

Global LHC constraints on electroweak-inos with SModelS v2.3

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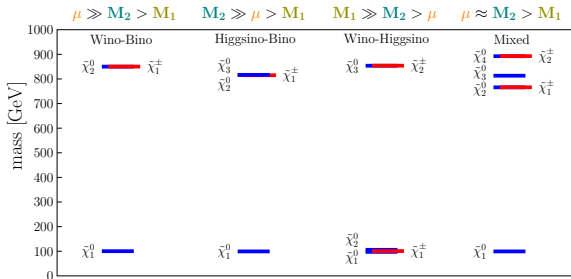
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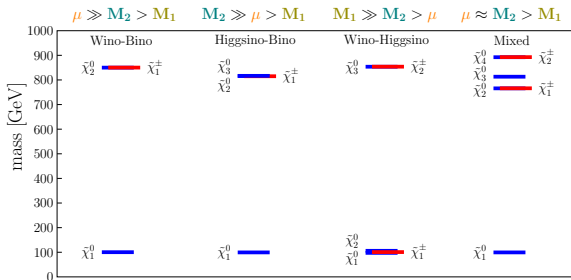
Masses depend on μ, M_2, M_1 and $\tan \beta = \langle H_u^0 \rangle / \langle H_d^0 \rangle$.

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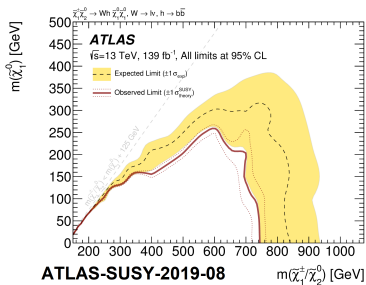
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Decays:

$$\begin{aligned}
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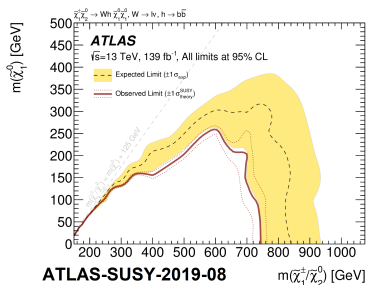


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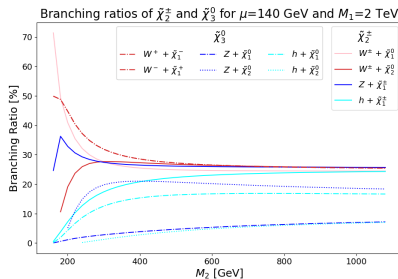
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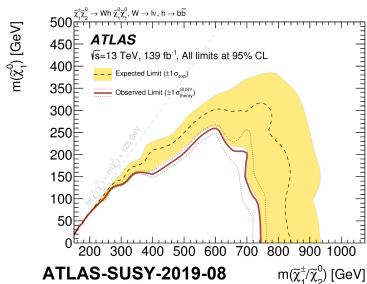
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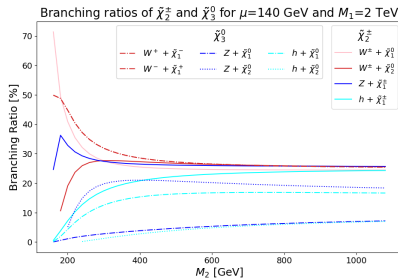


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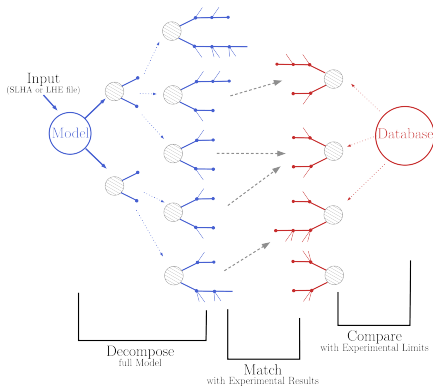
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How would such results constrain more complex models?

SModelS working principle

Public tool to confront BSM signals with a \mathbb{Z}_2 -like symmetry against simplified model results from the LHC.

No MC simulation is required, making it a good tool for large scans.



Code and documentation available online: <https://smodels.github.io/>

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Model points from the EW-ino sector of the MSSM

Random scan over:
 (all other scales decoupled)

$$10 \text{ GeV} < M_1 < 3 \text{ TeV}$$

$$100 \text{ GeV} < M_2 < 3 \text{ TeV}$$

$$100 \text{ GeV} < \mu < 3 \text{ TeV}$$

$$5 < \tan \beta < 50$$

SUSY spectrum: SoftSUSY 4.1.11

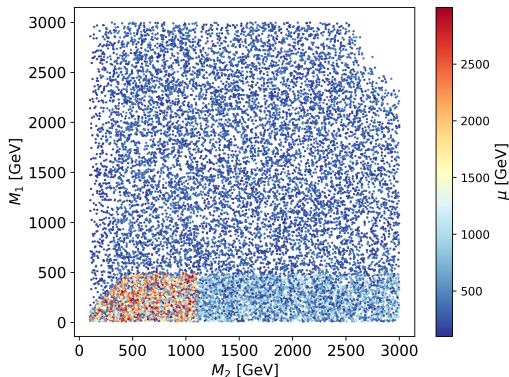
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$$m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0} < 500 \text{ GeV}$$

$$m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm} < 1200 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\Gamma_{\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm} > 10^{-11} \text{ GeV}$$

In the end: 18247 points



Prompt EW-ino searches in SModelS database v2.3

ID	Run	lumi	Final State (+ MET)	EMs (+ MET)	SRs	comb.
ATLAS-SUSY-2013-11	1	20.3	2 lept., 0 or ≥ 2 jets, $0b$	$WW^{(*)}$	13	-
ATLAS-SUSY-2013-12	1	20.3	3 lept. (0-2 τ 's), $0b$	$WZ^{(*)}$, Wh	2	-
ATLAS-SUSY-2016-24	2	36.1	2-3 lept., 0 or ≥ 2 jets, $0b$	WZ	9	-
ATLAS-SUSY-2017-03	2	36.1	2-3 lept., 0 or ≥ 1 jets, $0b$	WZ	8	-
ATLAS-SUSY-2018-05	2	139	2 lept., ≥ 1 jets	$WZ^{(*)}$	13	full
ATLAS-SUSY-2018-06	2	139	3 lept., 0 or 1-3 jets, $0b$	$WZ^{(*)}$	2	-
ATLAS-SUSY-2018-32	2	139	2 lept., 0 or 1 jets, $0b$	WW	36	full
ATLAS-SUSY-2018-41	2	139	4 jets or $2b + 2$ jets, 0 lept.	WW , WZ , Wh , Zh , ZZ , hh	3	cov.
ATLAS-SUSY-2019-02	2	139	2 lept., 0 or 1 jets, $0b$	WW	24	cov.
ATLAS-SUSY-2019-08	2	139	1 lept., ($h \rightarrow$) $b\bar{b}$	Wh	9	full
ATLAS-SUSY-2019-09	2	139	3 lept., 0 or ≥ 1 jets, $0b$	$WZ^{(*)}$	20+31	full
CMS-SUS-13-012	1	19.5	0 lept., ≥ 3 jets (q or b)	WW , WZ , ZZ	36	-
CMS-SUS-16-039	2	35.9	2+ lept., 0-2 hadr. τ 's, $0b$	$WZ^{(*)}$	11	cov.
CMS-SUS-16-048	2	35.9	2 soft lept., ≥ 1 jets, $0b$	$WZ^{(*)}$	12+9	cov.
CMS-SUS-20-004	2	137	0 lept., $2h(\rightarrow b\bar{b})$	hh	22	cov.
CMS-SUS-21-002	2	137	≥ 2 AK8 jets, 0 or $\geq 1b$'s 0 lept.	WW , WZ , Wh	35	cov.

Combination of signal regions (SRs):

full = full HistFactory model **cov.** = covariance matrix

If no SR combination is possible (-), the result from the most sensitive SR is used.

Global constraints = analysis combination

There are 3 benefits to combine analyses:

- ▷ To increase the results' robustness (more statistics).
- ▷ To enable the combination of search channels.
(LHC searches typically adopt a channel-by-channel approach.)
- ▷ To account for both excesses and under-fluctuations in a consistent way.

Combinability matrix

Not a SModelS feature

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Approximation:

We assume two analyses can be combined if they do not share any event in their SRs

Two analyses from two different runs or experiments are automatically combinable

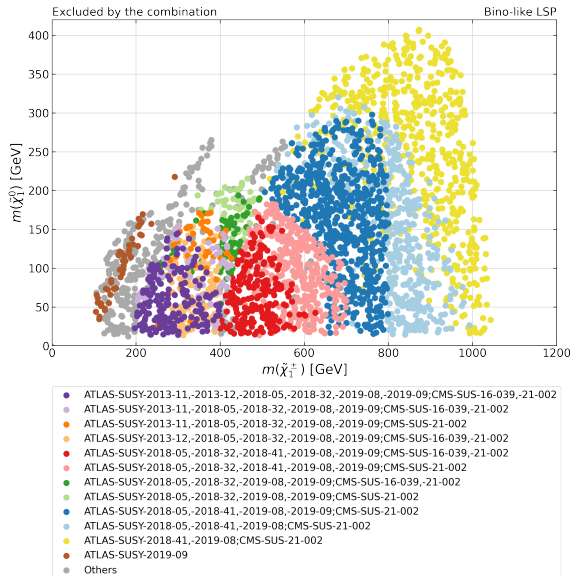
For each model point, find the most sensitive combination:

▷ List all the allowed combinations (if an analysis can enter a combination, it does)

▷ The most sensitive combination is the one with the lowest $\frac{L_{BSM}^{\text{exp}}}{L_{SM}^{\text{exp}}}$

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Bino-like LSP



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$$pp \rightarrow \tilde{H}\tilde{H} \rightarrow \tilde{B}^0\tilde{B}^0$$

$$\tilde{H} \in \{\tilde{\chi}_2^0, \tilde{\chi}_3^0, \tilde{\chi}_1^\pm\}$$

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or

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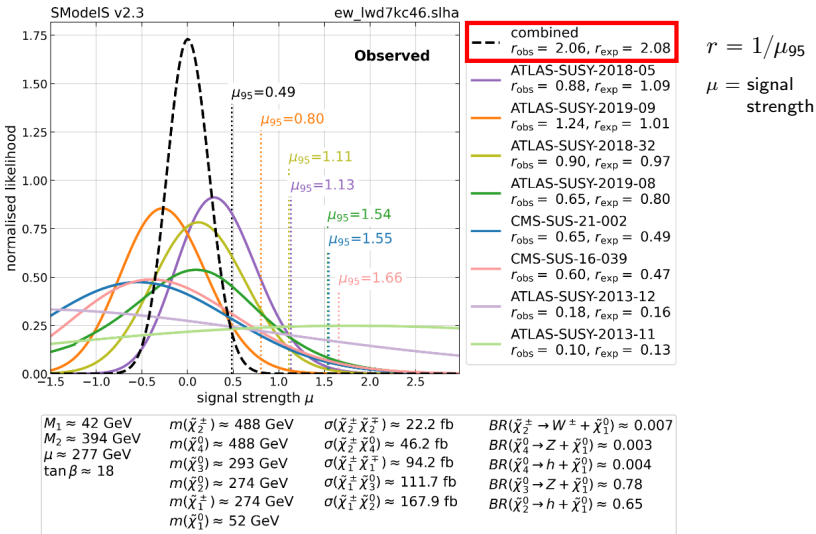
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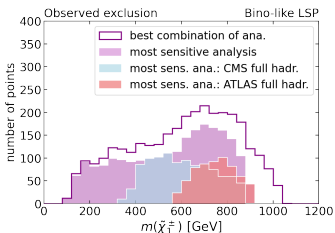
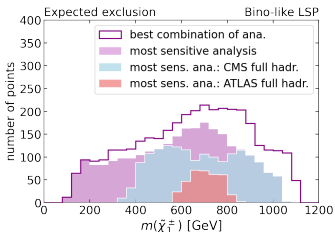
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For low $m(\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm)$, fluctuations are typically cancelled by the large number of analyses:



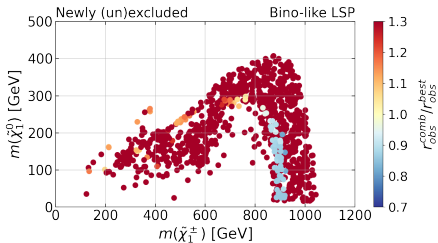
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For $m(\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm) \gtrsim 600$ GeV, only few analyses enter the combination. One can have a qualitative insight using the 2 most sensitive analyses in this region: ATLAS and CMS hadronic searches.



- ▷ The combination increases the sensitivity (as expected)
- ▷ Most sensitive analysis: CMS hadronic search
- ▷ 2nd most sensitive analysis: ATLAS hadronic search
- ▷ But the CMS hadronic search recorded excesses, and the ATLAS one underfluctuations
- ▷ Overall, the combination increases the exclusion power
- ▷ However, the combination can also unexclude points

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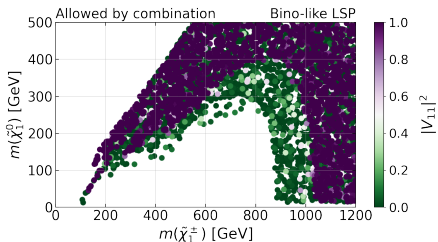


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▷ Upper arc = wino Next-to-LSP (NLSP)

▷ Lower arc = higgsino NLSP (lower cross section)

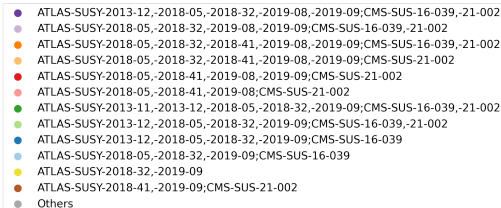
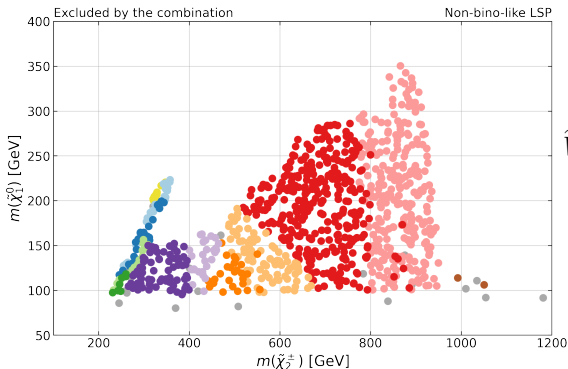


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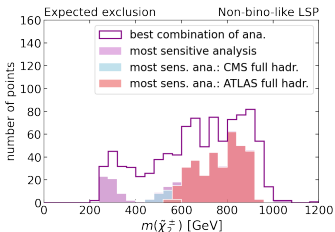
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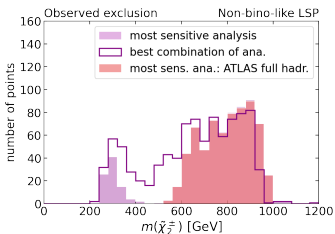
Only sensitive when
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Similar to
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Non-bino-like LSP

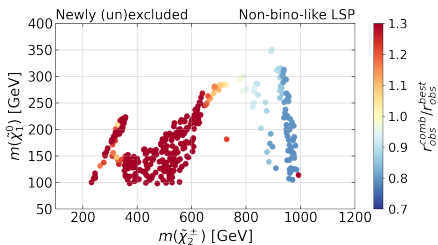


- ▷ Less sensitive than bino-like LSP scenarios because of longer decay chains not matching any result
- ▷ Most sensitive analysis: ATLAS hadronic search
- ▷ 2nd most sensitive analysis: CMS hadronic search



- ▷ For high $m(\tilde{\chi}_2^\pm)$, the combination excludes less points compared to the most sens. ana. (same reasons as for bino-like LSP points)

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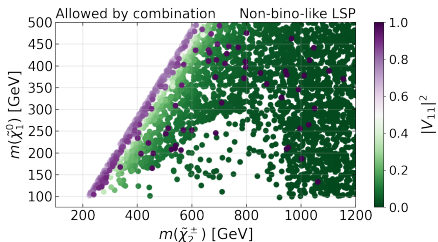


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▷ In proportion, more un-excluded points

▷ Only 1 arc (no $pp \rightarrow \tilde{B}^0\tilde{B}^0 \rightarrow \tilde{H}\tilde{H}$)

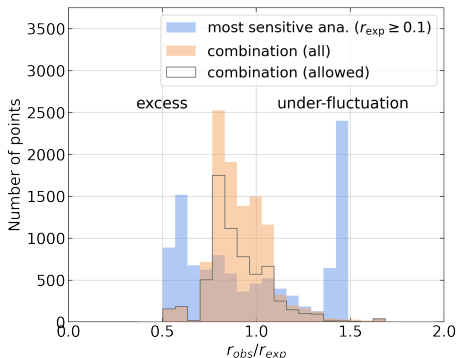


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Overall fluctuations



- ▷ $r_{\text{obs}}/r_{\text{exp}} < 1 = \text{excess}$
- ▷ $r_{\text{obs}}/r_{\text{exp}} > 1 = \text{under-fluctuation}$
- ▷ Large spread for most sensitive analysis (excesses slightly outweigh under-fluctuations)
- ▷ When combining, large fluctuations are suppressed and distribution more centered around one
- ▷ A small excess remains, but mostly for non-excluded points, for which only few analyses are combined

Summary

- ▷ Model points were randomly sampled from the Lagrangian parameters of the electroweak-ino sector of the MSSM.
- ▷ The most sensitive analysis combination was dynamically found for each of these points among 11 ATLAS and 5 CMS prompt searches for SUSY.
- ▷ Overall, the exclusion power increases with the combination (the fluctuations tend to compensate for each other), but this is not always true (some points are even un-excluded).
- ▷ A clear excluded region appears when the LSP is bino-like. The size of the region depends on the nature of the NLSP.
- ▷ Such region does not appear as clearly for points featuring a non-bino-like LSP (this is mainly due to long decay chains producing experimental signatures difficult to probe).
- ▷ The compressed mass regions are less constrained because fewer analyses probing this region are implemented in the SModelS database v2.3 (because of a lack of reinterpretation material or a difficulty to reproduce experimental limits).

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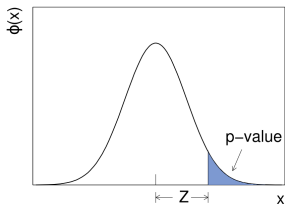
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Backup Slides

Building a global likelihood through SModelS

$$L_C(\mu) = \prod_i L_i(\mu)$$



$$\mu_{UL} = \mu_{95} \text{ when p-value} \approx 0.05$$

(not the higgsino scale μ !)

(More technically, we use the CL_s prescription through the q_μ test statistic defined in [G. Cowan et al. Eur. Phys. J. C 71, 1554 \(2011\)](#))

A model point is excluded if

$$r = \frac{\sigma^{\text{BSM}}}{\sigma_{UL}^{\text{BSM}}} = \frac{1}{\mu_{UL}} \geq 1$$

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If the combination of signal regions (SRs) is not possible, use the most sensitive one ("**best SR**"), i.e. lowest μ_{UL} obtained with $n_j^{obs} = b_j$.

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