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# Searches for supersymmetry

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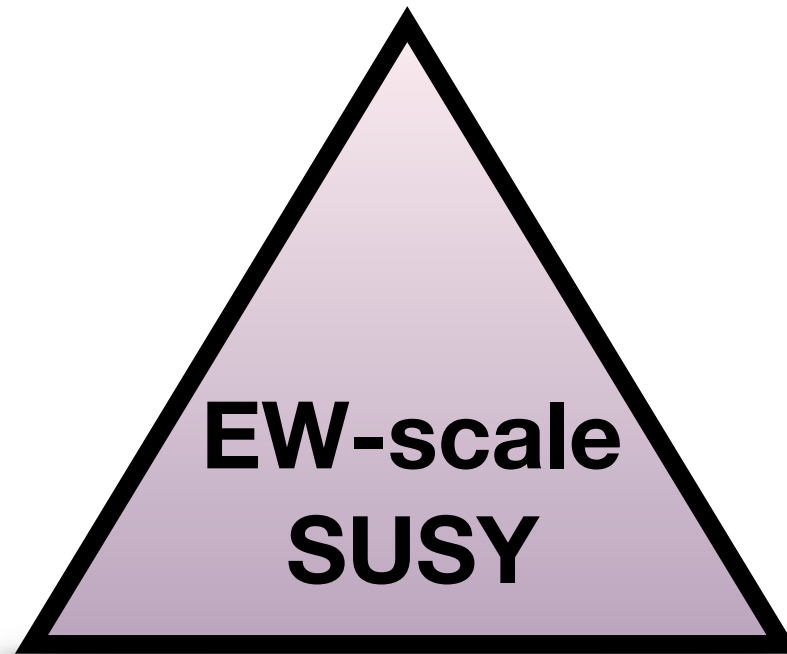
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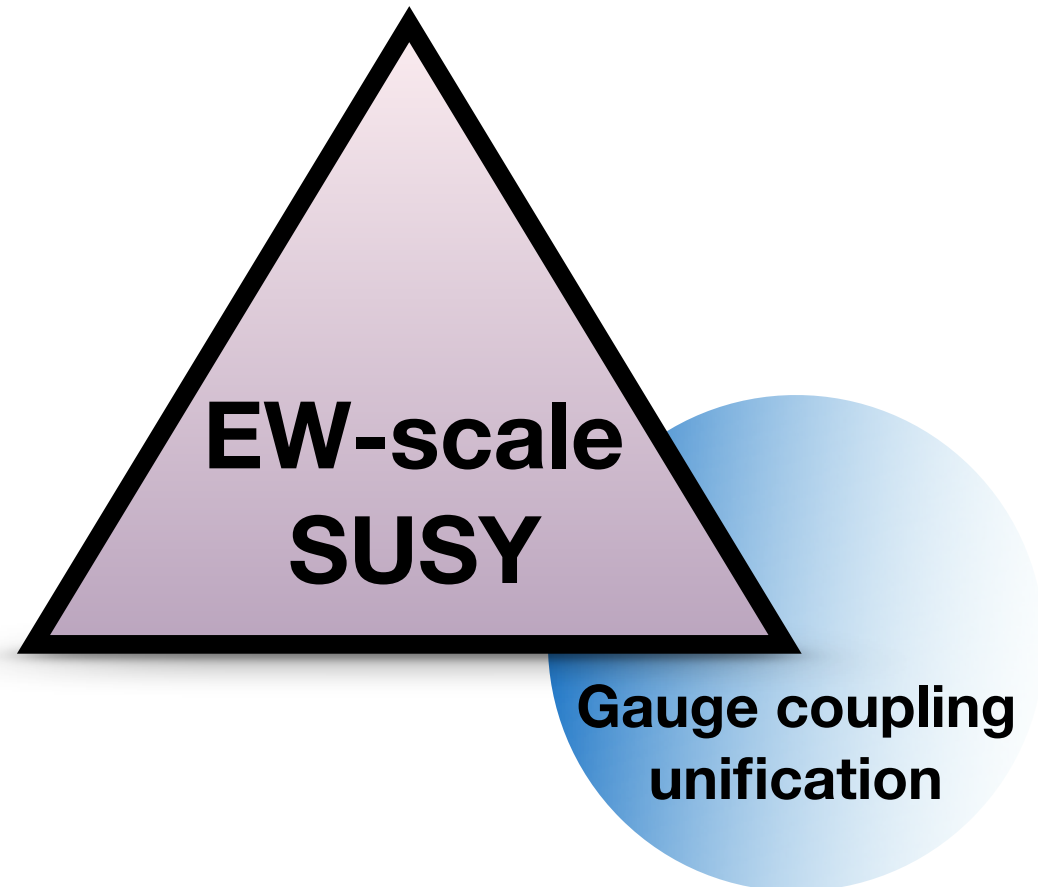
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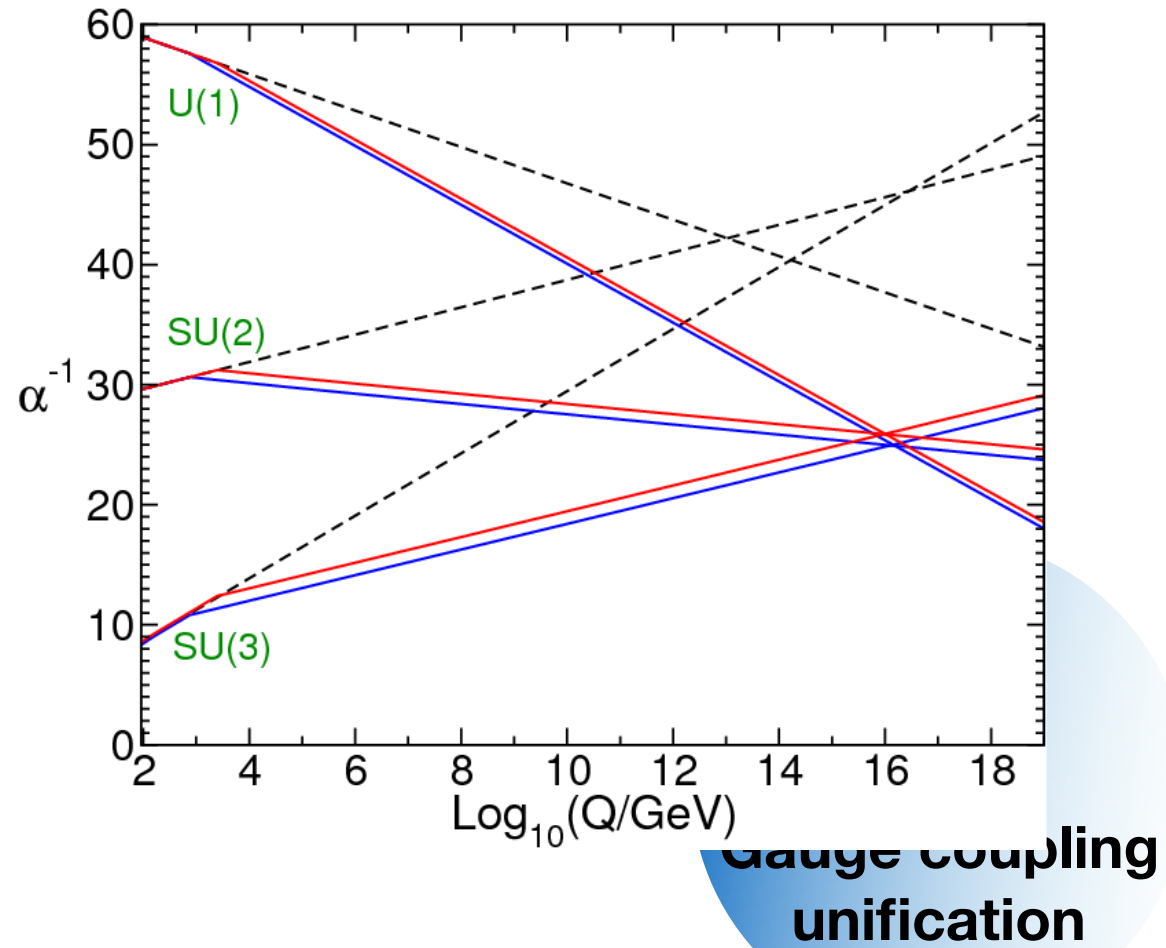


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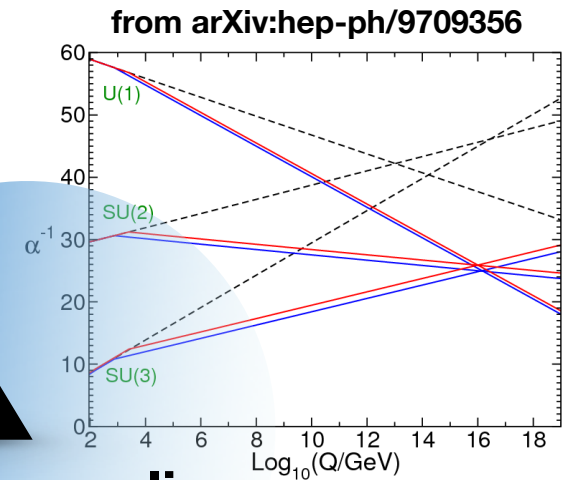
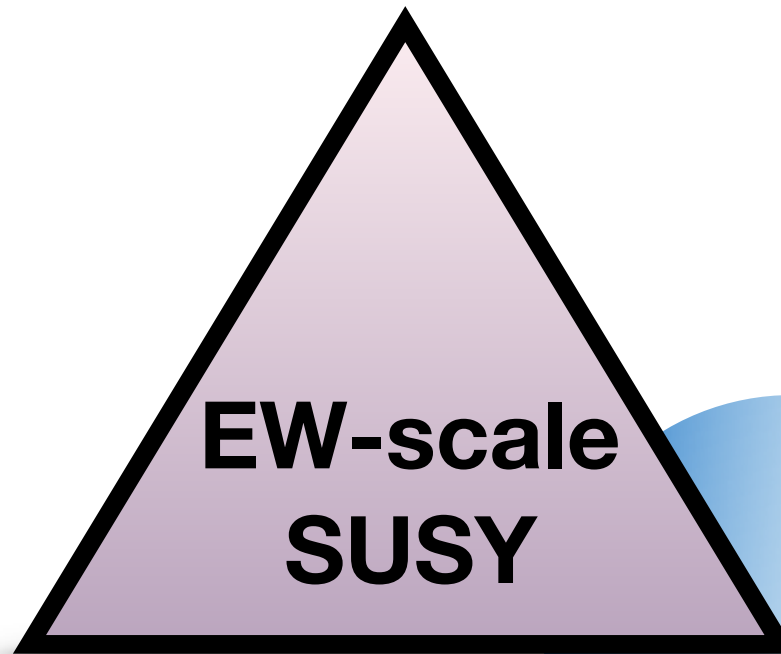
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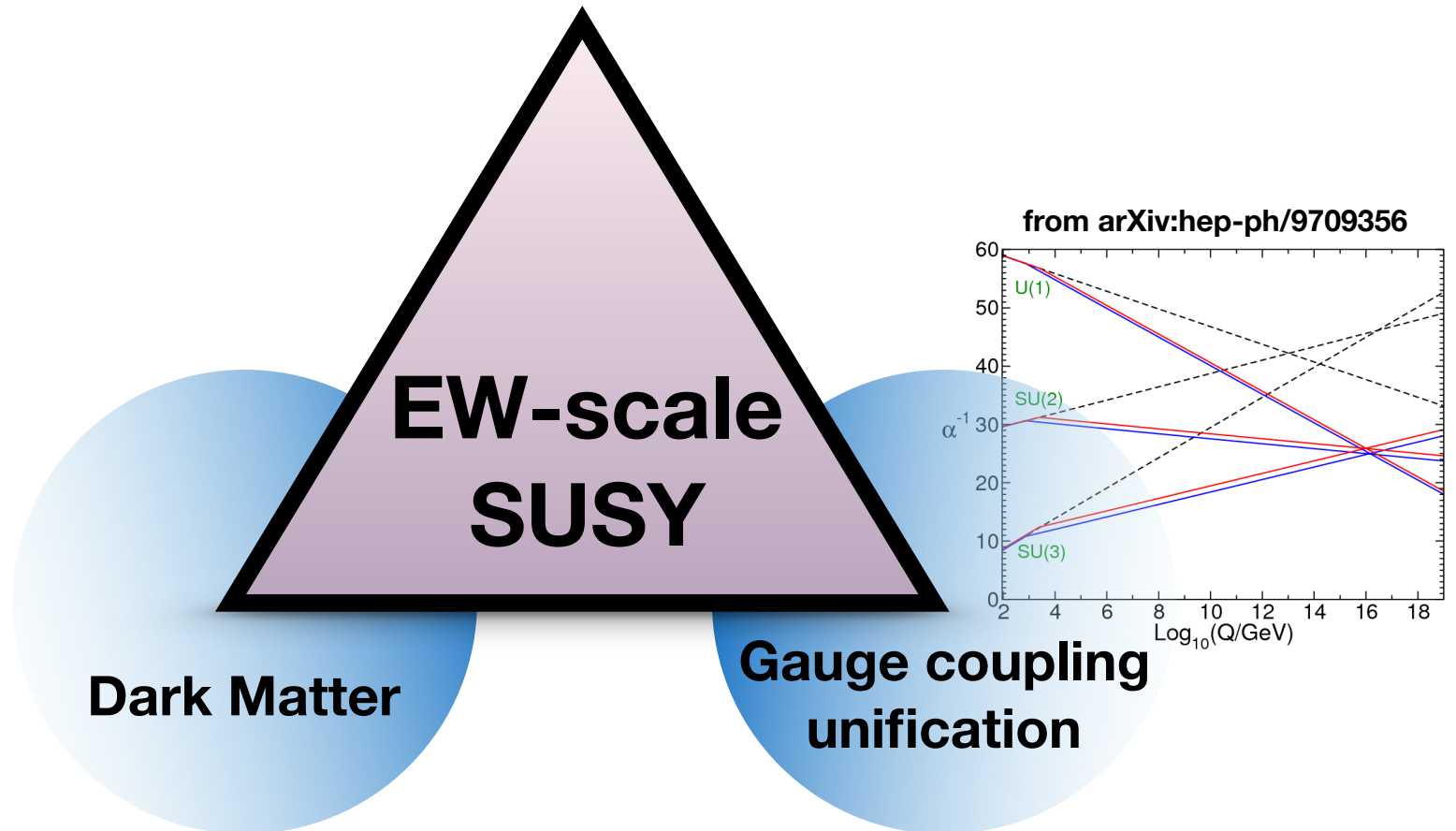


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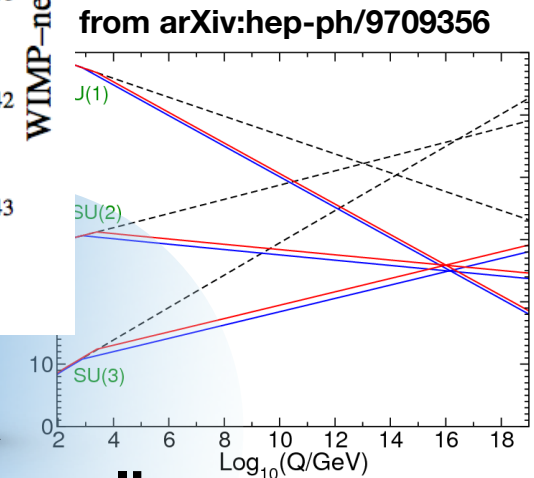
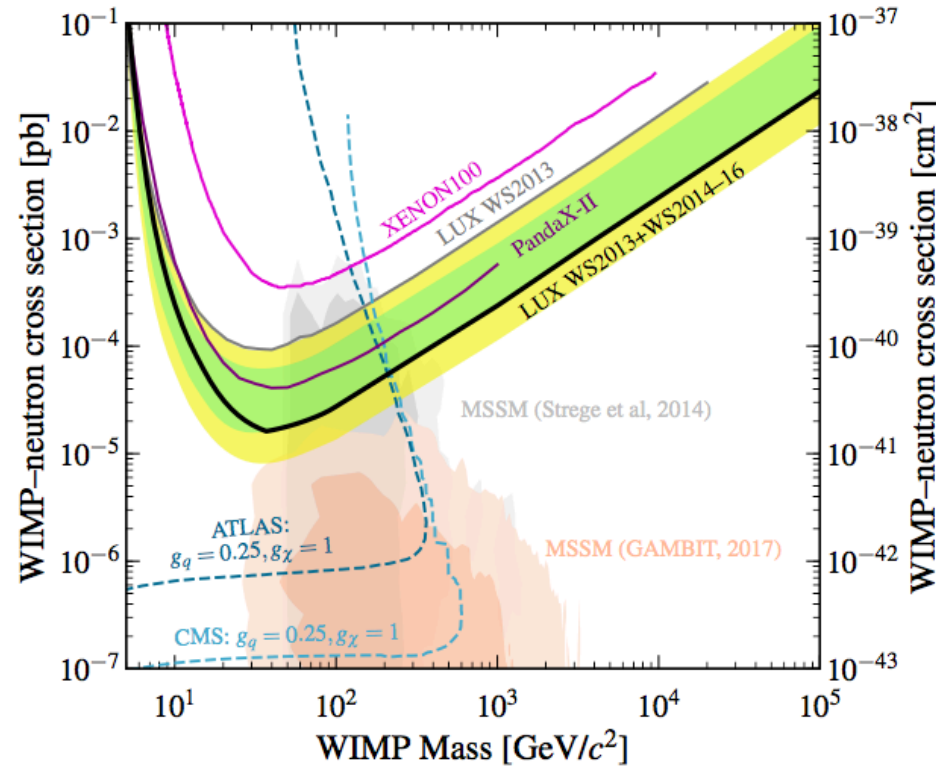
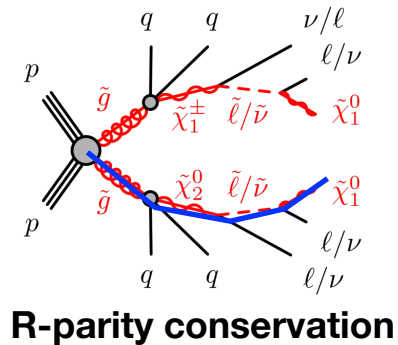


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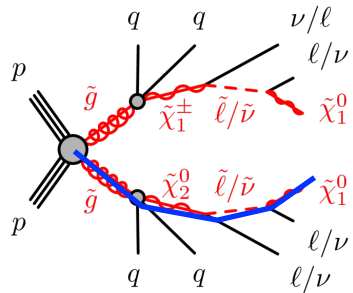
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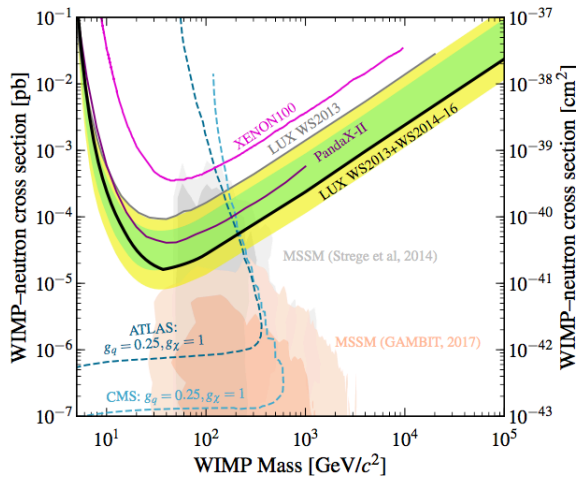
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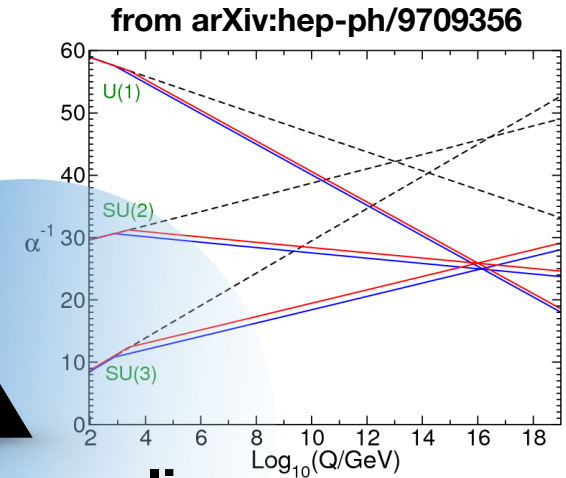
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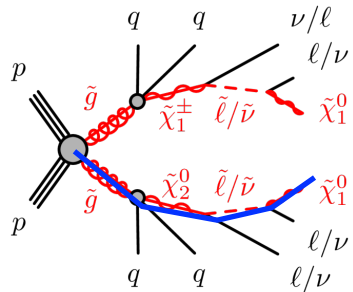
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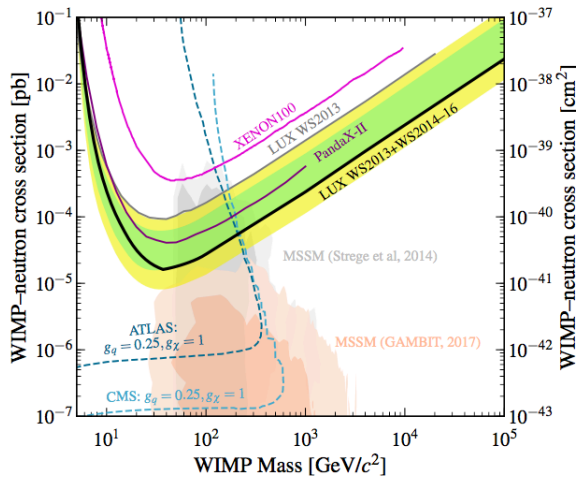


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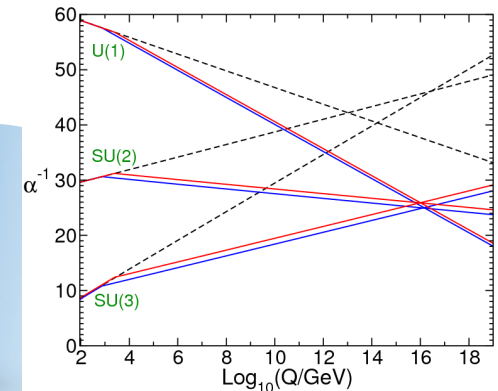


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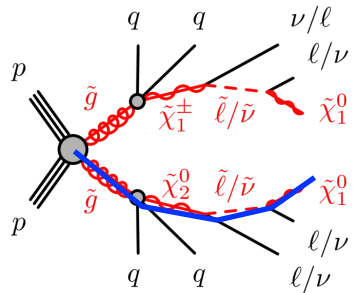
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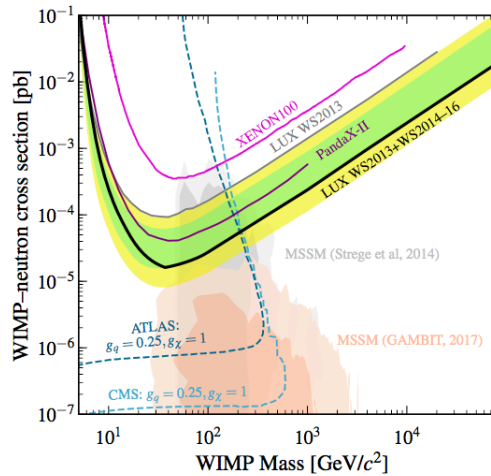
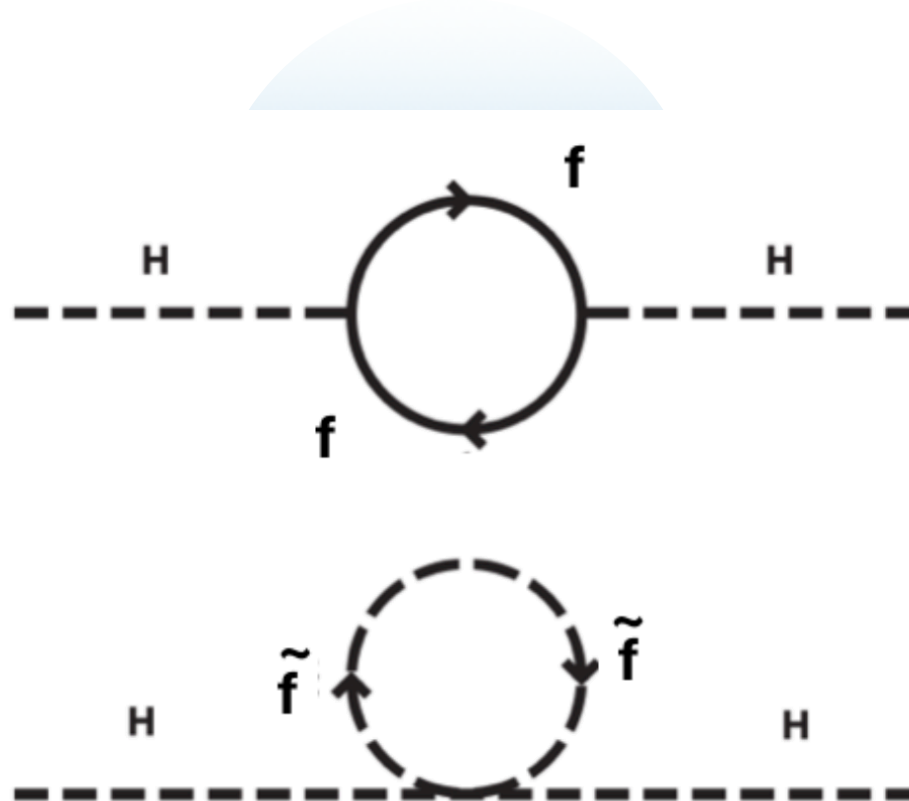
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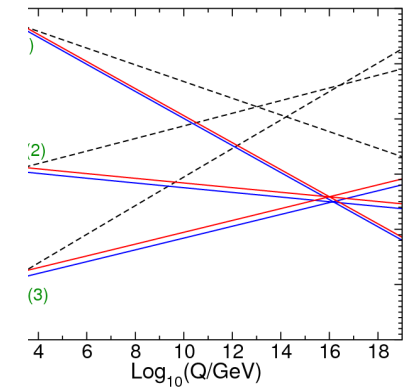


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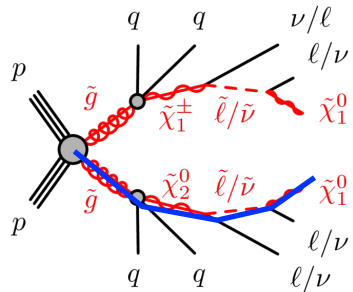
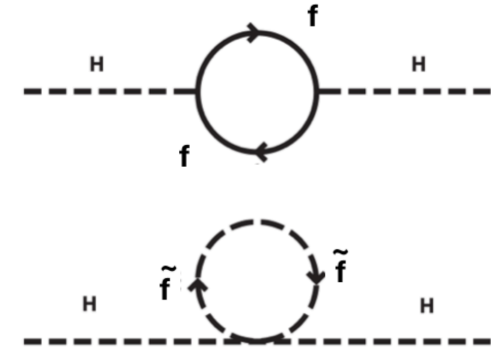
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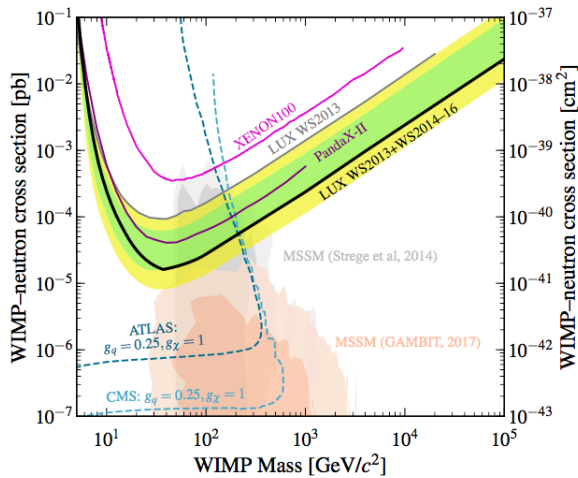
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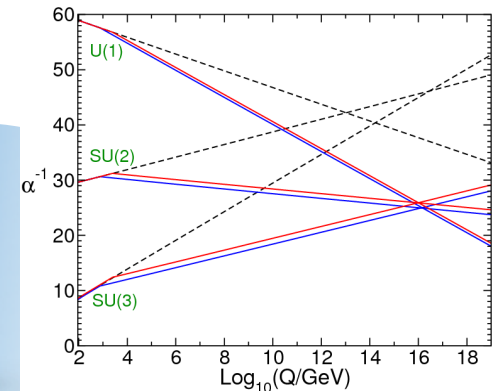


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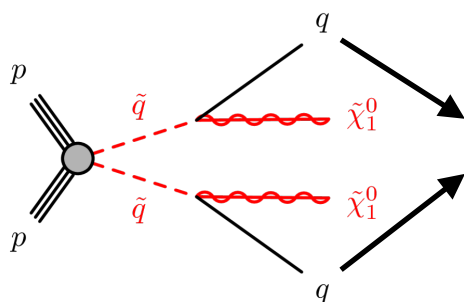
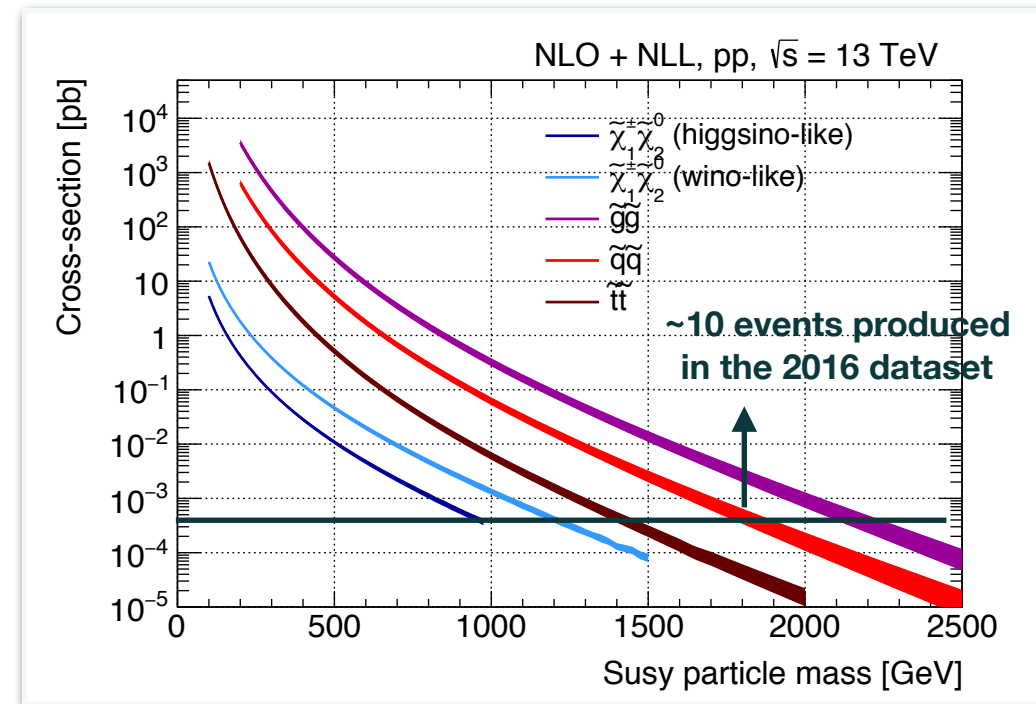


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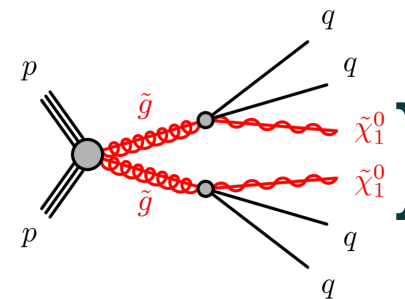
# Signatures of EW-scale SUSY

- Generic expectation for **sparticles with ~1 TeV mass:**

- Production cross section **dominated by strong interactions.**
- Abundant production of **gluinos and squarks.**

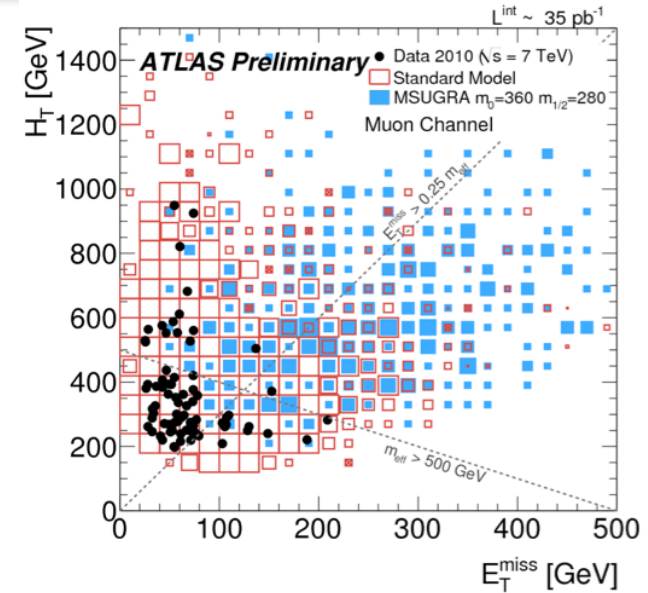
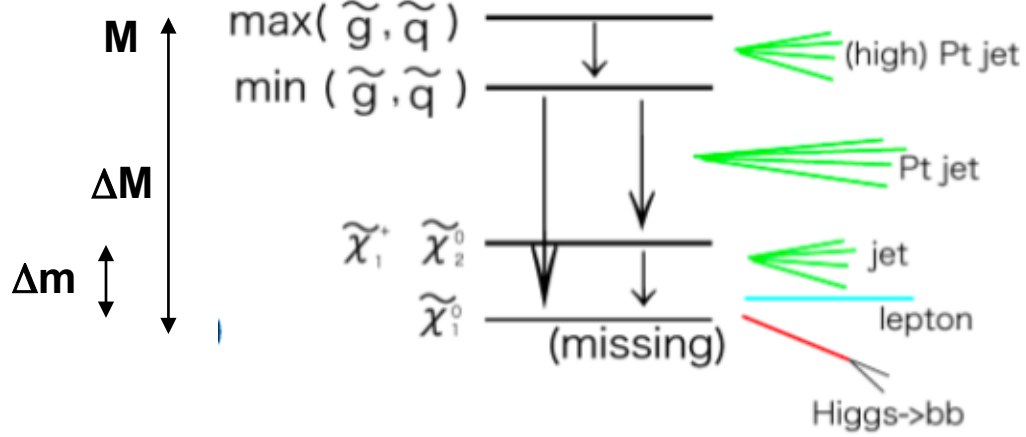


**Jets from squark/  
gluino decay**



**Invisible to the  
detector  $\rightarrow E_T^{\text{miss}}$**

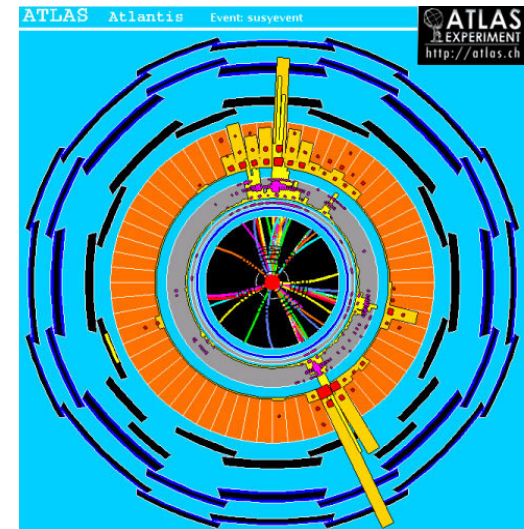
# Inclusive searches



$$H_T = \sum_{\text{jets}} p_T^{\text{jets}} (+ \sum_l p_T^l + \dots)$$

$$H_T^{\text{miss}} = - \sum_{\text{jets}} \vec{p}_T^{\text{jets}}$$

$$E_T^{\text{miss}} = - \sum_{\text{all objects}} \vec{p}_T$$



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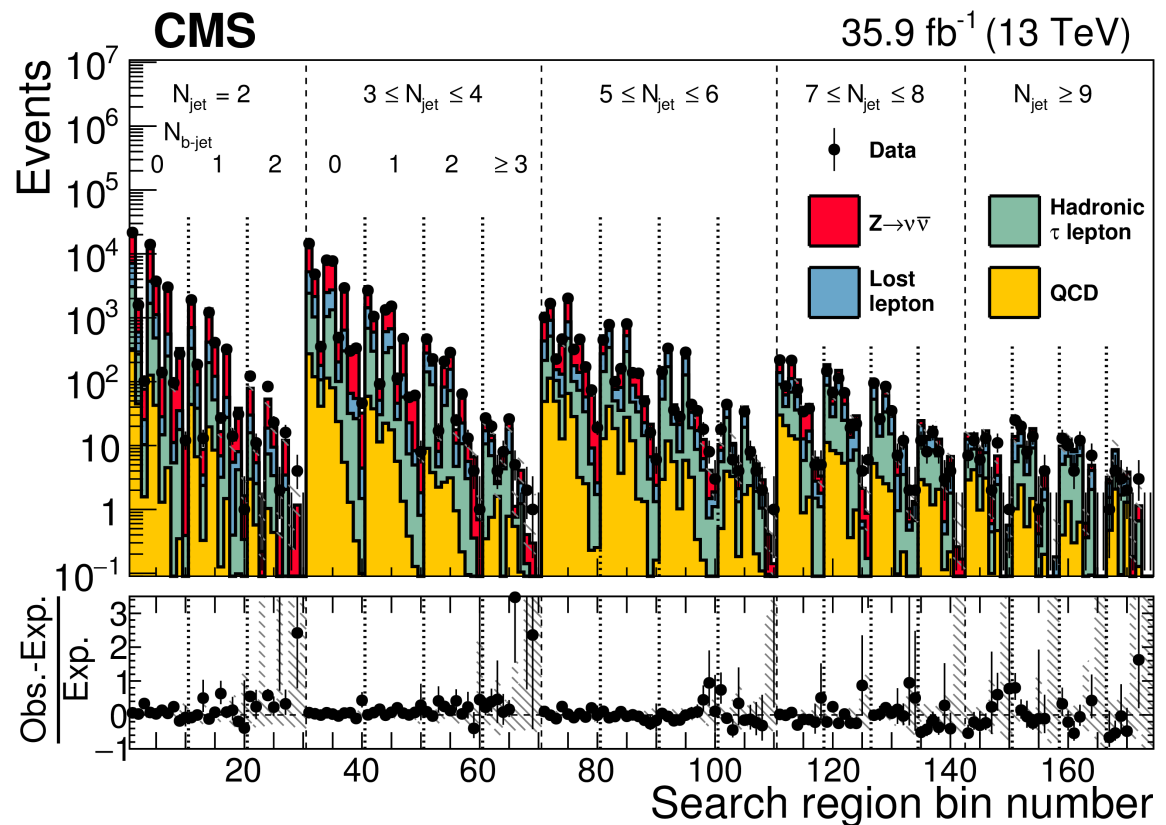
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- Thorough search in **signal-like phase space region with no leptons**
  - Standard Model background estimated with a mixture of **MC- and data-driven techniques.**

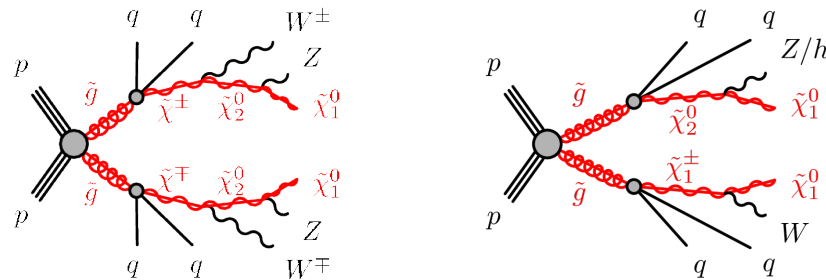
Example: <https://arxiv.org/abs/1704.07781>

Phase space binned in  $N_{\text{jets}}$ ,  $N_{\text{bjets}}$ ,  
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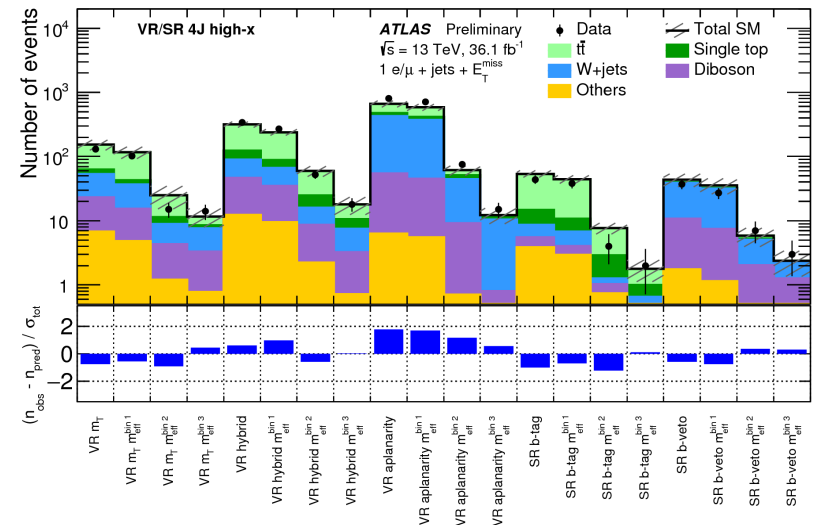
No excess above the Standard Model predictions



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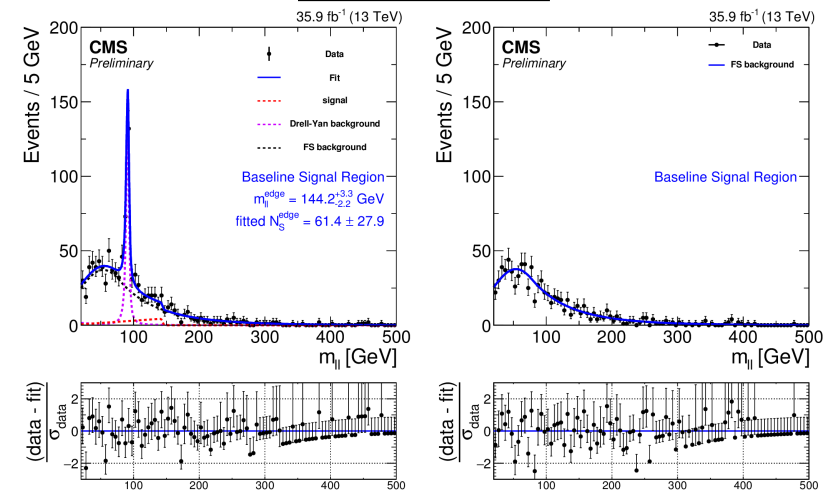
SUSY-2016-12, to appear



• Final states with leptons typically target longer decay chains:

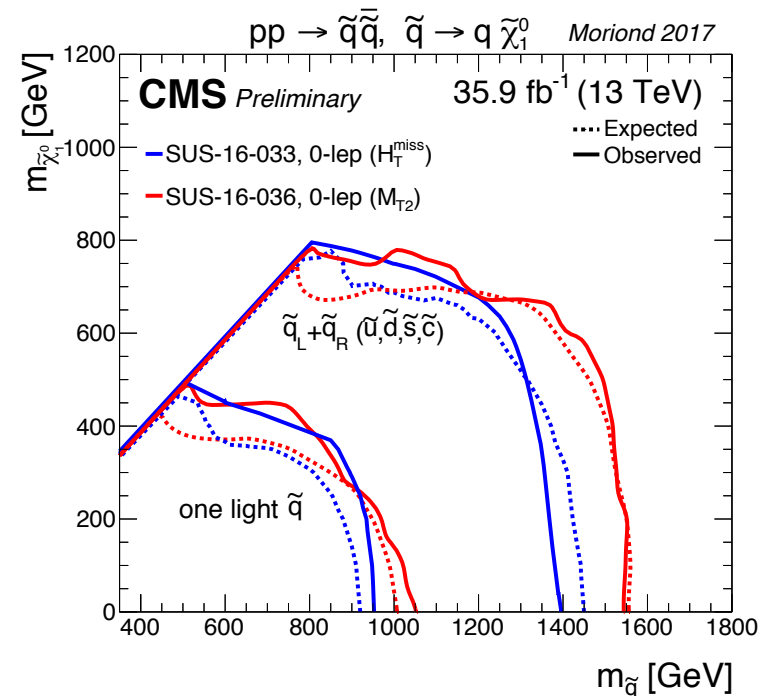
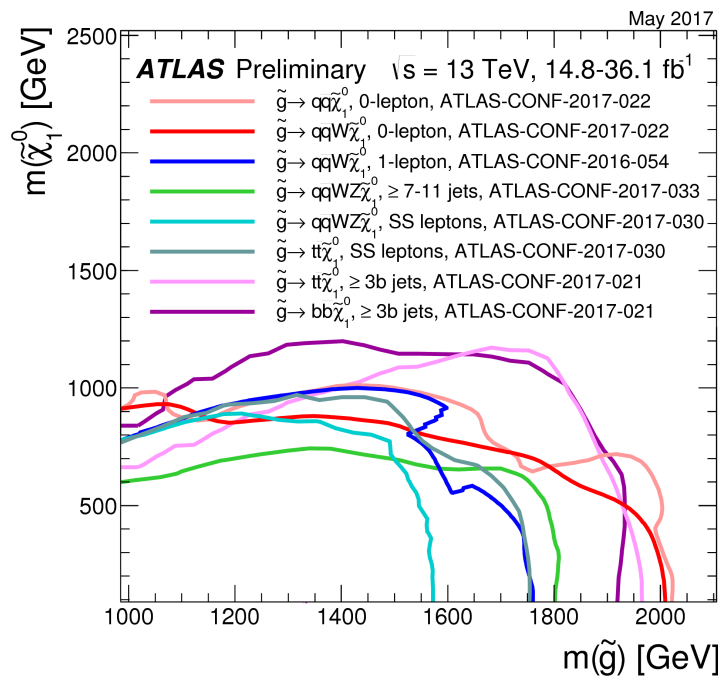
- One-lepton final states looking for **inclusive production of vector bosons**.
- Two-lepton final states looking for a **Z peak or a shoulder in the  $m_{ll}$  distribution**.
- Searches for final states with **SS leptons** profit from **Majorana nature of gluinos**.
  - Extremely versatile searches, see [arXiv:1706.03731](https://arxiv.org/abs/1706.03731) and [arXiv:1704.07323](https://arxiv.org/abs/1704.07323).

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# “Vanilla” SUSY exclusion limits

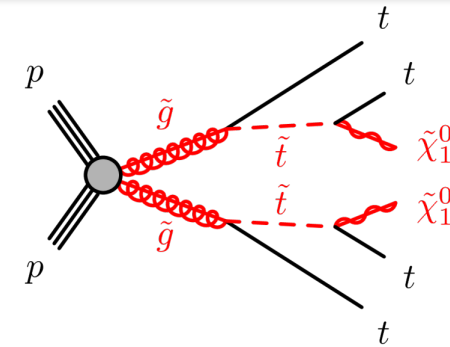
- **2-TeV exclusion on gluinos** starts to be a reality. Eight-fold degenerate squark production excluded **up to ~ 1.5 TeV**
  - One-fold squark degeneracy limit ~ 1 TeV.
- Limits on **simplified models** - Run 1 experience tells us that **they translate quite reliably** on more generic exclusions.



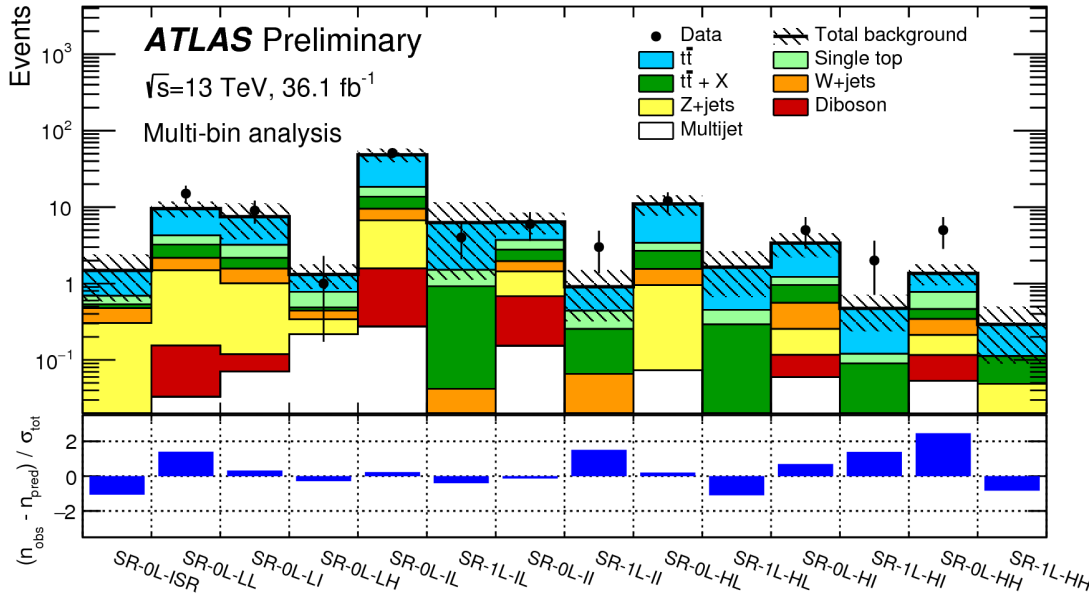


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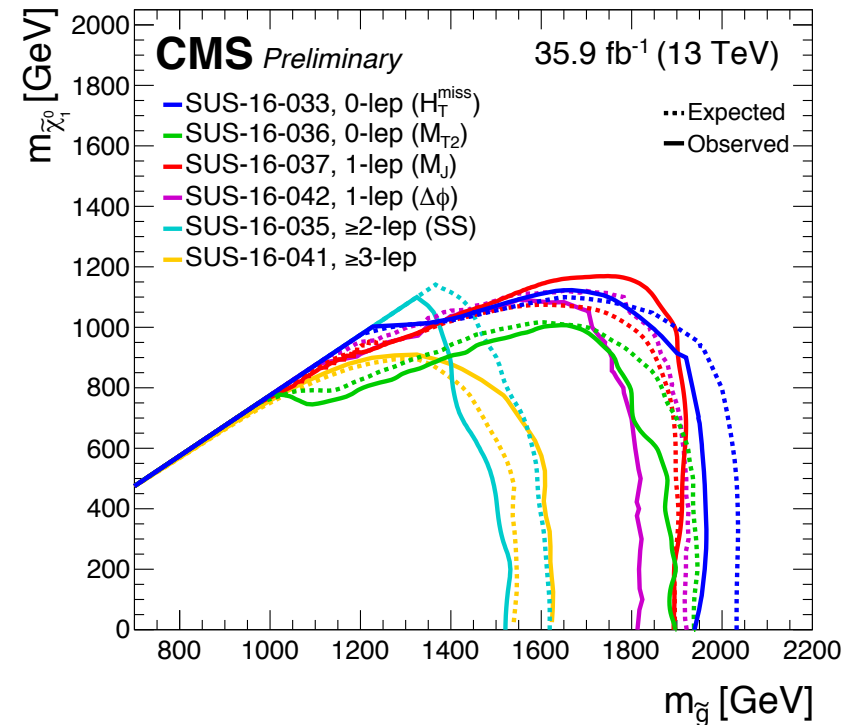
- Gluino pair production and decay through (possibly off-shell) stop also excluded up to a mass of 2 TeV.



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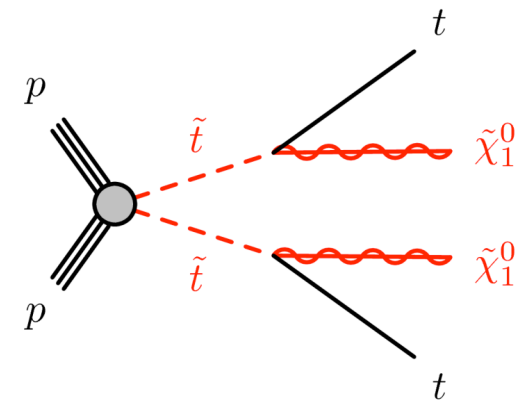
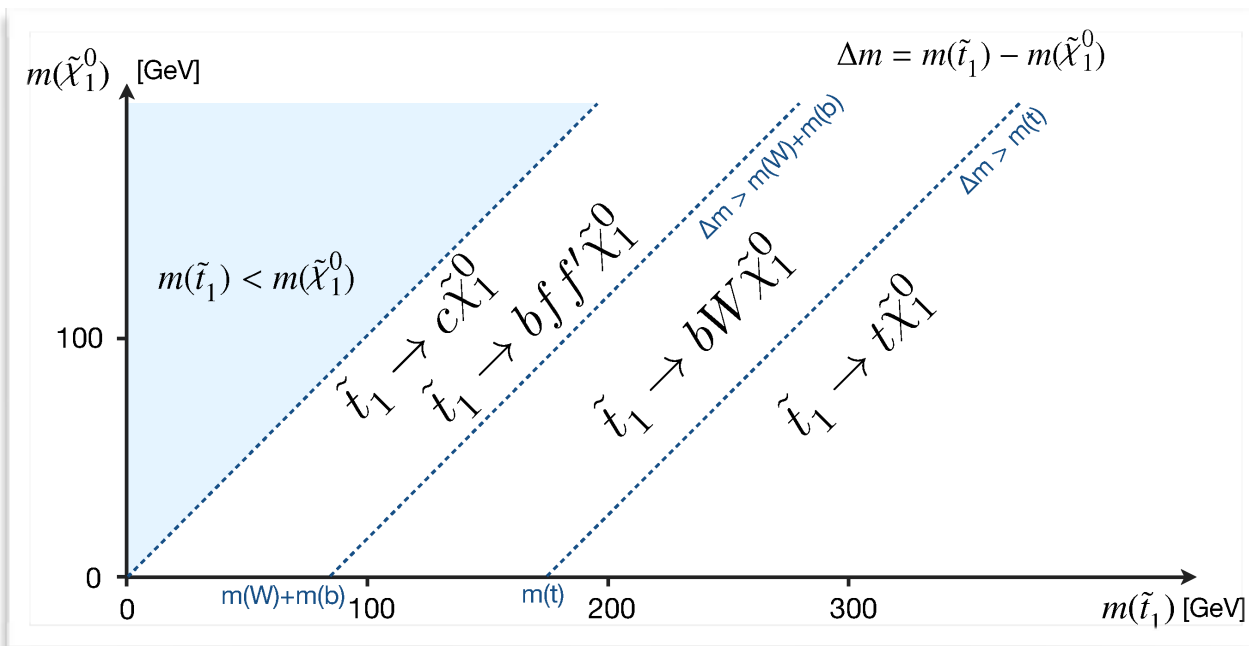
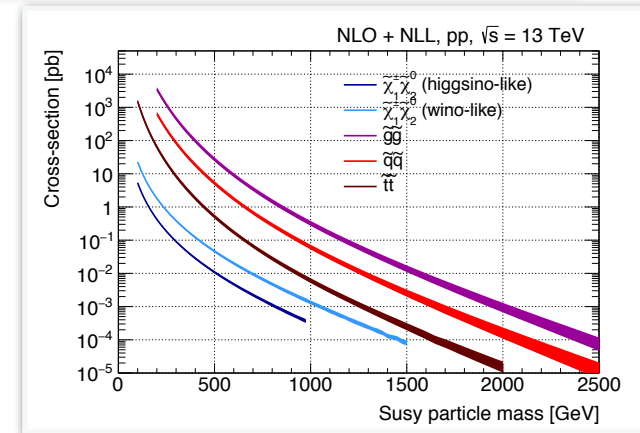


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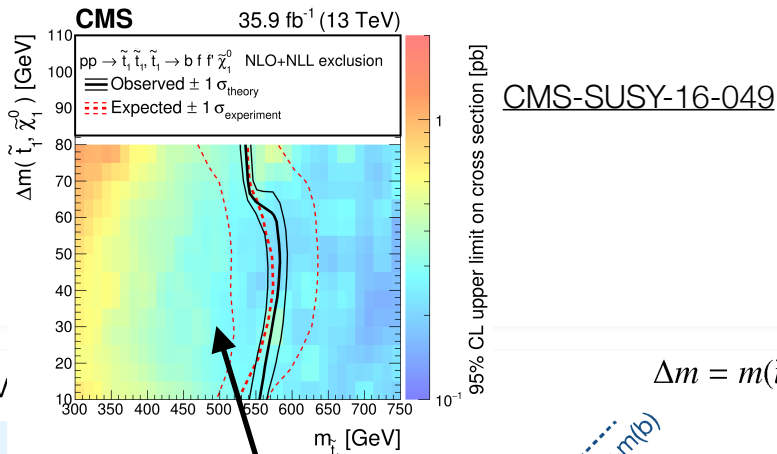
# Stop pair production

- Gluino pair production not observed  $\rightarrow$  stop pair production?
  - cross section nearly **two orders of magnitude lower**.
- Large top quark mass makes stop decay topology complex:
  - If **no SUSY particle other than the stop and the neutralino LSP** takes part in the process then the decay is  $\tilde{t} \rightarrow t^{(*)} \tilde{\chi}_1^0$  with 100% BR.

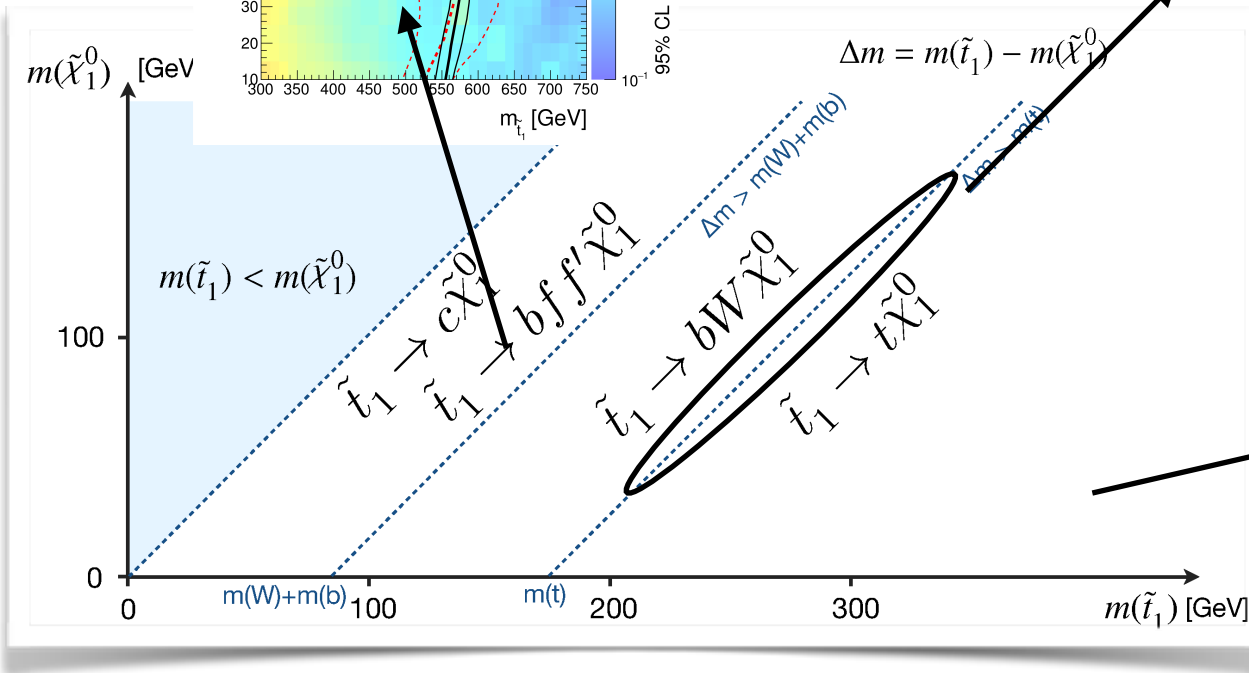
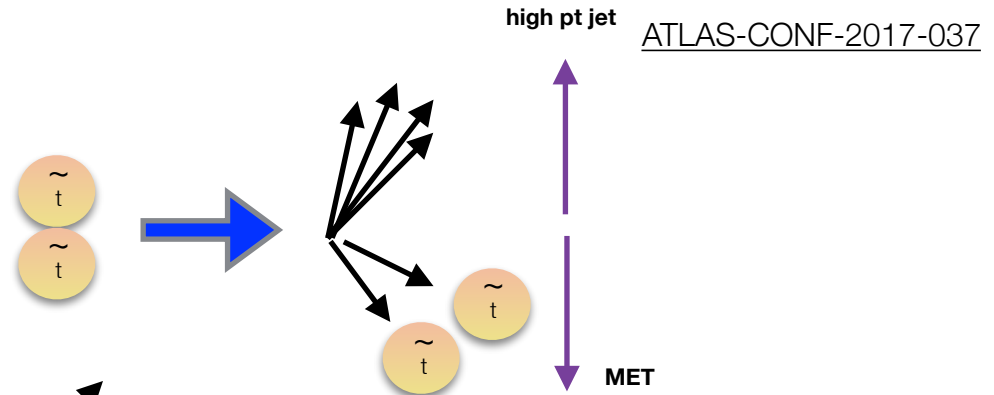


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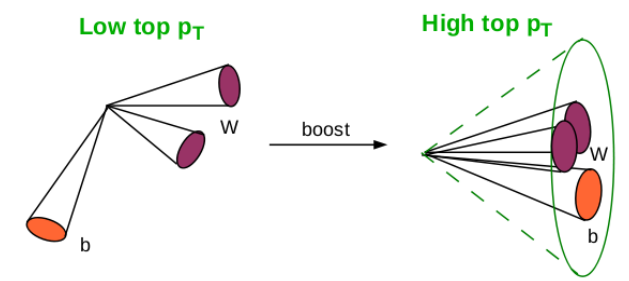
- **Secondary vertex counting** enhances sensitivity to low- $p_T$  b-jets.



- **ISR-like selection** with dedicated variables.



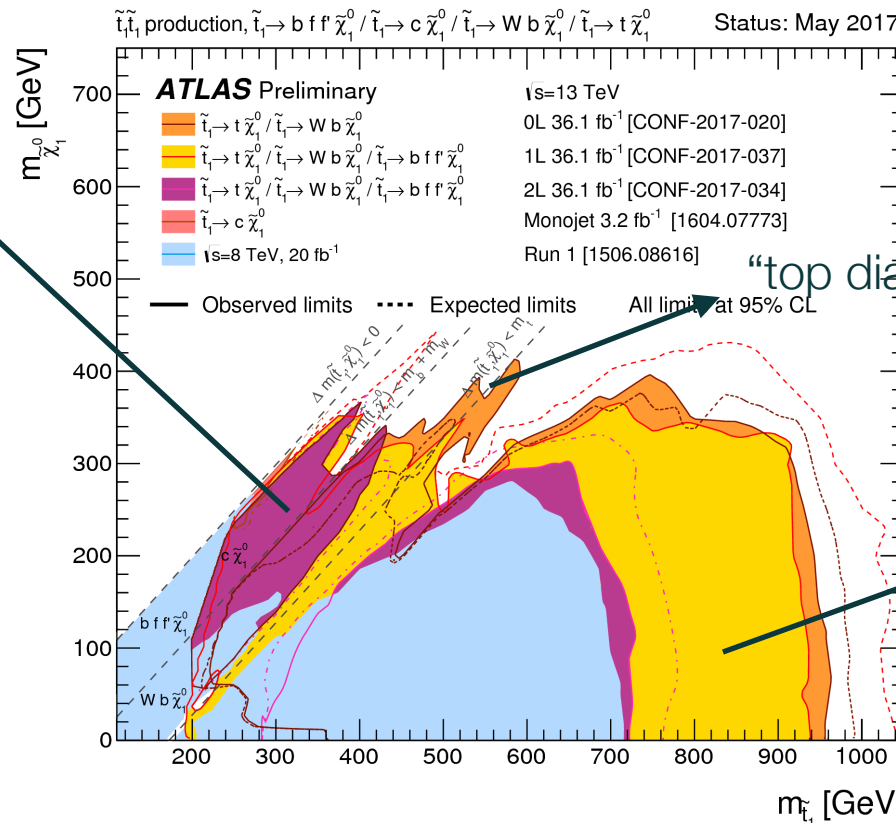
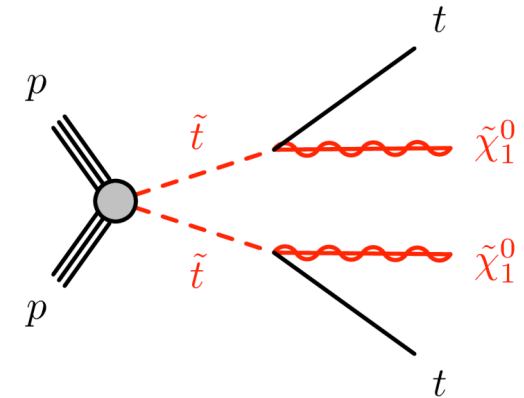
- **Boosted top quark reconstruction** for large stop-neutralino mass gaps.



# Stop-neutralino summary

- Sensitivity **exceeds 1 TeV** in favourable scenarios.
- (Almost) no gaps left behind.

Compressed region



# More realistic models

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- What if the stop-neutralino model is too simple?

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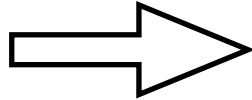
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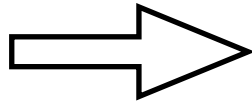
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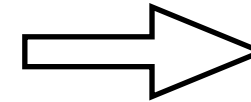
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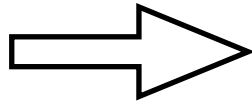
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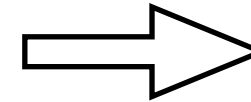
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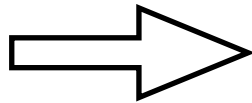
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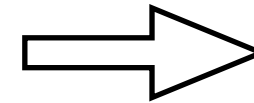
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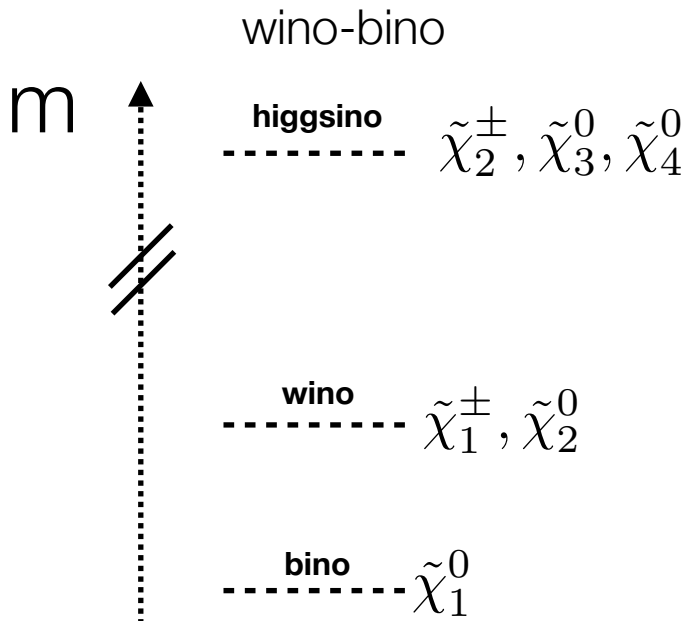
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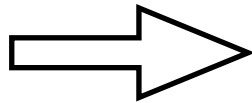
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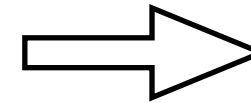
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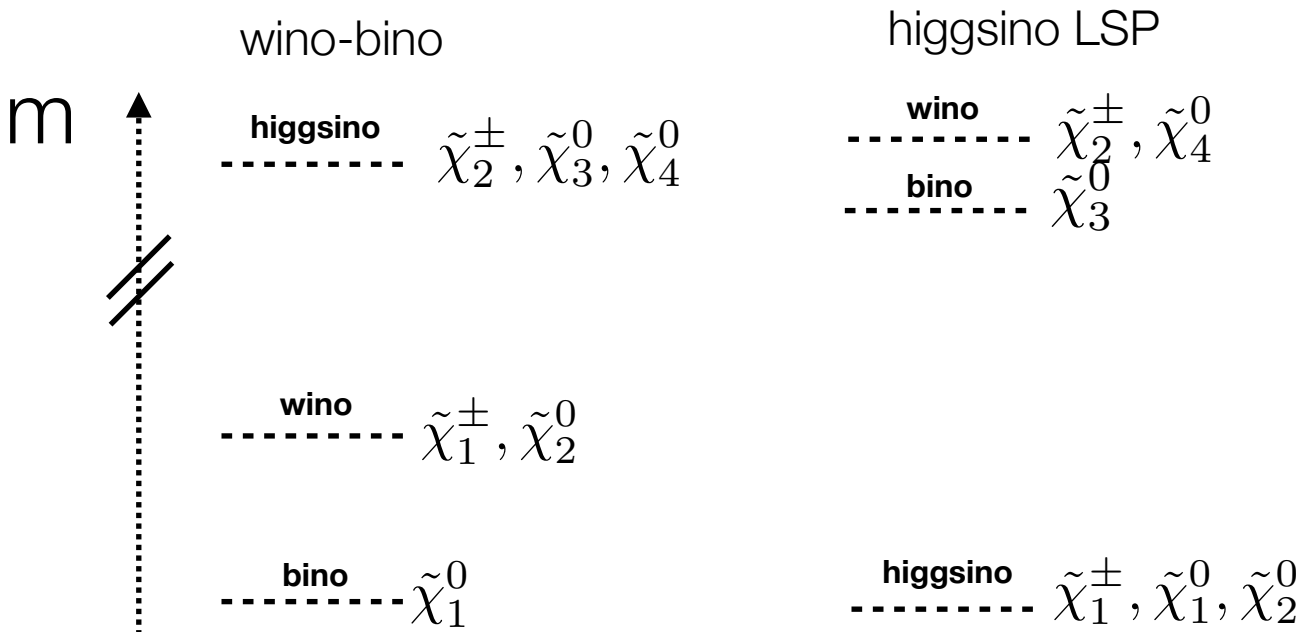
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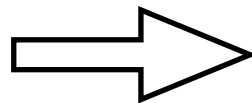
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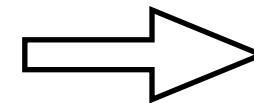
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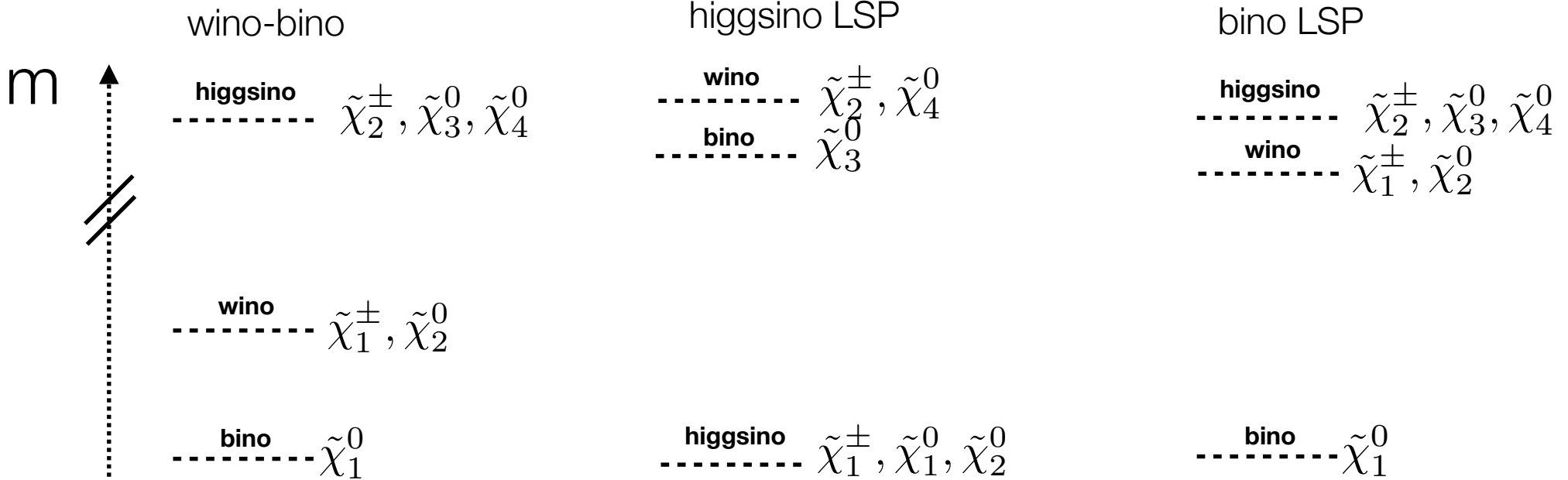
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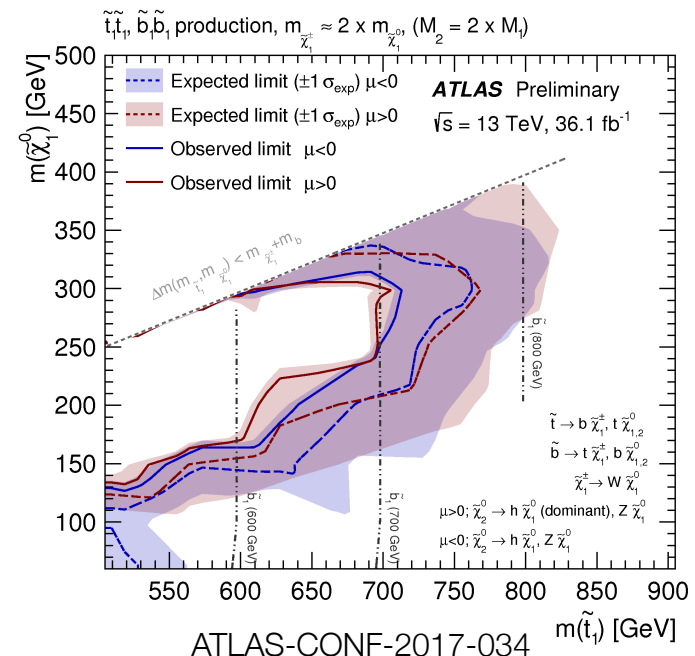
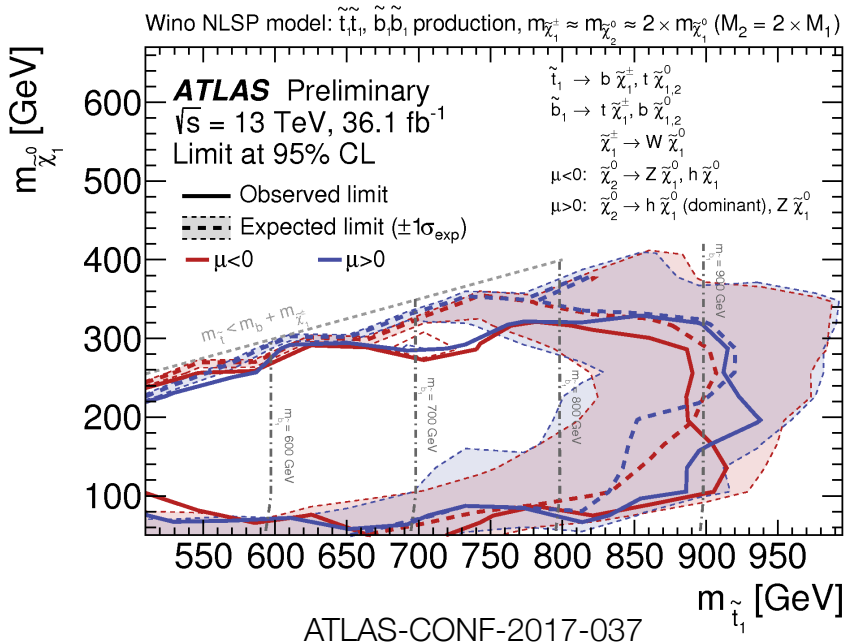
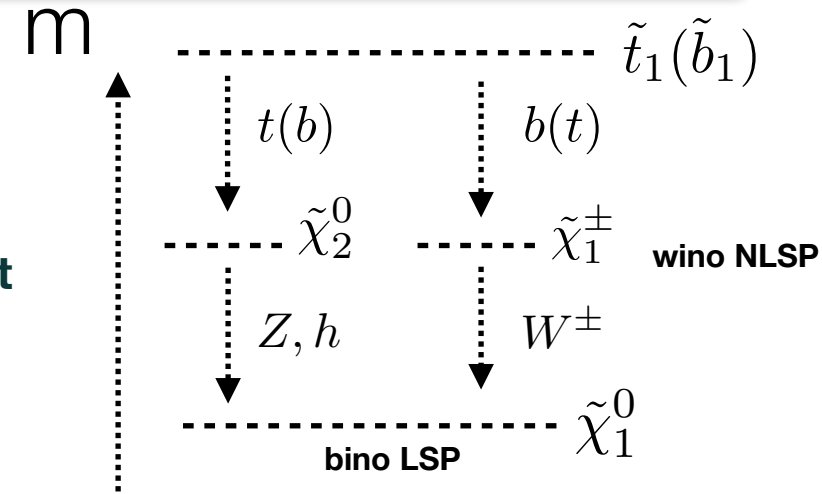
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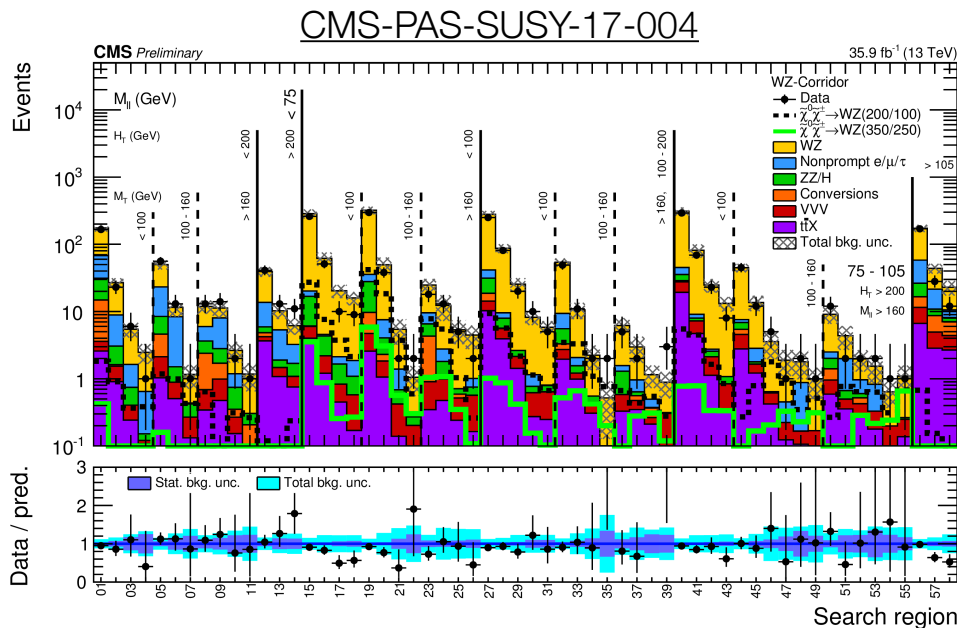
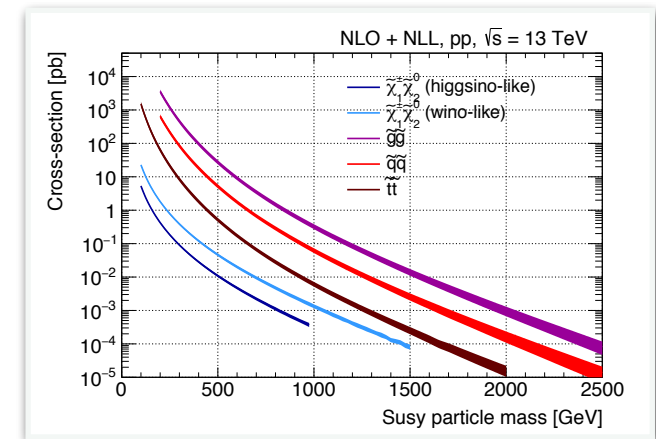
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- What if the stop-neutralino model is too simple?
  - pMSSM oriented simplified models.
  - For example: assume **bin**o LSP, and a **wino** doublet as NSLP.
  - More complex phenomenology, **reduced sensitivity**.

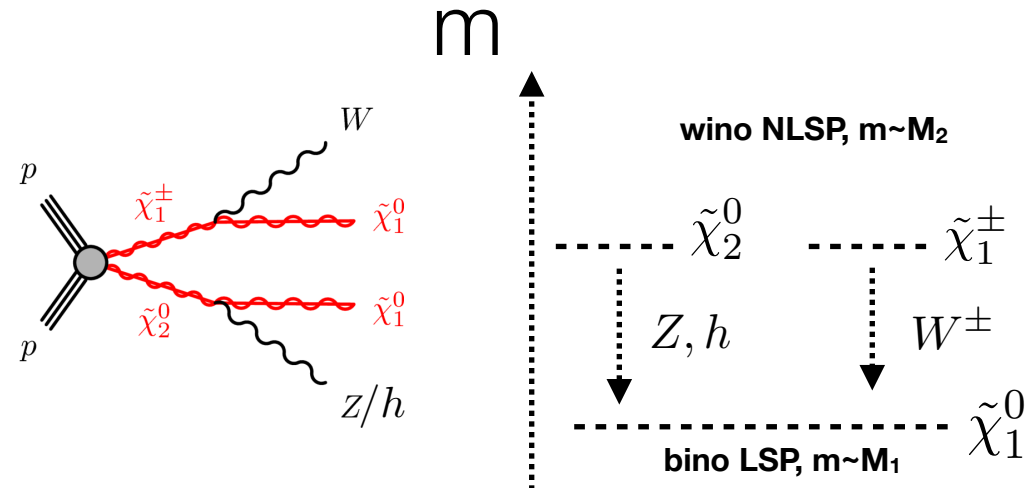


# EW production

- Maybe SUSY is produced via EW interactions?
  - Direct production of **charginos, neutralinos, sleptons**.
  - Beware: cross sections **depend on the EW state composition** in terms of bino, wino, higgsino, or (for slepton) chirality.
  - **Wino-bino hierarchy**. Several event categories:
    - 3L, SS leptons, 2L2J (transitions with WZ, WH).
    - 1Lbb, 1L $\gamma\gamma$  (WH).

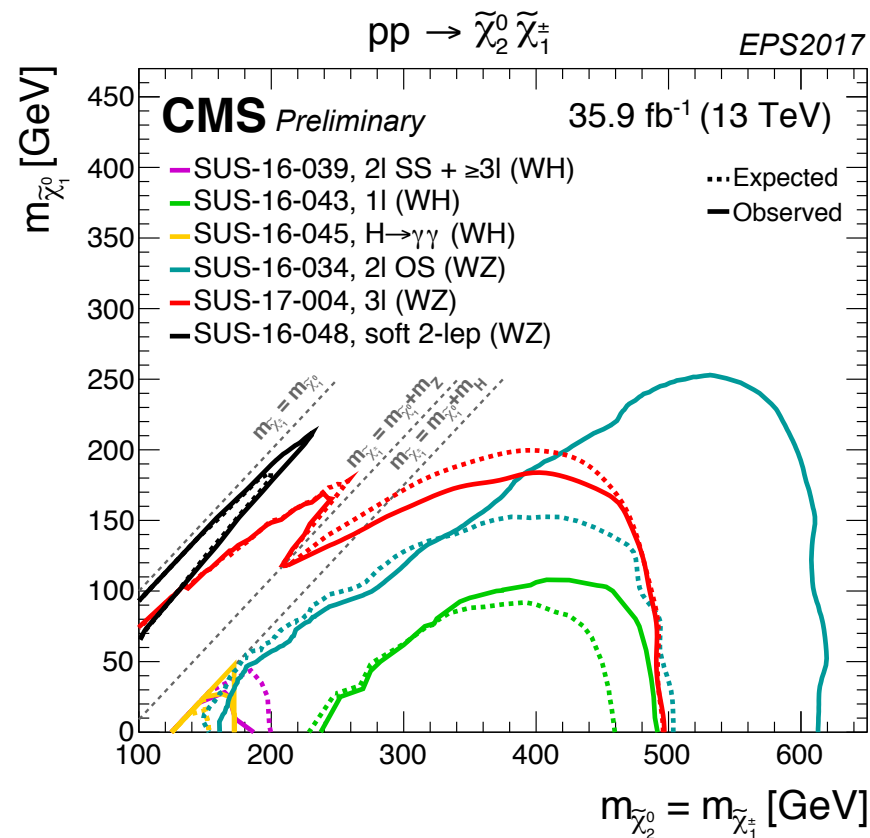


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# Wino-bino limit summary

- Common **wino NLSP** mass excluded up to **~600 GeV** assuming BR into WZ of 100%
  - Significantly weaker limits with increasing BR into WH.



# EW production and naturalness

Naturalness wants **light higgsinos**.

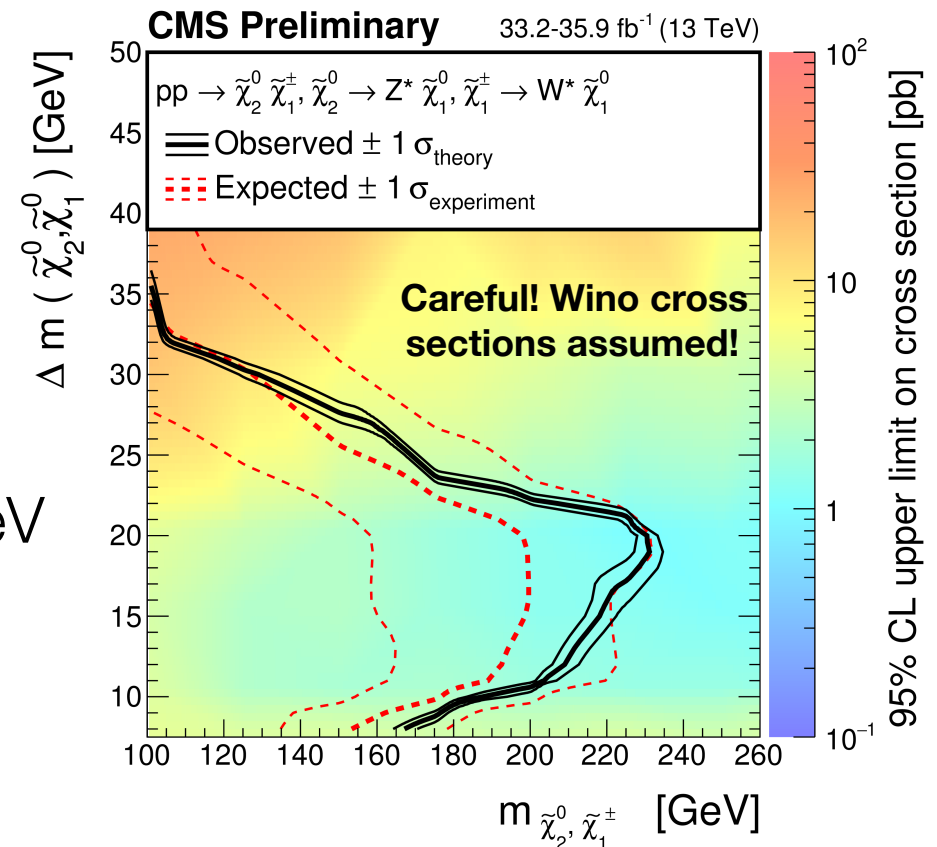
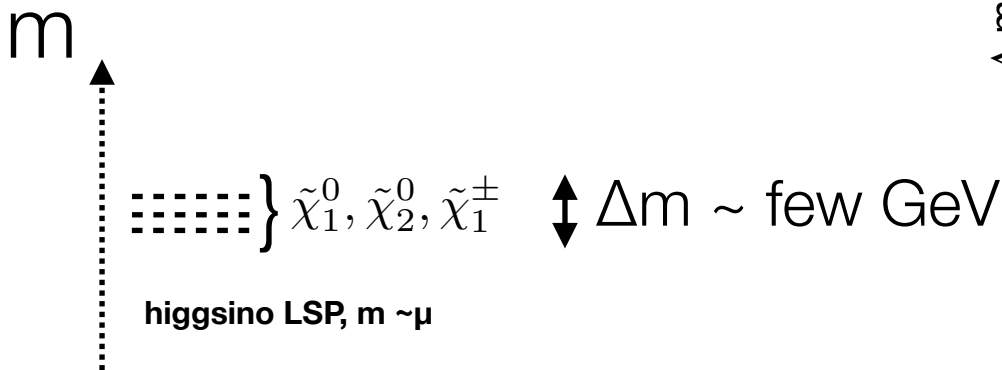
- If higgsinos are **decoupled (heavy bino and wino)**, then  $\Delta m$  is **typically  $\mathcal{O}(\text{GeV})$**  (but it can be as low as 300 MeV).

- ... and the **cross section is small...**

⇒ Extremely challenging!

Selection highlights:

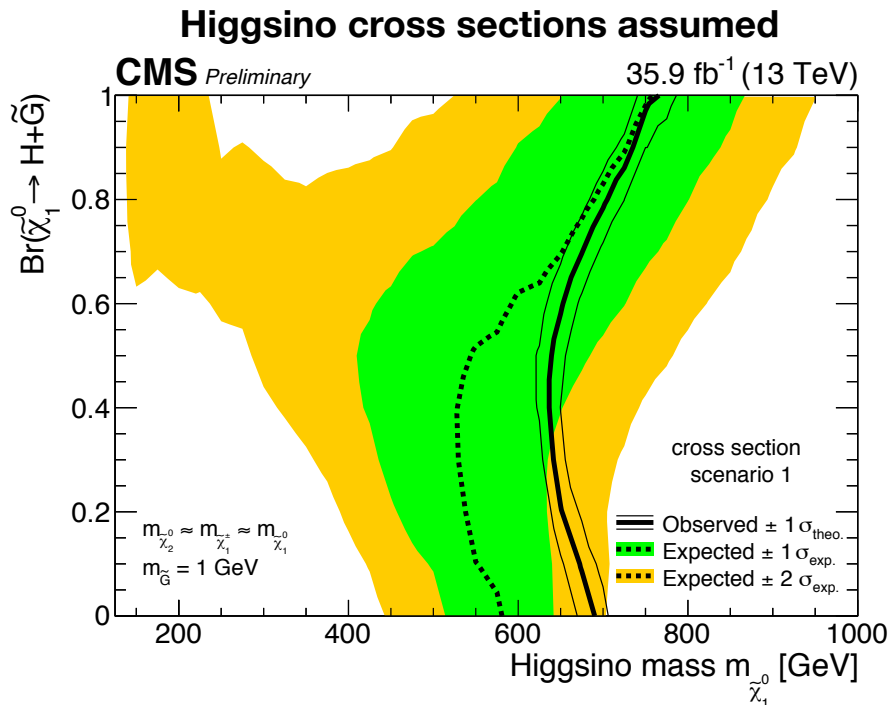
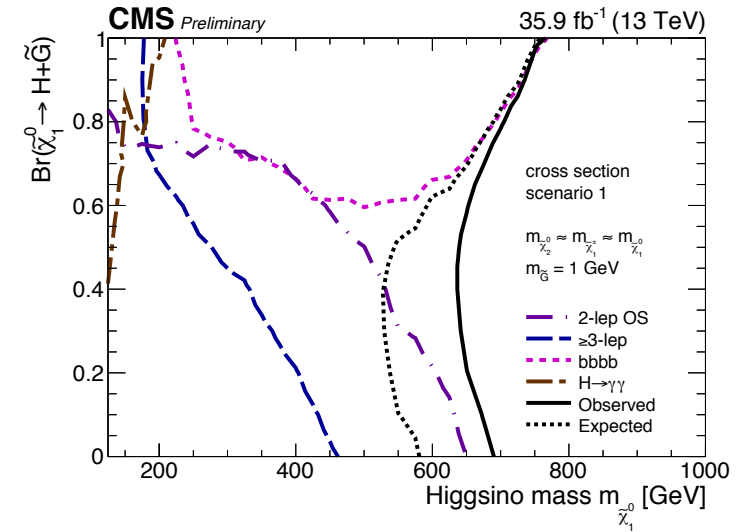
- Two OS leptons with low  $p_T$
- Large  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$ ,  $0.6 < E_T^{\text{miss}}/H_T < 1$
- $4 \text{ GeV} < m_{\text{ll}} < 50 \text{ GeV}$  (and Y veto)



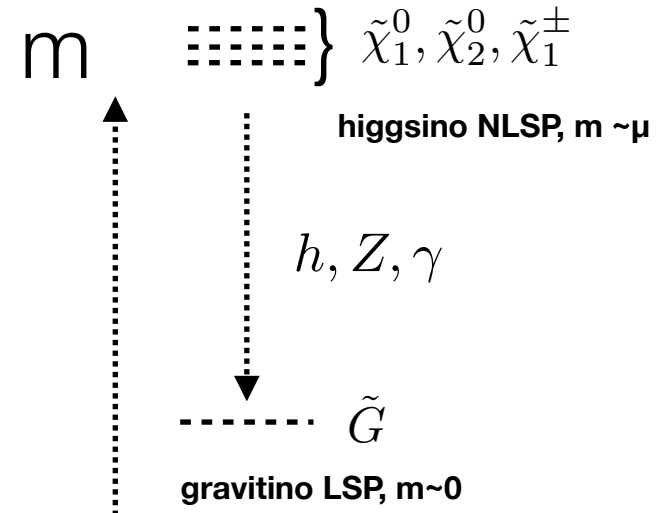


# Higgsino NLSP

- Naturalness **does not require** a higgsino LSP. GMSB-like higgsino NLSP scenarios are potentially “natural”.
- Dedicated 1Lbb, 1L $\gamma\gamma$  analyses:
  - [SUS-16-044](#), [SUS-16-045](#).

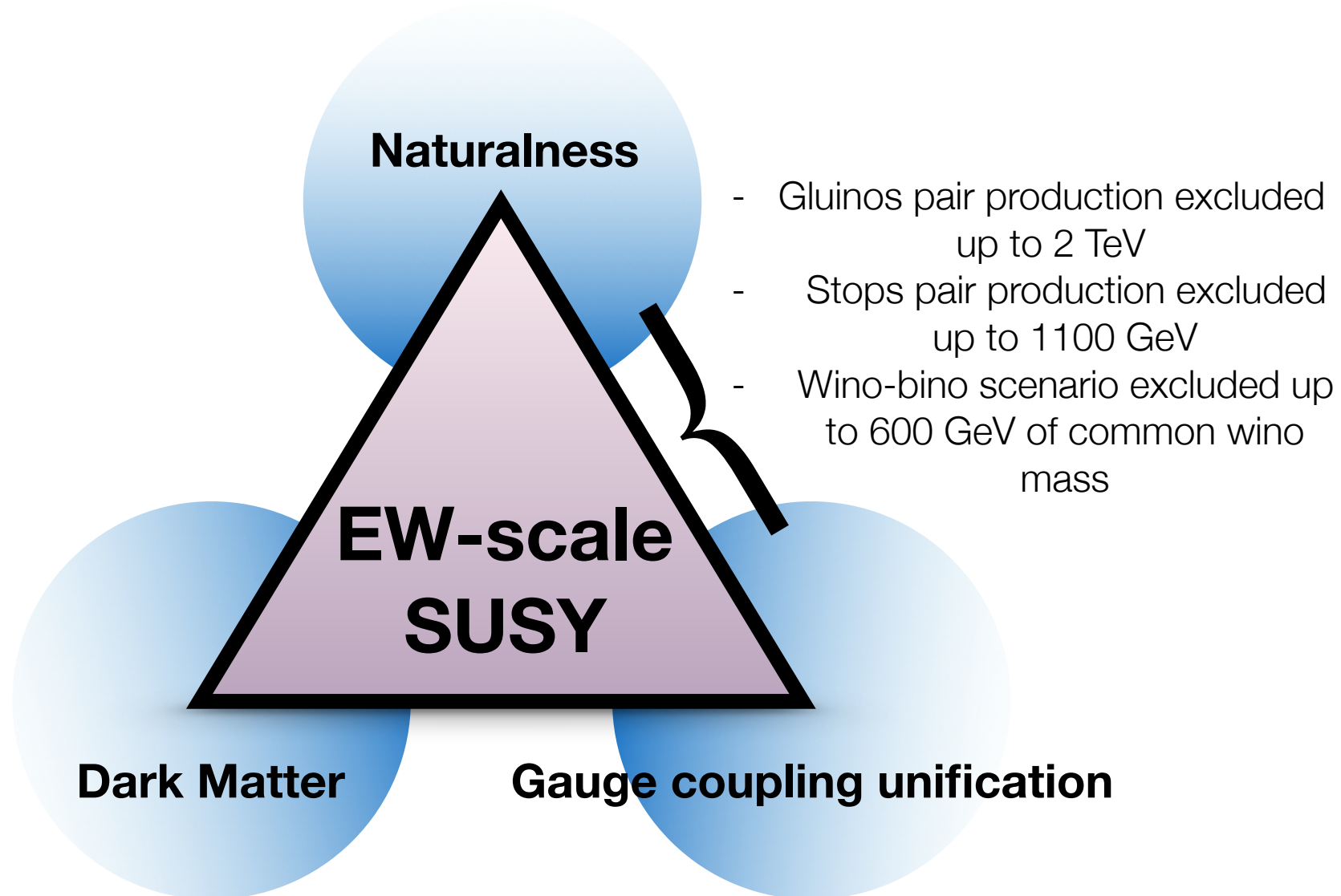


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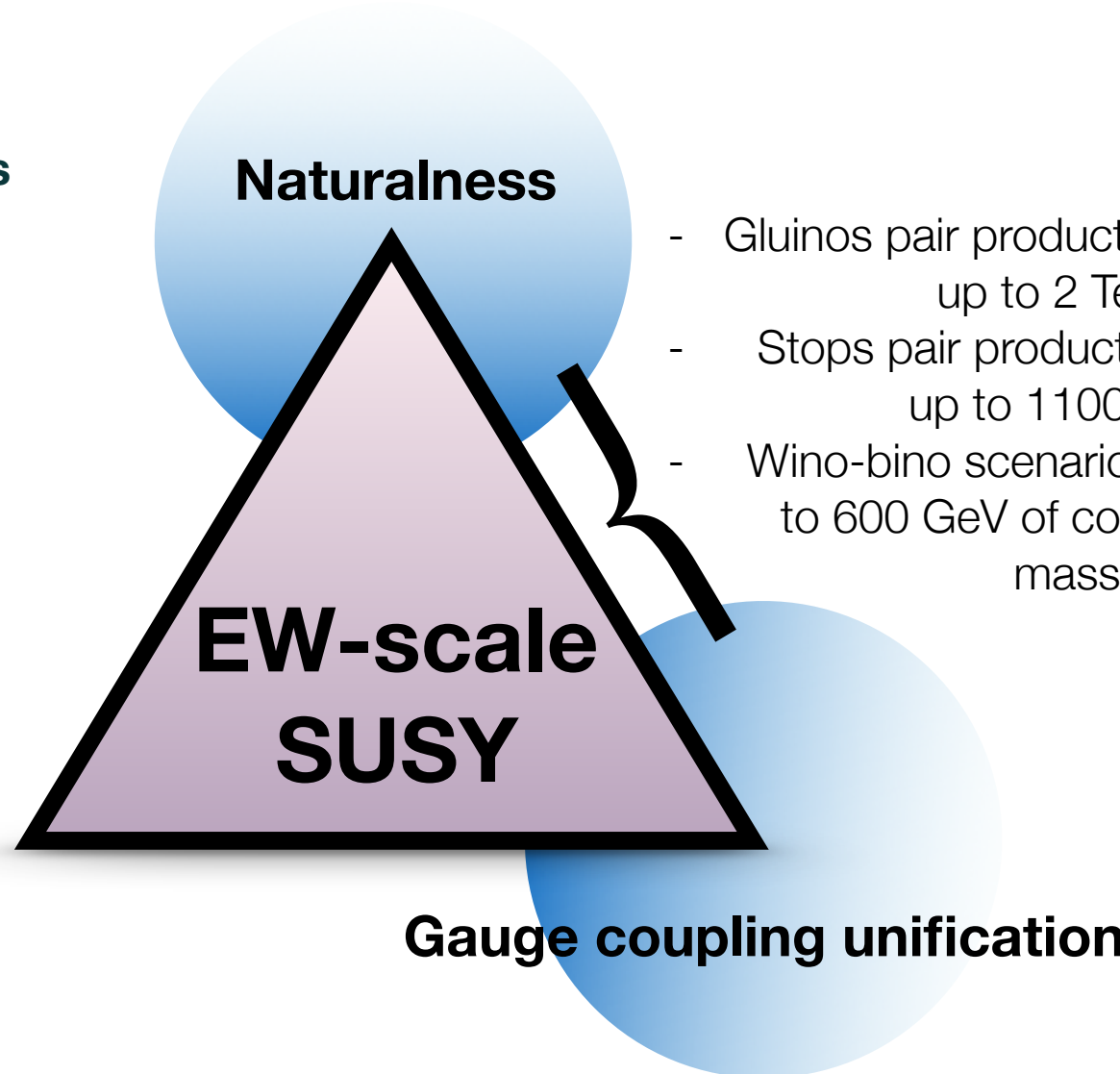
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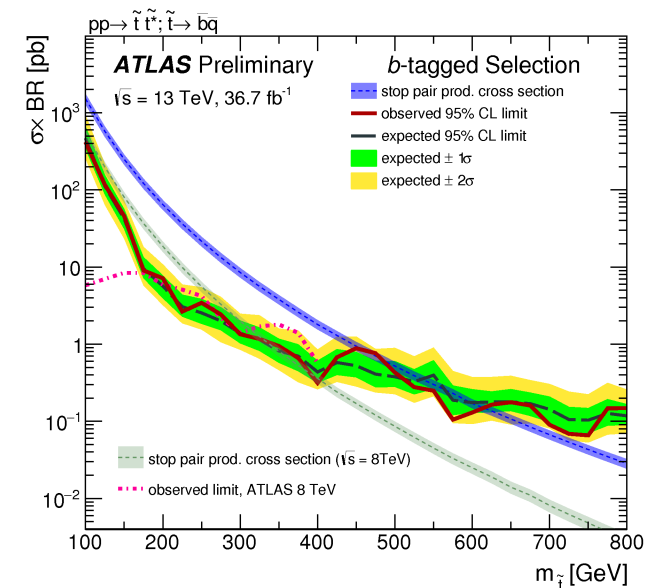
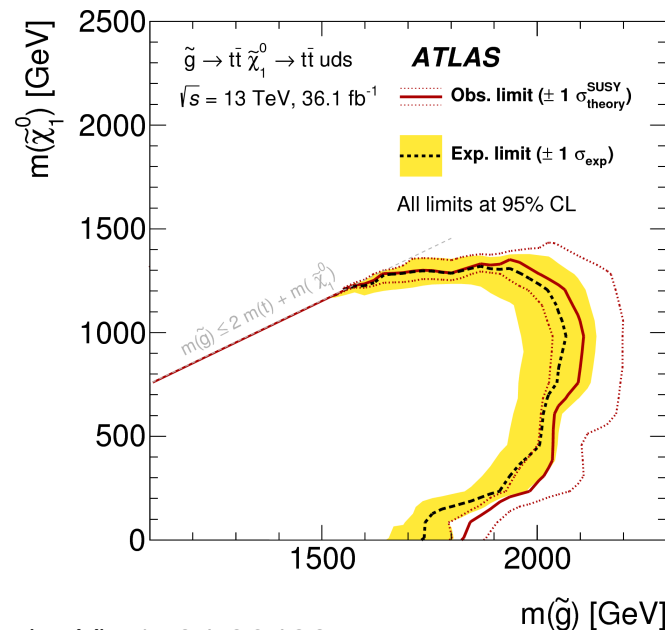
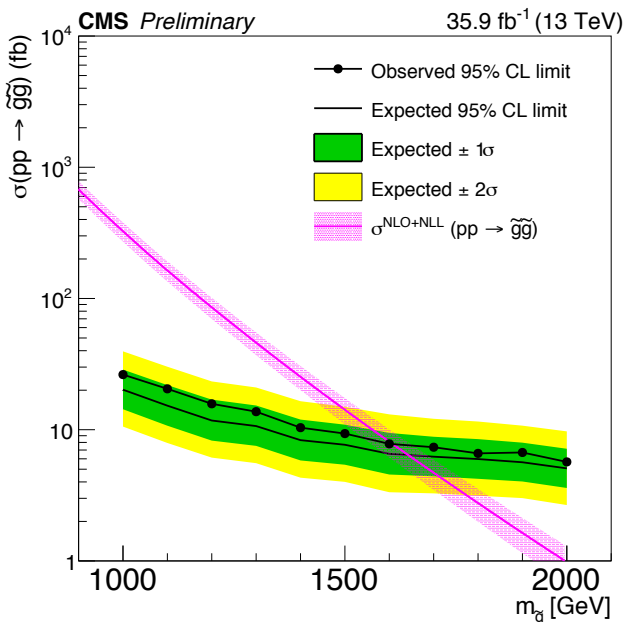
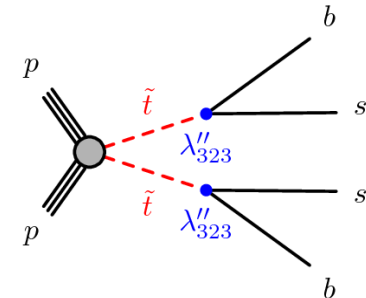
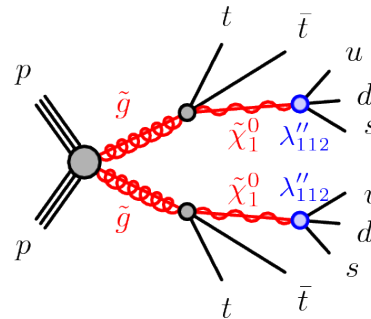
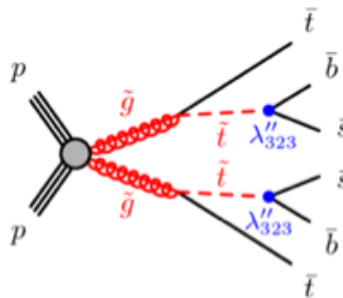
Let's release some assumptions:

**R-Parity violation implies no good SUSY SM counterpart as Dark matter candidate**



# R-parity violating scenarios

- Limits for R-parity violating natural SUSY are also competitive

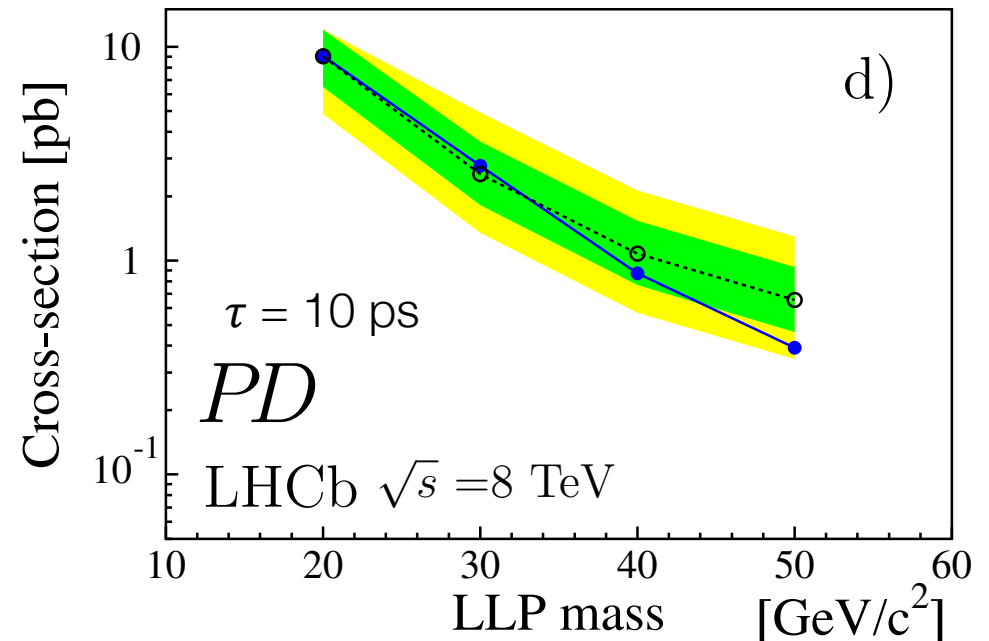
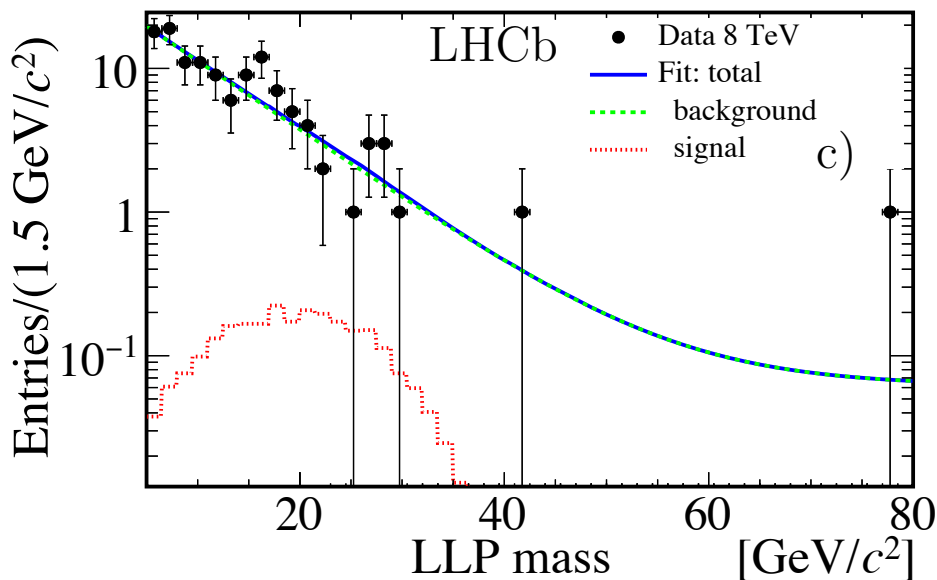
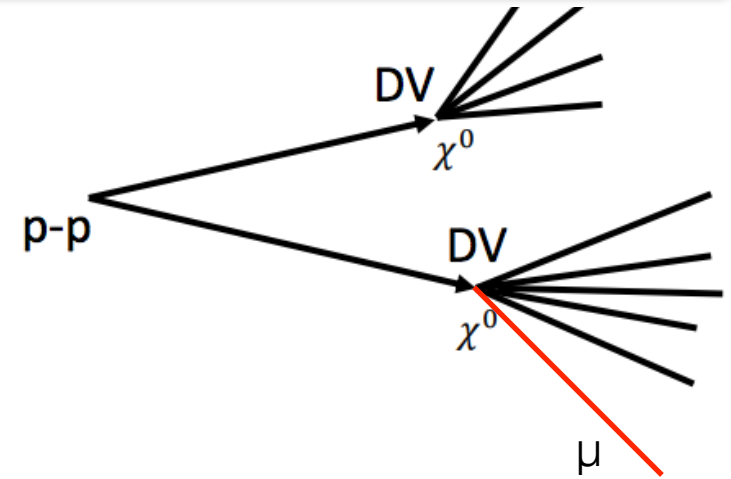


CMS-PAS-SUS-16-040, to appear, and arXiv:1704.08493

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# R-parity violating scenarios

- LHCb results on R-parity violating neutralino decays:
  - For example: look for a **displaced vertex** produced in association with a muon
  - Using 1 (2)  $\text{fb}^{-1}$  of 7 (8) TeV data

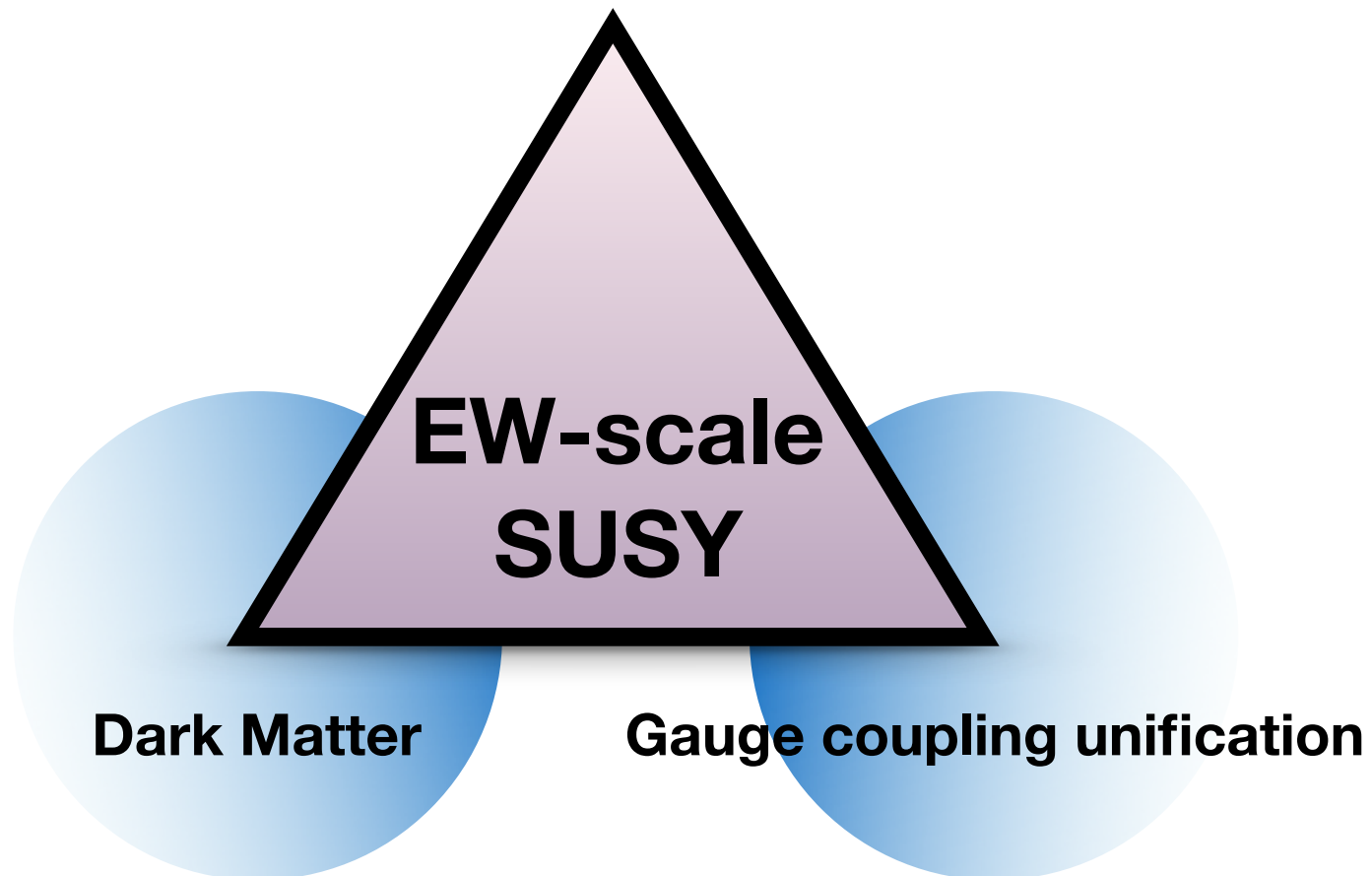


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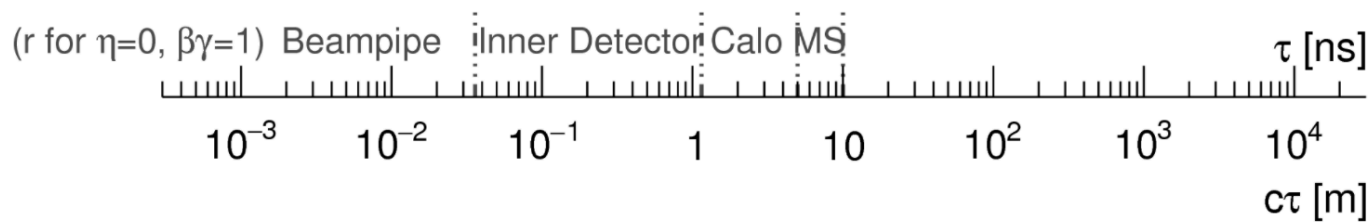
What if we drop the naturalness requirement altogether?

**Beware:** no “naturalness” criterium implies **no need for “EW-scale” SUSY**

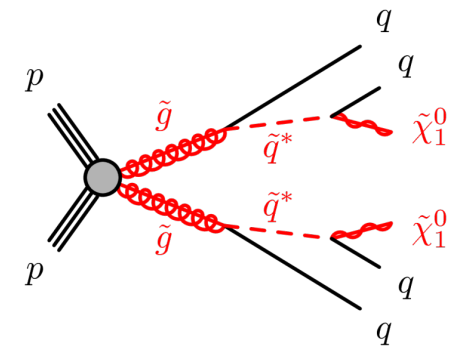


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- Different techniques probe different gluino lifetimes



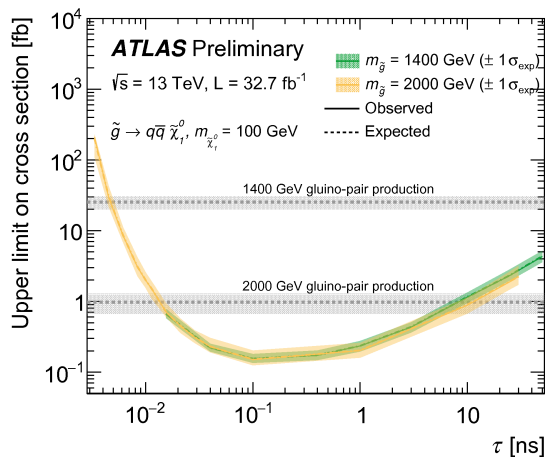
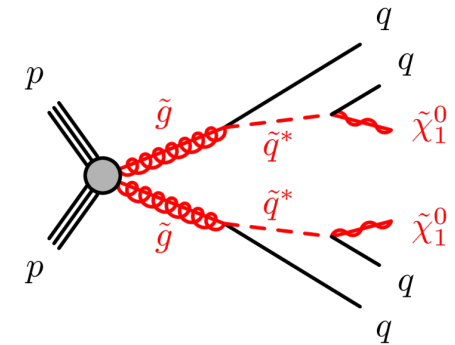
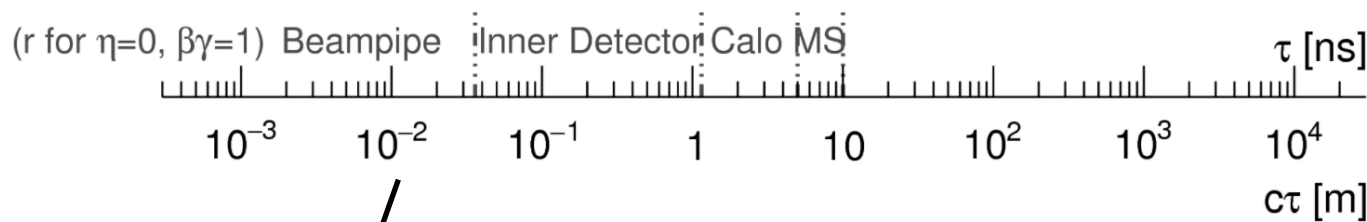
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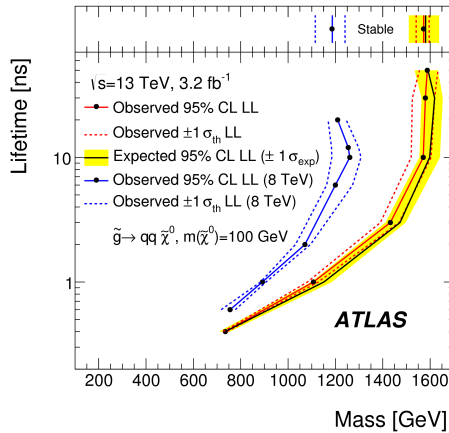
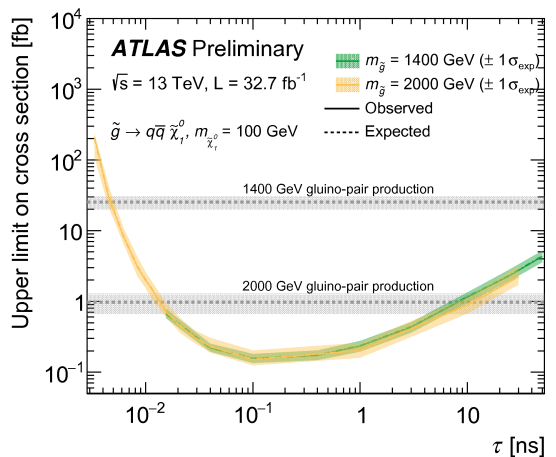
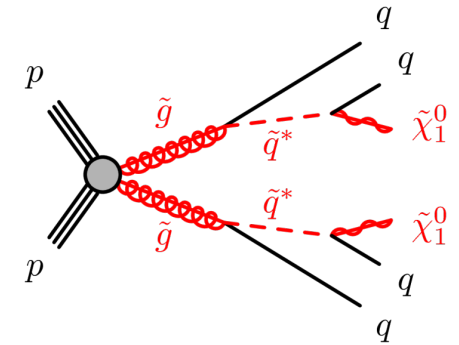
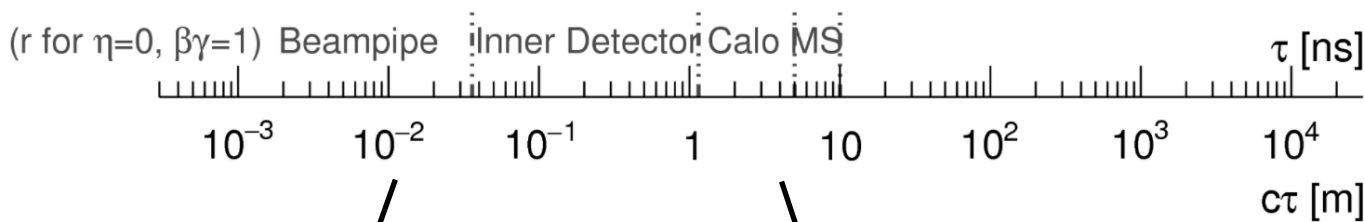
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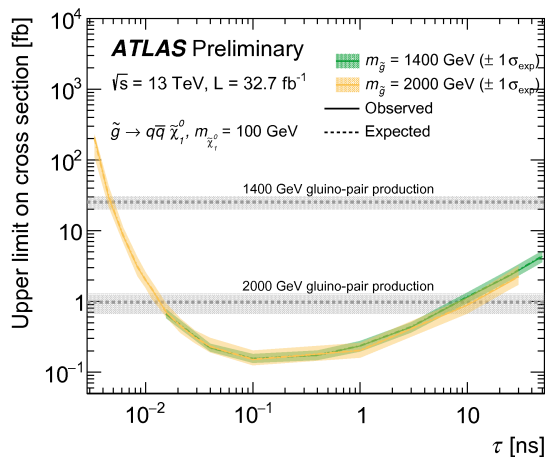
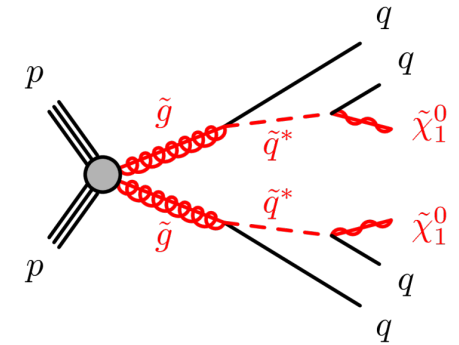
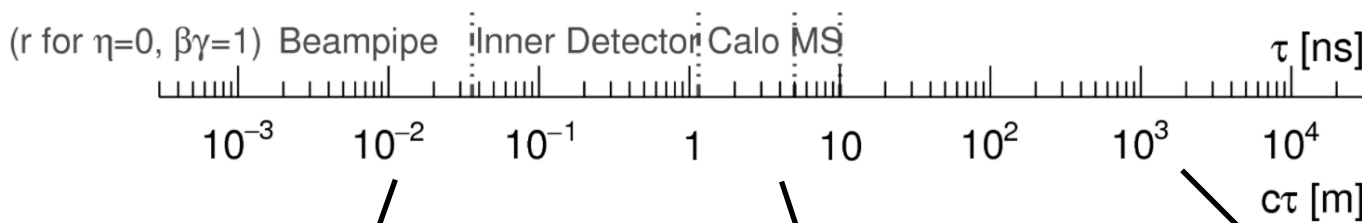
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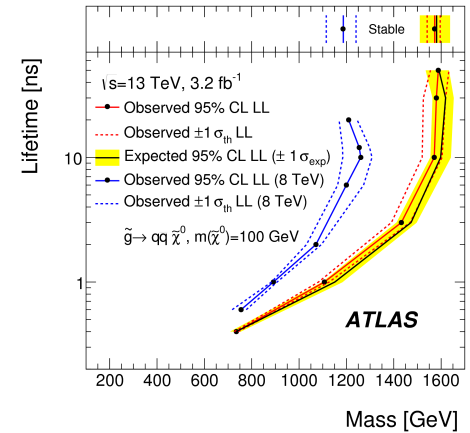
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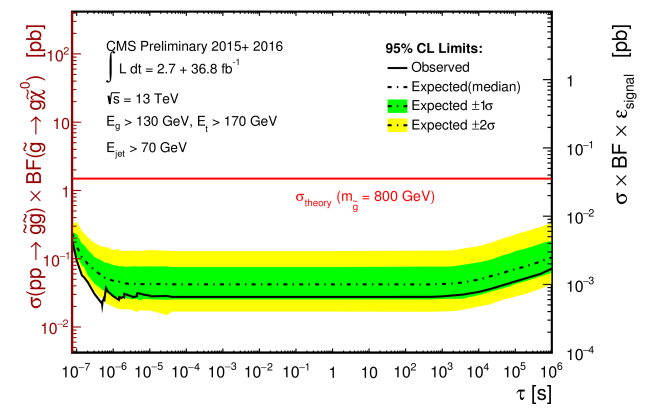
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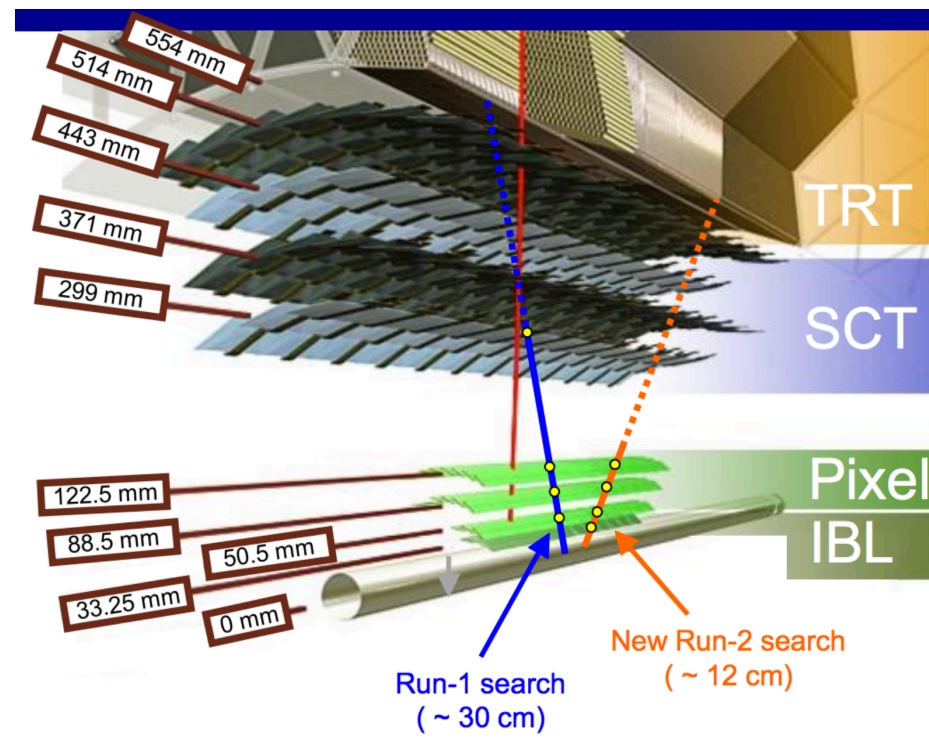
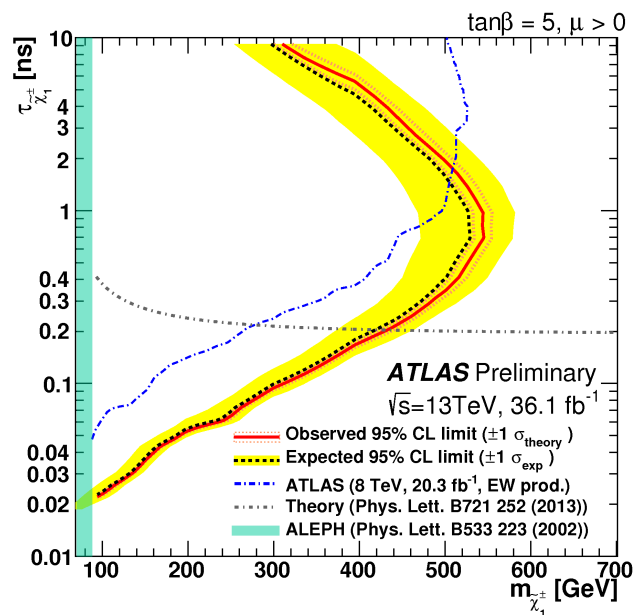
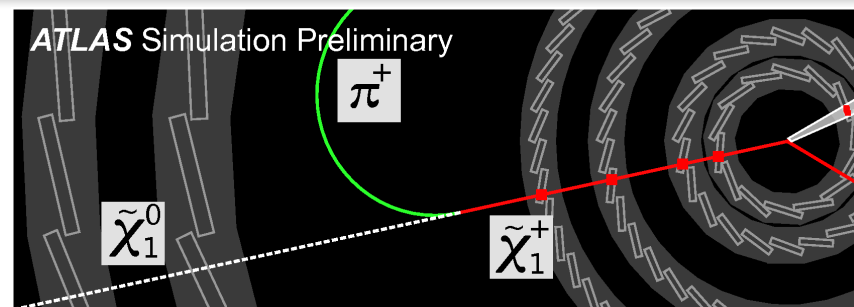
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Stopped gluinos  
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# Wino-LSP scenario

- Very common (in MSSM) SUSY scenario:
  - A **chargino nearly degenerate with a neutralino** (wino-like LSP).
  - The chargino **becomes long-lived** (typical  $\tau = 0.2$  ns or  $c\tau \sim 6$  cm).
  - Effort to increase to **increase sensitivity at low lifetime.**





# Summary

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LHC has **radically changed** the way we think about SUSY

- Where are all the sparticles?
  - **7 years of LHC** have given us only a **striking agreement with the Standard Model**. Many pre-LHC SUSY models now **highly disfavoured** by the data.
  - The pillars of **EW scale SUSY** are under severe scrutiny (and a bit of pressure)
- A very rich research programme - if there is a **discovery** to be made, **we do not want to miss it**.

# Full list of results can be found at

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- ATLAS: <https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/AtlasPublic/SupersymmetryPublicResults>
- CMS: <http://cms-results.web.cern.ch/cms-results/public-results/preliminary-results/SUS/index.html>
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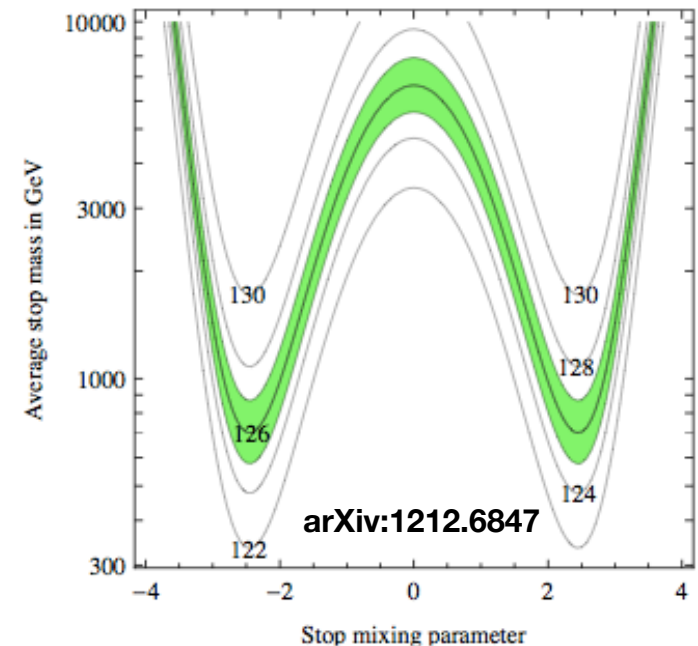
BACKUP

# Higgs boson discovery

- The **Higgs boson mass** in the MSSM is determined (at 1-loop) by **EW parameters** and by the **stop masses and mixing**

$$m_h^2 = m_Z^2 \cos^2 2\beta + \frac{3y_t^2 m_t^2}{4\pi^2} \left[ \log \left( \frac{m_S^2}{m_t^2} \right) + X_t^2 \left( 1 - \frac{X_t^2}{12} \right) \right] + \dots$$

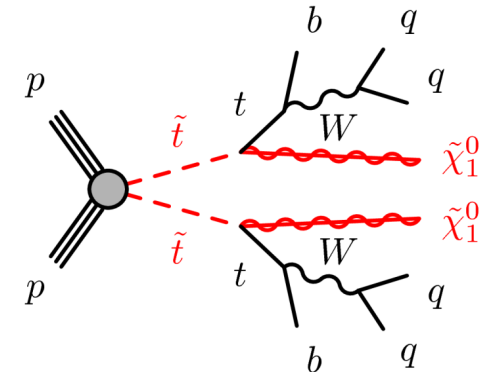
- Critical connection of stops and electroweakinos (actually higgsinos) **to the heart of the only argument in favour of EW-scale SUSY**
- However, Higgs at 125 GeV already hinting for heavy-ish stops (Barbieri-Giudice fine tuning measurement requires them to be ~ 500 GeV)





# Simplified model approach

- Simplified model:
  - only one (or few) **SUSY production mode**
  - only one (or few) **decay mode**
  - only few **SUSY particles** involved in the **decay**



## The good:

- Optimise for a well defined topology
- Intuitive understanding of sensitivity
- Exclusion limits easily reproducible by theory colleagues

## The bad:

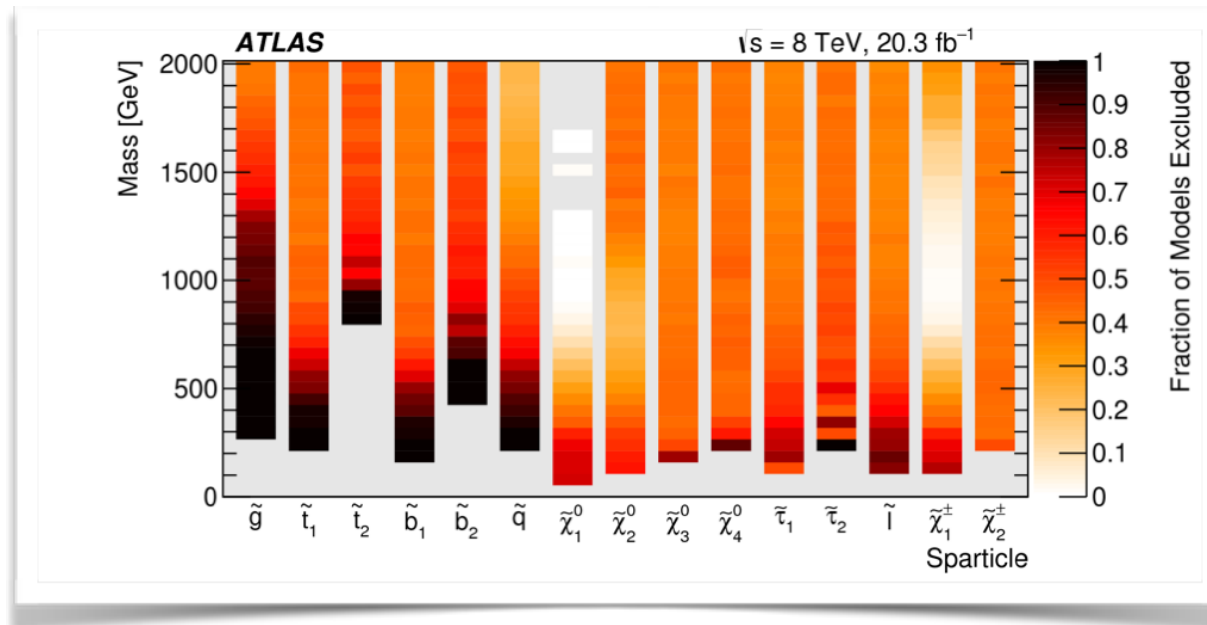
- The approach becomes quickly cumbersome at increasing complexity of final state

## The ugly:

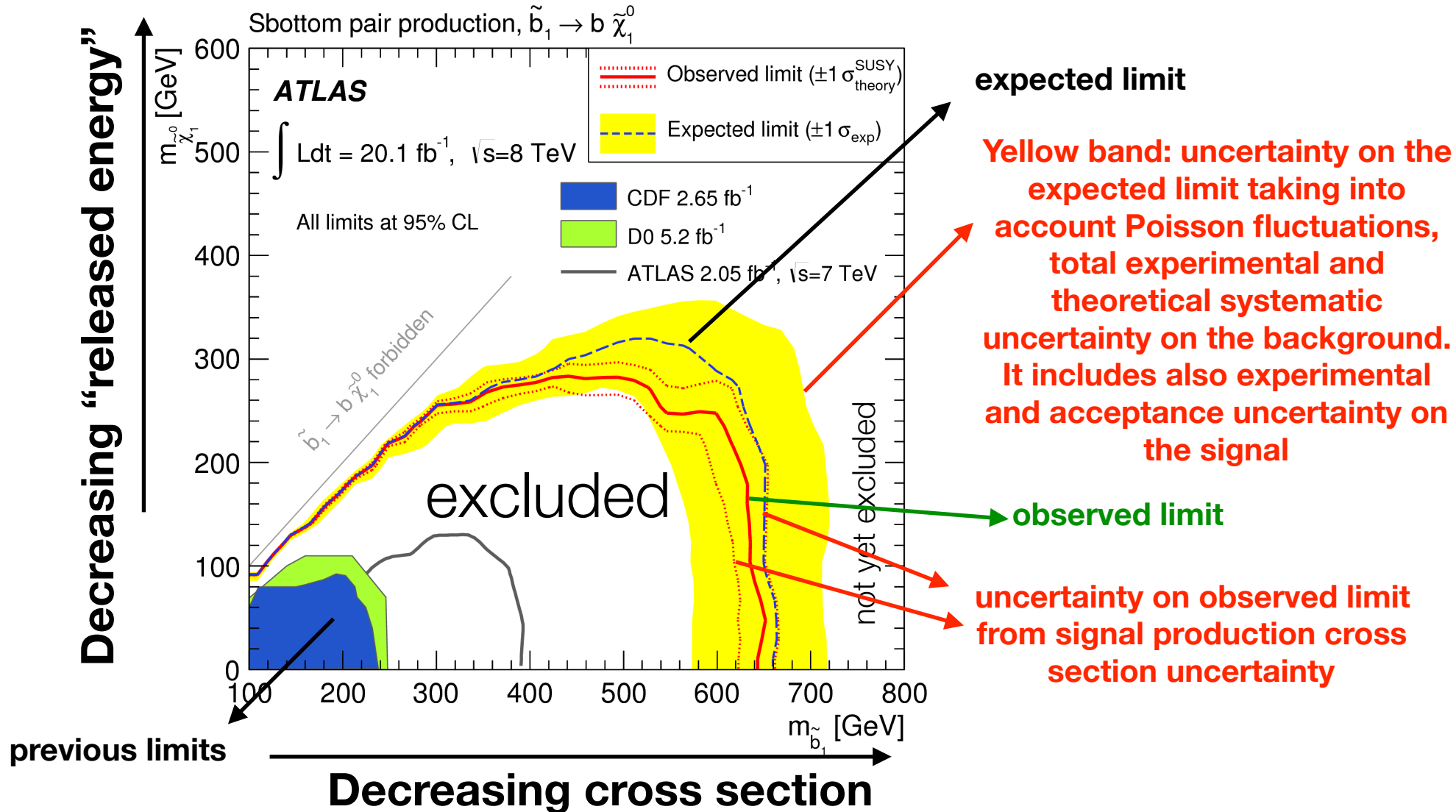
- Real model complexity hidden: sensitivity claimed on simplified model does not necessarily map to a real model

# Disclaimer

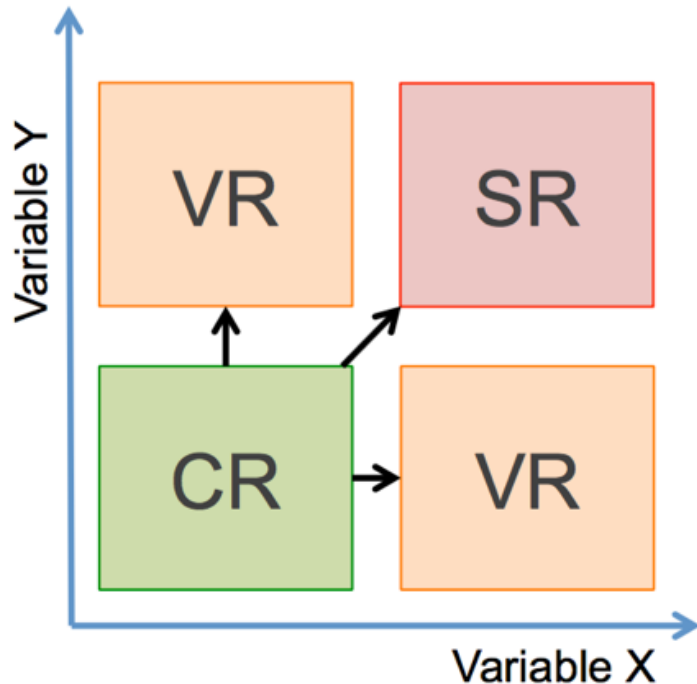
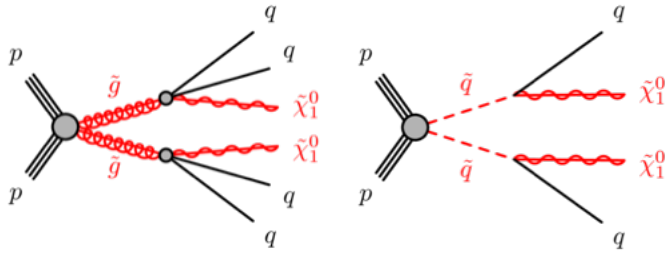
- We use simplified models to **optimise our analyses** and (often) to **interpret the result**
- The translation to actual models **not always straightforward**. “Absolute” exclusion (when they exist) limits **are weaker**.
- Take our limits *cum grano salis*



# How to read a limit



# Highlights (RPC strong production)



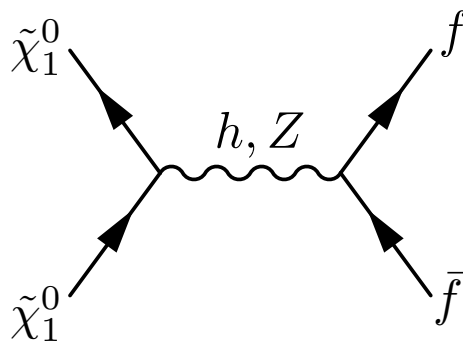
- 0L + jets +  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$ : traditionally **the flagship** of the ATLAS SUSY
- To **record** these events, require a  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  **trigger**
- Signal regions defined for **different jet multiplicities** and **different  $m_{\text{eff}}$  selections**
- **Irreducible background** prediction obtained from **MC normalised in dedicated Control Regions**
- **Reducible background** (e.g. multijet) completely **data-driven**

# Dark matter connection

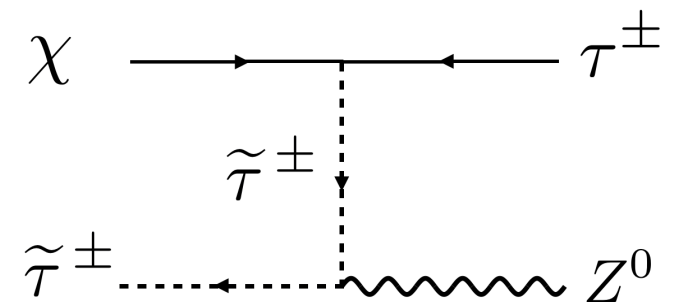
- Relic dark matter WIMP density depends on **assumed velocity spectrum** and on **WIMP self-interaction cross section**

$$\Omega_\chi h^2 \simeq \text{const.} \cdot \frac{T_0^3}{M_{\text{Pl}}^3 \langle \sigma_A v \rangle} \simeq \frac{0.1 \text{ pb} \cdot c}{\langle \sigma_A v \rangle}$$

- Bino self-interaction cross-section **usually too low** (predicted density too high). Need mechanism to increase it.



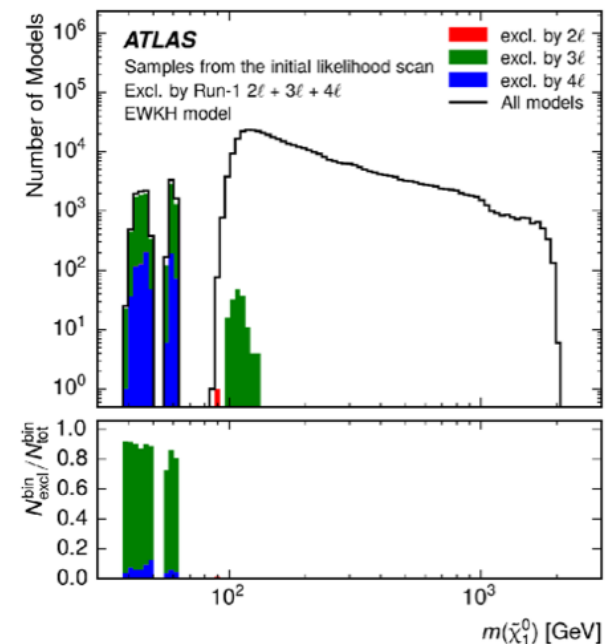
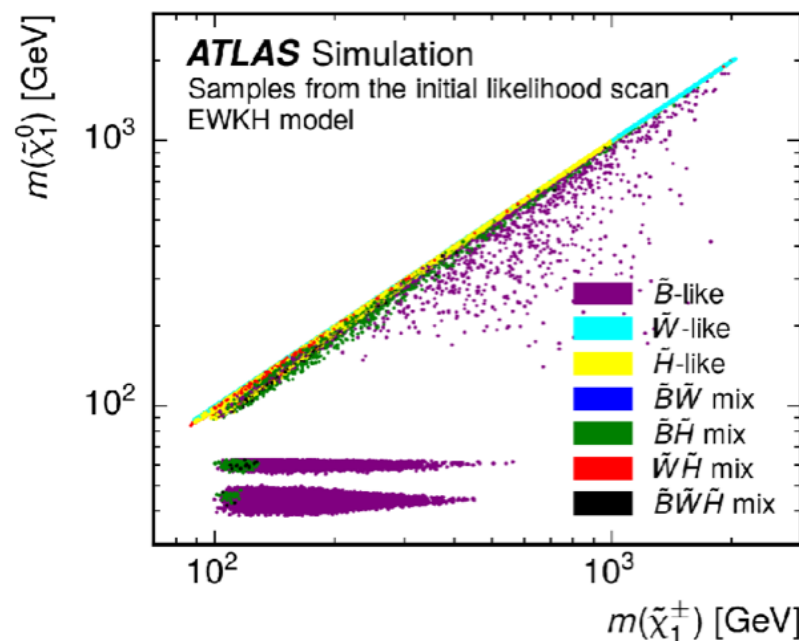
(Or other diagrams requiring low-mass sparticles, for example stau co-annihilation)



- Wino-Higgsino self-interaction cross-section **usually too high.**

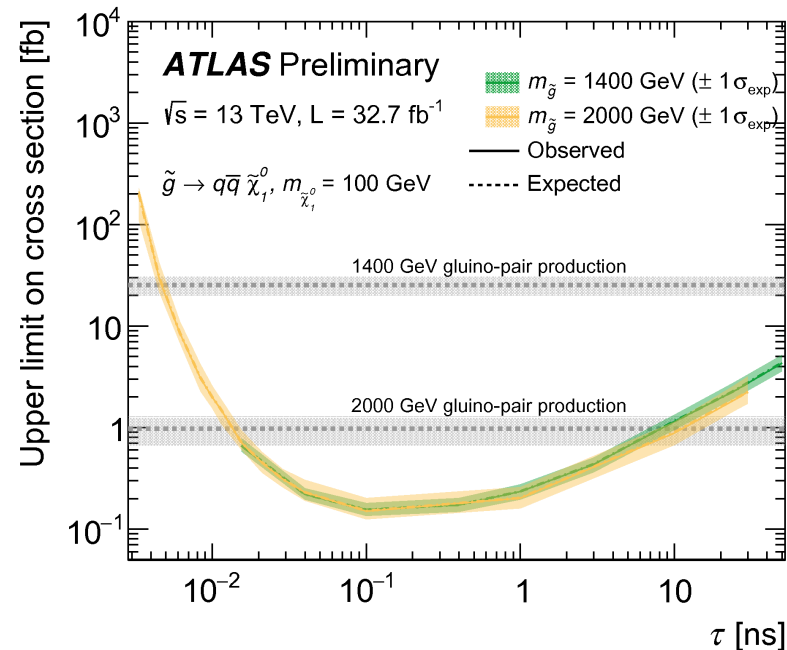
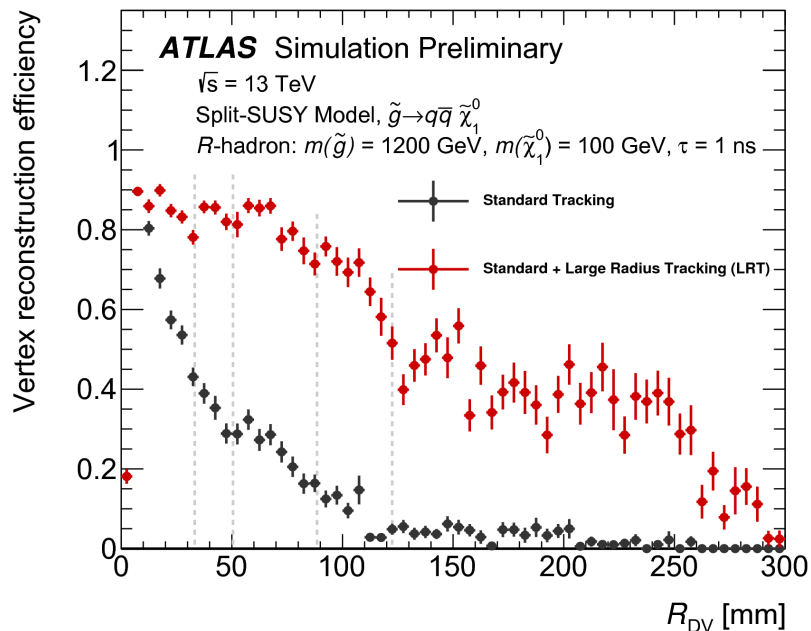
# Dark matter connection

- Scan a **5-parameter pMSSM** (EWKH, scanning  $M_1, M_2, \mu, \tan\beta, M_A$ )
- Apply **EW constraints** and **relic density abundance as upper limit**
- Finally evaluate the impact of **ATLAS EW run 1 electroweak analyses**
- Very important **impact on the h- and Z-funnel regions**
- **Hardly scratching** the rest of the parameter space...



# Long-lived gluinos

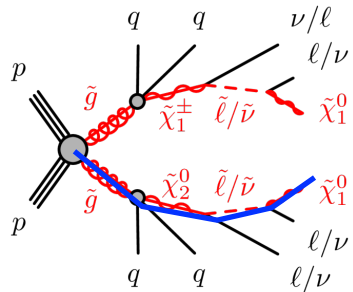
- Squark-mediated gluino decay: gluino lifetime **becomes measurable** if the squark mass is large (e.g., split SUSY).
  - Long-lived SUSY particles can yield a **high-mass displaced vertex (DV)**.
- Current search: DV +  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  (RPC decay of the gluino).
- Dedicated **large radius tracking** improves tracking efficiency in the sensitive region.



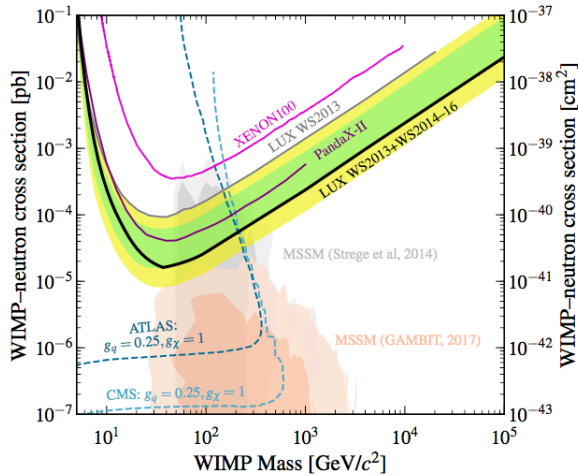
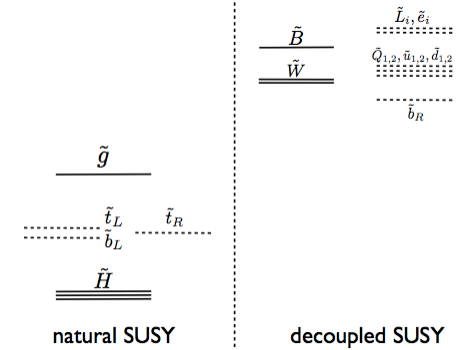
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Naturalness



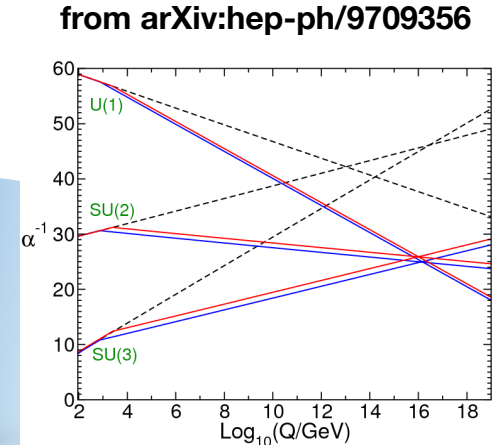
R-parity conservation



Dark Matter

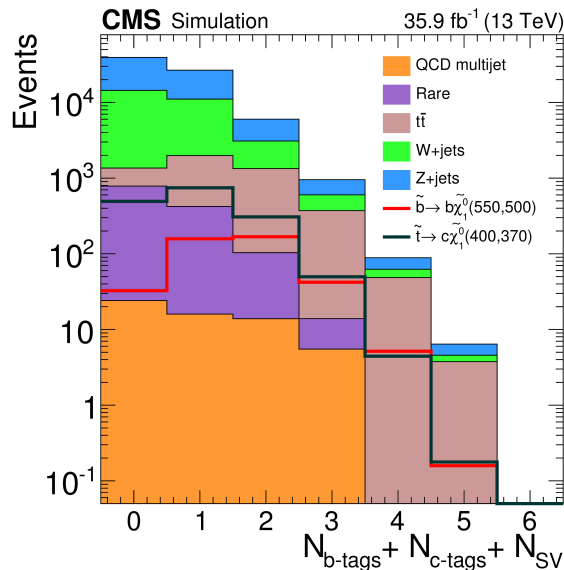
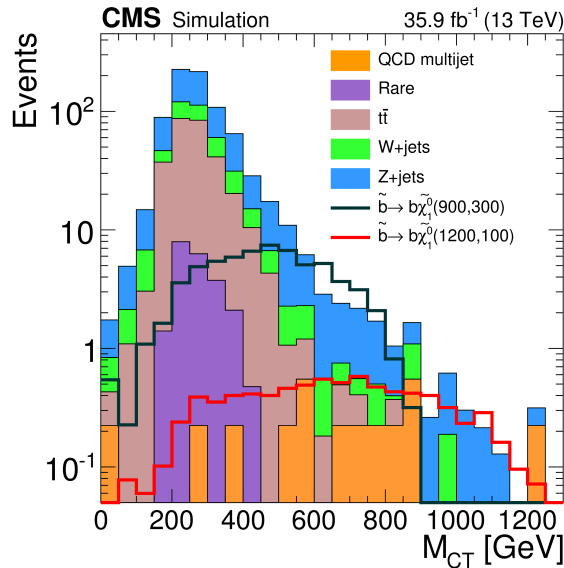
EW-scale  
SUSY

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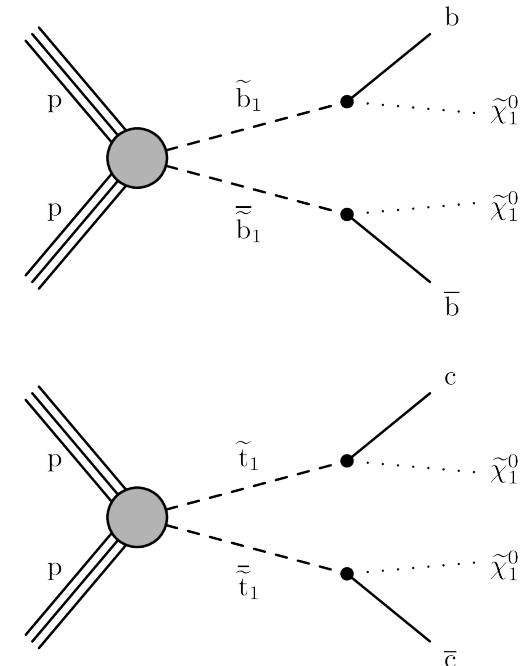
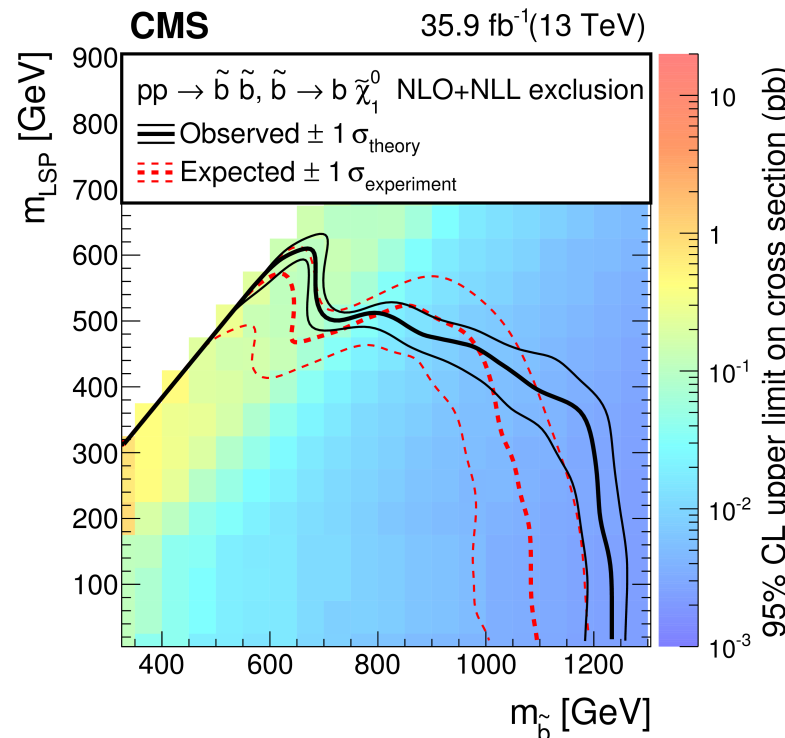




# Sbottom pair production

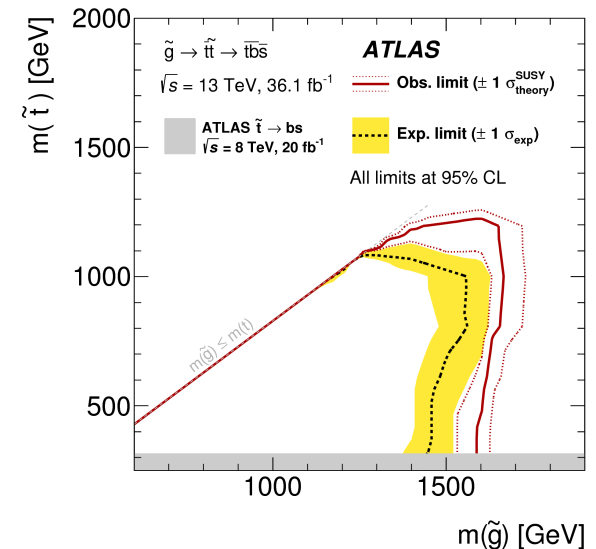
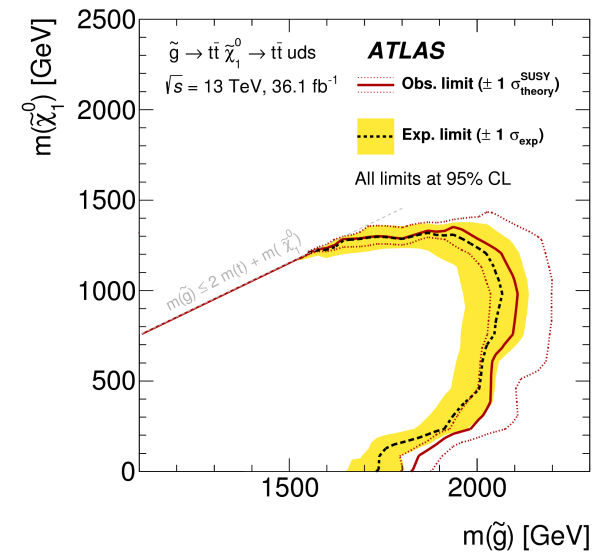
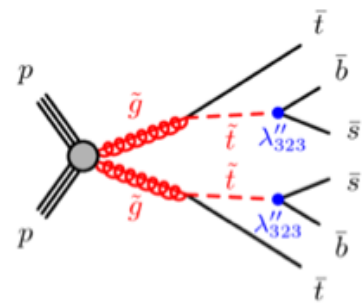
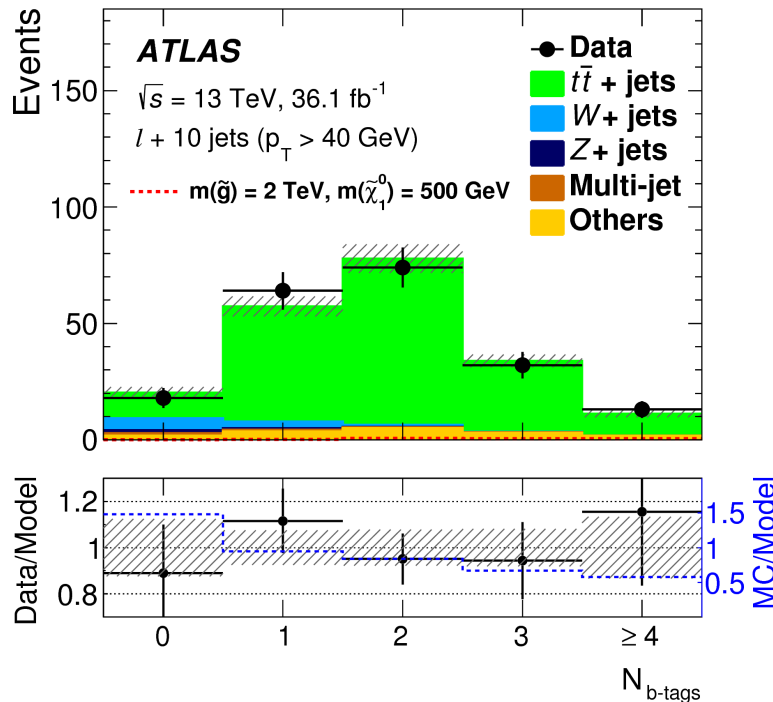
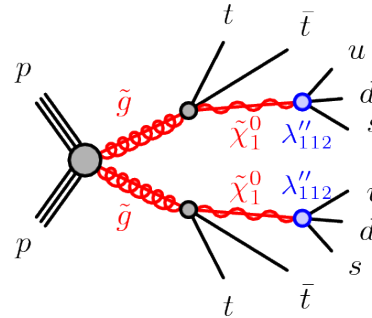


- Common SUSY-breaking mass parameter with  $stop_L$  imposes **indirect constraints** on sbottom mass
- See [SUS-2016-32](#) and [ATLAS-CONF-2017-038](#).
- $M_{CT}$ : contransverse mass, a transverse mass type variable. It shows a kinematical end-point for top pair production.



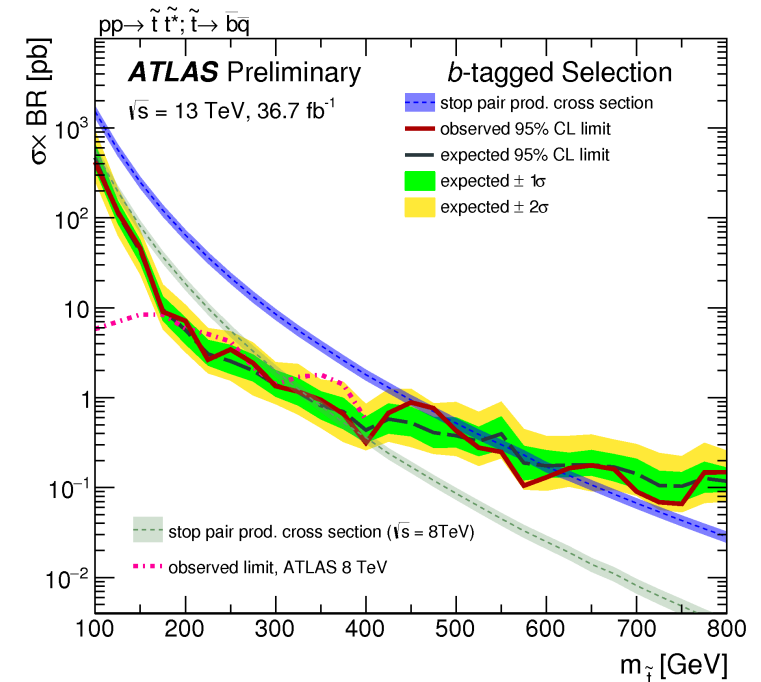
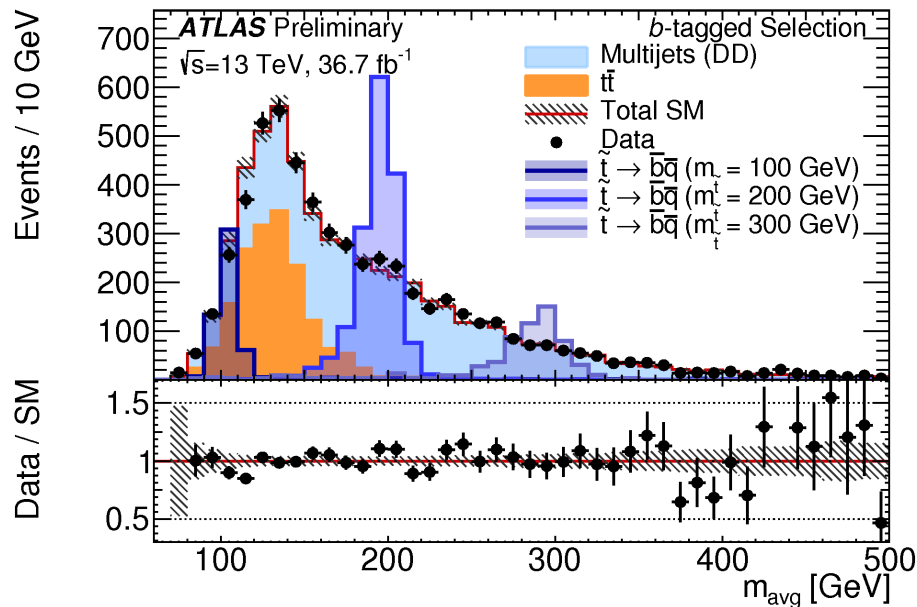
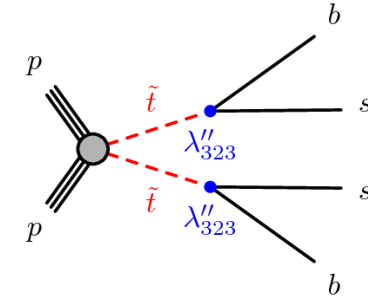
# R-parity violating scenarios

- Final states **with up to 12 jets** and a lepton
- Bin the phase space in **jet and b-jet multiplicity**:
  - (nearly) **fully data-driven** background estimate, with t**bar** **scaling in jets multiplicity and number of b-tagged jets.**

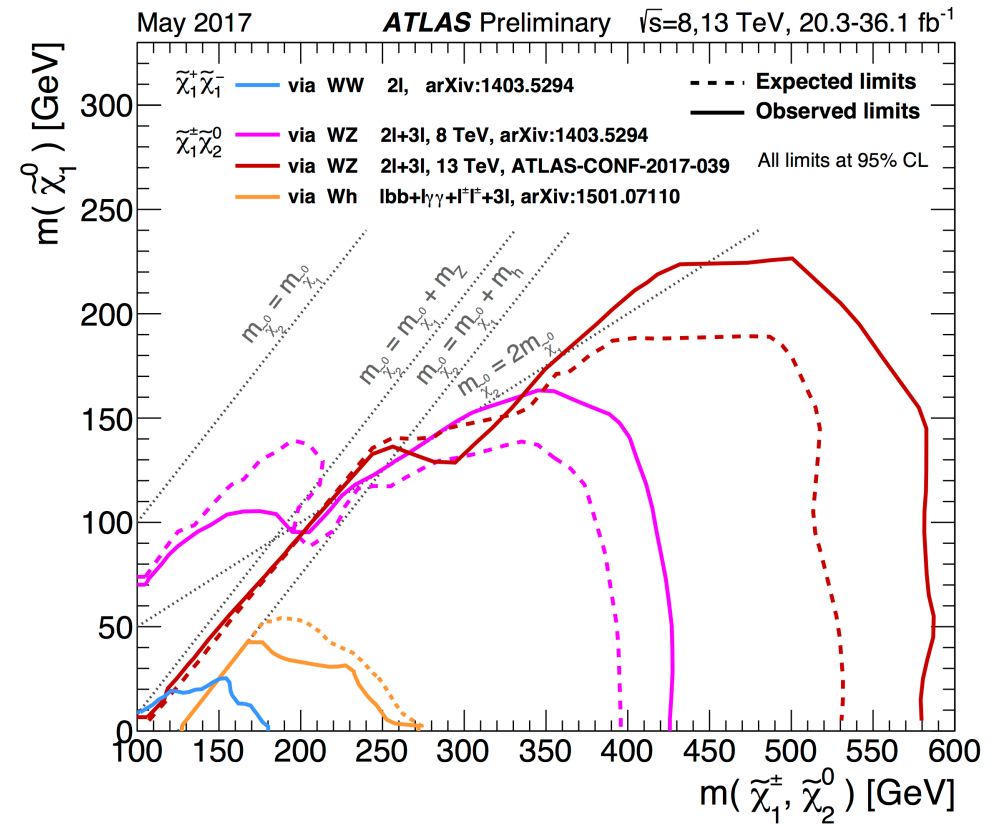
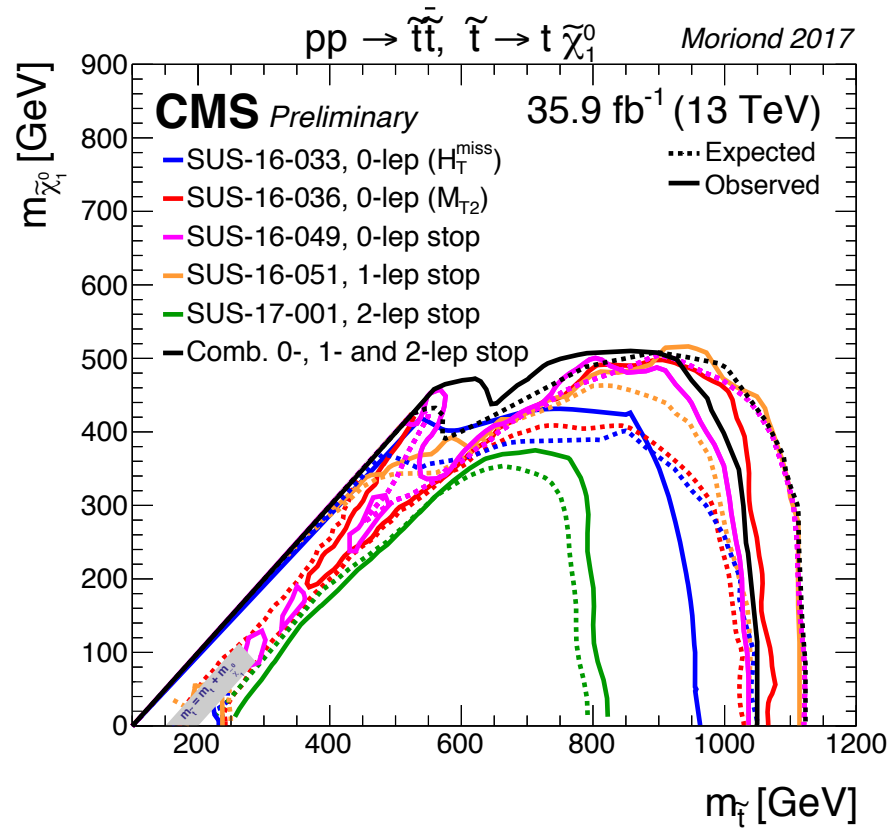


# R-parity violating scenarios

- Stop with **RPV decays**: look for **2x2 jet resonances**:
  - **Two-jet resonances with compatible mass**
  - **Signal regions no b-tags and two b-tags**
- Stops excluded up to **600 GeV**.



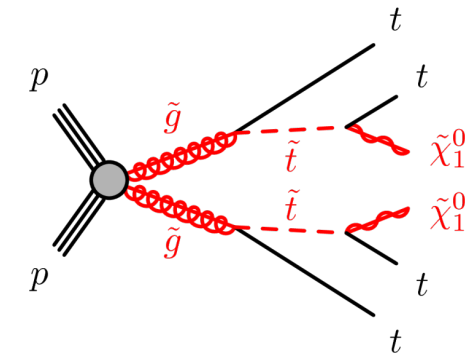
# Summary plots



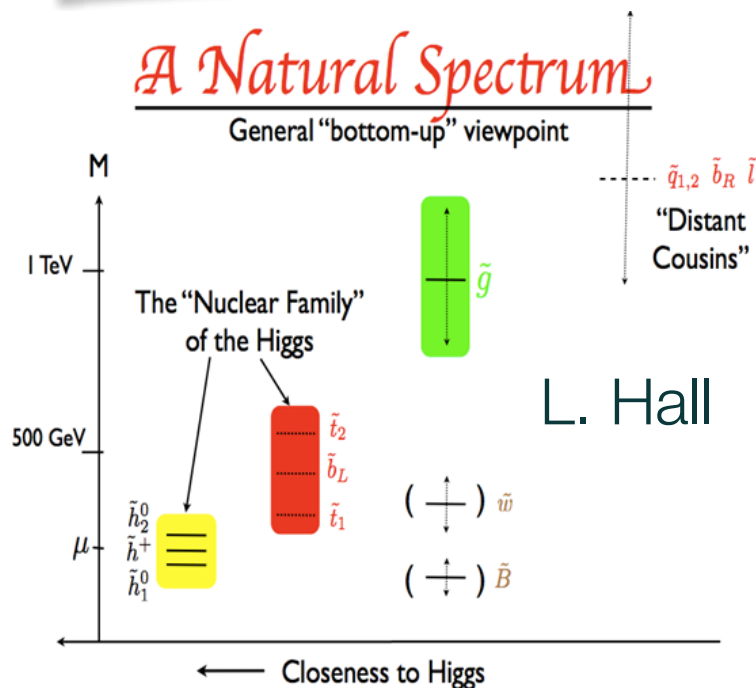
# “Natural” SUSY under test

- The **Higgs boson mass** in the MSSM is determined (at 1-loop) by **EW parameters** and by the **stop masses and mixing**.

$$m_h^2 = m_Z^2 \cos^2 2\beta + \frac{3y_t^2 m_t^2}{4\pi^2} \left[ \log \left( \frac{m_S^2}{m_t^2} \right) + X_t^2 \left( 1 - \frac{X_t^2}{12} \right) \right] + \dots$$



Final state involving **up to 12 jets, up to 4 b-jets, SS leptons**



- Lot of work on understanding the y-scale: stop masses of **few TeV** may **well be natural** (see, for example, [H. Baer et al.](#))