



**SEARCH FOR LONG-LIVED NEUTRAL PARTICLES
PRODUCED IN P P COLLISIONS AT $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TEV
DECAYING INTO DISPLACED HADRONIC JETS IN THE
ATLAS INNER DETECTOR AND MUON
SPECTROMETER**

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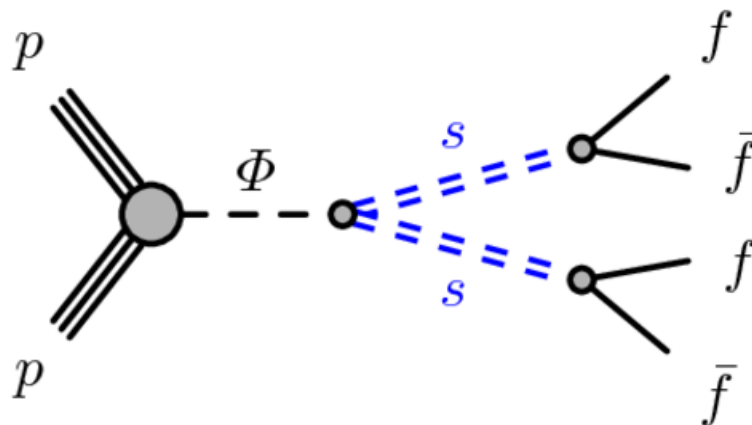
LLPs at ATLAS

• New Results!

- Coming soon on the arXiv
- CERN preprint: CERN-EP-2019-240
- Figures and tables: <https://atlas.web.cern.ch/Atlas/GROUPS/PHYSICS/PAPERS/EXOT-2018-61> !!

• $H/\Phi \rightarrow s s \rightarrow f \bar{f} f \bar{f}$

- Search for pairs of displaced hadronic jets
- One decay in the ATLAS inner detector (ID)
- One decay in the ATLAS muon spectrometer (MS)
- Uses specialized trigger and specialized reconstruction algorithms for the displaced tracks, vertices in the ID and MS
- Complementary to searches for LLPs in the MS only (MS analysis) and the hadronic calorimeter (HCal) (CR analysis)

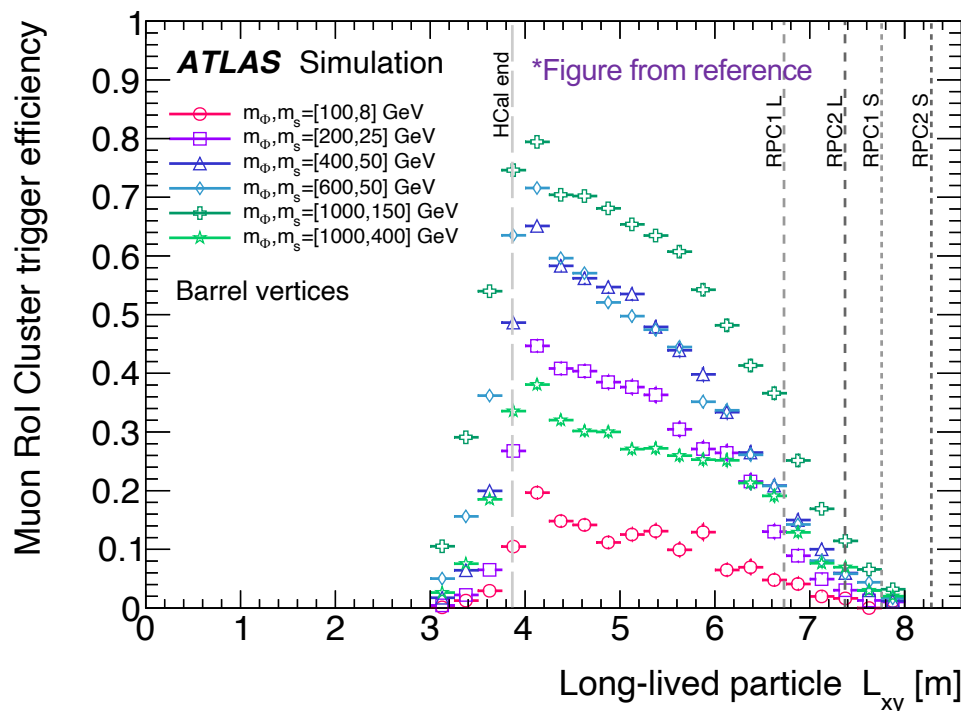


Analysis flow

- Search uses special subset of data which undergoes displaced reconstruction
- Events are collected by Muon RoI Cluster trigger
- Events are required to include an MS vertex (MSVx) which is matched to the trigger cluster
- Events are required to include an ID vertex (IDVx) which is isolated from the MSVx
- Data driven background estimation
- Results 😊

Muon Rol Cluster trigger (also see John's talk)

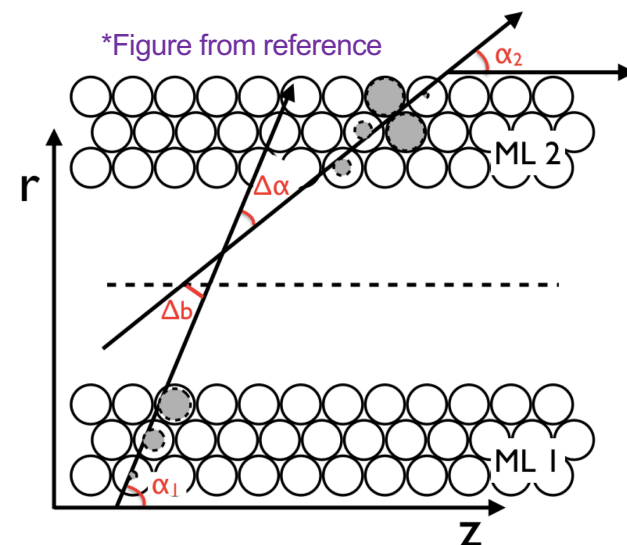
- LLPs decaying at or after the end of the HCal leave clusters of hits in the MS around LLP path
- L1 trigger searches for 2 muon Rols with $p_T \geq 10$ GeV
- At HLT, the trigger requires clusters of 3 (4) muon Rols in $\Delta R = \sqrt{(\Delta\eta)^2 + (\Delta\phi)^2} = 0.4$ cone in MS barrel (endcaps)
- High dependence on LLP decay position
- Data/MC scale factors
 - Data/MC – 1.13 ± 0.01 in the barrel and 1.04 ± 0.02 in the endcaps



*MS analysis: <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1811.07370.pdf>
 LLP triggers: <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1305.2284.pdf>

MSVx reconstruction and selection

- Specialized MSVx reconstruction
 - Dense environment with lower p_T particles
 - Uses MDT chamber structure to form tracklets
 - Tracklets used to reconstruct vertices
 - Slightly different algorithms in barrel, endcaps



Selection	Barrel	Endcaps
MSVx $|\eta|$	< 0.7	> 1.3
Matching to trigger cluster	$\Delta R < 0.4$	$\Delta R < 0.4$
Precision chamber hits	$300 < n_{\text{MDT hits}} < 3000$	
Trigger chamber hits	$n_{\text{RPC hits}} > 250$	$n_{\text{TGC hits}} > 250$
Isolation from > 5 GeV tracks	$\Delta R > 0.3$	$\Delta R > 0.6$
Max Σp_T in $\Delta R = 0.2$ cone	< 10 GeV	< 10 GeV
Isolation from $p_T > 30$ GeV jets	$\Delta R > 0.3$	$\Delta R > 0.6$

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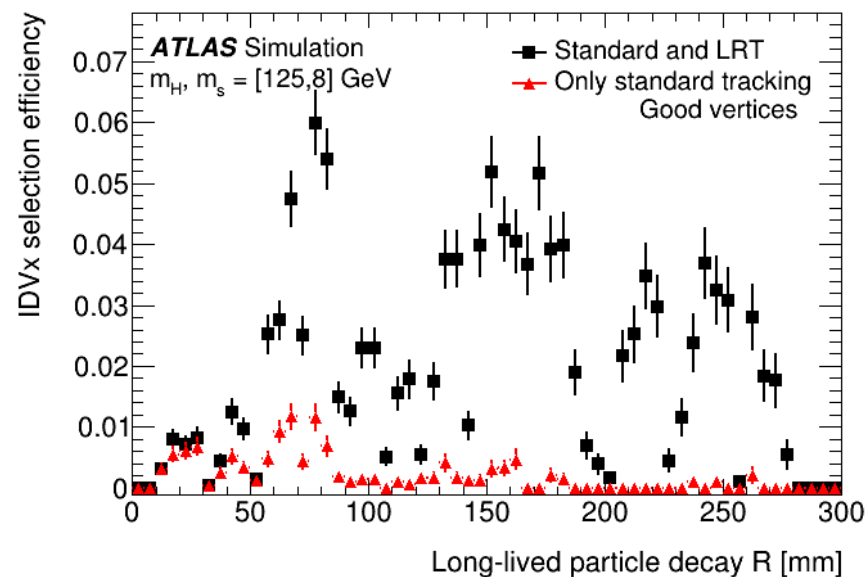
*MSVx Reco: <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1311.7070.pdf>



IDVx reconstruction

- Many tracks from displaced decays in the ID aren't reconstructed with standard tracking (ST)
- Large-radius tracking (LRT)
 - Silicon-seeded tracking
 - Relaxed requirements on track parameters to increase efficiency
 - Drastically improves sensitivity to decays at $R > 100$ mm
- Secondary vertex reconstruction
 - Uses both ST and LRT with $d_0 > 2$ mm and $p_T > 1$ GeV
 - Seed vertices formed – pairs of tracks
 - Seed vertices merged
 - Poorly fitting tracks dropped

	ST	LRT
$|d_0|$ [mm]	≤ 10	≤ 300
$|z_0|$ [mm]	≤ 250	≤ 1500
Si hits	≥ 7	≥ 7
Unshared Si hits	≥ 6	≥ 5
Track p_T [MeV]	> 400	> 500



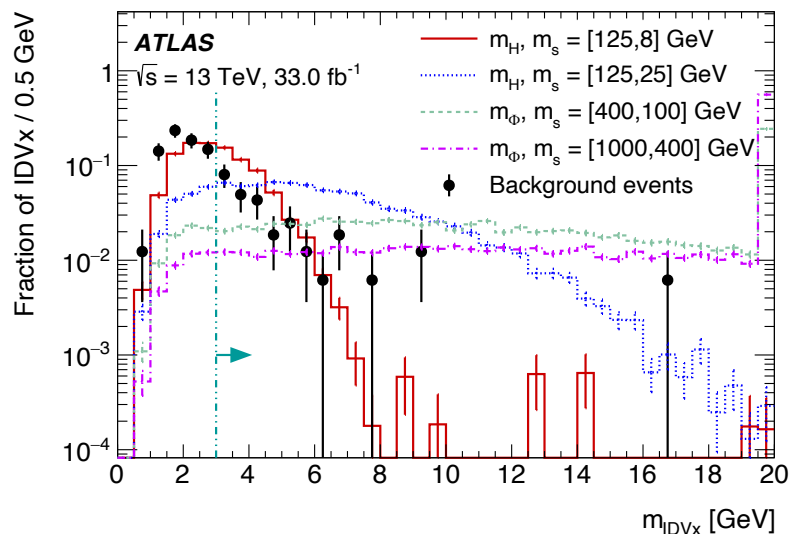
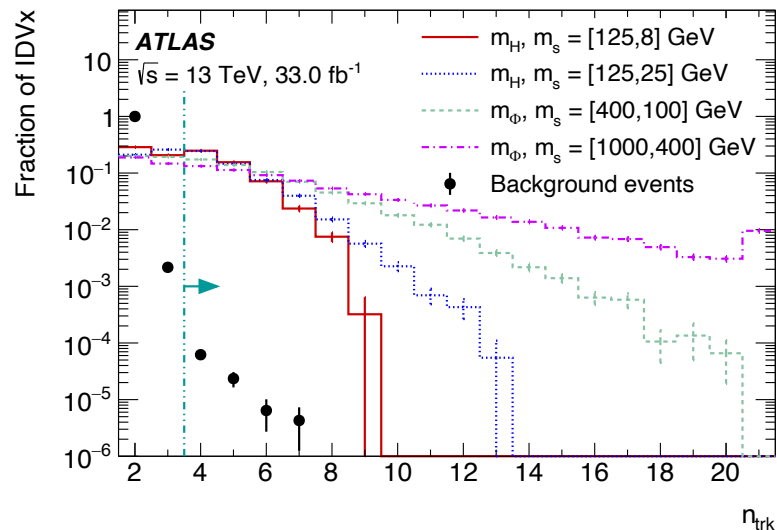
IDVx selection requirements

IDVx R, |z| [mm]	< 300
IDVx χ^2/n_{DoF}	< 5
Radial distance from PV [mm]	> 4
Pass material veto and disabled module veto	
IDVx n_{trk}	≥ 4
m_{IDVx} [GeV]	> 3
IDVx be isolated $\Delta R > 0.4$ from good MSVx	

- Fiducial volume and vertex quality requirements
- Remove vertices from material interactions
- Isolation from MDVx to reduce chance of one high energy jet causing both an IDVx and an MSVx

IDVx selection – n_{trk} , m_{IDVx}

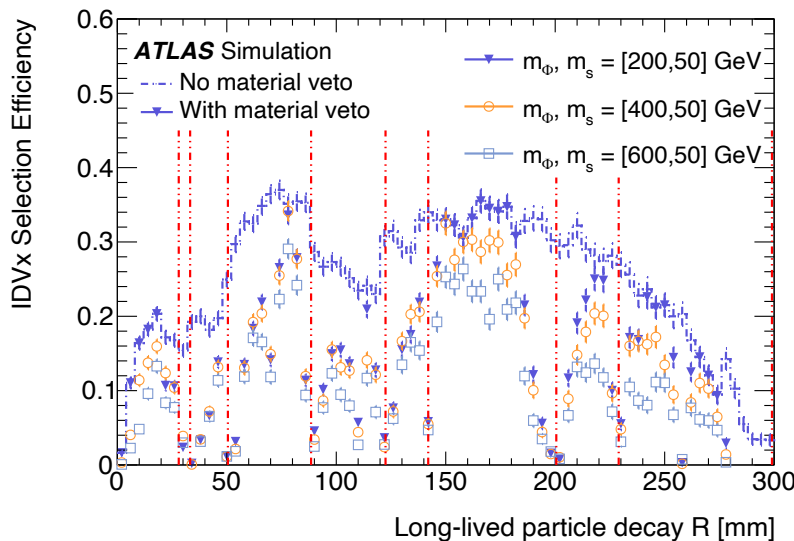
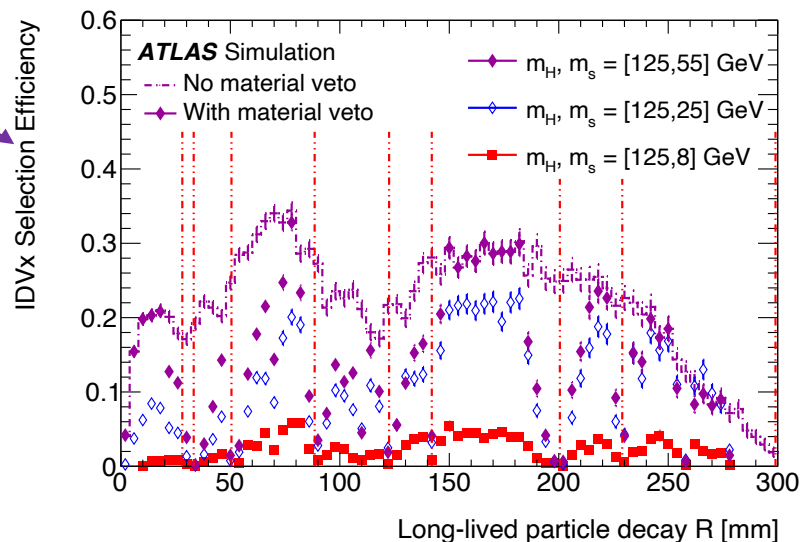
- Comparison of IDVx distributions in signal MC samples and background data samples
 - Signal MC IDVx required to be matched to generated LLP decays
- IDVx n_{trk} distribution in data dominated by $n_{\text{trk}} = 2$
 - Signal MC distribution much broader
- Selection: IDVx $n_{\text{trk}} \geq 4$
- Selection $m_{\text{IDVx}} > 3 \text{ GeV}$
 - Removes ~4% - ~50% of signal MC vertices passing other selections
 - Removes ~70% of data background vertices passing other selections



IDVx selection efficiency

- IDVx selection efficiency depends strongly on decay position
- Selection efficiency also impacted by the mass of the LLP and the relative masses of the LLP and the Φ
 - Particle momenta impacts vertex opening angle
- Unique structure of the efficiency vs LLP decay R due to material veto

constant m_H

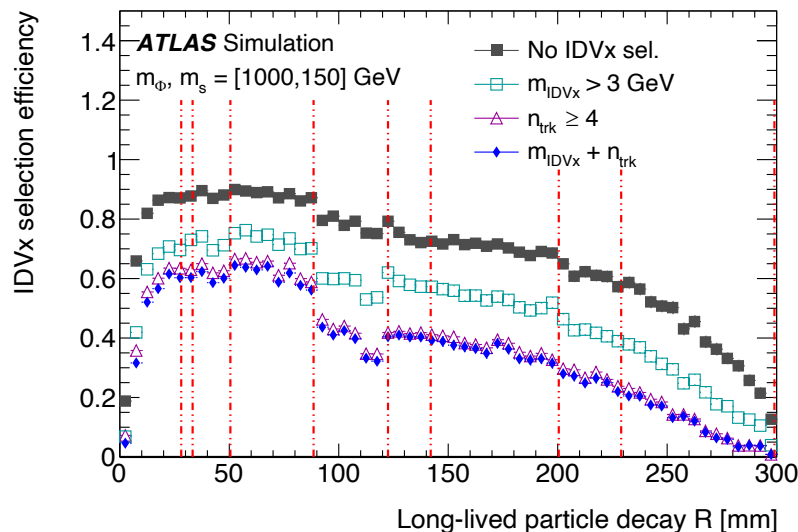
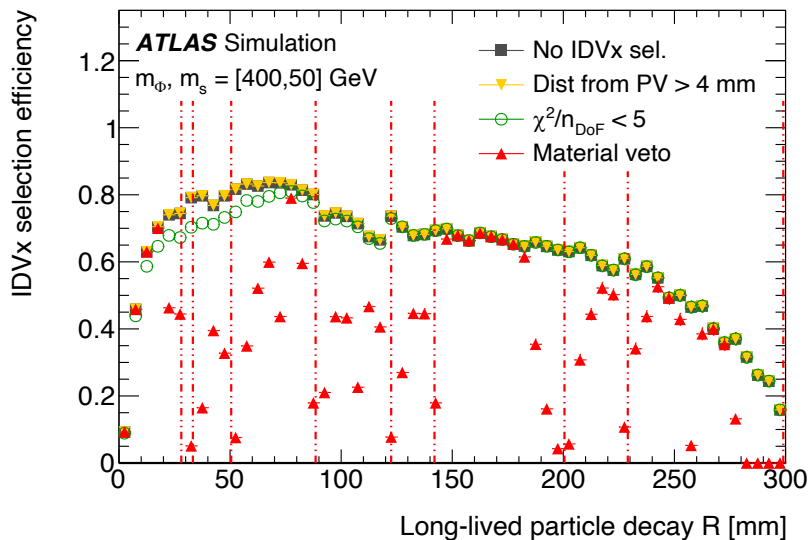


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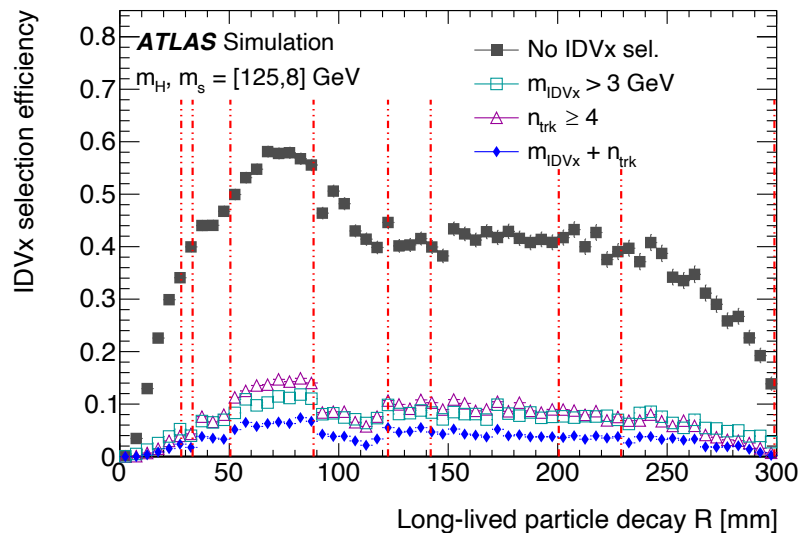


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- Relative impact of n_{trk} and m_{IDVx} requirements has strong dependence on LLP mass



Higher mass



Lower mass



Data driven background estimation

	Background events	Muon RoI cluster trigger events with good MSVx
Has IDVx passing full selection	$Bkg + IDVx$	Sig
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Agnostic to IDVx	Bkg	$Sig - IDVx$
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- Background events selected to minimize signal contamination
- Use single muon trigger plus isolated muon requirements based on $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$ event selection
- Very little overlap with signal MC samples
- Develop factor $F = \frac{N_{Bkg+IDVx}}{N_{Bkg}}$
- Estimate $N_{Sig}^{pred.} = N_{Sig-IDVx} \times F = N_{Sig-IDVx} \times \frac{N_{Bkg+IDVx}}{N_{Bkg}}$
- Estimate - 1.16 ± 0.18 (stat.)

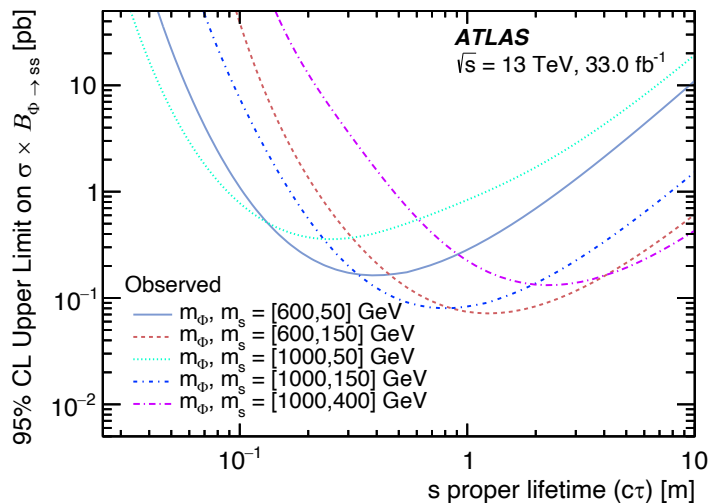
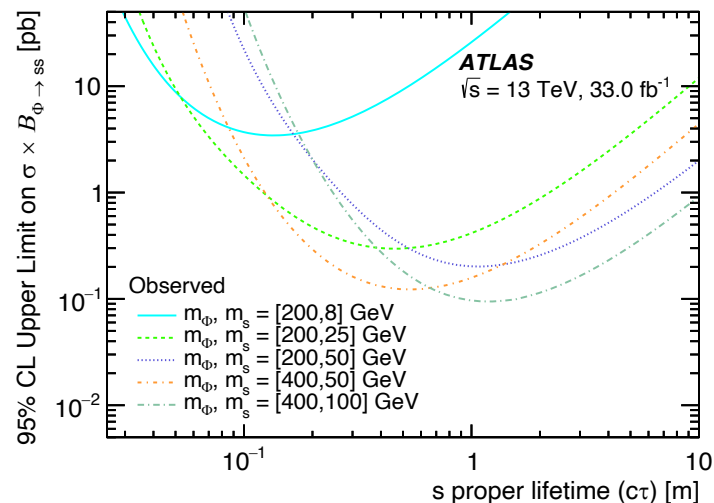
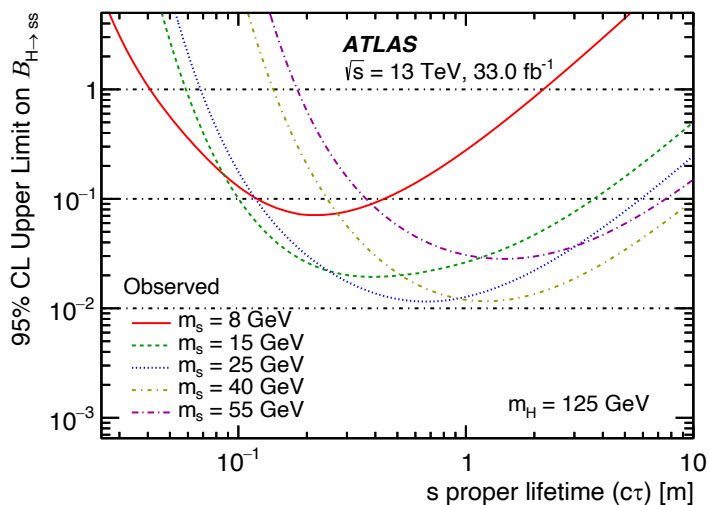
Data driven background validation

	Background events	Muon Rol cluster agnostic to MSVx	Muon Rol cluster with good MSVx
Has IDVx, $n_{\text{trk}} \geq 4$, $m_{\text{IDVx}} > 3 \text{ GeV}$	<i>Bkg+IDVx</i>		<i>Sig</i>
Has IDVx, $n_{\text{trk}} = 3$, $1 < m_{\text{IDVx}} < 3 \text{ GeV}$	<i>Bkg, 3-trk</i>	<i>Trig, 3-trk</i>	
Has IDVx, $n_{\text{trk}} = 2$, $m_{\text{IDVx}} > 3 \text{ GeV}$	<i>Bkg, 2-trk</i>		<i>Val, 2-trk</i>
Agnostic to IDVx	<i>Bkg</i>	<i>Trig</i>	<i>Sig – IDVx</i>

- Use 2-track and 3-track vertices for the validation
- Reduce signal contamination for 3-track region, remove MSVx requirement
- Develop same factors to estimate number of events in *Sig*-like regions
- Good agreement found in predicted vs observed numbers
- 25% uncertainty applied to background estimate
- Background estimate: $1.16 \pm 0.18 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.29 \text{ (syst.)}$

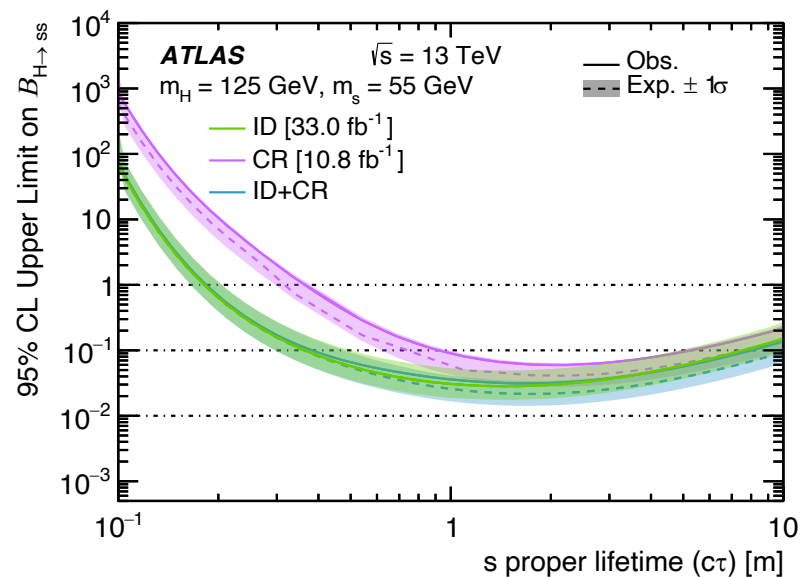
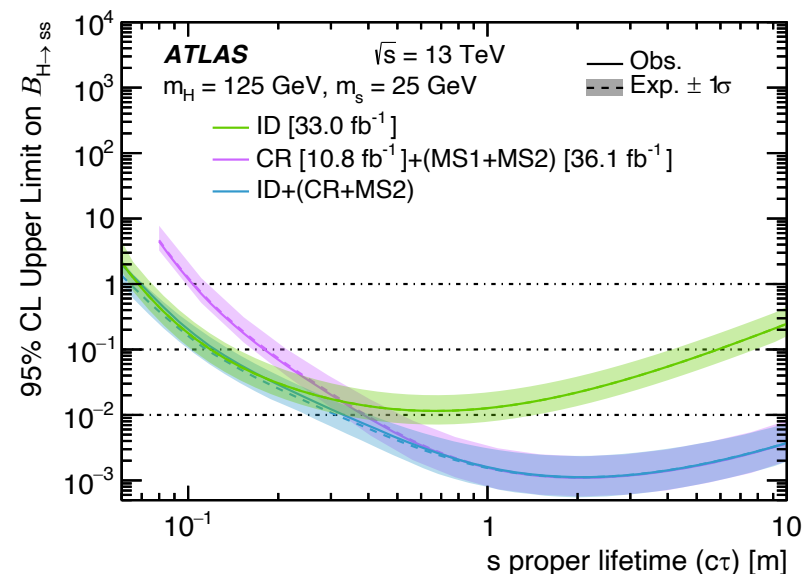
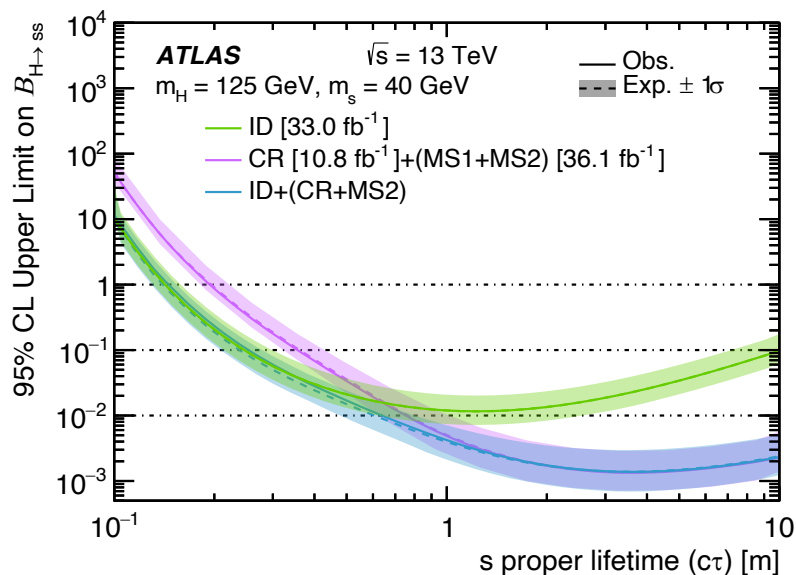
Results

- One observed event – no excess above background ☹️
- Set limits using CL_s
- Limits from this analysis only



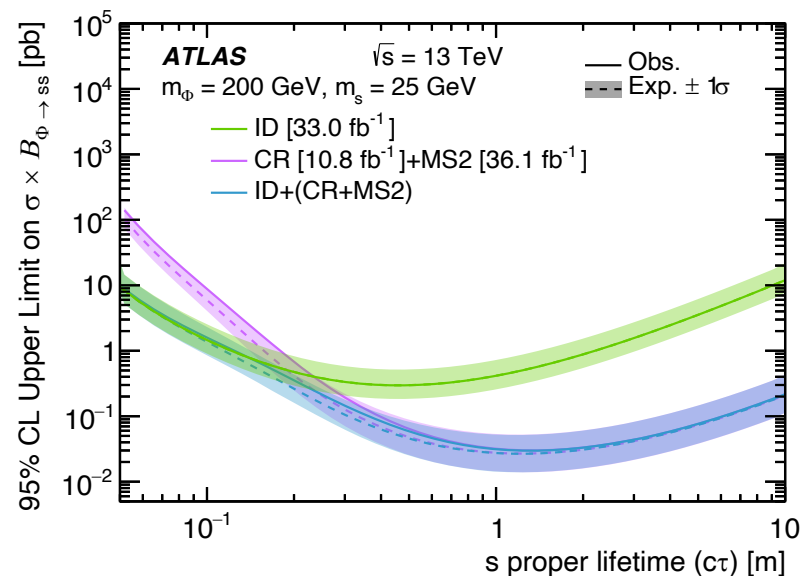
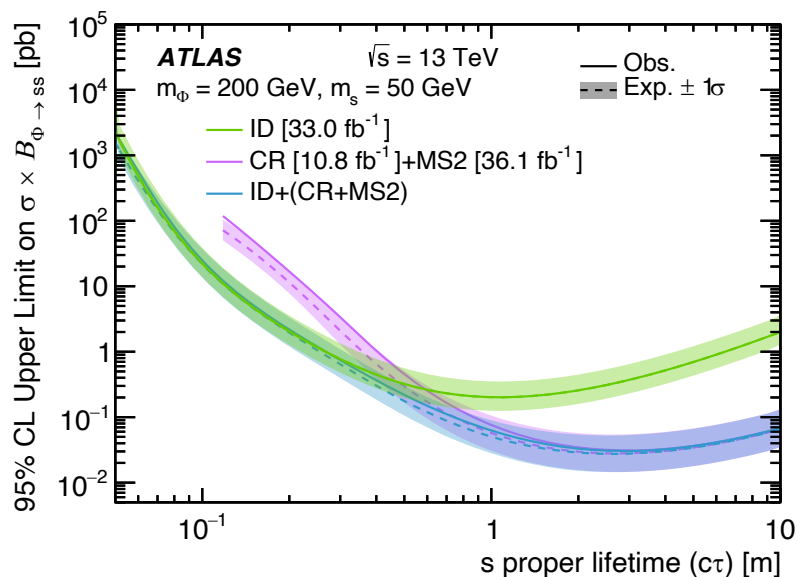
Results

- Limits combined with CR- and MS-analysis limits
- Limits on branching ratio for a SM Higgs \rightarrow HS
- Extension of limits at low $c\tau$



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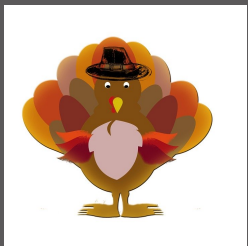
- Limits combined with CR- and MS-analysis limits
- Limits on production cross section of Φ x branching ratio to ss
- Extension of limits at low $c\tau$
- Limits for higher mass Φ do not surpass those set by the CR+MS analyses



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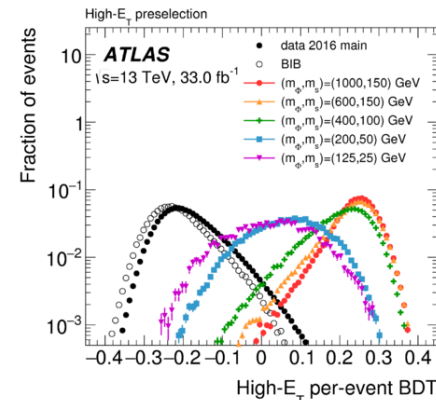
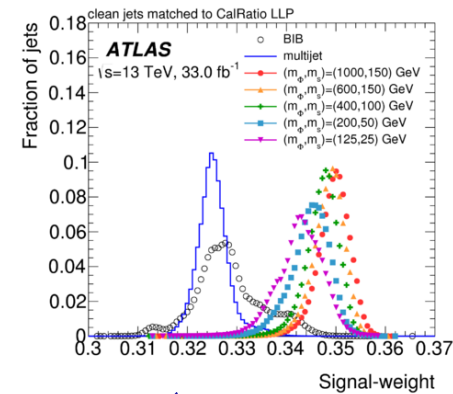
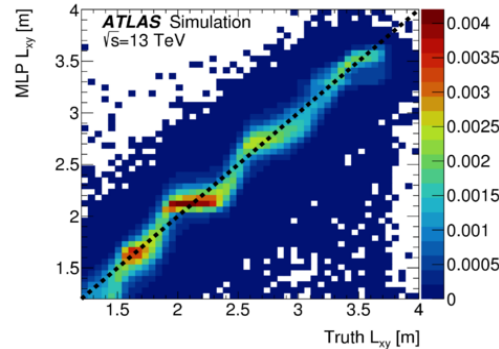
- Addition of IDVx to displaced dijet searches allows for higher sensitivity at low $c\tau$, particularly for Higgs or lower mass Φ as a mediator
- Extension to lower $c\tau$ would benefit from specialized LLP trigger in the ID which would remove need for decay in the MS (or HCal) without relying on associated production
- LLP search program at ATLAS continues to be exciting
 - Looking forward to full Run 2 results and for potential gains in Run 3

BACKUP

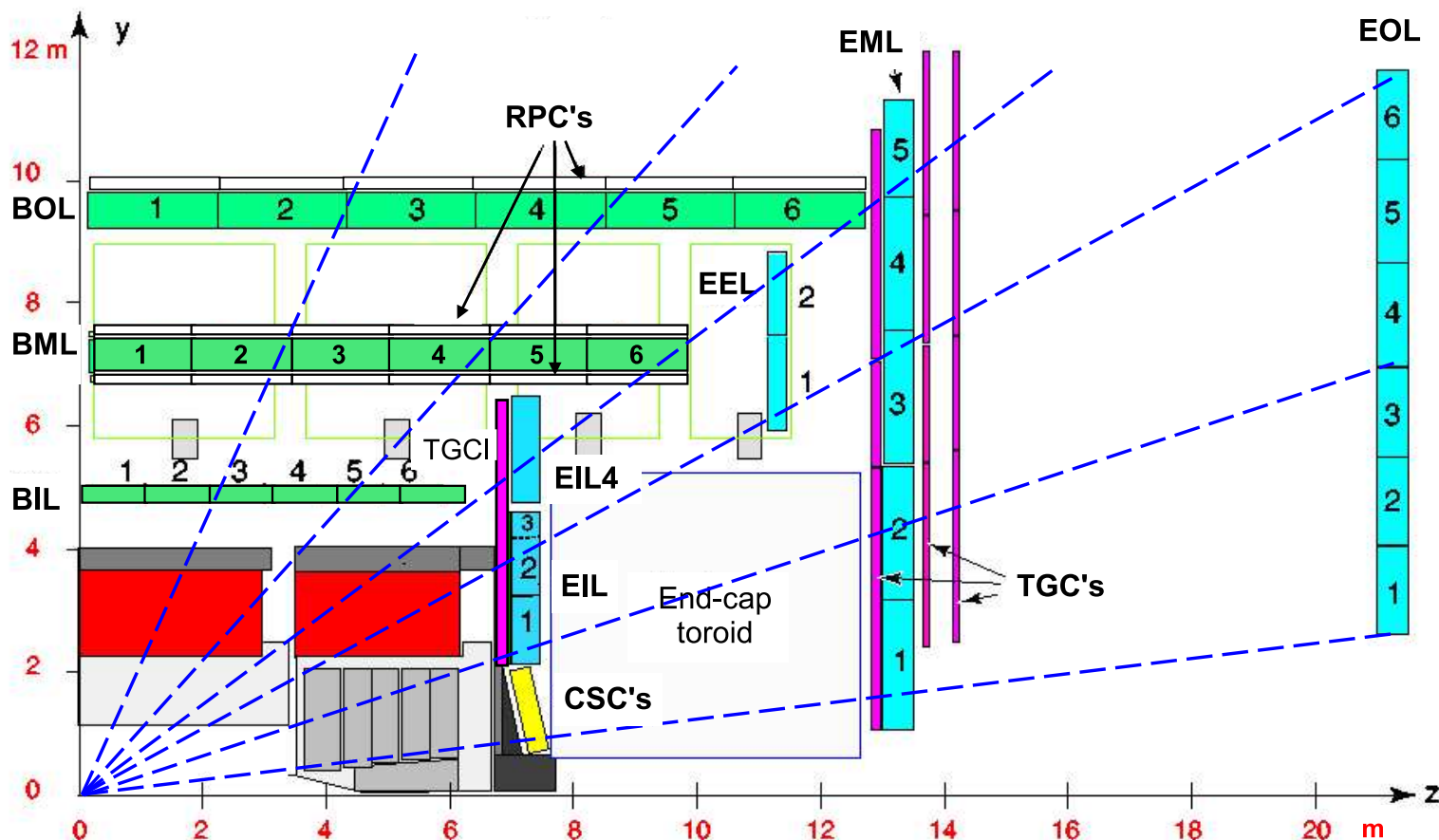


Displaced jets in the HCal – $H/\Phi \rightarrow s s \rightarrow f\bar{f}f\bar{f}$

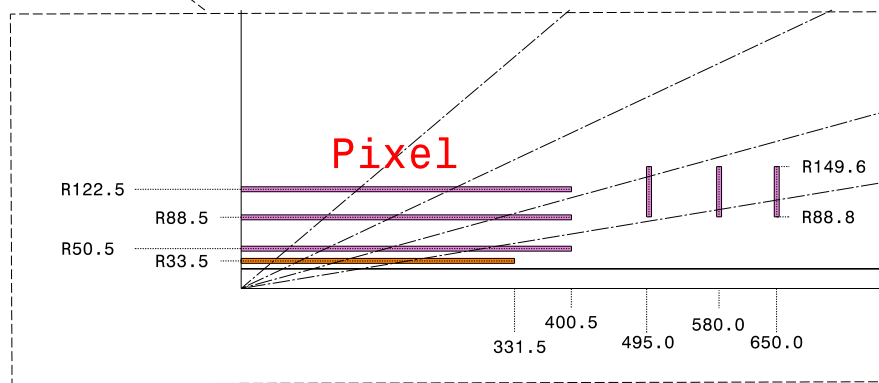
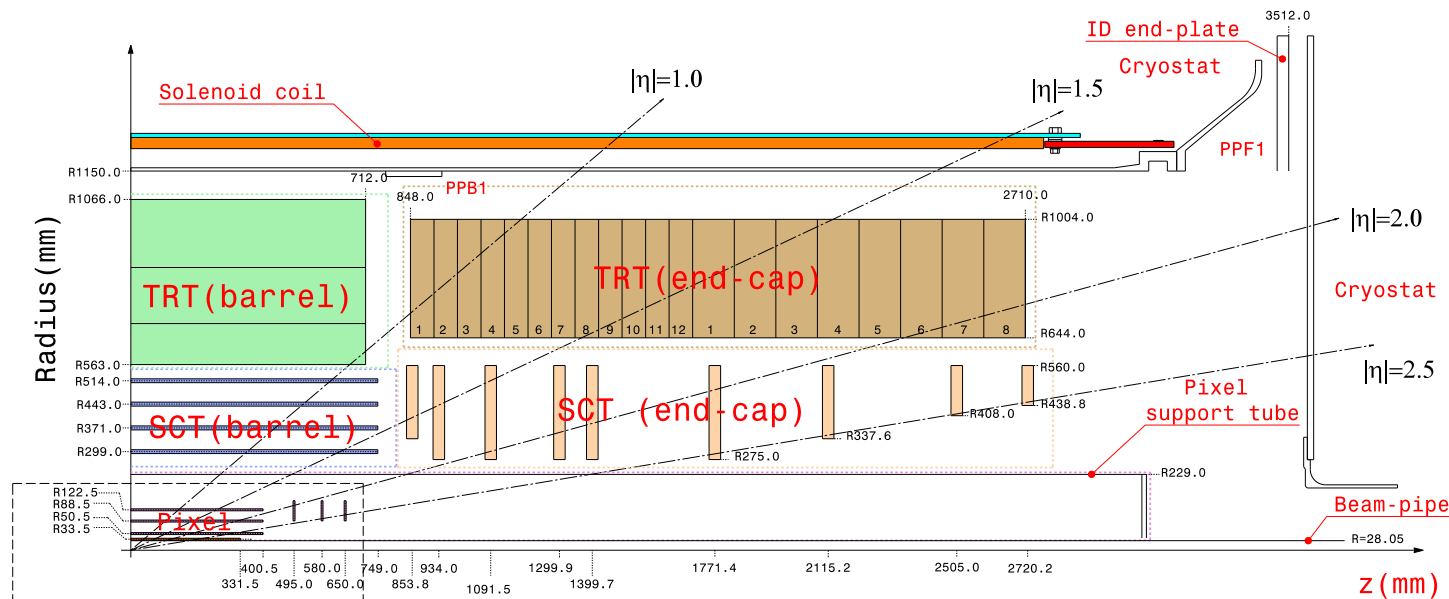
- Custom trigger
 - Relies on calRatio, trackless jet features of displaced jets
 - Two triggers for low and high E_T regions
- Multilayer perceptron (MLP)
 - TMVA trained on signal MC samples
 - Used to predict displaced jet decay position
- Per-jet BDT
 - Inputs – MLP, track, jet properties
 - Trained on signal MC, multi-jet MC, BIB data
 - Assigns BIB-, multijet-, signal- weights to jets
- Per-event BDTs
 - Inputs – per-jet BDT, event level variables
 - Trained on signal MC, BIB data
 - Separates BIB events from signal events
 - Event cleaning including BDT output – removes BIB
- Data driven ABCD method
 - Use per-event BDT and $\sum \Delta R_{min}(jet, tracks)$



ATLAS muon spectrometer



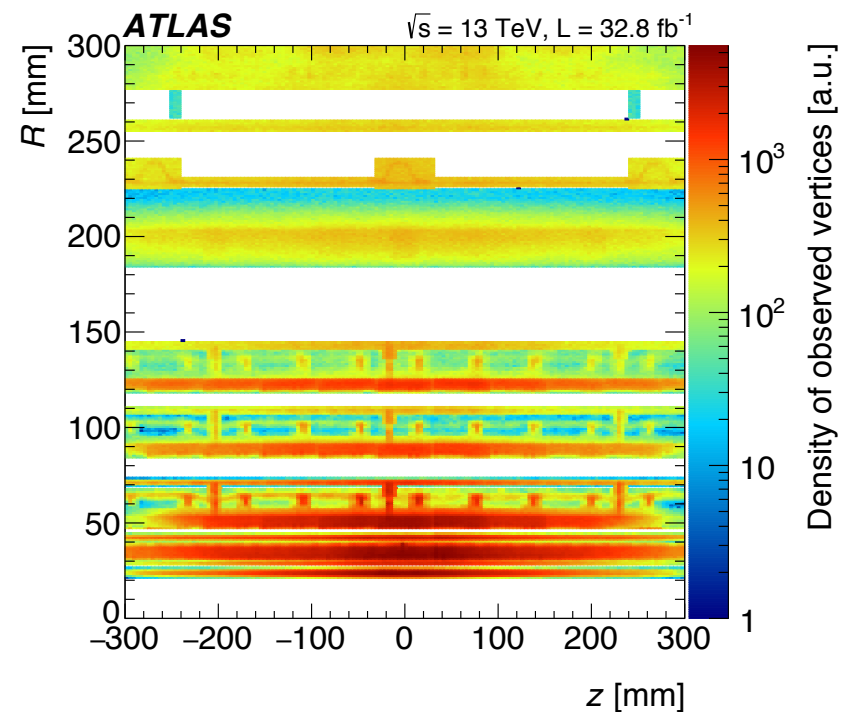
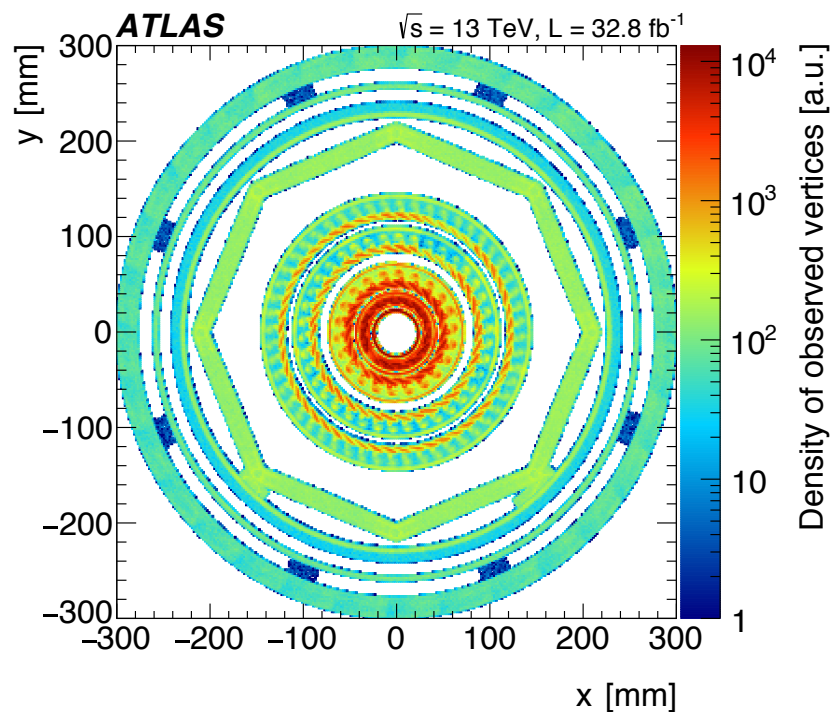
ATLAS inner detector



Envelopes

Pixel	.....	31<R<242 (mm)
SCT barrel	.....	255<R<549 (mm)
SCT end-cap	.....	251<R<610 (mm)
TRT barrel	.....	554<R<1082 (mm)
TRT end-cap	.....	617<R<1106 (mm)

Material in the inner detector

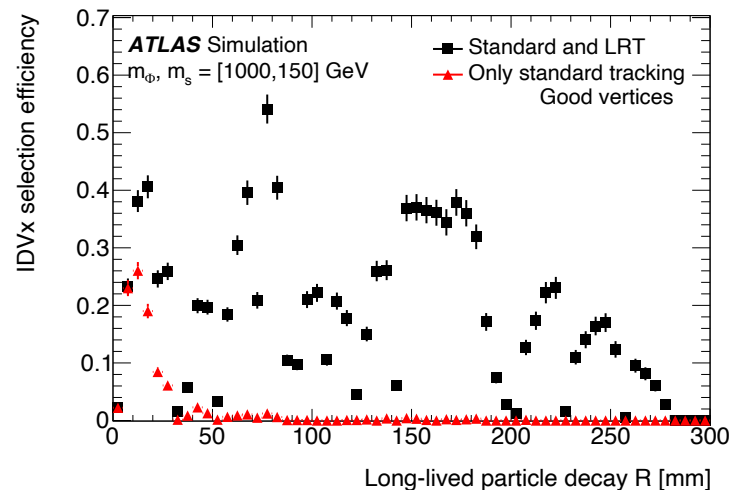
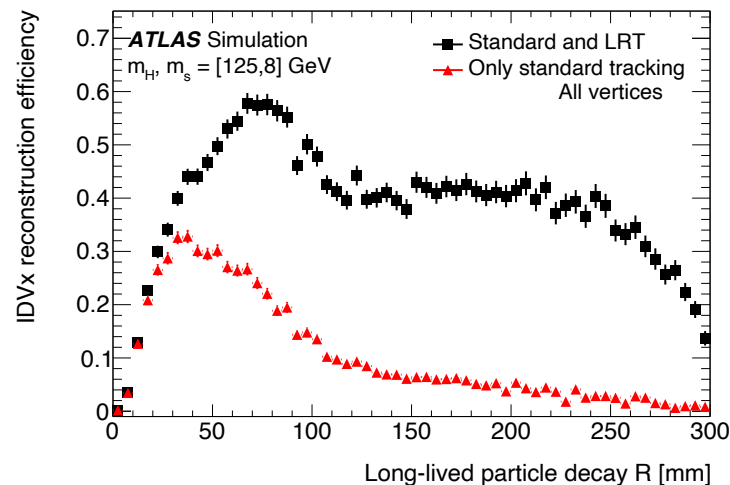
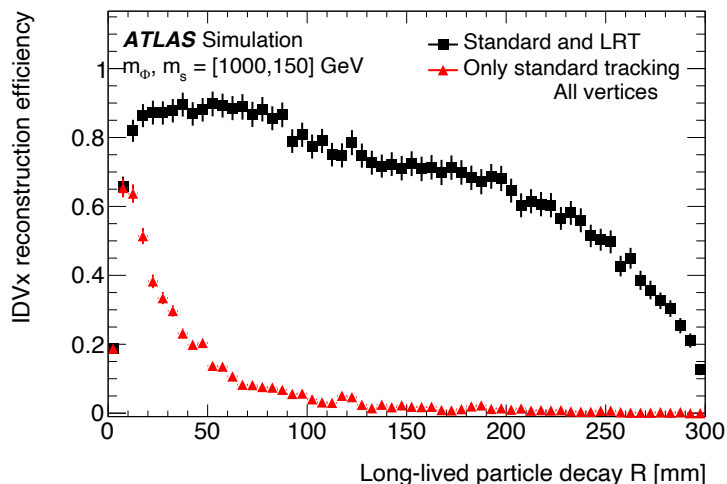


IDVx reconstruction

Track parameter	Requirement
Track $|d_0|$	$2 \text{ mm} < |d_0| < 300 \text{ mm}$
Track $|z_0|$	$< 1500 \text{ mm}$
Track p_T	$> 1 \text{ GeV}$
Number of SCT hits	≥ 2
Number of pixel and TRT hits	$n_{\text{pixel}} \geq 2 \text{ or } n_{\text{TRT}} > 0$

No hits on track may be present before the vertex

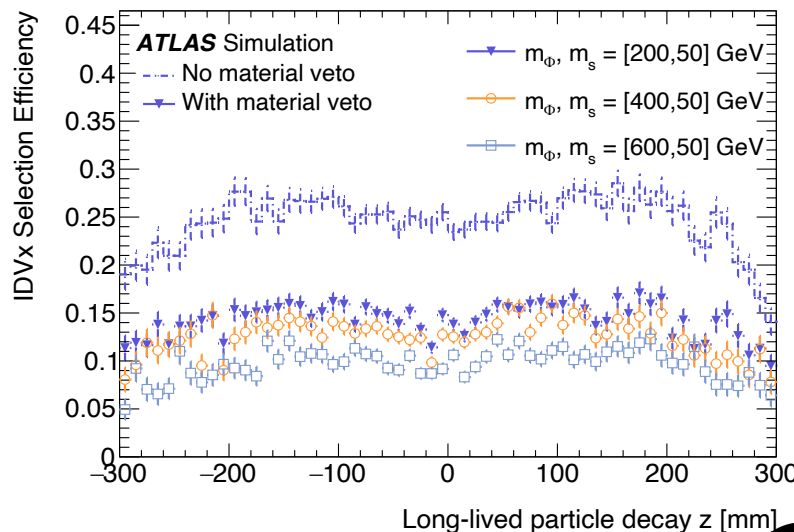
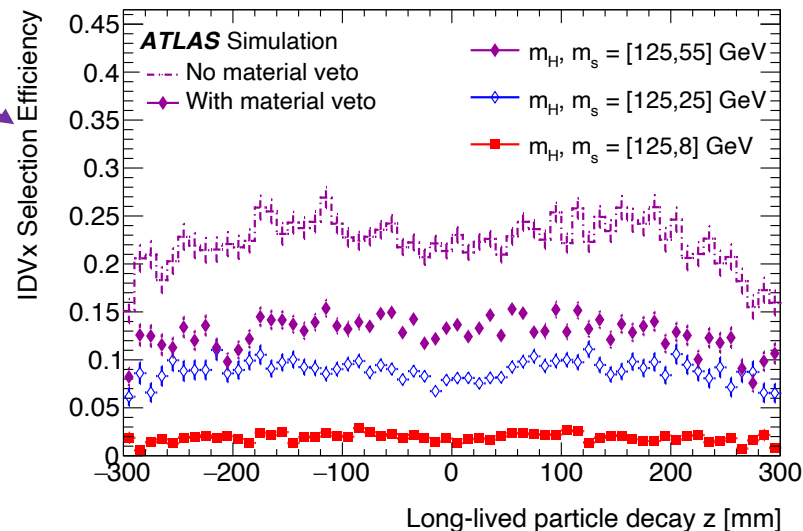
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 - Particle momenta impacts vertex opening angle

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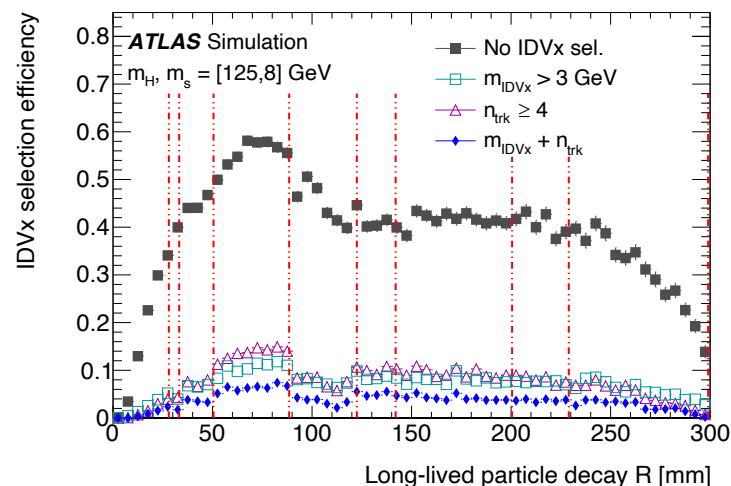
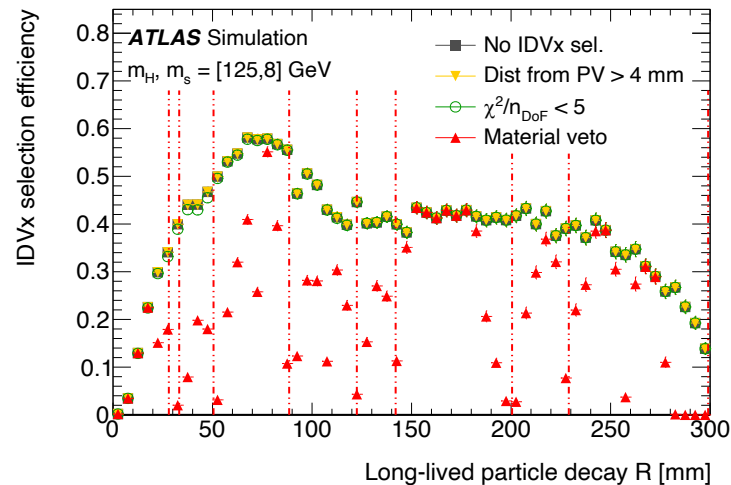
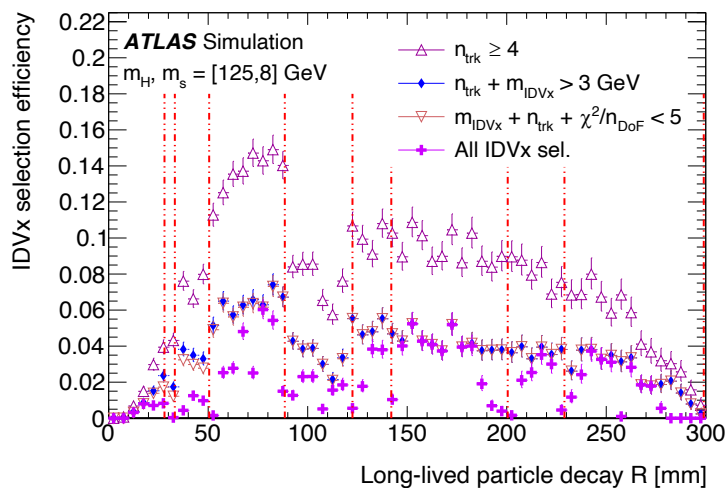


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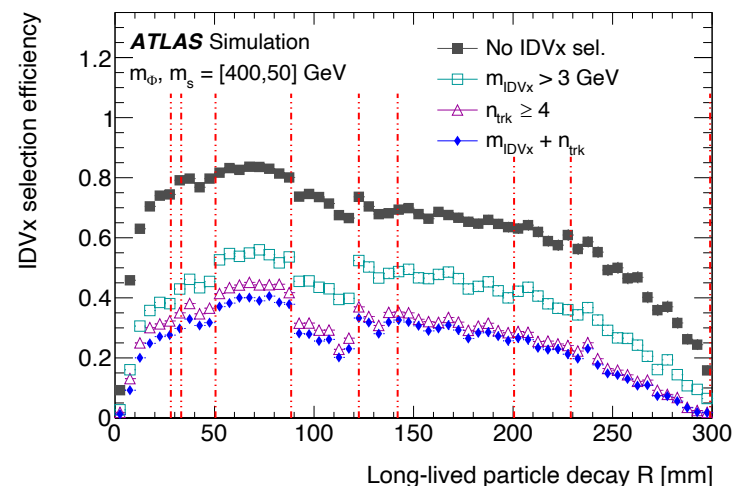
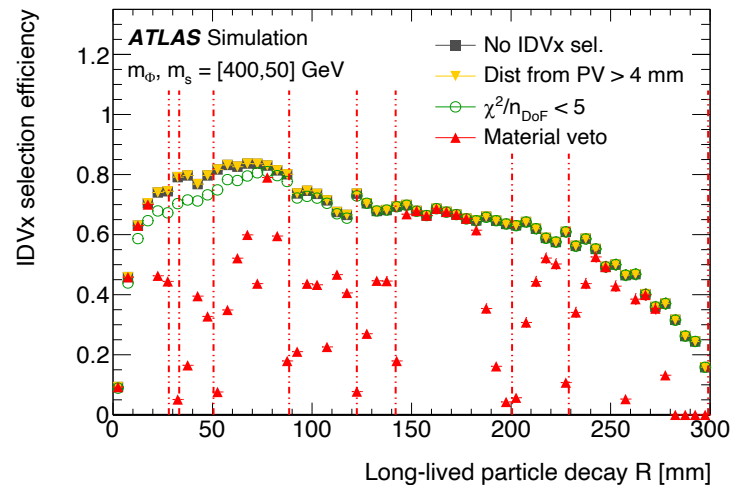
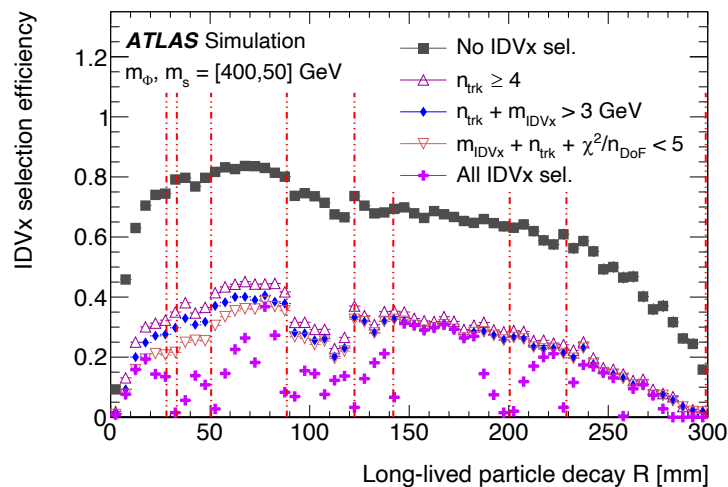
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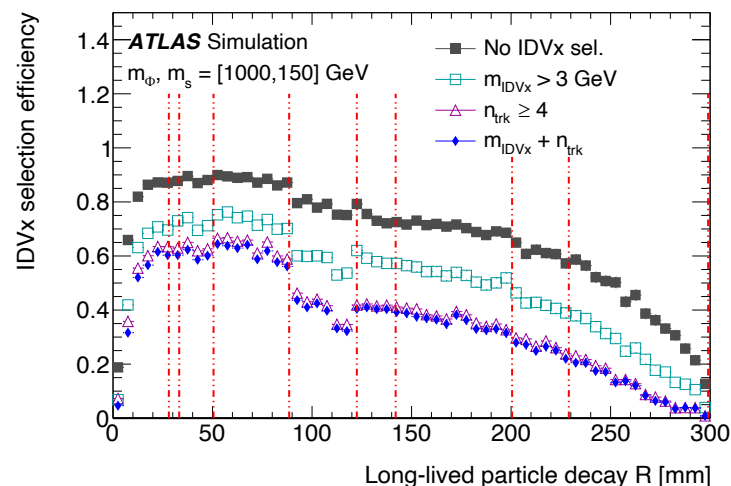
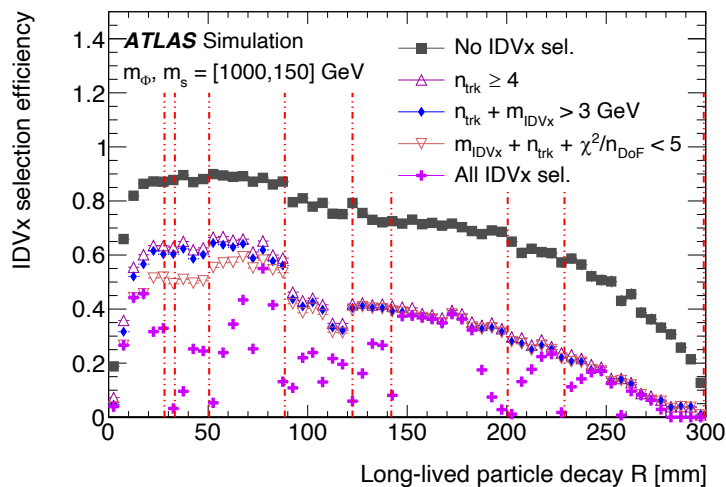
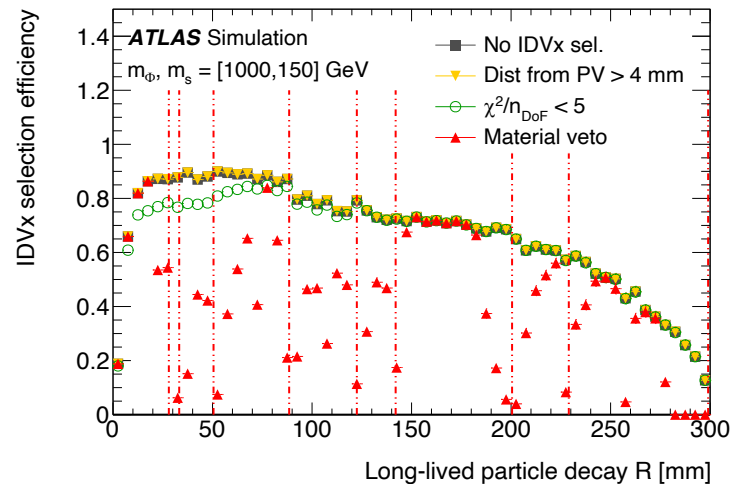
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Overall selection efficiency

Selection requirements		Efficiency	Pass trigger	Good MSV _x	IDV _x	$n_{\text{trk}} \geq 4$	$m_{\text{IDV}_x} > 3 \text{ GeV}$
Mass point [GeV]	$c\tau$ [m]						
$m_H, m_S = [125, 8]$	0.200	Total	2.71%	1.07%	0.13%	0.005%	0.003%
		Relative	2.71%	39.3%	12.5%	3.61%	63.2%
$m_H, m_S = [125, 25]$	0.760	Total	5.13%	2.23%	0.30%	0.03%	0.02%
		Relative	5.13%	43.5%	13.3%	9.15%	81.1%
$m_H, m_S = [125, 55]$	1.540	Total	1.98%	0.75%	0.11%	0.01%	0.01%
		Relative	1.98%	37.9%	14.2%	10.1%	85.4%
$m_\Phi, m_S = [200, 50]$	1.070	Total	7.06%	3.05%	0.47%	0.07%	0.06%
		Relative	7.06%	43.2%	15.3%	15.0%	83.9%
$m_\Phi, m_S = [400, 50]$	0.700	Total	13.7%	5.02%	0.73%	0.10%	0.09%
		Relative	13.7%	36.5%	14.5%	14.3%	83.5%
$m_\Phi, m_S = [600, 50]$	0.520	Total	16.4%	4.77%	0.69%	0.08%	0.07%
		Relative	16.4%	29.0%	14.5%	12.2%	78.4%

Data driven background, validation

	n_{obs}	
Region <i>Bkg</i>	6,099,660	
Region <i>Bkg+IDVx</i>	45	
Region <i>Sig-IDVx</i>	156,805	
	n_{pred}	n_{obs}
Region <i>Val, 2-trk</i>	11,269 ± 46 (stat.)	11,470
Region <i>Trig, 3-trk</i>	1750 ± 64 (stat.)	2132
Region <i>Sig</i>	1.16 ± 0.18 (stat.) ± 0.29 (syst.)	1

Data driven background, validation

The factors used in the background estimation and the validation regions.

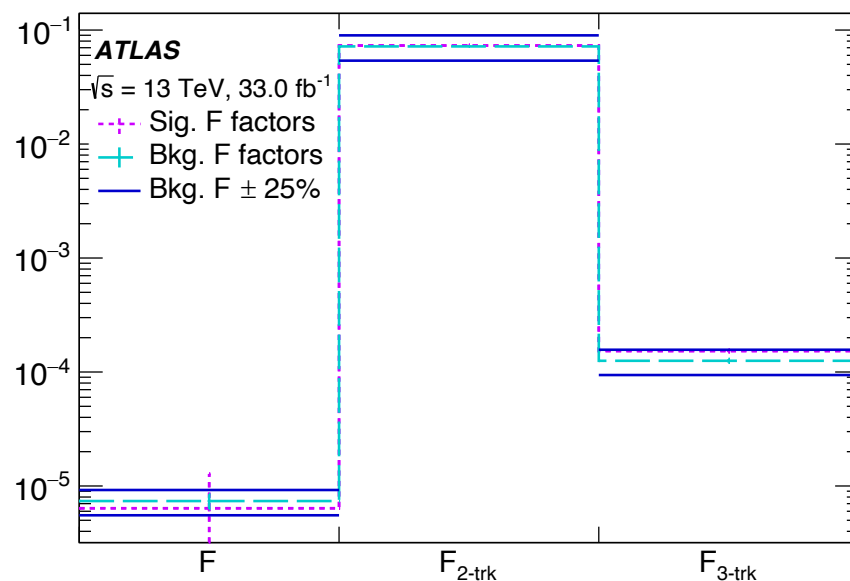
$F_{2\text{-trk}}$, and $F_{3\text{-trk}}$ factors are the F factors used to predict the number of events in the 2- and 3- track validation regions.

The F_* factors are compared using the background events, as in $F_{Bkg.} = N_{Bkg,2\text{-trk}}/N_{Bkg}$, or signal-like events, as in

$$F_{Sig.} = N_{Val,2\text{-trk}}/N_{Sig-IDVx}.$$

F_* , $\pm 25\%$ shown in solid blue lines
 - All variations, not considering statistical uncertainties, fall within 25%.

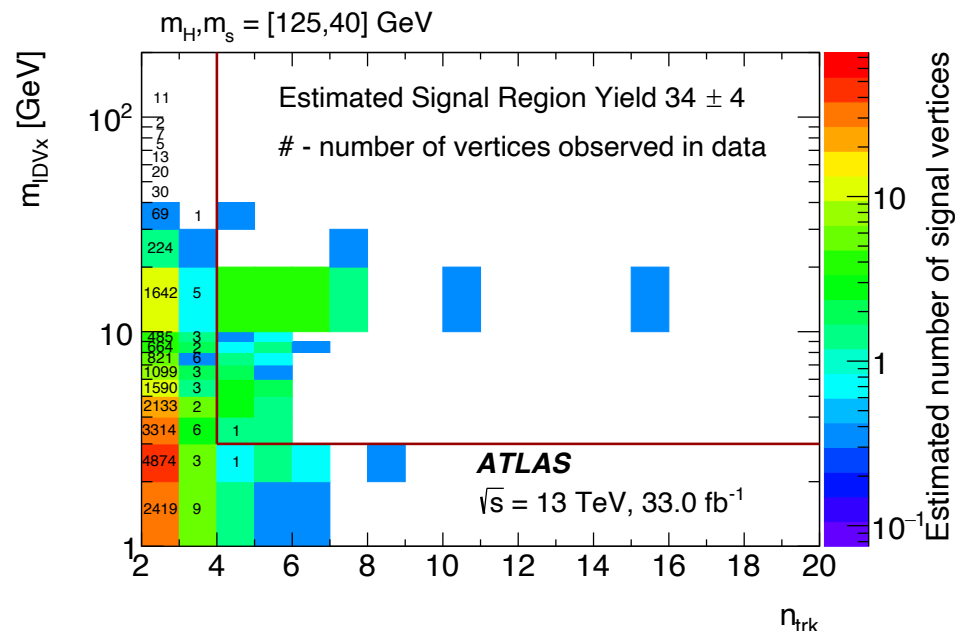
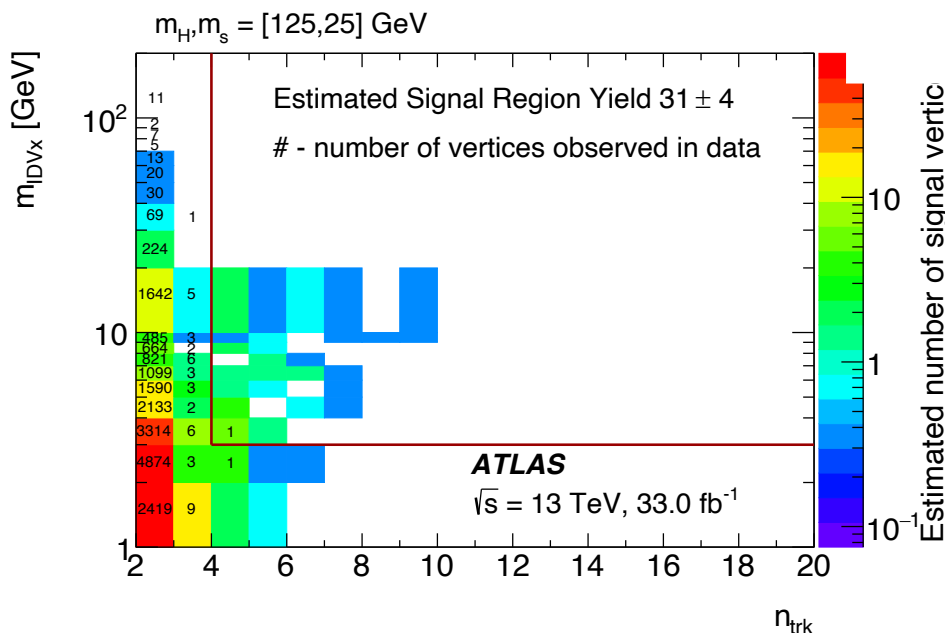
(Error bars are the stat only)



Background vs signal

Two dimensional distributions of m_{IDVx} vs $IDVx$ n_{trk}

- all signal selection criteria other than the requirements on the $IDVx$ n_{trk} and m_{IDVx} .
- vertices in data are displayed as numbers
- vertices in signal MC as 2D distribution
- final signal region denoted red lines.



1 event in data (also 1 IDVx in data) consistent with

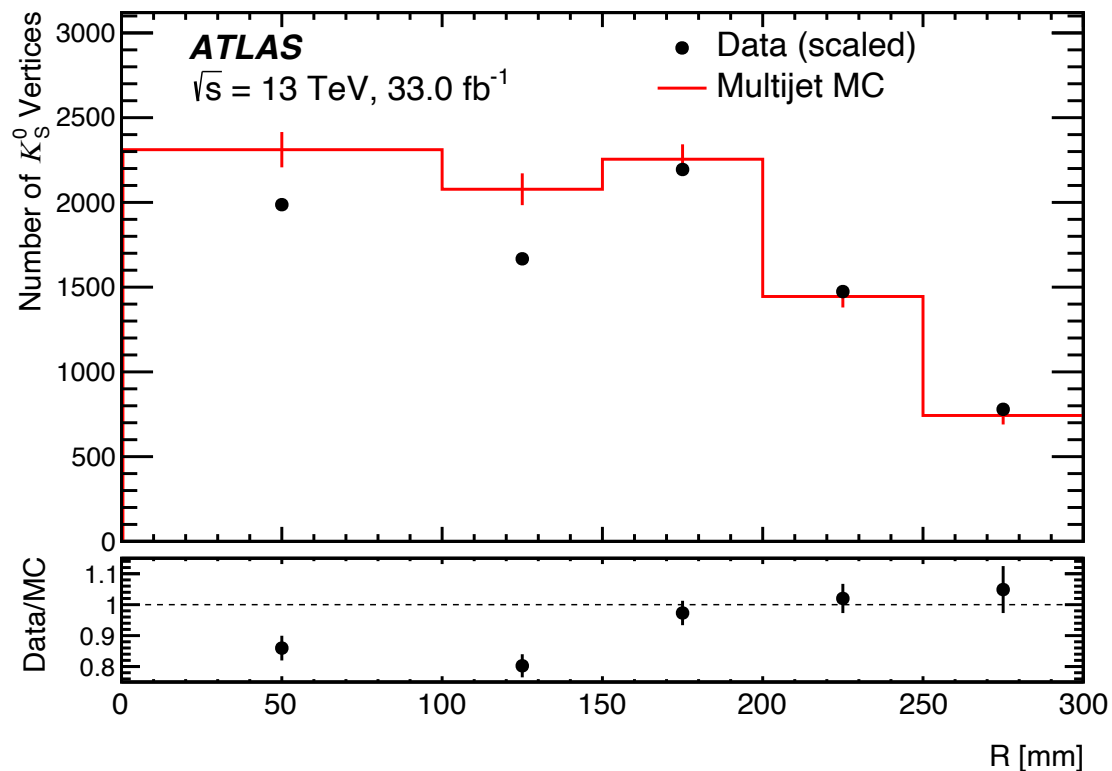
Estimated yield in the signal region for MC samples assuming ggF production of the Higgs boson and a 10% BR for the Higgs boson decay to the hidden sector.



Systematic Uncertainties – displaced track/vertex in ID

- Data/MC systematic uncertainty

- Study performed using K_S^0 vertices reconstructed using ST and LRT in multijet MC and in data
- Good agreement found in kinematic distributions
- Distributions of data and MC LRT-only vertices binned in R
- Distributions normalized by ST-only K_S^0 vertices
- Largest difference in radial bins taken as uncertainty
- Dominant syst uncertainty in this analysis

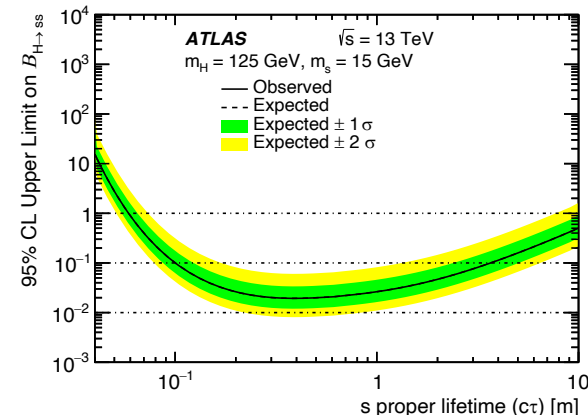
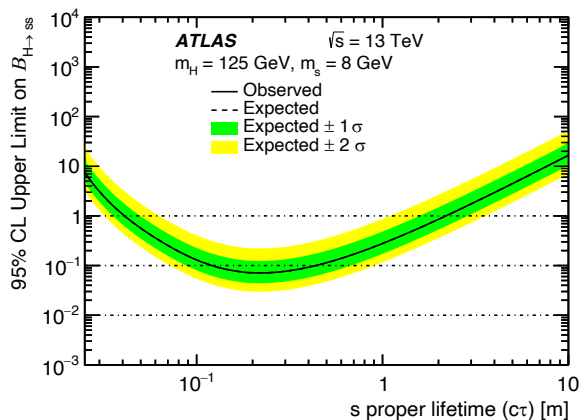


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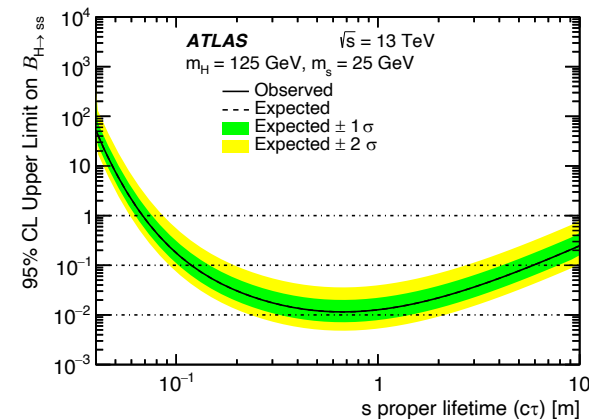
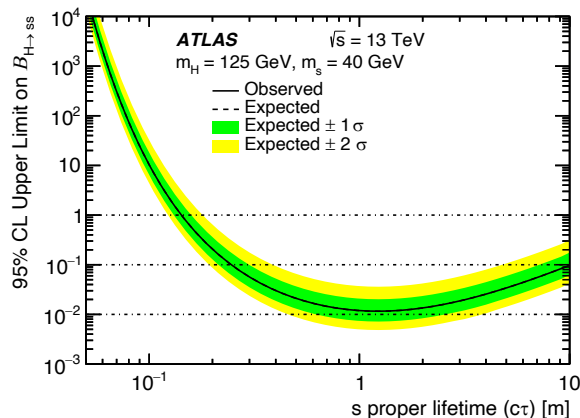
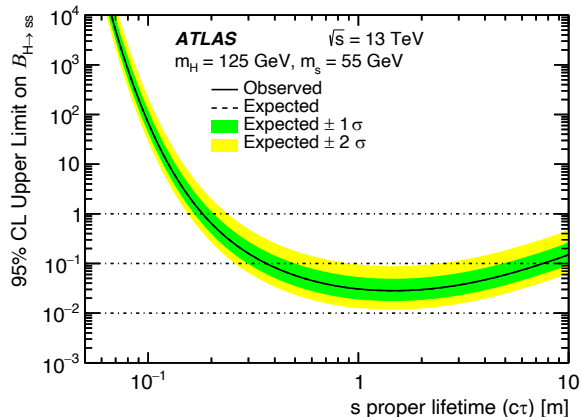
- Data/MC scale factor impact on trigger efficiency uncertainty
 - Scale factors varied up and down by uncertainty on their fit, resulting trigger eff evaluated
 - Flat vs decay position. Uncertainties developed for barrel, endcap, per mass sample
- Pileup uncertainty
 - Impact trigger eff and MSVx reco eff
 - Pileup reweighting varied up and down by uncertainty, resulting effs compared to nominal
 - Flat vs decay position, uncertainties developed for barrel, endcap, per mass point
- PDF uncertainty
 - PDF value comes from 100 fits
 - Trigger, MSVx reco eff compared for each PDF fit vs central value
 - Flat vs decay position, uncertainties developed for barrel, endcap, per mass point
- Combination of all these, at most $\sim 5.5\%$ per mass sample in barrel or endcap on MSVx reco eff, and ~ 4.8 on trigger eff

Results

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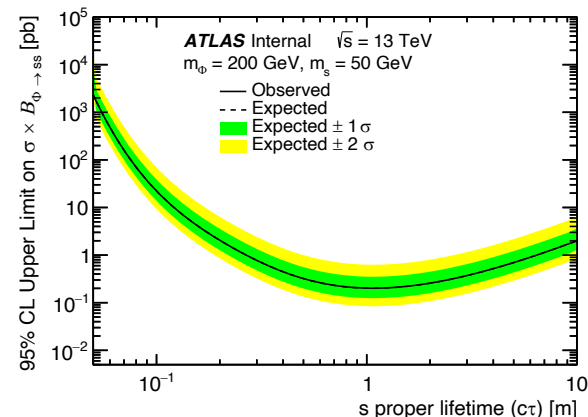
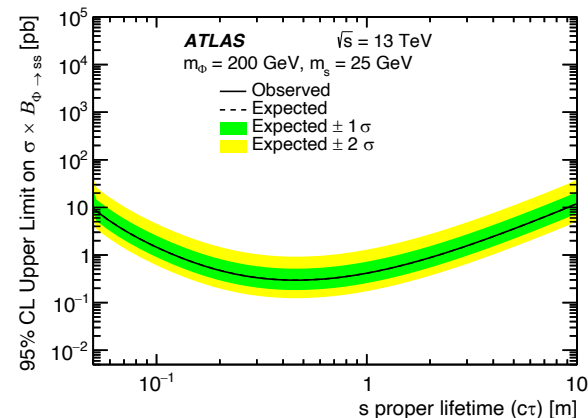
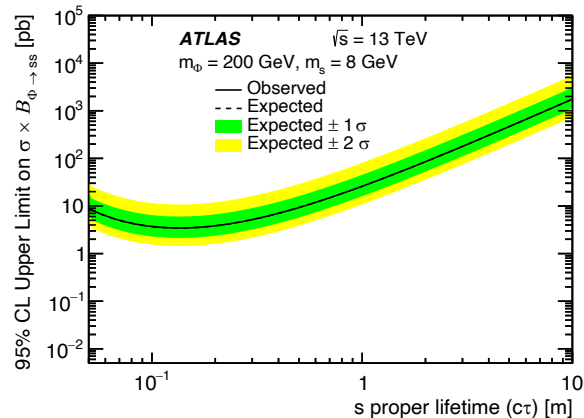


Brazil plots for each mass sample

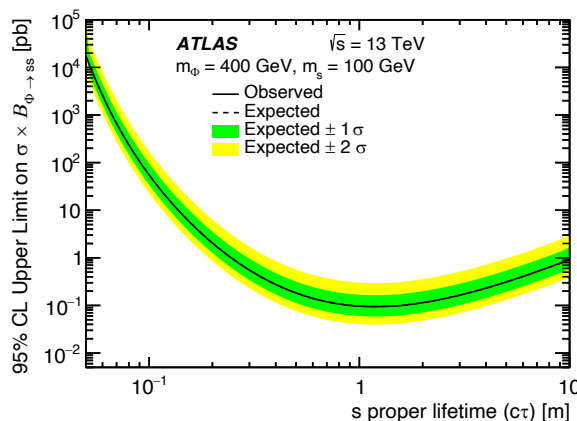
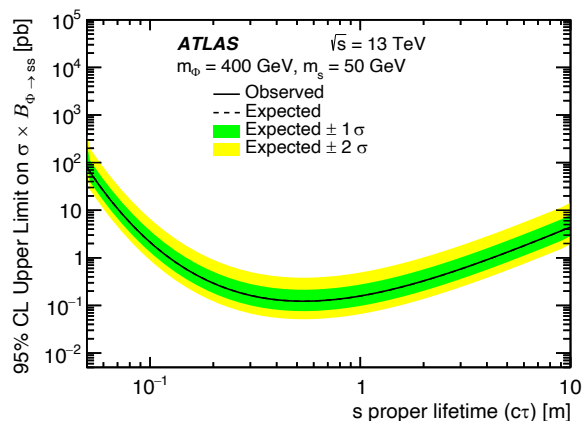


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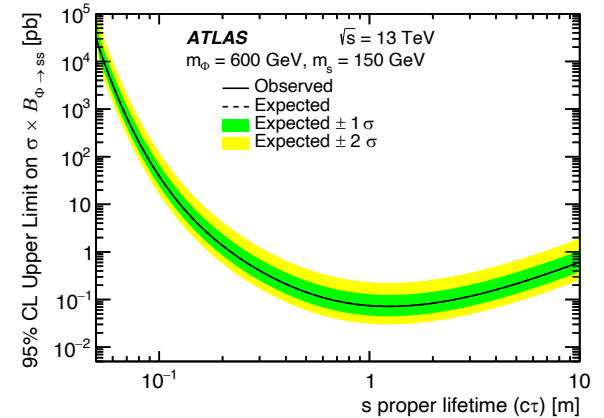
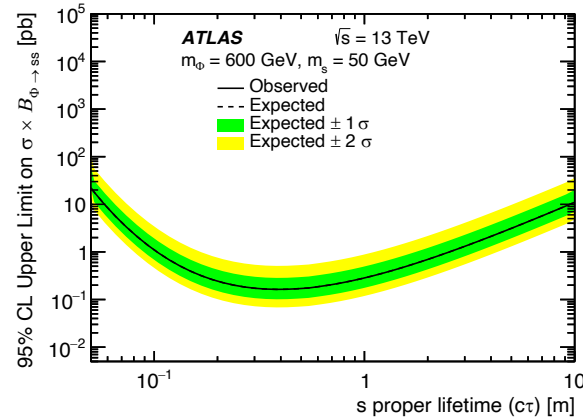


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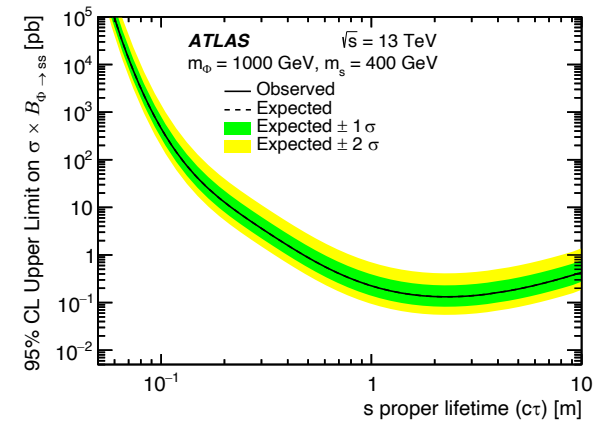
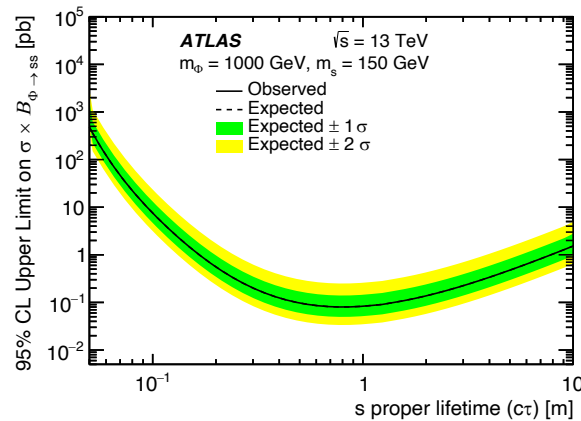
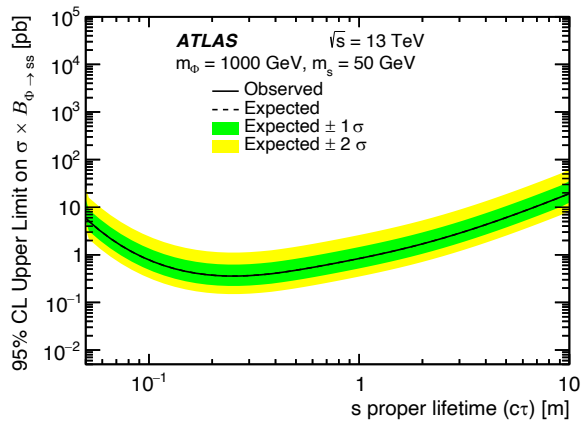


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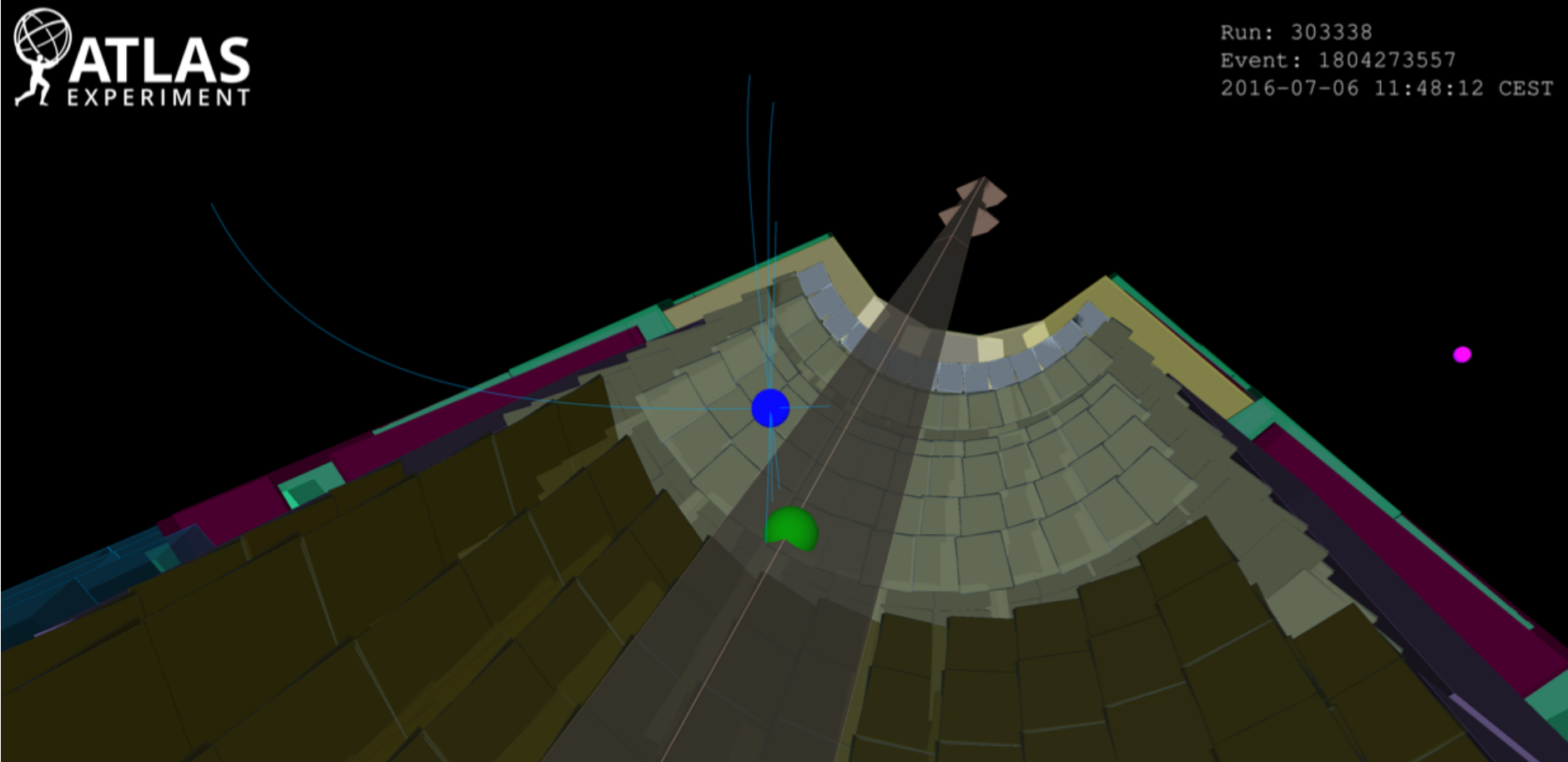
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Event in data



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