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# SEARCH FOR $Z'$ RADIATING FROM THE DARK MATTER AT THE LHC

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The details can be found in arXiv : [2404.12781](https://arxiv.org/abs/2404.12781)

## PROBLEMS IN SM

Incomplete to be the description of the Universe!

Several major problems to answer:

1. **Dark Matter** (26% of mass-energy present in the Universe, SM only accounts for ~5%) and Dark Energy (69%)<sup>1</sup>
2. Neutrino masses, observed from experiments on neutrino oscillation
3. Matter-antimatter symmetry
4. Gravity is not included

1. <https://sci.esa.int/web/planck/-/51557-planck-new-cosmic-recipe>

LHC is suited to scrutinize the coupling of Dark Matter with quarks.

DM itself is invisible.

- The detector detects the **recoils of DM with visible objects** : Monojet, monophoton, etc
  - ATLAS search for Monojet with axial-vector mediator  $Z_4$  (Phys. Rev. D 103, 112006)
  - Robust constraint but substantial background.
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- Dark sector can have dark gauge group, DM radiates dark gauge bosons. Can resemble monojet.
  - If dark gauge bosons have interaction with SM gauge bosons, it can decay to SM particles.

## PROPOSED MODEL

Fermionic DM  $\chi$  and new corresponding gauge group  $U(1)_D$ .

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Dark}} = g_D X_\mu \bar{\chi} \gamma^\mu \chi$$

Kinetic mixing term of  $U(1)_D$  with SM  $U(1)_Y$ ,

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{kin.mixing}} = -\frac{1}{4} B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu} + \frac{\epsilon}{2 \cos \theta_W} B_{\mu\nu} X^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4} X_{\mu\nu} X^{\mu\nu}$$

This mixing will yields (after diagonalization) two massive neutral gauge bosons,  $Z$  and  $Z'$ .

We introduce new variables (used also in Phys. Rev. D 106, 015027) :

$$\kappa = \frac{\epsilon}{\cos \theta_W},$$

$$\eta = \frac{\kappa}{\sqrt{1 - \kappa^2}},$$

We have bounds on  $\epsilon$ , upper limit is in the order of  $O(10^{-3})$  (Phys. Rev. Lett. 124, 131802).

Due to the mixing, in case of  $m_{Z'} < 2m_\chi$ ,  $Z'$  will exclusively decay into SM particles. The decay width of  $Z' \rightarrow f^+ f^-$  is given by:

$$\Gamma_{Z' \rightarrow f^+ f^-} = \frac{m_{Z'}}{12\pi} N_c \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_f^2}{m_{Z'}^2}} \left[ \left( c_V^2 + c_A^2 \right) \left( 1 - \frac{m_f^2}{m_{Z'}^2} \right) + 3(c_V^2 - c_A^2) \frac{m_f^2}{m_{Z'}^2} \right]$$

We are interested in the case where the final state are dilepton pairs + MET.

The **production of DM** is through a simplified model, similar to the one used in LHC monojet analysis (Phys. Rev. D 103, 112006).

The Lagrangian is given by:

$$\mathcal{L}_{q-\chi} = g_Q(\bar{u}\gamma^\mu\gamma^5 u + \bar{d}\gamma^\mu\gamma^5 d)Z_A^\mu + g_\chi\bar{\chi}\gamma^\mu\gamma^5\chi Z_A^\mu.$$

The mediator  $Z_A$  will connect the quark and DM sectors.

Our focus is directed towards a process in which DM radiates  $Z'$ , succeeded by the subsequent decay of  $Z'$  into lepton pairs. This process is termed as “**Darkstrahlung**” (JHEP 1509 (2015) 079).

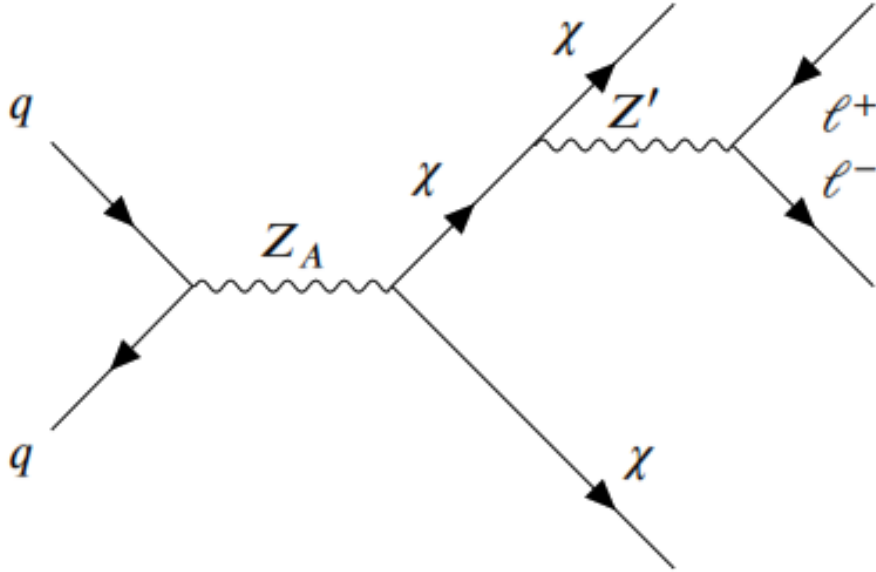


Fig 1. The Darkstrahlung Process



## SEARCH FOR DILEPTON + MET FINAL STATE AT THE LHC

- ATLAS Search for Dilepton Resonance (<https://cds.cern.ch/record/2870113>)
- ATLAS Slepton Search (*Eur. Phys. J. C* **80**, 123, 2020)
- CMS Slepton Search (*J. High Energ. Phys.* 04, **2021**, 123)

Important selection criteria on these experiments:

ATLAS Dilepton Resonance	ATLAS Slepton	CMS Slepton
Low ET miss (55 GeV), $m_{ll} > 180$ GeV	High ET miss (110 GeV), $m_{ll} > 121.2$ GeV	Low ET miss (50 GeV), Two region, $20 < m_{ll} < 65$ GeV and $m_{ll} > 120$ GeV

## TOOLS USED IN THIS WORK

Process	Software
Parton-level events	MadGraph v5 aMC@NLO (+ FeynRules 2.0)
Shower and Hadronization	Pythia 8.3
Detector Response	Delphes v3 (+ FastJet)
Event Selection and Analysis	MadAnalysis 5

## LIKELIHOOD AND CHI-SQUARE VALUES

In order to calculate the bounds for our model, we follow the strategy of GAMBIT (*Eur. Phys. J. C* 77, 795, 2017).

The likelihood of observing a signal in particular bin  $i$ ,  $s_i$  is

$$\mathcal{L}_i(n_i|s_i, b_i) = \int_0^\infty \frac{(\xi(s_i + b_i))^{n_i} e^{-\xi(s_i + b_i)}}{n_i!} P_i(\xi) d\xi,$$

With  $n$ ,  $b$  are number of observed and predicted background, respectively.

The probability is defined as :

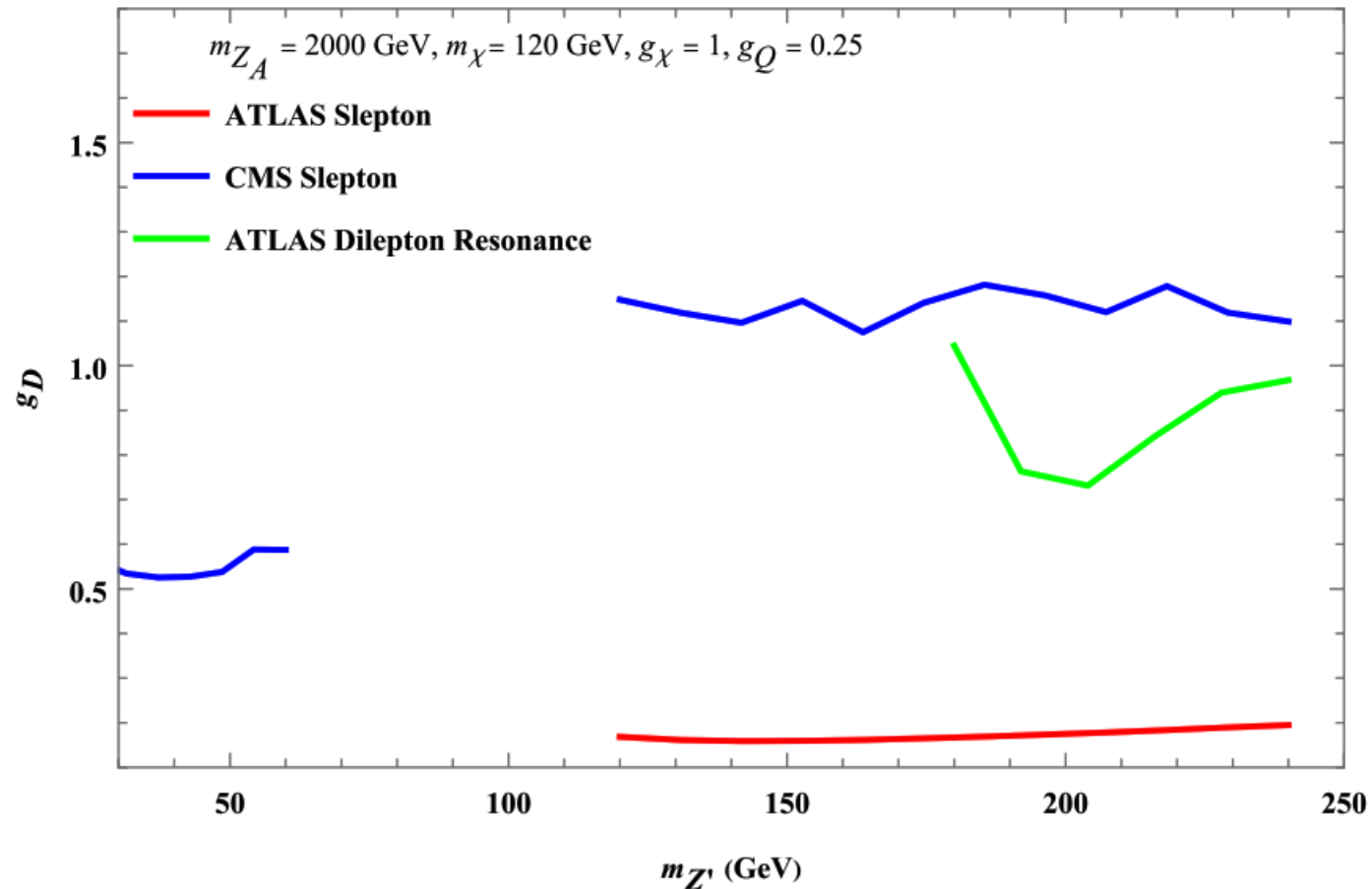
$$P_i(\xi) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_i} \frac{1}{\xi} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\ln \xi}{\sigma_i} \right)^2 \right]$$

and finally the chi-square values are given by :

$$\chi^2 = -2 \sum_i (\ln \mathcal{L}(n_i|s_i, b_i) - \ln \mathcal{L}(n_i|s_i = 0, b_i))$$

## RESULTS

Recasted bounds from ATLAS dilepton resonance, ATLAS Slepton, and CMS Slepton is shown below. We chose a benchmark of  $m_{Z_A} = 2$  TeV,  $m_\chi = 120$  GeV,  $g_Q = 0.25$  and  $g_\chi = 1$ , corresponding to ATLAS monojet analysis.

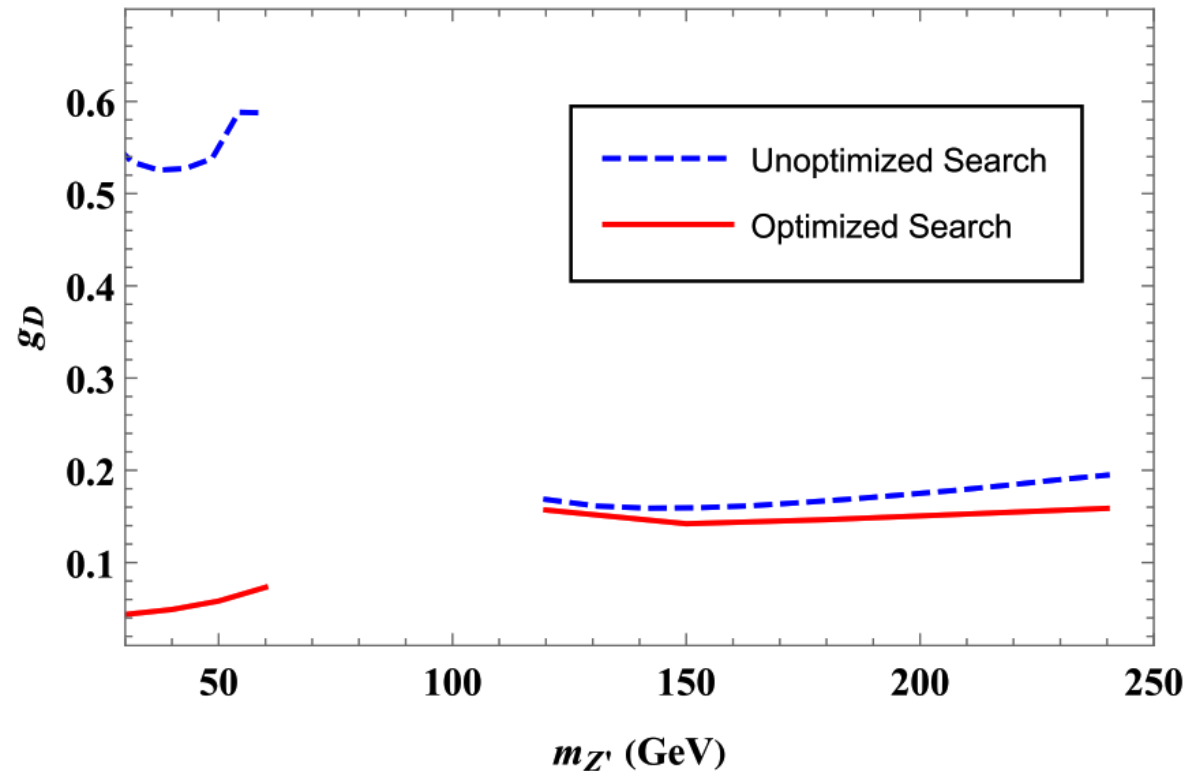


Logically, ATLAS Dilepton Resonance search should give stronger constraints!

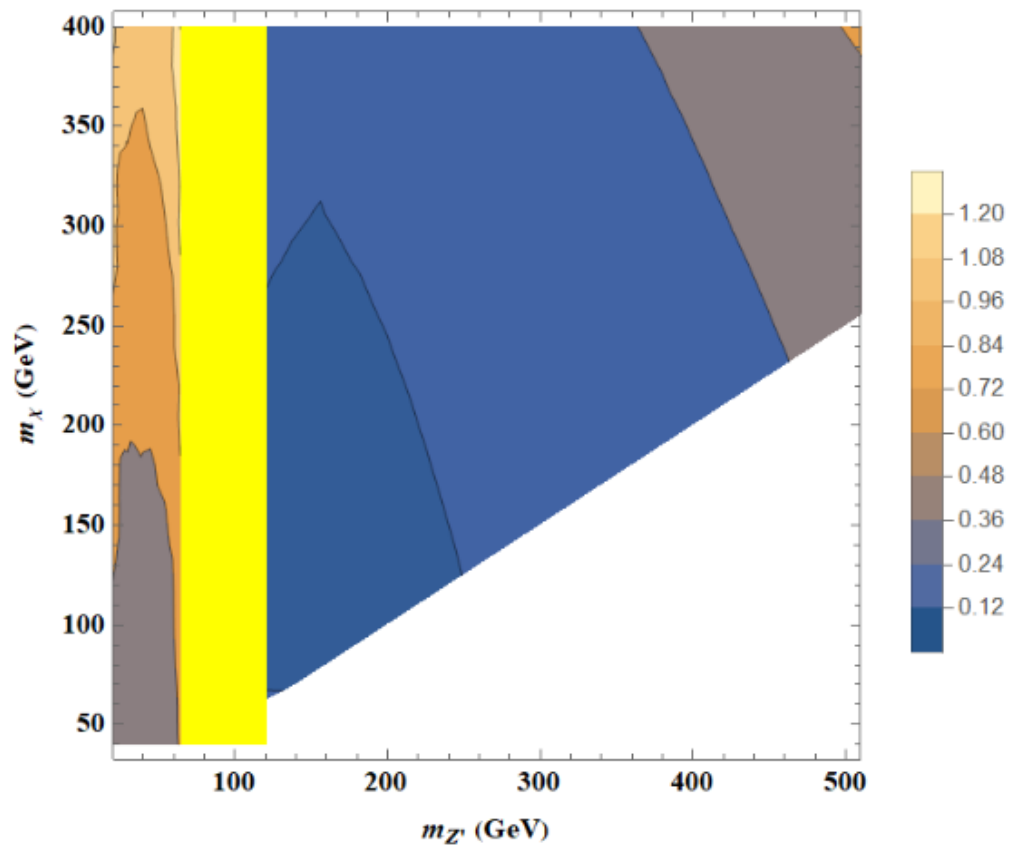
Not the case, because of low  $E_{miss}^T$

We proposed that ATLAS Dilepton Resonance could be improved by implementing a stronger cut on missing energy.

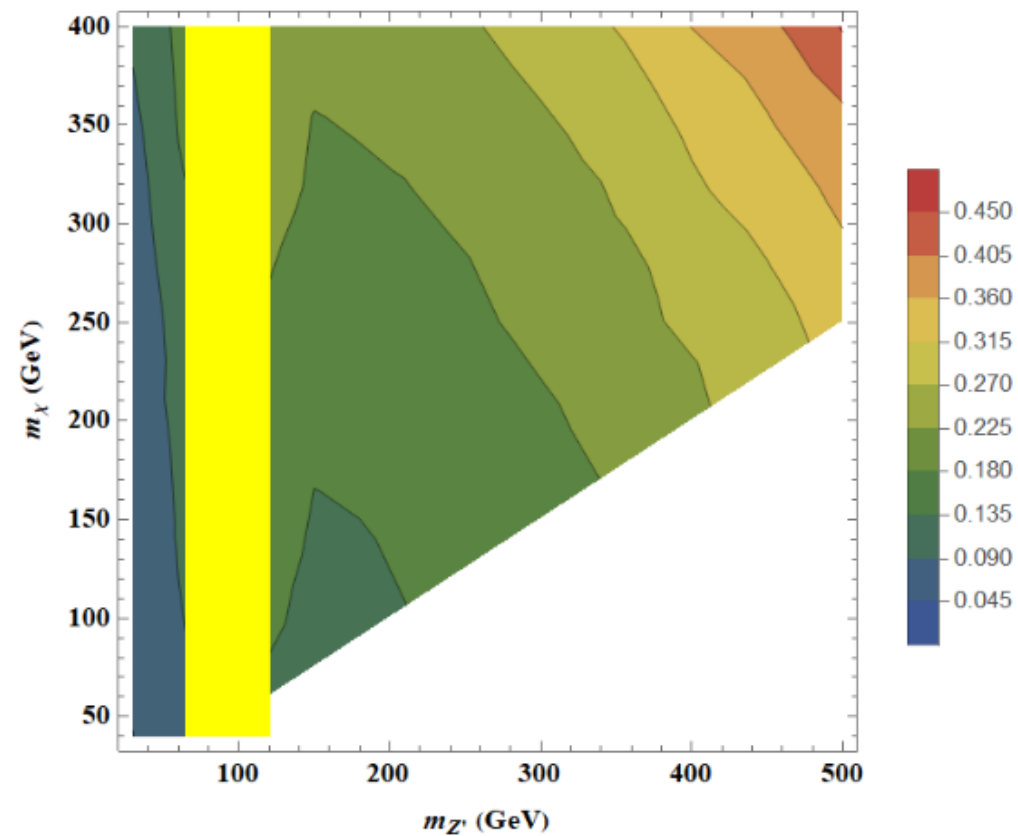
This is the simulation result with additional cuts :  $|m_{ll} - m_{Z'}| < 5 \text{ GeV}$  and  $E_{miss}^T > 250 \text{ GeV}$ .



This optimization also gives stronger bounds on  $g_D$  for various values of  $m_{Z'}$  and  $m_\chi$ .



(a) Unoptimized bounds



(b) Optimized bounds

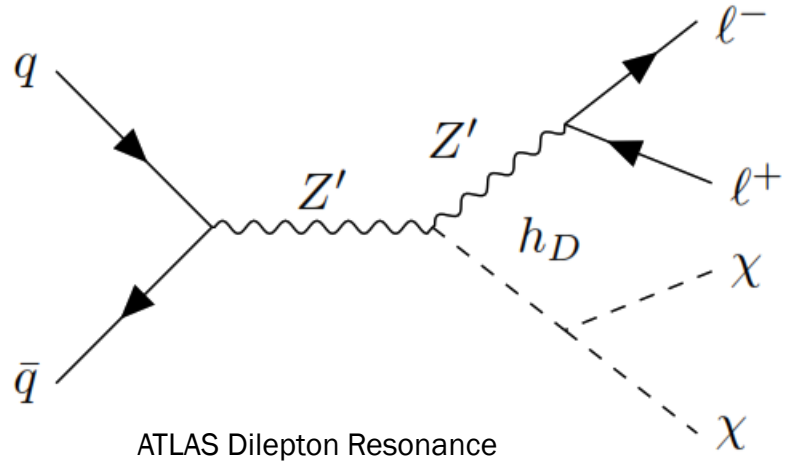
## SUMMARY

- We discussed LHC constraints for our model, where the dark sector consists of a dark matter charged under new hidden  $U(1)$  symmetry.
- Recasting of LHC searches (ATLAS Dilepton Resonance + ATLAS Slepton + CMS Slepton) has been performed.
- Higher cut on  $E_{miss}^T$  and choosing narrow region for  $m_{ll}$  can improve the constraints.

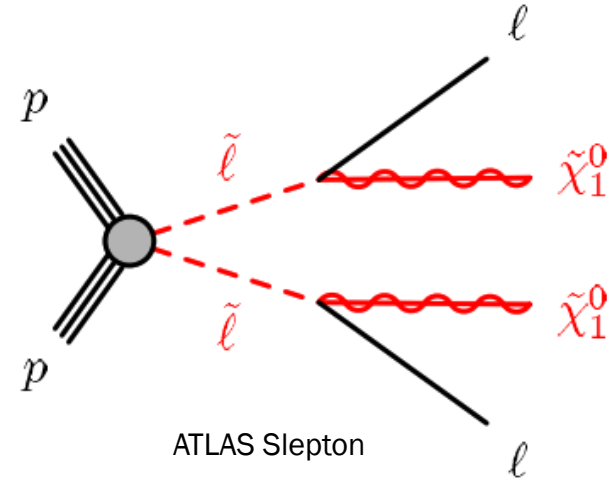




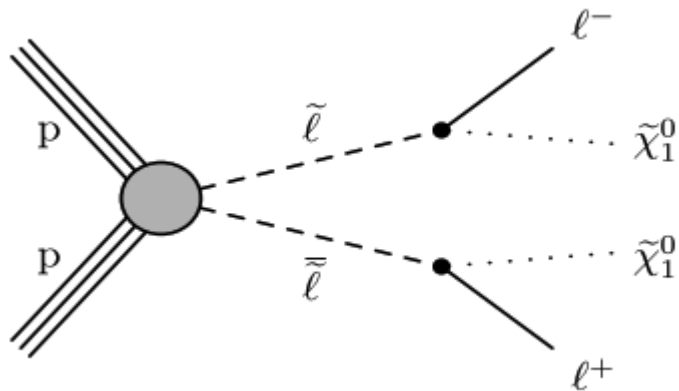
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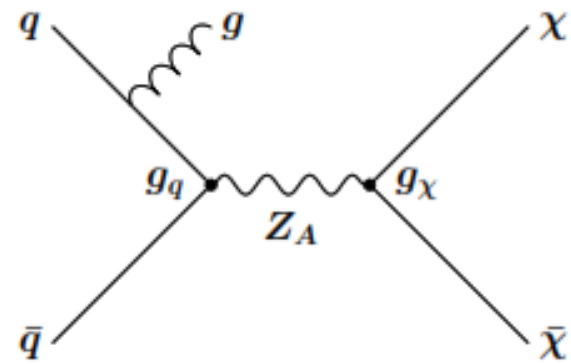
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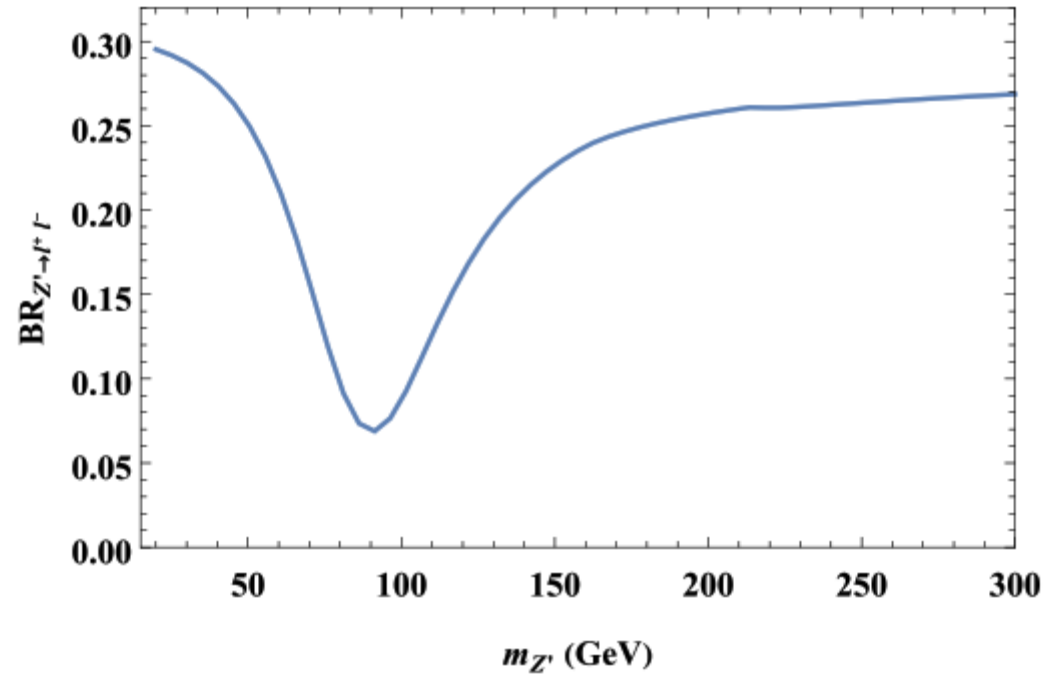
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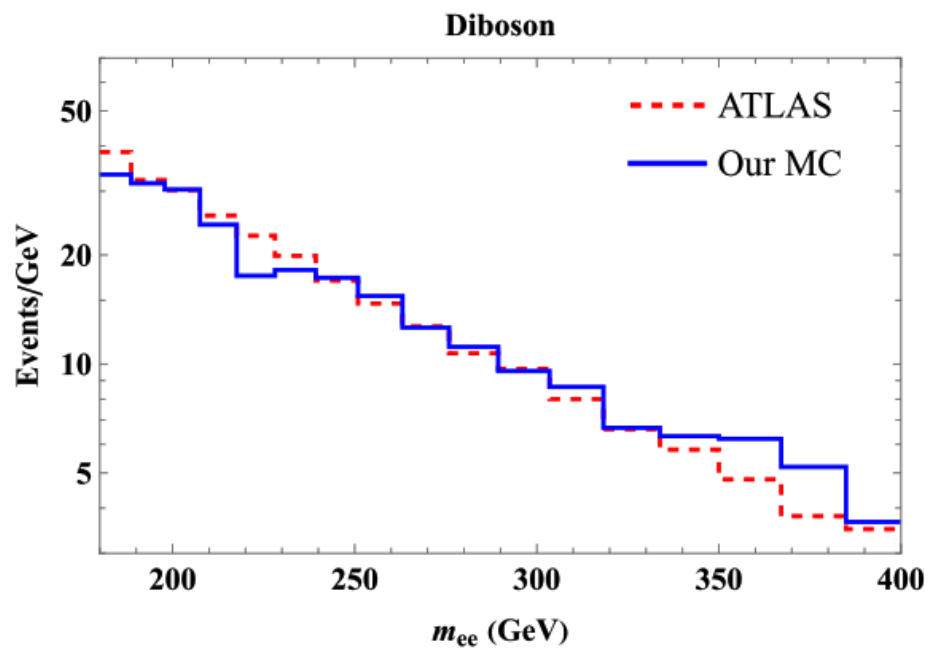


CMS Slepton

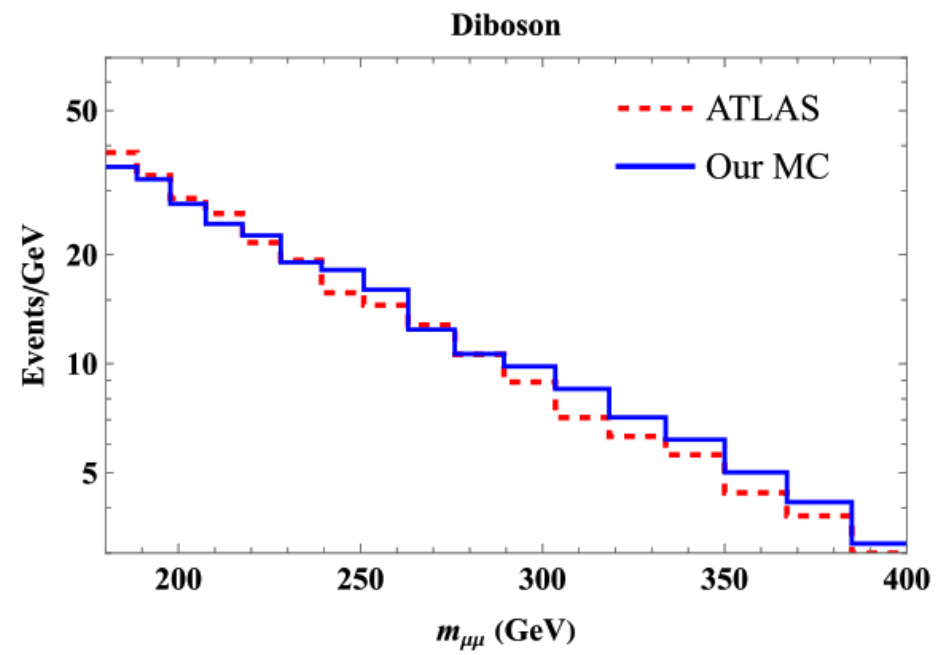


ATLAS Monojet Search

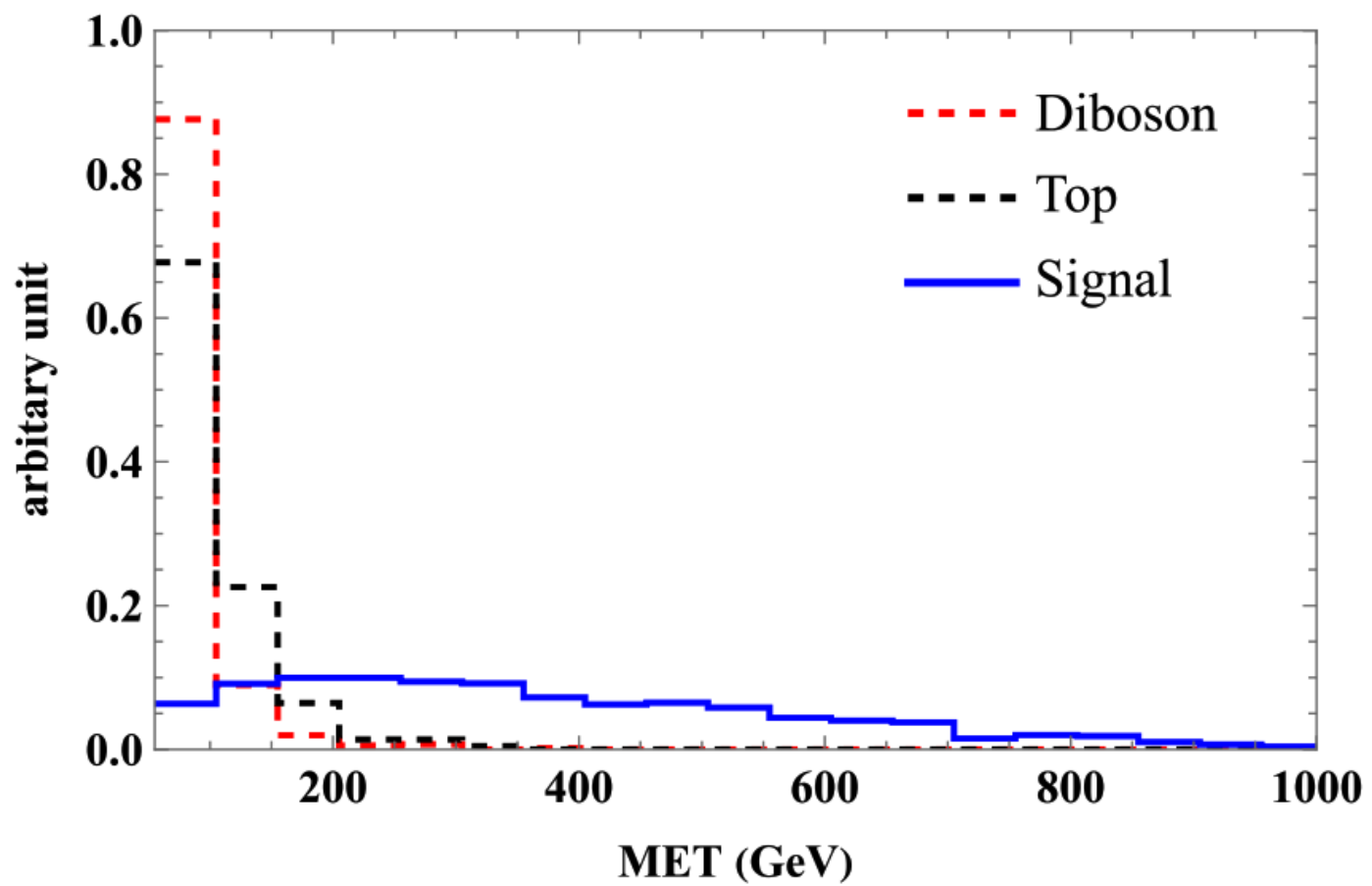




(a)  $ee$  channel



(b)  $\mu\mu$  channel



137 fb<sup>-1</sup> (standard triggers) and 96.6 fb<sup>-1</sup> (scouting triggers) (13 TeV)

