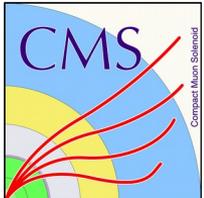


# Searches for pair production of charginos and top squarks in final states with two oppositely charged leptons at CMS experiment

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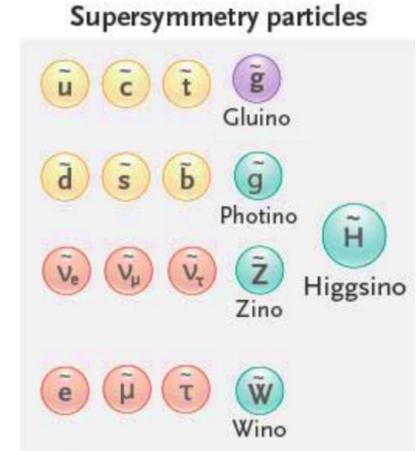
# Talk's Overview

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- Introduce two analyses performed by CMS collaboration using an integrated luminosity ( $L$ ) of 35.9 /fb at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV
- Describing
  - search strategy
  - Background estimation
  - Systematic and experimental uncertainties
- Showing the global picture of these searches

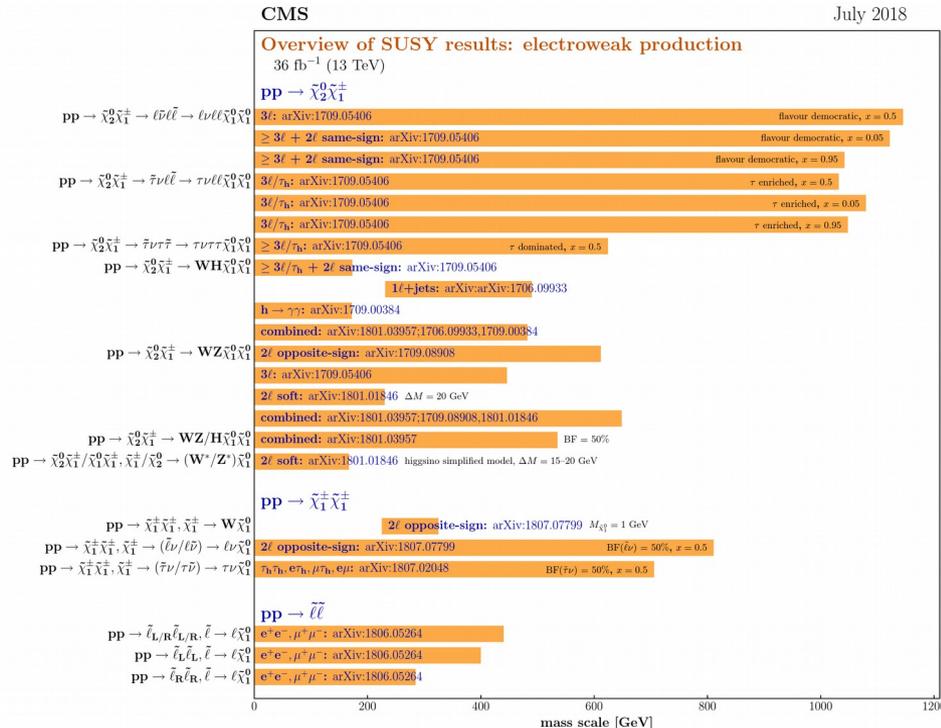
# Motivation

- Supersymmetry (SUSY) can provide solutions to the some open questions of SM
- Still no hints of BSM physics at LHC, ... but we are not done yet!



(\* See Daniel's talk on Monday)

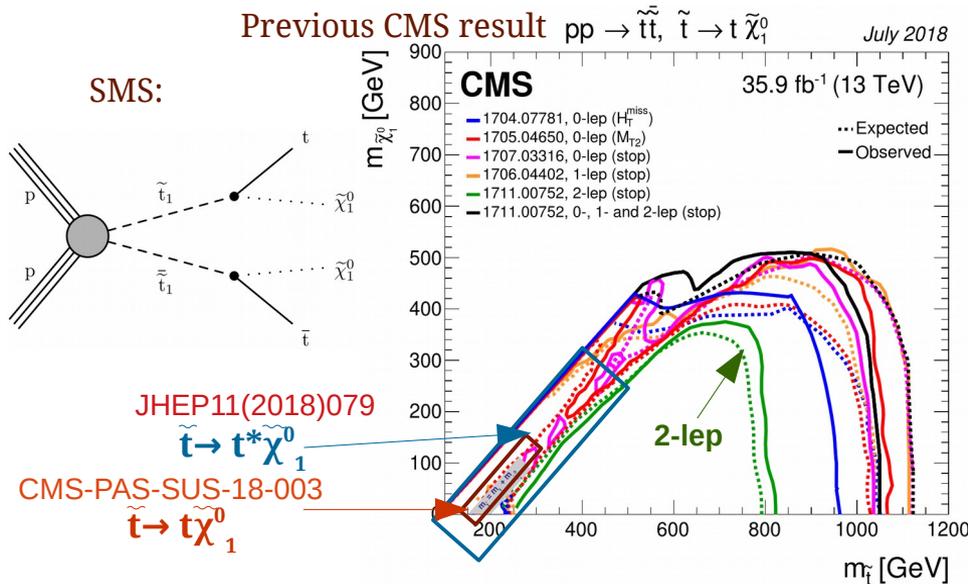
- CMS has invested a great effort during 2016 and 2017 in finding SUSY but ...
- Starting to reach sensitivity to the TeV scale & direct EWK production
- SUSY could be around the corner



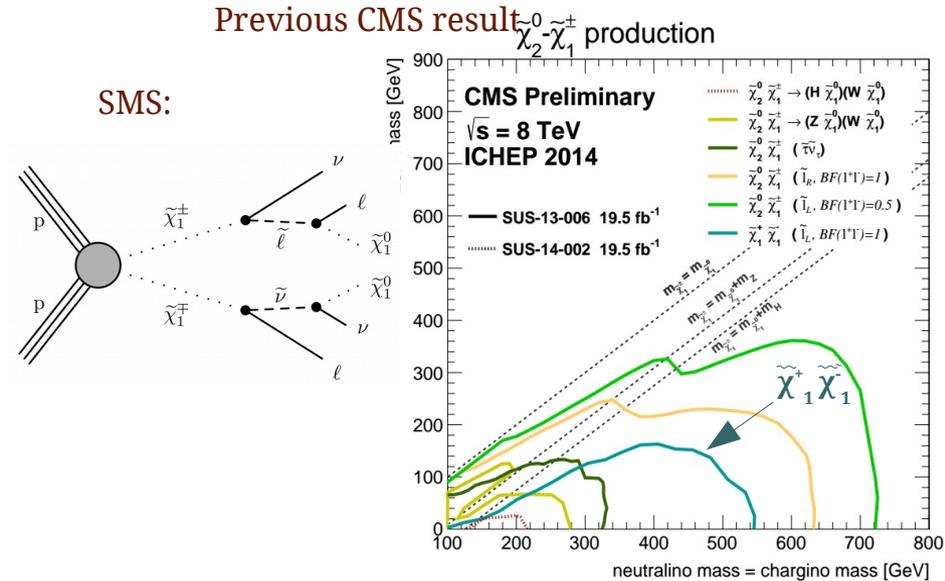
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# Analysis's Overview

- Two searches for stop and one for chargino pair production with opposite charge dilepton final states and missing transverse momentum using data recorded by CMS in 2016



- The stop searches strategy depends strongly on the mass difference:  $\Delta m = m(\tilde{t}) - m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0)$
- Two regions: Three-body decays:  $m_W \leq \Delta m \leq m_{\text{top}}$   
Degenerate top and stop:  $\Delta m \sim m_{\text{top}}$



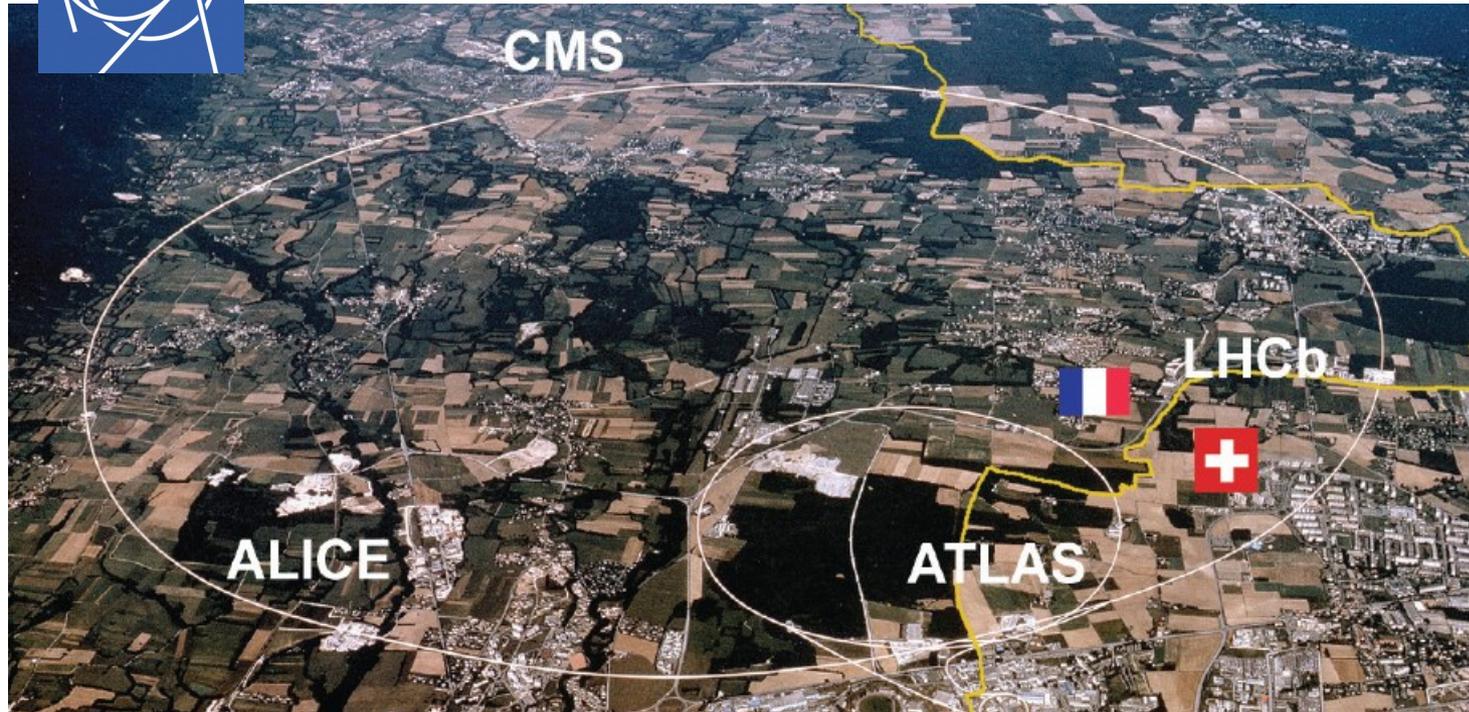
- The chargino search studies the whole mass plane

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# LHC at CERN



Large Hadron Collider (since September of 2008)



Outside:

Long. = 27 Km  
> 1000 magnets

Inside:

p beams at high energy (6.5 TeV) in ultrahigh vacuum

Experiments in 2016:

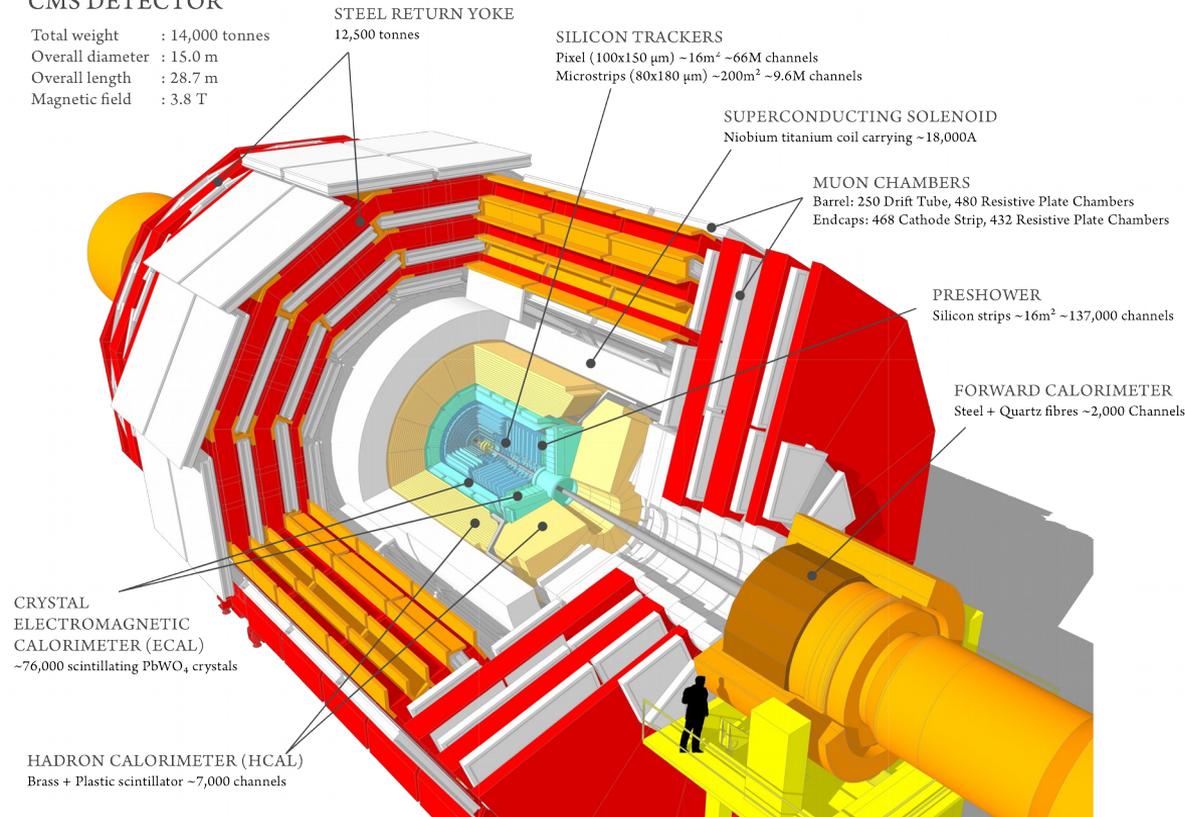
p-p collisions  
 $\sqrt{s} = 13\text{TeV}$

# CMS at LHC

## Compact Muon Solenoid a general-purpose detector: SM, DM, SUSY,..., Extra Dimensions

### CMS DETECTOR

Total weight : 14,000 tonnes  
Overall diameter : 15.0 m  
Overall length : 28.7 m  
Magnetic field : 3.8 T



➤ The CMS detector is built around a huge solenoid magnet ( $10^5$  Earth's field)

➤ The field is confined by a steel “yoke” that forms the bulk of the detector’s 14,000-tonne weight.

➤ The CMS experiment is one of the largest international scientific collaborations in history

4300 people  
182 institutions  
42 countries

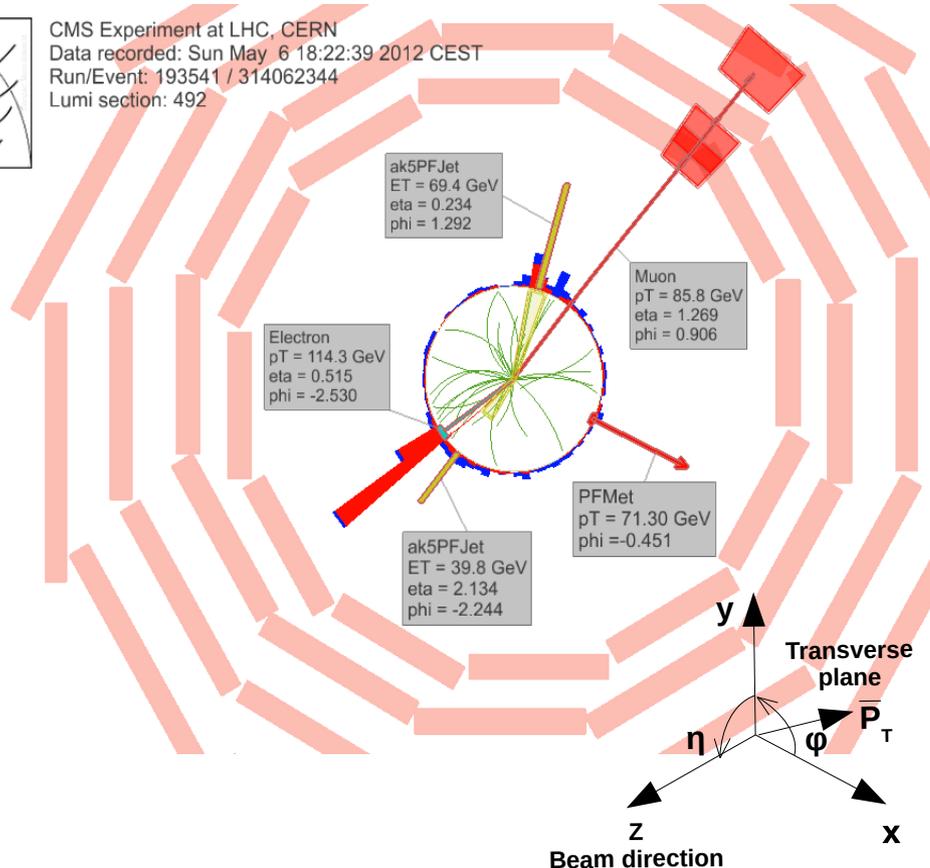
(2014)

# Object Selection

- Objects reconstructed by the CMS particle-flow algorithm are electron, muons, charged and neutral hadrons, and photon candidates



CMS Experiment at LHC, CERN  
Data recorded: Sun May 6 18:22:39 2012 CEST  
Run/Event: 193541 / 314062344  
Lumi section: 492



Events are selected requiring the presence of two leptons ( $e^\pm, \mu^\pm$ )

$$p_T^1 \geq 25; p_T^2 \geq 20 \text{ GeV}, |\eta| \leq 2.4$$

Jets clustered from PF candidates are selected if  $p_T \geq 20 \text{ GeV}, |\eta| \leq 2.4$

Jets originating from the hadronization of bottom quarks (b jets) are identified by the CSVv2 algorithm

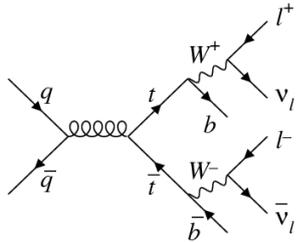
The missing transverse momentum of the event ( $\vec{p}_T^{\text{miss}}$ ):

$$\vec{p}_T^{\text{miss}} = - \sum \vec{p}_T \text{ (allPFcandidates)}$$

# Stop Three-body Decay (3-body) Search

Top squark search in the compressed scenario:

- $m_w < \Delta m \leq m_t \rightarrow$  off-shell top quark



Signatures: b-jets with low  $p_T$ , W bosons, and high  $p_T^{\text{miss}}$

Main irreducible backgrounds:

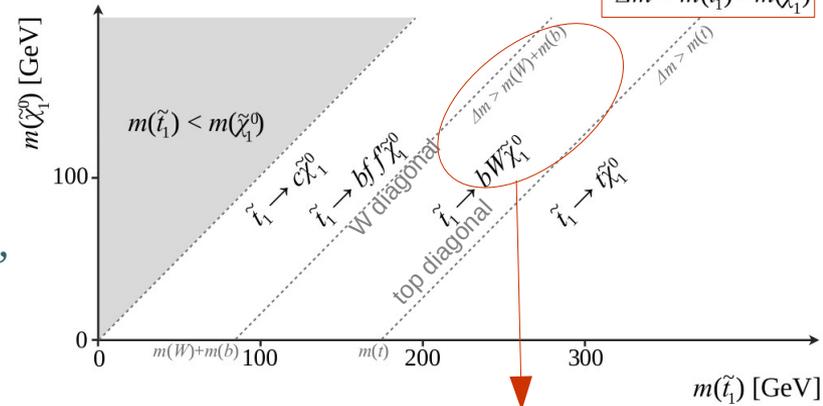
WW, tW,  $t\bar{t}$  (dileptonic decays)

Specific signal region selection:

- \* **At least 1 b jet**  $\rightarrow$   $t\bar{t}$  and WW enriched region; WW almost suppressed; signal models close to top diagonal
- \* **No b jets**  $\rightarrow$  WW enriched region,  $t\bar{t}$  (tW) decreases its contribution; signal models close to W diagonal

We exploit the transition area between diagonals with different signal regions and define control regions for the main backgrounds.

kinematic areas of  $\tilde{t} \rightarrow t \chi^0$  model



at intermediate neutralino masses

# Chargino Search

## Common baseline selection

2 opposite charge leptons ( $e^+e^-$ ,  $e^+\mu^-$ ,  $e^-\mu^+$ ,  $\mu^+\mu^-$ )  $\rightarrow$  select dileptonic events

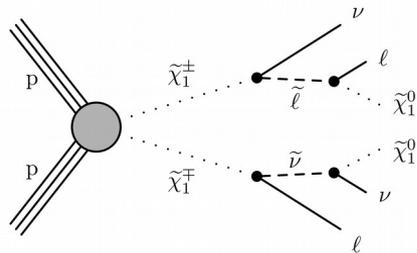
$m_{ll} > 20$  GeV &  $|m_{ll} - m_Z| > 15$  GeV ( $e^+e^-$ ,  $\mu^+\mu^-$ )  $\rightarrow$  avoid low masses and Z resonances

$p_T^{\text{miss}} > 140$  GeV  $\rightarrow$  enhance the large missing transverse momentum signatures

**Chargino search** involves the whole mass plane:

Three generations of leptons are assumed to be degenerated with  $m_{\text{slept}} = \text{avg}(m(\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm), m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0))$ ;  
 $\text{BR}(\tilde{l}) = \text{BR}(\tilde{\nu}) = 0.5$

Main irreducible backgrounds:  $WW$ ,  $t\bar{t}$ ,  $ZZ (\rightarrow 2l2\nu)$



## Specific signal region selection:

- \* **At least 1 b jet region**  $\rightarrow$  used as control region for top backgrounds
- \* **No b jets split in sub-regions with and without jets**  $\rightarrow$  improves the signal sensitivity

# Chargino and Stop 3-body Search Strategy

$m_{T2}(\ell\ell)$  shape  $\rightarrow$  in bins of  $p_T^{\text{miss}}$  as discriminant ( $p_T^{\text{miss}}$  [140,200), [200,300), [300, ...) GeV)  $\rightarrow$  SRs

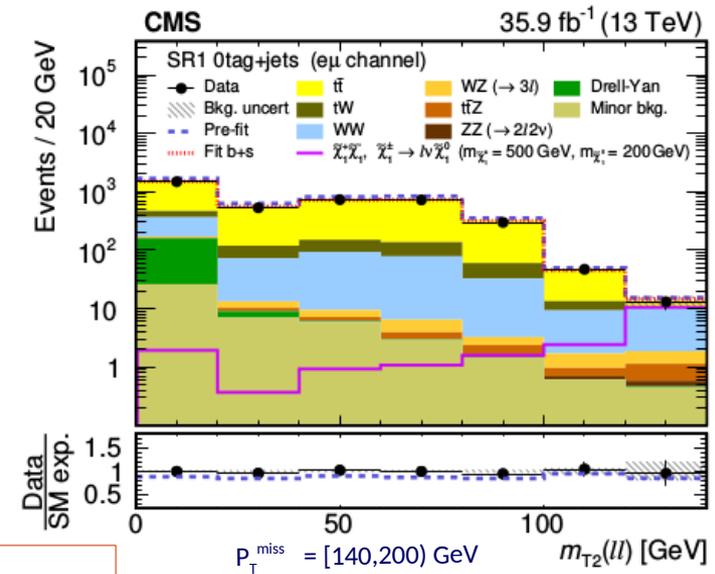
$$M_{T2}(\ell\ell) = \min_{\vec{p}_T^{\text{miss}1} + \vec{p}_T^{\text{miss}2} = \vec{p}_T^{\text{miss}}} \left( \max \left[ M_T(\vec{p}_T^{\text{lep}1}, \vec{p}_T^{\text{miss}1}), M_T(\vec{p}_T^{\text{lep}2}, \vec{p}_T^{\text{miss}2}) \right] \right), \quad m_{T2}(\ell\ell) \leq m_{\text{mother}} \quad m_T^2 = m_\ell^2 + m_\nu^2 + 2(E_T^\ell E_T^\nu - \mathbf{p}_T^\ell \cdot \mathbf{p}_T^\nu), \quad m_T \leq m_{\text{mother}}$$

Dominant backgrounds from  $t\bar{t}$ ,  $tW$  and  $WW$  production

For these backgrounds, leptons and undetected particles come from  $W$  bosons decay

The  $m_{T2}(\ell\ell)$  observable will therefore present a kinematic endpoint at the  $W$  boson mass

Signal events do not present such a feature due to additional contributions of neutralinos to the  $p_T^{\text{miss}}$



**To set the upper limits on the signal cross section:**  
Perform a simultaneous binned likelihood fit of  $m_{T2}(\ell\ell)$  shape in all signal and control regions for the  $ee, \mu\mu, e\mu$

# Background Estimation and Systematics

Chargino and Stop 3-body

## Main backgrounds: $t\bar{t}$ , $tW$ and $WW$

- Keep under control the tails (detector resolution effects!)

- study  $m_{T2}(\ell\ell)$  shape in validation regions:

$$p_T^{\text{miss}} \text{ in } [100, 140) \text{ GeV, } p_T^{\text{miss}} \geq 140 \text{ GeV}$$

- study the contribution of events with non-prompt leptons

- Normalization is determined by the fit

## Secondary backgrounds:

**$Z$ +jets,  $t\bar{t}Z$ ,  $ZZ(\rightarrow 2l2\nu)$ , and  $WZ(\rightarrow 3l1\nu)$**

- Normalization estimates in control regions  
→ Scale Factors ( $SF$ )

## Minor backgrounds: $VVV$ , $t\bar{t}W$ , $HWW$

- Normalized to the theoretical cross section and integrated luminosity

Source of uncertainty	SM processes	
	Change in yields	Change in $m_{T2}(\ell\ell)$ shape
Integrated luminosity	2.5%	—
Trigger	2%	—
Lepton ident./isolation	4–5%	<1%
Jet energy scale	1–6%	3–15%
Unclustered energy	1–2%	2–16%
b tagging	<3%	<2%
Renorm./fact. scales	1–10%	1–6%
PDFs	1–5%	2–8%
$t\bar{t}Z$ normalization	<1%	<9%
$WZ$ normalization	<1%	<1%
$ZZ$ normalization	<1%	<5%
Drell-Yan normalization	<4%	1–11%
$m_{T2}(\ell\ell)$ shape (top quark)	—	→ 4–18%
$m_{T2}(\ell\ell)$ shape ( $WW$ )	—	1–15%
$ZZ$ K factors	—	<3%
$m_{T2}(\ell\ell)$ shape (Drell-Yan)	—	1–13%
Nonprompt leptons	<1%	<4%
$t\bar{t}$ $p_T$ reweighting	1–4%	1–8%

range of the systematic uncertainties effect on the predicted yields for SM processes and the  $m_{T2}(\ell\ell)$  shape across all signal regions before the fit.

# Degenerate Stop Search

Top squark search in the compressed scenario:

- $\Delta m \sim m_t \rightarrow$  very compressed region  
Main irreducible background  
 $tW, t\bar{t}$  (dileptonic decays)

$m(\tilde{t}) \approx m_t \rightarrow$  signal reproduces top kinematics

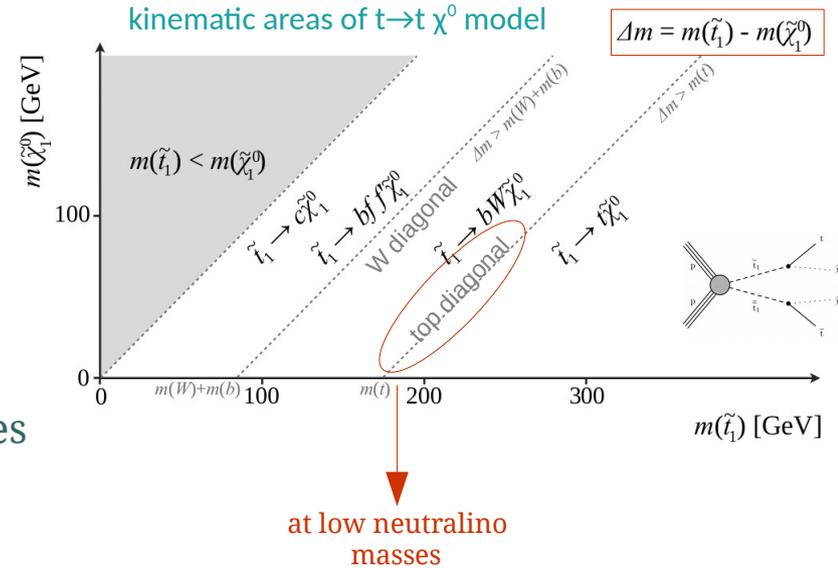
Sensitivity comes from a precise estimate of the  $t\bar{t}$  in MC simulation, exploiting the small uncertainties in the cross section

$m(\tilde{t}) > m_t \rightarrow$  Signal kinematic slightly differs from  $t\bar{t}$

Sensitivity comes from massive LSP gives additional  $p_T^{\text{miss}}$  using the  $m_{T2}(ll)$  to signal extraction

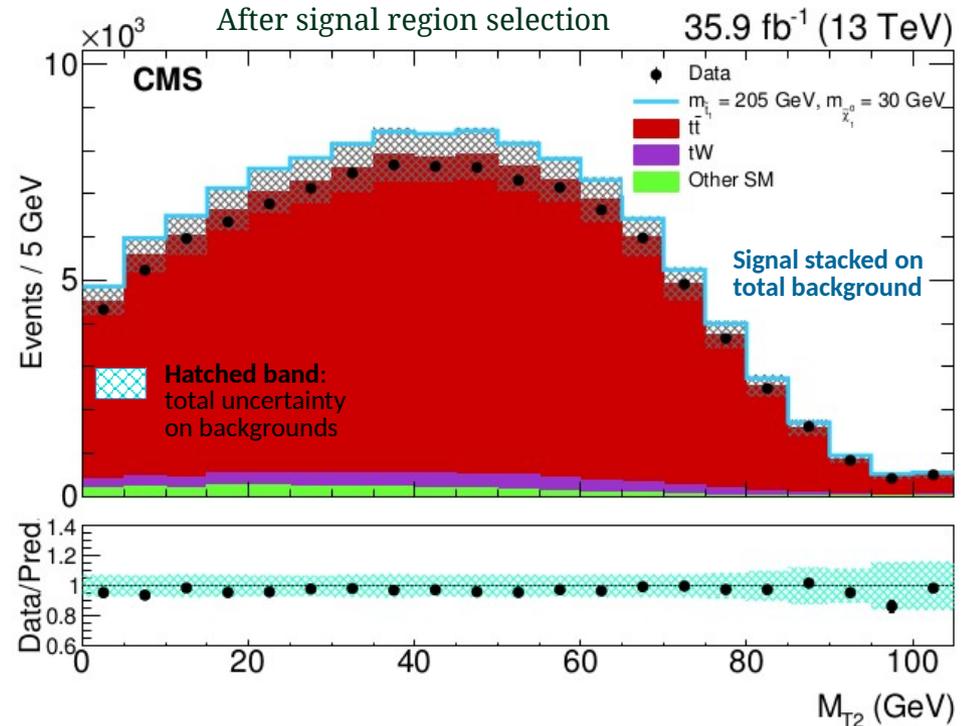
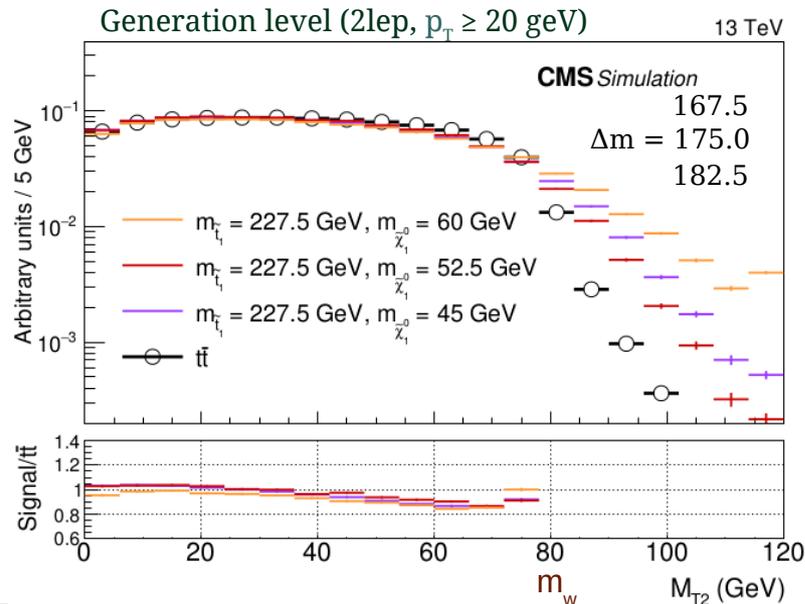
Specific signal region selection:

- \* 2 opposite charge leptons ( $e^+\mu^-, e^-\mu^+$ ),  $m_{ll} > 20$  GeV,  $n^0 \text{ jets} \geq 2$
- \* **At least 1 b jet**  $\rightarrow$   $t\bar{t}$  enriched region increase the signal to background ratio



# Degenerate Stop Search Strategy

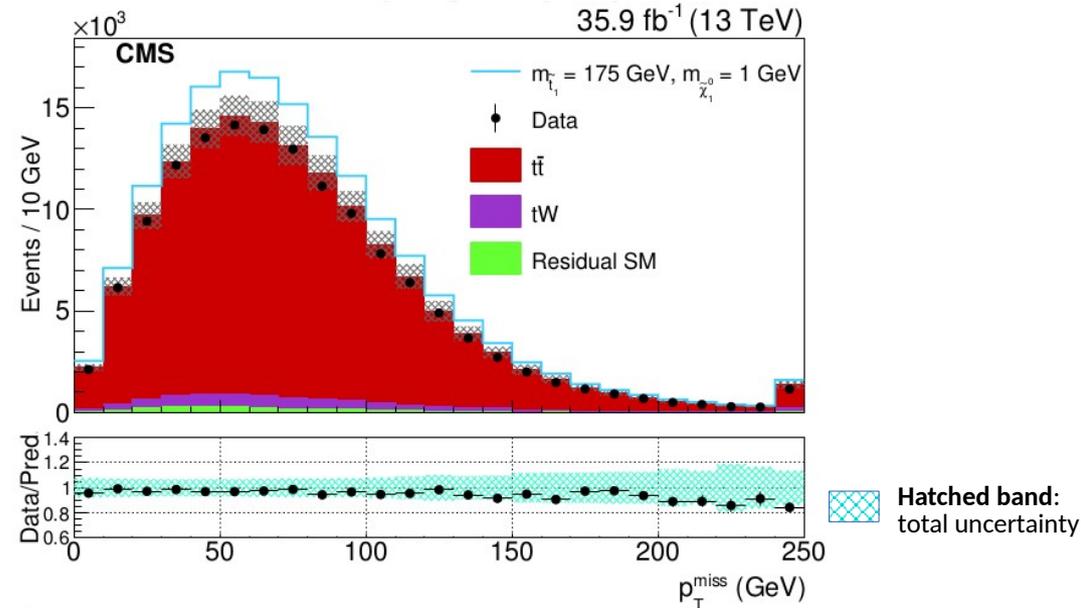
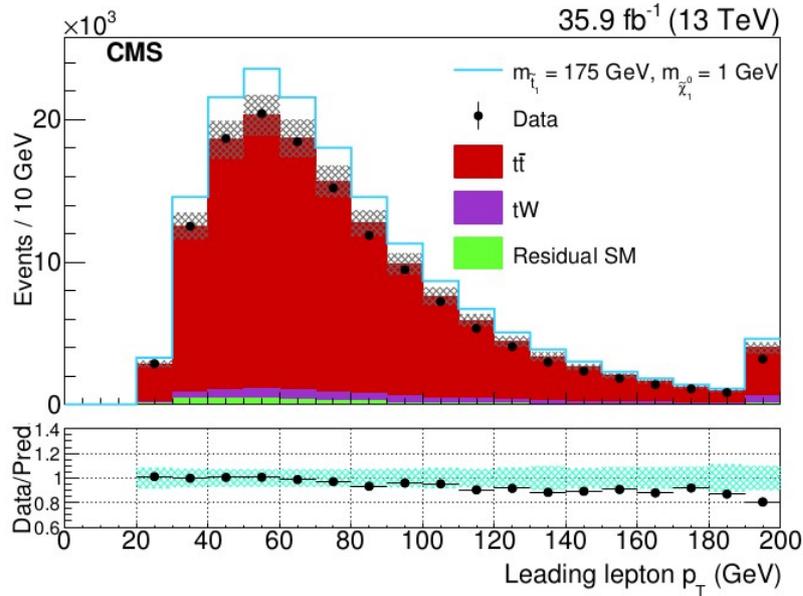
- For small  $\tilde{t}_1$  masses, the precise measurement of  $t\bar{t}$  cross section and the accurately modeling of kinematic variables can be exploited to distinguish signal to background
- For higher  $\tilde{t}_1$  masses, the presence of extra  $p_T^{\text{miss}}$  can be exploited using as main discriminator variable the  $m_{T2}(\text{ll})$



Signal is expected as an excess in  $t\bar{t}$  prediction

# Degenerate Stop Background Estimation

Some observables to construct the  $m_{T2}(\ell\ell)$  variable  $\longrightarrow$  good agreement Data/SM prediction



## Background contributions

$t\bar{t}$   $\approx$  94%

$tW$   $\approx$  4%

Others (DY, dibosons,  $t\bar{t}V$ )  $\approx$  1%

Non-prompt leptons  $\approx$  1%

- $\longrightarrow$  Normalized to NLO+NNLL cross section and  $L$
- $\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \right\}$  Normalized to the theoretical cross section and  $L$
- $\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \right\}$  Normalization estimates in  $e^+\mu^+$  control region  $SF = 1.2 \pm 0.1$

# Degenerate Stop Systematics

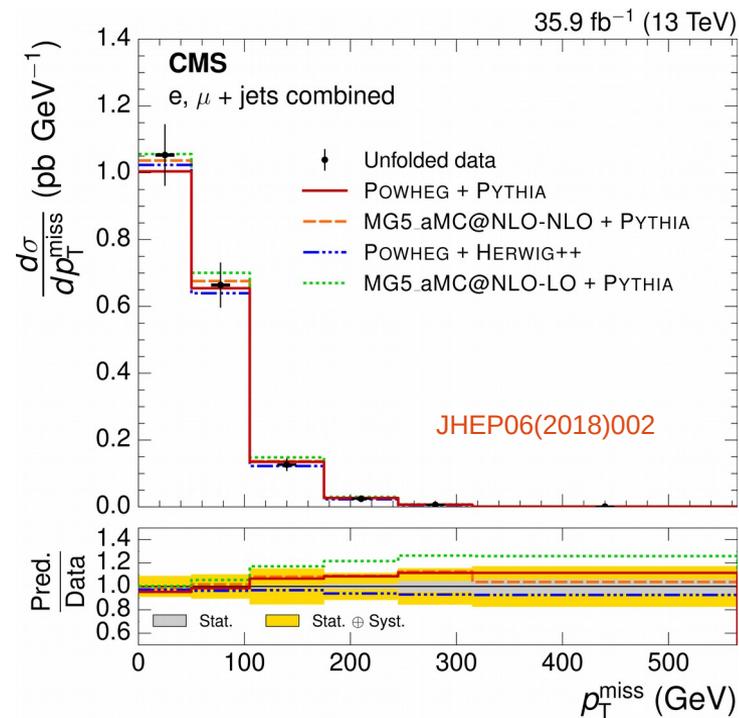
## $t\bar{t}$ Modelling uncertainties

- An accurate estimation of the  $t\bar{t}$  background takes into account the effect of varying the main theoretical parameters within their uncertainties. The big challenge of this analysis

Source	Range (%)
ME/PS matching ( $h_{\text{damp}}$ )	0.3 – 2
Initial state radiation	0.5 – 1
Final state radiation	0.6 – 1.2
Color reconnection	$\approx 1.5$
ME scales	0.3 – 1
PDF	$\approx 0.6$
Top mass (acceptance)	$\approx 1$
Top $p_T$ reweighting	0.1 – 0.5
Underlying event	$\approx 0.8$

ME  $\sim$  Matrix element  
PS  $\sim$  parton shower

Treated as shape uncertainties. The ranges correspond to variations of the uncertainty along the  $m_{T2}(\text{ll})$  distribution.



Normalized  $p_T^{\text{miss}}$  differential  $t\bar{t}$  cross section compared to different  $t\bar{t}$  simulations

# Degenerate Stop Systematics

## Experimental uncertainties

Treated as correlated among all  $m_{T2}(\text{ll})$  bins.

The numbers represent typical values for the uncertainties on signal and  $t\bar{t}$  yields or ranges of these uncertainties in different  $m_{T2}(\text{ll})$  bins and different signal samples

Source	Range for $t\bar{t}$ and signal (%)
Muon efficiencies	$\approx 1.4$
Electron efficiencies	$\approx 1.5$
Trigger efficiency	$\approx 0.6$
Lepton energy scale	0.5 – 2
Jet energy scale	1.5 – 3.0
<u>Jet energy resolution</u> 	0.3 – 3.5
b-tagging efficiency	1.2 – 2.0
Mistagging efficiency	0.2 – 0.6
Unclustered $p_T^{\text{miss}}$	0.5 – 1.5
Pileup	0.5 – 3.5

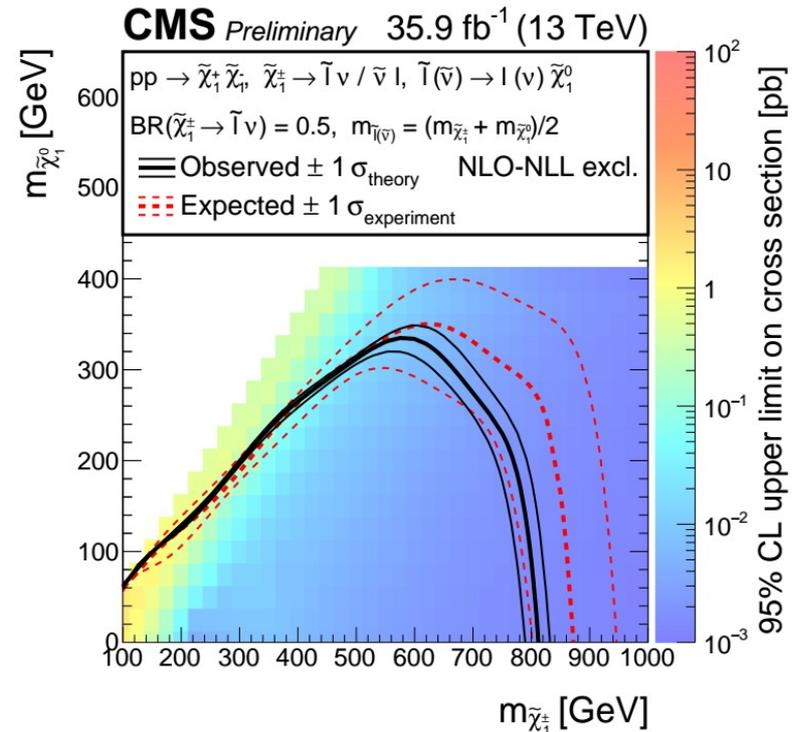
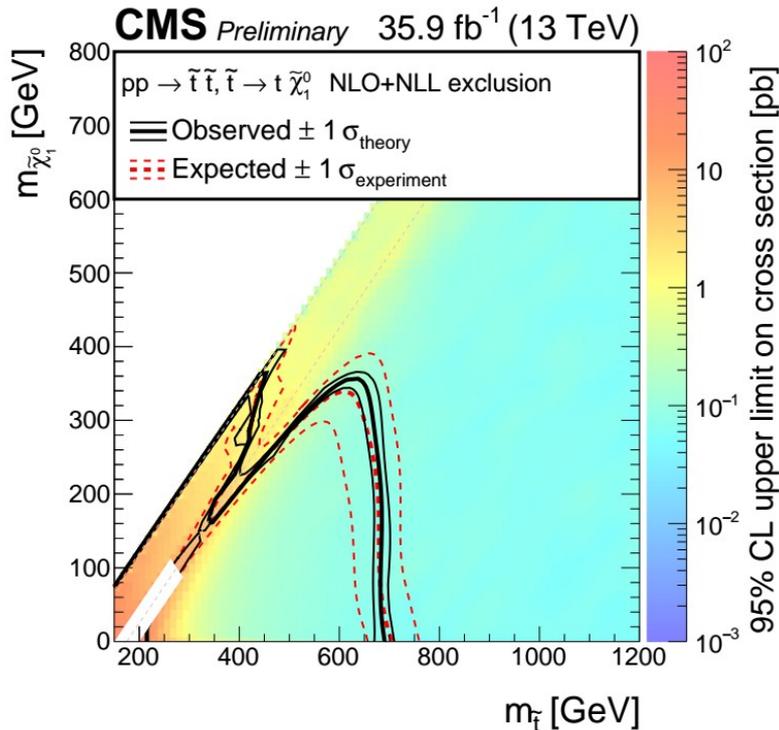
## Normalization uncertainties

DY	15%
tW, dibosons, $t\bar{t}V$	30%
Non-prompt leptons	30%
Signal	15% → according predicted cross section uncertainties
Renorm./fact. Scales	<1.0% → on each $m_{T2}(\text{ll})$ bin
Lumi	2.6%

# Three-body decays and Chargino Results

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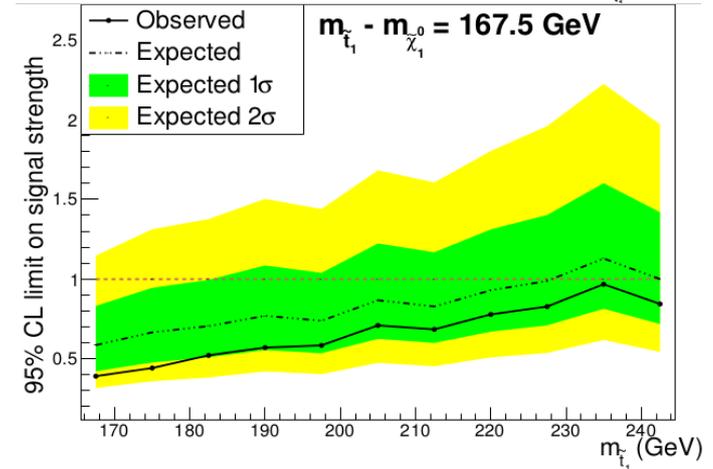
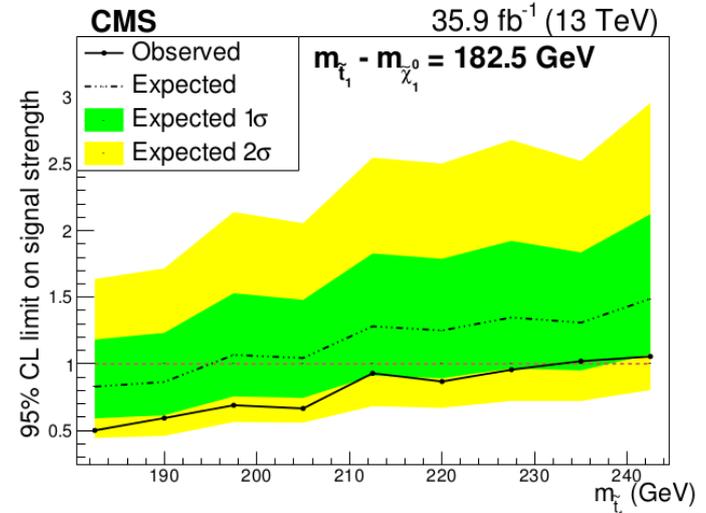
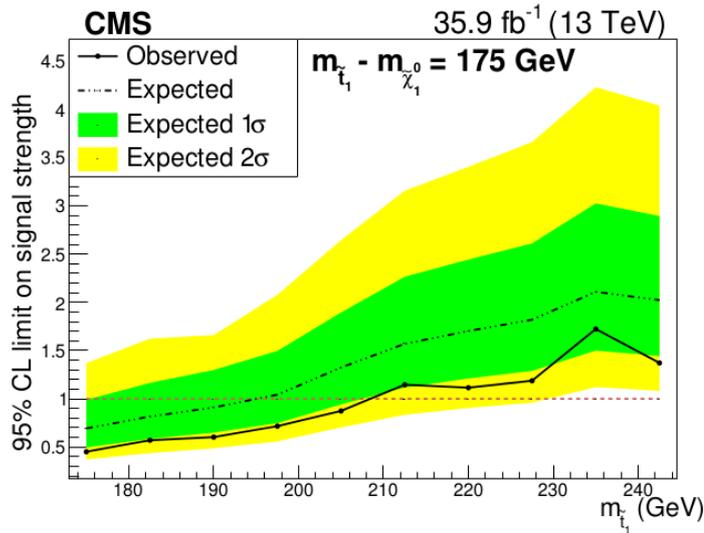
Observed limits extend up 420 (360) GeV for top squark (neutralino) masses in the region  $m_{\tilde{W}} \leq \Delta m \leq m_{\text{top}}$ , and up to 800 GeV for chargino masses



# Degenerate Stop Results

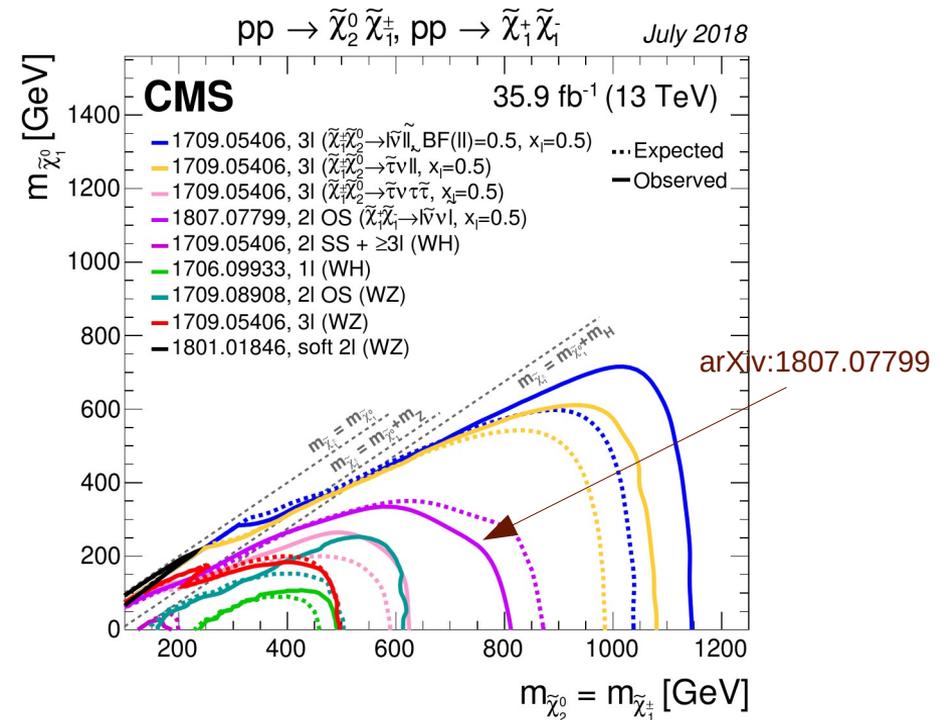
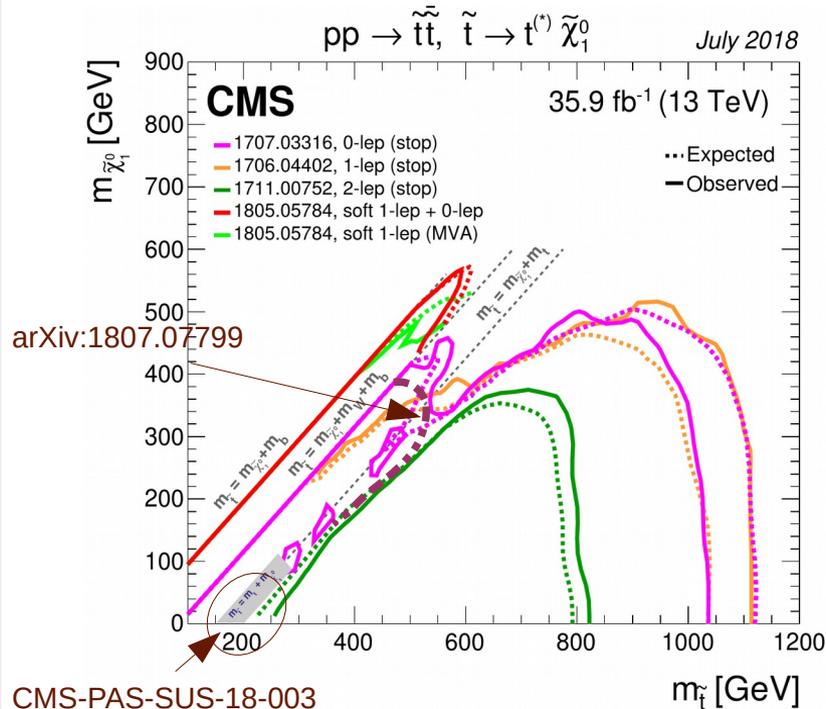
CMS-PAS-SUS-18-003

- Top squark excluded for masses up to 210 GeV in models with  $\Delta m = m_{\text{top}}$
- 240 GeV in models with  $\Delta m = m_{\text{top}} \pm 7.5$  GeV



# Stop 3-body and Chargino CMS Results

- Summary of mass limits of top squark pair production via an intermediate virtual top quark (left) and chargino pair production and chargino second neutralino production (right) in various final states



# Conclusions

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- Searches for top squark and chargino pair production in final states with two leptons using 2016 LHC data have been presented:
  - Latest searches focusing into phase space corners and other decay modes
  - No sign for new physics observed over SM backgrounds
- CMS experiment has excluded top squark and chargino masses below to 1.2 TeV and LSP neutralino mass below to 0.8 TeV
- New and upgraded searches are expected with full RunII LHC data (4-5 time increase of luminosity  $\sim 150$  /fb)



**Thanks for your  
attention**

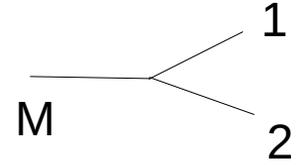
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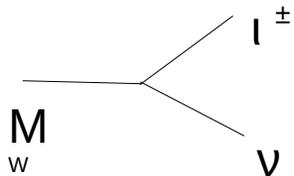
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# Analysis Strategy

Invariant mass from a decay:  $M^2 = (E_1 + E_2)^2 - \|\mathbf{p}_1 + \mathbf{p}_2\|^2 = m_1^2 + m_2^2 + 2(E_1 E_2 - \mathbf{p}_1 \cdot \mathbf{p}_2)$



Invariant transverse mass from a decay at LHC: **Example W boson decay**



$$m_T^2 = m_\ell^2 + m_\nu^2 + 2(E_T^\ell E_T^\nu - \mathbf{p}_T^\ell \cdot \mathbf{p}_T^\nu)$$

At LHC:

- The  $\nu$  is invisible and massless
- The lepton mass is negligible

$$m_T^2 = 2(E_T^e E_T^{\text{miss}} - \mathbf{p}_T^e \cdot \mathbf{p}_T^{\text{miss}}), \quad E_T^{\text{miss}} \equiv \not{p}_T^2$$

$$\longrightarrow M_T = \sqrt{2E_\ell E_T^{\text{miss}} [1 - \cos(\Delta\phi)]}$$

$$m_T^2 \leq m_W^2$$

# Analysis Strategy

$M_{T2}$  (ll) variable from a decay:

- To generalize the transverse mass to a system with two particles of the same mass, each decaying semi-invisibly, we have to decompose the measured  $P_T^{\text{miss}}$  into a sum of two missing transverse momentum vectors according to

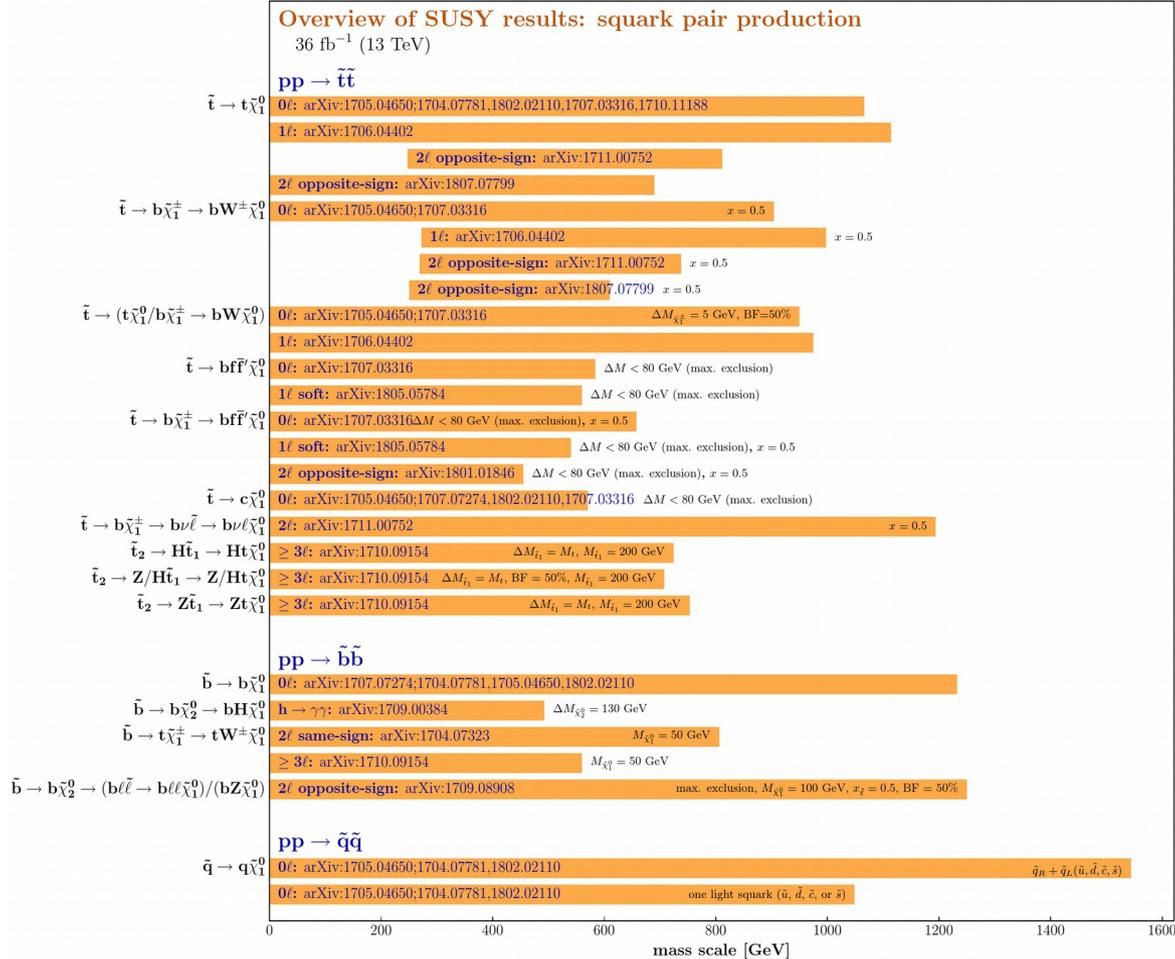
$$\mathbf{p}_T^{\text{miss}} = \mathbf{p}_{T1}^{\text{miss}} + \mathbf{p}_{T2}^{\text{miss}}$$

- Since the correct division of the  $P_T^{\text{miss}}$  into two components is not known, a useful method is to minimize the maximum of the two transverse masses formed under all possible combinations satisfying  $\mathbf{p}_T^{\text{miss}} = \mathbf{p}_{T1}^{\text{miss}} + \mathbf{p}_{T2}^{\text{miss}}$
- We explore the parameter space of all possible hypothetical neutrino momenta that satisfy the  $\mathbf{p}_T^{\text{miss}} = \mathbf{p}_{T1}^{\text{miss}} + \mathbf{p}_{T2}^{\text{miss}}$  and for each point in this parameter space we calculate  $M_T$  for each half of the event and report the maximum of the two. We take the  $M_{T2}$  (ll) value for the event to be the minimum of the larger  $M_T$  values for each such point.

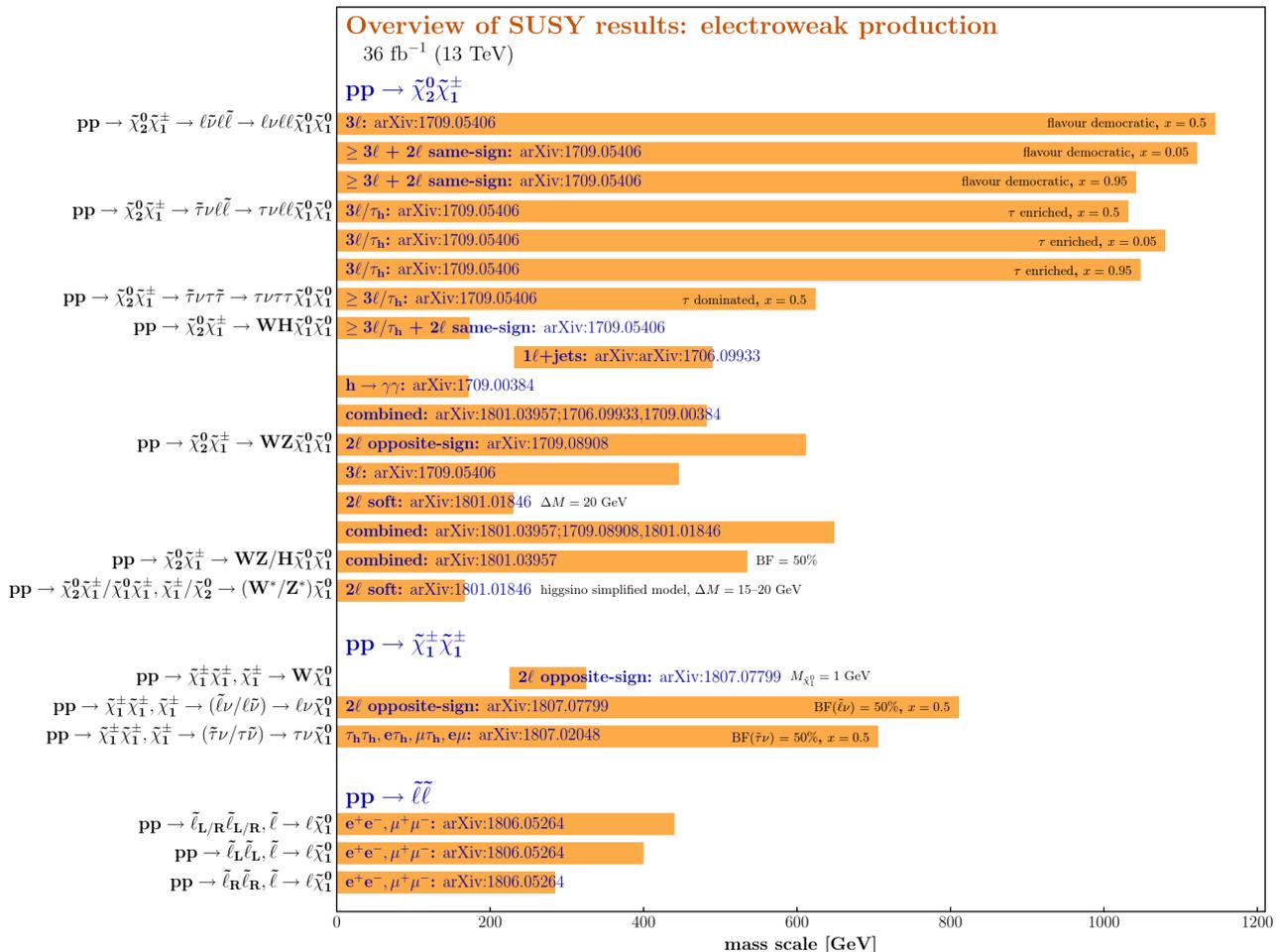
$$M_{T2}^2(\text{ll}) = \min_{\mathbf{p}_{T1}^{\text{miss}} + \mathbf{p}_{T2}^{\text{miss}} = \mathbf{p}_T^{\text{miss}}} \left( \max \left[ M_T^2(\mathbf{p}_T^{\ell 1}, \mathbf{p}_{T1}^{\text{miss}}), M_T^2(\mathbf{p}_T^{\ell 2}, \mathbf{p}_{T2}^{\text{miss}}) \right] \right), \quad M_{T2}(\text{ll}) \leq m_{\text{mother}}$$

- The  $P_T^{\text{miss}}$  and  $M_{T2}$  variables exhibit a strong correlation up to MT2ll values of the order of the W boson mass, becoming largely uncorrelated at higher MET values

Bisection method. The algorithm has been implemented in c++ by the authors



Selection of observed limits at 95% C.L. (theory uncertainties are not included). Probe up to the quoted mass limit for light LSPs unless stated otherwise. The quantities  $\Delta M$  and  $x$  represent the absolute mass difference between the primary sparticle and the LSP, and the difference between the intermediate sparticle and the LSP relative to  $\Delta M$ , respectively, unless indicated otherwise.

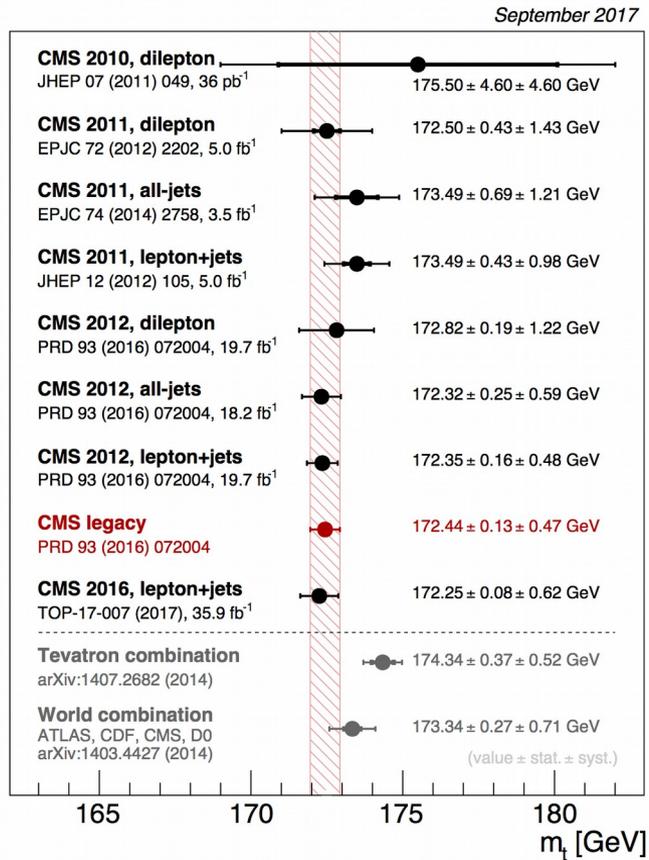


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# Degenerate Stop search

Documentation from CMS-PAS-SUS-18-003

# Summary of top measurements



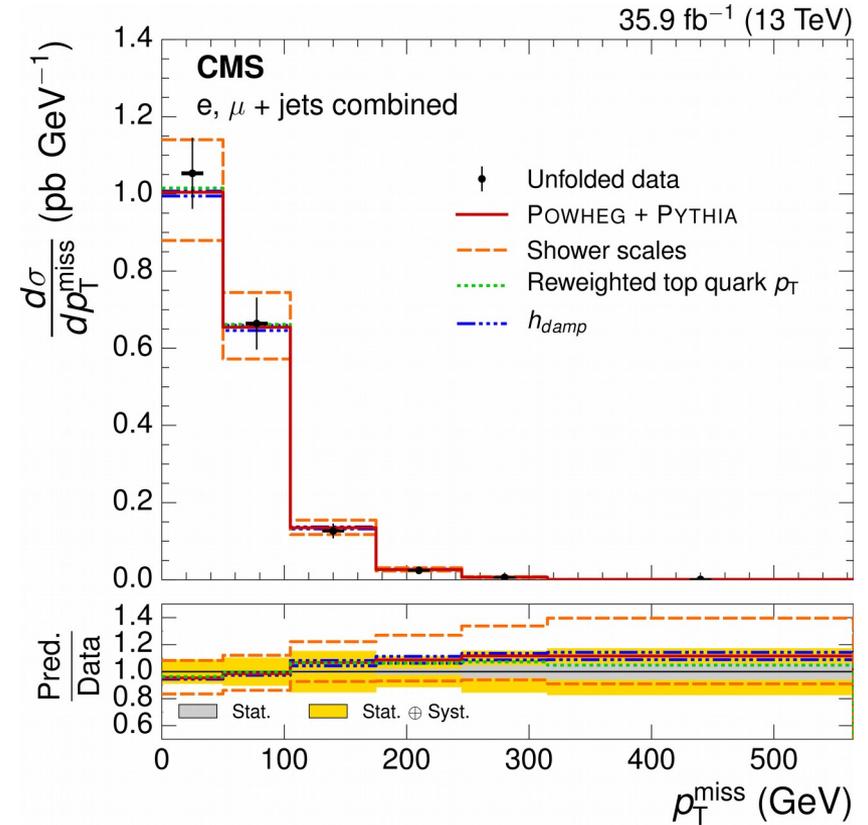
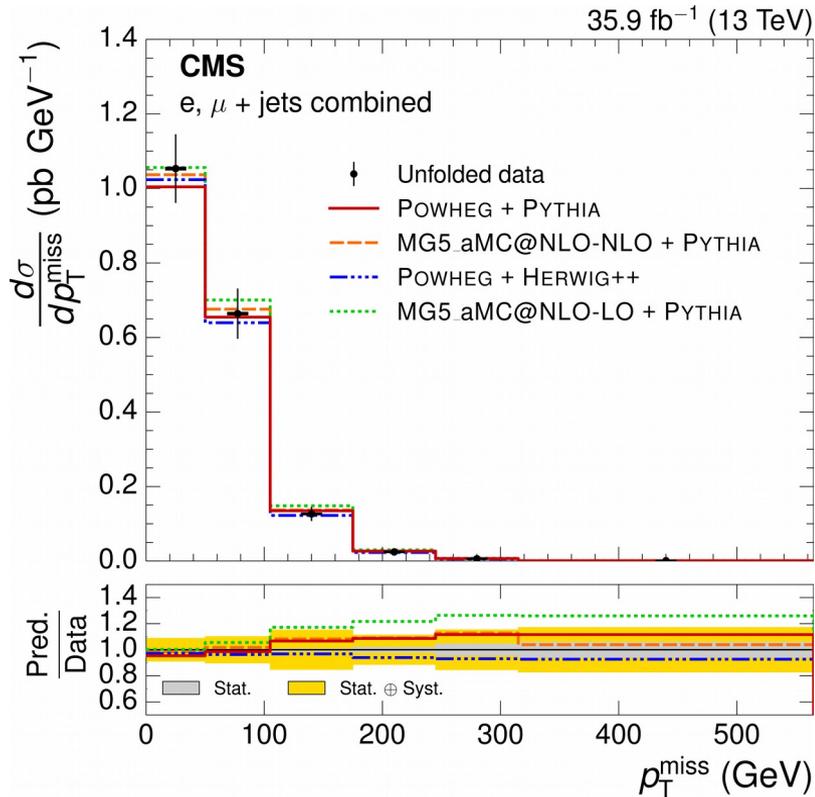
Simulated tt samples  $x_{\text{top}} = 832_{-29}^{+20}(\text{scale}) \pm 35(\text{PDF}+\alpha_s)$  pb with  $m_{\text{top}} = 172.5$  GeV

Summary of Run-I CMS  $m_{\text{top}}$  measurements and their combination.

This is figure 12 in the paper [CMS TOP-14-022 - arXiv:1509.04044](https://arxiv.org/abs/1509.04044)

# Normalized $p_T^{\text{miss}}$ differential $t\bar{t}$ cross sections

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Normalized  $p_T^{\text{miss}}$  differential  $t\bar{t}$  cross sections, compared to different  $t\bar{t}$  simulations in the left plots, and compared to the POWHEG+PYTHIA8 simulation after varying the shower scales, and  $h_{\text{damp}}$  parameter, within their uncertainties in the right plots. The vertical bars on the data represent the statistical and systematic uncertainties added in quadrature. The lower plots show the ratio of the predictions to the data.

Table 3: Number of expected and observed events after the selection with  $M_{T2} > 0$  and  $M_{T2} > 90$  GeV. The quoted uncertainties reflect both the statistical and systematic contributions.

Process	with $M_{T2} > 0$ GeV	with $M_{T2} > 90$ GeV
$t\bar{t}$	$102\,400 \pm 7400$	$1680 \pm 260$
$tW$	$4700 \pm 1400$	$92 \pm 32$
Nonprompt leptons	$1330 \pm 400$	$30 \pm 11$
DY + $t\bar{t}V$ + Dibosons	$570 \pm 100$	$19 \pm 6$
Total Background	$109\,000 \pm 7600$	$1821 \pm 260$
Signal: $m_{\tilde{t}_1} = 175.0$ GeV, $m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0} = 1.0$ GeV	$16\,400 \pm 2500$	$276 \pm 53$
Signal: $m_{\tilde{t}_1} = 205.0$ GeV, $m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0} = 22.5$ GeV	$8070 \pm 1240$	$232 \pm 41$
Signal: $m_{\tilde{t}_1} = 205.0$ GeV, $m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0} = 30.0$ GeV	$7830 \pm 1200$	$157 \pm 27$
Signal: $m_{\tilde{t}_1} = 205.0$ GeV, $m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0} = 37.5$ GeV	$6140 \pm 650$	$262 \pm 45$
Signal: $m_{\tilde{t}_1} = 242.5$ GeV, $m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0} = 67.5$ GeV	$3550 \pm 540$	$106 \pm 19$
Data	105 893	1694

# Stop 3-body and Chargino search

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# Analysis signal regions

Variable	Selection
Lepton flavor	$e^+e^-, \mu^+\mu^-, e^\pm \mu^\mp$
Leading lepton	$p_T \geq 25 \text{ GeV},  \eta  < 2.4$
Trailing lepton	$p_T \geq 20 \text{ GeV},  \eta  < 2.4$
Third lepton veto	$p_T \geq 15 \text{ GeV},  \eta  < 2.4$
$m_{\ell\ell}$	$\geq 20 \text{ GeV}$
$ m_{\ell\ell} - m_Z $	$> 15 \text{ GeV}$ only for $ee$ and $\mu\mu$ events
$p_T^{\text{miss}}$	$\geq 140 \text{ GeV}$

**Table 1.** Definition of the baseline selection used in the searches for chargino and top squark pair production.

	SR1 <sub>0tag</sub> <sup>0jet</sup>	SR1 <sub>0tag</sub> <sup>jets</sup>	CR1 <sub>tags</sub>	SR2 <sub>0tag</sub> <sup>0jet</sup>	SR2 <sub>0tag</sub> <sup>jets</sup>	CR2 <sub>tags</sub>	SR3 <sub>0tag</sub>	CR3 <sub>tags</sub>
$p_T^{\text{miss}}$ [GeV]	140–200	140–200	140–200	200–300	200–300	200–300	$\geq 300$	$\geq 300$
$N_{b \text{ jets}}$	0	0	$\geq 1$	0	0	$\geq 1$	0	$\geq 1$
$N_{\text{jets}}$	0	$\geq 1$	$\geq 1$	0	$\geq 1$	$\geq 1$	$\geq 0$	$\geq 1$
Channels	SF, DF	SF, DF	SF, DF	SF, DF	SF, DF	SF, DF	SF, DF	SF, DF
$m_{T2}(\ell\ell)$	0–20, 20–40, 40–60, 60–80, 80–100, 100–120, $\geq 120 \text{ GeV}$							

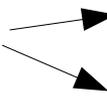
**Table 2.** Definition of the SRs for the chargino search as a function of the  $p_T^{\text{miss}}$  value, the b-jet multiplicity and jet multiplicity. Also shown are the CRs with b-tagged jets used for the normalization of the  $t\bar{t}$  and  $tW$  backgrounds. Each of the regions is further divided in seven  $m_{T2}(\ell\ell)$  bins as described in the last row.

	SR1 <sub>0tag</sub>	SR1 <sub>tags</sub>	SR2 <sub>0tag</sub>	SR2 <sub>tags</sub>	SR3 <sub>0tag</sub> <sup>ISR</sup>	SR3 <sub>tag</sub> <sup>ISR</sup>
$p_T^{\text{miss}}$ [GeV]	140–200	140–200	200–300	200–300	$\geq 300$	$\geq 300$
$N_{b \text{ jets}}$	0	$\geq 1$	0	$\geq 1$	0	$\geq 1$
$N_{\text{jets}}$	$\geq 0$	$\geq 1$	$\geq 0$	$\geq 1$	$\geq 1$	$\geq 2$
ISR jets	$\geq 0$	$\geq 0$	$\geq 0$	$\geq 0$	$\geq 1$	$\geq 1$
Channels	SF, DF	SF, DF	SF, DF	SF, DF	SF, DF	SF, DF
$m_{T2}(\ell\ell)$	0–20, 20–40, 40–60, 60–80, 80–100, 100–120, $\geq 120 \text{ GeV}$					

**Table 3.** Definition of the SRs for top squark production search as a function of the  $p_T^{\text{miss}}$  value, the b-jet multiplicity and the ISR jet requirement. Each of the regions is further divided in seven  $m_{T2}(\ell\ell)$  bins as described in the last row.

# Shape validation regions

- study  $M_{T2}(\text{ll})$  shape in validation regions:

$P_T^{\text{miss}}$  in [100, 140) GeV   $+ \text{nbjet} \geq 1 \rightarrow \text{ttbar enriched}$   
 $+ \text{nbjet} = 0 \rightarrow \text{ttbar} + \text{WW enriched}$  } Good agreement Data/MC

$P_T^{\text{miss}} \geq 140$  GeV :  $\text{WZ} \rightarrow 3\text{l}1\nu$  in Z window to mimic  $\text{WW} \rightarrow 2\text{l} + 2\nu$   Good agreement Data/MC

Based on the statistical precision of the MC in the CR's derived shape uncertainty

- study the contribution of events with non-prompt leptons:

Contribution < 1% of each expected background across all SR's

At high values of  $M_{T2}$  and  $P_T^{\text{miss}}$  it becomes 20% for  $t\bar{t}$

Modeling of shows good agreement Data/MC in a CR with same sign leptons and at least 1 bjet

Based on the observed agreement with data a scale factor is derived  $\text{SF} = 1.08 \pm 0.21$

# Control regions

**Z+jets,  $t\bar{t}Z$ , ZZ( $\rightarrow 2l2\nu$ ), and WZ( $\rightarrow 3l1\nu$ )**

$$t\bar{t}Z \rightarrow 2l + 2 \text{ bjet} + P_T^{\text{miss}} \Rightarrow \mathbf{3\text{leptons}} + P_T^{\text{miss}} > \mathbf{140 \text{ GeV}} + n_{\text{bjet}} \geq 1$$

$$WZ \rightarrow 3l + P_T^{\text{miss}} \Rightarrow \mathbf{3\text{leptons}} + P_T^{\text{miss}} > \mathbf{140 \text{ GeV}} + n_{\text{bjet}} = 0$$

$$ZZ \rightarrow 2l + P_T^{\text{miss}} \Rightarrow \mathbf{\text{studied ZZ}} \rightarrow 4l \Rightarrow \mathbf{4\text{leptons}} + \text{Z windows} + P_T^{\text{miss}} > \mathbf{140 \text{ GeV}} + n_{\text{bjet}} = 0 + \begin{cases} n_{\text{jet}} > 0 \\ n_{\text{jet}} \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

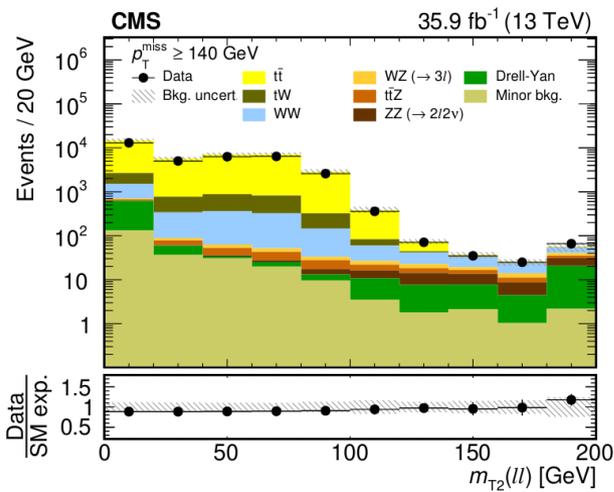
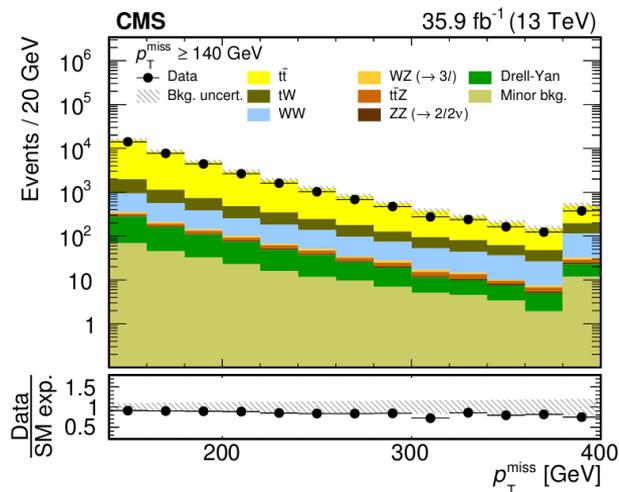
$$Z+\text{jets} \rightarrow 2l + \text{jets} \Rightarrow \mathbf{Z \text{ boson selection}} + \mathbf{100} < P_T^{\text{miss}} < \mathbf{140 \text{ GeV}}$$

Derived normalization  $\sim 32\%$  and  
shape  $\sim 5\text{-}50\%$  uncertainties

Process	Scale factors		
	$N_{\text{jets}} = 0$ (a)	$N_{\text{jets}} > 0$ (a)	$N_{\text{jets}} \geq 0$ (b)
$t\bar{t}Z$	$1.44 \pm 0.36$	$1.44 \pm 0.36$	$1.44 \pm 0.36$
WZ	$0.97 \pm 0.09$	$0.97 \pm 0.09$	$0.97 \pm 0.09$
ZZ	$0.74 \pm 0.19$	$1.21 \pm 0.17$	$1.05 \pm 0.12$

**Table 4.** Summary of the normalization scale factors for  $t\bar{t}Z$ , WZ, and ZZ backgrounds in the SRs used for the chargino (a) and top squark (b) searches. Uncertainties include the statistical uncertainties of data and simulated event samples, and the systematic uncertainties on the number of expected events from the residual processes in the CRs.

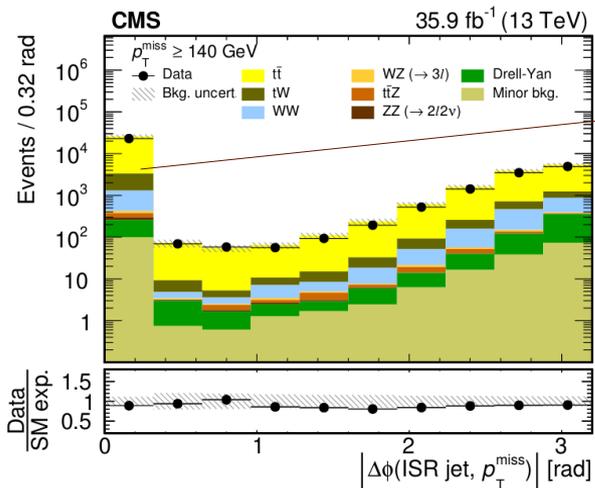
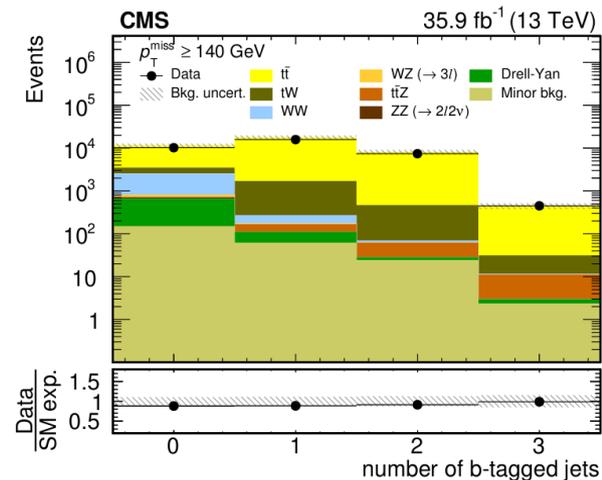
# Observables



Observables used to define the SR's with

Good agreement data/mc

 **Hatched band:**  
total uncertainty



events missing this requirements are shown in the first bin

**ISR jet :**  
leading jet, required not to be b-tagged,  $P_T > 150$  GeV

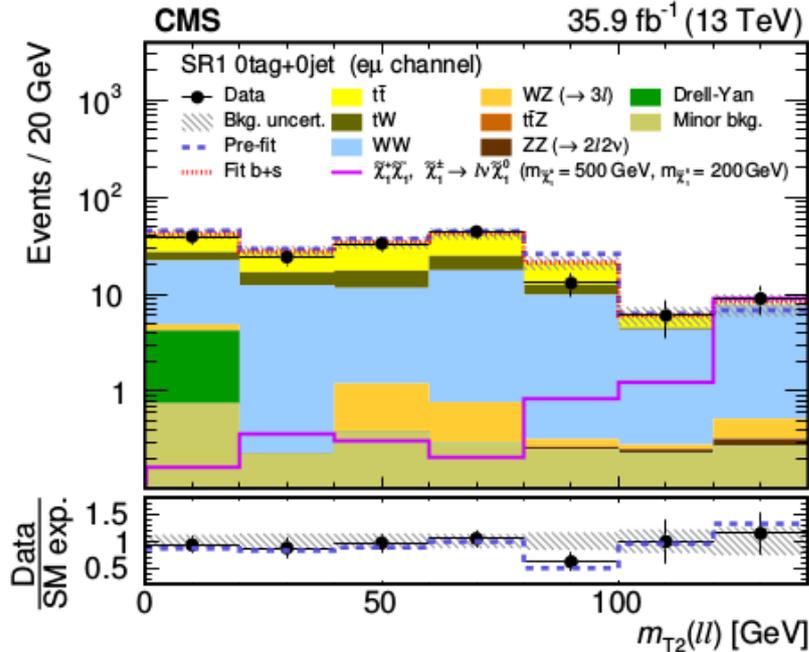
# Systematic uncertainties on signal

Source of uncertainty	$\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm \rightarrow \tilde{\ell}\nu(\tilde{\ell}\bar{\nu}) \rightarrow \ell\nu\tilde{\chi}_1^0$ ( $m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm} = 500$ GeV, $m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0} = 200$ GeV)		$\tilde{t}_1 \rightarrow t\tilde{\chi}_1^0$ ( $m_{\tilde{t}_1} = 350$ GeV, $m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0} = 225$ GeV)	
	Yields	$m_{T2}(\ell\ell)$ shape	Yields	$m_{T2}(\ell\ell)$ shape
Integrated luminosity	2.5%	—	2.5%	—
Trigger	2%	—	2%	—
Lepton ident./isolation	4–5%	<1%	4–5%	<1%
Jet energy scale	1–3%	3–11%	1–4%	2–14%
Unclustered energy	1–2%	8–13%	1–2%	2–7%
b tagging	<1%	<1%	1–3%	<1%
Renorm./fact. scales	1–3%	1–3%	1–3%	1–3%
Lept. id./iso. (FASTSIM)	4%	<1%	4%	<1%
b tagging (FASTSIM)	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
$\vec{p}_T^{\text{miss}}$ (FASTSIM)	1–4%	7–28%	1–6%	6–20%
Pileup (FASTSIM)	1–6%	4–9%	2–4%	2–14%
ISR reweighting	1–2%	1–6%	2–8%	1–6%

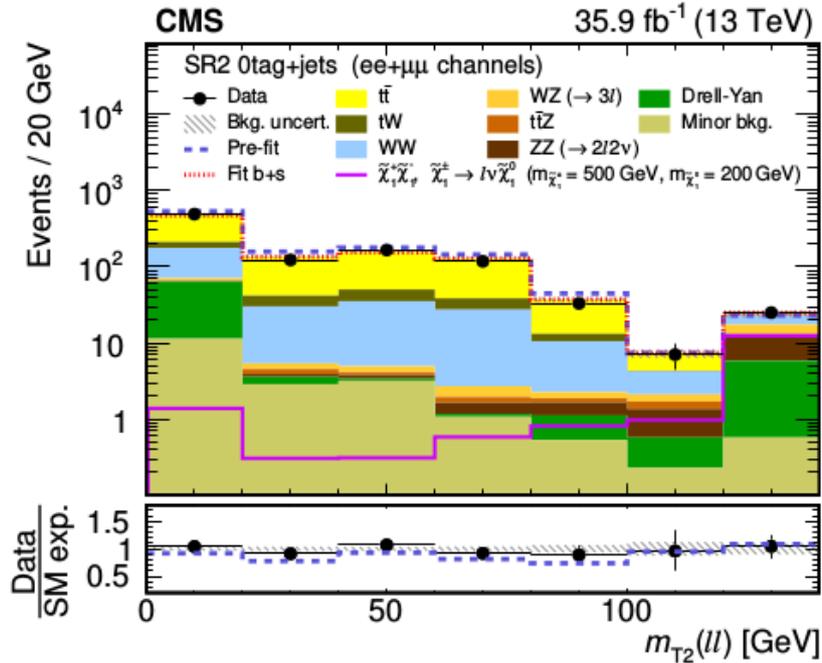
**Table 6.** Same as in table 5 for two representative signal points, one for chargino pair production and one for top squark pair production.

# Representative distributions after the fit

$$\chi^+ \chi^- \rightarrow \nu \tilde{l} (\tilde{\nu} l) + \tilde{\nu} l (\nu \tilde{l}) \rightarrow \nu l \chi_1^0 + \nu l \chi_1^0$$



SR1  $\rightarrow P_T^{\text{miss}} = [140, 200) \text{ GeV}$



SR2  $\rightarrow P_T^{\text{miss}} = [200, 300) \text{ GeV}$

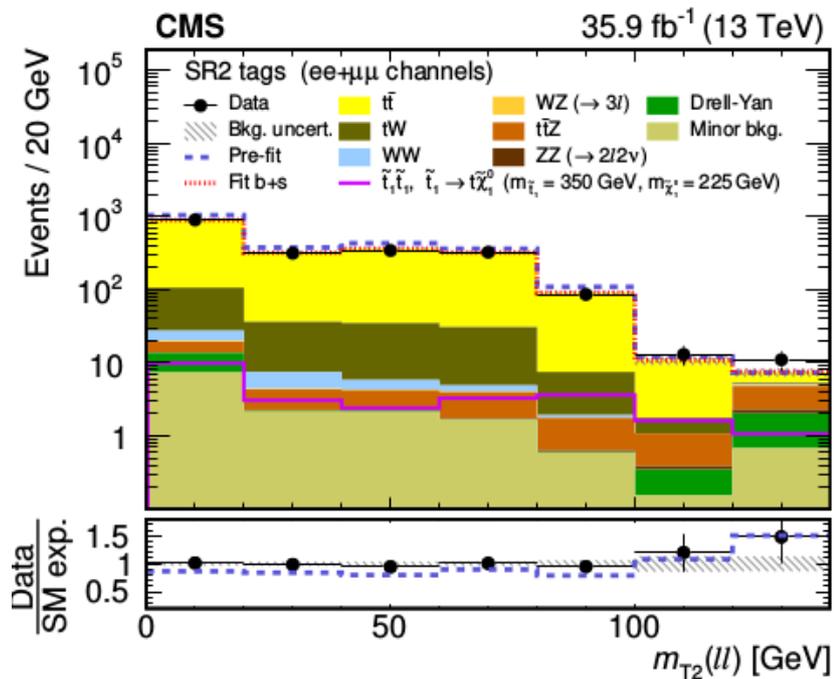
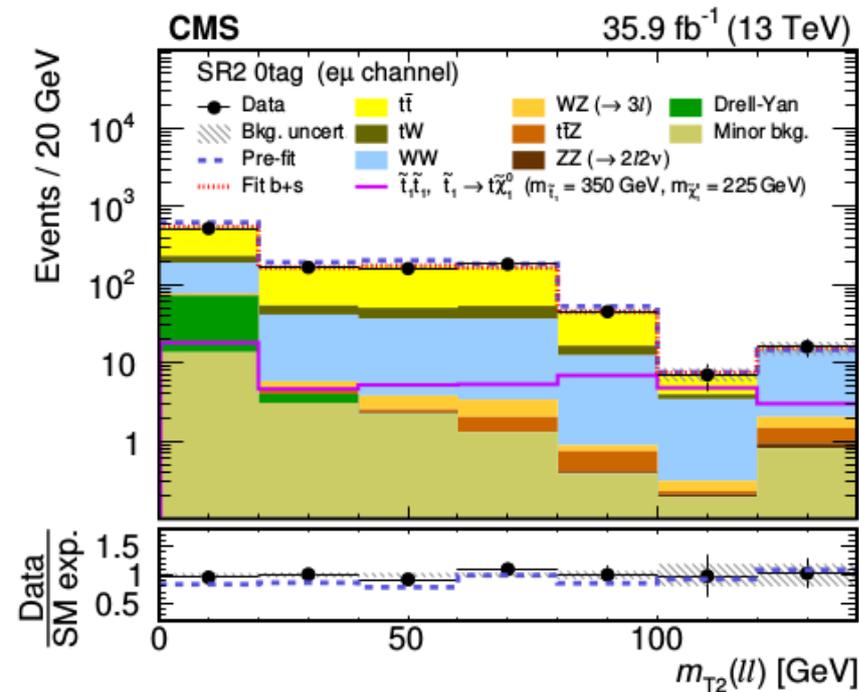
➤ **Hatched band:**  
total uncertainty  
after the fit

➤ **Err**  
 $\sigma_D / MC$

➤ **Hatched band**  
 $1 \pm \sigma_{MC} / MC$

# Representative distributions after the fit

$$\tilde{t}\tilde{t} \rightarrow \tilde{t}\tilde{t} + \tilde{\chi}^0\tilde{\chi}^0 \rightarrow bW^+ + \bar{b}W^- + \tilde{\chi}^0\tilde{\chi}^0 \rightarrow b\bar{b} + l_1^+ \nu_1 + l_2^- \nu_2 + \tilde{\chi}^0\tilde{\chi}^0$$



➤ **Hatched band:**  
total uncertainty  
after the fit

➤ **Err**  
 $\sigma_D / MC$

➤ **Hatched band**  
 $1 \pm \sigma_{MC} / MC$

SR2  $\rightarrow P_T^{\text{miss}} = [200, 300)$  GeV

# LHC program

