

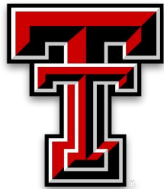
# Searches for SUSY in hadronic final states at CMS

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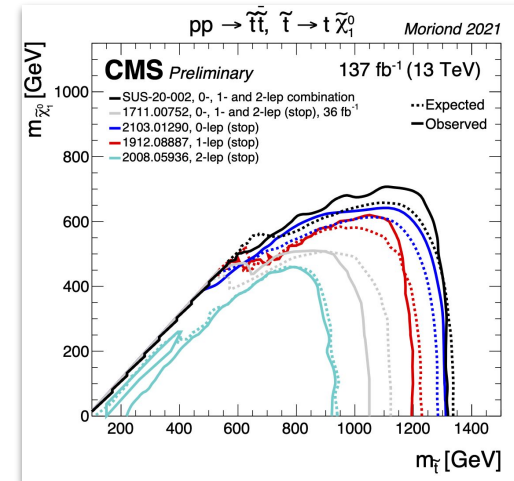
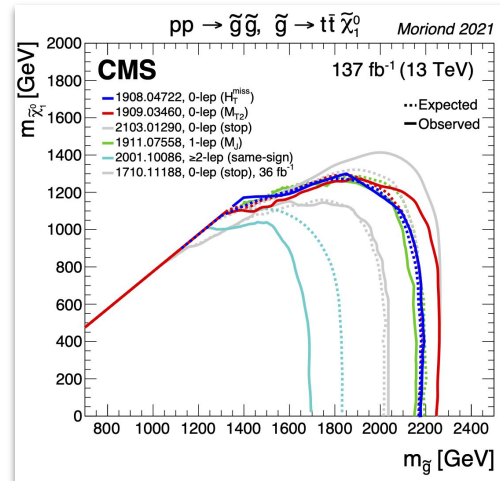
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# Introduction

- Several searches for strongly produced SUSY have been performed by CMS.
- Some of the most stringent limits on gluino/squark production have been placed by hadronic searches.
- Hadronic searches:
  - Benefit from larger branching fractions in the decay of  $W/Z/H/\tau$  to hadrons.
  - Suffer from higher SM backgrounds compared to the leptonic searches.
  - More common in recent times due to large LHC dataset and new analysis techniques.



# Searches covered today....

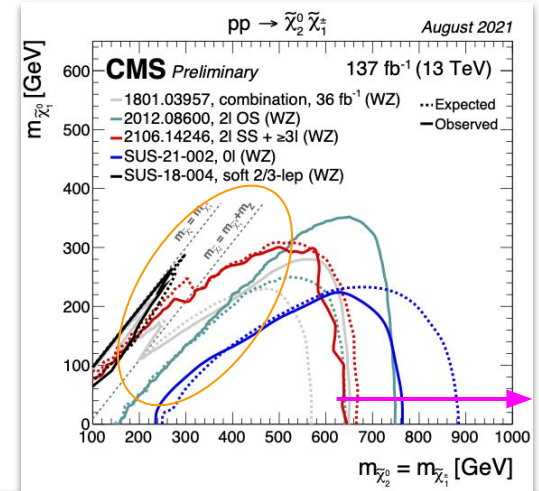
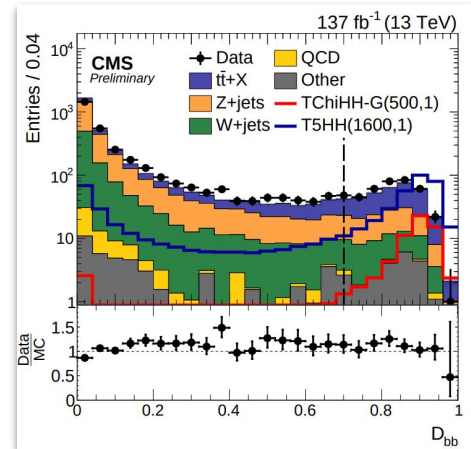
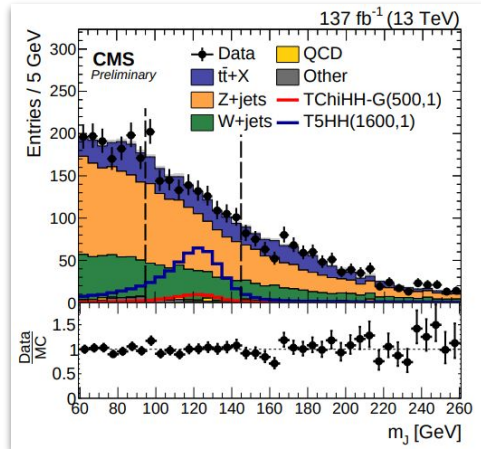
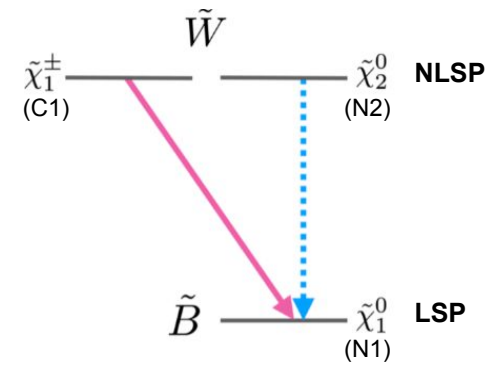
- Most recent searches with hadronic final state are covered.
- $WX + p_T^{\text{miss}}$  ([SUS-21-002](#))
- $HH + p_T^{\text{miss}}$  ([SUS-20-004](#))
- Stau lepton search ([SUS-21-001](#))
- Electroweak searches are important:
  - Stringent constraints on strong production of SUSY.
  - Naturalness condition  $\rightarrow$  light charginos and neutralinos.
  - Stau-neutralino coannihilation models  $\rightarrow$  stau is NLSP.

**Electroweakino searches**

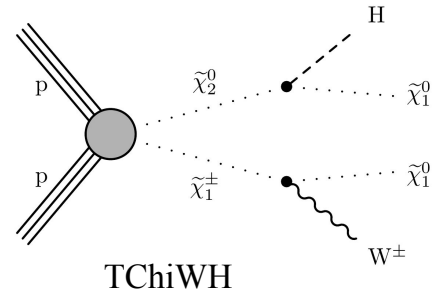
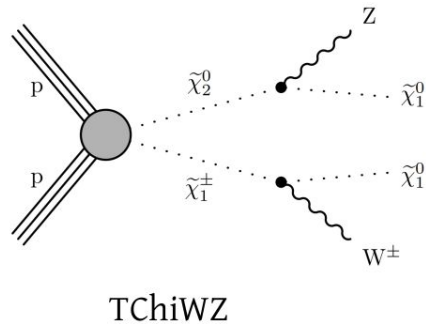
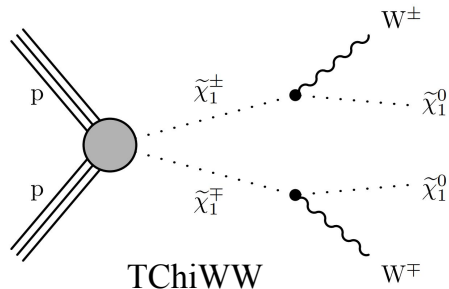
All other SUSY searches at CMS can be found [here](#).

# EWKino searches - Mass spectra and analysis techniques

- In the wino NLSP ( $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm / \tilde{\chi}_2^0$ ) scenario, if the mass difference between LSP ( $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$ ) and NLSP is small &  $m_{\text{NLSP}}$  is low
  - Good sensitivity from leptonic searches.
- For large mass difference and high  $m_{\text{NLSP}}$ ,
  - High momentum LSP  $\rightarrow$  high  $p_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}$ .
  - High  $p_{\text{T}}$  bosons  $\rightarrow$  collimated decay products.
  - Large radius jet with mass near the boson mass and DNNs using jet properties.



# $WX + p_T^{\text{miss}}$ final state search



- 2 bosons decay hadronically, giving 2 AK8 jets.
- Search regions are designed based on the number of b-jet tags.

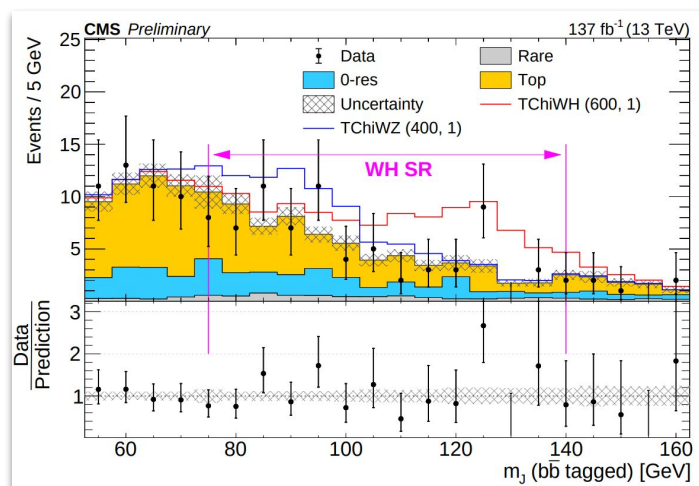
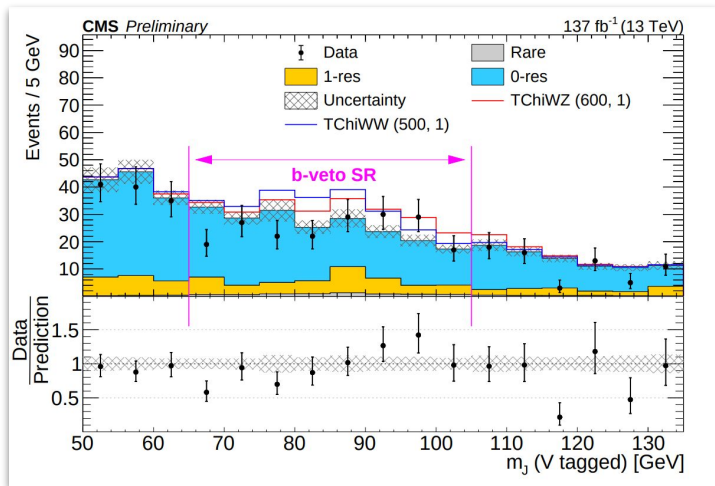
- **0 b-tags**

- **0 b-tags** when  $Z \rightarrow qq$
- **$\geq 1$  b-tags** when  $Z \rightarrow bb$

- **$\geq 1$  b-tags** from  $H \rightarrow bb$

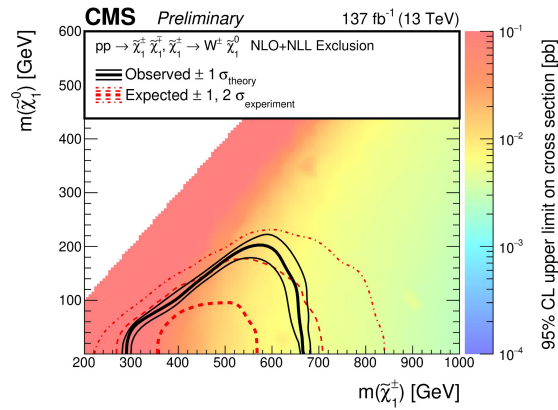
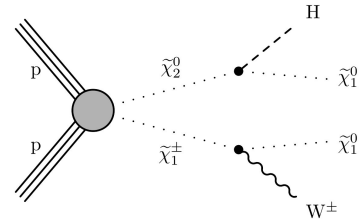
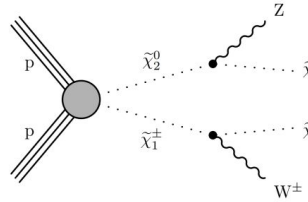
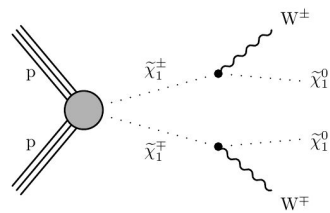
# Backgrounds and results

- Deep neural networks to discriminate QCD jets vs W/Z/H to qq decays.
- $Z(\nu\nu)$ ,  $W(l\nu)$  and  $t\bar{t}$  are the dominant SM backgrounds - estimation from leptonic regions and inverting the DNN discriminator.
- No significant deviations from SM predictions.

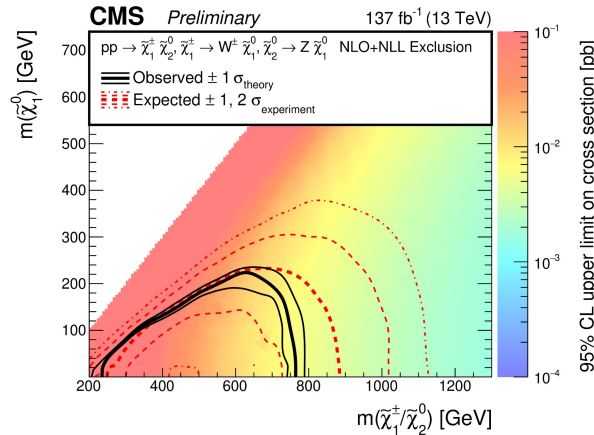


# Simplified model interpretations

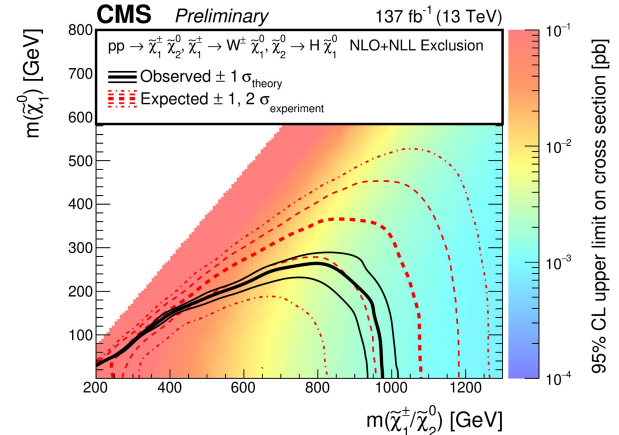
- For wino cross section scenarios with  $m_{\text{LSP}} \sim 0$ , the search places some of the most stringent limits.



Mass exclusion: 290 - 670 GeV



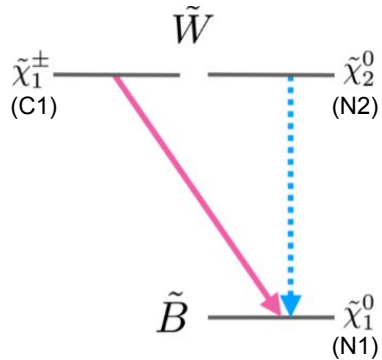
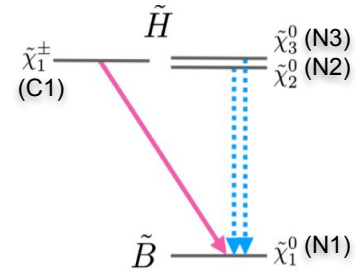
230 - 760 GeV



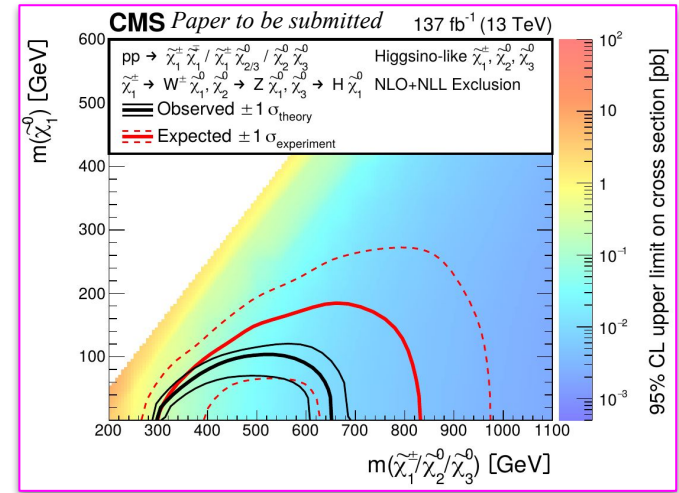
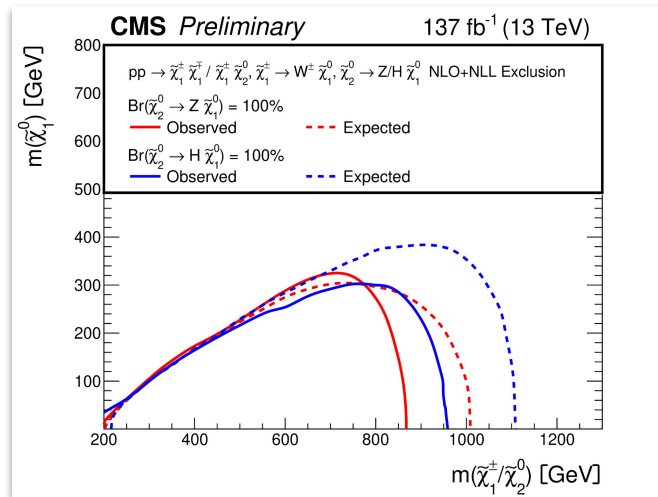
200 - 970 GeV

# Interpretations - beyond simplified models

- Realistic wino scenarios involve  $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm \tilde{\chi}_1^\pm$  and  $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm \tilde{\chi}_2^0$  production. Two cases  $\tilde{\chi}_2^0 \rightarrow Z + \tilde{\chi}_1^0$  with 100% BR or  $\tilde{\chi}_2^0 \rightarrow H + \tilde{\chi}_1^0$  with 100% BR are considered.
- Search is also sensitive to higgsino models with  $\tilde{\chi}_2^0 \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^0 + Z, \tilde{\chi}_3^0 \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^0 + H$ .



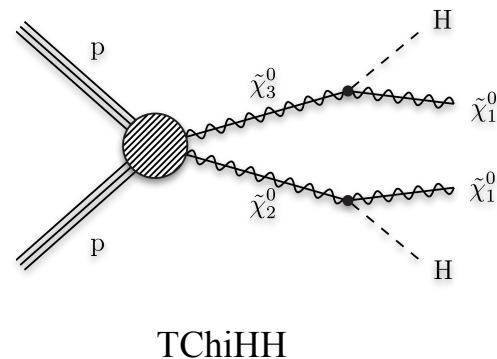
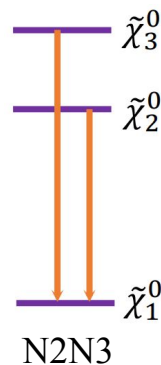
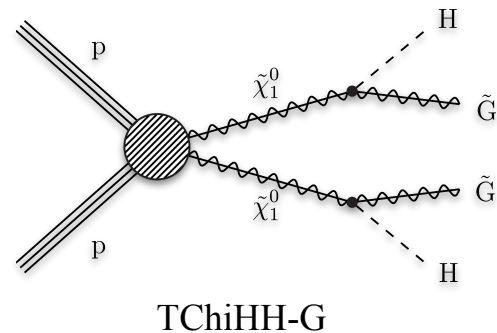
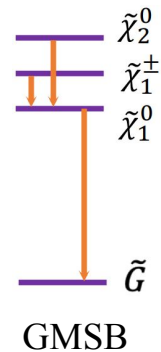
Wino scenario





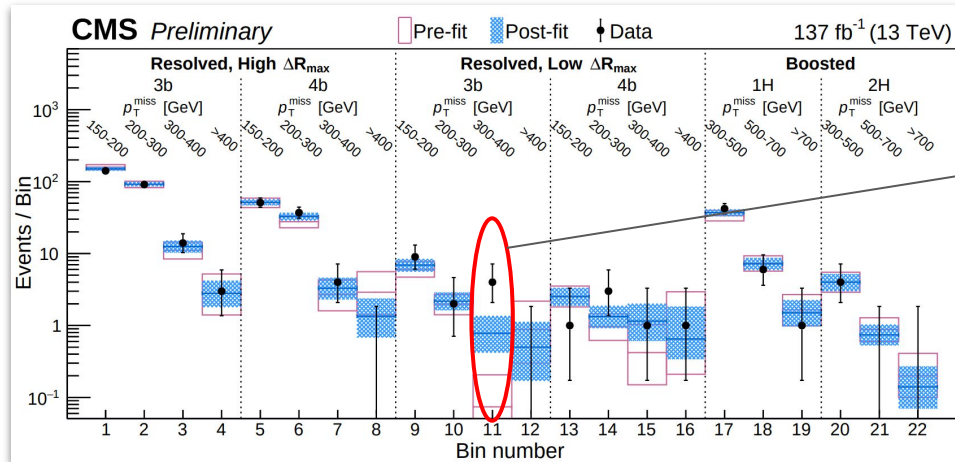
# HH+p<sub>T</sub><sup>miss</sup> search - models targeted

- Search for pair produced neutralinos with H(bb)H(bb) and p<sub>T</sub><sup>miss</sup> final state.
- GMSB scenario:
  - Higher  $\chi_1^0\chi_1^0$  production since  $\chi_1^\pm, \chi_1^0$  and  $\chi_2^0$  are mass degenerate with  $\chi_1^\pm/\chi_2^0 \rightarrow \chi_1^0 + \text{soft particles}$ .
  - $\chi_1^0$  is NLSP and goldstino,  $G\tilde{}$  is LSP.
- N2N3 scenario:
  - Only  $\chi_2^0\chi_3^0$  production,  $\chi_1^\pm$  is not accessible;  $\chi_2^0$  &  $\chi_3^0$  are mass degenerate.
  - $\chi_2^0/\chi_3^0$  are co-NLSP and  $\chi_1^0$  is LSP.
- 100% BR for NLSP  $\rightarrow H + \text{LSP}$ .



# Analysis strategy and results

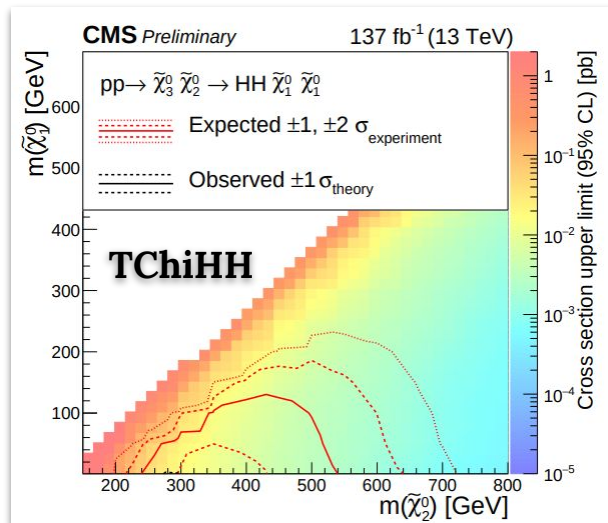
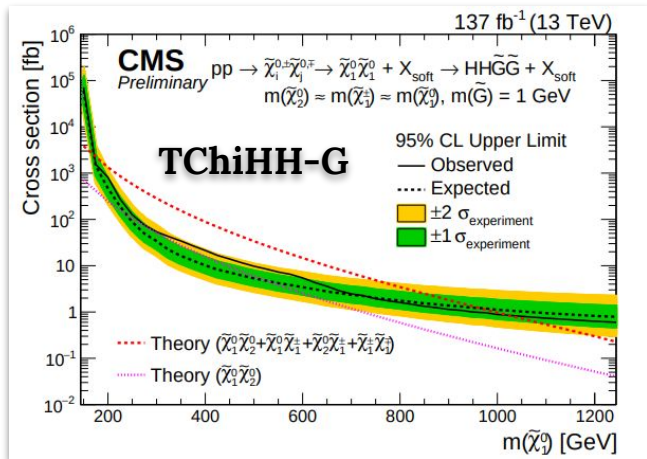
- Two types of search regions:
  - Resolved: targets low  $p_T$  Higgs boson scenarios.
  - Boosted: targets high  $p_T$  Higgs boson scenarios with AK8 jet mass and a DNN based bb tagger.
- $tt$  and  $Z(\nu\nu)$  are the dominant backgrounds.



- $\sim 3.2 \sigma$  local significance in one resolved category bin.
- A typical SUSY signal would populate several search bins - very unlikely to be a signal.

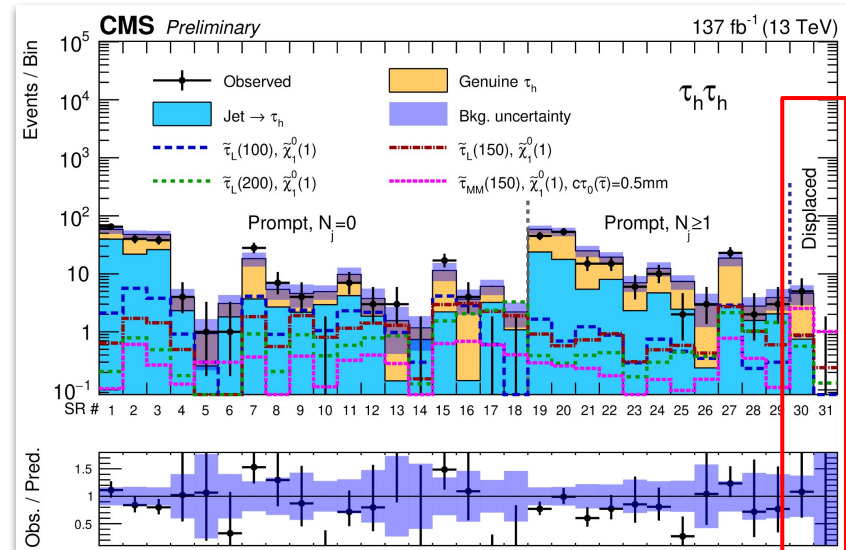
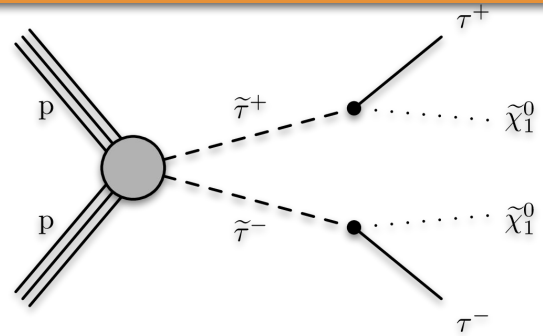
# Interpretations

- GMSB scenario, TChiHH-G: mass exclusion 175 - 1025 GeV.
- N2N3 scenario, TChiHH: Starting to be sensitive to a large region of higgsino masses, even if there is no observed exclusion.



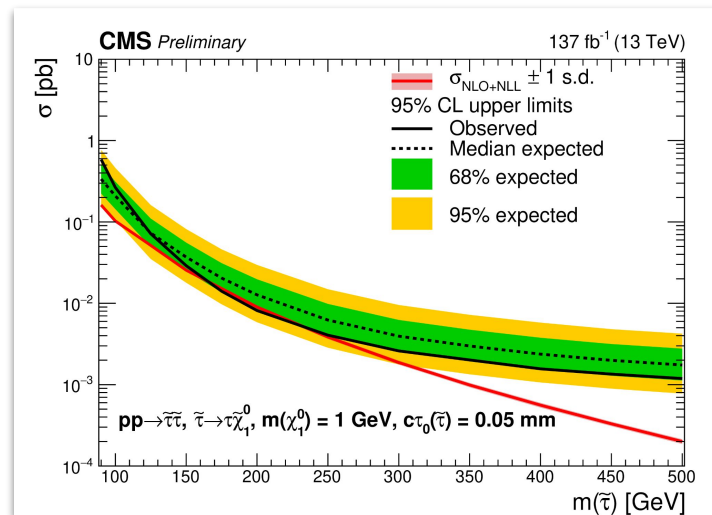
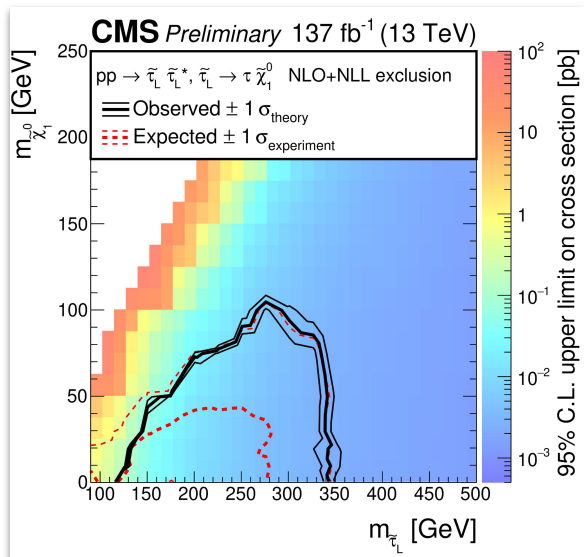
# Stau pair search

- Direct pair production of staus (NSLP) with hadronic ditau final state.
- Promptly decaying stau and GMSB motivated **long lived stau** scenarios are considered.
- $m_T$  and  $m_{T2}$  are used to define search regions.
- Main background processes:  $DY \rightarrow \tau\tau$ ,  $W(l\nu)$ ,  $t\bar{t}$  & QCD. DeepTau tagger is used to enhance signal to background discrimination.
- Observations are consistent with predictions from SM.



# Interpretations

- Results are interpreted using left handed stau and degenerate stau scenarios.
  - Improvement from barely excluded stau-left results (using 77 fb<sup>-1</sup>) to exclusion up to 350 GeV.
- Starting to exclude long lived stau scenarios as well.

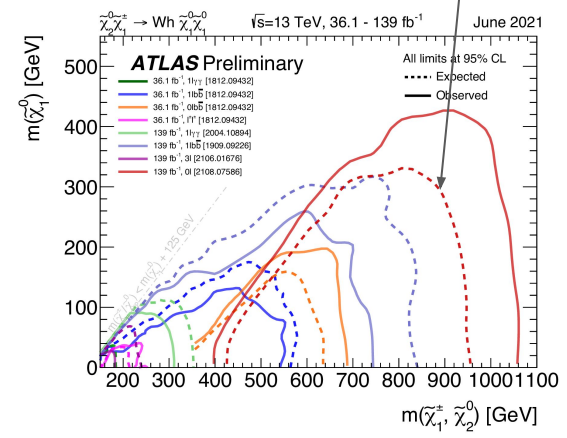
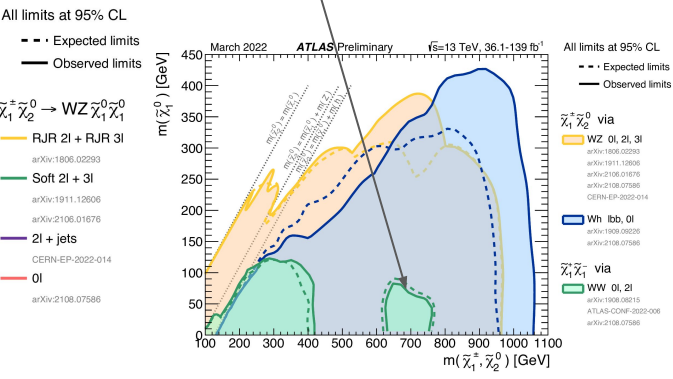
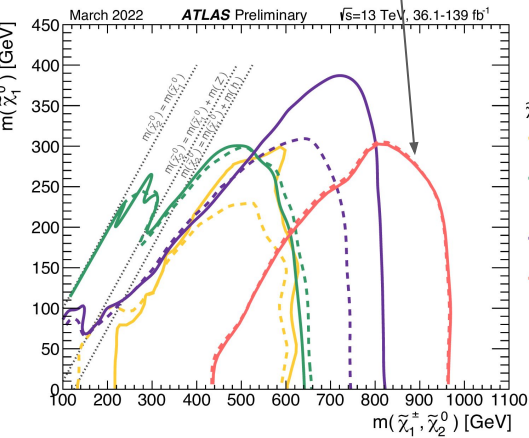
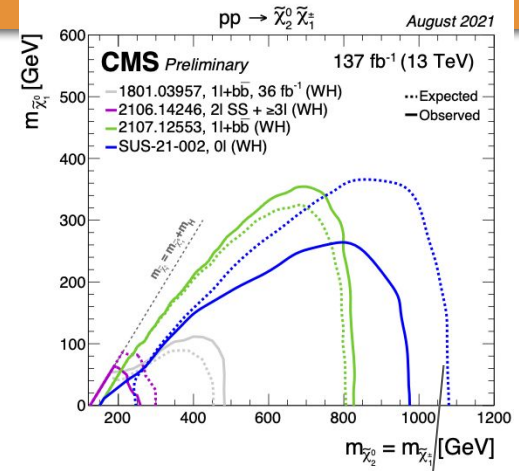
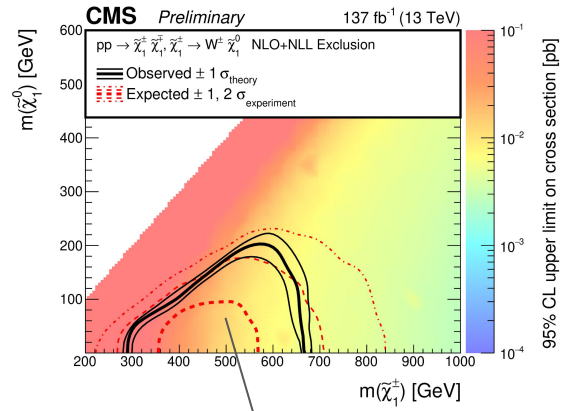
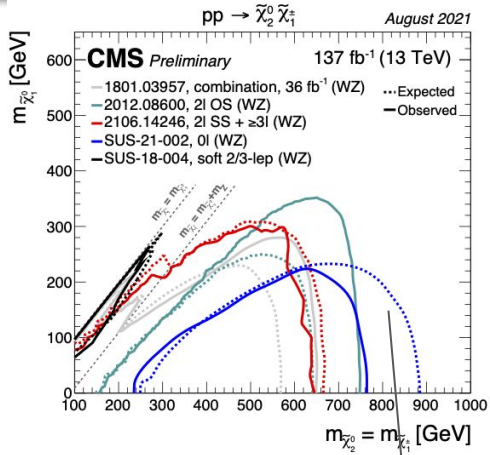


# Summary & outlook

- With the help of new analysis techniques and large LHC dataset, CMS is expanding its hadronic final state searches.
- Expected chargino-neutralino limits for low  $m_{\text{LSP}}$  are
  - 880 GeV for WZ scenario (> 200 GeV better than leptonic searches).
  - 1100 GeV for WH scenario (~300 GeV better than leptonic searches).
- Significant improvements in sensitivity to higgsino scenarios and stau searches in the latest searches based on the full Run 2 dataset.
- Several new techniques have been developed in Run 2 and we'll improve them and *hope we discover SUSY in Run 3!*

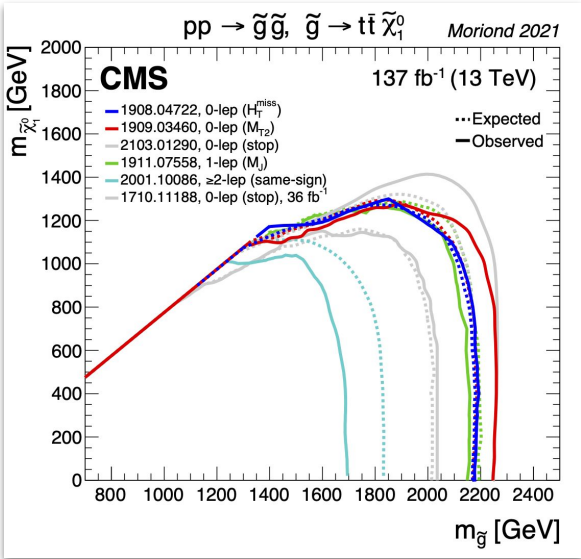
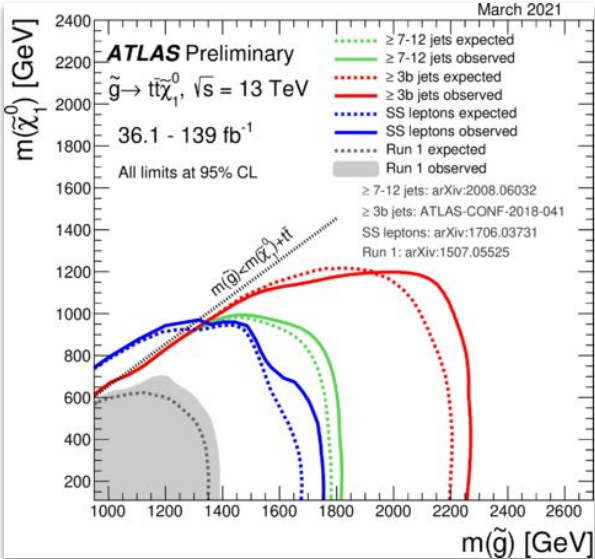
# Additional information

# CMS vs ATLAS results - EW SUSY limits



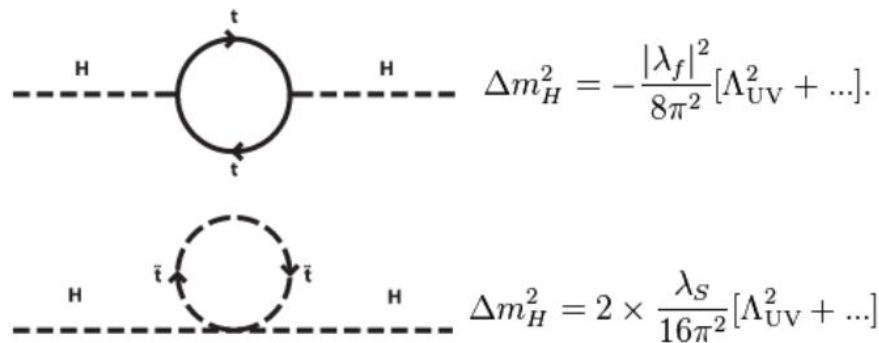
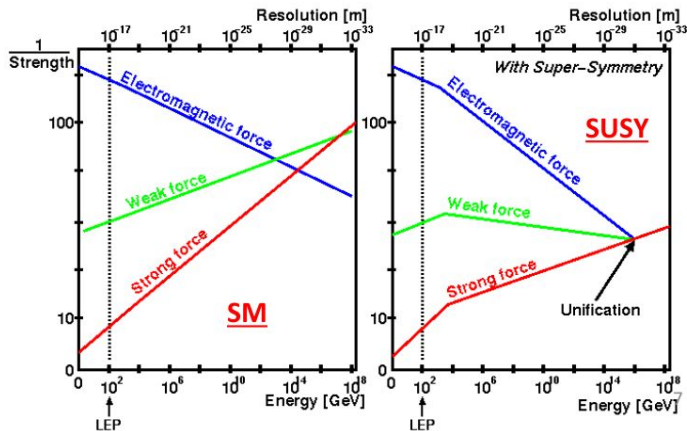


# CMS vs ATLAS - Strong SUSY limits



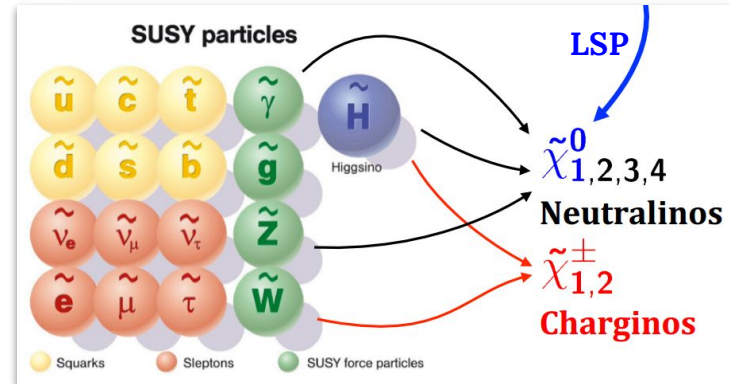
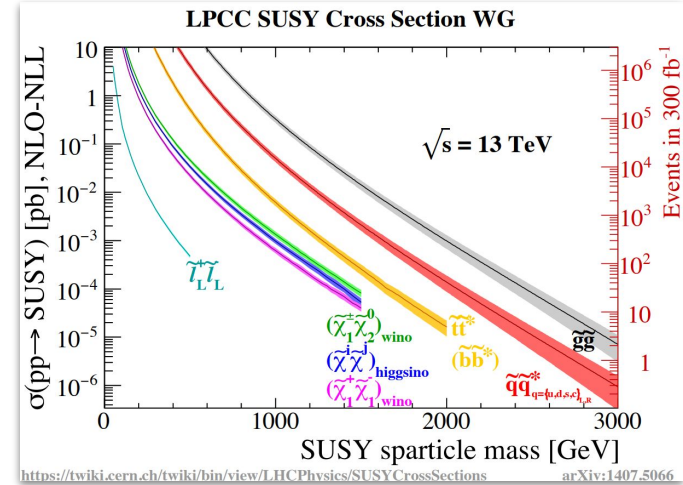
# SUSY

- R-parity,  $P_R = (-1)^{3(B-L)+2S}$ , where B = baryon no., L = lepton no., S = spin. It is a multiplicative quantum number. SM particles have  $P_R = +1$ , SUSY particles have  $P_R = -1$ .
- RPC consequences = SUSY particles are pair produced and their decay must result in SUSY particles and SUSY particles cannot decay to SM particles only. Lightest SUSY particles (LSP) is stable.



# Exploring EW searches

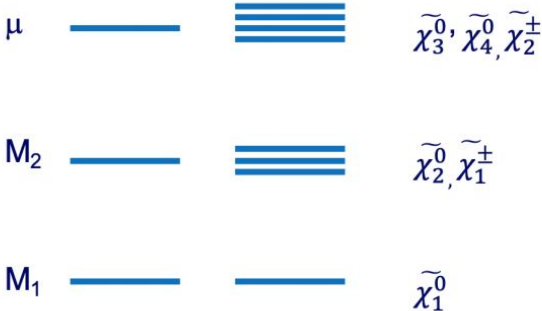
- Strong SUSY production
  - Explored extensively since the start of LHC.
  - No hints for SUSY so far and limits are quite strong.
- Search for electroweak production is challenging since the cross sections are low.
- Naturalness  $\rightarrow$  higgsinos mass near the EW scale.
- Probing small cross section EWKino:
  - leptonic signatures
  - advanced analysis techniques
  - large LHC dataset



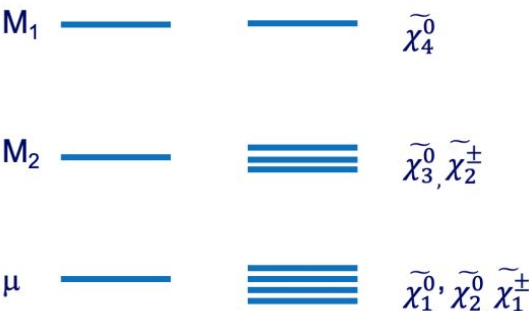
# SUSY - mass splitting



### Bino-Wino case

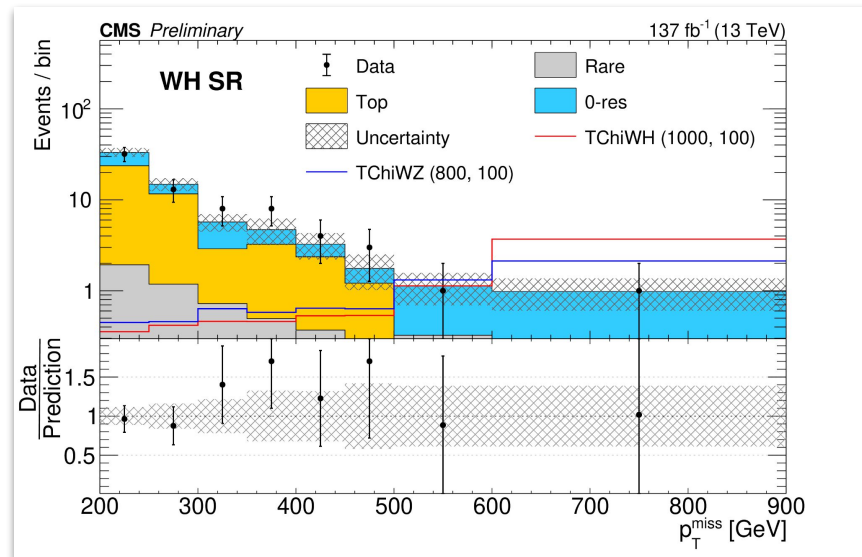
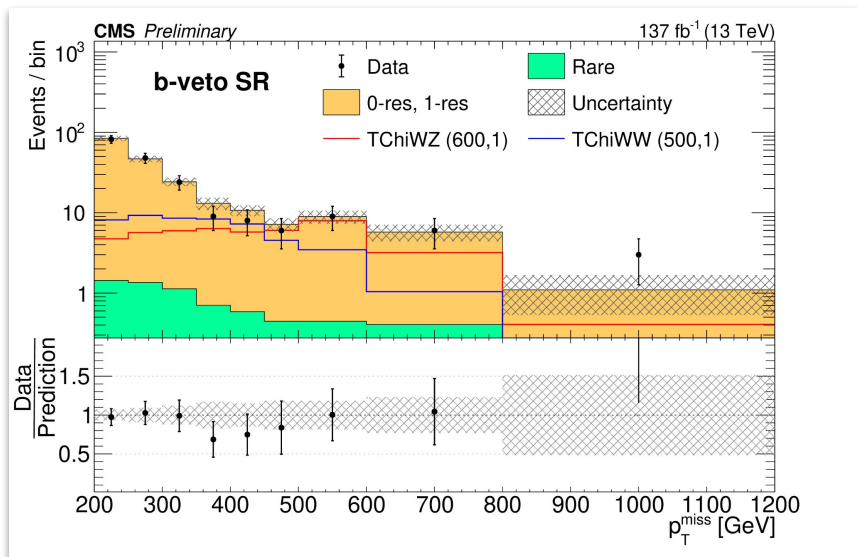


### Higgsino case



# Background estimation and results

- $Z(\nu\nu)$ ,  $W(l\nu)$  and  $t\bar{t}$  are the dominant SM backgrounds.
- Background estimation uses control regions defined by inverting the deepAK8 discriminator cuts and single & dilepton regions.
- No significant deviations from SM predictions.



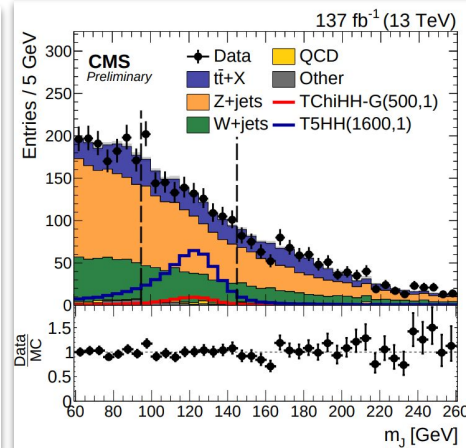
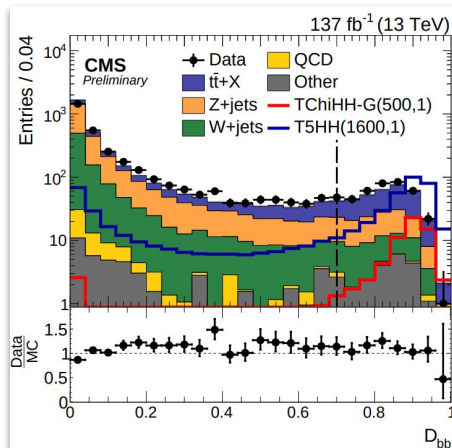
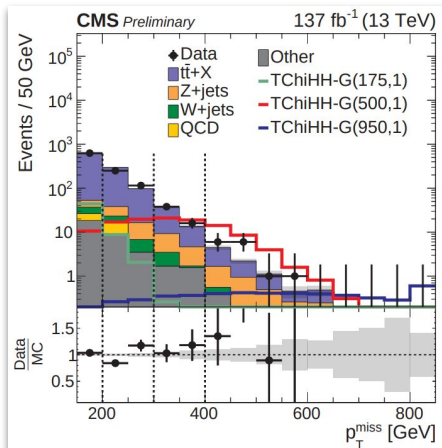
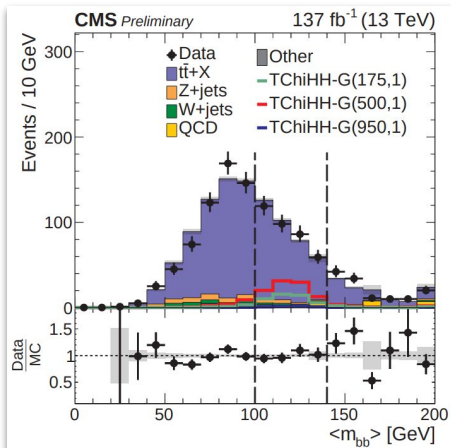
# Analysis strategy

## Resolved category

- Expect 4 AK4 jets from 2 low  $p_T$  H decays.
- Sensitive to low  $p_T^{\text{miss}}$  and  $m_{\text{NLSP}} \sim m_{\text{LSP}}$  cases.
- Uses pairs of b-tagged jets to identify H candidates.

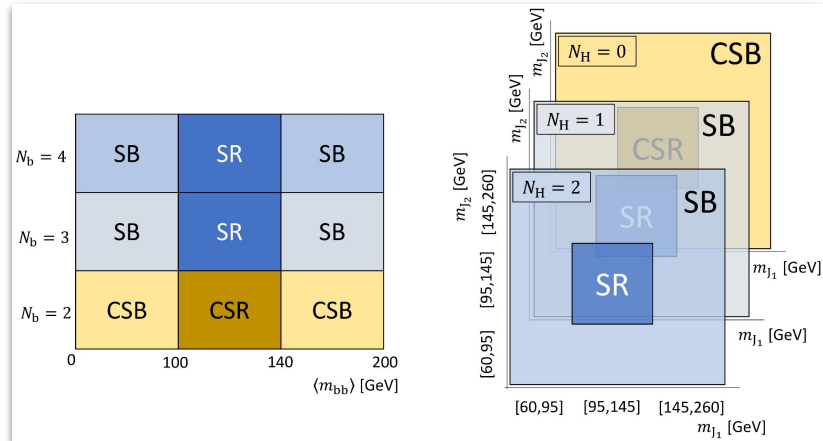
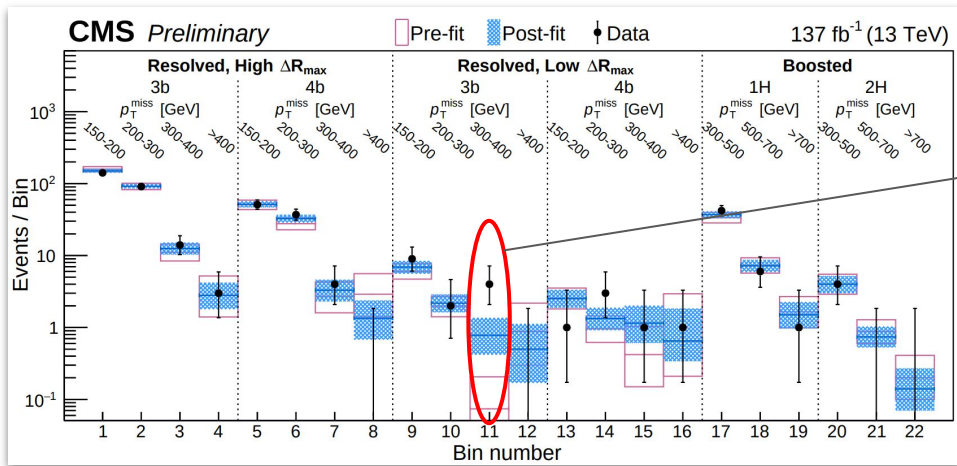
## Boosted category

- Expect 2 AK8 jets from boosted H decays.
- Sensitive to high  $p_T^{\text{miss}}$ , high  $m_{\text{NLSP}}$  and  $m_{\text{NLSP}} \gg m_{\text{LSP}}$  cases.
- DeepAK8 bb-tagger to discriminate H candidates from background.



# Background estimation and results

- $t\bar{t}$  and  $Z(\nu\nu)$  are the dominant backgrounds.
- Background estimation uses ABCD method using mass sidebands and tagging.

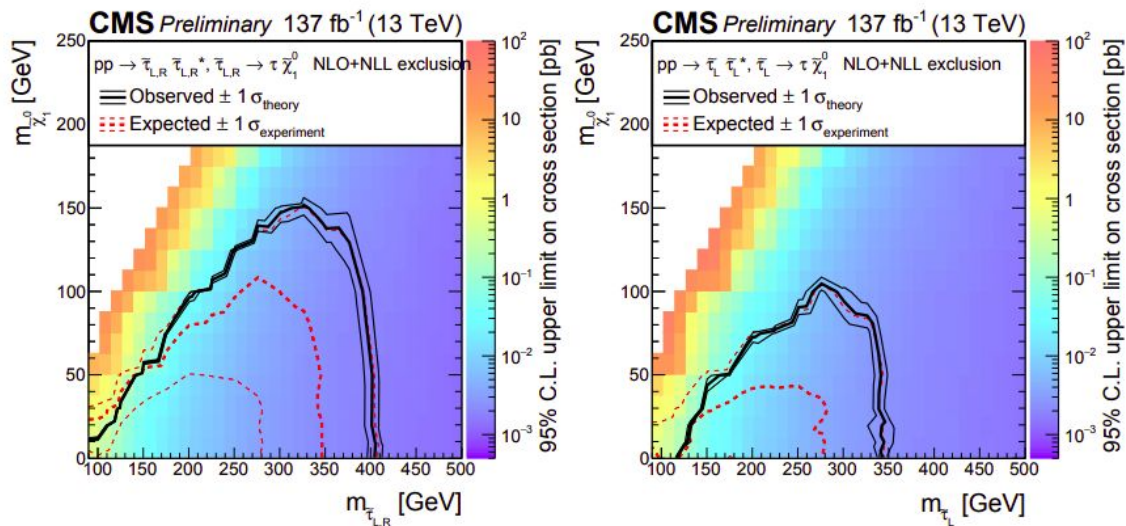


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# Stau search

$$\Sigma m_T = m_T(\tau_h^{(1)}, \vec{p}_T^{\text{miss}}) + m_T(\tau_h^{(2)}, \vec{p}_T^{\text{miss}}),$$

$$m_{T2} = \min_{\vec{p}_T^{X(1)} + \vec{p}_T^{X(2)} = \vec{p}_T^{\text{miss}}} \left[ \max \left( m_T^{(1)}, m_T^{(2)} \right) \right]$$



Prompt SRs			
SR bin	$\Sigma m_T$ [GeV]	$m_{T2}$ [GeV]	$p_T^{\tau_h}$ [GeV]
$N_j = 0$			
1	200 – 250	25 – 50	< 90
2	200 – 250	25 – 50	> 90
3	200 – 250	50 – 75	< 90
4	200 – 250	50 – 75	> 90
5	200 – 250	> 75	—
6	250 – 300	25 – 50	< 90
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13	300 – 350	75 – 100	—
14	300 – 350	> 100	—
15	> 350	25 – 50	—
16	> 350	50 – 75	—
17	> 350	75 – 100	—
18	> 350	> 100	—
$N_j \geq 1$			
19	200 – 250	25 – 50	—
20	200 – 250	> 50	—
21	250 – 300	25 – 50	—
22	250 – 300	50 – 75	—
23	250 – 300	> 75	—
24	300 – 350	25 – 50	—
25	300 – 350	50 – 75	—
26	300 – 350	> 75	—
27	> 350	25 – 75	—
28	> 350	75 – 100	—
29	> 350	> 100	—
Displaced SRs			
SR bin	$p_T^{\tau_h}$ [GeV]		
30	< 110		
31	> 110		



# What can we expect from HL-LHC?

- Run 2 → DeepAK8 taggers which clearly an improvement over previous tagging techniques. Run 3 → [ParticleNet](#) algorithms (something else?) have shown improvements over DeepAK8.
- ParticleNet regression techniques → improvement over soft-drop mass.
- As usual, we are going to have more data and better techniques! 😊

