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This chapter discusses the results of the different fit configurations and hypothesis tests performed in the analysis. After the background estimation obtained through a background-only fit in the control regions (CRs) is validated in the validation regions (VRs), the signal regions (SRs) are unblinded and the observed data is compared to the Standard Model of Particle Physics (SM) background expectation.

8.1 Background-only fit results

8.1.1 Results in the control regions

As all CRs are mutually exclusive, a background-only fit simultaneously using information from all CRs can be run. Only the terms for the CRs enter the likelihood as channels and any signal contamination present in the CRs is neglected. This allows to fit the dominant backgrounds to data, and thus, by construction, leads to a good agreement between observed data and the total fitted background estimate in all CRs. The free normalisation parameters for $t\bar{t}$ (μ_T), single top (μ_{ST}) and $W + \text{jets}$ (μ_W) are fitted to be

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_T &= 1.02^{+0.07}_{-0.09}, \\ \mu_{ST} &= 0.6^{+0.5}_{-0.25}, \\ \mu_W &= 1.22^{+0.26}_{-0.24}.\end{aligned}\tag{8.1}$$

While the dominant $t\bar{t}$ background stays roughly at its nominal expectation with respect to MC simulation, $W + \text{jets}$ processes are scaled up, and the single top expectation is scaled down. The high uncertainty on μ_{ST} can be attributed to the relatively low MC statistics and comparably low purity of single top events in STR.

Table 8.1 summarises the fitted background estimate including all uncertainties for all control regions. As discussed in chapter 6, $t\bar{t}$ is the most dominant in all control regions except WR where $W + \text{jets}$ is the largest background, followed by single top and $W + \text{jets}$ processes. Due to the relatively small normalisation factor for single top processes, $t\bar{t}$ and single top contribute to roughly equal amounts to STCR. Small contributions come from diboson, multiboson as

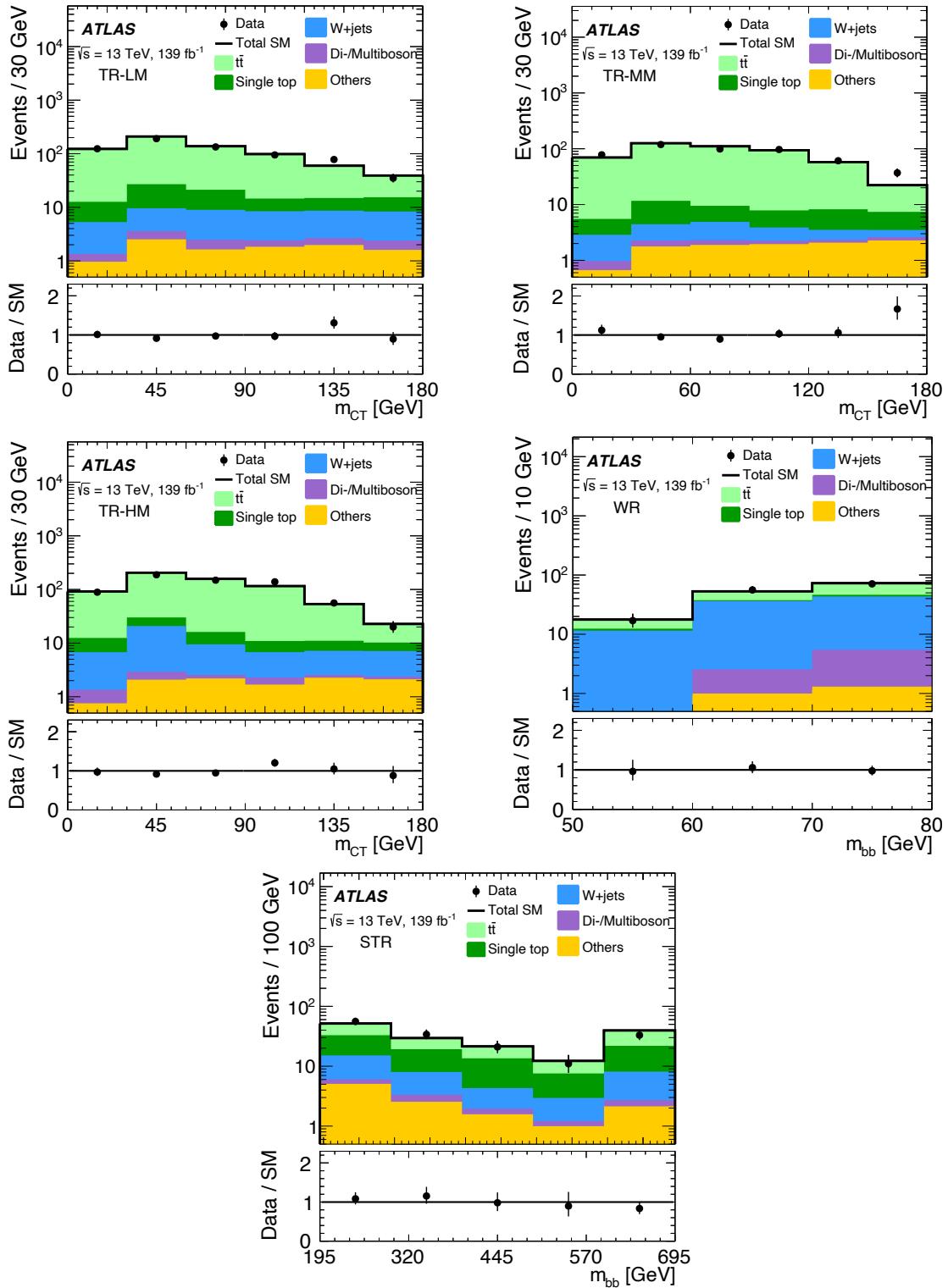


Figure 8.1: Exemplary distribution shown in each control region after the background-only fit. The shaded region includes all systematic uncertainties as well as Monte Carlo (MC) statistical uncertainty. The $t\bar{t}$, single top and $W + \text{jets}$ are normalised simultaneously in all CRs. A good agreement between MC expectation and data is observed in all CRs.

Table 8.1: Background-only fit results for the CRs for an integrated luminosity of 139 fb^{-1} . Nominal MC expectations (normalised to MC cross-sections) are given for comparison. The errors shown include the MC statistical and systematic uncertainties. PDG rounding is applied to the event rates and uncertainties [7].

Region	TR-LM	TR-MM	TR-HM	WR	STCR
Observed events	657	491	641	144	155
Fitted SM events	666 ± 25	480 ± 21	645 ± 26	143 ± 12	154 ± 15
$t\bar{t}$	560 ± 40	430 ± 33	550 ± 40	47 ± 9	59 ± 12
Single top	60 ± 40	27 ± 23	33 ± 27	5 ± 4	57 ± 22
$W + \text{jets}$	34 ± 8	10.5 ± 2.8	44 ± 11	83 ± 16	23 ± 6
Di-/Multiboson	4.3 ± 1.2	2.0 ± 0.5	2.8 ± 0.5	5.7 ± 1.0	2.8 ± 0.9
Other	10.5 ± 1.3	10.6 ± 1.4	11.1 ± 1.4	2.4 ± 0.4	12.3 ± 1.5
MC exp. SM events	720 ± 80	474 ± 33	680 ± 50	130 ± 13	180 ± 50
$t\bar{t}$	570 ± 70	407 ± 30	570 ± 40	46 ± 10	52 ± 10
Single top	102 ± 18	46 ± 13	58 ± 16	9 ± 6	90 ± 40
$W + \text{jets}$	29 ± 4	8.4 ± 1.2	36.1 ± 3.1	67 ± 5	19.0 ± 2.0
Di-/Multiboson	4.1 ± 1.1	2.0 ± 0.5	2.8 ± 0.5	5.6 ± 1.0	2.8 ± 0.9
Other	10.6 ± 1.3	10.6 ± 1.4	11.2 ± 1.4	2.5 ± 0.4	12.4 ± 1.5

well as other backgrounds like $t\bar{t} + V$, $t\bar{t} + h$ and $V + h$. All processes estimated directly from MC simulation cumulatively account for only 10%, 5.5% and a maximum of 2.6% in the single top, $W + \text{jets}$ and $t\bar{t}$ control regions, respectively. Exemplary distributions in the CRs after the background-only fit are shown in fig. 8.1, revealing a good agreement between observed data and the SM background estimate throughout the distributions shown.

8.1.2 Results in the validation regions

In order to validate the extrapolations from the CRs to the SRs, the results of the background-only fit in the CRs are extrapolated into the VRs. Table 8.2 details the observed data and background estimation before and after the fit in the different VR bins.

In the on-peak VRs, $t\bar{t}$ is by far the dominant background after the background-only fit. Contributions from single top and $W + \text{jets}$ each amount to only 1–5%, depending on validation region bin. Diboson, multiboson and other SM processes result in minor contributions of the level of not more than 3% of the total background estimate. As the total uncertainties on the background estimate in the on-peak regions are dominated by the $t\bar{t}$ uncertainties, the large uncertainties on the $W + \text{jets}$ and single top estimate due to relatively limited MC statistics do not have a significant impact. In the off-peak VRs after the background-only fit, $t\bar{t}$ is the dominant process in the low mass regime, while contribution from single top and $W + \text{jets}$ are subdominant. In the medium and high mass regimes, $t\bar{t}$, single top and $W + \text{jets}$ all result in similar contributions. Diboson, multiboson and other SM processes are only minor backgrounds in all off-peak regions, cumulatively amounting to only 10–14% of the total background estimate, depending on the mass regime. Exemplary $N - 1$ distributions in the validation regions after the background-only fit are shown in fig. 8.2.

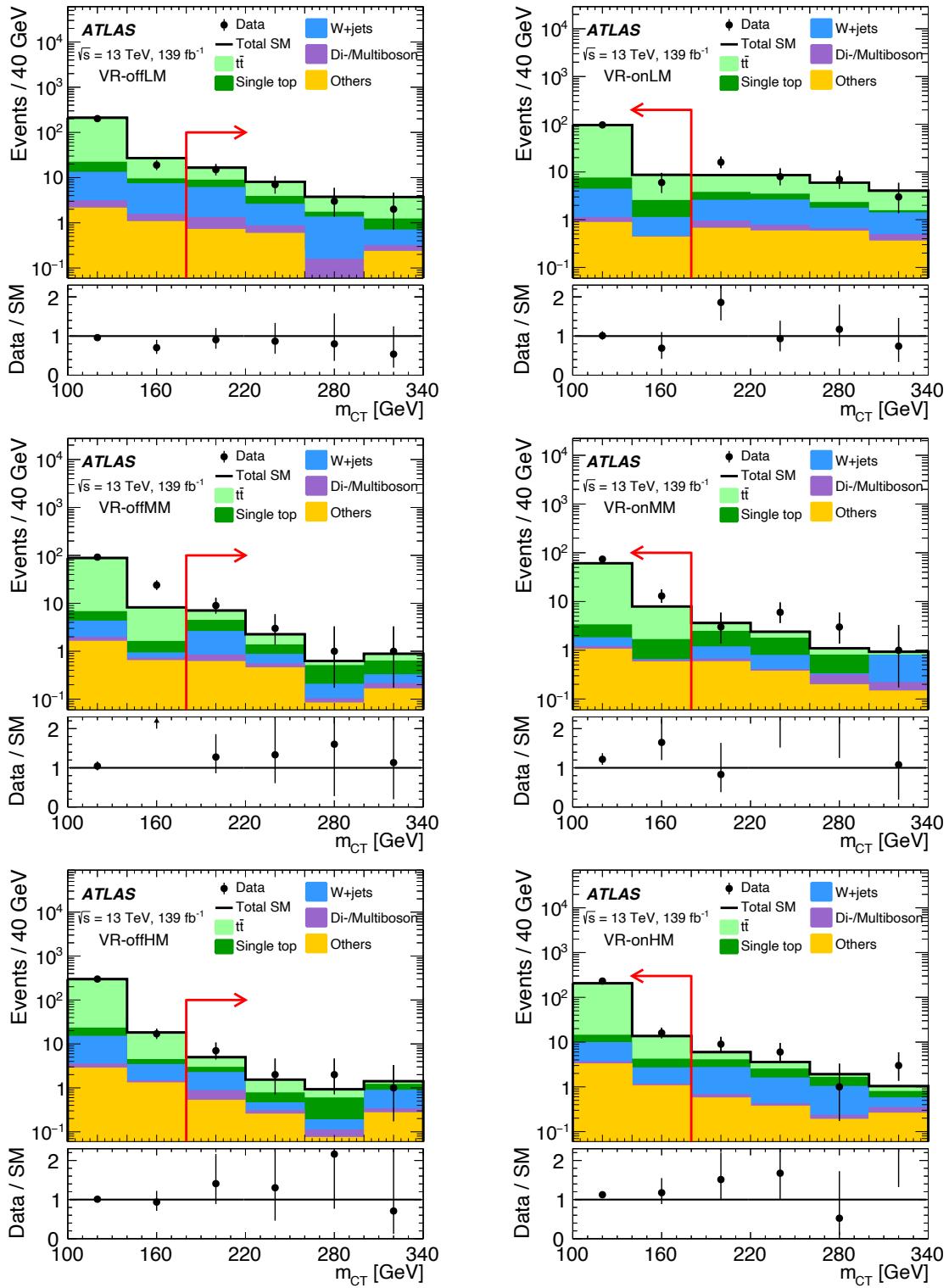


Figure 8.2: Exemplary distributions shown in each validation region after the background-only fit with subsequent extrapolation to the VRs. All selection cuts except for the requirement on m_{CT} (indicated using the red arrow) are applied. The shaded region includes all systematic uncertainties as well as MC statistical uncertainty.

Table 8.2: Background-only fit results from the CRs extrapolated to the VRs for an integrated luminosity of 139 fb^{-1} . Nominal MC expectations (normalised to MC cross-sections) are given for comparison. The errors shown include the MC statistical and systematic uncertainties. Uncertainties in the fitted yields are symmetric by construction, except where the negative error is truncated at an event rate of zero. PDG rounding is applied to the event rates and uncertainties.

Region	VR-onLM	VR-onMM	VR-onHM	VR-offLM	VR-offMM	VR-offHM
Observed events	103	87	247	27	14	12
Fitted SM events	100 ± 19	64 ± 9	215 ± 18	34 ± 6	9.5 ± 2.7	7.5 ± 2.6
$t\bar{t}$	90 ± 19	59 ± 9	196 ± 19	18 ± 4	2.4 ± 1.4	1.8 ± 1.8
Single top	5^{+5}_{-5}	$2.6^{+2.9}_{-2.6}$	6 ± 6	5 ± 4	3.0 ± 1.8	1.8 ± 1.5
$W + \text{jets}$	4 ± 4	0.6 ± 0.5	7.9 ± 2.1	8.2 ± 2.6	2.3 ± 0.8	2.2 ± 0.6
Di-/Multiboson	0.24 ± 0.08	0.19 ± 0.08	0.54 ± 0.19	1.07 ± 0.27	0.39 ± 0.11	0.51 ± 0.14
Other	1.34 ± 0.22	1.67 ± 0.28	4.4 ± 2.0	1.6 ± 0.5	1.34 ± 0.25	1.15 ± 0.24
MC exp. SM events	110 ± 40	69 ± 17	218 ± 22	34 ± 7	12.8 ± 3.4	9.7 ± 3.3
$t\bar{t}$	92 ± 35	62 ± 17	196 ± 21	16 ± 5	3.8 ± 2.2	3.1 ± 1.9
Single top	8 ± 5	4.5 ± 3.4	11 ± 6	9 ± 4	5.3 ± 2.2	3.1 ± 2.5
$W + \text{jets}$	2.8 ± 2.3	0.5 ± 0.5	6.5 ± 1.2	6.5 ± 1.6	2.0 ± 0.5	1.80 ± 0.34
Di-/Multiboson	0.24 ± 0.07	0.19 ± 0.08	0.50 ± 0.17	1.07 ± 0.28	0.37 ± 0.10	0.50 ± 0.15
Other	1.35 ± 0.23	1.70 ± 0.28	4.4 ± 0.9	1.6 ± 0.5	1.36 ± 0.25	1.16 ± 0.24

The agreement between data and the background estimate is summarised in fig. 8.4. The background estimates agree within 1.3σ with the observed data in all validation regions, except for VR-onMM where the agreement is within 1.7σ . Thus, the overall agreement in the validation regions is considered to be acceptable, paving the way for further extrapolation of the background estimate into the SRs.

8.1.3 Results in the signal regions

By extrapolating the results from the background-only fit in the control regions, the background estimate in the signal regions can be obtained. Table 8.3 compares the background estimate with the observed data for all discovery signal regions. In the low mass discovery signal region, $t\bar{t}$ is the dominant background, followed by $W + \text{jets}$ and single top. In the medium mass discovery signal region, all three main backgrounds contribute at roughly equal parts. In the high mass signal region, $W + \text{jets}$ is the largest SM background, followed by single top and $t\bar{t}$. In all discovery signal regions, diboson, multiboson and other SM backgrounds yield only minor contributions. The results in the exclusion signal regions are shown in table 8.4. As for the discovery signal regions, $t\bar{t}$ is the dominant background in the low mass signal region bins, while $W + \text{jets}$ slightly dominates in the high mass signal region bins. The m_{CT} distribution in all three exclusion SRs are shown in fig. 8.3.

None of the exclusion or discovery signal regions reveal a significant deviation in data compared to the SM expectation, meaning that all observations are compatible with the SM. Consequently, the signal regions will be used in the following to derive model-dependent exclusion limits as well as model-independent upper limits. A slight overfluctuation of data in the discovery

Table 8.3: Background-only fit results extrapolated to the discovery SRs for an integrated luminosity of 139 fb^{-1} . Nominal MC expectations (normalised to MC cross-sections) are given for comparison. The errors shown include the MC statistical and systematic uncertainties. Uncertainties in the fitted yields are symmetric by construction, except where the negative error is truncated at an event yield of zero. PDG rounding is applied to the event rates and uncertainties.

Region	SR-LM (disc.)	SR-MM (disc.)	SR-HM (disc.)
Observed events	66	32	14
Fitted SM events	47 ± 6	21 ± 5	8.6 ± 2.8
Fitted ttbar events	22 ± 4	5.9 ± 1.9	1.9 ± 0.7
Fitted singletop events	9 ± 6	6 ± 5	$2.0^{+2.4}_{-2.0}$
Fitted wjets events	11.1 ± 2.9	5.6 ± 1.4	3.7 ± 1.0
Fitted diboson events	1.23 ± 0.24	0.56 ± 0.11	0.21 ± 0.06
Fitted $Z+jets$ events	4.8 ± 0.5	2.6 ± 0.4	0.74 ± 0.16
MC exp. SM events	50 ± 7	22 ± 5	8 ± 4
MC exp. ttbar events	21 ± 5	4.9 ± 1.6	1.2 ± 0.6
MC exp. singletop events	14 ± 4	9 ± 5	$2.9^{+3.5}_{-2.9}$
MC exp. wjets events	9.1 ± 1.3	4.5 ± 0.7	3.0 ± 0.6
MC exp. diboson events	1.20 ± 0.23	0.56 ± 0.11	0.21 ± 0.06
MC exp. $Z+jets$ events	4.8 ± 0.5	2.6 ± 0.4	0.74 ± 0.16

SRs (that are not mutually exclusive) is quantified to be within 1.8σ in the inclusive SR-LM, resulting in weaker model-independent upper limits than expected. Some of the exclusion signal region bins also exhibit small overfluctuations in data. In SR-LM low m_{CT} (SR-HM low m_{CT}), the overfluctuation in data amounts to 1.5σ (1.3σ) compared to the SM expectation. The largest difference is seen in SR-MM medium m_{CT} , however with a disagreement of only 1.6σ , the observations in data are overall in good agreement with the SM expectation. Due to the small excesses, however, the observed model-dependent exclusion limit derived in section 8.2 is slightly weaker than expected. Figure 8.4 summarises across all regions the observed data, SM background expectation as well as the significances of any deviations.

Table 8.4: Background-only fit results in the exclusion SRs for an integrated luminosity of 139 fb^{-1} . The first column shows the sum of all m_{CT} bins (including overflow). Subsequent columns indicate the different bins in m_{CT} , overflow is included in the last bin. The errors shown include the MC statistical and systematic uncertainties. Uncertainties in the fitted yields are symmetric by construction, except where the negative error is truncated at an event yield of zero. PDG rounding is applied to the event rates and uncertainties.

SR-LM	All m_{CT} bins	Low m_{CT}	Medium m_{CT}	High m_{CT}
Observed	34	16	11	7
Expected	27 ± 4	8.8 ± 2.8	11.3 ± 3.1	7.3 ± 1.5
$t\bar{t}$	16.2 ± 3.4	4.4 ± 2.2	7.3 ± 2.5	4.6 ± 1.2
Single top	2.7 ± 1.8	1.3 ± 1.1	$0.9^{+1.0}_{-0.9}$	0.6 ± 0.6
$W+\text{jets}$	5.5 ± 2.0	2.0 ± 0.9	2.4 ± 1.3	1.1 ± 0.5
Di-/Multiboson	0.67 ± 0.19	0.39 ± 0.13	$0.09^{+0.11}_{-0.09}$	0.18 ± 0.04
Others	2.23 ± 0.29	0.81 ± 0.25	0.64 ± 0.15	0.77 ± 0.12
SR-MM	All m_{CT} bins	Low m_{CT}	Medium m_{CT}	High m_{CT}
Observed	13	4	7	2
Expected	8.6 ± 2.2	4.6 ± 1.7	2.6 ± 1.3	1.4 ± 0.6
$t\bar{t}$	2.7 ± 1.4	1.6 ± 0.9	0.8 ± 0.7	0.30 ± 0.24
Single top	2.7 ± 1.9	1.6 ± 1.5	$1.0^{+1.1}_{-1.0}$	$0.15^{+0.19}_{-0.15}$
$W+\text{jets}$	1.5 ± 0.7	0.6 ± 0.4	$0.3^{+0.4}_{-0.3}$	0.57 ± 0.26
Di-/Multiboson	0.29 ± 0.08	0.09 ± 0.04	0.065 ± 0.028	0.14 ± 0.06
Others	1.33 ± 0.27	0.69 ± 0.20	0.40 ± 0.13	0.24 ± 0.09
SR-HM	All m_{CT} bins	Low m_{CT}	Medium m_{CT}	High m_{CT}
Observed	14	6	5	3
Expected	8.1 ± 2.7	4.1 ± 1.9	2.9 ± 1.3	1.1 ± 0.5
$t\bar{t}$	1.4 ± 0.5	0.8 ± 0.4	0.36 ± 0.25	0.22 ± 0.15
Single top	$2.0^{+2.4}_{-2.0}$	$0.9^{+1.5}_{-0.9}$	0.9 ± 0.9	$0.16^{+0.26}_{-0.16}$
$W+\text{jets}$	3.7 ± 1.0	1.9 ± 0.8	1.4 ± 0.8	0.45 ± 0.19
Di-/Multiboson	0.21 ± 0.06	0.057 ± 0.025	0.075 ± 0.027	0.08 ± 0.04
Others	0.74 ± 0.16	0.34 ± 0.09	0.19 ± 0.08	0.21 ± 0.08

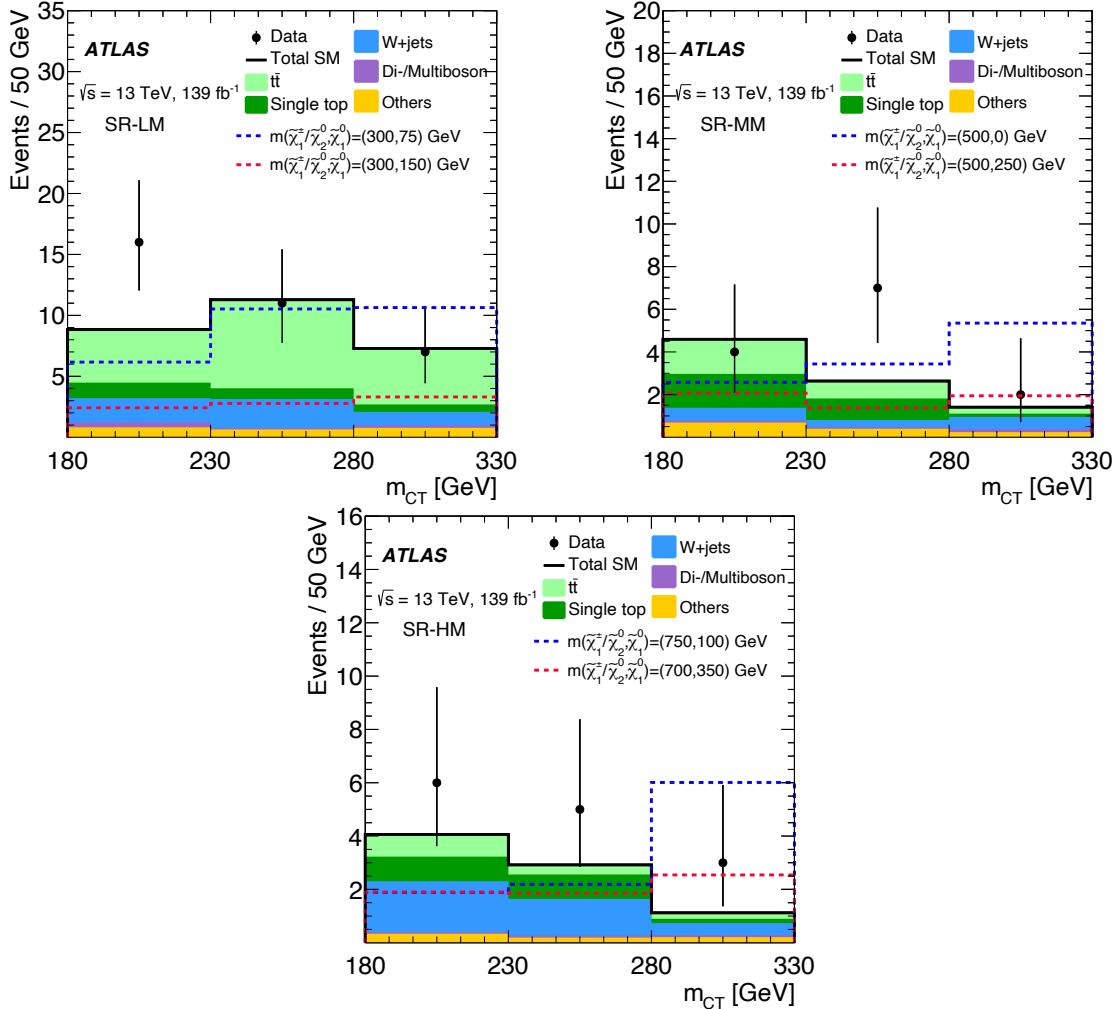


Figure 8.3: Exemplary distribution shown in each exclusion signal region after the background-only fit. The shaded region includes all systematic uncertainties (including correlations) as well as MC statistical uncertainty.

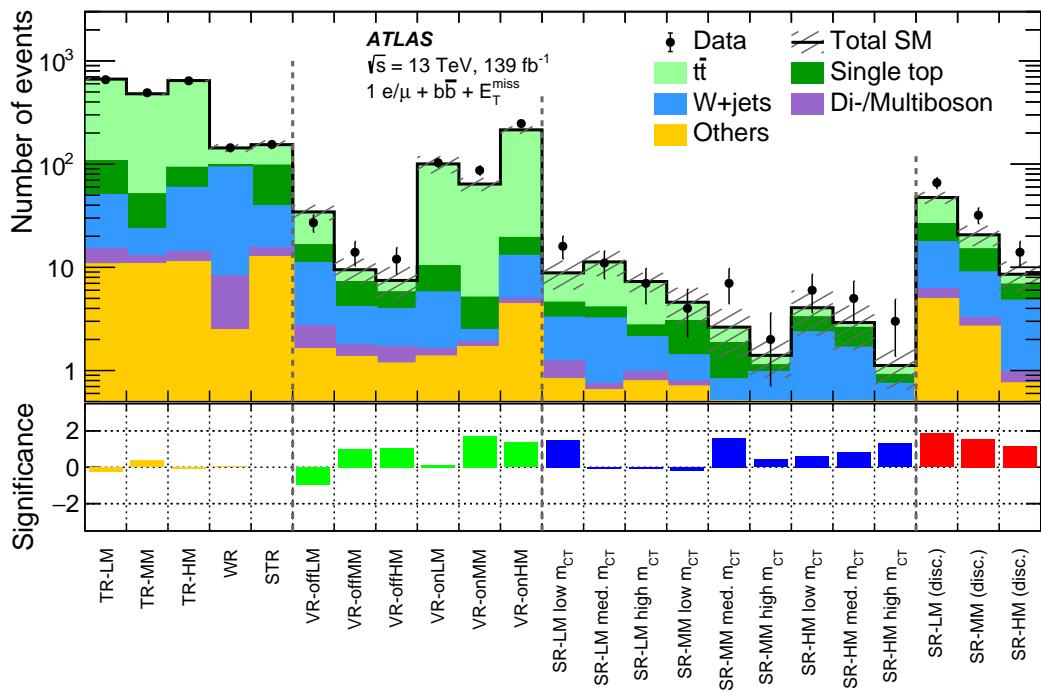


Figure 8.4: Comparison of the observed data and expected event rates in all regions considered in the analysis. The shaded uncertainty band includes both MC statistical and systematic uncertainties. The significances [165] of the differences between the observed data and expected event rates are shown in the bottom panel. The discovery signal regions are not statistically independent from each other, nor from the exclusion signal regions.

8.2 Interpretation

As no significant excess of data is observed in any of the signal regions, model-independent upper limits as well as model-dependent exclusion limits are computed.

8.2.1 Model-independent upper limits

Model-independent upper limits on the visible cross section of new physics processes are derived using the discovery SRs. For this, a likelihood containing terms for the CRs and the discovery SRs is used. Since the discovery SRs are not mutually exclusive, only one discovery SR enters the likelihood at a time. This results in three distinct fit configurations in which the signal strength μ is the Parameter of Interest (POI) and no signal contamination is assumed in the control regions. The POI is subsequently scanned in distinct steps from 0 to high[†] values, followed by a hypothesis test at each scan step. The upper limit on the number of observed signal events S_{obs}^{95} is then given by the value of μ for which the corresponding CL_s value drops below 0.05. An upper limit on the visible cross section $\langle \epsilon \sigma \rangle_{\text{obs}}^{95}$ is obtained by dividing S_{obs}^{95} by the integrated luminosity of 139 fb^{-1} . In addition to the upper limits on $\langle \epsilon \sigma \rangle_{\text{obs}}^{95}$ and S_{obs}^{95} , table 8.5 also gives the p -values (and corresponding significances) for rejecting the background-only hypothesis in favour of the signal-plus-background hypothesis. As all significances are below 1.88σ for all SRs, the background-only hypothesis cannot be rejected.

8.2.2 Model-dependent exclusion limits

For each signal point in the signal grid considered, a separate *exclusion* fit is run using all CRs and exclusion SRs. As all exclusion signal region bins are disjoint, a likelihood containing terms for all bins can be constructed, effectively creating a shape-fit in the binned variables m_T and m_{CT} (see chapter 5). As opposed to the background-only fit, the exclusion fits allow for signal contribution in all regions considered, and considers the signal strength μ to be a free parameter. For each point in the signal grid, the expected and observed CL_s value is calculated as discussed in section 3.4. Expected (observed) contour lines can then be drawn at expected (observed) $\text{CL}_s = 0.05$. Signal points inside the contour are excluded at 95% CL. Figure 8.5 shows the exclusion contours obtained in the $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm \tilde{\chi}_2^0$ signal grid considered in the analysis. The

[†] The signal strength is in principle allowed to exceed unity in order for the scan to find a 95% CL upper limit

Table 8.5: The 95% CL upper limits on the visible cross-section ($\langle \epsilon \sigma \rangle_{\text{obs}}^{95}$) and on the number of signal events (S_{obs}^{95}) are given. Additionally, the expected 95% CL upper limits on the number of signal events if no BSM signal is present (S_{exp}^{95}) are given, including their $\pm 1\sigma$ excursions. The last three columns indicate the confidence level observed for the background-only hypothesis (CL_B), the discovery p -value (p_0) and the significance Z [165].

Signal Region	$\langle \epsilon \sigma \rangle_{\text{obs}}^{95} [\text{fb}]$	S_{obs}^{95}	S_{exp}^{95}	CL_B	p_0	Z
SR-LM (disc.)	0.26	36.8	$20.0^{+8.0}_{-5.4}$	0.97	0.03	1.88
SR-MM (disc.)	0.18	24.8	$15.3^{+6.2}_{-4.6}$	0.94	0.06	1.54
SR-HM (disc.)	0.11	14.7	$9.7^{+3.3}_{-2.7}$	0.89	0.10	1.30

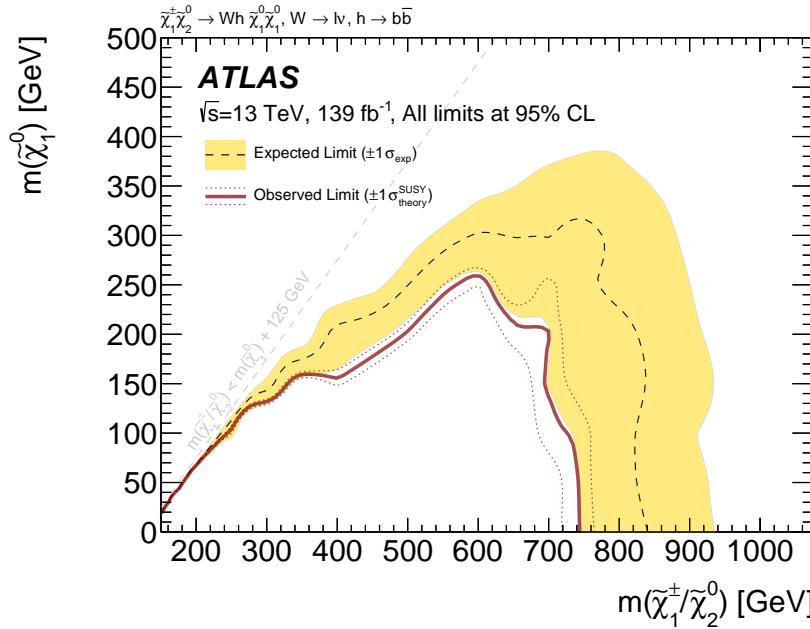


Figure 8.5: Model-dependent exclusion contour on $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm/\tilde{\chi}_2^0$ pair production. The dashed black line represents the expected limit obtained using Asimov data. The uncertainties are given by the yellow band. The red solid line represents the observed limit obtained using 139 fb^{-1} of data taken by ATLAS. By varying the signal cross sections up and down by their uncertainty, the red dashed lines are obtained. All contours are given at 95% CL.

dashed line corresponds to the expected exclusion contour, obtained using the Asimov dataset. The yellow uncertainty band represents the interval containing 68% of all exclusion contours obtained for observations distributed according to the background-only hypothesis. The solid red line represents the observed exclusion limit obtained using the data recorded by ATLAS. As discussed in section 7.2.2, the dashed red lines are obtained by varying the signal cross sections up and down by 1σ .

Due to the slight overfluctuations of data observed in some of the exclusion signal region bins, the observed limit is slightly weaker than the expected one. The observed exclusion limit extends to about 740 GeV in $m(\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm/\tilde{\chi}_2^0)$ for massless $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$, and up to 600 GeV for $m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0) = 250 \text{ GeV}$. This extends the previous limit set by ATLAS in this simplified model and decay channel by more than 200 GeV in $m(\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm/\tilde{\chi}_2^0)$ for massless $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$, an improvement made possible not only by the increase in integrated luminosity but also the introduction of a two-dimensional shape fit in the analysis strategy.

8.3 Discussion

At the time of writing, the limits derived in this analysis are the most stringent limits on the $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm\tilde{\chi}_2^0 \rightarrow Wh\tilde{\chi}_1^0\tilde{\chi}_1^0$ simplified model set by an ATLAS search [244], surpassing not only the previous iteration of the analysis [168], but also yielding more stringent limits than those published by ATLAS in other decay channels of the same model. Figure 8.6 shows a summary

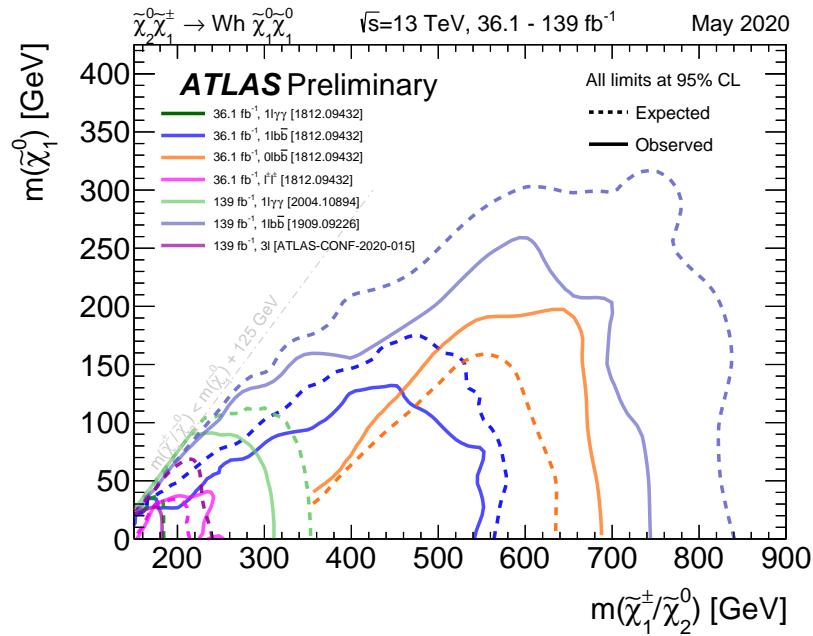


Figure 8.6: Summary of ATLAS limits on $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm/\tilde{\chi}_2^0$ masses in the $\tilde{\chi}_1^0 \tilde{\chi}_2^\pm \rightarrow Wh \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \tilde{\chi}_1^0$ simplified model. The exclusion limit obtained by the analysis presented in this work is referred to as *1Lbb* (the 139 fb^{-1} iteration) and is the most stringent limit in this simplified model set by an ATLAS search thus far.

of results published by ATLAS searches in the $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm \tilde{\chi}_2^0 \rightarrow Wh \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \tilde{\chi}_1^0$ simplified model. The search presented in this work is referred to as *1Lbb*. Additional searches in the 0ℓ as well as 1ℓ final states are being worked on, and are expected to extend the limits on $m(\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm/\tilde{\chi}_2^0)$ up to roughly 1 TeV for massless $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$ as well as slightly extend the excluded parameter space towards the diagonal where $m(\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm/\tilde{\chi}_2^0) = m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0) + m(h)^\dagger$.

Various other searches for Supersymmetry (SUSY) at both ATLAS and CMS are constraining a multitude of other supersymmetric particle production and decay processes. The limits on gluino and squark pair production at the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) are particularly heavily constrained, reaching 2 TeV in many cases. With the large integrated luminosity available through the full Run 2 dataset and the improved analysis techniques and strategies developed over the last years, the typically weaker limits on electroweakinos and sleptons are also significantly increasing and in some cases approach the 1 TeV mark. The diverse SUSY search programs at ATLAS and CMS thus heavily constrains the existence of SUSY at the TeV scale. Still, discarding the possibility for SUSY to exist at the energies available with the LHC is much too early, for several reasons. By the end of the lifetime of the LHC (including the high luminosity upgrade HL-LHC), a projected amount of 3000 fb^{-1} [245] will have been delivered to the particle physics experiments. Many supersymmetric models not accessible with the full Run 2 dataset using today's analyses will hence only be in reach in the coming years of the LHC.

More importantly however, most of the quoted limits assume simplified SUSY models and are thus only valid if the assumptions of the respective simplified model are realised in nature.

[†] Assuming that no significant excess in data is seen in the search regions of these analyses.

In any realistic SUSY scenario that could be realised in nature and is accessible to the LHC, assumptions like 100% branching ratios or a small set of supersymmetric particles participating in the decay chains are most likely not exactly fulfilled. Thus, the quoted simplified model limits can in general not be trivially interpreted as the true underlying constraint on the respective parameter of a more realistic SUSY scenario. Due to the optimistic assumptions like 100% branching fractions, the true constraints will in general be significantly weaker than the simplified model limits. Reinterpretations of Run 1 ATLAS SUSY searches in the phenomenological Minimal Supersymmetric Standard Model (pMSSM) [76] have indeed shown that constraints on the supersymmetric masses are weaker in more complex SUSY models than those quoted for the simplified models studied in most analyses.

Naturally, there is a large interest in the high-energy physics community—both within ATLAS as well as outside of the collaboration—to perform reinterpretations of the existing SUSY searches in new, promising signal models. Compelling reasons for performing reinterpretations include, amongst others, the possibility to state a combined sensitivity of the ATLAS search program to more realistic and complex SUSY scenarios (compared to the simplified model limits). However, especially when considering high-dimensional parameter spaces like the pMSSM, such reinterpretation efficiencies quickly become extremely computationally expensive and require appropriate approximations. The following part of this work will introduce and discuss some of these approximations and show preliminary reinterpretation results of the analysis in the pMSSM.

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Abbreviations

CR control region. [117–119](#), [121](#), [126](#)

LHC Large Hadron Collider. [128](#), [129](#)

MC Monte Carlo. [117–125](#)

pMSSM phenomenological Minimal Supersymmetric Standard Model. [129](#)

POI Parameter of Interest. [126](#)

SM Standard Model of Particle Physics. [117](#), [119](#), [121](#), [122](#)

SR signal region. [117](#), [119](#), [121–123](#), [126](#)

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