

Fun with Excesses

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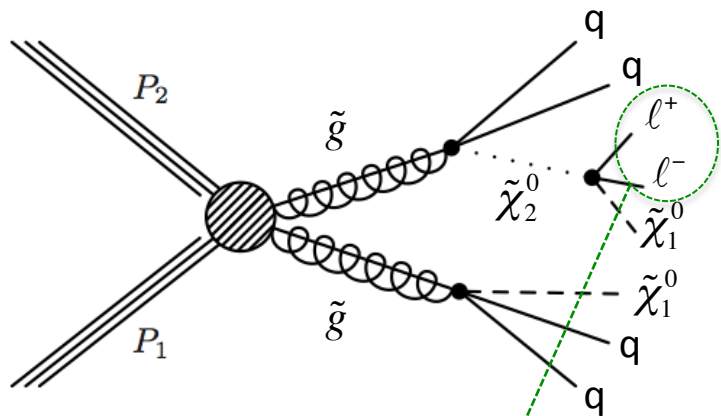
Excesses



- ...but very few excesses
- Expect several 3σ fluctuations, but almost none observed
- Will show personal selection of $>2\sigma$ excesses
- Goals:
 - Make sure they're checked in run 2 (and by other experiment)
 - Identify cross-checks: kinematic distributions, background estimates, etc
 - Identify possible signal models \rightarrow check other final states



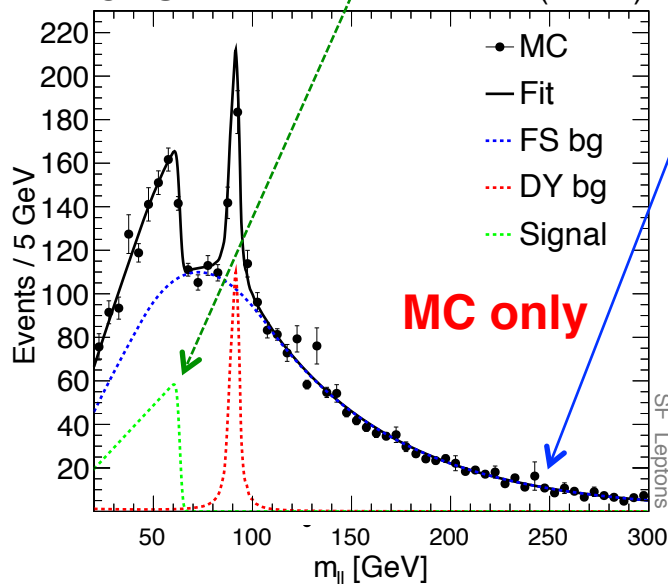
Dilepton Mass “Edge” Search



- Search for decay $\tilde{\chi}_2^0 \rightarrow l^+ l^- \tilde{\chi}_1^0$
- $M_{\ell\ell}$ (sensitive variable) uses only clean, well-measured leptons
- **Striking feature + simple background estimation (using $e\mu$ events)**

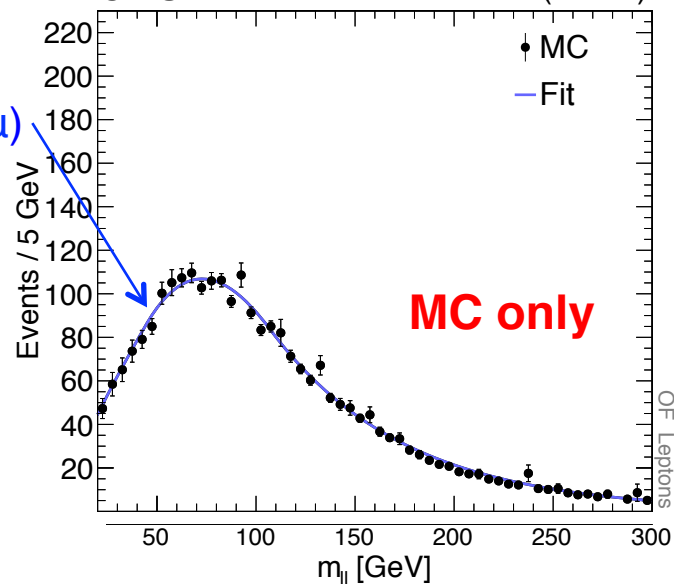
ee+μμ: search region

CMS Simulation 19.4 fb⁻¹ (8 TeV)



eμ: for bkg modeling

CMS Simulation 19.4 fb⁻¹ (8 TeV)



ttbar
N(ee+μμ)=N(eμ)



CMS Edge Results



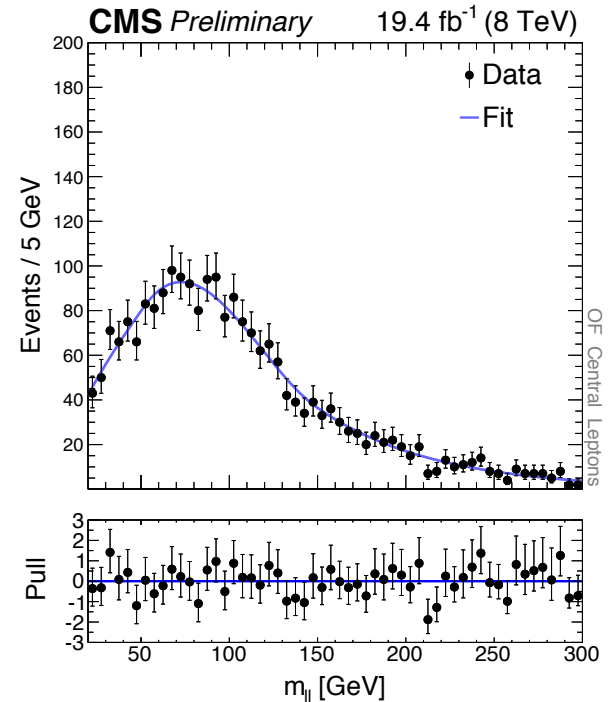
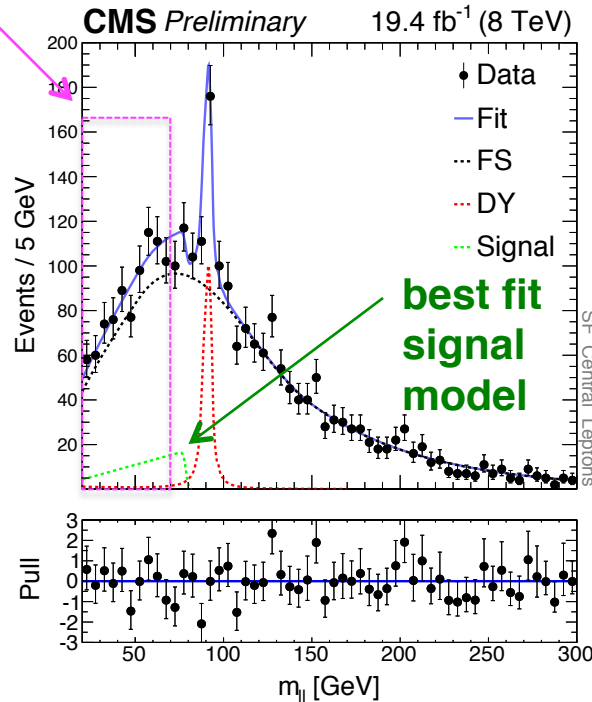
2 e/μ leptons with $p_T > 20$ GeV and $|\eta| < 1.4$
 ($n_{\text{jets}} \geq 2$ AND $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 150$ GeV) OR
 ($n_{\text{jets}} \geq 3$ AND $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 100$ GeV)

Counting experiment
 $20 < M_{\ell\ell} < 70$ GeV:

	Central
Observed [SF]	860
Flav. Sym. [OF]	$722 \pm 27 \pm 29$
Drell-Yan	8.2 ± 2.6
Total estimates	730 ± 40
Observed – Estimated	130^{+48}_{-49}
Significance [σ]	2.6

ee+μμ search region

eμ control region



Fit $M_{\ell\ell}$ distribution:

	Central
Drell-Yan	158 ± 23
Flav. Sym. [OF]	2270 ± 44
$R_{\text{SF/OF}}$	1.03
Signal events	126 ± 41
$m_{\ell\ell}^{\text{edge}}$ [GeV]	78.7 ± 1.4

- **2.6σ excess** in counting experiment
- **$M_{\text{edge}} = 79$ GeV** from fit (also $\sim 3\sigma$ excess)



Possible Explanations



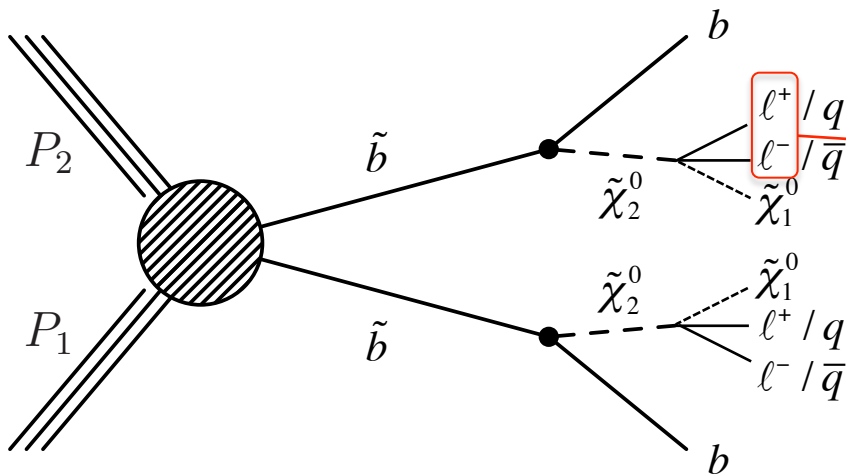
- Problems with 2ℓ triggers for $t\bar{t}$ estimation
 - e.g. broken $e\mu$ trigger would produce $ee+\mu\mu$ “excess”
 - Cross-checked with 1ℓ and E_T^{miss} triggers \rightarrow consistent results
- Underestimation of Z+jets (off-shell Z, mismeasured leptons)
 - Would need to be underestimated by $\times 15$ to explain results
 - Check in $2\ell+1$ jet events \rightarrow no excess at low $M_{\ell\ell}$
 - $n_{b\text{-jets}} = 0$ bin shows no excess (excess mostly in 1b and 2b bins)
- Underestimation of fake lepton backgrounds
 - Could populate ee more than $e\mu$, $\mu\mu$ \rightarrow but ee and $\mu\mu$ results consistent
 - Data-driven fake background estimation confirms this bkg is negligible
 - Tighten the lepton d_0 and isolation cuts \rightarrow no significant changes
- It is difficult to come up with systematic effects that explain this \rightarrow fluctuation or signal?



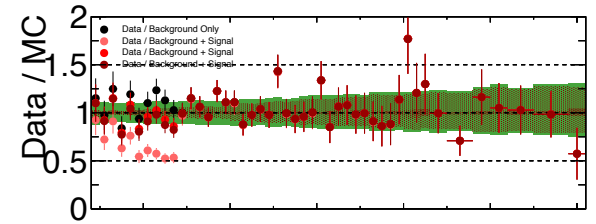
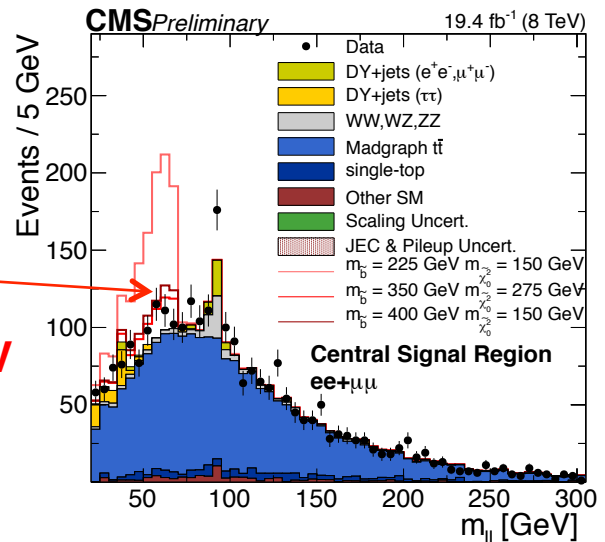
Constructing a (Simplified) Model



- Need $\tilde{\chi}_2^0 \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^- \tilde{\chi}_1^0$ decay to explain edge
- Need strong production (squarks/gluinos) to explain jets
- Excess events don't have very large $n_{\text{jets}} \rightarrow$ squark-pairs
- Excess events have b-jets \rightarrow choose sbottom-pairs
- $M_{\text{edge}} \sim m(\tilde{\chi}_2^0) - m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0) \rightarrow$ fix at 70 GeV



~350-400 GeV sbottoms?



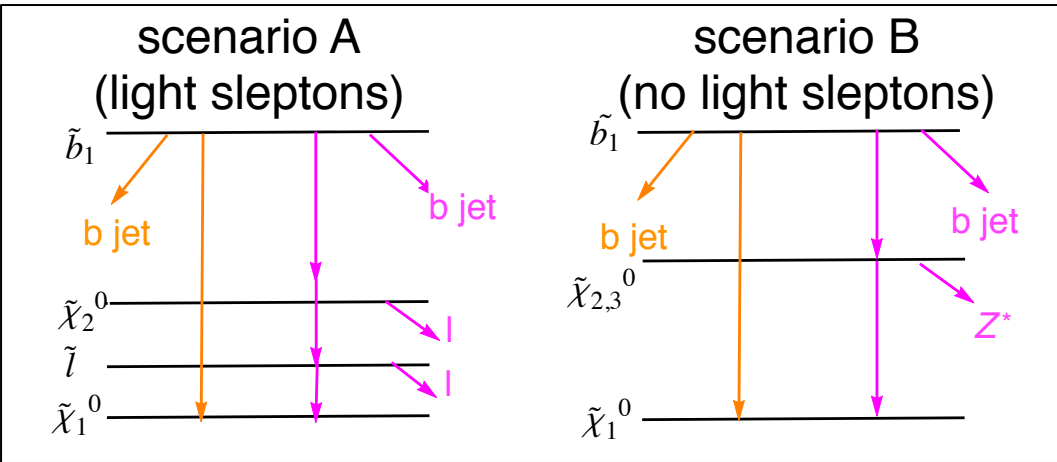
- ... but no confirmation from 4ℓ or all-hadronic searches



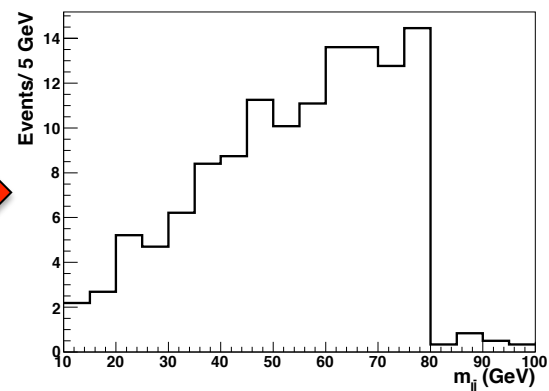
Constructing a (Full) Model



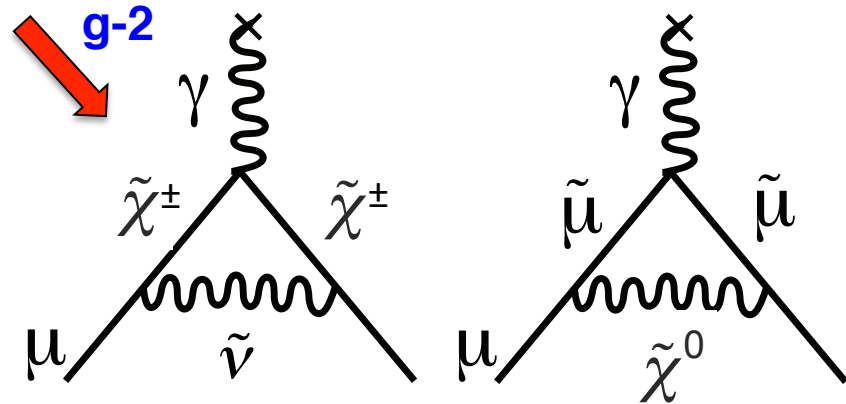
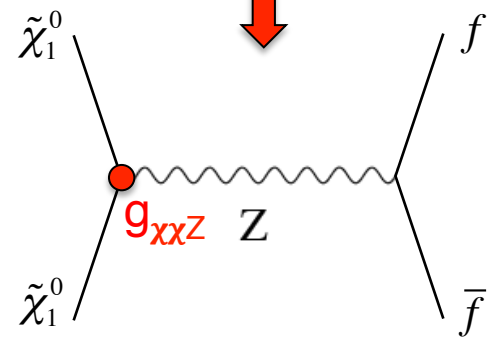
- Construct 2 models with 390 GeV sbottom-pairs, choose SUSY parameters to fit CMS edge while evading other LHC constraints



dilepton mass edge



DM relic density



Wagner and Huang, Phys. Rev. D91 (2015) 015014



ATLAS 3 ℓ Results



- Observe excesses in SR0 τ a ($\ell+\ell-\ell$, $\ell+\ell-\ell'$)
 - 3 ℓ (no τ) with 1 SFOS pair, categorize events with M_{SFOS} , M_T , E_T^{miss}
 - Excesses have moderate E_T^{miss} , M_T values

M_{SFOS} 12-40 GeV
 $M_T < 80$ GeV
 E_T^{miss} 50-90 GeV
2.2 σ

Sample	SR0 τ a-bin01	SR0 τ a-bin02	SR0 τ a-bin03	SR0 τ a-bin04	SR0 τ a-bin05	SR0 τ a-bin06
WZ	13.2 $^{+3.4}_{-3.2}$	3.0 \pm 1.4	7.8 \pm 1.6	4.5 $^{+1.1}_{-1.0}$	6.3 \pm 1.6	3.7 \pm 1.6
ZZ	1.4 $^{+0.6}_{-0.5}$	0.12 \pm 0.06	0.40 \pm 0.14	0.20 \pm 0.18	1.5 \pm 0.5	0.25 $^{+0.14}_{-0.11}$
t \bar{t} V + tZ	0.14 \pm 0.05	0.07 \pm 0.04	0.04 $^{+0.05}_{-0.04}$	0.14 \pm 0.13	0.11 \pm 0.08	0.047 $^{+0.022}_{-0.021}$
VVV	0.33 \pm 0.33	0.10 \pm 0.10	0.19 \pm 0.19	0.6 \pm 0.6	0.26 $^{+0.27}_{-0.26}$	0.24 \pm 0.24
Higgs	0.66 \pm 0.26	0.15 \pm 0.08	0.64 \pm 0.22	0.46 $^{+0.18}_{-0.17}$	0.36 $^{+0.14}_{-0.15}$	0.33 $^{+0.13}_{-0.12}$
Reducible	6.7 \pm 2.4	0.8 \pm 0.4	1.6 $^{+0.7}_{-0.6}$	2.7 \pm 1.0	4.3 $^{+1.6}_{-1.4}$	2.0 \pm 0.8
Total SM	23 \pm 4	4.2 \pm 1.5	10.6 \pm 1.8	8.5 $^{+1.7}_{-1.6}$	12.9 $^{+2.4}_{-2.3}$	6.6 $^{+1.9}_{-1.8}$
Data	36	5	9	9	11	13
p_0 (σ)	0.02 (2.16)	0.35 (0.38)	0.50	0.40 (0.26)	0.50	0.03 (1.91)
N_{exp}^{95}	14.1 $^{+5.6}_{-3.6}$	6.2 $^{+2.5}_{-1.7}$	8.4 $^{+3.1}_{-2.3}$	7.7 $^{+3.1}_{-2.1}$	9.0 $^{+3.6}_{-2.5}$	8.0 $^{+3.2}_{-1.9}$
N_{obs}^{95}	26.8	6.9	7.3	8.4	7.9	14.4
Sample	SR0 τ a-bin07	SR0 τ a-bin08	SR0 τ a-bin09	SR0 τ a-bin10	SR0 τ a-bin11	SR0 τ a-bin12
WZ	7.6 \pm 1.3	0.30 $^{+0.25}_{-0.24}$	16.2 $^{+3.2}_{-3.1}$	13.1 $^{+2.5}_{-2.6}$	19 \pm 4	3.7 \pm 1.2
ZZ	0.55 $^{+0.16}_{-0.14}$	0.012 $^{+0.008}_{-0.007}$	1.43 $^{+0.32}_{-0.28}$	0.60 $^{+0.12}_{-0.13}$	0.7 \pm 1.2	0.14 \pm 0.09
t \bar{t} V + tZ	0.04 $^{+0.15}_{-0.04}$	0.12 $^{+0.13}_{-0.12}$	0.16 $^{+0.09}_{-0.12}$	0.12 \pm 0.10	0.41 $^{+0.24}_{-0.22}$	0.12 \pm 0.11
VVV	0.9 \pm 0.9	0.13 $^{+0.14}_{-0.13}$	0.23 $^{+0.24}_{-0.23}$	0.4 \pm 0.4	0.6 \pm 0.6	0.6 \pm 0.6
Higgs	0.98 $^{+0.29}_{-0.30}$	0.13 \pm 0.06	0.32 \pm 0.11	0.22 $^{+0.10}_{-0.11}$	0.28 \pm 0.12	0.12 \pm 0.06
Reducible	4.0 $^{+1.5}_{-1.4}$	0.40 $^{+0.27}_{-0.26}$	4.1 $^{+1.3}_{-1.2}$	1.9 $^{+0.9}_{-0.8}$	5.7 $^{+2.1}_{-1.9}$	0.9 $^{+0.5}_{-0.4}$
Total SM	14.1 \pm 2.2	1.1 \pm 0.4	22.4 $^{+3.6}_{-3.4}$	16.4 \pm 2.8	27 \pm 5	5.5 $^{+1.5}_{-1.4}$
Data	15	1	28	24	20	8
p_0 (σ)	0.37 (0.33)	0.50	0.13 (1.12)	0.07 (1.50)	0.39 (0.28)	0.21 (0.82)
N_{exp}^{95}	9.6 $^{+3.9}_{-2.5}$	3.7 $^{+1.5}_{-0.9}$	12.7 $^{+4.9}_{-3.5}$	11.3 $^{+4.5}_{-3.1}$	13.8 $^{+5.4}_{-3.7}$	6.9 $^{+2.9}_{-1.7}$
N_{obs}^{95}	10.8	3.7	18.0	18.3	15.3	9.2

M_{SFOS} 40-60 GeV
 $M_T < 80$ GeV
 $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 75$ GeV
1.9 σ

M_{SFOS} 60-81 GeV
 $M_T > 80$ GeV
 E_T^{miss} 50-75 GeV
1.5 σ

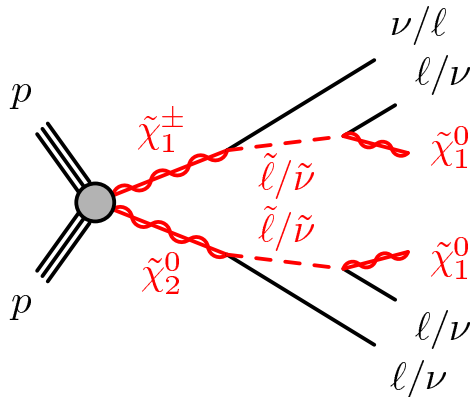
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ATLAS 3 ℓ Interpretations

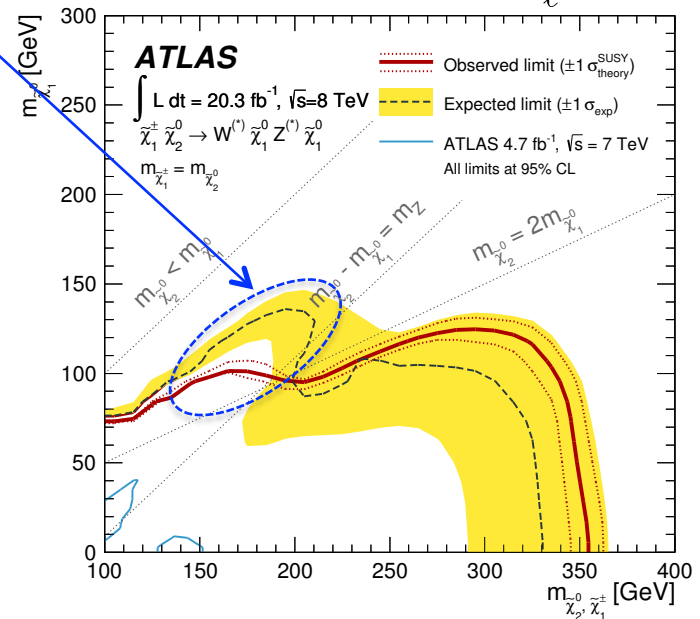
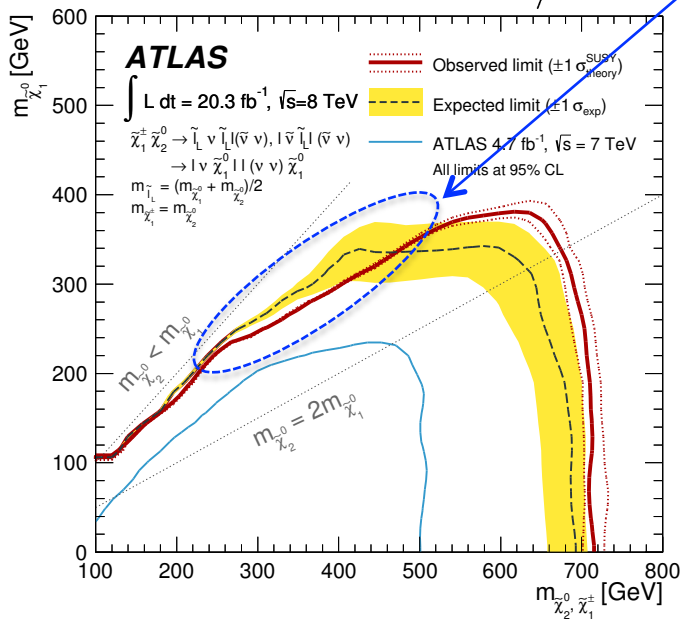
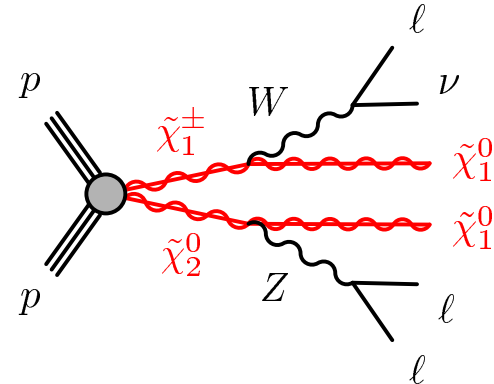


$\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm \tilde{\chi}_2^0$ production
with light sleptons



most sensitive
search region:
SR0 τ a-bin01
 $N_{\text{data}} = 36$
 $N_{\text{bkg}} = 23 \pm 4$
2.2 σ

$\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm \tilde{\chi}_2^0$ production
without light sleptons



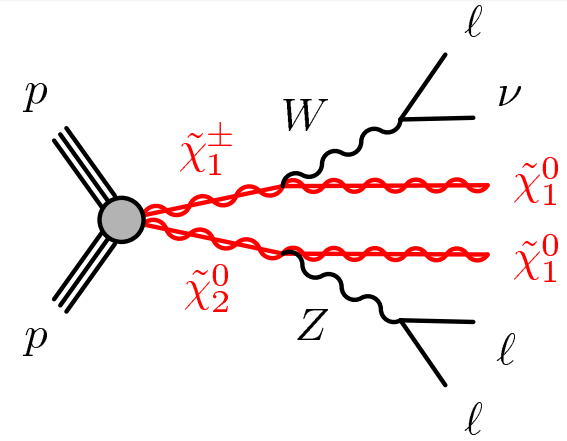
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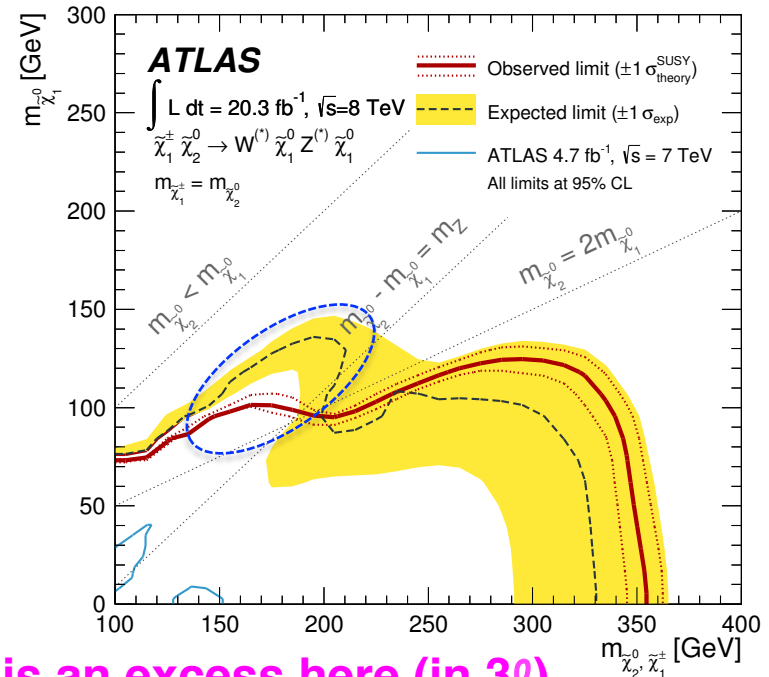
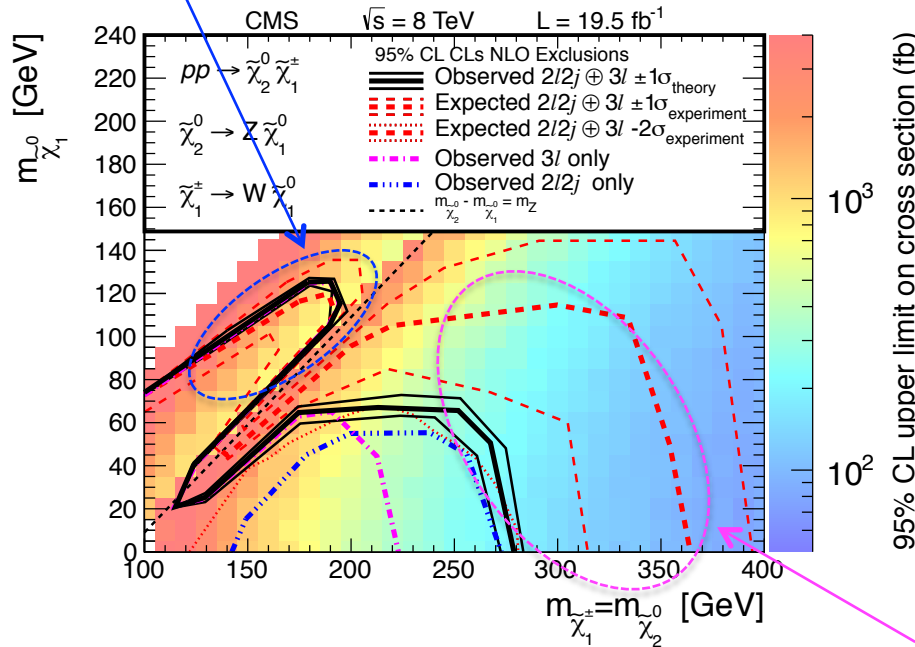
CMS 3 ℓ Cross-check



- CMS search for $\chi^+ \chi^0 \rightarrow WZ + E_T^{\text{miss}}$
 - Search in $WZ \rightarrow 3\ell$ and $WZ \rightarrow (jj)(\ell\ell)$ channels



no excess here



... but there is an excess here (in 3 ℓ)



CMS 3 ℓ Results

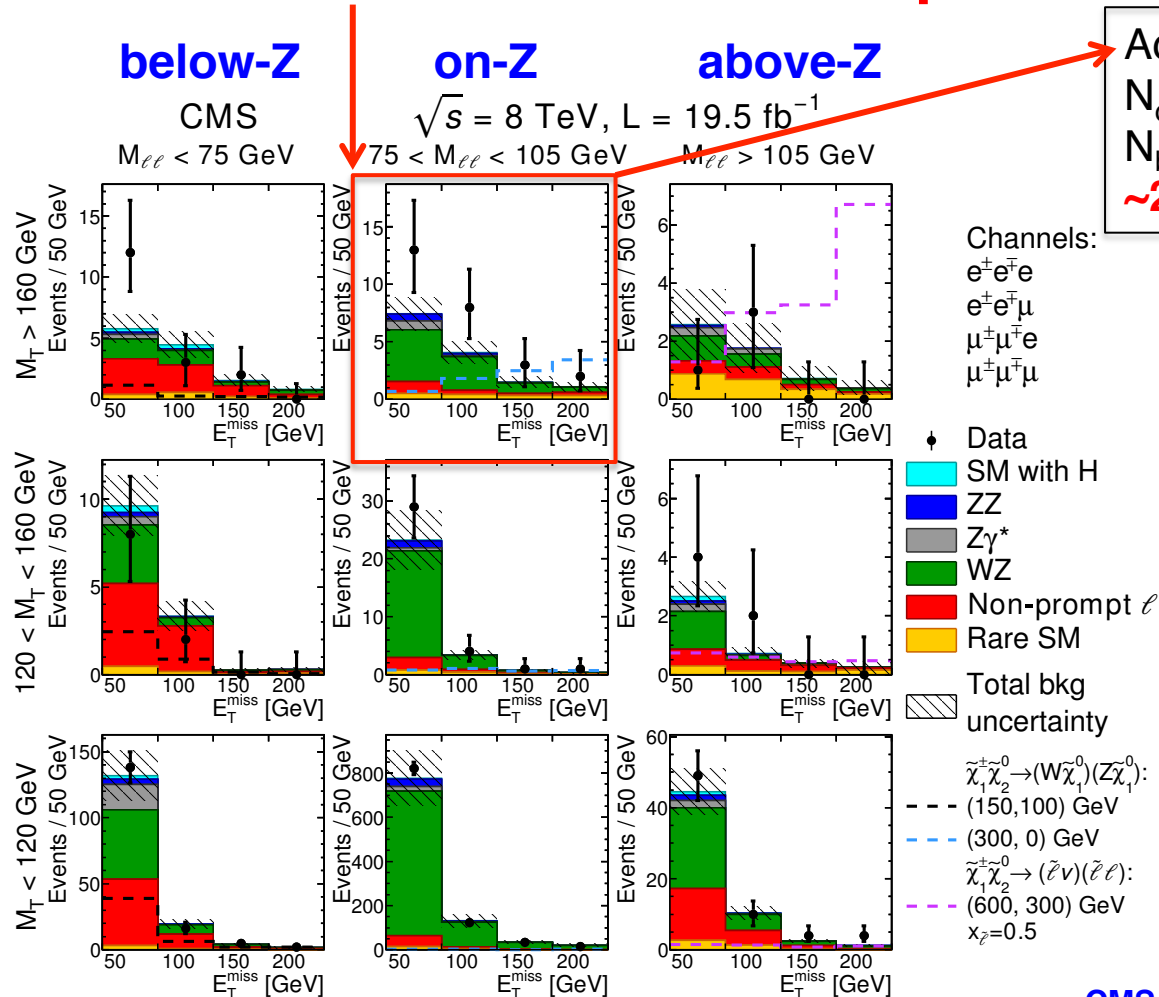


- Excess due to **3 ℓ events with SFOS on-Z pair and large M_T**

high M_T

moderate M_T

low M_T



Add up E_T^{miss} bins:
 $N_{\text{data}} = 26$
 $N_{\text{bkg}} = 14 \pm 3$
 $\sim 2\sigma$

- Key experimental challenge: modeling M_T tails

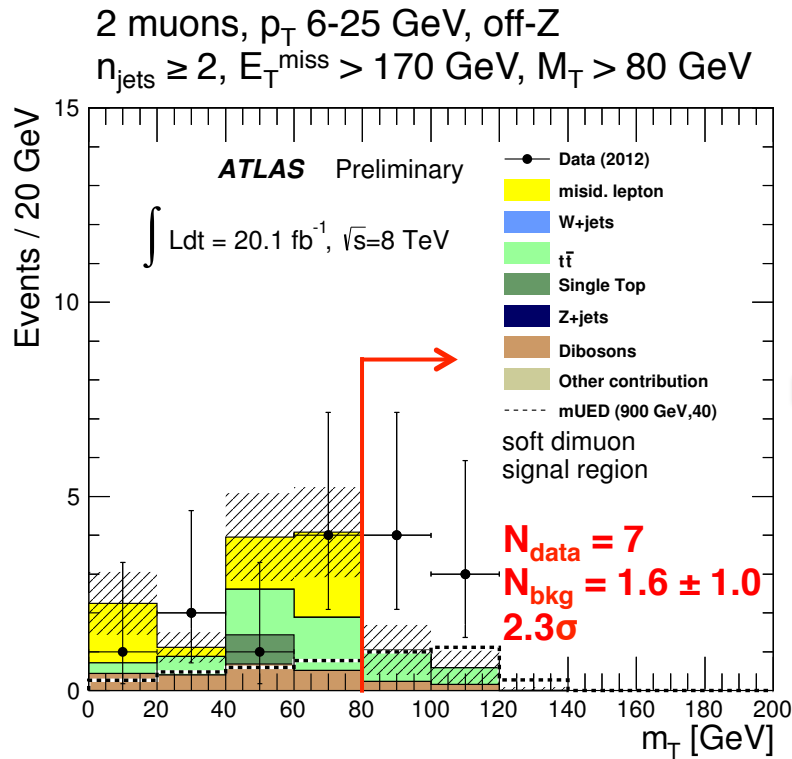
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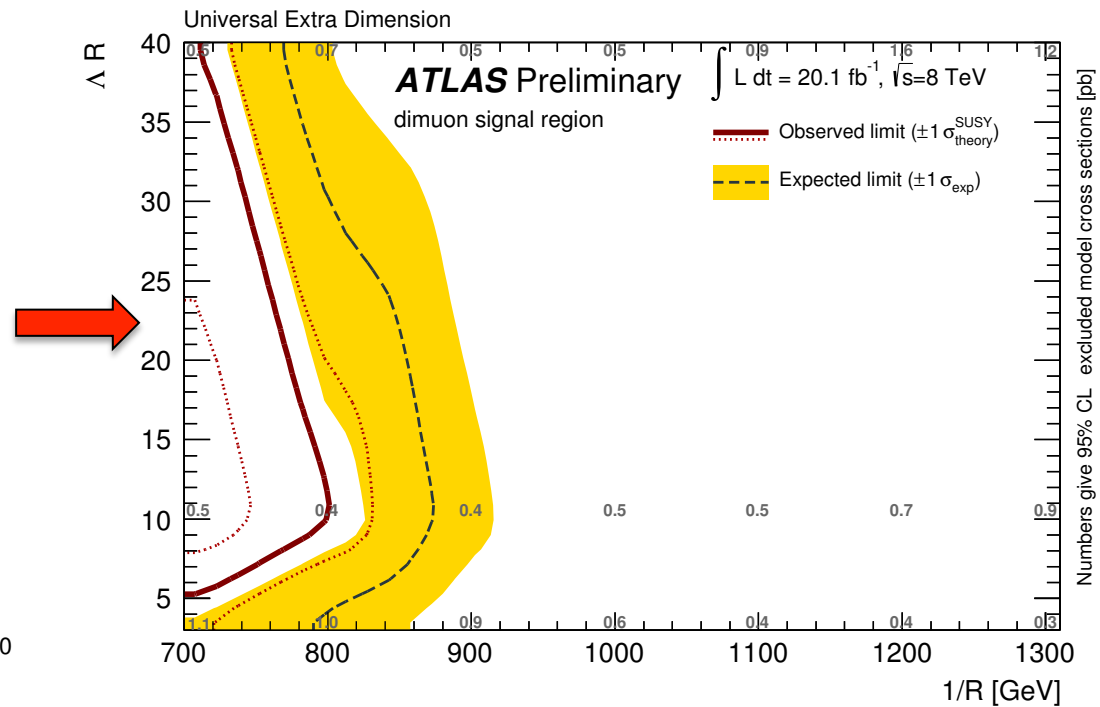
ATLAS Soft 2μ Excess



- Excess events with 2 soft muons, jets, and E_T^{miss}
 - N.B. excess gone in paper [arXiv:1501.03555](https://arxiv.org/abs/1501.03555) [hep-ex]



Minimal (SM + 1 extra dimension) UED
 R = compactification scale
 Λ = cutoff



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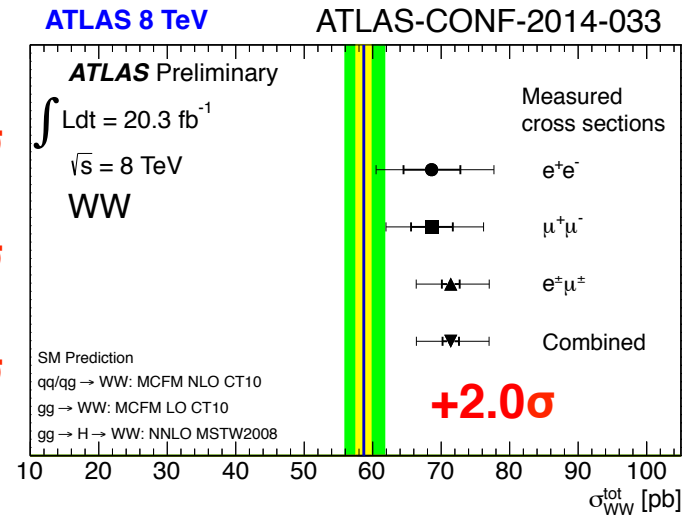
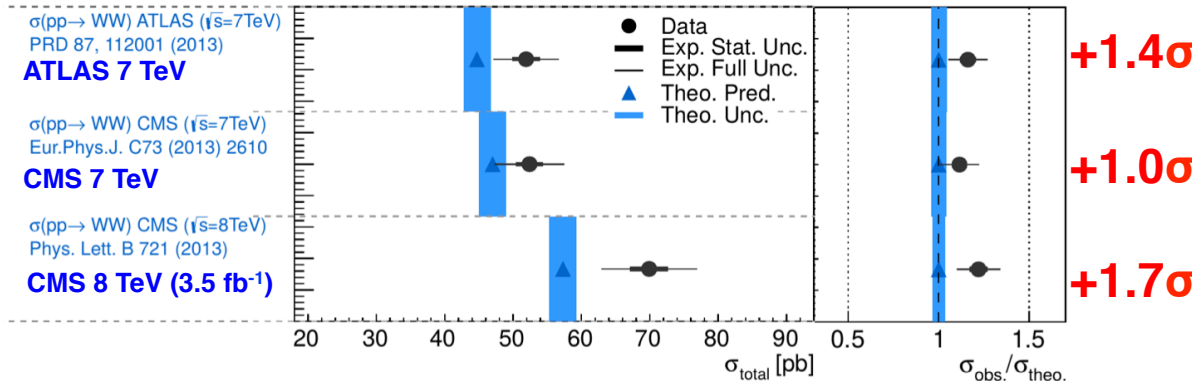


WW Excess



- Measured $\sigma(pp \rightarrow W^+W^-)$ exceeds theory prediction for both CMS and ATLAS, at 7 TeV and 8 TeV
 - W, Z, WZ, ZZ rates \sim agree with theory
 - Explanation from higher order corrections (to jet veto acceptance) [1-4]?

Standard Model prediction: $58.7^{+1.0}_{-1.1}$ (PDF) $^{+3.1}_{-2.7}$ (total) pb



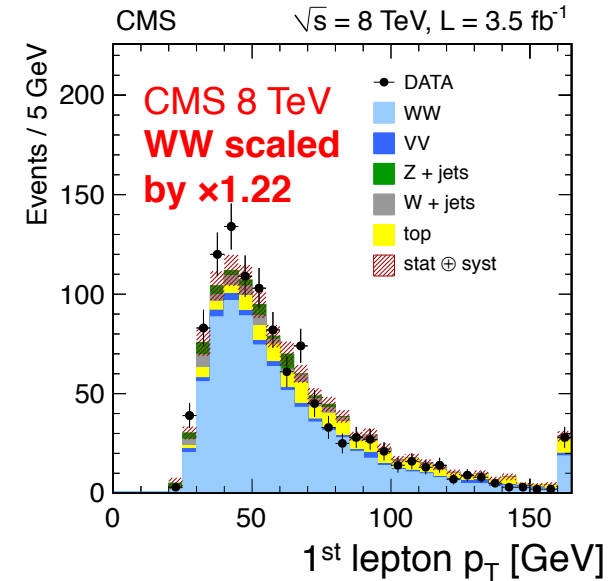
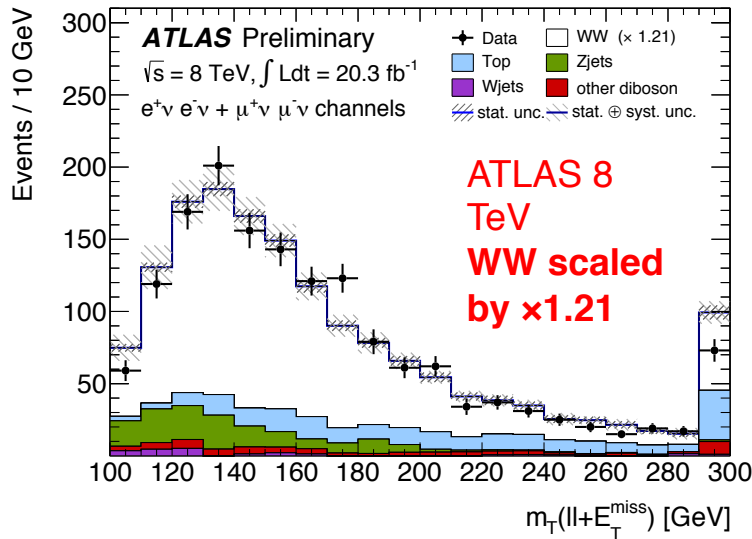
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 [2] Dawson et al, "Threshold Resummed and Approximate NNLO results for W^+W^- Pair Production at the LHC"
 [3] Jaiswal and Okui, "An Explanation of the WW Excess at the LHC by Jet-Veto Resummation"
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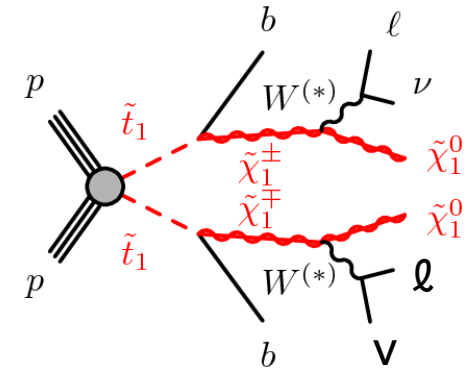
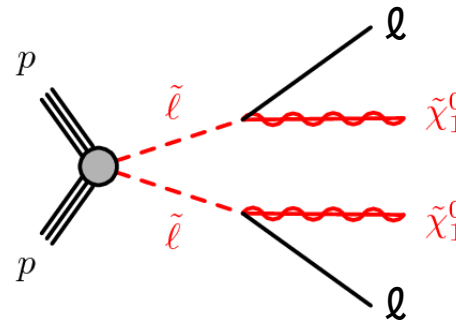
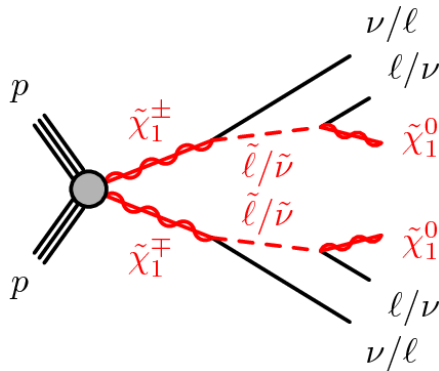
WW Excess



- The shapes agree, but the rates are high by $\sim 20\%$:



- Possible SUSY explanations [1-4] \rightarrow light charginos, sleptons or stops?

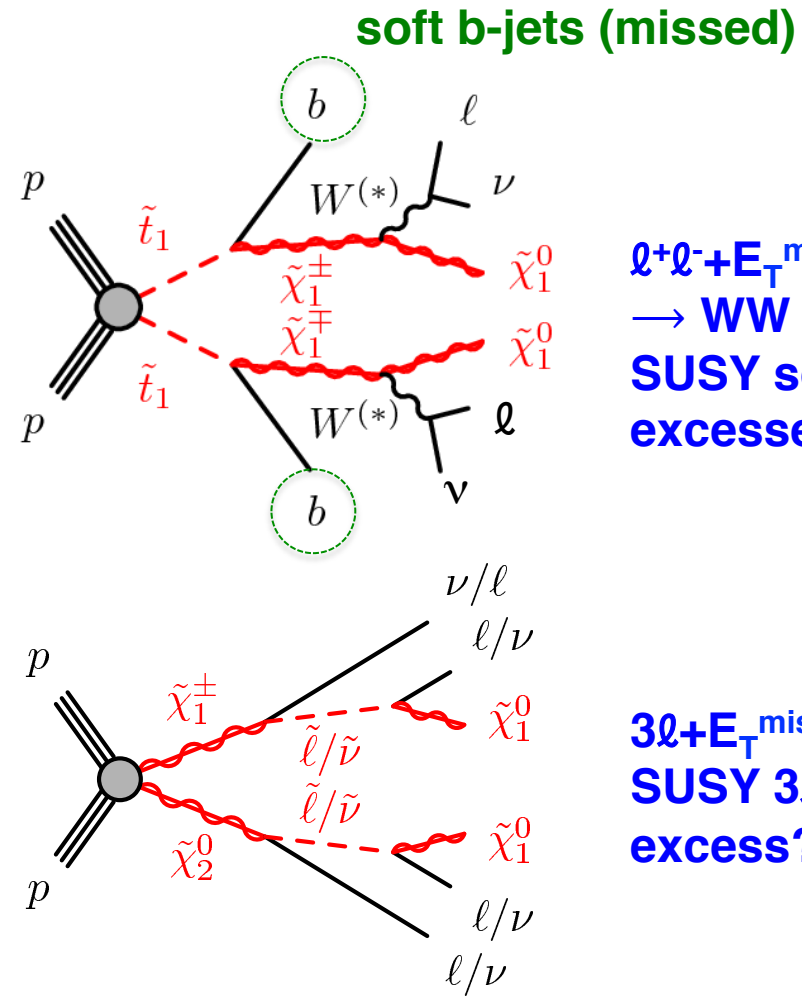
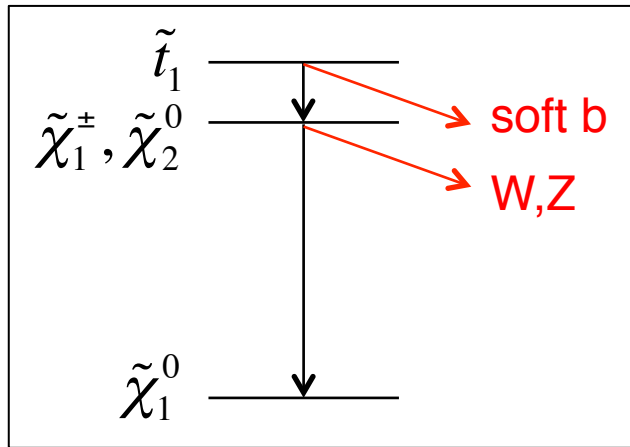


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[3] Rolbiecki and Sakurai, "Light stops emerging in WW cross section measurements?"
 [4] Kim et. al, "Stop' that ambulance! New physics at the LHC?"



Light Stops?



$l+l+E_T^{\text{miss}}$
 \rightarrow WW and SUSY soft 2μ excesses?

$3l+E_T^{\text{miss}}$ \rightarrow SUSY $3l$ excess?

- Possible explanation for WW, SUSY $3l$ and soft $2l$ excesses?

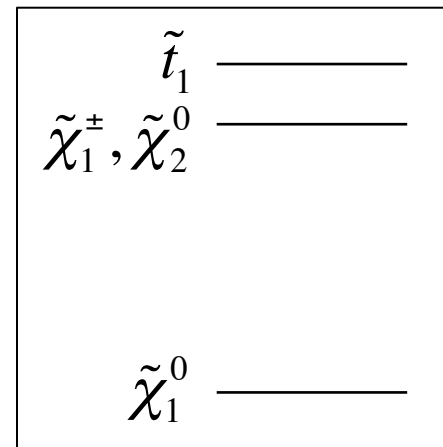
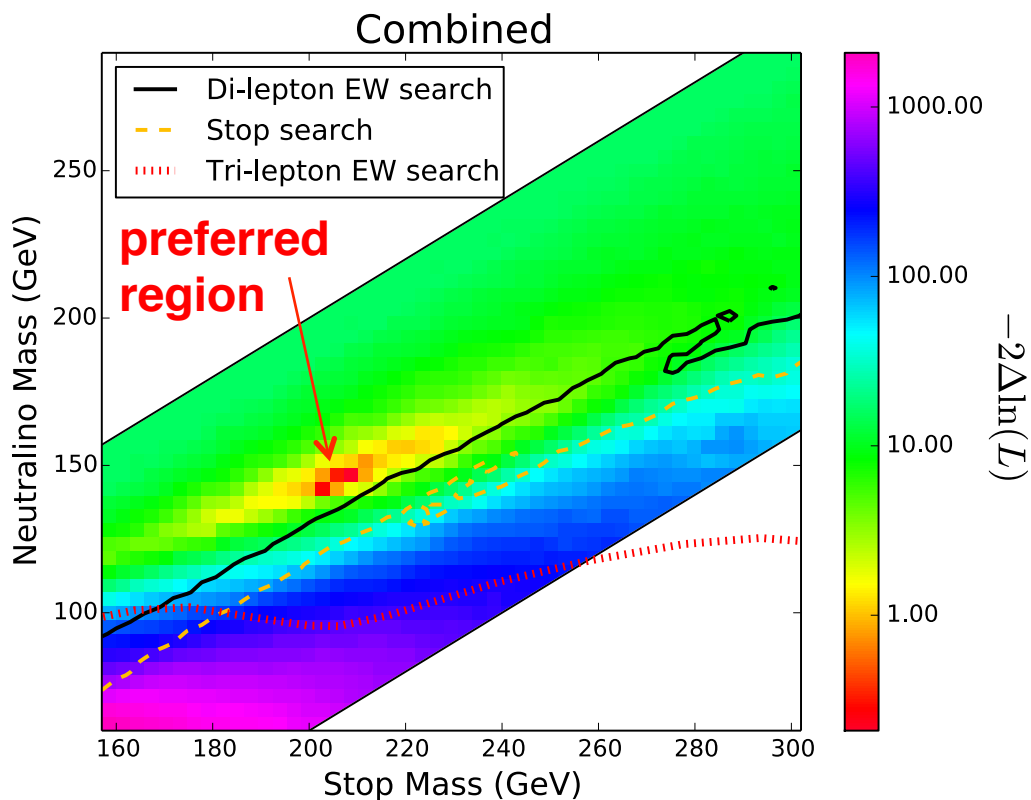
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Extracting SUSY Particle Masses



- Perform likelihood analysis of several CMS/ATLAS searches
→ extract most likely SUSY particle masses



$$m_{\tilde{t}_1} = 202^{+35}_{-25} \text{ GeV},$$

$$m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0} = 140^{+25}_{-15} \text{ GeV}$$

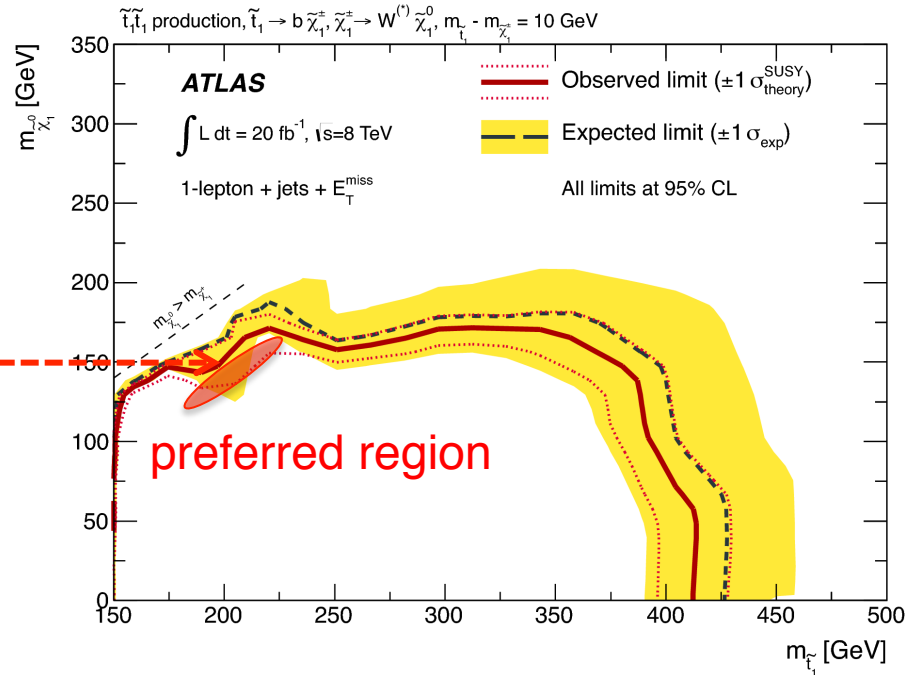
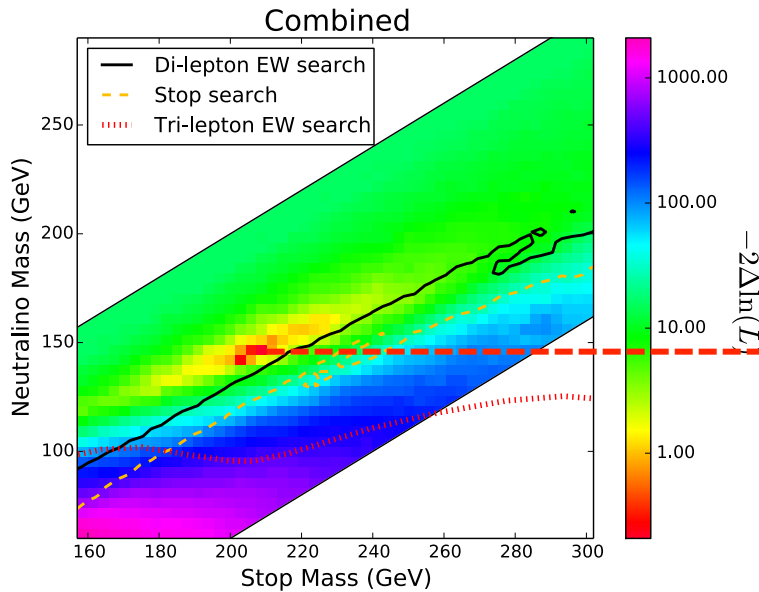
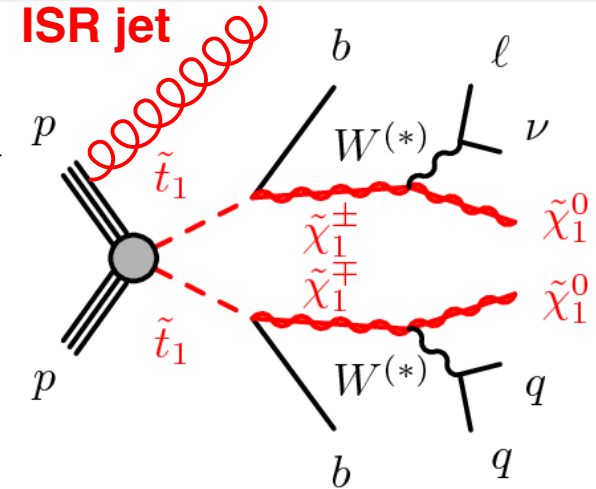
$$m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm} = m_{\tilde{\chi}_2^0} = m_{\tilde{t}_1} - 7 \text{ GeV}$$



ATLAS Stop 1 ℓ Search



- ATLAS 1 ℓ stop search probes this model using ISR jet selection
- Preferred region is excluded, but at edge of sensitivity



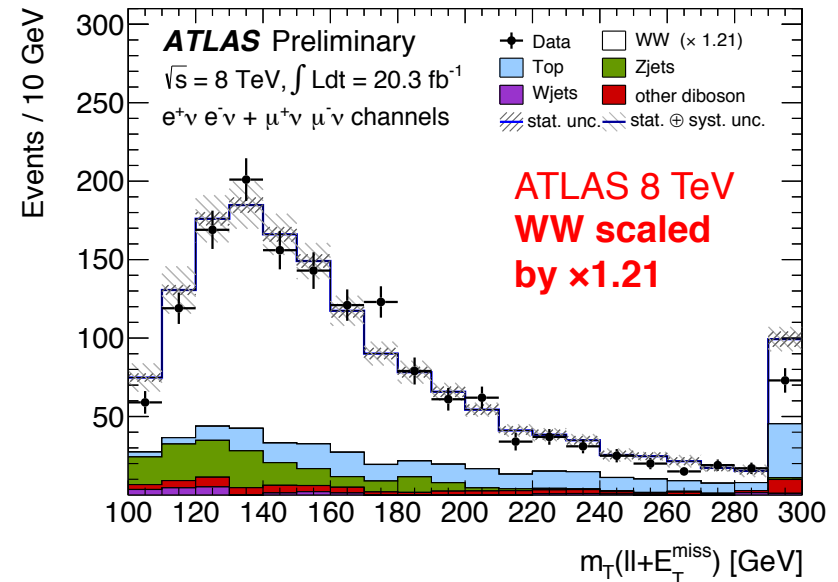
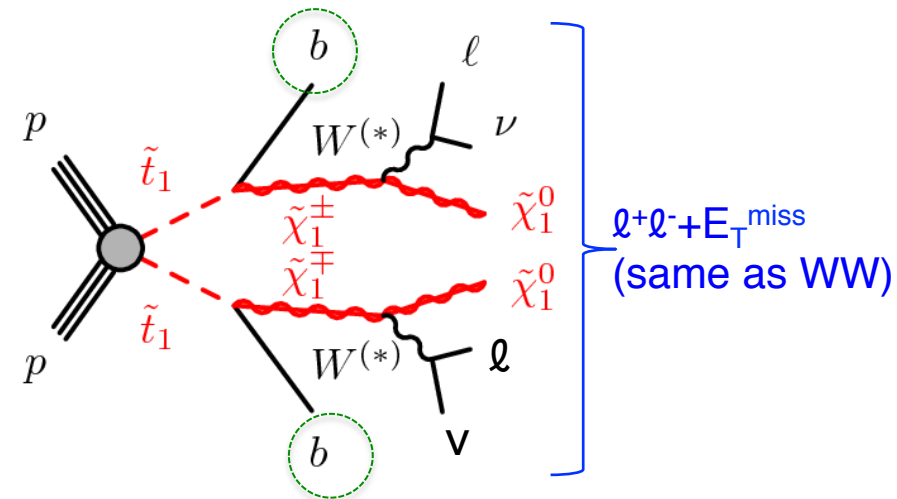
ATLAS, JHEP 11 (2014) 118



2ℓ + soft-b Analysis



- Test for stops in WW cross section measurement
- Difference between signal (stops) vs. bkg (WW) is presence of **soft b-jets**
- **Add requirement of ≥ 1 soft b-jet to WW-like selection**
- Need soft ($p_T \gtrsim 10$ GeV) b-tagging \rightarrow track-jets





Summary of Excesses



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Search	Dataset	Max Significance	Reference
Dilepton mass edge	CMS 8 TeV	2.6σ	CMS-PAS-SUS-12-019
WW cross section	CMS 7 TeV	1.0σ	EPJC 73 2610 (2013)
WW cross section	CMS 8 TeV	1.7σ	PLB 721 (2013)
3 l + E_T^{miss} electroweak SUSY	CMS 8 TeV	$\sim 2\sigma$	EPJC 74 (2014) 3036
4 l + E_T^{miss} electroweak SUSY (see backup)	CMS 8 TeV	$\sim 3\sigma$	PRD 90, 032006 (2014)
Higgs $\rightarrow \mu\tau$ (lepton flavor violation)	CMS 8 TeV	2.5σ	CMS-PAS-HIG-14-005
1 st gen. leptoquarks (eejj / evjj channels)	CMS 8 TeV	2.6σ / 2.4σ	CMS-PAS-EXO-12-041
ttH with same-sign muons	CMS 8 TeV	$\mu_{\text{ttH}} = 8.5^{+3.5}_{-2.7}$	arXiv:1408.1682v1 [hep-ex]
Dijet resonance search	CMS 8 TeV	$\sim 2\sigma$	arXiv:1501.04198 [hep-ex]
Heavy right-handed neutrinos	CMS 8 TeV	2.8σ	EPJC 74 (2014) 3149
3 l + E_T^{miss} electroweak SUSY	ATLAS 8 TeV	2.2σ	PRD 90, 052001 (2014)
Soft 2 l + E_T^{miss} strong SUSY	ATLAS 8 TeV	2.3σ	ATLAS-CONF-2013-062
WW cross section	ATLAS 7 TeV	1.4σ	PRD 87, 112001 (2013)
WW cross section	ATLAS 8 TeV	2.0σ	ATLAS-CONF-2014-033
Z+jets+ E_T^{miss}	ATLAS 8 TeV	3.0σ	arXiv:1503.03290 [hep-ex]
Monojet search	ATLAS 8 TeV	1.7σ	arXiv:1502.01518 [hep-x]
H \rightarrow h(bb)h($\gamma\gamma$)	ATLAS 8 TeV	2.4σ	arXiv:1406.5053 [hep-ex]



Additional Material





CMS 3 ℓ + τ Excess



- SUSY multilepton ($\geq 3\ell$) search
- Categorize events based on lepton number and flavor, # OSSF pairs, $M_{\ell\ell}$, $n_{b\text{-tags}}$, E_T^{miss} , and H_T

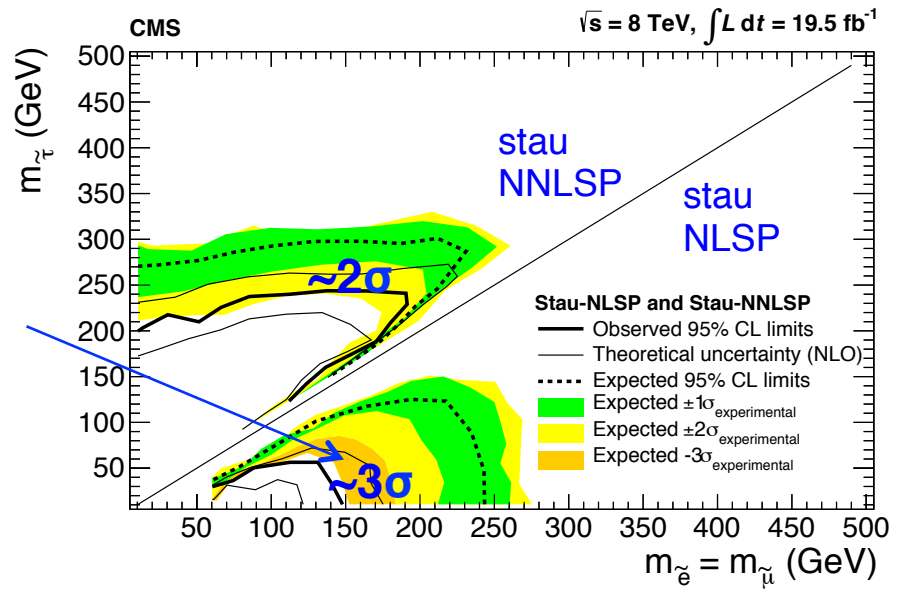
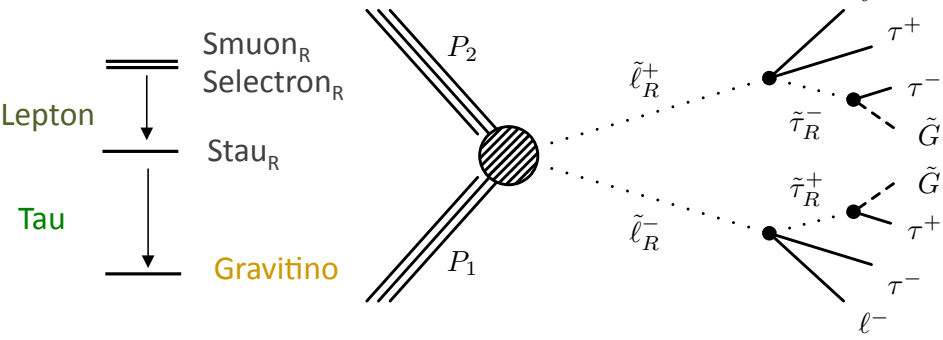
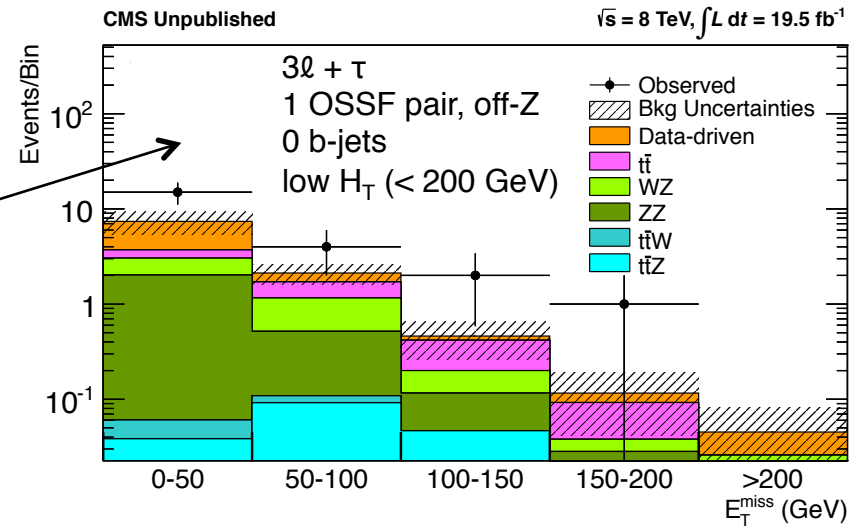
1 category has:

$N_{\text{data}} = 22$ events

$N_{\text{bkg}} = 10 \pm 2.4$ events

} $\sim 3\sigma$

- But: 64 total categories
 - Probability that ≥ 1 category has as large a fluctuation $\sim 50\%$
 - Probability for all bins in ≥ 1 category to have as large a fluctuation $\sim 5\%$





ATLAS Cross-check



- ATLAS multilepton analysis probes similar regions but doesn't see any excesses

SR1noZ:

$3\ell + \tau$, Z-veto
 $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 50$ GeV

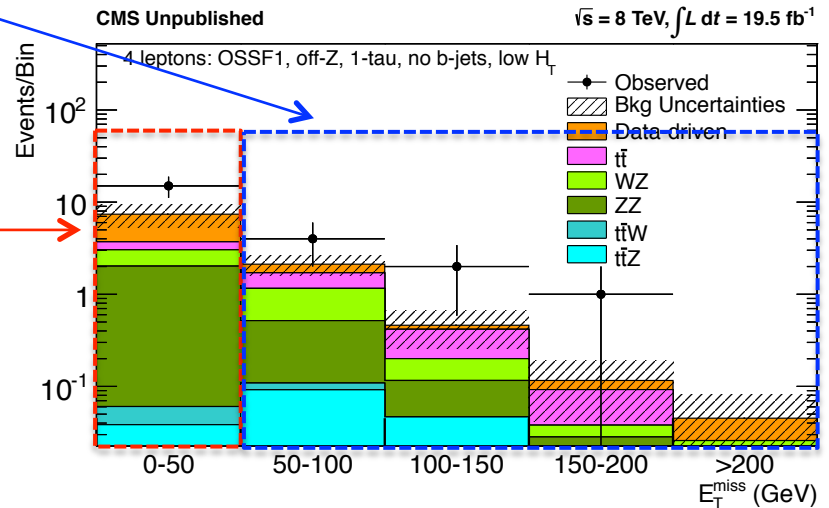
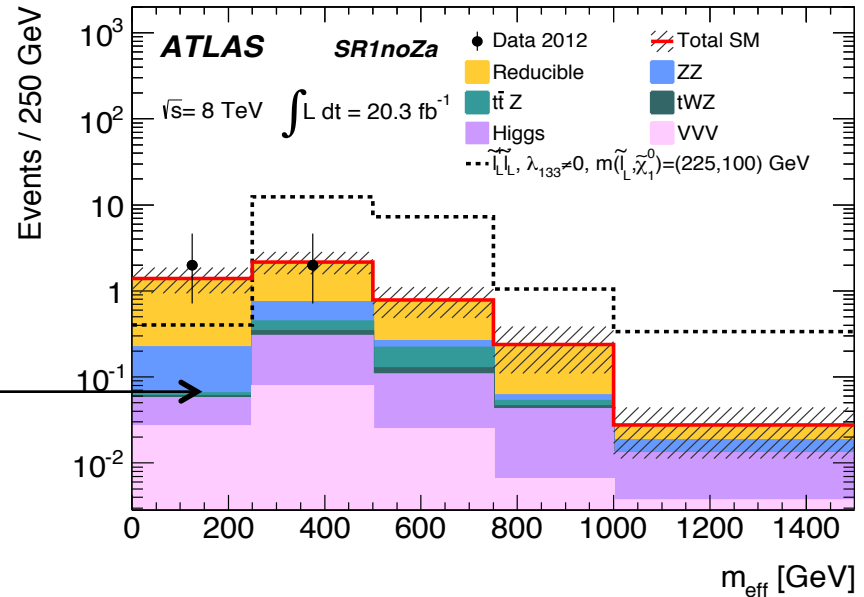
$N_{\text{data}} = 4$, $N_{\text{bkg}} = 4.6 \pm 1.3$

VR1noZ:

$3\ell + \tau$, Z-veto
 $E_T^{\text{miss}} < 50$ GeV, $m_{\text{eff}} < 400$ GeV

$N_{\text{data}} = 7$, $N_{\text{bkg}} = 8.9 \pm 1.8$

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ATLAS Soft 2 ℓ Results



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	soft dimuon 2-jet
Observed events	7
Fitted background events	1.6 ± 1.0
Fitted $t\bar{t}$ events	1.2 ± 1.0
Fitted W +jets events	-
Fitted diboson events	0.4 ± 0.3
Fitted misidentified lepton events	$0.0^{+0.3}_{-0.06}$
Fitted other background events	$0.01^{+0.06}_{-0.01}$
MC expected SM events	1.9 ± 1.2
MC expected $t\bar{t}$ events	1.5 ± 1.2
MC expected W +jets events	-
MC expected diboson events	0.4 ± 0.3
data-driven misidentified lepton events	$0.0^{+0.3}_{-0.0}$
MC expected other background events	$0.01^{+0.06}_{-0.01}$

	Soft dimuon
Observed events	6
Fitted background events	6.0 ± 2.6
$t\bar{t}$	1.8 ± 0.8
Other top quarks	0.24 ± 0.14
V +jets	0.28 ± 0.19
Diboson	1.4 ± 0.5
Fake leptons	$2.3^{+2.4}_{-2.3}$
Expected background events before the fit	6.8
$t\bar{t}$	2.6
Other top quarks	0.24
V +jets	0.28
Diboson	1.4
Fake leptons	2.3

	soft single-lepton		soft dimuon
	3-jet	5-jet	2-jet
N_ℓ	1 (electron or muon)		2 (muons)
p_T^ℓ [GeV]	[10,25] (electron), [6,25] (muon)		[6,25]
$p_T^{\text{add. } \ell}$ (GeV)	< 7 (electron), < 6 (muon)		
$m_{\mu\mu}$ (GeV)	-	-	>15 and $ m_{\mu\mu} - m_Z > 10$
N_{jet}	[3,4]	≥ 5	≥ 2
$p_T^{\text{leading jet}}$ (GeV)	> 180		>70
$p_T^{\text{subleading jets}}$ (GeV)	> 25		
$N_{b\text{-tag}}$	-	-	0
E_T^{miss} (GeV)	>400	>300	>170
m_T (GeV)	> 100		> 80
$E_T^{\text{miss}}/m_{\text{eff}}^{\text{incl}}$	> 0.3		-
$\Delta R_{\text{min}}(\text{jet}, \ell)$	> 1.0	-	> 1.0

	Single-bin (binned) soft single-lepton			Soft dimuon
	3-jet	5-jet	3-jet inclusive	2-jet
N_ℓ	1 electron or muon			2 muons
p_T^ℓ [GeV]	[7,25] for electron, [6,25] for muon			[6,25]
Lepton veto	No additional electron or muon with $p_T > 7$ GeV or 6 GeV, respectively			
$m_{\mu\mu}$ [GeV]	-	-	-	[15,60]
N_{jet}	[3,4]	≥ 5	≥ 3	≥ 2
p_T^{jet} [GeV]	> 180, 25, 25	> 180, 25, 25, 25, 25	> 130, 100, 25	> 80, 25
$N_{b\text{-tag}}$	-	-	0	0
E_T^{miss} [GeV]	>400	>300	> 180	
m_T [GeV]	> 100			> 40
$E_T^{\text{miss}}/m_{\text{eff}}^{\text{incl}}$	> 0.3 (0.1)			> 0.3
$\Delta R_{\text{min}}(\text{jet}, \ell)$	> 1.0	-	-	> 1.0 (2 nd muon)
Binned variable	$(E_T^{\text{miss}}/m_{\text{eff}}^{\text{incl}}$ in 4 bins)			-
Bin width	(0.1, 4 th is inclusive)			-