

# SUSY sensitivity and discovery potential using di-leptons at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV

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## Abstract

SUSY sensitivity and discovery potential using di-leptons at  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV are presented in this note. The mass reach as well as CMS sensitivity to several regions in parameter space are evaluated within the framework of minimal supergravity and assuming R-parity conservation. These studies are performed for inclusive searches involving same and opposite sign di-leptons. The new physics is characterized by large  $\cancel{E}_T$  and significant hadronic activity. The study shows significant sensitivity in several regions in the parameter space with  $100 \text{ pb}^{-1}$  and  $1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of integrated luminosity.

# 1 Introduction

In this note, we present estimates of CMS sensitivity to SUSY for  $5\sigma$  discovery, reach as well as 95% C.L. limits in the mSUGRA framework with R-parity conservation at a proton-proton center-of-mass of 7 TeV. This model is characterized by five free parameters described as follows:

- $m_0$ : the common scalar mass at the GUT scale;
- $m_{1/2}$ : the common gaugino mass at the GUT scale;
- $A_0$ : the common soft trilinear SUSY breaking parameter at the GUT scale;
- $\tan\beta$ : the ratio of the Higgs vacuum expectation values at the electroweak scale;
- sign  $\mu$ : the sign of the Higgsino mass term.

We set  $A_0 = 0$ , sign  $(\mu) > 0$  and  $\tan\beta = 3$  in order to be able to directly compare with recent Tevatron results [1, 2]. The gluino-squark mass plane is then scanned via variations of  $m_0$  and  $m_{1/2}$ . Figure 1 shows the leading order (LO) cross sections as a function of  $m_0$ ,  $m_{1/2}$  with  $\tan\beta = 3$ ,  $A_0 = 0$ ,  $\mu > 0$ . The cross section spans over a wide range in  $m_0 - m_{1/2}$  plane, which should be accessible during the low luminosity running period.

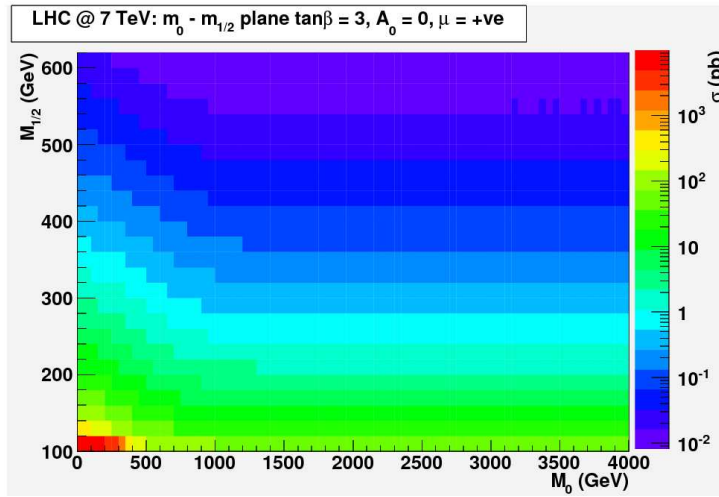


Figure 1: LO cross sections as a function of  $m_0$ ,  $m_{1/2}$  with  $\tan\beta = 3$ ,  $A_0 = 0$ ,  $\mu > 0$ .

In this framework all supersymmetric particles except the lightest supersymmetric particle (LSP, which throughout most of the mSUGRA parameter space is the lightest neutralino) are unstable and thus will decay into their Standard Model (SM) counterparts right after being produced. The cascade decay can result in di-lepton final states associated with several jets, plus missing transverse energy ( $\cancel{E}_T$ ) from the LSP.

The note is organized as follows: in Section 2 we list the Monte Carlo (MC) data samples, as well as the software tags used in this analysis; in Section 3 we describe the same sign (SS) and opposite sign (OS) di-lepton event selection used in this study; in Section 4 we discuss the exclusion limits and mass reach using SS di-leptons followed by a similar study involving OS di-leptons in Section 5. Finally, in Section 6 we summarize the results.

The work presented here updates previously documented studies in [3] and [4] from 10 TeV center-of-mass to 7 TeV, and from 2 series to 3 series MC.

## 2 Data Samples

This study is based on the 3\_1\_6 reco full simulation SM background samples listed in Table 1. The SM data sets have been normalized to the cross sections [5]. For the SUSY parameter scan studies, we have used the CMSSW\_3\_3\_6 reco fast simulation dataset [6]. In this dataset several benchmark points are produced using fixed  $A_0 = 0$ ,  $\tan\beta = 3$ , sign  $\mu > 0$  but with varying  $m_0$  (0 – 4000) and  $m_{1/2}$  (100 – 600) on a grid of 50 and 20 GeV steps, respectively.

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Table 1: The datasets used in this study.

The MC events were analyzed with CMSSW\_3\_3\_6 including the additional tags listed in Table 2.

V00-03-04 RecoEgamma/EgammaTools
V03-00-12-13 RecoMET/METProducers
V00-02-07-15 RecoMET/METAlgorithms
V00-06-10-02 RecoMET/Configuration
V03-01-01-04 DataFormats/METReco
V00-05-38 RecoEcal/EgammaCoreTools
V01-08-23-05 JetMETCorrections/Configuration
V01-08-08-09 CondFormats/JetMETObjects
V02-06-03 HLTrigger/HLTcore

Table 2: Additional software tags used in this study.

### 3 Event Selection

The event selection used is not optimized for any specific SUSY scenario. It is based on small modifications to the di-lepton event selections that we used in the approved  $WW$  [7] and  $t\bar{t}$  [8] cross section analyses. The OS and SS analyses summarized here are documented in [3] and [4]. The only difference to those analysis notes is that we now use the 3 series MC at 7 TeV instead of the 2 series MC at 10 TeV. A quick summary of the event selection is:

- We require inclusive lepton triggers with no isolation, *i.e.*, the logical OR of `HLT_E1e15_SW_L1R` and `HLT_Mu9`. The combined trigger efficiency is  $\sim 99\%$  for di-lepton events that pass the event selection.
- Two isolated, same or opposite sign leptons ( $ee$ ,  $e\mu$ , and  $\mu\mu$ ).
- Leptons must have  $P_T > 10$  GeV,  $|\eta| < 2.4$  and at least one of them must have  $P_T > 20$  GeV.
- We consider L2L3 corrected caloJets with  $P_T > 30$  GeV and  $|\eta| < 2.4$  for both analyses.
- The scalar sum of the  $P_T$  of all jets passing the requirements above should be  $> 200$  GeV.
- For SS analysis:
  - we veto the candidate lepton, if an extra lepton in the event pairs with the candidate lepton to form a  $Z$  within the mass range between  $76 < m_{\ell\ell}$  (GeV)  $< 106$ . This requirement is designed to reject  $WZ$  events.
  - At least three jets.
  - We require  $\cancel{E}_T > 80$  GeV. We find that both `tcMET` and `pfMET` lead to similar results.
- For the OS analysis:

- We remove  $ee$  and  $\mu\mu$  pairs consistent with a  $Z$  by requiring  $\text{mass}(\ell\ell) < 76 \text{ GeV}$  or  $\text{mass}(\ell\ell) > 106 \text{ GeV}$ .
- At least two jets.
- We have a general requirement that  $\cancel{E}_T > 50 \text{ GeV}$ . We additionally define a “tight”  $\cancel{E}_T$  requirement of  $\cancel{E}_T > 175 \text{ GeV}$  that is used for reporting predicted and observed event yields. This latter cut is intended to allow just a few SM events to pass in  $100 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ . For  $\cancel{E}_T$ , we use  $\text{tcMET}$  [9] corrected for  $\mu$ .

More details on the lepton selections are given below.

### 3.1 Electron Selection

- In our corresponding 10 TeV analyses with 2 series MC, we used “e-gamma category based tight” for electron ID. An exact equivalent does not exist in the 3 series, and we thus tried out a variety of different options, including “e-gamma category based looseID”. We find differences in efficiency and background at the 10% level, and consider them negligible for the purpose of this study.
- No muon candidate within  $\Delta R < 0.1$ .
- $|d_0| < 200 \mu\text{m}$  (corrected for beamspot).
- $\text{Iso} < 0.1$ , where  $\text{Iso} = \text{Sum}/\text{Max}(20 \text{ GeV}, P_T)$ , and  $\text{Sum} = \text{tkIso} + \text{hcalIso} + \text{Max}(0 \text{ GeV}, \text{ecalIso} - 1 \text{ GeV})$ , with the -1GeV subtraction only applied in the barrel. All isolation sums are the standard sums used in release 3\_1\_6 from the egamma group (cone of 0.4 for ecal, jurassic, rec-hit based; cone of 0.3 for tracker, and cone of 0.4 for hcal).
- Conversion rejection [10] using tracks within a cone of 0.3 of the candidate electron for SS studies:
  - $|\Delta \cot \theta| < 0.02$ ; the difference between cotangent polar angles of tracks parallel to each other.
  - $|d_{2d}| < 0.02 \text{ cm}$ ; the two dimensional distance between points within nearest tracks.
- For the SS analysis, the charge of the associated GSF and CTF tracks must be consistent. If the CTF track is not reconstructed, the electron is kept.

### 3.2 Muon Selection

- Must be a global muon **and** a tracker muon [11].
- GlobalMuonPromptTight ( $\text{global } \chi^2/\text{ndof} < 10$ ) [12].
- At least 11 valid hits for the silicon track [12].
- $|d_0| < 200 \mu\text{m}$  (from silicon track, corrected for beamspot).
- Global fits must have hits in the muon chambers.
- Minimum ionizing:  $\text{EcalVetoEnergy} < 4 \text{ GeV}$  and  $\text{HcalVetoEnergy} < 6 \text{ GeV}$  [13].
- $\text{Iso} < 0.1$ , where  $\text{Iso} = \text{Sum}/\text{Max}(20 \text{ GeV}, P_T)$ , and  $\text{Sum} = \text{tkIso} + \text{hcalIso} + \text{ecalIso}$ . All isolation sums are the standard sums stored in the muon object in release 3\_1\_X, and are calculated in a cone of 0.3.

## 4 Same Sign Di-leptons

This section summarizes the results of the SUSY parameter space scan in the same sign di-lepton channel. The measurement strategy is described in detail in a previous CMS note [4]. The technique utilizes two data-driven methods to estimate background characterized by the presence of two isolated high  $P_T$  same sign leptons,  $\cancel{E}_T$ , and significant hadronic activity. For the purpose of this note we restrict ourselves to the  $ee$ ,  $e\mu$ , and  $\mu\mu$  final states, *i.e.*, we do not consider  $\tau$ ’s, except in the case that the  $\tau$  decays leptonically.

As we will show in Section 4.1, for a reasonable event selection the main background is from  $t\bar{t}$  decays. The data-driven background prediction is based on a combination of estimating “fake leptons” [14] (FakeRate) and electrons reconstructed with the wrong sign [4] (Charge FlipRate). The probability for muons to be reconstructed with the wrong sign at the relevant momenta is negligible.

## 4.1 Event Yields

The expected SM event yields in  $100 \text{ pb}^{-1}$  after applying the event selections described in Section 3 to the datasets described in Section 2 are detailed below

Same Sign leptons	Total SM	$t\bar{t}$	Single top	WZ	ZZ	WW	DY	Wjets
$ee$	$0.07 \pm 0.04$	$0.06 \pm 0.04$	$0.00 \pm 0.00$	$0.01 \pm 0.01$	$0.00 \pm 0.00$	$0.00 \pm 0.00$	$0.00 \pm 0.00$	$0.00 \pm 0.00$
$\mu\mu$	$0.09 \pm 0.05$	$0.09 \pm 0.05$	$0.00 \pm 0.00$	$0.00 \pm 0.00$	$0.00 \pm 0.00$	$0.00 \pm 0.00$	$0.00 \pm 0.00$	$0.00 \pm 0.00$
$e\mu$	$0.22 \pm 0.08$	$0.21 \pm 0.08$	$0.00 \pm 0.00$	$0.01 \pm 0.01$	$0.00 \pm 0.00$	$0.00 \pm 0.00$	$0.00 \pm 0.00$	$0.00 \pm 0.00$
total	$0.38 \pm 0.10$	$0.36 \pm 0.10$	$0.00 \pm 0.00$	$0.02 \pm 0.01$	$0.00 \pm 0.00$	$0.00 \pm 0.00$	$0.00 \pm 0.00$	$0.00 \pm 0.00$

Table 3: Expected number of SM events passing the event selection in  $100 \text{ pb}^{-1}$  of integrated luminosity. Uncertainties are from MC statistics.

The dominant SM contribution is from  $t\bar{t}$  decays. The total estimated background is obtained after the application of Fake and Charge Flip rates to the entire ensemble of SM samples. The results of the application of the procedure is summarized in Table 4.

Sample	Event yield
Total SM (Observed)	$0.38 \pm 0.10$
Total SM (Predicted)	0.36

Table 4: Observed and predicted number of SM events passing the event selection in  $100 \text{ pb}^{-1}$  of integrated luminosity. The uncertainty is from Monte Carlo statistics.

We then apply the same sign di-lepton event selection to the mSUGRA scan points. The resulting event yield is shown in Figure 2 for  $100 \text{ pb}^{-1}$  of integrated luminosity. LO cross sections has been used for the normalization.

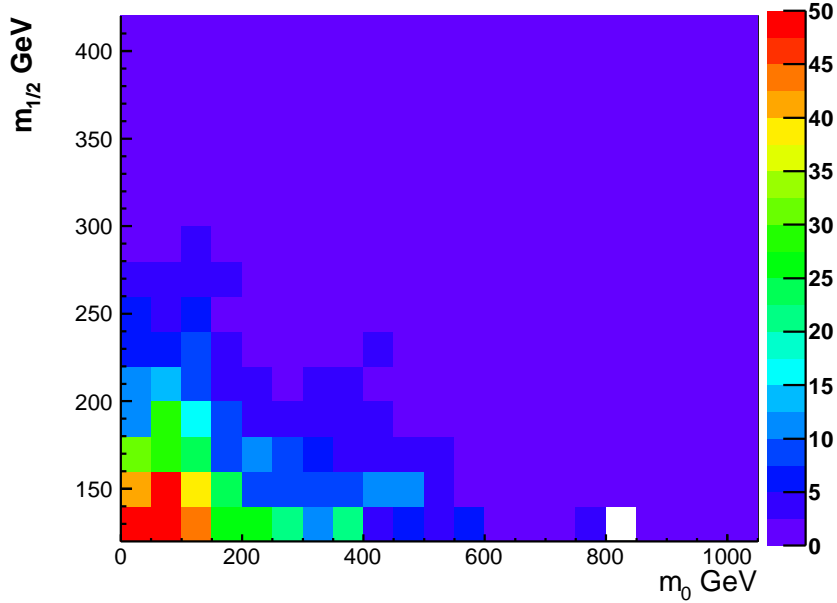


Figure 2: Expected event yields in the mSUGRA  $m_0 - m_{1/2}$  plane with  $\tan\beta = 3$ ,  $A_0 = 0$ ,  $\mu > 0$  using  $100 \text{ pb}^{-1}$  of integrated luminosity. The one white spot is a sample for which the MC statistics is low enough that not one generated event passed all cuts. Details on “raw event yields” are listed in the Appendix in Tables 6,7,8.

## 4.2 Procedure for Determining $5\sigma$ Discovery Reach

The  $5\sigma$  discovery reach is estimated in the  $m_0 - m_{1/2}$  plane by performing our analysis at each of the mSUGRA scan points. Expected event yields are based on the number of events passing all cuts and scaled by the LO cross section for that point with  $100 \text{ pb}^{-1}$  or  $1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of simulated events respectively. We apply both of the above men-

tioned data-driven estimation procedures to determine the “signal contamination” at each of the benchmark points. The significance is quantified by the observed yield and the predicted background using estimators:  $Z_{Bi}$  [15] and  $Z_N$  [16]. The following are used in order to compute the significance:

- The predicted background yield.
- The relative systematic uncertainty on the predicted background yield (set to 50%).
- The statistical uncertainty on the predicted background yield ( $Z_N$  only, set to 0).
- The observed yield.
- The MC-based signal yield.

Figures 3 and 4 show the discovery reach for various luminosity scenarios in one of the mSUGRA planes using  $Z_N$  and  $Z_{Bi}$  respectively. Clearly, a large region of phase space can be accessed using higher luminosity.

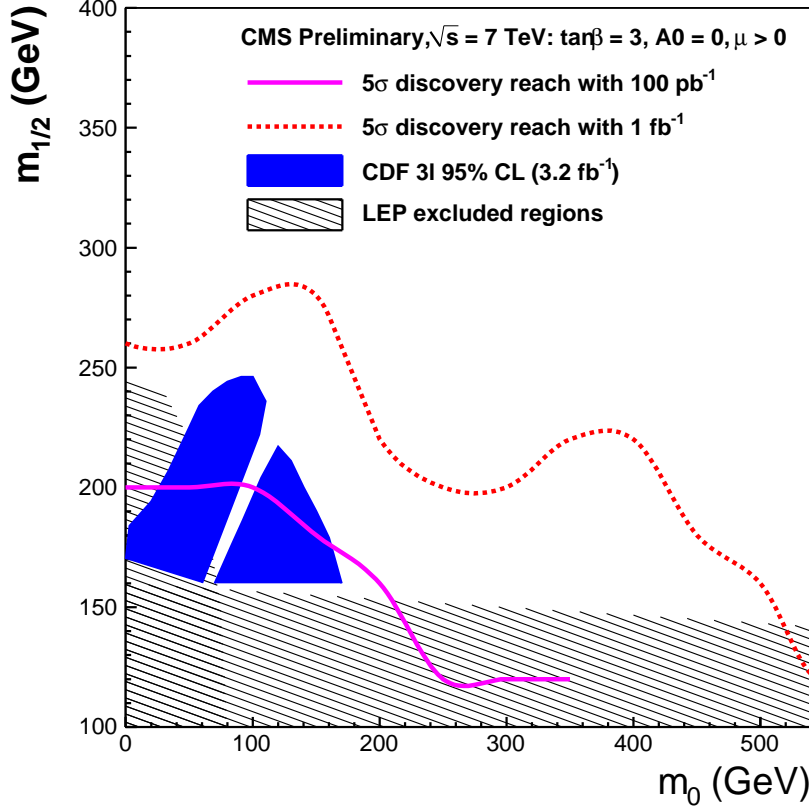


Figure 3: Discovery reach using significance estimated by  $Z_N$  [16] in the mSUGRA  $m_0 - m_{1/2}$  plane with  $\tan\beta = 3$ ,  $A_0 = 0$ ,  $\mu > 0$ . Curves are shown for different luminosity scenarios. The blue region was excluded by the CDF experiment [1] and the black hashed region was excluded by the LEP experiments [17].

### 4.3 Procedure for Excluding a Region of the mSUGRA Parameter Space

Next we determine the region of the mSUGRA parameter space which we expect to exclude at 95% confidence level (CL) if we see the SM expected yields in data. We assume that we find the same predicted background and observed yields in data that we expect to find based on our SM MC. However, as the latter is 0.4, we computed for both an observation of 0 or 1 event in  $100 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ . We use this information to exclude a subset of the mSUGRA points using the following procedure.

The first step is to determine the 95% CL upper limit (UL) on the signal yield using a Bayesian method [18]. The required inputs are:

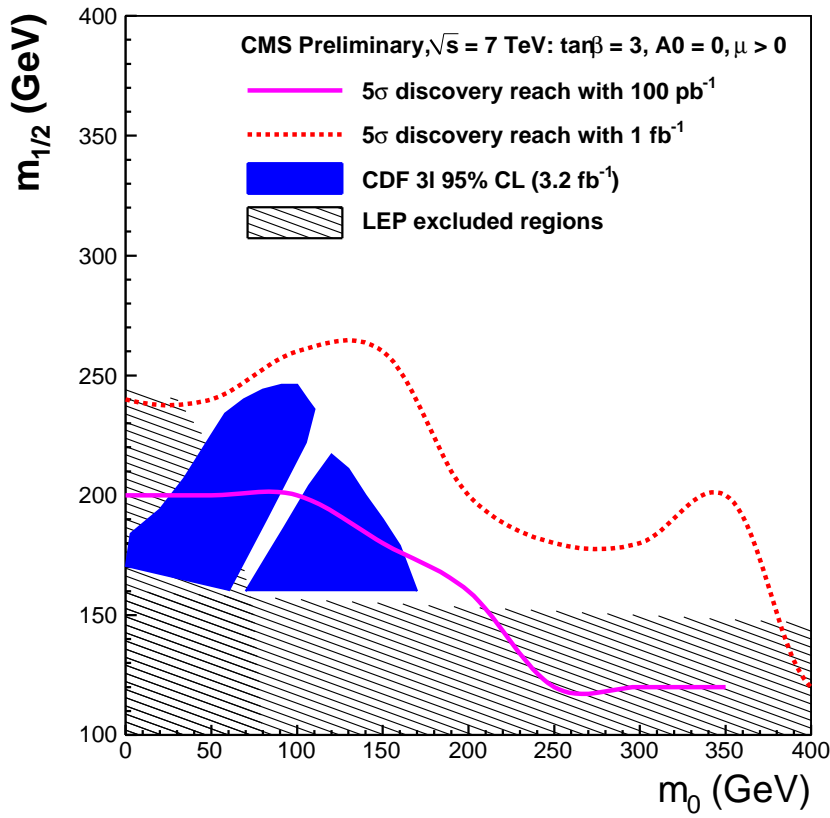


Figure 4: Discovery reach using significance estimated by  $Z_{Bi}$  [15] in the mSUGRA  $m_0 - m_{1/2}$  plane with  $\tan\beta = 3$ ,  $A_0 = 0$ ,  $\mu > 0$ . Curves are shown for different luminosity scenarios. The blue region was excluded by the CDF experiment [1] and the black hashed region was excluded by the LEP experiments [17].

- The observed yield.
- The relative uncertainty in the signal acceptance (set to 15%).
- The predicted background yield.
- Total error on the predicted background yield.

We assume  $0.4 \pm 0.6$  for background yield and its uncertainty for the  $100 \text{ pb}^{-1}$  limit, and  $4.0 \pm 2.0$  for the  $1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  limit.

These values lead to 95% CL ULs of 3.2 and 4.7 signal events respectively for an assumed observation of 0 or 1 events. For the  $1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  limit we follow the same procedure and find that  $4.0 \pm 2.0$  background leads to a 95% CL UL yield of 7.3.

Next, we exclude mSUGRA points based on the signal yield UL as derived above. The most obvious way to do so is to exclude points which lead to a difference between observed yield and predicted background yield which exceeds the UL on the signal yield. Figure 5 shows the exclusion regions at 95% CL in the  $m_0 - m_{1/2}$  plane using integrated luminosities of  $100 \text{ pb}^{-1}$  and  $1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ . At  $100 \text{ pb}^{-1}$  of the integrated luminosity the excluded regions are comparable with the current Tevatron limits. However, with  $1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of data this study supersedes the current limits by a factor of  $\sim 2$  in gluino mass and quite significantly in higher  $m_0$  accessible regions. The estimated and raw event yields along with statistical errors from MC are given in Tables 6-8.

## 5 Opposite Sign Dileptons

This section summarizes the results of the SUSY parameter space scan in the opposite sign dilepton channel. The measurement technique is described in detail in a previous CMS note [3]. The technique utilizes a data-driven

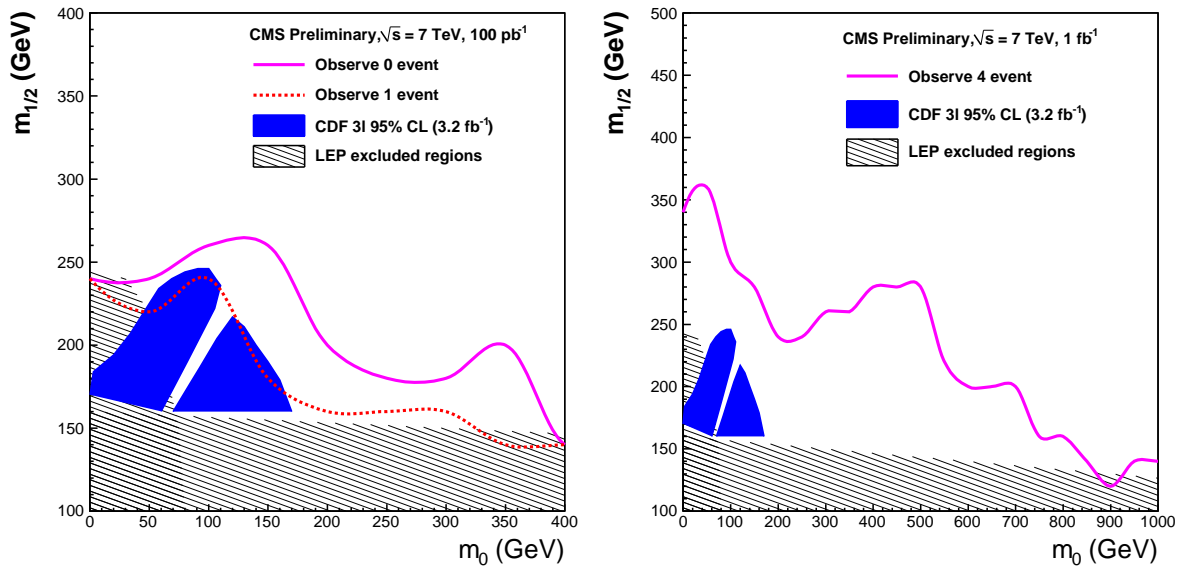


Figure 5: The  $m_0 - m_{1/2}$  exclusion plot at the 95% CL in the framework of mSUGRA assuming R-parity conservation using an integrated luminosity of  $100 \text{ pb}^{-1}$  (left) and  $1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  (right). The blue region was excluded by the CDF experiment [1]. The black hashed region was excluded by the LEP experiments [17].

method to estimate background characterized by the presence of two high  $P_T$ , isolated, opposite sign leptons, large  $\cancel{E}_T$ , and significant jet activity. This generic signature is sensitive to many new physics scenarios such as SUSY. For the purposes of this note we restrict ourselves to the  $ee$ ,  $e\mu$ , and  $\mu\mu$  final states, *i.e.*, we do not consider  $\tau$ 's, except in the case that the  $\tau$  decays leptonically.

As we will show in Section 5.1, for a reasonable event selection the main background is  $t\bar{t}$  decays. The data-driven background prediction is based on a suggestion by Victor Pavlunin [19]. The idea is that in dilepton  $t\bar{t}$  events the leptons and neutrinos from  $W$  decays have on average the same  $P_T$  spectrum (modulo effects of  $V - A$ ). One can then use the **observed**  $P_T(\ell\ell) \equiv |\vec{P}_T(\ell_1) + \vec{P}_T(\ell_2)|$  distribution to model the sum of neutrino  $P_T$ 's which is identified with  $\cancel{E}_T$ .

The statistical analysis of the expected yields uses the same tools as in the same sign analysis.

## 5.1 Event Yields

The expected event yields in  $100 \text{ pb}^{-1}$  after applying the event selections described in Section 3 to the data sets described in Section 2 are detailed below: the SM yields are listed in Table 5, and the mSUGRA scan point yields are illustrated in Fig. 6.

In Fig. 7 one sees the SM  $\cancel{E}_T$  distribution predicted by the data-driven background estimation technique compared with the actual SM  $\cancel{E}_T$  distribution. The predicted  $\cancel{E}_T$  distribution is the  $P_T(\ell\ell)$  distribution scaled to account for the  $\cancel{E}_T > 50 \text{ GeV}$  cut; the scale factor is about 1.6. The predicted event yield for a given  $\cancel{E}_T$  cut is then obtained by integrating over the  $P_T(\ell\ell)$  distribution starting from the corresponding  $P_T(\ell\ell)$  value. For  $\cancel{E}_T > 175 \text{ GeV}$ , the method predicts  $3.9 \pm 0.51$  SM events. The true yield is  $4.3 \pm 0.27$  SM events, which agrees well with the prediction. The reported errors are statistical only.

## 5.2 Procedure for Determining $5\sigma$ Discovery Reach

We determine the  $5\sigma$  discovery reach in the  $m_0 - m_{1/2}$  plane by performing our analysis at each of the mSUGRA scan points. For each point, we determine the distributions of  $p_T(\ell\ell)$  and  $\cancel{E}_T$  and add these to the corresponding SM distributions. Then we perform the data-driven background estimate by using the  $p_T(\ell\ell)$  to predict the number of events with  $\cancel{E}_T > 175 \text{ GeV}$  (predicted background yield), as well as directly count the number of events which pass this  $\cancel{E}_T$  cut (observed yield). We quantify the significance of the discrepancy between the observed yield and predicted background yield using two significance estimators:  $Z_{Bi}$  [15] and  $Z_N$  [16]. The quantities required to calculate these estimators are:



Sample	tcMET > 175
$t\bar{t}$	3.99
$WW$	0.19
$WZ$	0.01
$ZZ$	0.01
$W$ +jets	0
$Z$ +jets	0
Single top	0.05

Table 5: Expected SM event yields in  $100 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ .

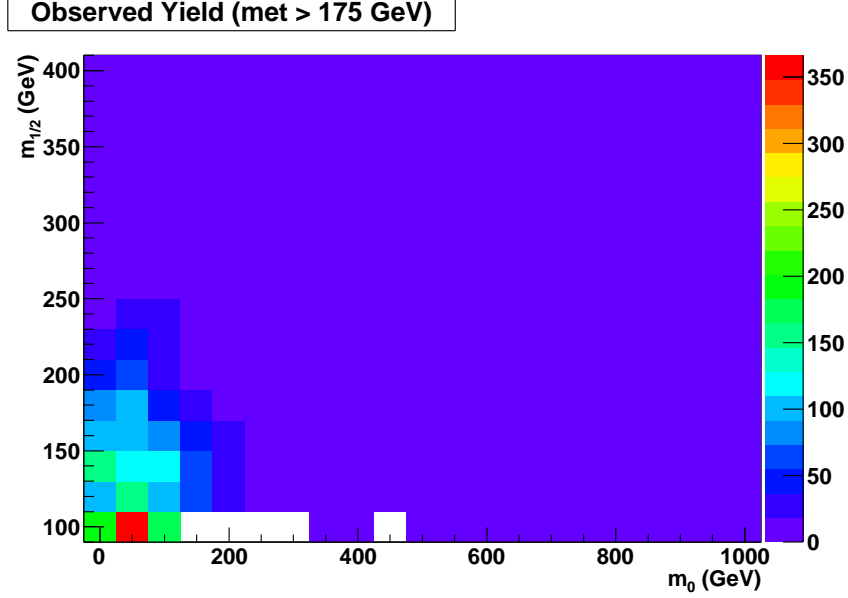


Figure 6: Expected mSUGRA scan point event yields in  $100 \text{ pb}^{-1}$

- The predicted background yield
- The relative systematic uncertainty on the predicted background yield (set to 25%)
- The statistical uncertainty on the predicted background yield ( $Z_N$  only, set to 0)
- The observed yield

In Figs. 8 and 9 we display the  $Z_{Bi}$  and  $Z_N$  significances, respectively, assuming integrated luminosities of  $100 \text{ pb}^{-1}$  and  $1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ .

### 5.3 Procedure for Excluding a Region of the mSUGRA Parameter Space

Next we determine the region of the mSUGRA parameter space which we expect to exclude at 95% confidence level (CL) if we do not see evidence for signal in data. We assume that we find the same predicted background yield and observed yield in data that we expect to find based on our SM MC. We use this information to exclude a subset of the mSUGRA points using the following procedure.

The first step is to determine the 95% CL upper limit (UL) on the signal yield using a Bayesian method [18]. The required inputs are: the observed yield, the relative uncertainty in the signal acceptance (set to 15%), the predicted background yield, and the total error on the predicted background yield. We evaluate this error as the quadrature sum of the systematic error (set to 25% of the predicted background yield) and the statistical uncertainty, equal to  $k\sqrt{N_{BKG}}$ , where  $k \approx 1.6$  is the scaling factor applied to the  $p_T(\ell\ell)$  distribution to account for the  $\cancel{E}_T > 50 \text{ GeV}$  cut, and  $N_{BKG}$  is the predicted background yield. We find an error of  $\sigma_{BKG} = 3.4$  for  $100 \text{ pb}^{-1}$  ( $N_{BKG} = 4$ ) and  $\sigma_{BKG} = 14.2$  for  $1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  ( $N_{BKG} = 40$ ). These values lead to 95% CL ULs of 7.6 signal events and 33.1 signal

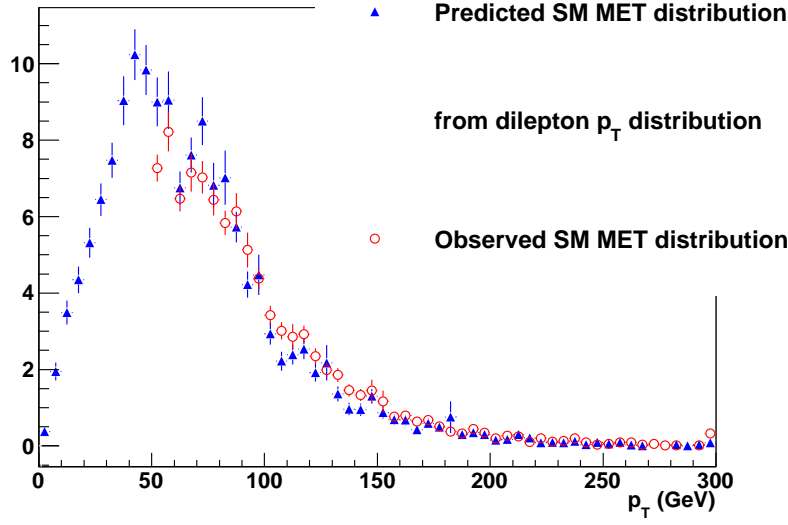


Figure 7: Rescaled  $P_T(\ell\ell)$  distribution in the SM cocktail used to predict the  $\cancel{E}_T$  in blue, compared with the  $\cancel{E}_T$  in red.

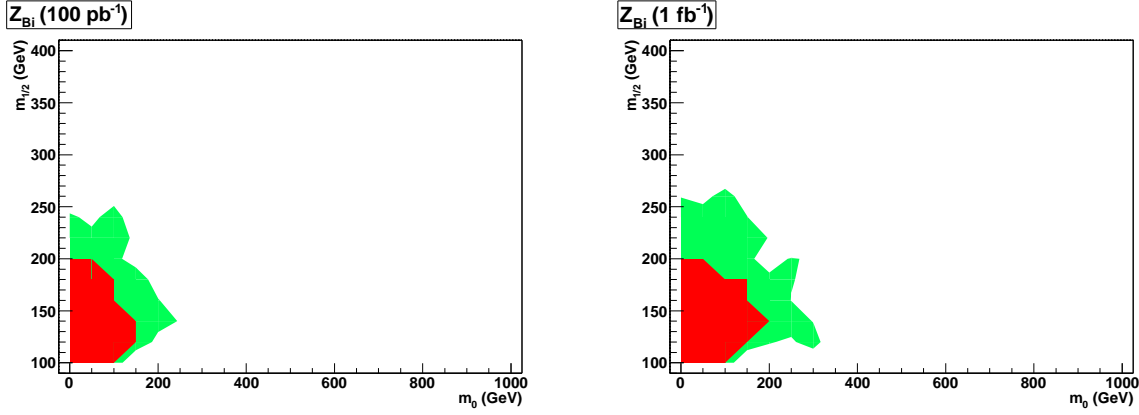


Figure 8: The  $Z_{Bi}$  significance in the  $m_0 - m_{1/2}$  plane assuming an integrated luminosity of  $100 \text{ pb}^{-1}$  (left) and  $1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  (red). The red (green) shaded region indicates the  $5\sigma$  ( $3\sigma$ ) sensitivity reach.

events for  $100 \text{ pb}^{-1}$  and  $1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ , respectively. It should be noted that `bayes.f` assumes a Gaussian error distribution, while for our analysis (especially at  $100 \text{ pb}^{-1}$  where the background yield is 4), our errors are Poisson-distributed.

Next, we wish to exclude mSUGRA points based on the signal yield UL derived above. The most obvious way to do so is to exclude points which lead to a difference between observed yield and predicted background yield which exceeds the UL on the signal yield. However, due to the effects of signal contamination, which in our analysis can lead to large biases in the background prediction, one cannot rely on this difference for exclusion. Consider an mSUGRA point which leads to an observed yield of 110 and a predicted background yield of 100 for an integrated luminosity of  $100 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ . Since  $110 - 100 > 7.6$  we would exclude this point using as our metric the difference between observed and predicted yields. However, the statistical difference between these yields is only at the  $\approx 1\sigma$  level and hence this point should not be excluded at 95% CL. Instead, we use as our metric the *significance* of the discrepancy between observed yield and predicted background yield, quantified by  $Z_{Bi}$ . First, we determine the  $Z_{Bi}$  significance corresponding to the UL on the total yield (*ie.* the observed yield plus the UL on the signal yield) compared to the predicted background yield, again assuming a relative systematic uncertainty of 25% on the predicted background yield. For  $100 \text{ pb}^{-1}$  we find  $Z_{Bi} = 2.5$  for an observed yield of  $4 + 7.6 = 11.6$  and predicted background of 4, while for  $1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  we find  $Z_{Bi} = 2.2$  for an observed yield of  $40 + 33.1 = 73.1$  and predicted background of 40. Finally, we exclude those mSUGRA points which lead to a larger  $Z_{Bi}$  significance between the observed yield and predicted background yield than these values, as shown in Fig. 10 for  $100 \text{ pb}^{-1}$

and  $1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ .

## 6 Conclusion

We have assessed the sensitivity to mSUGRA of a generic signal characterized by two isolated, high  $p_T$  leptons, significant jet activity, and  $\cancel{E}_T$ . We performed a scan of the mSUGRA  $m_0 - m_{1/2}$  parameter space and determined the expected excluded region in the case of no observed signal as well as the  $5\sigma$  sensitivity reach for both SS and OS dileptons, assuming integrated luminosities of  $100 \text{ pb}^{-1}$  and  $1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ . Our results indicate that we are sensitive to a significant region of the mSUGRA parameter space which extends upon previous results from the Tevatron.

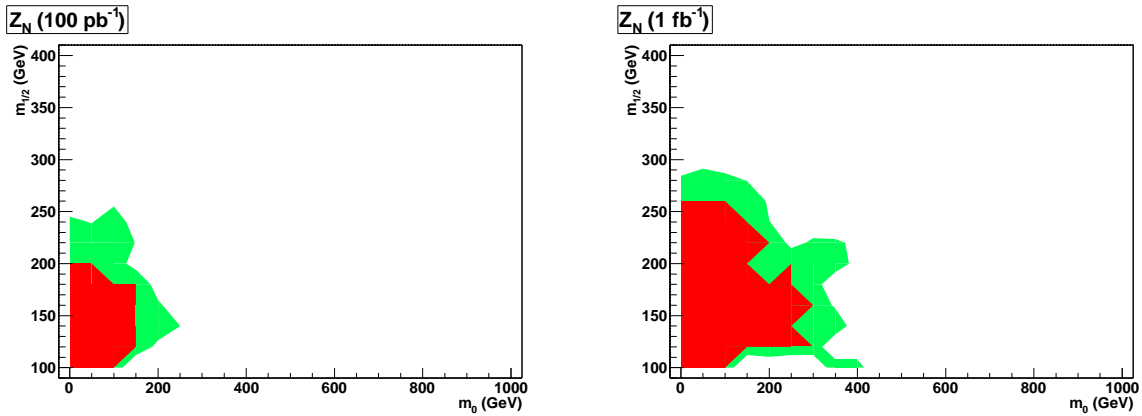


Figure 9: The  $Z_N$  significance in the  $m_0 - m_{1/2}$  plane assuming an integrated luminosity of  $100 \text{ pb}^{-1}$  (left) and  $1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  (red). The red (green) shaded region indicates the  $5\sigma$  ( $3\sigma$ ) sensitivity reach.

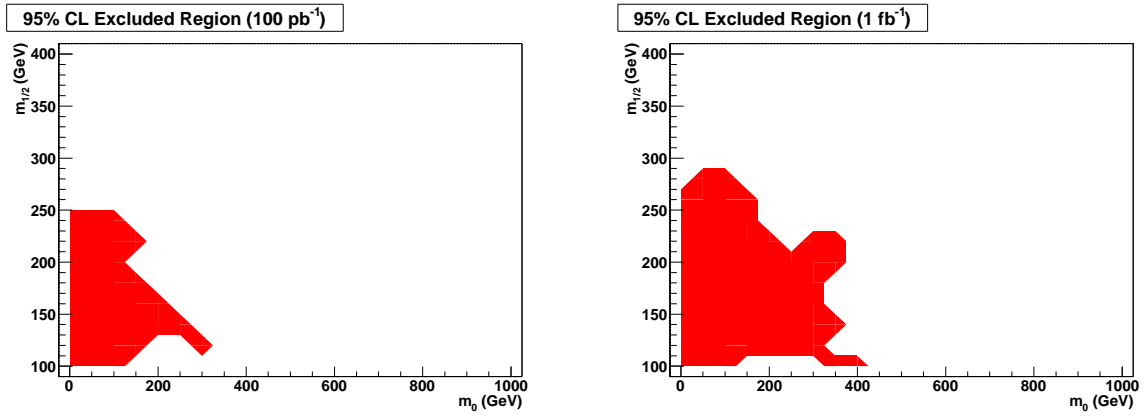


Figure 10: The excluded region (red shaded area) of the  $m_0 - m_{1/2}$  plane assuming an integrated luminosity of  $100 \text{ pb}^{-1}$  (left) and  $1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  (right).

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$m_0$ GeV	$m_{1/2}$ GeV	Event Yield	Raw Event Yield
0	240.0	$5.2 \pm 0.6$	$84.0 \pm 9.2$
50	240.0	$3.3 \pm 0.4$	$56.0 \pm 7.5$
100	260.0	$4.7 \pm 0.4$	$130.0 \pm 11.4$
150	260.0	$4.6 \pm 0.4$	$139.0 \pm 11.8$
200	200.0	$3.6 \pm 0.7$	$30.0 \pm 5.5$
250	180.0	$4.1 \pm 0.8$	$24.0 \pm 4.9$
300	180.0	$4.6 \pm 0.8$	$32.0 \pm 5.7$
350	200.0	$3.4 \pm 0.5$	$45.0 \pm 6.7$
400	140.0	$10.3 \pm 1.8$	$31.0 \pm 5.6$

Table 6: Expected weighted and raw event yields in mSUGRA  $m_0 - m_{1/2}$  plane with  $\tan\beta = 3$ ,  $A_0 = 0$ ,  $\mu > 0$ . The weighted yields are normalized to  $100 \text{ pb}^{-1}$  of integrated luminosity and are used in case of 0 observed event hypothesis. Uncertainties are from MC statistics.

$m_0$ GeV	$m_{1/2}$ GeV	Event Yield	Raw Event Yield
0	240.0	$5.2 \pm 0.6$	$84.0 \pm 9.2$
50	220.0	$6.5 \pm 0.8$	$68.0 \pm 8.2$
100	240.0	$6.6 \pm 0.6$	$117.0 \pm 10.8$
150	180.0	$9.7 \pm 1.5$	$42.0 \pm 6.5$
200	160.0	$10.3 \pm 1.9$	$29.0 \pm 5.4$
250	160.0	$8.4 \pm 1.6$	$28.0 \pm 5.3$
300	160.0	$6.5 \pm 1.3$	$26.0 \pm 5.1$
350	140.0	$7.8 \pm 1.8$	$20.0 \pm 4.5$
400	140.0	$10.3 \pm 1.8$	$31.0 \pm 5.6$
450	140.0	$10.1 \pm 1.7$	$36.0 \pm 6.0$
500	100.0	$6.8 \pm 3.1$	$5.0 \pm 2.2$

Table 7: Expected weighted and raw event yields in mSUGRA  $m_0 - m_{1/2}$  plane with  $\tan\beta = 3$ ,  $A_0 = 0$ ,  $\mu > 0$ . The weighted yields are normalized to  $100 \text{ pb}^{-1}$  of integrated luminosity and are used in case of 1 observed event hypothesis. Uncertainties are from MC statistics.

$m_0$ GeV	$m_{1/2}$ GeV	Event Yield	Raw Event Yield
0	340.0	$10.9 \pm 0.1$	$132.0 \pm 11.5$
50	360.0	$7.4 \pm 0.1$	$130.0 \pm 11.4$
100	300.0	$10.4 \pm 0.1$	$66.0 \pm 8.1$
150	280.0	$20.6 \pm 0.2$	$95.0 \pm 9.7$
200	240.0	$14.3 \pm 0.3$	$31.0 \pm 5.6$
250	240.0	$7.8 \pm 0.2$	$19.0 \pm 4.4$
300	260.0	$7.6 \pm 0.1$	$32.0 \pm 5.7$
350	260.0	$7.6 \pm 0.1$	$36.0 \pm 6.0$
400	280.0	$8.8 \pm 0.1$	$70.0 \pm 8.4$
450	280.0	$9.6 \pm 0.1$	$86.0 \pm 9.3$
500	280.0	$8.0 \pm 0.1$	$82.0 \pm 9.1$
550	220.0	$10.1 \pm 0.2$	$36.0 \pm 6.0$
600	200.0	$10.8 \pm 0.2$	$28.0 \pm 5.3$
650	200.0	$11.3 \pm 0.2$	$32.0 \pm 5.7$
700	200.0	$10.0 \pm 0.2$	$31.0 \pm 5.6$
750	160.0	$9.4 \pm 0.3$	$11.0 \pm 3.3$
800	160.0	$8.0 \pm 0.3$	$10.0 \pm 3.2$
850	140.0	$8.8 \pm 0.4$	$6.0 \pm 2.4$
900	120.0	$12.2 \pm 0.6$	$4.0 \pm 2.0$
950	140.0	$15.0 \pm 0.5$	$11.0 \pm 3.3$
1000	140.0	$10.7 \pm 0.4$	$8.0 \pm 2.8$

Table 8: Expected weighted and raw event yields in mSUGRA  $m_0 - m_{1/2}$  plane with  $\tan\beta = 3$ ,  $A_0 = 0$ ,  $\mu > 0$ . The weighted yields are normalized to  $1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of integrated luminosity and are used in case of 4 observed event hypothesis. Uncertainties are from MC statistics.