



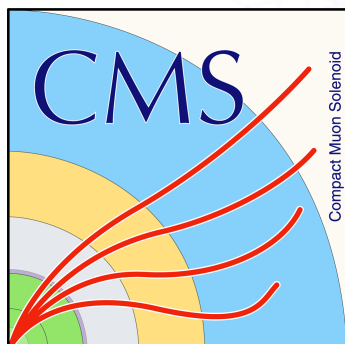
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Searches for unconventional signatures and long-lived particles

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Searches for long-lived particles



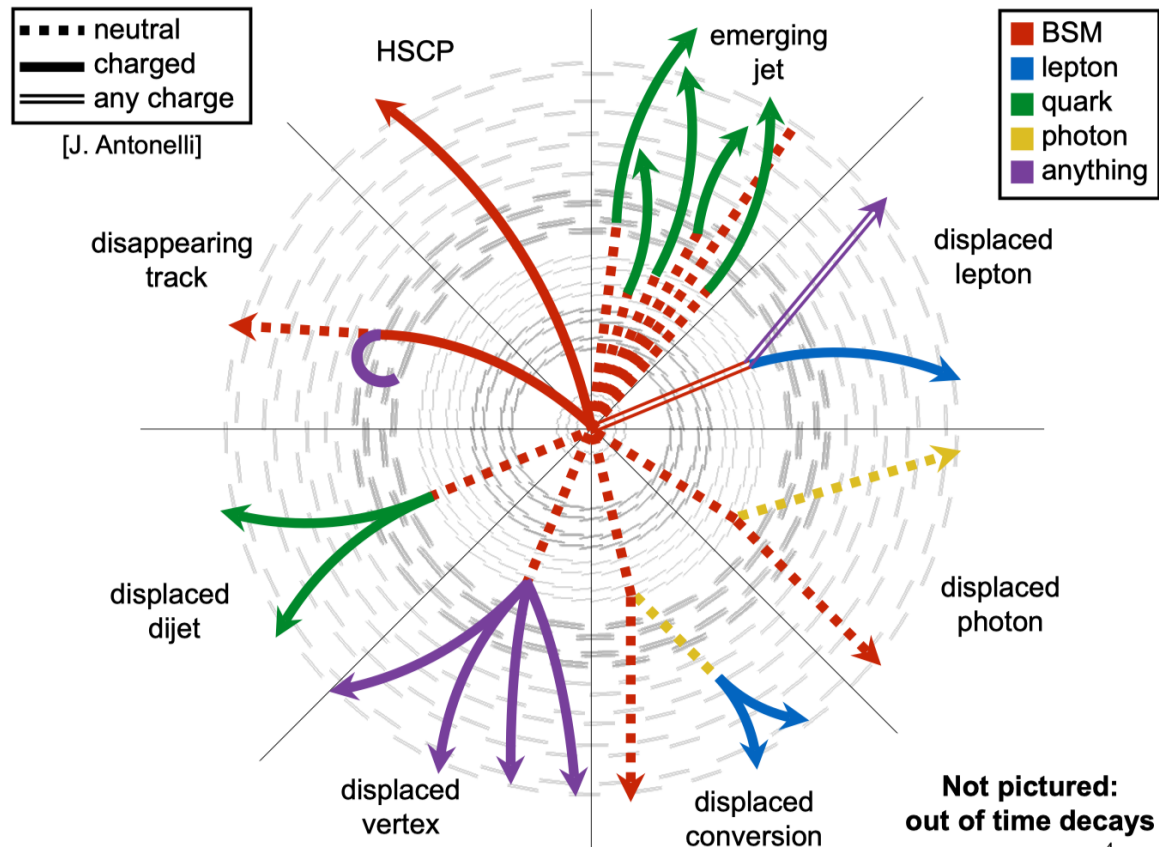
★ LLPs have **unconventional** signatures

★ LLPs signature depend on the **lifetime $c\tau$**

★ **Quasi-stable LLP**
Cross the detector

★ **Decay inside the detector**

★ **Displaced or disappearing objects, stopped particles**



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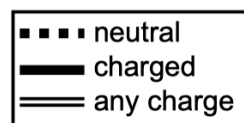


☆ **Challenging** from the **experimental point of view**

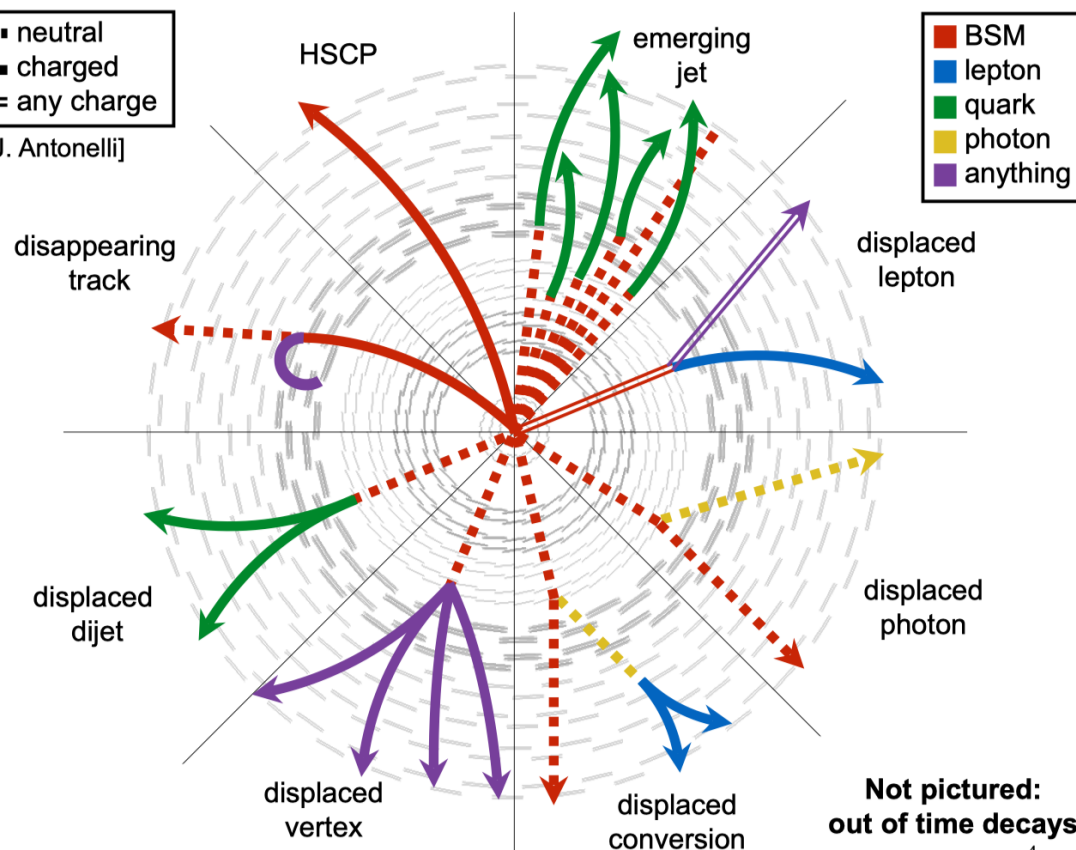
☆ Non-standard reconstruction

☆ Displacements, timing and ionization

☆ **Dedicated triggers**



[J. Antonelli]




☆ **Non-standard background** is a challenge



☆ **Detector noise, cosmic rays, reco failures**

☆ Should be estimated from **data**

Many Long-lived Searches

Results presented in the talk today

| ATLAS | EXO PublicResults |
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| Displaced vertex and muon (136 fb ⁻¹) | CERN-EP-2019-219  |
| Displaced Hadronic jets (36 fb ⁻¹) | EPJC 79 (2019) 481 , PRD 101 (2020) 052013 |
| Reinterpretation of Displaced Hadronic jets with RECAST framework (36 fb ⁻¹) | ATL-PHYS-PUB-2020-007 |

| CMS | EXO PublicResults |
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| Displaced jets (132 fb ⁻¹)  | EXO-19-021 |
| Disappearing tracks (140 fb ⁻¹)  | arXiv:2004.05153 |
| Neural-network based LLP search (36 fb ⁻¹) | EXO-19-011 , arXiv:1912.12238 |

☆ More can be seen in these talks in parallel session:

- ☆ Searches for long-lived particles in CMS: Allison Hall
- ☆ Searches for long-lived particles in ATLAS: Masahiko Saito



LLP SEARCH WITH DISPLACED VERTEX AND MUON WITH LARGE IMPACT PARAMETER

[CERN-EP-2019-219](#), [arXiv:2003.11956](#)



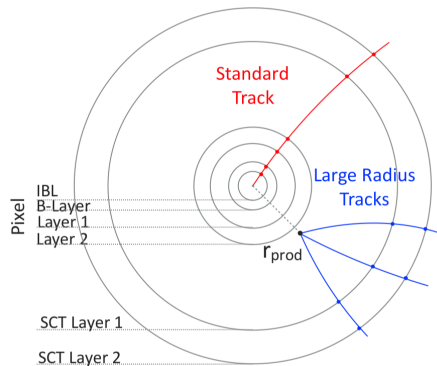
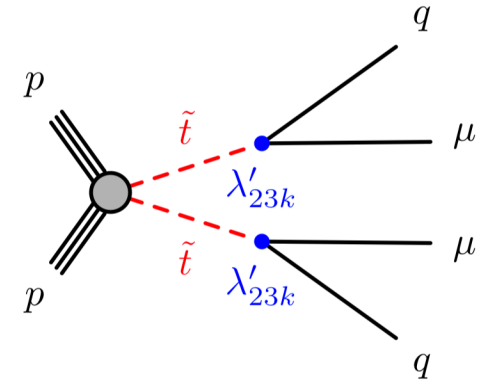
Displaced Vertices and Muon

arXiv:2003.11956



Full Run-II result ! (136 fb⁻¹, 2016-2018)

- Pair production of stop LSP, followed by $t\tilde{t} \rightarrow q\mu$ with small λ'_{23k} coupling
- Range of lifetime ~ 0.01 ns to 100 ns



- Large radius tracking: using the leftover hits not already associated to tracks from standard reconstruction by relaxing req. for impact parameter and number of shared hits [[ATL-PHYS-PUB-2017-014](#)]
- Displaced secondary vertex algorithm and muons should be non-pointing [[ATL-PHYS-PUB-2019-013](#)]

• Main Backgrounds:

- Cosmic muons
- Fake muons from random hit combinations (have poor quality of fit)
- Semi-leptonic decays of SM hadrons

Displaced Vertices and Muon

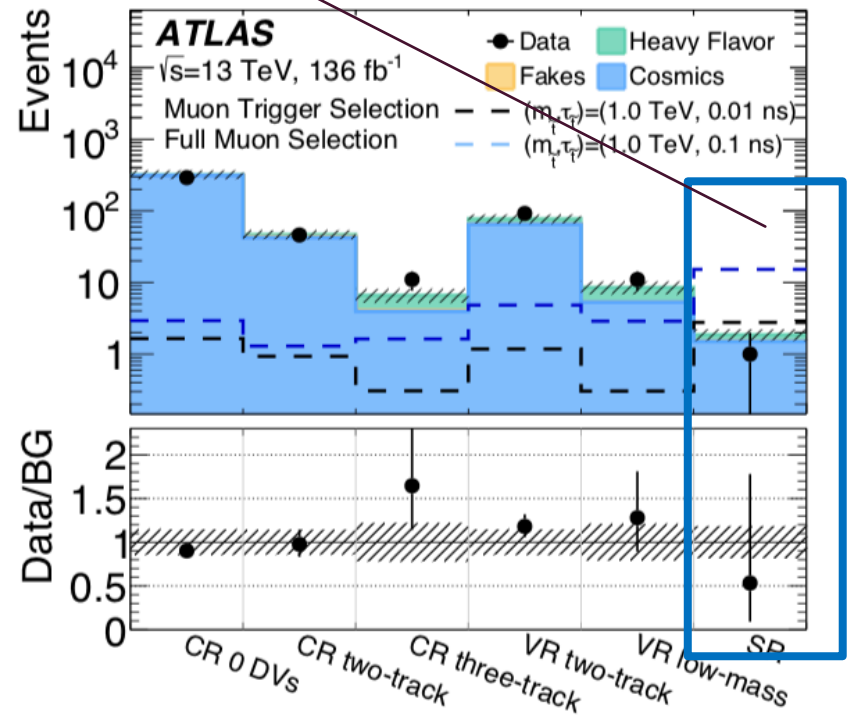
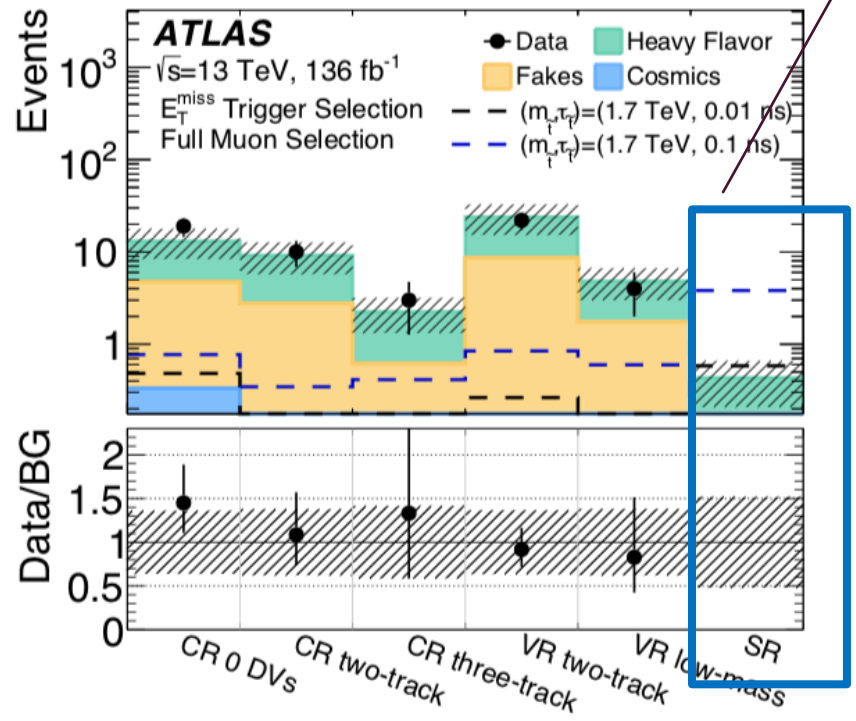
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- Two Mutually exclusive trigger-based selections
 - missing $E_T > 180$ GeV
 - muon ($p_T^\mu > 60$ GeV, $E_{T,miss} < 180$ GeV)

- Background estimation comes from transfer factors in region that don't pass the full selection

Signal Region

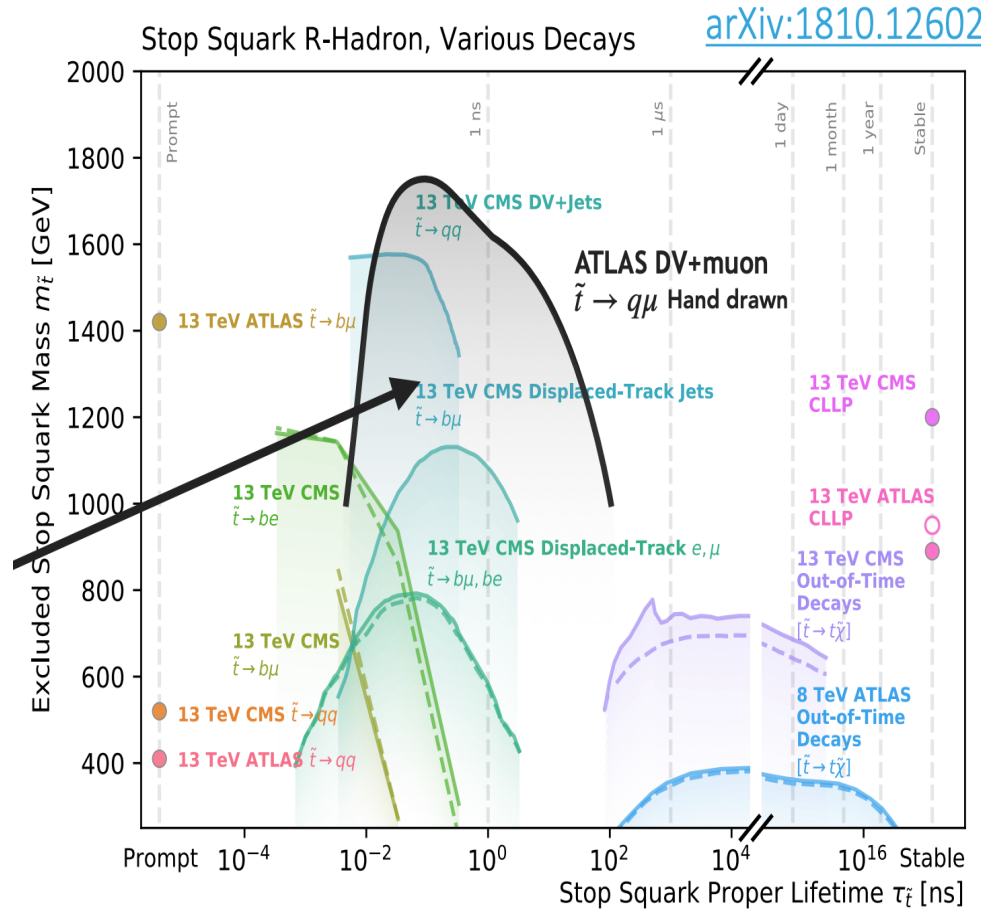
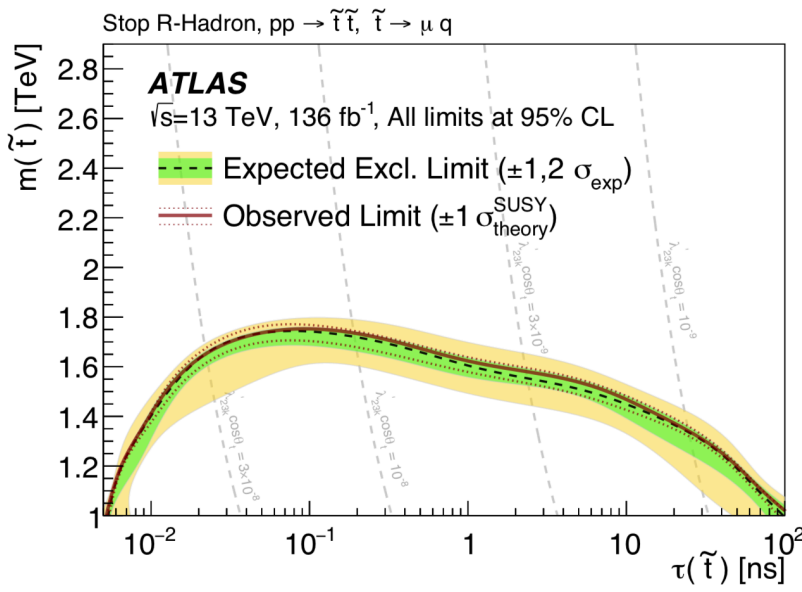


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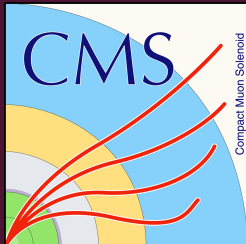


- Limits set for $m_{\tilde{t}}$ as a function of $c\tau$
- For the mean proper life-time of 0.1 ns, masses below roughly $m(\tilde{t}) = 1.7$ TeV are excluded
- For wide range of mean life-time of 0.01 ns and 30 ns, mass below 1.3 TeV are excluded



DISPLACED JETS

CMS EXO-19-021



Full RunII result! (132 fb⁻¹, 2016-2018)

❖ **Distinctive topology** : pair of jets originating at a **secondary vertex**

❖ Different **signal models** targeted

❖ **jet-jet Benchmark model** :

❖ Long-lived scalar neutral particles (X) decaying to quark-antiquark pairs

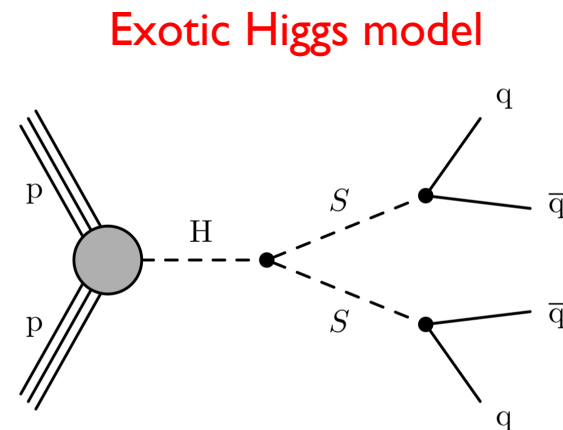
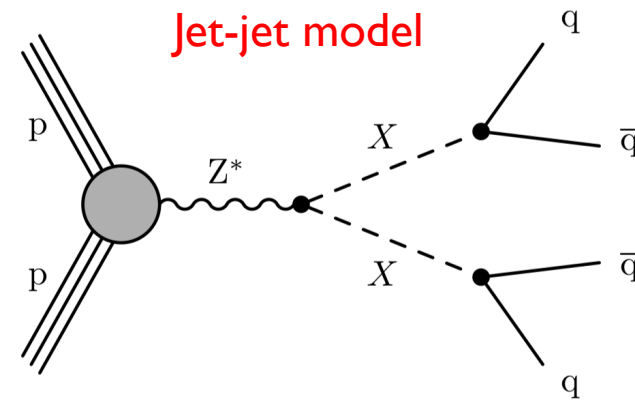
❖ **Exotic decays of SM Higgs boson**

❖ $gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow 2S, S \rightarrow qq$

❖ where $ct \sim 1\text{mm to } 3\text{m}$

❖ **Other BSM Models**

❖ Hidden Valley Higgs,
Split SUSY, RPV SUSY,
General Gauge Mediated
SUSY





➤ Dedicated triggers : Displaced trigger and **Inclusive trigger**

➤ **A dedicated secondary Vertex reconstruction is performed**

➤ **QCD multijet process dominates the background**

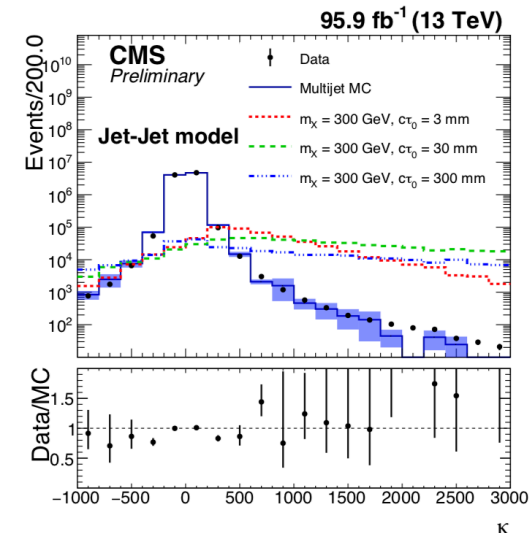
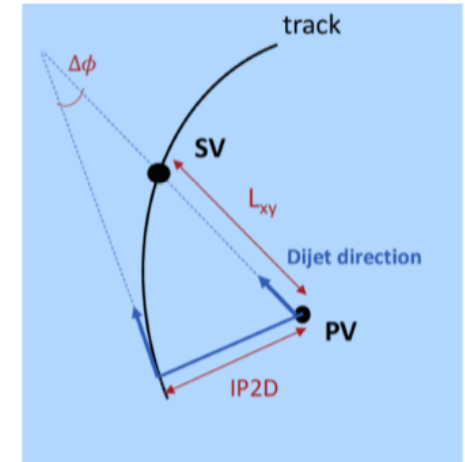
➤ **Gradient Boosted decision tree (GBDT)** as the discriminant on four variables

- Vertex track multiplicity
- Cluster RMS
- Vertex L_{xy} significance
- $|k|$

$$RMS_{cluster} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N_{tracks}} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{tracks}} \frac{(L_{xy}^{exp}(i) - L_{xy})^2}{L_{xy}^2}}$$

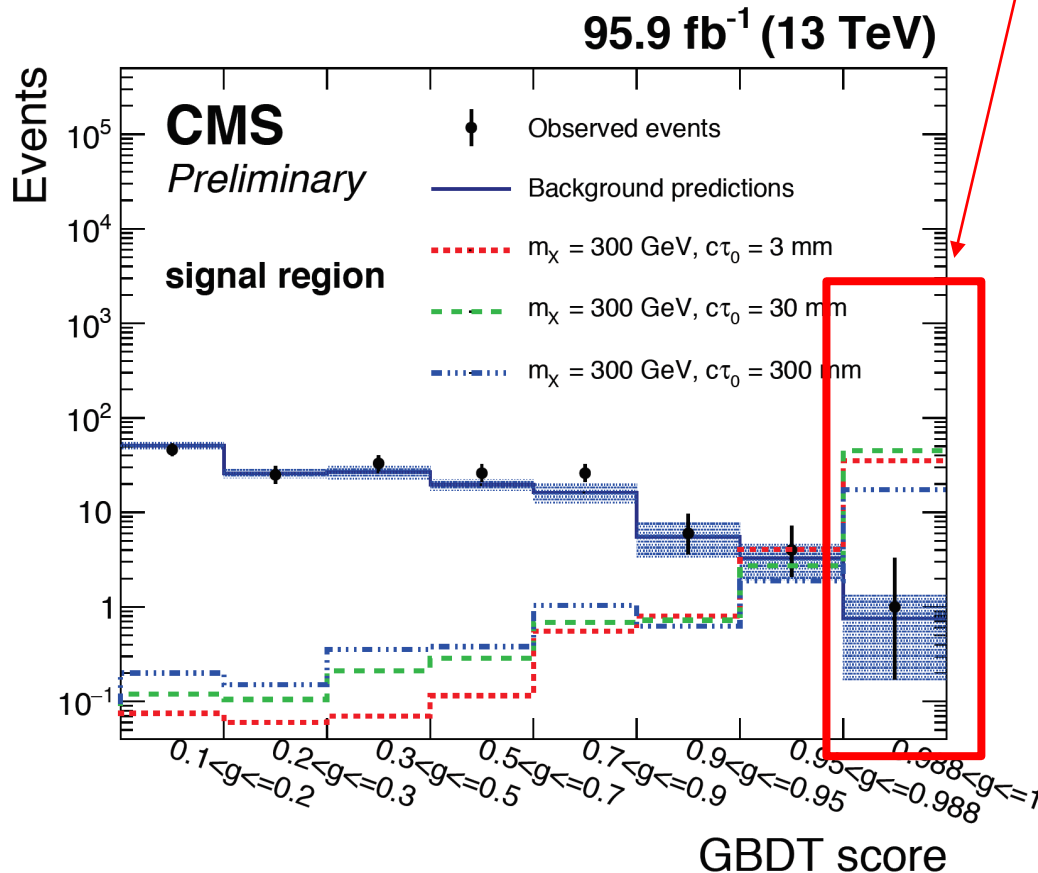
$$L_{xy}^{exp} = \frac{IP_{2D}^{track}}{\sin(\phi_{track} - \phi_{dijet})} \left(1 - \frac{|IP_{2D}^{track}|}{R} \right)$$

$$\kappa = \sum_{i=1}^6 \text{Sig}[IP_{2D}(\text{track}_i)].$$



Displaced Jets: Backgrounds

EXO-19-021



Signal region

- Background estimation is purely data-driven
- Use different control regions
- **Signal region : GBDT > 0.988**

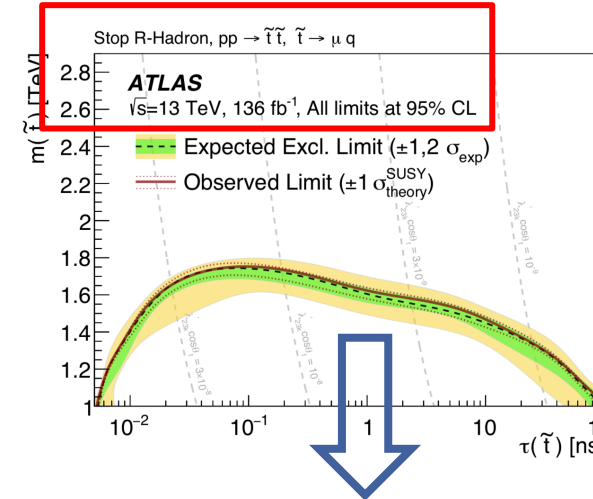
- Predicted background in the final signal region : $0.75 + /- 0.44 \text{ (stat)} + /- 0.39 \text{ (syst)}$
- Number of **observed events** : 1 event

Displaced Jets

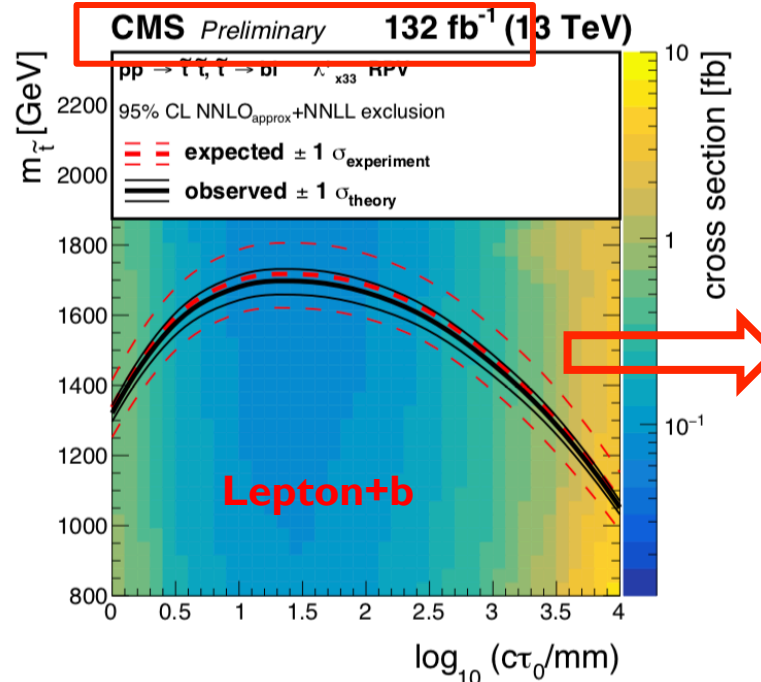
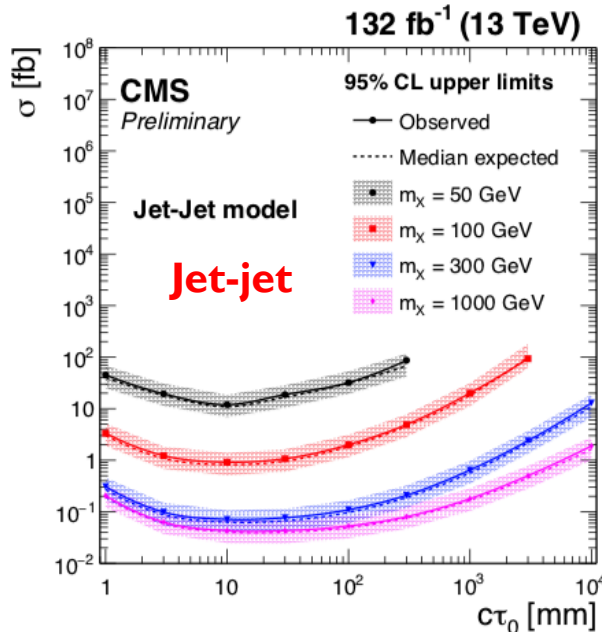
EXO-19-021



- **Combined results for Full Run2 data (2016 + 2017/2018)**
- For Exotic decay of **SM Higgs model**, **branching fractions larger than 1% is excluded** for mean proper decay lengths between 1 mm and 1 m .
- For **GMSB and SUSY RPV** models, the **most restrictive limits are set from CMS**



ATLAS excludes top squark masses upto **1.4 TeV** for $c\tau$ between 0.003 to 6 m



CMS excludes top squark masses upto **1.6 TeV** for $c\tau$ between 3 and 340 mm

DISPLACED HADRONIC JETS

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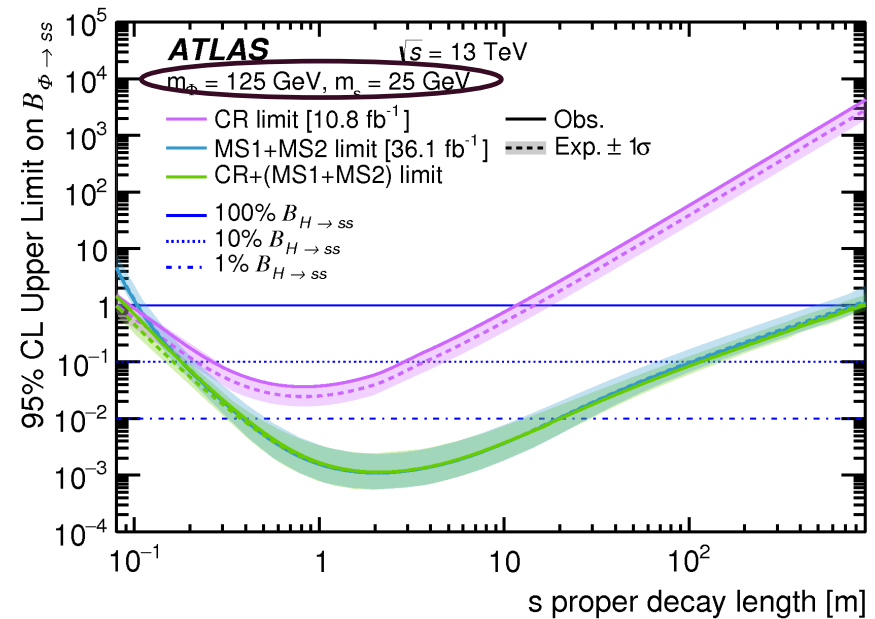
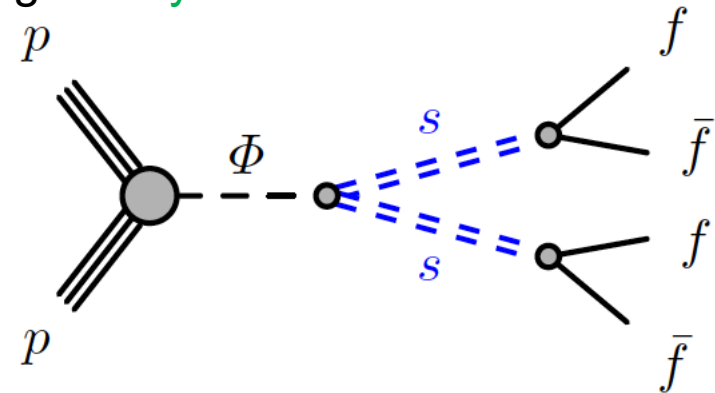
Displaced Hadronic Jets

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(33 fb⁻¹, 2016)

- ❖ **Distinctive topology** : Neutral LLPs decaying **mainly in the hadron calorimeter** or at the edge of the ECAL
- ❖ No associated **activity in the tracker**
- ❖ These jets have a **high ratio of E_H/E_E** (CalRatio Jets)
- ❖ **Narrow shower**
- ❖ **2 CalRatio Jets** are required in the analysis
- ❖ Two dedicated triggers to target heavy bosons with $m_\phi > 200$ and < 200 GeV topology
 - ❖ **low-ET trigger** (10 fb⁻¹)
 - ❖ **high-ET trigger** (33 fb⁻¹)
- ❖ Offline strategy to use MVA to discriminate between displaced jet, Non-collision background or multi-jet like



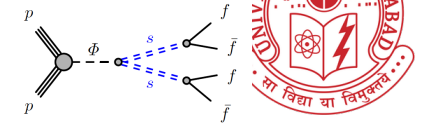
LLP DECAYING TO DISPLACED HADRONIC JETS IN INNER DETECTOR & MUON SPECTROMETER

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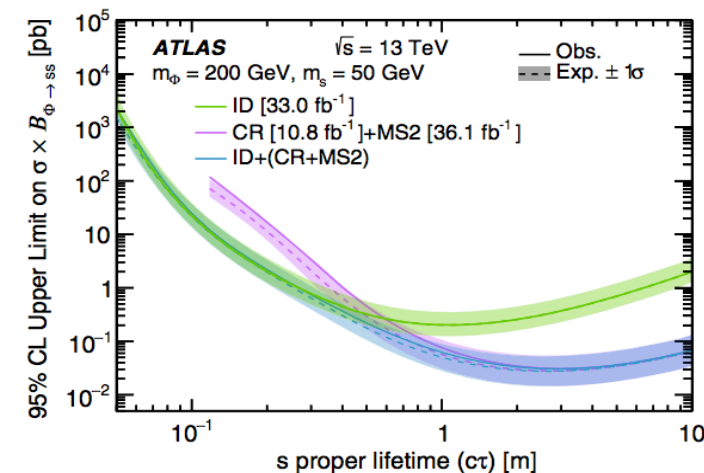
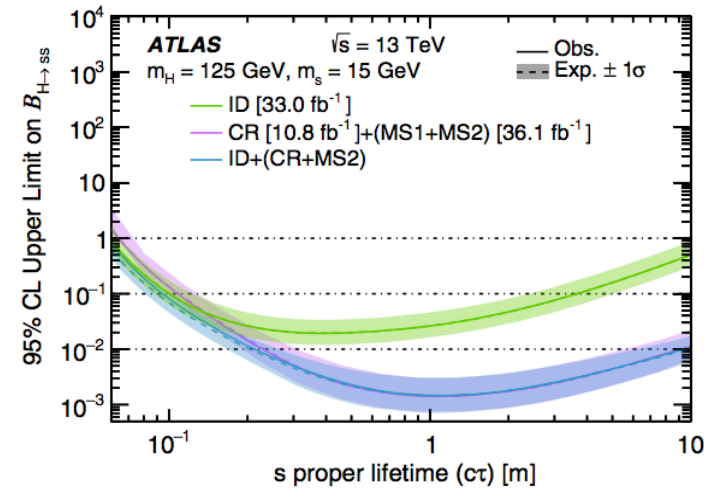


Displaced Hadronic Jets in ID + MS

(36.1 fb⁻¹, 2015 + 2016)



- ❖ **Distinctive topology** : 2 neutral LLPs produced, with one decaying in the ATLAS inner tracking detector (ID) and the other in the muon spectrometer (MS)
- ❖ Sensitivity : $c\tau$ from few centimeters to ~meters
- ❖ For each event one reconstructed decay vertex is required in the ID in addition to one in MS ([JINST 9 \(2014\) P02001](#))
 - ❖ Specialised tracking and vertex algorithms are used
- ❖ **Muon Region of Interest (RoI) Cluster trigger**
 - ❖ L1 trigger search for two RoI in the MS with $P_T > 10$ GeV ([JINST 8 \(2013\) P07015](#))
 - ❖ HLT require atleast 3(4) L1 muons within DR < 0.4 in barrel (endcaps)
- ❖ Increases the sensitivity to low-mass scalars with shorter proper lifetimes relative to the combined results of the CR and MS analyses ([EPJC 79 \(2019\) 481](#))



REINTERPRETATION OF DISPLACED HADRONIC JETS WITH RECAST FRAMEWORK

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Displaced Hadronic Jets

RECAST FW

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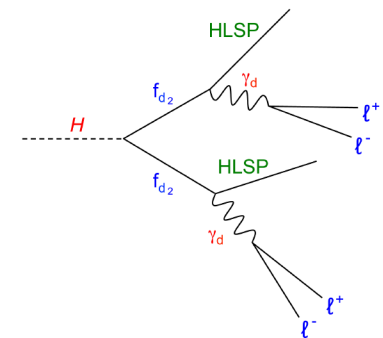
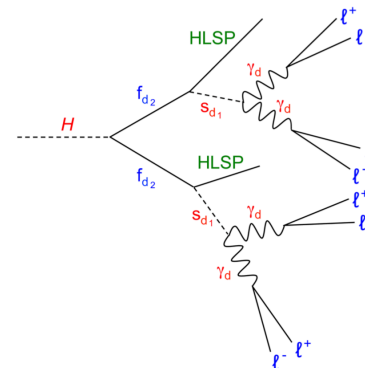
(33 fb⁻¹, 2016)

❖ Basics of RECAST Framework

- ❖ Difficult to construct **optimised analyses** for the wide range of physics models
 - ❖ But analysis optimised for original model offer good sensitivity to other models provided the signature are similar
 - ❖ **Event selection , background estimate and observed data distributions don't change** in the context of re-interpretation
 - ❖ **Only the signal distribution due to a new signal model must be derived**
- ❖ RECAST : A framework designed to **reuse estimates of backgrounds, systematic uncertainties and observations** to **test alternative signal hypothesis** [arXiv: 1010.2506]

Dark photon model

- ❖ Three models recasted
 - ❖ Stealth SUSY Model
 - ❖ Higgs portal baryogenesis model
 - ❖ **Dark photon (FRVZ model)**



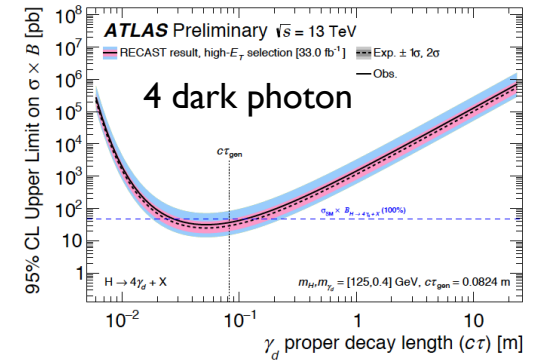
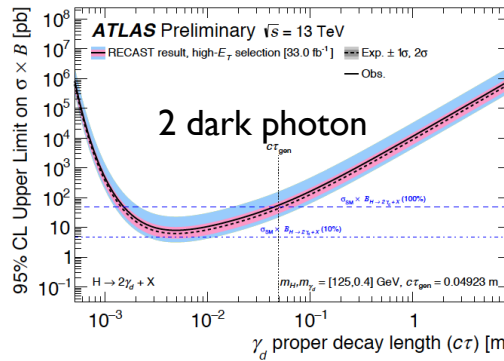
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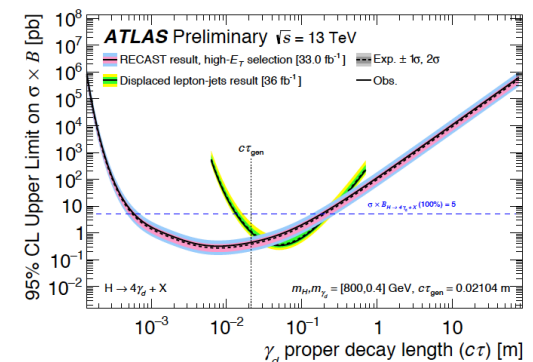
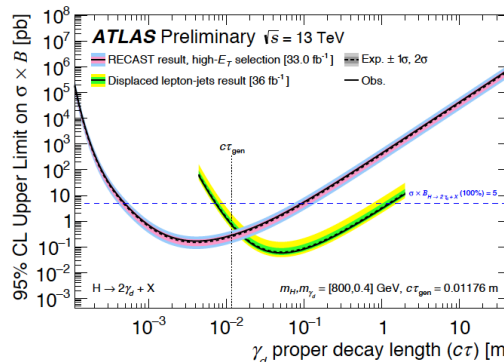
- ❖ 95% CL Limits set on the $\sigma_H \times B_{H \rightarrow N\gamma_d + X}$ as a function of LLP decay length, where the N can be 2 or 4
- ❖ Results are compared to previous published ATLAS result ([arXiv:1909.01246](https://arxiv.org/abs/1909.01246)) of collimated leptons or light hadrons (only considered hDPJ-hDPJ)

❖ First constraints set for $h = 125$ GeV

❖ For $h = 800$ GeV, limits from this search cover the region complementary to the the existing constraints



(a) $m_H = 125$ GeV



(b) $m_H = 800$ GeV

DISAPPEARING TRACKS

([ARXIV:2004.05153](https://arxiv.org/abs/2004.05153))



Disappearing track

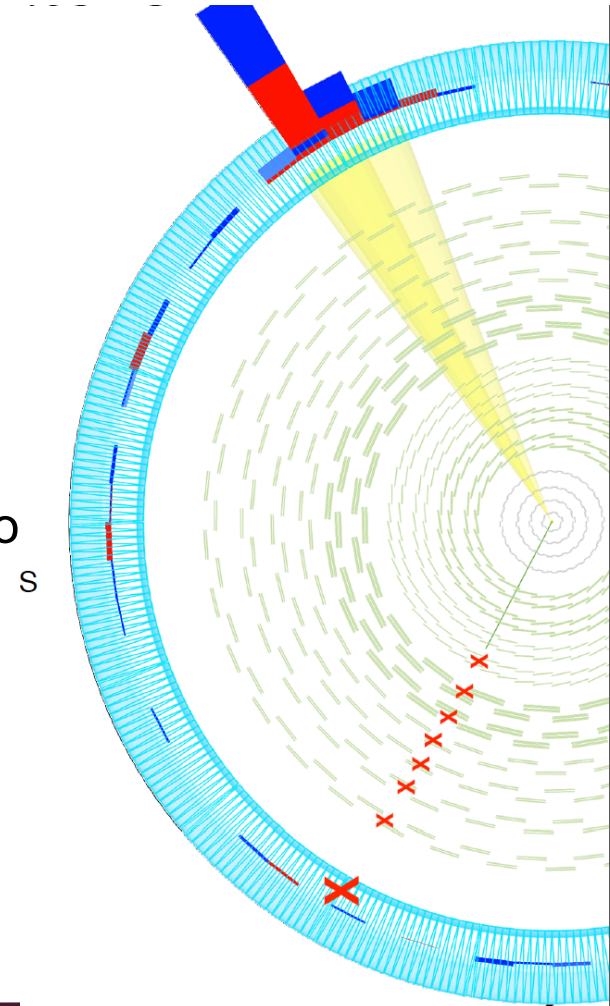
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Full Run-II result! (140 fb⁻¹, 2016-2018)

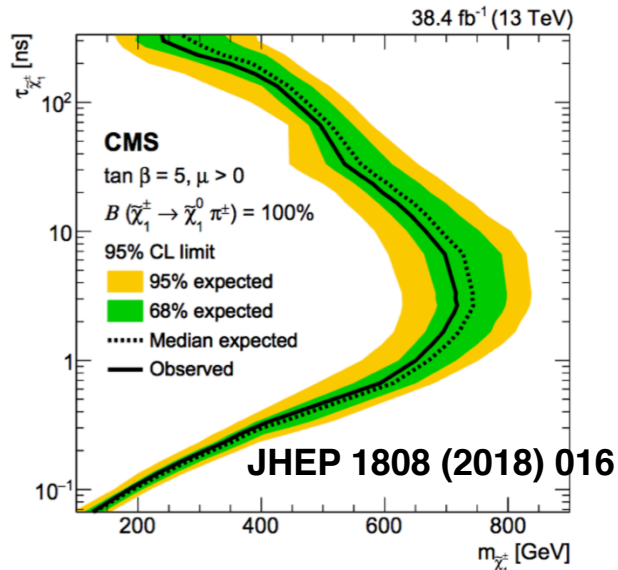
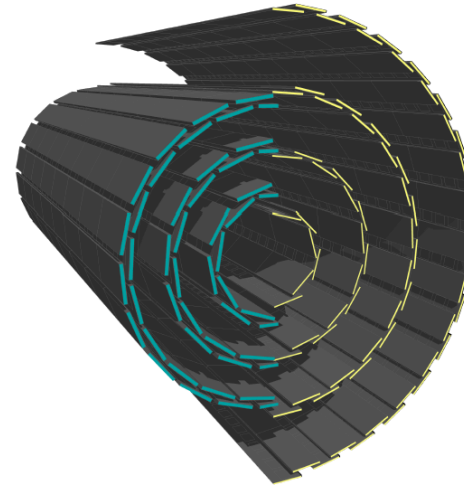
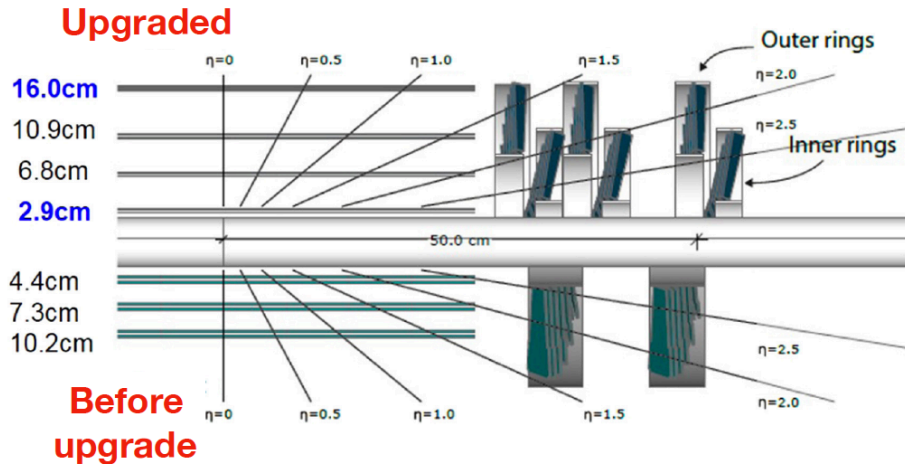
- ❖ A long lived particle decaying within the CMS tracker
- ❖ If the decay products are un-detected, the track “disappears”
 - ❖ Neutral, weakly interacting
 - ❖ Too low momentum to be reconstructed
- ❖ Canonical Benchmark: anomaly-mediated supersymmetry breaking model (AMSB)
- ❖ Small mass splitting between chargino and neutralino
 - ❖ Direct electroweak production

$$pp \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}^{\pm} \tilde{\chi}^{\mp}, \tilde{\chi}^{\pm} \tilde{\chi}^0$$
 - ❖ $\tilde{\chi}^{\pm} \rightarrow \pi^{\pm} \chi^0$ with lifetime O(1) ns



Disappearing track

Phase 1 CMS Pixel Upgrade

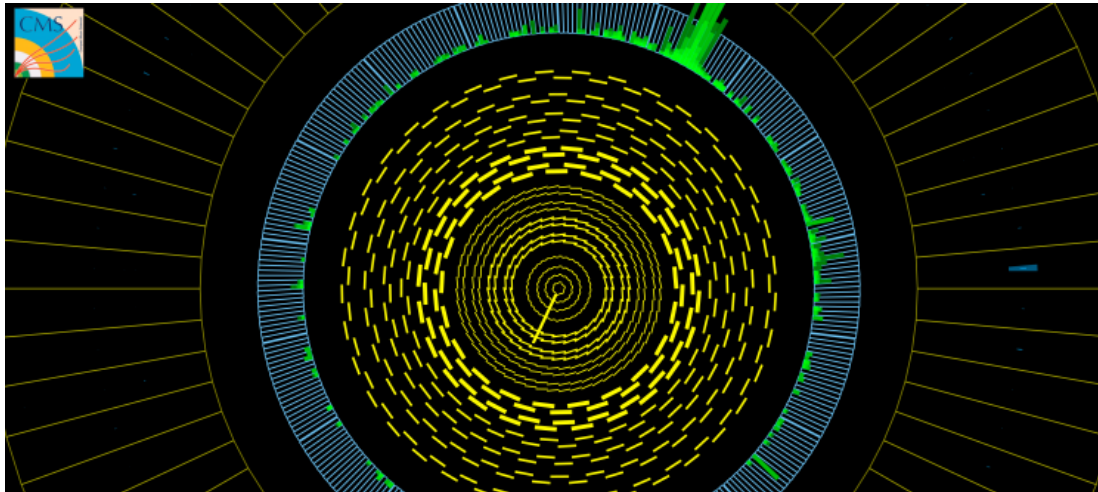


- CMS previously searched for disappearing tracks (@ 8 and 13 TeV) using a 3-layer pixel tracker
 - Limited sensitivity to short tracks (compared to ATLAS' JHEP 1806 (2018) 022)
- Since 2017 CMS now has a 4-layer pixel tracker
- New analysis bins results in the number of layers with measurements:
 - n_{layers} = 4, 5, ≥6
 - **New sensitivity to shorter particle lifetimes**

Disappearing track : Backgrounds



arXiv:2004.05153

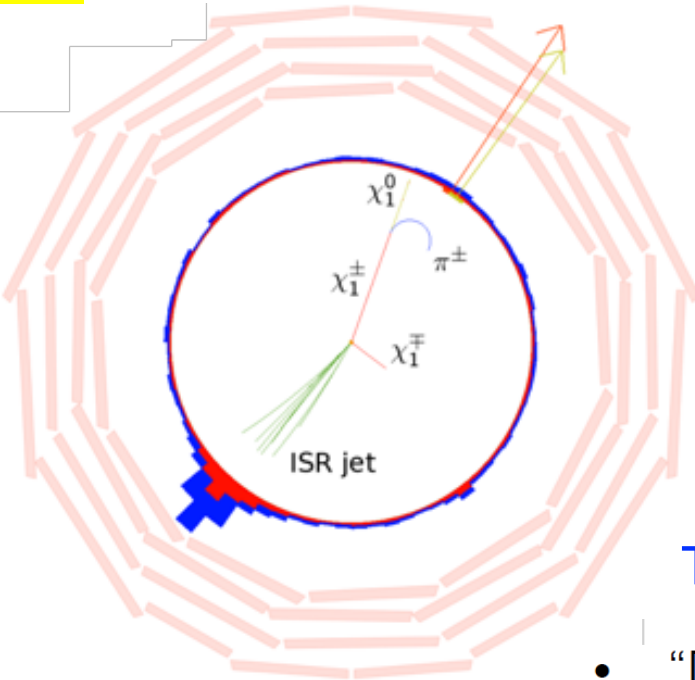


- SM particles don't disappear, however there are rare backgrounds:
 - Charged hadrons can interact with detector material, e.g.

$$\pi^+ + n \rightarrow \pi^0 + p$$
 - Leptons can be mis-reconstructed
 - Spurious ("fake") tracks — pattern recognition errors
- Approach to controlling these:
 - Explore and mitigate all possible ways to lose tracker hits
 - Estimate the remaining probability to fall into search region

Trigger Selection

- No tracking information at L1 trigger
- Trigger on MET from ISR jets at L1
- At HLT, OR of several MET requirements
 - MET > 105-300 GeV
 - Lowest threshold: MET > 105 GeV and pt > 50 GeV isolated track



Track Selection

- “Disappearing” is defined as:
 - ≥ 3 missing outer hits — rejects most SM tracks
 - <10 GeV energy deposited within $\Delta R < 0.5$
 - Rejects most electrons and charged hadrons
 - E.g. electrons with significant brem. energy causing a track reconstruction failure

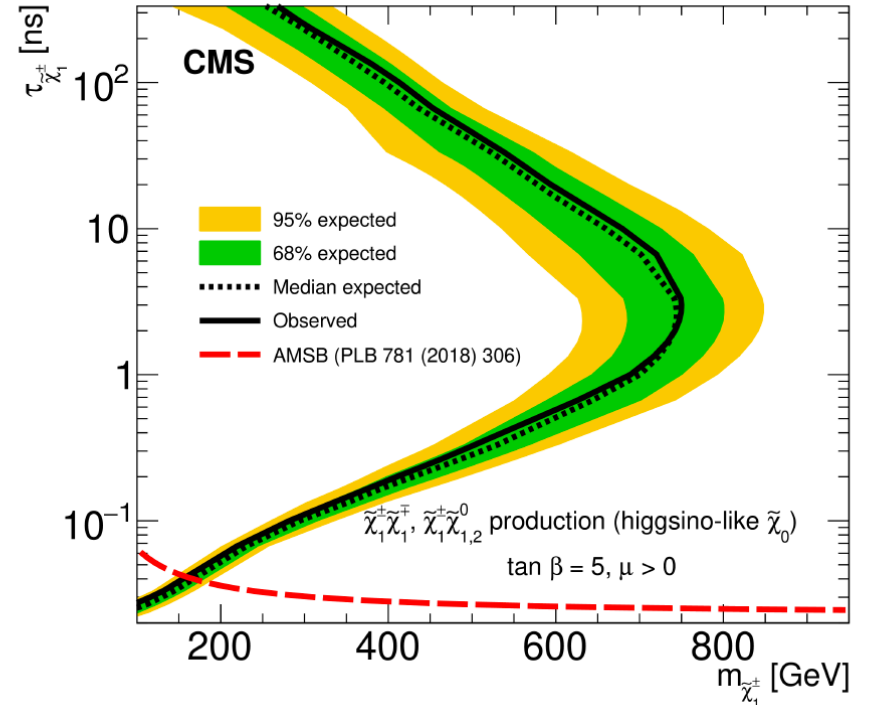
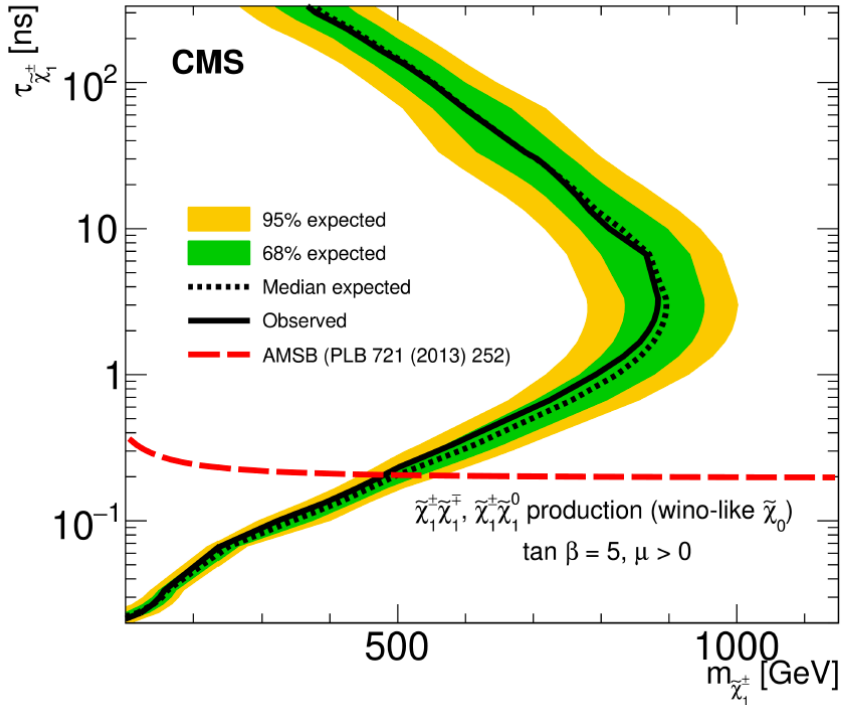
Disappearing track : Results

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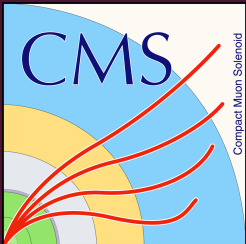
140 fb⁻¹ (13 TeV)

101 fb⁻¹ (13 TeV)



- ❖ In the context of AMSB, these results exclude charginos below
 - ❖ Wino-like neutralino case – 884 (474) GeV for a lifetime of 3 (0.2) ns
 - ❖ Higgsino-like neutralino case – 750 (175) GeV for a lifetime of 3 (0.05) ns
 - ❖ *New interpretation for 2017-2018 data*

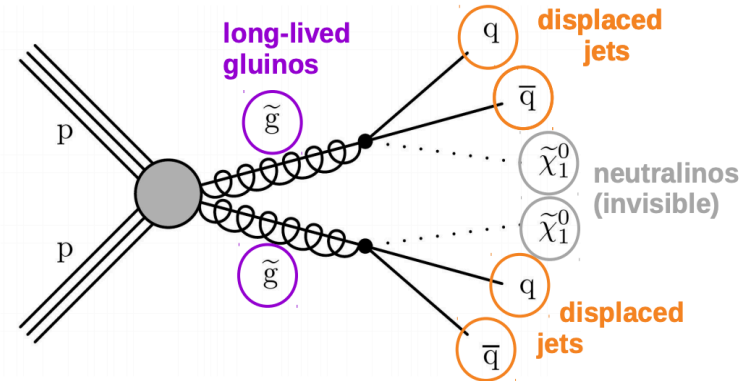
NEURAL NETWORK BASED LLP SEARCH ([EXO-19-011](#), [ARXIV:1912.12238](#))





Benchmark model: split SUSY scenario

- ❖ Gluons form R-hadrons leading to displaced jets
- ❖ Model parameters
 - ❖ Masses
 - ❖ Proper lifetime

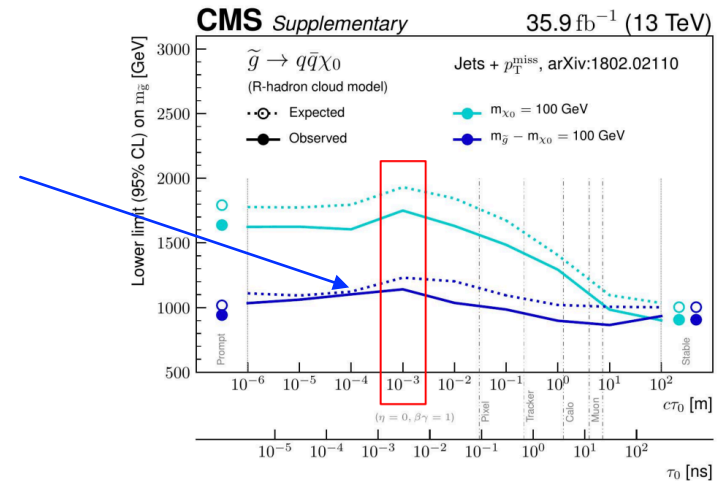


Existing search by **CMS [JHEP 05 (2018) 025]**

- Sensitivity to LLPs through b-tagging ($c\tau_0 \sim 1mm$)

Enhance sensitivity with generic displaced jet tagger

- **Deep Neural Network (DNN)** based multiclass classifier (parameterized as per proper decay length) to identify displaced jets



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EXO-19-011: Labelling “displaced” Jets



EXO-19-011

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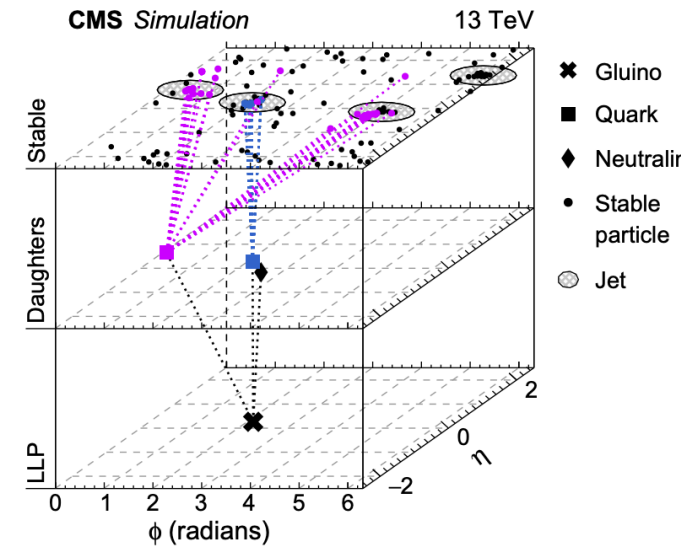
- **Initial idea:** “ghost” tagging as used for b, c jets
- Strong interactions between displaced quarks at the gluino decay vertex
 - ghost tagging cannot account for non-pointing jets or multiple jets from one parton

Solution:

Define jet momentum fraction of generator-level jet carried by clustered particles j per vertex v

$$f_v(\text{jet}) = \frac{(\sum_j \vec{p}_j | j \in \text{vertex } v) \cdot \vec{p}_{\text{jet}}}{p_{\text{jet}}^2}, \quad f_v(\text{jet}) \in [0; 1]$$

- ❖ Label jets ‘**LLP**’ where $f_v = \max$
- ❖ Remaining **non-LLP** jets can still possess significant fractions of displace particles
 - Ignore in training to avoid confusions
- ❖ Neural Network architecture inspired by CMS DeepJet Algo
- ❖ Training of NN on simulated events (jets from multijet, $t\bar{t}$ & split SUSY)
 - ❖ *Predict jet class: uds, g, b, c, LLP*



CMS EXO-19-011: Results

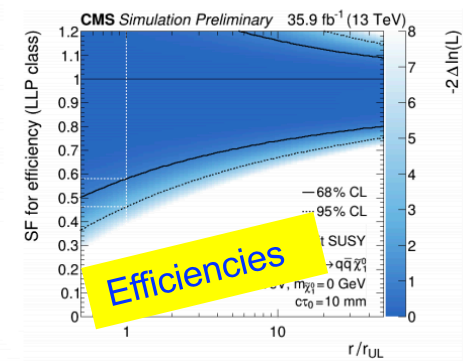
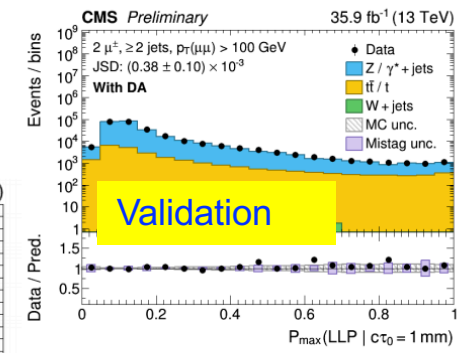
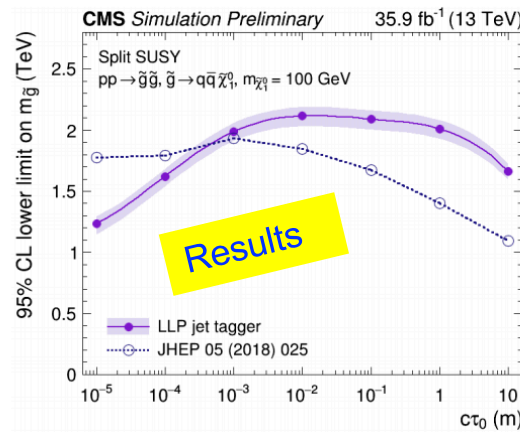
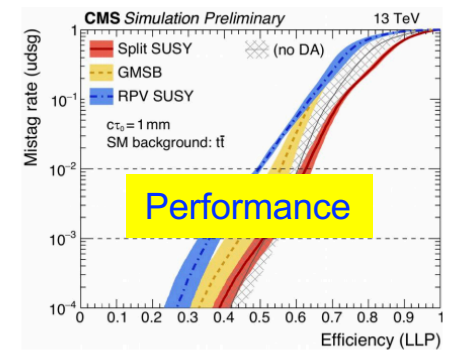
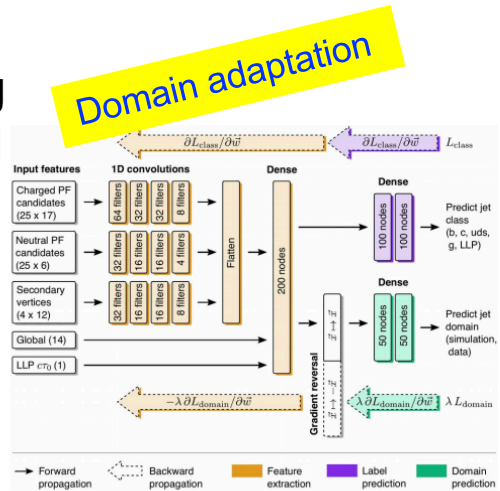
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- Domain adaptation by backward propagation to improve signal modelling
- Rejection factor: 10000 for jets from SM
- LLP Jet Tagging Efficiency: 30-80% for gluinos with $1\text{mm} \leq c\tau_0 \leq 10\text{m}$

Jet tagger for generic displaced jets:

- Parametrized neural network
- Good performance also for models not in training
- Simple event categorization (H_T , #jets, #jet tags)
- **Competitive expected limits**

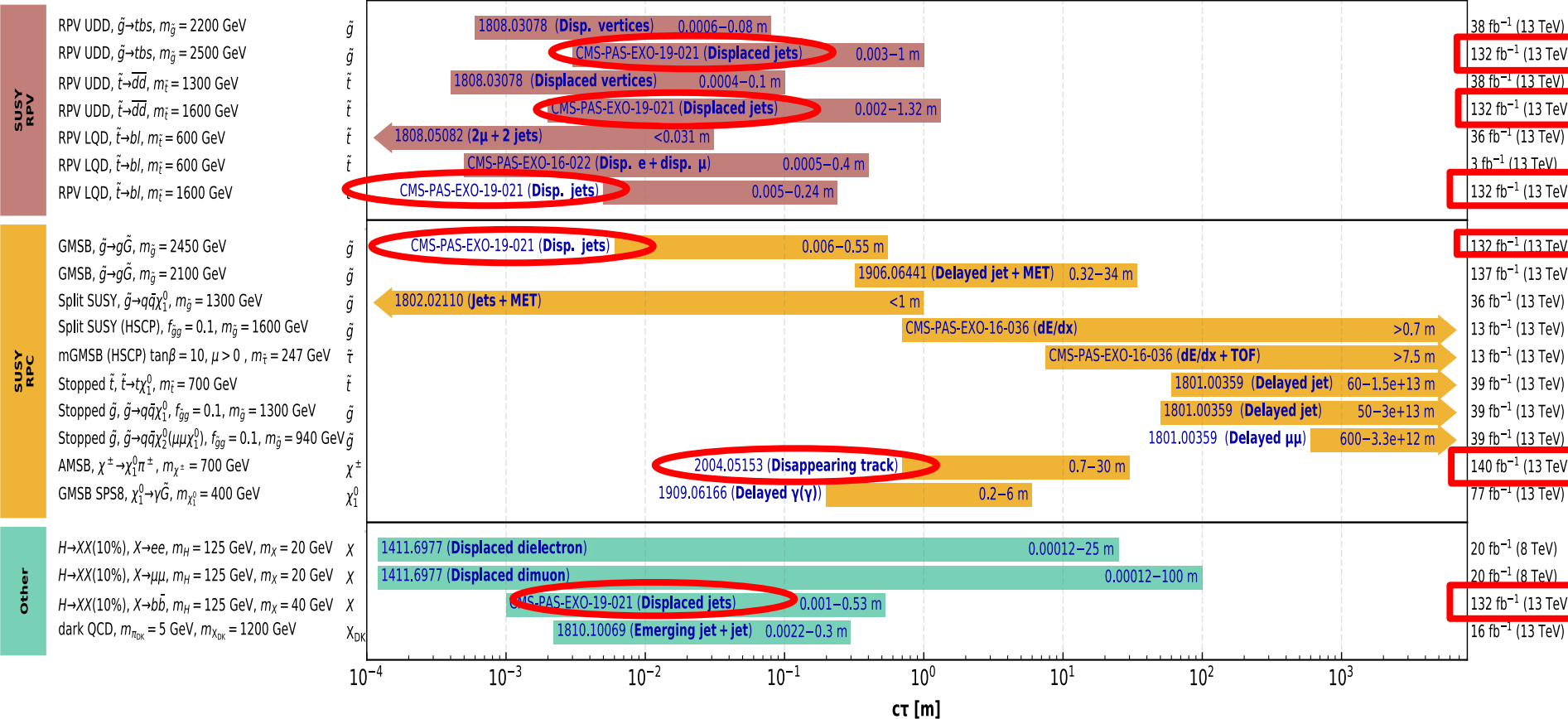


Overview of CMS long-lived particle searches

Presented today

3 - 140 fb⁻¹ (8, 13 TeV)

CMS Preliminary



Selection of observed exclusion limits at 95% C.L. (theory uncertainties are not included). The y-axis tick labels indicate the studied long-lived particle.

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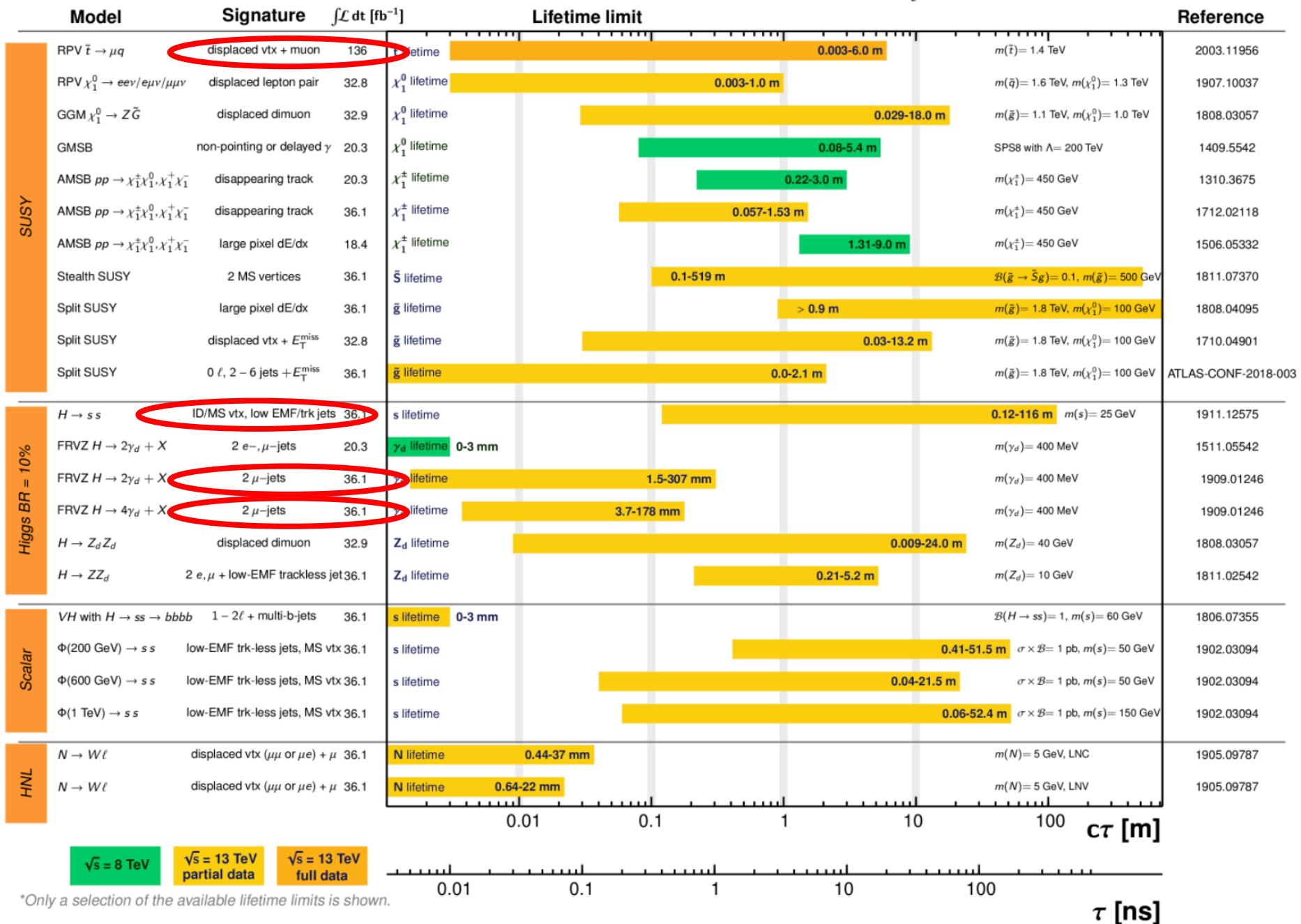
ATLAS Long-lived Particle Searches* - 95% CL Exclusion Presented today

Status: May 2020

ATLAS Preliminary

$\int \mathcal{L} dt = (18.4 - 136) \text{ fb}^{-1}$

$\sqrt{s} = 8, 13 \text{ TeV}$





Summary

- ❖ Highlighted several unconventional signatures and long-lived searches today **from full Run-2**
 - ❖ **CMS disappearing track search** making use of Phase 1 pixel upgrade to **extend sensitivity to lower particle lifetime**
 - ❖ Added a new higgsino-like neutralino interpretation
 - ❖ **CMS displaced jet search**
 - ❖ Added interpretation from Exotic decay of SM Higgs boson
 - ❖ **ATLAS displaced vertex and muon search**
- ❖ ATLAS on-going effort to use **RECAST framework** to **reinterpret new results**
- ❖ CMS **neural-network based search to target LLP signatures** (requires out-of the box thinking)

Stay tuned for more results!
- ❖ Towards run-3
 - ❖ *New ideas for trigger, reconstruction techniques and applications of machine learning to expand phase space of long-lived particles*

EXTRA MATERIAL



Systemtic uncertainty for Displaced vertices with muon



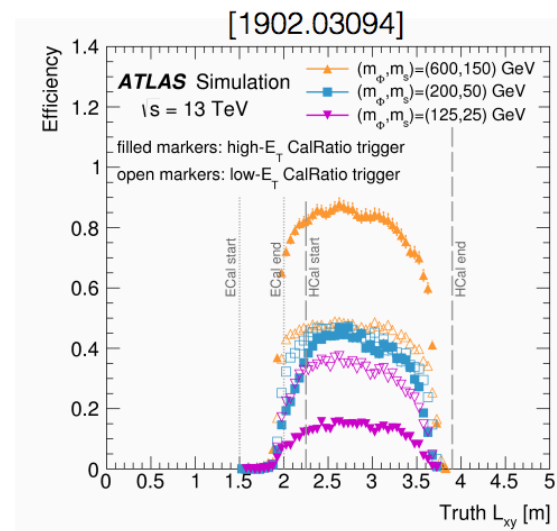
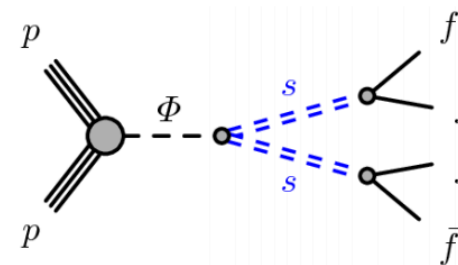
Table 5: Summary of the impact of systematic uncertainties on the event selection efficiency ϵ_{sel} for the signal scenarios with pair-produced long-lived top squarks. These uncertainties apply to both signal region selections used in the search unless otherwise specified.

| Source of uncertainty | Relative impact on ϵ_{sel} for signal events [%] |
|--|--|
| Total | 18–20 |
| Tracking and vertex reconstruction | 15 |
| Displaced muon efficiency | 10–12 |
| Prompt muon efficiency | (0.01–0.7) \oplus (0.9–4.0) |
| ISR modeling in MC simulation | 3 |
| Pileup modeling | 0.37–2.2 |
| Hadronic energy scale and resolution (affecting $E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}$) | 2.1 |
| Integrated luminosity of dataset | 1.7 |
| Trigger efficiency | < 0.2 |

CalRatio Trigger

calRatio: 2015-2016

- Targets LLP decays in HCal
 - High ratio of energy deposited in HCal to energy deposited in the ECal
 - Narrow shower
 - No associated activity in the tracker
- L1
 - High- E_T : 60 GeV τ trigger
 - Low- E_T : 30 GeV τ trigger w/ no ≥ 3 GeV ECal deposits nearby
 - Exploits L1Topo capabilities - Introduced in mid-2016
- HLT
 - Tracking performed in Rols around jets with $E_T > 30$ GeV and $E_{EM}/E_H < 0.06$
 - Veto presence of tracks with $p_T > 2$ GeV within $\Delta R(\text{jet}) < 0.2$
 - Veto Beam-Induced Background (BIB) via cell timing/position
- Offline strategy: use MVAs to discriminate against QCD and BIB background



RECAST workflow

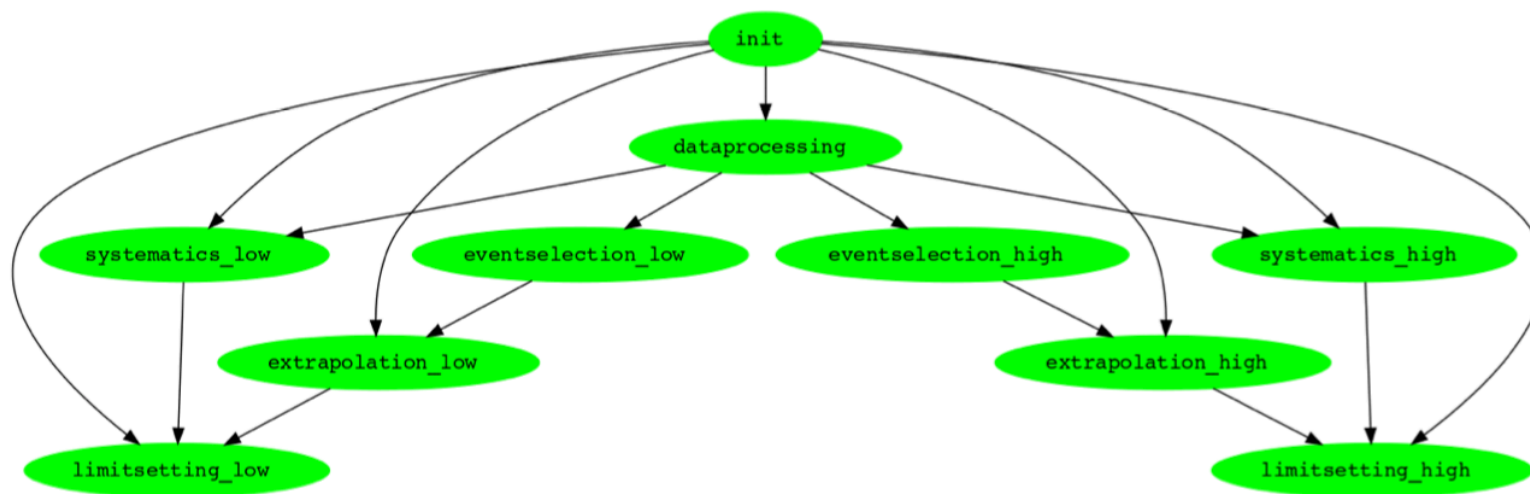


Figure 3: A schematic of the workflow used in the analysis preservation. Individual steps (in green) are defined with dependencies from other steps (indicated by the arrows).

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RECAST workflow

Table 12: Extension of the γ_d proper decay lengths excluded at 95% CL assuming $\sigma_H \times B_{H \rightarrow N\gamma_d + X} = 5$ pb for the FRVZ model with $m_H = 800$ GeV following the reinterpretation of the CalRatio displaced jets search. The existing minimum and maximum decay lengths excluded using the hDPJ-hDPJ selection are denoted by $c\tau_{min}^{old}$ and $c\tau_{max}$. The maximum decay lengths excluded are unchanged following the reinterpretation, but the extended minimum decay lengths are indicated by $c\tau_{min}^{new}$.

| Process | $\sigma_H \times B_{H \rightarrow N\gamma_d + X}$ [pb] | $c\tau_{min}^{new}$ [m] | $c\tau_{min}^{old}$ [m] | $c\tau_{max}$ [m] |
|-------------------------------|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| $H \rightarrow 2\gamma_d + X$ | 5 | 0.00046 | 0.0073 | 1.298 |
| $H \rightarrow 4\gamma_d + X$ | 5 | 0.0006 | 0.0136 | 0.231 |

Displaced ID + MS analysis

TABLE IX. Ranges of proper lifetimes excluded at 95% CL for the $m_H = 125$ GeV benchmark model assuming a 10% branching ratio for $H \rightarrow ss$. The $m_s = 55$ GeV exclusion range uses the results of the ID and CR analyses only.

| m_s [GeV] | Excluded $c\tau$ range at 95% CL [m] |
|-------------|---|
| 8 | 0.06–15 |
| 15 | 0.09–64 |
| 25 | 0.12–116 |
| 40 | 0.26–197 |
| 55 | 0.39–8.1 |