

Dark Matter searches at ATLAS

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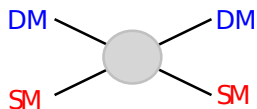
Dark Interactions @ BNL

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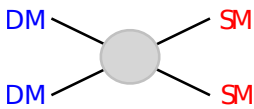


Dark Matter candidates and the LHC

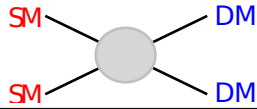
- Astrophysical measurements point to existence of invisible Dark Matter
 - Galactic rotation curves
 - Large-scale structure, galactic evolution, Bullet Cluster
 - Precision cosmology, including CMB measurements
- Dark Matter (DM) has no known interactions beyond gravity
- What if it couples to Standard Model (SM) particles very weakly?
 - Weakly Interacting Massive Particle (WIMP) interpretation
 - Could be produced in pairs at colliders (Dark Matter is stable)



Direct detection
(WIMP-nucleon scattering)



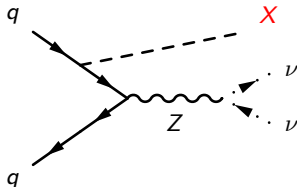
Indirect detection
(WIMP annihilation)



Collider searches
(WIMP pair production)

Mono-X searches

- A final state with only two DM particles is not detectable
 - Need something to balance it \rightarrow missing transverse momentum, E_T^{miss}
- Add a **particle X**, usually via Initial State Radiation (ISR)
 - **X** can be jets, photons, W/Z bosons, ...
 - Typically **one** ISR particle, creating **mono-X** + E_T^{miss} topologies
- Irreducible standard model background: $Z \rightarrow \nu\nu + X$



Mono-X interpretations

- Effective Field Theories (EFTs):

- Mediator is beyond the energy scale of the LHC, and is integrated out
- Leaves a suppression scale $M^* = M_{\text{med}}/\sqrt{g_{\text{SM}}g_{\text{DM}}}$
- Used to conduct generic, minimally model dependent searches
 - Potential EFT validity problems when used at colliders
- Limits compared to direct detection experiments via $\sigma_{\text{WIMP-nucleon}}$

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Name	Coupling type	Operator	Coefficient
D1	Scalar	$\bar{\chi}\chi\bar{q}q$	m_q/M_*^3
D5	Vector	$\bar{\chi}\gamma^\mu\chi\bar{q}\gamma_\mu q$	$1/M_*^2$
D8	Axial vector	$\bar{\chi}\gamma^\mu\gamma_5\chi\bar{q}\gamma_\mu\gamma_5 q$	$1/M_*^2$
D9	Tensor	$\bar{\chi}\sigma^{\mu\nu}\chi\bar{q}\sigma_{\mu\nu} q$	$1/M_*^2$
D11	Gluon	$\bar{\chi}\chi G_{\mu\nu}G^{\mu\nu}$	$\alpha_s/4M_*^3$

- Simplified models:

- The massive mediator is not integrated out, giving extra parameters
- UV-complete, addresses problems of questionable EFT validity at colliders

Mono-photon

$\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV: PRL 110, 011802 (2013)

Event selection:

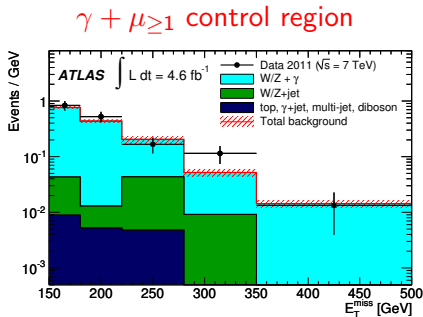
- Good quality photon, $p_T^\gamma > 150$ GeV
- 0 or 1 jet(s), $p_T^{\text{jet}} > 30$ GeV
- Photon, jet, E_T^{miss} all well separated
- Veto on electrons and muons
- $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 150$ GeV

Main backgrounds:

- $Z \rightarrow \nu\nu + \gamma$: irreducible
 - Control region: $\gamma + \mu_{\geq 1}$
- $W \rightarrow \ell\nu + \gamma$: missed leptons, τ_{had}
 - Control region: $\gamma + \mu_{\geq 1}$
- $W/Z + e/\text{jets}$: fake γ from e or jets
 - Dedicated fake regions

Main uncertainties:

- Photon/jet energy scale, E_T^{miss}
- Showering and hadronization
- Data statistics in $\mu_{\geq 1}$ control region
- Total uncertainty of 15%



Mono-photon

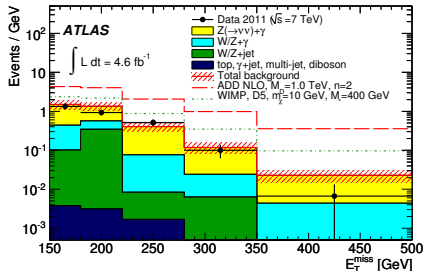
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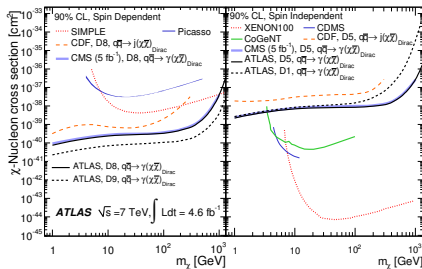
Limits:

- Good agreement between data and SM backgrounds
- Limits set on D1 (scalar), D5 (vector), D8 (axial vector), and D9 (tensor) EFTs
- Spin-independent plane: not very sensitive, comparable with CMS
- Spin-dependent plane: sensitive for full DM mass range, comparable with CMS

Signal region E_T^{miss}



$\sigma_{\text{WIMP-nucleon}}$



Mono- $W/Z(\rightarrow qq)$

$\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$: PRL 112, 041802 (2014)

Event selection:

- Reconstruct W/Z as $R = 1.2$ Cambridge-Aachen (C-A) jet
- Require central C-A jet, $p_T > 250 \text{ GeV}$
- m_{jet} is under the W/Z mass peak
- 0 or 1 extra jet(s), $p_T^{\text{jet}} > 40 \text{ GeV}$
- Veto on electrons, muons, photons
- $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 350, 500 \text{ GeV}$

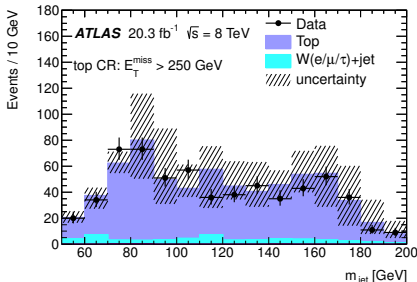
Main backgrounds:

- $Z \rightarrow \nu\nu + \text{jets}$: irreducible
 - Control region: C-A + $\mu_{\geq 1}$
- $W \rightarrow \ell\nu + \text{jets}$: missed leptons, τ_{had}
 - Control region: C-A + $\mu_{\geq 1}$

Main uncertainties:

- Limited control region statistics
- MC theoretical uncertainties
- C-A jet energy scale/resolution
- Total uncertainty of 7 to 13%

C-A top control region



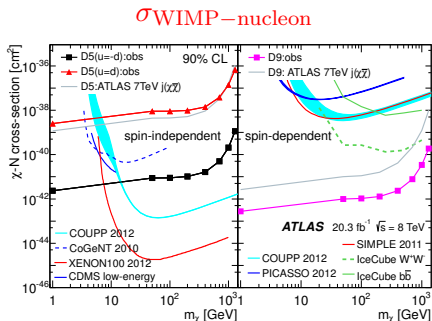
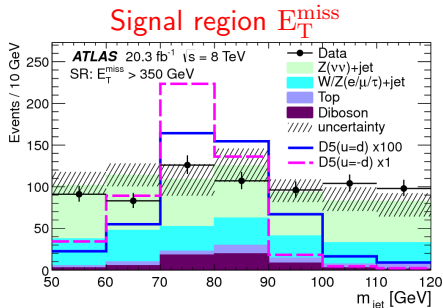
Mono- $W/Z(\rightarrow qq)$

$\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$: PRL 112, 041802 (2014)



Limits:

- Good agreement between data and SM backgrounds
- Limits set on D5 (vector) and D9 (tensor) EFTs
 - Two cases: D5(u=d) constructive and D5(u=d) destructive interference
- Spin-independent plane: sensitive mostly for $m_\chi < 10 \text{ GeV}$
- Spin-dependent plane: powerful for all DM masses considered



Mono-Z($\rightarrow \ell\ell$)

$\sqrt{s} = 8$ TeV: arxiv:1404.0051 (submitted to PRD)

Event selection:

- Good quality pair: e^+e^- or $\mu^+\mu^-$
- $M_{\ell\ell}$ is under the Z mass peak
- Dilepton system is central, balances E_T^{miss} (magnitude and direction)
- Veto on third leptons
- Veto on jets, $p_T^{\text{jet}} > 25$ GeV
- $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 150, 250, 350, 450$ GeV

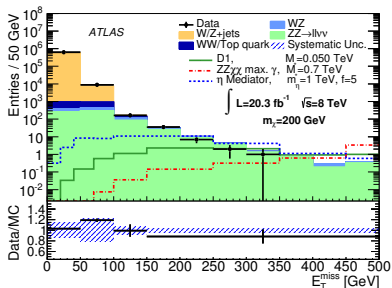
Main backgrounds:

- $ZZ \rightarrow \ell^+\ell^-\nu\nu$ [$\ell = e, \mu$]: irreducible
 - NLO MC (POWHEG BOX 1.0), normalized to MCFM 6.2
- $WZ \rightarrow \ell\nu\ell^+\ell^-$: missed lepton
 - NLO MC (POWHEG BOX 1.0)

Main uncertainties:

- Jet and electron energy scale
- Muon momentum scale
- MC theoretical uncertainties
- Total uncertainty of 34 to 175%

Signal region E_T^{miss}



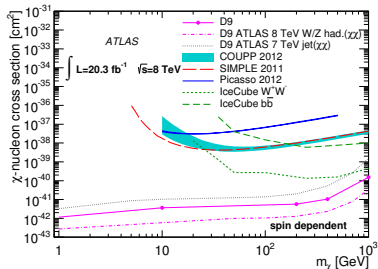
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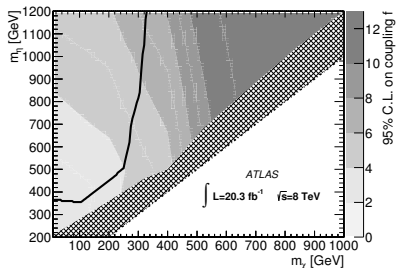
Limits:

- Good agreement between data and SM backgrounds
- Limits set on D1 (scalar), D5 (vector), and D9 (tensor) EFTs
- Spin-independent plane: not very sensitive, see backup
- Spin-dependent plane: powerful for all m_χ , comparable to mono-W/Z $\rightarrow q\bar{q}$
- Also considered simplified model of a scalar t -channel mediator η with coupling f
 - Black line: lower limit on f from relic density constraints

Spin-dependent $\sigma_{\text{WIMP-nucleon}}$



Simplified model limits



Mono-jet

 $\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV: JHEP 04 (2013) 075}$
 $\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV: ATLAS-CONF-2012-147}$

Event selection:

- Require central leading jet
- 0 or 1 extra jet(s), $p_T^{\text{jet}} > 30 \text{ GeV}$
- Second jet not aligned with E_T^{miss}
- Veto on electrons and muons
- $E_T^{\text{miss}}, p_T^{\text{jet}1} > 120, 220, 350, 500 \text{ GeV}$

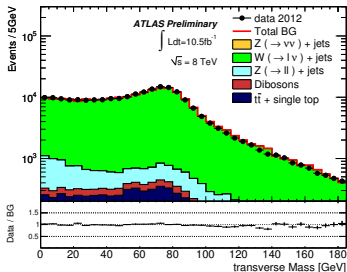
Main backgrounds:

- $Z \rightarrow \nu\nu + \text{jets}$: irreducible
 - Control regions [$\ell = e, \mu$]:
 $W \rightarrow \ell\nu + \text{jets}, Z \rightarrow \ell\ell + \text{jets}$
- $W \rightarrow \ell\nu + \text{jets}$: missed leptons, τ_{had}
 - Control regions [$\ell = e, \mu$]:
 $W \rightarrow \ell\nu + \text{jets}$

Main uncertainties:

- Limited control region statistics
- Jet energy scale/resolution
- Lepton identification efficiencies
- Total uncertainty of 3.4 to 17%

$W \rightarrow \mu\nu + \text{jets}$ control region



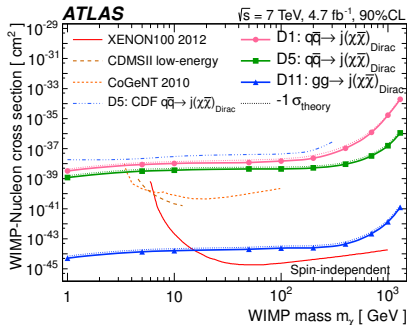
Mono-jet

 $\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV: JHEP 04 (2013) 075}$
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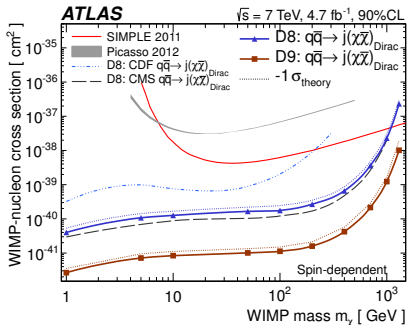
Limits: (7 TeV)

- Good agreement between data and SM backgrounds
- Limits set on D1 (scalar), D5 (vector), D8 (axial), D9 (tensor), and D11 (gluon)
- Spin-independent plane: sensitivity varies, generally powerful for $m_\chi < 10 \text{ GeV}$
- Spin-dependent plane: strong for all m_χ , weaker than 8 TeV mono-W/Z

Spin-independent $\sigma_{\text{WIMP-nucleon}}$



Spin-dependent $\sigma_{\text{WIMP-nucleon}}$



Mono-jet upgrade studies

$\sqrt{s} = 14$ TeV: ATL-PHYS-PUB-2014-007

Event selection:

	8 TeV	14 TeV
N_{jets}	1 or 2	
$p_{\text{T}}^{\text{jet}}$	30 GeV	50 GeV
$p_{\text{T}}^{\text{jet}1}$	120 GeV	300 GeV
$\Delta\phi$	$\Delta\phi(\text{jet}_{12}, E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}) > 0.5$	
ℓ veto	Veto on e, μ	
$E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}$	400, 600, 800 GeV	

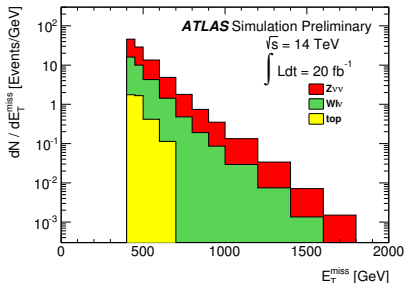
Main backgrounds:

- Pure MC study, both 8 and 14 TeV
- $Z \rightarrow \nu\nu + \text{jets}$: irreducible
- $W \rightarrow \ell\nu + \text{jets}$: missed leptons, τ_{had}

Uncertainties considered:

- Two flat systematics considered:
 - 5%, reasonable in early Run-II
 - 1%, ultimate goal for HL-LHC
- Statistics varies with lumi choices

14 TeV signal region



Mono-jet upgrade studies

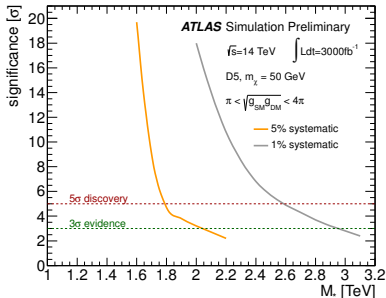
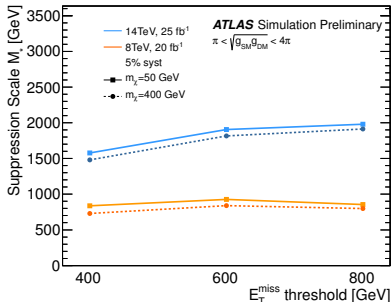
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Sensitivity: EFT D5 (vector), valid assuming $\pi \lesssim \sqrt{g_{\text{SM}}g_{\text{DM}}} < 4\pi$

- Limits improve by factor of ~ 2 with first expected year of 14 TeV data
- Reducing systematics doesn't help too much yet - need more luminosity
- $E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}$ threshold limited by luminosity
- 5σ discovery potential out to $M^* \approx 2.5$ TeV with full HL-LHC run
 - Aggressive 1% systematic
- Systematics dominated at 800 GeV:
 - Limited impact of more data, need higher $E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}$ cuts

25 fb^{-1} limit strength

3000 fb^{-1} discovery potential



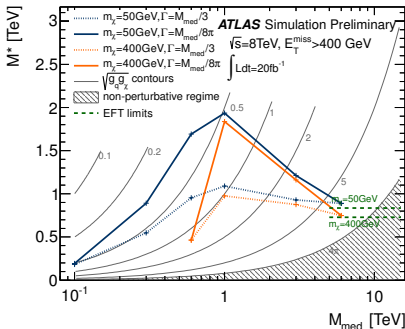
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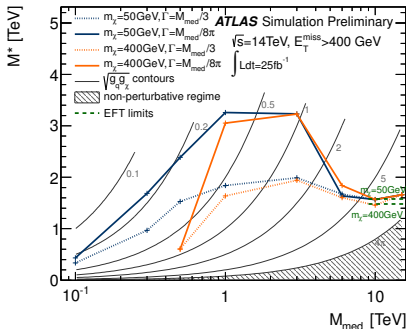
Sensitivity: Simplified Model Z' (vector)

- Simplified Models give access to the resonance, provides much more information
 - EFT and Simplified Model limits meet at high mediator mass M_ξ
 - EFT limits are conservative for M_ξ above ~ 1 TeV, optimistic below that
- Limits improve by factor of 1.5 to 2.5 with first expected year of 14 TeV data

8 TeV limits with 20 fb^{-1}



14 TeV limits with 25 fb^{-1}



Summary

- Many independent astrophysical indications of Dark Matter
- If DM couples to the Standard Model, we can produce it in collisions
 - Complementary to direct and indirect detection experiments
- Mono- $X + E_T^{\text{miss}}$ searches provide access to a number of topologies which are sensitive to DM production at the LHC
 - ATLAS has studied $X = \text{photon}, W/Z \rightarrow qq, Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$, and jet
- Good agreement between data and SM expectations is observed
 - Limits are set on Effective Field Theories and Simplified Models
- Preliminary study of 14 TeV mono-jet sensitivity is promising
 - Suggests first year of data will increase sensitivity by a factor of ~ 2
 - Suggests ultimate HL-LHC 5σ discovery potential of up to $M^* \approx 2.5 \text{ TeV}$

Backup Slides

Mono-jet upgrade studies

$\sqrt{s} = 14$ TeV: ATL-PHYS-PUB-2014-007

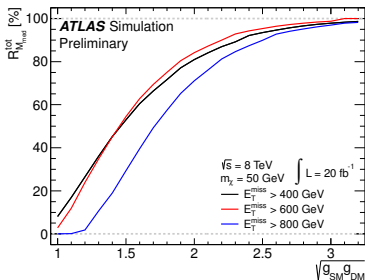
- Mono-X searches in ATLAS have used EFTs for minimal model dependence
- Over the past \sim year, many concerns on validity have been raised
- Past ATLAS results used $M^* > m_\chi/4\pi$
- More realistic constraint: $Q_{\text{tr}} < M_{\text{med}}$
 - EFT has integrated out M_{med} , but $M_{\text{med}} = \sqrt{g_{\text{SM}}g_{\text{DM}}}M^*$
 - Typical theory assumption: $g_{\text{SM}} = g_{\text{DM}} = 1 \implies M_{\text{med}}^{g=1} = M^*$
 - Without knowledge of DM properties, $0 \leq \sqrt{g_{\text{SM}}g_{\text{DM}}} < 4\pi$
- Can study the fraction of valid events, $R_{M_{\text{med}}}^{\text{tot}}$, as a function of the coupling
 - Use $R_{M_{\text{med}}}^{\text{tot}}$ to rescale the nominal EFT limits, M_{exp}^*
 - $M_{\text{valid}}^* = [R_{M_{\text{med}}}^{\text{tot}}]^{1/[2(d-4)]} M_{\text{exp}}^*$, where $d = 6$ for D5
 - See [arxiv:1402.1275](https://arxiv.org/abs/1402.1275) for detail on the rescaling procedure

Mono-jet upgrade studies

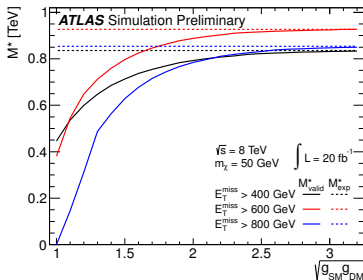
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- The coupling phase space is $\sqrt{g_{\text{SM}}g_{\text{DM}}} \in [0, 4\pi)$, but $[1, \pi]$ is an interesting subset
 - 8 TeV: $\sqrt{g_{\text{SM}}g_{\text{DM}}} = 1$ is $\sim 0\%$ valid, $\sqrt{g_{\text{SM}}g_{\text{DM}}} = \pi$ is $\sim 100\%$ valid
- Without knowledge of DM couplings, cannot make an absolute statement
 - Common theory assumption of $\sqrt{g_{\text{SM}}g_{\text{DM}}} = 1$ is particularly strict
 - Useage of EFT is valid for this scenario when $\pi \lesssim \sqrt{g_{\text{SM}}g_{\text{DM}}} < 4\pi$
- Rescaled limits for D5 depend on $[R_{M_{\text{med}}}^{\text{tot}}]^{\frac{1}{4}}$, so M_{valid}^* quickly approaches M_{exp}^*

Fraction of valid events, $R_{M_{\text{med}}}^{\text{tot}}$



Rescaled limits on M^*



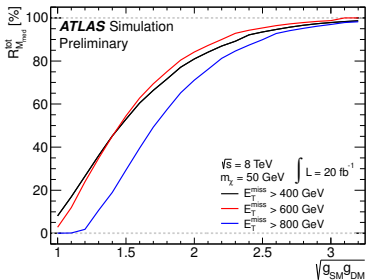
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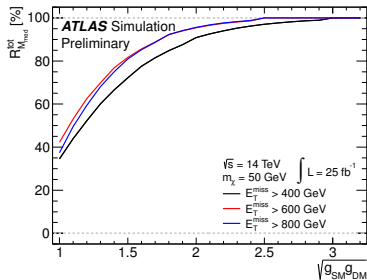


- Comparing 8 to 14 TeV collisions combines multiple effects
 - For a given Q_{tr} cut, validity is worse (Q_{tr} increases with \sqrt{s})
 - However, limits are much stronger (M_{exp}^* increases with \sqrt{s})
- Net gain: fraction of valid events increases going from 8 to 14 TeV
 - Lower coupling values such as $\sqrt{g_{\text{SM}}g_{\text{DM}}} = 1$ are more reasonable at 14 TeV

8 TeV validity fraction, $R_{M_{\text{med}}}^{\text{tot}}$



14 TeV validity fraction, $R_{M_{\text{med}}}^{\text{tot}}$

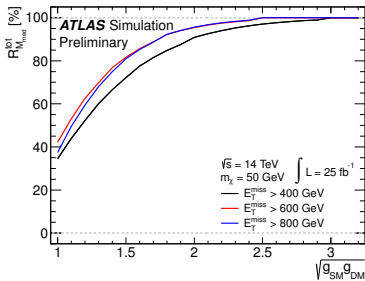


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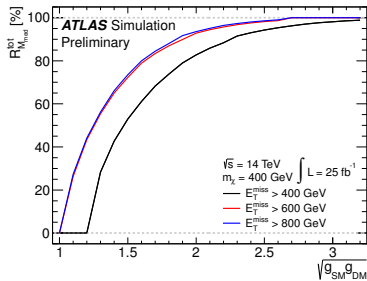
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- Recall that Q_{tr} and m_χ are not independent quantities
 - $Q_{\text{tr}} \geq 2m_\chi$ to pair-produce DM particles at rest
 - Validity constraint is really $2m_\chi \leq Q_{\text{tr}} < M_{\text{med}}$
- Increasing m_χ requires more momentum transfer, and thus decreases validity
 - Still 100% valid by $\sqrt{g_{\text{SM}}g_{\text{DM}}} \approx \pi$, as influence of DM mass decreases

$m_\chi = 50$ GeV validity fraction

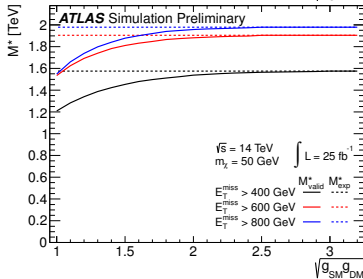
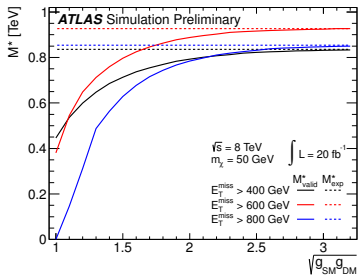
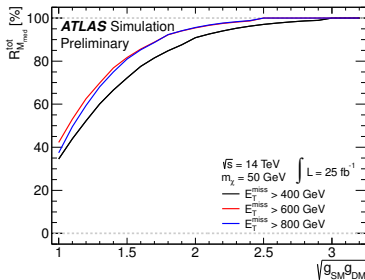
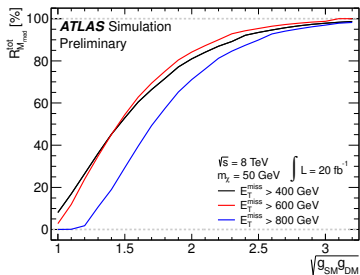


$m_\chi = 400$ GeV validity fraction



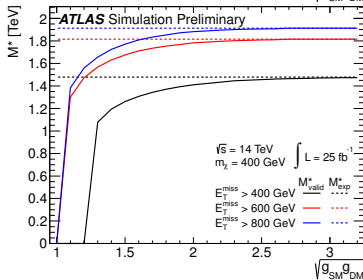
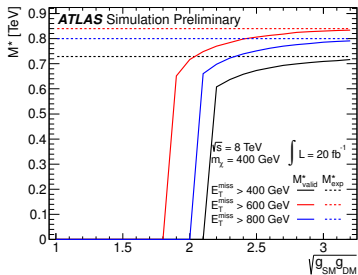
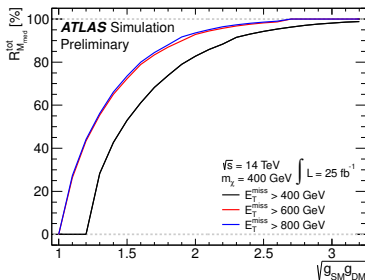
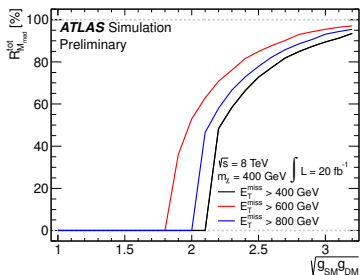
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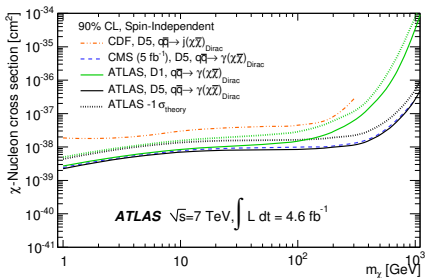
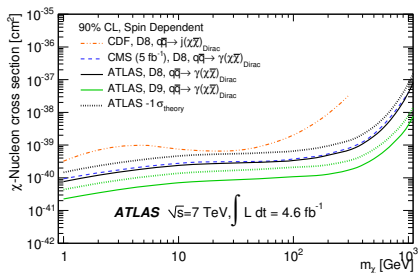


\sqrt{s} [TeV]	m_χ [GeV]	$E_T^{\text{miss cut}}$ [GeV]	M_{exp}^* [TeV]	Validity fraction $R_{M_{\text{med}}}^{\text{tot}}$ and rescaled limit M_{valid}^* [% , TeV]					
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8	50	600	0.93	2.8	0.38	84	0.89	100	0.93
8	50	800	0.85	0	0	71	0.78	98	0.85
8	400	400	0.73	0	0	0	0	91	0.71
8	400	600	0.84	0	0	53	0.72	96	0.83
8	400	800	0.80	0	0	0	0	94	0.79
14	50	400	1.6	35	1.2	91	1.5	100	1.6
14	50	600	1.9	42	1.5	95	1.9	100	1.9
14	50	800	2.0	37	1.5	95	2.0	100	2.0
14	400	400	1.5	0	0	83	1.4	99	1.5
14	400	600	1.8	0	0	93	1.8	100	1.8
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Table 4 - EFT validity and rescaled limits

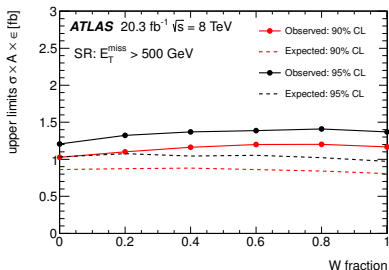
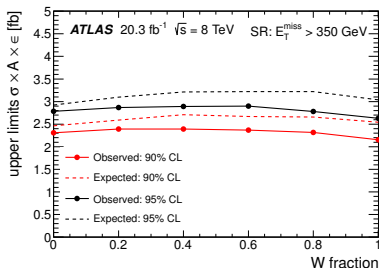
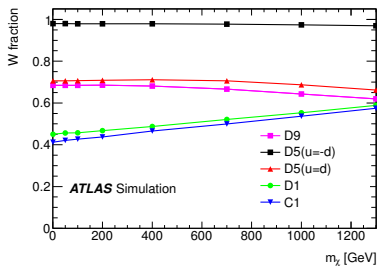
Mono-photon

$\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV: PRL 110, 011802 (2013)



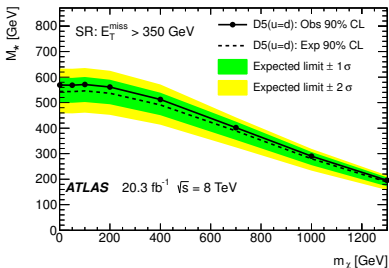
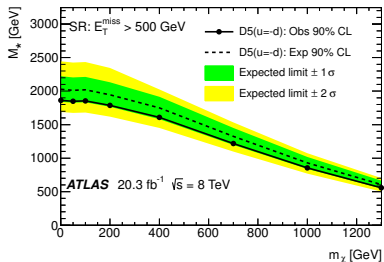
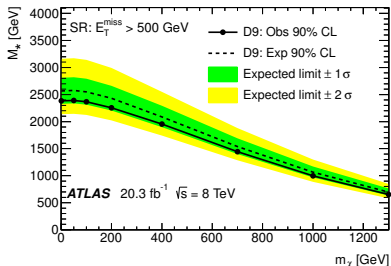
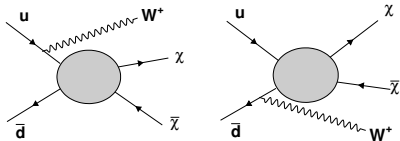
Mono- $W/Z(\rightarrow qq)$

$\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$: PRL 112, 041802 (2014)



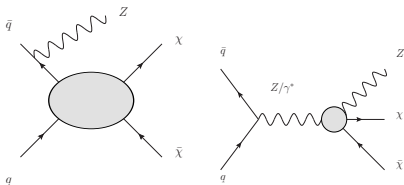
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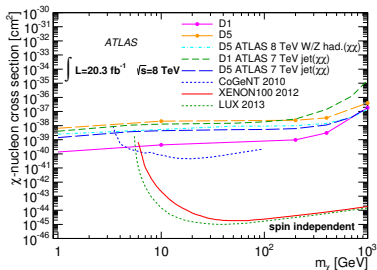
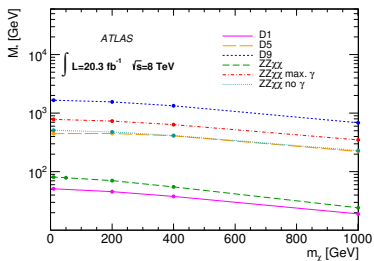
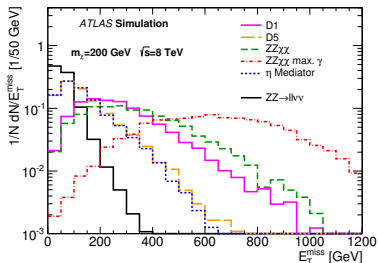


Mono-Z ($\rightarrow ll$)

$\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$: arxiv:1404.0051 (submitted to PRD)



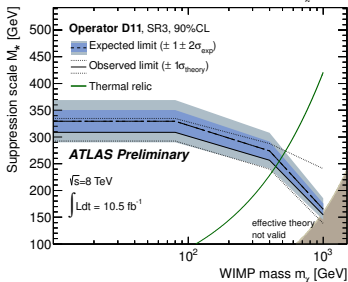
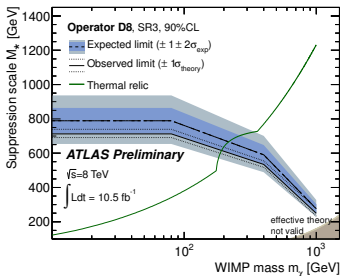
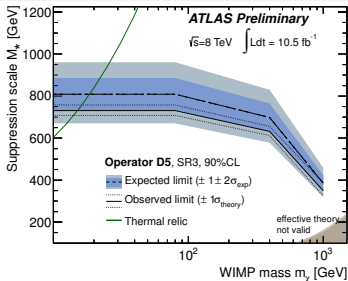
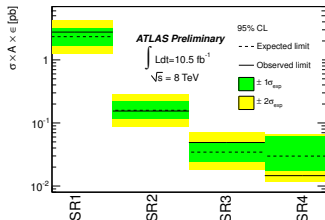
Mono-X: not always only ISR emission!



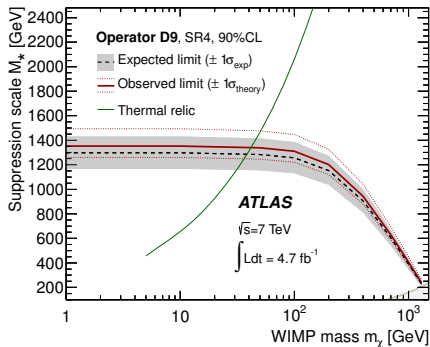
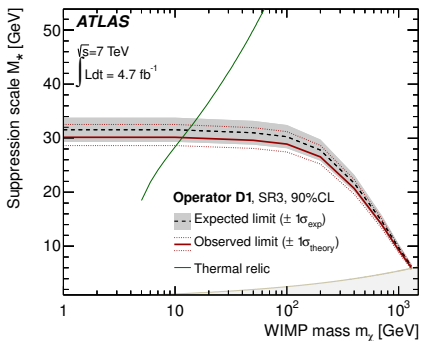
Mono-jet

$\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV: JHEP 04 (2013) 075

$\sqrt{s} = 8$ TeV: ATLAS-CONF-2012-147



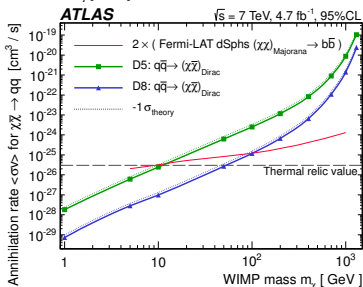
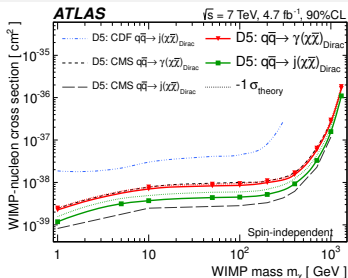
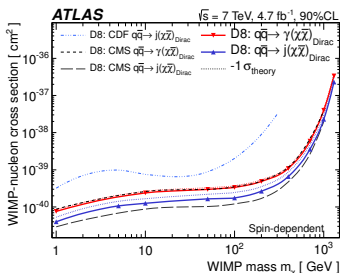
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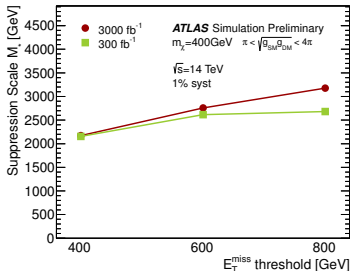
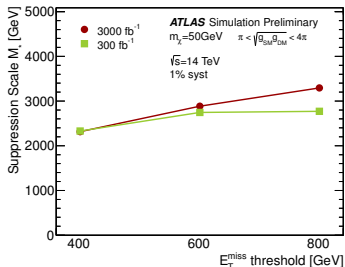
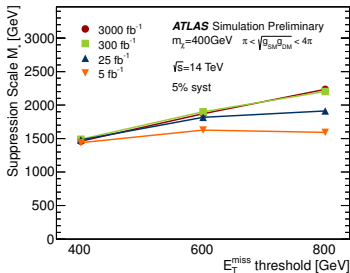
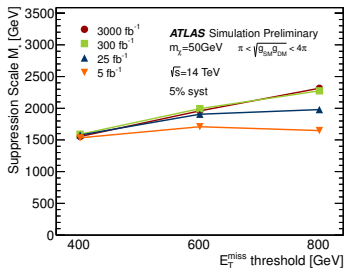
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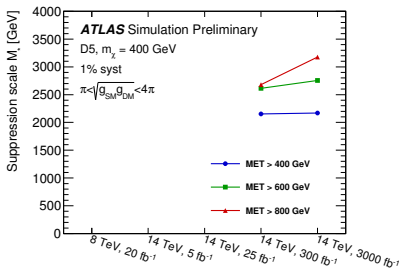
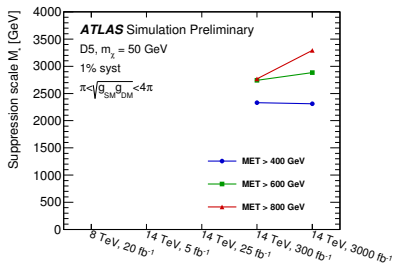
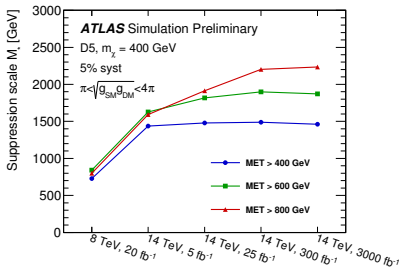
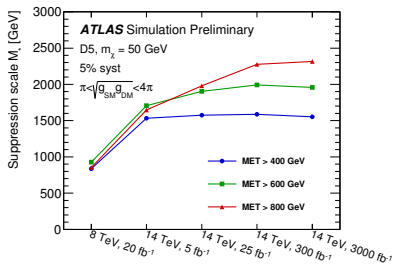
Mono-jet upgrade studies

$\sqrt{s} = 14$ TeV: ATL-PHYS-PUB-2014-007



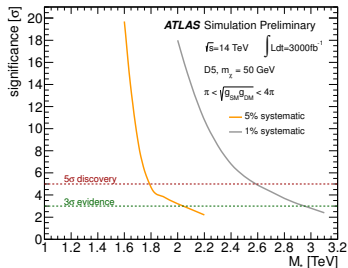
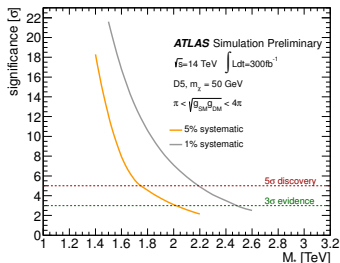
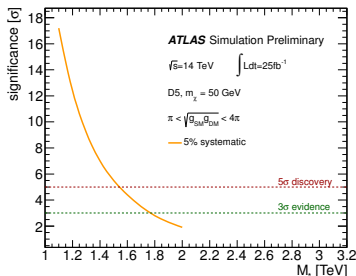
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