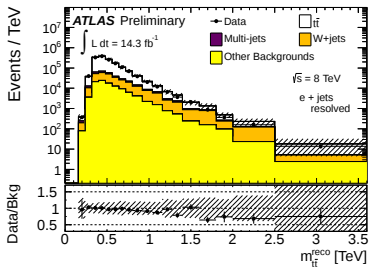
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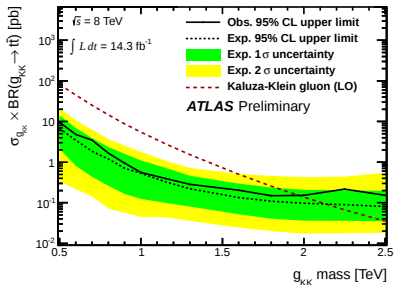
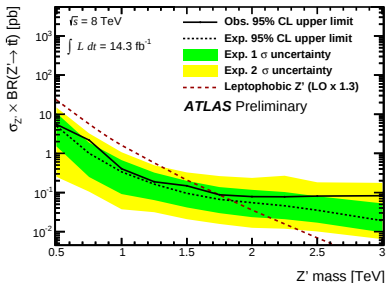
- Jet Mass and k_t splitting scale used to identify top-jet candidates
- Resulting *boosted* selection provides most of the efficiency for $m_{t\bar{t}} > 1 \text{ TeV}$.



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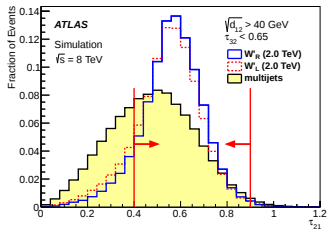
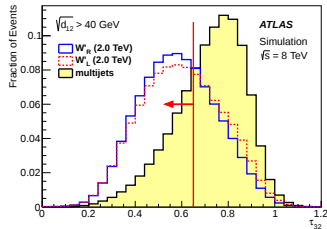
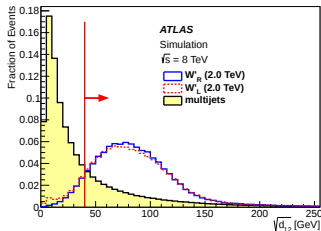
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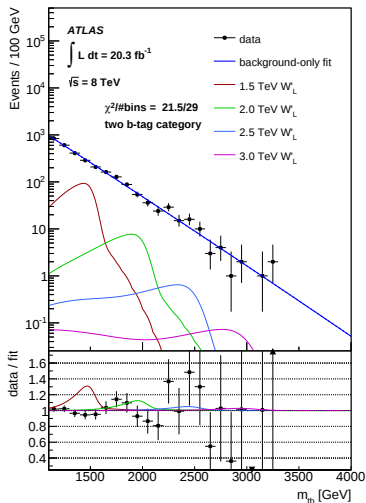
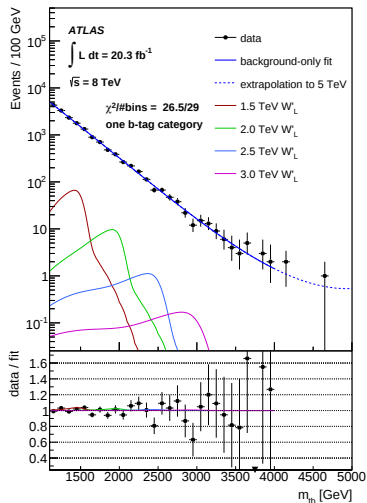


- Choice of substructure variables in $X \rightarrow t\bar{t}$ analysis employed a very loose top-tagging selection.
- More discriminating, but less efficient, tagging can also be applied
- A nice example is the search for $W' \rightarrow tb$

arXiv:1408.0886



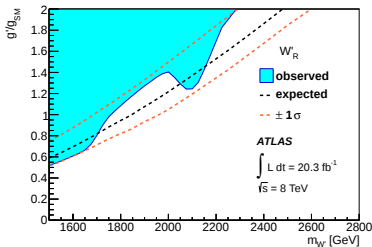
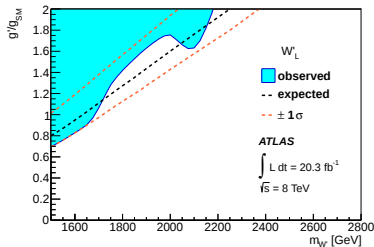
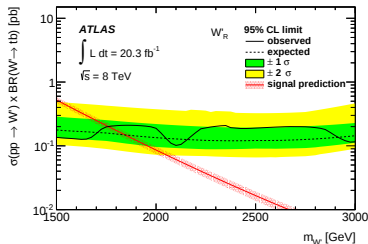
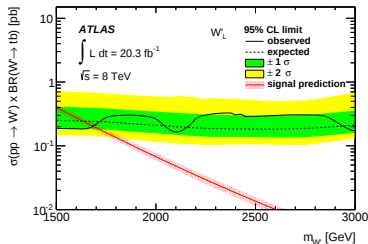


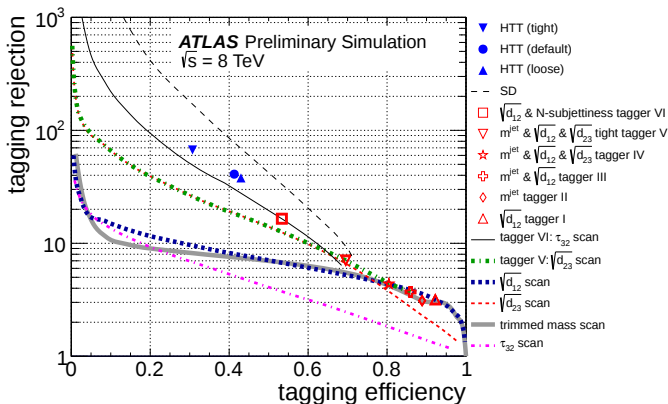


$W' \rightarrow tb$

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Boosted Objects





Many different top-taggers on the market, possible to choose the best working point for any given search ([ATLAS-CONF-2013-084](#)
[ATLAS-CONF-2014-003](#))



As well as relatively dedicated searches, there is an increasing trend towards producing results that are more widely applicable:

- Fiducial cross section limits
- Limits associated with parametrised efficiency
- Global searches for any discrepancies

These offer the chance to catch new physics that we hadn't thought of and they give others the potential to test new models against existing searches.

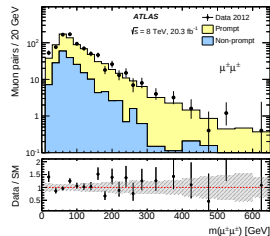
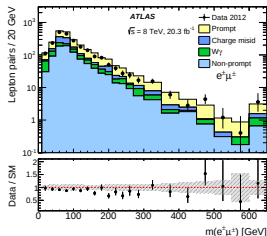
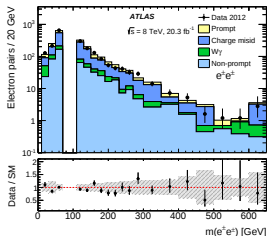


Many models predict signatures with same-sign leptons in the final state, but

- There are too many models to test each individually
- So instead of optimising on many models, ATLAS chooses to set fiducial limits

arXiv:1412.0237





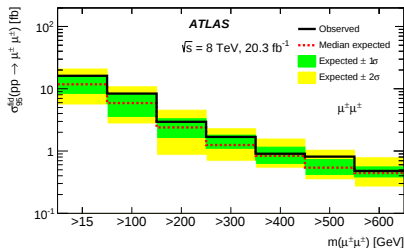
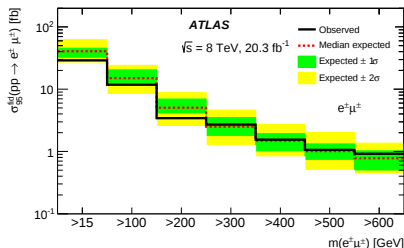
- Select events with like-sign lepton pairs $ee, \mu\mu, e\mu$
- in ee channel exclude mass window around Z (large charge-flip background there)
- No requirement on E_T^{miss}



Common particle-level and reconstruction level selection is used:

Selection	Electron requirement	Muon requirement
Leading lepton p_T	$p_T > 25 \text{ GeV}$	$p_T > 25 \text{ GeV}$
Subleading lepton p_T	$p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$	$p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$
Lepton η	$ \eta < 1.37 \text{ or } 1.52 < \eta < 2.47$	$ \eta < 2.5$
Isolation	$\sum p_T(\Delta R = 0.3)/p_T^e < 0.1$	$\sum p_T(\Delta R = 0.3)/p_T^\mu < 0.07$
Selection	Event selection	
Lepton pair	Same-sign pair with $m_{\ell\ell} > 15 \text{ GeV}$	
Electron pair	Veto pairs with $70 < m_{\ell\ell} < 110 \text{ GeV}$	
Event	No opposite-sign same-flavour pair with $ m_{\ell\ell} - m_Z < 10 \text{ GeV}$	





- Evaluate efficiency in fiducial region using several models:

- S_{DQ} (Diquark)
- $H^{\pm\pm}$
- $W_R \rightarrow l N_R$
- $b' b' \rightarrow W t W t$

- Use most conservative choice for fiducial limit
- Alternative approach for 3 lepton search in:
[arXiv:1411.2921](https://arxiv.org/abs/1411.2921):

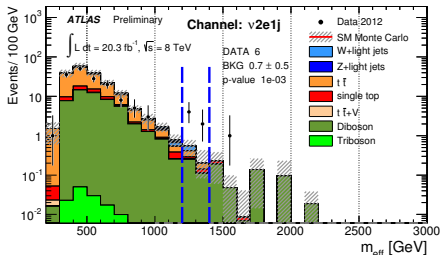
- σ_{vis} sections provided
- Parametrised lepton efficiencies also given



Making sure we don't miss anything big: **ATLAS-CONF-2014-006**

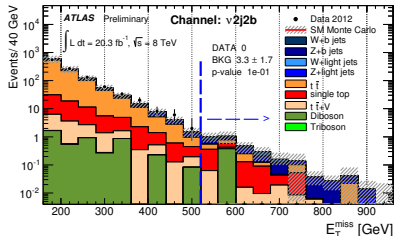
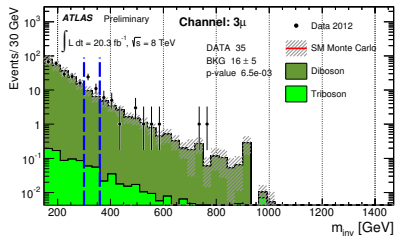
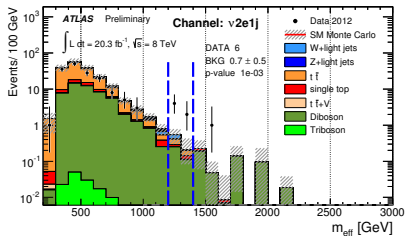
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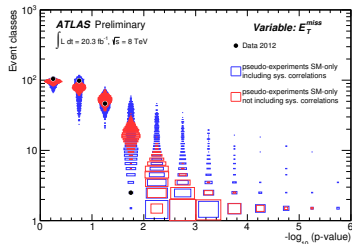
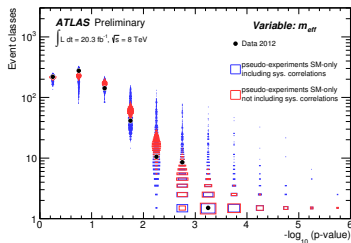
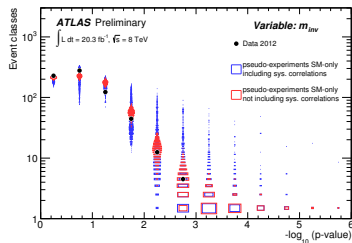
- **electrons**: $p_T > 25 \text{ GeV}$,
 $|\eta| < 2.47$
- **muons**: $p_T > 25 \text{ GeV}$,
 $|\eta| < 2.4$
- **jets**: $p_T > 50 \text{ GeV}$, $|\eta| < 2.8$
- **b-jets**: b -tagged jet, $|\eta| < 2.5$
- **photons**: $p_T > 40 \text{ GeV}$,
 $|\eta| < 2.37$
- **neutrinos**: $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 150 \text{ GeV}$



Systematically look at all possible multi-object final states for regions of largest discrepancy (697 with > 0.1 even expected, 573 with data events)





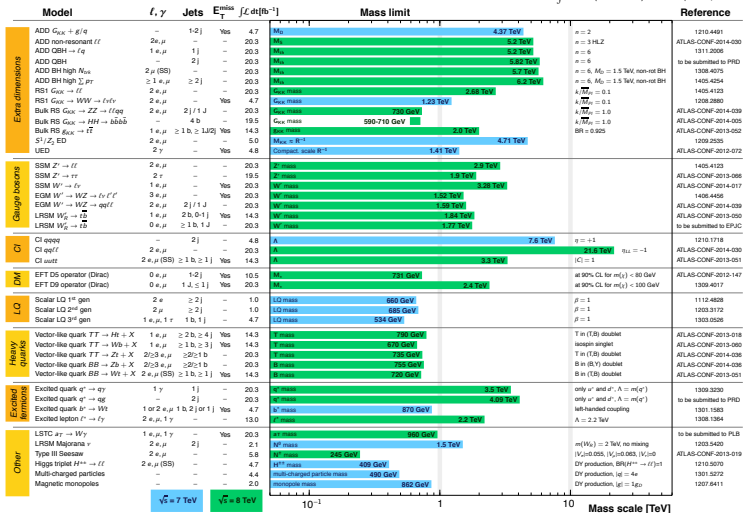


ATLAS Exotics Searches* - 95% CL Exclusion

Status: ICHEP 2014

ATLAS Preliminary

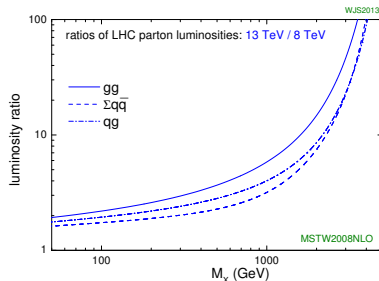
$$\int \mathcal{L} dt = (1.0 - 20.3) \text{ fb}^{-1} \quad \sqrt{s} = 7, 8 \text{ TeV}$$



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



- We expect $\mathcal{O}(10) \text{ fb}^{-1}$ luminosity in 2015
- Should quickly surpass new physics reach from run-I for $M_X > 2 \text{ TeV}$ within the first 5 fb^{-1}
- Surpassed even at around 1 fb^{-1} for higher masses
 - Searches like dilepton and dijet resonance should come very early
 - But expect increasing number of studies of diboson resonances and third generation searches, these are important tests of compositeness
 - Expect increasing use of boosted techniques for such searches as we reach into the higher mass regime



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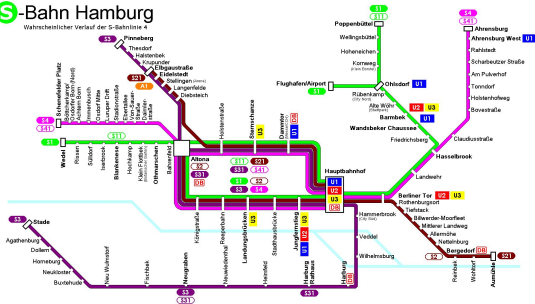
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- Wide range of NP signatures explored
- Extremely strong constraints on many benchmark models
- Still no sign of new physics
- Plenty to explore in the 13 TeV data

- Need to look everywhere, surprises can always be lurking where you weren't expecting them...
- We need to make sure the results can be interpreted in terms of future models

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... and finally

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LHC Collaborations are pushing hard for new and updated results in the next few weeks!



Bonus features!

N-subjettines
Boosted tops
TrightrightarrowtZ

Extra material follows...



N -subjettiness variables, τ_N quantify how well jets can be described as containing N or fewer k_t subjets.

Recluster a jet up to N -subjets with the k_t algorithm then calculate τ_N :

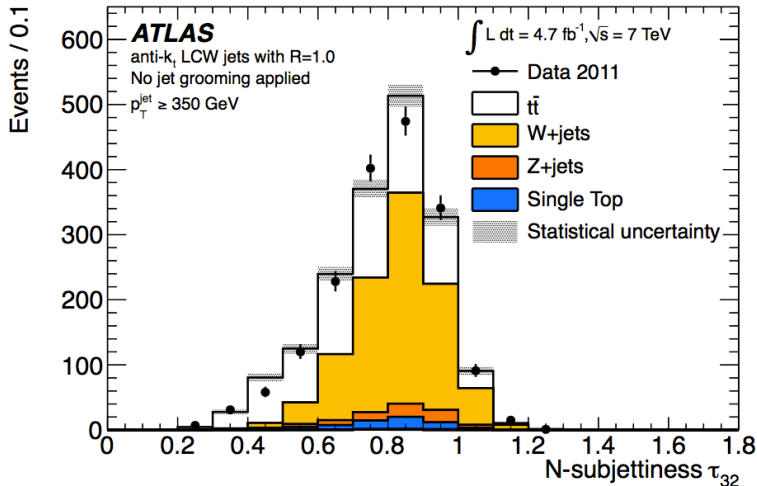
$$\tau_N = \frac{1}{d_0} \sum_k p_{T,k} \times \min(\Delta R_{1,k}, \Delta R_{2,k}, \dots, \Delta R_{N,k})$$

where $\Delta R_{i,k}$ here is the distance in the jet measure (d_{mn}), from subjet i to constituent k .

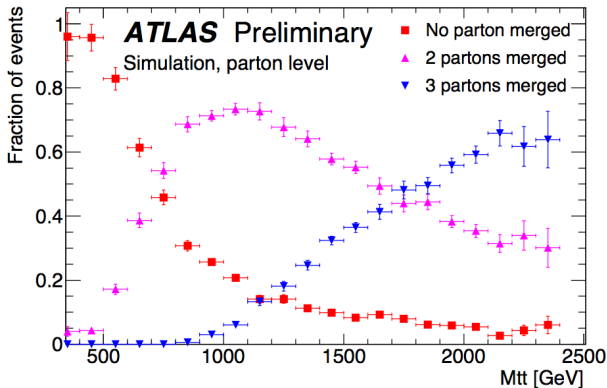
Ratios τ_i/τ_j are referred to as τ_{ij}

Other jet-shape type variables also exist and many have been tested





Merging of some description occurs for SM $t\bar{t}$ production:

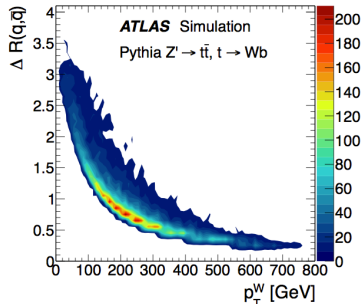


Effect must be taken into account for SM measurements at higher P_T^t or $M_{t\bar{t}}$ ([ATL-PHYS-PUB-2010-008](#))

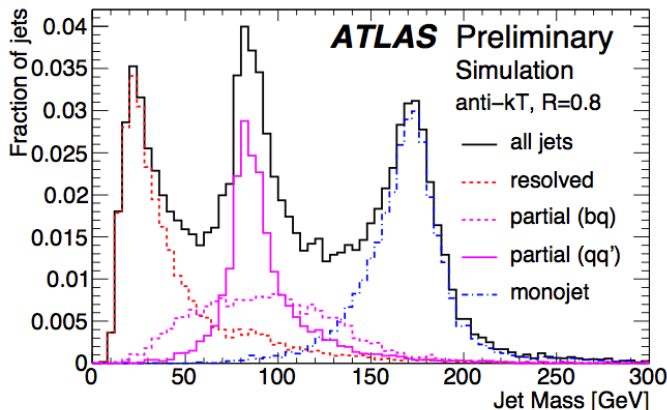


So how to choose the jet algorithm for boosted objects?

- Parameter R usually driven by considering that $\Delta R < \sim \frac{2m}{p_T}$ for a two body decay
 - Typically values $0.8 < R < 1.5$ used for boosted objects ($0.4 \geq R \leq 0.6$ used for “standard” jets)
- Calibration considerations:
 - Regular shape of anti- k_t jets makes calibration and correction for pile-up easier
- Substructure considerations:
 - k_t and C/A cluster history contains more physical information about the jet



The simplest choice, jet invariant mass:



W and top peaks clearly visible, QCD shape selection dependent



$$T\bar{T} \rightarrow tZ + X$$

N-subjettiness
Boosted tops
 $T \rightarrow t\bar{t}Z$

