



**SEARCHING FOR NEW PHYSICS
IN EVENTS WITH AN ENERGETIC JET AND
LARGE MISSING TRANSVERSE MOMENTUM
WITH THE ATLAS DETECTOR**

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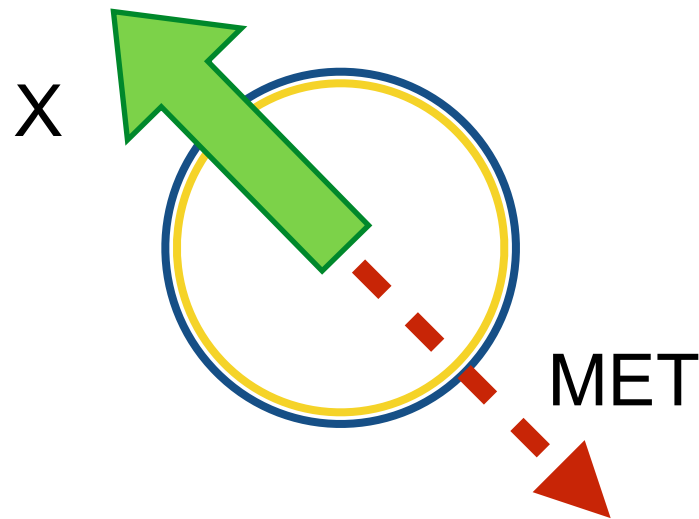
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DM search with MET+jet

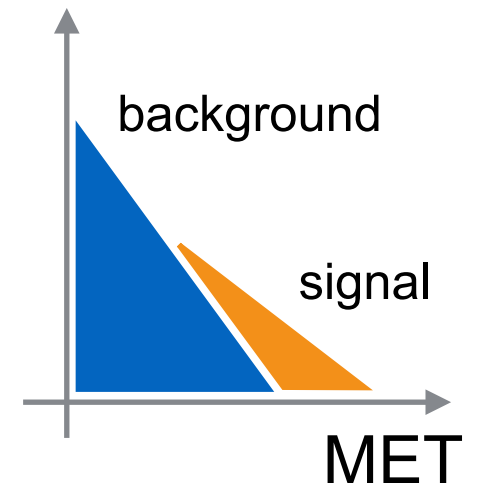
Mono-X signatures



Search for high MET excesses.

General Analysis Strategy:

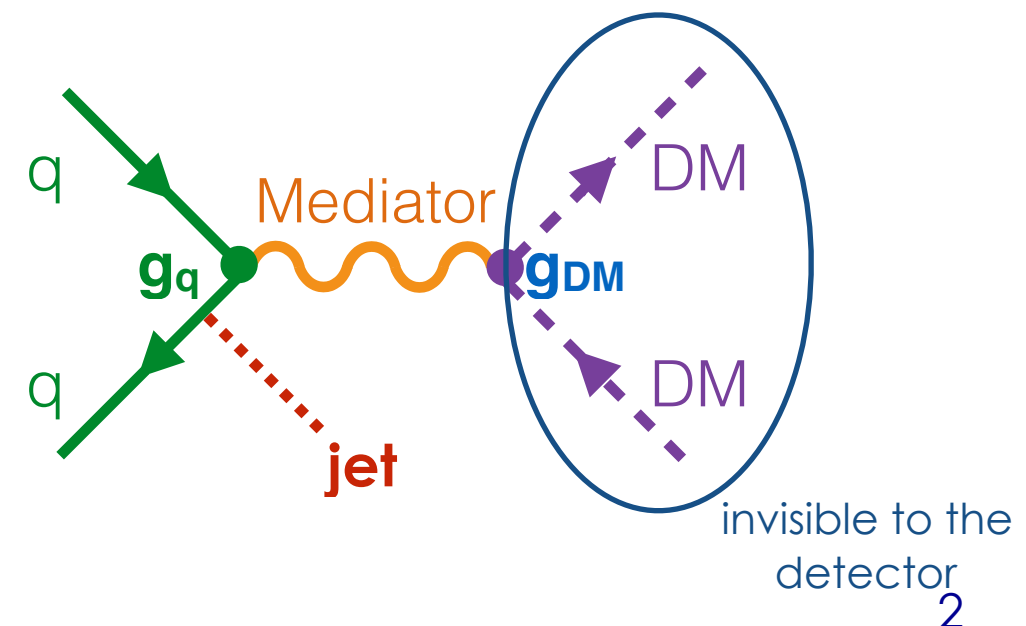
- Require MET (\Rightarrow recoil system p_T)
- Select for X (jet, photon...)
- Veto other objects
- Additional cuts to suppress backgrounds
- Data-driven techniques to estimate background
 - \rightarrow control region with inverted vetoes



Why MET+jet signature?

Simple signature and sensitive to many BSM theories.

In ISR+MET processes this channel has more statistics with respect to other mono-X (e.g. mono-photon) final states @LHC ($\alpha_s \gg \alpha_{EW}$).



Selection (2015+2016 analysis)

MET Trigger

MET > 250 GeV

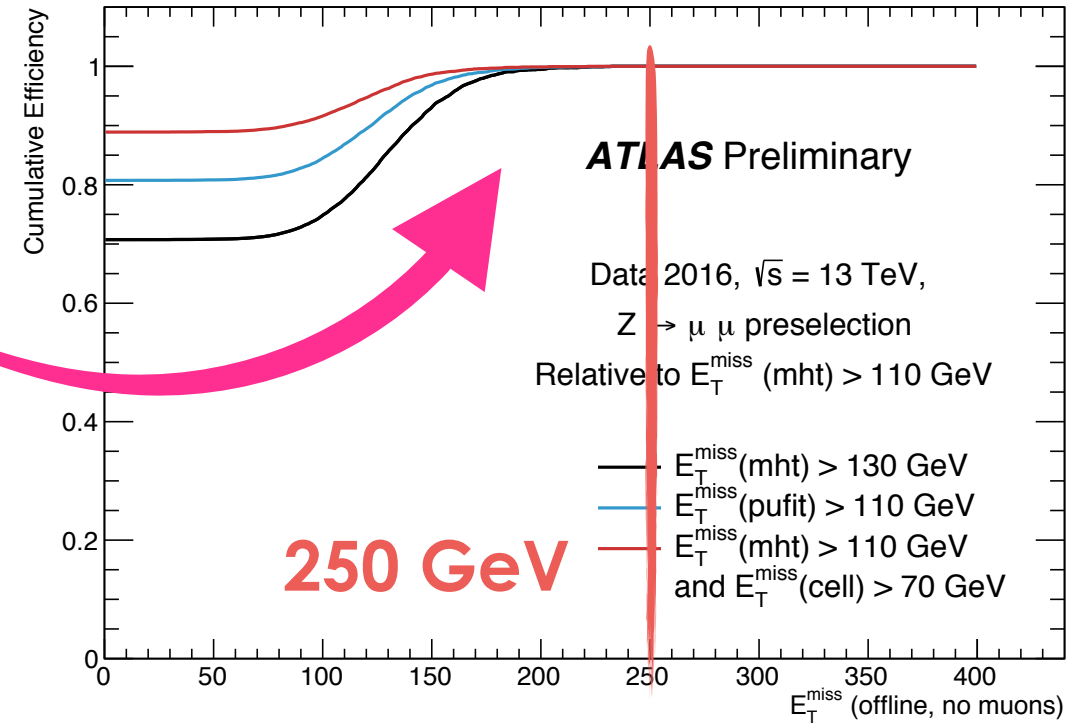
leading jet $p_T > 250$ GeV, $|\eta| < 2.4$,

jet cleaning requirements

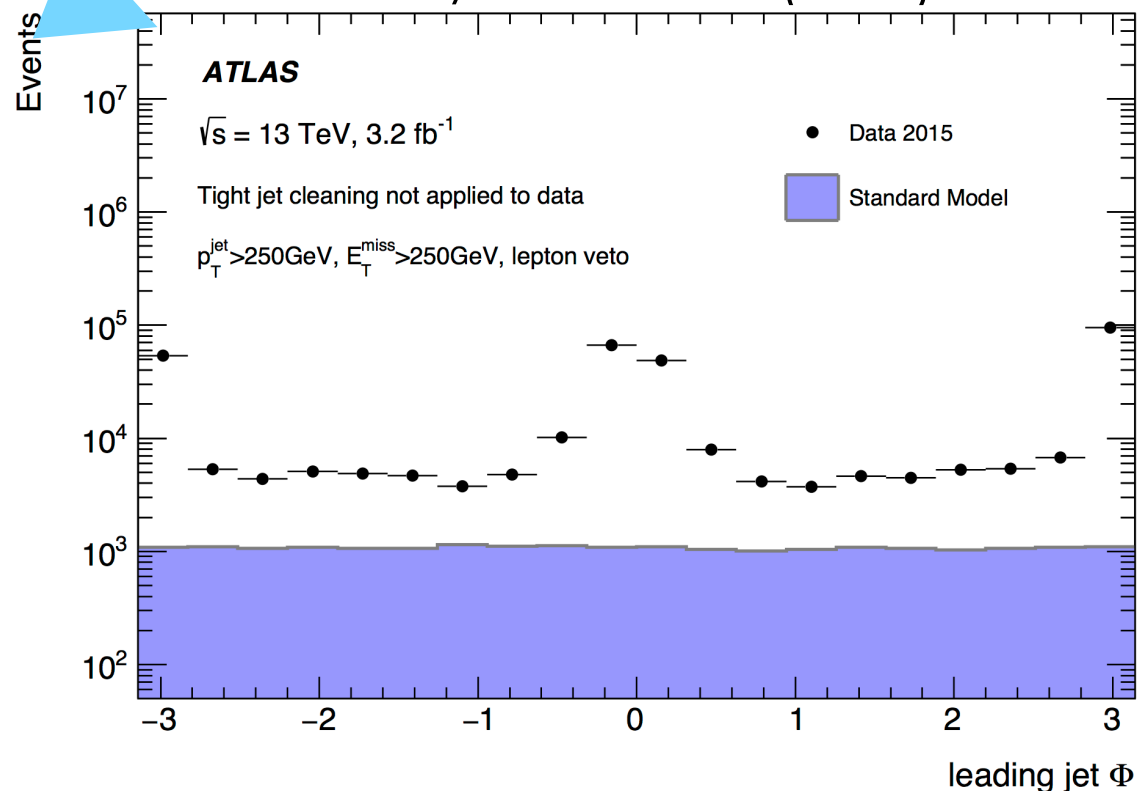
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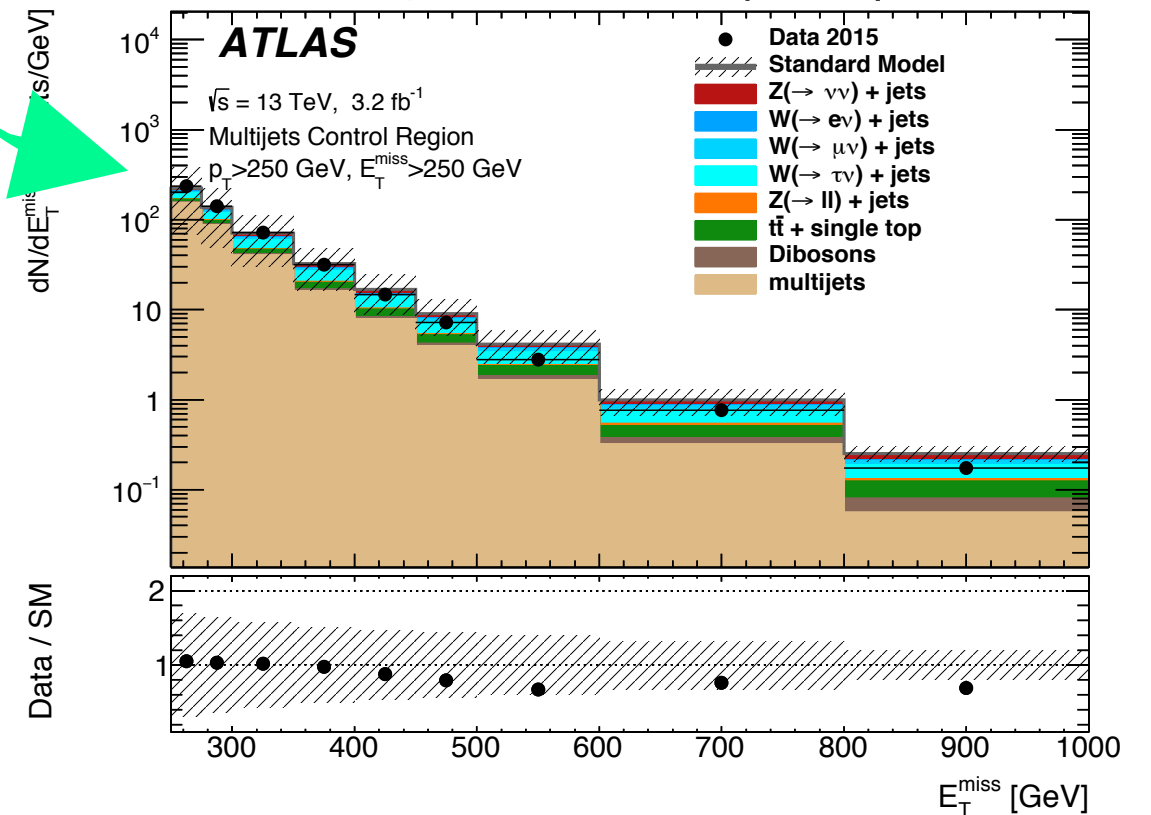
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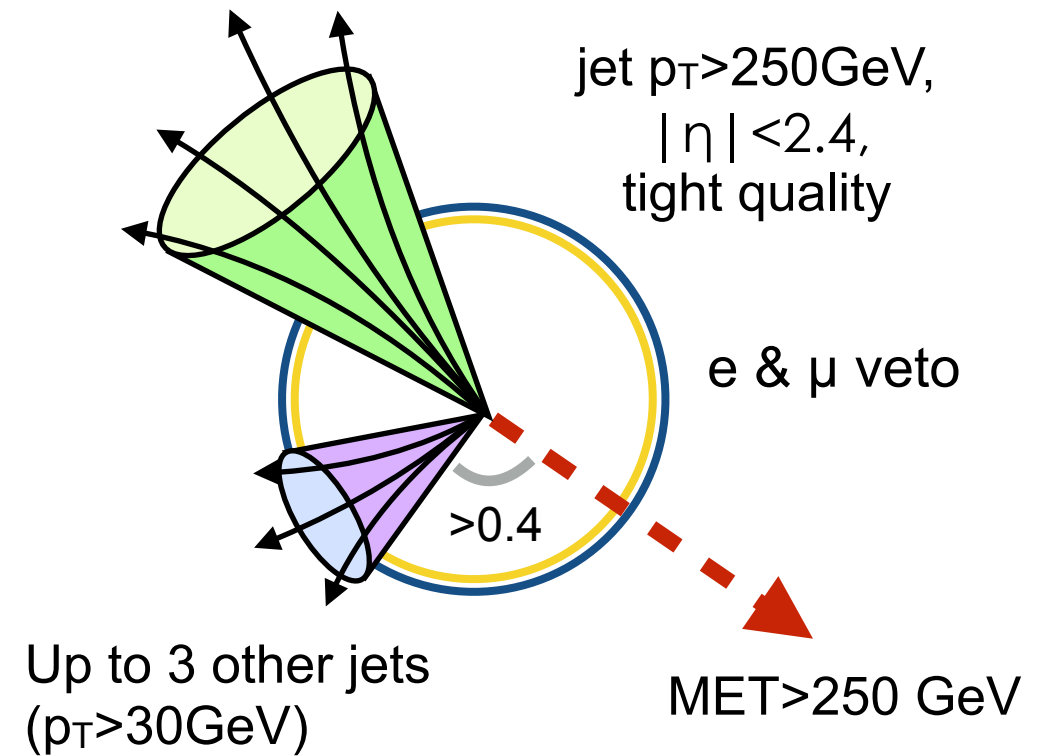
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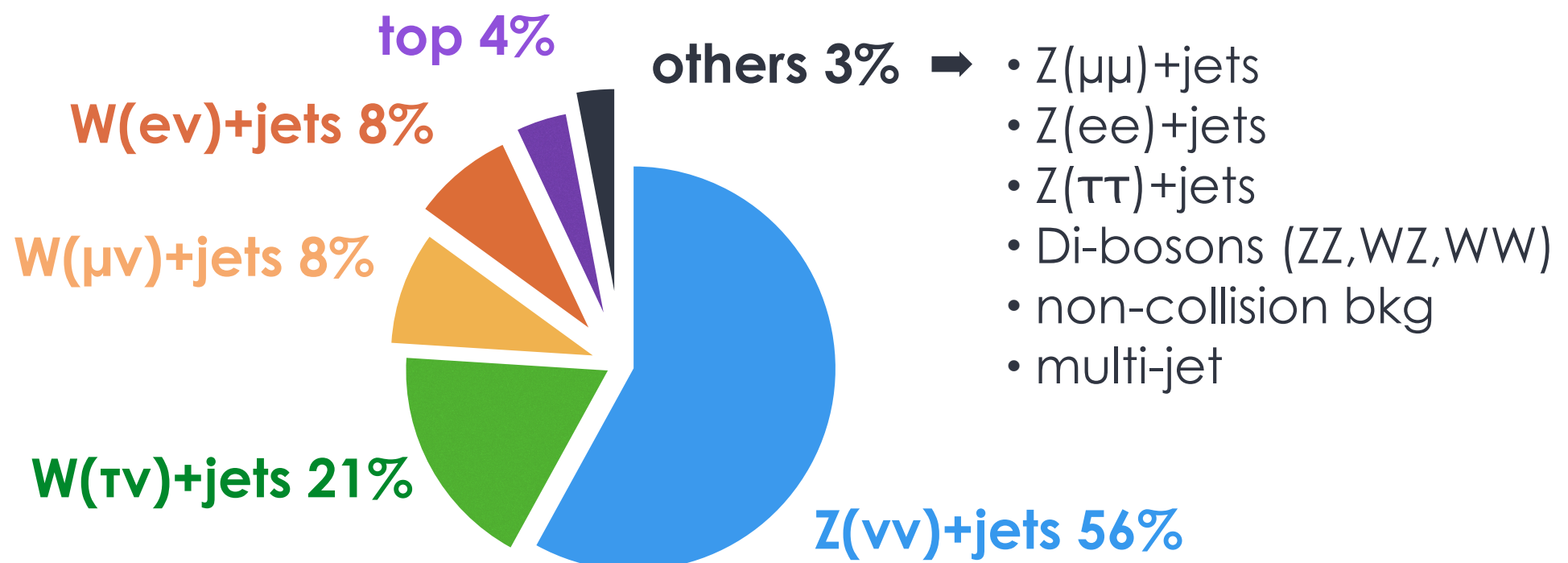
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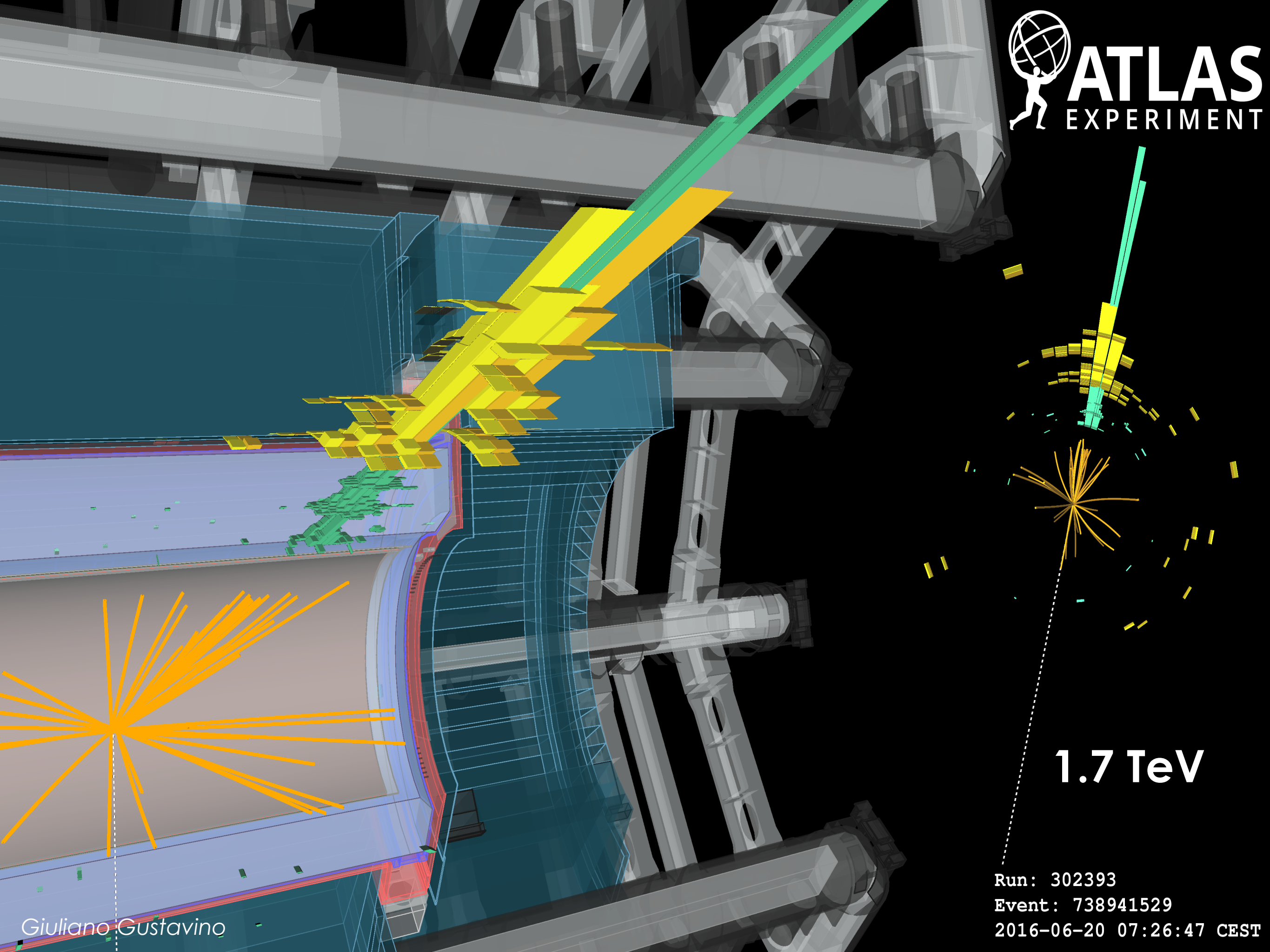
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Residual dominant backgrounds given by the **Z(vv)+jets** and **W(lv)+jets** processes





1.7 TeV

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Analysis strategy

- * NLO QCD and EW corrections applied to the V+jets processes (with the related uncertainties)

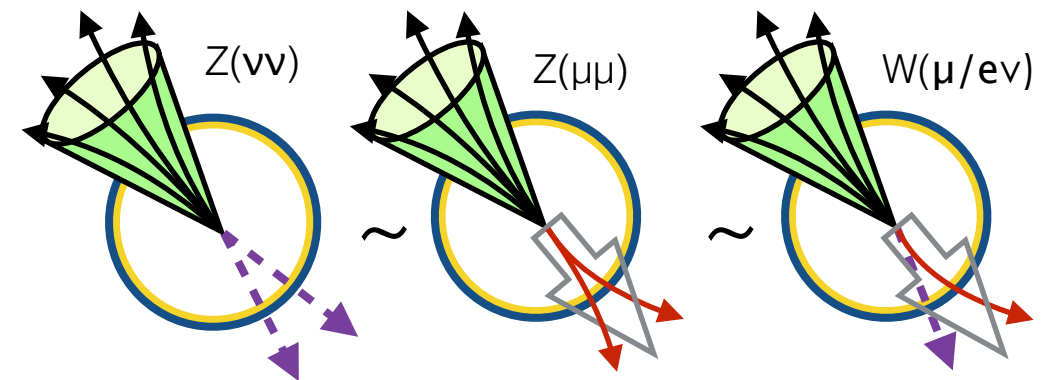
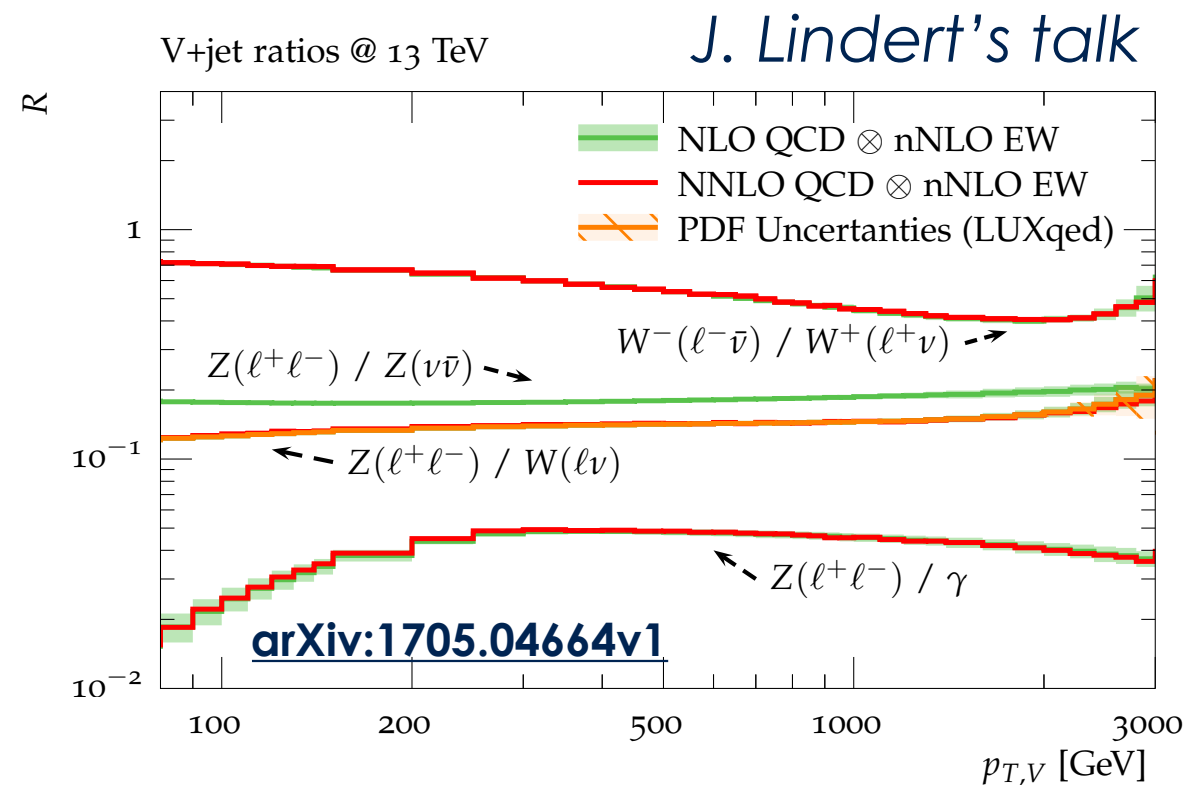
- ▶ higher MC modelling accuracy
(Sherpa multi-leg NLO generator used)

- * **4 control regions** are defined inverting the lepton veto criteria (**1 μ** , **2 μ** , **1e**) and categorising the events with at least a b-tagged jet in the single muon CR (**1 μ^{0b}** , **1 μ^b**):

- ▶ to evaluate the dominant V+jets and top bkg (ttbar and single top production);
- ▶ to reduce the uncertainties due to the MC modelling;
- ▶ to correct the MC predictions in the SR.

- * Z(ee)+jets and diboson processes evaluated from MC

- * NCB and multi-jet backgrounds estimated by data driven techniques (< 1%)



MET ~ boson p_T
 charged leptons treated as
 invisibles in the MET calculation

Background estimation

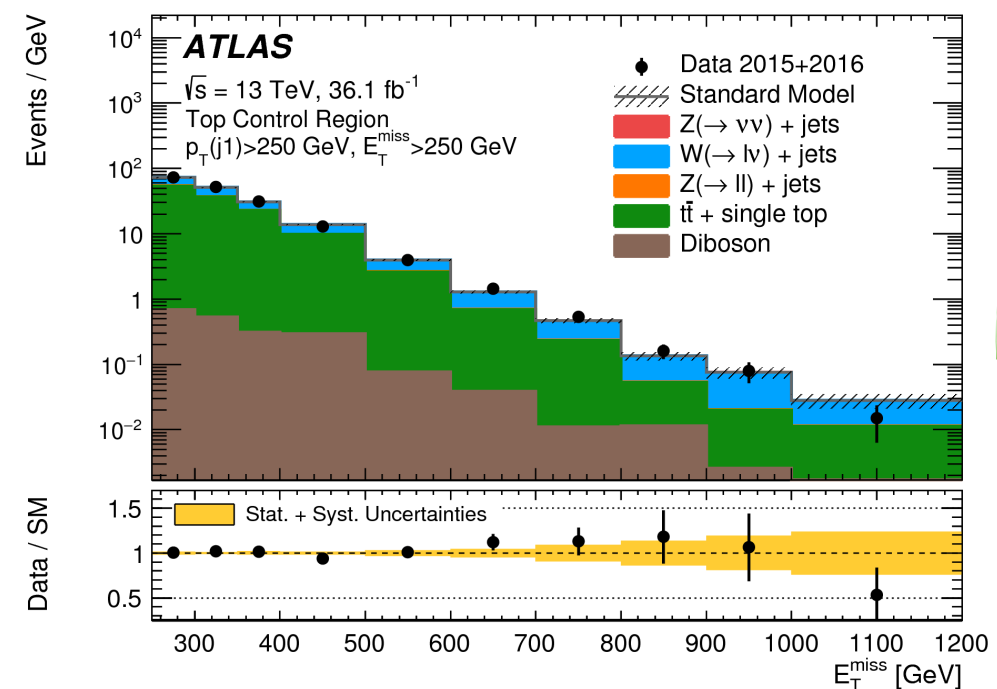
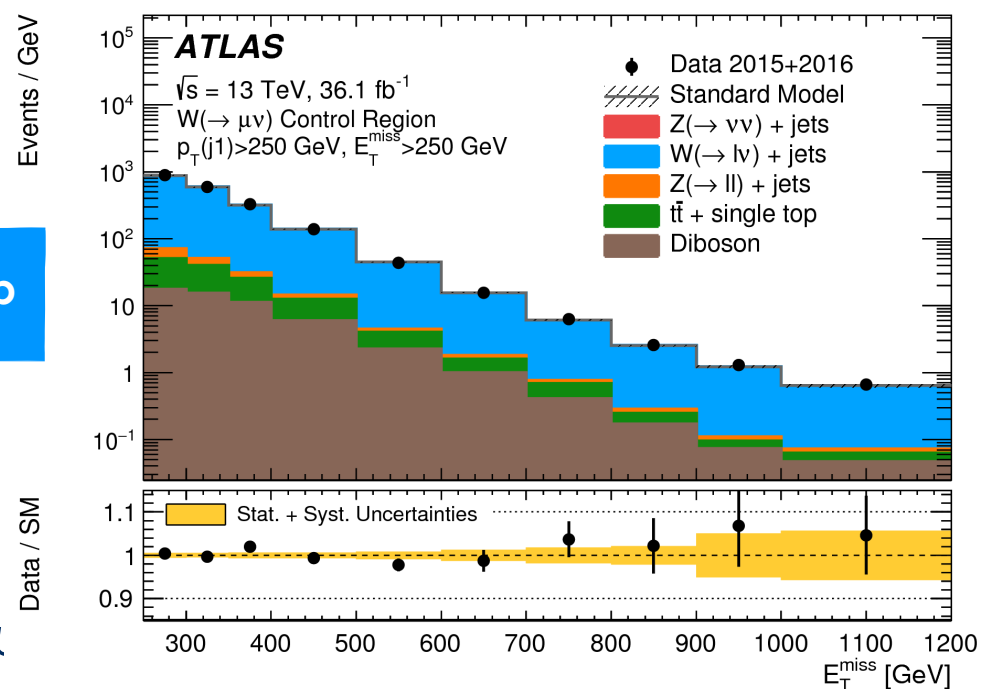
- * A **shape fit** is performed on the pTV distribution in order to get a unique normalisation factor for **V+jets** processes and a normalisation factor for the **top** processes.

$$\mathcal{L}(\mu, \kappa, \theta) = \prod_r \prod_i \text{Poisson} \left(N_{ri}^{\text{obs}} \mid \mu N_{ri}^{\text{sig}}(\theta) + N_{ri}^{\text{bkg}}(\kappa, \theta) \right) f_{\text{constr}}(\theta)$$

$$N_{ri}^{\text{bkg}} = \kappa^{W/Z} (N_{ri}^{Z(\nu\nu)+\text{jets}} + N_{ri}^{W(\mu\nu)+\text{jets}} + N_{ri}^{W(e\nu)+\text{jets}} + N_{ri}^{W(\tau\nu)+\text{jets}} + N_{ri}^{Z \rightarrow \tau\tau+\text{jets}} + N_{ri}^{Z \rightarrow \mu\mu+\text{jets}}) + \kappa^t (N_{ri}^{t\bar{t}, \text{single-}t}) + N_{ri}^{Z \rightarrow ee+\text{jets}} + N_{ri}^{\text{diboson}} + N_{ri}^{\text{multi-jet}} + N_{ri}^{\text{NCB}}$$

Inclusive (IM)	IM1	IM2	IM3	IM4	IM5	IM6	IM7	IM8	IM9	IM10
E_T^{miss} [GeV]	> 250	> 300	> 350	> 400	> 500	> 600	> 700	> 800	> 900	> 1000
Exclusive (EM)	EM1	EM2	EM3	EM4	EM5	EM6	EM7	EM8	EM9	EM10
E_T^{miss} [GeV]	250–300	300–350	350–400	400–500	500–600	600–700	700–800	800–900	900–1000	> 1000

CR1 μ^{ob}



CR1 μ^{b}

Dominant shape fit uncertainties

(total 2-7%):

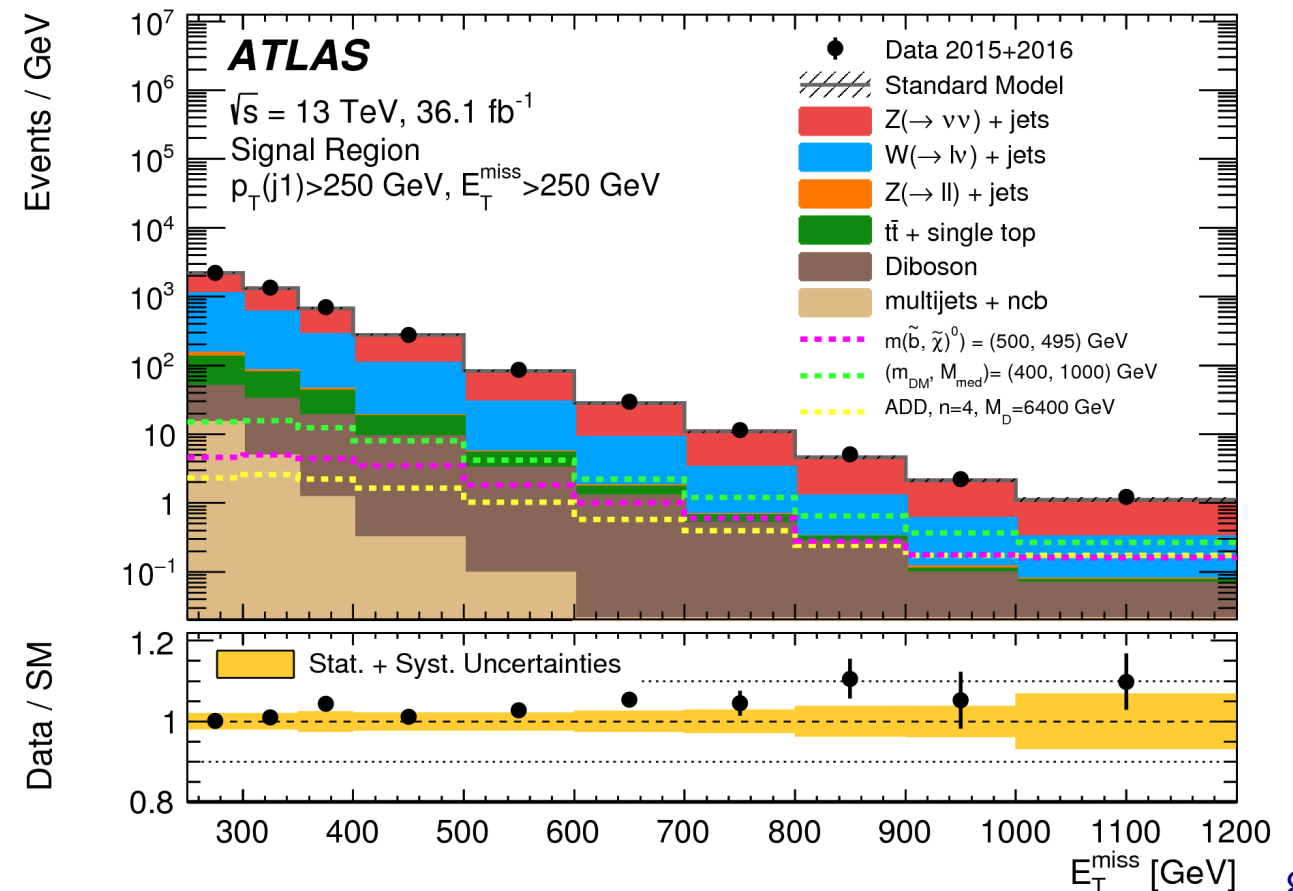
- * muons 2-5%
- * electrons 1-3%
- * jets/MET 1-6%
- * V+jets theoretical 1-7%

No significance excesses are observed.

➔ Interpret results as limits

Selection	$\langle\sigma\rangle_{\text{obs}}^{95}$ [fb]	S_{obs}^{95}	S_{exp}^{95}
IM1	531	19135	11700 ⁺⁴⁴⁰⁰ ₋₃₃₀₀
IM2	330	11903	7000 ⁺²⁶⁰⁰ ₋₂₆₀₀
IM3	188	6771	4000 ⁺¹⁴⁰⁰ ₋₁₁₀₀
IM4	93	3344	2100 ⁺⁷⁷⁰ ₋₅₉₀
IM5	43	1546	770 ⁺²⁸⁰ ₋₂₂₀
IM6	19	696	360 ⁺¹³⁰ ₋₁₀₀
IM7	7.7	276	204 ⁺⁷⁴ ₋₅₇
IM8	4.9	178	126 ⁺⁴⁷ ₋₃₅
IM9	2.2	79	76 ⁺²⁹ ₋₂₁
IM10	1.6	59	56 ⁺²¹ ₋₁₆

Exclusive Signal Region			
Region	Predicted		Observed
EM1	111100 ± 2300		111203
EM2	67100 ± 1400	2%	67475
EM3	33820 ± 940	↓	35285
EM4	27640 ± 610		27843
EM5	8360 ± 190		8583
EM6	2825 ± 78		2975
EM7	1094 ± 33		1142
EM8	463 ± 19		512
EM9	213 ± 9	7%	223
EM10	226 ± 16		245

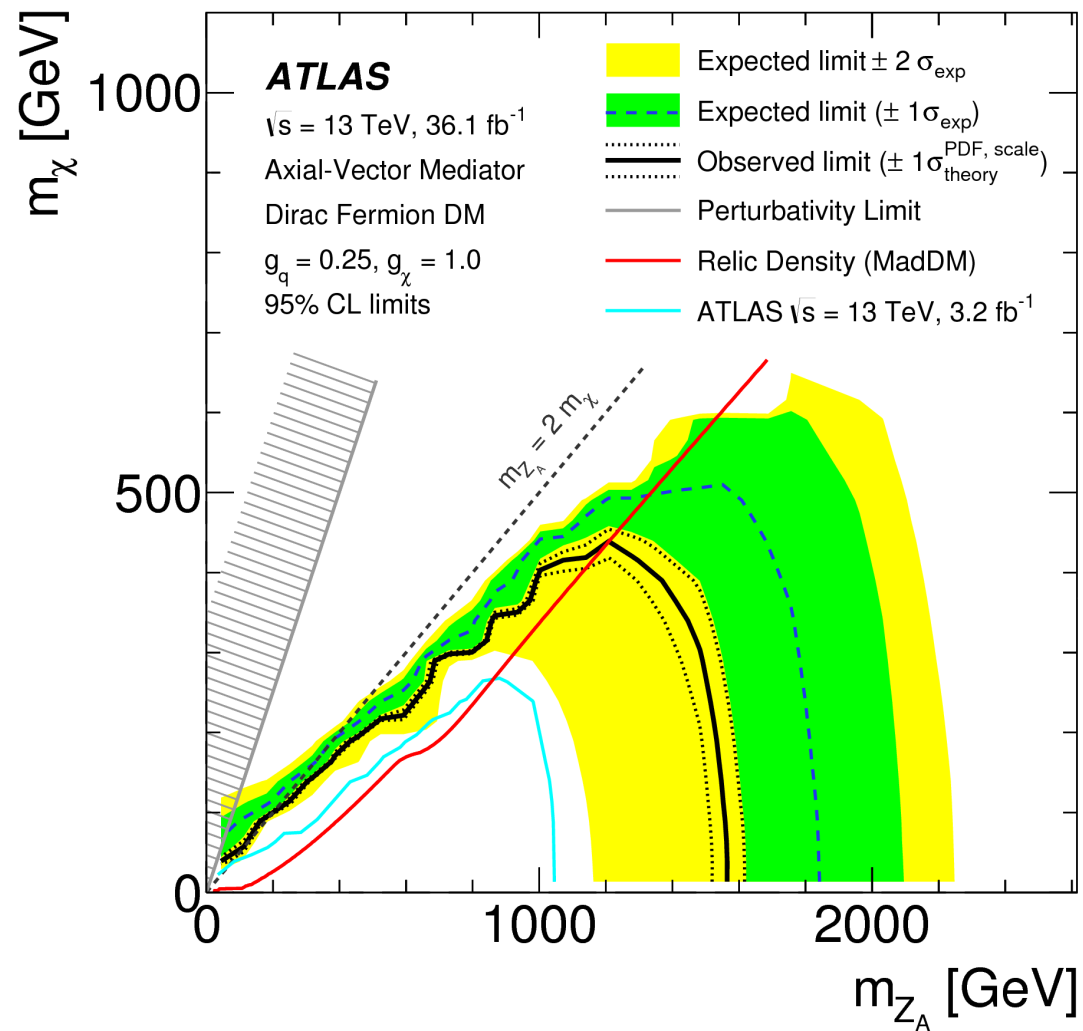
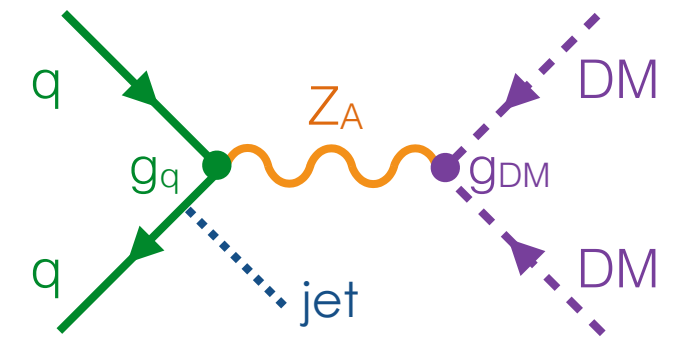


Axial-vector interpretation

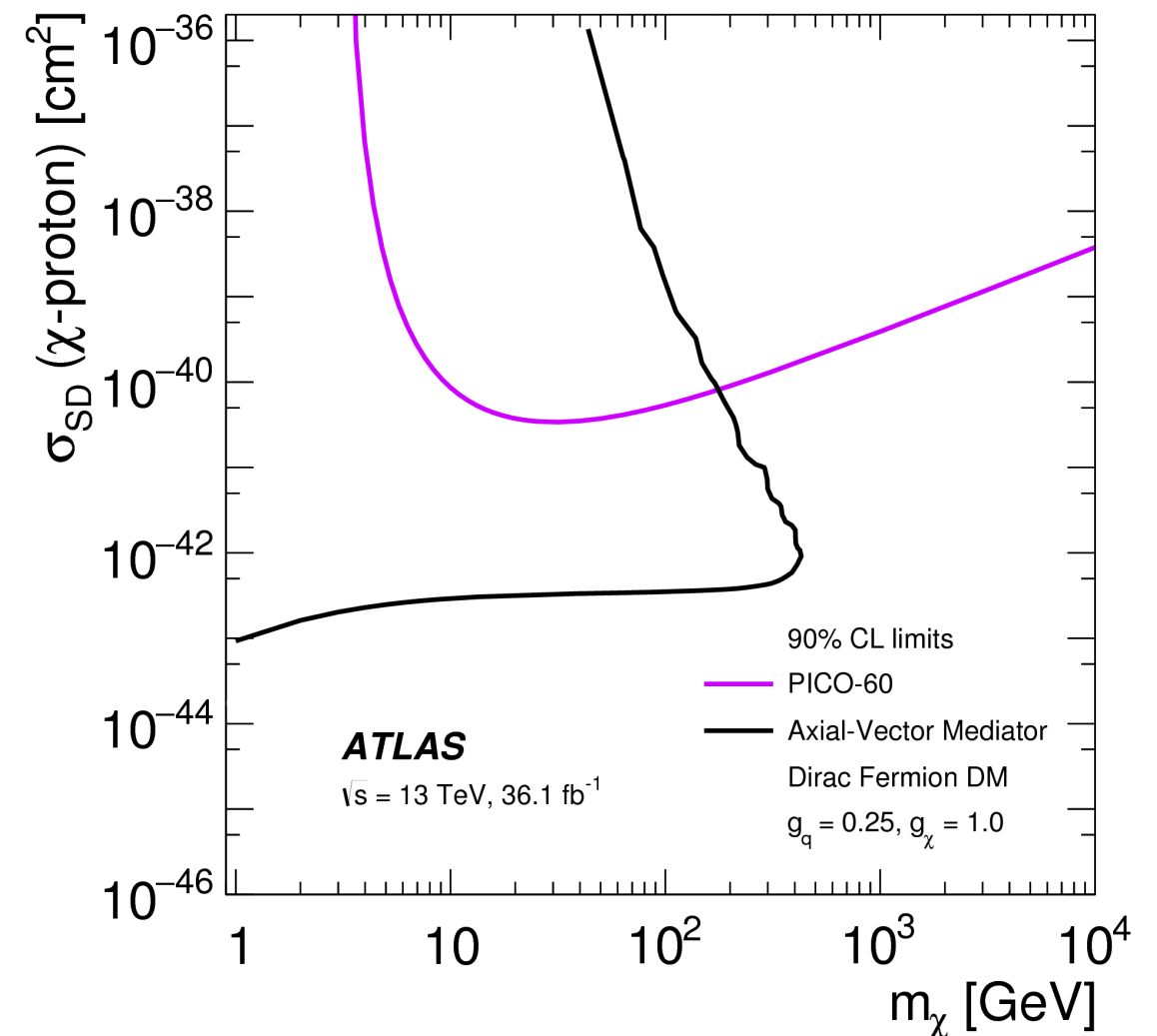
Results interpretation:

axial vector mediator, $g_q=0.25, g_{DM}=1$

(as recommended by the LHC Dark Matter Working group [arXiv:1603.04156](https://arxiv.org/abs/1603.04156))



Contour Limit in the 2D plane
DM vs Mediator mass

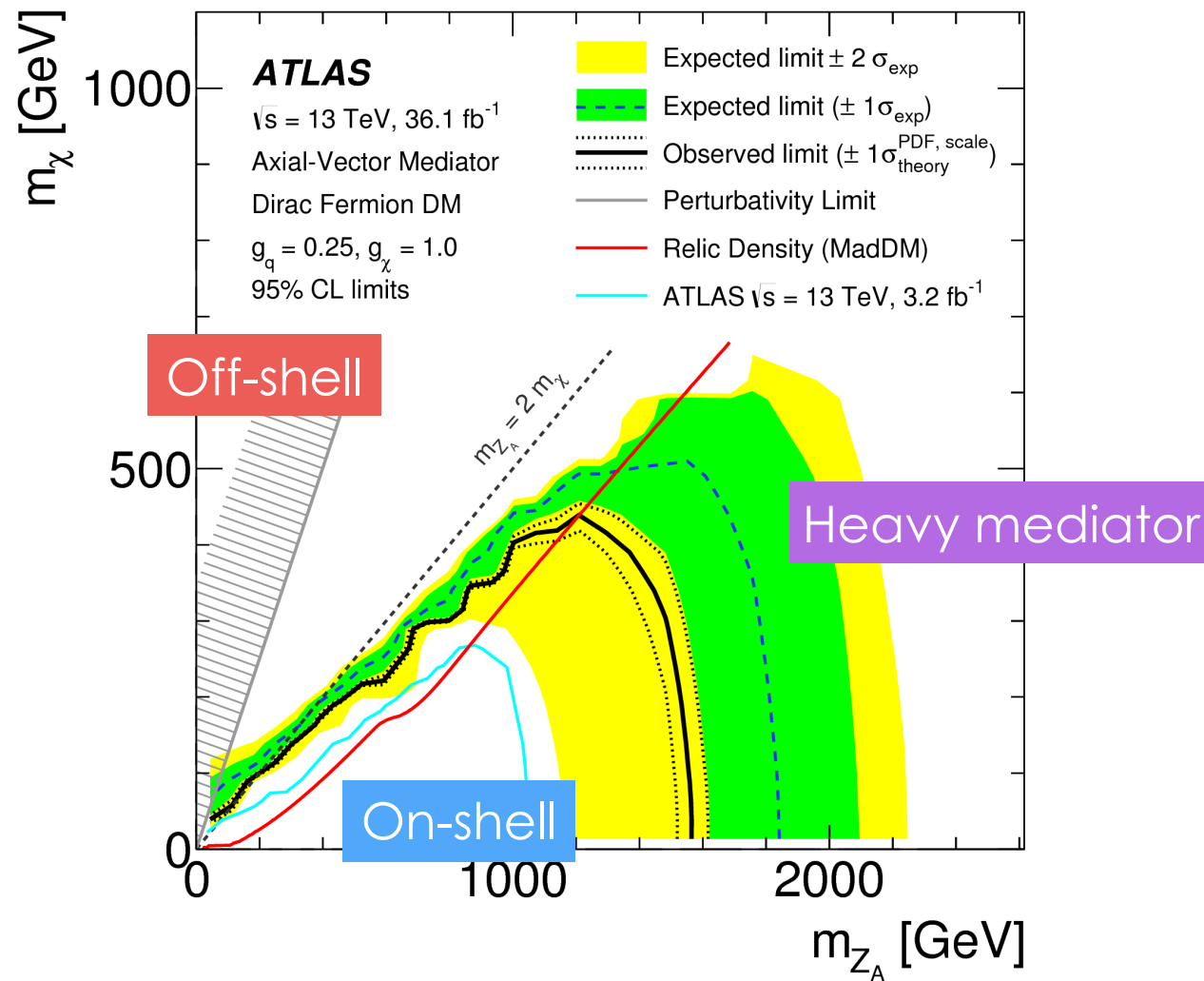


Limit on DM-proton scattering
cross-section.

ATLAS limit gives complementary results wrt direct detection experiments

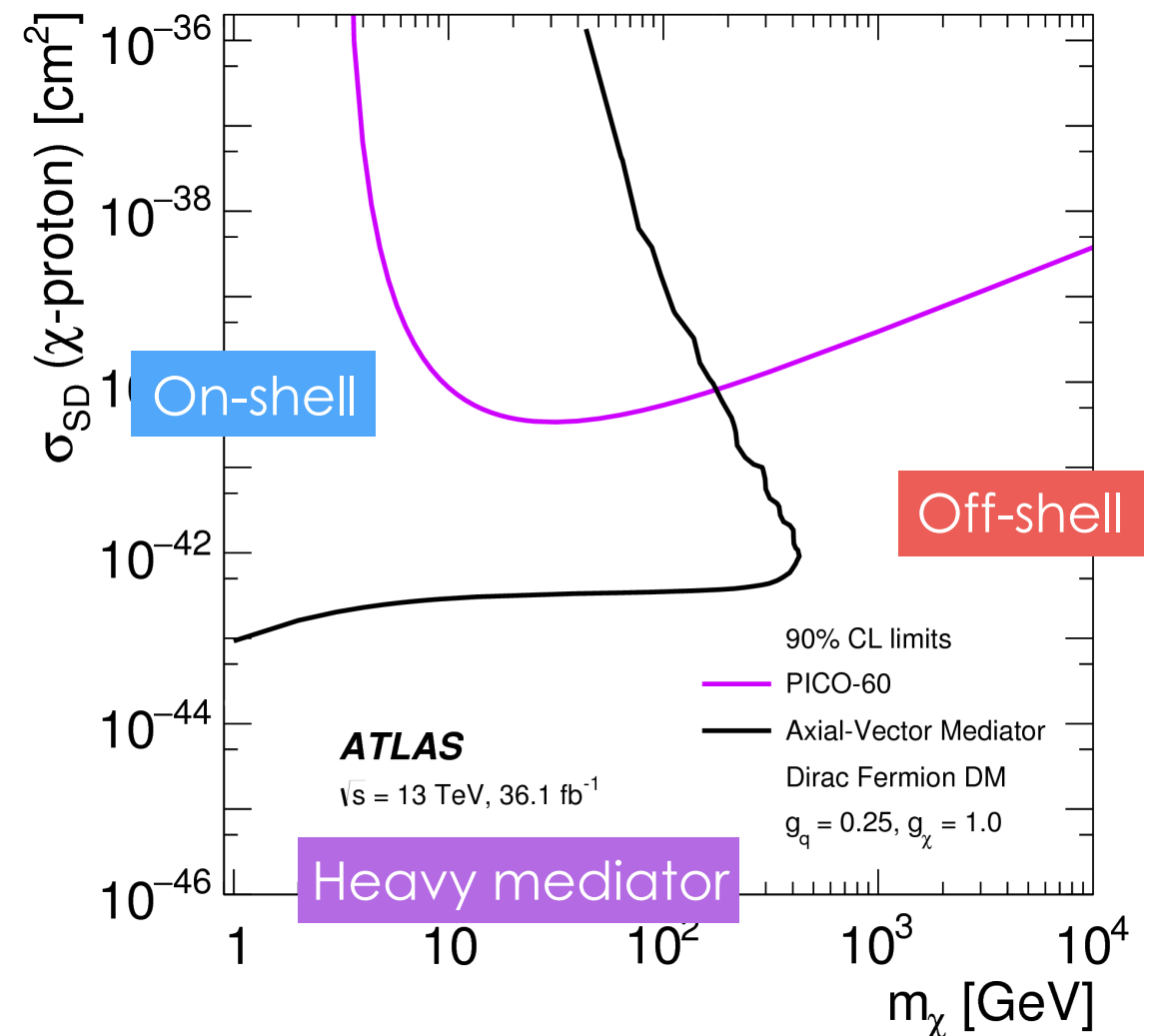
On-shell

- high xsecs
- LHC exclusion



Off-shell

- low xsec
- relic DM underproduced

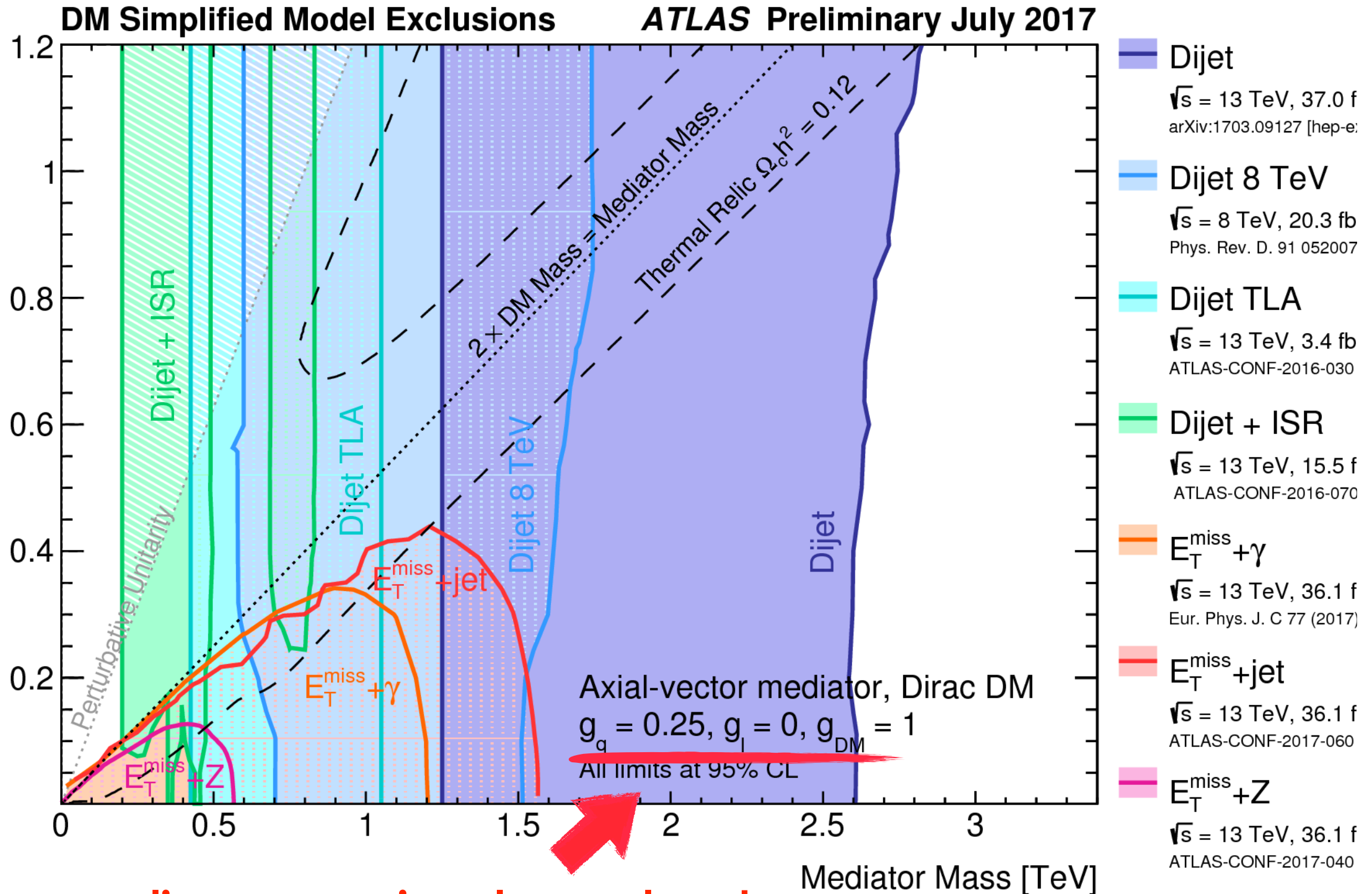


Heavy mediator

- production suppressed ($\sigma_{\text{SD}} \sim M_{\text{med}}^{-4}$)
- relic DM overproduced

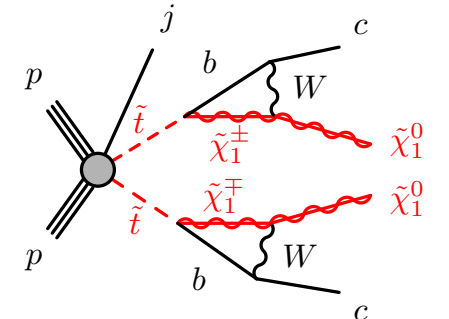
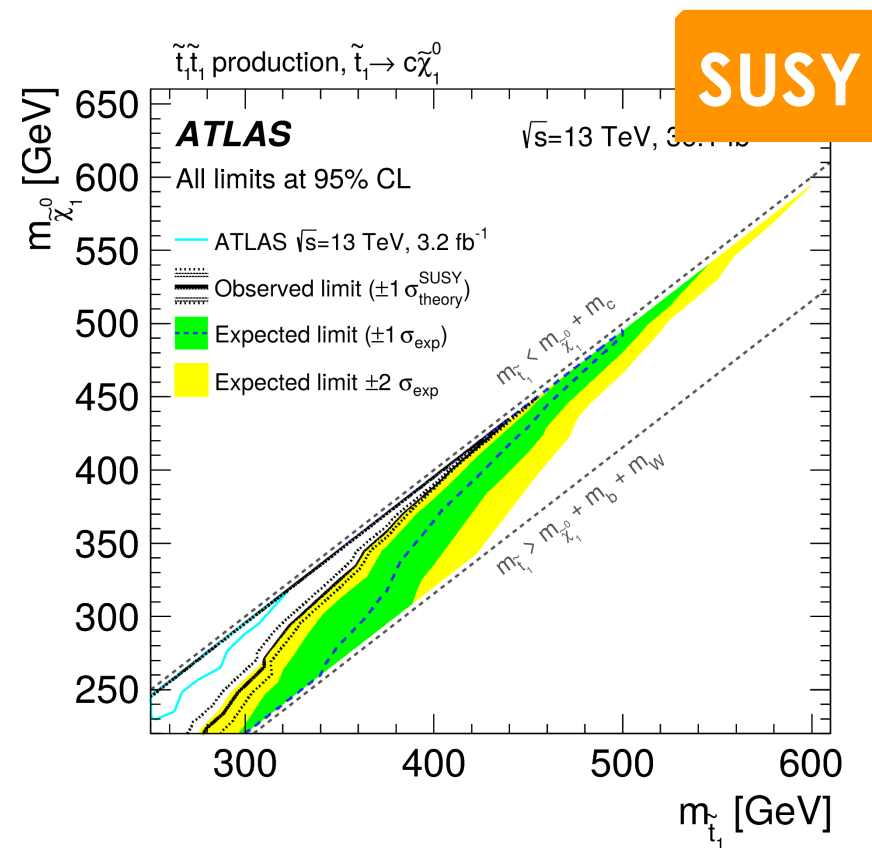
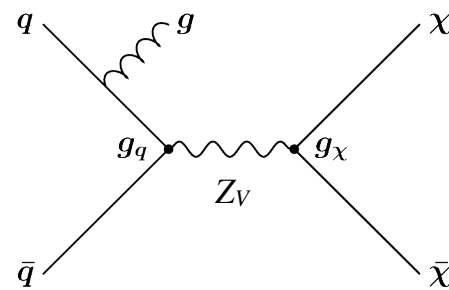
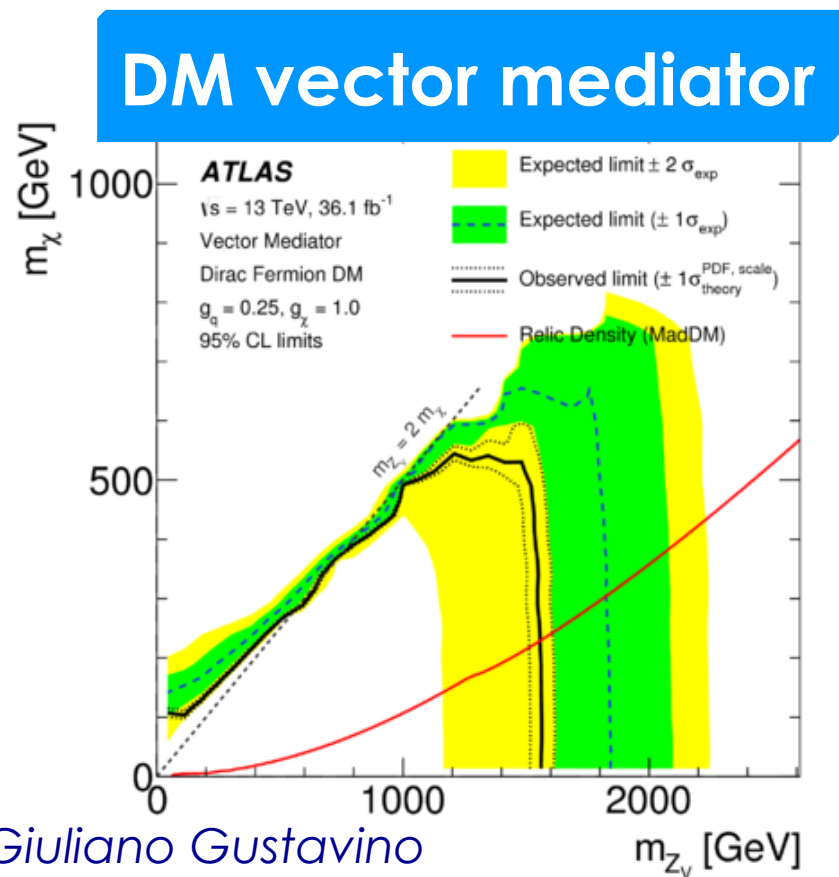
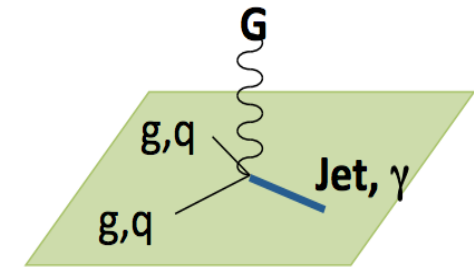
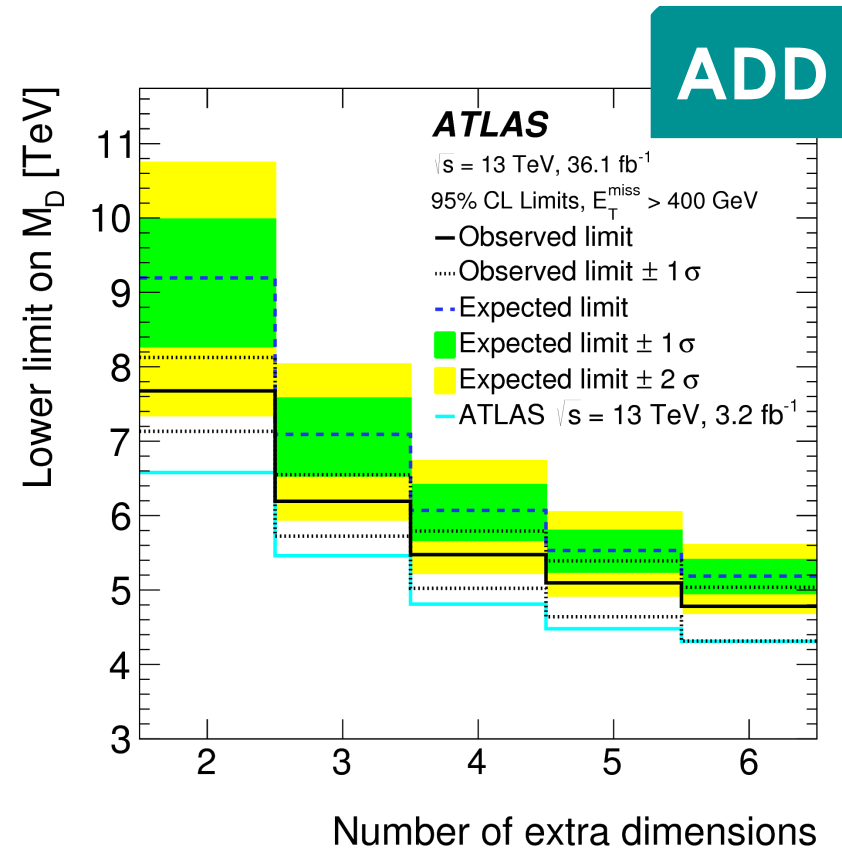
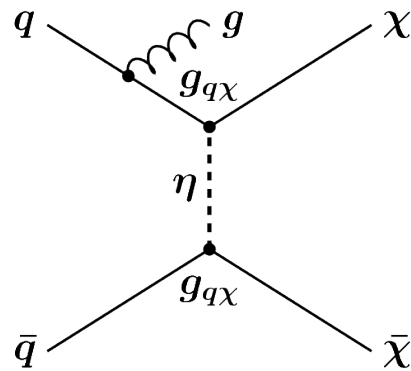
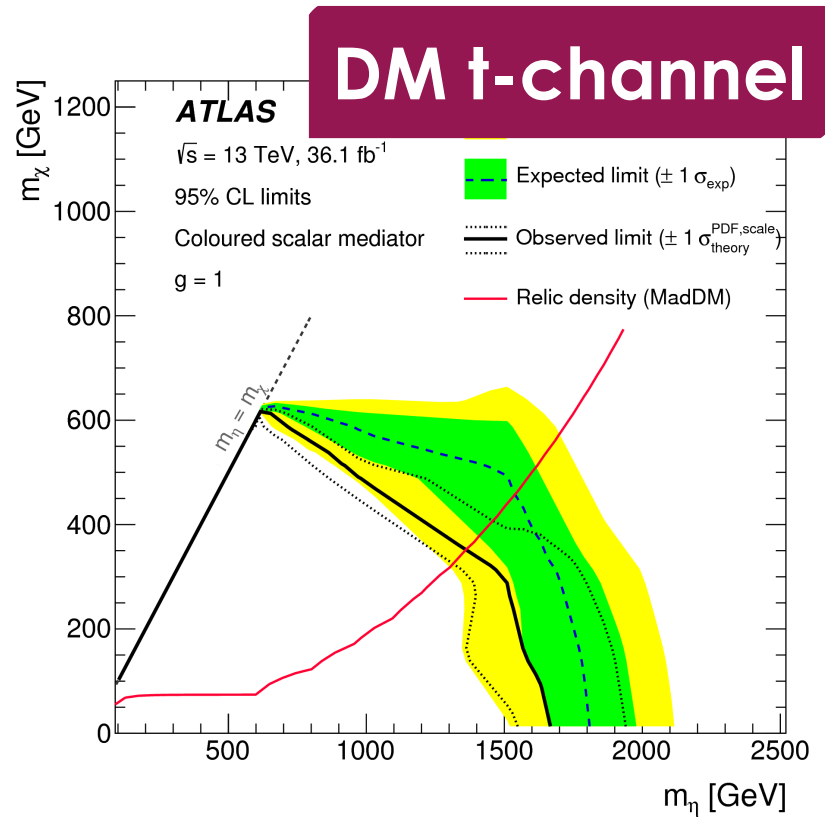
Summary plot

see also S. Malik's talk



other couplings scenarios also explored

Other interpretations



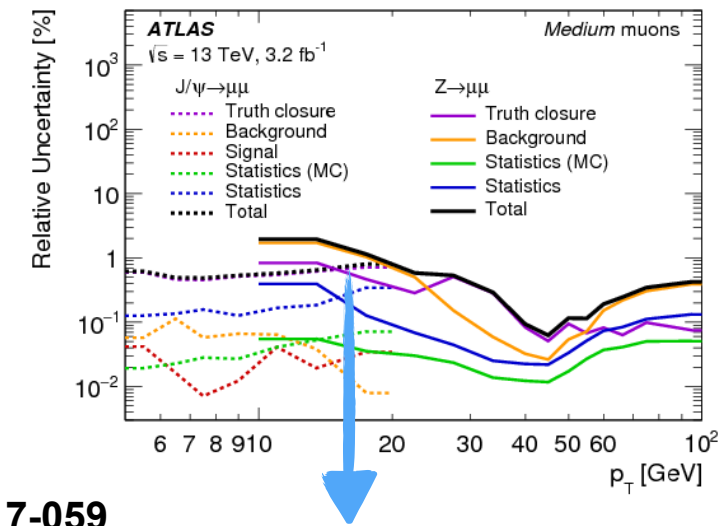
E. Rossi's talk

Thoughts for the future

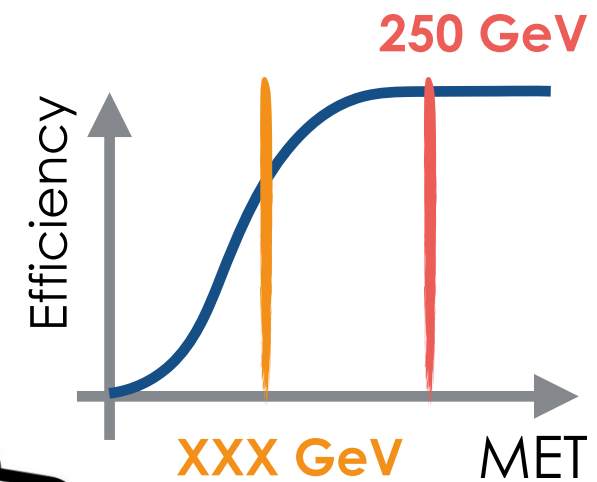
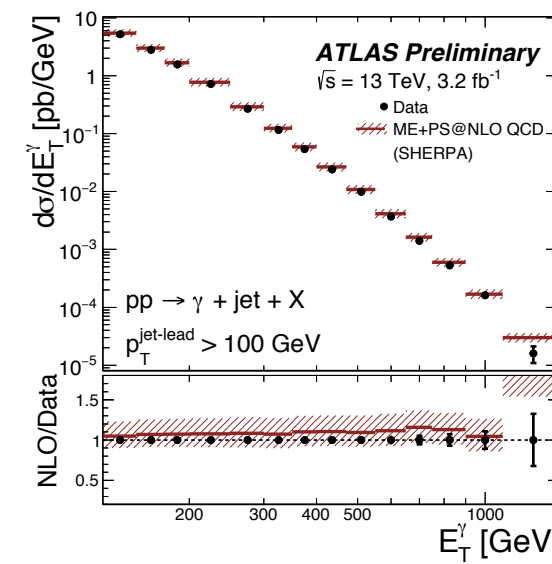
Experimental improvements challenging:

- 💡 reduce background in SR
 - * hadronic tau veto
 - * reduce the second leading background in the signal region
- 💡 reduce the background uncertainty
 - * reduce the lepton systematic uncertainties
 - * have the major impact on the final background estimation
 - * photon control region introduction
 - * probe the higher MET spectrum
- 💡 other sensitivity enhancements
 - * decrease the leading jet and MET threshold
 - * probe softer MET spectrum
 - * multidimensional fits

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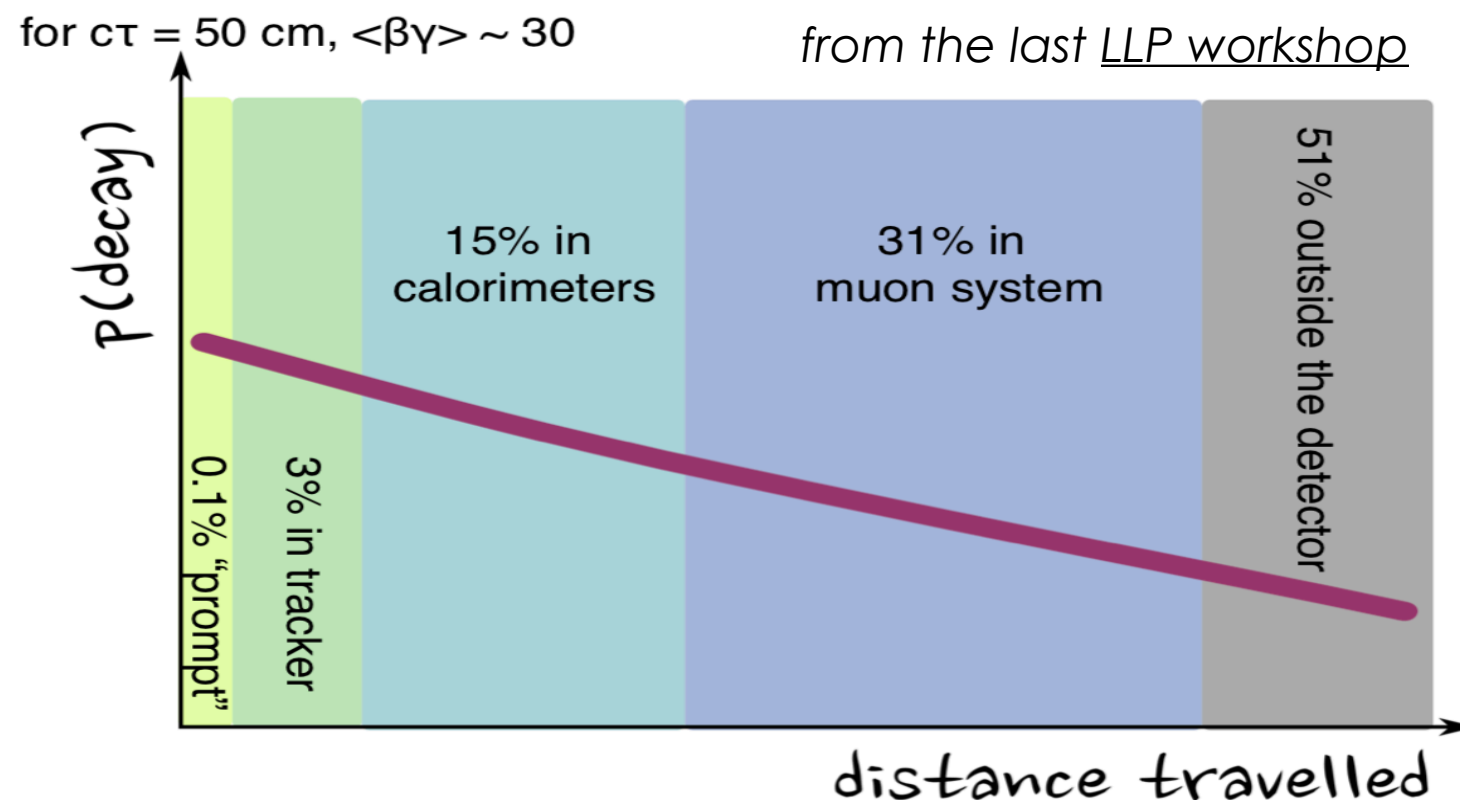
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Expand our targets

Exploit the simplicity and the inclusivity of the MET+jet channel

- * every new physics model which predicts something invisible to the detector or sufficiently long-lived particles provides a mono-jet signature
- * more complex Dark Matter models (e.g. [JHEP 1705 \(2017\) 138](#) G. Polesello's talk)
- * Higgs invisible decays (C. Ohm's talk)
- * Dark Energy ([Phys. Rev. D94 \(2016\) 084054](#))
- * BSM higgs decays in displaced jets (many talks)



Conclusions

MET+jets analysis plays a leading role in the BSM searches in ATLAS.

MET+jets vs ALL

The harmonisation between most of the analyses using a common set of simplified models allows to compare easily:

- * mono-X and dijet searches;
- * collider, direct and indirect detection experiment's results;
- * particle physics and cosmological limits.

What next?

New data collection allows to probe more boosted regimes still unexplored.

New ideas and new strategies to increase the discovery potential.

Not only a Dark Matter search!



Dark Matter → Dark Sector



Backup Slides

Baseline selection

Baseline: overlap removal, lepton veto

Good: final selection

	Baseline	Good
Jets	$p_T > 30 \text{ GeV}$ $ \eta < 2.8$ JVT cut, jet cleaning	$p_T > 30 \text{ GeV}$ tight cleaning on leading jet
Electrons	$E_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$ $ \eta < 2.47$ LooseLLH	$ d_0/\sigma_{d_0} < 5, z_0 \sin \theta < 0.5 \text{ mm}$ TightLLH MediumLLH for $p_T > 300 \text{ GeV}$ tight isolation
Muons	$p_T > 10 \text{ GeV}$ $ \eta < 2.5$ Combined, medium	$ d_0/\sigma_{d_0} < 3$ $ z_0 \sin \theta < 0.5 \text{ mm}$

MET: baseline objects, TST, e/ μ invisible (depending on CR)

b-tagging: MV2c10, 60% WP (85% WP in OR)

Non-collision bkg (NCB)

The mono-jet signature is dominated by the **non-collision background** (NCB):
beam-induced backgrounds & cosmic muons

Jet identification optimized to perform a

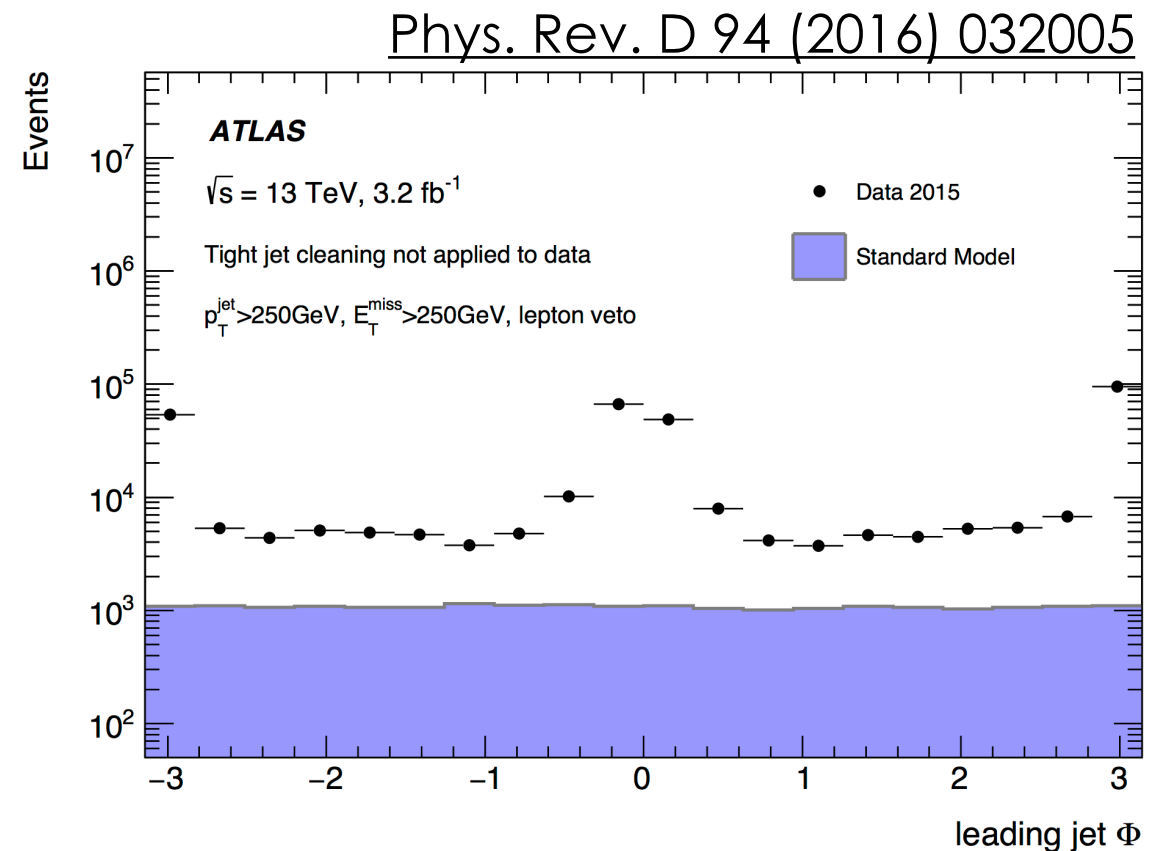
- * high NCB rejection
- * good jet selection efficiency

by using:

- * **Frac Sampling Max (f_{\max})**
Maximum energy fraction deposited in a single layer of the calorimeter
- * **Charge Fraction (f_{CH})**
Scalar sum of the p_{T} of tracks associated with the jet divided by the jet p_{T}



After applying the jet cleaning
the NCB consists of only the 0.5%
of the total bkg in the SR



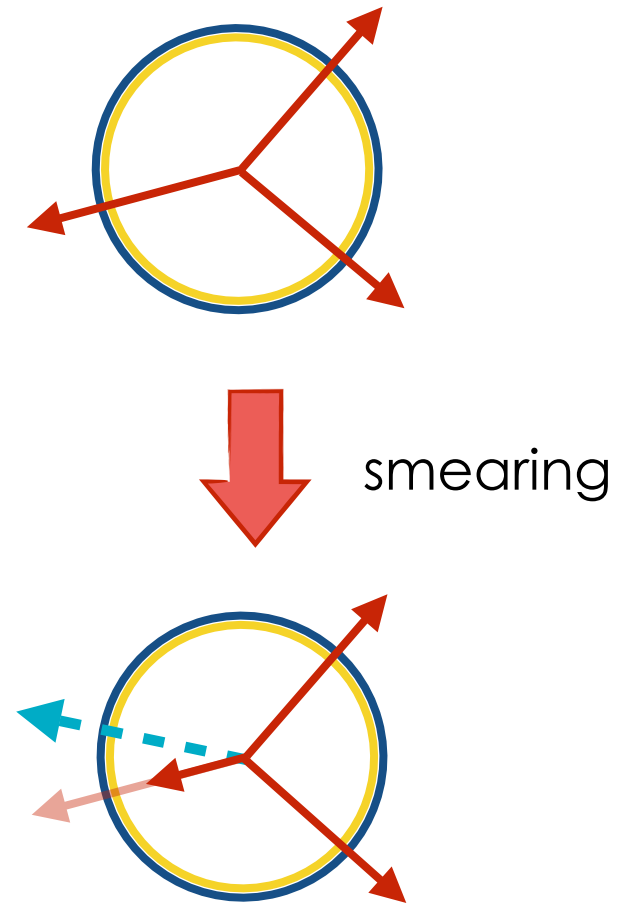
Multi-jet bkg

Coming from QCD processes (high cross sections)

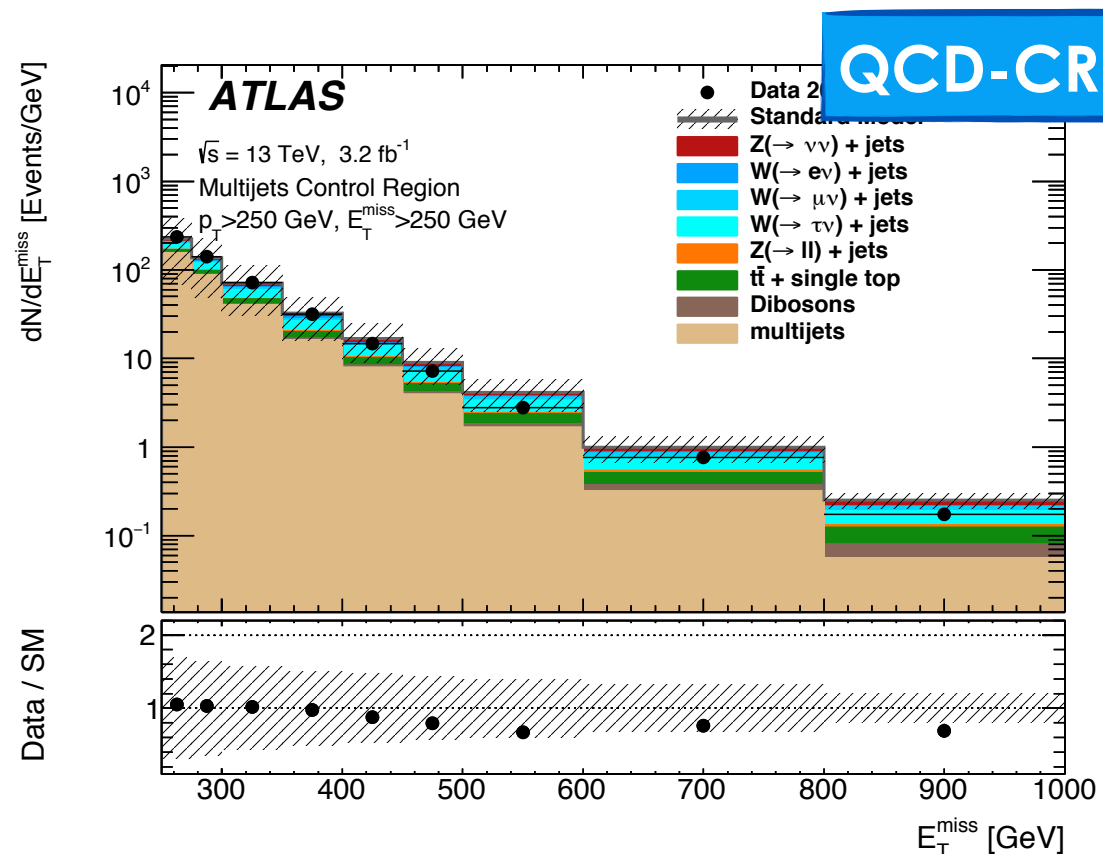
MET arising from misreconstructed jets.

Jet smearing method adopted to estimate the multi-jet bkg:

- * Select sample of multi-jet events with zero-MET
- * Smear these events using the jet response function (creating a new sample with high statistics)
- * Normalize the multi-jet bkg from CR defined by inverting the $\Delta\phi(\text{jets}, \text{MET})$ cut



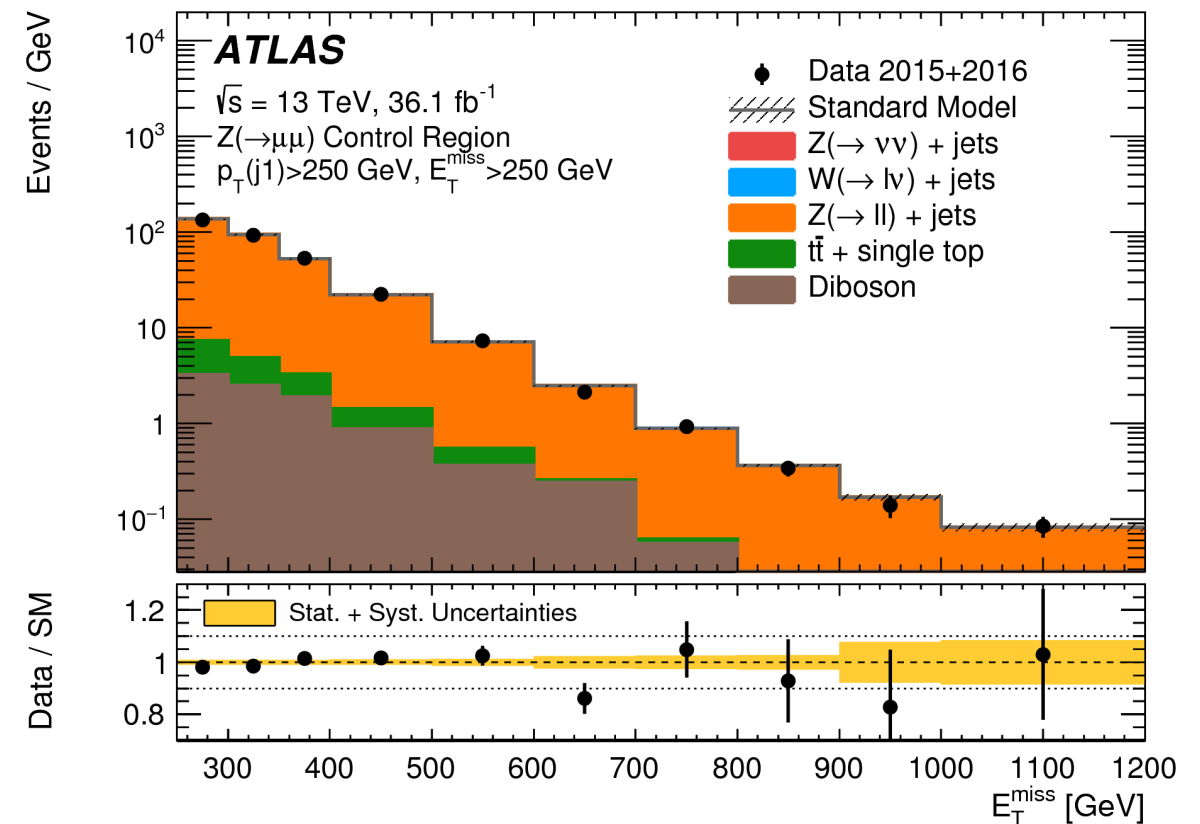
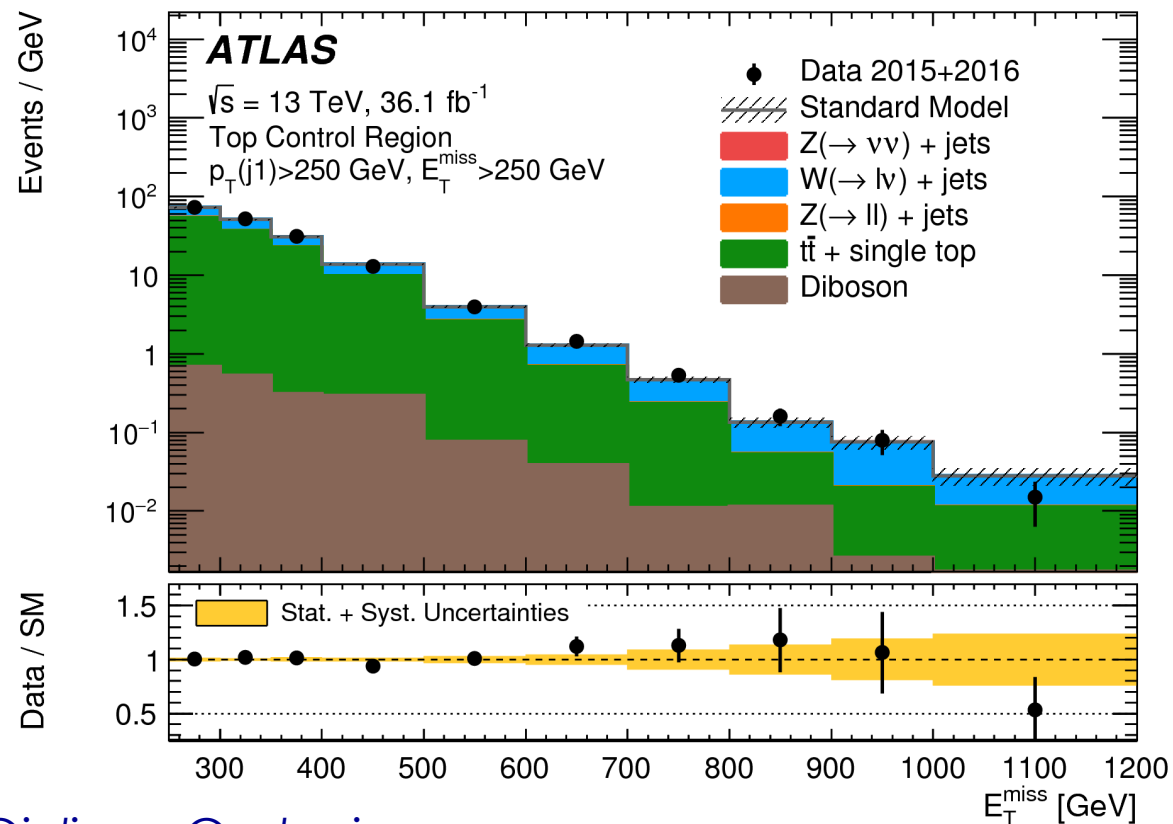
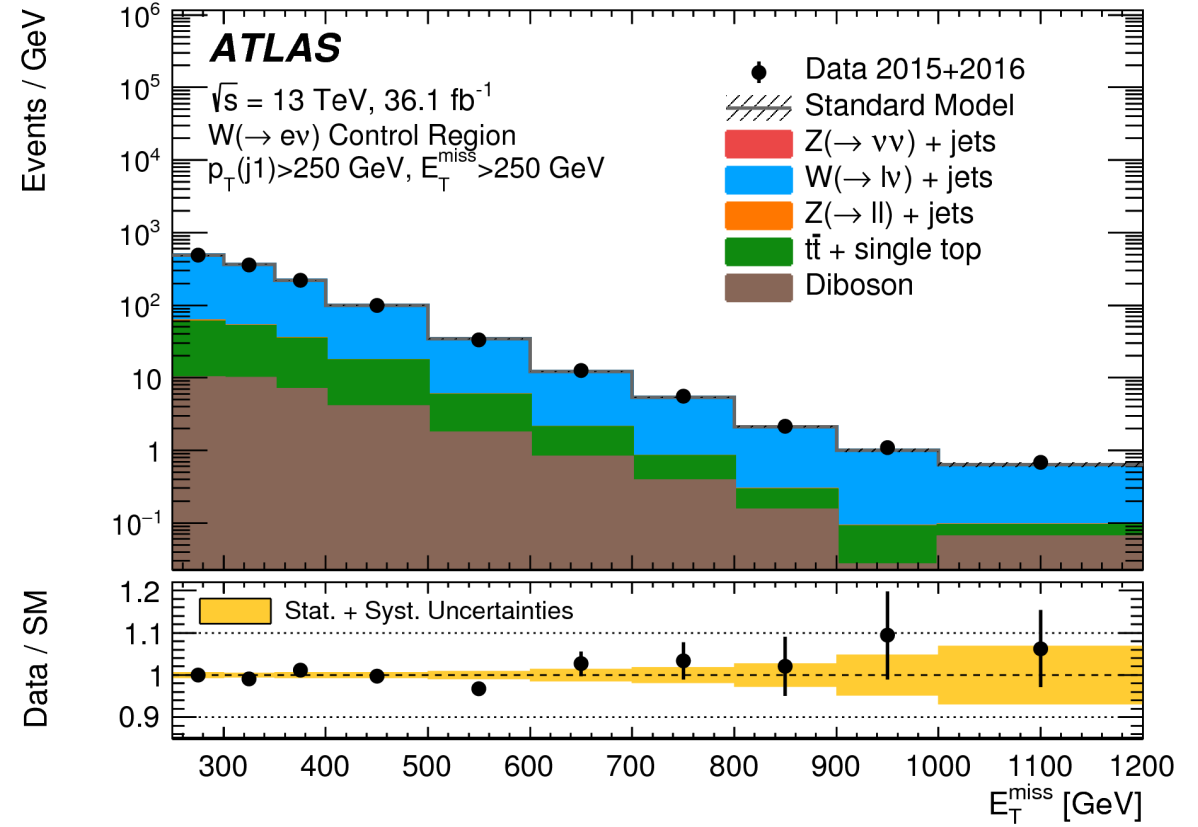
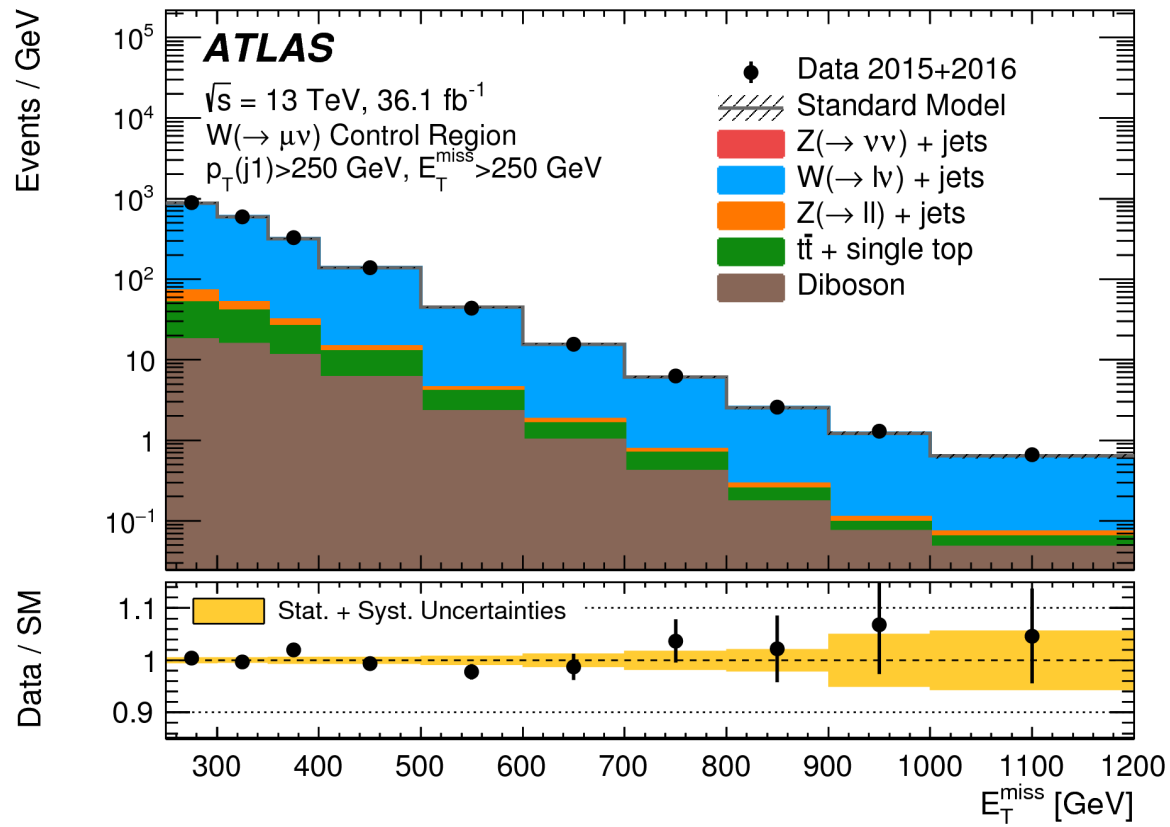
The multi-jet bkg evaluated in the SR is of about the 0.2% of the total



Bkg-only fit on CRs

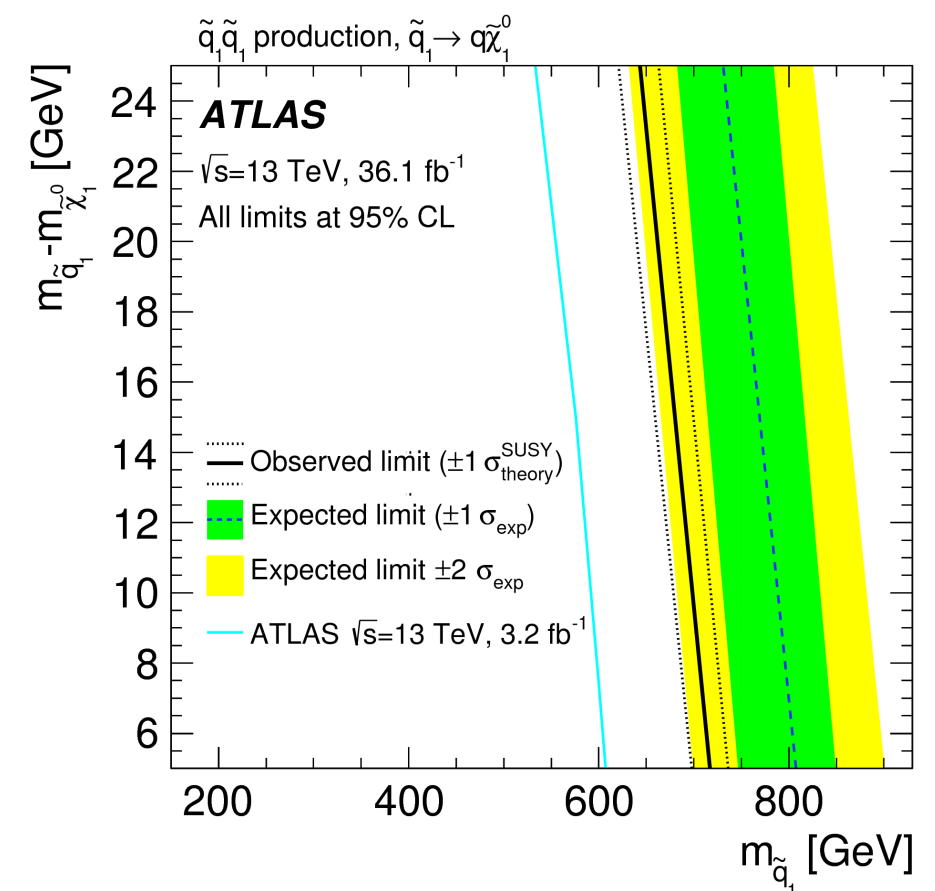
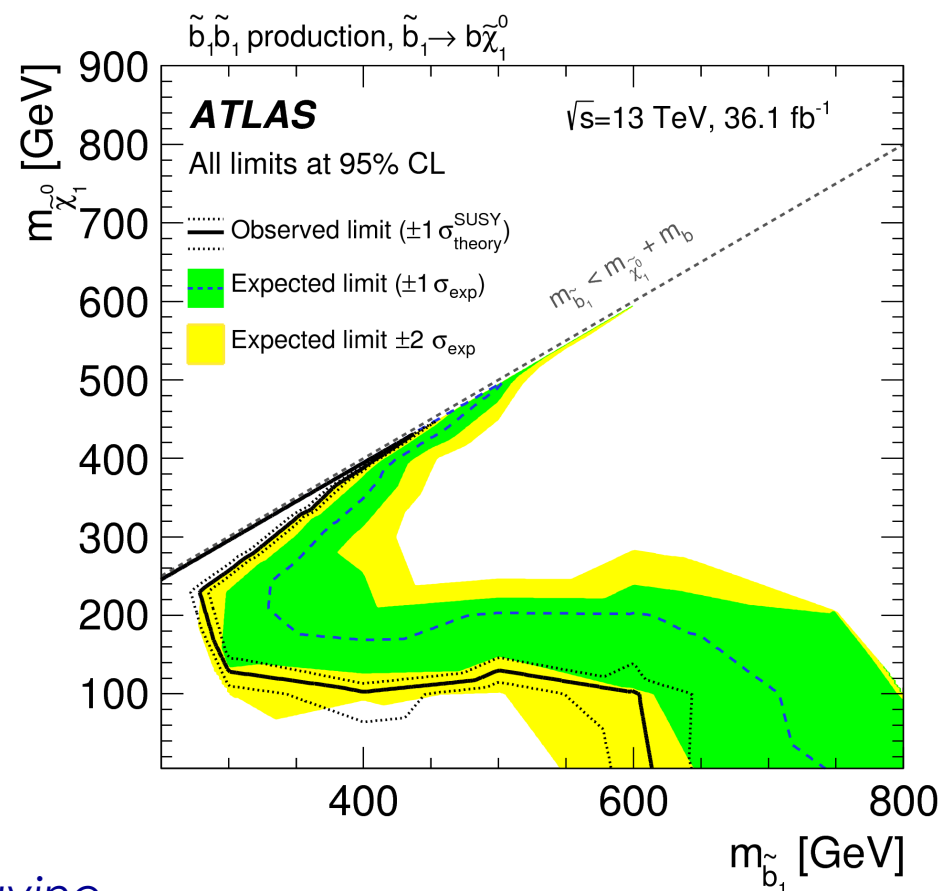
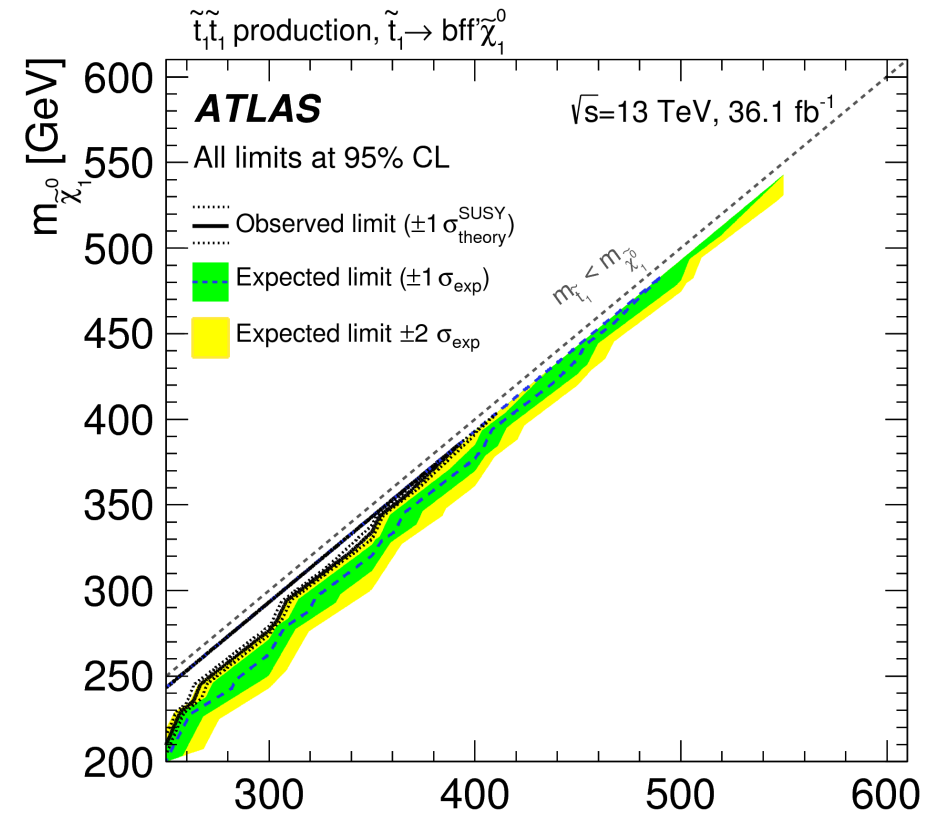
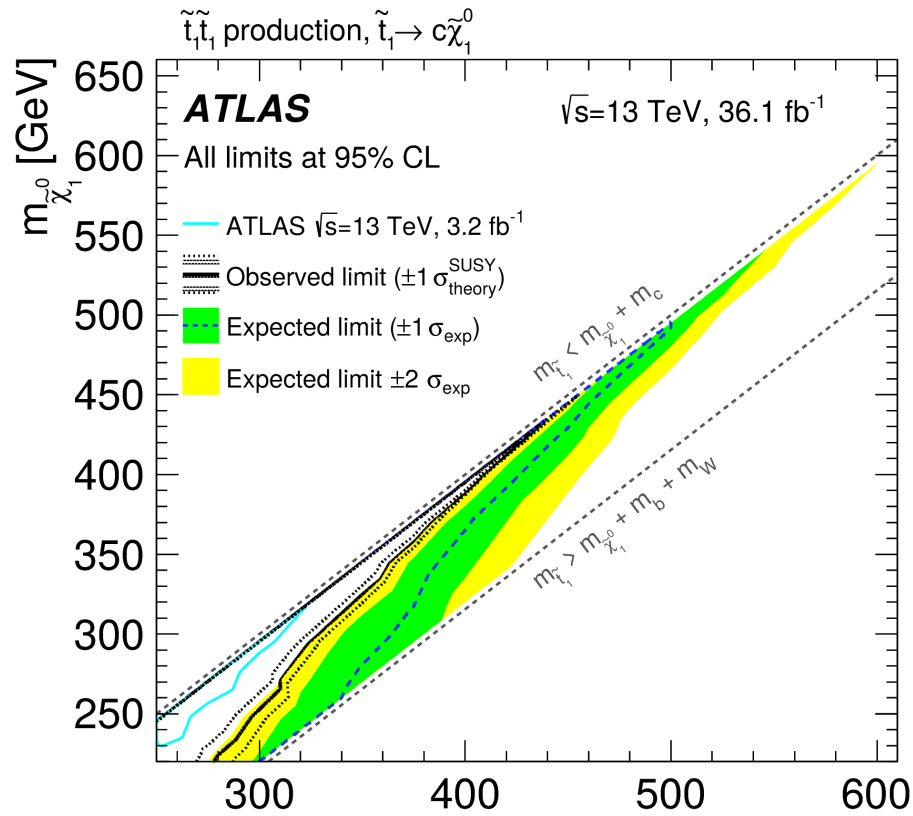
$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 250 \text{ GeV}$ Control Regions	$W(\rightarrow \mu\nu)$	$W(\rightarrow e\nu)$	$Z/\gamma^*(\rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)$	Top
Observed events (36.1 fb ⁻¹)	110938	68973	17372	9729
SM prediction (post-fit)	110810 ± 350	69030 ± 260	17440 ± 130	9720 ± 130
$W(\rightarrow e\nu)$	7 ± 2	54500 ± 1000	–	0.2 ^{+0.4} _{-0.2}
$W(\rightarrow \mu\nu)$	94940 ± 900	7 ± 7	32 ± 3	2160 ± 650
$W(\rightarrow \tau\nu)$	5860 ± 160	4110 ± 140	3 ± 1	164 ± 40
$Z/\gamma^*(\rightarrow e^+e^-)$	–	5 ± 4	–	–
$Z/\gamma^*(\rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)$	1774 ± 75	0.4 ± 0.2	16360 ± 160	59 ± 12
$Z/\gamma^*(\rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-)$	277 ± 21	212 ± 15	16 ± 3	12 ± 2
$Z(\rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu})$	37 ± 3	1.8 ± 0.3	–	6 ± 1
$t\bar{t}$, single top	4700 ± 790	8200 ± 1000	486 ± 64	7220 ± 820
Diboson	3220 ± 230	2020 ± 160	540 ± 39	108 ± 38
SM prediction from simulation (pre-fit)	87500 ± 8700	56600 ± 5600	14100 ± 1400	9200 ± 2000
$W(\rightarrow e\nu)$	5 ± 1	43300 ± 4700	–	0.15 ^{+0.41} _{-0.15}
$W(\rightarrow \mu\nu)$	73700 ± 7900	5 ± 5	24 ± 3	1960 ± 580
$W(\rightarrow \tau\nu)$	4600 ± 480	3260 ± 350	2.2 ± 0.5	148 ± 37
$Z/\gamma^*(\rightarrow e^+e^-)$	–	6 ± 5	–	–
$Z/\gamma^*(\rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)$	1420 ± 160	0.5 ± 0.2	13100 ± 1400	53 ± 11
$Z/\gamma^*(\rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-)$	226 ± 29	175 ± 20	13 ± 3	10 ± 2
$Z(\rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu})$	30 ± 4	1.5 ± 0.3	–	5 ± 1
$t\bar{t}$, single top	4300 ± 1200	7800 ± 2100	460 ± 120	6900 ± 1800
Diboson	3180 ± 230	2050 ± 170	541 ± 40	128 ± 44

Monojet Control Regions



Inclusive Signal Region	IM1	IM3	IM5	IM7	IM10
Observed events (36.1 fb ⁻¹)	255486	76808	13680	2122	245
SM prediction	245900 ± 5800	73000 ± 1900	12720 ± 340	2017 ± 90	238 ± 23
$W(\rightarrow e\nu)$	20600 ± 620	4930 ± 220	682 ± 33	63 ± 8	7 ± 2
$W(\rightarrow \mu\nu)$	20860 ± 840	5380 ± 280	750 ± 44	115 ± 13	17 ± 2
$W(\rightarrow \tau\nu)$	50300 ± 1500	12280 ± 520	1880 ± 63	261 ± 13	24 ± 3
$Z/\gamma^*(\rightarrow e^+e^-)$	0.11 ± 0.03	0.03 ± 0.01	–	–	–
$Z/\gamma^*(\rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)$	564 ± 32	107 ± 9	10 ± 1	1.8 ± 0.5	0.2 ± 0.2
$Z/\gamma^*(\rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-)$	812 ± 32	178 ± 8	24 ± 1	3.5 ± 0.5	0.4 ± 0.1
$Z(\rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu})$	137800 ± 3900	45700 ± 1300	8580 ± 260	1458 ± 76	176 ± 18
$t\bar{t}$, single top	8600 ± 1100	2110 ± 280	269 ± 42	26 ± 10	0 ± 1
Diboson	5230 ± 400	2220 ± 170	507 ± 64	88 ± 19	13 ± 4
Multijet background	700 ± 700	51 ± 50	8 ± 8	1 ± 1	0.1 ± 0.1
Non-collision background	360 ± 360	51 ± 51	4 ± 4	–	–
Exclusive Signal Region	EM2	EM4	EM6	EM8	EM9
Observed events (36.1 fb ⁻¹)	67475	27843	2975	512	223
SM prediction	67100 ± 1400	27640 ± 610	2825 ± 78	463 ± 19	213 ± 9
$W(\rightarrow e\nu)$	5510 ± 140	1789 ± 59	147 ± 9	18 ± 1	8 ± 1
$W(\rightarrow \mu\nu)$	6120 ± 200	2021 ± 82	173 ± 9	21 ± 5	11 ± 1
$W(\rightarrow \tau\nu)$	13680 ± 310	4900 ± 110	397 ± 11	55 ± 5	29 ± 2
$Z/\gamma^*(\rightarrow e^+e^-)$	0.03 ± 0	0.02 ± 0.02	–	–	–
$Z/\gamma^*(\rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)$	167 ± 8	36 ± 2	2.0 ± 0.2	0.4 ± 0.1	0.5 ± 0.1
$Z/\gamma^*(\rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-)$	185 ± 6	68 ± 4	5.1 ± 0.3	0.3 ± 0.1	0.31 ± 0.04
$Z(\rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu})$	37600 ± 970	17070 ± 460	1933 ± 57	337 ± 12	153 ± 7
$t\bar{t}$, single top	2230 ± 200	848 ± 86	43 ± 6	4 ± 1	1.3 ± 0.4
Diboson	1327 ± 90	874 ± 64	124 ± 16	26 ± 5	10 ± 2
Multijet background	170 ± 160	13 ± 13	1 ± 1	1 ± 1	0.1 ± 0.1
Non-collision background	71 ± 71	18 ± 18	–	–	–

SUSY interpretation



Pseudo-scalar interpretation

