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## Extending the pMSSM Coverage with 3-jets+ $\cancel{E}_T$ Simplified Models Results

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## 1 Introduction

The coverage of the pMSSM by means of simplified model results was originally presented in [1]. In particular, the set of pMSSM points considered were made public by the ATLAS collaboration on the HepData website[2], and the ATLAS experiment’s sensitivity of Run 1 searches for SUSY and other more exotic signatures was extensively discussed in ???. The total coverage obtained by the previous SModelS study amounted to roughly 55%-63% for the Bino and Higgsino-like LSP case, respectively. The work also showed that by means of efficiency maps (EM) results, particularly produced by phenomenologists outside the experimental collaborations, it was possible to increase the number of excluded point.

The comparison between the SModelS approach and the re-interpretation performed by the ATLAS collaboration, based on a full recast approach, showed that the main limitation of the simplified model approach is the lack of results for simple signatures, such as the 3jets +  $\cancel{E}_T$ . One of the SModelS tool main features is indeed the ability of extracting the most relevant signatures in terms of  $\sigma \times BR$  (production cross section times branching ratio) that are not currently constrained by simplified models results, called *missing topologies*. The aforementioned signature can arise, for example, from gluino-squark associated production, where the gluino decays preferentially to an on-shell lighter squark, in turn decaying to a jet and the LSP. This simplified model can be fully described by three mass parameters of the sparticle involved:  $m_{\tilde{g}}$ ,  $m_{\tilde{q}}$  and  $m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0}$ . Under the simplified model assumption, results for such model can be used to constrain the alternative mass hierarchy where the squark is heavier than the gluino, so that this time the squark decays to on-shell gluino. The gluino can then decay radiatively to a gluon and the LSP or via an off-shell squark (i.e. 3-body decay, producing a 4jets +  $\cancel{E}_T$  signature), depending on its mass difference with the lightest squark.

The idea at the basis of this paper is to extend further the previous study of the coverage of the pMSSM, and concretely show how the inclusion of newly created EM for the 3jets +  $\cancel{E}_T$  signature increases the coverage of the pMSSM. This can be efficiently done by combining the information obtained with SModelS , which extracts the important missing topologies, and the usage of analyses recasting tools to produce EMs results for arbitrary simplified models, to be implemented in the database of experimental results. For this purpose, this paper is structured as follows: in Section 2 the set up of the analysis is described, with special emphasis on the production of the EMs and the choice of the mass hierarchy ...

## 2 Description of the Analysis Setup

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## 3 Analysis of the 3 jets + $\cancel{E}_T$ Topology

In generic pMSSM-19 points there are three free squark mass parameters:

$$m_{\tilde{u}_L} = m_{\tilde{d}_L} = m_{\tilde{c}_L} = m_{\tilde{s}_L}$$

$$m_{\tilde{u}_R} = m_{\tilde{c}_R}$$

$$m_{\tilde{d}_R} = m_{\tilde{s}_R}$$

Since the mass of the gluinos is another free parameter, there are two possible mass hierarchies of interest. When considering for simplicity one single squark mass with  $m_{\tilde{g}} > m_{\tilde{q}}$  (and the other third generation squark set to a high scale), gluino will decay almost entirely to an on-shell intermediate squark, followed by the decay of the squark to the LSP:

$$\tilde{g} \rightarrow \tilde{q}q, \tilde{q} \rightarrow q\chi_1^0 \quad (3.1)$$

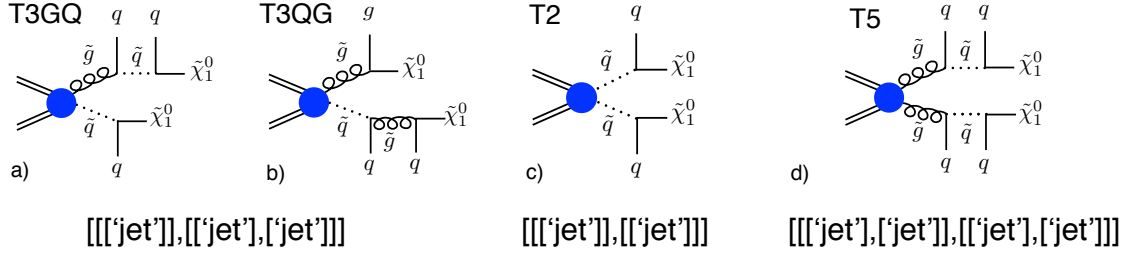
However, for the alternative hierarchy where the squark considered is heavier than the gluino, the squarks will decay to an on-shell intermediate gluino, while the gluino will decay either via radiative decay to the LSP as

$$\tilde{q} \rightarrow \tilde{g}q, \tilde{g} \rightarrow g\chi_1^0 \quad (3.2)$$

or, for small  $\Delta(\min(m_{\tilde{q}}, m_{\tilde{g}}))$ , via a three-body decay from off-shell squark:

$$\tilde{q} \rightarrow \tilde{g}q, \tilde{g} \rightarrow q\bar{q}\tilde{\chi}_1^0. \quad (3.3)$$

This last model, that produces a 4-jets "[['jet', 'jet'], [['jet'], ['jet']]]" signature, will not be considered in this work. The simplified model of interest of this paper is instead the one described by the experimental signature 3jets +  $\cancel{E}_T$  or, using SModelS language, by the "[['jet'], [['jet'], ['jet']]]"



**Figure 1.** Diagrams for the simplified models used for the extension of the database. Models  $T3GQ$ (a) and  $T3QG$ (b), corresponding to the two different mass hierarchies  $m_{\tilde{g}} > m_{\tilde{q}}$  and  $m_{\tilde{q}} > m_{\tilde{g}}$ , are identified by the experimental signature  $[[['jet'], ['jet'], ['jet']]]$  in SMODELS notation. Diagrams c) and d) represent the  $T2$  and  $T5$  models, mapping to the  $[[['jet'], ['jet']]]$  and  $[[['jet'], ['jet']], [['jet'], ['jet']]]$  signatures.

constrain. This experimental signature can be obtained by considering two different mass hierarchies, which are depicted by the diagrams a) and b) in Fig. 1. The former, labelled  $T3GQ$  represents the case where the gluinos are heavier than the squarks considered, while the latter, labelled  $T3QG$  represents the opposite case. Depending on the specific pMSSM model point considered, one mass hierarchy or the other can potentially produce this particular signature. According to simplified models assumptions, however, there is no need to distinguish between the two cases, and it should be possible to use efficiencies (and consequently limits) obtained with the choice of one of the hierarchies to constrain both scenarios. As stated in the introduction, the  $T3GQ$  model was found to be the most important missing result for the pMSSM. It is to note, however that, by construction, the  $T2$  and  $T5$  models, represented by plots c) and d) of Fig. 1, are automatically important when the  $T3GQ$  model is. In practice, the  $T3GQ$  model is an asymmetric model composed by one branch from the  $T2$  and one branch from the  $T5$  models. Thanks to the usage of EM results, it is thus possible to combine the signals from the  $pp \rightarrow \tilde{g}\tilde{g}$ ,  $pp \rightarrow \tilde{q}\tilde{q}$  and  $pp \rightarrow \tilde{g}\tilde{q}$  channels. Along with the results from  $TGQ$ , the power of combining the  $T2$  and  $T5$  models will be explored in this work. For completeness, results for the  $T2$  and  $T5$  models were already included in the previous release of the database, hence did not appear in the missing topologies list of the original study.

### 3.1 Efficiency Maps Production and Extension of the Database

The set-up for the homegrown EMs production, including the description of the Monte Carlo settings was described in the Appendix of [3]. The complete set of simplified models results, together with the relative grid and mass planes used are described in Tab. 1. The analyses considered were the two multijets analyses ATLAS-SUSY-2013-02 and CMS-SUS-13-012. Although official EM results for the  $T2$  model were made public by the collaborations, part of the parameter space with small mass gap between the squark and the LSP is below 50 GeV is not properly covered. For this reason, EMs were produced, up to a mass difference as small as 5 GeV between the squarks and the LSP. The mass hierarchy used for the production of the gluino-squark model is  $m_{\tilde{g}} > m_{\tilde{q}}$ , meaning that the  $T3GQ$  model was chosen to constrain the

Txname	Mass Planes	Description
<i>T2</i>	-	$\Delta M(\tilde{q}, \tilde{\chi}_1^0)$ as low as 5 GeV
<i>T5</i>	$x = (0.05, 0.50, 0.95)$	-
	$\Delta M(\tilde{g}, \tilde{q}) = 5 \text{ GeV}$	-
	$\Delta M(\tilde{q}, \tilde{\chi}_1^0) = 5 \text{ GeV}$	-
<i>T3GQ</i>	$m_{\tilde{g}} = 200, 250, \dots, 1200$	$m_{\tilde{g}}$ in 50 GeV bins
	$m_{\tilde{g}} = 1300, 1400, \dots, 2000$	$m_{\tilde{g}}$ in 100 GeV bins
		$m_{\tilde{q}}$ in 50 GeV bins (up to 1 TeV)
		$\Delta M(\tilde{q}, \tilde{\chi}_1^0)$ as low as 5 GeV

**Table 1.** Mass plane parametrization used for the EMs production of the *T2*, *T3GQ* and *T5*. The parameter  $x$  is defined so that  $m_{\tilde{q}} = x \cdot m_{\tilde{g}} + (1 - x) \cdot m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0}$ . For the *T3GQ* model, the gluino mass reaches the value of 2 TeV, with a binning of 50 GeV for  $200 \leq m_{\tilde{g}} < 1200$ , and a binning of 100 GeV for  $1200 \leq m_{\tilde{g}} \leq 2000$  GeV. The squark masses have a 50 GeV binning, up to 1 TeV. For a better coverage of the parameter space in the case of small mass differences, additional mass planes parametrized with  $\Delta M(\tilde{q}, \tilde{\chi}_1^0) = (5, 10, 15)$  GeV were produced.

Number of Points	Bino-like LSP	Higgsino-like LSP
Total	38527	45345
Excluded by UL+EM	28765 (74 %)	32358 (71 %)

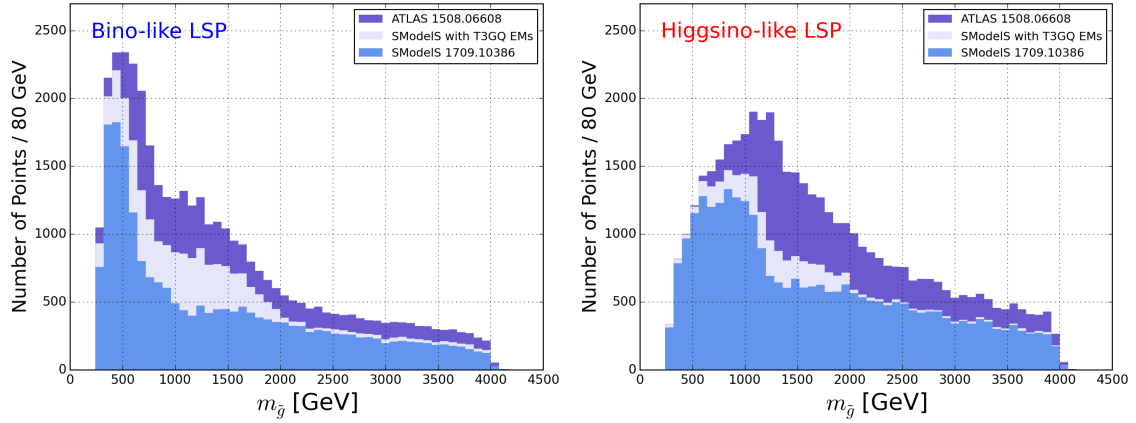
**Table 2.** SModelS constraints for the Bino and Higgsino-like LSP after the addition of the newly implemented EMs results from the models *T2*, *T5* and *T3GQ*.

"[[['jet']], [['jet'], ['jet']]]" signature. Note that the same problem related to the choice of the mass hierarchy applies to the *T5* model: the "[[['jet']], [['jet']]]" signature can be obtained both with  $\tilde{g} \rightarrow g\tilde{\chi}_1^0$  and  $\tilde{q} \rightarrow q\tilde{\chi}_1^0$ ; for the maps production, again the former hierarchy was chosen.

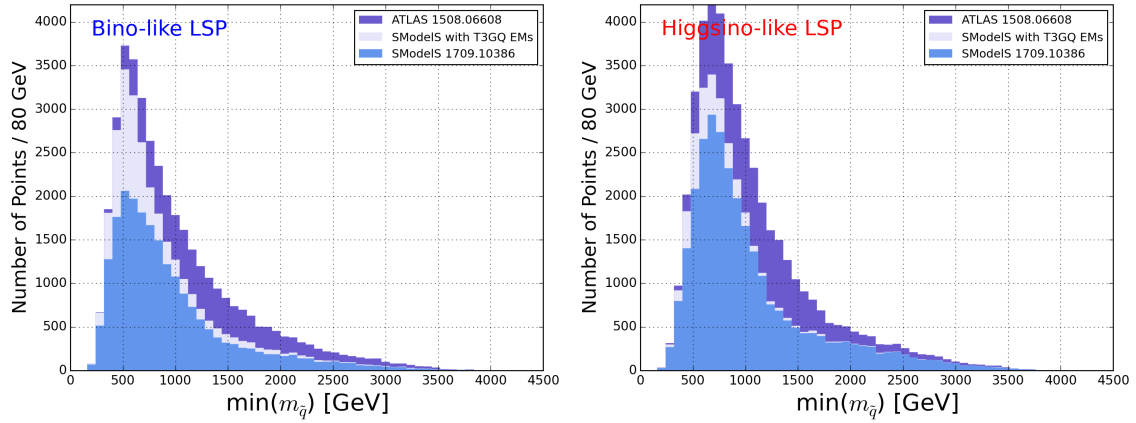
## 4 Extending the pMSSM Coverage

In this Section we study the improvements in the pMSSM coverage provided by the additional EMs for the *T3GQ* gluino-squark model, in combination with the *T2* and *T5* model. Table 2 shows the new total exclusion of the pMSSM points. The coverage in the Bino and Higgsino-like case reaches up to 74 and 71 %, with an increase of +19% and +8% respectively from the previous work. The major improvement appears in the Bino-like LSP case, as visible also in the gluino and squark mass coverage distributions in Fig. 2 and 3. It is also interesting to analyse the exclusion provided by each Txname result, and the impact of their combination. This is shown in Fig. ??, where the study is done considering the analysis ATLAS-SUSY-2013-02 only.

As detailed in Section 3, the *T2*, *T5* and *T3GQ* can be combined to efficiently reconstruct the signals from  $\tilde{g}\tilde{g}$ ,  $q\tilde{q}$  and  $\tilde{g}\tilde{q}$  production channels. The exclusion provided by each single



**Figure 2.** SModelS exclusion as a function of  $m_{\tilde{g}}$  for the Bino(left) and Higgsino-like LSP (right): the points officially excluded by ATLAS are shown in purple, while in light blue the SModelS exclusion using the newly ‘homegrown’ maps for the  $T2$ ,  $T5$  and  $TGQ$  ( $T3GQ$ ) models is shown. The previous exclusion from [1], obtained without the EMs produced for this work, is shown in slate blue.



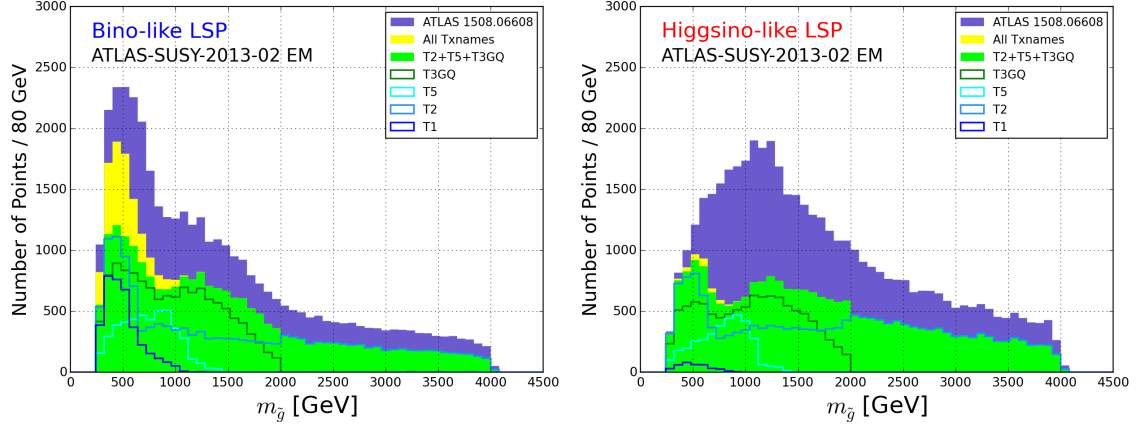
**Figure 3.** Same as Fig. ?? as a function of  $m_{\tilde{g}}$ .

Txname and by the combination of the  $T2 + T5 + T3GQ$  models are drawn in Fig. 4 and 5, for the analysis ATLAS-SUSY-2013-02 only. Note that points can be excluded by more than one Txname, e.g. points with both light squarks and gluinos.

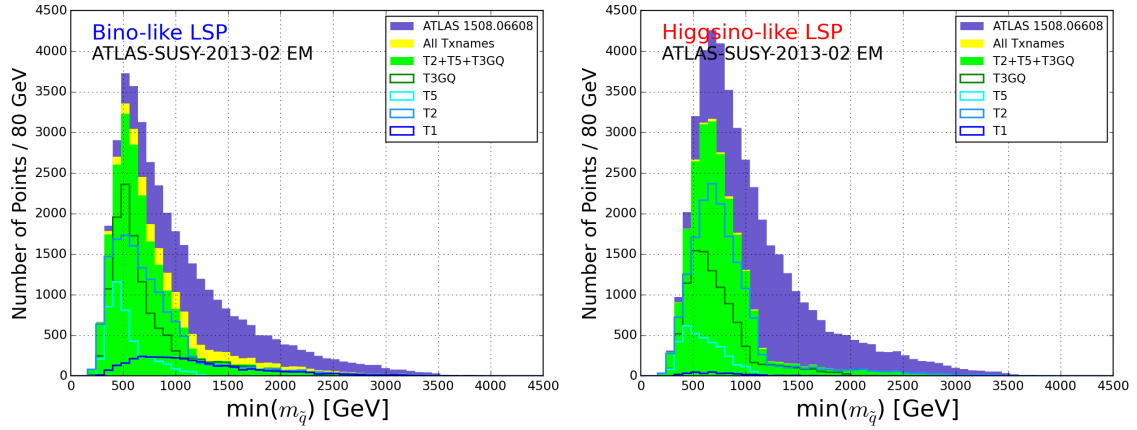
Figures 4 and 5 Finally the SModelS rvalue for the points that could not be excluded in the previous work, is shown in Fig. 6. It is interesting to note that many points exhibit a high value, exceeding the limits of the color bar of the plot.

## 5 Conclusion

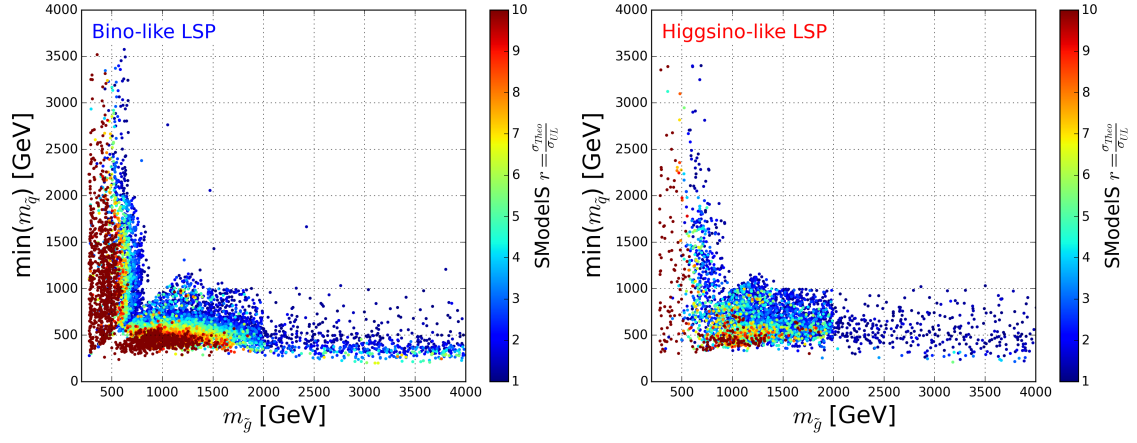
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**Figure 4.** Contribution of the  $T1$ ,  $T2$ ,  $T5$  and  $T3GQ$  and their combination for the analysis ATLAS-SUSY-2013-02, as a function of  $m_{\tilde{g}}$ . For each Txname, the total number of points excluded is shown.



**Figure 5.** Same as Fig. 4 as a function of  $m_{\tilde{q}}$ .



**Figure 6.** SModelS  $r$ -values for the additionally excluded points, for the Bino (left) and Higgsino-like LSP (right).



## A T3GQ vs T3QG Upper Limits

The following Tables 3 and 4 compare the upper limits obtained for the mass point  $(M_1, M_2, M_3) = (1000, 200, 190), (1200, 600, 500)$  [GeV] for the two different hierarchy models  $T3GQ(m_{\tilde{g}}, m_{\tilde{q}}, m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0})$  and  $T3QG(m_{\tilde{q}}, m_{\tilde{g}}, m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0})$ . In bold, the best SR providing the strongest expected limit and corresponding observed limit is shown. The difference in the efficiency and consequent choice of a different SR, respectively  $2jm$  for  $T3GQ$  and  $2jt$  for  $T3QG$ , favours a strongest limit for the  $T3GQ$  case. However the difference is contained within a factor 2, which translates to only few tens of GeV difference in the excluded mass of Squarks or Gluinos.

$(M_1, M_2, M_3) = (1000, 200, 190)$								
			T3GQ			T3QG		
SR	$UL_{exp}$	$UL_{obs}$	$\epsilon$	$UL_{exp}/\epsilon$	$UL_{obs}/\epsilon$	$\epsilon$	$UL_{exp}/\epsilon$	$UL_{obs}/\epsilon$
2jm	5.552	4.242	0.118	<b>47.1</b>	<b>36.0</b>	0.090	<b>61.5</b>	<b>47.0</b>
2jt	1.512	1.818	0.032	<b>47.9</b>	<b>57.5</b>	0.027	<b>56.1</b>	<b>67.4</b>
3j	0.332	0.433	0.002	139.4	182.2	0.002	186.4	243.6
4jl	5.435	4.749	0.032	171.4	149.8	0.039	139.7	122.1
4jl-	11.561	13.292	0.036	318.7	366.4	0.047	248.0	285.2
4jt	0.240	0.149	0.002	146.1	90.8	0.001	178.1	110.8
5j	1.714	1.543	0.007	245.1	220.7	0.010	172.9	155.6
6jl	1.531	1.923	0.002	965.5	1212.5	0.003	555.5	697.7
6jt	0.333	0.332	0.001	472.8	470.4	0.001	327.8	326.2
6jt+	0.302	0.399	0.001	428.6	566.3	0.001	297.2	392.7

**Table 3.** Summary of the UL for the SRs of ATLAS-SUSY-2013-02, for the  $T3GQ$  and  $T3QG$  models, with mass spectrum  $(M_1, M_2, M_3) = (1000, 200, 190)$  [GeV]. In bold, the expected and observed limits for the best SR are highlighted.

$(M_1, M_2, M_3) = (1200, 600, 500)$								
			T3GQ			T3QG		
SR	$UL_{exp}$	$UL_{obs}$	$\epsilon$	$UL_{exp}/\epsilon$	$UL_{obs}/\epsilon$	$\epsilon$	$UL_{exp}/\epsilon$	$UL_{obs}/\epsilon$
2jm	5.552	4.242	0.178	31.172	23.815	0.184	30.111	23.004
2jt	1.512	1.818	0.061	<b>24.623</b>	<b>29.601</b>	0.069	<b>21.949</b>	<b>26.385</b>
3j	0.332	0.433	0.005	61.421	80.255	0.005	64.971	84.893
4jl	5.435	4.749	0.165	69.892	80.356	0.188	61.542	70.756
4jl-	11.561	13.292	0.145	37.596	32.851	0.166	32.813	28.672
4jt	0.240	0.149	0.004	54.035	33.611	0.004	54.765	34.065
5j	1.714	1.543	0.048	36.043	32.449	0.055	31.004	27.912
6jl	1.531	1.923	0.016	98.361	123.530	0.018	83.039	104.286
6jt	0.333	0.332	0.008	43.713	43.489	0.007	45.136	44.905
6jt+	0.302	0.399	0.008	39.632	52.359	0.007	40.922	54.063

**Table 4.** Summary of the UL for the SRs of ATLAS-SUSY-2013-02, for the  $T3GQ$  and  $T3QG$  models, with mass spectrum  $(M_1, M_2, M_3) = (1200, 600, 500)$  [GeV]. In bold, the expected and observed limits for the best SR are highlighted.

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