Searches for electroweak production of supersymmetric gauginos and sleptons with the ATLAS detector

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Supersymmetry

Weak-scale supersymmetry is an highly appealing BSM candidate:

- all Standard Model (SM) fields are associated to a partner with $\Delta s = \frac{1}{2}$

- can solve the electroweak hierarchy problem

- R-Parity Conservation (RPC) implies stability for the Lightest Supersymmetric Particule (LSP): natural dark matter candidate

- points to SM-gauges unification
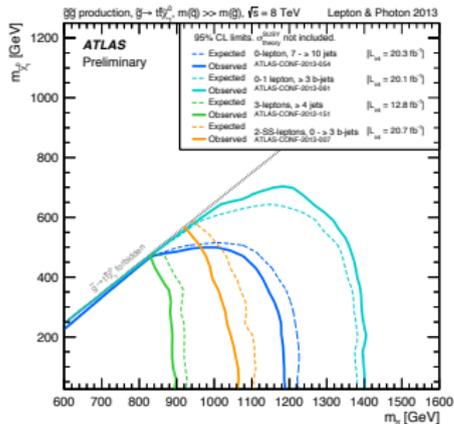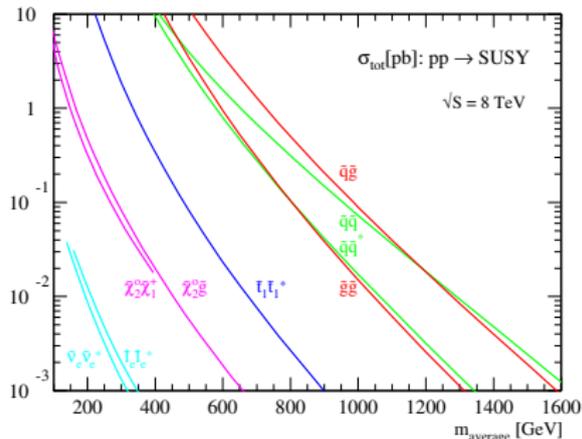
- squark and gluino production thought to be dominant but now highly constrained [see O.Ducu's talk]

- we refer to EWK SUSY as the direct production of sleptons, neutralinos and charginos

EW SUSY phenomenology

EWK SUSY sector defined by 9 parameters (under some assumptions):

$$M_1, M_2, \mu, \tan\beta, m^2_{\tilde{e}_L}, m^2_{\tilde{e}_R}, m^2_{\tilde{\tau}_L}, m^2_{\tilde{\tau}_R}, \tilde{\theta}_{\tilde{\tau}}$$

Mass matrices for neutral and charged components:

$$\begin{pmatrix} M_1 & 0 & -c_\beta s_W m_Z & s_\beta s_W m_Z \\ 0 & M_2 & c_\beta c_W m_Z & -s_\beta c_W m_Z \\ -c_\beta s_W m_Z & c_\beta c_W m_Z & 0 & -\mu \\ s_\beta s_W m_Z & -s_\beta c_W m_Z & -\mu & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

← **Bino**
← **Wino** →
← **Higgsino** →
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$$\begin{pmatrix} M_2 & \sqrt{2}s_\beta m_W \\ \sqrt{2}c_\beta m_W & \mu \end{pmatrix}$$

Eigenstates$=\left(\tilde{\chi}^0_1, \tilde{\chi}^0_2, \tilde{\chi}^0_3, \tilde{\chi}^0_4\right)$

Eigenstates$=\left(\tilde{\chi}^\pm_1, \tilde{\chi}^\pm_2\right)$

▶ Larger production cross-sections are for electroweakinos pair-produced

▶ dominant decays to: W, Z, h or, through sleptons (provided they're light enough)

Overview of ATLAS EWK SUSY searches

Final State	Reference	Interpretation
$1l + \overline{b}b + E_T^{\mathsf{miss}}$	**ATLAS-CONF-2013-093**	**Simp.Model**
$2l + E_T^{\mathsf{miss}}(+jj)$	**1403.5294v1**	**Simp. Model, pMSSM**
$3l + E_T^{\mathsf{miss}}$	**1402.7029v2**	**Simp. Model, pMSSM**
$4l + E_T^{\mathsf{miss}}$	ATLAS-CONF-2013-036	Simp. Model, RPV, GGM
$2\gamma + E_T^{\mathsf{miss}}$	ATLAS-CONF-2014-001	GGM
$\simeq 2\tau^{\mathsf{had}} + E_T^{\mathsf{miss}}$	ATLAS-CONF-2013-028	Simp. Model, pMSSM

▶ Simplified models
  ▶ pure states: *ie* no mixing of wino, bino and higgsinos, usually:
    $\tilde{\chi}_1^0 \equiv \tilde{B}$, $(\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm, \tilde{\chi}_2^0) \equiv \left(\tilde{W}^\pm, \tilde{W}^0\right)$
  ▶ $\mathrm{BR}\left(\tilde{\chi}_i \to V + \tilde{\chi}_1^0\right) = 1$, $\mathrm{BR}\left(\tilde{l} \to l + \tilde{\chi}_1^0\right) = 1$
  ▶ for slepton mediated decays: $m_{\tilde{l}} = 0.5 \left(m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0} + m_{\tilde{\chi}_{2,1}^{0,\pm}}\right)$
  ▶ gluino and squarks masses set above the TeV scale
  ▶ heavy higgses decoupled. Lightest higgs have a mass of 125 GeV and SM couplings
▶ pMSSM interpretation on grids with 125 GeV higgs
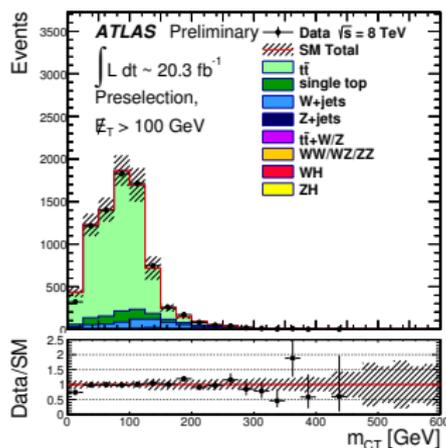▶ R-Parity Violating SUSY covered by A.Kenneth Lehan's talk
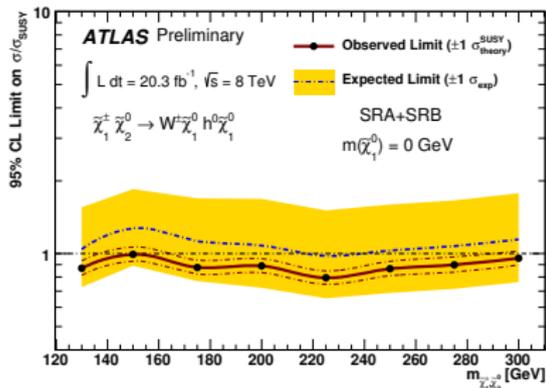
$1l + \overline{b}b + E_T^{\text{miss}}$
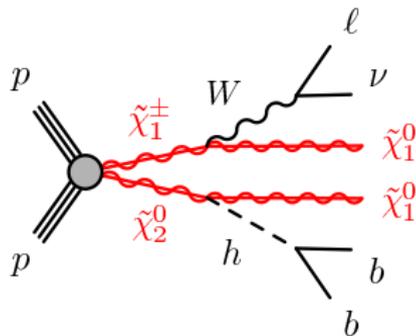
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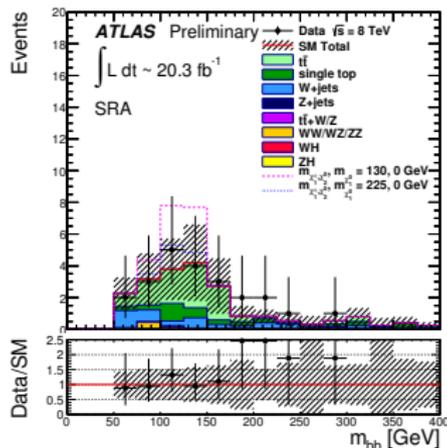
- ▶ analysis optimized to exploit $h^0 \rightarrow \overline{b}b$ resonance

- ▶ main backgrounds are $t\overline{t}$, single-top and W+jets

- ▶ $t\overline{t}$ $m_{CT}^{see\ def}$ distributions have an endpoint at ~135 GeV

- ▶ two exclusive signal regions targeting at different $\Delta m(\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm, \tilde{\chi}_1^0)$ (separated using $m_T^{see\ def}$)
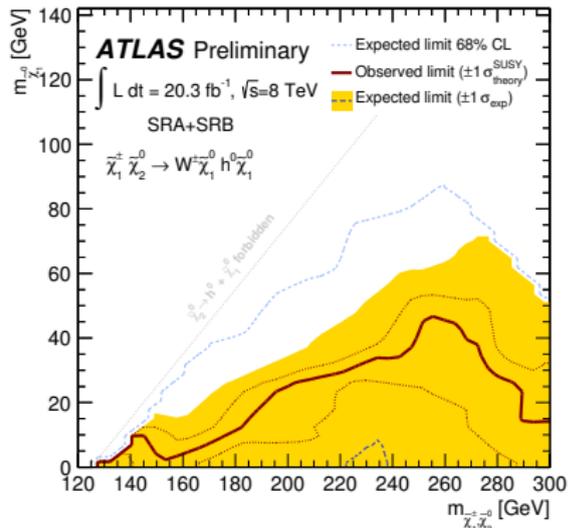
$1l + \bar{b}b + E_T^{\text{miss}}$

For a massless LSP, masse ranges:

- $125 < m_{\tilde{\chi}_2^0, \tilde{\chi}_1^\pm} < 141$ GeV

- $166 < m_{\tilde{\chi}_2^0, \tilde{\chi}_1^\pm} < 287$ GeV

are excluded

- first ATLAS analysis using higgs as a direct probe for SUSY
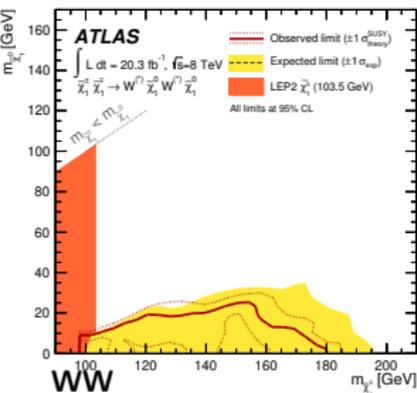
$2l + E_T^{\text{miss}}(+jj)$
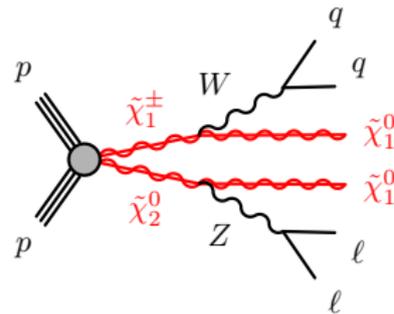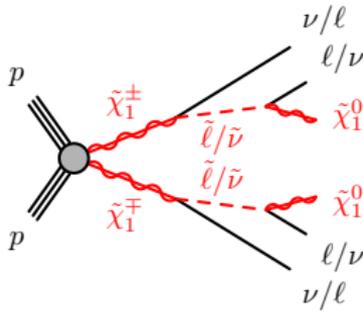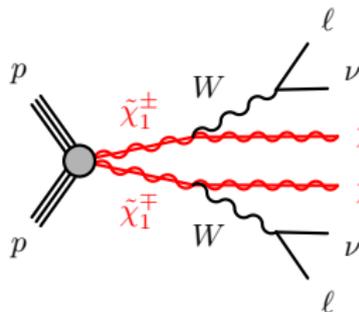
SR-WW

SR-m_{T2}
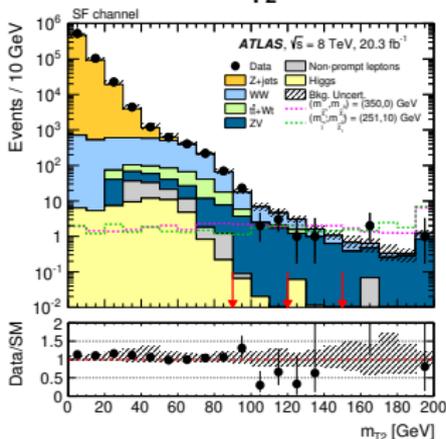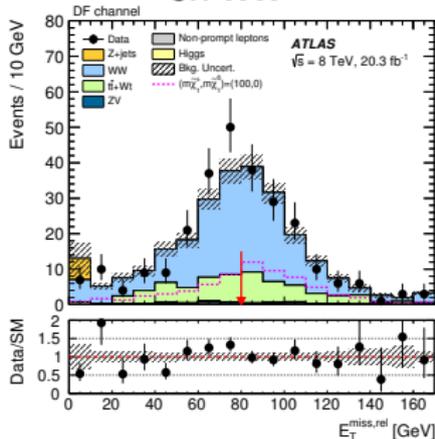
- main backgrounds are $t\bar{t}$, Wt and diboson.
- $t\bar{t}$ and WW $m_{T2}^{see\ def}$ distribution has an upper point at m_W
- 3 main signal regions targeting at slepton-mediated, W-mediated and "Z+jets" decays
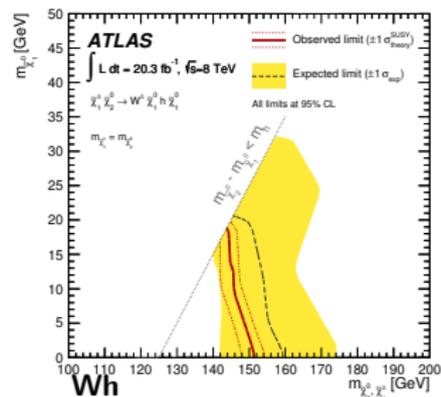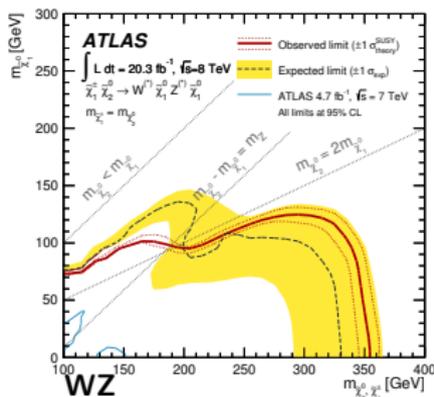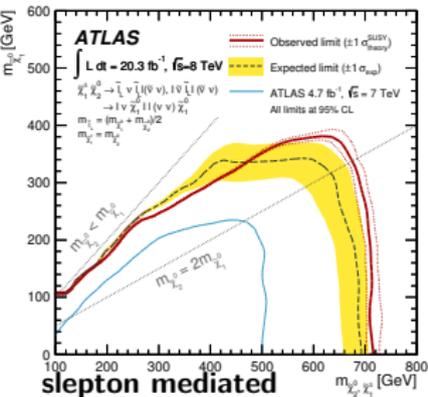
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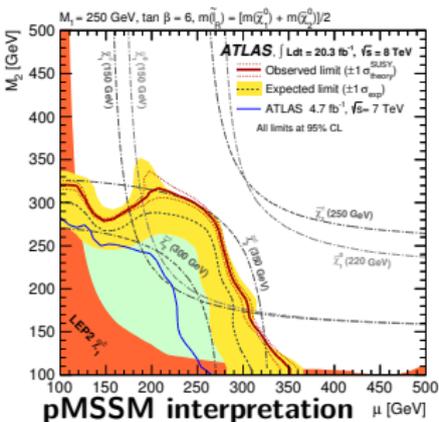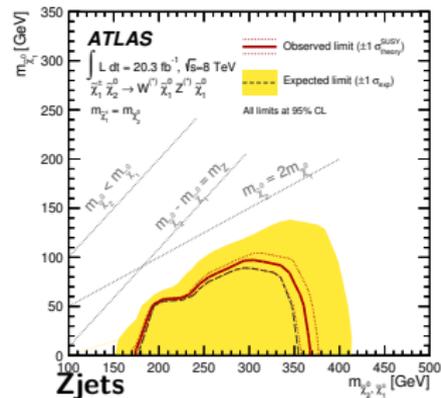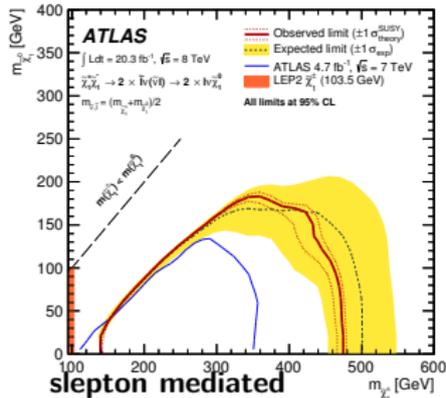
- for a massless LSP:
  - if $\tilde{\chi}_1^+ \tilde{\chi}_1^-$ decay via Ws, **[First exclusion]** $100 < m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm} < 105$ GeV, $120 < m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm} < 135$ GeV, $145 < m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm} < 160$ GeV, ranges are excluded
  - if $\tilde{\chi}_1^+ \tilde{\chi}_1^-$ decay via sleptons, $140 < m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm} < 465$ GeV range is excluded
  - if $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm \tilde{\chi}_2^0$ decay via WZ, $180 < m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm, \tilde{\chi}_2^0} < 355$ GeV range is excluded
  - pMSSM interpretation excludes $m_{\tilde{\chi}_2^\pm} < 300$ GeV
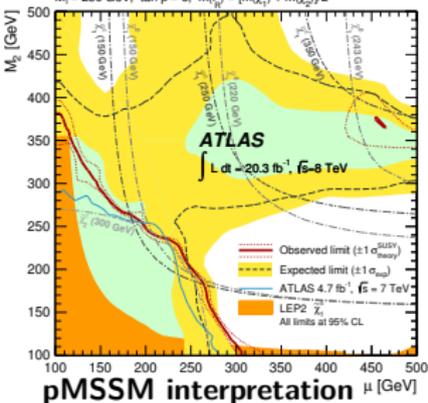
$3l + E_T^{miss}$
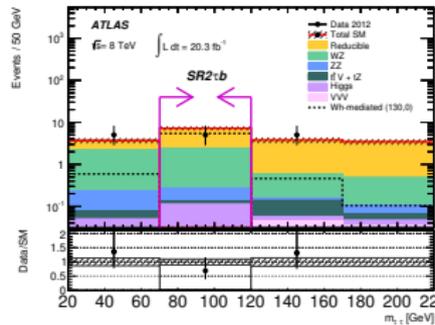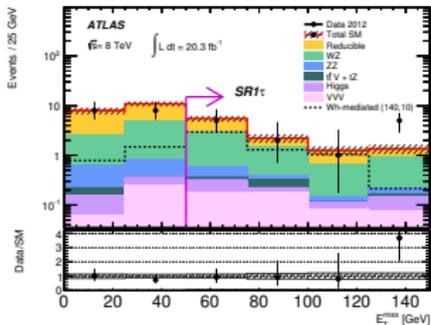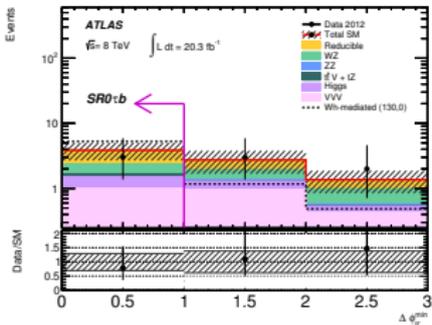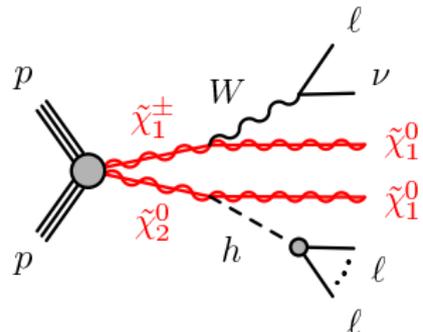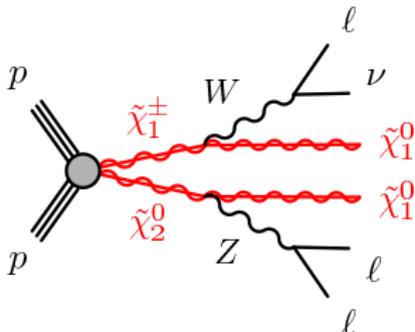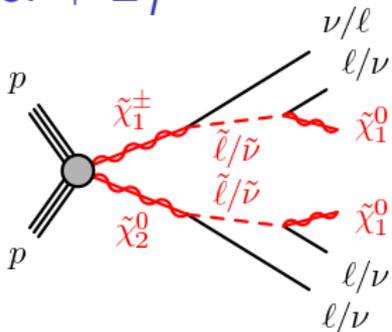
- ▶ analysis includes up to 2 hadronic taus
- ▶ 5 SRs are defined according to the flavor and charge of the leptons

- ▶ main backgrounds are diboson, triboson, $t\bar{t}V$, tZ and VH
- ▶ SR0τ mainly targeting at slepton mediated and WZ decays
- ▶ SR1τ and SR2τ mainly optimized for Wh
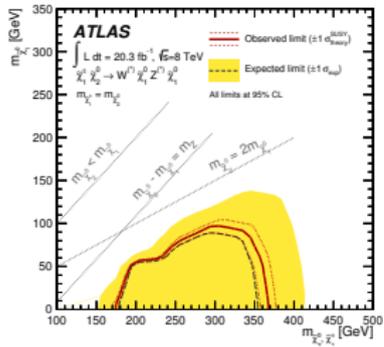
$3l + E_T^{miss}$

slepton mediated

WZ

Wh

pMSSM interpretation

- for a massless LSP:
    - if $\tilde{\chi}_1^+ \tilde{\chi}_1^-$ decay via sleptons, $m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm} < 700$ GeV is excluded
    - if $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm \tilde{\chi}_2^0$ decay via WZ, $m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm, \tilde{\chi}_2^0} < 345$ GeV is excluded
    - if $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm \tilde{\chi}_2^0$ decay via Wh, $m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm, \tilde{\chi}_2^0} < 148$ GeV is excluded
    - pMSSM interpretation excludes $m_{\tilde{\chi}_2^\pm} < 300$ GeV

$2l + E_T^{miss}(+jj)$ and $3l + E_T^{miss}$ combined
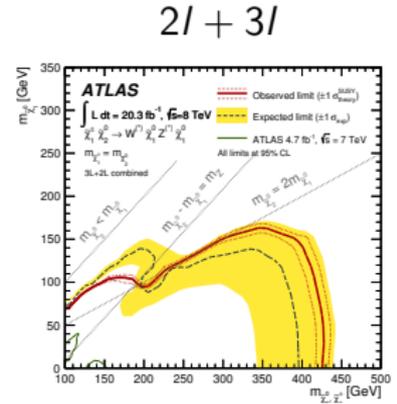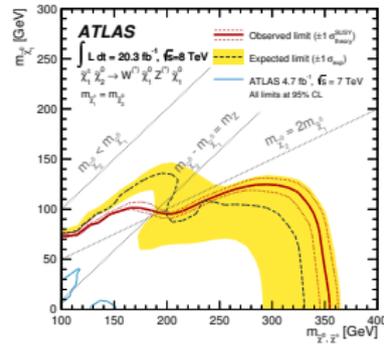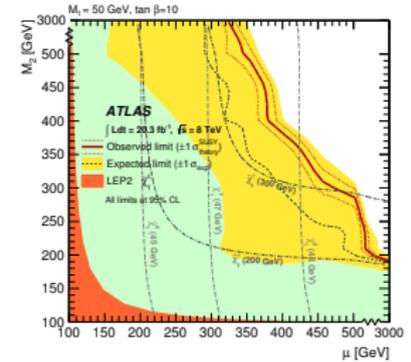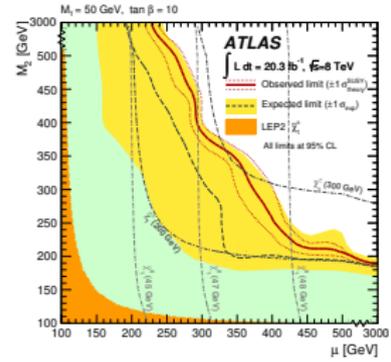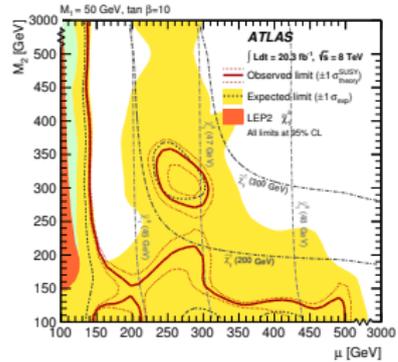
- ▶ combination significantly improves the exclusion regions
- ▶ complementarity between 2L and 3L searches

Conclusion

- ATLAS analyzed 20.3fb^{-1} of 8TeV *pp* collisions recorded in 2012

- No significant excess above the Standard Model has been measured

- Significant limits are set in simplified model as well as pMSSM scenarios

- Complementary exclusion power between analyses

Extras

m_{CT}
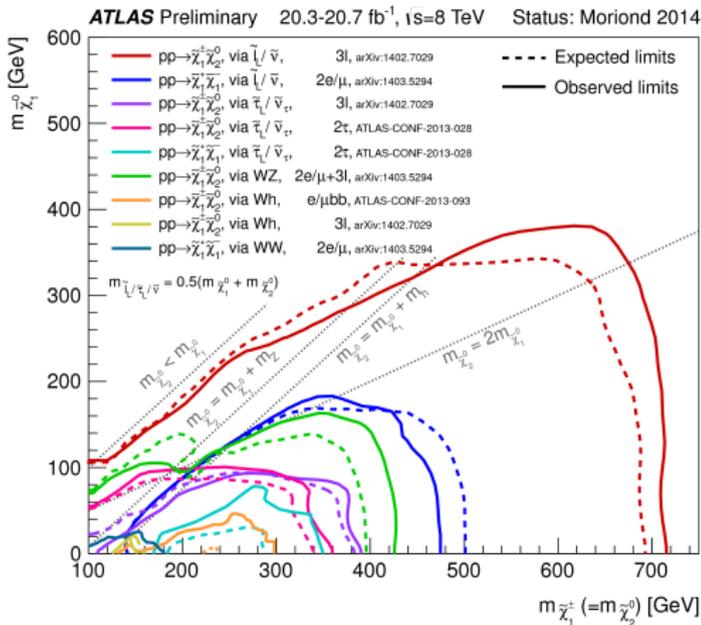
m_{CT} without boost-correction:

$$m_{CT}^2(v_1, v_2) = [E_T(v_1) + E_T(v_2)]^2 - [\mathbf{p}_T(v_1) - \mathbf{p}_T(v_2)]^2,$$

where v_1 and v_2 denote the visible particles or particle aggregates. with:

- ▶ b_1 and b_2 as aggregates
- ▶ lepton (e or μ) is the downstream vector combined with E_T^{miss} for boost-correction

In $1l + \overline{b}b + E_T^{\mathrm{miss}}$ analysis, m_{CT} is designed to build an endpoint in ttbar:

$$m_{CT}^{\max} \approx \frac{m_t^2 - m_W^2}{m_t} \approx 135 \ GeV$$

m_{T2}, m_T and $E_T^{\text{miss,rel}}$

m_{T2}, stransverse mass:

$$m_{T2} = \min \left[\max \left(m_T \left(\mathbf{p_T^{l1}}, \mathbf{q_T} \right), m_T \left(\mathbf{p_T^{l2}}, \mathbf{p_T^{\text{miss}}} - \mathbf{q_T} \right) \right) \right]$$

where m_T:

$$m_T \left(\mathbf{p_T}, \mathbf{q_T} \right) = \sqrt{2(p_T q_T - \mathbf{p_T} \cdot \mathbf{q_T})}$$

$E_T^{\text{miss,rel}}$:

$$E_T^{\text{miss,rel}} = \begin{cases} E_T^{\text{miss}} & \text{if } \Delta\phi_{\ell,j} \geq \pi/2 \\ E_T^{\text{miss}} \times \sin \Delta\phi_{\ell,j} & \text{if } \Delta\phi_{\ell,j} < \pi/2 \end{cases}$$