



Experimental results on single VLQ searches

Stéphanie Beauceron
Institut de Physique des 2 Infinis
Lyon-France

Outline:

- VLQ production and decays
- Tools
- Searches: T' , $Y^{4/3}$, B , $X^{5/3}$
- Conclusion

NB: Main focus here is VLQ coupling to 3rd quark generation mainly.



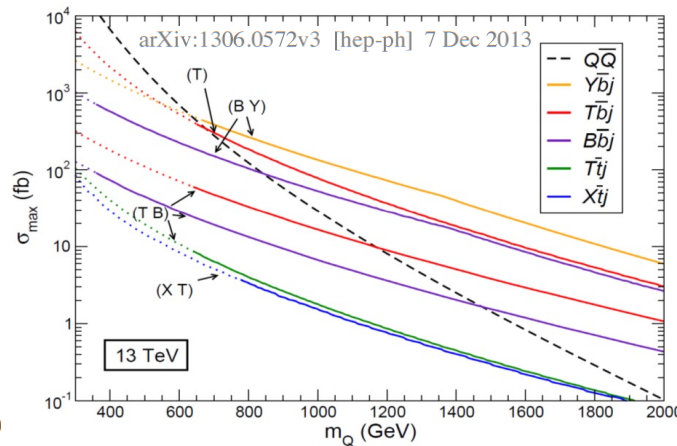
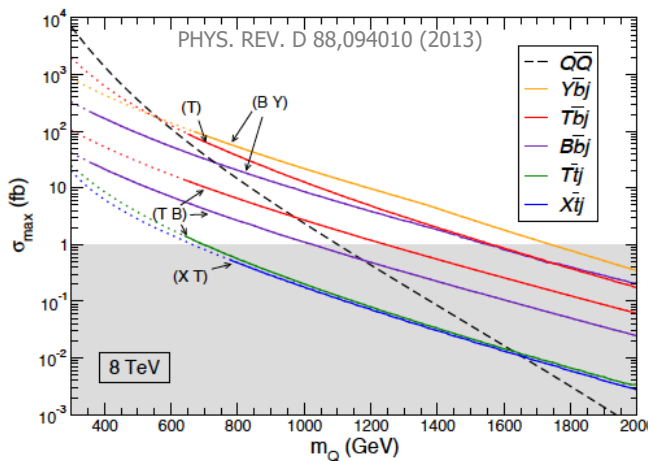
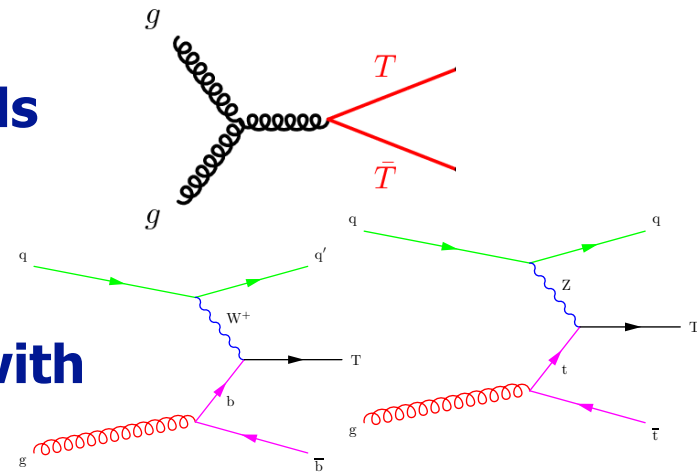
Production

Pair-production:

Strong mechanism, the cross section depends only on the VLQ mass

Single production:

Electroweak mechanism, the cross section depends on VLQ mass and on its couplings with SM particles



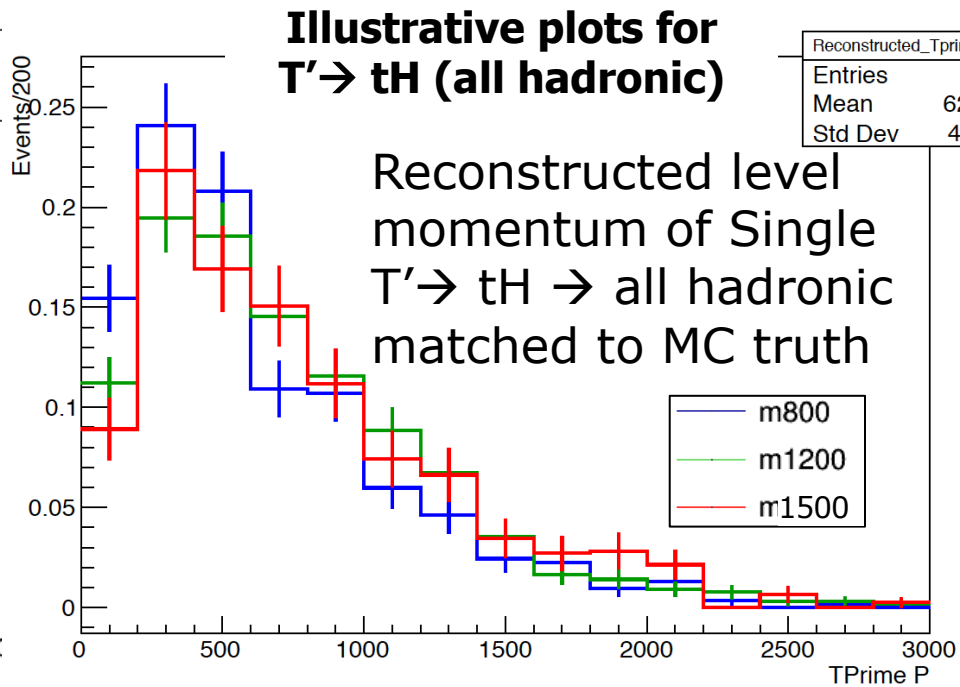
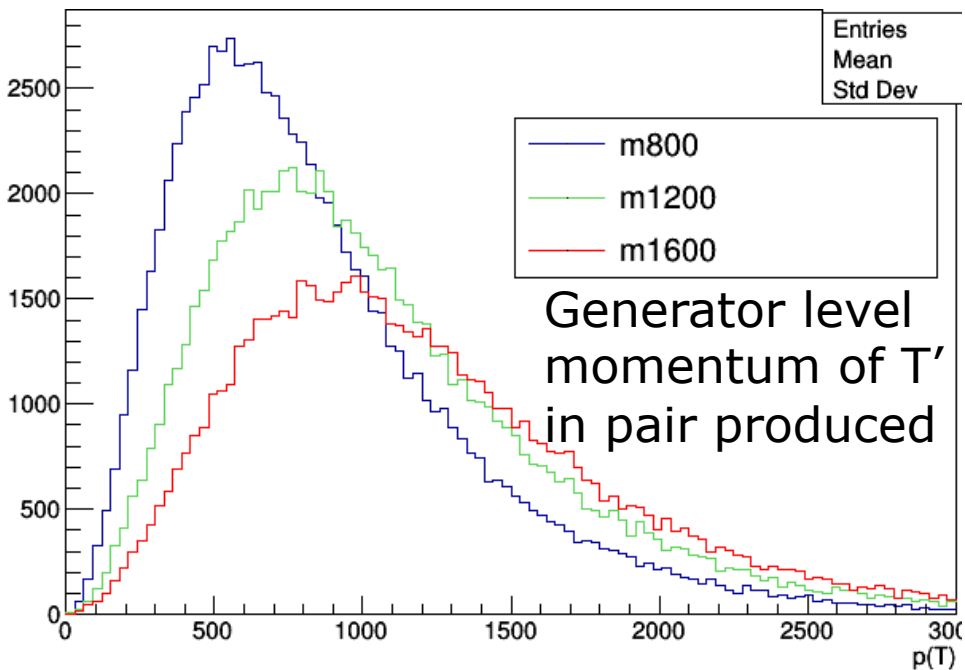
Plots above are for given benchmark couplings but still giving an idea of what is happening...

Pair production cross section falling very rapidly and single production dominates as soon as 800 GeV for T and Y.



Pair Produced = Momentum

IP2I



In pair production, the momentum of the produced VLQ is $\sim M/2$, so it is increasing with mass while cross section is going down

Coming from threshold artifact linked from spin $1/2$ (low cross section but more energy available for production)

In single production mode, the momentum does not change much with mass.

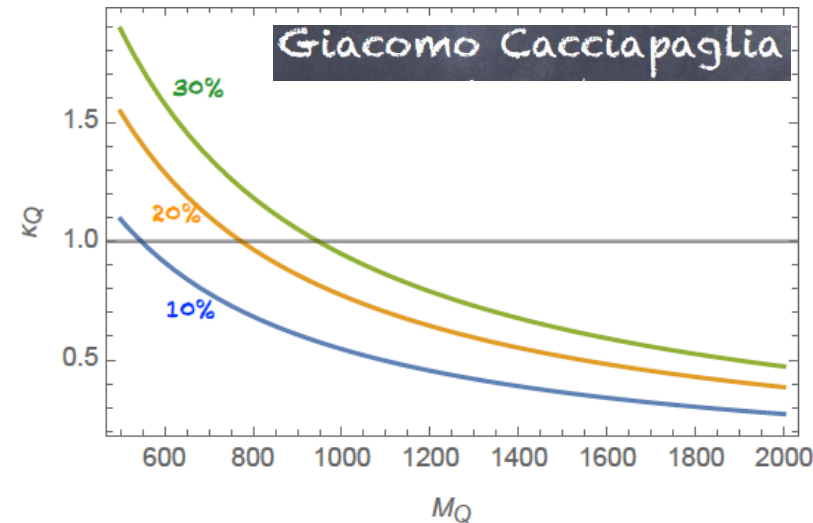


Question of Width?

Single VLQ only EW contributions and sensitive to both the VLQ mass and its mixing parameters

→ Mixing parameters entering the width of VLQ

→ Model dependent



Currently all pair analysis only doing narrow width while acceptance/analysis selection could be not optimal for large width (as 30%)

→ Single VLQ and pair VLQ search are complementary



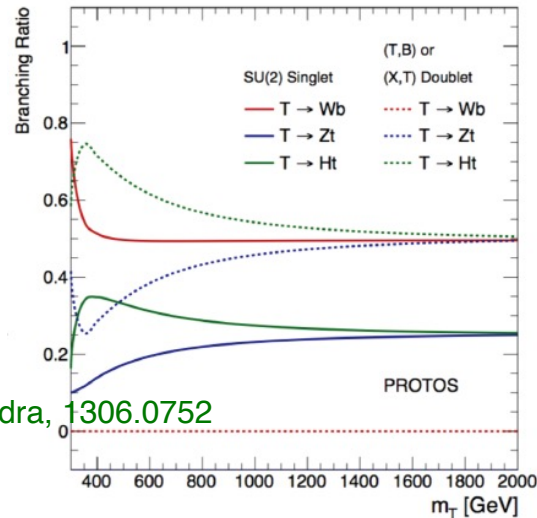
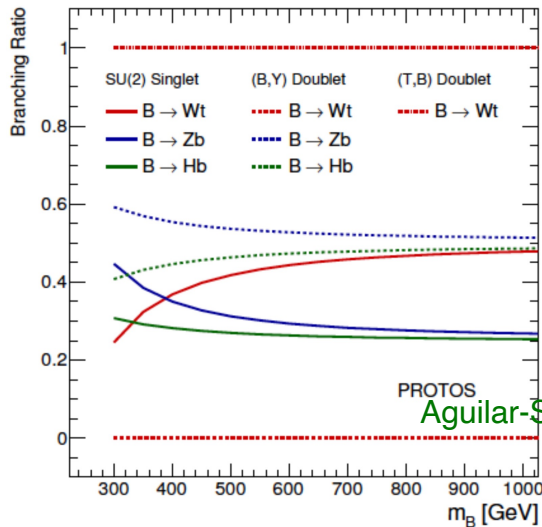
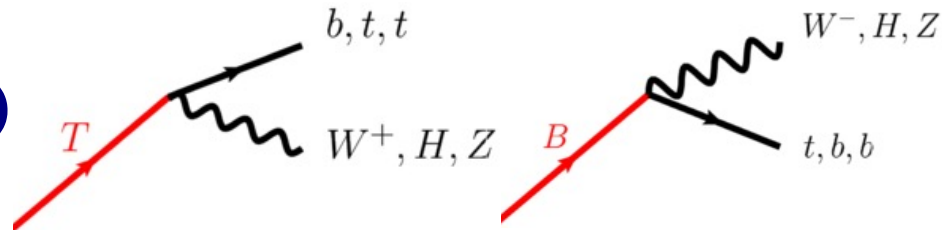
VLQ Decay

Heavy Vector like Quark

	$T \quad B$	$\begin{pmatrix} X \\ T \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} T \\ B \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} B \\ Y \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} X \\ T \\ B \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} T \\ B \\ Y \end{pmatrix}$
SU(2) _L multiplet	1	2	3
Charge	2/3 -1/3	$\begin{pmatrix} 5/3 \\ 2/3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2/3 \\ -1/3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1/3 \\ -4/3 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 5/3 \\ 2/3 \\ -1/3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2/3 \\ -1/3 \\ -4/3 \end{pmatrix}$

VLQ	W-decay	Z-decay	h-decay
T	Wb	Zt	ht
B	Wt	Zb	hb
$T_{5/3}$	Wt	-	-
$Y_{-4/3}$	Wb	-	-

Can decay:
(equivalent for Y/X)

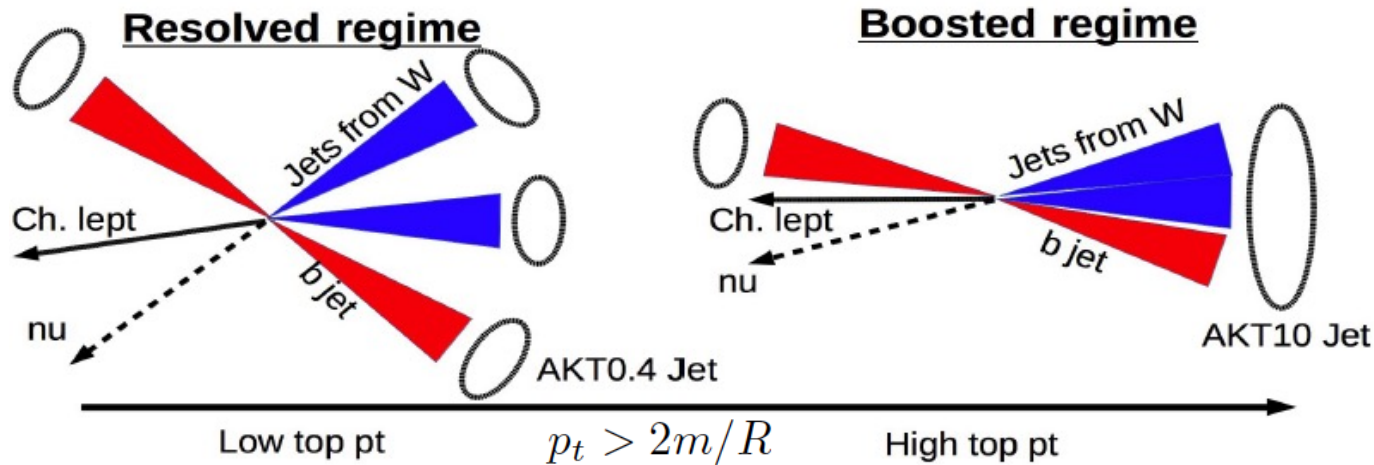


no mixing between $B^{-1/3}$ and b for $(T,B)_R$ doublet in these plots ($\theta_R^d = 0$)



Tools

I.e. $t\bar{t}$ pair production:



Higher boost is given, more collimated are the decay:

Adjust reconstruction/identification variable:

Lepton isolation: with a cone size depending on p_T :

i.e. Atlas: $I = \sum_R p_T^{trk}$ with $R = \min\left(\frac{10\text{GeV}}{p_T}, 0.2 (0.3)\right)$ electron/muon

Using larger cone size for jets to get all decay in

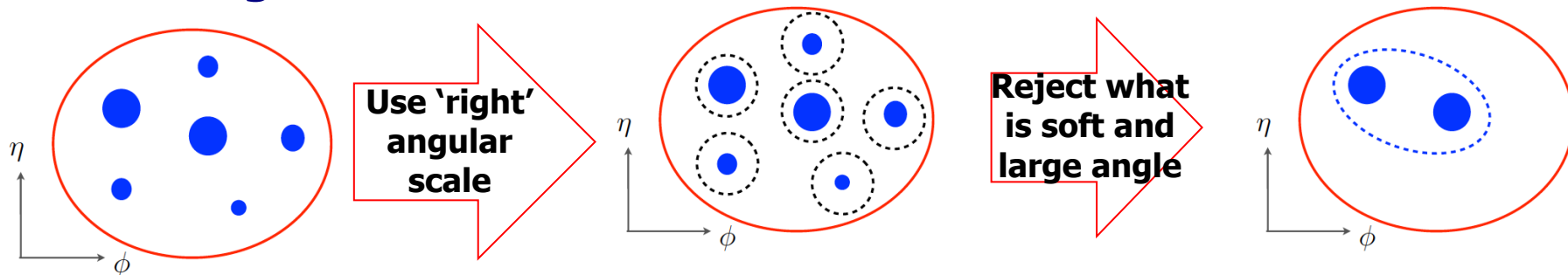
→ Look at jet sub-structure to identify



Jets sub-structure

Exploit jet substructure: grooming and tagging

Grooming:

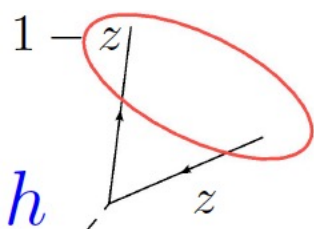


Tagging:

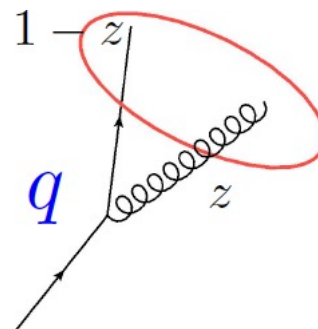
identify the features of hard decays and cut on them

core-idea for 2-body tagging: $\min(z, 1 - z) > z_{\text{cut}}$

symmetric sharing of the energy



asymmetric sharing of the energy



discriminate between 0/2/3/4 subjets inside the wide jet
→ **N-subjettiness**



Run 2 Analysis

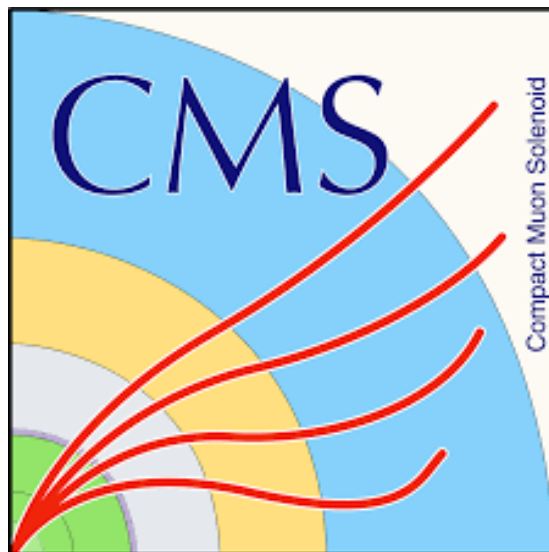
IP2I

- **Atlas is retuning an analysis for VLQ \rightarrow Wb with width/coupling consideration + $T \rightarrow tH$ with MC varying κ_Q parameter**
- **CMS is following existing ones ($T \rightarrow tZ/tH$) with large width consideration (10%/20%/30%).**
- **Both analysis are scaling cross section to NLO but do not take potential effect of NLO on forward jet**
- **For T/B: Chirality is not presenting major differences in the final state quantities used by the analysis, so the tuning of the criteria is done over one chirality and applied to both. For X: Chirality effect is seen.**



IP2I

Single Production





Single $T \rightarrow Zt$

Phys. Rev. D98 (2018) 112010

10.1016/j.physletb.2018.04.036



Opposite-sign 2-leptons: Select events with $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$

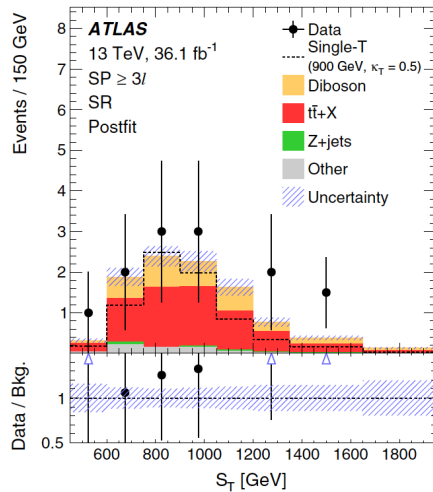
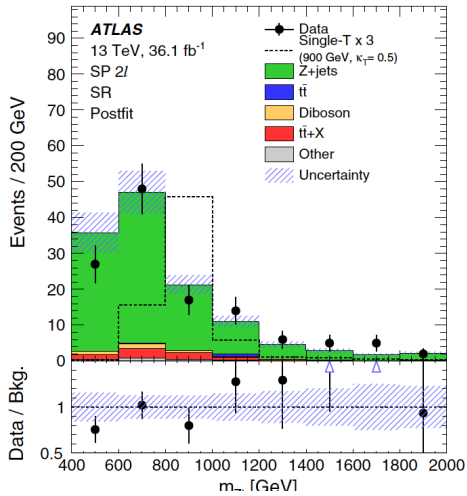
- ≥ 1 forward ak4 jet
- ≥ 1 b-tag jet
- ≥ 1 top-tag jet
- \rightarrow Boosted only

Main Variable: mass(Zt)

3 leptons analysis

Remove top-tag criteria

Main Variable: ST

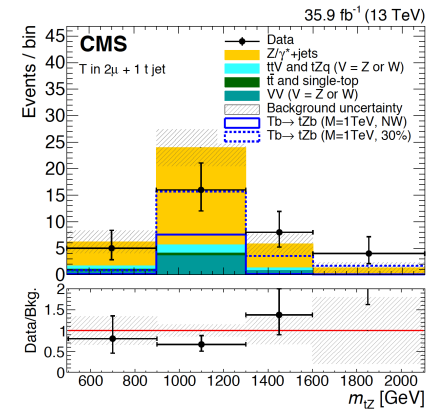
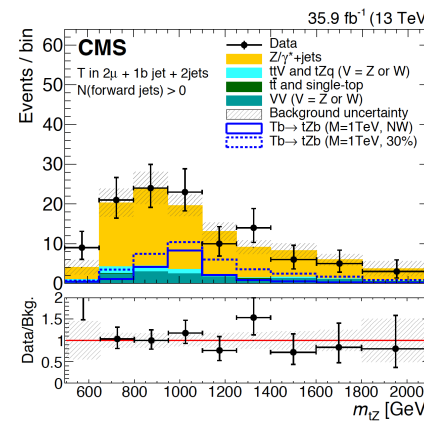
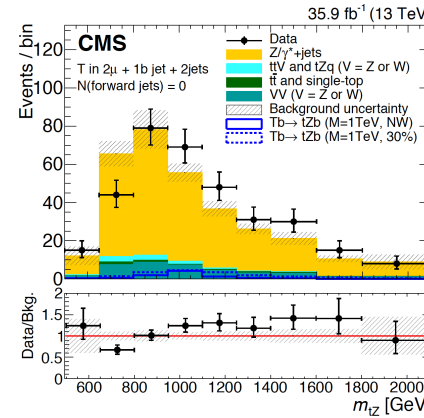


- ≥ 0 forward ak4 jet ($2.5 < |\eta| < 4.5$)
- ≥ 1 b-tag jet

Resolve+semi-Resolved+Boosted

Categories: Nb forward jets, W/top-tagging

Main Variable: mass(Zt)





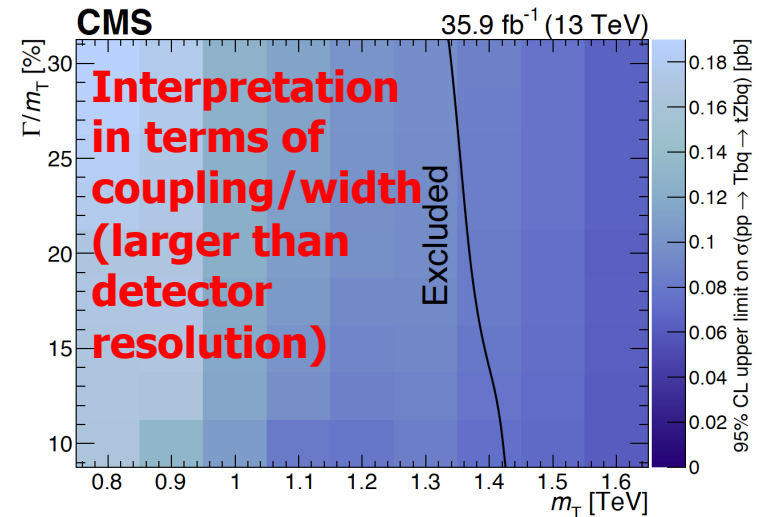
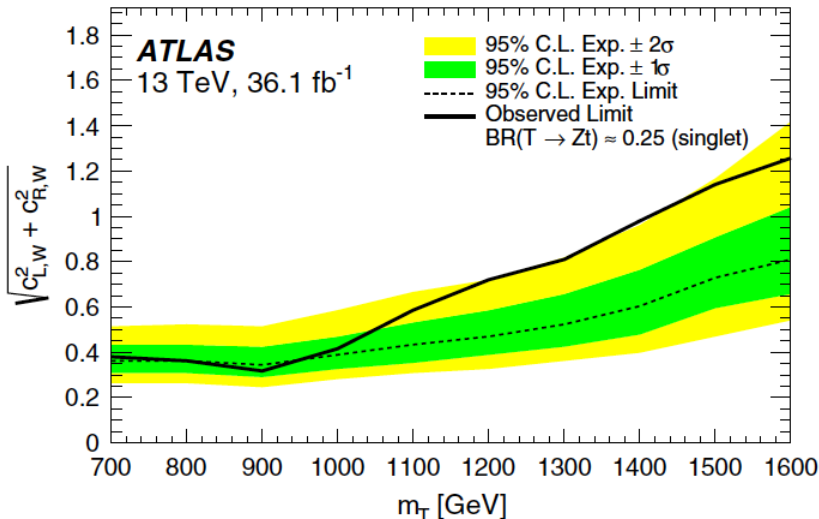
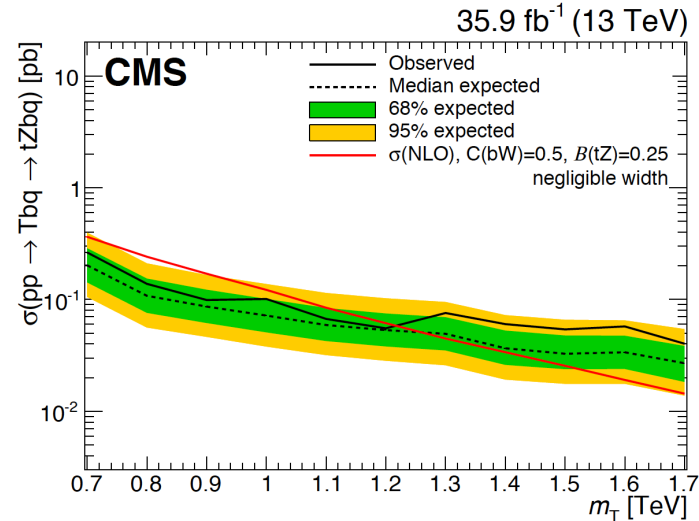
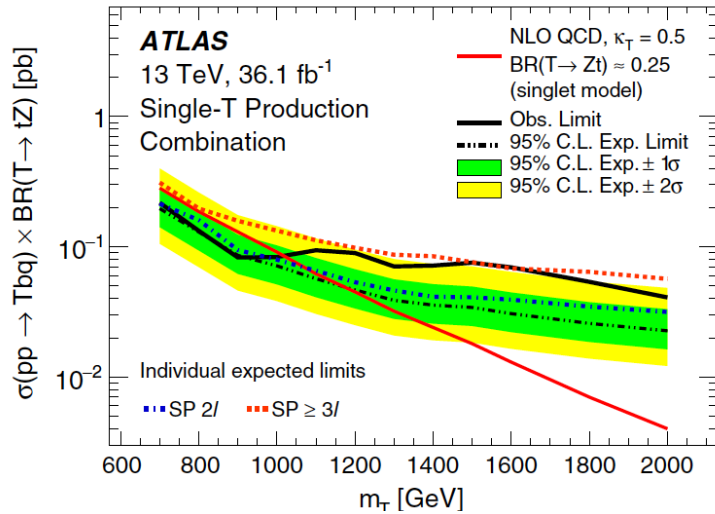
Single $T \rightarrow Zt$

Phys. Rev. D98 (2018) 112010

10.1016/j.physletb.2018.04.036



Opposite-sign 2-leptons: Select events with $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$

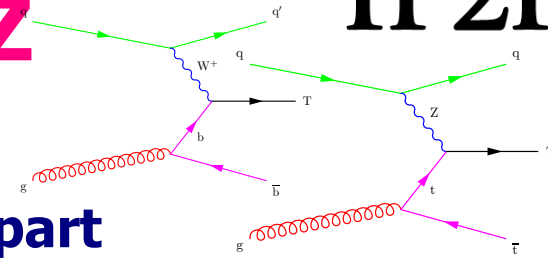


Slightly stringent limits for CMS. Atlas contains 3 lepton channel, stringent limits for CMS if consider 2l only



CMS: Single $T \rightarrow tH/Z$

JHEP 01 (2020) 036



**Single VLQ $T \rightarrow t+H/Z$ all hadronic analysis:
Split in resolved (below 1 TeV) and fully boosted part**

**Fully Boosted: 2 ak8 jets: 1 top-tag, 1 H/Z-tag, one forward jet, ST
Work in categories depending on b-tag of ak8 jets
Main variable looked at (X=H/Z):**

$$\tilde{m}_T = \sqrt{(P_t + P_X)^2} - \sqrt{P_t^2} - \sqrt{P_X^2} + m_t + m_X = m_{tX}^j - (m_t^j - m_t) - (m_X^j - m_X).$$

Resolved: ≥ 6 jets in the final state, 3 b-tag (tight for signal area), jets are coupled via a chi2 method to make a H/Z-candidate, W/top-candidate. No Forward jets required. No correlation between top-H/Z candidate.

Work in 3 categories depending on b-tagging on 3 jets: 2 Medium (1% fake rate)+1Loose (10% fake rate), 3 Medium or 3 Tight b-tag (0.1% fake rate).

Main variable looked at: $M(5J) = M(\text{top}+H/Z)$

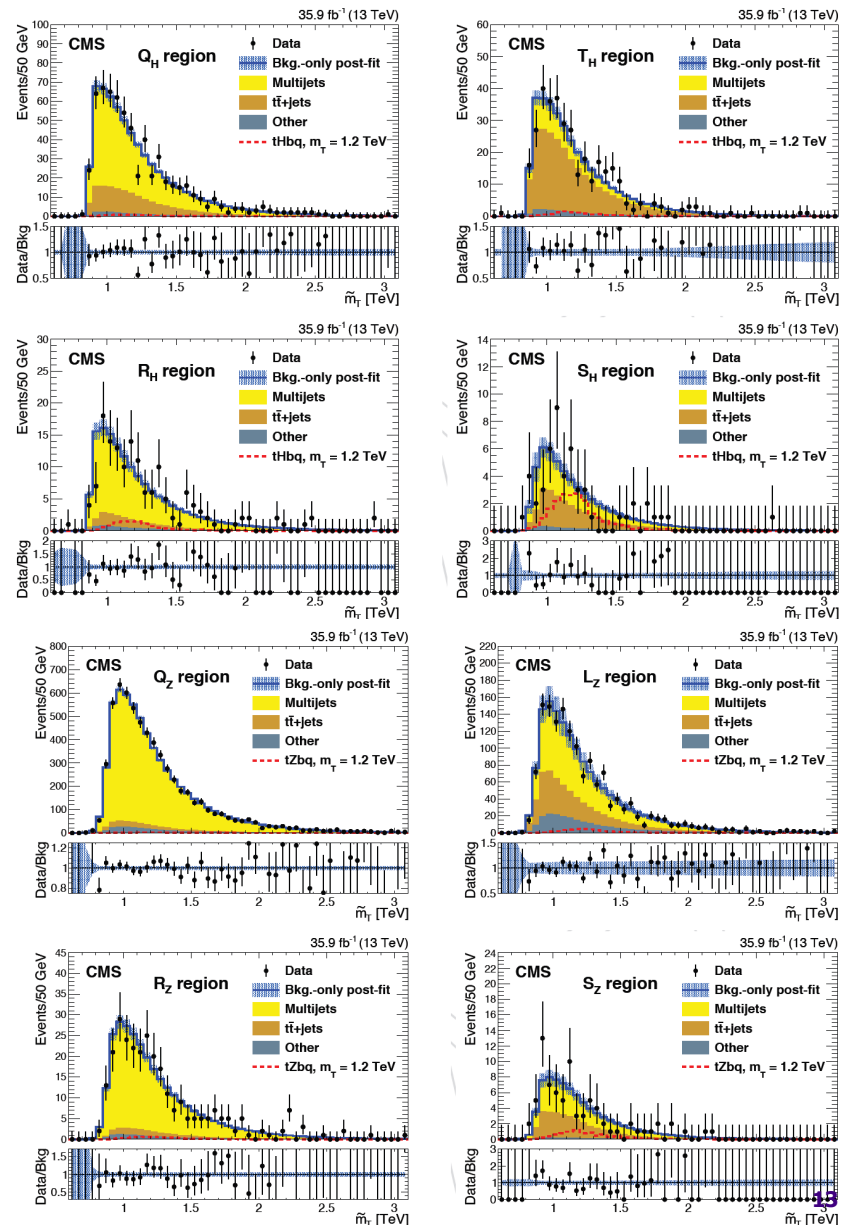
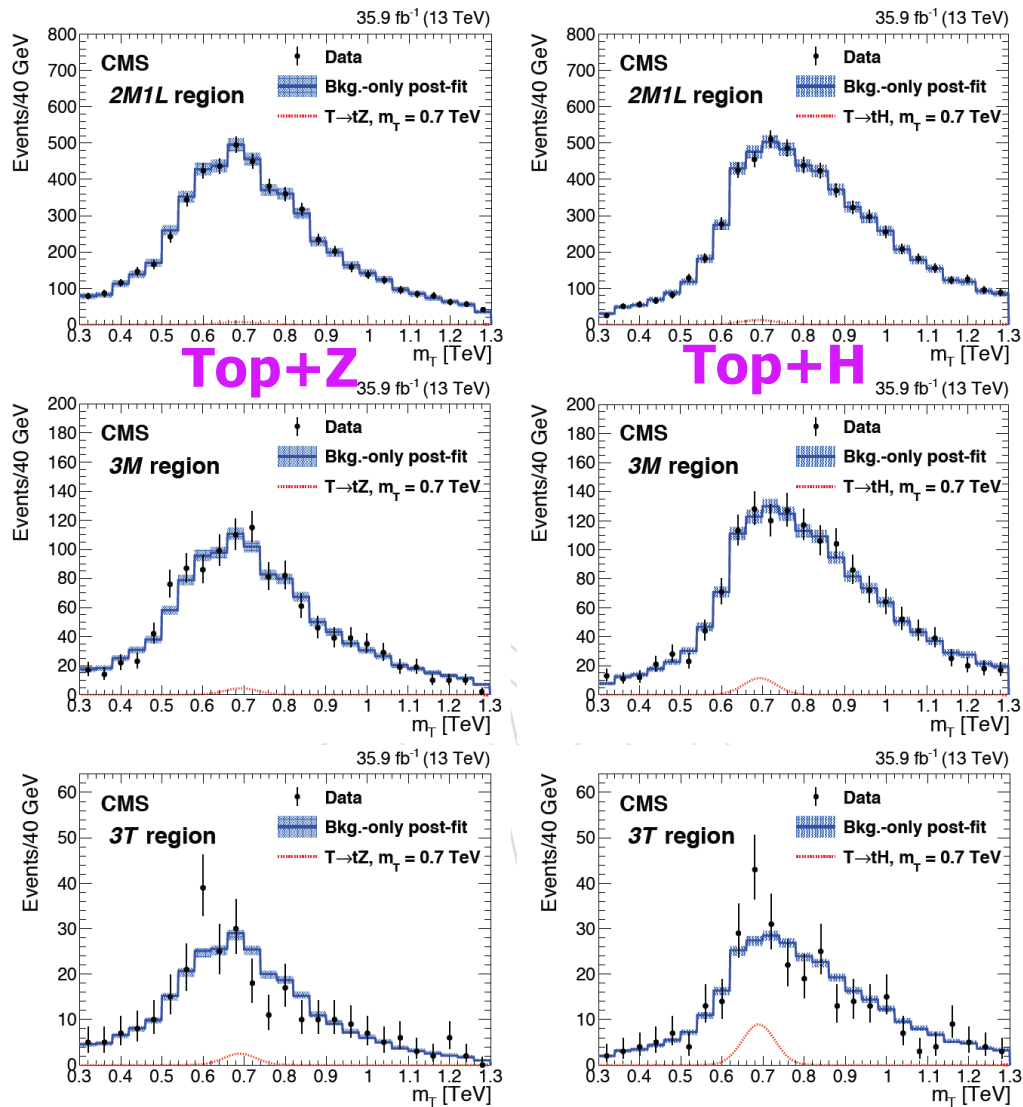


CMS: Single $T \rightarrow tH/Z$

IP2I

JHEP 01 (2020) 036

Post-Fit background only

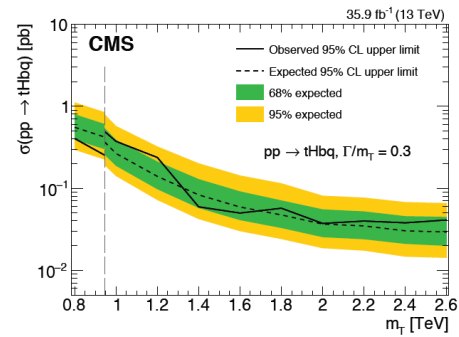
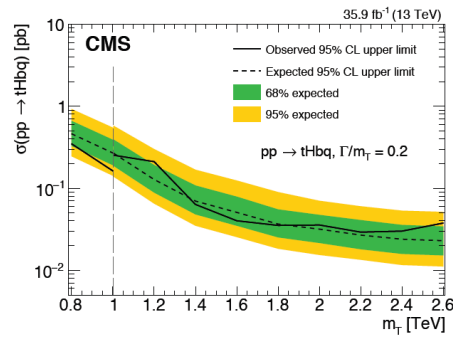
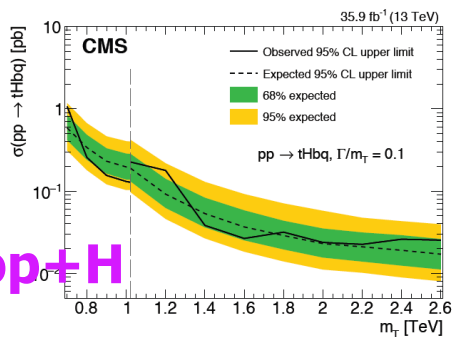
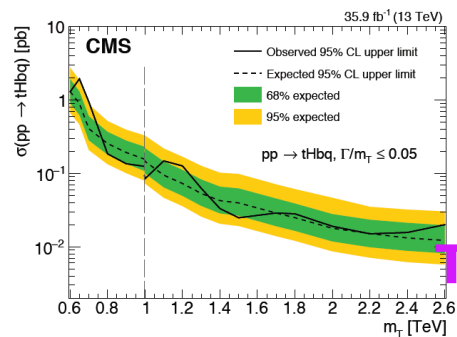




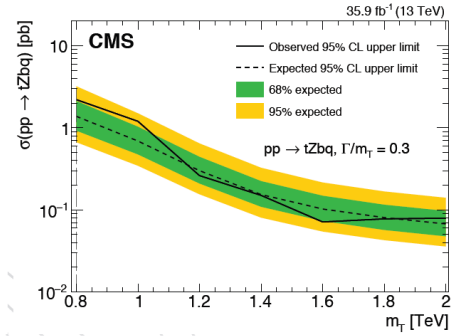
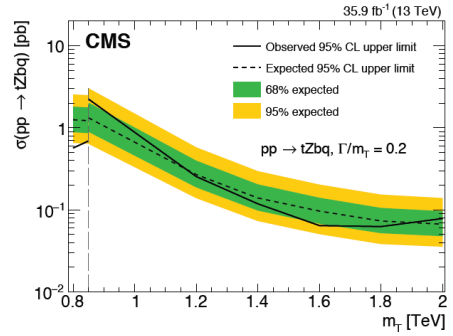
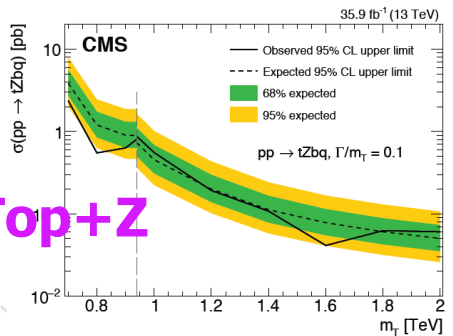
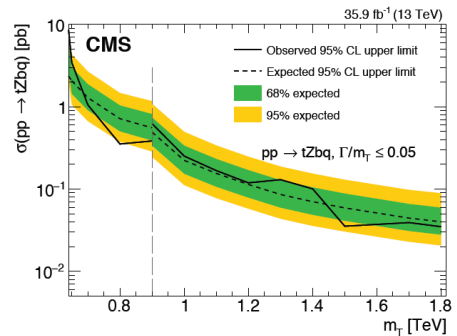
CMS: Single $T \rightarrow tH/Z$

IP2I

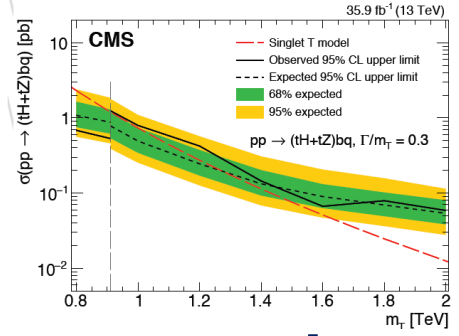
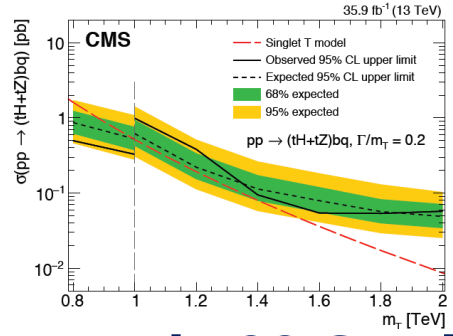
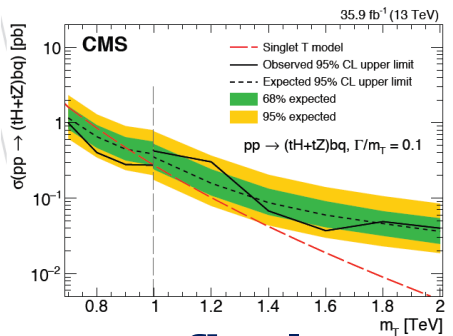
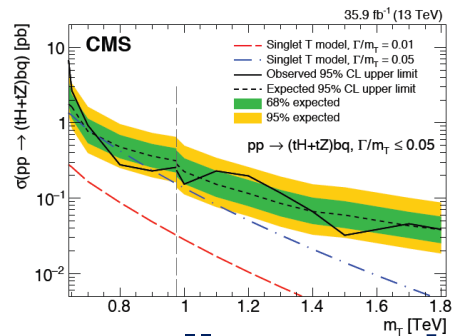
JHEP 01 (2020) 036



Top+H



Top+Z



A small excess in top+H final state around 700 GeV but not seen in top+Z, all large width tends to be excluded at low mass, no exclusion at high mass but getting closed



Atlas: Single $T \rightarrow \text{top} + H$

[arXiv:2201.07045](https://arxiv.org/abs/2201.07045)

Top and Higgs boosted

→ 2 wide jets

Classification 81 categories based on:

"H, t, other" & "0b, 1b, 2b" jets

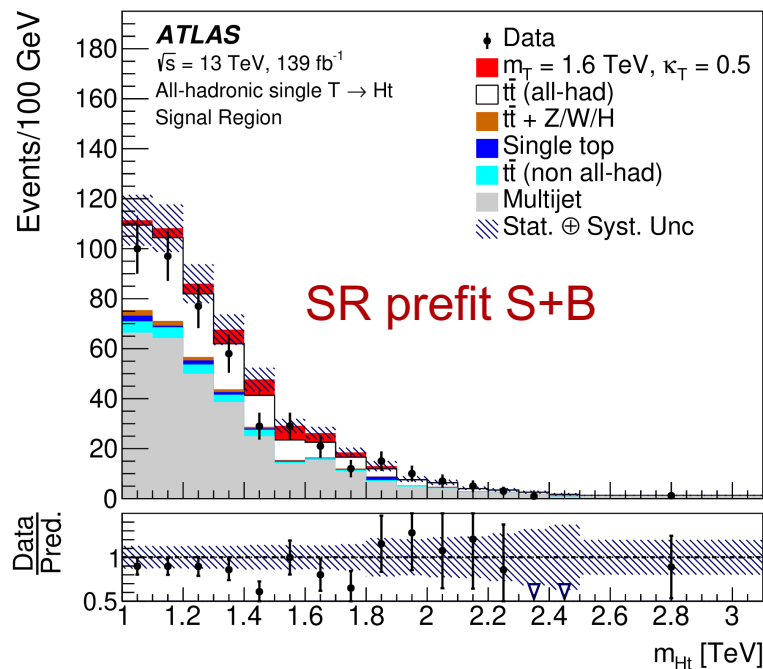
→ Signal Region (red), Validation Region (Yellow), Normalisation Region for $t\bar{t}$ (blue)

→ Search over $m(jj)$

→ QCD (from grey regions) & $t\bar{t}$,

data-driven pred.

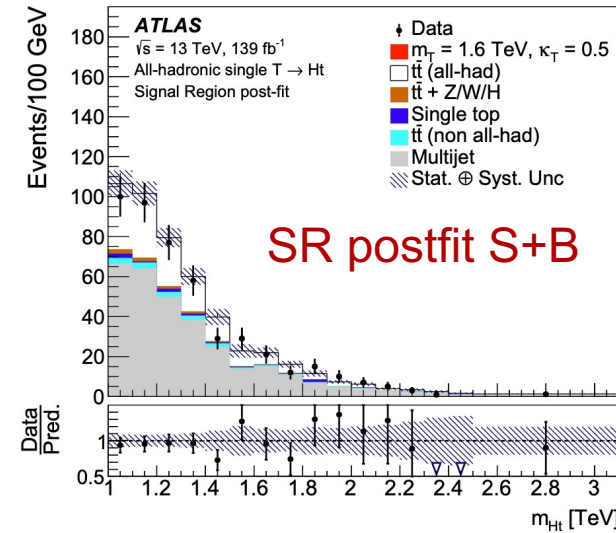
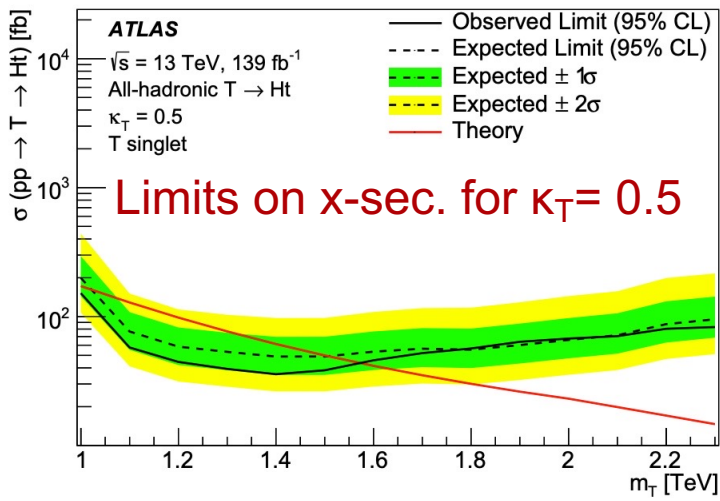
				VR8		NR		SR	NR
1t 0H $\geq 2b$									
0t 1H $\geq 2b$			VR6			SR			SR
0t 0H $\geq 2b$									
1t 0H 1b						NR		SR	NR
0t 1H 1b						VR1			
0t 0H 1b						VR2			VR7
1t 0H 0b						VR3		VR5	
0t 1H 0b						VR4			
0t 0H 0b									
	0t 0H 0b	0t 1H 0b	1t 0H 0b	0t 0H 1b	0t 1H 1b	1t 0H 1b	0t 0H $\geq 2b$	0t 1H $\geq 2b$	1t 0H $\geq 2b$



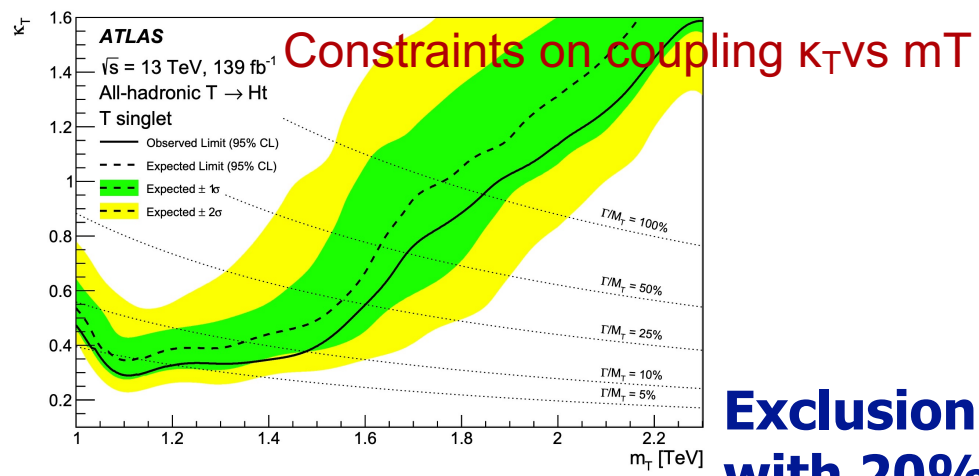
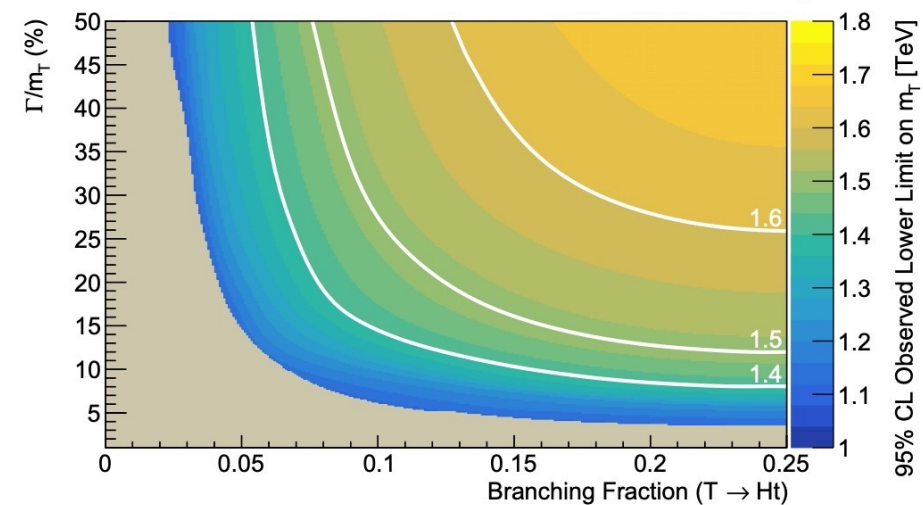


Atlas: Single $T \rightarrow \text{top} + H$

MC produced with κ_T variation → Direct studies of width



Obs. limit on x-sec. vs BR $Ht, \Gamma/m_T$



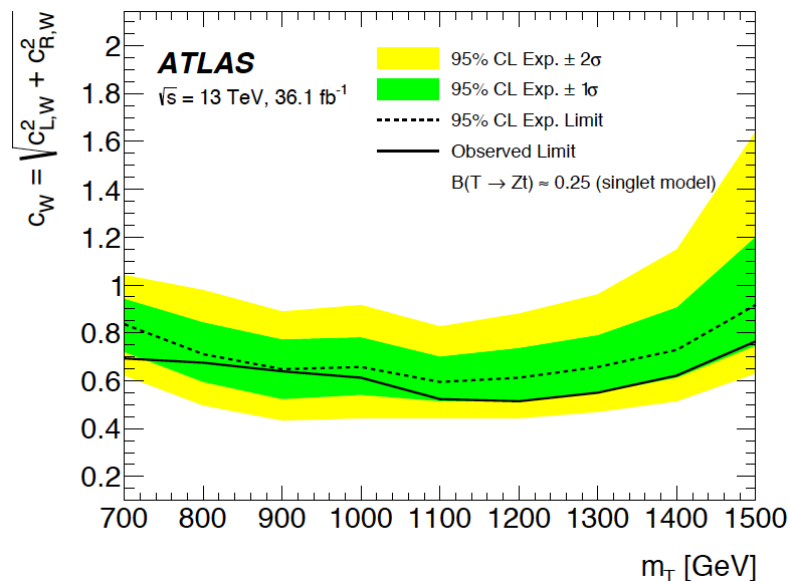
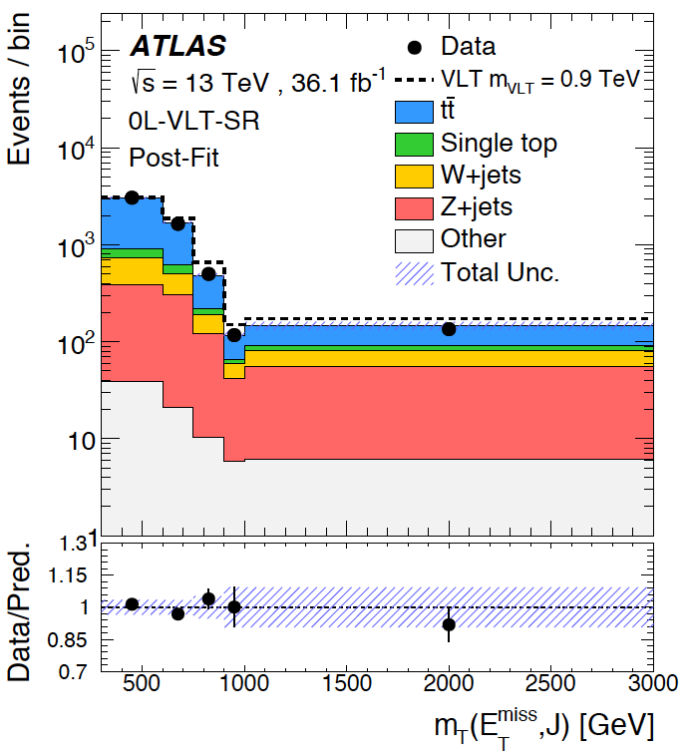
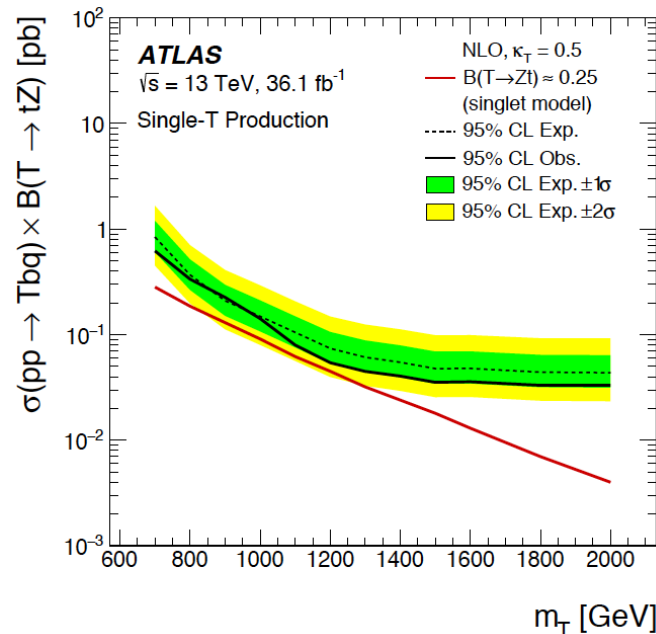
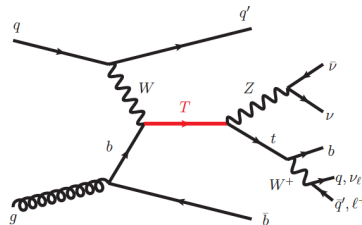
Exclusion of masses [1,1.6] TeV with 20% width



Atlas Single $T \rightarrow Zt$ ($Z \rightarrow \nu\nu$)

JHEP 05 (2019) 41

$E_{T\text{miss}} > 200$ GeV
= 1 b-tag jet
 ≥ 1 top-tag jet
 ≥ 1 forward ak4 jet
 \rightarrow Boosted only
Main Variable: $m_T(E_{T\text{miss}} + \text{top})$





CMS: Single T \rightarrow Zt (Z \rightarrow $\nu\nu$)

IP2I

B2G-19-004

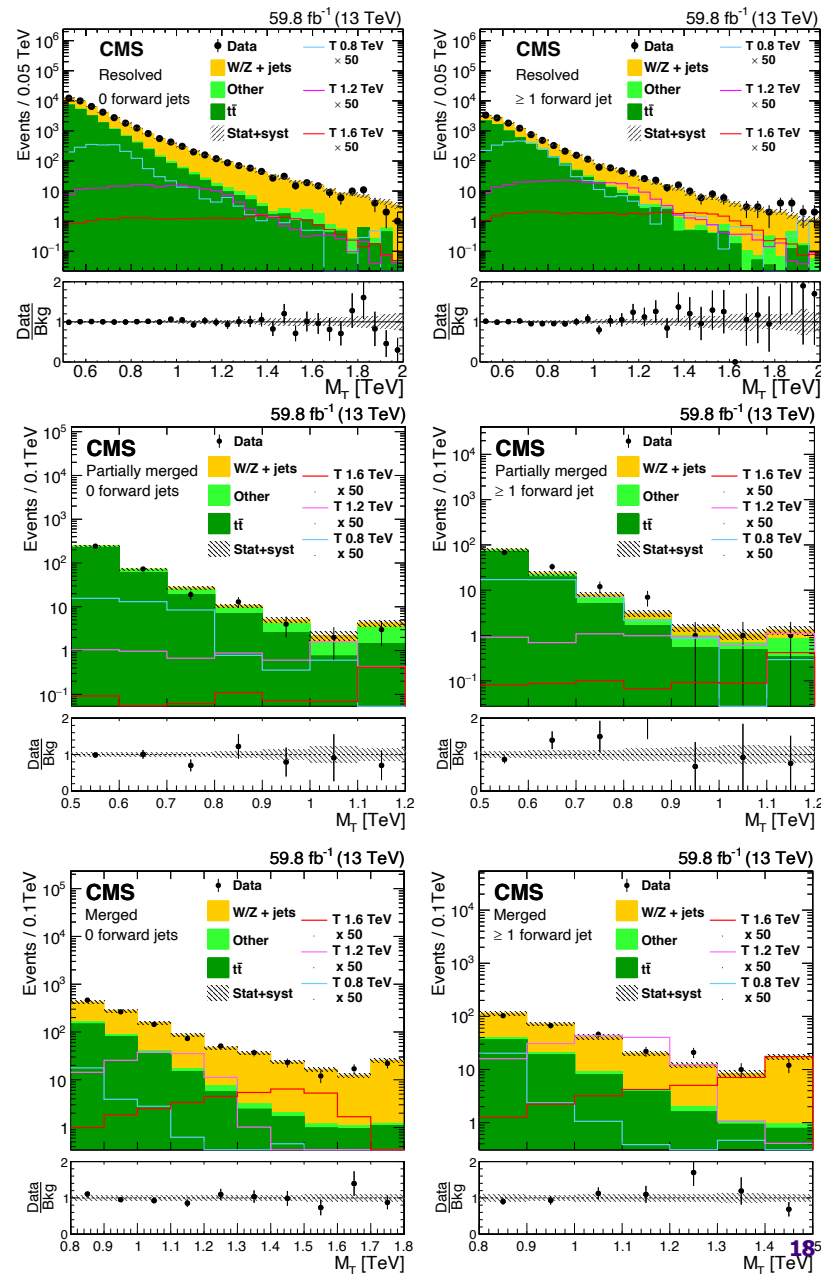
3 regimes: resolved, partially-merged, merged

$E_{\text{miss}} > 200$ GeV,
= 1 b-tag jet

≥ 1 top-tag jet or W-tag jet or 2 ak4 jets

Categories based on forward ak4 jet

Main Variable: $m_T(E_{\text{miss}} + \text{top})$

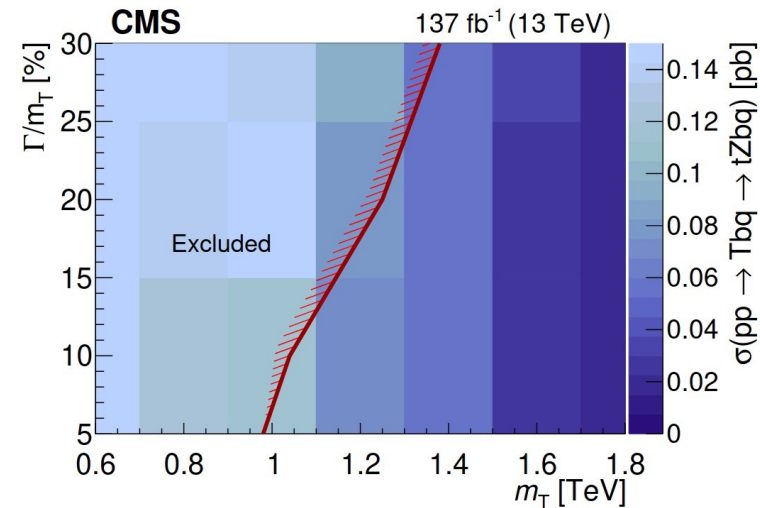
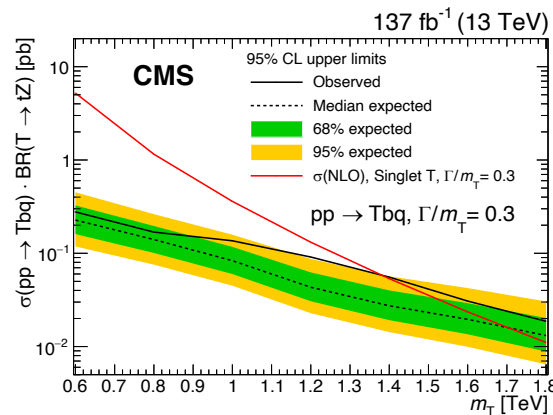
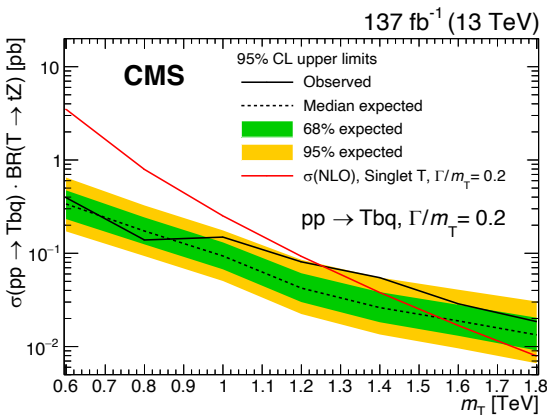
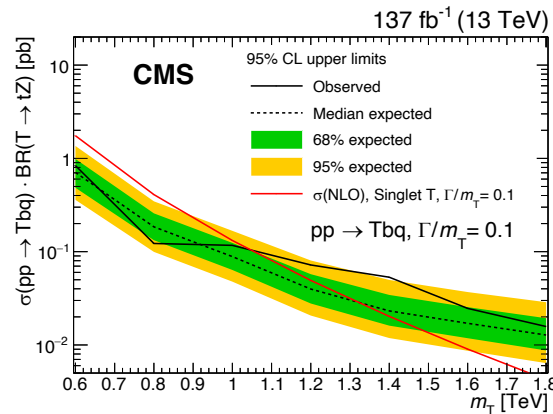
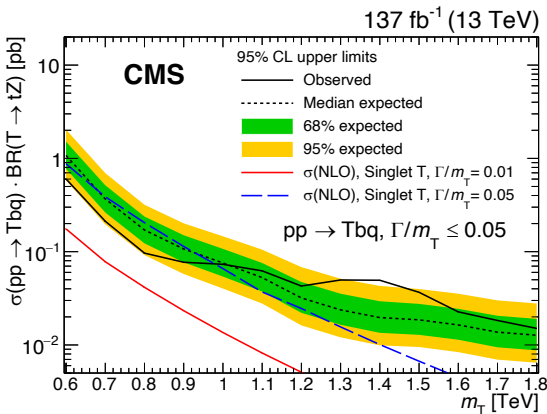




CMS: Single T \rightarrow Zt ($Z \rightarrow \nu\nu$)

B2G-19-004

Limits per width consideration:



T' mass < 1 TeV are excluded what ever is the width considered.
For large width, exclusion up to 1.4 TeV

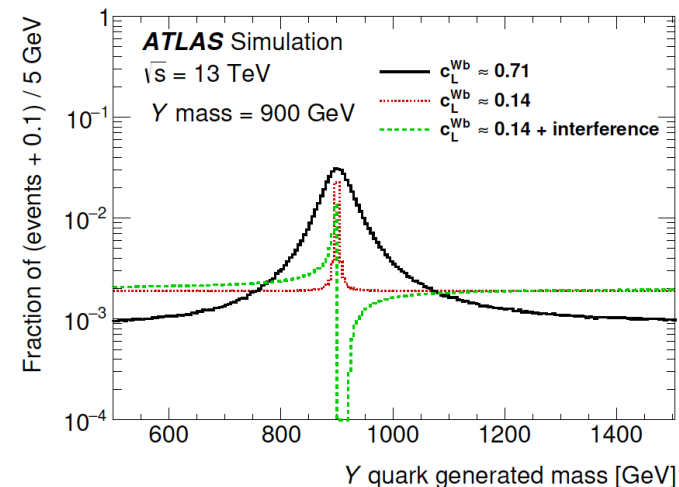
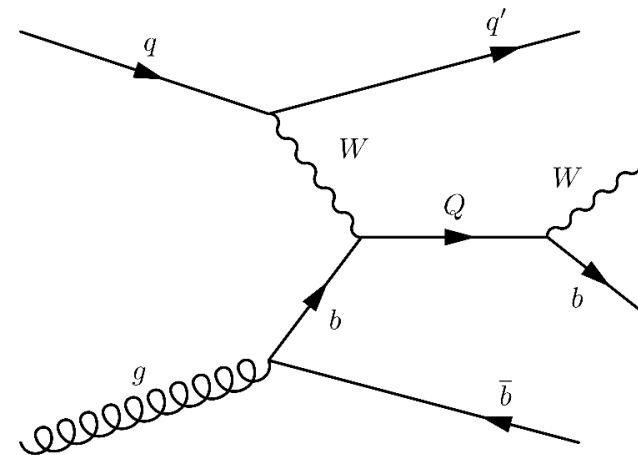


Atlas: Single $Y^{4/3}/T \rightarrow Wb$

IP2I

[JHEP 05 \(2019\) 164](#)

- Interpretation as (B,Y) doublet or T singlet
- Studies made with narrow width approximation, smearing performed to study larger width
- Interference with SM background taken into account +NLO effects
- Search performed in $l\nu b$ final state with mass reconstruction (p_z is minimal from real solution, if non real, then varies E_T to get real solution)
- Main background are W +jets and $t\bar{t}$ which are estimated from MC with cross check in control region
- Non prompt lepton from Matrix Method



Width ~ 50 GeV (?)
So below detector resolution (?)

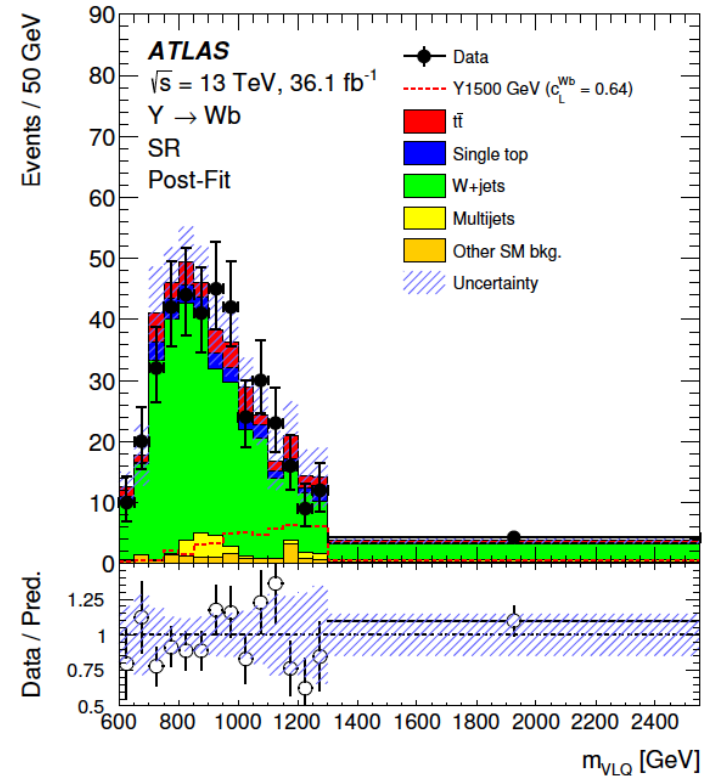
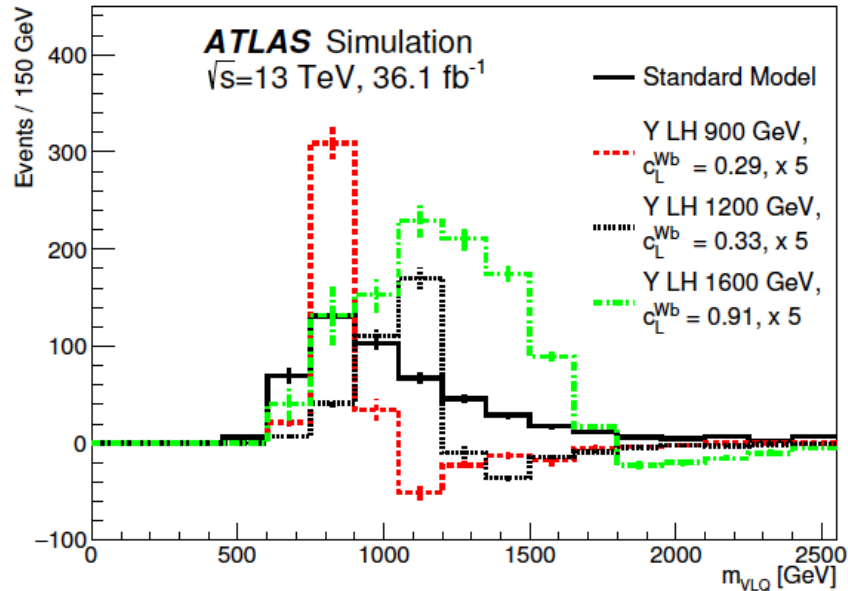


Atlas: Single $Y^{4/3}/T \rightarrow Wb$

IP2I

Selection: [JHEP 05 \(2019\) 164](#)

- 1 isolated e/ μ
- ≥ 1 b-jet with $pt > 350$ GeV
- $E_{tmiss} > 120$ GeV
- $\Delta\phi$ (lepton, leading b-tagged jet) > 2.5
- ≥ 1 forward ak4 jet ($2.5 < |\eta| < 4.5$)
- Veto if 1 ak4 jet $pt > 75$ GeV, $|\eta| < 2.5$ and ΔR (jet, leading b-tagged jet) < 1.2 or ΔR (jet, leading b-tagged jet) > 2.7



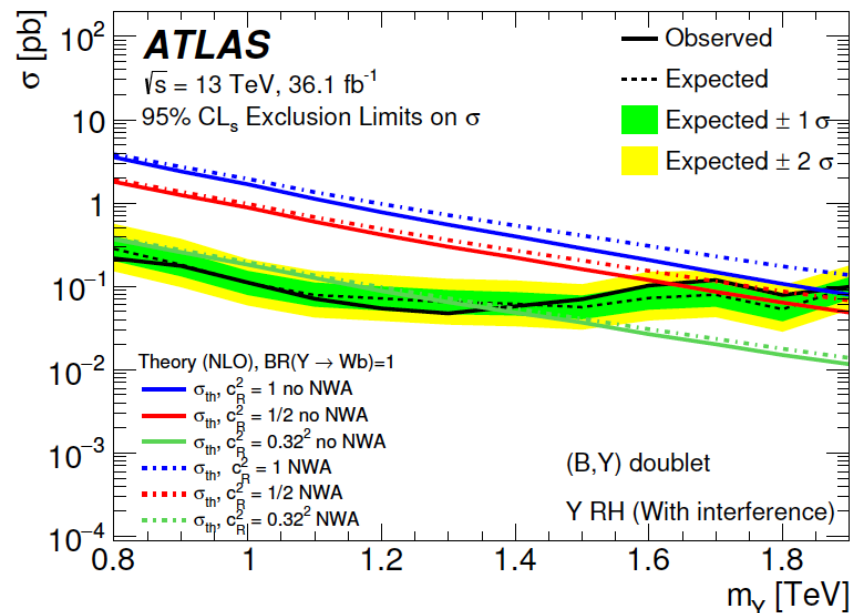


Atlas: Single $Y^{4/3}/T \rightarrow Wb$

IP2I

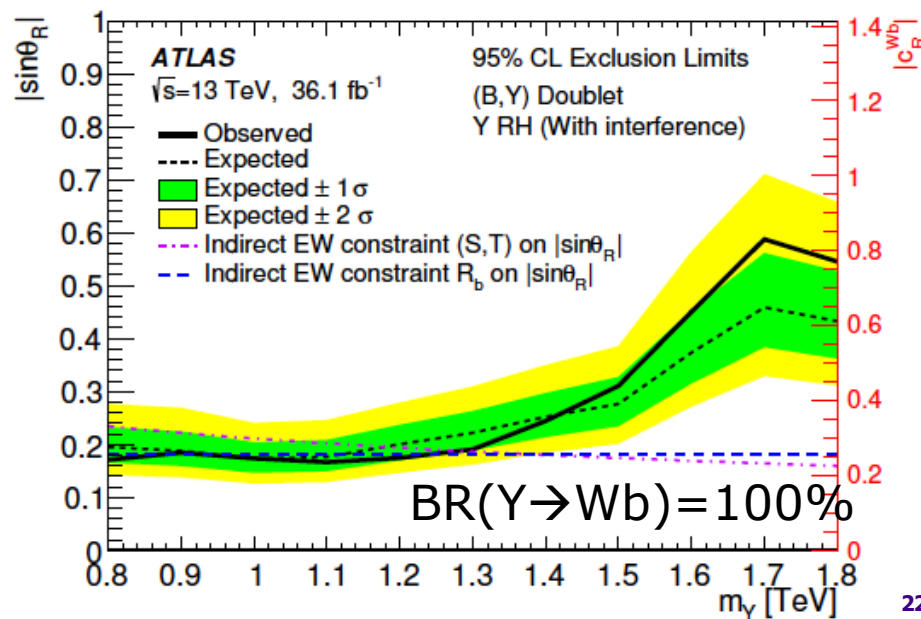
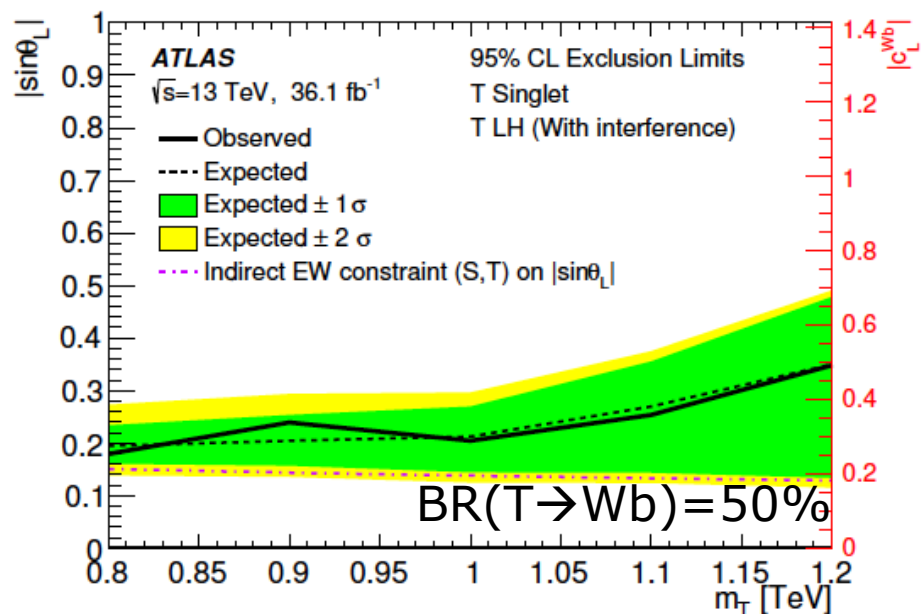
JHEP 05 (2019) 164

Limits:



Interpretation in terms of coupling/width
Width consideration still below detector resolution

→ Exclusion of large part of narrow width approximation

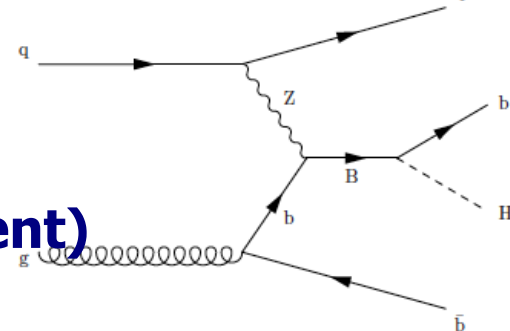




CMS: Single $B \rightarrow bH$

10.1007/JHEP06(2018)031

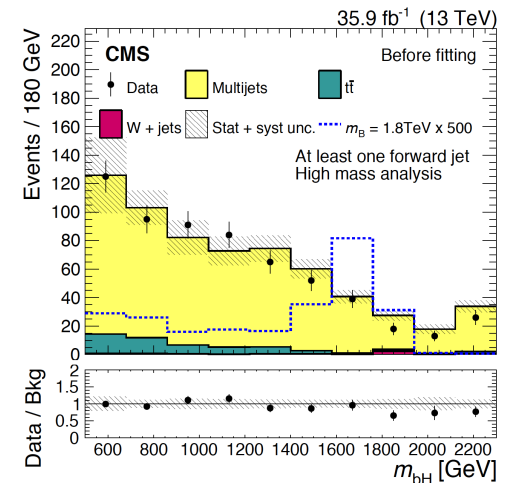
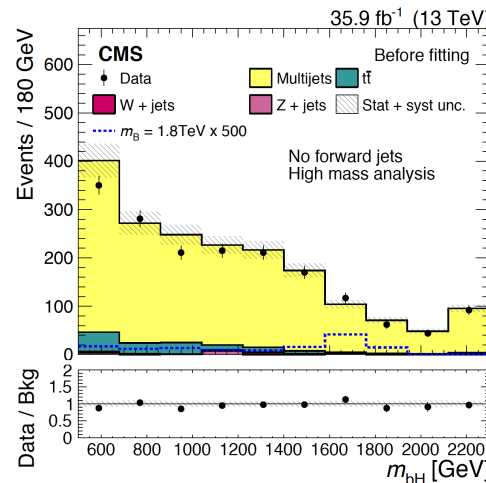
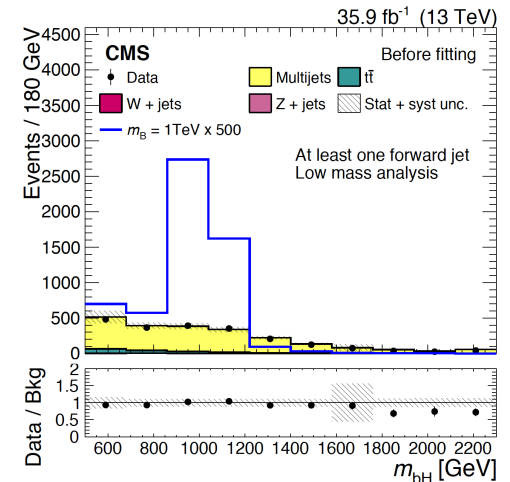
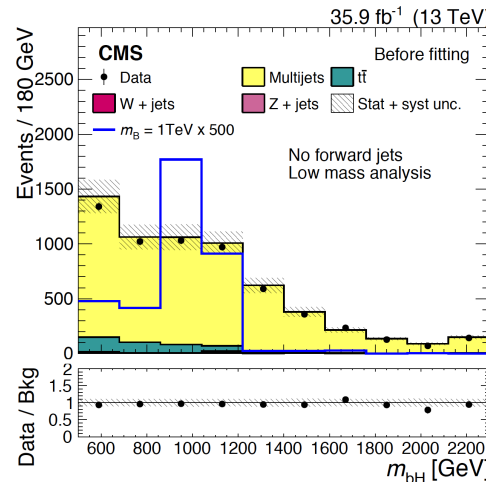
IP2.I



- All hadronic final state
- Use boosted Higgs ($\rightarrow bb$) with b-tagging
- Categories: low/high mass regime (Ht requirement)
- Split in no/at least one forward jet

Events Selection:

- ≥ 3 ak4 jets
- ≥ 1 b-tag jets
- ≥ 1 ak8 Higgs tag
- $HT > 900 / 1250$ GeV (low/high)



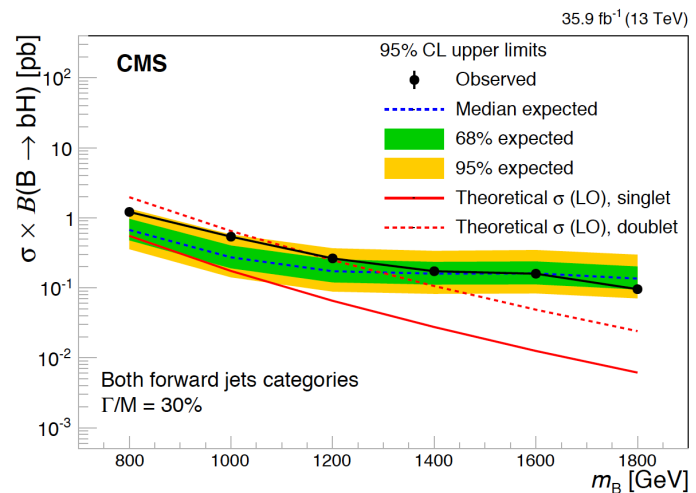
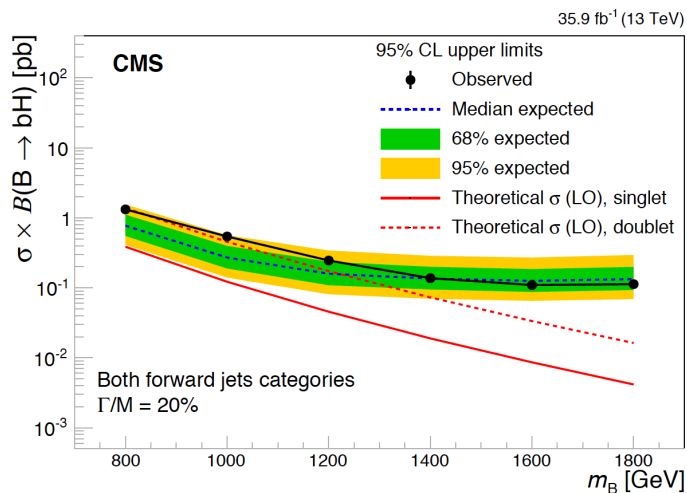
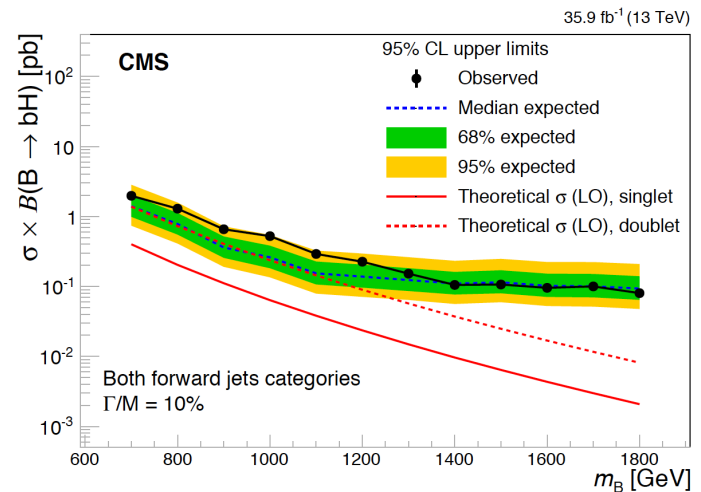
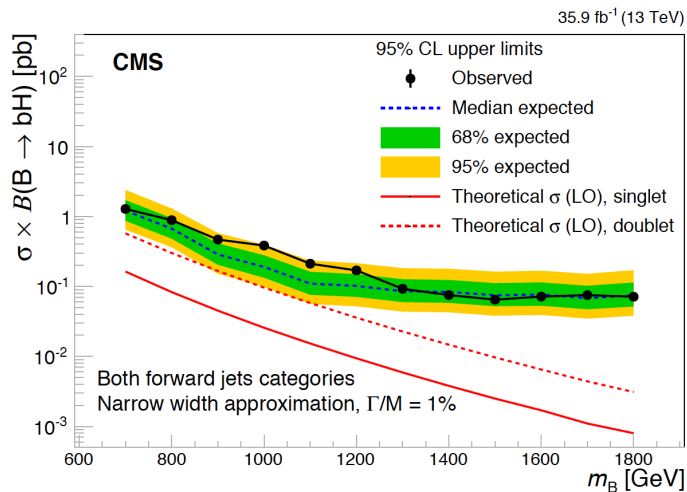


CMS: Single $B \rightarrow bH$

IP2I

10.1007/JHEP06(2018)031

Studies as function of width



Exclusion reached for doublet case and 20/30% widths

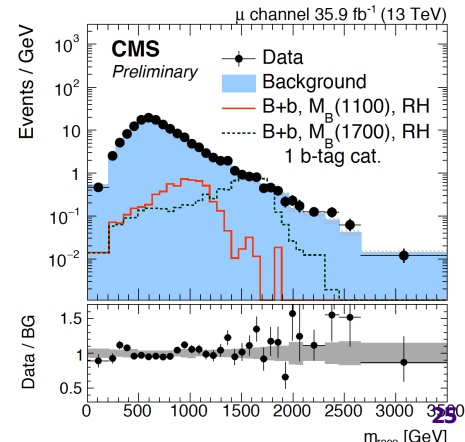
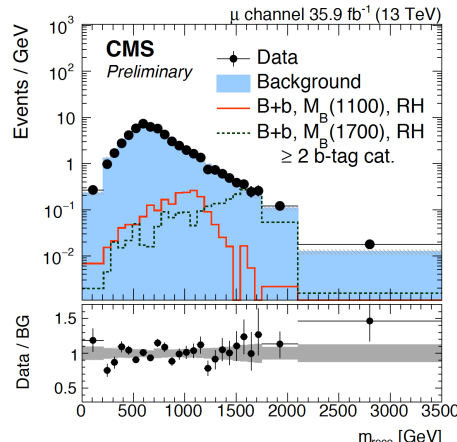
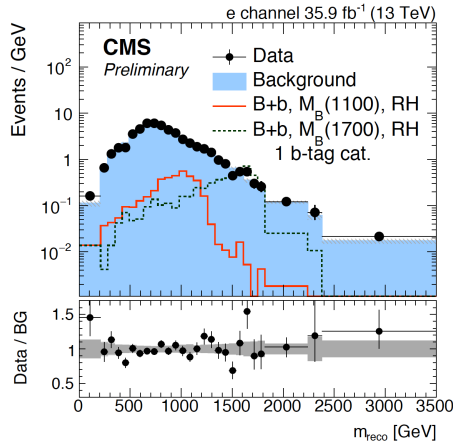
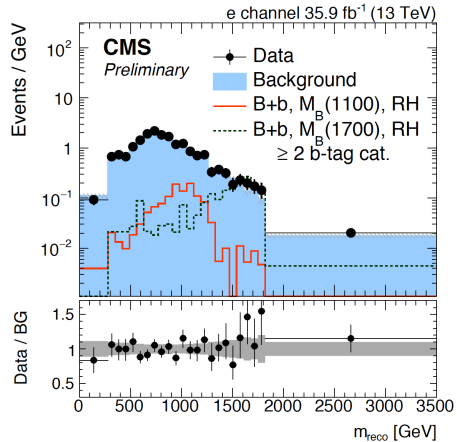
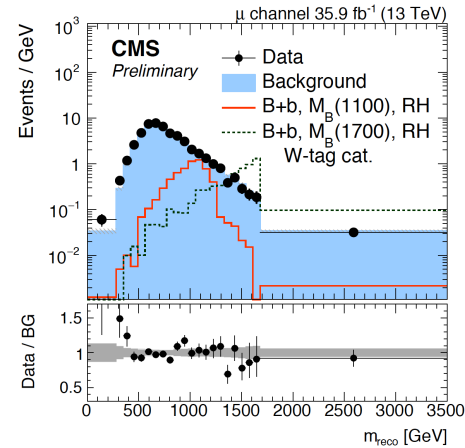
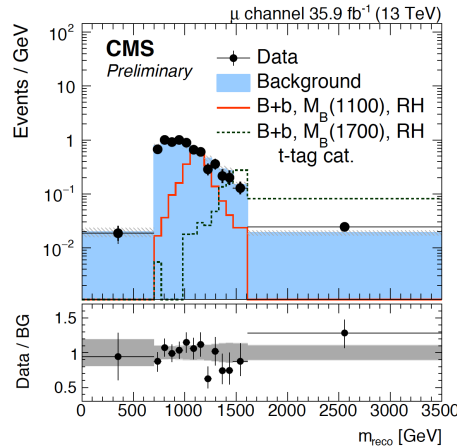
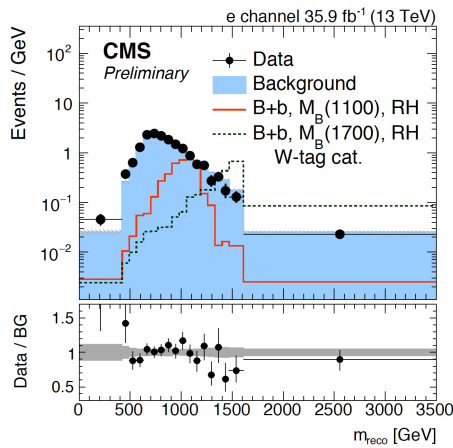
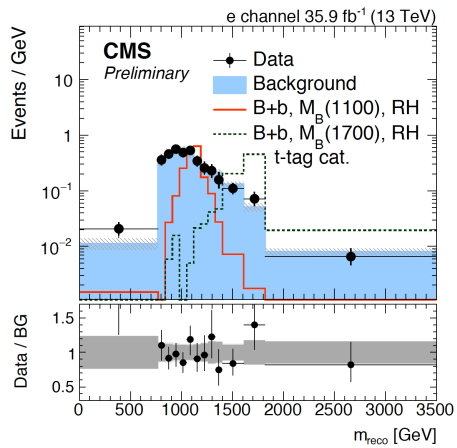
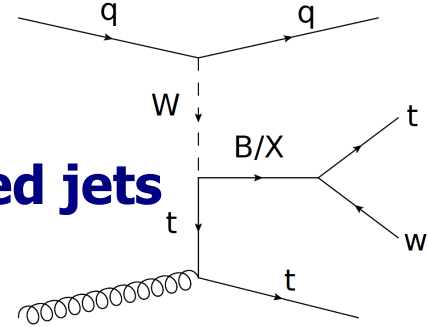


CMS: Single $X^{5/3}/B \rightarrow Wt$

EPJC 10052-019-6556-3

IP2I

- I+jets as final state
- Boosted and resolved case are considered
- Analysis split in categories based on kind of boosted jets
- Best jet association determine via chi2
- Simultaneous fit of $0/\geq 1$ forward jet



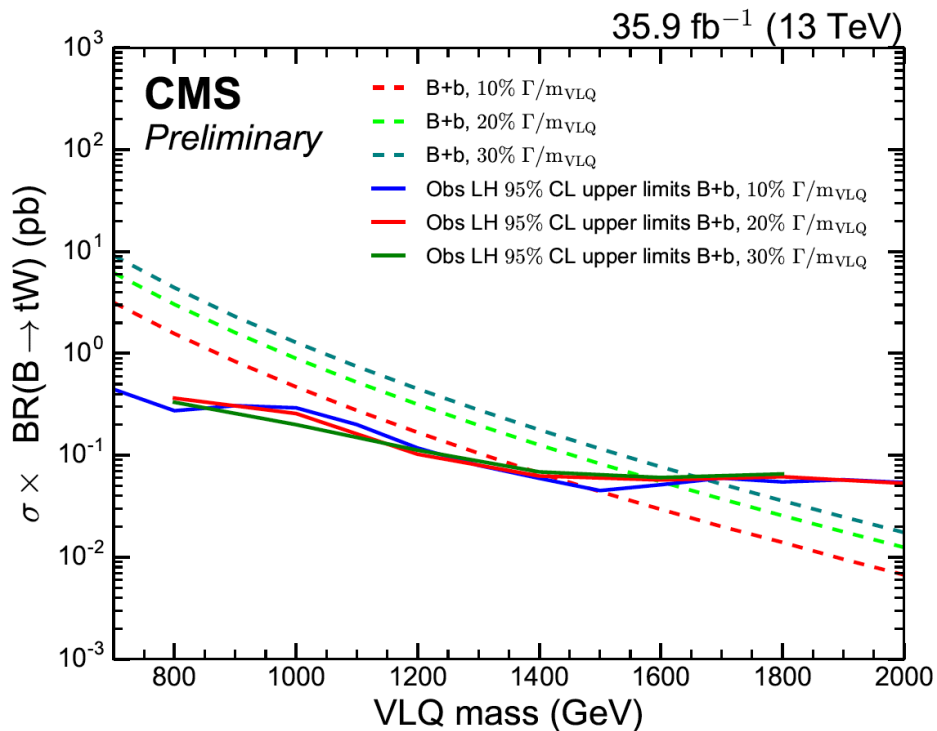


CMS: Single $X^{5/3}/B \rightarrow Wt$

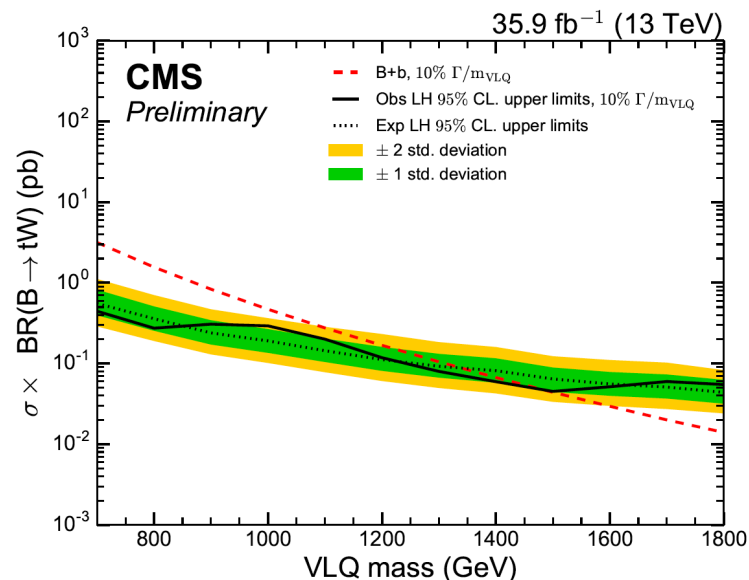
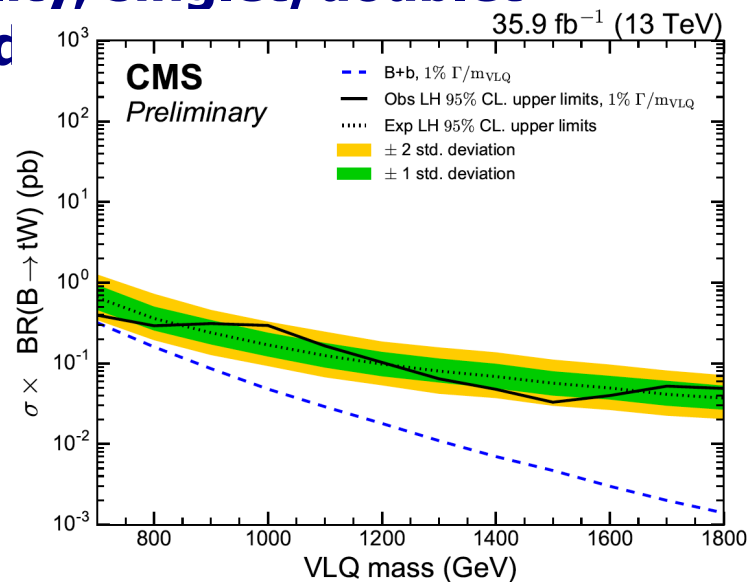
IP2I

EPJC 10052-019-6556-3

Limits set for $X^{5/3}$ and B , for each chirality, singlet/doublet model and for the various width studied



Most of the masses <1.4 TeV are excluded for width $>10\%$

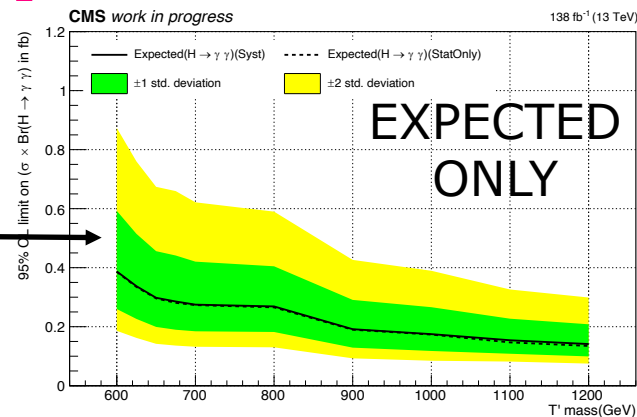




CMS on going analysis

IP2I

- Single $T \rightarrow tH (\rightarrow WW)$ in $l+jets$ Run 2
- Single $T \rightarrow tH (\rightarrow bb)$ in $l+jets$ Run 2
- Single $T \rightarrow tH (\rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$ Run 2 → Hopefully in a few weeks
- Single $T/Y^{-4/3} \rightarrow Wb$ in $l+jets$ Run 2
- Single $B/X^{5/3} \rightarrow Wt$ in SS dilepton Run 2

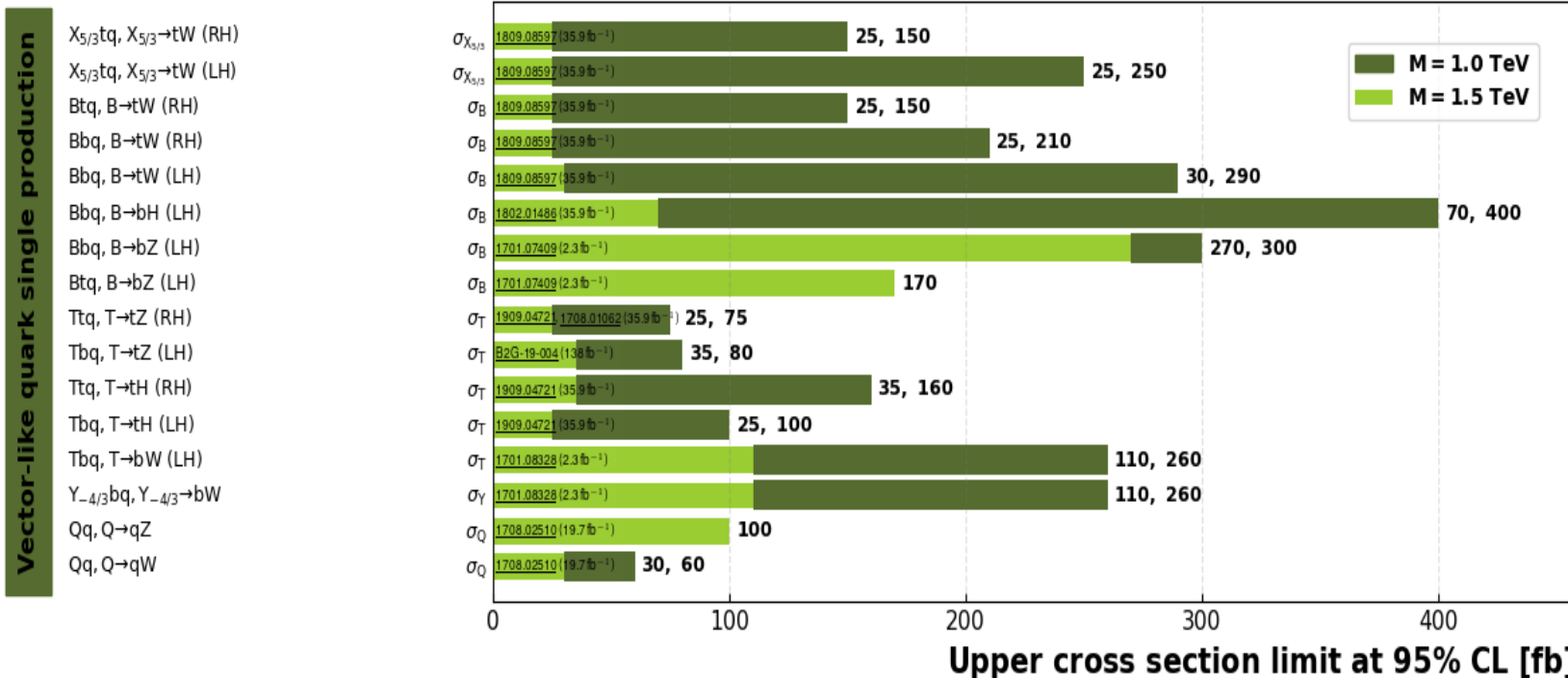


Overview of CMS B2G Results

November 2021

CMS Preliminary

2.3 – 138 fb⁻¹ (13 TeV), 19.7 fb⁻¹ (8 TeV)





Conclusion

Atlas and CMS are producing a lot of results on VLQ
 Results obtained by Atlas and CMS are pretty similar
 Both experiments look at width exclusion (parameter κ_T)

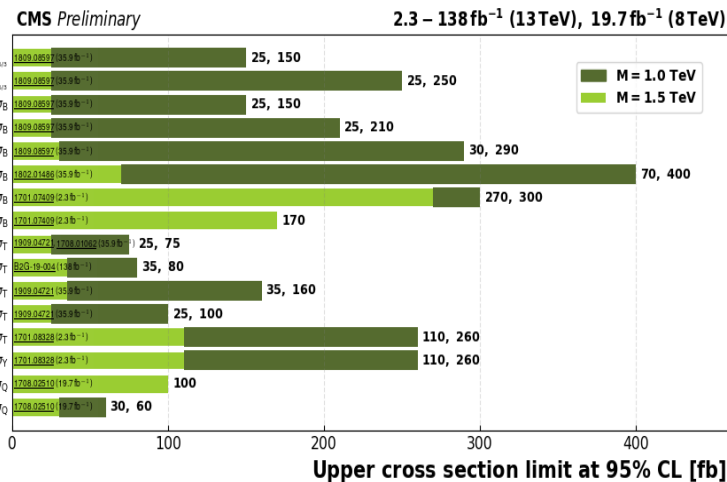
A lot of new results should come with Run2+Run3 data analysis!

Vector-like quark single production

- $X_{5/3}tq, X_{5/3} \rightarrow tW$ (RH)
- $X_{5/3}tq, X_{5/3} \rightarrow tW$ (LH)
- Btq, B $\rightarrow tW$ (RH)
- Bbq, B $\rightarrow tW$ (RH)
- Bbq, B $\rightarrow tW$ (LH)
- Bbq, B $\rightarrow bH$ (LH)
- Bbq, B $\rightarrow bZ$ (LH)
- Btq, B $\rightarrow bZ$ (LH)
- Ttq, T $\rightarrow tZ$ (RH)
- Tbq, T $\rightarrow tZ$ (LH)
- Ttq, T $\rightarrow tH$ (RH)
- Tbq, T $\rightarrow tH$ (LH)
- Tbq, T $\rightarrow bW$ (LH)
- $Y_{-4/3}bq, Y_{-4/3} \rightarrow bW$
- Qq, Q $\rightarrow qZ$
- Qq, Q $\rightarrow qW$

Overview of CMS B2G Results

November 2021

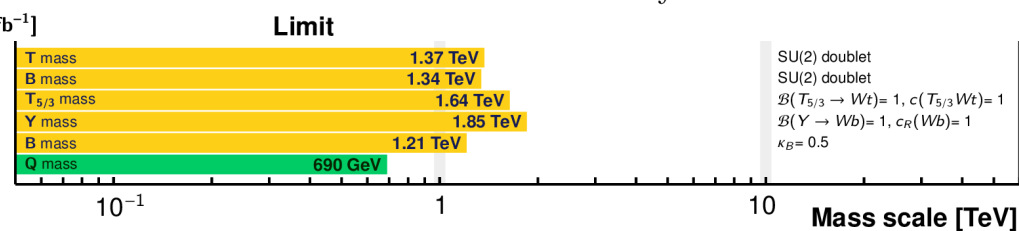


ATLAS Exotics Searches* - 95% CL Upper Exclusion Limits

Status: May 2020

Model	ℓ, γ	Jets †	E_T^{miss}	$\int \mathcal{L} dt [\text{fb}^{-1}]$	Limit
VLQ $TT \rightarrow Ht/Zt/Wb + X$	multi-channel			36.1	T mass 1.37 TeV
VLQ $BB \rightarrow Wt/Zb + X$	multi-channel			36.1	B mass 1.34 TeV
VLQ $T_{5/3} T_{5/3} T_{5/3} \rightarrow Wt + X$	2(SS) ≥ 3	$e, \mu \geq 1 b, \geq 1 j$	Yes	36.1	$T_{5/3}$ mass 1.64 TeV
VLQ $Y \rightarrow Wb + X$	1 e, μ	$\geq 1 b, \geq 1 j$	Yes	36.1	Y mass 1.85 TeV
VLQ $B \rightarrow Hb + X$	0 $e, \mu, 2 \gamma$	$\geq 1 b, \geq 1 j$	Yes	79.8	B mass 1.21 TeV
VLQ $QQ \rightarrow WqWq$	1 e, μ	$\geq 4 j$	Yes	20.3	Q mass 690 GeV

$\sqrt{s} = 8$ TeV
 $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV partial data
 $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV full data



ATLAS Preliminary
 $\int \mathcal{L} dt = (3.2 - 139) \text{ fb}^{-1}$
 $\sqrt{s} = 8, 13 \text{ TeV}$
 Reference
 SU(2) doublet 1808.02343
 SU(2) doublet 1808.02343
 $\mathcal{B}(T_{5/3} \rightarrow Wt) = 1, c(T_{5/3}Wt) = 1$ 1807.11883
 $\mathcal{B}(Y \rightarrow Wb) = 1, c_R(Wb) = 1$ 1812.07343
 ATLAS-CONF-2018-024
 1509.04261

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



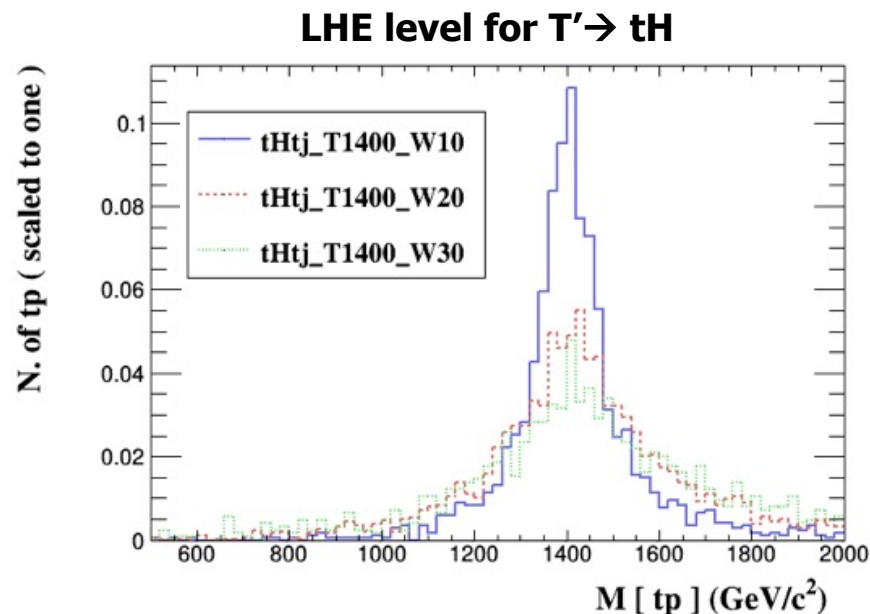
BackUp



Single VLQ

IP2I

- Interpretation as singlet/doublet
- Studies made with narrow width approximation + MC produced for various width: 10%, 20%, 30%
- Analysis performed in various regimes: resolved, semi-resolved, boosted
- Using full VLQ mass reconstruction in all channels
- Categorization as function of presence of a forward jet

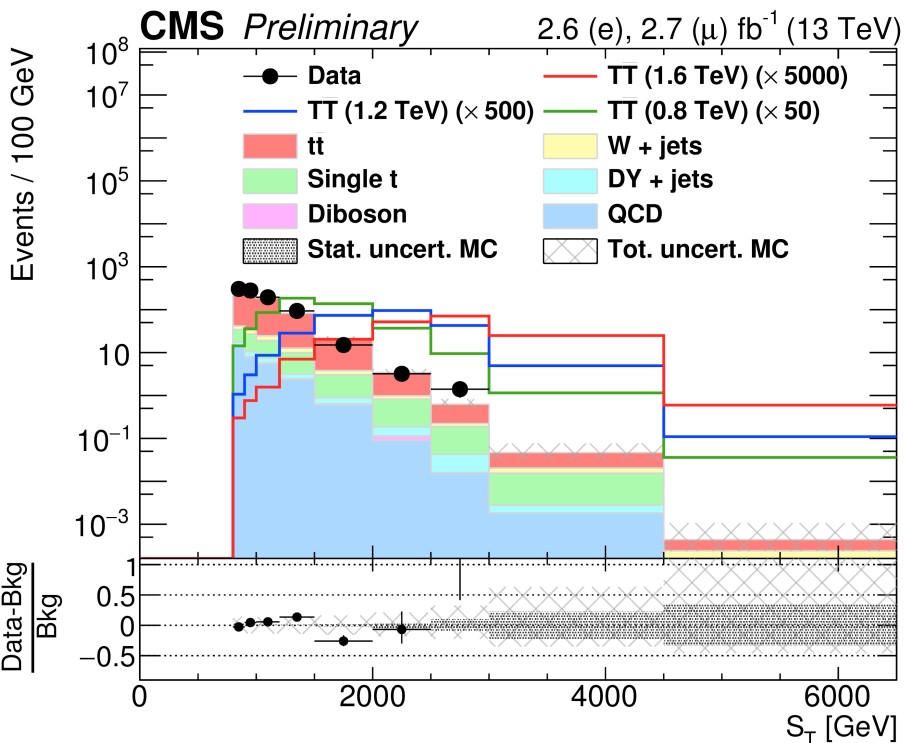




Pair Produced = Momentum

IP2I

CMS PAS B2G 16 011



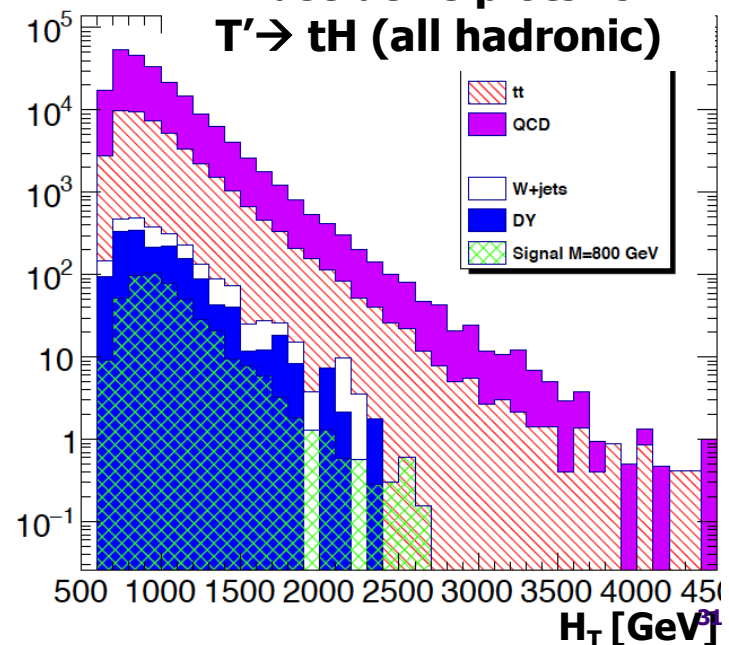
Typical background distribution in variable like scalar sum of p_T of reconstructed object

→ Very quickly can be in configuration of “background” free analysis, so stronger limit can be set

Single VLQ will tend to remain in the bulk of the background distribution

→ Important to have dedicated analysis for single VLQ

Illustrative plots for $T' \rightarrow tH$ (all hadronic)





Current Focus

Pair production is leading in terms of publication as it is mainly high energy search (low background) and model independent. BUT all searches are done in NWA approximation → Width $< \sim 5\%$

Larger width would be more difficult to identify (integration over larger region so background increase).

Single Production searches requests usually more time (trickier background to take into account) but also give access to model parameter so interpretation can be wider.



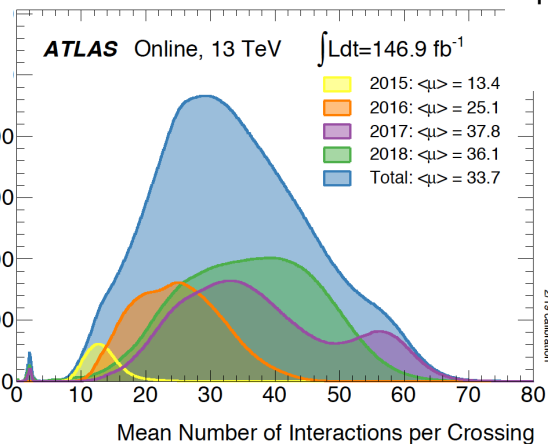
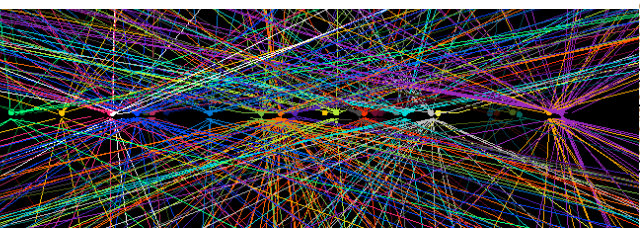
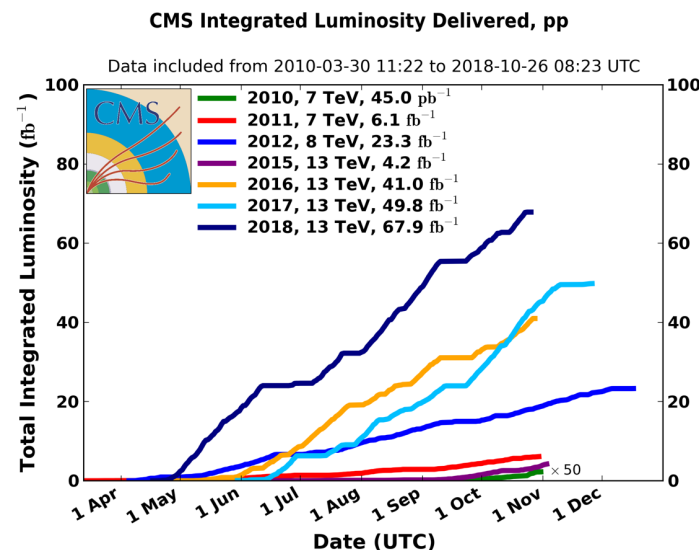
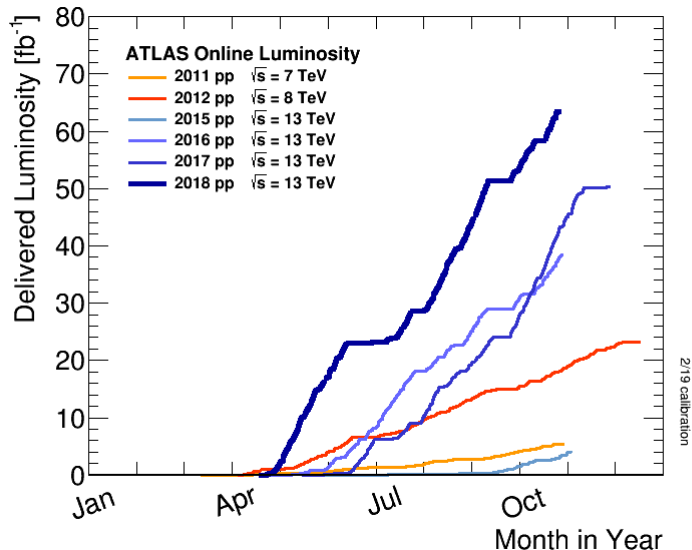
Experimental Apparatus and Tools

LHC has delivered pp collision to Atlas and CMS at various beam center of mass of energy since 2009.

Groups of similar year:

Run1 = (2010)+2011+2012 → 7/8 TeV

Run2 = (2015)+2016+2017+2018 → 13 TeV



= low pT jets (<30 GeV) but mainly present in forward region and without tracker acceptance → difficult



Generalist Detector

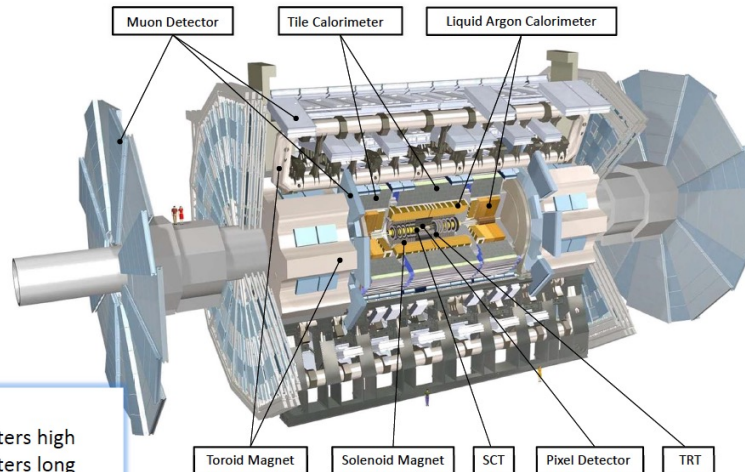
General-purpose detector: investigate largest possible physics range

Hermetic, many layers, and highly granular

Designed to precisely reconstruct and identify decays of produced particles

Tracking acceptance ~ 2.5 in eta \rightarrow Above no real tracking to point to vertex etc \rightarrow With PU, forward region is difficult to understand

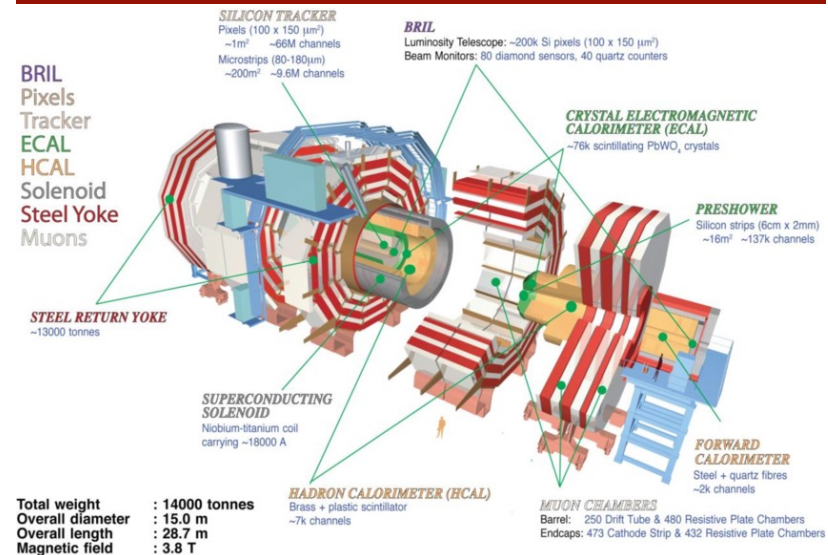
The ATLAS Detector



ATLAS

- 25 meters high
- 44 meters long
- Weight 7000 tons

The CMS Detector





Jets Multiple Taggers

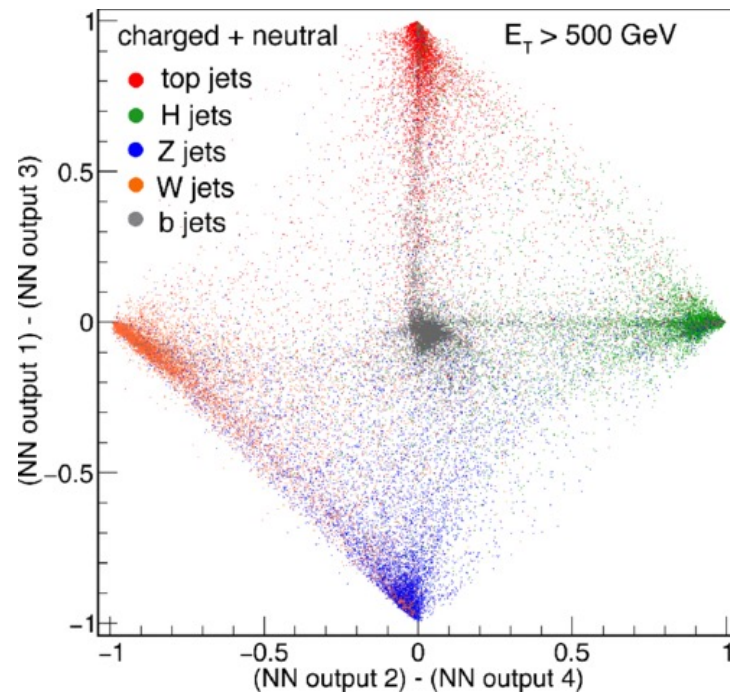
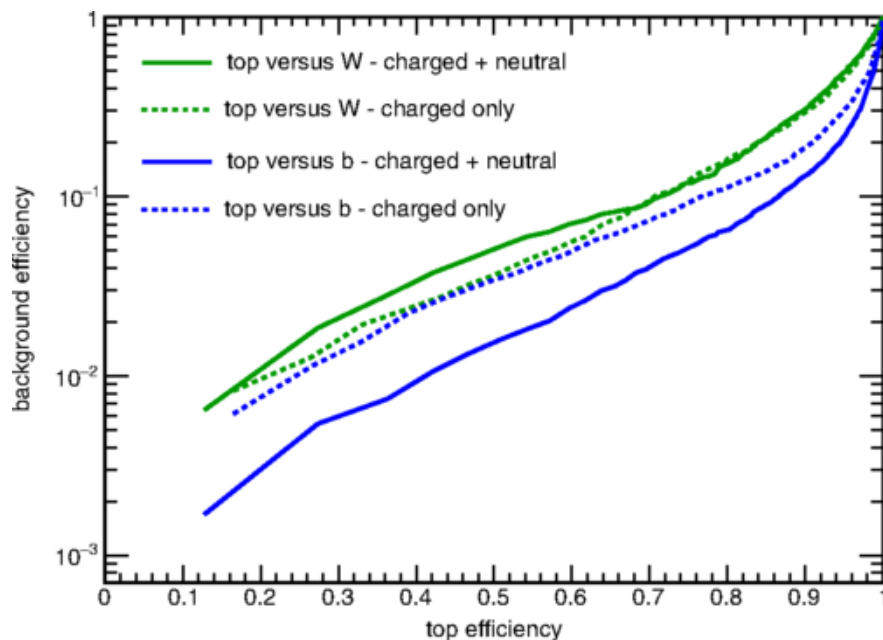
[Phys. Rev. D 94, 094027](#)

BEST algorithm = Boosted Event Shape Tagger

Using machine learning to classify a wide jet into W, Z, H, top, b or light quark jet

Main ideas:

- **Move to the rest frame of the assumed particle**
- **Use several variables to build a neural network discriminant**



→ Use in case multiple wide jets in final state

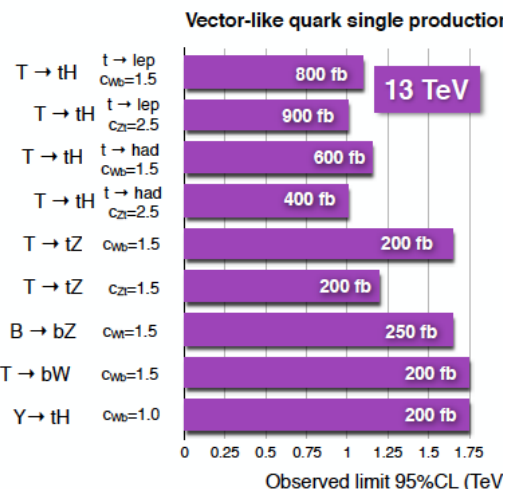
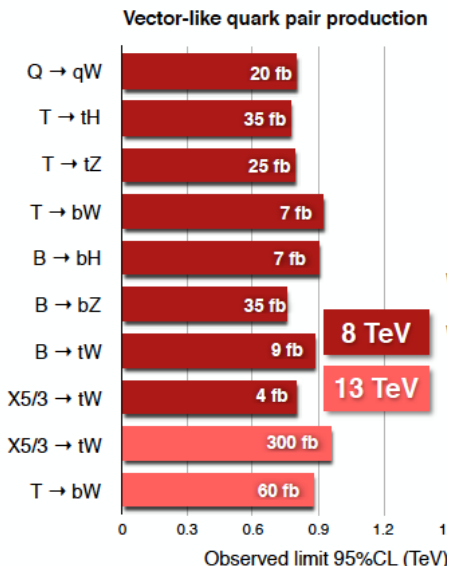
Run 1 + 2015

Atlas and CMS got two different approaches:

- Atlas has dedicated analysis for some single VLQ channel and includes single VLQ production as additional signal while developing pair VLQ analysis
- CMS has dedicated analysis for single VLQ but in single VLQ, no consideration of pair production is done (and vice et versa)

Second interesting point: pair VLQ is getting up to two order of magnitude lower in cross section than the single VLQ

→ Limit more stringent in pair than in single due to larger momentum



ATLAS Exotics Searches* - 95% CL Exclusion

Status: August 2016

ATLAS Preliminary
 $\int \mathcal{L} dt = (3.2 - 20.3) \text{ fb}^{-1}$
 $\sqrt{s} = 8, 13 \text{ TeV}$

Model	ℓ, γ	Jets [†]	E_T^{miss}	$\int \mathcal{L} dt [\text{fb}^{-1}]$	Limit	Reference	
Heavy quarks	VLQ $TT \rightarrow Ht + X$	$1 e, \mu$	$\geq 2 b, \geq 3 j$	Yes	20.3	T mass 855 GeV	T in (T,B) doublet
	VLQ $YY \rightarrow Wb + X$	$1 e, \mu$	$\geq 1 b, \geq 3 j$	Yes	20.3	Y mass 770 GeV	Y in (B,Y) doublet
	VLQ $BB \rightarrow Hb + X$	$1 e, \mu$	$\geq 2 b, \geq 3 j$	Yes	20.3	B mass 735 GeV	isospin singlet
	VLQ $BB \rightarrow Zb + X$	$2/\geq 3 e, \mu$	$\geq 2/\geq 1 b$	-	20.3	B mass 755 GeV	B in (B,Y) doublet
	VLQ $QQ \rightarrow WqWq$	$1 e, \mu$	$\geq 4 j$	Yes	20.3	Q mass 690 GeV	
	VLQ $T_{5/3} T_{5/3} \rightarrow WtWt$	$2(\text{SS})/\geq 3 e, \mu$	$\geq 1 b, \geq 1 j$	Yes	3.2	$T_{5/3}$ mass 990 GeV	
		$\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$	$\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$				ATLAS-CONF-2016-032

*Only a selection of the available mass limits on new states or phenomena is shown. Lower bounds are specified only when explicitly not excluded.

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