

# Searches for strong production of supersymmetric particles with the ATLAS detector

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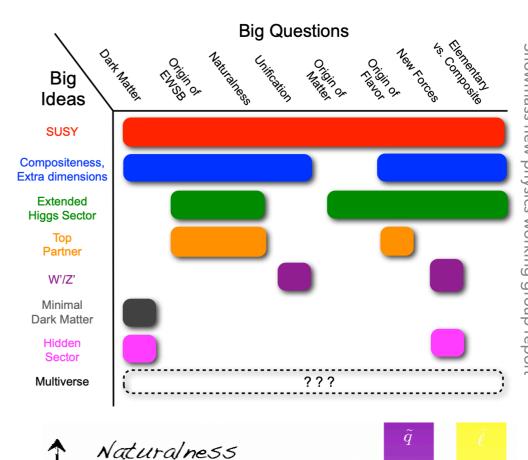


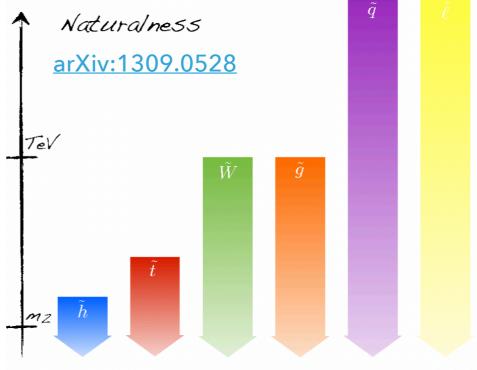
### Motivation:

- Despite the huge success of the SM theory, physics beyond SM is strongly motivated:
  - hierarchy problem, dark matter, quantum description of gravity, the GUT e.t.c...
- Supersymmetry (SUSY) extend the SM and connect SM Fermions & Bosons with their super partner into a set of super-multiplets
  - Solving hierarchy problem if only soft breaking of supersymmetry (mass constraint within TeV scale, could be produced in the LHC)
  - Provide stable DM candidate (Lightest-SUSY-Particle) if R-parity is conserved (RPC)

$$P_R = (-1)^{3B+L+2S}$$

Including graviton & gravitino needed for the GUT...

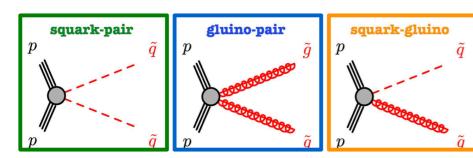


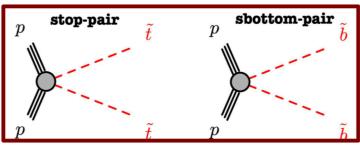




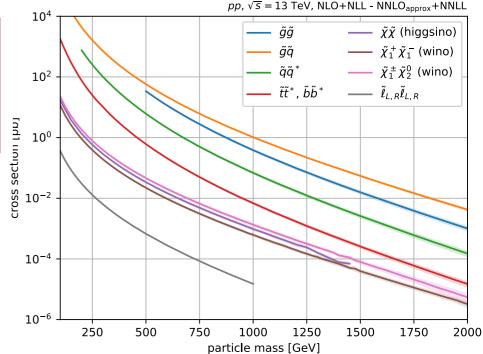
### Status of SUSY search in ATLAS:

- ~40 analysis teams covering all aspects of SUSY scenarios and models including Strongly produced SUSY, EWK produced SUSY, RPC, RPV and LLP...
  - This talk will only cover the latest searches of strong production of gluino or squark<sup>3rd</sup> in RPC or RPV scenarios
  - SUSY searches in EWK productions will be covered by Takuya's talk
- Four main strong production mechanisms at LHC:





- Strong production of SUSY has relatively large production cross-sections which could probe higher mass regions but comes with more bkg contamination
- Only simplified models are used considering a few particles and decoupling the other to higher scale



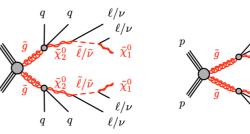


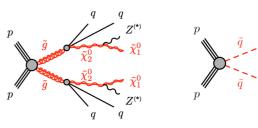
# Status of Strong SUSY search in ATLAS:

- With R-parity conserved, the LSP is stable and only interacting weakly with other SM particles, providing a suitable candidate of DM (WIMP) and large  $E_T^{miss}$  as signature
- With R-parity violated, the LSP could decay to SM particles via RPV sector leading to a final state with only SM particles:

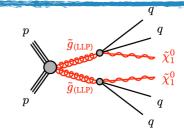
$$W = W_{MSSM} + W_R; \quad W_R = \frac{1}{2} \lambda_{ijk} L_i L_j \bar{E}_k + \lambda'_{ijk} L_i Q_j \bar{D}_k + \frac{1}{2} \lambda''_{ijk} \bar{U}_i \bar{D}_j \bar{D}_k + \kappa_i L_i H_2$$

- In this talk will cover:
  - Searches for new phenomena in events with two leptons, jets, and missing transverse momentum in 139  $fb^{-1}$  of  $\sqrt{s}=13$  TeV pp of collision in the ATLAS detector [2L2J]

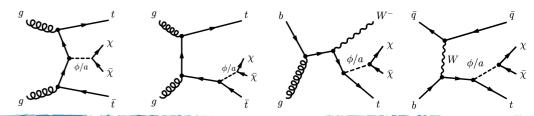




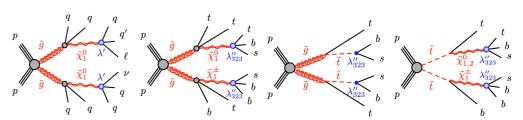
Search for heavy, long-lived, charged particles with large ionization energy loss in pp collision at  $\sqrt{s}=13$  TeV using the ATLAS experiment and the full Run 2 dataset [Pixel dE/dX]



Constraints on spin-0 dark matter mediators and invisible Higgs decays using ATLAS 13 TeV pp collision data with two top quarks and missing energy in the final state [DM\_tt combination]



[BackUP] Search for R-parity-violating supersymmetry in a final state containing leptons and many jets with the ATLAS experiment using  $\sqrt{s}=13$  TeV proton-proton collision data [Rpv1L]





# General strategy on Strong SUSY searches:

- SUSY is an exceeding signature
- Find SUSY at the tail of the sensitive observables
- Search with simplified SUSY models:
  - Relevant parameters are varied only

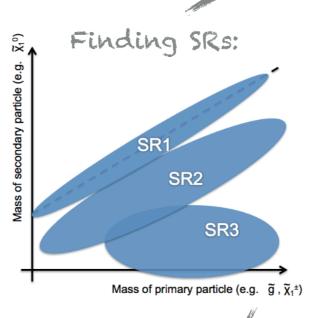
Decoupled with all the other SUSY particles

### SUSY Theory phase space SUSY MSSM pMSSM NMSSM singlinos simplified pMSSM model



Results Re-interpretations:

What happens for more complex scenarios?



Results interpretations:

SR1 SR2 WR1 SR3 CR2 VR3 CR3 CR1

BKG estimation: Application of Control region observable 1

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Systematics estimation:

What does the data means? Do we see new physics?

VALUE ± ??? What else is not sure?

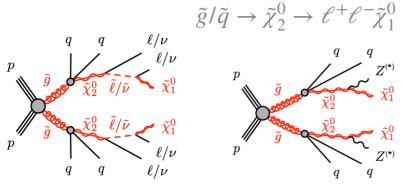
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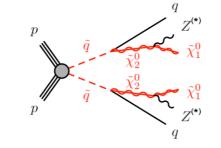


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Signal region

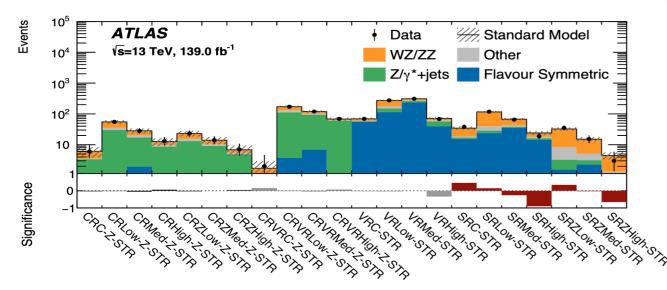
### 2L2J:





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Process	$Z/\gamma^*$ + jets and Drell–Yan	Top	Diboson	FNP	VVV	Other Top	Higgs
Strong	CR	DD	MC/DD	DD	MC	MC	MC

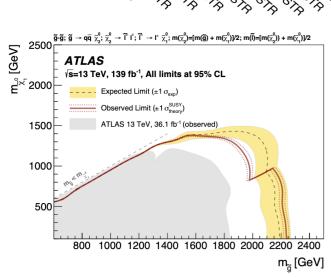


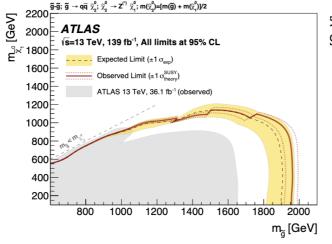
#### **Signal regions:**

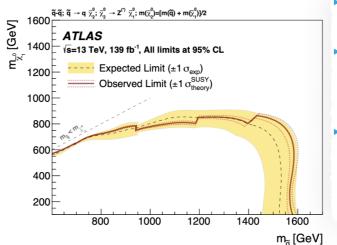
- 4 inclusive SRs defined targeting different  $\tilde{g}-\tilde{\chi}_1^0$  mass splitting
- SRs are then further binned with  $m_{\ell^{\pm}\ell^{\mp}}$  due to the kinematic endpoint of the target signal

#### **BKG** estimation:

- $Z/\gamma^*$ +jets: normalized in CRs defined by inverting the  $\Delta\phi(jet_{1,2},E_T^{miss})$
- Flavour-Symmetric process ( $t\bar{t}$ ,  $W^{\pm}W^{\mp}$ ): Using  $e\mu$  data in CRs and corrected by the divergence between  $e\mu$  and  $ee/\mu\mu$
- FNP: estimated via MxM

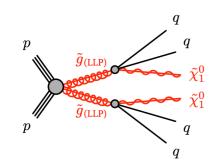




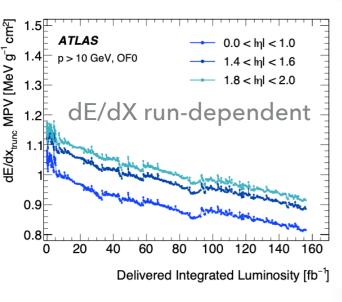


- No significant excess observed
- $m(\tilde{g})/m(\tilde{q})$  up to 2250/1550 GeV got excluded
  - Got 400/300 GeV improvement compared to previous results

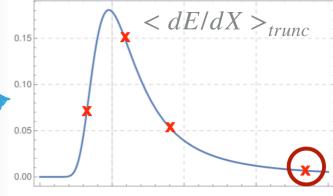




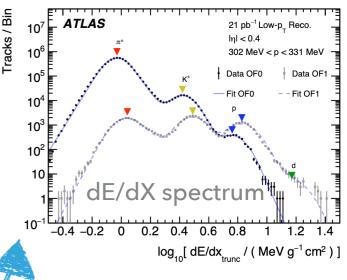
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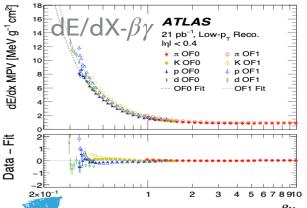


- **Signal model:** Long-lived  $\tilde{g}$  formed into a charged R-hardon
- **General approach:** 
  - Bethe-Bloch relation:
    - Connected the dE/dX with  $\beta\gamma$  of one particle
    - With  $\overrightarrow{p}$  known, mass can be derived from the measurement of the dE/dX
  - Extracting the dE/dX: < dE/dX  $>_{trunc}$  , averaging of the dE/dX along the tracks with the highest one excluded
  - dE/dX calibration:  $\langle dE/dX \rangle_{corr}$ 
    - calibrate tracks at different  $|\eta|$  and times to the reference run due to the detector geometry and the radiation damage
  - dE/dX- $\beta\gamma$  calibration:
    - performed in the range  $0.3 < \beta \gamma < 5$ , special low-pile-up dataset
    - in a narrow low momentum slice, dE/dX spectrum on be resolved
    - use template fitting to known particles in individual p/ eta slices to get a function that translates dE/dX to  $\beta\gamma$



Pixel Cluster dE/dx





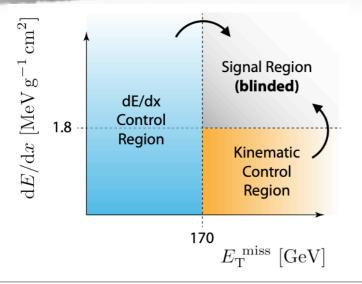


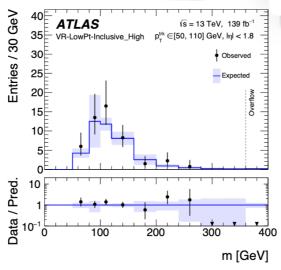
#### Signal regions: split by dE/dX

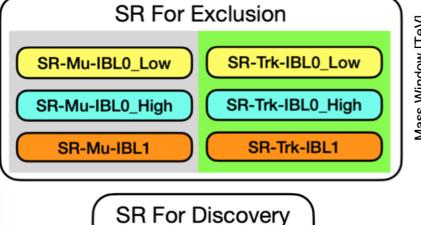
- Exclusion SRs: binned by Mu/track (track identified as a mu or no) and IBLO/IBL1 (overflow bit of the IBL)
  - SR-Mu: sensitive to stable signal events
  - SR-Track: lower bkg
  - SR-IBL1: lower bkg
  - Mass Window:
    - defined for signals with short and long life to optimized the sensitivity

#### **BKG** estimation:

- fully data-driven method applied
  - Sample (pT,  $\eta$ ) value from the kinematic template
  - Sample dE/dX value from the corresponding dE/dX template
  - Calculate mass of "toy" track  $m=p/\beta\gamma$
- Validated in corresponding VRs

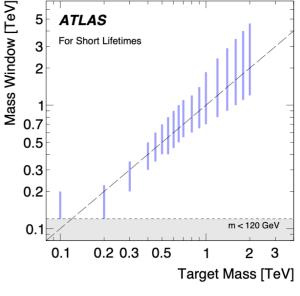




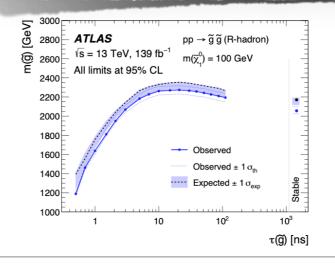


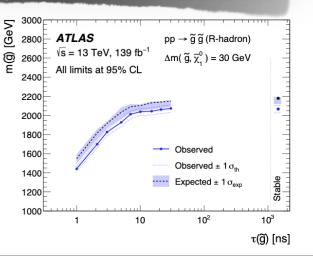
**SR-Inclusive Low** 

SR-Inclusive High



- $m(\tilde{g}) < 2.27$  TeV got excluded with  $\tau = 20~ns$  and  $m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0) = 100~GeV$
- $m(\tilde{g}) < 2.06$  TeV got excluded with  $\tau = 30~ns$  and  $\Delta m(\tilde{g}, \tilde{\chi}_1^0) = 30~GeV$







### DM\_tt combination:

#### **Signal models:**

- WIMPs, Dirac fermion DM candidate  $(\chi)$ , scalar  $(\phi)$ /pseudoscalar (a) mediator
- Free parameter  $m_{\chi'}$ ,  $m_{\phi'}$ , benchmark  $g_q = g_\chi = 1$  (couplings between  $\phi/a$  with quark is Yukawa-like

√s=13 TeV, 36.1-139 fb<sup>-1</sup>

30

40 50 60

ATLAS Preliminary

Dirac DM, m, = 1 GeV

300 400

m, [GeV]

All limits at 95% CL Scalar  $\phi$ ,  $\phi \rightarrow \chi \overline{\chi}$ 

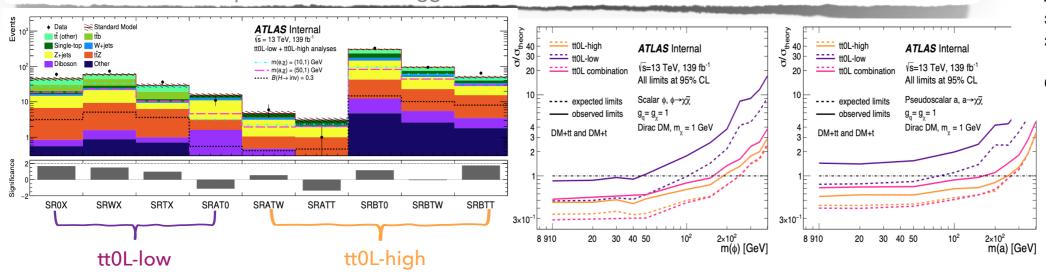
 $g_{0} = g_{1} = 1$ 

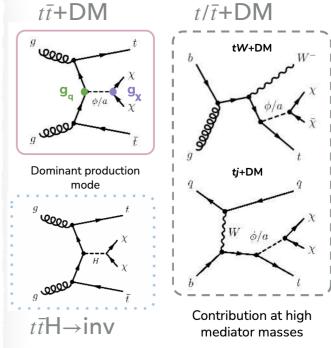
and with multiplicative factors  $g_q$ )

Special case → SM 125 GeV Higgs is the mediator

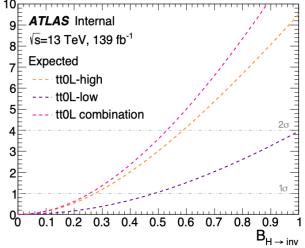
#### **Final states:**

- tt2L: <u>JHEP 04 (2021) 165</u>
- tt1L: <u>JHEP 04 (2021) 174</u>
- tt0L -> tt0L-high MET: <u>EPJC 80 (2020) 737</u>
- tt0L-low MET (newly designed):
  - tt0L extended and improved:
    - sensitivity for low mediator models
      - Improvements up to ~15%(5%) for scalar(pseudo scalar) mediator masses
    - Low improvement at the Higgs mass











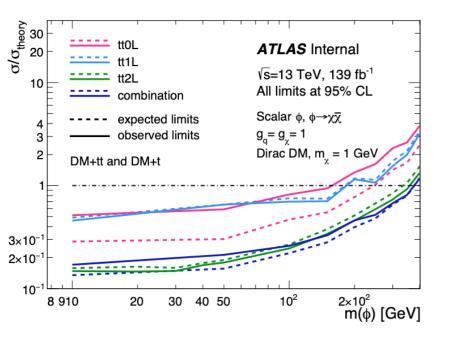
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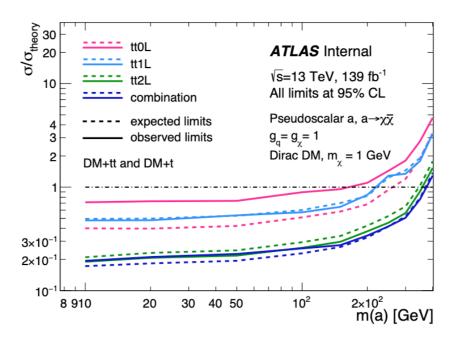
#### **Results on mediator masses:**

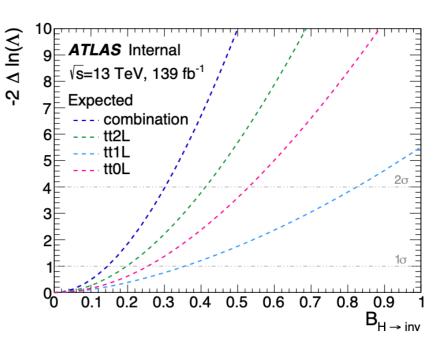
- For scalar(pseudoscalar) dark matter models,
- $^{\flat}$  excluded mass range extended by 100(30) GeV wrt the best of the individual channels (= tt2L)
  - excluding mediator masses up to 370 GeV for unitary couplings assumptions

#### **Results on B(H→inv):**

Combined best fit value consistent with the SM prediction (=0.12%)



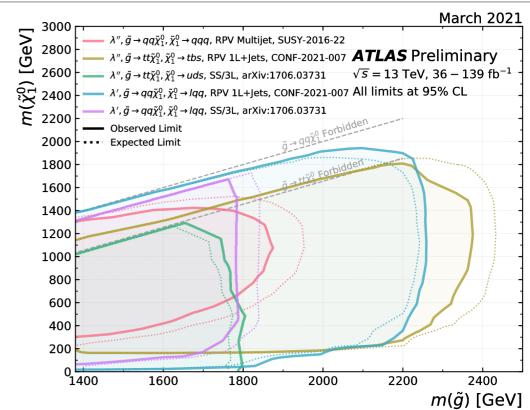


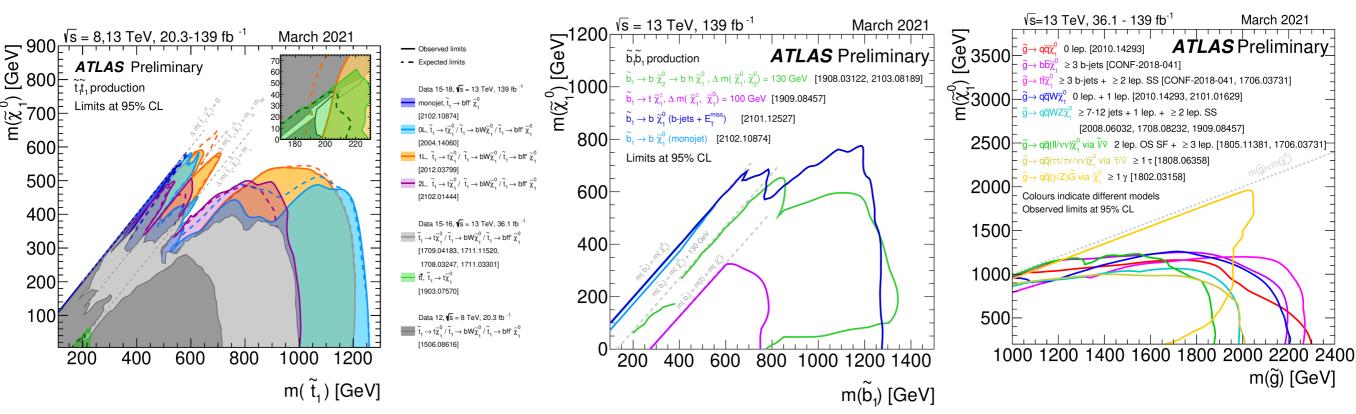




### Conclusion:

- Strong SUSY searches in ATLAS have covered wide range of scenarios including both RPC and RPV and also long-lived gluino and squarks
- Lots of results coming out recently from searching for squark and gluino for direct decay or cascade decay in multiple channels
- Unfortunately, no significant excess observed yet
- Greatly extends the sensitivity to gluino and squarks under many different decay modes and assumptions
- Some "warp-up Run-2 results" activities are ongoing like the combination search and interpretations on pMSSM efforts





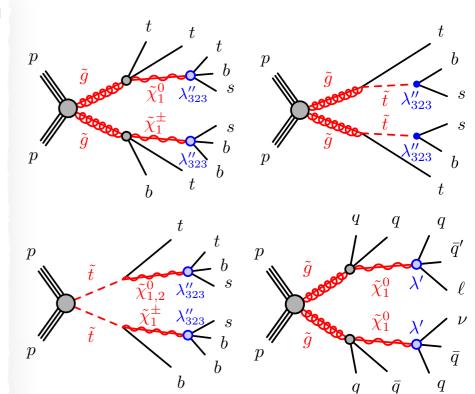


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# Rpv1L:

- No fundamental theoretical reason for strict R-parity conservation
- Signal model:
  - $^{\blacktriangleright}$   $B(\tilde{t} \to t\tilde{\chi}^0_{1,2})$  and  $B(\tilde{g} \to t\bar{t}\tilde{\chi}^0_1)$  are varied according to LSP's type (pure wino, bino or higgsino)
  - RPV couplings: Strong enough to decay promptly, weak enough to disentangled with RPC mixture
    - $\lambda_{323}''$ : dominant under the minimal flavor violation hypothesis
    - $\lambda'$ : to be complementary for light-quark case



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Table 3: Summary of regions considered in the jet counting analysis. The notation Nb is used to indicate a requirement on the b-jet multiplicity. The highest jet multiplicity considered ( $N_{\rm last}$ ) depends on the jet  $p_{\rm T}$  threshold and the lepton category. In the  $1\ell$  category it corresponds to 15, 12, 11, 10, and 8 jets for the different jet  $p_{\rm T}$  thresholds in increasing order. In the  $2\ell^{\rm sc}$  category it corresponds to 10, 8, 7, 7, and 6 jets respectively.

Lepton category   Jet multiplicity		Analysis regions			
1 f antagom:	47 jets	$0b \ell^-, 0b \ell^+, 0b m_{\ell\ell}, 1b, 2b, 3b, \ge 4b$			
$1\ell$ category	$8 \ge N_{\text{last}}^{1\ell}$ jets	$0b, 1b, 2b, 3b, \ge 4b$			
$2\ell^{\rm sc}$ category	$4 \ge N_{\text{last}}^{2\ell^{\text{sc}}}$ jets	$0b\ 3\ell, 0b, 1b, 2b, 3b, \ge 4b$			

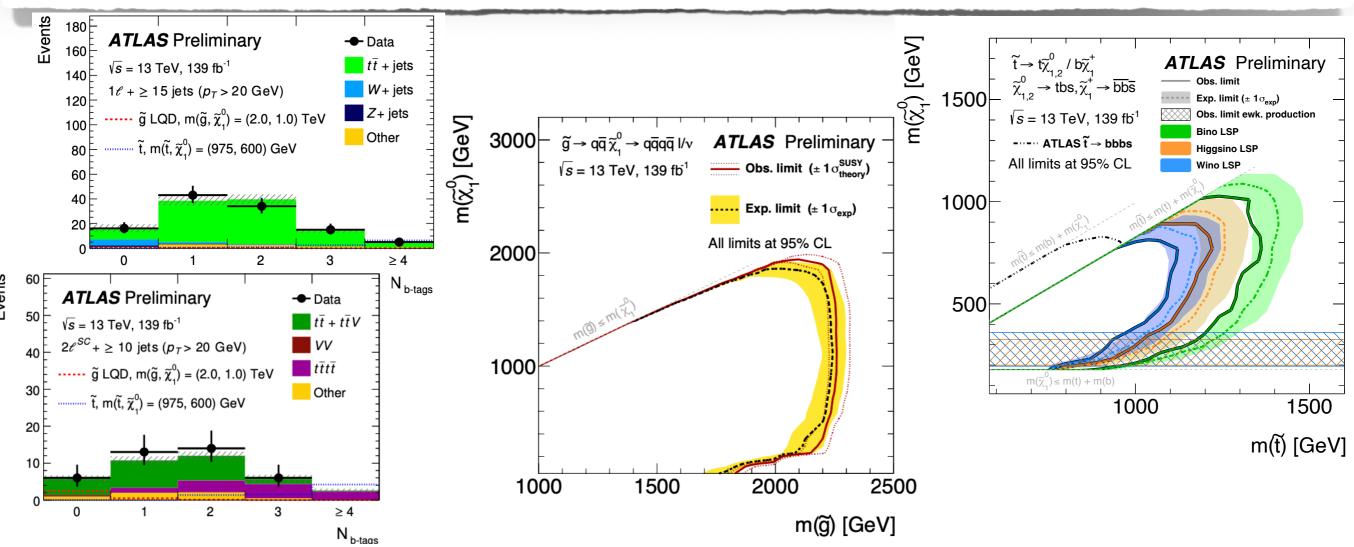
- Events are split into 2LSS case ( $2l^{SC}$ ) and other case ( $1\ell$  dominated)
- SRs are defined according to the jet pT threshold (20,40,60,80 GeV) and  $2l^{SC}$  /1 $\ell$  separately
- Binned with  $N_j$  and  $N_b$  formed as  $N_{j,b}$  slices



## Rpv1L:

#### BKG estimation:

- W/Z + jets dominant for bVeto and  $t\bar{t}$  for b-jet required regions for 1l category
- $^{ullet}$  VV dominant for bVeto and  $t \bar{t} X^{SC}$  for b-jet required regions for  $2l^{SC}$  category
- Large uncertainties for high jet multiplicity,  $N_{j,b}^{process}$  estimated from low-jet case which is corrected by data
- FNP: Matrix Method for 1l category, covered by  $t\bar{t}X^{SC}$  in  $2l^{SC}$  category
- Other minor bkg estimated via MC simulation directly

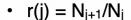




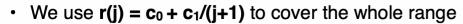
# Rpv1L

### W/Z/VV+jets estimation

 The V(V)+jets Njet distribution is parameterized making use of known jet scaling regimes



- r(j) = c<sub>0</sub> for very high jet multiplicities (staircase)
- r(j) = c<sub>1</sub>/(j+1) for low jet multiplicities (Poisson)



- Fit one normalization (N<sub>4</sub>) and two parameters (c<sub>0</sub>, c<sub>1</sub>)
- · This fully determines the prediction in all Njet bins:
  - $N_5 = N_4 * r(4)$
  - $N_8 = N_4 * r(4) * r(5) * r(6) * r(7)$

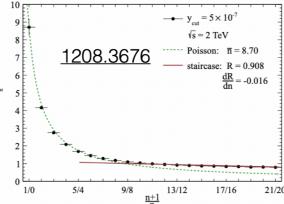
$$N_j = N_4 \cdot \prod_{j'=4}^{j'=j-1} r(j')$$

- Fit separate normalizations for W/Z, but common scaling parameters
- · All parameters are independent for VV
- The V(V)+jets  $\mbox{\bf Nbjet}$  distribution is taken from MC with large uncertainties

$$N_j = N_4 \cdot \prod_{j'=4}^{j'=j-1} r(j')$$

$$N_{j,b} = N_j \cdot f_{j,b}^{MC}$$

- f<sub>j,b</sub>MC is the fraction of events that contain b b-tags in the j jet-slice, as predicted by MC
- · No impact on the sensitivity from assigning large uncertainties to the fraction



#### ttbar estimation

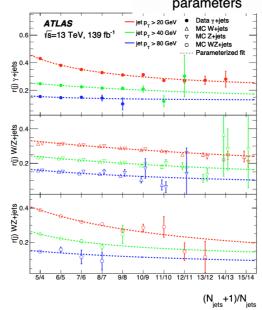
- · The ttbar Njet distribution is parameterized in a similar way as V+jets
- b-jets are pair produced, therefore some correlation is expected. Add a factor  $\rho_{11}$  to all terms with  $x_1^*x_1$
- The production of extra jets lead to, on average, higher- $p_T$  events, and b-jets that were below  $p_T$  threshold can enter acceptance. Add a term with  $\mathbf{x_2}$

$$f_{j+1,b} = f_{j,b} \cdot x_0 + f_{j,b-1} \cdot x_1 + f_{j,b-2} \cdot x_2$$

 Can fit to data the initial fractions f<sub>4,b</sub>, and x<sub>1</sub>, and predict the b-tag fractions for any jet multiplicity

#### tt+X SS channel

- The leading backgrounds in the b-tagged regions of 2LSS are ttW (2/3) and ttbar + fake lepton (1/3)
- Both are merged and estimated simultaneously with the same method as ttbar in the 1-lepton channel
  - · Njet prediction via jet scaling, using independent fit parameters
  - Nbjet prediction via additional heavy-flavour model, using same fit parameters



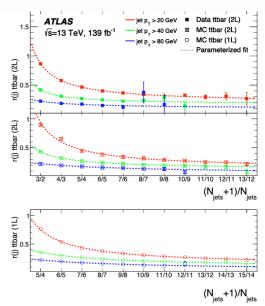


Figure 3: The ratio of the number of events with (j + 1) jets to the number with j jets in various event samples (details in the legend), used to validate the jet-scaling parameterization. In the MC samples of W/Z/WZ+jets the vector bosons are forced to decay to leptons. Each panel shows the ratio for data or MC simulation with the fitted parameterization overlaid as a dashed line. The uncertainties shown are statistical.



### 2L2J:

• SRC-STR: 12, 31, 46, 61, 71, 81, 101, 201;

• SRLow-STR: 12, 41, 61, 81, 101, 141, 201, 301, 501;

• SRMed-STR: 12, 81, 101, 201, 301, 601;

• SRHigh-STR: 12, 101, 301, 1001.

$$N^{\text{est}} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i=\mu}^{N_{e\mu}^{\text{data}}} \left( k_e(p_{\mathrm{T}}^{i,\mu}, \eta^{i,\mu}) + k_{\mu}(p_{\mathrm{T}}^{i,e}, \eta^{i,e}) \right) \cdot \alpha(p_{\mathrm{T}}^{i,\ell_1}, \eta^{i,\ell_1}) \\ - \sum_{i}^{N_{e\mu}^{\text{MC}}} \left( k_e(p_{\mathrm{T}}^{i,\mu}, \eta^{i,\mu}) + k_{\mu}(p_{\mathrm{T}}^{i,e}, \eta^{i,e}) \right) \cdot \alpha(p_{\mathrm{T}}^{i,\ell_1}, \eta^{i,\ell_1}) \end{bmatrix}, \qquad k_e(p_{\mathrm{T}}, \eta) = \sqrt{\frac{N_{\mu\mu}^{\text{meas}}(p_{\mathrm{T}}, \eta)}{N_{\mu\mu}^{\text{meas}}(p_{\mathrm{T}}, \eta)}}, \\ \alpha(p_{\mathrm{T}}, \eta) = \frac{\sqrt{\epsilon_{ee}^{\text{trig}}(p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\ell_1}, \eta^{\ell_1}) \times \epsilon_{\mu\mu}^{\text{trig}}(p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\ell_1}, \eta^{\ell_1})}}{\epsilon_{e\mu}^{\text{trig}}(p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\ell_1}, \eta^{\ell_1})}, \\ \alpha(p_{\mathrm{T}}, \eta) = \frac{\sqrt{\epsilon_{ee}^{\text{trig}}(p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\ell_1}, \eta^{\ell_1}) \times \epsilon_{\mu\mu}^{\text{trig}}(p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\ell_1}, \eta^{\ell_1})}}{\epsilon_{e\mu}^{\text{trig}}(p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\ell_1}, \eta^{\ell_1})},$$

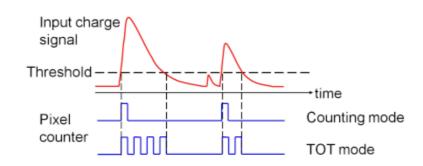
$$N_{\mathrm{pass}}^{\mathrm{FNP}} = \frac{N_{\mathrm{fail}} - (1/\epsilon^{\mathrm{real}} - 1) \times N_{\mathrm{pass}}}{1/\epsilon^{\mathrm{FNP}} - 1/\epsilon^{\mathrm{real}}},$$

Region	n <sub>jets</sub>	H <sub>T</sub> [GeV]	E <sub>T</sub> miss [GeV]	m <sub>T2</sub> [GeV]	$\mathcal{S}(E_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{miss}})$	<i>p</i> <sub>T</sub> <sup>ℓℓ</sup> [GeV]	$\Delta \phi(j_{1,2}, \vec{p}_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{miss}})$	SF/DF	<i>mℓℓ</i> [GeV]
Signal regions									
SRC-STR	≥ 2	> 250	> 250	> 90	> 10	40–100	> 0.4	SF	> 12
SRLow-STR	≥ 2	> 250	> 250	> 100	_	40-500	> 0.4	SF	> 12
⇔SRZLow-STR	≥ 4	> 250	> 250	> 100	_	40-500	> 0.4	SF	81–101
SRMed-STR	≥ 2	> 500	> 300	> 75	_	40-800	> 0.4	SF	> 12
⇔SRZMed-STR	≥ 4	> 500	> 300	> 75	_	40-800	> 0.4	SF	81–101
SRHigh-STR	≥ 2	> 800	> 300	> 75	_	> 40	> 0.4	SF	> 12
⇔SRZHigh-STR	≥ 4	> 800	> 300	> 75	_	> 40	> 0.4	SF	81–101
Control regions									
CRC-FS-STR	≥ 2	> 250	> 250	> 90	> 10	40–100	> 0.4	DF	> 12
CRLow-FS-STR	≥ 2	> 250	> 250	> 100	_	40-500	> 0.4	DF	> 12
	≥ 4	> 250	> 250	> 100	_	40-500	> 0.4	DF	61-121
CRMed-FS-STR	$\geq 2$	> 500	> 300	> 75	_	40-800	> 0.4	DF	> 12
$\hookrightarrow$ CRZMed-FS-STR	≥ 4	> 500	> 300	> 75	_	40-800	> 0.4	DF	61-121
CRHigh-FS-STR	≥ 2	> 800	> 300	> 75	_	> 40	> 0.4	DF	> 12
→CRZHigh-FS-STR	≥ 4	> 800	> 300	> 75	_	> 40	> 0.4	DF	61-121
CRC-Z-STR	$\geq 2$	> 250	> 250	> 90	> 10	40-100	< 0.4	SF	<b>81–101</b>
CRLow-Z-STR	$\geq 2$	> 250	> 250	> 100	_	40-500	< 0.4	SF	<b>81–101</b>
$\hookrightarrow$ CRZLow-Z-STR	≥ 4	> 250	> 250	> 100	_	40-500	< 0.4	SF	81-101
CRMed-Z-STR	$\geq 2$	> 500	> 300	> 75	_	40-800	< 0.4	SF	<b>81–101</b>
$\hookrightarrow$ CRZMed-Z-STR	≥ 4	> 500	> 300	> 75	_	40-800	< 0.4	SF	81–101
CRHigh-Z-STR	$\geq 2$	> 800	> 300	> 75	_	> 40	< 0.4	SF	81–101
$\hookrightarrow$ CRZHigh-Z-STR	≥ 4	> 800	> 300	> 75	_	> 40	< 0.4	SF	81–101
Validation regions									
VRC-STR	≥ 2	> 250	150-250	> 90	> 10	40–100	> 0.4	SF	> 12
VRLow-STR	≥ 2	> 250	150-250	> 100	_	40-500	> 0.4	SF	> 12
VRMed-STR	≥ 2	> 500	150-250	> 75	_	40-800	> 0.4	SF	> 12
VRHigh-STR	≥ 2	> 800	150-250	> 75	_	> 40	> 0.4	SF	> 12
VR3L-STR	≥ 2	> 250	> 200	> 100	_	> 40	> 0.4	3L	> 12

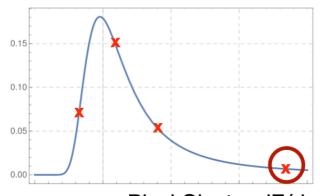


### Time over threshold measurements

- As charged particles traverse the detector, they deposit energy throughout the inner detector. This is converted into a 8-bit number proportional to the Time over Threshold (ToT) of the input charge signal. The ToT is proportional to the charge induced in each pixel.
  - IBL has different FE electronics w.r.t the other pixel layers smaller dynamic range with an overflow bit that triggers when the range is maxed out. We call tracks that have triggered the overflow bit as IBL Overflow track (IBL1).



### Extracting the dE/dx value



Pixel Cluster dE/dx

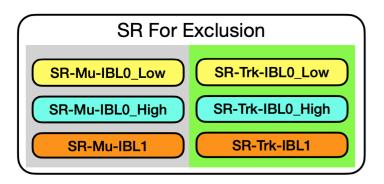
- As particles pass through the inner detector, they leave multiple energy deposits through out the inner detector.
  - The amount of deposited energy follows a Landau probability distribution.
- An example track could leave multiple dE/dx measurements (energy clusters along a track is marked in red).
  - To estiamte the most probable dE/dx value for a track from the limited number of the dE/dx measurements associated to it we have used a truncated mean method.
  - In this example we drop the highest energy measurment (circled in red) and take the average of the rest.
- Further details can be found in backups.

inspired by the original Bethe-Bloch formula

$$MPV_{dE/dx}(\beta\gamma) = \frac{1 + (\beta\gamma)^2}{(\beta\gamma)^2} \left( c_0 + c_1 \log_{10}(\beta\gamma) + c_2 \left[ \log_{10}(\beta\gamma) \right]^2 \right)$$
(1)

where  $c_0$ ,  $c_1$ , and  $c_2$  are free parameters of the fit. Inversion of the above function provides an estimate of the charged-particle  $\beta\gamma$  from the measured dE/dx. Combined with the momentum measurement, the mass of the particle associated with the track can be calculated as  $m_{dE/dx} \equiv p_{reco}/\beta\gamma(\langle dE/dx\rangle_{corr})$ . This reconstructed mass is hereafter simply denoted by 'm'.





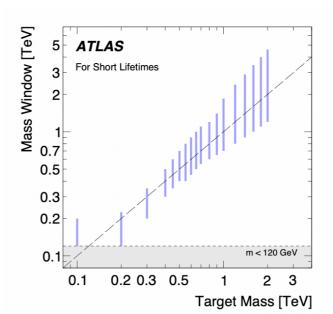
- When we going for exclusion limits the events are categorized according to the selected track properties:
  - Matched to a Muon (Mu) or Not (Trk)
  - dE/dx in (1.8, 2.4] (Low) or (2.4,∞] (High)
  - Has a hit with an IBL Overflow (IBL1) {dE/dx > 1.8}

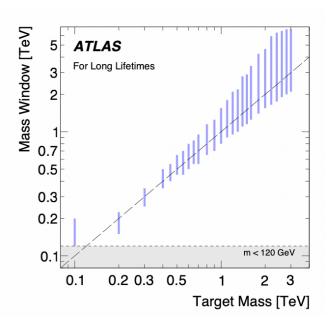
SR For Discovery

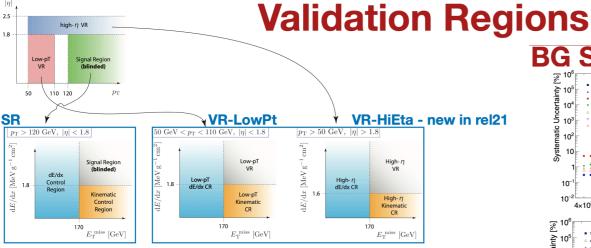
SR-Inclusive\_Low

SR-Inclusive\_High

- Instead categorize tracks by
  - dE/dx in (1.8, 2.4] or (2.4,∞]
- 2 exclusive signal regions
- Also easier for reinterpretation

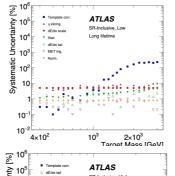


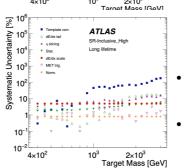




- $\bullet \hspace{0.4cm}$  In order to validate the generation background two separate VR has been designed:
  - High-η VR:
    - SR:  $|\eta| < 1.8 \rightarrow VR$ :  $1.8 < |\eta| < 2.5$
    - **SR**:  $p_T > 120 \rightarrow$ **VR**:  $p_T > 50$
    - **SR**:  $dE/dx > 1.8 \rightarrow$ **VR**: dE/dx > 1.6
  - Shares a similar momentum spectrum with the SR but has a differentiated dE/dx spectrum due to eta differences.
  - Low-pT VR:
    - SR:  $p_T > 120 \rightarrow VR: 50 < p_T < 110$
  - Shares identical dE/dx range and performance with SR but has a limited momentum range.
- Individual dE/dx CR and Kinematic CR are generated for each region to extract the kinematic templates.

#### **BG Systematic Uncertainties**





- Uncertainties are calculated **per each mass window** and the leading uncertainties are:
- Template Corr: Leading uncertainty. It evaluates the assumption that the kinematic and dE/dx templates can be drawn separately in the toy procedure
- **dE/dx Scale:** This uncertainty is introduced to cover the disagreement observed in the Low-pT VR IBL0-Trk-Low.
- The size of this additional systematic uncertainty is evaluated using VR-LowPt and VR-HiEta by making likelihood fit without other uncertainties.
- dE/dx tail: dE/dx tail statistical uncertainty estimated by using a fitted Crystal ball function instead of the raw template
- η slicing estimates the effect of the choice of η binning of the dE/dx templates

#### **Signal Systematic Uncertainties**

- Signal systematic uncertanties are computed for model dependent limits.
- The dominant signal uncertainty depends on the signal model but overall the dominating uncertainties are:
- Scale/ISR Uncertainties (py3c)
- IBLSyst: IBL overflow fraction year dependence.
- · Track momentum and sagitta uncertainty
- The remaining uncertainties are smaller and are grouped togethers (treating them as uncorrelated) to reduce the number of



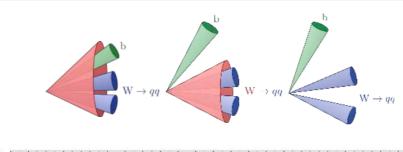
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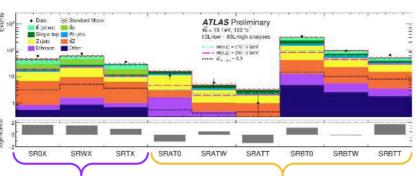
#### tt0L-high MET - EPJC 80 (2020) 737

#### MET trigger

MET>250 GeV, MET significance S>14, large-radius jet (R=1.2)  $\rightarrow$  highly energetic top quark

SRs based on mass of subleading large-radius jet (R=1.2)  $\rightarrow$  presence of  $m_{\rm t}$ ,  $m_{\rm W}$  or neither



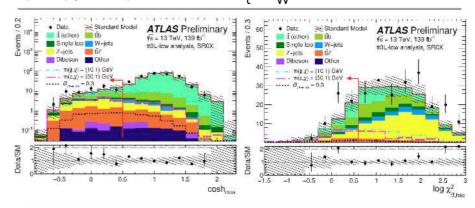


Analysis	Best fit $\mathcal{B}_{H  o  ext{inv}}$	Observed upper limit	Expected upper limit
tt0L-low	$0.88^{+0.48}_{-0.46}$	1.80	$1.09^{+0.50}_{-0.26}$
tt0L-high	$0.27^{+0.28}_{-0.27}$	0.80	$0.59^{+0.29}_{-0.18}$
tt0L comb.	$0.48^{+0.27}_{-0.27}$	0.95	$0.52^{+0.23}_{-0.16}$

tt0L-low MET - this analysis					
MET trigger	<i>b</i> -jet trigger				
MET>250 GeV but $\mathcal{S}$ <14					
OR no large-radius (R=1.2) jets → highly energetic top quark	MET∈[160,250] GeV				

#### Discriminating variables

 $\chi^2_{t\bar{t},had}$  to reduce bkg with top quark + missing lepton  $\chi^2_{t\bar{t},had}$  to identify events with fully hadronic top quark pairs SRs based on mass of the highest large-radius (R=1) jet  $\rightarrow$  presence of  $m_t$ ,  $m_W$  or none



Analysis	Best fit $\mathcal{B}_{H \to \text{inv}}$	Observed upper limit	Expected upper limit
ttOL	$0.48^{+0.27}_{-0.27}$	0.95	$0.52^{+0.23}_{-0.16}$
tt1L	$-0.04^{+0.35}_{-0.29}$	0.74	$0.80^{+0.40}_{-0.26}$
tt2L	$-0.08^{+0.20}_{-0.19}$	0.36	$0.40^{+0.18}_{-0.12}$
$t\bar{t}H$ comb.	$0.08^{+0.15}_{-0.15}$	0.38	$0.30^{+0.13}_{-0.09}$

