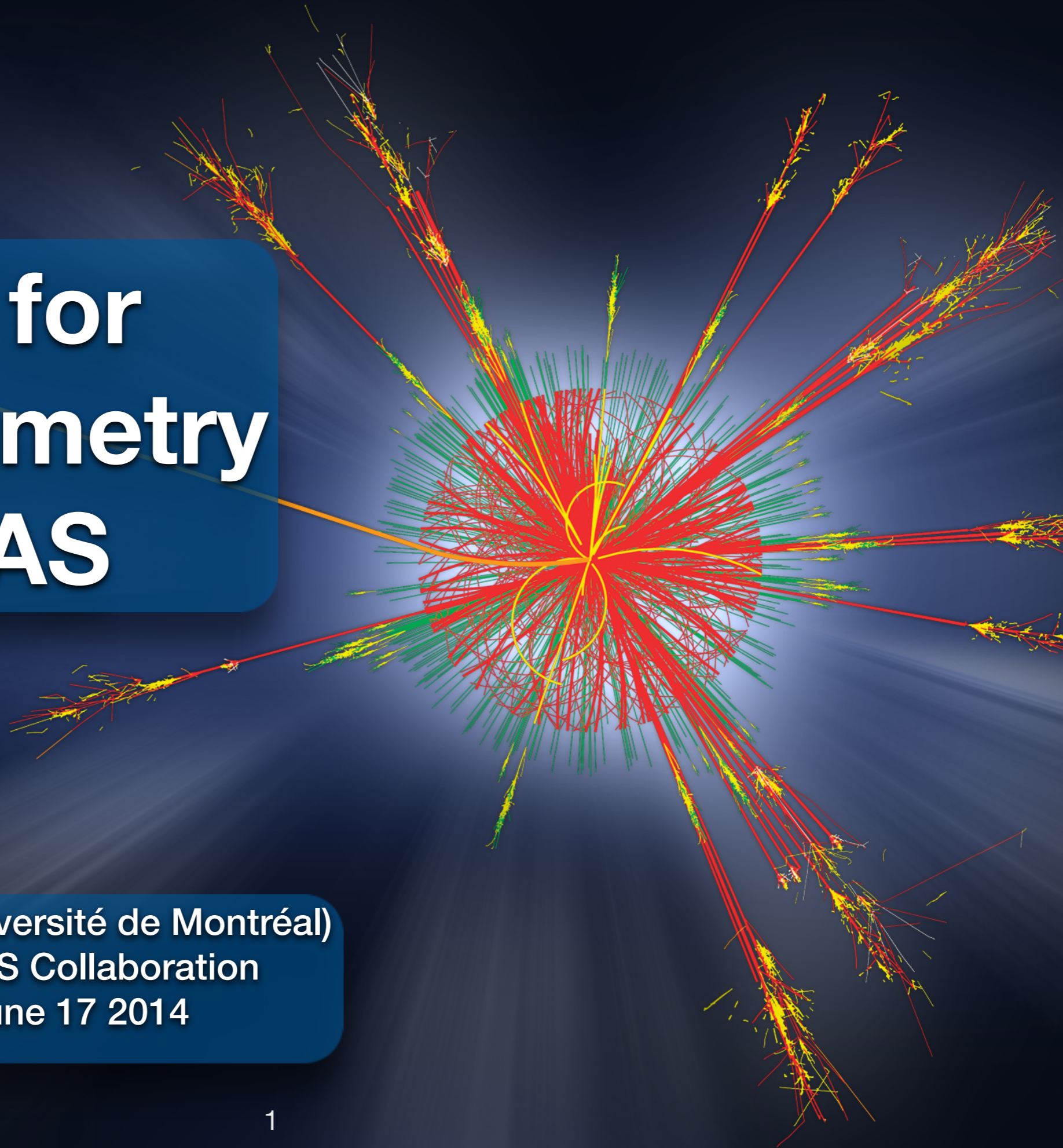


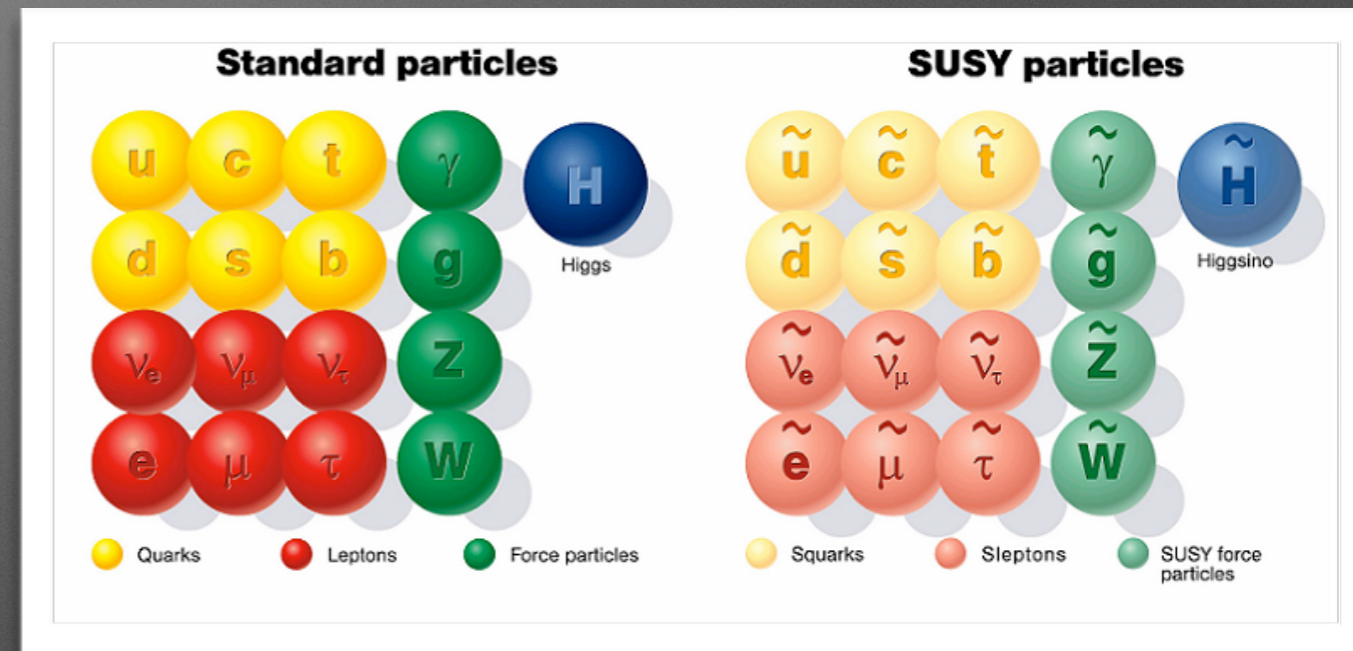
Search for Supersymmetry at ATLAS



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CAP Congress, June 17 2014

Why SUSY

- Supersymmetry: often considered the favorite SM extension
 - Provides good dark matter candidate
 - Coupling constant unification
 - **Solution to fine-tuning problem of the Higgs → need SUSY at O(TeV) scale**



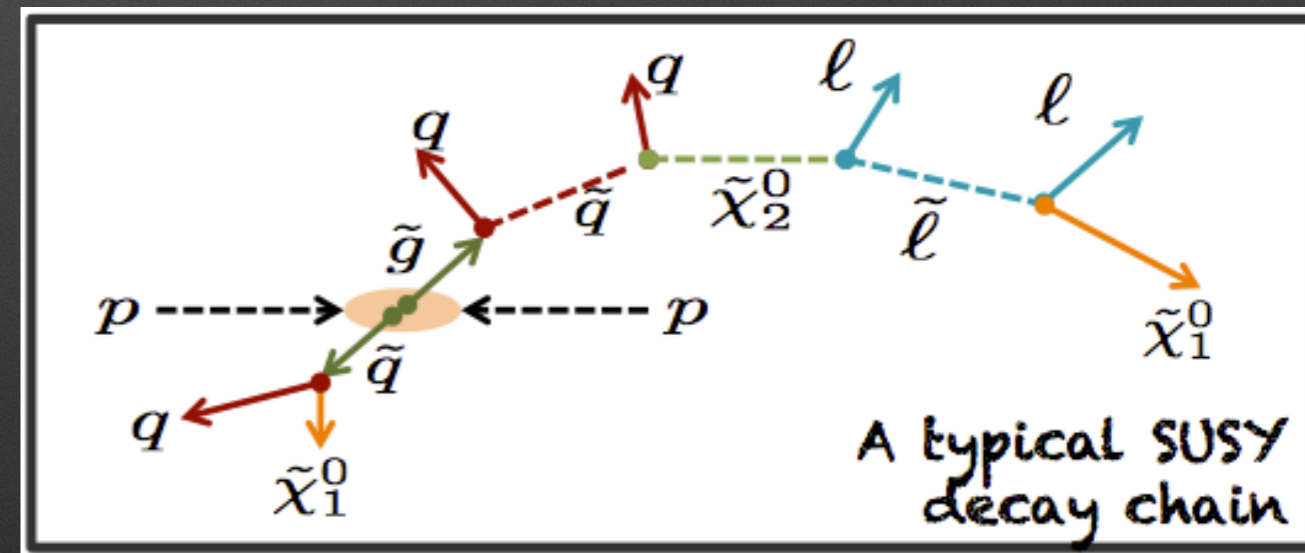
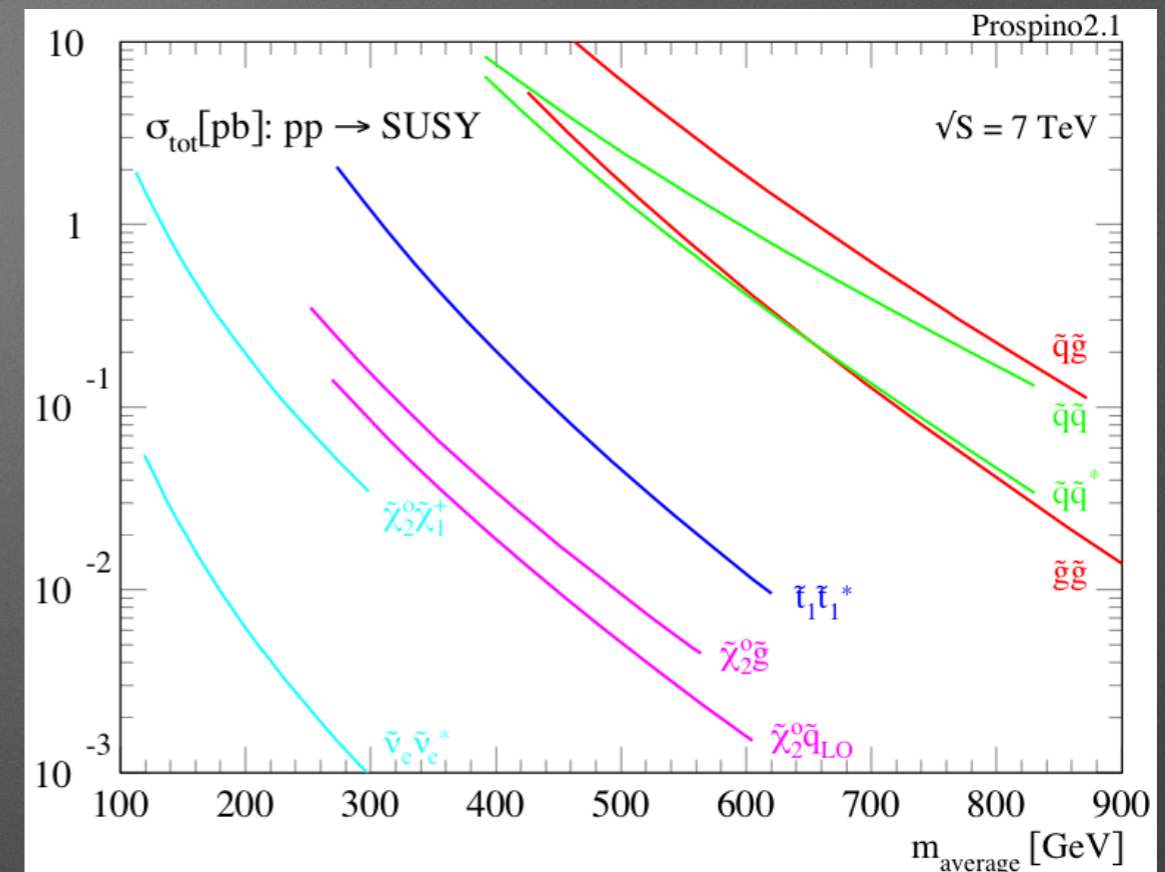
- SUSY pheno considerations

- SUSY must be broken!
- R-parity generally assumed to be conserved
 - Stable lightest SUSY particle (LSP) → E_T^{miss}
 - SUSY particles are pair-produced



General LHC SUSY Pheno

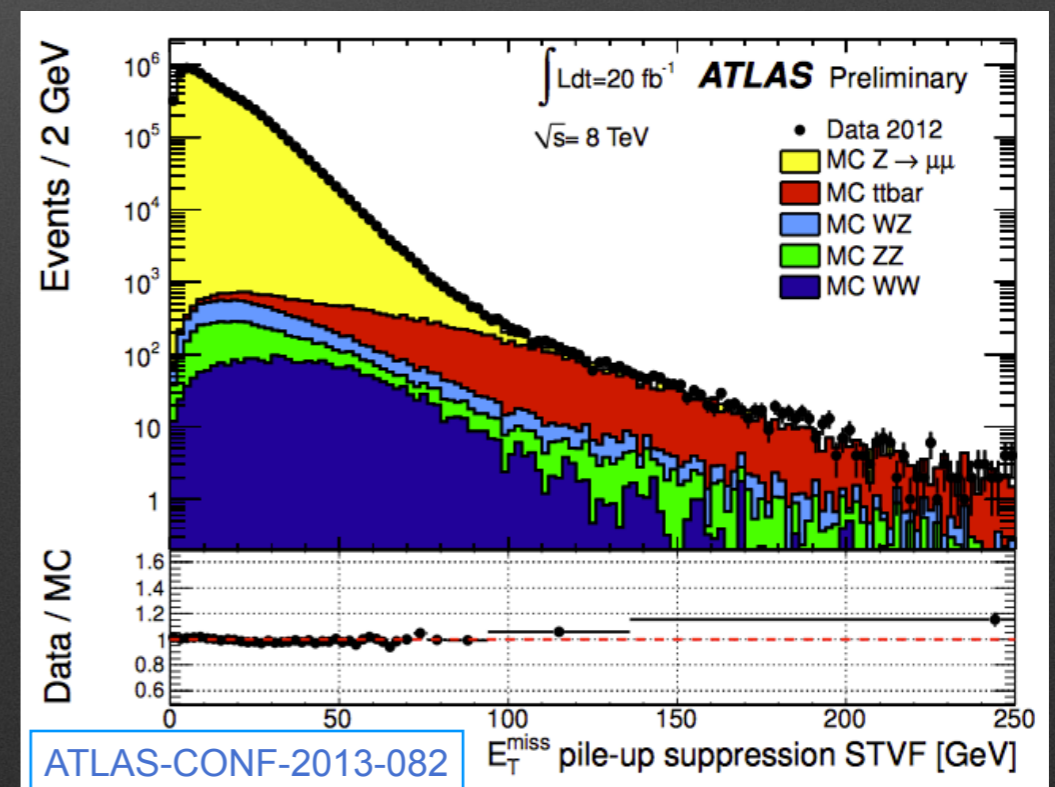
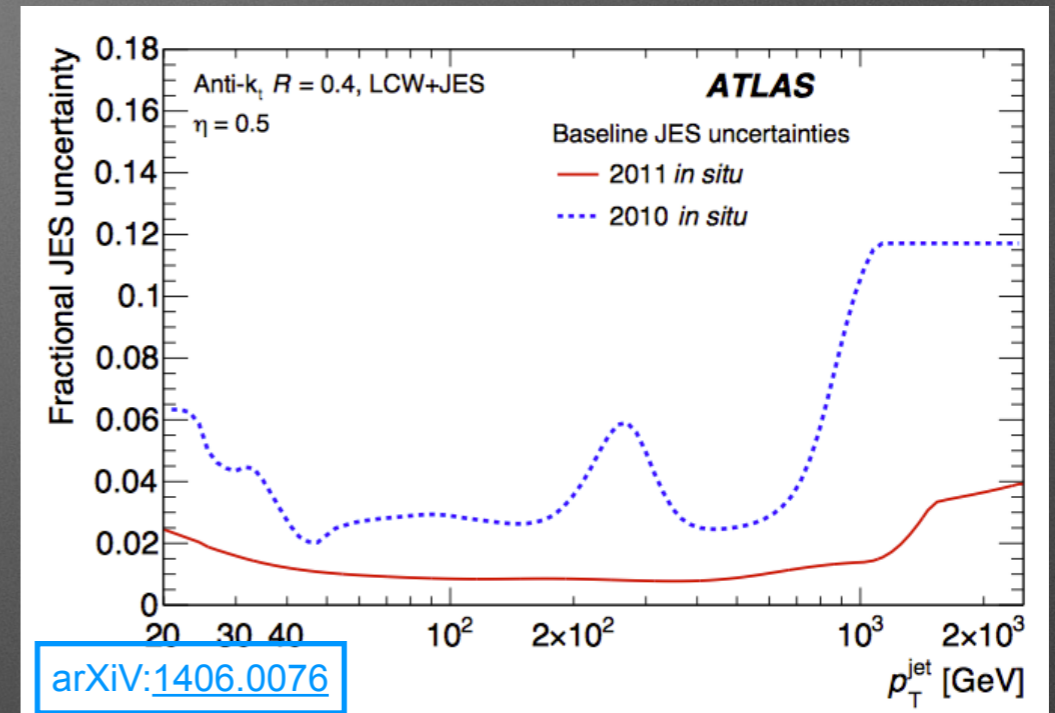
- Strongly produced **squarks** and **gluinos** dominate
- But **weakly-produced SUSY** also very important (see later)
- R-parity conservation implies (long) **decay chains** containing high- p_T :
 - Jets (sometimes b-jets)
 - Missing E_T (due to LSP)
 - Possibly leptons



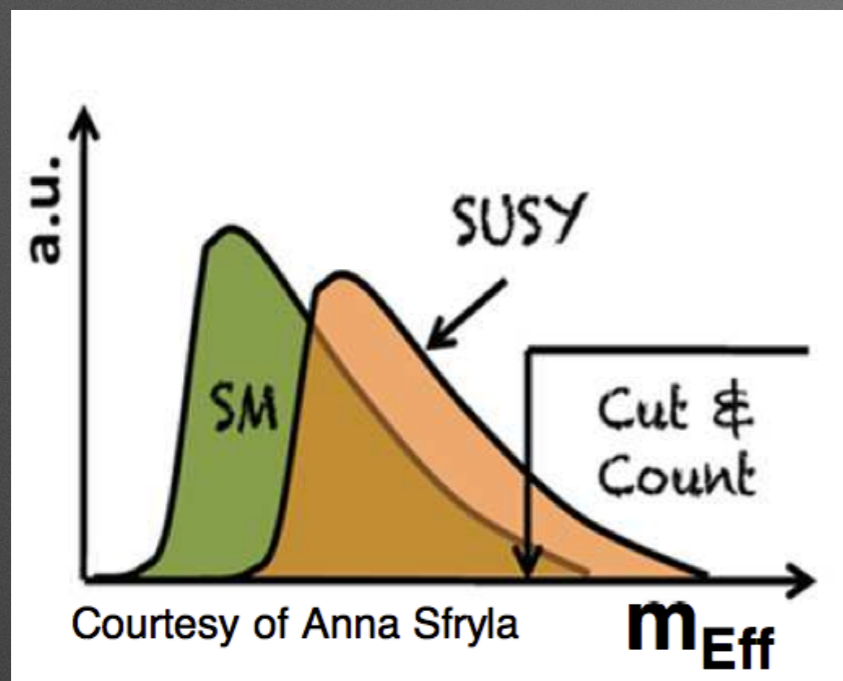
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SUSY searches use the full ATLAS detector

- **Require well-understood detector:**
 - Energy scale and resolution, trigger and reconstruction efficiencies for...
 - Electron, muon, tau, photon, jet, b-jet, missing E_T , ...
 - Over a very large energy spectrum (highest to lowest p_T → compressed spectra)
- **SUSY search sensitivity can be limited by systematic uncertainties!**



Analysis strategy



SUSY will generally be harder than SM in relevant kinematic variables

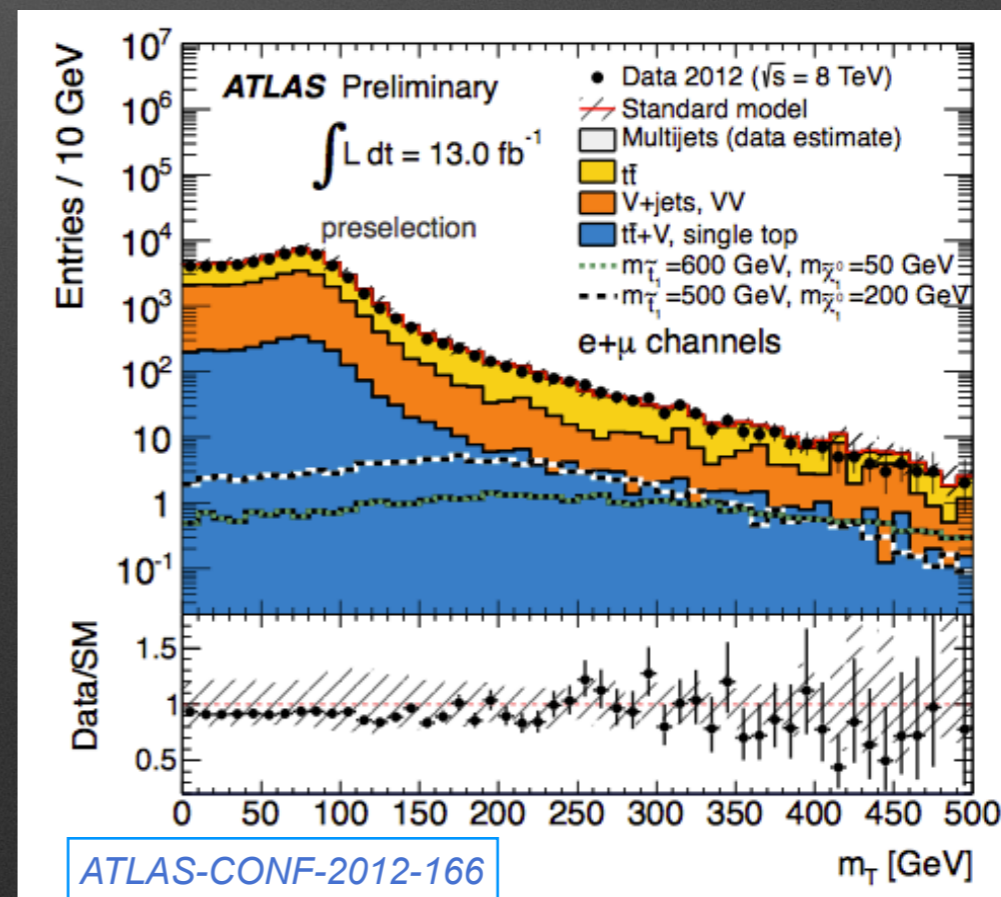
- m_{eff} , E_T^{miss} , transverse mass, etc

Effective mass:

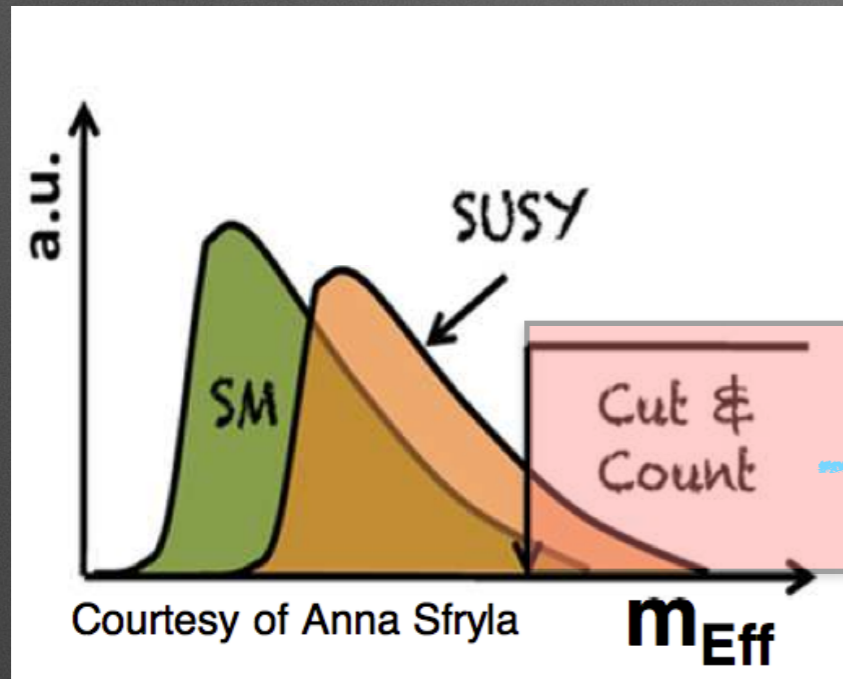
$$m_{\text{eff}} = E_T^{\text{miss}} + \sum p_T^{\ell} + \sum p_T^{\text{jet}}$$

Transverse mass:

$$m_T = \sqrt{2p_T E_T^{\text{miss}} (1 - \cos \Delta\phi(\ell, E_T^{\text{miss}}))}$$



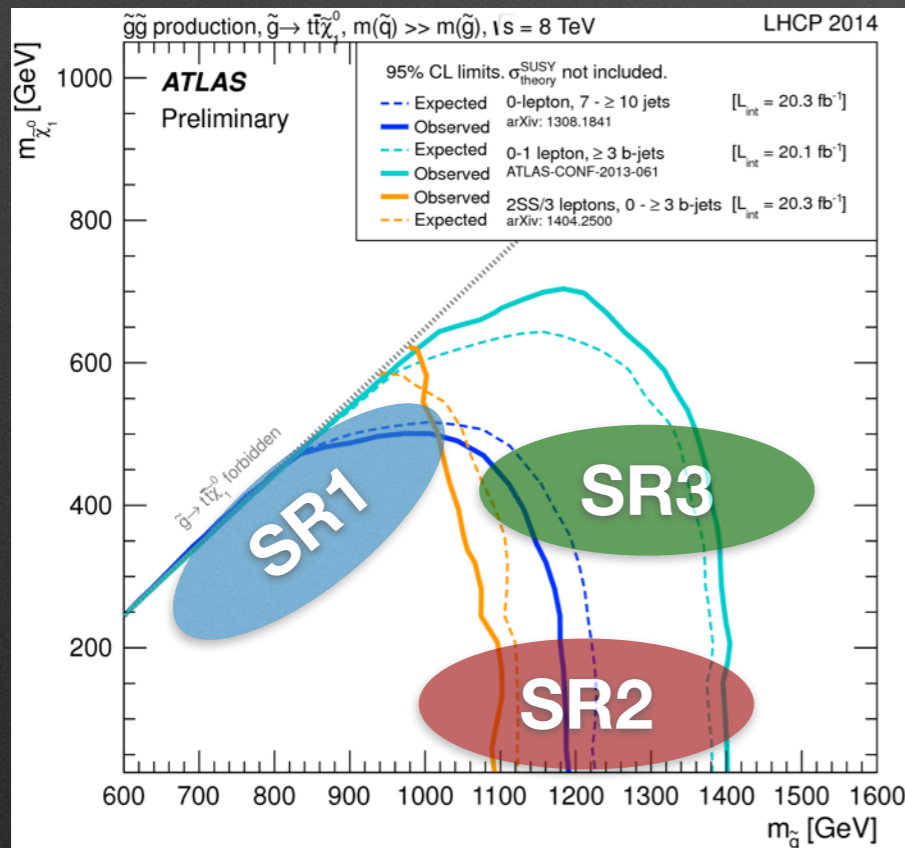
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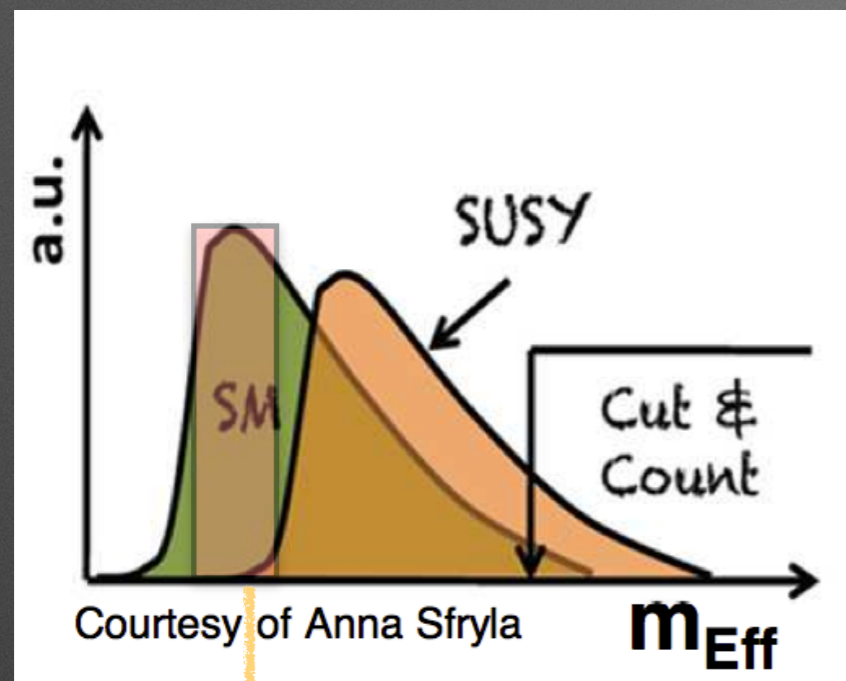
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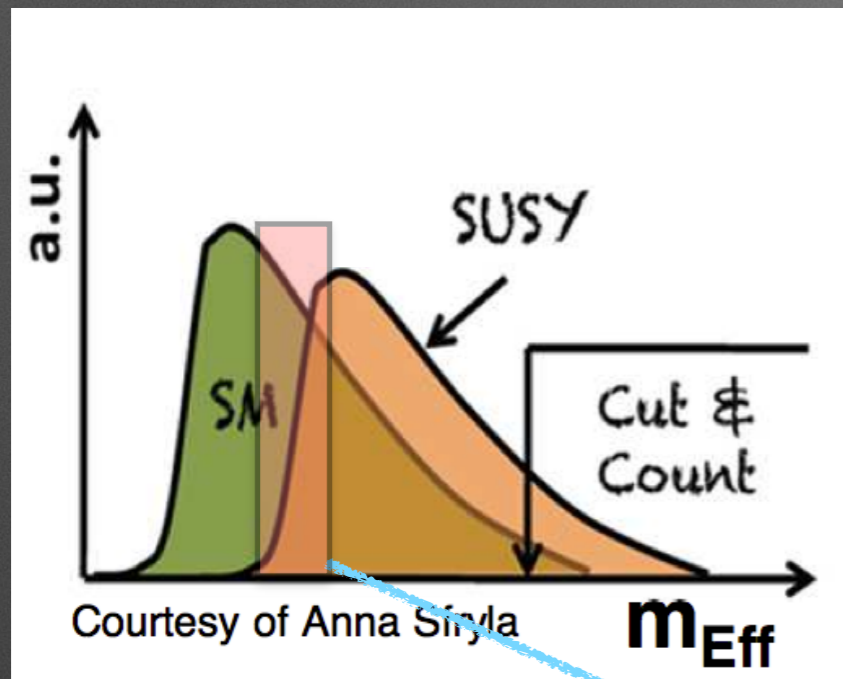
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Control regions (CR): design background-rich regions, as close as possible to the SR, where the dominant background can be normalized (next slide)

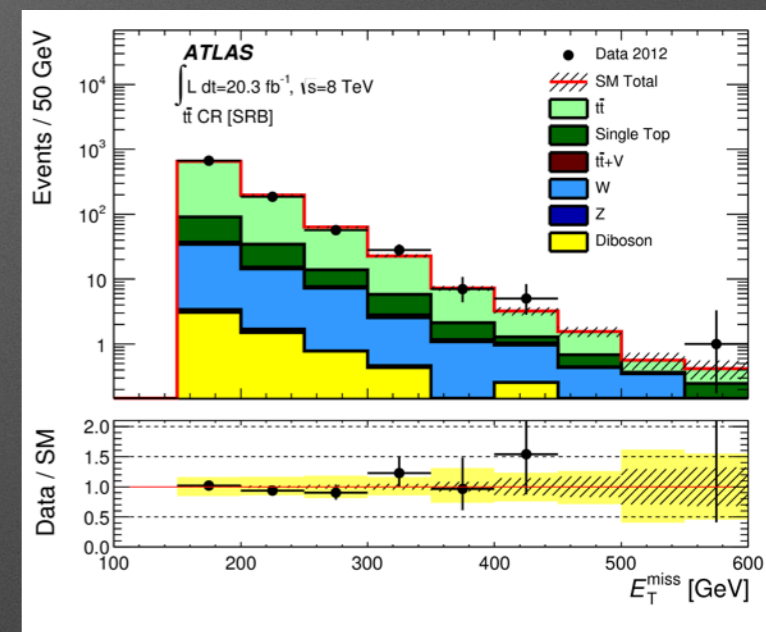
Validation regions (VR): regions closer to SR, but still background-enriched, to cross-check the background estimates

Background estimates

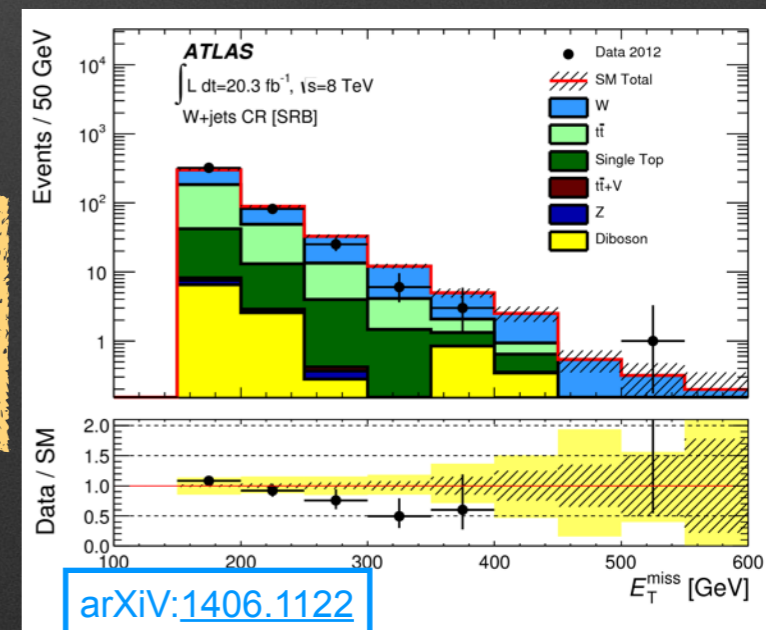
- **Control regions** are defined for the dominant backgrounds
 - Typically: **ttbar, W/Z+jets, diboson**
 - Background normalization in the SR adjusted to the one of the CR
- **Smaller backgrounds** normalized using theory predictions
 - **ttbar + W/Z/H, triboson, etc**
- **QCD multijets and fake lepton** background estimate with data-driven techniques

Example: 0-lepton stop search (ttbar + E_T^{miss} signature)

**ttbar CR:
 ≥ 1 b-jet**

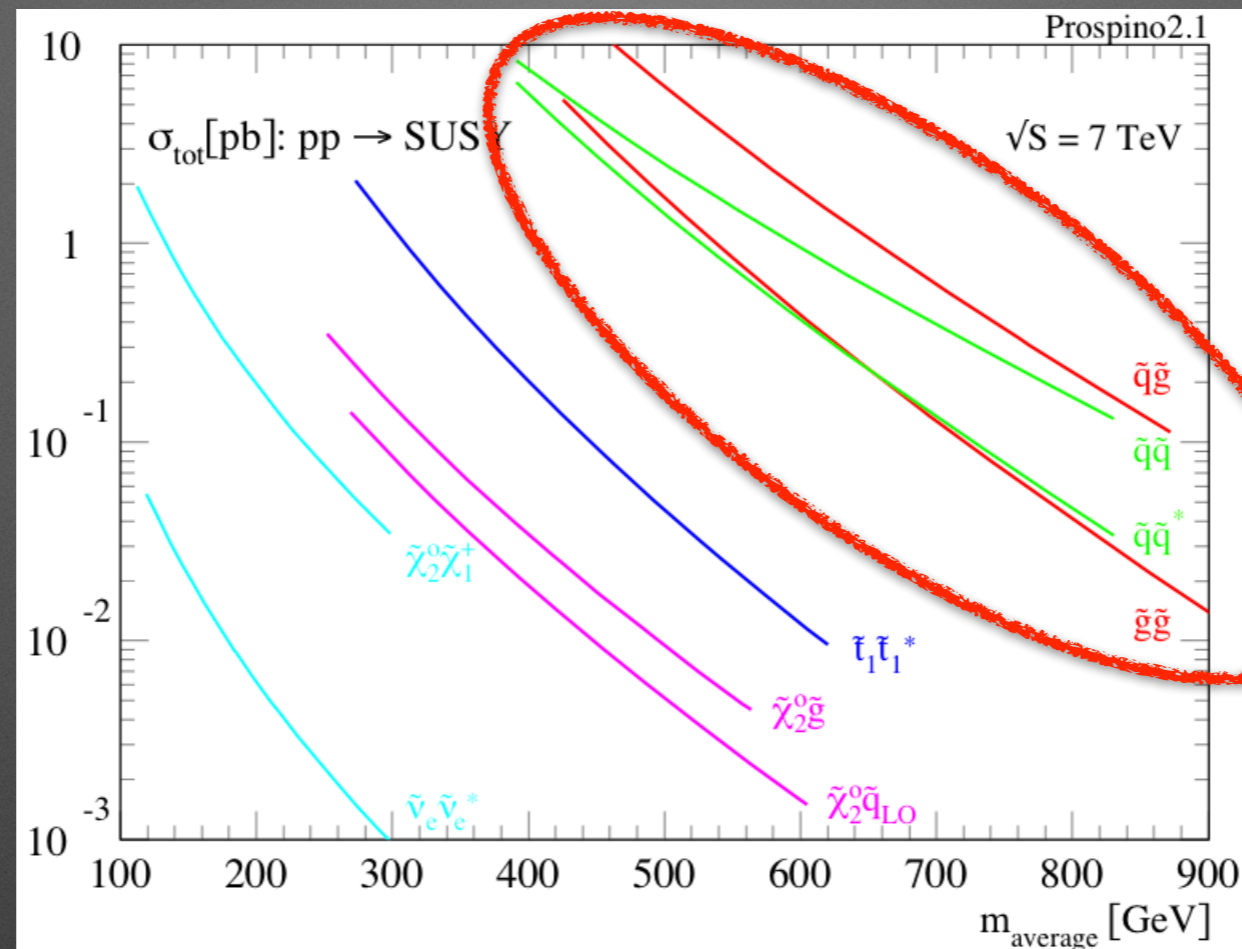


**W+jets CR:
0 b-jet**



arXiv:1406.1122

Approach 1: look for the most “obvious” signals



All results presented are with the full 2012 dataset
($\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$, $\int \mathcal{L} dt = 20 \text{ fb}^{-1}$)

Search with jets + E_T^{miss} search (no leptons)

arXiv:1406.1122

- Target signal: $(\tilde{g}\tilde{g}, \tilde{q}\tilde{q}, \tilde{q}\tilde{g})$

- with decays:

$$\tilde{q} \rightarrow q\tilde{\chi}_1^0$$

$$\tilde{g} \rightarrow q\bar{q}\tilde{\chi}_1^0$$

- or

$$\tilde{q} \rightarrow q\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm$$

$$\tilde{g} \rightarrow q\bar{q}\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm$$

- And subsequently: $W^\pm\tilde{\chi}_1^0$

- Define 15 signal regions with varying jet multiplicity (2-6 jets) and m_{eff} cuts

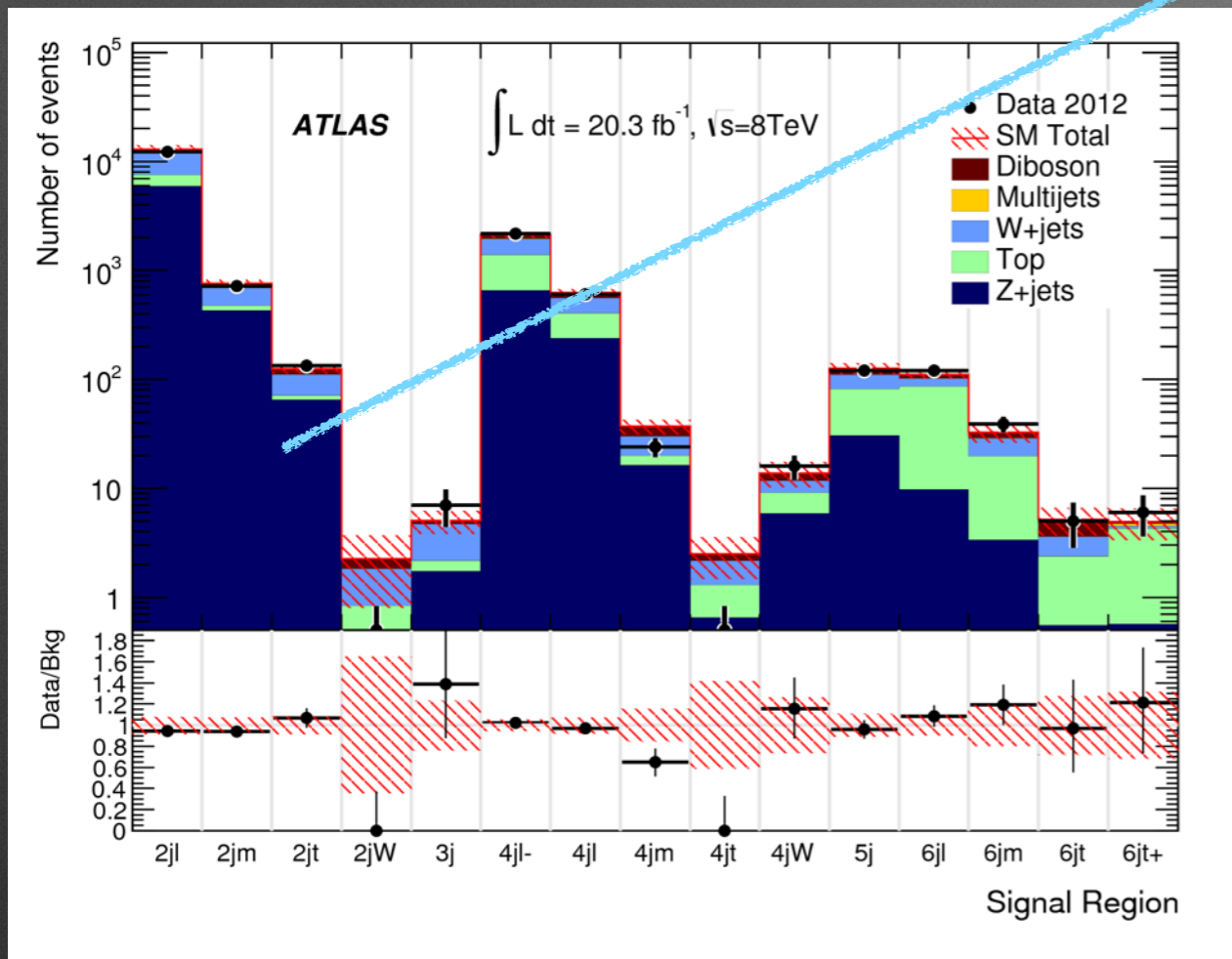
Requirement	Signal Region					
	2jl	2jm	2jt	2jW	3j	4jW
$E_T^{\text{miss}} [\text{GeV}] >$	160					
$p_T(j_1) [\text{GeV}] >$	130					
$p_T(j_2) [\text{GeV}] >$	60					
$p_T(j_3) [\text{GeV}] >$	-				60	40
$p_T(j_4) [\text{GeV}] >$	-					40
$\Delta\phi(\text{jet}_{1,2,(3)}, \mathbf{E}_T^{\text{miss}})_{\text{min}} >$	0.4					
$\Delta\phi(\text{jet}_{i>3}, \mathbf{E}_T^{\text{miss}})_{\text{min}} >$	-					0.2
W candidates	-			2(W → j)	-	(W → j) + (W → jj)
$E_T^{\text{miss}}/\sqrt{H_T} [\text{GeV}^{1/2}] >$	8	15		-		
$E_T^{\text{miss}}/m_{\text{eff}}(N_j) >$	-			0.25	0.3	0.35
$m_{\text{eff}}(\text{incl.}) [\text{GeV}] >$	800	1200	1600	1800	2200	1100

Requirement	Signal Region										
	4jl-	4jl	4jm	4jt	5j	6jl	6jm	6jt	6jt+		
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$E_T^{\text{miss}}/m_{\text{eff}}(N_j) >$	-		0.4	0.25	0.2			0.25	0.15		
$m_{\text{eff}}(\text{incl.}) [\text{GeV}] >$	700	1000	1300	2200	1200	900	1200	1500	1700		

Search with jets + E_T^{miss} search (no leptons)

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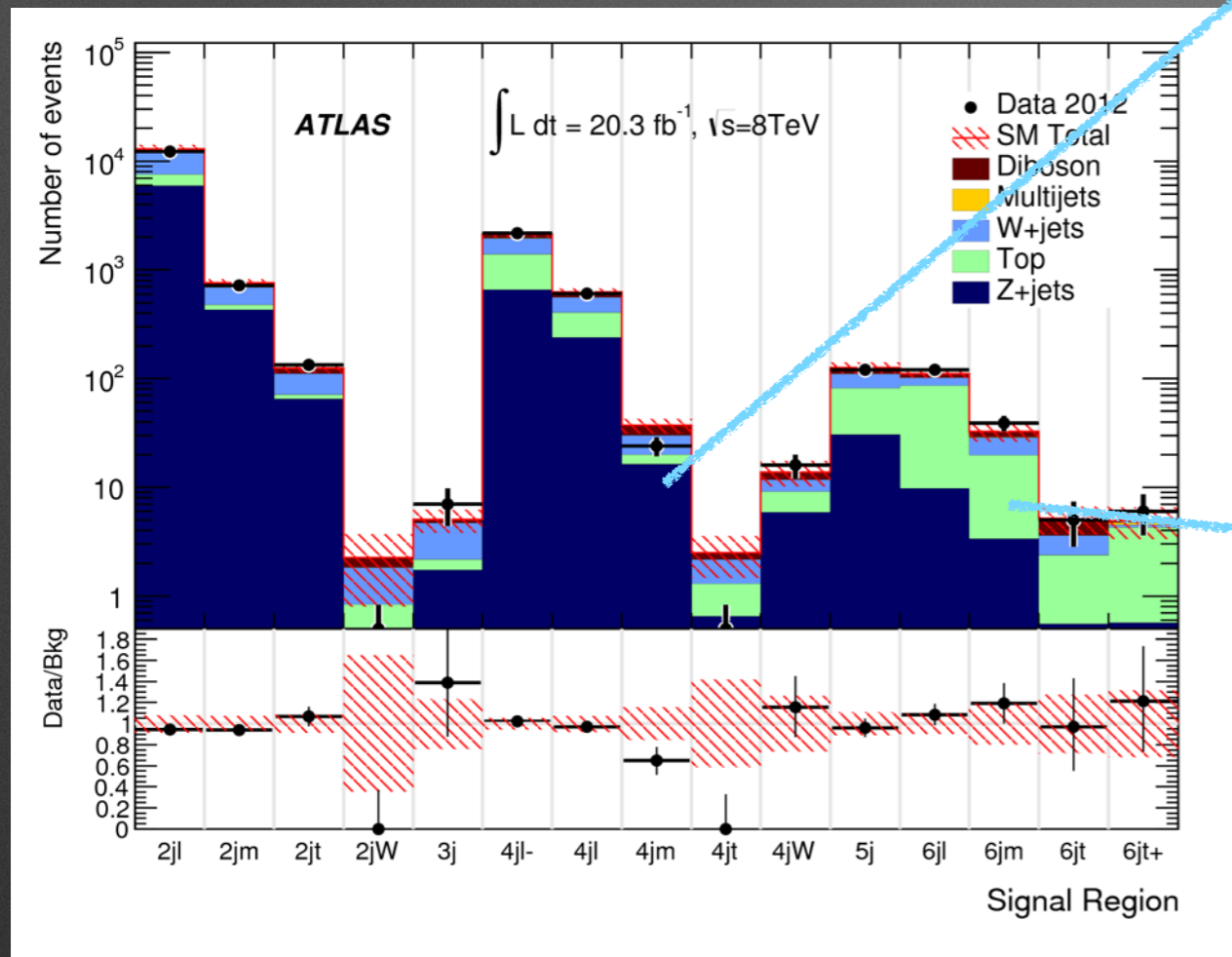
$Z(\rightarrow \nu\nu)+\text{jets}$ background dominates at low jet-multiplicity. Estimate in a $\gamma+\text{jets}$ CR with photon p_T emulation E_T^{miss}



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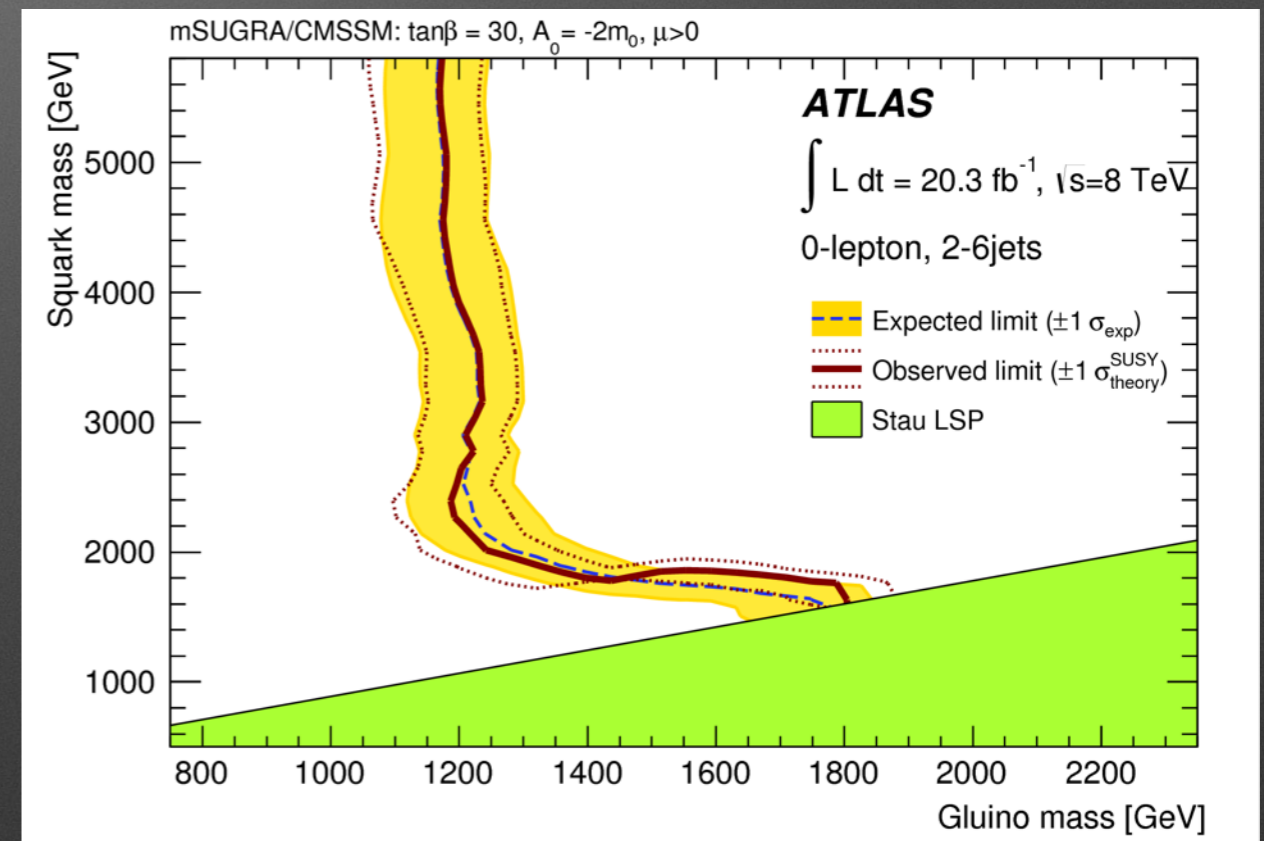
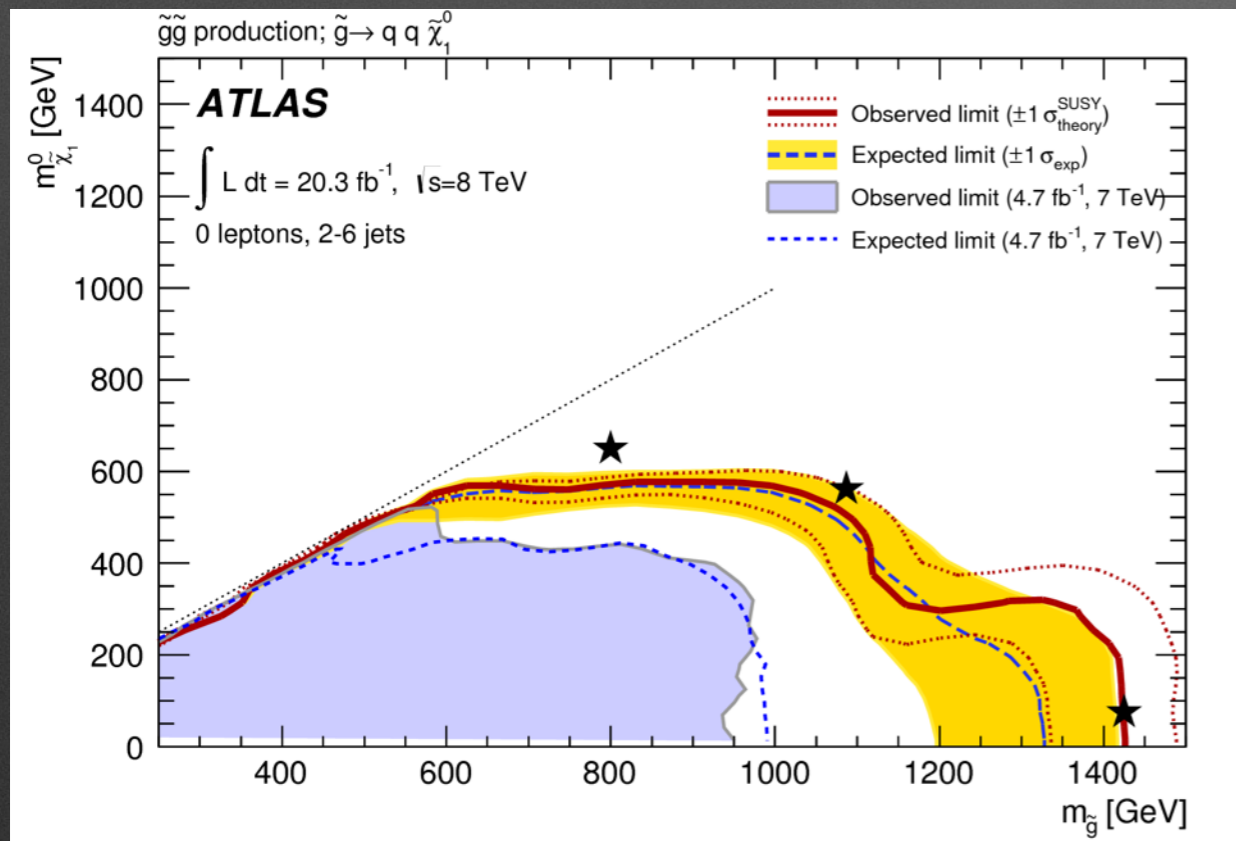
$t\bar{t}$ background dominates at high jet-multiplicity. Estimated in a CR with a b-tag and low transverse mass of lepton and E_T^{miss}

Search with jets + E_T^{miss} search (no leptons)

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Simplified models: $\tilde{g} \rightarrow q\bar{q}\tilde{\chi}_1^0$
 $m(\text{gluino}) > 1330 \text{ GeV}$ for
 massless LSP (95% CL)

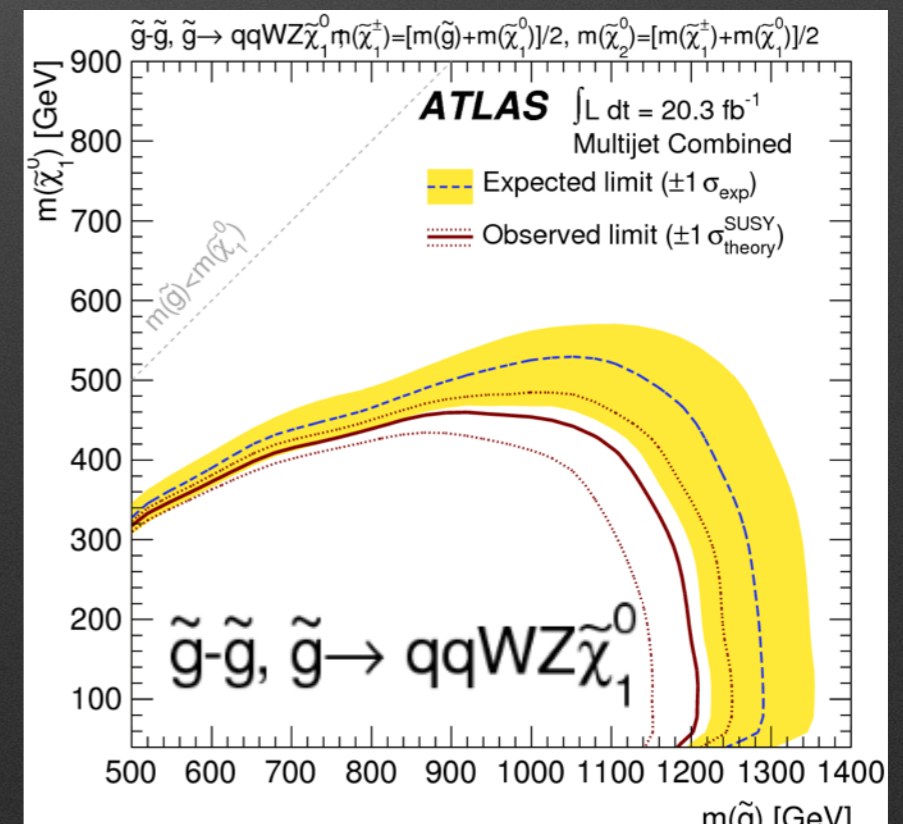
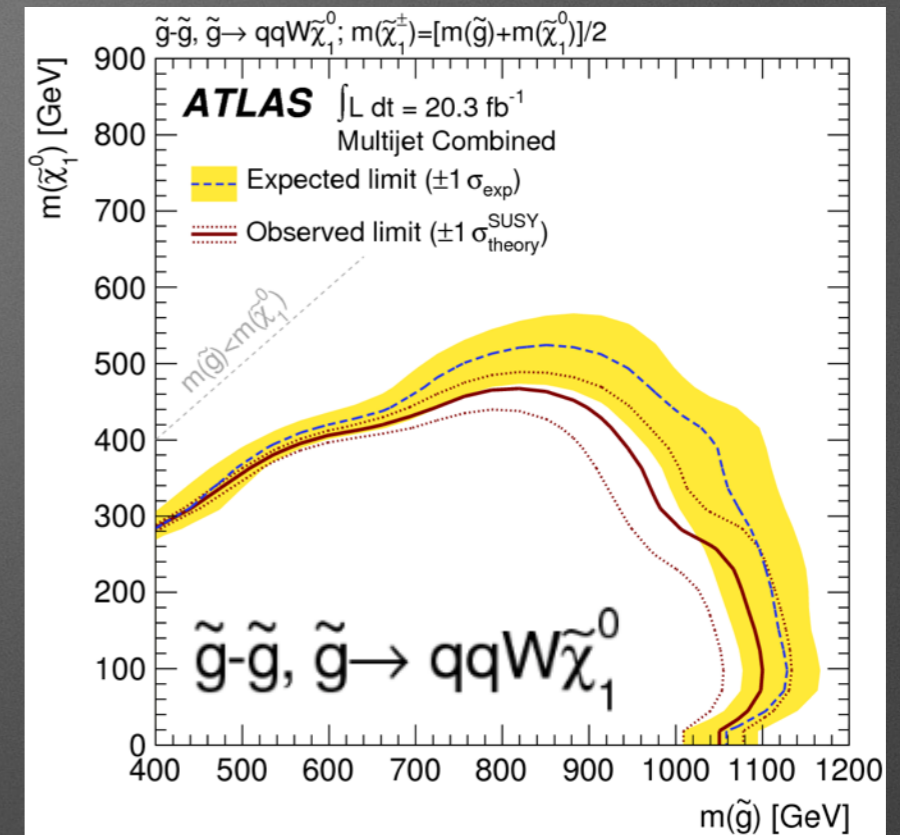
Realistic (CMSSM) model:
 $m(\text{gluino}) = m(\text{squark}) > 1700 \text{ GeV}$
 (95% CL)



Search with multijets + E_T^{miss} search

arXiv:1308.1841

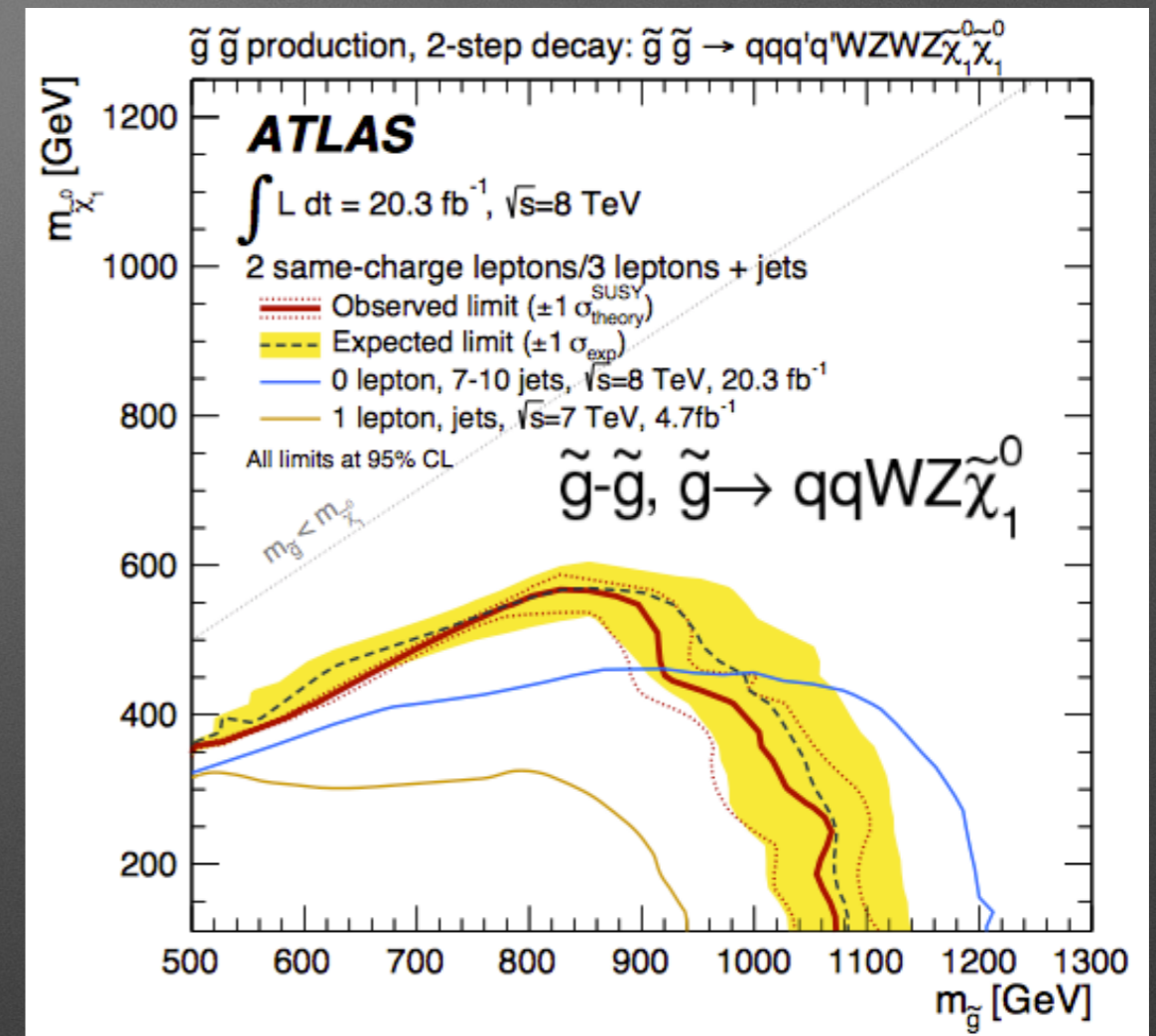
- Extend multijets search for multiplicities ≥ 7 , ≥ 8 , ≥ 9 , ≥ 10 jets!
- Sensitive to final states with several $W/Z \rightarrow jj$ in the event
- Dominated by multijets background
- Also include SR with b-jets (see later)



Search with multijets + same-sign (SS) lepton pairs and 3 leptons

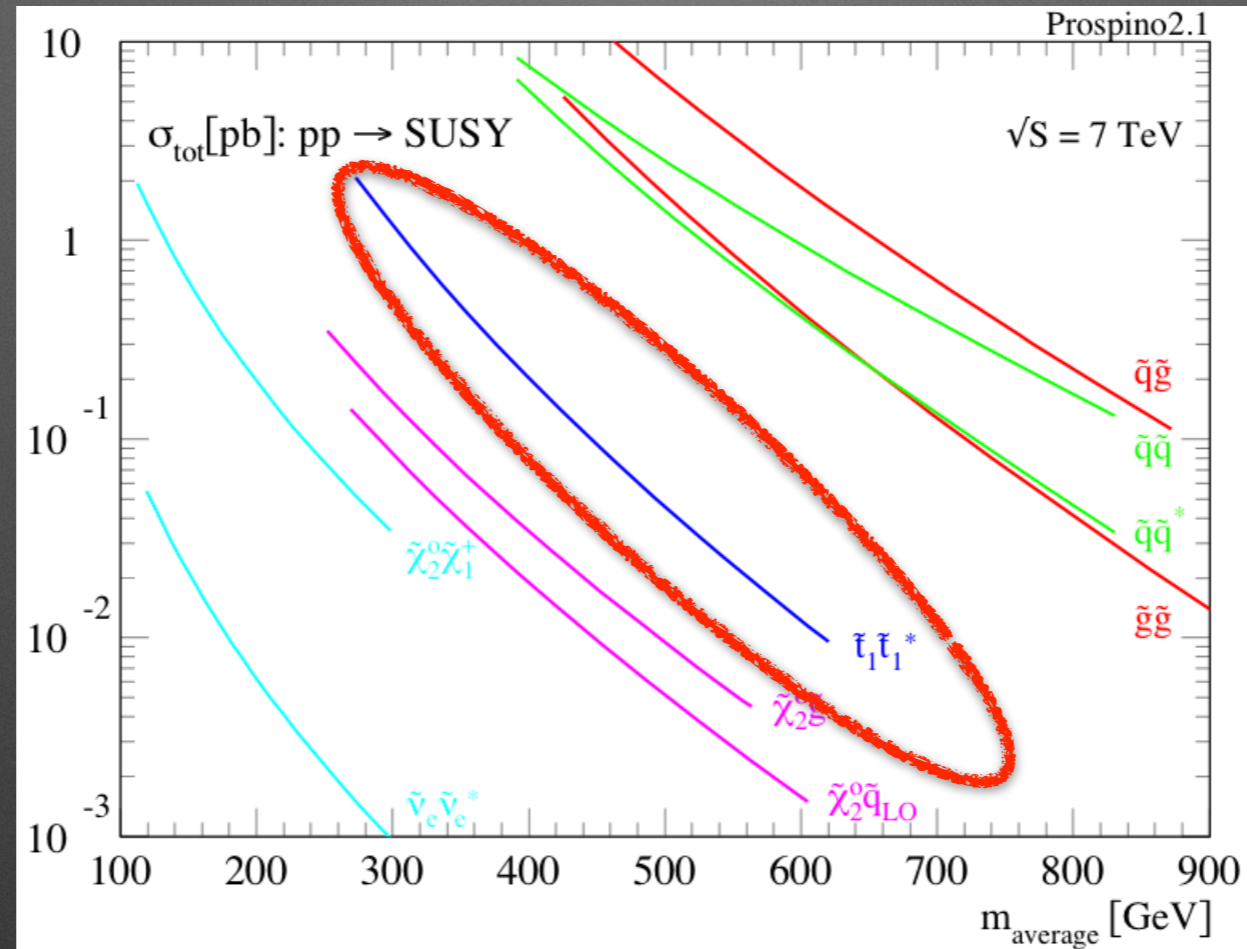
arXiv:1404.2500

- Same motivation as multijets analysis, but for $W \rightarrow l\nu$ and $Z \rightarrow ll$
 - **Pros:** smaller background, looser cuts on e.g. E_T^{miss}
 - **Cons:** smaller branching fractions
- **Dominant backgrounds:** WZ +jets, $t\bar{t}W/Z$, fake leptons, charge-flip
- Also include SR with b-jets (see later)



Complementarity of SUSY searches: SS/3L analysis better coverage when mass spectrum more compressed

Approach 2: look for natural SUSY



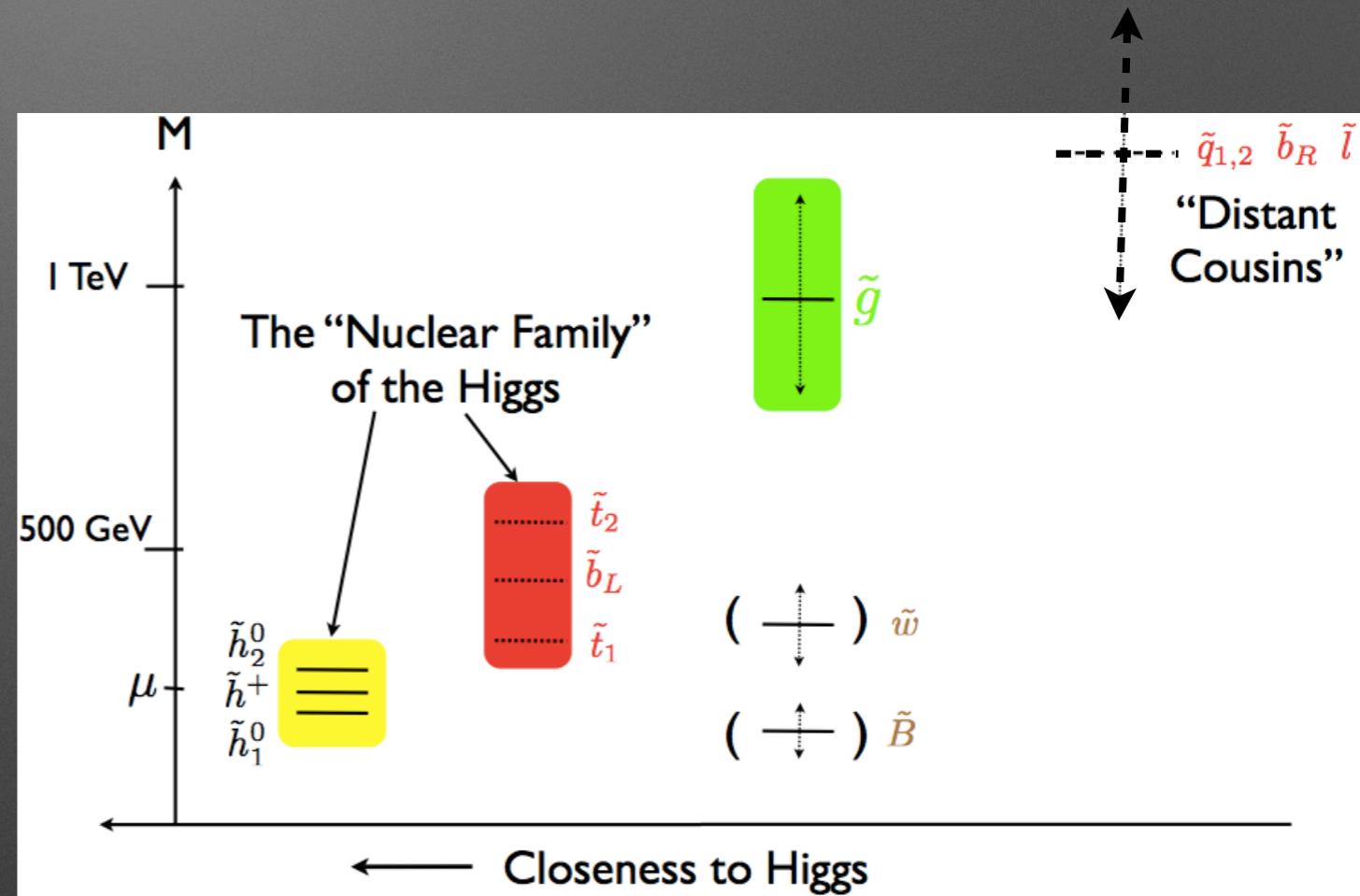
Natural SUSY

- #1 motivation for SUSY being discoverable at LHC: **cancel divergent corrections to Higgs mass**

- Only a **few superpartners** need to be light to achieve this

- higgsinos
- stop and sbottom
- gluinos

- **Natural SUSY** can yield different signatures than “generic” SUSY → dedicated searches



Gluino-mediated stop quarks

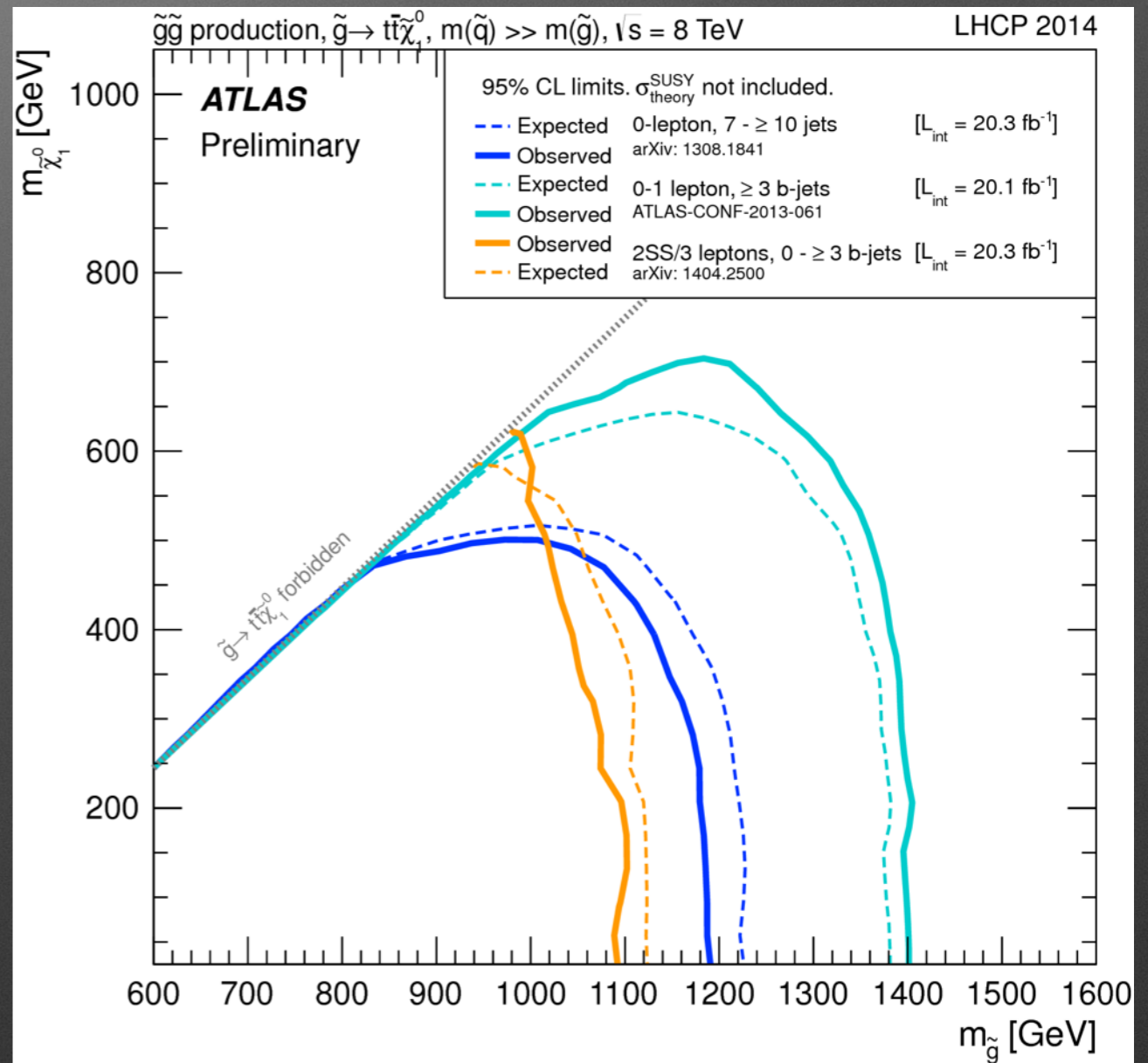
3 b-jets search: ATLAS-CONF-2013-061

- $\tilde{g} \rightarrow t\tilde{t}_1^{(*)}$ with $\tilde{t}_1 \rightarrow t\tilde{\chi}_1^0$
- SR with b-jets of **multijets and SS/3L** analyses set complementary constraints
- **Most powerful analysis: 3 b-jets analysis (0 lepton)**
 - with ≥ 7 jets, large E_T^{miss} and m_{eff}
 - Background dominated by $t\bar{t} + X$
- Other decays are considered in ATLAS:

$$\tilde{t}_1 \rightarrow b\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm$$

$$\tilde{t}_1 \rightarrow c\tilde{\chi}_1^0$$

$$\tilde{t}_1 \rightarrow bs$$



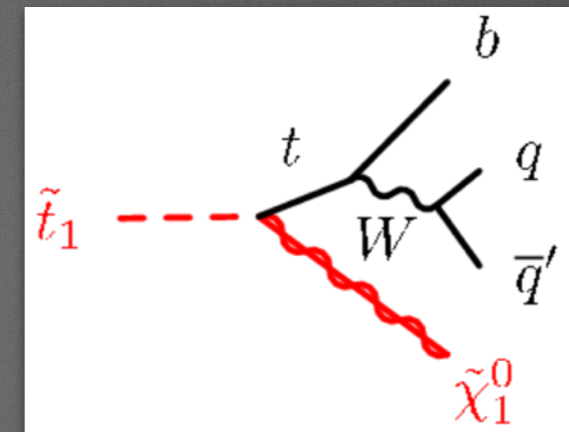
Direct stop searches

0-lepton stop: [arXiv:1406.1122](https://arxiv.org/abs/1406.1122)

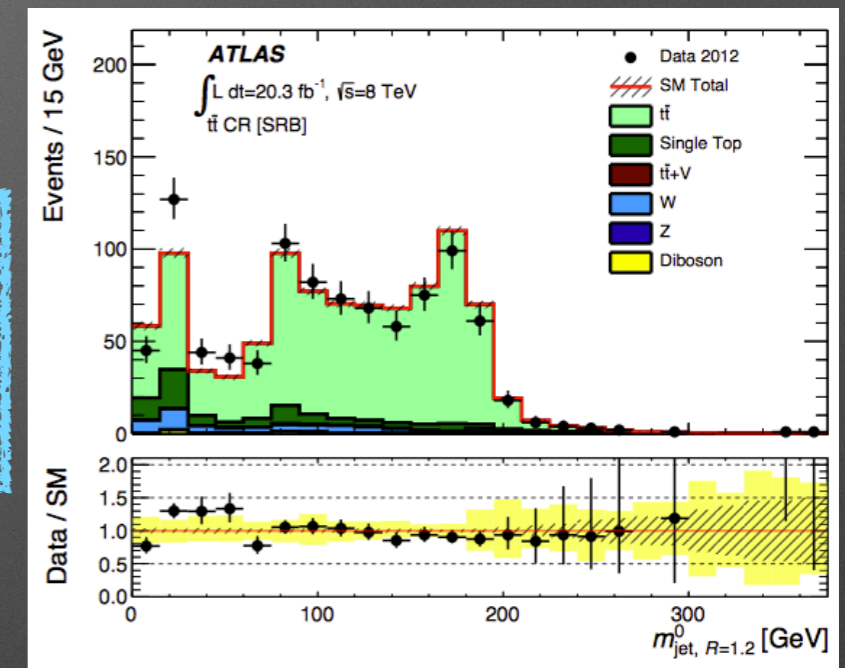
- Most stop decays yield a W boson, a b-jet and LSP \Rightarrow

$t\bar{t}$ bar + E_T^{miss} signature

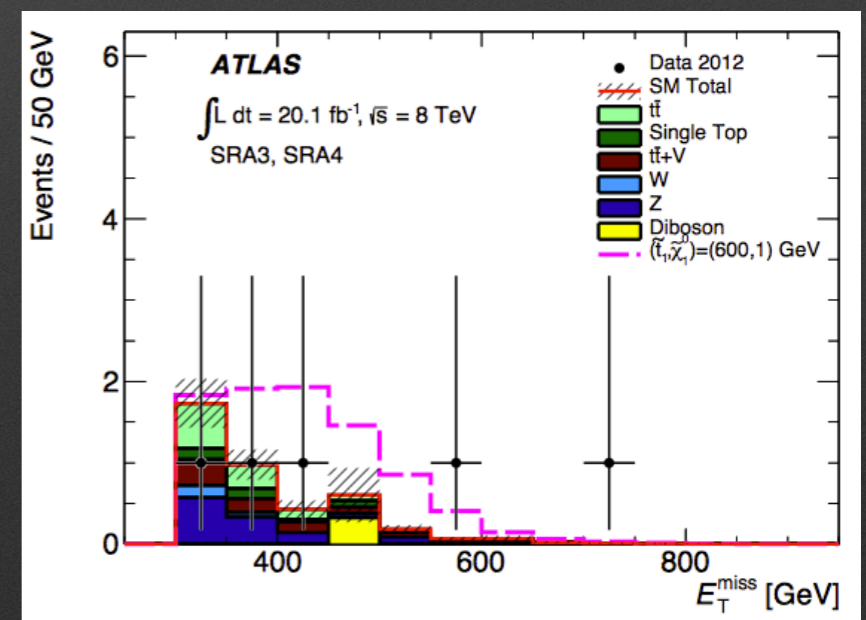
- Searches performed with 0, 1 and 2 leptons
- **0-lepton analysis**
 - 4-6 jet multiplicities with top-specific cuts (e.g. 3-jet mass)
 - Boosted top and W employed for large stop mass
 - Dominant background: semileptonic $t\bar{t}$ bar with τ decay



Large-radius jet mass ($t\bar{t}$ bar CR)

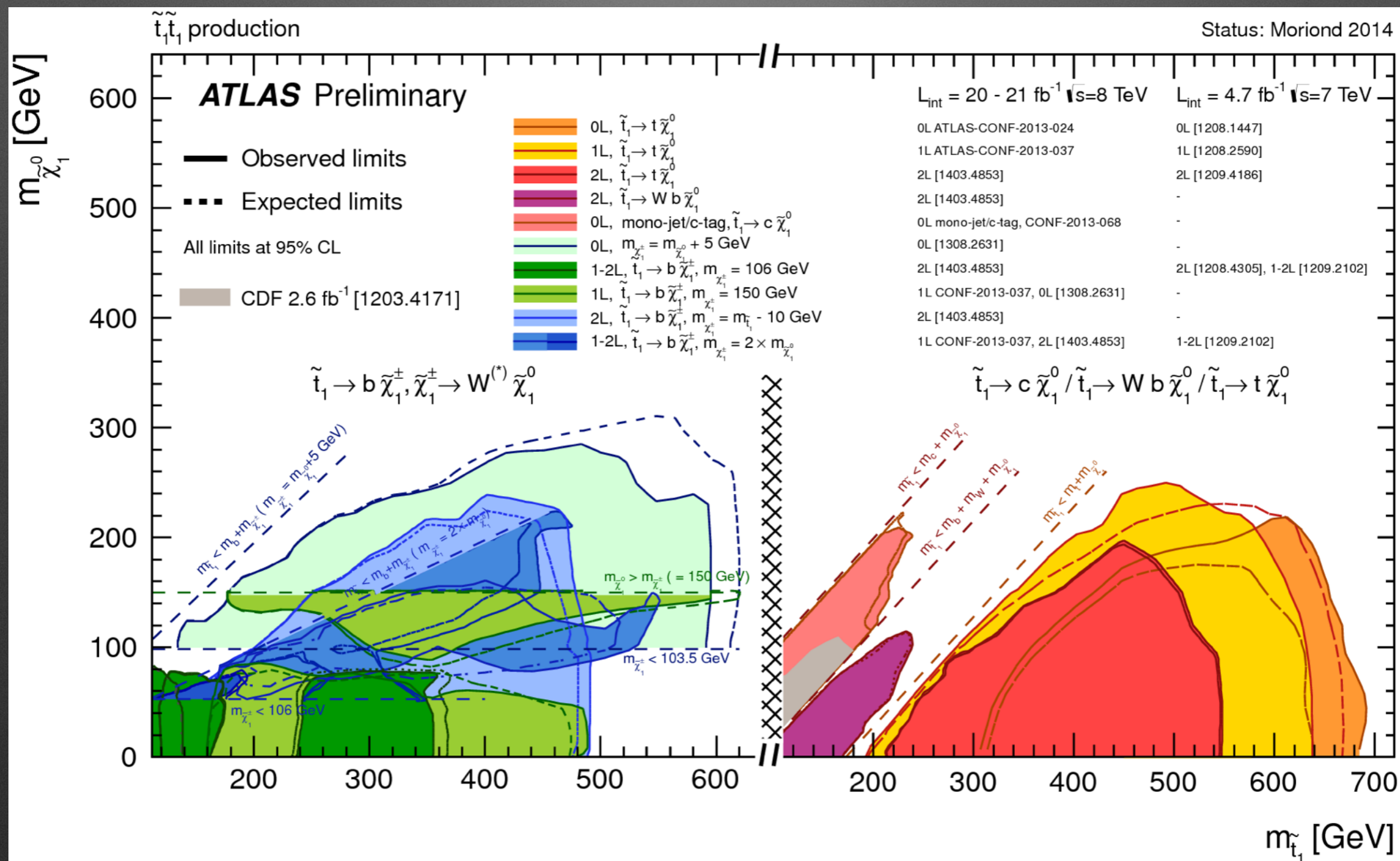


E_T^{miss} in a 6-jet SR



Summary of stop constraints

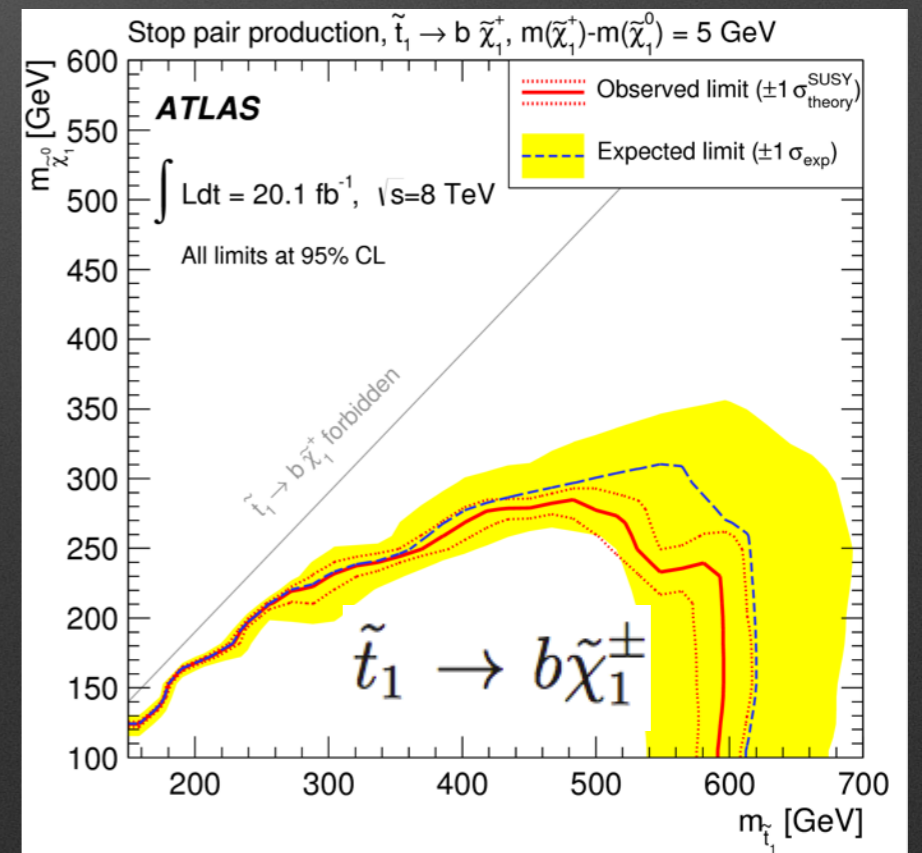
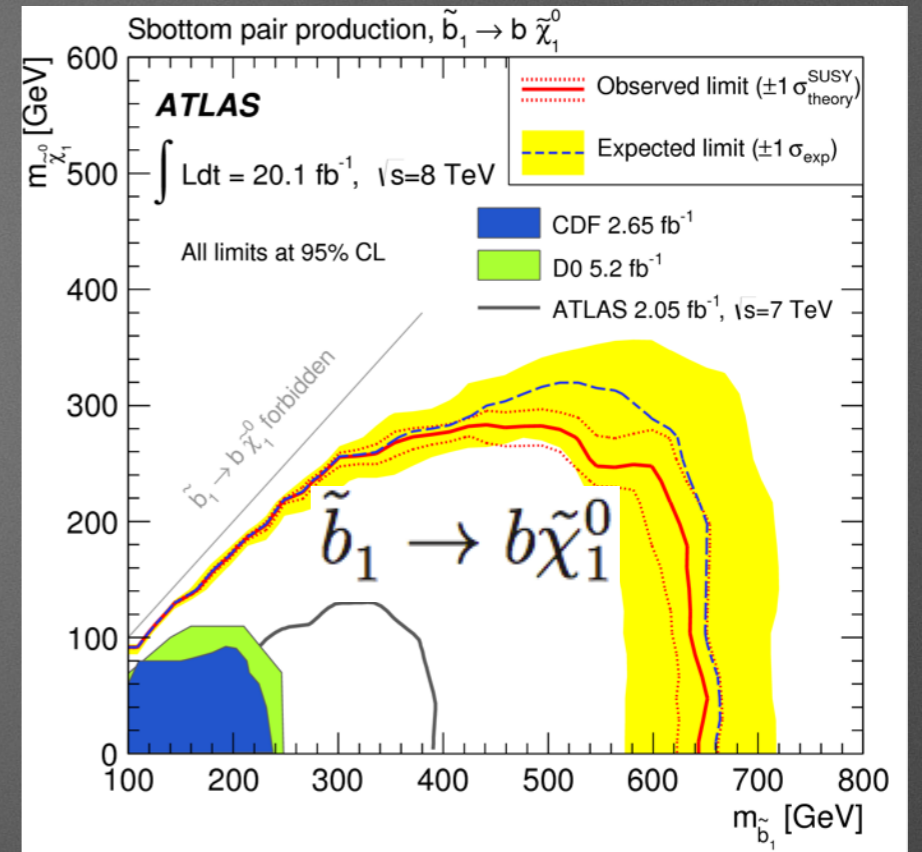
Lots of possibilities! Limits are weaker if branching fractions to a given decay $\neq 100\%$



Direct sbottom

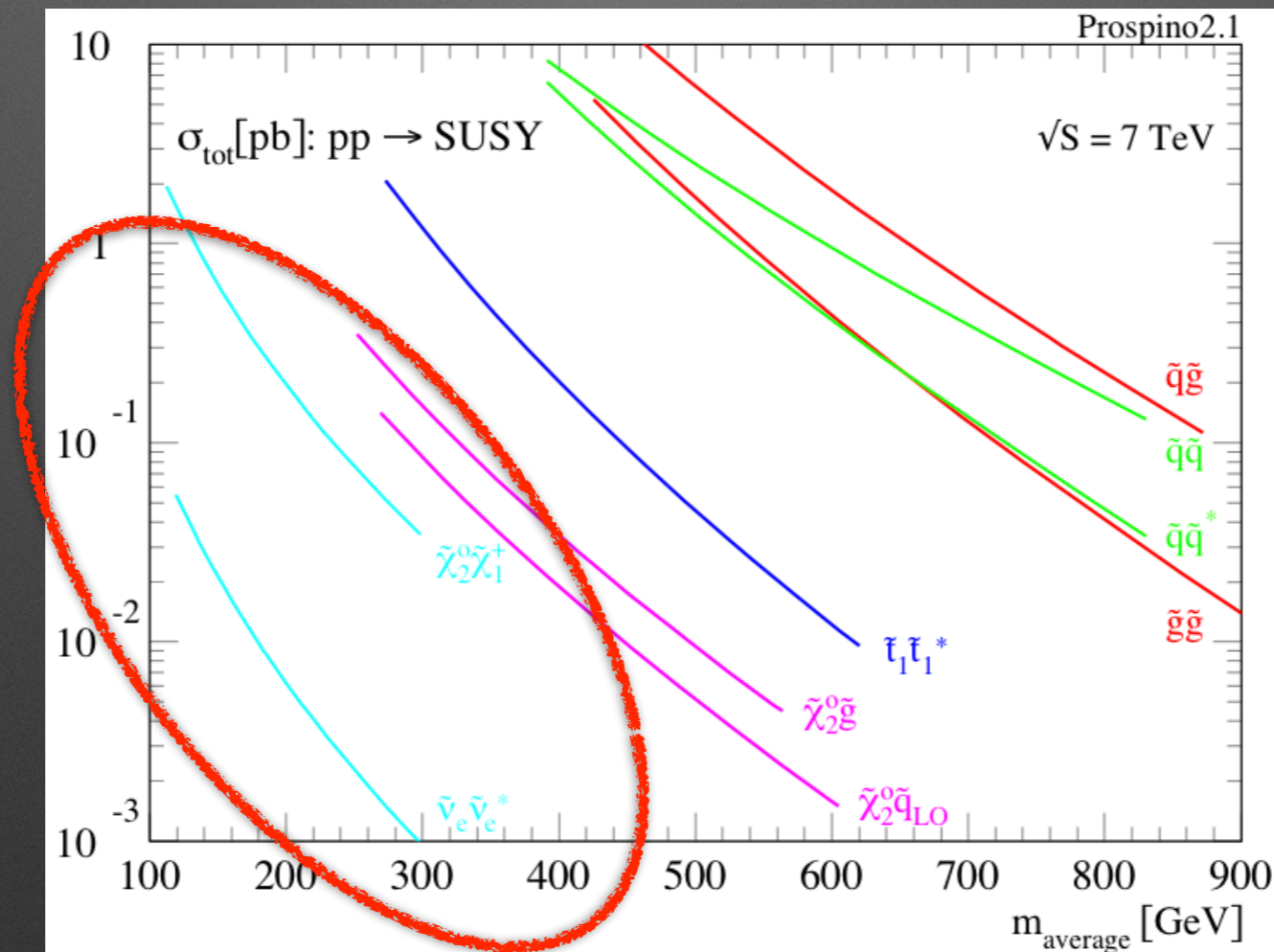
arXiv:1310.3675

- Search for $\tilde{b}_1 \rightarrow b\tilde{\chi}_1^0$
- Selections
 - 2 high- p_T b-jets and large E_T^{miss}
 - Plus other topological cuts to remove
- Dominant backgrounds
 - $t\bar{t}$ and $Z+b\bar{b}$
- Can also search for $\tilde{t}_1 \rightarrow b\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm$ with small $\Delta m \equiv m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm} - m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0}$
 - Natural if both gauginos are higgsino-like



Electroweak SUSY

Direct gauginos production: small cross-section but generally expected to be light \rightarrow maybe the only Superpartners produceable at the LHC??

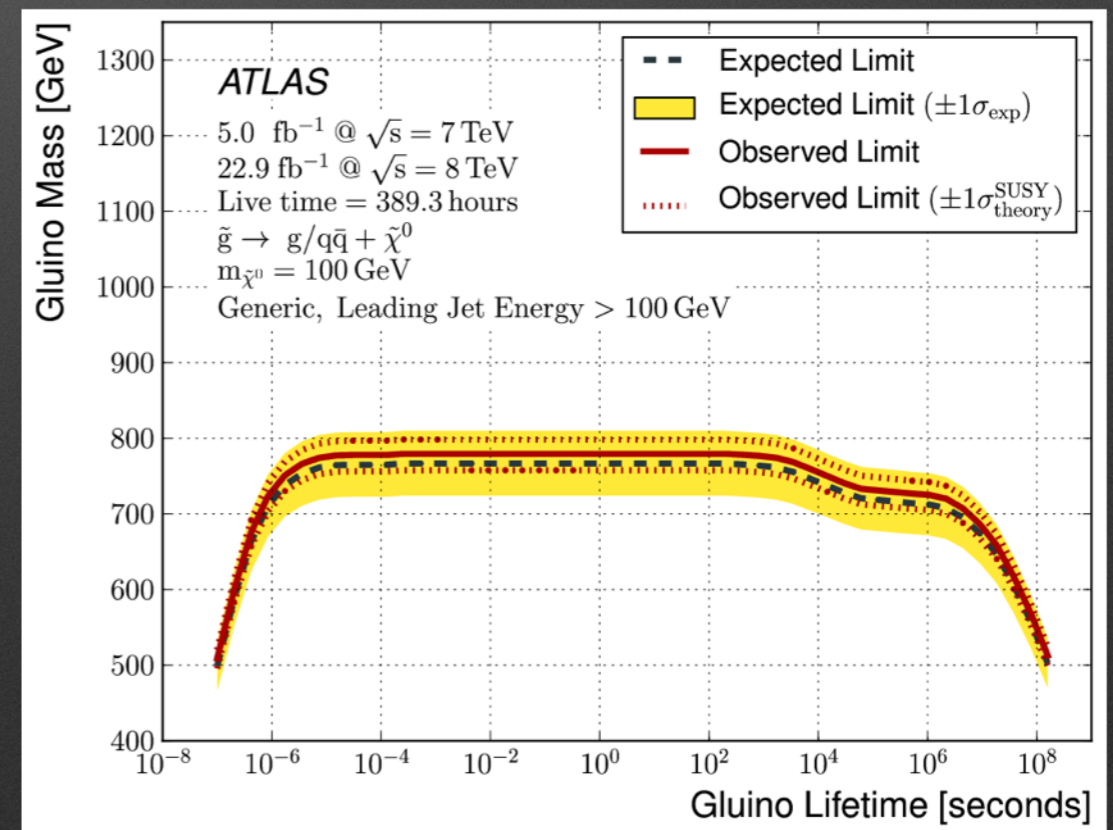
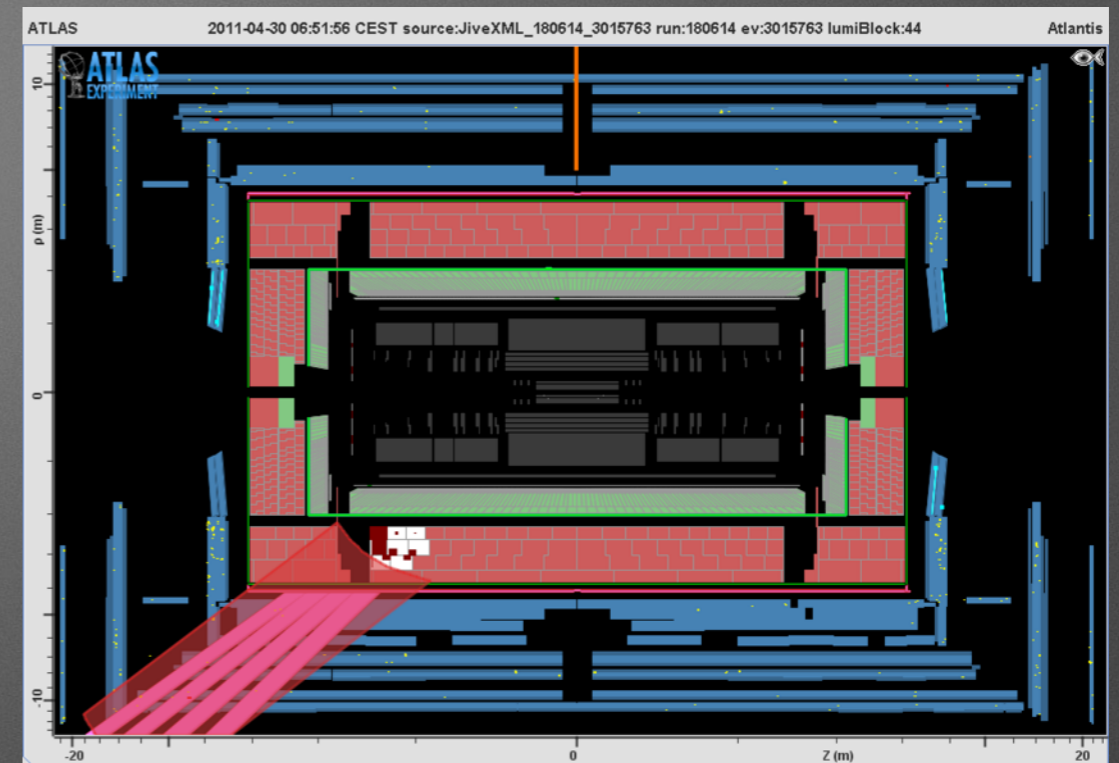


\Rightarrow See dedicated talks by Zoltan Gecse and Matthew Gignac

“Exotic” SUSY: long-lived R-hadrons

arXiv:1310.6584

- Long-lived gluinos or squarks (e.g. split SUSY, RPV) can form R-hadrons Ex.: $\tilde{g}q\bar{q}$
 - A fraction would stop in detector
 - And decay to LSP and jets at later time
- Search performed in **empty LHC bunch crossings** for:
 - ≥ 1 good quality jet, large E_T^{miss} , no muon activity
- **Backgrounds:**
 - Beam-halo muons, cosmic muons



“Exotic SUSY”: Disappearing tracks

[arXiv:1310.3675](https://arxiv.org/abs/1310.3675)

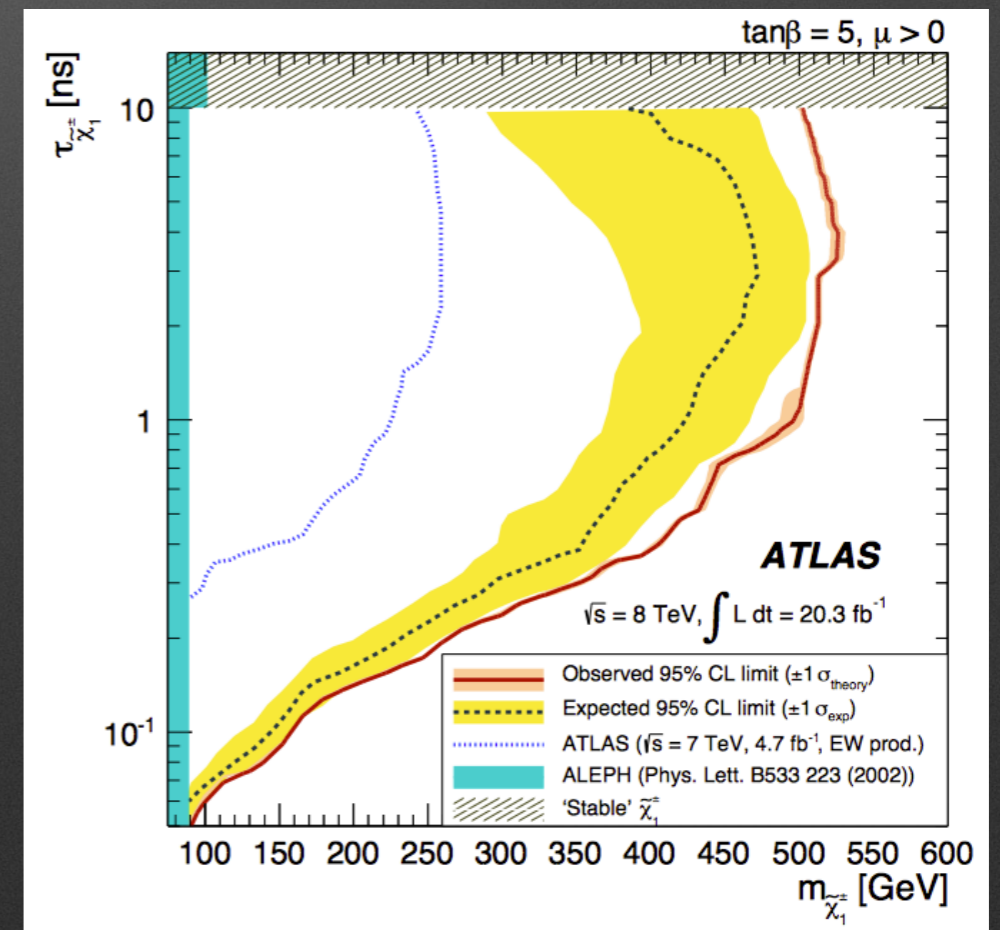
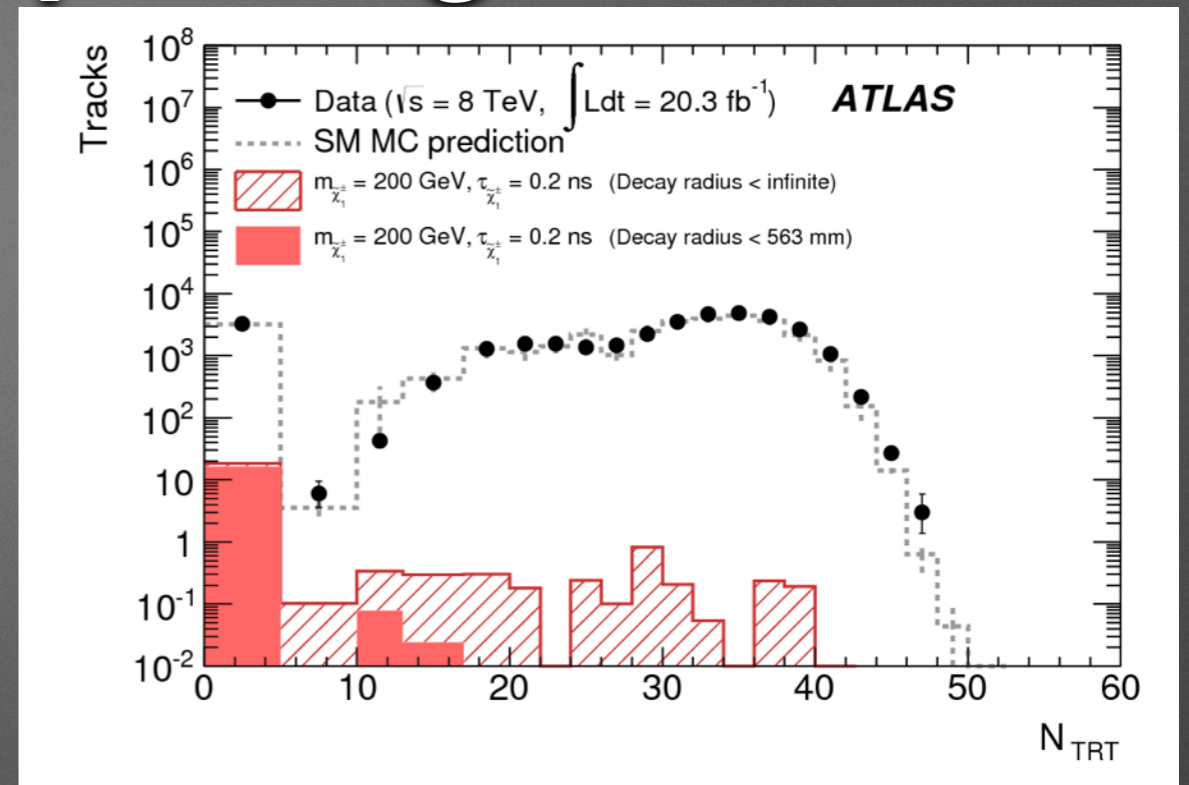
- Some SUSY models predict degenerate $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm$ and $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$, resulting in long-lived charginos \Rightarrow disappearing tracks

• Selections:

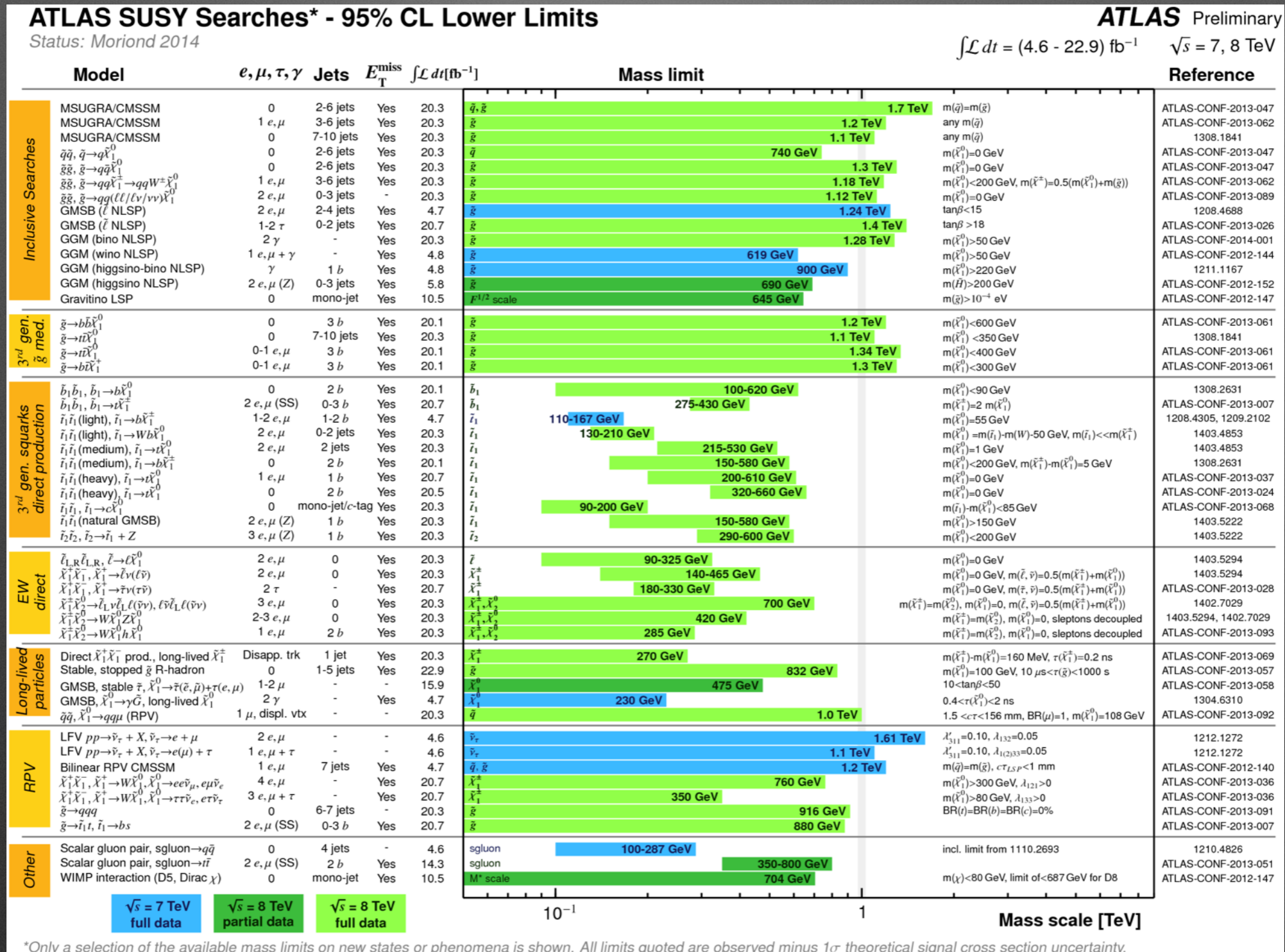
- 1 ISR jet and large E_T^{miss}
- 1 isolated track with few numbers of TRT hits

• Backgrounds:

- Charged-hadrons interactions, p_T mis-measured tracks



I could only cover a small fraction of existing analyses!



No stones left unturned!

Summary

- Large collaborative efforts to find SUSY at the LHC
- Many different forms of SUSY are explored
- Excellent prospects for Run II!

