



Search for top partners

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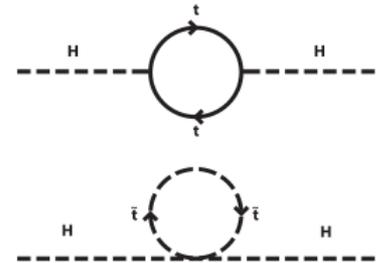
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Scalar top partner

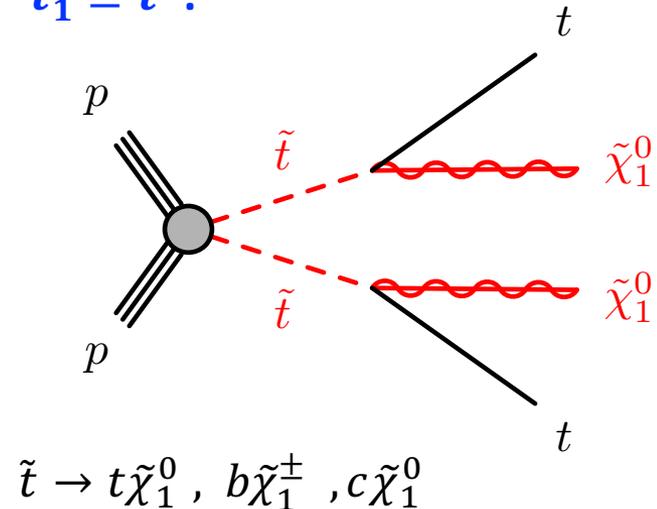


Top partners play a central role in **regulating Higgs mass radiative corrections** (hierarchy problem).



“Naturalness” favours “light” top partners.

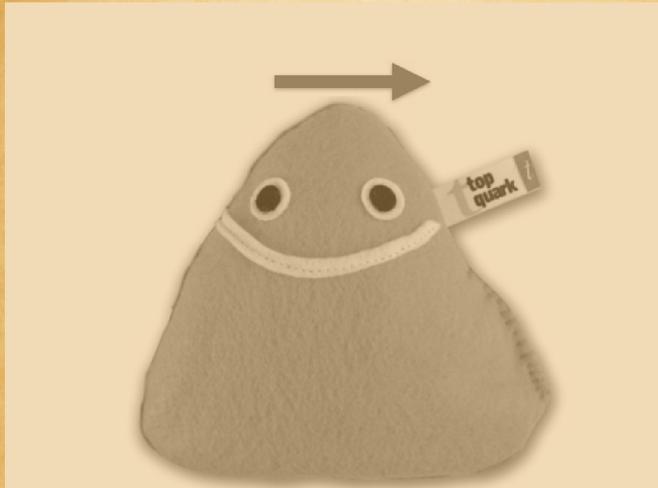
In **supersymmetry**, top partner = **scalar top**. Here, “ $\tilde{t}_1 \equiv \tilde{t}$ ”.



Vector-like top partner

WANTED

VECTOR-LIKE TOP QUARK
(COMPOSITE HIGGS, LITTLE HIGGS)
CALL CERN



\$1 REWARD

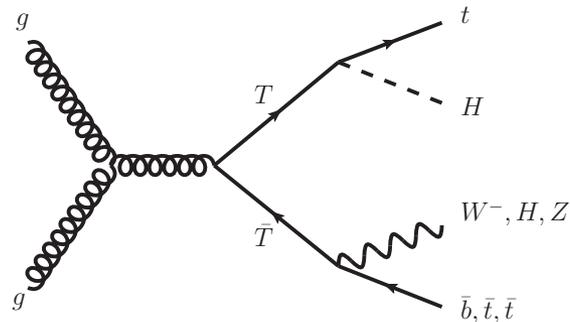
Exotics models (Composite Higgs, Little Higgs) predict **vector-like quarks**, with L/R chiral components transforming similarly under SU(2).

Heavy quarks can be:

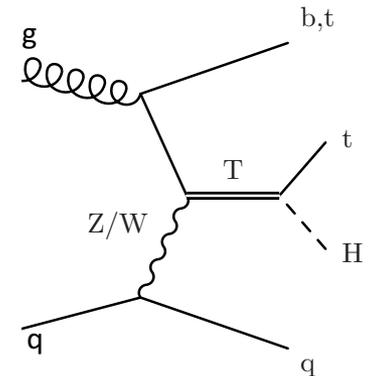
- SU(2) singlets: T, B
- SU(2) doublets: $\begin{pmatrix} T \\ B \end{pmatrix}$, $\begin{pmatrix} X \\ T \end{pmatrix}$, $\begin{pmatrix} B \\ Y \end{pmatrix}$

Electric charge: T=+2/3, B=-1/3, **X=+5/3, Y=-4/3**

Pair production via strong interaction



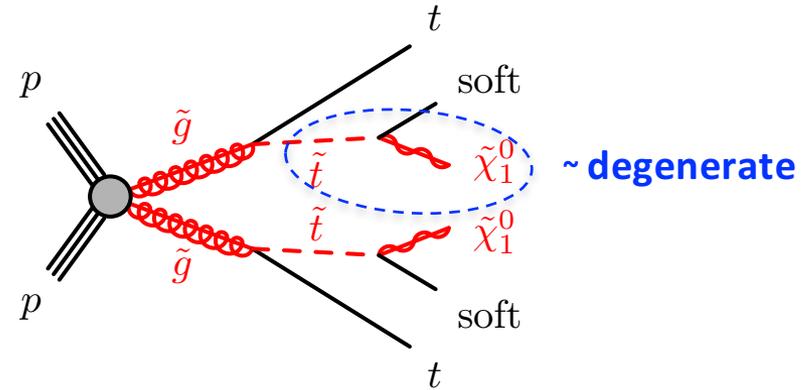
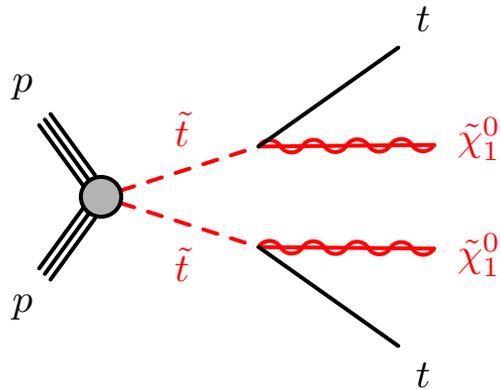
Single production via EW interaction



Searches for Supersymmetry



$\tilde{t}\tilde{t}$ search with 1 lepton



$E_T^{\text{miss}}, \geq 4 \text{ jets}, \geq 1 \text{ b-jet}, 1 \text{ e}/\mu$

Backgrounds:

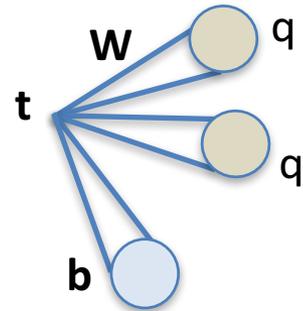
- semileptonic $\tilde{t}\tilde{t}$ and Wt
- $\tilde{t}\tilde{t}+Z(\nu\nu)$, estimated from $\tilde{t}\tilde{t}+\gamma$
- $W(\ell\nu)+\text{jets}$

Small $\Delta m(\tilde{t}/\tilde{g}, \tilde{\chi}_1^0)$: resolved top.

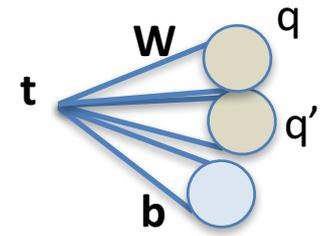
Mass of 3 small-R jets compatible with hadronic top decay (χ^2)

Large Δm : boosted top.

Mass and p_T of large-R jet

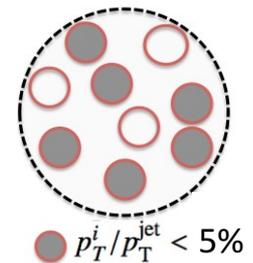


Resolved top



Boosted top

**Large-R jets ($R = 1, 1.2$)
built from small-R jets.**

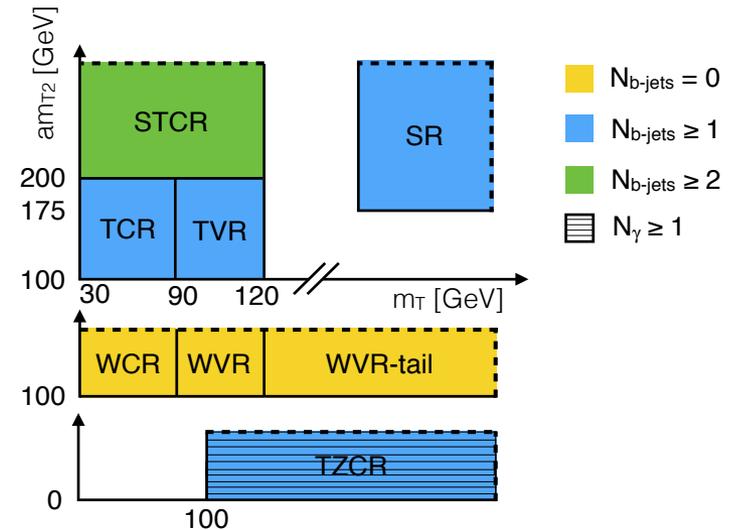




$\tilde{t}\tilde{t}$ search with 1 lepton

Common approach to all searches:

- **SR: signal region**
- **CR: control region** (signal free), to **normalize background to data**
- **VR: validation region**, to **check the extrapolation from CR to SR**

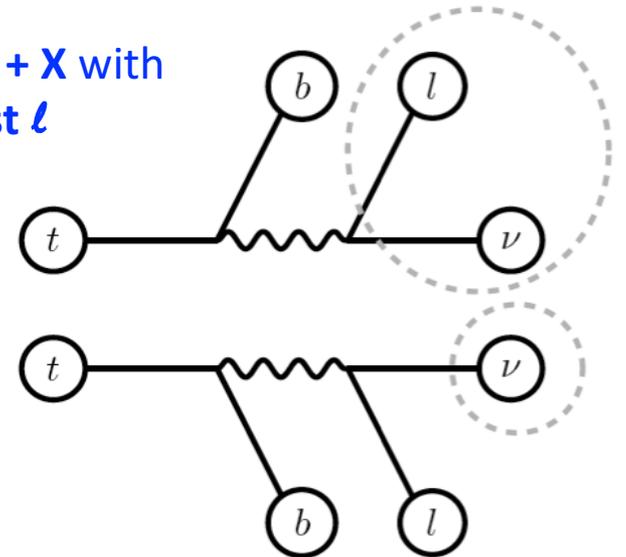


Discriminants:

- m_T
- **topness** = χ^2 compatibility with $\tilde{t}\tilde{t} \rightarrow \ell\ell' + X$ with a lost ℓ
- m_{T2} (am_{T2}) = generalization of **transverse mass** where **2 “particles”** are not detected.

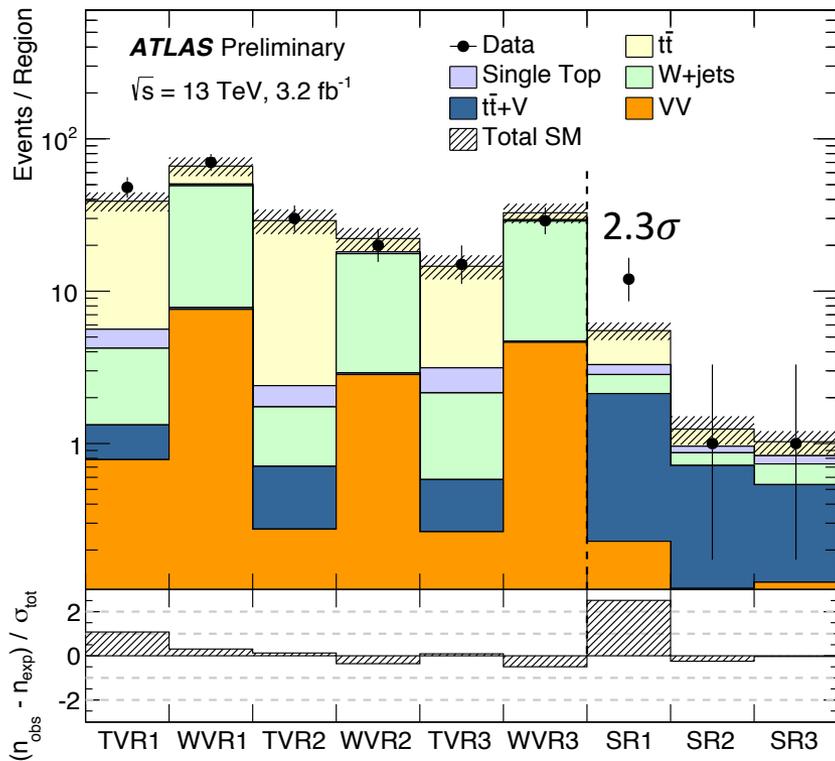
Find **kinematics most compatible** with **assumed mass of invisible particles**.

$\tilde{t}\tilde{t} \rightarrow \ell\ell' + X$ with one lost ℓ



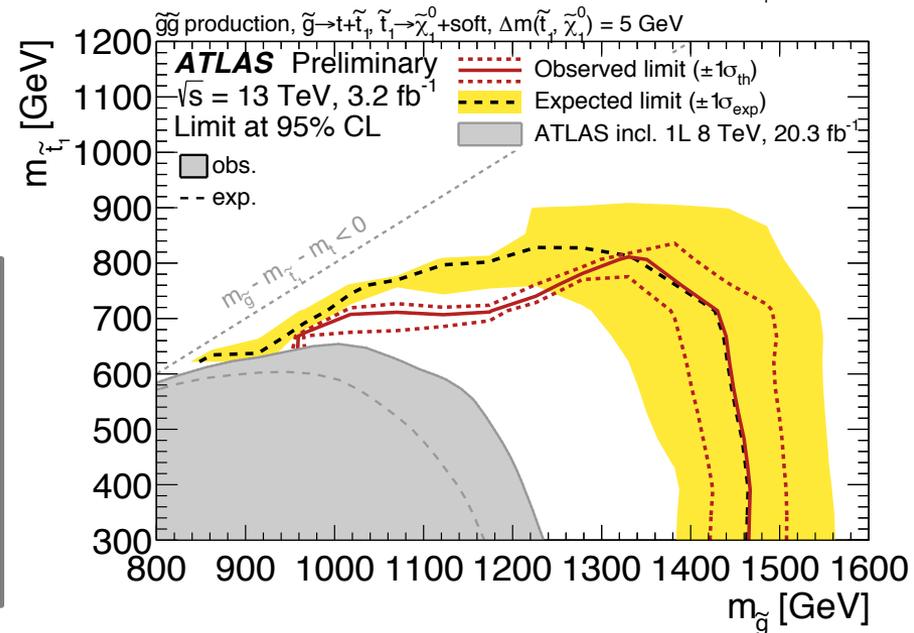
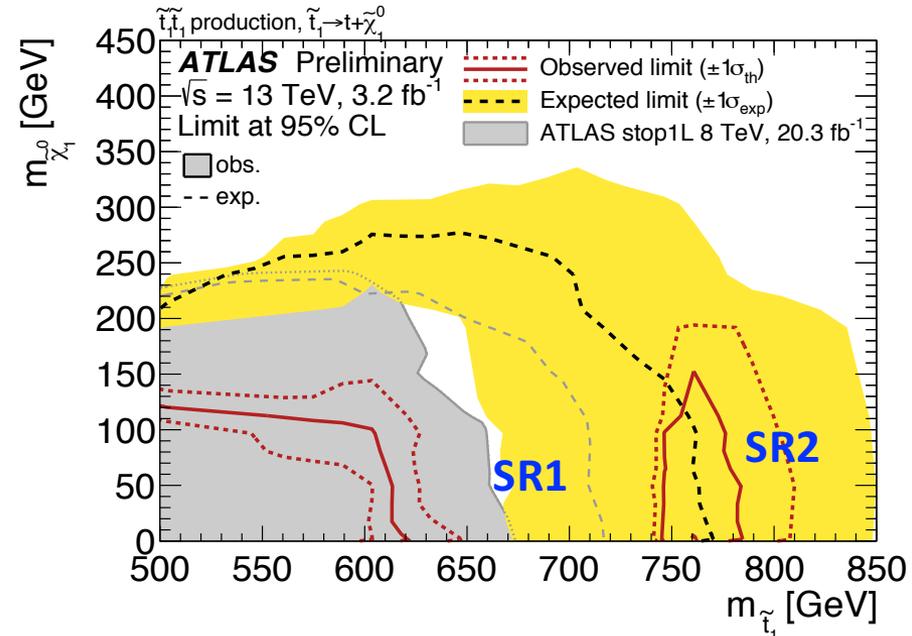


$\tilde{t}\tilde{t}$ search with 1 lepton



Alternative interpretations:

- **scalar leptoquarks**, $LQ \rightarrow t \nu$, using direct $\tilde{t}\tilde{t}$, massless LSP, unpolarized top
- **vector-like quark**, $T \rightarrow t Z$, tH , Wb
 $\text{BR}(T \rightarrow tZ) < 0.90$ at 95%CL for $m_T=800 \text{ GeV}$

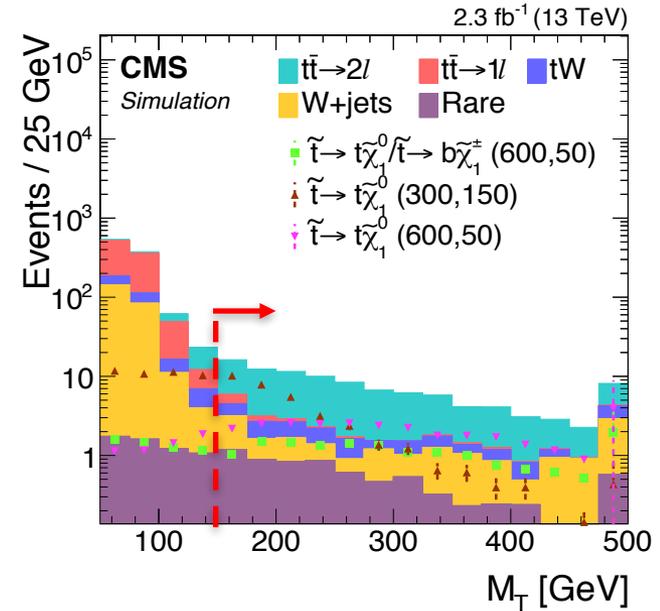
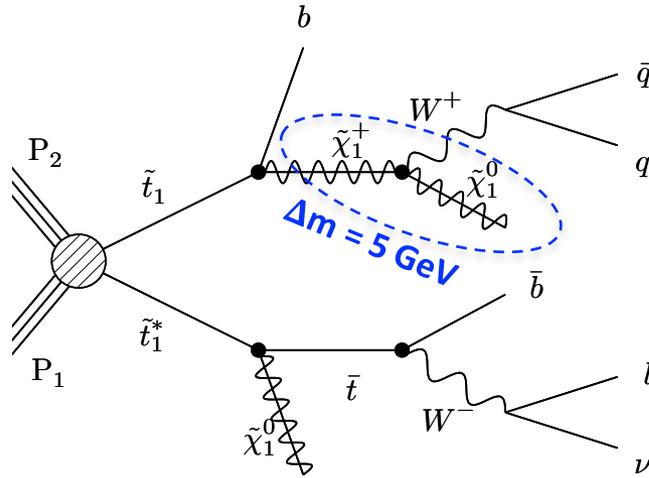




$\tilde{t}\tilde{t}$ search with 1 lepton

3 scenarios:

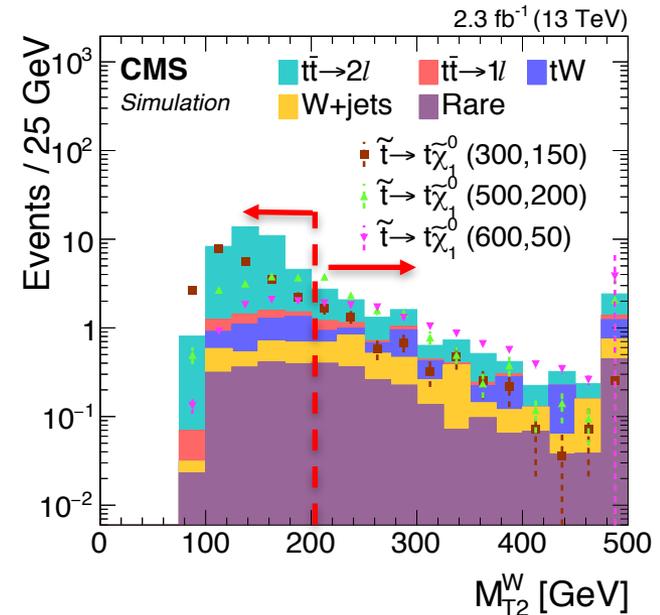
- both $\tilde{t} \rightarrow t\tilde{\chi}_1^0$
4 jets, 2 b-jets, 1 ℓ
- both $\tilde{t} \rightarrow b\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm$
little sensitivity
- mixed decay
2 b-jets, 1 ℓ



2-4 jets, ≥ 1 b-jet, 1 ℓ , E_T^{miss}

Backgrounds:

- dileptonic $t\bar{t}$ with lost lepton, from 2 ℓ CR **discriminant:**
 - m_{T2}^W (aka am_{T2}) for large $\Delta m(\tilde{t}, \tilde{\chi}_1^0)$
 - else use modified “topness”
- semileptonic $t\bar{t}$, $W(\ell\nu)$ +jets **discriminant:** m_T





$\tilde{t}\tilde{t}^*$ search with 1 lepton

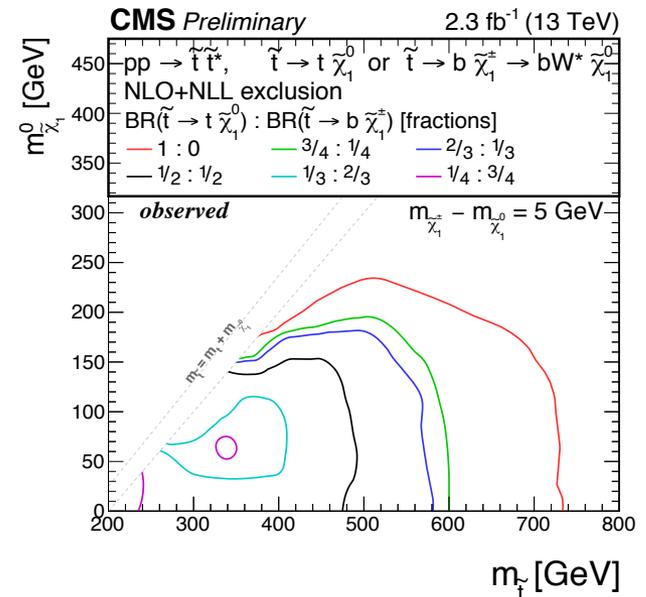
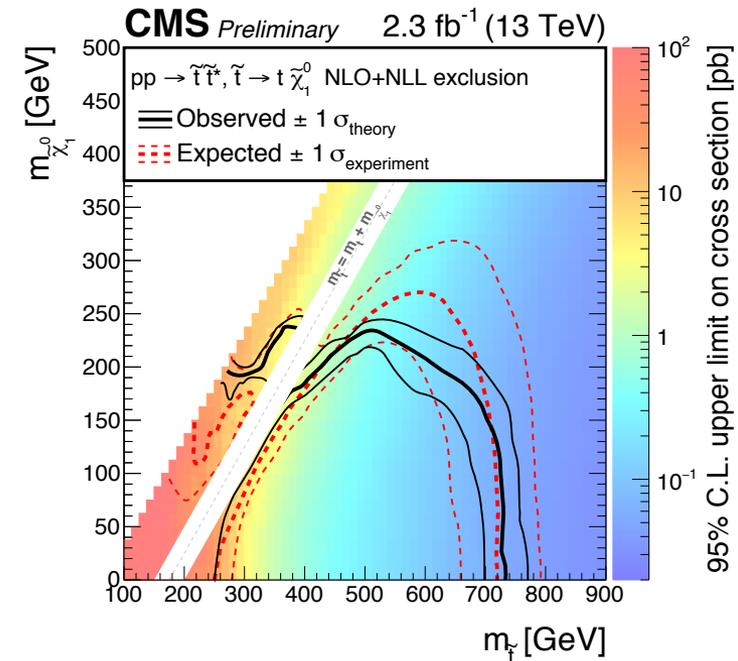
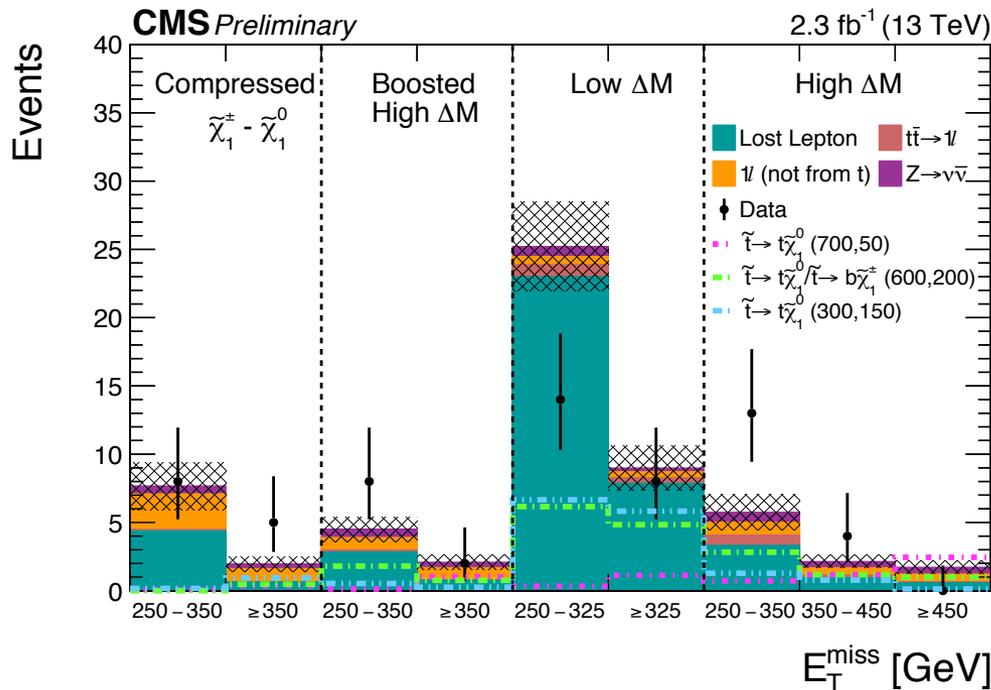
Signal regions binned in E_T^{miss} .

Data / SM agree within 2σ .

Limits derived for the 3 scenarios:

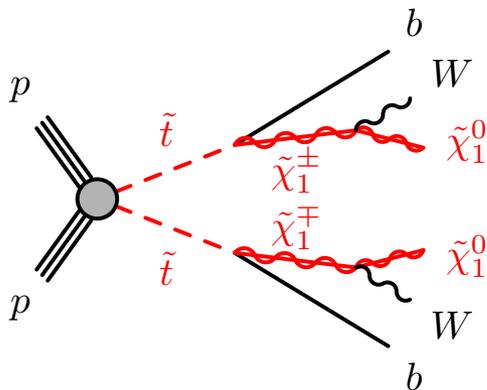
both $\tilde{t} \rightarrow t\tilde{\chi}_1^0$, both $\tilde{t} \rightarrow b\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm$, mixed,
assuming unpolarized top quark.

Limits also computed for $\text{BR} \neq 100\%$.





$\tilde{t}\tilde{t}$ search with 2 leptons



2 opposite-charge leptons, 2 jets, E_T^{miss}

$ee/\mu\mu$ and $e\mu$

Control regions for diboson and $t\bar{t}$.

Fake ℓ from “matrix method” (loose/tight ℓ).

Discriminant:

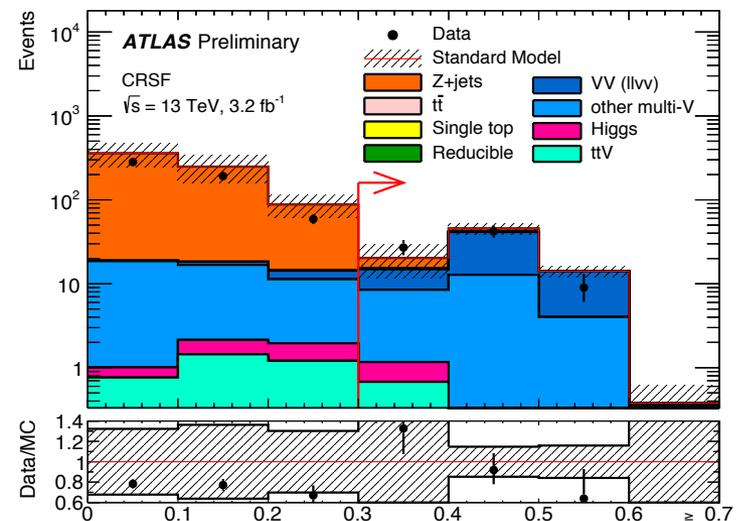
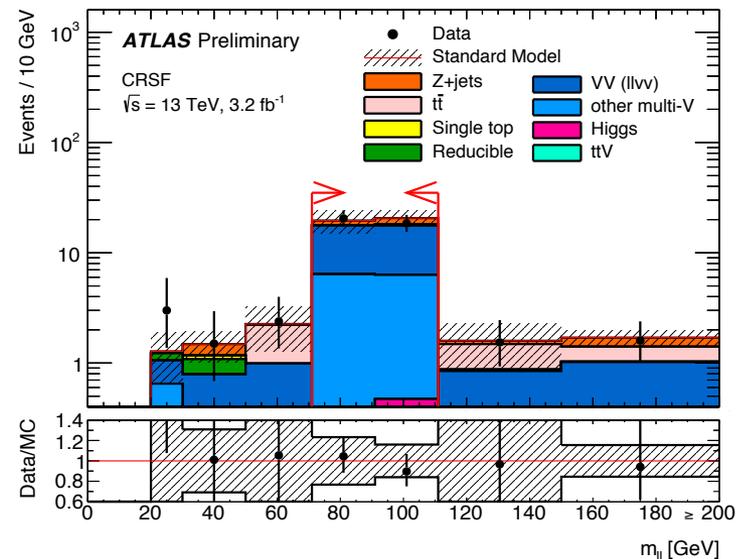
- m_{T2} , bounded by m_W for $t\bar{t}$ and WW .
For \tilde{t} decay, depends on $\Delta m(\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm, \tilde{\chi}_1^0)$

- $E_T^{\text{miss}}/m_{\text{eff}}$ ratio

$$R1 = \frac{E_T^{\text{miss}}}{E_T^{\text{miss}} + p_T(\ell_1) + p_T(\ell_2) + p_T(j_1) + p_T(j_2)}$$

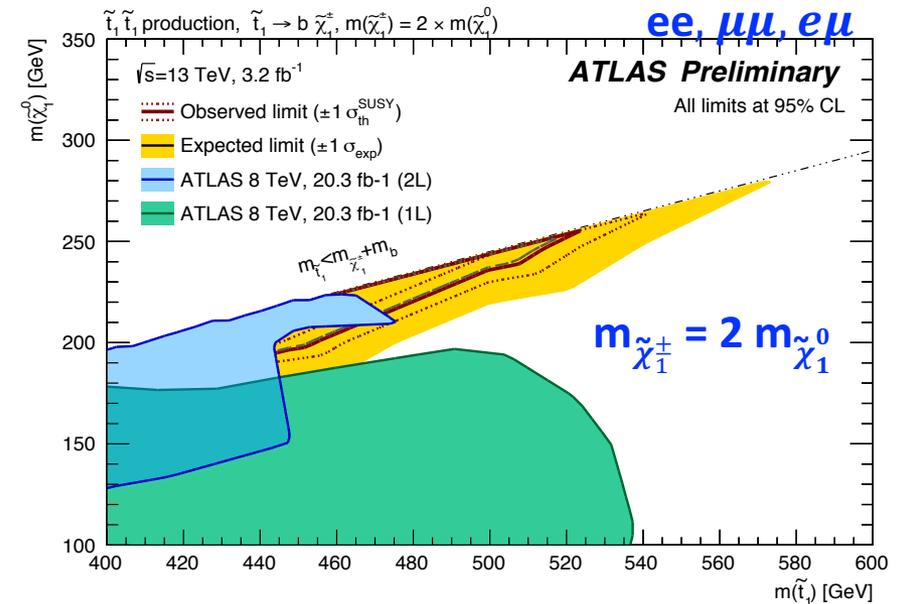
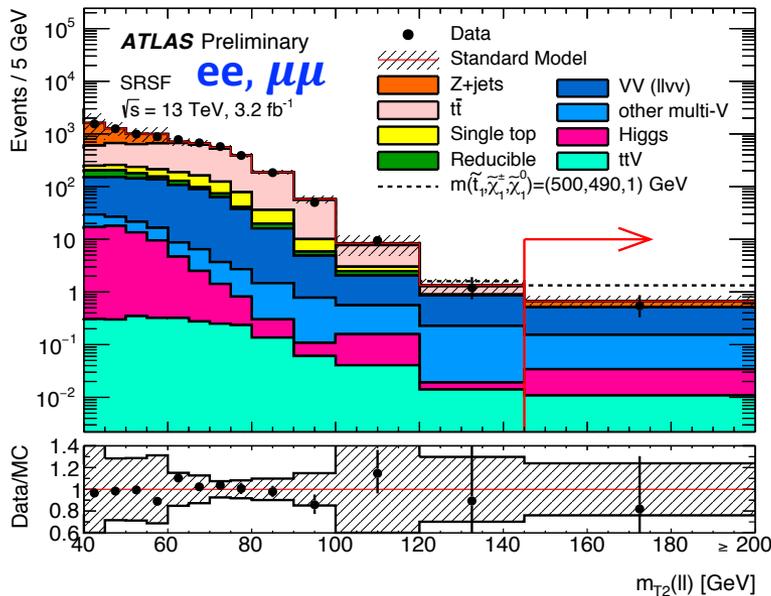
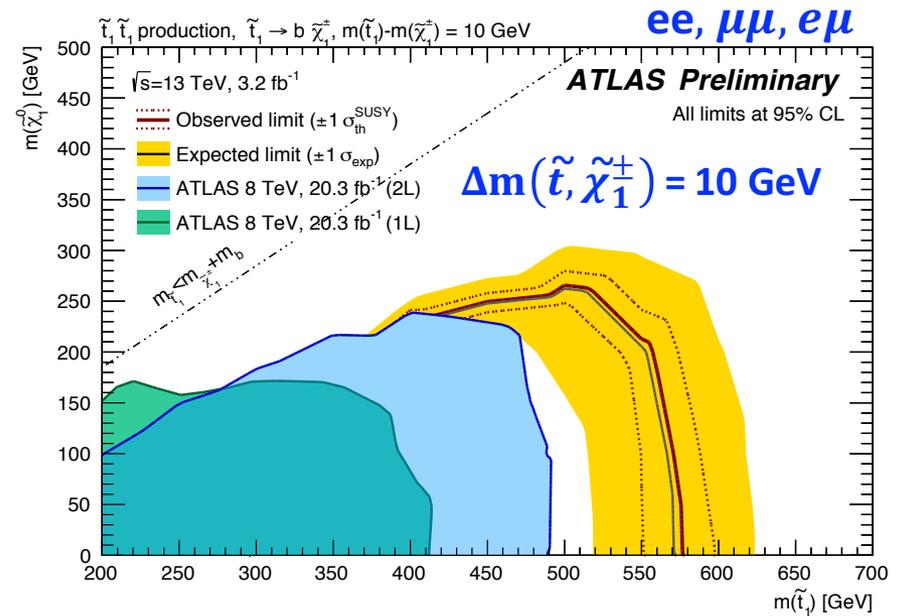
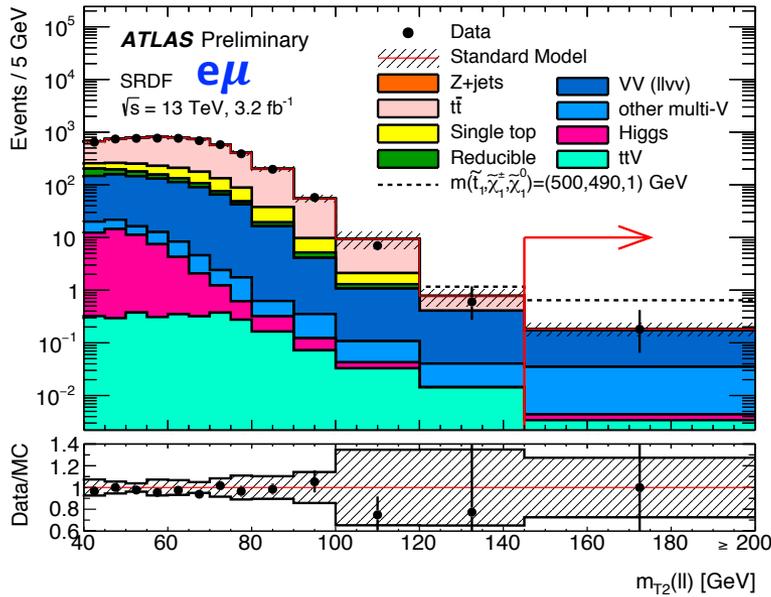
- $m_{\mu\mu}$ (Z veto in $ee/\mu\mu$ SR)

Diboson CR, $ee, \mu\mu$



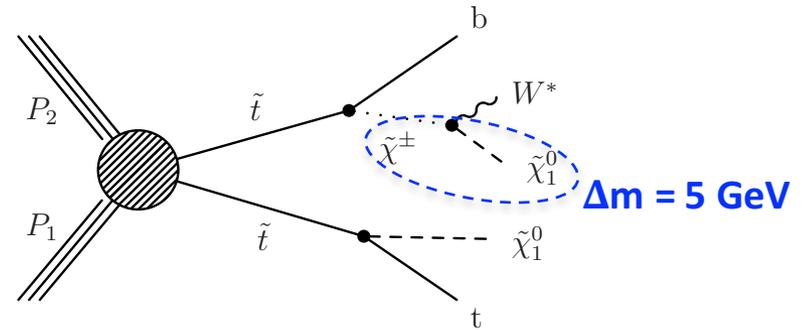
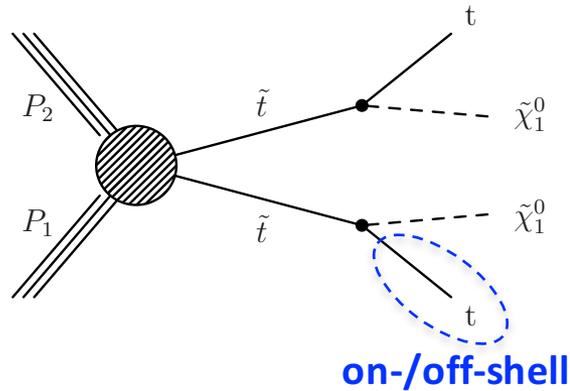


$\tilde{t}\tilde{t}$ search with 2 leptons





$\tilde{t}\tilde{t}^*$ all-hadronic search



Large $\Delta m(\tilde{t}, \tilde{\chi}_1^0)$

Top tagging uses $R=0.4$ jets.

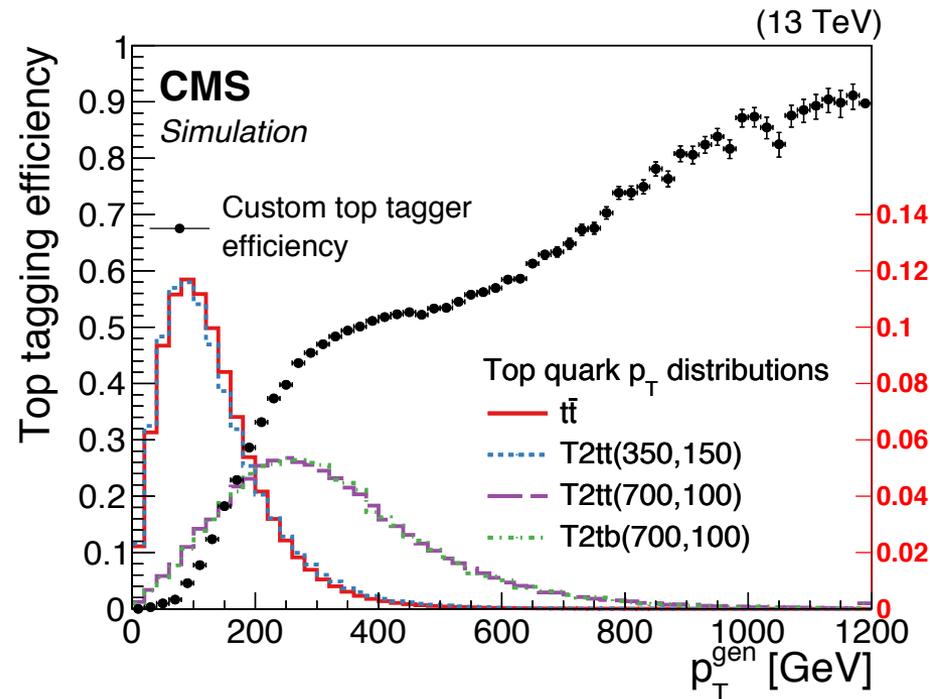
**3 jets within $\Delta R=1.5$, $m_{2j} \sim m_W$, $m_{3j} \sim m_{\text{top}}$,
or 2 jets (merged W), or 1 jet (merged top)**

$\tilde{t}\tilde{t}^*$, $W(\ell\nu)+\text{jets}$ with lost lepton: 1μ CR

$W(\tau_h\nu)+\text{jets}$ from $W(\mu\nu)+\text{jets}$ with $\mu \leftrightarrow \tau$

$Z(\nu\nu)+\text{jets}$ from $Z(\mu\mu)+\text{jets}$

37 SRs binned in $N_{b\text{-jet}}$, N_{top} , m_{T2} , E_T^{miss}





$\tilde{t}\tilde{t}^*$ all-hadronic search

Small $\Delta m(\tilde{t}, \tilde{\chi}_1^0)$ and mixed decays:

Top tagging: $R=0.8$ jets with sub-jet decomposition.

≥ 3 sub-jets, $m_{\text{jet}} \sim m_{\text{top}}$, $m_{2\text{subjet}} \sim m_W$.

$\tilde{t}\tilde{t}^*$ and $W(\ell\nu)+\text{jets}$ with **lost lepton: 1ℓ CR.**

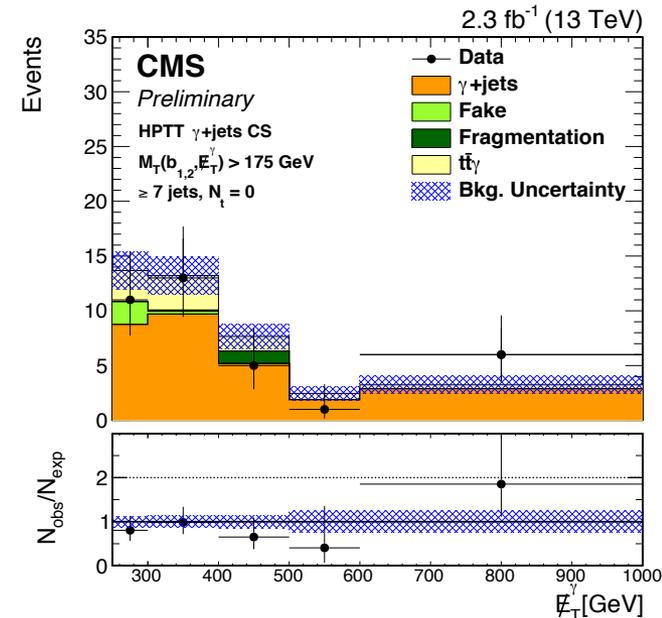
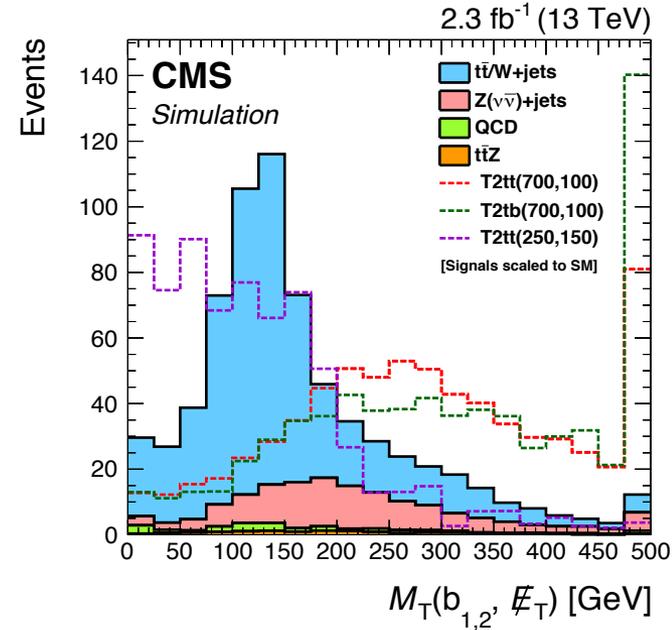
Extrapolation $1\ell \rightarrow 0\ell$ using MC.

Discriminant: $\min m_T(\mathbf{b}_{1,2}, \mathbf{E}_T^{\text{miss}})$.

$Z(\nu\nu)+\text{jets}$ scaled with $Z(\mu\mu)+\text{jets}$, and $\mathbf{E}_T^{\text{miss}}$ shape correction from $\gamma+\text{jets}$.

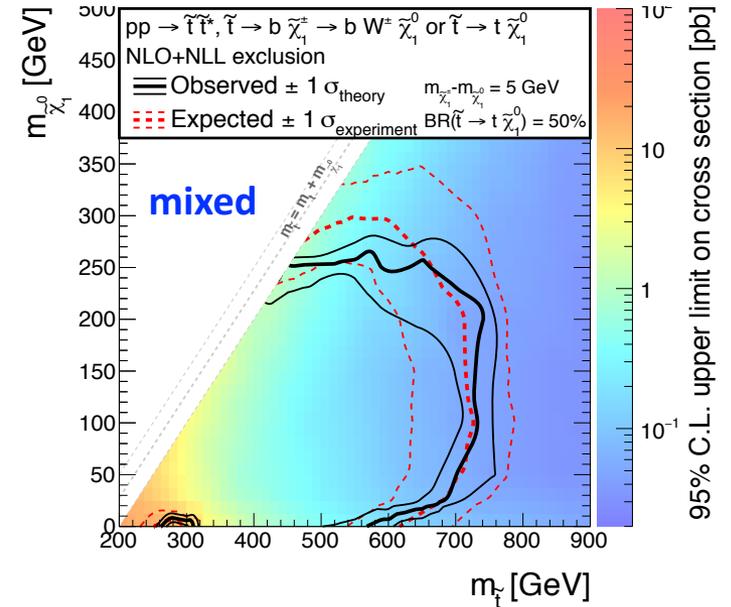
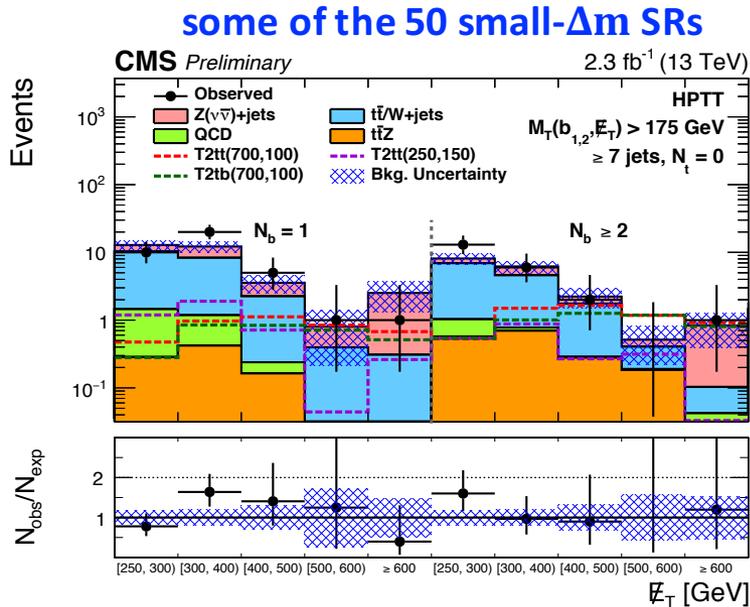
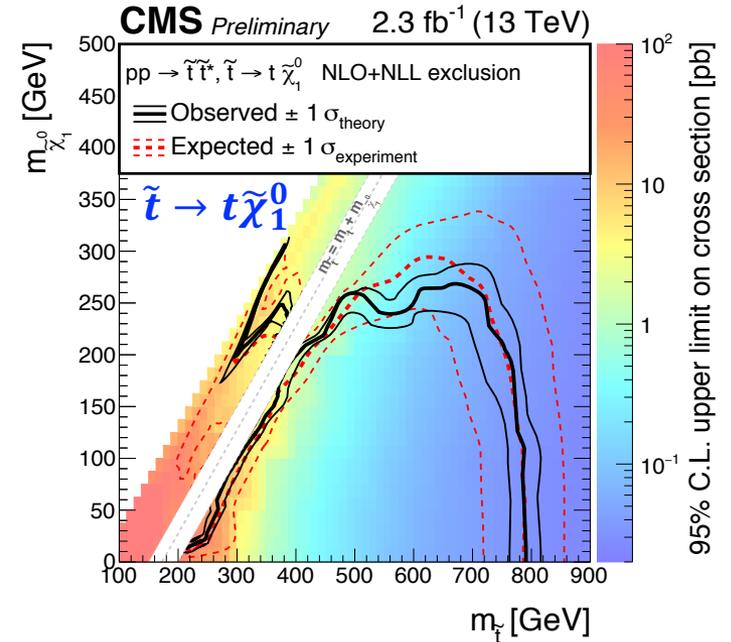
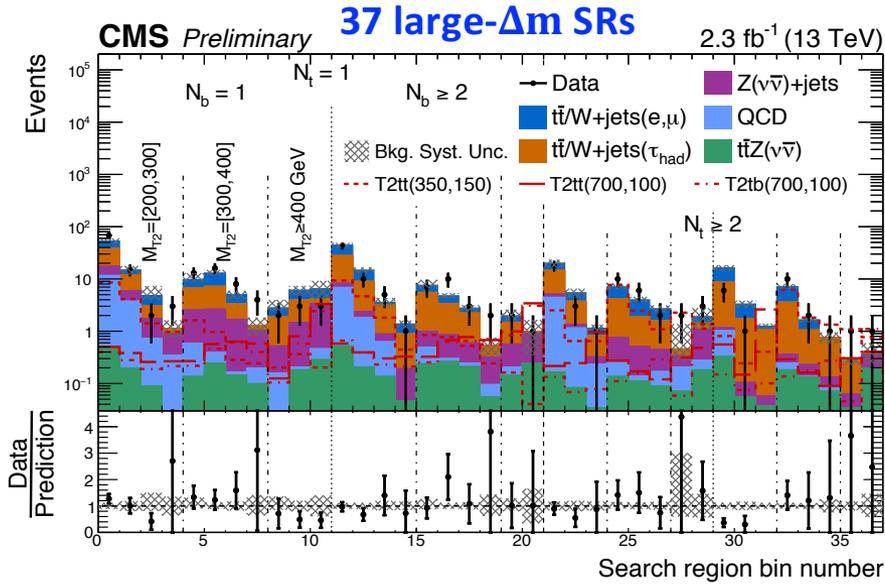
50 SRs binned in:

$N_{\text{jet}}, N_{\text{b-jet}}, N_{\text{top}}, m_T(\mathbf{b}_{1,2}, \mathbf{E}_T^{\text{miss}}), \mathbf{E}_T^{\text{miss}}$.



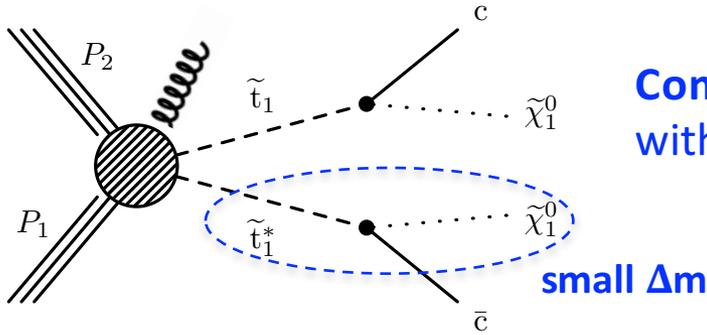


$\tilde{t}\tilde{t}$ all-hadronic search





Search for $\tilde{t} \rightarrow c\tilde{\chi}_1^0$

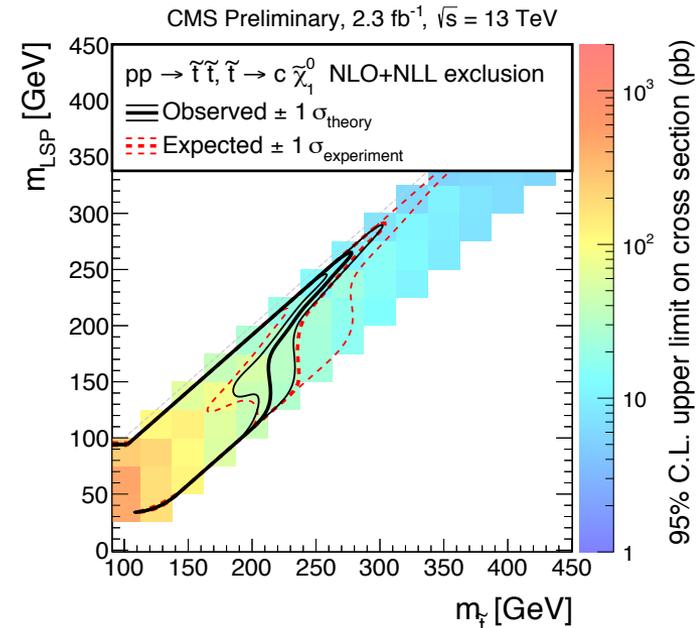
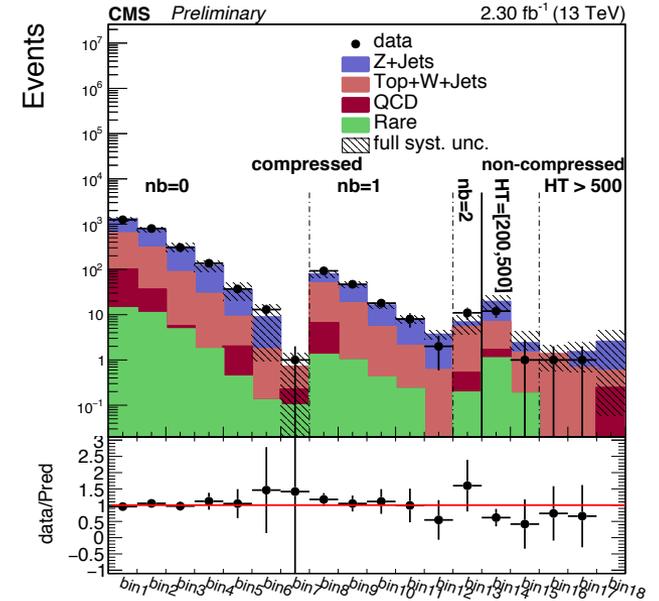


2-3 jets, 0-2 b-jets, large p_T^{jet1} , E_T^{miss} .
Veto against ℓ and isolated tracks (τ_h).

Backgrounds:

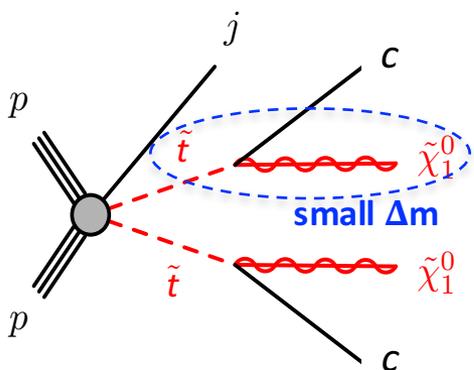
- **Z($\nu\nu$)+jets**, estimated from Z($\mu\mu$)+jets
- **semileptonic $t\bar{t}$** and **W($\ell\nu$)+jets** with **lost lepton** scaled in 1ℓ CRs
- **QCD multi-jet**, estimated as (data – non-QCD) in inverted $\Delta\phi(\text{jet}, E_T^{\text{miss}})$ selection

Discriminants: $\Delta\phi(\text{jet1}, E_T^{\text{miss}})$, and $\min m_T(\text{jet}, E_T^{\text{miss}})$ bounded by m_{top} for $t\bar{t}$.



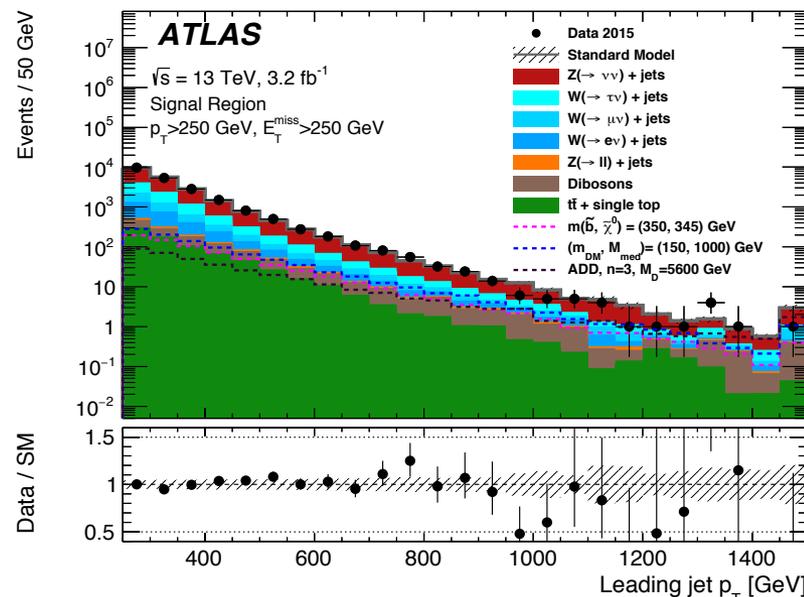
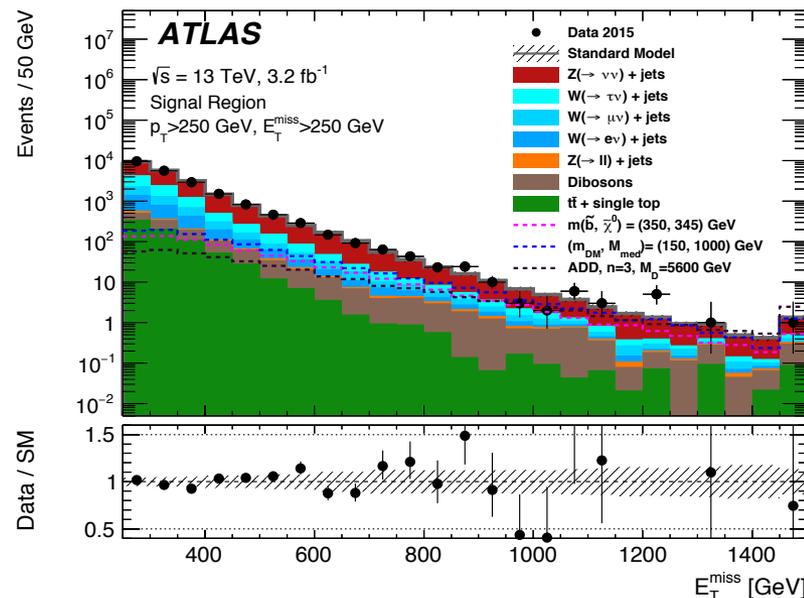
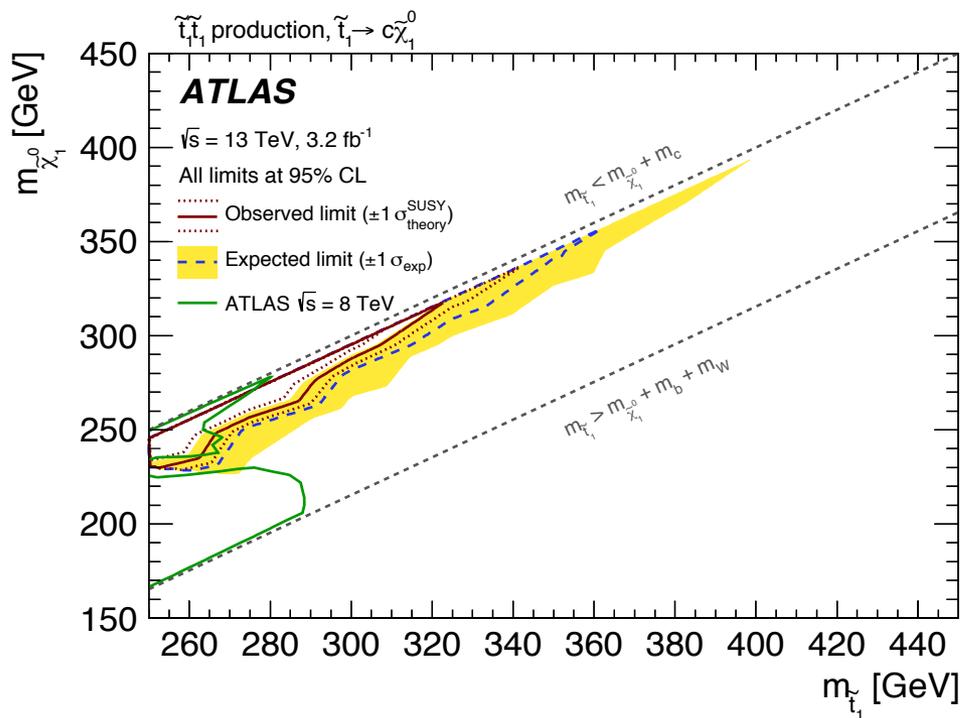


Search for $\tilde{t} \rightarrow c\tilde{\chi}_1^0$



ISR topology, ≤ 4 jets, 0ℓ
SRs with increasing E_T^{miss}

Dominant background
 $Z(\nu\nu)+\text{jets}$ scaled using
 $W(\mu\nu)+\text{jets}$ CR



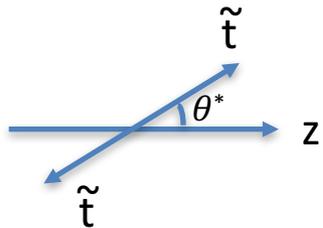
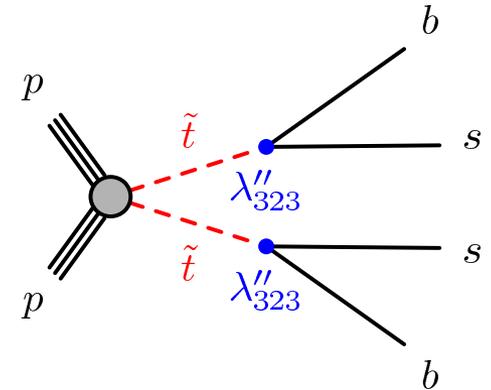


$\tilde{t} \rightarrow bs$ in RPV SUSY

R-parity violating term in superpotential $\lambda''_{ijk} \bar{U}_i \bar{D}_j \bar{D}_k$.

$\tilde{t} \rightarrow bs$ expected in minimal flavour-violation scenarios.

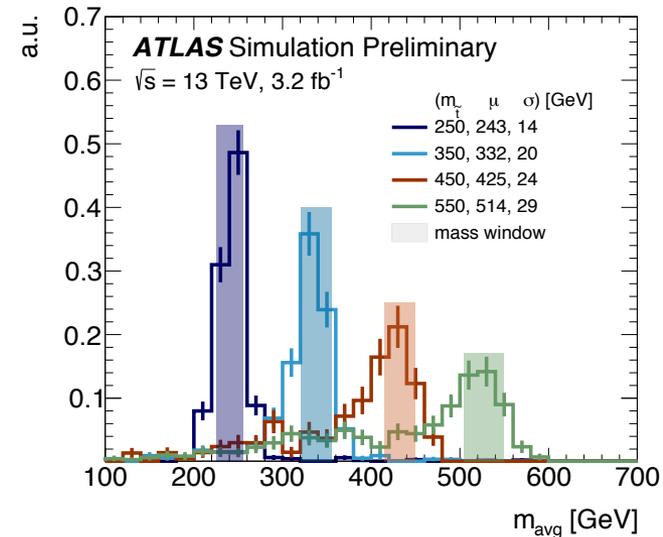
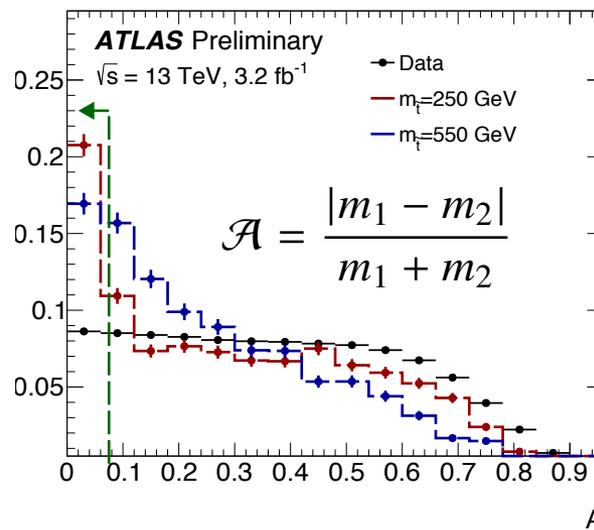
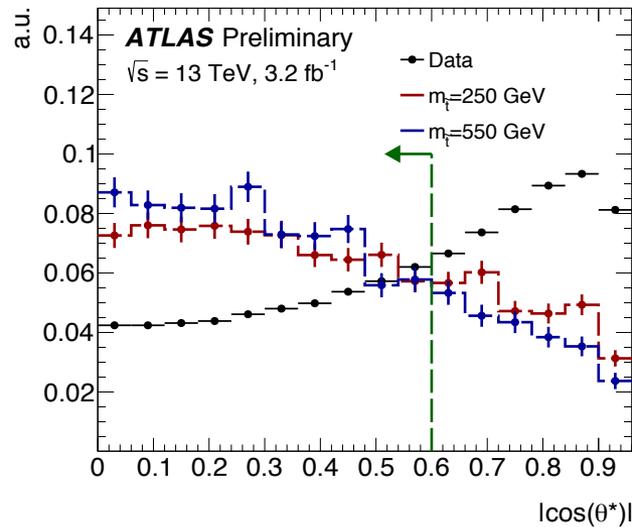
Search for **2 heavy pairs of close-by jets**, with **1 b-jet per pair**.



$|\cos(\theta^*)|$ in $\tilde{t}\tilde{t}$ frame

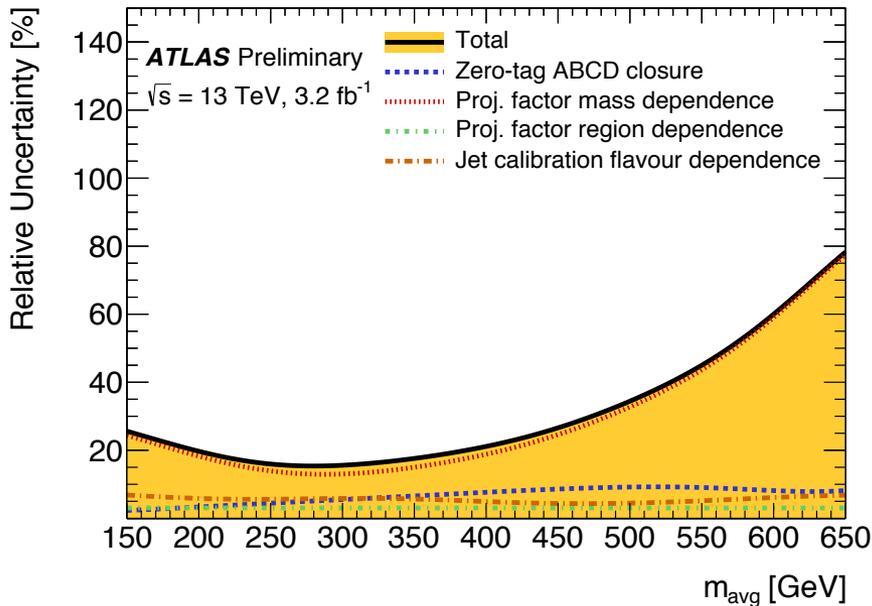
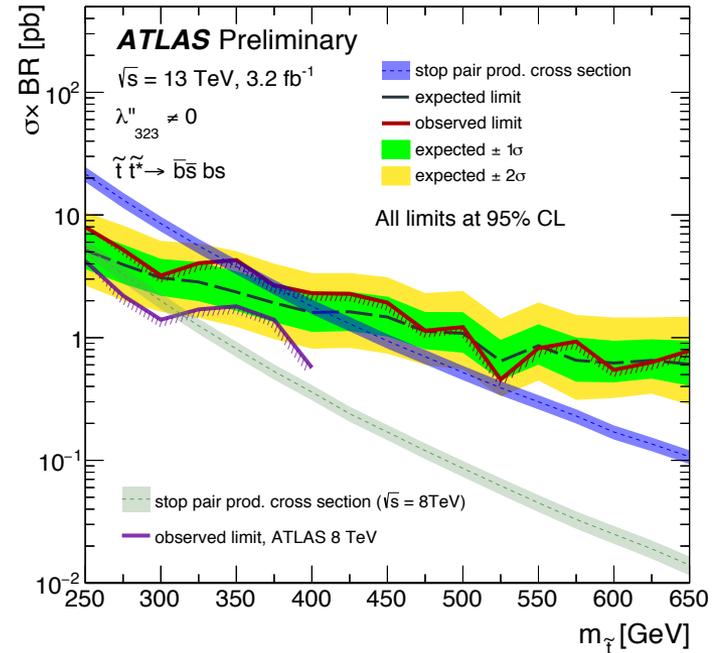
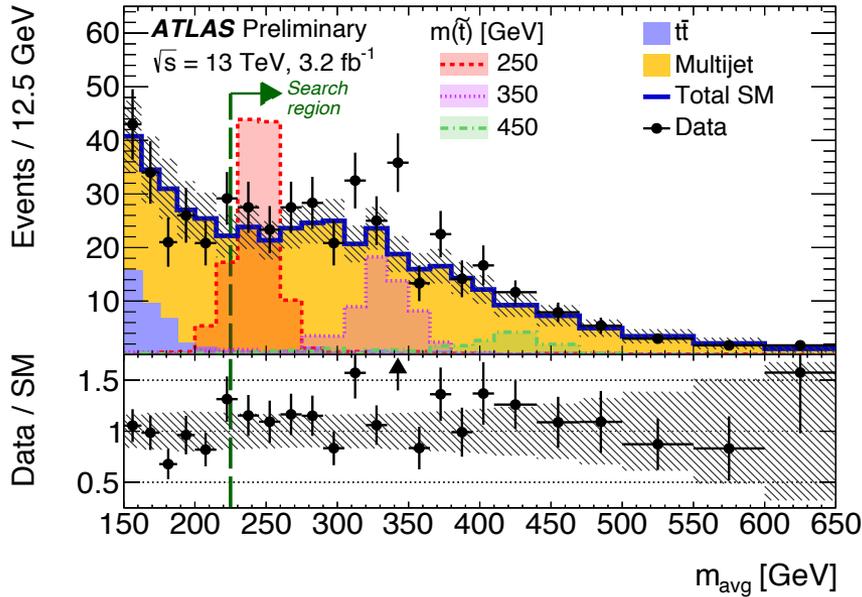
mass asymmetry

average mass





$\tilde{t} \rightarrow bs$ in RPV SUSY



Dominant uncertainty: constant vs m_{avg} -dependent projection factors.
 Uncertainty limited by CR statistics.

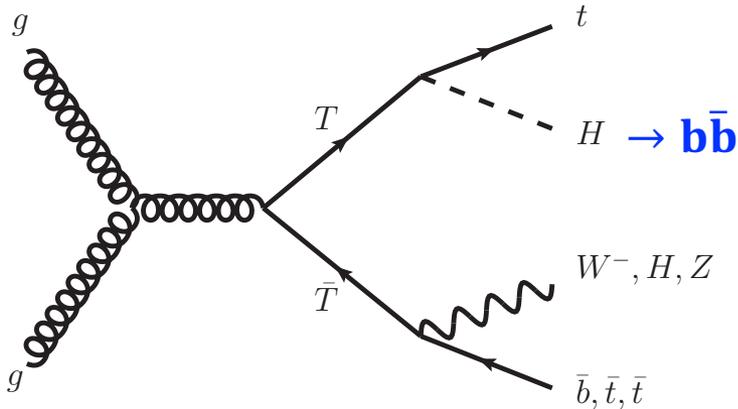
Observed (exp.) limit on stop mass:
 345 (320) GeV.

ATLAS Run-1 observed limit: 320 GeV.

Exotic Searches



Vector-like T pair



$1 \ell, \geq 6 \text{ jets}, \geq 2 \text{ b-jets}, E_T^{\text{miss}}$

Tagging of boosted top/Higgs:

$R=1.0$ jets re-clustered from $R=0.4$ jets

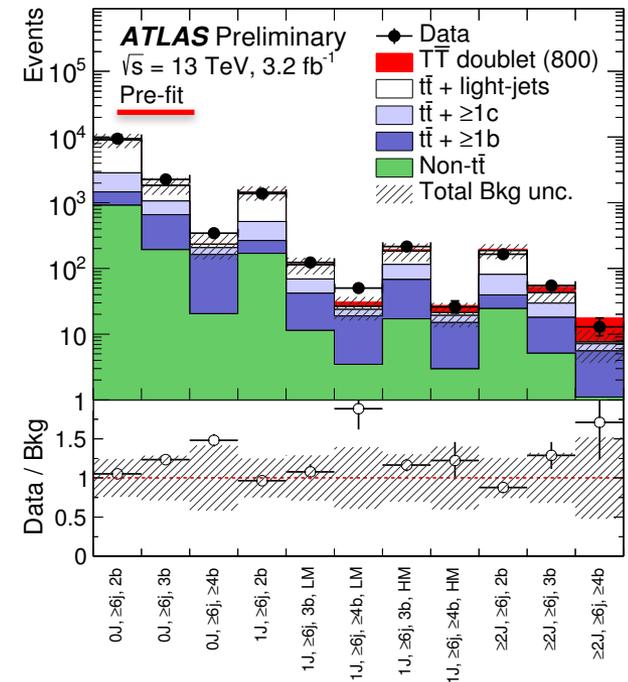
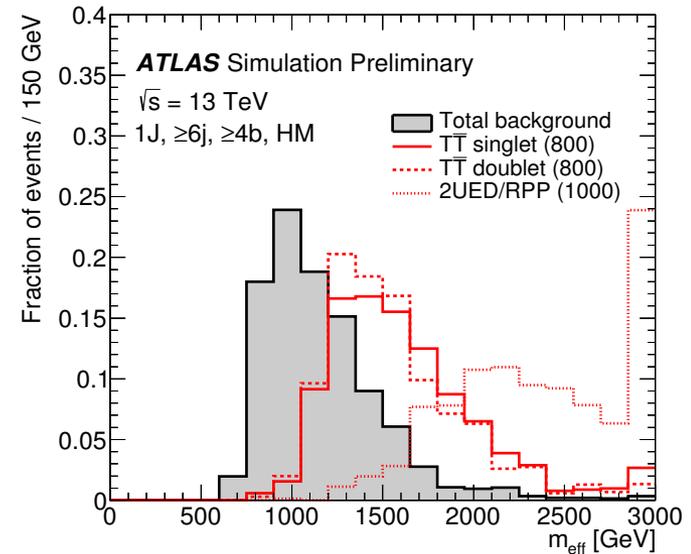
Sensitive to $T \rightarrow tH(b\bar{b}), T \rightarrow tZ(b\bar{b})$.

Background: $t\bar{t}$ + heavy-flavour jets

Discriminants: $m_{bb}^{\text{min}} \Delta R$ (boosted H/Z)

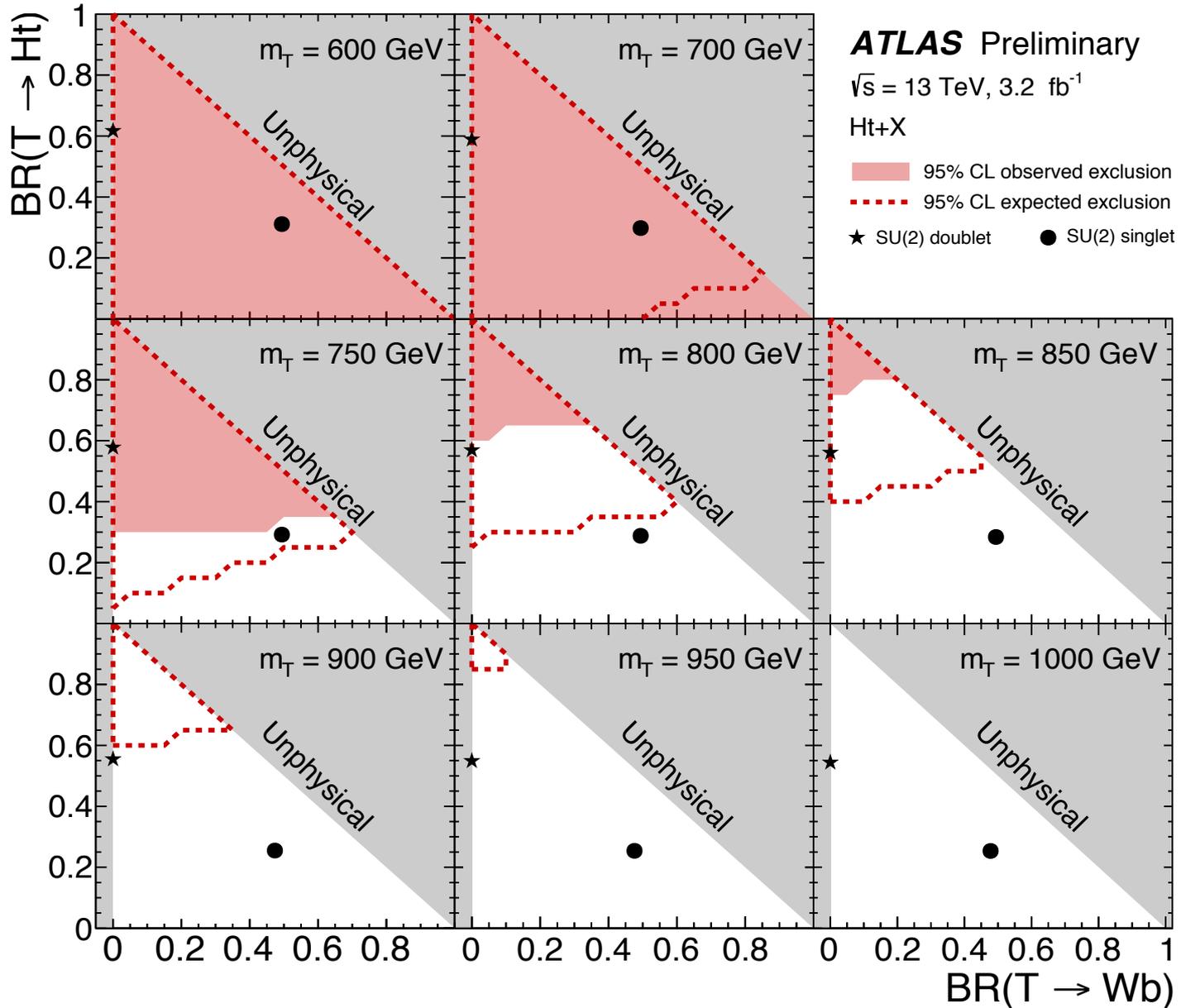
$$\text{effective mass} = \Sigma p_T^{\text{jets}} + p_T^{\ell} + E_T^{\text{miss}}$$

11 SRs binned in number of b-jet, large-R jet, $m_{bb}^{\text{min}} \Delta R$



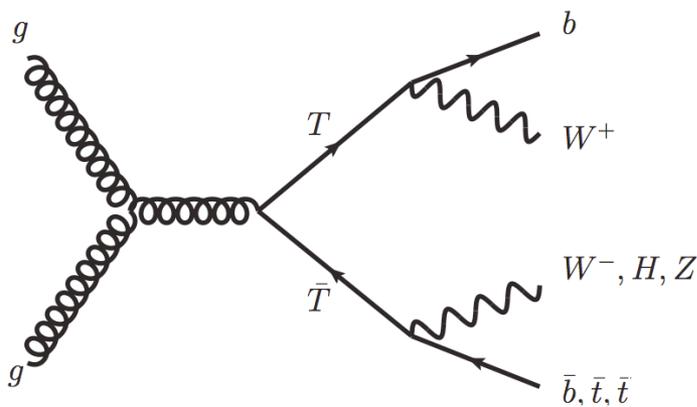


Vector-like T pair





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1ℓ (from **top** or $T \rightarrow W(\ell\nu)b$), ≥ 3 jets, E_T^{miss}

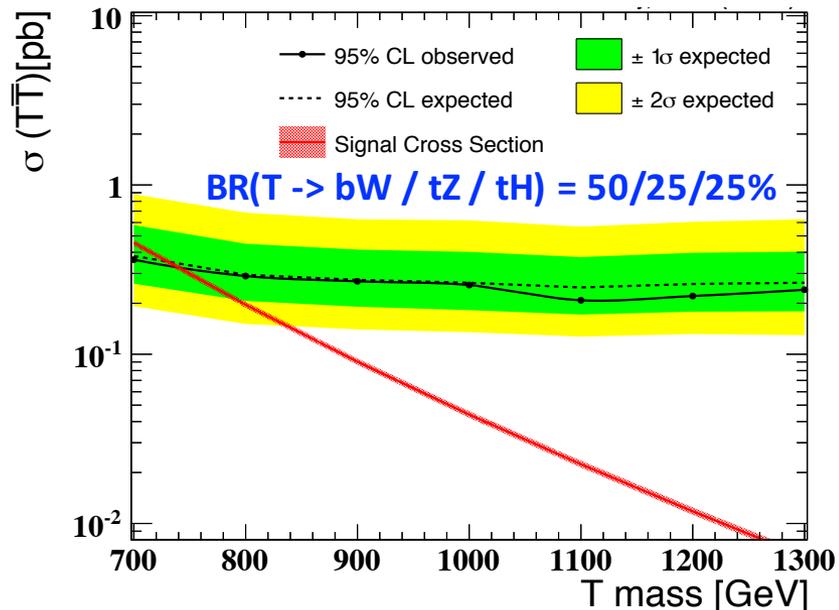
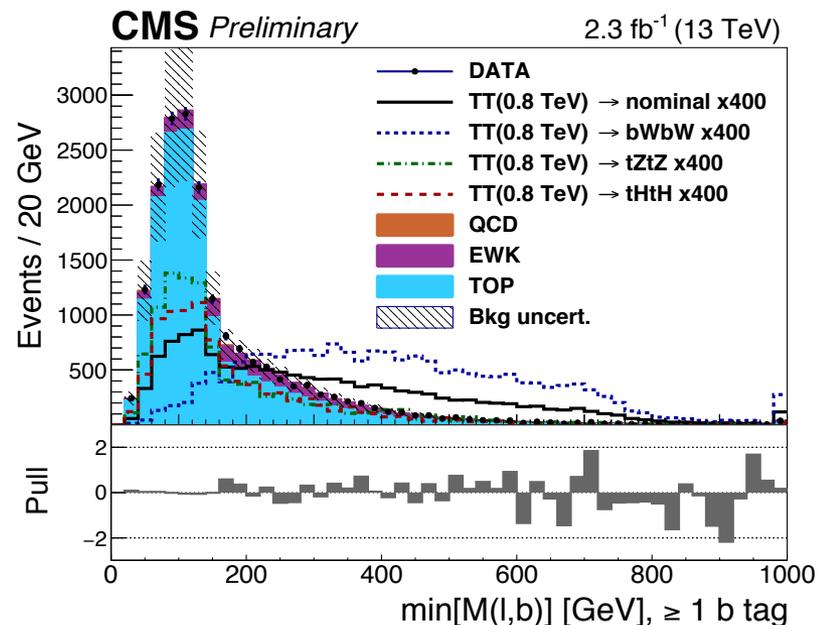
Backgrounds: $t\bar{t}$ and V +jets.

Discriminant with **sensitivity to $T \rightarrow Wb$:**
 $\min(M(\ell, b\text{-jet}))$.

16 SRs binned in e/μ , number of **b-jets** and **W-tagged jets** ($R=0.8$).

Limits for several $BR(T)$ assumptions.

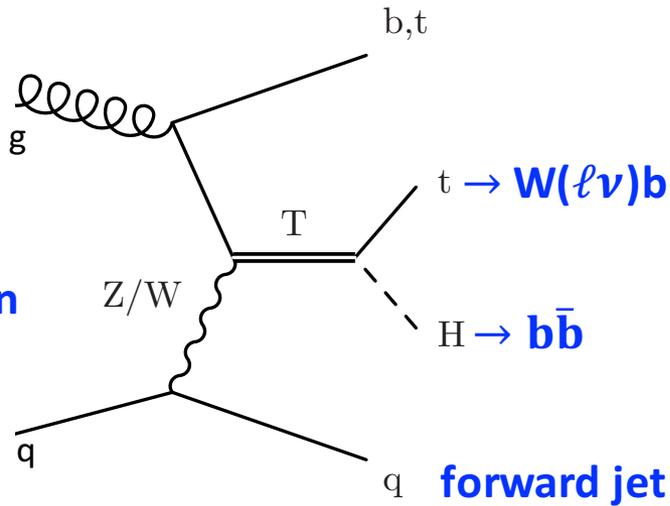
Stronger limits at large $BR(T \rightarrow Wb)$.





Single vector-like T

Single-T via
EW production



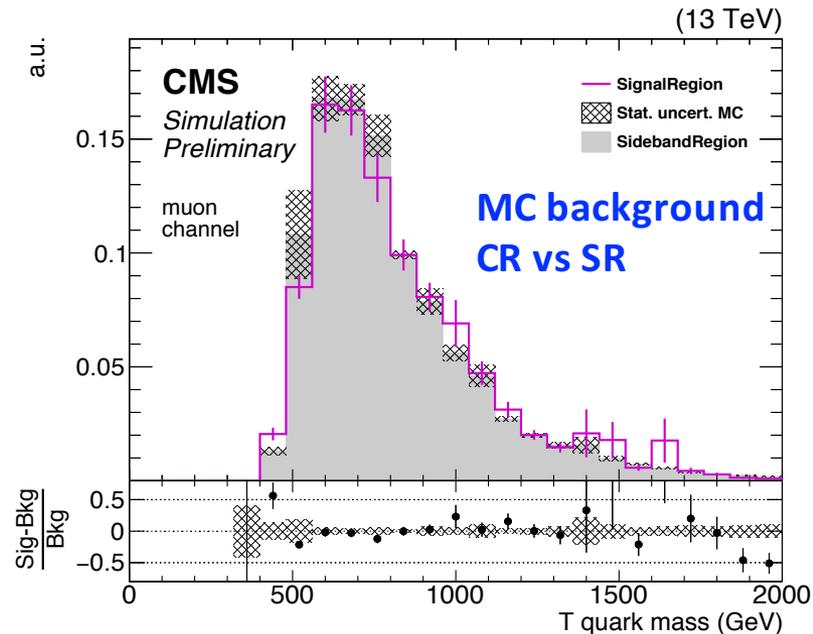
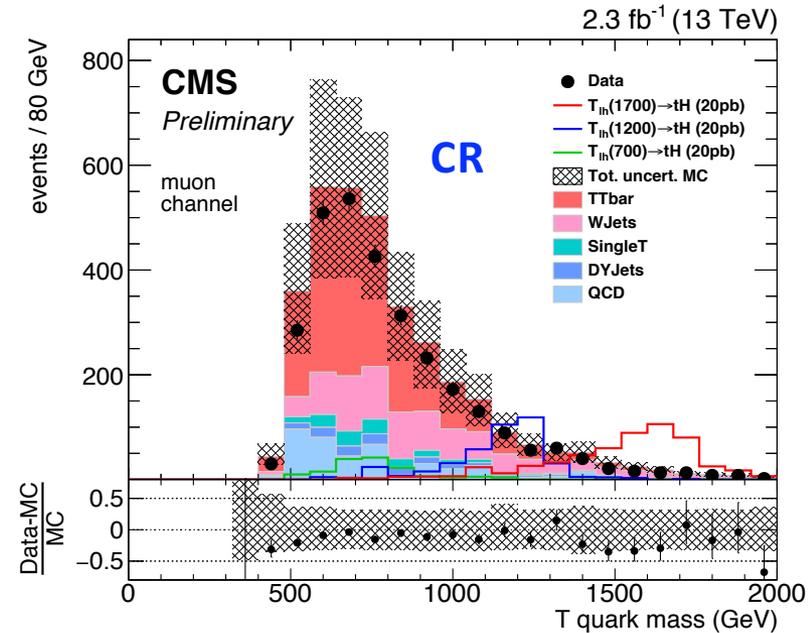
Higgs boson: R=0.8 jet with 2 b-tagged sub-jets

Top quark: ℓ , $E_{x,y}^{\text{miss}}$, 1-2 jets consistent with m_W , m_{top} and $\Delta R(\text{top}, H)$ expected for signal.

Backgrounds: $t\bar{t}$ and $W(\ell\nu)+\text{jets}$.

Modeled directly from data in CR with:

- 0 forward jet
- Higgs candidate with 1 b-tagged sub-jet





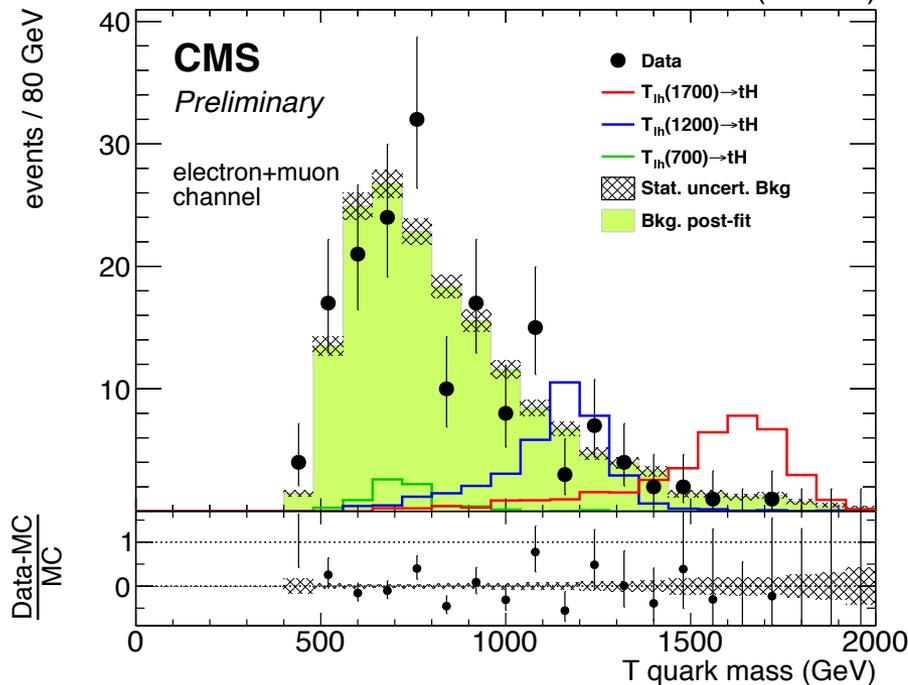
Single vector-like T

Mass of T candidate used to set limits for 2 scenarios:

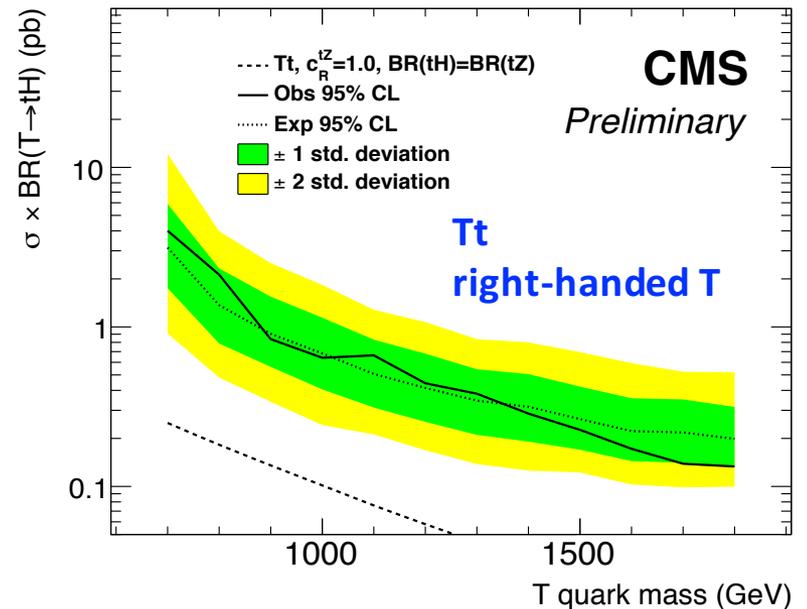
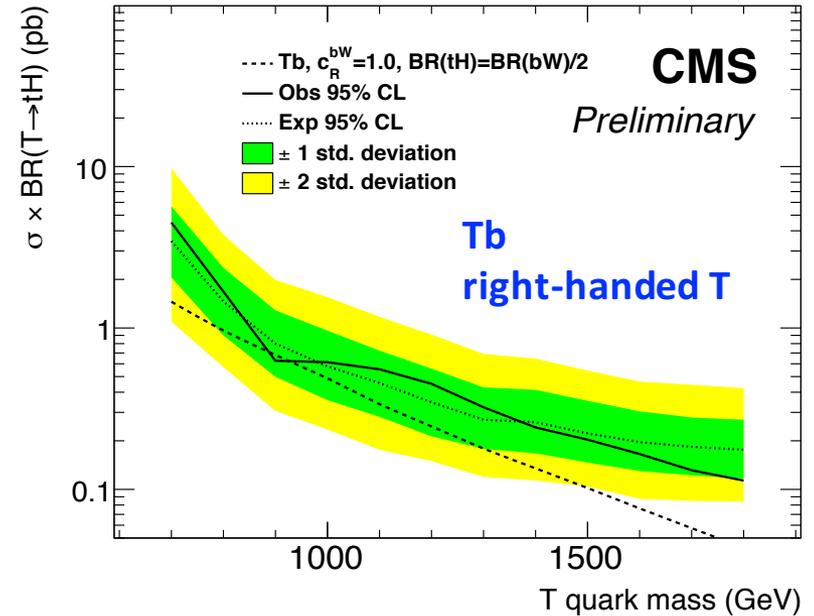
“charged current” T_b production, with $BR(T \rightarrow bW, tZ, tH) = 50/25/25\%$

“neutral current” T_t production, with $BR(T \rightarrow tZ, tH) = 50/50\%$

2.3 fb⁻¹ (13 TeV)



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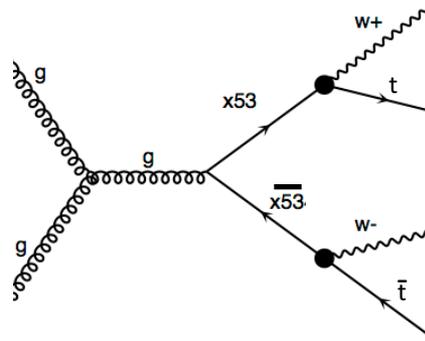


$X_{5/3}$

Top partner with **charge 5/3**
in composite Higgs models.

$X_{5/3} \rightarrow W^+ t$, 100% BR.

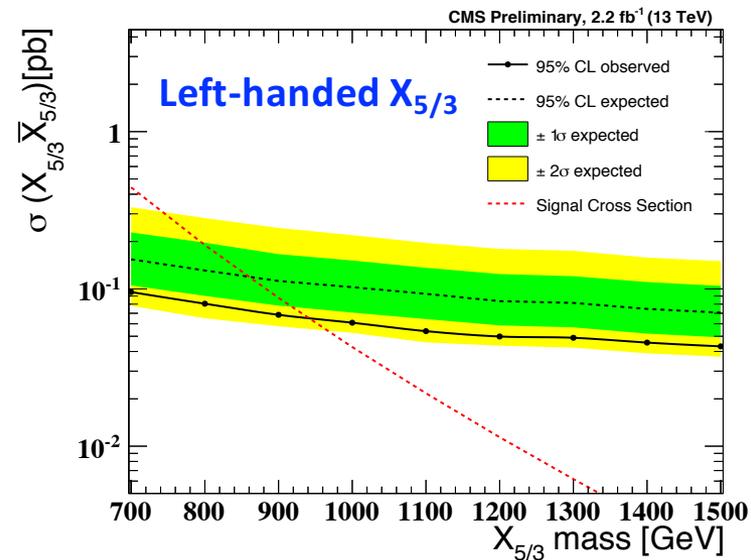
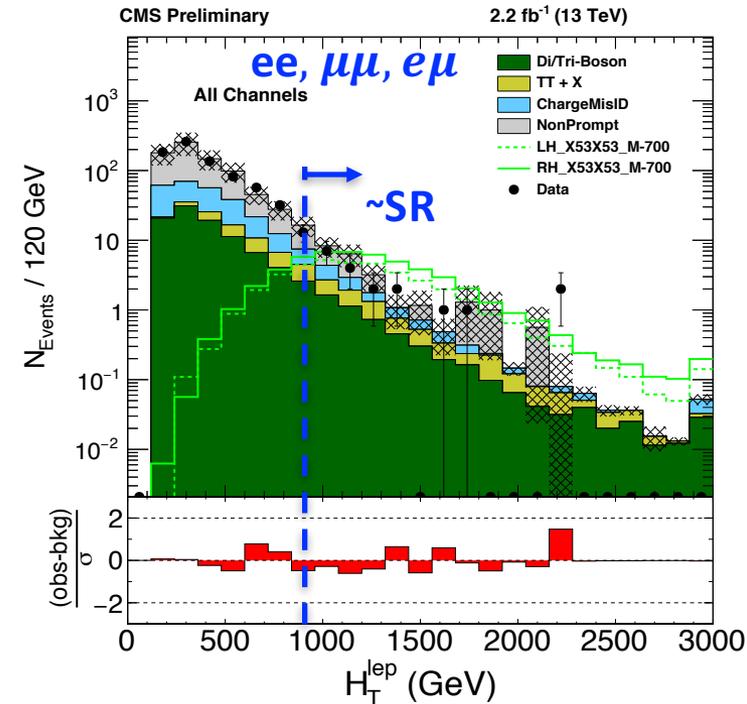
Signatures:
same-sign dilepton, ℓ +jets.



Backgrounds:

- **prompt same-sign $\ell\ell'$** (WZ, ZZ)
- **prompt opposite-sign $\ell\ell'$ + charge mis-id.**
 - charge mis-id. from Z($\ell\ell'$)+jets data
 - applied to opposite-sign selection
- **non-prompt leptons** (fake, non-isolated):
 - loose lepton selection
 - proba. for true/fake loose lepton to be tight

Discriminants: $m_{\ell\ell'}$, $H_T^{\text{lep}} = \sum p_T^{\text{jets}} + \sum p_T^{\ell}$



Summary

ATLAS and **CMS** have already released **many results** for **top partner searches** at **13 TeV**.

- Scalar top in SUSY:**

$$\tilde{t} \rightarrow t\tilde{\chi}_1^0, b\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm, c\tilde{\chi}_1^0, bs$$

Light stealth stop scenario still viable.

- Vector-like top in exotic models:**

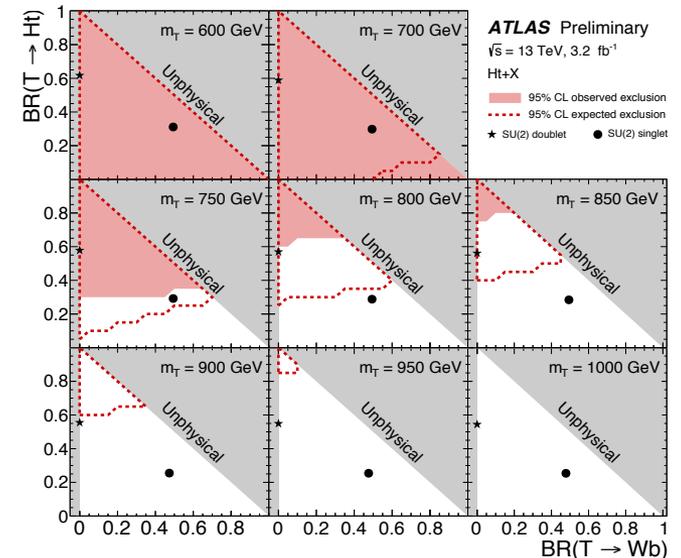
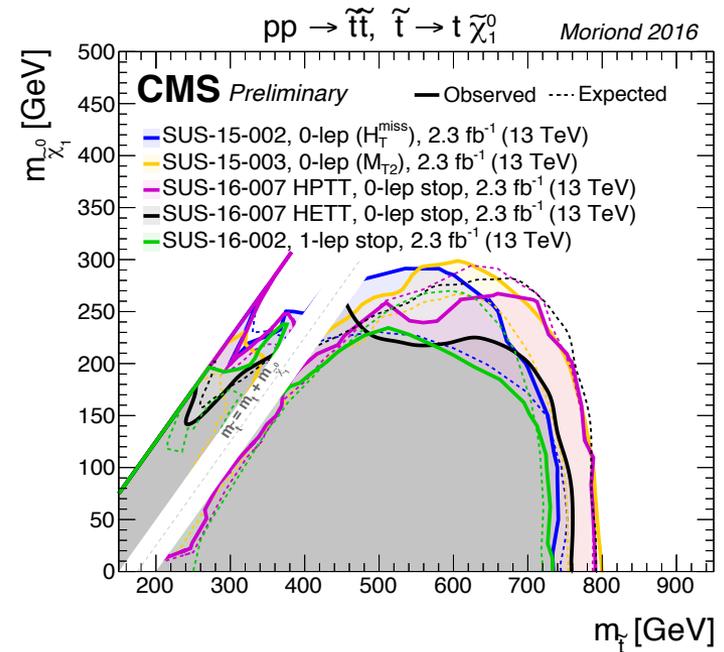
$$T \rightarrow Wb, tZ, tH \text{ and } X_{5/3} \rightarrow W^+t$$

Light stealth top scenario still viable.

Run-1 exclusion reach exceeded.

And this is just the beginning...

Exciting prospects for 2016!



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Backup



$\sim\sim$ $t\bar{t}$ search with 1 lepton

Common event selection			
Trigger	E_T^{miss} trigger		
Lepton	exactly one signal lepton (e, μ), no additional baseline leptons.		
Jets	at least four signal jets, and $ \Delta\phi(\text{jet}_i, \vec{p}_T^{\text{miss}}) > 0.4$ for $i \in \{1, 2\}$.		
hadronic τ	veto events with a hadronic τ and $m_{T2}^\tau < 80$ GeV.		
Variable	SR1	TCR1 / WCR1	STCR1
≥ 4 jets with $p_T > [\text{GeV}]$	(80 50 40 40)	(80 50 40 40)	(80 50 40 40)
E_T^{miss} [GeV]	> 260	> 200	> 200
$H_{T,\text{sig}}^{\text{miss}}$	> 14	> 5	> 5
m_T [GeV]	> 170	[30,90]	[30,120]
am_{T2} [GeV]	> 175	[100, 200] / > 100	> 200
<i>topness</i>	> 6.5	> 6.5	> 6.5
m_{top}^χ [GeV]	< 270	< 270	< 270
$\Delta R(b, \ell)$	< 3.0	–	–
$\Delta R(b_1, b_2)$	–	–	> 1.2
number of b -tags	≥ 1	$\geq 1 / = 0$	≥ 2
	SR2	TCR2 / WCR2	STCR2
≥ 4 jets with $p_T > [\text{GeV}]$	(120 80 50 25)	(120 80 50 25)	(120 80 50 25)
E_T^{miss} [GeV]	> 350	> 250	> 200
$H_{T,\text{sig}}^{\text{miss}}$	> 20	> 15	> 5
m_T [GeV]	> 200	[30,90]	[30,120]
am_{T2} [GeV]	> 175	[100, 200] / > 100	> 200
$\Delta R(b, \ell)$	< 2.5	–	–
$\Delta R(b_1, b_2)$	–	–	> 1.2
number of b -tags	≥ 1	$\geq 1 / = 0$	≥ 2
leading large-R jet p_T [GeV]	> 200	> 200	> 200
leading large-R jet mass [GeV]	> 140	> 140	> 0
$\Delta\phi(\vec{p}_T^{\text{miss}}, 2^{\text{nd}}\text{large-R jet})$	> 1.0	> 1.0	> 1.0
	SR3	TCR3 / WCR3	STCR3
≥ 4 jets with $p_T > [\text{GeV}]$	(120 80 50 25)	(120 80 50 25)	(120 80 50 25)
E_T^{miss} [GeV]	> 480	> 280	> 200
$H_{T,\text{sig}}^{\text{miss}}$	> 14	> 8	> 5
m_T [GeV]	> 190	[30,90]	[30,120]
am_{T2} [GeV]	> 175	[100, 200] / > 100	> 200
<i>topness</i> [GeV]	> 9.5	> 0	> 9.5
$\Delta R(b, \ell)$	< 2.8	–	–
$\Delta R(b_1, b_2)$	–	–	> 1.2
number of b -tags	≥ 1	$\geq 1 / = 0$	≥ 2
leading large-R jet p_T [GeV]	> 280	> 200	> 200
leading large-R jet mass [GeV]	> 70	> 70	> 70

Signal region	SR1	SR2	SR3
Observed	12	1	1
Total bkg	5.50 ± 0.72	1.25 ± 0.26	1.03 ± 0.18
$t\bar{t}$	2.21 ± 0.60	0.29 ± 0.10	0.20 ± 0.07
Single top	0.46 ± 0.39	0.09 ± 0.08	0.10 ± 0.09
W +jets	0.71 ± 0.43	$0.15^{+0.19}_{-0.15}$	0.20 ± 0.09
$t\bar{t} + W/Z$	1.90 ± 0.42	0.61 ± 0.14	0.41 ± 0.10
Diboson	0.23 ± 0.15	0.11 ± 0.07	0.12 ± 0.07
$t\bar{t}$ NF	1.10 ± 0.14	1.06 ± 0.14	0.80 ± 0.13
Single top NF	0.62 ± 0.46	0.65 ± 0.49	0.71 ± 0.42
W +jets NF	0.75 ± 0.12	0.78 ± 0.15	0.93 ± 0.12
$t\bar{t} + W/Z$ NF	1.42 ± 0.24	1.45 ± 0.24	1.46 ± 0.24
p_0	$0.01(2.3\sigma)$	$0.50(0.0\sigma)$	$0.50(0.0\sigma)$
$N_{\text{non-SM}}^{\text{limit}}$ exp. (95% CL)	$6.4^{+3.2}_{-2.0}$	$3.6^{+2.3}_{-1.3}$	$3.5^{+2.2}_{-1.2}$
$N_{\text{non-SM}}^{\text{limit}}$ obs. (95% CL)	13.3	3.4	3.4



$\sim\sim$ $t\bar{t}$ search with 1 lepton

Lost-lepton background from dilepton CR:

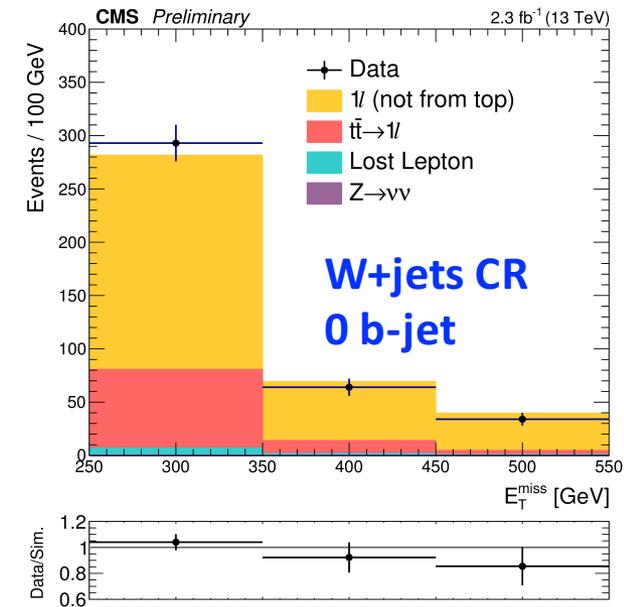
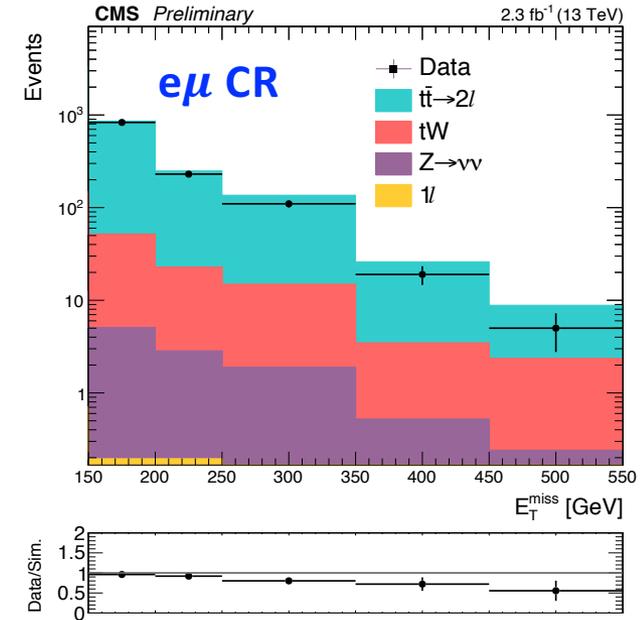
$$N_{lost-\ell}^{Data} = N_{2\ell}^{Data} \times \underbrace{\frac{N_{lost-\ell}^{MC}}{N_{2\ell}^{MC}}}_{\text{transfer factor } 2\ell \rightarrow 1\ell} \times \underbrace{\frac{N_{lost-\ell}^{MC}(N_J, E_T^{miss})}{N_{lost-\ell}^{MC}}}_{\text{extrapolation inclusive} \rightarrow \text{bin}(N_{jet}, E_T^{miss})}$$

Corrections vs N_{jet} and E_T^{miss} derived in $e\mu$ CR.

W+jets background from 0 b-jet CR:

$$N_{SR, \geq 1 btag}^{W+jets} = (N_{CR, 0 btag}^{data} - N_{CR, 0 btag}^{non-WJetsMC}) \times TF_{E_T^{miss}} \times TF_{btag}$$

with 2 transfer factors to extrapolate vs E_T^{miss} and N_{b-jet}





$\tilde{t} \rightarrow bs$ in RPV SUSY

Main background = multi-jets.

Estimated from data with **ABCD** method:

- shape and normalization from 0 b-jet
- extrapolation vs N b-jet

0 b-jet

$|\cos(\theta^*)|$

A0

B0

D0

C0

Asymm

validation

1 b-jet

$|\cos(\theta^*)|$

A1

B1

D1

C1

Asymm

signal

2 b-jets

$|\cos(\theta^*)|$

A2

B2

D2

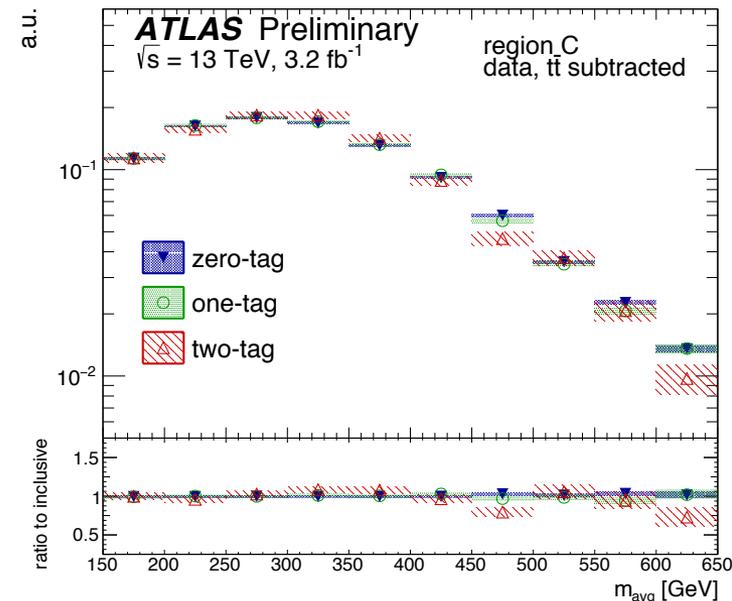
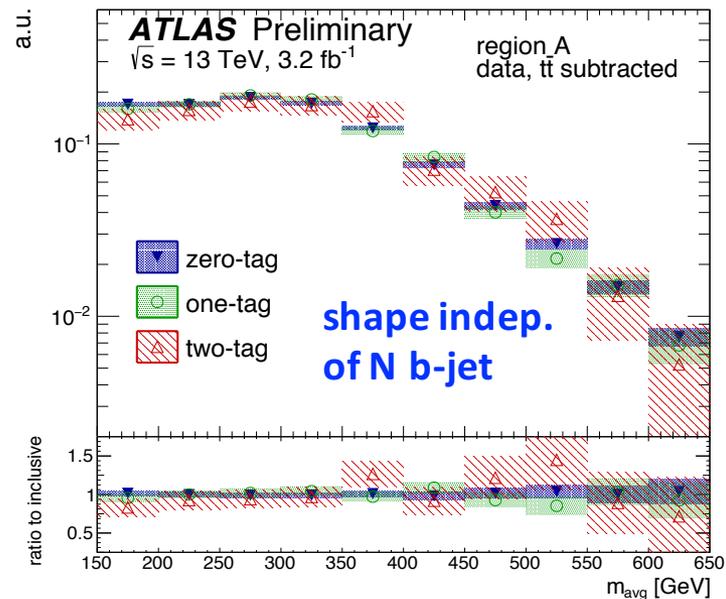
C2

Asymm

$$N_D = \frac{N_C}{N_A} N_B$$

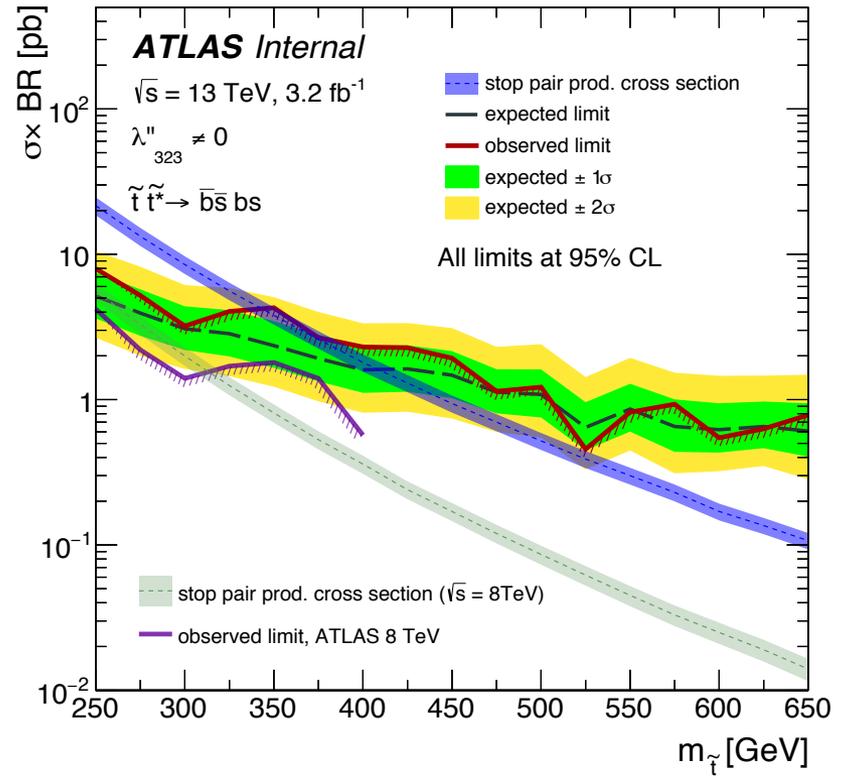
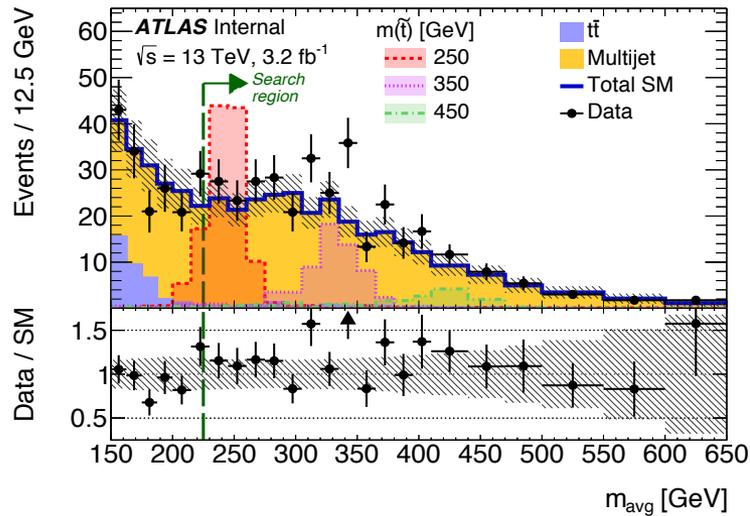
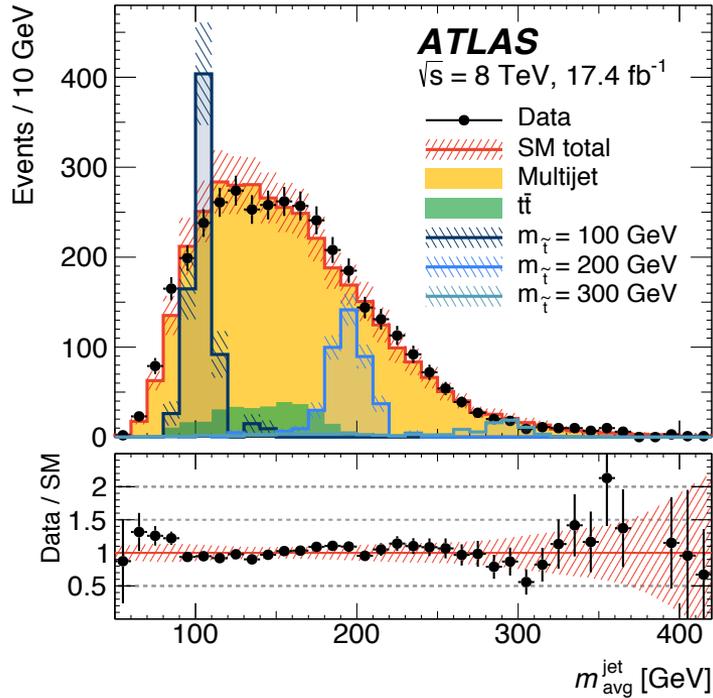
$$\times \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{N_{A2}}{N_{A0}} + \frac{N_{C2}}{N_{C0}} \right)$$

“projection factor”





$\tilde{t} \rightarrow b s$, Run-1 vs Run-2





Stealth \tilde{t} via spin correlations

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