

Using direct stop searches at ATLAS to constrain the parameter space of supersymmetric models

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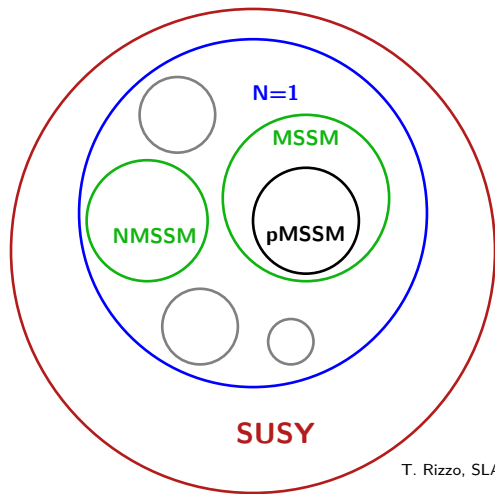
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- Quick intro to SUSY
- The LHC and ATLAS
- ATLAS SUSY analysis primer: stop searches
- Stop searches results: simplified model interpretation
- pMSSM interpretation

SUSY parameter space



- SUSY is very broad and describes many models
- Masses and scales of SUSY are not specified!

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NMSSM = Next-to-Minimal Supersymmetric Standard Model

MSSM = Minimal Supersymmetric Standard Model

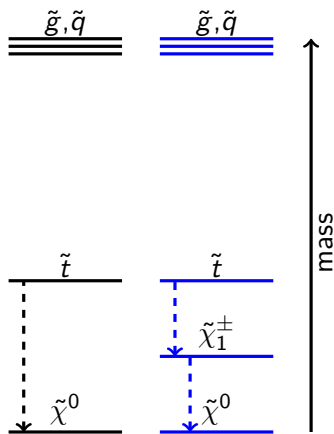
pMSSM = phenomenological Minimal Supersymmetric Standard Model

Simplified models

- SUSY has many tunable parameters \Rightarrow need to reduce
 - Even with experimental constraints (as in pMSSM with 19 free parameters)

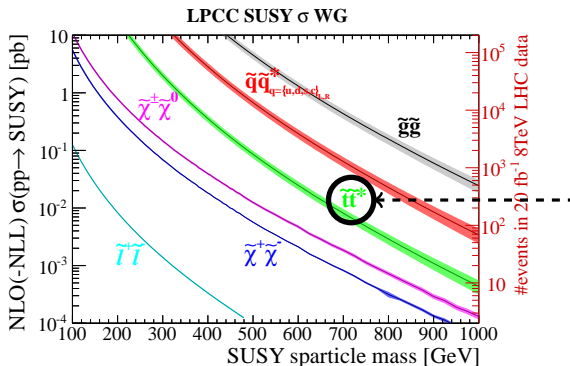
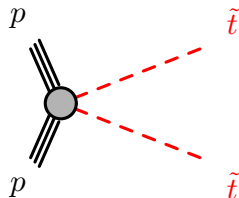
Solution: simplified models

- Assume only select SUSY particle can be produced at LHC
 - Remainder is too massive (4-7 TeV)
 - Production cross section of light SUSY particle depends mainly on mass
- Make simplified assumption of decay chain
 - For example, only 1 or 2 decay modes possible for stops (\tilde{t})



Stop quark production

- Top/stop quark are important for hierarchy problem solution
 - Preference for stop masses below ~ 1 TeV
- Searching for **direct stop pair production**
 - QCD production \Rightarrow calculable
- Highest production cross section after gluinos and light squarks

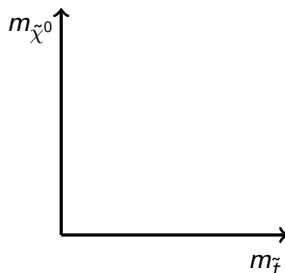
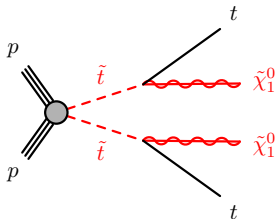


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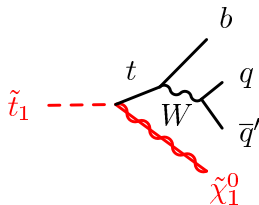
Stop decay mode

- $\tilde{t}_1 \rightarrow t + \tilde{\chi}^0$ where $\tilde{\chi}^0 =$ Lightest Supersymmetric Particle (LSP)
 - LSP doesn't interact with detector: missing energy
- Final states contains 2 tops and missing energy
 - Top pair decay with 0, 1, or 2 leptons
 - **Highlight 0-lepton (all hadronic) search as example**



Simplified model parameters:

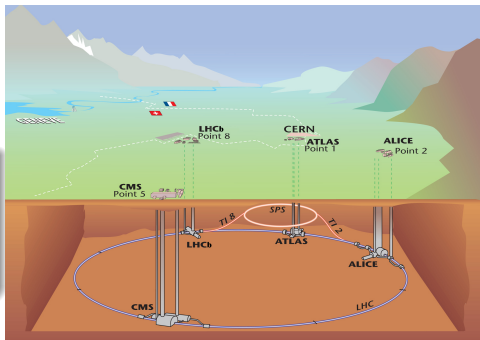
$$m_{\tilde{t}}, m_{\tilde{\chi}^0}$$

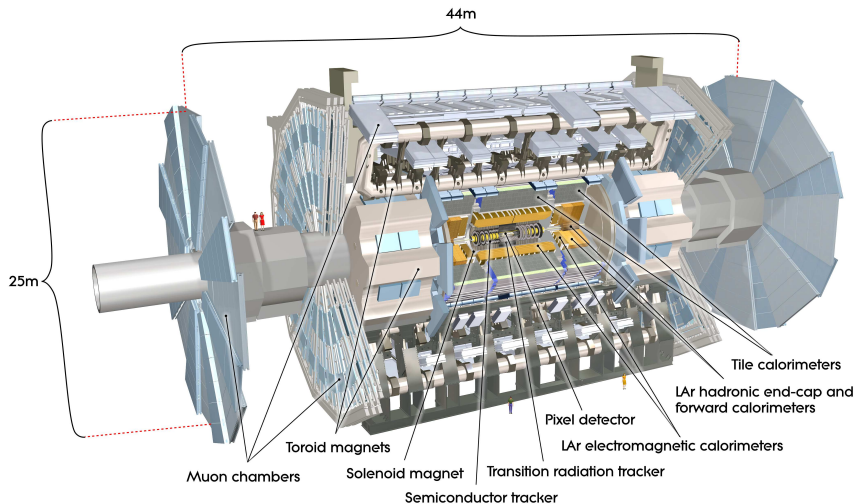




- **ATLAS:** general purpose
- CMS: general purpose
- LHCb: b-quark physics
- ALICE: Heavy-ion (lead-lead)

- 27 km circumference in Geneva-land
- 7 and 8 TeV proton-proton collisions ended in 2012
 - **13 TeV coming happening now!**

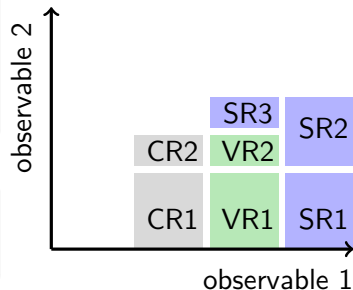
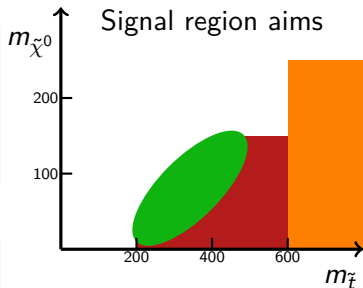




- Subdetectors highlight (for 0-lepton analysis):
 - Calorimeters: jets
 - Inner tracker: b quark identification

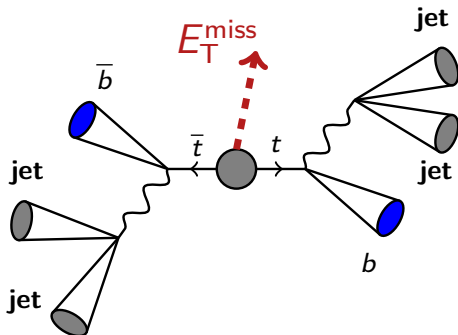
General outline of a SUSY search at ATLAS

- Divide the signal “grid” into regions with similar final state kinematics
 - Identify backgrounds which can fake your signal signature
 - Find handles to reject background
- Estimate background from Monte Carlo (MC) simulations
 - Control regions (CR): Normalize the MC for specific background
 - Validation regions (VR): closer to SR and check normalization and shape
- Unblind and look for excesses
 - If nothing is found, set limits on models



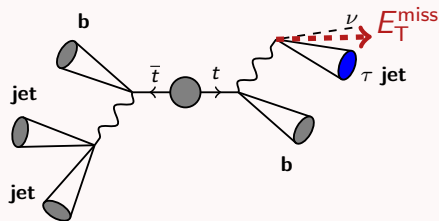
Signal signature

- Direct stop production with each $\tilde{t} \rightarrow t + \tilde{\chi}^0$
- Tops decay to W -boson + b -quark
- 2 LSP's results in large missing energy (E_T^{miss})
- 2 b-jets from top decay
- More jets from W decay
- **Ideally: 6 jets (2 of which are b-jets) and missing energy**
 - 2 Top masses can be reconstructed



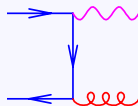
Semi-leptonic $t\bar{t}$

- Dominated by τ decays
- Only 1 reconstructed top mass
- τ 's mimic jets but have less tracks associated with jet
- E_T^{miss} near τ jet



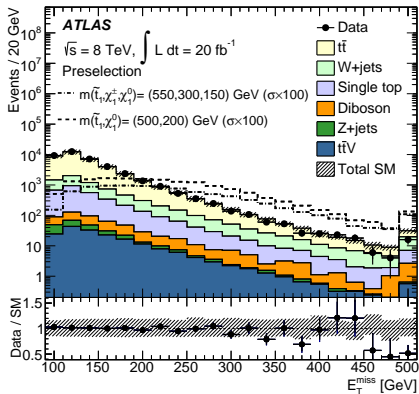
Other backgrounds

- $Z/W + b\bar{b}, c\bar{c}$ from gluon
 - $Z \rightarrow \nu\nu$
 - $W \rightarrow \ell\nu$
- Irreducible hadronic $t\bar{t} + Z \rightarrow \nu\nu$
 - Has 2 b-jets, 2 top masses, and E_T^{miss}



Discriminating signal from background

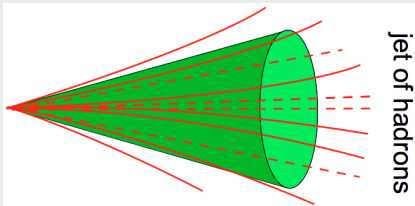
- Strongest discriminator is E_T^{miss}
- Amount of E_T^{miss} in signal depends on $m_{\tilde{t}}$ and $m_{\tilde{\chi}^0}$
 - Compressed region: low E_T^{miss}
 - High $m_{\tilde{t}}$: high E_T^{miss}
- Baseline $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 150$ GeV
 - Highest $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 400$



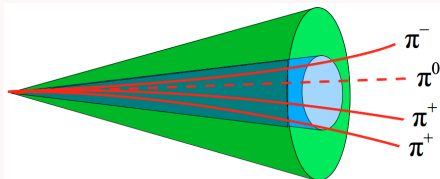
Semi-leptonic $t\bar{t}$ rejection: τ -veto

- Semi-leptonic $t\bar{t}$ background mainly from $t \rightarrow b + W(\rightarrow \tau + \nu)$
- Hadronic τ decay is dominant source of background
 - Most common decay into 1 and 3 pions
- Identified by:
 - Jet with ≤ 4 tracks
 - $\Delta\phi$ between jet and E_T^{miss} small ($\Delta\phi < \pi/5$)
- Events with such a τ jet are vetoed

Jets

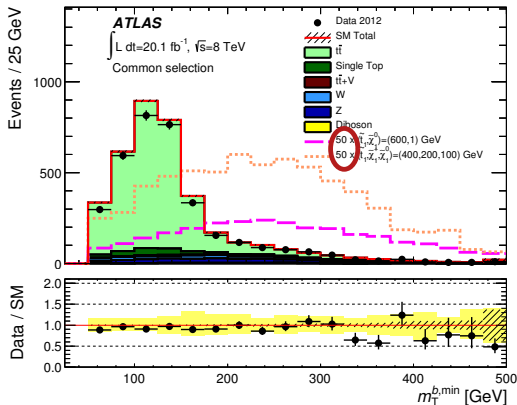
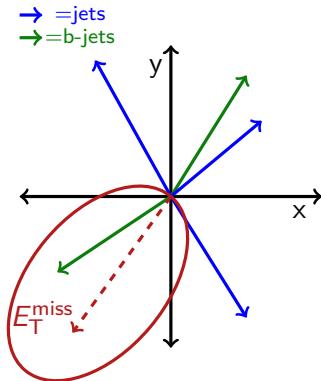


Hadronic τ -decay



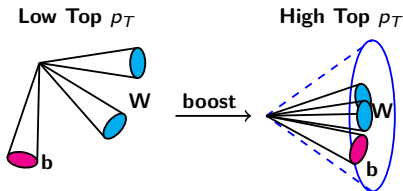
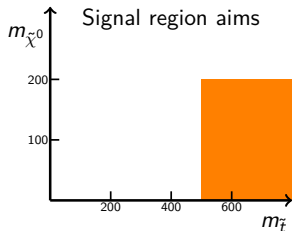
More $t\bar{t}$ rejection: $m_T^{b, \min}$

- $m_T = \sqrt{p_T^1 p_T^2 \cos(\Delta\phi)}$
- $m_T^{b, \min} = m_T$ between b-jet closest to E_T^{miss} and E_T^{miss}
- $t\bar{t}$ background has cut off at $m_T^{b, \min} \sim 175$ GeV



E_T^{miss} , τ -veto, and $m_T^{b, \min}$, effectively reduce $t\bar{t}$ contribution

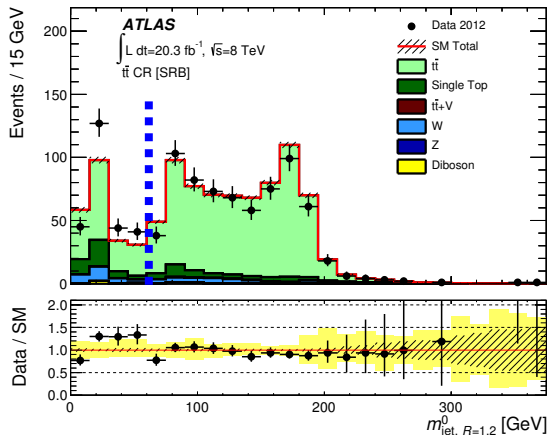
Signal region example: high $m_{\tilde{t}}$



- At higher $m_{\tilde{t}}$, tops can have high p_T (boosted)
 - Jets from top become collimated
- Can reconstruct top mass from jets with a certain cone
 - Same algorithm (anti- k_t) used in jet recon is used to form “top jets” but with different parameters ($R = 1.2$)
- Top masses reject background: **2 top masses should be present in signal**
 - Semi-leptonic $t\bar{t}$ should only have 1 top
 - Z/W+jets should not have any tops

Control region example: $t\bar{t}$

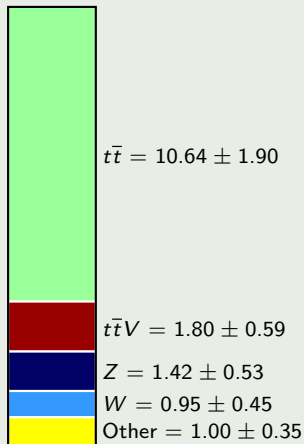
- Require 1 lepton \Rightarrow orthogonal to signal region
- Similar definition to signal region
 - 2 b-jets,
 - $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 150$ GeV
- Some modification to enhance $t\bar{t}$ purity



Good agreement between MC and data

Final background composition (highlight)

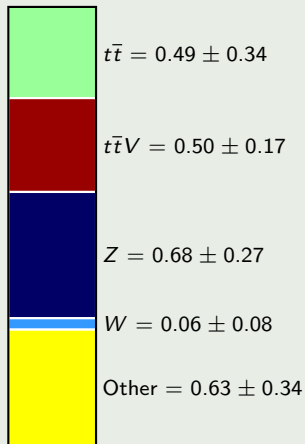
Low E_T^{miss} , loose top reco



Total: 15.8 ± 1.9

Other contains: single top, dibosons, and multijet (negligible)

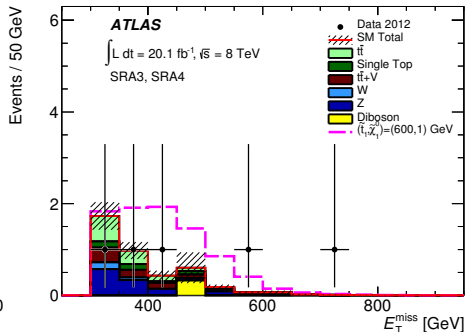
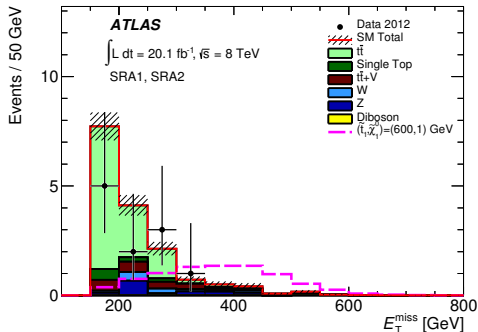
High E_T^{miss} , tight top reco



Total: 2.4 ± 0.7

Background contribution changes drastically for different kinematic regions

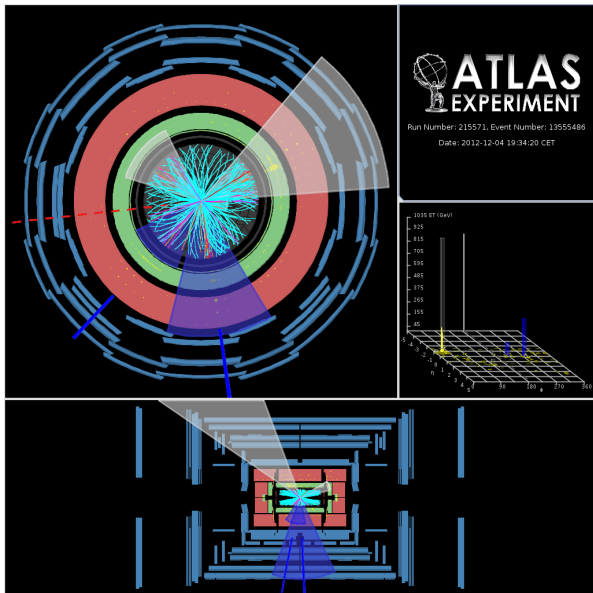
Unblinding example: E_T^{miss} after all other requirements



Number of events	SRA1	SRA2	SRA3	SRA4
Observed	11	4	5	4
Expected background	15.8 ± 1.9	4.1 ± 0.8	4.1 ± 0.9	2.4 ± 0.7

No significant excess over background:
 In any of the stop searches (0, 1, 2-lepton, and more final states)

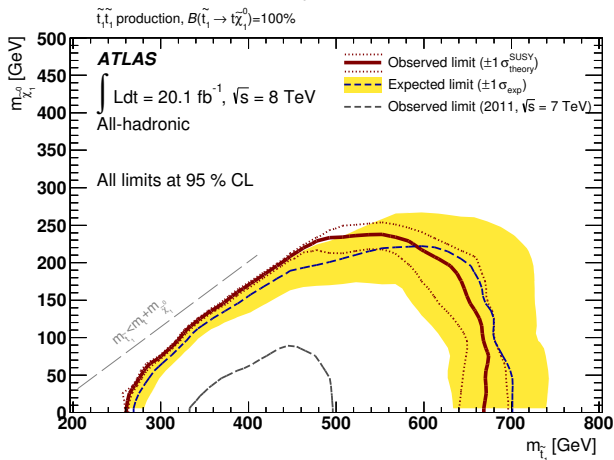
- Data event in with 5 jets
- $E_T^{\text{miss}} = 896$ GeV
- Top candidate masses:
167 GeV and 170 GeV



Interpretation of stop searches in terms of simplified models

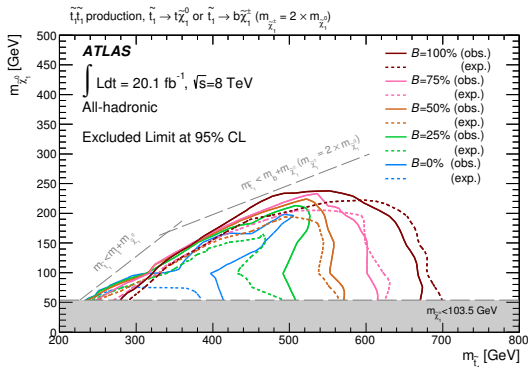
Stop 0-lepton limits: $\text{BF}(\tilde{t}_1 \rightarrow t\tilde{\chi}_1^0)=100\%$

- Limit considering only 0-lepton stop search
- Limits assume 100% decay to $t + \tilde{\chi}^0$
- At high \tilde{t}_1 , low $\tilde{\chi}^0$ mass:
 - Expected limit of $275 < m_{\tilde{t}} < 700$ GeV
 - Observed limit of $270 < m_{\tilde{t}} < 645$ GeV



Stop 0-lepton limits: varying BFs

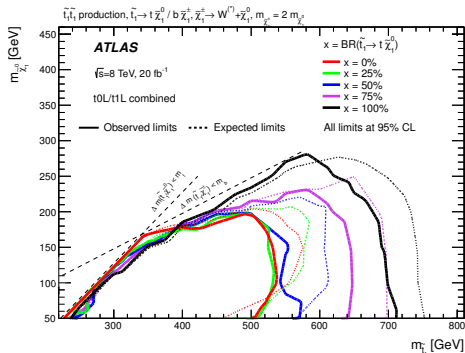
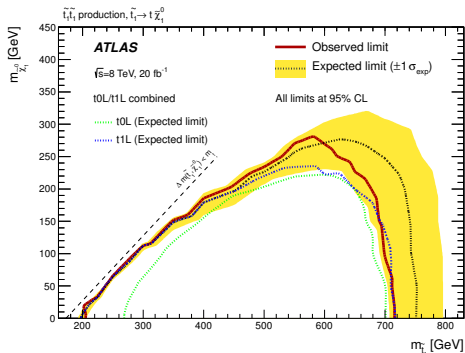
- Considered additional $\text{BF}(t + \tilde{\chi}^0)$
 - 100%, 75%, 50%, 25%, 0%
- Only other decay: $b + \tilde{\chi}_1^\pm$
 - Designed SR's for kinematics of this channel
- At $\text{BF}(t + \tilde{\chi}^0) = 50\%$ and $m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0} < 60$ GeV: exclude $250 < m_{\tilde{t}} < 550$ GeV



Set tight bounds, even at $\text{BF}=50\%$

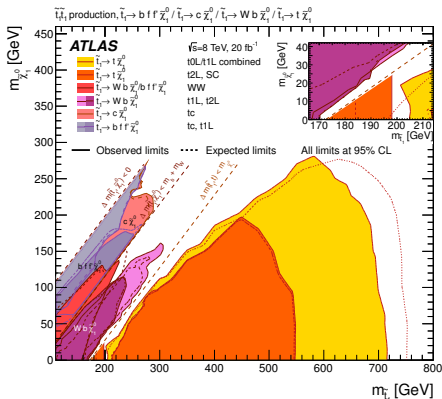
0 and 1 lepton combination

- Combination of 0 and 1-lepton stop results
 - For BF=0, 25, 50, 75, and 100%
- No excess over background
 - Sets stringent limits: $m_{\tilde{t}} < 700$ ($m_{\tilde{t}} < 570$) GeV at BF=100% (BF=50%)



Combining all Run 1 stop searches

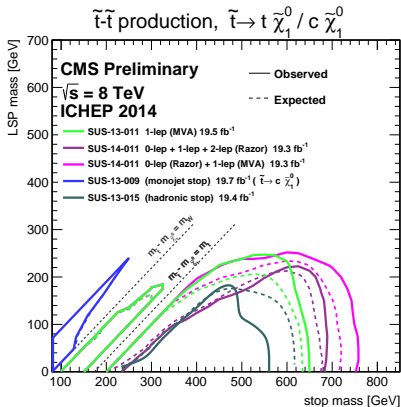
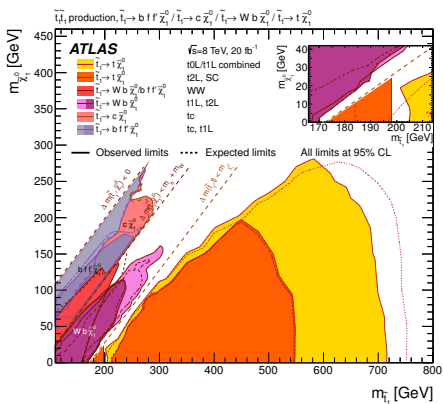
- Includes searches with different kinematics
 - Off-shell top and W
- Additional decay modes: $\tilde{t}_1 \rightarrow \text{charm} + \text{LSP}$
- Spin correlations measurement: enhanced sensitivity when $m_{\tilde{t}} \sim m_t + m_{\tilde{\chi}^0}$



Many kinematic regions covered!

ATLAS is not alone!

- CMS performs similar searches
 - Similar results: $250 < m_{\tilde{t}} < 750$ GeV excluded (at 100% BF)

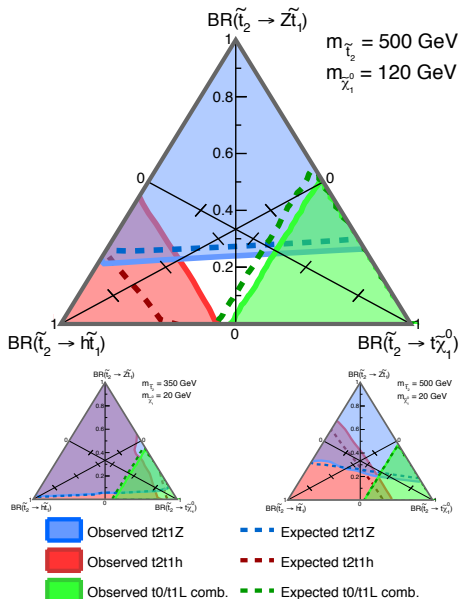


Superseded by SUS-13-023-PAS

Strong limits from both ATLAS and CMS

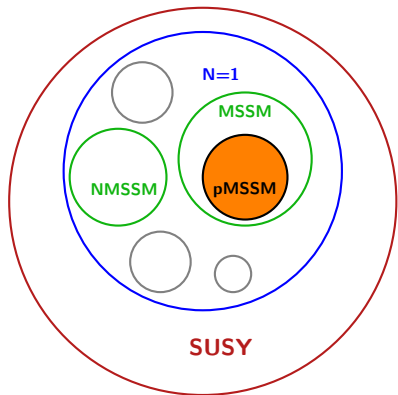
Sensitivity to other production modes

- There are 2 stops: light stop = \tilde{t}_1 , heavy stop = \tilde{t}_2
 - Searches are aimed \tilde{t}_1 production
- If $m_{\tilde{t}_1} \sim m_t$: difficult direct \tilde{t}_1 detection
 - Similar to top production with low E_T^{miss}
- **Sensitivity to $\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow t + \tilde{\chi}^0$ becomes dominant \Rightarrow similar signature as \tilde{t}_1 search**
- 3 decays of \tilde{t}_2 considered
 - BF limits can be shown in triangle



Interpretation SUSY searches in terms of pMSSM models

- Minimal extension of the Standard Model
 - R-parity conserving and $\tilde{\chi}^0$ is LSP \Rightarrow causes signatures with E_T^{miss}
- p = phenomenological \Rightarrow constrained by experimental observations
- Results in 19 parameters
 - X^{19} possible model points, X = grid spacing. Need more reduction!



Use many analyses Run 1 searches + more to further constrain pMSSM

- Total of 22 analyses used, each with many signal regions
- Initial pMSSM models considered with random sampling of parameter space
 - **500 million** model points
- Apply more experimental constraints:
 - Pre-LHC direct searches, precision measurements, dark matter
- **300K** remaining model points
 - **30 billion** events generated
- **45K** models went through detector simulation
 - **600 million** events

Analysis

0-lepton + 2-6 jets + E_T^{miss}
0-lepton + 7-10 jets + E_T^{miss}
1-lepton + jets + E_T^{miss}
 $\tau(\tau/\ell)$ + jets + E_T^{miss}
SS/3-leptons + jets + E_T^{miss}
0/1-lepton + 3b-jets + E_T^{miss}

Monojet

0-lepton stop
1-lepton stop
2-leptons stop
Monojet stop
Stop with Z boson
2b-jets + E_T^{miss}
 $tb + E_T^{\text{miss}}$, stop

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2-leptons
2- τ
3-leptons
4-leptons

Disappearing Track

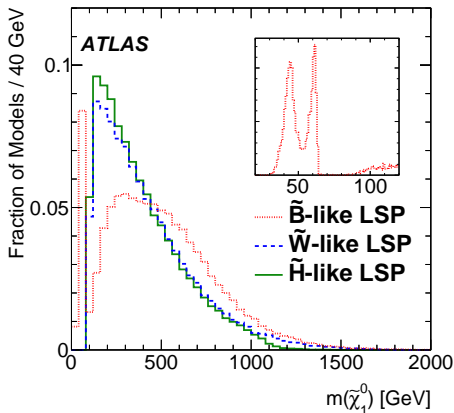
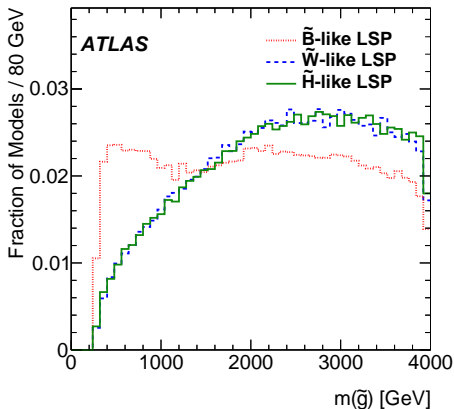
Long-lived particle
 $H/A \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$

Massive effort to understand pMSSM parameter space constraints

Parameter	Minimum value	Maximum value
$\Delta\rho$	-0.0005	0.0017
$\Delta(g - 2)_\mu$	-17.7×10^{-10}	43.8×10^{-10}
$\text{BR}(b \rightarrow s\gamma)$	2.69×10^{-4}	3.87×10^{-4}
$\text{BR}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$	1.6×10^{-9}	4.2×10^{-9}
$\text{BR}(B^+ \rightarrow \tau^+ \nu_\tau)$	66×10^{-6}	161×10^{-6}
$\Omega_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0} h^2$	—	0.1208
$\Gamma_{\text{invisible(SUSY)}}(Z)$	—	2 MeV
Masses of charged sparticles	100 GeV	—
$m(\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm)$	103 GeV	—
$m(\tilde{u}_{1,2}, \tilde{d}_{1,2}, \tilde{c}_{1,2}, \tilde{s}_{1,2})$	200 GeV	—
$m(h)$	124 GeV	128 GeV

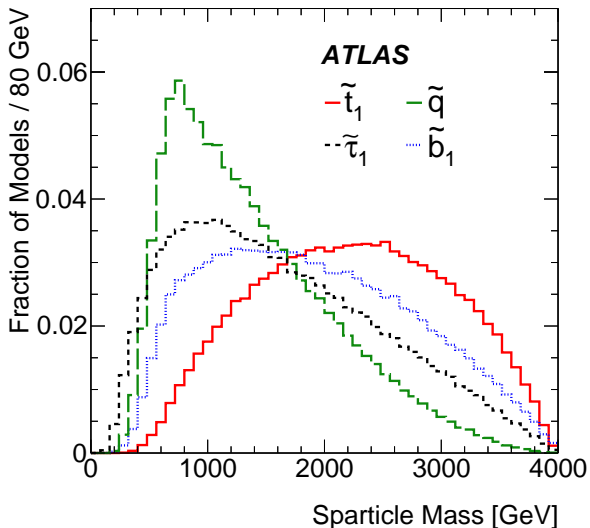
Effect of experimental constraints and nature of LSP

- Compared effect of constraints for various models:
 - $\tilde{\chi}^0$ is mostly **Wino-like**, **Bino-like**, **Higgsino-like**
- Bino-like models tend to overproduce dark matter
 - Spectra with additional annihilation channels preferred



Low Gluino mass preferred in bino-like models
Bino-like models clustered around Z and Higgs mass

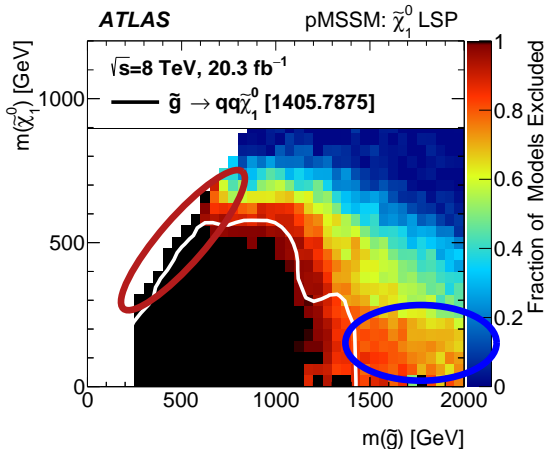
Effect of constraints on sparticle masses



Even before ATLAS results, few models have low stop (and sbottom) masses

Constraints on gluinos after ATLAS SUSY results

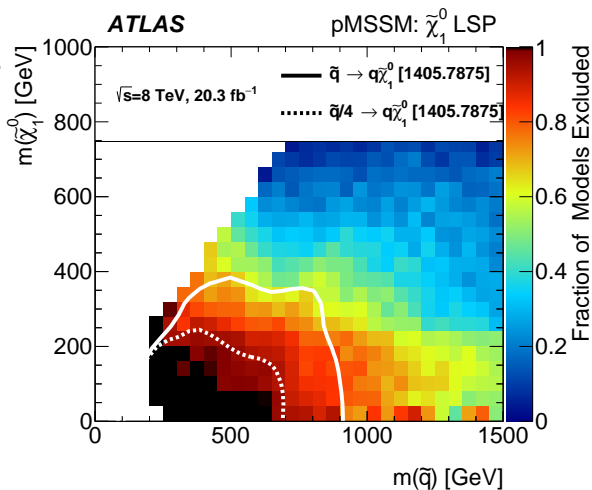
- Gluinos (partner of gluon) have highest production cross section
- White line: searched aimed at finding gluinos
 - Dedicated search excludes nearly all pMSSM points within mass limit
- Additional searches extends reach
 - High gluino mass/low $\tilde{\chi}^0$ mass
 - Compressed region



Disappearing track and monojet searches extend sensitivity in $\tilde{g}/\tilde{\chi}^0$ plane

Constraints on squark

- Squark = 1st and 2nd generation quark partners
- Dedicated searches assume 8 fold mass degeneracy
 - Higher production cross section
- pMSSM doesn't make degeneracy assumptions
 - Simplified model (dashed white) with 4× reduction in agreement with pMSSM bounds

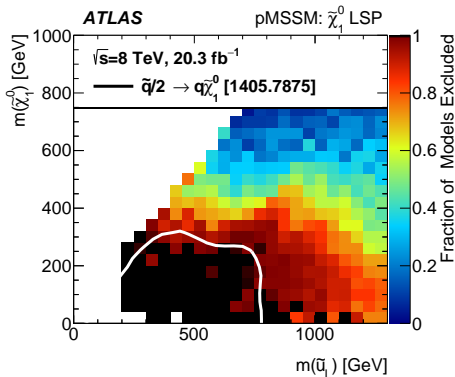


Absence of degeneracy assumptions gives more robust bounds

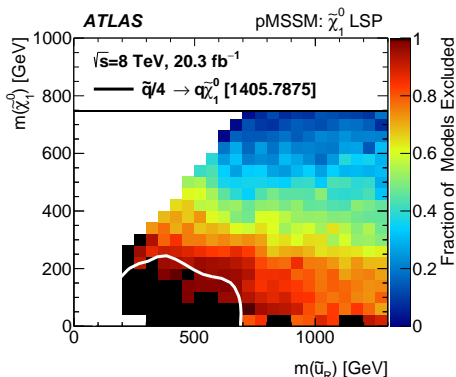
Dependence of constraints on squark type

- Simplified models assume chiral degeneracy
- Sensitivity to right-handed squarks is reduced
 - Lower production (no doublet)
 - Different decays

Left-handed

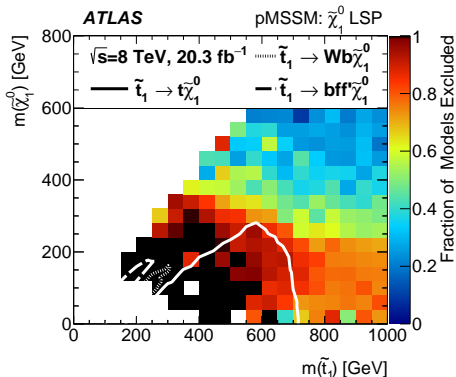


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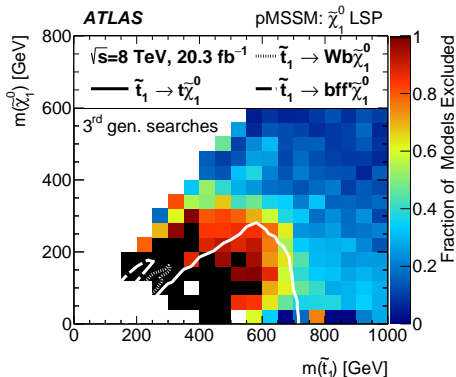


Bounds depend on chirality and type of squark

Limits from all analyses

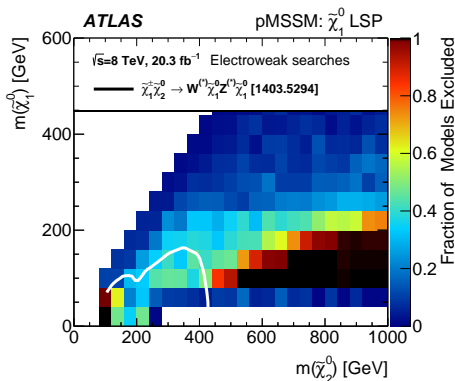


Limits from 3rd gen analyses



- Limits from 3rd generation (stop and sbottom) searches cover the $m_{\tilde{t}}$ region well
- Additional searches significantly help constrain high $m_{\tilde{t}}$ region

- Dedicated searches require multiple leptons
 - Assumes $\tilde{\chi}_2^0 \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^0 + Z$
- pMSSM allows many cases with low $\tilde{\chi}_2^0 \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^0 + Z$ BF
 - Reduction of sensitivity
- Greatest sensitivity at high $\tilde{\chi}_2^0$ mass due to disappearing track analysis

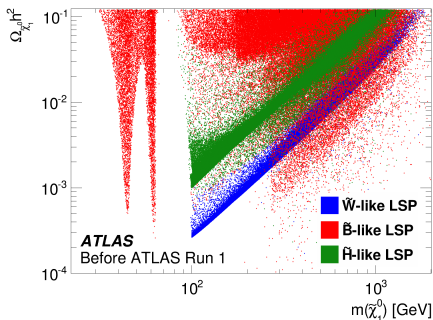


Strongest bounds are not from dedicated search!

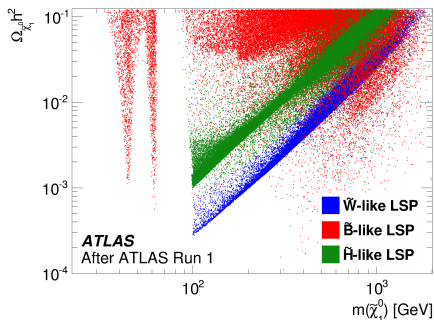
Dark matter relic density

- $\Omega_{\tilde{\chi}^0} h$ (Dark matter relic density) = current amount of dark matter
- Project pMSSM model points onto $m_{\tilde{\chi}^0} / \Omega_{\tilde{\chi}^0} h$ plane
- Compare pMSSM models on plane before and after new ATLAS limit
- $\tilde{\chi}^0$ is a mix of various SUSY fermions (gauginos)
 - Which fermion is dominant has strong effect on DM production

Before ATLAS

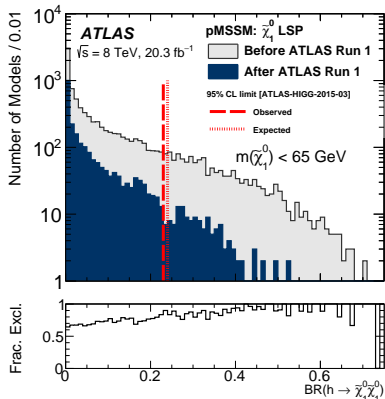


After ATLAS



Effect on Higgs coupling

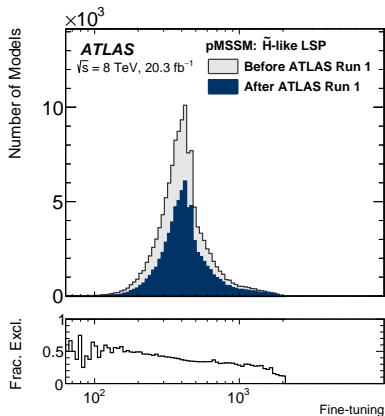
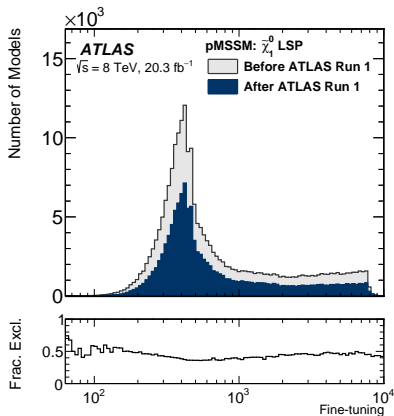
- Considered effect of SUSY searches on higgs to LSP coupling
- Only bino-line LSP's with $m < 65$ GeV
 - No wino or higgsino models meet relic density constraints
- Compared with observed bound from direct search result:
 $BF(h \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}^0 \tilde{\chi}^0) = 0.22$



Lower $BF(h \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}^0 \tilde{\chi}^0)$ are preferred by SUSY searches

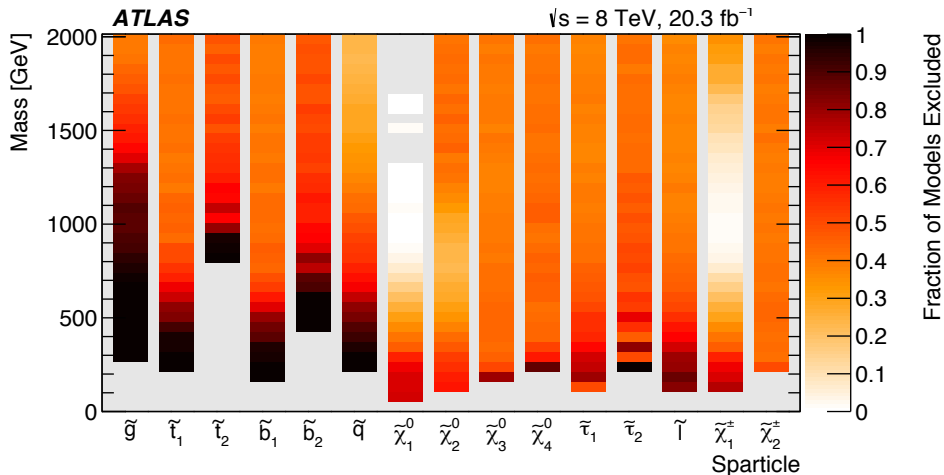
Do ATLAS results prefer less fine tuning?

- Fine tuning defined by μ and A_t
- Tested for various LSP types separately



No shape difference: ATLAS has little to say about fine tuning
Except in Higgsino case

Summary of particle mass bounds



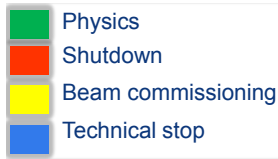
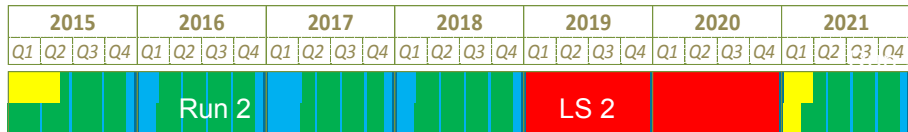
Black areas are robustly excluded



For Run 2

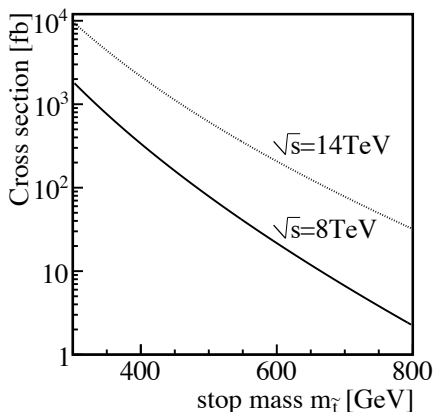
Run 2 schedule

- $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV
- $\sim 100 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ of 13 TeV 50 ns data collected
- $\sim 2 - 4 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ by the end of 2015
- $\sim 100 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ by end of Run 2



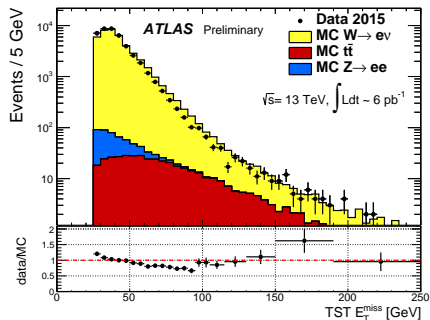
Run 2 considerations

- Increase in \sqrt{s}
 - **Factor of ~ 10 increase of cross section for $m_{\tilde{t}} = 800$ GeV**
 - **More boosted topologies**
- Background cross section increases:
 - $t\bar{t} \sim 3\times$
 - $W/Z+\text{jets} \sim 2\times$
 - $t\bar{t}+Z \sim 4\times$
- Run 2 comes with challenges
 - Higher trigger thresholds
 - Run 1: $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 150$ GeV
 - Run 2: $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 250$ GeV
 - Different background makeup



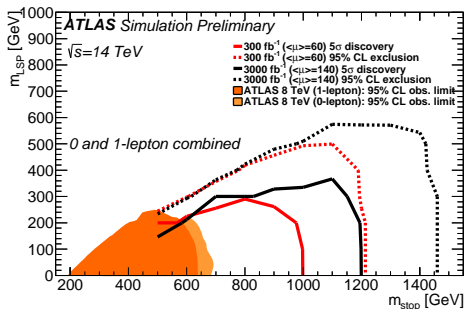
arXiv:1205.2696 [hep-ph]

- 13 TeV data taking started in May/June
 - With 50 ns proton bunch spacing
- With 6 pb^{-1} : first E_T^{miss} studies
 - Data/MC comparisons in $W \rightarrow e\nu$ events



Good MC/data agreement!

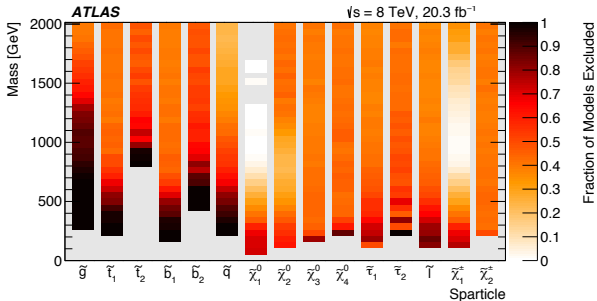
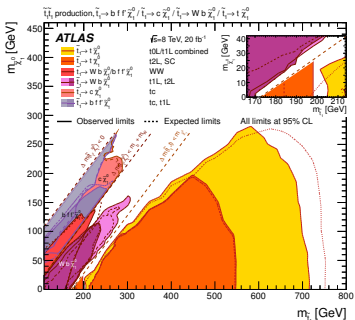
- Run 2 should yield $\sim 100 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ by 2018
- High Luminosity LHC planned: total data $\sim 3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
 - What if early data shows no signs of SUSY?
 - Will more data yield insight?



Due to small cross sections at high stop mass more luminosity is important for search

Summary

- Searched for direct stop production
- **Found nothing!**
- Set limits on $m_{\tilde{t}}$, $m_{\tilde{\chi}^0}$
 - $m_{\tilde{t}} > 750$ GeV for low $m_{\tilde{\chi}^0}$
- Constrained pMSSM parameters space
- **Run 2 is happening!**



Is SUSY just around the corner? Run 2 will tell us!

Backup

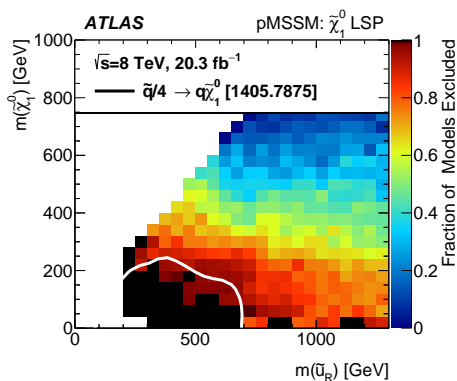
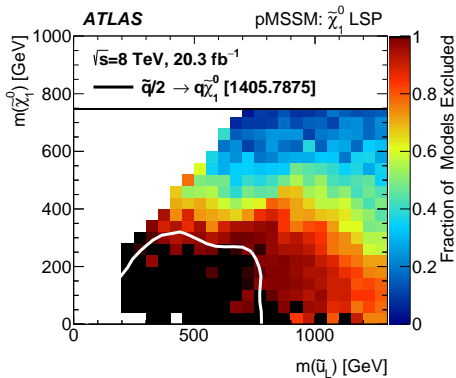
Expected background: details

Parameter	Min value	Max value	Note
$m_{\tilde{L}_1} (= m_{\tilde{L}_2})$	90 GeV	4 TeV	Left-handed slepton (first two gens.) mass
$m_{\tilde{e}_1} (= m_{\tilde{e}_2})$	90 GeV	4 TeV	Right-handed slepton (first two gens.) mass
m_{L_3}	90 GeV	4 TeV	Left-handed stau doublet mass
$m_{\tilde{e}_3}$	90 GeV	4 TeV	Right-handed stau mass
$m_{\tilde{Q}_1} (= m_{\tilde{Q}_2})$	200 GeV	4 TeV	Left-handed squark (first two gens.) mass
$m_{\tilde{u}_1} (= m_{\tilde{u}_2})$	200 GeV	4 TeV	Right-handed up-type squark (first two gens.) mass
$m_{\tilde{d}_1} (= m_{\tilde{d}_2})$	200 GeV	4 TeV	Right-handed down-type squark (first two gens.) mass
$m_{\tilde{Q}_3}$	100 GeV	4 TeV	Left-handed squark (third gen.) mass
$m_{\tilde{u}_3}$	100 GeV	4 TeV	Right-handed top squark mass
$m_{\tilde{d}_3}$	100 GeV	4 TeV	Right-handed bottom squark mass
$ M_1 $	0 GeV	4 TeV	Bino mass parameter
$ M_2 $	70 GeV	4 TeV	Wino mass parameter
$ \mu $	80 GeV	4 TeV	Bilinear Higgs mass parameter
M_3	200 GeV	4 TeV	Gluino mass parameter
$ A_t $	0 GeV	8 TeV	Trilinear top coupling
$ A_b $	0 GeV	4 TeV	Trilinear bottom coupling
$ A_\tau $	0 GeV	4 TeV	Trilinear τ lepton coupling
M_A	100 GeV	4 TeV	Pseudoscalar Higgs boson mass
$\tan \beta$	1	60	Ratio of the Higgs vacuum expectation values

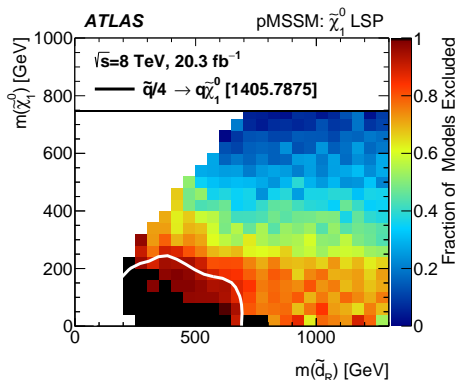
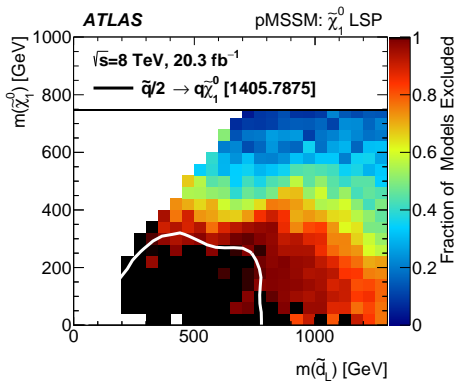
Left vs right handed squark/sleptons sensitivity

- Check sensitivity if squarks or sleptons are dominantly right or left handed
- Sensitivity tends to be better if mostly left-handed
 - Left-handed doublet requires mass degeneracy between up and down type
- For sleptons sensitivity is lower for right-handed sleptons
 - Due to lack of left handed weak decay modes in right handed squarks

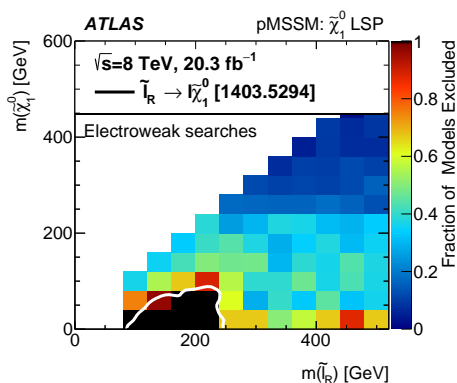
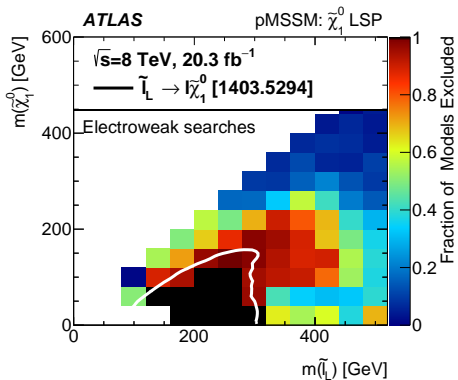
Left and right handed squark limits



Left and right handed down squark limits



Left and right handed slepton limits



Expected background: details

Analysis	All LSPs	Bino-like	Wino-like	Higgsino-like
0-lepton + 2-6 jets + E_T^{miss}	32.1%	35.8%	29.7%	33.5%
0-lepton + 7-10 jets + E_T^{miss}	7.8%	5.5%	7.6%	8.0%
0/1-lepton + 3 b -jets + E_T^{miss}	8.8%	5.4%	7.1%	10.1%
1-lepton + jets + E_T^{miss}	8.0%	5.4%	7.5%	8.4%
Monojet	9.9%	16.7%	9.1%	10.1%
SS/3-leptons + jets + E_T^{miss}	2.4%	1.6%	2.4%	2.5%
$\tau(\tau/\ell)$ + jets + E_T^{miss}	3.0%	1.3%	2.9%	3.1%
0-lepton, stop	9.4%	7.8%	8.2%	10.2%
1-lepton, stop	6.2%	2.9%	5.4%	6.8%
2 b -jets + E_T^{miss}	3.2%	3.4%	2.4%	3.8%
2-leptons, stop	0.8%	1.1%	0.8%	0.7%
Monojet, stop	3.5%	11.3%	2.8%	3.6%
Stop with Z boson	0.4%	1.0%	0.4%	0.5%
tb + E_T^{miss} , stop	4.2%	1.9%	3.1%	5.0%
ℓh , electroweak	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
2-leptons, electroweak	1.3%	2.2%	0.7%	1.6%
2-taus, electroweak	0.2%	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%