

Searches for strong production of supersymmetric particles with the ATLAS detector

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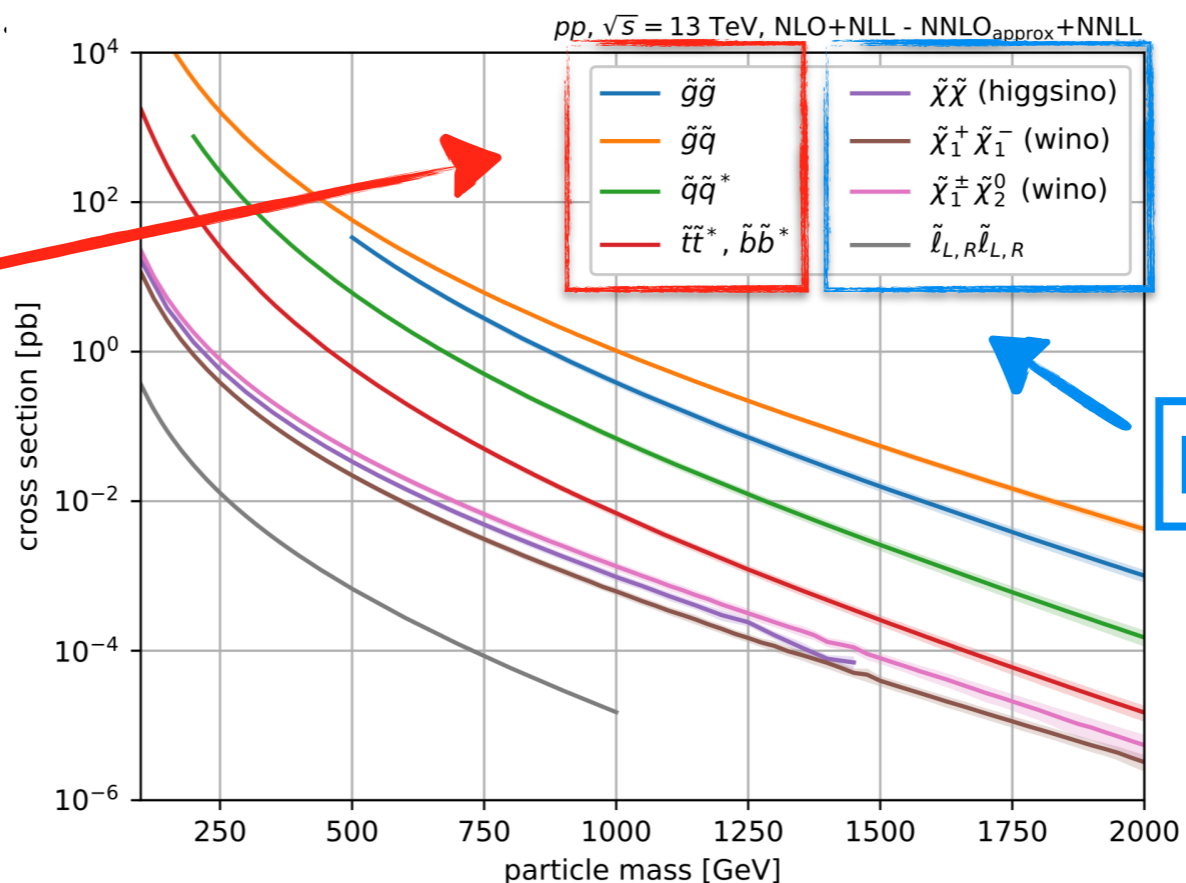


Introduction

- Supersymmetry (SUSY) predicts the existence of a **massive particle sector** allowing to solve different open questions of physics.
- Strongly-interacting SUSY particles (squarks and gluinos) have **larger production cross-sections than EW SUSY partners**.
- If SUSY solves the Higgs hierarchy mass problem (natural SUSY), **gluinos and stops must have small masses**.
- Electro-weak (EW) ATLAS searches covered in the talk by Jason Oliver later today (14:45 EDT).

Stops and gluinos expected to be observed first at ATLAS.

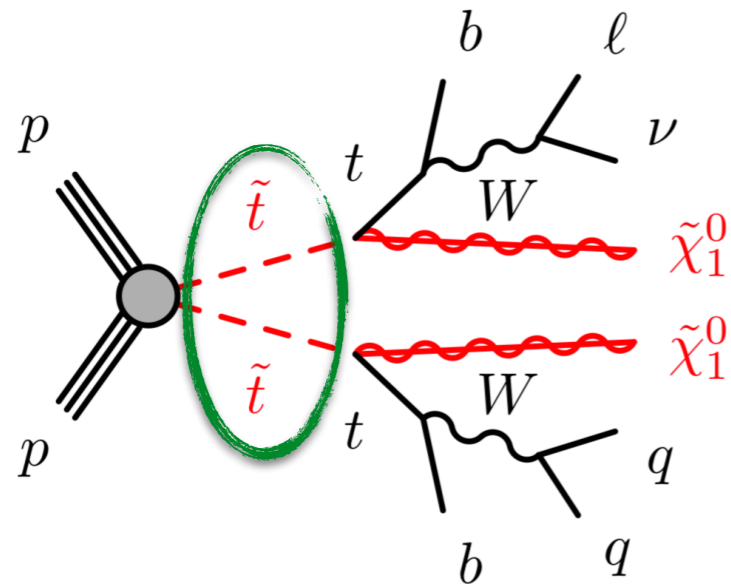
Strong SUSY



EW SUSY

New ATLAS results (139 fb⁻¹)

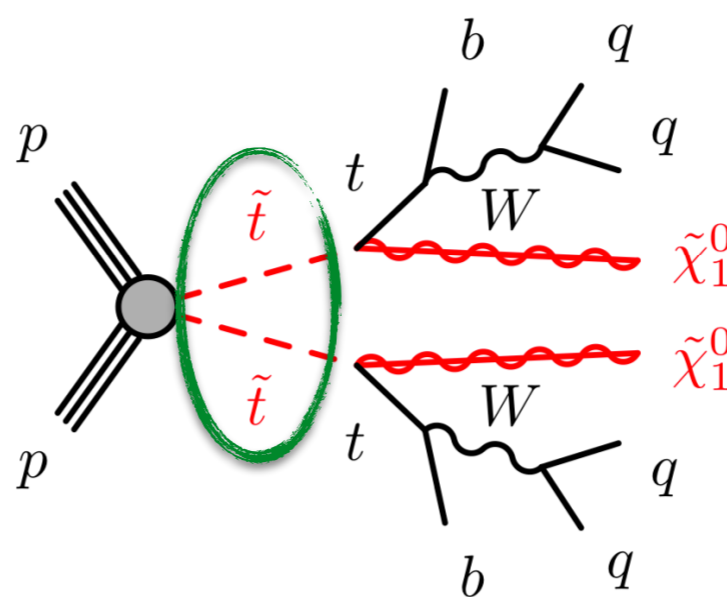
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Signature:

- **One lepton**
- ≥ 1 b-tagged jet or soft b-object
- $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 4$
- **Large MET**

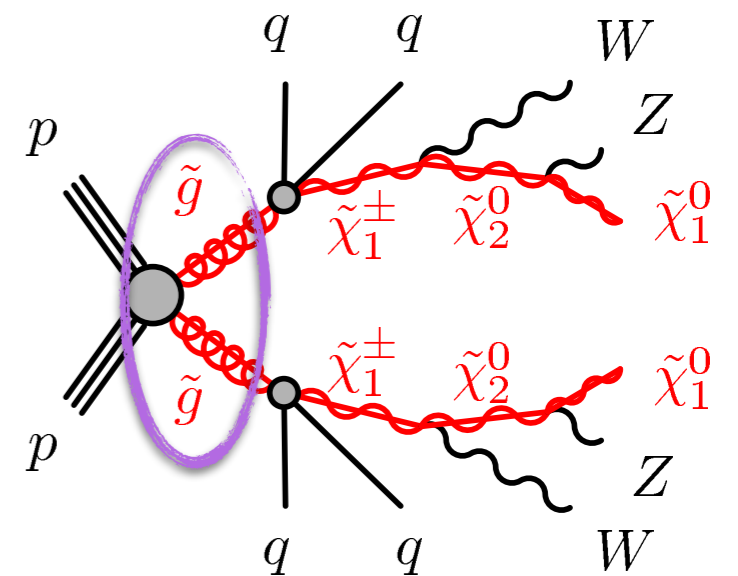
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Signature:

- **Zero leptons**
- ≥ 1 b-tagged jet or soft b-object
- $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 4$
- **Large MET**

ATLAS- CONF-2020-002



Signature:

- **Zero leptons**
- **Large jet multiplicities** (8-12 jets)
- Moderate MET

Searching for stops in zero and one lepton signatures using the complete ATLAS Run 2 dataset (139 fb⁻¹)

[ATLAS-CONF-2020-003](#)

[arXiv:2004.14060](#)



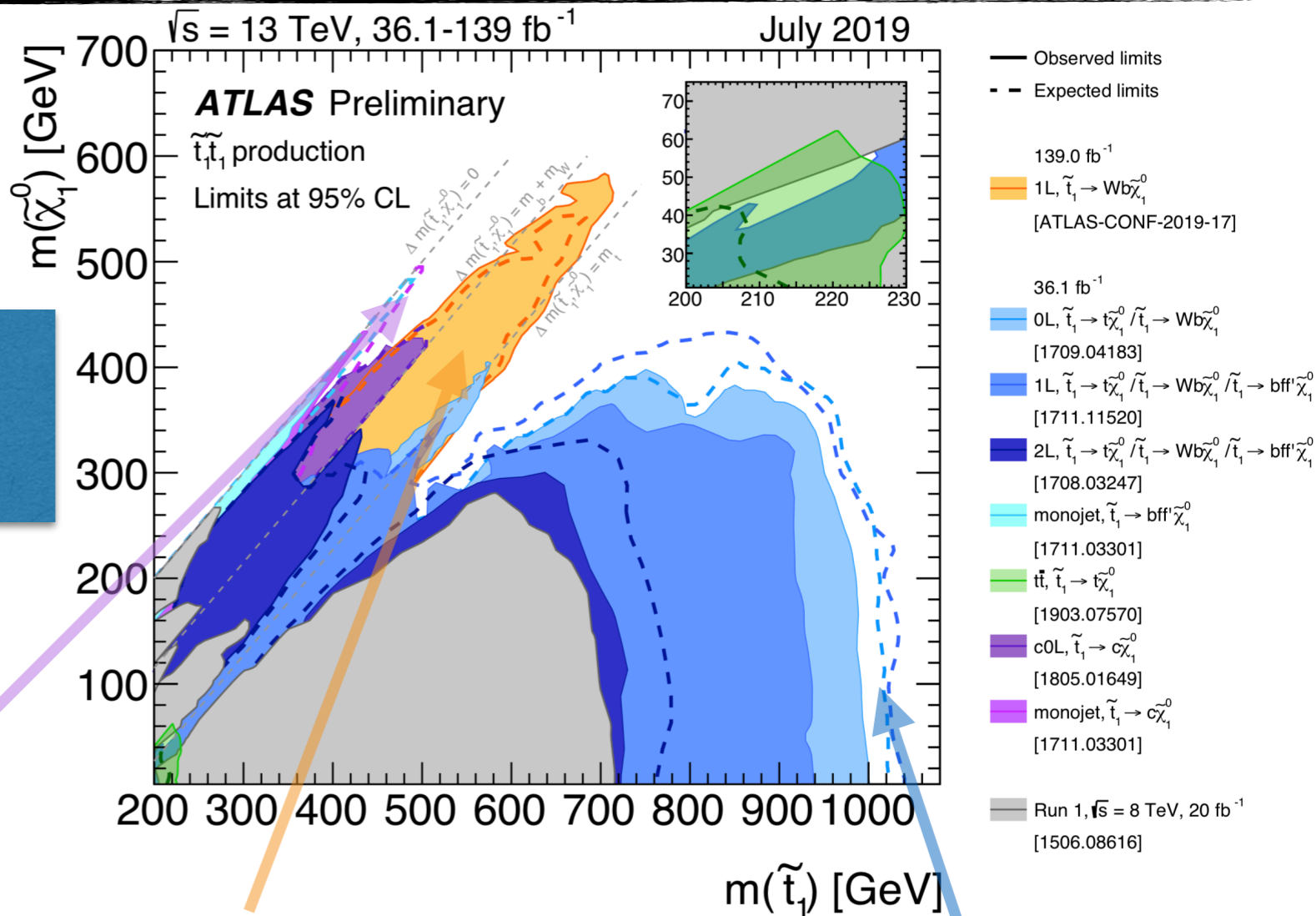
ATLAS stop searches

Status and phenomenology

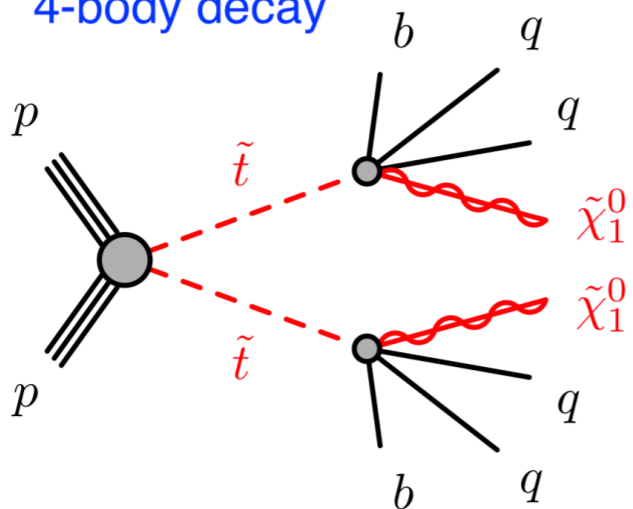
Status before this talk

Stop excluded up to 1 TeV,
Neutralino excluded up to 600 GeV

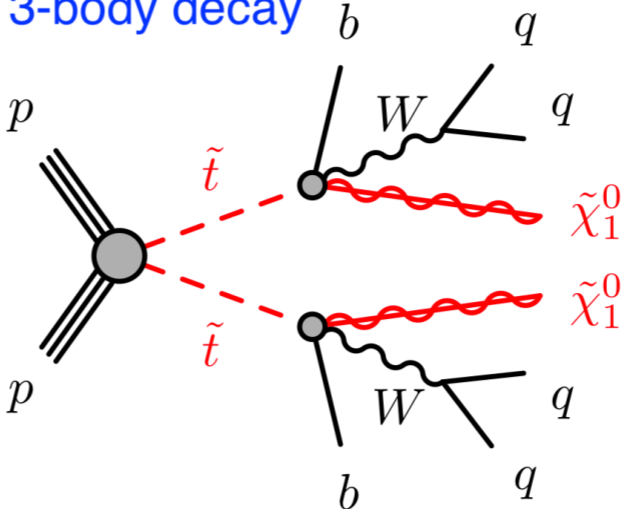
Difficult to target due to low momenta of decay products



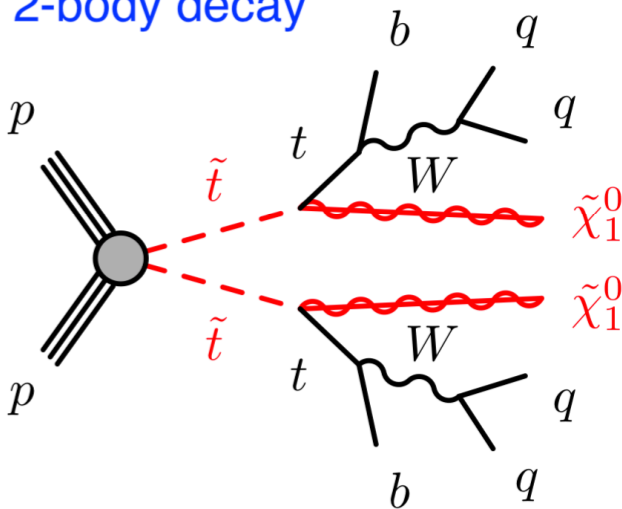
4-body decay



3-body decay



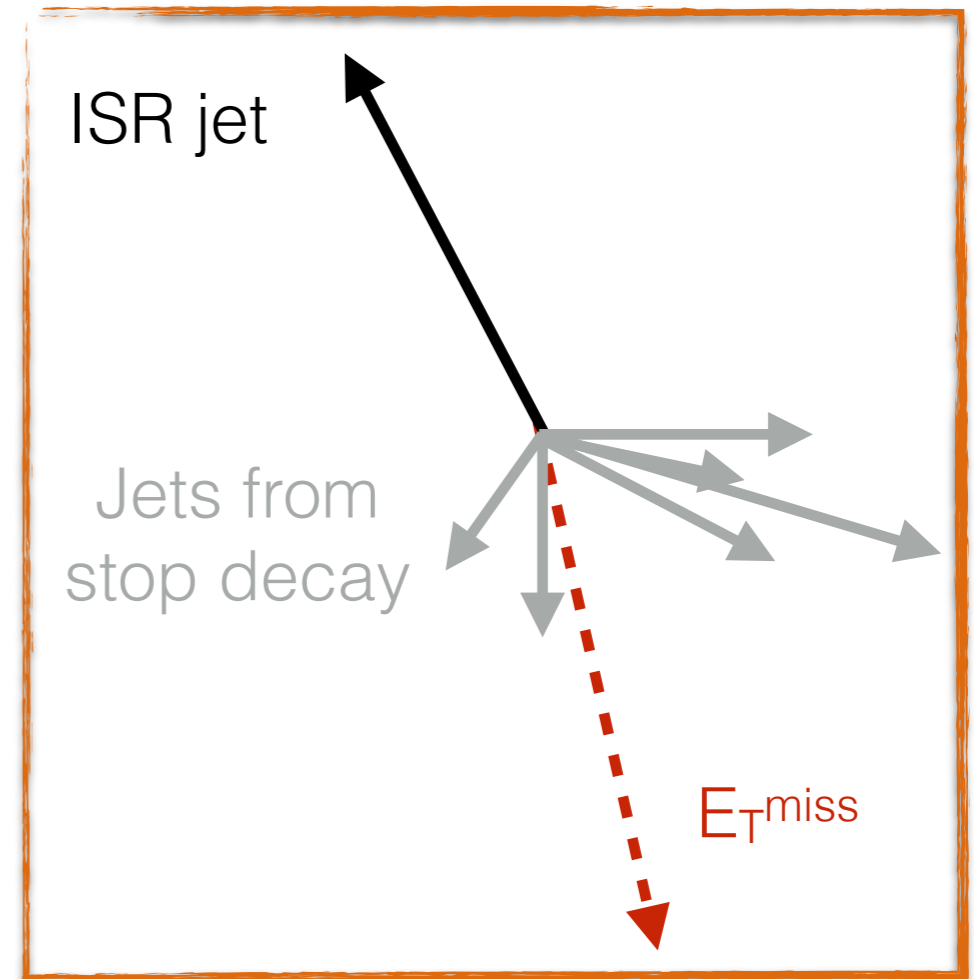
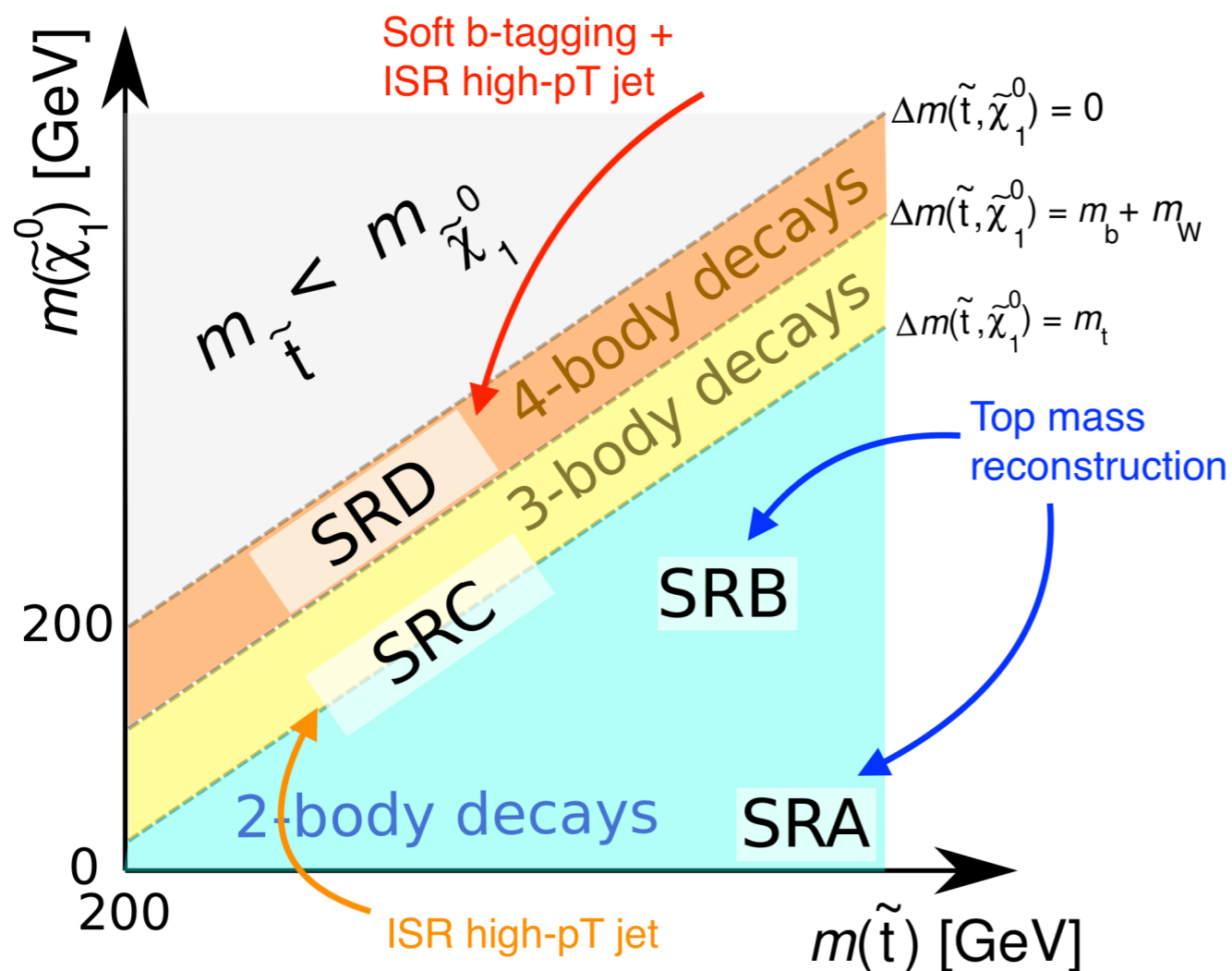
2-body decay



Search for stop pairs with 0 leptons

arXiv:2004.14060 ([link](#))

- Search for stop-pairs in events with **zero leptons** (i.e. electrons and muons) and large Missing Transverse Momentum ($E_T^{\text{miss}} > 250$ GeV).
- **Four different sets of Signal Regions (SRA-D)** targeting different portions of the decay phase space.
- New Run 2 analysis improved with **new reconstruction techniques**: soft b-hadron tagging (b-jets down to $p_T \geq 5$ GeV) and **boosted top reconstruction**.



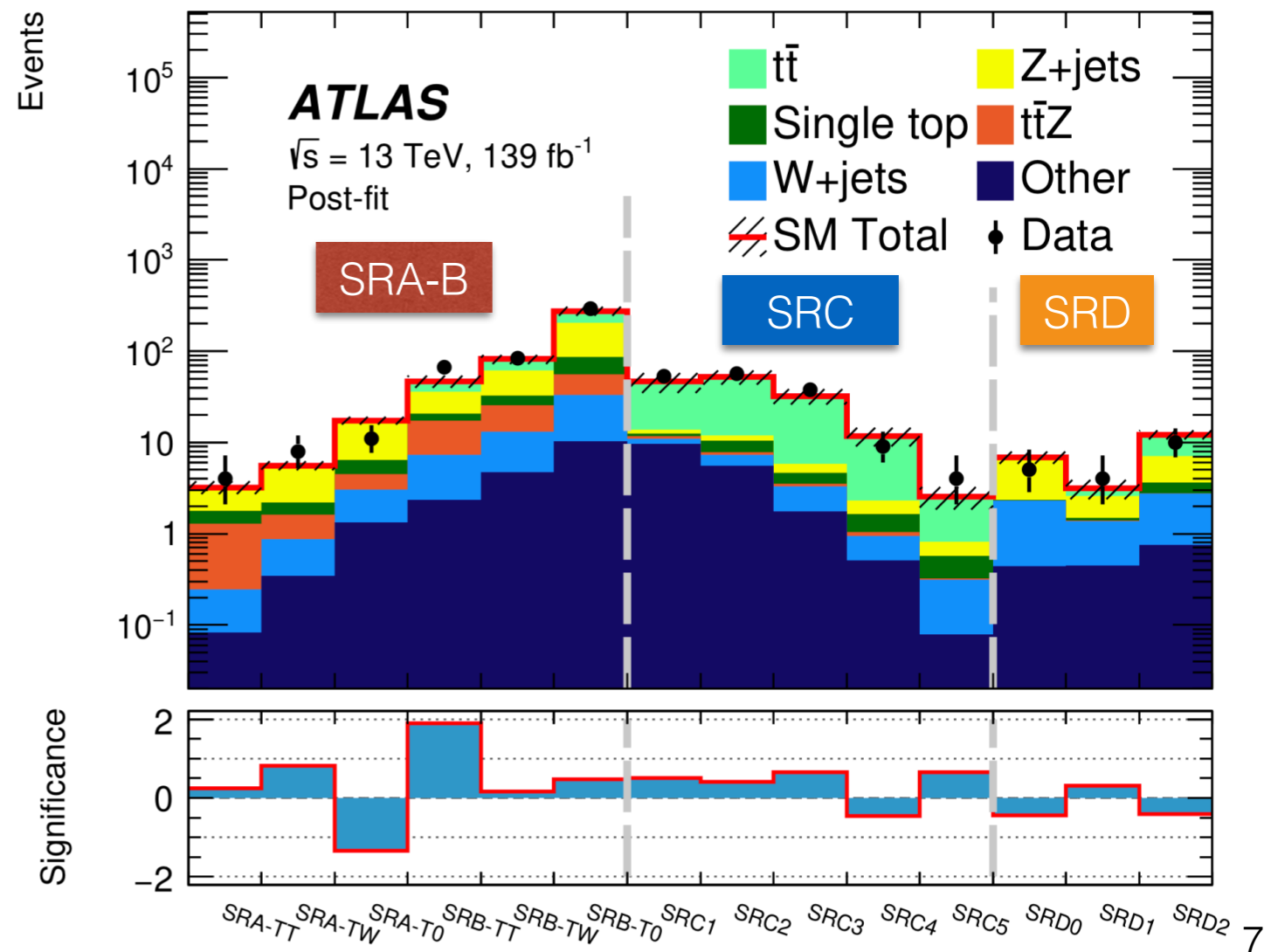
Search for stop pairs with 0 leptons

Results

- **Signal regions A-D further binned** in order to enhance sensitivity to different decay kinematics (14 SRs in total).
- **Backgrounds corrected and assessed** using dedicated orthogonal Control and Validation Regions.

No significant excess has been found

Largest deviation at 2σ significance in SRB-TT

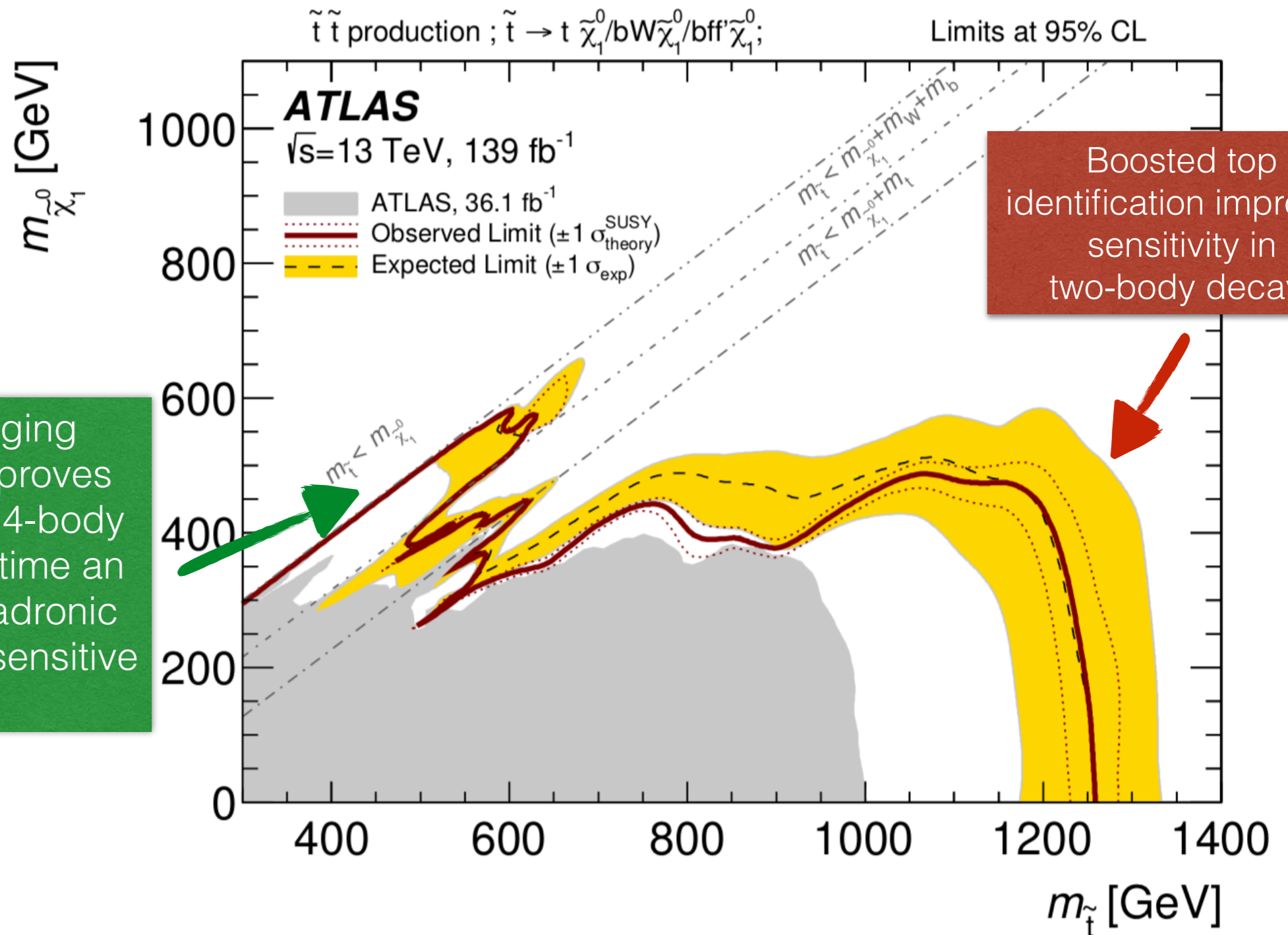




Search for stop pairs with 0 leptons

Exclusion limits

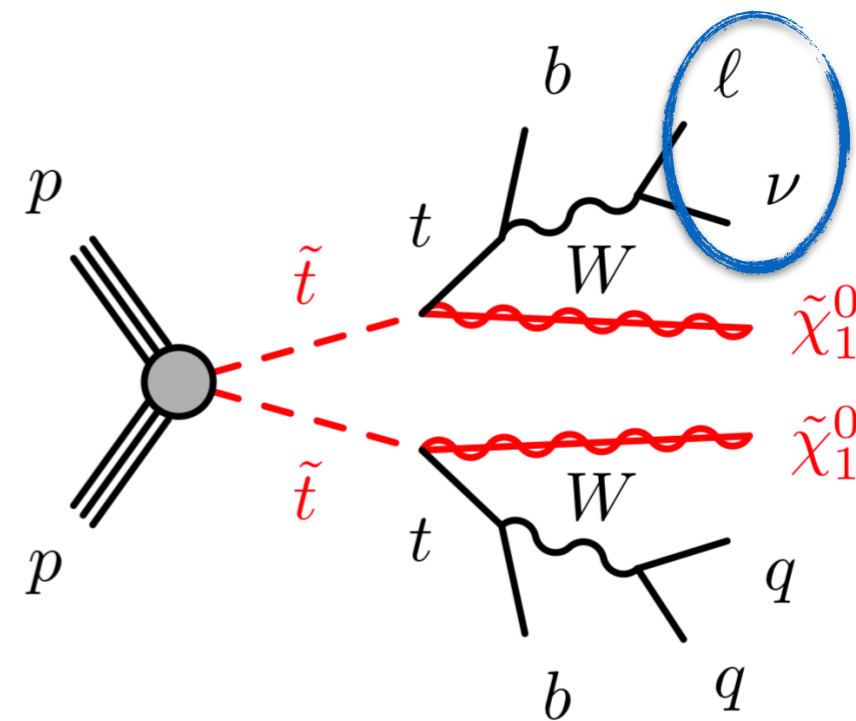
New 95% CL exclusion limits have been set.



Search for stop pairs with 1 lepton

ATLAS-CONF-2020-003 ([link](#))

- Search for stop-pairs in events with one lepton (electron or muon) and large Missing Transverse Momentum (MET).
- **6 Signal Regions in total targeting two-body and four-body decays.**
- Three-body decay previously addressed with 139 fb⁻¹ statistics in a dedicated 1 lepton search [ATLAS-CONF-2019-017](#).

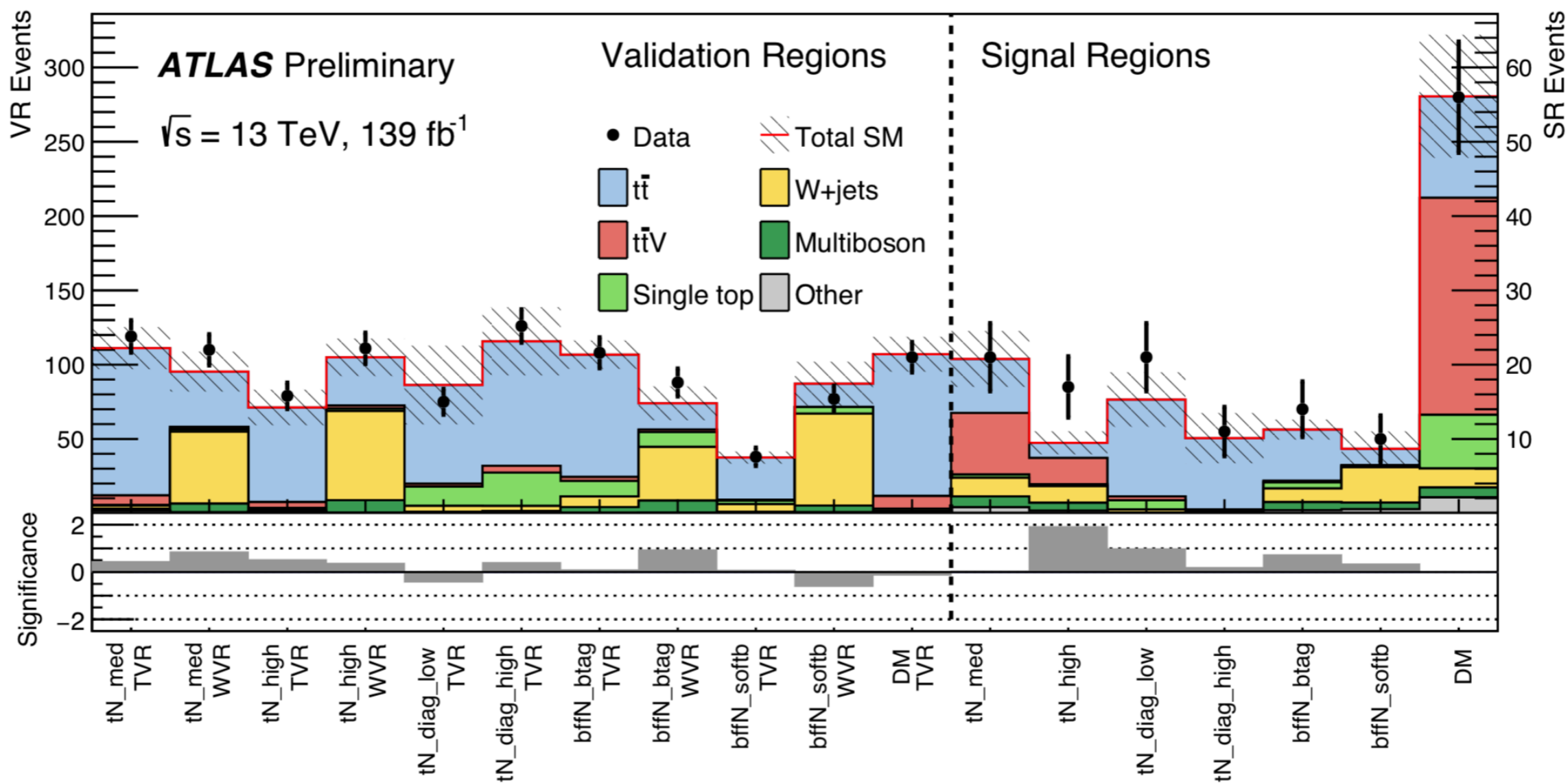


Signal Regions	Target	Requirements on
tN_med, tN_high	two-body decay , high $\tilde{t}, \tilde{\chi}$ mass splitting	1 hard-lepton , $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 4$, $N_{b\text{-jets}} \geq 1$, m_T , E_T^{miss} , top reconstruction variables , and others
tN_diag_low, tN_diag_high	two-body decay , low $\tilde{t}, \tilde{\chi}$ mass splitting (diagonal region)	1 hard-lepton , $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 5$, ISR jet $N_{b\text{-jets}} \geq 2$, m_T , E_T^{miss} , and others
bffN_btag, bffN_softb	4-body decay	1 soft lepton , $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 1, 2$, $N_{b\text{-jets}} \geq 0, 1$, E_T^{miss} b-tagging, ISR jet , soft b-tagging

Search for stop pairs with 1 lepton

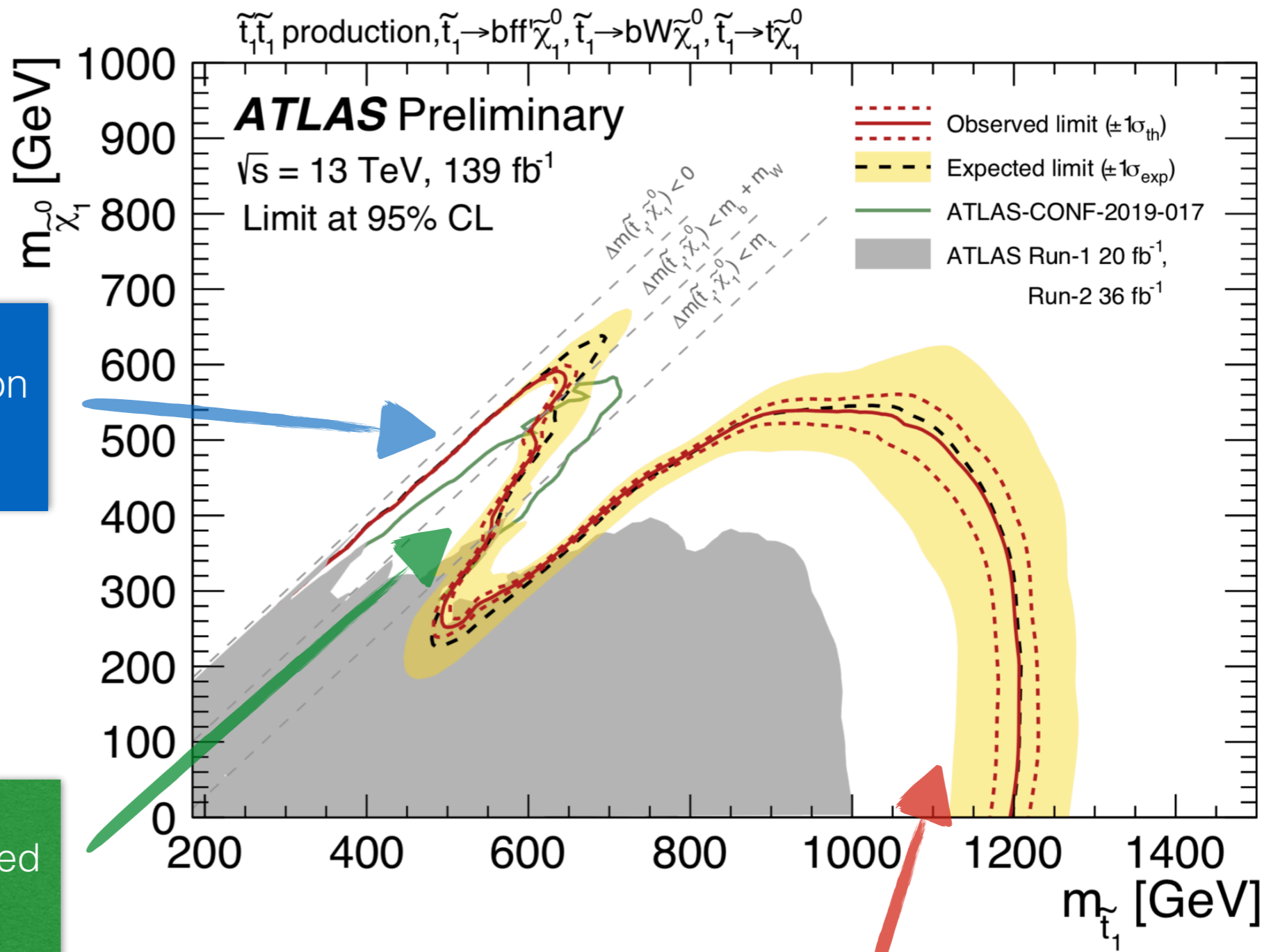
Results

- Background corrected and assessed using dedicated Control and Validation Regions.
- **No significant deviation observed** with respect to the SM prediction.



Search for stop pairs with 1 lepton

Exclusion limits



Soft b-tagging improves exclusion limits also with 1 lepton.

Best sensitivity to 3-body decay provided by dedicated 1 lepton analysis

Stop mass limit improved by ~200 GeV

Search for gluino pairs using the
complete ATLAS Run 2 dataset
(139 fb⁻¹)

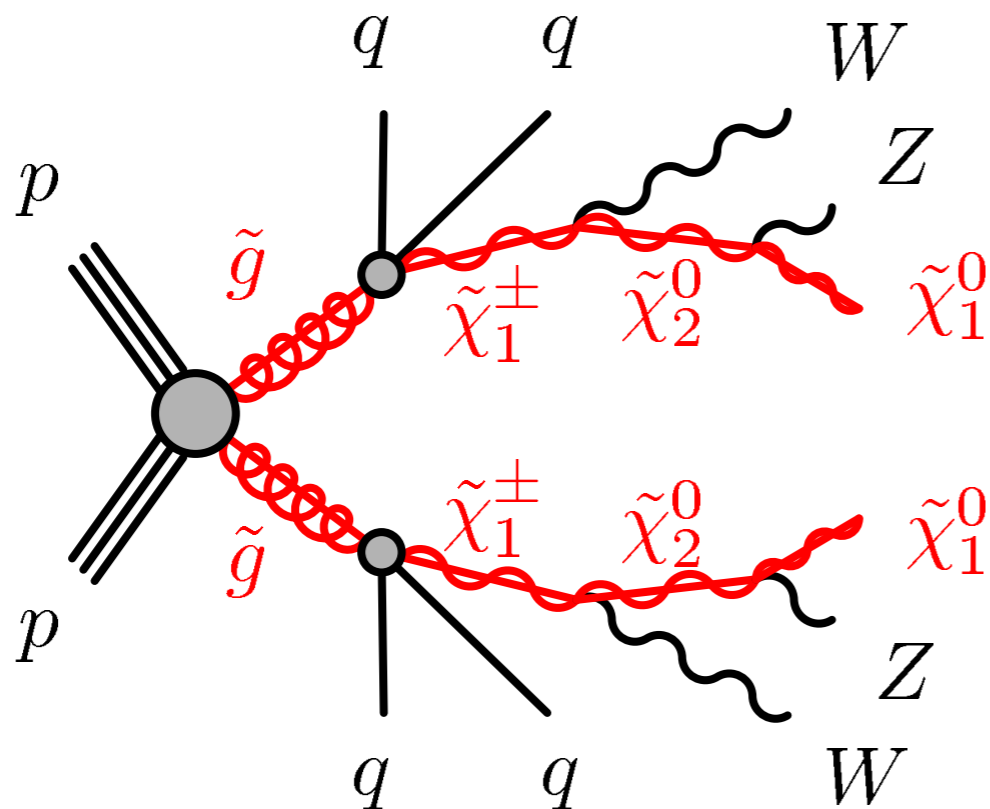
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Multijets zero lepton analysis

ATLAS-CONF-2020-002 ([link](#))

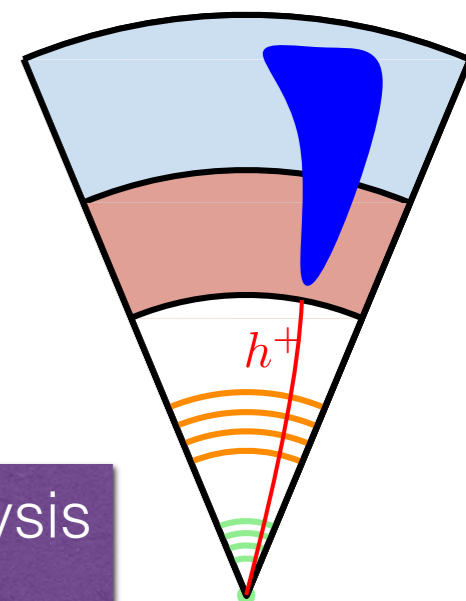
- Gluinos typically decays through **longer decay chains** than stops.
- Signature: **zero leptons** (electrons and muons), **large jet multiplicities** (8-12 jets) and moderate MET.
- Additional requirements on b-jet multiplicities and **boosted variables**.
- **New reconstruction techniques**: Particle Flow jet/MET reconstruction ([arXiv:1703.10485](#), [ATLAS-CONF-2018-023](#)) and object-based MET significance ([ATLAS-CONF-2018-038](#)).

$$M_J^\Sigma = \sum m_j^{R=1.0}$$



Particle Flow reconstruction

- Combination of tracker and calorimeter information.
- **Optimal jet and MET reconstruction precision.**



First ATLAS SUSY analysis to use Particle Flow!



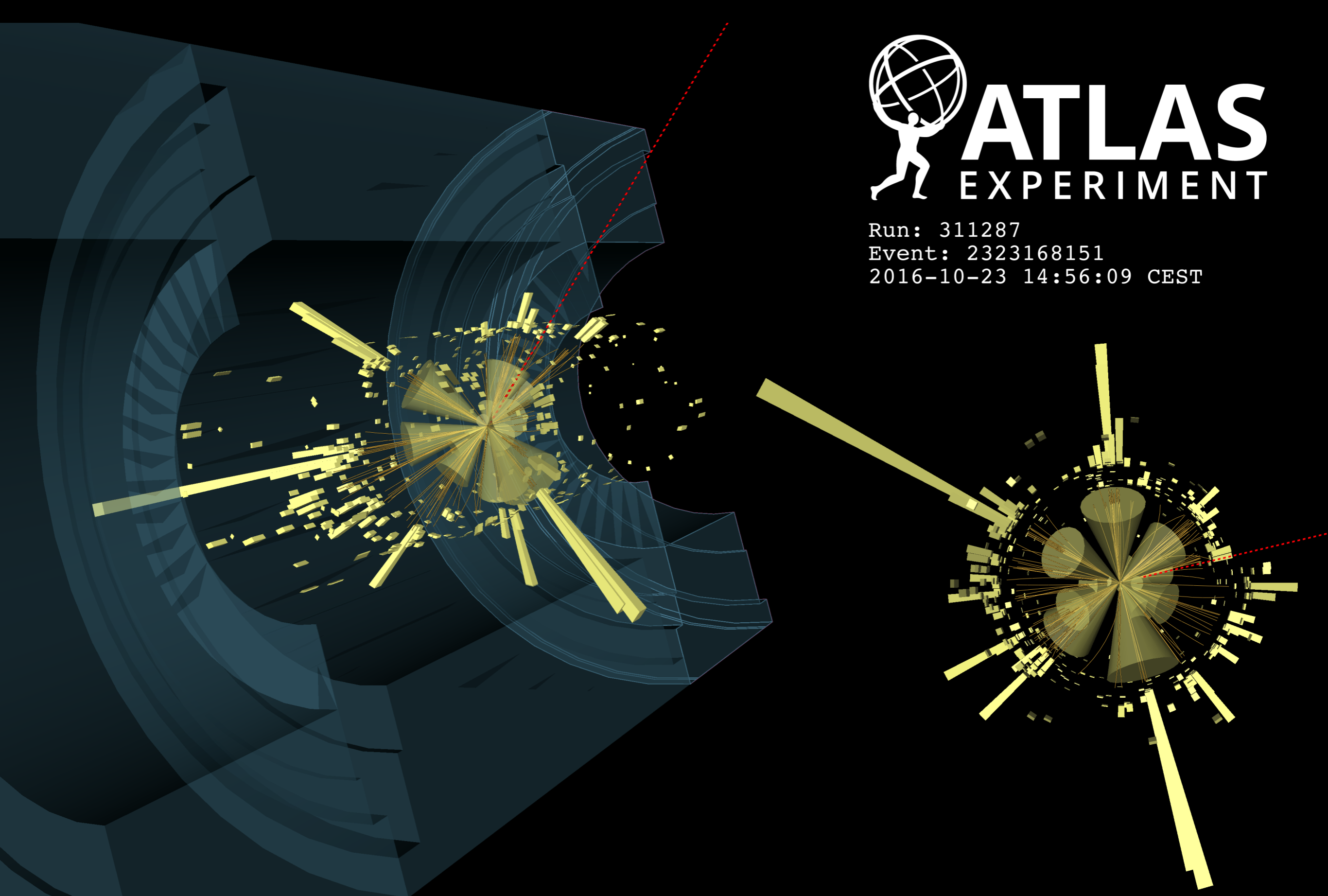
ATLAS

EXPERIMENT

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Event: 2323168151

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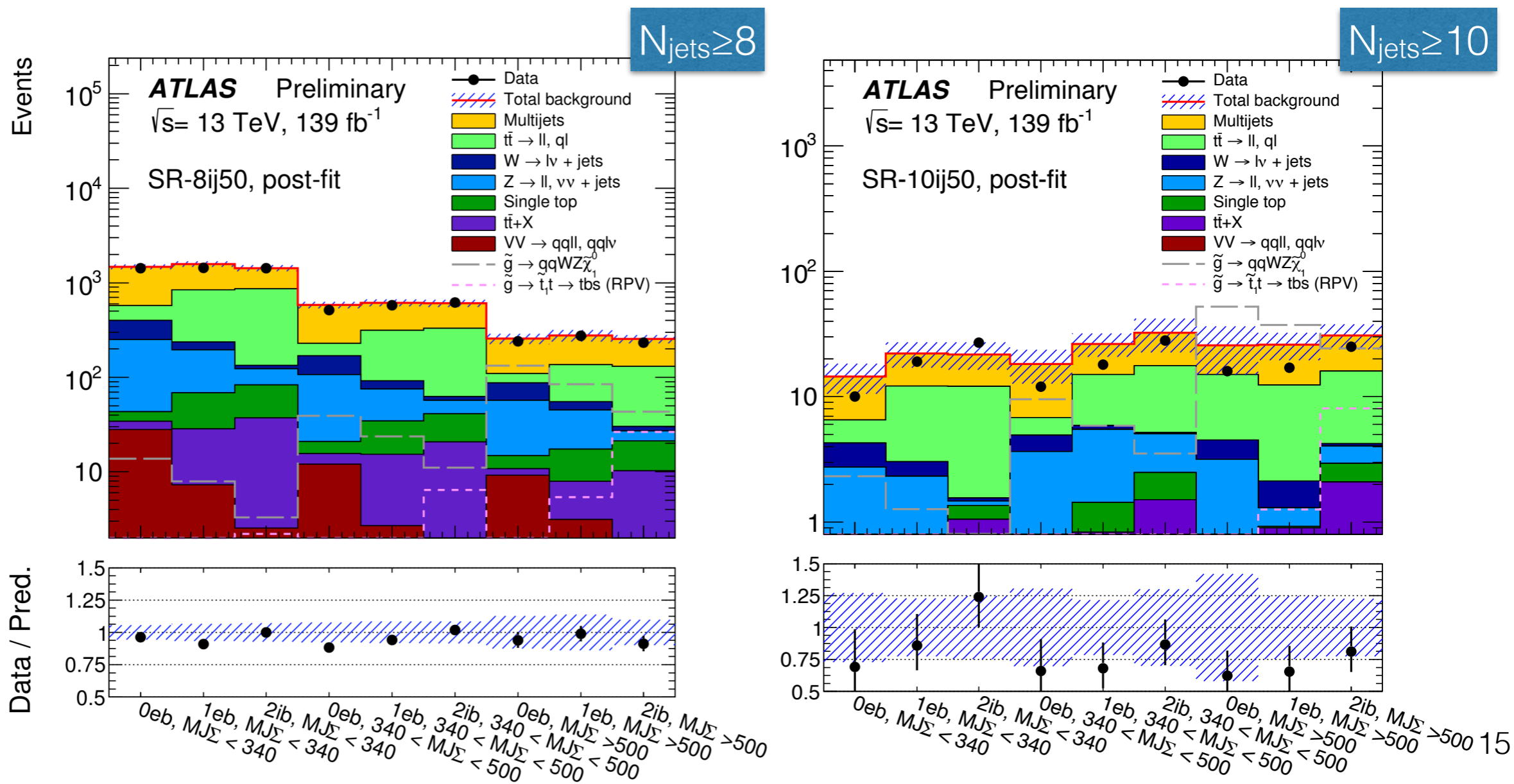


Events with spectacularly high jet multiplicity (16 Particle Flow jets) in SRs!

Multijets zero lepton analysis

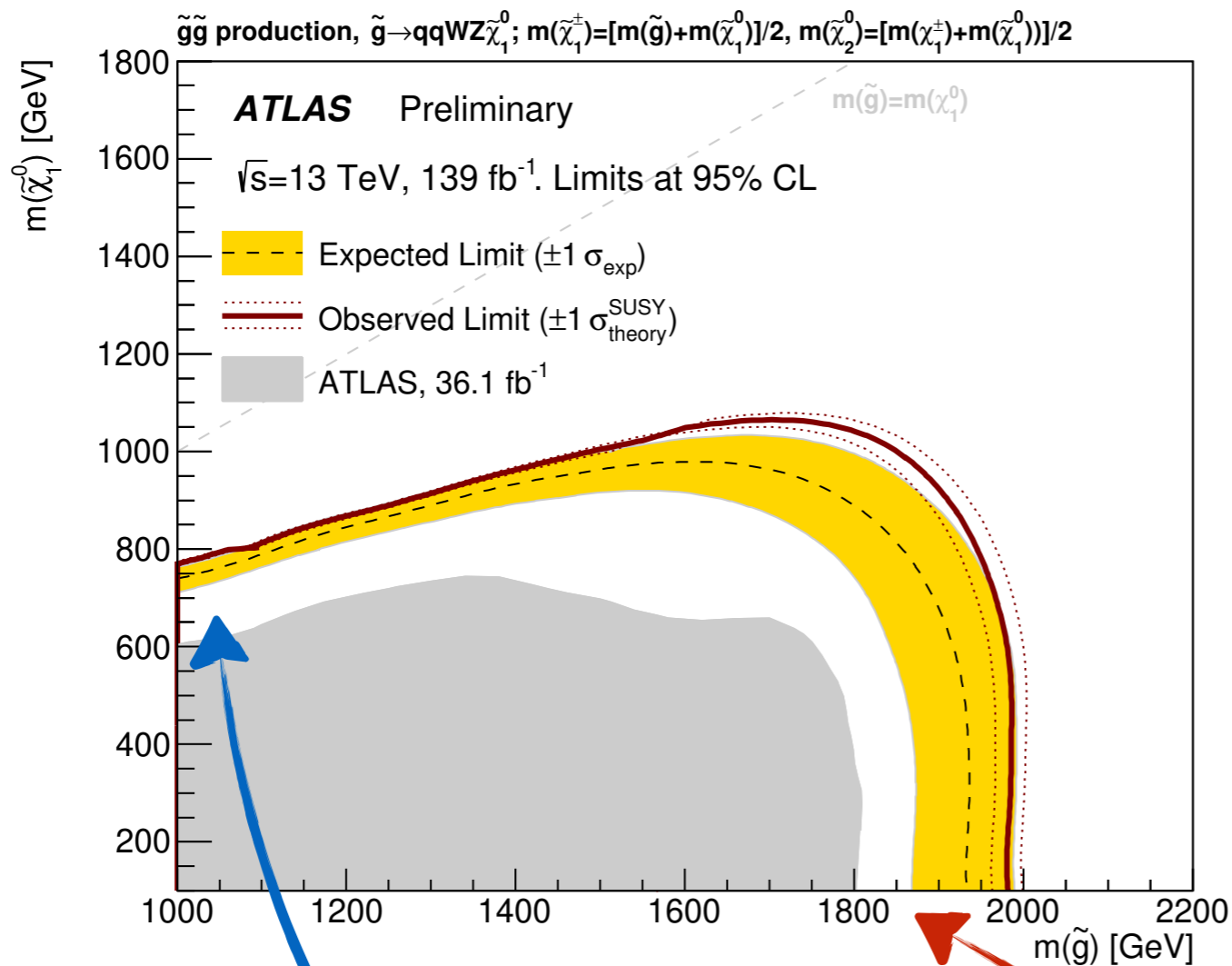
Results

- **No excess** found above the SM prediction.
- **Multijet background** (dominant background) **reduced up to 30%** (SR dependent) thanks to Particle Flow MET reconstruction.



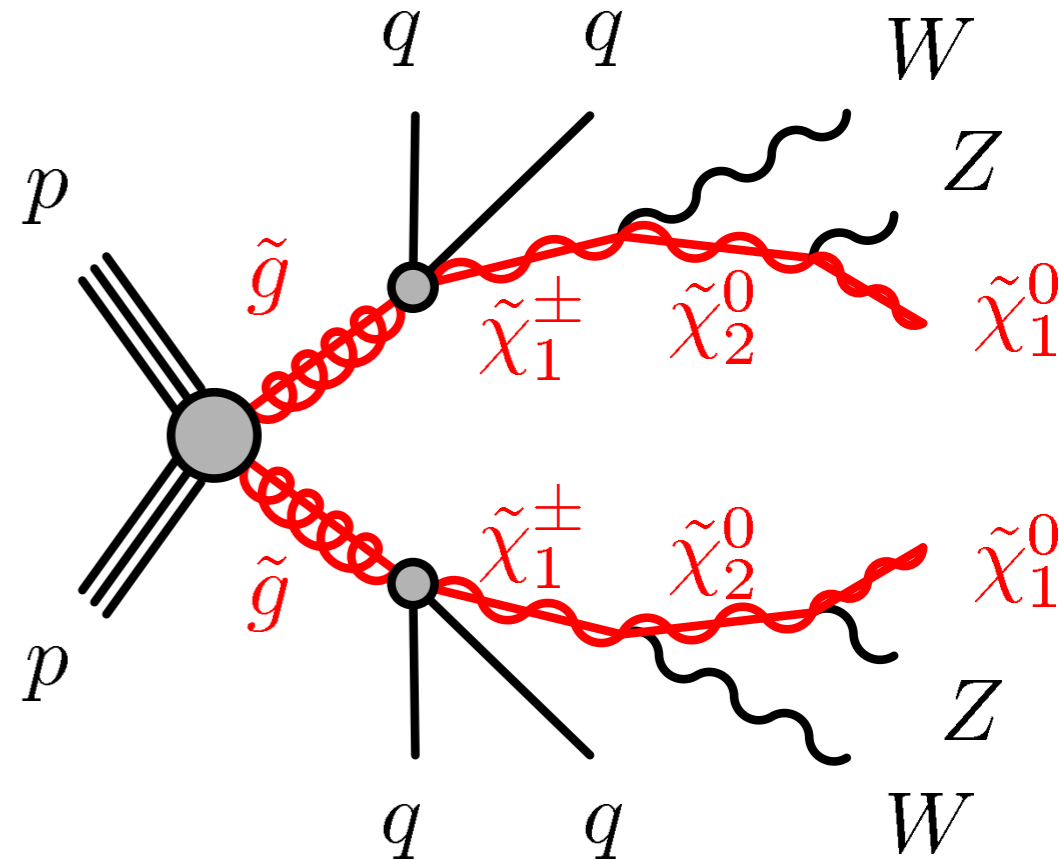
Multijets zero lepton analysis

Exclusion limits



Neutralino mass excluded up to 1 TeV

Two-step gluino model



Gluino mass excluded up to 2 TeV

Summary

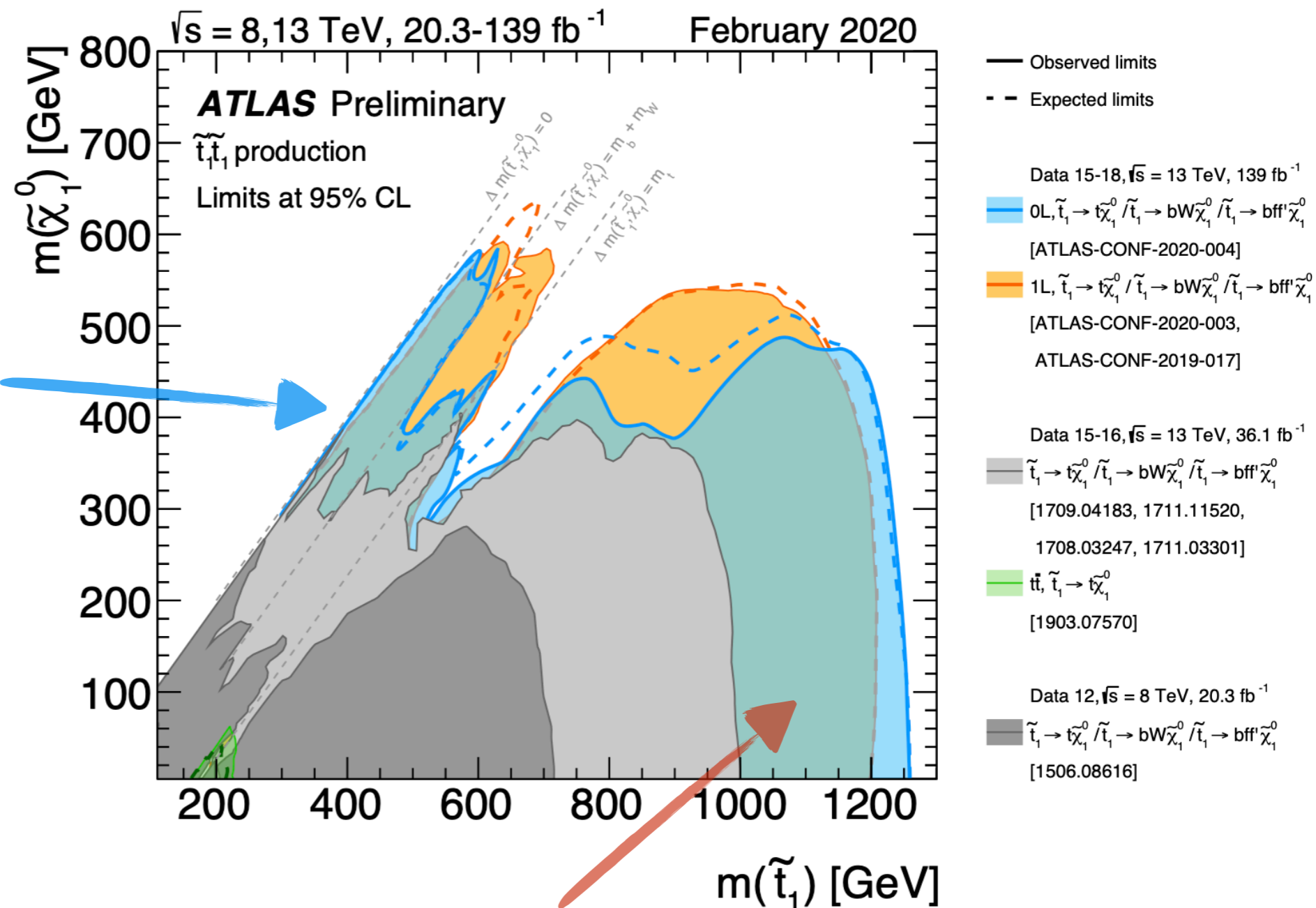
- Summarised recent results obtained by the ATLAS strong SUSY searches using the complete Run 2 dataset.
- **No excess** above the SM has been found. **Exclusion limits have been extended** by these analysis on stops (up to 1.25 TeV), gluinos (up to 2 TeV), and LSP masses.
- **Enhanced sensitivity achieved** using **improved offline reconstruction** (Particle Flow jets/MET, soft-b tagging, etc.).
- The search for SUSY continues at ATLAS. More results will follow up soon!

Stay tuned!

Backup

Updated summary of stop searches

Significant improvements in 3- and 4-body regions



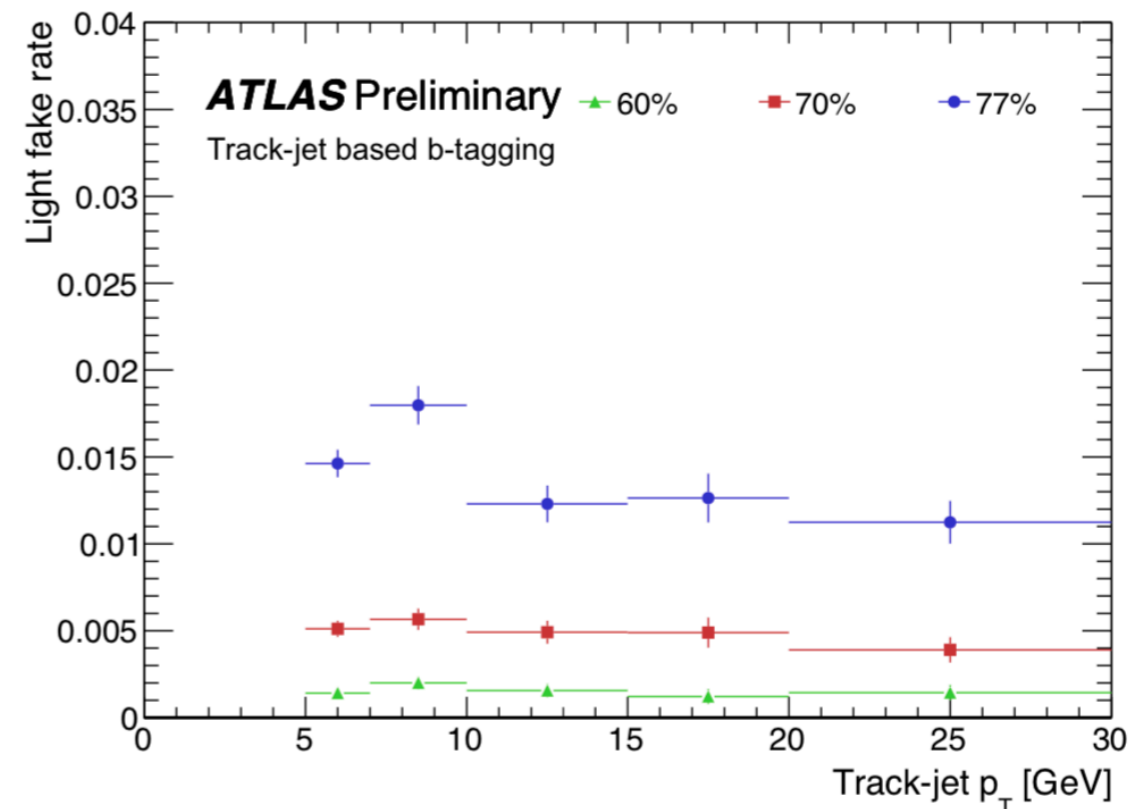
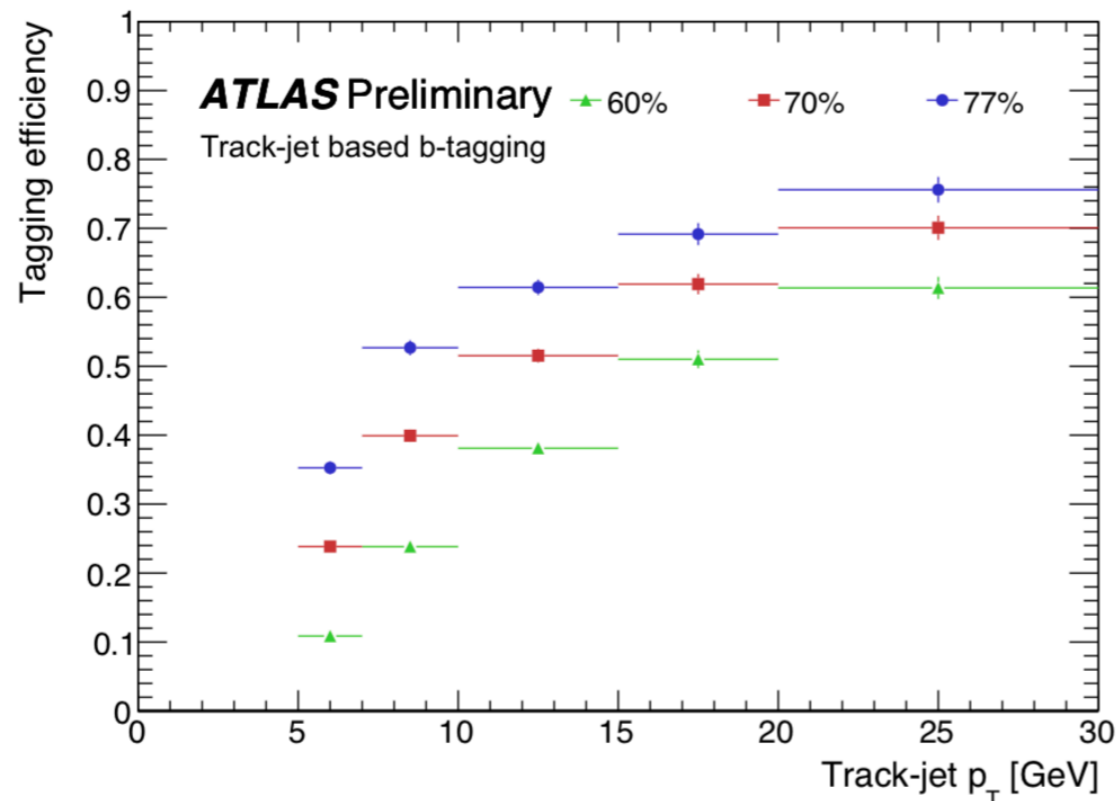
Limits on stop mass improved by $\sim 250 \text{ GeV}$



Soft b-hadron tagging

ATLAS-CONF-2019-027

In order to identify low p_T b -hadrons that are not captured by jets passing the $p_T > 20$ GeV requirement, “track jets” are reconstructed from inner detector tracks using the anti- k_r algorithm with radius parameter $R = 0.4$. Tracks considered for inclusion in track jets are required to have $p_T > 500$ MeV, $|\eta| < 2.5$, at least seven hits in the silicon microstrip and pixel detectors, no more than one hit shared by multiple tracks in the pixel detector, no more than one missing hit in the pixel detector, and no more than two missing hits in the silicon microstrip detector. Additional requirements on the longitudinal impact parameter projected along the beam direction ($|z_0 \sin(\theta)| < 3$ mm) reduce the pileup contributions and improve the efficiency in selecting tracks from the hard-scatter vertex. Track jets are required to have $p_T > 5$ GeV, more than one track, $|\eta| < 2.5$, and not overlap with the leading non- b -tagged jet in the event ($\Delta R > 0.4$). The standard b -tagging algorithm is employed on track jets [107] and a tighter selection requirement is applied with respect to regular jets, due to the larger amount of background at low p_T . The average identification efficiency of jets containing b -hadrons is 70% as determined in simulated $t\bar{t}$ events. Using the same simulated sample, a rejection factor of approximately 200 (10) is reached for jets initiated by light quarks and gluons (charm quarks).



Search for stop pairs with 0 leptons

Definitions of SRA-B

Table 2: Selection criteria for SRA and SRB. Each signal region is separated into three categories based on reconstructed top candidate masses. A dash indicates that no selection is applied.

Variable/SR	SRA-TT	SRA-TW	SRA-T0	SRB-TT	SRB-TW	SRB-T0
Trigger	E_T^{miss}					
E_T^{miss}	> 250 GeV					
N_ℓ	exactly 0					
N_j	≥ 4					
$p_{T,2}$	> 80 GeV					
$p_{T,4}$	> 40 GeV					
$ \Delta\phi_{\min}(\mathbf{p}_{T,1-4}, \mathbf{p}_T^{\text{miss}}) $	> 0.4					
N_b	≥ 2					
$m_T^{b,\min}$	> 200 GeV					
τ -veto	✓					
$m_1^{R=1.2}$	> 120 GeV					
$m_2^{R=1.2}$	> 120 GeV	60 – 120 GeV	< 60 GeV	> 120 GeV	60 – 120 GeV	< 60 GeV
$m_1^{R=0.8}$	> 60 GeV			–		
$j_1^{R=1.2}(b)$	✓			–		
$j_2^{R=1.2}(b)$	✓	–			–	
$\Delta R(b_1, b_2)$	> 1.0	–		> 1.4		
$m_T^{b,\max}$	–			> 200 GeV		
S	> 25			> 14		
m_{T2,χ^2}	> 450 GeV			< 450 GeV		

Search for stop pairs with 0 leptons

Definitions of SRC

Table 3: Selection criteria for SRC. The signal regions are separated into five categories based on ranges of R_{ISR} .

Variable/SR	SRC1	SRC2	SRC3	SRC4	SRC5
Trigger	$E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}$				
$E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}$	$> 250 \text{ GeV}$				
N_{ℓ}	exactly 0				
N_{j}	≥ 4				
$p_{\text{T},2}$	$> 80 \text{ GeV}$				
$p_{\text{T},4}$	$> 40 \text{ GeV}$				
N_b	≥ 2				
$E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss,track}}$	$> 30 \text{ GeV}$				
$ \Delta\phi(\mathbf{p}_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}, \mathbf{p}_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss,track}}) $	$< \pi/3$				
$ \Delta\phi(\mathbf{p}_{\text{T},1-2}, \mathbf{p}_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}) $	> 0.4				
N_{j}^{S}	≥ 4				
$p_{\text{T}}^{\text{ISR}}$	$> 400 \text{ GeV}$				
$p_{\text{T},1}^{\text{S},b}$	$> 50 \text{ GeV}$				
$p_{\text{T},4}^{\text{S}}$	$> 50 \text{ GeV}$				
m_{S}	$> 400 \text{ GeV}$				
$ \Delta\phi(\mathbf{p}_{\text{T}}^{\text{ISR}}, \mathbf{p}_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}) $	> 3.0				
R_{ISR}	0.30 – 0.40	0.40 – 0.50	0.50 – 0.60	0.60 – 0.70	> 0.70

$$R_{\text{ISR}} \equiv \frac{E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}}{p_{\text{T}}^{\text{ISR}}} \sim \frac{m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0}}{m_{\tilde{t}}}$$



Search for stop pairs with 0 leptons

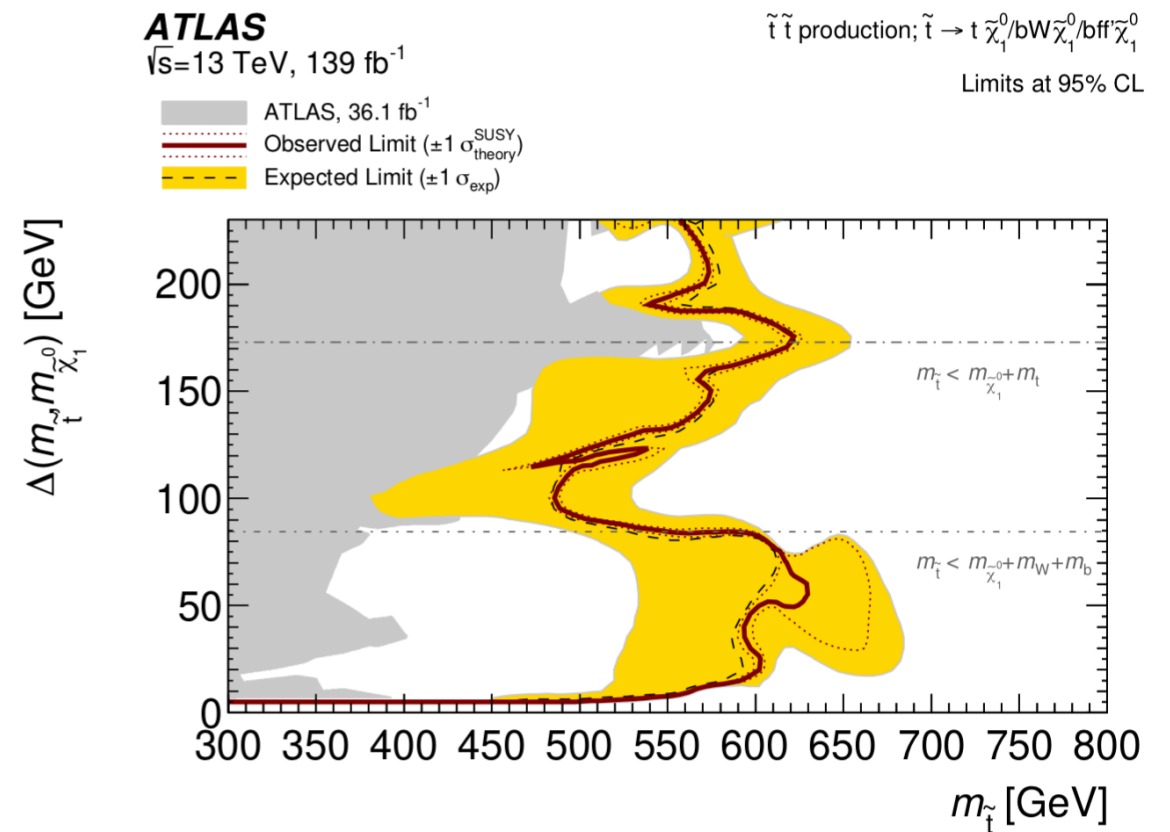
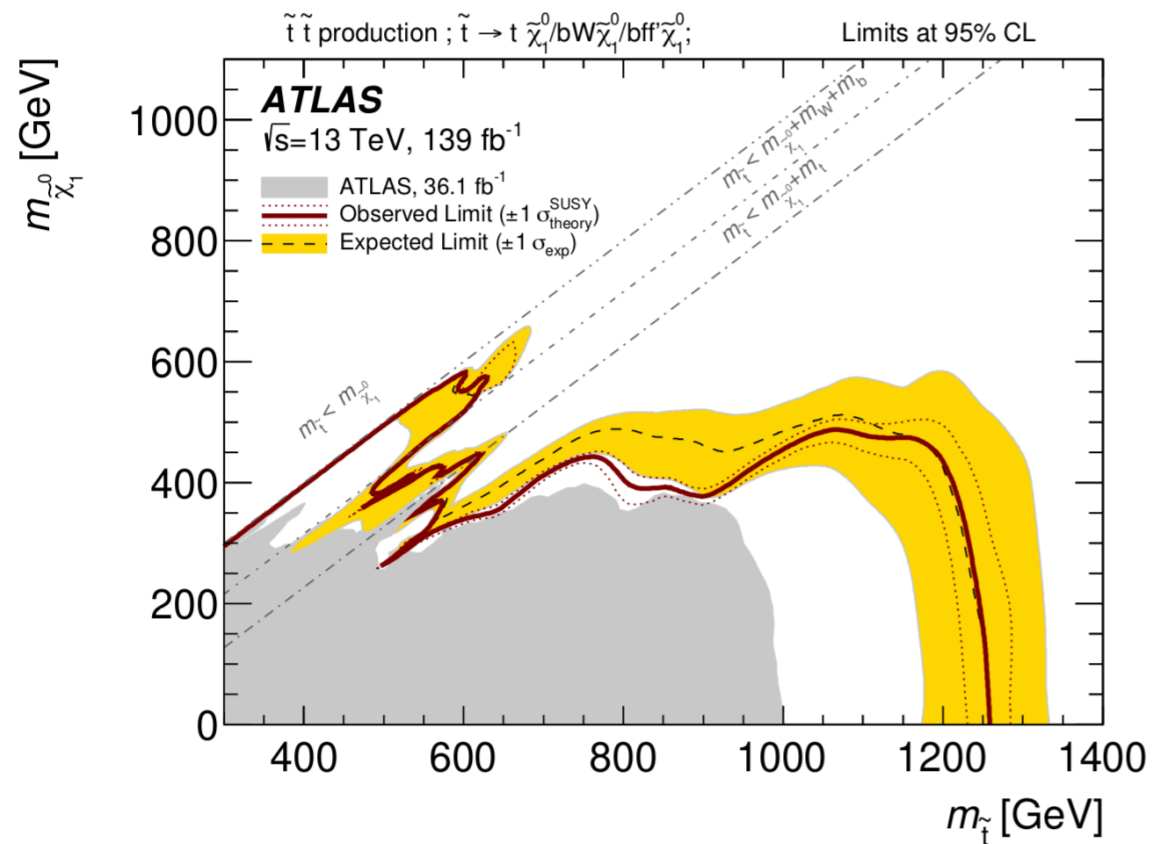
Definitions of SRD

Table 4: Signal region selections for SRD. Variables involving track jets are denoted with the label “track”. A dash indicates that no selection is applied.

Variable/SR	SRD0	SRD1	SRD2
Trigger		E_T^{miss}	
E_T^{miss}		$> 250 \text{ GeV}$	
N_ℓ		exactly 0	
N_b	exactly 0	exactly 1	≥ 2
$p_T^{j,\text{ISR}}$		$> 250 \text{ GeV}$	
$ \Delta\phi(\mathbf{p}_T^{j,\text{ISR}}, \mathbf{p}_T^{\text{miss}}) $		> 2.4	
$E_T^{\text{miss,track}}$		$> 30 \text{ GeV}$	
$ \Delta\phi(\mathbf{p}_T^{\text{miss}}, \mathbf{p}_T^{\text{miss,track}}) $		$< \pi/3$	
N_b^{track}		≥ 1	–
$ \Delta\phi_{\text{min}}(\mathbf{p}_{T,1-4}, \mathbf{p}_T^{\text{miss}}) $	> 0.4		–
$ \eta_1^{b,\text{track}} $	< 1.2		–
$\max \Delta\phi(\mathbf{p}_T^{j,\text{ISR}}, \mathbf{p}_T^{b,\text{track}}) $	> 2.2		–
$ \Delta\phi(\mathbf{p}_{T,1}^{b,\text{track}}, \mathbf{p}_{T,2}^{b,\text{track}}) $	< 2.5		–
$p_{T,1}^{b,\text{track}}$	$< 50 \text{ GeV}$	$> 10 \text{ GeV}$	–
$p_{T,1}^{\text{track}}$	–	$< 40 \text{ GeV}$	–
$ \Delta\phi(\mathbf{p}_{T,1-4}^{\text{track}}, \mathbf{p}_T^{j,\text{ISR}}) $	–	> 1.2	–
$ \eta_1^b $	–	< 1.6	–
$ \Delta\phi(\mathbf{p}_T^{j,\text{ISR}}, \mathbf{p}_{T,1}^b) $	–	> 2.2	
$ \eta_2^b $	–		< 1.2
$p_{T,1}^b$	–		$< 175 \text{ GeV}$
$ \Delta\phi(\mathbf{p}_T^{j,\text{ISR}}, \mathbf{p}_{T,2}^b) $	–		> 1.6
$E_T^{\text{miss}}/\sqrt{H_T}$	$> 26\sqrt{\text{GeV}}$	$> 22\sqrt{\text{GeV}}$	

Search for stop pairs with 0 leptons

Exclusion limits



Search for stop pairs with 1 lepton

Preselection

Table 3: Preselection criteria used for the hard lepton signal regions (left) and the soft lepton signal regions (right).

Selection	hard-lepton	soft-lepton
Trigger		E_T^{miss} trigger
Data quality		jet cleaning, primary vertex
Second-lepton veto		no additional baseline leptons
Number of leptons, tightness	= 1 ‘loose’ lepton	= 1 ‘tight’ lepton
Lepton p_T [GeV]	> 25	> 4(4.5) for $\mu(e)$
Number of jets (jet p_T)	≥ 4 (25 GeV)	≥ 1 (200 GeV) or ≥ 2 (20 GeV)
E_T^{miss} [GeV]		> 230
$\Delta\phi(j_{1,2}, \vec{p}_T^{\text{miss}})$ [rad]		> 0.4
$N_{b\text{-jet}}$	≥ 1	–
m_T [GeV]	> 30	–
m_{T2}^τ [GeV]	> 80	–



Search for stop pairs with 1 lepton

tN signal regions

Table 4: Event selections defining the signal regions tN_med and tN_high.

Selection		tN_med	tN_high
Preselection		hard-lepton preselection	
$N_{\text{jet}}, N_{b\text{-jet}}$		$\geq (4, 1)$	$\geq (4, 1)$
Jet p_{T}	[GeV]	$> (100, 90, 70, 50)$	$> (120, 50, 50, 25)$
$E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}$	[GeV]	> 230	> 520
$E_{\text{T},\perp}^{\text{miss}}$	[GeV]	> 400	-
$H_{\text{T},\text{sig}}^{\text{miss}}$		> 16	> 25
m_{T}	[GeV]	> 220	> 380
topness		> 9	> 8
$m_{\text{top}}^{\text{reclustered}}$	[GeV]		> 150
$\Delta R(b, \ell)$		< 2.8	< 2.6
Exclusion technique		Based on shape-fit in $E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}$ and m_{T} in tN_med $E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}} \in [230, 400], m_{\text{T}} > 220$ $E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}} \in [400, 500], m_{\text{T}} > 220$	
Bin boundaries	[GeV]	$E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}} \in [500, 600], m_{\text{T}} \in [220, 380]$ $E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}} \in [500, 600], m_{\text{T}} > 380$ $E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}} > 600, m_{\text{T}} \in [220, 380]$ $E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}} > 600, m_{\text{T}} > 380$	

Topness variable: how well an event can be reconstructed under a top hypothesis

$$S(p_{Wx}, p_{Wy}, p_{Wz}, p_{Vz}) = \frac{(m_W^2 - p_W^2)^2}{a_W^4} + \frac{(m_t^2 - (p_{b1} + p_\ell + p_\nu)^2)^2}{a_t^4} + \frac{(m_t^2 - (p_{b2} + p_W)^2)^2}{a_t^4} + \frac{(4m_t^2 - (\sum_i p_i)^2)^2}{a_{\text{CM}}^4},$$



Search for stop pairs with 1 lepton

tN_diag signal regions

Table 5: Event selections defining the signal regions tN_diag_low and tN_diag_high.

Selection		tN_diag_low	tN_diag_high
Preselection		hard-lepton preselection without τ -veto	
$N_{\text{jet}}, N_{b\text{-jet}}$		$\geq (4, 1)$	
Jet p_T	[GeV]	$> (400, 40, 40, 40)$	
m_T	[GeV]	> 150	> 110
E_T^{miss}	[GeV]	–	> 400
m_{T2}	[GeV]	–	< 360
Δm_T^α	[GeV]	> 40	–
Δm_T^{dyn}	[GeV]	–	> 60
$m_{\tilde{t}_1}^{\text{lep}}$	[GeV]	< 600	–
$m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0}^{\text{dyn}}$	[GeV]	> 5	[220, 595]
x_1		–	> -0.2
Exclusion technique		cut-and-count	



Search for stop pairs with 1 lepton

bffN signal regions

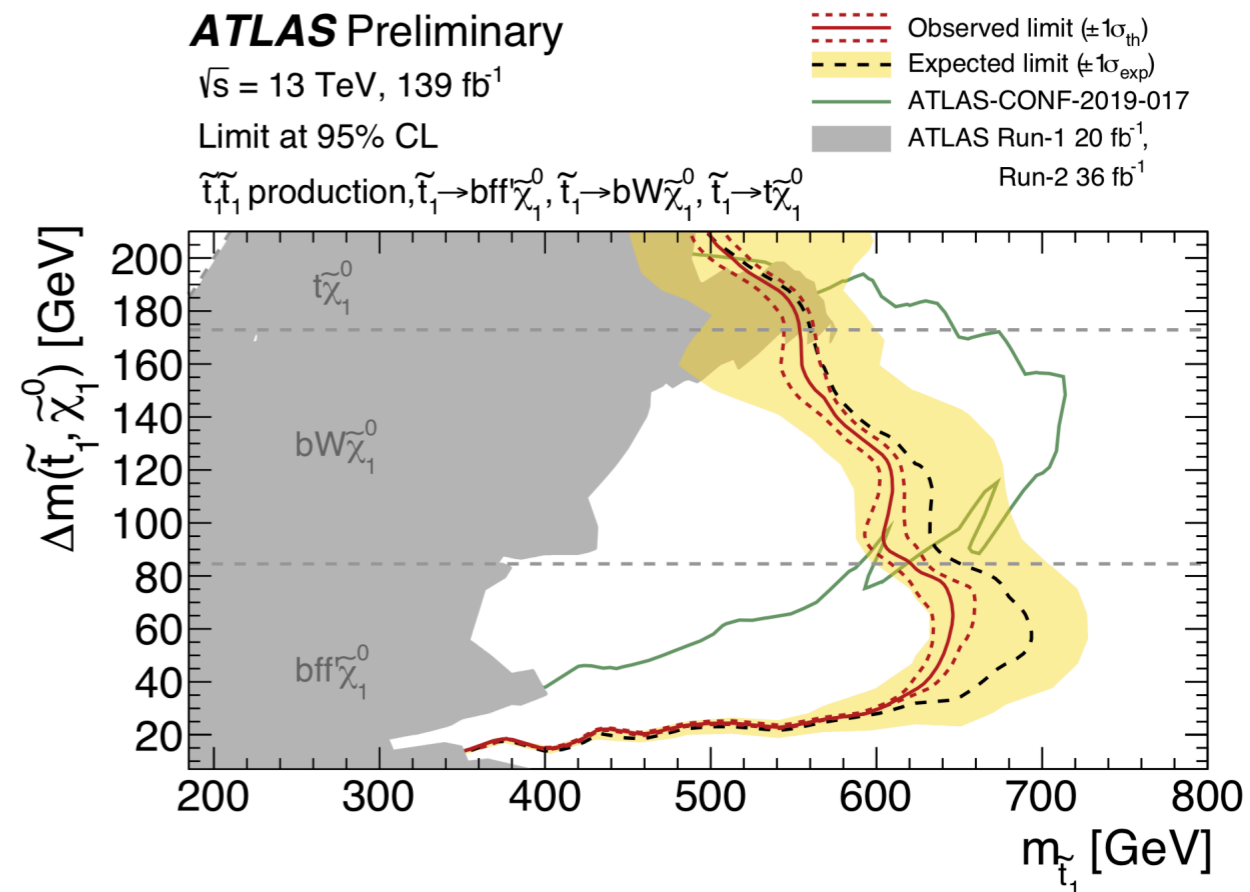
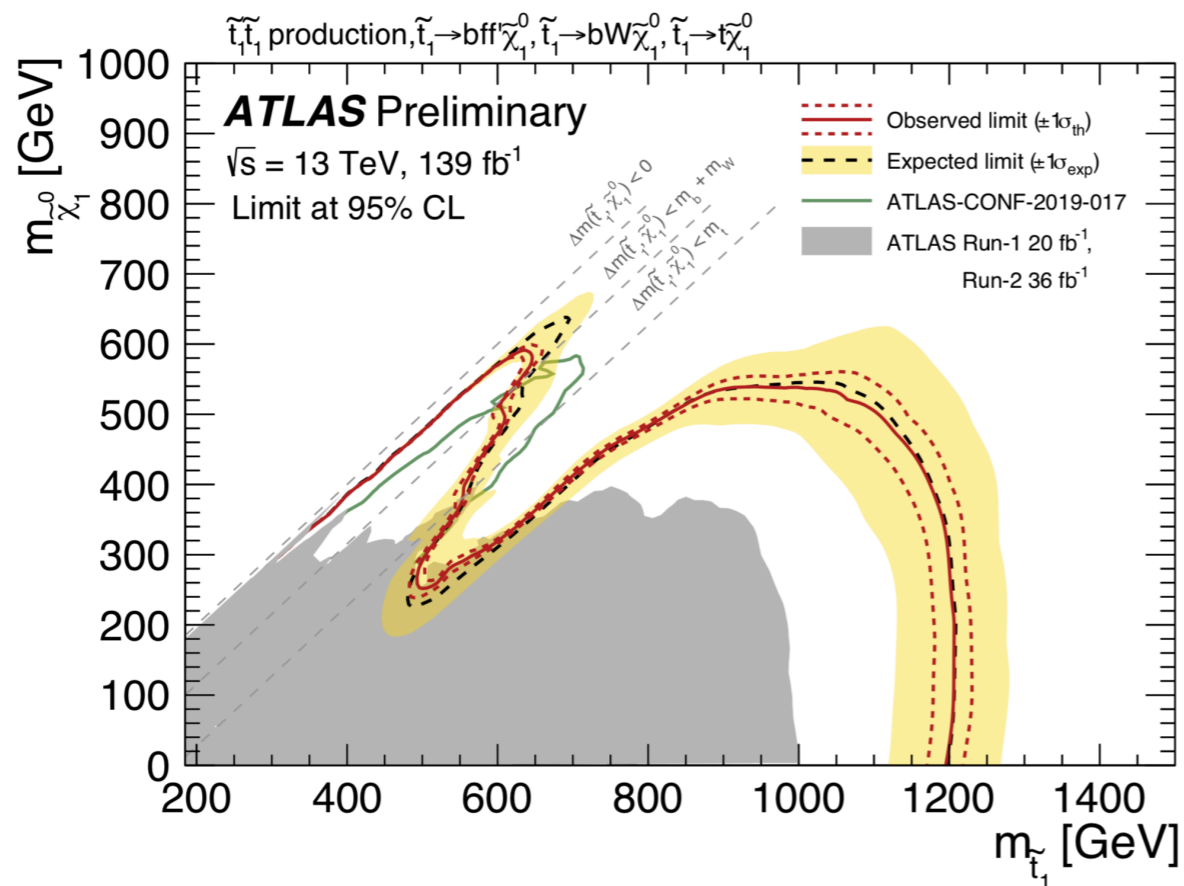
Table 6: Event selections defining the signal regions bffN_softb and bffN_btag.

Selection		bffN_softb	bffN_btag
Preselection		soft-lepton preselection	
N_{jet}		≥ 1	≥ 2
Jet p_{T}	[GeV]	> 200	
$N_{b\text{-jet}}$		$=0$	≥ 1
$b\text{-jet } p_{\text{T}}$	[GeV]	–	< 50
N_{SV}		≥ 1	–
m_{T}	[GeV]	> 90	
$E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}$	[GeV]	> 250	–
$\Delta\phi(\vec{p}_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}, \ell)$	[rad]	< 2.0	–
CT2	[GeV]	–	> 400
$\Delta\phi(p_{\text{T}}^{b\text{-jet}}, \vec{p}_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}})$	[rad]	–	< 1.5
$p_{\text{T}}^{\ell}/E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}$		< 0.04	< 0.05
Exclusion technique		shape-fit in $p_{\text{T}}^{\ell}/E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}$	shape-fit in $p_{\text{T}}^{\ell}/E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}$ and $\Delta\phi(p_{\text{T}}^{b\text{-jet}}, \vec{p}_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}})$
Bin boundaries in $p_{\text{T}}^{\ell}/E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}$		{0, 0.015, 0.025, 0.04, 0.06, 0.08}	{0, 0.03, 0.06, 0.1}
Bin boundaries in $\Delta\phi(p_{\text{T}}^{b\text{-jet}}, \vec{p}_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}})$	[rad]		{0, 0.8, 1.5}



Search for stop pairs with 1 lepton

Exclusion limits



Search for gluino pairs in multi-jet events

Signal region definitions

Signal region	N_{jet}^{50}	$N_{b\text{-jet}}$	M_J^Σ (GeV)
SR-8ij50 multi-bin	≥ 8	$= 0, = 1, \geq 2$	$(0, 340], (340, 500], (500, \infty)$
SR-9ij50 multi-bin	≥ 9		
SR-10ij50 multi-bin	≥ 10		

Table 2: Signal region subdivisions for the multi-bin fit in the $\{8,9,10\}$ ij50 analysis channels. The selections on these variables apply to the signal regions as well as to the multijet template and validation regions described later in Section 6. For each inclusive jet multiplicity fit, nine regions are generated combining the $N_{b\text{-jet}}$ and M_J^Σ selections.

Signal region	N_{jet}^{50}	N_{jet}^{80}	$N_{b\text{-jet}}$	M_J^Σ (GeV)
SR-8ij50-0ib-MJ500	≥ 8	-	-	≥ 500
SR-9ij50-0ib-MJ340	≥ 9	-	-	≥ 340
SR-10ij50-0ib-MJ340	≥ 10	-	-	≥ 340
SR-10ij50-0ib-MJ500	≥ 10	-	-	≥ 500
SR-10ij50-1ib-MJ500	≥ 10	-	≥ 1	≥ 500
SR-11ij50	≥ 11	-	-	-
SR-12ij50-2ib	≥ 12	-	≥ 2	-
SR-9ij80	-	≥ 9	-	-

Table 3: Summary of signal region criteria for single-bin selections. The requirements in multiplicity and M_J^Σ are inclusive in all cases. A dash ('-') indicates that there is no requirement applied to the corresponding variable. The requirement $\mathcal{S}(E_T^{\text{miss}}) > 5$ is applied to all bins.

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Control Regions definition

Selection criterion	Selection ranges
Lepton multiplicity	Exactly one signal e or μ remaining after overlap removal
Lepton p_T	> 20 GeV
$m_T(\ell, E_T^{\text{miss}})$	< 120 GeV
Trigger	Same as signal regions
Jet $p_T, \eta $	Same as signal regions
N_{jet} (including lepton)	≥ 8 , for $N_{\text{jet}}^{50} \geq 8$ signal regions; $\geq (N_{\text{jet}}^{\text{SR}} - 1)$, otherwise
$N_{b\text{-jet}}$	$= 0$ (WCR), ≥ 1 (TCR)
M_J^Σ	Same as signal regions
$\mathcal{S}(E_T^{\text{miss}})$	Table 6

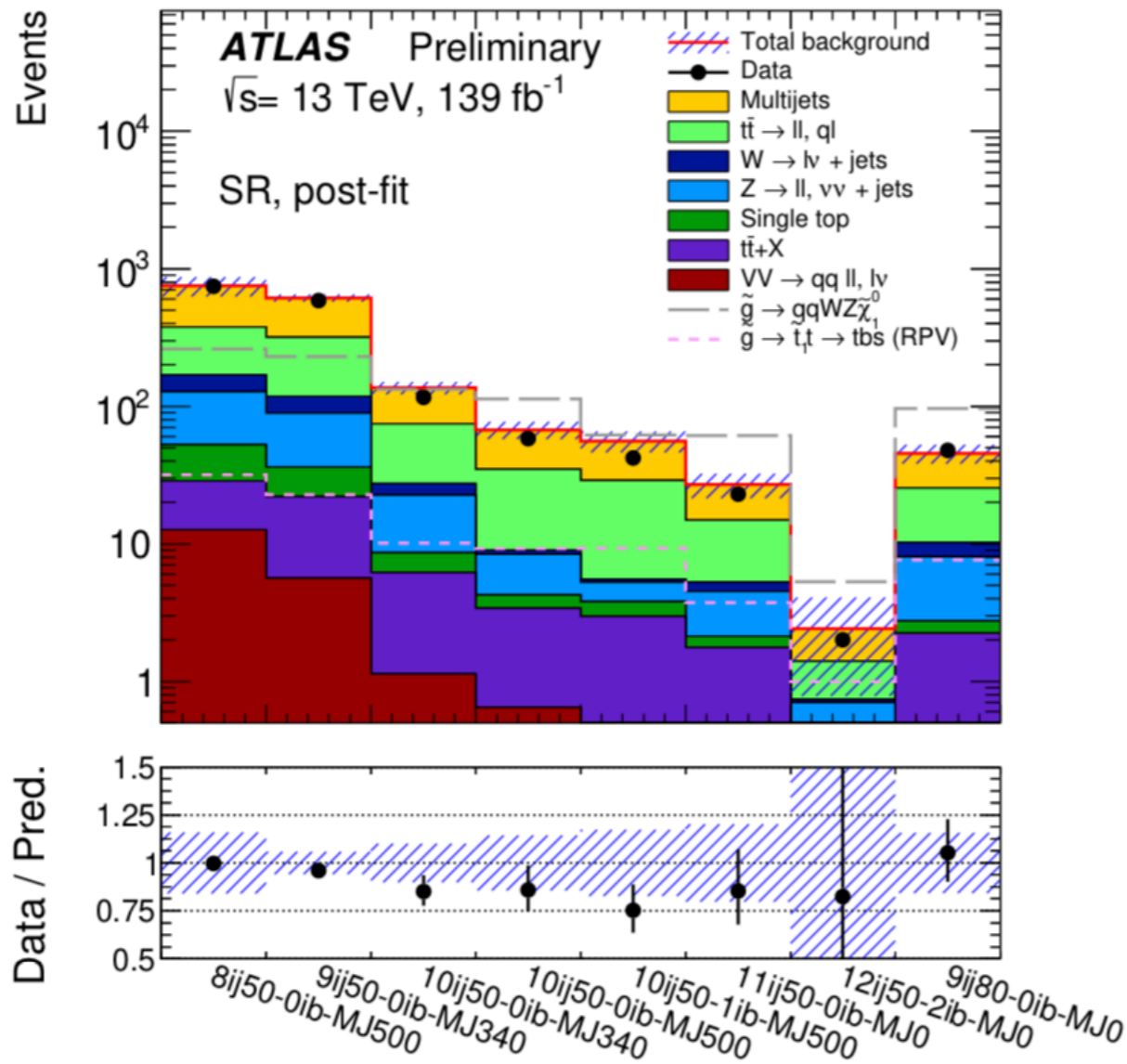
Table 7: Summary of the selections used to define the leptonic control regions.

8, 9, 10ij50 CR definitions	$N_{b\text{-jet}} = 0$	$N_{b\text{-jet}} \geq 1$
$M_J^\Sigma \leq 340$ GeV	WCR1	TCR1
$340 \text{ GeV} < M_J^\Sigma \leq 500$ GeV	WCR2	TCR2
$M_J^\Sigma > 500$ GeV	WCR3	TCR3

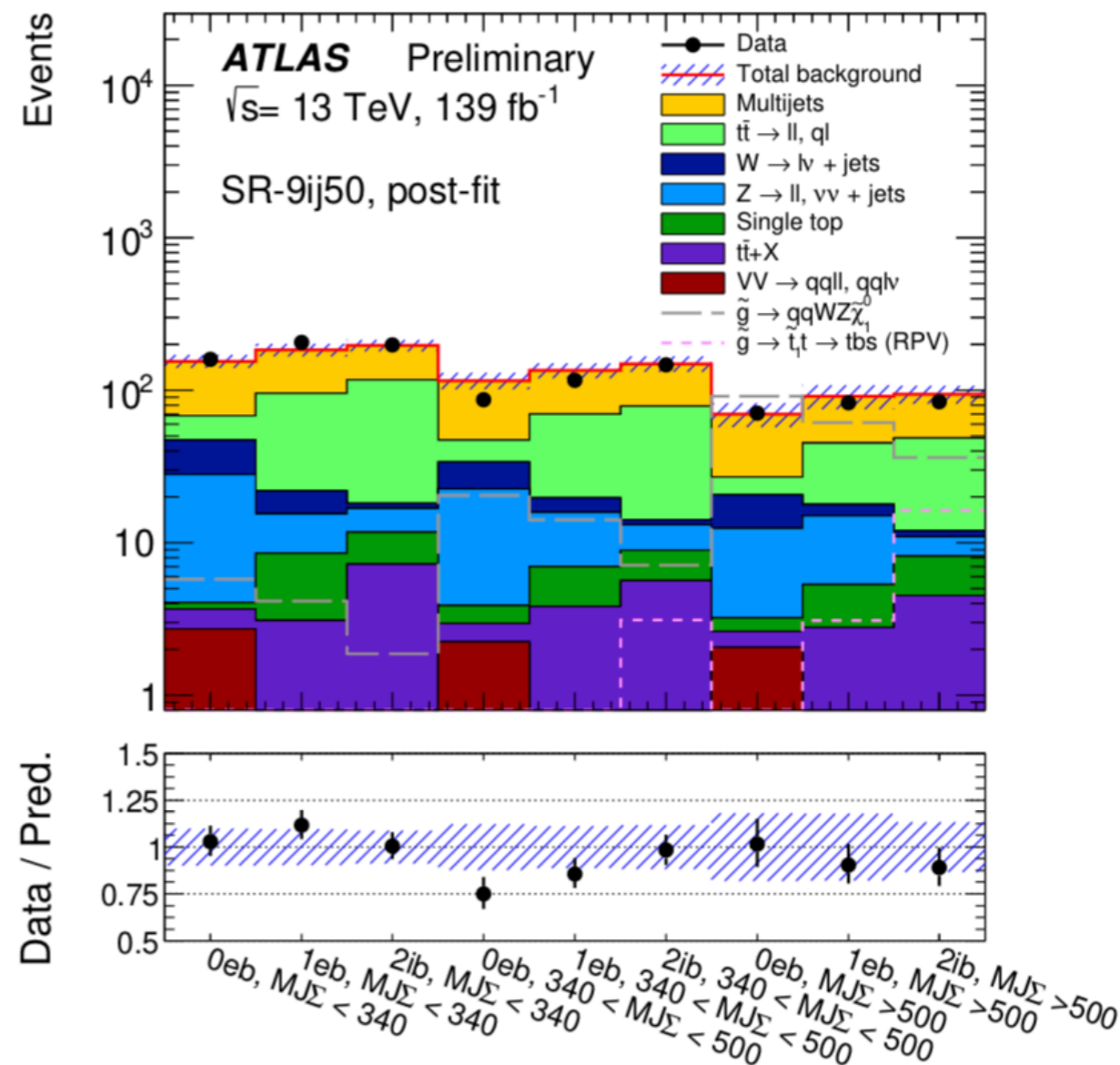
Table 8: Control region subdivisions for the background fits for multi-bin signal selections.

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Other signal regions



(d) Single-bin summary

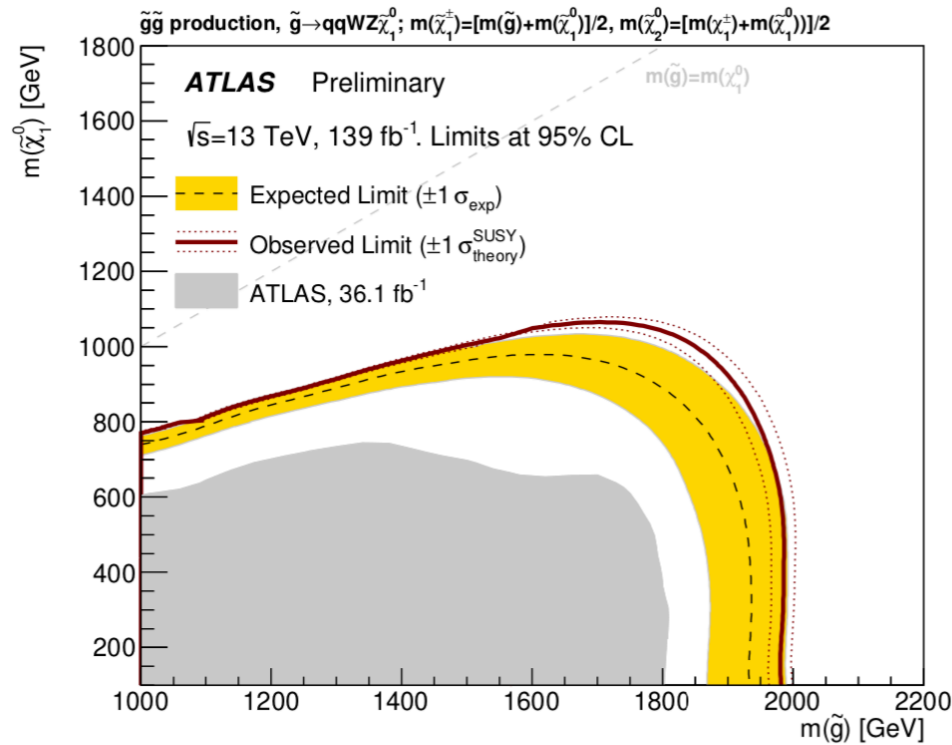


(b) SR-9ij50, multi-bin

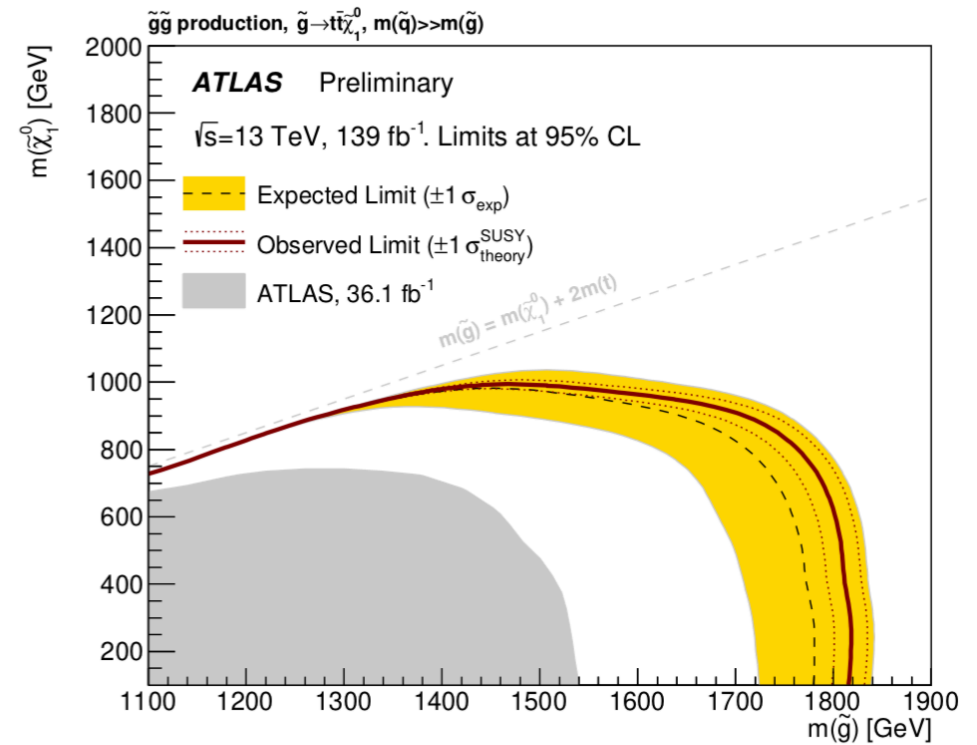


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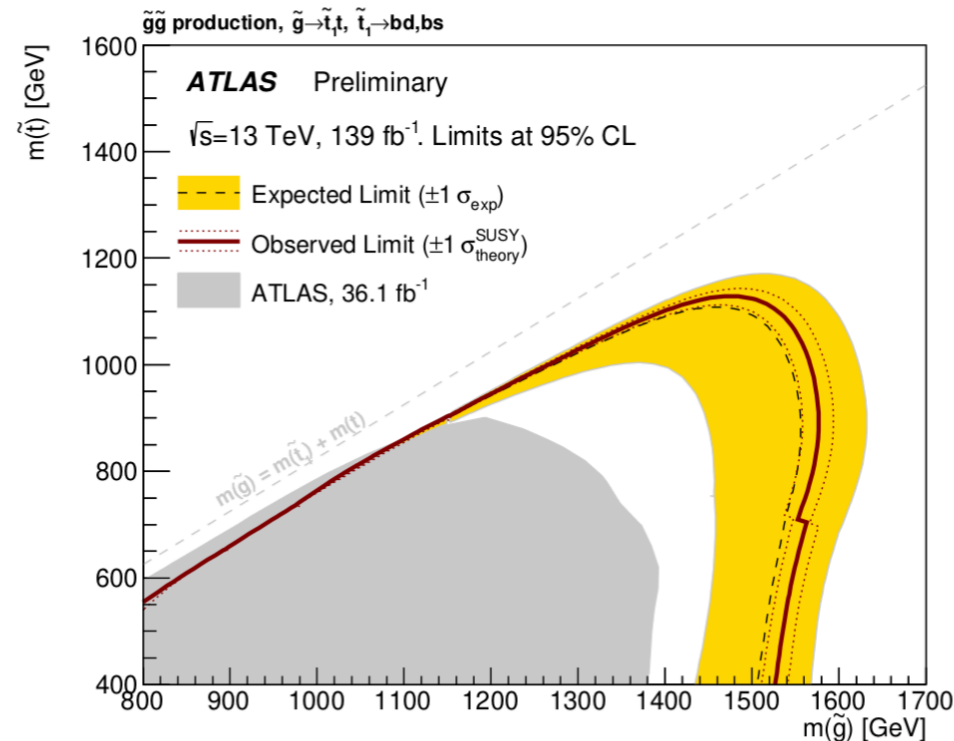
Other exclusion limits



(a) \tilde{g} , 2-step cascade



(b) $\tilde{g} \rightarrow t\bar{t}\tilde{\chi}_1^0$



(c) RPV $\tilde{g} \rightarrow tbd, tbs$

