

Figure 8: Exclusion contours for the Z'-2HDM scenario in the  $(m_{Z'}, m_A)$  plane for  $\tan \beta = 1$ ,  $g_{Z'} = 0.8$ , and  $m_{\chi} = 100$  GeV. The observed limits (solid line) are consistent with the expectation under the SM-only hypothesis (densely dashed line) within uncertainties (filled band). Observed limits from previous ATLAS results at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV (dash-dotted line [19]) are also shown.

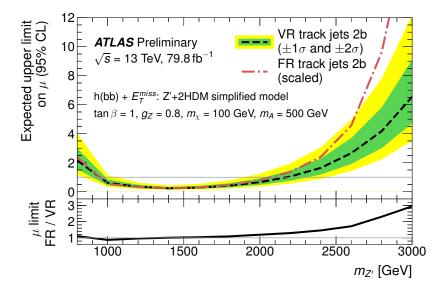


Figure 9: Comparison of the expected upper limits on the signal strength  $\mu$  for the analysis using variable-radius (VR) track-jets (dashed line) against the previous iteration of the analysis performed with fixed-radius (FR) track-jets (dash-dotted line) with two b-tagged jet and scaled to 79.8 fb<sup>-1</sup>, for fixed  $m_A = 500$  GeV and different values of  $m_{Z'}$  of the Z'-2HDM benchmark model. Other differences between the two analyses include the suppression of the multijet background using the object-based  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  significance, reduced uncertainties from the MC statistics, and the improve calibration of the b-tagging efficiency in the VR analysis. The lower panel is the ratio of the upper limits, showing a significant improvement in the high  $m_{Z'}$  region.