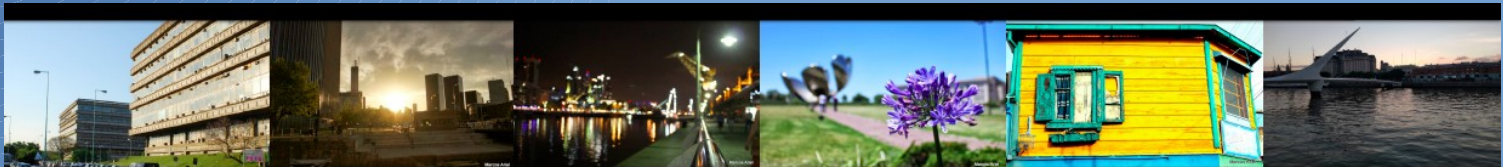


Searches for new physics such as Dark Matter with the ATLAS detector

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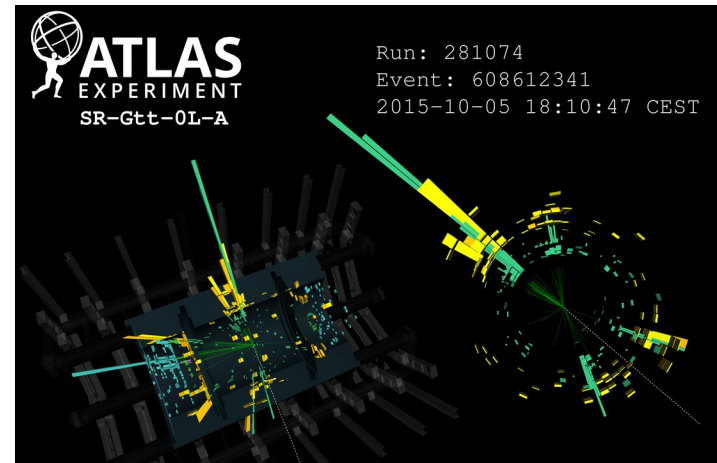
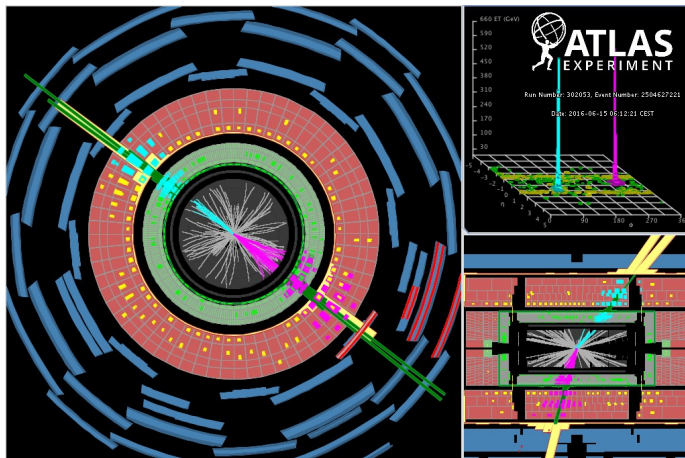
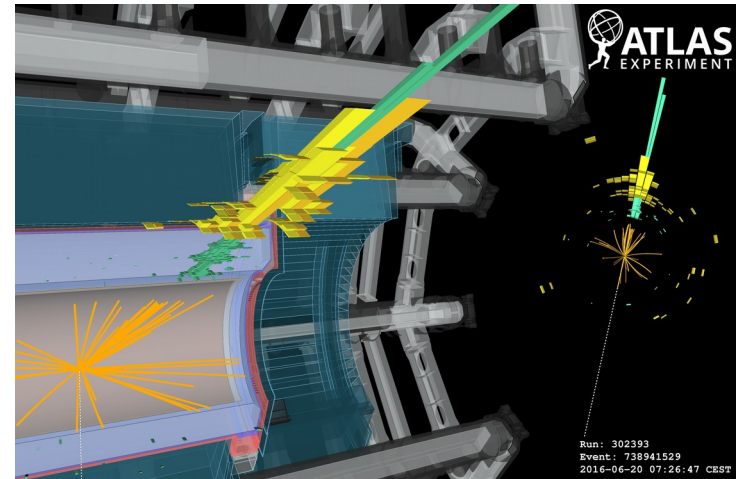
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Outline

- ATLAS – LHC @ Run-2
- Beyond Standard Model Results
 - ➔ SUSY (Conventional, Unconventional Signatures)
 - ➔ Dark Matter (Direct X+MET and Mediator Resonances)
- Future Prospects for HL-LHC

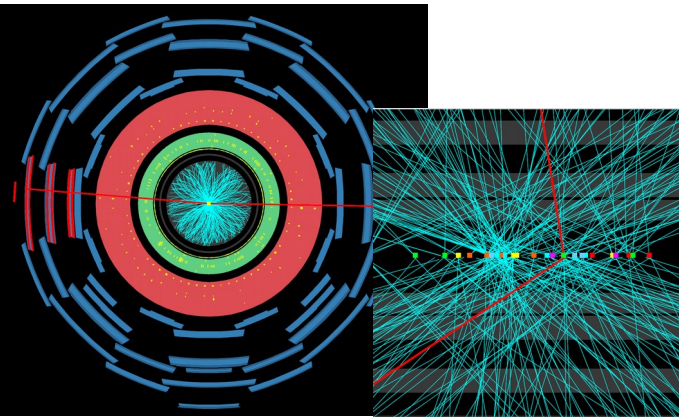


LCH-ATLAS Run-2

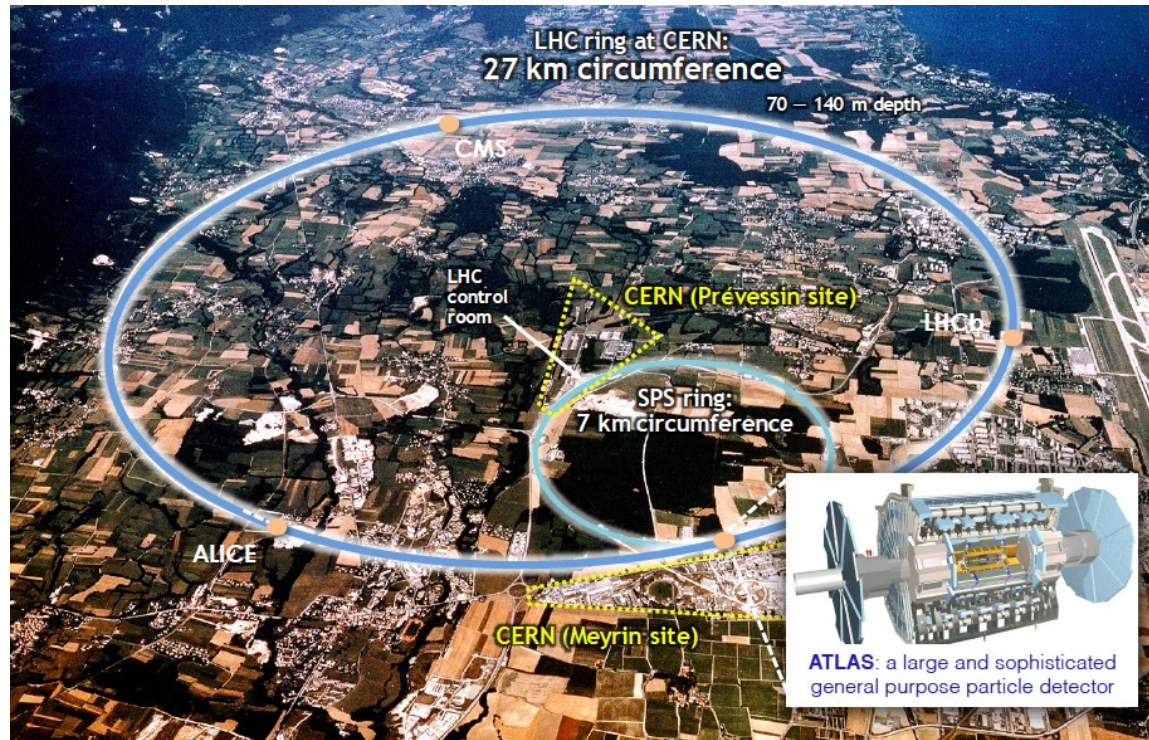
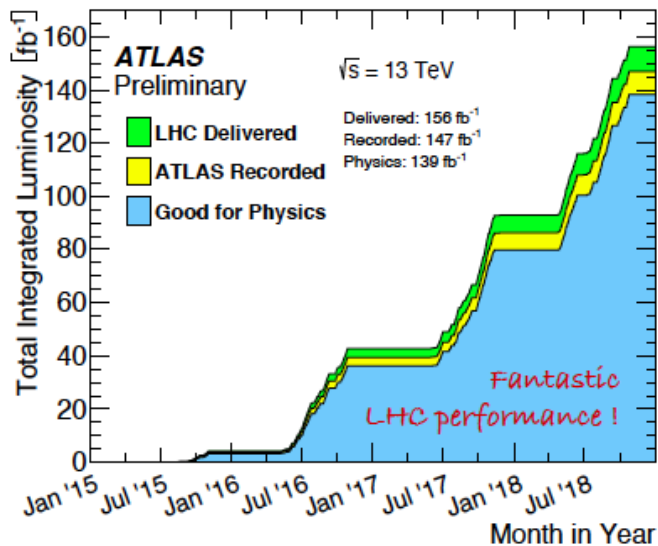
Run 1 (2010-2012): 7-8 TeV

Run 2 (2015-2018): 13 TeV

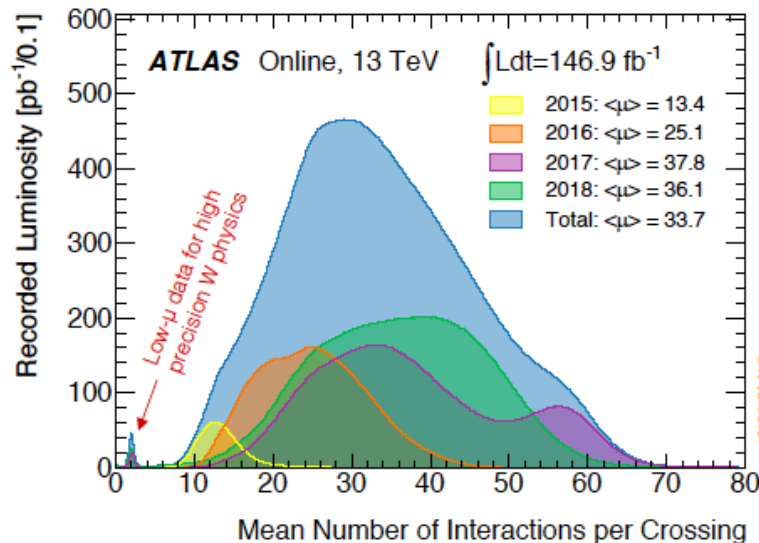
Run 3 (2021-2023): 14 TeV



Integrated pp luminosity during Run-2

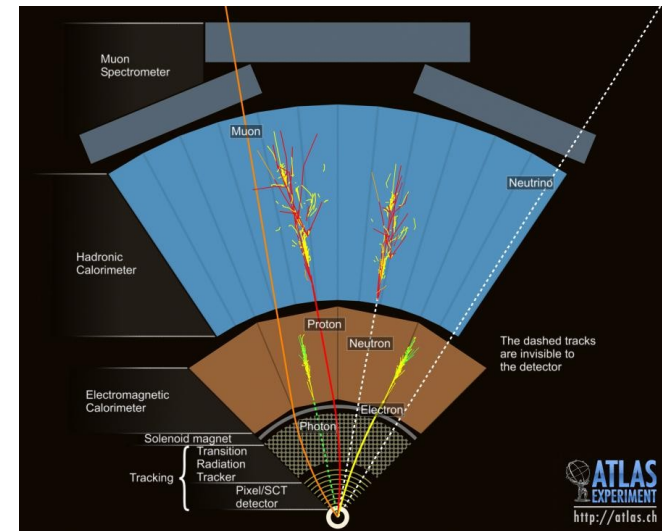
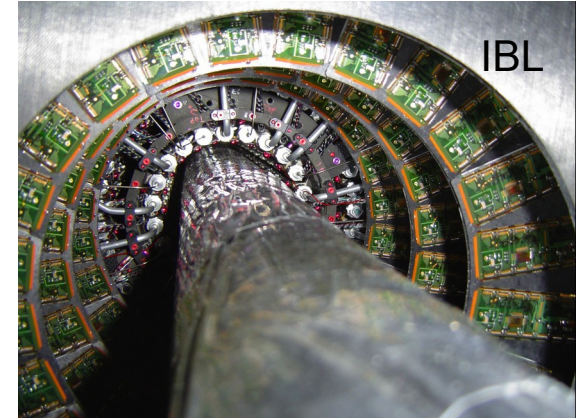
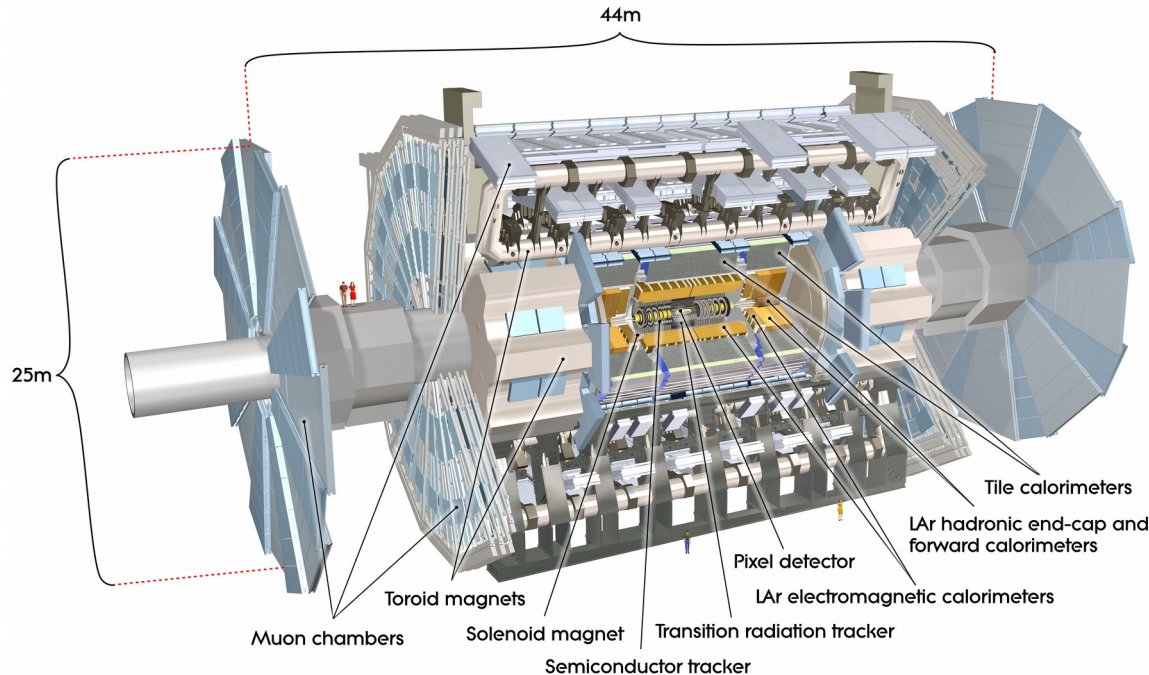


High-luminosity comes with a challenge



Excellent data taking (94%) and data quality (95%) efficiencies thanks to highly committed ATLAS operator and shifter teams. Integrated luminosity in Run-2 measured to 1.7% precision ATLAS-CONF-2019-021

ATLAS Improvements during 2013-14 Shutdown for Run-2

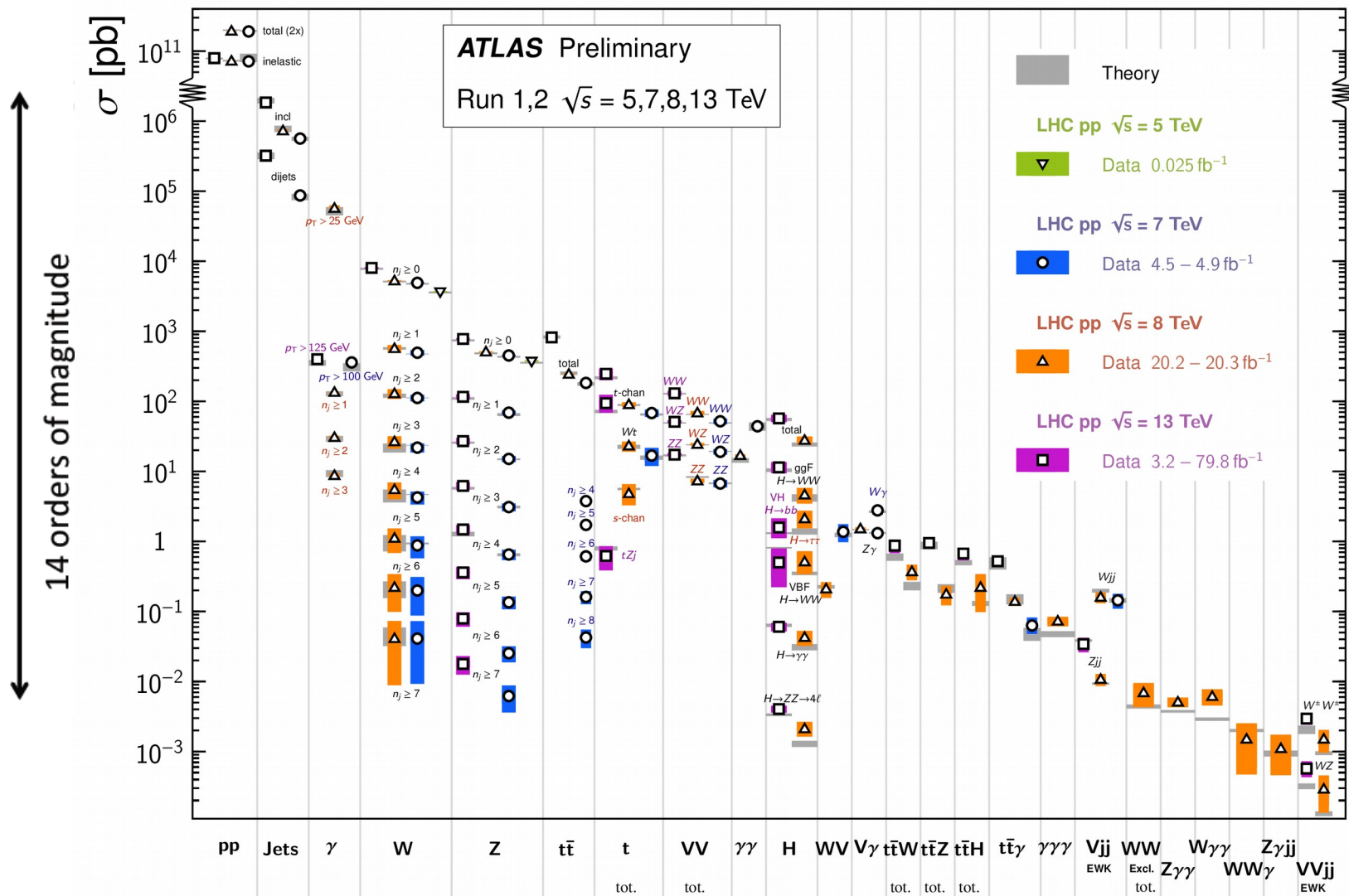


- Infrastructure
 - ➔ New beam-pipe, improvements to magnet and cryogenic system
- Detector consolidation
 - ➔ Muon chambers completion and various repairs
- 4th silicon pixel detector layer (IBL)
 - ➔ Innermost Pixel detector layer at 3.3 cm from beam pipe
- Trigger/DAQ
 - ➔ Increase max. L1 rate from 75kHz to 100kHz. New L1 topological trigger. New Central Trigger Processor. Merge L2 and HLT farms.

ATLAS: What we did find !

Standard Model Production Cross Section Measurements

Status: July 2019



Dark Matter from...

Simplicity



Completeness

Effective Field Theories

- We don't know what the higher-scale physics is, but we can integrate it out.

“Simplified Models”

- We introduce a few additional degrees of freedom, but don't try to make statements about the complete theory.

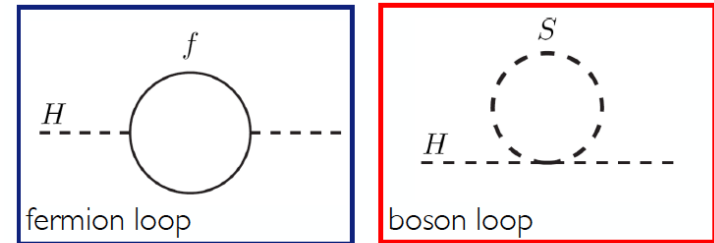
Complete Theories

- We add a full set of new DoF's and expect them to explain everything (e.g. SUSY).

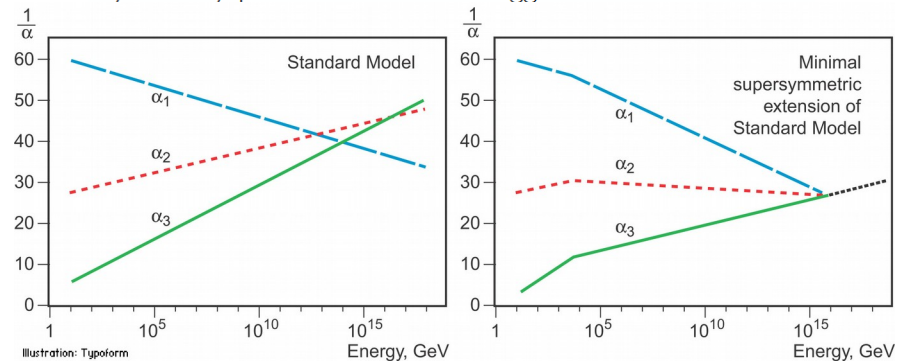
Physics Beyond Standard Model: Why SUSY ?

Could solve:

- Hierarchy problem
Low-mass top squarks cancel SM contributions to Higgs mass
- Unification gauge coupling
Presence of sparticles (at TeV scale) changes running of couplings
- Dark matter
Lightest SUSY particle can be massive, stable and weakly interacting. R-parity protects lightest SUSY particle from decaying



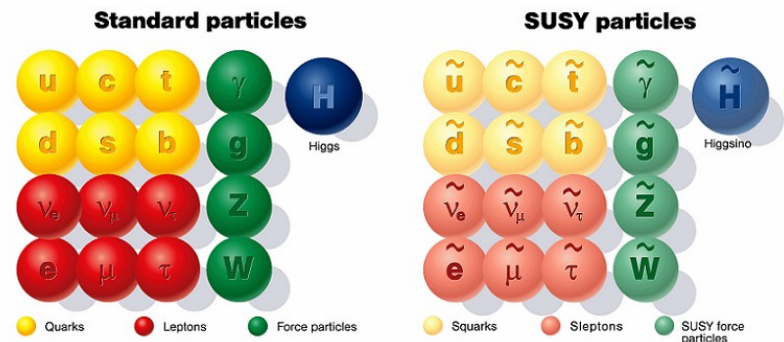
fermion and boson loops contribute with different signs to the Higgs radiative corrections; fermion-boson symmetry protects the scalar Higgs.



How?:

- Generalization of SM: symmetry between force and matter particles
- Introduces sfermions and gauginos
doubles particle content wrt SM

With 100 free parameters wide range of possible experimental signatures

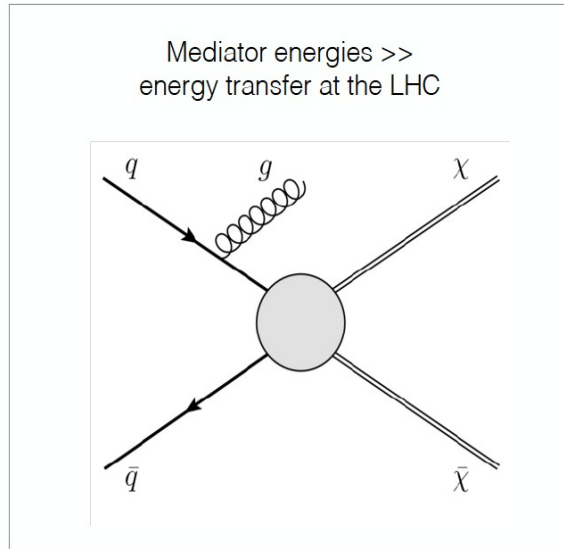


Sfermions: $q, \ell \longleftrightarrow \tilde{q}, \tilde{\ell}$

Gauginos: e.g. $g \longleftrightarrow \tilde{g}$

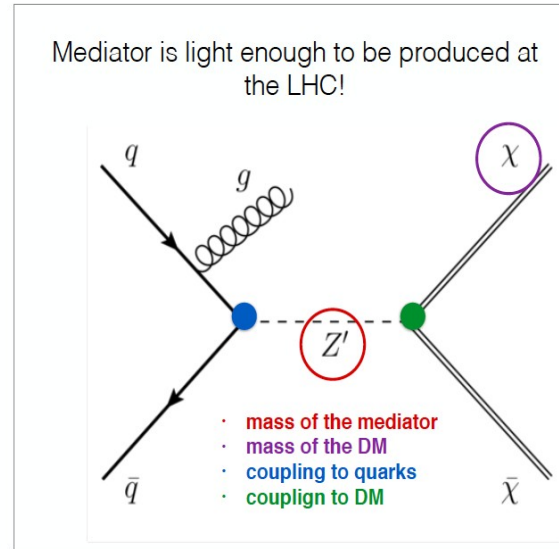
ATLAS-CMS Dark Matter Forum for Run-2

Effective field theories



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Simplified models



Zeynep Demiragli

In Run-2 the ATLAS and CMS experiments moved away from the use of EFT inspired models (questionable validity at high- Q^2)

A set of well-defined simplified s-channel exchange diagrams with heavy mediators is now considered motivated by a number of different considerations

Mostly 4 parameters:

- Mediator mass (M_{Med})
- WIMP mass (m_χ)
- 2 couplings (g_q, g_χ), typically (1, 0.25)

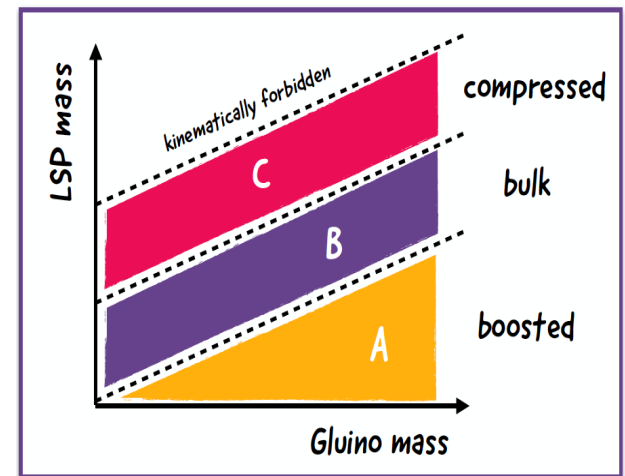
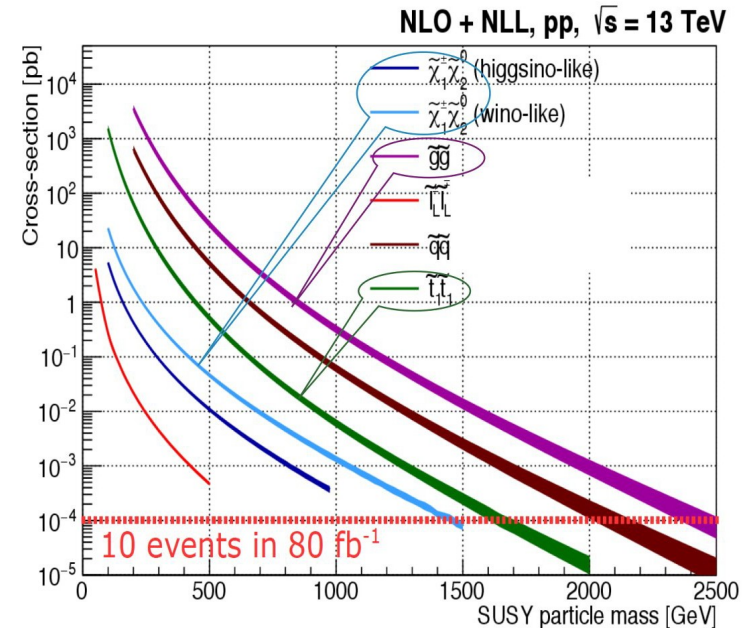
DM as Dirac-fermionic WIMPs

- Neutral, stable, weakly interacting particles with mass $O(100 \text{ GeV})$

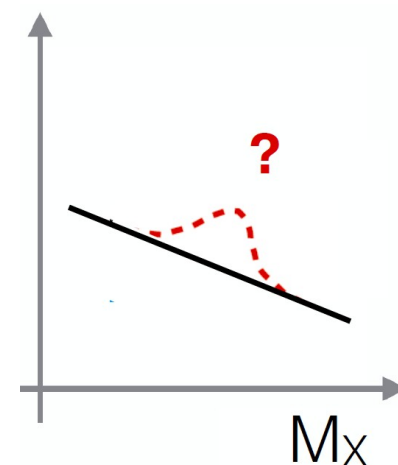
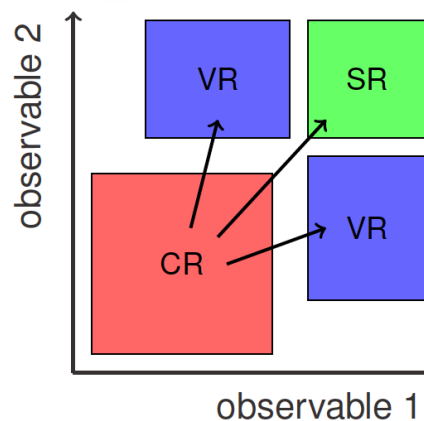
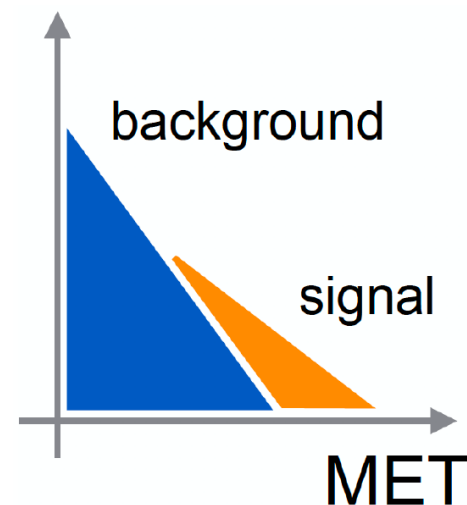
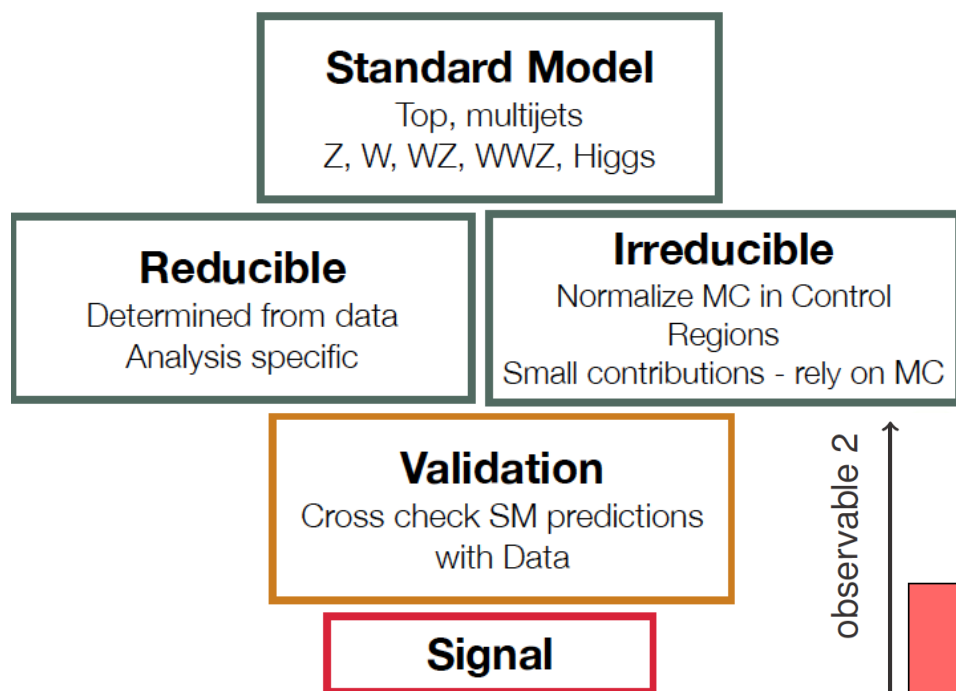
SUSY Searches: Paradigm Shift

Having found no SUSY so far in "standard" channels (strong production, large mass splittings), the searches are shifting in the following directions:

- Compressed spectrum scenarios (e.g, stop nearly degenerate with top quark + neutralino masses)
 - Use ISR as an important tool to boost compressed system
- Search for EW production of SUSY particles
 - Sensitivity for Higgsino pair production rapidly increasing the reach
- Search for SUSY via Higgs boson in decay chains
 - Just started to be sensitive
- Long-Lived Particles
- Go beyond the R-parity conserving models

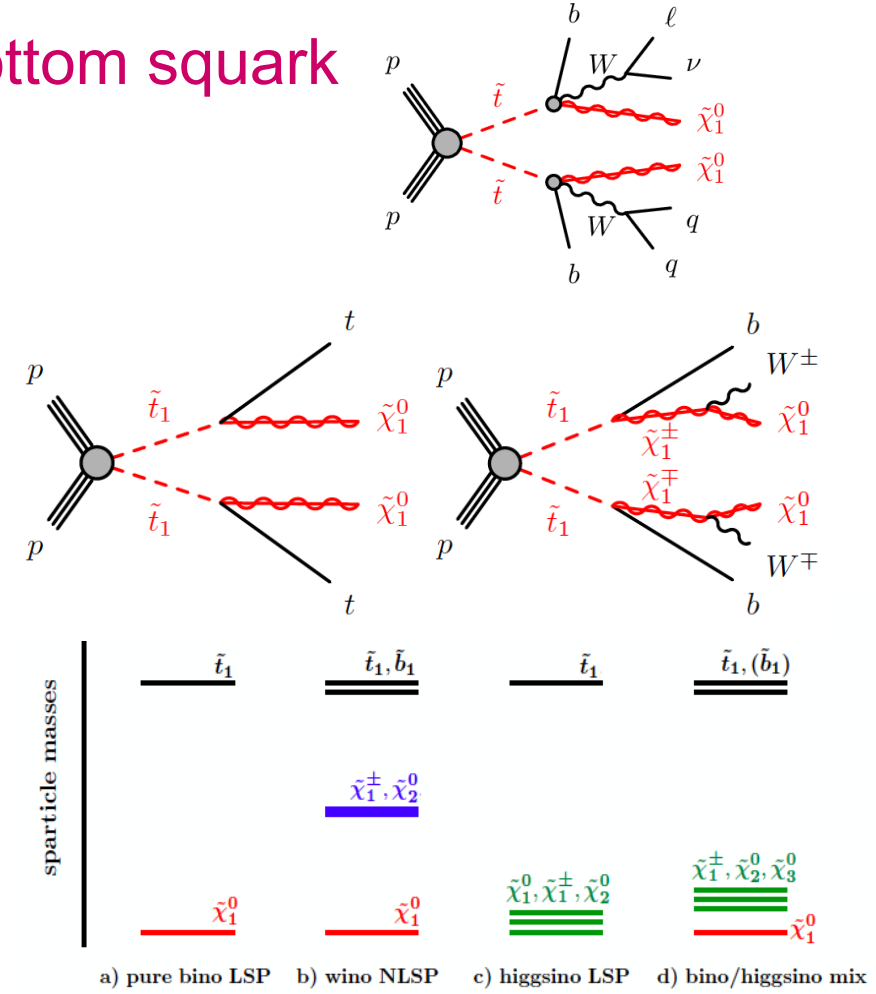
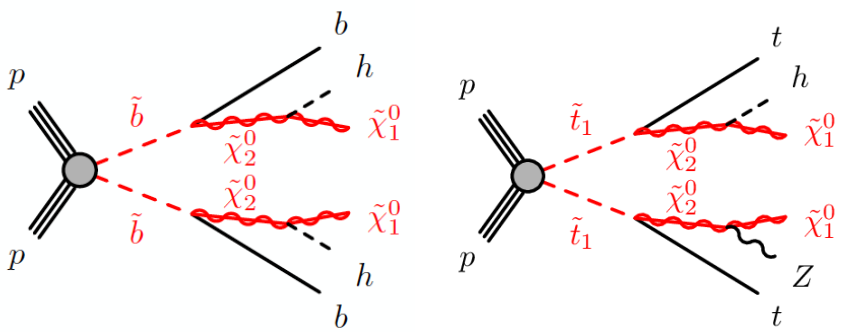
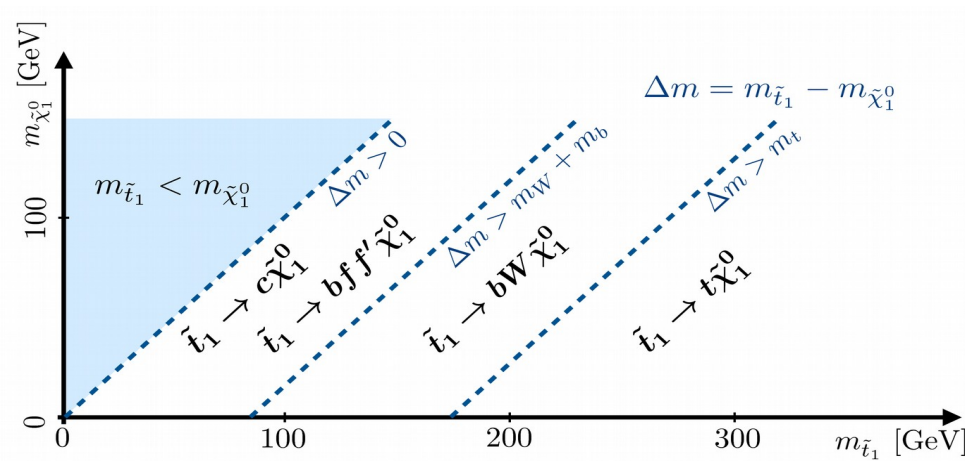


Search strategy for new physics



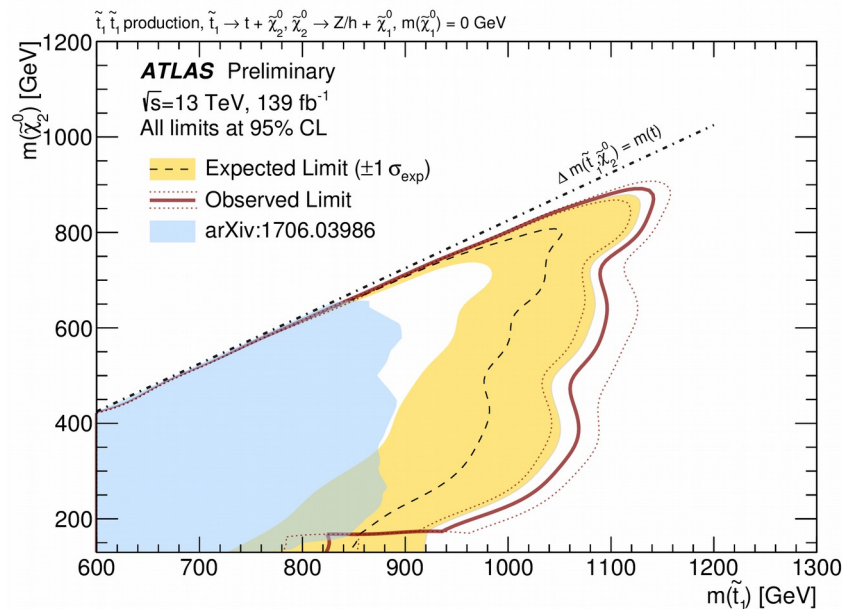
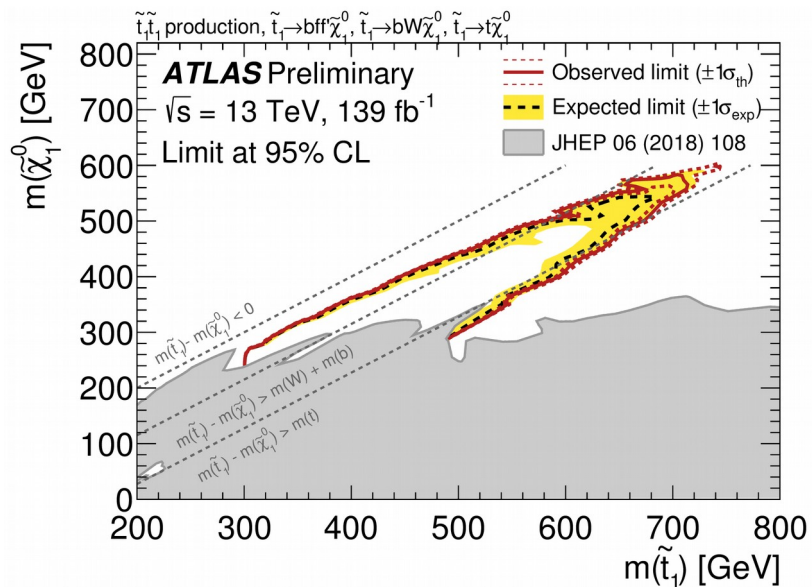
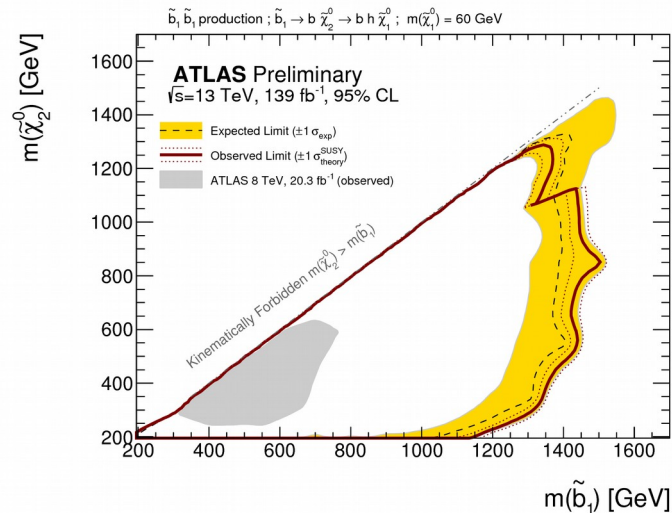
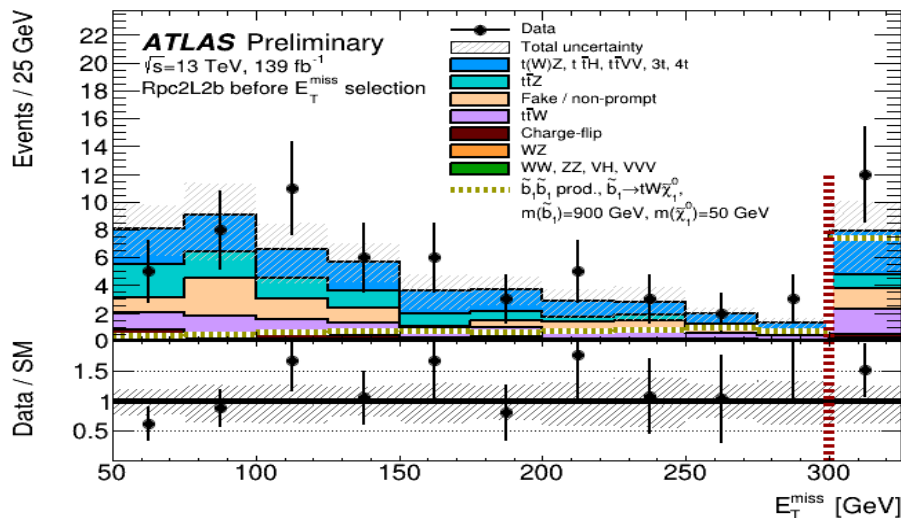
Direct pair production of top and bottom squark

- All SUSY particles are considered to be heavy except for t_1 (b_1) and χ
- Different analysis techniques are required in different $\Delta m(t_1, \chi^0_1)$ regime



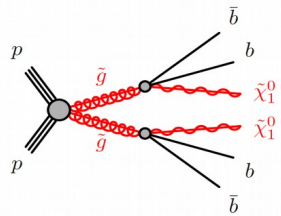
- h (bb) decay leads to multi b -jets final state
- OS 2-leptons from Z decay and an additional lepton(s) from top decay leads to multi-leptons final state.
- Different W decay modes with 1 lepton, SS 2 lepton or 3 leptons all sensitive for 3rd generation squarks

Top and Bottom Squark



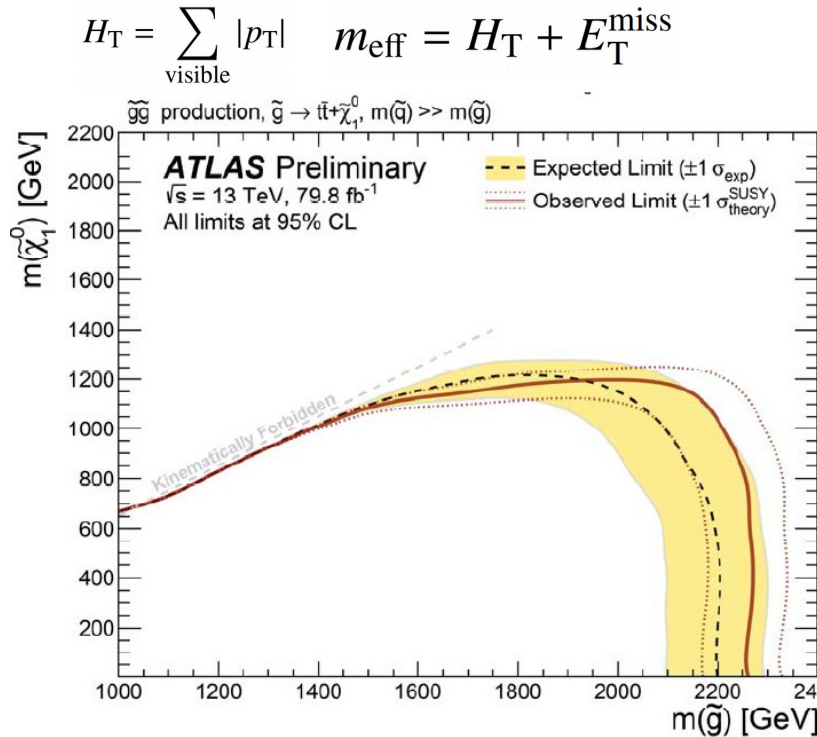
The Higgs at 125 GeV inspires O(1TeV) stop. If natural SUSY exists, we are decreasing the places where it can hide

Multi b jets

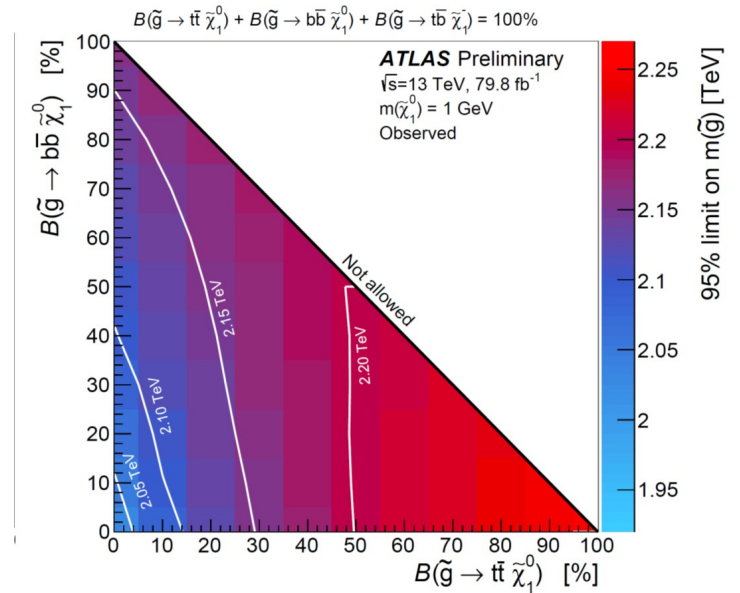
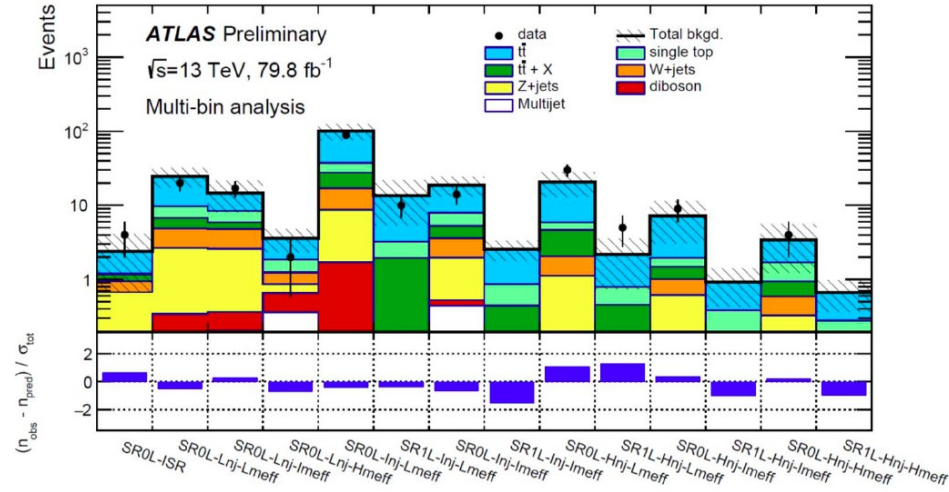


Exclusion stream uses meff shape & jet multiplicity information to perform a multi-bin fit. All search regions dominated by t-tbar + heavy flavour events.

gluinos decaying via third generation off-shell squarks to the lightest neutralino

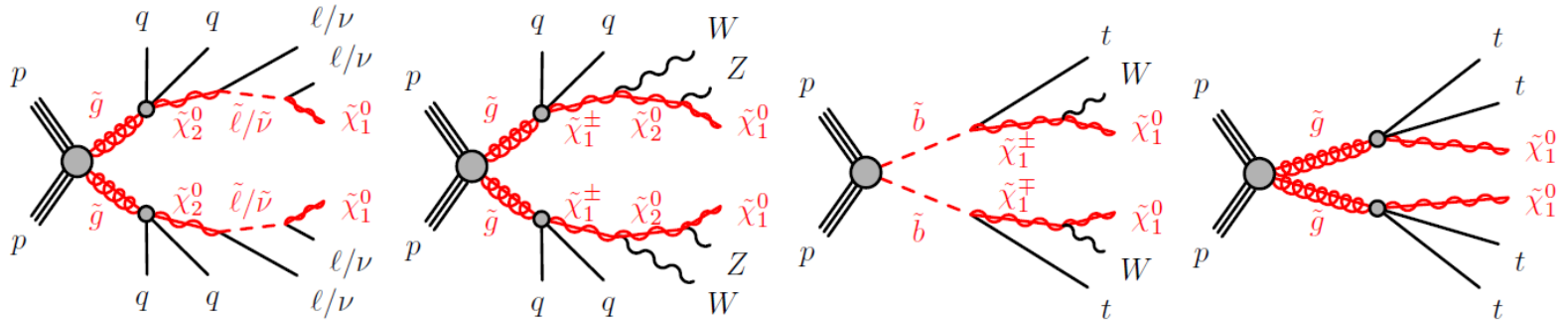


All the regions of the multi-bin analysis are statistically combined to set model-dependent upper limits. Observed constraints on gluino masses reach 2.2 TeV for Gtt simplified models

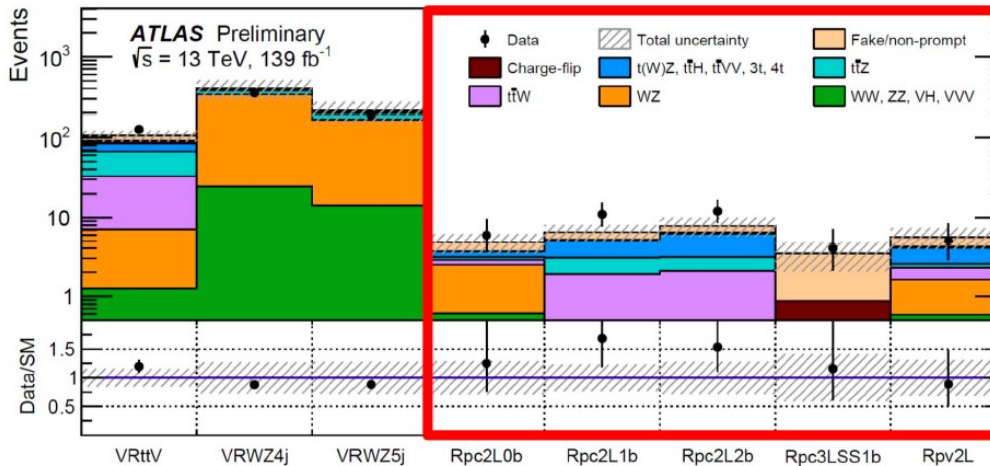


Limits also interpreted as a function of the gluino BR to Gtt / Gbb / Gtb

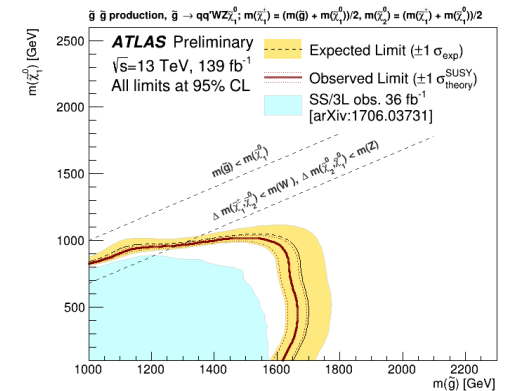
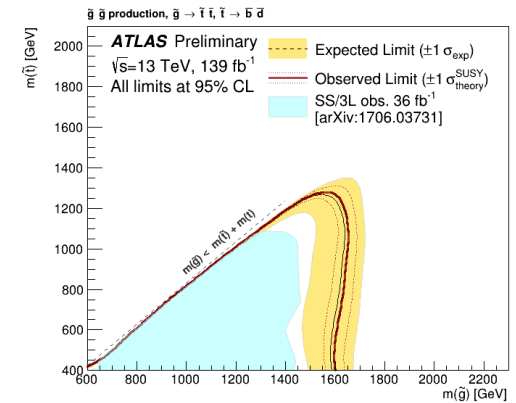
Final states with jets & 2 same-sign leptons or 3 leptons



Search for strongly produced SUSY particles in SS/3L+jets events.
Low SM background from same-sign requirement



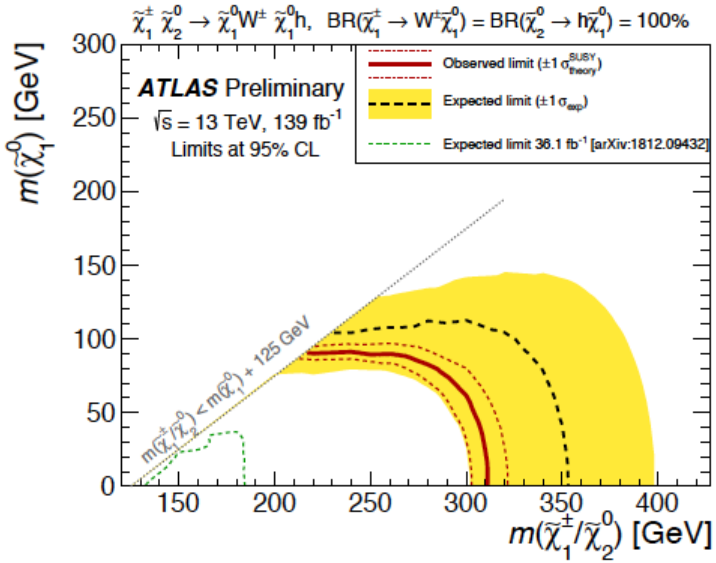
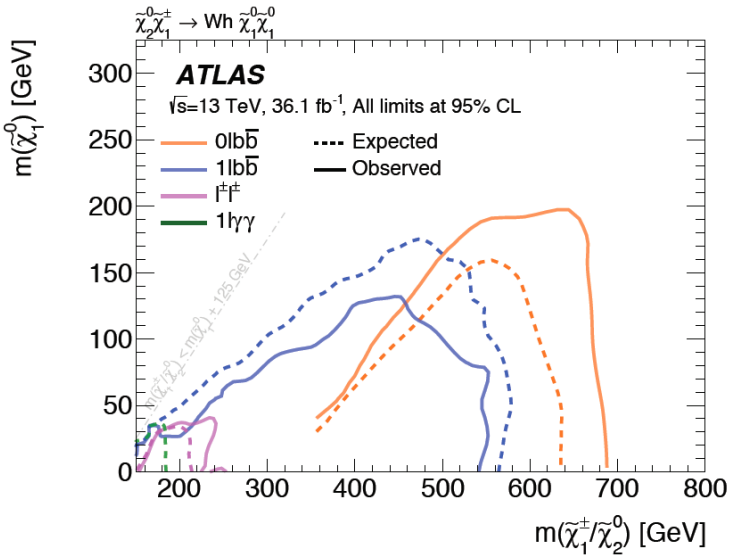
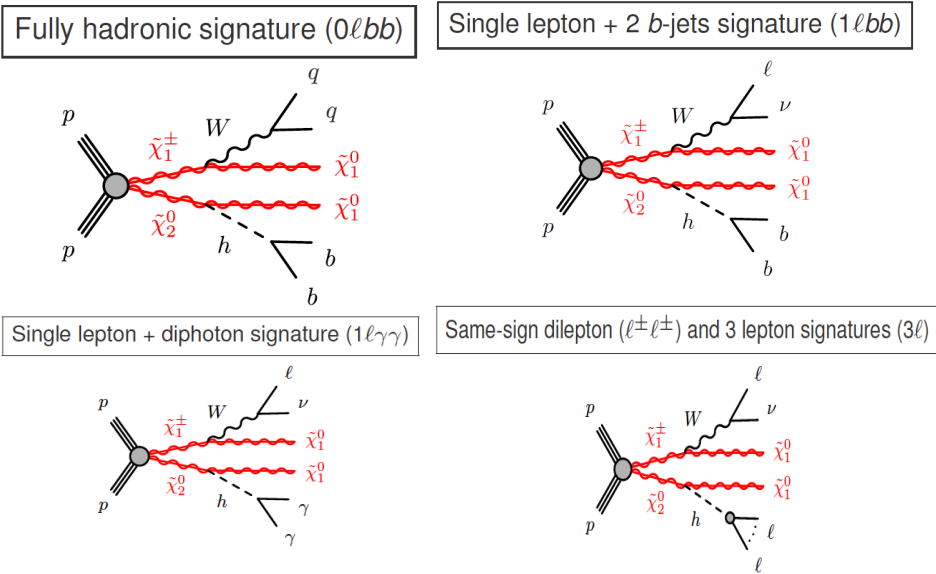
No significant excess observed $\rightarrow$ gluino exclusion up to 1.6 TeV



EWK production of chargino/neutralino decaying to Wh

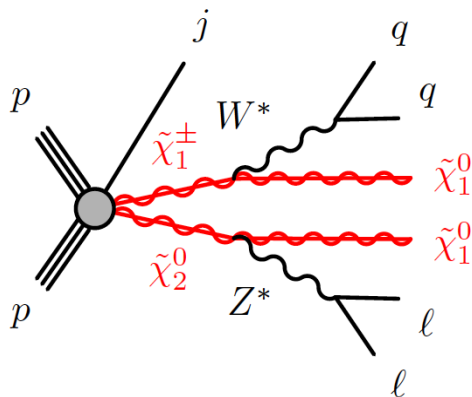
Assuming mass-degenerated and wino-like $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm / \tilde{\chi}_2^0$, and a bino-like $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$

Masses of $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm / \tilde{\chi}_2^0$ smaller than 680 GeV are excluded for a massless $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$. Unprecedented sensitivity to high-mass region by the signatures with b-jets ($0\ell b\bar{b}$ and $1\ell b\bar{b}$)

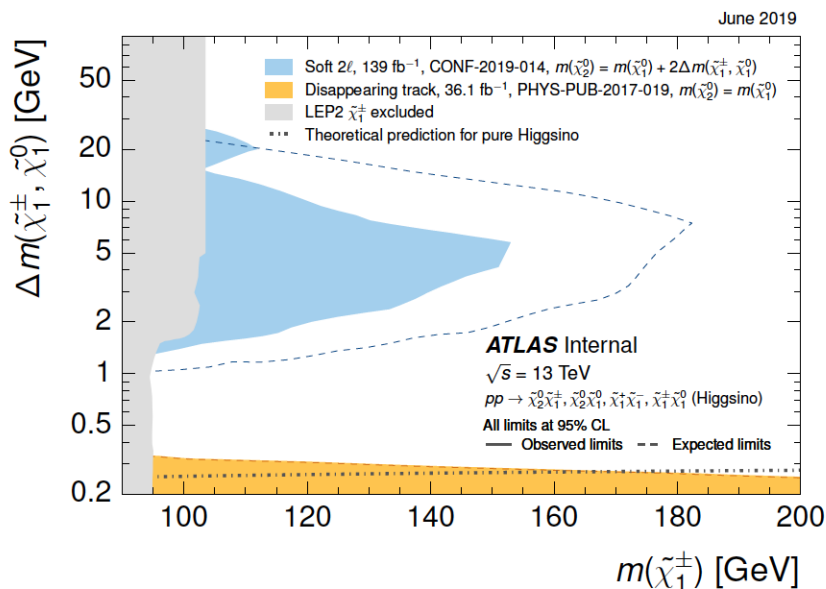
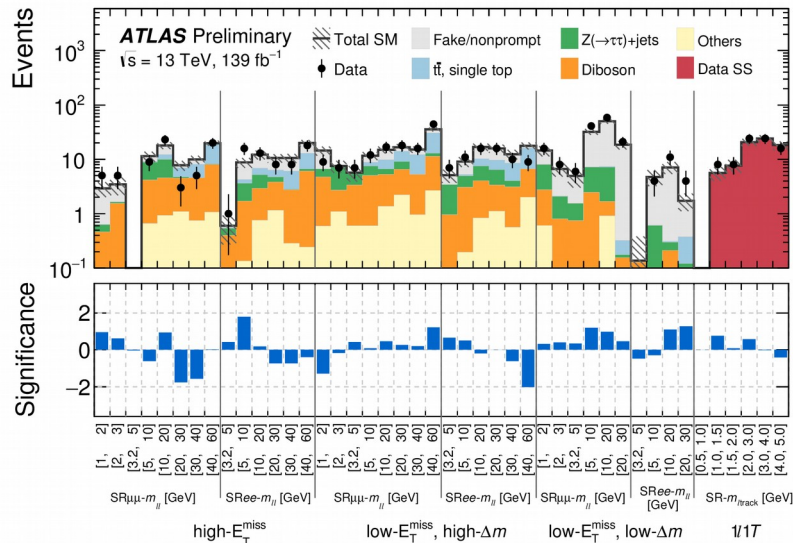


Higgsino searches

Motivated by naturalness arguments Higgsino mass parameter μ is near the weak scale, while the bino and wino mass parameters, $M1$ and $M2$, can be significantly larger $|\mu| \ll |M1|, |M2|$. Compressed scenarios.



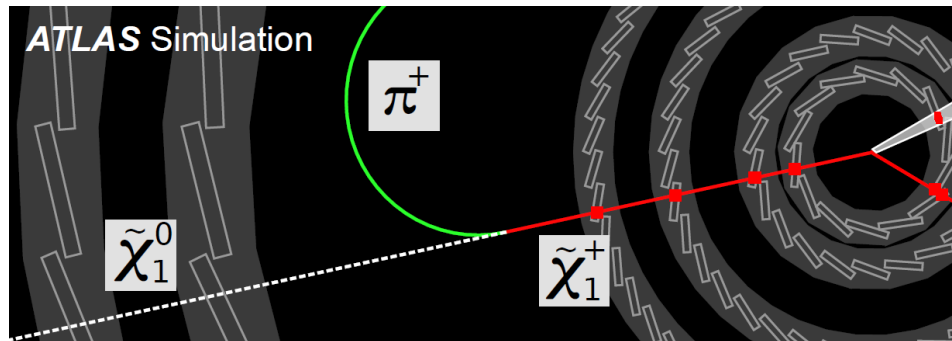
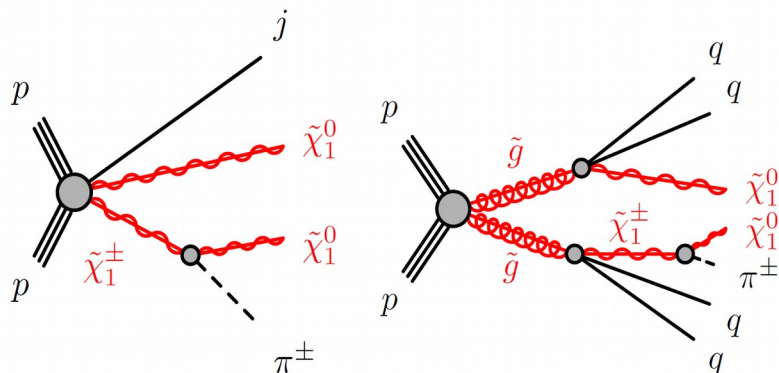
- ISR allows highly efficient triggering at lower masses. Soft leptons are required (3-4.5 GeV)
- Additional 1 lepton + 1 track SR improves efficiency of very small mass splitting.
- First ATLAS search to use a track as a proxy for a charged lepton.
- For the Higgsino simplified model, exclusion limits at 95% CL are set up to masses of 145 GeV and down to mass splittings of 2.5 GeV



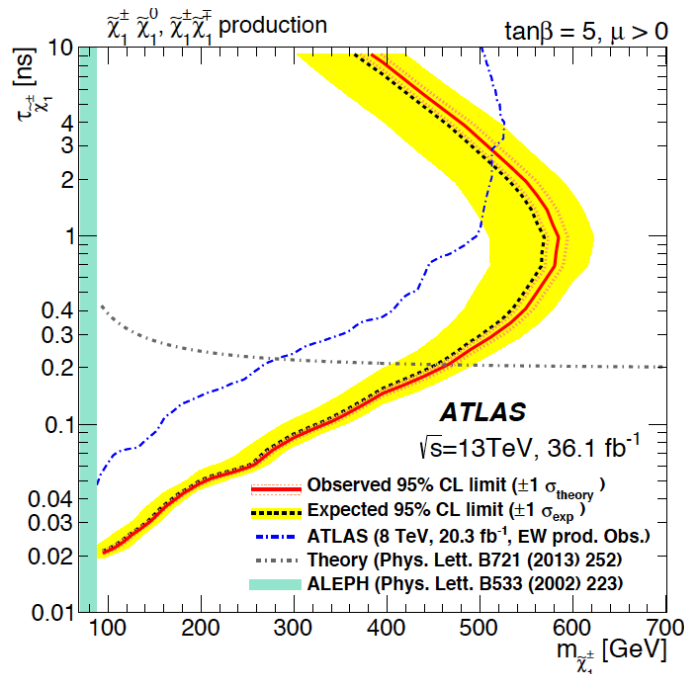
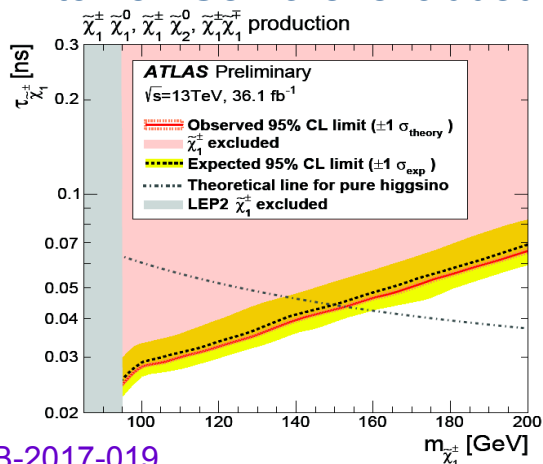
Search for disappearing tracks

Sensitivity gains
from use of ATLAS
IBL

Search for long-lived charged particles (charginos) leading to disappearing track + MET Pixel-only trackless with IBL reduce minimum track length to 12 cm (from 30 cm in Run-I)

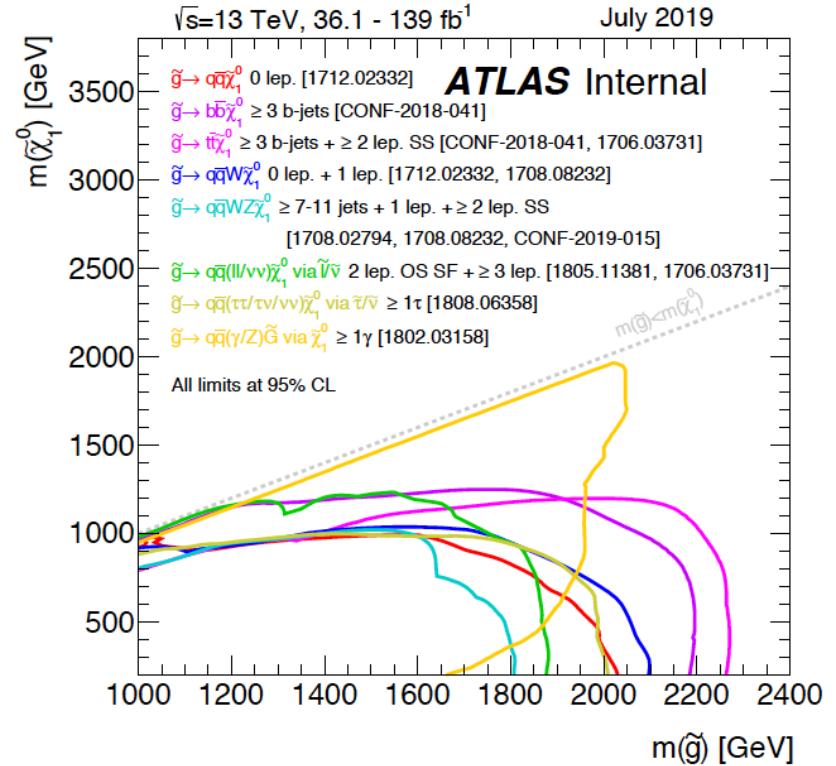
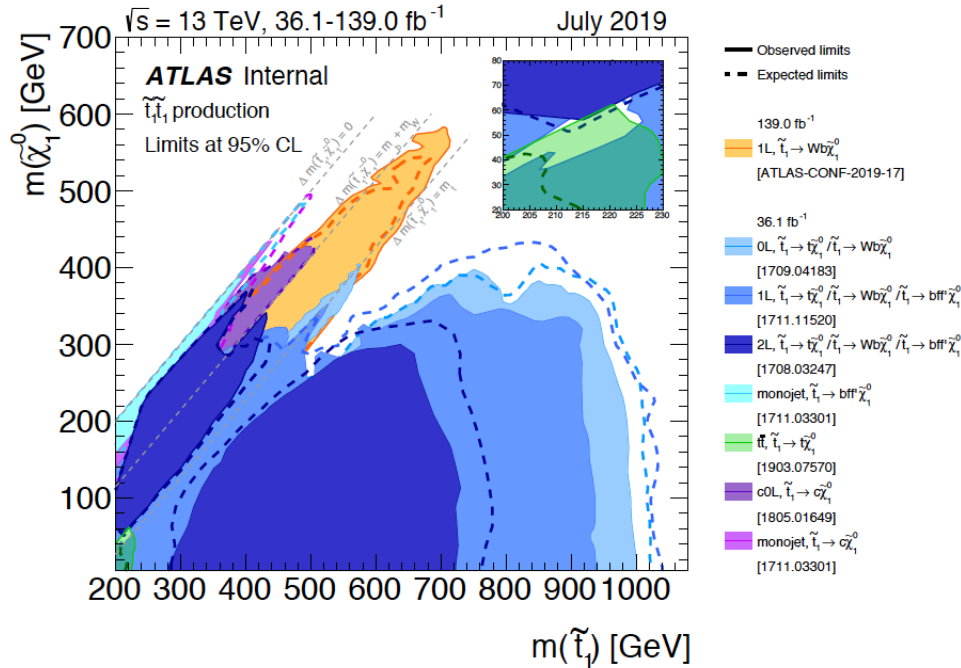


A for pure-higgsino signature, chargino masses up to 152 GeV are excluded



Almost pure wino LSP scenario

SUSY Limits June - July 2019



Simplified models limits exploiting 2015-2018 Run 2 dataset

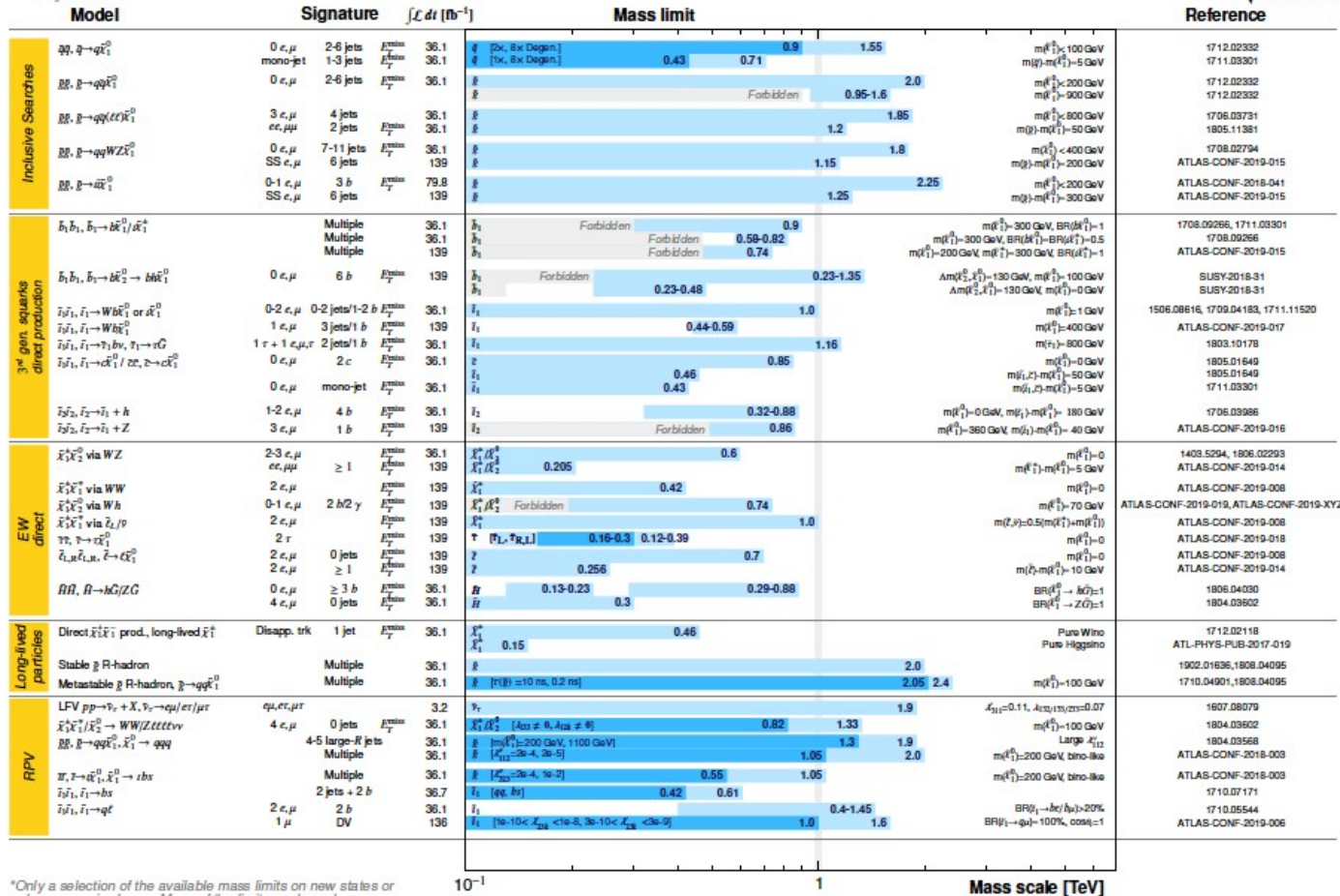
- 1.6-2.2 TeV exclusion for gluinos at low LSP mass
- Some scenarios excluding 1 TeV stops

Note that these plots overlay contours belonging to different decay channels, different particle mass hierarchies, and simplified decay scenarios. Care must be taken when interpreting them.

Search for supersymmetric particles

ATLAS SUSY Searches* - 95% CL Lower Limits
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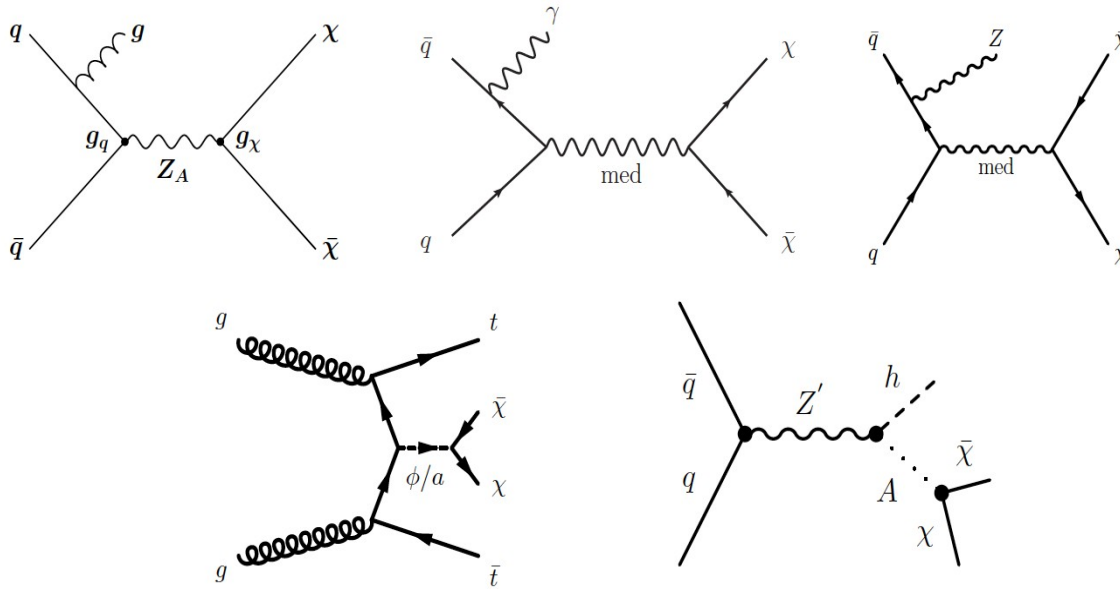
ATLAS Internal
 $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV



Simplified models limits exploiting 2015-2018 Run 2 dataset

- 1.6-2.2 TeV exclusion for gluinos at low LSP mass, up to 1.8 TeV for squarks (8-fold degeneracy)
- Some scenarios excluding 1 TeV stops
- Up to 700 GeV limits for gauginos and sleptons

Mono X Analysis - General Analysis Strategy



Non-interacting DM particles $\rightarrow$
Missing transverse energy (MET)

X (γ , jet, $W^\pm$, Z, h)

Event Selection

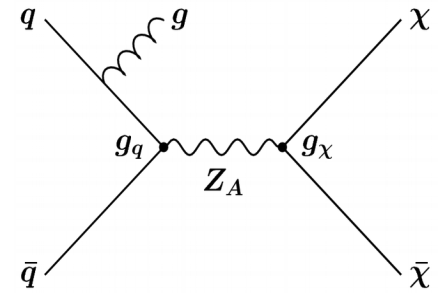
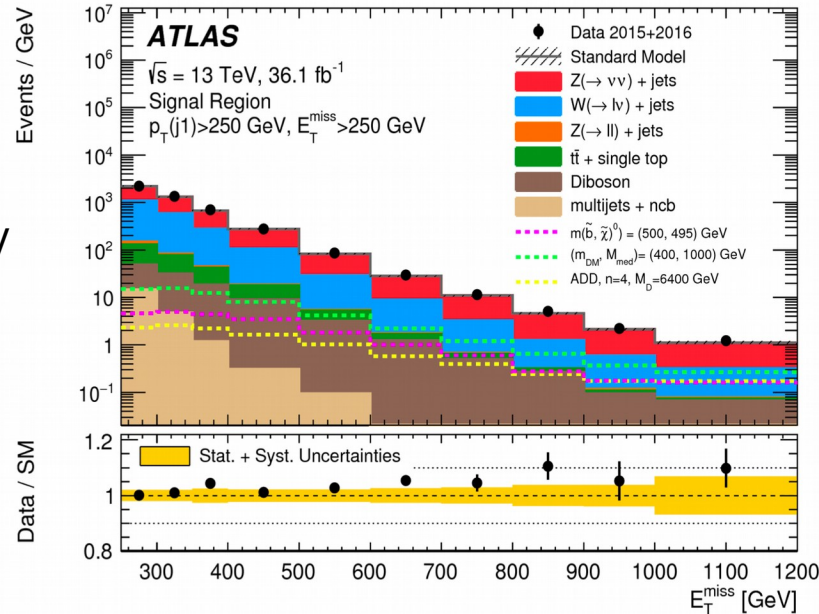
- High MET, compatible with production
- If $X=\gamma$, jet $\rightarrow$ high $p_T(X)$ with quality criteria
- If $X=W, Z, h \rightarrow$ reconstruct mass within a windows
- Large MET (χ)
- Veto events with other “good” physics objects, like leptons

The searches focus in look for excess in different regions of high MET, and in case of absence of excess, exclusion limits are extracted for the model

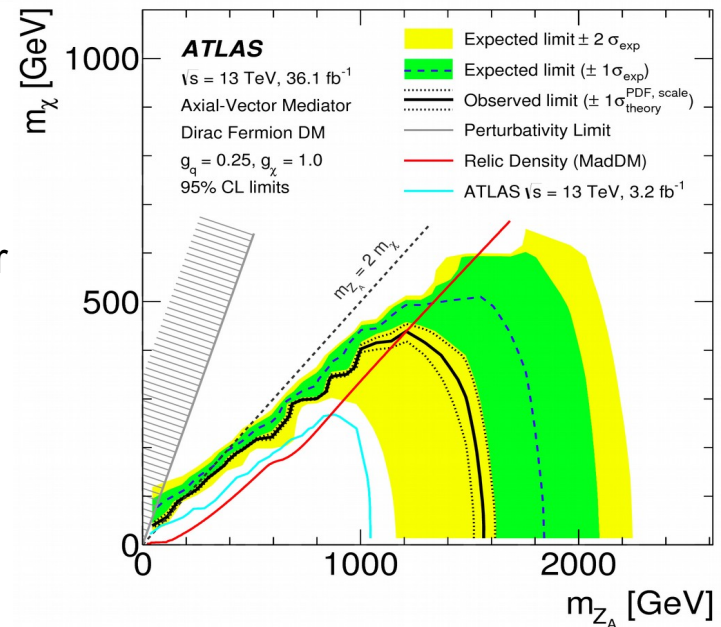
Mono-Jet

- Signature
 - High p_T Jet + MET
- MET triggers: efficiency reaches $\sim 100\%$ at 250 GeV
- Main backgrounds
 - $Z(\nu\nu) + \text{jets}$
 - $W(l\nu) + \text{jets}$

For couplings $g_q = 0.25$, $g_x = 1.0$, axial-vector and vector mediators excluded up to 1.55 TeV for low DM masses.



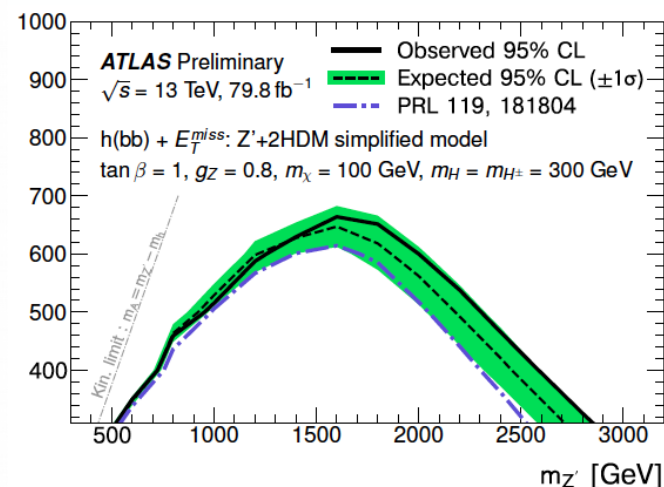
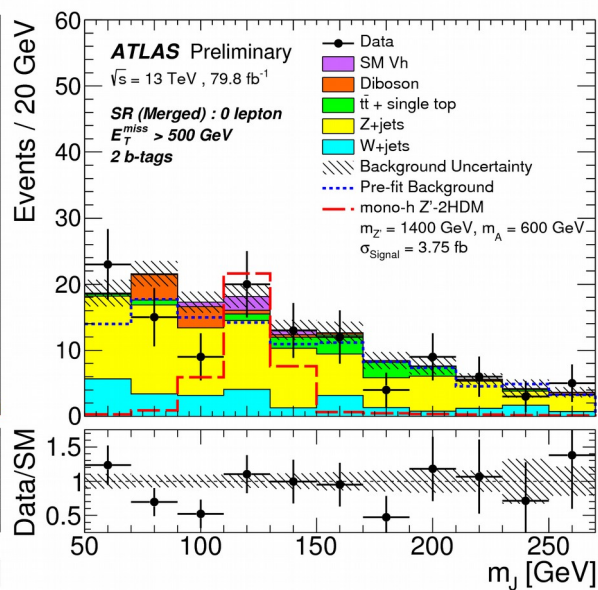
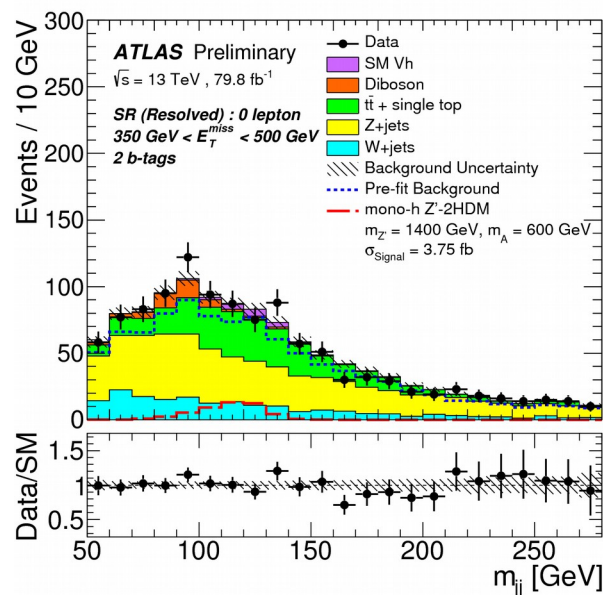
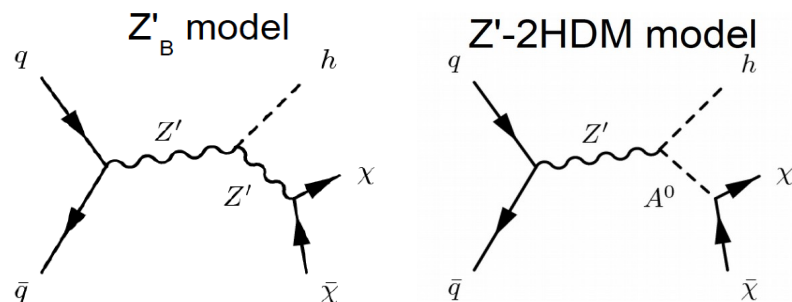
Mono-jet is one of the most powerful channels



Mono-Higgs (bb)

Models in which the higgs couples to dark sector particles, e.g. higgs couplings to the mediator

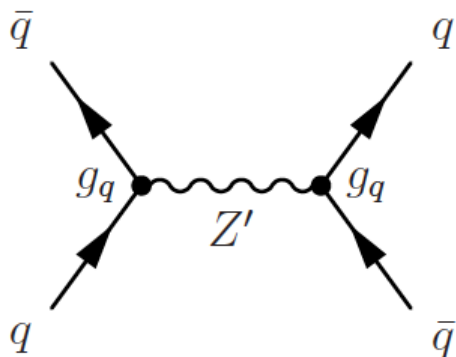
- Not ISR (small coupling)
- Mainly Simplified Models:
 - s-channel vector mediator radiating Higgs
- Other models considered:
 - s-channel scalar mediator radiating Higgs
 - Z'-2HD simplified model
 - scalar 2HD simplified model
- Additional parameters as: $g_{Z'h}$, mixing angles..



Masses of the Z' are excluded up to 2.8 TeV depending on the choices for other model parameters.

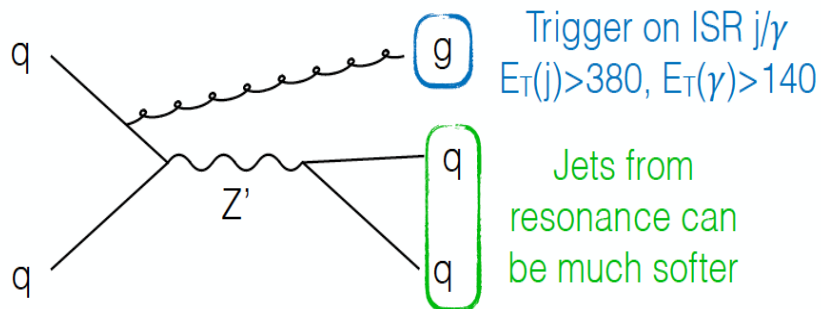
New phenomena in dijet

If there is a mediator that couples to quarks and DM then we can forget about the DM and look for the mediator. Many BSM models that predict dijet excesses (Quantum black holes, excited quarks, and W' and Z' bosons)

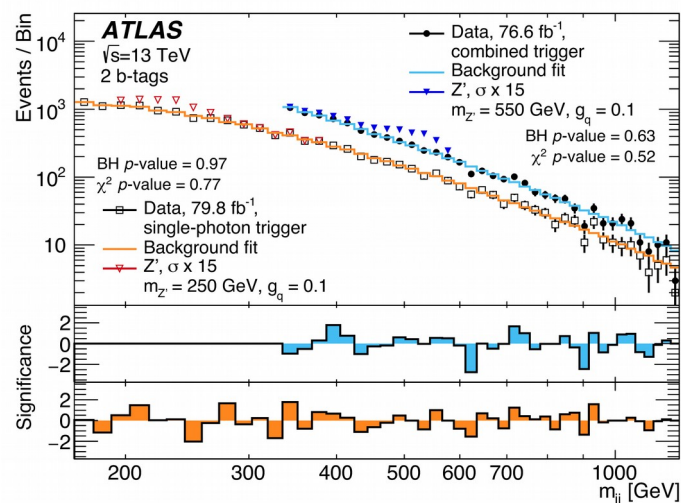
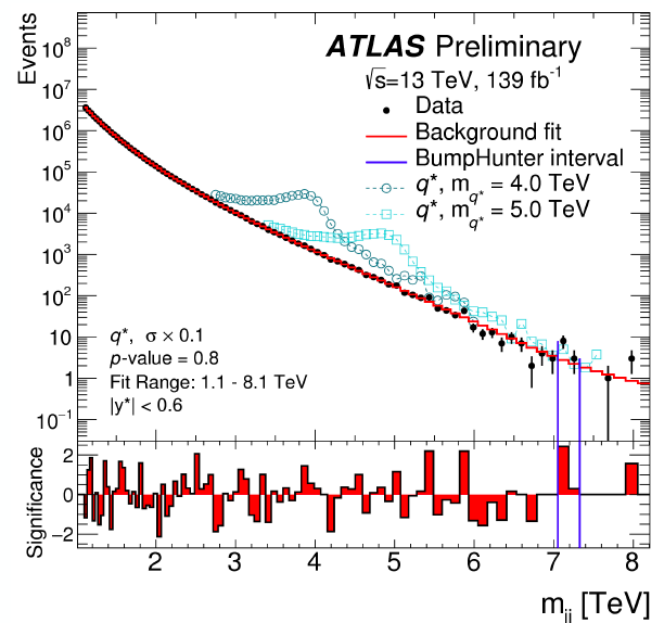


2 high p_T jets, m_{jj} is the discriminant, search for bump (resonance) on a smooth, falling background. Background modelled by a parametrized function.

Standard dijet search sensitive to $m_{jj} \geq 1$ TeV limited by trigger thresholds.



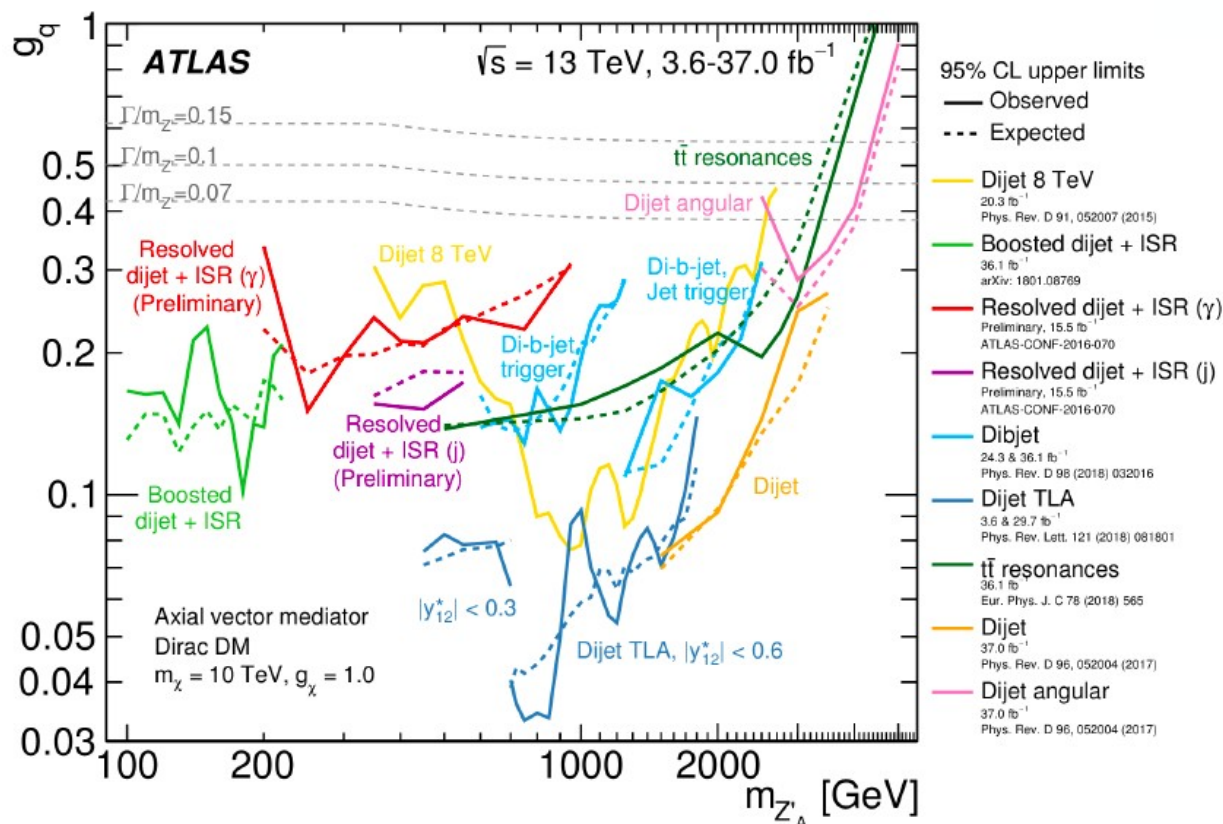
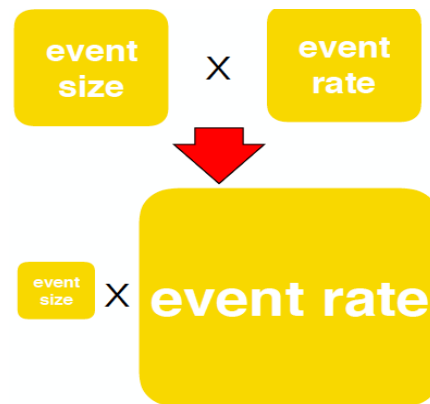
At Z' masses below ~ 200 GeV, resonance jets merge in large-R jet



Recent results from resolved dijet system. SM physics provides the boost, so the recoiling object is model-independent. Photon+dijet including new b-tagged channels.

New phenomena in dijet

It is also possible to use a Trigger-level search, with dedicated data stream, to go down to 450 GeV



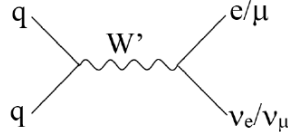
- Coupling values above the solid lines excluded, as long as the signals are narrow enough to be detected using these searches.
- The boosted dijet+ISR analysis has the best reach for low masses, excluding mediator at $\sim 100 \text{ GeV}$
- Mediator excluded at $\sim 2.6 \text{ TeV}$

High-mass resonances decaying into leptonic states

New spin-1 vector bosons (W' , Z') explored

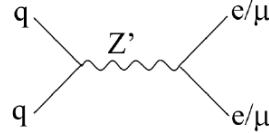
Sequential Standard Model (SSM)

- W'/Z' couples to fermions with the same strength as SM W/Z .
- Couplings to W/Z are ignored.



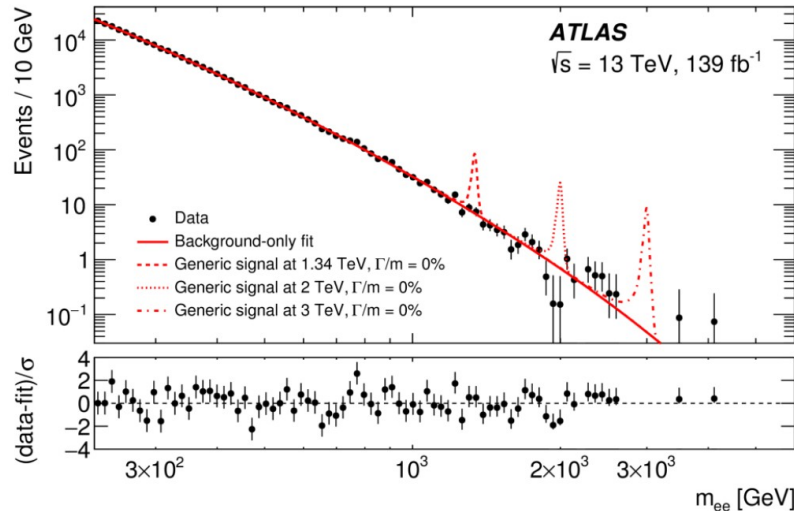
E6-motivated Grand Unification model

- Two Z' 's (Z'_χ , Z'_ψ) are predicted.

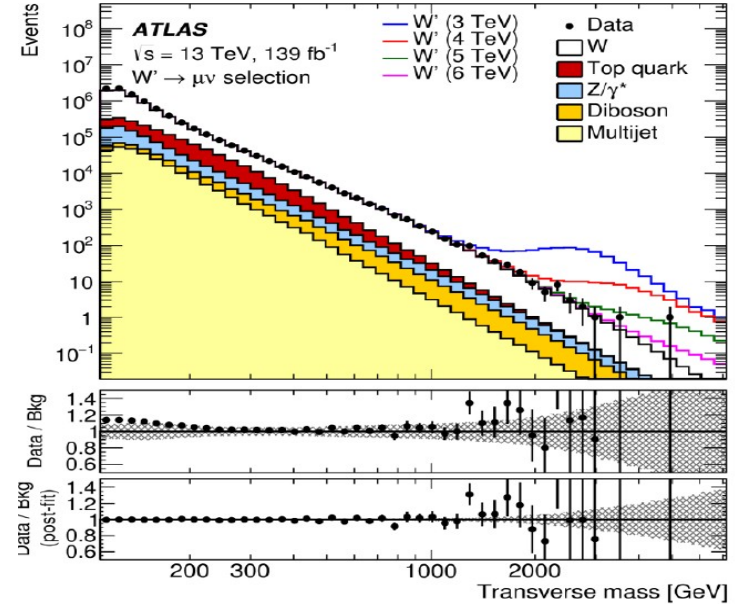


Heavy Vector Triplet (HVT) model

- Provides generic framework with couplings of W'/Z' to fermions and Higgs.



Highest ee event mass 4.06 TeV



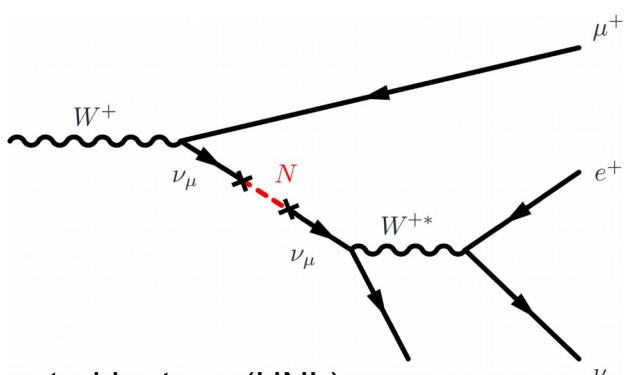
Decay	$m(W')$ lower limit [TeV]	
	Observed	Expected
$W' \rightarrow e\nu$	6.0	5.7
$W' \rightarrow \mu\nu$	5.1	5.1
$W' \rightarrow \ell\nu$	6.0	5.8

Sequential Standard Model

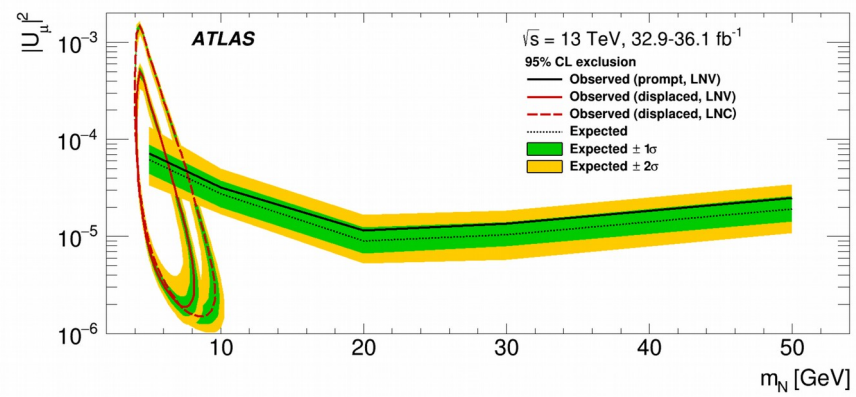
Model	Lower limits on $m_{Z'}$ [TeV]					
	ee		$\mu\mu$		$\ell\ell$	
	obs	exp	obs	exp	obs	exp
Z'_ψ	4.1	4.3	4.0	4.0	4.5	4.5
Z'_χ	4.6	4.6	4.2	4.2	4.8	4.8
Z'_{SSM}	4.9	4.9	4.5	4.5	5.1	5.1

Search program for long-lived massive particles

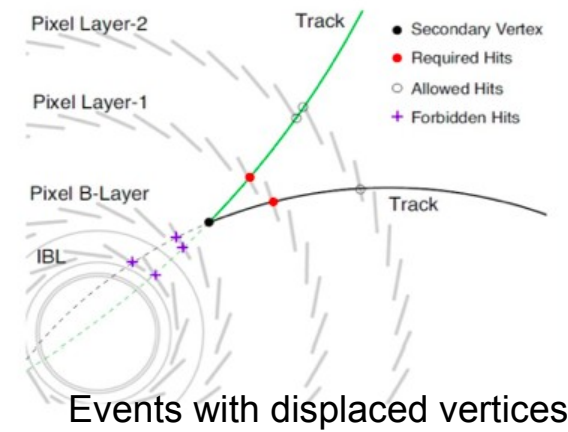
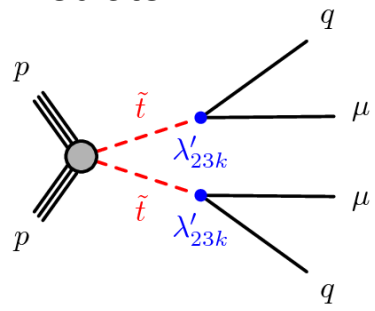
Multiple reasons to be long-lived: small couplings, compressed mass spectrum, highly virtual intermediate states, R-parity violating models, R-Hadrons



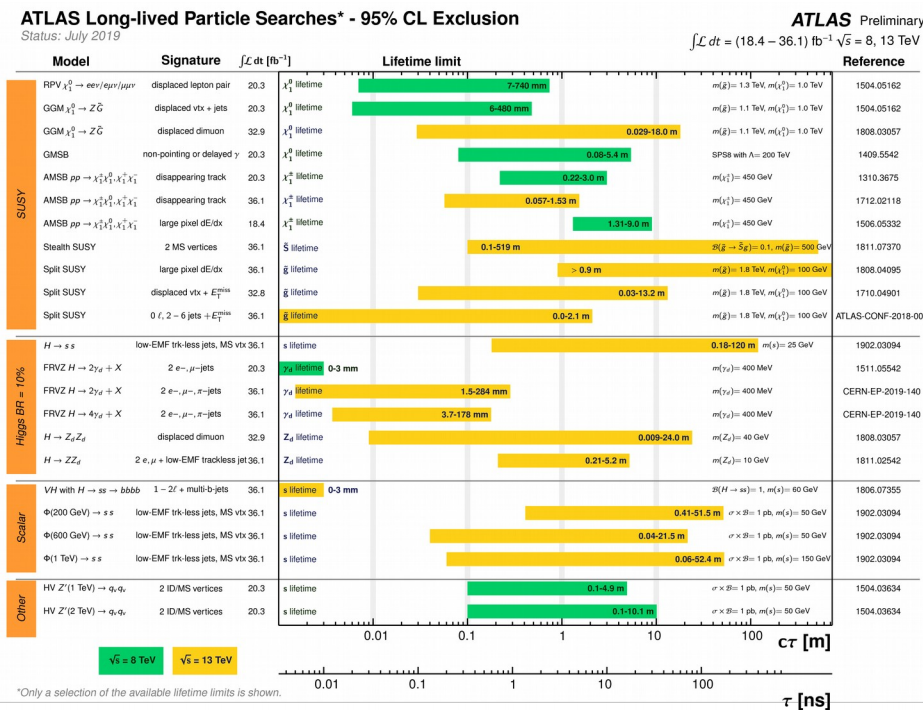
Heavy neutral leptons (HNL)
Prompt muon from the W boson + displaced vertex (DV)
with low p_T tracks leptons. Approx. 0 background search



lifetime has a dependence on coupling strength and m_N



LLP decays occurring at $4 \text{ mm} < r < 300 \text{ mm}$ from the PV



Search for exotic particles

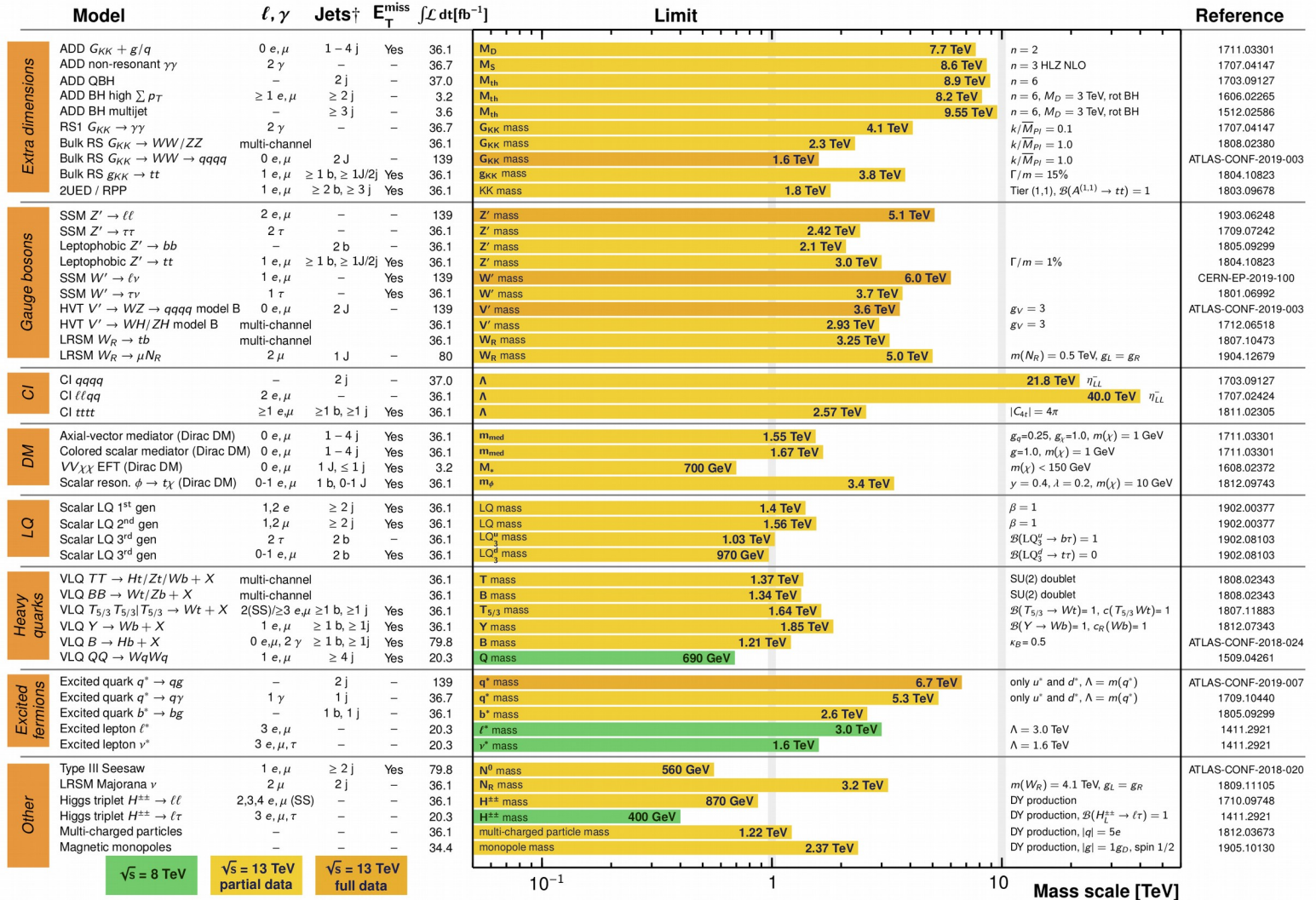
ATLAS Exotics Searches* - 95% CL Upper Exclusion Limits

Status: May 2019

ATLAS Preliminary

$$\int \mathcal{L} dt = (3.2 - 139) \text{ fb}^{-1}$$

$$\sqrt{s} = 8, 13 \text{ TeV}$$



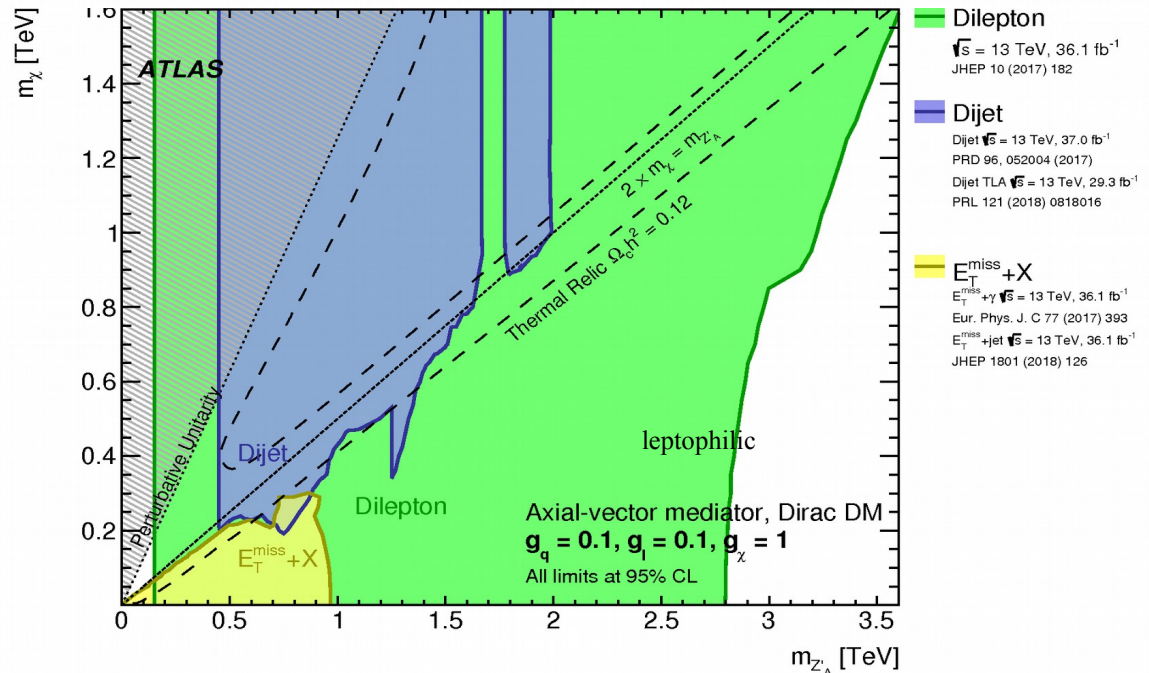
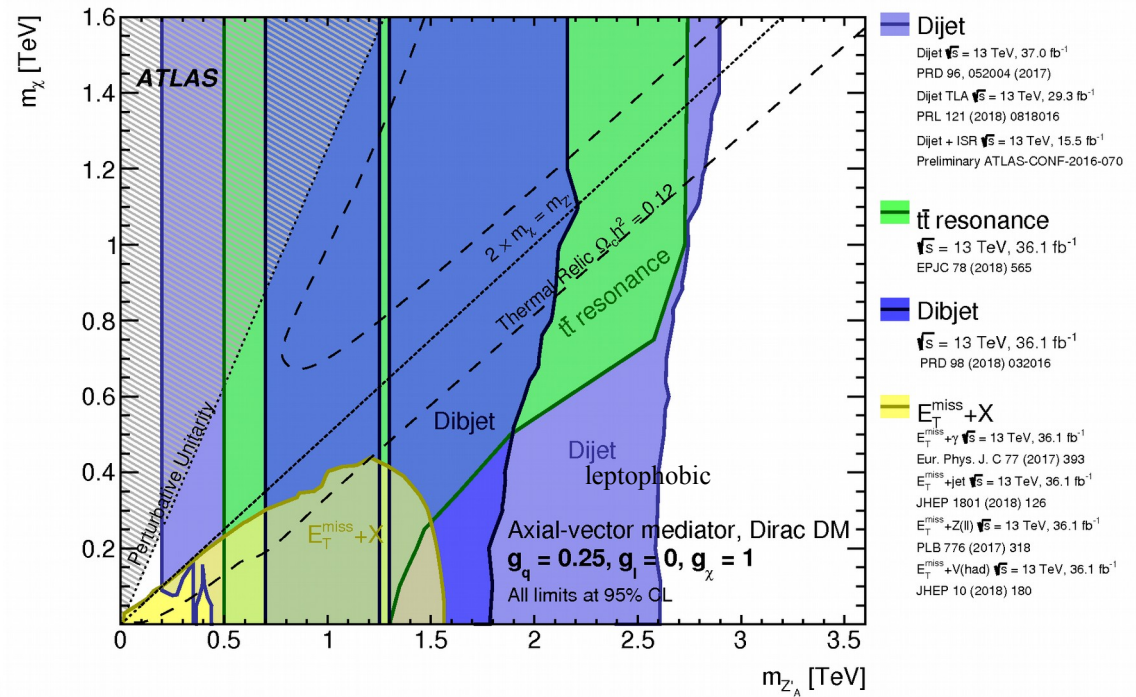
*Only a selection of the available mass limits on new states or phenomena is shown.

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

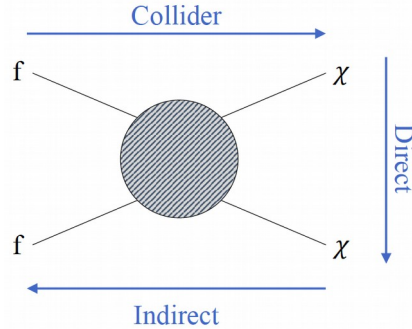
Search DM

Dijet searches can exclude mediator masses between 50 GeV and 2.7 TeV for almost whole DM mass range.

Big picture change with the choice of couplings.
Dijet and Mono-X constrains weakened if $g_q = 0.25 \rightarrow 0.1$



Comparison to direct detection

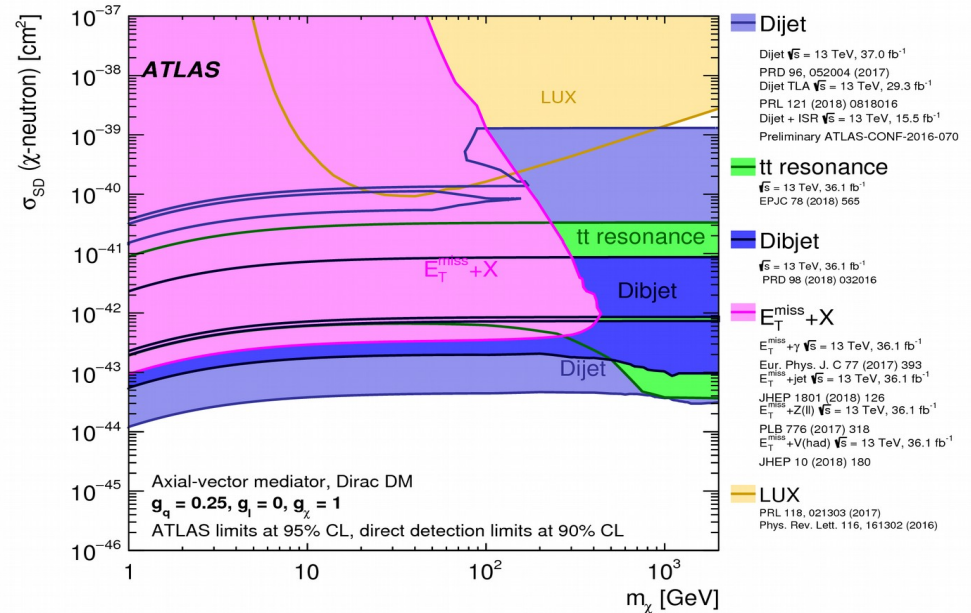
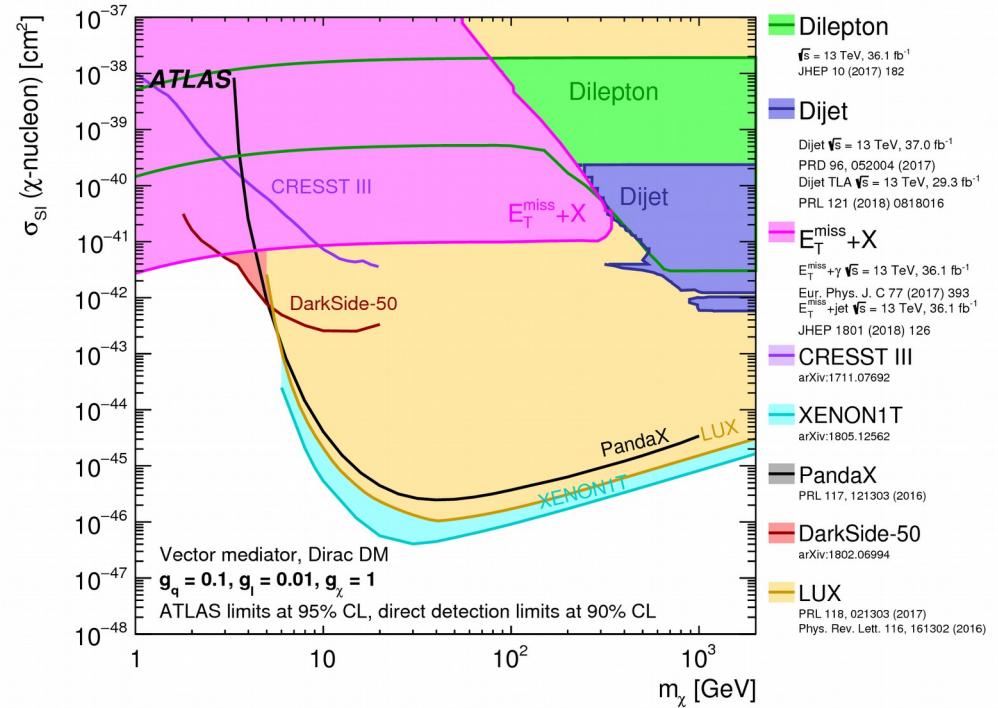


Rates of DM production are used to calculate (model dependent) interaction cross sections of other processes involving DM particles.

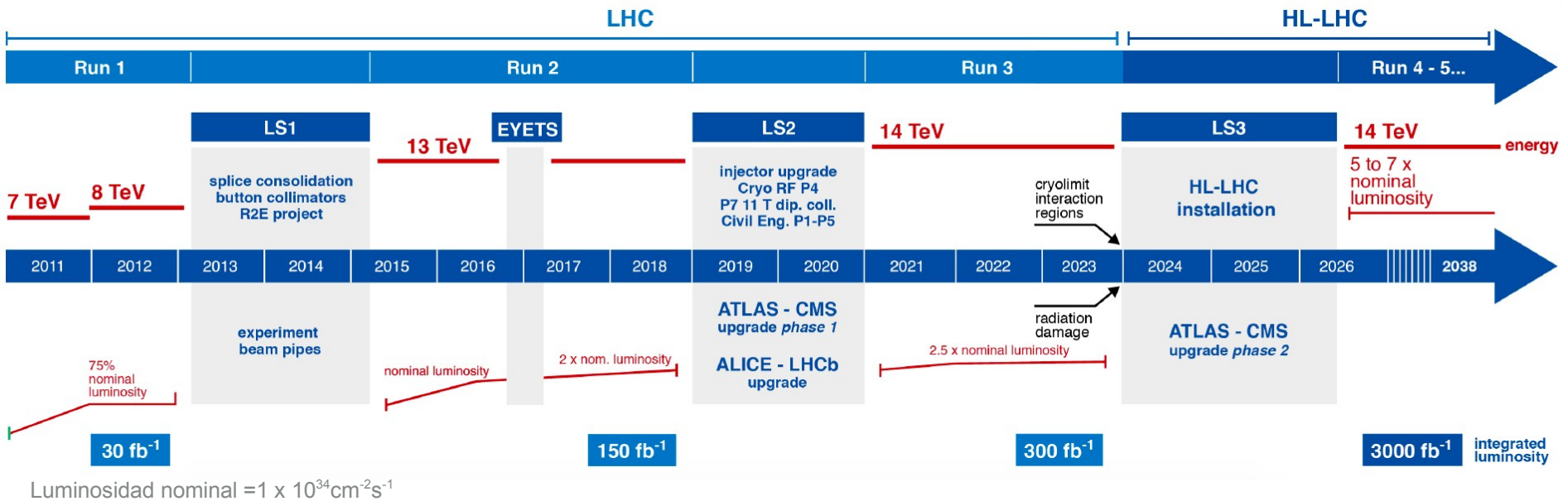
Strong limits for low-mass DM-nucleon cross section.

Collider limits stronger than direct detection for spin-dependent interactions.

Model dependent comparisons, different for different coupling values.



HL-LHC & ATLAS



ATLAS upgrades include

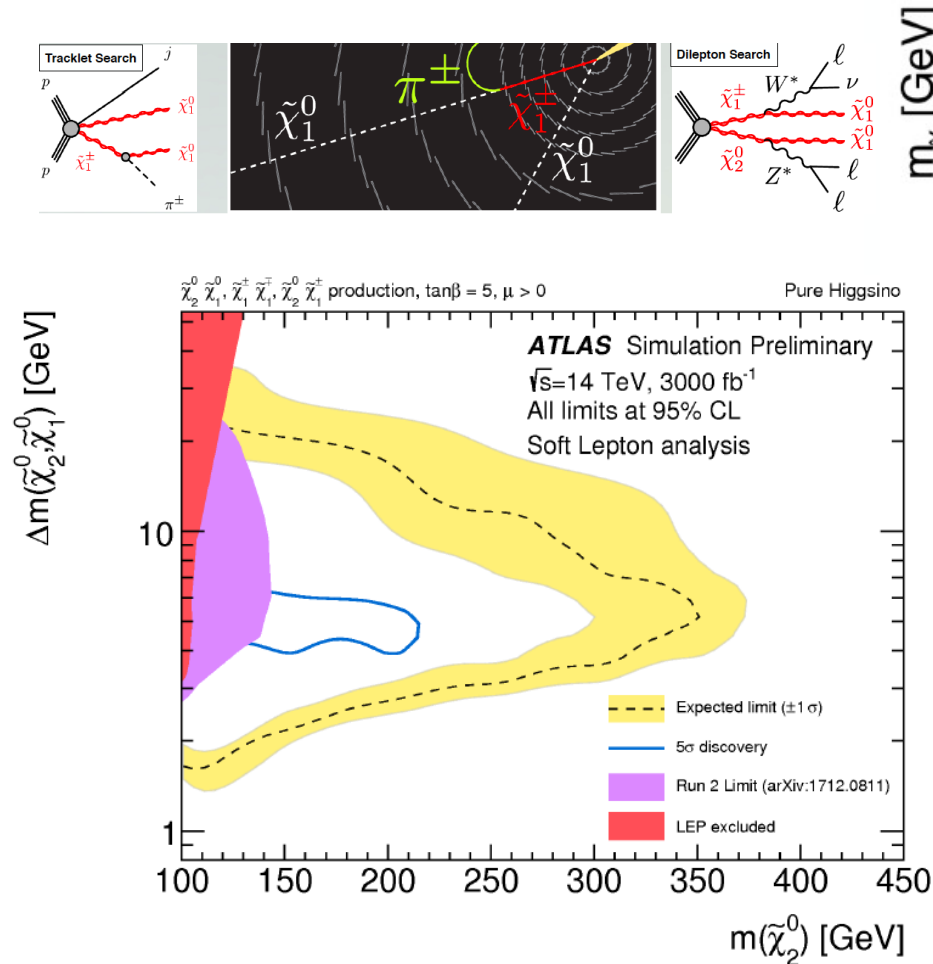
- DAQ and trigger systems (L1 and HLT - 10 kHz)
- Inner tracker (ITk): new all-Si tracker with $|\eta| < 4.0$
- Electronics upgrade for LAr and Tile calorimeters, muon system
- New muon chamber in the inner endcap region
- High granularity timing detector in endcap 30 ps timing resolution



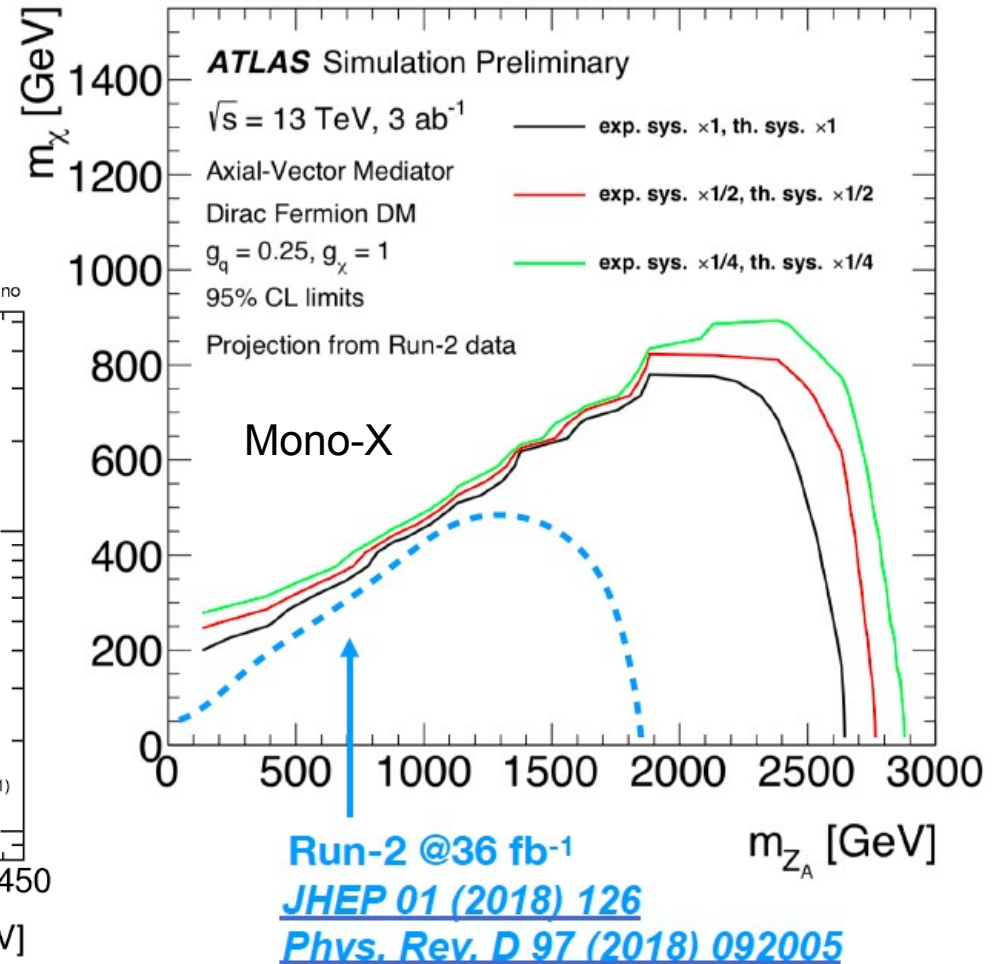
$\langle \mu \rangle \sim 200 \text{ t}\bar{\text{t}} \text{ events}$

Physics prospects HL-LHC

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Large tracking improvements



With 3000/fb, the discovery potential and the exclusion limits on the mediator mass are 2.5 -3 TeV depending on uncertainties

Conclusions

- Very extensive set of BSM analyses but no evidence for any new physics yet
 - masses in simplified models reaching the natural 2 TeV limit
- Up to now searches in ideal models based on simple BR assumption and straightforward parameter values
 - unexplored phase space for lower masses in more complicated scenarios
- In the near future more data is to be added ($\sim 150 - 300 - 3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$)
 - many unconventional signatures and models to be explored
 - not only accumulate luminosity but improvements in performances and new analysis strategies and techniques



straightforward



unconventional

Backup slides