

# Searching for Dijet Resonances

$m_{jj} = 6.9 \text{ TeV}$

 **ATLAS**  
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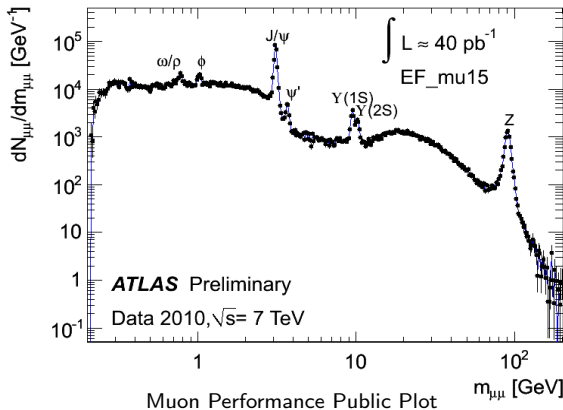
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## Focus of this talk is dijet resonance search:

- Dataset:  $3.6 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of  $13 \text{ TeV}$  proton-proton data
- Collected by the ATLAS detector at the LHC during 2015
- Recently published in [Physics Letters B Vol. 754 \(2016\) Pgs. 302 - 322](#)
  - Brief introduction to resonances
  - Why dijets?
  - Jets in ATLAS
  - Search strategy
  - Results

- Decay of heavy particles with short lifetimes → **resonances (bumps)** on top of smooth invariant mass distributions



Searching for resonances has proved to be a vital tool in particle physics & lead to discovery of several Standard Model particles

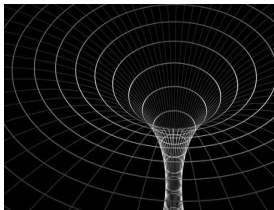
## Looking for new particle that decays to two back-to-back jets (dijet)

- LHC is a hadron collider, jets are produced in **abundance**
- **Higher LHC energy (13 TeV)** → increased sensitivity at high mass, even with smaller dataset!
- Sensitive to some of the **highest mass scales** accessible at the LHC

## What could we hope to find?



Dark matter mediator?



Quantum black holes?



Something else ...

**Analysis uses jets reconstructed with the anti- $k_T$   $R = 0.4$  algorithm**

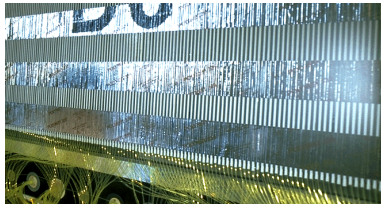
→ Clusters together energy deposits, based on distances and transverse momentum, to form jets

**ATLAS calorimeter:**

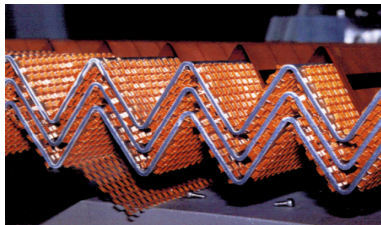
**Sampling:** layers of absorber and active material → Can't measure energy deposited in absorber

**Non-compensating:** calorimeter responds differently to EM and hadronic parts of the jet

→ **Calibrate jets to obtain correct jet energy!**



Hadronic calorimeter



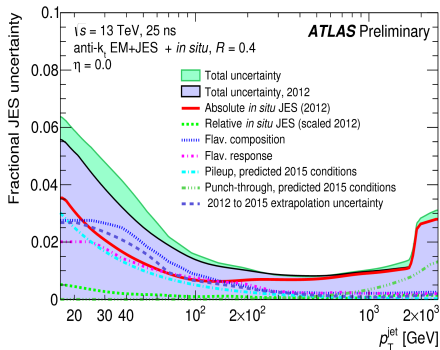
EM calorimeter

## Jet calibration:

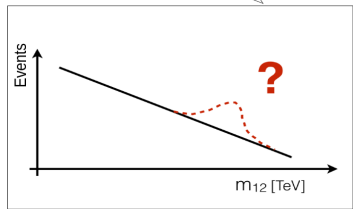
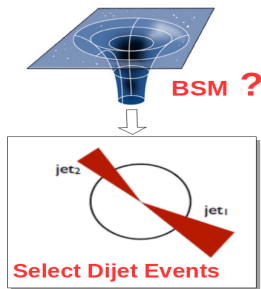
Will not go through the various stages involved in calibrating jets (more info in backup)

Instead, showing the **uncertainties** associated with 'Jet Energy Scale' calibration

→ Indicates how precisely we can calibrate our jets!



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**Resonance** (bump hunt): Looks for resonance bumps on smooth QCD background

- **Select Dijet events**
  - Data quality criteria
  - 2 clean jets
  - Pass trigger (HLT\_j360)
  - Lead jet  $p_T > 440$  GeV
  - $|y^*| = |y_1 - y_2|/2 < 0.6$
  - $m_{jj} > 1.1$  TeV
- **Obtain Dijet invariant mass spectrum**
- **Fit spectrum with smooth function**  
→ Background estimate
- **Is there a bump?**

**QCD background smoothly falling** → Compare data to background estimate (smooth fit) & assess compatibility

**3 Parameter fit function:**

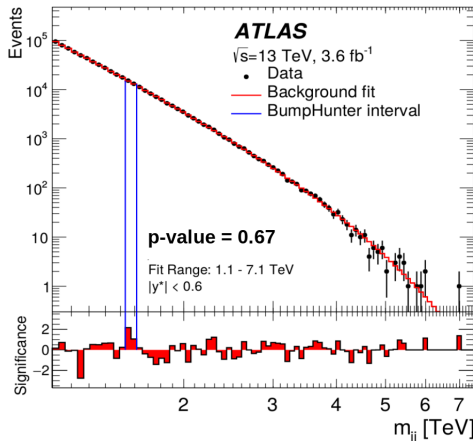
$$f(z) = p_1 (1 - z)^{p_2} (z)^{p_3}$$

where  $z = m/\sqrt{s}$

**BumpHunter** algorithm:

- Scan each possible range of bins (window) from 2 bins to half the  $m_{jj}$  spectrum
- Identify window with max value of test statistic (1.53 - 1.61 TeV)

→ **Shape independence!**



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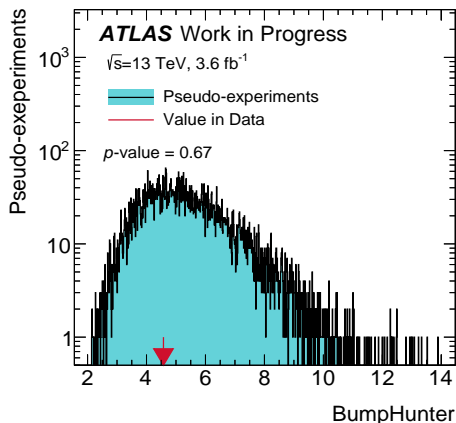


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Is the bump significant?

- Generate **pseudoexperiments** (PEs) from background fit
- Compare PEs to their bkg fit and quantify using test statistic
- Calculate fraction of PEs with larger test statistic than data value  
→ **p-value**

**p-value = 0.67, not significant!**



Set limits on benchmark models

→ quantify search reach & compare to previous results!

**Systematics:**

Background

Statistical uncertainty on fit

Fit function choice uncertainty

Signal

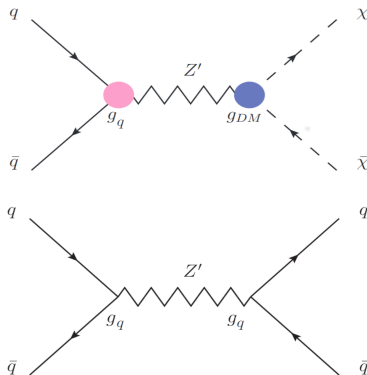
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PDF acceptance: 1%

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(For 6 TeV signal)

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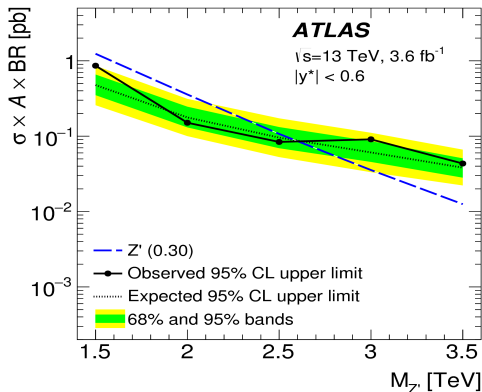
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Limits on **Z'** dark matter mediator



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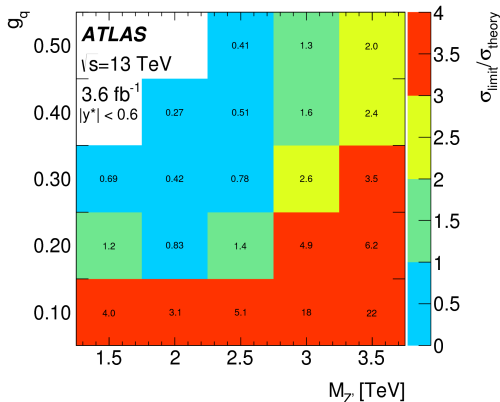
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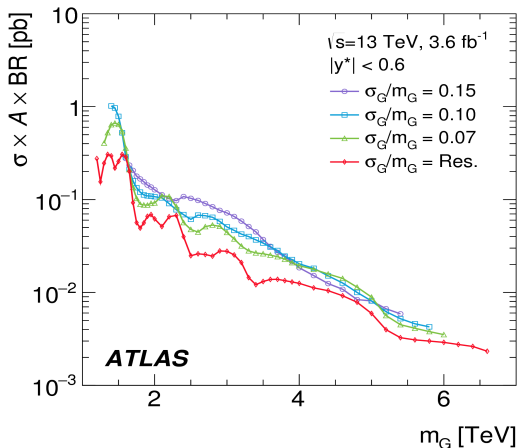
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## Limits on $Z'$ dark matter mediator



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Model independent limits on **Gaussian** signal  $\rightarrow$  Can be reinterpreted by theorists to set limits on their own pet models!

## Searches for new physics in dijet channel using $3.6 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ 13 TeV proton-proton collision data collected with ATLAS detector:

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- Looked for resonant signals, using the dijet invariant mass  
Paper also includes non-resonant search using angular distribution
- No evidence for new physics has been found
- Setting strong limits on models + probing the highest dijet masses!**

Model	95% CL Exclusion limit		
	Run 1 Observed	Observed 13 TeV	Expected 13 TeV
Quantum black holes, ADD (BLACKMAX generator)	5.6 TeV	8.1 TeV	8.1 TeV
Quantum black holes, ADD (QBH generator)	5.7 TeV	8.3 TeV	8.3 TeV
Quantum black holes, RS (QBH generator)		5.3 TeV	5.1 TeV
Excited quark	4.1 TeV	5.2 TeV	4.9 TeV
$W'$	2.5 TeV	2.6 TeV	2.6 TeV
Contact interactions ( $\eta_{LL} = +1$ )	8.1 TeV	12.0 TeV	12.0 TeV
Contact interactions ( $\eta_{LL} = -1$ )	12.0 TeV	17.5 TeV	18.1 TeV

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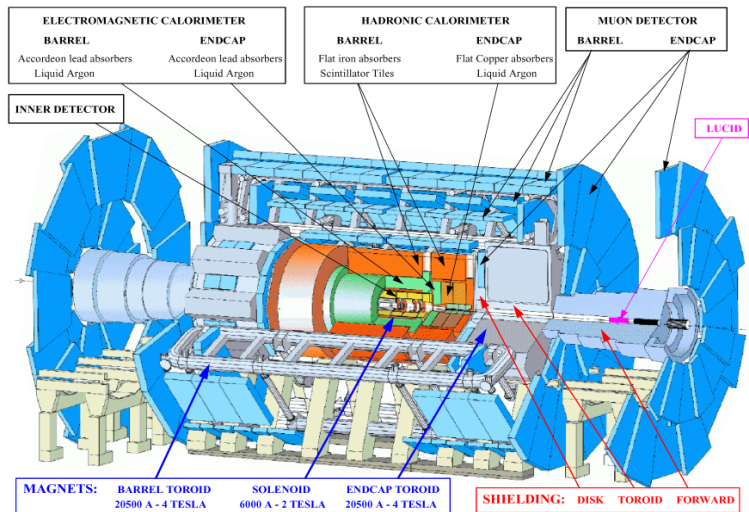
Thank you for listening!

Any questions?

# BACKUP

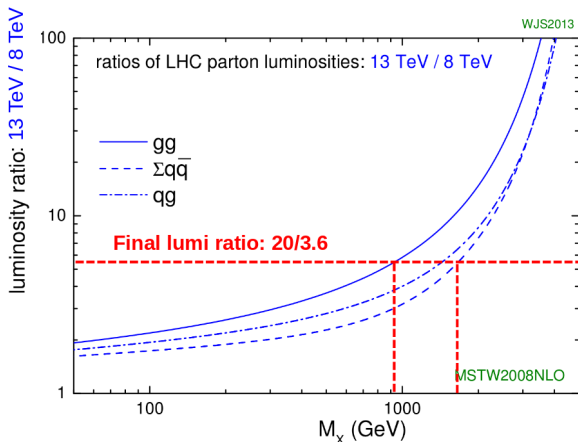


# ATLAS Detector



<http://hedberg.web.cern.ch/hedberg/home/atlas/atlas.html>

## Looking for new particle that decays to two back-to-back jets (dijet)

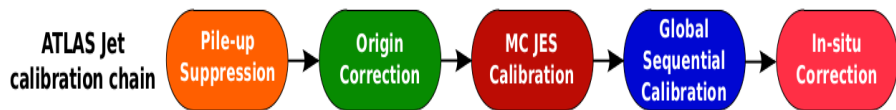


W.J. Stirling, private communication  
 Reminder, 8 TeV dataset:  $20 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

Anti- $k_T$  algorithm used to cluster together EM-scale topoclusters to form jets of radius  $R = \sqrt{\Delta\eta^2 + \Delta\phi^2} = 0.4$

## Jet calibration basic ideas

- Use MC, truth and reco level comparisons to derive corrections for missing energy
- Compare data and MC to bring them into agreement & derive uncertainties

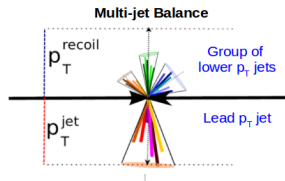


## Calibration steps:

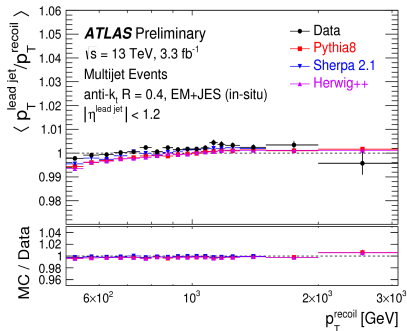
- **Pile-up:** Corrects for energy changes introduced by pile-up
- **Origin:** Changes jet direction to point to primary vertex instead of centre of the detector, jet energy unchanged
- **MC JES:** Corrects the jet energy and pseudorapidity to the particle jet scale, derived using MC
- **GSC:** Sequence of corrections applied at jet level that reduces JES dependence on the flavour of initiating parton (gluon vs quark)
- **In-situ:** Exploits  $p_T$  balance of jet recoiling against a well calibrated reference object like  $Z$ ,  $\gamma$  or multi-jets. Derived using data and MC, applied to data only

## In-situ corrections:

- Forward & central jets:  
 $\eta$ -intercalibration, check  $p_T$  of forward jets wrt central jets  
Increasing in  $p_T$  as go down
- Z + jet balance
- $\gamma$  + hadronic recoil balance
- Multi-jet balance, balance lead jet + group of lower  $p_T$  calibrated jets



## Validation of jet calibration at multi-TeV



- Use Wilk's test

Test statistic:  $-2\log(\Lambda) = -2\log\left(\frac{L(H_0|x)}{L(H_1|x)}\right)$  3 Parameter fit used as  $H_0$

Probability distribution assuming null is true, given by

**Wilk's theorem:** As sample size  $\rightarrow \infty$ , the test statistic will approach a  $\chi^2$  distribution with  $N_{\text{dof}} =$  the difference in number of dimensions of the 2 models Use value of test statistic and Wilk's theorem to calculate a **p-value**

Plot evolution of p-value with lumi

Systematics used in limit setting:

**Lumi uncertainty:** 9%

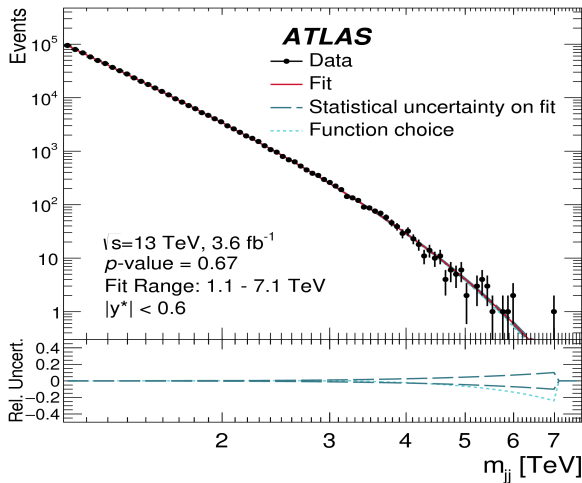
**Fit Error:** Uncertainty on the background fit, fit pseudo experiments (PEs) and in each  $m_{jj}$  bin calculate the RMS of the function value for all PEs

**PDF Acceptance:** 1% Using a different PDF could change acceptance of a signal (i.e. amount of it we measure)

**Fit Function Choice Error:** Throw toys from data itself + record the RMS of the difference between the nominal and alternative fit in each bin. The difference between the two original fits to data is then scaled to the RMS of the corresponding bin.

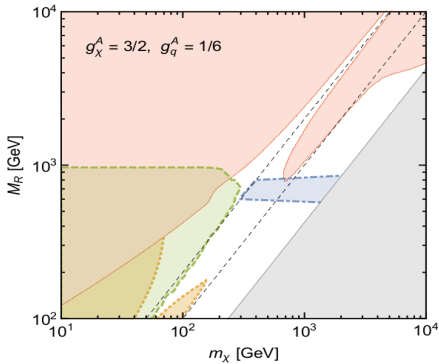
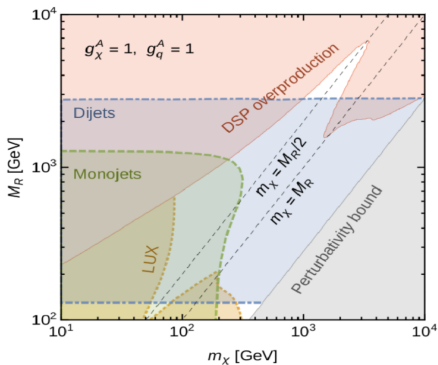
**JES Uncertainty:** Uncertainty associated with the jet energy scale calibration, using reduced set of 3 components with templates to calculate uncertainty

# Fit function uncertainties



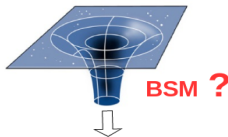


# Z' constraints



## Constraining Dark Sectors with Monojets and Dijets

# The dijet searches - Resonance and Angular!



- GRL, 2 clean jets
- Trigger on HLT\_j360
- Lead jet  $p_T > 440$  GeV

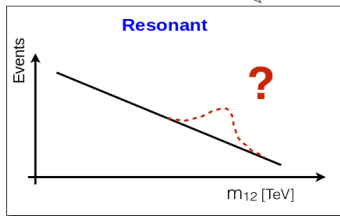
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|--------------------|--------------------|
| • Resonance:       | Angular:           |
| $ y^*  < 0.6$      | $ y^*  < 1.7$      |
| $m_{jj} > 1.1$ TeV | $m_{jj} > 2.5$ TeV |
|                    | $ y^B  < 1.1$      |

Recall:

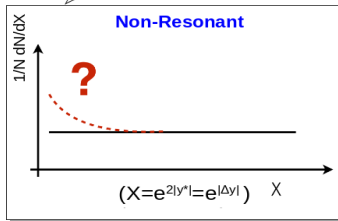
$y_1$ : rapidity of leading jet

$y^* = (y_1 - y_2)/2$

$y^B = (y_1 + y_2)/2$



- **Resonance** (bump hunt): Looks for resonance bumps on smooth QCD background



- **Angular**: Looks for variations in dijet separation angle from the QCD expectation

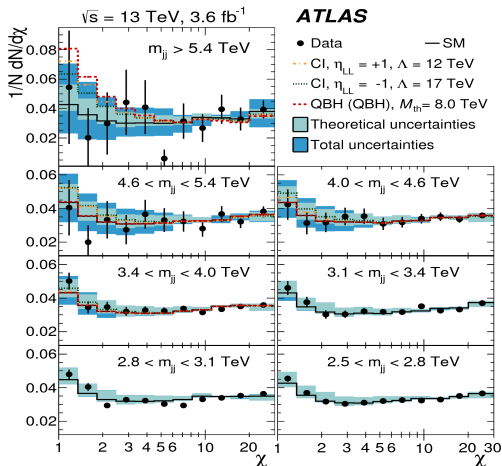
# Dijet angular - $\chi$ binned in $m_{jj}$

Shape analysis (QCD  $\sim$  flat)  $\rightarrow$  Data-MC comparison of  $\chi$  in different  $m_{jj}$  regions

MC : NLO Corrected (QCD and EW) Pythia, normalised to data

Perform search in bins with  $m_{jj} > 3.4$  TeV

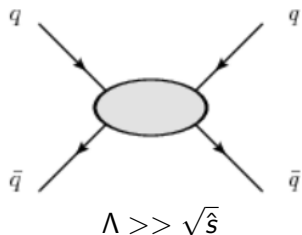
CL<sub>s</sub> method used to test compatibility of data with MC prediction: **p-value = 0.35**



# Dijet angular - Limits

Set limits on non-resonant CI signals with angular analysis!

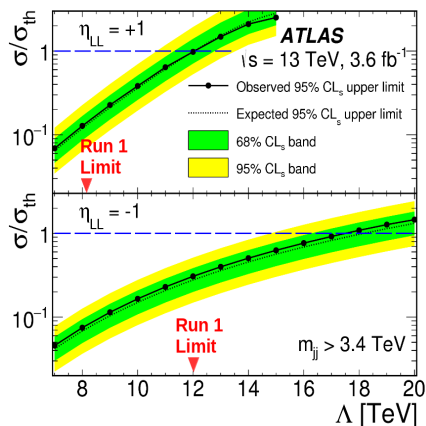
Calculate limits on the ratio of  $\sigma/\sigma_{th}$ , where  $\sigma_{th}$  is predicted cross-section, as a function of compositeness scale,  $\Lambda$



Limits on **quark contact interaction**  
constructive (destructive) interference

Observed limits: 17.5 (12.0) TeV

Expected limits: 18.1 (12.0) TeV



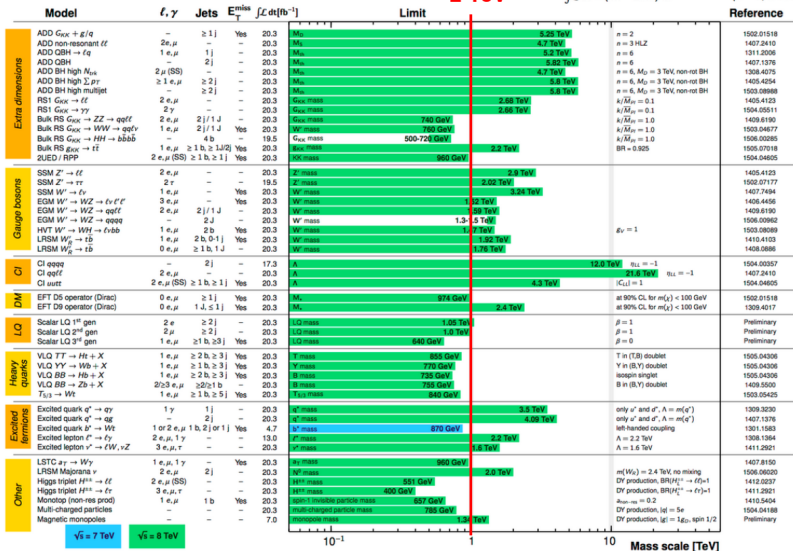
## ATLAS Exotics Searches\* - 95% CL Exclusion

Status: July 2015

ATLAS Preliminary

$$\int \mathcal{L} dt = (4.7 - 20.3) \text{ fb}^{-1}$$

$$\sqrt{s} = 7, 8 \text{ TeV}$$



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