

# Searching for New Physics with Displaced Vertex signatures in the ATLAS Detector

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Exotic and/or rare decays of the SM-like Higgs boson workshop

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# Why Long-lived Particles

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- ▶ **Standard Model (SM) completed by discovery Higgs boson in 2012**
- ▶ **Focused attention on what SM does not address**
  - ▶ Dark Matter
  - ▶ Matter-antimatter asymmetry of our universe
  - ▶ Naturalness of electro-weak scale, absent obvious TeV-scale signals of physics Beyond the SM (BSM)
- ▶ **Virtually every theory/model that extends the SM to address these open issues either allows for or requires long-lived particles (LLPs)**
  - ▶ Life-times ( $c\tau$ ) can range from a few 100  $\mu\text{m}$  to the Big Bang Nucleosynthesis (BBN) limit of  $10^6 - 10^8$  meters
  - ▶ Covering such a large  $c\tau$  range poses a major experimental challenge
- ▶ **Higgs boson a particularly good place to search for LLPs**
  - ▶ Very narrow width  $\Gamma/m$  almost two orders of magnitude smaller than most SM particles
  - ▶ Studies of Higgs couplings allow for 30-40% invisible decays

# Theories with Long-lived Particles

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- **BSM Theories that extend SM require or allow for LLPs\***
  - **Mini split supersymmetry (arXiv:1212.6971)**
  - **Gauge mediation (arXiv:hep-ph/9801271)**
  - **RPV (R-parity violating) SUSY (arXiv:1309.5957)**
  - **Models of Baryogenesis (arXiv:1409.6729)**
  - **Hidden Valleys (arXiv:hep-ph/0605193)**
  - **Dark Photons (arXiv:1604:00044)**
  - **Theories of Neutral Naturalness (arXiv:1512.05782)**
  - **Models generating neutrino masses (arXiv:1604.06099)**

\* Reference are to a relatively recent paper that contains earlier work.

# Detecting Displaced Decays

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- ▶ Detecting decays displaced from the IP in LHC detectors where triggers were designed to select prompt decays presents interesting challenges.
- ▶ CMS, ATLAS and LHCb experiments have developed new triggers (ATLAS) or improved displaced vertex reconstruction in the inner tracker (CMS and ATLAS) and vertex reconstruction in the muon spectrometer (ATLAS).
- ▶ Signatures of decays drives analyses

# Signature space of Displaced vertex searches

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- **Detector signature depends of production and decay operators of a given model**
  - **Production determines cross section and number and characteristics of associated objects**
  - **Decay operator coupling determines life time, which is effectively a free parameter**
- **Common Production modes**
  - **Production of single object - with No associated objects (AOs)**
    - **Higgs-like scalar  $\Phi$  that decays to a pair of long-lived scalars,  $ss$ , that each in turn decay to quark pairs – Hidden Valley, Neutral Naturalness, ...**
    - **Vector ( $Z'$ ) mixing with SM gauge bosons – kinetic mixing**
  - **Production of a single object P with an AO – Many SUSY models**
    - **AO jets if results from decay of a colored object**
    - **AO leptons if LLP produced via EW interactions with SM**
- **Common detector signatures  $\Rightarrow$  generic searches**

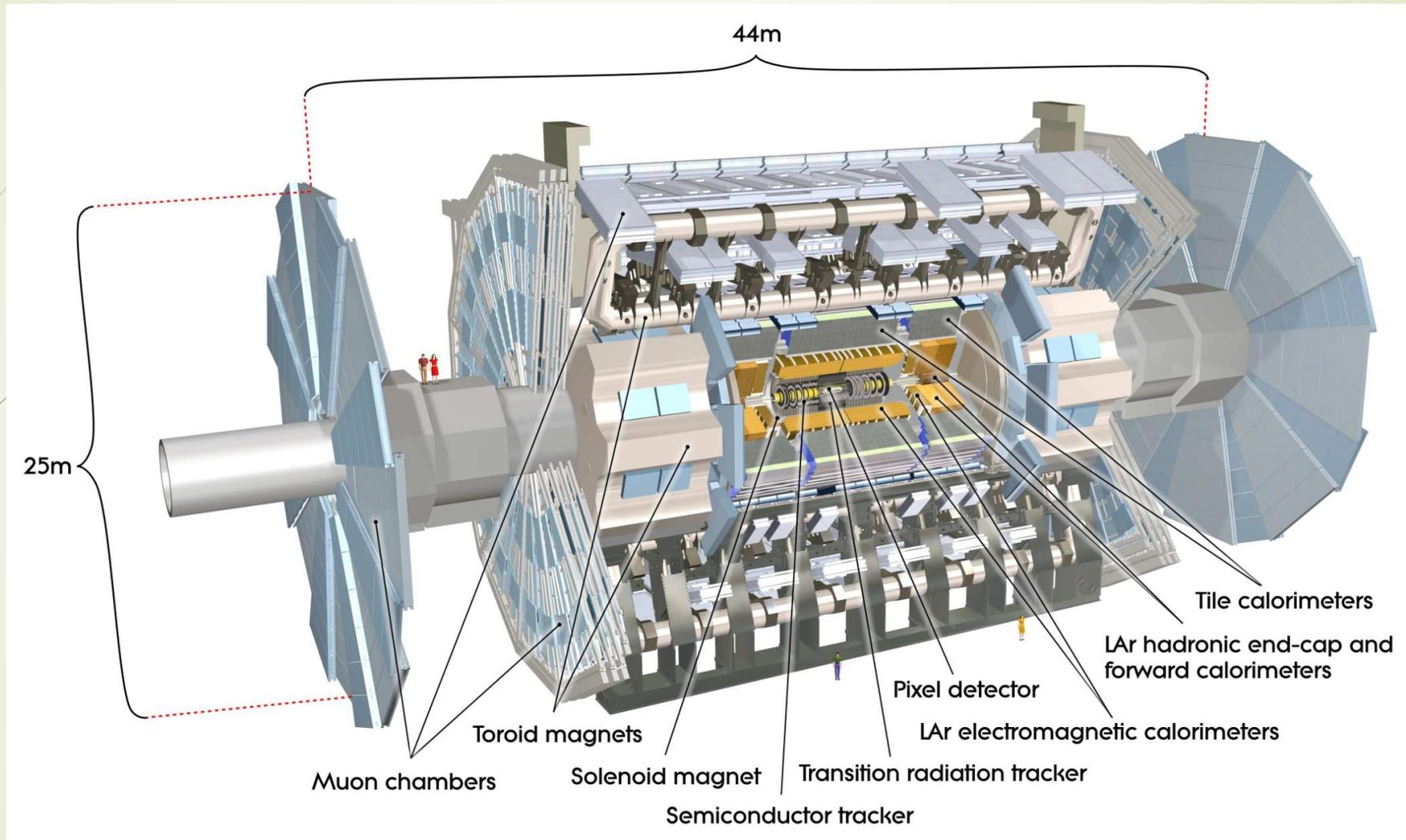
# Neutral LLPs

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- Neutral LLPs lead to displaced decays with no track connecting to the IP, a distinguishing signature
  - SM particles predominantly yield prompt decays (good news)
  - SM cross sections very large (eg. QCD jets) (bad news)
- To reduce SM backgrounds most Run 1 ATLAS searches required two identified displaced vertices or one displaced vertex with an associated object
  - Resulted in good rejection of rare SM backgrounds
  - BUT limited the kinematic region and/or lifetime reach
- None the less, many Run 1 searches were able to probe a broad range of the LLP parameter space (LLP-mass, LLP- $c\tau$ )
- ATLAS search strategy for displaced decays - based on signature driven triggers that are detector dependent

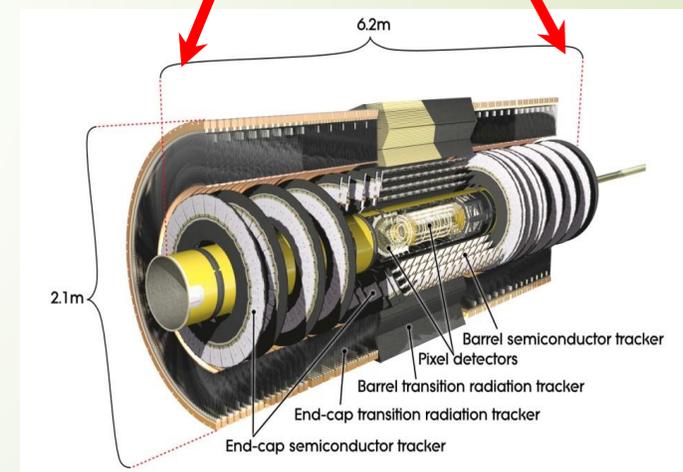
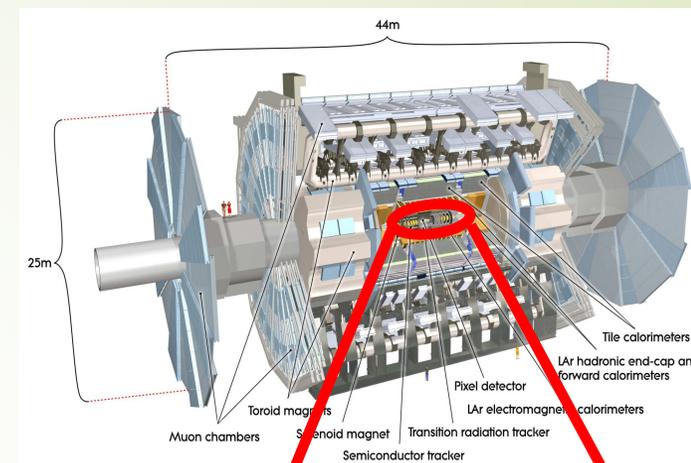
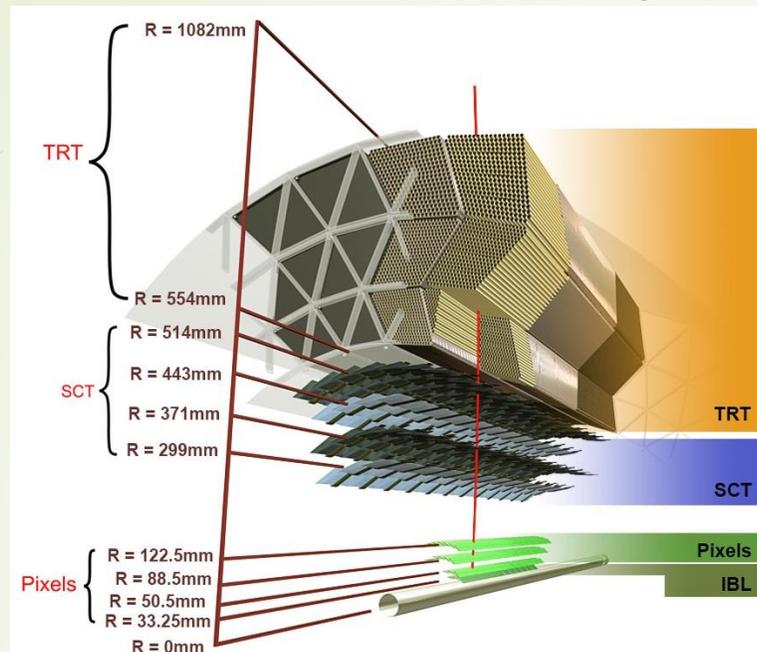
# ATLAS Detector

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# ATLAS Inner Detector

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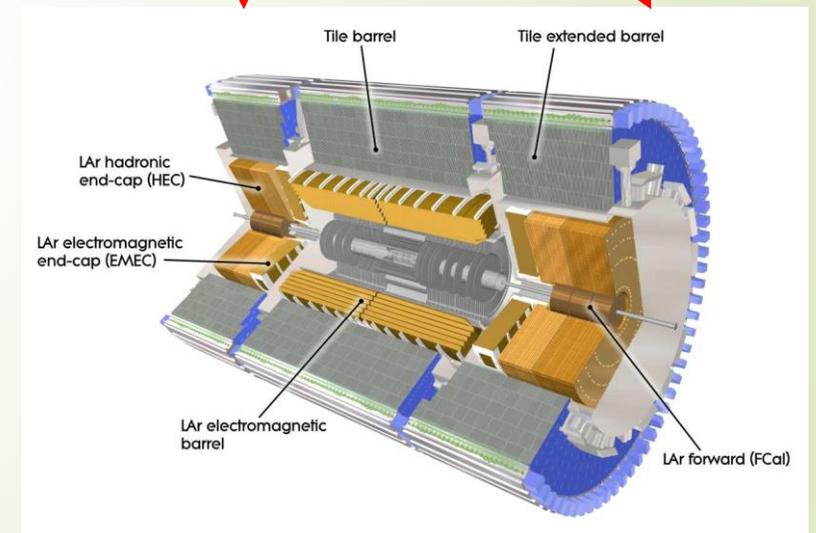
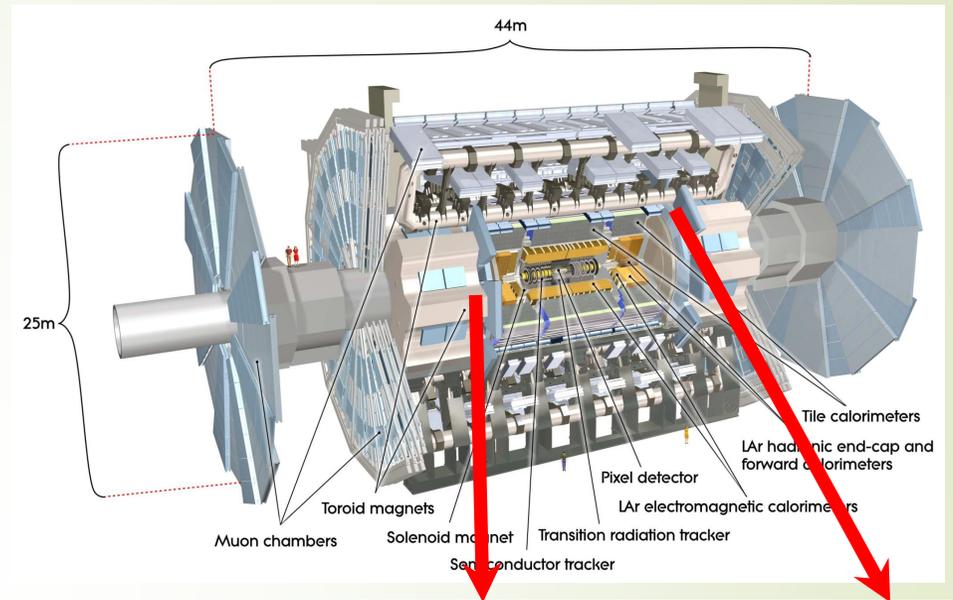


- Pixel Detector (Three + IBL layers - double sided)
  - $|\eta| < 2.5$  with  $\sigma_{r\phi} \sim 10 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $\sigma_z \sim 115 \mu\text{m}$  (80M channels)
- Semiconductor Tracker (SCT): single sided Si strips
  - stereo pairs
  - Four barrel layers and 2x9 end-cap disks stereo
  - $|\eta| < 2.5$  with  $\sigma_{r\phi} \sim 17 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $\sigma_z \sim 580 \mu\text{m}$  (6.3M channels)
- Pixel and strips provide good resolution tracking measurements
- Transition Radiation Tracker (tracking and e-p separation)
  - 73 barrel straw layers and 2x160 end-cap radial layers
  - $|\eta| < 2.0$  with  $\sigma_{r\phi} \sim 130 \mu\text{m}$  (350k channels)
  - Average of 32 hits/track
- The ID embedded in a 2 Tesla solenoidal magnetic field

# ATLAS Calorimeters

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- Electromagnetic Calorimeter (ECAL)
  - **Lead accordion with liquid argon**
  - **Three longitudinal segments**
- Hadronic Calorimeter (HCAL)
  - **Barrel Fe Scintillator plates with polystyrene**
  - **Forward Cu Liquid Ar**
- Barrel Dimensions
  - ECAL  $1.1\text{m} < r < 2.25\text{m}$
  - HCAL  $2.25\text{m} < r < 4.25\text{m}$
- Calorimeters cover  $|\eta| \leq 3.9$



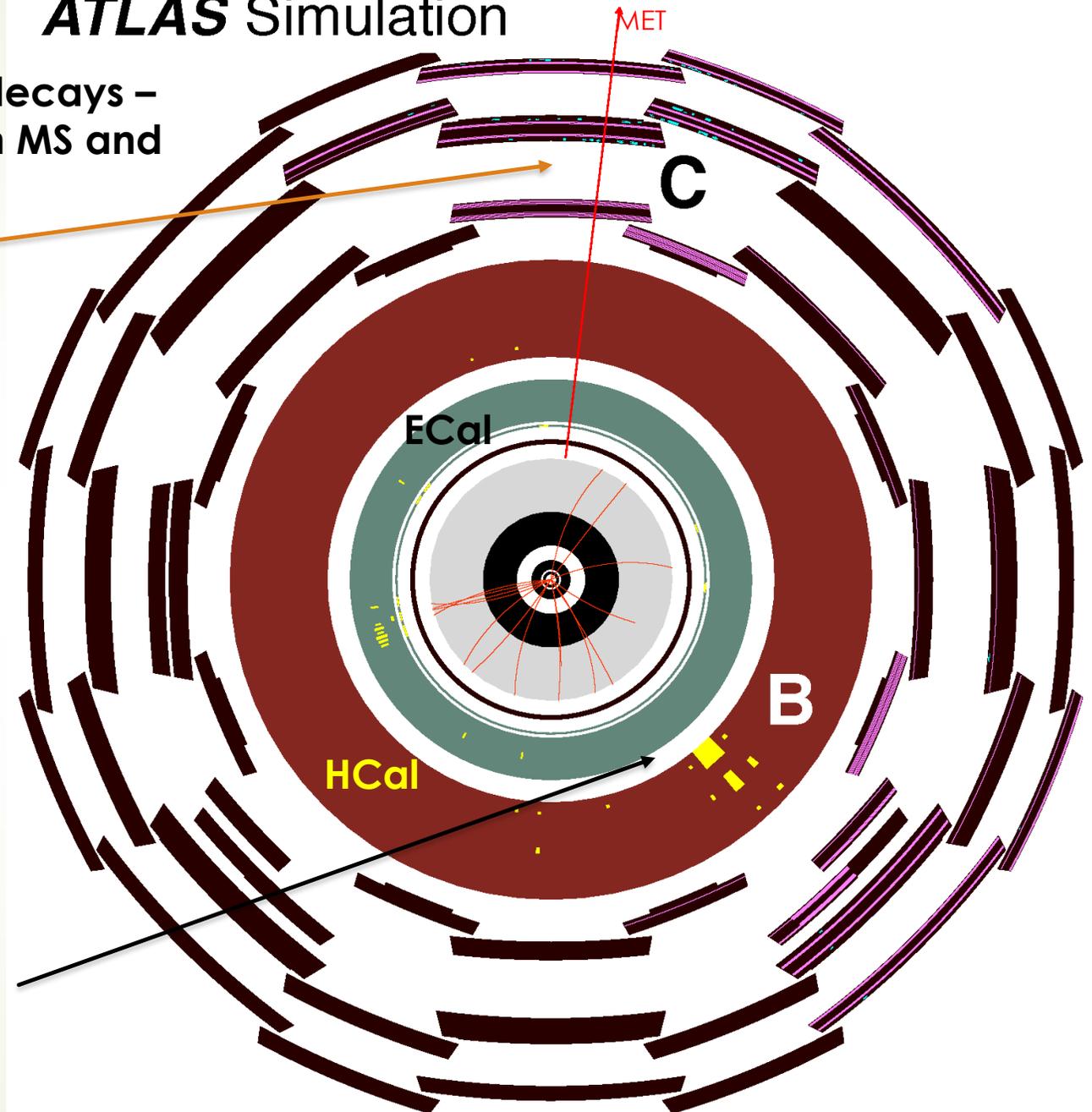


ATLAS simulation of two displaced decays –  
Note unique signatures of decays in MS and  
HCal (higgs boson simulated)

Decay in MS  
Cluster of RPC  
and MDT hits

Decay at beginning of HCal  
Low EM energy deposition

## ATLAS Simulation

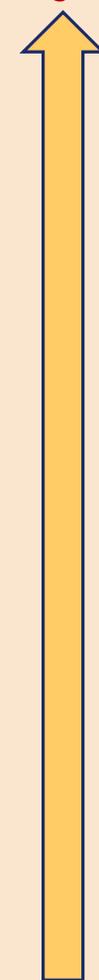


# Signature driven triggers

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- Muon Spectrometer Rol cluster trigger
  - Selects decays inside of MS
  - Events with at least 3 (4) muon Rol's in barrel(endcaps)
  - $\Delta R < 0.4$  cone
  - Isolation
    - Jets with  $E_T > 35$  GeV in  $DR < 0.4$  around cluster center
    - ID tracks ( $p_T > 5$  GeV) in  $\Delta\eta \times \Delta\phi = 0.2 \times 0.2$
- Calorimeter energy ratio trigger ( $E_{HAD}/E_{EM}$ )
  - Selects decays at end of  $E_{CAL}$  or in  $H_{CAL}$
  - $\text{Log}[E_{HAD}/E_{EM}] > 1.2$
  - Isolation
    - No tracks  $> 1$  GeV in  $DR = 0.2$  cone around the jet axis
- Trackless jet trigger (decays in ID...)
  - In development...

Increasing proper decay length



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2 - 4 m

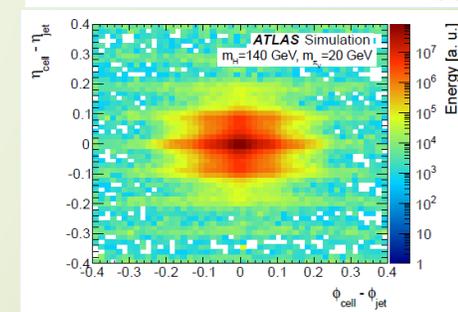
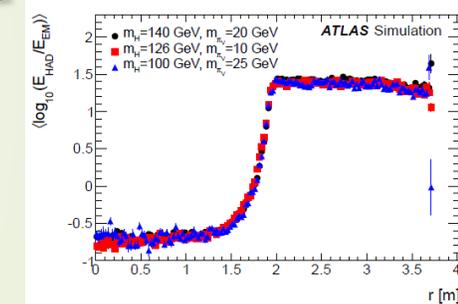
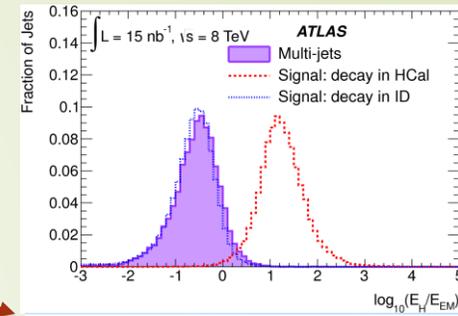
0.5 - 2 m

# ATLAS LLP trigger for displaced Hadronic Jets

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## ► Signatures of a displaced decay of neutral particle to a hadronic jet

- Inner Detector displaced vertex with no tracks pointing to IP
  - Trigger under development for Run-2
- Decay at end of ECal or in Hcal
- Trigger selects isolated jet with low EM fraction
- Run-1 trigger selects isolated jet with low EM fraction
  - Large  $E_{\text{HCal}}/E_{\text{EM}}$ , narrow jet and no ID tracks in jet cone
  - TAU40 L1 seed then reconstruct tracks and jet at HLT
  - Isolation: no  $p_{\text{T}} > 1$  GeV tracks in  $\Delta R < 0.2$  cone around jet axis
  - $E_{\text{T}} > 30$  GeV Jet with  $\text{Log}_{10} [E_{\text{HCal}}/E_{\text{EM}}] > 1.2$
  - Beam halo removal: Calorimeter cell timing
- Run\_2 L1 Topo triggers → combine objects from different subsystems
  - Tau30 & no associated EM cluster (once L1 Topo triggers available)
  - Use L1\_Tau\_60 until topo trigger available
  - $E_{\text{T}} > 30$  GeV Jet with  $\text{Log}_{10}[E_{\text{HCal}}/E_{\text{EM}}] > 1.2$
  - No  $p_{\text{T}} > 2$  GeV tracks in  $\Delta R < 0.2$  cone around jet axis
  - Beam Halo Veto (improved in 2016)
  - Dedicated jet cleaning to avoid spikes in the trigger rates due to LAr noise



# ATLAS LLP trigger for decays in the muon spectrometer

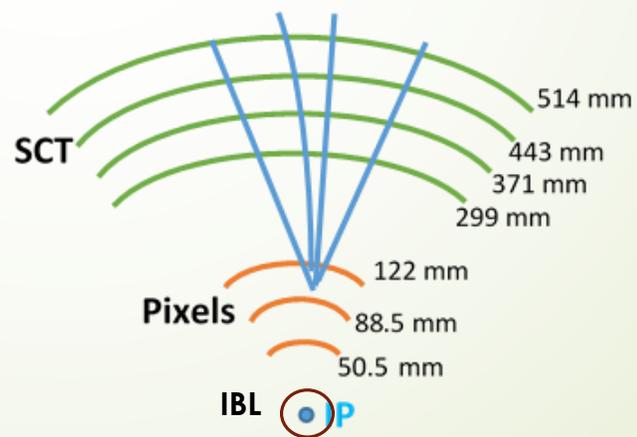
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- ▶ Muon RoI cluster trigger selects cluster of tracks in MS
  - ▶ The *signature* of neutral particle decay at end of HCal or in MS
- ▶ Trigger selects an isolated cluster of muon Rols (Run-1& Run-2)
  - ▶ L1\_2MU10
  - ▶ Require 3 (4) muon Rols in  $\Delta R < 0.4$  cone in MS Barrel (endcaps)
  - ▶ No tracks with  $p_T > 5$  GeV in  $\Delta R < 0.4$  cone around the muon cluster direction
  - ▶ No  $E_T > 30$  GeV jet in a  $\Delta R < 0.7$  cone around the muon cluster center with  $\text{Log}_{10}[E_{\text{HCal}}/E_{\text{EM}}] < 0.5$
- ▶ New Run-2 MS trigger
  - ▶ Same first two criteria
  - ▶ NO ISOLATION
  - ▶ Provides and orthogonal back-ground sample
    - ▶ Can be used to compare to “signal Trigger” sample
    - ▶ Becomes powerful when used for sample of reconstructed MS vertices
    - ▶ More details later
  - ▶ Lepton-jet: new narrow-scan  $\mu$ -trigger (20GeV L1  $\mu$  seed; HLT\_mu6\_MSonly in  $\Delta R < 0.5$ )

# ATLAS Displaced Vertex reconstruction

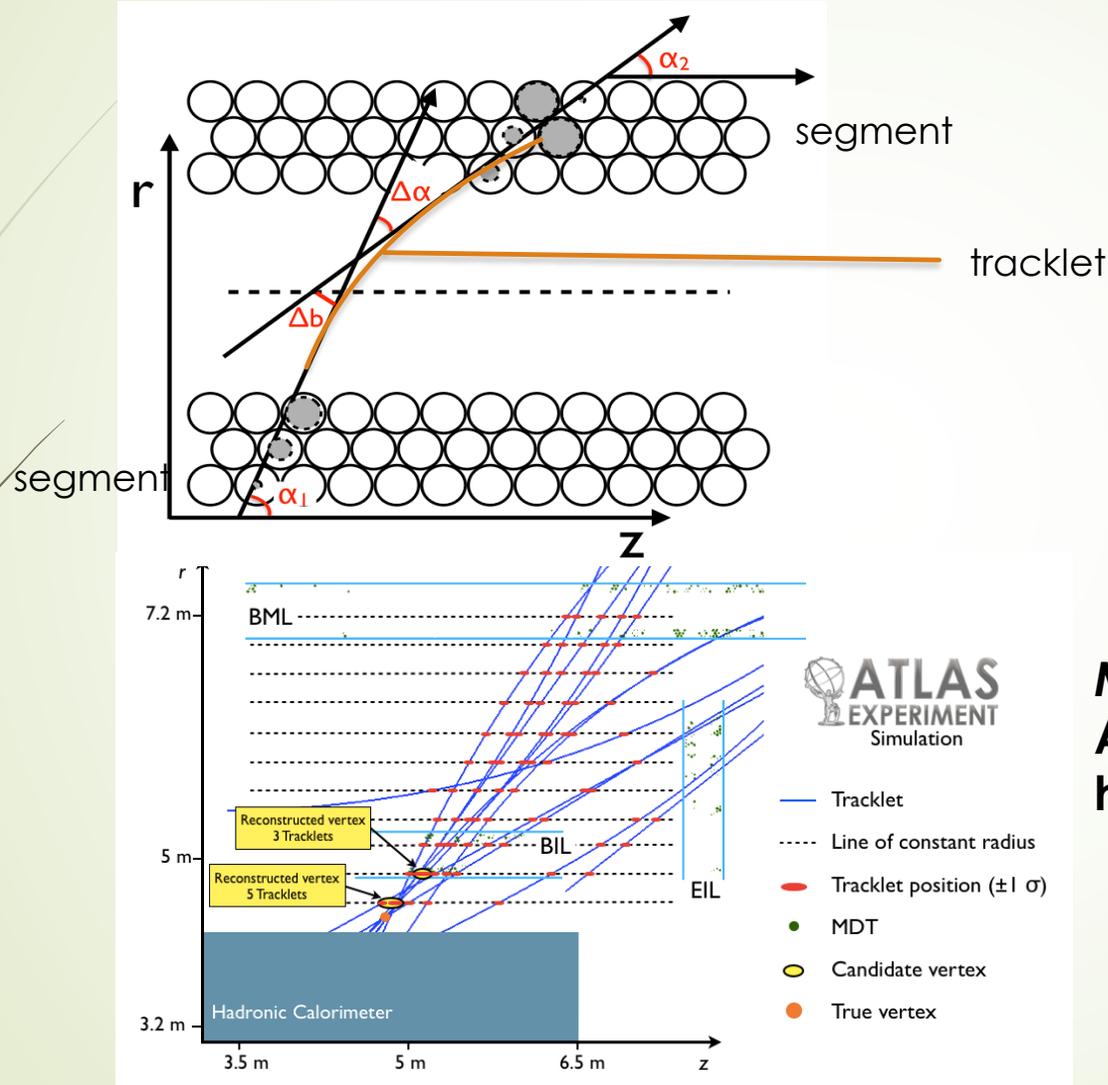
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- Custom ID and MS displaced vertex reconstruction algorithms developed and used in several Run-1 ATLAS analyses
  - Two ID displaced vertex reconstruction algorithms used in Run-1
    - Modification of IP vertex reconstruction algorithm
    - Modifications of secondary vertex reconstruction algorithm used for B-decays
    - Require a calorimeter jet consistent with displaced vertex



# ATLAS Displaced Vertex reconstruction

## MS stand-alone vertex reconstruction (JINST 9 P02001, arXiv:1311.7070)



In barrel MS track segments formed in the two layers of muon chamber are combined to form a “tracklet” that are Grouped (cone algorithm).

These tracklets are back extrapolated and an iterative fit made to get vertex position.

Analyses need to define “good vertex” Criteria (Jet isolation, MDT/TGC activity...)

MS vertex reconstruction used for the ATLAS Run-1 searches for displaced hadronic jets decaying in MS

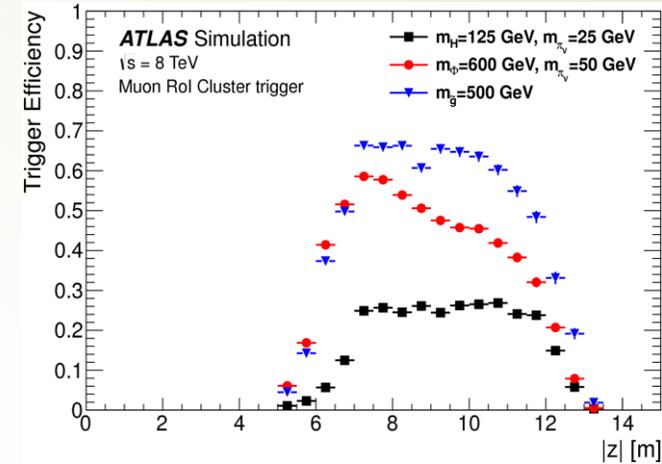
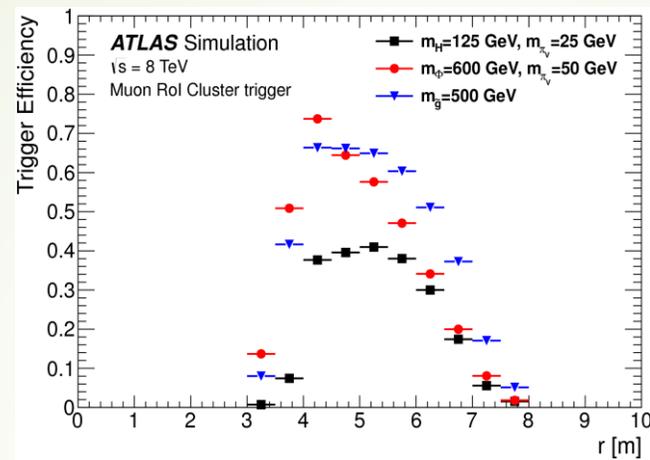
**NEW Run- 2 MS vertex reconstruction run on every event accepted by an ATLAS trigger – part of data stream**

# Rol Cluster Trigger and MS vertex reconstruction efficiencies

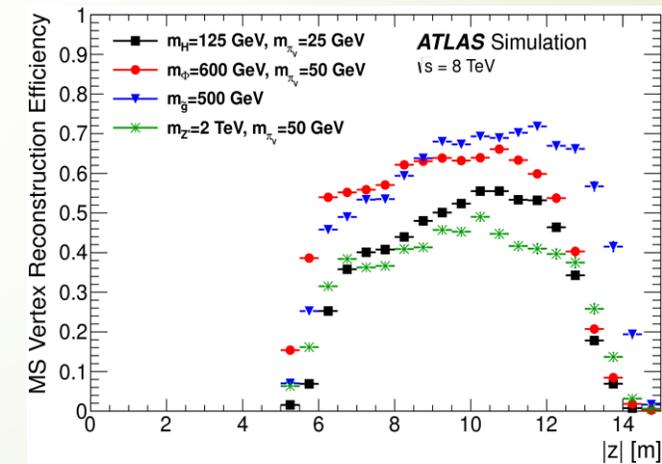
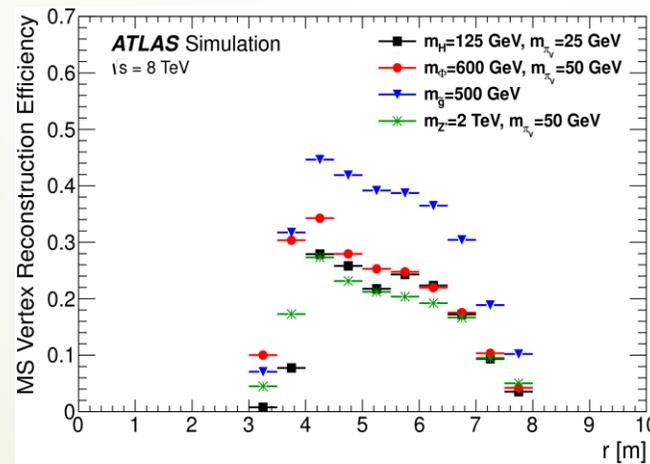
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## Run-1 trigger and MS vertex reconstruction efficiencies

Trigger



Vertex



barrel

endcaps

# Run-1

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## Searches requiring two displaced decays - GENERIC

- Two low EM fraction (EMF) jets (decays in the HCal)
- Two reconstructed displaced vertices
  - 2MS vertices or MS vertex plus ID vertex
- Sensitive to Higgs decaying to long-lived scalar pairs
- No evidence for two vertex events in the Run-1 data** set limits for Higgs decay to long-lived scalar pairs, Stealth SUSY and heavy  $Z'$  decay (long-lived particles indicated by double lines)

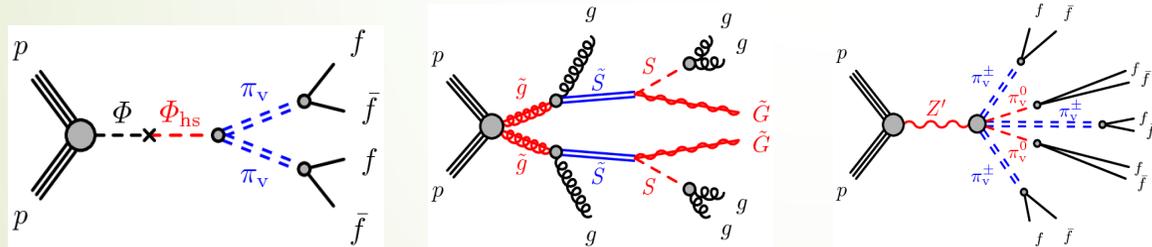
Scalar boson mass [GeV]	$\pi_\nu$ mass [GeV]
100	10, 25
125	10, 25, 40
140	10, 20, 40
300	50
600	50, 150
900	50, 150

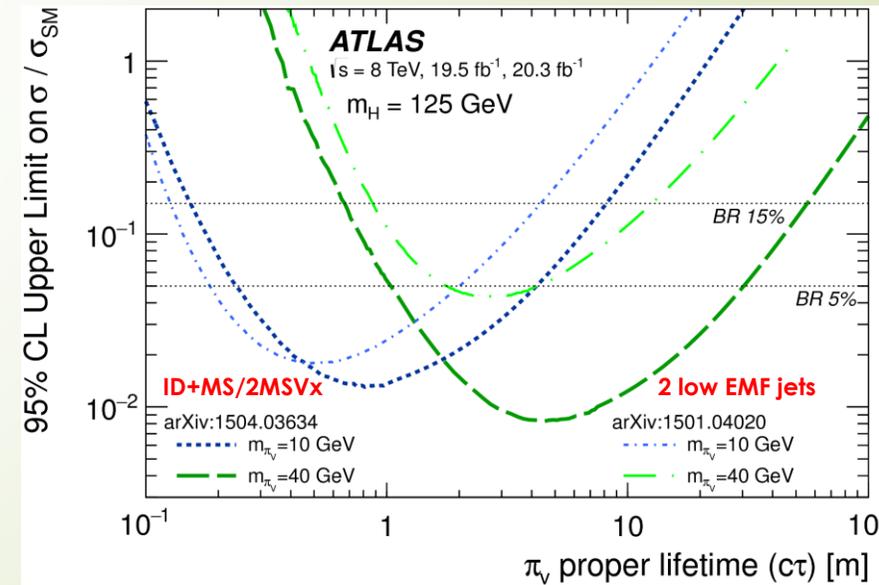
$Z'$ mass [TeV]	$\pi_\nu$ mass [GeV]
1	50
2	50
2	120

$\tilde{g}$ mass [GeV]	$\tilde{S}, S$ mass [GeV]
110	100, 90
250	100, 90
500	100, 90
800	100, 90
1200	100, 90



Trigger	Applicable topologies	Benchmarks
Muon RoI Cluster	IDV <sub>x</sub> +MSV <sub>x</sub> , 2MSV <sub>x</sub>	Scalar boson, Stealth SUSY
Jet + $E_T^{\text{miss}}$	2IDV <sub>x</sub> , IDV <sub>x</sub> +MSV <sub>x</sub> , 2MSV <sub>x</sub>	$Z'$

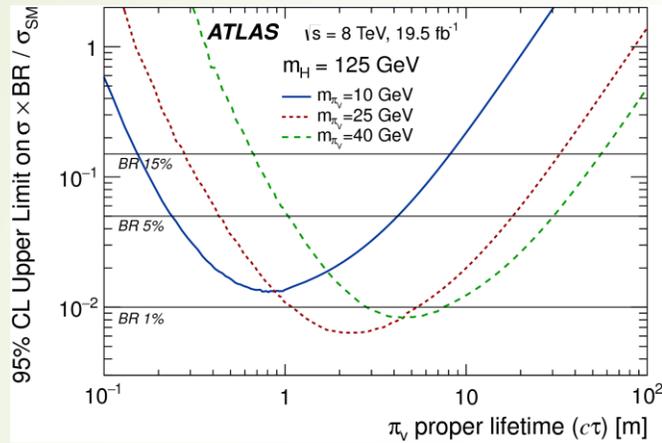


# Run-1 Results

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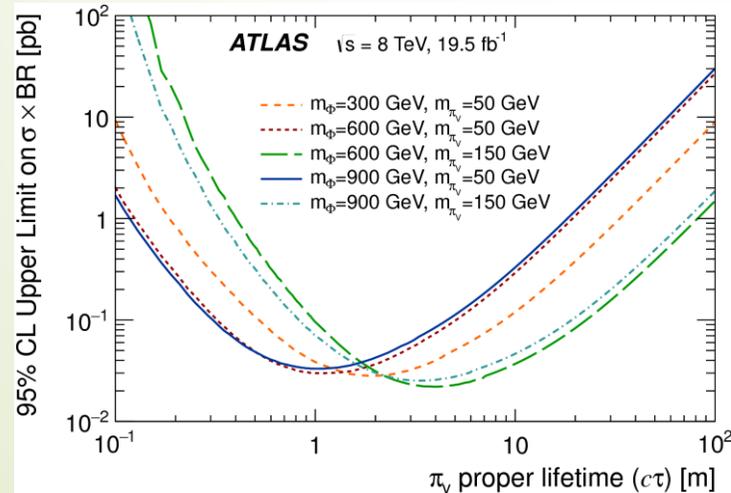
- 2MS vertices or MS vertex plus ID vertex [\[arXiv:1504.03634, Phys. Rev D92, 012010 \(2015\)\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/1504.03634)

- $\pi_\nu$  proper decay lengths excluded at 95% CL assuming 30%, 15%, 5%, or 1% BR for  $m_H = 125$  GeV.



$m_{\pi_\nu}$ [GeV]	Excluded $c\tau$ range [m]			
	1% BR	5% BR	15% BR	30 % BR
10	no limit	0.24–4.2	0.16–8.1	0.12–11.8
25	1.10–5.35	0.43–18.1	0.28–32.8	0.22–46.7
40	2.82–7.45	1.04–30.4	0.68–55.5	0.52–79.2

- $\sigma \times \text{BR}$  95% CL limits for scalar boson samples:  $m_\phi = 300$  GeV, 600 GeV, and 900 GeV

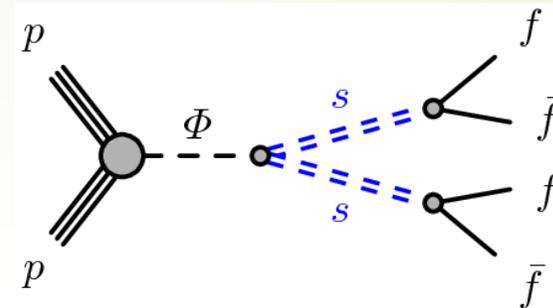


# Run-2 Results (13 TeV)

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- Limits for hidden-sector, heavy Higgs-like scalars decaying to hadronic jets in the ATLAS hadronic calorimeter in  $3.2 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  (2015 13 TeV data set)

$m_\Phi$ [GeV]	$m_s$ [GeV]
400	50, 100
600	50, 150
1000	50, 150, 400



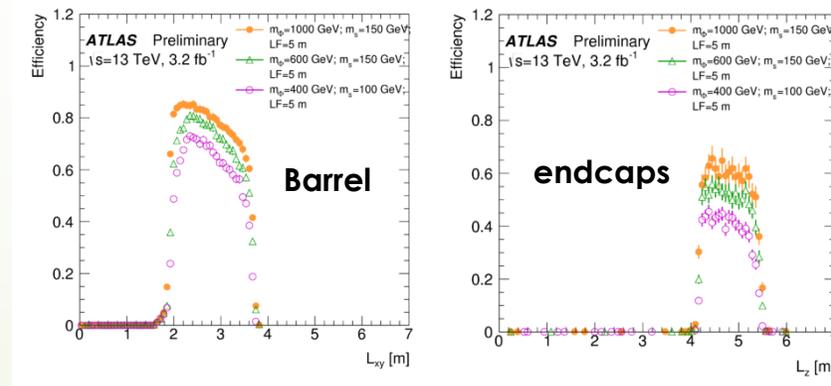
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$$s \rightarrow b\bar{b}$$

Yukawa coupling  
heavy quarks dominant

- Trigger selects narrow jets in Hcal [60 GeV in  $0.2 \times 0.2$  ( $\Delta\eta, \Delta\phi$ ) region] and  $\log_{10}(E_H/E_{EM}) > 1.2$  and no track pointing to jet
- Uses Boosted Decision Tree (BDT) to discriminate between QCD-like and signal-like jets (jet  $p_T$ , jet width, track variables....)

## Trigger Efficiency

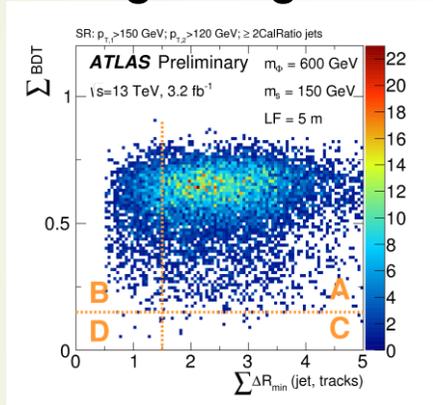


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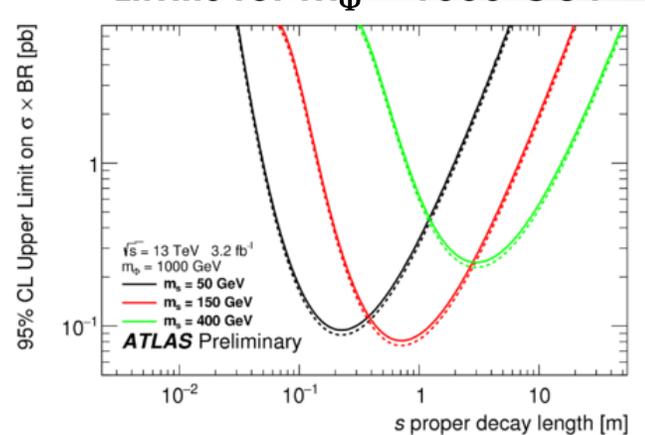
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- Multijet backgrounds estimated using ABCD method using uncorrelated variables  $\Sigma\text{BDT}$  [sum of two jets having highest BDT values] and  $\Sigma\Delta R_{\min}(\text{jet, tracks})$  [sum angle between jet axis and closest track with  $p_T > 2$  GeV]

A-signal region



Limits for  $m_\phi = 1000$  GeV

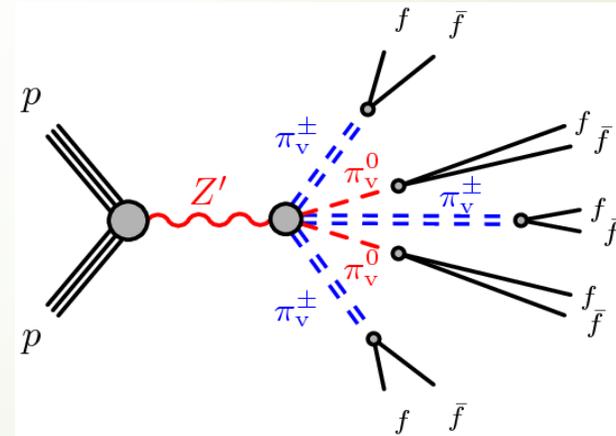
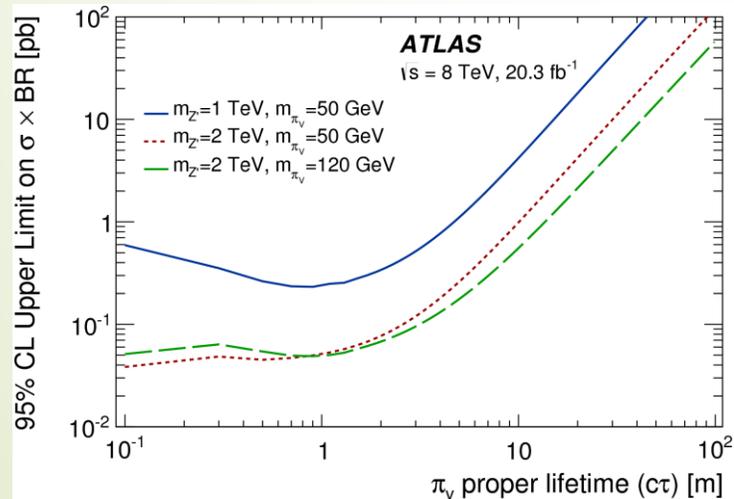
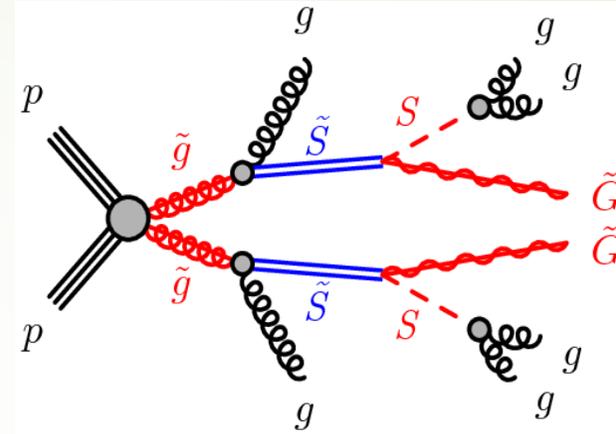
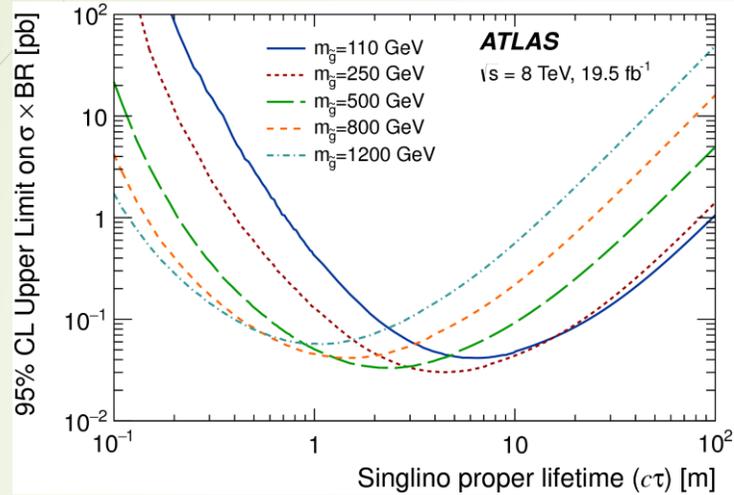


	$m_s = 50$ GeV	$m_s = 100$ GeV	$m_s = 150$ GeV	$m_s = 400$ GeV
	Decay length range excluded at 95% CL for $\sigma \times \text{BR} = 1$ pb			
$m_\phi = 400$ GeV	(0.20, 2.4) m	(0.52, 4.6) m	–	–
$m_\phi = 600$ GeV	(0.09, 2.7) m	–	(0.38, 8.2) m	–
$m_\phi = 1$ TeV	(0.05, 2.0) m	–	(0.14, 7.2) m	(0.78, 16) m

# Run-1 Results - other models with two LLPs

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- 2MS vertices or MS vertex plus ID vertex [arXiv:1504.03634, Phys. Rev D92, 012010 (2015)]



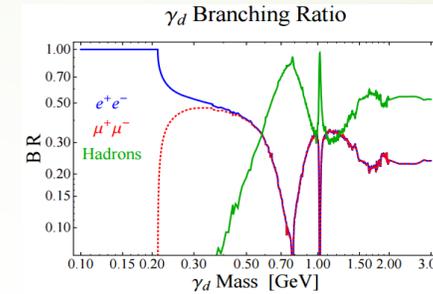
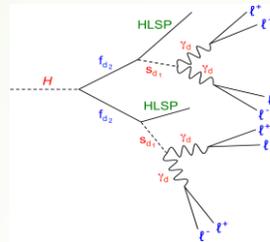
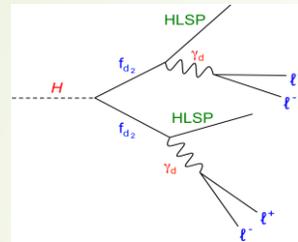
# Displaced lepton-jets Run-1 Results

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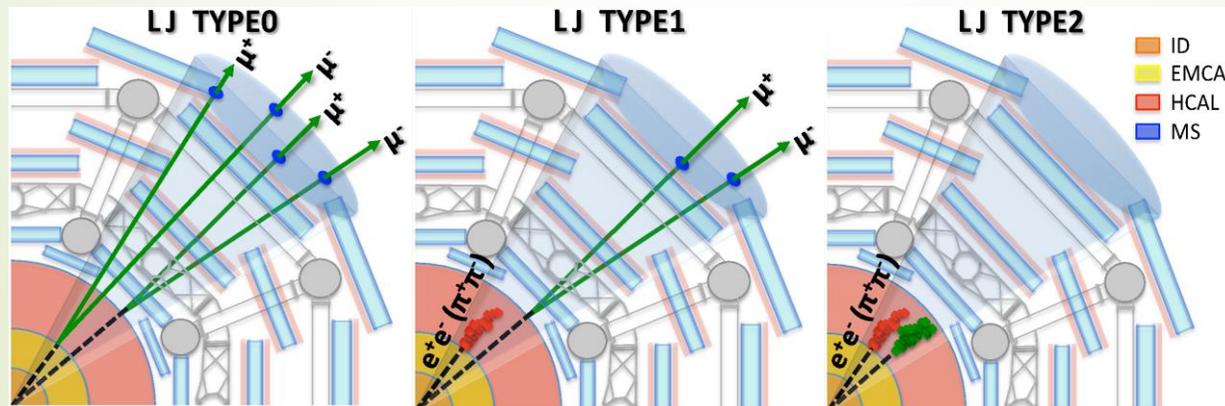
## Displaced Lepton-Jets

arXiv:1409.0746  
JHEP11(2014)088

- kinetic mixing of light  $\gamma_d$  with SM  $\gamma$  through vector portal
- ATLAS search based on FRVZ bench marks: [JHEP 05 \(2010\) 077 \[arXiv:1002.2952\]](#)



- Searched for  $2\gamma_d$  and  $4\gamma_d$  decaying to lepton jets
- Used a lepton-jet gun to simulate individual displaced LJs from one  $\gamma_d$  decay and hidden scalar  $s_d \rightarrow \gamma_d \gamma_d$
- Generate efficiency maps uniform in  $p_T$ ,  $\eta$ , and decay position with LJ gun samples that are independent of a specific model



Type 0: all  $\gamma_d \rightarrow \mu$ 's  
Type 1:  $1\gamma_d \rightarrow ee$  or  $\pi\pi$ ,  $1\gamma_d \rightarrow 2\mu$   
Type 2: all  $\gamma_d \rightarrow ee$  or  $\pi\pi$

# Displaced lepton-jets Run-1 Results

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- Main Backgrounds are cosmic and QCD jets

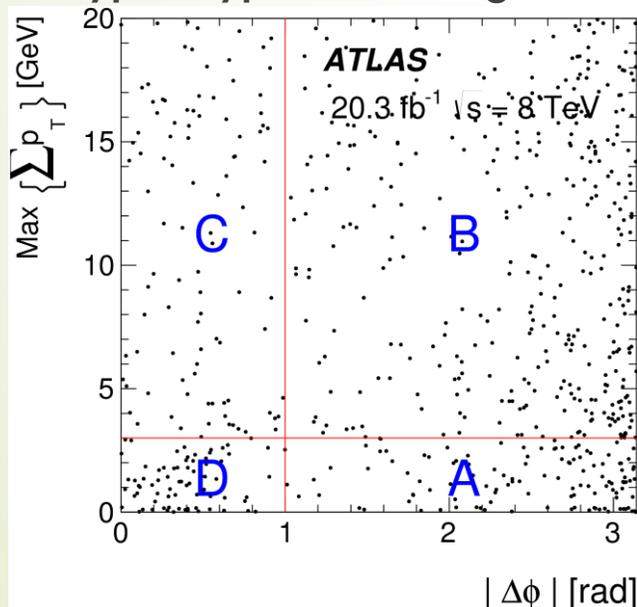
- Used empty bunches to determine cosmic background

Data Type	Events in B	Events in C	Events in D	Expected Events in A
Cosmic-ray data	0	0	$60 \pm 13$	$40 \pm 10$
Data (cosmic rays subtracted)	$362 \pm 19$	$99 \pm 10$	$19 \pm 16$	$70 \pm 58$

- QCD jets are irreducible background - evaluated using ABCD method where  $\Delta\phi$  is azimuthal angle between the two lepton jet

- Data is consistent with expected backgrounds

- Type2-Type2 have largest background –excluding these events gives most sensitive limit



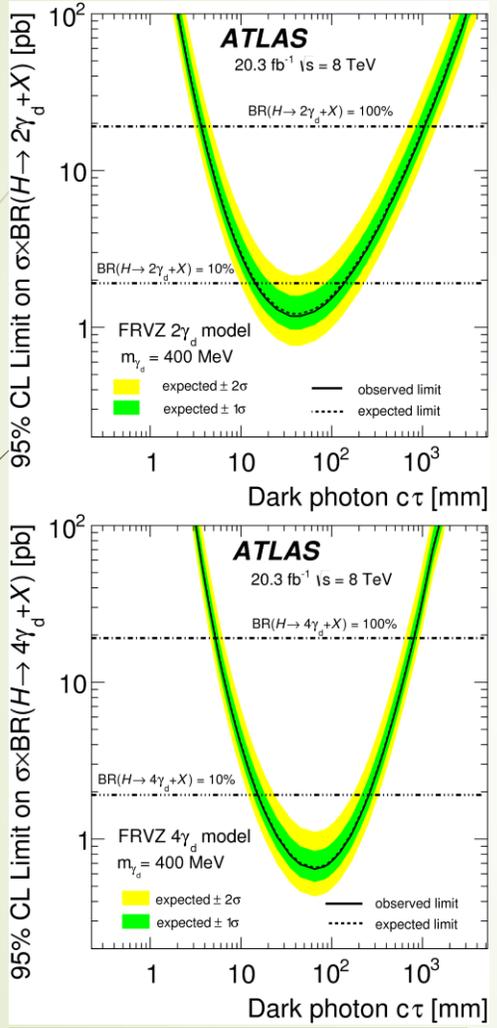
	All LJ pair types	TYPE2-TYPE2 LJs excluded
Data	119	29
Cosmic rays	$40 \pm 11 \pm 9$	$29 \pm 9 \pm 29$
Multi-jets (ABCD)	$70 \pm 58 \pm 11$	$12 \pm 9 \pm 2$
Total background	$110 \pm 59 \pm 14$	$41 \pm 12 \pm 29$

## No Type2-Type2

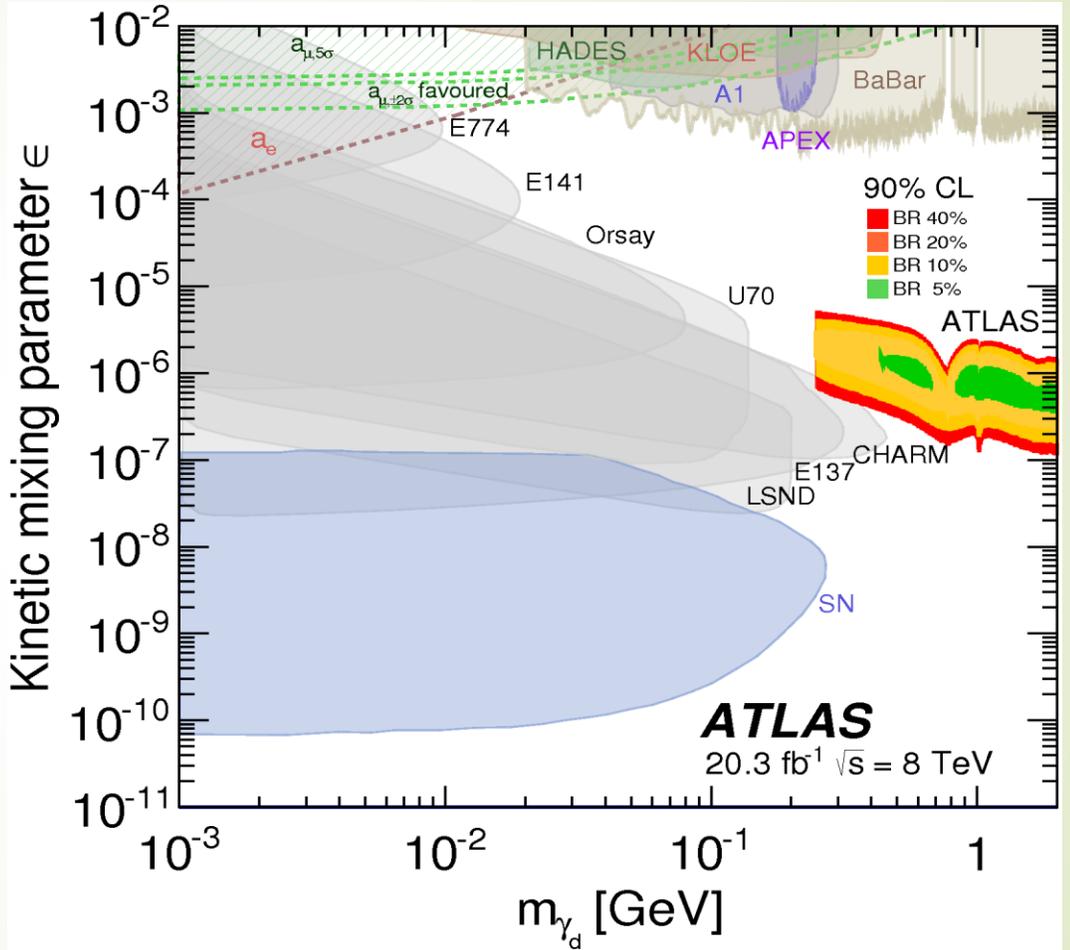
FRVZ model	Excluded $c\tau$ [mm] BR(10%)
$H \rightarrow 2\gamma_d + X$	$14 \leq c\tau \leq 140$
$H \rightarrow 4\gamma_d + X$	$15 \leq c\tau \leq 260$

# Run-1

Results obtained from the lepton-gun MC efficiencies



Type 0 and 1 only limits



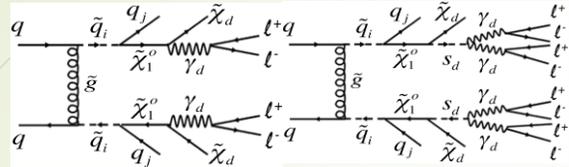
ATLAS limits in the global  $\epsilon$  vs  $m_{\gamma_d}$  plot  
 NB: ATLAS result depend on BRs and are for specific final states.

# Prompt lepton-jets Run-1 results

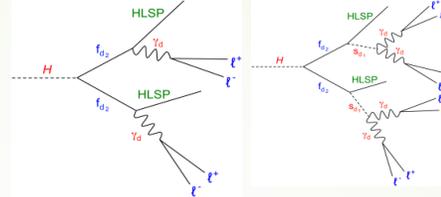
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## ► Prompt Lepton-Jets [JHEP02(2016)062, arXiv:1511.05542]

### ► Benchmark models:



SUSY production of dark  $\chi$



FRVZ Higgs-portal

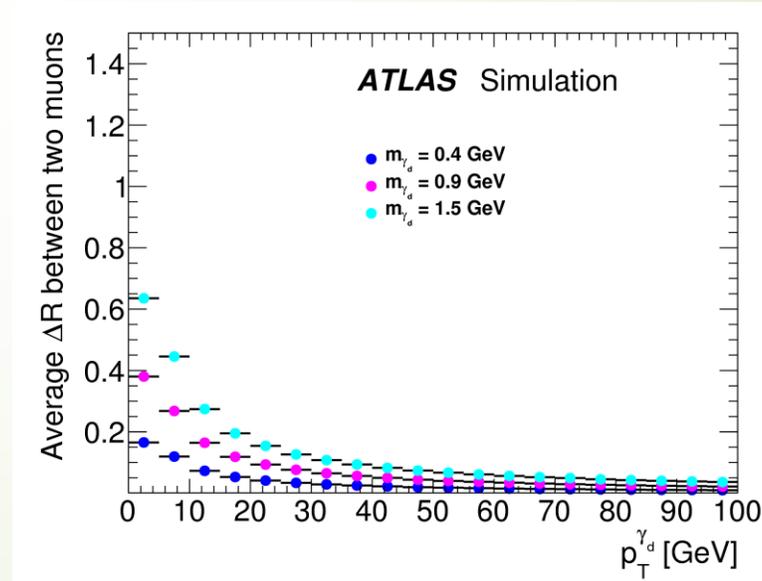
Use EM-Cal segmentation to separate electrons from  $\pi^0$

- Two scenarios  $\gamma_d \rightarrow ee, \mu\mu$  or  $\pi\pi$  and  $s_d \rightarrow \gamma_d \gamma_d$
- Event selection: requires 2 LJs from combinations of e-jet (eLJ),  $\mu$ -jet ( $\mu$ LJ), mixed ( $e\mu$ LJ) where jet  $\geq 2$  tracks

### 6 categories of events:

- eLJ-eLJ,  $\mu$ LJ- $\mu$ LJ, eLJ- $\mu$ LJ
- eLJ-e  $\mu$ LJ,  $\mu$ LJ-e  $\mu$ LJ, e  $\mu$ LJ-e $\mu$ LJ

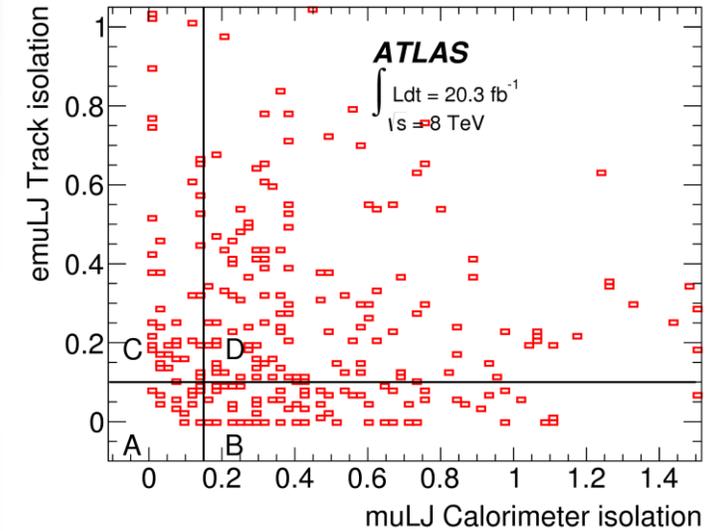
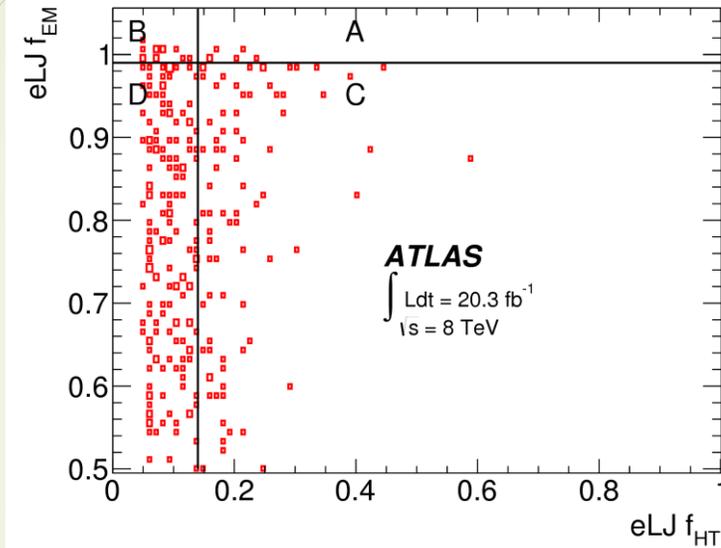
- $\gamma_d$  high boost – small opening angles
- $\mu$ LJ requires at least two muons with  $p_T > 10$  GeV within  $\Delta R = 0.5$  of LJ



# Prompt Lepton Jets Run-1 results

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- ▶ Main SM backgrounds from OCD jets
- ▶ Use ABCD method to determine SM backgrounds
- ▶ For each of the 6 categories of events have 2 “uncorrelated” variables



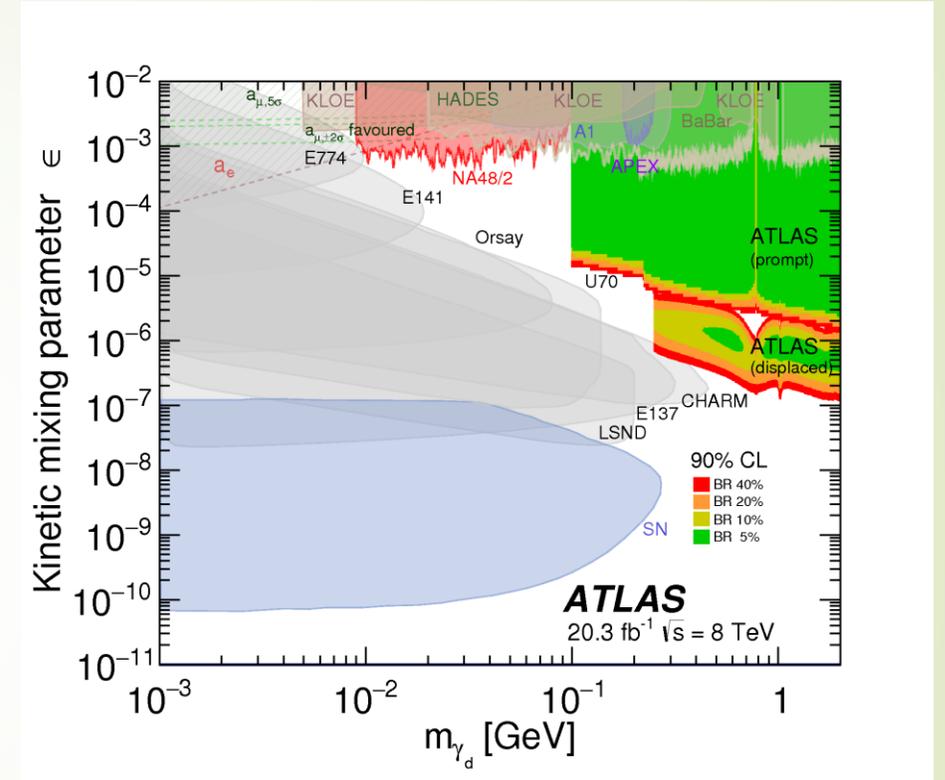
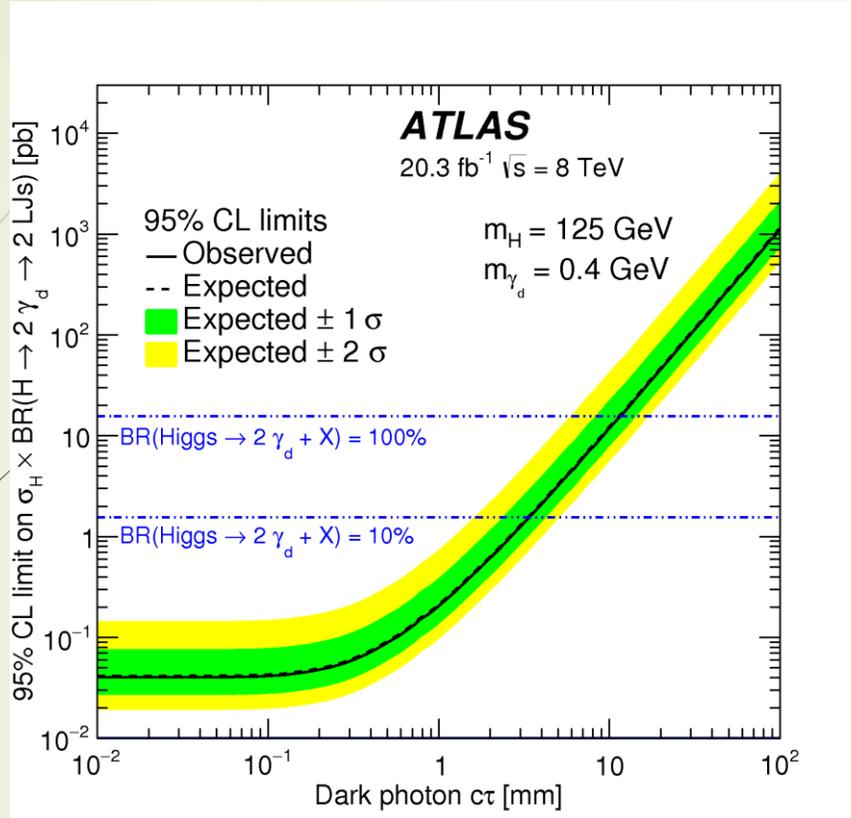
**No deviations from SM expectations – set 95% CL**

Channel	Background (ABCD-likelihood method)	Background (total)	Observed events in data
eLJ–eLJ	$2.9 \pm 0.9$	$4.4 \pm 1.3$	6
muLJ–muLJ	$2.9 \pm 0.6$	$4.4 \pm 1.1$	4
eLJ–muLJ	$6.7 \pm 1.4$	$7.1 \pm 1.4$	2
eLJ–emuLJ	$7.8 \pm 2.0$	$7.8 \pm 2.0$	5
muLJ–emuLJ	$20.2 \pm 4.5$	$20.3 \pm 4.5$	14
emuLJ–emuLJ	$1.3 \pm 0.8$	$1.9 \pm 0.9$	0

# Prompt Lepton-jets Run-1 Results

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► Sensitive to very small  $c\tau$

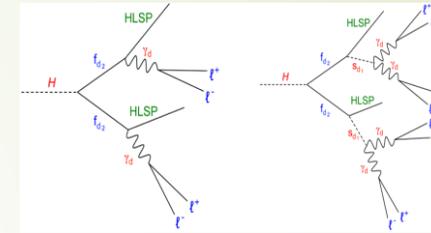


**NB the  $\epsilon$  vs  $m_{\gamma_d}$  results from both prompt and displaced LJs Are model dependent (FRVZ) and BR**

- Standard Model Higgs boson (gluon fusion production) decays to dark fermions  $f_{d2}$  [arXiv:1002.2952](https://arxiv.org/abs/1002.2952), [1007.3496](https://arxiv.org/abs/1007.3496)

- As in Run-1 search for two and four lepton jets in same topologies

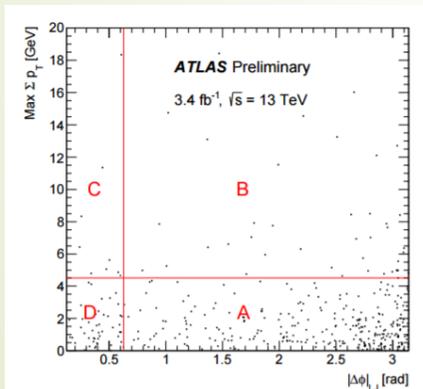
Type 0: all  $\gamma_d \rightarrow \mu$ 's  
 Type 1:  $1\gamma_d \rightarrow ee$  or  $\pi\pi$ ,  $1\gamma_d \rightarrow 2\mu$   
 Type 2: all  $\gamma_d \rightarrow ee$  or  $\pi\pi$



- Main backgrounds: cosmic rays and multi jets

- ABCD method

- MAX  $\Sigma p_T$  where sum is over all LJs and  $\Delta\phi_{LJ}$  between lepton jets in event



No Type2-Type2

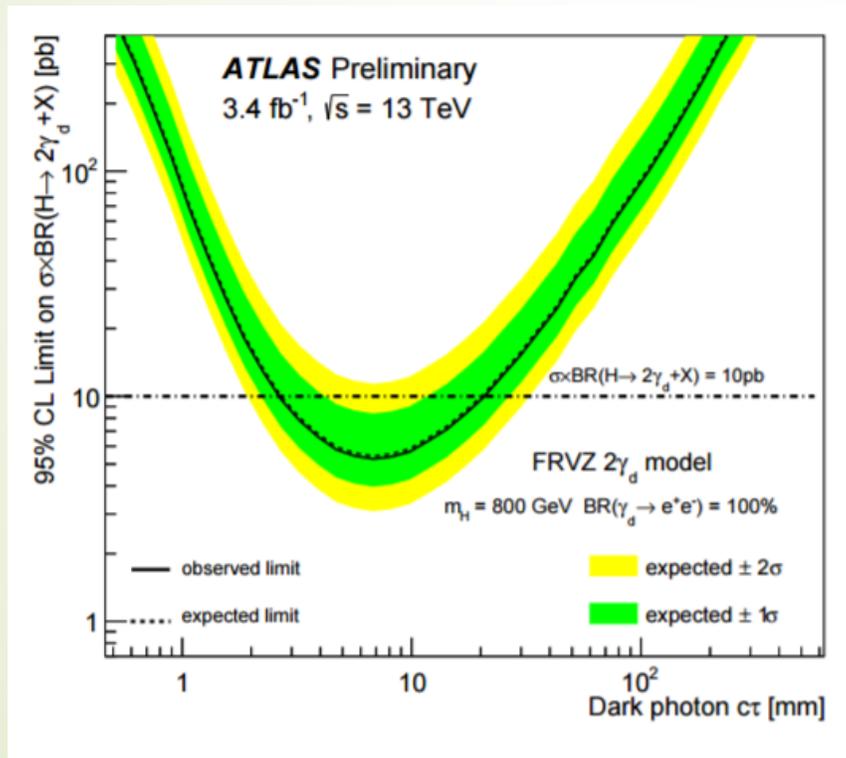
Type 2: all  $\gamma_d \rightarrow ee$  or  $\pi\pi$

$M_{\gamma_d} = 0.4 \text{ GeV}$

FRVZ model	$m_H$ (GeV)	Excluded $c\tau$ [mm]
Higgs $\rightarrow 2\gamma_d + X$	125	$2.2 \leq c\tau \leq 111.3$
Higgs $\rightarrow 4\gamma_d + X$	800	$3.8 \leq c\tau \leq 163.0$
Higgs $\rightarrow 2\gamma_d + X$	125	$0.6 \leq c\tau \leq 63$
Higgs $\rightarrow 4\gamma_d + X$	800	$0.8 \leq c\tau \leq 186$

# Light Boson (Beryllium)

- Limit  $\sigma \times \text{BR}$  for 800 GeV Higgs boson  $H \rightarrow 2\gamma_d + X$  where  $m_{\gamma_d} = 16.7$  GeV
- For 100% decay to electron pairs



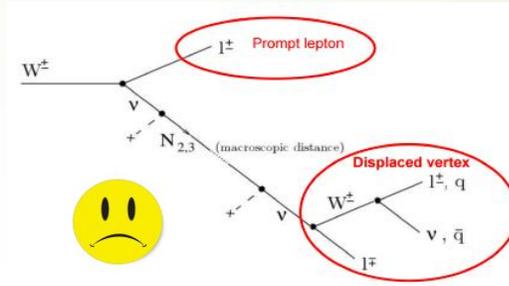
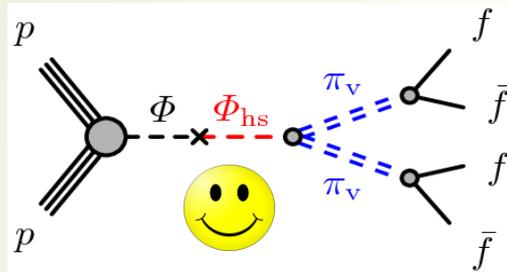
# Run-2 displaced analysis – can we do better

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➔ Current displaced decay searches either

(I) Require two displaced object per event

- Works only for LLPs that are produced in pairs

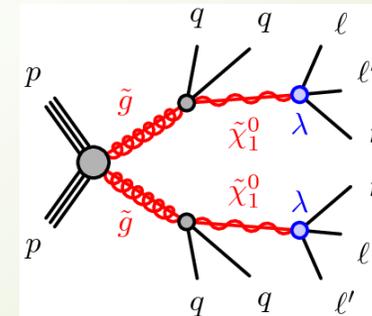


- reduced lifetime sensitivity - scales like  $1/(c\tau)^2$

(II) Require one displaced vertex plus an associated high energy object (m, MET..)

- OK for SUSY models but not for many other BSM models

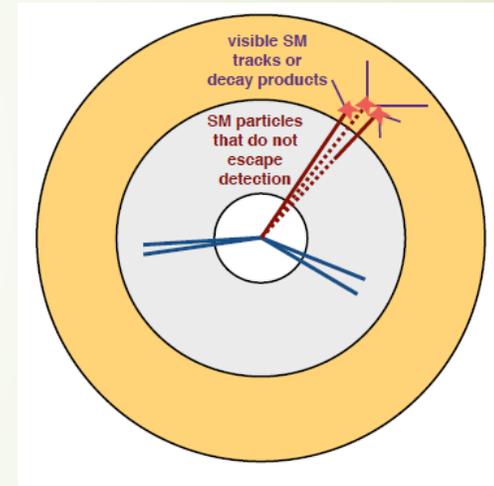
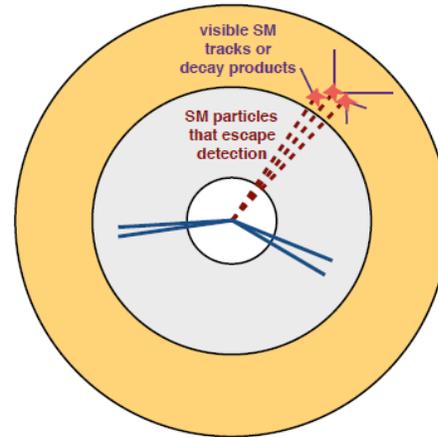
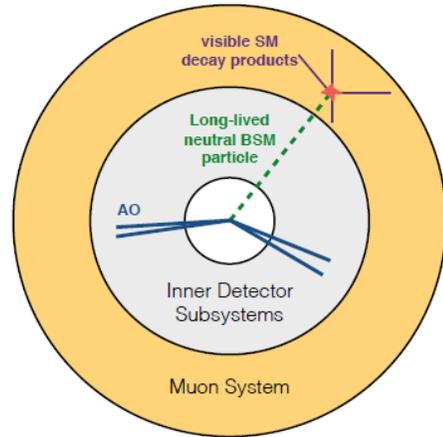
e. g. RPV with long-lived neutralino



# Single vertex analyses – New approach

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- No SM displaced objects, but plenty of jet production
  - Main source of background for LLP searches (especially for gluon fusion H production) from jets that fake a displaced object in HCal or punch through to MS and reconstruct as a displaced vertex that fakes expected signal
    - **Requiring 2 reconstructed displaced vertices in MS (Run-1) kills this background**
- **MS displaced decay in MS - trigger selection**



[arXiv:1605.0274](https://arxiv.org/abs/1605.0274)  
A. Coccaro, D. Curtin,  
J. Shelton, H. Russell, HL

MS RoI cluster trigger  
selects cluster of  
isolated MS activity

Orthogonal MS RoI non-  
isolated cluster trigger  
selects events rejected  
by the RoI cluster trigger

- **Note Life-time reach of 2 vertex analysis scales like  $1/(c\tau)^2$ , while for single vertex scales like  $1/c\tau$**

# New Strategy

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- ➔ Have Two Samples with N reconstructed vertices

Orthogonal  
selection  
No isolation

$N_{\text{noiso}}$  (vertex) events

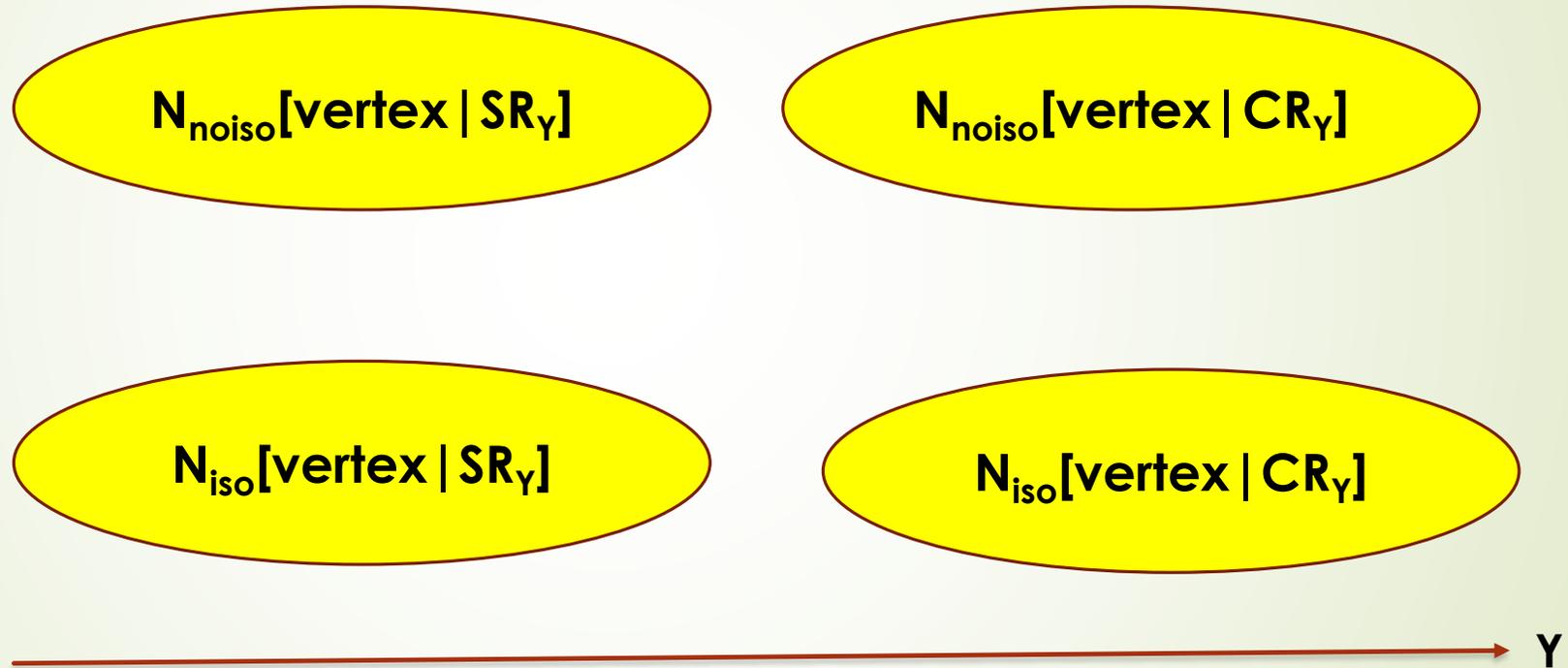
Isolated selection

$N_{\text{iso}}$  (vertex) events

# New Strategy

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- ▶ Use non-iso-region events to estimate number of expected iso region events from SM backgrounds.
- ▶ Divide events into a control region and signal region using in addition a variable  $Y$  (e.g., number of leptons, MET...)

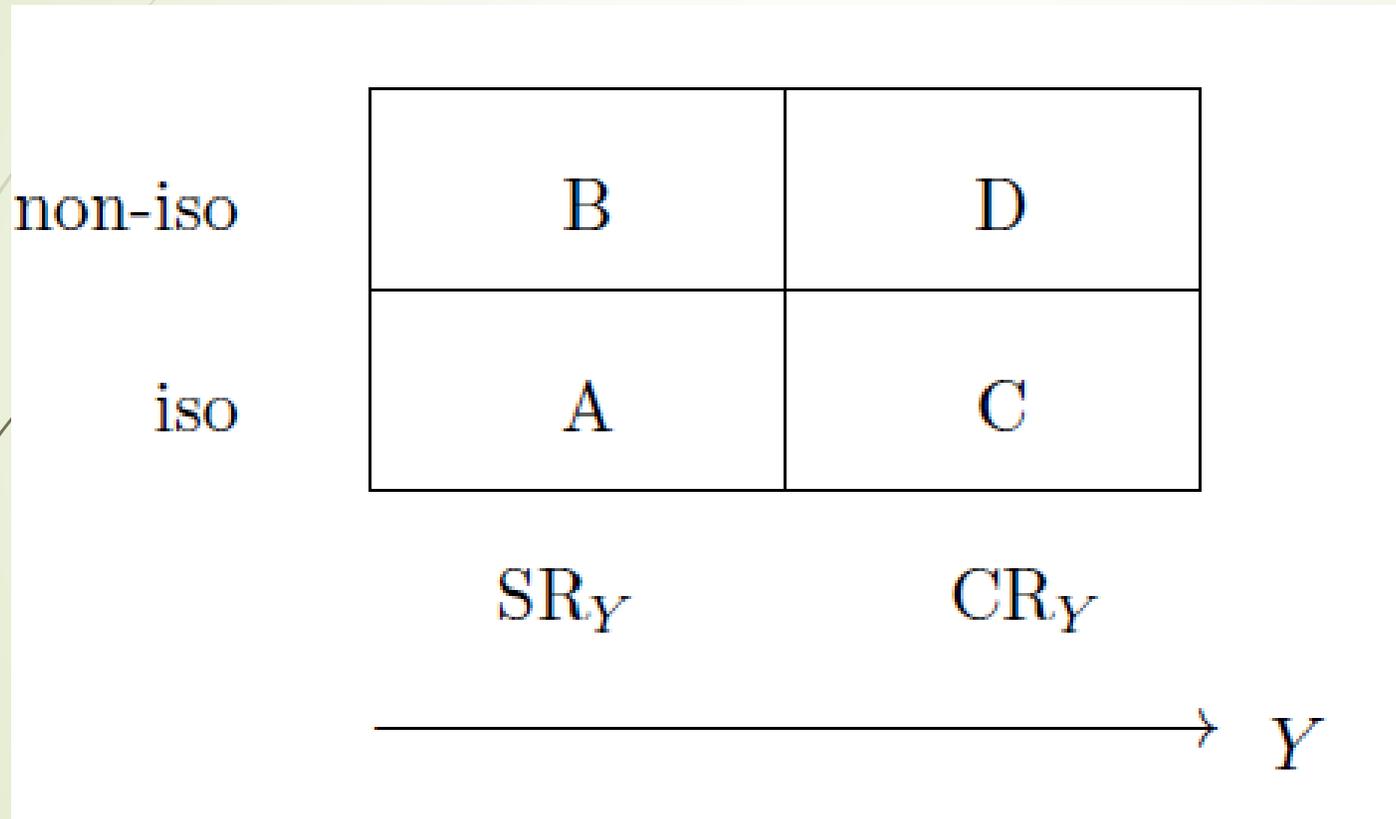


# ABCD Method

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- Can use ABCD method to estimate background in signal region

Rescaling function  $r_{\text{noiso} \rightarrow \text{iso}} = N_C/N_D$



**Choice of  $Y$  depends on search goals –tailored To a specific model or class of models**

# Comparing rescaling functions

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- Using this approach can get rescaling functions with different kinematics such as  $M_{\text{eff}} = \sum |\mathbf{p}_{Ti}| + \sum |-\mathbf{p}_{Ti}| = H_T + H_{T(\text{miss})}$ 
  - Differential rescaling function  $r_{\text{non-iso} \rightarrow \text{iso}}$  allows for estimate of SM background events in iso-region by using the non-iso-region events

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\text{iso}}^{SM}}{dx_1 dx_2 \dots} \approx \frac{d\sigma_{\text{non-iso}}}{dx_1 dx_2 \dots} \cdot r_{\text{non-iso} \rightarrow \text{iso}}(x_1, x_2, \dots)$$

$$r_{\text{noiso} \rightarrow \text{iso}}(M_{\text{eff}})^C = N_C(M_{\text{eff}})/N_D(M_{\text{eff}}) \quad \text{Control Region}$$

$$r_{\text{noiso} \rightarrow \text{iso}}(M_{\text{eff}})^S = N_A(M_{\text{eff}})/N_B(M_{\text{eff}}) \quad \text{Signal Region } SR_Y$$

$r_{\text{non-iso} \rightarrow \text{iso}}$  measured from data

## Distribution of ratio of ratios

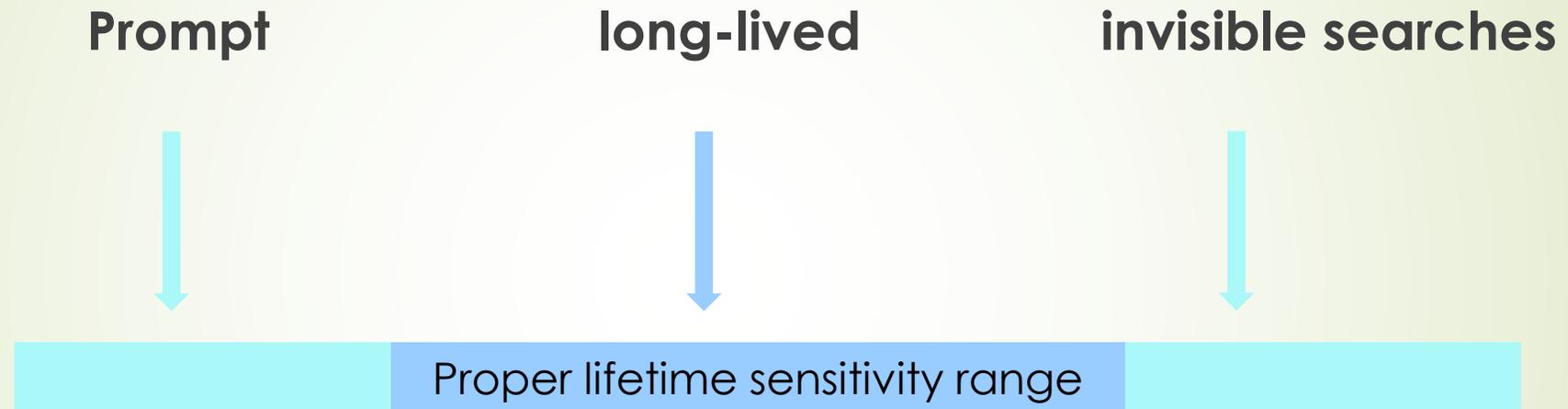
$$R(M_{\text{eff}}) = \frac{r_{\text{noiso} \rightarrow \text{iso}}^S(M_{\text{eff}})}{r_{\text{noiso} \rightarrow \text{iso}}^C(M_{\text{eff}})}$$

**Search for excesses (bump hunting)!!!**

# Many BSM Higgs Searches

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- Can we use all of them to maximize range of  $c\tau$  sensitivity



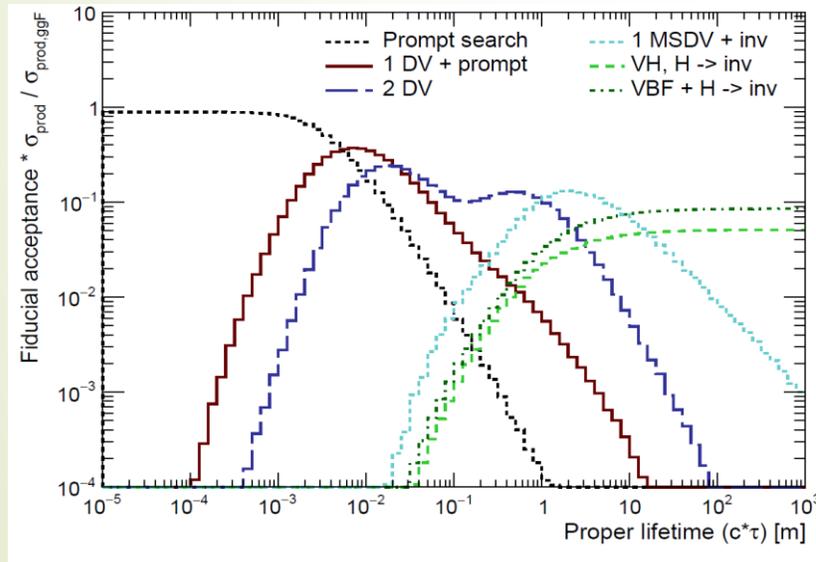
**Events falling into these categories?**

# Combining analysis to cover Large $c\tau$ range

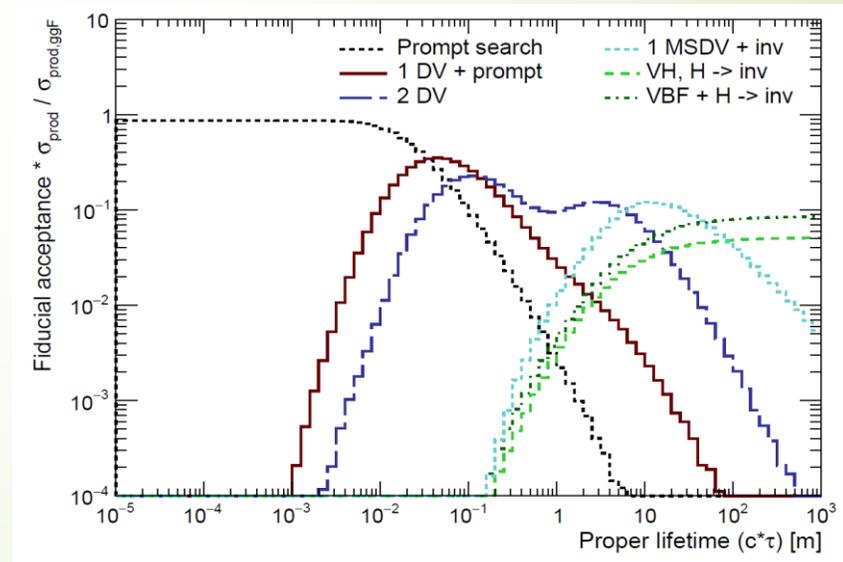
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- Need several selection criteria to cover maximum  $c\tau$  range as nicely shown by Heather Russell's MC truth study of fiducial acceptance (no efficiencies)
- Three types of decays considered at MC truth level
  - Prompt: the decay occurs before the IBL sensors
  - Displaced Vertex (DV): the decay occurs in the fiducial regions for an ID vertex, CalRatio jet (HCal), or MS vertex to be reconstructed
  - Invisible: decay occurs beyond the calorimeters in any direction

H(125) decay to pair of 8 GeV scalars



H(125) decay to pair of 40 GeV scalars



# Future



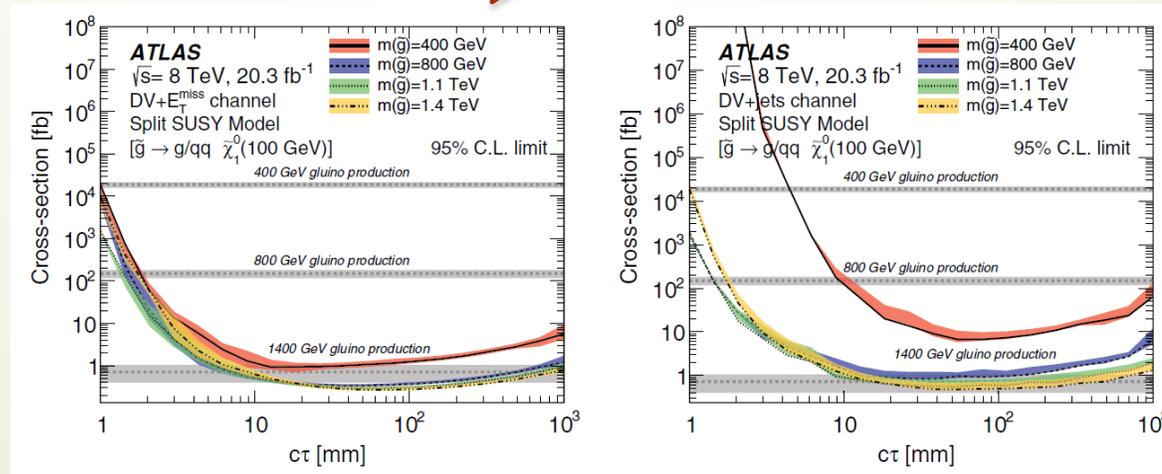
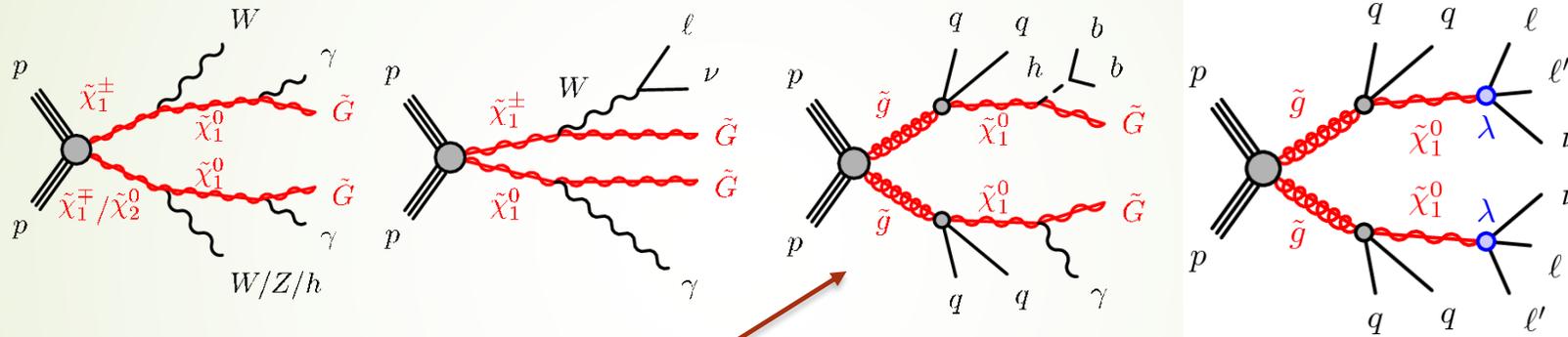
Go  
where no one has  
gone before HL-LHC

13-14 TeV, > 100s fb<sup>-1</sup>



# Backup Material

- Extensive Analysis with no observed events
- Require DV with hi- $p_T \mu$  or e that comes from DV, missing  $E_T$  and one DV per event
- Limits for various scenarios



# ATLAS Non-pointing Photon Search

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## ➤ Gauge mediated SUSY Breaking (GMSB) – R-parity conserving

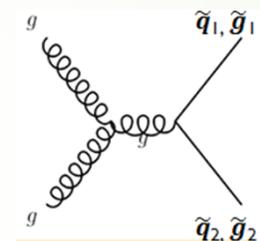
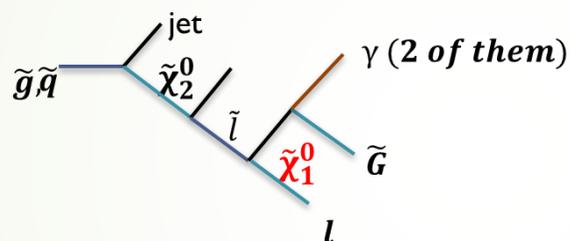
➤ lightest neutralino  $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$  is the NLSP, with finite lifetime

➤ decays  $\tilde{\chi}_1^0 \rightarrow \gamma \tilde{G}$

➤ Signature: displaced, non-pointing gamma arrives late and MET from  $\tilde{G}$

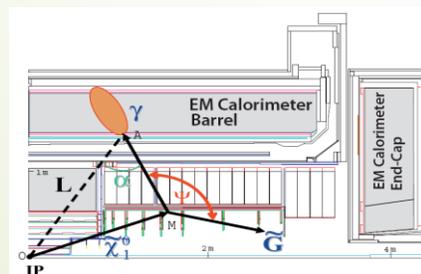
➤ Snowmass Points and Slopes parameter set 8 (SPS8) interpretation

ATLAS Run-1 – 8 TeV  
Phys. Rev. D. 90, 112005 (2014)  
20.3 fb<sup>-1</sup>



➤ LAr energy deposition in first two ECal layers gives measure of displacement from IP; identifies displaced photon candidate

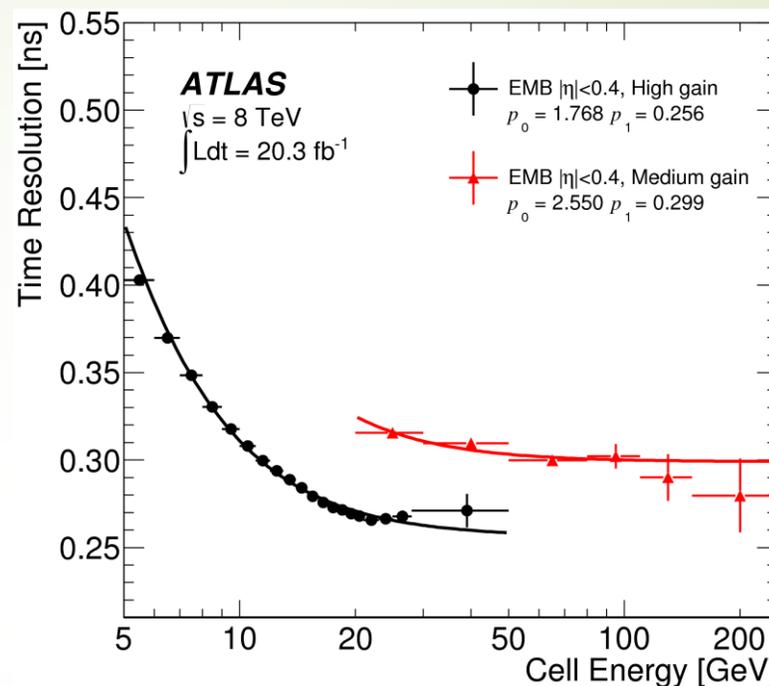
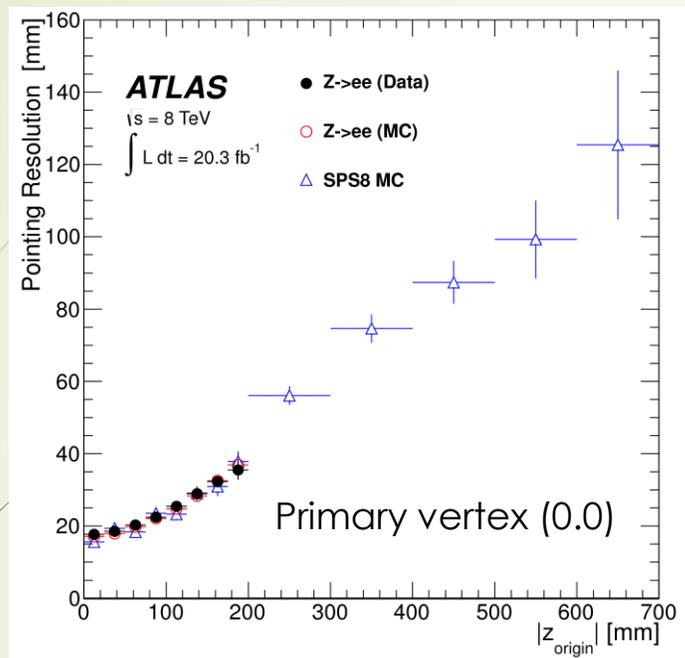
➤ Set limits in context of GMSB SP8 model for region of  $(\Lambda, \tau_{\text{NLSP}})$  space



Potentially longer path plus slow NLSP gives late arrival  
Use ECal timing information

# EM shower pointing and Timing resolution

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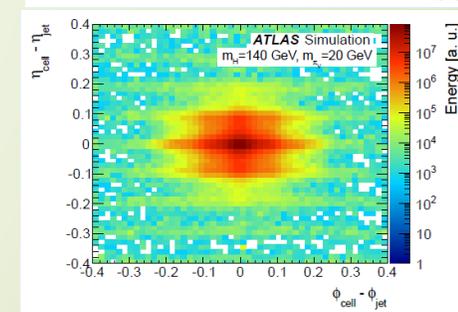
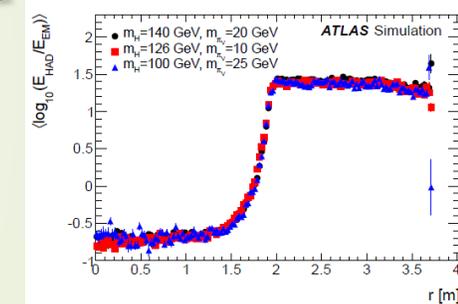
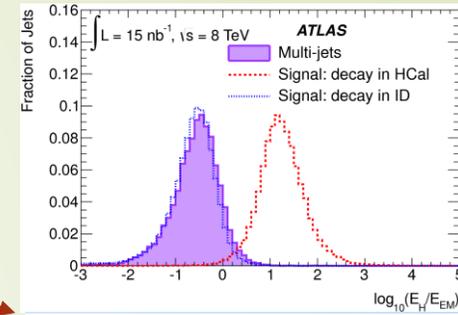


- In limit of large energy deposits have 256 ps (299 ps) for High (Medium) gain
- Time resolution: contribution of  $\approx 220$  ps from LHC bunch-spread along the beamline.
- Data are in good agreement with the background only fit and no evidence for non-pointing and delayed photons is observed.
- Set limits in context of GMSB SP8 model for region of  $(\Lambda, \tau_{\text{NLSP}})$  space

# ATLAS LLP trigger for displaced Hadronic Jets

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- Signatures of a displaced decay of neutral particle to a hadronic jet
  - Inner Detector displaced vertex with no tracks pointing to IP
    - Trigger under development for Run-2
  - Decay at end of ECal or in Hcal
  - Trigger selects isolated jet with low EM fraction
  - Run-1 trigger selects isolated jet with low EM fraction
    - Large  $E_{\text{HCal}}/E_{\text{EM}}$ , narrow jet and no ID tracks in jet cone
    - TAU40 L1 seed then reconstruct tracks and jet at HLT
    - Isolation: no  $p_{\text{T}} > 1$  GeV tracks in  $\Delta R < 0.2$  cone around jet axis
    - $E_{\text{T}} > 30$  GeV Jet with  $\text{Log}_{10} [E_{\text{HCal}}/E_{\text{EM}}] > 1.2$
    - Beam halo removal: Calorimeter cell timing
  - Run\_2 L1 Topo triggers → combine objects from different subsystems
    - Tau30 & no associated EM cluster (once L1 Topo triggers available)
    - Use L1\_Tau\_60 until topo trigger available
    - $E_{\text{T}} > 30$  GeV Jet with  $\text{Log}_{10}[E_{\text{HCal}}/E_{\text{EM}}] > 1.2$
    - No  $p_{\text{T}} > 2$  GeV tracks in  $\Delta R < 0.2$  cone around jet axis
    - Beam Halo Veto (improved in 2016)
    - Dedicated jet cleaning to avoid spikes in the trigger rates due to LAr noise



# ATLAS LLP trigger for decays in the muon spectrometer

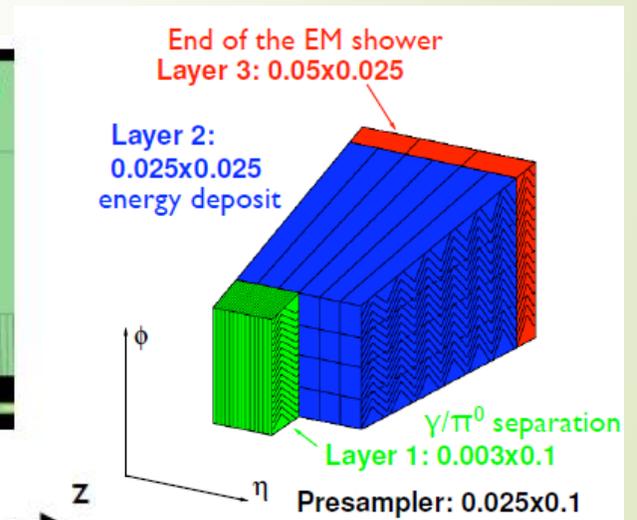
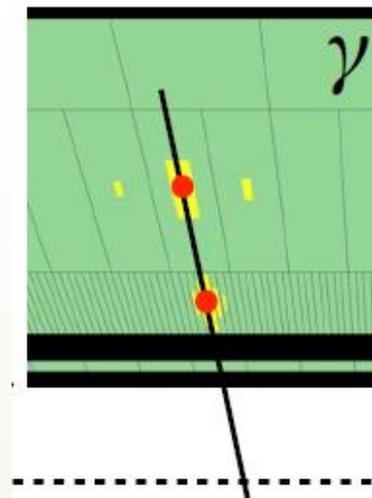
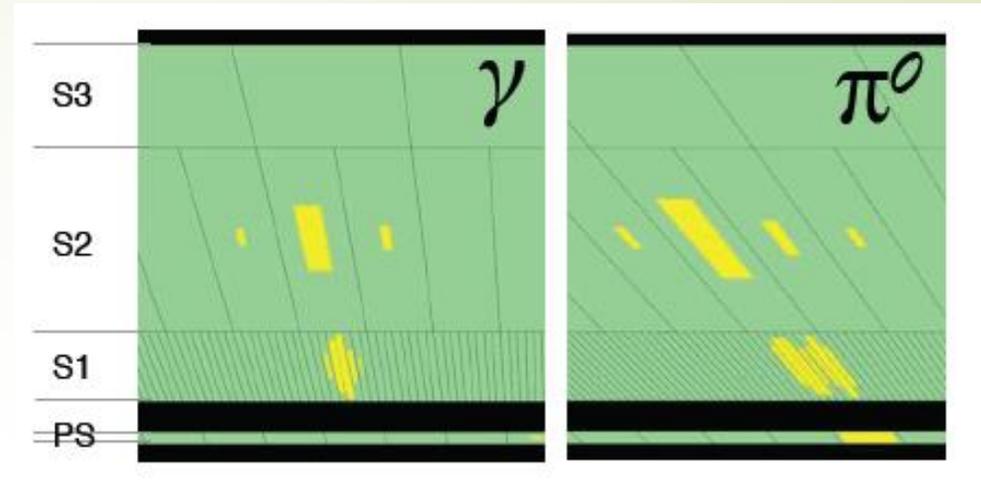
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- ▶ Muon RoI cluster trigger selects cluster of tracks in MS
  - ▶ The *signature* of neutral particle decay at end of HCal or in MS
- ▶ Trigger selects an isolated cluster of muon Rols (Run-1& Run-2)
  - ▶ L1\_2MU10
  - ▶ Require 3 (4) muon Rols in  $\Delta R < 0.4$  cone in MS Barrel (endcaps)
  - ▶ No tracks with  $p_T > 5$  GeV in  $\Delta R < 0.4$  cone around the muon cluster direction
  - ▶ No  $E_T > 30$  GeV jet in a  $\Delta R < 0.7$  cone around the muon cluster center with  $\text{Log}_{10}[E_{\text{HCal}}/E_{\text{EM}}] < 0.5$
- ▶ New Run-2 MS trigger
  - ▶ Same first two criteria
  - ▶ NO ISOLATION
  - ▶ Provides and orthogonal back-ground sample
    - ▶ Can be used to compare to “signal Trigger” sample
    - ▶ Becomes powerful when used for sample of reconstructed MS vertices
    - ▶ More details later
  - ▶ Lepton-jet: new narrow-scan  $\mu$ -trigger (20GeV L1  $\mu$  seed; HLT\_mu6\_MSonly in  $\Delta R < 0.5$ )

# ECAL Segmentation

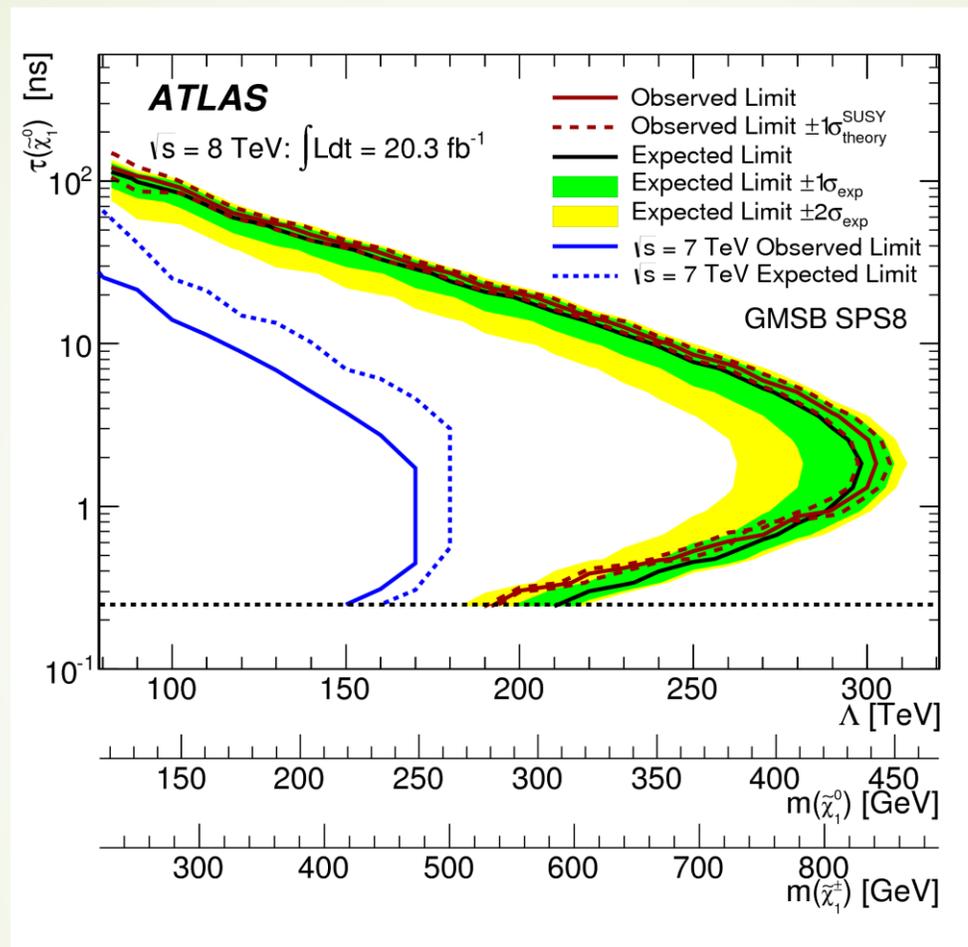
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- Allows for Photon ID based on longitudinal and lateral segmentation of the ECAL (shower shapes)
- High granularity in S1 gives in good  $\gamma$  direction and separation power for  $\pi^0$  decays to  $\gamma\gamma$
- Photon direction from shower centroids in layers 1 and 2 gives longitudinal (z) position
- For two  $\gamma$  (eg.  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ ) combine to improve z-resolution of interaction point (IP)
- For displaced decays get  $\gamma$  direction in layers 1 and 2 to determine z of closest approach



# Exclusion Limit – GMSB SPS8 model

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$\Lambda$  effective scale of SUSY breaking scale

**95% CL exclusion limits for  $0.25 < t < 100 \text{ ns}$  and  $80 < \Lambda < 300$**