

# Combinations of SUSY searches

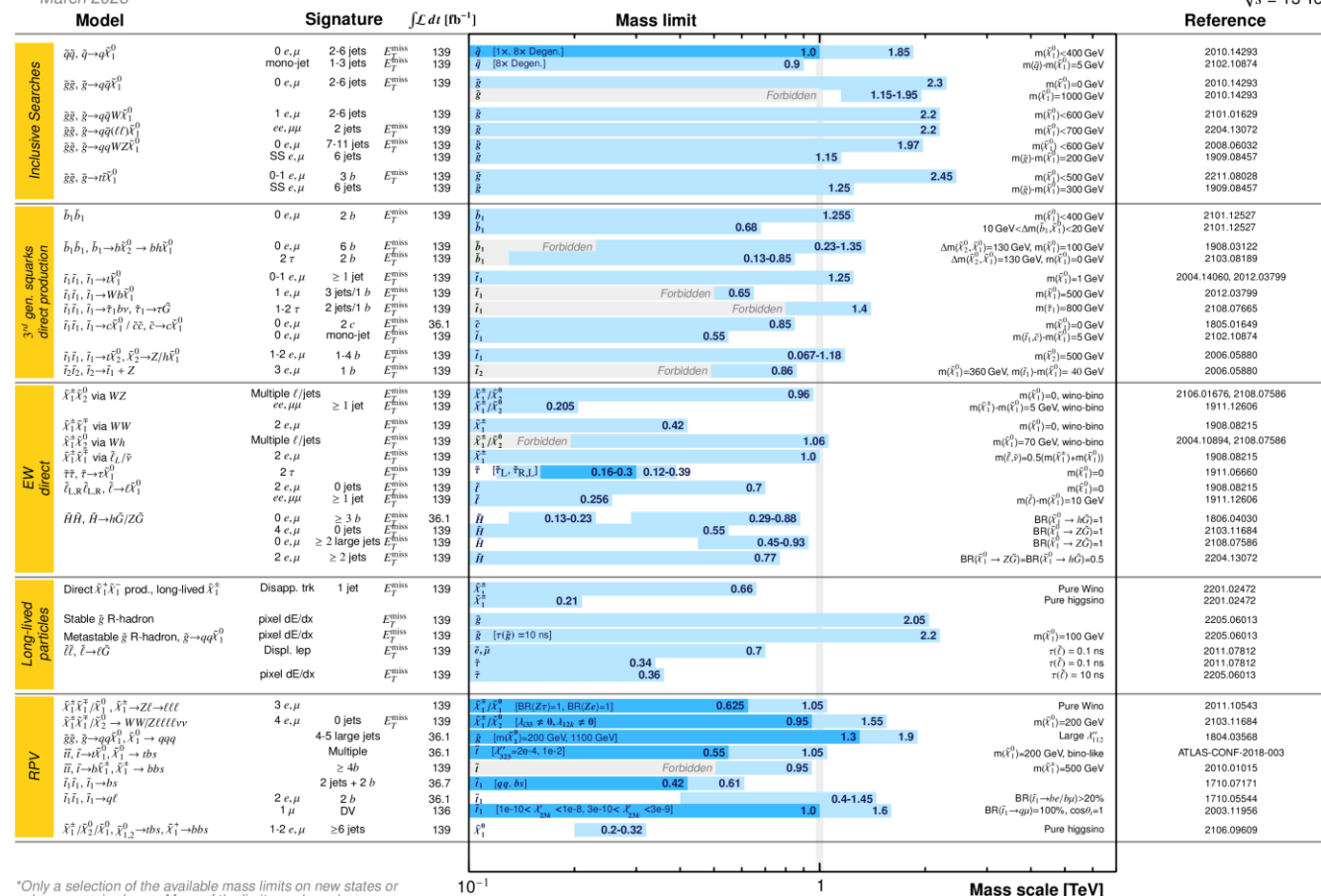
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# Introduction

- By now, the ATLAS experiment has produced a plethora of search results for SUSY signals in various final states
- As many analyses probe similar SUSY models, combining results from multiple searches would enhance the SUSY signal reach
- An effort has started to arrive at combinations of various SUSY searches

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

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\*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.

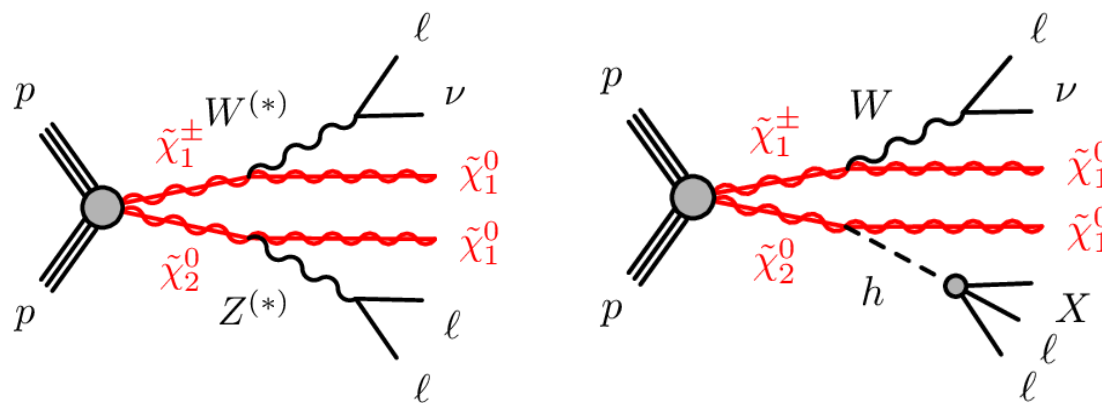
# Overview

- Combinations presented in this talk: based on 139/fb of pp data collected by the ATLAS experiment from 2015 to 2018 at  $\sqrt{s}=13$  TeV (“Run 2”)
  - Electroweak SUSY production in final states with three leptons combined with the search in final states with two soft leptons
  - Constraints on spin-0 dark matter mediators and invisible Higgs decays in final states with two top quarks and missing transverse momentum
- Combination frameworks
- Plans and summary

# EW 3L/2L

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- Targeted simplified models:  $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm \tilde{\chi}_2^0 \rightarrow WZ / W^*Z^* / Wh$

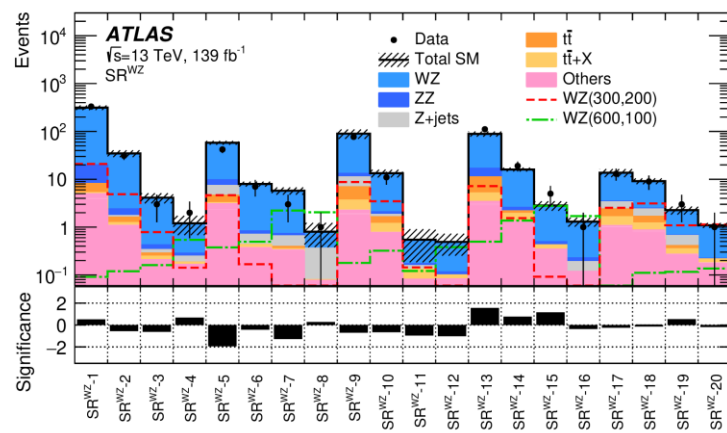


- Physics scenarios:

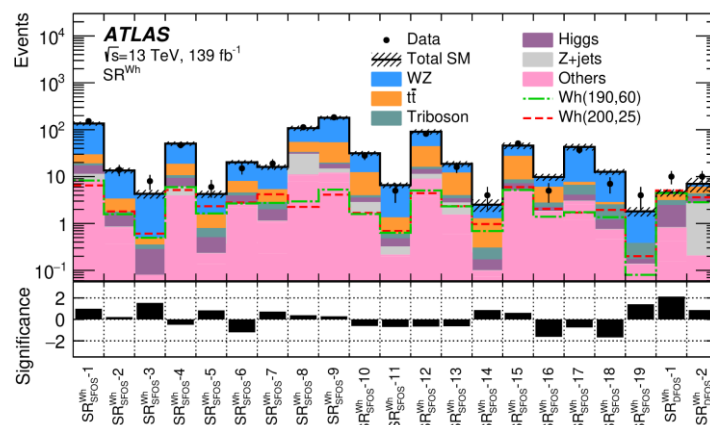
- “wino/bino” ( $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm$  and  $\tilde{\chi}_2^0$  are wino and of the same mass,  $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$  is LSP bino)
- “higgsino” ( $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm \tilde{\chi}_2^0 \tilde{\chi}_1^0$  is a higgsino triplet,  $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm$  mass = mean of  $\tilde{\chi}_2^0$  and  $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$  masses)

# EW 3L signal selection

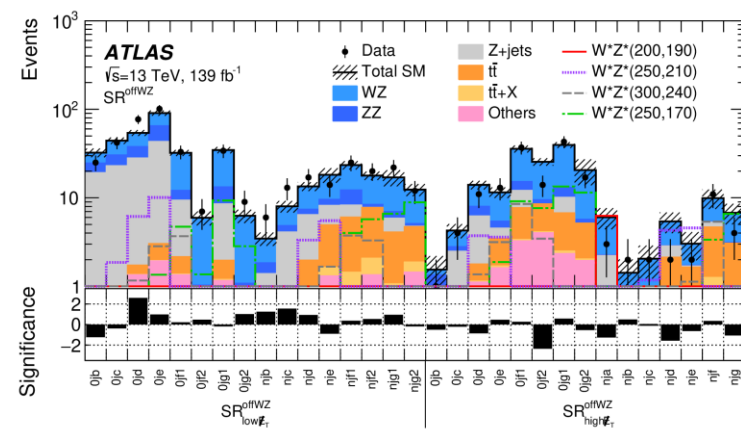
- WZ/Wh selection: =3 leptons (e, $\mu$ ) with  $p_T > 25/10/10$  GeV,  $MET > 50$  GeV, b-jet veto to suppress  $t\bar{t}$ ,  $75 < m_{ll} < 105$  GeV (WZ) or  $m_Z$  veto (Wh)
- $W^*Z^*$  selection: =3 leptons with  $p_T > 10$  GeV, significant MET,  $m_{ll}^{max} < 75$  GeV
- Dominant backgrounds: WZ (in most of signal regions), ZZ, Z+jets
- WZ is normalized to data in control regions (obtained by inverting kinematics)



WZ on-shell



Wh

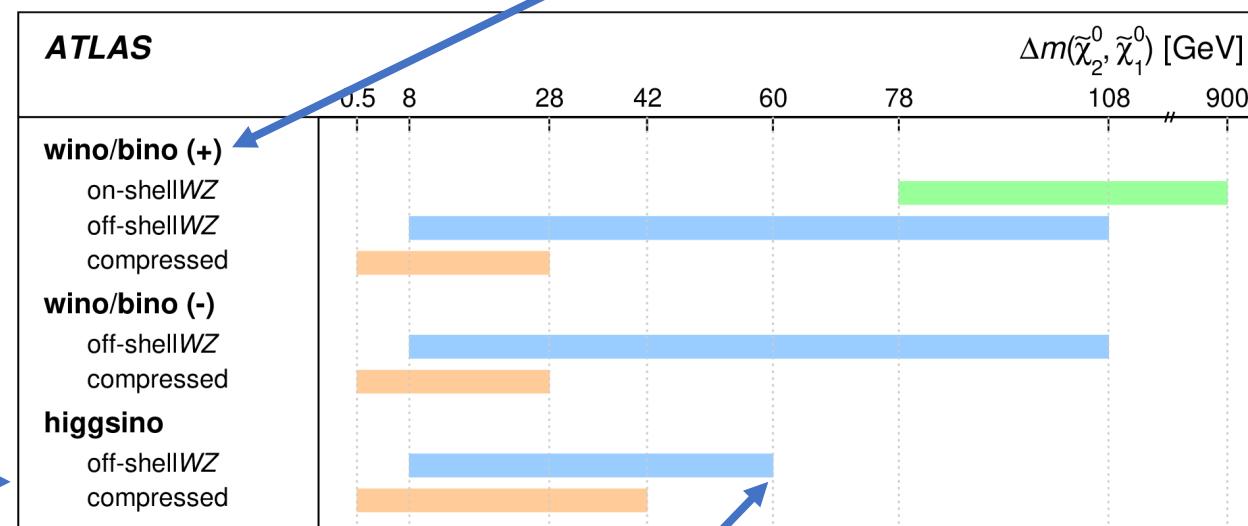


WZ off-shell

# EW 3L/2L combination

- Results from 3L analysis are statistically combined with 2L analysis aiming at EW SUSY models with compressed mass spectra
  - 2L selection: = 2 leptons,  $\text{MET} > 100 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $\geq 1$  jet with  $p_T > 100 \text{ GeV}$ , b-jet veto
- 3L WZ on-shell, 3L WZ off-shell, and 2L (“compressed”) selections are orthogonal by either  $m_{ll}/\text{MET}$  or lepton multiplicity
  - statistical combination is straightforward!
- Combined fits for WZ-mediated models:
  - wino/bino (+): on-shell WZ + off-shell WZ + compressed
  - wino/bino (-): off-shell WZ + compressed
  - higgsino: off-shell WZ + compressed
- The models considered for the combinations depend on the  $\Delta m(\tilde{\chi}_2^0, \tilde{\chi}_1^0)$  region

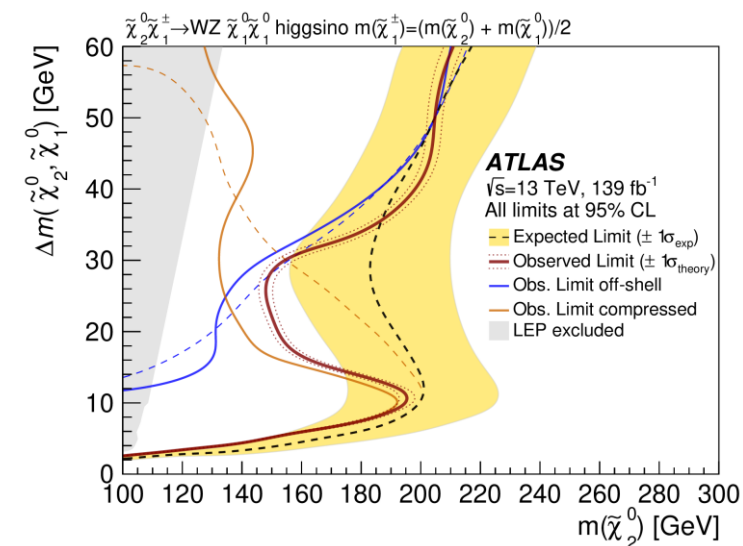
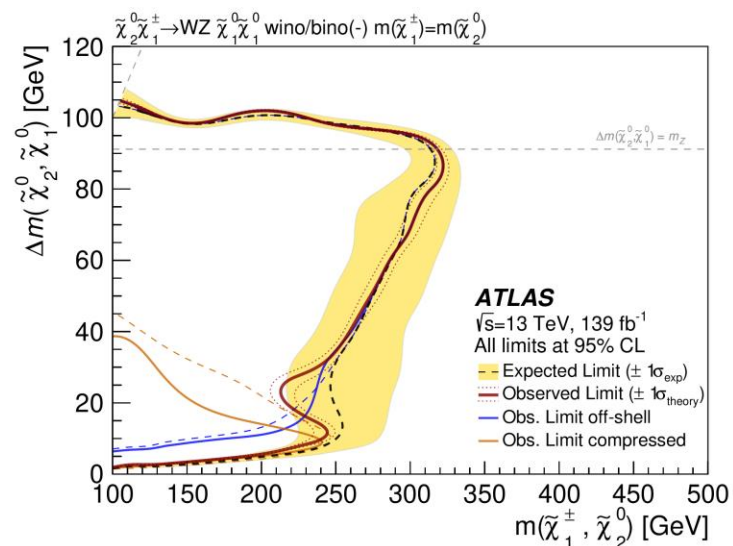
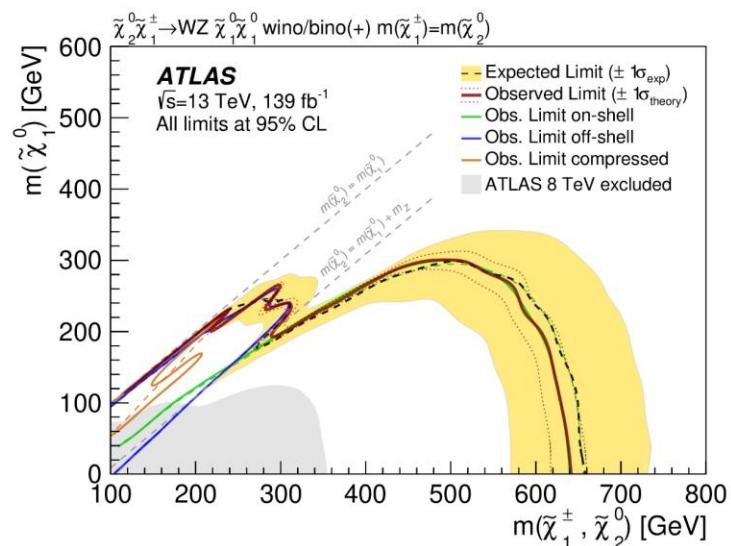
sign of the product of the two neutralino mass eigenstates



limited for model consistency

# EW 3L/2L combination results

- Wino/bino scenario: limits on  $m(\tilde{\chi}_2^0)$  up to 640 (300) GeV for on-shell (off-shell) WZ
- Higgsino: limits on  $m(\tilde{\chi}_2^0)$  up to 210 GeV

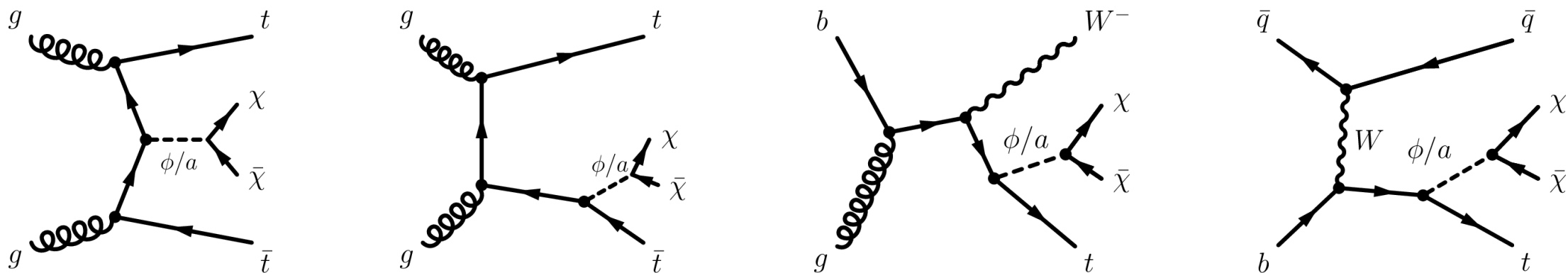




# DM $t\bar{t}$

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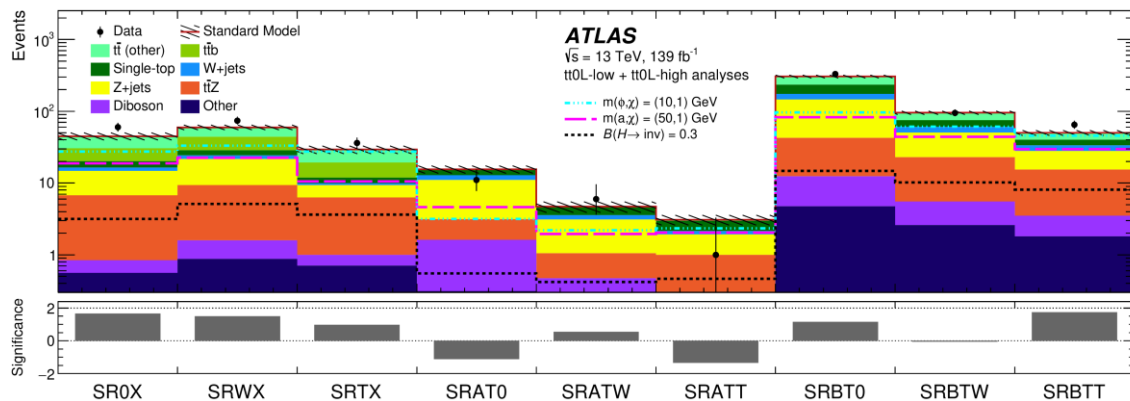
- Motivation: WIMP dark matter pair-produced through exchange of a color-neutral scalar / pseudo scalar (“mediator”)
  - dominant production modes: gluon fusion and associated production with top
- In addition to top-quark-pair, also consider single-top-quark production
  - scalar: impact of single top negligible for mediator masses below 50 GeV
  - pseudoscalar:  $\sigma(\text{DM}+t\bar{t})/\sigma(\text{DM}+t)$  fairly mass independent
- Depending on top decays, may have 0/1/2 leptons in the final state



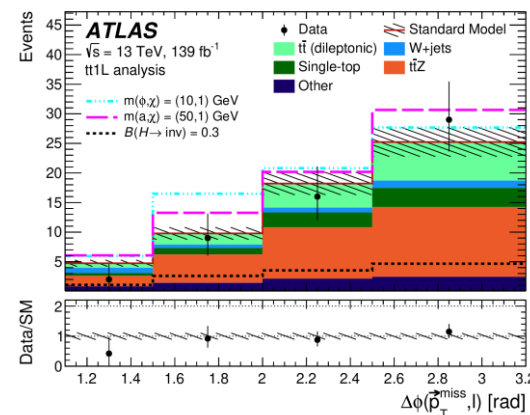


# DMtt: analysis channels

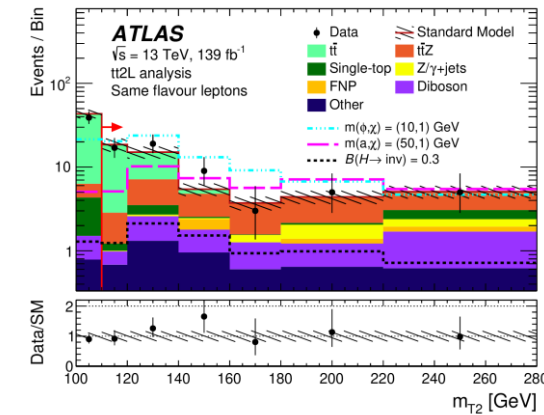
- tt0L: MET/b-triggers, =0 lepton,  $\geq 4$  jets,  $\geq 2$  b-tagged jets, MET > 160 GeV
  - originally optimized for stop pair production searches
- tt1L: MET triggers, =1 lepton,  $\geq 4$  jets,  $\geq 2$  b-tagged jets, MET > 230 GeV, METsig > 15
  - originally designed to target spin-0 DM models
- tt2L: dilepton triggers, =2 OC leptons,  $\geq 1$  b-tagged jets, METsig > 12 (+Z veto for same-flavor lepton pairs)



tt0L: signal regions



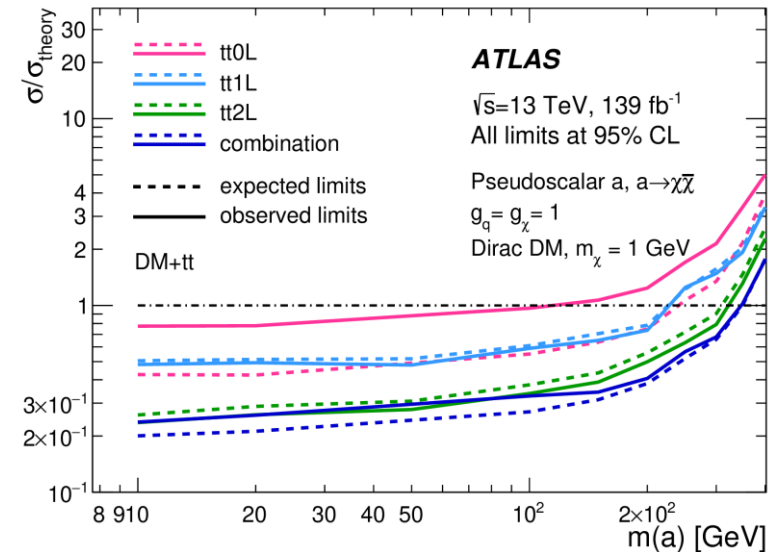
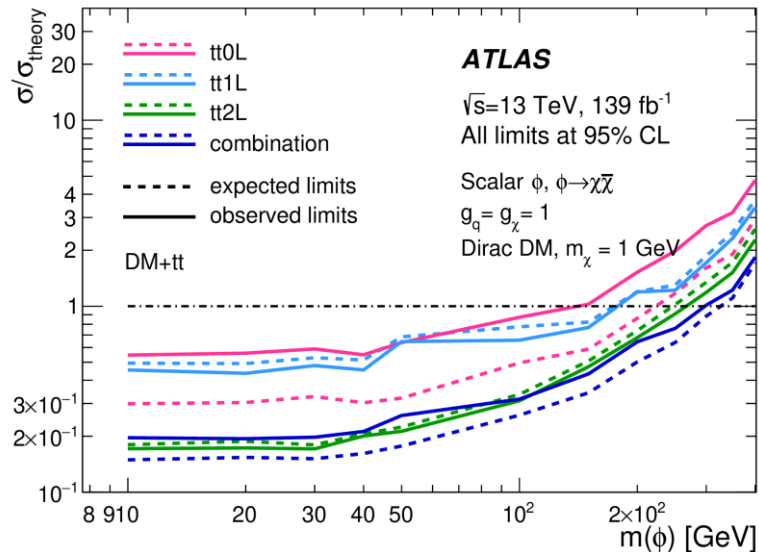
tt1L:  $\Delta\phi(\mathbf{p}_T^{\text{miss}}, l)$



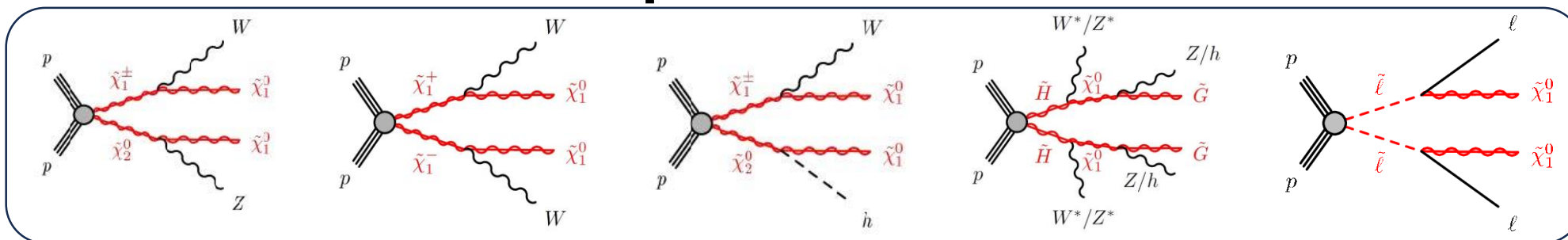
tt2L:  $m_{T2}$

# DMtt: results

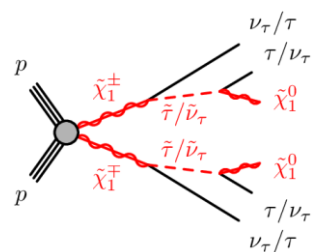
- The statistical combination for scalar (pseudoscalar) DM models, extends the mass range for the best individual channel by 50 (25) GeV, excluding mediator masses up to 370 GeV
  - For DMtt only, excluded scalar (pseudoscalar) mass range is reduced by 70 (20) GeV
- The combination improves the expected coupling exclusion reach improves by 14% (24%)
- If the mediator is the SM 125 GeV Higgs boson, upper limit on observed (expected) branching at 95% CL is 0.38 (0.30 +0.13 -0.19)



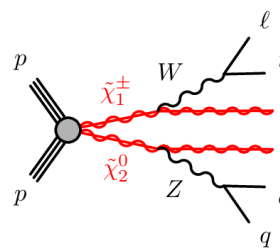
# Plans: EW simplified model combination



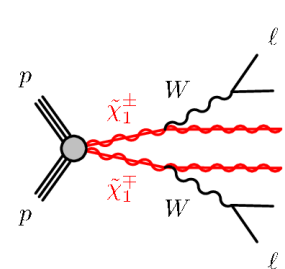
Targeted models:  
direct wino-bino,  
higgsino, and  
slepton production



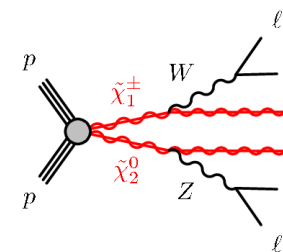
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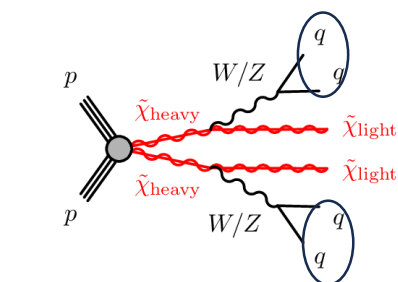
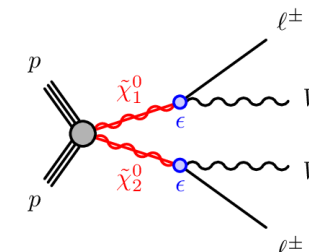
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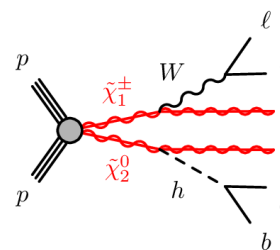
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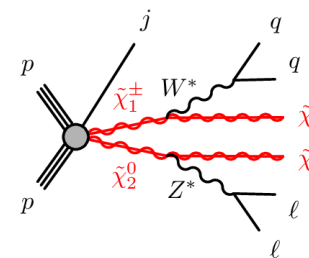
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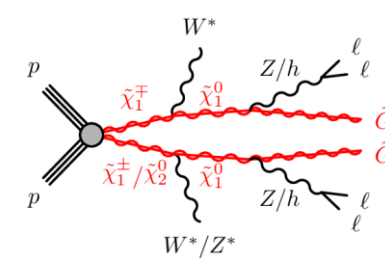
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# DIY SUSY searches

- SUSY searches are often interpreted in terms of simplified models with fixed decay modes and limited SUSY particles set
  - good: straightforward interpretation in terms of individual sparticle production and decay vs masses
  - bad: limits obtained in such models are not necessarily a good approximation of constraints on model parameters when interpreted in more complete models
- ATLAS has started to publish full analysis likelihoods on HEPdata
  - new theories can be tested as a patch on top of original analysis likelihood
  - get an estimation of the signal yields for your theory with ATLAS SimpleAnalysis [[ATL-PHYS-PUB-2022-017](#)]
- Re-interpretation of searches can quickly become CPU heavy
  - in Run 1 19-parameter pMSSM re-interpretation [[JHEP 10 \(2015\) 134](#)],  $\sim 10^9$  models were sampled and  $3 \times 10^5$  points selected based on experimental constraints
  - a possible procedure to quickly classify models into safely (non-)excluded models and those where exclusion is uncertain: simplified likelihoods [[ATL-PHYS-PUB-2021-038](#)]

# Summary

- Combination of various SUSY searches in different final states is necessary to improve the sensitivity of analyses and increase the mass reach
- Combination of existing analyses done without orthogonality of final states in mind is difficult
- ATLAS started a systematic effort in that direction, first results already look interesting
- More results to come!