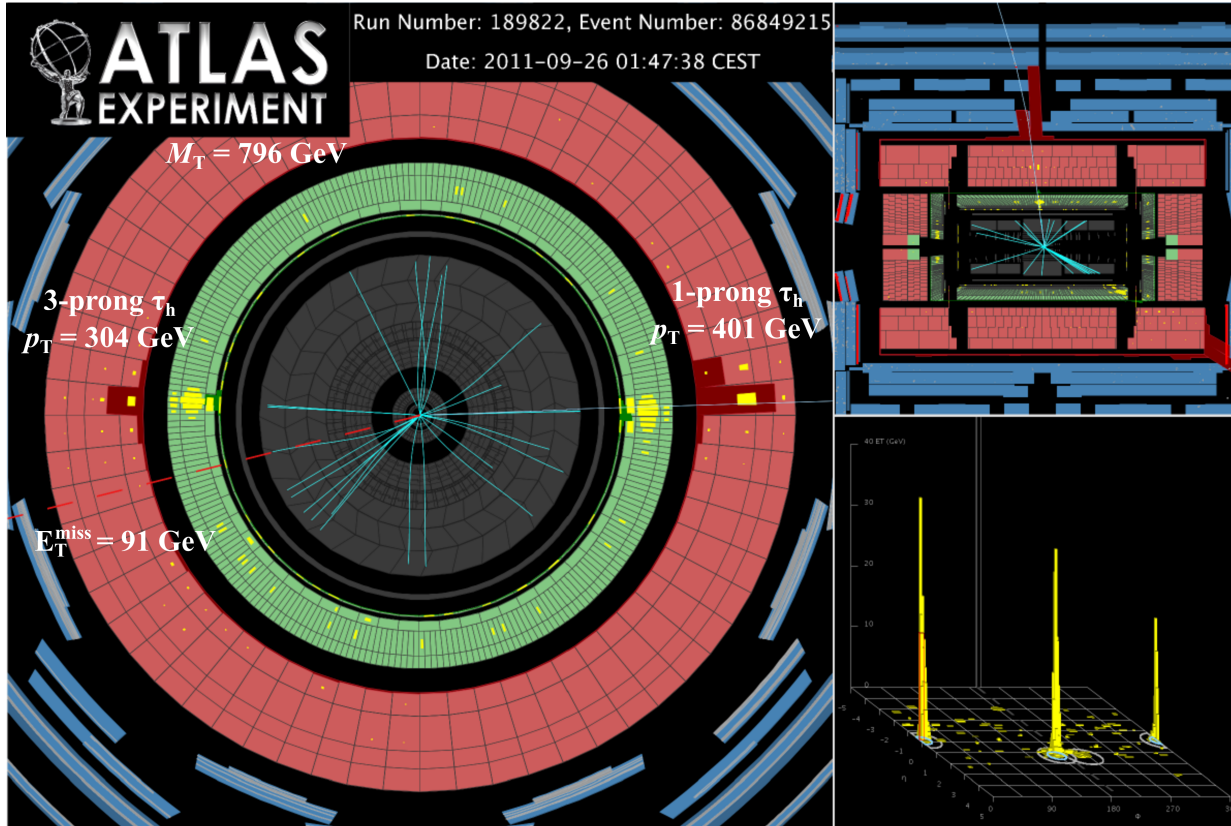


EWK SUSY searches with taus.

DESY LHC Physics Discussions.



ATLAS Event display of di-tau event

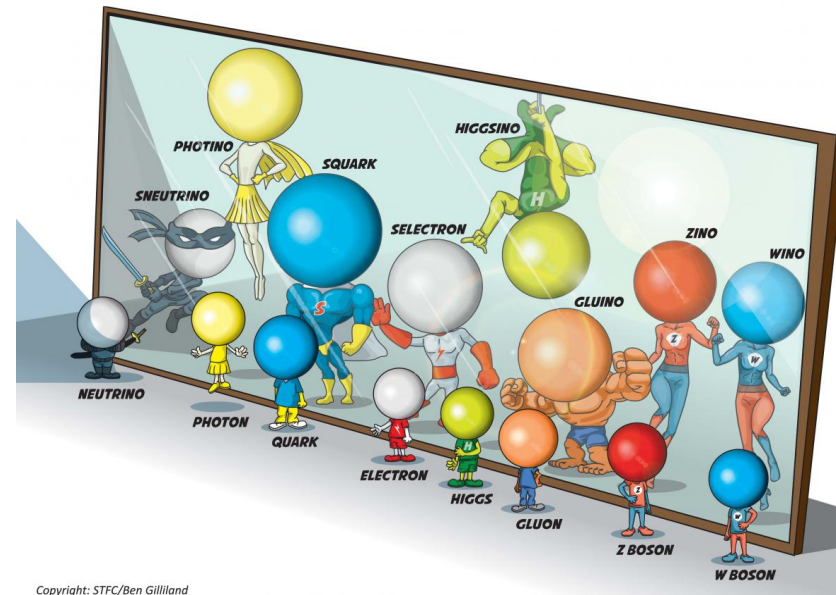
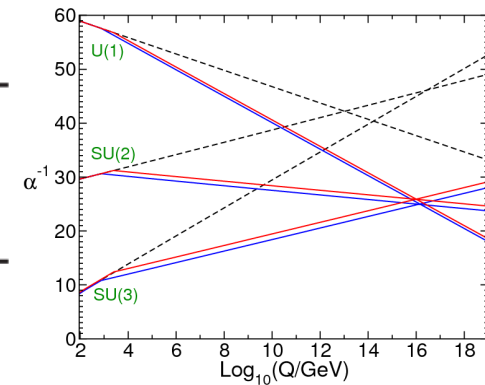
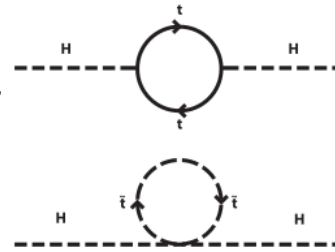
Search for the direct production of charginos and neutralinos in final states with tau leptons in $\sqrt{s}=13\text{TeV}$ pp collisions with the ATLAS detector

- > Motivation and background.
- > Analysis overview.
- > Signal regions.
- > Background estimation.
- > Results and interpretation.

Motivation.

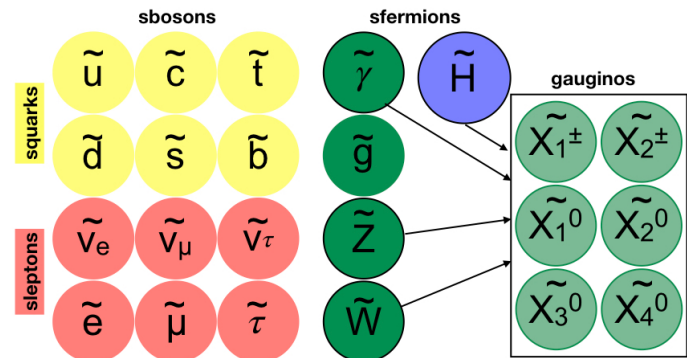
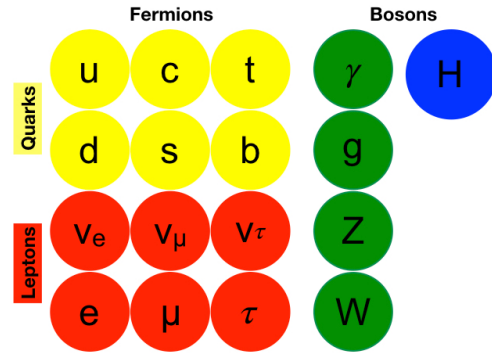
> Why SUSY?

- > Standard Model is a beautiful incomplete model: hierarchy problem, no unification of couplings at the Planck scale, no explanation of Dark Matter or Dark Energy
- > SUSY - extension to SM, linking fermions and bosons; fixing Higgs mass, and offering potential DM candidates
- > Sector of sparticles with only electroweak interactions contains charginos, neutralinos, sleptons and sneutrinos
 - > If sufficiently light electroweak sector may dominate SUSY production at the LHC
- > Limits on squark/gluinos are being pushed to high masses favouring EWKino masses around 100 GeV



Electroweak SUSY.

- > **Electroweak (EWK) production can be dominant at the LHC**
 - > Low cross-sections
 - > Suppressed SM backgrounds
 - > Multi-leptonic signatures (in particular taus!) with large missing transverse energy
- > Mass parameters: M_1 (bino), M_2 (wino), μ (higgsino)
- > Charginos ($\tilde{\chi}_i^\pm$ $i=1,2$) and neutralinos ($\tilde{\chi}_i^0$ $i=1,2,3,4$) are mass eigenstates composed of bino, wino, higgsino fields

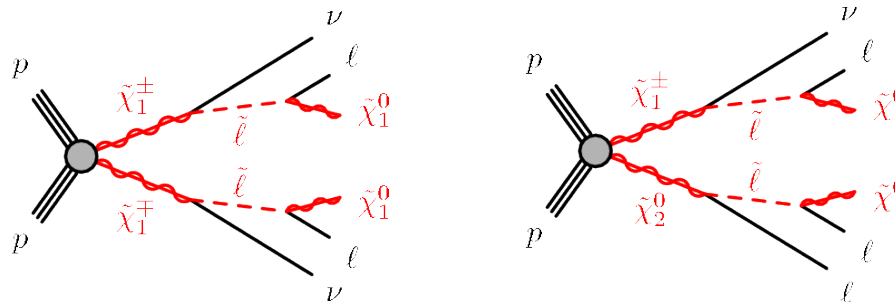


ATLAS EWK SUSY Searches.

- EWK SUSY searches in ATLAS involving multi-lepton final states, MET and corresponding references

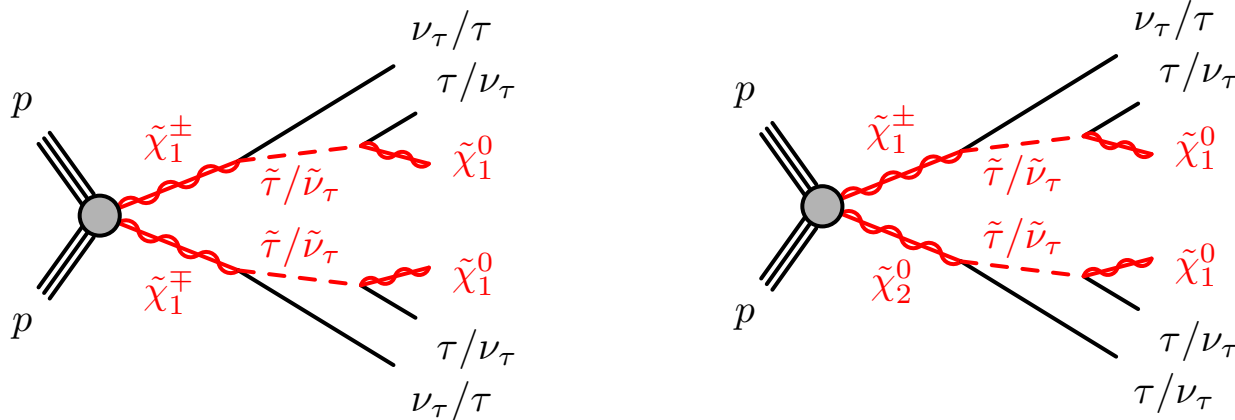
	Model	e, μ, τ, γ	Jets	E_T^{miss}	$\int \mathcal{L} dt [\text{fb}^{-1}]$		Reference
EW direct	$\tilde{\ell}_{L,R} \tilde{\ell}_{L,R}^*, \tilde{\ell} \rightarrow \ell \tilde{\chi}_1^0$	2 e, μ	0	Yes	36.1	$m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0)=0$	ATLAS-CONF-2017-039
	$\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm \tilde{\chi}_1^\mp, \tilde{\chi}_1^\pm \rightarrow \tilde{\ell} \nu(\ell \bar{\nu})$	2 e, μ	0	Yes	36.1	$m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0)=0, m(\tilde{\ell}, \bar{\nu})=0.5(m(\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm)+m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0))$	ATLAS-CONF-2017-039
	$\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm \tilde{\chi}_1^\mp / \tilde{\chi}_2^0, \tilde{\chi}_1^\pm \rightarrow \tilde{\tau} \nu(\tau \bar{\nu}), \tilde{\chi}_2^0 \rightarrow \tilde{\tau} \tau(\nu \bar{\nu})$	2 τ	-	Yes	36.1	$m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0)=0, m(\tilde{\tau}, \bar{\nu})=0.5(m(\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm)+m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0))$	ATLAS-CONF-2017-035
	$\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm \tilde{\chi}_2^0 \rightarrow \tilde{\ell}_L \nu \tilde{\ell}_L^* \ell(\bar{\nu} \nu), \ell \tilde{\nu} \tilde{\ell}_L^* \ell(\bar{\nu} \nu)$	3 e, μ	0	Yes	36.1	$m(\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm)=m(\tilde{\chi}_2^0), m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0)=0, m(\tilde{\ell}, \bar{\nu})=0.5(m(\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm)+m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0))$	ATLAS-CONF-2017-039
	$\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm \tilde{\chi}_2^0 \rightarrow W \tilde{\chi}_1^0 Z \tilde{\chi}_1^0$	2-3 e, μ	0-2 jets	Yes	36.1	$m(\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm)=m(\tilde{\chi}_2^0), m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0)=0, \tilde{\ell} \text{ decoupled}$	ATLAS-CONF-2017-039
	$\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm \tilde{\chi}_2^0 \rightarrow W \tilde{\chi}_1^0 h \tilde{\chi}_1^0, h \rightarrow b\bar{b}/WW/\tau\tau/\gamma\gamma$	e, μ, γ	0-2 b	Yes	20.3	$m(\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm)=m(\tilde{\chi}_2^0), m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0)=0, \tilde{\ell} \text{ decoupled}$	1501.07110
	$\tilde{\chi}_2^0 \tilde{\chi}_3^0, \tilde{\chi}_2^0 \rightarrow \tilde{\ell}_R \ell$	4 e, μ	0	Yes	20.3	$m(\tilde{\chi}_2^0)=m(\tilde{\chi}_3^0), m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0)=0, m(\tilde{\ell}, \bar{\nu})=0.5(m(\tilde{\chi}_2^0)+m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0))$	1405.5086
	GGM (wino NLSP) weak prod., $\tilde{\chi}_1^0 \rightarrow \gamma \tilde{G}$	1 $e, \mu + \gamma$	-	Yes	20.3	$c\tau < 1 \text{ mm}$	1507.05493
	GGM (bino NLSP) weak prod., $\tilde{\chi}_1^0 \rightarrow \gamma \tilde{G}$	2 γ	-	Yes	20.3	$c\tau < 1 \text{ mm}$	1507.05493

- Focus on **ditau** channel here, also relevant for comparison is 2/3L channel



Overview.

- > The processes of interest are $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm \tilde{\chi}_2^0$ and $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm \tilde{\chi}_1^\pm$ decaying via staus or stau neutrinos
- > Final state: two or more hadronic taus, low jet activity and large MET

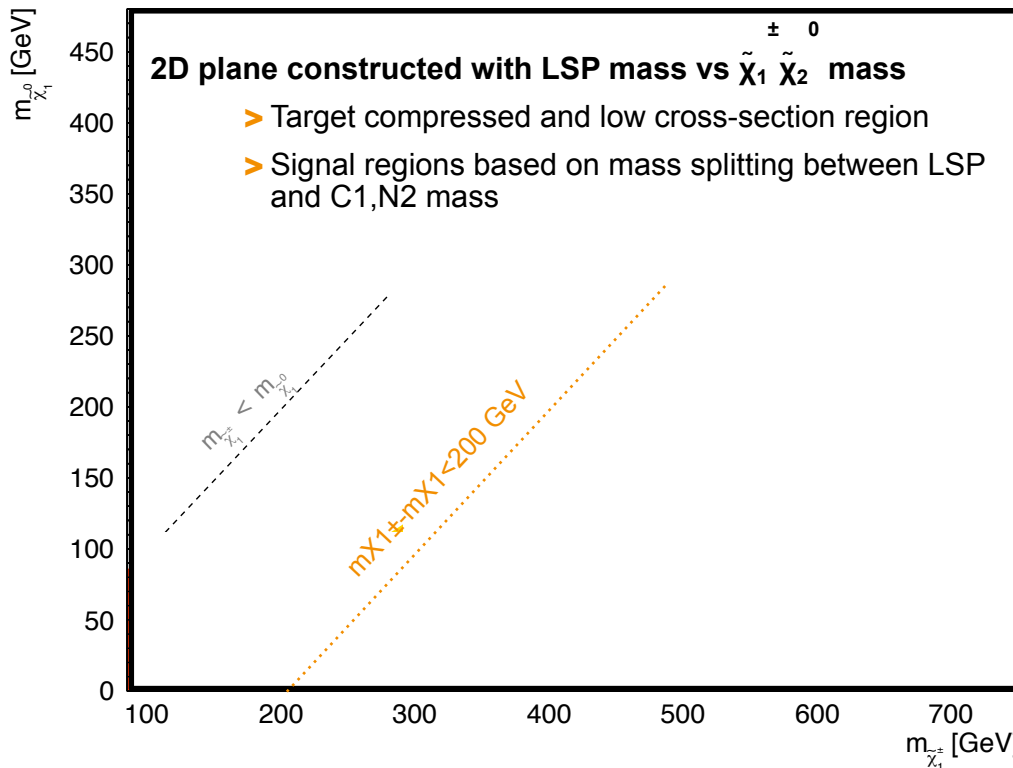


- > Light stau models are consistent with current DM searches
- > Lightest neutralino is the LSP (lightest supersymmetric particle)

Interpretation.

> Two Simplified Models ($\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm \tilde{\chi}_1^\pm$, $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm \tilde{\chi}_2^0$ production):

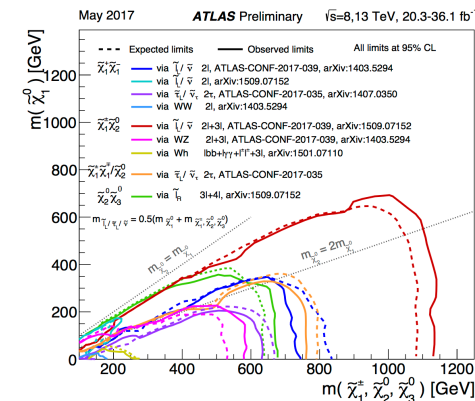
- > Minimal particle content necessary to produce SUSY-like events
- > Free parameters are the mass and decay modes of $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm$, $\tilde{\chi}_2^0$, $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$ and stau
- > Large cross-section and short decay chains for $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm$, $\tilde{\chi}_2^0$



$$m(\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm) = m(\tilde{\chi}_2^0)$$

$$m_{\text{stau}} = (m(\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm) + m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0))/2$$

$$\text{BR}(\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm, \tilde{\chi}_2^0) \rightarrow 100\% \text{ tau final states}$$





- > **Taus: 3rd generation leptons $m(\tau)$ 1.78 GeV**
- > **Short lifetime and short decay length, decays inside the beam pipe and identification is through it's decay products**
- > **Tau decays can be classified as hadronic (65%) or leptonic (35%)**
- > **Main background of τ_{had} are jets:**
 - > Jets - large number of tracks
 - > τ_{had} - one (1-prong) or three (3-prong) tracks from decays into 1 or 3 $\pi^\pm$, up to 2 π^0 and a neutrino
 - > Identification by 1 or 3 tracks in the core cone, no tracks and energy deposition in isolated ΔR cone around highest p_T track

Analysis Details.

Objects:

- Electrons: $p_T > 10 \text{ GeV}$, $|\eta| < 2.47$
- Muons: $p_T > 10 \text{ GeV}$, $|\eta| < 2.7$
- Taus: $p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$, $|\eta| < 2.5$
- Jets (AntiKt4EMTopo): $p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$, $|\eta| < 2.8$

Event Selection:

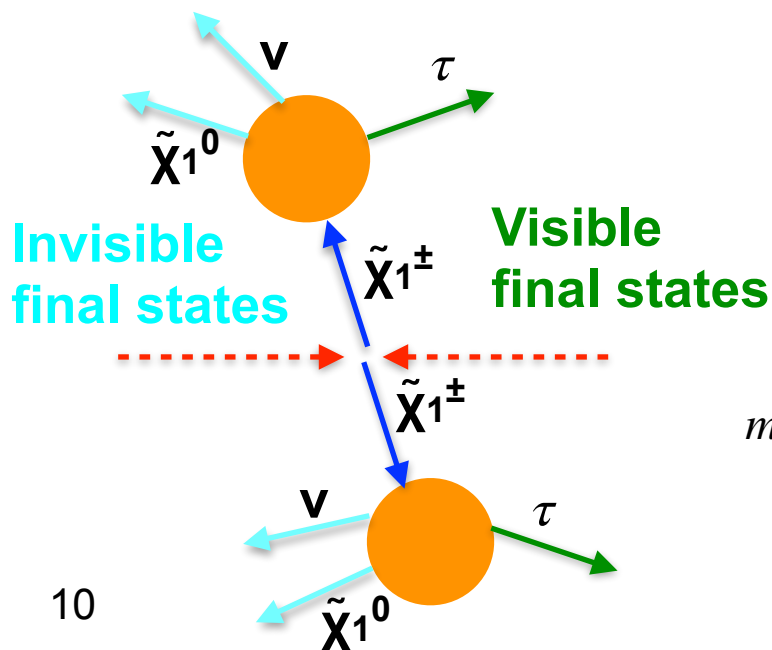
- Event cleaning
- Di-tau channel: at least 2 hadronic taus with opposite sign (OS)
- Muon-tau channel: exactly 1 signal muon and 1 medium tau with OS, electron veto
- Lep-lep channel: exactly 2 signal leptons with same/different flavour with OS

Triggers:

- Di-tau
 - ditau trigger: $p_T > 50, 40 \text{ GeV}$
 - ditau + MET trigger: $p_T > 50, 40 \text{ GeV}$, $\text{MET} > 150 \text{ GeV}$
 - asymmetric ditau trigger: $p_T > 95, 65 \text{ GeV}$
- Muon+tau
 - Single muon trigger: $p_T > 40 \text{ GeV}$
- Lep-lep
 - di-lepton trigger: $p_{T,\mu} > 30 \text{ GeV}$, $p_{T,e} > 40 \text{ GeV}$

Transverse mass variables.

- **Transverse mass m_T :**
Useful variable when one particle cannot be detected directly, only through missing energy
- **Stransverse mass m_{T2} :**
Based on transverse mass, if a pair of identical produced particles cannot be directly detected and then decay into particles which can be detected
 - m_{T2} is a function of the momenta of two visible particles and MET in an event
 - If there are more than two tau candidates, m_{T2} computed among all possible pairs and the pair which gives the largest m_{T2} is selected



$$m_T(\mathbf{p}_T, \mathbf{q}_T) = \sqrt{2(p_T q_T - \mathbf{p}_T \cdot \mathbf{q}_T)}$$

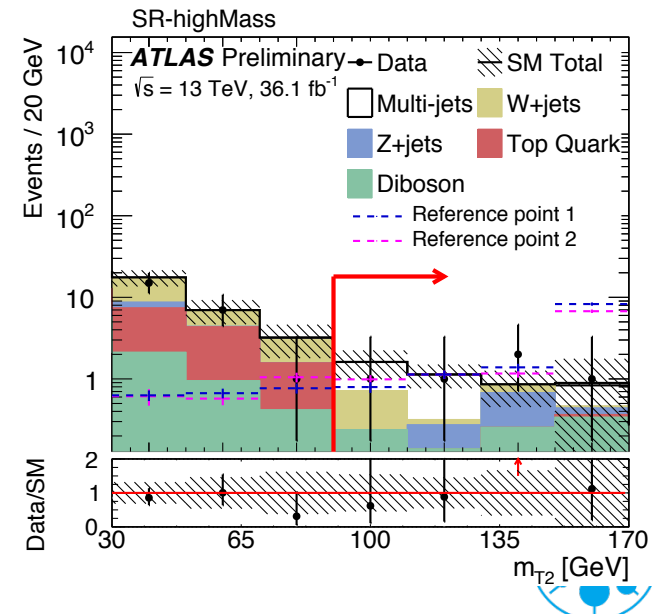
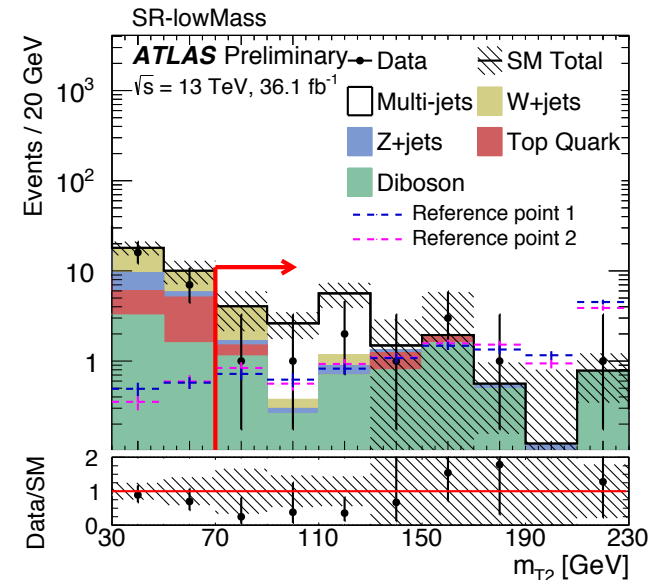
$$m_{T2} = \min_{\mathbf{q}_T} \left[\max \left(m_{T,\tau_1}(\mathbf{p}_{T,\tau_1}, \mathbf{q}_T), m_{T,\tau_2}(\mathbf{p}_{T,\tau_2}, \mathbf{p}_T^{\text{miss}} - \mathbf{q}_T) \right) \right]$$

Signal Regions.

- Two signal regions designed to cover signal models where the mass difference between the chargino and lightest neutralino is larger or smaller than 200 GeV
- Named SR-highMass and SR-lowMass, based on m_{T2} and E_T^{miss}
- SR-lowMass: ditau+MET trigger high efficiency in selection events from C1N2 decays where small mass difference
- SR-highMass: different pT and MET requirements depending on trigger fired

SR-lowMass	SR-highMass	
at least two medium tau candidates	at least one opposite sign tau pair	
	b -jet veto	Suppress top
at least two medium tau candidates	Z-veto	Suppress Z- $\rightarrow$ tautau
	at least one medium and one tight tau candidates	
$m_{T2} > 70$ GeV	$m(\tau_1, \tau_2) > 110$ GeV	
di-tau+ E_T^{miss} trigger	$m_{T2} > 90$ GeV	
$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 150$ GeV	di-tau+ E_T^{miss} trigger	asymmetric di-tau trigger
$p_{T,\tau_1} > 50$ GeV	$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 150$ GeV	$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 110$ GeV
$p_{T,\tau_2} > 40$ GeV	$p_{T,\tau_1} > 80$ GeV	$p_{T,\tau_1} > 95$ GeV
	$p_{T,\tau_2} > 40$ GeV	$p_{T,\tau_2} > 65$ GeV

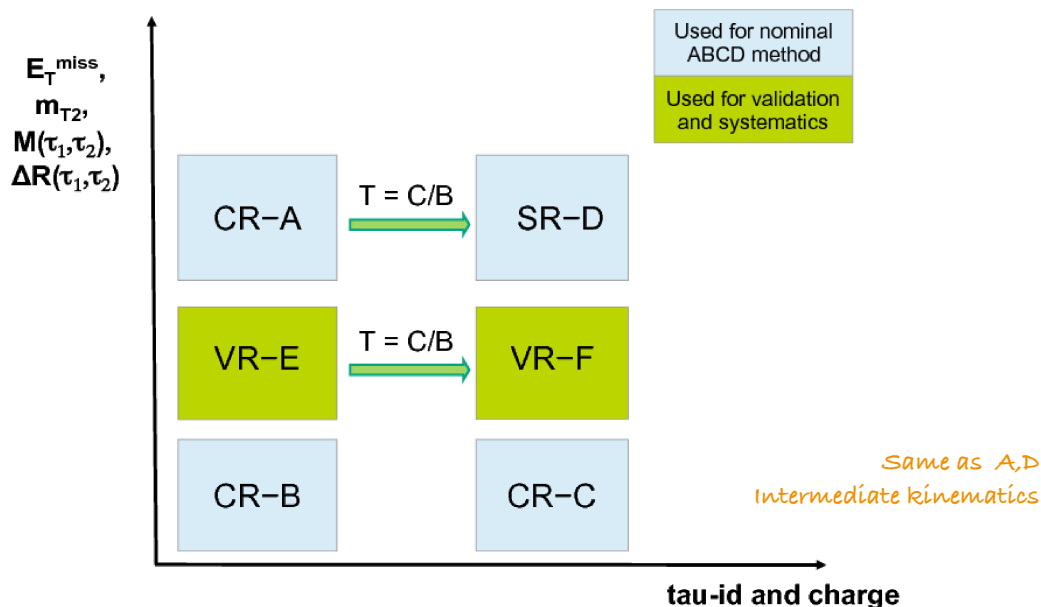
Larger mass splitting $\Rightarrow$ Higher pT taus
 $\Rightarrow$ Larger m_{T2} and pT thresholds



Background Estimation

- > **Reducible backgrounds (≥ 1 fake tau)**
 - > Multi-jets and W+jets
 - > Data-driven/ Semi-data-driven estimation
 - > Dedicated CRs and VRs
- > **Irreducible backgrounds (mostly 2 real taus)**
 - > Diboson, Z+jets, top (ttbar, ttbar+V and single top)
 - > Estimated with MC simulation
 - > Validated in data

- Use the ABCD method to estimate the multi-jet backgrounds from jets misidentified as taus
- Four exclusive regions (CR-A,B,C and SR-D) defined by uncorrelated discriminating variables
- Number of events in SR-D can be estimated by extrapolation performed from A to D:
 - transfer factor $T = N_C/N_B$
 - VR-E and VR-F are used for validation and systematics: N_F vs. $T \cdot N_E$
 - SR estimate $N_D = T N_A$

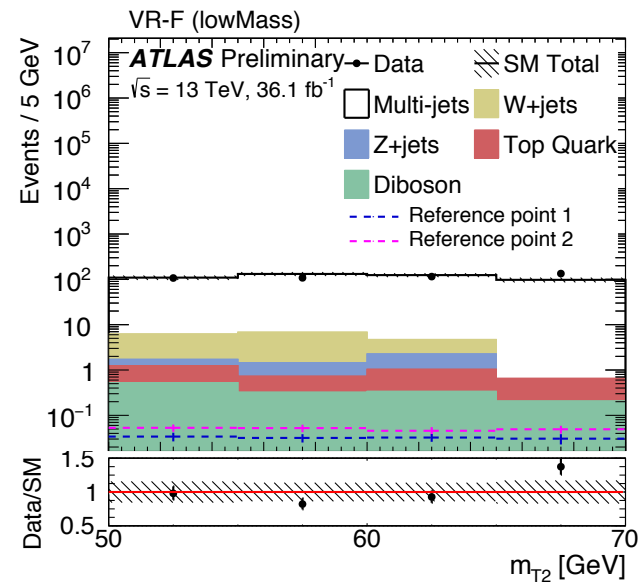
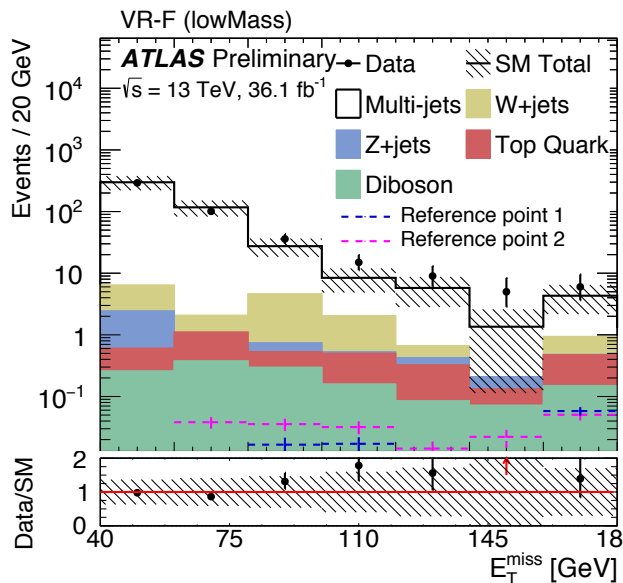


Orthogonal
Suppress SUSY events

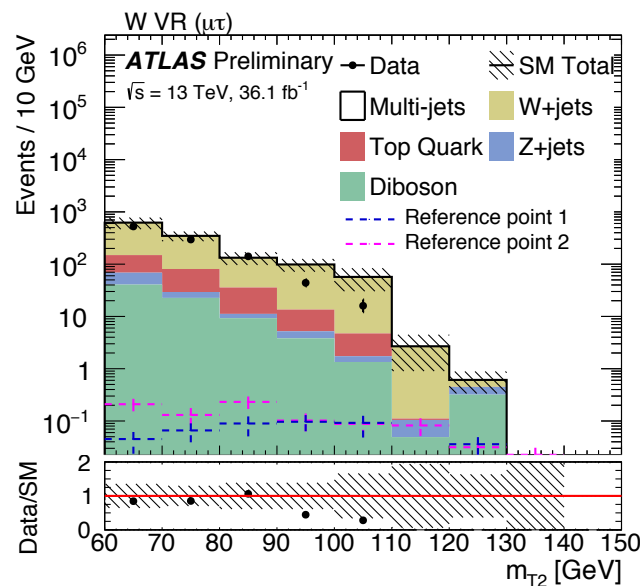
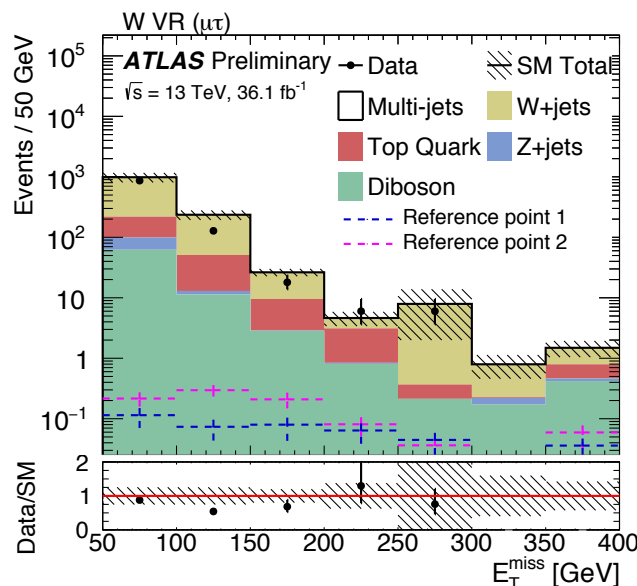
CR-A	SR-D (SR-lowMass)
di-tau + E_T^{miss} trigger	
≥ 2 loose tau leptons (SS) $m(\tau_1, \tau_2) < 250$ GeV $\Delta R(\tau_1, \tau_2) > 1.5$ $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 150$ GeV $m_{T2} > 70$ GeV	≥ 2 medium tau leptons (OS) $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 150$ GeV $m_{T2} > 70$ GeV
VR-E	VR-F
di-tau trigger	
≥ 2 loose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

- SM predictions in agreement with the observed data in multi-jet validation regions
- Only statistical uncertainty except for multi-jet contributions
- Distributions of MET and m_{T2} in VR-F are shown

lowMass

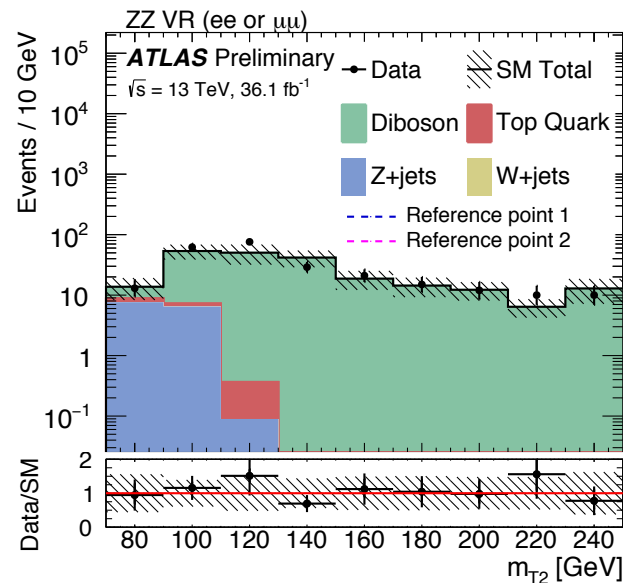
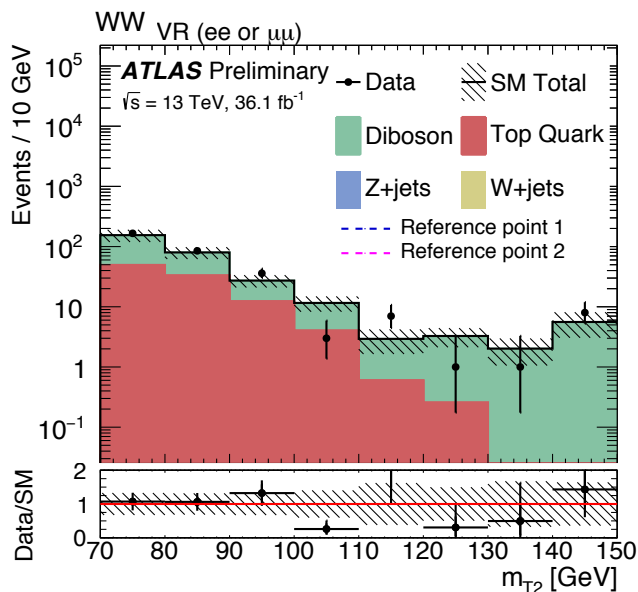


- W+jets (one fake tau) normalised to data in the control region and tested in the validation region
- W-CR/W-VR defined based on “muon-tau” channel with 1 fake tau
- W-CR used to normalise W+jets MC estimation to data
- Multi-jet background is estimated from data with the “OS-SS” method
- The purity of W+jets events in CR > 70%
- Good agreement between data and SM predictions in the VR



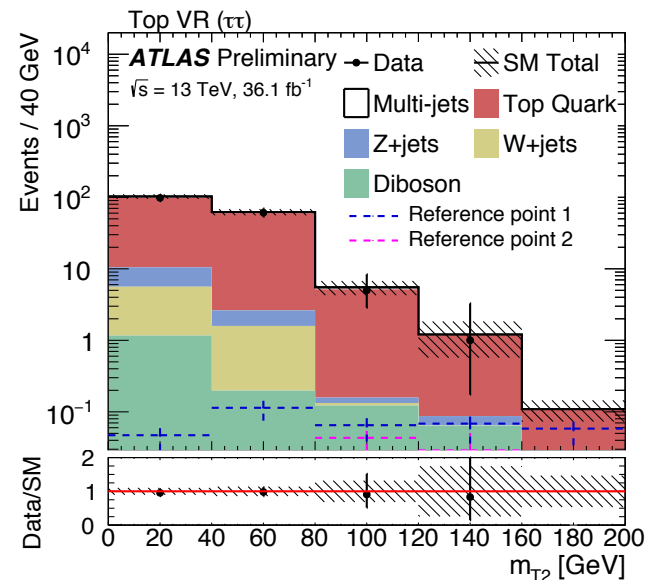
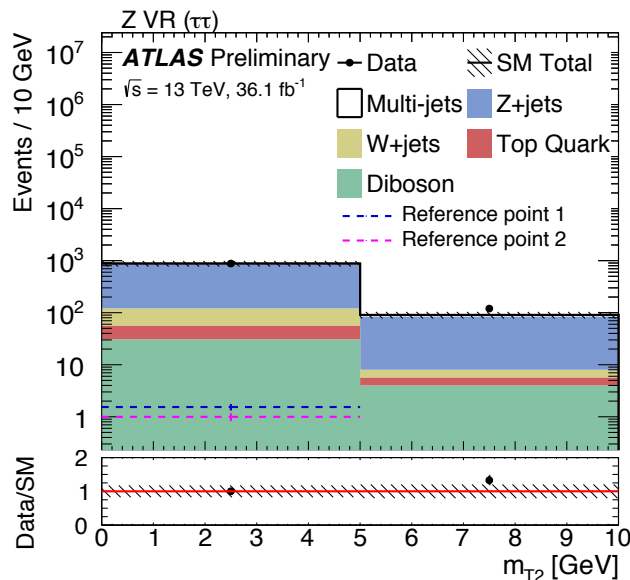
Irreducible background: diboson

- > Dominant contribution from fully leptonic decay ($VV \rightarrow ll\nu\nu$)
- > VRs defined to be close to SR except with light lepton pair
- > Diboson VRs are defined in lep-lep (e-mu) channel using DF(WW-VR) or SF(ZZ-VR)
- > High purity of WW (65%) and ZZ (92%) in VRs, negligible signal contamination
- > Good agreement between data and SM



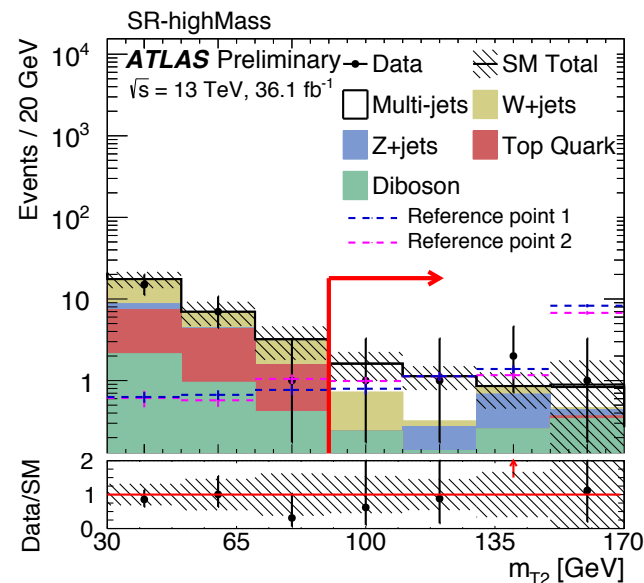
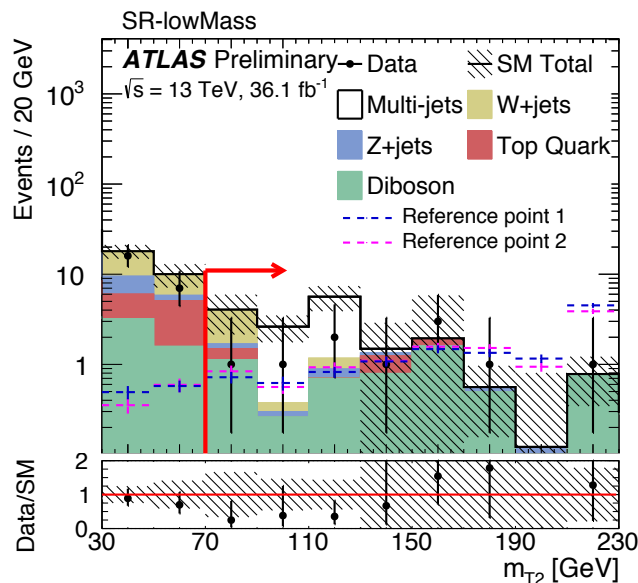
Irreducible background: top and Z+jets

- Top VR (T-VR) and Z+jets VR (Z-VR) defined in ditau channel using ditau+MET or asymmetric ditau trigger
- MC estimates validated in regions enriched with top/Z+jets events
- Multi-jet contribution estimated using ABCD method
- High purity of Z+jets and top (>80%) in VRs, negligible signal contamination
- Good agreement between data and SM



Results.

- Combined fit of W-CR, multi-jet CR
- Dominant backgrounds are multi-jet, diboson and W+jets
- Dominant systematic uncertainties on total background predictions in SRs: normalisation uncertainties in multi-jet background, statistical uncertainties on MC predictions; experimental uncertainties: tau lepton id and energy scale
- No SUSY signal observed



Interpretation.

> No significant excess over SM background prediction, set exclusion limits at 95% CL (CLs prescription)

> For a massless LSP:

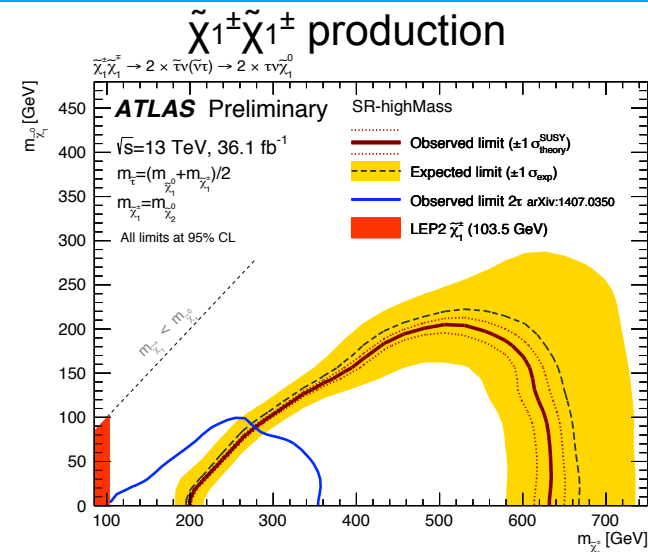
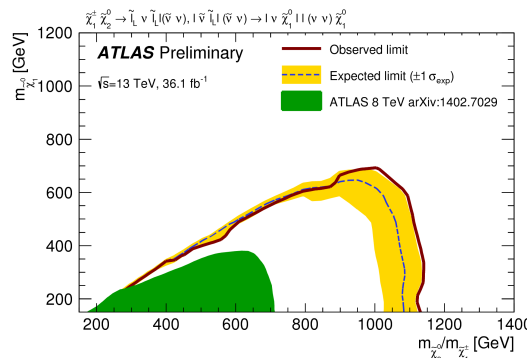
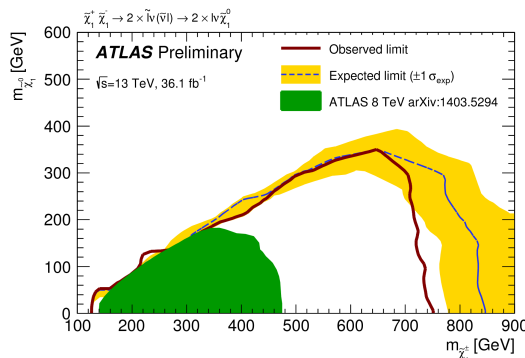
> $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm \tilde{\chi}_1^\pm$ production: $m(\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm) > 630$ GeV

> $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm \tilde{\chi}_2^0$ and $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm \tilde{\chi}_1^\pm$ associated production: $m(\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm, \tilde{\chi}_2^0) > 760$ GeV

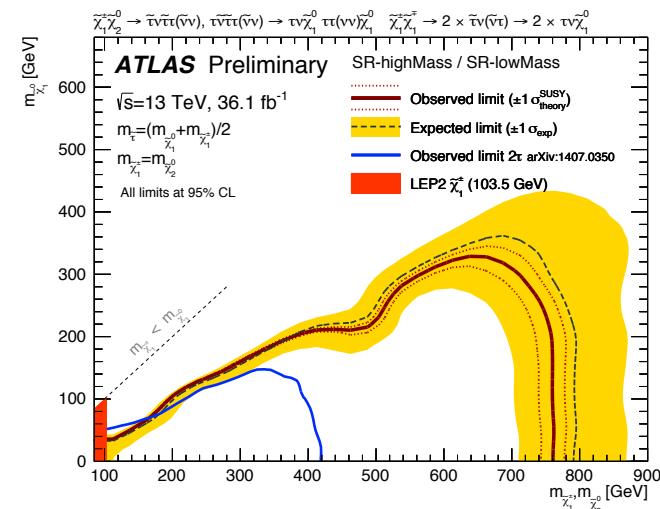
> Good agreement with lepton channel:

> $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm \tilde{\chi}_2^0$ and $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm \tilde{\chi}_1^\pm$ associated production: $m(\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm, \tilde{\chi}_2^0) > 1150$ GeV for 200 GeV LSP

> $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm \tilde{\chi}_1^\pm$ production: $m(\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm) > 750$ GeV for massless LSP



$\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm \tilde{\chi}_2^0$ and $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm \tilde{\chi}_1^\pm$ associated production



Summary.

- > ATLAS search for the production of charginos and neutralinos in 13 TeV pp collisions with 36.1 fb^{-1} data in final states with at least two taus + MET has been presented
- > No significant excesses observed in signal regions
- > Exclusion limits are set on $m(\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm \tilde{\chi}_2^0)$
- > $m(\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm)$ excluded up to 630 GeV for massless LSP
- > $m(\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm, \tilde{\chi}_2^0)$ excluded up to 760 GeV for massless LSP
- > Further analyses with tau leptons are on-going for Run-2

BACK UP

Object Definition.

Electrons	Baseline	Signal
p_T	$p_T > 10 \text{ GeV}$	$p_T > 25 \text{ GeV}$
η -acceptance	$ \eta_{\text{cluster}} < 2.47$	$ \eta_{\text{cluster}} < 2.47$
quality	LooseLH	TightLH
isolation	—	GradientLoose
tracking cuts		$ d_0/\sigma(d_0) < 5$ $ z_0 \sin(\theta) < 0.5 \text{ mm}$
Muons	Baseline	Signal
p_T	$p_T > 10 \text{ GeV}$	$p_T > 25 \text{ GeV}$
η -acceptance	$ \eta < 2.7$	$ \eta < 2.7$
quality	xAOD::Muon::Medium	xAOD::Muon::Medium
isolation	—	GradientLoose
tracking cuts		$ d_0/\sigma(d_0) < 3$ $ z_0 \sin(\theta) < 0.5 \text{ mm}$
Taus	Baseline	
p_T	$p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$	
η -acceptance	$ \eta < 2.5$	
n-prongs	1 or 3	
quality/jet BDT WP	medium	
electron OR	yes	
Jets	Baseline	b -jets
Collection	AntiKt4EMTopo	AntiKt4EMTopo
p_T	$p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$	$p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$
η -acceptance	$ \eta < 2.8$	$ \eta < 2.5$
JVT cut	> 0.59 (or $p_T > 60 \text{ GeV}$)	> 0.59 (or $p_T > 60 \text{ GeV}$)
b -tag	—	MV2c10 @ 77 % OP

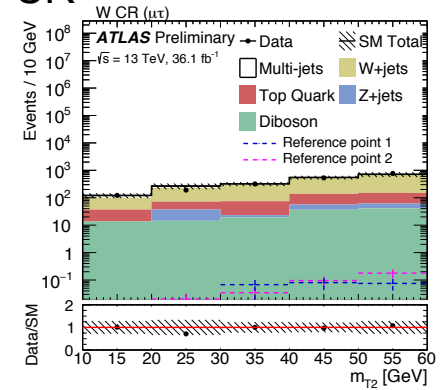
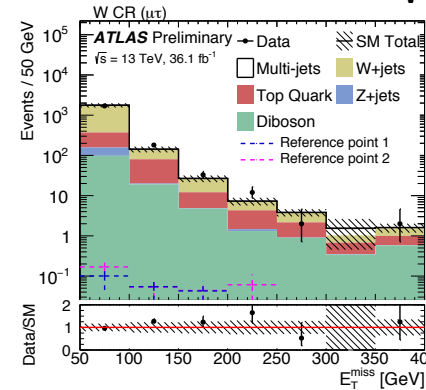


Background Estimation: W+jets.

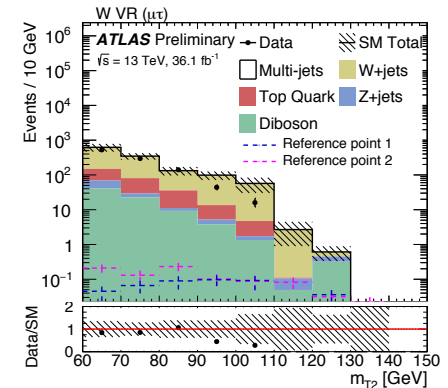
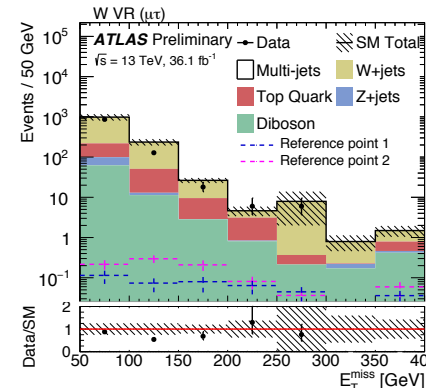
W-CR	W-VR
one isolated muon and one medium tau lepton with opposite sign	
b -jet veto	
$m(\mu, \tau) > 70$ GeV	
$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 60$ GeV	
$50 \text{ GeV} < m_{T,\mu} < 150 \text{ GeV}$	
$m_{T,\mu} + m_{T,\tau} > 80 \text{ GeV}$	
$0.5 < \Delta R(\mu, \tau) < 3.5$	$0.5 < \Delta R(\mu, \tau) < 4.5$
$10 \text{ GeV} < m_{T2} < 60 \text{ GeV}$	$m_{T2} > 60 \text{ GeV}$

Sample	W-CR	W-VR
Data	1928	1023
SM total	1930 ± 50	1260 ± 440
W+jets	1395 ± 130	980 ± 410
Z+jets	60 ± 28	39 ± 15
Diboson	125 ± 24	78 ± 20
Top quark	290 ± 80	170 ± 60
Multi-jet	60 ± 60	0 ± 100
Reference point 1	0.22 ± 0.07	0.44 ± 0.08
Reference point 2	0.33 ± 0.08	0.87 ± 0.11

W-CR



W-VR



Background Estimation: Diboson, Z+jets, top.

WW-VR	ZZ-VR
one opposite sign lepton pair $\mu p_T > 30 \text{ GeV}, e p_T > 40 \text{ GeV}$ jet veto $m_{\ell\ell} > 50 \text{ GeV}$ $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 50 \text{ GeV}$ $m_{T\mu} > 100 \text{ GeV}$ $m_{T2} > 70 \text{ GeV}$	
two isolated leptons (e or μ) with different flavor m_{CT} top tag veto	two isolated leptons (e or μ) with same flavor $\Delta R(\ell, \ell) < 1.5$ $ m_{\ell\ell} - m_Z < 15 \text{ GeV}$

Z-VR	Top-VR
at least one opposite sign tau lepton pair $\text{tau } p_T > 50, 40 \text{ GeV}$ $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 60 \text{ GeV}$	
at least two medium tau leptons b -jet veto $m_{T2} < 10 \text{ GeV}$	at least one medium and one loose tau lepton at least 1 b -jet $m_{T2} > 10 \text{ GeV}$ m_{CT} top-tagged

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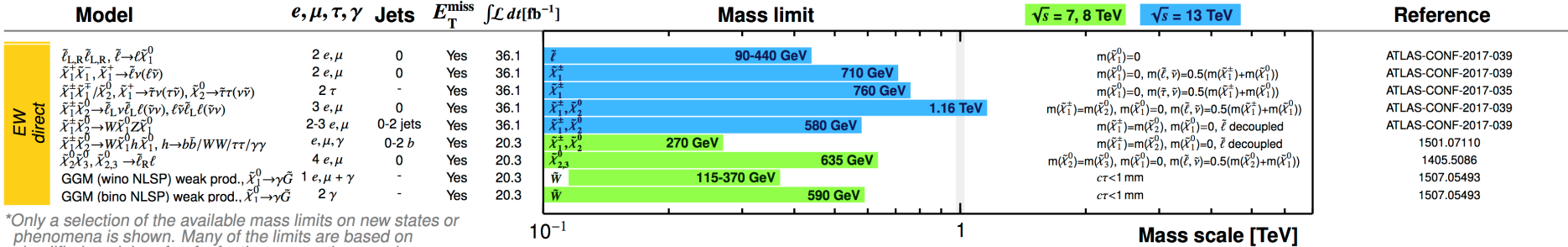
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