

# Searches for New Phenomena with ATLAS at $\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$

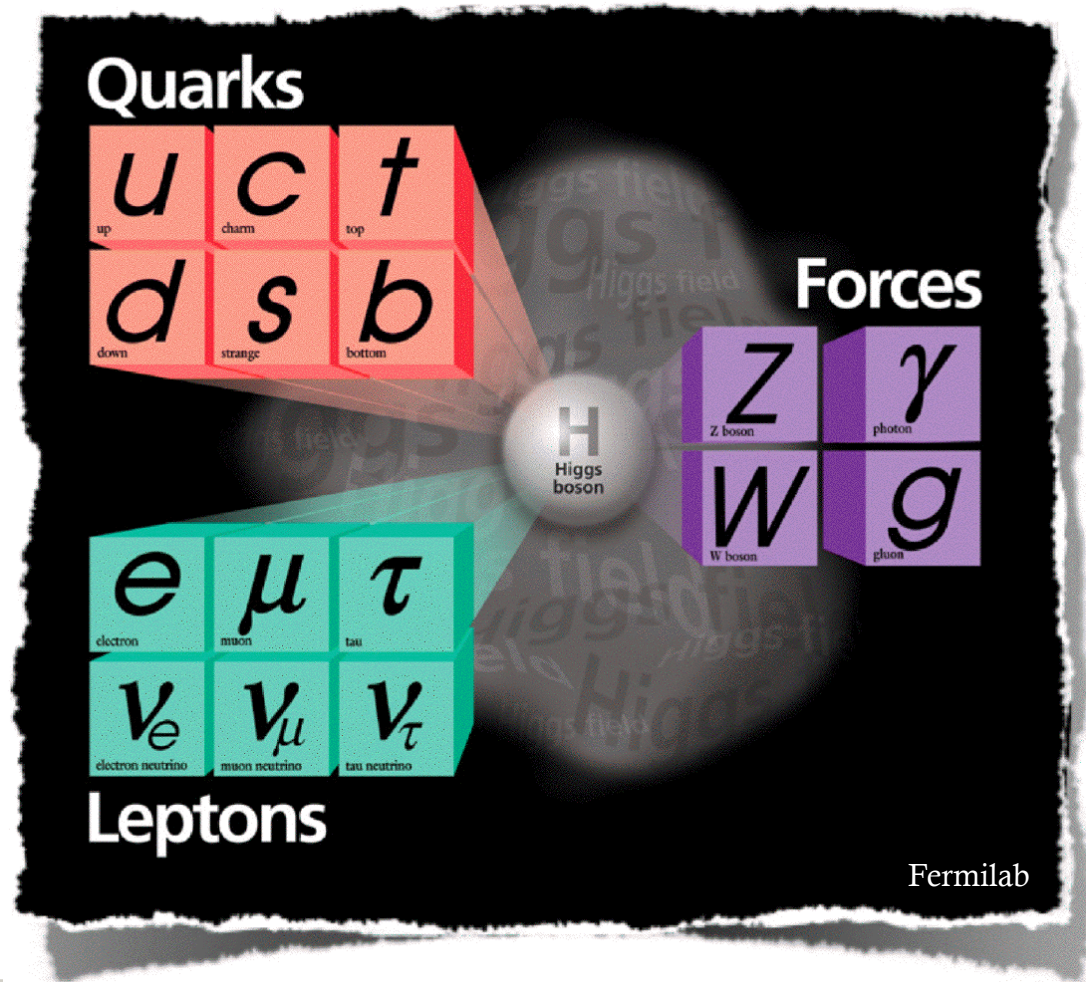
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# 2012: Higgs Boson

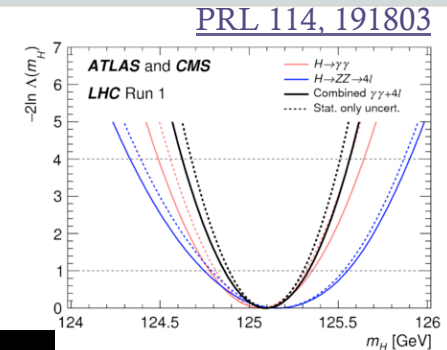
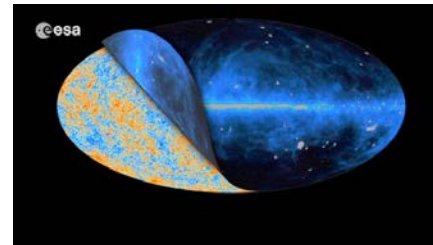




# Standard Model Woes

Questions that SM fails to answer

- Why is gravity so weak?
- Why is the Higgs mass so low?
- What is dark matter?
- Where happened to all the antimatter?
- Why are there three fermion families?





# New Phenomena as a Cure

- Hierarchy Problem

$$O_{EW} (10^2 \text{ GeV}) \ll O_{Pl} (10^{19} \text{ GeV})$$

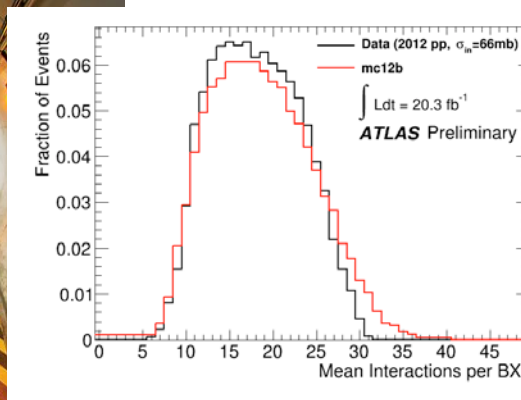
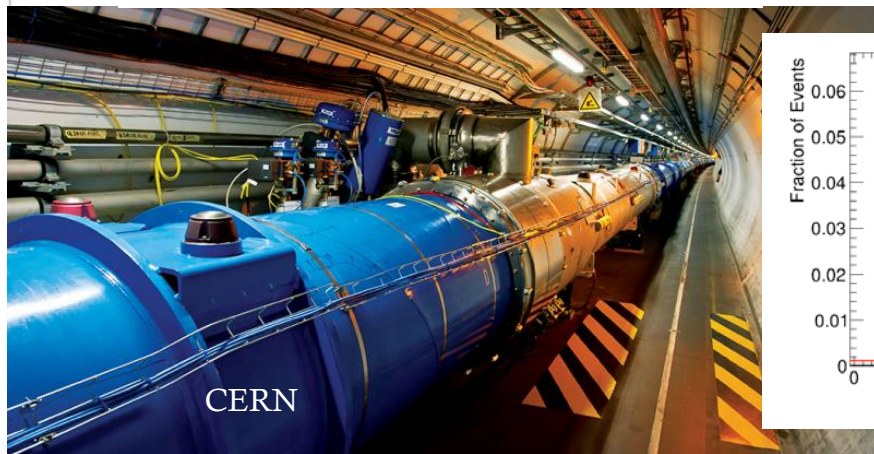
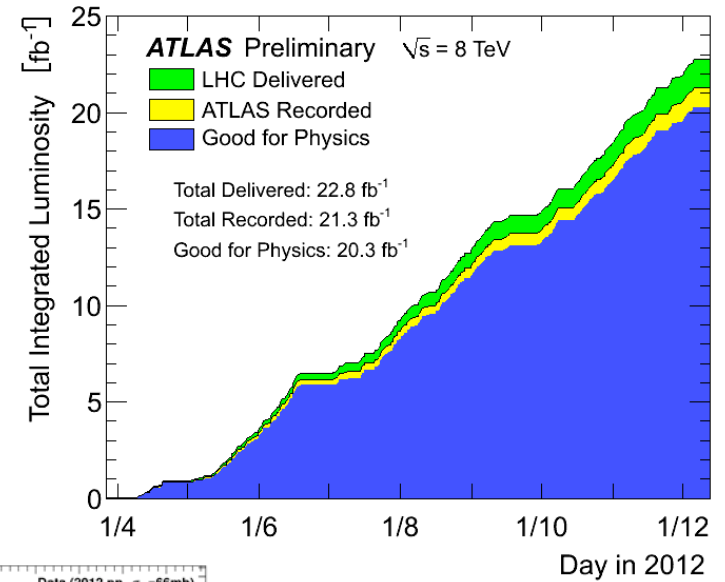
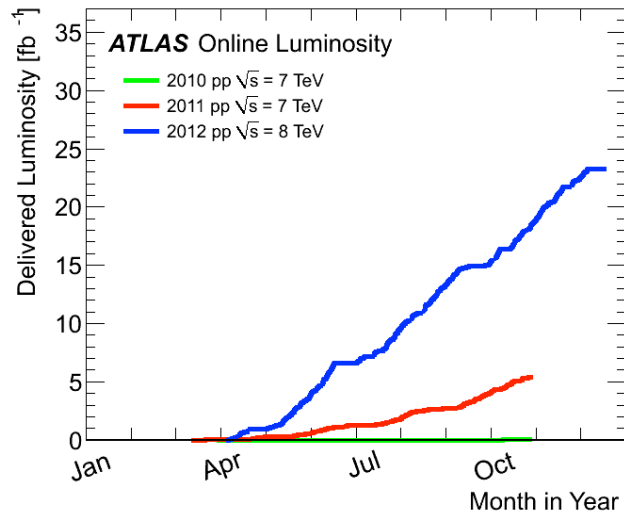
⇒ extreme fine-tuning of Higgs mass

- NP: GUT → heavy gauge bosons
- NP: Composite Higgs/Little Higgs → vector-like quarks (T/B)
- Weak force of gravity
  - NP: GUT → heavy gauge bosons
  - NP: gravity permeates into extra dimensions → Randall-Sundrum gravitons, microscopic black holes and string balls
- Blue sky searches for exotic particles
  - Multicharged particles (particles with electric charge  $> 1e$ )
  - Magnetic monopoles and high electric charge objects (see G. Palacino's talk)



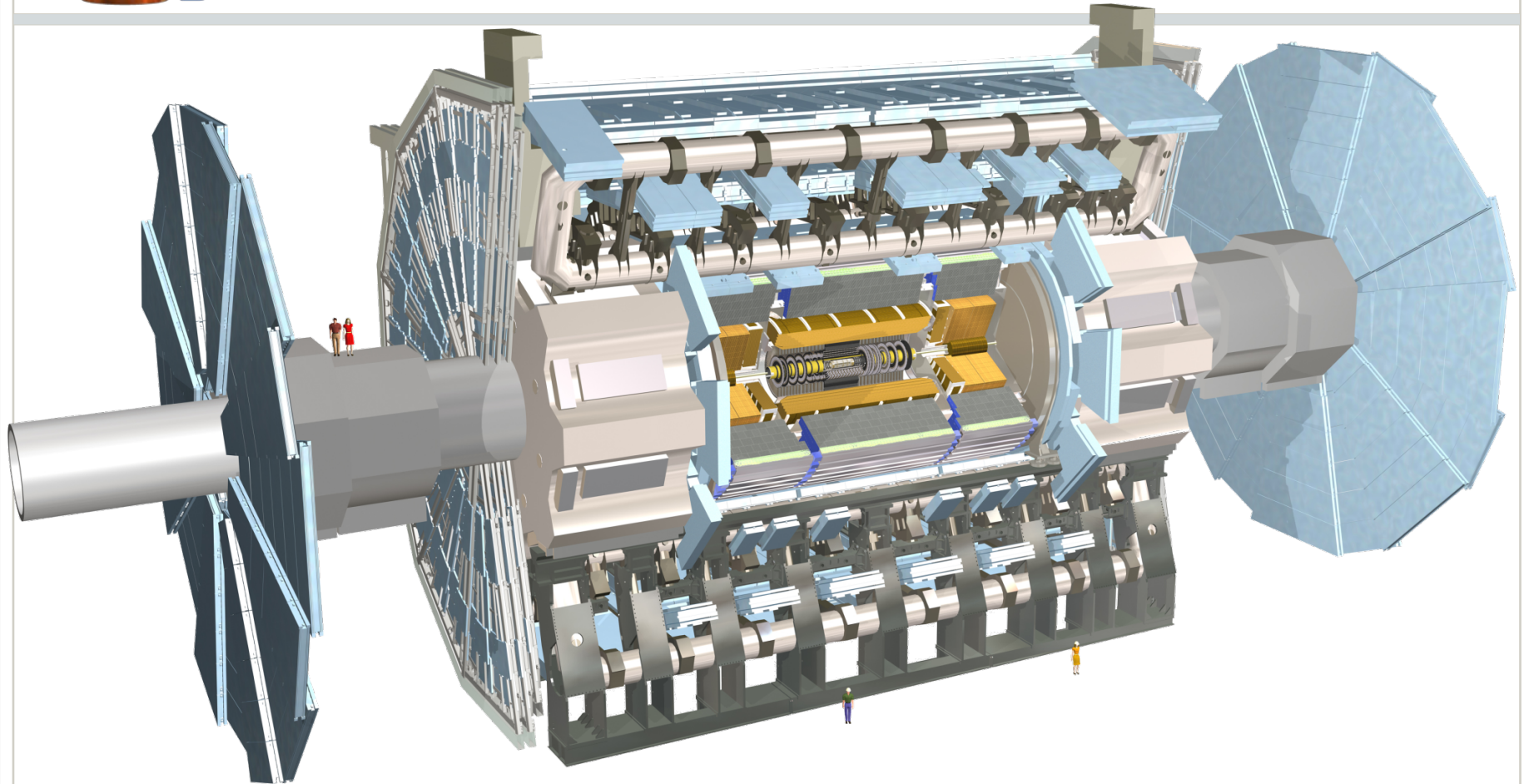


# LHC Run 1





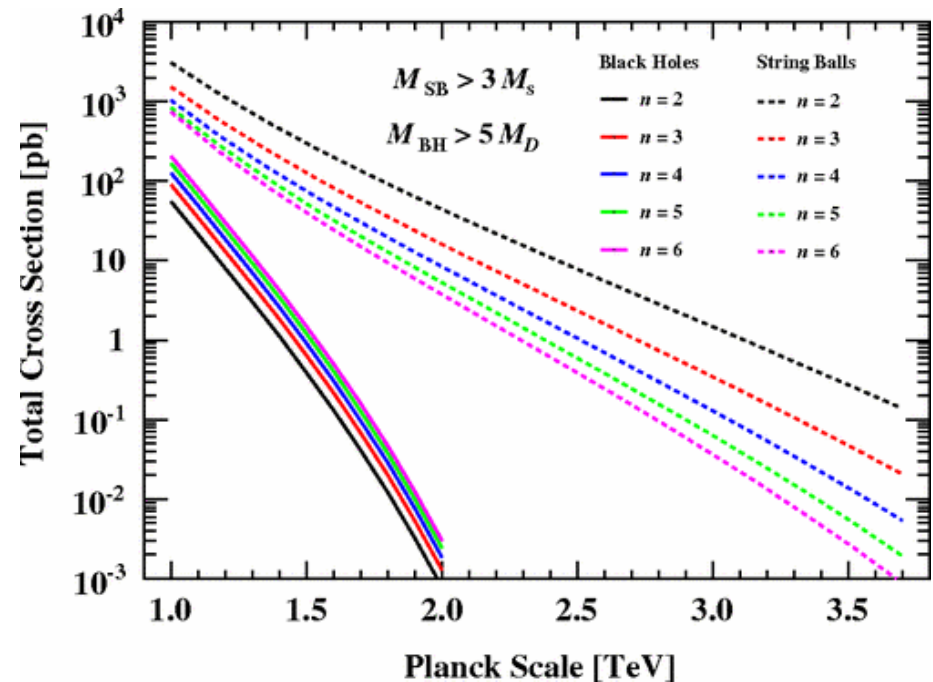
# ATLAS multipurpose detector





# Low-Scale Quantum Gravity

- Models with extra spatial dimensions can resolve the Hierarchy Problem
- True gravitational scale is comparable to electroweak scale
- Effective gravitational strength is weakened by volume of extra dimensions
- A weakly coupled string theory model incorporating extra dimensions  $\rightarrow$  non-perturbative strong gravitational states: microscopic black holes and string balls (highly excited string states)



Gingrich and Martell,  
Phys.Rev.D78.115009

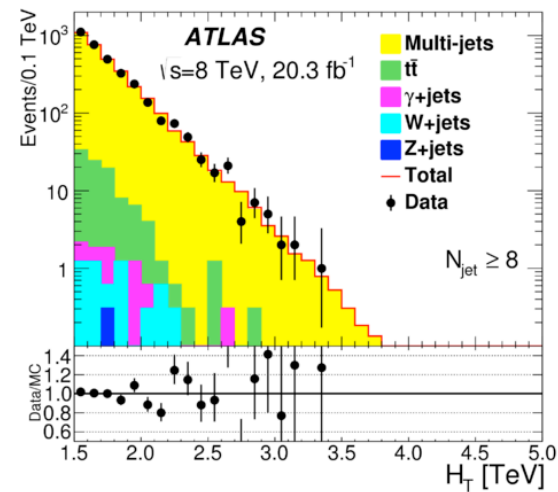
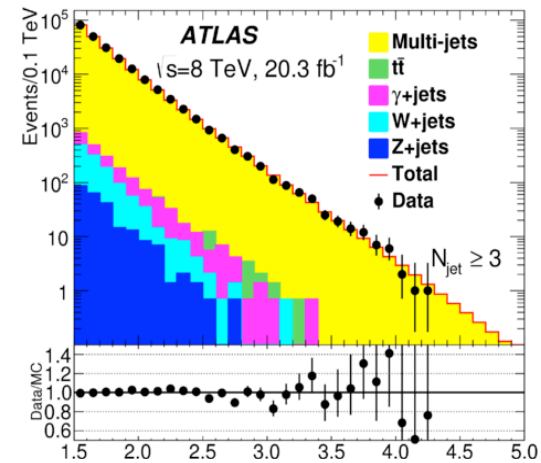


# Black Holes and String Balls



[arXiv:1503.08988](https://arxiv.org/abs/1503.08988)

- Decay via Hawking evaporation to large multiplicity of high- $p_T$  particles (mostly quarks and gluons)  $\rightarrow$  multijet events
- Complementary to dilepton and lepton+jets searches
- Search variable:  $H_T = \sum_{N_{jet}} p_T^{jet}$
- Consider bins  $N_{jet} \geq 3 - 8$



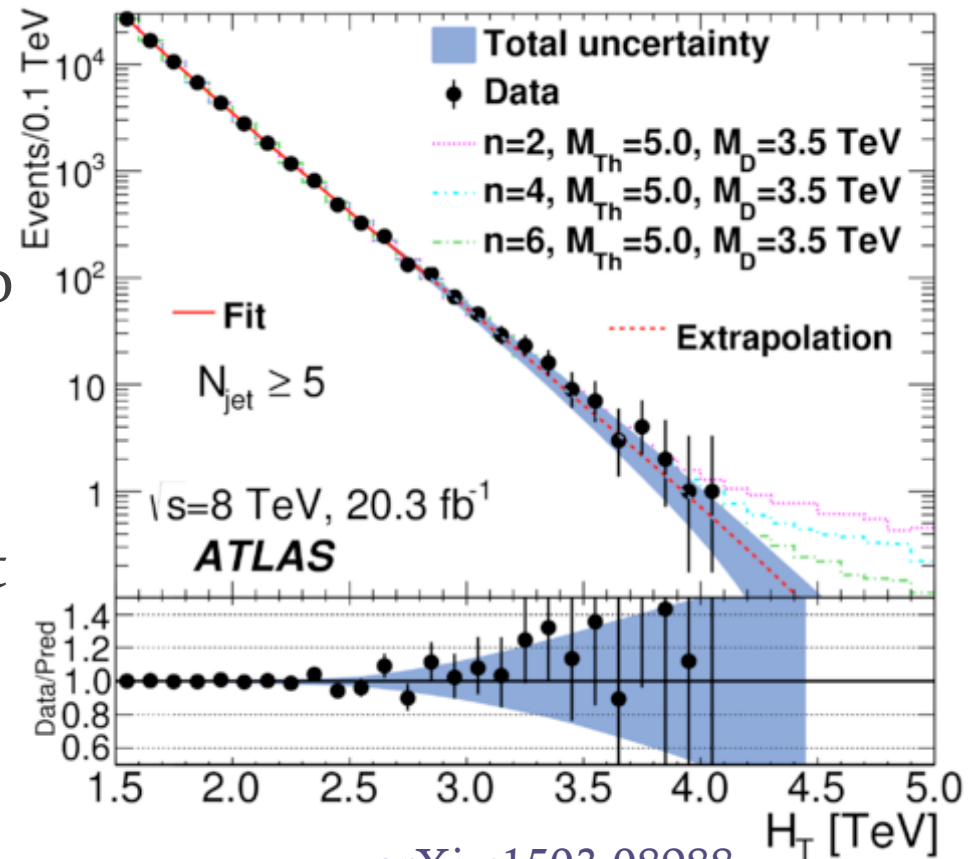




# Black Holes and String Balls



- $H_T$  distribution is extrapolated from control region  $1.5 < H_T < 2.9$  TeV to signal region  $H_T > 3.0$  TeV
- No event observed for  $H_T > 4.3$  TeV, in agreement with background estimate



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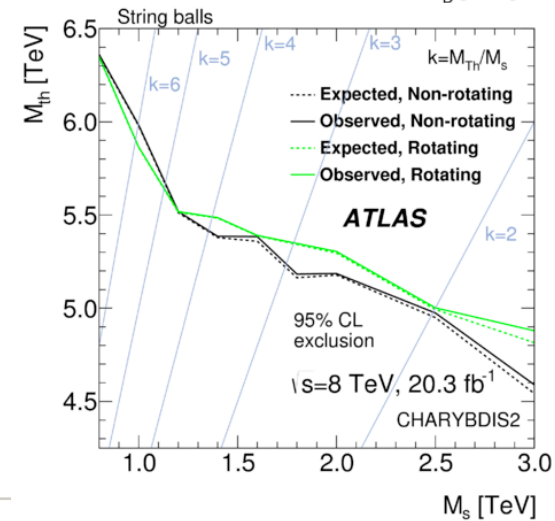
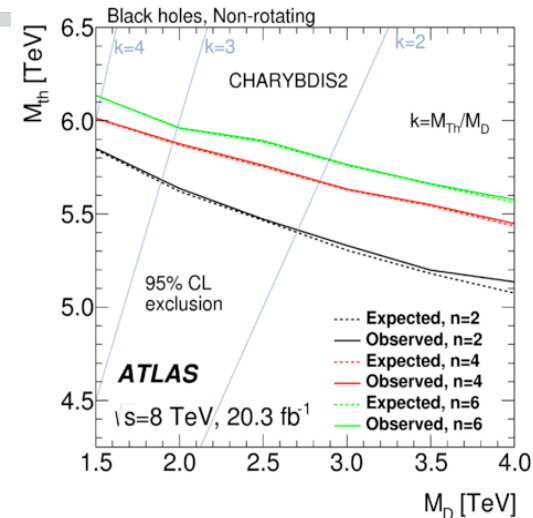


# Black Holes and String Balls



- Cross-section limits obtained for a variety of models
- Lower-mass limits on black hole and string ball masses range from 4.6 to 6.2 TeV

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# Heavy Dilepton Resonances

- Additional neutral spin-1 vector gauge bosons
  - Due to existence of larger symmetry groups that break to yield the SM gauge group and additional U(1) gauge groups
  - Predicted by various extensions of the Standard Model
    - Grand Unified Theories
      - Sequential Standard Model (SSM)  $Z'_{\text{SSM}}$  has same couplings to fermions as  $Z_{\text{SM}}$
      - $E_6$ -based GUT-inspired theory:  $Z'_\chi, Z'_\psi$



# Heavy Dilepton Resonances

- Other dilepton resonances that address hierarchy problem
  - $Z^*$ : couplings and kinematics differ from  $Z_{\text{SM}}$
  - Spin-2 graviton excitations  $G^*$ : Randall-Sundrum extra dimensions ([PRL 83.3370 \(1999\)](#))
  - Quantum black holes (QBH): low-scale gravity
  - Technimesons in Minimal Walking Technicolor model with composite Higgs boson ([PRD71, 051901 \(2005\)](#), [PRD72, 055001 \(2005\)](#), [PRD76, 055005 \(2007\)](#))

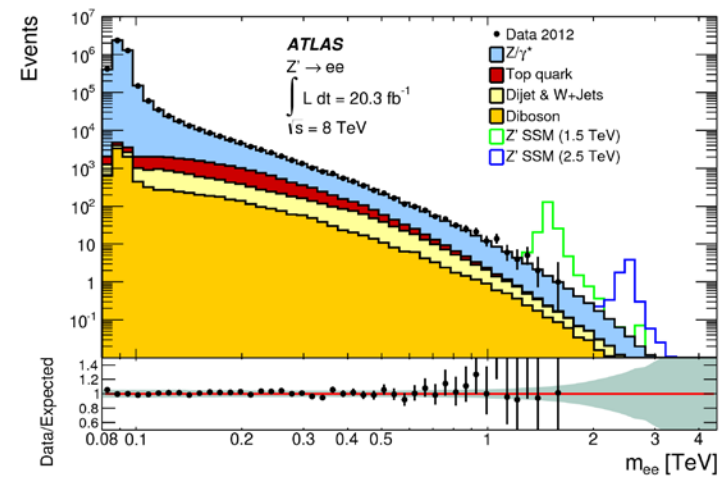
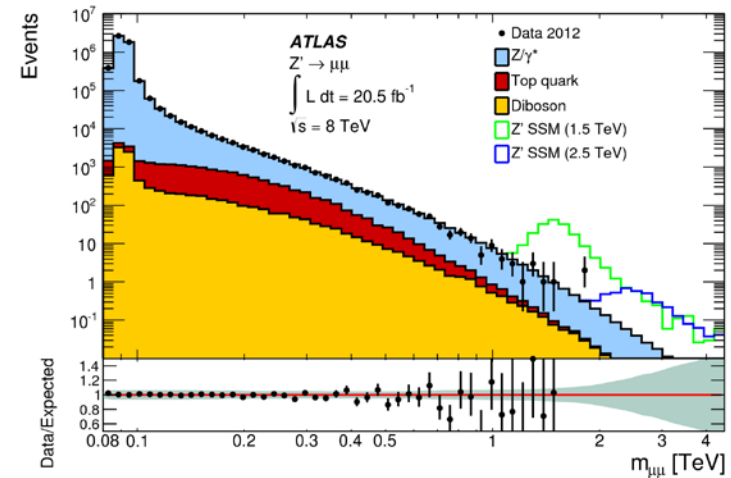


# Heavy Dilepton Resonances



[Phys. Rev. D90, 052005 \(2014\)](#)

- Two opposite-charge muons or two electrons (opposite charge not required)
- New for 8 TeV analysis: improved electron reconstruction
  - Higher efficiency
  - Track pattern recognition accounts for bremsstrahlung
- Main electron backgrounds are photons/jets
- Data-driven background determination





# $Z' \rightarrow l^+l^-$ Resonances



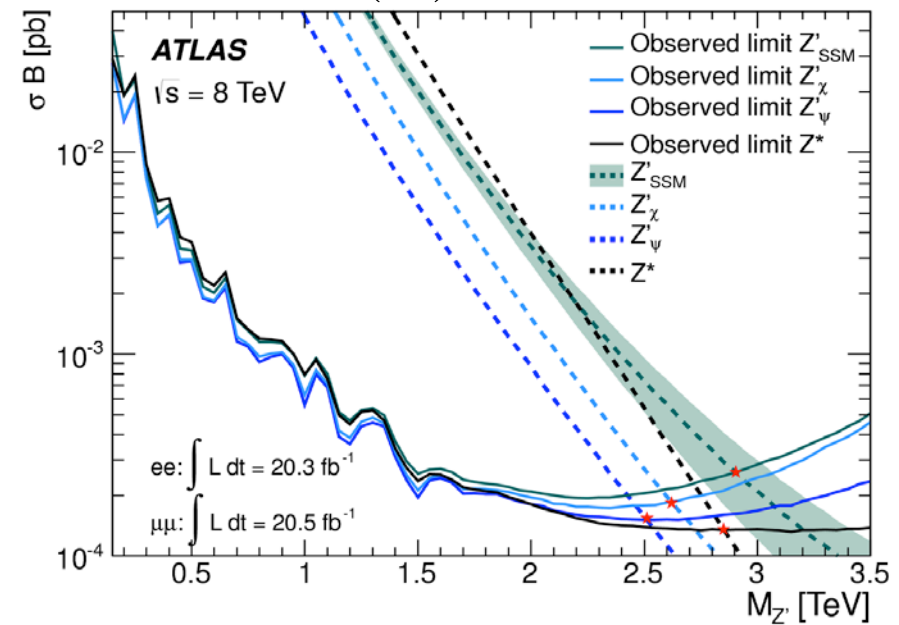
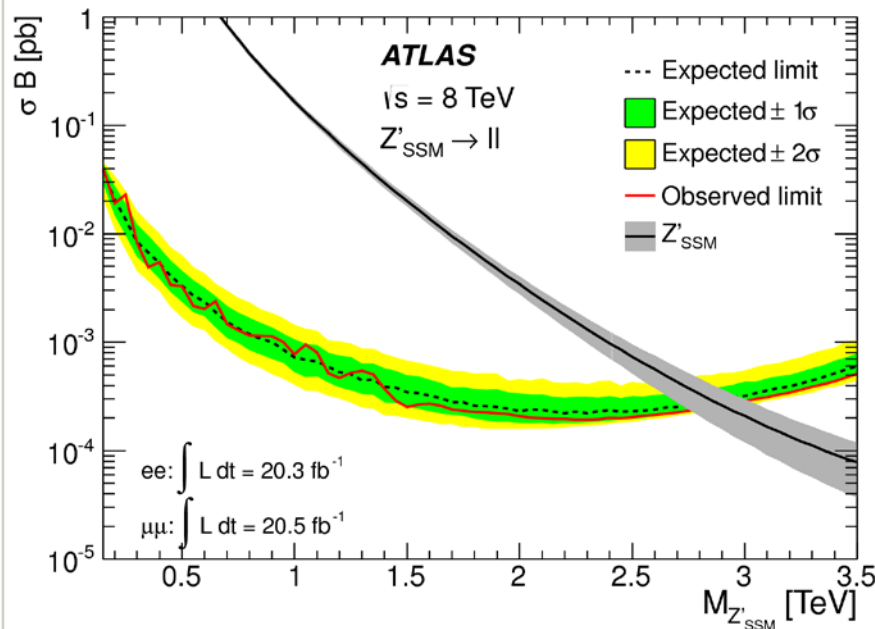
95% CL upper limits on cross section times branching fraction

$m(Z'_{SSM}) > 2.9 \text{ TeV}$

$m(Z'_\chi) > 2.62 \text{ TeV}$

$m(Z'_\psi) > 2.51 \text{ TeV}$

$m(Z'^*) > 2.85 \text{ TeV}$



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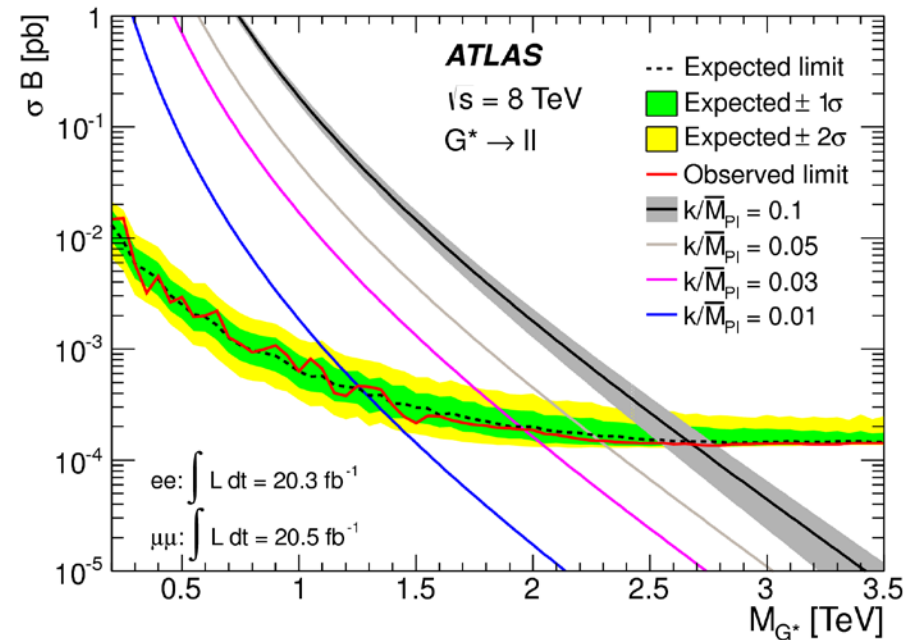
# $G^* \rightarrow l^+l^-$ Resonances



- Randall-Sundrum model invokes extra dimension with curvature  $k$  that warps spacetime ([PRL 83.3370 \(1999\)](#))
  - Observed strength of gravity is suppression of true strength
  - ⇒ Bridges large hierarchy
  - ⇒ Predicts excited spin-2 gravitons ( $G^*$ ) that decay into dileptons

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RS graviton ( $k/M_{Pl}=0.1$ ):  $m > 2.68$  TeV



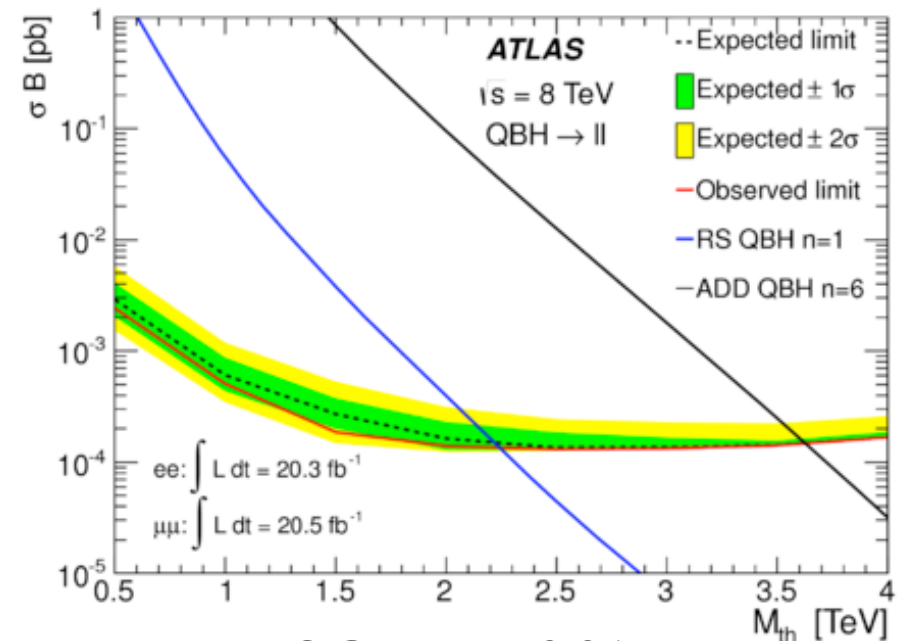
# QBH $\rightarrow l^+l^-$ Resonances



## Quantum Black Holes

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- Production models include
  - RS: [PRL 83.3370 \(1999\)](#)
  - Arkani-Hamed Dimopoulos Dvali ADD: [PLB 429, 263 \(1998\)](#)



RS QBH:  $m > 2.24$  TeV

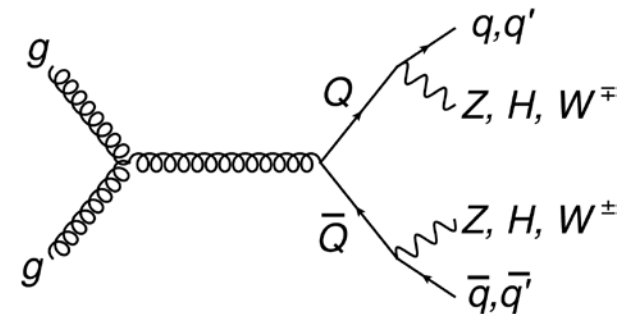
ADD QBH:  $m > 3.65$  TeV





# Vector-like Quarks (T/B)

- Vector-like quarks (VLQ) are additional fermions from BSM models that can
  - Provide new sources of CP violation
  - Cancel Higgs mass divergence from top loops  $\rightarrow$  would solve Hierarchy Problem
  - Unify gauge couplings
- Can arise in “Little Higgs” models and models with composite Higgs
- More viable than fourth-generation quarks
  - Colour-triplet spin-1/2 fermions
  - Left- and right-handed under SU(2)
- Signature: leptons, jets, MET



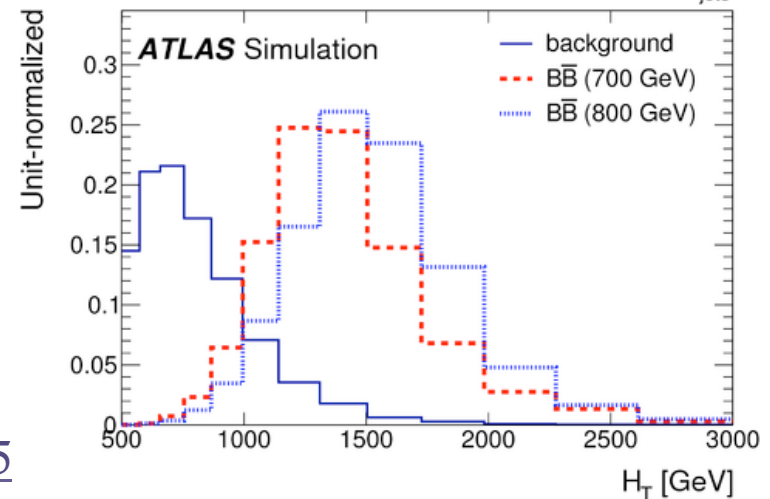
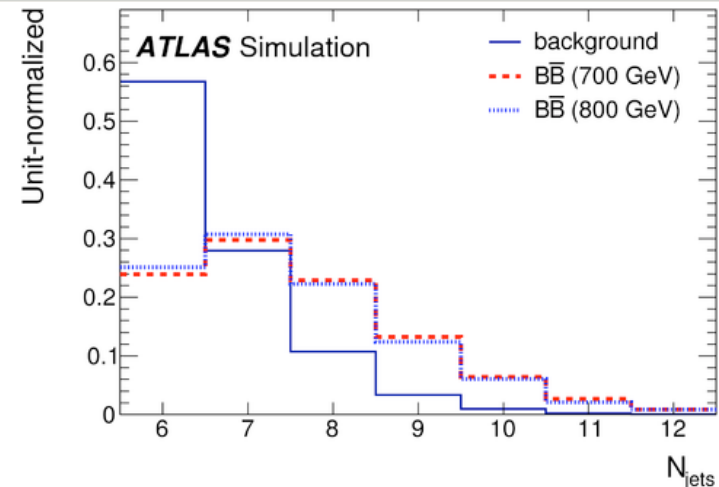


# Vector-like Down-type (B) Quarks



- $B$ : vector-like down-type quark of charge  $-1/3$
- (Frédéric DALLAIRE's talk in T1-5:  
 $pp \rightarrow Bb \rightarrow H(\rightarrow bb)bb$ )
- Here:  $B \rightarrow Zb$ ,  $B \rightarrow Hb$ ,  $B \rightarrow Wt$
- Lepton+jets+MET final state
- Boosted decision tree used for event selection:
  - $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 6$
  - $N_{\text{b-jets}} \geq 1$
  - $N_{\text{vertices}} \geq 1$
  - $H_T > 500$  GeV

[arXiv:1503.05425](https://arxiv.org/abs/1503.05425)



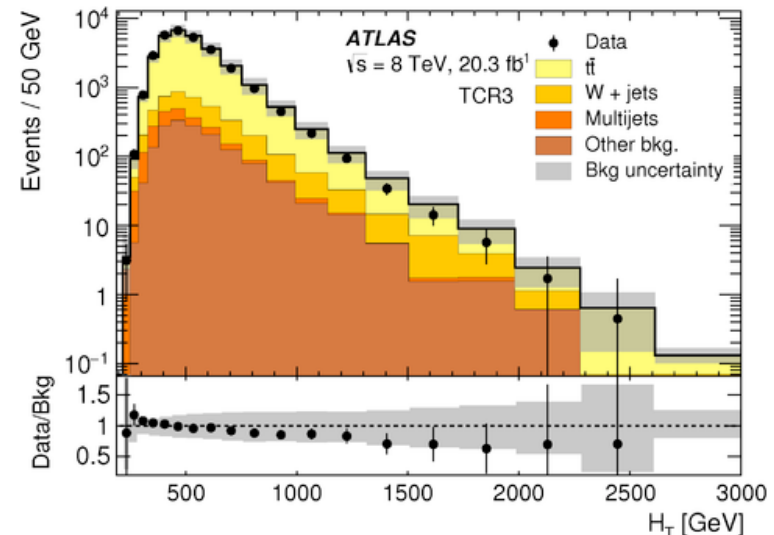


# Vector-like Down-type (B) Quarks



- Main backgrounds:  $t\text{-}t\text{bar}$ ,  $W\text{+jets}$ , multijets (with lepton mis ID)
- Dominant uncertainty in signal yield is  $b$ -tagging efficiency (6%)
- Dominant uncertainty in background yield is Jet Energy Scale (15%)

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Physics process	Event yield [ $\pm(\text{stat}) \pm(\text{syst})$ ]
$700 \text{ GeV VLQ } B; \text{BR}(B \rightarrow Wt) = 1$	$164 \pm 2 \pm 13$
$t\bar{t}$	$10800 \pm 100 \pm 2800$
$W\text{+jets}$	$1020 \pm 30 \pm 630$
Single top	$490 \pm 20 \pm 300$
$Z\text{+jets}$	$180 \pm 30 \pm 120$
$t\bar{t} + V$	$147 \pm 1 \pm 47$
Diboson	$66 \pm 5 \pm 42$
Multijets	$183 \pm 9 \pm 92$
Total background	$12900 \pm 100 \pm 3100$
Observed in data	12235

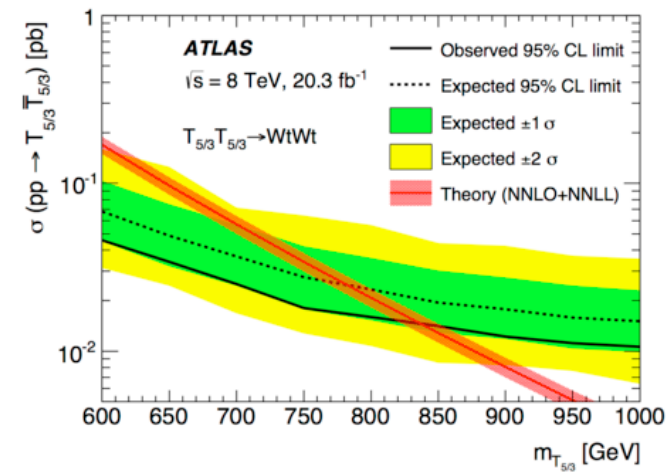
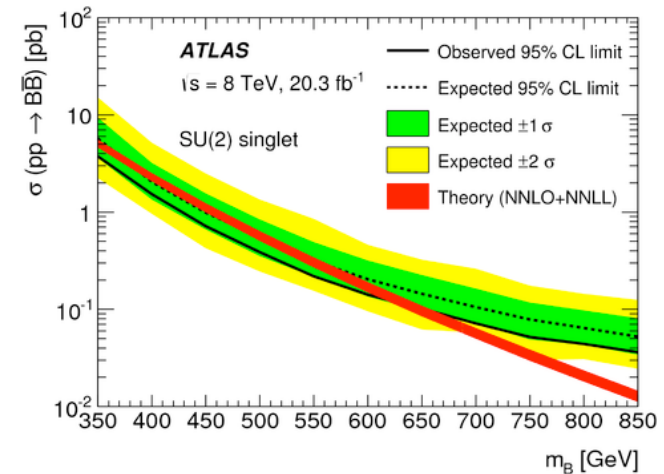


# Vector-like Down-type (B) Quarks



- No signal observed
- Excludes  $B$  below 810 GeV
- Another interpretation:  
coloured charge  $+5/3$  exotic  
fermion  $T_{5/3}$ :  $m > 840$  GeV

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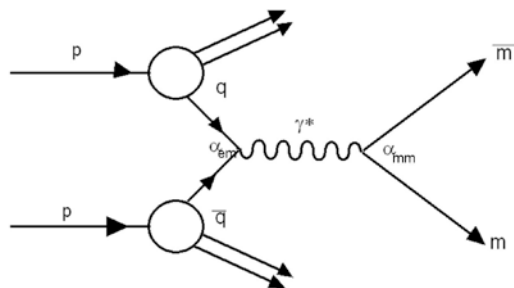




# Multi-charged Particles



- Fundamental particle with charge  $2 \leq |z| \leq 6$
- Predicted by models such as Walking Technicolor and Left-Right Symmetric Model
- Drell-Yan pair production with purely QED coupling proportional to  $|z|$
- Consider long-lived scenario, where particle traverses and exits ATLAS
- High ionization ( $dE/dx$ ) in pixel detector, transition radiation tracker (TRT) and muon system (MDT)
- Charged-particle trajectory reconstructed using standard algorithms ( $p_T$  underestimated by factor  $z$ , since tracking assumes  $|z|=1$ )



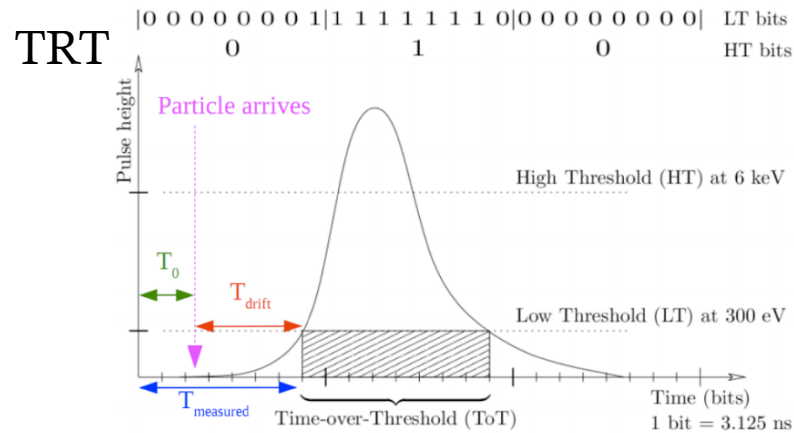
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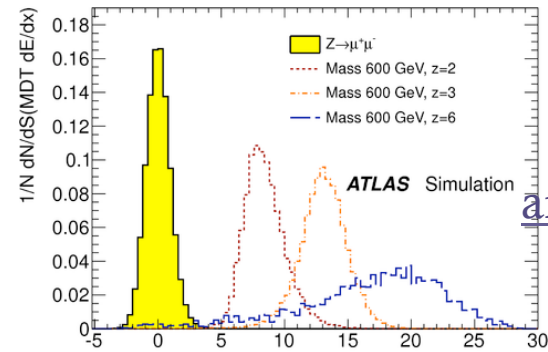


- dE/dx measurement based on “time-over-threshold”

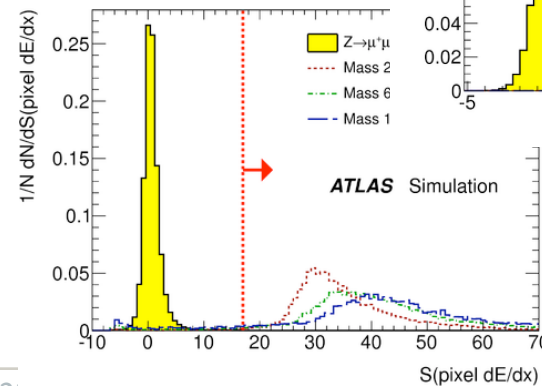
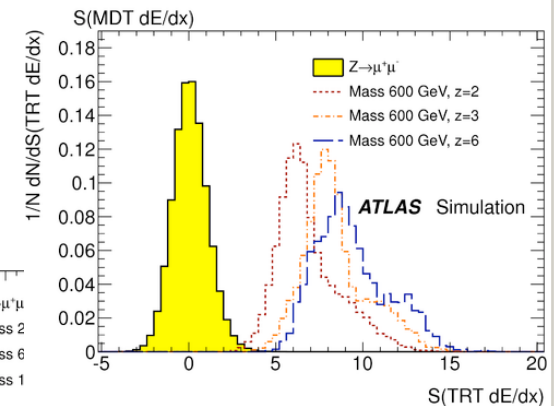


- Compare to that expected for a high- $\beta$  muon

$$S(dE/dx) = \frac{dE/dx_{track} - \langle dE/dx_{\mu} \rangle}{\sigma(dE/dx_{\mu})}$$

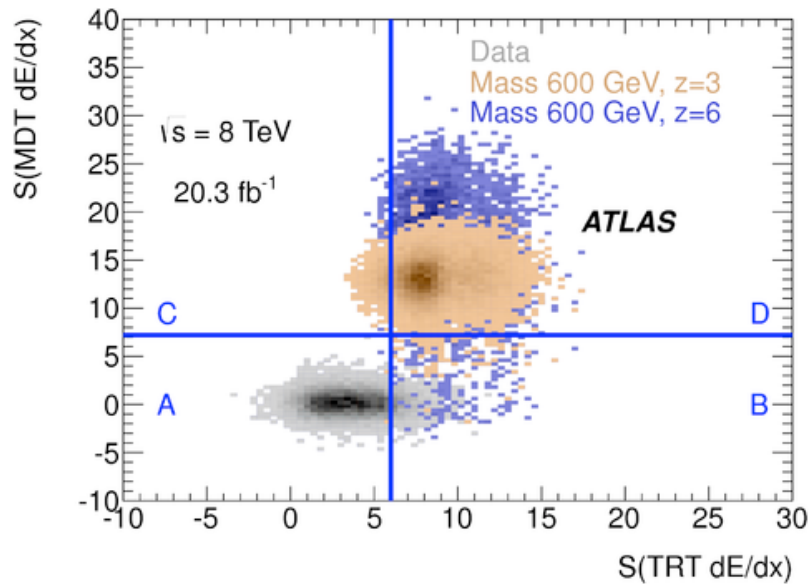


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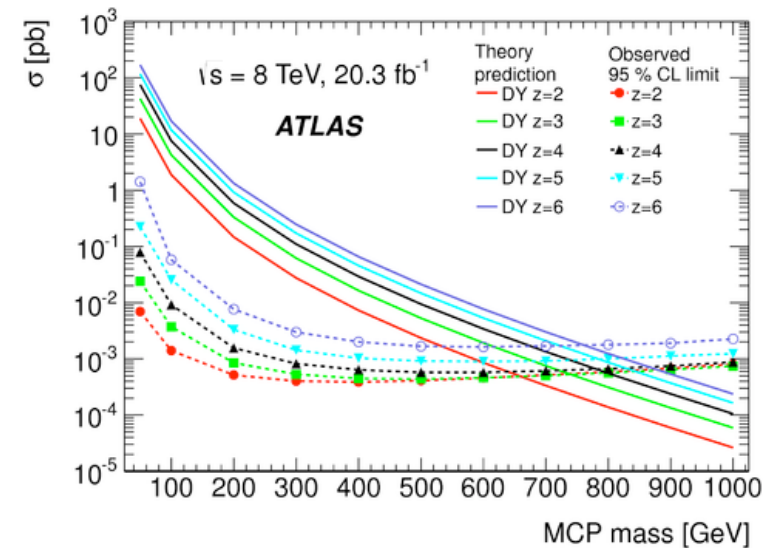




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	$N_{\text{obs}}^{\text{B}}$	$f$	$N_{\text{exp}}^{\text{D}}$	$N_{\text{obs}}^{\text{D}}$
$z = 2$	76	$1.8 \times 10^{-4}$	$0.013 \pm 0.002$	0
$z \geq 3$	1251	$2.1 \times 10^{-5}$	$0.026 \pm 0.003$	0

$ z $	2	3	4	5	6
Mass limit [GeV]	660	740	780	758	760



# Summary

- In the absence of observation of new phenomena, set mass limits

New Phenomenon	Lower Limit (95% C.L.)
$Z'$ (dilepton (SSM))	2.9 TeV
RS graviton ( $k/M_{\text{Pl}}=0.1$ ) (dilepton)	2.68 TeV
Quantum black hole (dilepton) (RS/ADD)	2.24/3.65 TeV
Microscopic black hole/string ball	4.6-6.2 TeV
Vector-like down-type quark $B$	810 GeV
Multi-charged particle $2 \leq  z  \leq 6$	660/740/780/758/760 GeV

- Many 8 TeV ATLAS new phenomena searches published
- Many more to be published in the coming months
- Discovery potential improves at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV!



# ATLAS Exotics Searches\* - 95% CL Exclusion

Status: March 2015

ATLAS Preliminary

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

Model	$\ell, \gamma$	Jets	$E_T^{\text{miss}}$	$\int \mathcal{L} dt [\text{fb}^{-1}]$	Mass limit	Reference		
Extra dimensions	ADD $G_{KK} + g/q$	-	$\geq 1 j$	Yes	20.3	$M_D$ 5.25 TeV	$n = 2$	1502.01518
	ADD non-resonant $\ell\ell$	$2e, \mu$	-	-	20.3	$M_S$ 4.7 TeV	$n = 3 \text{ HLZ}$	1407.2410
	ADD QBH $\rightarrow \ell q$	$1e, \mu$	$1 j$	-	20.3	$M_{\text{th}}$ 5.2 TeV	$n = 6$	1311.2006
	ADD QBH	-	$2 j$	-	20.3	$M_{\text{th}}$ 5.82 TeV	$n = 6$	1407.1376
	ADD BH high $N_{\text{trk}}$	$2\mu$ (SS)	-	-	20.3	$M_{\text{th}}$ 4.7 TeV	$n = 6, M_D = 3 \text{ TeV, non-rot BH}$	1308.4075
	ADD BH high $\sum p_T$	$\geq 1e, \mu$	$\geq 2 j$	-	20.3	$M_{\text{th}}$ 5.8 TeV	$n = 6, M_D = 3 \text{ TeV, non-rot BH}$	1405.4254
	ADD BH high multijet	-	$\geq 2 j$	-	20.3	$M_{\text{th}}$ 5.8 TeV	$n = 6, M_D = 3 \text{ TeV, non-rot BH}$	Preliminary
	RS1 $G_{KK} \rightarrow \ell\ell$	$2e, \mu$	-	-	20.3	$G_{KK} \text{ mass}$ 2.68 TeV	$k/\bar{M}_{Pl} = 0.1$	1405.4123
	RS1 $G_{KK} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	$2\gamma$	-	-	20.3	$G_{KK} \text{ mass}$ 2.66 TeV	$k/\bar{M}_{Pl} = 0.1$	Preliminary
	Bulk RS $G_{KK} \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow qq\ell\ell$	$2e, \mu$	$2 j / 1 J$	-	20.3	$G_{KK} \text{ mass}$ 740 GeV	$k/\bar{M}_{Pl} = 1.0$	1409.6190
	Bulk RS $G_{KK} \rightarrow WW \rightarrow qq\ell\nu$	$1e, \mu$	$2 j / 1 J$	Yes	20.3	$W \text{ mass}$ 700 GeV	$k/\bar{M}_{Pl} = 1.0$	1503.04677
	Bulk RS $G_{KK} \rightarrow HH \rightarrow bbbb$	-	$4 b$	-	19.5	$G_{KK} \text{ mass}$ 590-710 GeV	$k/\bar{M}_{Pl} = 1.0$	ATLAS-CONF-2014-005
	Bulk RS $G_{KK} \rightarrow t\bar{t}$	$1e, \mu$	$\geq 1 b, \geq 1 J/2 j$	Yes	20.3	$g_{KK} \text{ mass}$ 2.2 TeV	BR = 0.925	ATLAS-CONF-2015-009
	2UED / RPP	$2e, \mu$ (SS)	$\geq 1 b, \geq 1 j$	Yes	20.3	$KK \text{ mass}$ 960 GeV	Preliminary	Preliminary
Gauge bosons	SSM $Z' \rightarrow \ell\ell$	$2e, \mu$	-	-	20.3	$Z' \text{ mass}$ 2.9 TeV		1405.4123
	SSM $Z' \rightarrow \tau\tau$	$2\tau$	-	-	19.5	$Z' \text{ mass}$ 2.02 TeV		1502.07177
	SSM $W' \rightarrow \ell\nu$	$1e, \mu$	-	Yes	20.3	$W' \text{ mass}$ 3.24 TeV		1407.7494
	EGM $W' \rightarrow WZ \rightarrow \ell\nu \ell' \ell'$	$3e, \mu$	-	Yes	20.3	$W \text{ mass}$ 1.52 TeV		1406.4456
	EGM $W' \rightarrow WZ \rightarrow qq\ell\ell$	$2e, \mu$	$2 j / 1 J$	-	20.3	$W \text{ mass}$ 1.59 TeV		1409.6190
	HVT $W' \rightarrow WH \rightarrow \ell\nu bb$	$1e, \mu$	$2 b$	Yes	20.3	$W' \text{ mass}$ 1.47 TeV	$g_V = 1$	Preliminary
	LRSM $W'_R \rightarrow t\bar{b}$	$1e, \mu$	$2 b, 0-1 j$	Yes	20.3	$W' \text{ mass}$ 1.92 TeV		1410.4103
	LRSM $W'_R \rightarrow t\bar{b}$	$0e, \mu$	$\geq 1 b, 1 J$	-	20.3	$W' \text{ mass}$ 1.76 TeV		1408.0896
CI	CI $qqqq$	-	$2 j$	-	17.3	$\Lambda$ 12.0 TeV	$\eta_{LL} = -1$	Preliminary
	CI $qq\ell\ell$	$2e, \mu$	-	-	20.3	$\Lambda$ 21.6 TeV	$\eta_{LL} = -1$	1407.2410
	CI $uutt$	$2e, \mu$ (SS)	$\geq 1 b, \geq 1 j$	Yes	20.3	$\Lambda$ 4.35 TeV	$ C_{LL}  = 1$	Preliminary
DM	EFT D5 operator (Dirac)	$0e, \mu$	$\geq 1 j$	Yes	20.3	$M_*$ 974 GeV	at 90% CL for $m(\chi) < 100 \text{ GeV}$	1502.01518
	EFT D9 operator (Dirac)	$0e, \mu$	$1 J, \leq 1 j$	Yes	20.3	$M_*$ 2.4 TeV	at 90% CL for $m(\chi) < 100 \text{ GeV}$	1309.4017
LQ	Scalar LQ 1 <sup>st</sup> gen	$2e$	$\geq 2 j$	-	1.0	LQ mass 660 GeV	$\beta = 1$	1112.4828
	Scalar LQ 2 <sup>nd</sup> gen	$2\mu$	$\geq 2 j$	-	1.0	LQ mass 685 GeV	$\beta = 1$	1203.3172
	Scalar LQ 3 <sup>rd</sup> gen	$1e, \mu, 1\tau$	$1 b, 1 j$	-	4.7	LQ mass 534 GeV	$\beta = 1$	1303.0526
Heavy quarks	VLQ $TT \rightarrow Ht + X, Wb + X$	$1e, \mu$	$\geq 1 b, \geq 3 j$	Yes	20.3	$T \text{ mass}$ 785 GeV	isospin singlet	ATLAS-CONF-2015-012
	VLQ $TT \rightarrow Zt + X$	$2/\geq 3 e, \mu$	$\geq 2/\geq 1 b$	-	20.3	$T \text{ mass}$ 735 GeV	T in (T, B) doublet	1409.5500
	VLQ $BB \rightarrow Zb + X$	$2/\geq 3 e, \mu$	$\geq 2/\geq 1 b$	-	20.3	$B \text{ mass}$ 755 GeV	B in (B, Y) doublet	1409.5500
	VLQ $BB \rightarrow Wt + X$	$1e, \mu$	$\geq 1 b, \geq 5 j$	Yes	20.3	$B \text{ mass}$ 640 GeV	isospin singlet	Preliminary
	$T_{5/3} \rightarrow Wt$	$1e, \mu$	$\geq 1 b, \geq 5 j$	Yes	20.3	$T_{5/3} \text{ mass}$ 840 GeV	isospin singlet	Preliminary
Excited fermions	Excited quark $q^* \rightarrow q\gamma$	$1\gamma$	$1 j$	-	20.3	$q^* \text{ mass}$ 3.5 TeV	only $u^*$ and $d^*$ , $\Lambda = m(q^*)$	1309.3230
	Excited quark $q^* \rightarrow qg$	-	$2 j$	-	20.3	$q^* \text{ mass}$ 4.09 TeV	only $u^*$ and $d^*$ , $\Lambda = m(q^*)$	1407.1376
	Excited quark $b^* \rightarrow Wt$	$1 \text{ or } 2e, \mu$	$1 b, 2 j \text{ or } 1 j$	Yes	4.7	$b^* \text{ mass}$ 870 GeV	left-handed coupling	1301.1583
	Excited lepton $\ell^* \rightarrow \ell\gamma$	$2e, \mu, 1\gamma$	-	-	13.0	$\ell^* \text{ mass}$ 2.2 TeV	$\Lambda = 2.2 \text{ TeV}$	1308.1364
	Excited lepton $\nu^* \rightarrow \ell W, \nu Z$	$3e, \mu, \tau$	-	-	20.3	$\nu^* \text{ mass}$ 1.6 TeV	$\Lambda = 1.6 \text{ TeV}$	1411.2921
Other	LSTC $a_T \rightarrow W\gamma$	$1e, \mu, 1\gamma$	-	Yes	20.3	$a_T \text{ mass}$ 960 GeV		1407.8150
	LRSM Majorana $\nu$	$2e, \mu$	$2 j$	-	2.1	$N^0 \text{ mass}$ 1.5 TeV	$m(W_R) = 2 \text{ TeV, no mixing}$	1203.5420
	Higgs triplet $H^{\pm\pm} \rightarrow \ell\ell$	$2e, \mu$ (SS)	-	-	20.3	$H^{\pm\pm} \text{ mass}$ 551 GeV	DY production, $\text{BR}(H^{\pm\pm} \rightarrow \ell\ell) = 1$	1412.0237
	Higgs triplet $H^{\pm\pm} \rightarrow \ell\tau$	$3e, \mu, \tau$	-	-	20.3	$H^{\pm\pm} \text{ mass}$ 400 GeV	DY production, $\text{BR}(H^{\pm\pm} \rightarrow \ell\tau) = 1$	1411.2921
	Monotop (non-res prod)	$1e, \mu$	$1 b$	Yes	20.3	spin-1 invisible particle mass 657 GeV	$a_{\text{non-res}} = 0.2$	1410.5404
	Multi-charged particles	-	-	-	20.3	multi-charged particle mass 785 GeV	DY production, $ q  = 5e$	Preliminary
	Magnetic monopoles	-	-	-	2.0	monopole mass 862 GeV	DY production, $ g  = 1g_D$	1207.6411

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

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

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Mass scale [TeV]

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



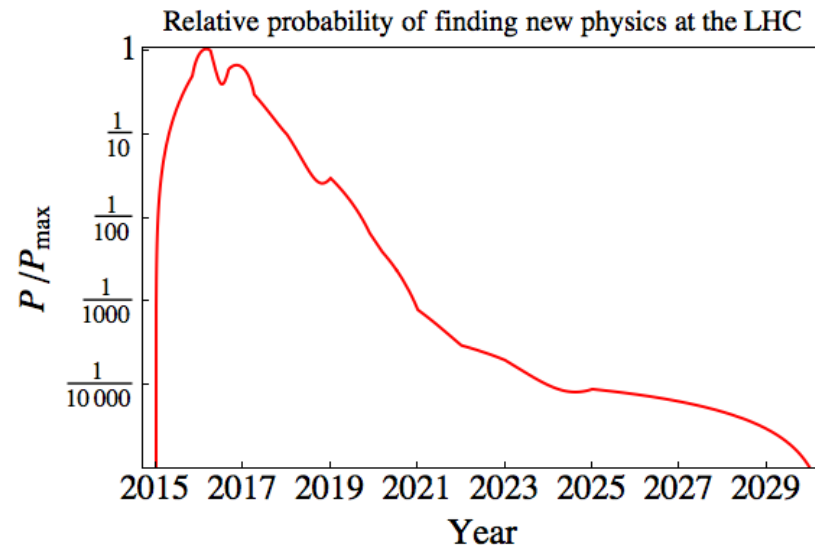
# LHC Plans

2011	25 fb <sup>-1</sup>	$\sqrt{s} = 7,8 \text{ TeV}$ $\mathcal{L} = 6.8 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
2012		
2013		
2014	LS1	
2015	~75-100 fb <sup>-1</sup>	$\sqrt{s} = 13,14 \text{ TeV}$ $\mathcal{L} = 1 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
2016		
2017		
2018	LS2	
2019	~350 fb <sup>-1</sup>	$\sqrt{s} = 14 \text{ TeV}$ $\mathcal{L} = 2 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
2020		
2021		
2022	LS3	
2023		$\sqrt{s} = 14 \text{ TeV}$ $\mathcal{L} = 5 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
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Expected ATLAS Z' mass limit prospects (TeV):

	20.3 fb <sup>-1</sup> $\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$	300 fb <sup>-1</sup> $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$	1000 fb <sup>-1</sup> $\sqrt{s} = 14 \text{ TeV}$	3000 fb <sup>-1</sup> $\sqrt{s} = 14 \text{ TeV}$
Z' <sub>SSM</sub> → e <sup>+</sup> e <sup>-</sup>	2.9	6.5	7.2	7.8

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# 13 TeV Event Displays

Record energy  $pp$  collisions  
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