

Searches for R-parity violating Supersymmetry with the ATLAS Experiment

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Introduction

- Supersymmetry (SUSY) is an extension of Standard Model (SM) that relates fermions and bosons
- Generic SUSY models, superpotential contains terms that violate **leptonic** and **baryonic** number

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- R-parity ($R_p = (-1)^{3(B-L)+2S}$) conservation is often introduced to avoid rapid proton decay
- However, **R-parity violation (RPV) is still viable** with small λ_{RPV} and only **L** or **B** is violated at a time
- **RPV models are well motivated** and have weaker limits than RPC models
- Give rise to a wide variety of experimental signatures depending on the λ_{RPV} in consideration
 - RPV models do not often require large E_T^{miss} like in RPC models

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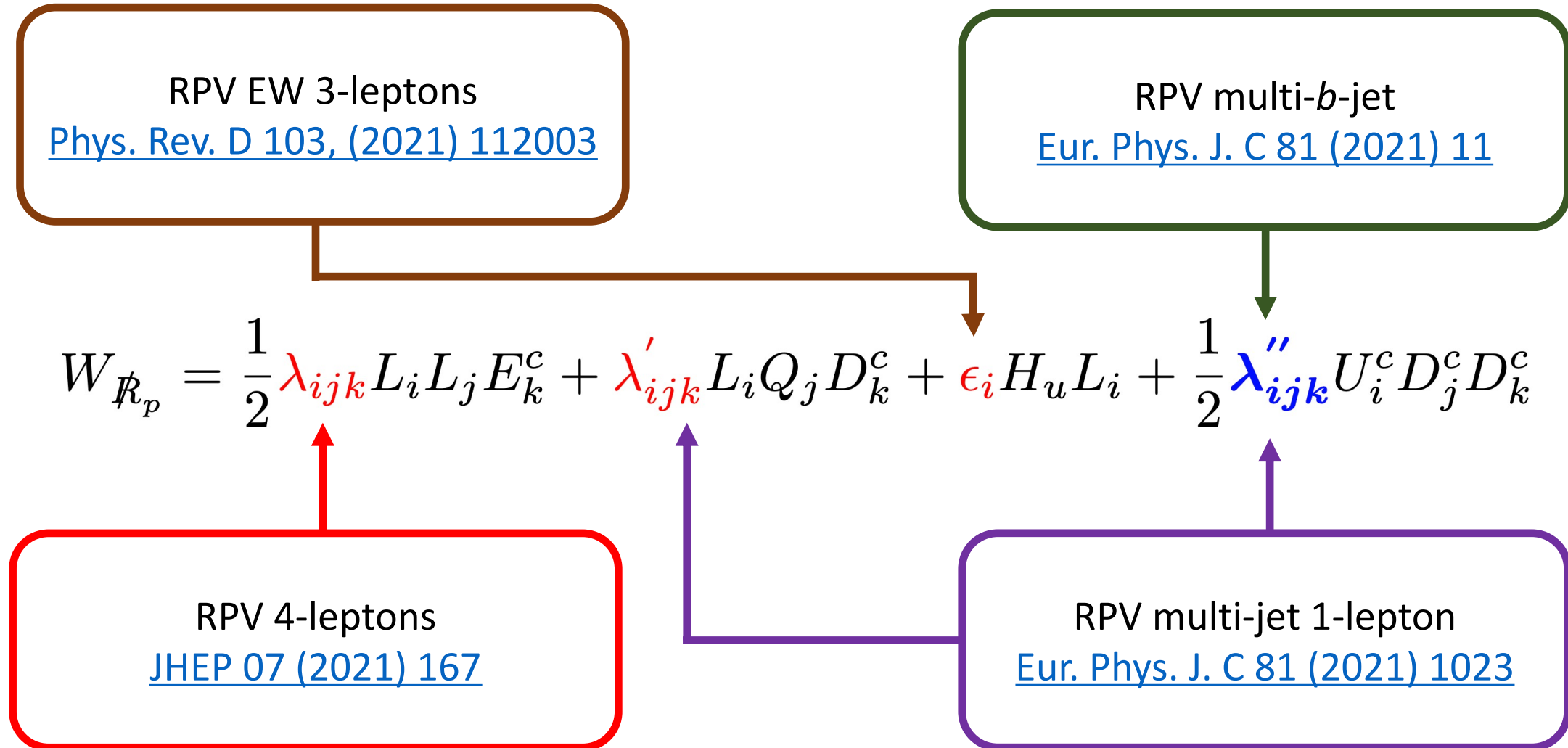
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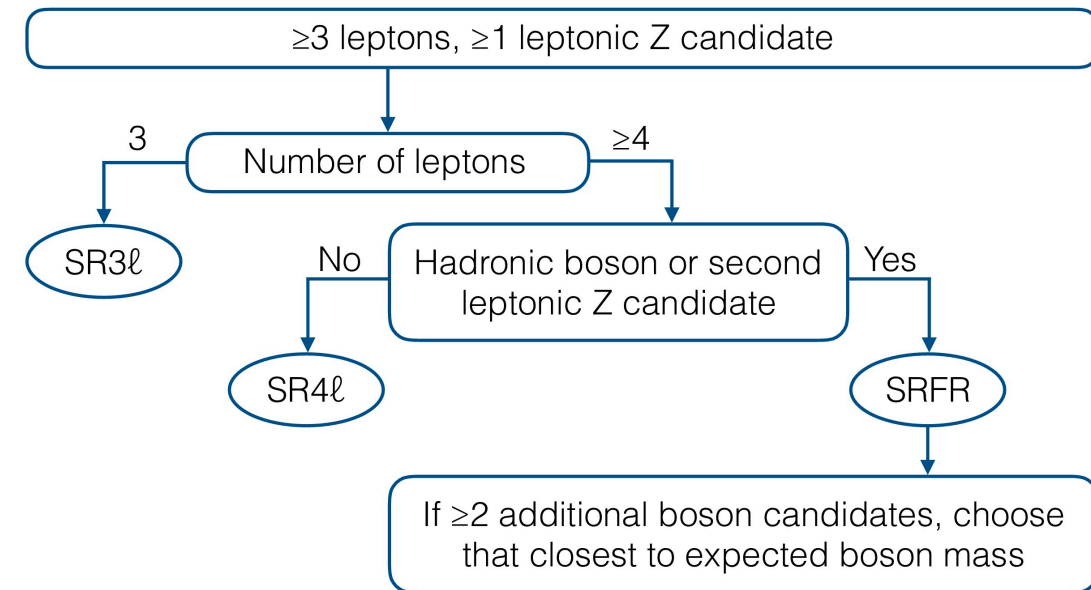
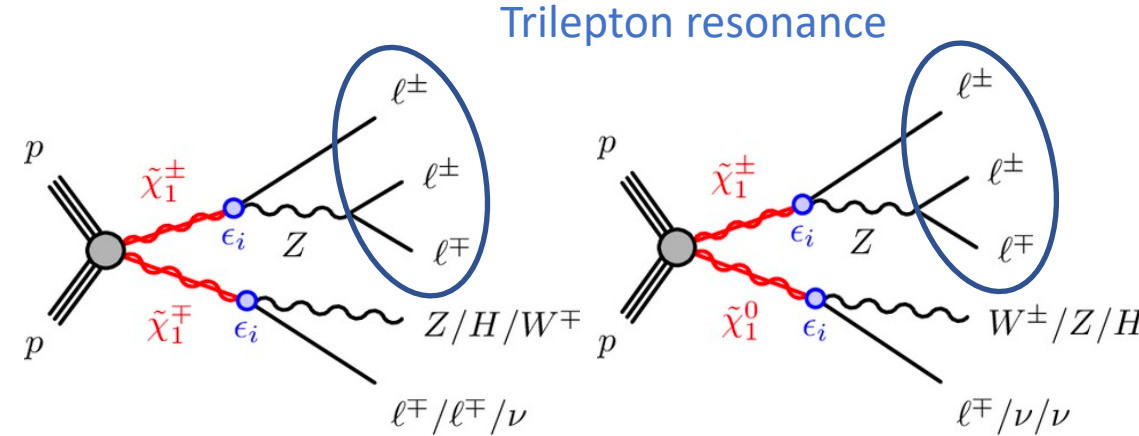
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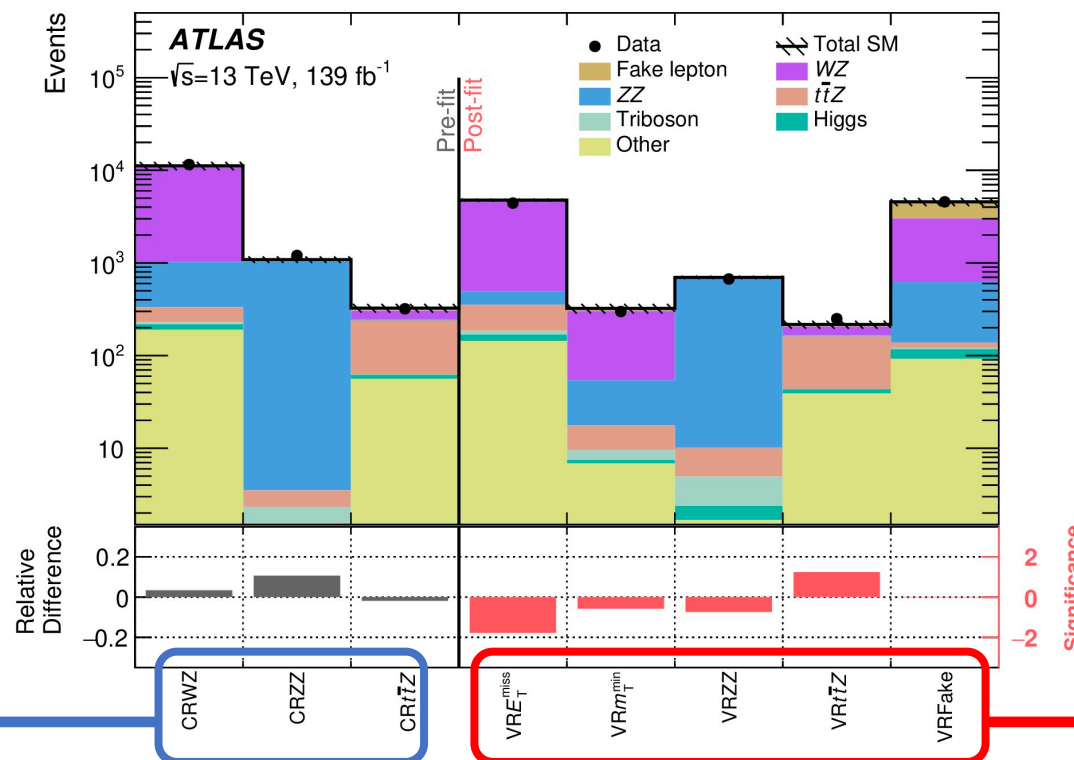
- Inspired by MSSM that adds a gauged group $U(1)_{B-L}$ and includes right-handed neutrino supermultiplets
 - L violation only**, B still conserved
- Targeting $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm \tilde{\chi}_1^\mp$ and $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm \tilde{\chi}_1^0$ production with at least one **decay of interest**: $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm \rightarrow Zl \rightarrow lll$
- Wino-type chargino and neutralino are LSP
 - Nearly mass-degenerate
- Three SRs aims at different decays of 2nd $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm / \tilde{\chi}_1^0$
 - SR3 l : $N_l = 3$ and significant E_T^{miss}
 - SR4 l : $N_l \geq 4$ and possible E_T^{miss}
 - SRFR: $N_l \geq 4$ and 2nd boson candidate (Z, W, Higgs)



- **Main backgrounds:**

- WZ , ZZ and $t\bar{t}Z$ estimated using MC, normalized to data in dedicated CRs
- Processes with ≥ 1 fake lepton estimated with data-driven (*fake-factor*) method
- Others SM processes estimated directly from MC

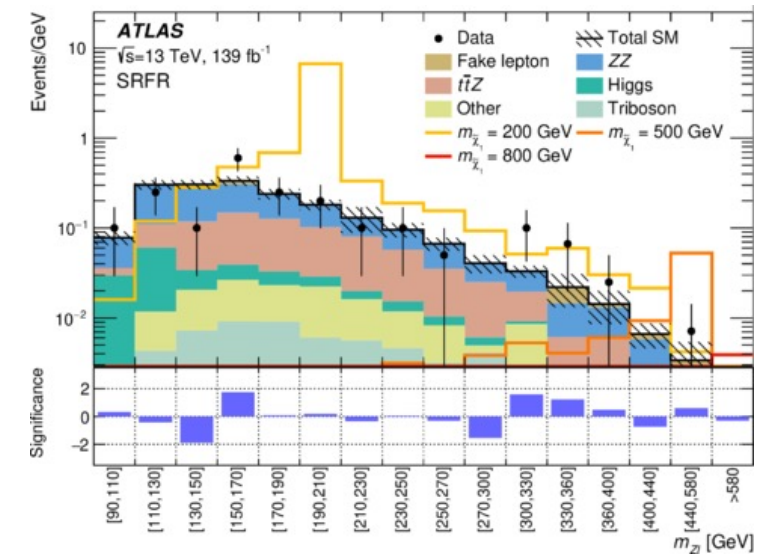
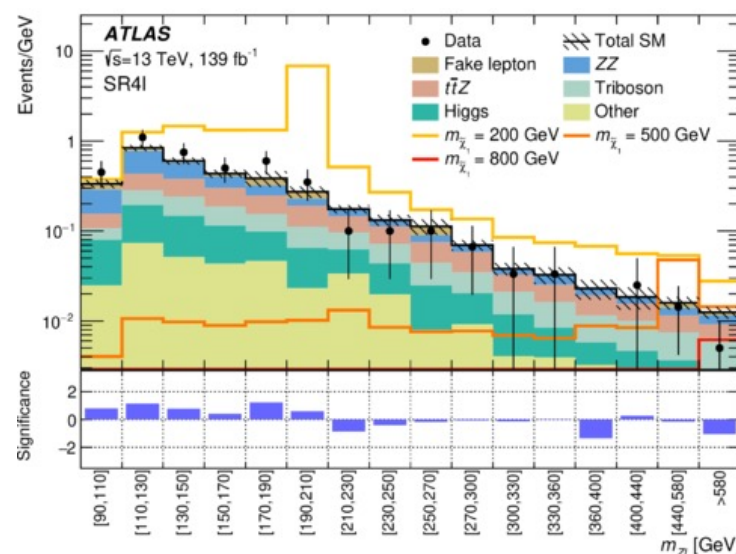
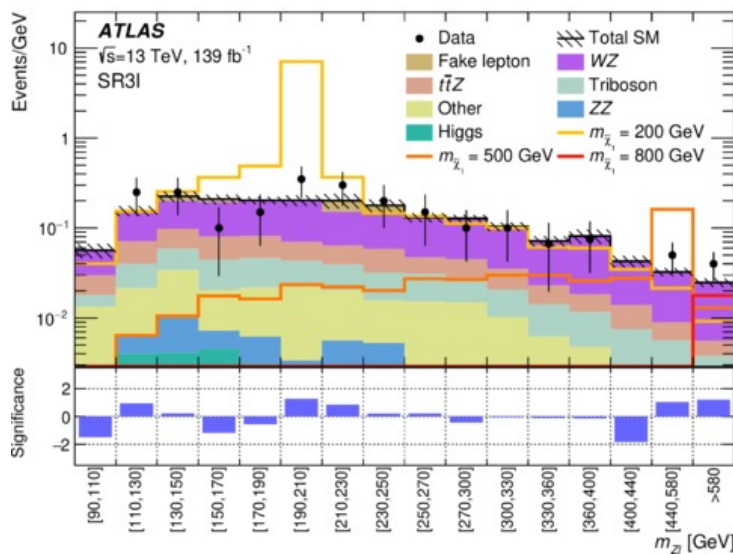
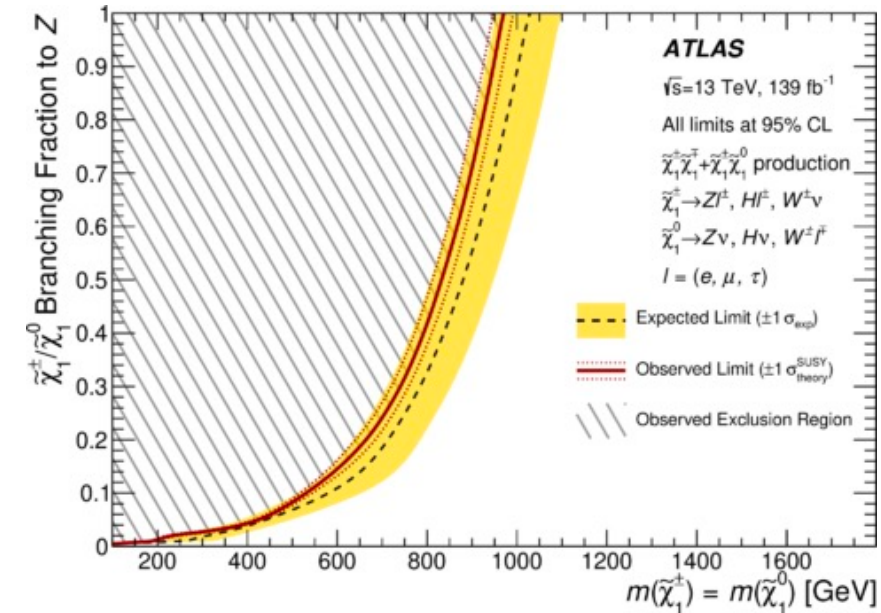
Data in agreement with post-fit background in all VRs



Control regions

Validation regions

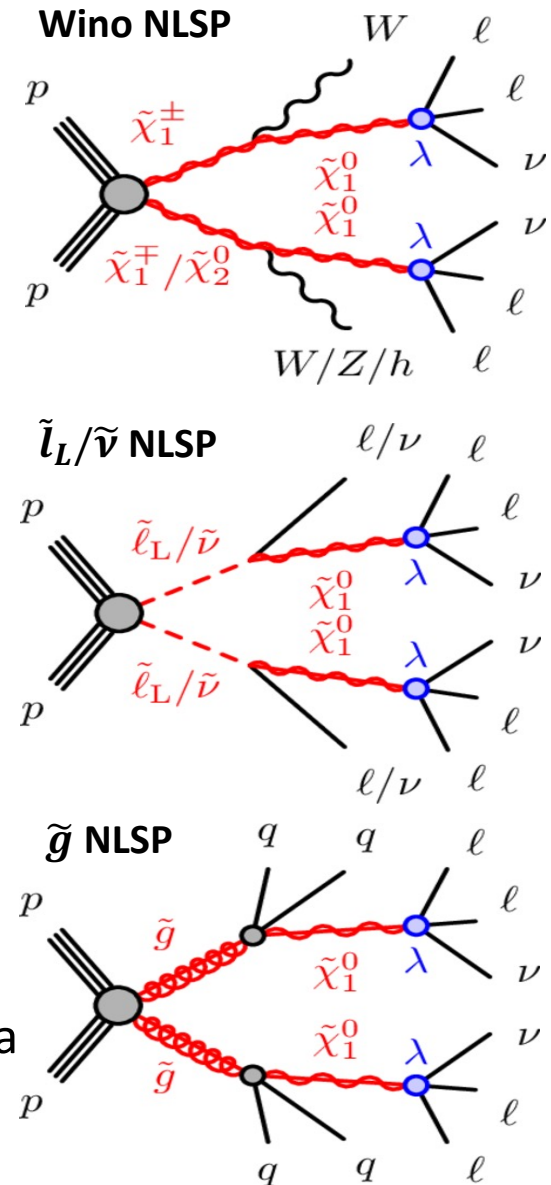
- **Good agreement between data and SM expectation in m_{Zl} distribution in each SR**
- Limits on $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm / \tilde{\chi}_1^0$ masses is set depending on the branching ratios into a Z-boson and lepton flavor
 - For large BR to Z-boson, $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm / \tilde{\chi}_1^0$ masses up to 975 GeV excluded in scenario with equal branching fraction to e, μ, τ



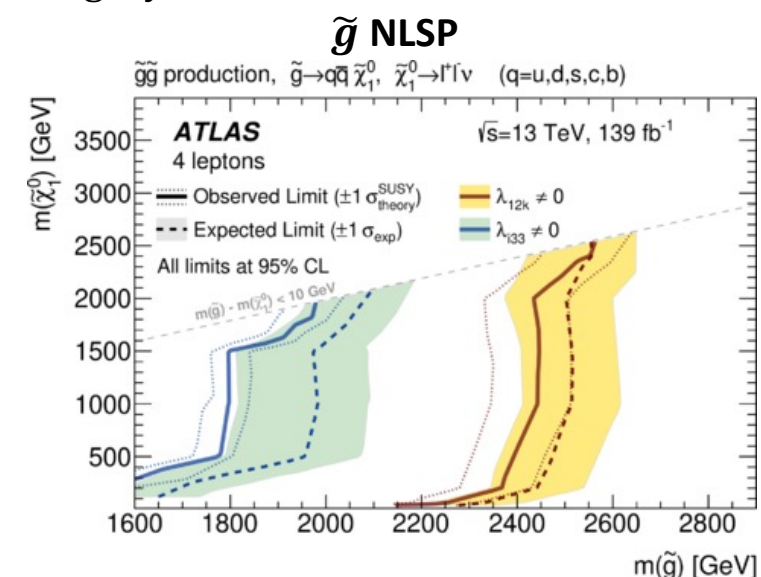
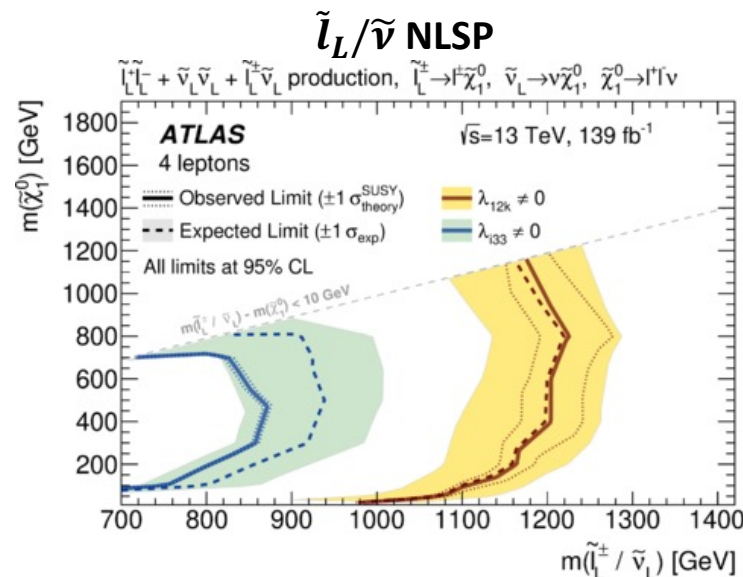
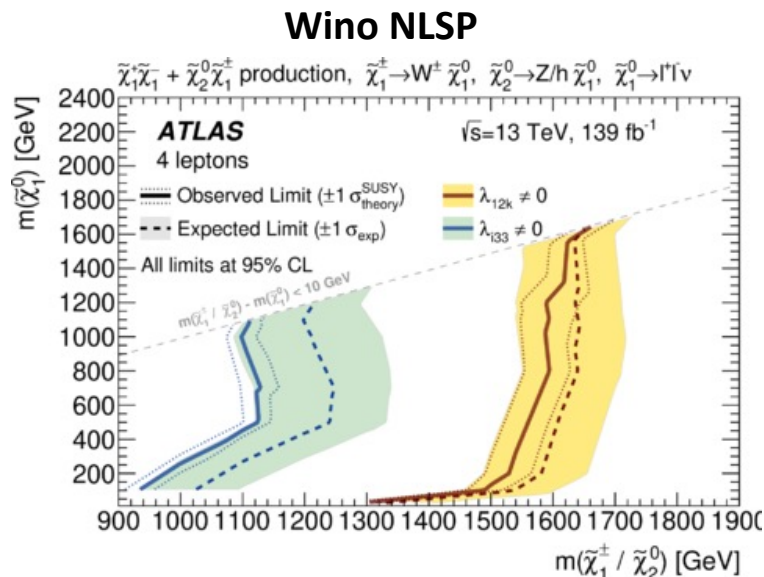
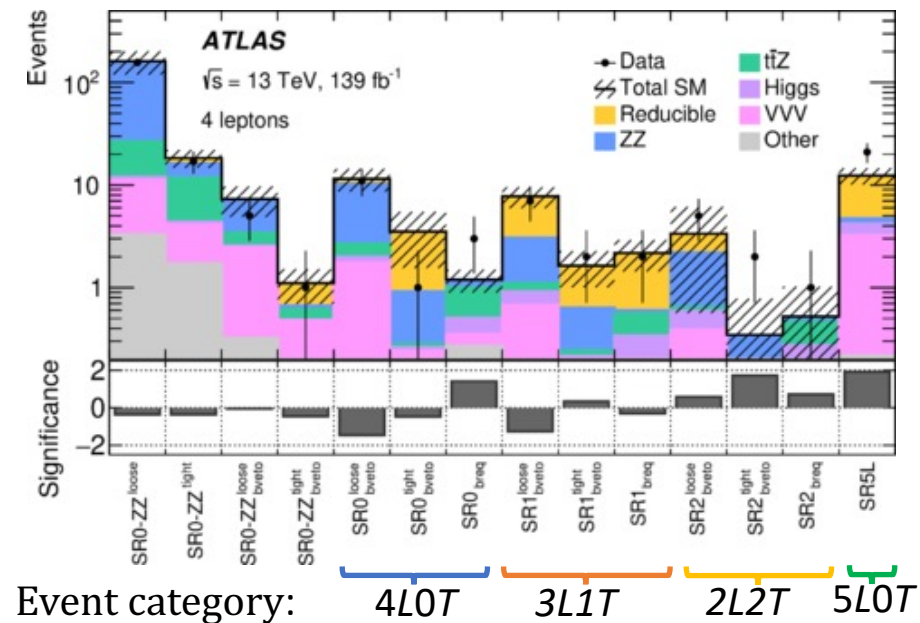
- Consider 3 NLSP pair production possibilities with LSP decays into ≥ 4 lepton ($e, \mu, \tau_{\text{had}}$) final state
 - Results probe λ_{12k} and λ_{i33} ($i, k \in 1, 2$) for RPV couplings
- Three event categories based on e/μ and τ_{had} multiplicity requirement
 - 4L0T: $N_{e/\mu} \geq 4$ and $N_{\tau_{\text{had}}} \geq 0$
 - 3L1T: $N_{e/\mu} = 3$ and $N_{\tau_{\text{had}}} = 1$
 - 2L2T: $N_{e/\mu} = 2$ and $N_{\tau_{\text{had}}} \geq 2$
- A general region 5L0T with $N_{e/\mu} \geq 5$ also considered
- Further requirements on Z veto, presence of b -tagged jets, and m_{eff} are applied to define 10 SRs for RPV scenarios

$$m_{\text{eff}} = E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}} + \sum_{e, \mu, \tau_{\text{had}}, \text{jets}} p_{\text{T}}$$

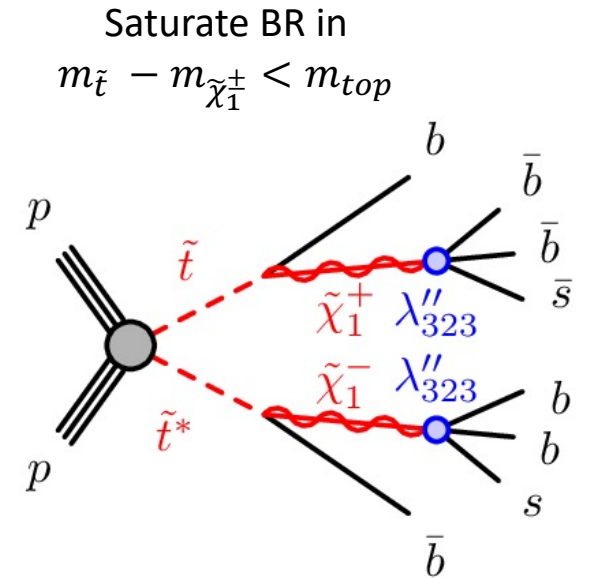
- Main backgrounds:
 - **Irreducible:** ZZ and $t\bar{t}Z$ shape exacted from MC, normalization derived from data
 - **Reducible:** ≥ 1 fake/non-prompt lepton, data-driven estimation (*fake-factor*)



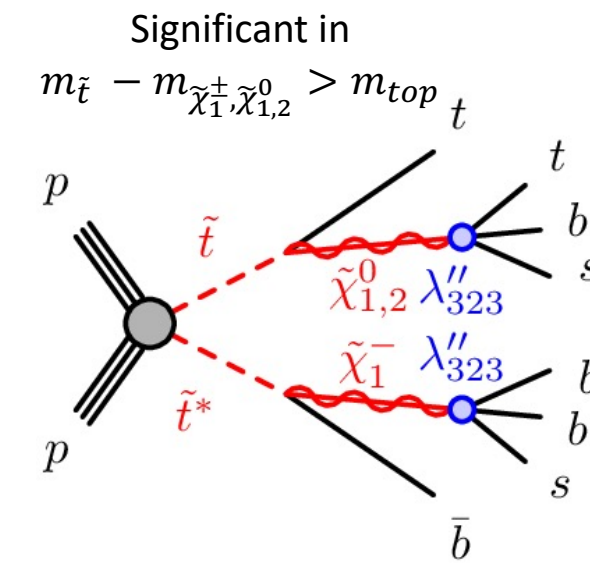
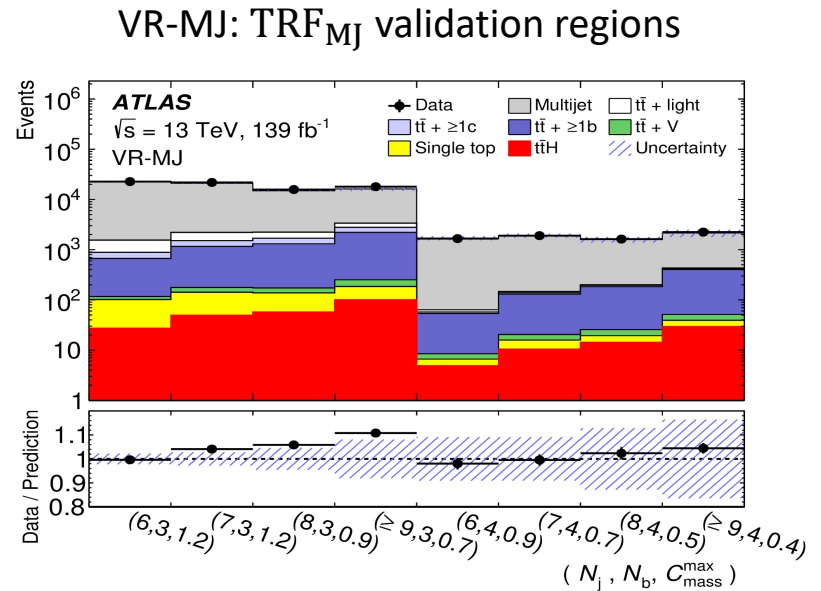
- Observations in agreement with SM expectations
 - Highest local significance of 1.9σ in SR5L
 - SR5L yields: $N_{\text{obs}}^{SR5L} = 21$, and $N_{\text{SM}}^{SR5L} = 12.4 \pm 2.3$
- $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm / \tilde{\chi}_2^0$, $\tilde{l}_L / \tilde{\nu}$, and \tilde{g} masses up to 1.6 TeV, 1.2 TeV, and 2.5 TeV are, respectively, excluded
 - Improve previous limits in similar models by 100-350 GeV



- Search for top-squark pair production in multi- b -jet final states
 - ≥ 4 jets with $p_T \geq 120$ (140) GeV, extra jets have $p_T \geq 25$ GeV
- **Analysis strategy** is based on **counting events** in different jet number (N_j) and b -tagged jet number (N_b)
- Events selection for SR: $N_j \geq 6$, $N_b \geq 4$, reconstructed lepton vetoed
- **Dominant backgrounds:** multi-jet (data-driven TRF_{MJ}) and $t\bar{t} + X$ (MC)
 - TRF_{MJ} based on probability of b -tagging extra jet produced in multijet event

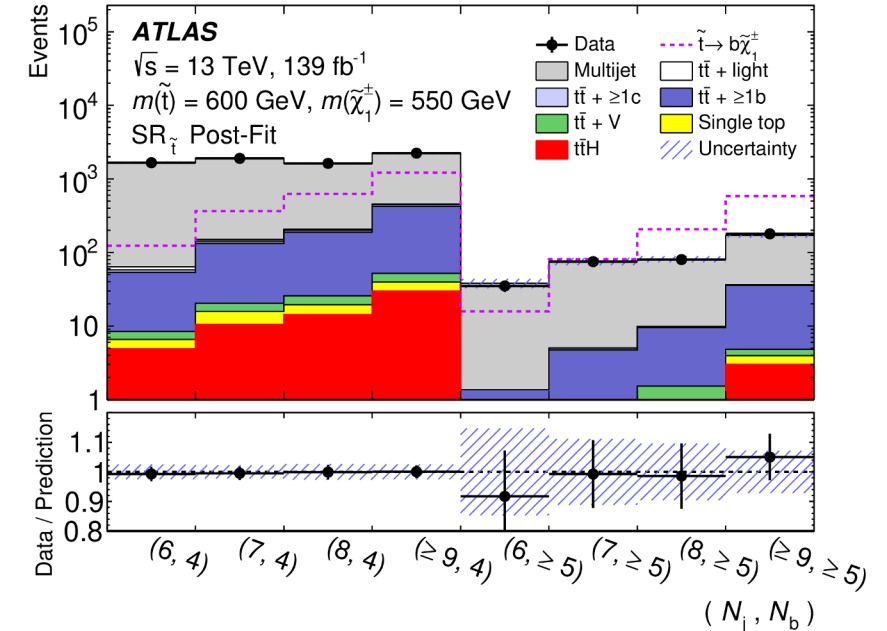


Analysis Regions	N_b	N_j
3	4	≥ 5
6	SR $_{\tilde{t}}$	SR $_{\tilde{t}}$
VR-MJ $C_{\text{mass}}^{\text{max}} = 1.2$	VR-MJ $C_{\text{mass}}^{\text{max}} = 0.9$	
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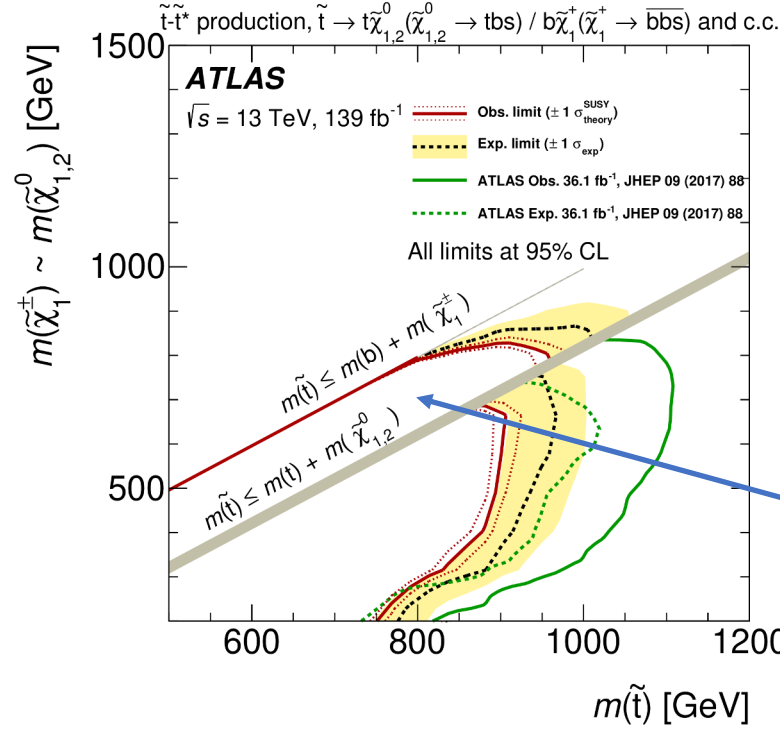
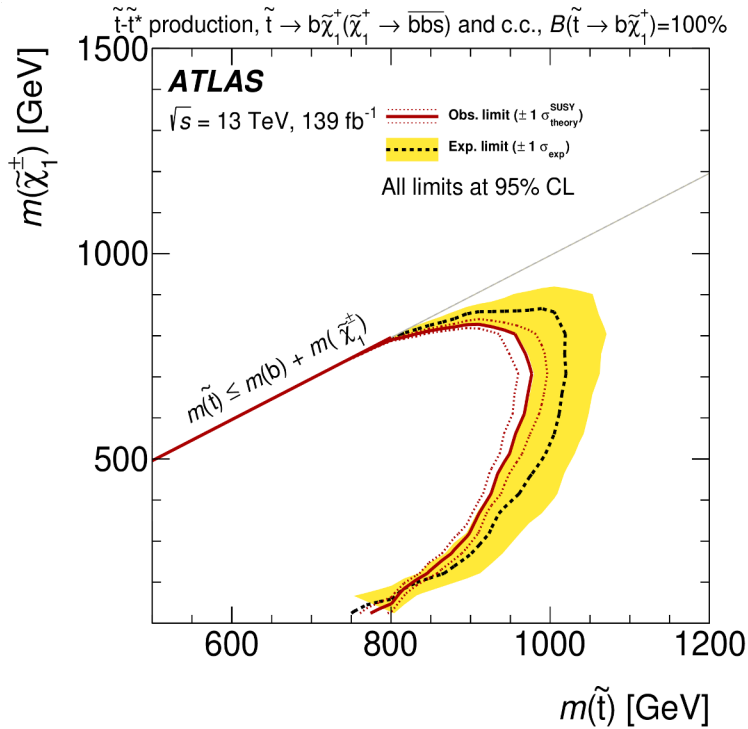
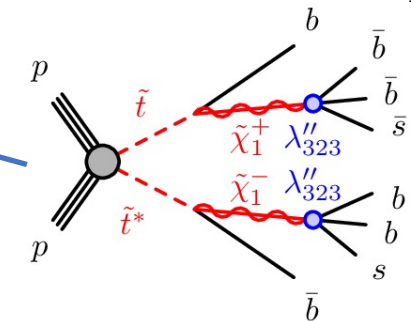


- Events with $N_j \geq 6, N_b \geq 4$ are input for multi-bin fit
- **No significant excess over the SM expectation observed**
- Exclusion of top-squark masses reaches 950 GeV

Hypothesis testing based on Profile Likelihood

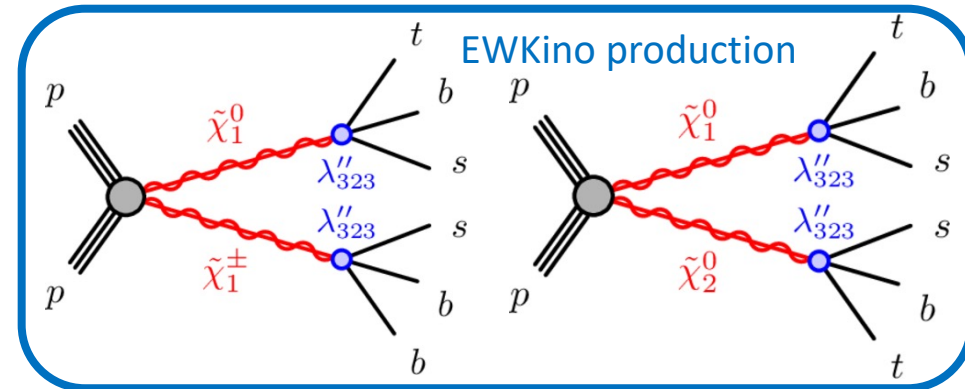
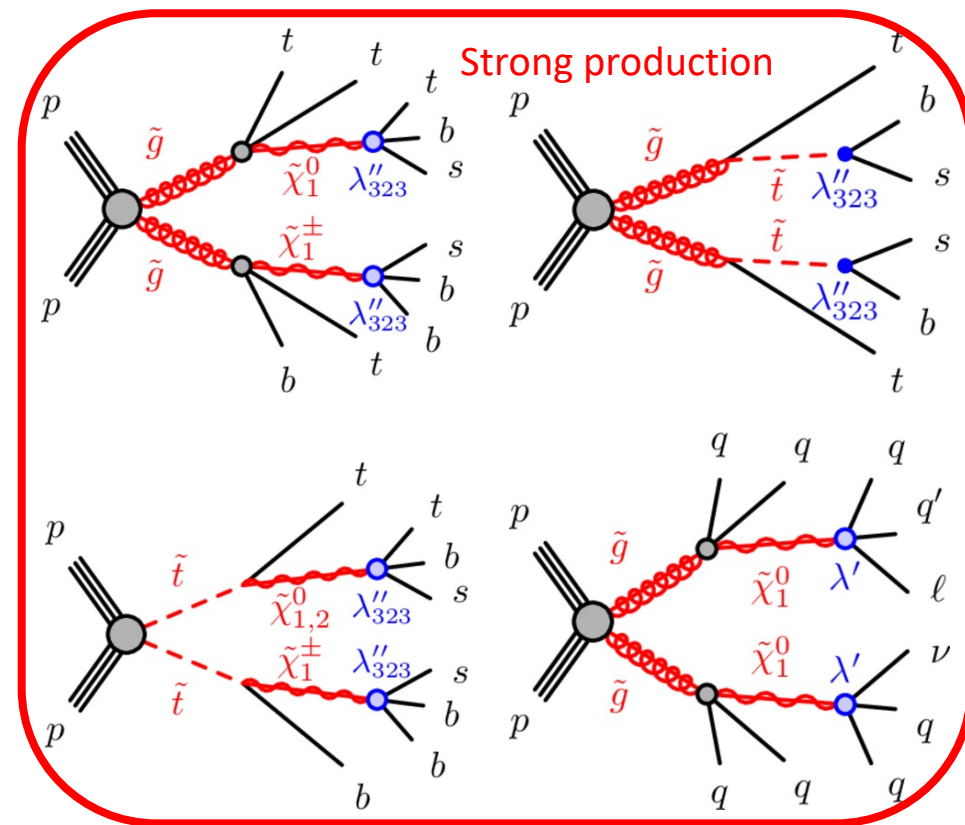


First limits on top-squarks decay exclusively into $b + \tilde{\chi}_1^\pm$



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- Search for RPV signals in final states with ≥ 1 lepton, ≥ 8 to 15 jets, some of which are b -tagged, no E_T^{miss} required
 - 3 production modes: **gluinos**, **top-squark**, **electroweakinos**
- Events are split into two disjoint categories: $1l$ and $2l^{\text{sc}}$ and further categorized based on jet and b -jet multiplicity
- **Two analysis strategies** depending on production type
 - **Jet counting**: 5 jet- p_T thresholds of 20, 40, 60, 80, 100 GeV corresponding to highest jet multiplicity considered
 - **EWKino analysis**: NN discriminant ($1l$ only) introduced to separate higgsino signal from $t\bar{t}$ background
- Multi-bin fit to two-dimensional space of jet and b -jet multiplicity is performed to constrain SUSY parameters



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- **Main backgrounds:** $W/Z + \text{jets}$, $t\bar{t} + \text{jets}$, VV , $t\bar{t}W$
 - Suffer from large uncertainties at high jet multiplicity
 - Data-driven approach: extrapolate background estimation from moderate to high jet multiplicity

- **Evolution of background events** for process X parameterized:

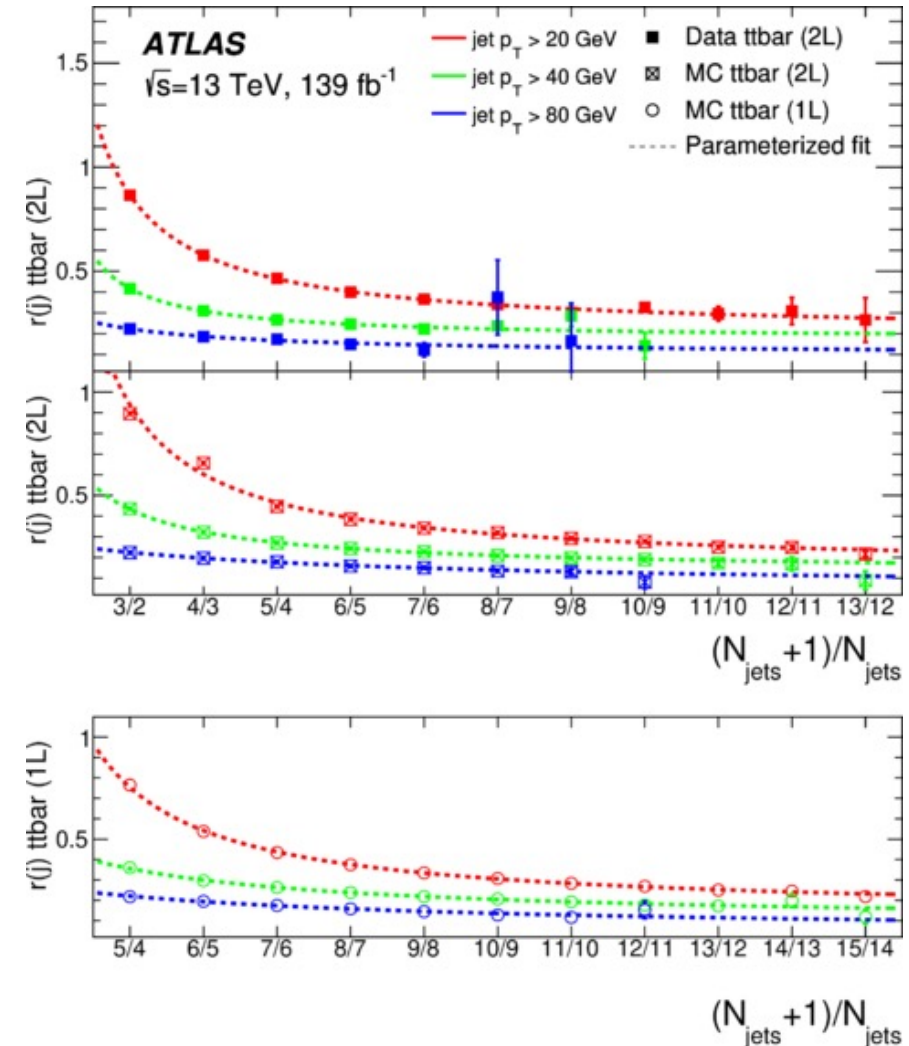
$$r^X(j) \equiv N_{j+1}^X / N_j^X = c_0^X + c_1^X / (j + c_2^X),$$

- c_i^X are process-dependent constants and extracted from data

- **Background yields** of process X in j -th jet slice formulated as

$$N_j^X = N_4^X \prod_{j'=4}^{j-1} r^X(j')$$

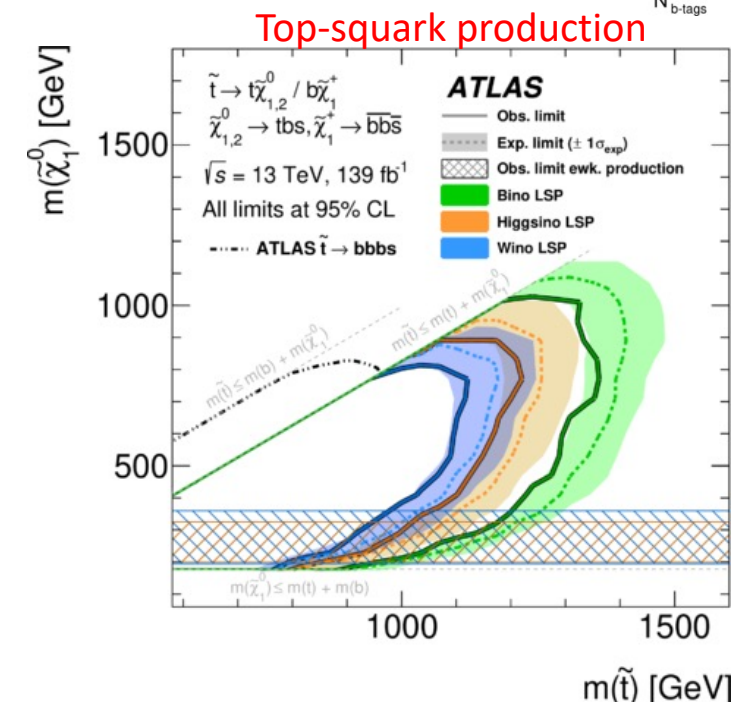
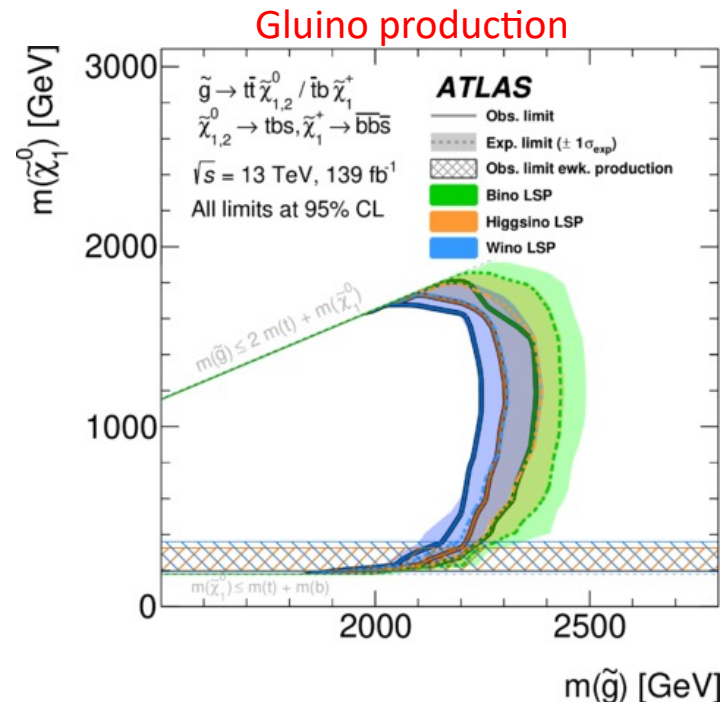
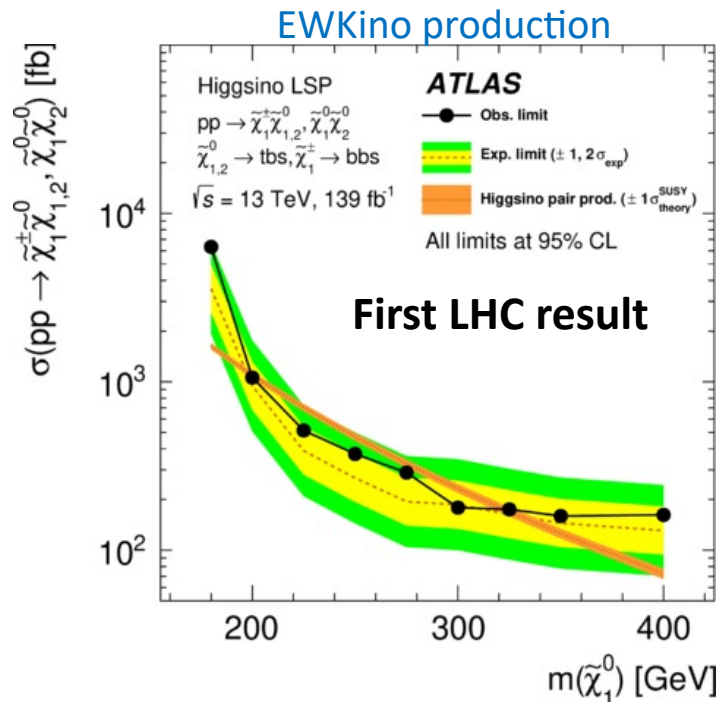
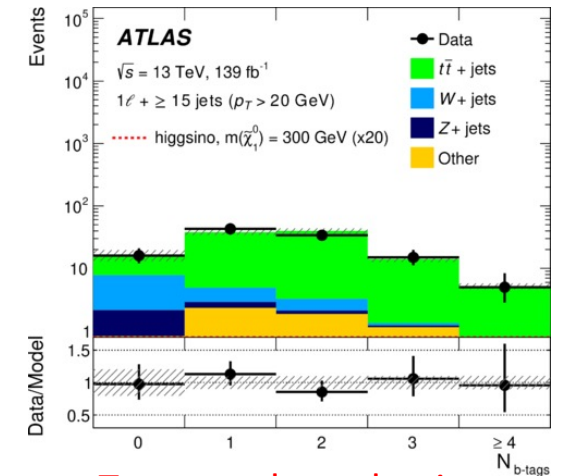
- Similar approach for b -jet multiplicity prediction of process X



$$\lambda'_{ijk} L_i Q_j D_k^c + \frac{1}{2} \lambda''_{ijk} U_i^c D_j^c D_k^c$$

- No observed significant excess over the SM expectation
- Higgsino masses between 200 and 320 GeV excluded
- Exclusion of gluino and top-squark masses up to 2.38 TeV and 1.36 TeV
- Sensitive to SM $t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$ production: $\mu_{t\bar{t}t\bar{t}} = 2.0^{+0.9}_{-0.7}$

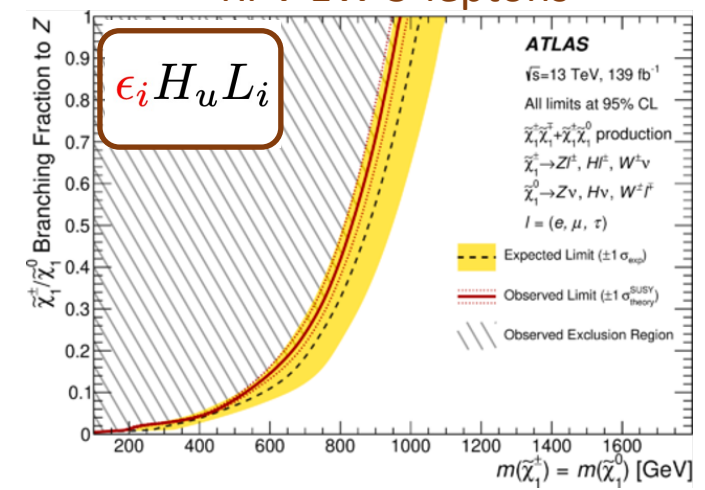
EWK, 1l, ≥ 15 jets, ($p_T \geq 20$ GeV)



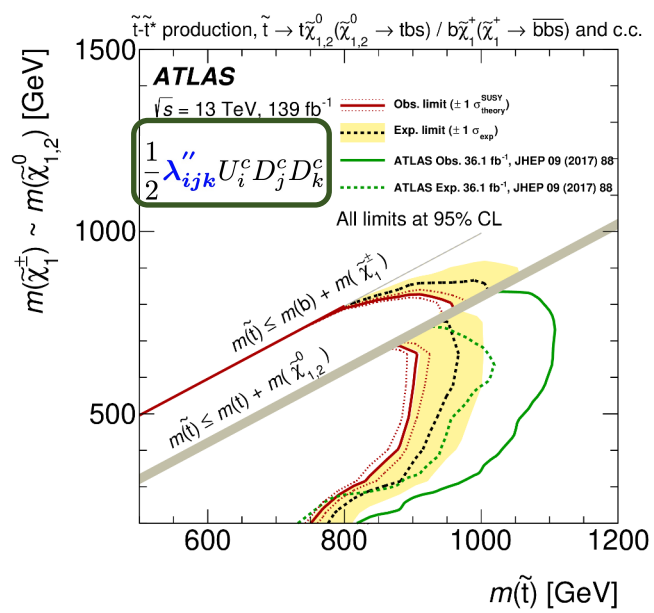
Conclusions

- ATLAS searches for SUSY RPV cover a wide range of scenarios
 - No significant excess beyond SM expectations observed yet
- Many ATLAS RPV searches not covered can be found in
 - [ATLAS SUSY RPV Public Results](#)
- Run-3 LHC is coming with lots more data to study → Stay tuned!

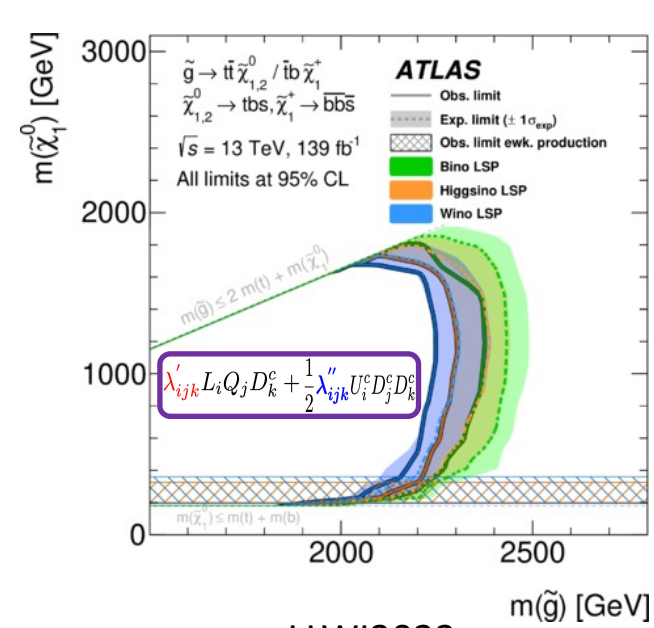
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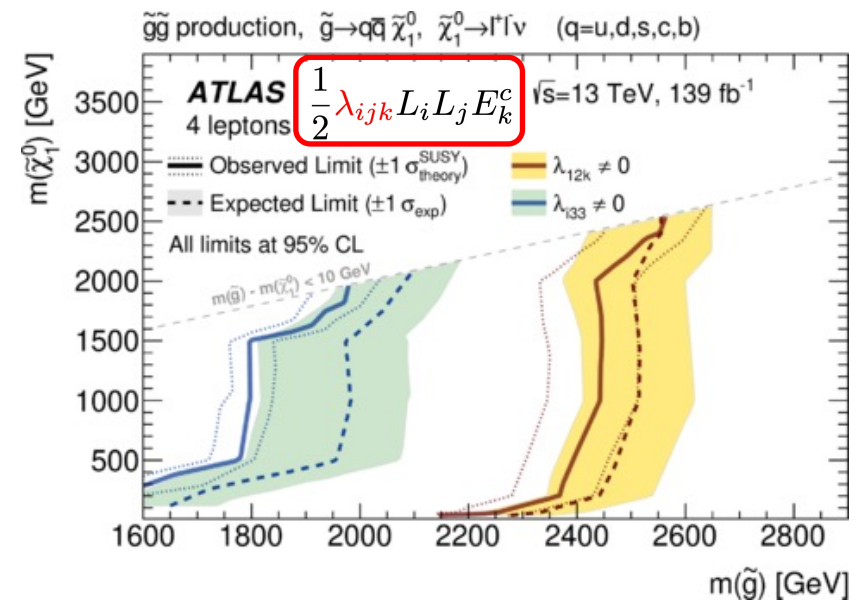
RPV multi-*b*-jet



RPV multi-jet 1-lepton



RPV 4-leptons



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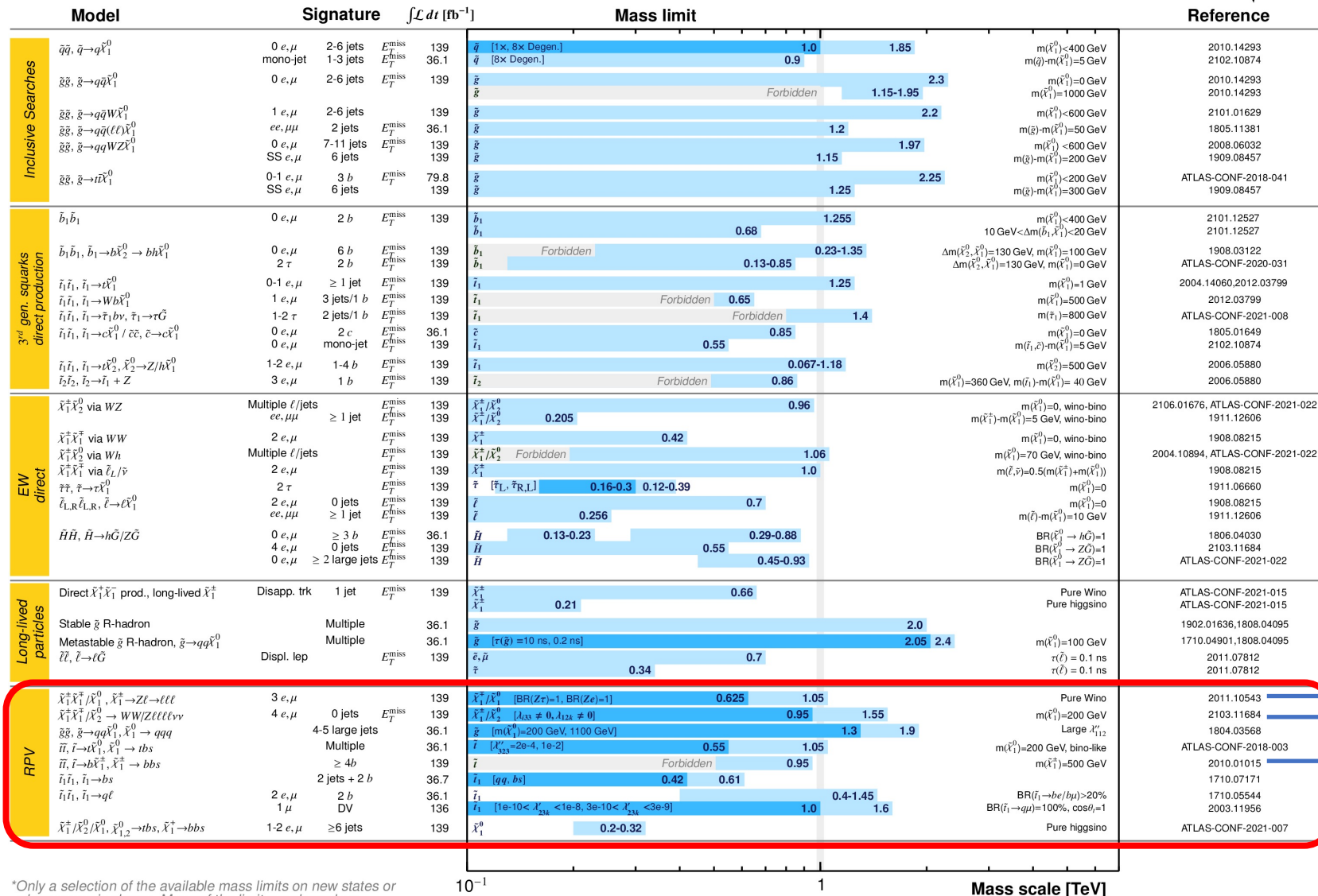
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ATLAS SUSY Searches* - 95% CL Lower Limits

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ATLAS Preliminary

$\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV



*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.

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