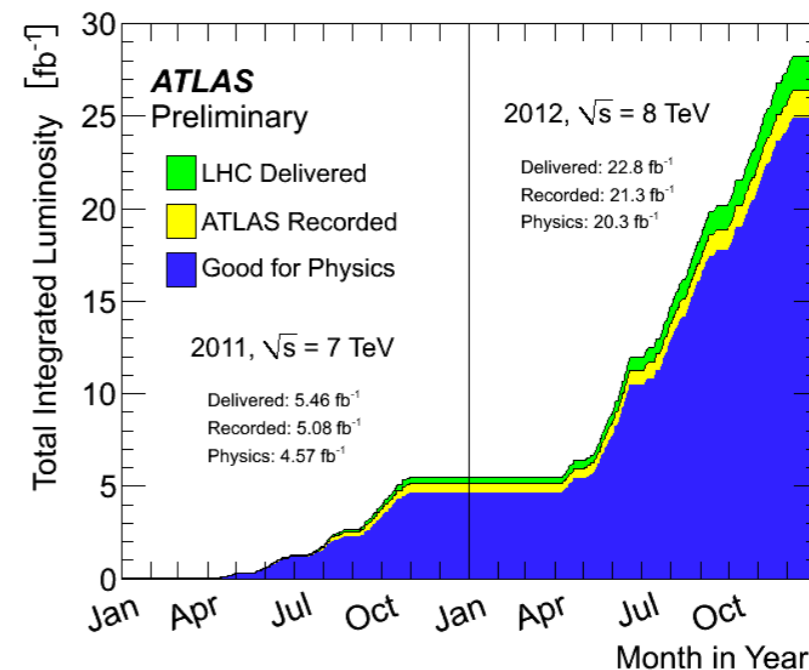
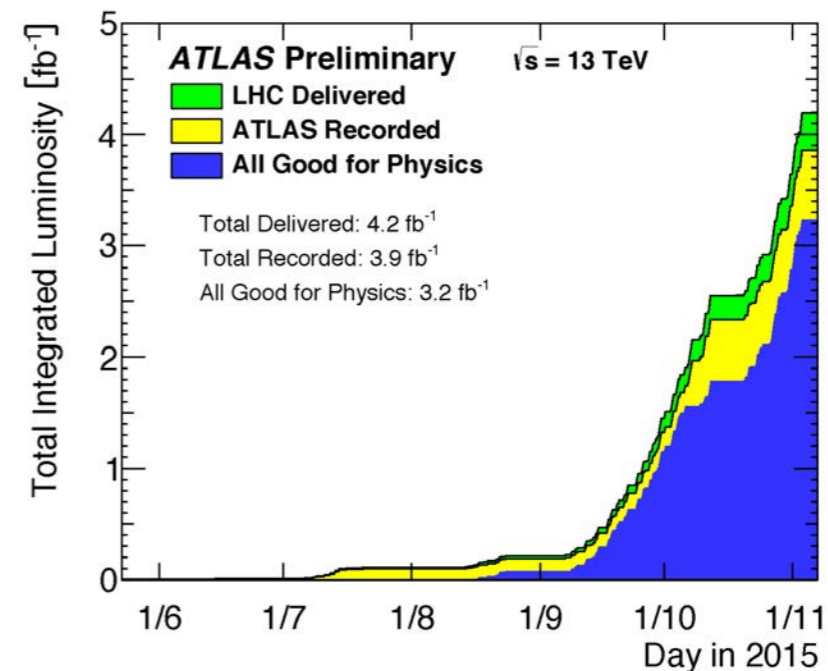


SUSY Searches at 13 TeV at ATLAS

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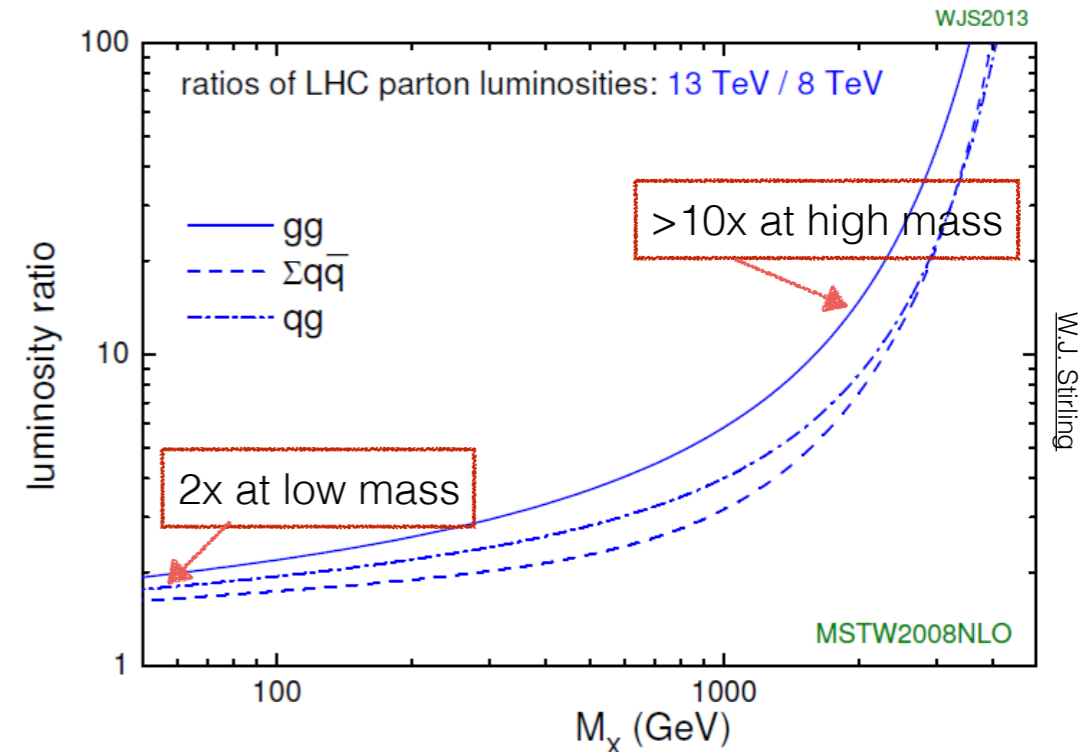
Run-2 Data in 2015

- Generally smooth operation: 3.2 fb⁻¹ good for analysis
- New “insertable B-layer” in pixel detector
- More complete coverage with additional muon detectors
- Fraction of live channels even better than Run-1
- And, of course, **substantially higher energy (8 → 13 TeV)**!

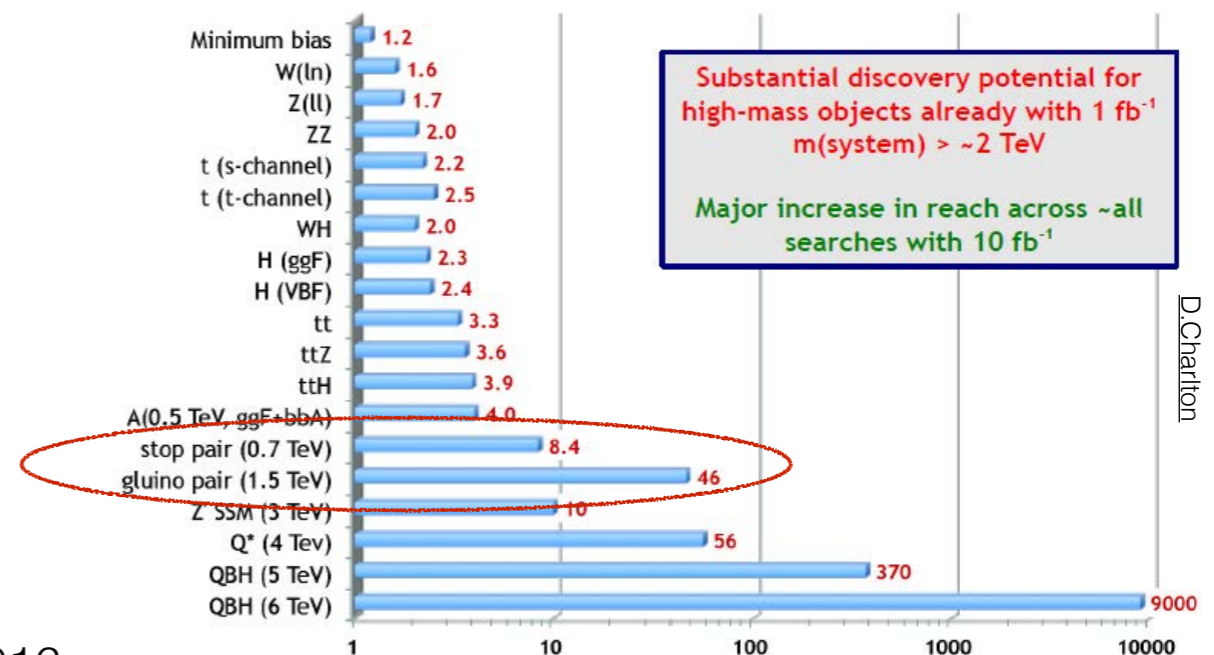


Outline: what to do with a *relatively* small data sample at a brand new energy

- **Strong interaction:** squark / gluino pairs
 - Steep cross-section increase from 8 to 13 TeV
 - Consider possibility of compressed scenarios with long-lived sparticles
 - 3rd generation squark searches very important (theoretically motivated)
 - But stop searches covered in talk by Bertrand Martin d.L. so explicitly not included here; will touch on sbottom
- Talk arranged approximately in increasing order of complexity
- Goal is NOT to show all results, but to illustrate analysis strategy, reach



Cross-section ratio: 13 TeV / 8 TeV



Jets

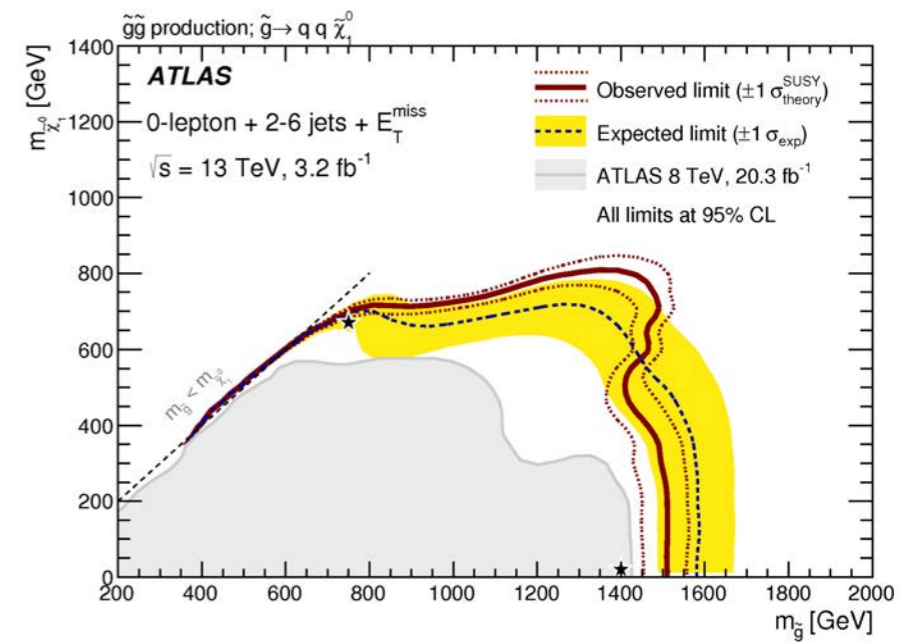
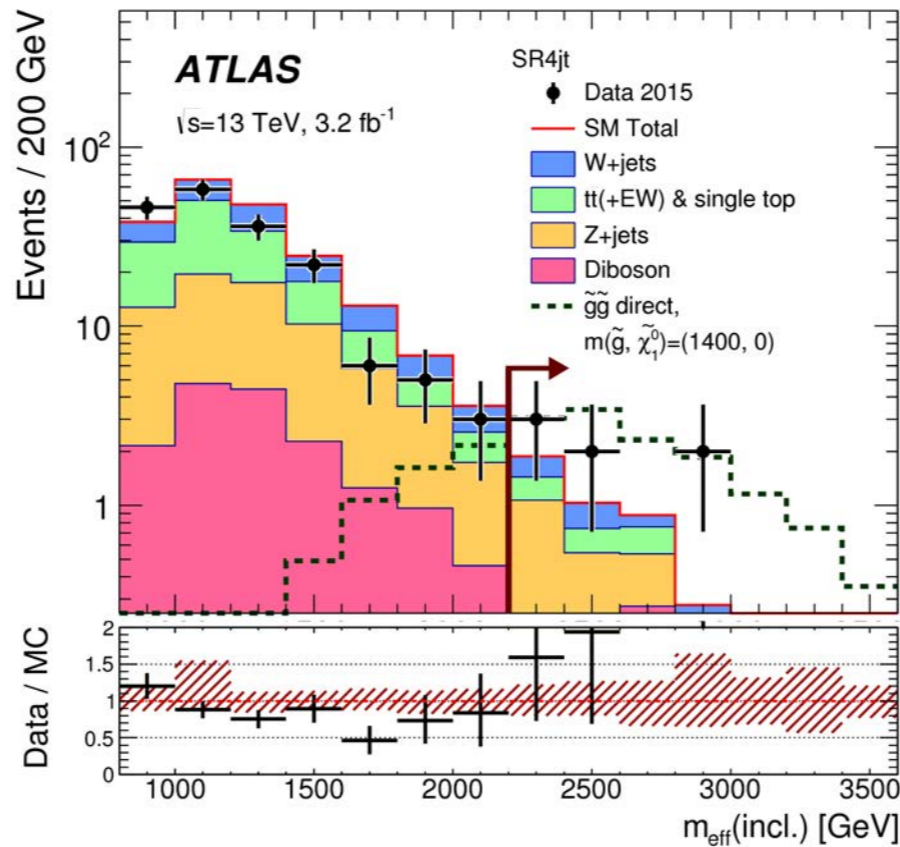
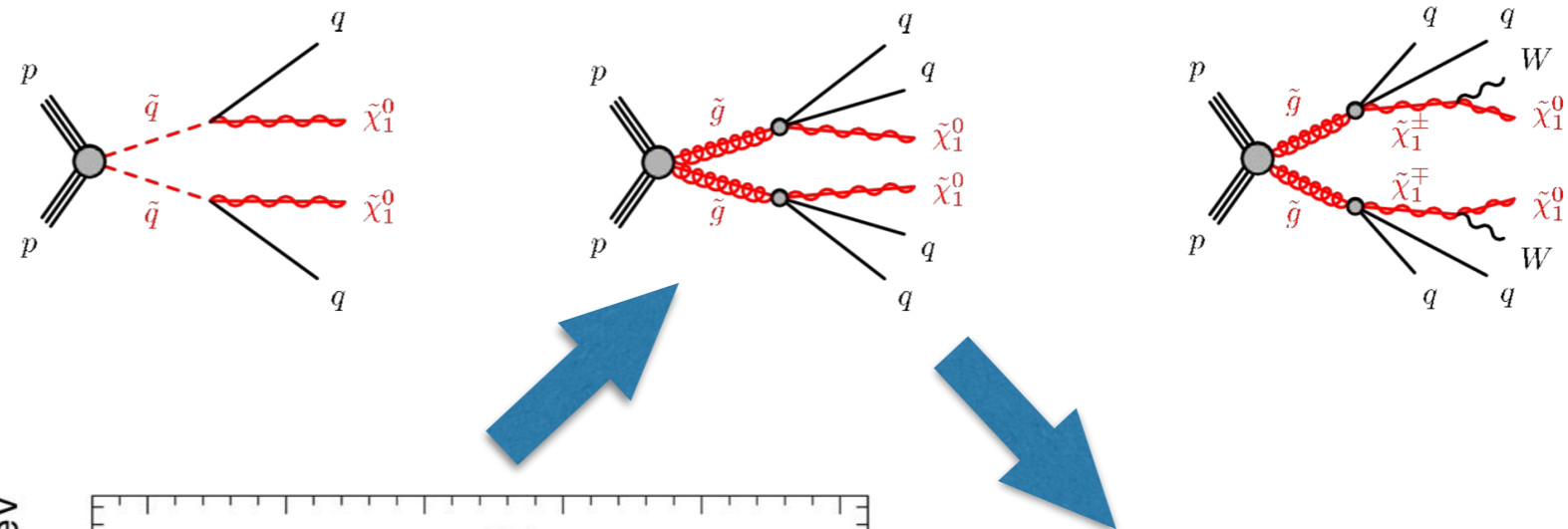
Strong production:

squarks or gluinos have large cross section if they are “light”;
if cross section large enough, 2015 data surpasses Run 1 limits;
simplest decays contain only jets and missing E_T

2-6 jets & E_T^{miss} (no leptons)

- Start simple:

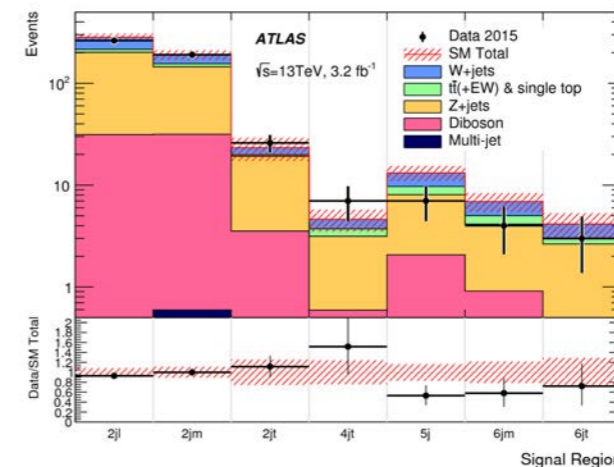
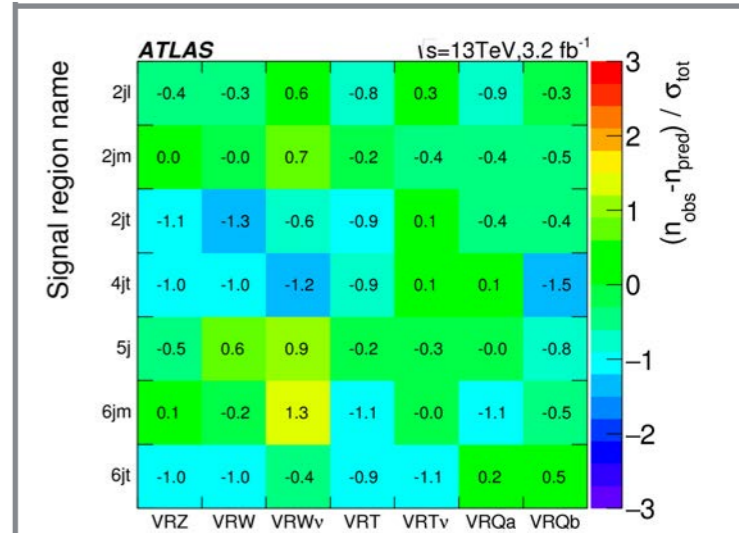
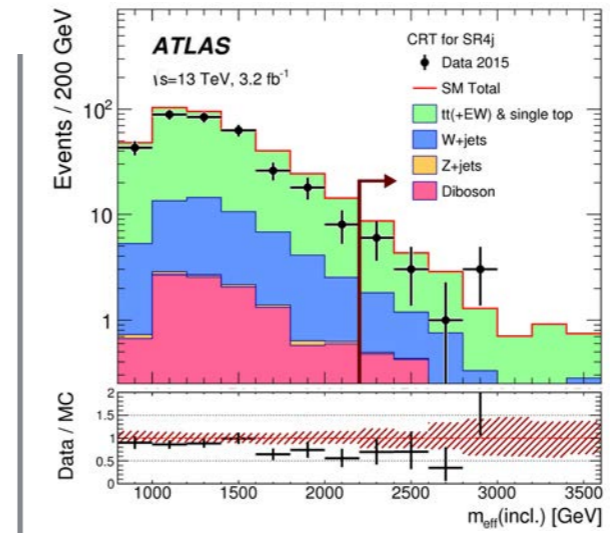
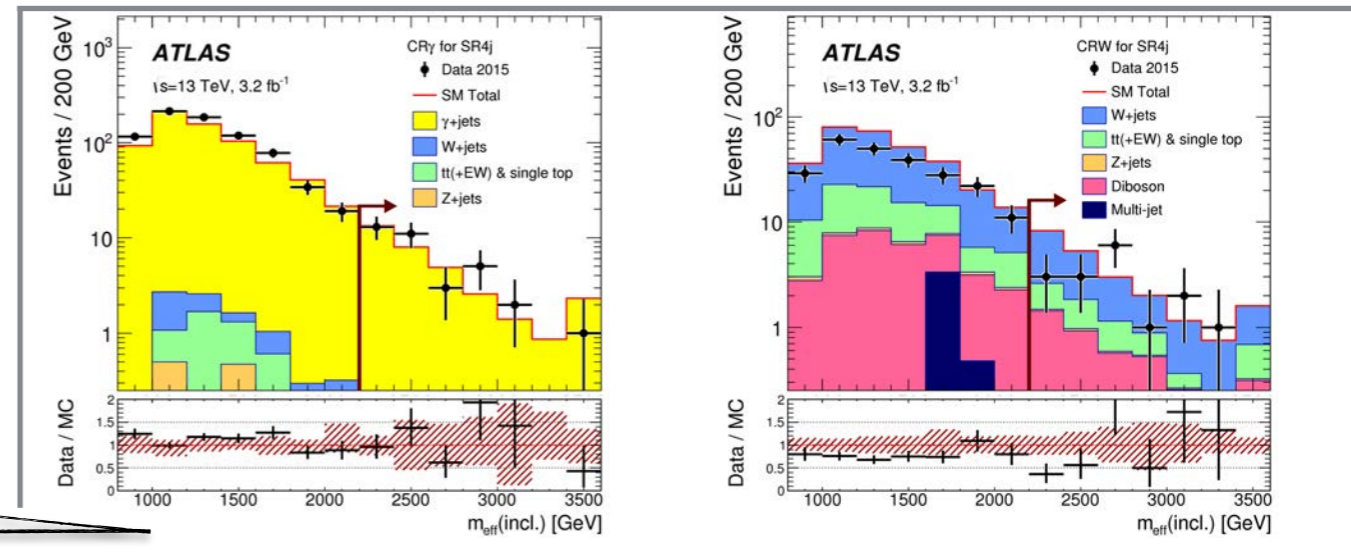
- assume only **gluinos** (or only **squarks**) and **LSP** light
- 2- or 3-body decays to quark jets and LSP
- also consider intermediate light chargino
- 7 signal regions depend on number of jets (2, 4, 5, 6), compression of mass spectrum (loose, medium or tight background rejection)
- Analyses all based on cut on m_{eff} (scalar sum of p_T of N leading jets and E_T^{miss})
- Exclusions to 1-1.5 TeV, generally exceed Run-1 limits



Generic Analysis Strategy

- Signal Regions (SR) optimized e.g. for higher or lower masses or larger or smaller mass differences between strongly produced SUSY particle and LSP
- Control Regions defined for each SR and each major background (top, W/Z+jets, multijets... in this case, 4 CR for each SR)
 - orthogonal to SR
 - minimal Signal contamination and maximum statistics
 - similar systematics & kinematics to SR
 - fit for major backgrounds and extract **scale factors** from fits to apply in SR and Validation Regions
- Validation Regions (VR, orthogonal to both SR and CR, and with little signal contamination) used to cross-check background estimations from CR fits
- Then compare number of events predicted in SR from all fitted backgrounds (plus smaller ones taken from MC) and with number in SR in data
- Limits then set on new physics: background-only, model-independent and model-dependent

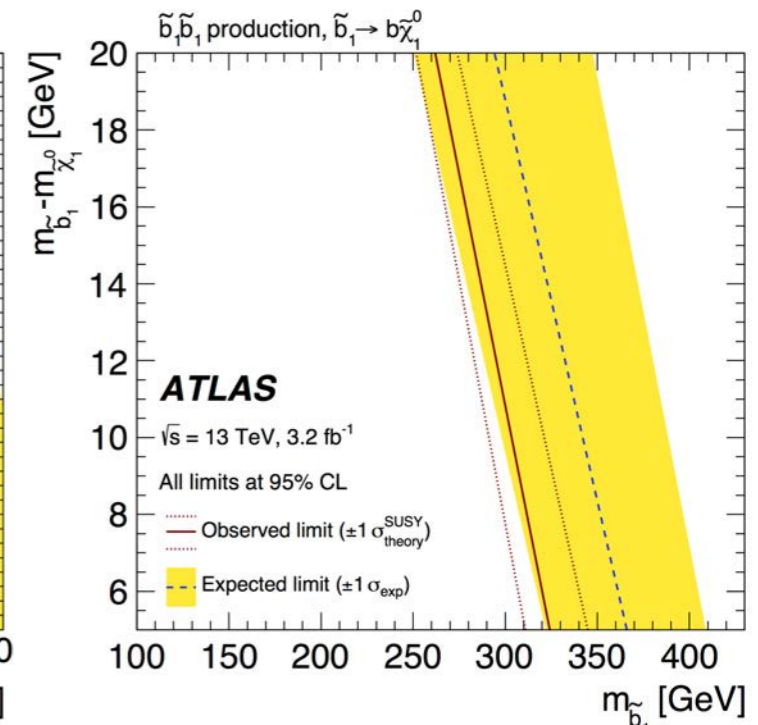
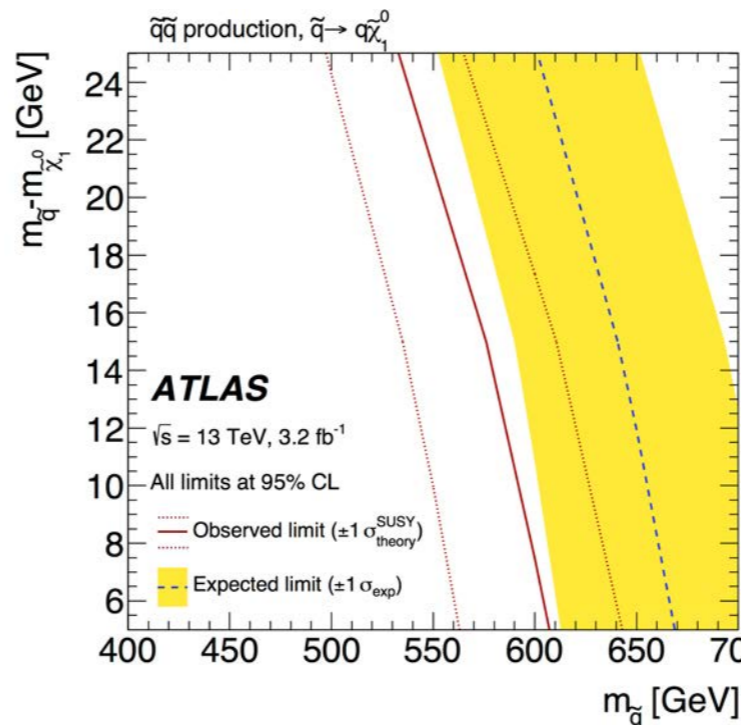
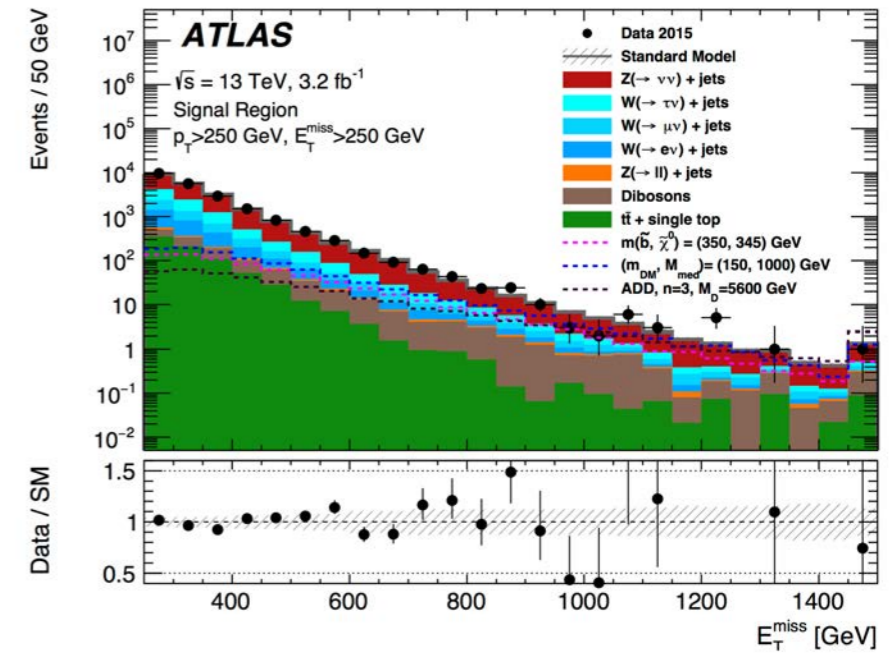
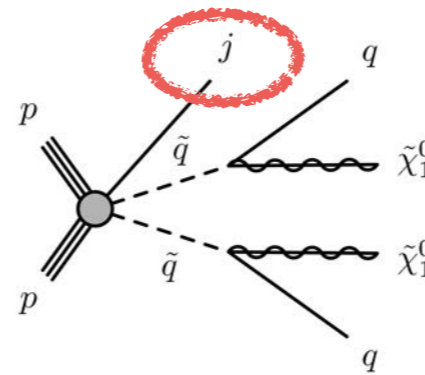
pre-fit!



Validation region name

Monojet & large E_T^{miss}

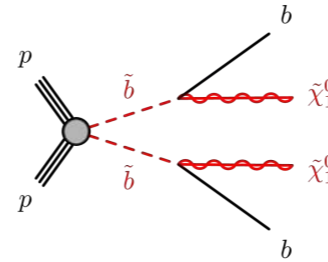
- Very compressed mass spectrum scenarios: small squark-LSP mass difference
- Consider light squark and sbottom pair production (also stop to charm), with ISR jet
- Fit 3 main backgrounds: $W(\text{ev})/W(\mu\nu)/Z(\text{v}\nu)+\text{jets}$
 - ($Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$ is proxy for $Z \rightarrow \text{v}\nu$)
- 13 signal regions defined by E_T^{miss} thresholds/ranges from 250 - 700 GeV



2 b-jets and E_T^{miss}

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- Light 3rd gen sparticles favoured - cancel heavy quark terms in Higgs mass self-energy corrections



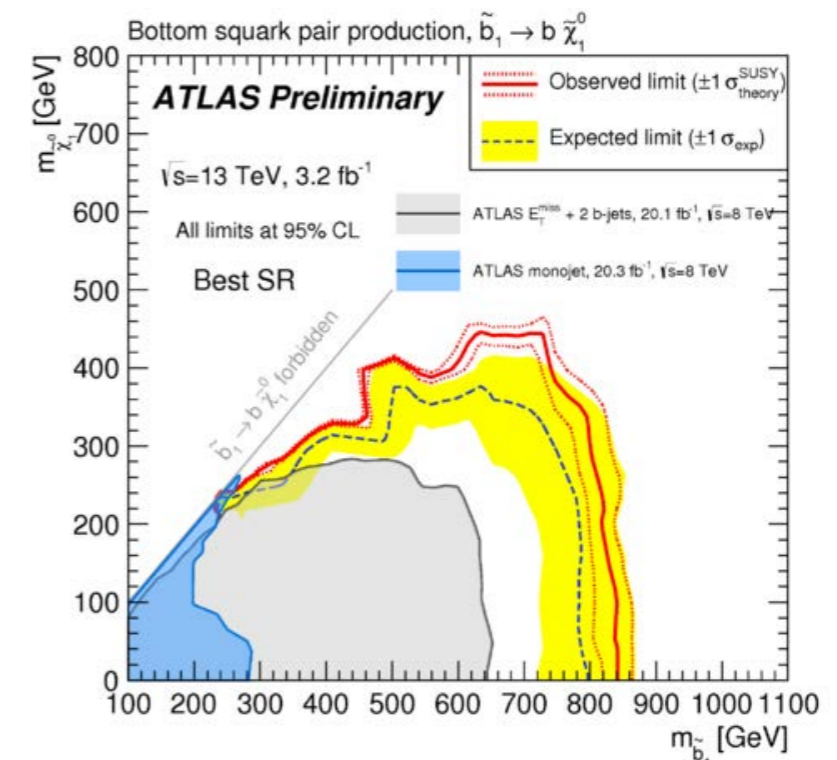
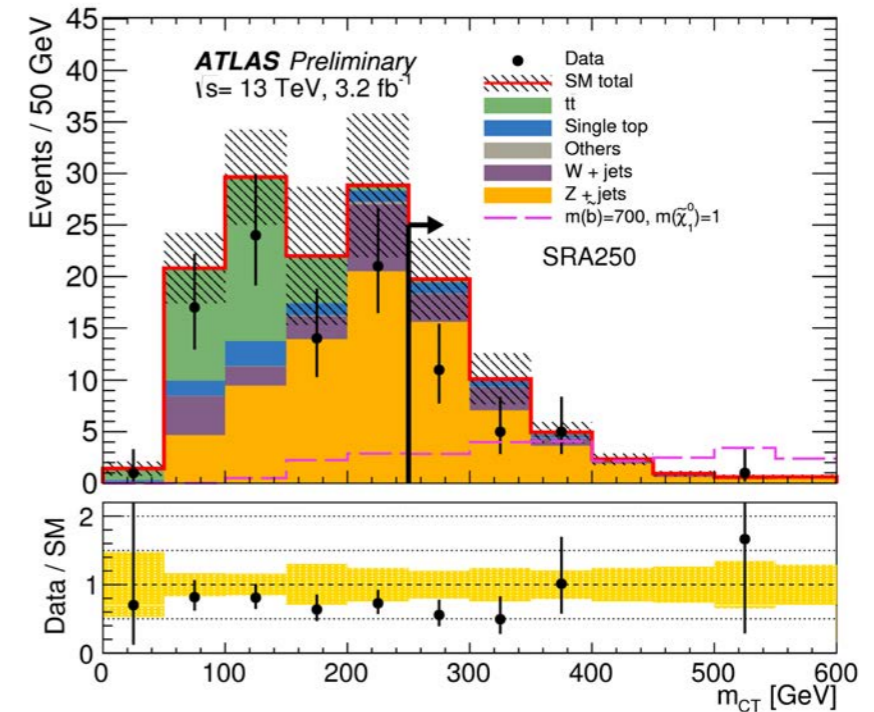
- Stop searches covered in plenary talk by B.Martin.d.L.
- Focus here on simple sbottom pair production. Cut-based SR requires 2 b-jets in events passing E_T^{miss} trigger:

- $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 250 \text{ GeV}, m_{bb} > 200 \text{ GeV}$

- "Contranverse mass" $> 250 \text{ GeV}$

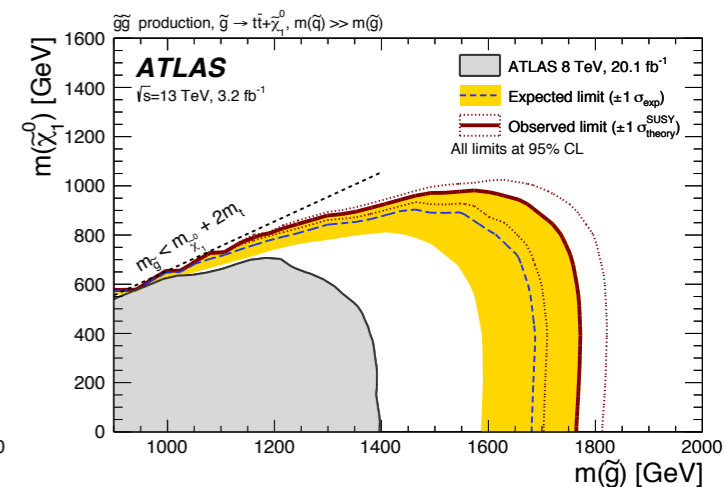
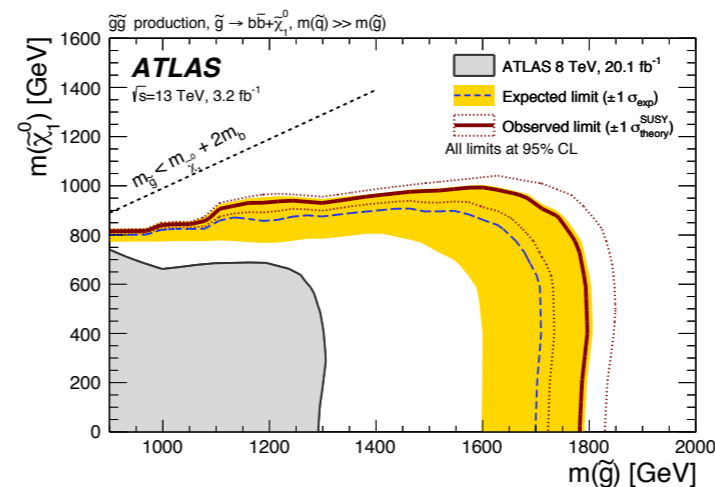
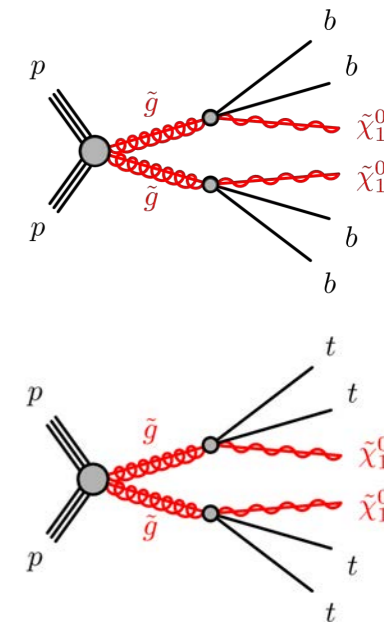
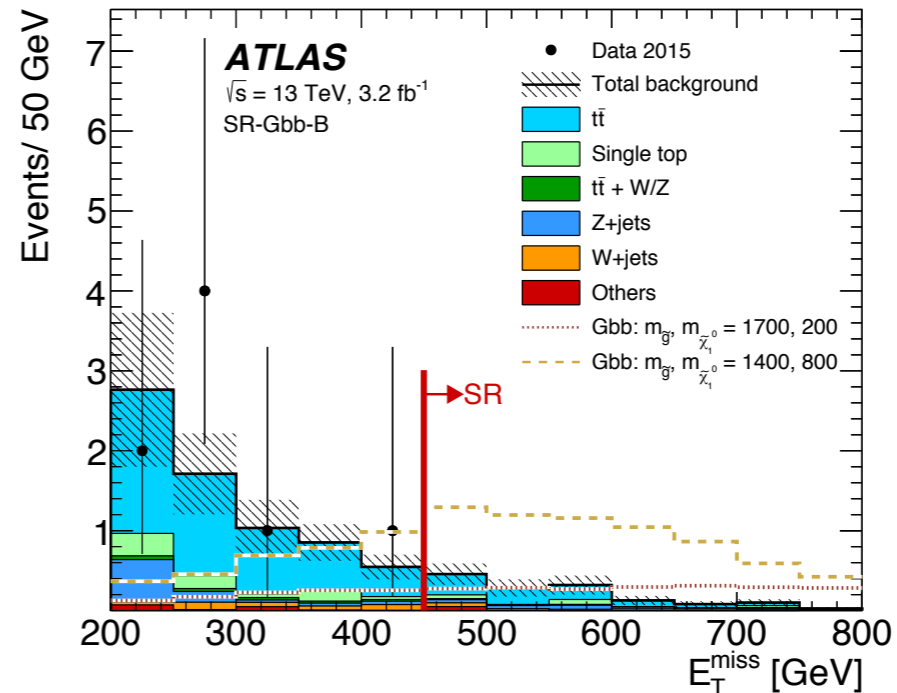
$$m_{CT}^2(v_1, v_2) = [E_T(v_1) + E_T(v_2)]^2 - [\mathbf{p}_T(v_1) - \mathbf{p}_T(v_2)]^2$$

- 2nd signal region focuses on small Δm region, requires ISR jet ($p_T > 300 \text{ GeV}$) to boost sbottom pair, $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 400 \text{ GeV}$
- Slight deficit seen in all SR; stringent limits



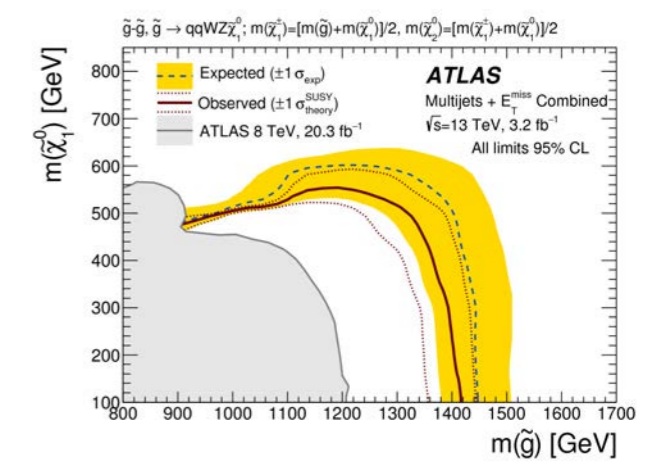
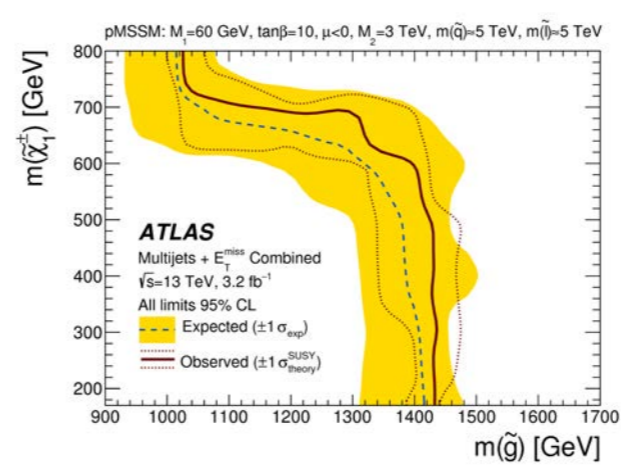
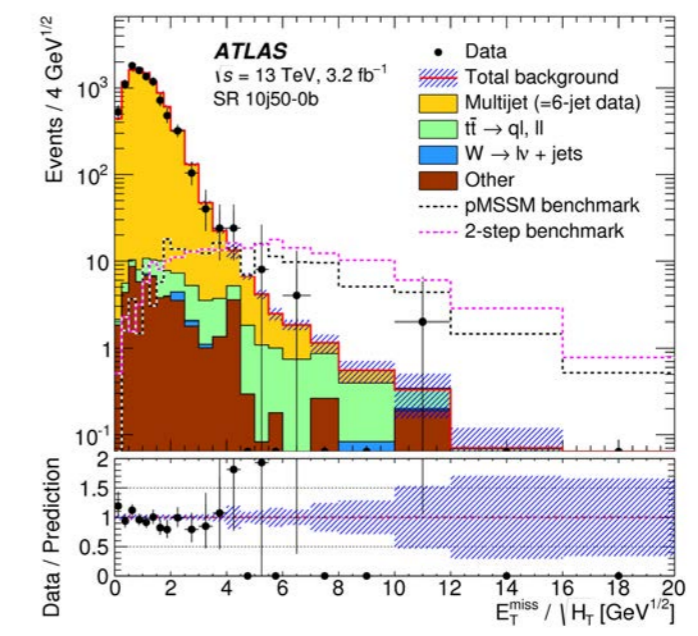
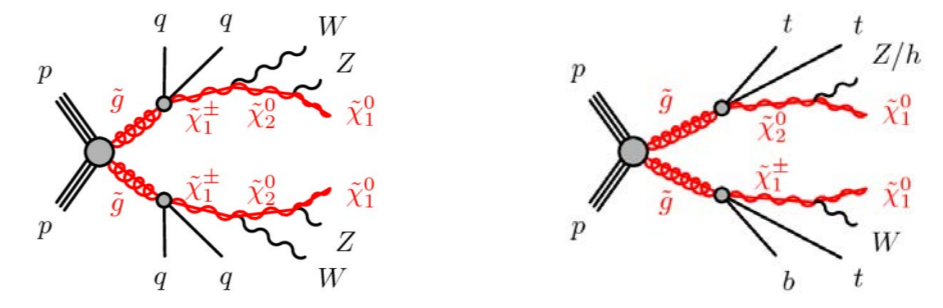
3 (or more) b-jets and E_T^{miss}

- Pair-produced gluinos decaying via virtual sbottom or stop
 - 4 b-jets (≥ 3 tagged) and E_T^{miss}
 - 4 b-jets (≥ 3 tagged), E_T^{miss} and additional decay products of W-bosons from the 4 tops (0 or ≥ 1 lepton and many jets)
- Several signal regions for each final state, targeting increasingly compressed scenarios
- Observe slightly fewer events than expected (also in validation regions) so limits somewhat better than expected, 1.78 TeV for sbottom and 1.76 TeV for stop, for $M(\text{neutralino}) \lesssim 700$ GeV



7-10 jets & E_T^{miss} (no leptons)

- If more complex cascade decays of gluinos allowed, produce more jets (possibly including b-jets), but potentially less E_T^{miss}
- Use high-multiplicity jet triggers:
 - 6 jets of $p_T > 45$ GeV
 - 9 SR: 8, 9 or 10 jets of which 0, 1 or 2 b-tagged
 - or 5 of $p_T > 70$ GeV
 - 6 SR with 7 or 8 jets of which 0, 1 or 2 b-tagged
- Cut-based analyses, discriminant $E_T^{\text{miss}} \sqrt{H_T}$
 - H_T = scalar sum of jet p_T
- Gluino masses up to 1.4 TeV excluded in large regions in these simplified models

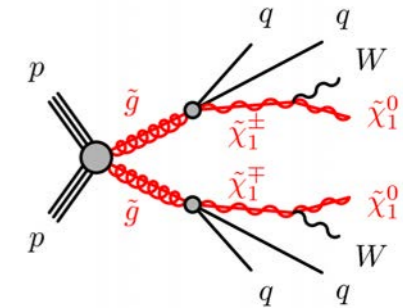


Jets with Leptons

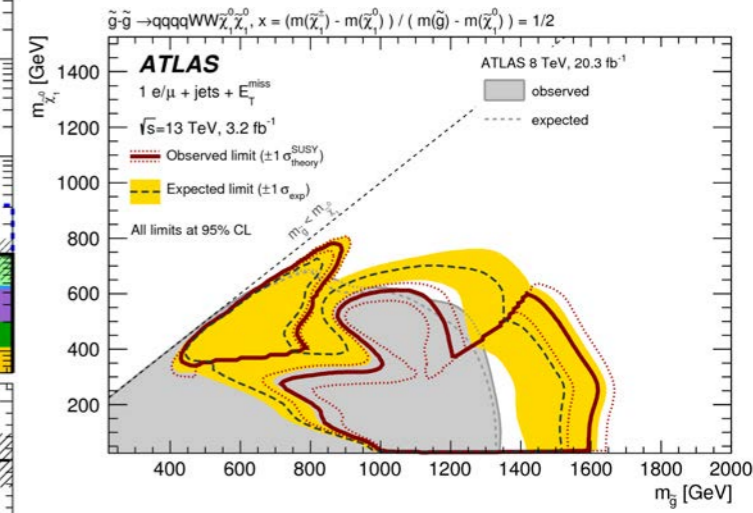
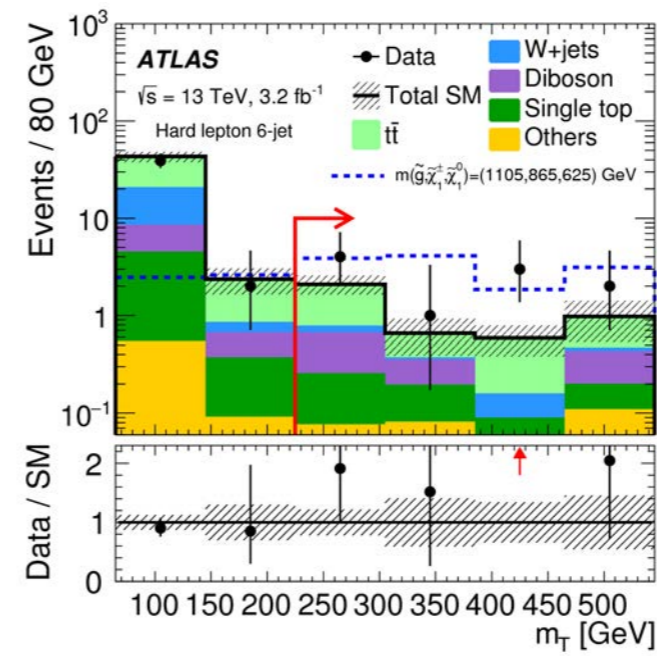
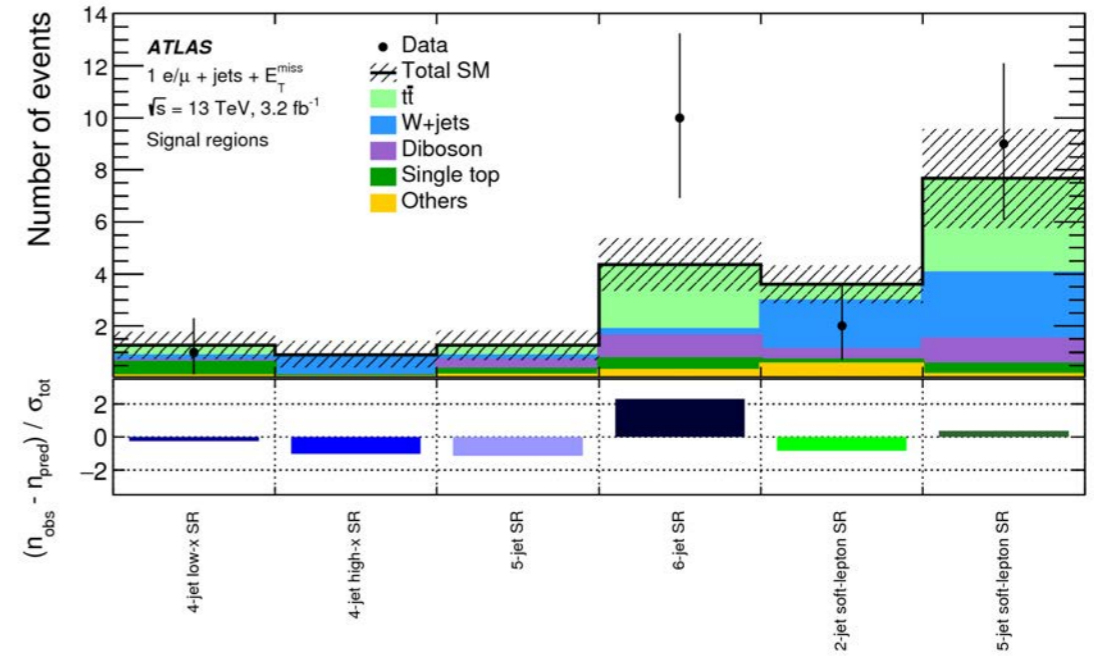
Strong production, with electroweak particles in the cascade decays leading to final-state electrons or muons, greatly increasing trigger efficiency

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1 lepton, jets & E_T^{miss}

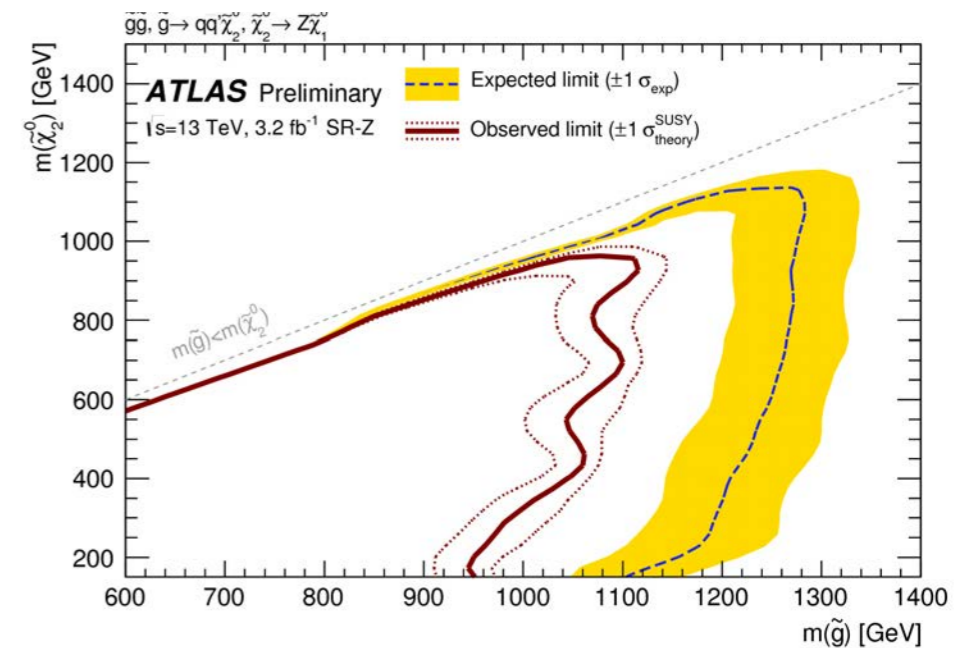
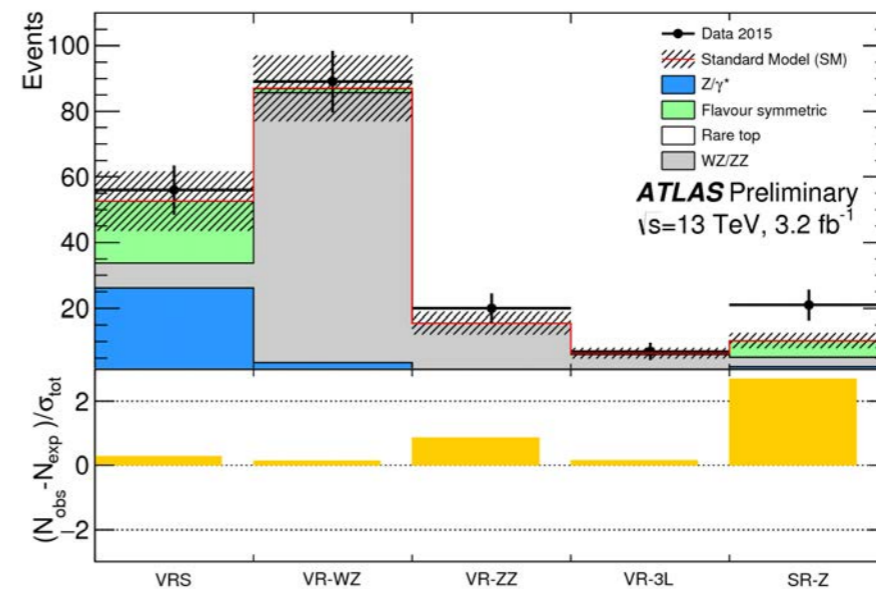
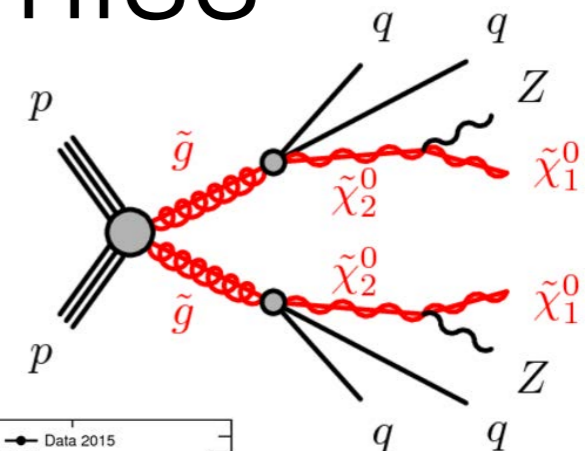


- Pair-produced gluinos decaying via light charginos
 - 3-body decay via virtual squarks; one final-state $W^{(*)}$ decays leptonically, along with up to 6 jets and E_T^{miss}
- E_T^{miss} trigger (70 GeV in trigger, 200 GeV offline) lets very soft leptons be included
- Several E_T^{miss} -dependent variables (m_T , H_T , m_{eff} , E_T^{miss}) used to define 6 SR:
 - soft lepton & ≥ 2 or ≥ 5 jets; hard lepton & ≥ 4 (2 variants), 5 or 6 jets
- Interpretation in several simplified models with assumptions about relations between sparticle masses



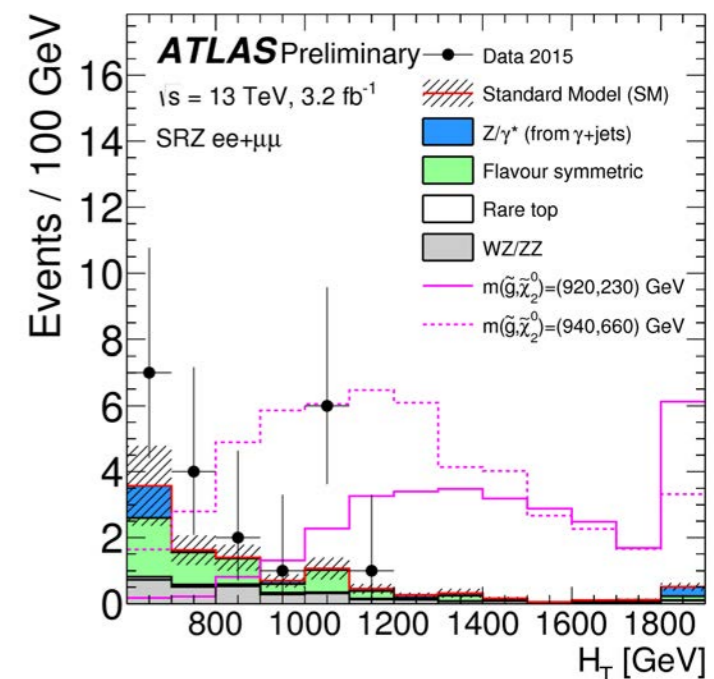
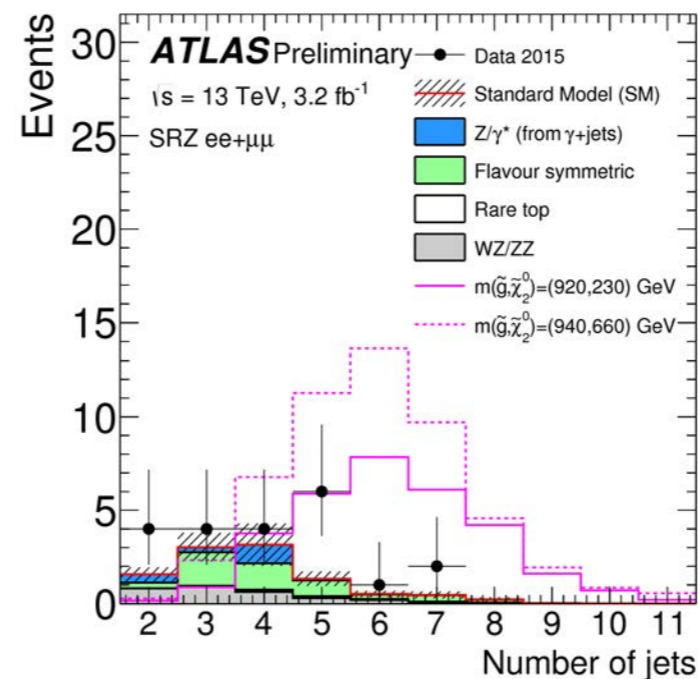
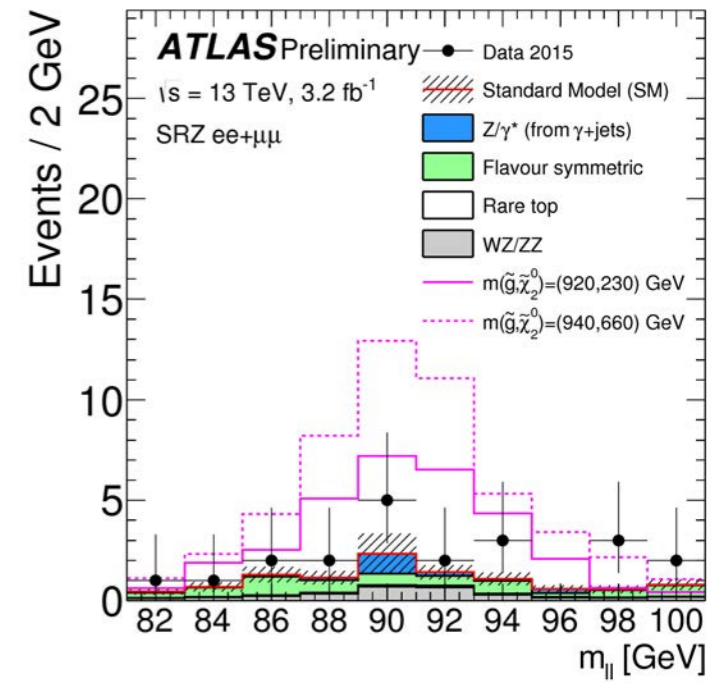
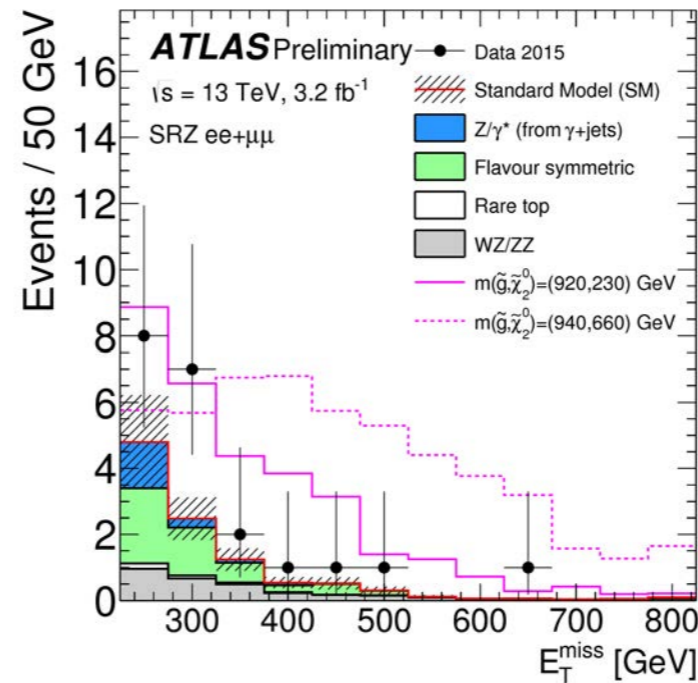
Z(\rightarrow ll) & Jets, E_T^{miss}

- Similar to previous, with both neutralinos light, and Z replacing W in final state
- One Z decays leptonically, along with E_T^{miss} and several jets
- In signal, both leptons come from Z-decay, so same-flavour. Control sample with different-flavour leptons used to estimate e.g. top-pair background.
- Cuts: $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 225$ GeV, $H_T > 600$ GeV, $n_{\text{jets}} \geq 2$, $81 < m_{ll} < 101$ GeV define signal region



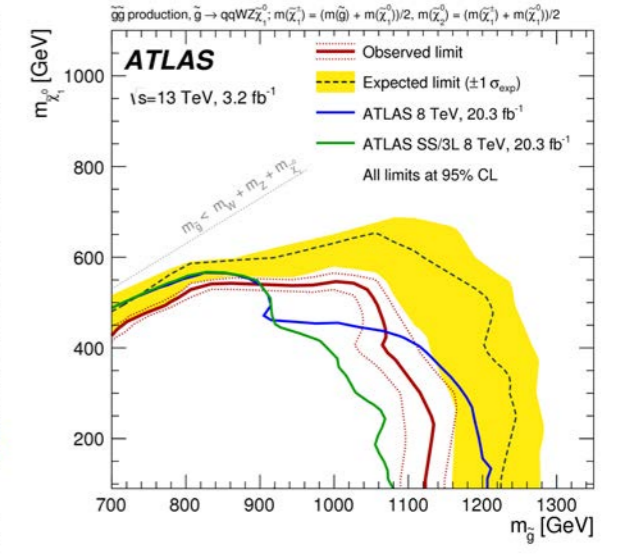
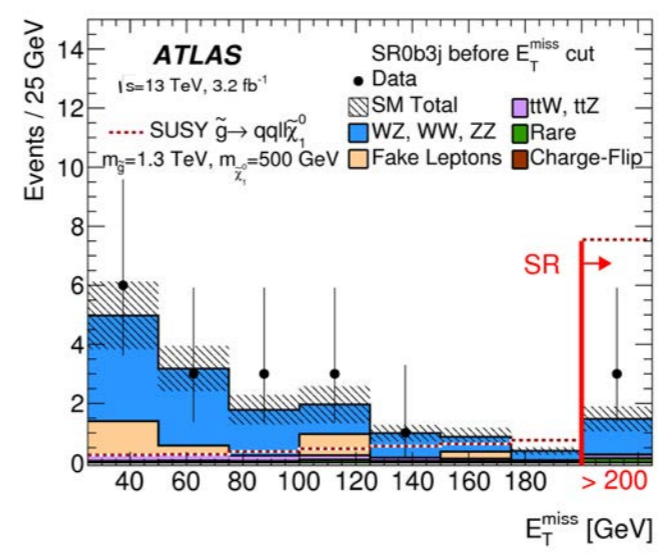
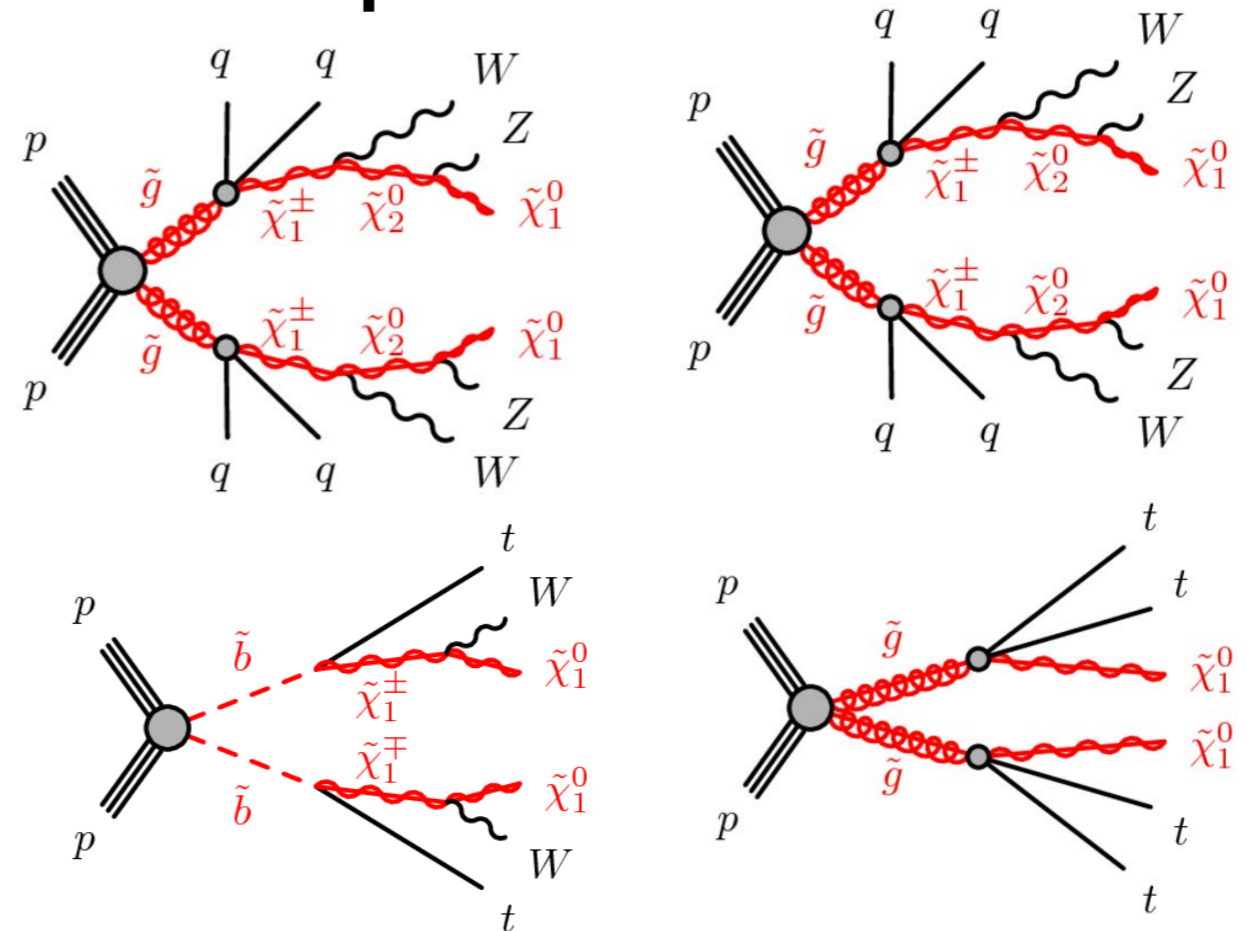
Z(\rightarrow ll)+ Jets, E_T^{miss} (*cont'd*)

- 21 events observed in SR (10 ee, 11 $\mu\mu$)
- 10.3 ± 2.3 expected
- p-value: 0.013
- 13 TeV signif.: 2.2σ
- Observed (Expected)
 $S^{95}: 20.0 (10.2^{+4.4}_{-3.0})$



2 same-sign or 3 leptons

- Gluinos are neutral - charged electroweak particles in both decay branches may have same charge
- Can also have 3 leptons (or 2 SS leptons) arising from final states with multiple Z, W or t decaying leptonically
 - Both signatures extremely rare in SM
- 4 signal regions according to number of b-jets and/or light jets
- Final discriminant is high E_T^{miss}
- Exceeds Run-1 limits in certain models



Lifetime

In (for example) compressed mass-spectrum scenarios or situations like "split" SUSY where 3-body decays can be highly suppressed by large sparticle masses, there may be very little phase space for decays to the LSP, resulting in a long-lived NLSP. This could elude standard missing-energy searches, and requires special attention.

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long-lived highly ionizing particles

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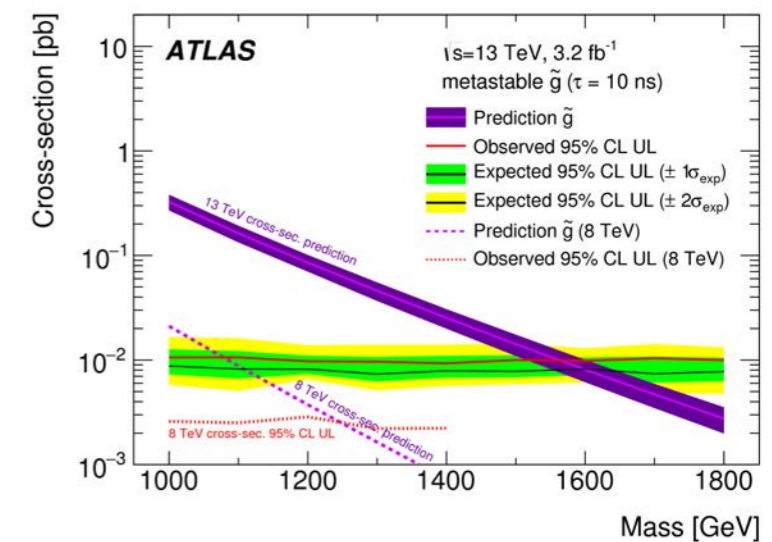
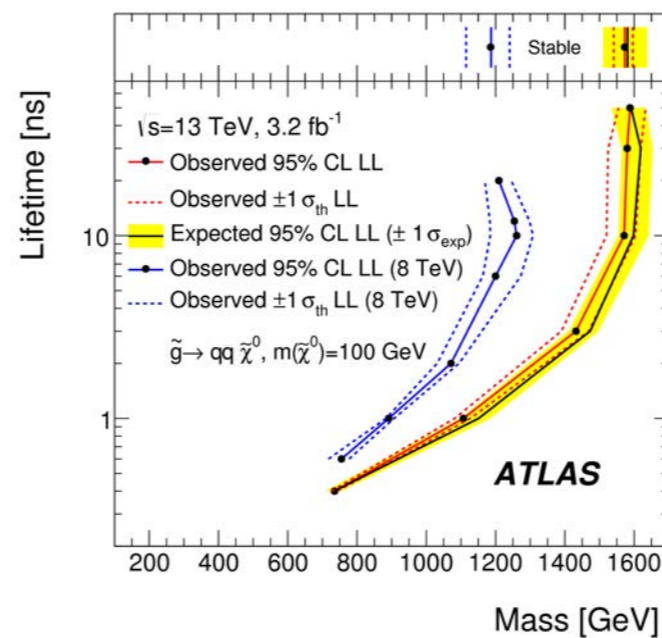
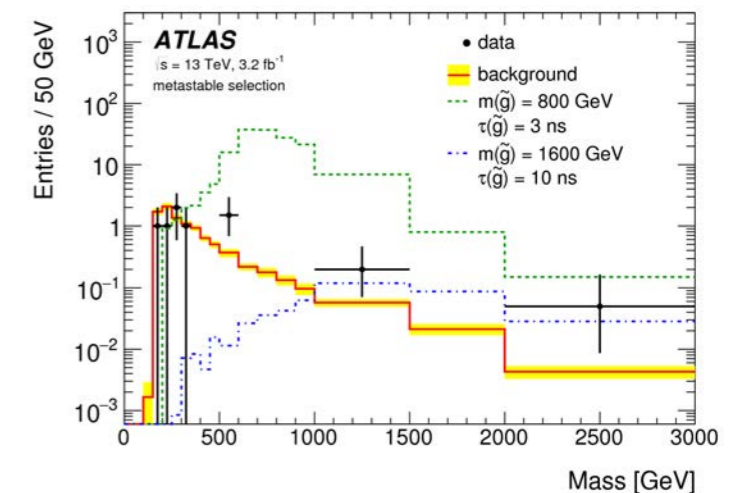
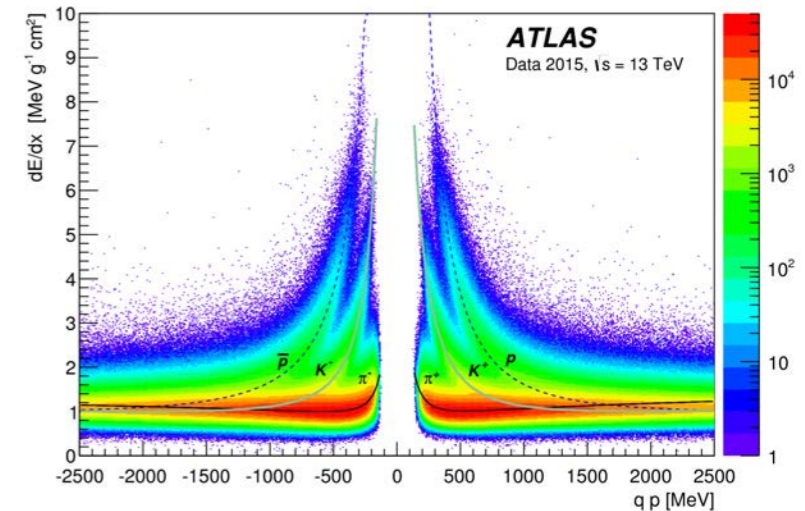
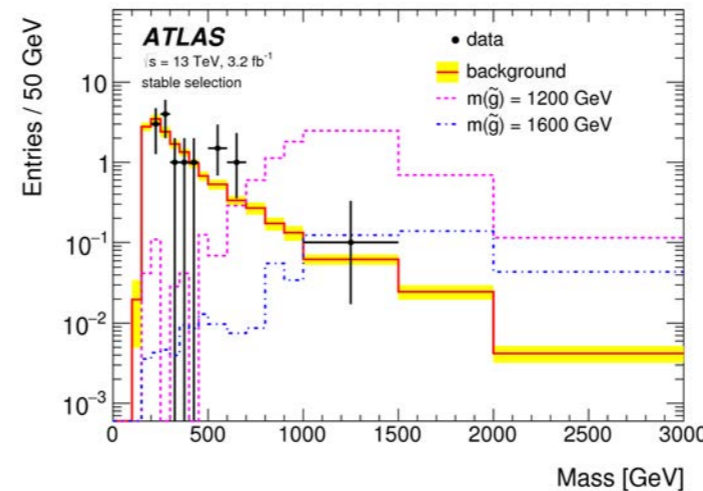
- Gluino (charged) R-hadrons:

- stable (lifetime > 50 ns)
- or metastable (decay to qq + LSP)

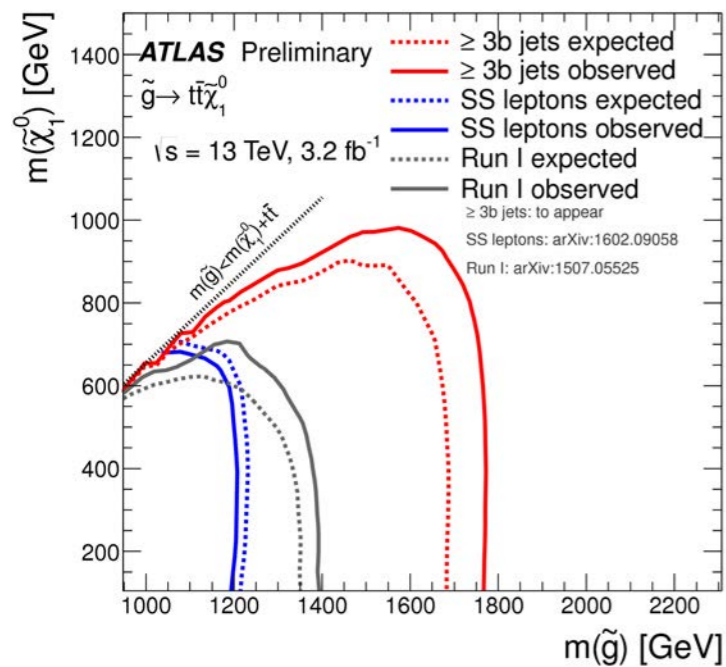
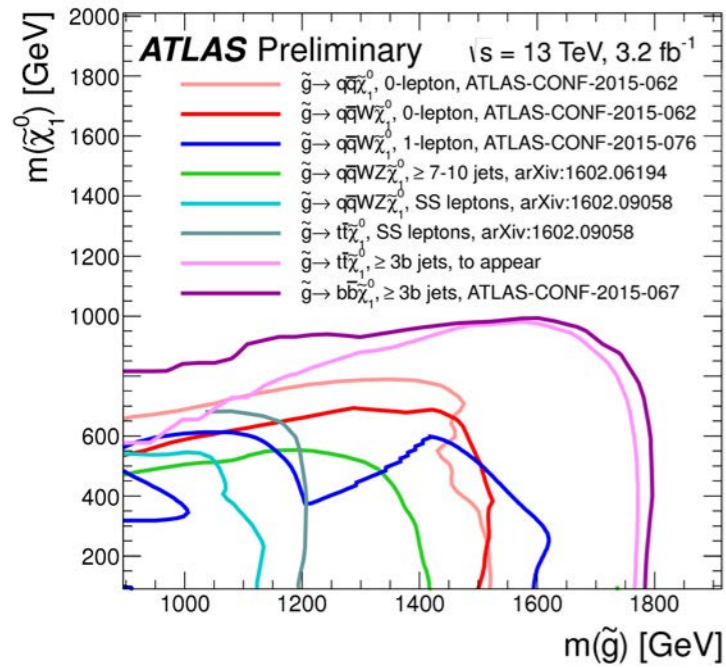
- Look for tracks with large dE/dx from Si-pixels and high pT

- stable gluino R-hadrons excluded below 1570 GeV

- Gluino R-hadrons with lifetime > 0.4 ns exclusions given for 100 GeV LSP, lower mass limits 740-1590 GeV



Summary



- With 3.2 fb^{-1} at 13 TeV, ATLAS already extends reach of many strong-production SUSY scenarios over 8 TeV limits

- Limits $\sim 1.5 \text{ TeV}$ for gluinos in simplest models

- Interesting - but not (yet?) significant - excess in $Z(\text{to } H) + \text{ETmiss}$ analysis first seen at 8 TeV persists

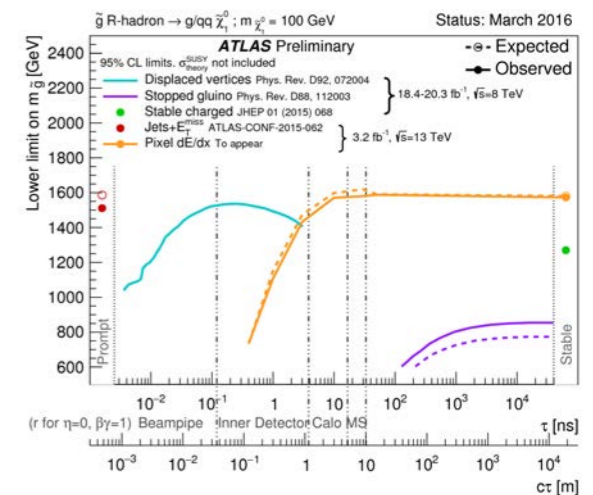
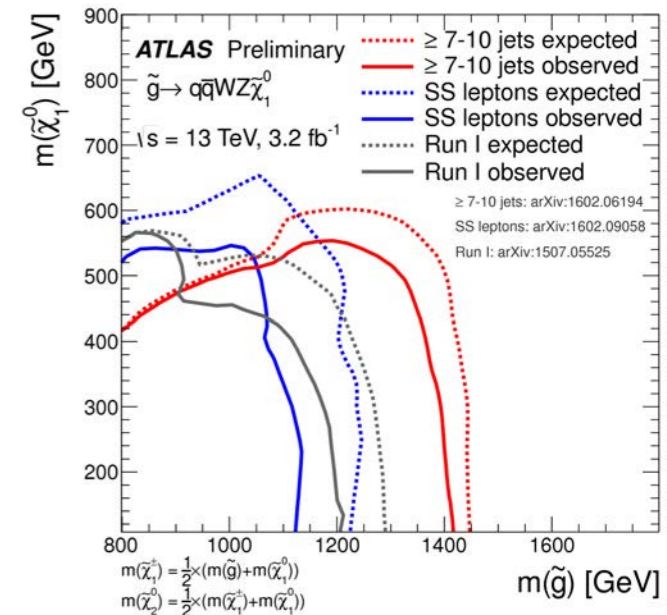
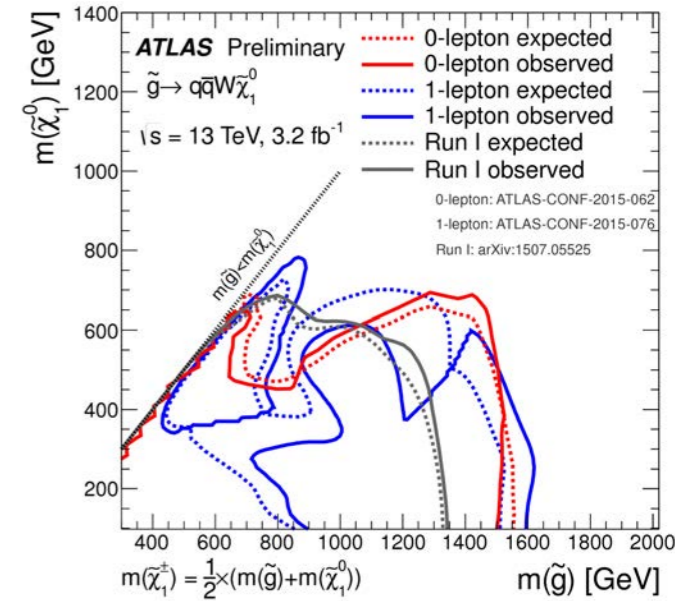
- Expect $\sim 25 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ in 2016:

- Confirm or demolish the excess

- Extend limits in strong production toward kinematic limits

- Look for weakly produced SUSY with sensitivity beyond Run-1

- An interesting year for SUSY. The year?

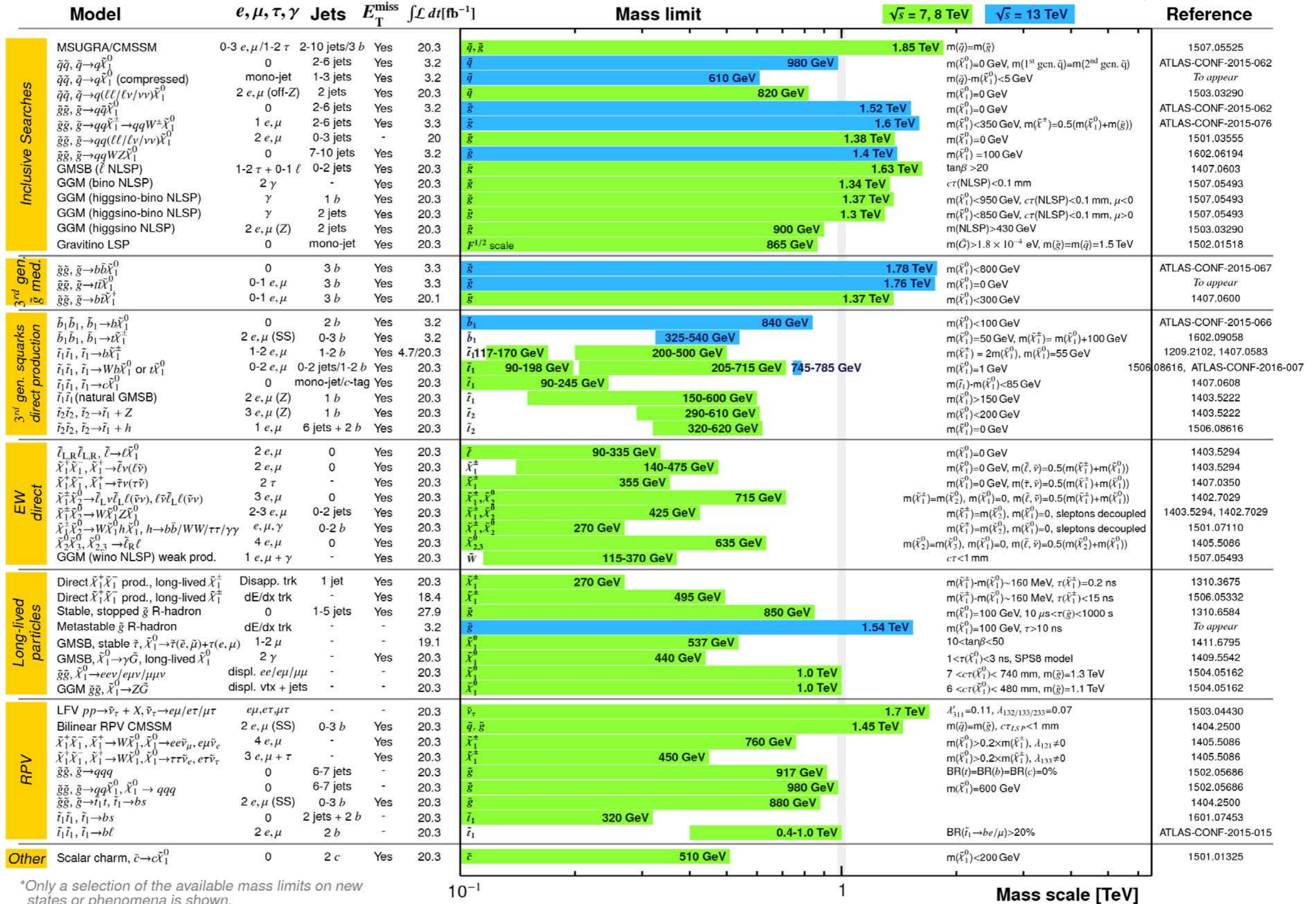


ATLAS SUSY Searches* - 95% CL Lower Limits

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ATLAS Preliminary

$\sqrt{s} = 7, 8, 13$ TeV

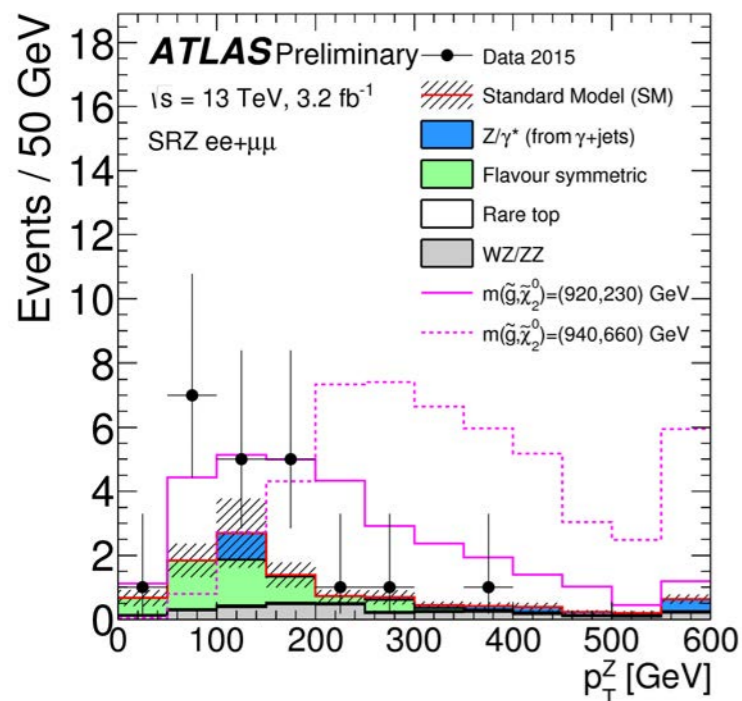
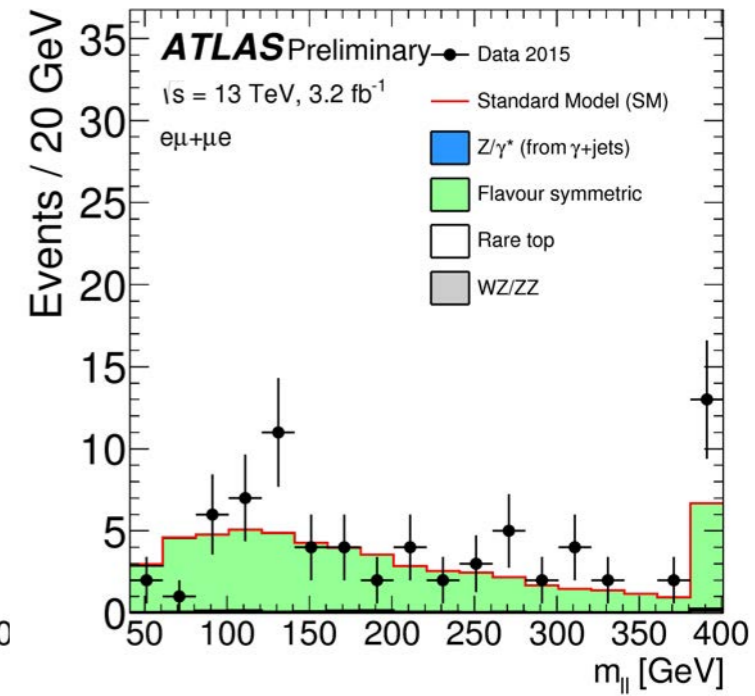
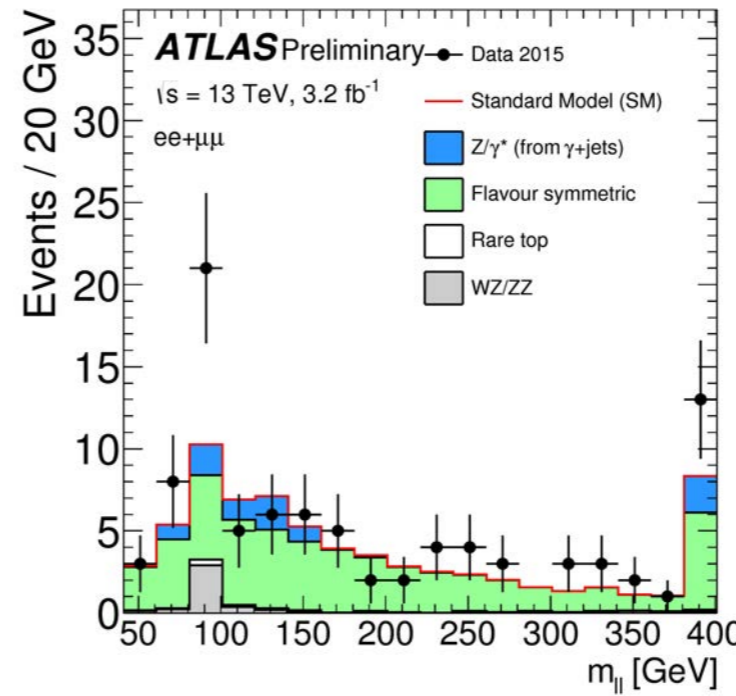
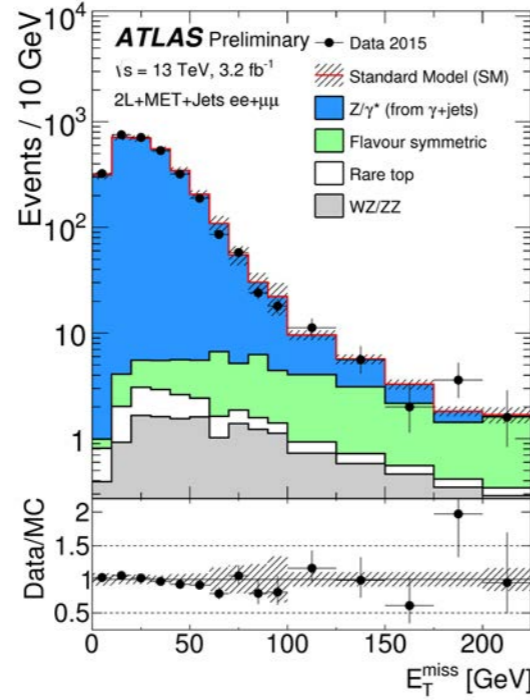
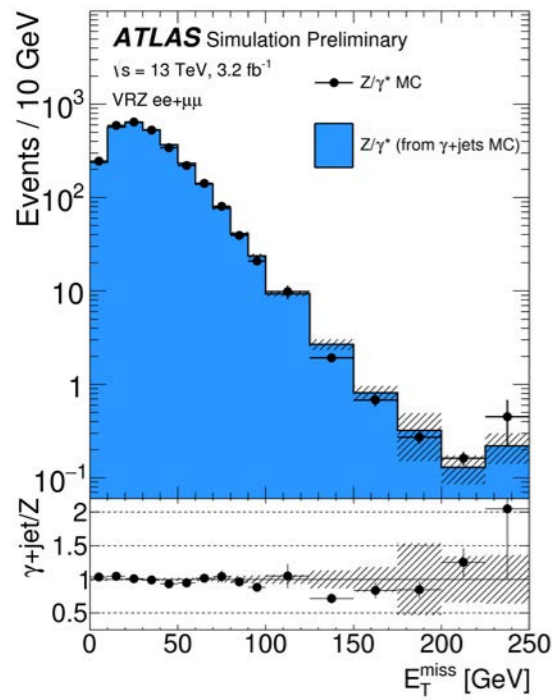


*Only a selection of the available mass limits on new states or phenomena is shown.

10⁻¹ 1 Mass scale [TeV]

Backups

Z(\rightarrow ll)+ Jets, E_T^{miss} (*more*)



Region	E_T^{miss} [GeV]	H_T [GeV]	n_{jets}	$m_{\ell\ell}$ [GeV]	SF/DF	$\Delta\phi(\text{jet}_{12}, \mathbf{p}_T^{\text{miss}})$	$m_T(\ell_3, E_T^{\text{miss}})$ [GeV]	$n_{\text{b-jets}}$
Signal regions								
SRZ	> 225	> 600	≥ 2	$81 < m_{\ell\ell} < 101$	SF	> 0.4	-	-
Control regions								
Z normalisation	< 60	> 600	≥ 2	$81 < m_{\ell\ell} < 101$	SF	> 0.4	-	-
CR-FS	> 225	> 600	≥ 2	$61 < m_{\ell\ell} < 121$	DF	> 0.4	-	-
CRT	> 225	> 600	≥ 2	$m_{\ell\ell} \notin [81, 101]$	SF	> 0.4	-	-
Validation regions								
VRZ	< 225	> 600	≥ 2	$81 < m_{\ell\ell} < 101$	SF	> 0.4	-	-
VRT	100–200	> 600	≥ 2	$m_{\ell\ell} \notin [81, 101]$	SF	> 0.4	-	-
VRS	100–200	> 600	≥ 2	$81 < m_{\ell\ell} < 101$	SF	> 0.4	-	-
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VR-WZ	100–200	-	-	-	3ℓ	-	< 100	0
VR-ZZ	< 100	-	-	-	4ℓ	-	-	0
VR-3L	60–100	> 200	≥ 2	$81 < m_{\ell\ell} < 101$	3ℓ	> 0.4	-	-

Z(\rightarrow ll)+ Jets, E_T^{miss} (*more*)

Physics process	Generator	Parton Shower	Cross section	Tune	PDF set	Region	Flavour-symmetry	Sideband fit
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$t\bar{t}$	POWHEG Box v2 r3026	PYTHIA 6.428	NNLO+NNLL [26,27]	PERUGIA2012	NLO CT10	SRZ	5.1 ± 2.0	6.1 ± 1.7
Single-top (Wt)	POWHEG Box v2 r2856	PYTHIA 6.428	Approx. NNLO [28,29]	PERUGIA2012	NLO CT10	VRS	18.9 ± 4.8	20.5 ± 5.6
$t\bar{t} + W$ and $t\bar{t} + Z$	MADGRAPH5 2.2.2	PYTHIA 8.186	NLO [31,32]	A14 NNPDF23LO	CTEQ6L1			
$t\bar{t} + WW$	MADGRAPH5 2.2.2	PYTHIA 8.186	LO	A14 NNPDF23LO	CTEQ6L1			
WW , WZ and ZZ	SHERPA 2.1.1	SHERPA 2.1.1	NNLO [33,34]	SHERPA default	NLO CT10			

	VRS	VR-WZ	VR-ZZ	VR-3L
Observed events	56	89	20	7
Total expected background events	52.6 ± 9.1	87 ± 10	15.5 ± 3.4	6.5 ± 1.6
Flavour symmetric ($t\bar{t}$, Wt , WW and $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$) events	18.9 ± 4.8	1.3 ± 0.4	0	0.3 ± 0.2
WZ/ZZ events	7.5 ± 1.7	82 ± 10	15.5 ± 3.4	4.9 ± 1.6
$Z/\gamma^* + \text{jets}$ events	24.8 ± 7.6	2.7 ± 2.8	0	0.2 ± 0.2
Rare top events	1.4 ± 0.2	0.9 ± 0.4	0.04 ± 0.02	1.0 ± 0.1

Source	Relative systematic uncertainty [%]	SRZ
Observed events		21
Total expected background events		10.3 ± 2.3
Flavour symmetric ($t\bar{t}$, Wt , WW and $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$) events		5.1 ± 2.0
WZ/ZZ events		2.9 ± 0.8
$Z/\gamma^* + \text{jets}$ events		1.9 ± 0.8
Rare top events		0.4 ± 0.1
Total systematic uncertainty	22	
Flavour symmetry (statistical)	14	
Flavour symmetry (systematic)	12	
$Z/\gamma^* + \text{jets}$ (systematic)	7.8	
WZ generator uncertainty	7.6	
$Z/\gamma^* + \text{jets}$ (statistical)	2.2	
p -value		0.013
Significance		2.2
Observed (Expected) S^{95}		$20.0 (10.2^{+4.4}_{-3.0})$