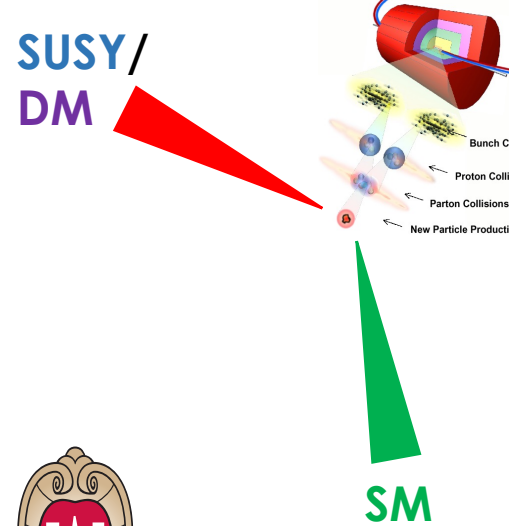
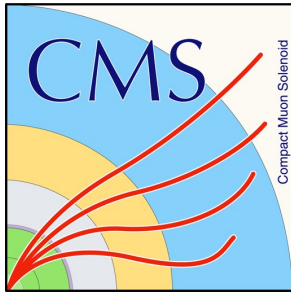


# SUSY and Dark Matter search results at the CMS Experiment

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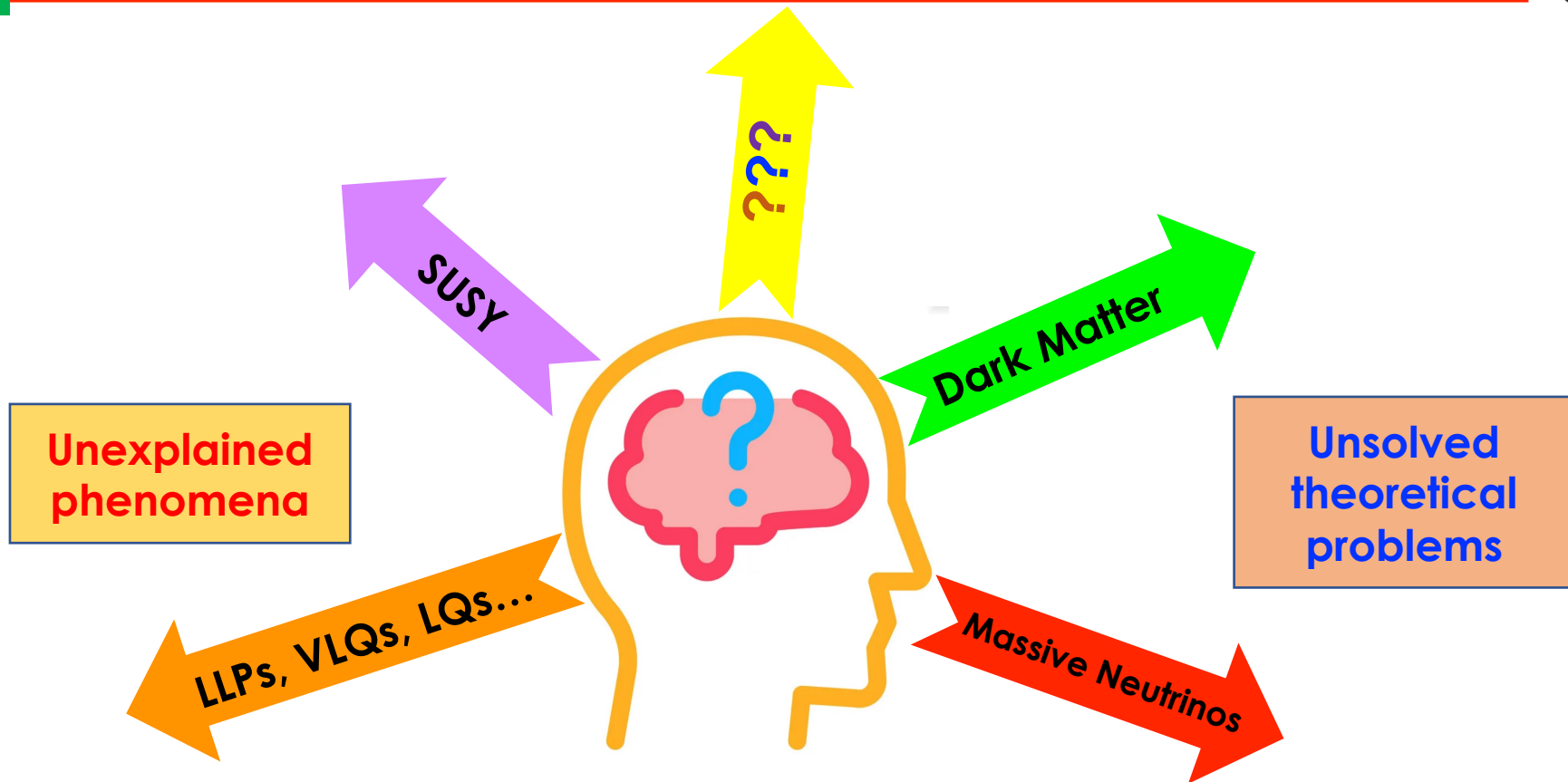
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- **Standard model:** successful theory of particle physics, thoroughly tested at the experimental level **but still far from complete**
- **LHC: Large Hadron Collider**
  - A 27 km collider designed to create rare processes happening in nature
  - Mostly collide protons, currently at  $\sqrt{s} = 13.6$  TeV
- **CMS: Compact Muon Solenoid Experiment**
  - One of four big detector at the LHC collision point (p5)
  - Record hadron collisions to unravel the unexplained phenomena of nature

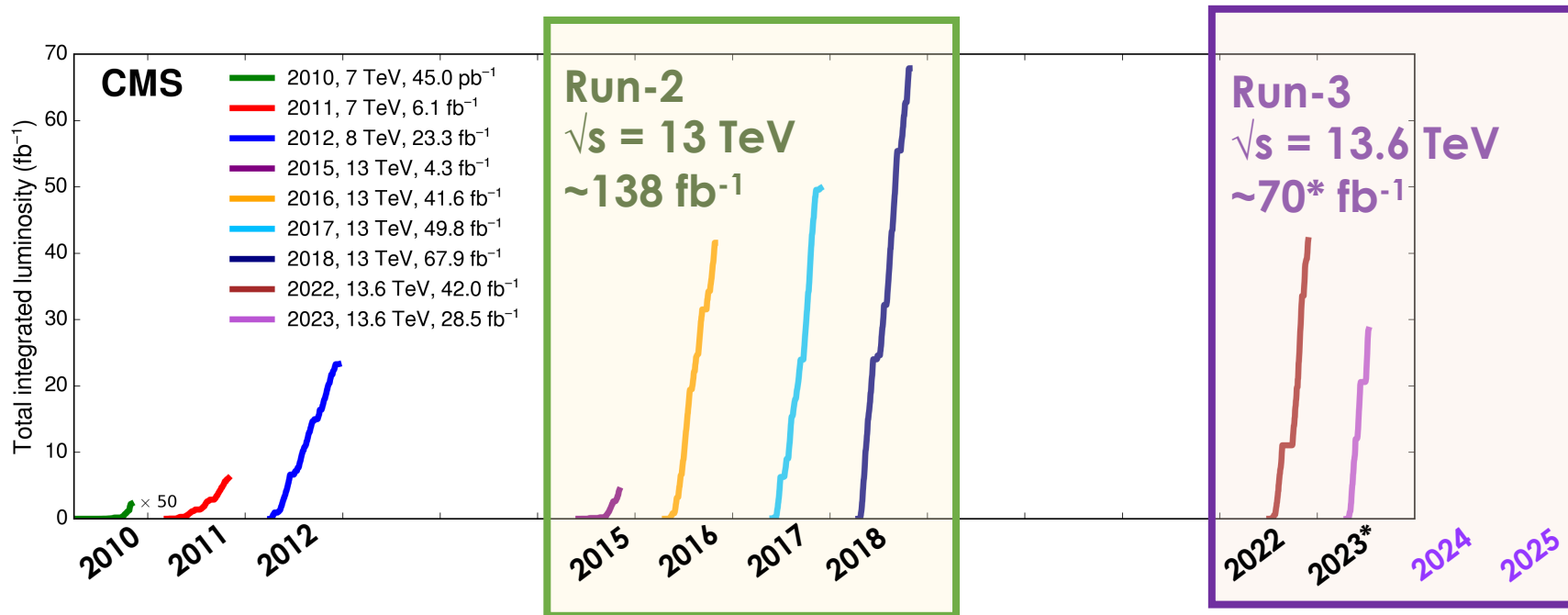
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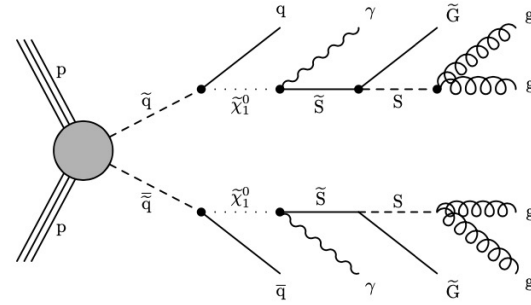
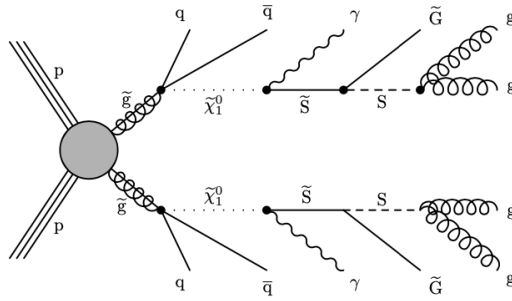


# Today's talk



Some of the recent results on SUSY and DM searches with **Run-2** data collected by CMS experiment





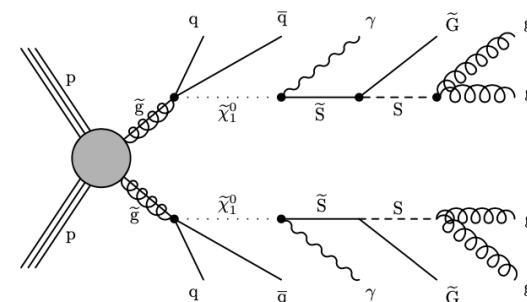
# Stealth SUSY: Diphotons + jets + low MET

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# Stealth SUSY in diphotons + jets + low MET

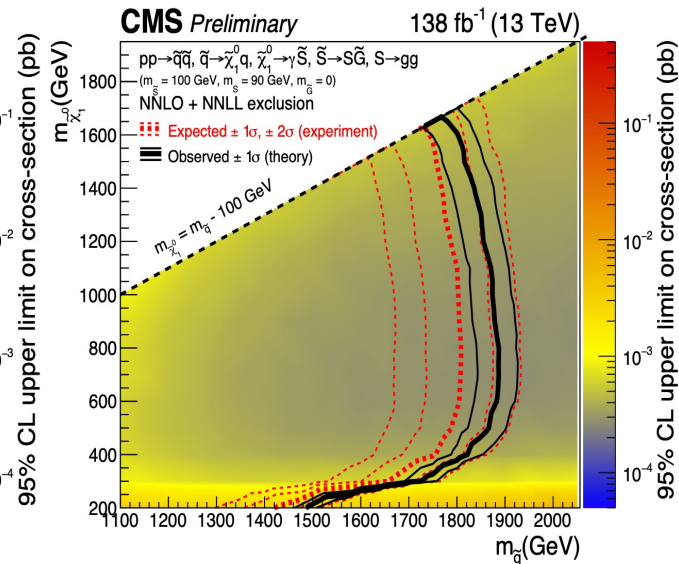
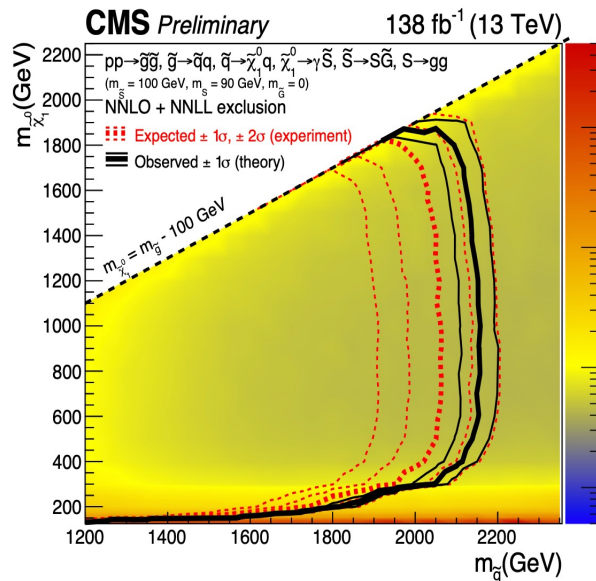
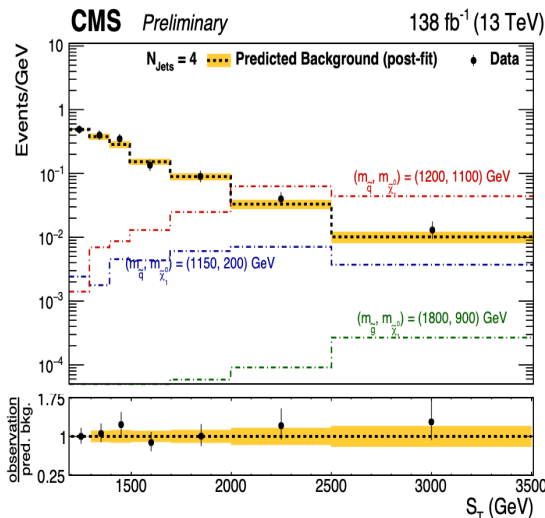
- **Model: MSSM augmented with a light hidden sector**
  - SUSY violation is weak in this hidden sector
  - Super partners are nearly mass degenerate
- **Simplest hidden sector has a single scalar singlet ( $S$ ) and its super partner, singlino ( $\tilde{S}$ )**
  - $|m_S - m_{\tilde{S}}| = \text{small} \Rightarrow \text{Low MET (requirement for 'Stealth' SUSY)}$ 
    - **Gravitino ( $\tilde{G}$ ) is the LSP, has low momentum**
- **R-parity conserved**
- Signature truly low-MET: robust against ISR boost
- **$S_T$  : Scalar pT sum of jets, photons and MET in event**
- **Events categorization:**
  - High jet multiplicity
  - Two photons ( $m_{\gamma\gamma} > 90 \text{ GeV}$ ),  $p_T > 35, 25 \text{ GeV}$
  - $S_T > 1200 \text{ GeV}$



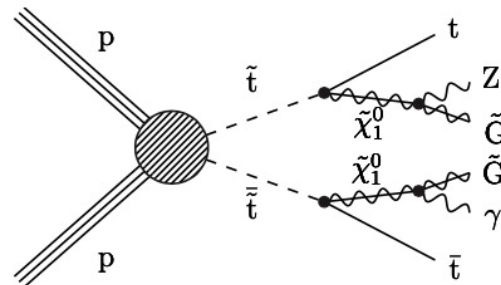
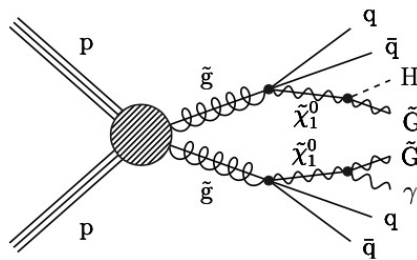
No special fine tuning!

- $m_S = 100 \text{ GeV}$
- $m_{\tilde{S}} = 90 \text{ GeV}$
- $\tilde{g} = \{1250, 2350\} \text{ GeV}$
- $\tilde{q} = \{1100, 2000\} \text{ GeV}$

## Background constraints rely on small correlation between $S_T$ shape & nJets



- **Exclude  $m_{\tilde{g}}$  ( $m_{\tilde{q}}$ ) upto 2.15 (1.85) TeV**
- **70% improvement in the reach of the exclusion contour in the  $(m_{\tilde{q}}, m_{\tilde{\chi}^0})$**
- **Most stringent limits on these models**



# SUSY in photon + jets + large MET

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## Gauge mediated SUS breaking (GMSB) scenarios using both EWK and strong SUSY production models

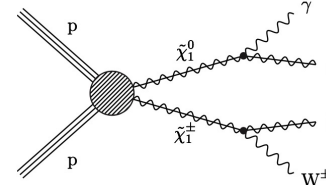
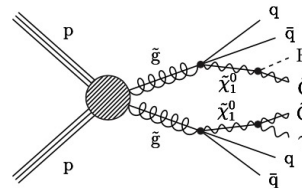
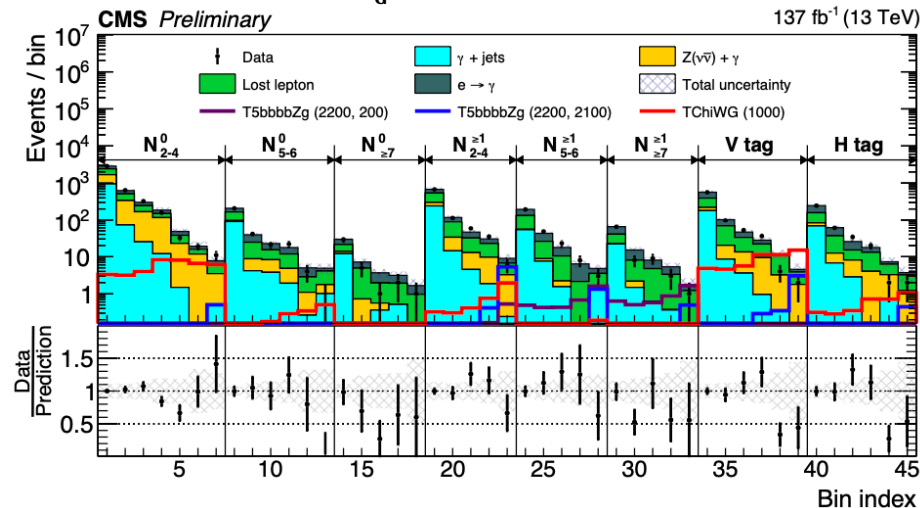
- ## Several possible models are explored

- Veto events with leptons
- $S_T$ : Scalar sum of photon + jets > 300 GeV
- $\Delta\phi(\text{Jet}, \text{MET}) > 0.3$  (leading 2 jets)
- Photon  $p_T > 100$  GeV

Search categories: **With/without** a tagged W/Z/H boson

- **Binned in MET & N<sub>jets</sub>**

**Main background: lost lepton ( $W\gamma$ +jets,  $t\bar{t}\gamma$ +jets)**


$$m_{\tilde{G}} = 1 \text{ GeV}$$




# Results: GMSB – Gluino/Stop

95% CL upper limits on the production cross sections for  $\tilde{g}$  pairs

Observed (expected) limits on gluon mass for small NLSP masses:

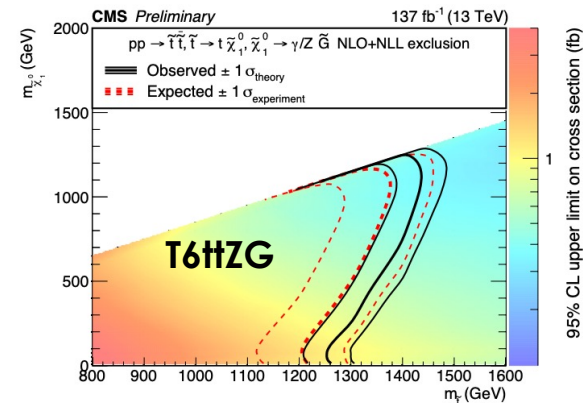
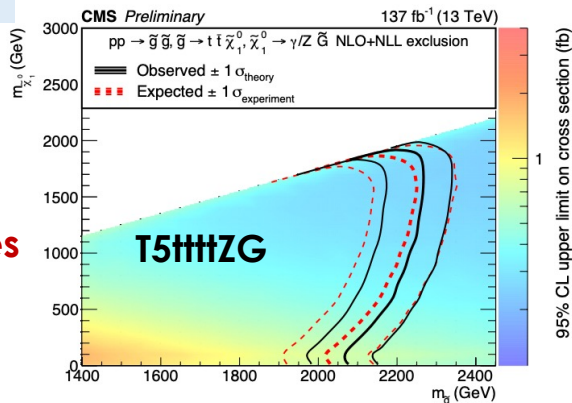
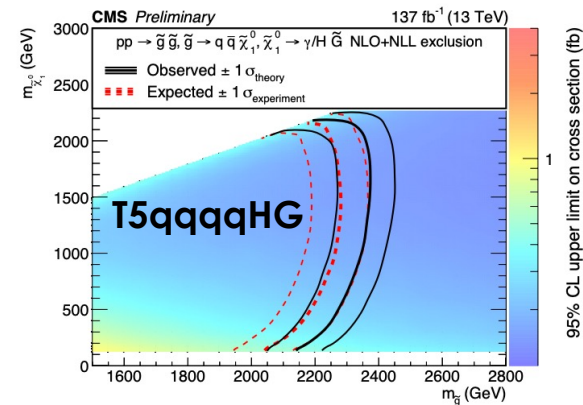
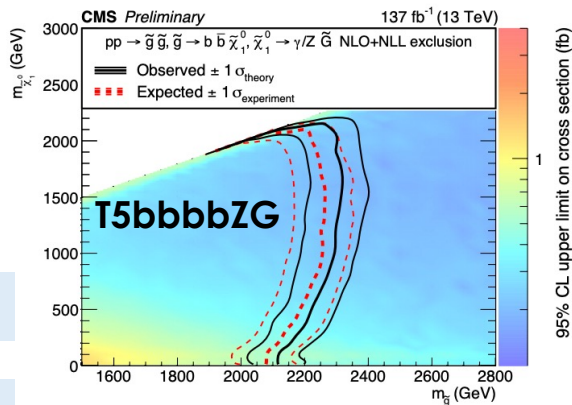
**T5bbbbZG:**  $m_{\tilde{g}} < 2.32$  (2.27) TeV

**T5bbbbHG:**  $m_{\tilde{g}} < 2.35$  (2.30) TeV

**T5tttZG:**  $m_{\tilde{g}} < 2.26$  (2.25) TeV

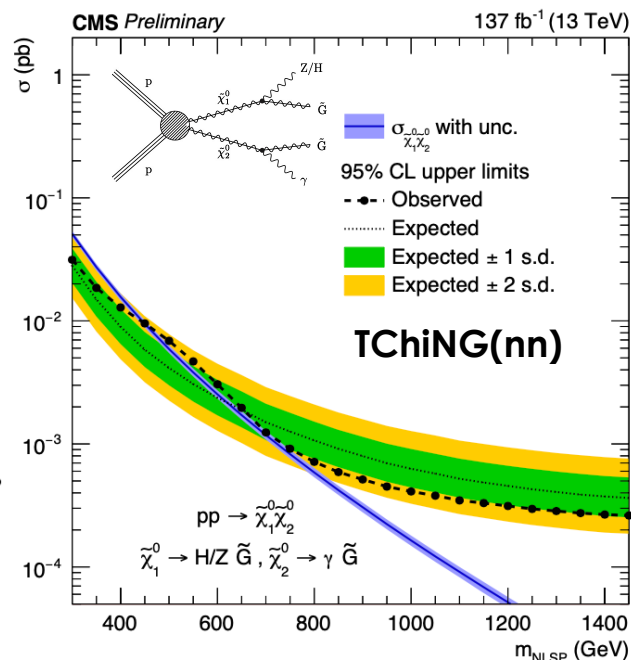
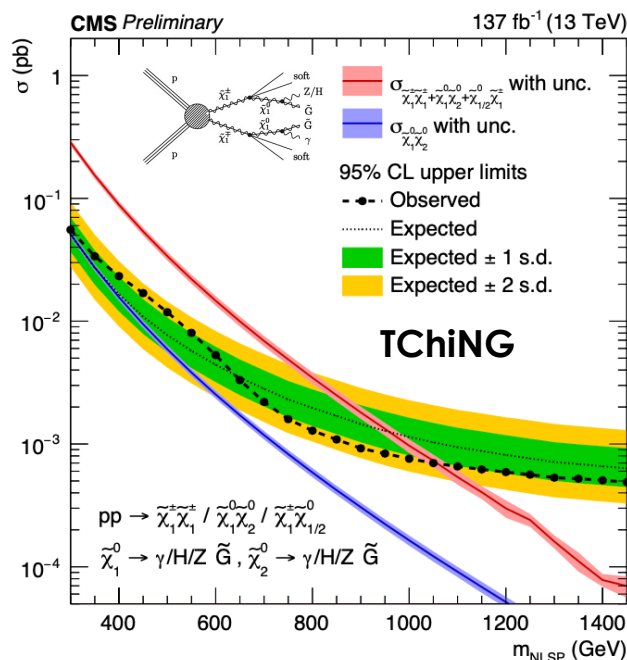
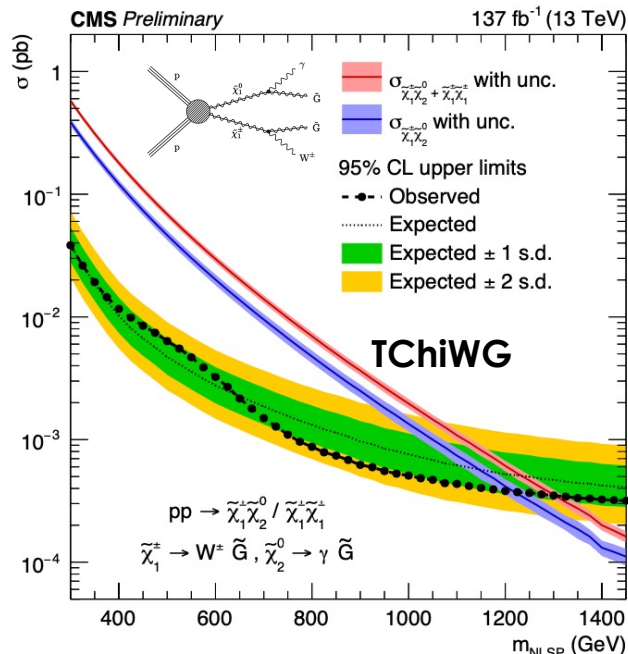
Exclusion upper limits degrade for very high and very low NLSP masses

**T6ttZG:**  $m_{\tilde{g}} < 1.43$  (1.38) TeV

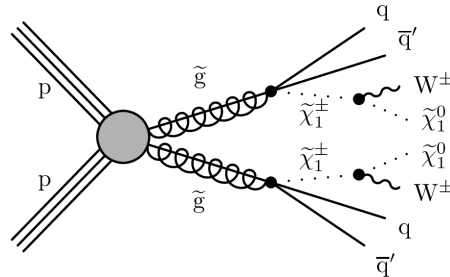
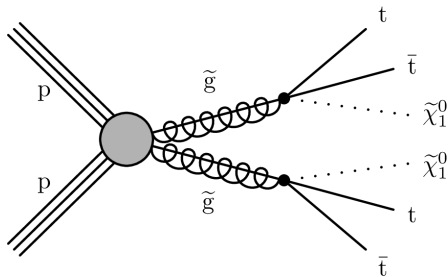




# Results: GMSB – Electroweakinos



Limits assume all possible production modes or nearly degenerate triplet of chargino & neutralino states



# SUSY with angular correlations

CMS SUS-21-007 | Submitted to JHEP | arXiv:2211.08476

# SUSY with angular correlations



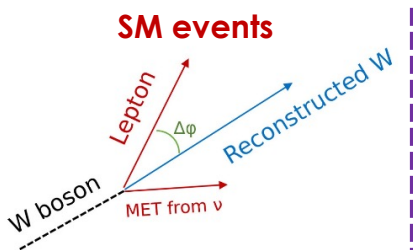
**Benchmark model: R-parity conserving gluino-pair production simplified models**

- 1 lepton from W boson decay,
- W from a top decay (multi-b) or chargino decay (0-b)

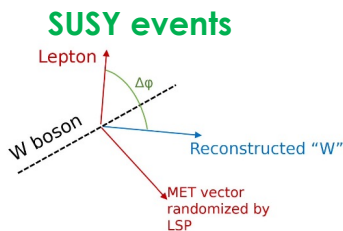
**Events with 1 lepton, a large # of jets and high MET**

**Main discriminating observable:  $\Delta\phi$  (l,  $W_{\text{reco}}$ )**

$\Delta\phi$  b/w lepton & reconstructed W (W=lepton and MET)

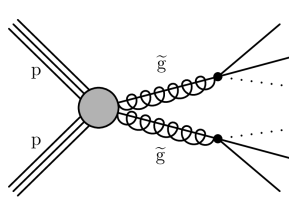


$\Delta\phi$  between lepton & MET is usually small

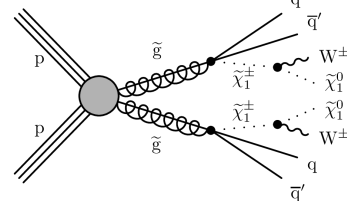


$\Delta\phi$  distribution is flat due to additional MET from two LSPs

**T1tttt (Multi-b)**

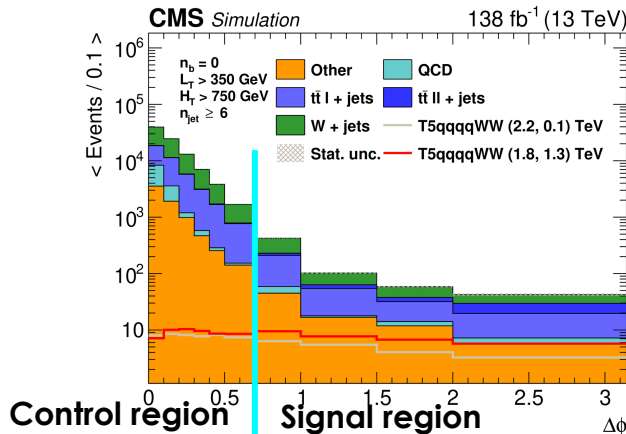


**T5qqqqWW (0-b)**



$L_T$ : Scalar sum of Lepton  $p_T$  + MET

$H_T$ : Scalar sum of hadronic jets



# SUSY with angular correlations



Analysis region is binned in  $H_T$ ,  $L_T$ ,  $n_{\text{jets}}$ ,  $n_{\text{b-tags(multi-b)}}$ ,  $n_{\text{top-tag (multi-b)}}$ ,  $n_{\text{W-tag (0b)}}$

## Baseline selection:

Exactly 1 lepton (e or  $\mu$ ),  $p_T > 25$  GeV

$H_T > 500$  GeV

$L_T > 250$  GeV

At least 2 jets with  $p_T > 80$  GeV

Number of AK4jets  $\geq 3$

$n_b \geq 1$  &  $n_t \geq 1$  (multi-b) or  $n_b = 0$  (0-b)

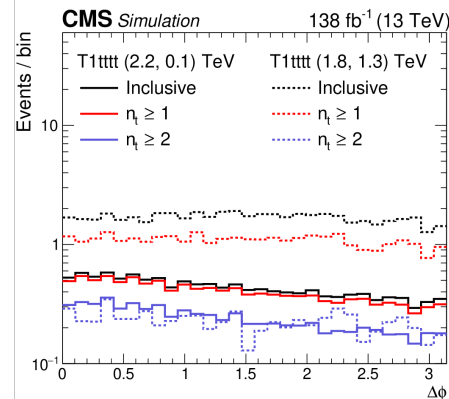
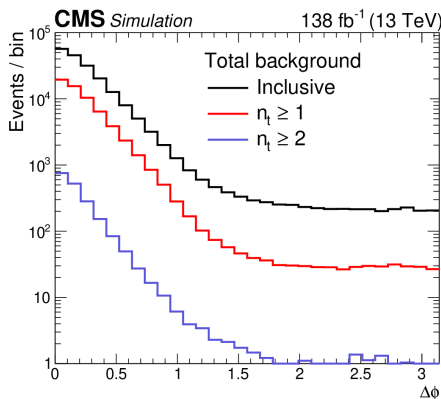
## Search region is defined by large $\Delta\phi$

In multi-b signal, there are 3 hadronic top decays and 1 semileptonic top decay

- A combination of DNN based AK8 jet tagger and BDT based AK4 jet tagger are used

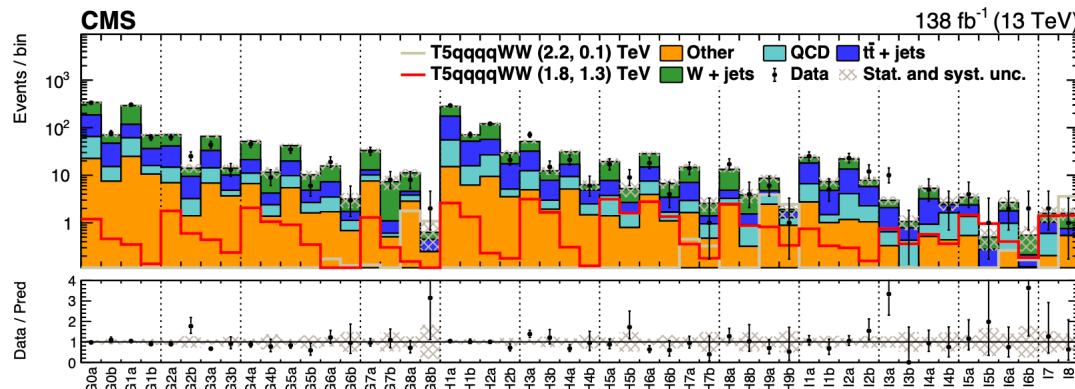
Zero-b: Hadronically decaying W bosons are identified using AK8 tagger

Selection on  $n_{\text{top-tag}}$  reduces background significantly in signal region

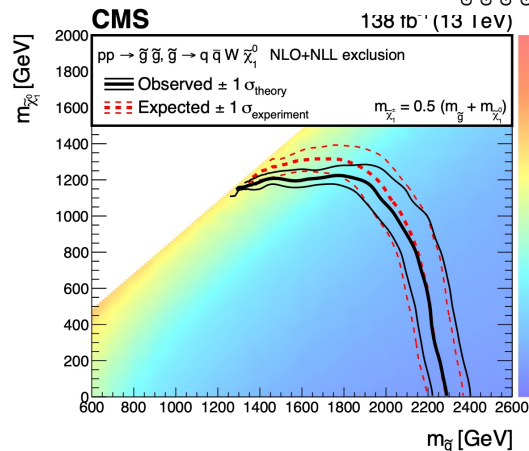




# Results: SUSY with angular correlations



**No deviation from SM**



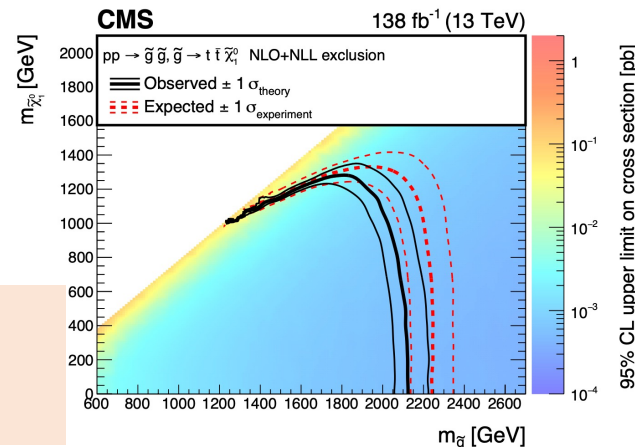
## Exclusions

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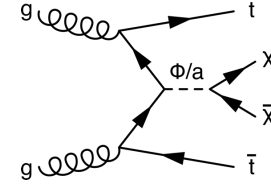
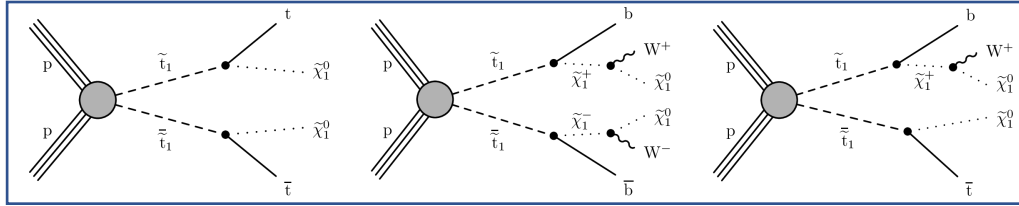
- $m_{\tilde{g}} < 2.13 \text{ TeV}$
- $m_{\text{LSP}} < 1.27 \text{ TeV}$

**T5qqqqWW**

- $m_{\tilde{g}} < 2.2 \text{ TeV}$
- $m_{\text{LSP}} < 1.2 \text{ TeV}$







# Combination of searches: “top squarks”

[CMS SUS-20-002](#) | [Eur. Phys. J. C 81 \(2021\) 970](#)

0-lepton: [CMS SUS-19-010](#) | [PRD 104 \(2021\) 052001](#)

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1-lepton: [SUS-19-009](#) | [JHEP 05 \(2020\) 032](#)

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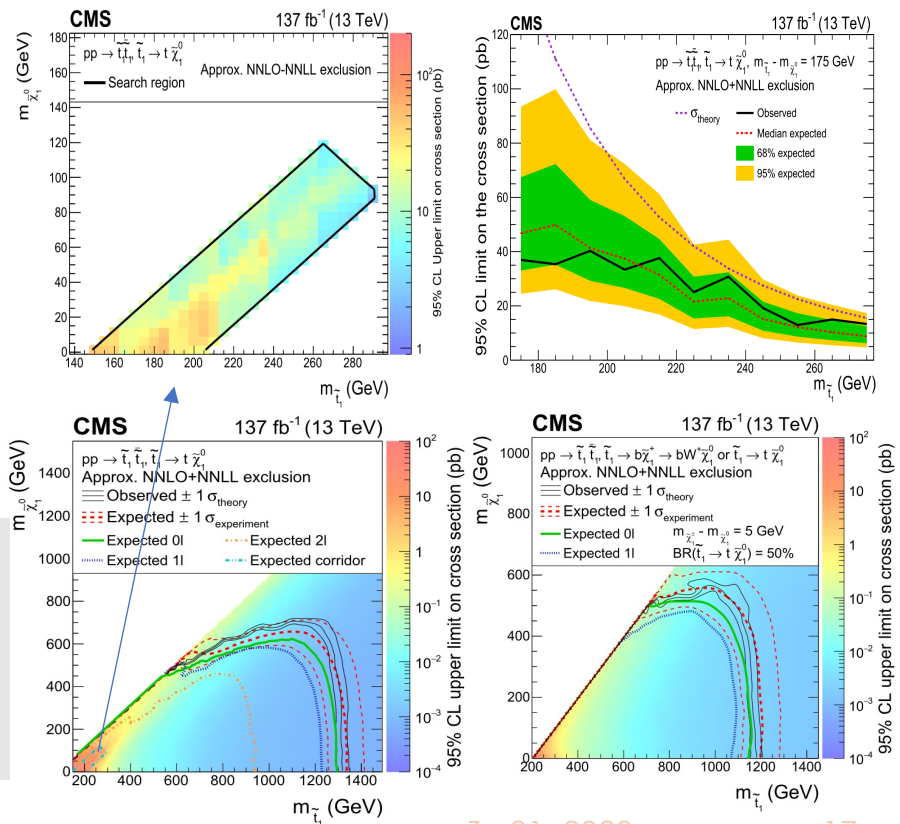
# Top squarks “in the corridor”

- Search targets simplified models of top squark pair production with three different models (T2tt, T2bW, T2bWt)
- Results are combined for final states with 0,1 and 2 leptons + new search in top corridor with opposite signed leptons (T2tt)
- Top corridor:  $\Delta m_{cor}: |\Delta m(\tilde{t}_1, \tilde{\chi}_1^0) - m_t| < 30 \text{ GeV}$ 
  - Top corridor was not included in previous searches
- Sensitivity in top corridor is extended using a DNN to discriminate signal from similar SM ttbar events
  - Oppositely charged leptons, > 2 jets, 1 b-jet, MET > 50 GeV,  $m_{T2}(ll) > 80 \text{ GeV}$

**Corridor results exclusion (first time with CMS data):**  
 $145 < m_{\tilde{t}} < 275 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $0 < m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0} < 100 \text{ GeV}$  ( $\Delta m_{cor} < 30 \text{ GeV}$ )

**Combined results:**

$m_{\tilde{t}} < 1.3 \text{ TeV}$  ( $m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0} = 0$ ),  $m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0} < 700 \text{ GeV}$  ( $m_{\tilde{t}} = 1.15 \text{ TeV}$ )





# Dark Matter Interpretation

The results of the inclusive top squark search are interpreted in an alternative dark matter signal model

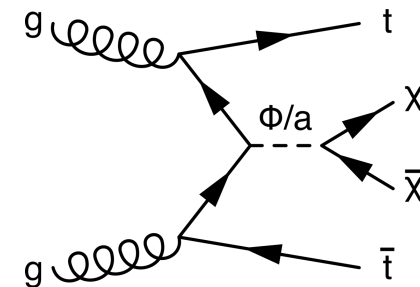
Simplified  $t\bar{t}$ +DM model: DM produced by a spin 0 mediator (scalar or pseudoscalar) in association with a top quark pair

$m_\phi = 50 - 500$  GeV

$m_\chi = 1$  GeV

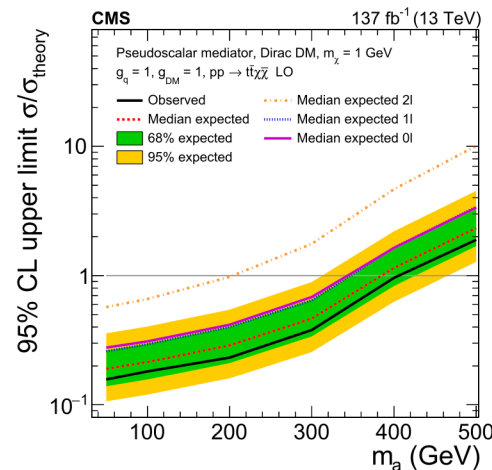
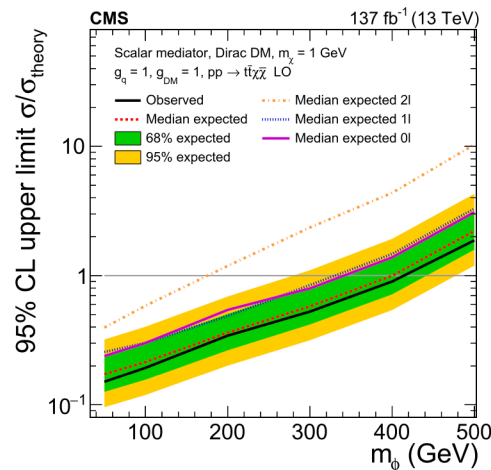
$g_q$  : coupling strength b/w mediator and SM quarks = 1

$g_{DM}$  : coupling strength b/w mediator and DM quarks = 1



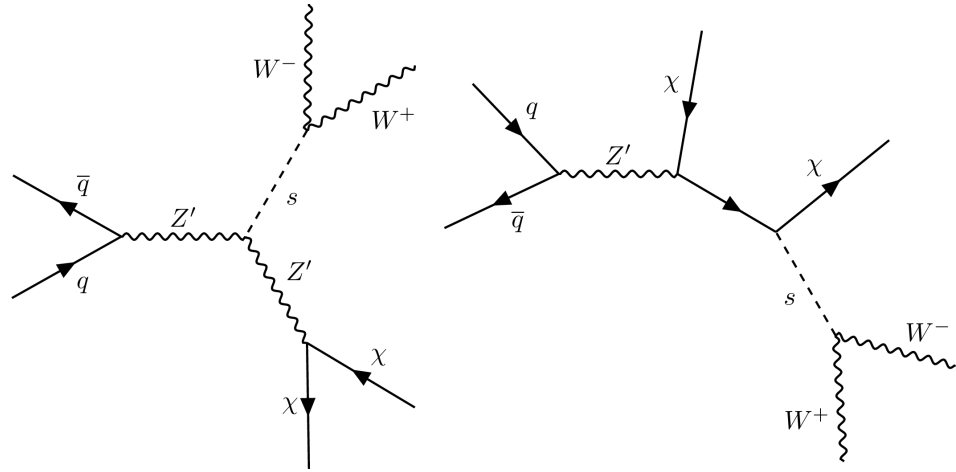
**Scalar ( $\phi$ )** and **pseudoscalar ( $a$ )** mediators with a mass up to **400 GeV** & **420 GeV** are excluded, respectively

Limits are independent of dark matter mass as mediator is produced on-shell





# Dark Higgs



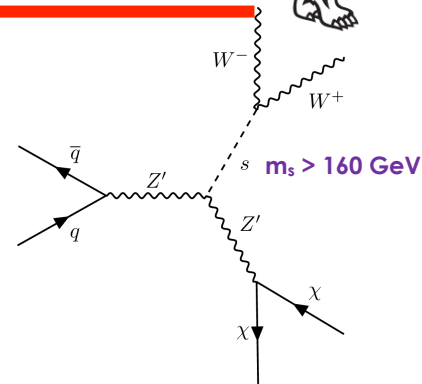
CMS EXO 21-012 | to be submitted soon

Common DM signature in collider searches: one or more SM particles + MET



# Dark Higgs to WW

- New collider approach to probe DM rooted in the dark sector
  - scenario where the DM particle acquires mass through its interaction with a dark Higgs boson ( $s$ )
- **Benchmark model:** Majorana DM particle, yield dark Higgs singlet ( $s$ ) + additional massive spin-1 vector boson ( $Z'$ )
  - $Z'$  could be responsible for establishing thermal equilibrium b/w visible & dark sector in early universe
- **Signature:**  $s(WW) + \chi\chi$ ;  $W$  decays leptonically or semi-leptonically



Exploits dependence of the kinematics of the final state objects on three model parameters,  $m_{Z'}$ ,  $m_s$ ,  $m_\chi$

Leptonic category:

- **Discriminating variable: Transverse mass b/w trailing lepton + MET**

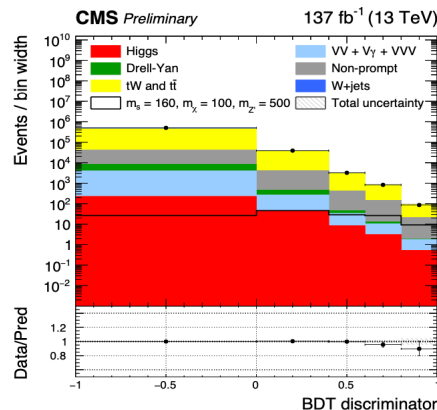
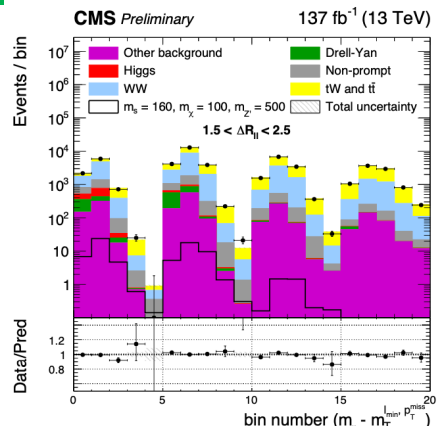
Semi-leptonic category (low cross section, irreducible background)

- **Discriminating variable: BDT based on several kinematic variables**

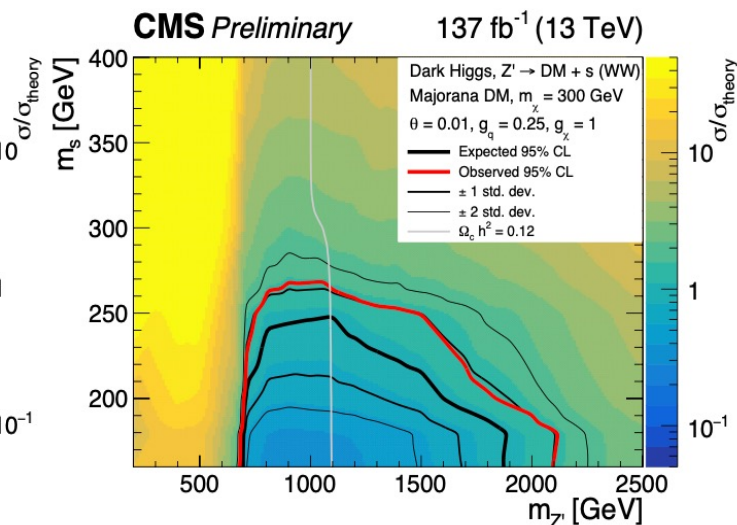
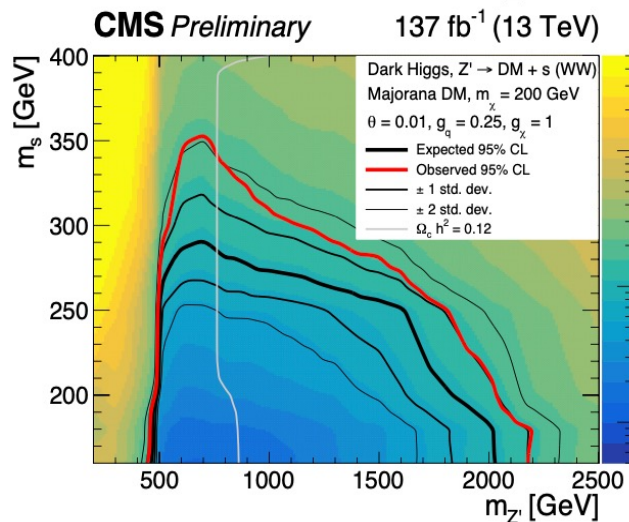
$$\begin{aligned}
 100 \text{ GeV} &\leq m_\chi \leq 300 \text{ GeV} \\
 200 \text{ GeV} &\leq m_{Z'} \leq 2500 \text{ GeV} \\
 160 \text{ GeV} &\leq m_s \leq 400 \text{ GeV} \\
 g_q &= 0.25; g_\chi = 1
 \end{aligned}$$

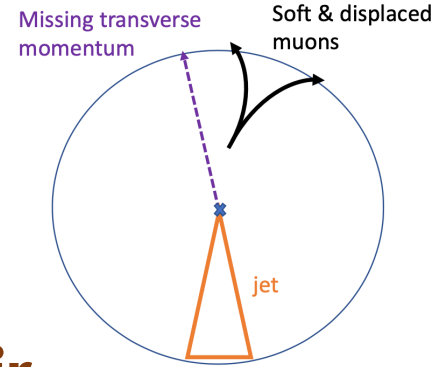
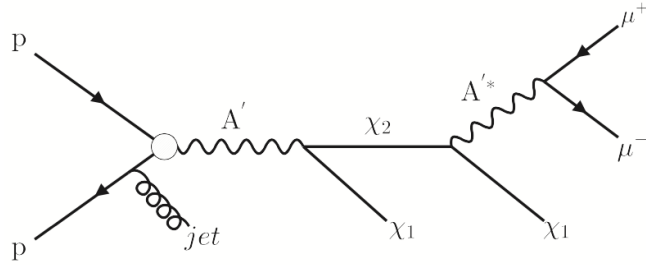


# Results: Dark Higgs



The most stringent limit is set for a  $m_{DM} = 200\text{ GeV}$ , excluding  $m_s$  up to  $\approx 350\text{ GeV}$  at  $m_{Z'} = 700\text{ GeV}$ , and up to  $m_{Z'} \approx 2200\text{ GeV}$  for a  $m_s = 160\text{ GeV}$





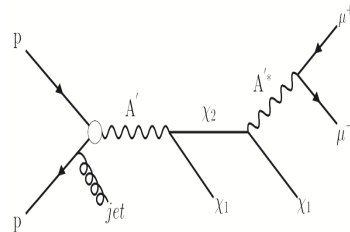
# Inelastic dark matter with displaced muons pair

[CMS EXO-21-010](#) | Submitted to PRL | [arXiv:2305.11649](#)



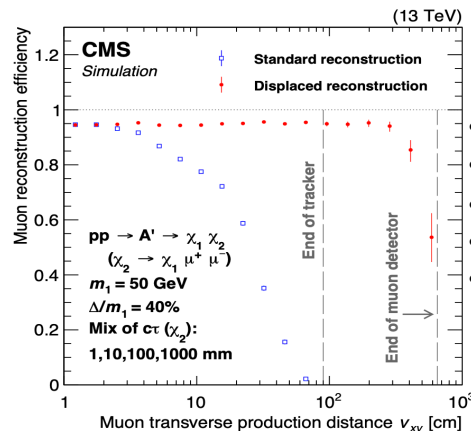
# Inelastic dark matter with displaced muons

- First dedicated collider search for IDM
- Postulates: Two DM states ( $\chi_1$  &  $\chi_2$ ) accompanied by a dark photon ( $A'$ ) that kinetically mixes with SM hypercharge.
  - Inelastic scenarios: DM states can't scatter elastically with other particles (eg. nucleons)
- Difference b/w lighter & heavier DM states lead to compressed phase-space & increased lifetime of the heavier state => LLP signatures
- Compatible with observed thermal-relic DM abundance
- Extend sensitivity from previous results ( $\sim 1$  GeV) to heavier DM masses (3-80 GeV)



Events with large MET ( $> 200$  GeV) + at least 1-jet ( $> 80$  GeV) + pair of displaced muons collimated with MET

- Specialized displaced standalone algorithm using only muon detectors info & does not require muon to originate from the interaction point
- ISR jet required to enhance MET from 2  $\chi_1$  collimated with muons:
  - $\Delta R_{\mu\mu} < 0.9$ ,  $\Delta\phi(\text{MET}, p_T^{\mu\mu}) < 0.5$  rad



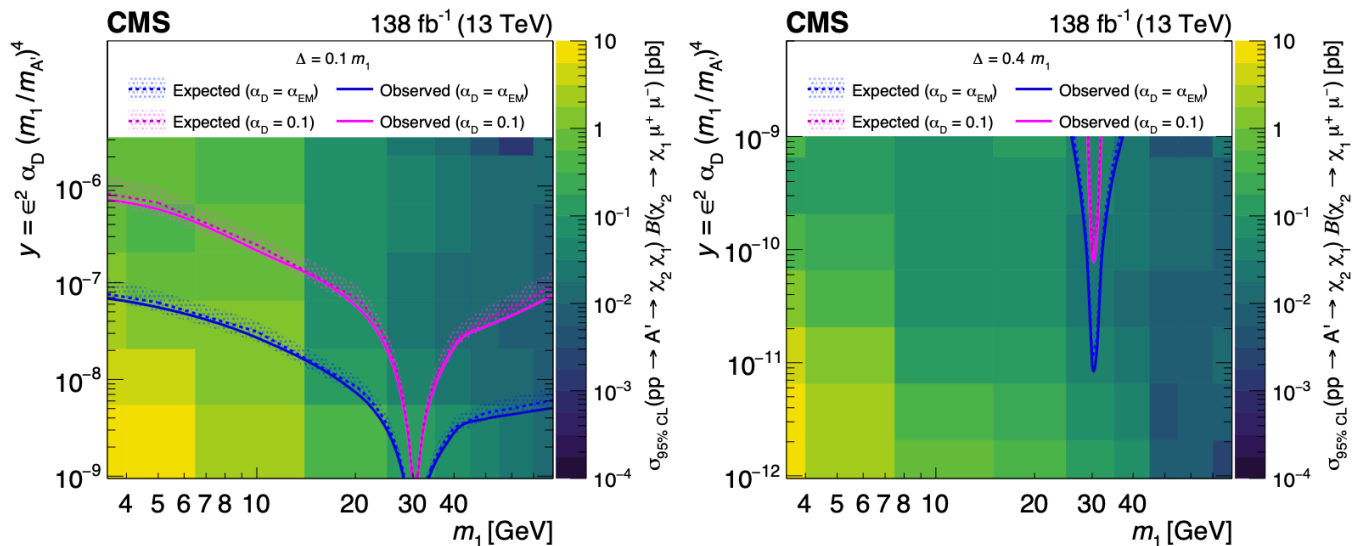
- $m_1 = 1 - 80$  GeV
- $\Delta: m_2 - m_1: \{10\%, 40\\}m_1$
- $A'$  mass =  $m_A = 3m_1$
- Dark sector  $\alpha = \alpha_D = \{0.1, \alpha_{EM}\}$
- $c\tau = 1 - 1000$  mm



# Inelastic dark matter with display muons

$\alpha_D = \alpha_{EM}$  scenario  
more sensitive

But  $\alpha_D = 0.1$   
scenario more  
cosmologically  
relevant



Upper limits are set on the product of the DM production cross section and decay branching fraction into muons as a function of DM mass  $m_1$  and interaction strength

Resonant enhancement in the exclusion limit from mixing between  $A'$  and  $Z$  when  $m_{A'} \sim m_Z$





# Other recent results

<https://cms-results.web.cern.ch/cms-results/public-results/publications/SUS/index.html>

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# Closing Remarks



- Plethora of models tested for both Dark Matter & SUSY by CMS experiment using Run-2 data sample ( $\sim 138 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )
- New techniques being employed to improve the search strategies, identifications and background rejections
- Small deviations in few channels need to be resolved with a bigger data sample (Run-3:  $> 250 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )

Stay Tuned!

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Gracias

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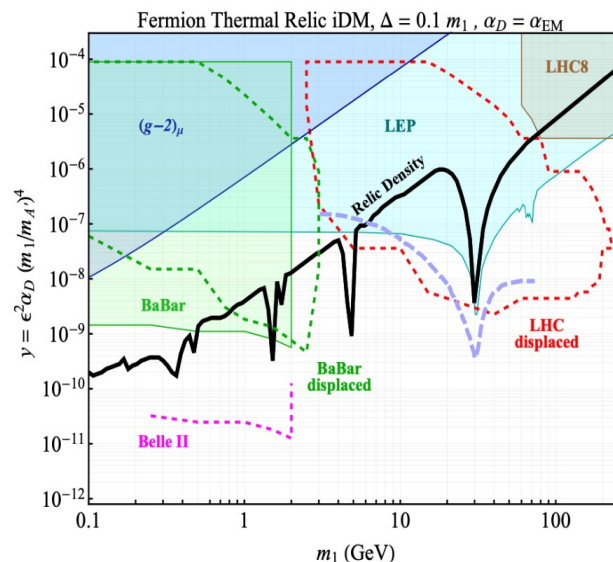
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Merci beaucoup



# EXO-20-010 (Comparison with theory)



$$\alpha_D = \alpha_{EM}$$

$$m_{A'} = 3 m_1$$

$$\alpha_D = 0.1$$

$$m_{A'} = 3 m_1$$

--- Theory (300 fb<sup>-1</sup>)

--- This result (138 fb<sup>-1</sup>)

