



# Exotic searches at the LHC

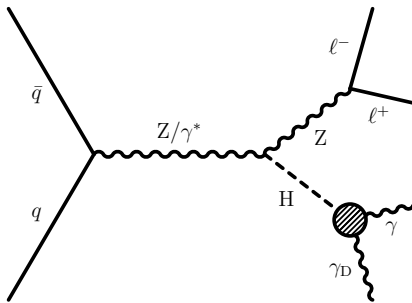
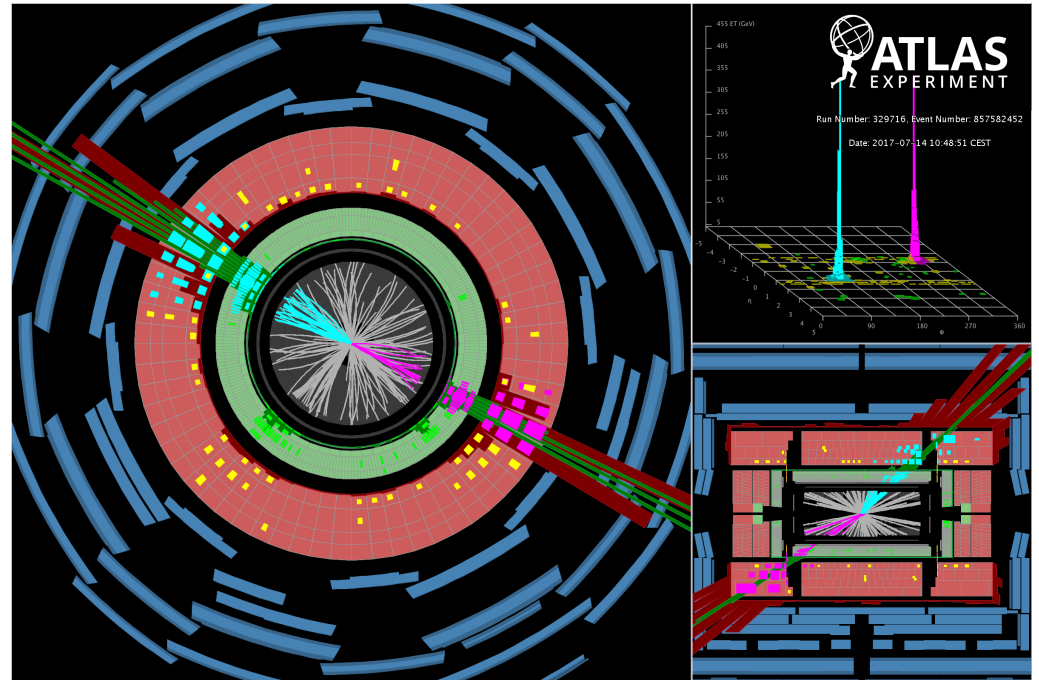
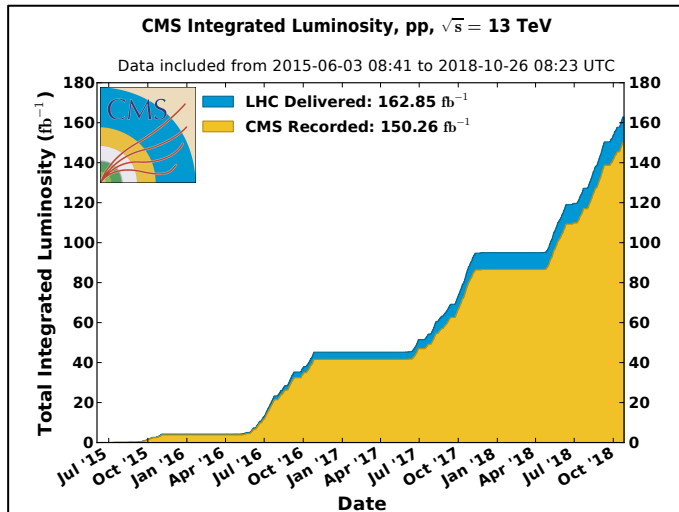
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# Introduction

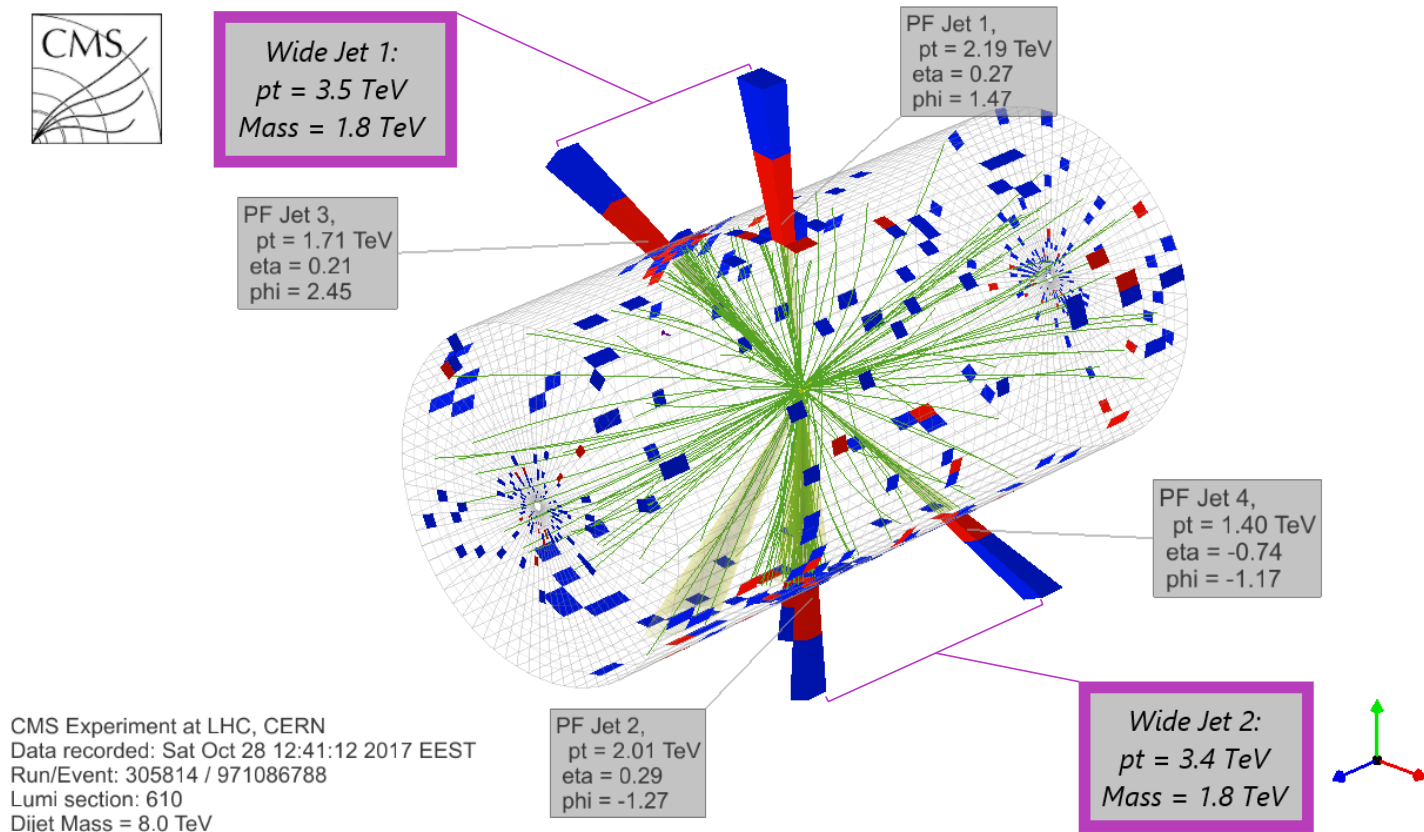
- ✧ This talk presents recent results on searches for **physics beyond the Standard Model**
- Searches for BSM resonances.
- Dark sector: searches for dark matter and dark photons.
- Searches for BSM long-lived particles exploiting non-conventional signatures.



# Resonances

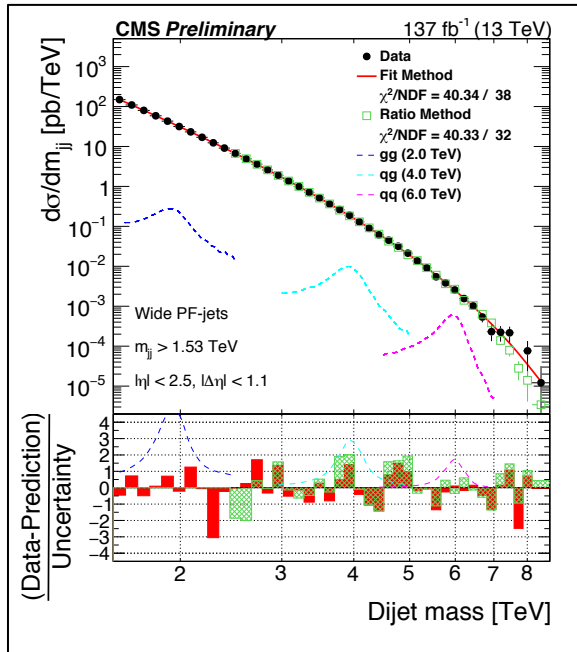
# Resonances: dijet

- The dijet signature is a very generic approach to searching for new exotic resonances.
- A number of theoretical models predict such a final state:  
*string resonances (Regge excitations of  $q/g$ ) ; scalar diquarks (GUT E6) ;  
 quark compositeness ; RS gravitons ; DM mediators ; etc.*



- Several CMS and ATLAS analyses target the generic dijet signature, as well as its variations.
- Most basic signature : high-mass dijet final state.

# Resonances: dijet

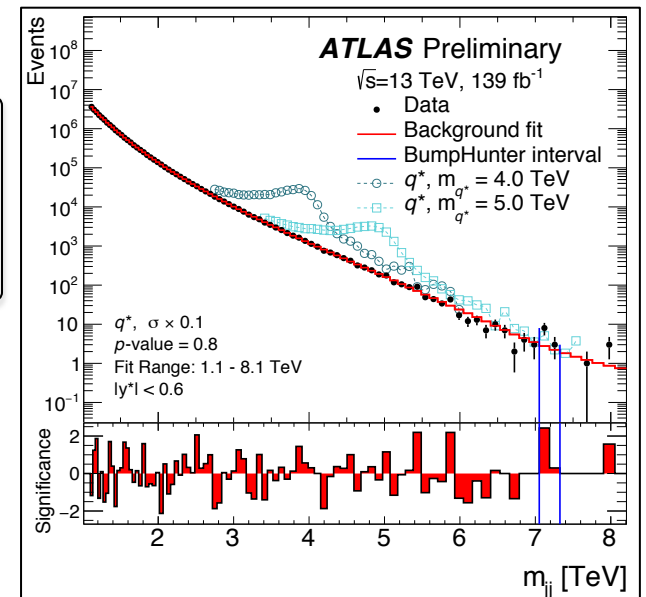


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- **Trigger:** OR of { HT>1050 ; 1 jet pT > 550 GeV }
- For each of the 2 leading jets, surrounding jets ( $\Delta R < 1.1$ ) are grouped into “wide jets”
- This reduces the impact of **gluon FSR**.
- **Suppress t-channel background** :  $|\Delta\eta| < 1.1$
- ✧ **Background fitted** in  $1.5 < m_{jj} < 2.4$  TeV
- Above 2.4 TeV : data-driven “**ratio method**” based on  $|\Delta\eta|$  control regions
- RM does not depend on the signal region, has smaller uncertainties, and higher significance for wider resonances.

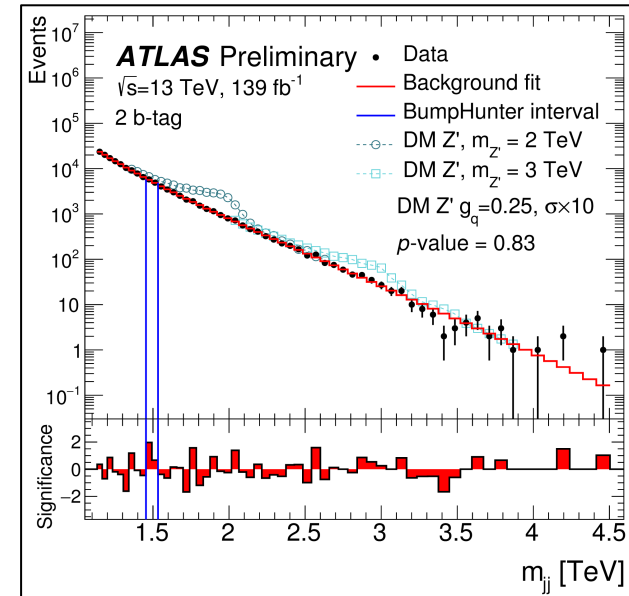
- **Trigger:** 1 jet pT > 420 GeV
- Jets: two leading jets pT > 150 GeV.
- Suppress t-channel :  $0.5 * |y_1 - y_2| < 0.6$
- Fit background to the data.

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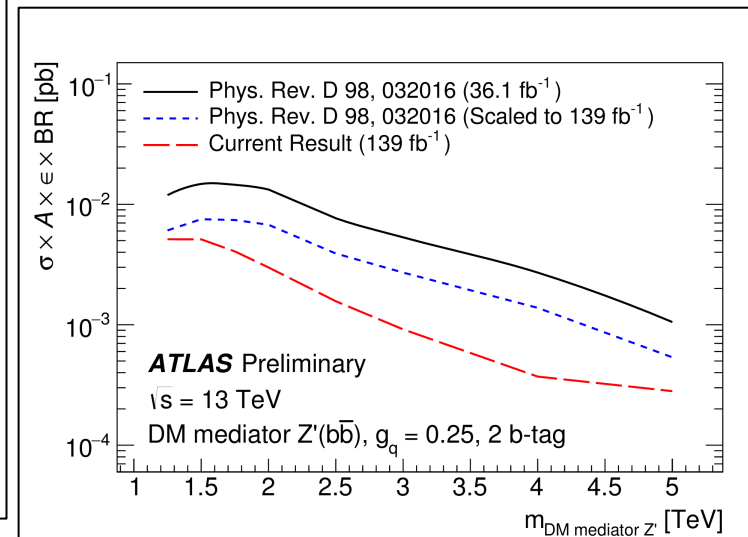
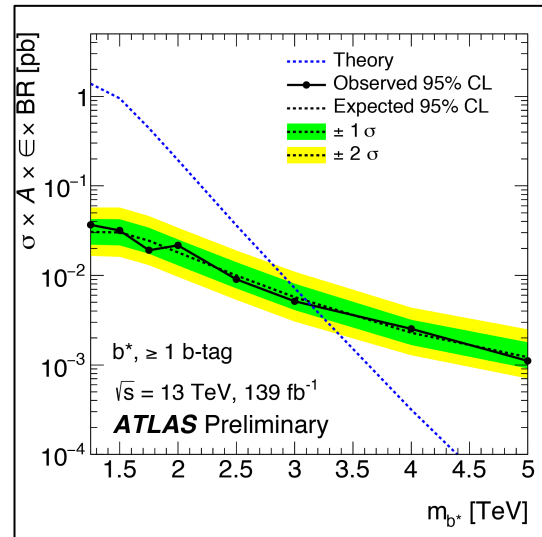


# Resonances: bb

- Preliminary ATLAS results on the search for dijets from bb quarks, using full Run 2 data.
- Signal models:  $b^*$ , DM  $Z'(bb)$ , SSM, KK gravitons, etc.
- Adding categories:  $\geq 1$  b jet ; 2 b jets. Identification of b jets using a deep neural network (based on impact parameter of tracks and displaced vertices).



$1b$	$b^*$	3.2 TeV
$2b$	DM mediator $Z'$ , $g_q = 0.20$	2.8 TeV
	DM mediator $Z'$ , $g_q = 0.25$	2.9 TeV
	SSM $Z'$ ,	2.7 TeV
	graviton, $k/\overline{M}_{\text{PL}} = 0.2$	2.8 TeV

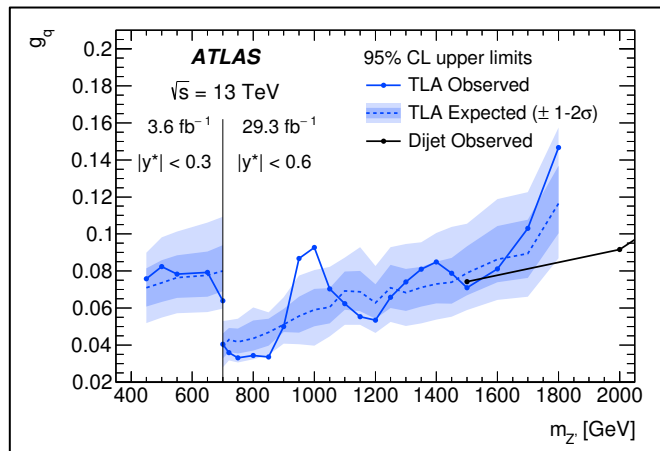


# Low-mass resonances

- In order to search for **low-mass resonances**, the **trigger strategy** must be adapted wrt the high-mass analysis.
- **First option:** “data scouting” (CMS : [JHEP 08 \(2018\) 130](#)) / “trigger-level analysis” (ATLAS : *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 121 (2018) 081801)
- *Record a reduced event content & perform the analysis using trigger objects. Sensitive mass range: 450 – 1000 GeV.*
- **Second option:** exploit boosted dijets recoiling against **ISR** object
  - ISR photon/jet: ATLAS (*Phys. Lett. B* 788 (2019) 316). ISR photon: CMS ([arXiv:1905.10331](#)). ISR jet: CMS ([arXiv:1909.04114](#))

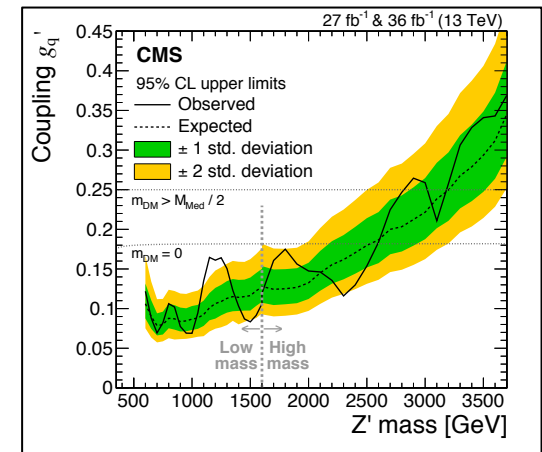
## ATLAS Trigger-Level Analysis

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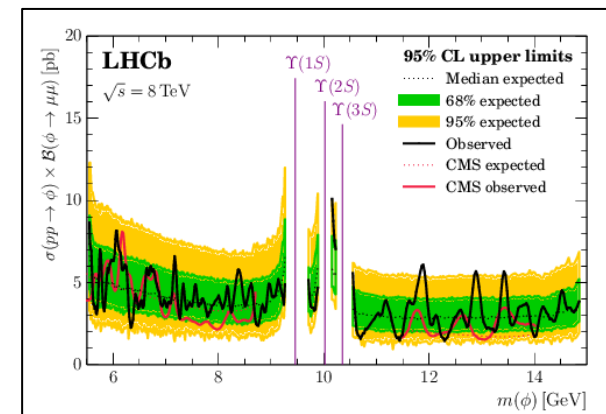
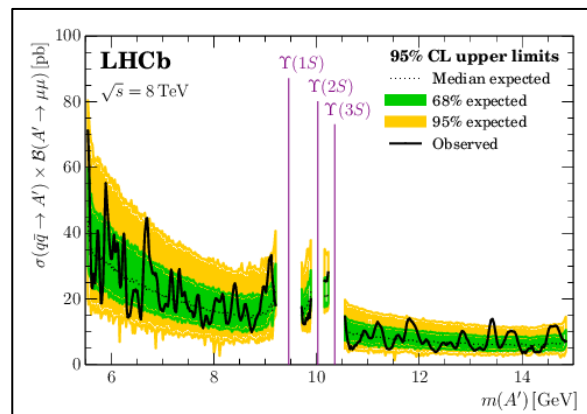
## CMS Scouting

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## LHCb very low mass dimuon

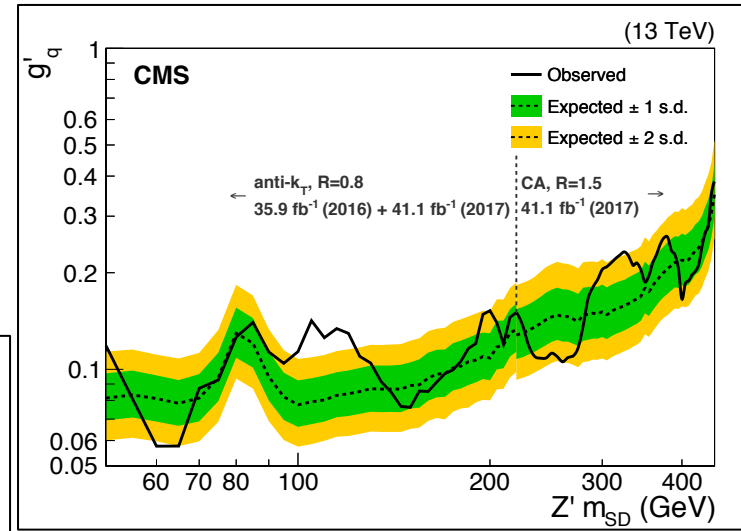
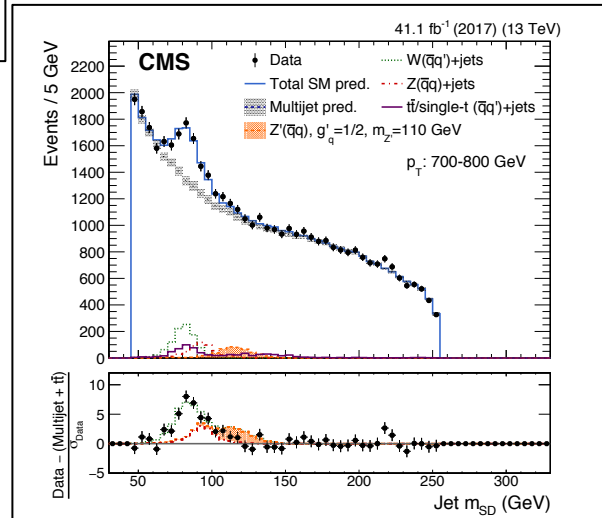
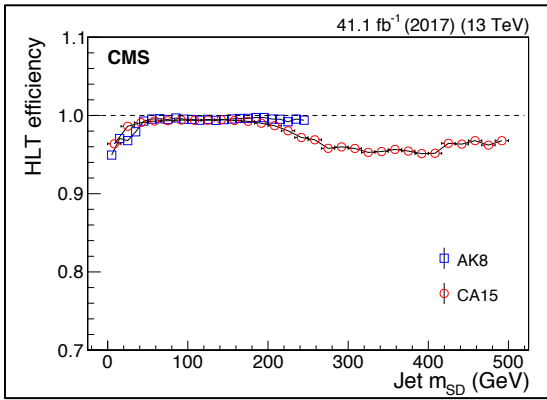
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# Low-mass resonances: boosted dijet

## Search for a low-mass resonance recoiling against ISR jet then decaying into a boosted dijet

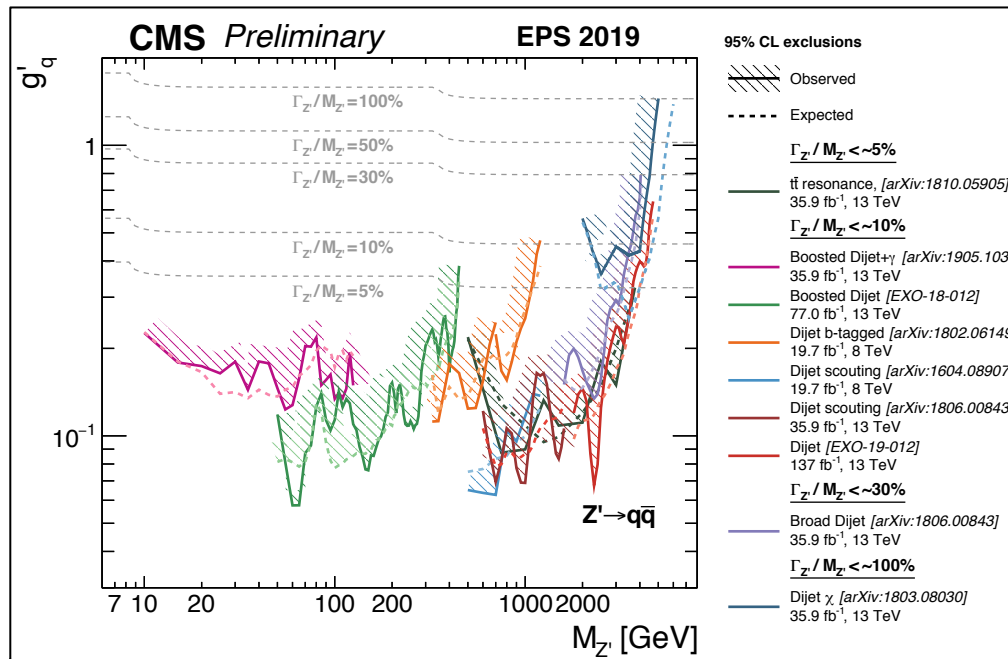
- ✧ **Trigger:** Anti-kT (R=0.8) jets. Trimming: recluster jet constituents into kT subjets (R=0.2) ; discard soft components ( $p_T / p_T(\text{jet}) < 0.03$ ).
- ✧ **Offline jets:** Anti-kT R=0.8 for  $m < 175$  GeV. Cambridge-Aachen R=1.5 above.
  - **“Soft drop”:** cleans out soft and wide-angle radiation → reduces mass of QCD jets, but not W/Z/Z'
  - Jet substructure's consistency with 2 prongs is checked.
- ✧ **Dominant background:** QCD evaluated in data control regions (based on substructure variables).



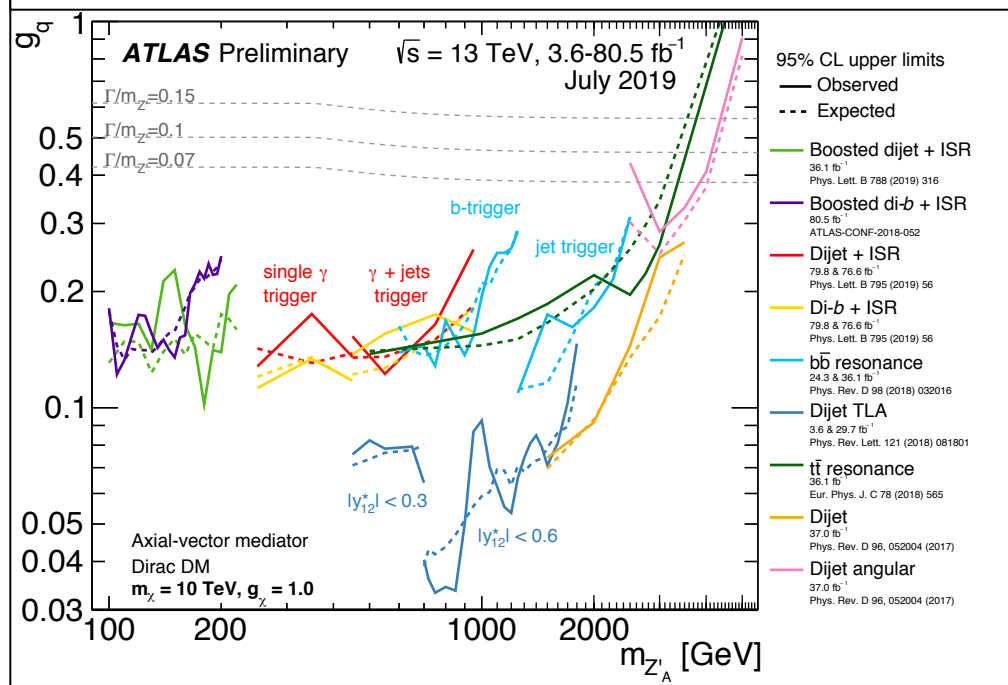
- ✧ **Upper limits on Z' – q coupling**
  - $g' > 0.4$  excluded for  $m_{Z'}$  in 50 - 450 GeV
  - $g' > 0.2$  excluded for  $m_{Z'} < 250$  GeV
  - Most sensitive limits to date in 50 – 300 GeV
  - First direct limits for leptophobic Z' to wide jet, in the 300 – 450 GeV range.



# Resonances: dijet summary



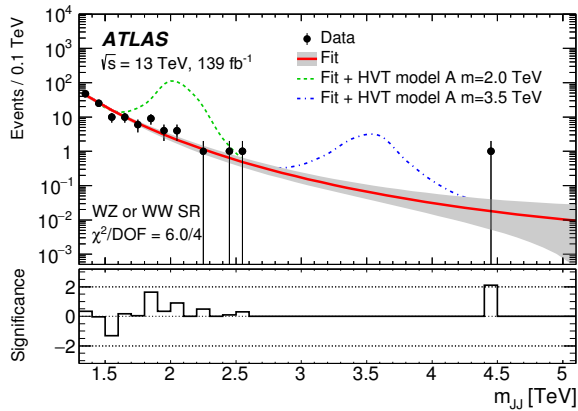
- Limits range from 10 GeV ( $g'_q < 0.2$ ) to 4.5 TeV ( $g'_q < 0.45$ ).
- Grey dashed lines:  $g'_q$  values at fixed values of  $\Gamma_{Z'}/M_{Z'}$
- Broad dijet analysis: valid for  $\Gamma_{Z'}/M_{Z'} \leq 5\%$
- Dijet  $\chi$  analysis: valid for  $\Gamma_{Z'}/M_{Z'} \leq 100\%$
- $t\bar{t}$  analysis: valid for  $\Gamma_{Z'}/M_{Z'} \leq 5\%$
- In all other analyses, the intrinsic width is assumed to be negligible compared to the experimental resolution.
  - They are valid for  $\Gamma_{Z'}/M_{Z'} \leq 10\%$



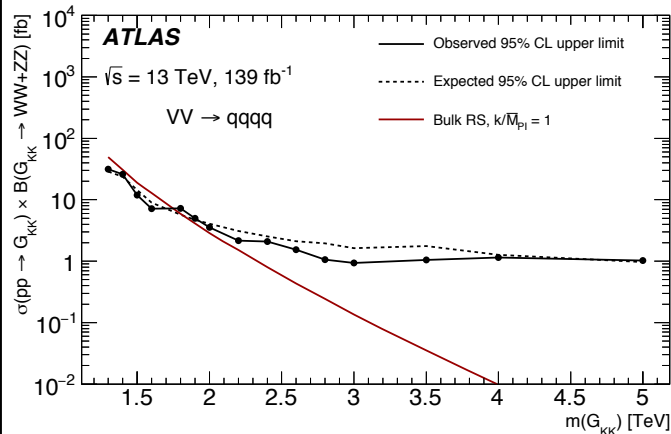
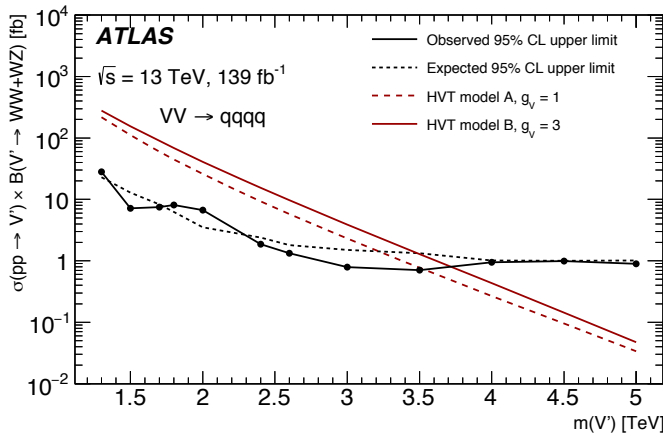
- Limits range from 100 GeV ( $g'_q < 0.2$ ) to 5 TeV ( $g'_q < 0.9$ )
- TLA dijet  $|y^*| < 0.6$  : sensitive up to  $\Gamma/m_{Z'} = 0.07$
- TLA dijet  $|y^*| < 0.3$  & dijet + ISR : sensitive up to  $\Gamma/m_{Z'} = 0.1$
- Dijet & di-b searches: sensitive up to  $\Gamma/m_{Z'} = 0.15$
- Dijet angular analysis: sensitive up to  $\Gamma/m_{Z'} = 0.50$
- $t\bar{t}$  resonance: no limitation in sensitivity from  $\Gamma/m_{Z'}$

# Resonances: diboson

- Dibosons
- Spin-0 radion decaying into WW or ZZ. Spin-1 HVT ( $W' \rightarrow WZ$  ;  $Z' \rightarrow WW$ ). Spin-2 RS/KK graviton (WW, ZZ).
- Studying here two channels:  $V' \rightarrow WW$  or  $WZ$  ;  $G_{KK}$  or radion  $\rightarrow WW$  or  $ZZ$ .



- ✧ **Trigger:** 1 anti-kT ( $R=1.0$ ) jet with  $p_T > 420$  to 440 GeV (from 2016 to 2018).
- ✧ **Offline jets:** anti-kT ( $R=1.0$ ) jets. Trimming: discard soft subjets ( $p_T / p_T(\text{jet}) < 0.05$ ).
- **Substructure** to identify boosted bosons: exploit jet mass and energy correlation functions.
- Check consistency with two prongs.
- Suppress further the QCD background by exploiting the charged hadron multiplicity.
- ✧ **Background** estimation: fit parametrised form to the dijet mass distribution. Model this parametric shape using 3 independent control regions.



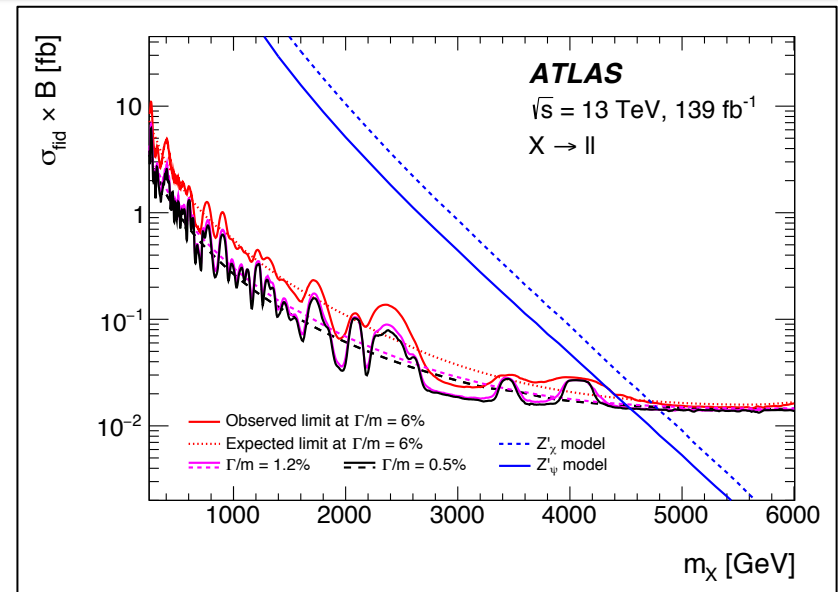
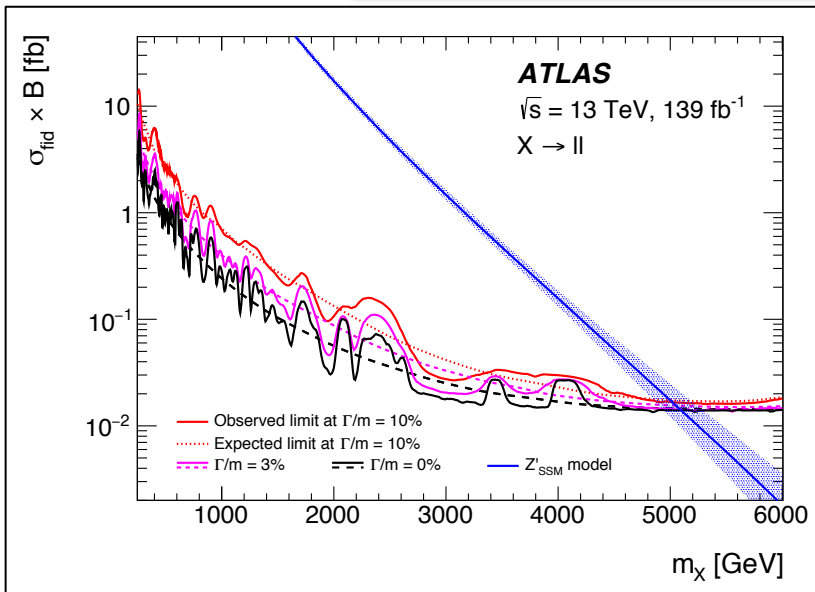
## Exclusion limits

- WW+WZ in the **HVT model A** ( $g_V = 1$ ):  
 $1.3 < m(V') < 3.5$  TeV
- WW+WZ in the **HVT model B** ( $g_V = 3$ ):  
 $1.3 < m(V') < 3.8$  TeV
- Exclusion of  $G_{KK}$  in the **bulk RS** model ( $k/M_{Pl} = 1$ ):  
 $1.3 < m(G_{KK}) < 1.8$  TeV

# Resonances: dilepton

- The dilepton signature is another generic approach to search for resonances, constraining a number of models:
- Spin 0: MSSM ( $BR(\mu\mu) > BR(ee)$ ).
- Spin 1 vector: Sequential Standard Model (SSM:  $Z'$  has same couplings to fermions as  $Z$ ), E6 GUT ( $Z'_\chi$  &  $Z'_\psi$ ), Heavy Vector Triplet (HVT).
- Spin 2: excited RS graviton

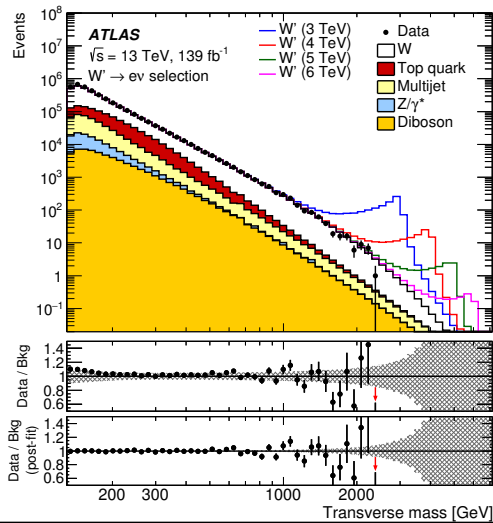
- Muon identification: dedicated high-pT working point (efficiency: 69% at 1 TeV).
- The background contribution to the invariant mass spectrum is fitted to the data using a functional form.
- Signal extraction  $\rightarrow$  generic signal shape functions are used: non-relativistic Breit-Wigner functions of various widths convolved with the detector resolution.



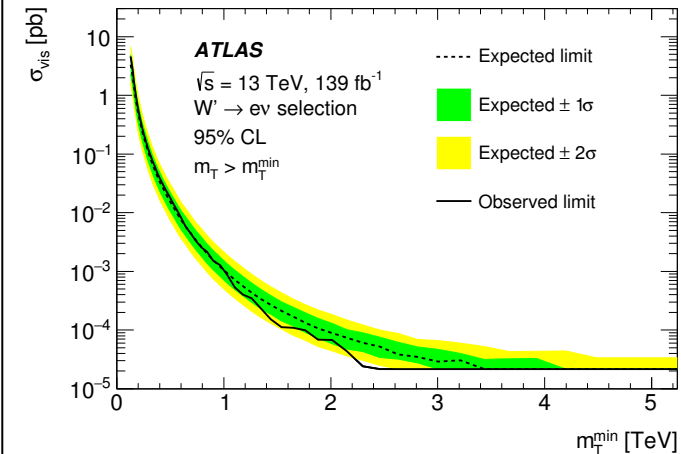
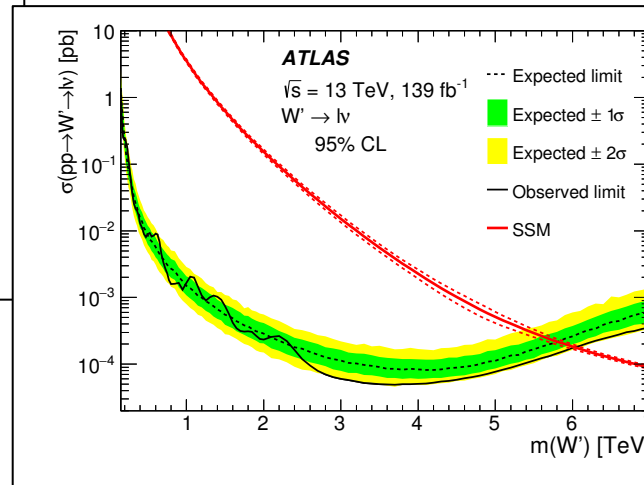
- Limits on the fiducial cross-section multiplied by the  $BR(ee, \mu\mu)$  for generic resonances (relative width: 0-10%).
- **Most stringent limits to date obtained on the  $Z'_\psi$  and  $Z'_{\text{SSM}}$  models:  $m(Z'_\psi) < 4.5 \text{ TeV}$      $m(Z'_{\text{SSM}}) < 5.1 \text{ TeV}$**

# Resonances: lepton + MET

- Charged resonances are also explored by exploiting the lepton + missing transverse momentum channel.
- Instead of the dilepton invariant mass, the transverse mass of the lepton + MET system is analyzed.
- Limits on the SSM  $W'$  boson are obtained (SSM:  $W' \rightarrow$  same couplings to fermions as  $W$ , suppressed couplings to bosons).
- Model-independent limits and constraints on generic fixed-width resonances are also produced, for reinterpretation purposes.



- QCD background: “matrix method” (evaluate jet to lepton fake rate in control regions) extrapolated to high  $m_T$ .
- Other backgrounds from MC ( $tt + VV$  extrapolated to high  $m_T$ ).

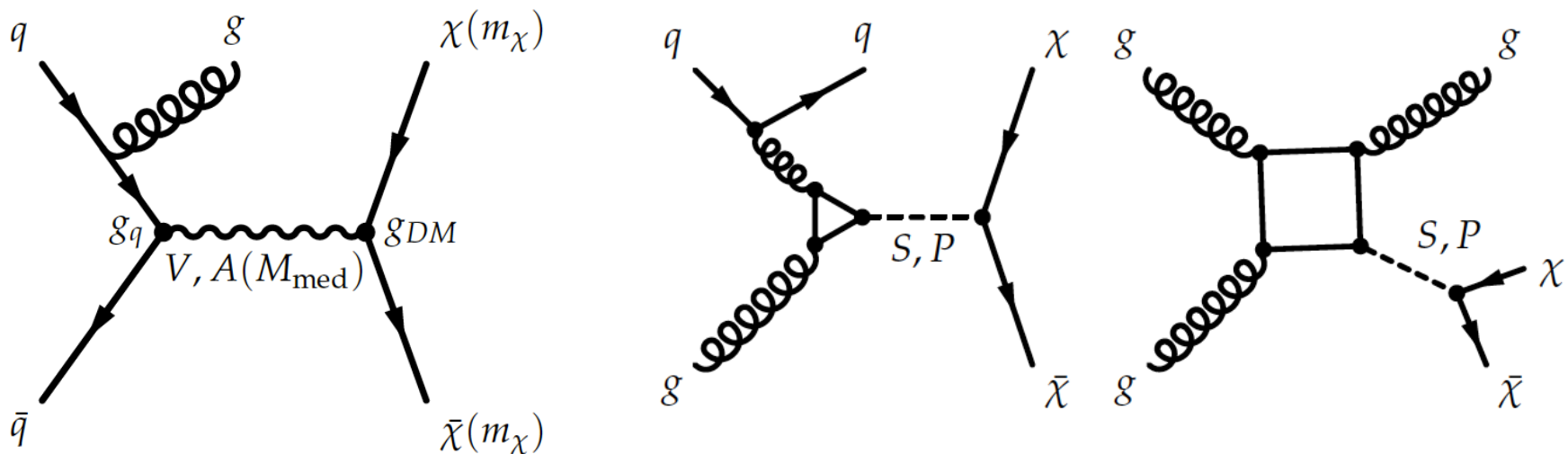


- Upper limits on **SSM  $W'$**  : masses up to **6 TeV** are excluded
- Model-independent **upper limits** in the  $e / \mu$  channel (single  $m_T$  bin analysis):  
 => from **4.6 / 15 pb** at  $m_T^{\text{min}} = 130 / 110 \text{ GeV}$  to **22 (22) ab** at high  $m_T^{\text{min}}$

# Dark Sector

# Dark Matter searches

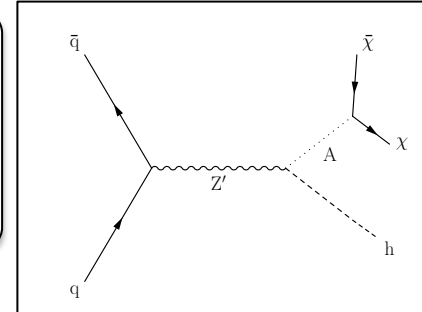
- ✧ **LHC searches** focus mostly on the **pair** production of **Weakly Interacting Massive Particles** (WIMPs)
- **Simplified models** are often used, involving a **single** mediator ( $Z'$ ) and a **single** type of WIMP ( $\chi$ )



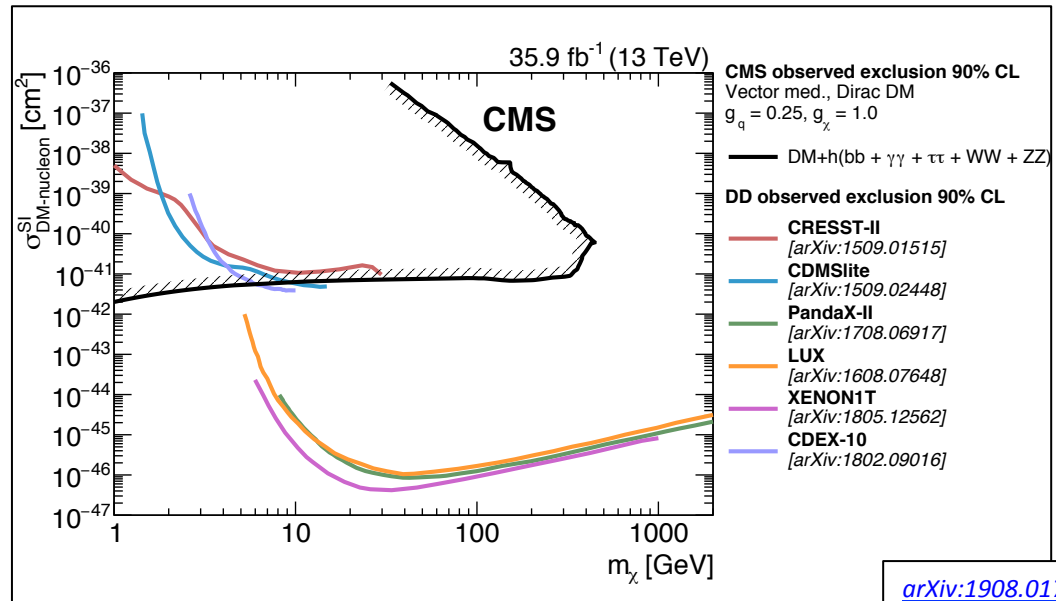
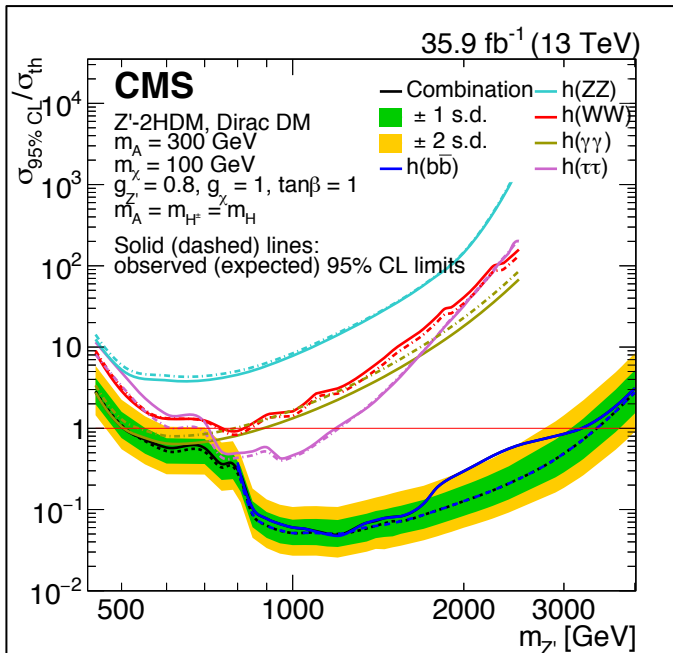
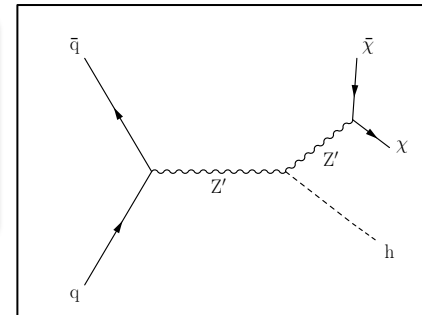
- **Mediator:** scalar/pseudo-scalar or vector/axial-vector, coupling to both **SM** and **DM** sectors
- **DM particle:** stable, neutral, weakly-interacting fermion
- **Parameters:** mediator mass and width ( $m_{Z'}, \Gamma_{Z'}$ ); DM mass ( $m_\chi$ ); mediator couplings ( $g_q; g_\chi$ )

# DM searches: mono-Higgs (CMS)

- Search for DM particles produced in association with a Higgs boson (arXiv:1908.01713).
- First search including mono-H(WW, ZZ) channels, combined with mono-H(bb,  $\tau\tau$ ,  $\gamma\gamma$ ).
- Two simplified models: Z'-2HDM ( $U(1)_{Z'}$  extension) ; baryonic Z' (new baryonic number).
- Limits are reinterpreted in terms of DM-nucleon interaction cross section.



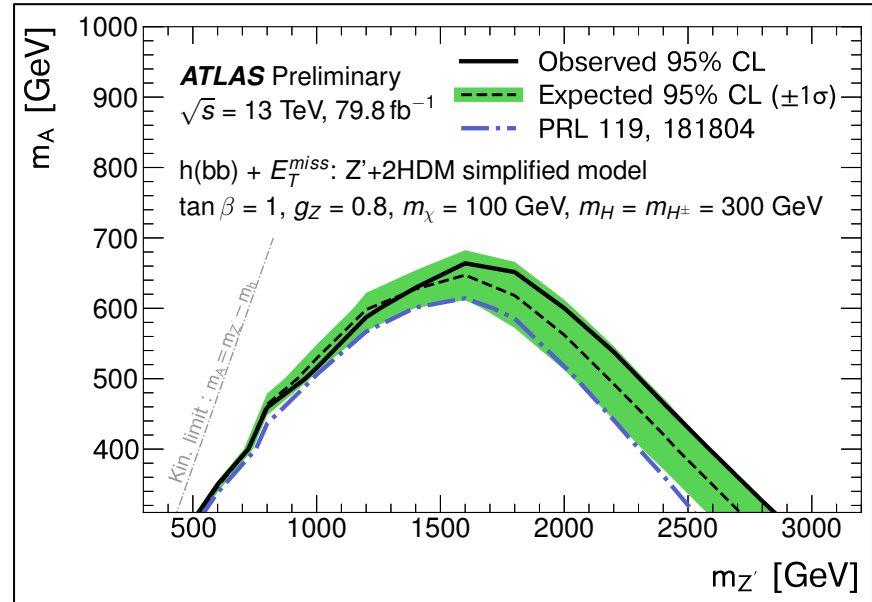
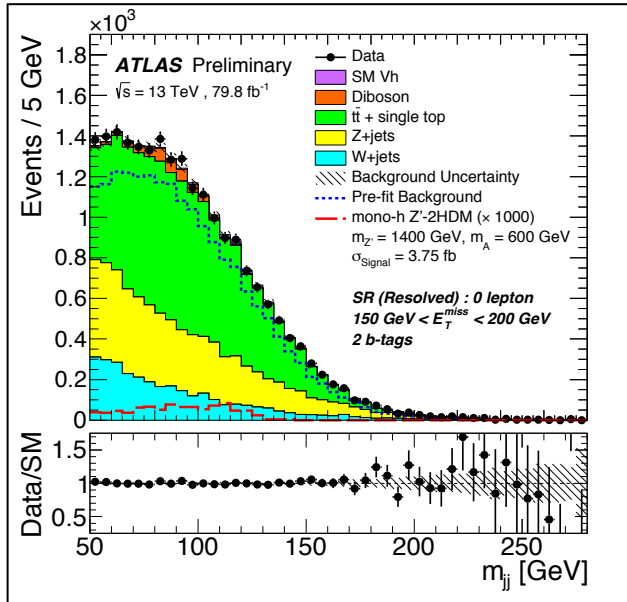
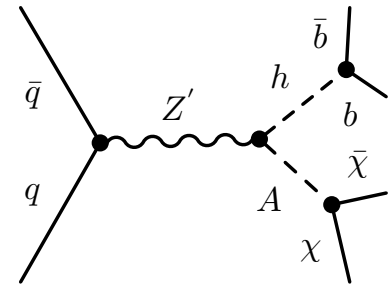
- Z'-2HDM: combination dominated by H(bb) at  $m_{Z'} > 800$  GeV. The gg, tt, WW channels provide the tightest constraints at lower mass.
- For the chosen set of parameters, the interaction cross section limits are more stringent than direct detection experiments for a DM mass between 1 and 5 GeV.



[arXiv:1908.01713](https://arxiv.org/abs/1908.01713)  
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# DM searches: mono-H(bb) (ATLAS)

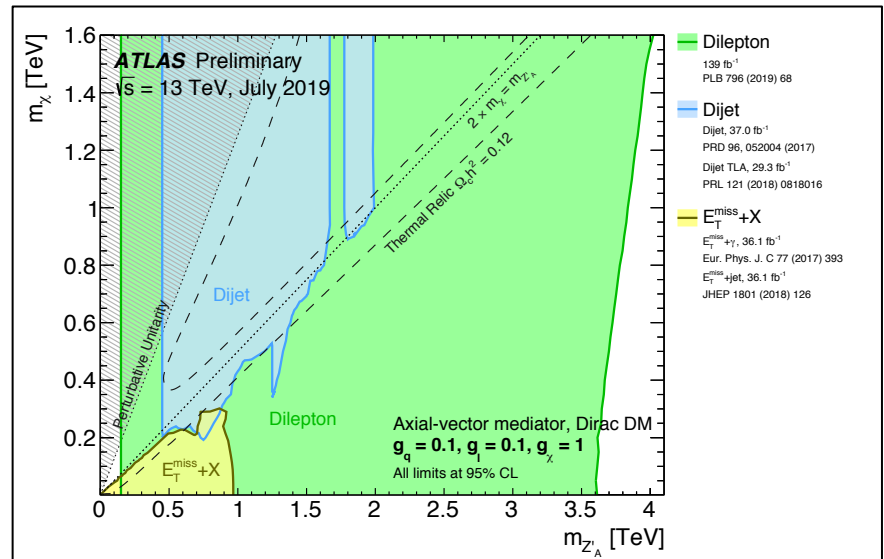
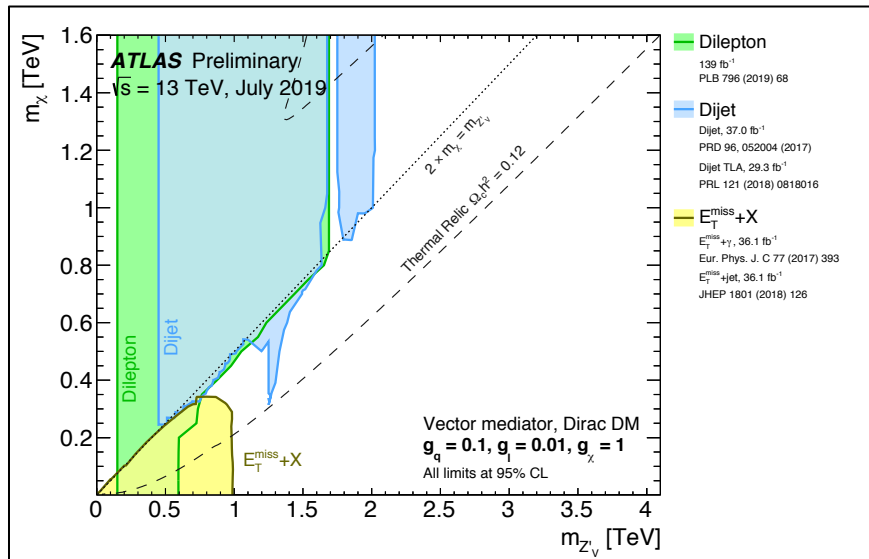
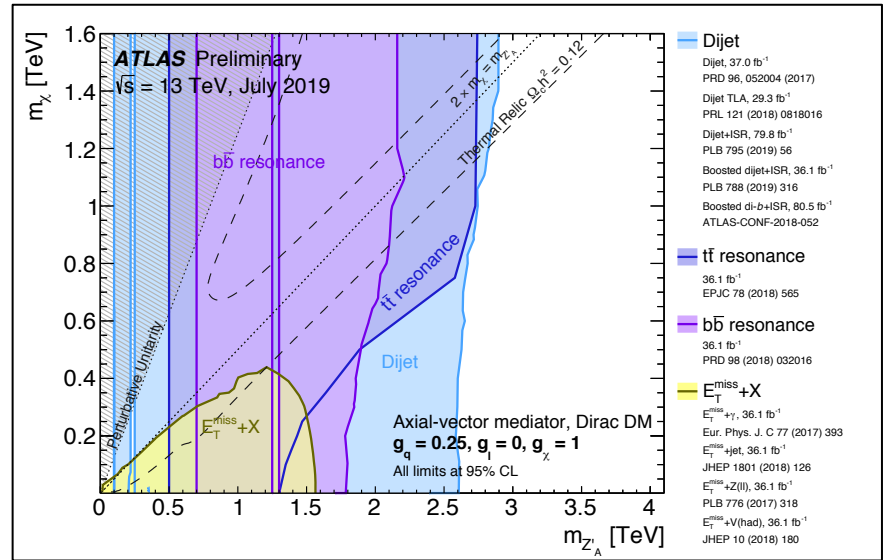
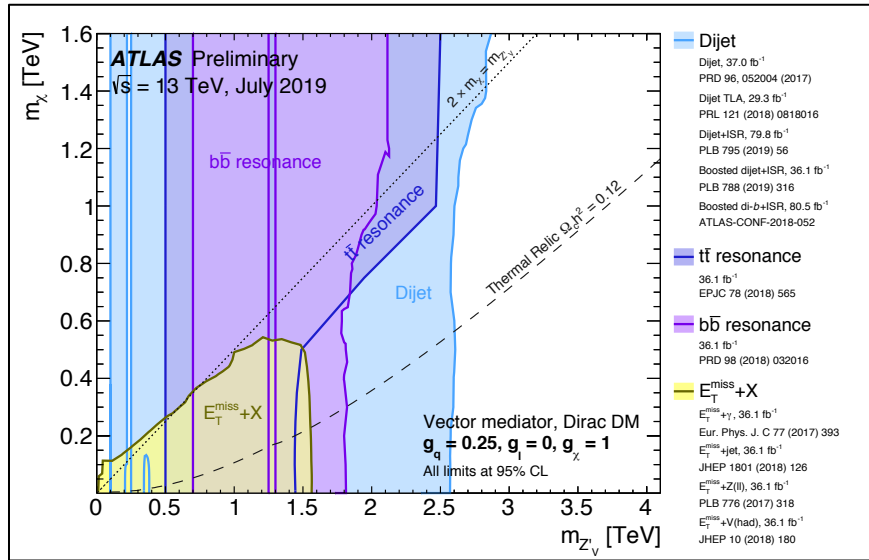
- ATLAS search for mono-H(bb) with 80 /fb. Interpretation in the context of the Z'-2HDM simplified model.
- Masses of the Z' are excluded up to 2.8TeV depending on the choices for other model parameters.



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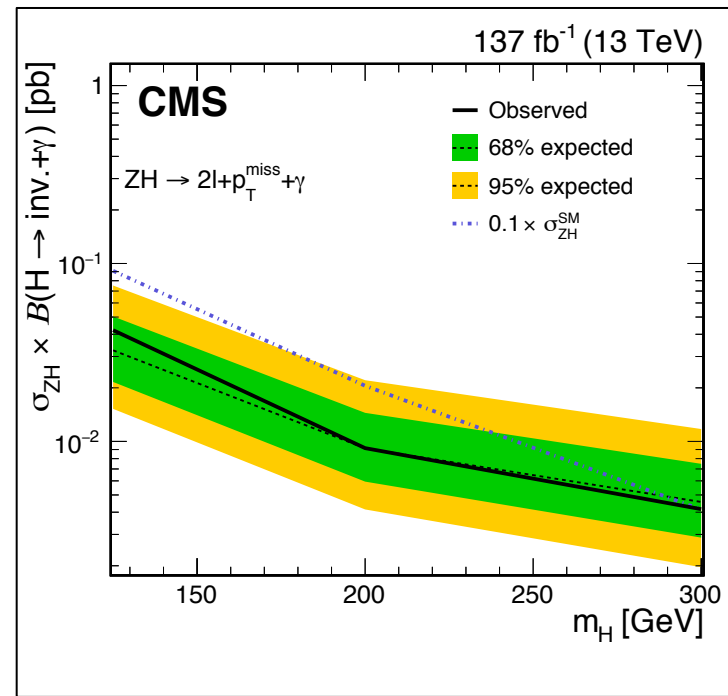
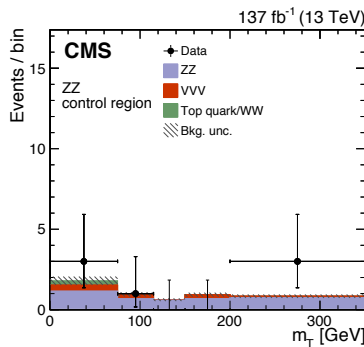
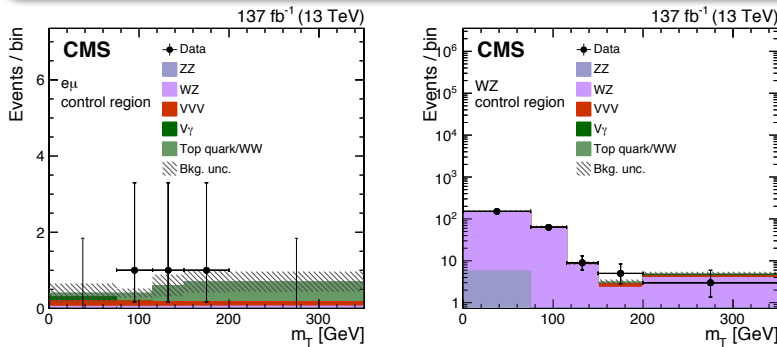
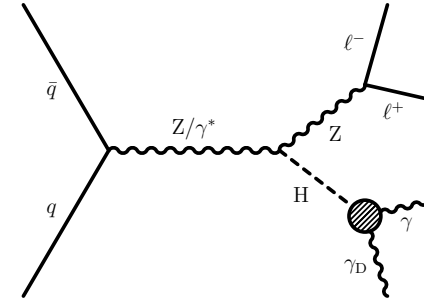
# DM searches summary: ATLAS



Masses of **leptophobic (leptophilic) vector and axial-vector mediators between 200 GeV and 2.5 TeV (3.5 TeV)**, for coupling values  $g_q = 0.25$  and  $g_\chi = 1$ , and  $m = 1$  TeV, are excluded at 95% CL.

# Dark photon searches (CMS)

- **Search for a massless dark photon in ZH decays** ([arXiv:1908.02699](https://arxiv.org/abs/1908.02699))
- It is however sensitive to BSM enhancements of the Higgs boson decay rate into an undetectable particle and a photon.
- It can also be used as a search for heavier Higgs bosons.



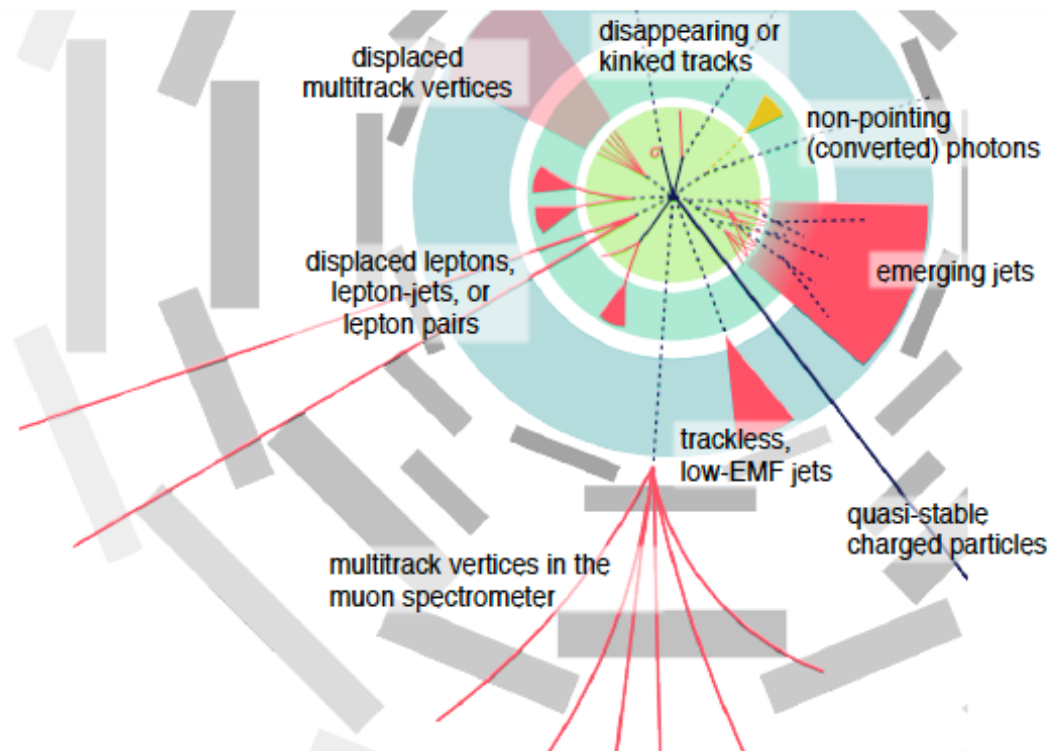
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- **Signature:** opposite-sign same-flavour dilepton compatible with a Z + large MET + isolated high-ET photon.
- WZ background suppressed by 3<sup>rd</sup> lepton veto. Top background suppressed by b-jet veto.
- Further topological requirement comparing the dilepton system to the (gamma + MET) system suppress Zgamma and Z+jets.
- **Observed (expected) limit on BR(H -> inv + gamma) at m\_H = 125 GeV : 4.6 (3.6) %.**

# BSM Long-Lived Particles

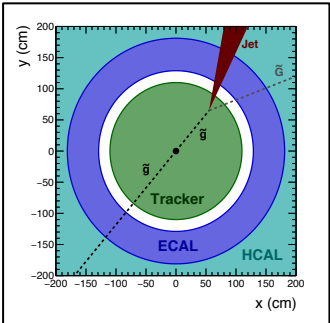
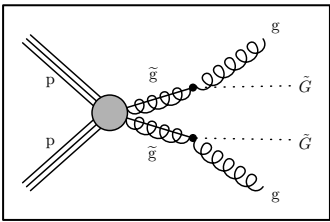
# Long-Lived Particles

- Most LHC searches for new physics, which focus on prompt signatures, did not reveal any sign of exotic particles so far.
- An increasing number of atypical (non-prompt) signatures are analyzed as well in order to explore the long-lived particle (LLP) territory.
- Searches are categorized based on their signatures, that can be backed up by several theoretical models (including simplified models).

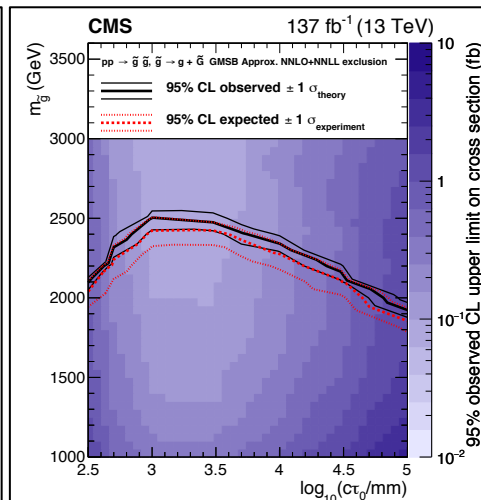
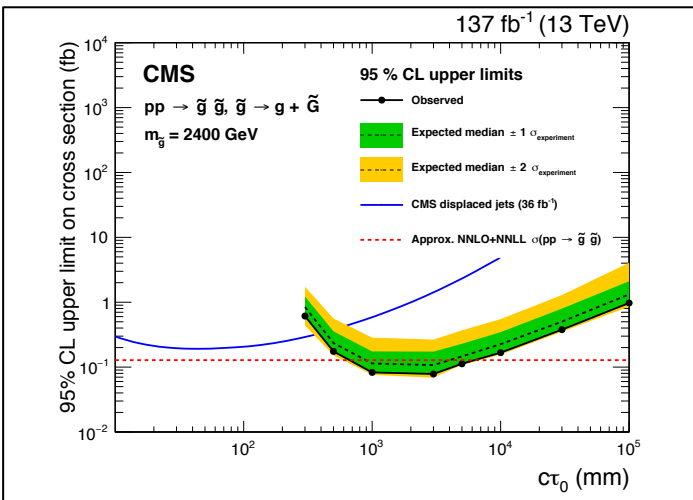
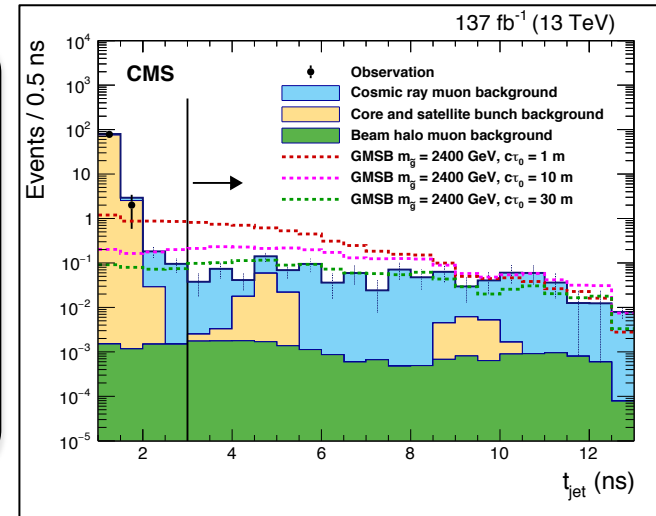


*from LHC LLP white paper (arXiv:1903.04497)*

# Displaced jet + MET (CMS)



- ✧ **Final state : displaced jets and missing transverse momentum**
- GMSB SUSY model:  $pp \rightarrow \tilde{g}(\tilde{G}g) + \tilde{g}(\tilde{G}g)$
- Pair-produced LL gluinos decay into gluons that form displaced jets, and gravitinos that escape the detector.
- CMS ECAL timing capabilities are exploited.
- Trigger: MET > 120 GeV & MHT > 120 GeV
- **Major backgrounds:** cosmic muons; ECAL timing tails from “core” LHC BX; activity from “satellite” BX; beam halo muons.



- **Jet selection:** various cuts (e.g. timing) suppress instrumental and beam backgrounds.
- **Event selection:** suppress MET instrumental/beam contamination ; reject cosmic muons.
- **Background evaluation:** data-driven methods using control and validation regions based on noise-cleaning variables.

✧ **Results: exclusion limits**

- **Glino masses up to 2100, 2500, and 1900 GeV are excluded at 95% CL for  $c\tau$  of 0.3, 1, and 100 m (respectively)**

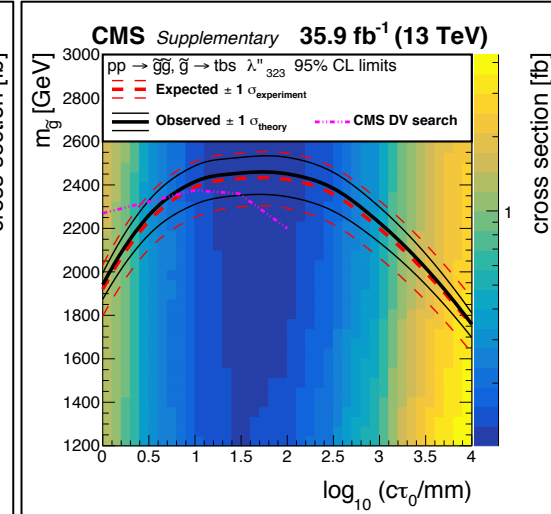
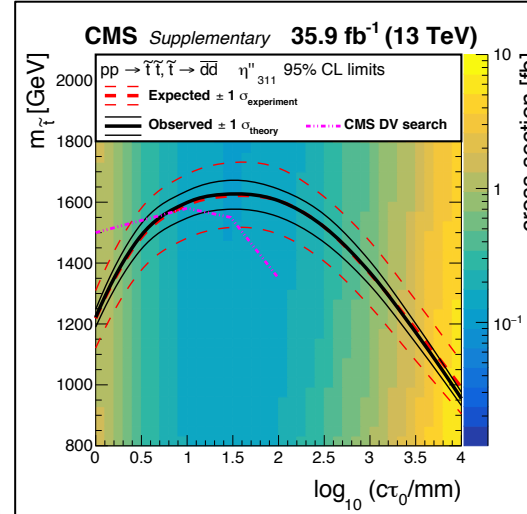
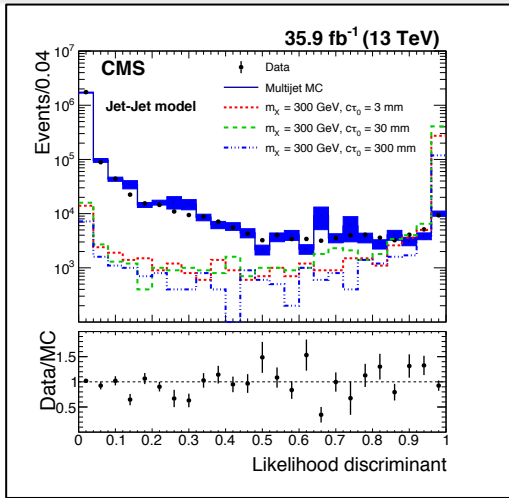
- 95% CL upper limit on  $\sigma(pp \rightarrow \tilde{g} \tilde{g})$
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- Limit in the  $(m_{\tilde{g}} ; c\tau)$  plane

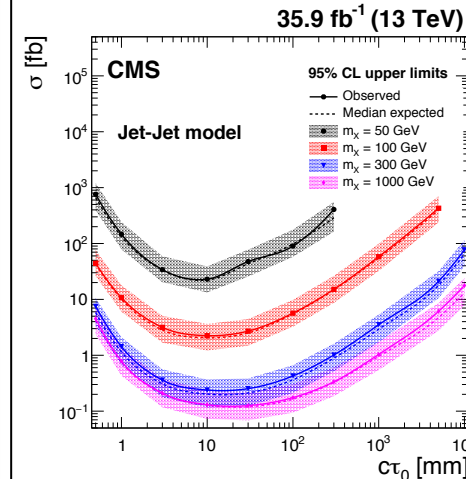
# Displaced jets (CMS)

## ➤ Search for LLP decaying into displaced jets

- Simplified model:  $pp \rightarrow \chi(qq) \chi(qq)$  where  $\chi$  is a neutral LLP that decays into a quark-antiquark pair (u,d,c,s,b at equal BR)
- Mass range: 5 – 3000 GeV      Decay length range: 1 mm – 10 m
- Other models: GMSB SUSY ( $pp \rightarrow \tilde{g}(\tilde{G}g) + \tilde{g}(\tilde{G}g)$ ); RPV SUSY ( $\tilde{g}(tbs)$ ,  $\tilde{t}(bl)$ ); dynamical RPV SUSY ( $\tilde{t}(d\bar{d})$ ).



- **Trigger:** 2 jets (at most 1 prompt track and at least 1 displaced track) + HT
- Secondary vertices are fitted using displaced tracks associated with each dijet, they must verify  $\chi^2$ , mass, and  $p_T$  conditions. An observable characterizing the dijet's prompt activity is also used.
- **Background evaluation:** likelihood discriminant based on the vertex track multiplicity and transverse displacement.



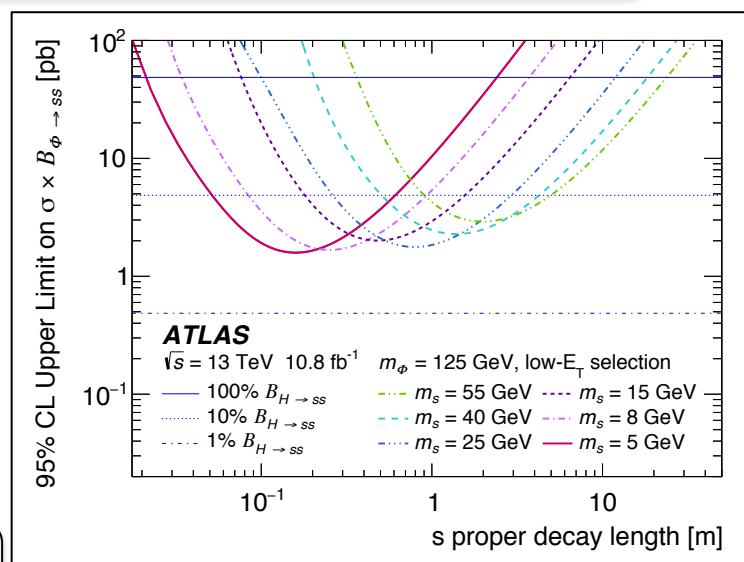
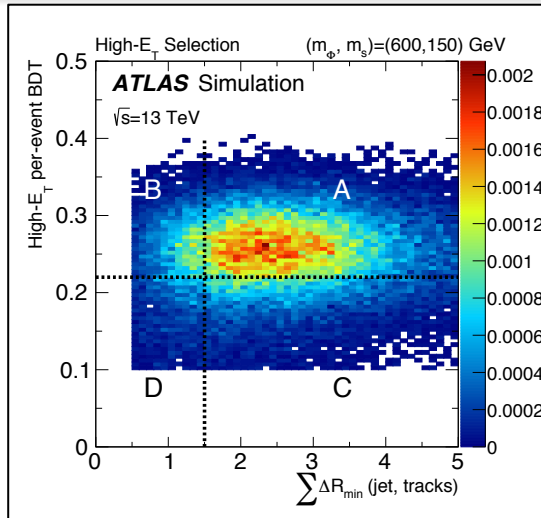
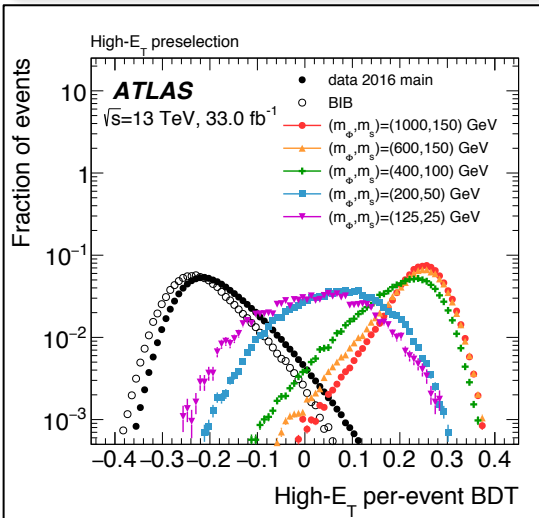
### ✧ Results: 95% CL exclusion limits

- **Simplified model:** upper limit of **0.2 fb** for  $m_\chi = 1000$  GeV and  $c\tau$  between **3 and 130 mm**.

Model	Mass (GeV)	$c\tau$ (mm)
GMSB $\tilde{g}(\tilde{G}g)$	< 2300	20 - 110
RPV $\tilde{g}(tbs)$	< 2400	10 - 250
RPV $\tilde{t}(bl)$	< 1350	7 - 110
dRPV $\tilde{t}(d\bar{d})$	< 1600	10 - 110

# Displaced jets (ATLAS)

- **Search for neutral LLP decaying into displaced hadronic jets in the ATLAS calorimeter**
  - Simplified Hidden Sector model: neutral boson  $\Phi$  (125 – 1000 GeV) + neutral scalar  $s$  (5 – 400 GeV) :  $\Phi \rightarrow s s \rightarrow 4$  fermions
  - Assuming  $\text{BR}(s \rightarrow f) = \text{BR}(H_{125} \rightarrow f)$  implies 85% of the decays are in the  $bb$  final state (for  $m_s \geq 25$  GeV)
  - $s(qq)$  decays into a single jet, narrower than SM ones, without any track, with a large  $E_{\text{HAD}} / E_{\text{EM}}$  ratio.



- ✧ **Trigger:** jets with topological conditions, noise cleaning, track veto, beam-induced background (BIB) removal.
- ✧ **Jet selection:**
  - 1 multilayer perceptron to get decay positions ( $L_{xy}$ ,  $L_z$ )
  - multiclassifier BDT (signal, QCD, BIB).
- ✧ **Event selection:** BDT (BIB vs signal)

- ✧ **Background estimation:** ABCD method
  - $\sum \Delta R$ : summed angular distance between each jet's axis and the closest track
  - Per-event BDT value
- ✧ Accounts for non-zero signal contamination in control regions.
- *Fitting simultaneously signal and bkg*
- ✧ Main source of uncertainty (25%).

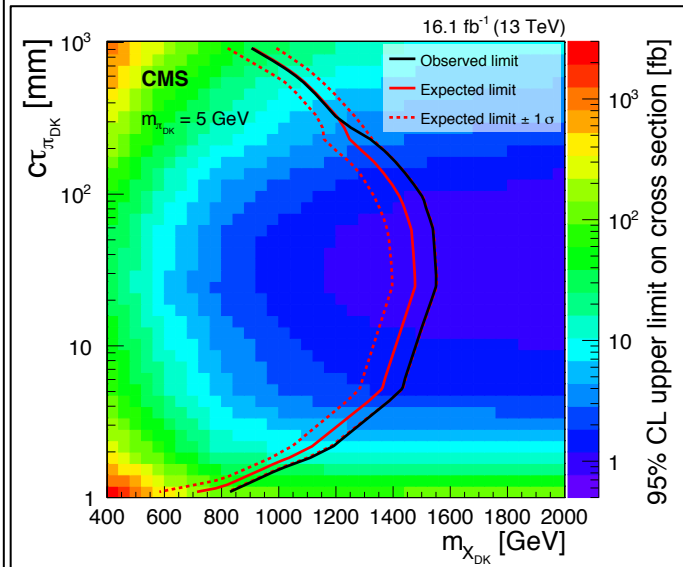
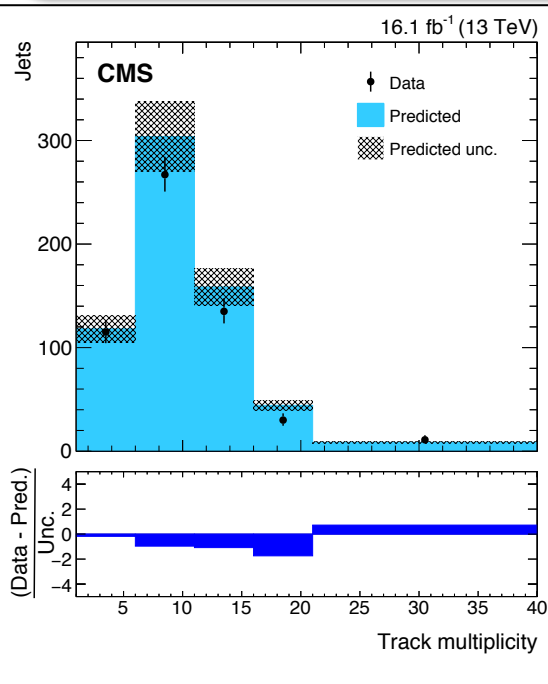
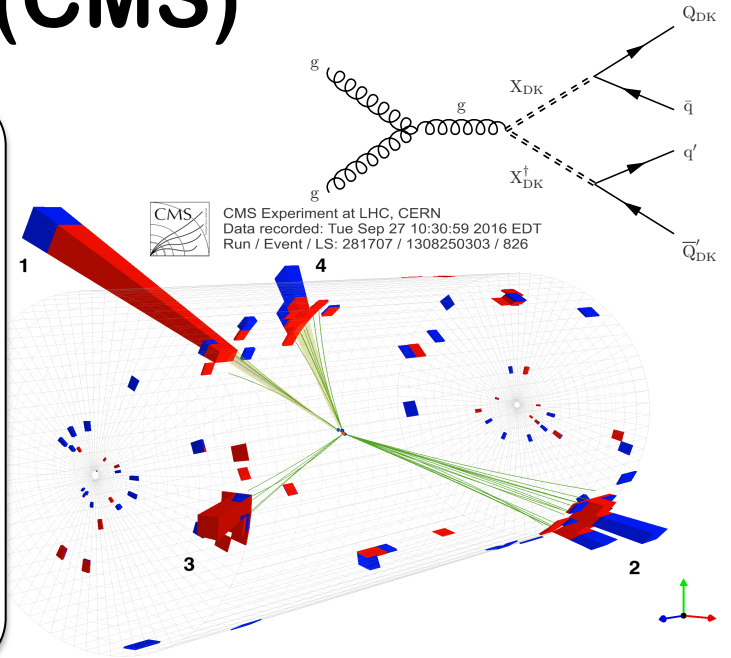
- ✧ **Results: exclusion limits**
  - 95% CL observed upper limit on  $\sigma(\Phi) \times \text{BR}(\Phi \rightarrow ss)$
  - Example plot above: assumes a mediator similar to the Higgs boson (ie  $m = 125$  GeV)
  - Upper limit is divided by the  $ggH$  production cross section at 13 TeV (ie  $48.58 \text{ pb}$ ).

Assuming **BR=10%**, LLPs ( **$m = 5$  to  $55$  GeV**) are excluded in a  **$c\tau$**  range of  **$5 \text{ cm}$  to  $5 \text{ m}$** .

# Emerging jets (CMS)

◇ **Final state : prompt jets + emerging jets**

- **Dark QCD model:** assumes DM is made of dark quarks ( $Q_{DK}$ ) that interact with SM particles through a complex scalar mediator  $X_{DK}$
- **Signature:** 2 jets from SM quarks + 2 jets from dark quarks (forming dark pions).
- The **emerging jet (EMJ) identification** makes use of observables based on the event's tracks topology and kinematics. Several sets of event selection criteria are defined. Each signal point is assigned the set that maximizes the significance.
- **Background evaluation:** evaluate the probability for a QCD (b, light) jet to pass the EMJ criteria (main source of uncertainty).



◇ **Results: exclusion limits**

- For  $M(X_{DK})$  in 400 – 1250 GeV : dark pions with  $ct$  in 5 – 225 mm are excluded
- The excluded  $ct$  range is wider at lower  $M(X_{DK})$  masses.
- The limit depends weakly on  $M(Q_{DK})$  for values between 1 and 10 GeV.

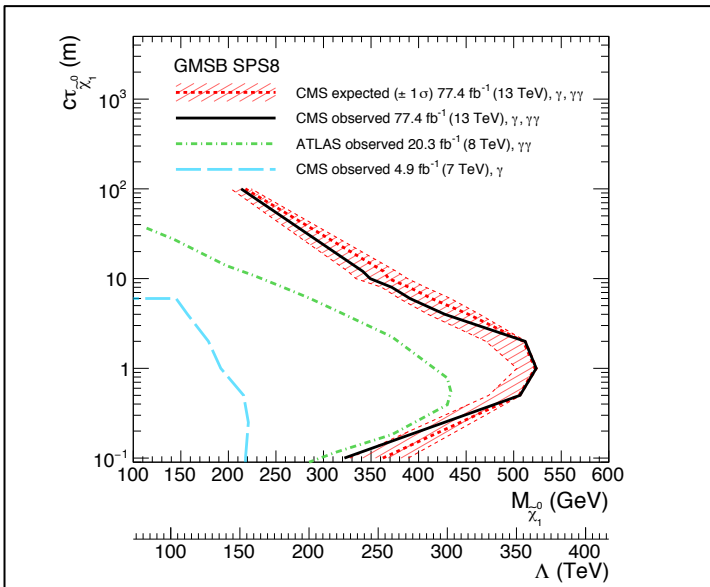
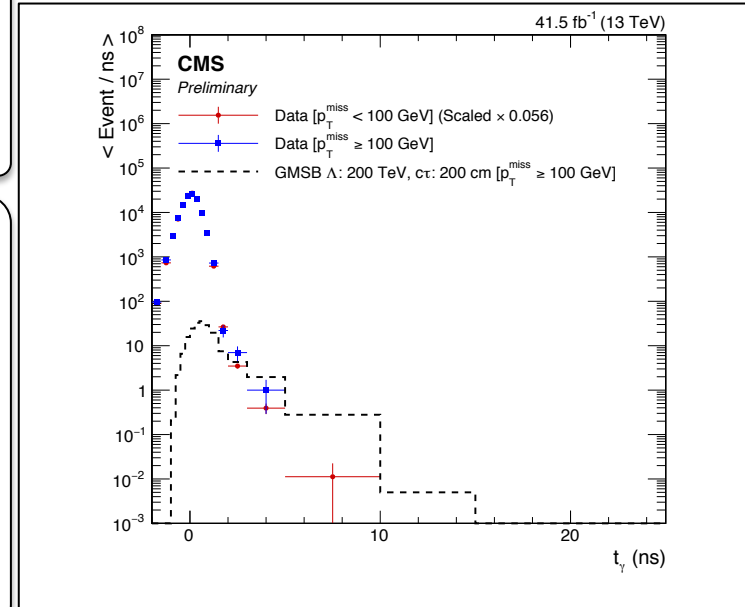


# Delayed photons (CMS)

## ✧ Search for LLPs decaying to photons

- Benchmark model “Snowmass Points and Slopes 8 (SPS8)” (Eur. Phys. J. C 25 (2002) 113)
- **GMSB SUSY** model: decay chains producing long-lived neutralinos leading to final states with one or two photons, jets, and missing transverse momentum (MET).

- **Trigger:** diphoton ( $ET > 42, 25$  GeV) in 2016. Dedicated delayed photon (more elliptical shower in the ECAL) +  $H_T$  algorithm in 2017.
- **Delayed photons:** out-of-time  $\gamma$  (seeded by ECAL deposits delayed by  $> 3$  ns).
- **Event :**  $\geq 1$  central ( $|\eta| < 1.444$ ) photon ( $p_T > 70$  GeV) + delayed ID requirement.  $\geq 3$  jets.  $HT > 400$  GeV in 2017 (efficient region of the 2017 trigger).
- **Background estimation:** ABCD method using MET and  $t_\gamma$  criteria (main uncertainty).



## ✧ Results: exclusion limits

- For neutralino  $\tau$  of  $10, 10^2, 10^3, 10^4$  cm, masses up to 320, 525, 360, 215 GeV are excluded at 95% CL, respectively.
- The previous best limits are extended by about one order of magnitude in the neutralino proper decay length.
- The mass reach is improved by about 100 GeV.

# Monopoles & high-electric charge objects

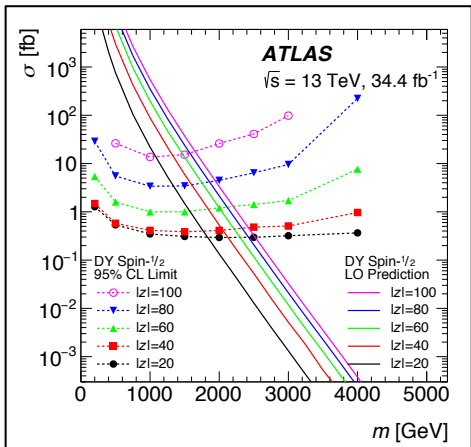
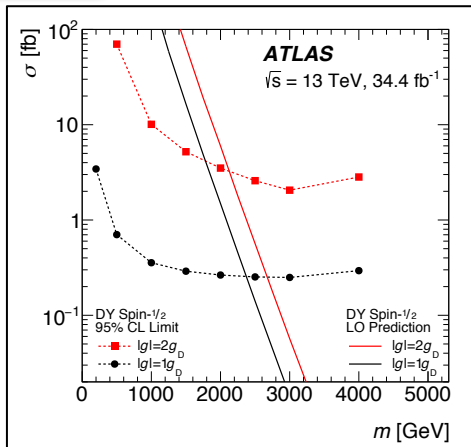
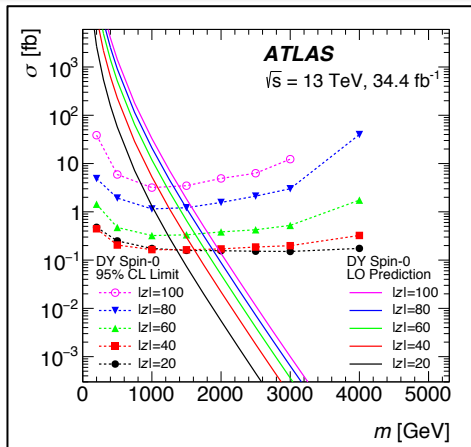
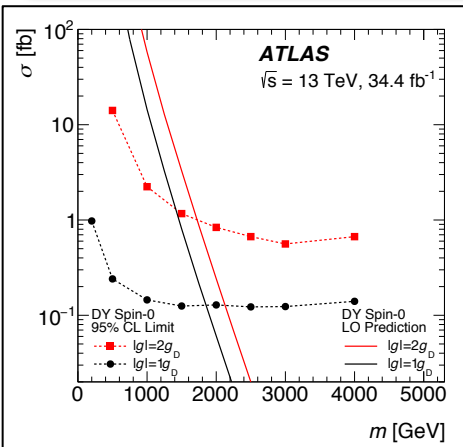
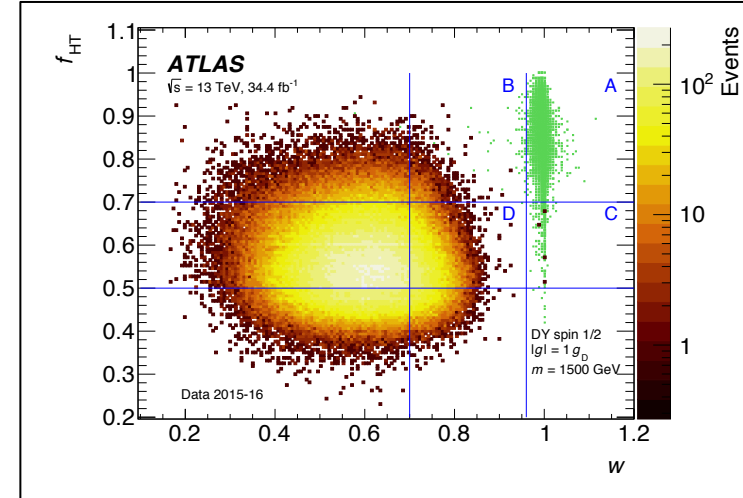
## Search for magnetic monopoles and high-electric charge objects (ATLAS)

- Dirac's magnetic monopole description explains electric charge quantization
- Some extensions of the SM predict monopole masses accessible at the LHC.
- High-ionization signature that is also expected with stable High-Electric Charge Objects (HECOs).

➤ **Trigger:** L1 → total  $E_T \geq 22$  GeV in the electromagnetic calorimeter (ECAL).  
 HLT → "high-threshold" ( $\geq 2$  keV / 6 keV) hits in the transition radiation tracker + veto based on energy deposit in hadronic calorimeter.

➤ **Event selection:** 1 candidate with a topological cluster in the electromagnetic calorimeter. 2 selection variables are defined: fraction of tracker hits in a given window ; energy dispersion in the cluster.

➤ **Backgrounds:** overlapping charged particles; tracker or ECAL noise; high-energy electrons.

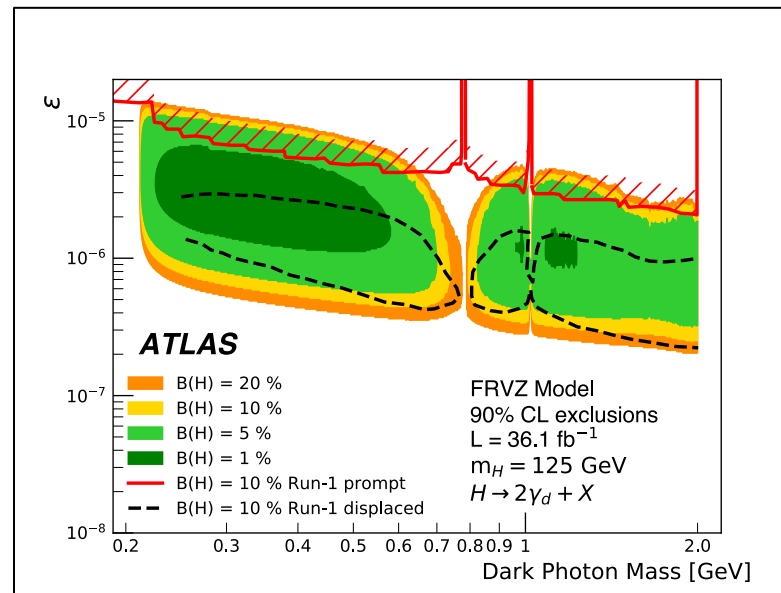
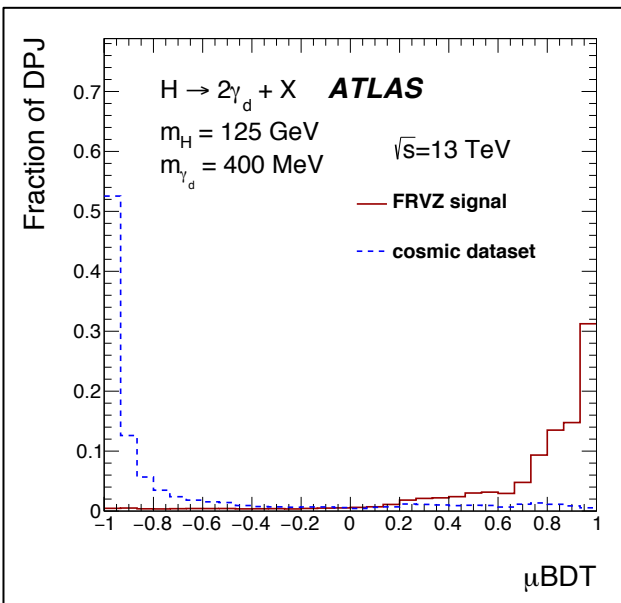
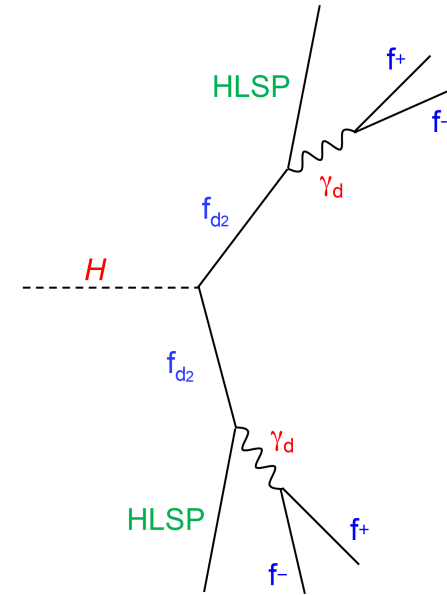


# Collimated leptons & light hadrons (ATLAS) <sup>27</sup>

◇ **Light neutral LLPs decaying into collimated leptons and light hadrons.**

- Dark photon model in which a hidden sector is connected to the SM through Higgs portal.
- Benchmark model: Falkowski–Ruderman–Volansky–Zupan (FRVZ).
- Small-mass  $\gamma_D \rightarrow$  collimated photons or hadrons  $\rightarrow$  “dark photon jet” (DPJ)

- **Muon trigger:** triple-muon (purely based on muon detectors) + non-prompt collimated muon.
- **Calorimeter trigger :** targeting narrow jets produced mostly within the hadronic calorimeter + beam-induced background cleaning.
- **Event selection:** based on the definition of two classes of DPJs. Muonic: Cambridge-Aachen clustering ( $R=0.4$ ) of muons (BDT to suppress cosmic background). Hadronic: BDT to suppress QCD jets.
- **Main background:** QCD multijets, evaluated through ABCD method based on DPJ isolation and opening angle between DPJs.



◇ **Results: exclusion limits**

Upper limit on  
 $\sigma(H) \times \text{BR}(H \rightarrow \gamma_D \gamma_D)$  :  
 4 pb for  $c\tau$  in 1.5 – 307 mm.

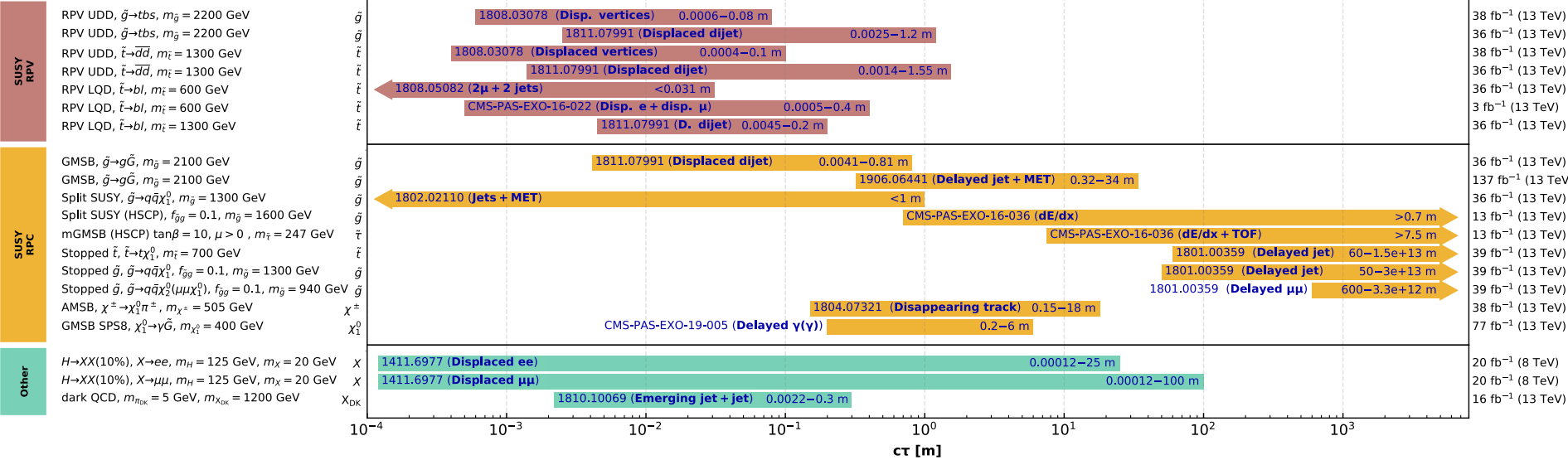
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# LLPs : CMS summary plot

## Overview of CMS long-lived particle searches

CMS preliminary

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Selection of observed exclusion limits at 95% C.L. (theory uncertainties are not included). The y-axis tick labels indicate the studied long-lived particle.

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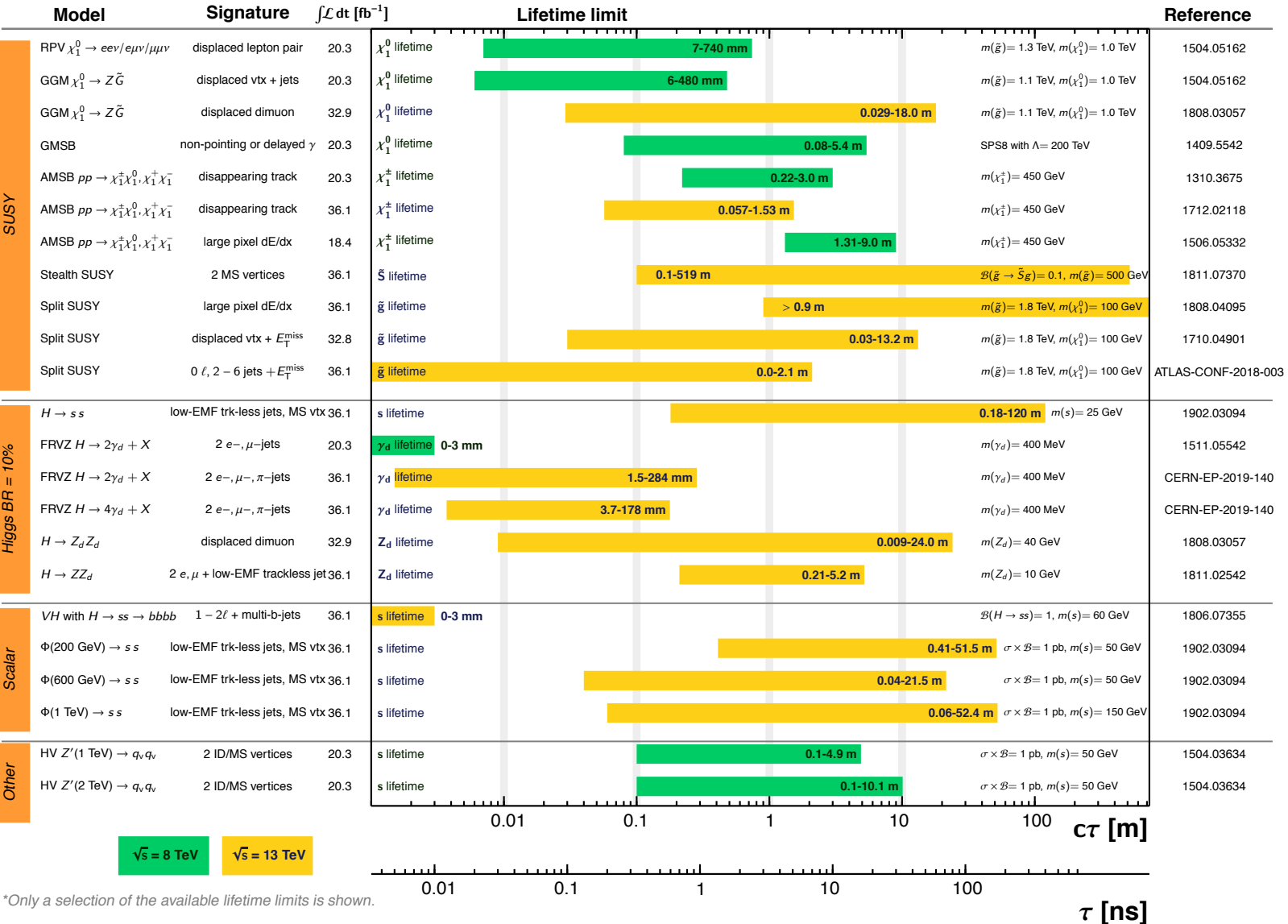
# LLPs : ATLAS summary plot

## ATLAS Long-lived Particle Searches\* - 95% CL Exclusion

Status: July 2019

ATLAS Preliminary

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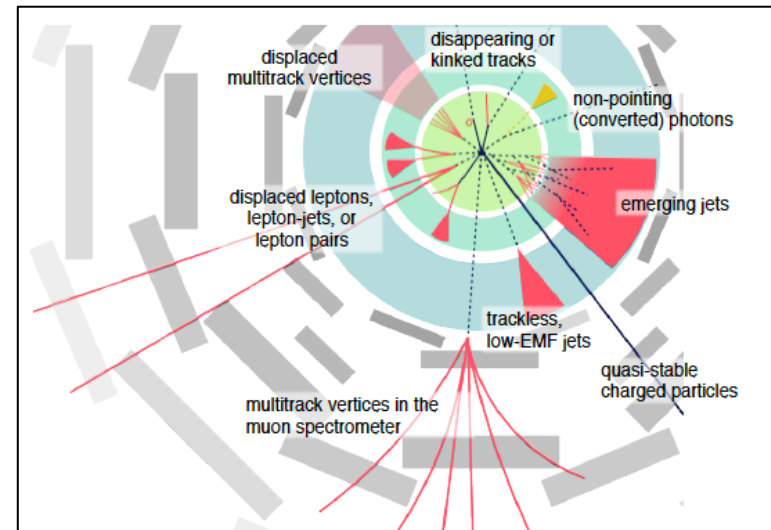
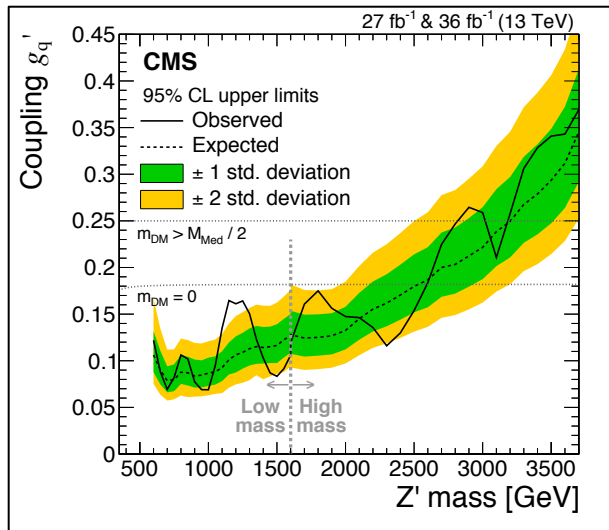


\*Only a selection of the available lifetime limits is shown.

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- Searches for new physics at the LHC are providing progressively tighter constraints, thanks to:
  - developing or strengthening evolved online and offline approaches (e.g. trigger-level analysis, jet substructure, background fitting methods, etc) ;
  - exploring non-conventional signatures ;
  - analyzing an increasing integrated luminosity.



- A number of searches for new physics have been performed with the full Run-2 data set.
- Novel signatures have been explored with a partial data set and updates with full data are under way.

*Thanks for your attention*

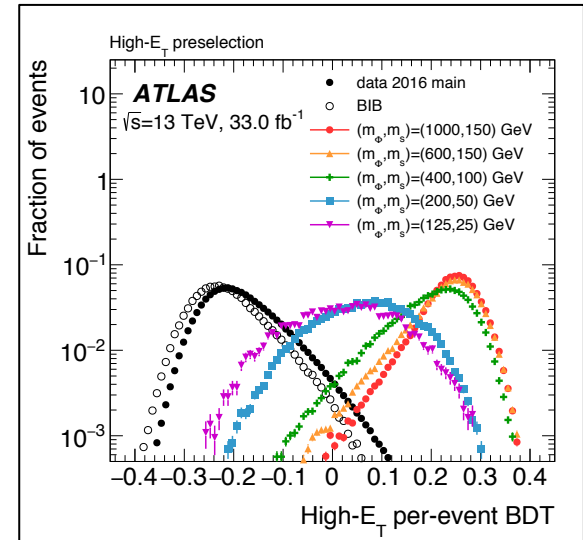
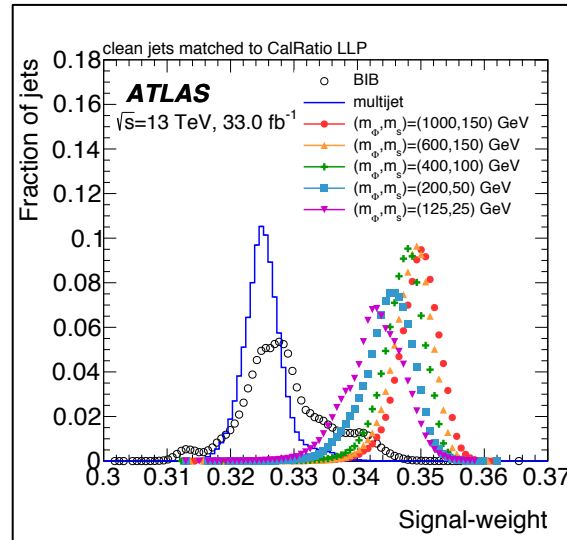
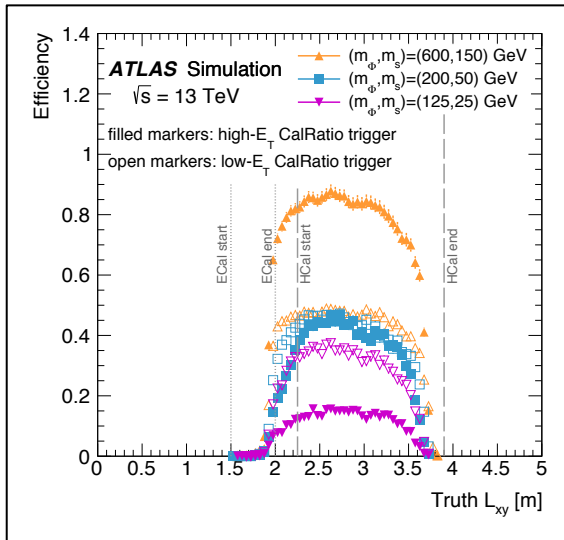


**BACKUP**

# LLPs : displaced jets

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**Trigger** : 2 complementary algorithms

- L1 “high-ET” : 2 jets  $ET > 60$  GeV
- L1 “low-ET” : 2 jet  $ET > 30$  GeV + ECAL/HCAL **topological** condition
- HLT : anti-kT (0.4) jet  $ET > 30$  GeV, dedicated jet **cleaning**, **track veto**,  $E_{\text{HAD}} / E_{\text{EM}}$  condition, beam-induced background (**BIB**) removal
- *BIB + cosmic datasets for bkg studies.*

✧ **Jet identification** : multilayer perceptron

- **Input**: jet energy fraction in each ECAL/HCAL layer
- **Output**: longitudinal and radial decay positions  $L_{xy}$  and  $L_z$
- ✧ **Jet selection**: per-jet BDT separating jets in 3 classes: signal, multijet, BIB.
- Uses track and jet variables,  $L_{xy}$ ,  $L_z$ .

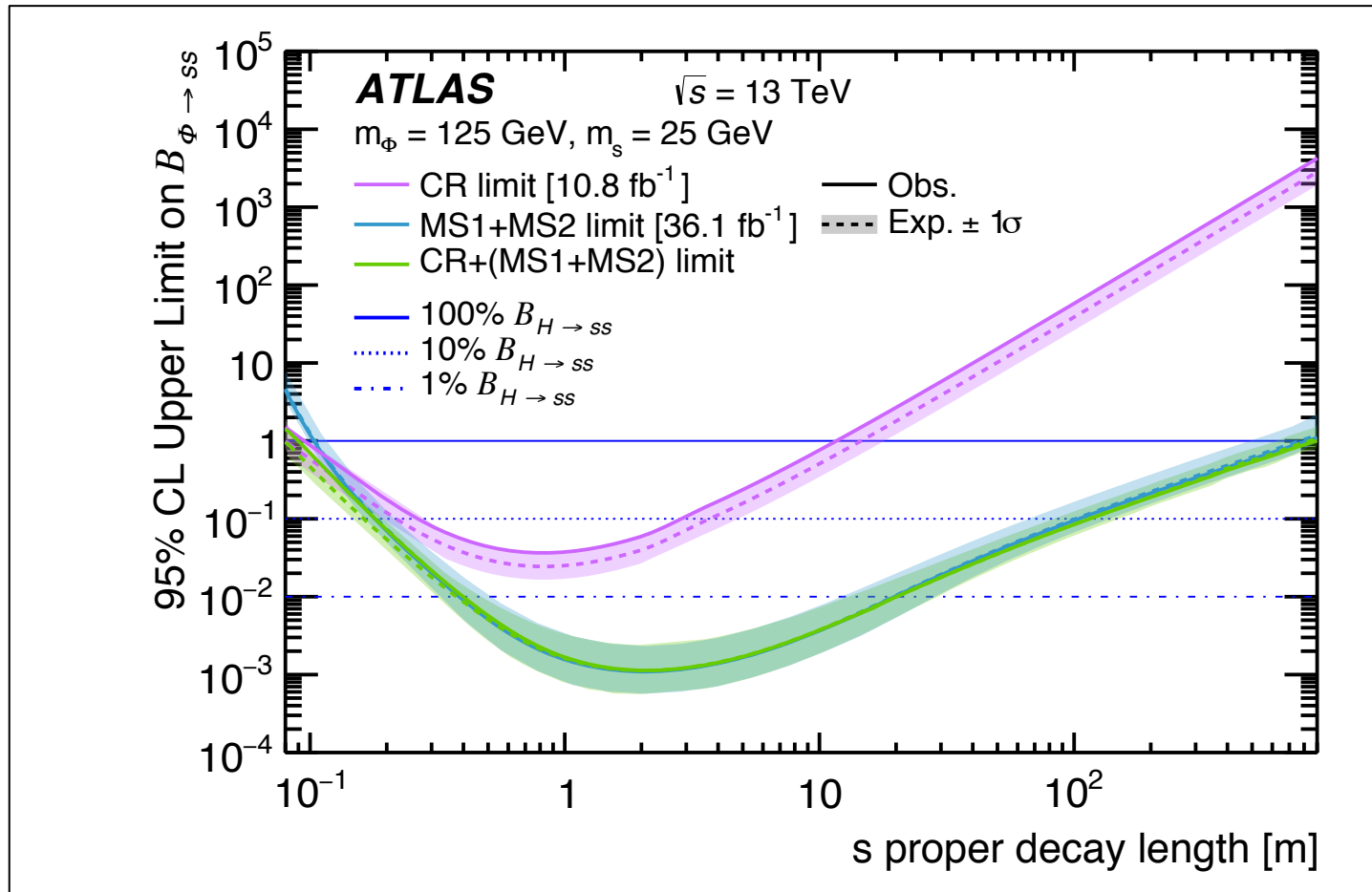
**Event selection**: per-event BDT

- **Input**: per-jet weight of the 2 most signal-like and the 2 most BIB-like jets.  $HT_{\text{miss}} / HT$ .  $\Delta R(\text{signal jets})$ .
- **Output**: discriminator between BIB and signal events.

# LLPs : displaced jets

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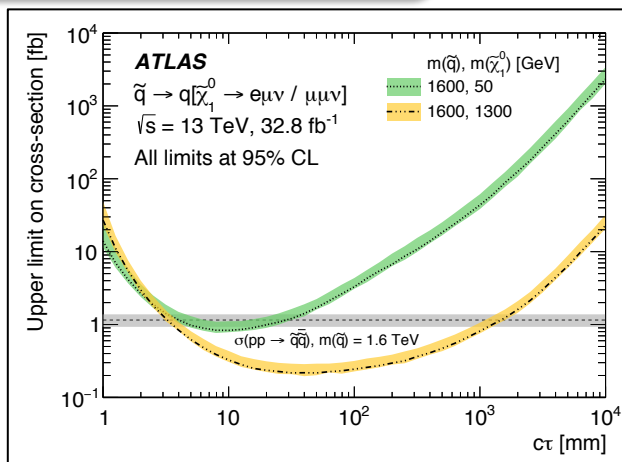
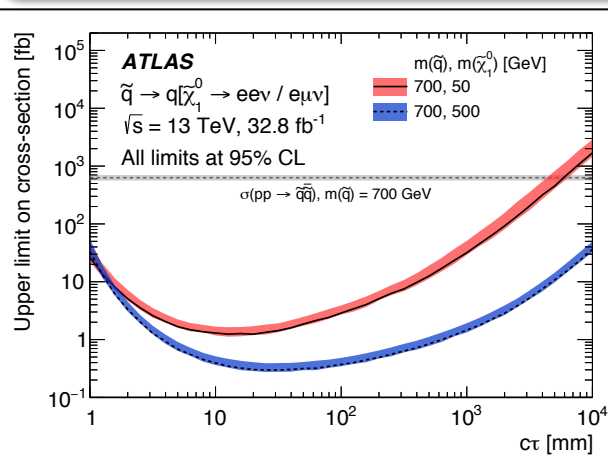
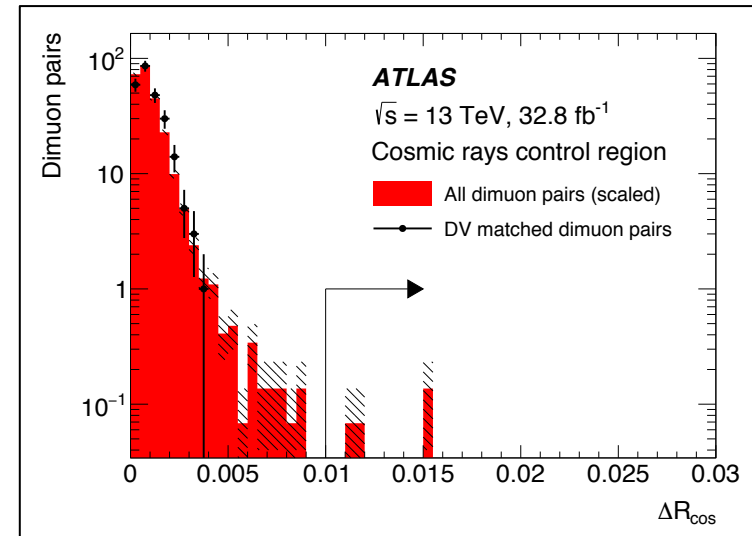


# Displaced dilepton vertices (ATLAS)

## Search for LLPs decaying into dileptons

- Simplified RPV SUSY: squark pair decaying into LL neutralinos, each of them leading to an opposite-sign dilepton and a neutrino.
- Toy model: LL  $Z'$  to dilepton.
- These two models are chosen to represent 2-body and 3-body scenarios.

- **Trigger:** single displaced muon ; single and double photon (to select efficiently displaced electrons).
- **Event selection:** dedicated tracking and displaced vertex (DV) reconstruction algorithms are exploited. Requirements on DV transverse displacement. Lepton reconstruction using displaced tracks.
- **Main background:** cosmic muons mimicking displaced dimuons. Rejected using dimuon topological variable.

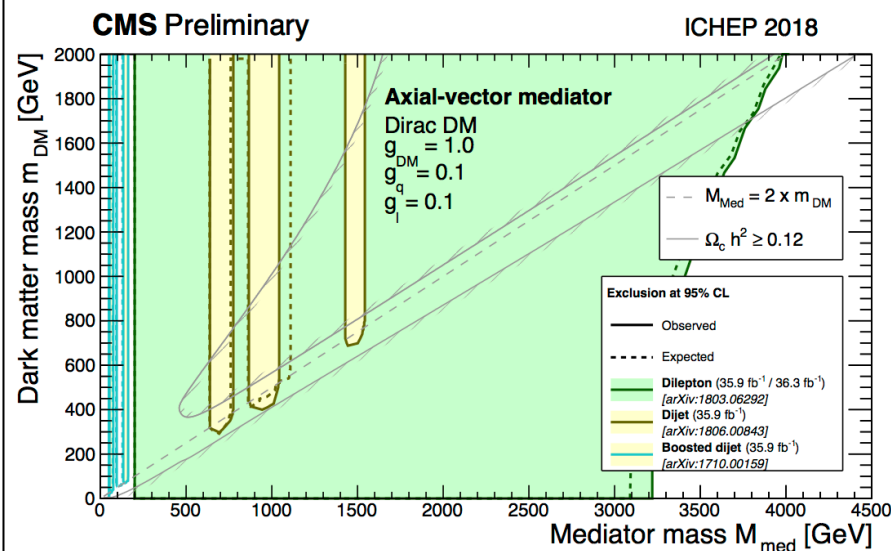
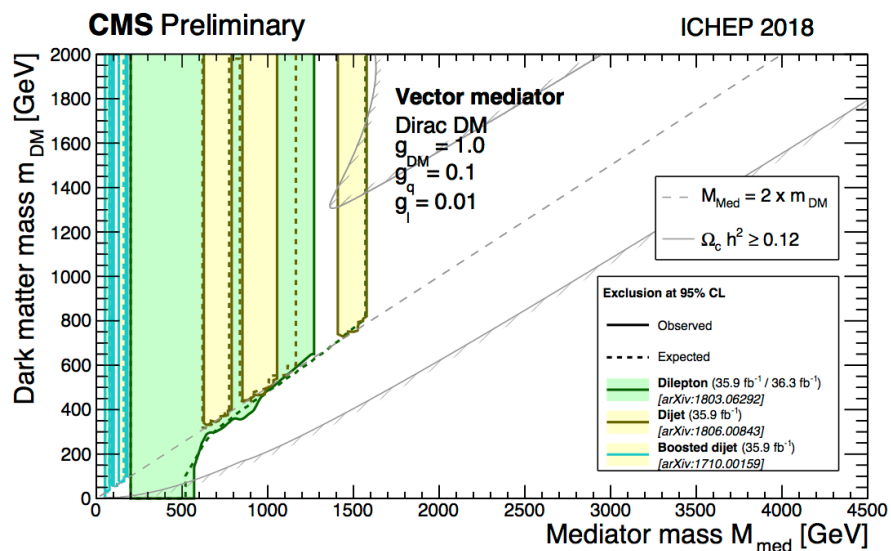
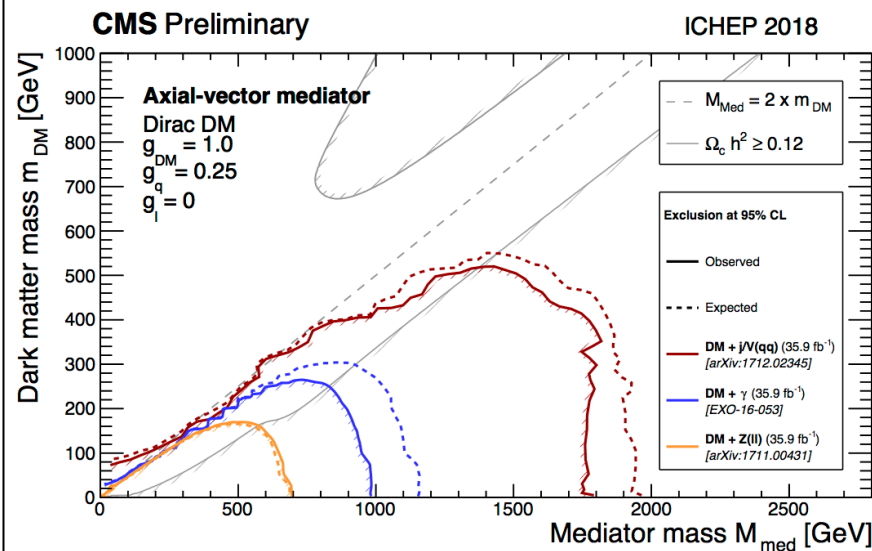
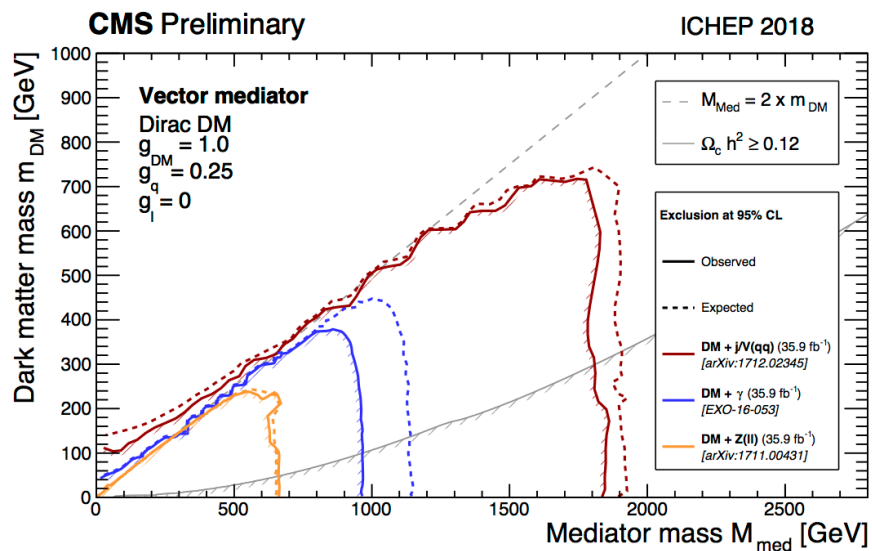


## Results: exclusion limits

- For a 700 GeV squark, neutralinos with masses of 50–500 GeV and  $c\tau$  of 1 mm to 6 m are excluded.
- For a 1.6 TeV squark, neutralinos with a mass of 1.3 TeV and  $c\tau$  of 3 mm to 1 m are excluded.

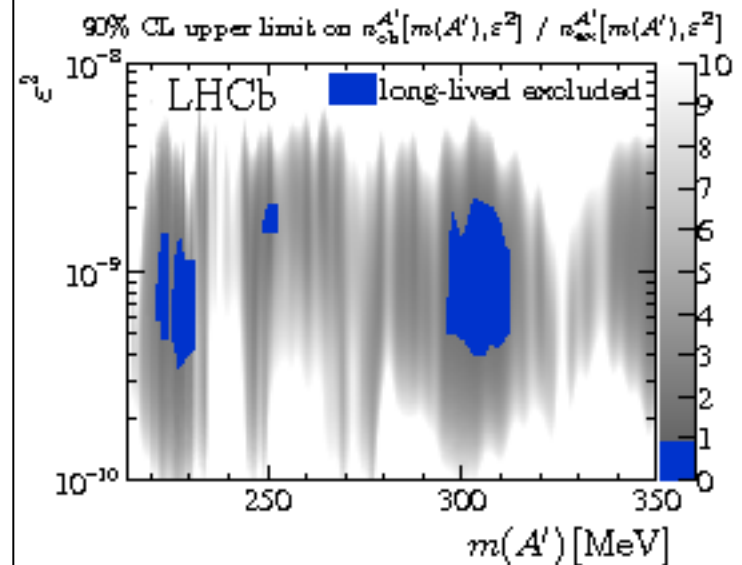
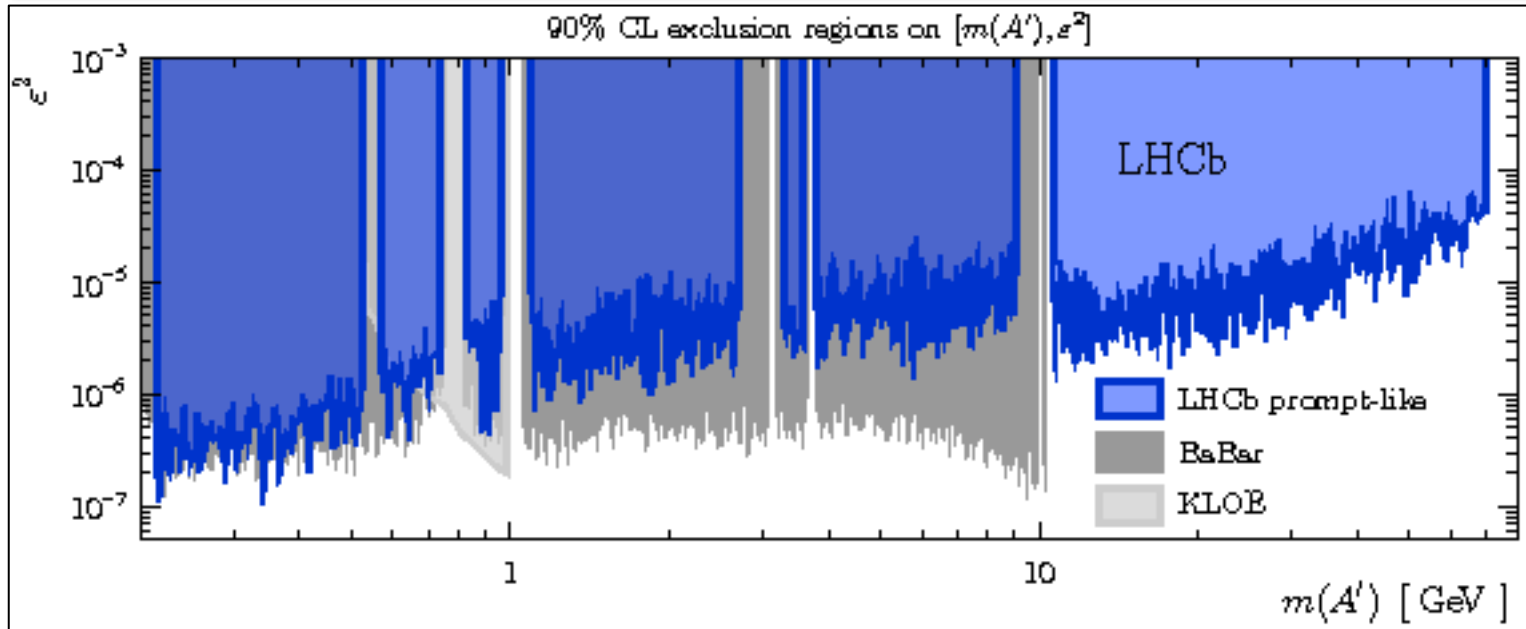
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# DM searches summary: CMS



# Dark photon searches (LHCb)

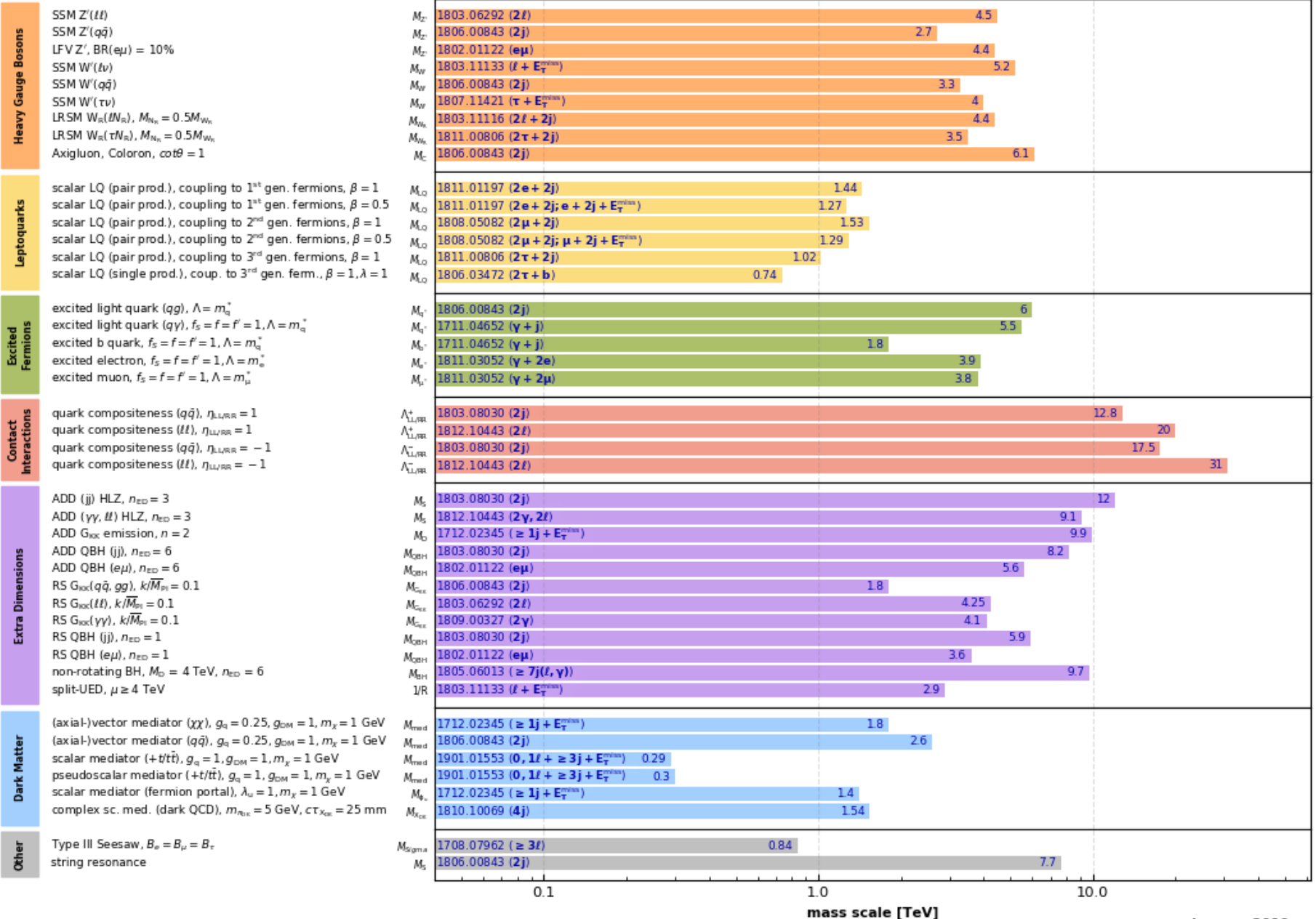
➤ Search for prompt or long-lived dark photons in the dimuon final state ([Phys. Rev. Lett. 120 \(2018\) 061801](#))



# Overview of CMS EXO results

36 fb<sup>-1</sup> (13 TeV)

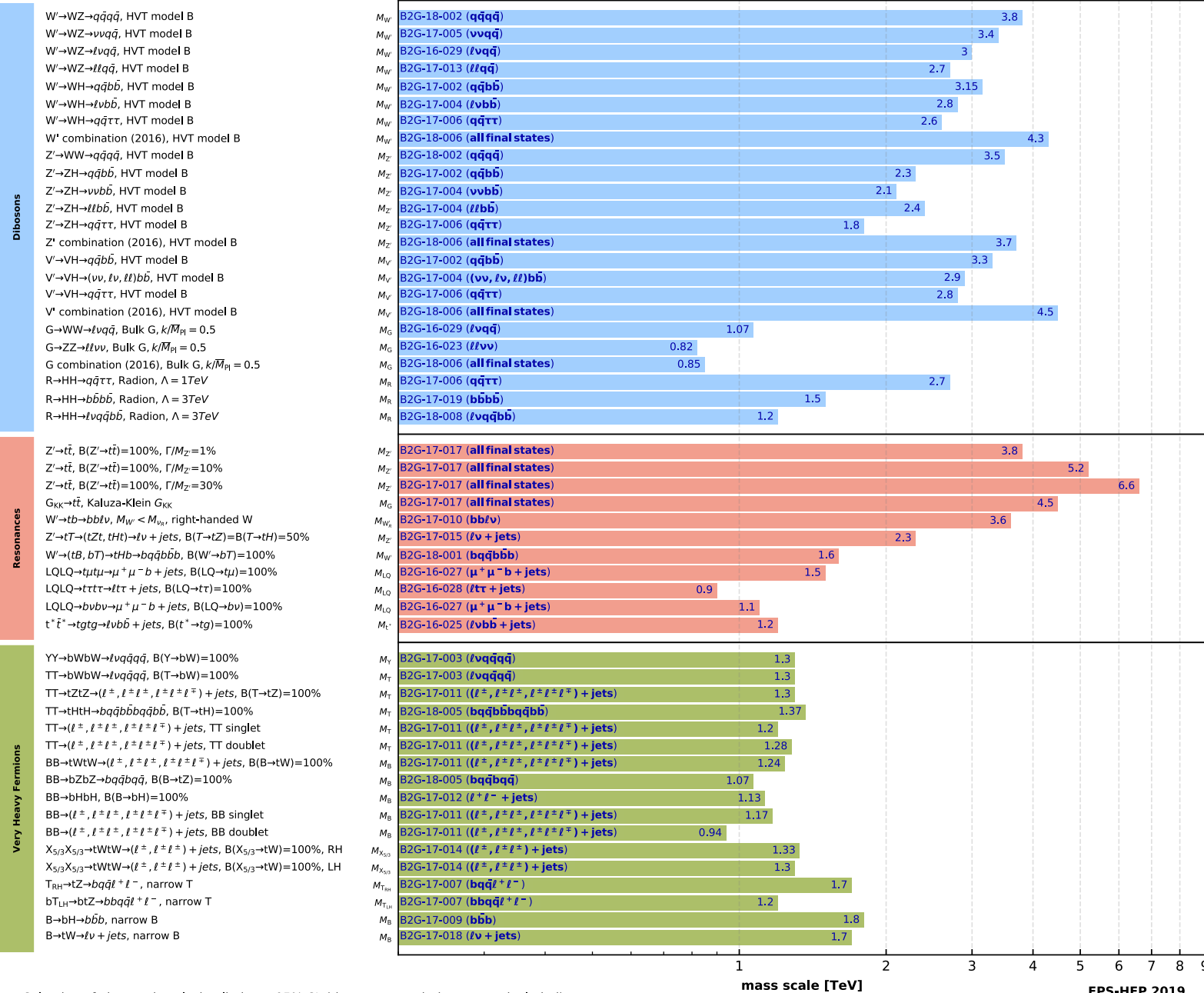
CMS



Selection of observed exclusion limits at 95% C.L. (theory uncertainties are not included).

January 2019

CMS Preliminary 35.9 - 77.3 fb<sup>-1</sup> (13 TeV)



Selection of observed exclusion limits at 95% CL (theory uncertainties are not included).

mass scale [TeV]



# ATLAS Exotics Searches\* - 95% CL Upper Exclusion Limits

Status: May 2019

ATLAS Preliminary

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

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

Model	$\ell, \gamma$	Jets†	$E_T^{\text{miss}}$	$\int \mathcal{L} dt [\text{fb}^{-1}]$	Limit	Reference	
Extra dimensions	ADD $G_{KK} + g/q$	$0 e, \mu$	$1-4 j$	Yes	36.1	$M_D$ 7.7 TeV	$n = 2$
	ADD non-resonant $\gamma\gamma$	$2 \gamma$	-	-	36.7	$M_S$ 8.6 TeV	$n = 3$ HLZ NLO
	ADD QBH	-	$2 j$	-	37.0	$M_{\text{th}}$ 8.9 TeV	$n = 6$
	ADD BH high $\sum p_T$	$\geq 1 e, \mu$	$\geq 2 j$	-	3.2	$M_{\text{th}}$ 8.2 TeV	$n = 6, M_D = 3 \text{ TeV}$ , rot BH
	ADD BH multijet	-	$\geq 3 j$	-	3.6	$M_{\text{th}}$ 9.55 TeV	$n = 6, M_D = 3 \text{ TeV}$ , rot BH
	RS1 $G_{KK} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	$2 \gamma$	-	-	36.7	$G_{KK}$ mass 4.1 TeV	$k/\overline{M}_{Pl} = 0.1$
	Bulk RS $G_{KK} \rightarrow WW/ZZ$	multi-channel	-	-	36.1	$G_{KK}$ mass 2.3 TeV	$k/\overline{M}_{Pl} = 1.0$
	Bulk RS $G_{KK} \rightarrow WW \rightarrow qq\bar{q}\bar{q}$	$0 e, \mu$	$2 J$	-	139	$G_{KK}$ mass 1.6 TeV	$k/\overline{M}_{Pl} = 1.0$
	Bulk RS $g_{KK} \rightarrow t\bar{t}$	$1 e, \mu$	$\geq 1 b, \geq 1J/2j$	Yes	36.1	$g_{KK}$ mass 3.8 TeV	$\Gamma/m = 15\%$
	2UED / RPP	$1 e, \mu$	$\geq 2 b, \geq 3 j$	Yes	36.1	$KK$ mass 1.8 TeV	Tier (1,1), $\mathcal{B}(A^{(1,1)} \rightarrow t\bar{t}) = 1$
Gauge bosons	SSM $Z' \rightarrow \ell\bar{\ell}$	$2 e, \mu$	-	-	139	$Z'$ mass 5.1 TeV	
	SSM $Z' \rightarrow \tau\bar{\tau}$	$2 \tau$	-	-	36.1	$Z'$ mass 2.42 TeV	
	Leptophobic $Z' \rightarrow b\bar{b}$	-	$2 b$	-	36.1	$Z'$ mass 2.1 TeV	
	Leptophobic $Z' \rightarrow t\bar{t}$	$1 e, \mu$	$\geq 1 b, \geq 1J/2j$	Yes	36.1	$Z'$ mass 3.0 TeV	$\Gamma/m = 1\%$
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	LRSM $W_R \rightarrow t\bar{b}$	multi-channel	-	-	36.1	$W_R$ mass 3.25 TeV	
	LRSM $W_R \rightarrow \mu N_R$	$2 \mu$	$1 J$	-	80	$W_R$ mass 5.0 TeV	$m(N_R) = 0.5 \text{ TeV}, g_L = g_R$
CI	CI $qq\bar{q}\bar{q}$	-	$2 j$	-	37.0	$\Lambda$ 21.8 TeV	$\eta_{LL}^-$
	CI $\ell\ell q\bar{q}$	$2 e, \mu$	-	-	36.1	$\Lambda$ 40.0 TeV	$\eta_{LL}^-$
	CI $t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$	$\geq 1 e, \mu$	$\geq 1 b, \geq 1 j$	Yes	36.1	$\Lambda$ 2.57 TeV	$ C_{t1}  = 4\pi$
DM	Axial-vector mediator (Dirac DM)	$0 e, \mu$	$1-4 j$	Yes	36.1	$m_{\text{med}}$ 1.55 TeV	$g_q = 0.25, g_\ell = 1.0, m(\chi) = 1 \text{ GeV}$
	Colored scalar mediator (Dirac DM)	$0 e, \mu$	$1-4 j$	Yes	36.1	$m_{\text{med}}$ 1.67 TeV	$g = 1.0, m(\chi) = 1 \text{ GeV}$
	$VV_{\chi\chi}$ EFT (Dirac DM)	$0 e, \mu$	$1 J, \leq 1 j$	Yes	3.2	$M_\chi$ 700 GeV	$m(\chi) < 150 \text{ GeV}$
	Scalar reson. $\phi \rightarrow t\bar{t}$ (Dirac DM)	$0-1 e, \mu$	$1 b, 0-1 J$	Yes	36.1	$m_\phi$ 3.4 TeV	$y = 0.4, \lambda = 0.2, m(\chi) = 10 \text{ GeV}$
LQ	Scalar LQ 1 <sup>st</sup> gen	$1, 2 e$	$\geq 2 j$	Yes	36.1	LQ mass 1.4 TeV	$\beta = 1$
	Scalar LQ 2 <sup>nd</sup> gen	$1, 2 \mu$	$\geq 2 j$	Yes	36.1	LQ mass 1.56 TeV	$\beta = 1$
	Scalar LQ 3 <sup>rd</sup> gen	$2 \tau$	$2 b$	-	36.1	LQ <sub>3</sub> mass 1.03 TeV	$\mathcal{B}(LQ_3^0 \rightarrow b\bar{t}) = 1$
	Scalar LQ 3 <sup>rd</sup> gen	$0-1 e, \mu$	$2 b$	Yes	36.1	LQ <sub>3</sub> mass 970 GeV	$\mathcal{B}(LQ_3^0 \rightarrow t\bar{t}) = 0$
Heavy quarks	VLQ $TT \rightarrow Ht/Zt/Wb + X$	multi-channel	-	-	36.1	T mass 1.37 TeV	SU(2) doublet
	VLQ $BB \rightarrow Wt/Zb + X$	multi-channel	-	-	36.1	B mass 1.34 TeV	SU(2) doublet
	VLQ $T_{5/3} T_{5/3} \rightarrow Wt + X$	$2(SS)/\geq 3 e, \mu \geq 1 b, \geq 1 j$	Yes	36.1	$T_{5/3}$ mass 1.64 TeV	$\mathcal{B}(T_{5/3} \rightarrow Wt) = 1, c(T_{5/3} Wt) = 1$	
	VLQ $Y \rightarrow Wb + X$	$1 e, \mu$	$\geq 1 b, \geq 1 j$	Yes	36.1	Y mass 1.85 TeV	$\mathcal{B}(Y \rightarrow Wb) = 1, c_R(Wb) = 1$
	VLQ $B \rightarrow Hb + X$	$0 e, \mu, 2 \gamma$	$\geq 1 b, \geq 1 j$	Yes	79.8	B mass 1.21 TeV	$\kappa_B = 0.5$
	VLQ $QQ \rightarrow WqWq$	$1 e, \mu$	$\geq 4 j$	Yes	20.3	Q mass 690 GeV	
Excited fermions	Excited quark $q^* \rightarrow q\bar{g}$	-	$2 j$	-	139	$q^*$ mass 6.7 TeV	only $u^*$ and $d^*$ , $\Lambda = m(q^*)$
	Excited quark $q^* \rightarrow q\gamma$	$1 \gamma$	$1 j$	-	36.7	$q^*$ mass 5.3 TeV	only $u^*$ and $d^*$ , $\Lambda = m(q^*)$
	Excited quark $b^* \rightarrow b\bar{g}$	-	$1 b, 1 j$	-	36.1	$b^*$ mass 2.6 TeV	
	Excited lepton $\ell^*$	$3 e, \mu$	-	-	20.3	$\ell^*$ mass 3.0 TeV	$\Lambda = 3.0 \text{ TeV}$
	Excited lepton $\nu^*$	$3 e, \mu, \tau$	-	-	20.3	$\nu^*$ mass 1.6 TeV	$\Lambda = 1.6 \text{ TeV}$
	Other	Type III Seesaw	$1 e, \mu$	$\geq 2 j$	Yes	79.8	$N^0$ mass 560 GeV
LRSM Majorana $\nu$		$2 \mu$	$2 j$	-	36.1	$N_0$ mass 3.2 TeV	$m(W_R) = 4.1 \text{ TeV}, g_L = g_R$
Higgs triplet $H^{\pm\pm} \rightarrow \ell\bar{\ell}$		$2, 3, 4 e, \mu$ (SS)	-	-	36.1	$H^{\pm\pm}$ mass 870 GeV	DY production
Higgs triplet $H^{\pm\pm} \rightarrow \ell\tau$		$3 e, \mu, \tau$	-	-	20.3	$H^{\pm\pm}$ mass 400 GeV	DY production, $\mathcal{B}(H_L^{\pm\pm} \rightarrow \ell\tau) = 1$
Multi-charged particles		-	-	-	36.1	multi-charged particle mass 1.22 TeV	DY production, $ q  = 5e$
Magnetic monopoles		-	-	-	34.4	monopole mass 2.37 TeV	DY production, $ g  = 1g_D, \text{spin } 1/2$

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

$\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$   
partial data

$\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$   
full data

$10^{-1}$

1

$10$

Mass scale [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).

# Useful links

Summary plots from ATLAS Exotics:

<https://atlas.web.cern.ch/Atlas/GROUPS/PHYSICS/CombinedSummaryPlots/EXOTICS/>

Summary plots from CMS Exotica:

<https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/CMSPublic/SummaryPlotsEXO13TeV>