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# Experimental Results on Top Exotic (non SUSY) from the LHC

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# Top quarks in BSM theories

- “*Largest quantum correction to the Higgs boson mass involves a top quark loop, it is natural to suppose that BSM mechanisms involve top quarks*”
- ATLAS:
  - <https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/AtlasPublic/ExoticsPublicResults>
  - <https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/AtlasPublic/ExoticsTopResults>
- CMS:
  - <https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/CMSPublic/PhysicsResultsB2G>
  - <https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/CMSPublic/PhysicsResultsEXO>

# Outline

- Resonances
- Dark matter
- Vector like quarks

**Resonances  
decaying to 1 or 2 top quarks**

# Resonances with top quarks

- Extended gauge sector a feature of many BSM theories
  - SM-like  $W'$  and  $Z'$  appear for e.g. in Little Higgs models
  - Randall-Sundrum Kaluza-Klein excitations in extra dimension models
  - Technicolour, GUT, etc.
- Classic searches using top quarks:
  - $W'$  and  $Z'$  (and  $gKK$ )

# Search for $W'$ boson decaying to top

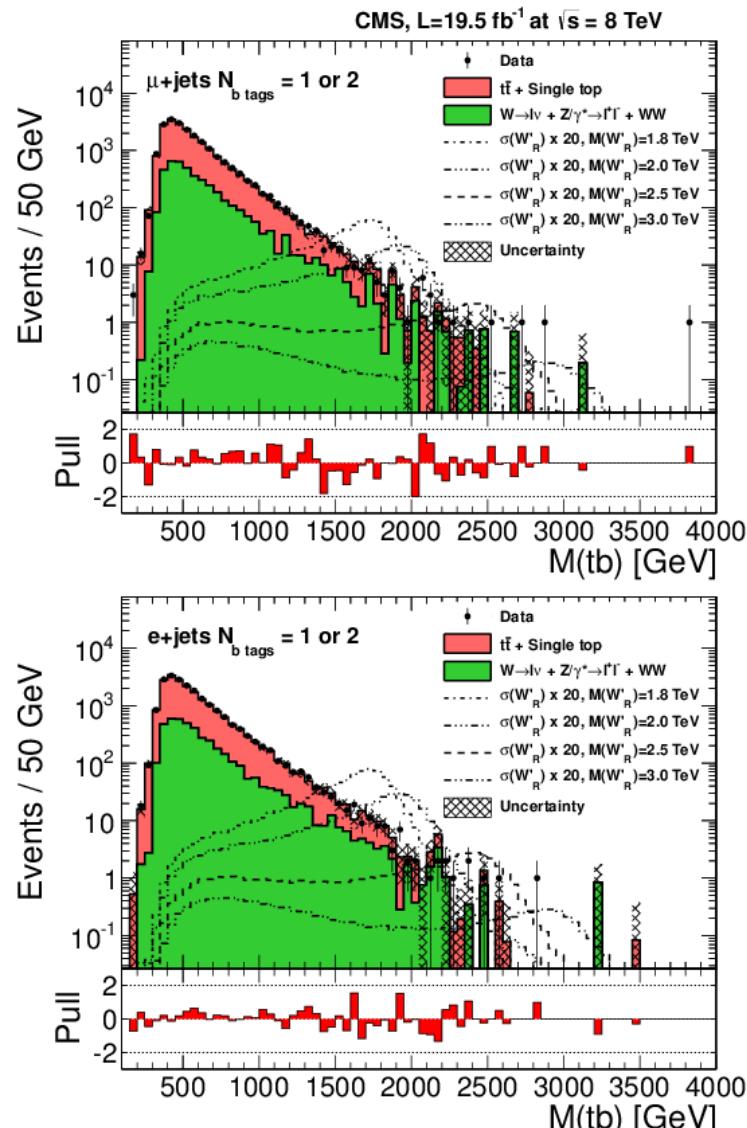
- $W'$  heavy partner of the SM  $W$  boson
- Constrains on  $W' \rightarrow l\nu$  (currently  $M_{W'} > 3.4$  TeV) do not apply to  $W'$  with purely right-handed couplings if the mass of the hypothetical right-handed neutrino is larger than a few GeV
  - A search for  $W' \rightarrow tb$  makes no assumptions on the mass of the right-handed neutrino
- Some models couple more strongly to fermions of the third generation than other generations
- $W'$  signal
  - $W'_L$  bosons couple like the SM  $W$ , we consider interference between *s-channel tb production via a W boson and via  $W'_L$  boson*
  - $W'_R$  can only decay leptonically if there is a right-handed neutrino  $\nu_R$  such that  $M(\nu_R) + M(l) < M(W'_R)$ , we assume  $M(\nu_R) > M(W'_R)$

# Search for $W'$ Boson (single lepton)

- Fit  $M(tb)$  after selecting one high  $p_T$  lepton, at least 2 jets, at least one b-tagged jet and to reduce backgrounds  $p_{T\text{top}} > 85 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $p_T^{\text{jet}1,\text{jet}2} > 140 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $130 < M_{\text{top}} < 210 \text{ GeV}$
- Limits on coupling strengths provided for different  $M(W')$  hypothesis

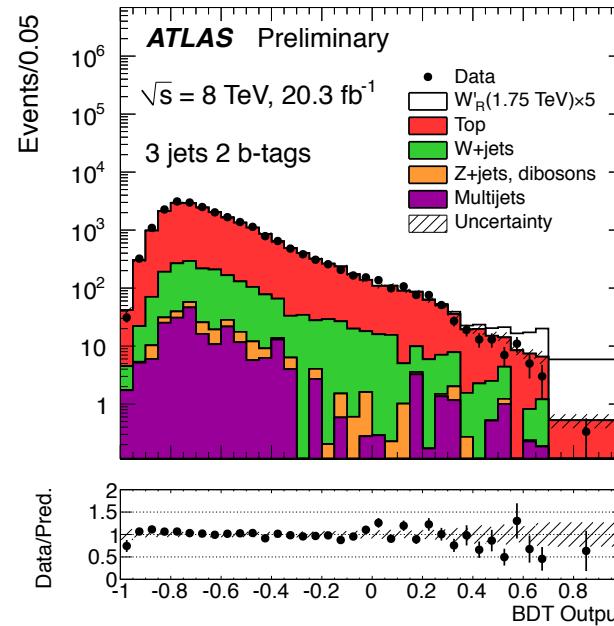
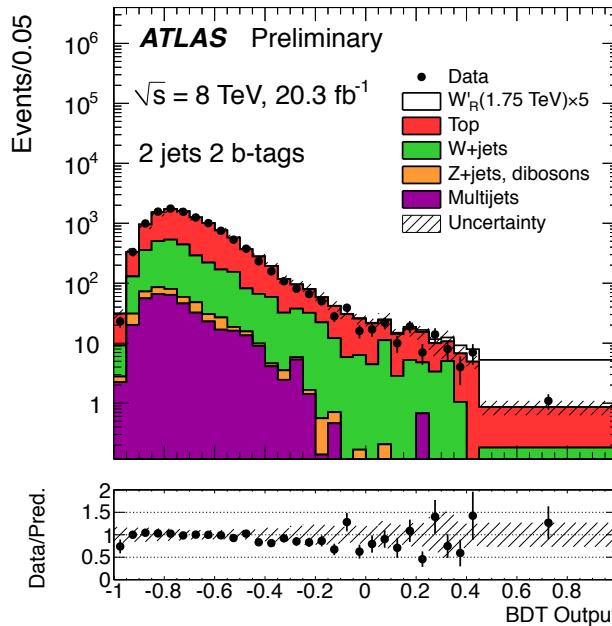
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Model	Obs. exclusion	Exp. exclusion
$W'_L$ no int.	2.05 TeV	2.02 TeV
$W'_L$	1.84 TeV	1.84 TeV
$W'_R$	2.13 TeV	2.12 TeV



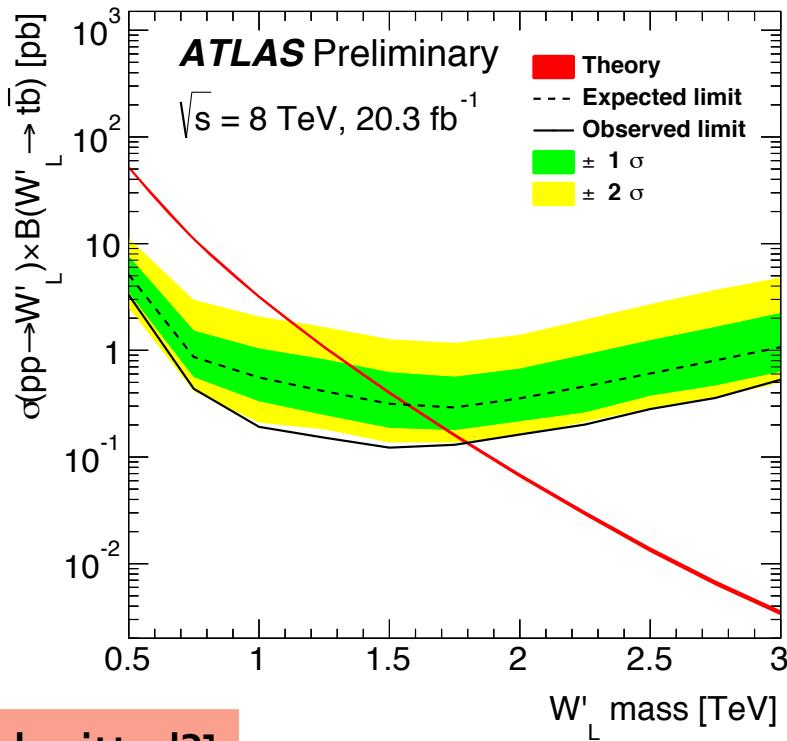
# Search for $W'$ Boson (single lepton)

- Select one lepton and 2 or 3 jets with 2 b-tags
- Boosted Decision Tree trained with  $W'_R$  and  $W'_L$  (with and without interference) hypothesis
- About 10 variables used as input with  $M(tb)$  and  $p_{T\text{top}}$  producing the best signal and background separation

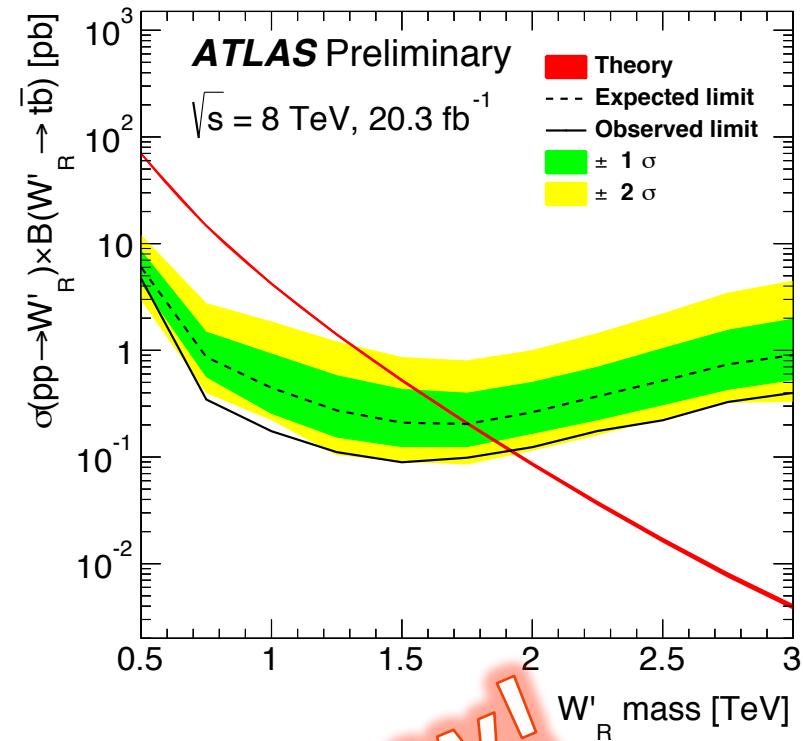


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# Search for W' Boson (single lepton)



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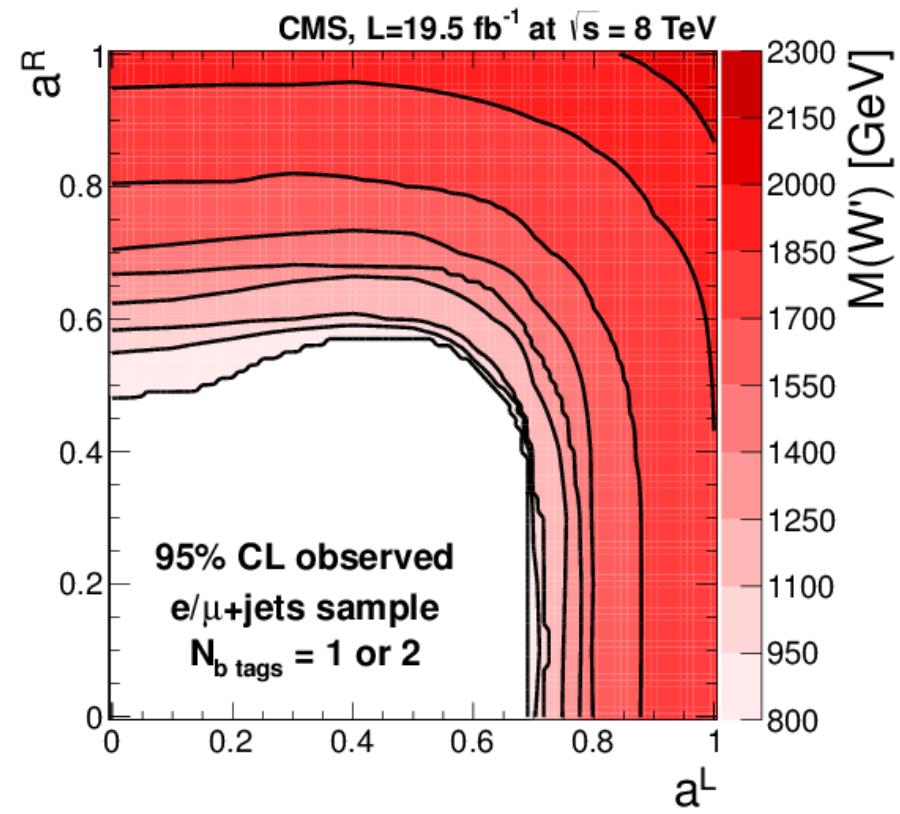
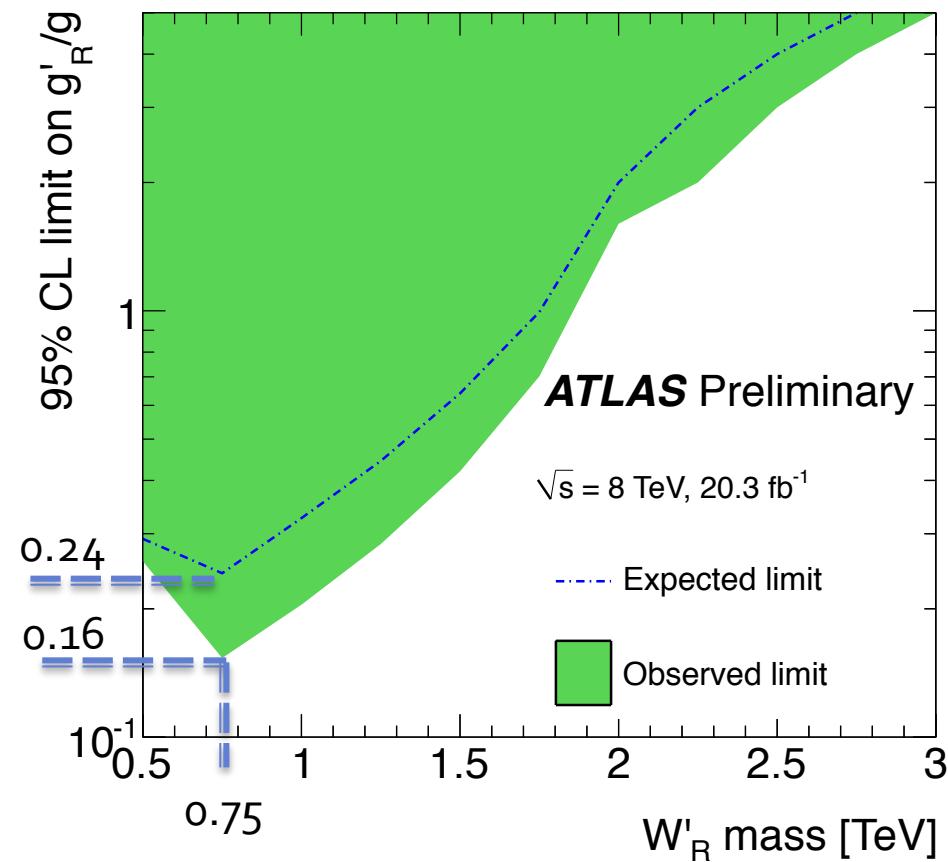
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- Observed limits lower explained by deficit in of data in the high BDT region

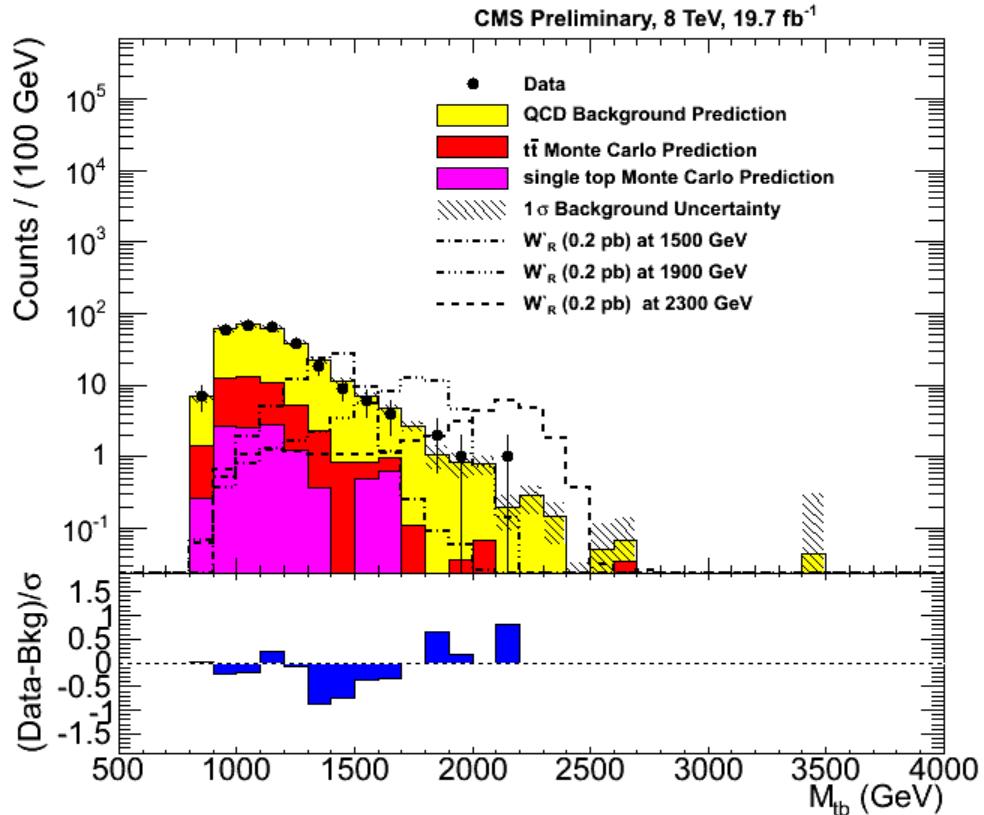
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$W'_L$ no int.	1.80 TeV	1.57 TeV
$W'_L$	1.70 TeV	1.54 TeV
$W'_R$	1.92 TeV	1.75 TeV

# Search for W' Boson (single lepton)

- Limits on couplings for different W' masses derived from W' cross section



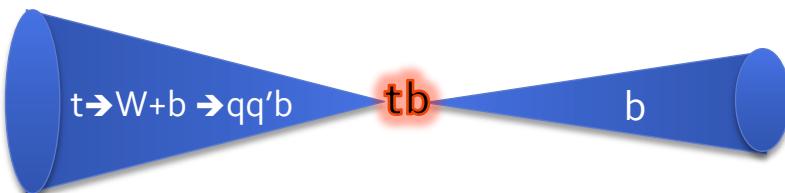
# Search for W' Boson (all jets)



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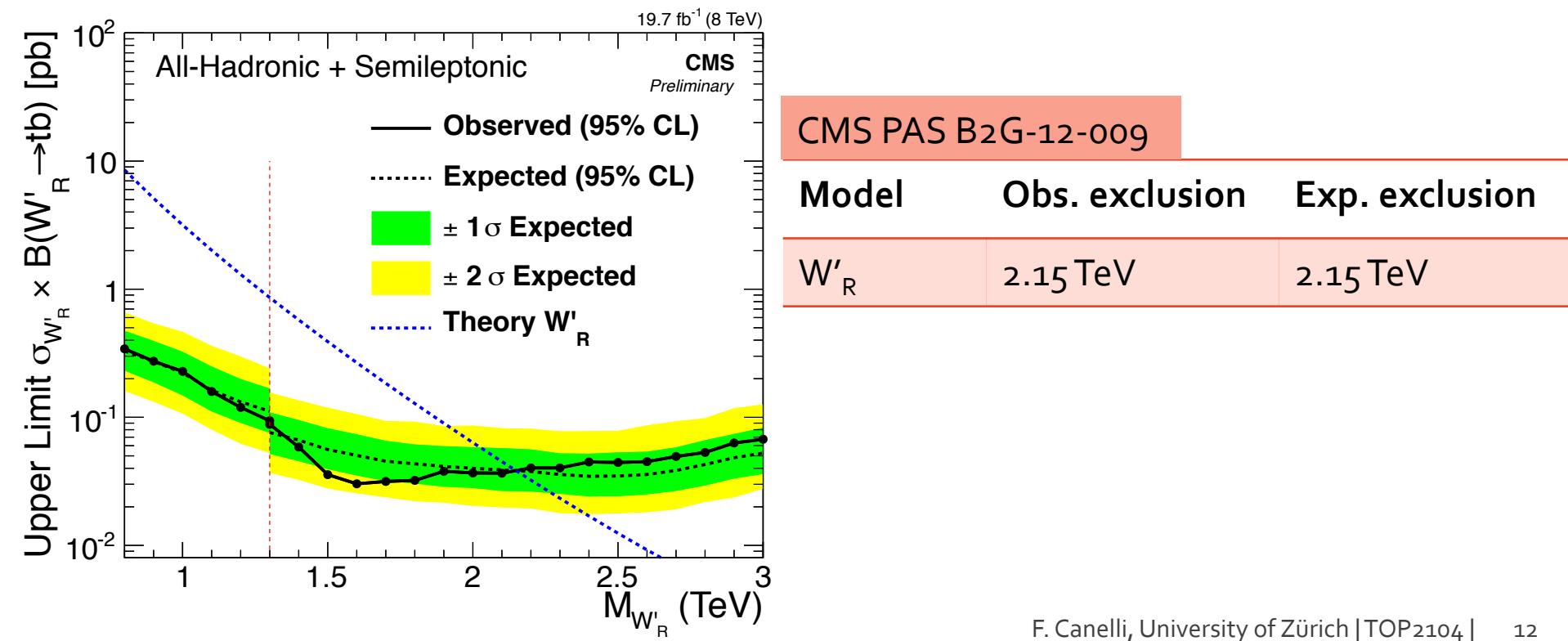
Model	Obs. exclusion	Exp. exclusion
$W'_L$	1.94 TeV	? TeV
$W'_R$	2.02 TeV	1.99 TeV

- Uses boosted techniques
  - **Top candidate jet:**  $p_T > 450$  GeV with CMS top-tagging algorithm
  - **B-candidate jet:**  $p_T > 370$  GeV using b-tagging and  $m < 70$  GeV
- Data derived multijet background estimate
- Reconstruction of  $M(tb)$  using these objects



# Search for $W'$ Boson (combination)

- Combination of single lepton and all hadronic channels
- Single lepton quoted up to 1.3 TeV, combined between 1.3 and 3.1 TeV
- Provides the current most stringent limits for  $W'_R$

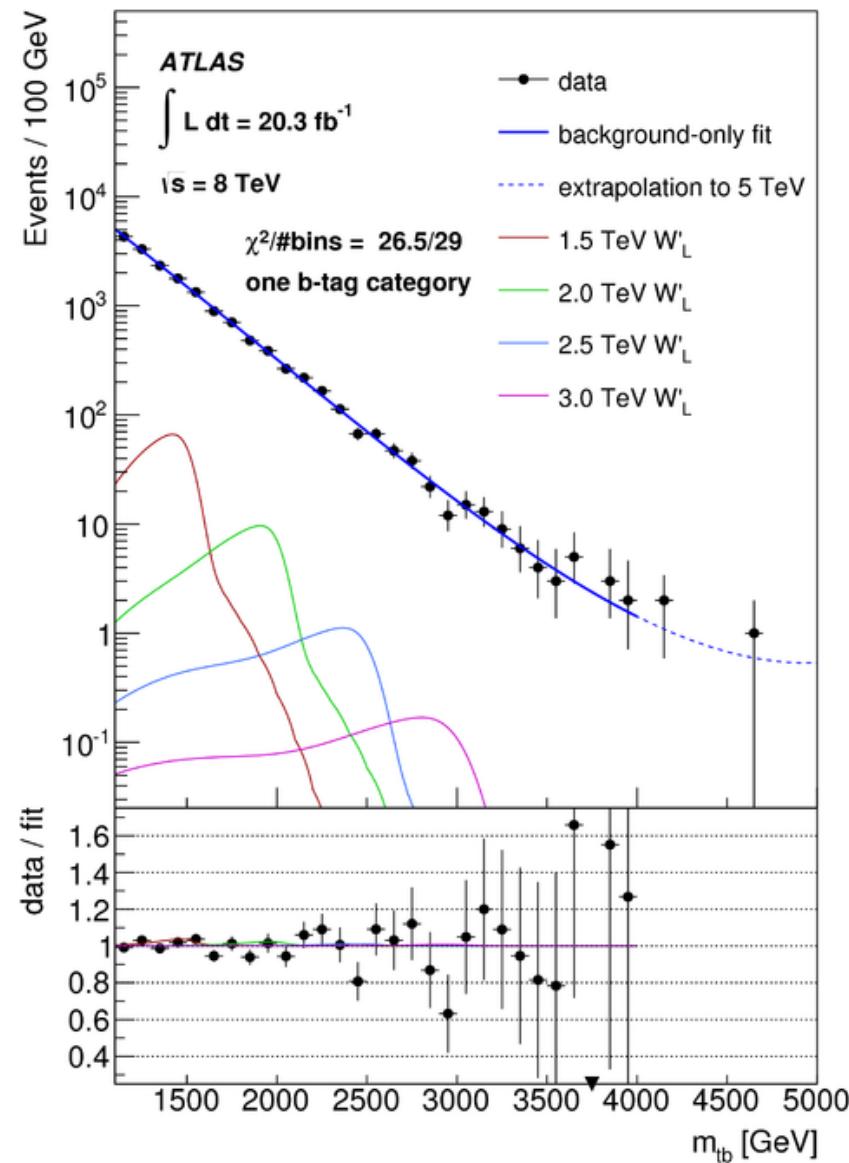


# Search for $W'$ Boson (all jets)

- Selection uses boosted techniques
  - Single anti- $k_T$  R=1.0 trimmed jet with  $p_T > 350$  GeV (**W' Top Tagger**)
  - Small anti- $k_T$  R =0.4 b-tagged jet with  $p_T > 35$  GeV
  - Divided in 1 and 2 b-tags
- Background estimate fully from data
- $W'_L$  no interference since 1% contamination from single top estimated

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Model	Obs. exclusion	Exp. exclusion
$W'_L$ no int.	1.68 TeV	1.63 TeV
$W'_L$	NA TeV	NA TeV
$W'_R$	1.76 TeV	1.85 TeV



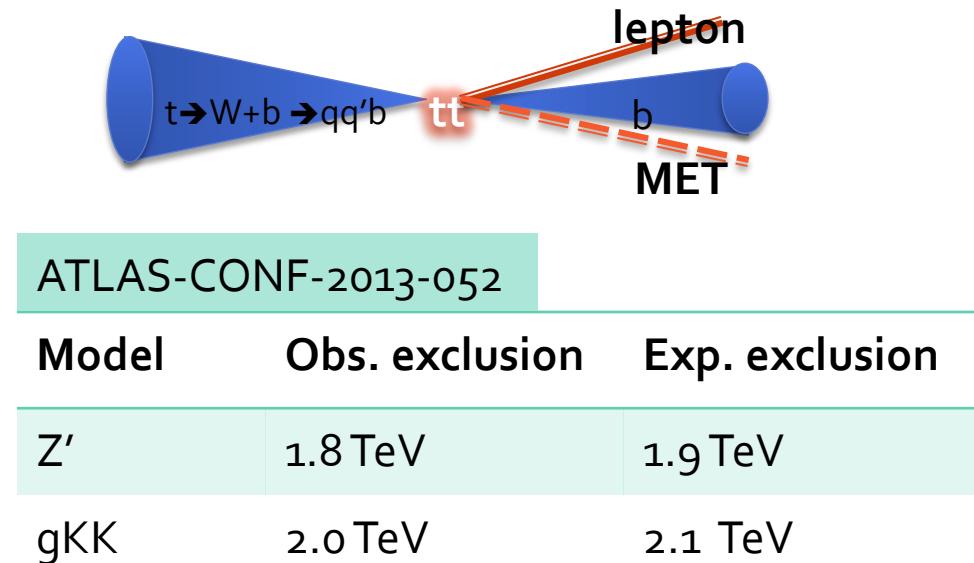
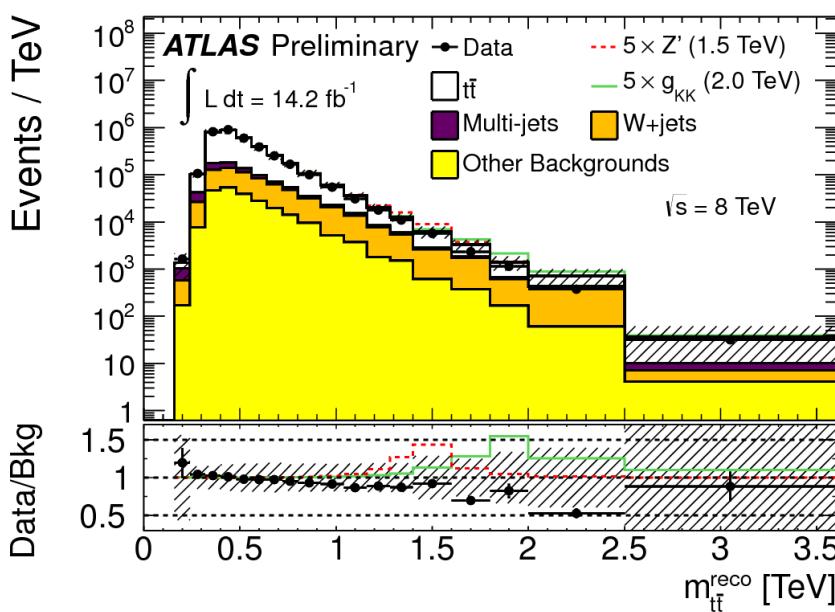
# Search for ttbar resonances

- Mainly introduced to alleviate the *hierarchy problem*
- Two theoretical benchmarks:
  - Narrow resonance(\*) (topcolor, leptophobic ( $Z'$ ))
    - $\Gamma_{Z'}/m_{Z'} = 1.2\%$  (or 1%) with K factor 1.3 [EPJ C72 (2012) 2072 ]
  - Broad resonance(\*) (Kaluza-Klein (KK) gluons from RS models with ED)
    - $\Gamma_{ggKK}/m_{gKK} = 15.3\%$  (10-15%) with no K factor
    - [ but also  $\Gamma_{Z'}/m_{Z'} = 10\%$  for CMS]
- Search for enhancement in the invariant mass ttbar spectrum

(\*) compare with detector resolution for mtt ~10%

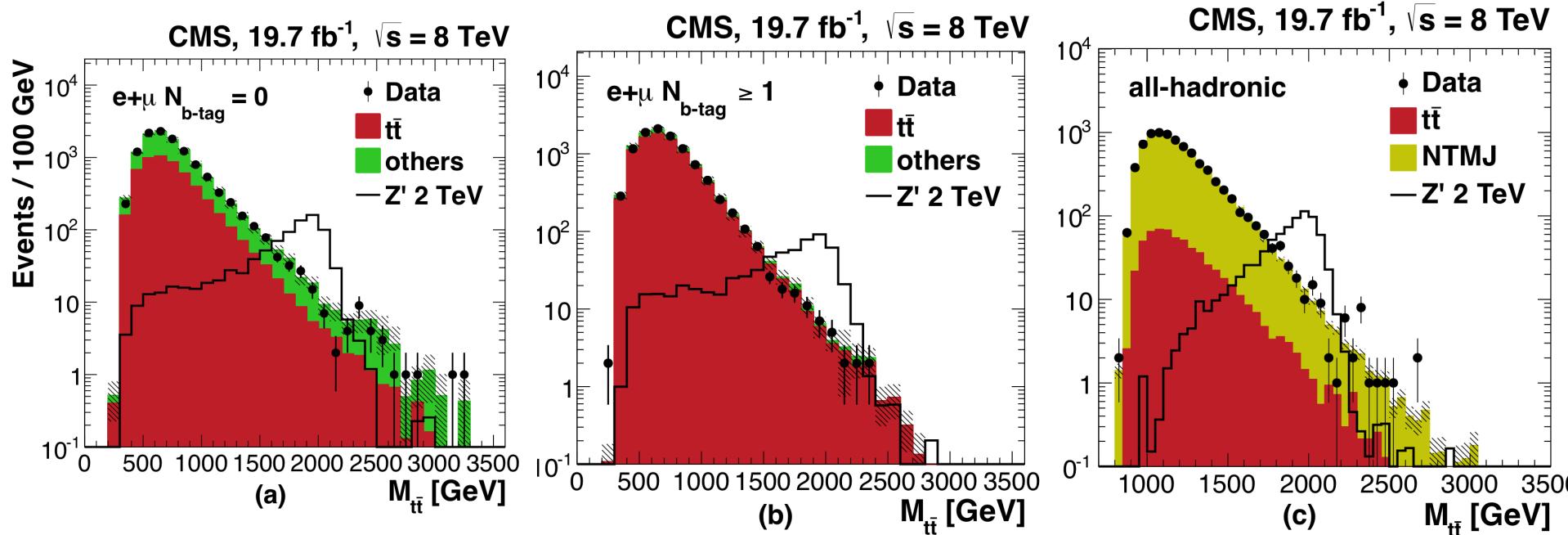
# Search for ttbar resonances (lepton + jets)

- Combine four channels electron, muon with resolved, boosted:
  - **Resolved:** Reconstruct tt with l+MET+4 small radius jets ( $R=0.4$ ); Choose kinematically best combinatorics
  - **Boosted:**
    - Leptonic top = l + MET + nearby small radius jet ( $R=0.4$ )
    - Hadronic top = large radius jet ( $R=1.0$ ) with high mass, hard substructure
  - Events that fail the boosted selection are examined using the resolved selection



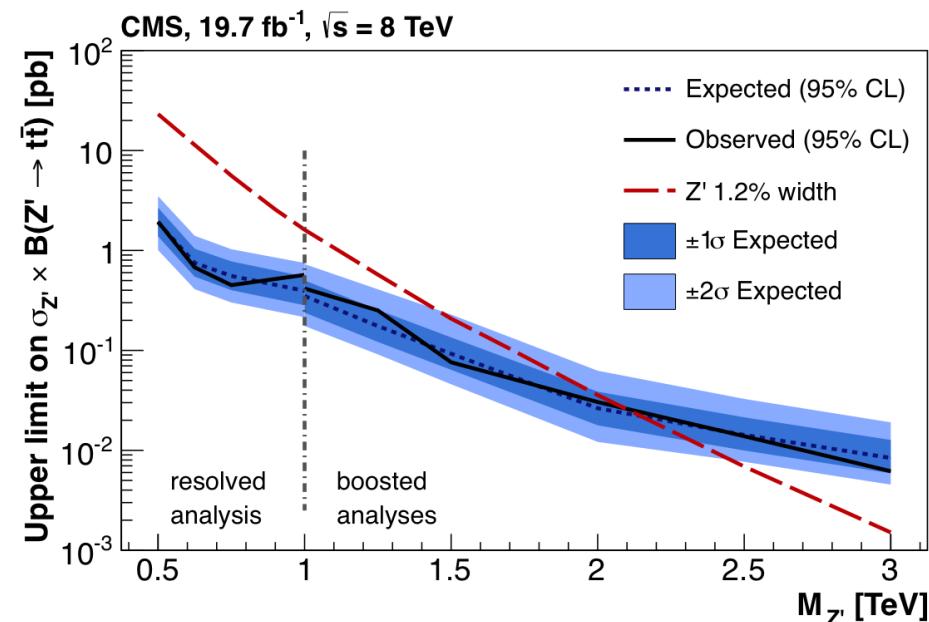
# Search for ttbar resonances (l + jets, all-had)

- Lepton+jets:
  - **Resolved ( $M_{t\bar{t}} < 1 \text{ TeV}$ )**: Reconstruct tt with l, MET, at least 4 jets. Events separated in e, mu, single and doble-b-tag. Reconstruct  $M_{t\bar{t}}$  chosing the best combinatorics
  - **Boosted ( $M_{t\bar{t}} > 1 \text{ TeV}$ )**: Higher  $p_T$  lepton trigger plus higher leading jet  $p_T$  requirement. Reconstruct  $M_{t\bar{t}}$  with one jet assigned to the leptonic side and at least one jet to the hadronic side
  - Not exclusive, limits are combined at 1TeV, found to be best point
- All-hadronic ( $M_{t\bar{t}} > 1 \text{ TeV}$ ):
  - **Boosted**: Top tagging and CAo.8 jets with pruning to identify substructure (3 or 4 jets)



# Search for ttbar resonances (l + jets, all-had)

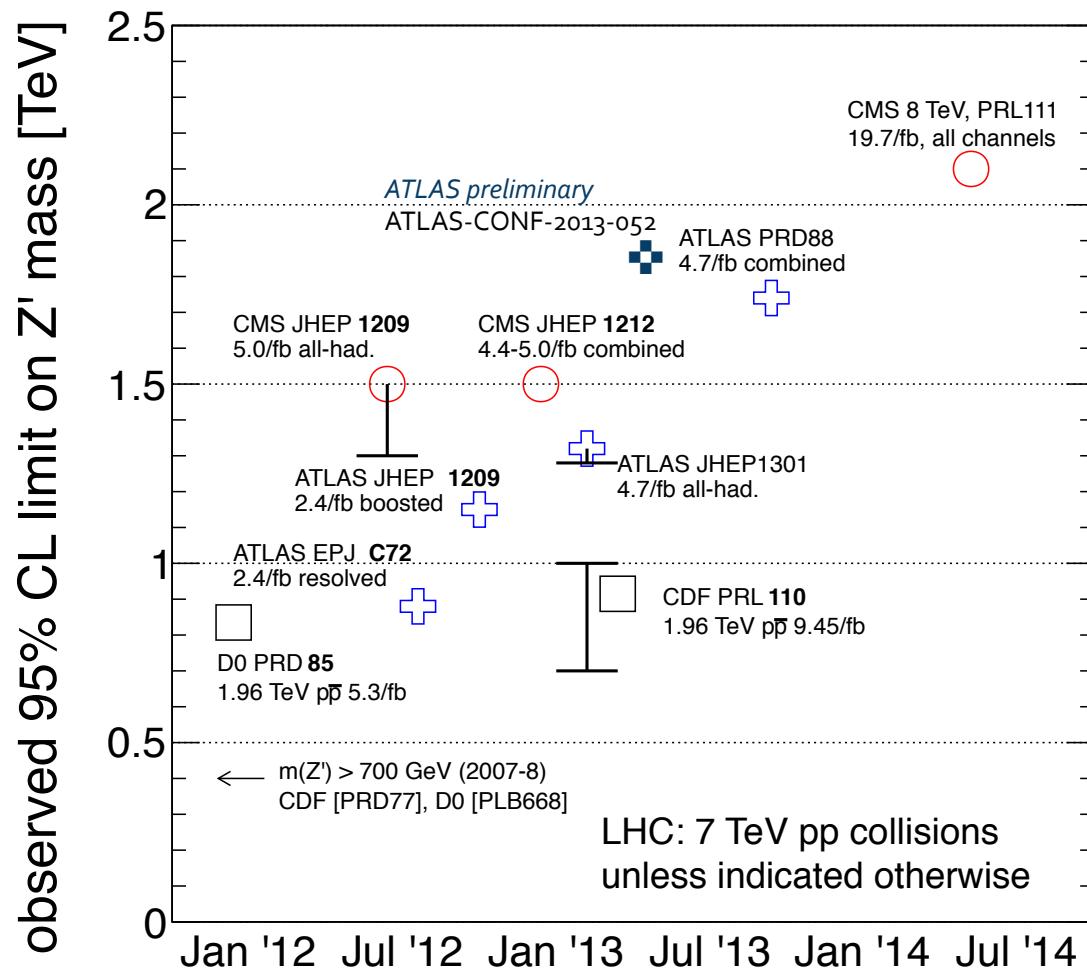
- Combine with resolved and boosted in l+jets channel with boosted hadronic channels for optimal sensitivity over  $M_{tt}$  range
- Combination of l+jets and all-hadronic channels improves the expected cross section limits at 2TeV by 25%



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Model	Obs. exclusion	Exp. exclusion
Z' 1.2%	2.1 TeV	2.1 TeV
gKK	2.5 TeV	2.4 TeV
Z' 10%	2.7 TeV	2.6 TeV

# Search for ttbar resonances (summary)

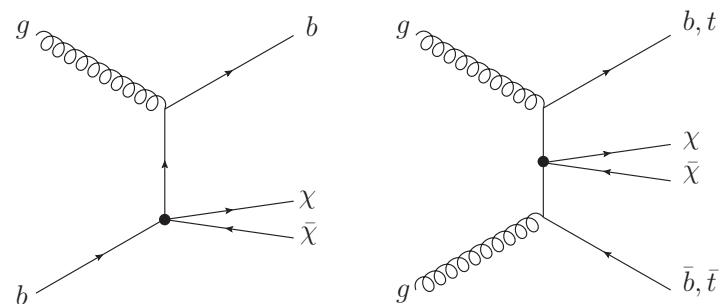


Dark Matter  
or MET plus one or two top quarks

# Dark matter with *heavy* quarks

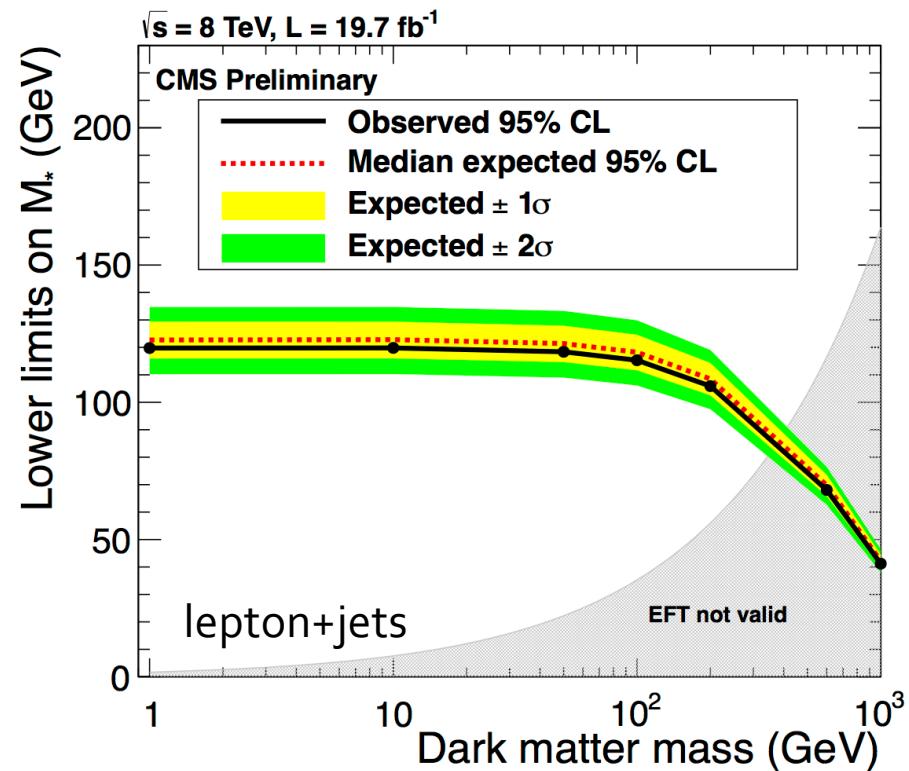
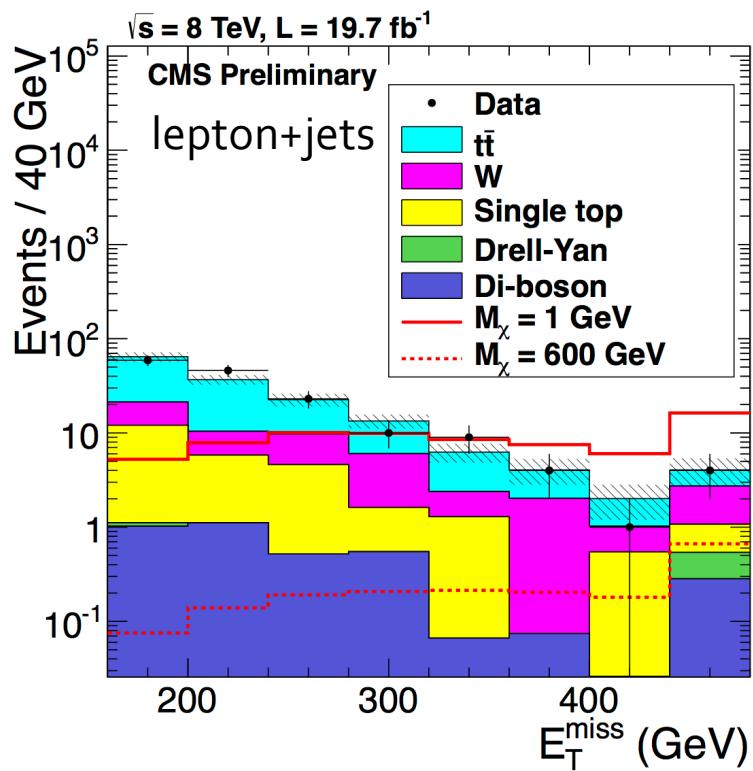
- At LHC low DM masses ( $m_\chi < 10$  GeV) most sensitive, complementarity to direct searches
- If particles that mediate the interaction between dark matter and SM particles ( $M^*$ ) are too heavy to be produced, interactions can be described as contact operators in EFT with operators expressed in terms of  $M^*$ 
  - (D1) proportional to mass, better constraints from events where DM couples to *heavy quarks*
  - (C1) complex scalar (also proportional to  $m_q$ )
  - (D9) tensor couplings between WIMPS and quarks

Name	Initial state	Type	Operator
D1	$qq$	scalar	$\frac{m_q}{M_*^3} \bar{\chi} \chi \bar{q} q$
D5	$qq$	vector	$\frac{1}{M_*^2} \bar{\chi} \gamma^\mu \chi \bar{q} \gamma_\mu q$
D8	$qq$	axial-vector	$\frac{1}{M_*^2} \bar{\chi} \gamma^\mu \gamma^5 \chi \bar{q} \gamma_\mu \gamma^5 q$
D9	$qq$	tensor	$\frac{1}{M_*^2} \bar{\chi} \sigma^{\mu\nu} \chi \bar{q} \sigma_{\mu\nu} q$
D11	$gg$	scalar	$\frac{1}{4M_*^3} \bar{\chi} \chi \alpha_s (G_{\mu\nu}^a)^2$



# Dark matter with top quark pairs

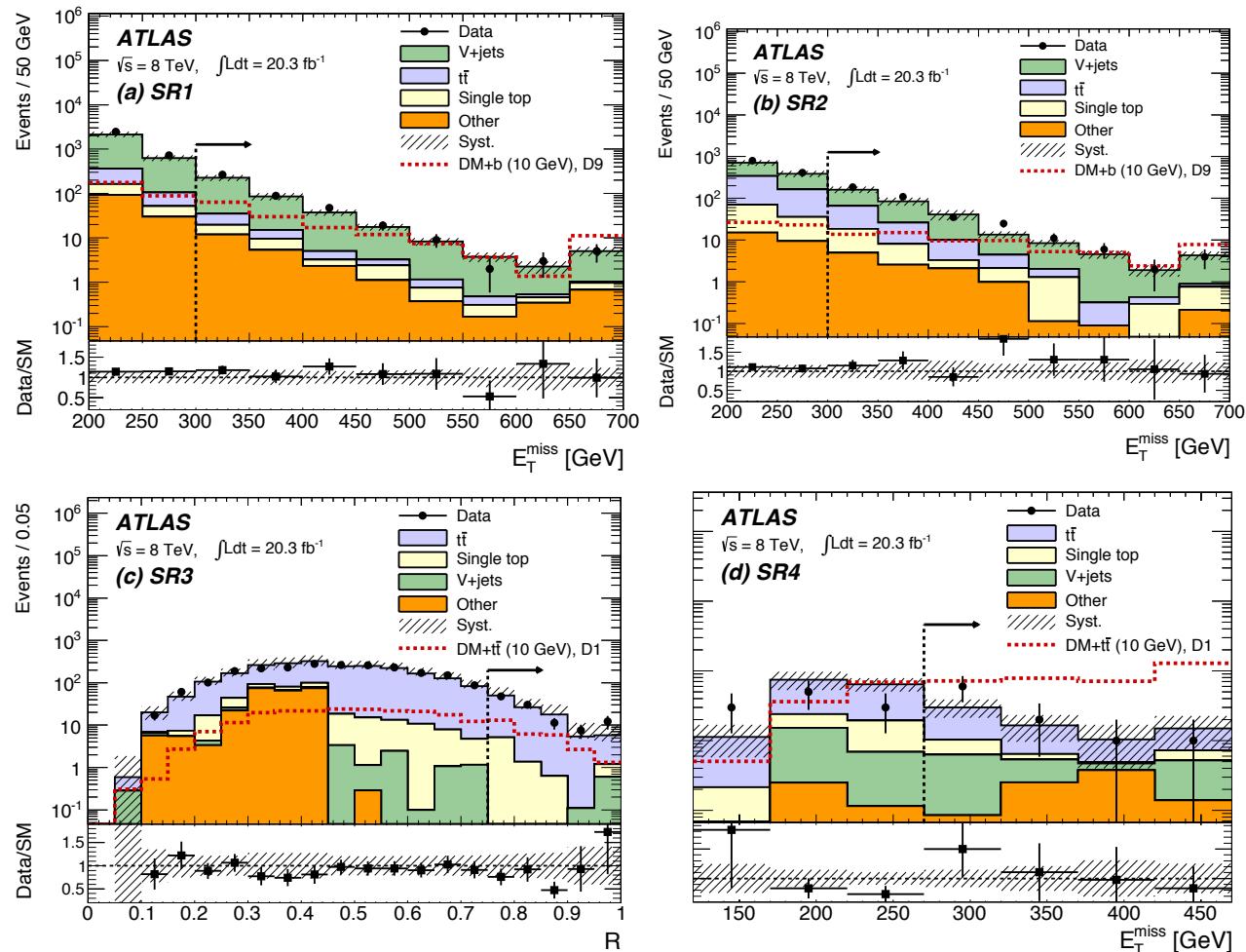
- Performed on single lepton and dilepton channels
  - Selections on scalar sums of leptons and jets, jet and MET opening angle,  $M_T$  and  $M_{T2W}$
  - Set lower limits on the interaction scale  $M_*$  assuming D1 coupling
  - Lower bound on the validity of the EFT considered



# Dark matter with top quark pairs

- Select at least one jet  $p_T > 100 \text{ GeV}$ , MET  $> 100 \text{ GeV}$
- Divide sample in 4 regions:
  - SR1 and SR2 regions DM with 1 or 2 b-quarks
  - SR3 tt with all hadronic decay ( $> 5$  jets)
  - SR4 tt with semi leptonic decay (stop results are used)
- Use variables like 'Razor' variables (favors decay products of heavy particles), topness, asymmetric transverse mass  $am_{T_2}$

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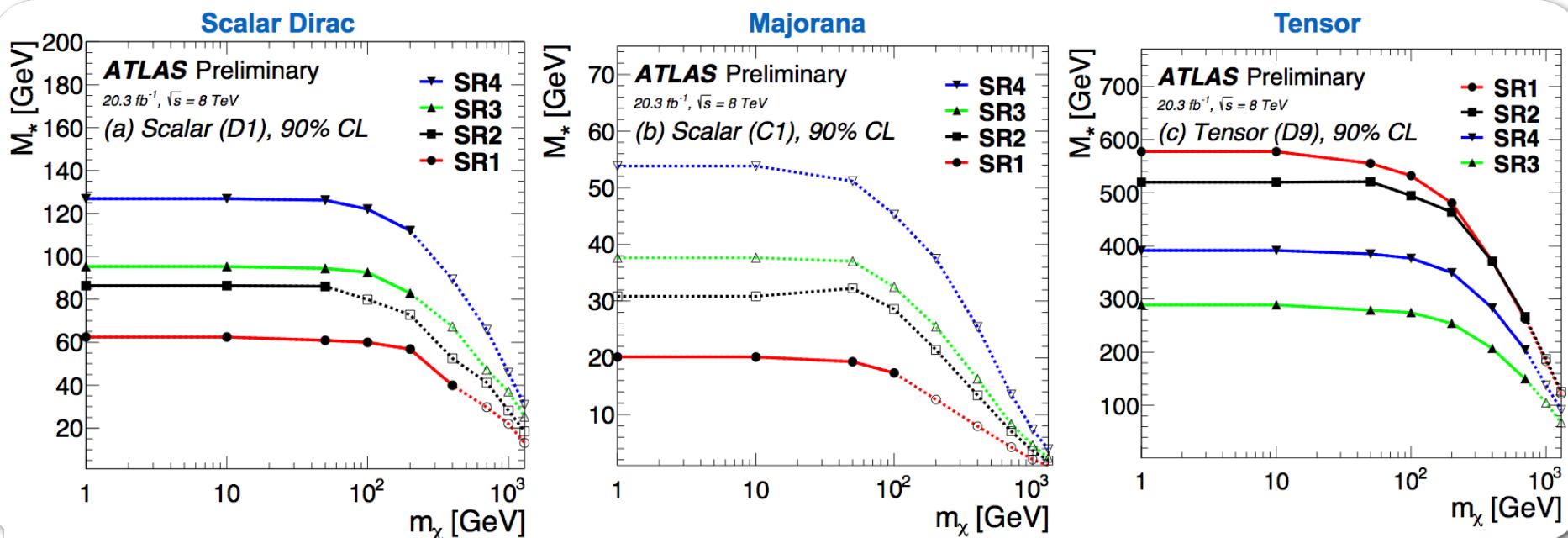


# Dark matter with top quark pairs

- Presenting limits on effective mass scale  $M^*$  for each operator and signal region
- Solid curves where  $m_{\chi\chi} < Q_{\text{TR}}$  (momentum transferred), e.g.

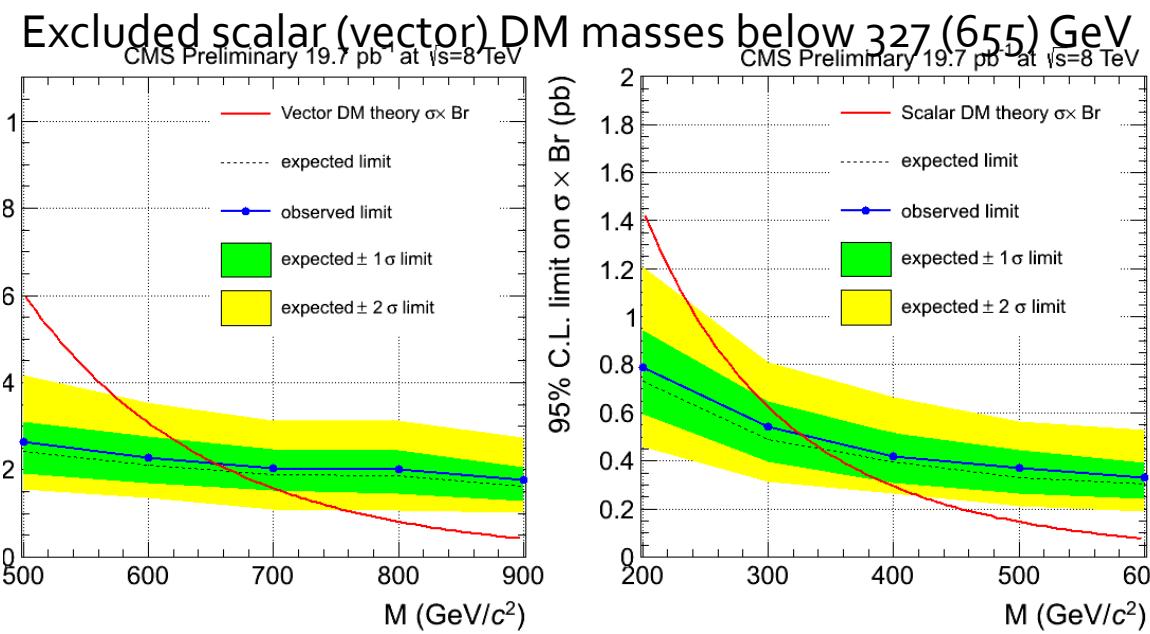
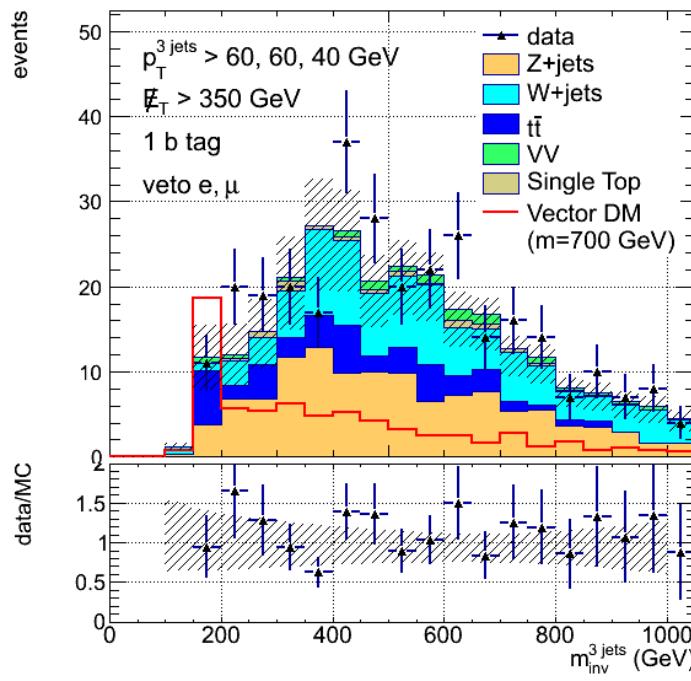
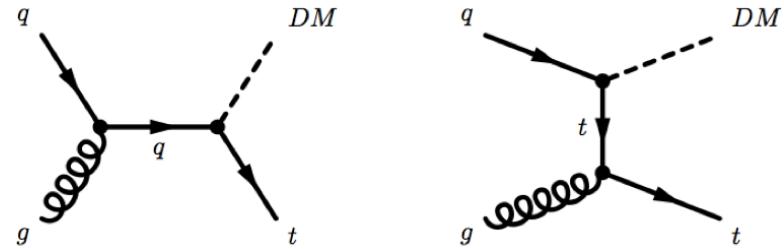
$$Q_{\text{TR}} < \sqrt{\frac{4\pi M_*^3}{m_q}}$$

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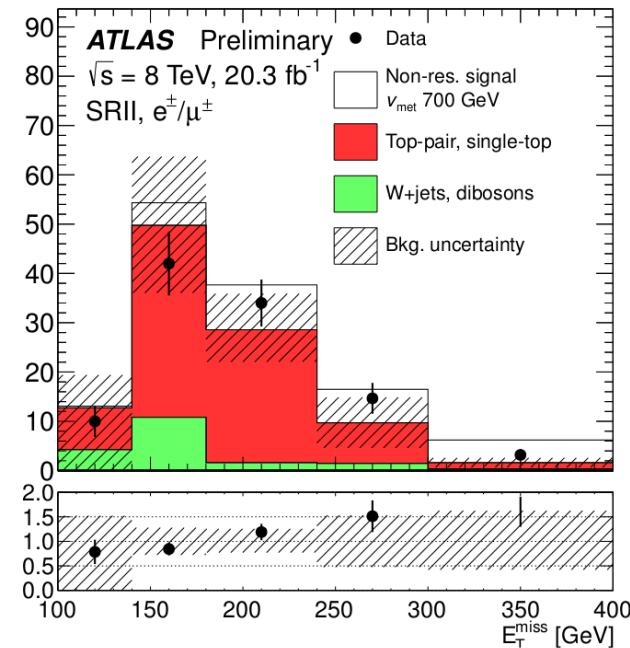
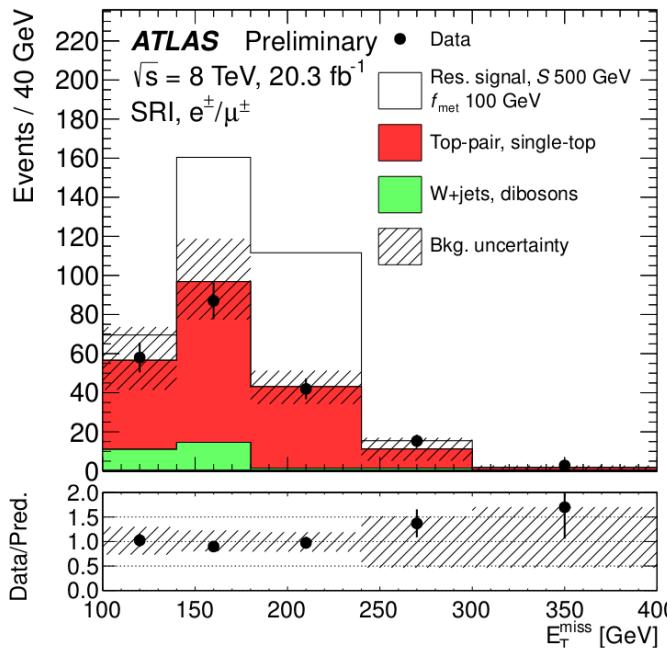
# Dark matter with single top quarks

- Monotop: select large MET plus a top quark decaying in all-jets
  - MET $>350$  GeV, 3 jets (anti- $k_T$  R=0.5) of which 1 b-tagged  
 $p_T(j_1), p_T(j_2) > 60$  GeV and  $p_T(j_3) > 40$  GeV  
 veto additional jets with  $p_T(j) > 35$  GeV  
 $m_{inv}^{3\text{ jets}} < 250$  GeV, veto isolated leptons
- Interpreted within EFT where the DM are scalar or vector bosons

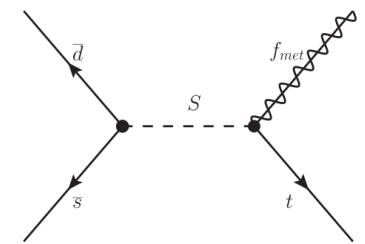


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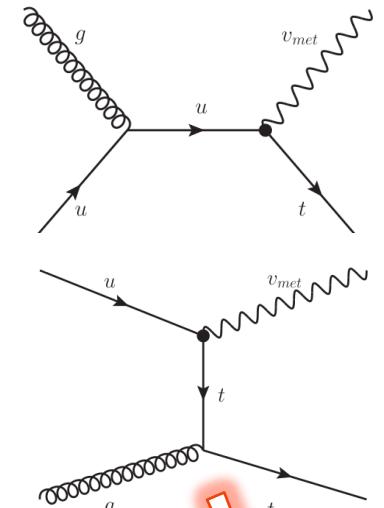
- Monotop: select one lepton, one b-tagged jet and large MET
- Search interpreted as
  - Resonant production of a  $+2/3$  charged spin-0 boson,  $S$ , decaying into a right-handed top quark and a neutral spin-1/2 fermion,  $f_{\text{met}}$
  - Non-resonant production of a neutral spin-1 boson,  $v_{\text{met}}$ , in association with a right-handed top quark
- Divide in two signal regions
  - SRI (resonant model)  $m_T(l, \text{MET}) > 210 \text{ GeV}$  and  $|\Delta\phi(l, b)| < 1.2$
  - SRII (non-resonant)  $m_T(l, \text{MET}) > 250 \text{ GeV}$  and  $|\Delta\phi(l, b)| < 1.4$



Resonant production

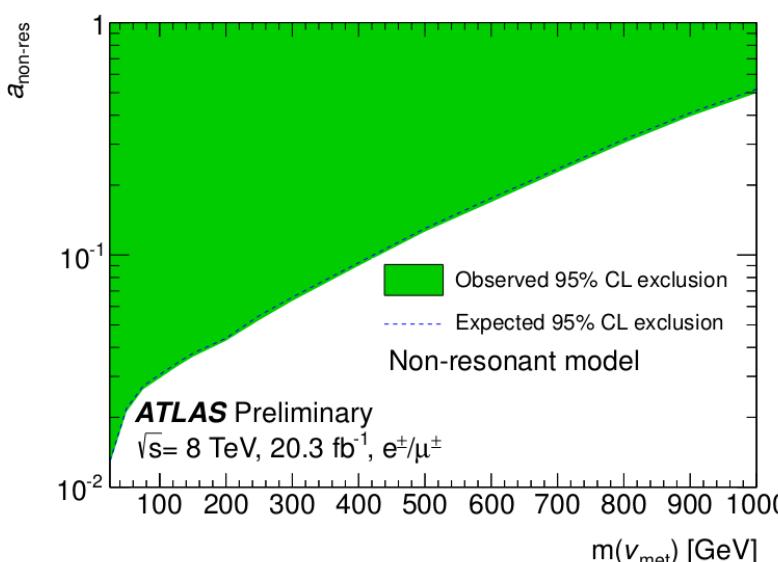
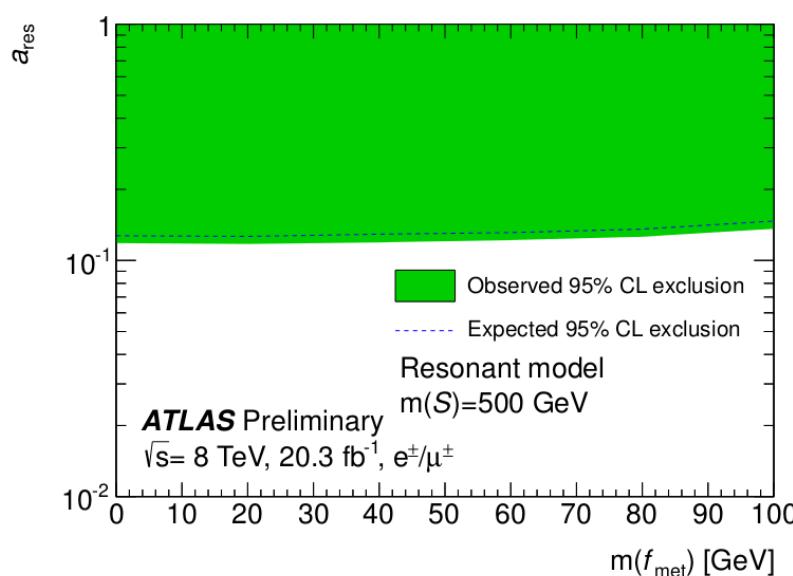
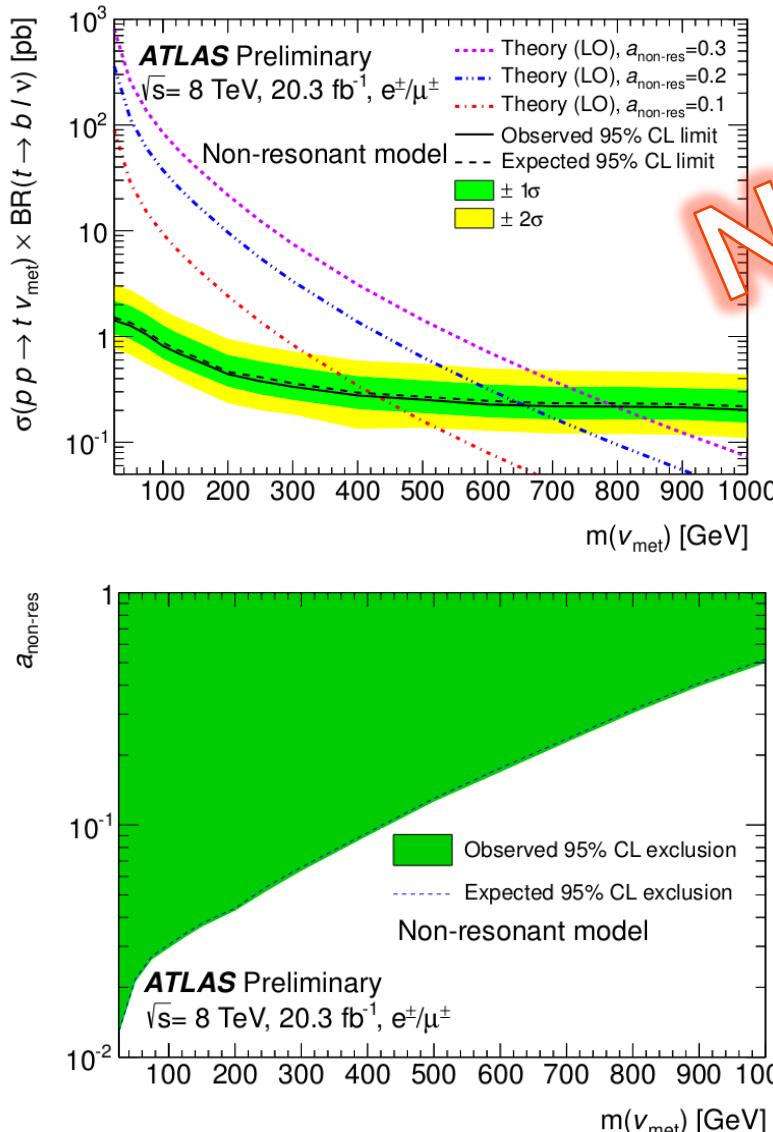
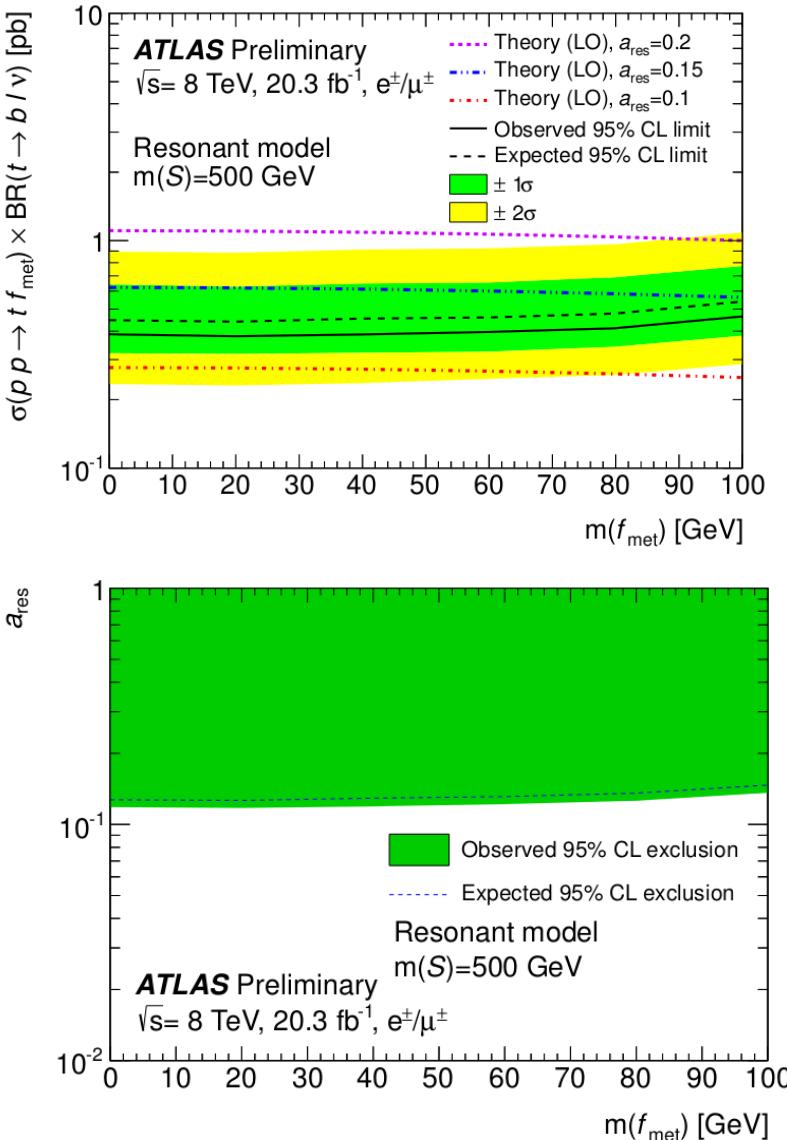


Non-Resonant production



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# Dark matter with single top quarks



Cross section proportional to  $a^2$ , extract limits on  $a$  for the invisible states

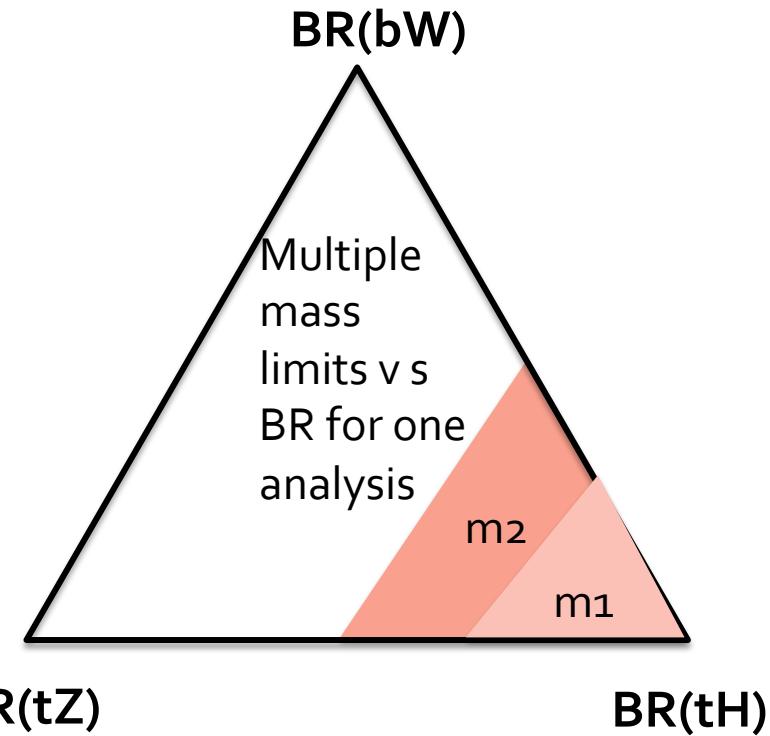
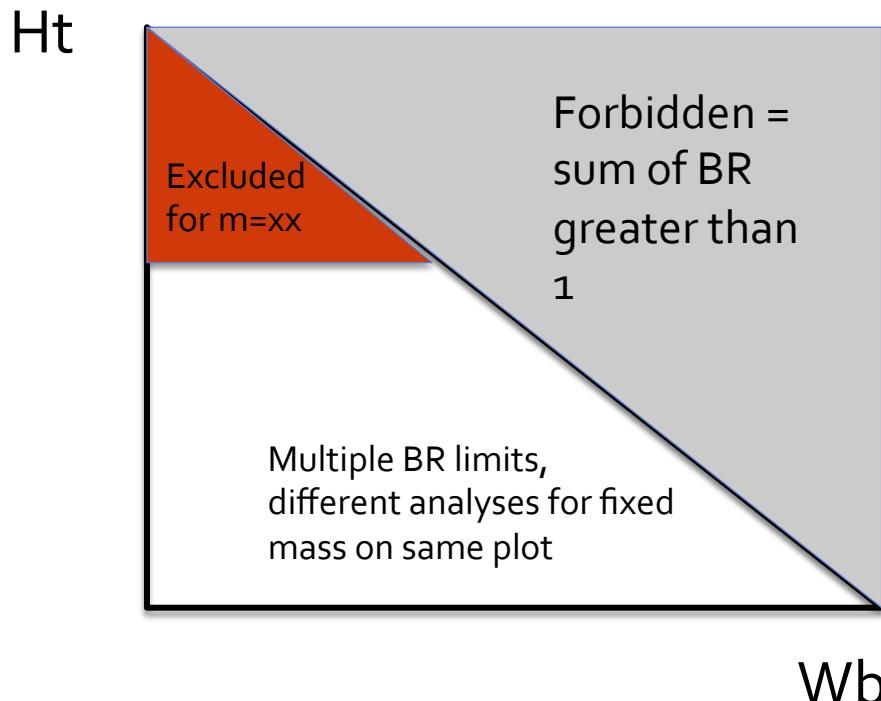
# Vector like quarks

# Vector Like Quarks

- Proposed in extensions of SM to address the naturalness problems
  - Little Higgs, Composite Higgs, etc. *natural models*
- VLQ means left and right handed components transform identically under  $(SU_2)_L$
- Predominantly VLQ decay to third generation
- Both charged and neutral decays can occur
  - Plenty signatures for searches: single or pair production of  $B' \rightarrow Wt, Zb, Hb$  and/or  $T' \rightarrow Wb, Zt, Ht$

# ATLAS and CMS style limit plot

- ATLAS 2-BR plane for a given VLQ mass for many analyses
- CMS 3-BR plane for a given analysis for many VLQ masses

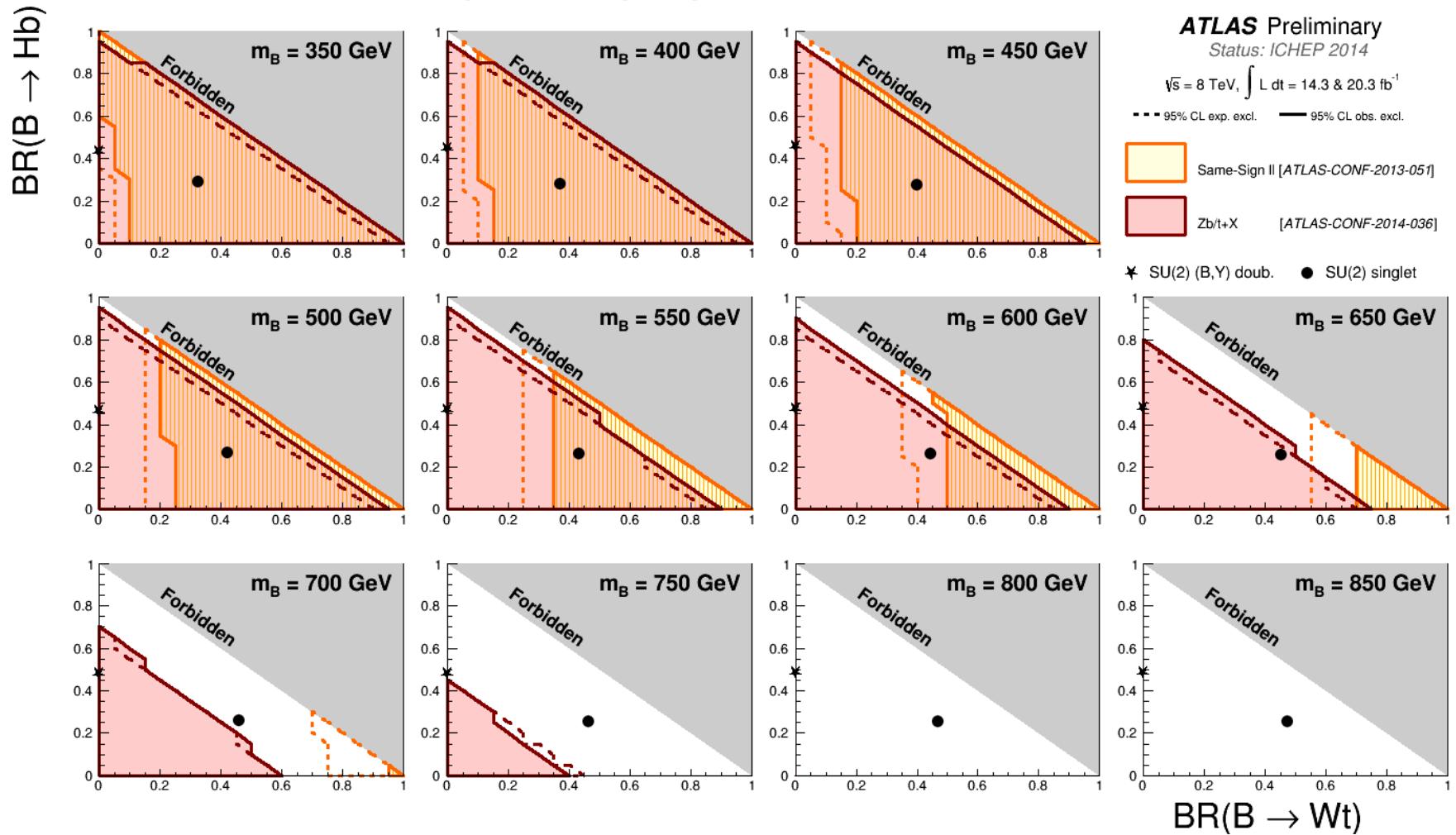


# Search for $B'$ and $T'$

- ATLAS-CONF-2013-051:
  - Search for pair prod of  $B' \rightarrow Wt, Zb, Hb$  and  $T' \rightarrow Wb, Zt, Ht$
  - Same-sign dilepton, 2 or more jets, at least one b-tag, large MET and  $H_T$
- ATLAS-CONF-2014-036 (now arXiv:1409.5500):
  - Search for pair and single prod of  $B' \rightarrow Zb$  and  $T' \rightarrow Zt$
  - Opposite-sign dilepton, no extra lepton, 2 or more central jets, 2 or more b-tagged jets. Discriminant  $m(Zb)$
  - Opposite-sign dilepton, at least 1 extra lepton, 2 or more central jets, 1 or more b-tagged jets. Discriminant  $H_T(\text{jets} + \text{leptons})$

# VLQ B' limits

- Coverage for all  $B'$  decay modes
- $B'$  ruled out for any decay up to 350 GeV

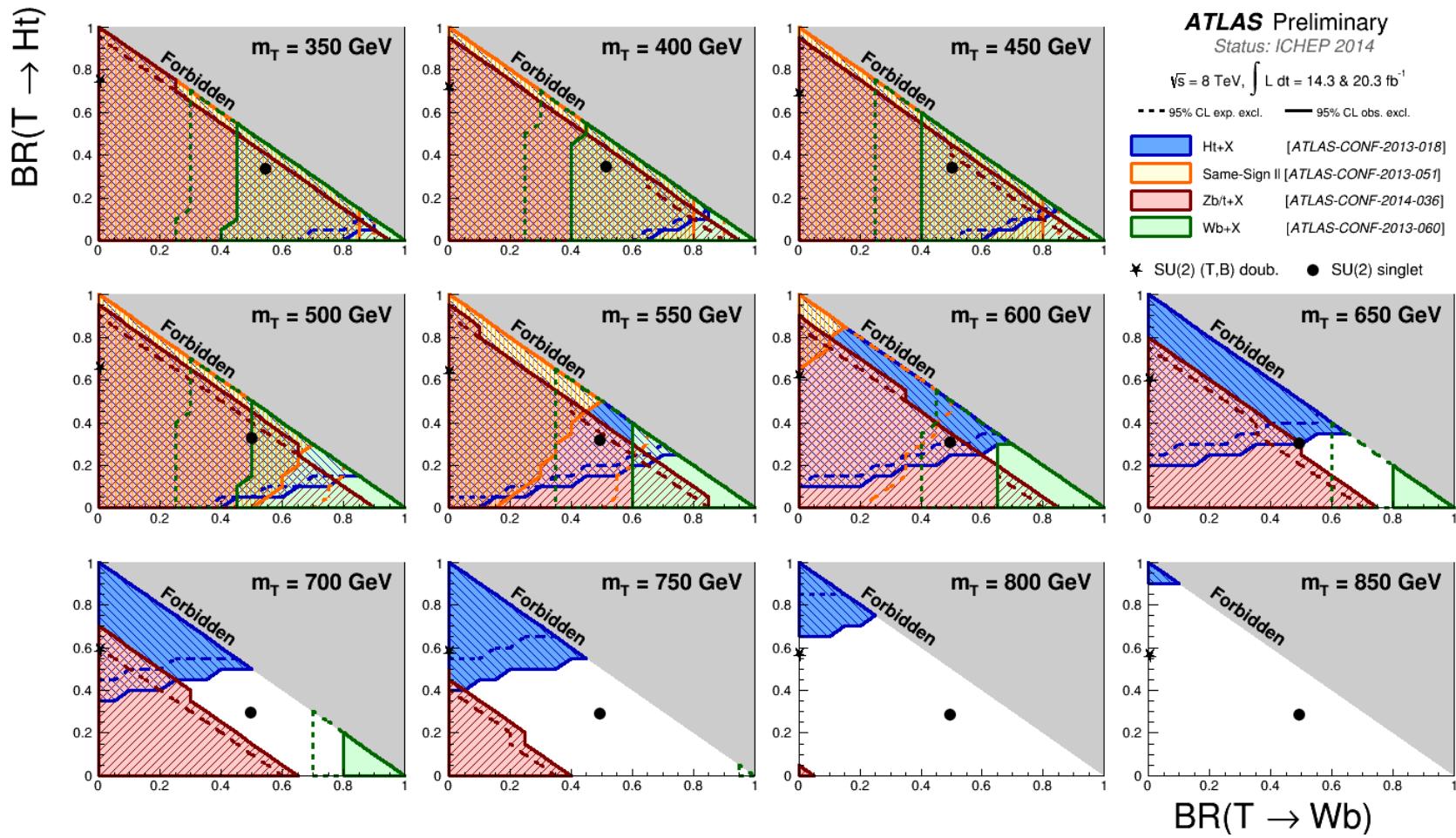


# Search for B' and T'

- ATLAS-CONF-2013-018:
  - Search for  $T'T' \rightarrow HtHt, HtZt, WbHt$  with  $H \rightarrow bb$
  - One lepton, at least 6 jets, at least 2 b-tag, large MET. Discriminant  $H_T$
- ATLAS-CONF-2013-060:
  - Search for pair prod of  $T' \rightarrow Wb, Zt, Ht$
  - One lepton, at least 4 jets, at least one b-tag, large MET. Discriminant  $m(\text{reco})$
  - (Veto greater than 6 jets to avoid overlap with ATLAS-CONF-2013-018)

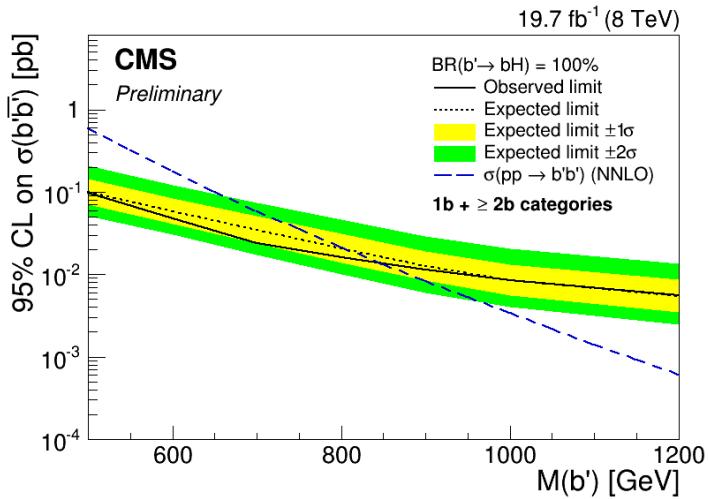
# VLQ T' limits

- Limit set for all allowed decay modes of the T quark
- T quark ruled out for any decay mode up to 550 GeV



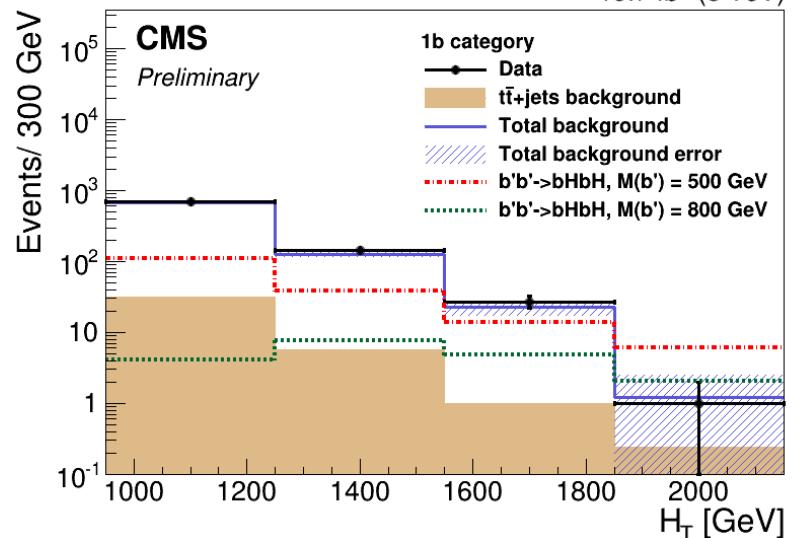
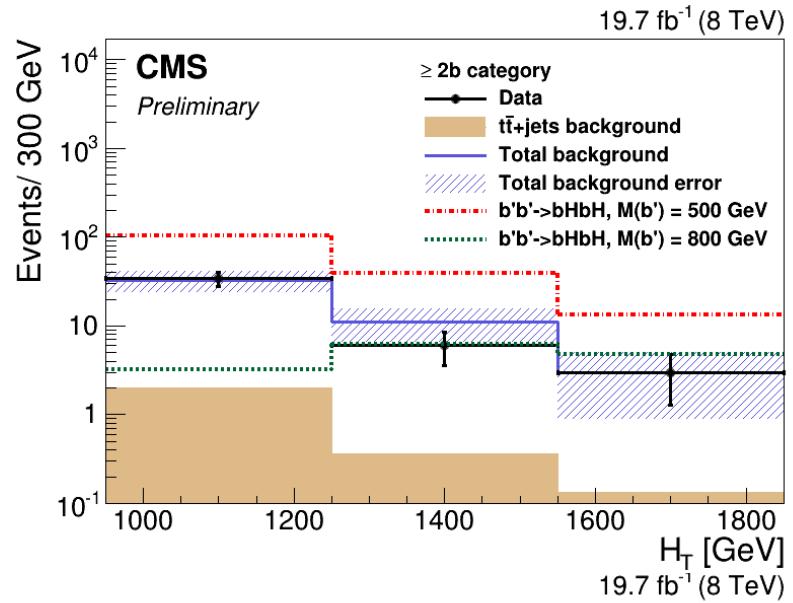
# Search for B' pairs ( $B' \rightarrow bH$ )

- Consider decays with  $H \rightarrow bb$
- Only feasible because boosted techniques help reduce multi-jet background
- Rely on both “Higgs-Tagging” and b-tagging



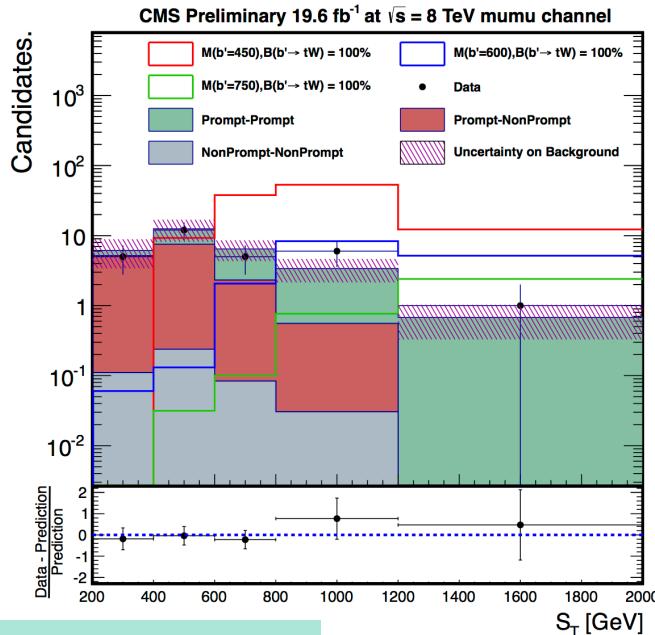
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Model	Obs. exclusion	Exp. exclusion
$B'$	846 GeV	811 GeV



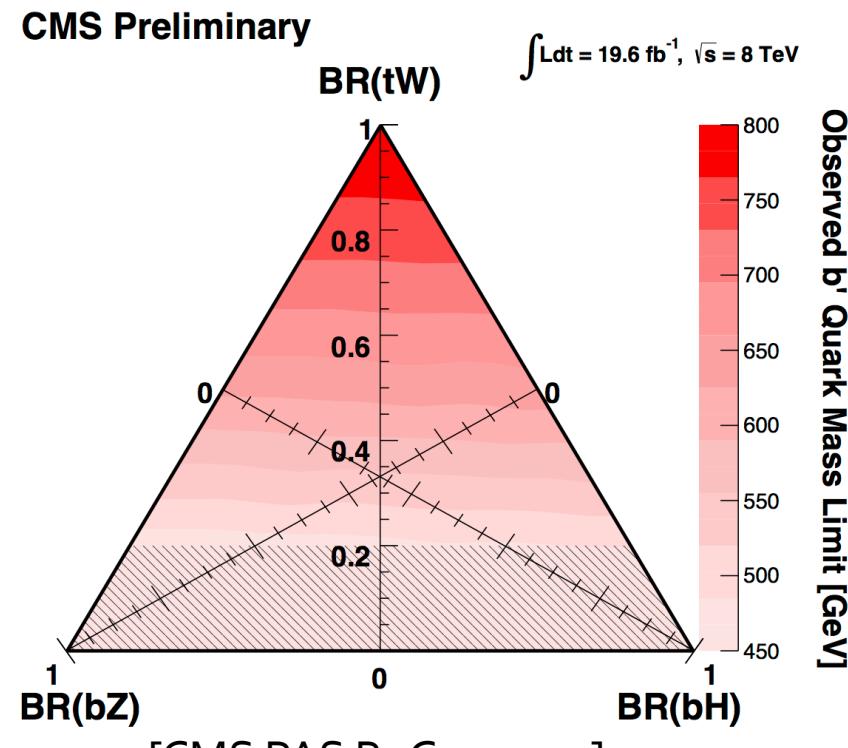
# Search for $B'$ pairs ( $B' \rightarrow tW$ )

- Also considers  $bZ$  (FCNC) and  $bH$
- Select same sign dileptons and at least 4 jets; divide in categories of lepton flavor and  $S_T$ 
  - $S_T$  (sum  $p_T$  of jets, leptons and MET)  $> 200$  GeV



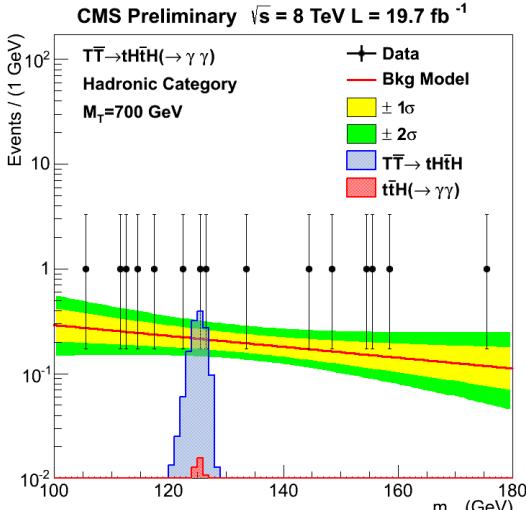
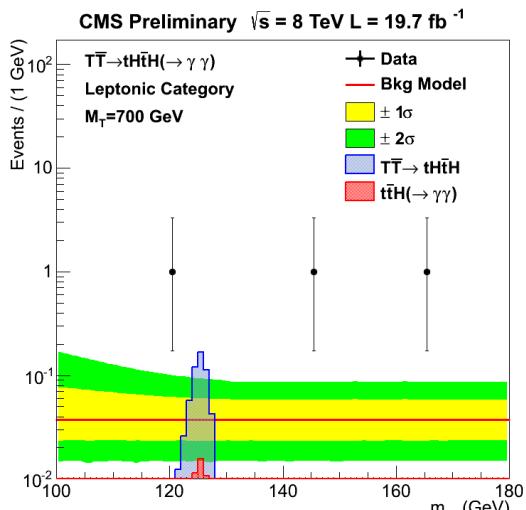
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Model	Obs. exclusion	Exp. exclusion
$B'$	798 GeV	800 GeV

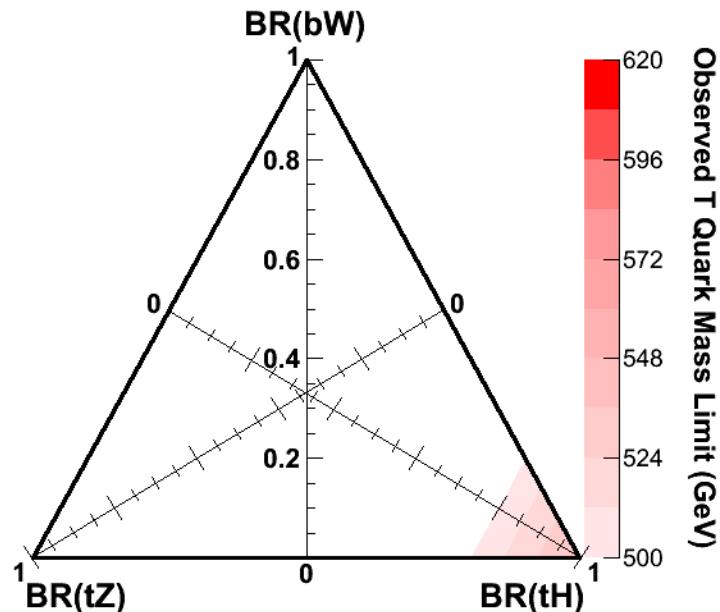


# Search for T' pairs ( $T' \rightarrow tH$ , $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ )

- Exploit the **narrow resonance** of  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ , by fitting the peak in  $M_{\gamma\gamma}$  distribution and  $S_T > 1 \text{ TeV}$
- Analysis in hadronic and semileptonic channel
- Search is limited by statistics, yet a very powerful analysis for Run 2



CMS Preliminary  $\sqrt{s}= 8 \text{ TeV} L=19.7 \text{ fb}^{-1}$



CMS PAS B2G-14-003

Model	Obs. exclusion	Exp. exclusion
$T'$	540 GeV	607 GeV

# Conclusions

- Top quark plays an important role in searches for physics BSM
- An exhaustive list of searches has been done using 8 TeV LHC dataset by ATLAS and CMS
- All channels have been used, many of them were already combined to achieve better precision
- Many reconstruction techniques have been developed or improved for these searches
- Looking forward to Run 2!