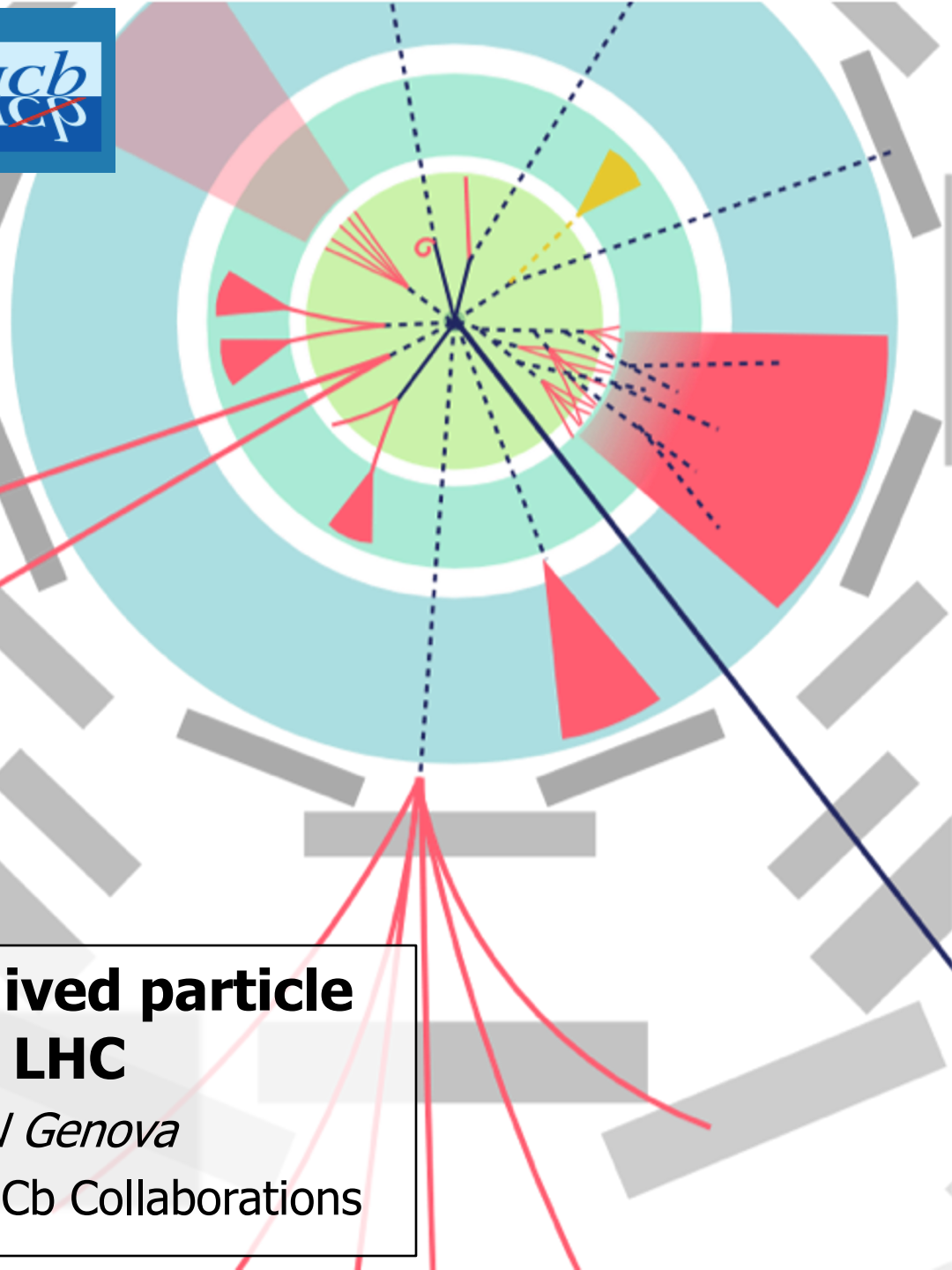


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## Recent results on long lived particle searches at the LHC

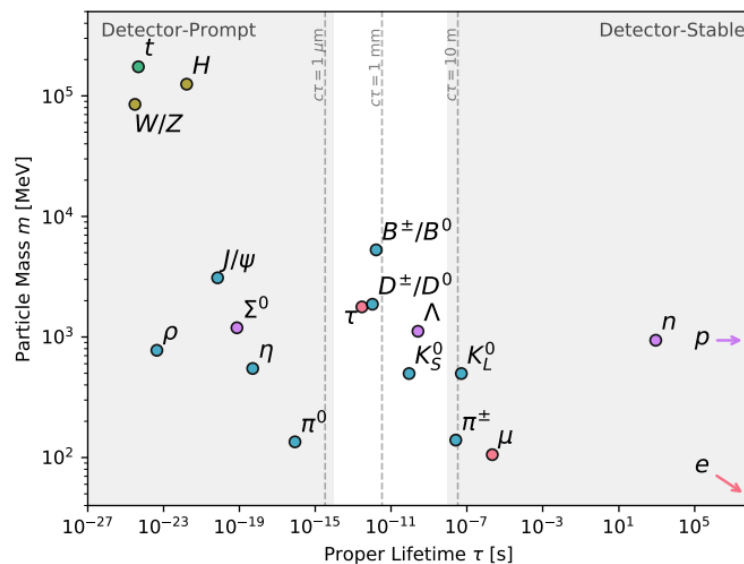
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*on behalf of ATLAS, CMS and LHCb Collaborations*

# Why LLPs searches?

- Long Lived Particles (LLPs) are BSM particles that **decay inside the detector** or, if charged, that are **stable** within the detector acceptance.
- **LLPs do exist!** New long-lived particles are both theoretically and experimentally motivated
  - small couplings
  - phase-space suppression
  - conserved (or nearly conserved) symmetries
- There is a **strong increasing interest in BSM LLPs** as our current extensive look at 13 TeV data yields impressive agreement with Standard Model expectations.
- Detectors upgrades are now using also these channels as benchmarks. **It was not the case** for the original construction.

arXiv:1810.12602





# How to find LLPs?

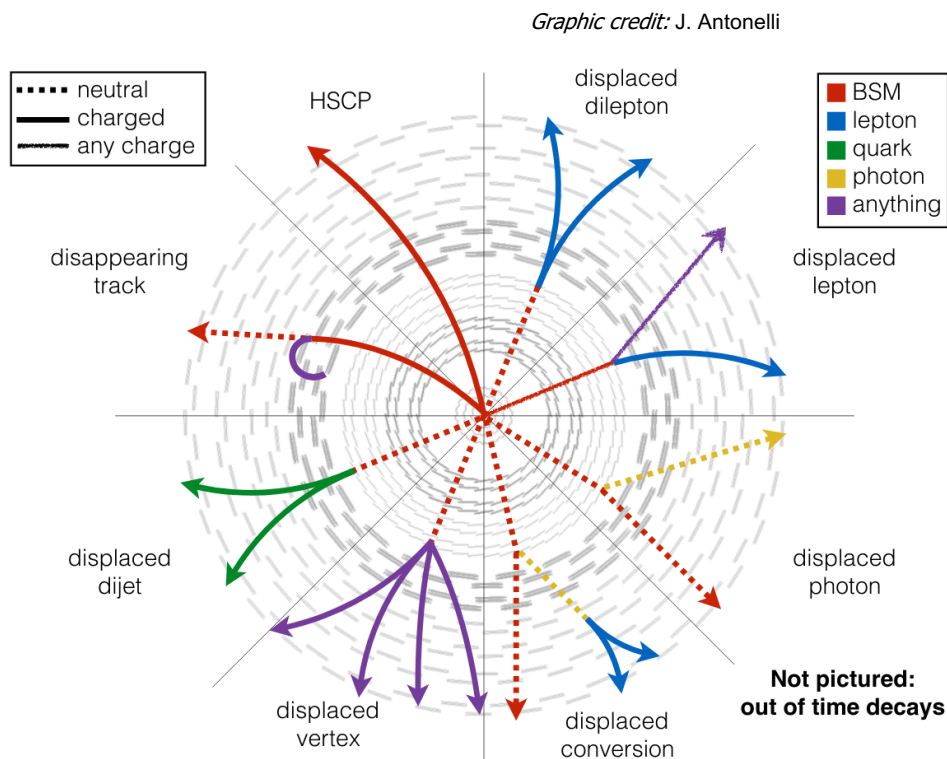
- Rather than theory driven LLP searches are **signature** driven. Multiple scenarios are then possible:

- They can be light or heavy, can travel fast or slow.
- They can decay to quarks, leptons, gluons... or even to invisible particles, leaving missing transverse momentum.

- **Anomalous ionization, displacements and lifetime** are the key signatures.

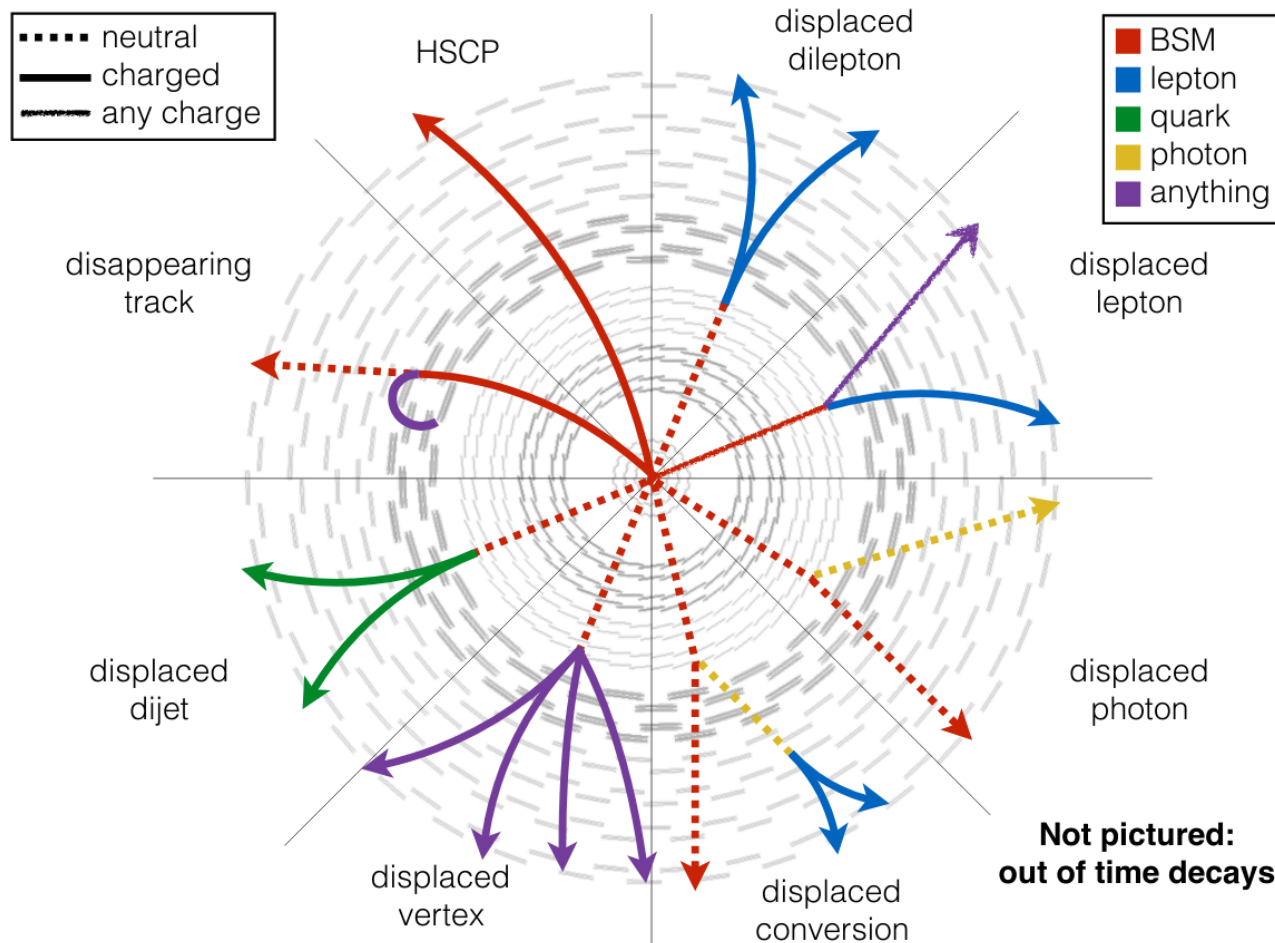
- Despite the different signatures, BSM LLPs have one thing in common: they are **atypical topologies** that offer appealing and challenging searches where **algorithms, triggers and tools** can be improved, as:

- The estimation of non-standard **backgrounds**,
- Loss of efficiency in **reconstruction**,
- Reduced **trigger** performance.



# Recent results

- A lot of searches in this area! Difficult to fit in a single talk!
- In the following **few examples based on signatures.**
  - In the backup, links to more measurements and overviews,

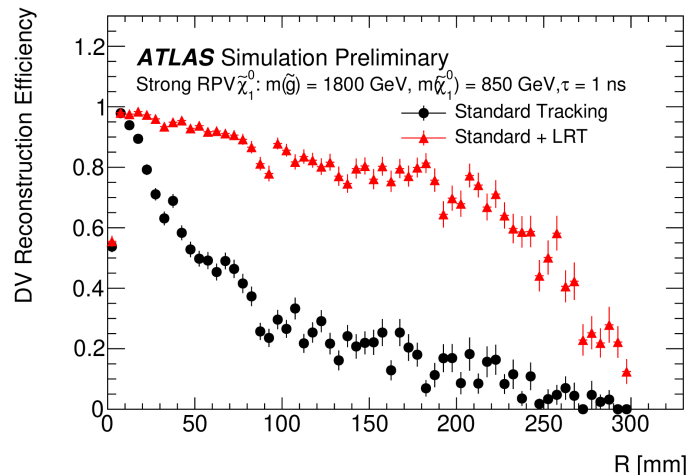
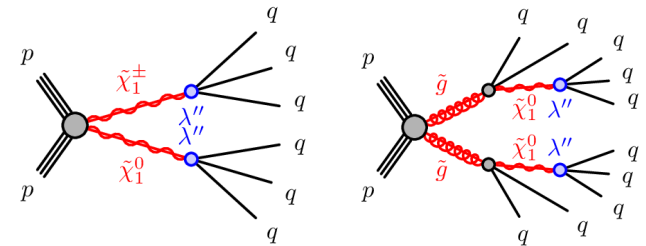
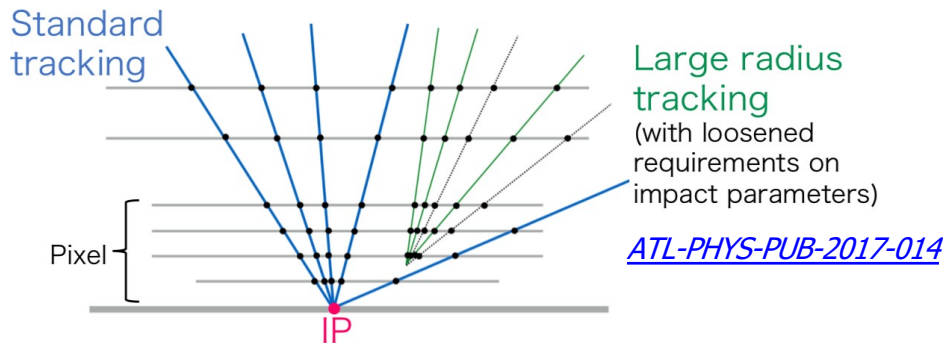


# Jets + Displaced Vertices

ATLAS

[ATLAS-CONF-2022-054](#)

- **Target:** General search for heavy LLPs decaying in the Inner Detector in hadrons
- **Signature:** Looking for an excess in multi-jet events with Displaced Vertices with high mass and multiplicity.
- **Algorithm:** Displaced Vertex reconstruction possible up to 300 mm thanks to **Large Radius Tracking** → Example of how algorithms improves for the LLP searches.



- Two cut-and-count SRs, one targeting trackless jets (for ewkinos) and the other targeting high  $p_T$  jets (for gluinos).

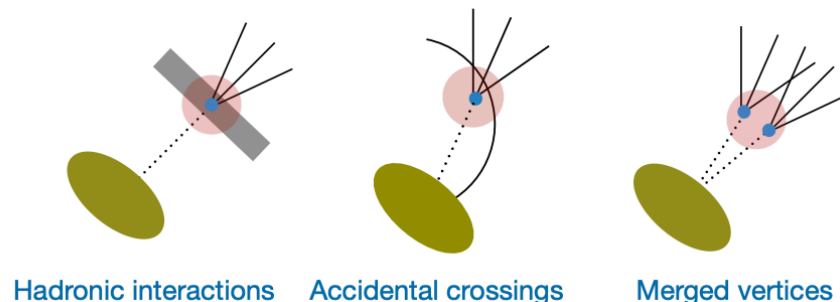
Sensitivity to the EWK production is reached for the first time in this analysis!

# Jets + Displaced Vertices

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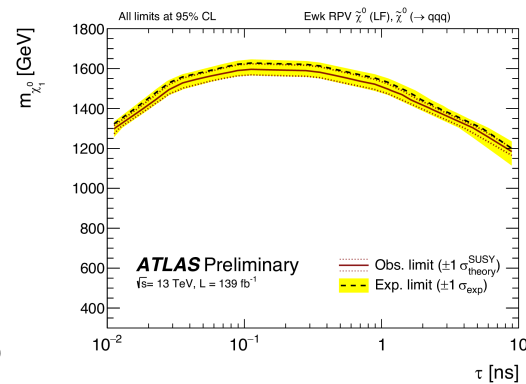
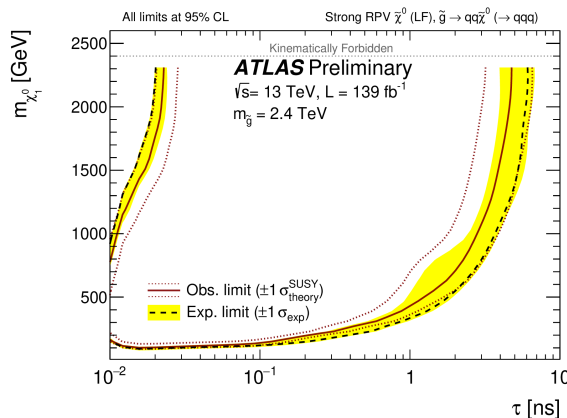
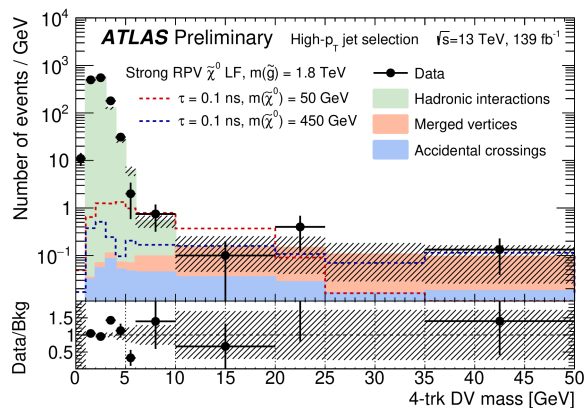
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- Background: rare hadronic events, accidental track-crossing and close-by secondary vertices



- Jet-DV correlation is measured in a signal-free CR and used to estimate the background in the SR
- No excess  $\rightarrow$  limits are set on the SUSY benchmark models. At 95% CL, values up to 1.58 TeV for  $\tau = 0.1$  ns excluded, and the limit surpasses 1.5 TeV for all lifetimes in the range from 0.03 ns to 1 ns

	Expected	Observed
High- $p_T$ SR	$0.46^{+0.27}_{-0.30}$	1
Trackless-jets SR	$0.83^{+0.51}_{-0.53}$	0

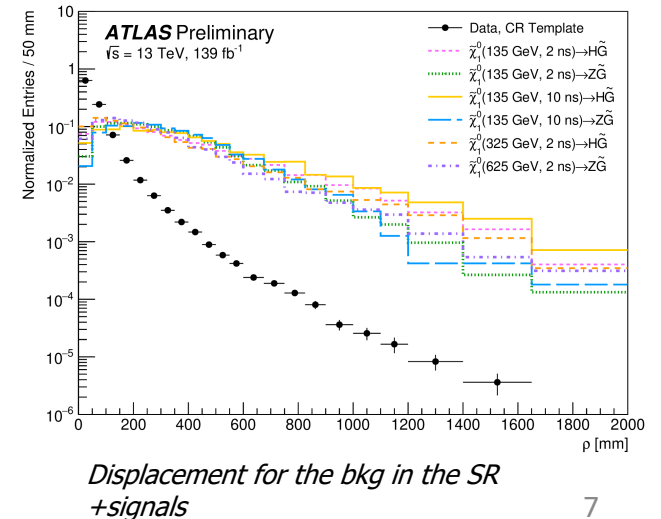
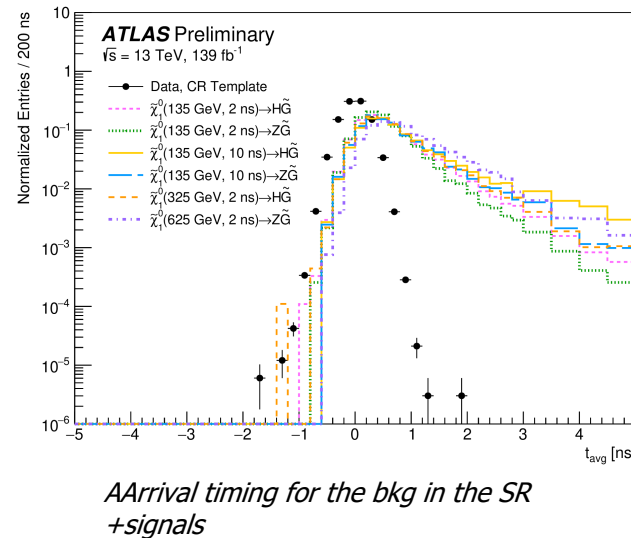
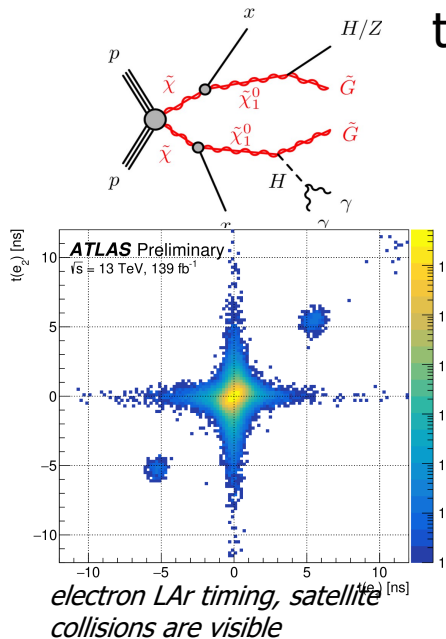
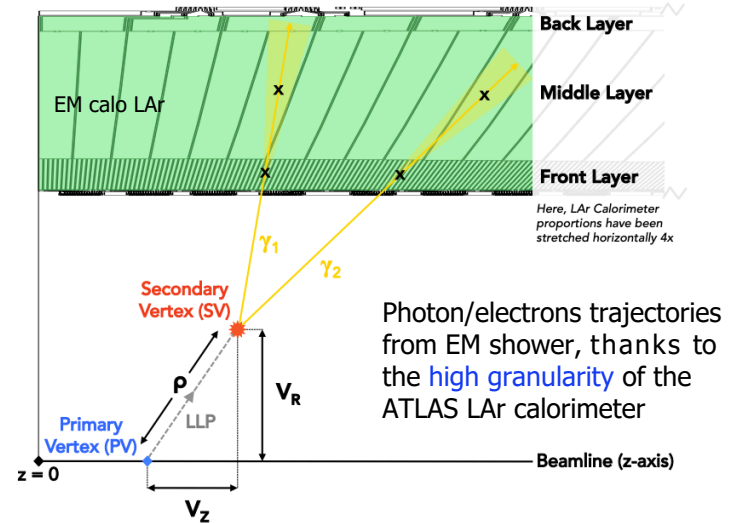


# Displaced di-photon vertex

ATLAS

ATLAS-CONF-2022-051

- **Target:** long lived heavy particles, originating displaced  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  or  $Z \rightarrow ee$  decays
- **Signature:** Exploit LAr arrival time ( $t_{\text{avg}}$ ) as well as the mass and 2D position ( $\rho$ ) of the Displaced vertex.
- **Benchmark** model: gauge-mediated SUSY breaking model, LLP pair produced, then decaying into H or Z.

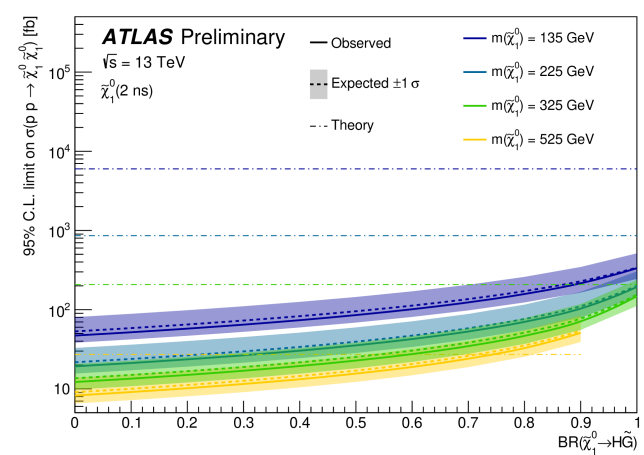
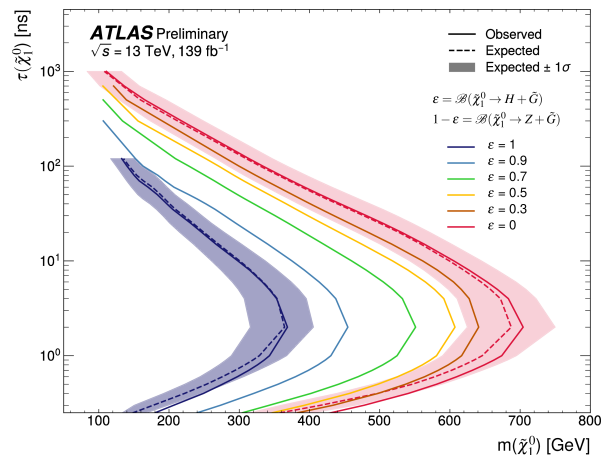
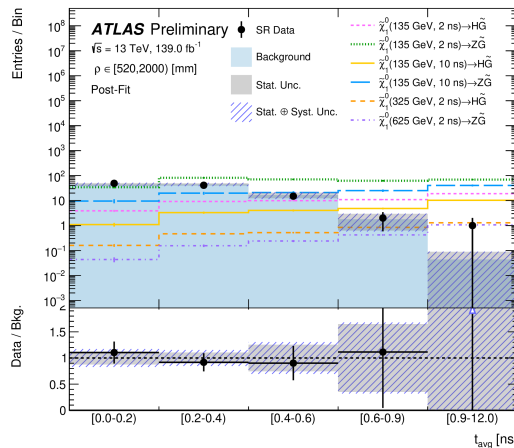


# Displaced di-photon vertex

ATLAS

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- Background: due to fake and mis-measured photons
- Likelihood fit of  $t_{\text{avg}}$  in different bins of  $\rho$ , background estimated from  $t_{\text{avg}}$  templates from CR
- No disagreement with S M observed  $\rightarrow$  strong limits on neutralino masses and lifetimes



Backup: Similar analysis with displaced photons, w/o vertex request: [ATLAS-CONF-2022-017](#)

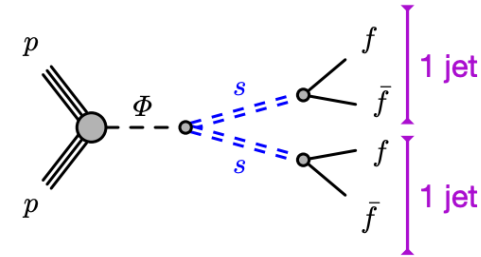


# Displaced Jets in Hadronic Calo

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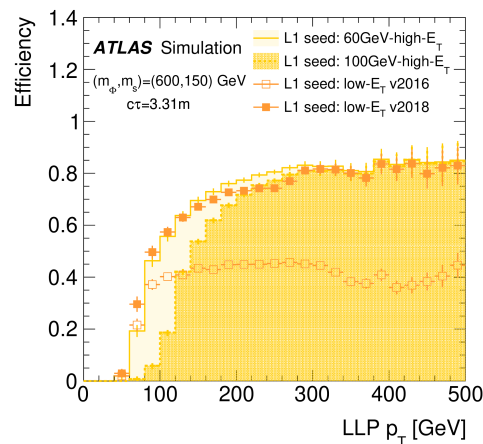
- **Target:** pairs of neutral long-lived particles decaying to SM fermions in the Calorimeter
- **Benchmark** model: Hidden Sector with a heavy neutral boson,  $\phi$ , decaying to two long-lived neutral scalars,  $s$ , that decay to pairs of SM fermions
- **Signature:** two narrow single jets, trackless and with an unusually high proportion of energy in the hadronic calo.
- **Trigger:** Dedicated CalRatio\* triggers specifically designed for this search.



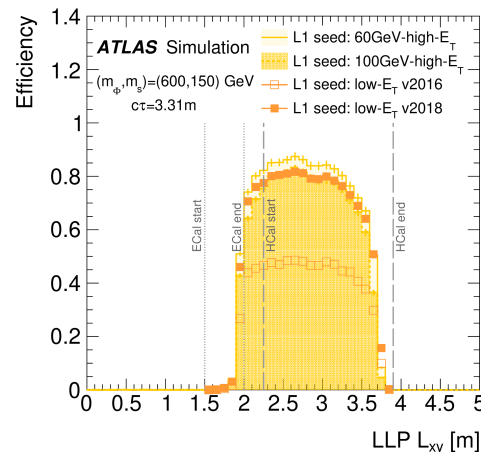
Displaced objects

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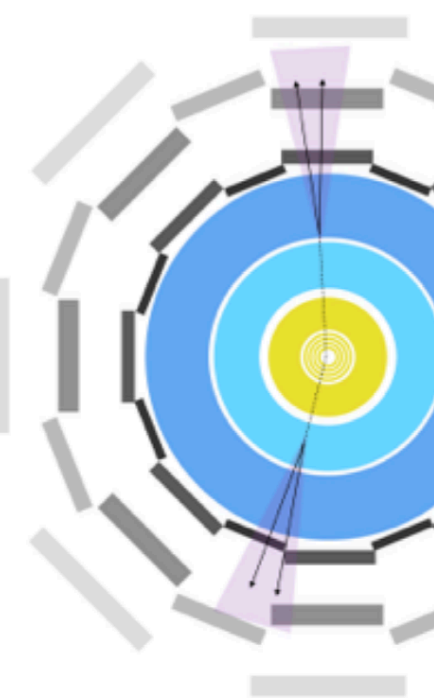
- Two search regions are defined for different LLP kinematic regimes.



Trigger efficiency for simulated signal events as a function of the LLP  $p_T$



Trigger efficiency for simulated signal events as a function of the LLP  $L_{xy}$



\*  $\log R = \log_{10}(E_H/E_{EM})$

# Displaced Jets in Hadronic Calo

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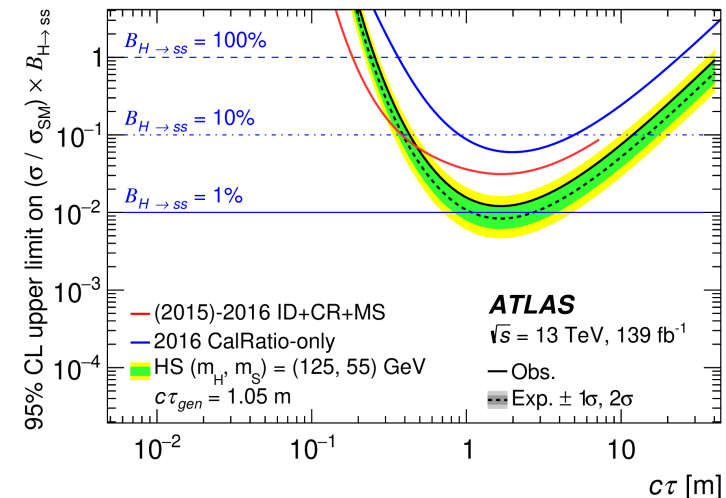
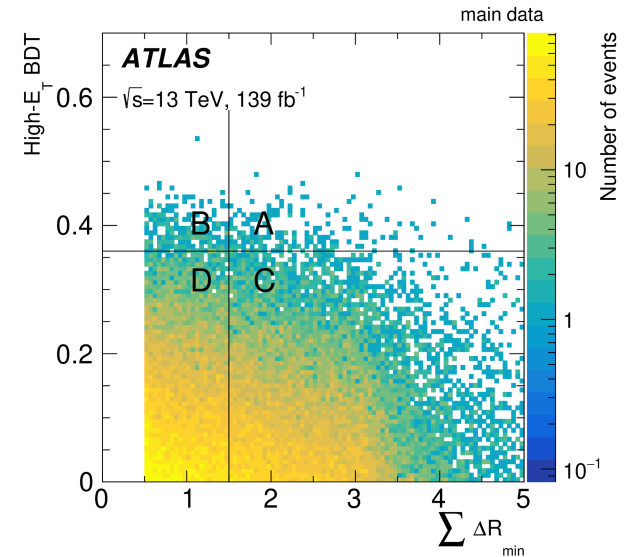
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- Backgrounds:
  - Dominant is **multi-jets**: low probability to mimic signal, but dominant due to high cross-section  $\rightarrow$  estimated using data-driven methods.
  - Subdominant: **beam-induced background (BIB)** and **cosmic muons**
- Use innovative ML techniques for signal-jet identification
- No disagreement with S M observed

$\rightarrow$  For a SM Higgs boson with a mass of 125 GeV, branching ratios above 10% are excluded at 95% confidence level for values of  $c\tau$  between 20mm and 10m depending on the model.

$\rightarrow$  Upper limits are also set on the cross-section times branching ratio for scalars with a mass of 60 GeV and for masses between 200 GeV and 1TeV.

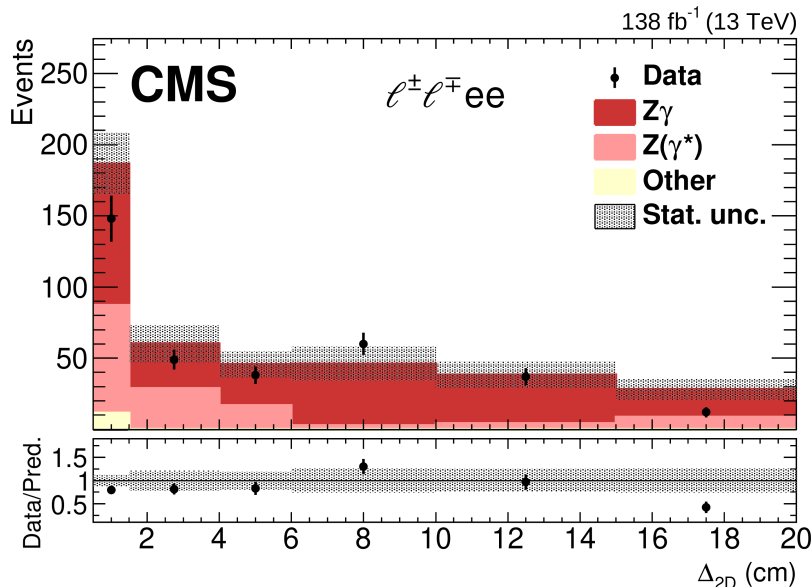
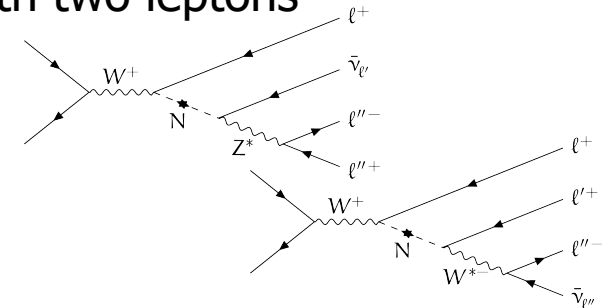


# Displaced Heavy Neutral Leptons

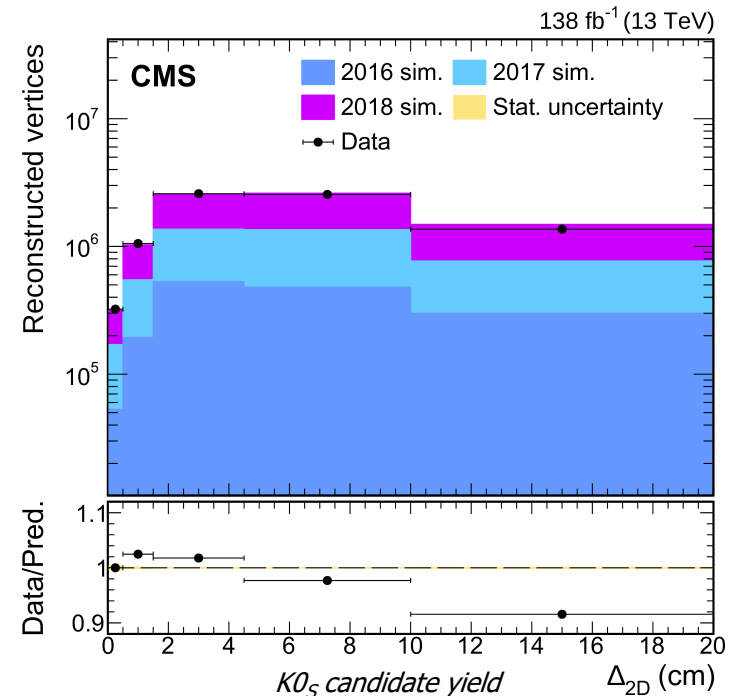
CMS

[CMS-EXO-20-009](#)

- ✓ **Target:** search for LL Heavy Neutral Leptons (N)
- ✓ **Benchmark** model: right-handed Dirac or Majorana neutrinos, mix to SM- $\nu$
- ✓ **Signature:** Prompt lepton and displaced vertex with two leptons
  - Needed well reconstructed displaced leptons
  - Reconstruct vertex from displaced lepton pair
  - Validation of displaced reconstruction
    - Displaced electrons: asymmetric photon conversions
    - Displaced muon: J/ $\psi$  from B, and  $K_S$  decays



Events are selected in the final states with four leptons, with one (or two) of the leptons identified as displaced electron(s). The distribution of the  $\Delta_{2D}$  variable is presented (transverse displacement of vertex).



# Displaced Heavy Neutral Leptons

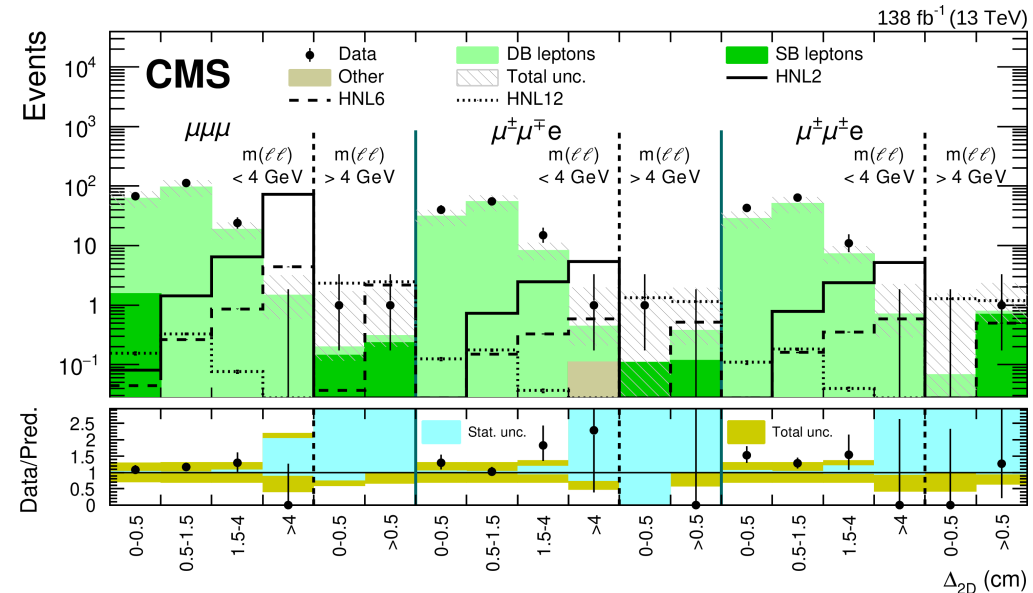
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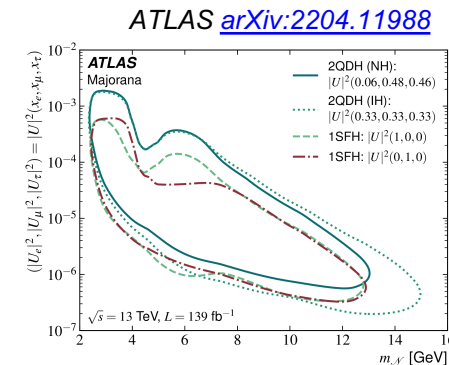
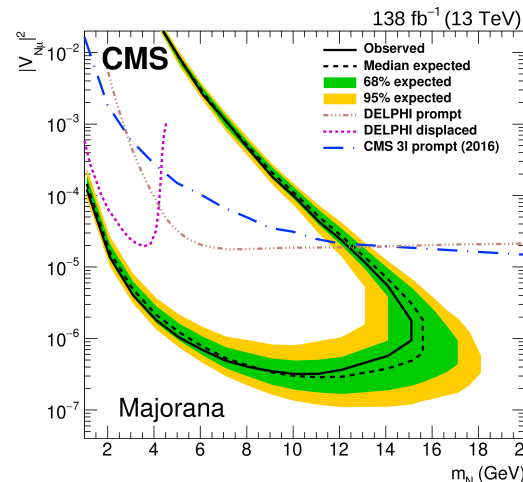
- Data-driven Bkg Estimation
  - Tight-to-loose ratio with lepton isolation. Two main type of bkg: Single Background (SB) leptons = uncorrelated sources for the leptons or Double Background (DB) leptons = leptons produced in same decay chain.

- Results
  - No significant excess observed
  - Constraints are derived for models with a single HNL generation of Majorana or Dirac nature, coupled exclusively to electrons or muons.

- Similar analysis in ATLAS [arXiv:2204.11988](https://arxiv.org/abs/2204.11988) and in LHCb <https://arxiv.org/pdf/2011.05263.pdf>



Search regions for the  $\mu\mu X$  final states. Predictions for signal events are shown for several benchmark hypotheses for Majorana HNL production.



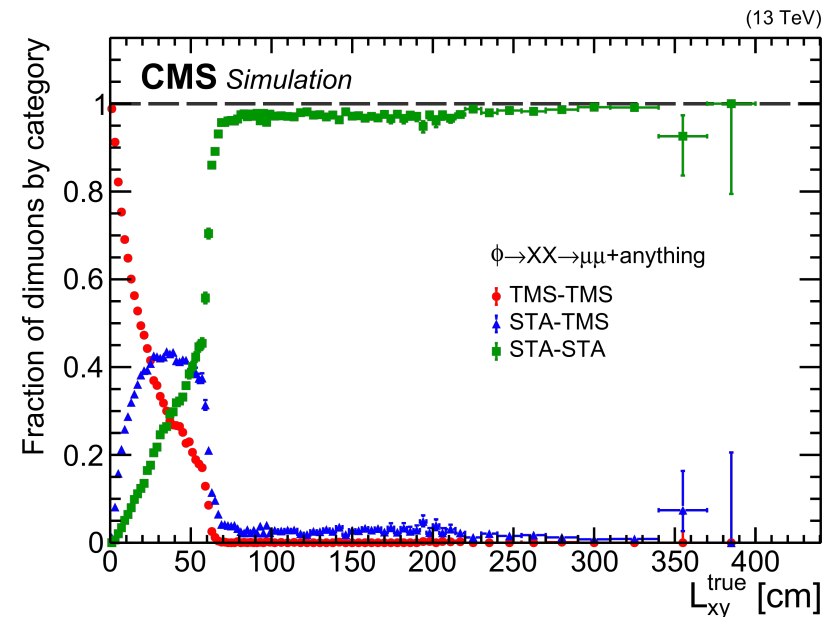
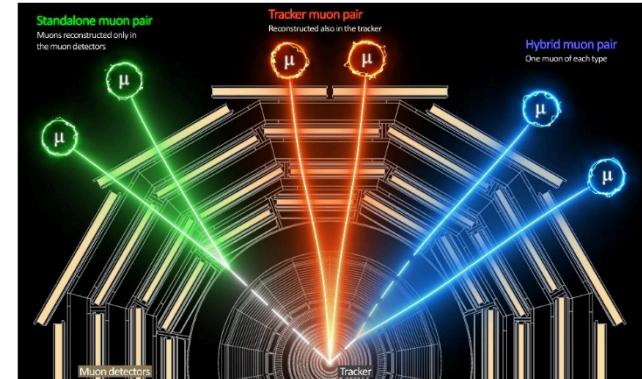
Exclusion for masses from 1 up to 16.5 GeV and squared mixing parameters as low as  $3.2 \times 10^{-7}$ ,

# Displaced di-muon vertex

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CMS-EXO-21-006  
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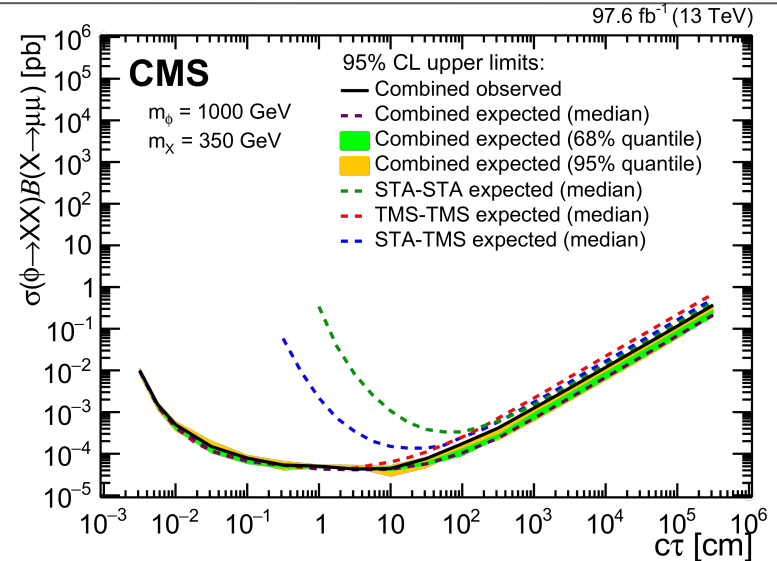
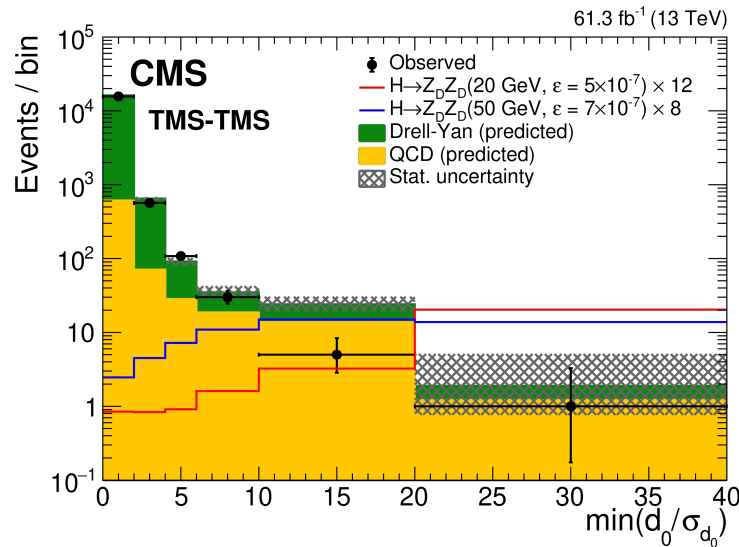
- **Target:** long lived particles decaying to muons at distances ranging from few tens of  $\mu\text{m}$  to several meters
- **Signature:** pair of OS charged muons originating from a common displaced vertex.
  - Split into three categories that are optimized separately
- Triggered with muons only in muon chambers (no vertex constraint).
- Background:
  - Cosmics, multijets, low-mass... suppressed with selection.
  - Prompt misreconstruction estimated from control region with  $|\Delta\Phi(p_{T\mu\mu}, L_{xy})| > 3\pi/4$ .
  - Non prompt estimated from control region with SS dimuon vertices.



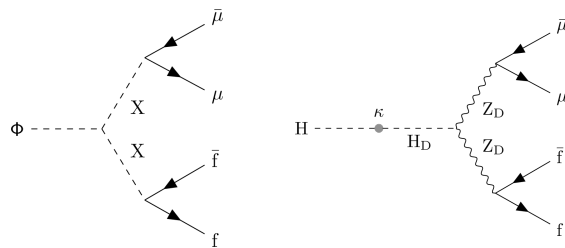
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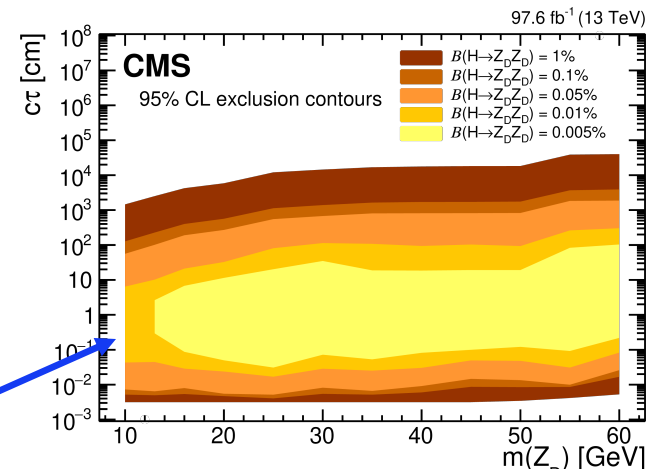
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No excess observed → Exclusion limits set on a model with BSM heavy scalar decaying to LLPs and on a Hidden Abelian Higgs Model (HAHM) with dark photons  $Z_D$ :



Complemented with a scouting search based by a dimuon trigger stream with low transverse momentum thresholds, to explore otherwise inaccessible phase space at low dimuon mass and nonzero displacement from the primary interaction vertex: [EXO-20-014](#), [JHEP 04 \(2022\) 062](#)



BR of Higgs to  $Z_D$  of 1% excluded for  $Z_D$  masses from 20 to 60 GeV and lifetimes from few tens of  $\mu$ m to 100 m



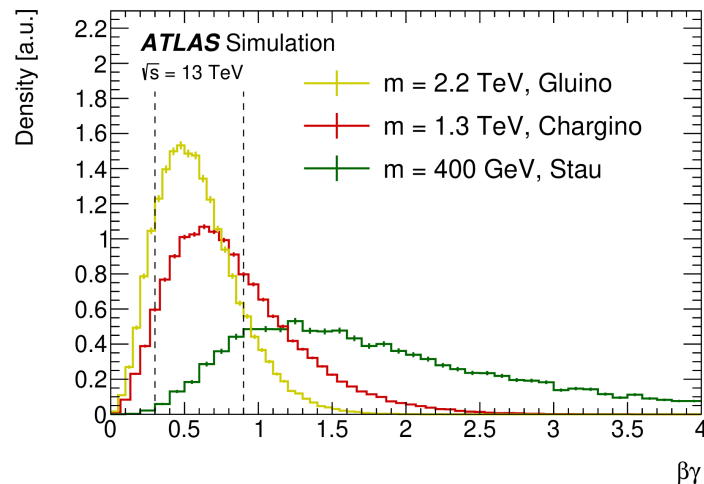
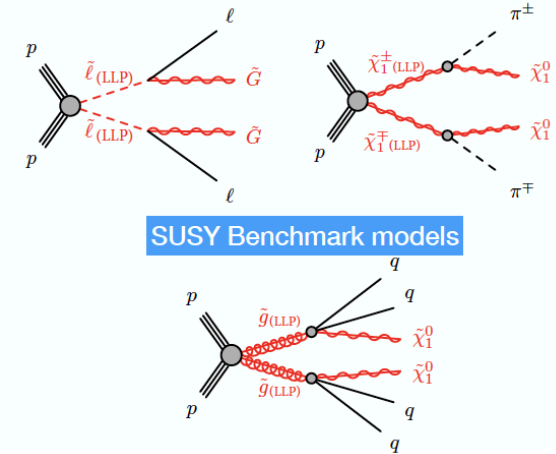
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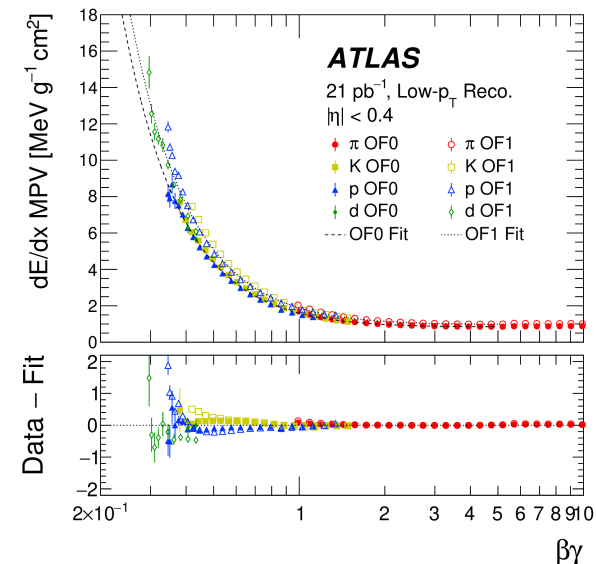
arXiv:2205.06013

- **Target:** massive charged LLPs, having Low  $\beta \rightarrow$  Large ionization.
- **Signature:** Selection exploiting missing  $E_T$  and well-isolated track or muon with large  $p_T$  and with large  $dE/dx$
- From Pixel  $dE/dx \rightarrow$  Bethe-Bloch  $\rightarrow \beta\gamma$ 
  - Mass estimate from  $\beta\gamma$  and momentum
- 8 signal regions targeting different LLP masses and lifetime regimes
- Fully data-driven background estimation (based on pseudo-data generation from CRs)

$$m_{dE/dx} = \frac{p_{\text{tracker}}}{\beta\gamma(dE/dx)}$$



The ranges  $0.3 < \beta\gamma < 0.9$  indicated by vertical dashed lines approximately correspond to the acceptance of this search from the  $dE/dx$



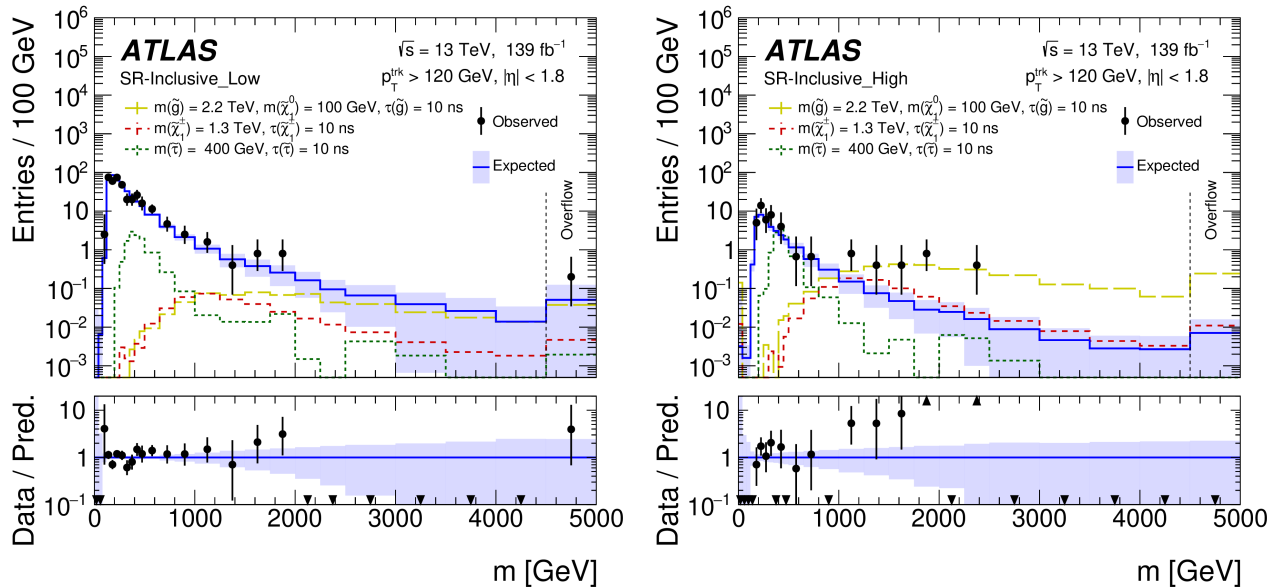
Bethe-Bloch calibration using special low  $u$  runs, with  $p_T > 100 \text{ MeV}$  reconstruction

# Pixel $dE/dx$

ATLAS

arXiv:2205.06013

- For most of the SR, the observed data agrees well with the predicted background.



**Largest significance of  $3.6\sigma$**  is observed for a mass window  $[1.1, 2.8] \text{ TeV}$  in high- $dE/dx$  SR: in this window,  $0.7 \pm 0.4$  events are expected and 7 events are observed. Global significance:  $3.3\sigma$ .

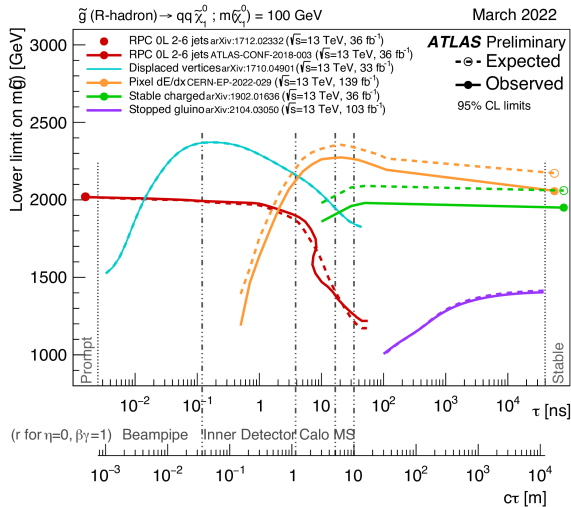
- **No instrumental pathologies** were found in the observed tracks and individual pixel cluster shapes.
- **Crosscheck of momentum** reconstruction between ID and MS for muon candidate tracks.
- **Time-of-flight** measurements of these excess event were also extracted from muon and calorimeter systems.  $\rightarrow$  All of excess events candidate tracks were observed to be **well consistent** with  $\beta = 1$  within the data-driven timing resolution.
- The excess events are **not compatible** with the benchmark signal models considered in this search.

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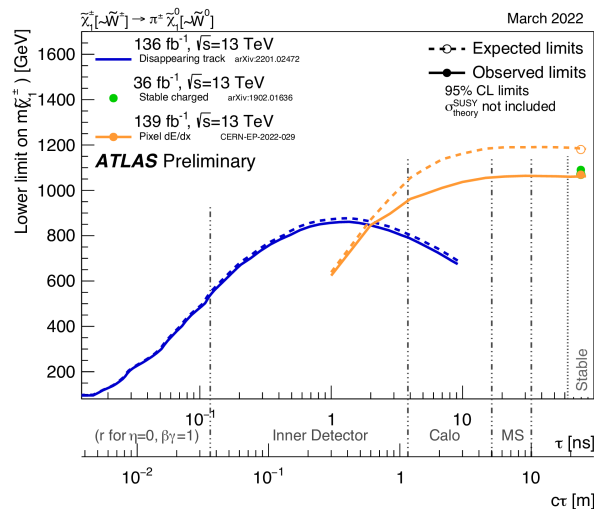
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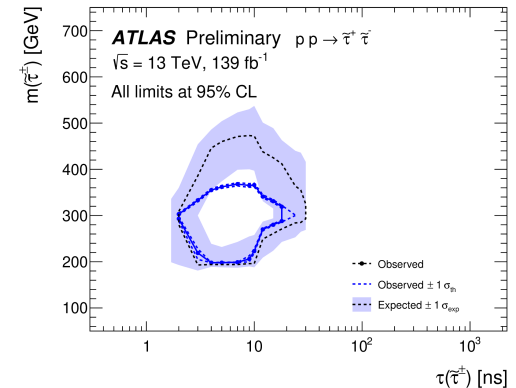


$\tau = 20 \text{ ns}$ , Gluino = 2.27 TeV



$\tau = 30 \text{ ns}$ , Chargino (Wino) = 1.07 TeV

Complementarity with disappearing track search [arXiv:2201.02472](https://arxiv.org/abs/2201.02472)



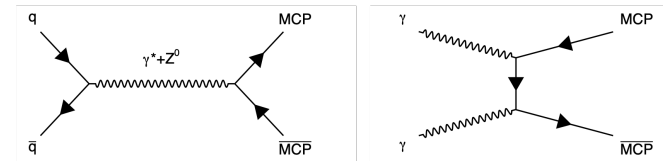
$\tau = 10 \text{ ns}$ , Stau = 200-300 GeV

- Results: unique and stringent limits to gluino  $R$ -hadrons, chargino (wino) and sleptons for lifetime  $>$  a few ns. Well complementary to the “disappearing Track” search that is instead looking for short tracks.
  - Due to the presence of the excess, the observed limit is weaker than expected.

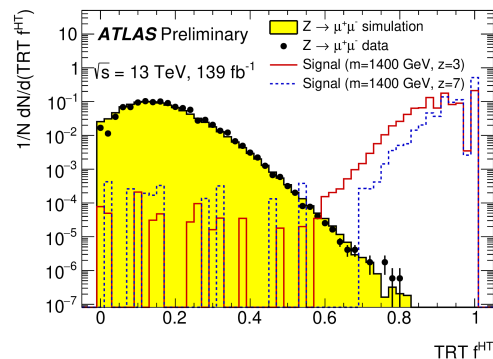
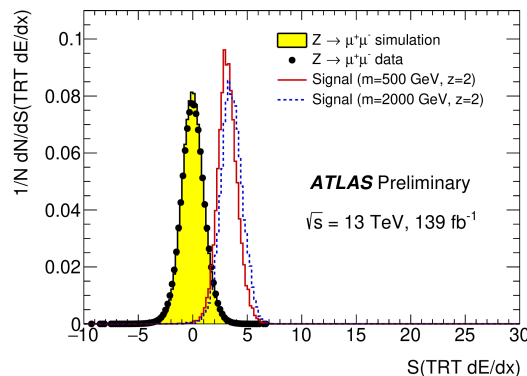
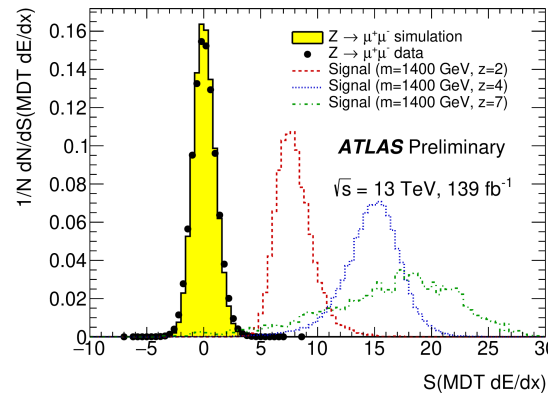
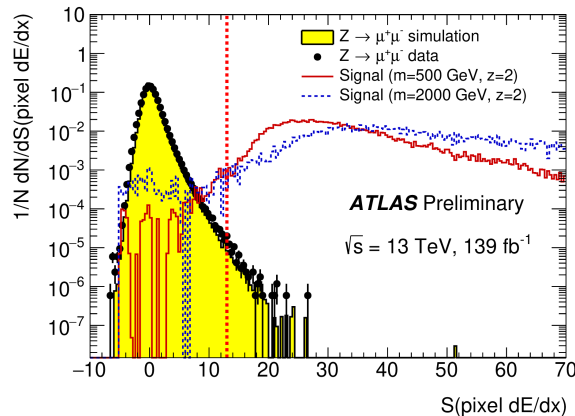
# Multi-charged particles

ATLAS

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- **Target:** Long lived Multi-Charged Particles.
- **Benchmark** model: MCP produced in pairs via Drell-Yan or photon-fusion processes. Exotic heavy fermions with high electric charge ( $z=2$  and  $3 \leq z \leq 7$ )
- **Signature:** hits in the ID + MS  $\rightarrow$  reconstructed as muons, with anomalously large  $dE/dx$  significance in multiple subsystems (Pixel, TRT, MDT) and/or fraction of high-threshold TRT hits.
  - Missing  $E_T$ , single muon and late-muon triggers for maximum signal acceptance



$$S(dE/dx) = \frac{dE/dx_{\text{candidate}} - \langle dE/dx_{\text{muon}} \rangle}{\sigma(dE/dx_{\text{muon}})}$$

- ▶ Require at least one track with  $p_T/z > 50\text{GeV}$  in  $|\eta| < 2.0$  identified as an isolated muon.
- ▶ Require anomalously large  $S(dE/dx)$  in multiple subsystems:
  - ▶  $z = 2$ :  $S(dE/dx, \text{pixel}) > 13.0$ , then  $S(dE/dx, \text{TRT}) > 2.0$  &  $S(dE/dx, \text{MDT}) > 4.0$
  - ▶  $z > 2$ : TRT high-threshold hits fraction ( $f_{HT}$ )  $> 0.7$  &  $S(dE/dx, \text{MDT}) > 7.0$

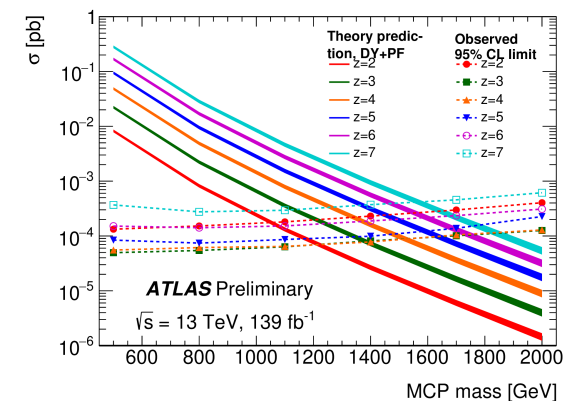
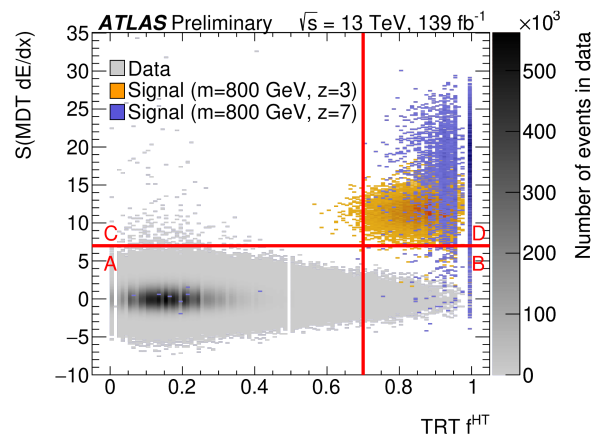
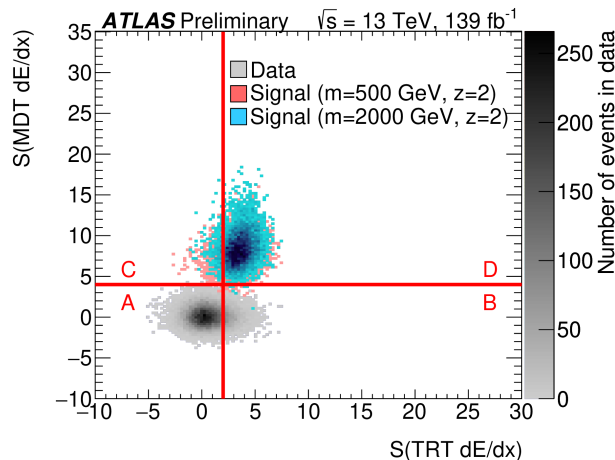
# Multi-charged particles

ATLAS

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- Background due to random fluctuations of the energy loss
- Data driven (ABCD) background estimation, assuming two final discriminants are ore orthogonal each other
  - $z = 2$ :  $\mathcal{S}(dE/dx, \text{TRT})$  &  $\mathcal{S}(dE/dx, \text{MDT})$
  - $z > 2$ :  $f_{\text{HT}}$  &  $\mathcal{S}(dE/dx, \text{MDT})$
- No excess! → Limits set on MCP production cross section for MCP mass up to  $\sim 1.7$  TeV

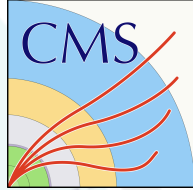
Selection	$N^A$ observed data	$N^B$ observed data	$N^C$ observed data	$N^D$ expected data	$N^D$ observed data
$z = 2$	24 294	4039	9	$1.5 \pm 0.5$ (stat.) $\pm 0.5$ (syst.)	4
$z > 2$	192 036 934	15 004	441	$0.034 \pm 0.002$ (stat.) $\pm 0.004$ (syst.)	0



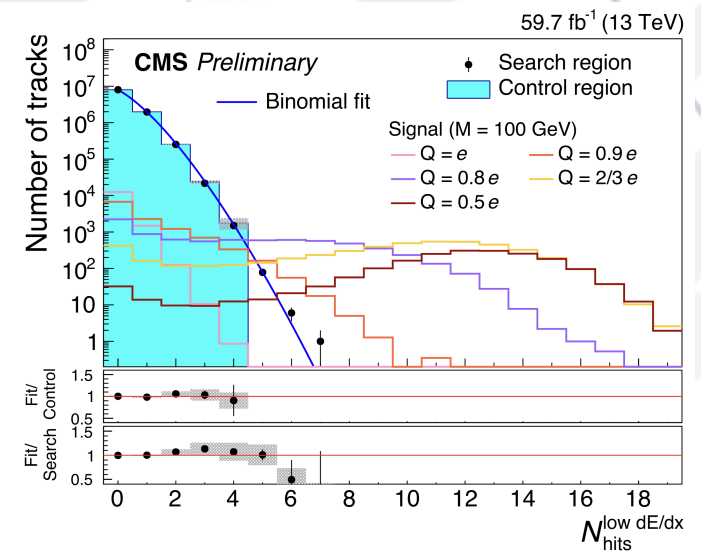
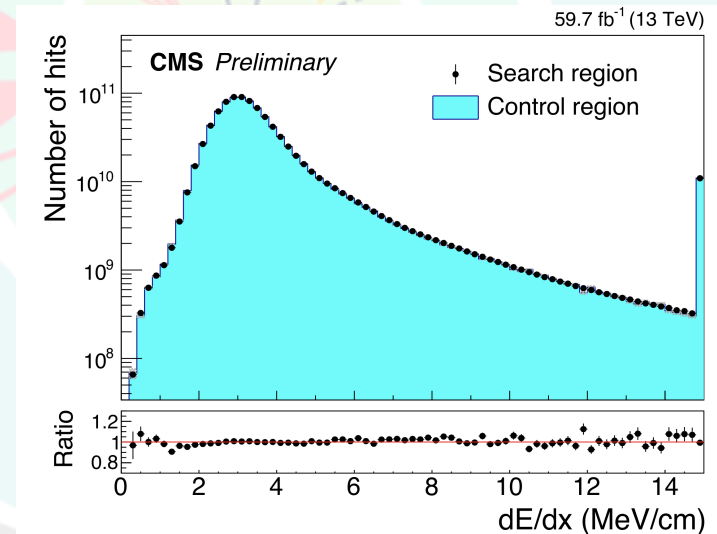
# Fractional-charged particles

CMS

CMS-EXO-19-006



- **Target:** Long lived Fractional Charge Particles (FCP)
- **Signature:** High  $p_T$  track matched to a muon track
  - The number of tracker hits with low  $dE/dx$   $N_{hits}^{low\_dE/dx}$  is expected to be higher and it is used as main discriminant
- Background arises mainly from muons from W or Z decays:
  - **Detector** effects (radiation damage, pixel inefficiencies, edge hits...) mitigated with track/hit selection
  - Modelled with a fitted binomial distribution to extrapolate bkg from low to high  $N_{hits}^{low\_dE/dx}$

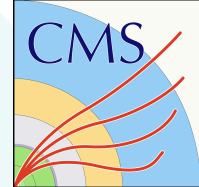




# Fractional-charged particles

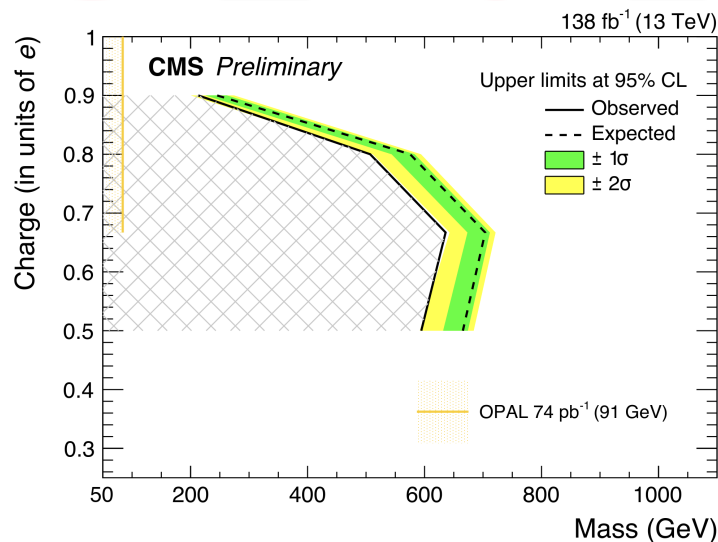
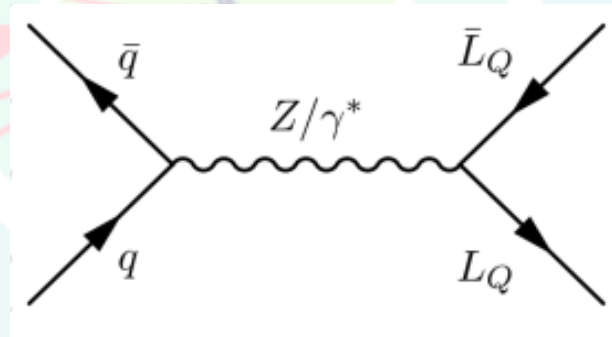
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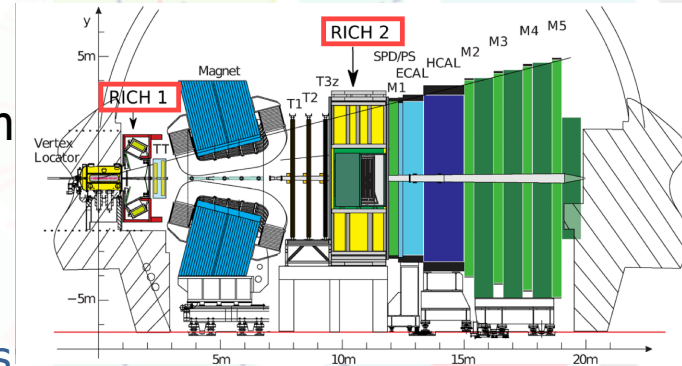
✓ Exclusion limits set on the cross-section of FCPs production in Drell-Yan:

- Best limits are obtained for intermediate charges. Excluded  $2/3e$  for  $\sigma$  above 0.283 fb and masses of 636 GeV

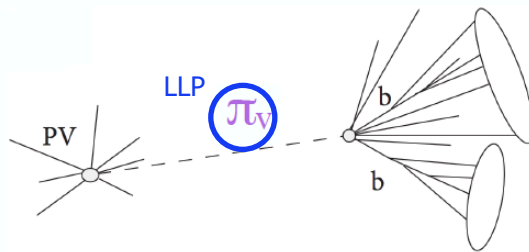


# LHCb

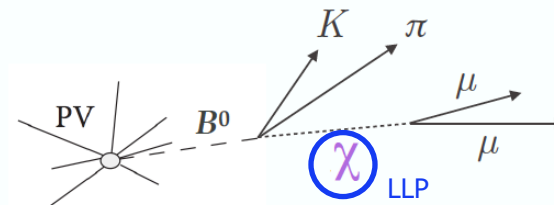
- LHCb provides **unique coverage complementary** to ATLAS and CMS. The detector is actually designed to reconstruct “displaced” vertices from B-meson decays.
  - This has been successfully adapted for LLP searches.
  - LHCb proved to be competitive in many signatures. low masses, low lifetimes and LLP from B/D decays



produced in pp collision



produced in B/D decays

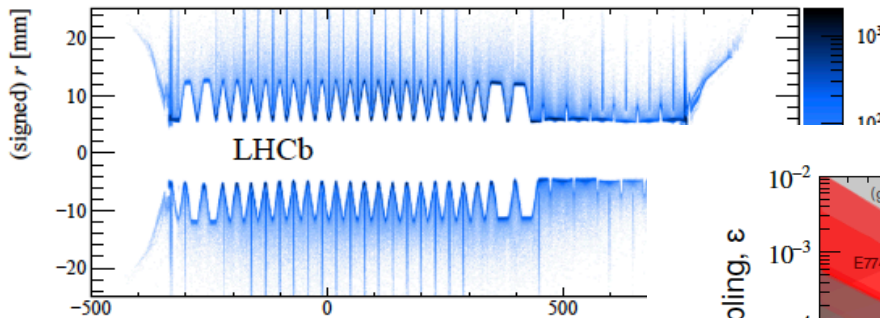
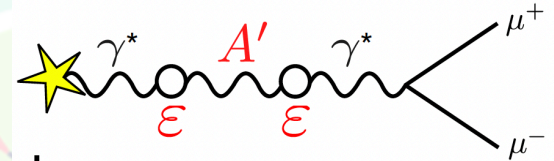


- Moreover: via the **RICH detector** LHCb is sensitive to tag charged particles slower than speed of light by O(%) to O(per mill).
  - Tracks are reconstructible for  $\beta \gtrsim 0.8$  and get full-efficient for  $\beta > 0.95$
- ✓ Recent publication for massive LLP decaying semileptonically in LHCb  
[ARXIV:2110.07293](https://arxiv.org/abs/2110.07293) → **BACKUP**

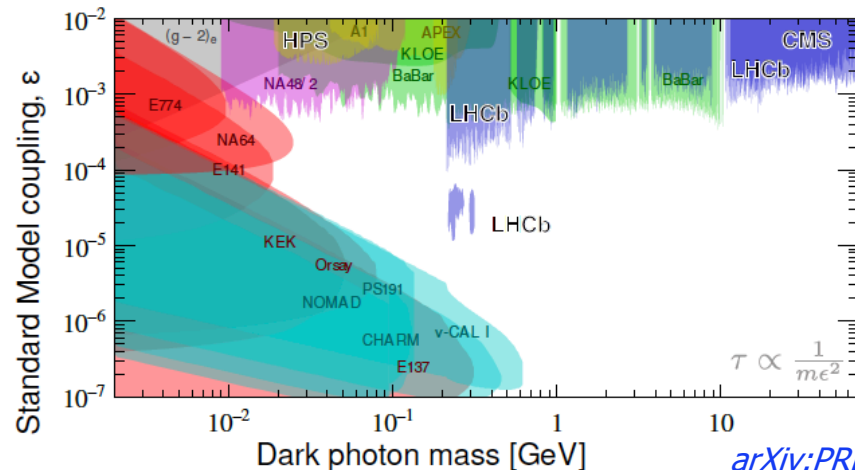
# Displaced leptons from dark photon

LHCb

- Minimal model parameterised by  $m_{A'}$  and mixing strength  $\epsilon$ .
- LHCb  $\sigma(\tau) = 50$  fs: 'prompt' vs 'displaced' signatures
- Displaced signature:
  - $A'$  radial flight distance  $> 5$ mm:  $\sim$  no prompt background
  - Background: from photon conversions in the first detector layers
  - Special beam-gas runs: high-precision material map to veto



arXiv:JINST 13 P06008



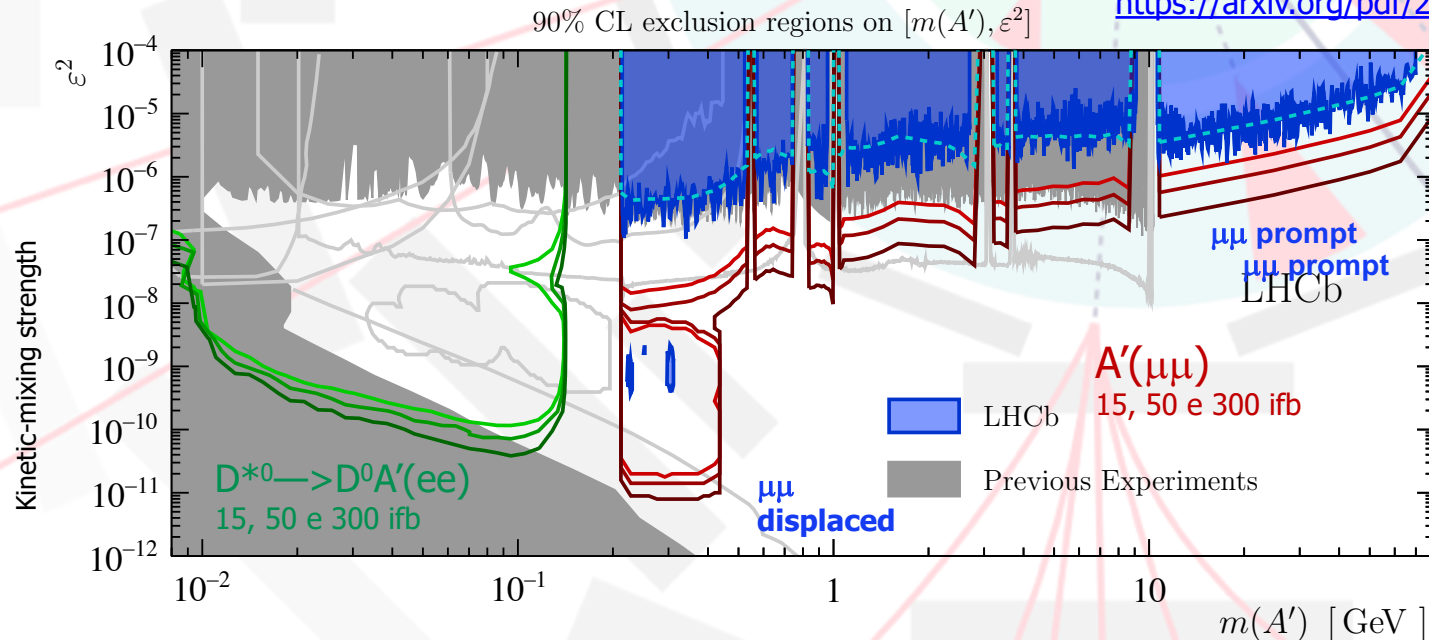
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# Displaced leptons, other perspectives

LHCb

- In LHC-Run 3, just started, expected exceptional sensitivity to low-mass displaced dilepton signatures thanks to mass resolution, excellent vertexing and online selection allowed by trigger-less readout.
  - Extend reach for dark photon  $A' \rightarrow \mu\mu$  & new feasibility to probe radiative charm decay.

<https://arxiv.org/pdf/2203.07048.pdf>



- Dimuon search (prompt and displaced) also targets low-mass resonances, decaying promptly or displaced. Limits set up to 3 GeV

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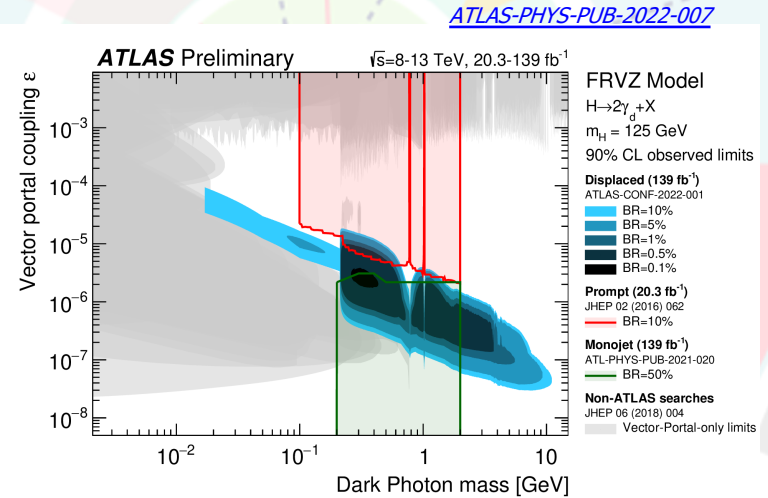
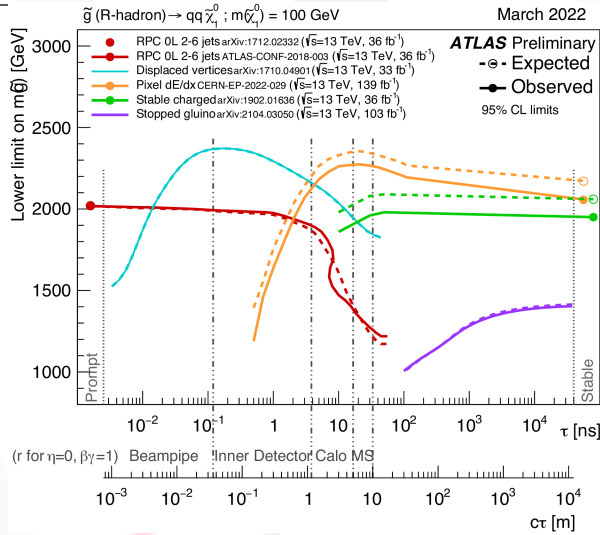
# Conclusions

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- There is a **strong increasing interest in BSM LLPs** as our current extensive look at 13 TeV data yields impressive agreement with Standard Model expectations.
- As LLP show atypical signatures, ad-hoc algorithms are coming, allowing to explore a variety of searches in a model-independent manner.
  - **Just few of them have been shown here.**
- While results are still coming from the previous data-taking, Run 3 will give an opportunity to boost even further these searches with new triggers(\*) deployed and Phase-1 **detector upgrade**.
  - **New ideas(\*)**, such as CODEX-b, MATHUSLA and FASER, involve also far-away extension of the detectors coverage and may provide additional information on longer lived particles.



# ATLAS Summary Plots



[ATLAS-PHYS-PUB-2022-013](#)

## ATLAS SUSY Searches\* - 95% CL Lower Limits

March 2022

Model	Signature	$\int \mathcal{L} dt \text{ (fb}^{-1}\text{)}$	Mass limit	Reference
Long-lived particles	Direct $\tilde{\chi}_1^+ \tilde{\chi}_1^-$ prod., long-lived $\tilde{\chi}_1^+$	Disapp. trk 1 jet $E_{\text{miss}}$	139 $\tilde{\chi}_1^+ \tilde{\chi}_1^-$ 0.21 0.66	Pure Wino 2201.02472
	Stable $\tilde{g}$ R-hadron	pixel dE/dx $E_{\text{miss}}$	139 $\tilde{g}$ 2.05	2201.02472
	Metastable $\tilde{g}$ R-hadron, $\tilde{g} \rightarrow qq\tilde{\chi}_1^0$	pixel dE/dx $E_{\text{miss}}$	139 $\tilde{g}$ [ $\tau(\tilde{g})=10 \text{ ns}$ ] 2.2	CERN-EP-2022-029
	$\tilde{t}, \tilde{b} \rightarrow tG$	Displ. lep $E_{\text{miss}}$	139 $\tilde{t}, \tilde{b}$ 0.7	CERN-EP-2022-029
RPV	$\tilde{\chi}_1^+ \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \tilde{\chi}_1^0, \tilde{\chi}_1^+ \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \rightarrow Zl-t\ell\ell$	$3 e, \mu$	139 $\tilde{\chi}_1^+ \tilde{\chi}_1^0$ [BR(Z $\tau$ )=1, BR(Z $e$ )=1] 0.625 1.05	Pure Wino 2011.10543
	$\tilde{\chi}_1^+ \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \rightarrow WWZ\ell\ell\nu\nu$	$4 e, \mu$	139 $\tilde{\chi}_1^+ \tilde{\chi}_1^0$ [ $A_{\text{mix}} \neq 0, A_{12} \neq 0$ ] 0.95 1.55	$m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0)=200 \text{ GeV}$ 2103.11684
	$\tilde{g}\tilde{g}, \tilde{g} \rightarrow qq\tilde{\chi}_1^0, \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \rightarrow qqq$	4-5 large jets	36.1 $\tilde{g}$ [ $m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0)=200 \text{ GeV}, 1100 \text{ GeV}$ ] 1.3 1.9	Large $A_{12}$ 1804.03568
	$\tilde{u}, \tilde{t} \rightarrow q\tilde{\chi}_1^0, \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \rightarrow bbs$	Multiple $\geq 4b$	36.1 $\tilde{u}, \tilde{t}$ [ $A_{13}^b=2\theta=4, 1\theta=2$ ] 0.55 1.05	$m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0)=200 \text{ GeV, bino-like}$ ATLAS-CONF-2018-003
	$\tilde{u}, \tilde{t} \rightarrow b\tilde{\chi}_1^+, \tilde{\chi}_1^+ \rightarrow bbs$	$\geq 4b$	139 $\tilde{u}, \tilde{t}$ Forbidden 0.95	$m(\tilde{\chi}_1^+)=500 \text{ GeV}$ 2010.01015
	$\tilde{t}_1 \tilde{t}_1, \tilde{t}_1 \rightarrow b\tilde{s}$	2 jets + 2 b	36.7 $\tilde{t}_1$ [qq, bb] 0.42 0.61	1710.07171
	$\tilde{t}_1 \tilde{t}_1, \tilde{t}_1 \rightarrow q\ell$	2 e, $\mu$	36.1 $\tilde{t}_1$ 0.4-1.45	BR( $\tilde{t}_1 \rightarrow b\ell$ )/ $\text{BR}(\tilde{t}_1 \rightarrow q\ell)$ > 20% 1710.05544
	$\tilde{t}_1 \tilde{t}_1, \tilde{t}_1 \rightarrow q\ell$	1 $\mu$	136 $\tilde{t}_1$ [ $ e-10 < X_{\text{min}} < 1\theta=8, 3\theta=10 < X_{\text{min}} < 3\theta=9$ ] 1.0 1.6	BR( $\tilde{t}_1 \rightarrow q\mu$ )=100%, $\cos\theta=1$ 2003.11956
	$\tilde{\chi}_1^0 \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \tilde{\chi}_1^0, \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \rightarrow bbs, \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \rightarrow bbs$	$1-2 e, \mu$	$\geq 6$ jets 139 $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$ 0.2-0.32	Pure Higgsino 2106.09609

\*Only a selection of the available mass limits on new states or phenomena is shown. Many of the limits are based on simplified models, c.f. refs. for the assumptions made.

## Recent searches

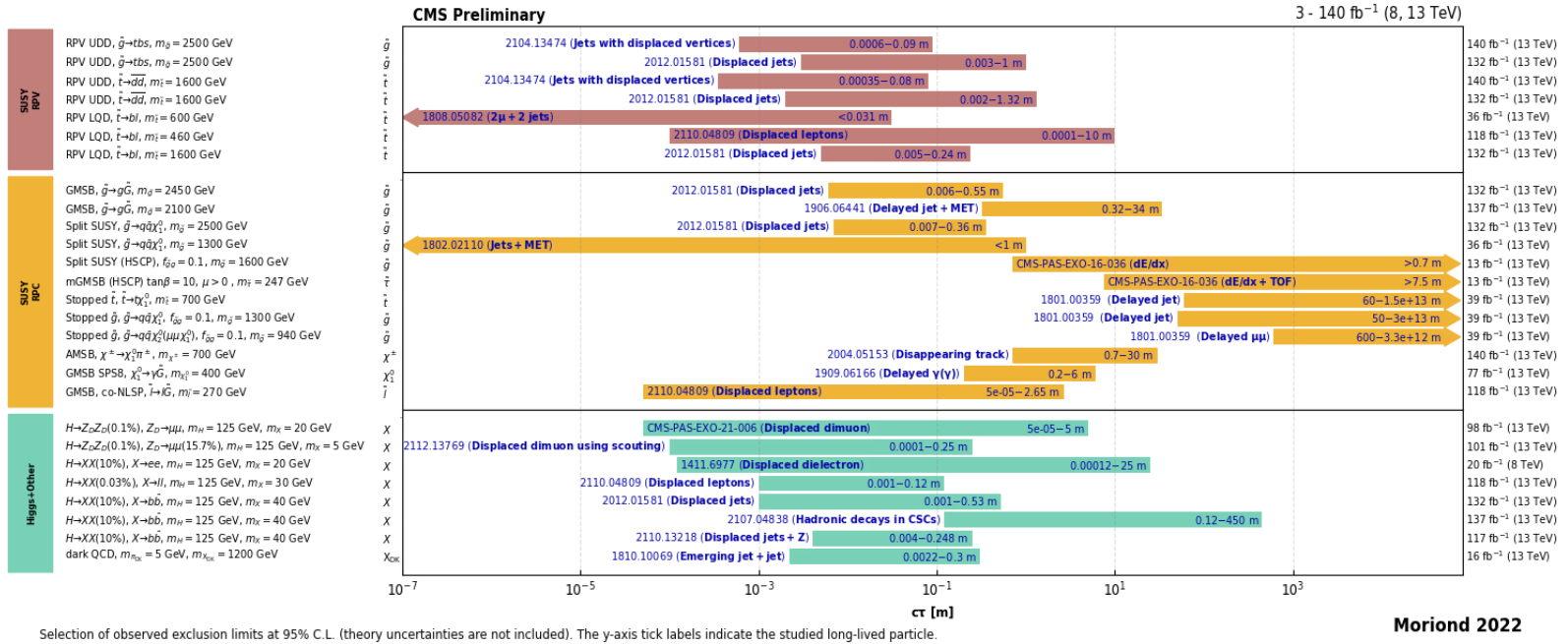
- displaced Heavy Neutral Leptons [EXOT-2019-29](#)
- displaced jets in the hadronic calorimeter [EXOT-2019-23](#)
- displaced jets in the Muon Spectrometer [EXOT-2019-24](#)
- displaced lepton jets based on dark photon model [EXOT-2019-05](#)



# CMS Summary Plots

[Long Lived summary plot](#)

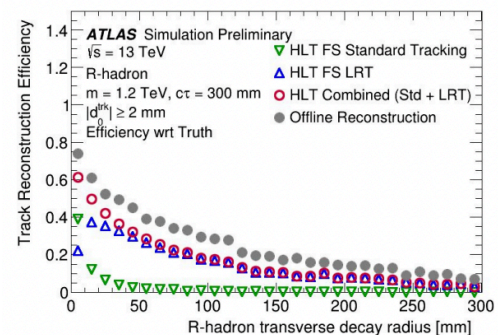
## Overview of CMS long-lived particle searches



Analysis	Signature	Displacement	Mass
CMS-EXO-18-003	Displaced (di)leptons	Within pixel tracker	> 30 GeV
CMS-EXO-20-014	Displaced dimuon (with vertex)	Within pixel tracker	> 200 MeV
CMS-EXO-21-006	Displaced dimuon (with vertex)	Tracker + muon system	> 10 GeV
CMS-EXO-20-003	Displaced jets + Z	Within tracker	> 15 GeV
CMS-EXO-19-006	Low ionizing particles	Outside of CMS	> 100 GeV

# Trigger: Extending the searches to LLP

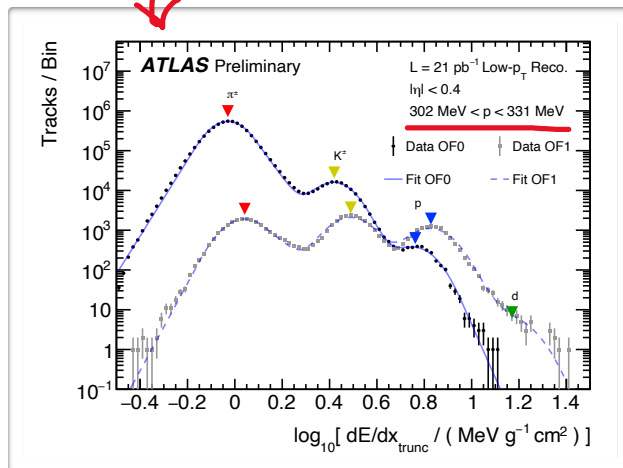
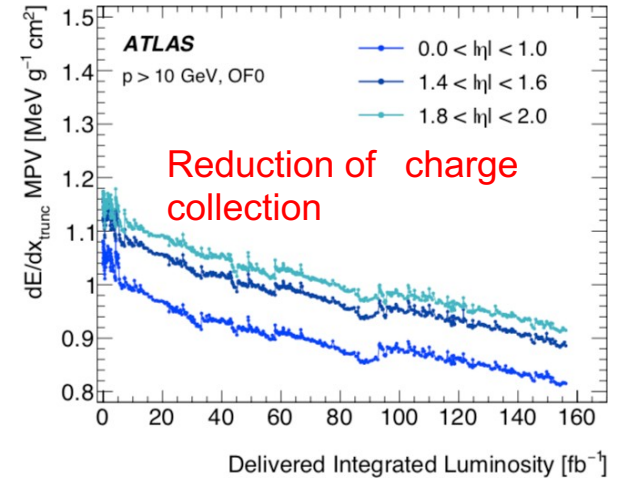
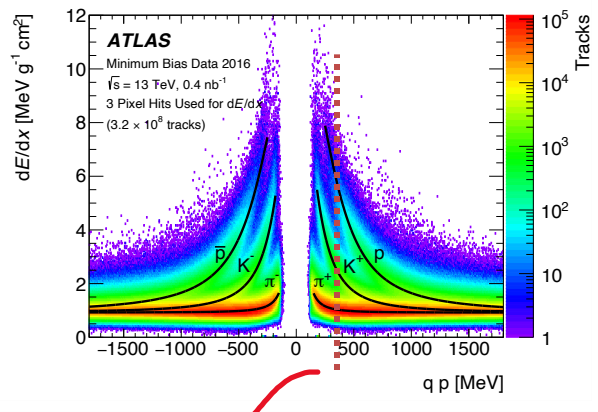
- ✓ Long-lived particles (LLP) can have unique signatures and track-shapes inside the ATLAS detector, and existing conventional ATLAS triggers can become a limiting factor
- ✓ As of Run-3, the ATLAS collaboration have implemented new tracking algorithms for the High Level Trigger (HLT). This was made possible with advancement in ATLAS algorithms and CPU technologies.
  - Full detector tracking (without a need for region of interest) will be available at O(10kHz). [ATL-COM-DAQ-2021-003](#)
  - LRT tracks are reconstructed either: **[ATL-COM-DAQ-2022-023](#)**
    - 1) Globally: From hits that are not associated to prompt tracks.
    - 2) In an RoI seeded by a muon, electron or jet particle type in the trigger.
  - Disappearing track trigger to identify Charged LLP particles that decay inside the tracker



# Pixel $dE/dx$ - Calibration

ATLAS

- Time-over-threshold from pixel sensors → **charge** measurement
- $dE/dx$  corrected to account for radiation damage and  $\eta$  dependence
- **Average  $dE/dx$**  is evaluated from all the sub-leading pixel clusters



- **Calibration** performed in a special dataset with reconstructed tracks down to  $p_T > 100 \text{ MeV}$  (standard is  $> 500 \text{ MeV}$ ).
- Fitted MPV of  $dE/dx$  for known particle species → Calibrated MPV- $\beta\gamma$  relation

$$\text{MPV}_{dE/dx}(\beta\gamma) = \frac{1 + (\beta\gamma)^2}{(\beta\gamma)^2} \left( c_0 + c_1 \log_{10}(\beta\gamma) + c_2 [\log_{10}(\beta\gamma)]^2 \right)$$

# Pixel $dE/dx$ - Background

ATLAS

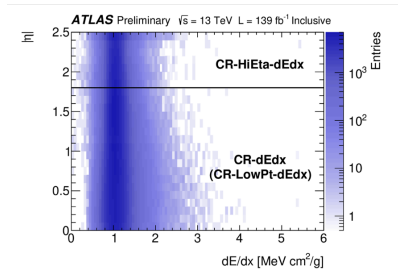
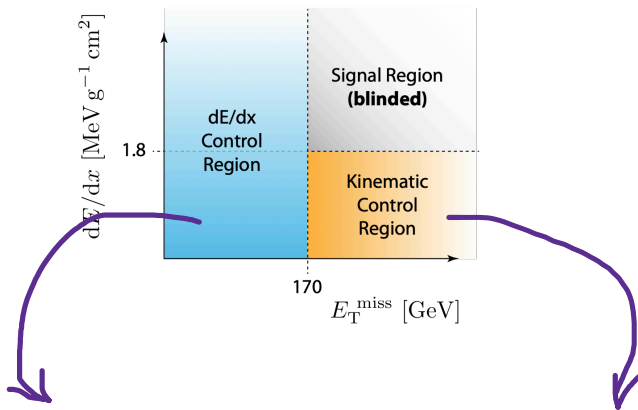
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## Basic assumption for data-driven estimation:

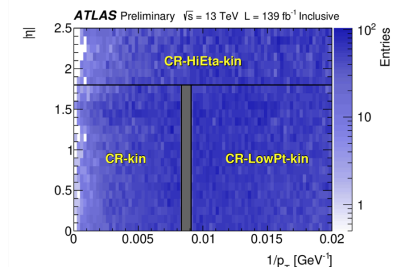
SM particles are  $\sim$ MIP.

→ Kinematics and  $dE/dx$  response are independent.

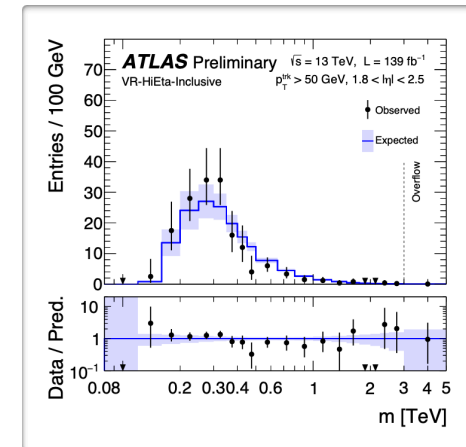
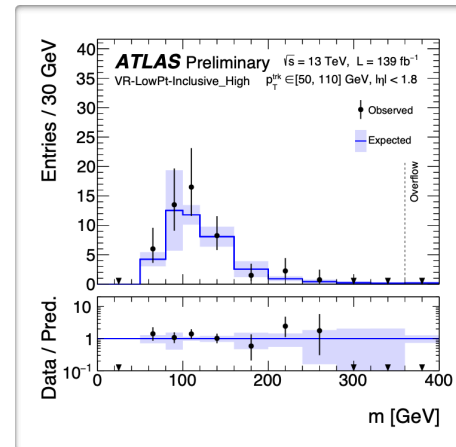
- (1) Random picking of  $(p_T, \eta)$  from the kinematic template.
- (2) Random picking of  $dE/dx$  from the same  $\eta$  of the  $dE/dx$  template.
- (3) Construct mass and normalize events at  $m < 160$  GeV.



Extract  $dE/dx$  response



Extract 1track kinematic  $(p_T, \eta)$

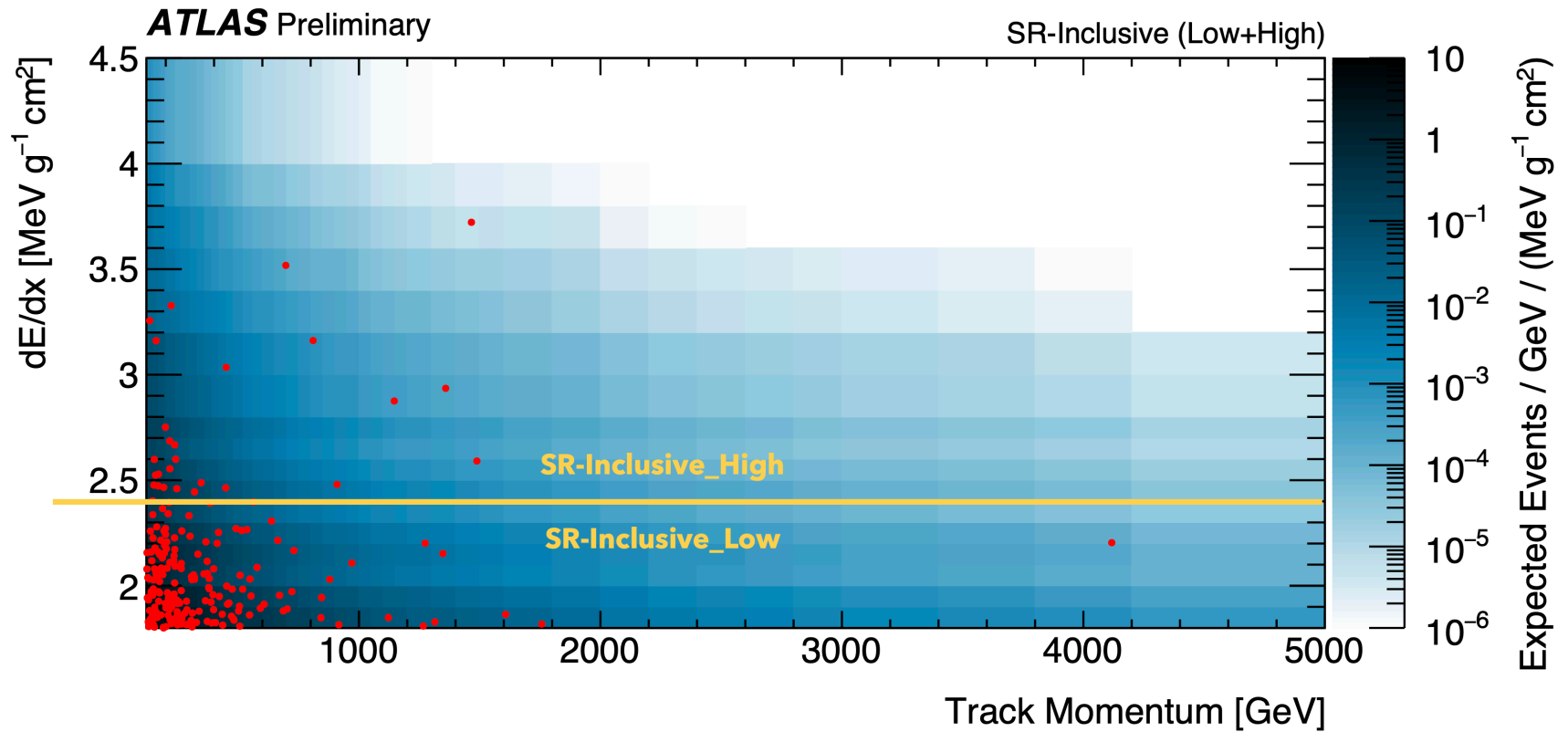


Good prediction closure in VRs.

# Pixel $dE/dx$ - Checks

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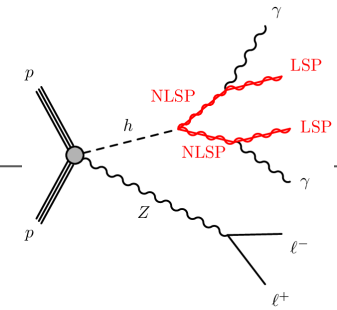
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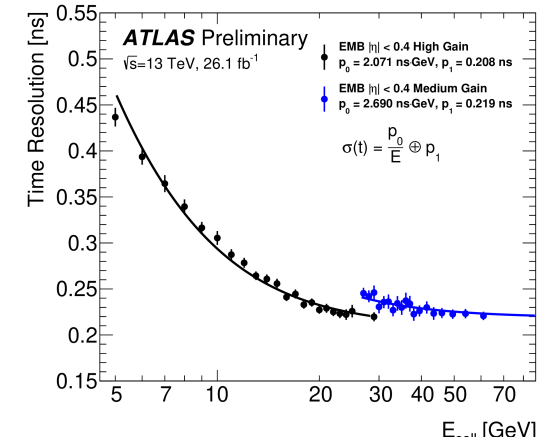
# Displaced photons

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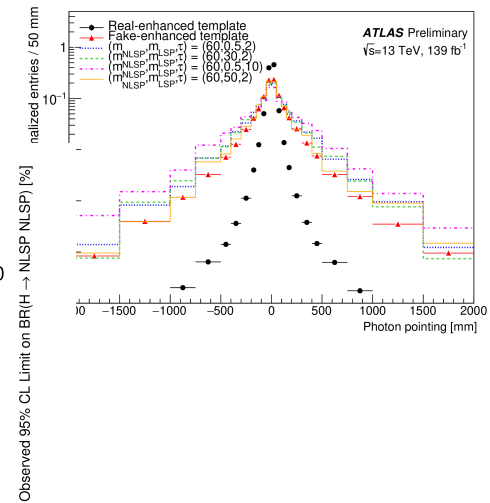
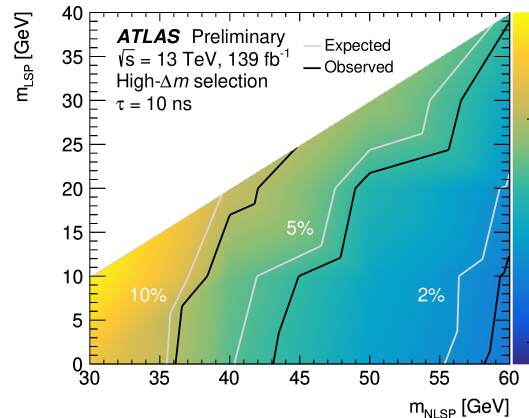
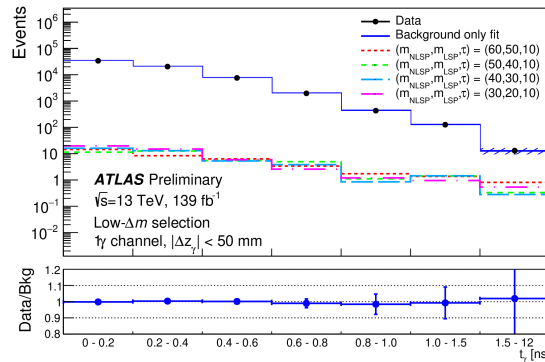
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- Target: Similar to the diphoton analysis except that the photons are not required to originate from the same vertex → search is performed for delayed and non-pointing photons originating from the displaced decay of a neutral long-lived particle.
  - Electromagnetic calorimeter is exploited to precisely measure the arrival time ( $t_{\text{avg}}$ ) and trajectory of photons.
- Benchmark model: scenario where the LLPs are pair-produced in exotic decays of the 125 GeV Higgs boson, and each LLP subsequently decays to a photon and a particle that escapes direct detection.



Region	Requirements	Expected	Observed	$\sigma_{\text{vis}}^{95}$ [fb]
$1\gamma$	$1.5 < t_\gamma < 12$ ns, $-\Delta z_\gamma \rightarrow > 300$ mm	$3.8 \pm 1.6$	4	0.042
$\geq 2\gamma$	$1.0 < t_\gamma < 12$ ns, $-\Delta z_\gamma \rightarrow > 300$ mm	$0.28 \pm 0.04$	0	0.022
$\geq 1\gamma$		$4.1 \pm 1.7$	4	0.041



# Massive LLP, semileptonic decay

LHCb, Run2

[ARXIV:2110.07293](https://arxiv.org/abs/2110.07293)

- Search addresses a subset of models featuring massive long-lived particles with a measurable flight distance, decaying semi-leptonically.
  - The LLP signature is a displaced vertex accompanied by an isolated muon with high transverse momentum. The LLP lifetime range is from 5 ps to 200 ps.
- This study benefits from the excellent VELO vertex reconstruction and by the low  $p_T$  threshold of the muon trigger.
- Background is dominated by  $b\bar{b}$  events and is reduced by tight selection requirements, including a dedicated multivariate classifier.
- **NO EXCEEDS IS FOUND:** upper limits at 95% CL set on the cross-section times branching fractions.

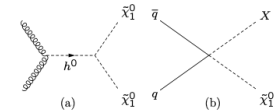
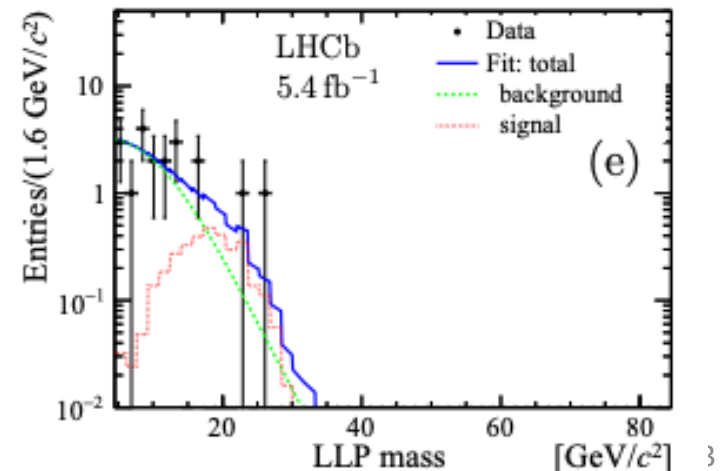
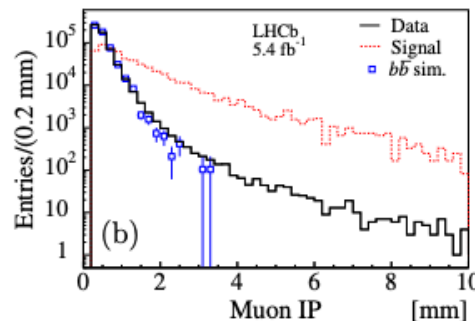
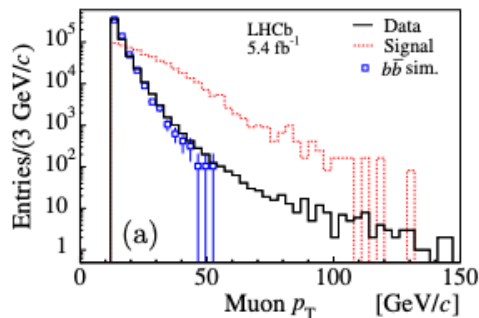


Figure 1: LLP production processes considered in this paper, where the  $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$  represents the LLP: (a) di-LLP production via a scalar particle  $h^0$ ; (b) non-resonant, direct LLP production from quark interactions, where  $X$  is a stable particle, with mass identical to the LLP. The LLP decays into a muon and two quarks:  $\tilde{\chi}_1^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ q \bar{q}$  ( $\mu^- \bar{q} q$ ).





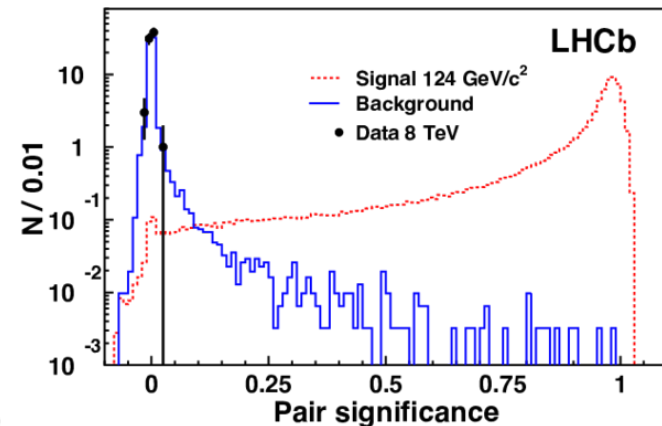
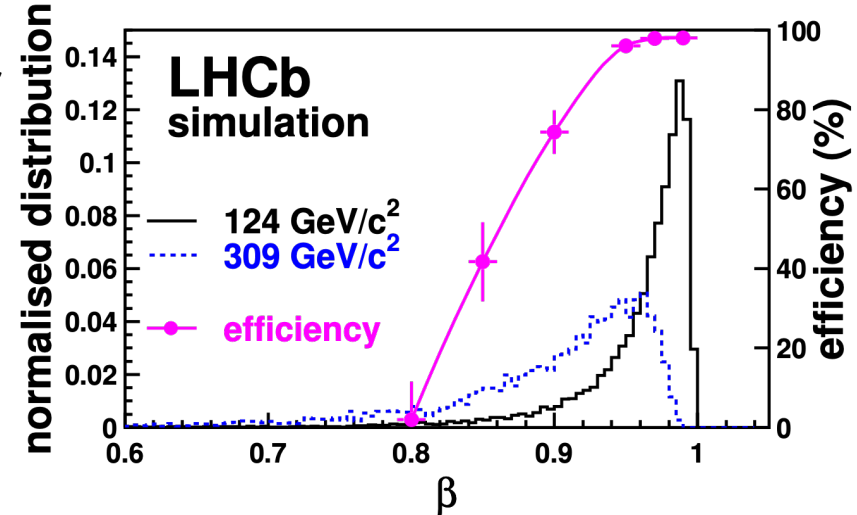
# Charged Massive LLP

LHCb, Run1

- LHCb can exploit the RICH detector: sensitive to tag charged particles slower than speed of light
  - Tracks are reconstructible for  $\beta \gtrsim 0.8$  and get full-efficient for  $\beta > 0.95$
  - based on the response of the ring imaging Cherenkov detectors to distinguish the heavy, slow-moving particles from muons.

## Selection

- Events triggered by a single muon of  $p_T > 15\text{GeV}$  in  $1.8 < \eta < 4.9$ .
- Requires to have an opposite-charged dimuon from IP, with  $m_{\mu\mu} > 100\text{GeV}$ .
  - Invariant-mass-dependent momentum threshold for accepting  $\beta > 0.8$  signals.
- Signal Selection via a ANN trained per track
  - Energy deposits in detector subsystems in VELO, ECal, HCal.
  - A likelihood variable constructed from RICH information.**
    - **DLLx**: Delta of log-likelihood (DLL) for particle hypothesis changed from  $\pi^\pm$  to  $\mu, e, K, p$ .
- The Bkg. sample is taken from simulation.
- The product of the score for the dimuon system (**pair significance**) is used as the discriminant, reducing the SM dimuon background by a factor of  $10^{-5}$ .



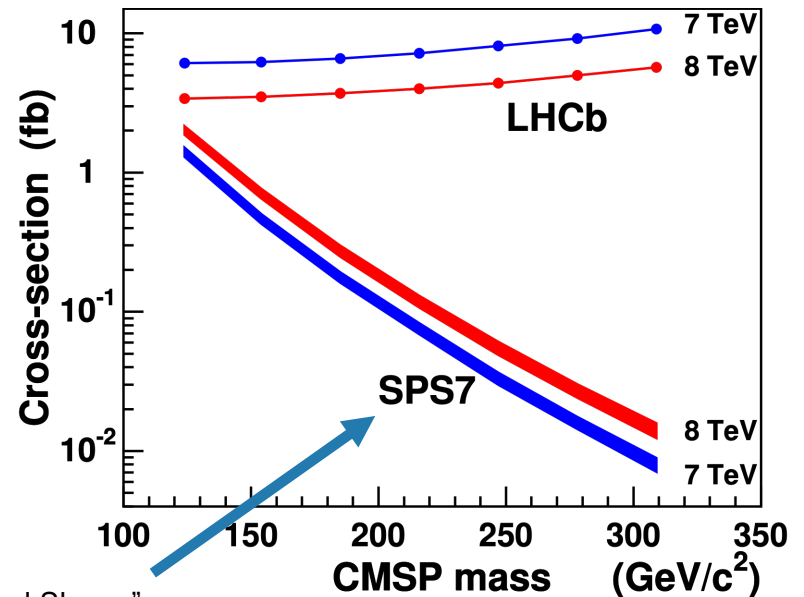
# Charged Massive LLP

LHCb, Run1

- ▶ Data in  $\sqrt{s} = 7,8\text{TeV}$  with integrated luminosity of  $3.0\text{fb}^{-1}$ .
- ▶ Estimated background events in SR:  $\sim 0.02$  events.
- ▶ Observed 0 events.

95% CL cross-section upper limits set for stable charged particle mass in [124, 309] GeV for  $\sqrt{s} = 7\text{TeV}$  and  $8\text{TeV}$  individually.

- 7 TeV: 6.1 fb — 10.7 fb
- 8 TeV: 3.4 fb — 5.7 fb

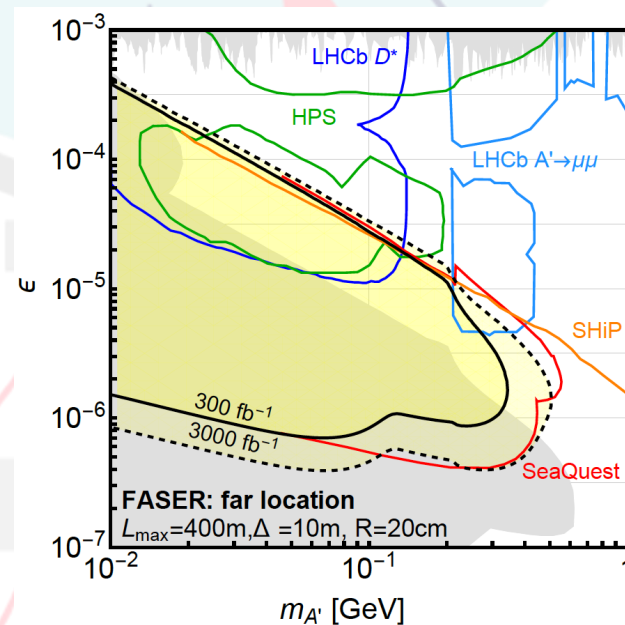
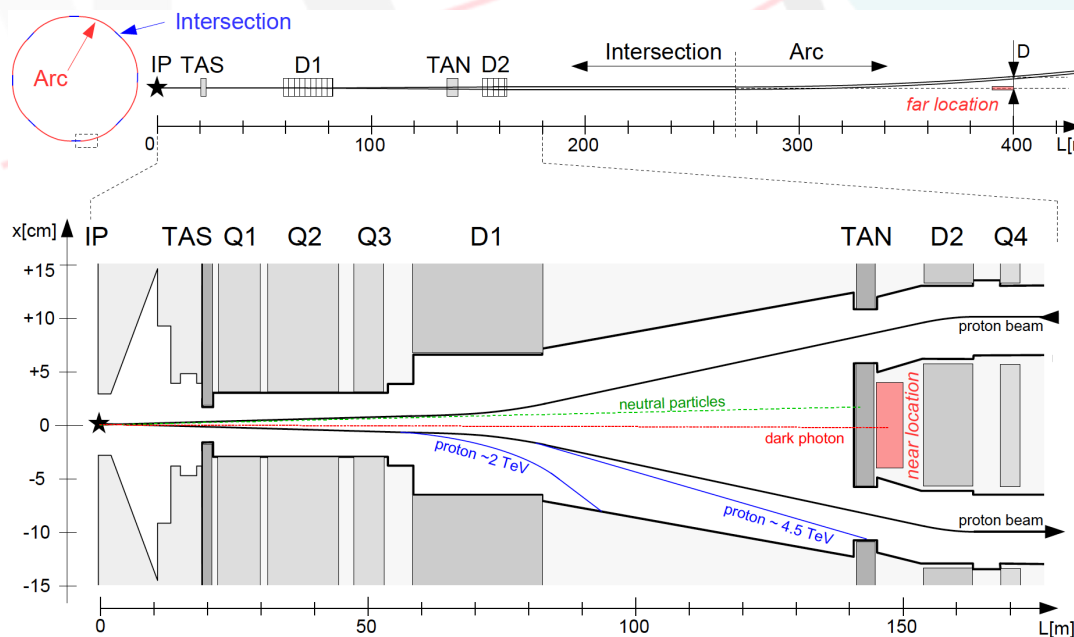


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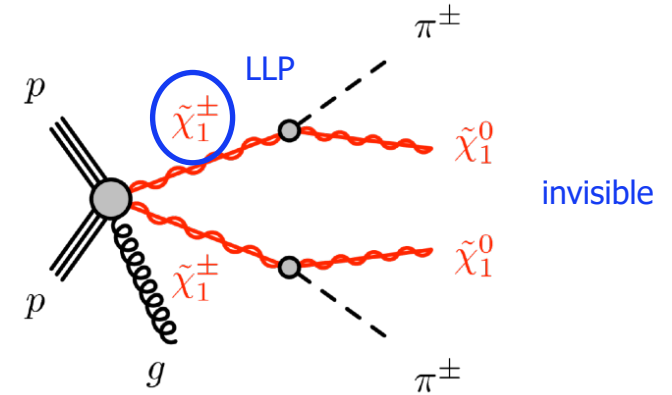
# Extending the searches to ULLP

- ✓ FASER is a small to be placed in the very forward region of ATLAS/CMS, a few 100m downstream of the IP, to search for new light and weakly interacting particles
  - Dark photon searches either produced in meson decays ( $\pi^0 \rightarrow A' \gamma$ ), trough dark bremsstrahlung  $pp \rightarrow pA'X$  and durect QCD  $qq \rightarrow A'X$

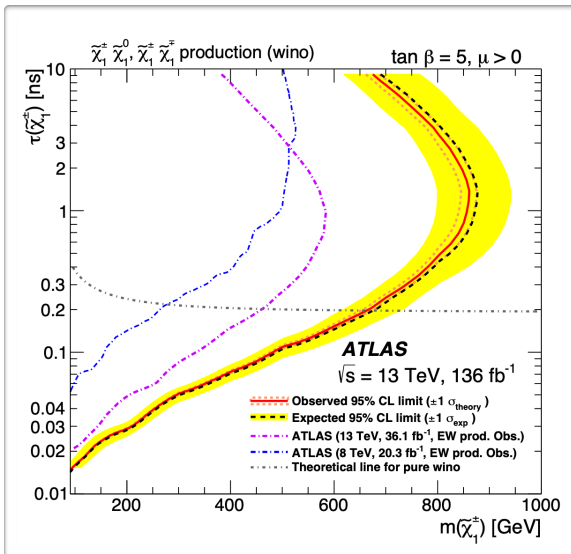


# Disappearing Track (ATLAS, Full Run2)

pure wino or pure higgsino SUSY LSP, in which case the lightest chargino is the LLP

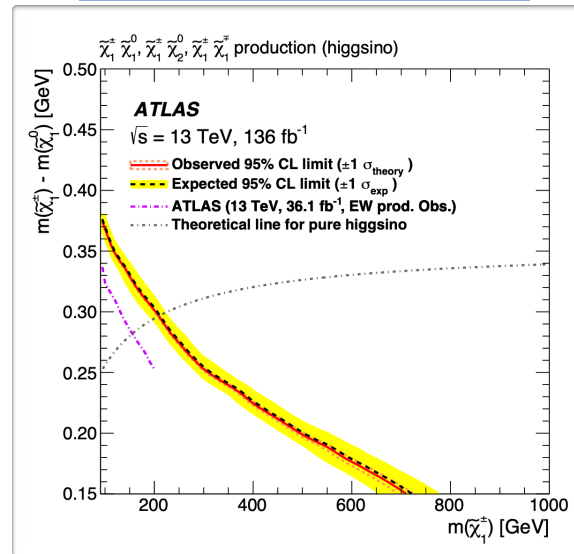


## EWK Production (Pure-Wino/AMSB)



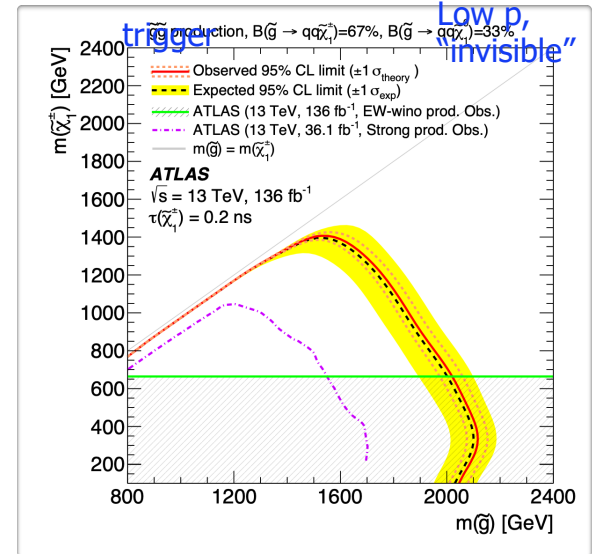
Excluded <660 GeV Wino

## EWK Production (Pure-Higgsino)



Excluded <210 GeV Higgsino

## Strong Production



Excluded <2.1 TeV gluino for 300 GeV chargino

Stringent limits to well-inspired DM scenarios by a dedicated search!

# Disappearing Track (CMS, Full Run2)

