

Searches for leptoquarks with the ATLAS detector



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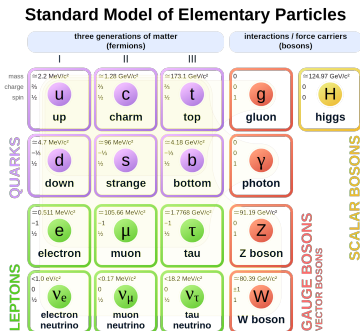
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Why leptoquarks ?



- 3 gen. mirrored lepton \leftrightarrow quark
- Charge: $q_{lep} \leftrightarrow n_{color} \times q_{quark}$
- leptoquarks (LQ) show up in many possible GUT scenarios.

LQ models:

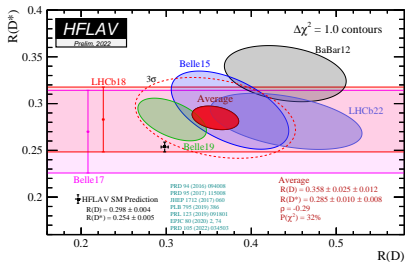
Model	$R_{K^{(*)}}$	$R_{D^{(*)}}$	$R_{K^{(*)}}$ & $R_{D^{(*)}}$
$S_1 = (3, 1)_{-1/3}$	✗	✓	✗
$R_2 = (3, 2)_{7/6}$	✗	✓	✗
$\tilde{R}_2 = (3, 2)_{1/6}$	✗	✗	✗
$S_3 = (3, 3)_{-1/3}$	✓	✗	✗
$U_1 = (3, 1)_{2/3}$	✓	✓	✓
$S_5 = (3, 3)_{2/3}$	✓	✗	✗

Angelscu, Becirevic, DAF, Sumensari [1808.08179]

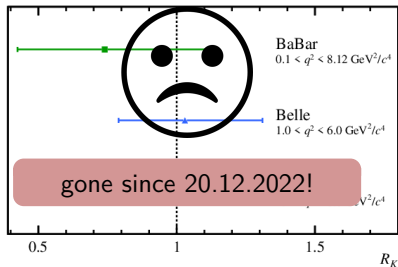
- LQ have color+lepton number
- scalar and vector particles

Observed anomalies

$R_{D^{(*)}}$ - 3σ discrepancy to SM



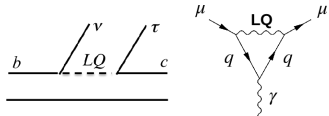
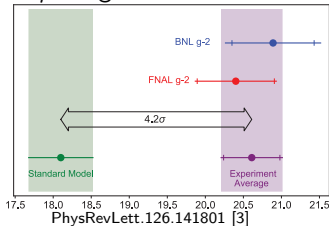
R_K - 3.1σ discrepancy to SM



arXiv: 2103.11769 [2]

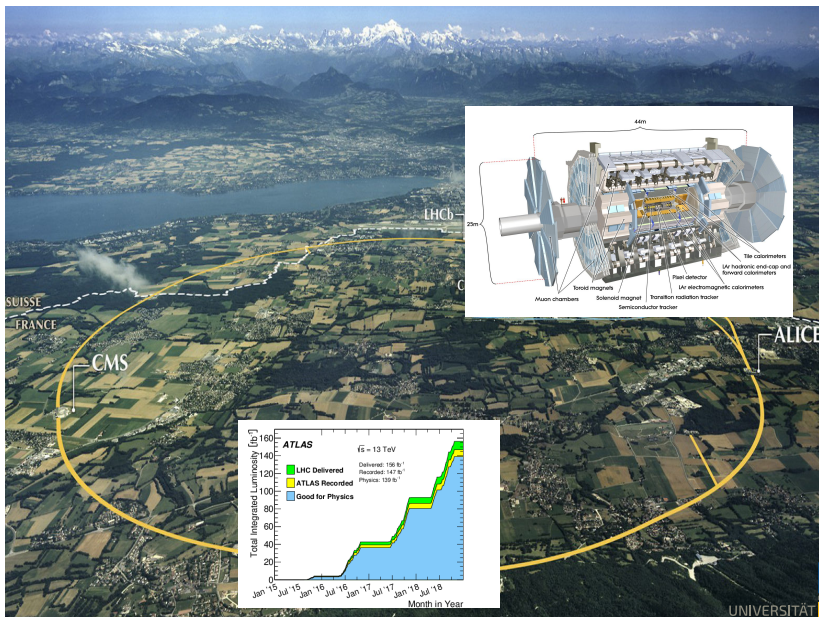
$$\bullet R_{D^{(*)}} = \frac{BR(B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \tau^- \nu_\tau)}{BR(B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \ell \nu)}$$

μ magnetic Moment

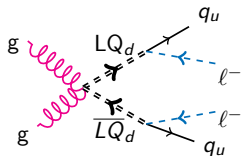


→ Results show significant deviation from SM prediction. Contributions from LQs could explain this nicely!

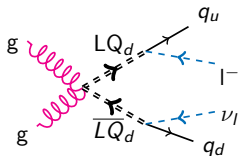
Search for LQ's at ATLAS



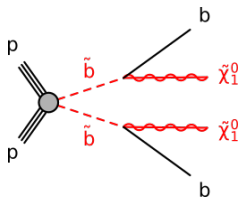
ATLAS search strategy



flavour-diagonal LQ



cross-generational

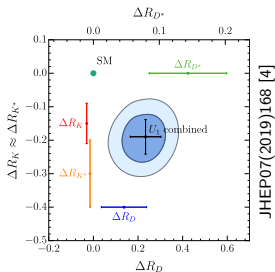


SUSY

- Investigation of pair produced (PP) leptoquarks via QCD
 \Rightarrow almost model independent (compared to single production (SP) or non-resonant processes)
- Process analogous to other PP BSM particles (e.g. SUSY)
 \Rightarrow Allows reinterpretation of existing analyses complementary to dedicated searches
- LQ_d : $|q| = \frac{1}{3}e$, LQ_u : $|q| = \frac{2}{3}e$
- $LQ_{u,d}^3$: couples excl. to 3rd gen.
- $LQ_{u,d}^{mix}$: couples to 3rd gen. q and 1/2 gen. lepton
- Exclusion contours : Leptoquarkmass ($m(LQ)$) against branching fraction to final state (\mathcal{B})

Vector LQ models U_1/\tilde{U}_1

- U_1 LQ was favoured explanation for anomaly in $R_{D^{(*)}}$ and $R_{K^{(*)}}$ – so far
- Only one particle solution to explain both anomalies
- still a valid scenario !



- $U_1(q=2/3)$ and $\tilde{U}_1(q=5/3)$ explored by ATLAS
- Much larger x-section compared to kin. suppressed scalar LQs

$$\mathcal{L}_{U_1} \supset -ig_s (1 - \kappa) U_{1\mu}^\dagger T^a U_{1\nu} G^{a\mu\nu}$$

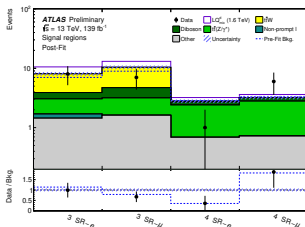
For the vector LQ coupling to color can be suppressed (κ) \Rightarrow 2 scenarios :

- Nominal coupling to color ($\kappa = 0$) Yang Mills (YM)
- Minimal coupling ($\kappa = 1$): coupling to gluon only via covariant derivative

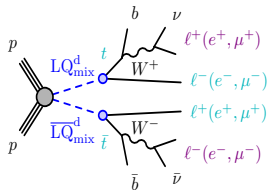
LQ_d^{mix} LQ_d^{mix} → tl tl (multilepton)

Strategy

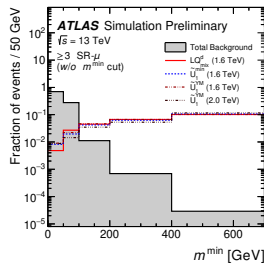
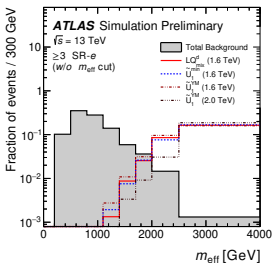
- Select events with 2ℓ from LQ_d^{mix} + 1(2)ℓ from t decay
- Require at least 2 jets, 1 btag. jet
- variables : M_{ll}^{min} and M_{eff}¹
- Fit for M_{ll}^{min} ≥ 100 GeV, M_{eff} ≥ 500 GeV



3ℓ SR (eee/eeμ)



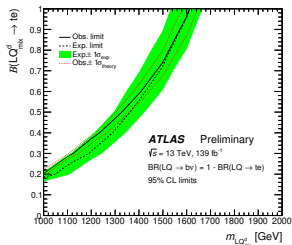
3ℓ SR (μμμ/μμe)



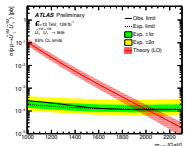
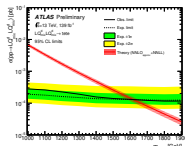
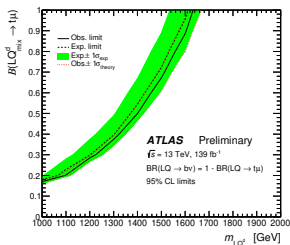
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$$^1 M_{eff} = \sum p_T^\ell + \sum p_T^{jets}$$

$$LQ_d^{mix} LQ_d^{mix} \rightarrow tete$$



$$LQ_d^{mix} LQ_d^{mix} \rightarrow t\mu t\mu$$



Observed limits at 95% CL

- $m(LQ_d^{mix1}) > 1.61 \text{ TeV}/1.64 \text{ TeV}$ for $te/t\mu$
- $m(\tilde{U}_1^2) > 1.71 \text{ TeV}/1.73 \text{ TeV}$ for $te/t\mu$ (min.coupling)
- $m(\tilde{U}_1) > 2.0 \text{ TeV}$ for $te/t\mu$ (Yang Mills coupling)

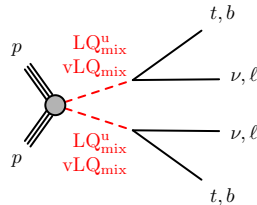
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¹ scalar down type LQ_d^{mix} $\mathcal{B}(LQ \rightarrow t\ell) = 1.0$

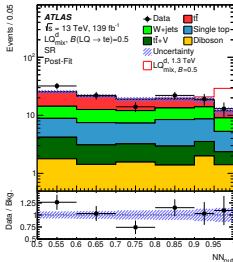
² vector down type LQ (\tilde{U}_1 model) $\mathcal{B}(LQ \rightarrow t\ell) = 1.0$

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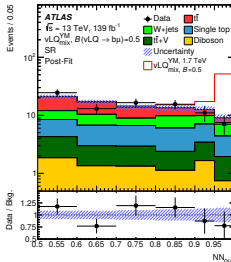
- Select $E_T^{miss} > 250$ GeV, $1l$ and at least 4 jets
- Training region for neural network (NN):
 $n_{jets}^b > 1, m_T^{(l, E_T^{miss})} \geq 120$ GeV, $am_{T2}^1 > 200$ GeV
- Perform mle^1 fit over NN output (classifier below 0.5 as CR)



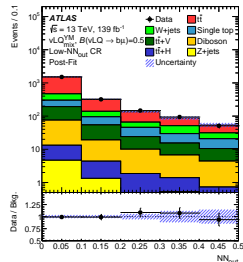
Training region $l=e$



Training region $l=\mu$



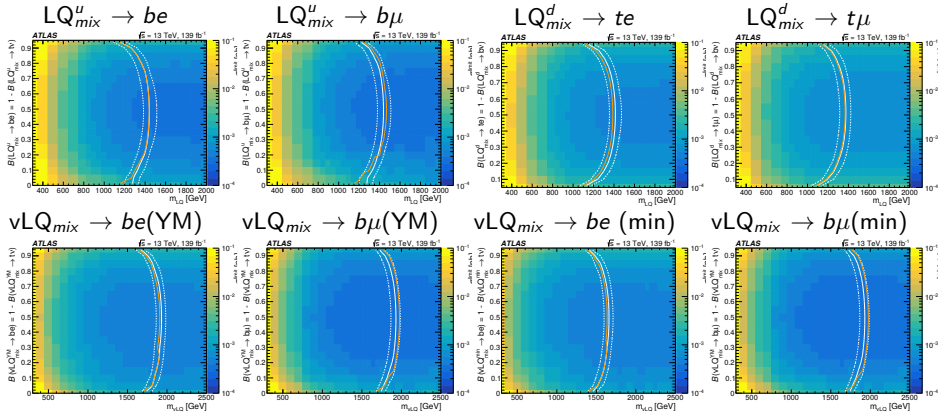
low NN CR



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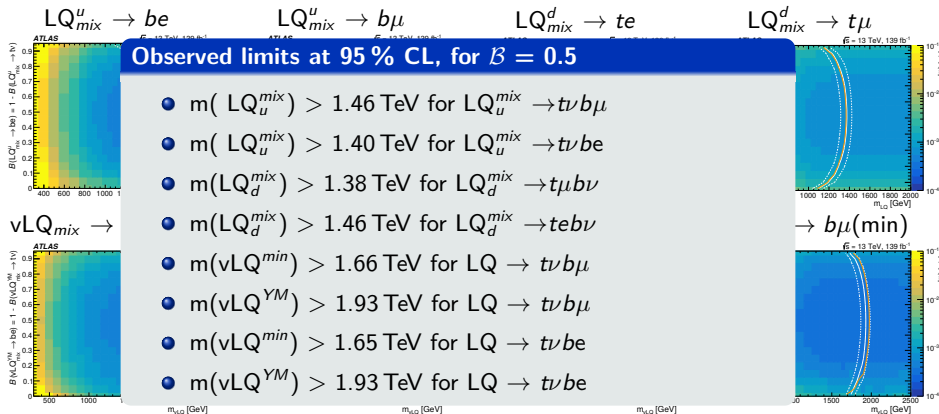
¹ am_{T2} :asymmetric transverse mass [5, 6]

²Minimum likelihood estimator



8 scenarios

- scalar LQ_u^{mix} coupling to $be/b\mu$
- scalar LQ_d^{mix} coupling to $te/t\mu$
- vector $vLQ^{YM/min}$ (U_1) to $be/b\mu$

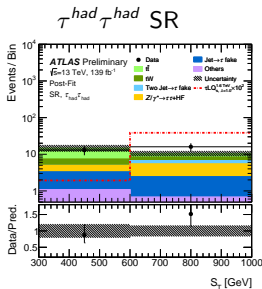
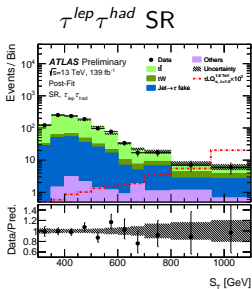
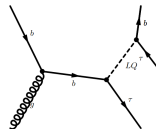


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Strategy

- First direct search for SP LQ at ATLAS
- exploit full-hadronic & semi-leptonic τ -decays (hh/lh)
- Select $m_{\tau\tau}^{vis} > 100$ GeV, $S_T^1 > 300$ GeV, $p_T^{bjet} > 200$ GeV (optimized for resonant production)



- Target \tilde{S}_1 model, $q=4/3$
- $\mathcal{L}_{\tilde{S}_1} \supset \lambda^{ij} \bar{d}_R^i \tilde{S}_1 e_R^j + \dots$
- signal yield varies with Yukawa coupling λ

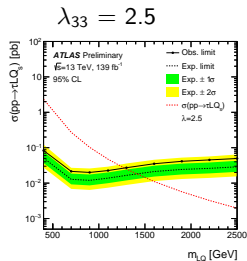
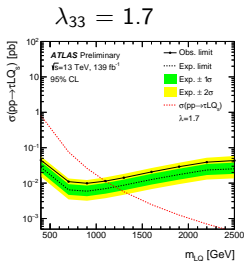
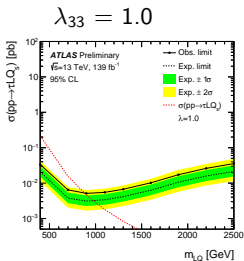
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$$^1 S_T = p_T(\tau^1) + p_T(\tau^2) + p_T(bjet)$$

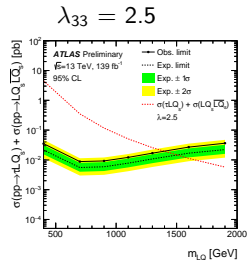
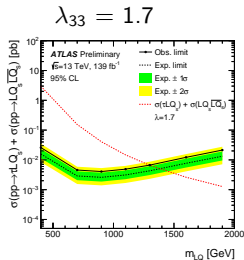
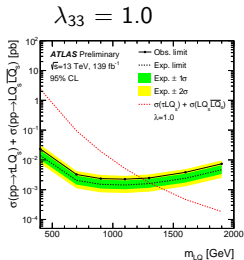
LQ single production : Yukawa coupling λ

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single prod.



single+pair prod.

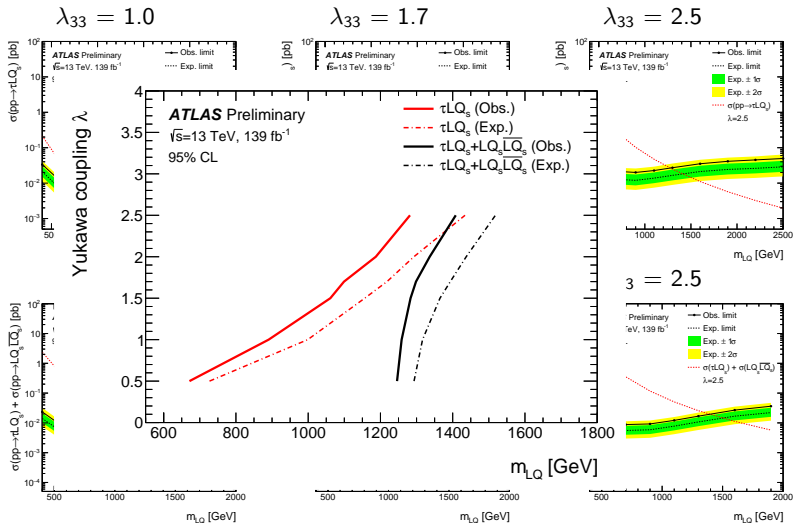


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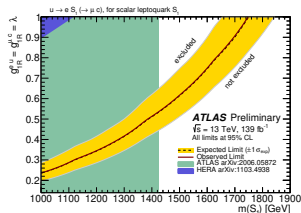
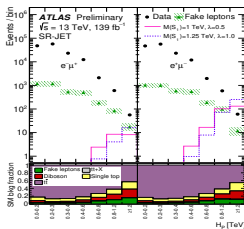
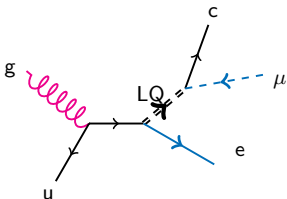
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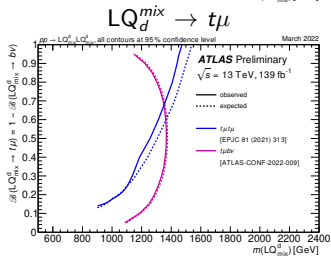
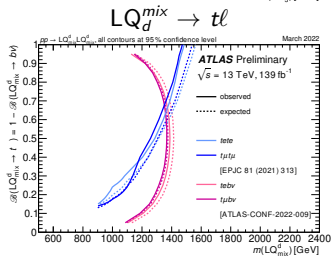
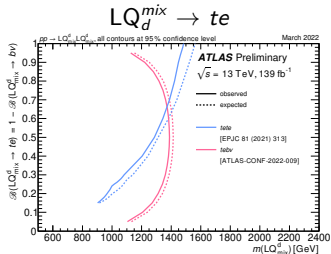
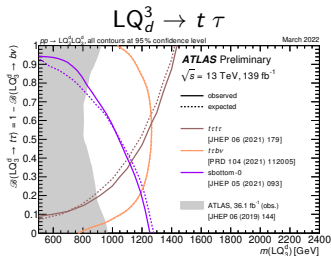
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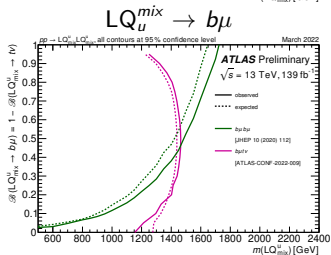
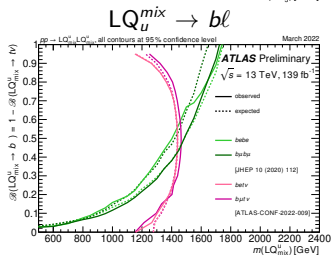
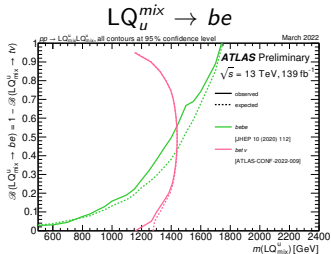
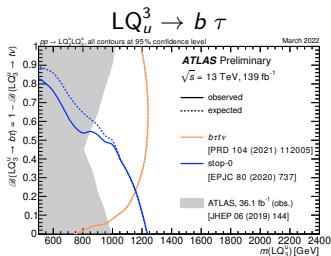
- Data driven analysis of $\rho = \frac{N(e^+\mu^-)}{N(e^-\mu^+)}$ e/μ asymmetry measurement
- Events with exactly 1 μ and 1 e (opposite charge)
- Main discriminating variable: $H_P = |\vec{p}_T^e| + |\vec{p}_T^\mu| + |\vec{p}_T^{jet_{lead}}|$
- MET significance < 6



Observed limits at 95 % CL

- $m(\text{LQ}) > 1.5 \text{ TeV}$ for $\mathcal{B}(\text{LQ} \rightarrow c \mu) = \mathcal{B}(\text{LQ} \rightarrow ue) = 0.5$ with coupling strength $g_{eu} = g_{\mu c} > 0.6$



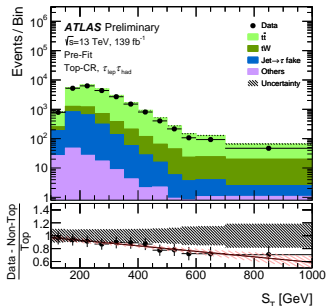


- ATLAS published wide range of searches for LQs using 140 fb^{-1} recorded during Run 2 at LHC
- Some full Run 2 results are still in progress
- Improvements in flavor tagging and τ -reconstruction will be used in future analysis
- LHC Run 3 has started last year and HL LHC will follow: ATLAS is looking forward to significantly more data to be analyzed (≈ 20 times more data expected)

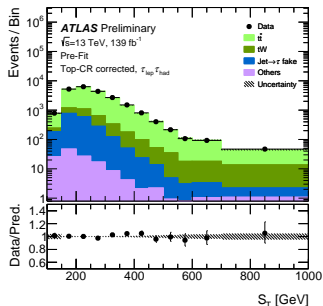
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τ LQ \rightarrow $\tau b\tau$: top reweighting

- top MC generally badly modeled at high S_T
- correction determined in CR without correction

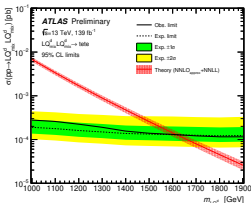


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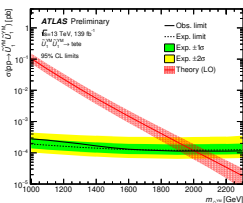


LQLQ \rightarrow tl tl (multilepton)

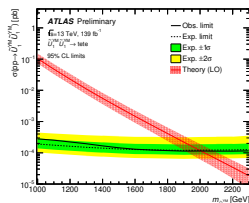
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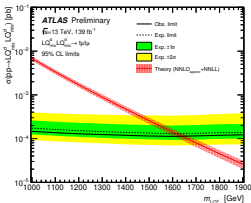
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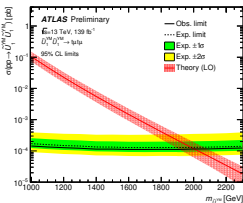
$\tilde{U}_1^{min} \rightarrow te$



LQ $\rightarrow t\mu$



$\tilde{U}_1^{YM} \rightarrow t\mu$



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