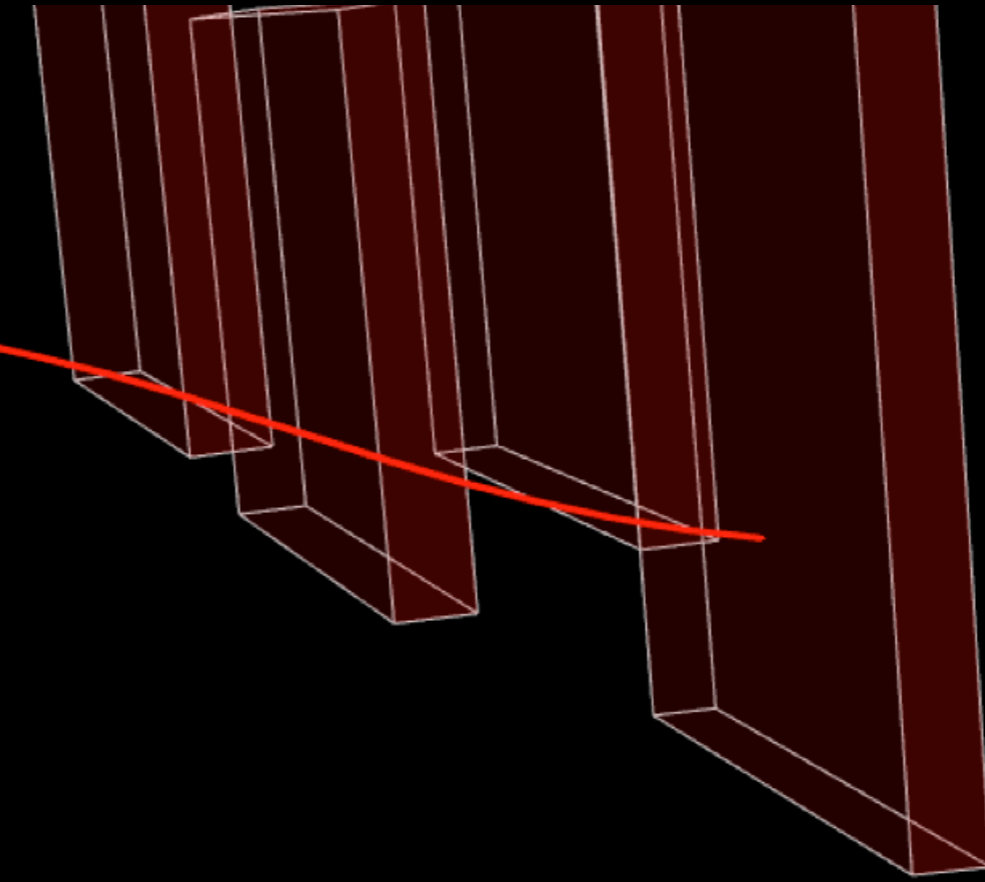
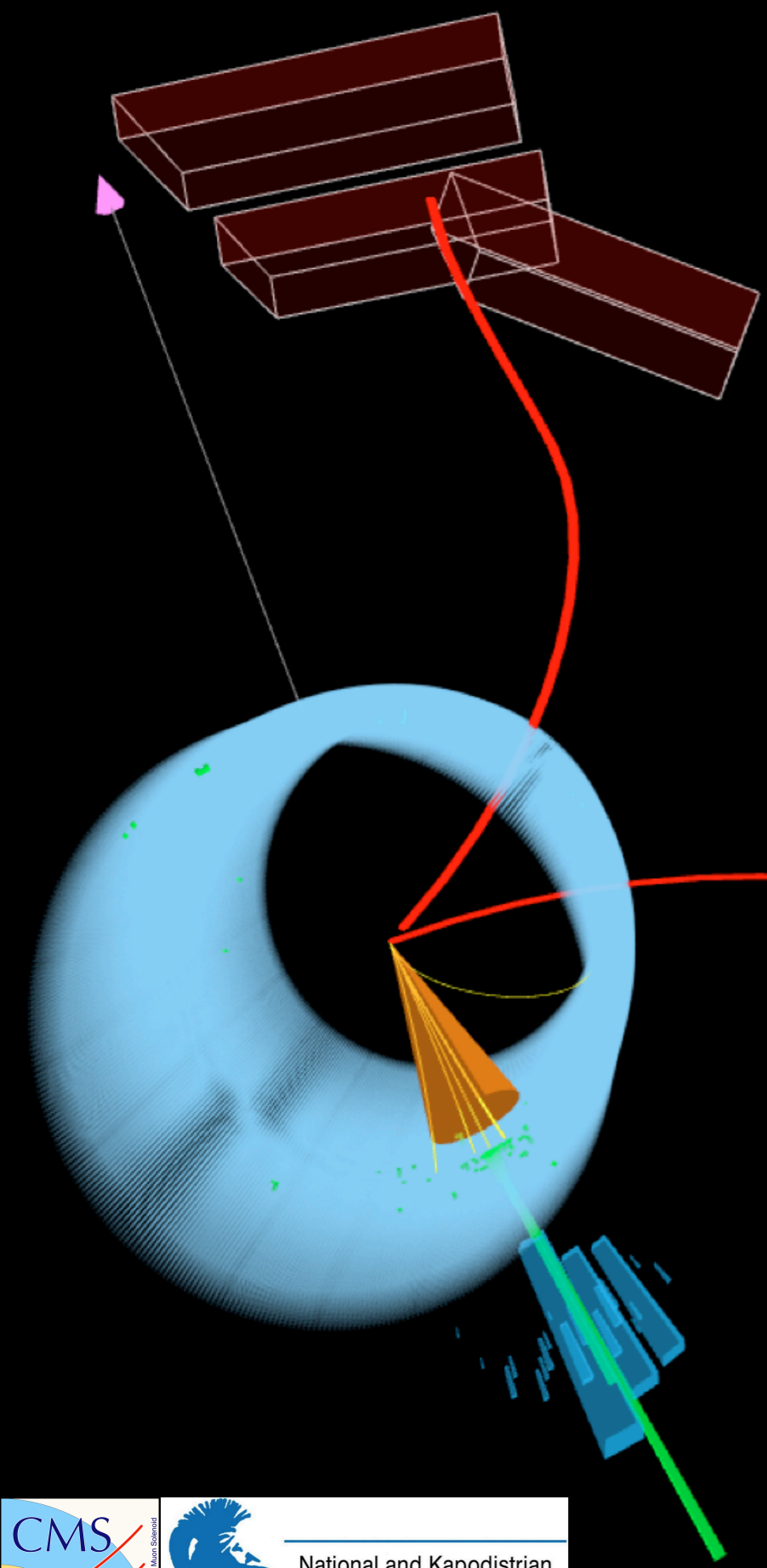


# Search for Physics Beyond the Standard Model in Final States with Two or Three Soft Leptons and Missing Transverse Momentum in p-p Collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV



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# SUSY Searches in a Nutshell

- Minimal Supersymmetric Standard Model (MSSM) → Simplified models with most particles decoupled → Phenomenology based on couple of particles @ TeV scale

- Usual signatures:

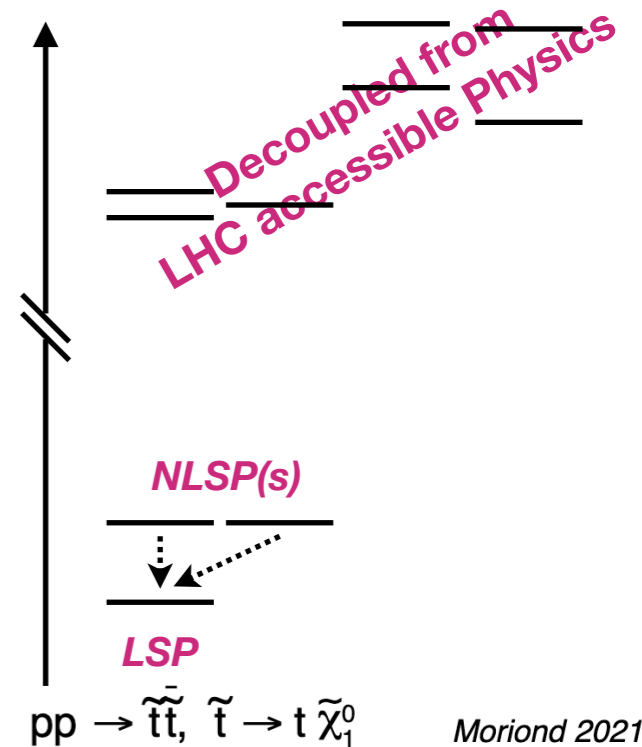
- Large amounts of  $p_T^{miss}$
- Visible, high- $p_T$  particles

⇒ No sign of SUSY particles

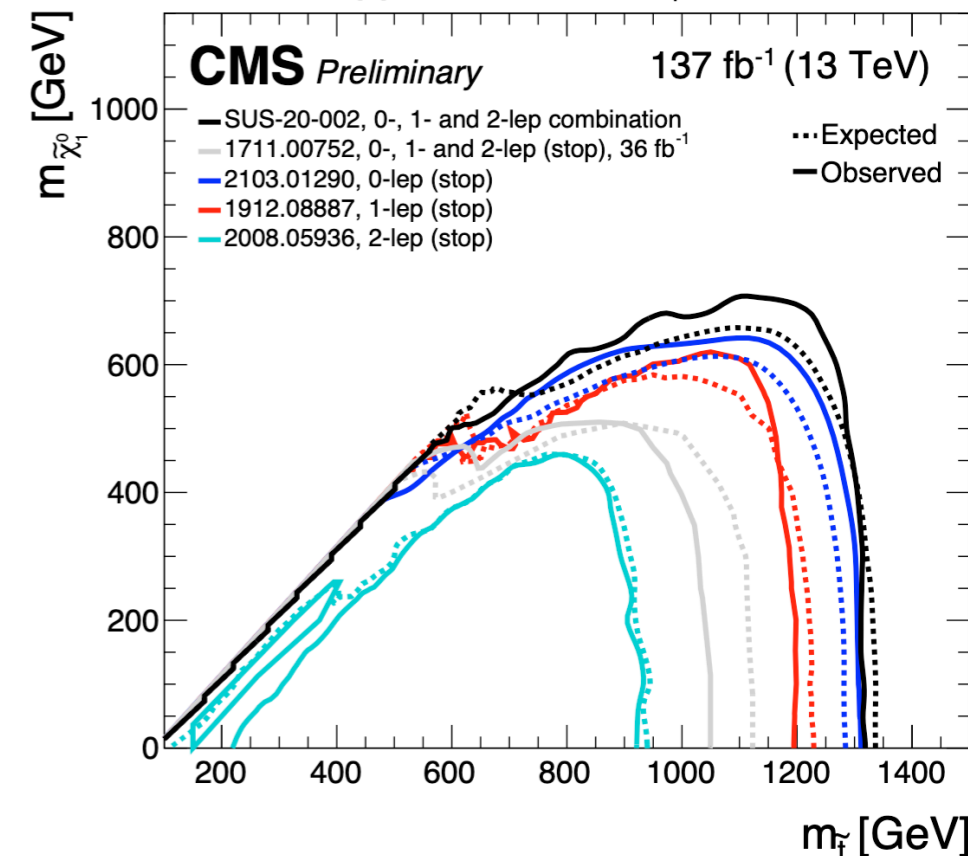
- Attention turns to less explored signatures:

- Experimentally challenging
- Highly theoretically motivated

Mass



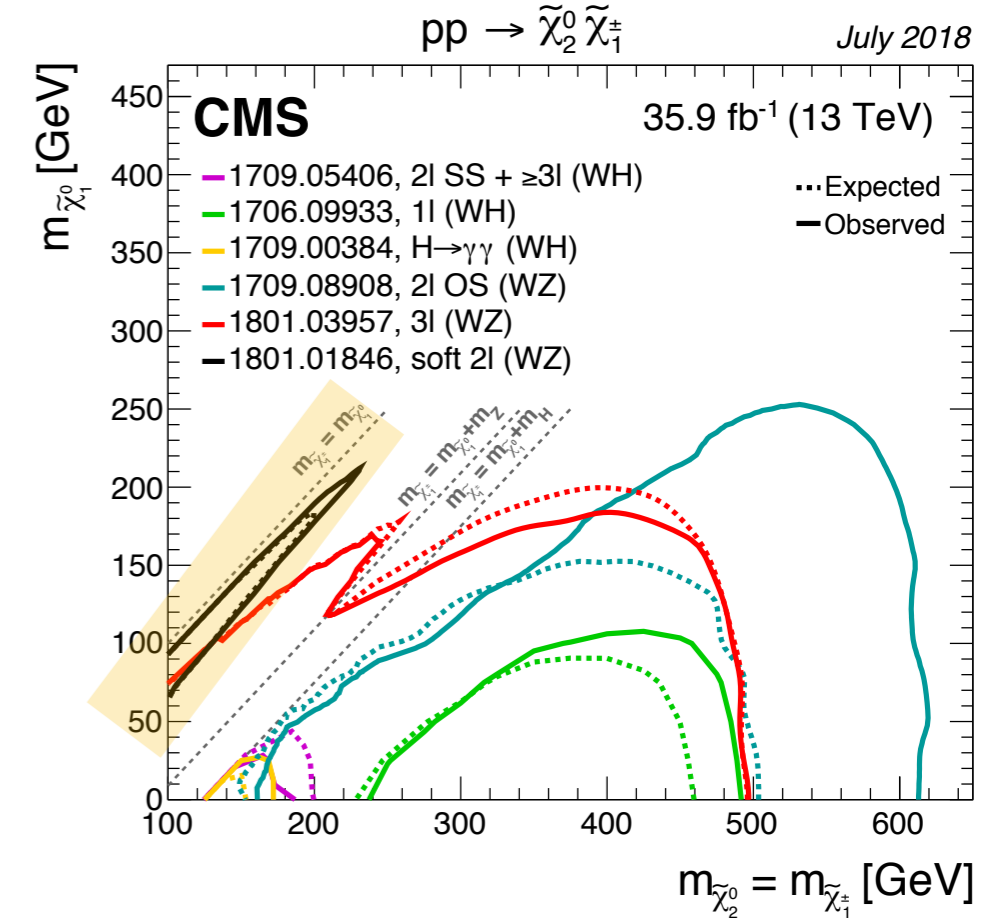
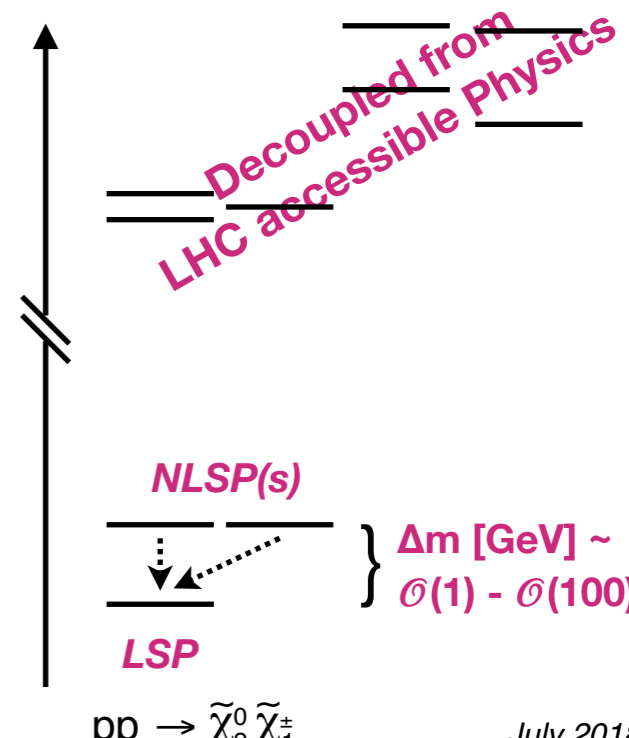
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# Compressed SUSY: Experiment

- SUSY with **compressed mass spectrum**:  $\Delta m(\text{particles}) \lesssim \mathcal{O}(10\%)$  of their masses
- Final state with
  - **Small** to moderate amounts of  $p_T^{\text{miss}}$
  - Visible, **low- $p_T$**  particles
- At the limit of
  - Detection,
  - Reconstruction and
  - Identification

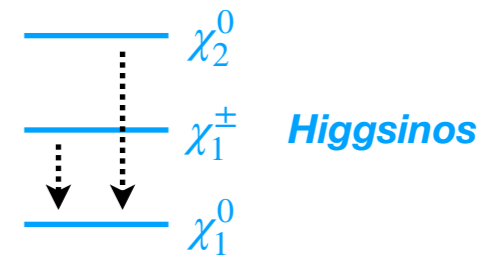
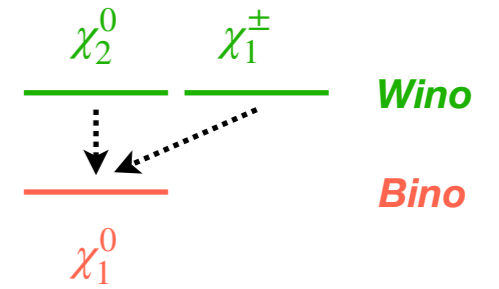
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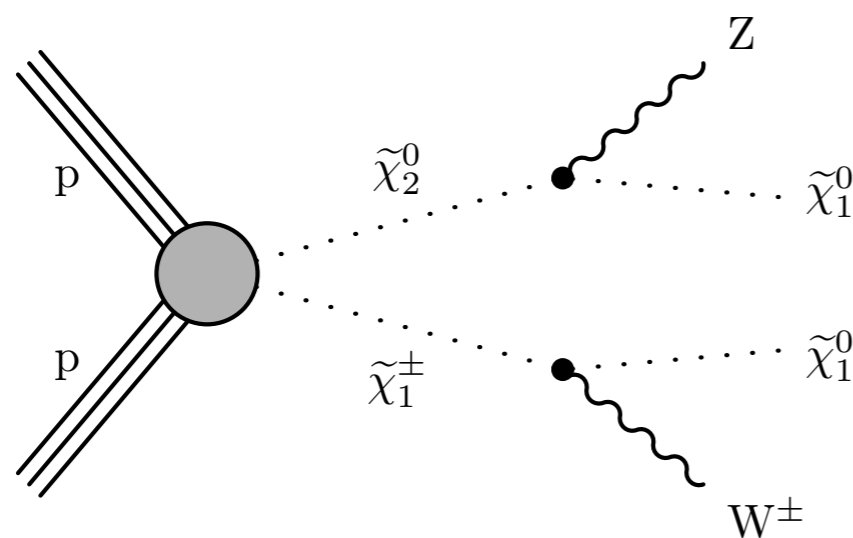
# Compressed SUSY: Theory

- EWK production:

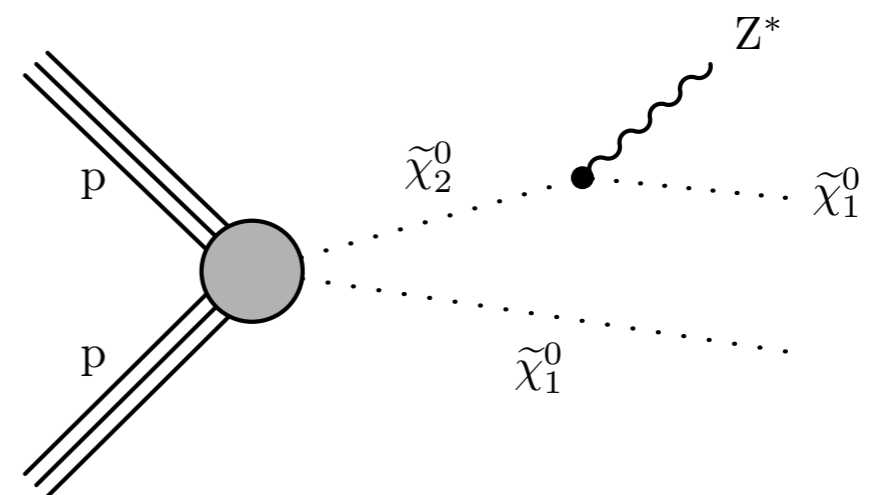
- **Wino/bino** compressed scenario ( $M_1, M_2 \ll \mu$ ):
  - Theoretically motivated by the observed DM density
  - Not constrained by direct DM detection experiments
- Direct **higgsino** production ( $\mu < M_1, M_2$ ):
  - Naturalness arguments  $\Rightarrow$



Higgsino triplet with similar mass near the EW scale



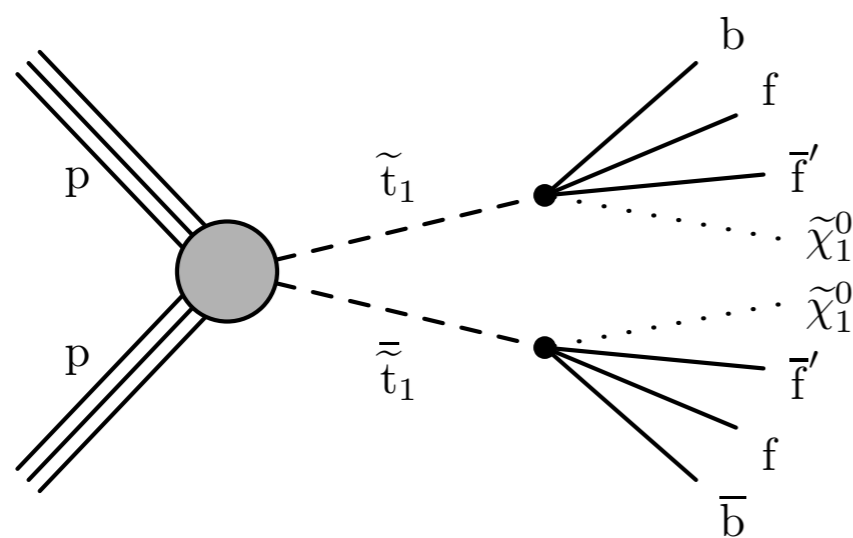
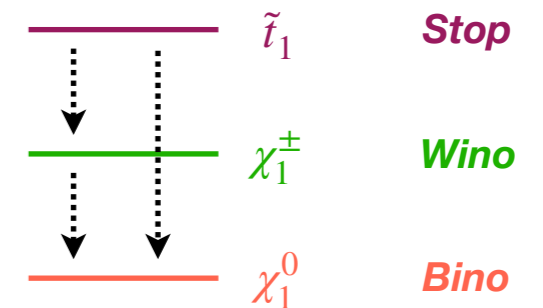
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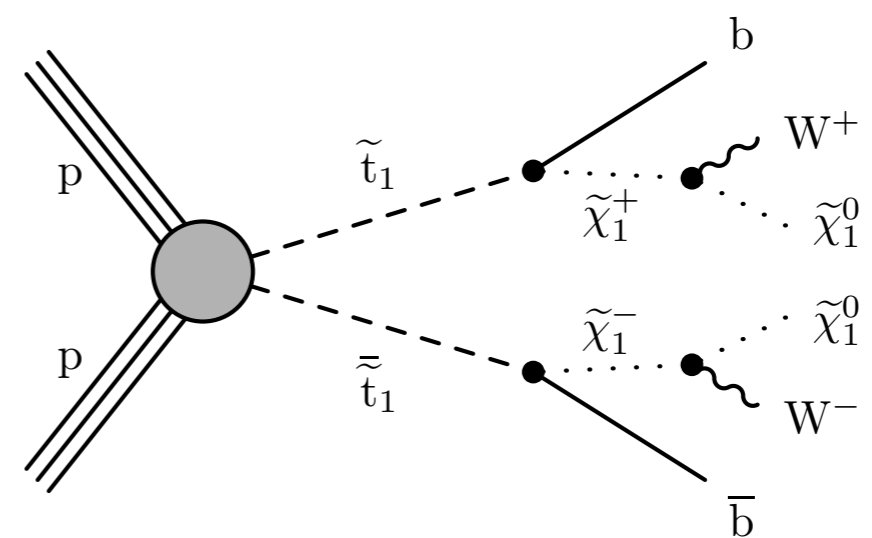
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# Compressed SUSY: Theory

- Top squark (**stop**) production:  
Light stop ~mass degenerate with EWK LSP
  - Large Yukawa coupling + Mixing  $\Rightarrow$   
Stops expected light
  - Co-annihilation region  $\Rightarrow$  LSP as source for DM



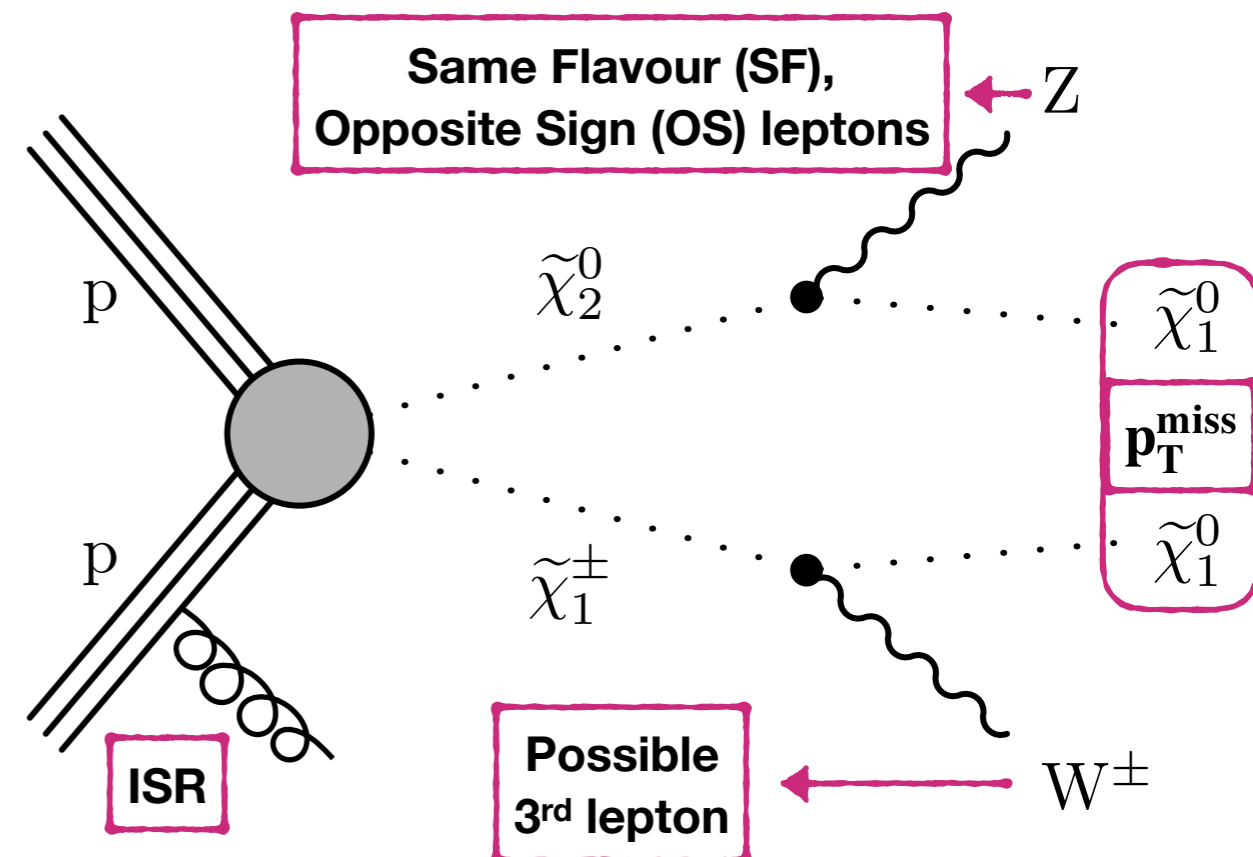
SMS T2bff



SMS T2bW

# SUSY in Soft 2ℓOS & 3ℓ Final States

- New CMS result on compressed signatures: [CMS-SUS-PAS-18-004](#)
- **Full Run 2** result: 137 fb<sup>-1</sup> → Trigger on  $p_T^{miss}$  (+leptons)
- Electroweak production ⇒ Small cross section
- Request initial state radiation (ISR) jet to induce  $p_T^{miss}$ :
  - $H_T > 100$  GeV
  - $p_T^{miss} > 125$  GeV
- **2 SFOS (+1) leptons** (e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup>/μ<sup>+</sup>μ<sup>-</sup> + e<sup>±</sup>/μ<sup>±</sup>)
  - Prompt & Isolated
  - Soft:  $3.5 < p_T < 30$  GeV

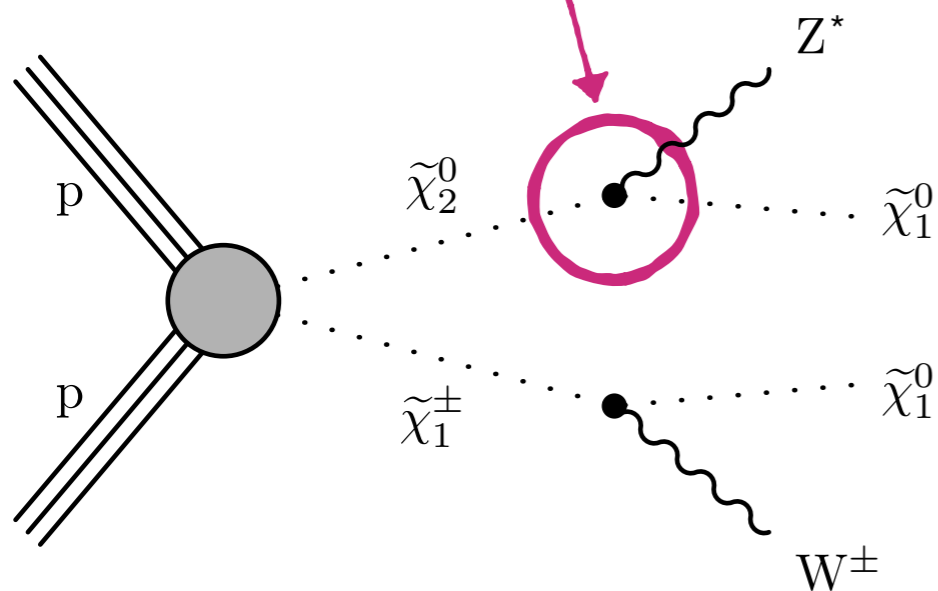




# Dilepton Mass $M(\ell\ell)$

- $M(\ell\ell)$  distribution sensitive to SUSY particles mass difference:

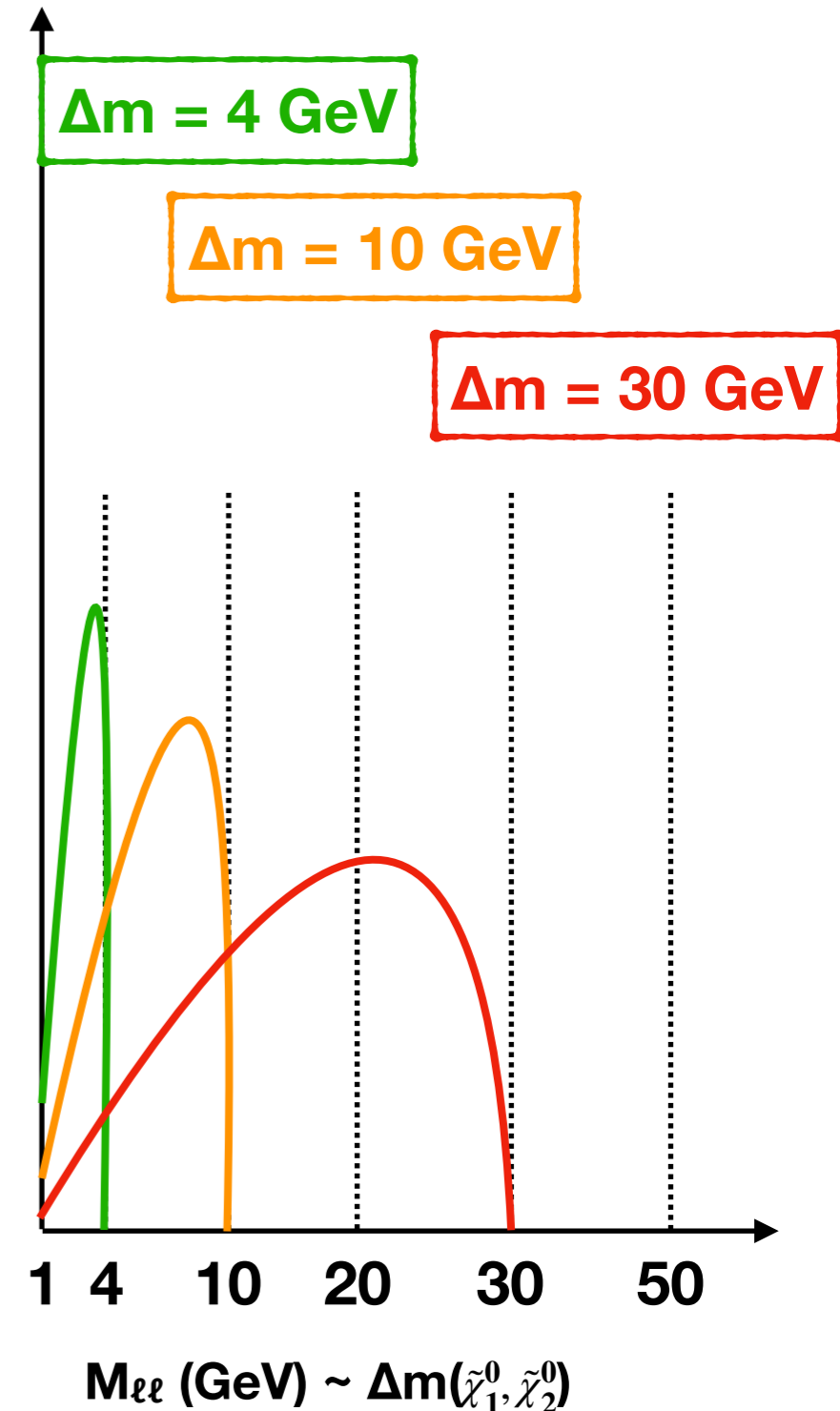
$$M(\ell\ell) \sim M_{Z^*} \sim \Delta m(\tilde{\chi}_2^0, \tilde{\chi}_1^0)$$



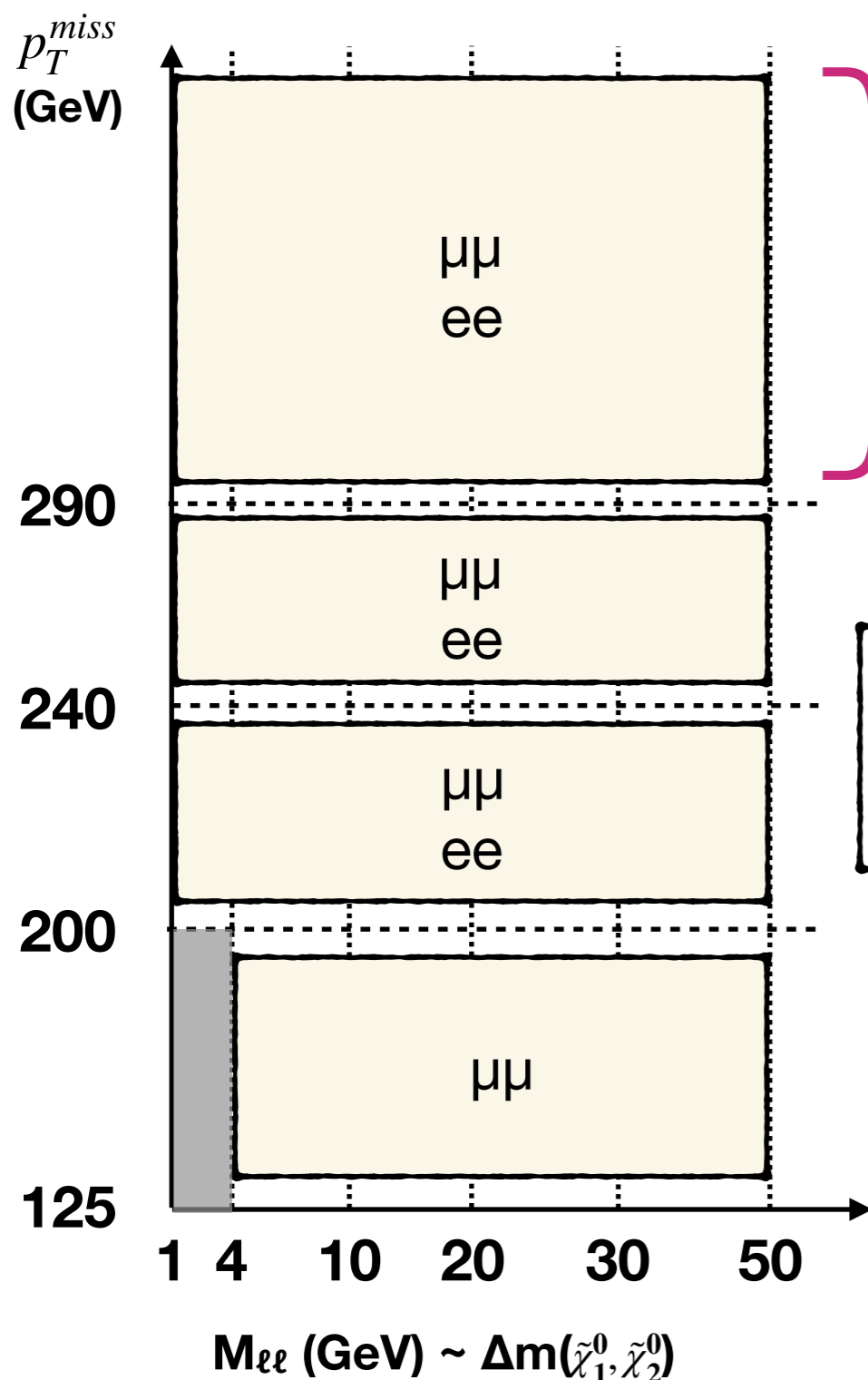
- Compressed model  $\Rightarrow 1 < M(\ell\ell) < 50$  GeV

- Signal modeling refinements affect  $M(\ell\ell)$

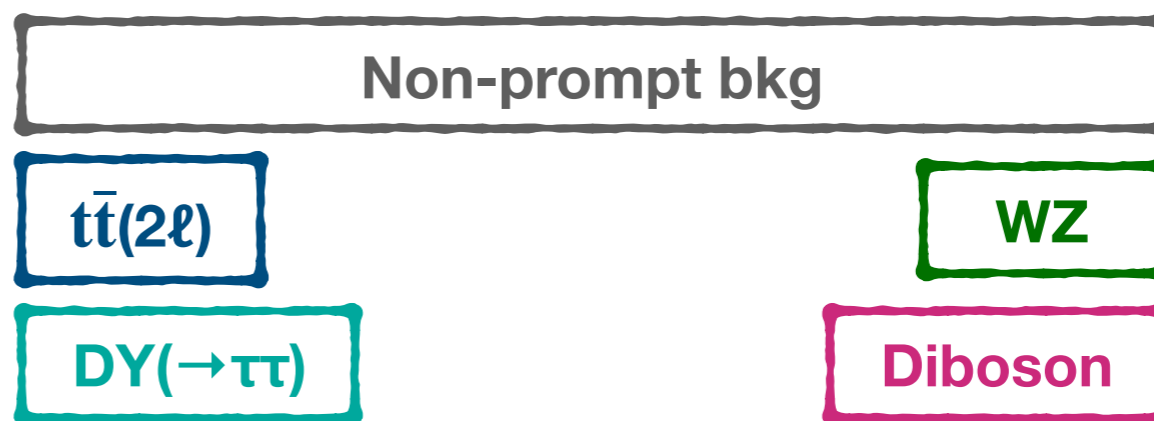
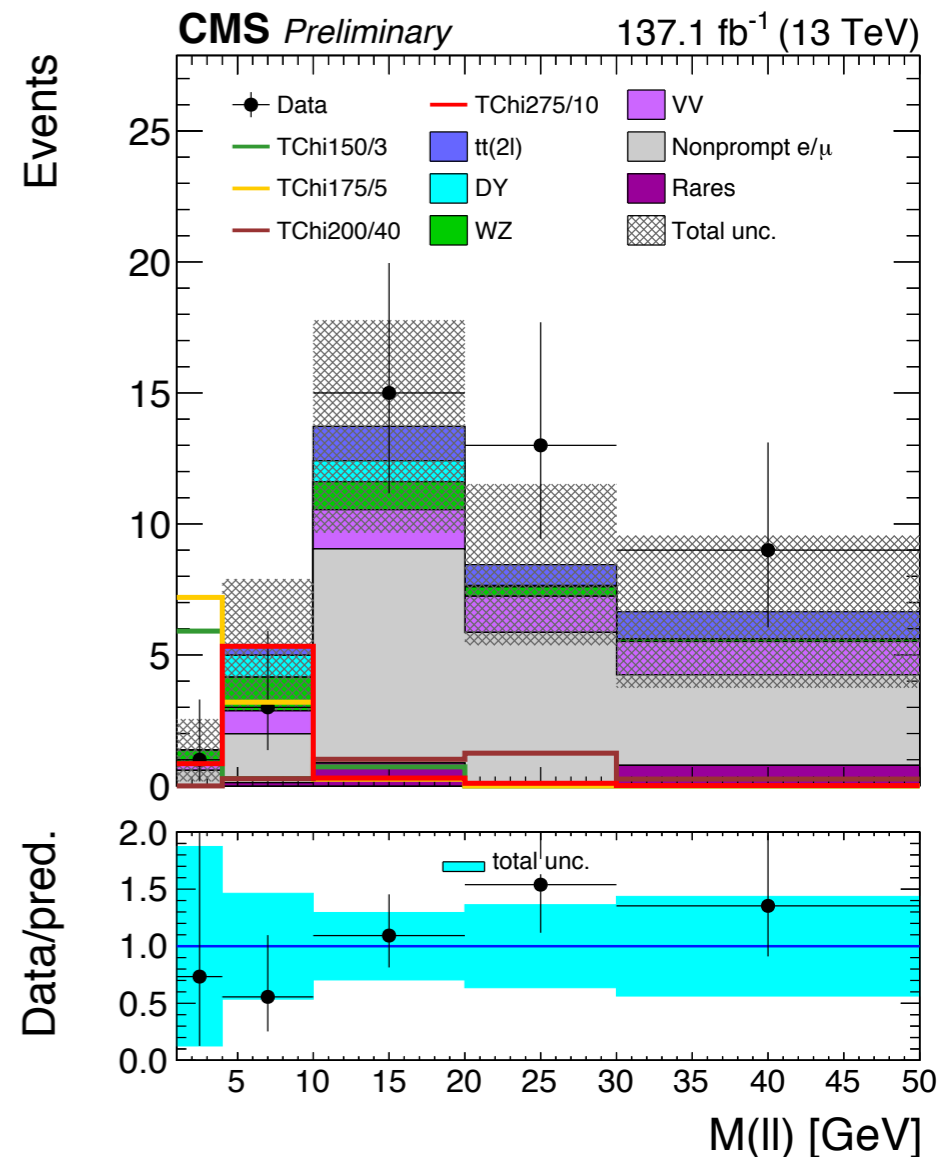
( $\Gamma_{\tilde{\chi}_2^0 \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \ell \bar{\ell}}$ , W/Z branching fraction)



# 2ℓ0S-EWK Search Regions

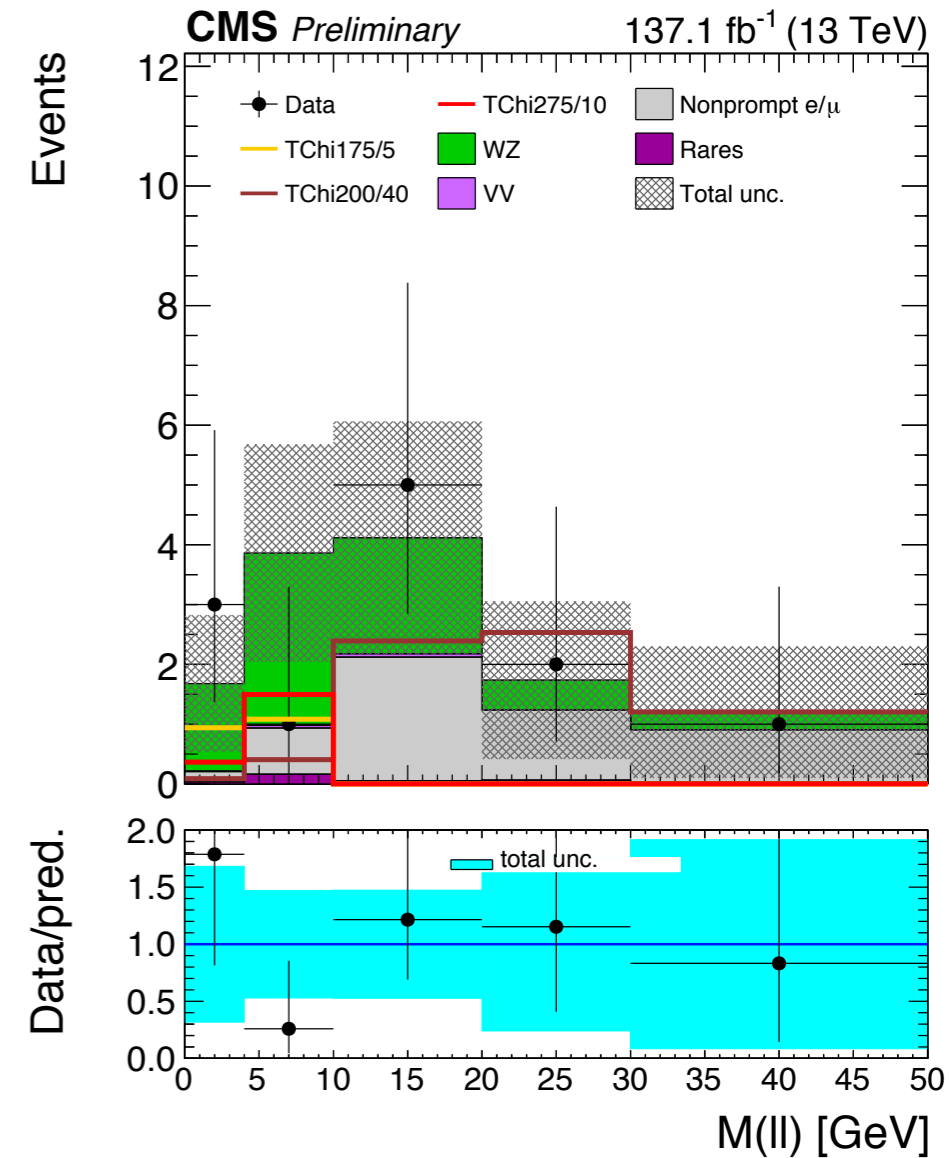
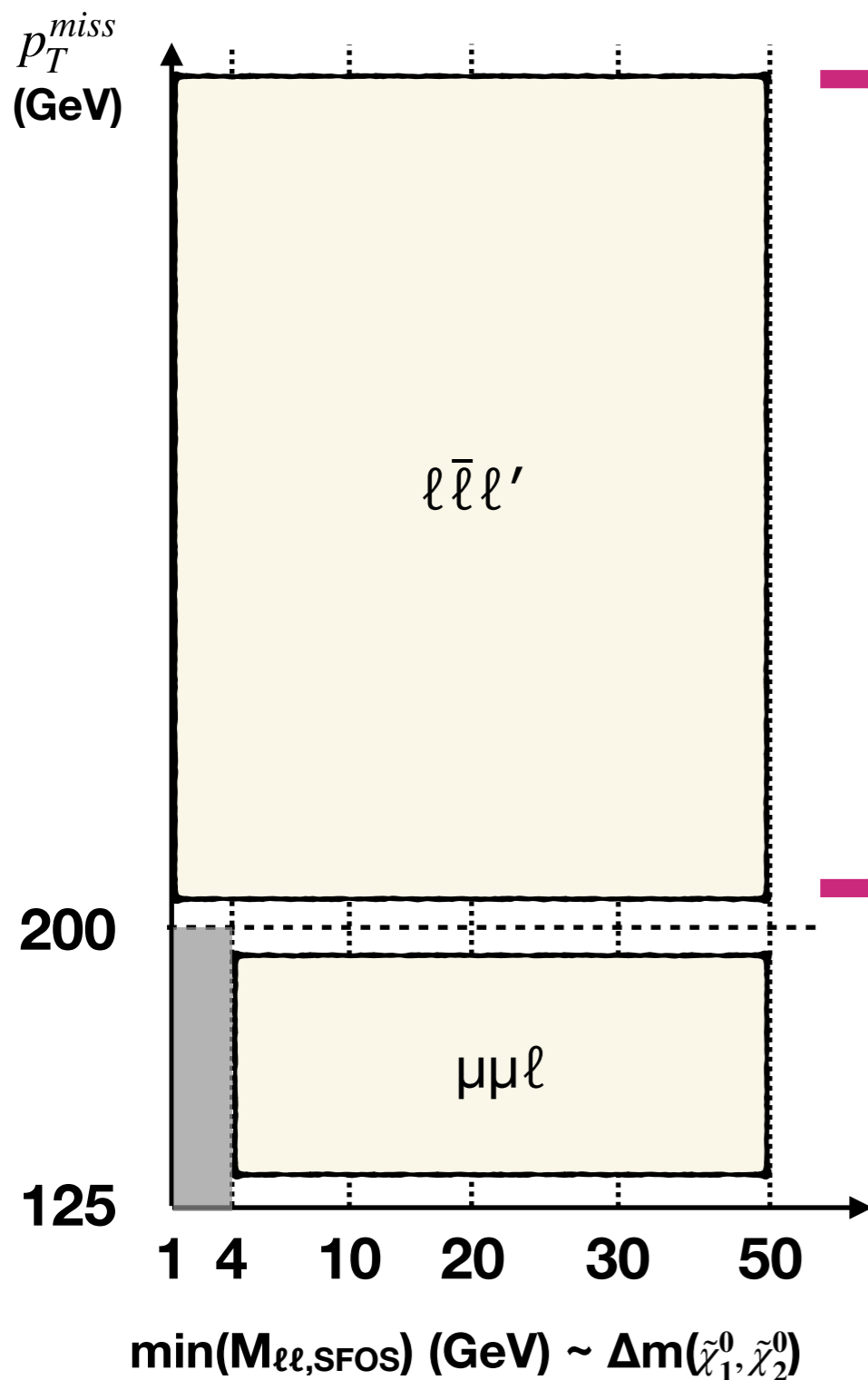


• Another handle to separate signal from bkg:  
Bin in  $p_T^{miss}$



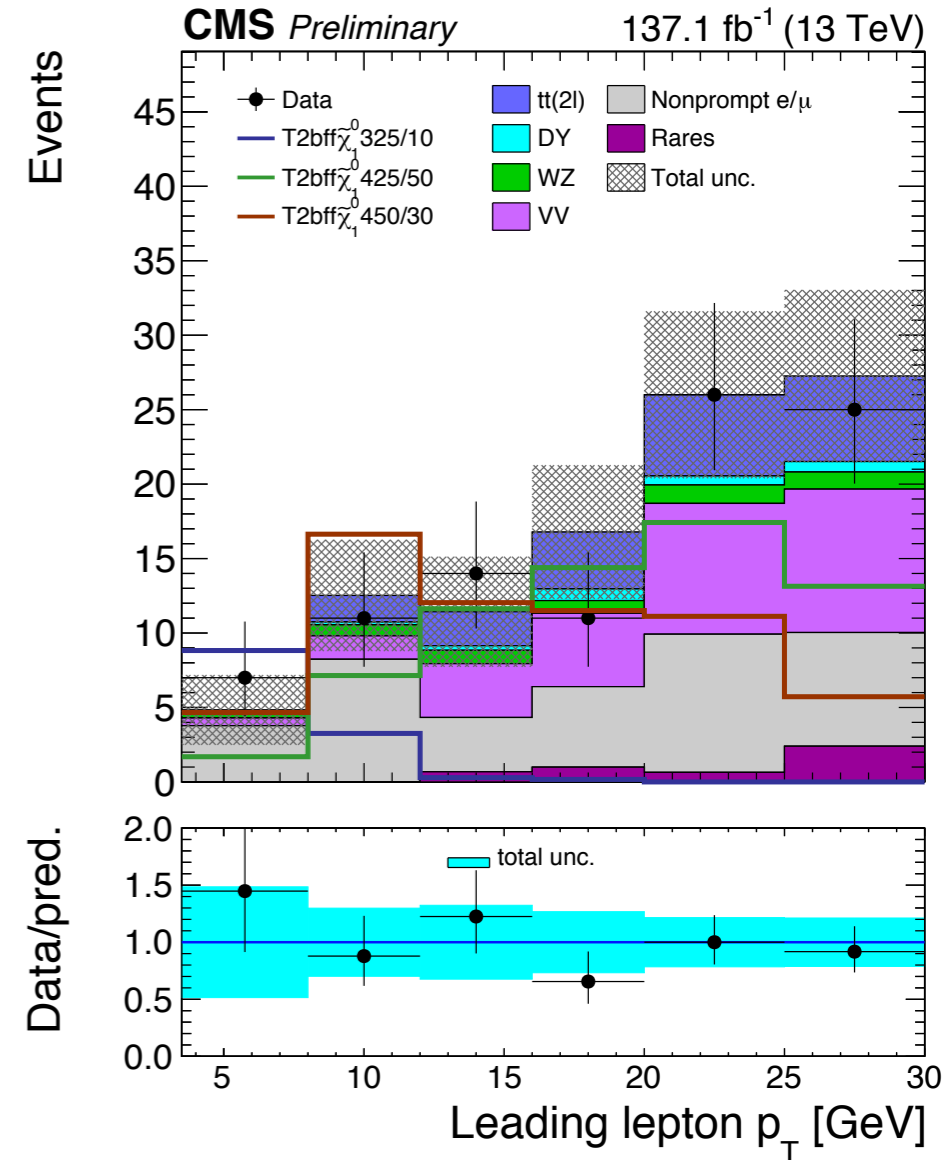
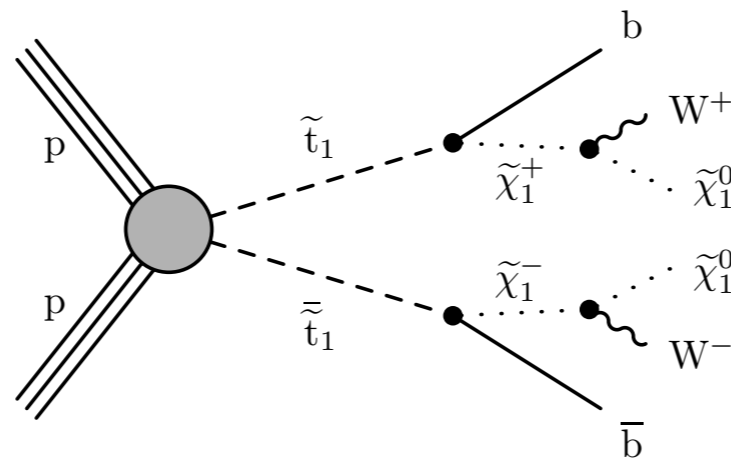
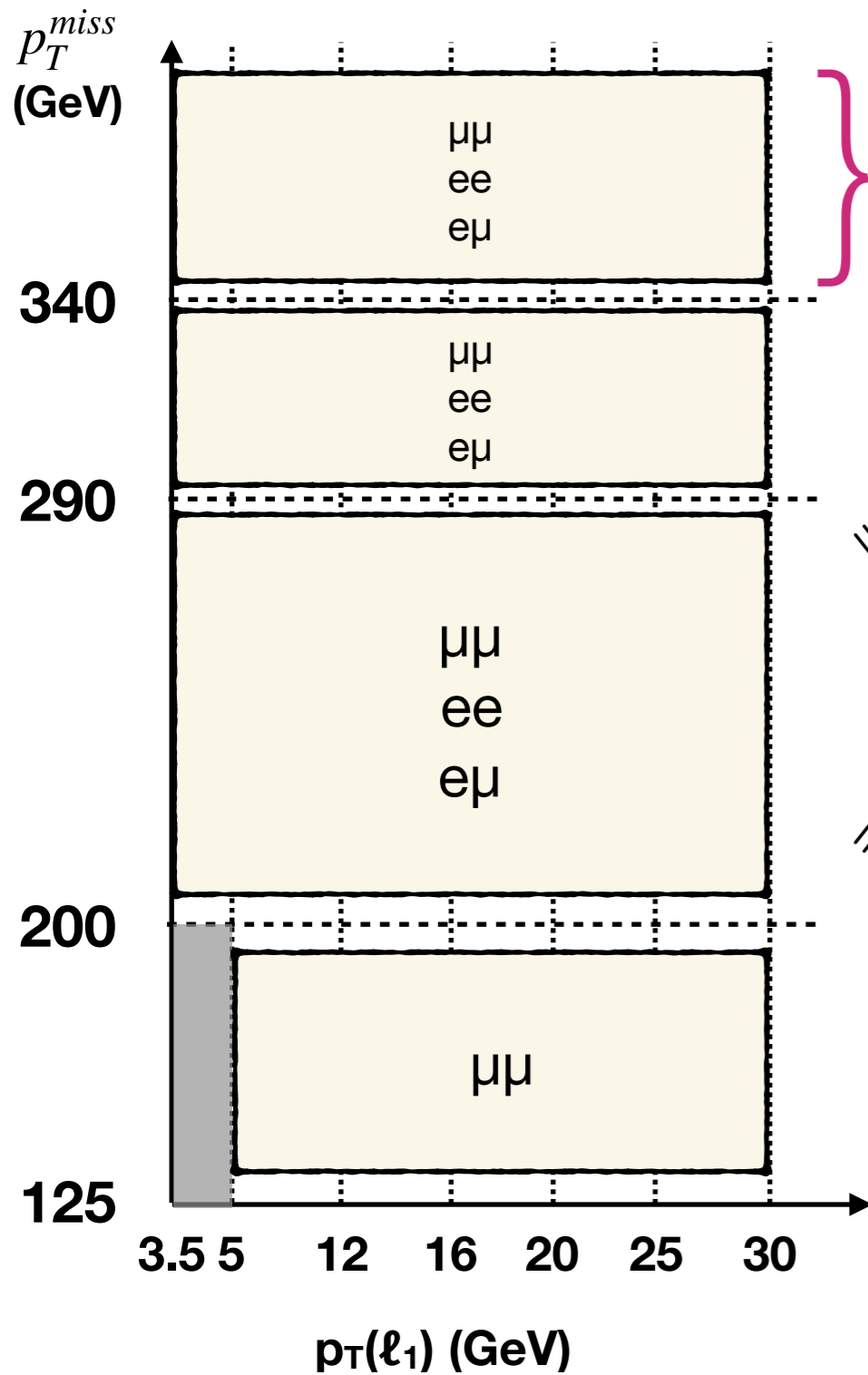


# 3 $\ell$ -EWK Search Regions



- Extra lepton  $\Rightarrow$  SM depleted, signal-rich
- To enhance statistics:
  - No ISR jet requirement
  - Slightly different binning

# 2ℓOS-Stop Signal Regions



- Include different flavour pairs
- Slightly different binning

# Nonprompt $\ell$

Nonprompt leptons:

- MisID'ed jets or  $\ell$  from heavy quark decays
- Estimated with **Tight-to-Loose** method

**Tight ID** (tight Iso and  $IP_{3D}$  cuts)

**Loose ID** (non isolated and/or non prompt)

- **Measurement Region (MR)**

Measure Fake Rate (FR) in QCD-enriched **data**

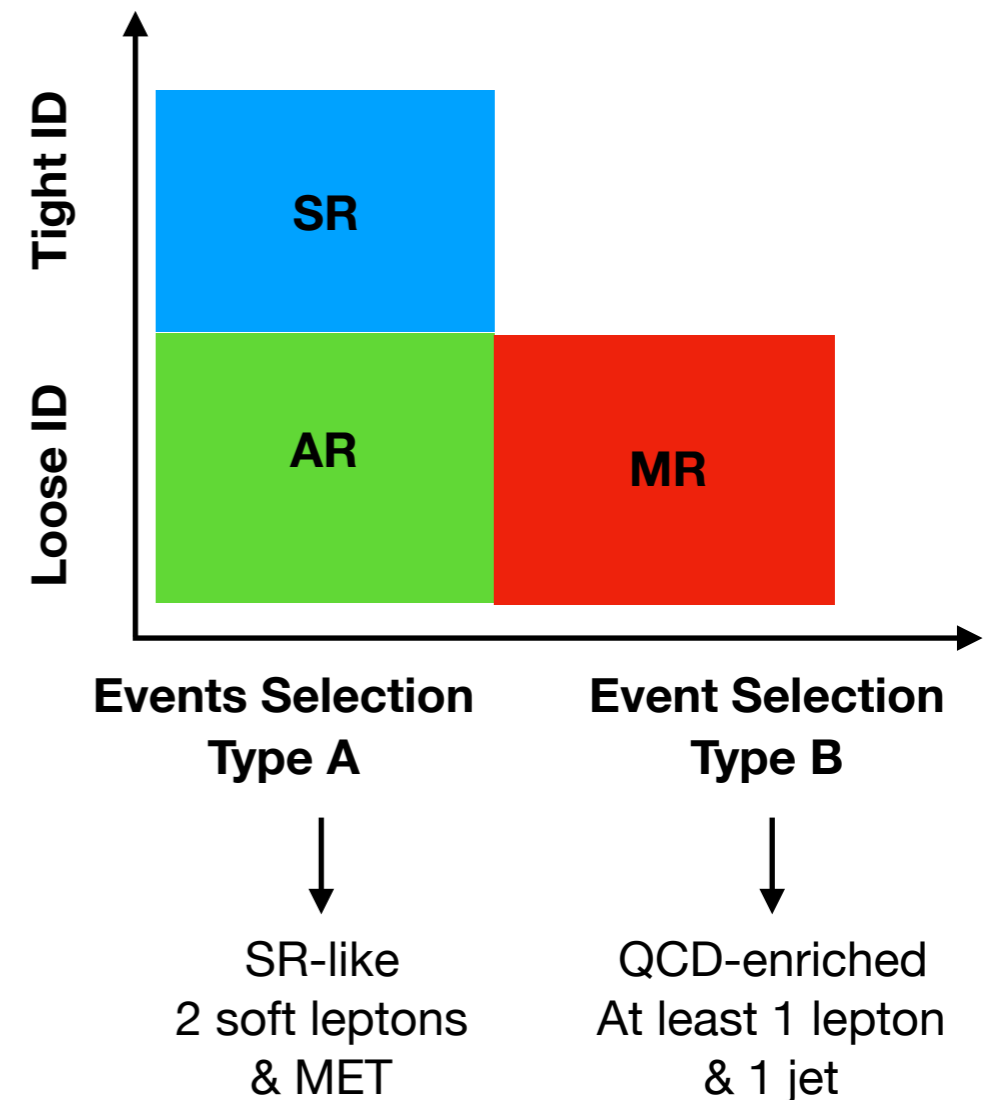
FR: Probability of Loose ID  $\ell$  to pass the Tight ID

$$FR(p_T, \eta) = \frac{\text{Tight ID } \ell}{\text{Loose ID } \ell}$$

- **Application Region (AR)**

Nonprompt enriched region with Loose ID  $\ell$  passing SR-like selection  $\rightarrow$  weighted by FR  $\rightarrow$  Nonprompt estimate in **Search Region (SR)**

- ❖ Residual non-closure assigned as systematic on non prompt background (up to 40%)

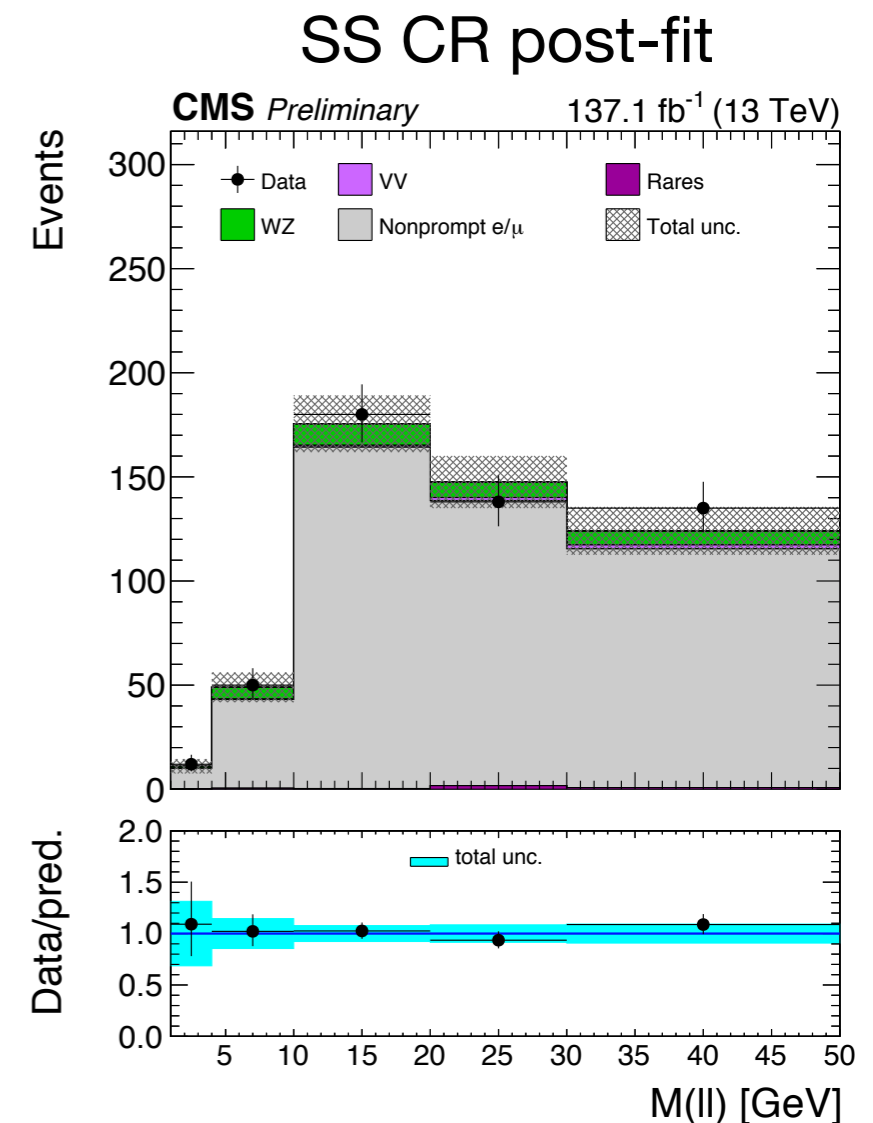


# Fake Rate Application

- **Data-Driven (DD)** method: fake rate applied on AR data
- Smooth out stat. fluctuations in low yield regions:  
fake rate applied on norm-to-data AR simulation (semi-DD method)
  - Dedicated shape uncertainties

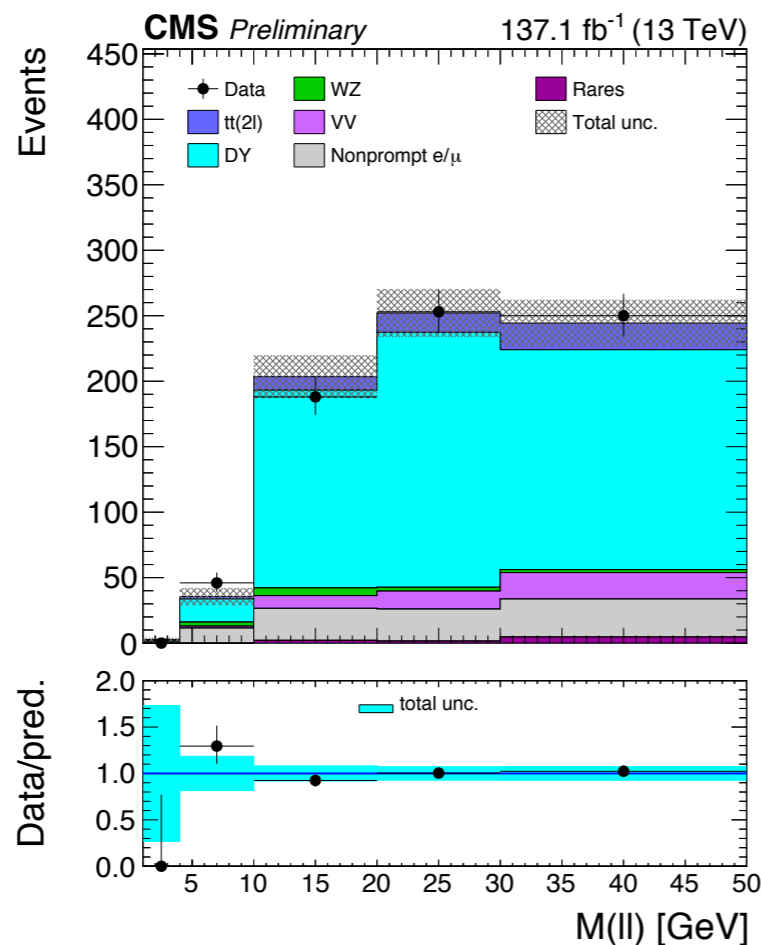
- **Same Sign (SS) CR**

- Similar selection to SR but SS requirement
- Used for evaluation of the nonprompt modeling
- Strongly constrain the nonprompt bkg uncertainty



# Prompt $2\ell$ Bkg

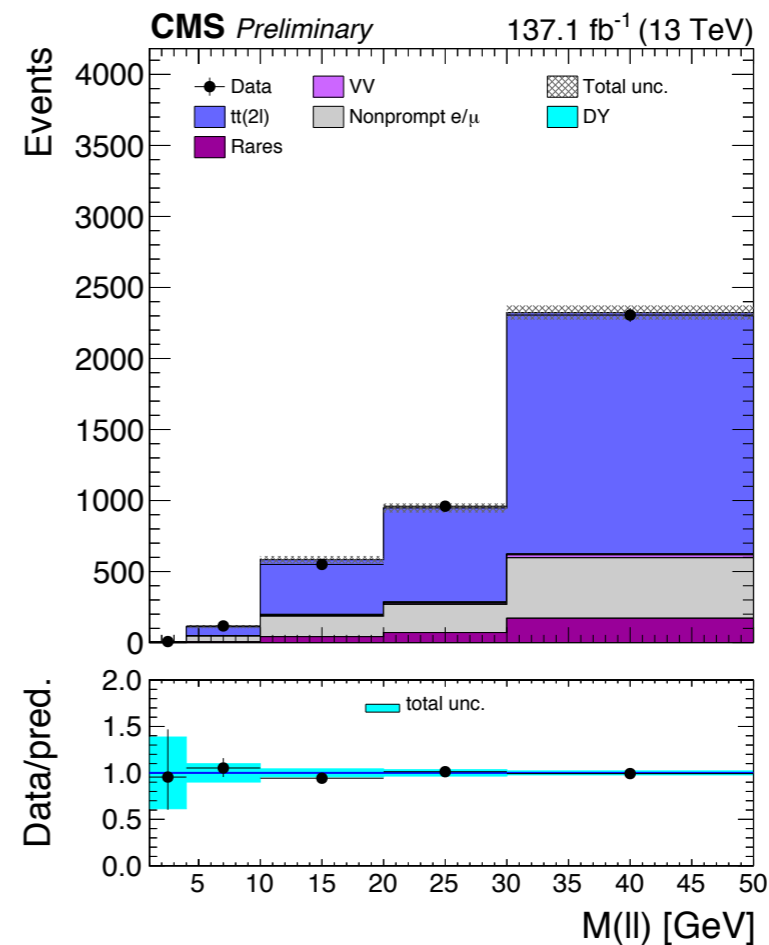
- ▶ Prompt  $2\ell$  bkg CR split into two MET bins:
  - **Low MET** (125-200 GeV)
  - **High MET** (>200 GeV)
- ▶ Estimated from simulation and corrected by data driven scale factor



## DY(→ττ) CR

Estimate  $M_{\tau\tau} \sim M_Z$  from leptons and  $p_T^{miss}$

$$0 < M_{\tau\tau} < 160 \text{ GeV}$$



## TT CR

No  $M_T(\ell, p_T^{miss})$  cut  
& Invert b-tag veto

# Prompt Multiboson Bkg

- ▶ Prompt multiboson bkg enriched regions split into two MET bins:
  - **Low MET** (125-200 GeV)
  - **High MET** (>200 GeV)
- ▶ Estimated from simulation and corrected by data driven scale factor

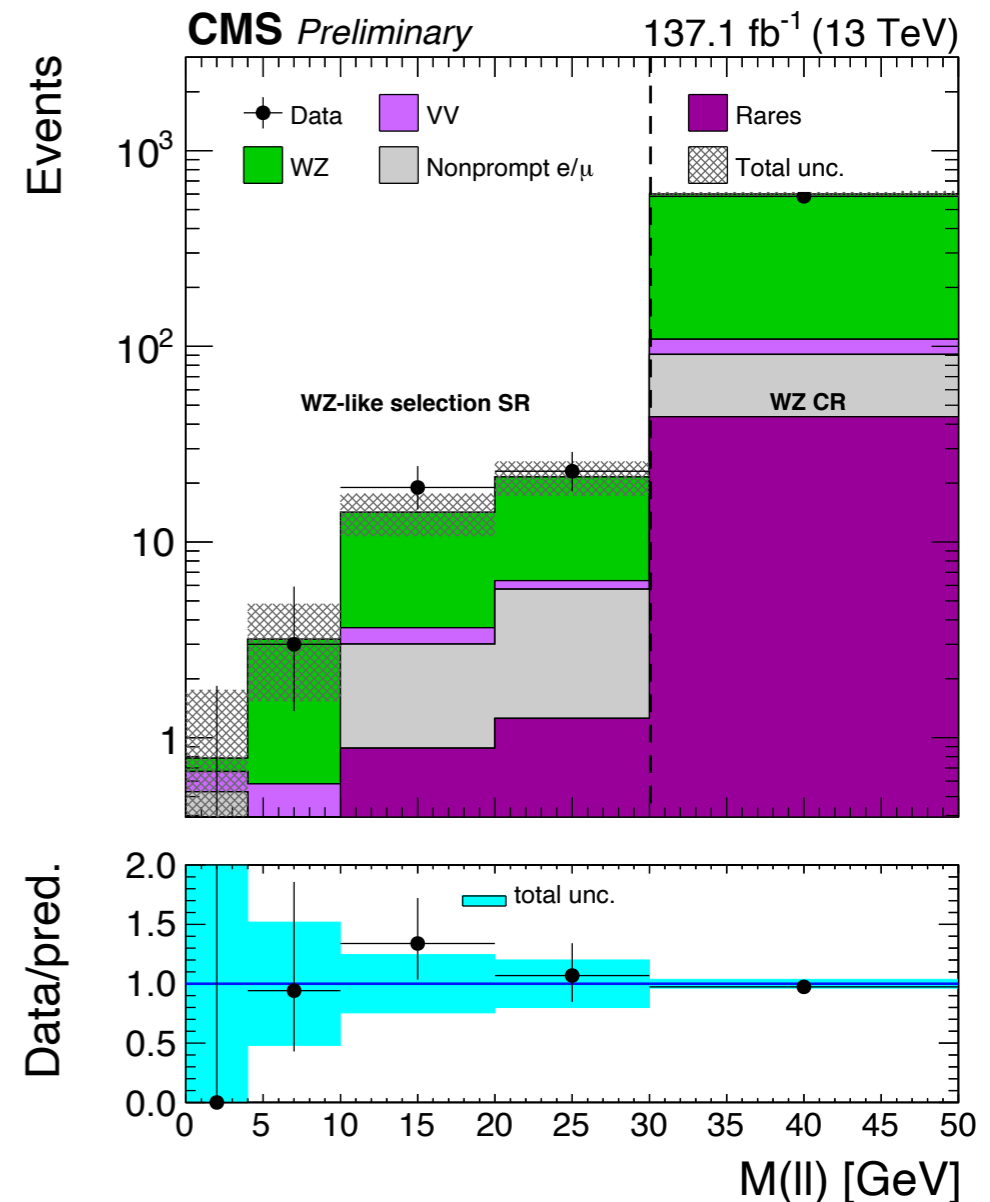
## WZ enriched region

Leptonically decaying WZ most dominant prompt bkg in  $3\ell$  SR

Event selection:

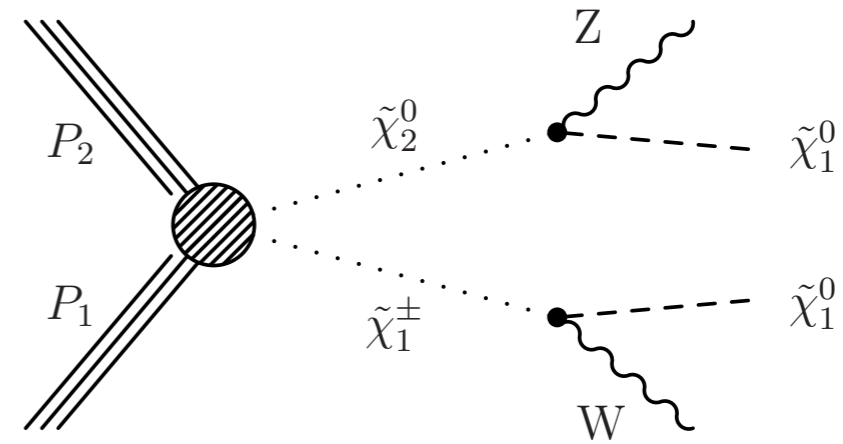
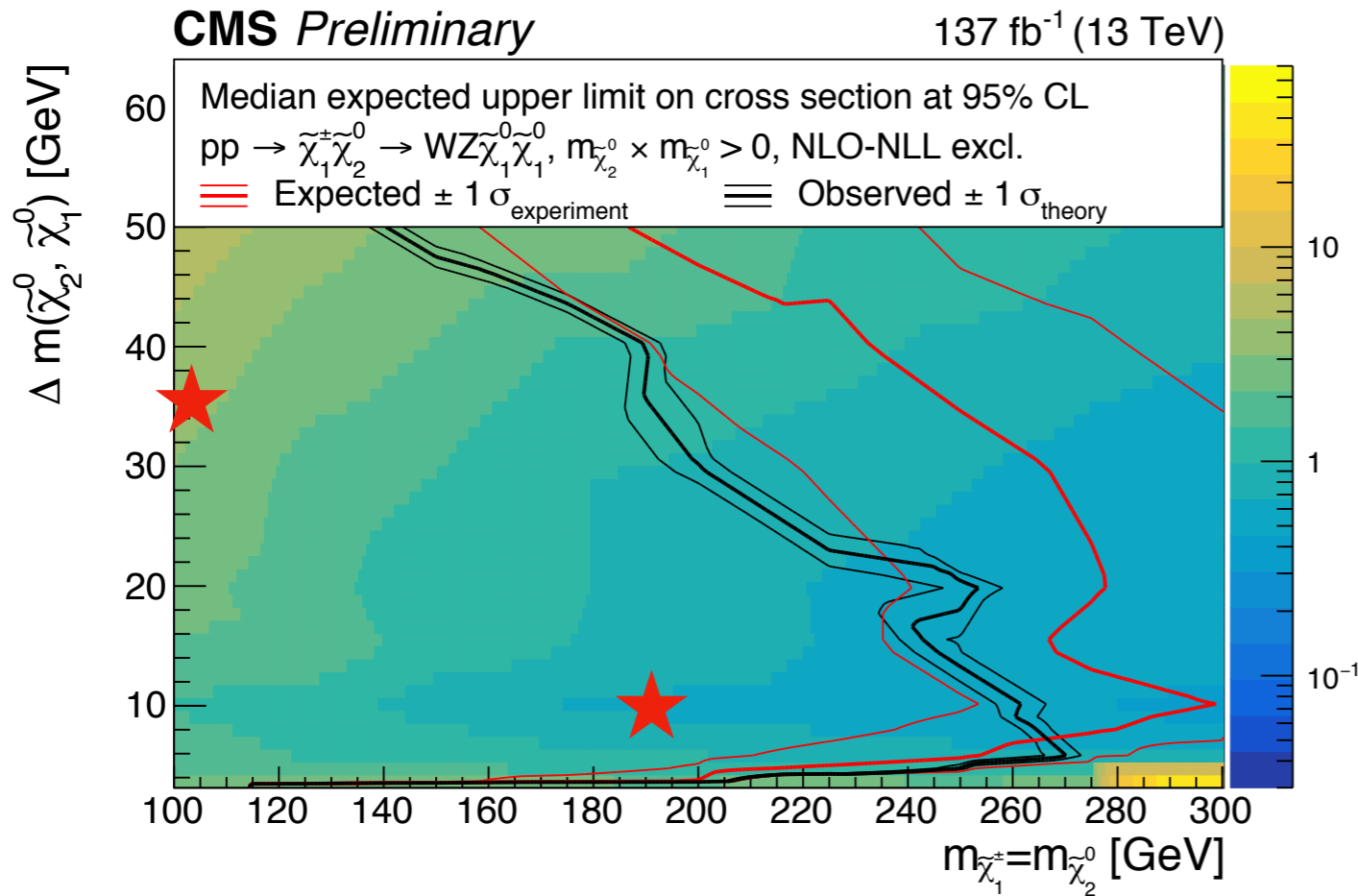
- No  $m_{\ell\ell, SFOS}^{min}$  bounds
- No Z veto

- ▶ VV (ZZ/WW) and Rare bkg: estimated from simulation

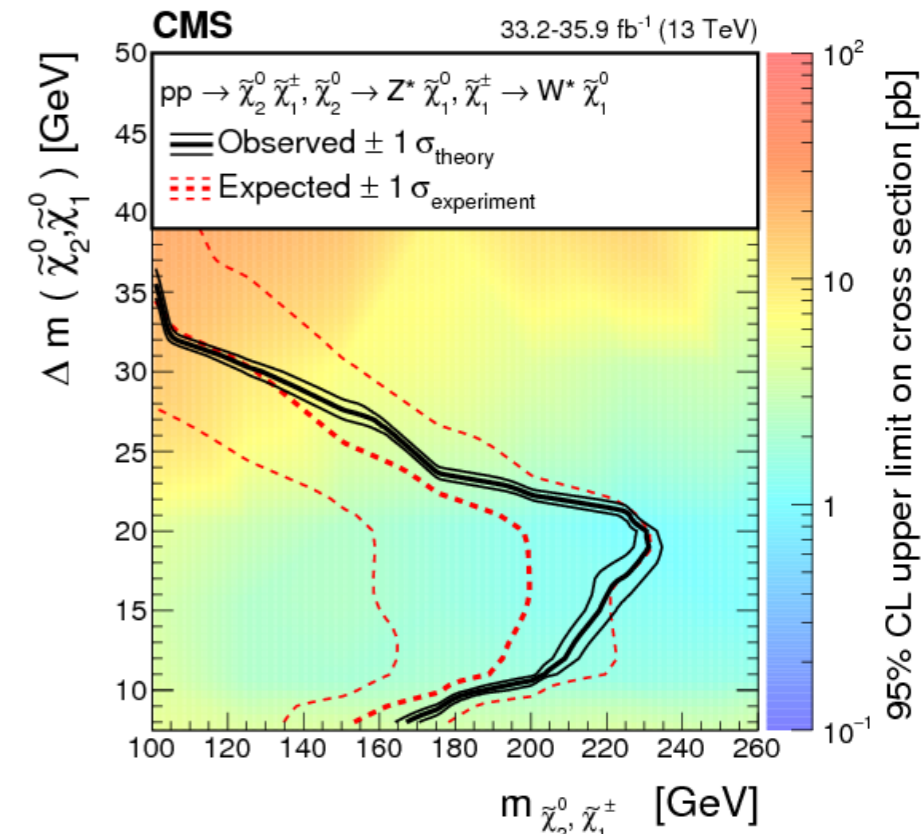




# Wino/Bino Interpretation



**2016 result**  
**Wino-Bino Interpretation**



Acceptance down to low  $m_{\ell\ell}$  - sensitivity down to  $\Delta m \sim 3 \text{ GeV}$   
**Major improvements wrt previous analysis (★)**

Simplified Wino/Bino model:

- ▶ Sensitivity up to  $m_{\tilde{\chi}_2^0} \sim 300 \text{ GeV}$  @  $\Delta m \sim 10 \text{ GeV}$   
 $m_{\tilde{\chi}_2^0} \sim 250 \text{ GeV}$  @  $\Delta m \sim 35 \text{ GeV}$
- ▶ Higher  $\Delta m$  complementarity from **3 $\ell$  SR**

# Higgsino Interpretation

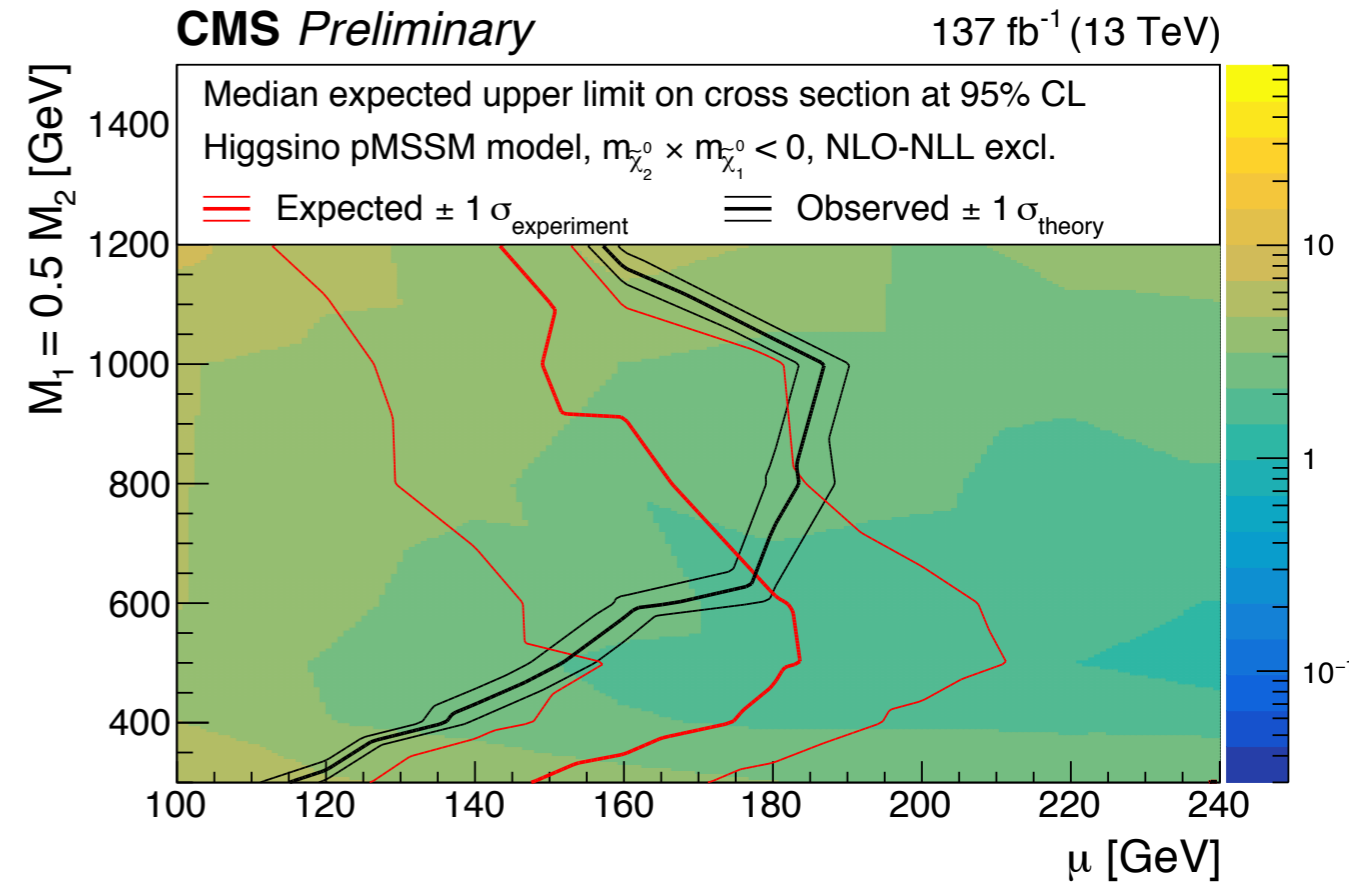
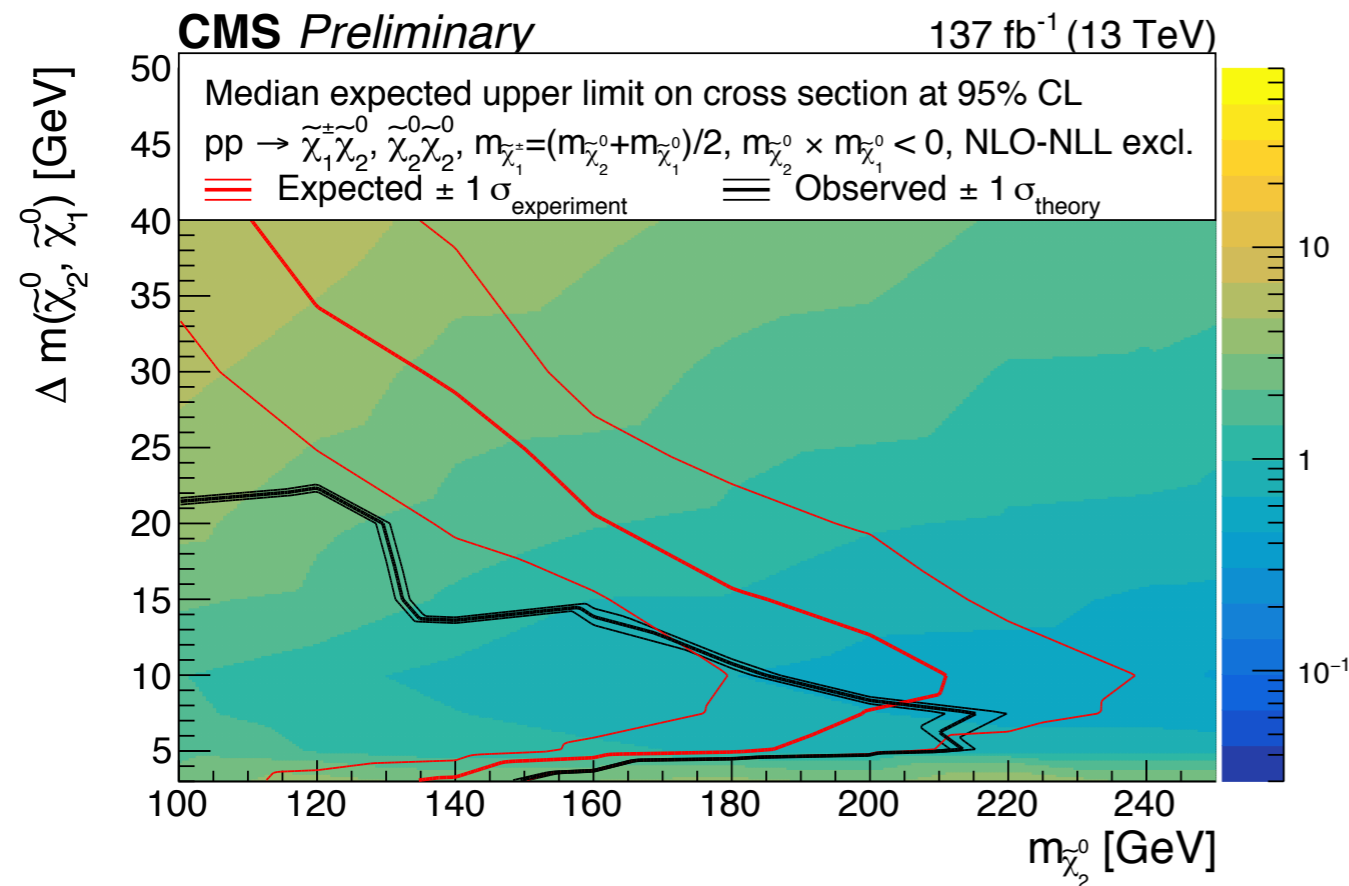
$\tilde{\chi}_1^0$ ,  $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm$  and  $\tilde{\chi}_2^0$  mostly higgsinos

## Simplified higgsino

BR=100% &  
cross section pure Higgsino

## pMSSM higgsino

BR & cross sections varied  
according to pMSSM model



## Simplified Higgsino model:

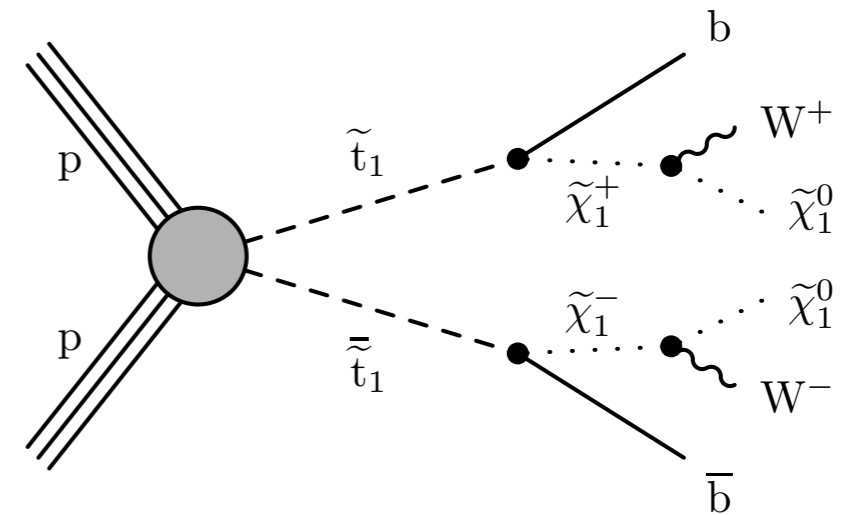
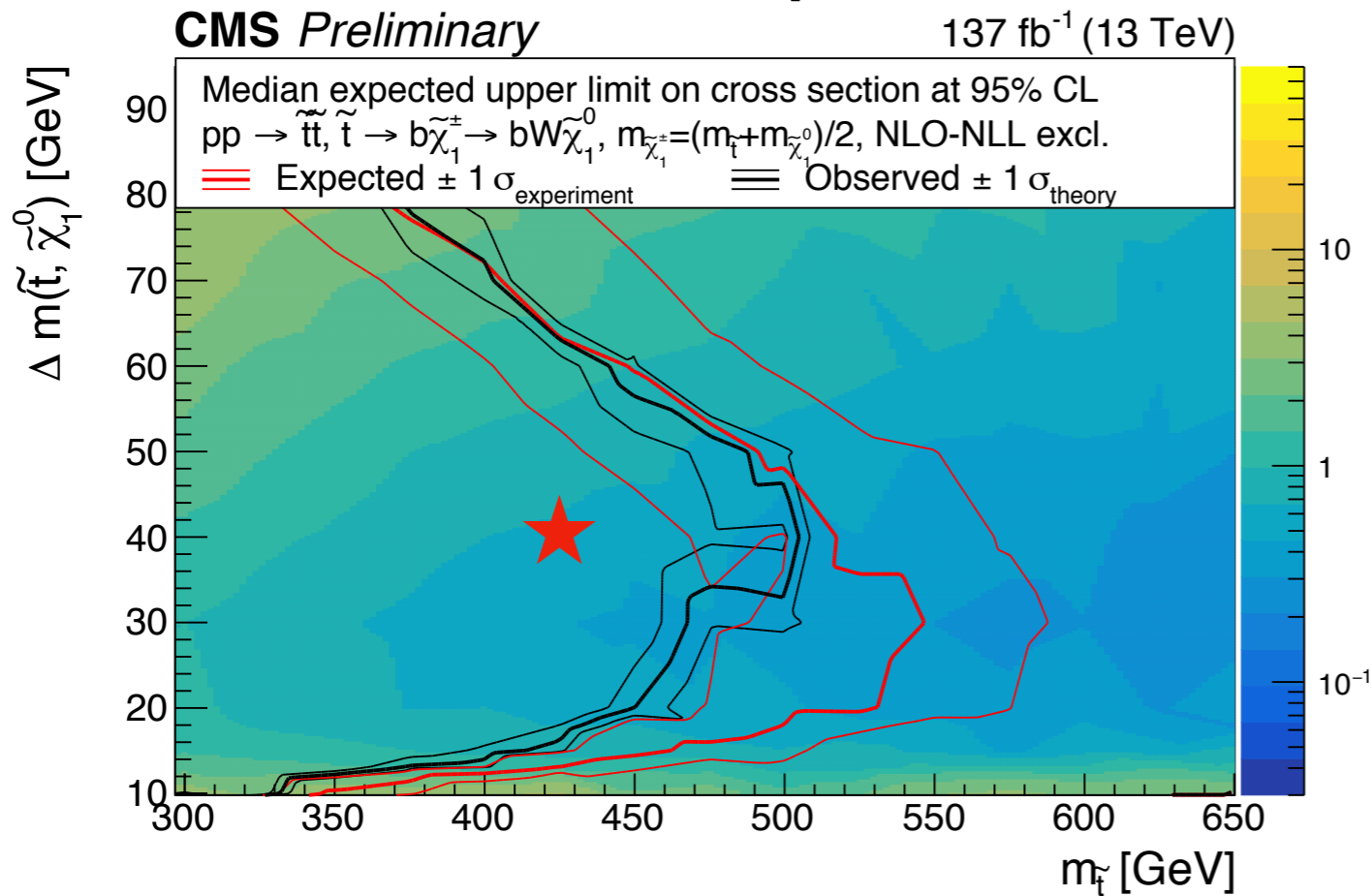
- Exclude up to  $m_{\tilde{\chi}_2^0} \sim 150 \text{ GeV} @ \Delta m \sim 3 \text{ GeV}$
- $m_{\tilde{\chi}_2^0} \sim 210 \text{ GeV} @ \Delta m \sim 7 \text{ GeV}$

## pMSSM Higgsino model:

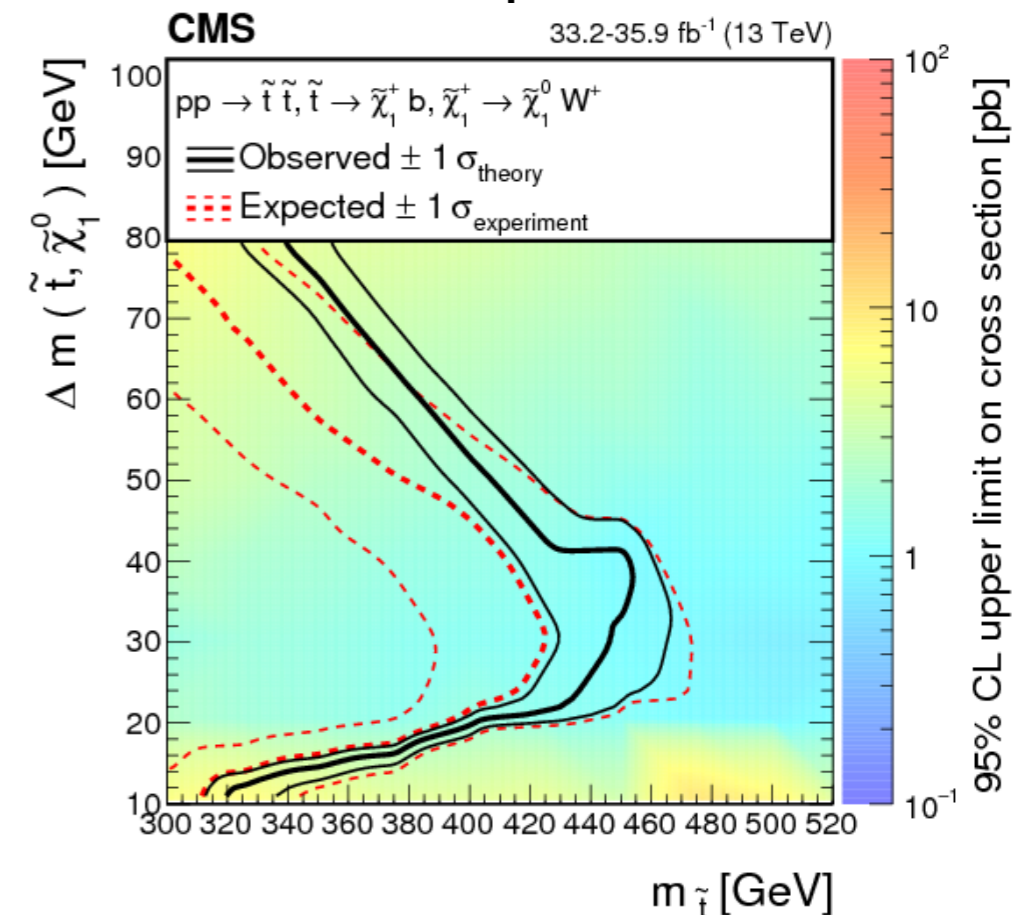
- $\mu$ -M1 parameters
- Small  $\Delta M(\text{NLSP-LSP})$  mapped to large M1
- Exclude up to  $\mu \sim 185 \text{ GeV} @ M1 \sim 1000 \text{ GeV}$

# Stop Interpretations

## T2bW simplified



## 2016 result T2bW Interpretation



## Simplified T2bW model:

- ▶ Exclude up to  $m_{\tilde{t}} \sim 500$  GeV @  $\Delta m = 40$  GeV

Major improvements wrt previous analysis (★)

Similar results for T2bff model

# Summary

- Compressed SUSY well motivated by a number of interesting scenarios
- New CMS result on compressed SUSY searches in **events with 2 or 3 soft leptons and  $p_T^{miss}$  with full Run-2 dataset**
  - New approaches to overcome experimental challenges
    - ➔ Extended acceptance to low  $\Delta m$
    - ➔ Good control of backgrounds
- Upper limits are set on x-sec of **Wino/Bino, Higgsino and Stop models**
- Great improvement compared to 2016 results
- Cover challenging corner of phase space → Complementary to other CMS searches

