

# SUSY (s)lepton flavour studies with ATLAS

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# Outline

- mSUGRA
- Sleptons
- Fast simulation studies
- Full simulation studies
- Spin measurement
- Slepton non-universality

# mSUGRA

**Parameter space:**  $m_0, m_{1/2}, A_0, \tan(\beta), \text{sgn}(\mu)$

**R-parity is conserved:**

At the end of every SUSY decay chain is LSP, no mass peaks, no direct mass measurement

**Techniques for mass measurement:**

- kinematic endpoints
- transverse mass

# Sleptons

## Production:

indirectly: from decays of heavier gauginos

$$\tilde{\chi}_2^0 \rightarrow \tilde{l}_{R,L} l$$

directly:  $\tilde{l}_L \tilde{l}_L$ ,  $\tilde{l}_R \tilde{l}_R$  (small cross sections)

**Decays:** to kinematically open gauginos

$$\tilde{l}_R \rightarrow l \tilde{\chi}_1^0$$

$$\tilde{l}_L \rightarrow l \tilde{\chi}_1^0, l \tilde{\chi}_2^0, \nu \tilde{\chi}_1^\pm$$

# Mixings, masses

- At the unification scale SUSY scalars are mass degenerate. At the EW scale:  $m(\tilde{f}_L) > m(\tilde{f}_R)$
- L/R mixing is proportional to fermion masses, and can be neglected for selectrons, smuons. In the stau case, L/R stau mixing is significant. Mass eigenstates are:  $\tilde{\tau}_1$ ,  $\tilde{\tau}_2$ .  $\tilde{\tau}_1$  is the lightest slepton.

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# Fast simulation studies

SPS1a (bulk region)

$m_0 = 100$  GeV,

$m_{1/2} = 250$  GeV,

$A_0 = -100$  GeV,

$\tan(\beta) = 10, \mu > 0$

# Left squark cascade decay

fast sim.

$L = 100 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

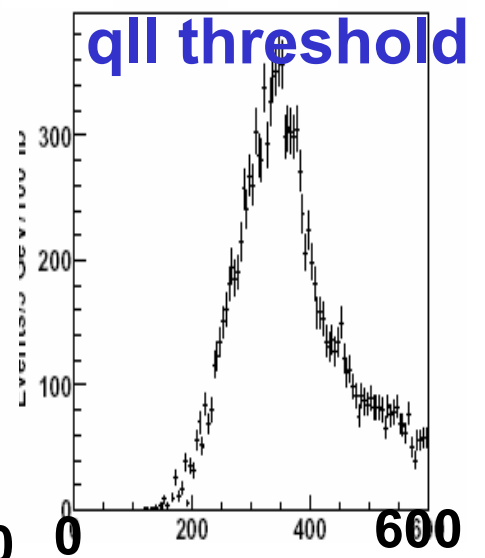
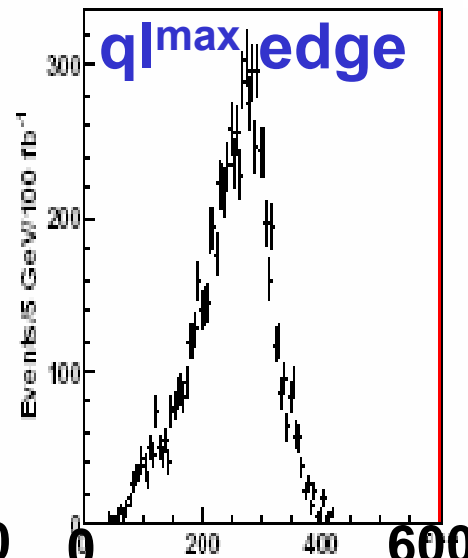
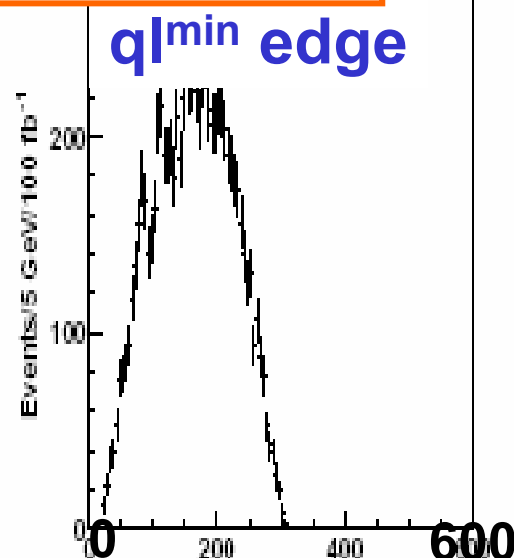
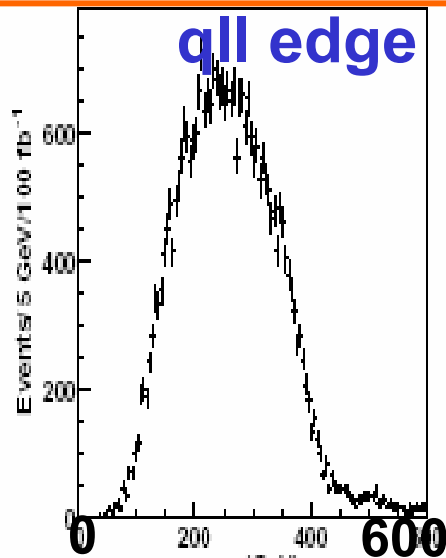
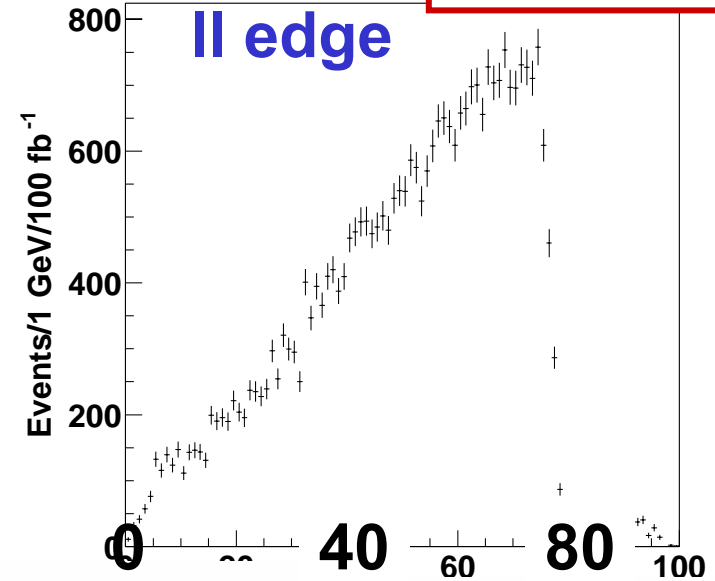
$$\tilde{q}_L \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_2^0 q \rightarrow \tilde{l}_R l q \rightarrow llq \tilde{\chi}_1^0$$

2 SFOS lep.,  $p_T > 20, 10$  GeV

$\geq 4$  jets,  $p_T > 150, 100, 50, 50$  GeV

$M_{\text{eff}} > 600$  GeV

$E_{T\text{miss}} > \max(100, 0.2 M_{\text{eff}})$



**L=100 fb<sup>-1</sup>**

## Fit results

Edge	Nominal Value	Fit Value	Syst. Error Energy Scale	Statistical Error
$m(ll)^{\text{edge}}$	77.077	77.024	0.08	0.05
$m(qll)^{\text{edge}}$	431.1	431.3	4.3	2.4
$m(ql)_{\text{min}}^{\text{edge}}$	302.1	300.8	3.0	1.5
$m(ql)_{\text{max}}^{\text{edge}}$	380.3	379.4	3.8	1.8
$m(qll)^{\text{thres}}$	203.0	204.6	2.0	2.8

## Mass reconstruction

5 endpoints measurements, 4 unknown masses

$$\chi^2 = \sum \chi_j^2 = \sum \left[ \frac{E_j^{\text{theory}}(\vec{m}) - E_j^{\text{exp}}}{\sigma_j^{\text{exp}}} \right]^2$$

$$E_j^i = E_j^{\text{nom}} + a_j^i \sigma_j^{\text{fit}} + b_j^i \sigma_j^{\text{Escale}}$$

$$m(\chi_1^0) = 96 \text{ GeV}$$

$$m(l_R) = 143 \text{ GeV}$$

$$m(\chi_2^0) = 177 \text{ GeV}$$

$$m(q_L) = 540 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\Delta m(\chi_1^0) = 4.8 \text{ GeV}, \quad \Delta m(\chi_2^0) = 4.7 \text{ GeV},$$

$$\Delta m(l_R) = 4.8 \text{ GeV}, \quad \Delta m(q_L) = 8.7 \text{ GeV}$$



# Direct slepton production

$$\tilde{l}_R \tilde{l}_R, \tilde{l}_L \tilde{l}_L \rightarrow l^+ l^- + E_T^{miss}$$

Signature: 2 SFOS leptons + missing transverse energy

It is possible to estimate slepton mass by using stransverse mass:

$$M_{T2} = \min_{E_T^{miss} = E_{T1}^{miss} + E_{T2}^{miss}} \left\{ \max \left\{ m_T^2(p_T^{l1}, E_{T1}^{miss}), m_T^2(p_T^{l2}, E_{T2}^{miss}) \right\} \right\}$$

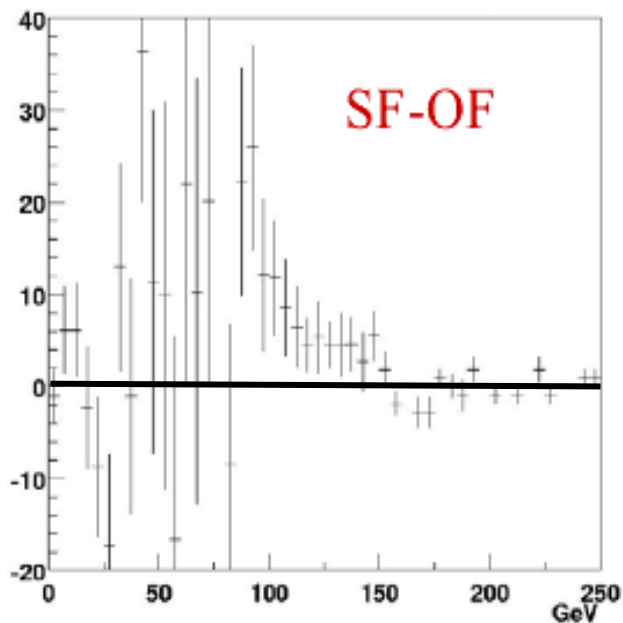
(Lester et al., Phys.Lett.B463 (1999) 99)

Endpoint of the stransverse mass is function of the mass difference between slepton and LSP

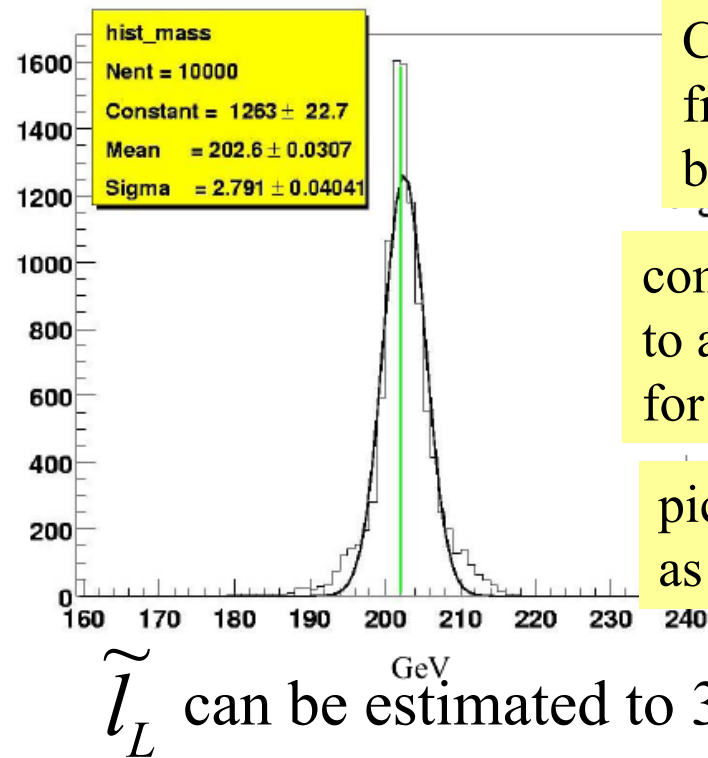
## Example: SPS1a

$$M(\tilde{\chi}_1^0) = 96 \text{ GeV}, M(\tilde{l}_R) = 143 \text{ GeV}, M(\tilde{l}_L) = 202 \text{ GeV}$$

Stransverse mass  $M_{T2}$   
after cuts



Left slepton mass



Create a data sample  
from signal and  
background events

compare shape of result  
to a set of signal distrib.  
for different  $\tilde{l}_L$  masses

pick fit with lowest  $\chi^2$   
as the mass

# Full simulation studies

# Data Challenges for Rome Physics Workshop

**Preliminary results of new full simulated data** for set of mSUGRA points chosen according to recent experimental data. Full simulation SM background data are currently produced and studied.

## **DC1 bulk region point - SU3**

$m_0 = 100 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $m_{1/2} = 300 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $A_0 = -300 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $\tan\beta = 6$ ,  $\text{sgn}(\mu) = +$

## **Coannihilation point – SU1**

$m_0 = 70 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $m_{1/2} = 350 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $A_0 = 0 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $\tan\beta = 10$ ,  $\text{sgn}(\mu) = +$

## **Focus point – SU2**

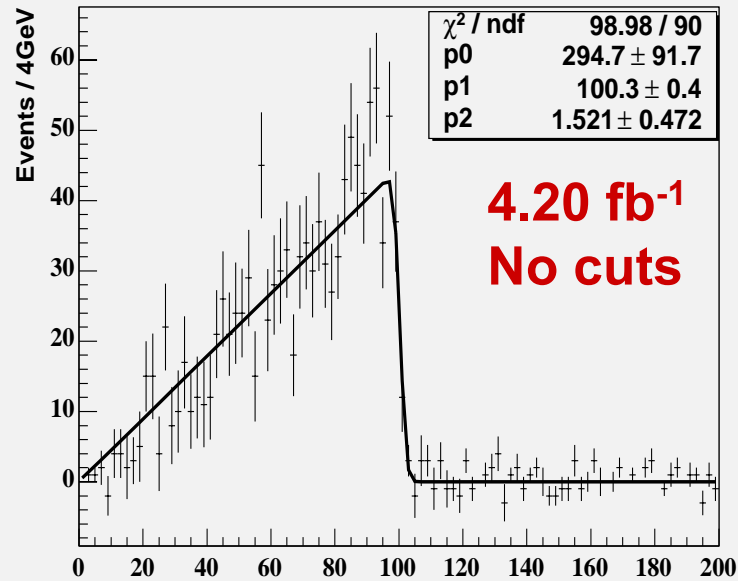
$m_0 = 3350 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $m_{1/2} = 300 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $A_0 = 0 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $\tan\beta = 10$ ,  $\text{sgn}(\mu) = +$

# SU3 dileptons

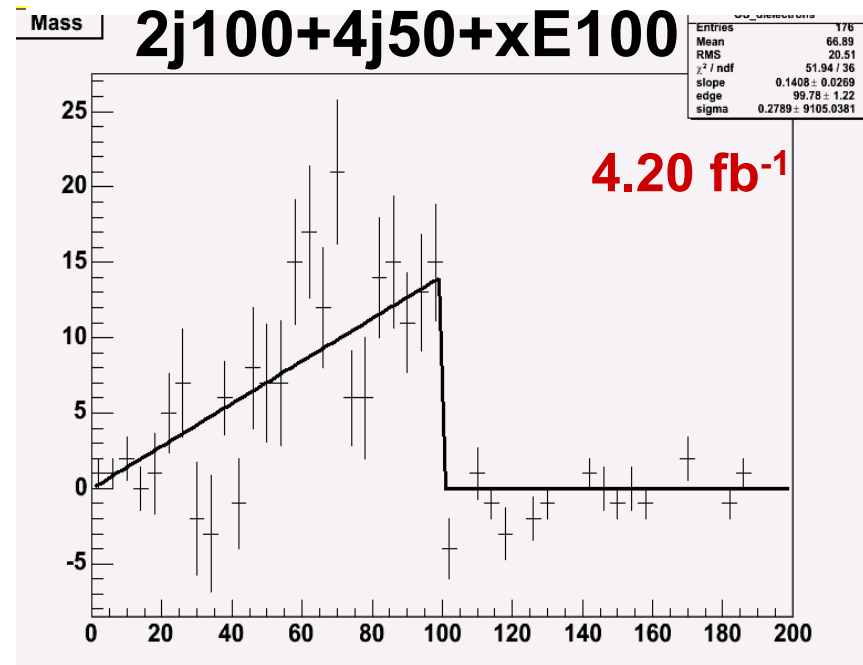
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Selected events with two OS leptons.

$$(e+e-) + \beta^2(\eta) (\mu+\mu-) - \beta(\eta) (e+\mu-)$$



Edge =  $100.3 \pm 0.4$  GeV mll (GeV)



Edge after cuts:  $99.8 \pm 1.2$  GeV

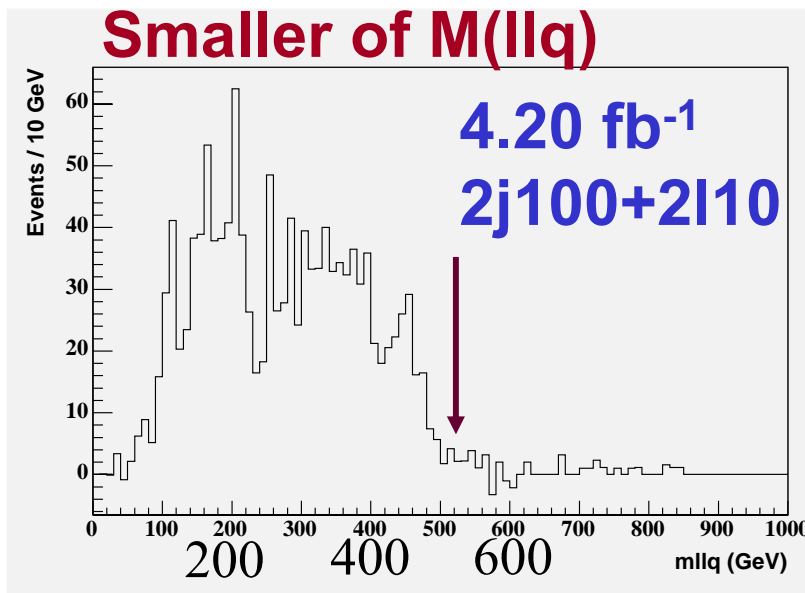
Fit with a triangular distribution with gaussian smearing.  
Edge in good agreement with true value 100.31 GeV

SM Background expected to be negligible after cuts. However, SUSY statistic also reduced. Study of SM background and optimization of cuts generally still under way

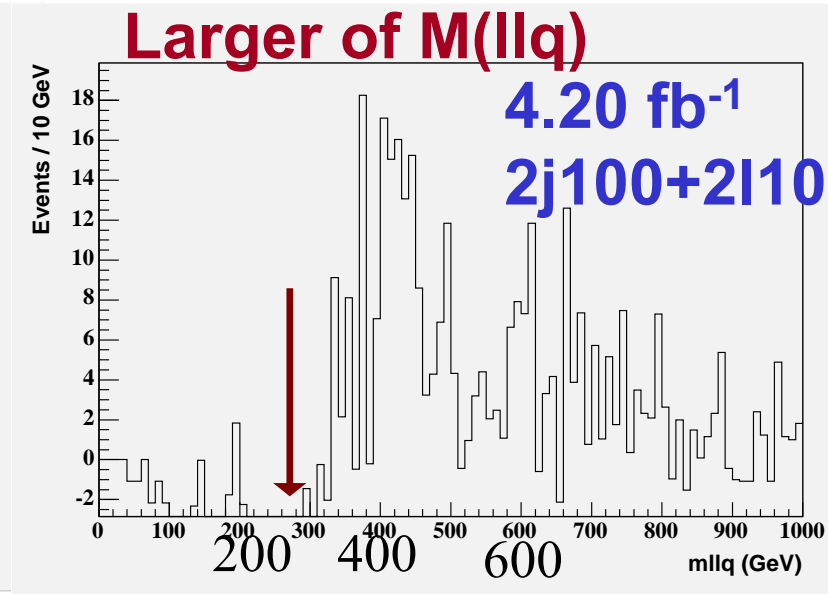
# SU3: leptons+jets

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Leptons combined with two jets with highest  $P_T$   
Flavour subtraction & efficiency correction applied



$M_{\ell\ell q}^{\max} = 501 \text{ GeV}$



$M_{\ell\ell q}^{\min} = 271 \text{ GeV}$

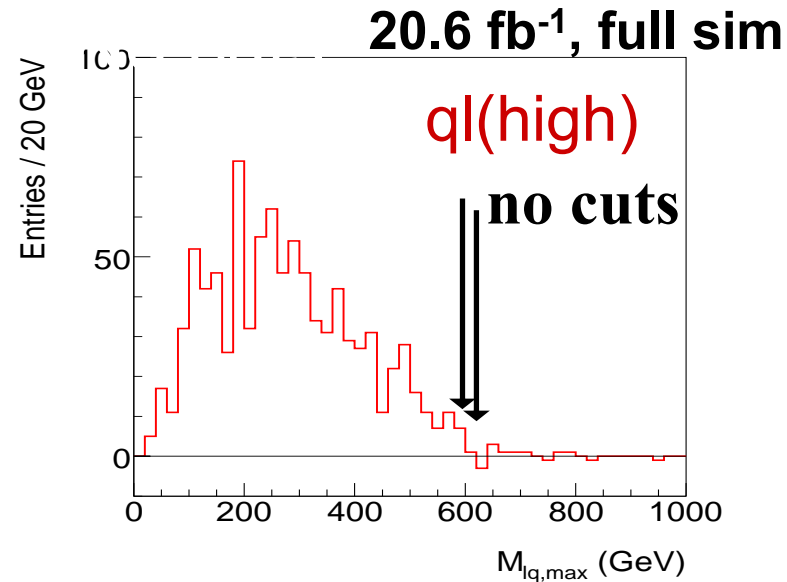
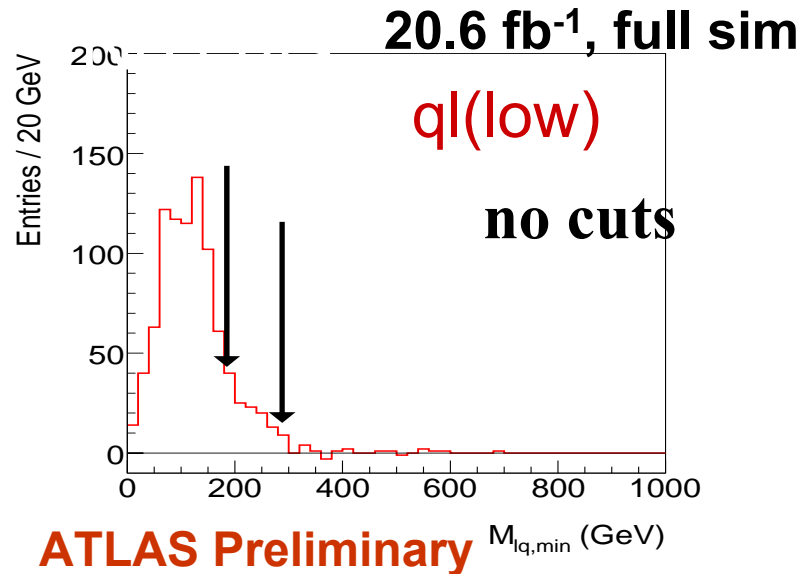
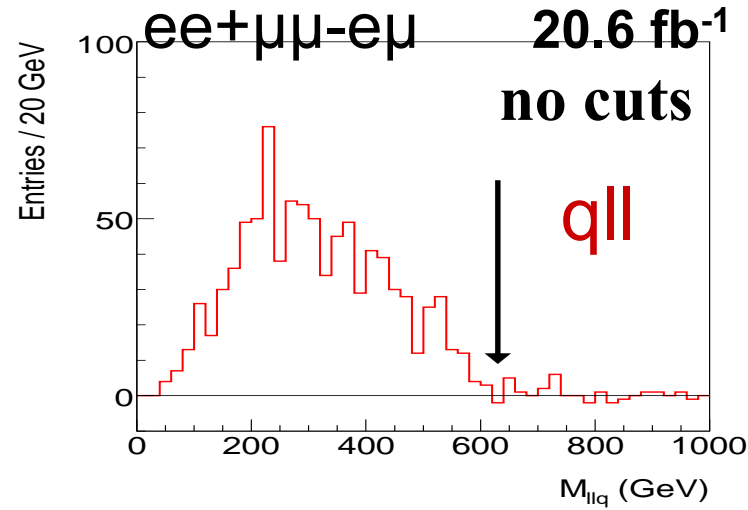
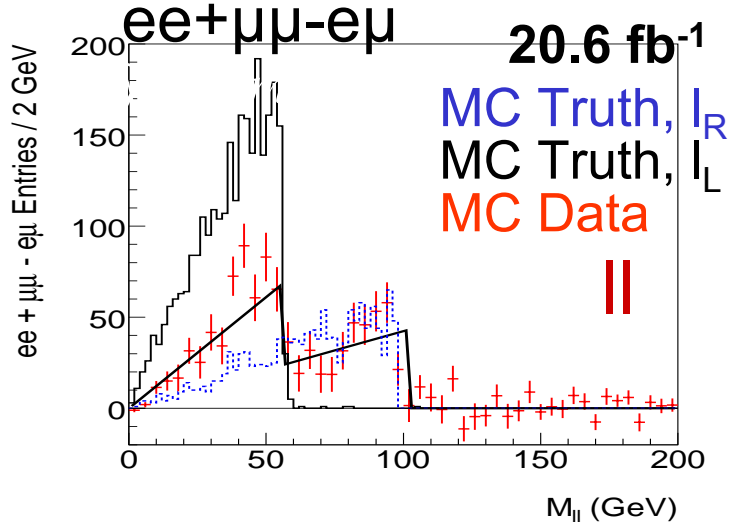
# SU1

$$\tilde{q}_L \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_2^0 q \rightarrow \tilde{l}_{L,R} l q \rightarrow llq \tilde{\chi}_1^0$$

264
255, 154
137

Each s-lepton is close in mass to one of the neutralinos – one of the leptons is soft

- Selection:  $e^+e^-$  or  $\mu^+\mu^-$  pair



ATLAS Preliminary

# SU2

$$\tilde{\chi}_3^0, \tilde{\chi}_2^0 \rightarrow ll \tilde{\chi}_1^0$$

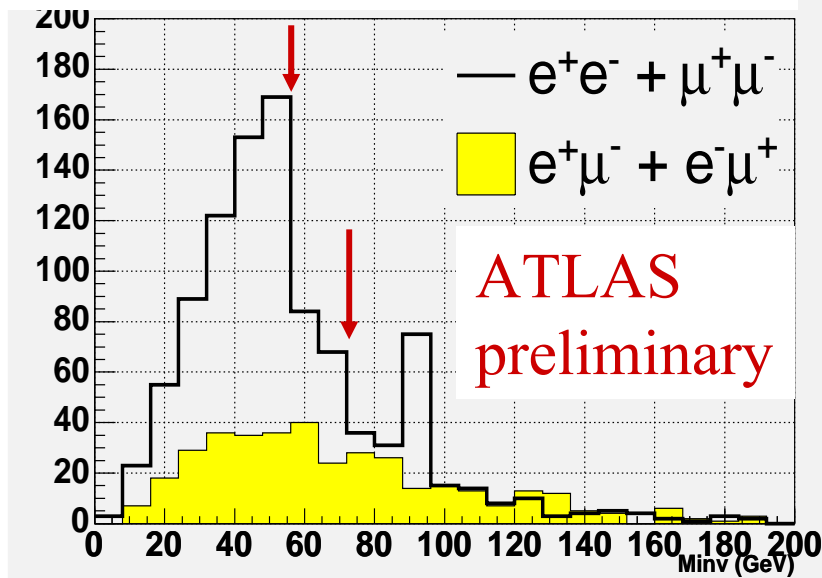
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$$\Delta m = m(\tilde{\chi}_n^0) - m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0) = 57, 76 \text{ GeV}$$

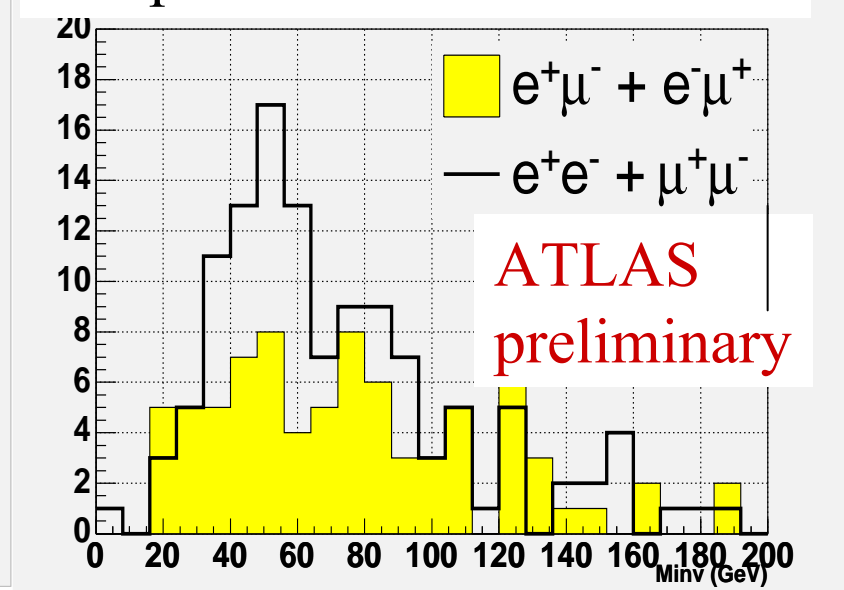
## Focus-Point

Heavy scalars: no scalar lepton in  $\chi$  decay

Dilepton mass **6.9 fb<sup>-1</sup>**



Dilepton mass after cuts **6.9 fb<sup>-1</sup>**



Cuts to reject SM:  $2j_{100} + 4j_{50} + xE_{100}$

With only  $6.9 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of data we begin to see the edge structure emerge. More statistic needed for fit.



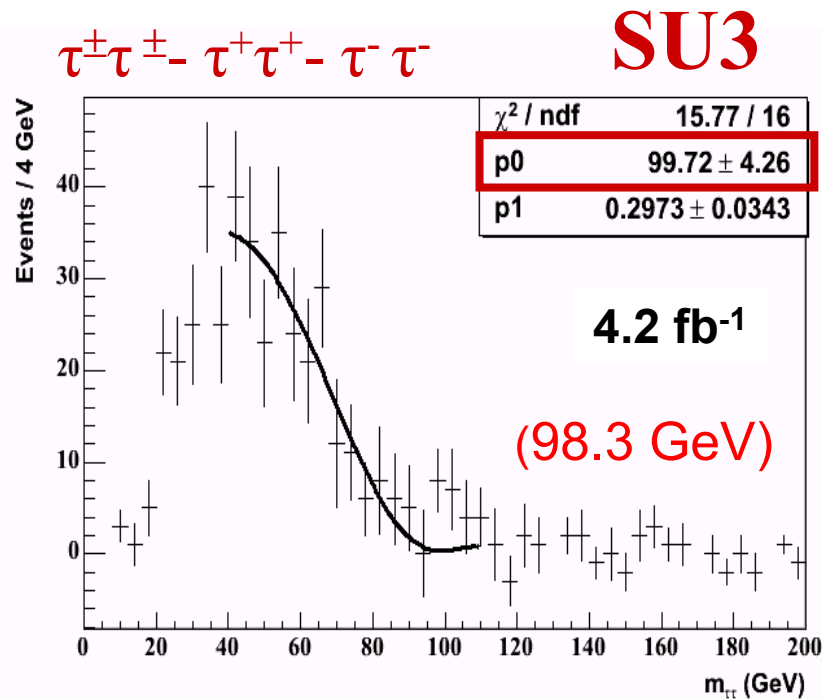
# Tau signatures

- Taus provide independent information on SUSY model even if lepton signatures are available
- Tau ID is much harder than electron or muon ID, particularly for soft taus (e.g. co-annihilation point)
- Need to focus on hadronic decays since the LHC vertex detectors cannot cleanly identify  $\tau \rightarrow l\nu\nu$ .
- Looked at ditau invariant mass distributions from decay:

$$\tilde{\chi}_2^0 \rightarrow \tilde{\tau}_1^\pm \tau^\mp \rightarrow \tau^\pm \tau^\mp \tilde{\chi}_1^0$$

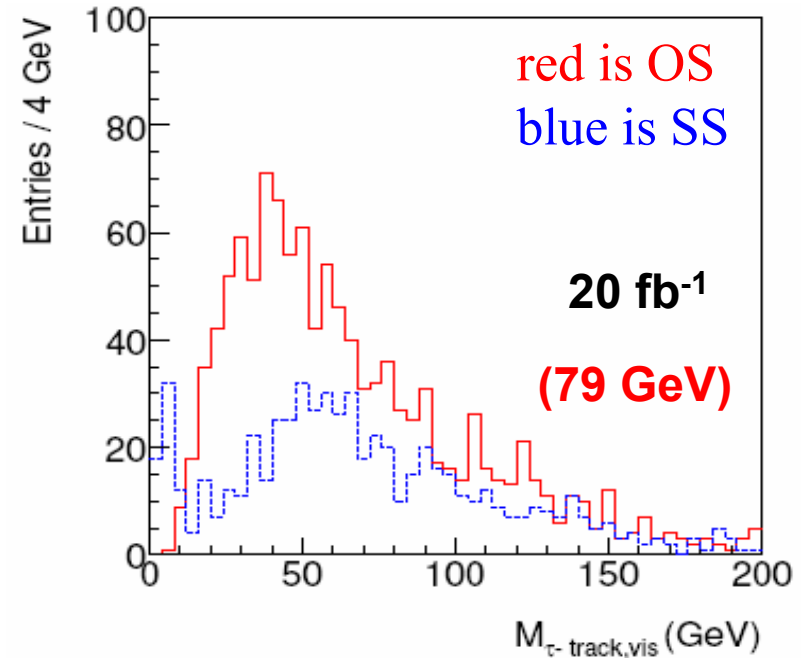
- Triangular ditau mass shape is distorted due to missing energy from neutrinos. Available statistics are much lower due to tau reconstruction efficiency.

# Events with 2 OS tau leptons



- Use MC fit and apply it to the background subtracted distribution using the endpoint and normalisation as parameters.
- It gives good description of the endpoint

# SU1



- One of the taus produced in the squark cascade decay chain is very soft  
 ⇒ Limited statistics
- One possible solution is to combine the hard  $\tau$  ( $E_{\tau} > 40$  GeV) with any track having  $p_{\tau} > 6$  GeV and no other track with  $p_{\tau} > 1$  GeV in  $R < 0.4$ . Signal is clear, but need more statistic for fit.

Spin measurement,  
slepton non-universality

# Spin measurement

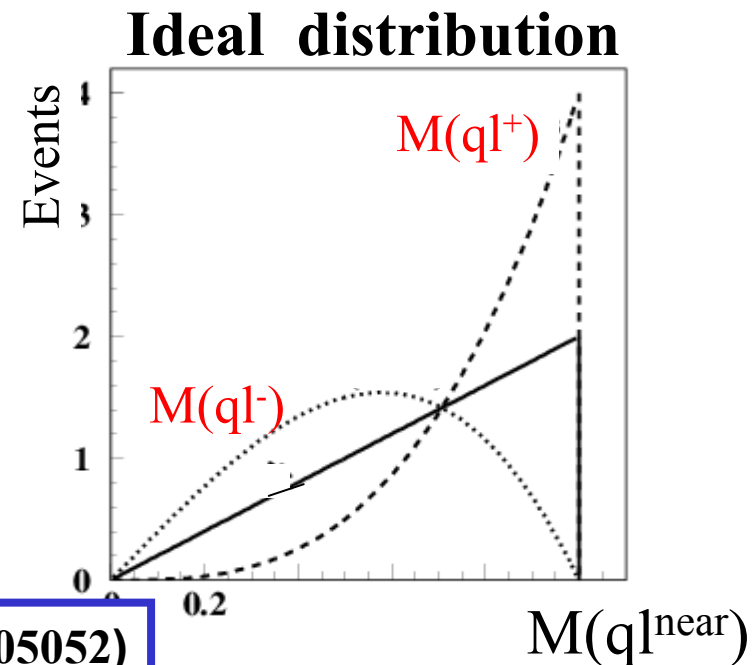
It is vital to measure the spins of the new particles to demonstrate that they are indeed the predicted super-partners

$$\tilde{q}_L^0 \rightarrow q \tilde{\chi}_2^{1/2} \rightarrow q \tilde{l}_R^0 l^{near} \rightarrow q l^+ l^- + \tilde{\chi}_1^0$$

First emitted lepton (“near”)

$$l = e, \mu$$

Due to neutralino spin 1/2,  
angular distrib. of slepton is not  
spherically symmetric,  
invariant mass  $M(q l^{near})$  is  
charge asymmetric.

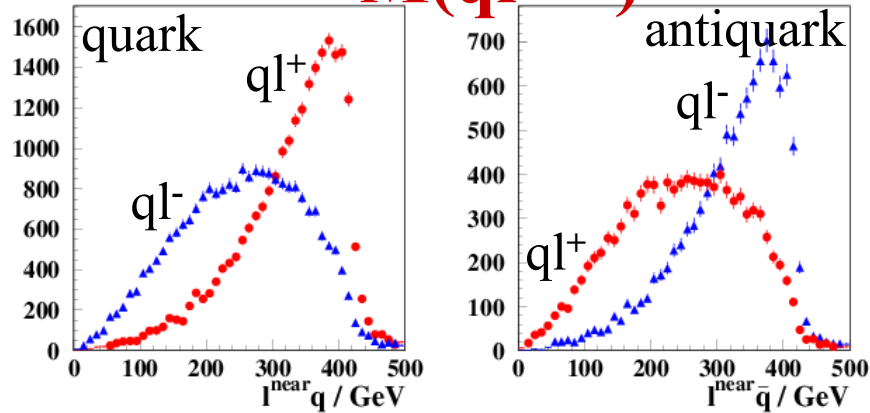


# Example

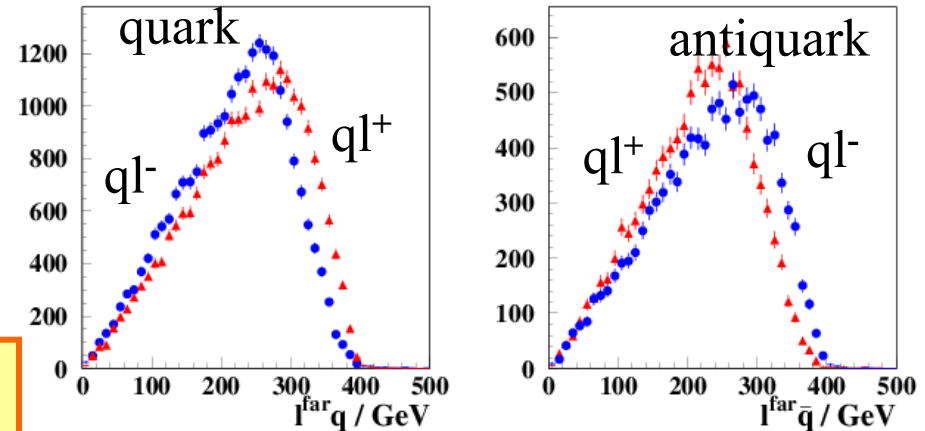
## Parton distributions

LHCC5:  $m_0 = 100$  GeV  
 $m_{1/2} = 300$  GeV  
 $A_0 = -300$  GeV  
 $\tan(\beta) = 2.1$   
 $\text{sign}(\mu) = +$

### $M(q|^{near})$



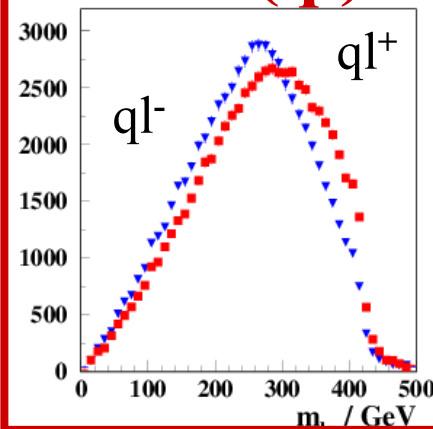
### $M(q|^{far})$



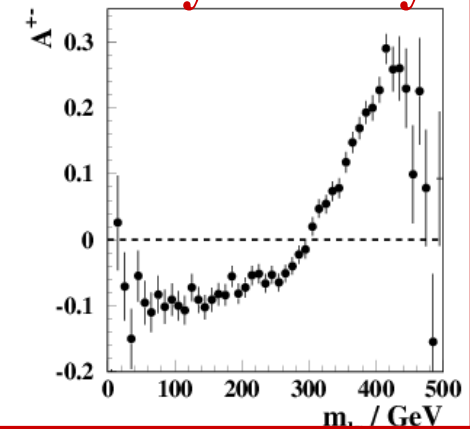
$l^{near}$  and  $l^{far}$  are experimentally indistinguishable. Instead, study of  $M(l^-q)$  and  $M(l^+q)$  distributions. Each distribution contain contribution from both near and far lepton and contribution from both quark and antiquark.

Quark and antiquarks have opposite asymmetries and are experimentally indistinguishable. LHC is pp collider  $\rightarrow$  more quarks than antiquarks will be produced

### $M(q|)$



### asymmetry

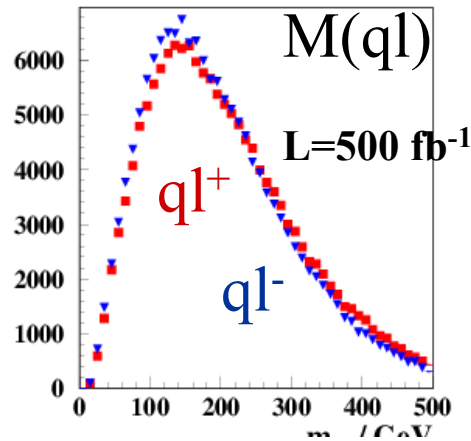


# Asymmetry

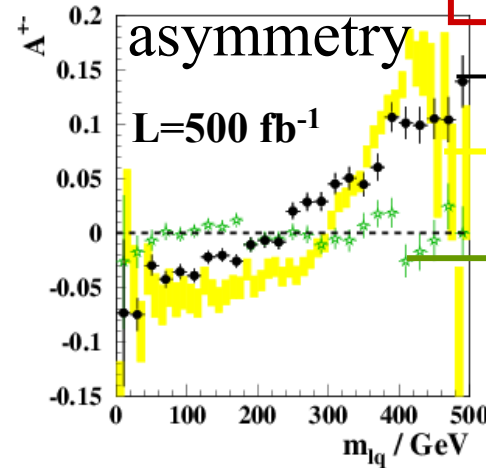
**LHCC5**

$$A = \frac{s^+ - s^-}{s^+ + s^-}$$

$$s^\pm = \frac{d\sigma}{d(m_{l^\pm q})}$$



asymmetry

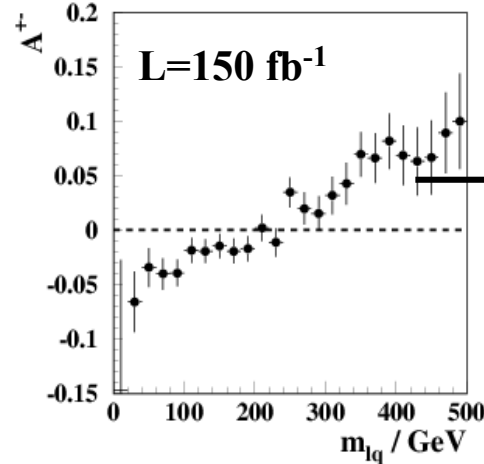


**Fast simulation**

After selection

Parton level x 0.6

No spin correlations,  
no asymmetry



Asymmetry is negative for low values of  $M(lq)$  and positive for large values. This is consistent with spin  $\frac{1}{2}$  neutralino and spin 0 slepton

A.J. Barr, Phys. Lett. B596 (2004) 205

**SPS1a** Non-zero  $M(ql)$  asymmetry may be observed with  $30\text{fb}^{-1}$  (Goto, Kawagoe, Nojiri, PRD 70, 075016)

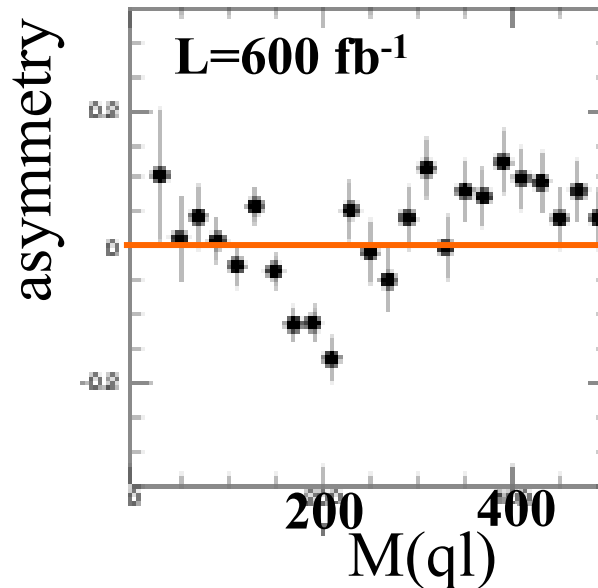
# Asymmetry

**Fast simulation**

SPS3:  
 $m_0 = 90 \text{ GeV}$   
 $m_{1/2} = 400 \text{ GeV}$   
 $A_0 = 0 \text{ GeV}$   
 $\text{sign}(\mu) = +$   
 $\text{tg}(\beta) = 10$

Decay of neutralino to both left and right slepton is open.  
Decays of second neutralino to left and right slepton have opposite sign asymmetries

$$\tilde{\chi}_2^0 \rightarrow \tilde{l}_R l, \tilde{l}_L l \quad l = e, \mu$$



dominant mode

$$M(\text{ql}^{\text{near}})_L = 209 \text{ GeV}$$

$$M(\text{ql}^{\text{near}})_R = 620 \text{ GeV}$$

Asymmetry is negative near smaller  $M(\text{ql})$  endpoint.

Negative asymmetry may still be seen with  $L = 300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ .

Goto, Kawagoe, Nojiri, PRD 70, 075016 (hep-ph/0406317)

# L-R slepton mixing

## Left/right slepton mixing affect

- the charge asymmetry

-  $\tilde{\chi}_2^0 \rightarrow \tilde{l} l$  decay width for  $l=\mu, \tau$

**SELECTRONS:** L-R mixing negligible, maximal asymmetry

**SMUONS:** asymmetry smaller than in selectron case  
if L-R mixing is observable.

**STAUS:** L-R mixing significant,  
asymmetry opposite to selectron case

$$\Gamma(\tilde{\chi}_2^0 \rightarrow \tau\tilde{\tau}_1) > \Gamma(\tilde{\chi}_2^0 \rightarrow \mu\tilde{\mu}_1) > \Gamma(\tilde{\chi}_2^0 \rightarrow e\tilde{e}_1)$$

In order to get small systematic error on endpoints and BR  
need to understand: lepton efficiency and acceptance,  
lepton energy scale



# Example

Calculated ratio of asymmetries and widths

	$A(e):A(\mu):A(\tau)$	$\Gamma(e): \Gamma(\mu): \Gamma(\tau)$
<b>SPS1a</b>		
$\tan(\beta)=10$	<b>1 : 0.93 : -0.84</b>	<b>1 : 1.04 : 13.7</b>
$\tan(\beta)=15$	<b>1 : 0.83 : -0.95</b>	<b>1 : 1.09 : 37.6</b>
$\tan(\beta)=20$	<b>1 : 0.70 : -0.99</b>	<b>1 : 1.17 : 80.2</b>

With larger  $\tan(\beta)$ , stronger L-R mixing.

**Needed tools:** L-R mixing in 1st two generations (available in SPHENO, but not in ISAJET/HERWIG/PYTHIA)

Goto, Kawagoe, Nojiri, PRD 70, 075016 (hep-ph/0406317)

# Detectability of selectron/smuon non-universality

- Statistical significance of the non-universal effect between selectron and smuon for large  $\tan(\beta)$  is investigated at point SPS1a with modified  $\tan(\beta)$ .
- With larger  $\tan(\beta)$ , L-R mixing is larger, but  $\text{BR}(\tilde{\chi}_2^0 \rightarrow \tilde{l}_R l)$   $l=e, \mu$ , is more suppressed.
- Non-universal asymmetry is too small effect.
- Non-universal BRs are more sensitive and with  $300\text{fb}^{-1}$  can see an effect of selectron/smuon non-universality.

One may test non-universality by comparing:  $e^+e^-$ ,  $\mu^+\mu^-$ ,  $\tau^+\tau^-$  endpoints which can be measured with  $0.1\text{GeV}$  precision.

# Conclusions

**Fast simulation** studies shows that by using kinematic endpoint technique and transverse mass SUSY masses can be reconstructed.

**Preliminary full simulation results** shows that large number of mass relations can be measured for leptonic and tau signatures with few  $\text{fb}^{-1}$  of data in different mSUGRA regions. To be studied more carefully: acceptance, calibration, trigger, SM background, fit to distributions

Measurement of charge asymmetry in left squark decay are consistent with neutralino spin  $\frac{1}{2}$  and slepton spin 0.

Non-universal BR for selectron and smuon can be observed at ATLAS.