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# Search for SUSY in hadronic final states using $M_{T2}$

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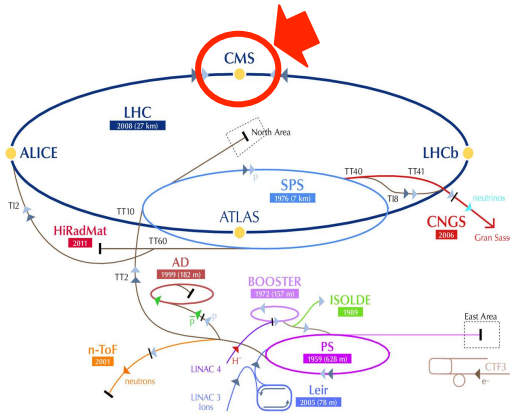
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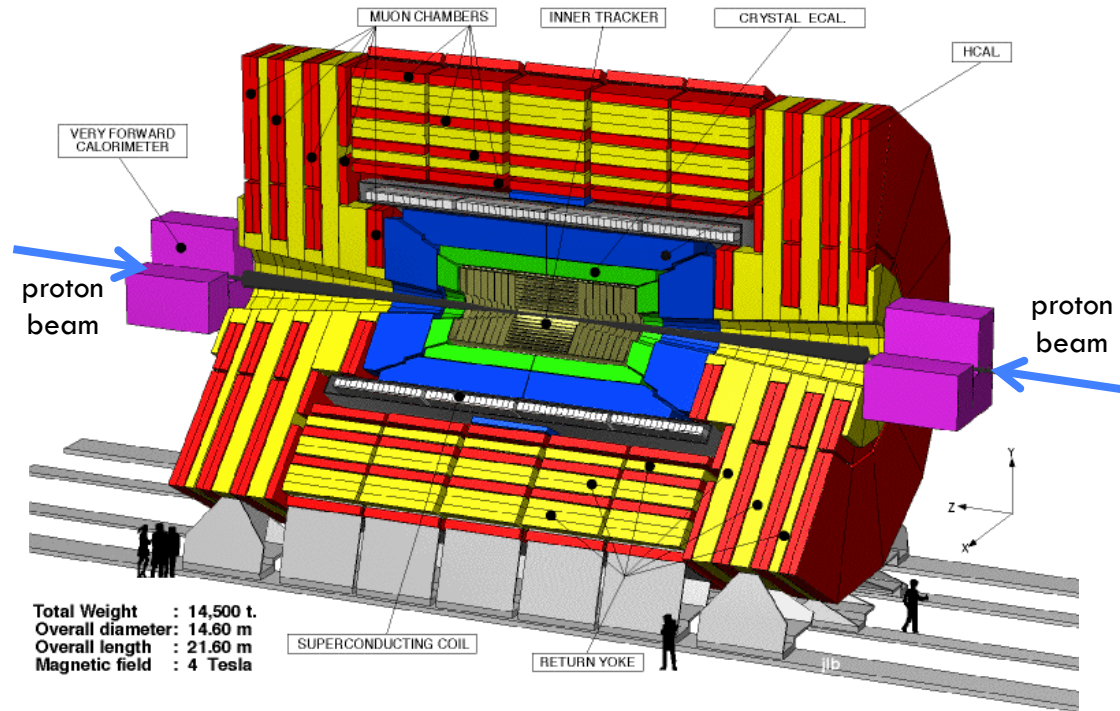
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# CMS @ the LHC

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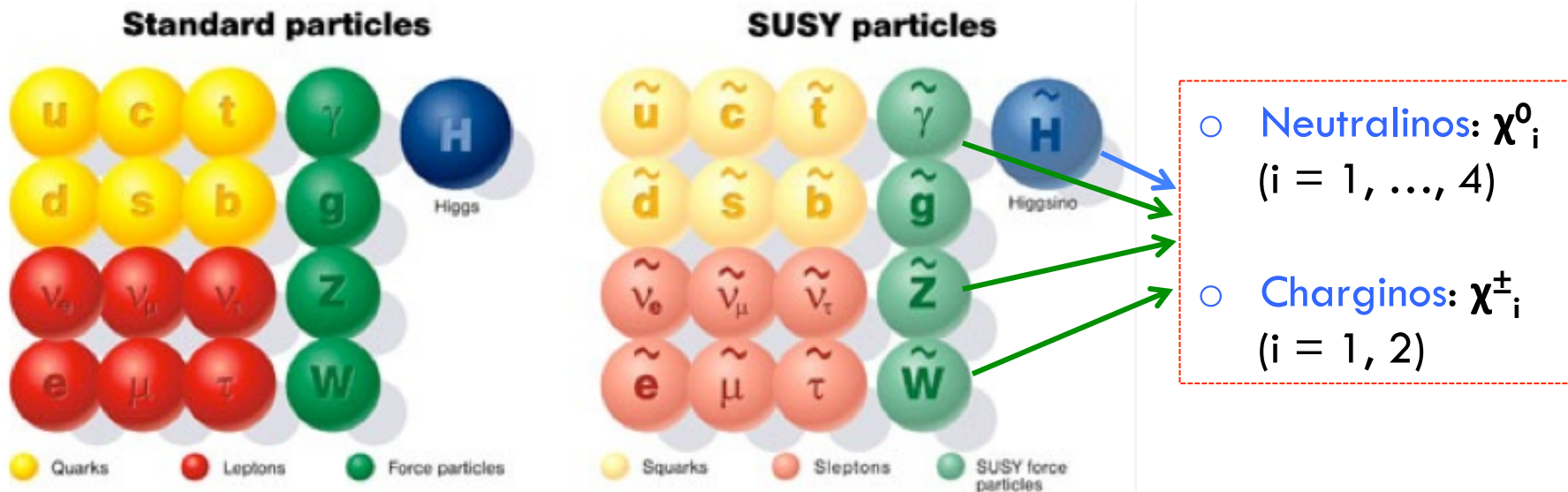
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# Supersymmetry

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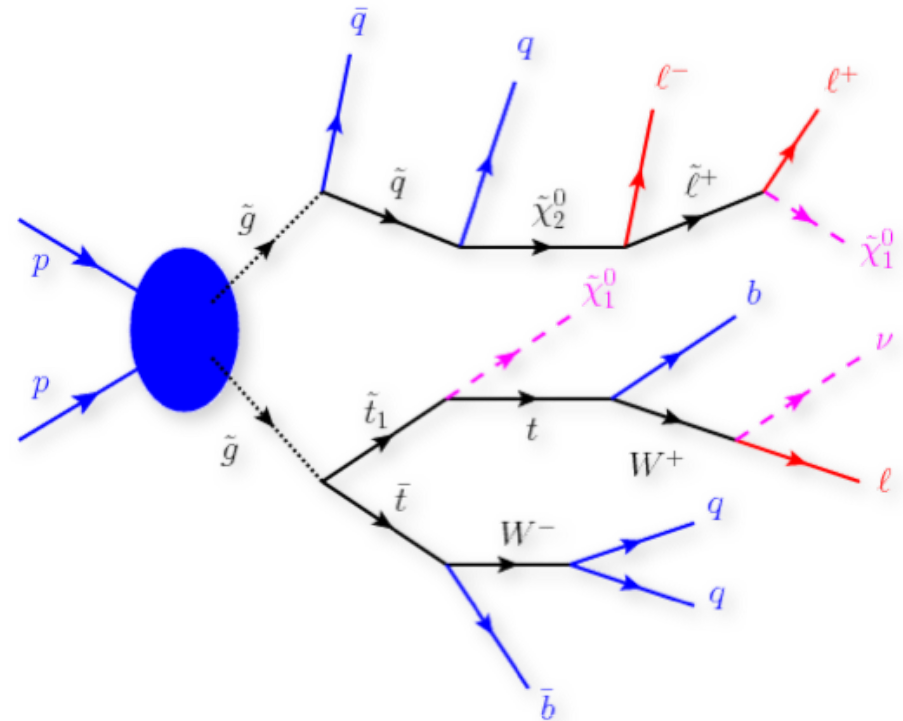
- New fundamental (*broken*) symmetry
  - $Q |\text{fermion}\rangle = |\text{boson}\rangle$  &  $Q |\text{boson}\rangle = |\text{fermion}\rangle$
  - ✓ Would stabilize mass hierarchy problem
  - ✓ Would facilitate GUT
  - ✓ Would provide candidates for Dark Matter
  - ✓ ...

# Topology of a SUSY event

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## How to look for SUSY?

- Large energy release
- Large number of **jets**
- Large  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$
- Low momentum **leptons**



⇒ Search for **jets** +  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  + leptons

# The $M_{T2}$ variable

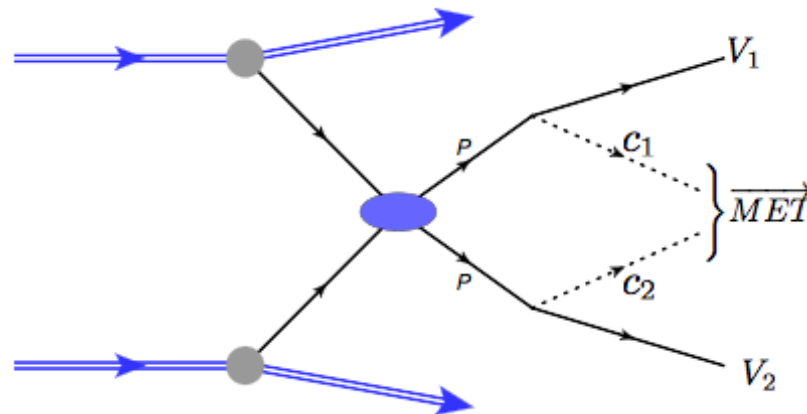
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- **Generalization of transverse mass  $M_T$**  to case of **two** decay chains with an **unobserved** particle each

$$M_{T2}(m_c) = \min_{\vec{p}_T^{c(1)} + \vec{p}_T^{c(2)} = \vec{p}_T^{\text{miss}}} \left[ \max(M_T^{(1)}, M_T^{(2)}) \right]$$

- ✓ If all masses are known,  $M_{T2}$  will have an **endpoint** at the parent mass

- **Division of events into two massless pseudo-jets**



# The $M_{T2}$ variable

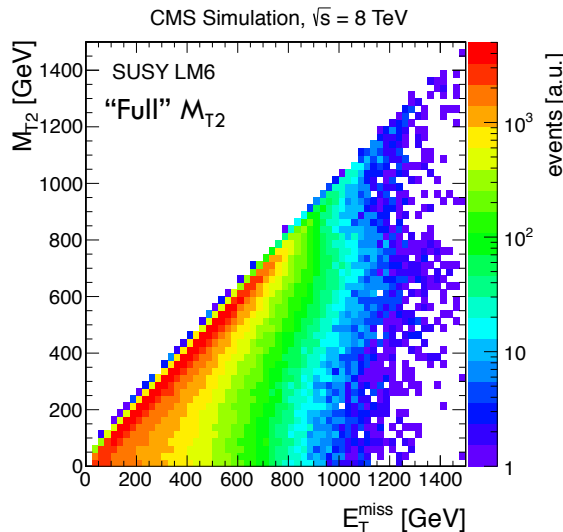
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➤ Virtue of  $M_{T2}$  becomes evident for the simplified case of:

- ✓ zero masses
- ✓ no ISR

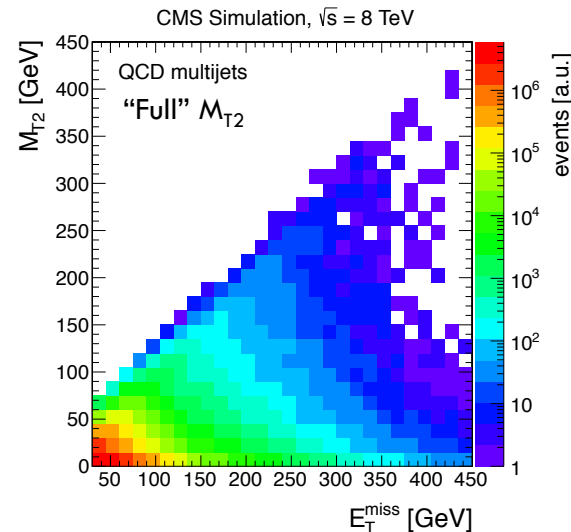
⇒

$$M_{T2}^2 = 2p_T^{V_1} p_T^{V_2} (1 + \cos\phi_{1,2})$$



➤ **SUSY-like events:**

✓  $M_{T2} \lesssim E_T^{\text{miss}}$

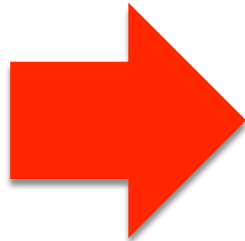
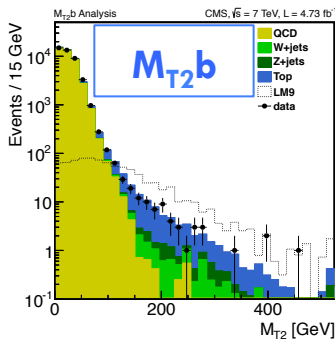
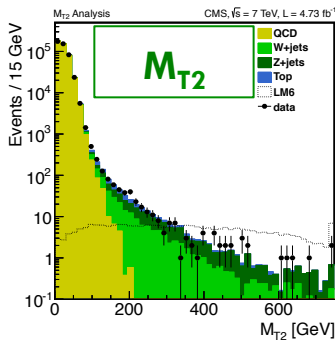


➤ **Multijet-like events:**

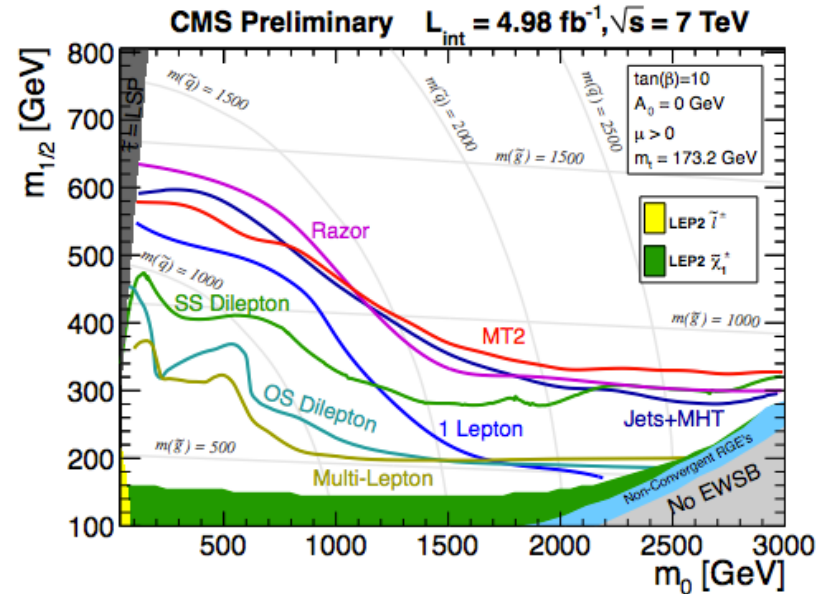
✓  $M_{T2} \rightarrow 0$

\*  $E_T^{\text{miss}2} = (p_{T1} - p_{T2})^2 + 2p_{T1}p_{T2}(1 + \cos\phi_{1,2})$

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## CMS Exclusion Limits



- **Two mutually not exclusive analyses** ( with  $H_T > 750$  GeV )
  1.  $M_{T2}$  , with  $N(\text{jets}) \geq 3$
  2.  $M_{T2b}$ , with  $N(\text{jets}) \geq 4$  &  $N(\text{b-jets}) \geq 1$



# The search strategy @ 8 TeV



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- ✓ This search is a development of the published 7 TeV analysis
- ✓ The 7 TeV analysis did **not** see any significant **excess** over the Standard Model background

## Two way optimization

### Inclusive $M_{T2}$ analysis

- Combining former  $M_{T2}$  and  $M_{T2}^b$
- Have **high granularity** of the search region
- Access **large phase space**

### $M_{T2}$ Higgs analysis

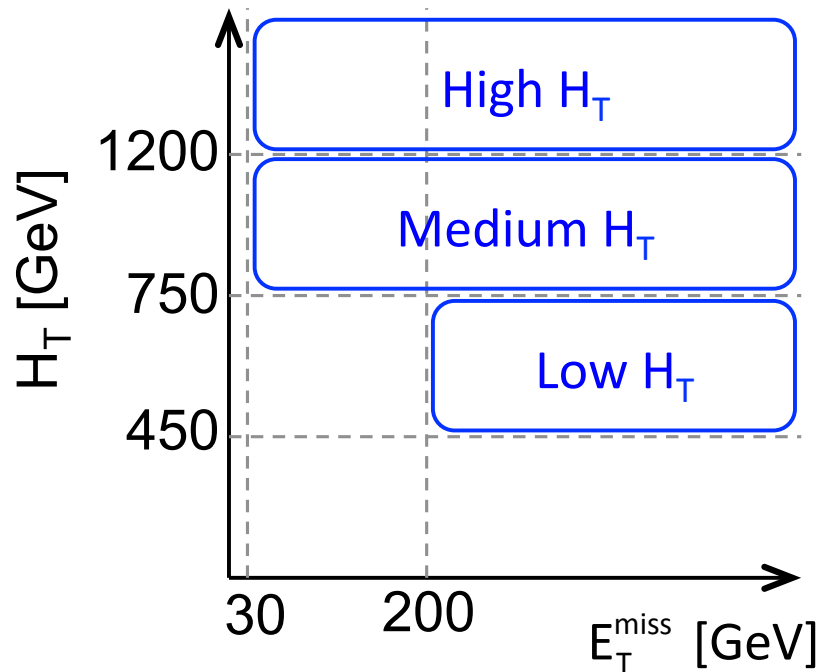
- New analysis optimized for the **search of a light Higgs boson** within a SUSY decay chain
- Exploit Higgs **decay into  $b\bar{b}$**

# Inclusive $M_{T2}$ analysis

# General Strategy

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- Select a large phase space in  $H_T - E_T^{\text{miss}}$  plane
  - **Three  $H_T$  regions** are selected

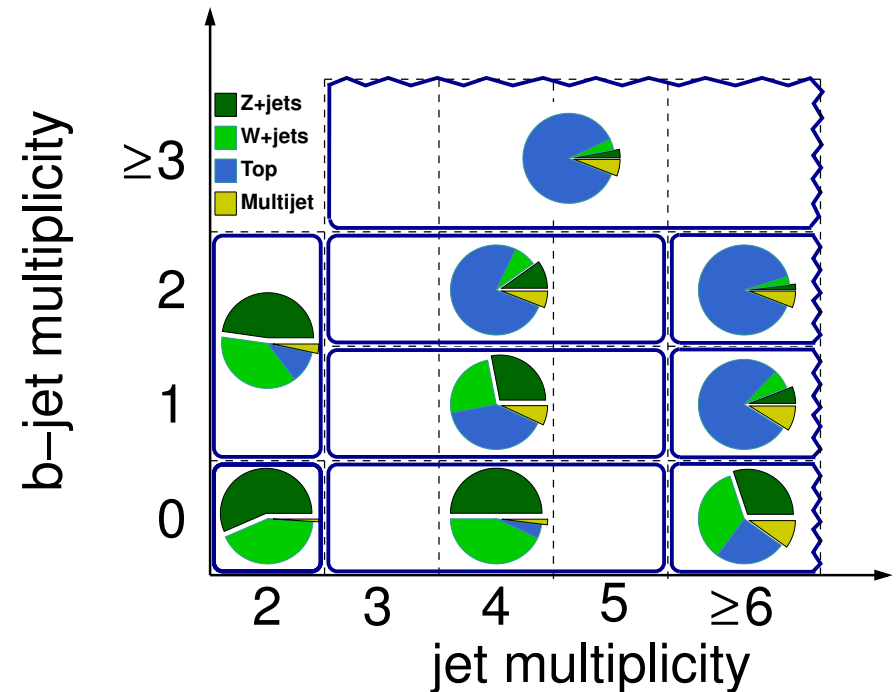
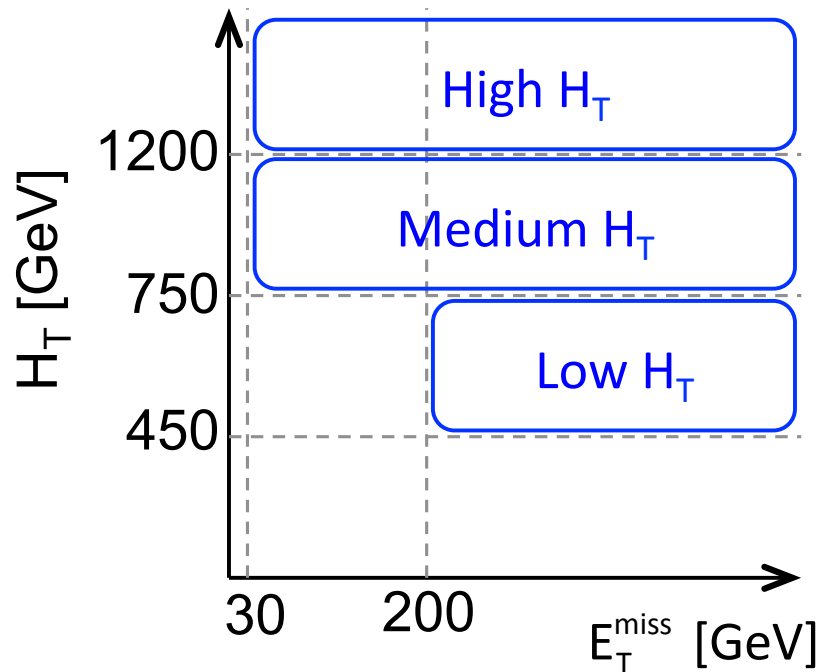


# 3  $H_T$  regions

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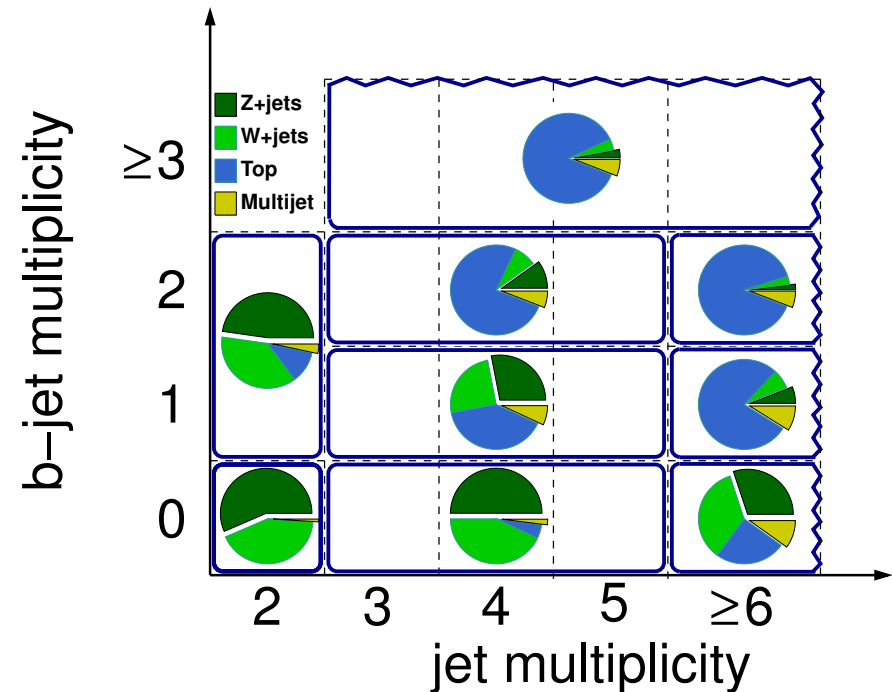
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- Direct gluino** production
- 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>** generation



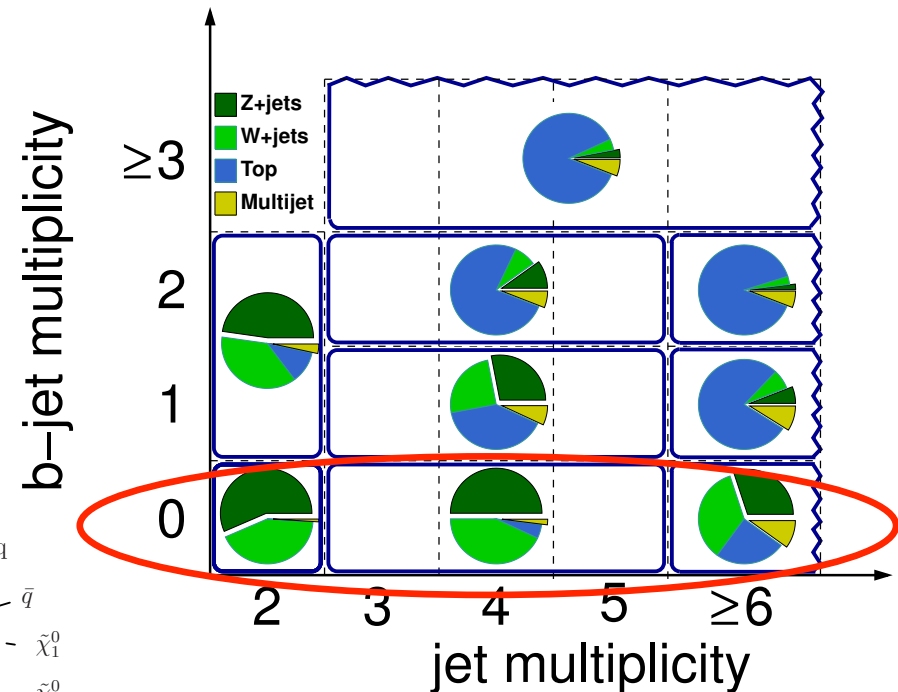
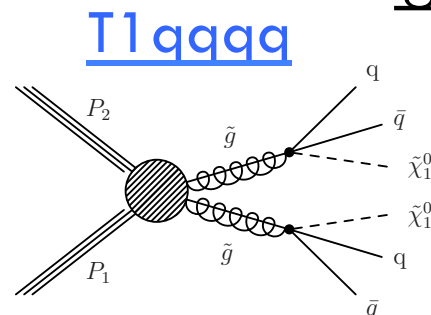
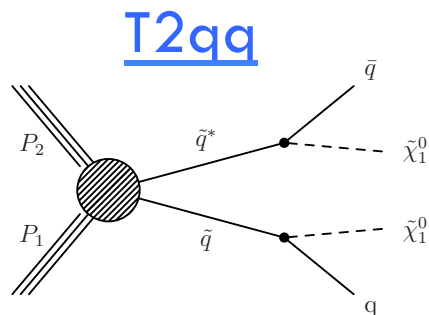
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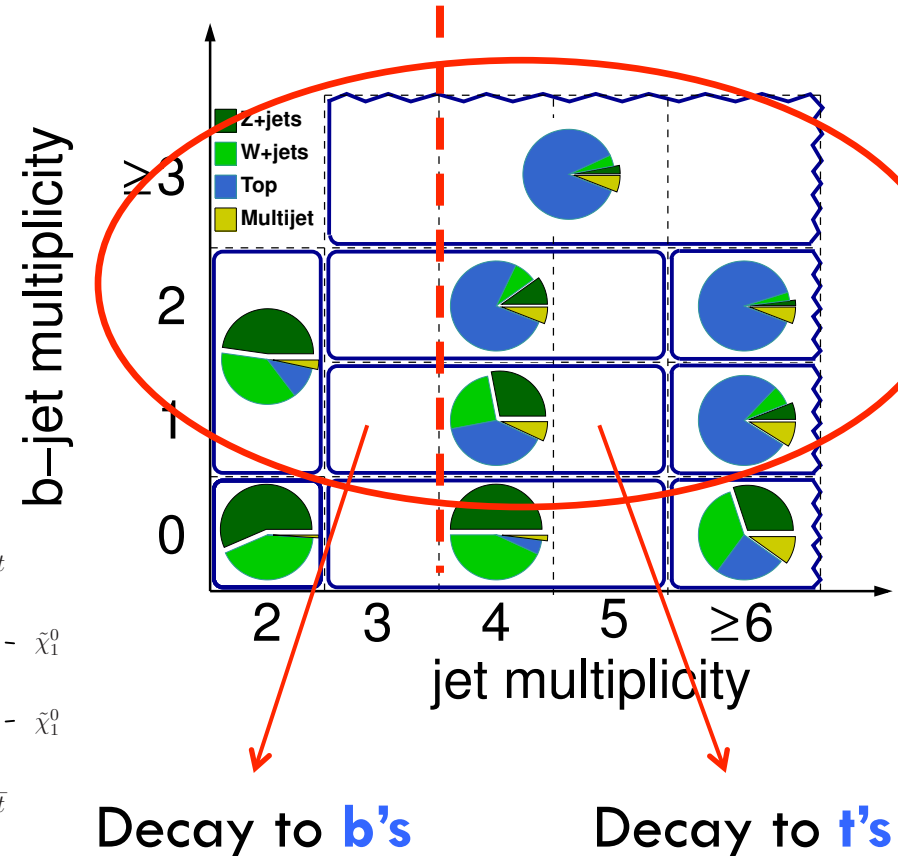
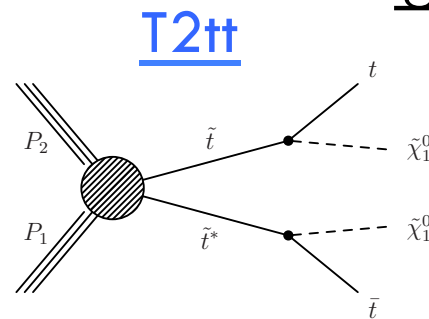
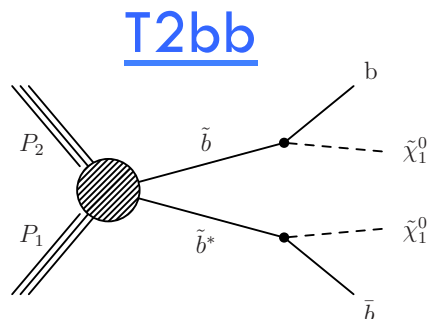
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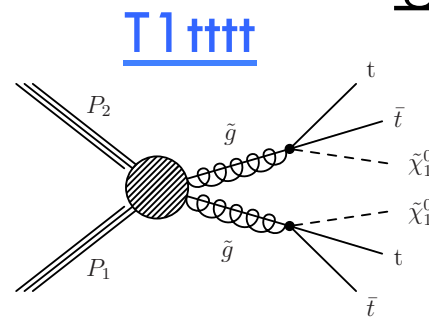
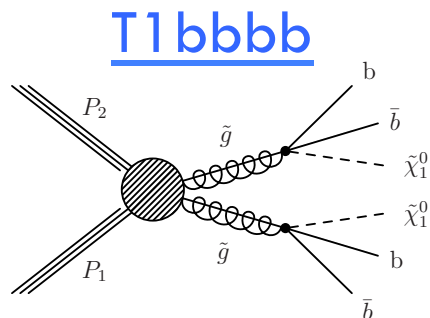
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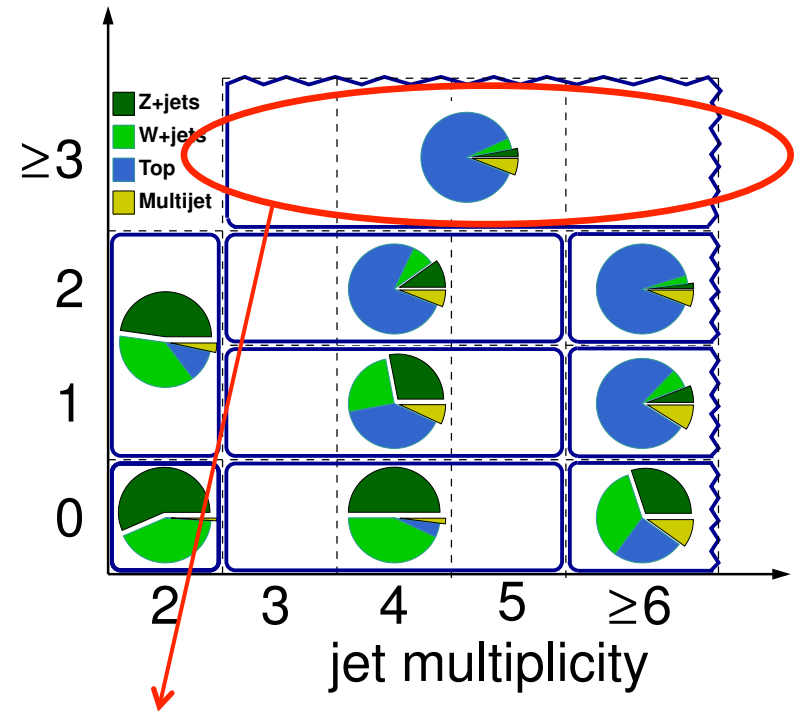
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b-jet multiplicity



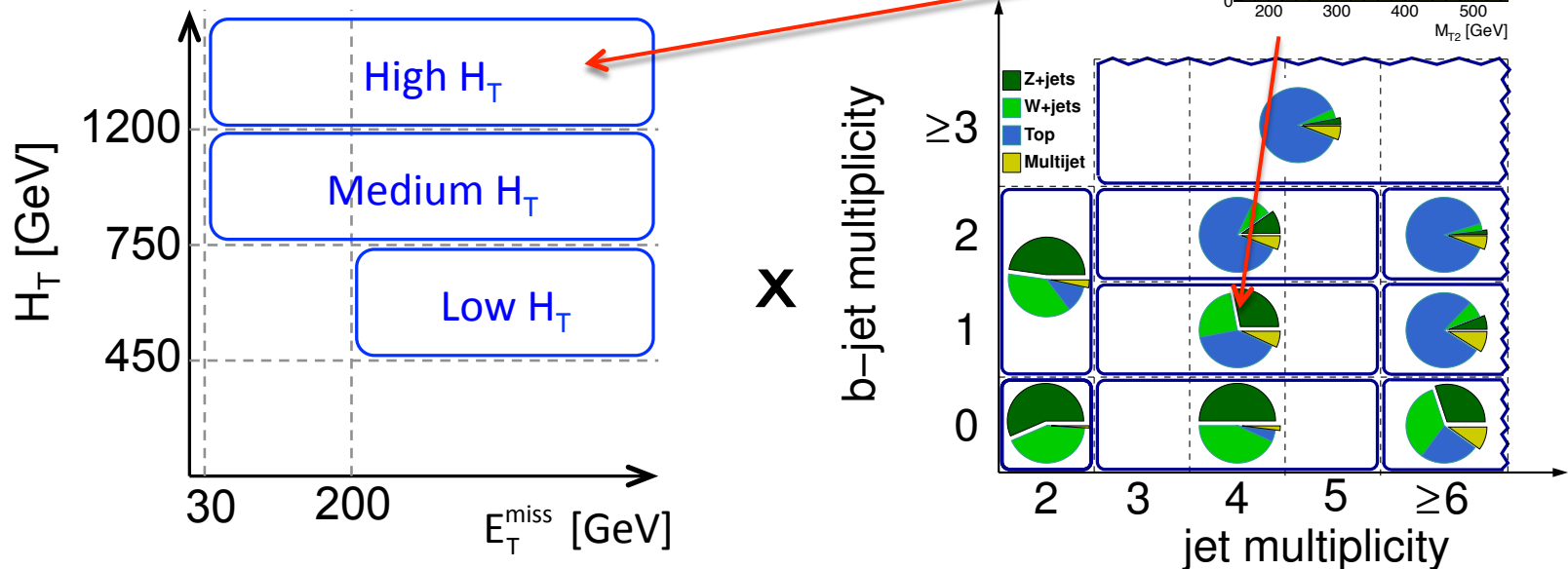
(\*) with multiple b's & t's



# General Strategy

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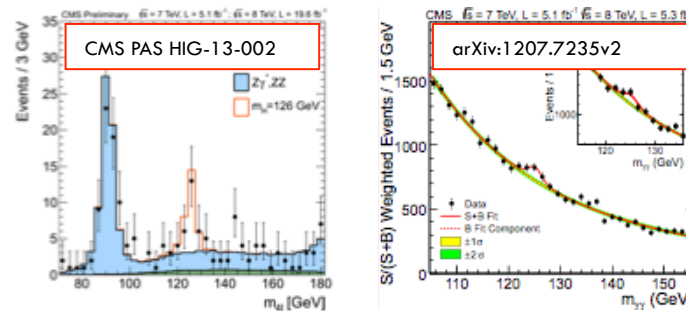
- See BACKUP for exact binning!

# $M_{T2}$ Higgs analysis

# Motivation – SUSY Higgs?

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- Light Higgs boson was observed, with  $M(h^0) \approx 125$  GeV

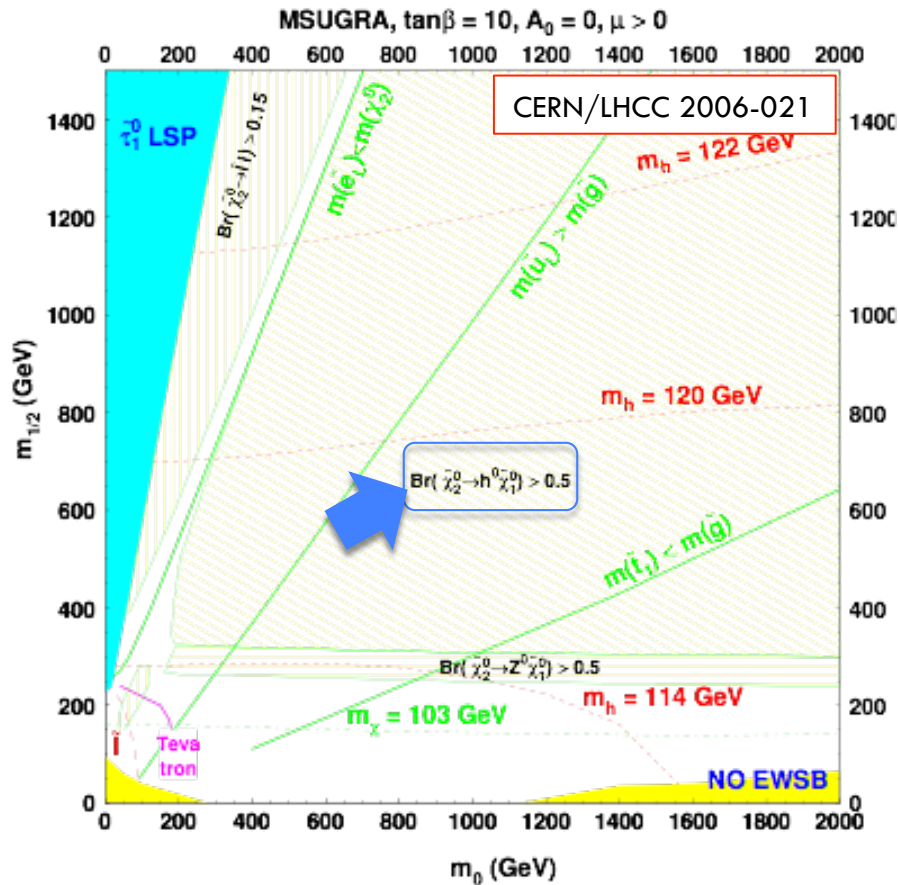


## ➤ Could it be a light SUSY Higgs boson?

- ✓ In the MSSM, five Higgs bosons are foreseen:  $h^0, H^0, A^0, H^+, H^-$
- ✓ If SUSY exists, the observed Higgs boson is likely to be the lightest SUSY Higgs boson ( $h^0$ ). In fact, SUSY predicts  $M(h^0) < 135$  GeV
- ✓  $h^0$  may be produced at the end of a cascade of SUSY particles
- ✓ If SUSY is observed, this search may confirm whether the observed Higgs boson is compatible with the lightest SUSY Higgs boson, or not

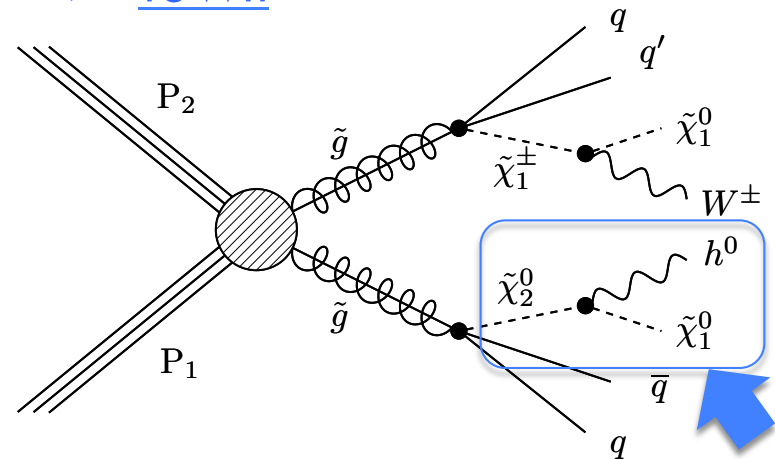
# Models of interest

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- Look at Simplified Models with **one  $h^0$**

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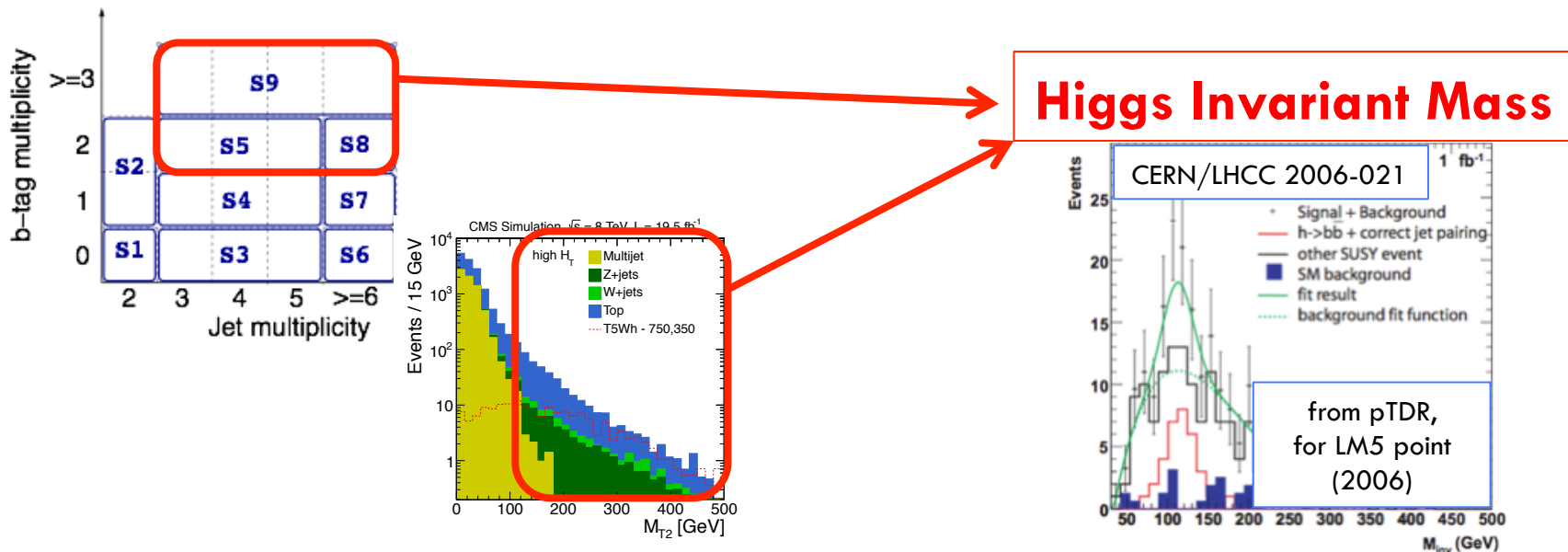
- Exploit main  $h^0$  decay,  **$h^0 \rightarrow b\bar{b}$**

- Asymmetric decays with **one  $h^0$**  may be dominant
- ✓ Models with symmetric decays (i.e., with 2  $h^0$ ) also exist...

# General Strategy

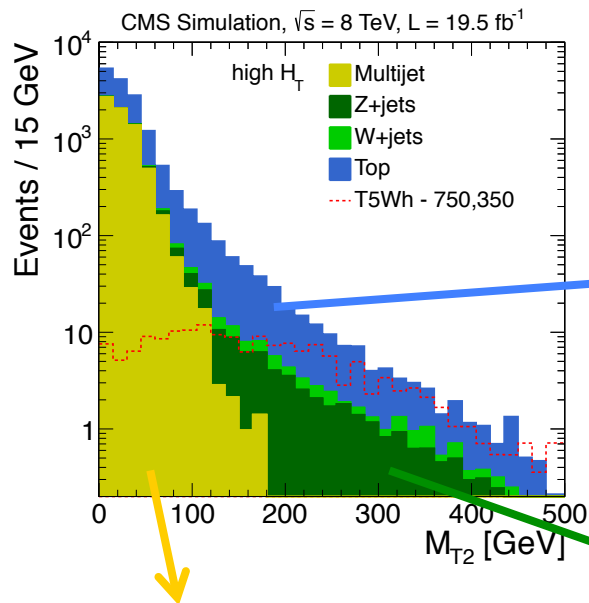
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- Search **not orthogonal** wrt. inclusive  $M_{T2}$  analysis
- **Optimization** of inclusive  $M_{T2}$  analysis
  - ✓ Select phase-space of interest
    - High jet & b-jet multiplicity, high  $M_{T2}$  ...
  - ✓ **Select b-pair**



# Background estimation – Summary

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## Top & W(lv)+jets

- ✓ Real  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$
- ✓ Mostly rejected by lepton veto
- ✓ **Signal-like** if charged **lepton lost**
  - Acceptance
  - Identification & Isolation
- ✓ Probability to lose a lepton
- **1-lepton** events used for prediction

## QCD multijet

- ✓ **No real  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$**   $\Rightarrow$  small  $M_{T2}$
- ✓ Larger  $M_{T2}$  in case of **mis-measured jets**
- ✓ **Mis-measured jets** aligned with  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$
- Correlation  **$\min \Delta\phi(\text{jets}, E_T^{\text{miss}})$**  vs  $M_{T2}$  used for prediction

## Z(vv)+jets

- ✓ **Large  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$**   $\Rightarrow$  **Signal-like** event
- **$\gamma$  + jets** events used for prediction
- ✓ Photon  $p_T$  added to  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$
- ✓ Mimic Z(vv) + jets events

# Results

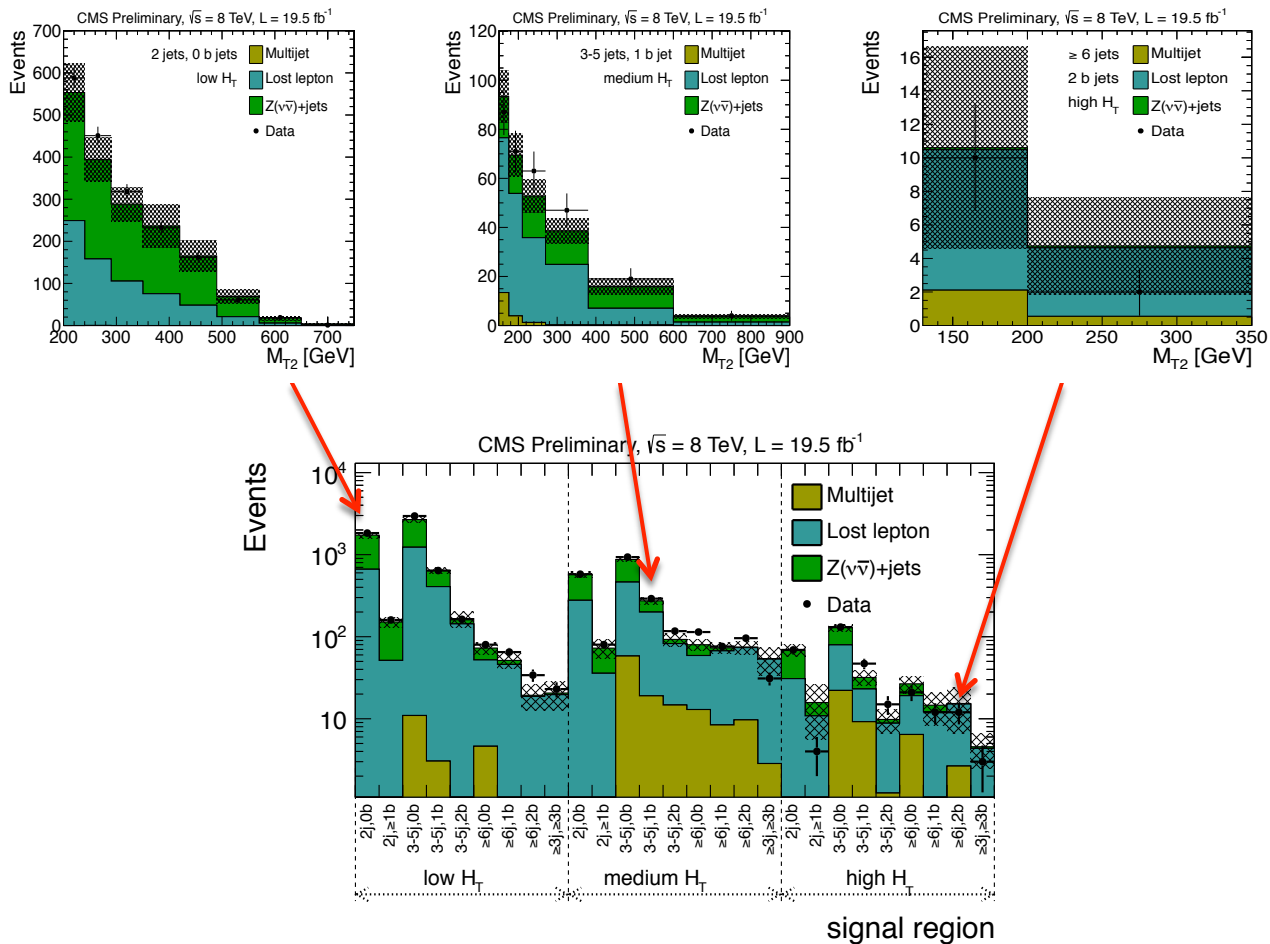
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✓ For  $19.5 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$

# Inclusive $M_{T2}$ analysis

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✓ Looking for an **excess in  $M_{T2}$  tail**

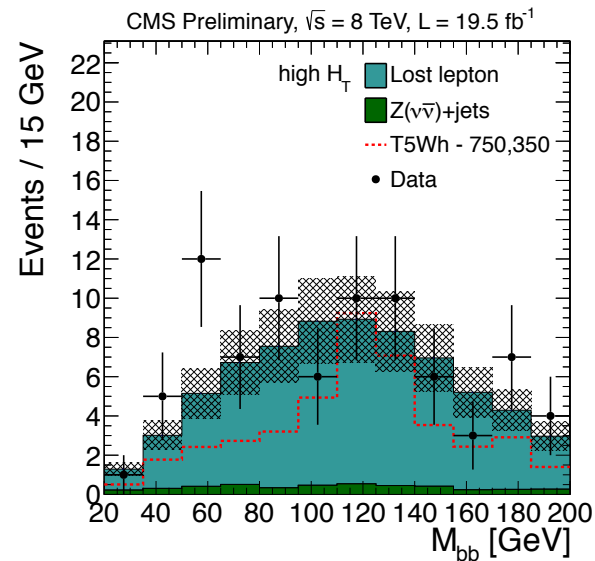
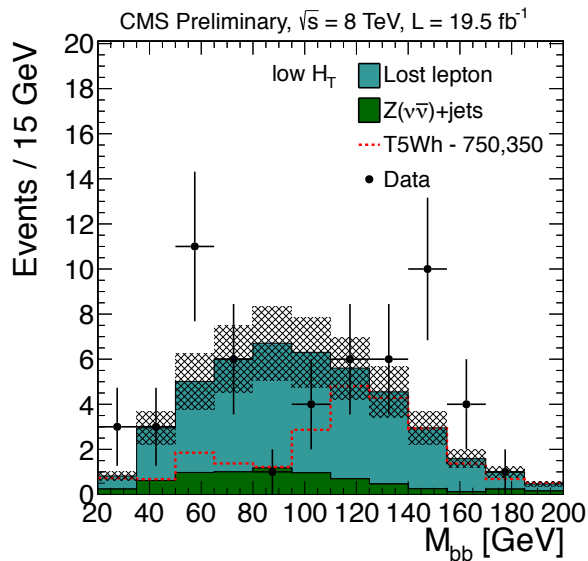




# $M_{T2}$ Higgs analysis

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✓ Looking for a **peak** in  $M_{bb}$  distribution



Channel	Lost lepton	$Z(\nu\bar{\nu})$ +jets	Total background	Data
low $H_T$	$37.1 \pm 9.0$	$6.9 \pm 6.9$	$44.0 \pm 11.3$	55
high $H_T$	$64.8 \pm 16.4$	$4.4 \pm 4.4$	$69.2 \pm 17.0$	81

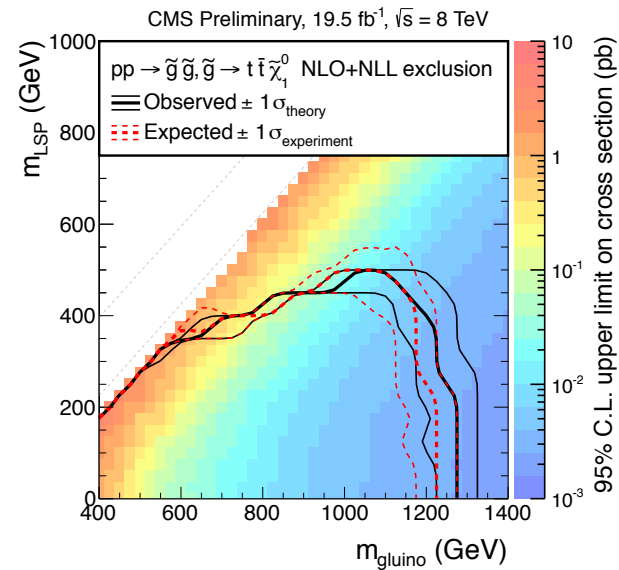
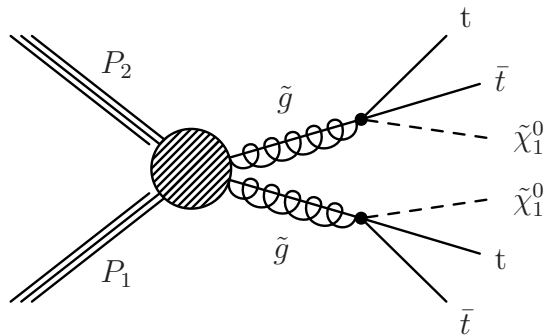
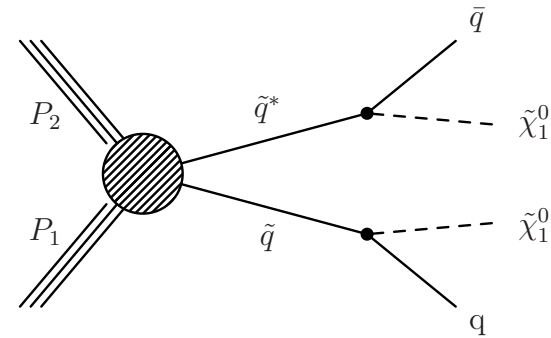
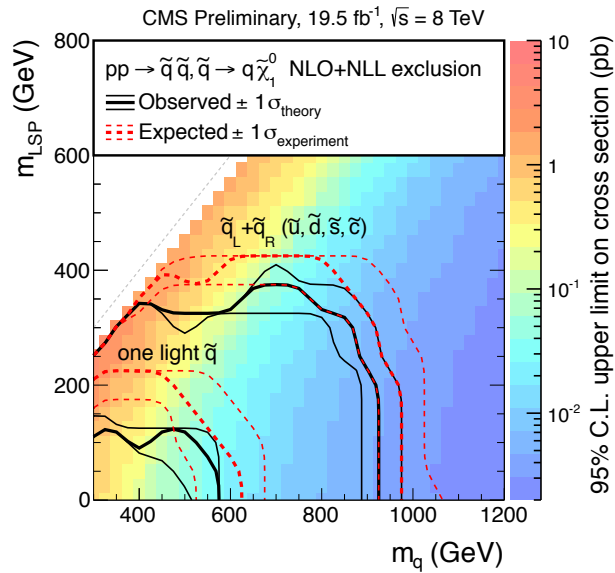
# Exclusion limits

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- ✓ For a selection of Simplified Models

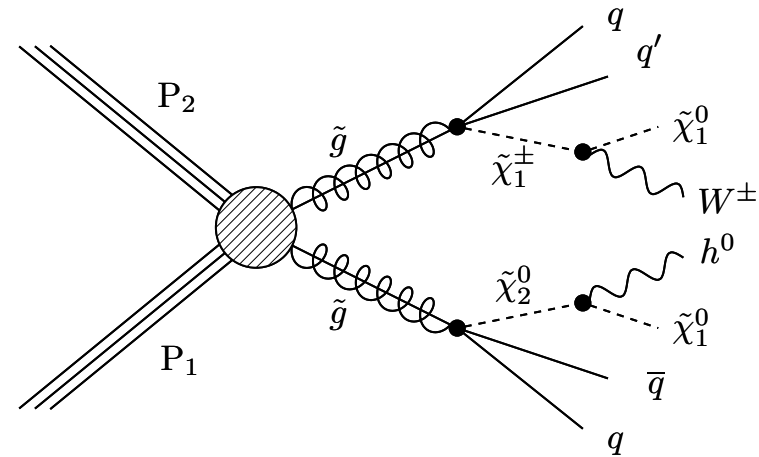
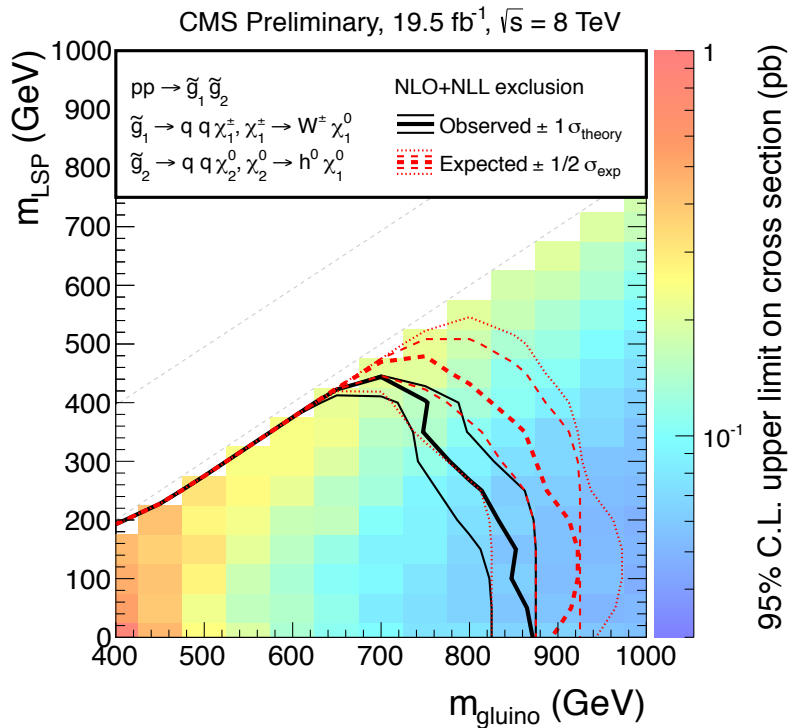
# Inclusive $M_{T2}$ analysis

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# $M_{T2}$ Higgs analysis

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# Summary

- A search for SUSY using  $M_{T2}$  as a discovery variable was motivated and presented
- An optimized search for  $h^0 \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ , with  $h^0$  produced within SUSY cascades, using  $M_{T2}$  for background rejection and  $M_{bb}$  as a discovery variable, was also motivated and presented
- Results and exclusion limits for a selection of models were shown

# The end.

# THANK YOU!

# BACKUP



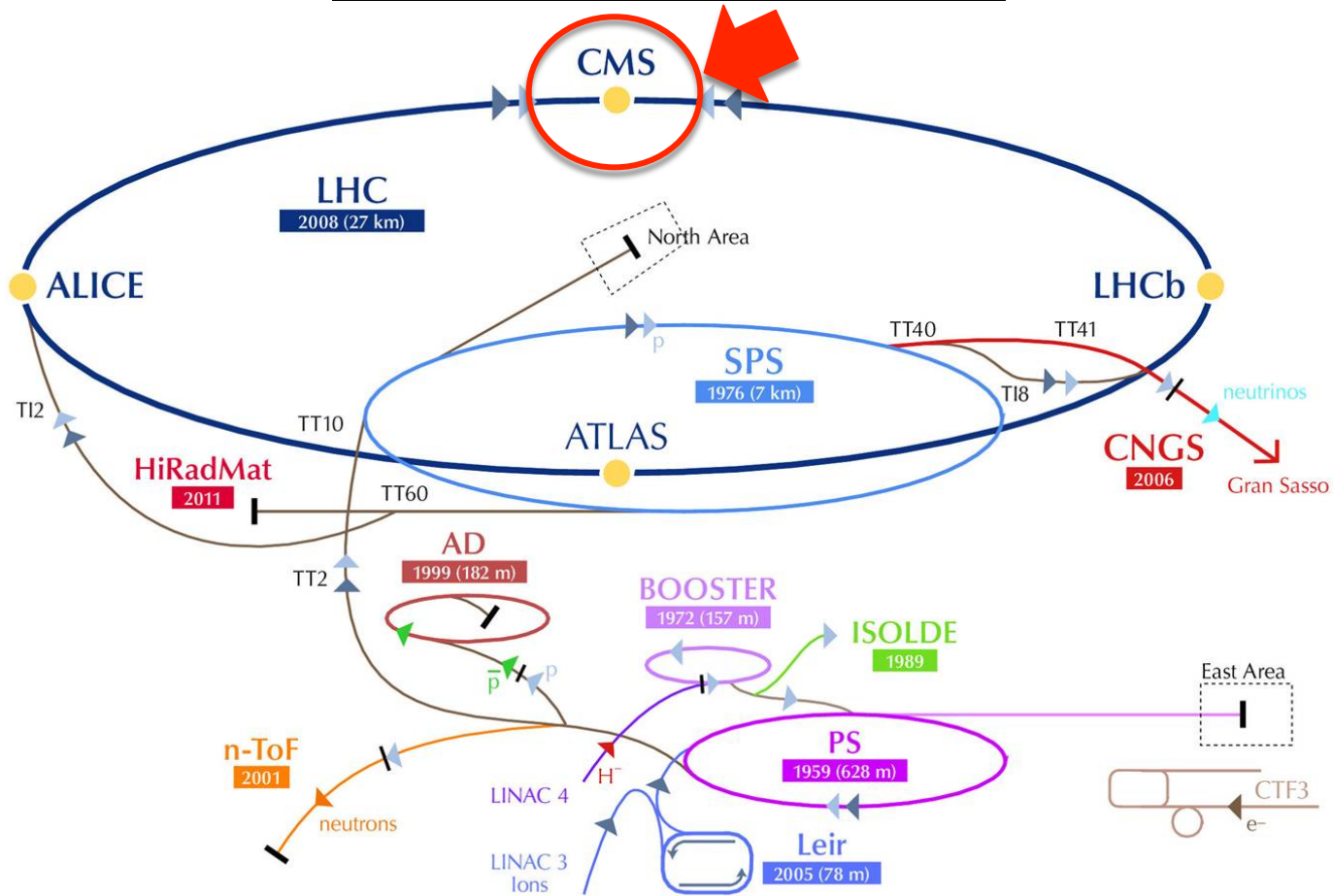
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- **CMS Physics Analysis Summary**  
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# The Large Hadron Collider

## CERN Accelerator Complex



# Inclusive $M_{T2}$ binning

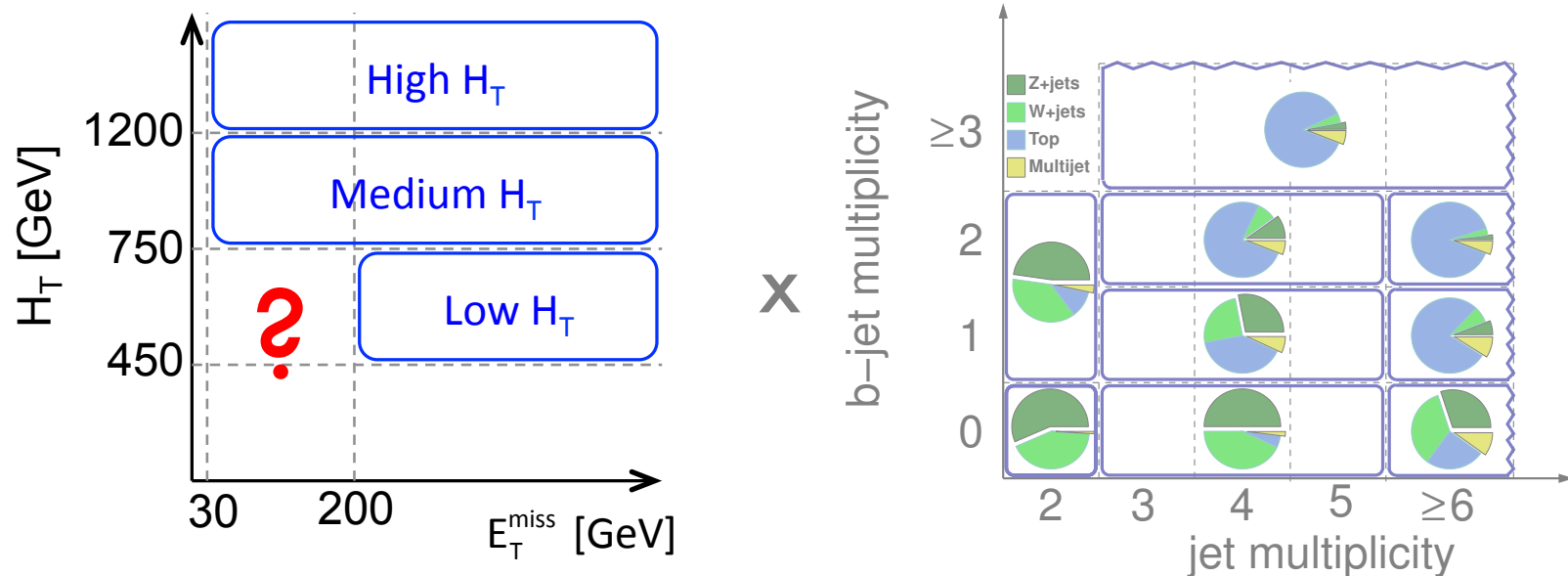
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	low $H_T$ region			medium $H_T$ region			high $H_T$ region	
	$M_{T2}$ bin [GeV]			$M_{T2}$ bin [GeV]			$M_{T2}$ bin [GeV]	
2 jets, 0 b jets	200-240	350-420	570-650	125-150	220-270	425-580	120-150	260-350
	240-290	420-490	$\geq 650$	150-180	270-325	580-780	150-200	350-550
	290-350	490-570		180-220	325-425	$\geq 780$	200-260	$\geq 550$
2 jets, $\geq 1$ b jets	200-250	310-380	450-550	100-135	170-260	$\geq 450$	100-180	
	250-310	380-450	$\geq 550$	135-170	260-450		$\geq 180$	
3-5 jets, 0 b jets	200-240	420-490		160-185	300-370	$\geq 800$	160-185	350-450
	240-290	490-570		185-215	370-480		185-220	450-650
	290-350	570-650		215-250	480-640		220-270	$\geq 650$
	350-420	$\geq 650$		250-300	640-800		270-350	
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	250-325	$\geq 425$		160-200	270-370		$\geq 200$	
$\geq 6$ jets, 0 b jets	200-280	$\geq 380$		160-200	250-325	$\geq 425$	160-200	$\geq 300$
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	250-325			190-250	$\geq 350$		200-300	
$\geq 6$ jets, 2 b jets	200-250	$\geq 300$		130-170	220-300		120-200	
	250-300			170-220	$\geq 300$		$\geq 200$	
$\geq 3$ jets, $\geq 3$ b jets	200-280	$\geq 280$		125-175	175-275	$\geq 275$	$1 \geq 125$	

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- **Three different triggers** are used to access a large phase space, in the  $H_T - E_T^{\text{miss}}$  plane
  1. **HLT  $H_T > 650 \text{ GeV}$** 
    - Fully efficient @  $H_T > 750 \text{ GeV}$
  2. **HLT  $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 150 \text{ GeV}$**
  3. **HLT  $H_T > 350 \text{ GeV} \ \& \ E_T^{\text{miss}} > 100 \text{ GeV}$** 
    - Fully efficient @  $H_T > 450 \text{ GeV} \ \& \ E_T^{\text{miss}} > 200 \text{ GeV}$

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Logical 'OR'


# Event Selection

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1.  $450 < H_T / \text{GeV} < 750$  &  $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 200 \text{ GeV}$
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**Trigger-driven**



Safety Threshold  
for  $M_{T2}$  computation

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  - **Lepton veto** ( $e, \mu, \tau_{\text{had}}$ )
    - Rejection of large fraction of **W+jets** & **TTbar** contribution

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  - **$\min \Delta\phi$  (4 leading jets,  $E_T^{\text{miss}}) > 0.3$** 
    - Rejection of QCD multijet **mis**-measurements



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  - $\min \Delta\phi$  (4 leading jets,  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$ )  $> 0.3$
  - **$|H_T^{\text{miss}} - E_T^{\text{miss}}| < 70 \text{ GeV}$** 
    - Limit  $p_T$  from *upstream* decays
    - Avoid broadening of  $M_{T2}$

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- $\mathbf{H}_T^{\text{miss}} =$  vectorial  $\mathbf{p}_T$  sum of **selected** jets, e's and  $\mu$ 's



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- ✓ Expected to be **small** if:
  - ❖ **NO hard** objects **failing selection** (acceptance, ID)
  - ❖ **NO un-clustered energy** (**soft** jets,  $p_T < 20$  GeV)
- ✓  $|\mathbf{H}_T^{\text{miss}} - \mathbf{E}_T^{\text{miss}}| < 70$  GeV  $\Rightarrow$  **-10%** of **QCD multijet**

# $M_{T2}$ Higgs analysis – Selection

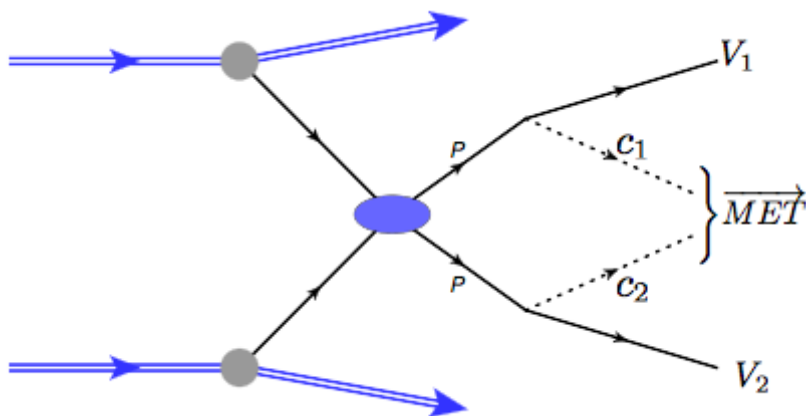


- ✓ In **addition** to inclusive event selection
- $N(\text{jets}) \geq 4$
- $N(\mathbf{b}\text{-jets}) \geq 2$ , medium CSV tag &  $p_T(\mathbf{b}\text{-jet}) > 20 \text{ GeV}$ 
  - Select phase-space of interest
- $M_{T2} > 200 \text{ GeV}$  @ **low  $H_T$**  (i.e.,  $H_T < 750 \text{ GeV}$ )
- $M_{T2} > 125 \text{ GeV}$  @ **high  $H_T$**  (i.e.,  $H_T > 750 \text{ GeV}$ )
  - Background rejection (QCD multijet especially)
- **b-pair selection**
- $\Delta R(b_1, b_2) < 1.5$

# b-pair selection

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- A hemisphere algorithm is used to separate two visible systems
  - Each decay chain should cluster into one hemisphere



## Working point:

- Look at b-jets within **same** hemi
- Select b-pair as the closest in  $\Delta R$ 
  - ✓ Maximize **purity**
- If no b-pair with  $\Delta R < 1.5$ , then look at **opposite** hemi
  - ✓ Maximize **efficiency**

$$* \Delta R^2 = \Delta\Phi^2 + \Delta\eta^2$$

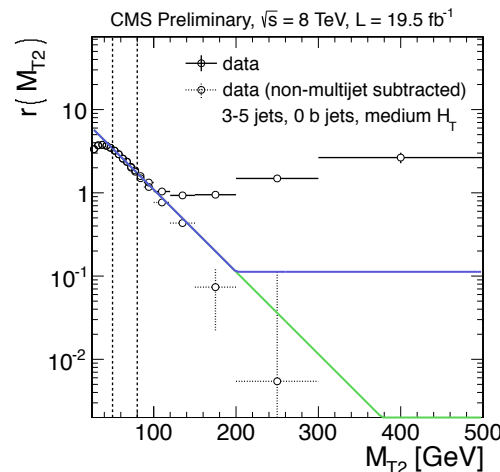
# Multijet estimate

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- **QCD multijet** in signal region in case of mis-measured jets, due to **fake  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$**
- Use a **factorization method**:

$$r(M_{T2}) = \frac{N(\min \Delta\phi(\text{jets}, E_T^{\text{miss}}) \geq 0.3)}{N(\min \Delta\phi(\text{jets}, E_T^{\text{miss}}) \leq 0.2)} = \exp(a - b \cdot M_{T2}) + c$$

- ✓ **a & b** from fit to data in  $50 < M_{T2} < 80$  GeV
- ✓ **c** from  $r(M_{T2} = 200 \text{ GeV})$



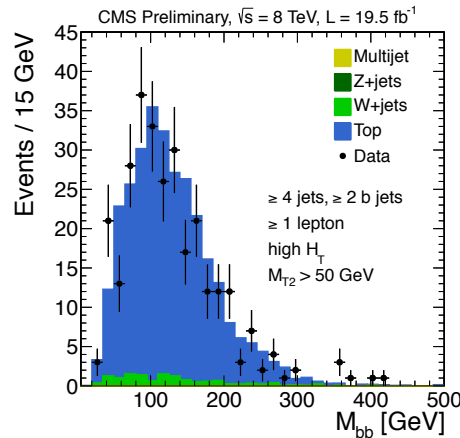
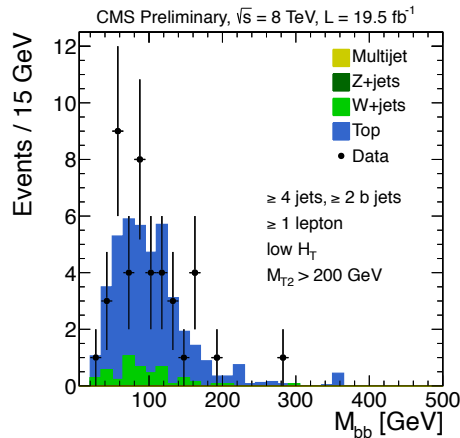
# Lost lepton method

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- **Top** & **W + jets** in signal region if  $W \rightarrow l\nu$ , and **charged lepton lost**
- Probability ( $\epsilon_l$ ) to **lose** leptons, due to:
  - Acceptance
  - Identification & Isolation

$$\Rightarrow N_l^{lost} = (N_l^{reco} - N_l^{bg}) \frac{1 - \epsilon_l}{\epsilon_l}$$

## $M_{bb}$ in lepton control region:



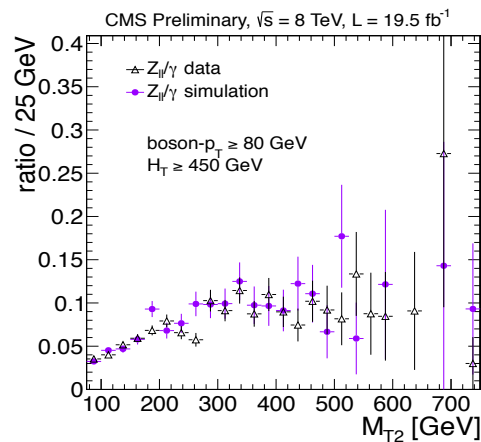
# Z( $\nu\nu$ )+jets estimate

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- **Z( $\nu\nu$ ) + jets** in signal region as irreducible background
- Use  **$\gamma$  + jets** for prediction
  - ✓  $\mathbf{p}_T^\gamma$  added to  $\mathbf{E}_T^{\text{miss}}$  to mimic **Z( $\nu\nu$ )**

$$\Rightarrow N_{Z(\nu\nu)} = R^{MC}(Z(\nu\nu)/\gamma) \cdot N_\gamma^{\text{Data}}$$

- Validate  $\mathbf{R}^{MC}(Z(\nu\nu)/\gamma)$  using **Z(H)** data





- An extensive list of **normalization and shape systematics** considered, in both the  $M_{T2}$  inclusive analysis and the  $M_{T2}$  Higgs analysis

Process	Source/Region	Effect	Shape
Multijet	$M_{T2} < 200$ GeV	10-50%	–
	$M_{T2} \geq 200$ GeV	50-100%	–
$W(l\nu)$ +jets and Top	Lost-lepton method	10-65%	–
	b-tagging scale factor	–	x
	Jet energy scale	–	x
	Matching scale	–	x
	Renormalization and factorization scale	–	x
	$p_T$ MC NLO uncertainty	–	x
$Z(\nu\bar{\nu})$ +jets	Systematics on $Z(\nu\bar{\nu})/\gamma$ ratio (0-1 b jets)	20-30%	–
	Systematics on $1b/0b$ ratio from $Z_{ll}$ (1 b jet)	10-75%	–
	Statistics from $\gamma$ +jets data (0-1 b jet)	5-100%	–
	simulation ( $\geq 2$ b jets)	100%	–
Signal	Luminosity uncertainty	2.6%	–
	Trigger efficiency	1%	–
	Parton distribution functions	5-15%	–
	b-tagging scale factor	5-40%	x
	Jet energy scale	5-40%	x
	$p_T$ MC NLO uncertainty	10-20%	x