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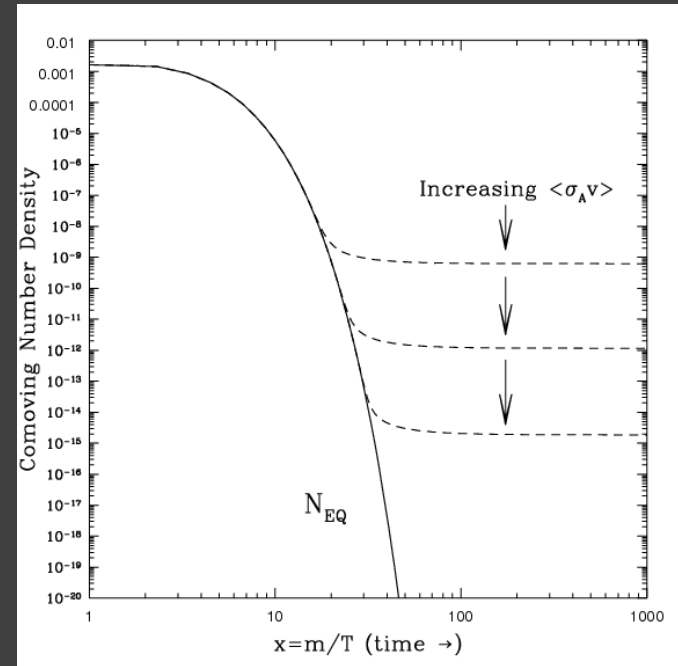
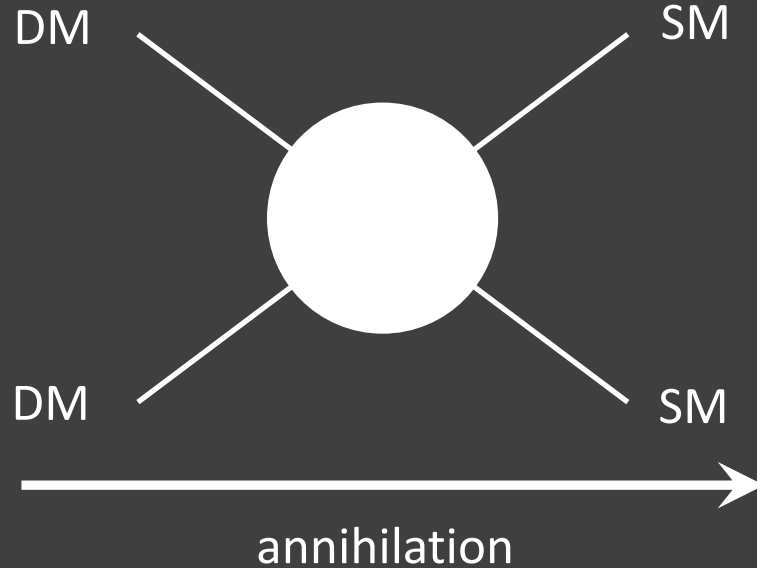
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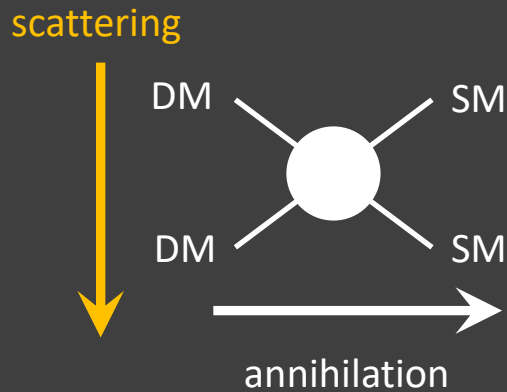
# WIMP DM



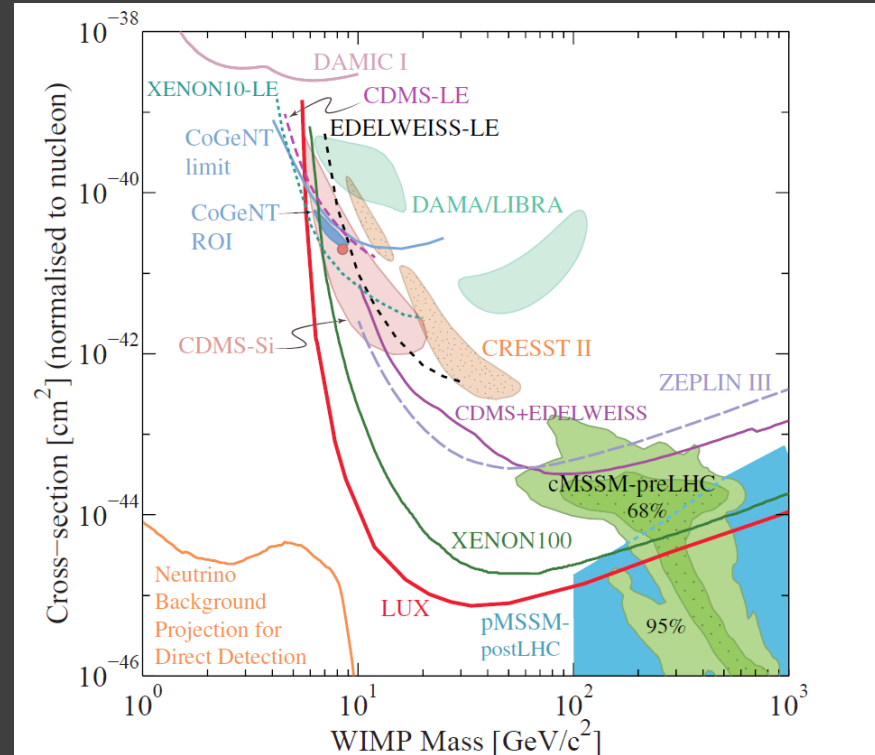
E.W.Kolb, M.S.Turner,  
The Early Universe, '89

- DM decouples from thermal bath and “freeze-out”
- Electro-Weak [EW] coupling and mass can explain relic density
- realized in many BSM models including supersymmetry [SUSY]

# Direct detection



$$\sigma_{\text{scat}} \sim \sigma_{\text{ann}}$$

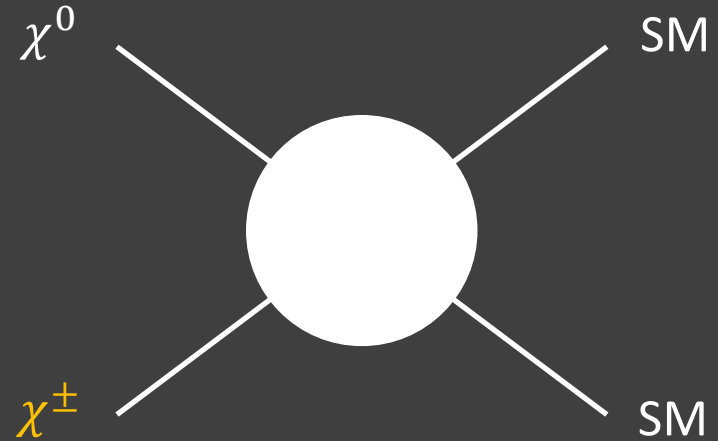
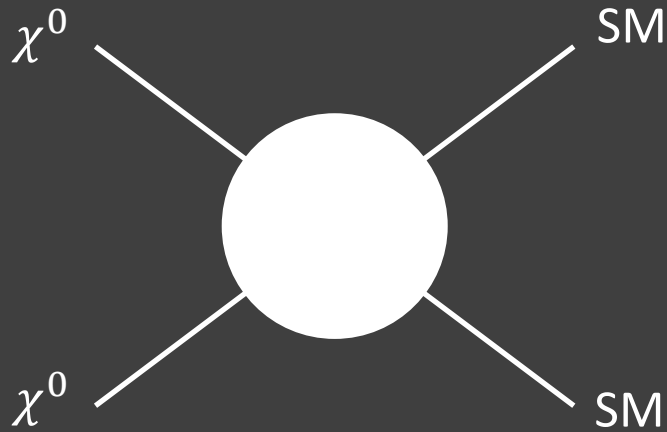


PDG2014

- null results in direct detections
- many interesting parameter space has been excluded

# Co-annihilating DM

$\chi^0$ : DM,  $\chi^\pm$ : new particle



➤ If  $m_{\chi^0} \simeq m_{\chi^\pm}$

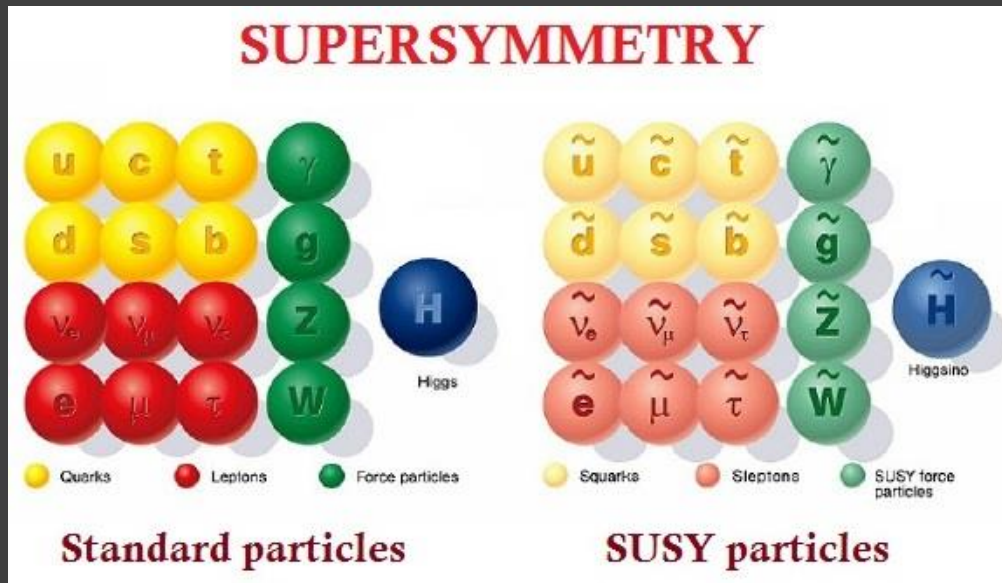
“co-annihilation”  $\chi^0 \chi^\pm \rightarrow \text{SM}^2$  turns on during freeze-out

➔  $\sigma_{\text{ann}} \gg \sigma_{\text{scat}}$  effectively due to co-annihilation

➔ avoid direct detection limits

# Higgsino

## ➤ Supersymmetry [SUSY]



- solve hierarchy problem
- GUT/superstring
- Higgs potential
- neutralino DM
  - \*mixture of gaugino/higgsino

## ➤ Higgsino

- fermionic superpartners of Higgs bosons
- neutral component is a part of neutralino DM

# Higgsino

## ➤ Co-annihilating DM

there are two Higgs doublets in Minimal SUSY SM [MSSM]

- two neutral states:  $\chi_1^0, \chi_2^0$  and two charged states  $\chi_1^\pm$
- ➔ • the lightest state  $\chi_1^0$  can be DM
- mass differences are typically less than few GeV

➔ co-annihilation DM ➔ ✓ **direct detection**

## ➤ Origin of EW scale

$$m_Z^2 \sim -2|\mu|^2 - 2m_{H_u}^2$$

$$m_Z = 91.2 \text{ GeV},$$

$\mu$ : Higgsino mass,

$m_{H_u}$ : Higgs mass term

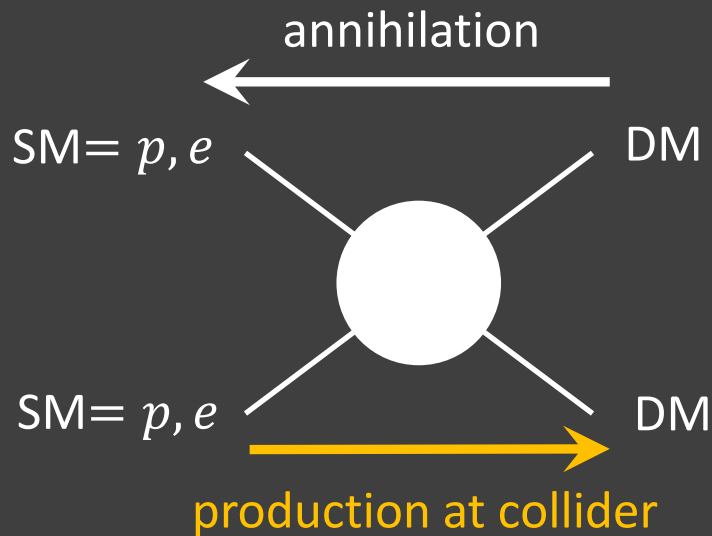
**understanding the origin of EW scale !**

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3. Mono-Z/W signal
4. Summary



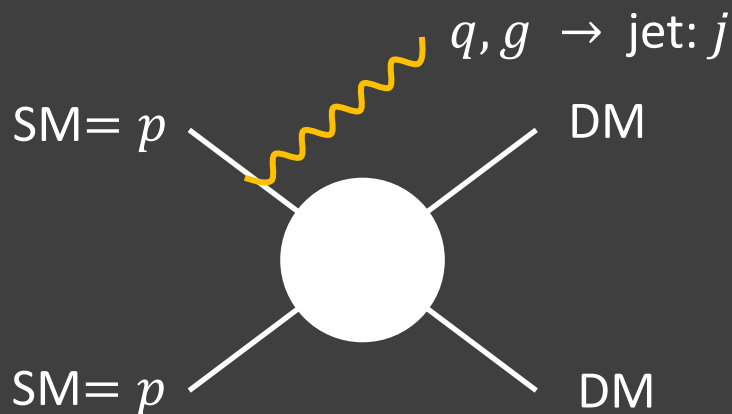
# Mono-jet search for DM



- DM may be produced at collider
- However, DM is invisible

➤ mono-jet  $1j + E_T^{\text{miss}}$  signal

$$E_T^{\text{miss}} \sim |-\vec{p}_T^j|$$



- jet from initial state radiation [ISR]
- suffered from large bkg.
- **no limits on Higgsinos at LHC**

# Higgsino search: higgsino decays

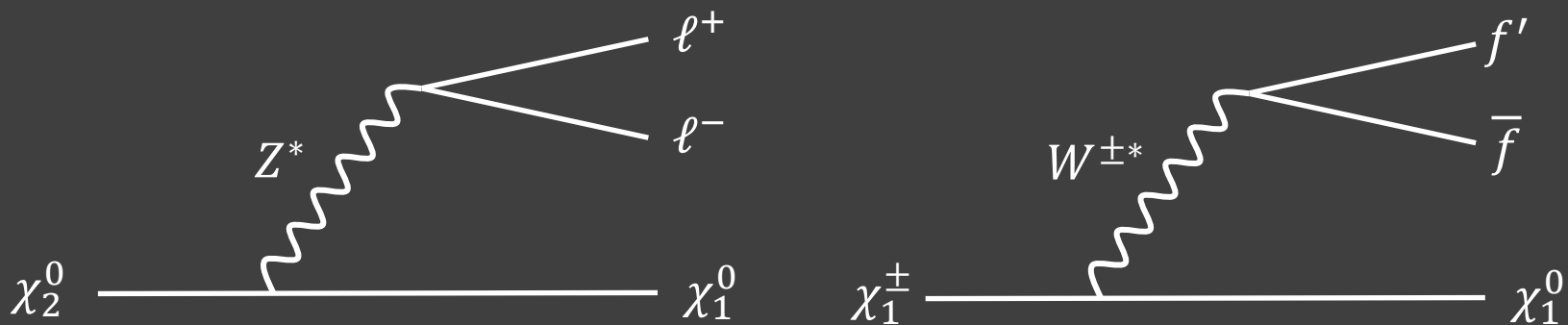
- mass differences of higgsinos

$$\Delta m_{\chi_2^0} \sim 2\Delta m_{\chi_1^\pm} \sim 2.1 \text{ GeV} \times \left( \frac{4 \text{ TeV}}{M_{\text{wino}}} \right)$$

$$\Delta m_{\chi_2^0} := m_{\chi_2^0} - m_{\chi_1^0}$$

$$\Delta m_{\chi_1^\pm} := m_{\chi_1^\pm} - m_{\chi_1^0}$$

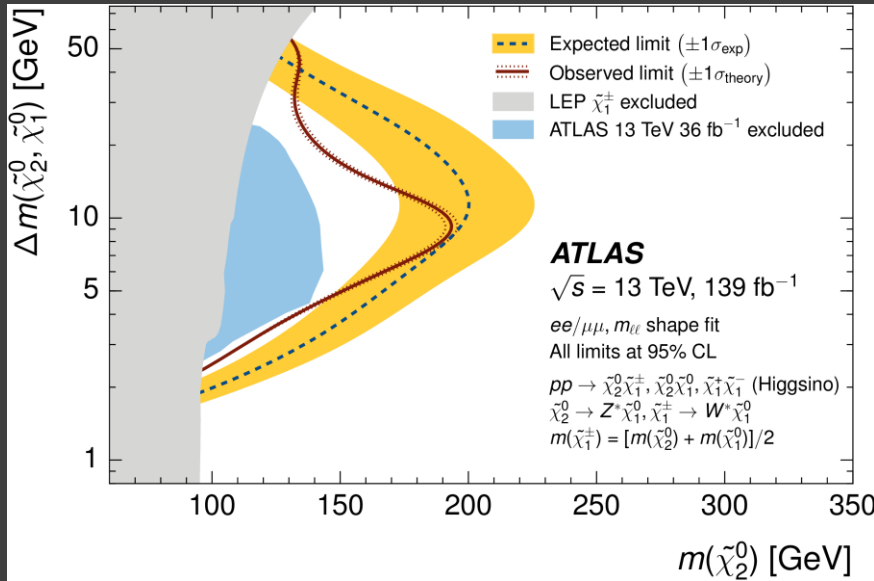
- decays of heavier higgsinos:  $\chi_2^0, \chi_1^\pm$



- productions of heavier states are expected
- daughter particles are “soft” due to small mass diff.

# Higgsino search: current limits

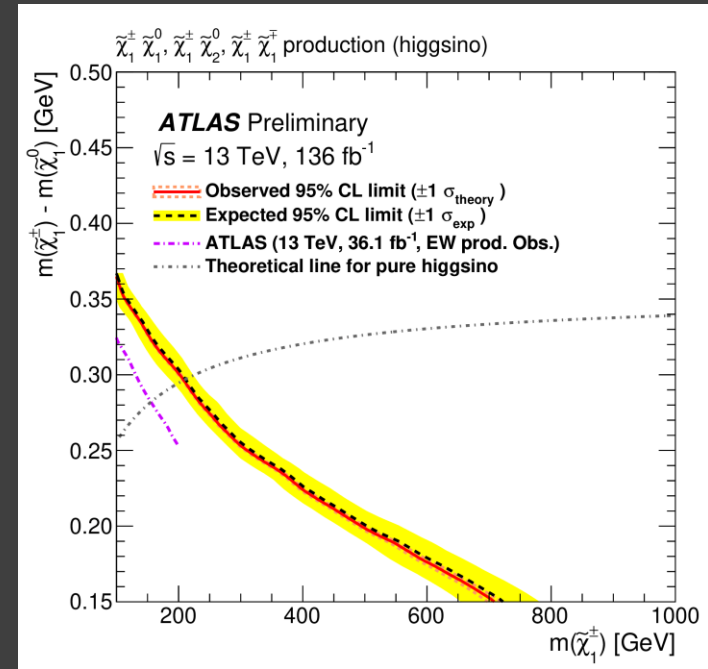
soft leptons



$m_\chi \gtrsim 100$  GeV limits  
for  $\Delta m_{\chi_1^\pm} \sim \Delta m_{\chi_2^0}/2 \gtrsim 1.3$  GeV

- limits are at most 200 GeV
- no limits for  $m_\chi \gtrsim 100$  GeV from LHC for  $\Delta m_{\chi_1^\pm} \sim 1$  GeV

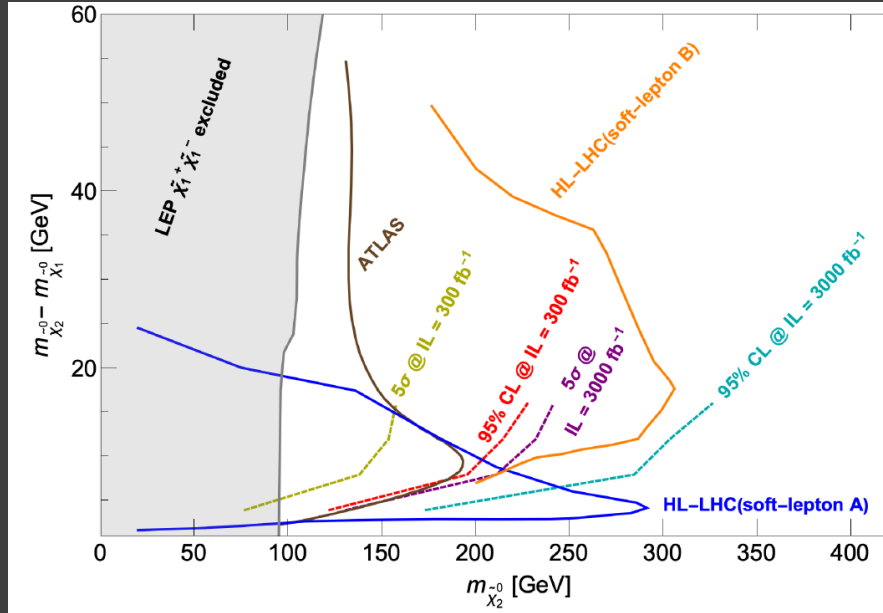
disappearing track



for  $\Delta m_{\chi_1^\pm} \lesssim 0.35$  GeV

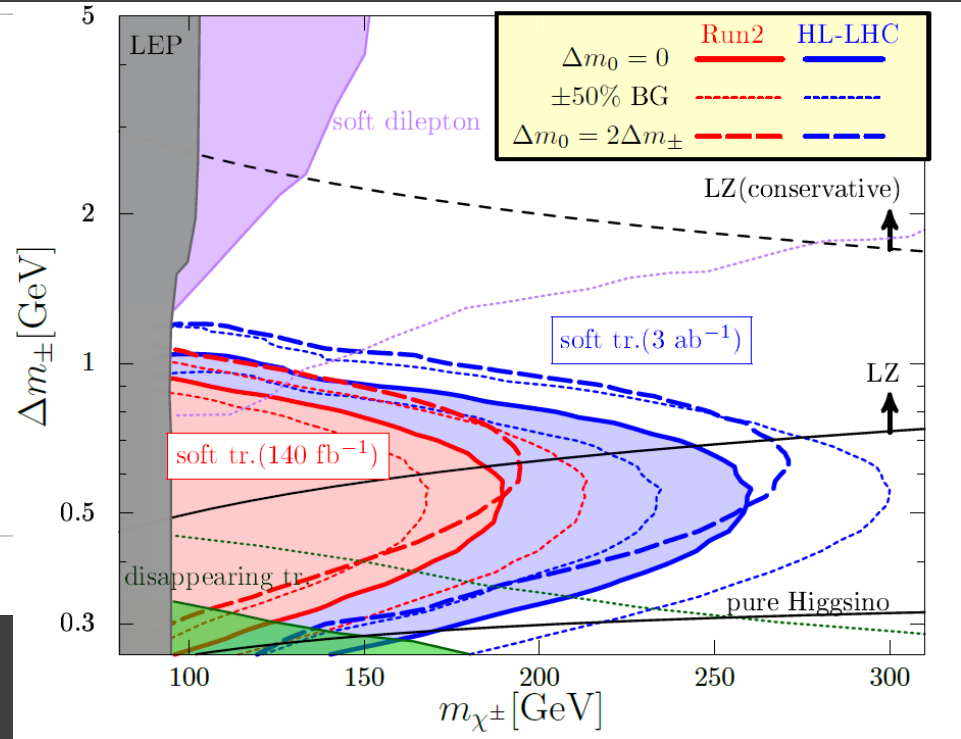
# Higgsino search: future limits

soft leptons



2109.14030, Baer, Barger, Sengupta, Tata

soft displaced vertex



1910.08065, Fukuda, Nagata, Oide, Otono, Shirai

- limits are at most about 300 GeV at HL-LHC
- limits are  $\sim 100$  GeV for  $\Delta m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^{\pm}} \sim 1$  GeV, the gap remains

# Brief summary

- generic mono-jet search is not efficient for higgsinos
- soft leptons are available for relatively large mass diffs.  $\Delta m_{\chi_1^\pm} \gtrsim 3 \text{ GeV}$
- disappearing tracks are available for very small mass diffs.  $\Delta m_{\chi_1^\pm} \lesssim 0.8 \text{ GeV}$
- there is a gap at  $\Delta m_{\chi_1^\pm} \sim 1 \text{ GeV}$  corresponding to  $M_{\text{wino}} \sim 4 \text{ TeV}$
- known searches basically require ISR jet

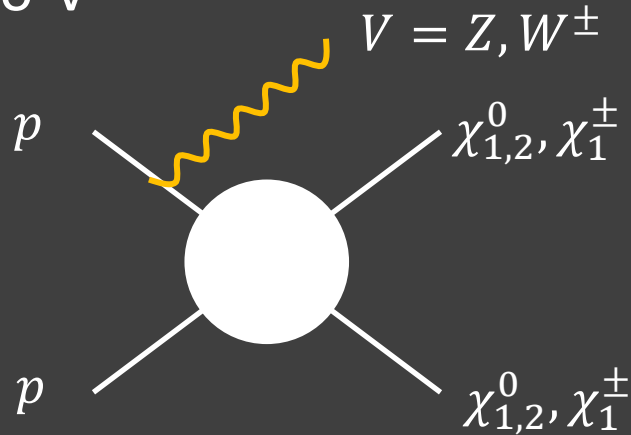
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# mono-Z/W signal

what if we use Z/W boson instead of jet ?

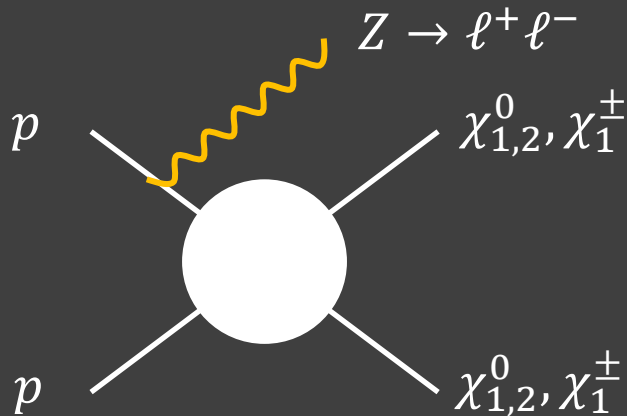
## ➤ mono-V



✓ less production cross section

● (much) less backgrounds

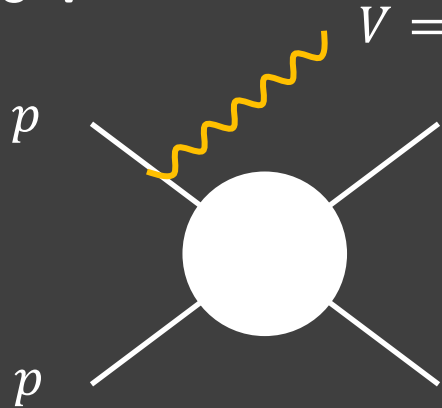
## ➤ leptonic mono-Z



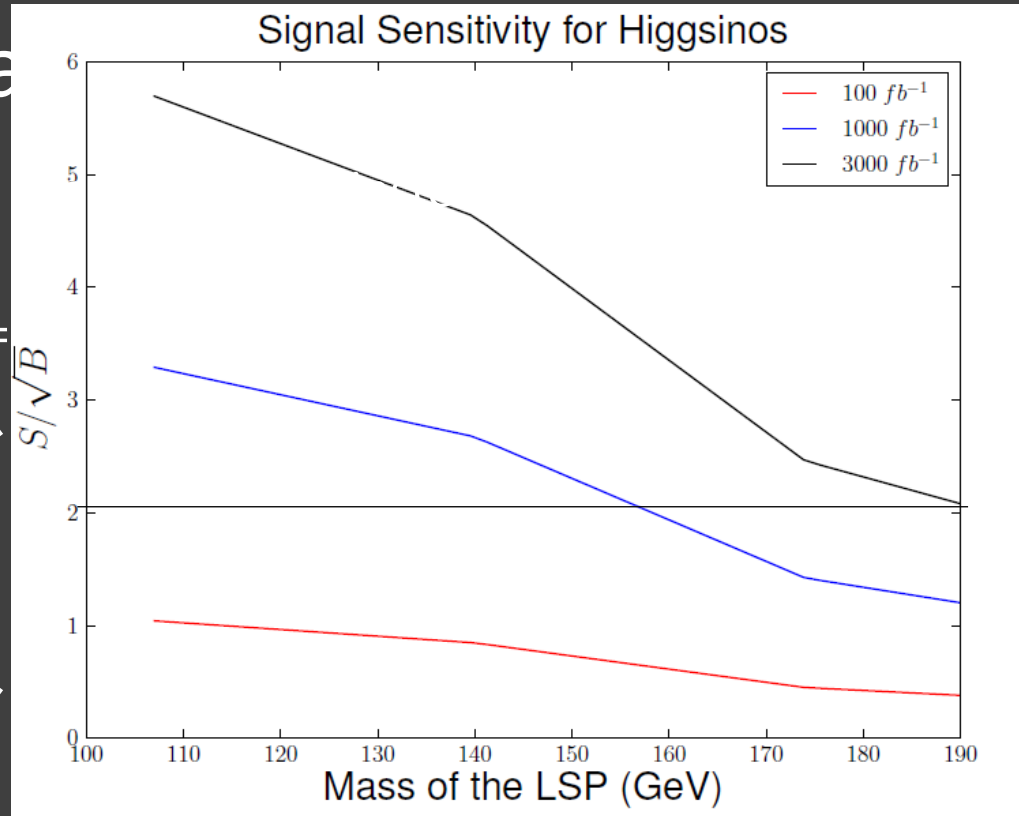
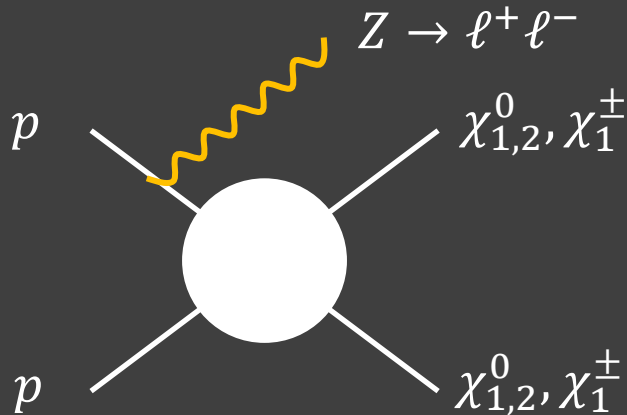
# mono-Z/W signals

what if we

➤ mono-V



➤ leptonic mono-Z



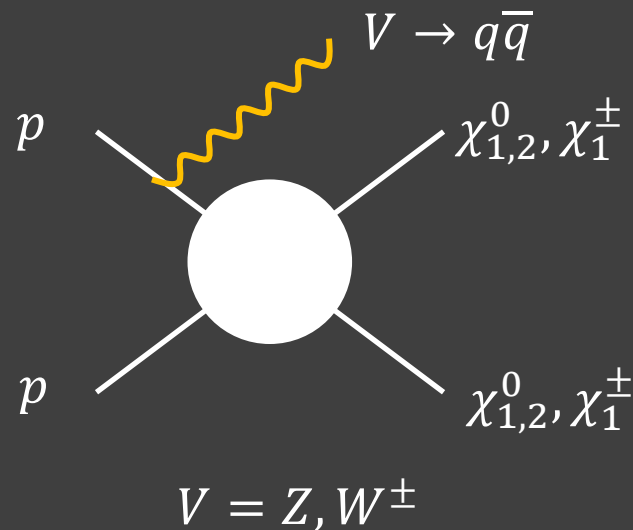
1407.1833, Anandakrishnan, Carpenter, Raby

- ✓ limit is about 190 GeV at HL-LHC
- ✓ not large production x-section

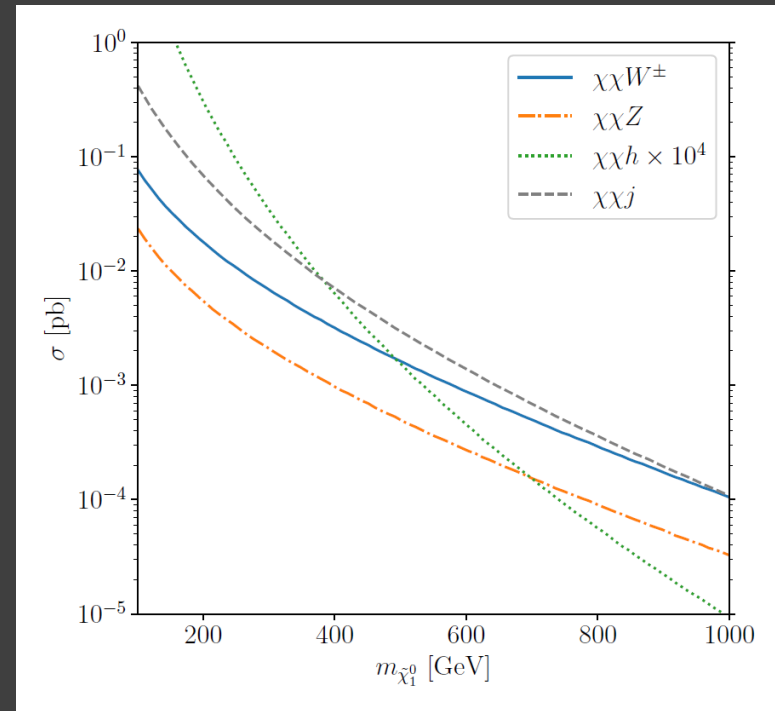


# mono-Z/W signal

## ➤ hadronic mono-V



## production cross section



- W associated production is much larger than prod. with Z
- hadronic BRs  $\sim 70\%$  are larger than leptonic BRs  $\sim 10$  (30)% for Z (W)

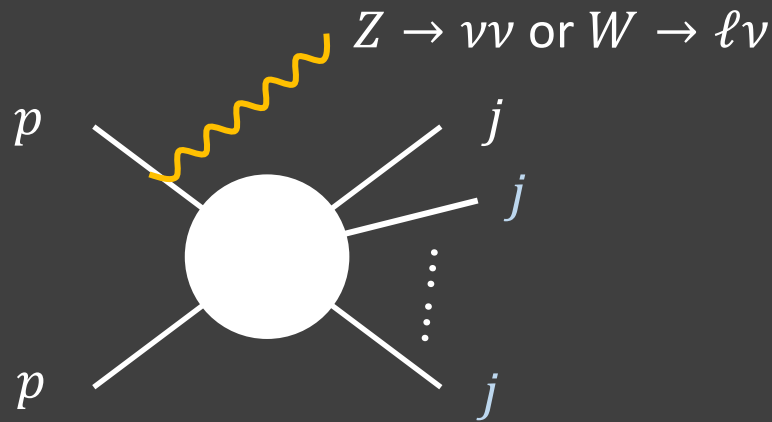
➔ significantly large production rate

# mono-Z/W signal

are backgrounds small ?

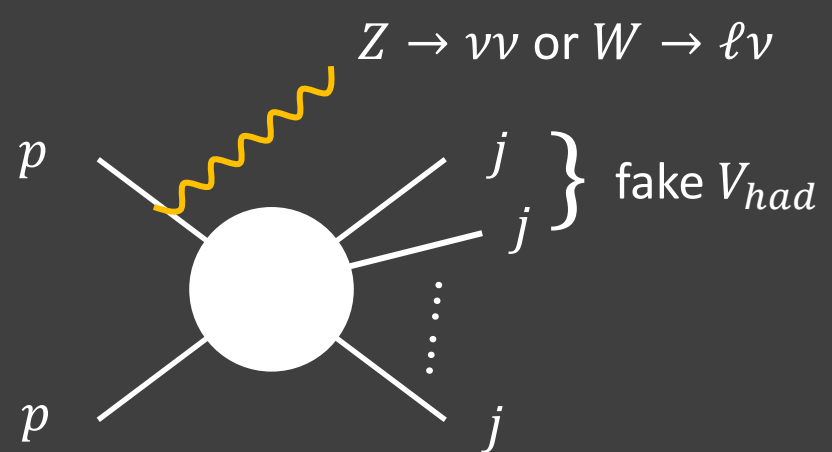
$V = Z, W^\pm$

➤ bkg. for  $j + E_T^{\text{miss}}$



- V+jets is dominant bkg.
- topologically same signal

➤ bkg. for  $V_{had} + E_T^{\text{miss}}$



- V+jets is dominant bkg. ( $\gg$  diboson)
- $V_{had}$  should be found from jets

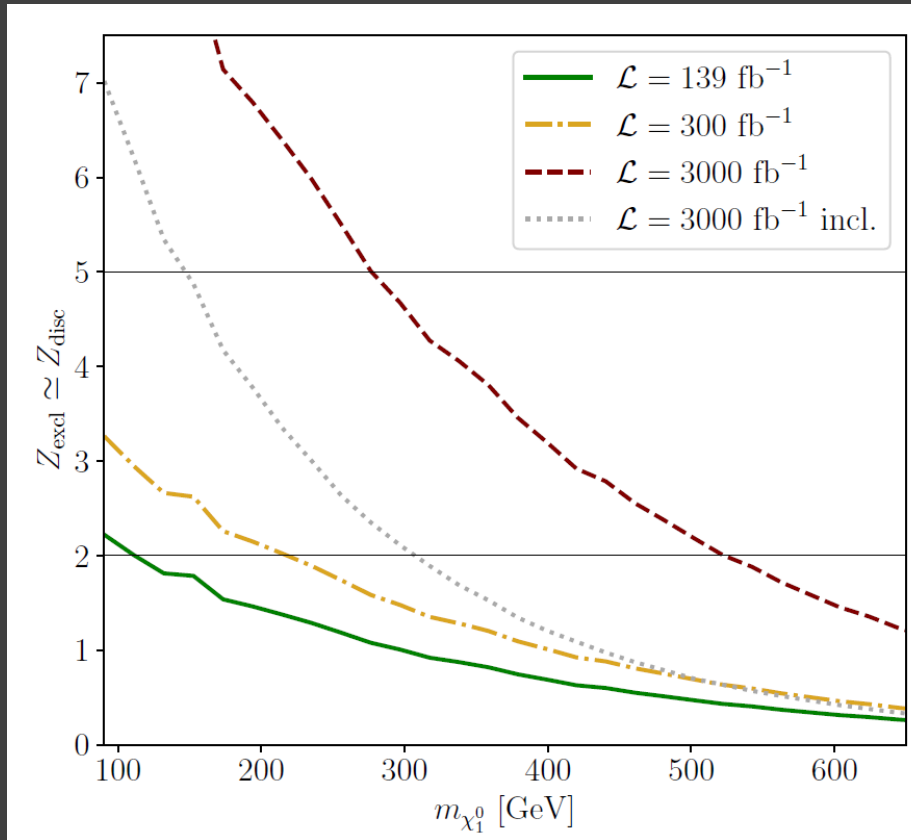
$V_{had}$ -tag efficiency  $\sim 50\%$  (1.7%) for true W/Z jets (QCD jets)

ATLAS-PHYS-PUB-2015-033

➔ well discriminate signal/bkg.

# Results

recast ATLAS analysis w/ 36.1 fb<sup>-1</sup> data 1807.11471, ATLAS



\* using  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$ -binned data

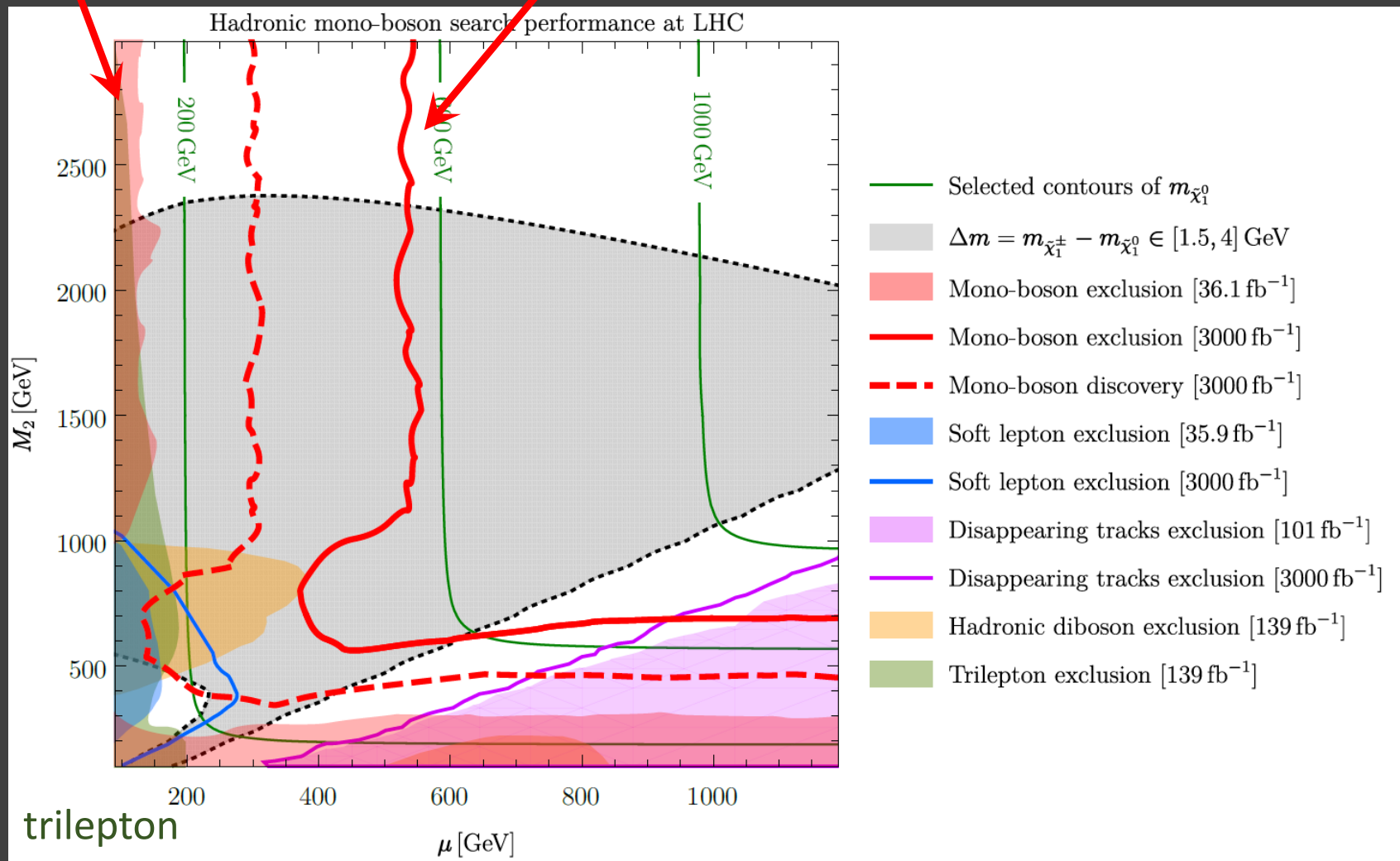
MadGraph, Pythia, Delphes

- even LHC constraints 110 (210) GeV higgsinos at Run-2 (3)
- HL-LHC can probe higgsinos up to 520 GeV

# Results: $\mu$ - $M_2$ plane

139 fb expected

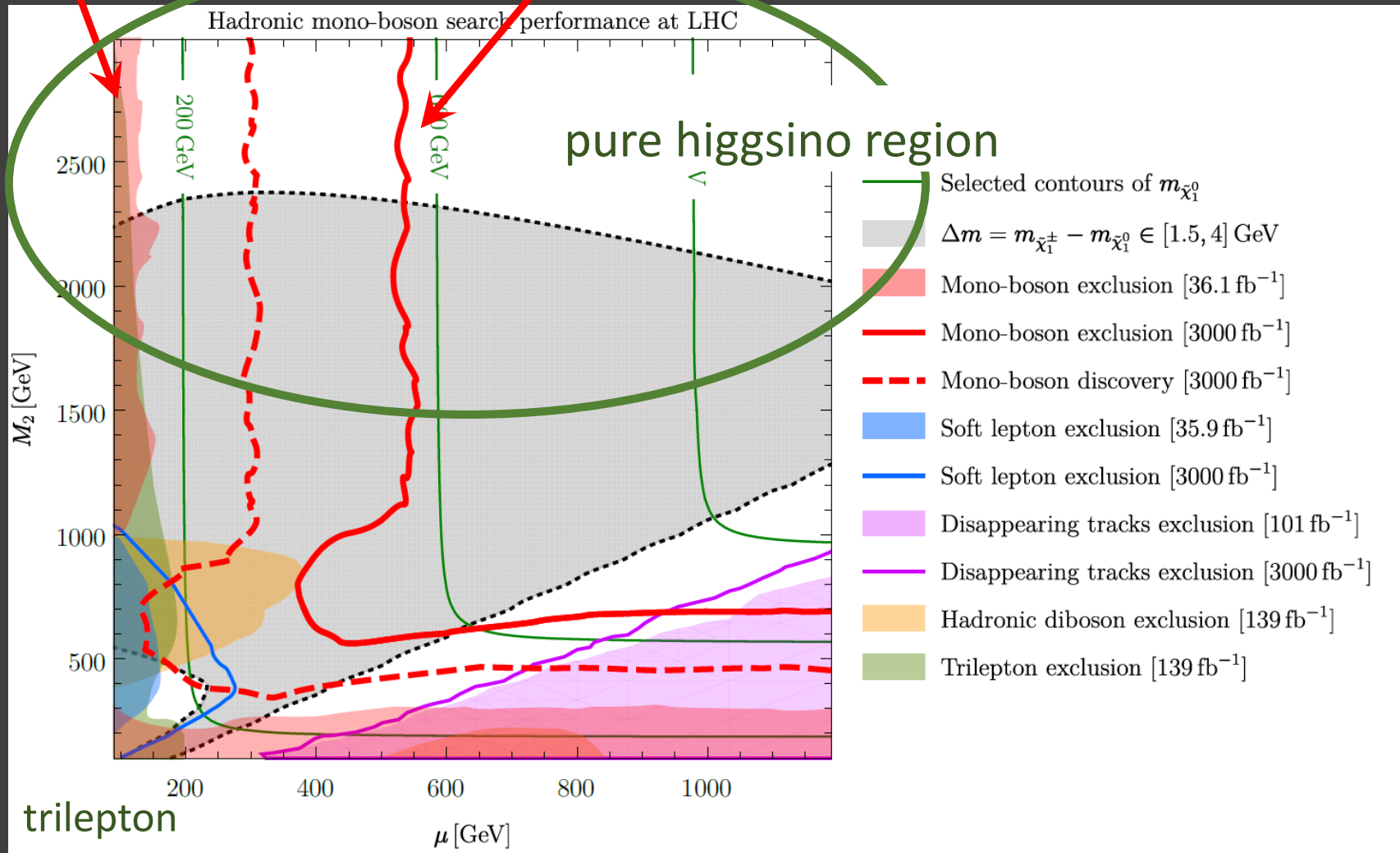
mono-V excl. at HLLHC



# Results: $\mu$ - $M_2$ plane

139 fb exp.

mono-V excl. at HLLHC



mono-V is most important for pure higgsino region

# Summary

## ➤ higgsino search

- hadronic mono-V signal is efficient for higgsinos searches
- can fill the gap at  $\Delta m_{\chi_1^\pm} \sim 1 \text{ GeV}$
- can test higgsinos up to 520 GeV at HL-LHC

## ➤ discussions

- V + soft leptons/disappearing tracks may work for higgsinos
- applicable to other DM particles

Thank you !

backups

# Analysis

## ➤ Recast ATLAS analysis w/ $36.1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ data 1807.11471, ATLAS

- one  $V_{had}$  jet with  $p_T > 250 \text{ GeV}$  and  $E_T^{miss} > 200 \text{ GeV}$
- 50% efficiency for  $V_{had}$  tagging
- cuts for multi jet bkg. are applied
- leptons with  $p_T > 7 \text{ GeV}$  are vetoed

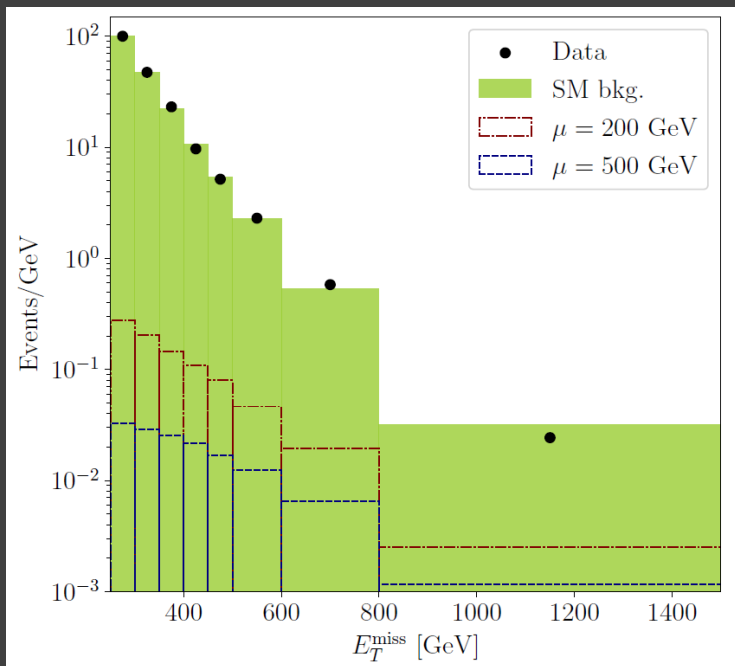
## ➤ Assumptions

- all of higgsino states  $\chi_{1,2}^0, \chi_1^\pm$  are invisible  $\iff \Delta m_{\chi_1^\pm} \lesssim 3.5 \text{ GeV}$
- large R jet from Z/W is V-tagged with 50% efficiency
- events simulated by Madgraph5, pythia8 and Delphes
- only uncertainties in backgrounds are taken into account



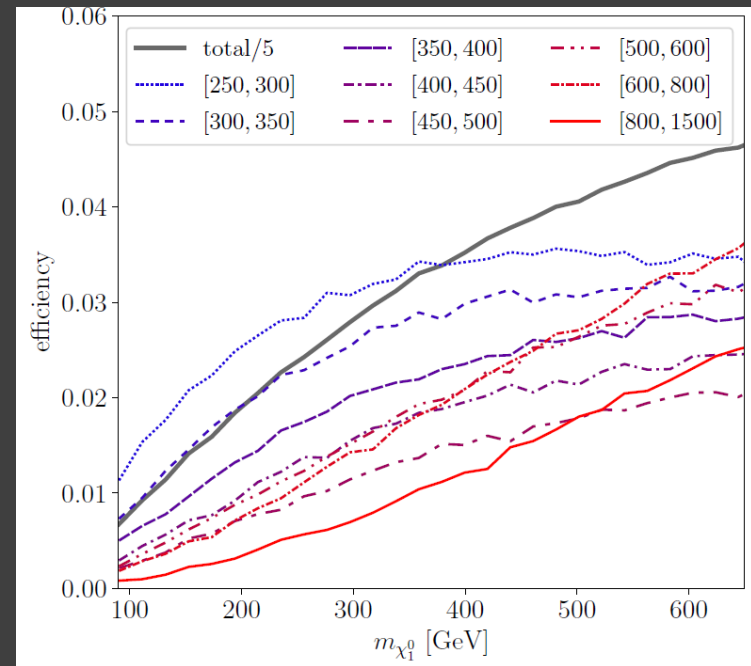
# $E_T^{\text{miss}}$ distribution

$E_T^{\text{miss}}$  distribution



efficiency =

# pass the cuts/# events generated

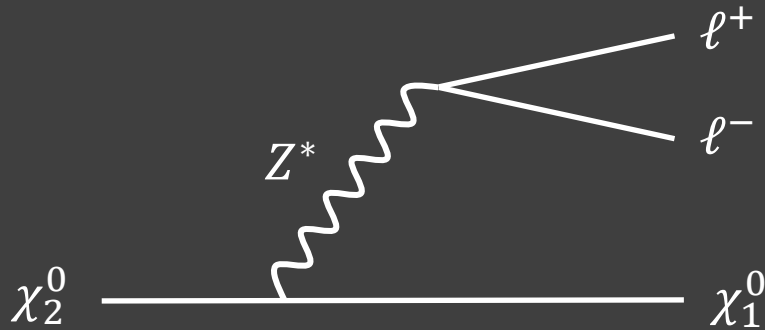


- signals are  $\mathcal{O}(0.1 - 1\%)$  of the SM bkg.
- higher  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  is expected for heavier masses

# Higgsino search: soft leptons

1401.1235 Han, Kribs, Martin Menon

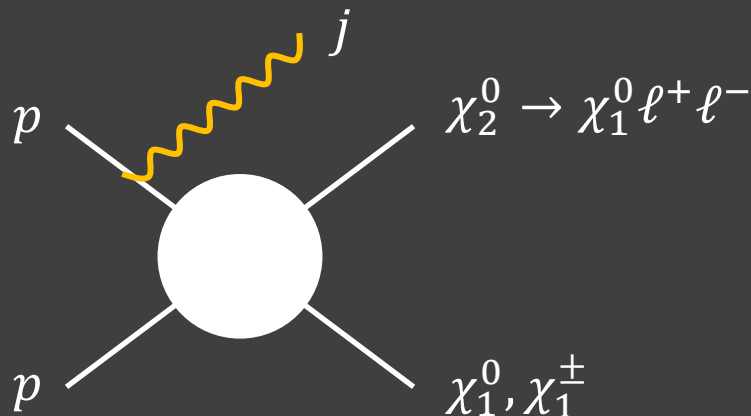
1409.7058, Baer, Mustafayev, Tata



di-leptons are visible

if  $\Delta m_{\chi_2^0} \gtrsim 10 \text{ GeV}$

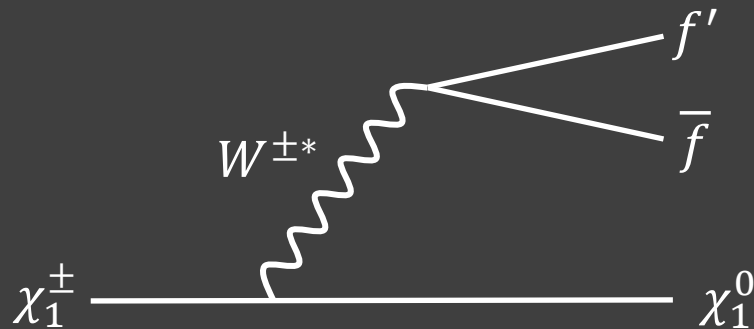
➤  $j + \ell^+ \ell^- + E_T^{\text{miss}}$



- productions  $pp \rightarrow \chi_2^0 \chi_1^0, \chi_2^0 \chi_1^\pm$
- ISR jet is necessary to trigger
- $m_{\ell^+ \ell^-}^2 < 10 \text{ GeV}$  cut is effective

# Higgsino search: disappearing tracks

0610277 Ibe, Moroi, Yanagida  
 1703.05327 Mahbubani, Schwaller, Zurita  
 1703.09675 Fukuda, Nagata, Otono, Shirai

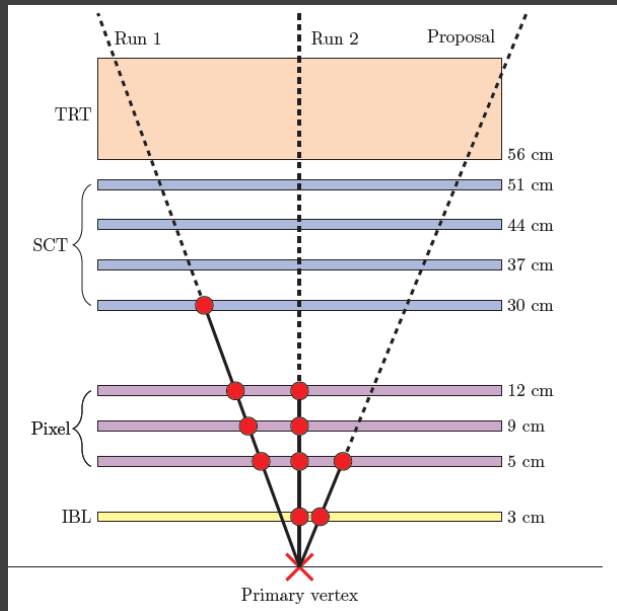


charged state  $\chi_1^\pm$  is long-lived

if  $\Delta m_{\chi_1^\pm} \sim \mathcal{O}(100 \text{ MeV})$

## ➤ disappearing track search

flight length of  $\mathcal{O}(\text{cm})$

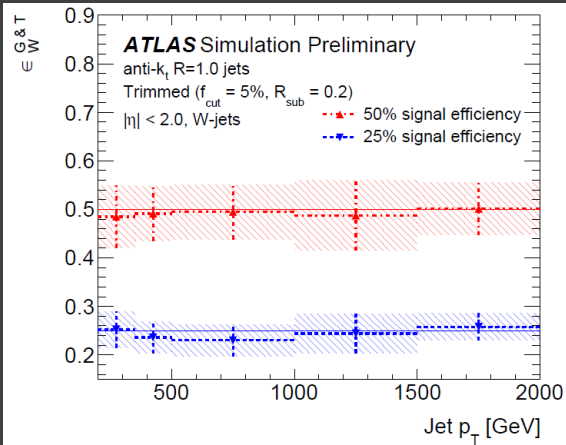


- charged track disappear in detector
- ISR jet is required to trigger

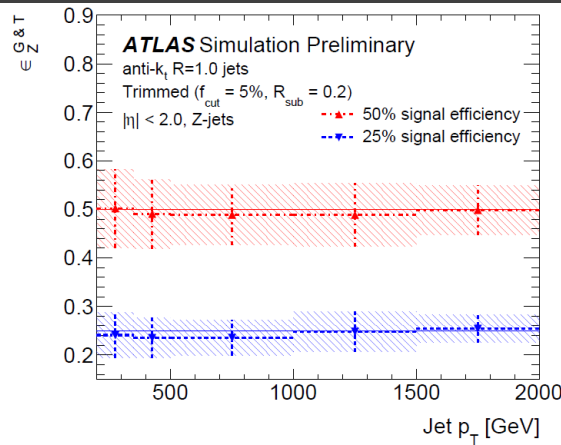
# $V_{had}$ tagging

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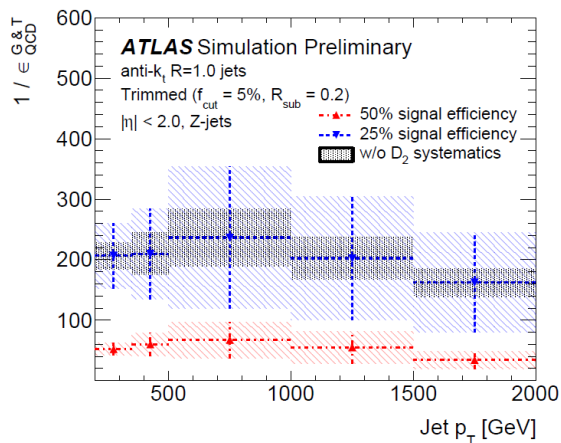
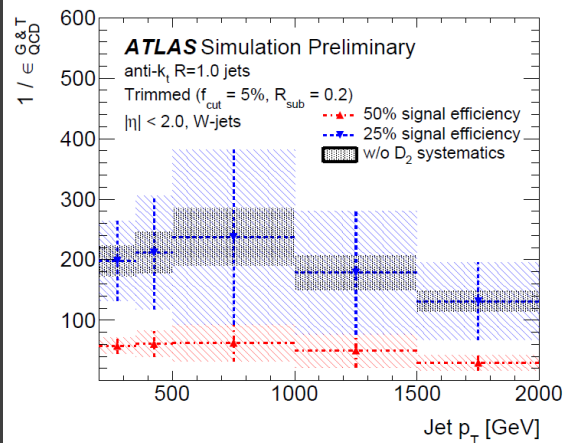
tagging by jet mass  $m_J \sim 90$  GeV and  $D_2$



(a) W-jet signal efficiency.



(b) Z-jet signal efficiency.



V-tag rate from Z/W  
 $\sim 50\%$  (med.)

V-tag rate from jets  
 $\sim 60^{-1} \sim 1.7\%$  (med.)

# $V_{had}$ jet and $D_2$



mass of large R jet :  $m_J$  should be around  $m_V \sim 90$  GeV

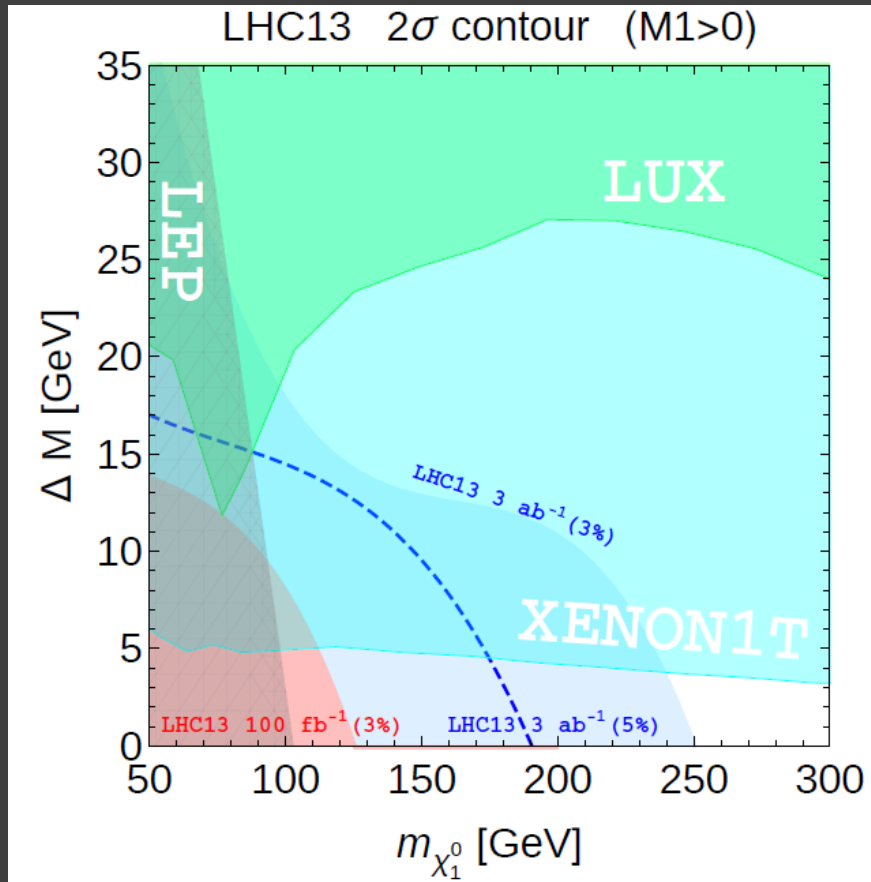
➤  $D_2 = e_3/e_2^3$

$$e_2 = \frac{1}{p_{TJ}^2} \sum_{i < j \leq n_j} p_{Ti} p_{Tj} R_{ij} \quad e_3 = \frac{1}{p_{TJ}^3} \sum_{i < j < k \leq n_j} p_{Ti} p_{Tj} p_{Tk} R_{ij} R_{ik} R_{jk}$$

- $e_2, e_3$  are smaller when more soft/collinear pair exists
- $e_3 \ll e_2$  is expected for  $V_{had}$  since there two hard jets

# mono-jet bounds

1504.02472, Barducci, Belyaev, Bharucha, Porod, Sanz



limits about 250 GeV at HL-LHC

# backgrounds

➤ number of events 1807.11471, ATALS

Process	Merged topology				
	<i>0b</i> -HP	<i>0b</i> -LP	<i>1b</i> -HP	<i>1b</i> -LP	<i>2b</i>
Vector-mediator model,					
$m_\chi = 1 \text{ GeV}, m_{Z'} = 200 \text{ GeV}$	$814 \pm 48$	$759 \pm 45$	$96 \pm 18$	$99 \pm 16$	$49.5 \pm 4.3$
$m_\chi = 1 \text{ GeV}, m_{Z'} = 600 \text{ GeV}$	$280.9 \pm 9.0$	$268.5 \pm 8.8$	$34.7 \pm 3.6$	$33.8 \pm 3.1$	$15.38 \pm 0.84$
Invisible Higgs boson decays ( $m_H = 125 \text{ GeV}, \mathcal{B}_{H \rightarrow \text{inv.}} = 100\%$ )					
$VH$	$408.4 \pm 2.1$	$299.3 \pm 2.0$	$52.06 \pm 0.85$	$44.06 \pm 0.82$	$27.35 \pm 0.52$
$ggH$	$184 \pm 19$	$837 \pm 35$	$11.7 \pm 3.8$	$111 \pm 30$	$12.3 \pm 4.2$
VBF	$29.1 \pm 2.5$	$96.0 \pm 4.6$	$2.43 \pm 0.36$	$5.83 \pm 0.43$	$0.50 \pm 0.07$
$W$ +jets	$3170 \pm 140$	$10120 \pm 380$	$218 \pm 28$	$890 \pm 110$	$91 \pm 12$
$Z$ +jets	$4750 \pm 200$	$15590 \pm 590$	$475 \pm 52$	$1640 \pm 180$	$186 \pm 12$
$t\bar{t}$	$775 \pm 48$	$937 \pm 60$	$629 \pm 27$	$702 \pm 34$	$50 \pm 11$
Single top-quark	$159 \pm 12$	$197 \pm 13$	$89.7 \pm 6.7$	$125.5 \pm 8.7$	$16.1 \pm 1.7$
Diboson	$770 \pm 110$	$960 \pm 140$	$88 \pm 14$	$115 \pm 18$	$54 \pm 10$
Multijet	$12 \pm 35$	$49 \pm 140$	$3.7 \pm 3.3$	$15 \pm 13$	$9.3 \pm 9.4$
Total background	$9642 \pm 87$	$27850 \pm 150$	$1502 \pm 31$	$3490 \pm 52$	$407 \pm 15$
Data	9627	27856	1502	3525	414

# Statistics

ATLAS, CMS and LHC Higgs Combination Group Collab.

“Procedure for the Higgs boson search combination in Summer 2011”

test statistics

$$q_{\mu}^n := -2 \log \frac{L(n|\mu, \hat{b})}{L(n|\hat{\mu}, \hat{b})},$$

$n_i$ : # data,  $s_i$ : # signal,  $b_i$ : # bkg.

$$\lambda_i = s_i \mu + b_i$$

likelihood

$$L(n|\mu, b) := \prod_i^{N_{\text{bin}}} \frac{\lambda_i^{n_i}}{n_i!} e^{-\lambda_i} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} \Delta b_i} \exp\left(-\frac{(b_i - b_i^0)^2}{2(\Delta b_i)^2}\right),$$

CLs and significances

$$\text{CL}_s = \frac{1 - \Phi\left(\sqrt{q_1^{n_{\text{obs}}}}\right)}{\Phi\left(\sqrt{q_1^{b_0}} - \sqrt{q_1^{n_{\text{obs}}}}\right)}, \quad Z_{\text{excl}} = \sqrt{q_1^{b_0}}, \quad \text{and} \quad Z_{\text{disc}} = \sqrt{q_0^{s+b_0}},$$