A detailed 3D cutaway rendering of the ATLAS detector, showing its complex internal structure with various colored components like the inner and outer calorimeters, the central solenoid, and the muon chambers. The text is overlaid on this image.

SUSY results from the ATLAS experiment

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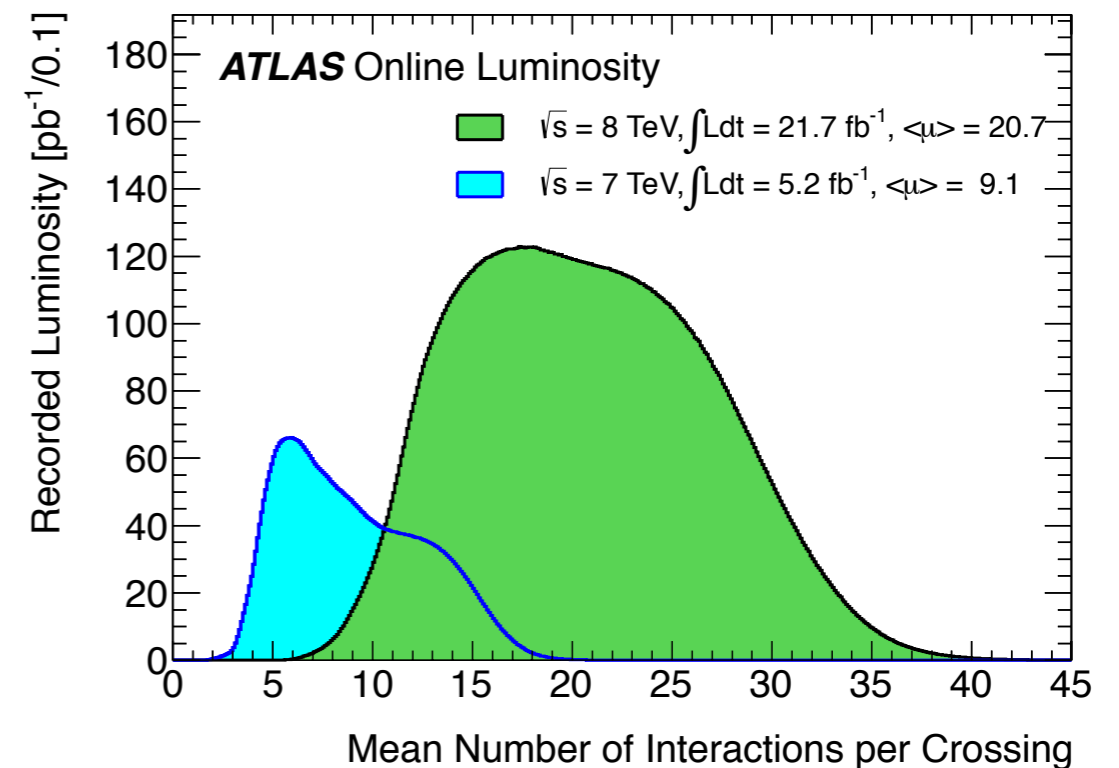
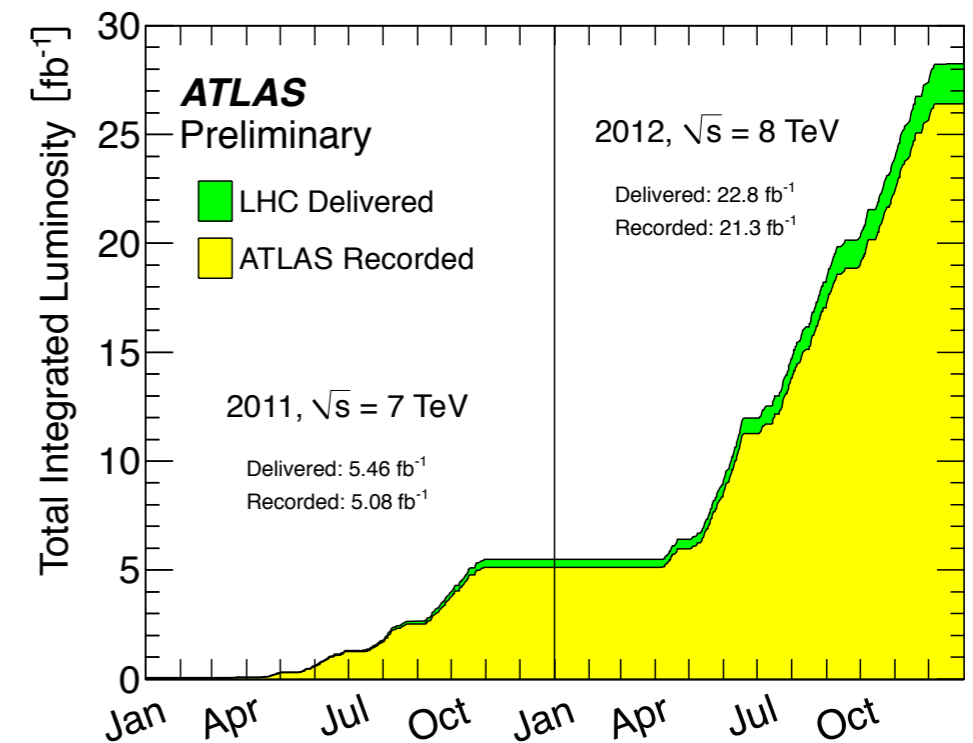
- Summary

General search strategy

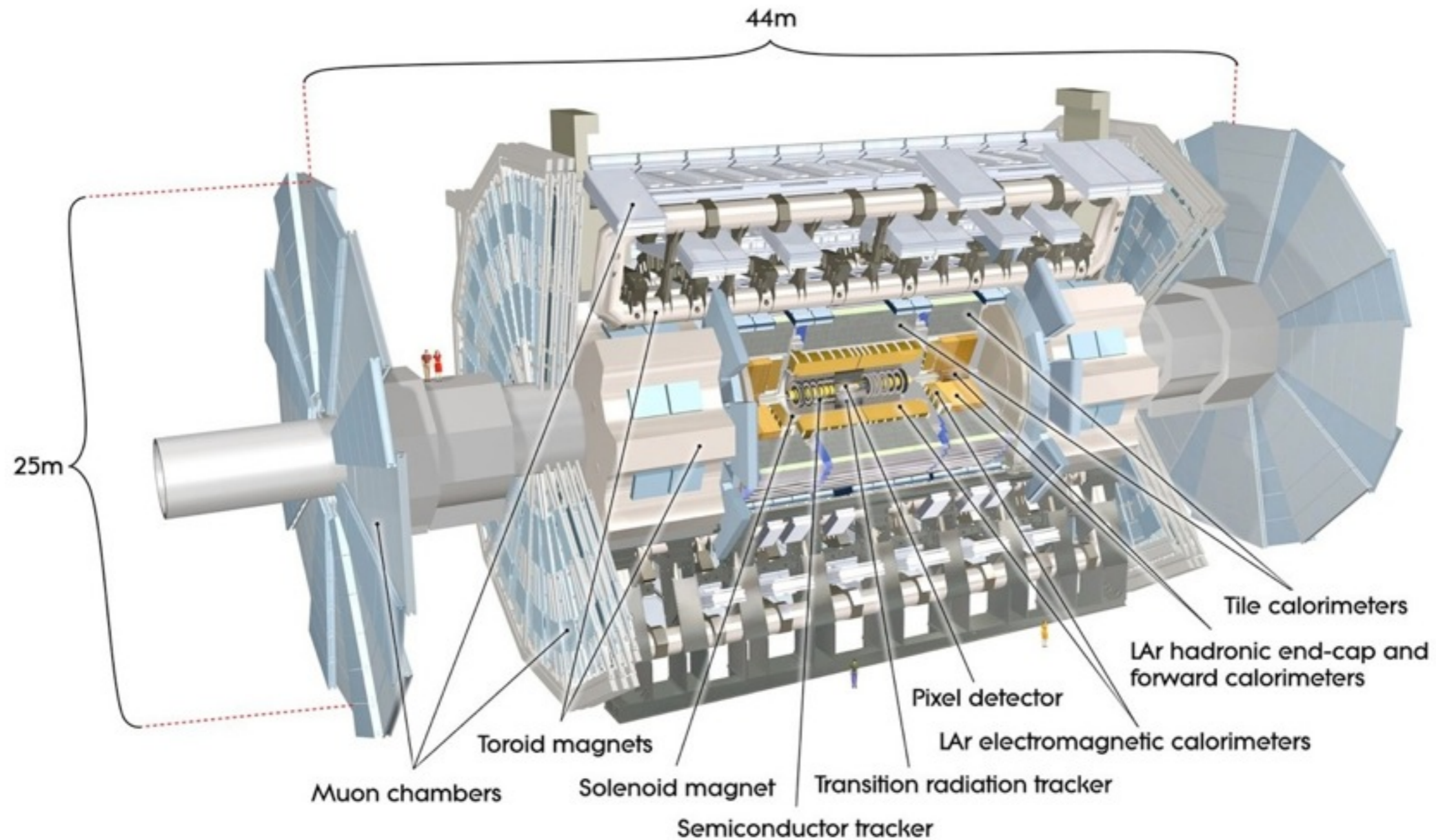
- Lots of SUSY models on market (or arise every day!)
 - ▶ Dedicated analysis for each model (top-down approach) may give the best search sensitivity, but experimentalists cannot do that..
- We then adapt the bottom-up approach:
 - ▶ Identify event topologies/signatures that could be much distinctive when compared to SM and capture essential features of SUSY particle decays.
 - ▶ Develop an analysis (way to control background) for each signal topology.
- Our job in the experiment: **”develop analyses to access signal event topologies that are expected to appear in all possible sparticle decays”**

Data up to LHC long shutdown I

- Could accumulate 21.3 fb^{-1} of 8 TeV pp collision data in 2012 thanks to increased luminosities.
- The price to pay for this is pileup:
 - ▶ ~ 20 pp interactions per bunch crossing.
 - ▶ Lots of effort to fully understand detector responses and better physics performances.



ATLAS detector



- ▶ General purpose detector: designed for the detection of SUSY decay products.
 - ▶ Superb performance in Run-I, providing excellent reconstruction performances for electrons, muons, taus, photons, (b-)jets and MET.

Performance

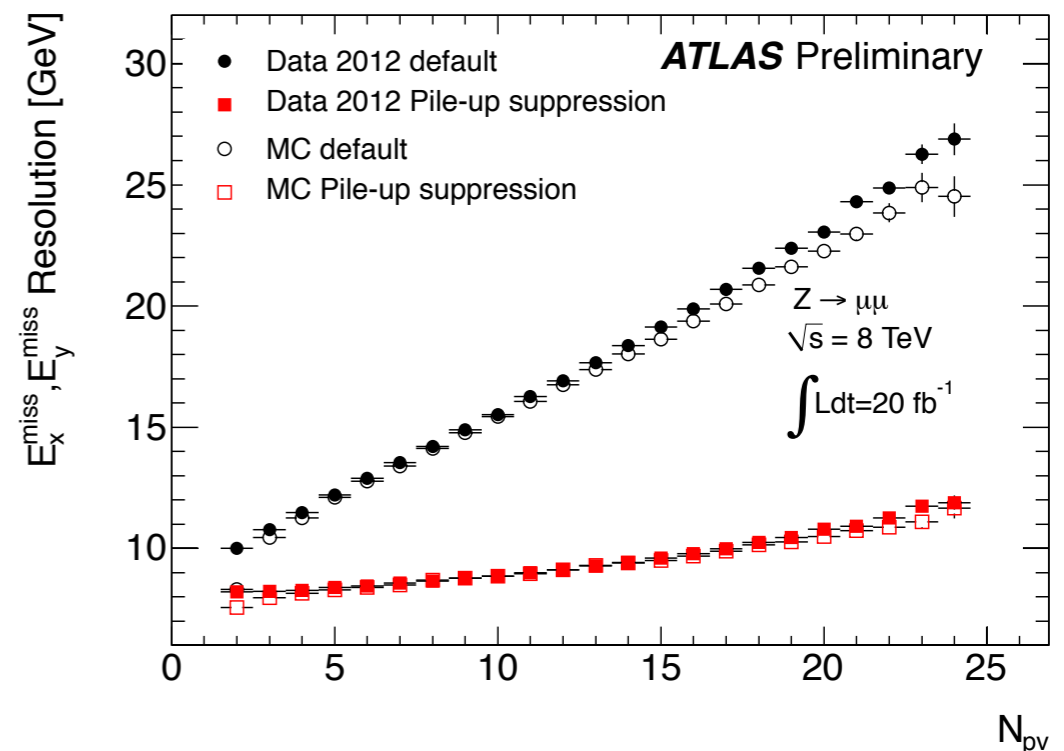
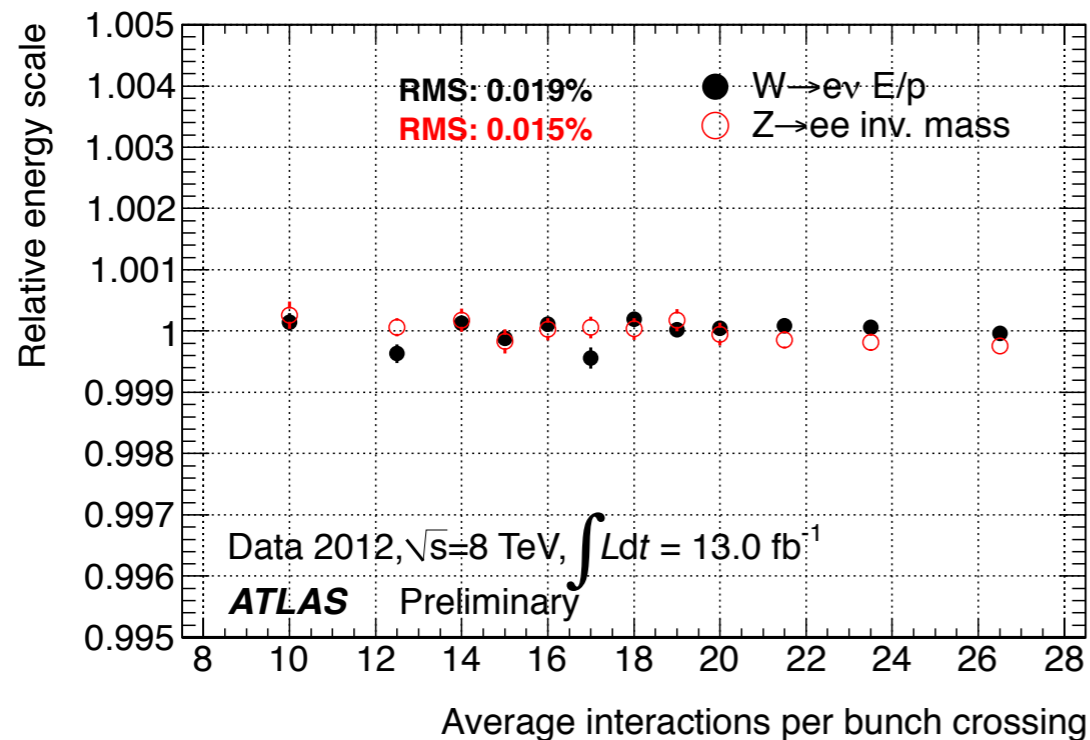
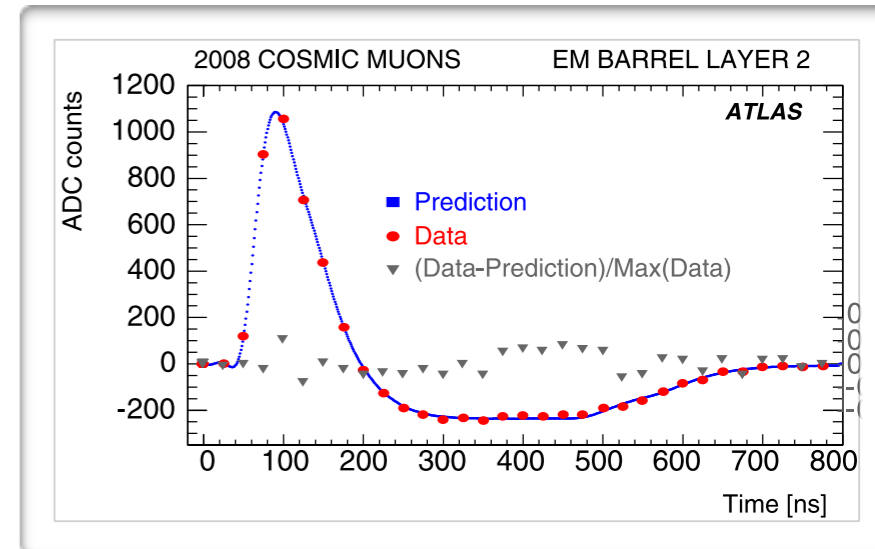
- Pileup effect: severe especially for calorimeter energy measurement.

- ▶ Electron response stability: OK

- Bunch-integrated pileup contribution cancels thanks to bipolar pulse shape

- ▶ Less pileup dependence on jet/MET measurement due to corrections to compensate pileup noise etc.

- Also can see that MC simulation reasonably describe the data!



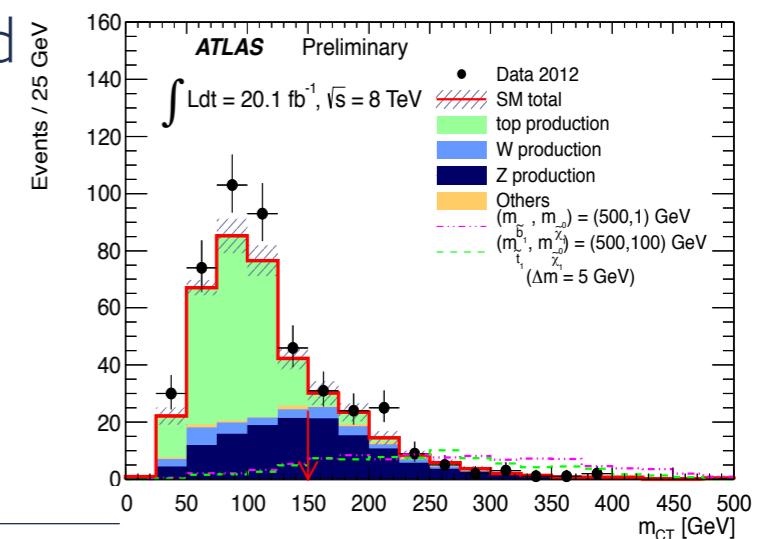
Triggers in 8TeV run

Signature	Offline selection	Trigger selection		L1 Peak (kHz) $L_{\text{peak}} = 7 \times 10^{33}$	EF Ave (Hz) $L_{\text{ave}} = 5 \times 10^{33}$
		L1	EF		
Single leptons	Single muon $p_T > 25$ GeV	15 GeV	24 GeV	8	45
	Single electron $p_T > 25$ GeV	18 GeV	24 GeV	17	70
Two leptons	2 muons $p_T > 6$ GeV	$2 \times 6(4_{\text{EOF}})$ GeV (also 2mu4 barrel only)	2×6 GeV	3	2
	2 muons $p_T > 15$ GeV	2×10 GeV	2×13 GeV	1	5
	2 muons $p_T > 20, 10$ GeV	15 GeV	18, 8 GeV	8	8
	2 electrons, each $p_T > 15$ GeV	2×10 GeV	2×12 GeV	6	8
Two photons	2 taus $p_T > 45, 30$ GeV	15, 11 GeV	29, 20 GeV	12	12
	2 photons, each $p_T > 25$ GeV	2×10 GeV	2×20 GeV	6	10
Single jet	2 loose photons, $p_T > 40, 30$ GeV	12, 16 GeV	35, 25 GeV	6	7
	Jet $p_T > 360$ GeV	75 GeV	360 GeV	2	5
E_T^{miss}	$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 120$ GeV	40 GeV	80 GeV	2	17
Multi-jets	5 jets, each $p_T > 60$ GeV	4×15 GeV	5×55 GeV	1	8
	6 jets, each $p_T > 50$ GeV		6×45 GeV		
b-jets	$b + 3$ other jets $p_T > 45$ GeV	4×15 GeV	4×45 GeV + b -tag	1	4
TOTAL				< 75	~ 400 (ave)

Primer of SUSY search

Discriminant used to distinguish signals from SM background

- **Missing transverse momentum (MET):** calculated based on calorimeter energies and reconstructed muons.
 - LSPs(neutralino, gravitino) escape from detection \Rightarrow large MET
- **Jet multiplicity**
 - Enhance squark/gluino decays, reduce multijet background
- **b-jet:** Flavor tagging using 3D tracking impact parameter (e.g., 60% efficiency, < 1% mis-tag rate)
 - 3rd gen. squark decays, top, ...
- **Transverse mass (m_T)**
 - Separate from W+jets
- **Scalar sum of visible objects (H_T), effective mass ($m_{\text{eff}}=H_T+\text{MET}$)**
 - Large values expected when heavy particles are produced
- **Contraverse mass (m_{CT})** $m_{\text{CT}}^2 = (E_T^{b_1} + E_T^{b_2})^2 - |\mathbf{p}_T^{b_1} - \mathbf{p}_T^{b_2}|^2$
 - Separate from ttbar
- ...

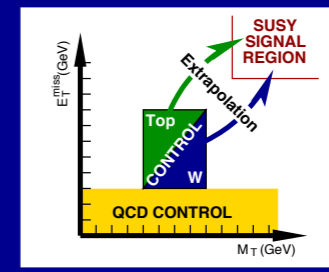


Primer of SUSY search

SM Backgrounds:
top pairs, single top,
V+jets, dibosons,
multijets,...

Main irreducible Backgrounds:

- Normalize MC prediction in dedicated Control Regions
- Extrapolate to Signal Regions using MC

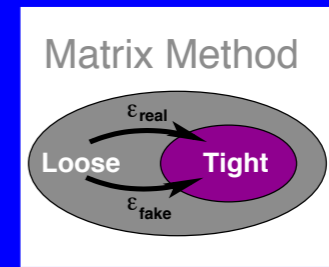


Minor irreducible Backgrounds:

- Pure MC based prediction

Reducible (fake) Backgrounds:

- Fully data driven method
- Matrix method
- Jet smearing
- Templates

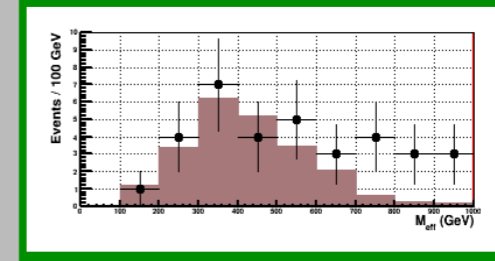


Validation Region:

- Cross check background predictions
- Closer to SR

Signal Region:

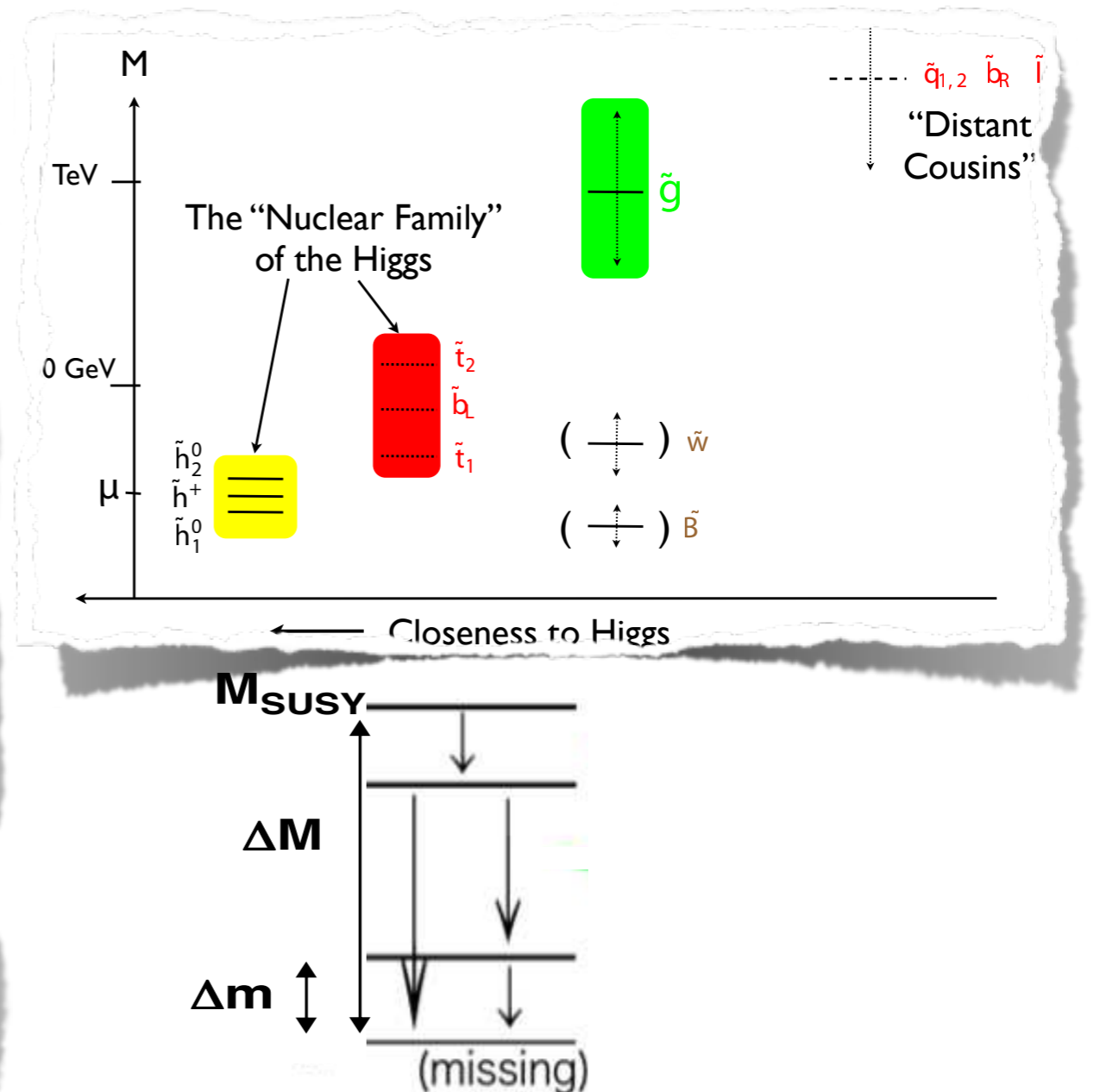
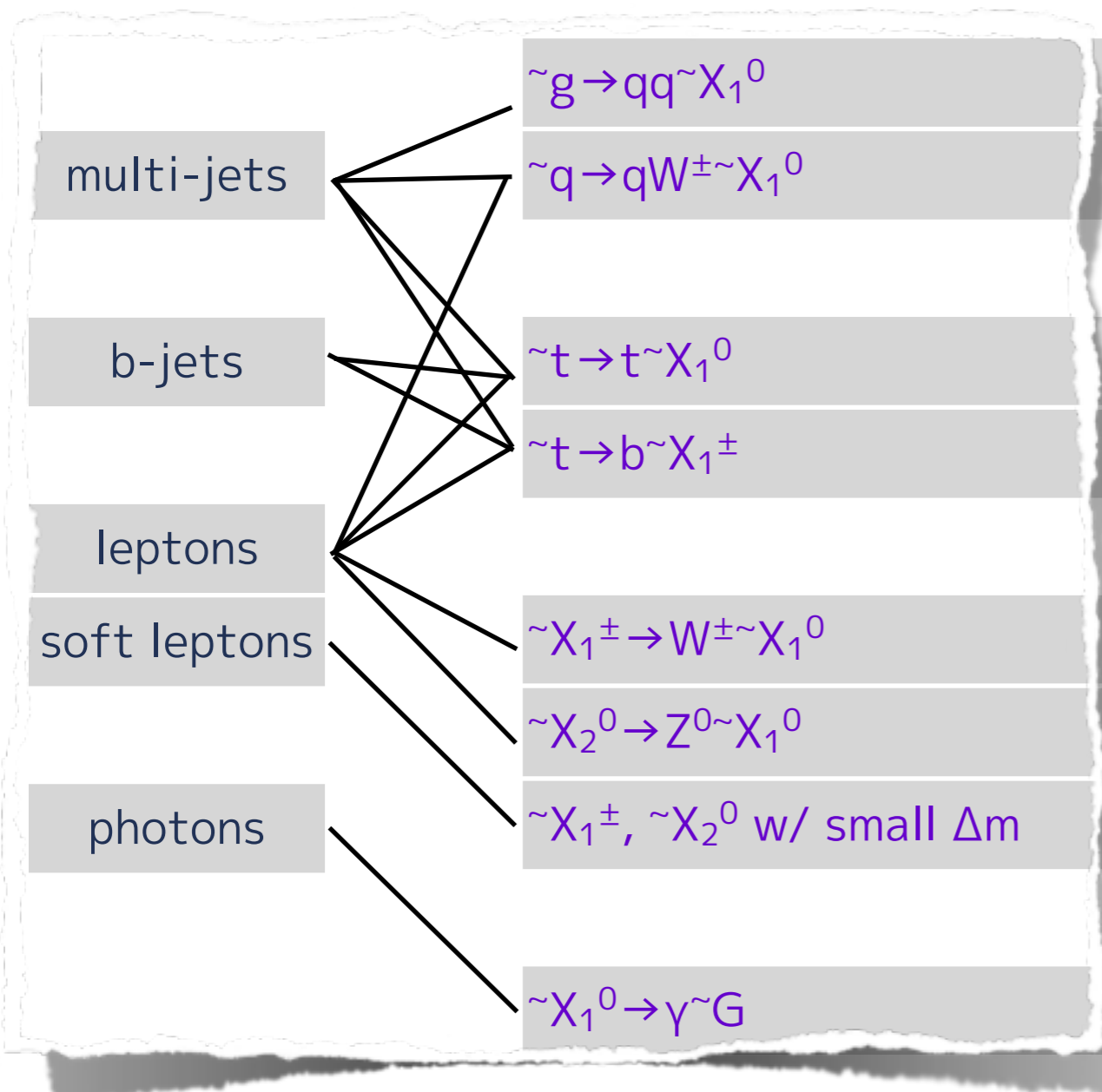
- Look for excess



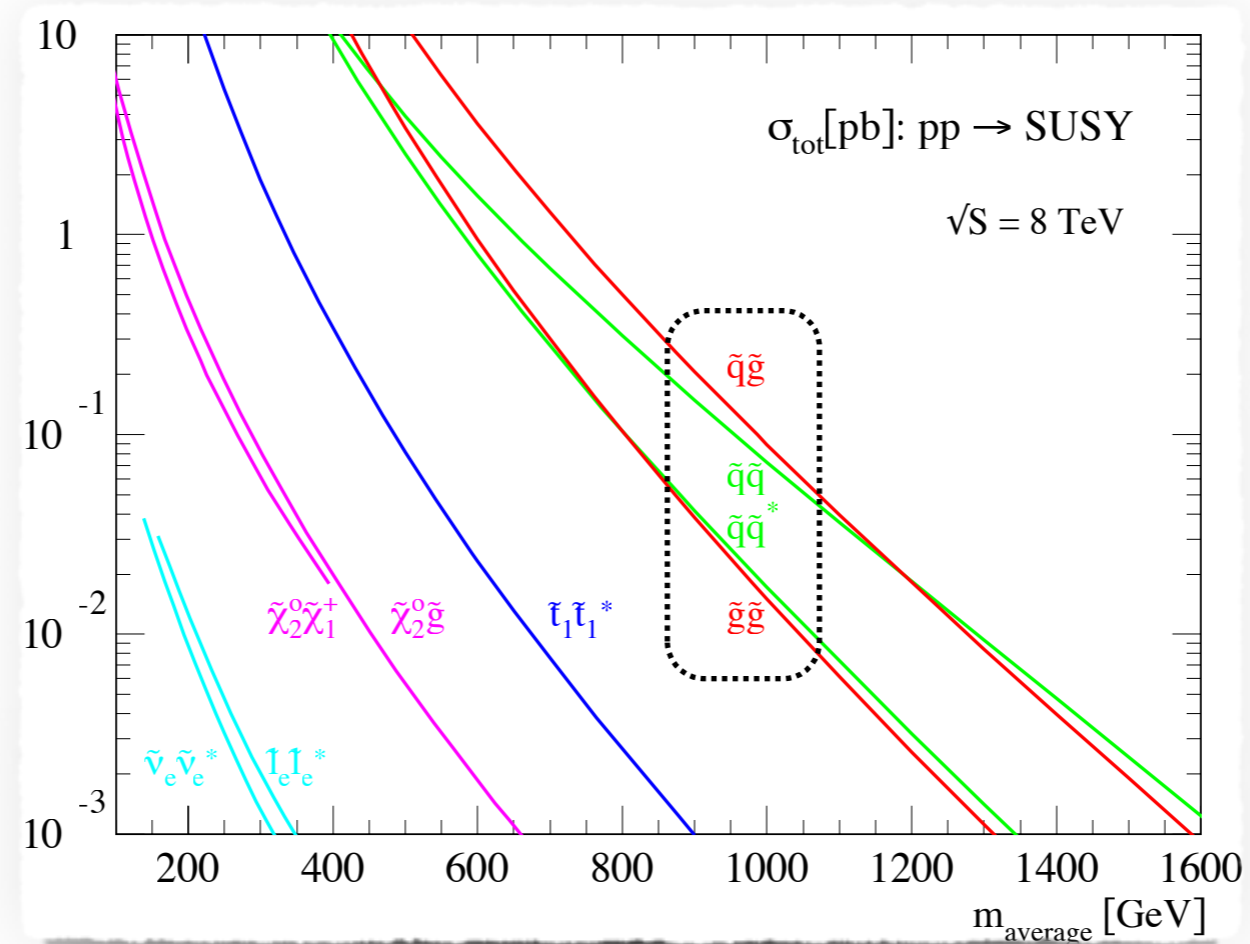
Combined global fit:
Consider experimental and theoretical uncertainties

Search programs

- Again, topology-based analyses developed to cover all possible decay signatures by adopting given triggers and discriminants (previously listed).



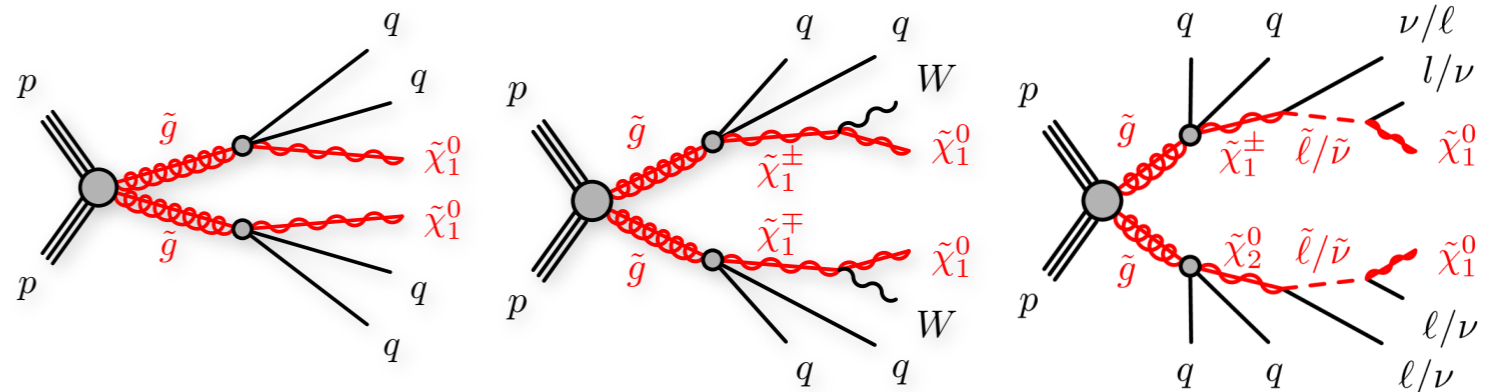
squark/gluino production



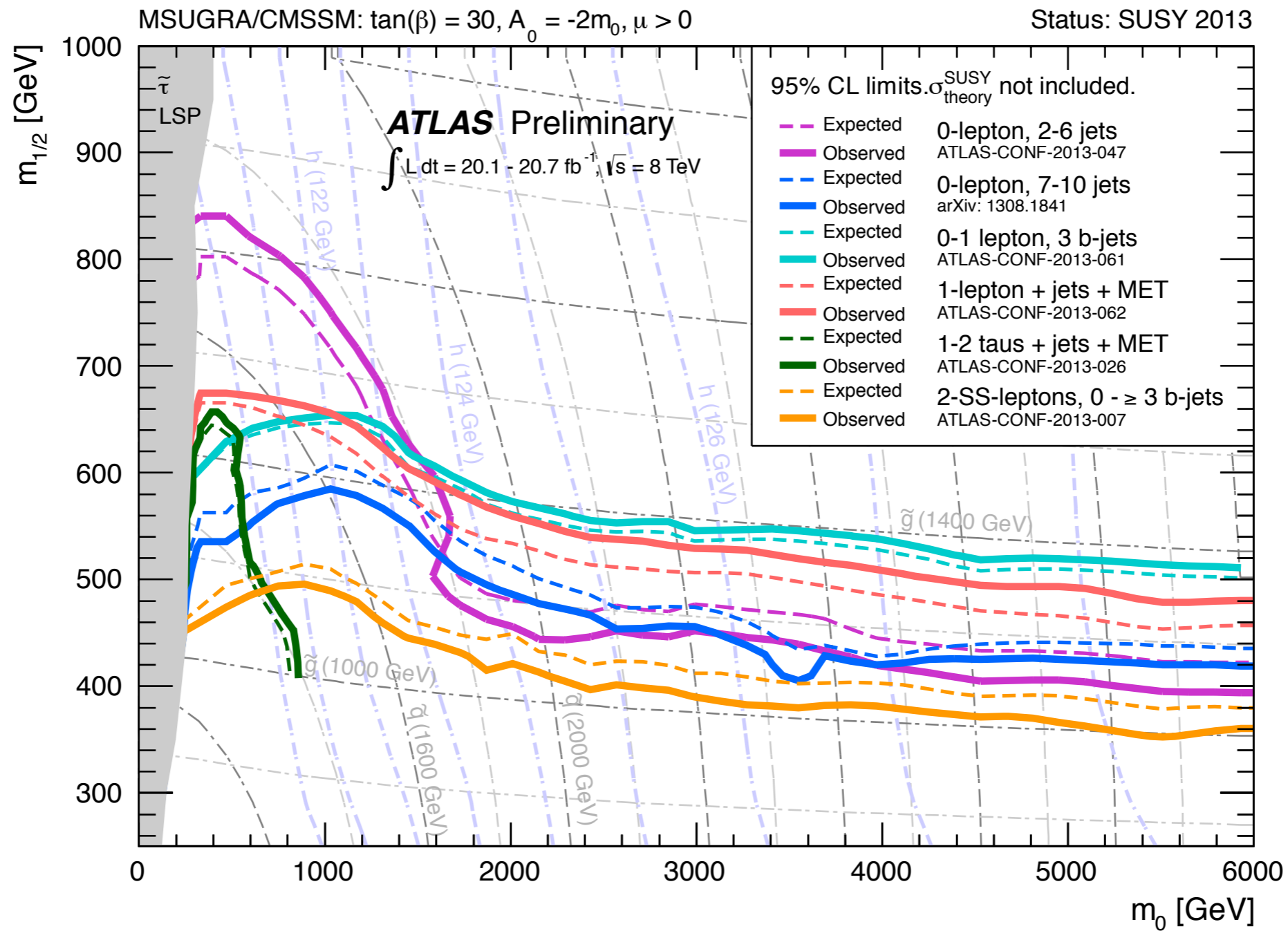
Inclusive searches with jets+MET+X

- Can start by broad and inclusive searches in jets+MET+X final states to explore squark/gluino production.
 - ▶ Large production cross section via strong interaction
 - ▶ Excesses expected to appear in large MET & m_{eff} regions where few SM background expected.
- Very powerful analyses!
 - ▶ Can address with early data sample, statistics does not help because the cross section steeply drops when squark/gluino mass increases.
 - ▶ Performed with several signal search regions that are (nearly) orthogonal.

0-lepton + 2-6 jets + MET
0-lepton + 7-10 jets + MET Sig.
1-2 leptons + jets + MET
2-lepton + jets + MET
1-2 taus + jets + MET



MSUGRA/CMSSM exclusion: 2013 summer

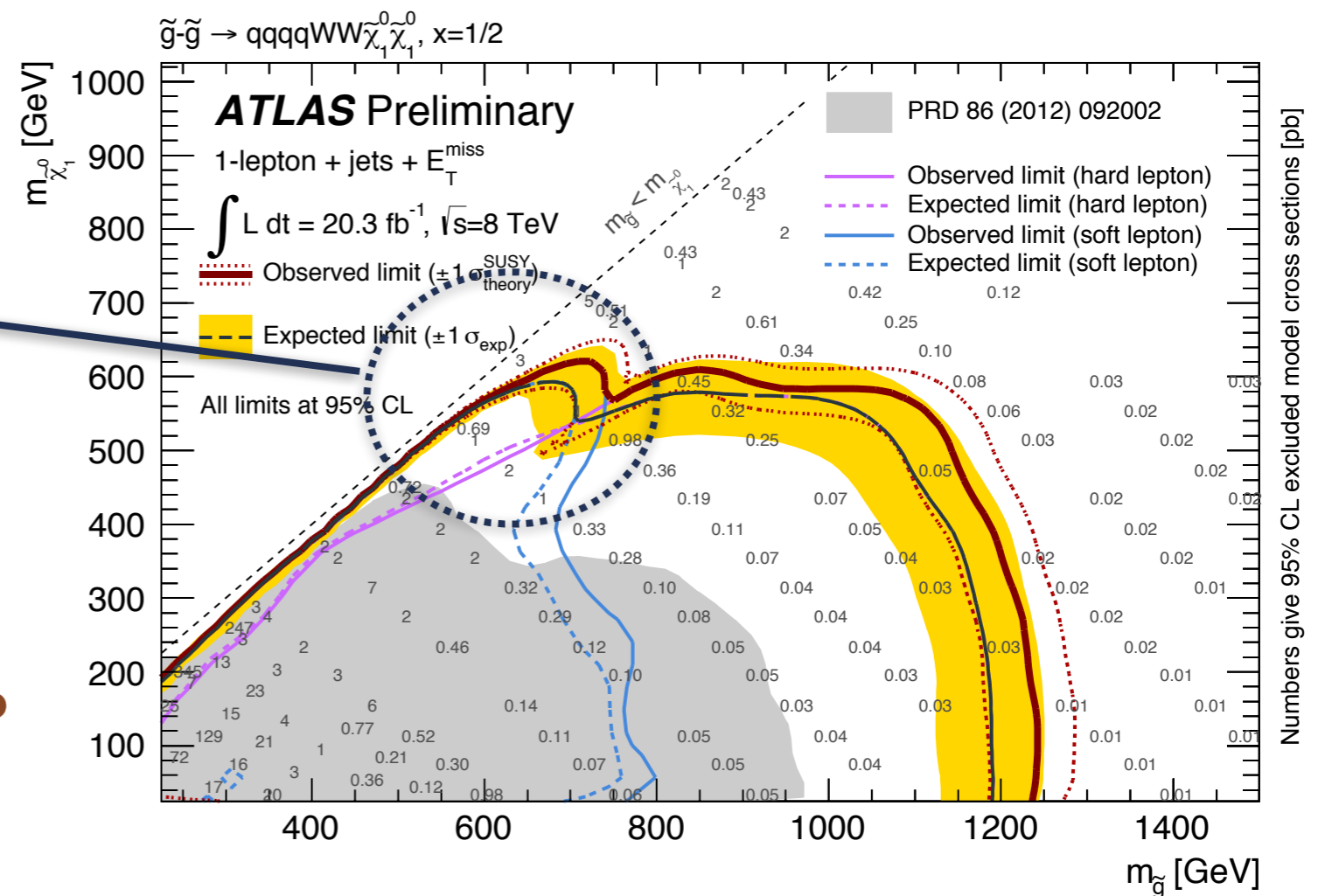


● Gluino masses below $\sim 1.3 \text{ TeV}$ for any squark mass

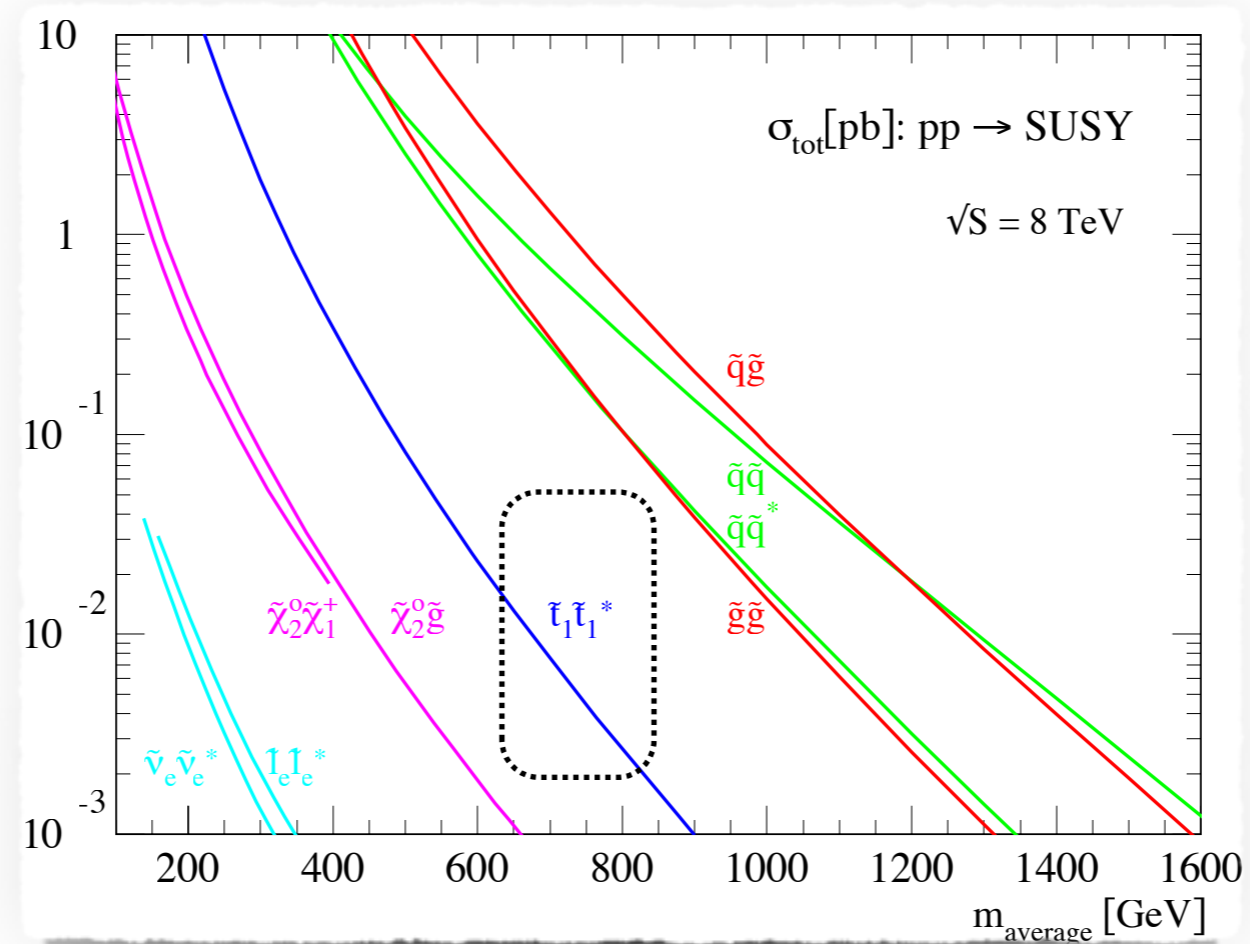
Accessing the corner of parameter space

- The inclusive searches are powerful, but there could be the corners of parameter space that they cannot address..
 - ▶ **Compressed mass spectrum leads to softer kinematics.**

- Soft lepton selection and ISR jet tagging extend the reach to compressed scenarios.
 - ▶ [6/10, 25] GeV for muon/electron
 - ▶ **Excluding gluinos below 700GeV for the gluino-LSP mass gap > 25GeV**

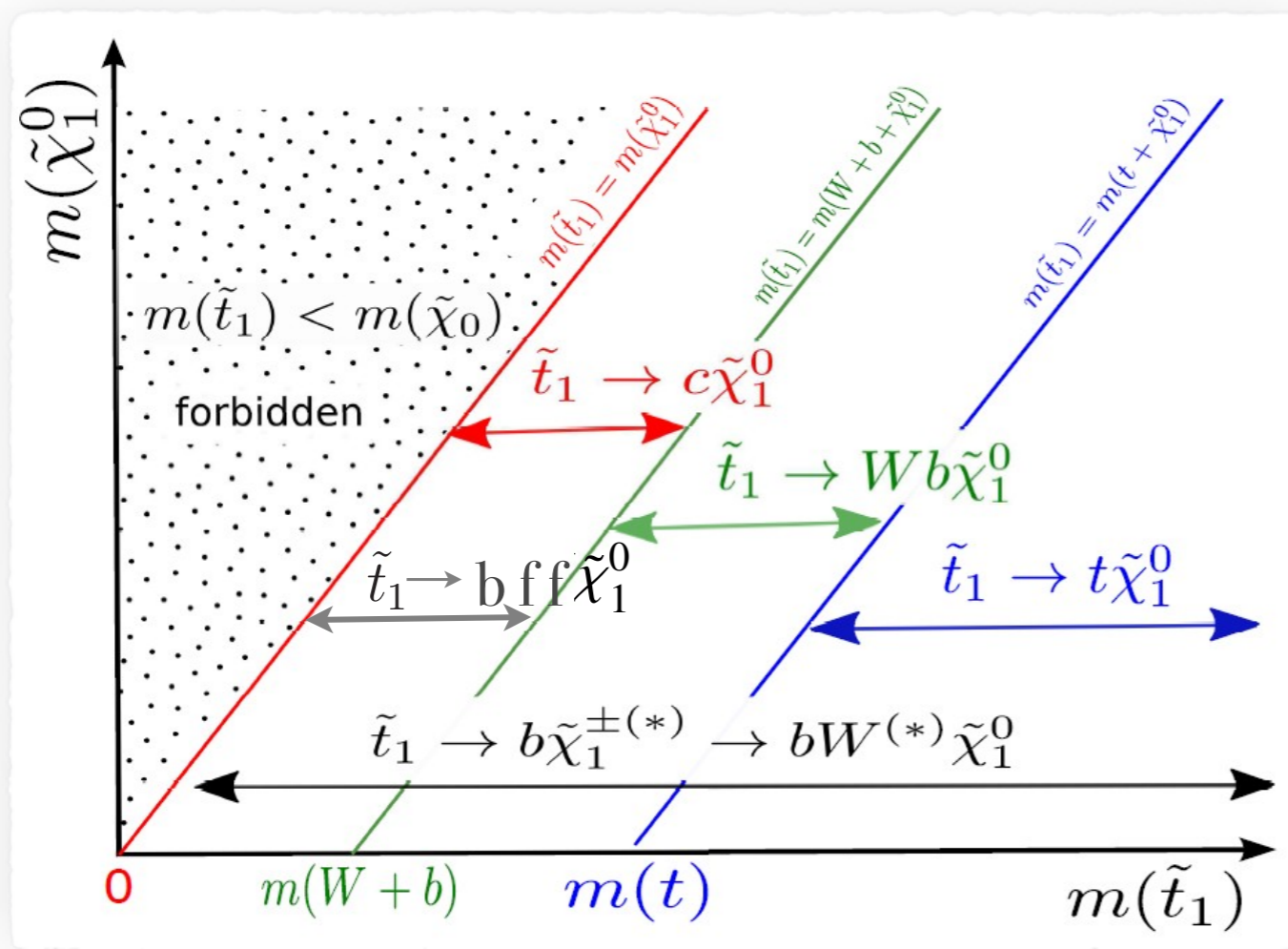


3rd gen. squark production



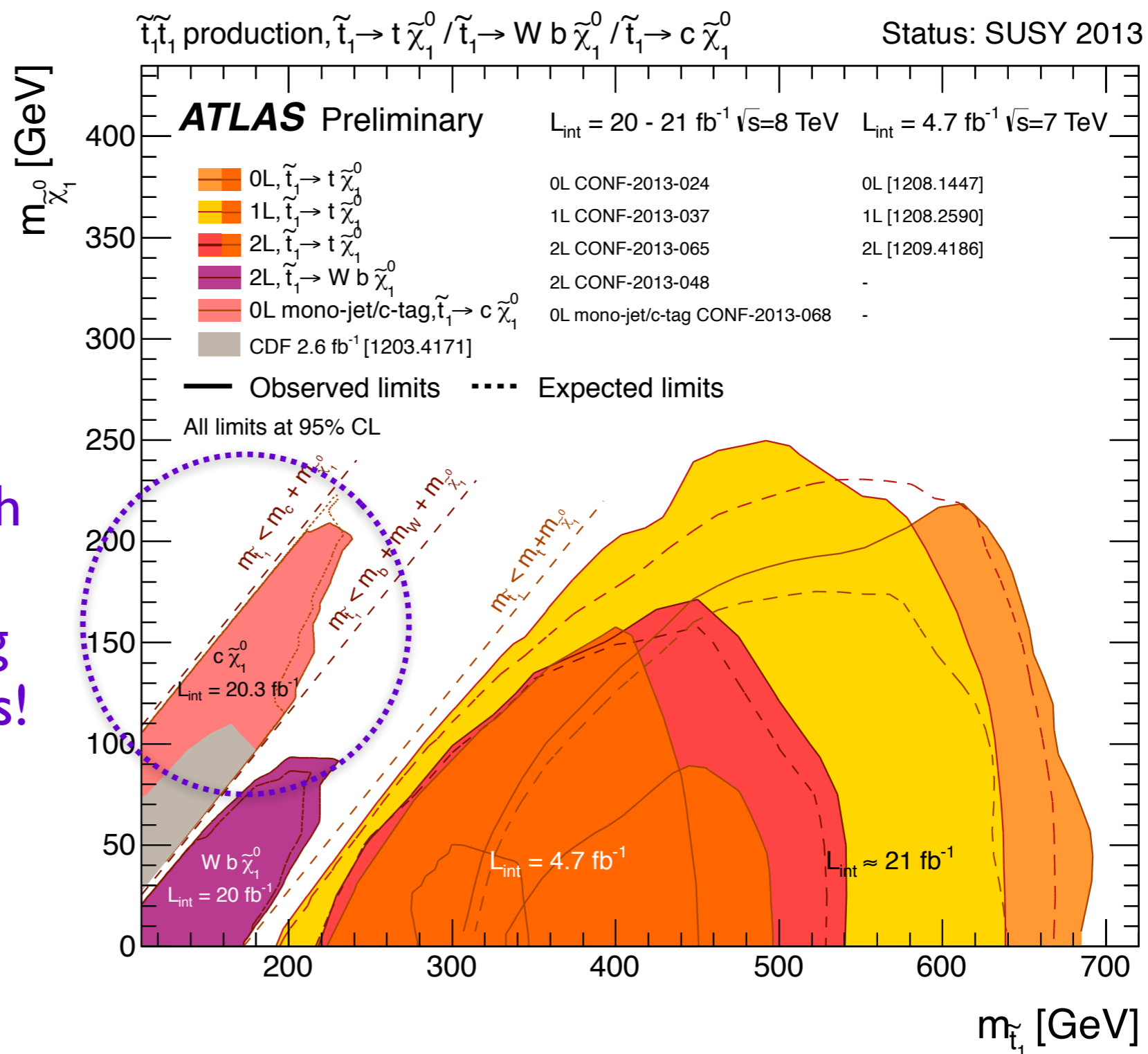
Stop decays

- Many possible decay modes depending on stop-LSP mass relation:
- Dedicated analyses to explore each decay/signal topology.



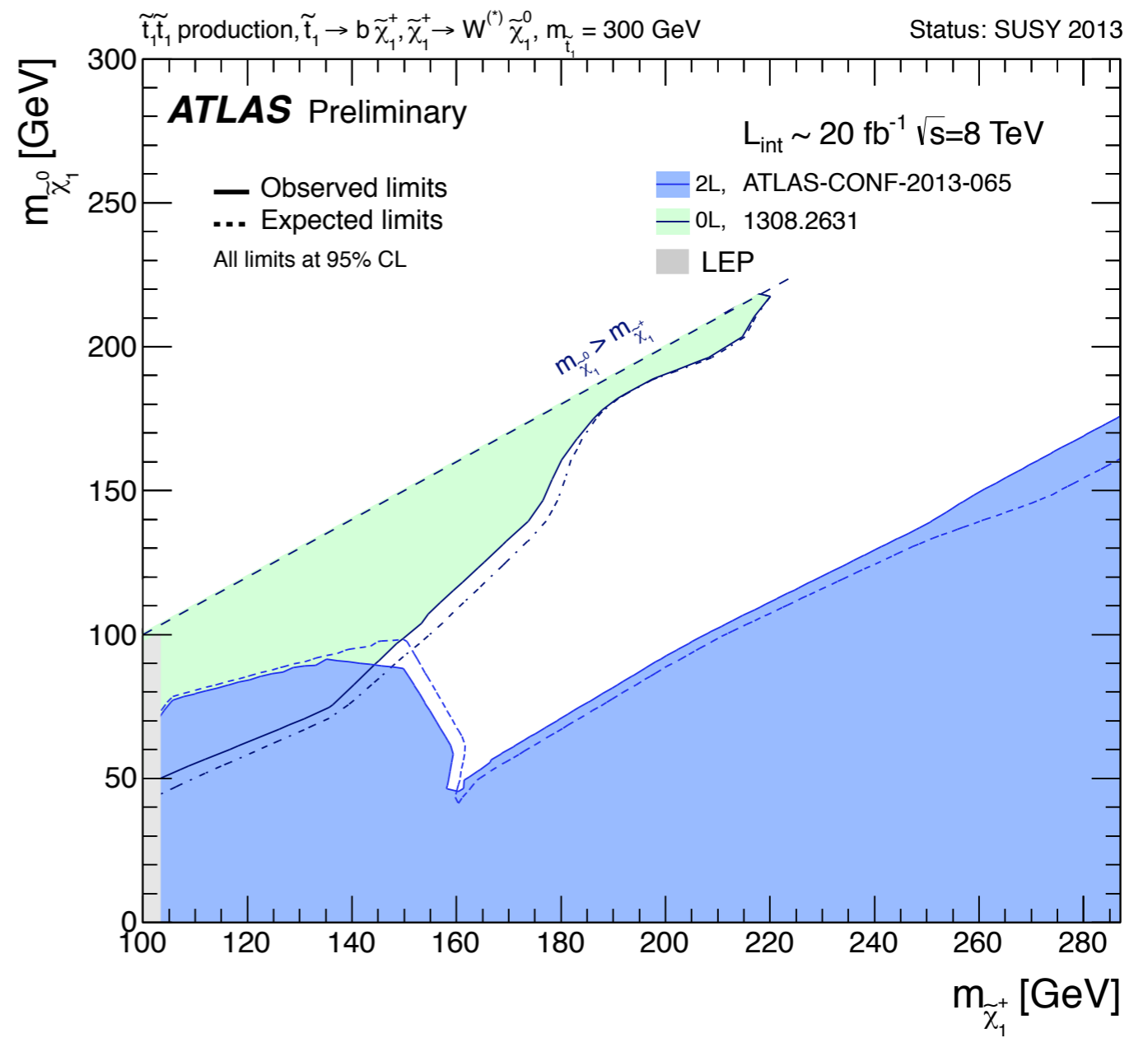
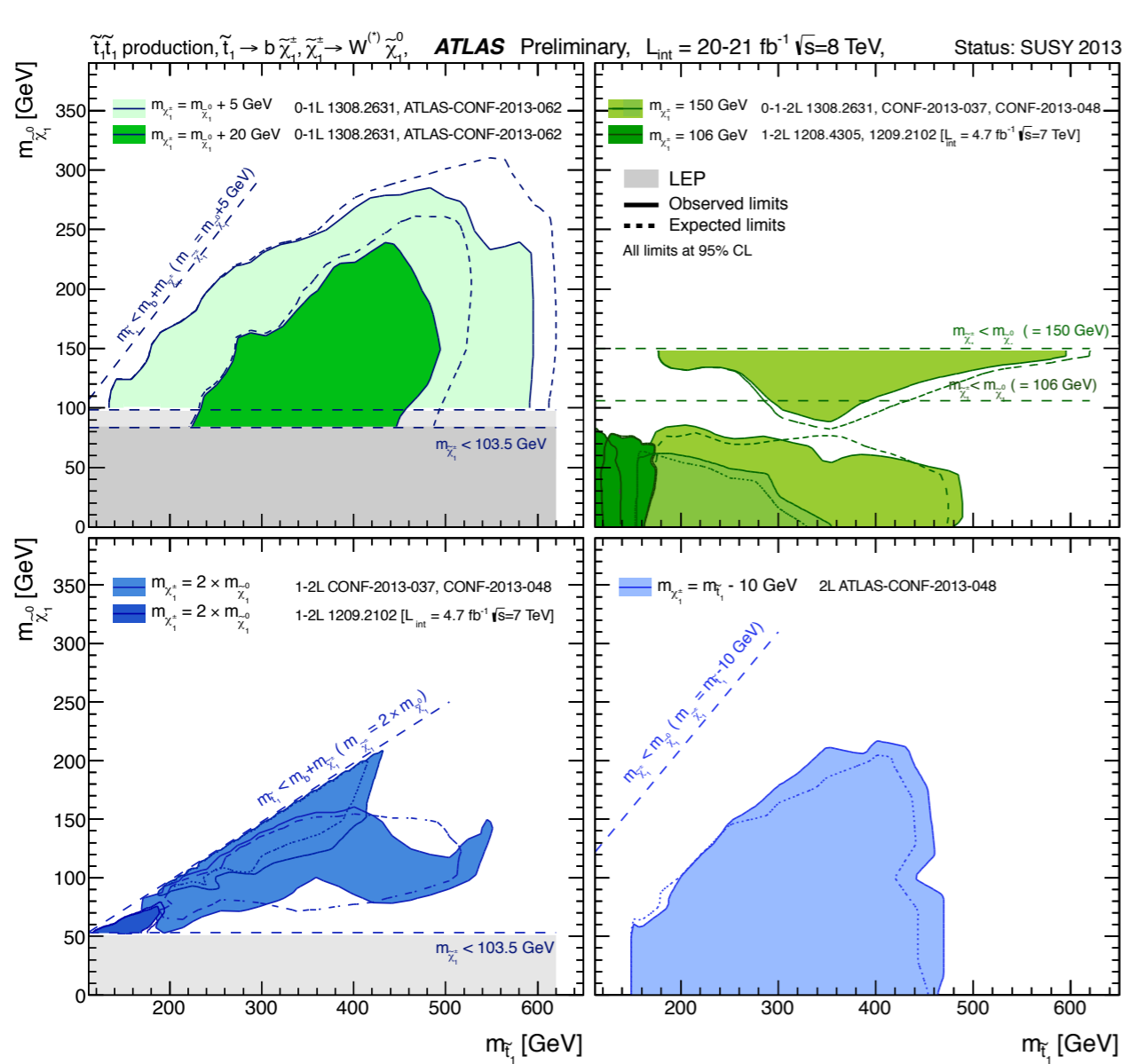
0-leptons + 6-jets (2 b-jets) + MET
 1-lepton + 4-jets (2 b-jets) + MET
 2-leptons (+ 2 b-jets) + MET
 charm / mono-jet + MET
 Z(l) + 2 b-jets + MET
 ...

Summary: stop to t/b/c+LSP

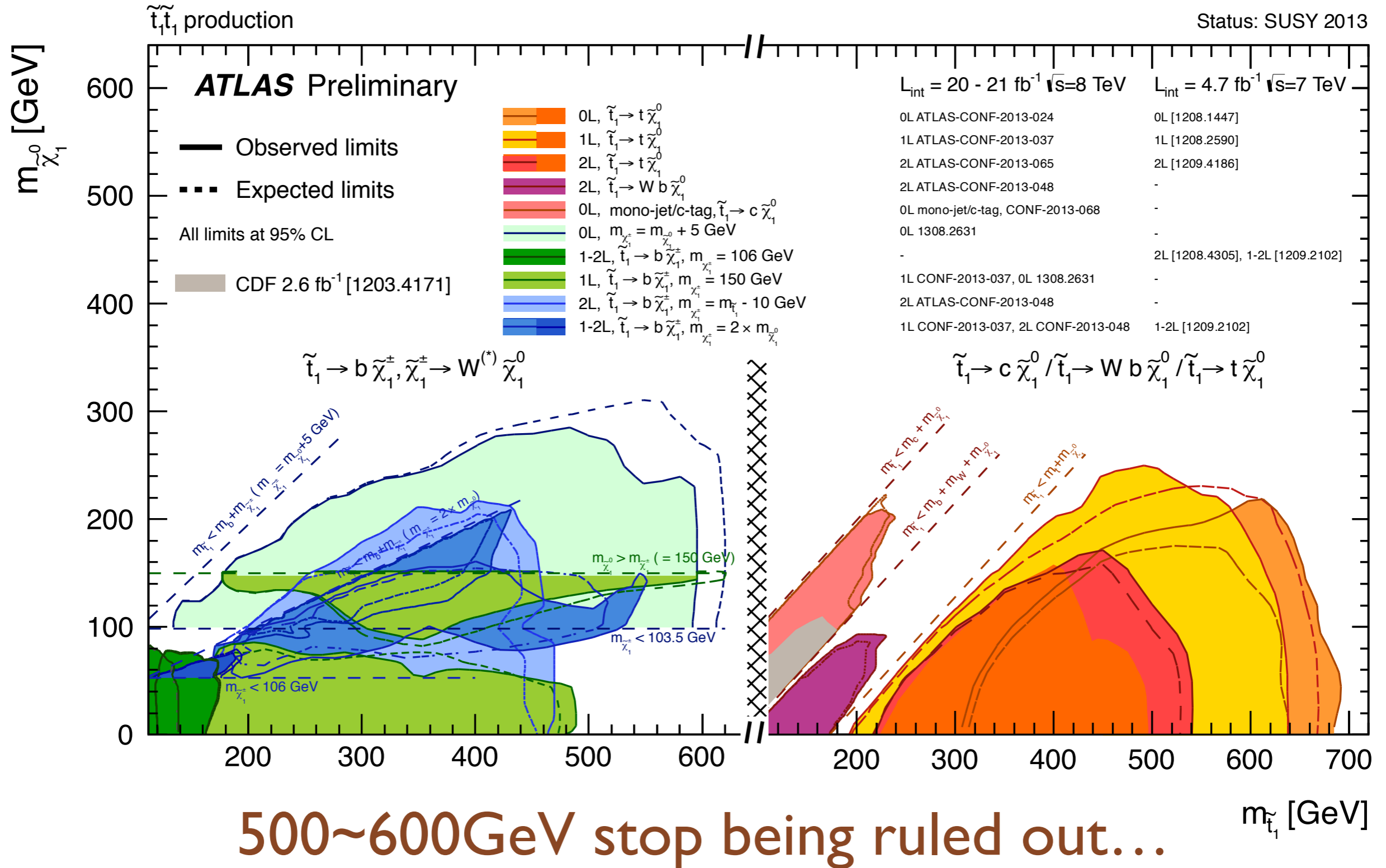


Could extend the reach along the diagonal by adopting the ISR jet tag & charm tag techniques!

Summary: stop to b+chargino

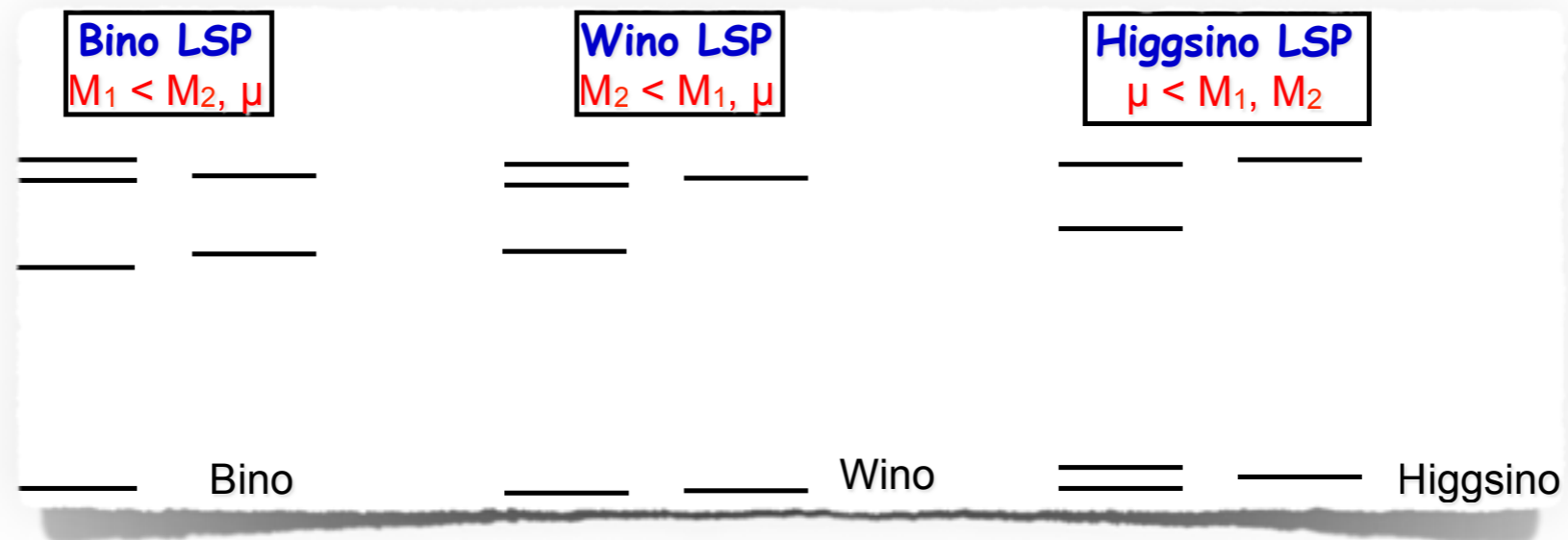


Direct stop search summary



$M_1, M_2,$ and μ

- Decay mode/cross section determined by the order of $M_1, M_2,$ and μ



- In natural SUSY scenarios (Bino LSP), EW gaugino decays lead to high lepton multiplicities.
 - Dedicated analyses performed depending on the lepton multiplicity

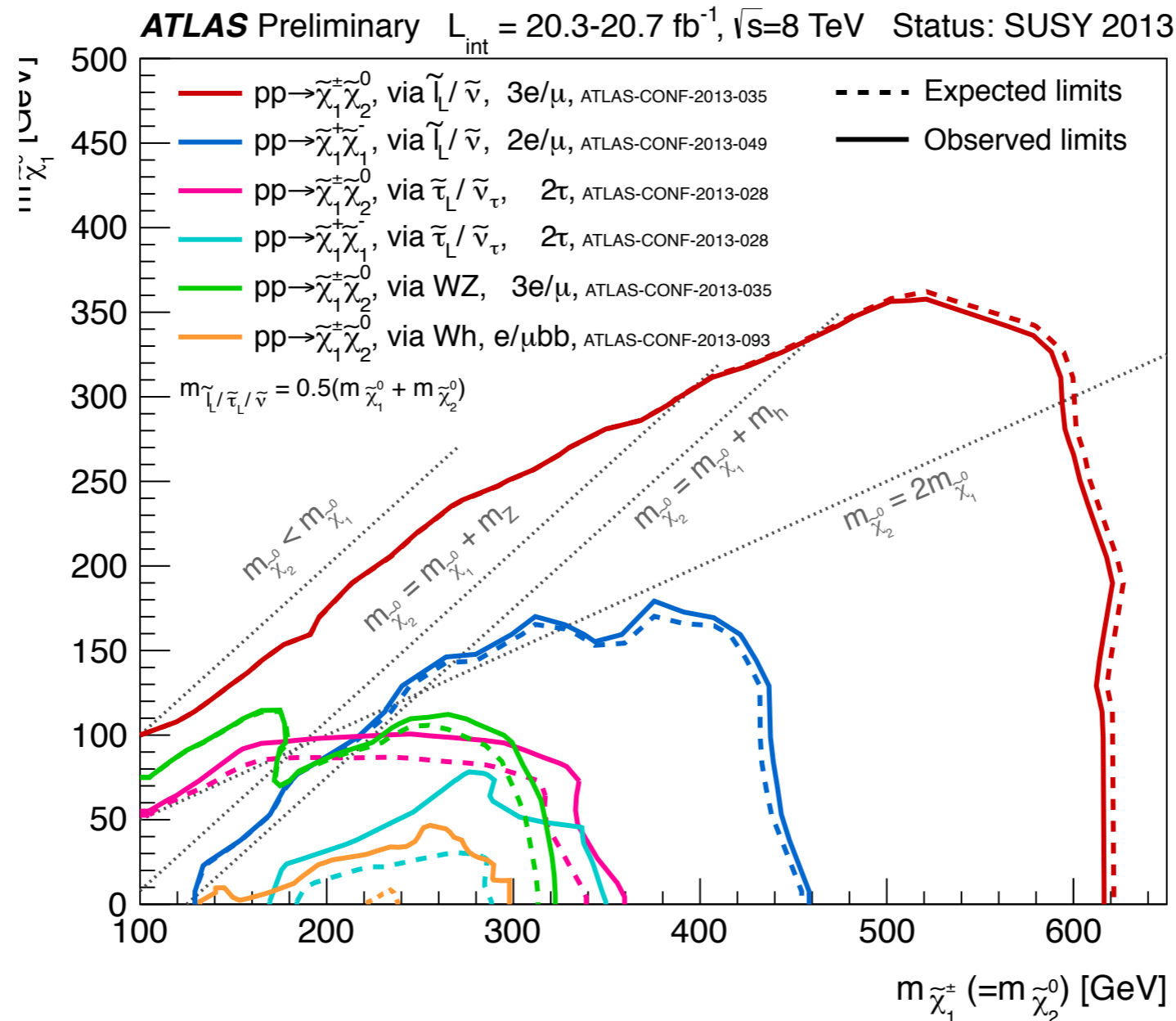
Chargino Pair Production $\tilde{\chi}_1^+ \tilde{\chi}_1^-$ 2L 2 τ

Chargino-Neutralino Production $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm \tilde{\chi}_2^0$ 2 τ 3L 1L

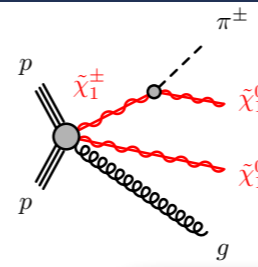
Neutralino Pair Production $\tilde{\chi}_2^0 \tilde{\chi}_3^0$ 4L

Summary: EW gaugino production

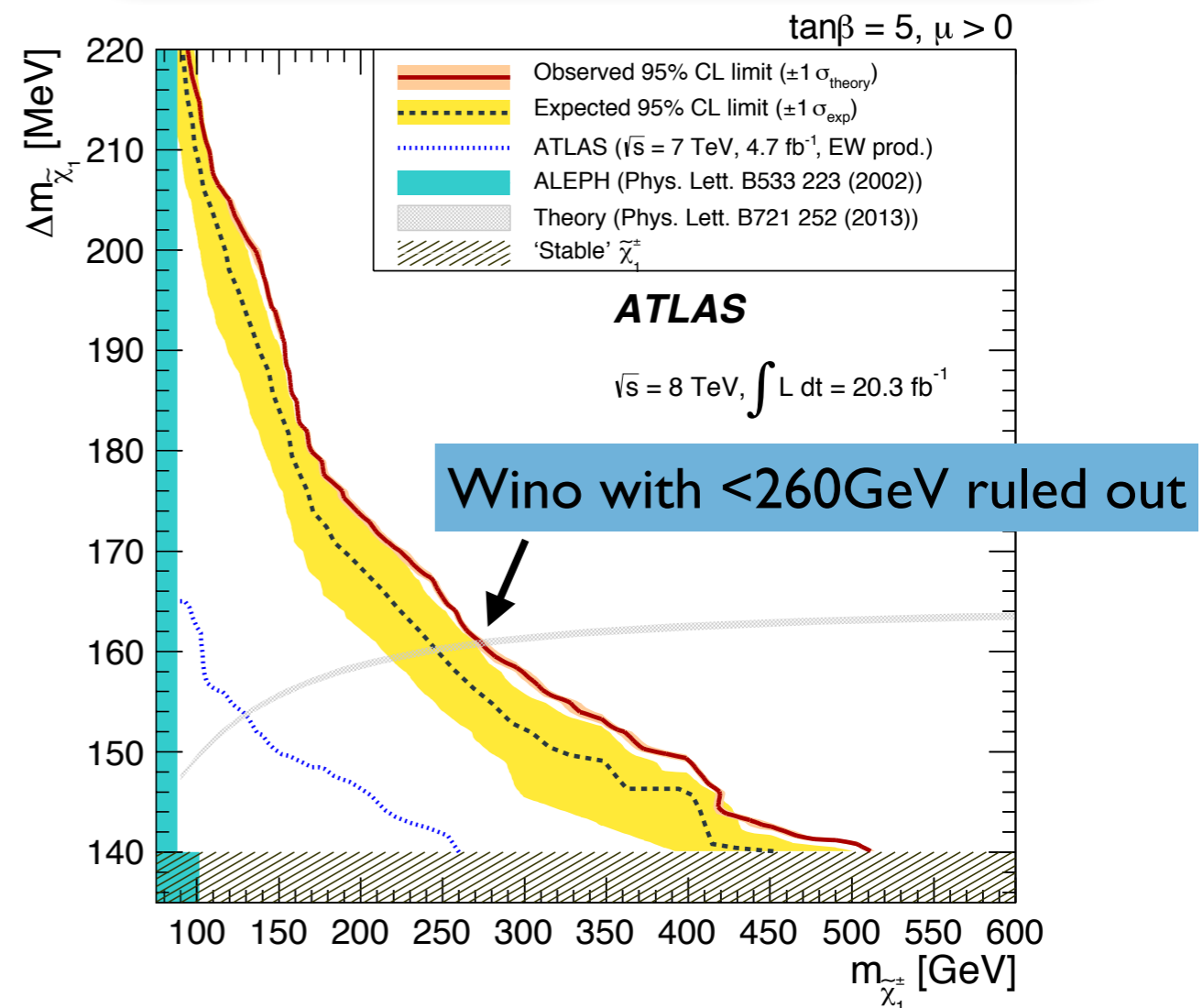
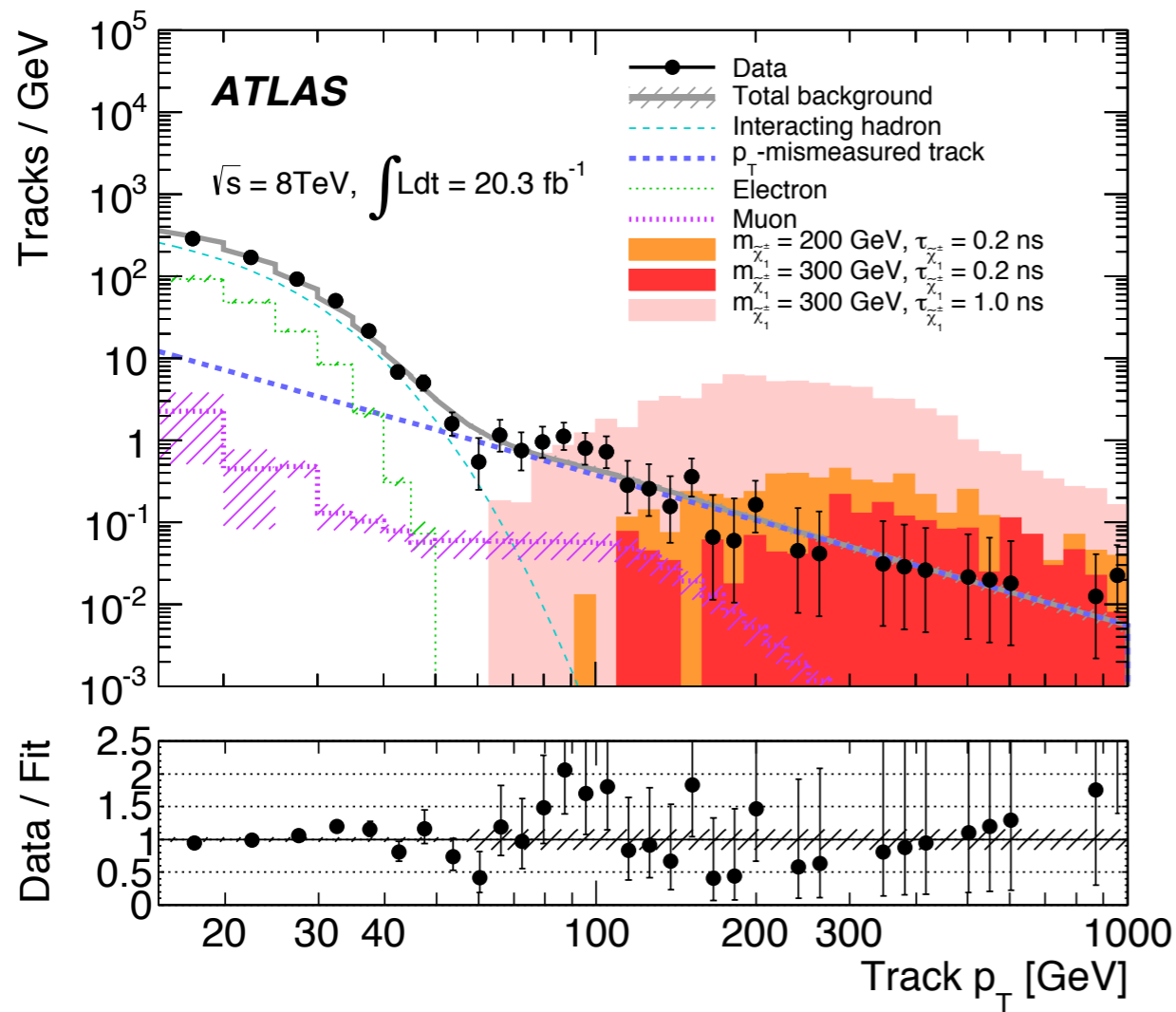
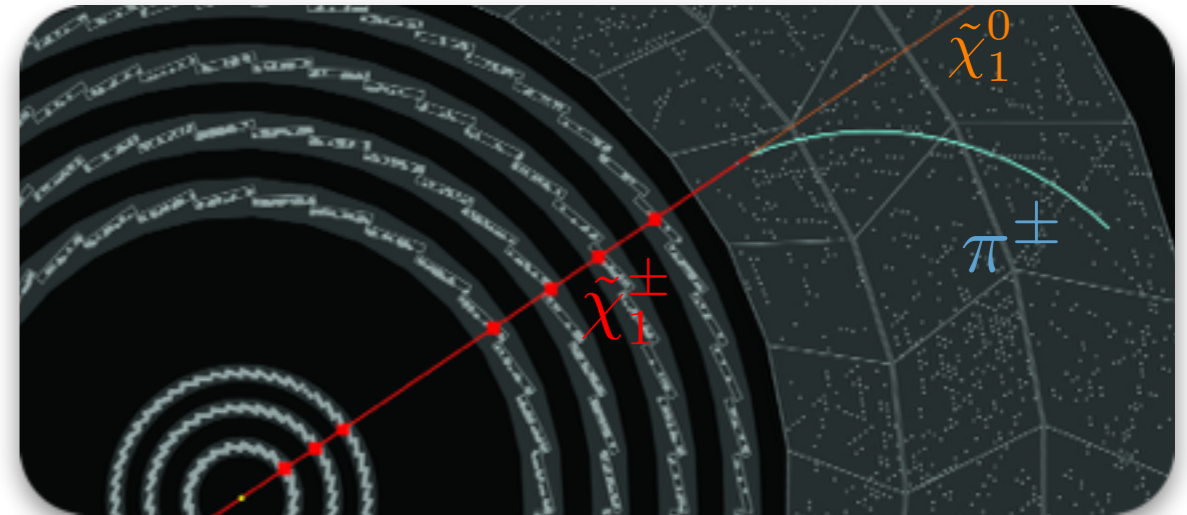
- ◎ Constraint on N1-C1 (N2) masses by searches with multilepton final states
 - ▶ Weakly constrained in the case that gauginos decay via gauge bosons



Wino-LSP case

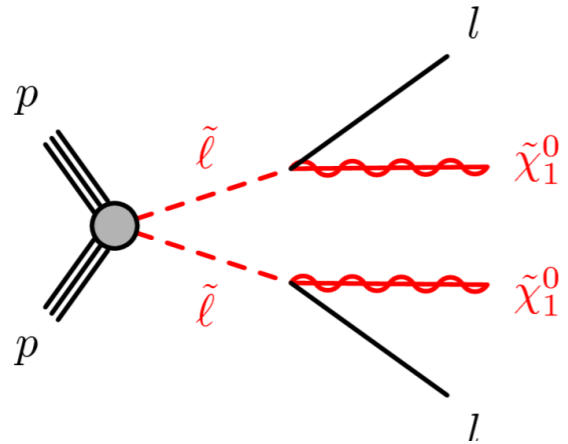


- Wino-LSP scenarios (AMSB, PGM,...) predicts the mass-degenerate CI that could have a significant lifetime.
 - Decaying CI could be reconstructed as a “high- p_T disappearing track”
 - Explored in the events having **ISR jet + disappearing track**

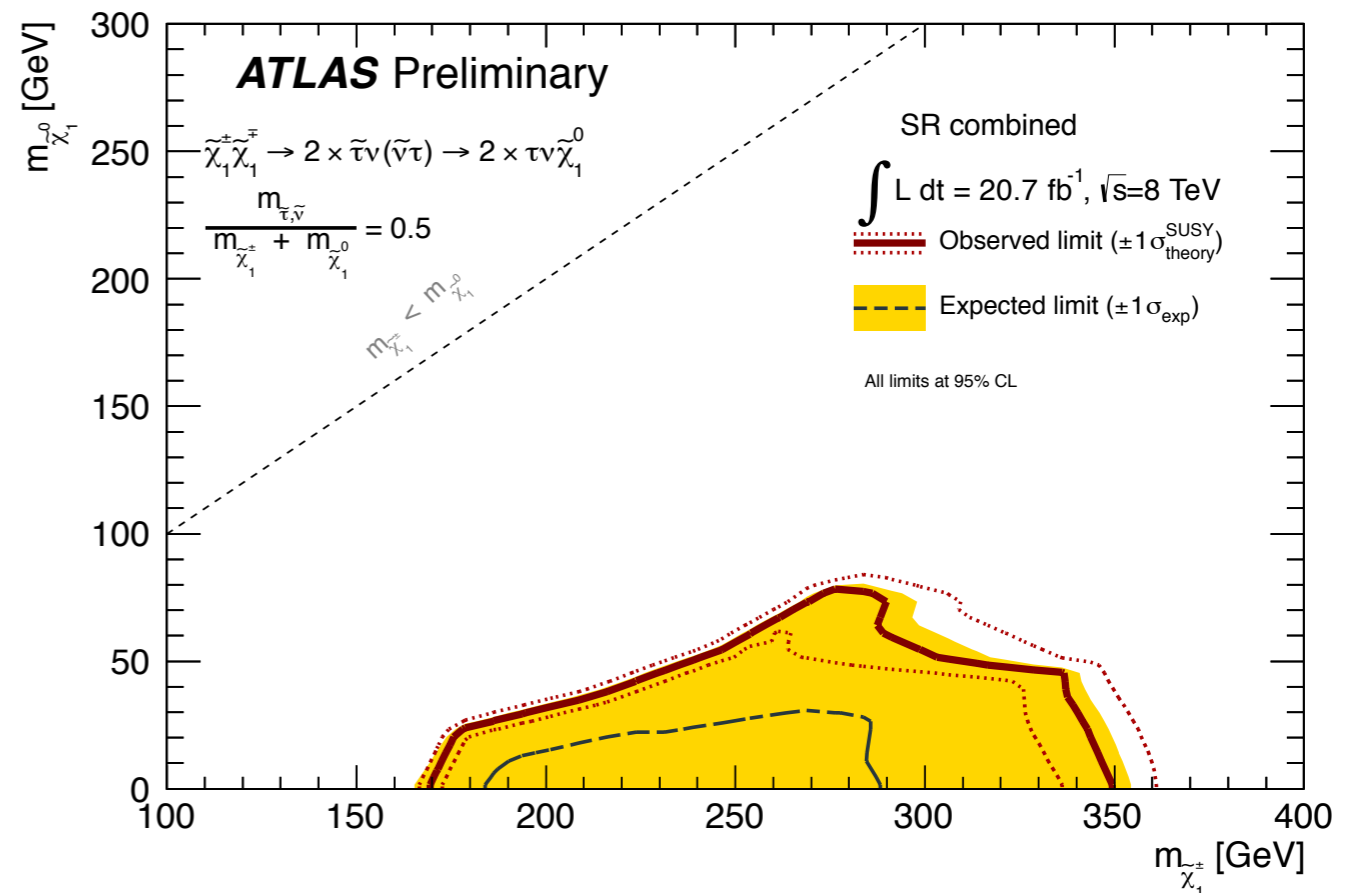
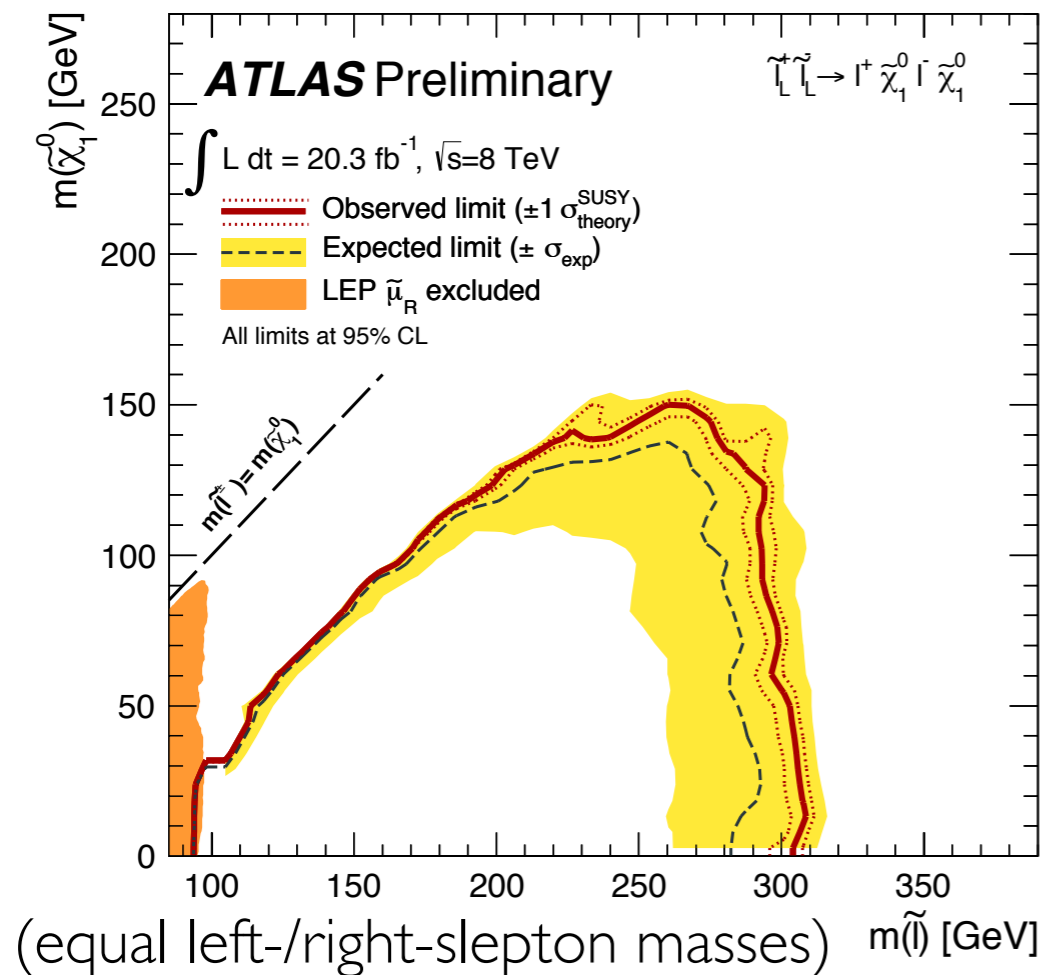
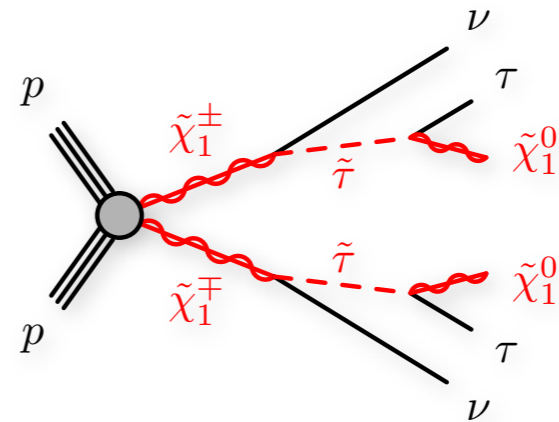


Slepton production

2-leptons+0-jet+MET



2-taus+0-jet+MET



Searches with odd tracks/ signatures

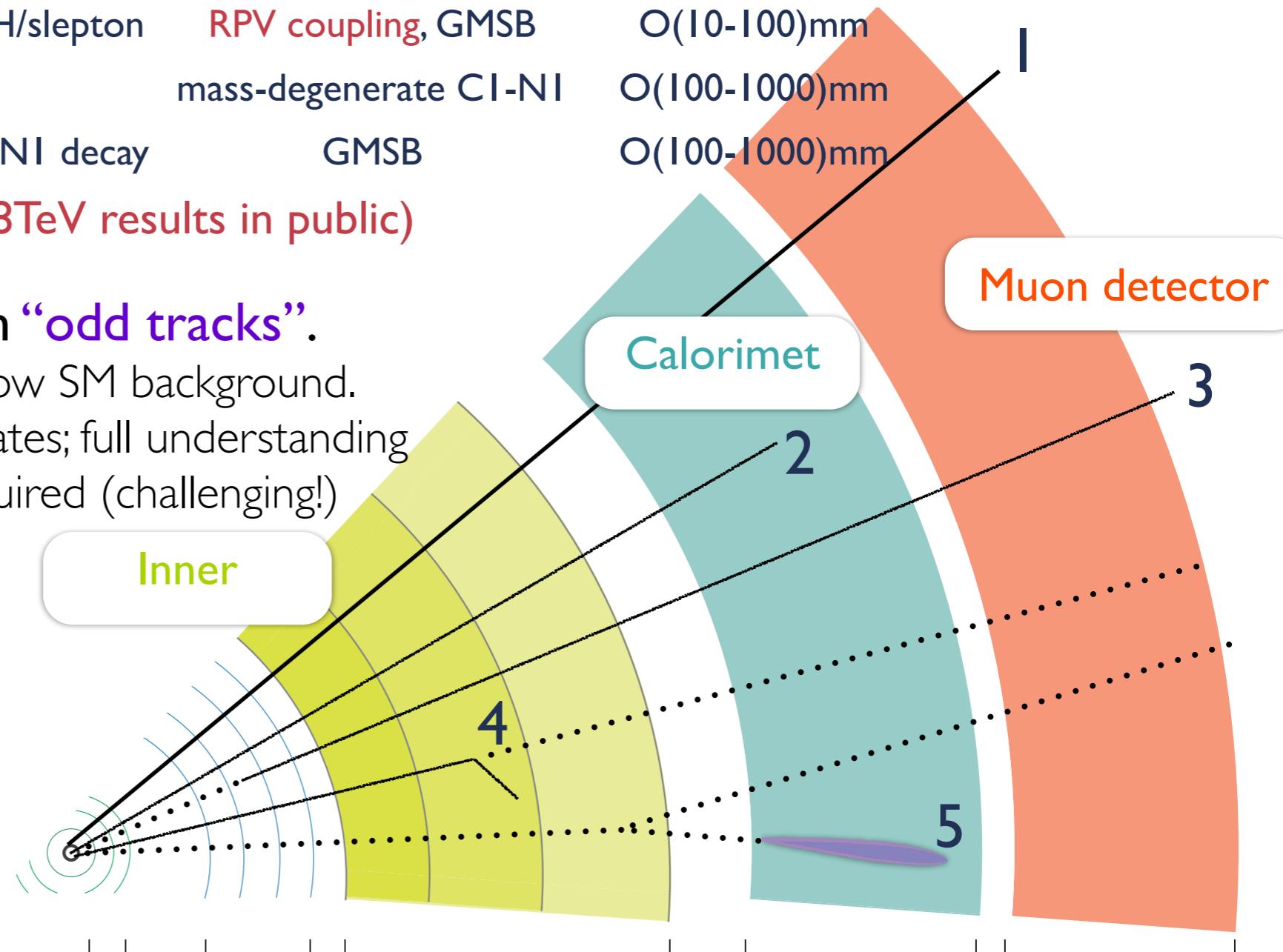
Odd signatures

	Signature	Particle	Typical scenario	decay length (c τ)
1	low β (large dE/dx)	Slepton, R-hadron	GMSB, split-SUSY	>1000mm
2	Stopped particle	R-hadron	split-SUSY	—
3	Displaced vertex	NI decay, Z/H/slepton	RPV coupling, GMSB	O(10-100)mm
4	Disappearing track	CI	mass-degenerate CI-NI	O(100-1000)mm
5	Non-pointing photon	Photon from NI decay	GMSB	O(100-1000)mm

(8TeV results in public)

► LLPs in SUSY events result in “odd tracks”.

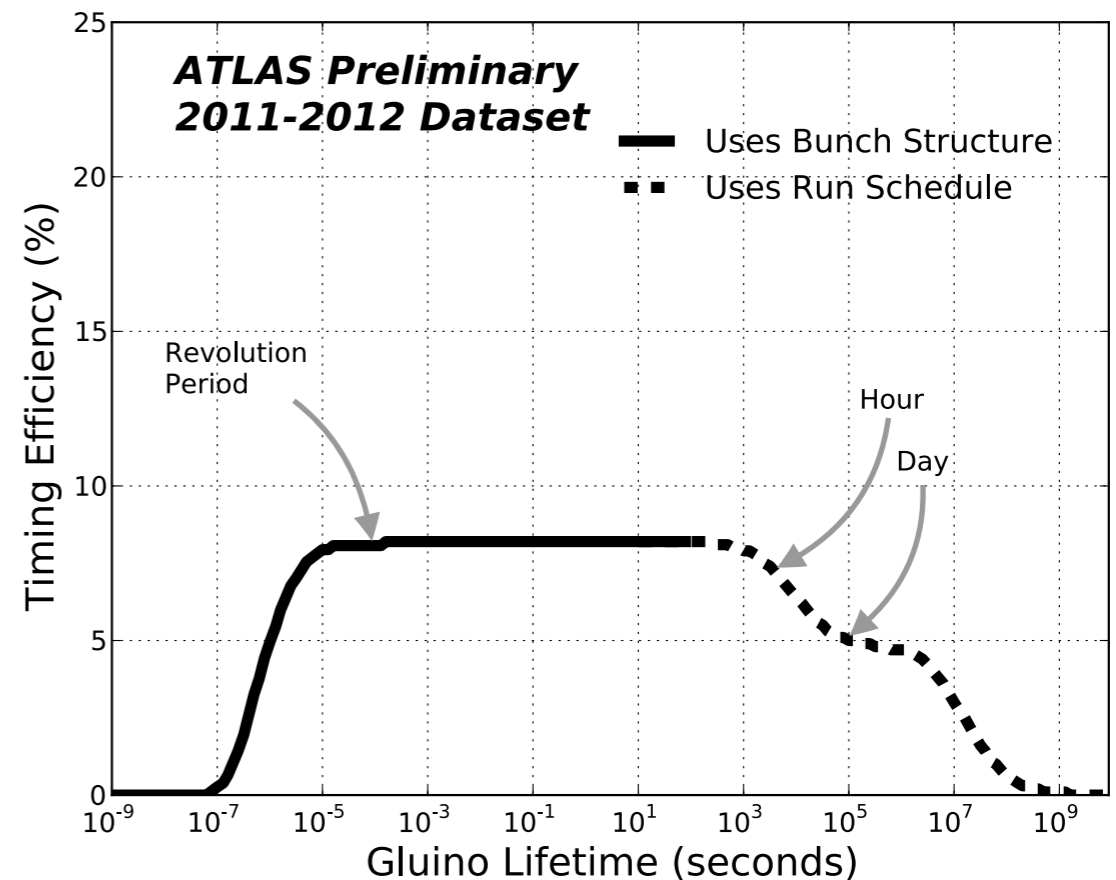
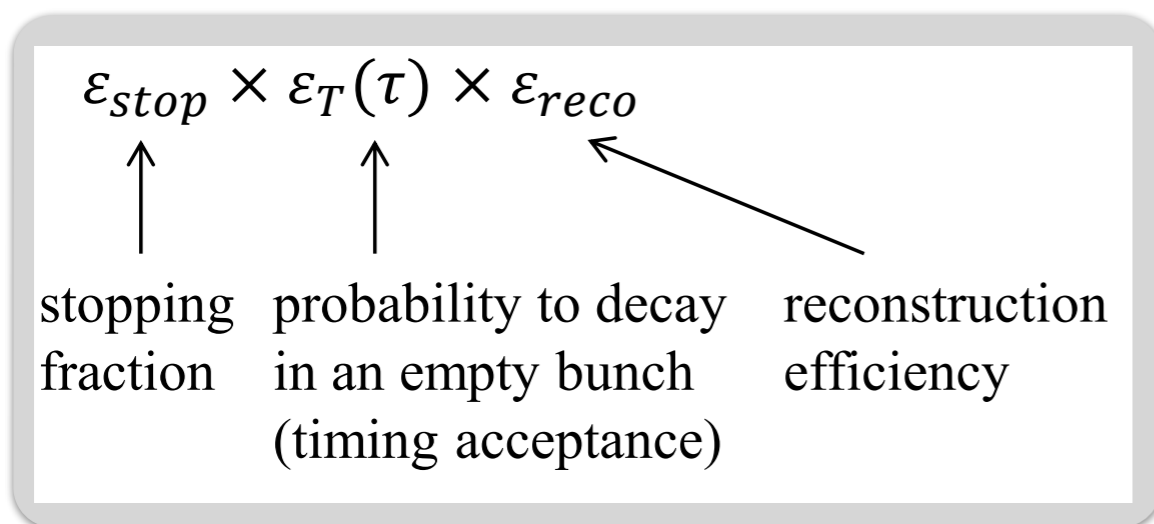
- Very distinctive signatures, very low SM background.
- Instrumental background dominates; full understanding of the detector performances required (challenging!)



Stopped R-hadron

- Gluino could be meta-stable (split-SUSY) and form R-hadrons, can get stuck in the calorimeter and decay much later.
- **Look for energetic jets via gluino decays in empty bunches.**

The signal efficiency depends on the lifetime.

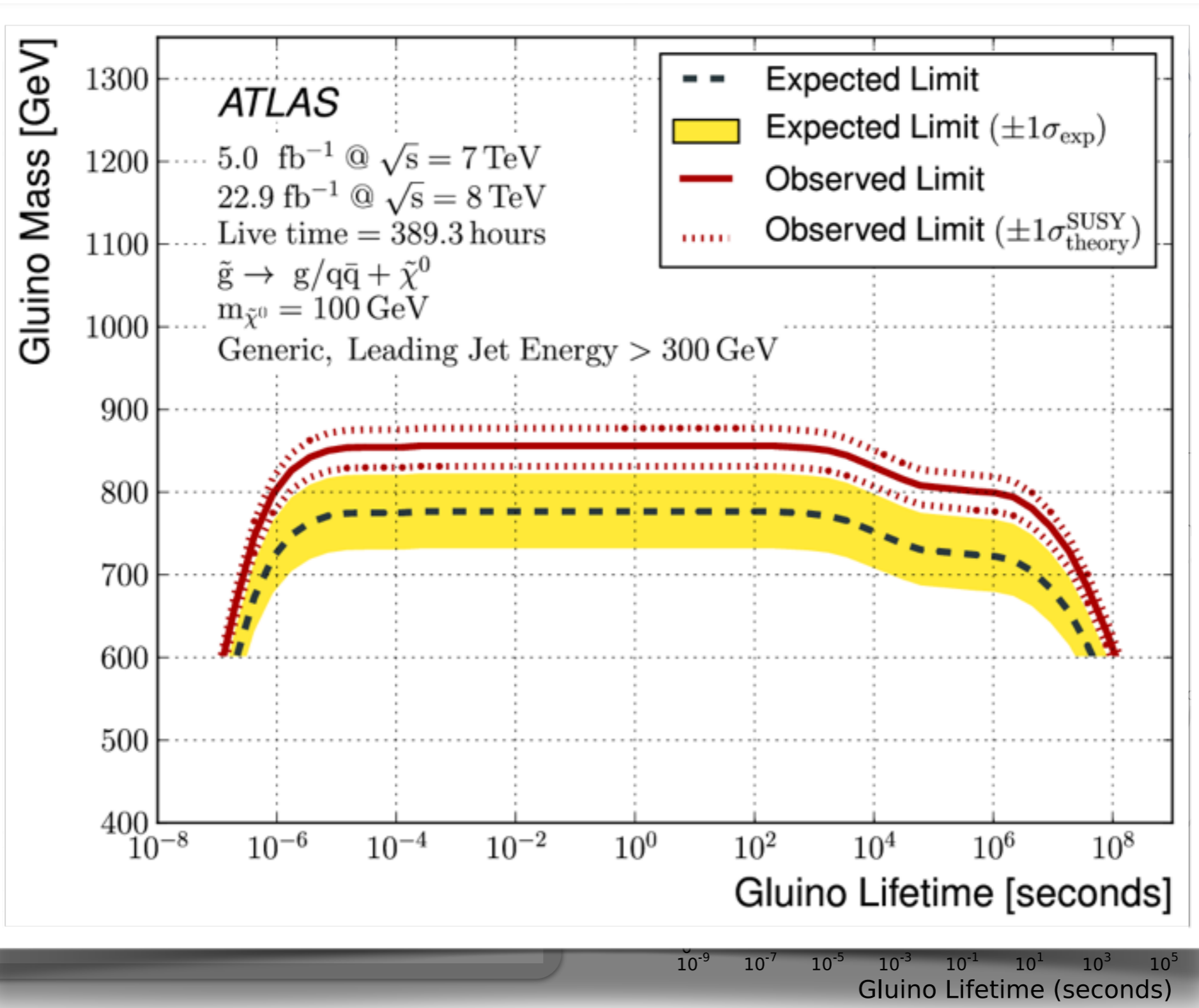


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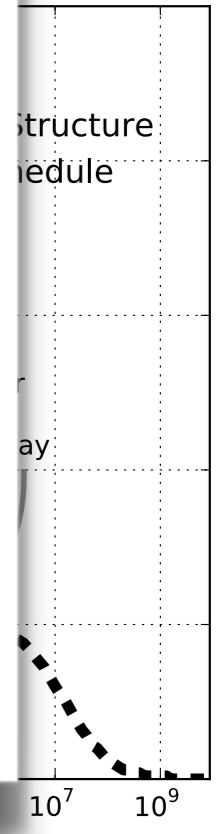
- Gluino hadron later.
- Look

The signal on the

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 stopping fraction



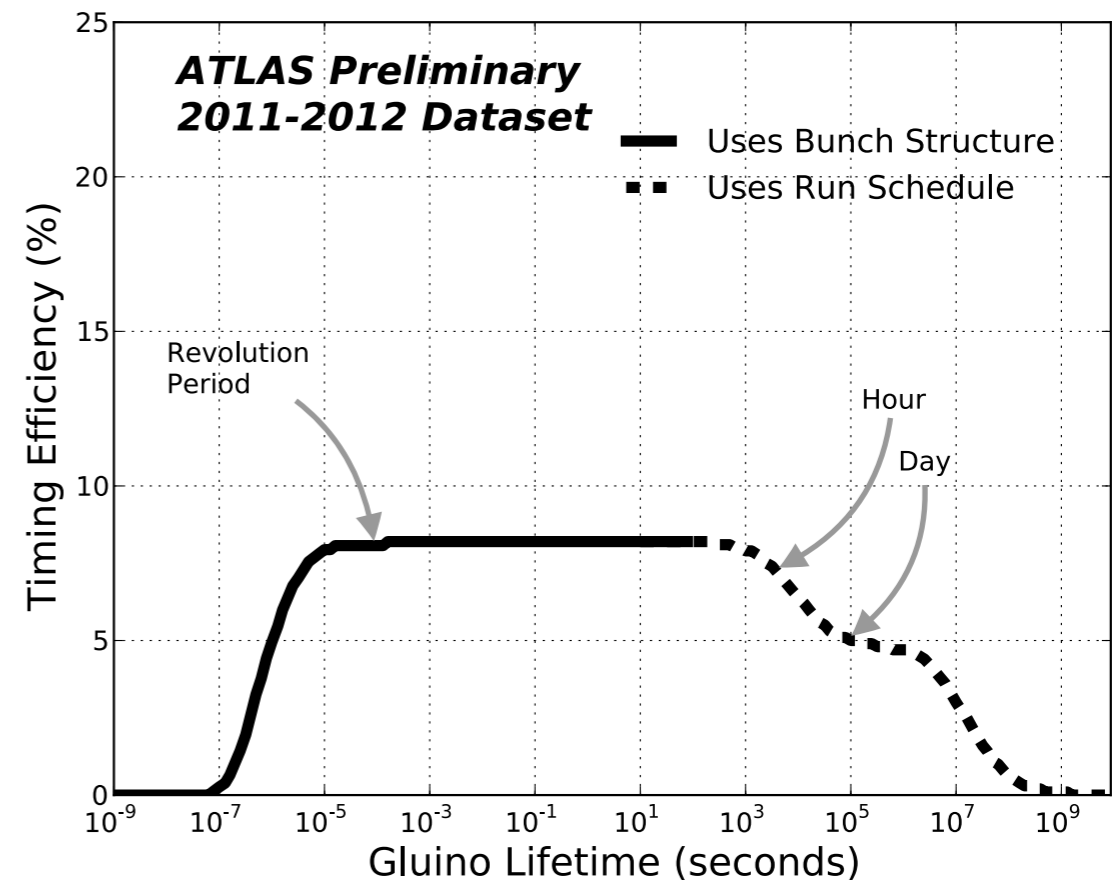
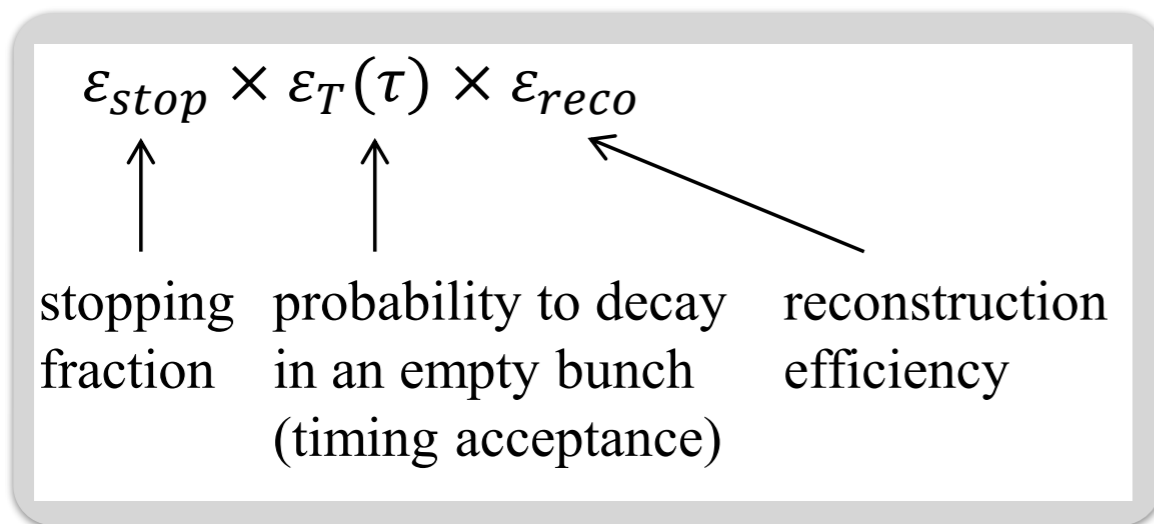
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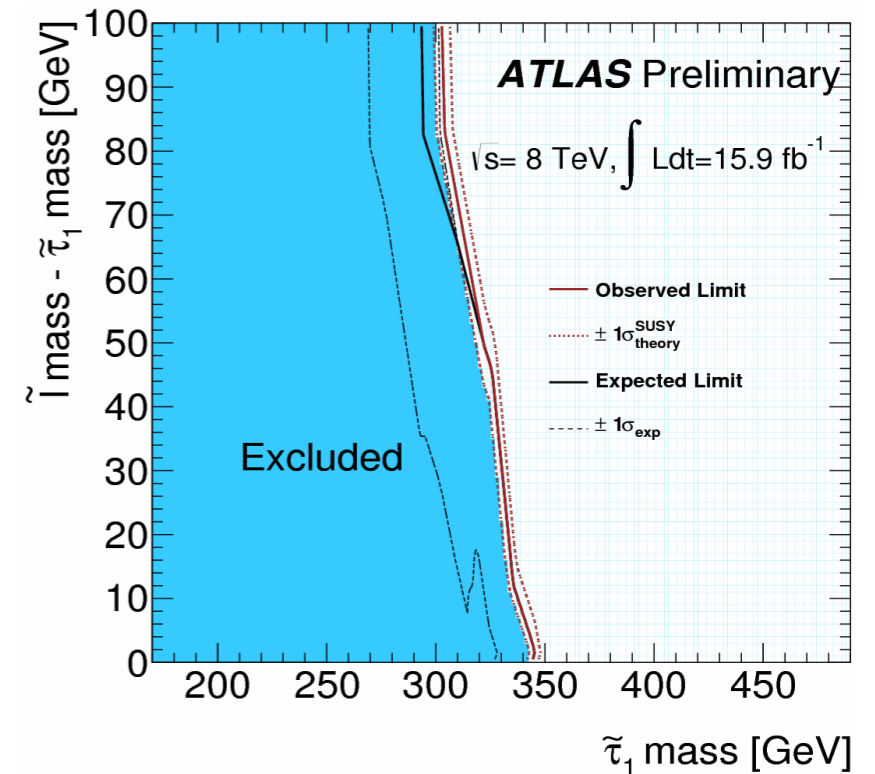
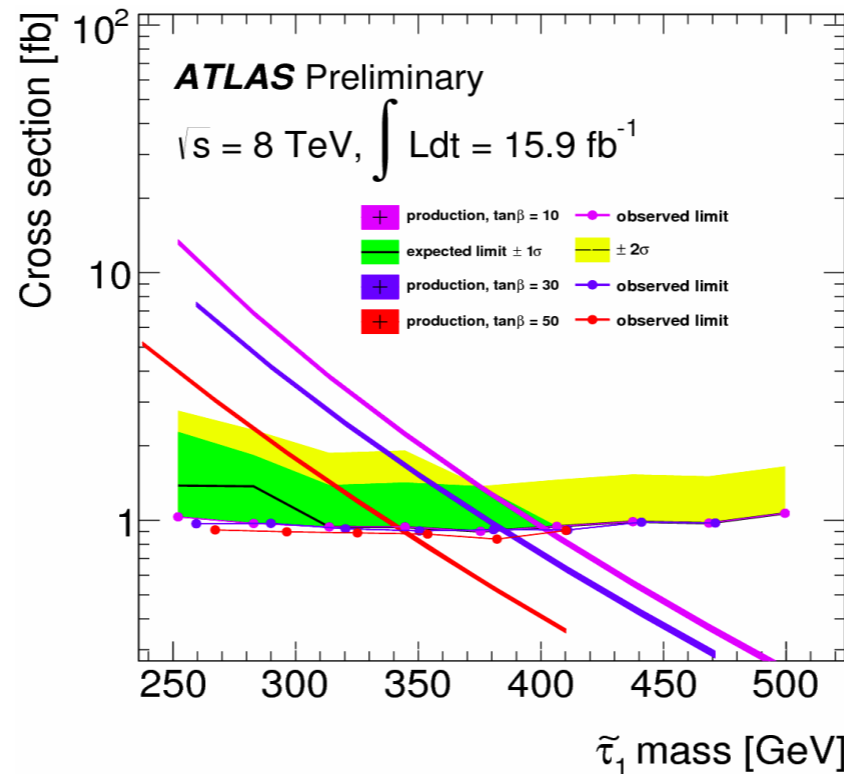
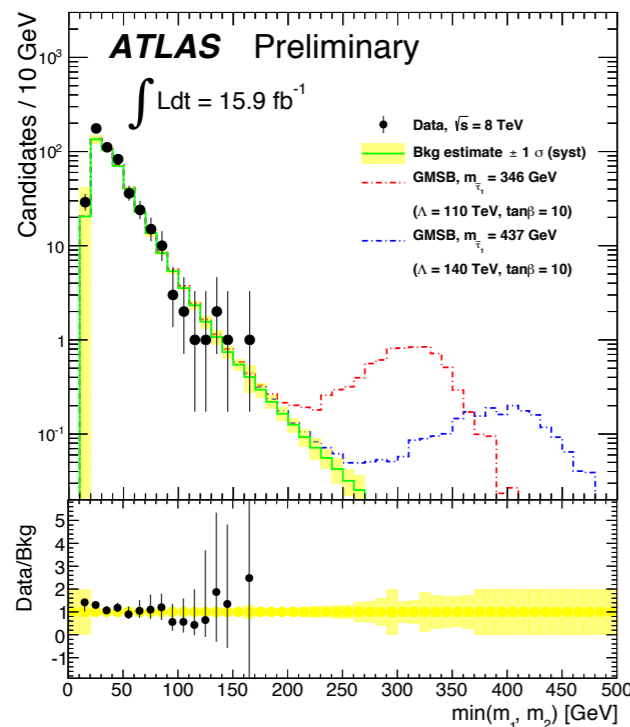
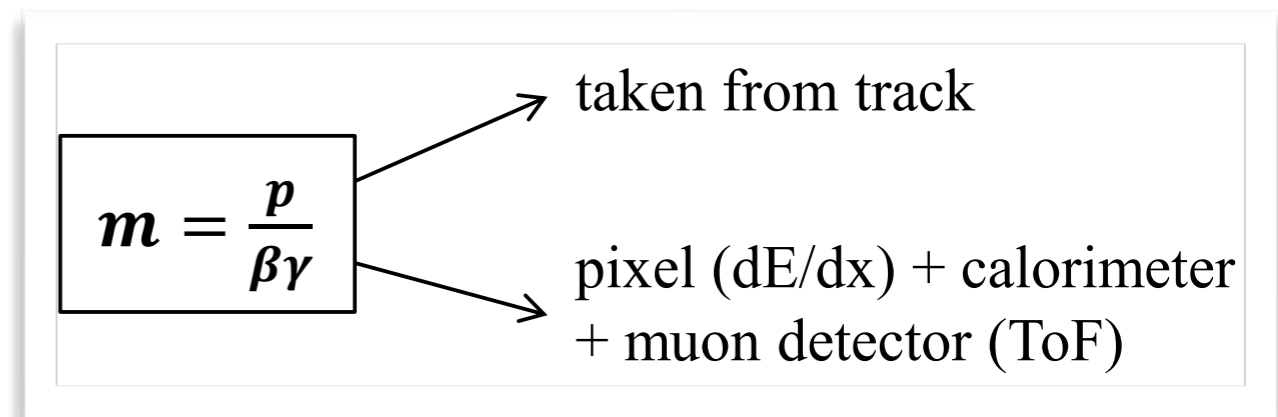
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Long-lived stau

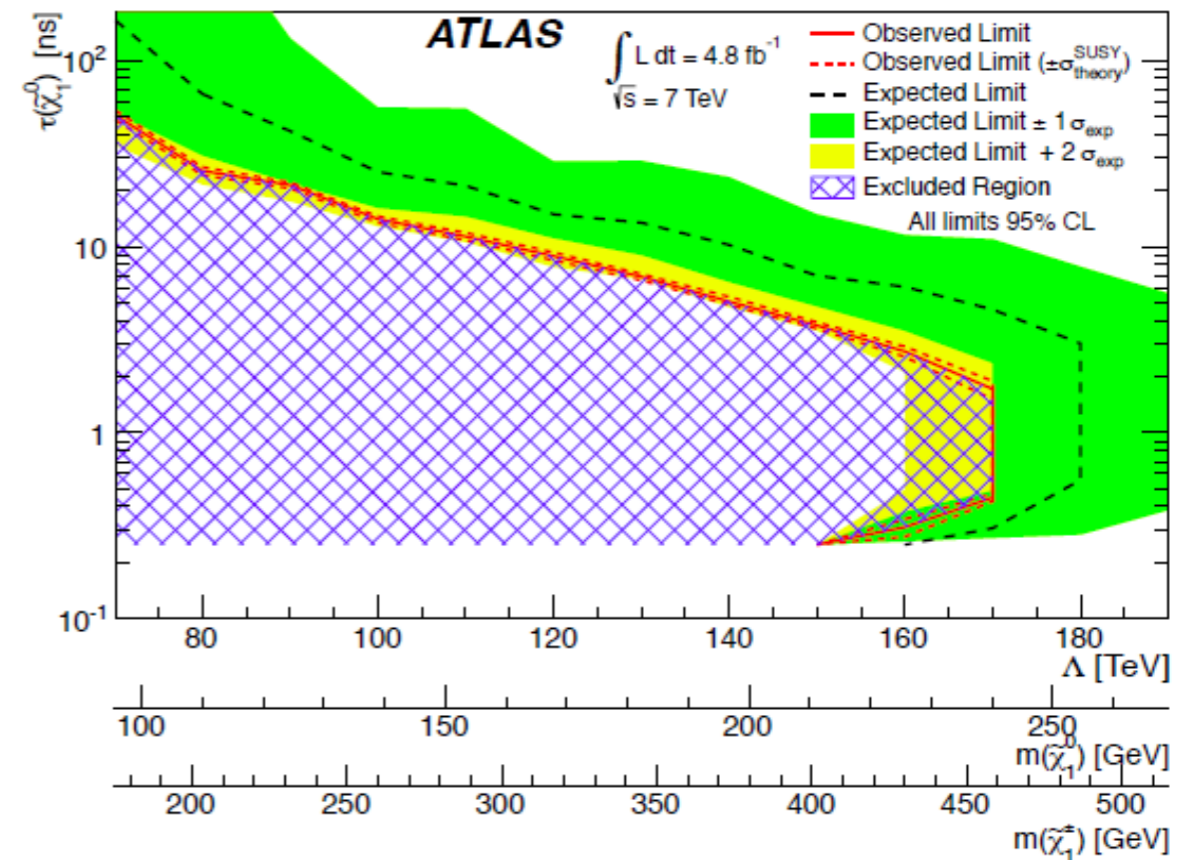
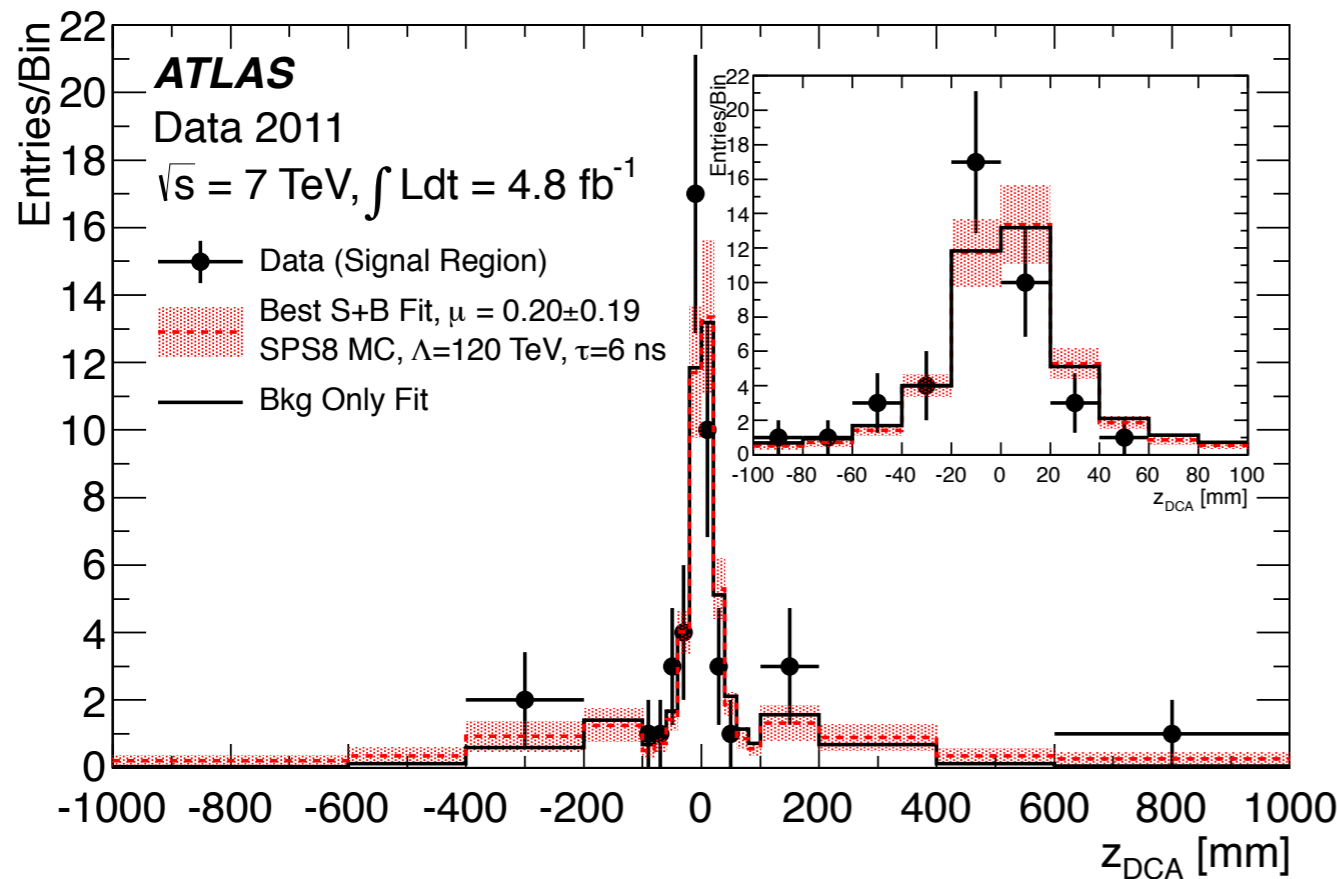
- In GMSB, signal topology characterized by sparticle-type of NLSP.
 - ▶ GMSB staus could have a significant lifetime and be observed as heavy muons.

- ▶ Mass can be reconstructed and used as the discriminant:



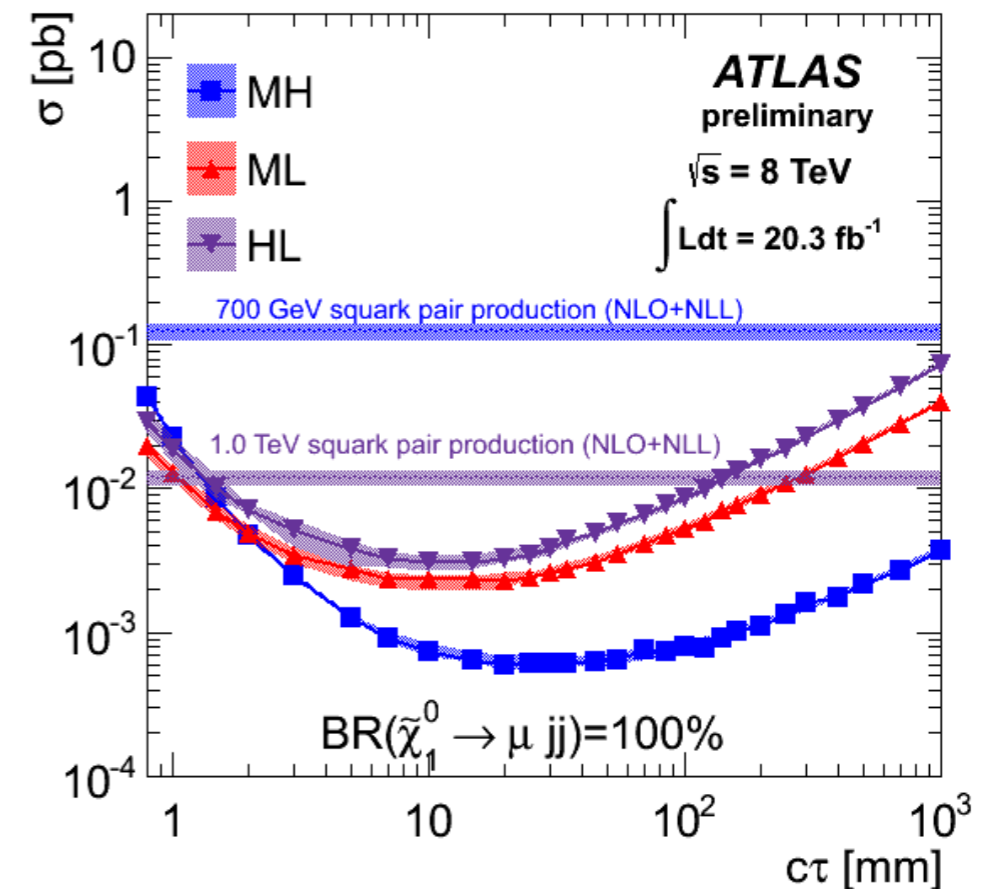
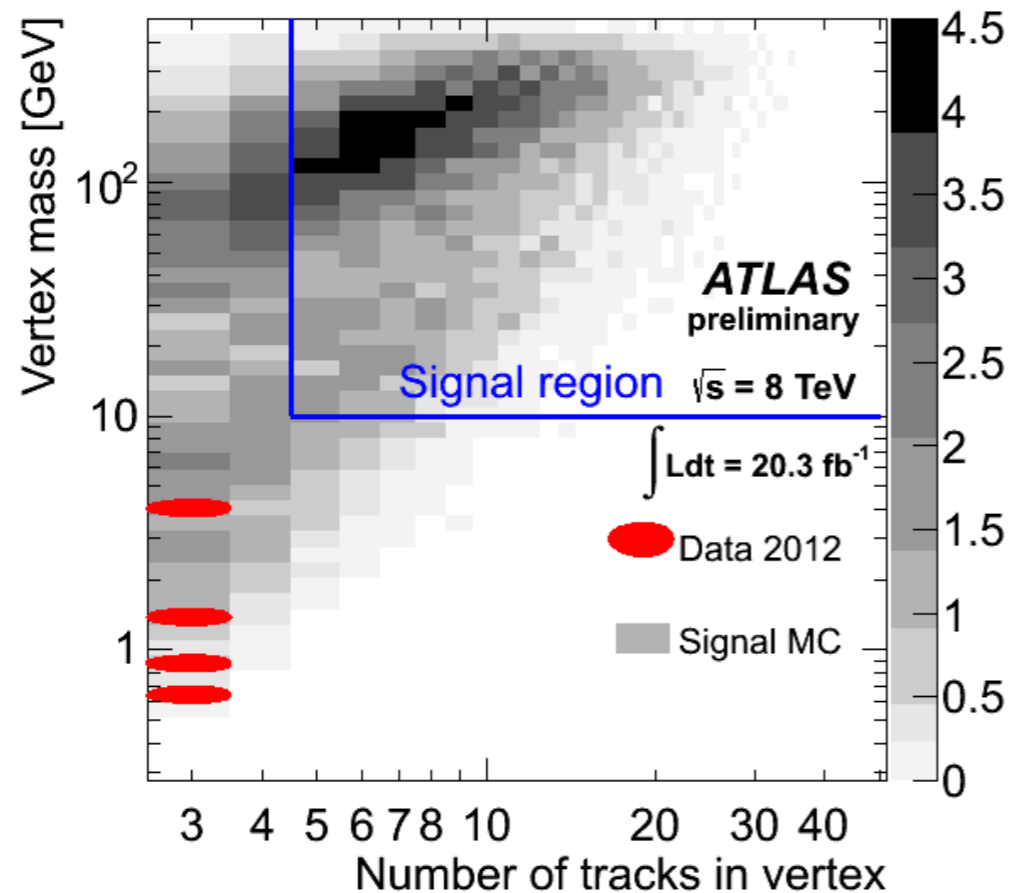
Displaced photon

- Neutralino NSLP could a significant lifetime (GMSB), then decays to gravitino+photon.
- Use timing and shower direction to distinguish photons from displaced decays.



Displaced vertex

- ▶ Displaced vertices having a large mass & large track multiplicity could arise in:
 - ▶ GMSB: long-lived NLSP neutralino decay into $Z/h + \text{graviton}$
 - ▶ GMSB: long-lived stau that decays in the inner detector
 - ▶ Split-SUSY: long-lived gluino decays
- ▶ Provide background-free searches, no candidate events observed yet..
- ▶ At the moment, results interpreted in displaced neutralino decays via RPV coupling (mentioned later).



RPV decays

$$W = W_{\text{MSSM}} + \underbrace{\lambda_{ijk} L_i L_j \bar{E}_k}_{\text{}} + \underbrace{\lambda'_{ijk} L_i Q_j \bar{D}_k}_{\text{}} + \underbrace{\kappa_i L_i H_u}_{\text{}} + \underbrace{\lambda''_{ijk} \bar{U}_i \bar{D}_j \bar{D}_k}_{\text{}}$$

Could be non-zero?!

RPV signature

- RPV terms are allowed in the superpotential:

$$W = W_{MSSM} + \underbrace{\lambda_{ijk} L_i L_j \bar{E}_k + \lambda'_{ijk} L_i Q_j \bar{D}_k + \kappa_i L_i H_u}_{\text{Lepton number violating}} + \underbrace{\lambda''_{ijk} \bar{U}_i \bar{D}_j \bar{D}_k}_{\text{Baryon number violating}}$$

- All terms cannot appear simultaneously, protons become unstable...
- Part of them need not to be zero, leading to variety of signatures.
- LSP could decay..

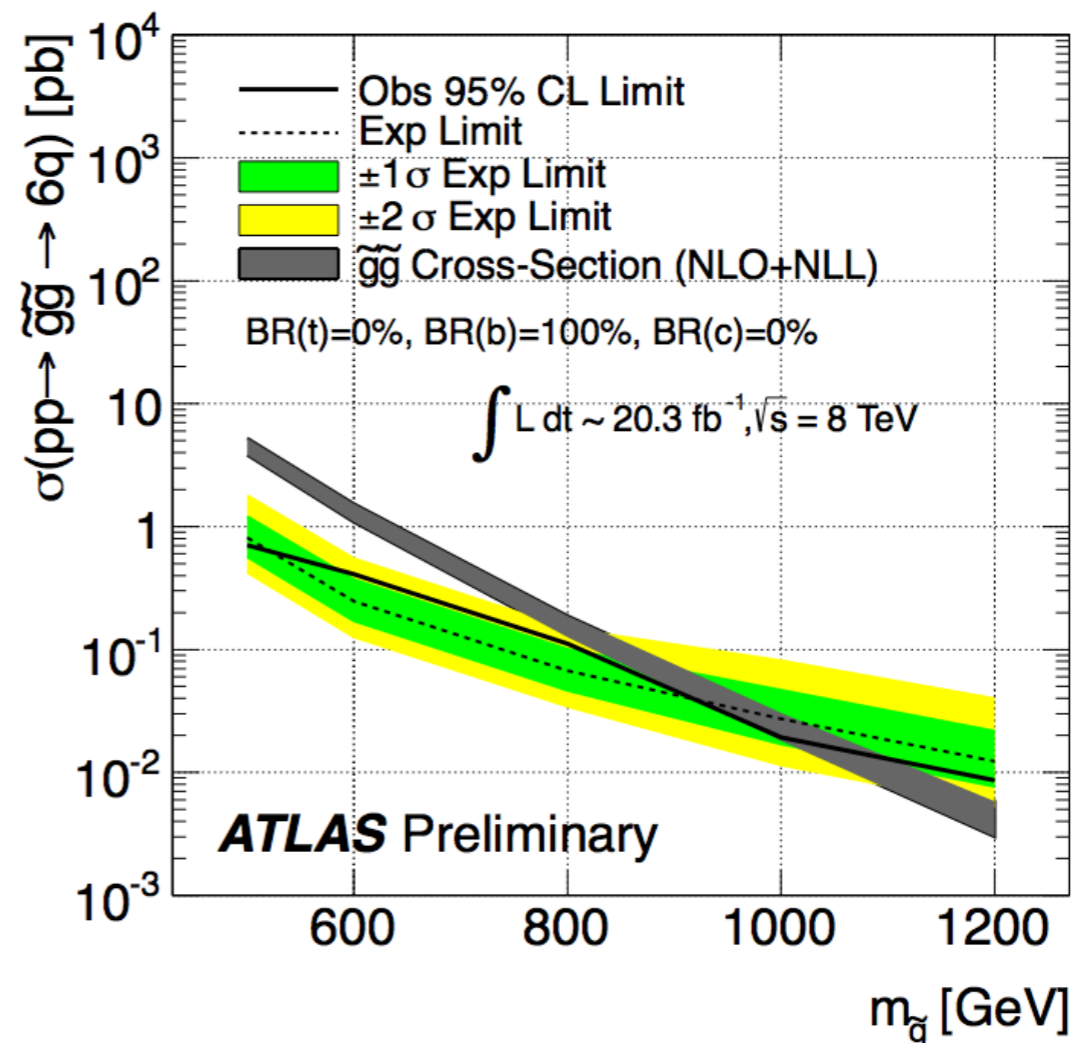
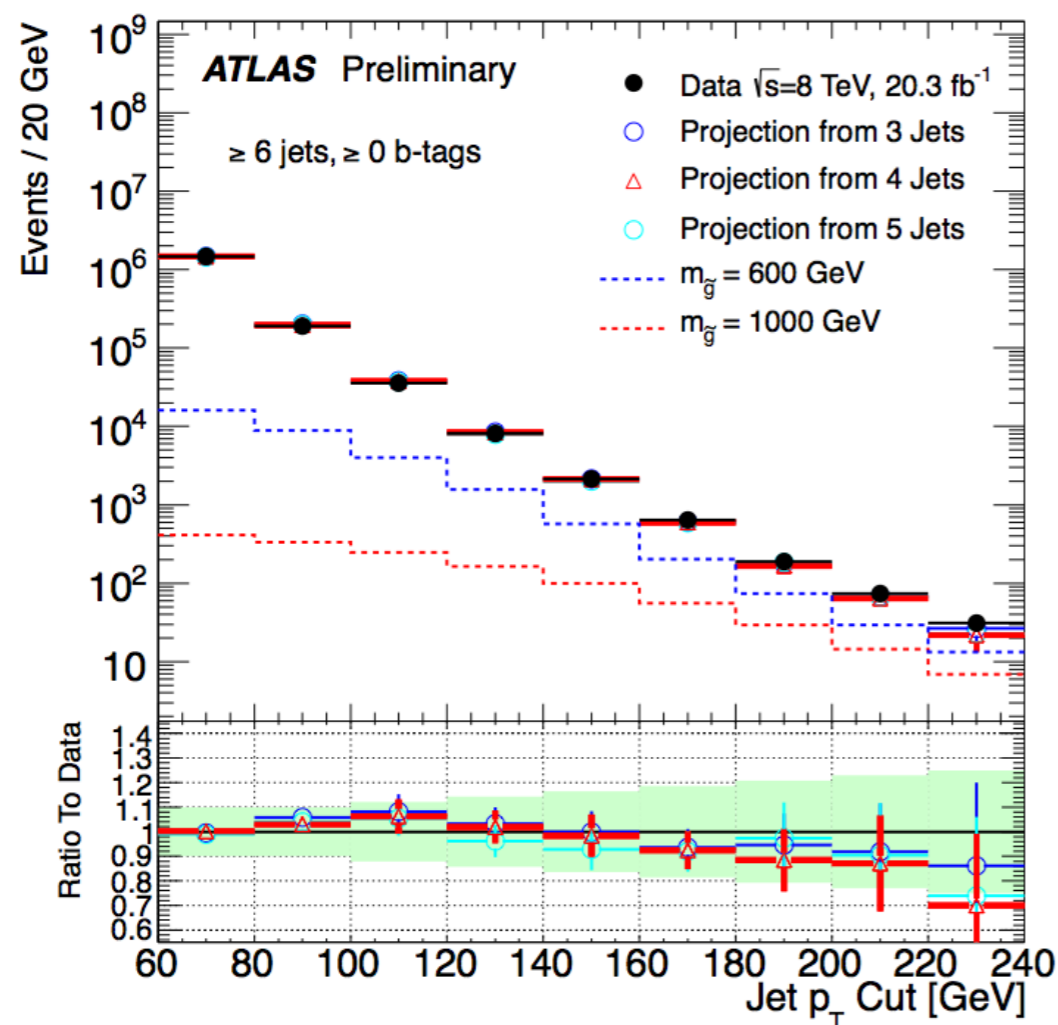
- ▶ Assume that λ has non-zero value \gg large lepton multiplicity
- ▶ Assume that λ' has non-zero value \gg neutralino LSP could have a significant lifetime when $\lambda' \ll \sim 10^{-5}$ (decay width proportional to $(\lambda')^2$)

$$LQ\bar{D}(\lambda') : \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} e, \mu, \tau \\ \nu \end{pmatrix} + 2 \text{ jets}$$

- ▶ Assume that λ'' has non-zero value \gg neutralino could hadronically decay (into 3 quarks)

Large jet multiplicity (w/o MET)

- Hadronic RPV decay of LSP (to 3 quarks) leads to large jet multiplicity + diluted MET.
- Analysis carried out by requiring ≥ 6 and ≥ 7 jets with and without b-jet requirements



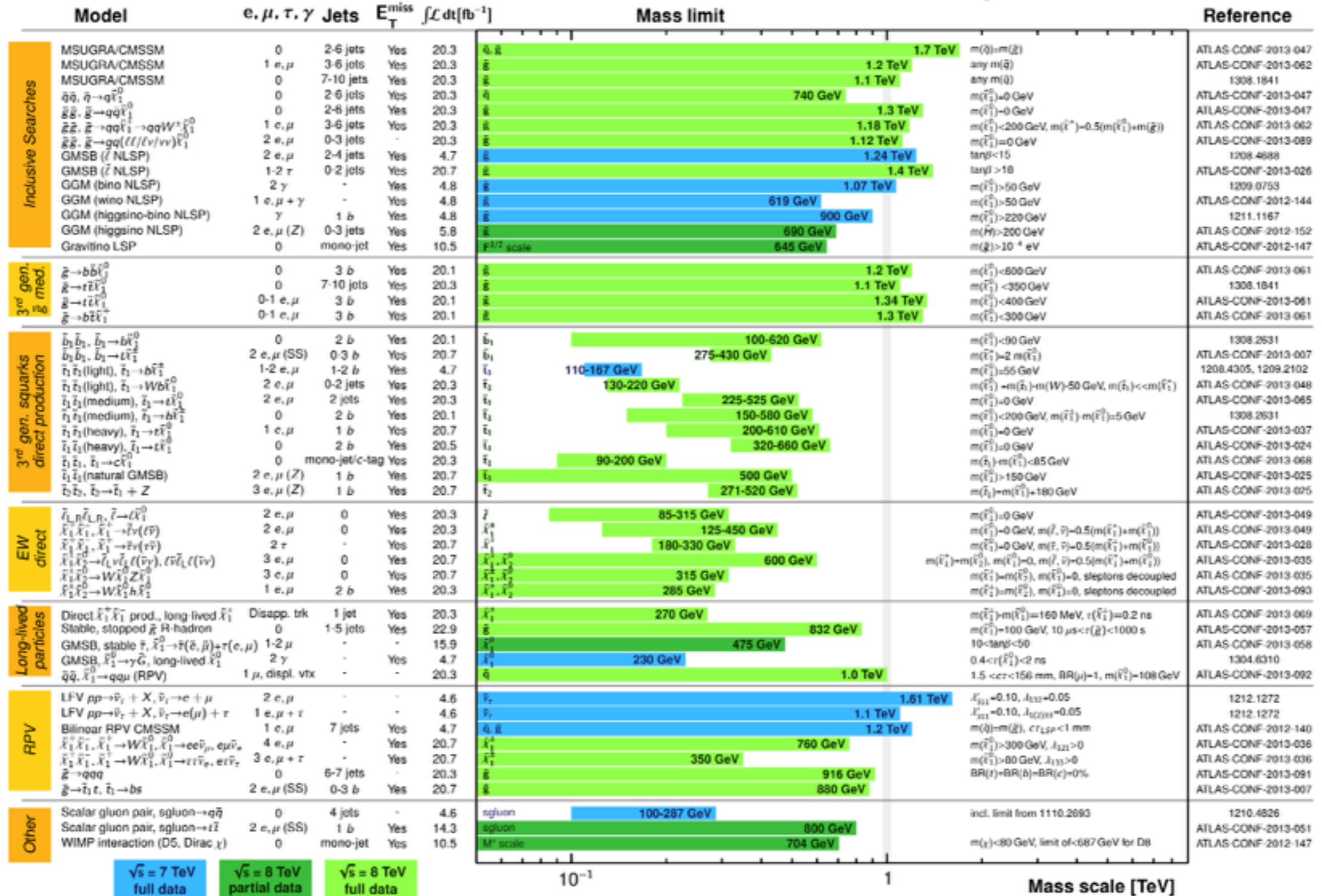
Searches for all possible SUSY decays... may complete the job for 8TeV data hopefully this winter.

ATLAS SUSY Searches* - 95% CL Lower Limits

Status: SUSY 2013

ATLAS Preliminary

$\int \mathcal{L} dt = (4.6 - 22.9) \text{ fb}^{-1}$ $\sqrt{s} = 7, 8 \text{ TeV}$



*Only a selection of the available mass limits on new states or phenomena is shown. All limits quoted are observed minus 1σ theoretical signal cross section uncertainty.

Summary

- ◉ Nothing found yet in 8TeV pp collisions.. but still at the beginning of a long SUSY search program at the LHC energy frontier.
 - ▶ The colored sparticle mass reach significantly improves (up to ~ 3 TeV) with increased beam energies.
 - ▶ 3rd. gen squarks?? The allowed parameter space has been squeezed, but there's still room that could not be accessed.
 - ▶ The sensitivity to EW production still limited by statistics. Could be addressed down to $O(0.01)$ fb.
 - ▶ Have developed a number of new analyses that utilize ISR/soft lepton tagging and exotic tracks to cover "holes" of general/traditional searches.
 - ▶ Have nearly completed out job for 8TeV data and many search tools in hand to address all possible decays.
- ◉ LHC resumes operation in 2015 with the designed collision energy.
 - ▶ What comes in next years??