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The quest for Natural SUSY

ATLAS searches

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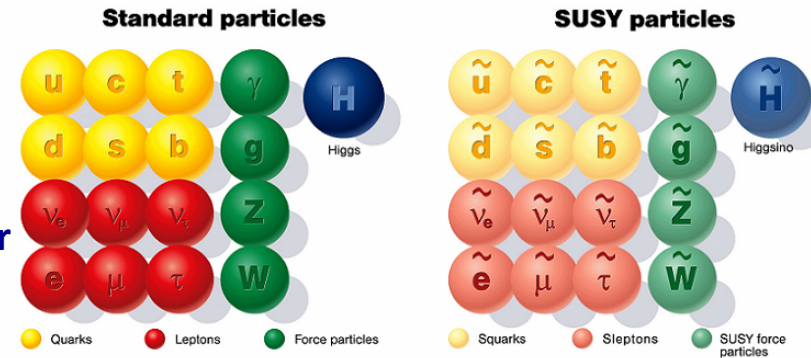
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Supersymmetry and MSSM

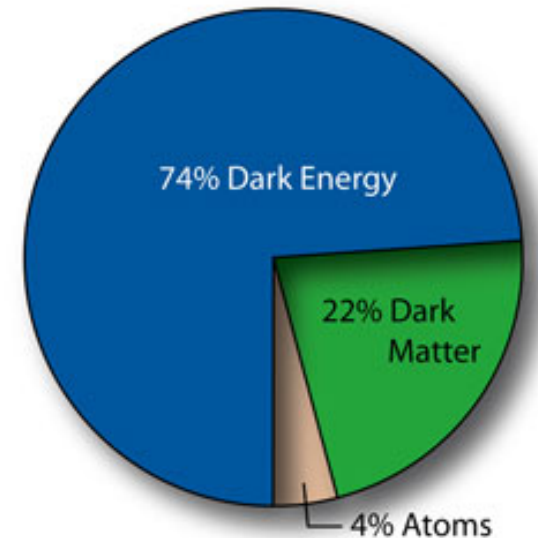
The Standard Model (SM) is a powerful and successful description of fundamental interactions, but:

- Has an **high-level of fine-tuning** (quadratically divergent corrections to the Higgs boson mass)
- Doesn't provide an explanation for the **Dark Matter**
- Doesn't provide an **unification** of QCD and EW coupling constants



Supersymmetry (SUSY) can extend the SM

- New physics at TeV scale
- SUSY relates each SM particle to another, known as *superpartner*, that differs by half unit of spin.
- SUSY is broken: sparticle masses are function of the breaking terms.
- **R-parity** $R = (-1)^{3B+L+2S}$ is a discrete multiplicative symmetry.
 - **SUSY particles must be produced in pairs**
 - The Lightest Supersymmetric Particle (LSP) is stable (dark matter candidate)



Natural SUSY

Naturalness provides a useful criterion to address the status of SUSY at the electroweak scale.

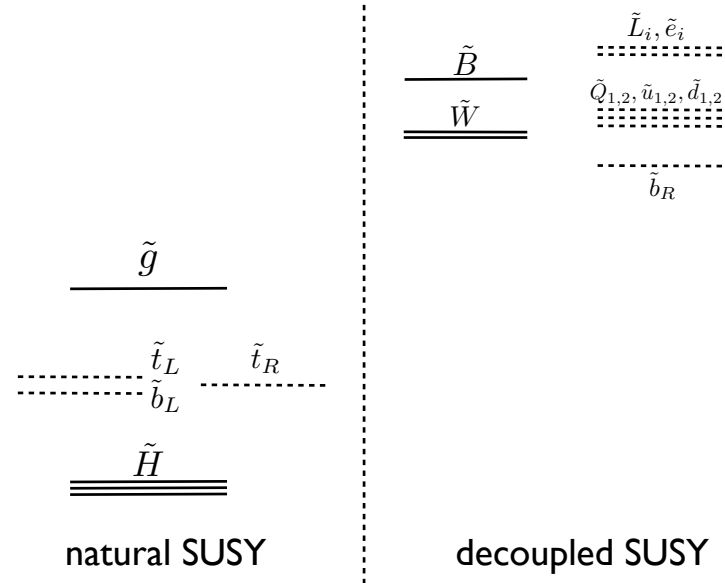
- The naturalness requirement is summarized by the following relation in the Minimal Supersymmetric Standard Model (MSSM)

$$-\frac{m_Z^2}{2} = |\mu|^2 + m_H^2$$

If the superpartners are too heavy, contributions to the right-hand side must be tuned against each other to achieve electroweak symmetry breaking at the observed energy scale.

$$\delta m_H^2|_{stop} \cong -\frac{3y_t^2}{8\pi^2} \left(m_{Q_3}^2 + m_{U_3}^2 + |A_t|^2 \right) \ln \left(\frac{\Lambda}{TeV} \right)$$

$$\delta m_H^2|_{gluino} \cong -\frac{2y_t^2}{\pi^2} \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \right) |M_3|^2 \ln^2 \left(\frac{\Lambda}{TeV} \right)$$



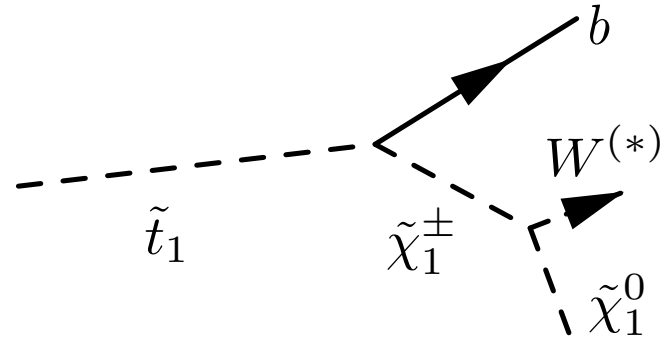
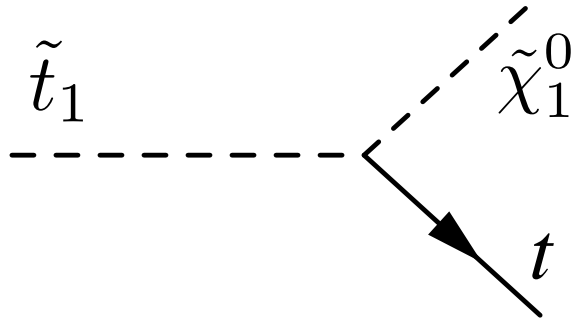
The following particles are required to be light:

- Two *higgsinos*, i.e. one chargino and two neutralinos below 350 GeV ($\mu \cong m_Z$ at tree level)
- stop and sbottoms** up to 700 GeV (1-loop radiative corrections)
- Gluinos* up to 1.5 TeV (2-loop radiative corrections)

Common analysis strategies

The analyses presented in the following slides share a common approach:

- Define a *Signal Region* (SR) based on signal kinematic features
- Estimate the Standard Model processes in the SR:
 - **Data-driven** reducible backgrounds (QCD multijet backgrounds)
 - **Semi data-driven** major irreducible backgrounds
 - Define a *control region* (CR) for each of the backgrounds
 - Normalise MC yields to data $N(\text{SR}) = (N^{\text{Data}}(\text{CR}) - N_{\text{others}}(\text{CR})) \frac{N^{\text{MC}}(\text{SR})}{N^{\text{MC}}(\text{CR})}$
 - Apply transfer factor from CR to SR
 - Minor backgrounds are taken from **MC simulation** only
- Check background estimation against data in *Validation Regions* (VR)
- Look at the observed data in the SR



- Fully hadronic final state
- One lepton final state
- Two leptons final state

DIRECT SCALAR TOP SEARCHES

Scalar top: fully hadronic

This analysis looks for events where each of the stops decays into a top quark + $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$

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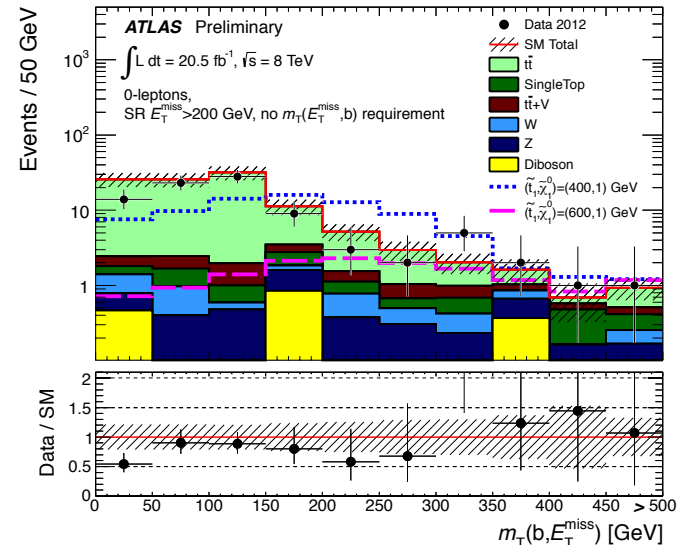
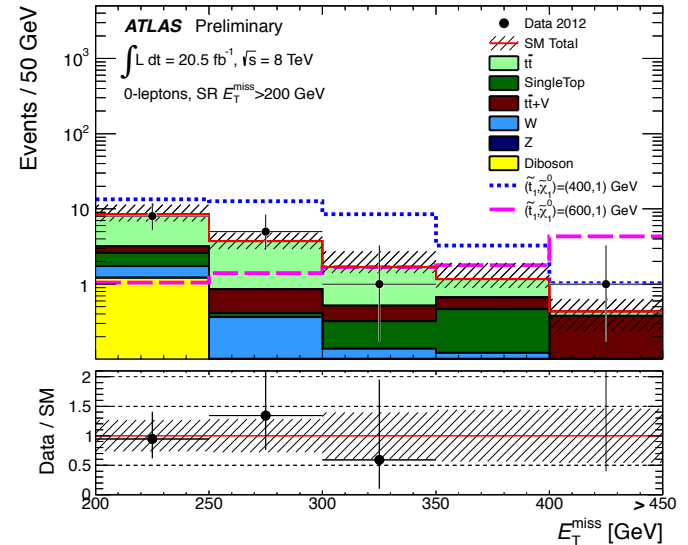
The final state for this search is therefore six or more jets and E_T^{miss} .

Six or more jets are required (plus lepton veto)

- 2 b-tags, $p_T^{\text{jet}1,2} > 80 \text{ GeV}$, $p_T^{\text{jet}3+} > 35 \text{ GeV}$
- $\Delta\phi(E_T^{\text{miss}}, \text{jet}_{1,2,3}) > 0.2\pi$
- $\Delta\phi(E_T^{\text{miss}}, E_T^{\text{miss,track}}) < \pi/3$ ($E_T^{\text{miss,track}} > 30 \text{ GeV}$)
- Tau-jet veto

Final selection on

- $m_T(E_T^{\text{miss}}, \text{b-jet}_{\text{closest}}) > 175 \text{ GeV}$
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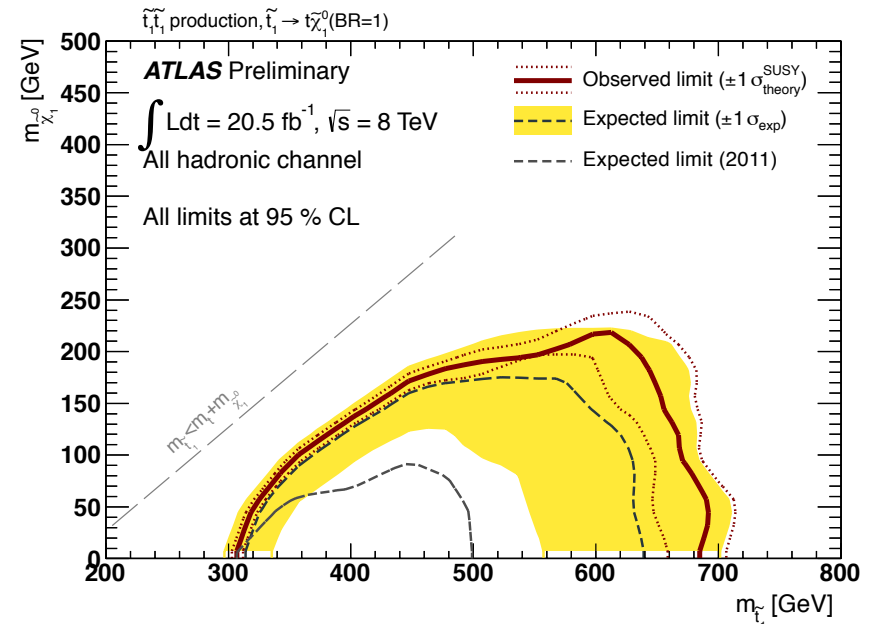
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Number of events	SR1	SR2	SR3
Observed	15	2	1
Expected background	17.5 ± 3.2	4.7 ± 1.5	2.7 ± 1.2
Expected $t\bar{t}$	9.8 ± 2.6	1.9 ± 1.3	0.9 ± 0.7
Expected $t\bar{t} + W/Z$	1.7 ± 1.0	0.7 ± 0.4	0.51 ± 0.30
Expected Z+jets	2.1 ± 1.0	1.2 ± 0.5	0.8 ± 0.4
Expected W+jets	1.2 ± 0.8	0.32 ± 0.29	$0.19^{+0.23}_{-0.19}$
Expected single-top	1.5 ± 0.9	0.5 ± 0.4	$0.3^{+0.5}_{-0.3}$
Expected multijet	0.12 ± 0.12	0.01 ± 0.01	< 0.01
Expected diboson	1.2 ± 1.2	< 0.22	< 0.22
Fit input expectation $t\bar{t}$	9.9	1.7	0.6

NEW!

Scalar top: 1 lepton

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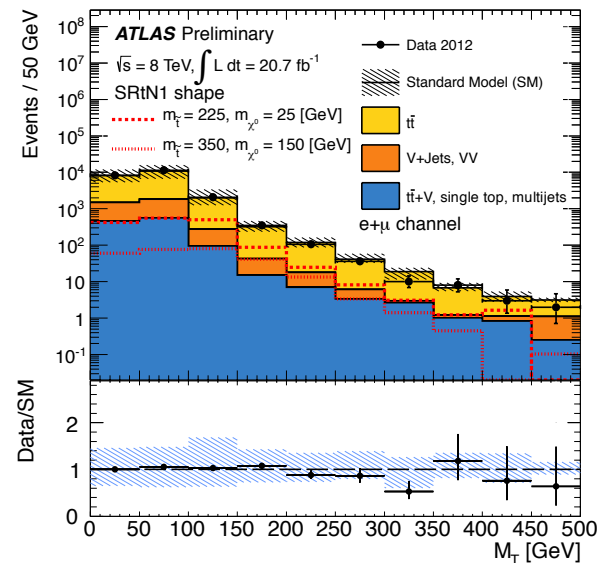
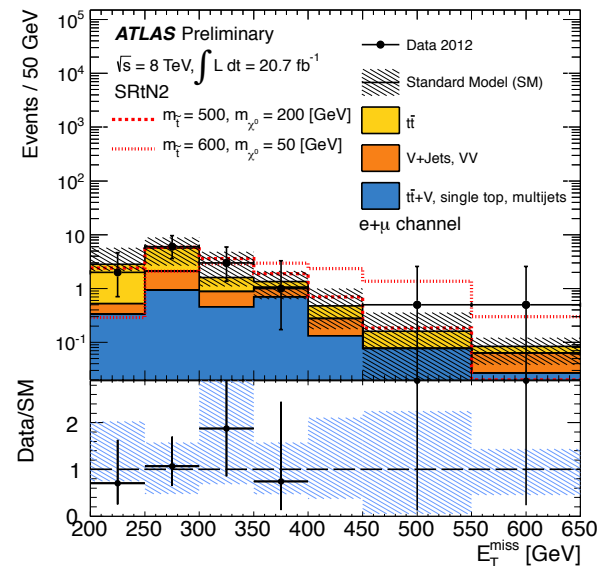
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Multiple signal regions (see backup):

- relying mostly on a **harsh selection on E_T^{miss} and m_T**

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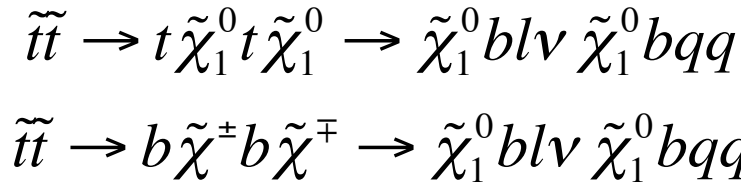
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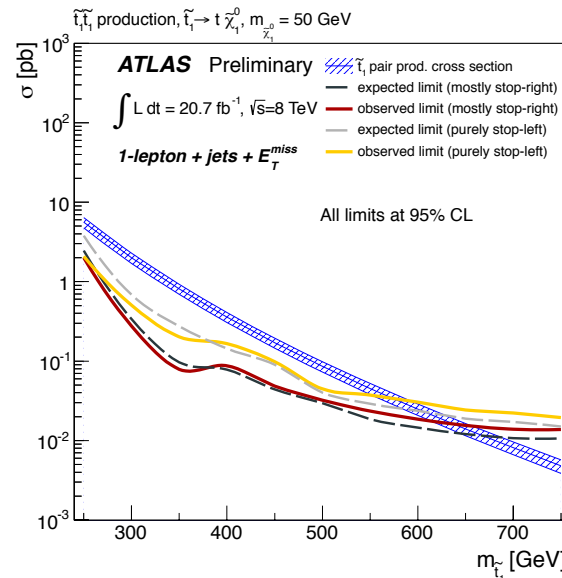
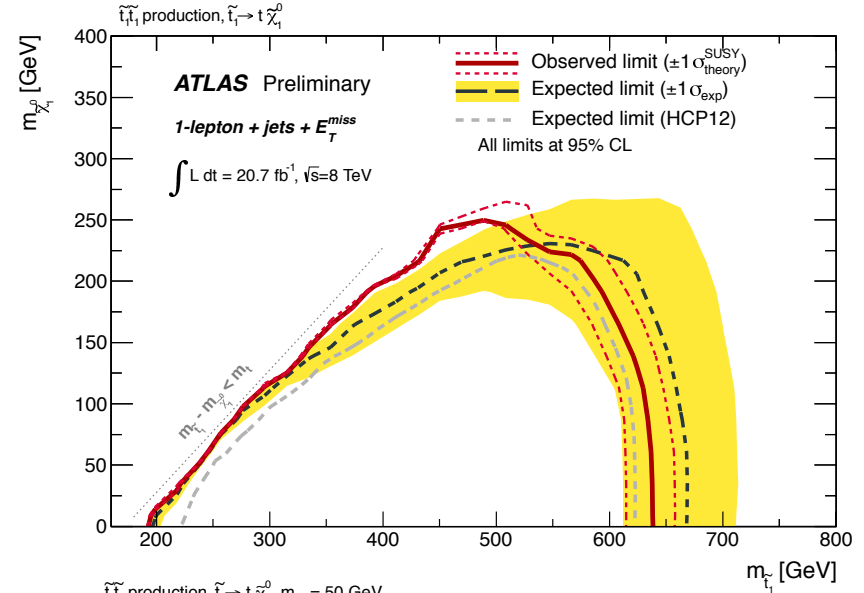


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Dependency on the stop chirality.

If the stop is left handed, results are penalised by lepton decreased acceptance

Scalar top: 2 leptons

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Use of the m_{T2} variable to discriminate the signal from the background

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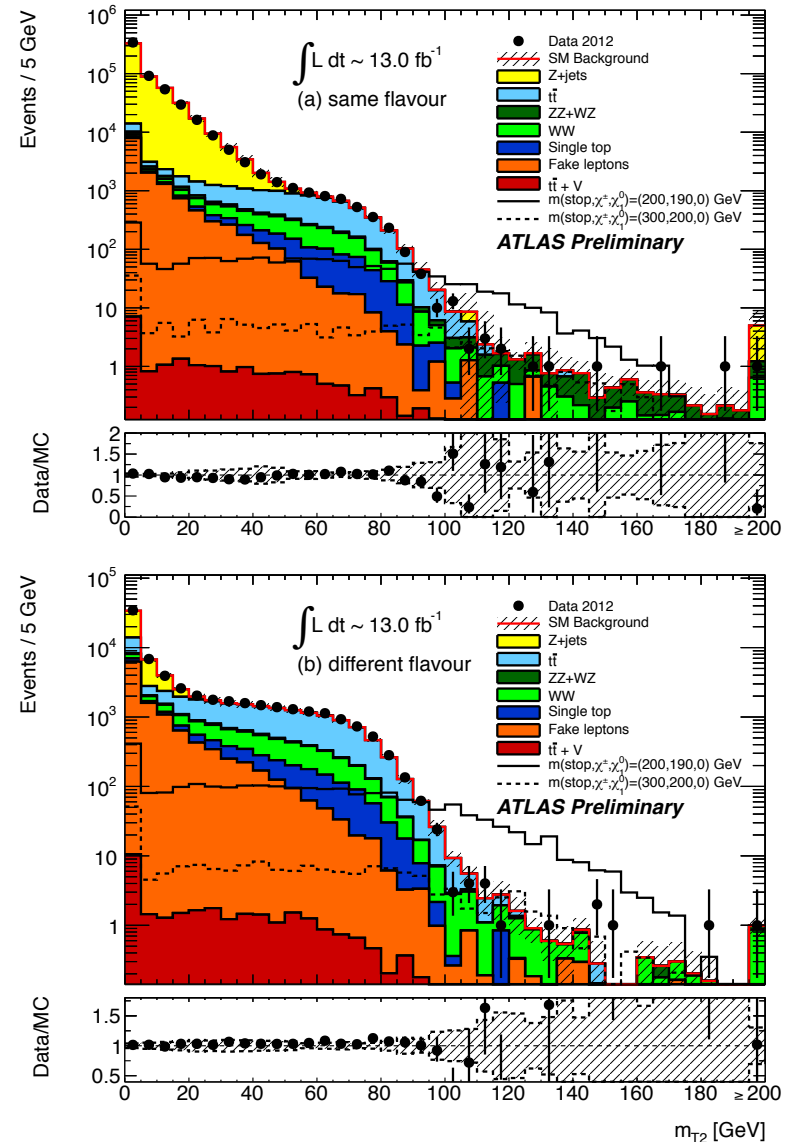
Exactly two **opposite sign** high- p_T leptons
(e or μ , veto a third)

Two channels: **Different Flavour DF** ($e\mu$)
Same Flavour SF ($ee, \mu\mu$)

- $\Delta\phi(E_T^{\text{miss}}, \text{closest jet}) > 1.0$
- $\Delta\phi_b(E_T^{\text{miss}}, p_b^{\parallel}) < 1.5$
- $M_{T2} > 90, 100, 110 \text{ GeV}$

SF candidates only

- Veto $71 \text{ GeV} < m_{\parallel} < 111 \text{ GeV}$



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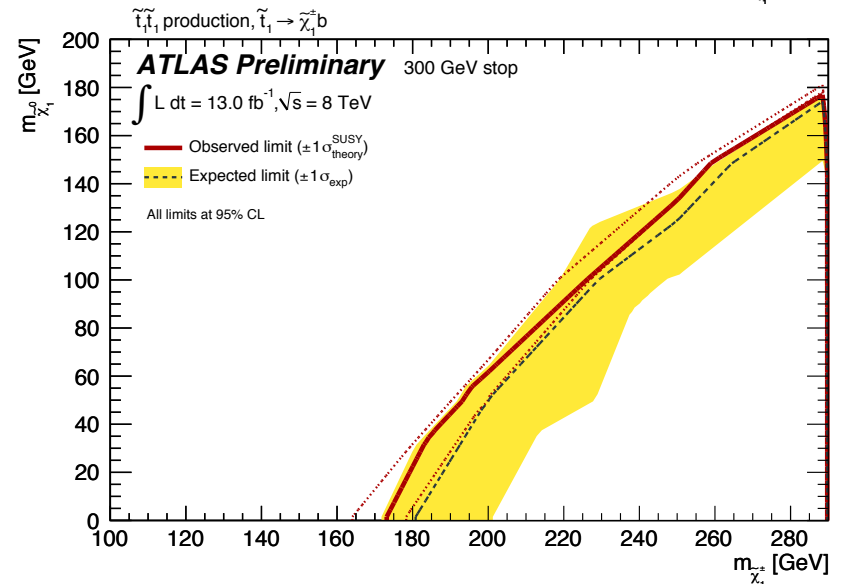
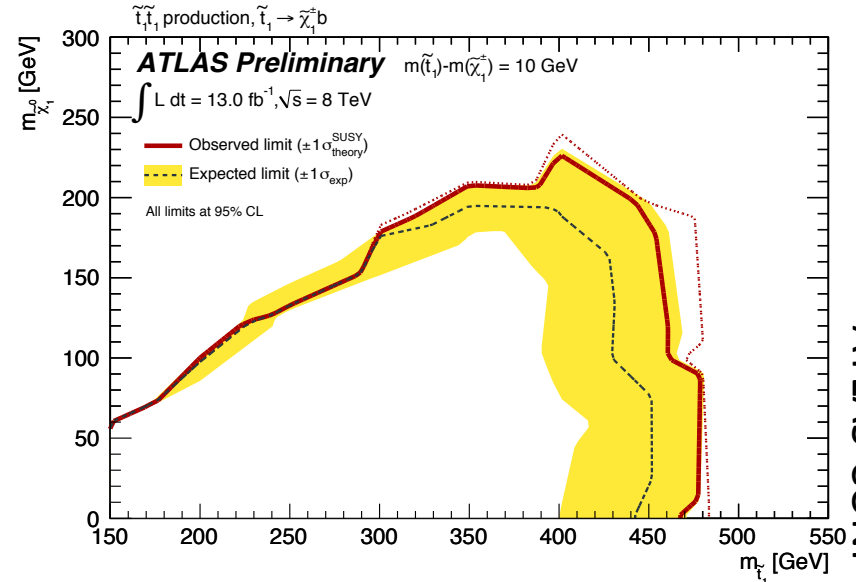
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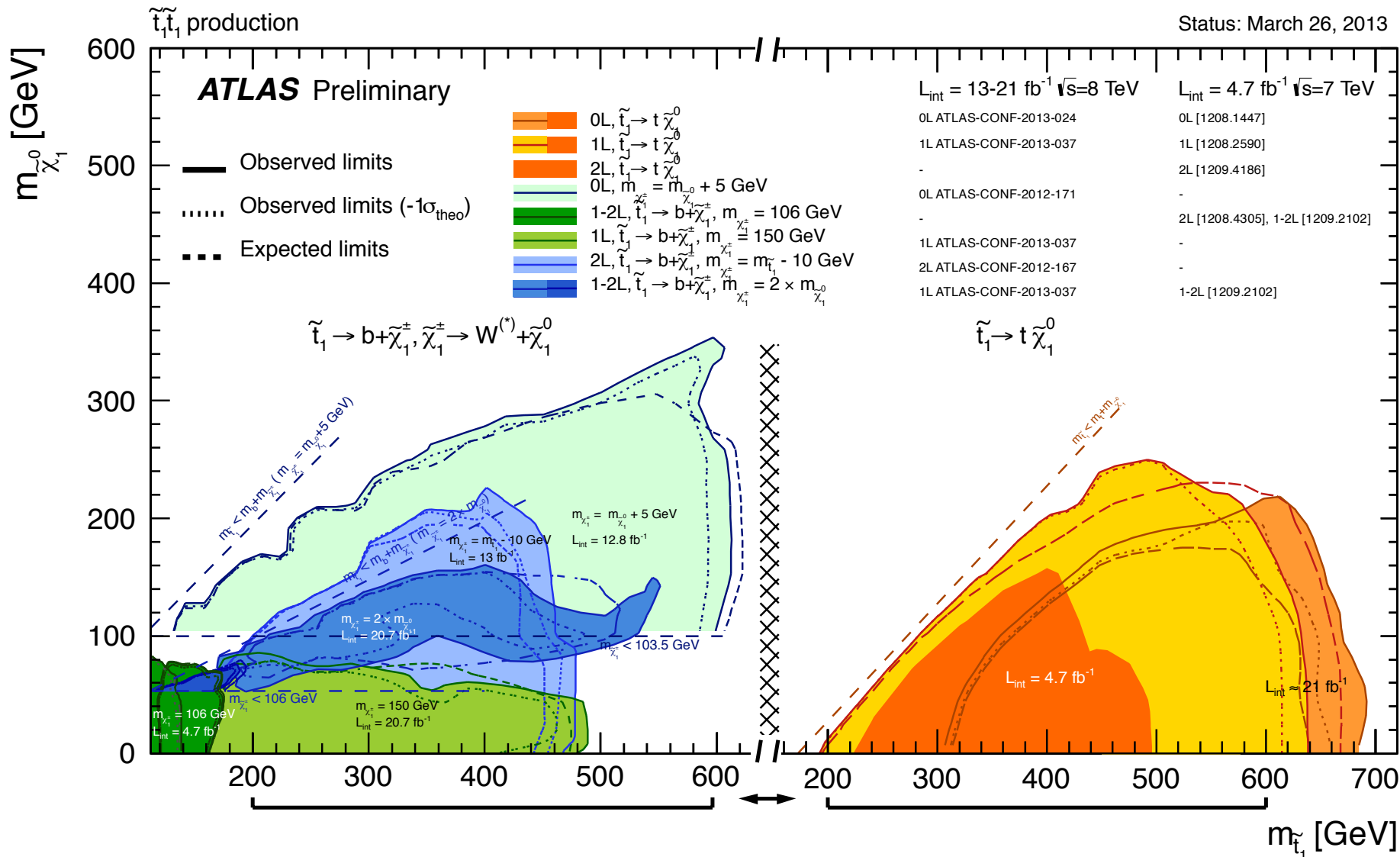
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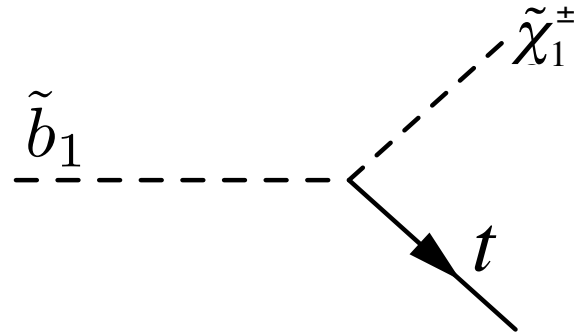
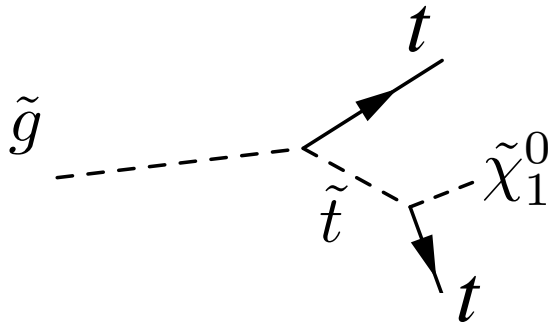


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Direct Stop searches summary



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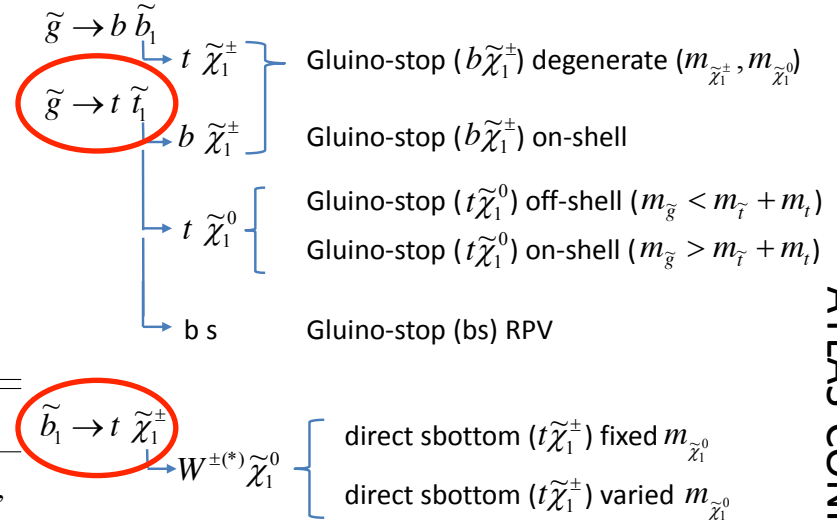
- 2 Same Sign leptons
- 3 leptons

OTHER NATURAL SUSY SEARCHES

2 SS leptons search

A search utilizes **same-sign electron and muon pairs** ($ee, e\mu, \mu\mu$), missing transverse momentum, b -quark jets (b -jets) and multiple high- p_T jets.

- Final state sensitive to many possible signal processes.

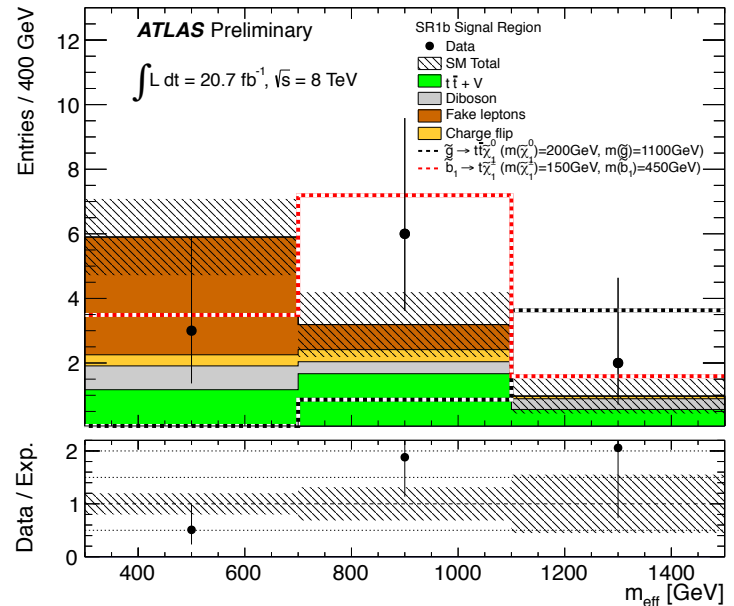


$N_{b\text{-jets}}$	Signal cuts (discovery case)	Signal cuts (exclusion case)
0	$N_{\text{jets}} \geq 3, E_T^{\text{miss}} > 150 \text{ GeV}$ $m_T > 100 \text{ GeV}, m_{\text{eff}} > 400 \text{ GeV}$	$N_{\text{jets}} \geq 3, E_T^{\text{miss}} > 150 \text{ GeV}, m_T > 100 \text{ GeV},$ binned shape fit in m_{eff} for $m_{\text{eff}} > 300 \text{ GeV}$
≥ 1	$N_{\text{jets}} \geq 3, E_T^{\text{miss}} > 150 \text{ GeV}$ $m_T > 100 \text{ GeV}, m_{\text{eff}} > 700 \text{ GeV}$	$N_{\text{jets}} \geq 3, E_T^{\text{miss}} > 150 \text{ GeV}, m_T > 100 \text{ GeV},$ binned shape fit in m_{eff} for $m_{\text{eff}} > 300 \text{ GeV}$
≥ 3	$N_{\text{jets}} \geq 4$ -	$N_{\text{jets}} \geq 5,$ $E_T^{\text{miss}} < 150 \text{ GeV}$ or $m_T < 100 \text{ GeV}$

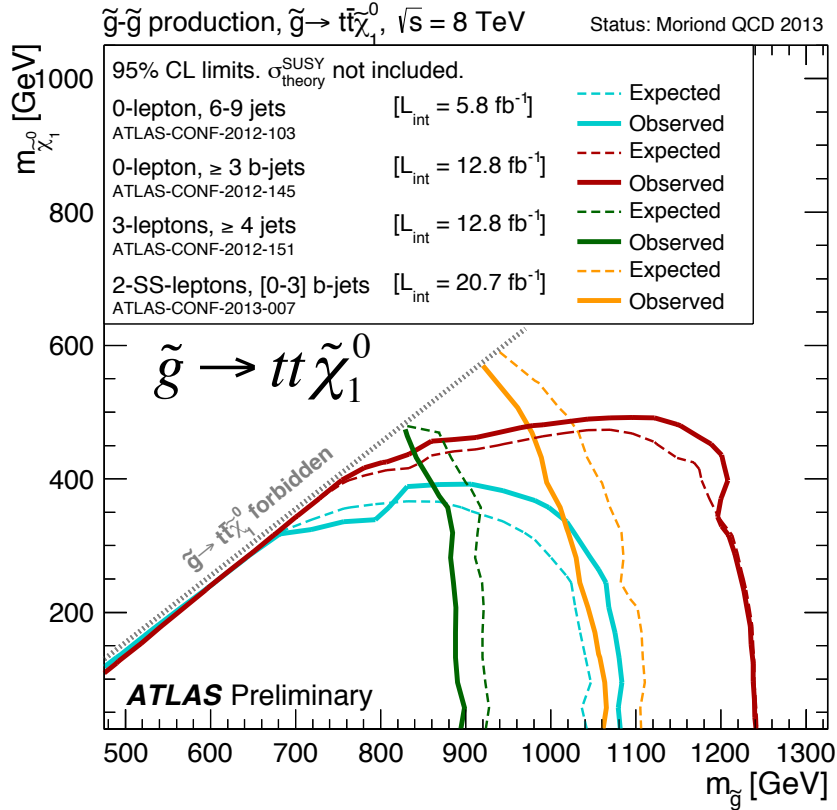
$$m_{\text{eff}} = \sum_j p_T^j + \sum_\ell p_T^\ell + E_T^{\text{miss}}$$

Slightly different cuts have been applied for

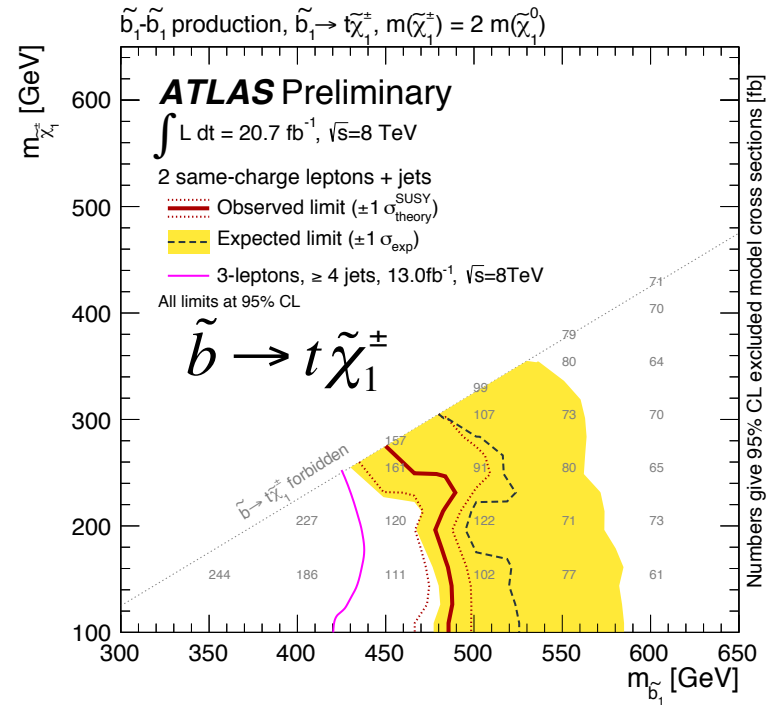
- model independent limits (discovery case)
- model dependent exclusion limits (exclusion case)



2 SS leptons search



Results interpreted in both *gluino* and *sbottom* decay scenarios.

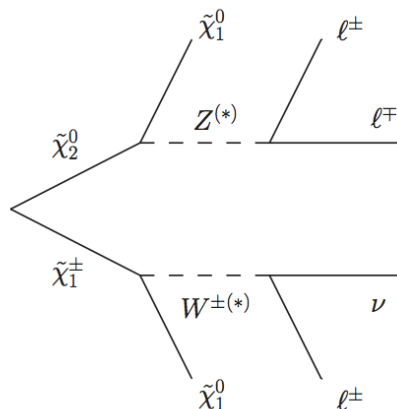


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Signal regions	$\langle \epsilon \sigma \rangle_{\text{obs}}^{95}$ [fb]	S_{obs}^{95}	S_{exp}^{95}
SR0b	0.33	6.7	$7.9^{+2.6}_{-2.0}$
SR1b	0.53	11.0	$6.8^{+2.6}_{-1.5}$
SR3b	0.34	7.0	$5.9^{+2.4}_{-1.3}$

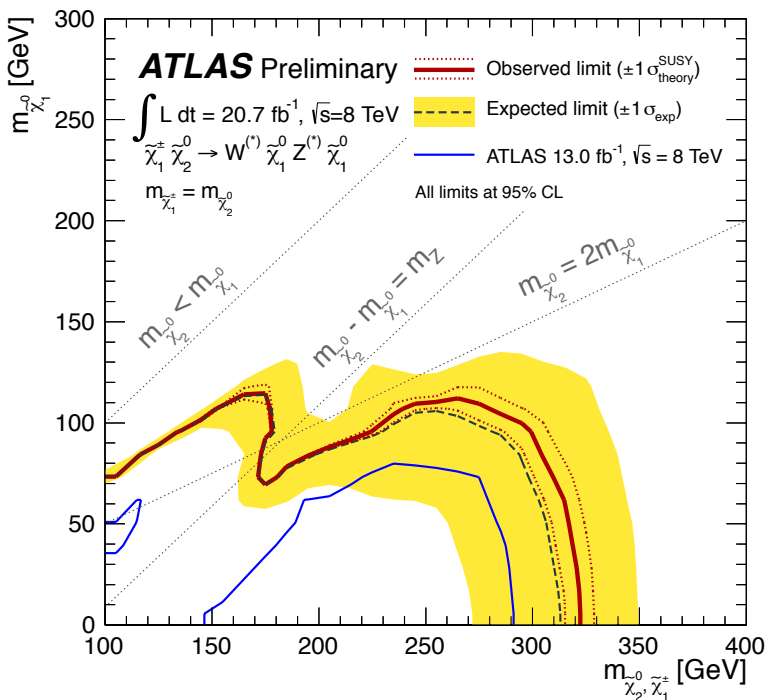
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Direct gaugino search: 3 leptons



Direct electroweak production of gauginos gives rise to **multi-lepton final states**:

- Very low **SM background** expected
- Decays through **sleptons** (BR to leptons 100%) or **WZ-like** (challenging) decays assumed



Selection	Z depleted			Z enriched		
	SRnoZa	SRnoZb	SRnoZc	SRZa	SRZb	SRZc
m_{SFOS} [GeV]	<60	60–81.2	<81.2 or >101.2	81.2–101.2	81.2–101.2	81.2–101.2
E_T^{miss} [GeV]	>50	>75	>75	75–120	75–120	>120
m_T [GeV]	–	–	>110	<110	>110	>110
p_T 3 rd ℓ [GeV]	>10	>10	>30	>10	>10	>10
SR veto	SRnoZc	SRnoZc	–	–	–	–
Target	Low mass splitting	No slepton Off-shell Z	Slepton bulk	WZ-like	No slepton On-shell Z	No slepton bulk

Results interpretation (simplified models) assumes **wino-like** $\tilde{\chi}_2^0$ and $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm$ and a **bino-like** $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$

- $\tilde{\chi}_2^0$ and $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm$ are assumed to be mass-degenerate

Conclusions and Outlook

The analysis of the 2012 data of ATLAS has yielded lots of results:

- 95% CL exclusion limits are set within various phenomenological assumptions
- the parameter space given by the naturalness argument is being filled up

Even if the results have been found consistent with Standard Model expectations, the search continues: in particular for implementations of supersymmetry leading to more subtle signals at LHC

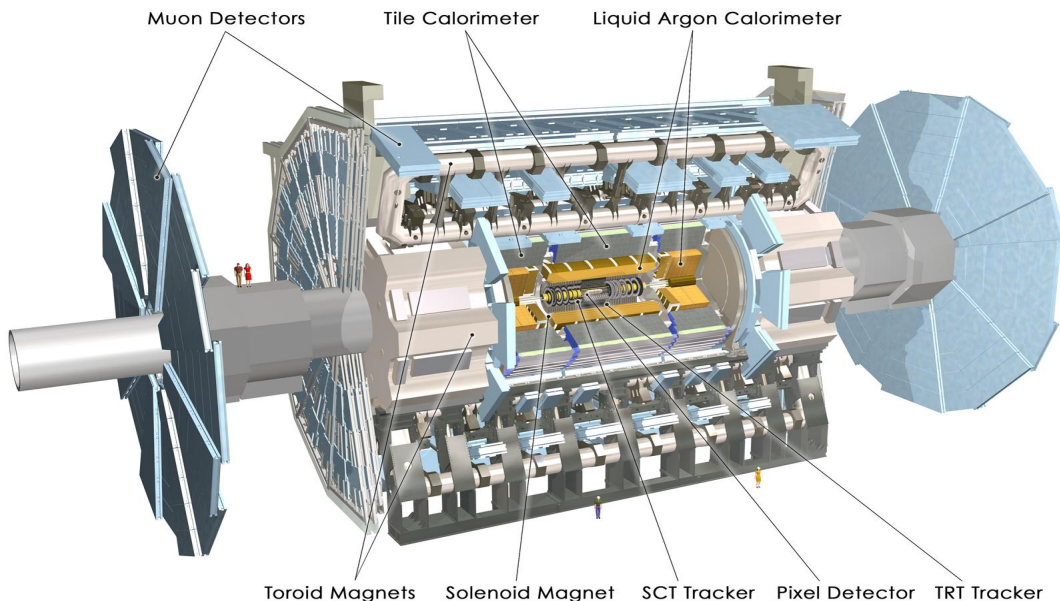
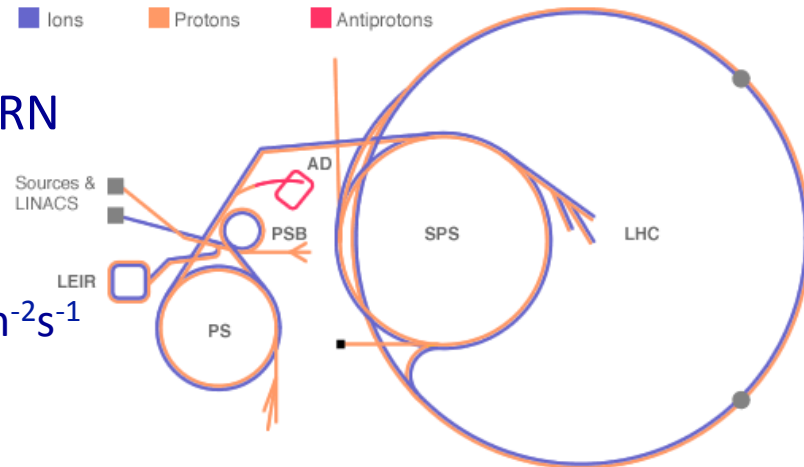
- The third generation of scalar quarks is crucial for naturalness and an high priority in ongoing searches.
- More to come with 8 TeV data: expect new results soon!

THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

LHC and ATLAS

LHC is a proton-proton collider situated at CERN

- Collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV (2010-2011)
- Collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 8$ TeV (2012)
- High instantaneous luminosities $L = 6 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
- More than 21 fb^{-1} of data delivered before LS1



ATLAS is a multi-purpose detector composed by:

- An inner tracking system (silicon + gaseous)
- Two sampling calorimeter systems (Electromagnetic and Hadronic)
- An *in-air* muon spectrometer

Common background estimation strategies

The analyses presented here share some common techniques to estimate the backgrounds:

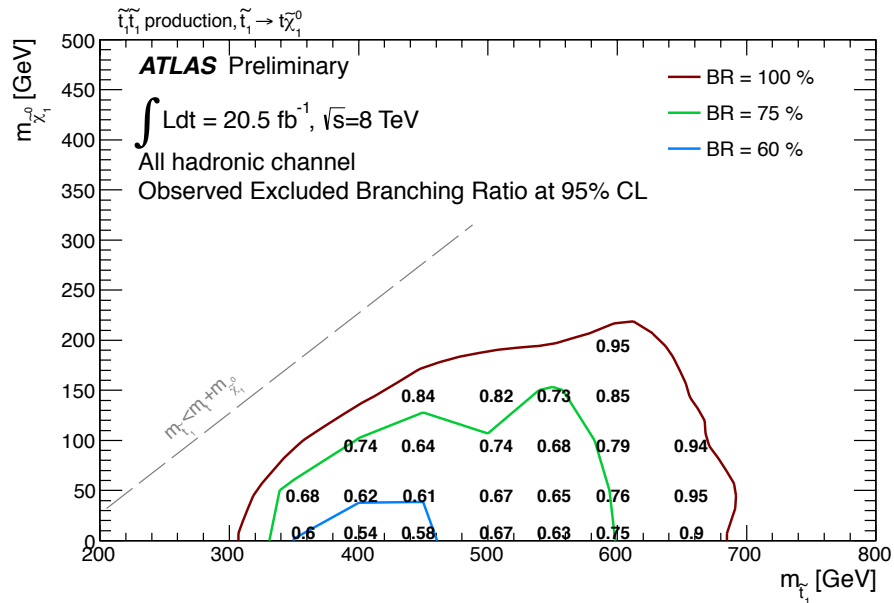
- QCD multijet backgrounds (data-driven)
 - *Hadronic searches*: Estimated smearing a sample of jets from a control region (CR) with a function taken from a simulated dijet sample
 - *Leptonic searches*: Fake rate measured in a CR with relaxed lepton identification criteria and used to estimate the rate in the signal region (SR)
- Major backgrounds (semi data-driven)
 - Define a control region for each of the backgrounds kinematically close to signal region
 - Normalise MC yields to data $N(\text{SR}) = (N^{\text{Data}}(\text{CR}) - N_{\text{others}}(\text{CR})) \frac{N^{\text{MC}}(\text{SR})}{N^{\text{MC}}(\text{CR})}$
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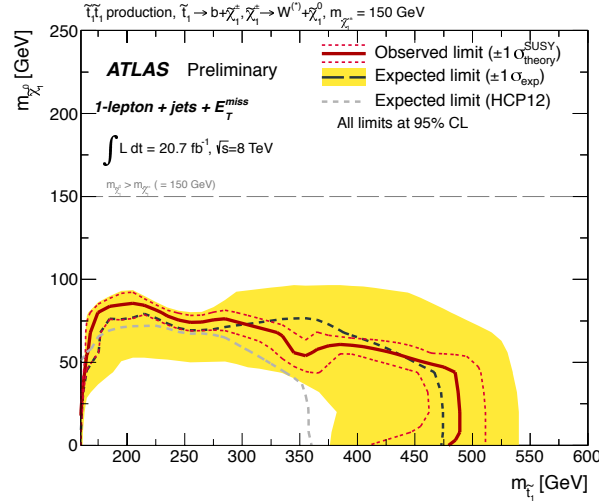
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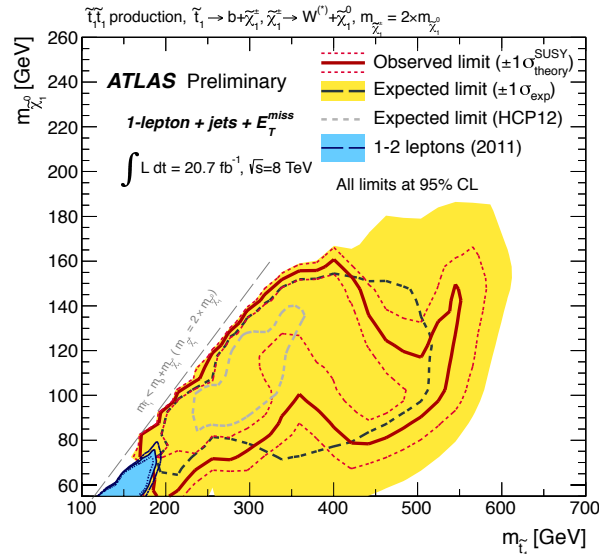
Limit dependence on BR to selected final state (top + neutralino 1), assuming that the competing decay modes are outside the sensitivity of the analysis



Scalar top: 1 lepton



Requirement	SRtN1_shape	SRtN2	SRtN3	SRbC1	SRbC2	SRbC3
$\Delta\varphi(\text{jet}_1, \vec{p}_T^{\text{miss}}) >$	0.8	-	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
$\Delta\varphi(\text{jet}_2, \vec{p}_T^{\text{miss}}) >$	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
$E_T^{\text{miss}} [\text{GeV}] >$	100 ^(*)	200	275	150	160	160
$E_T^{\text{miss}} / \sqrt{H_T} [\text{GeV}^{1/2}] >$	5	13	11	7	8	8
$m_T [\text{GeV}] >$	60 ^(*)	140	200	120	120	120
$m_{\text{eff}} [\text{GeV}] >$	-	-	-	-	550	700
$am_{T2} [\text{GeV}] >$	-	170	175	-	175	200
$m_{T2}^{\tau} [\text{GeV}] >$	-	-	80	-	-	-
m_{jjj}	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	-
$N_{\text{iso-trk}} = 0$	-	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
Number of b -jets \geq	1	1	1	1	2	2
p_T (leading b -jet) [GeV] $>$	25	25	25	25	100	120
p_T (second b -jet) [GeV] $>$	-	-	-	-	50	90



- *Table*: signal region definition
- *Top plot*: bottom + chargino decay mode result interpretation with fixed C1 mass = 150 GeV
- *Bottom plot*: bottom + chargino decay mode result interpretation in gaugino unification scenario

Scalar top: 2 leptons

Cut & count results + model independent result interpretation

Process	<i>SR</i> 90	<i>SR</i> 100	<i>SR</i> 110
$t\bar{t}$ events (MC prediction)	134 ± 24 (131 ± 30)	21 ± 9 (21 ± 9)	3.8 ± 1.8 (3.7 ± 2.1)
WW events (MC prediction)	51 ± 11 (42 ± 5)	23 ± 7 (19 ± 4)	15 ± 5 (12 ± 3)
$WZ - ZZ$ events (MC prediction)	8.4 ± 1.9 (13 ± 4)	6.3 ± 1.8 (10 ± 4)	4.7 ± 1.4 (7 ± 3)
Z +jets	8 ± 6	7 ± 5	4 ± 6
$t\bar{t}V$ events	1.5 ± 0.3	0.9 ± 0.2	0.6 ± 0.2
Wt events	11 ± 5	1.8 ± 1.9	1.4 ± 0.8
Events with fake leptons	9.6 ± 2.8	3.7 ± 1.4	1.4 ± 0.8
Total bkg events (MC prediction)	224 ± 31 (215 ± 34)	64 ± 13 (62 ± 13)	31 ± 8 (30 ± 8)
Signal, $m(\tilde{t}_1, \tilde{\chi}_1^\pm, \tilde{\chi}_1^0) = (200, 190, 1)$ GeV	594 ± 92	405 ± 64	252 ± 41
Signal, $m(\tilde{t}_1, \tilde{\chi}_1^\pm, \tilde{\chi}_1^0) = (300, 200, 1)$ GeV	52 ± 17	35 ± 14	24 ± 11
Observed events	178	44	22
95% CL limit on $\sigma_{\text{vis}}^{\text{obs}}$ [fb]	3.29	1.39	1.18
95% CL limit on $\sigma_{\text{vis}}^{\text{exp}}$ [fb]	5.39	2.39	1.58

Scalar top: 2 leptons

Systematic uncertainties breakdown

	<i>SR90</i>	<i>SR100</i>	<i>SR110</i>
JES	2%	3%	3%
JER	4%	1%	9%
cluster energy scale	2%	2%	8%
cluster energy resolution	0%	0%	9%
pileup	7%	6%	1%
diboson generator	2%	9%	15%
top generator	8%	5%	3%
top ISRFSR	4%	3%	1%
top parton shower	3%	11%	4%
MC stat	3%	8%	13%
$t\bar{t}$ normalization	3%	1%	1%
WW normalization	4%	6%	8%
WZ/ZZ normalization	1%	2%	3%
Fake-lepton uncertainties	1%	1%	1%
Total uncertainty	14%	20%	28%

2 SS leptons

Cut & count results. p_0 denotes the p -value of the observed events for the background only hypothesis.

A) Discovery case	SR0b	SR1b	SR3b
Observed events	5	8	4
Expected background events	7.5 ± 3.3	3.7 ± 1.6	3.1 ± 1.6
Expected $t\bar{t} + V$ events	0.5 ± 0.4	2.2 ± 1.0	1.7 ± 0.8
Expected diboson events	3.4 ± 1.0	0.7 ± 0.4	0.1 ± 0.1
Expected fake lepton events	3.4 ± 3.1	$0.3^{+1.1}_{-0.3}$	$0.9^{+1.4}_{-0.9}$
Expected charge mis-measurement events	0.1 ± 0.1	0.5 ± 0.2	0.4 ± 0.1
p_0	0.50	0.11	0.36

B) Exclusion case	SR0b	SR1b	SR3b
Observed events	5	11	1
Expected background events	7.5 ± 3.2	10.1 ± 3.9	1.8 ± 1.3
Expected $t\bar{t} + V$ events	0.5 ± 0.4	3.4 ± 1.5	0.6 ± 0.4
Expected diboson events	3.4 ± 1.1	1.4 ± 0.7	< 0.1
Expected fake lepton events	3.4 ± 2.9	4.4 ± 3.1	1.0 ± 1.1
Expected charge mis-measurement events	0.2 ± 0.1	0.8 ± 0.3	0.1 ± 0.1
p_0	0.5	0.39	0.5

Direct sbottom search: 2 b-jets

E_T^{miss}	> 150 GeV	> 200 GeV	> 150 GeV	> 250 GeV
Leading jet $p_T(j_1)$	> 130 GeV, $ \eta < 2.8$	> 60 GeV, $ \eta < 2.8$	> 130 GeV, $ \eta < 2.8$	> 150 GeV, $ \eta < 2.8$
Second jet $p_T(j_2)$	> 50 GeV, $ \eta < 2.8$	> 60 GeV, $ \eta < 2.8$	> 30 GeV, < 110 GeV, $ \eta < 2.8$	
Third jet $p_T(j_3)$	veto event if $p_T(j_3) > 50$ GeV, $ \eta < 2.8$		> 30 GeV, $ \eta < 2.8$	
$\Delta\phi(E_T^{\text{miss}}, j_1)$	-		> 2.5	
jet b -tagging ($ \eta < 2.5$)	j_1 and j_2 tagged		j_1 anti-tagged, j_2 and j_3 tagged	
$\Delta\phi_{\text{min}}(n)$	> 0.4 ($n = 2$)		> 0.4 ($n = 3$)	
$E_T^{\text{miss}}/m_{\text{eff}}(j_1, j_2, j_3)$	> 0.25			
m_{CT}	> 150, 200, 250, 300 GeV	> 100 GeV	-	
$H_{T,x}$	-	< 50 GeV, $x = 2$	< 50 GeV, $x = 3$	

Direct sbottom production has been probed in events with 2 final state b-tagged jets.

- Many signal regions have been defined to improve sensitivity on the $\tilde{b} - \tilde{\chi}_1^0$ plane depending on the mass difference $\Delta m = m_{\tilde{b}} - m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0}$

$$H_{T,x} = \sum_{\text{all jets}} p_T^{\text{jet}} - \sum_{\text{leading } x \text{ jets}} p_T^{\text{jet}}$$

- Two SRs exploiting ISR recoil

