

Searches for sleptons with the ATLAS detector

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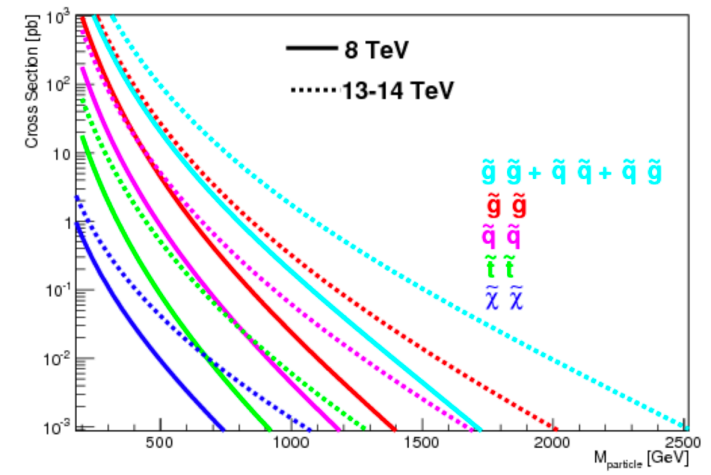
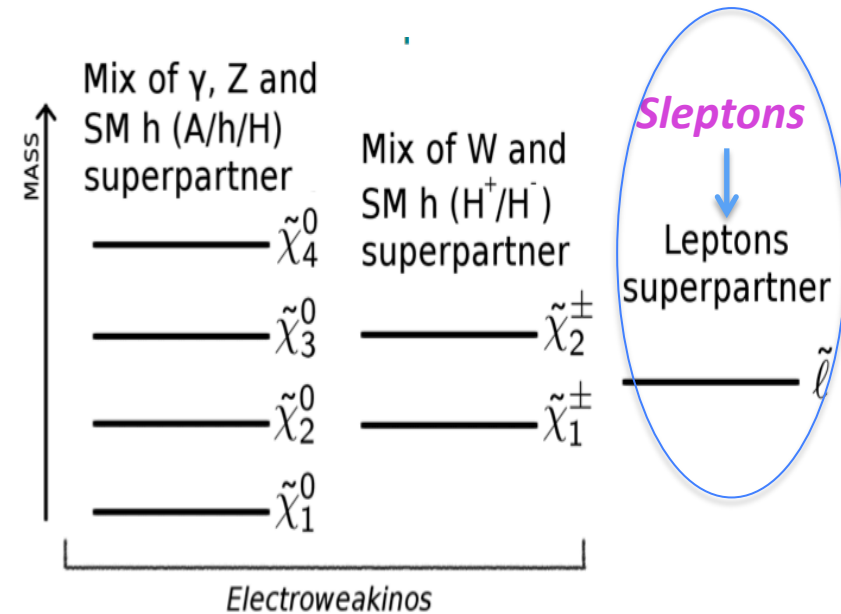
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Electroweak SUSY

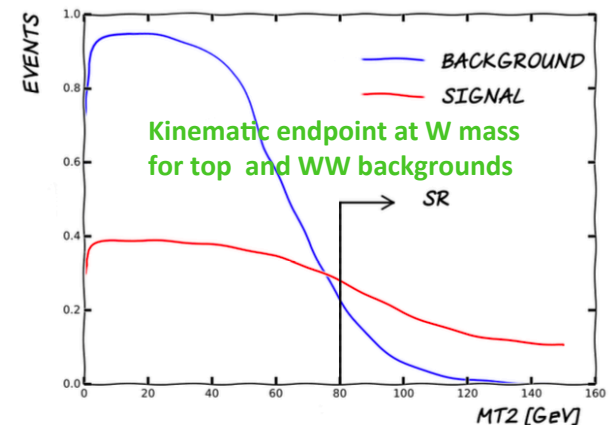
- **SUPERSymmetry (SUSY)** is one of the most popular extensions of the Standard Model (SM), predicting new particles which differ from their SM partners by $\frac{1}{2}$ in spin. R-parity $(=(-1)^{3(B-L)+2S})$ conserving (RPC) or violating (RPV) models can be considered.
- **SUSY Electroweak (EWK)** production can dominate over the strong production at LHC if gluinos and squarks are significantly heavy. Colored sparticles already excluded up to $\sim 1\text{-}2$ TeV
- Large mass range for **sleptons and EWK-inos** still unexplored
- In Run II EWK-ino production cross sections expected to be ~ 5 times larger than in Run I
- Decays happen to multi-lepton final states, producing experimentally “clean” signatures, with little hadronic activity and large E_T^{miss}



Sleptons: ~ 0.5 fb (left-handed) @ 500 GeV

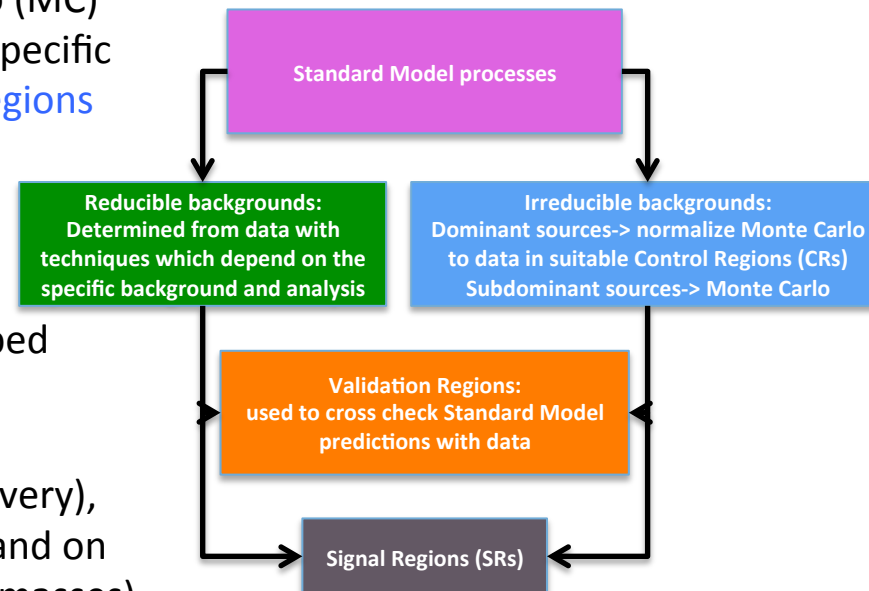
General search strategy

- **Data sample** → analyses presented here: 36.1 fb⁻¹ of pp collisions at \sqrt{s} = 13 TeV collected in 2015 and 2016
- **SUSY Models** → simplified models assumed, with cross sections very small compared to the SM processes and Branching Ratios (BR) of 100% in the searched decay
- **Event selection** → through sensitive kinematic observables, selecting regions where to maximize the signal from background discrimination (**Signal Regions, SRs**)
- **Background estimate** → with fully data driven or semi data driven techniques, in last case normalizing Monte Carlo (MC) to data in **Control Regions (CRs)** properly chosen for a specific background. Normalization is validated in **Validation Regions (VRs)**.
- **Results** → expected to “unblind” results and compare data to expected background in SRs only after that a reliable background estimate strategy has been developed
- **Interpretation** → if a large excess over the expected background observed in data, claim for evidence (discovery), otherwise set upper limits on the signal cross sections and on the parameters of the tested model (e.g. SUSY particle masses)



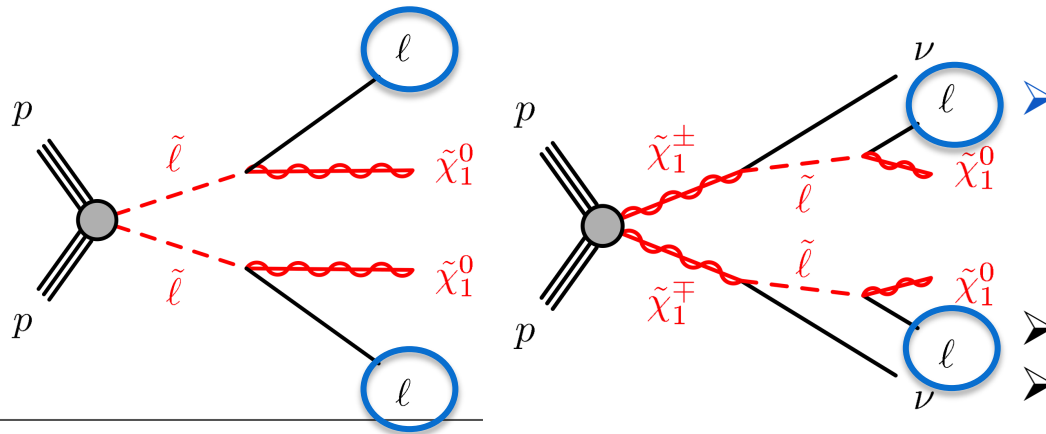
$$m_{T2} = \min_{\mathbf{q}_T} \left[\max \left(m_T(\mathbf{p}_T^{\ell 1}, \mathbf{q}_T), m_T(\mathbf{p}_T^{\ell 2}, \mathbf{p}_T^{\text{miss}} - \mathbf{q}_T) \right) \right]$$

$$m_T(\mathbf{p}_T, \mathbf{q}_T) = \sqrt{m_p^2 + m_q^2 + 2(\mathbf{p}_T \mathbf{q}_T - \mathbf{p}_T \cdot \mathbf{q}_T)}$$



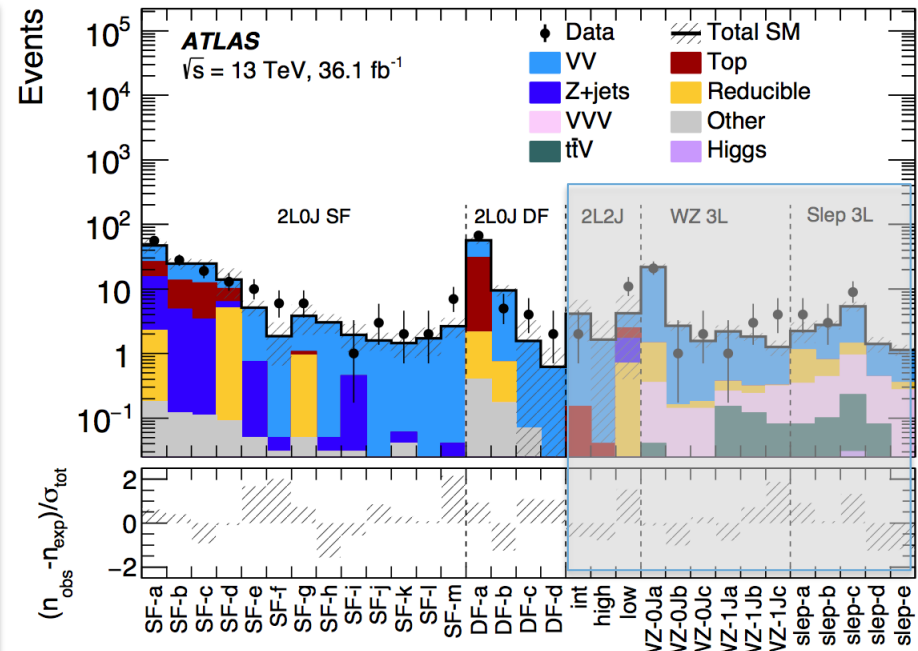
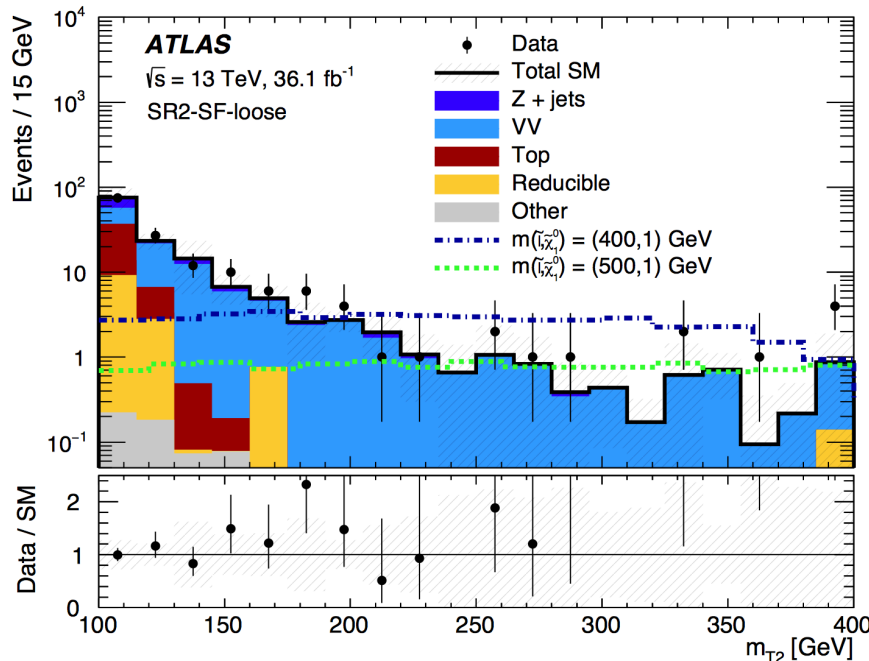
Slepton direct production or via chargino decays

[arXiv:1803.02762]



$\tilde{\chi}_1^0$ Lightest SUSY Particle (LSP)

- **2 leptons** (e or μ , in events passing dilepton triggers) Opposite Sign (OS), Same Flavour (SF) or Different Flavour (DF), high p_T^{l1} (p_T^{l2}) >25 (20) GeV
- No jet, Large E_t^{miss}
- 17 Exclusive SRs, requiring large dilepton $m_{T2} \rightarrow$ to reject $t\bar{t}$, WW and invariant mass (m_{ll}) \rightarrow high m_{ll} in SF strongly rejects the Z

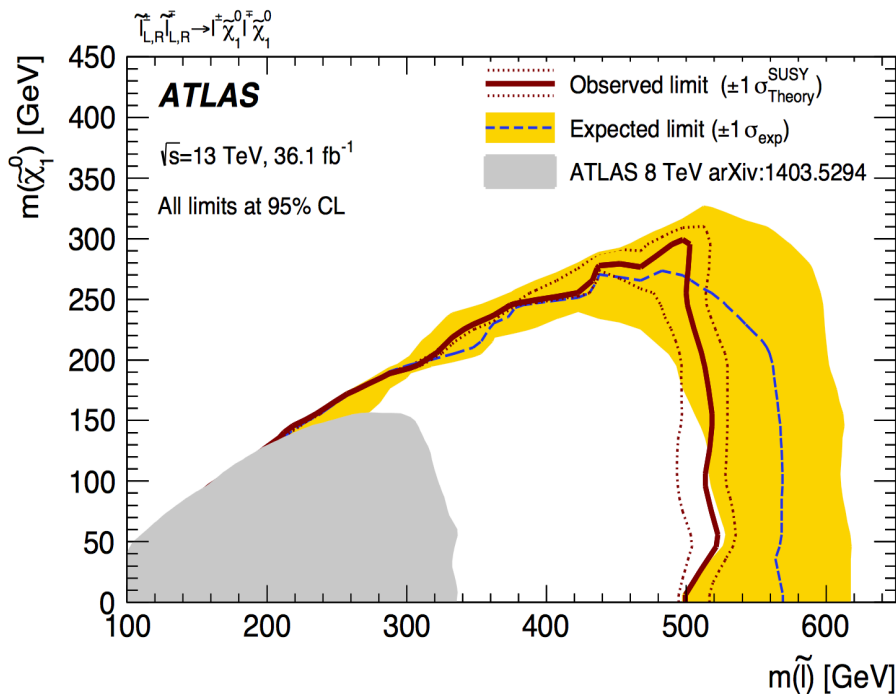


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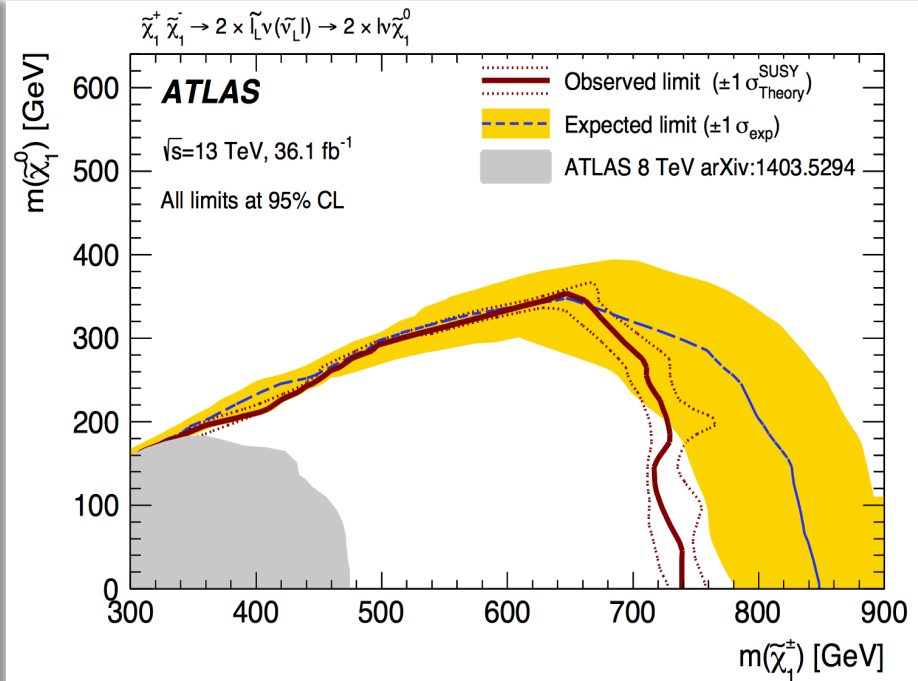
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- Assuming s-electron_{L/R}, s-muon_{L/R} and s-tau_{L/R} to be mass-degenerate

2ℓ+0 jets:
direct $\tilde{\ell}\tilde{\ell}$ production



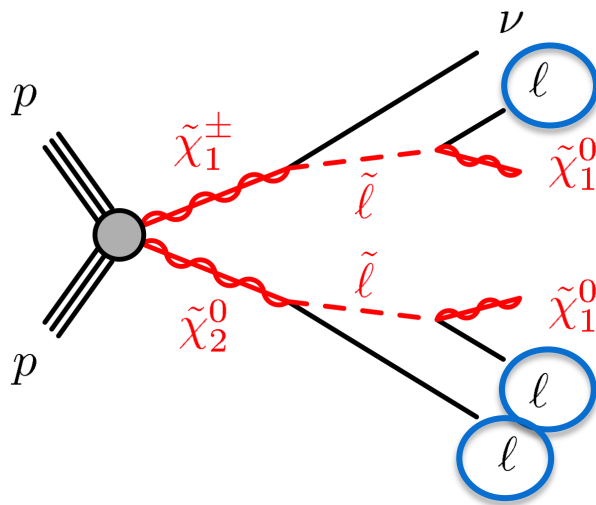
2ℓ+0 jets:
direct $\tilde{\chi}_1^+ \tilde{\chi}_1^-$ with $\tilde{\ell}$ mediated decays



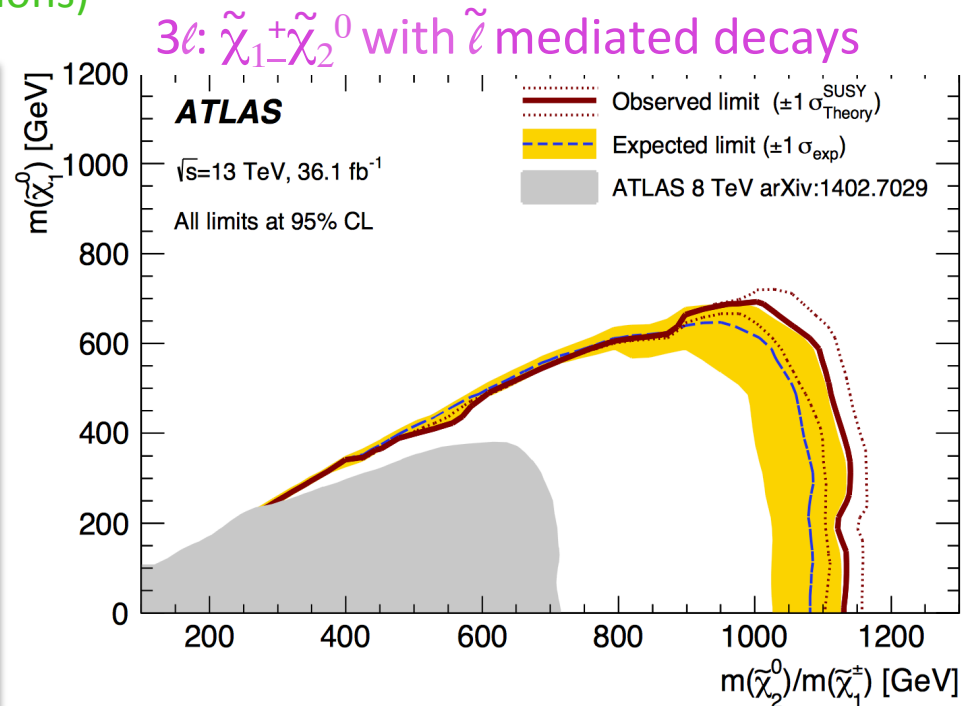
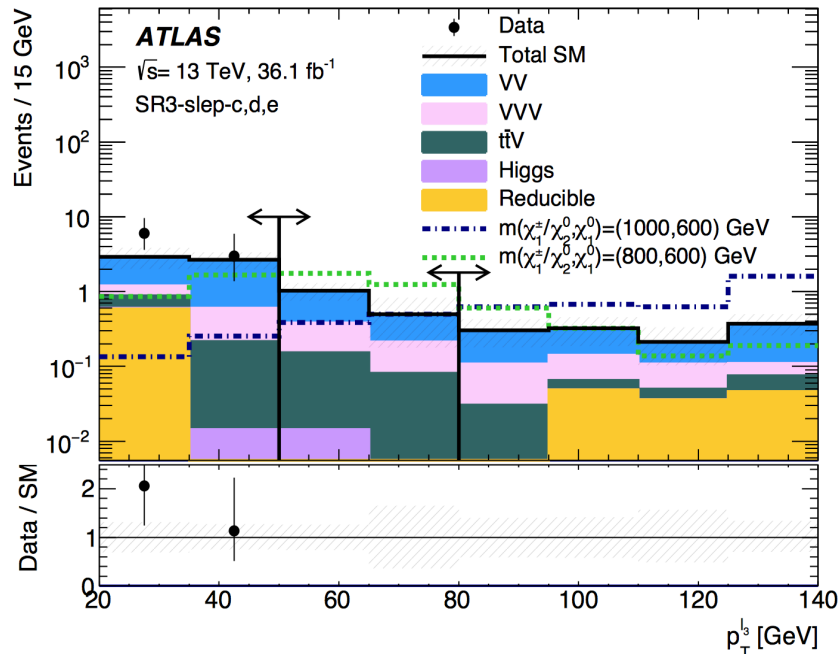
- 95% C.L. exclusion limits in the $m(\tilde{\ell})$ - $m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0)$ plane → $\tilde{\ell}$ excluded up to **~500 GeV**
- $\tilde{\chi}_1^+ \tilde{\chi}_1^-$ with $\tilde{\ell}$ mediated decays → excluded up to **~750 GeV**

Sleptons via gaugino decays

[arXiv:1803.02762]



- **3 leptons** (e or μ) in the final state
- Large E_t^{miss} (> 130 GeV)
- 1 SF-Opposite Sign (SFOS) lepton pair with m_{\parallel} far away from the Z mass peak to **suppress WZ dominant background**
- 5 SRs, with definition based on m_{SFOS} and p_T^{I3}
- Main systematic uncertainties -> **detector-related** (e.g. E_t^{miss} modelling), theory (e.g. MC modelling, cross sections)

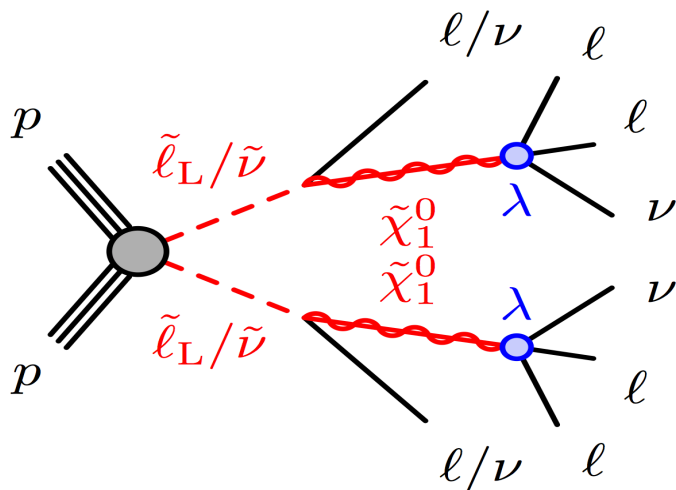


3 ℓ : $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm \tilde{\chi}_2^0$ with $\tilde{\ell}$ mediated decays

➤ $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm \tilde{\chi}_2^0$ (assumed to be mass degenerate) with $\tilde{\ell}$ mediated decays \rightarrow excluded **~ 1100 GeV**

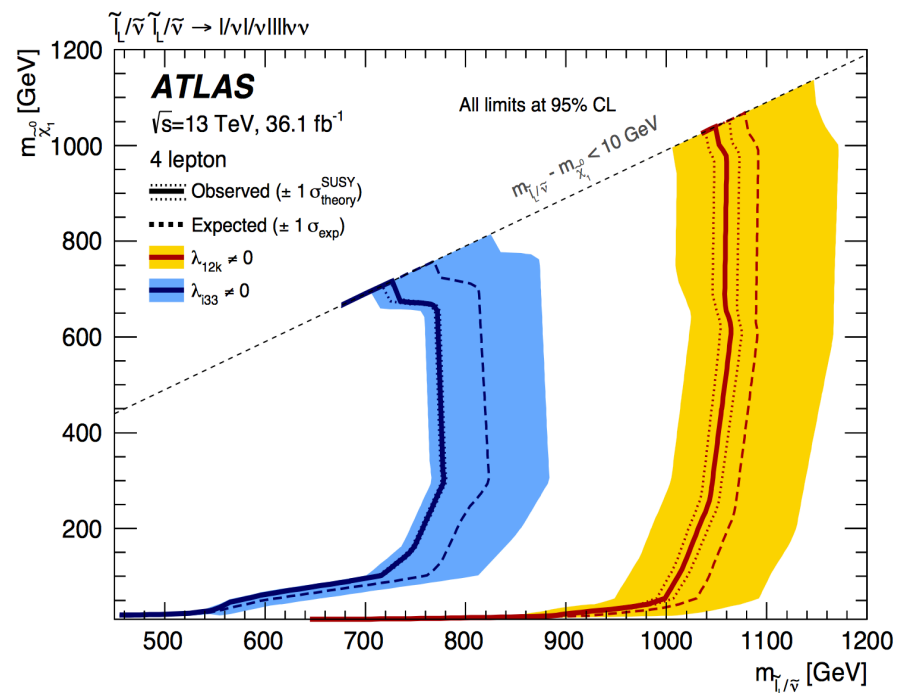
Sleptons in RPV scenarios

[arXiv:1804.03602]



$\tilde{\ell}_L/\tilde{\nu}$ Next Lightest SUSY Particle (NLSP):
mass-degenerate left-handed sleptons
and sneutrinos

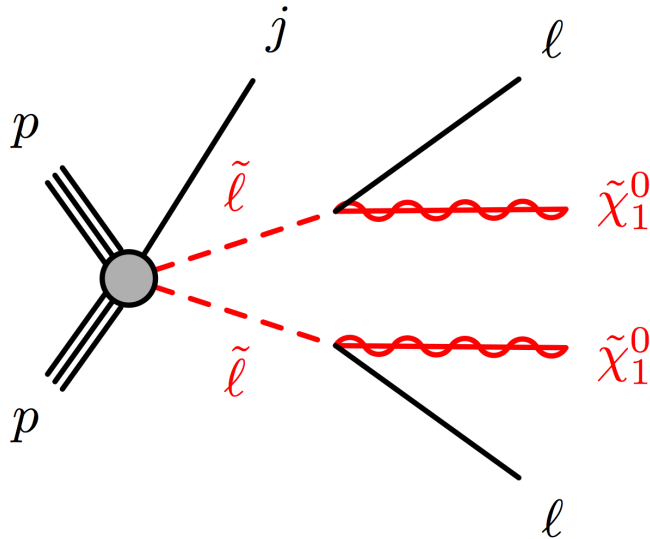
- RPC pair production of NLSP followed by RPV decays of LSP (100% BR in $\ell\ell\nu$)
- **≥ 4 leptons** (e, μ or hadronically decaying τ) in the final state
- SR definition based on τ multiplicity, Z veto and $m_{\text{eff}} = E_T^{\text{miss}} + \sum_i p_T^{\text{li}} + \sum_i p_T^{\text{ji}}$ ($p_T^{\text{ji}} > 40$ GeV)



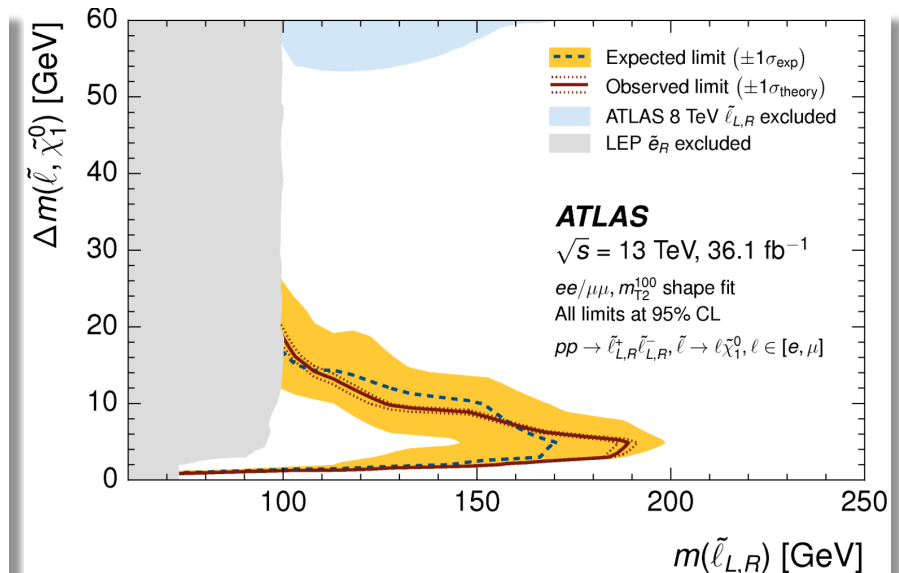
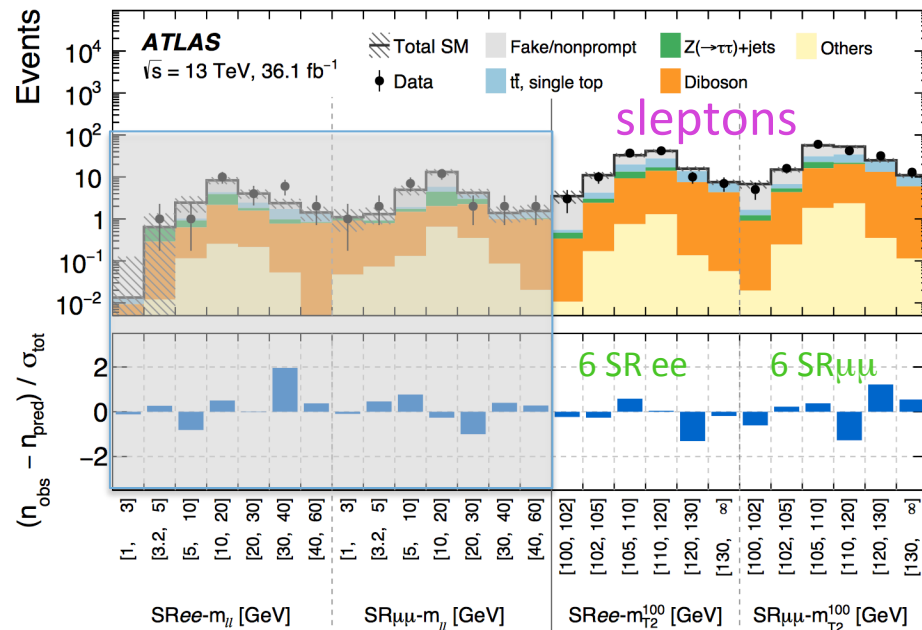
- 95% C.L. exclusion limits for RPV NLSP $\tilde{\ell}_L/\tilde{\nu}$ models $\rightarrow \tilde{\ell}_L/\tilde{\nu}$ excluded up to **~ 1.06 TeV** for $LL\tilde{E}12k$ (allowed only decays to e or μ) and up to **780 GeV** for $LL\tilde{E}i33$ models (allowed decays to e, μ , τ)

Sleptons with soft leptons

[arXiv:1712.08119]



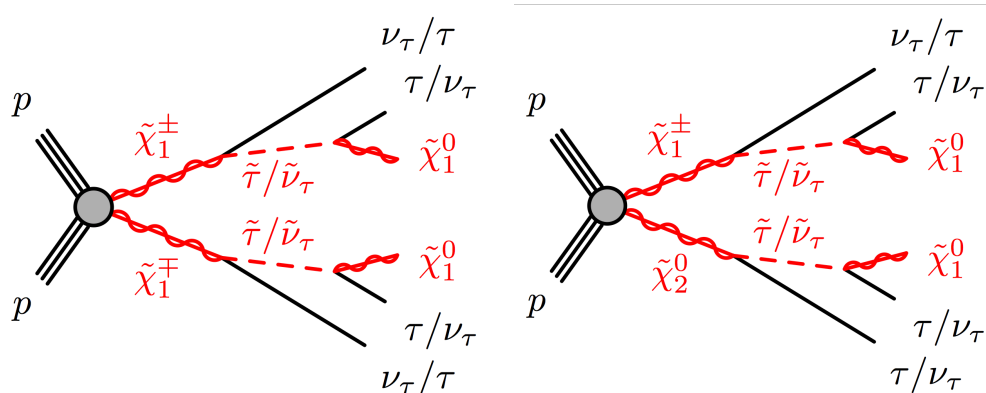
- Compressed scenario \rightarrow sleptons have masses near the weak scale and just above the mass of a pure bino LSP.
- **SF OS soft leptons** (e or μ , $>4-5$ GeV, $m_{\parallel} [1,60]$ excluding J/ψ) and $E_T^{\text{miss}} (> 200 \text{ GeV})$
- Initial state radiation jet to boost the system ($>100 \text{ GeV}$, no b-jet), large $E_T^{\text{miss}}/(p_T^{l1} + p_T^{l2})$ requested
- 6 exclusive SRs, definition based on large dilepton $m_{T2} (>100 \text{ GeV})$, largely affected by “fake”/non-prompt leptons reducible background (the largest source of experimental systematics)



L/R handed $\tilde{e}/\tilde{\mu}$ mass degenerate excluded up to $\sim 190 \text{ GeV}$ for low mass splittings ($\sim 5 \text{ GeV}$)

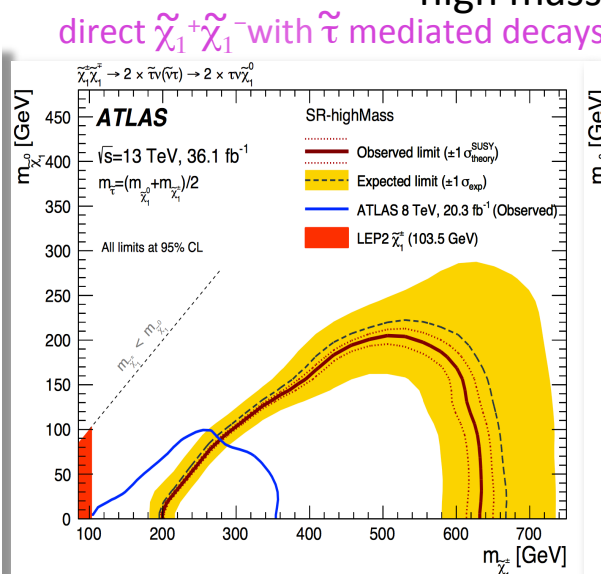
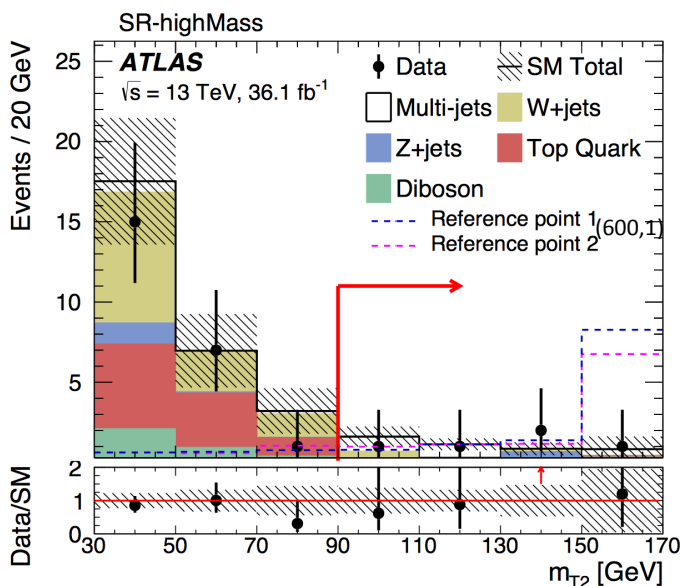
Staus via gaugino decays

[arXiv:1708.07875]

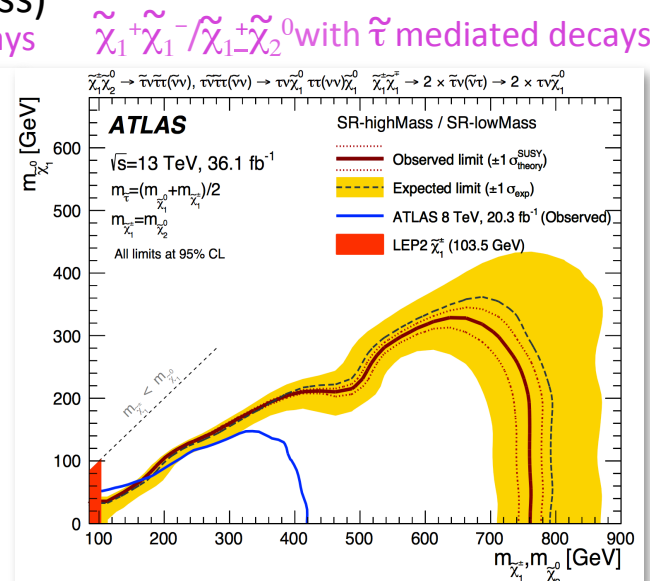


Only these particles are assumed to be enough light in the model to be produced at LHC

- $\tilde{\tau}_1$ assumed to be purely $\tilde{\tau}_1$
- On-shell stau and tau sneutrino, assumed to be mass-degenerate
- $\tilde{\chi}_{1-}$ and $\tilde{\chi}_2^0$ are assumed to be pure wino and mass-degenerate
- **≥ 2 OS hadronically decaying τ** (dedicated triggers + id. based on Boosted Decision Tree) and E_T^{miss} in the final state, b-jet veto, Z veto
- 2 SRs with large m_{T2} ($>70/90$ GeV for low/high mass)



$\tilde{\chi}_{1-}^+$ with $\tilde{\tau}$ mediated decays \rightarrow excluded up to **~630 GeV**

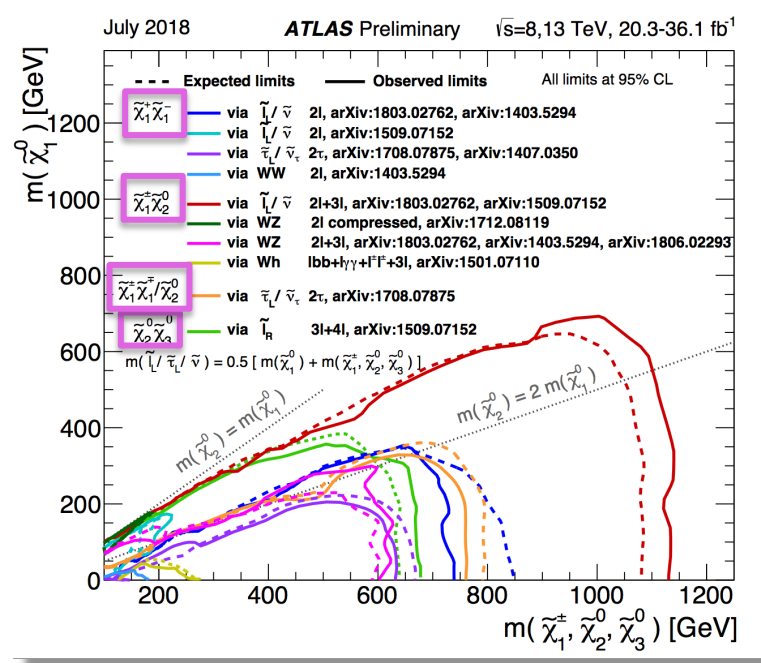
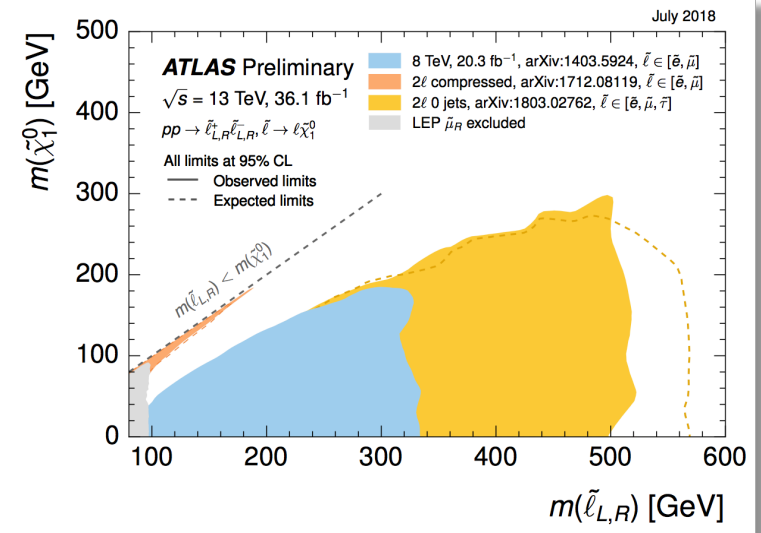


$\tilde{\chi}_{1-}^+ \tilde{\chi}_2^0$ with $\tilde{\tau}$ mediated decays \rightarrow excluded up to **~760 GeV**

Conclusions

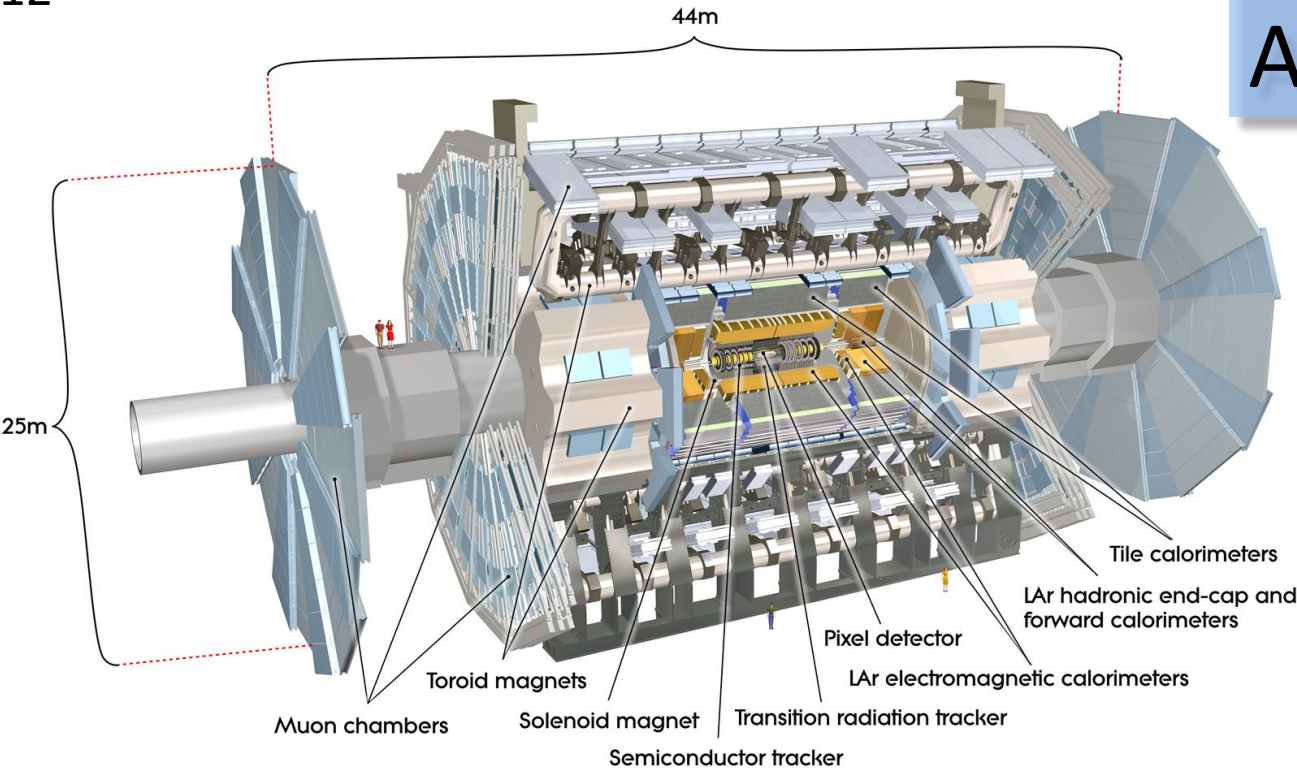
- Searches for direct, or from gaugino decay, production of sleptons in ATLAS presented in several final states
- No significant excess above the Standard Model predictions observed in data corresponding to 36.1 fb⁻¹
- 95% CL exclusion limits on the SUSY particle masses set, largely improving the Run I results
- The search continues, aiming to new results from the full data set at the end of Run II (~140 fb⁻¹ expected)
- All results in <https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/AtlasPublic/SupersymmetryPublicResults>

Thank you for your attention!

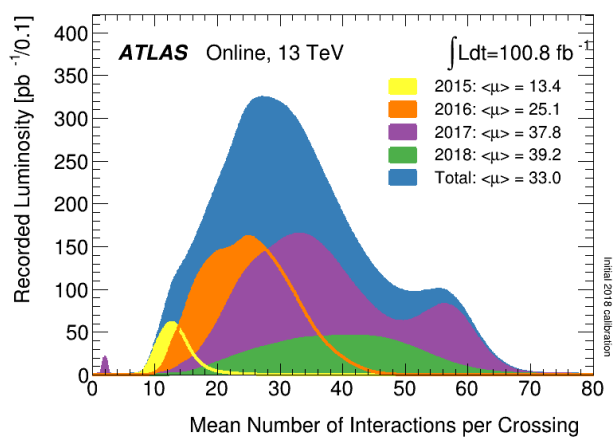
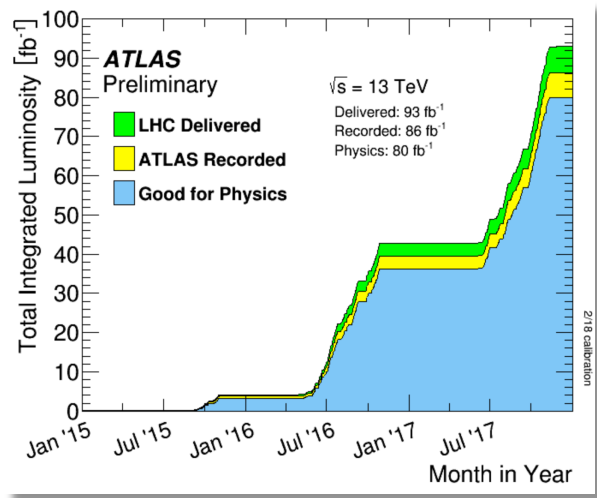
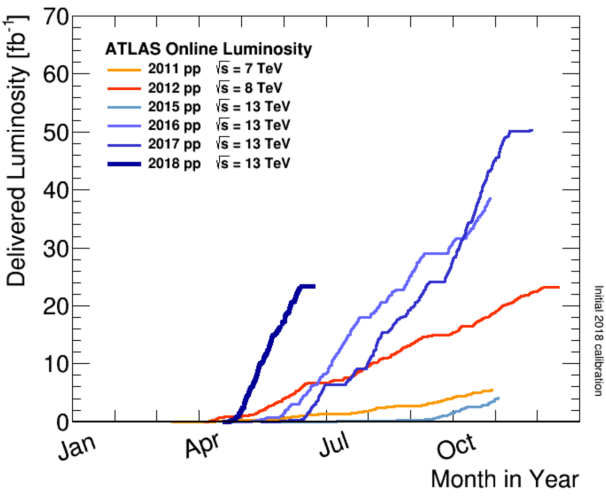


Backup slides

ATLAS detector



LHC Peak instantaneous
luminosity of
 $2.14 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

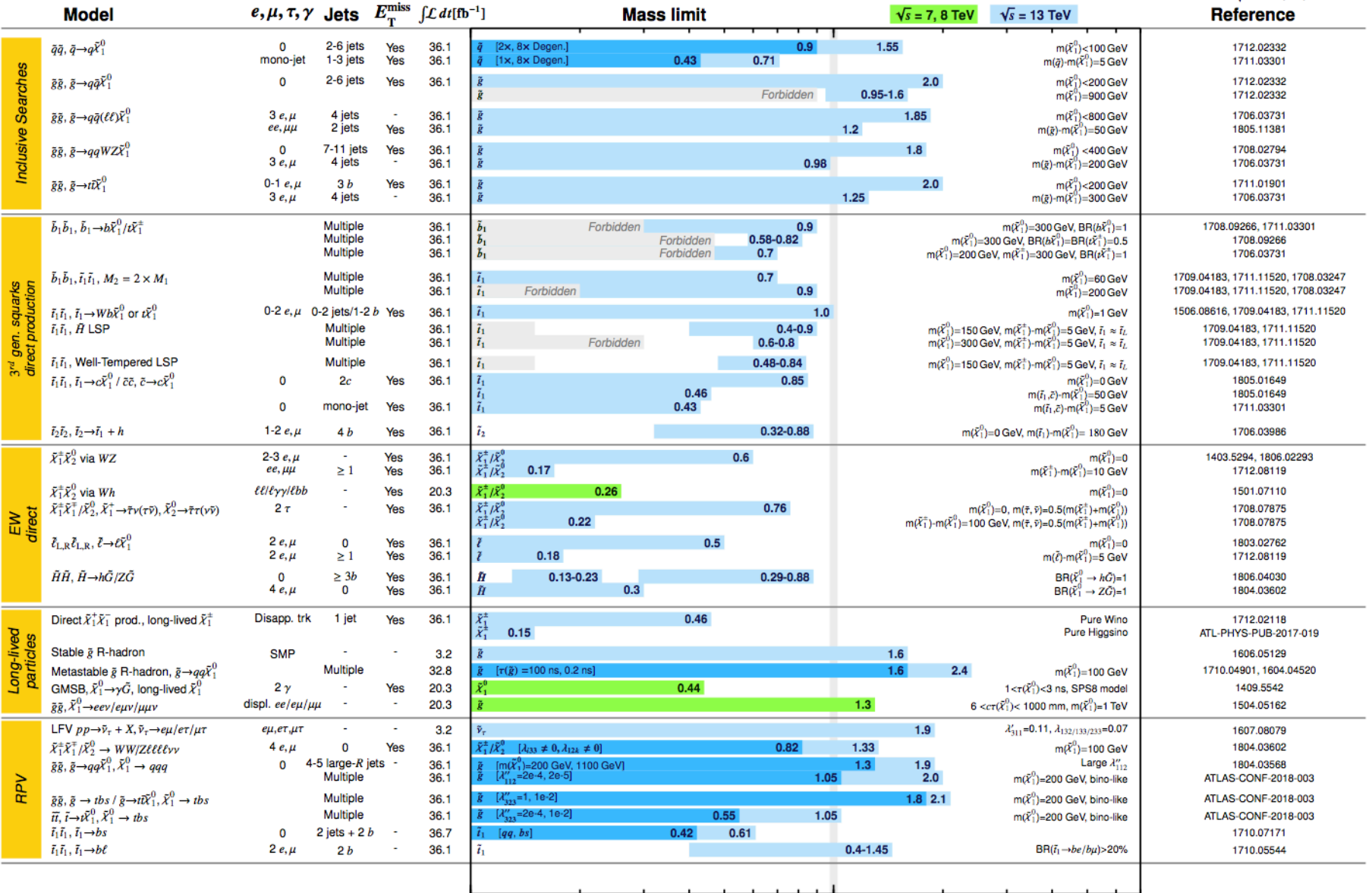


ATLAS SUSY Searches* - 95% CL Lower Limits

July 2018

ATLAS Preliminary

$\sqrt{s} = 7, 8, 13$ TeV



*Only a selection of the available mass limits on new states or phenomena is shown. Many of the limits are based on simplified models, c.f. refs. for the assumptions made.

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Mass scale [TeV]

ABCD method to estimate multi-jet background [\[arXiv:1708.07875\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/1708.07875)

E_T^{miss} ,
 m_{T2} ,
 $m(\tau_1, \tau_2)$,
 $\Delta R(\tau_1, \tau_2)$

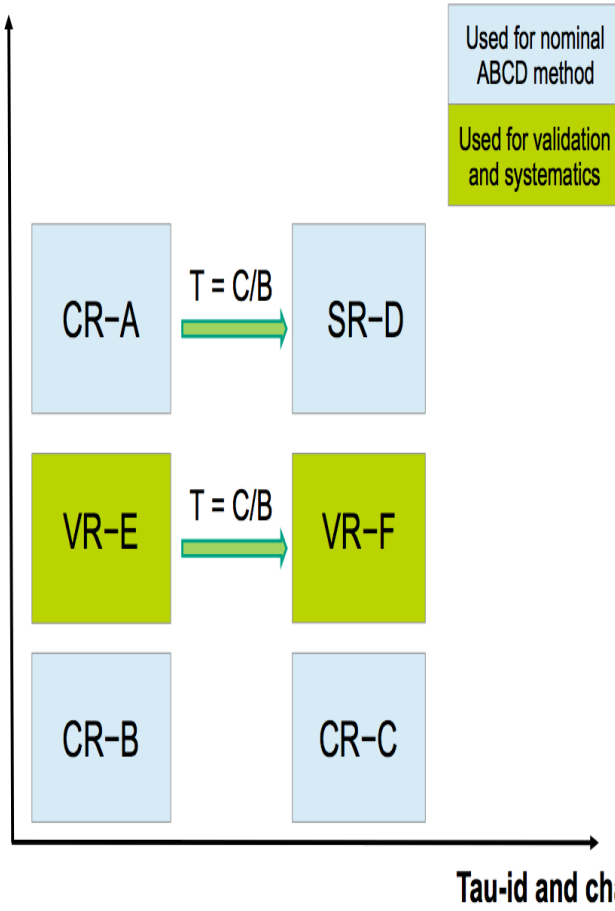


Table 2: Definition of the regions used in the ABCD method for the multi-jet estimation in SR-lowMass (left) and SR-highMass (right). Only those requirements that are different in the CRs/VRs with respect to the SRs are listed.

| CR-A | SR-D (SR-lowMass) |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Di-tau+ E_T^{miss} trigger | |
| ≥ 2 loose tau leptons (SS) | ≥ 2 medium tau leptons (OS) |
| $m(\tau_1, \tau_2) < 250$ GeV | – |
| $\Delta R(\tau_1, \tau_2) > 1.5$ | – |
| $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 150$ GeV | $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 150$ GeV |
| $m_{T2} > 70$ GeV | $m_{T2} > 70$ GeV |
| VR-E | VR-F |
| Di-tau trigger | |
| ≥ 2 loose tau leptons (SS) | ≥ 2 medium tau leptons (OS) |
| $m(\tau_1, \tau_2) < 250$ GeV | – |
| $\Delta R(\tau_1, \tau_2) > 1.5$ | – |
| $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 40$ GeV | $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 40$ GeV |
| $50 < m_{T2} < 70$ GeV | $50 < m_{T2} < 70$ GeV |
| CR-B | CR-C |
| Di-tau trigger | |
| ≥ 2 loose tau leptons (SS) | ≥ 2 medium tau leptons (OS) |
| $m(\tau_1, \tau_2) < 250$ GeV | – |
| $\Delta R(\tau_1, \tau_2) > 1.5$ | – |
| $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 40$ GeV | $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 40$ GeV |
| $20 < m_{T2} < 50$ GeV | $20 < m_{T2} < 50$ GeV |

| CR-A | SR-D (SR-highMass) |
|--|----------------------------------|
| Di-tau+ E_T^{miss} or asymmetric di-tau trigger | |
| ≥ 2 loose tau leptons (OS) | ≥ 2 medium tau leptons (OS) |
| < 1 medium tau < 1 tight tau leptons | ≥ 1 tight tau lepton |
| $\Delta R(\tau_1, \tau_2) > 1.8$ | – |
| $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 110$ GeV | $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 110$ GeV |
| $m_{T2} > 90$ GeV | $m_{T2} > 90$ GeV |
| VR-E | VR-F |
| Di-tau or asymmetric di-tau trigger | |
| ≥ 2 loose tau leptons (OS) | ≥ 2 medium tau leptons (OS) |
| < 1 medium tau < 1 tight tau leptons | ≥ 1 tight tau lepton |
| $\Delta R(\tau_1, \tau_2) > 1.8$ | – |
| $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 40$ GeV | $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 40$ GeV |
| $60 < m_{T2} < 90$ GeV | $60 < m_{T2} < 90$ GeV |
| CR-B | CR-C |
| Di-tau or asymmetric di-tau trigger | |
| ≥ 2 loose tau leptons (OS) | ≥ 2 medium tau leptons (OS) |
| < 1 medium tau < 1 tight tau leptons | ≥ 1 tight tau |
| $\Delta R(\tau_1, \tau_2) > 1.8$ | – |
| $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 40$ GeV | $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 40$ GeV |
| $10 < m_{T2} < 60$ GeV | $10 < m_{T2} < 60$ GeV |