

QCD bound states of 375 GeV particles

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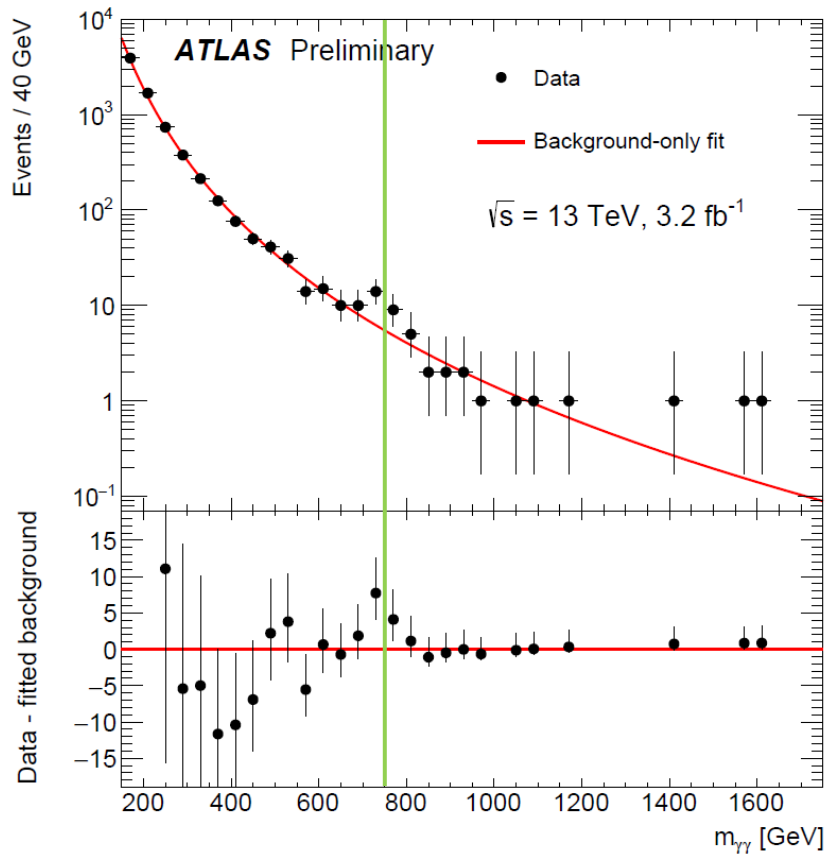
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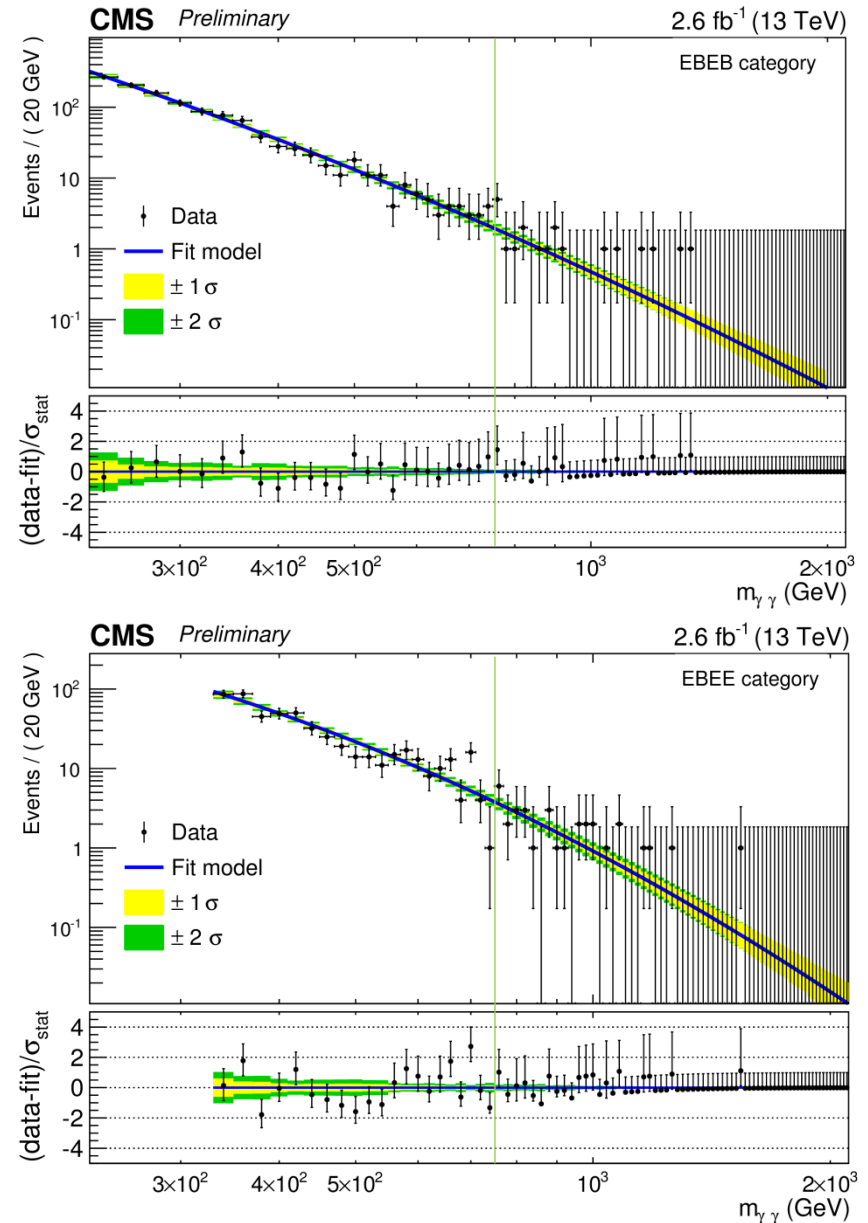
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Motivation

Resonant diphoton excesses in ATLAS and CMS



$$M \approx 750 \text{ GeV}, \Gamma \sim 0-100 \text{ GeV}$$
$$\sigma \times \text{BR}(\gamma\gamma) \sim 3-10 \text{ fb}$$



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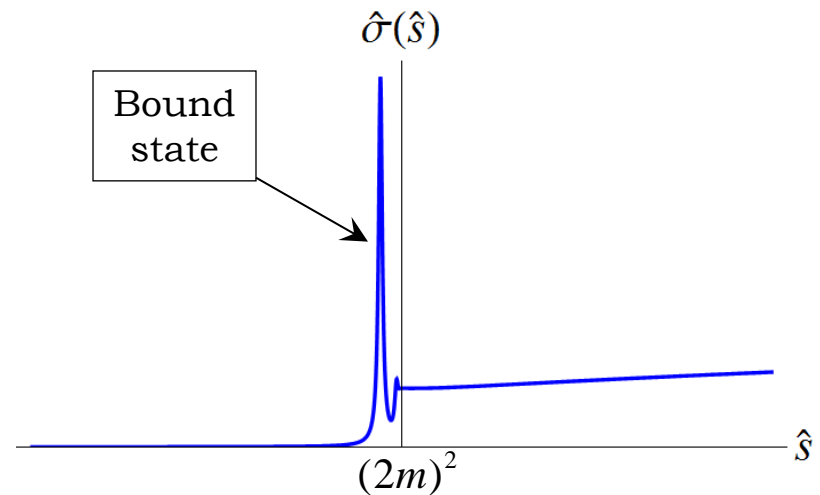
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e.g., if production and dominant annihilation is gg :

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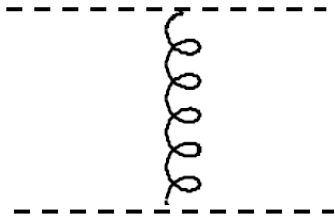
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(See backup slides for detailed expressions.)



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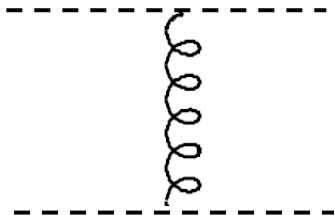
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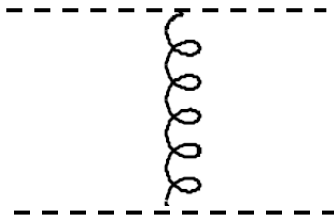
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- ❖ Radial excitations are suppressed: $|\psi_n(\mathbf{0})|^2 \propto 1/n^3$.
- ❖ Orbital excitations are suppressed because $\psi(\mathbf{0}) = 0$.

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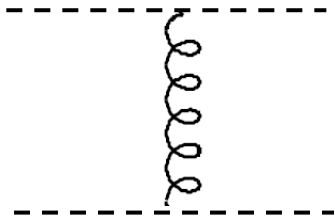
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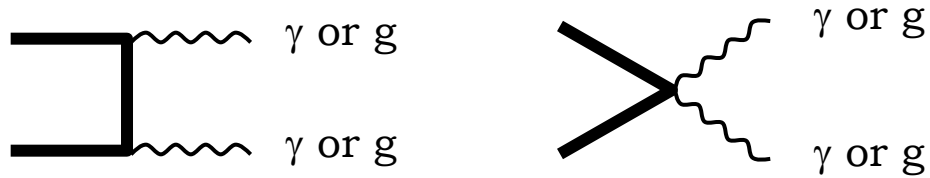
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Will use the Coulomb approximation; keep factor-of-2 uncertainty in mind.

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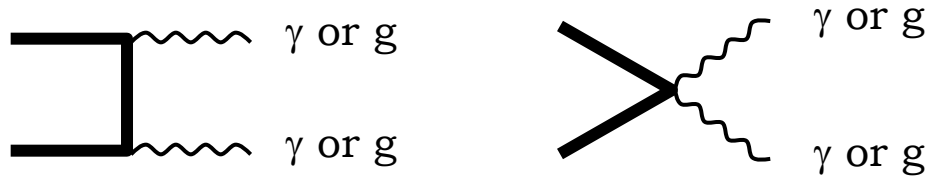
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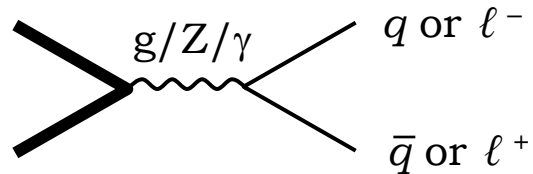
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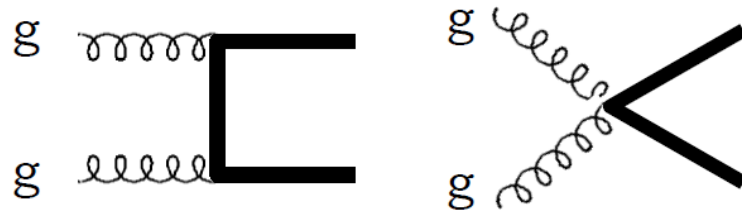
For states with $J = 1$ (for fermion constituents):



dilepton
dijet ($q\bar{q}$)

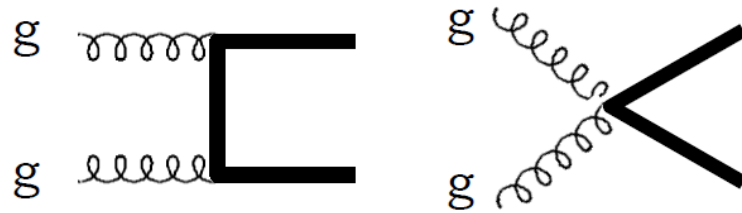
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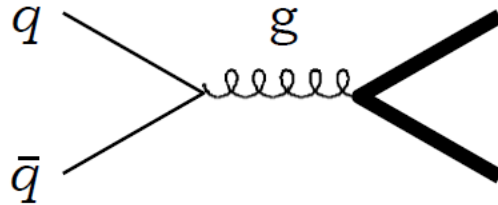


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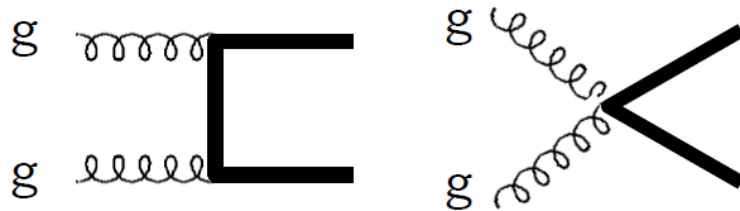


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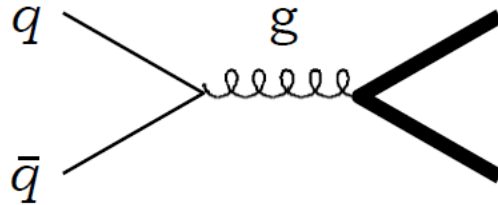


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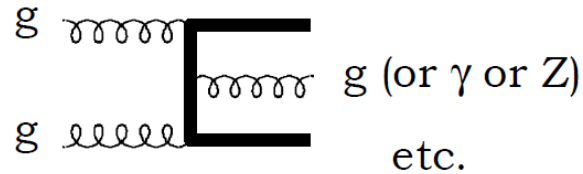


No leading-order QCD production of the color-singlet $J = 1$ states (similar to J/ψ) that would give a **dilepton** signal.

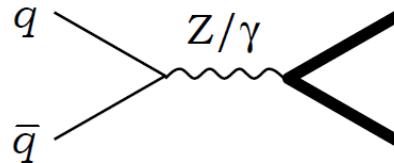
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Subleading processes for the **dilepton** channel:

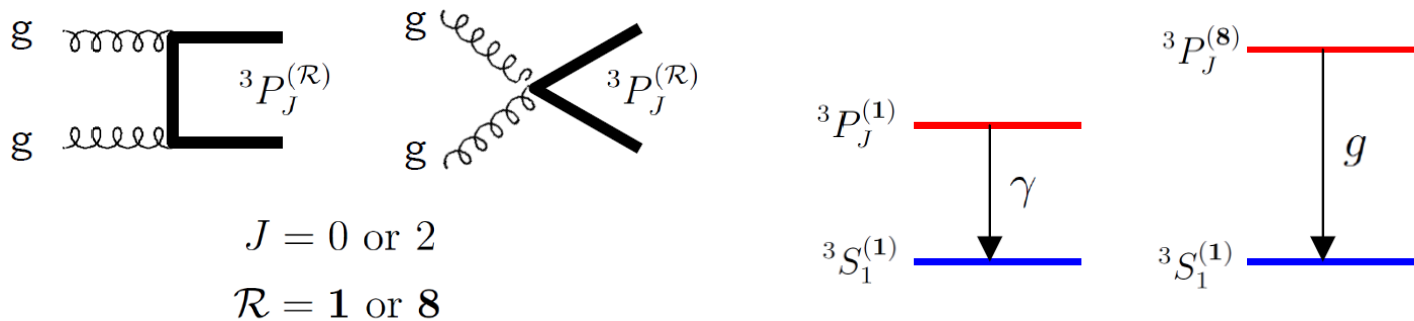
(1) Production from gg in association with $g/\gamma/Z$



(2) Electroweak production from $q\bar{q}$



(3) Electric or chromoelectric dipole transition from a P-wave (a.k.a. χ)



**Can such bound states
produce enough diphoton signal
at 750 GeV?**

Diphoton signal

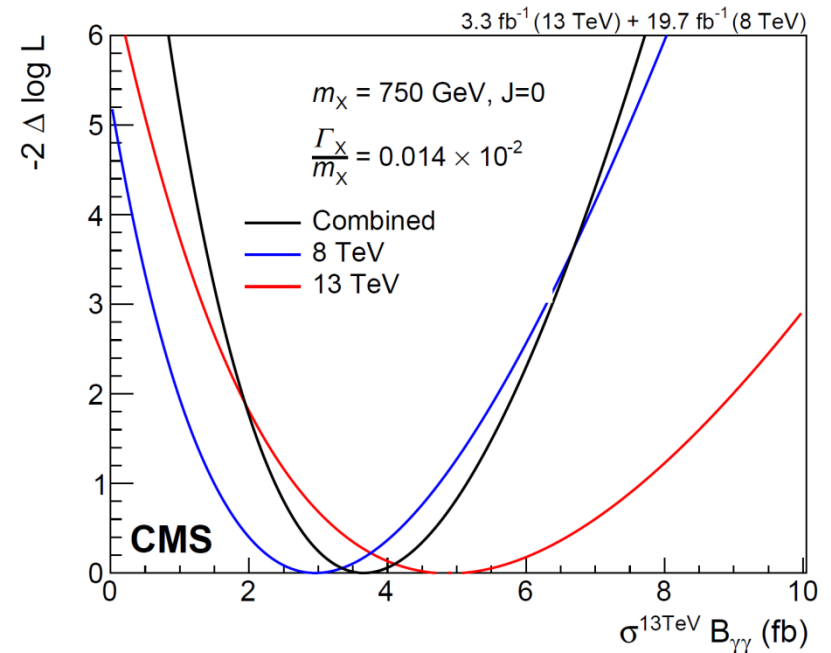
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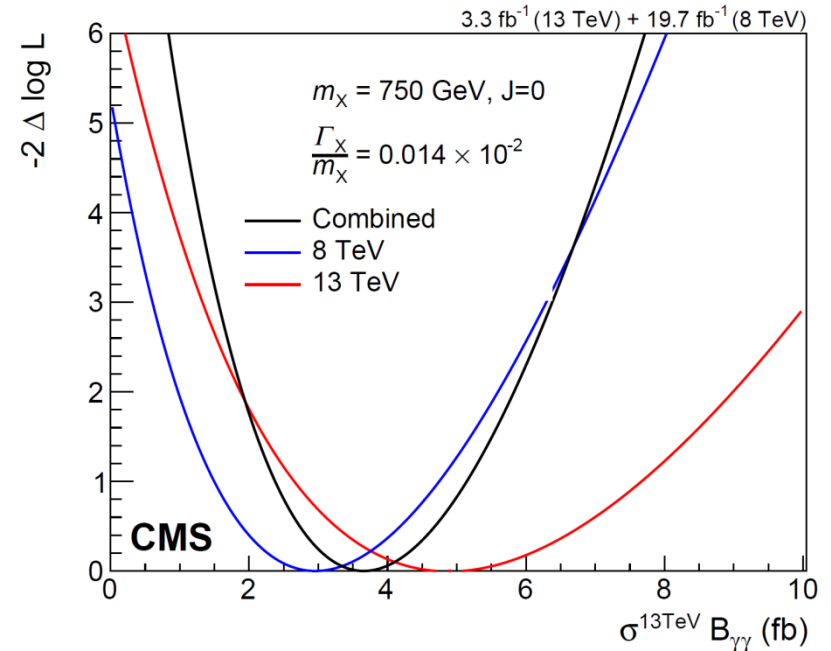
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Theorists' combinations of ATLAS + CMS

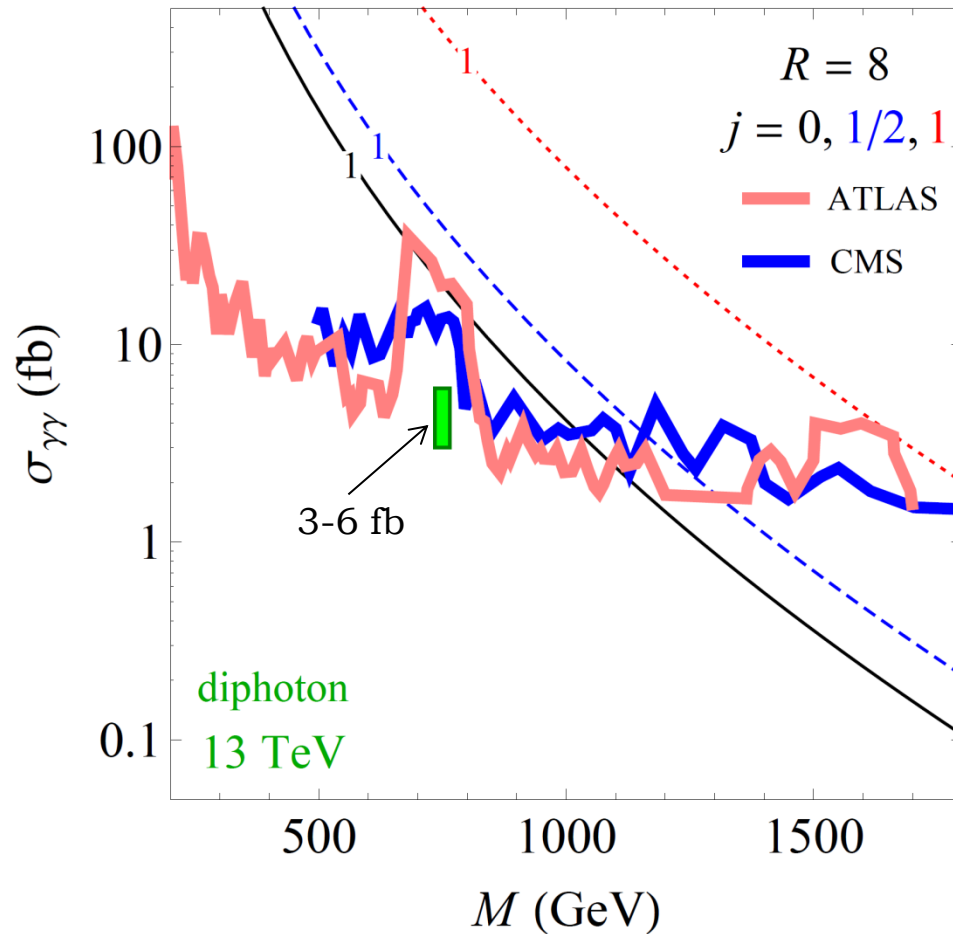
≈ 2.4 fb (pre-Moriond) Falkowski, Slone, Volansky, arXiv:1512.05777

≈ 4 fb (both pre- and post-Moriond) Buckley, arXiv:1601.04751

2.5 – 3.9 fb (post-Moriond) Kamenik, Safdi, Soreq, Zupan, arXiv:1603.06566

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Diphoton signal



ATLAS (13 TeV, 3.2/fb)

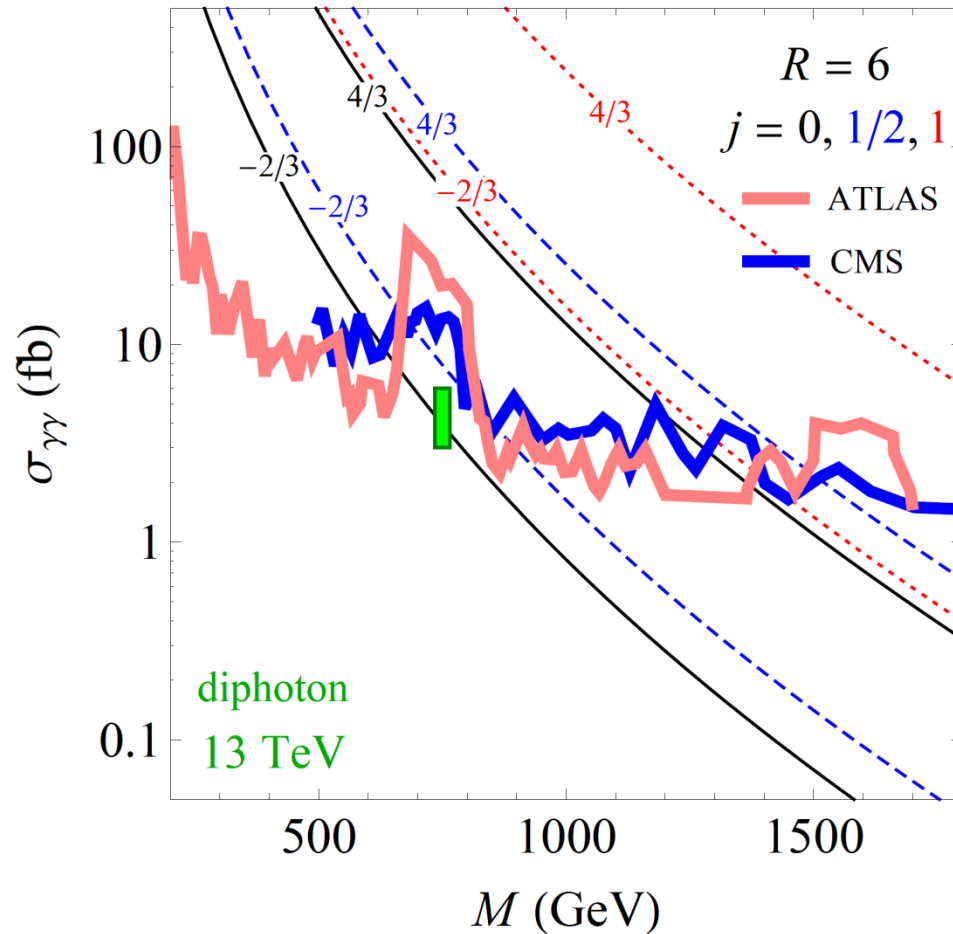
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Color-octet constituents produce too much signal!

Diphoton signal



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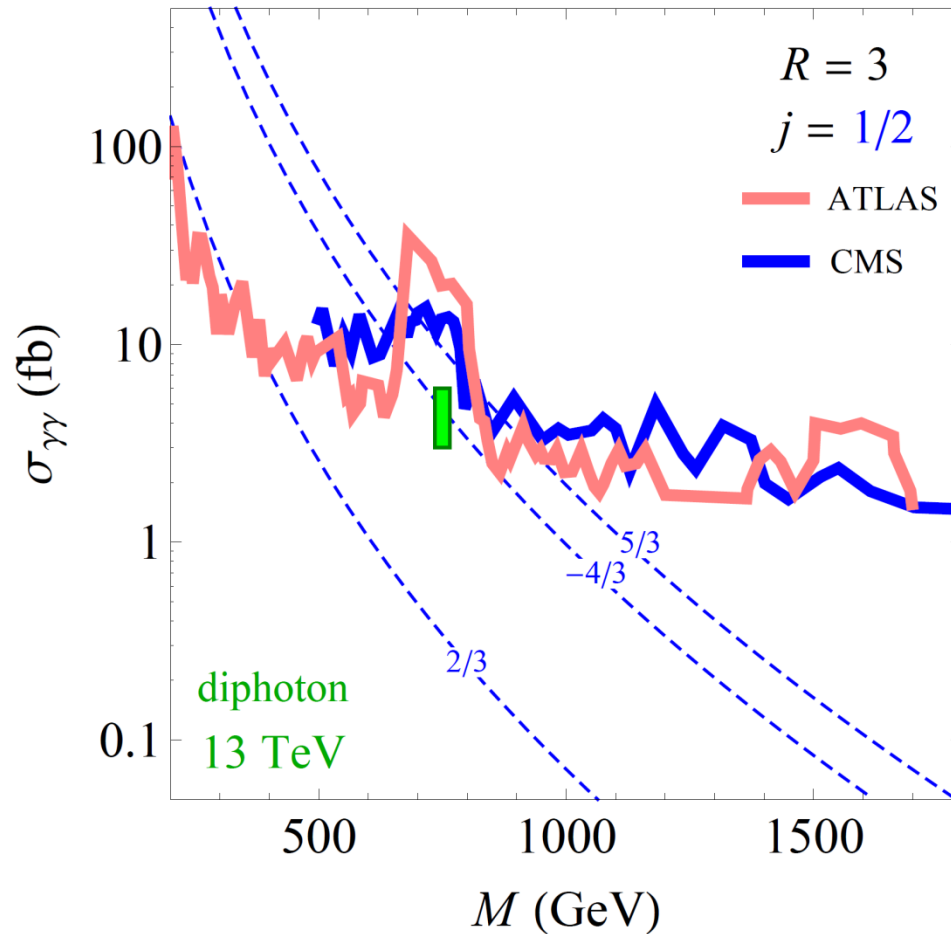
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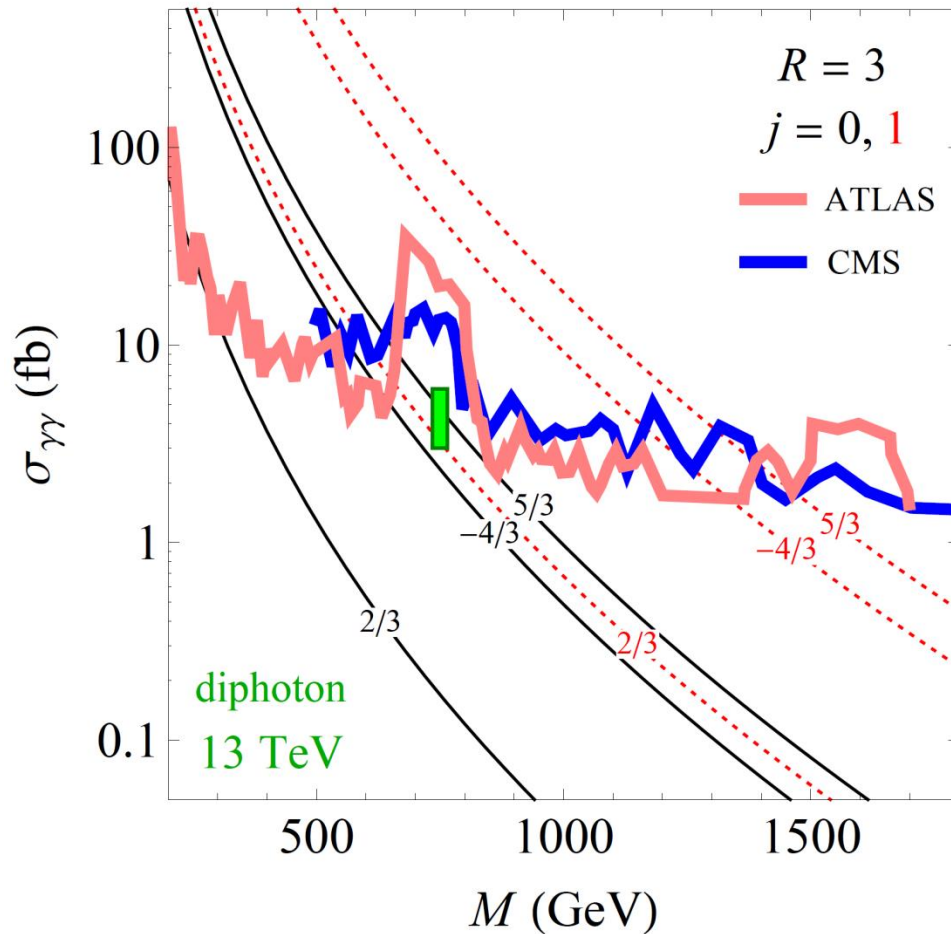
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Color-triplet fermion with $Q = -4/3$ is a candidate.

Proposed also by Han, Ichikawa, Matsumoto, Nojiri, Takeuchi (arXiv:1602.08100)

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(In principle, also a vector with $Q = 2/3$.)

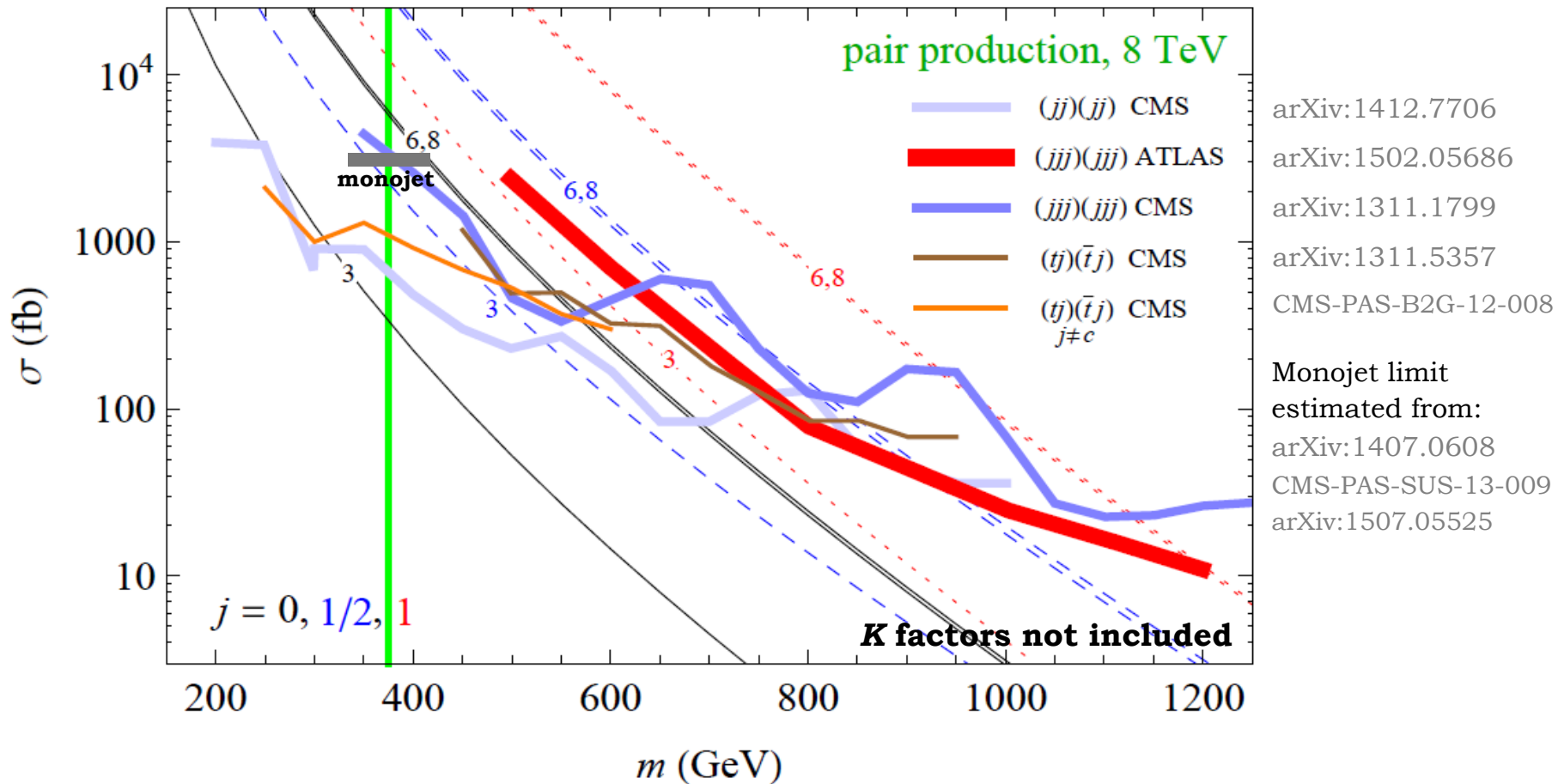
Are these scenarios realistic?

**Can pair production of colored 375 GeV
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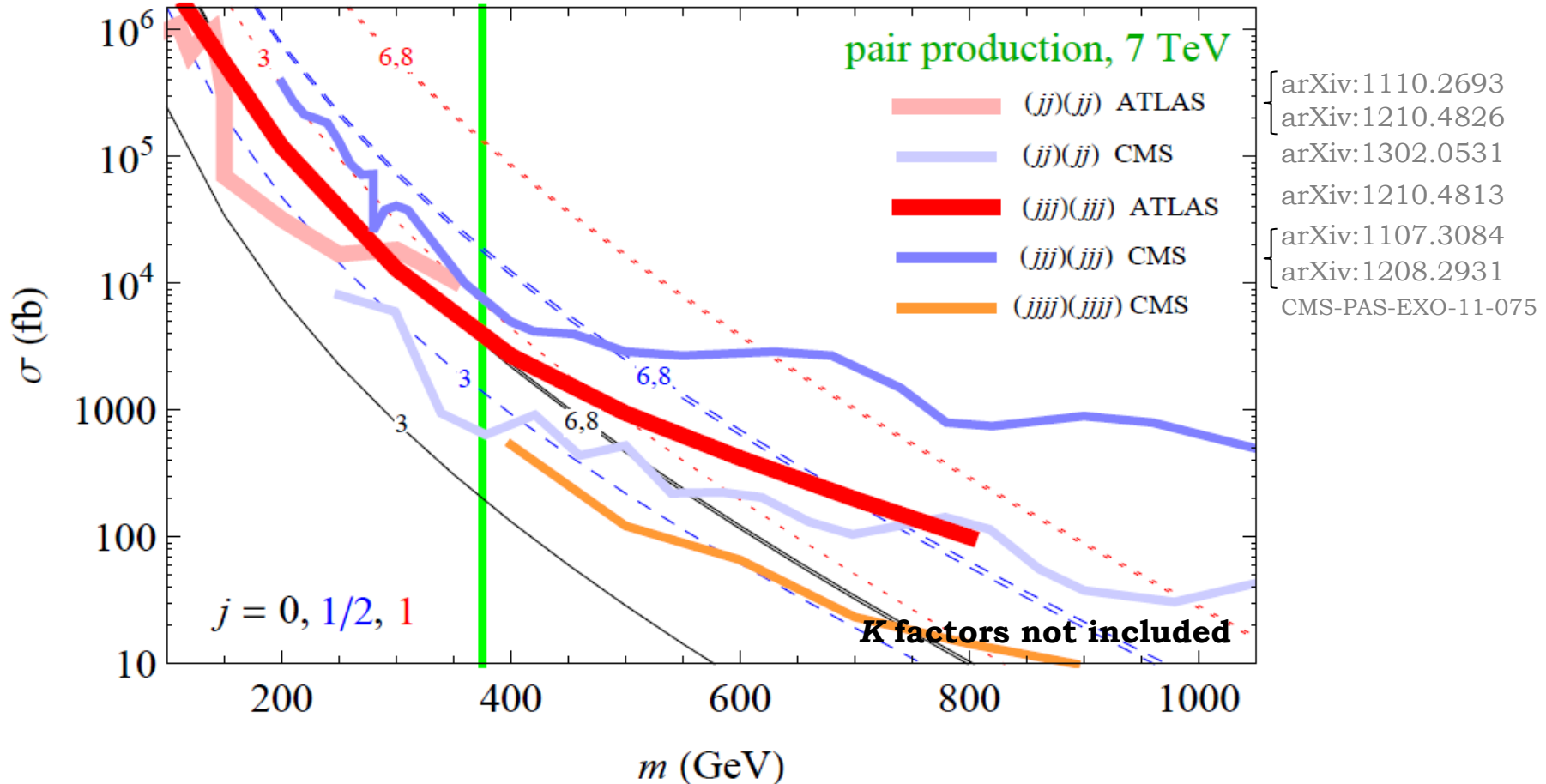
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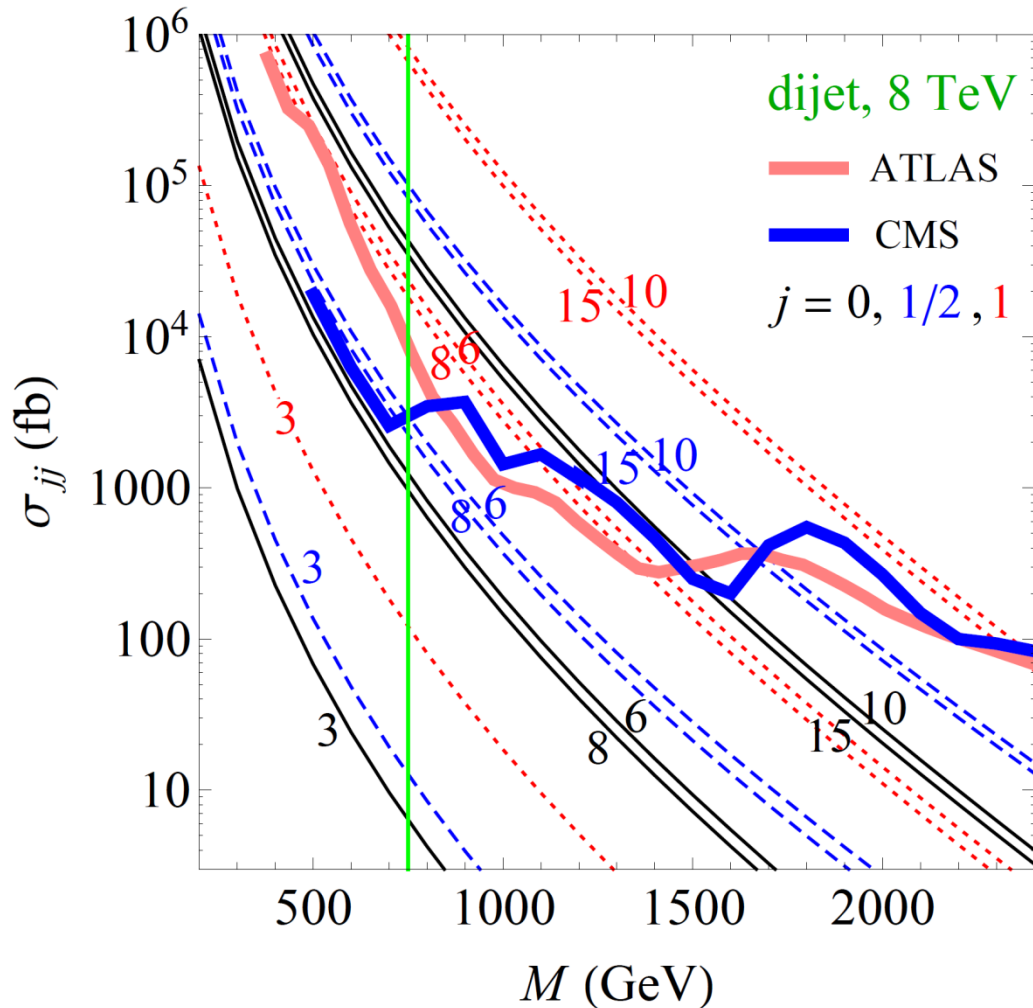
Places to discover this 375 GeV particle

- Pairs of dijet resonances
e.g. 1302.0531 (CMS), 1412.7706 (CMS), 1601.07453 (ATLAS)
but without b tagging
- Pairs of top+jet resonances
e.g. 1311.5357 (CMS), CMS-PAS-B2G-12-008 (CMS)
- Top+jet on one side, dijet on another

Charm tagging may help

**750 GeV peaks expected
in other channels**

Dijet signals



ATLAS (8 TeV, 20/fb)

arXiv:1407.1376

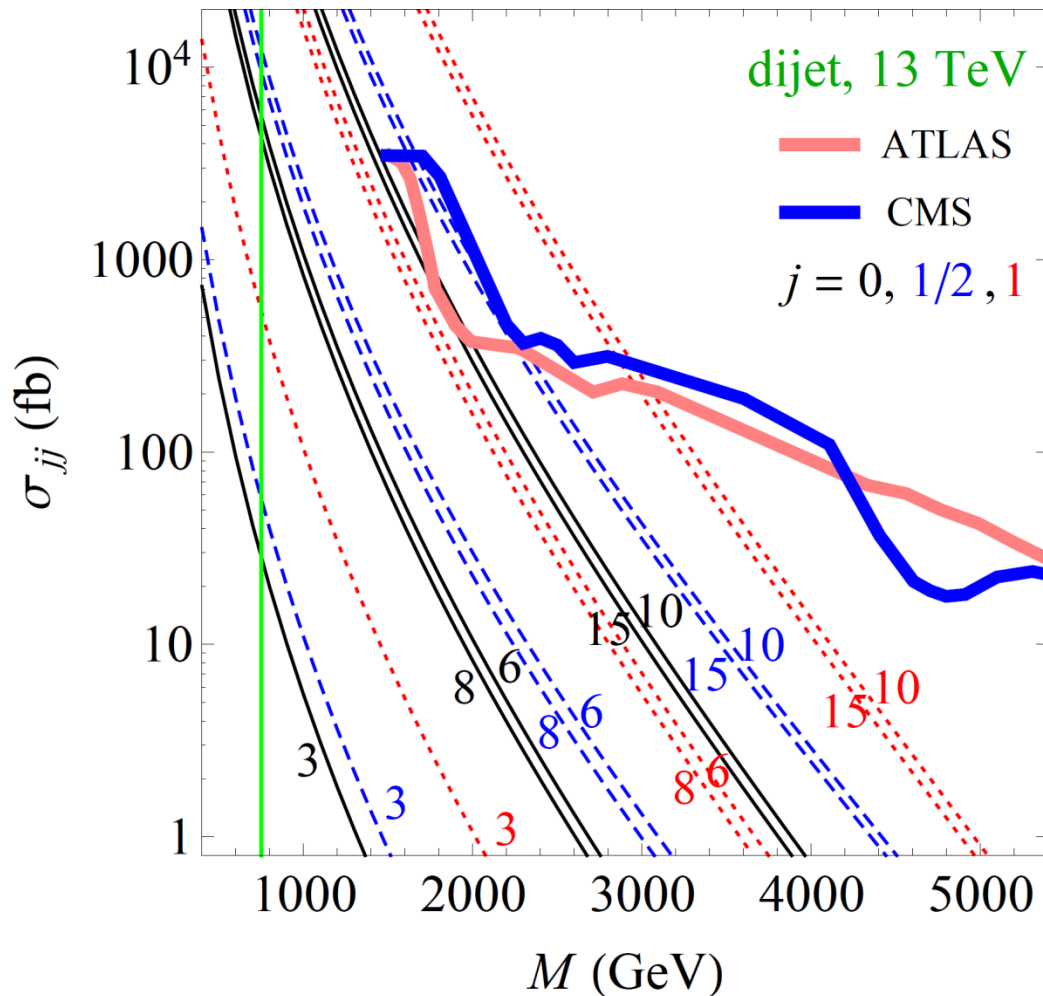
CMS (8 TeV, 20/fb)

arXiv:1501.04198

CMS-PAS-EXO-14-005

- Color triplets ($R = \mathbf{3}$) are far below sensitivity.
- Fermions in $R = \mathbf{6}$ or $\mathbf{8}$ are disfavored; higher representations excluded.

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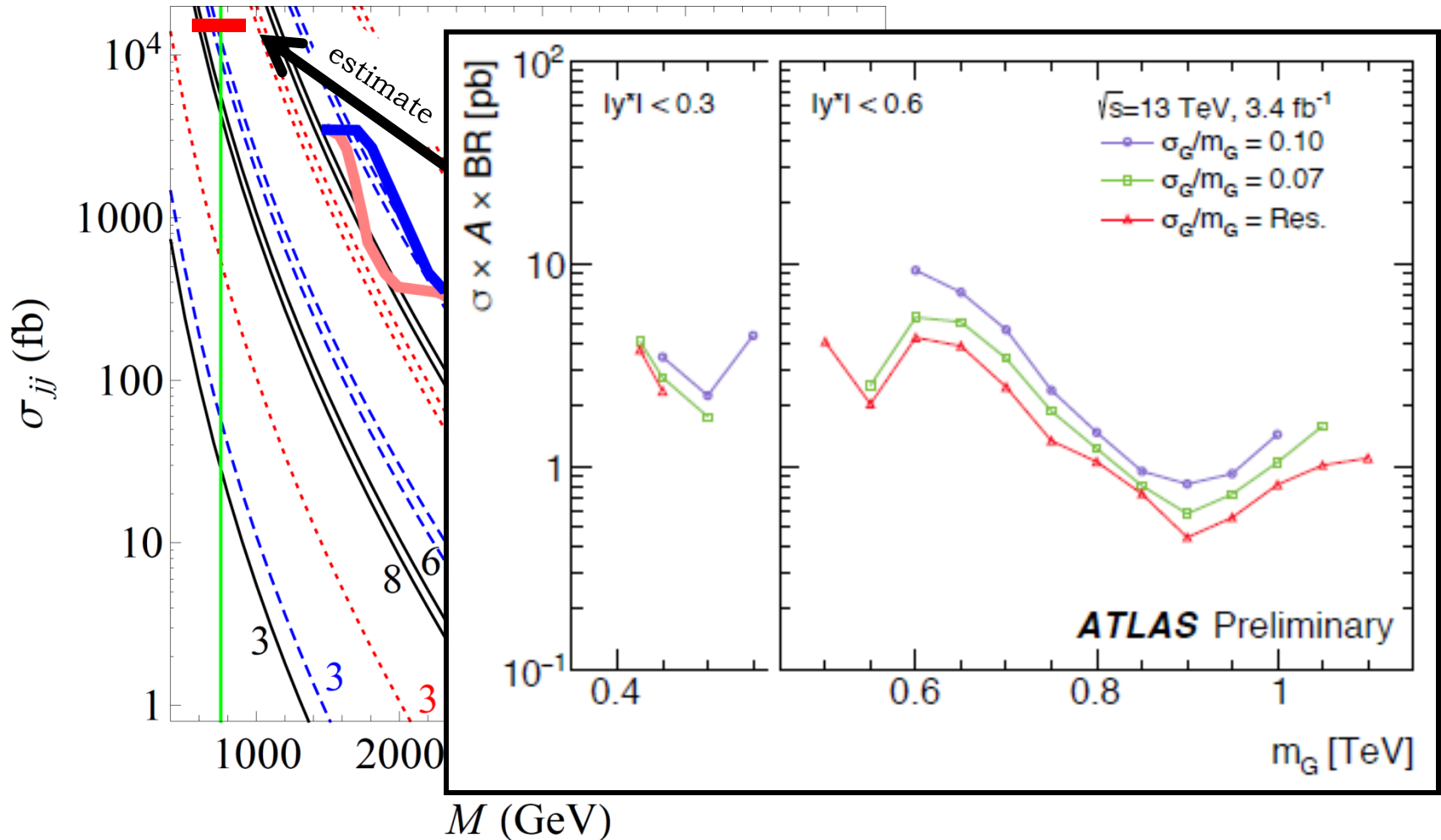
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CMS (13 TeV, 2.4/fb)

arXiv:1512.01224

At the time of publication, no Run-2 limits below 1 TeV:
trigger limitations require special techniques.

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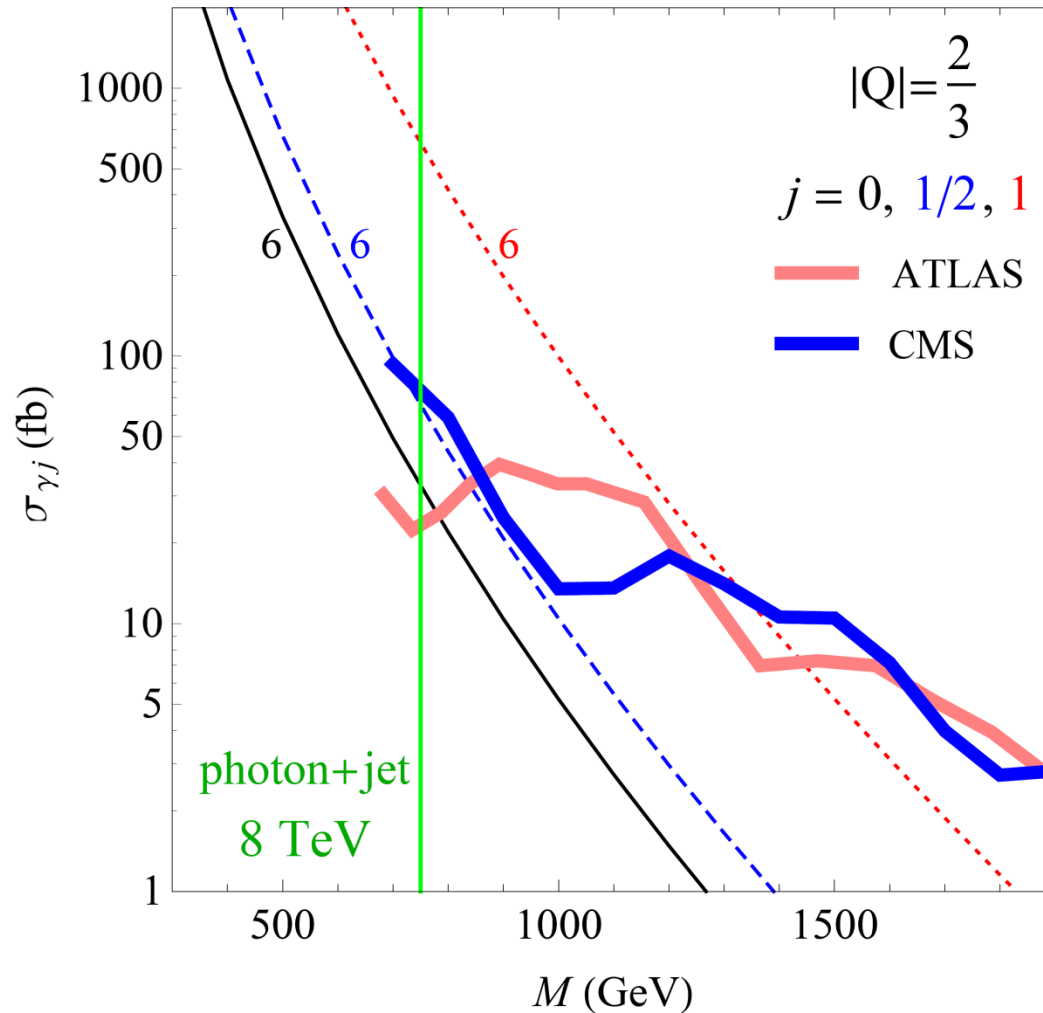
ATLAS (13 TeV, 3.4/fb)

ATLAS-CONF-2016-030

Just appeared: ATLAS's trigger-level analysis!

Signal of $j = 0$, $R = \mathbf{6}$, $Q = 2/3$ may soon become observable.

Photon+jet signals



ATLAS (8 TeV, 20/fb)

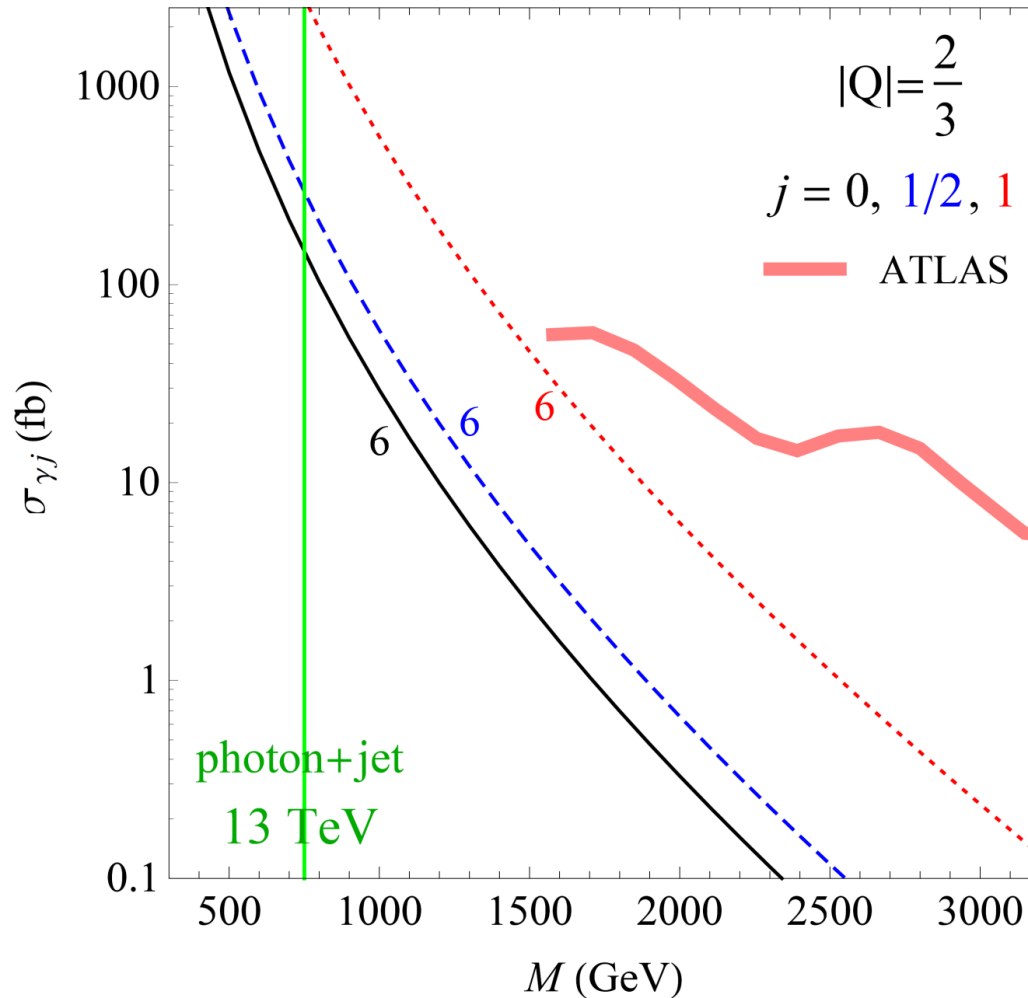
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CMS (8 TeV, 20/fb)

arXiv:1406.5171

- Irrelevant for $R = \mathbf{3}$ (no color-octet bound states).
- Marginal exclusion of $j = 0, R = \mathbf{6}, Q = 2/3$.

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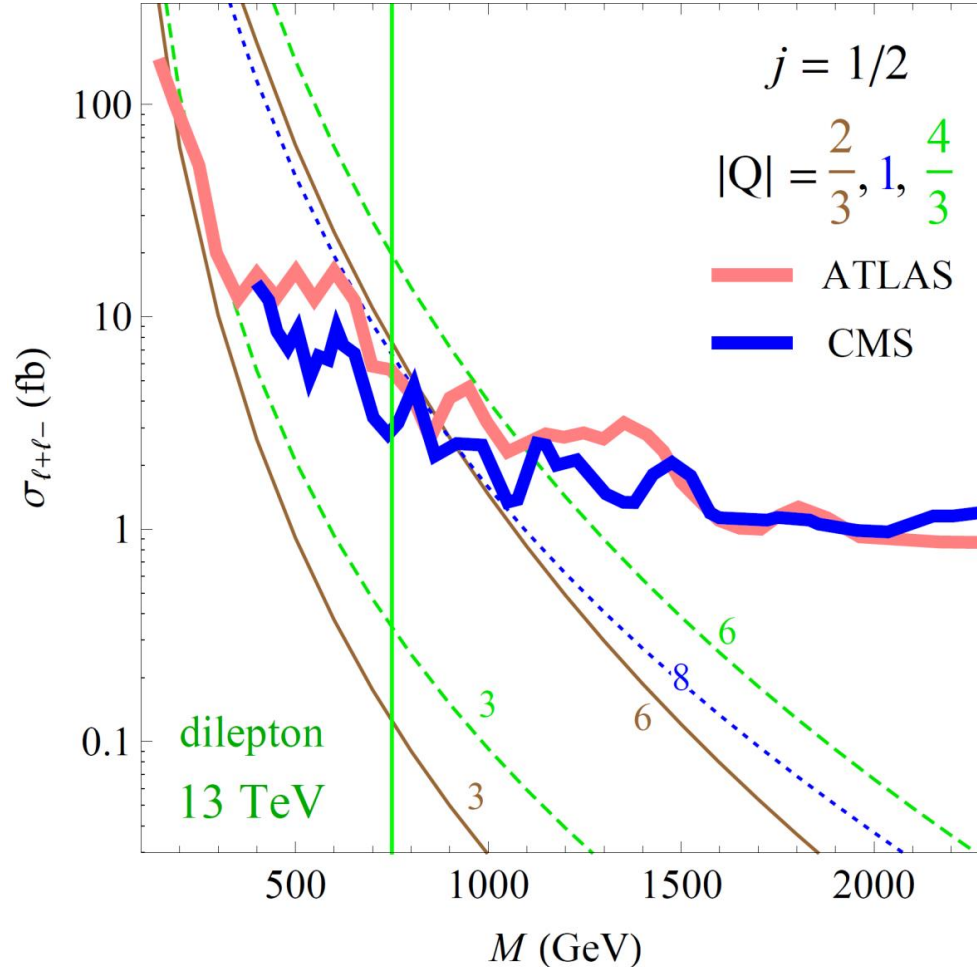


ATLAS (13 TeV, 3.2/fb)

arXiv:1512.05910

Run-2 limit does not extend down to 750 GeV.

Dilepton signals



ATLAS (13 TeV, 3.2/fb)

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CMS (13 TeV, 2.6/fb)

CMS-PAS-EXO-15-005

- Irrelevant for scalars.
- Color-triplet fermion with $Q = -4/3$ is safe.
- Color-sextet fermion with $Q = 2/3$ is excluded.

Diboson signals

Same diagrams with Z or W instead of γ .

For SU(2)-singlet constituents:

$$\frac{\Gamma_{Z\gamma}}{\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma}} = 2 \tan^2 \theta_W \approx 0.6$$

$$\frac{\Gamma_{ZZ}}{\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma}} = \tan^4 \theta_W \approx 0.1$$

$$\frac{\Gamma_{WW}}{\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma}} = 0$$

i.e. well below current and near-future sensitivity.

e.g., Sato, Tobioka, arXiv:1605.05366

For constituents in higher SU(2) reps: see paper.

Narrow or broad?

Annihilation width (dominated by $\Gamma_{gg} \sim \alpha_s^2 \bar{\alpha}_s^3 M$) is tiny.

For example,

$$\Gamma_{\text{ann}} \approx 0.005 \text{ GeV} \ll 45 \text{ GeV}$$

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$$E_b \approx -3.4 \text{ GeV} \text{ for } R = \mathbf{3}$$

$$-20 \text{ GeV} \text{ for } R = \mathbf{6}$$

Might produce an apparent width in the sextet case.

Overview of signatures

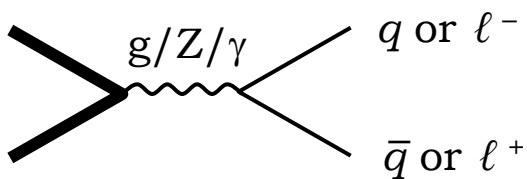
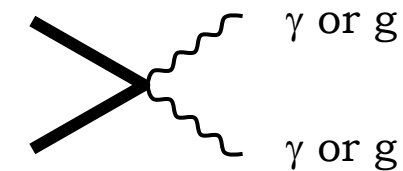
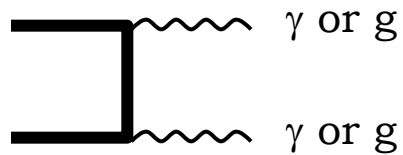
Constituents			Diphoton signal	Most important accompanying signatures	
j	R	Q	$\sigma \text{ BR}_{\gamma\gamma}$ (fb)	non-resonant (examples)	resonant
0	3	$-4/3$	2.3	$(jj)(jj)$ $(tj)(\bar{t}j)$	
0	3	$5/3$	4.8	$(jjjj)(jjjj)$	
$1/2$	3	$-4/3$	4.7	$(jjj)(jjj)$ $(tjj)(\bar{t}jj)?$ monojet	$\ell^+\ell^-$
0	6	$-2/3$	3.9	$(jj)(jj)$ monojet	$gg, \gamma g$ $\gamma\gamma$ of rad. excit. ($\Delta M \sim 15$ GeV) If SU(2) doublet: $Z\gamma, ZZ, WW$ If spin $1/2$: $\ell^+\ell^-$

CMS: 2.4–5.1 fb (at 1σ)  Theory prediction has a factor-of-2 uncertainty.

Thank You!

Backup slides

Annihilation channels of interest



Relevant to bound states with $\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{0}$ or $\mathbf{2}$

$J = 0$: S-waves possible for $j = 0, \frac{1}{2}, 1$

$J = 2$: S-waves possible for $j = 1$

Diphoton: color-singlet

possible for any R using δ_{ij}

Photon + jet (gluon): color-octet

possible for any R using T^a_{ij} (but repulsive for $\mathbf{3}$)

Dijet (gg): color $\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{8}, \mathbf{10},$ or $\mathbf{27}$

at least the singlet is possible for any R

Relevant to bound states with $\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{1}$

S-waves possible for $j = \frac{1}{2}$

Also possible for $j = 1$, but with $J^{PC} = 1^{+-}$ (not useful)

Dilepton: color-singlet

possible for any R using δ_{ij}

Dijet ($q\bar{q}$): color-octet

possible for any R using T^a_{ij} (but repulsive for $\mathbf{3}$)

Cross sections

Diphoton

$$\sigma_{\gamma\gamma} = \frac{Q^4 C_R^3 D_R}{64} \pi^2 \alpha^2 \bar{\alpha}_s^3 \frac{\mathcal{L}_{gg}(M^2)}{M^2}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{ab}(\hat{s}) = \frac{\hat{s}}{s} \int_{\hat{s}/s}^1 \frac{dx}{x} f_{a/p}(x) f_{b/p}\left(\frac{\hat{s}}{xs}\right)$$

Photon+jet

$$\sigma_{\gamma g} = \frac{Q^2 (C_R - \frac{3}{2})^3 T_R}{4} \pi^2 \alpha \alpha_s \bar{\alpha}_s^3 \frac{\mathcal{L}_{gg}(M^2)}{M^2}$$

(except for **8**, since production is proportional to A_R)

R	D_R	C_R	T_R	A_R
(1, 0)	3	4/3	1/2	1
(1, 1)	8	3	3	0
(2, 0)	6	10/3	5/2	7
(2, 1)	15	16/3	10	14
(3, 0)	10	6	15/2	27

Dijet

$$\sigma_{jj,1}^{gg} = \frac{D_R C_R^5}{512} \pi^2 \alpha_s^2 \bar{\alpha}_s^3 \frac{\mathcal{L}_{gg}(M^2)}{M^2}$$

$$\sigma_{jj,8}^{gg} = \frac{D_R C_R (C_R + \frac{3}{4}) (C_R - \frac{3}{2})^3}{320} \pi^2 \alpha_s^2 \bar{\alpha}_s^3 \frac{\mathcal{L}_{gg}(M^2)}{M^2}$$

$$\sigma_{jj,27}^{gg} = \frac{27 D_R C_R (C_R - \frac{4}{3}) (C_R - 4)^3}{2560} \pi^2 \alpha_s^2 \bar{\alpha}_s^3 \frac{\mathcal{L}_{gg}(M^2)}{M^2}$$

All the expressions on this slide are for spin-0 particles.

Multiply by 2 for spin-1/2 particles, or 19 for spin-1 particles.

For spin-1/2 particles with $R \neq 3$, also $q\bar{q}$ dijets:

$$\sigma_{jj,8}^{q\bar{q}} = \frac{D_R C_R (C_R - \frac{3}{2})^3}{9} \pi^2 \alpha_s^2 \bar{\alpha}_s^3 \frac{\sum_q \mathcal{L}_{q\bar{q}}(M^2)}{M^2}$$

Cross sections

Dilepton (only for spin- $\frac{1}{2}$ particles)

Dominant annihilation rates of the S-wave spin-1 bound state:

$$\Gamma_{\mathcal{B} \rightarrow f\bar{f}} = \frac{n_c}{12} D_R C_R^3 \sum_{\sigma=R,L} \left(\frac{Y_{f\sigma} Y}{\cos^2 \theta_W} + \frac{(Q_{f\sigma} - Y_{f\sigma})(Q - Y)}{\sin^2 \theta_W} \right)^2 \alpha^2 \bar{\alpha}_s^3 m$$

$$\Gamma_{\mathcal{B} \rightarrow ggg} = \frac{5(\pi^2 - 9)}{27\pi} \frac{A_R^2 C_R^3}{D_R} \alpha_s^3 \bar{\alpha}_s^3 m$$

Dominant production mechanisms:

(1) Electroweak production:

$$\sigma = \frac{\pi^2}{108} D_R C_R^3 Q^2 \frac{\alpha^2 \bar{\alpha}_s^3}{\cos^4 \theta_W} \left(17 \sum_{q=u,c} + 5 \sum_{q=d,s,b} \right) \frac{\mathcal{L}_{q\bar{q}}(M^2)}{M^2}$$

(2) Production in association with a gluon:

$$\sigma = \frac{5\pi}{192 m^2} \frac{A_R^2 C_R^3}{D_R} \alpha_s^3 \bar{\alpha}_s^3 \int_0^1 dx_1 \int_0^1 dx_2 f_{g/p}(x_1) f_{g/p}(x_2) I\left(\frac{x_1 x_2 s}{M^2}\right)$$

where
$$I(x) = \theta(x-1) \left[\frac{2}{x^2} \left(\frac{x+1}{x-1} - \frac{2x \ln x}{(x-1)^2} \right) + \frac{2(x-1)}{x(x+1)^2} + \frac{4 \ln x}{(x+1)^3} \right]$$

+ similar processes in association with a photon or Z

Cross sections

Dilepton (only for spin- $\frac{1}{2}$ particles) – cont'd

(3) Production via color-singlet P waves ${}^3P_J^{(1)}$:

production cross section:
$$\sigma = \frac{D_R C_R^7}{2^{13}} \pi^2 \alpha_s^2 \bar{\alpha}_s^5 \frac{\mathcal{L}_{gg}(M^2)}{M^2} \times \left\{ \frac{3}{4}, 1 \right\} \text{ for } J = \{0, 2\}$$

radiative transition rate:
$$\Gamma({}^3P_J^{(1)} \rightarrow {}^3S_1^{(1)} \gamma) = \frac{128}{6561} Q^2 C_R^4 \bar{\alpha} \bar{\alpha}_s^4 m$$

annihilation rate:
$$\Gamma({}^3P_J^{(1)} \rightarrow gg) = \frac{1}{512} D_R C_R^7 \alpha_s^2 \bar{\alpha}_s^5 m \times \left\{ \frac{3}{4}, \frac{1}{5} \right\}$$

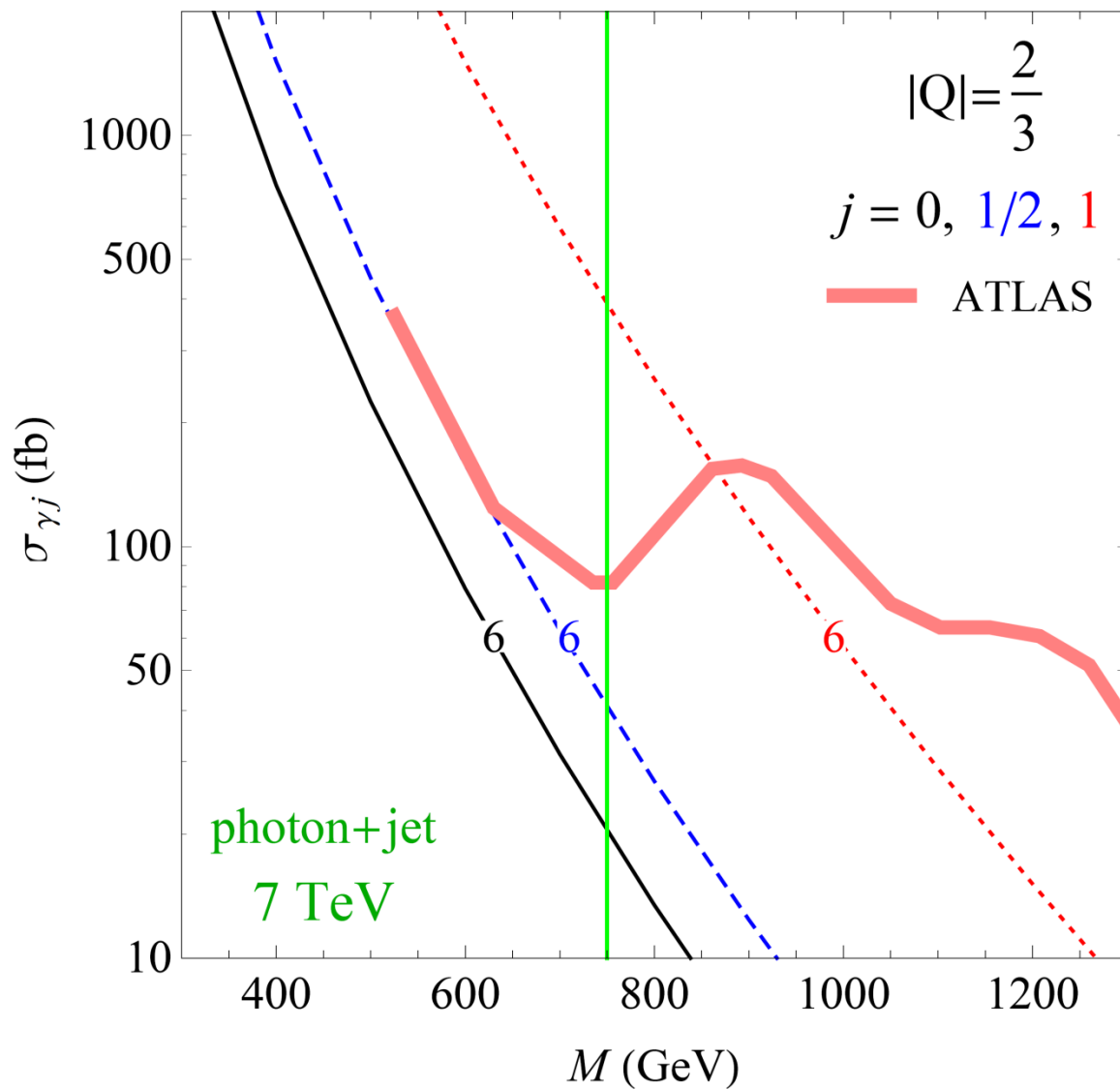
(4) Production via color-octet P waves ${}^3P_J^{(8)}$:

production cross section:
$$\sigma = \frac{5}{768} \frac{A_R^2 (C_R - \frac{3}{2})^5}{D_R C_R} \pi^2 \alpha_s^2 \bar{\alpha}_s^5 \frac{\mathcal{L}_{gg}(M^2)}{M^2} \times \left\{ \frac{3}{4}, 1 \right\}$$

radiative transition rate:
$$\Gamma({}^3P_J^{(8)} \rightarrow {}^3S_1^{(1)} g) = \frac{16}{6561} C_R^4 \frac{(C_R + \frac{3}{2})^3 (C_R - \frac{3}{2})^5}{(C_R - \frac{1}{2})^7} \bar{\alpha}_s^5 m$$

annihilation rate:
$$\Gamma({}^3P_J^{(8)} \rightarrow gg) = \frac{5}{384} \frac{A_R^2 (C_R - \frac{3}{2})^5}{D_R C_R} \alpha_s^2 \bar{\alpha}_s^5 m \times \left\{ \frac{3}{4}, \frac{1}{5} \right\}$$

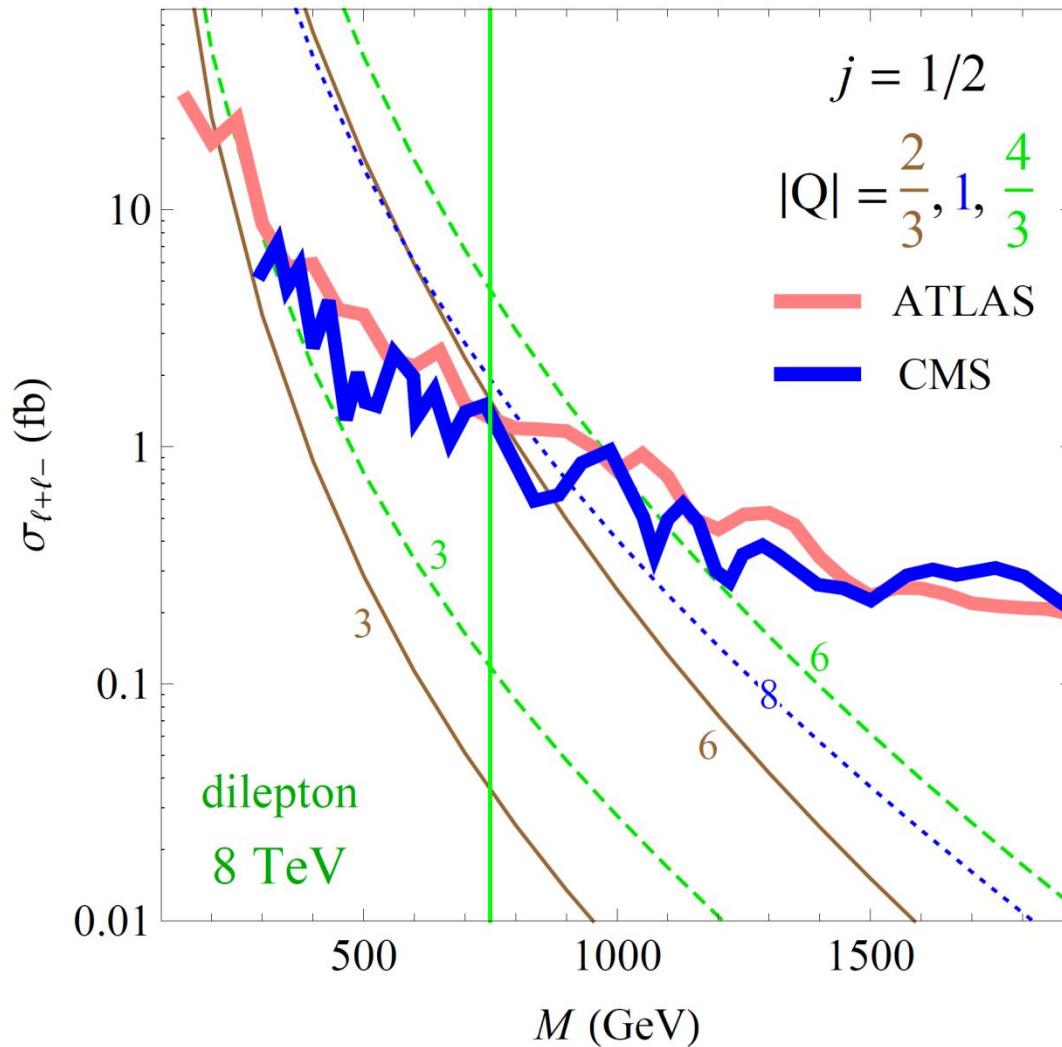
Photon+jet limit from the 7 TeV LHC



ATLAS (7 TeV, 2.1/fb)

arXiv:1112.3580

Dilepton limits from the 8 TeV LHC



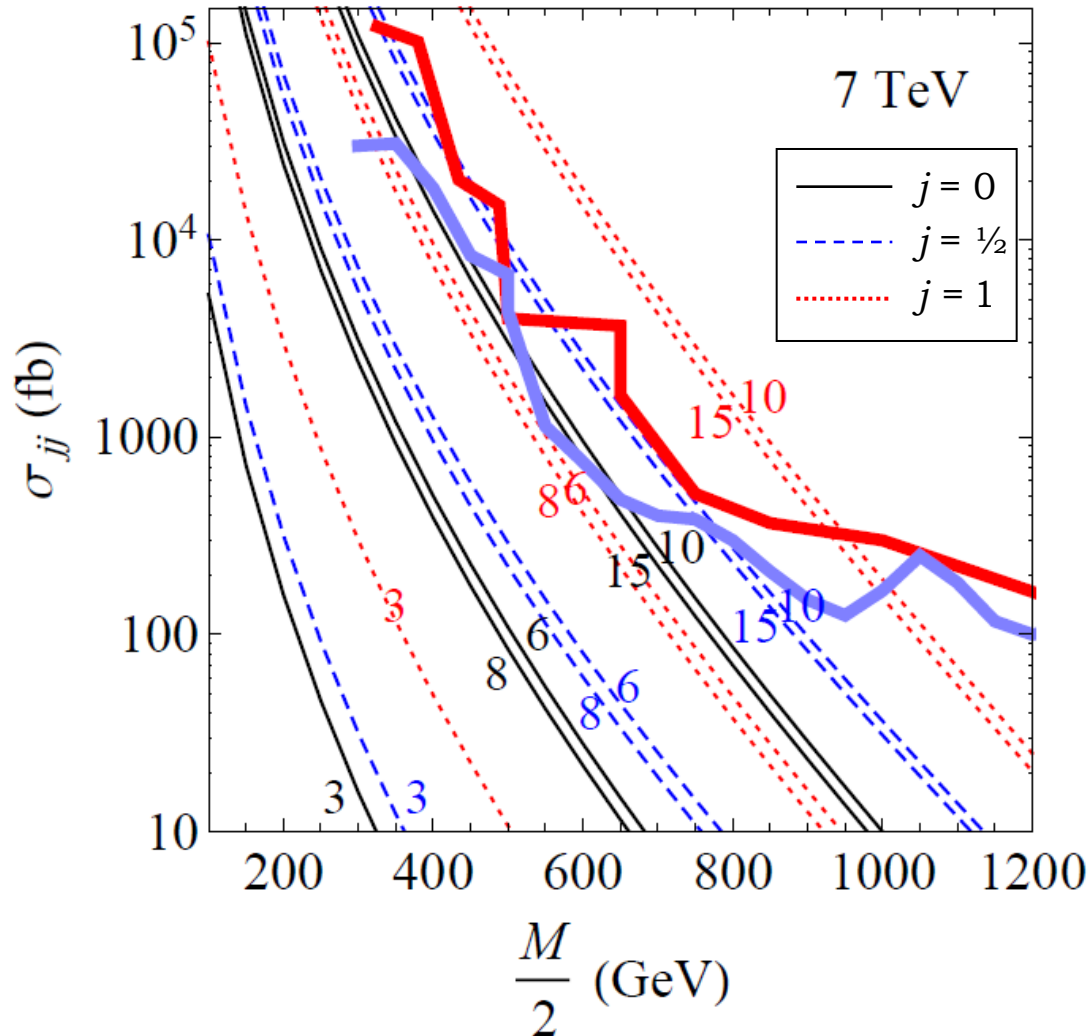
ATLAS (8 TeV, 20/fb)

arXiv:1405.4123

CMS (8 TeV, 20/fb)

arXiv:1412.6302

Dijet limits from the 7 TeV LHC



ATLAS (7 TeV, 5/fb)

ATLAS-CONF-2012-038

For lower masses:

ATLAS (7 TeV, 1/fb)

arXiv:1108.6311

For yet lower masses:

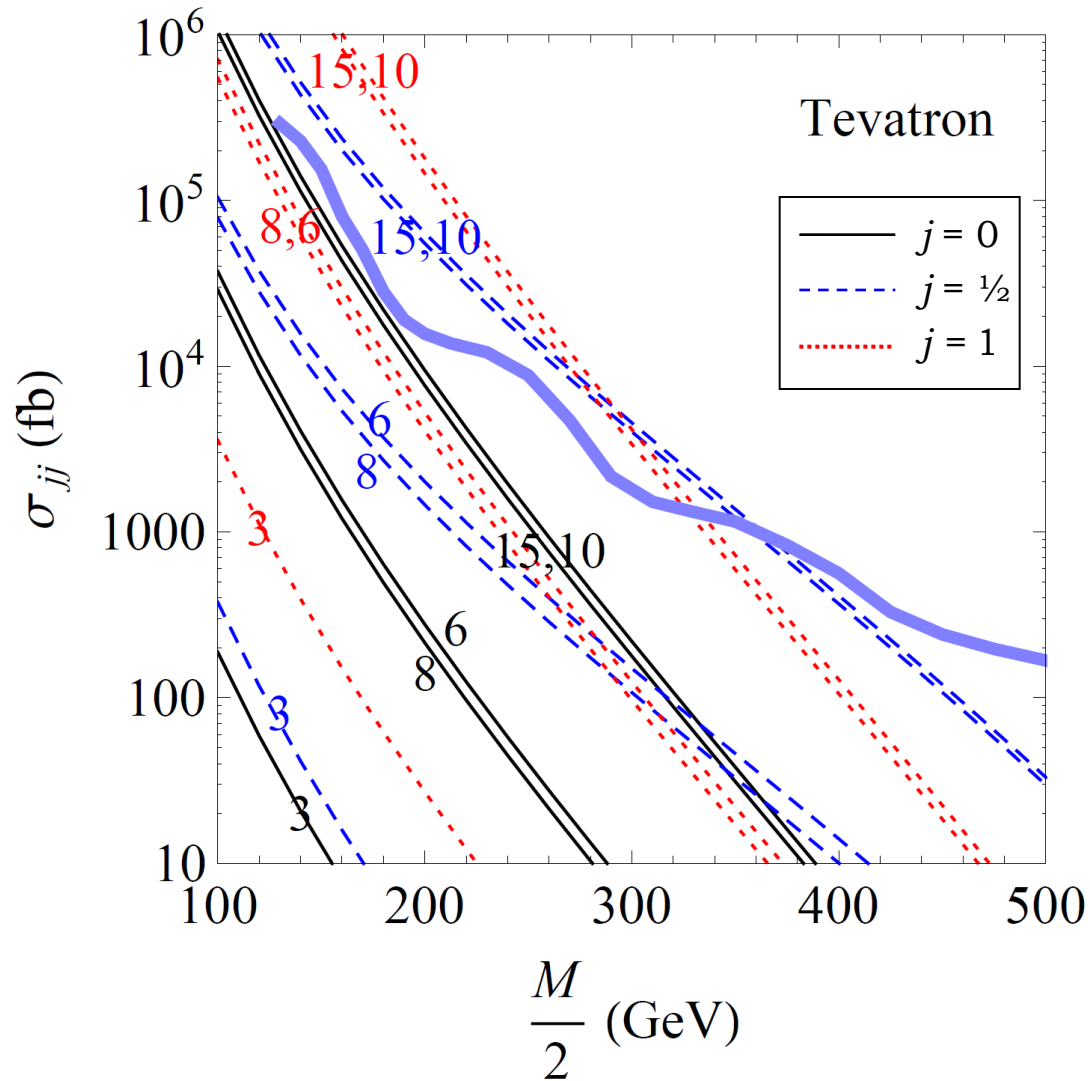
ATLAS (7 TeV, 36/pb)

arXiv:1103.3864

CMS (7 TeV, 5/fb)
(0.13/fb for $M/2 < 500$ GeV)

CMS PAS EXO-11-094

Dijet limit from the Tevatron



CDF (1.96 TeV, 1.1/fb)

arXiv:0812.4036

Broader spectrum of ideas

QCD production, QCD binding

1512.06670 Luo, Wang, Xu, Zhang, Zhu

WE ARE 1512.08221 Chway, Dermisek, Jung, Kim (above threshold)

HERE 1602.08100 Han, Ichikawa, Matsumoto, Nojiri, Takeuchi

1604.07828 Hamaguchi, Liew

QCD production, QCD + hidden QCD binding

1512.05753 Curtin, Verhaaren

1512.05775 Agrawal, Fan, Heidenreich, Reece, Strassler

1512.07733 Craig, Draper, Kilic, Thomas

1603.07719 Kamenik, Redi

1603.08802 Ko, Yu, Yuan

1604.06180 Foot, Gargalionis

Photon-fusion production, QED binding

1604.02803 Barrie, Kobakhidze, Liang, Talia, Wu

Photon-fusion production, QED + hidden QCD binding

1604.07776 Iwamoto, Lee, Shadmi, Ziegler

1605.01937 Anchordoqui, Goldberg, Huang

Heavy-Higgs-portal production, dark QED binding, displaced e^+e^- fake γ

1602.08816 Bi, Kang, Ko, Li, Li (asymmetric dark matter context)