



Search for Supersymmetry at ATLAS

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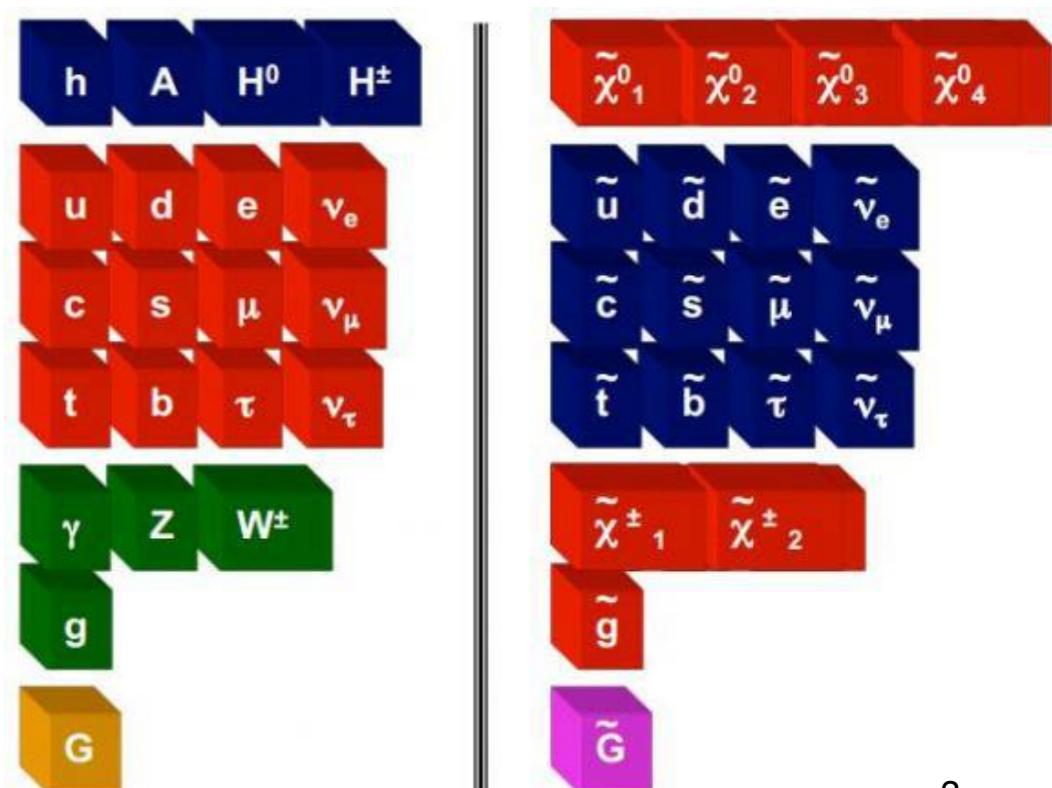
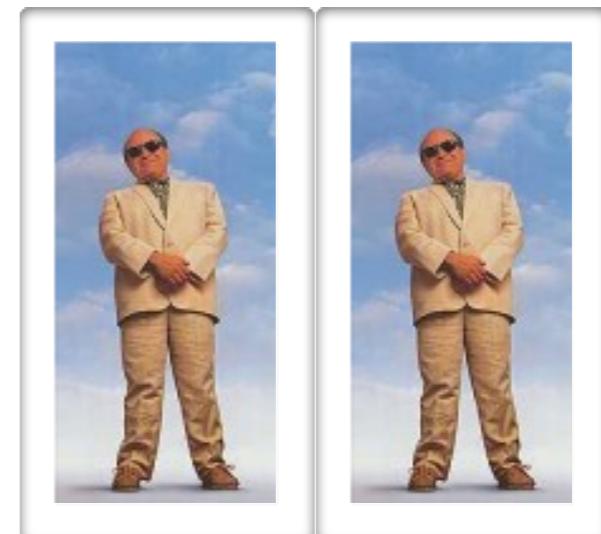
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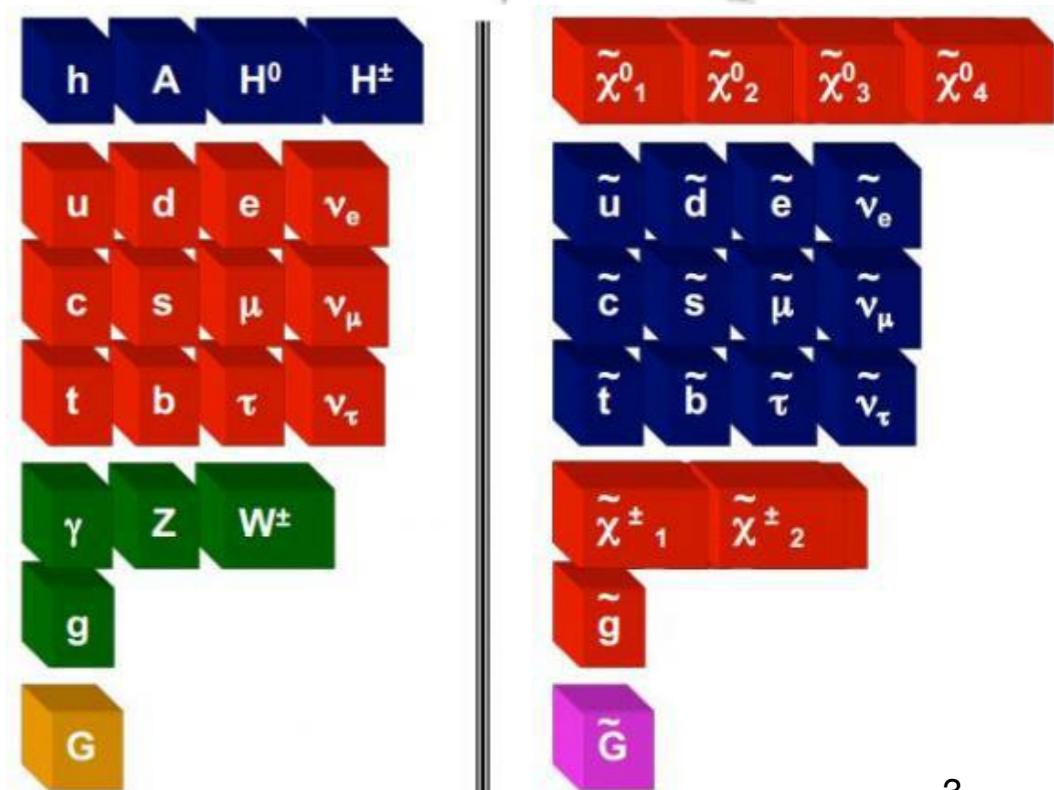
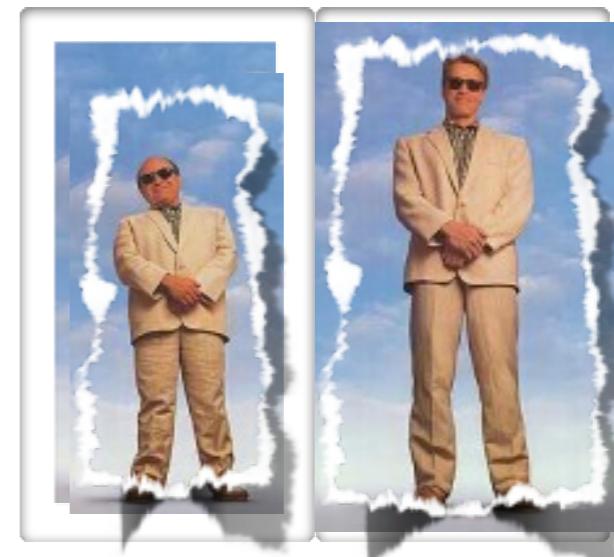
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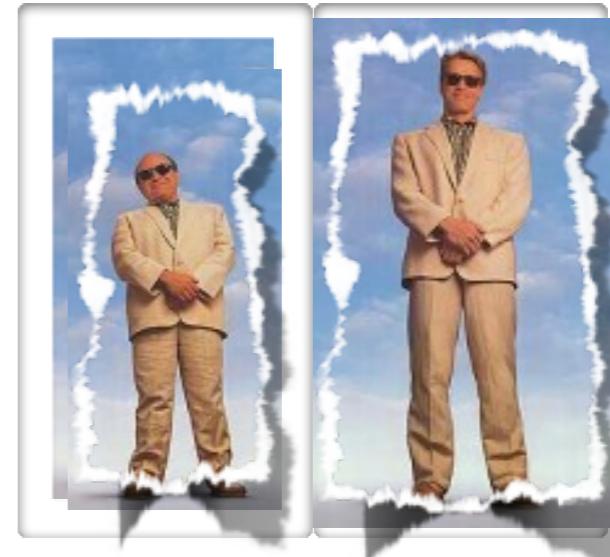
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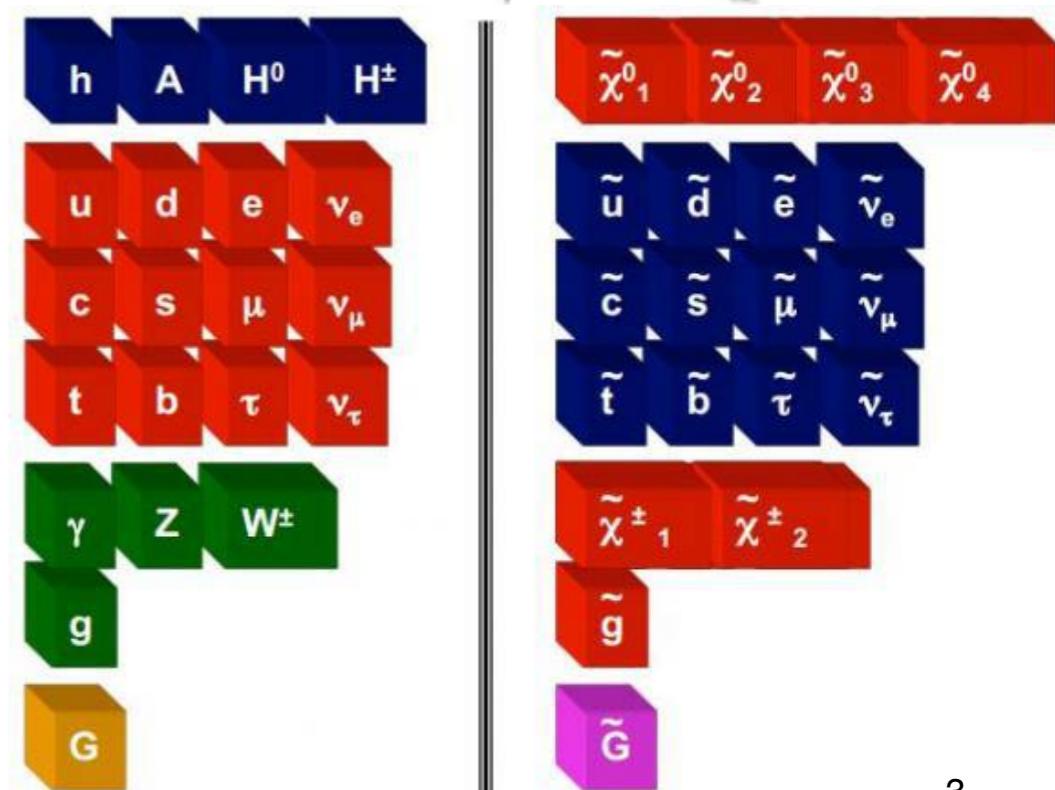
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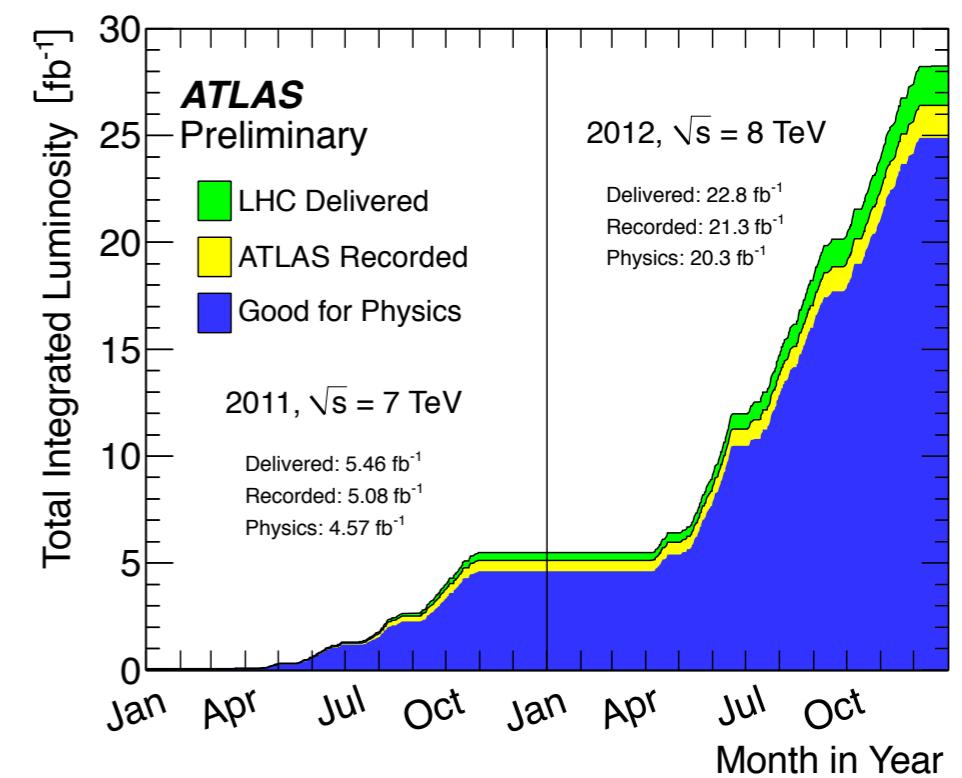
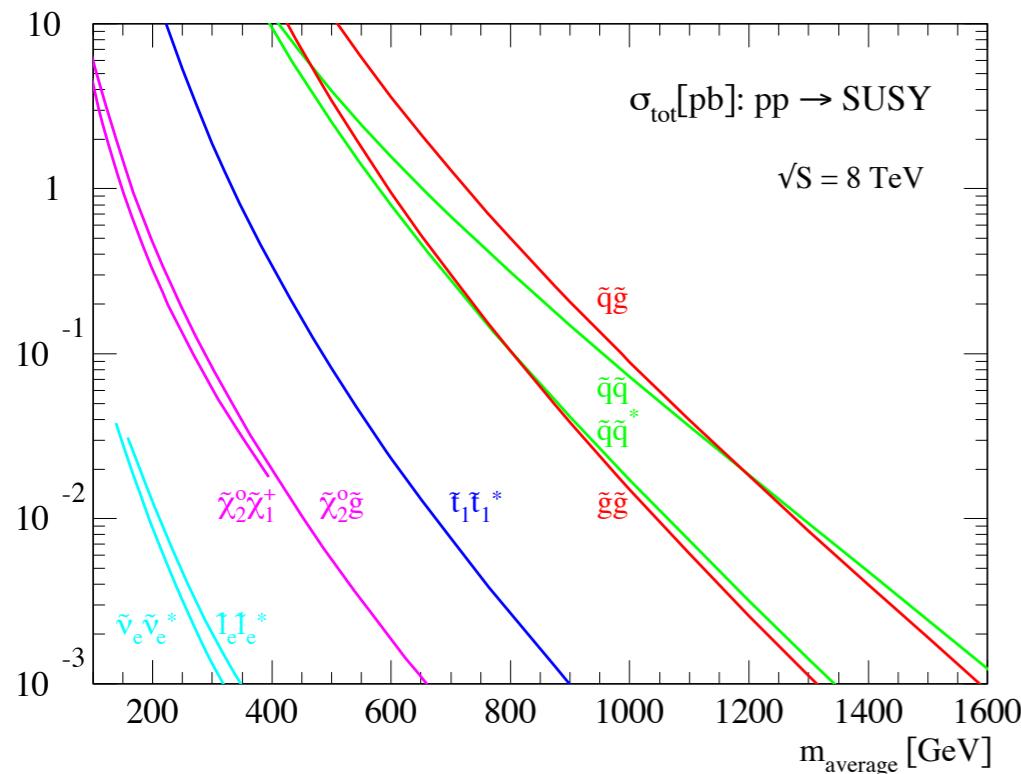
Some SUSY features:

- * Includes the SM as an effective theory
- * Can predict coupling constants unification at GUT scale $O(10^{16})$
- * Can solve the hierarchy problem of the Higgs mass
- * In some scenarios:
 - * R-parity = $(-1)^{3(B-L)+2S}$ is conserved and the Lightest Supersymmetric Particle (LSP) is stable
 - * $\tilde{\chi}^0_1$ is a Dark Matter candidate



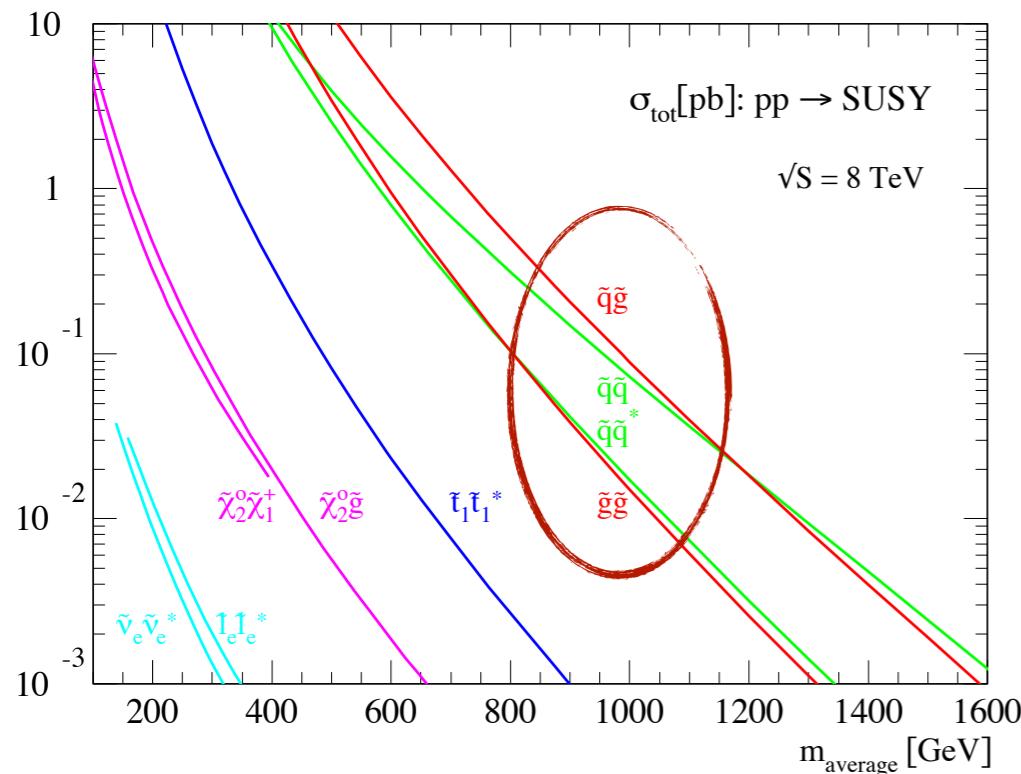
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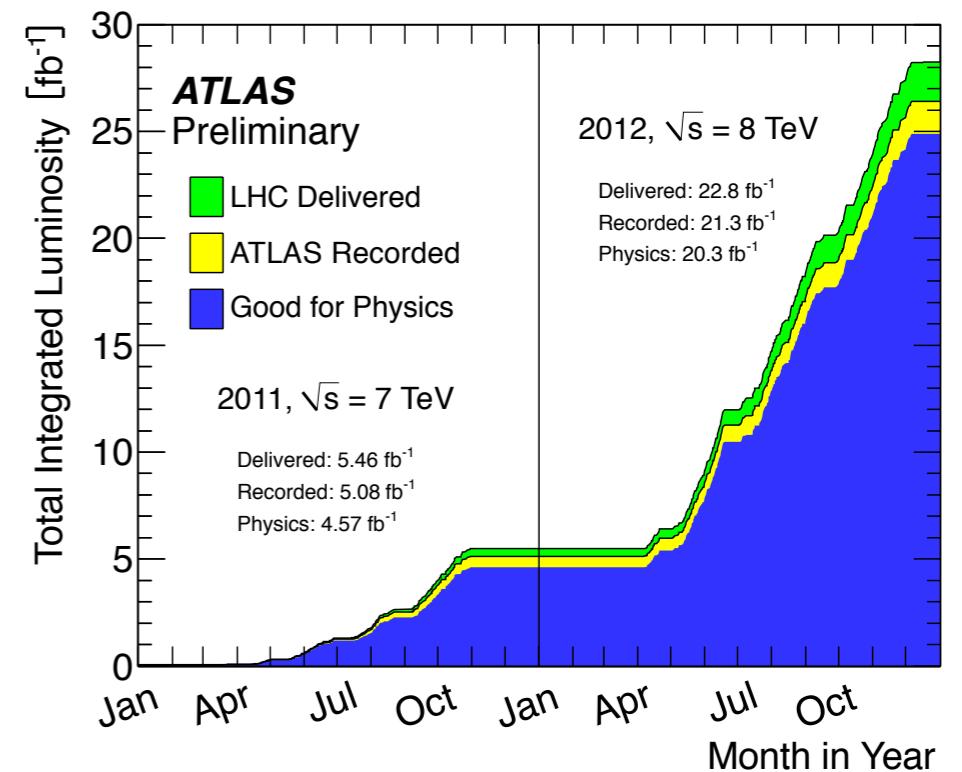


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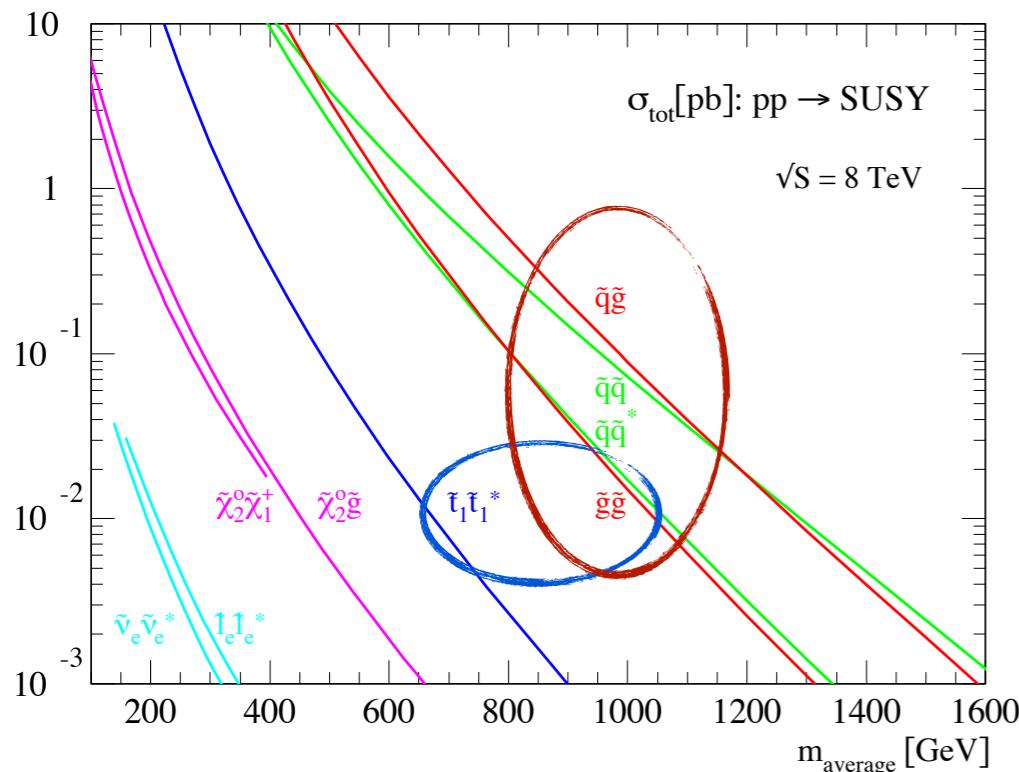


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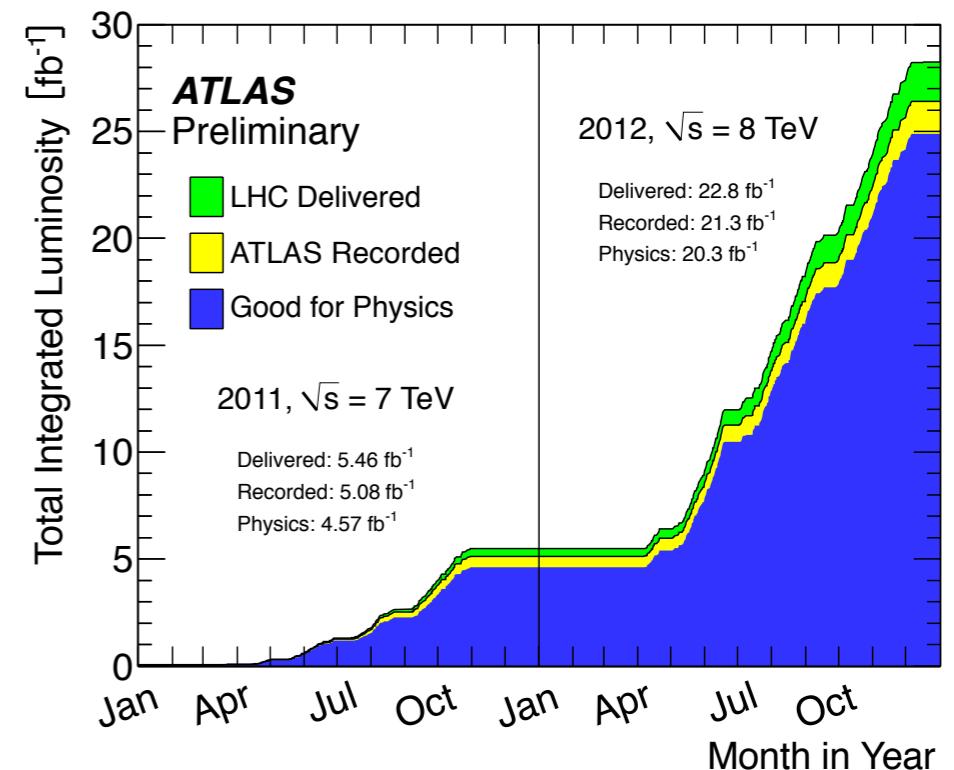


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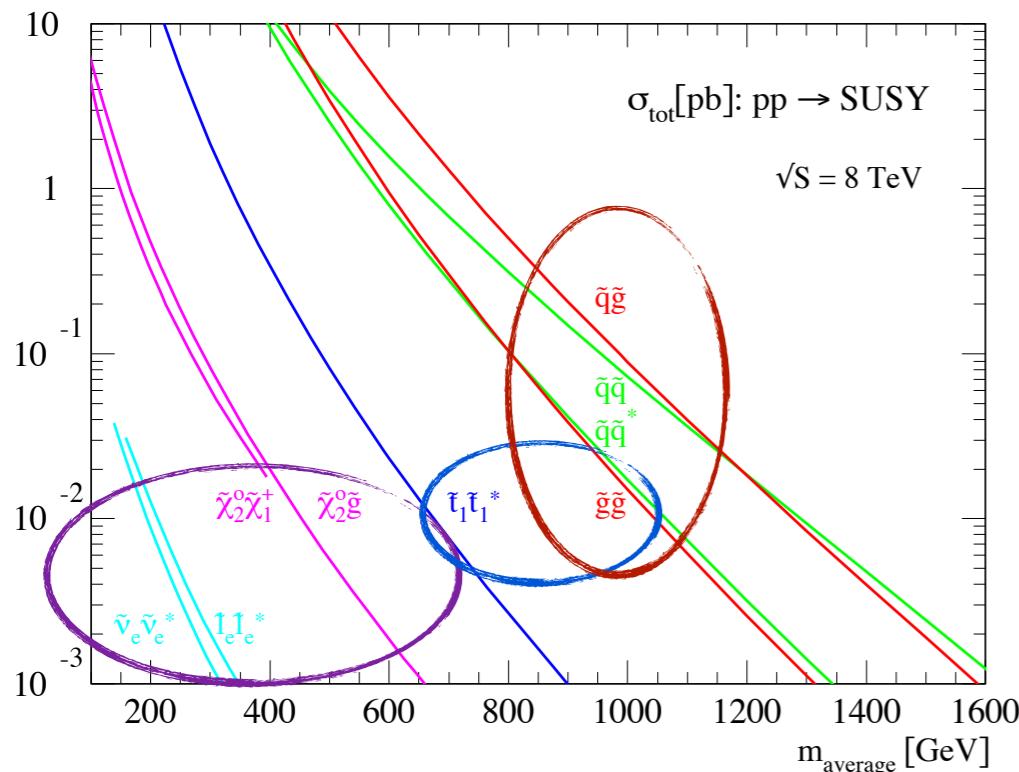
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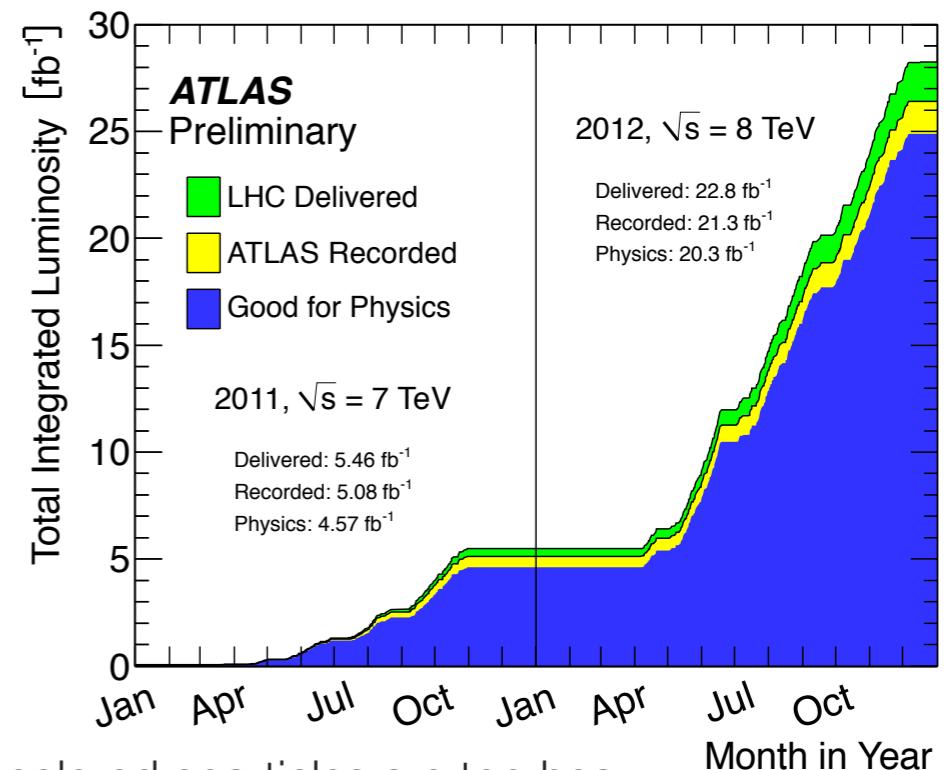
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- ElectroWeak (EW) production → high luminosity focus

- * low cross sections but can be the dominant production mechanism if colored sparticles are too heavy
- * different signatures depending on gauginos composition and sleptons masses
- * multi-lepton + E_T^{miss} signatures : very low SM background

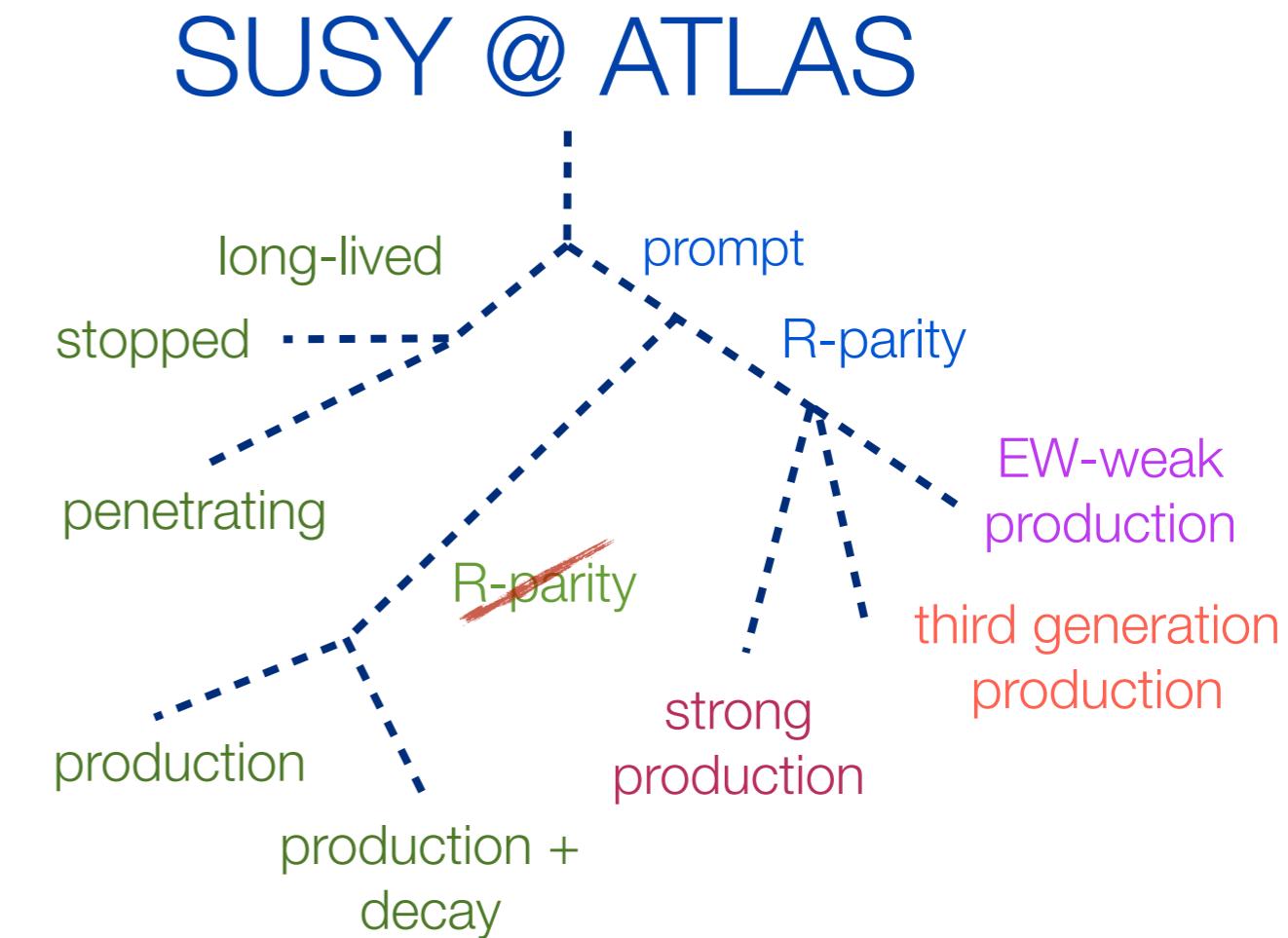
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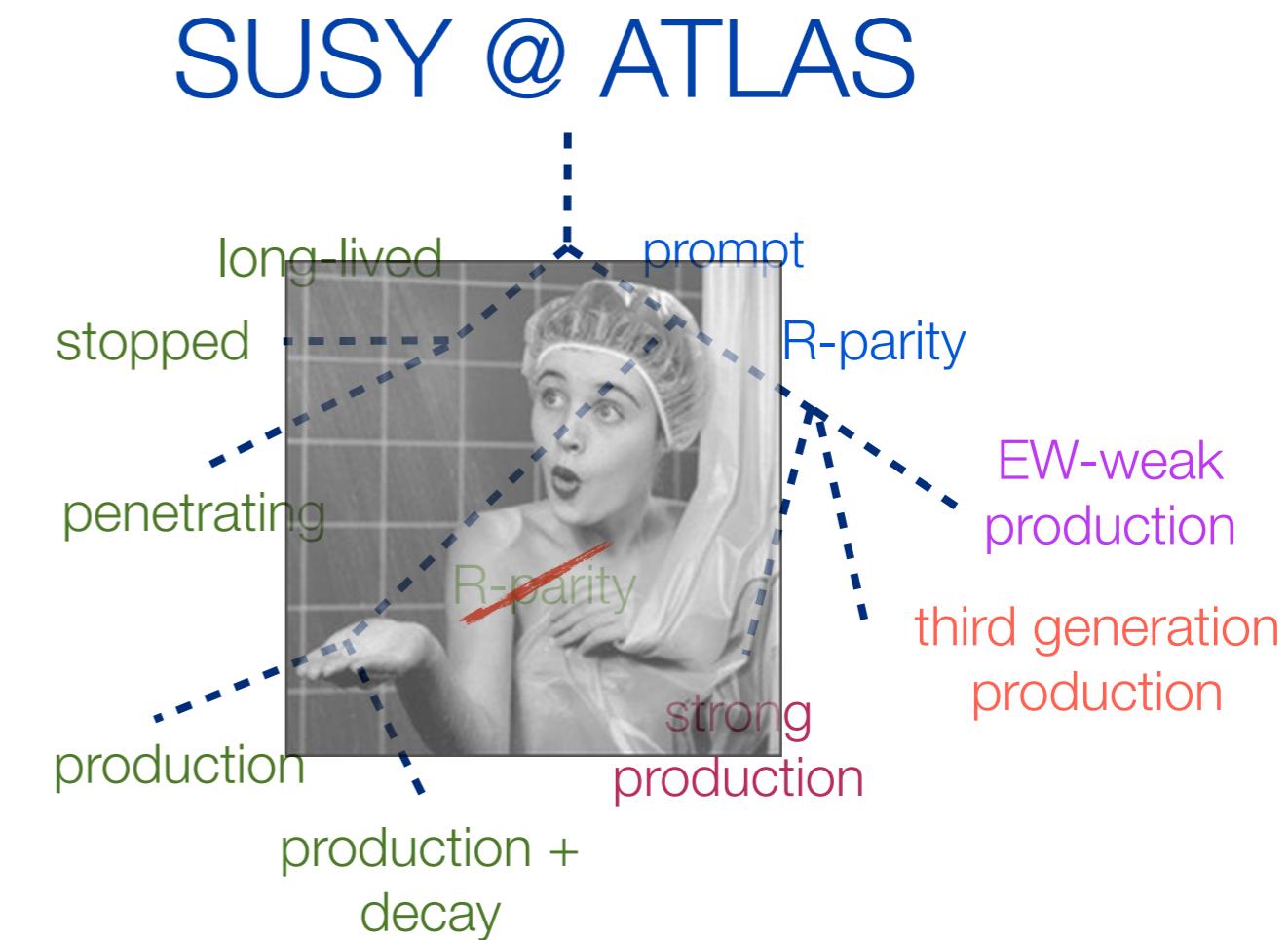
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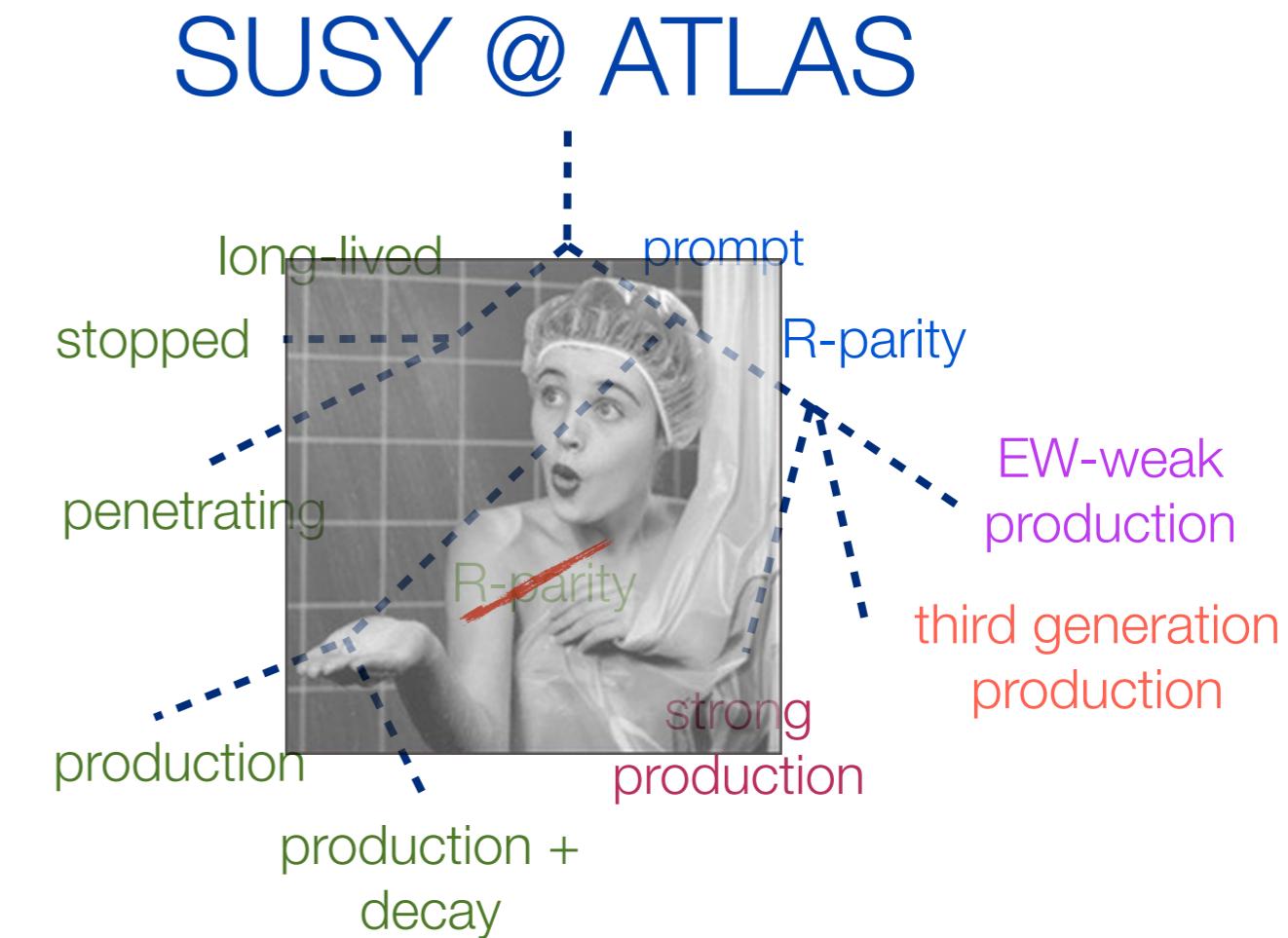
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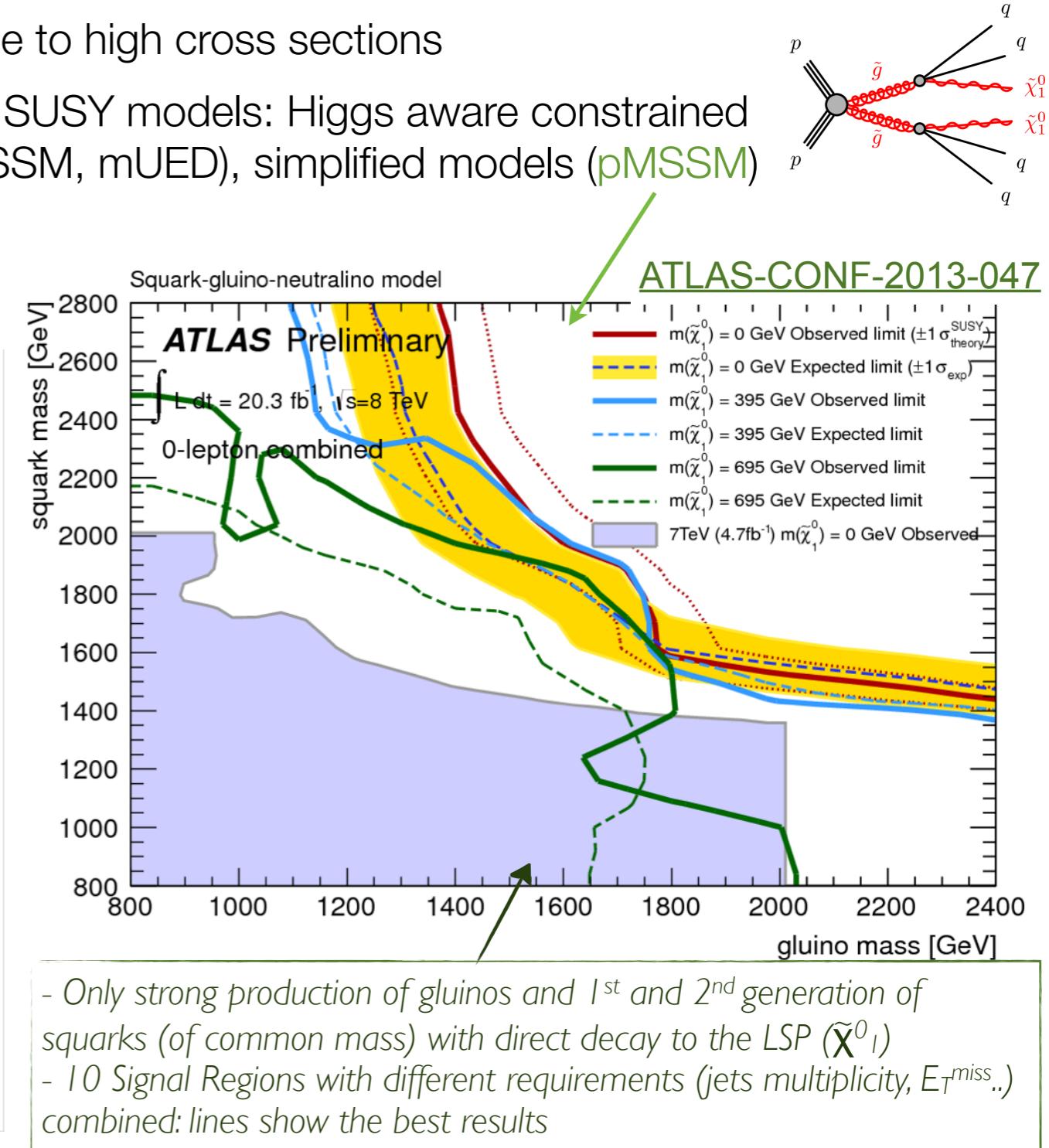
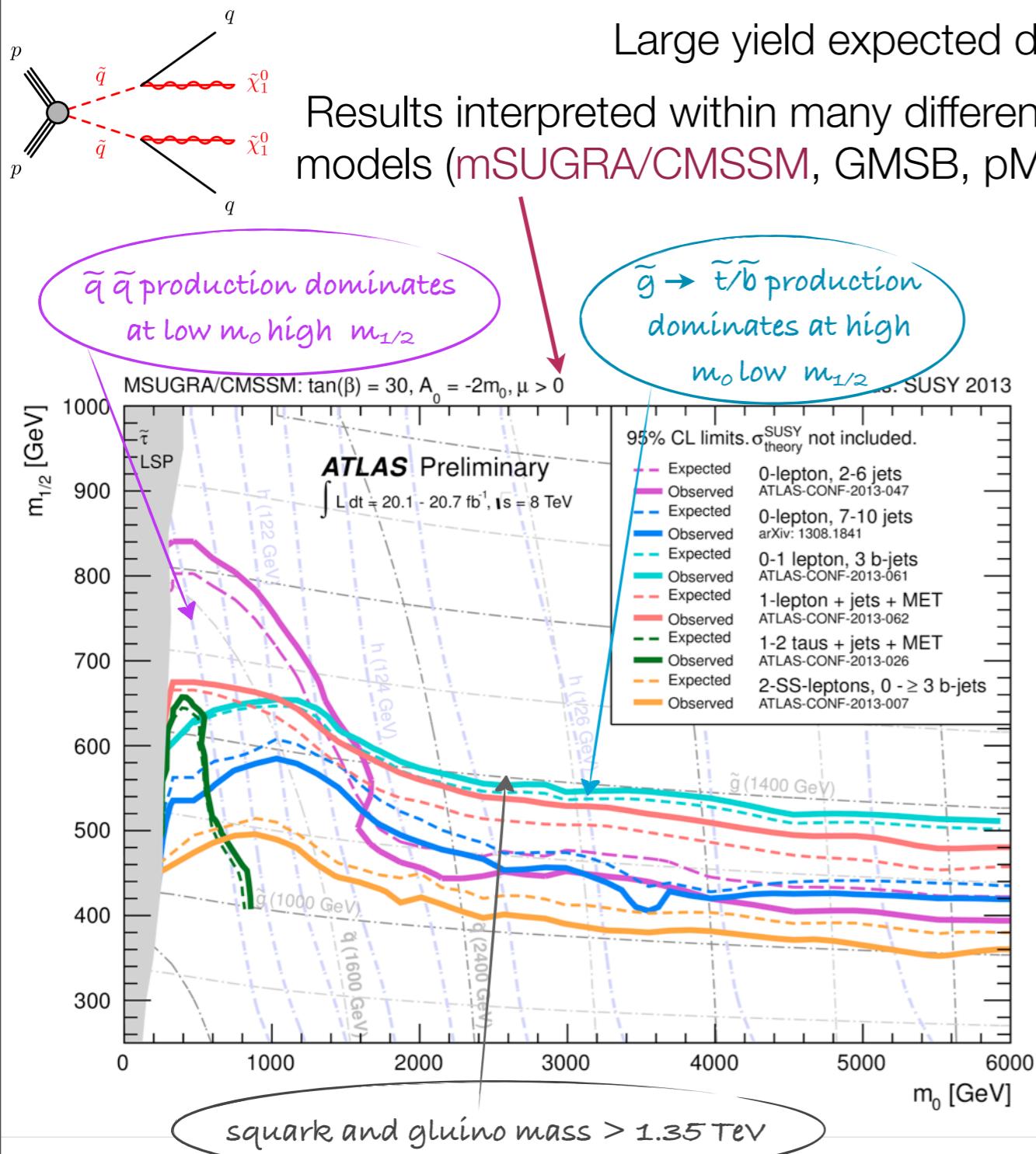
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Notes:

- I will not be able to cover all the ATLAS SUSY analysis, so I will focus on latest (2013/2014) results: please visit our [ATLAS SUSY Public Results](#) page for further info
- All limits quoted are at 95%CL

Inclusive strong production



1 lepton+[3-6] jets + E_T^{miss}

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Mostly targeting pair production of gluinos or squarks (1st and 2nd generation, mass degenerate)

Leptonic decays of $\tilde{\chi}_2^0, \tilde{\chi}_1^\pm$, sleptons, sneutrinos directly or through intermediate steps

1-Lepton selection:

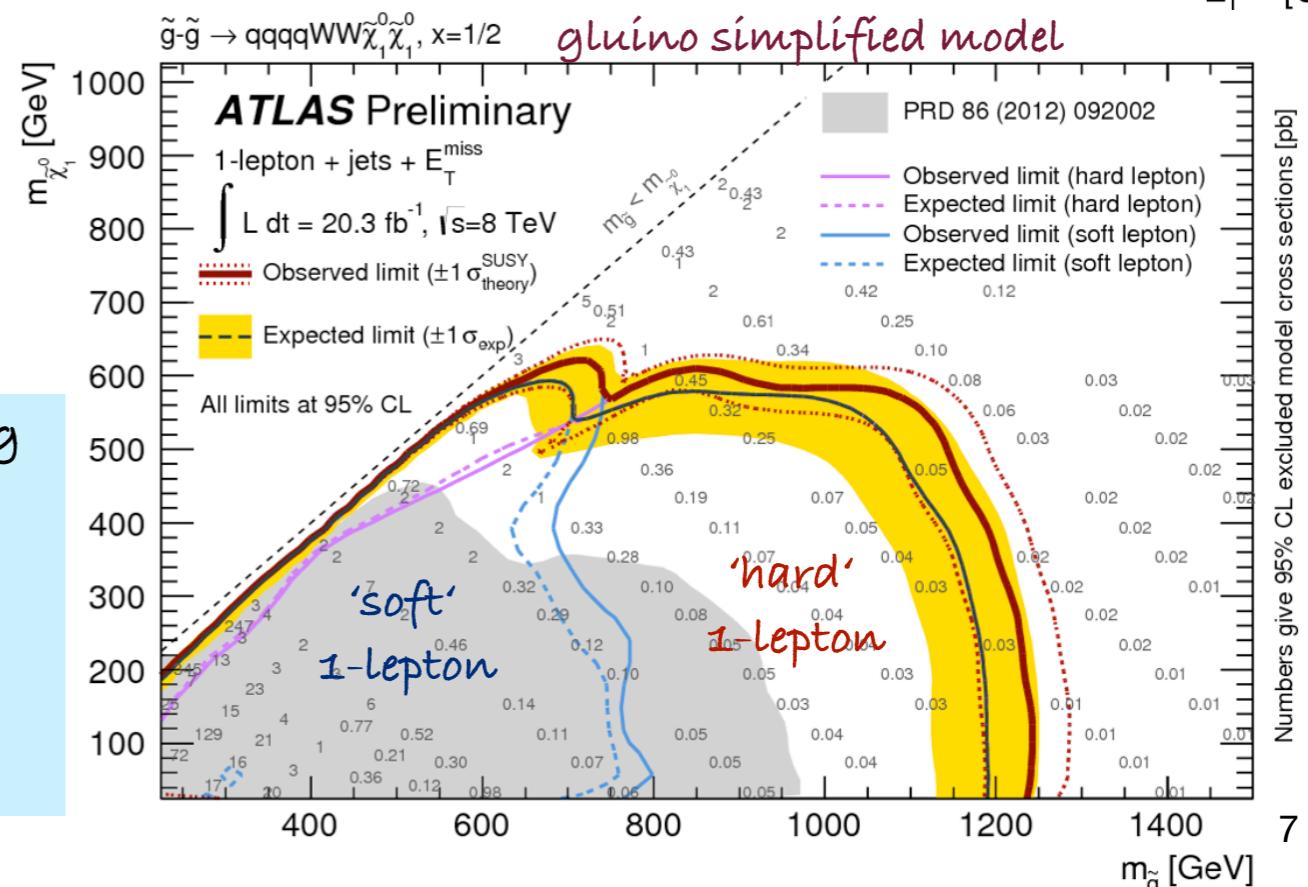
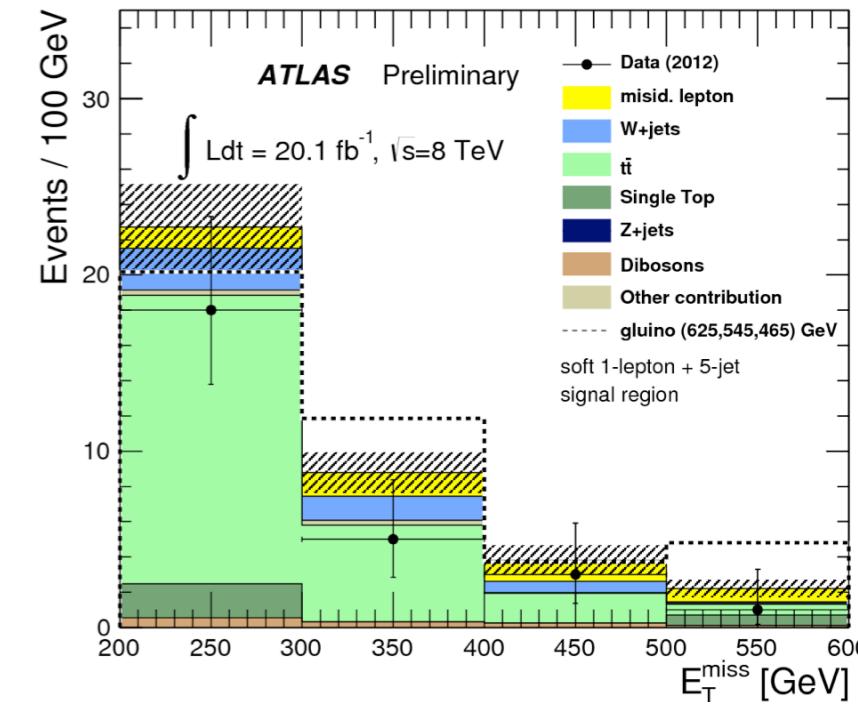
- 'Soft': p_T in range [6-25] GeV, to recover sensitivity for compressed scenarios.
- 'Hard': $p_T > 25$ GeV, targeting gluinos and squark production.

Background:

- **MAIN:** $t\bar{t}$ and $W/Z+jets$ events (estimated from data in Control Regions (CR))
- misidentified-lepton background estimated from data (matrix method)

No excess is observed

- Soft single-lepton analysis: extremely powerful along the diagonal (gluino/squark and the lightest neutralino nearly mass degenerate), gluino mass excluded up to 700 GeV.
- Hard-lepton analysis: gluino mass up to 1.18 TeV excluded

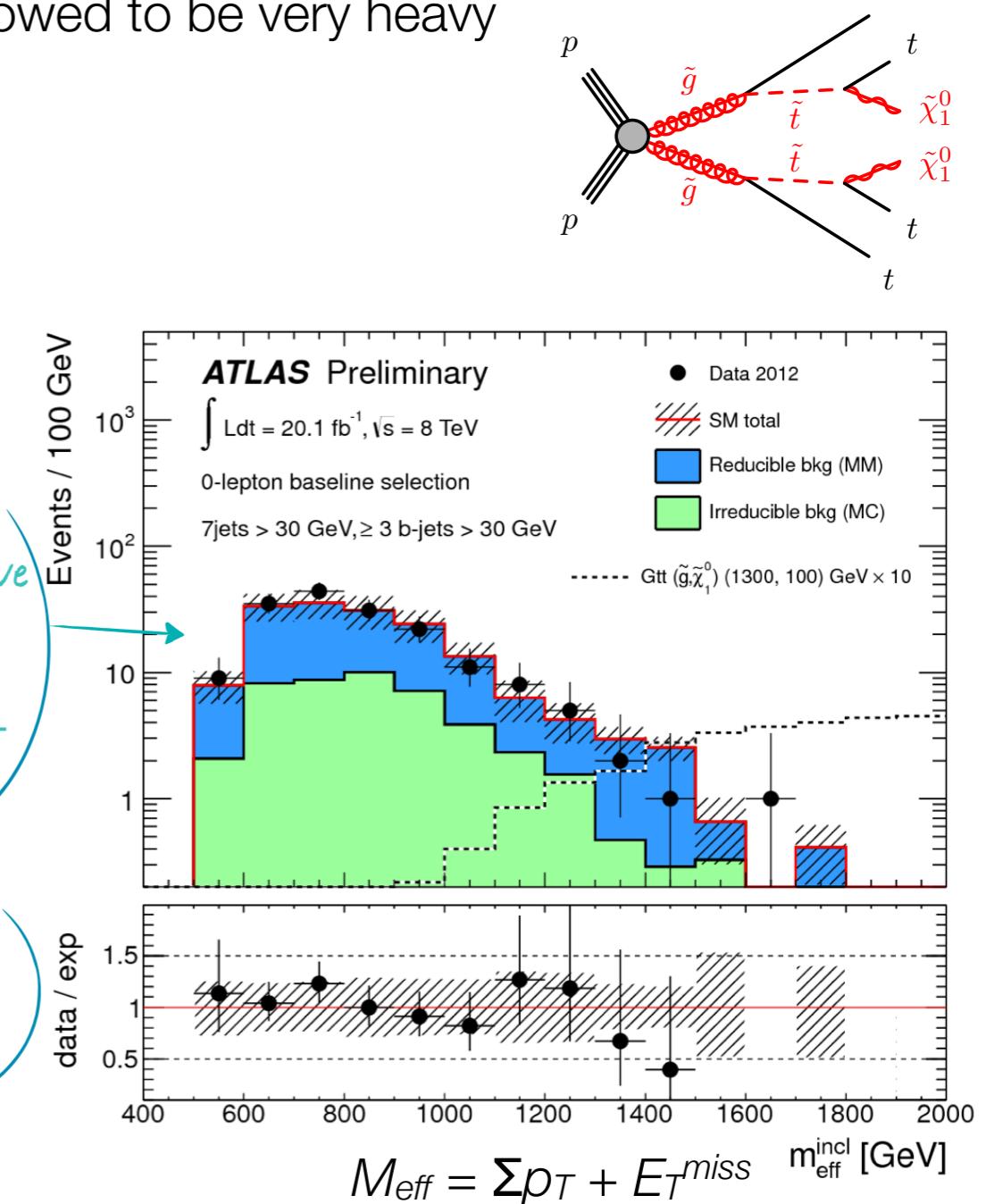
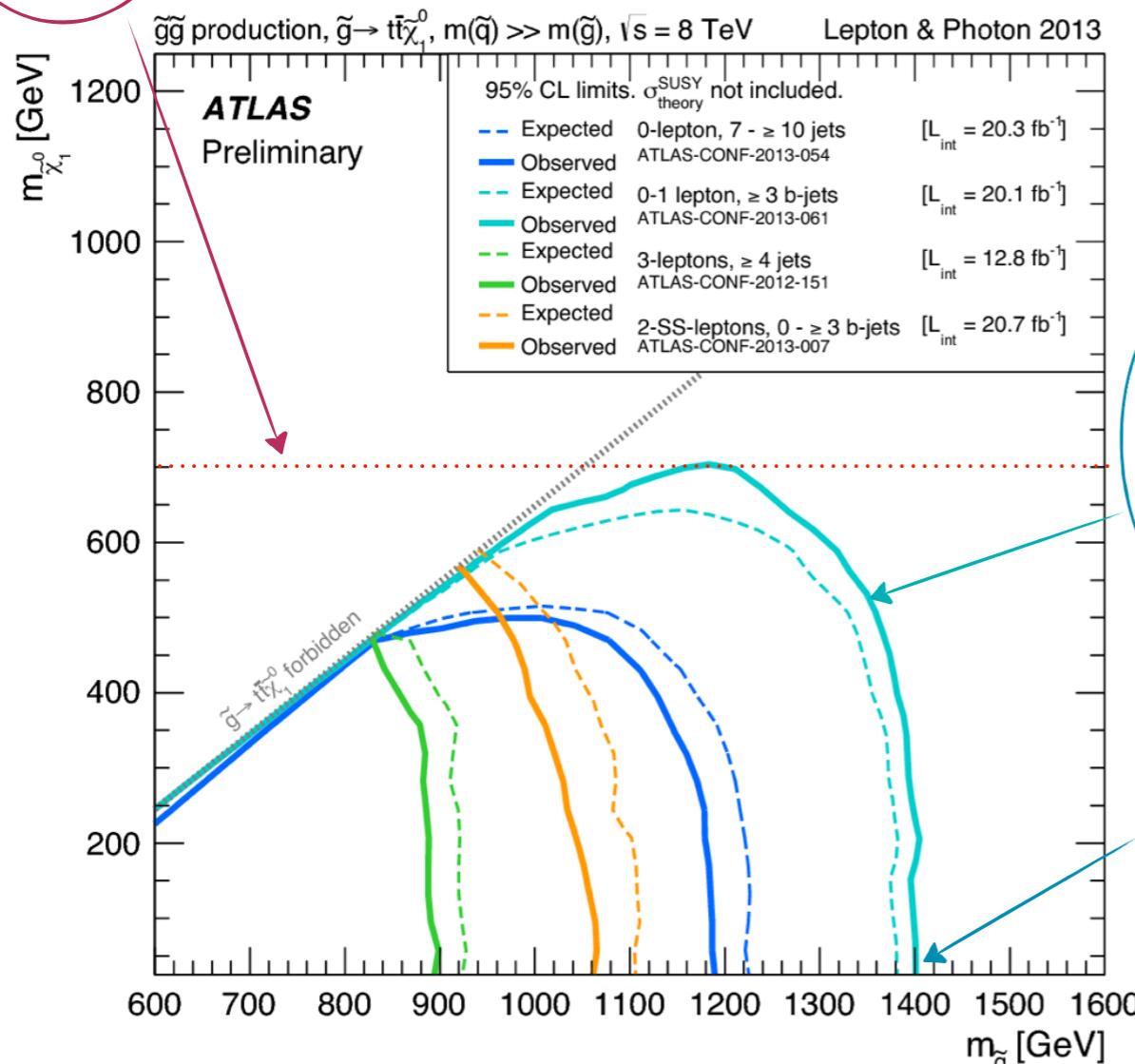


Third generation: stop

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- \tilde{t}/\tilde{b} produced via light \tilde{g} or directly

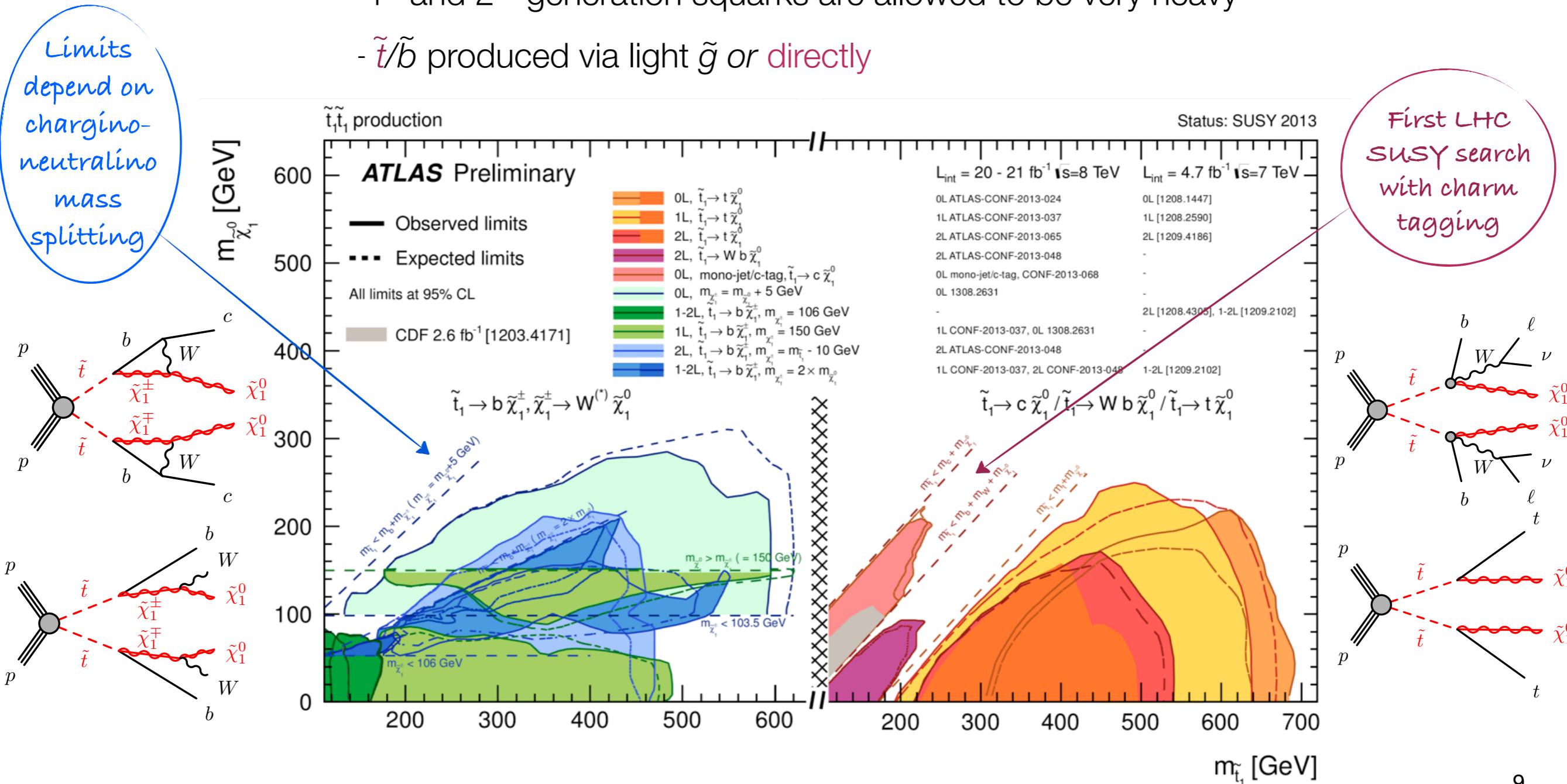
No exclusion for $m(LSP) > 700$ GeV



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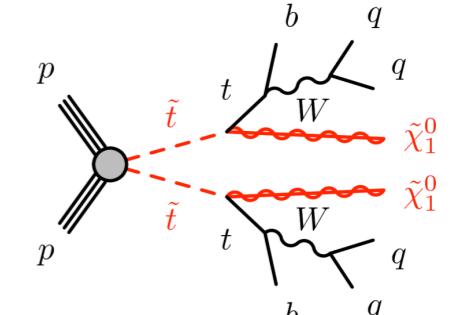
$E_T^{\text{miss}} + \text{jets}$ stop search (1/2)

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Search for top squark in $t\bar{t} + E_T^{\text{miss}}$ events, where $\tilde{t} \rightarrow t + \tilde{\chi}_1^0$ (LSP) with BR=100%

Consider only final state where both top quarks decay hadronically

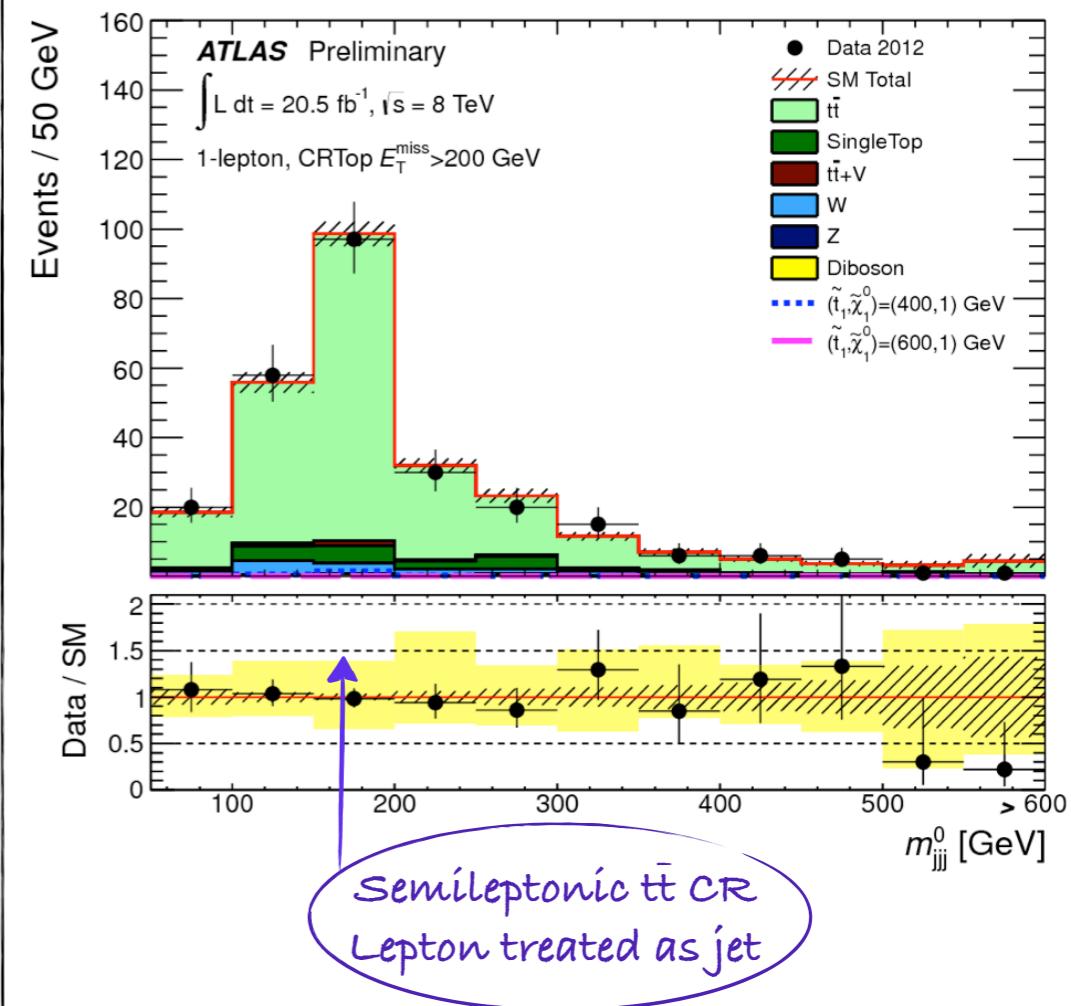
Signature is 6 jets, of which ≥ 2 b-jets, and significant E_T^{miss}



Signal selection:

- E_T^{miss} trigger
- veto events with $\mu, e.$
- veto fake E_T^{miss} events
- Veto events if E_T^{miss} and b-jets are consistent with semi-leptonic $t\bar{t}$
- Veto events if a jet close to E_T^{miss} is consistent with hadronic τ
- 6 jets $p_T > 80, 80, 35, \dots, 35$ GeV
- $\min |\Delta\phi(\text{jet}^{0-2}, E_T^{\text{miss}})| > 0.2\pi$
- $80 \text{ GeV} < m_{jjj}^0, m_{jjj}^1 < 270 \text{ GeV}$
- $m_T(b_{\min[\Delta\phi(b, E_T^{\text{miss}})]}, E_T^{\text{miss}}) > 175 \text{ GeV}$
- $E_T^{\text{miss,track}} > 30 \text{ GeV}$ and $|\Delta\phi(E_T^{\text{miss}}, E_T^{\text{miss,track}})| < \frac{\pi}{3}$

3 Signal regions: $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 200, 300, 350$ GeV



$E_T^{\text{miss}} + \text{jets}$ stop search (2/2)

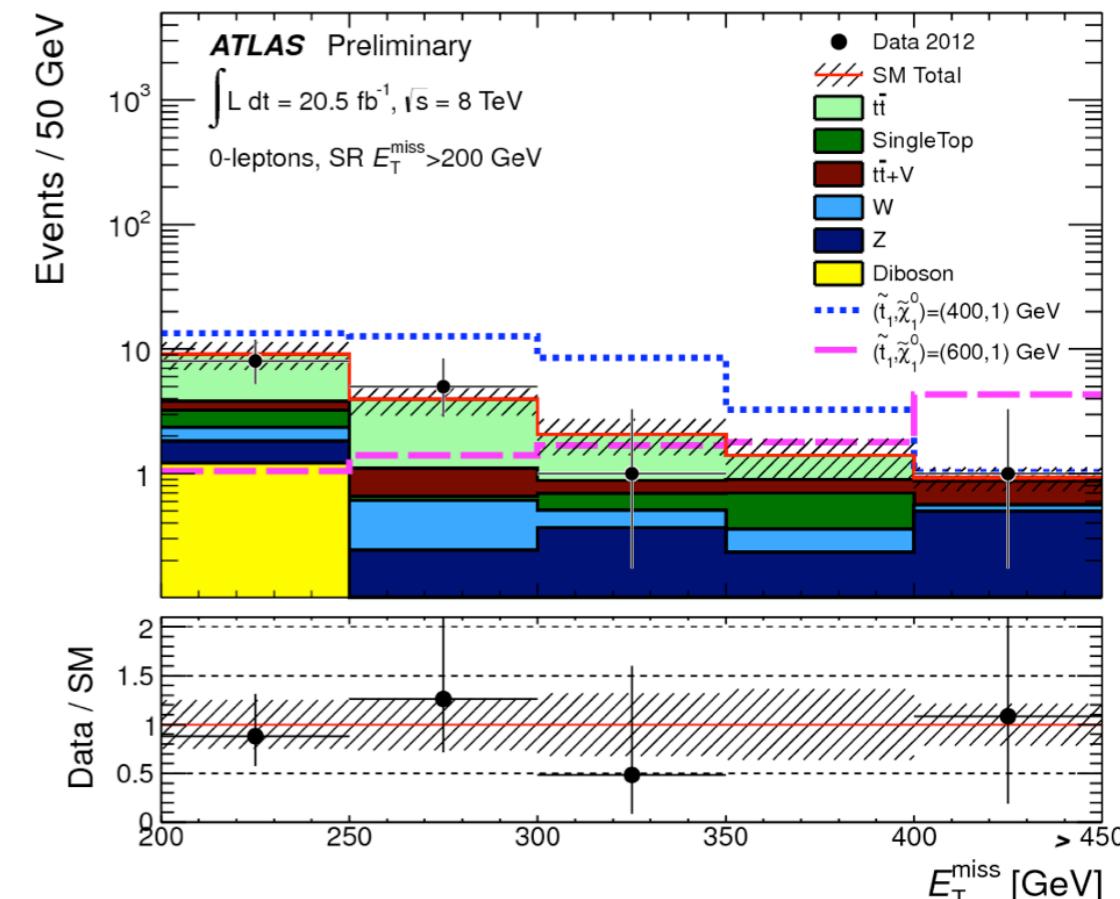
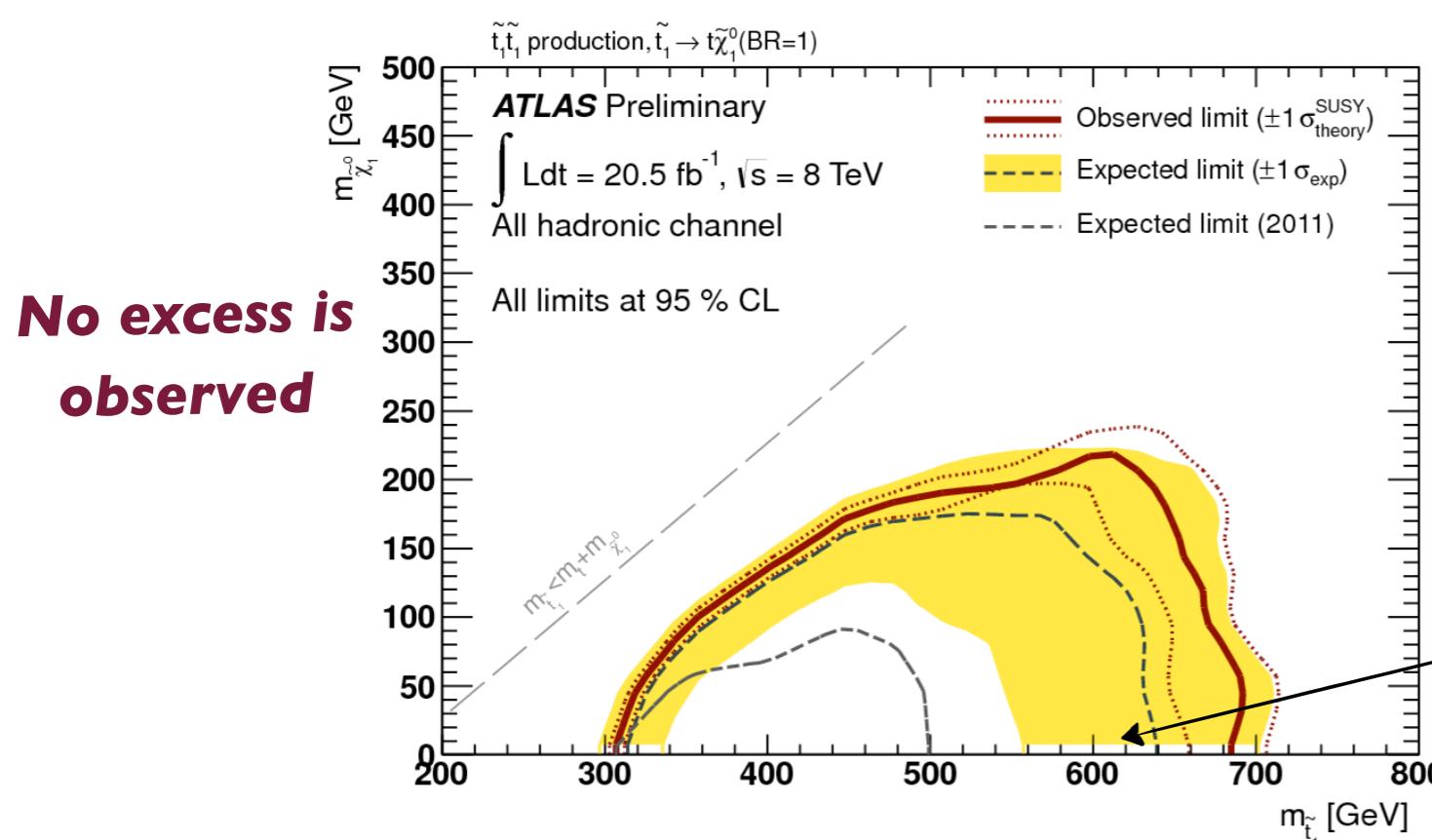
Control regions defined for important backgrounds:

- Semileptonic $t\bar{t} + \text{jets}$ - hadronic τ or low p_T e/ μ
- $Z \rightarrow \nu\nu + \text{jets}$
- Multijets - E_T^{miss} coming from mis-measured jets

Single top, $t\bar{t}+V$ and diboson estimated from MC

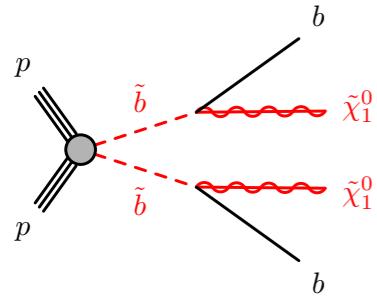
Simultaneous fit to each of the Signal and $t\bar{t}$ Control

Regions is performed to extract the final limit.



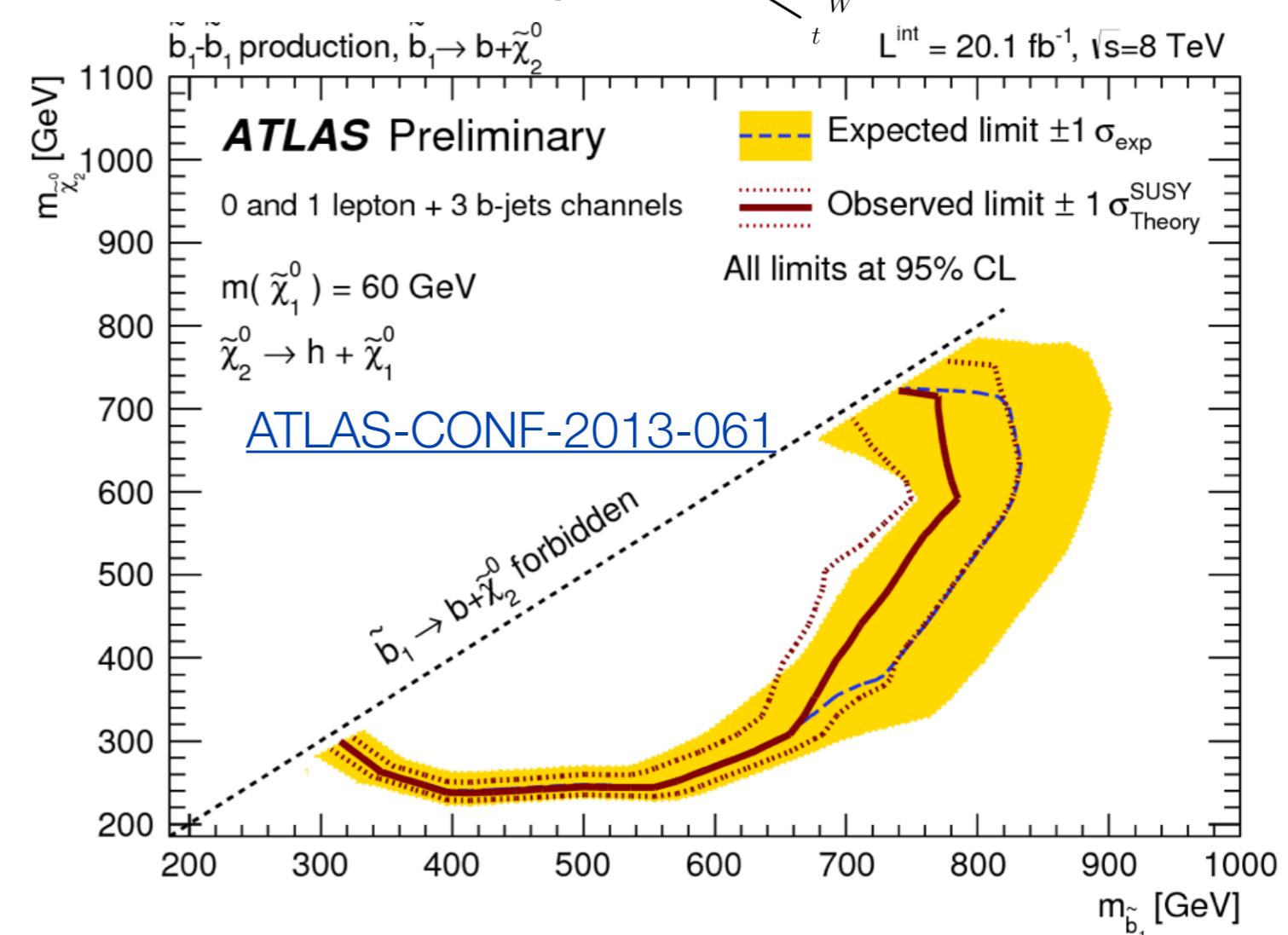
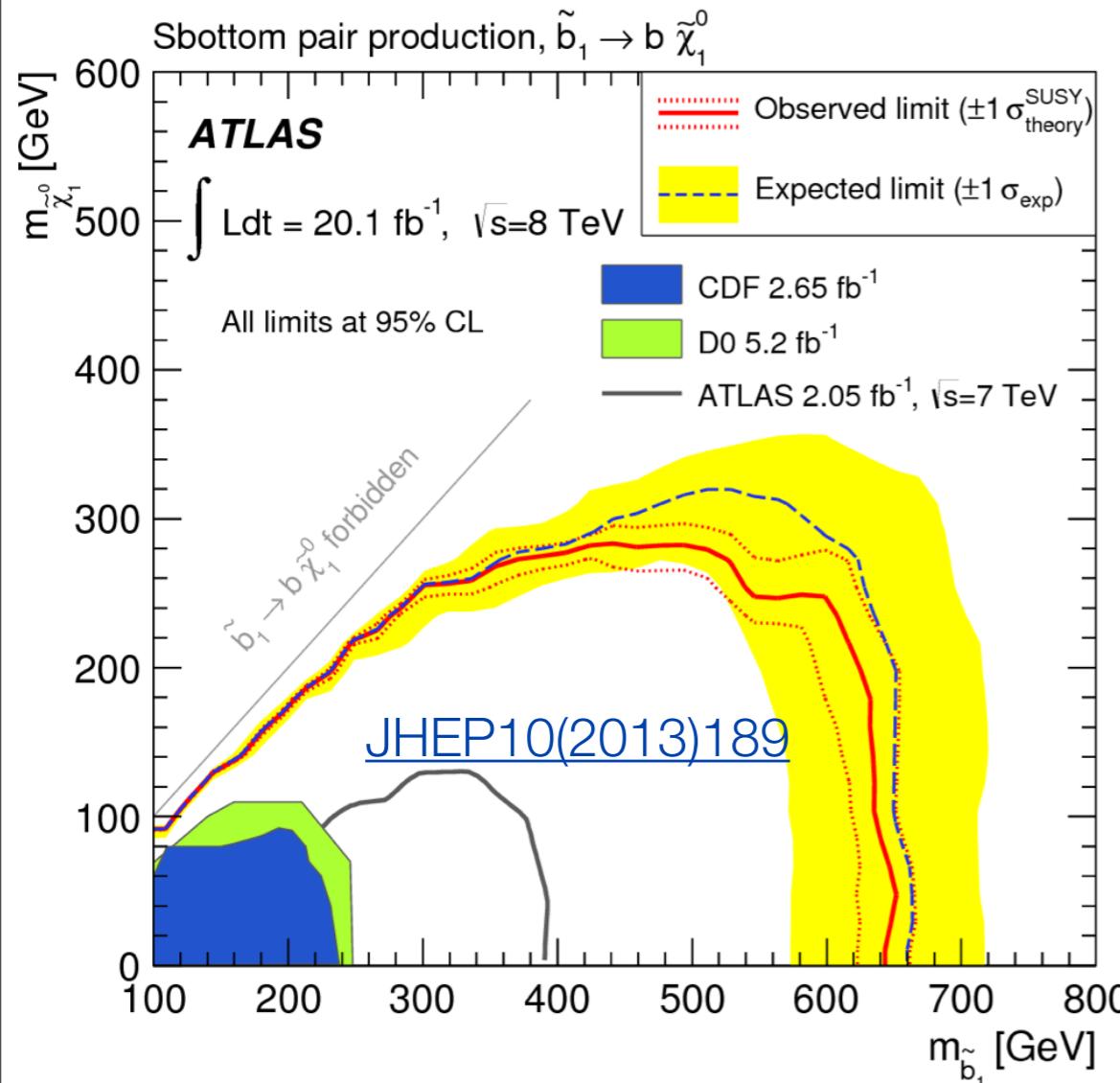
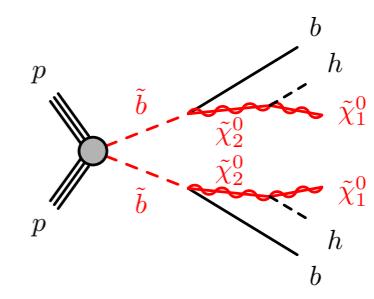
$\tilde{t} \rightarrow t \tilde{\chi}_1^0$ excluded for
masses in the range
[320, 660] GeV for
a massless LSP

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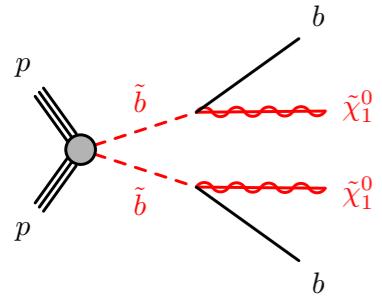


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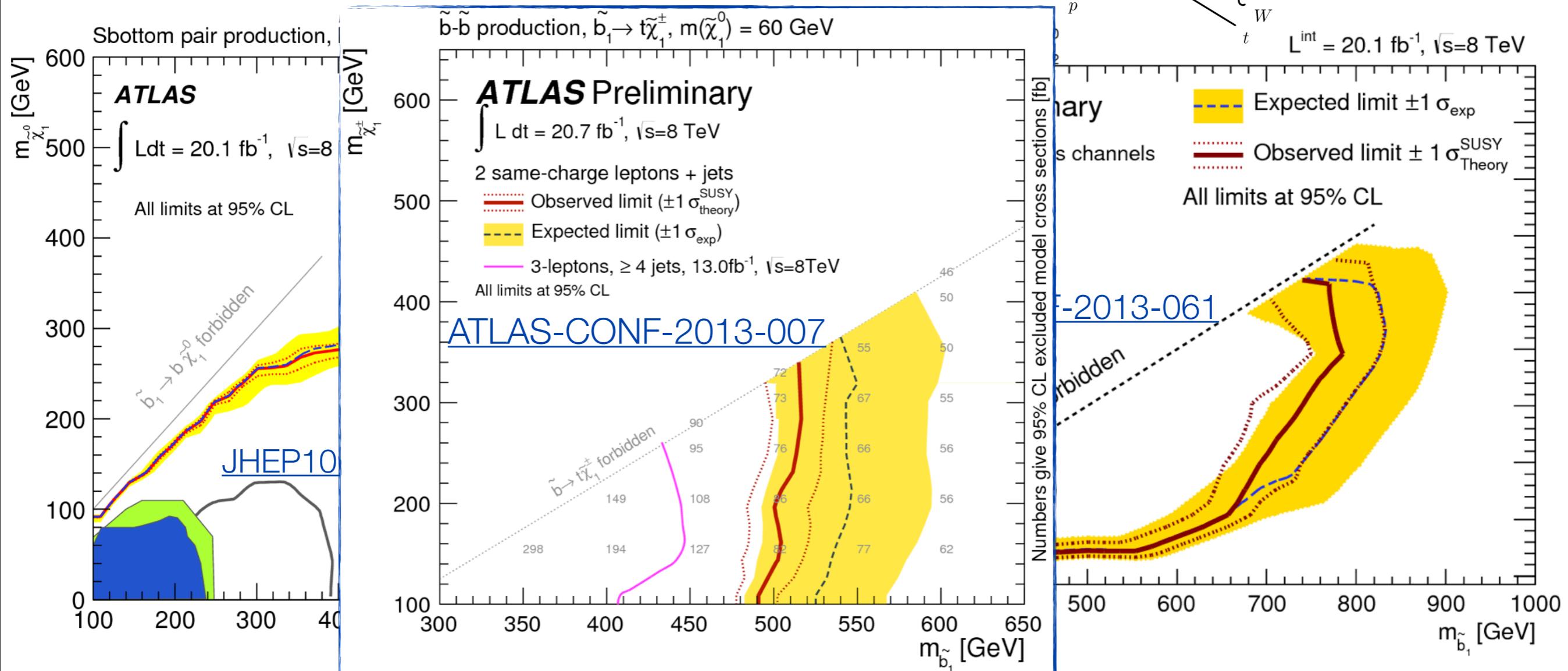
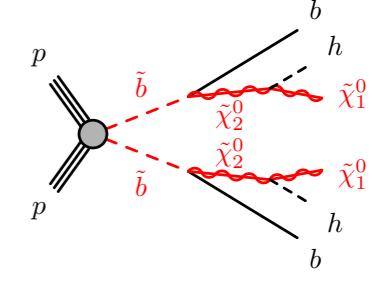


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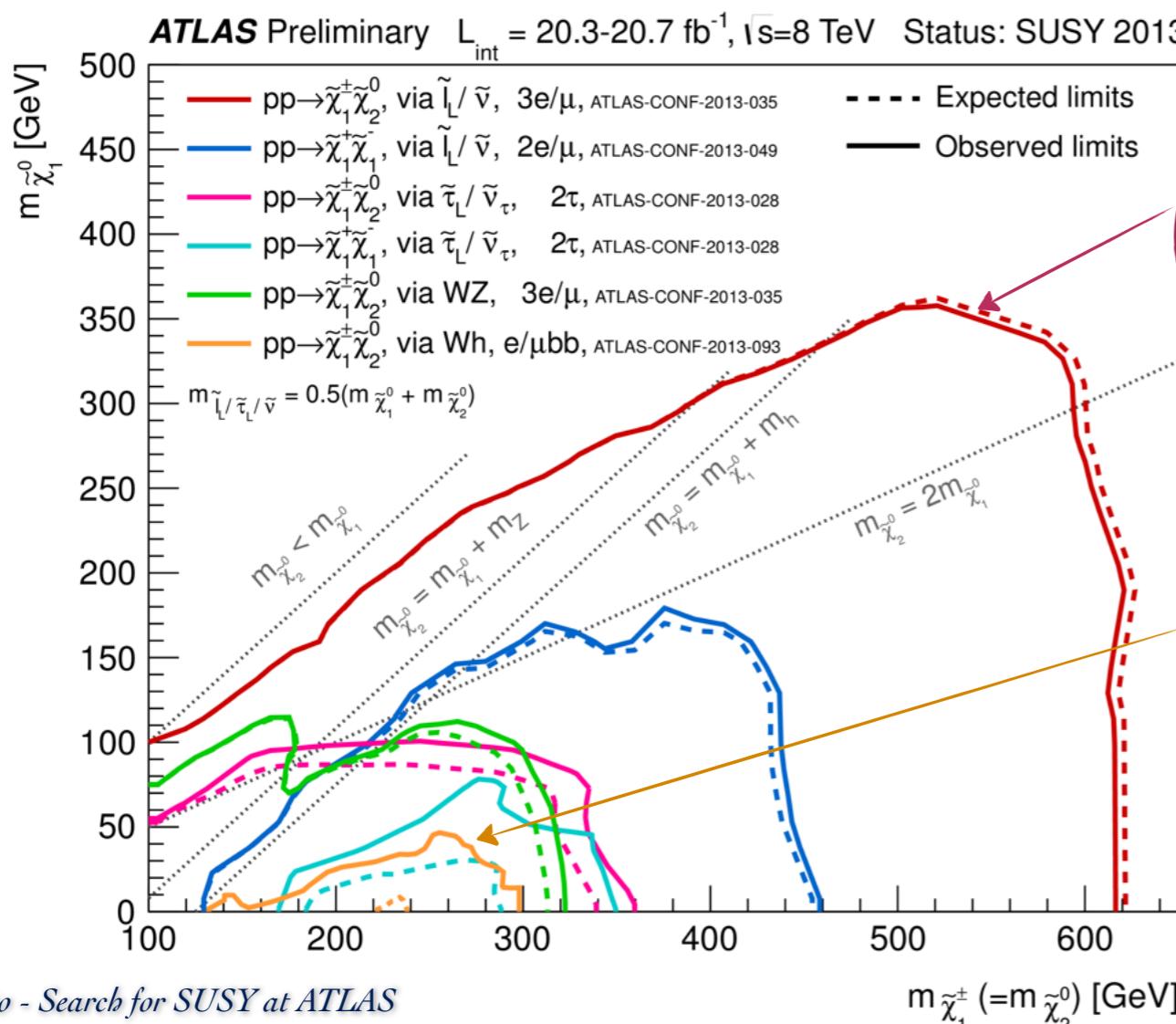


EW production

Occurs via intermediate W, Drell-Yan processes or intermediate sleptons

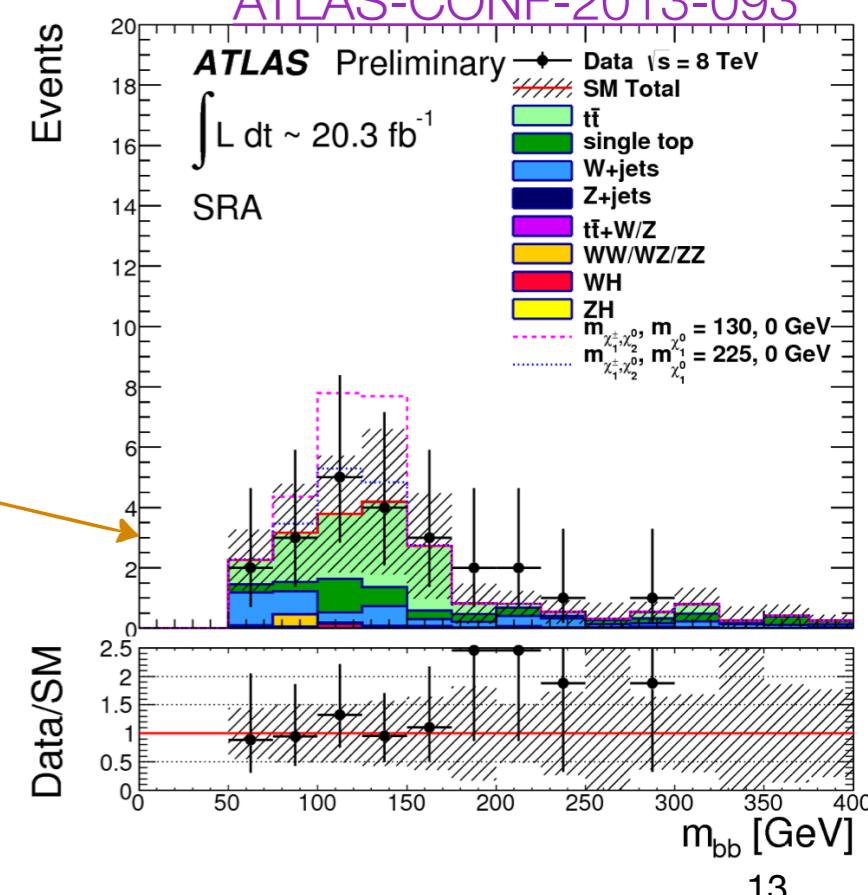
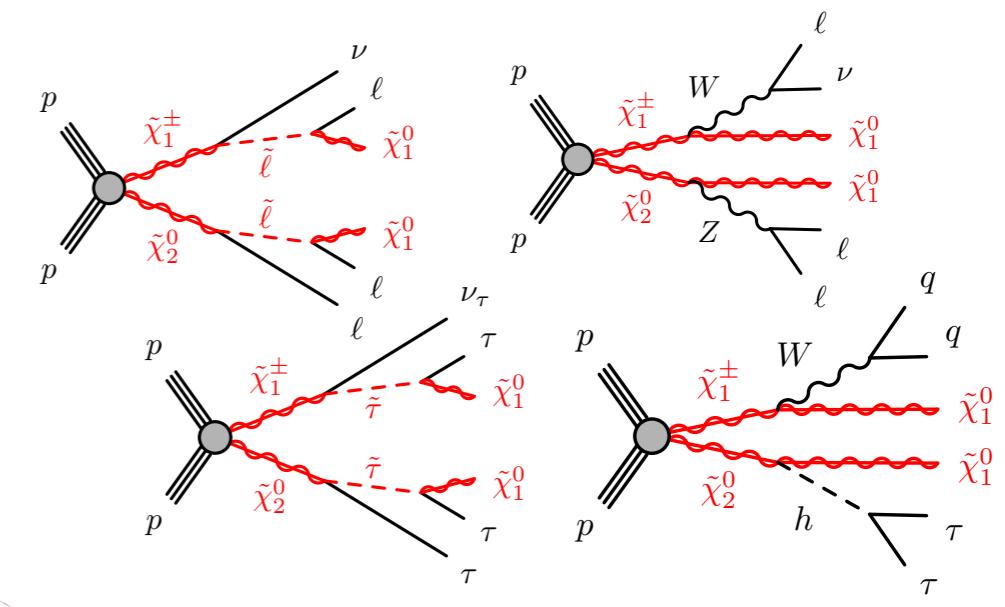
Search strategy depends on the slepton masses, gauge mixture and masses of charginos/ neutralinos

Multi-lepton signatures with low hadronic activity (low SM background)



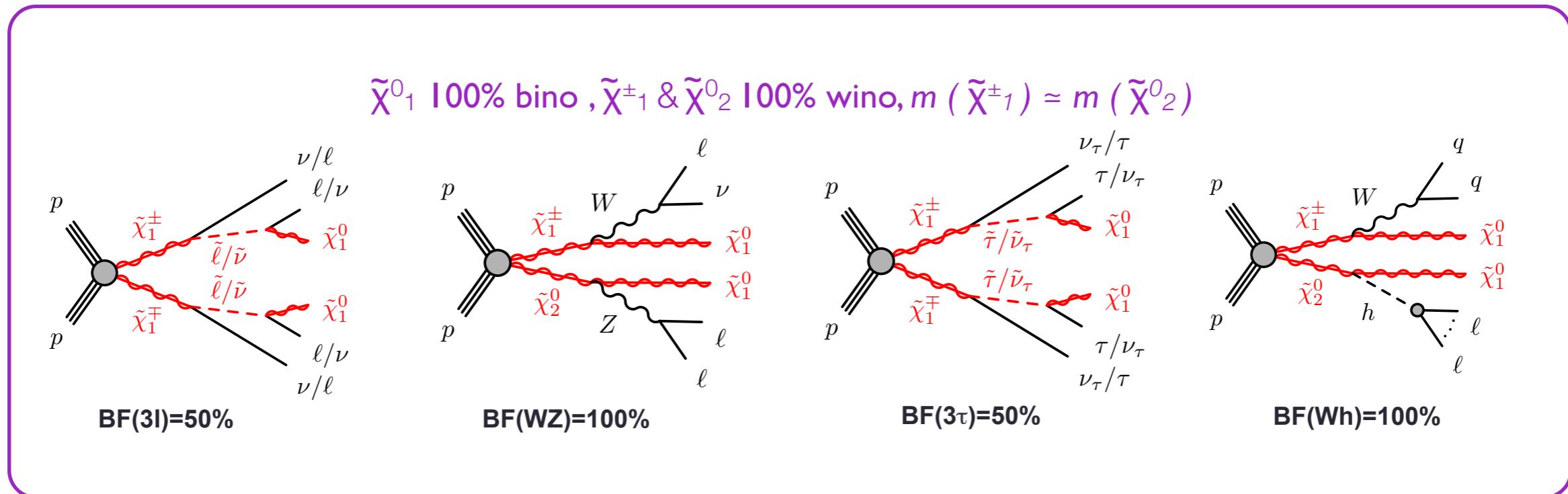
Most sensitive channel:
 ≥ 3 lepton + E_T^{miss}

If sleptons too heavy decays via bosons are favored: higgs boson considered!



3 leptons + E_T^{miss} (1/3)

Search for direct production of $\tilde{\chi}^\pm_1$ and $\tilde{\chi}^0_2$ in 3 final state leptons 4 Simplified Models considered



5 Signal Regions (4 disjoint) depending on the final states and the decays mediators

SR	SR1a	SR1b	SR1t	SR2ta	SR2tb
flavor/sign	$l^+l^-l^\pm, l^+l^-l'^\pm$	$l^\pm l^\pm l'^\mp$	$\tau l^\mp l^\pm, \tau l^\mp l'^\pm$	τll	$\tau^\pm l^\mp l$
target model	$\tilde{t}, W Z$ -mediated	$W h$ -mediated	$W h$ -mediated	$\tilde{\tau}_L$ -mediated	$W h$ -mediated
dominant background	WZ, tt	tt, VVV	WZ, tt	WZ, tt	WZ, tt



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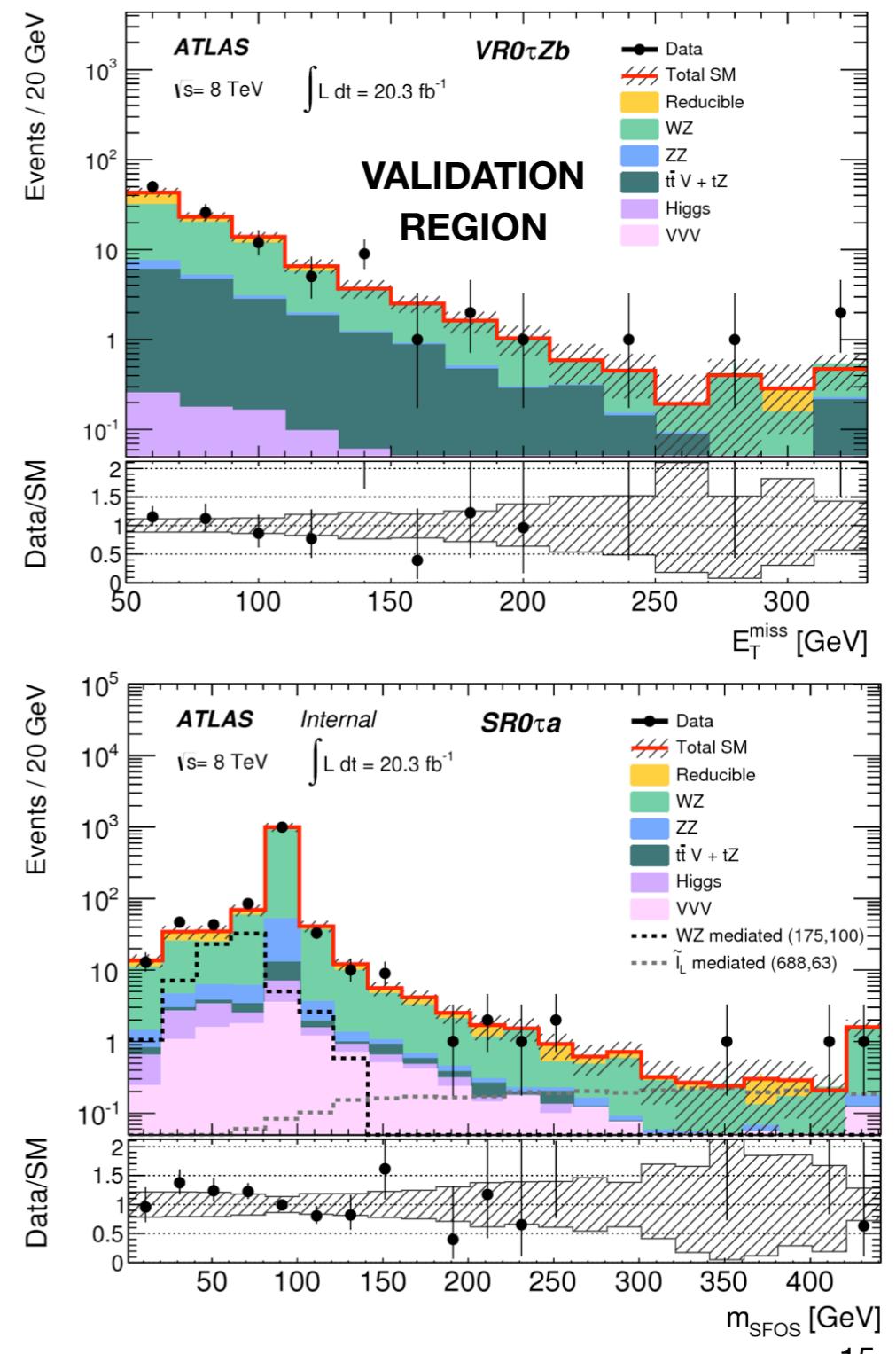
Background composition:

- **Irreducible:**
 - 3 real leptons (WZ , ZZ , WWW , WWZ , $t\bar{t}+V$, tZ , Higgs)
 - Estimated from MC, correction factors from data
- **Reducible: fake leptons (non-prompt leptons, jets and γ conversion)**
 - From single and pair top production, $V+jets$, WW , $W+jets$
 - Modeled by matrix method
 - Leading lepton assumed real (2x2 matrix)
 - Set of linear equations relating the kinematic properties of the other two leptons to the real and fake lepton composition of the data sample
 - Real and fake probabilities found from MC and corrected to data
 - Real and fake probabilities split into process and type (LightFlavor/HeavyFlavor/Conversion)

Background validation

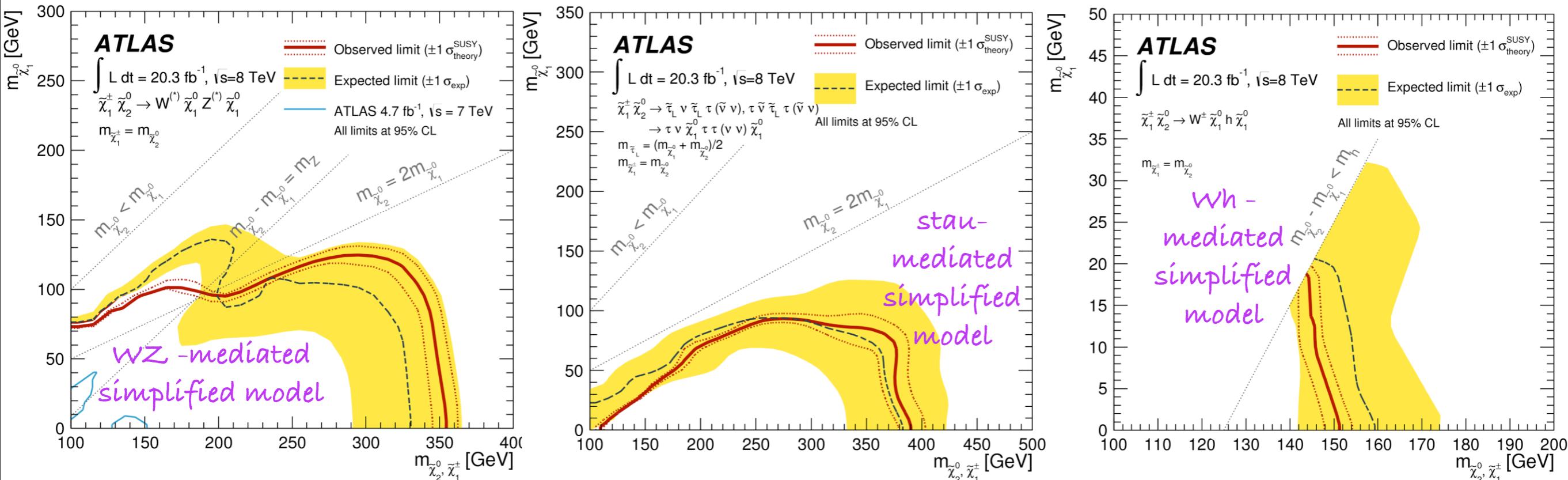
Background predictions tested in Validation regions (VR)

- Only to assess potential signal contamination (negligible).
- Two main definitions depending on the b -jets multiplicity:
 - low- E_T^{miss} ("a" regions) and high- E_T^{miss} + b -tagged jet ("b" regions)



3 leptons + E_T^{miss} (3/3)

*In all SR Results are consistent with SM expectations
 Exclusion limits are calculated by statistically combining results from a number of disjoint signal regions.*



Other Simplified SUSY result:

- slepton decays: exclusion up to 730 GeV

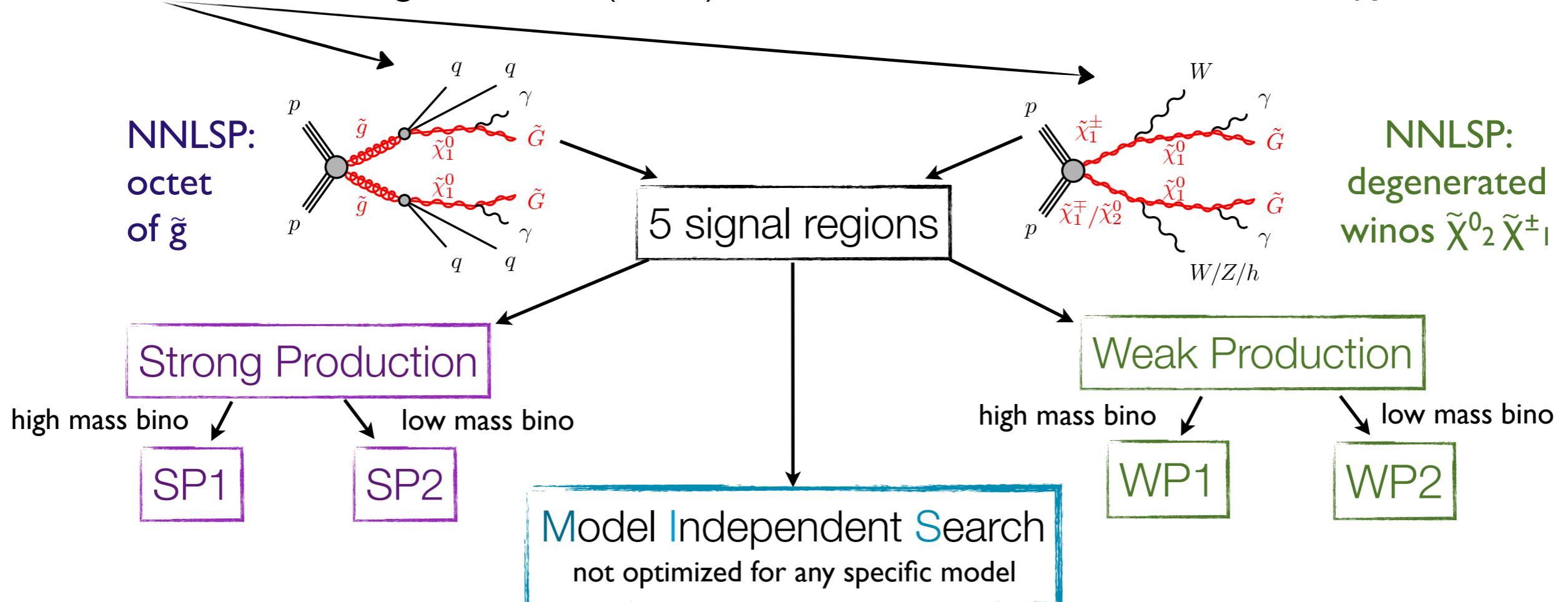
Results also interpreted in the pMSSM scenario (in back-up slides)



Diphoton + E_T^{miss} (1/2)

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Two General Gauge Mediated (GGM) scenarios where LSP is \tilde{G} and NLSP is $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$, bino like



BACKGROUND SOURCES:

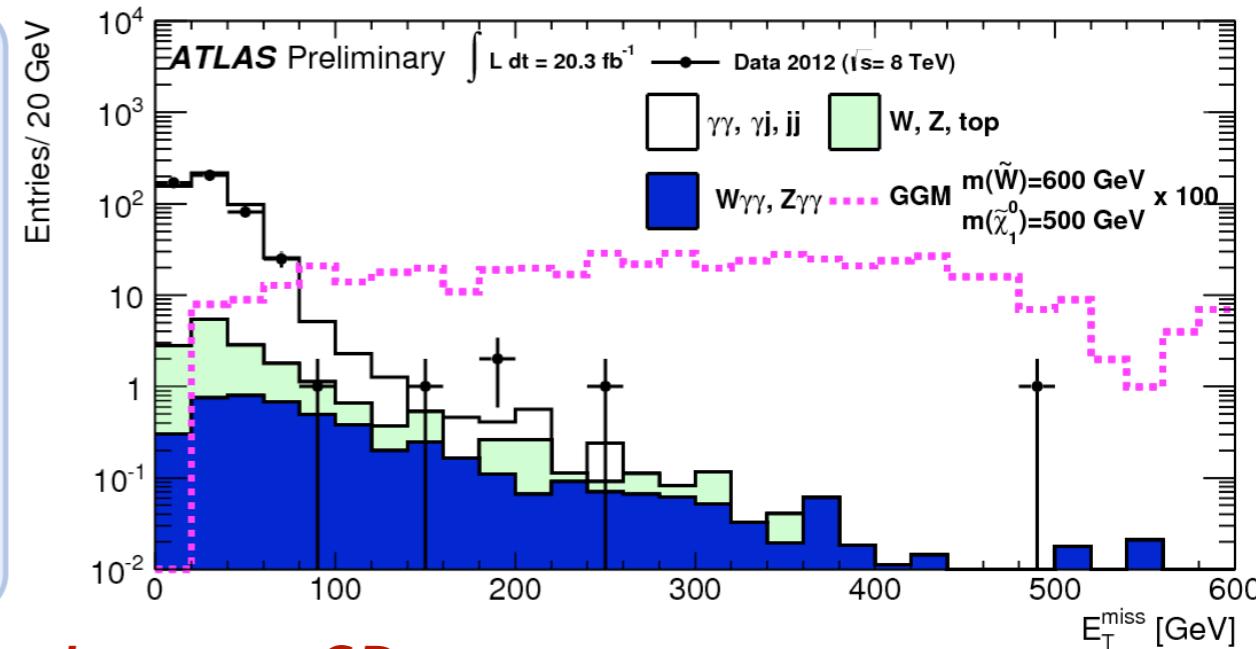
- QCD-initiated backgrounds (e.g. $pp \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$, $pp \rightarrow \gamma + jet$, $pp \rightarrow dijets$): jet mis-identified as $\gamma + E_T^{miss}$
- Electroweak-initiated backgrounds (e.g. $pp \rightarrow W\gamma \rightarrow e + \gamma$): e mis-identified as γ , neutrino leads to E_T^{miss}
- Tri-boson production (irreducible) (e.g. $pp \rightarrow Z\gamma\gamma \rightarrow v\bar{v}\gamma\gamma$, $pp \rightarrow W^\pm\gamma\gamma \rightarrow l^\pm v\gamma\gamma$): real $E_T^{miss} +$ real $\gamma\gamma$



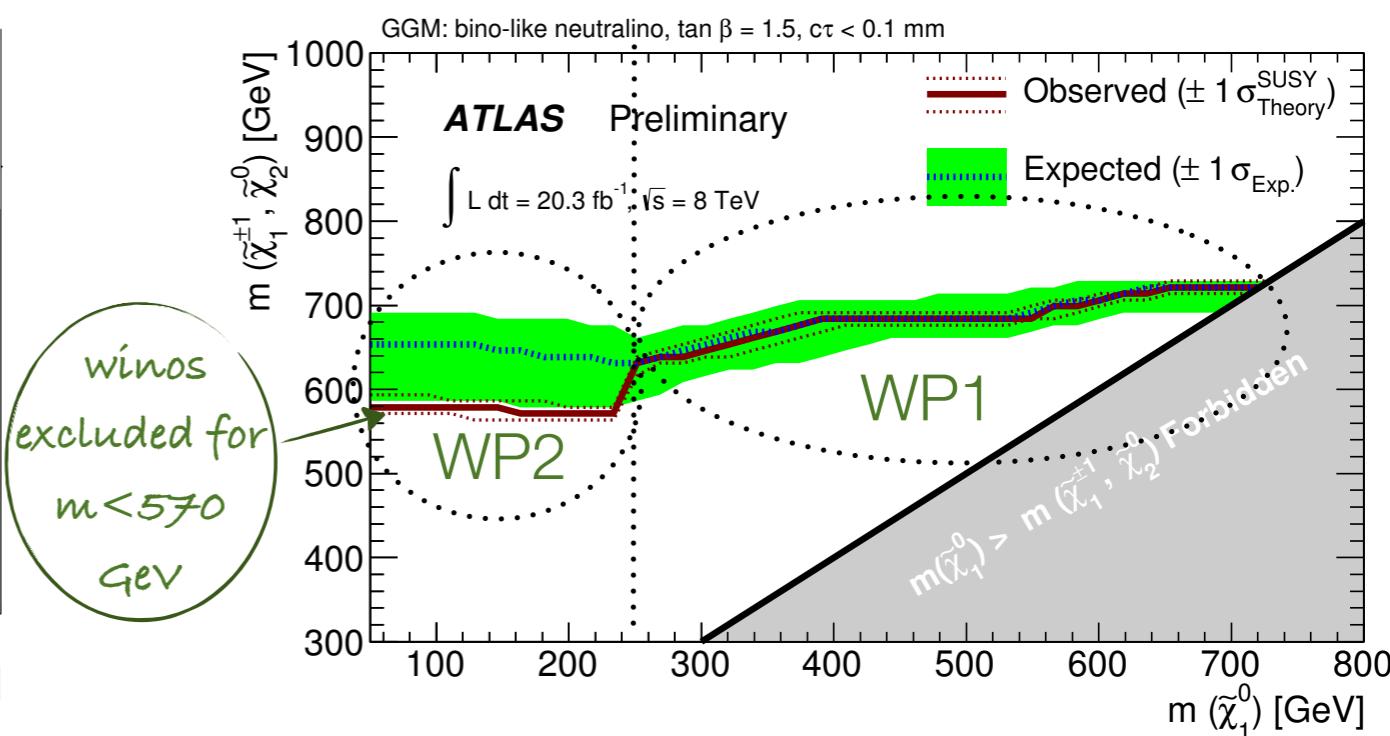
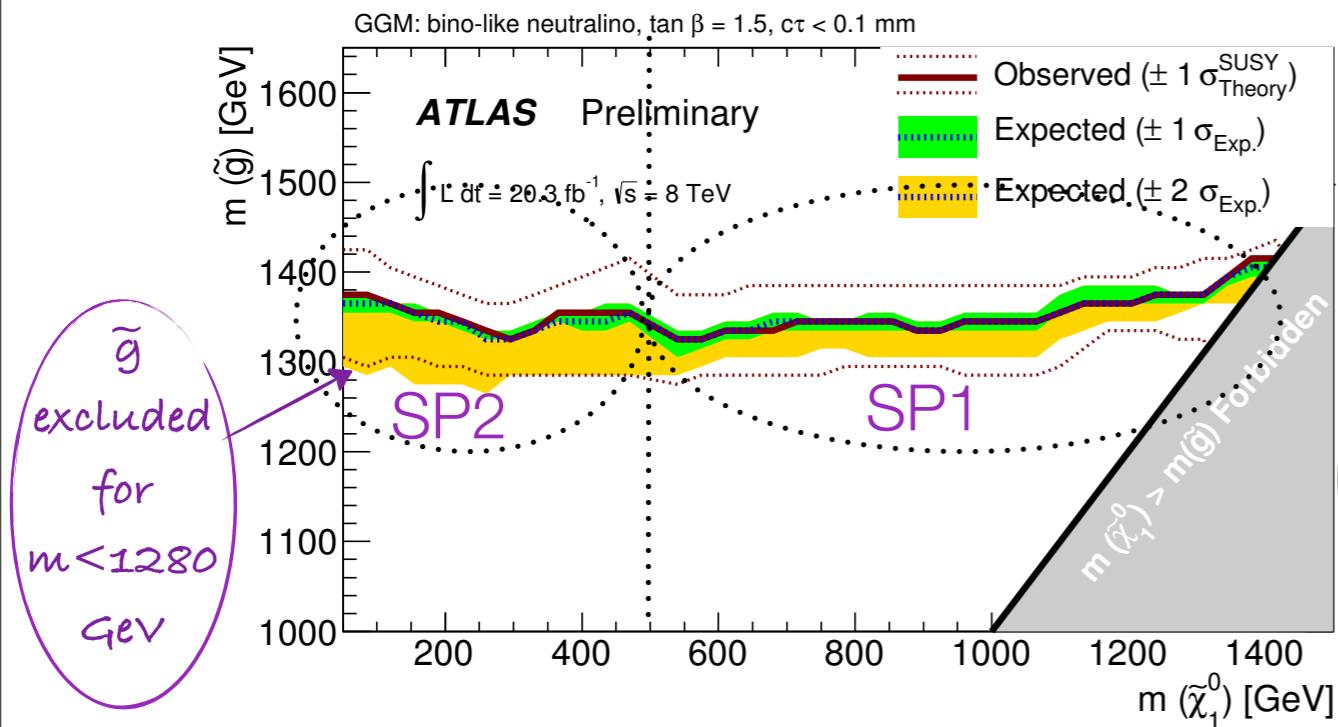
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Selection variables:

- H_T : sum of p_T of γ , jets, μ and electrons
- M_{eff} : sum of E_T^{miss} and H_T (higher in SP searches, **not** for MIS)
- $\Delta\phi E_T^{\text{miss}} - \text{jet } (\gamma)$ (**only** for **SP1,WP2**):
 - Min $\Delta\phi$ between E_T^{miss} and reconstructed jet (γ), $E_T > 75$ GeV
 - Up to two jets, or two γ
- Use M_{eff} in the SP signal regions, H_T in the WP ones



No excess observed in any SR

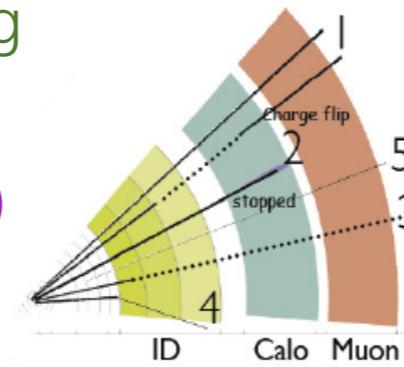


Long Lived particle search

Possible in both R-parity **violating** and conserving scenarios :

- LSP can have a long lifetime due to small coupling (λ)
- slow NLSP decay to LSP due to mass degeneracy, weak coupling or virtual heavy mediator particles

(AMSB *chargino/neutralino*, Split Susy *R-hadrons*, GMSB *stau*)



(1) Slow, large dE/dx

~ 1000 mm

(2) Slow, stopped

~ 100 mm

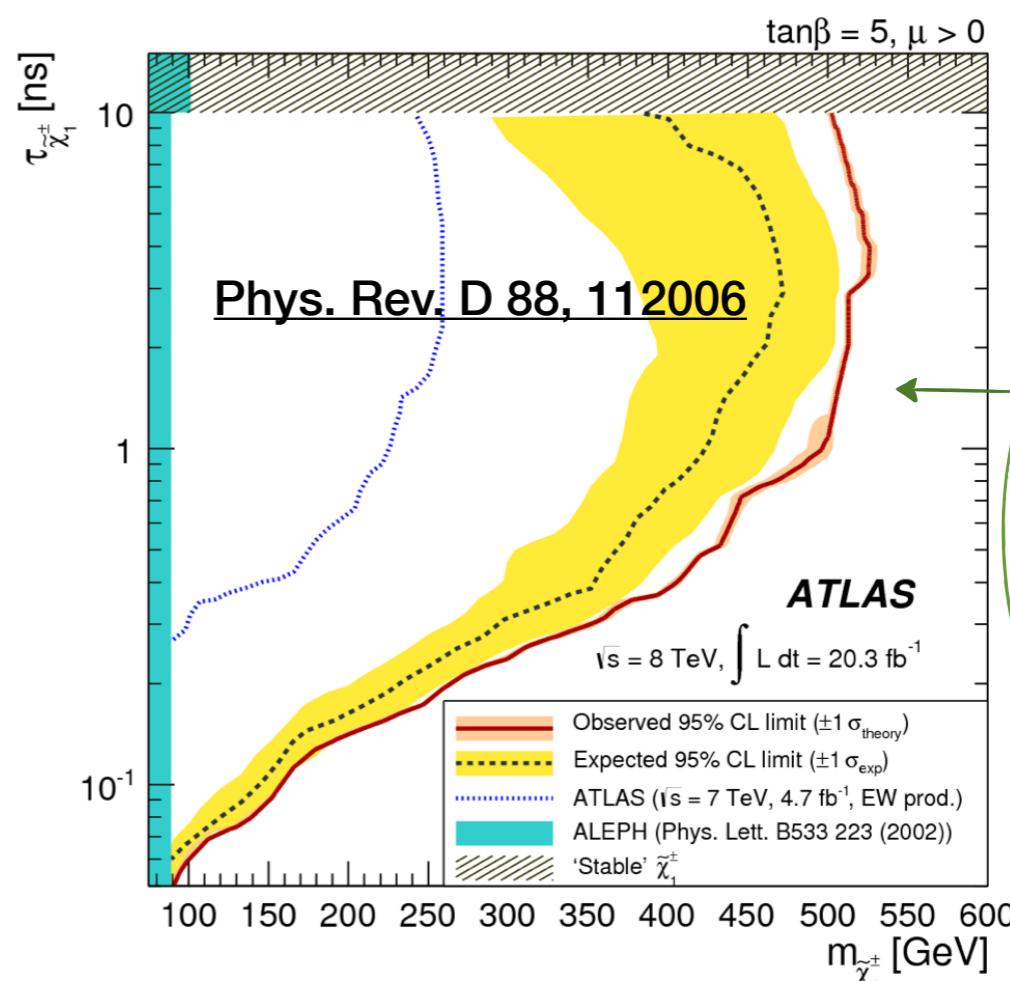
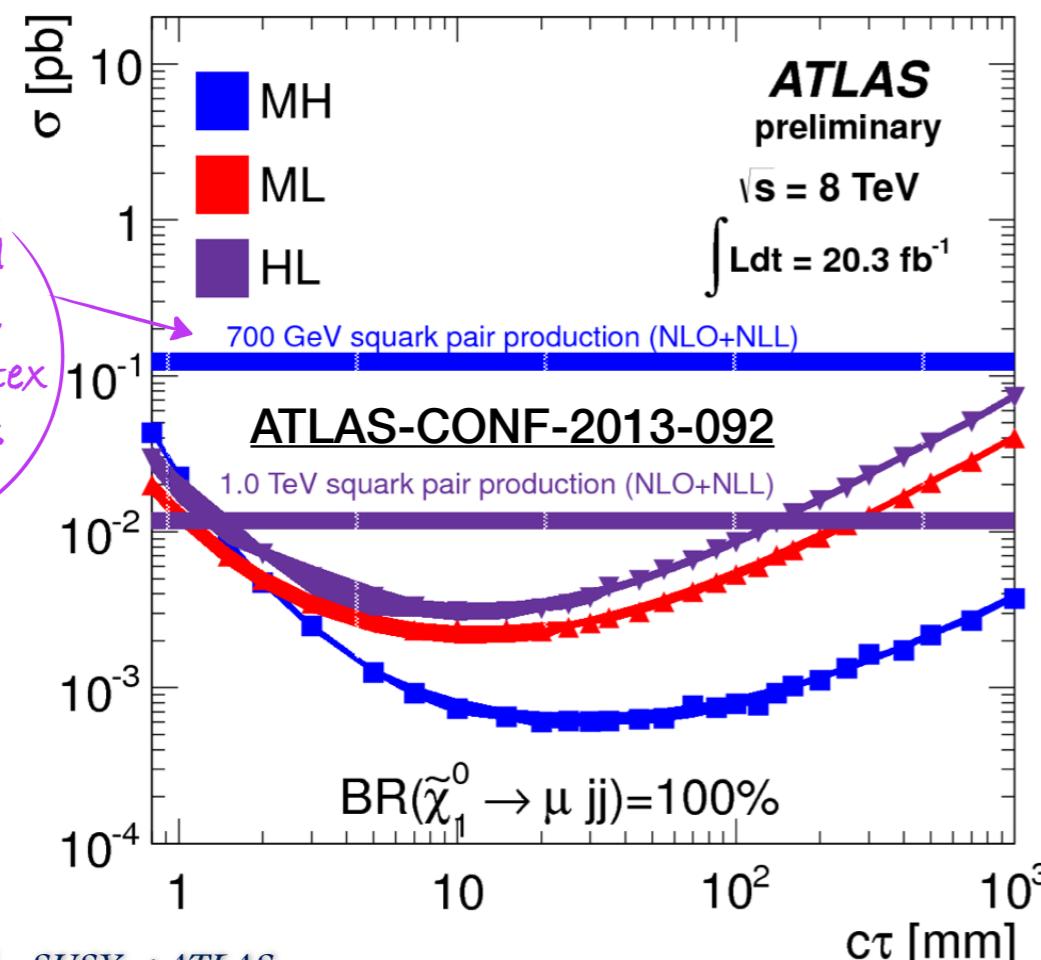
(3) Disappearing track

~ 10 mm

(4) Kinked track

(5) displaced track

Longer lifetime ↑



Stopped gluino search

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Long lived gluinos can bind to SM quarks from vacuum, forming the so-called ‘R-hadrons’ R-hadrons loose energy (dE/dX , nuclear scattering) in the detector and may stop inside the detector material

Selection based on:

- Empty bunch crossings triggers with calorimeter activity
- High energetic jet in the central pseudorapidity region
- Muon activity veto

Strong model dependence in the signal stopping fraction

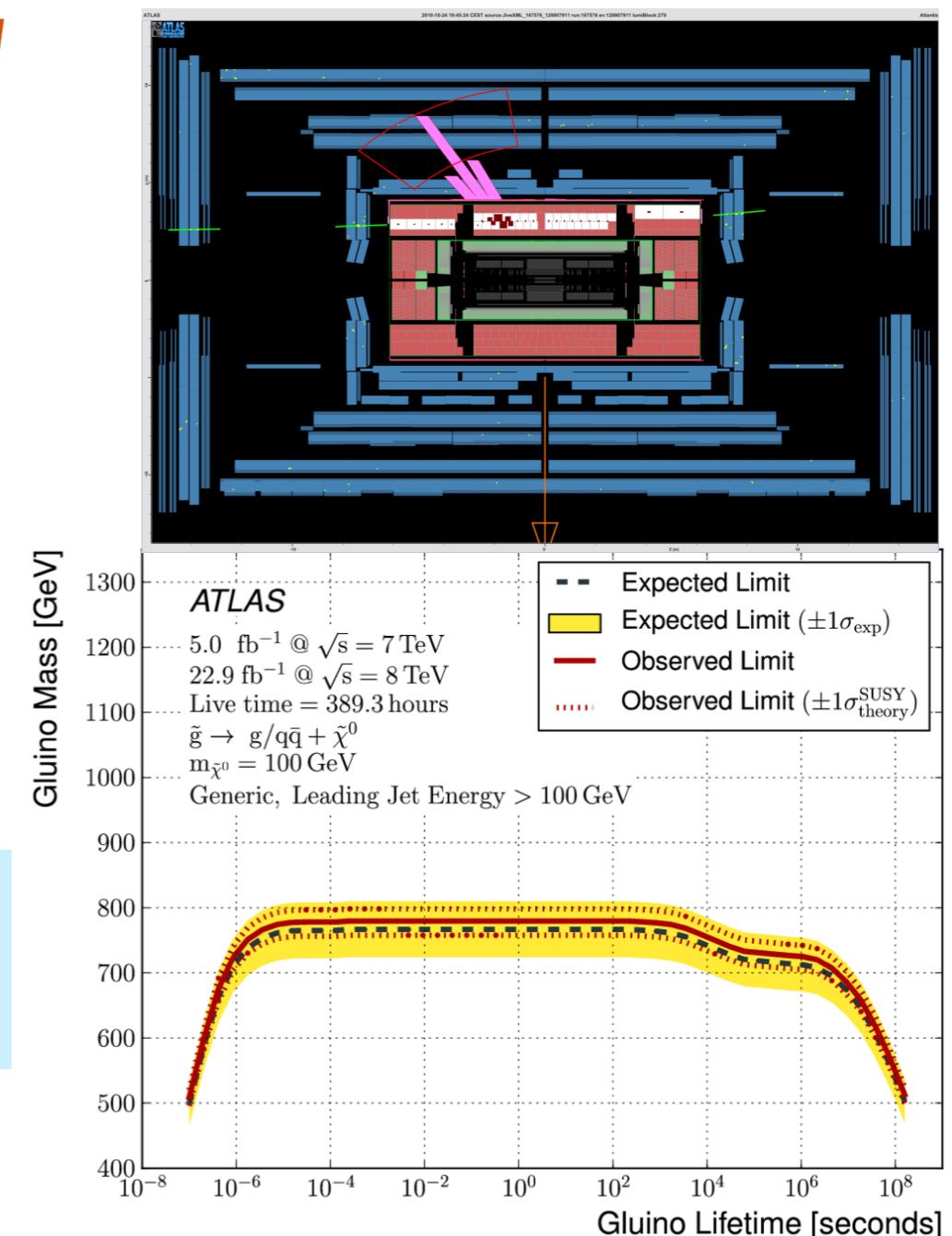
Main backgrounds:

- Cosmics (measured in low-lumi runs)
- Beam-halo (measured in unpaired bunches)

No excess is observed

Limits on gluinos masses:

- $m_{\tilde{g}} < 832 \text{ GeV}$ excluded, for $1 \mu\text{s} < \tau_{\tilde{g}} < 1000 \text{ s}$
- $m_{\tilde{g}} > 600 \text{ GeV}$ excluded, for lifetimes of up to 2 years!



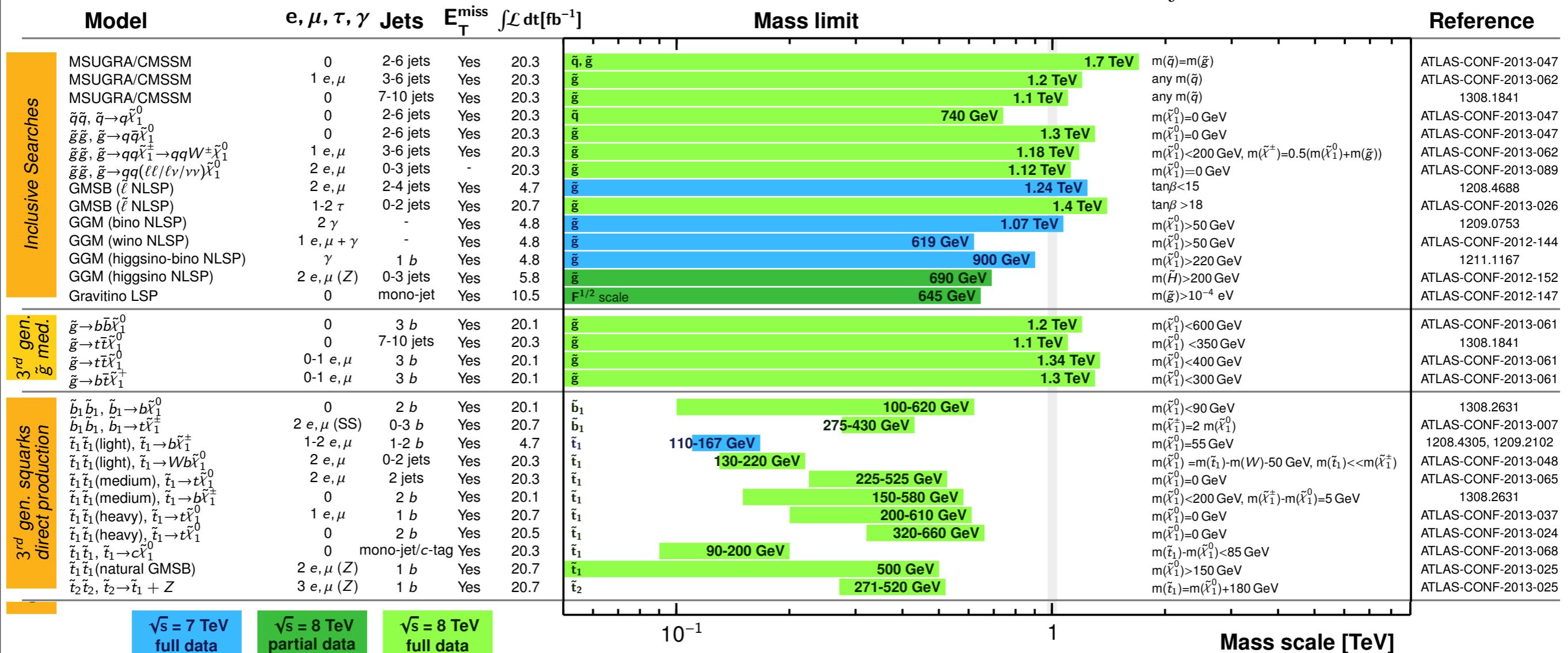
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ATLAS Preliminary

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*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.

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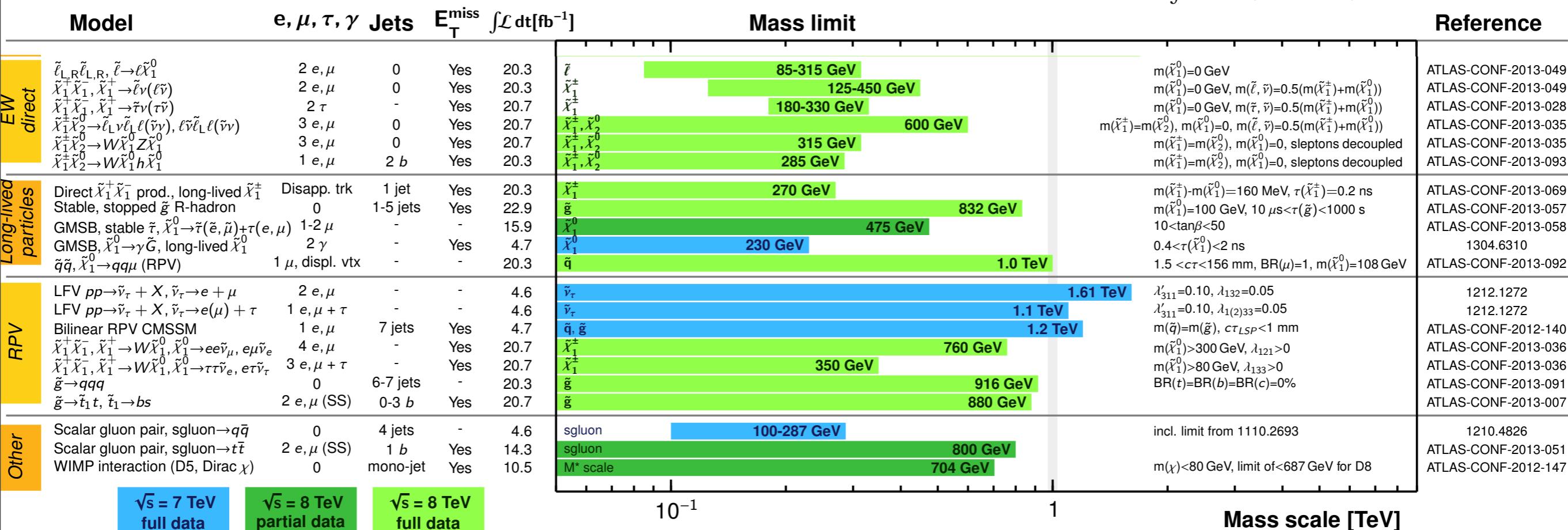
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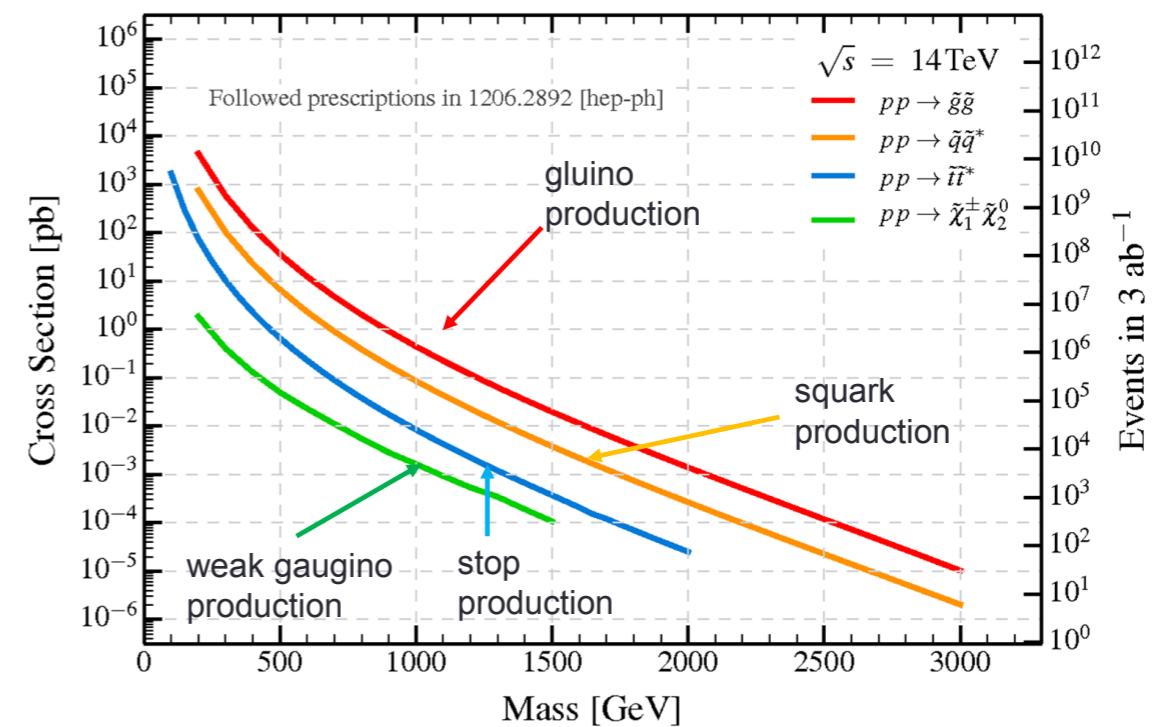
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Summary & Outlook

- The ATLAS Collaboration investigated extensively 8 TeV LHC data
- So far no hint of SUSY physics....
 - Strong sparticles production at TeV scale excluded
 - Use simplified models to set limits
 - Focus on smaller cross section process (limits less stringent)
- High Luminosity LHC will allow to explore more search regions



BACK-UP

Why beyond SM searches?

The Standard Model (SM) of elementary particles works pretty well!

- * predictions verified by many experiments at high precision level
- * the higgs boson's discovery completed the picture

... but ... still lots of questions
not addressed

- *Dark Matter (DM) and full gravitation theory not included
- *matter-antimatter asymmetry and barion number conservation
- *naturalness
- *16 order of magnitude between electro-weak (EW) scale and Plank's mass (hierarchy problem)

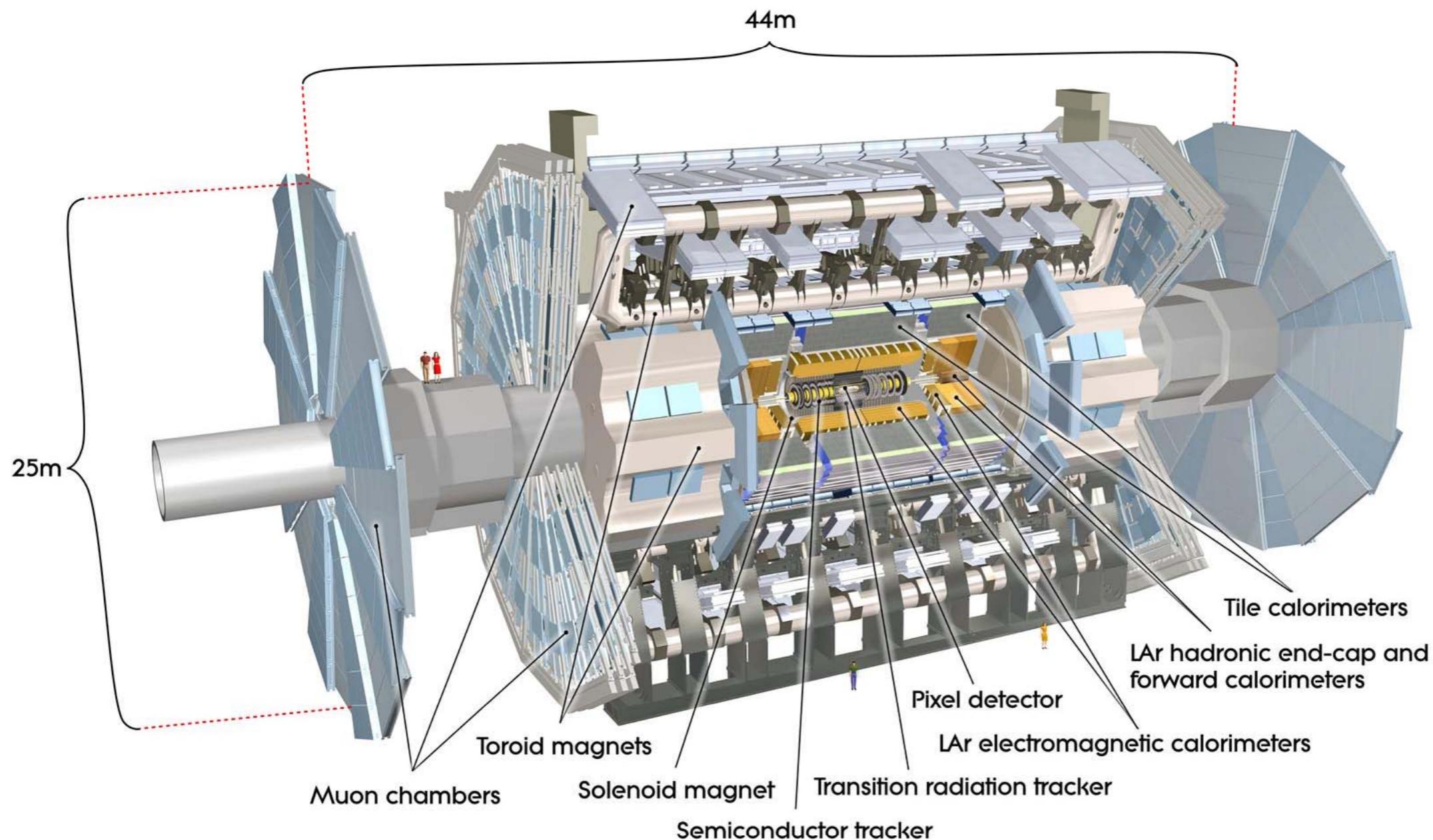
QUARKS	mass →	charge →	spin →	
	2.4 MeV/c ²	2/3	1/2	u up
c charm	1.27 GeV/c ²	2/3	1/2	t top
b bottom	171.2 GeV/c ²	2/3	1/2	g gluon
γ photon	0	0	1	H Higgs boson

LEPTONS	mass →	charge →	spin →	
	4.8 MeV/c ²	-1/3	1/2	d down
s strange	104 MeV/c ²	-1/3	1/2	τ tau
e electron	0.511 MeV/c ²	-1	1/2	μ muon
ν _e electron neutrino	<2.2 eV/c ²	0	1/2	ν _τ tau neutrino
ν _μ muon neutrino	<0.17 MeV/c ²	0	1/2	W W boson

GAUGE BOSONS	mass →	charge →	spin →	
	91.2 GeV/c ²	0	1	Z Z boson
W W boson	80.4 GeV/c ²	±1	1	



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Diphoton+ E_T^{miss} : background

- QCD-initiated backgrounds (e.g. $pp \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$, $pp \rightarrow \gamma + jet$, $pp \rightarrow dijets$)
 - Jets mis-identified as γ and E_T^{miss} ;
 - Data-driven Model using tight γ + pseudo γ (i.e. ‘loose’, but not ‘tight’ γ)+ E_T^{miss} sample;
 - reproducibility confirmed by MC and side-bands samples, control samples normalized to di- γ data
 - in low stat region (SP1,SP2) bkg estimation confirmed by alternative method using relaxed M_{eff} cuts in control region sidebands
- Electroweak-initiated backgrounds (e.g. $pp \rightarrow W\gamma \rightarrow e + \gamma$)
 - Electrons mis-identified as photons, neutrino leads to MET
 - Data-driven model using e+‘tight’ γ events, normalized using rate of e mis-identified as γ in $Z \rightarrow ee$ events, fake factor as a function of pseudorapidity
- Tri-boson production (irreducible) (e.g. $pp \rightarrow Z\gamma\gamma \rightarrow v\bar{v}\gamma\gamma$, $pp \rightarrow W^\pm\gamma\gamma \rightarrow l^\pm v\gamma\gamma$)
 - Events are produced with real E_T^{miss} and two real γ ; irreducible
 - Control region used to determine normalization of cross sections
 - $ZZ \rightarrow v\bar{v}\gamma\gamma$ contribution estimated from MC



3 leptons + E_T^{miss} : selection

SR	SR0 τ a	SR0 τ b	SR1 τ	SR2 τ a	SR2 τ b
flavour/sign	$\ell^+\ell^-\ell^\pm, \ell^+\ell^-\ell'^\pm$	$\ell^\pm\ell^\pm\ell'^\mp$	$\tau^\pm\ell^\mp\ell^\mp, \tau^\pm\ell^\mp\ell'^\mp$	$\tau\tau\ell$	$\tau^\pm\tau^\mp\ell$
b -tagged jet	veto	veto	veto	veto	veto
E_T^{miss}	binned	> 50	> 50	> 50	> 60
other	m_{SFOS} binned	$p_T^{3^{rd}\ell} > 20$	$p_T^{2^{nd}\ell} > 30$	$\max m_{T2} > 100$	$\sum p_T^\tau > 110$
–	m_T binned	$\Delta\phi_{\ell\ell} \leq 1.0$	$\sum p_T^\ell > 70$	–	$70 < m_{\tau\tau} < 120$
–	–	–	$m_{\ell\tau} < 120$	–	–
–	–	–	$m_{ee} Z$ -veto	–	–
Target model	$\tilde{\ell}, WZ$ -mediated	Wh -mediated	Wh -mediated	$\tilde{\tau}_L$ -mediated	Wh -mediated
Dominant background	WZ, tt	tt, VVV	WZ, tt	WZ, tt	WZ, tt



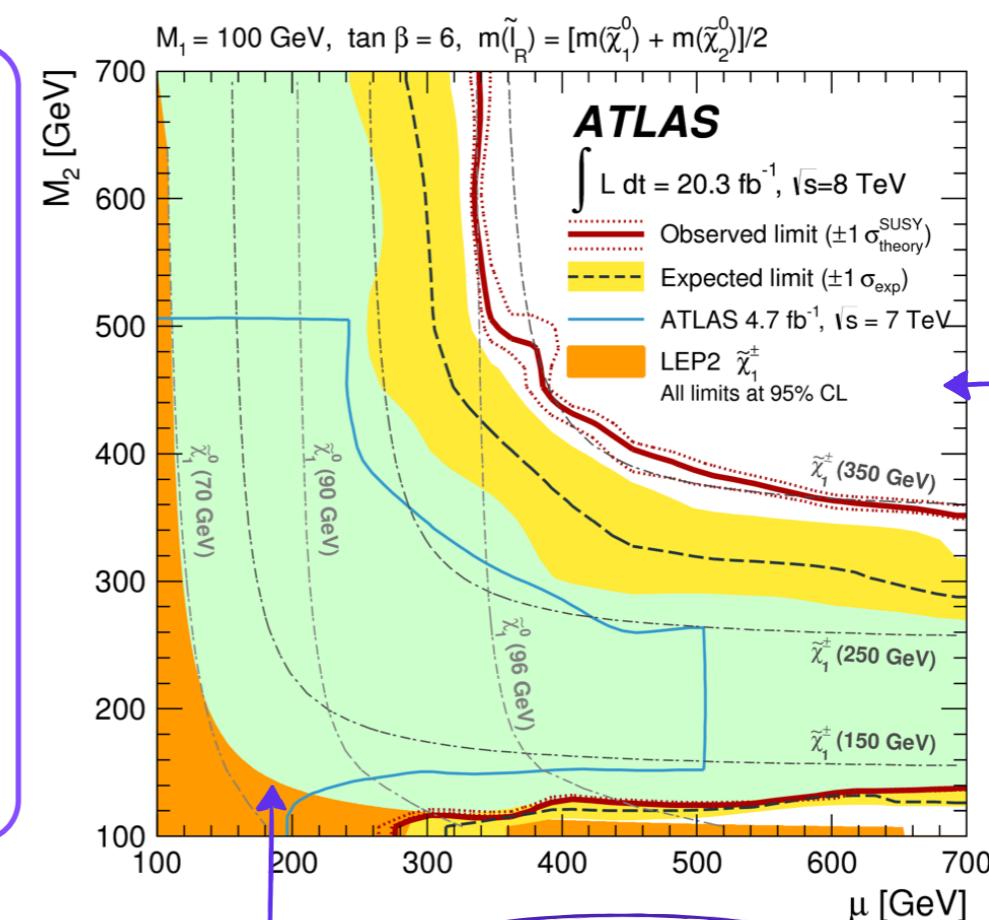


3 leptons + E_T^{miss} : pMSSM

Search for direct production of $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm$ and $\tilde{\chi}_2^0$ in 3 final state leptons:
pMSSM interpretation

5 points considered, where

- squarks and gluino heavy (not produced)
- $m(A), m(h) \sim 125\text{ GeV}$
- Electroweakino sector parameterized with
 - M_1 (Bino); M_2 (Wino); M_U (Higgsinos); $\tan\beta$
- pMSSM models in μ - M_2 plane, with heavy \tilde{l}_L :
 - $\tan\beta = 6, M_1 = 100, 140, 250\text{ GeV}$
 - $\tan\beta = 10, M_1 = 50\text{ GeV}$ (heavy $\tilde{e}_R \tilde{\mu}_R$)
 - $\tan\beta = 10, M_1 = 75\text{ GeV}$ (heavy \tilde{l}_R)



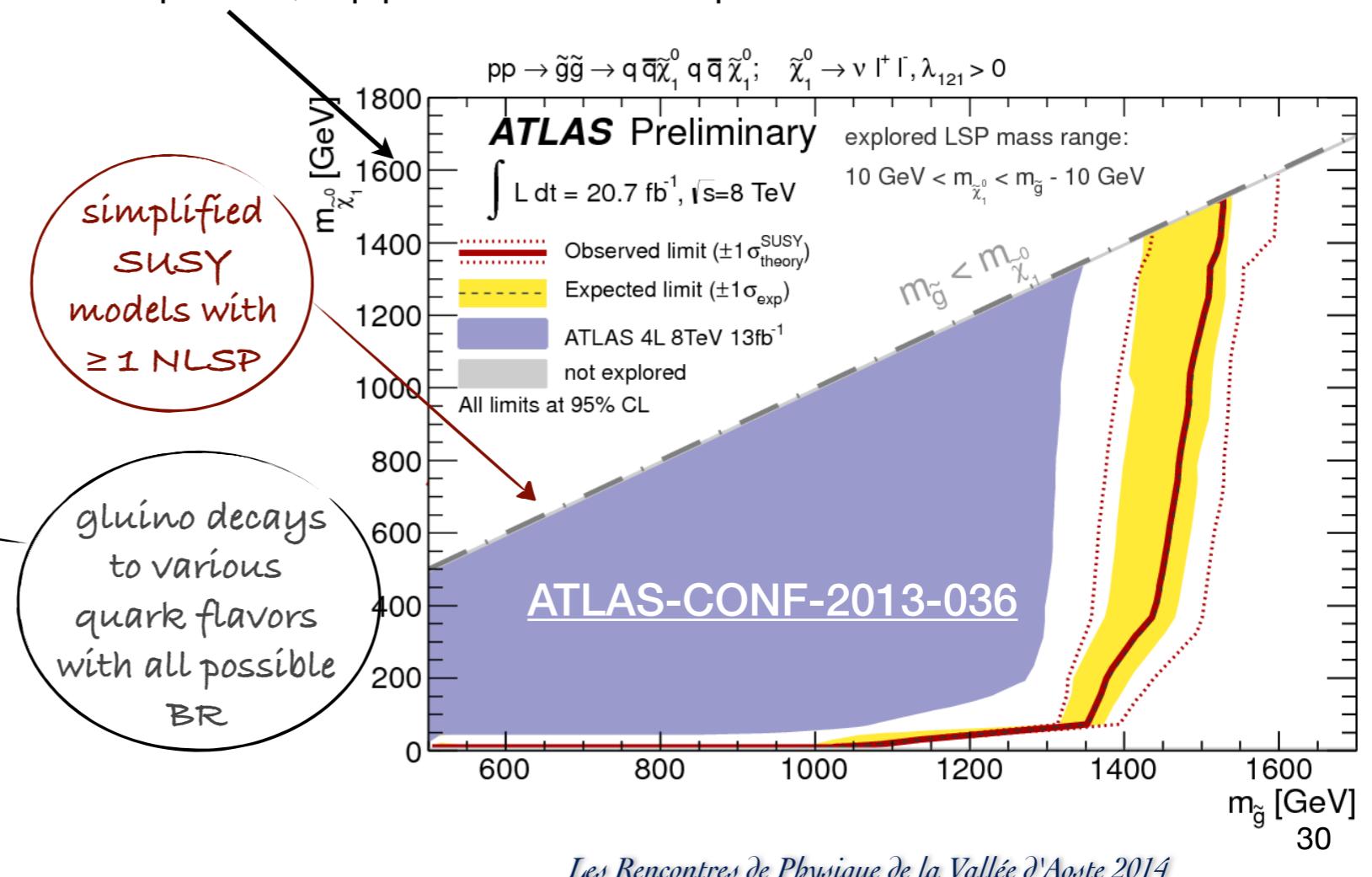
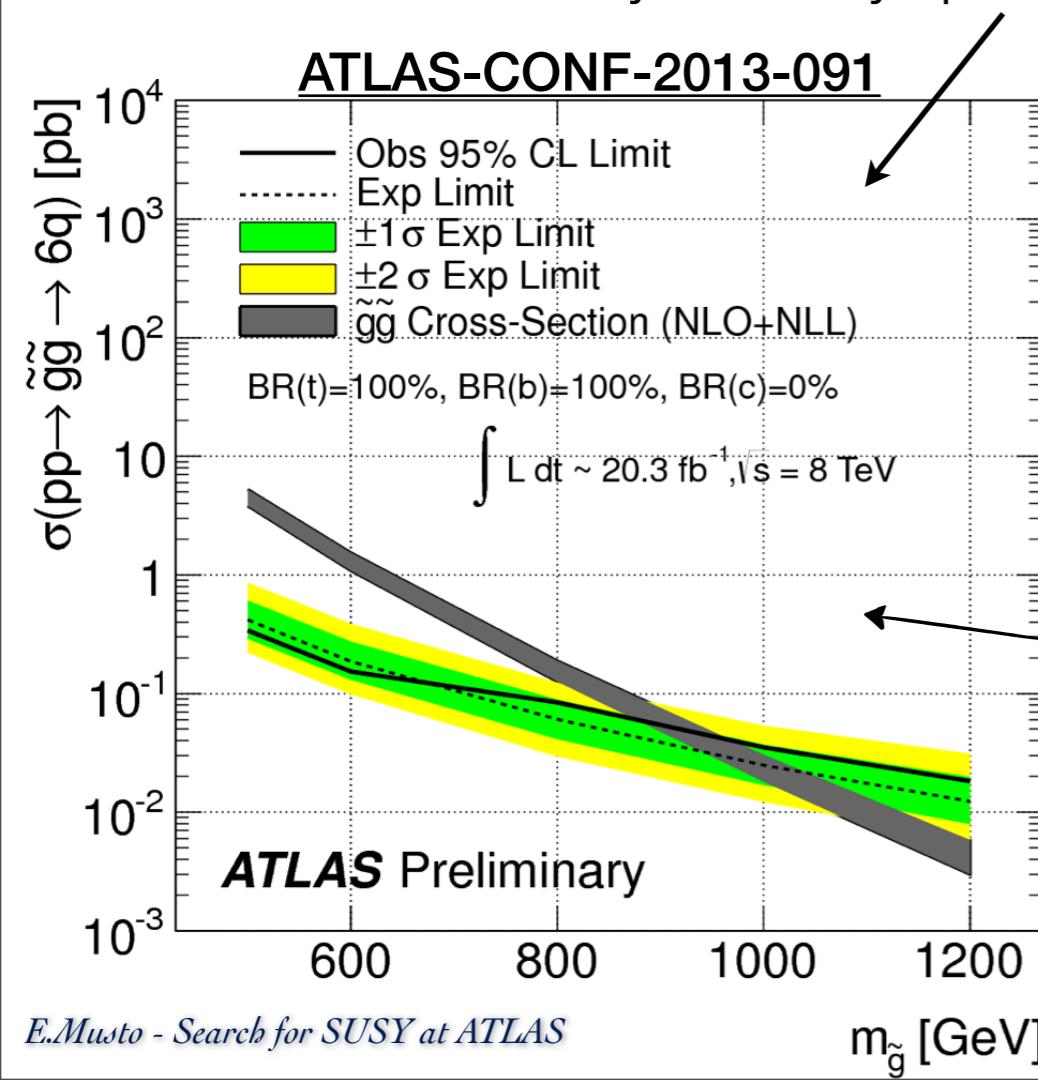
pMSSM,
 $M_1 = 100\text{ GeV}$

For all the pMSSM points
limited sensitivity for
 $M_1 - M_2 < \mu$ due to small mass
difference between $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm/\tilde{\chi}_2^0$ and
the LSP

R-parity violation search

The proton stability forbids simultaneous lepton and baryon number violation, but no experimental evidence forbids a R-parity violating potential conserving only one of the two

LSP can decay to many quarks or leptons, opposite flavor lepton resonances...



Long lived sleptons

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*In the GMSB models the NLSP stau may be long lived and decay outside the detector
Long-lived $\tilde{\tau}_1$ s appear as if they are heavy muons, charged and penetrating*

- ✓ Background mainly composed of mis-measured high p_T muons, estimated from data
- ✓ Selection mainly based on quality cuts
- ✓ $\tilde{\tau}_1$ mass estimated using $m = p / (\gamma \beta)$
 - ✓ β is estimated using the time of flight (calorimeters and muon system)
 - ✓ p estimated from the particle track
- ✓ 2 candidates search matched SM expectations

Long lived staus excluded for masses below 402-347 GeV for $\tan\beta = 5-50$.

Model independent limits also set for :

- directly produced long-lived sleptons (below 342 GeV for small mass difference between the light sleptons and the stau, and below 300 GeV for mass splittings of 90 GeV);
- directly produced long lived stau excluded for mass below 267 GeV.
- neutralinos decaying to long-lived staus excluded for masses below 475 GeV.

