

A NEW PROBE OF NEUTRALINOS AT THE LHC



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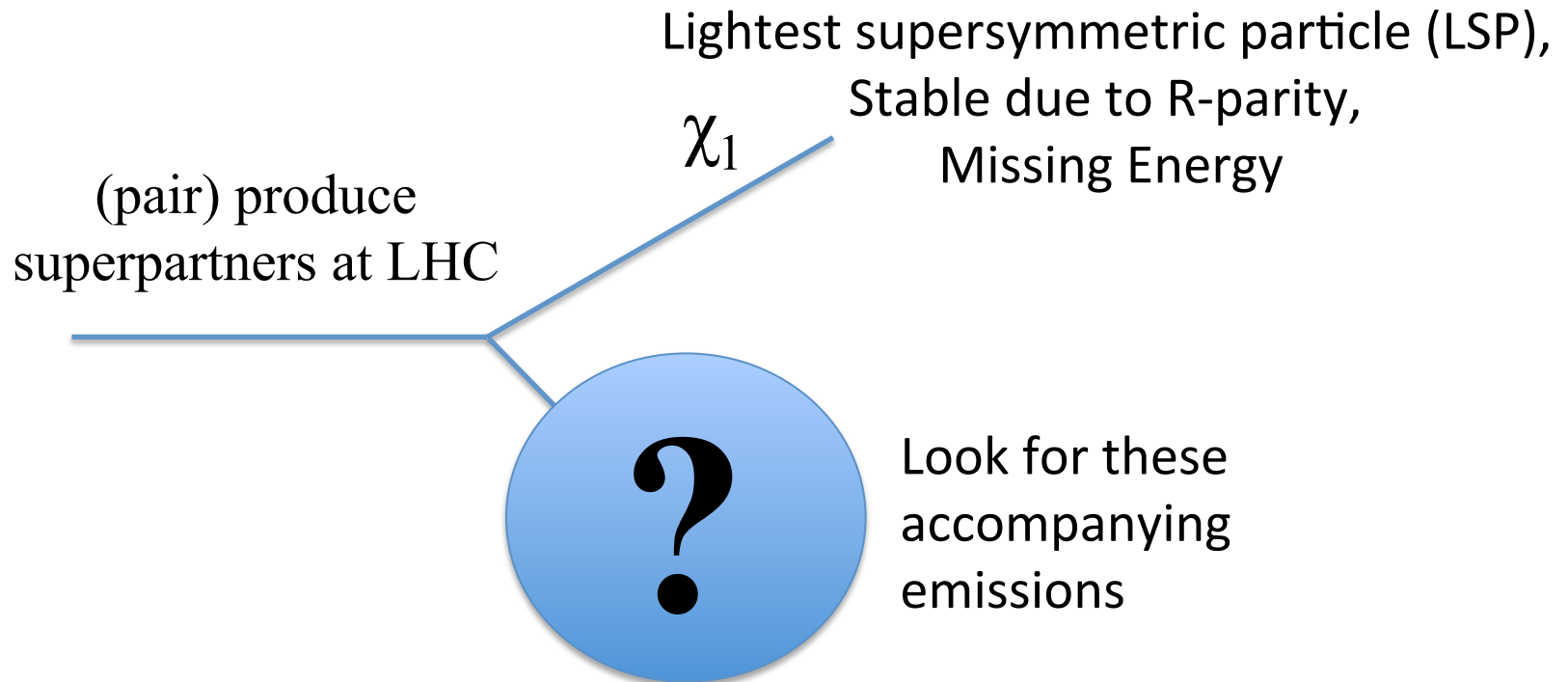
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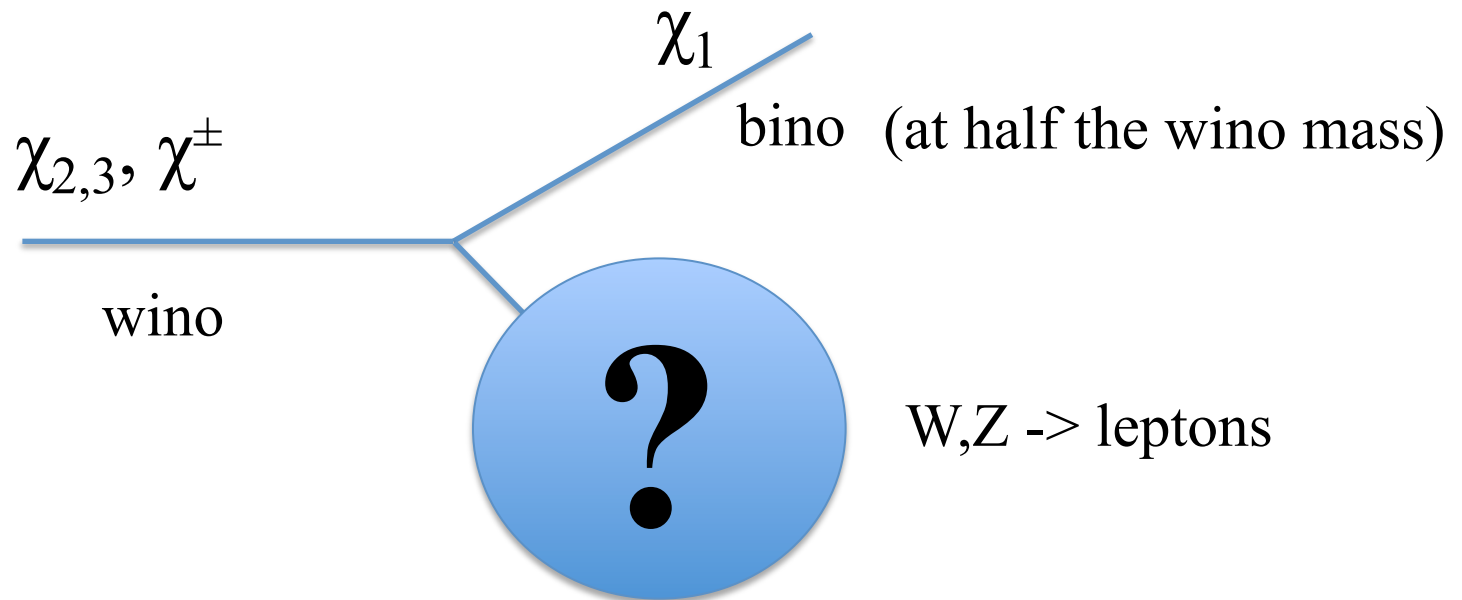
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Recent results have prompted us to reconsider the details

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Inspired by CMSSM with gaugino mass unification

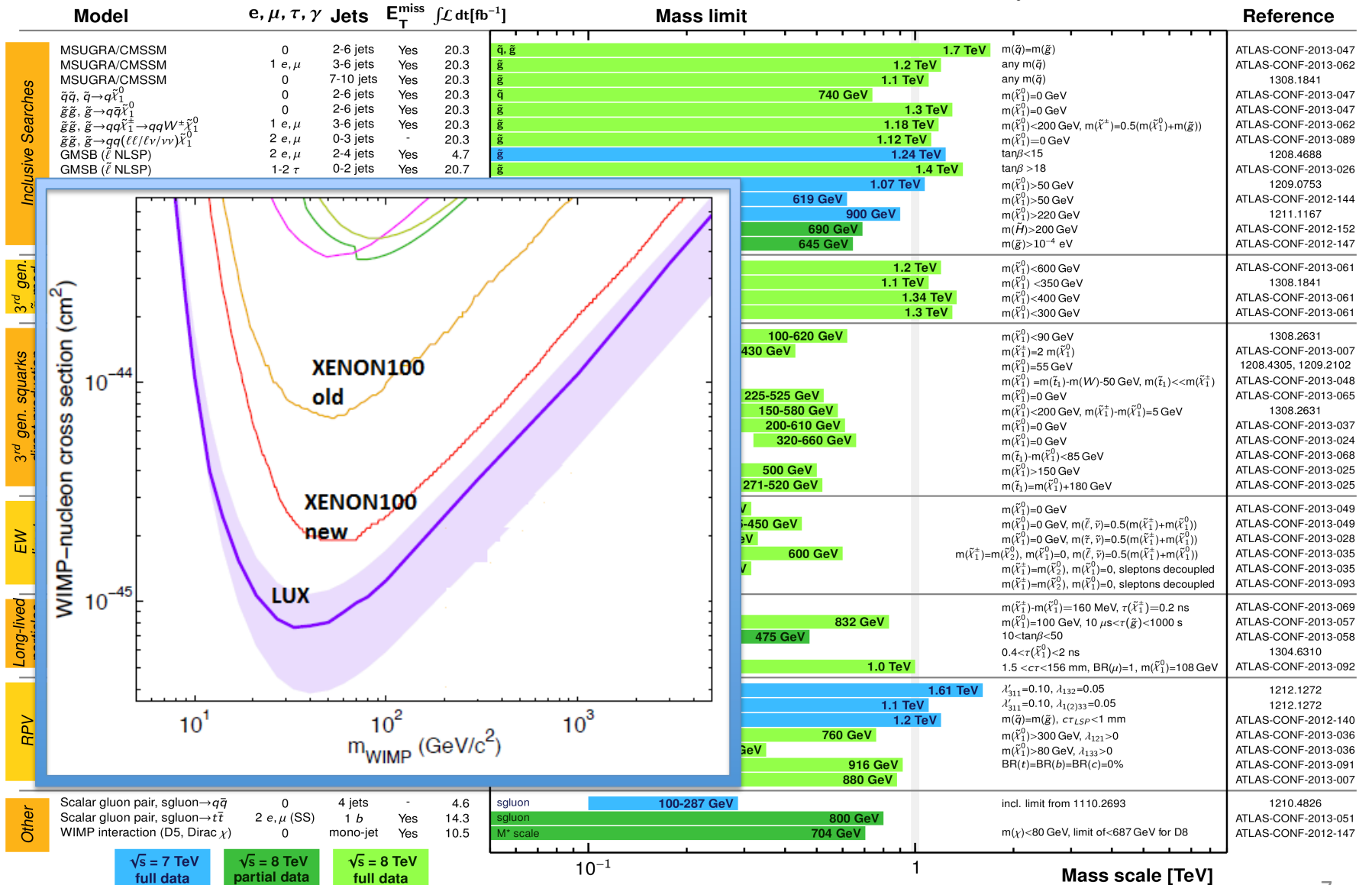
However...

ATLAS SUSY Searches* - 95% CL Lower Limits

Status: SUSY 2013

ATLAS Preliminary

$$\int \mathcal{L} dt = (4.6 - 22.9) \text{ fb}^{-1} \quad \sqrt{s} = 7, 8 \text{ TeV}$$



*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.

Guiding Idea:

NATURALNESS

Tree level relation for m_Z :

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GLUINO feeds into stop mass

STOPS feed into m_u^2

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HIGGSINOS need to be light

Need these to be light from a naturalness point of view.

Other superpartners can be heavy.

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Q: Are there any well-motivated scenarios with lighter particles that these higgsinos can decay into?

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NMSSM

- Extend MSSM by a gauge singlet superfield S . Superpotential contains:

$$\lambda \hat{S} \hat{H}_u \cdot \hat{H}_d + \frac{\kappa}{3} \hat{S}^3$$

- Gives additional contribution to tree level higgs mass

$$m_h^2 = M_Z^2 \cos^2 2\beta + \lambda^2 v^2 \sin^2 2\beta + \delta_t^2$$

- Can get close to 125 GeV with large λ (~ 0.6), small $\tan\beta$ (~ 2), only a small loop correction needed. Significantly improves fine-tuning.

Neutralino Sector of the NMSSM

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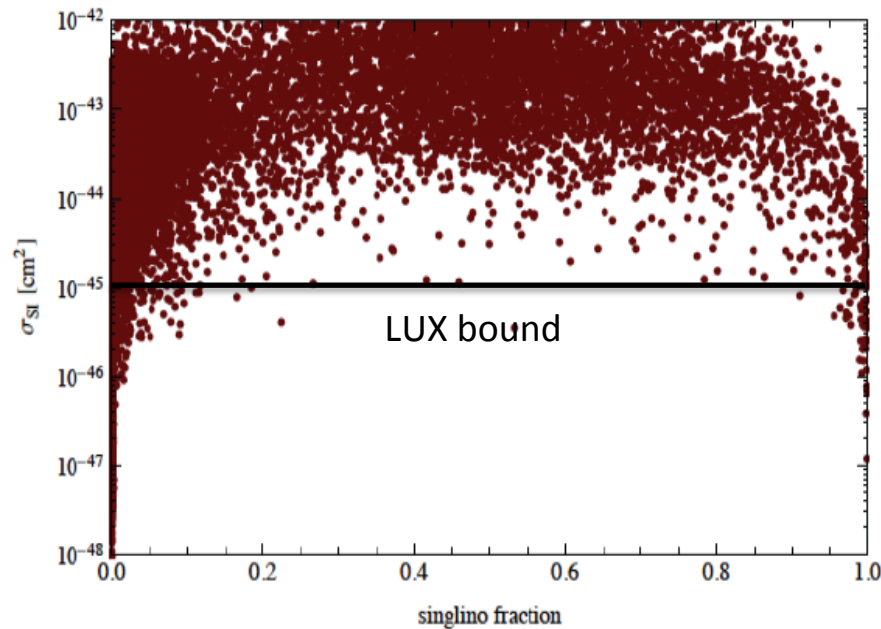
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- New component: SINGLINO
- tied to higgsino mass scale μ
- naturalness requires large λ , so singlino is usually lighter
- higgsino can decay into singlino!

NMSSM and direct detection

Scattering with nuclei occurs through the Higgs via the $\lambda SH_u H_d$ vertex, requires LSP to have both a higgsino and singlino component



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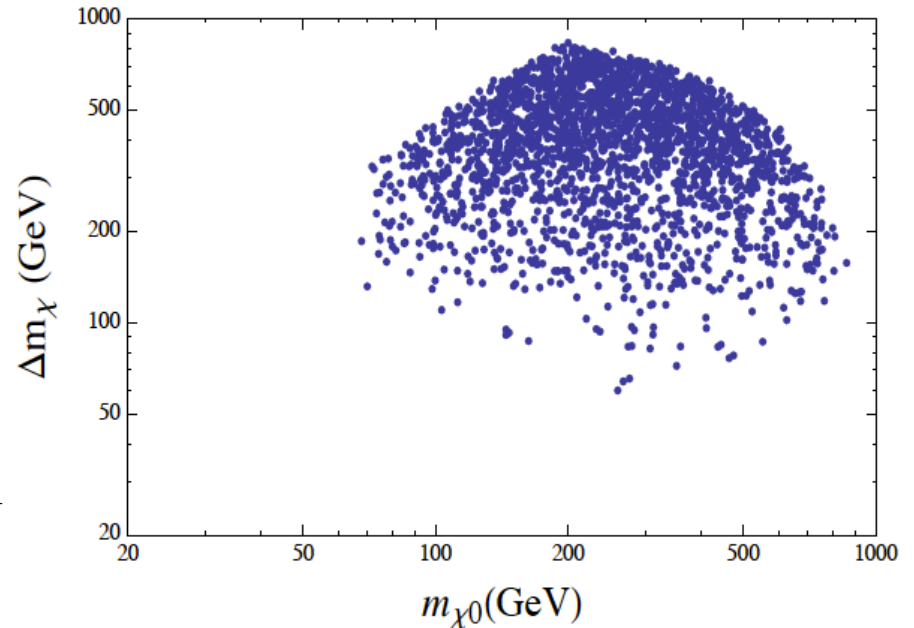
To avoid direct detection constraints: either pure higgsino or pure singlino.
Avoiding this mixing requires separation of higgsino and singlino mass scales.

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Implications for collider searches:

higgsino \rightarrow singlino + h is possible
in most of parameter space

no direct coupling to Z in the pure
singlino limit (will still get Zs from
the goldstone component)



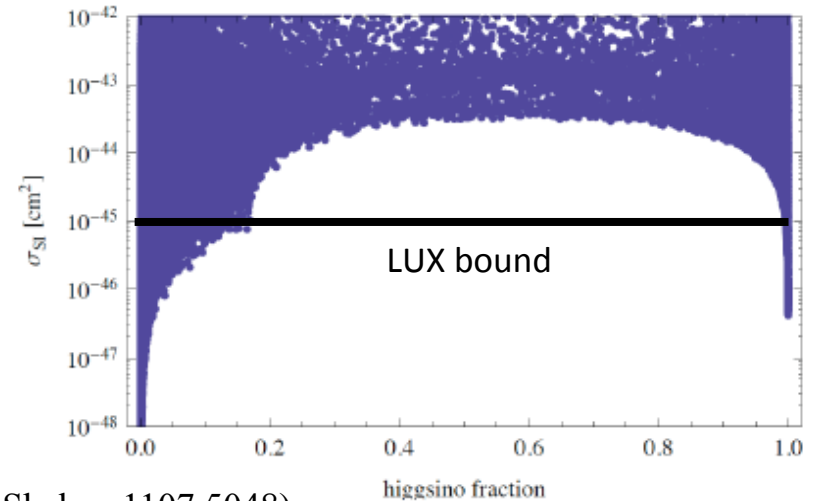
Similar story in the MSSM

Relic density: well tempered neutralino:
bino with some higgsino mixing

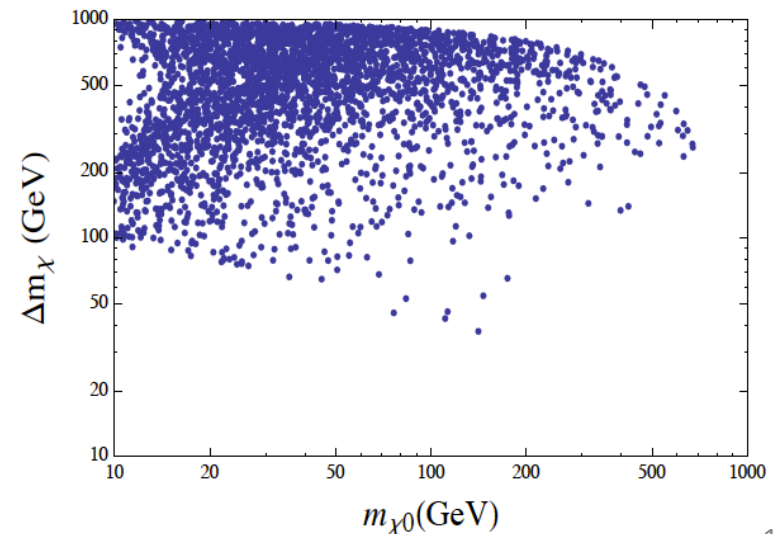
direct detection: $Bh_{u(d)}H_{u(d)}$ vertex,
requires suppression of higgsino
component \rightarrow separation of higgsino and
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(Perelstein, Shakya 1107.5048)



So, there do exist relevant scenarios

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Questions:

Can we detect these at the LHC?

If yes, can we glean enough information to determine which of the above we are seeing?

CMS Physics Analysis Summary

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Search for electroweak production of higgsinos in channels
with two Higgs bosons decaying to b quarks in pp
collisions at 8 TeV

The CMS Collaboration

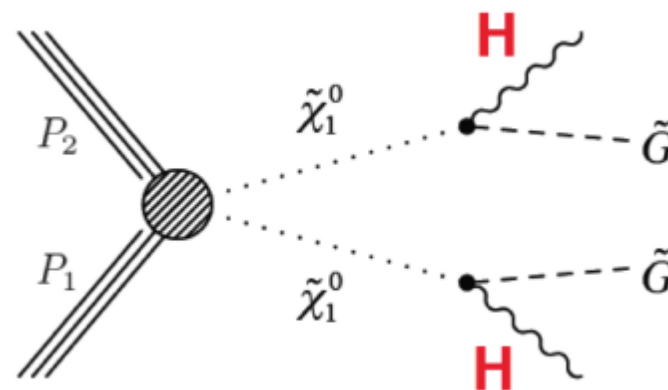
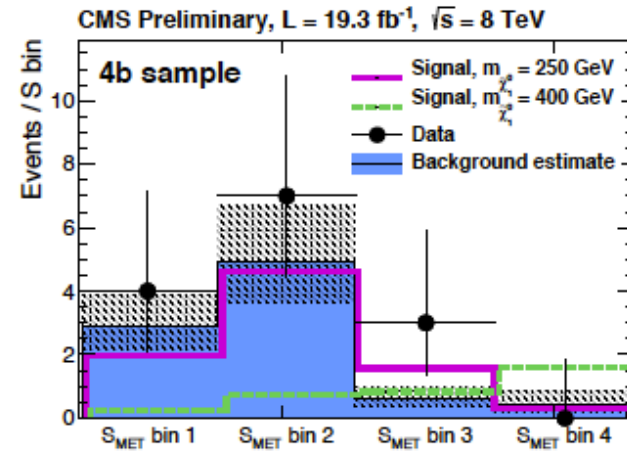
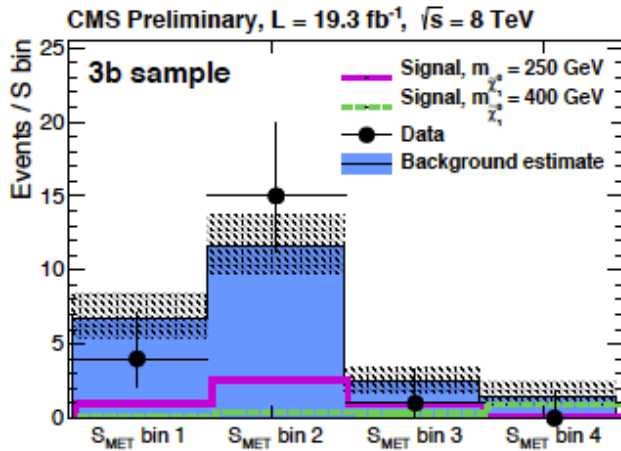


Table 4: Observed numbers of events and corresponding SM background estimates from the likelihood fit for the 3b-SIG and 4b-SIG regions. For the data, the first uncertainty is statistical and the second systematic.

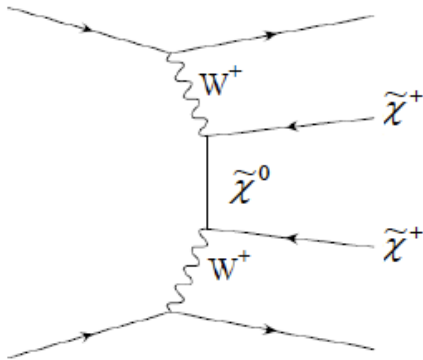
\mathcal{S}_{MET} bin	\mathcal{S}_{MET} range	SM background (3b-SIG)	Data (3b-SIG)	SM background (4b-SIG)	Data (4b-SIG)
1	$30 < \mathcal{S}_{\text{MET}} < 50$	$6.7^{+1.4+1.0}_{-1.1-0.7}$	4	$2.9^{+0.8+0.5}_{-0.6-0.4}$	4
2	$50 < \mathcal{S}_{\text{MET}} < 100$	$11.6^{+1.9+0.9}_{-1.6-0.7}$	15	$4.9^{+1.1+1.4}_{-0.9-0.9}$	7
3	$100 < \mathcal{S}_{\text{MET}} < 150$	$2.44^{+0.84+0.56}_{-0.64-0.35}$	1	$0.59^{+0.39+0.09}_{-0.26-0.09}$	3
4	$\mathcal{S}_{\text{MET}} > 150$	$1.50^{+0.82+0.64}_{-0.54-0.32}$	0	$0.40^{+0.39+0.26}_{-0.22-0.10}$	0



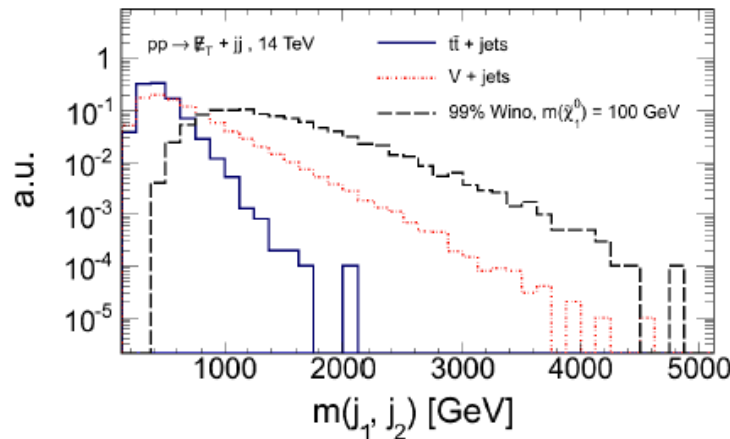
QCD background from $t\bar{t}b\bar{b}$.

Any way to get rid of it?

More jets: Worse is better!



Look at VBF processes: Tag on high E_T forward jets in opposite hemispheres with large dijet invariant mass. Very efficient in getting rid of QCD background.



Vector Boson Fusion Processes as a Probe of Supersymmetric Electroweak Sectors at the LHC

Probing Dark Matter at the LHC using Vector Boson Fusion Processes

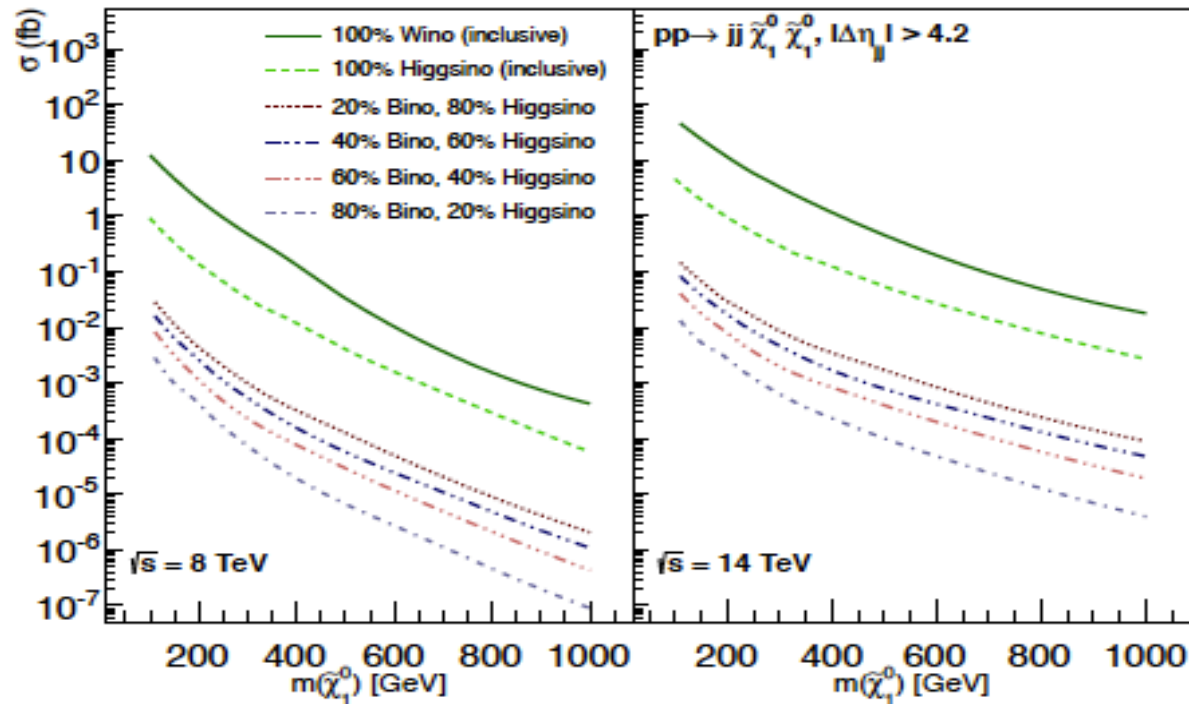
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Vector boson fusion (VBF) processes offer a promising avenue to study the non-colored sectors of supersymmetric extensions of the Standard Model at the LHC. A feasibility study for searching for the chargino/neutralino system in the R -parity conserving Minimal Supersymmetric Standard Model is presented. The high E_T forward jets in opposite hemispheres are utilized to trigger VBF events, so that the production of the lightest chargino $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm$ and the second lightest neutralino $\tilde{\chi}_2^0$ can be probed without a bias by experimental triggers. Kinematic requirements are developed to search for signals of these supersymmetric states above Standard Model backgrounds in both τ and light lepton (e and μ) final states at $\sqrt{s} = 8$ TeV.

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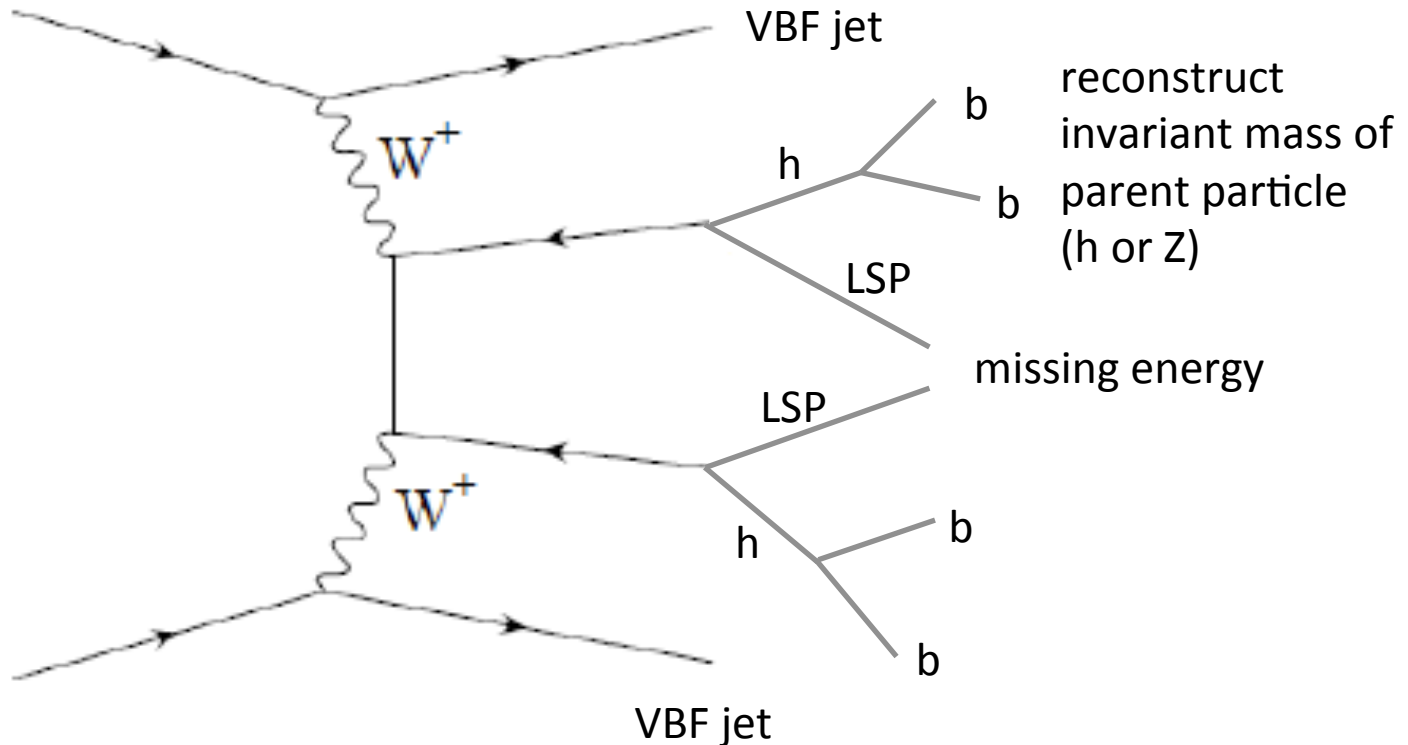
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FIG. 1: Production cross section as a function of $m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0}$ after requiring $|\Delta\eta(j_1, j_2)| > 4.2$, at LHC8 and LHC14. For the pure Wino and Higgsino cases, inclusive $\tilde{\chi}_1^0 \tilde{\chi}_1^0$, $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm \tilde{\chi}_1^\pm$, $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm \tilde{\chi}_1^\mp$, and $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm \tilde{\chi}_1^0$ production cross sections are displayed.

What we would like to look for
(there is some order to this chaos!)



(Note: would also work in other scenarios with similar topologies
e.g. wino decaying into higgsino)

A sample point from the NMSSM:
 355 GeV Higgsinos, 192 GeV singlino

cut (efficiency)	σ [fb] (w/o BRs)
VBF cuts (25%)	0.34
$\cancel{E}_T > 200\text{GeV}$ (35%)	0.12
3 isolated b parton (35%)	0.04
4 isolated b parton (45%)	0.05
3^+ tagged b (67%)	0.05
—	σ [fb] (w BRs)
3^+ tagged b	0.004

VERY Preliminary Impressions:

- Should be essentially background free
- Looks like some events should be possible at 300fb^{-1}
- Should be able to probe higgsinos beyond 400 GeV

Can we use measurements of these events to differentiate between models? e.g. are we seeing the MSSM or NMSSM?

the vertices are different:

$$\text{MSSM: } g B h_{u(d)} H_{u(d)}$$

$$\text{NMSSM: } \lambda S H_u H_d$$

In principle, can probably tell the difference by looking at e.g. ratio of Z/h events

(but would require many events + constraints from other measurements...)

work in progress...

SUMMARY

- Well motivated scenarios for higgsinos decaying into lighter particles (singlino, bino, gravitino)
- Main decay process: higgsino \rightarrow higgs(\rightarrow bbar)+LSP. Cross section is low, need to make the most out of all events!
- QCD background, can be improved with VBF jets +large MET cut
- Reach might be competitive with / higher than other search strategies
- Will be able to tell you more soon!