SUSY confronts LHC results – LHC results confront SUSY?

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Large parts of parameter space already excluded!



Is SUSY killed?





Or is SUSY only hiding?



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exp. limits

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Status



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Hints for a SM-like Higgs boson with mass of 125 GeV:

- \rightarrow Hints for at least one (further) (B)MSSM particle
- Access mainly in $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ and $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow \ell \ell \ell \ell$ channel
- No significant access in $H \to WW^{(*)} \to \ell \nu \ell \nu$ channel

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SUSY processes as background to $H \rightarrow WW$

[Feigl, HR, Zeppenfeld, arXiv:1205.3468]

Scenario:

• Mass hierarchy for stau, light chargino, selectron and smuon:

 $m_{ ilde{ au}_i} > m_{\chi_1^{\pm}} > m_{ ilde{ extbf{e}}_i}, \ m_{ ilde{ extbf{\mu}}_i}$

- Lightest neutralino χ_1^0 = Lightest Supersymmetric Particle
- Main decay channel

 $\chi_1^+ \to \tilde{\ell}^+ \nu, \, \ell^+ \tilde{\nu} \to \ell^+ \nu \, \chi_1^0$

- 1st, 2nd generation of squarks an gluino heavy
- 3rd generation of squarks adjusted for a \sim 125 GeV Higgs boson

Main production processes:

 $q\bar{q} \rightarrow \chi_1^+ \chi_1^- \qquad q\bar{q} \rightarrow \tilde{\ell}\tilde{\ell} \qquad q\bar{q} \rightarrow \chi_1^\pm \chi_2^0$

 $m_{\chi_1^\pm}pprox$ 260 GeV, $m_{ ilde{\ell}}pprox$ 140 GeV, $m_{\chi_1^0}pprox$ 100 GeV

Cuts largely taken from ATLAS-CONF-2012-012

Transverse WW mass distributions (control region):



Doubling WW background for $m_{T,WW} \gtrsim 350$ GeV: would be observable: no access seen:

ruled out

Second scenario

 $m_{\chi_1^\pm}pprox$ 260 GeV, $m_{ ilde{\ell}}pprox$ 195 GeV, $m_{\chi_1^0}pprox$ 124 GeV



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Second scenario

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 \Rightarrow Enhancement of background in signal region

Second scenario

 $m_{_{\! V}^\pm}pprox$ 260 GeV, $m_{_{\! \widetilde{\ell}}}pprox$ 195 GeV, $m_{_{\! V^0}}pprox$ 124 GeV



 $m_{T,WW}$ distribution of SUSY processes slightly different in signal region:

Tail for large $m_{T,WW}$: invisible at the moment

Correction factor

Background estimate:

$$N_S^{\text{norm}} = \alpha (N_C^{WW} + N_C^{\text{SUSY}})$$

True number of events:

 $\textit{N}_{\mathcal{S}}^{\text{true}} = \textit{N}_{\mathcal{S}}^{\textit{WW}} + \textit{N}_{\mathcal{S}}^{\textit{SUSY}}$

Correction factor:

$$C = rac{N_S^{ ext{true}}}{N_S^{ ext{norm}}} = 0.924$$

With additional cut of $0.75 \cdot m_h < m_T < m_H$:

C = 0.897

Conclusion

- Many LHC results already!
- Hope for more (not only exclusions...)!
- LHC results are constraining SUSY model parameter space
- Still possible:

Data driven background method might lead to an overestimation due to SUSY processes

