

New long-lived particles at future circular colliders

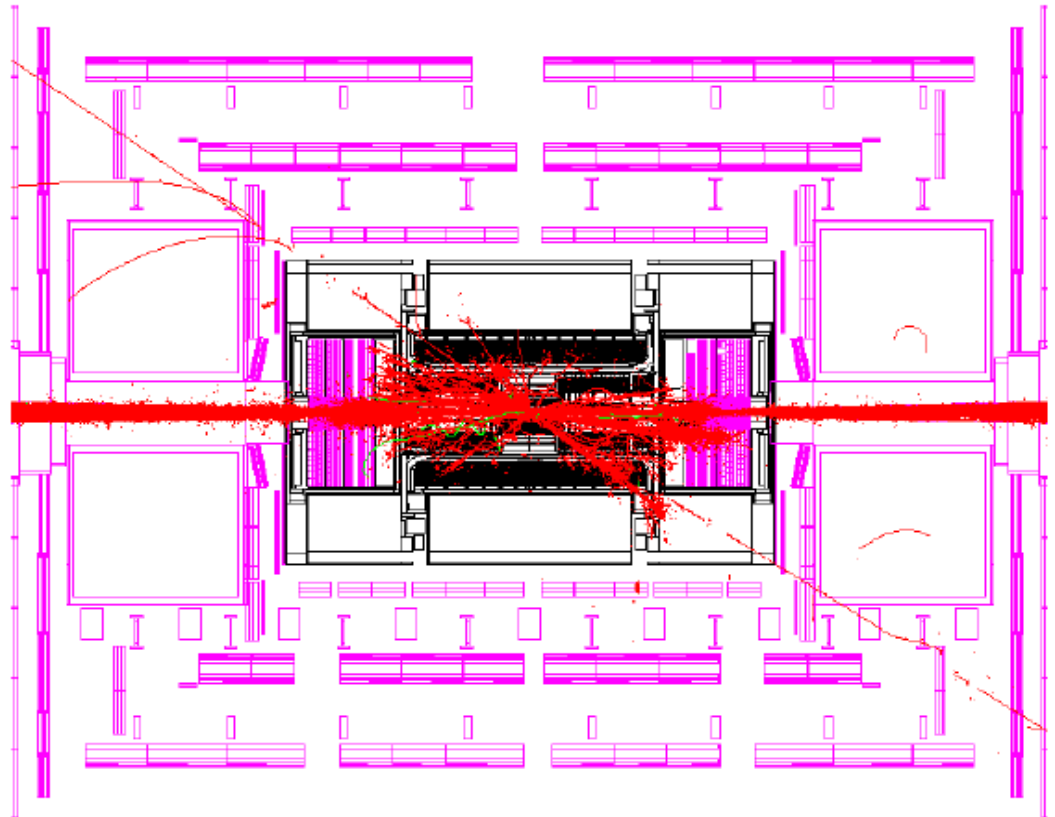
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**Exploring the
Physics Frontiers
with Circular Colliders**

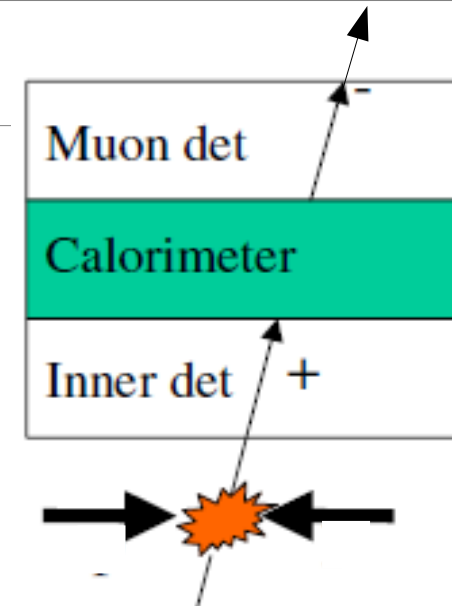
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Introduction / Motivation

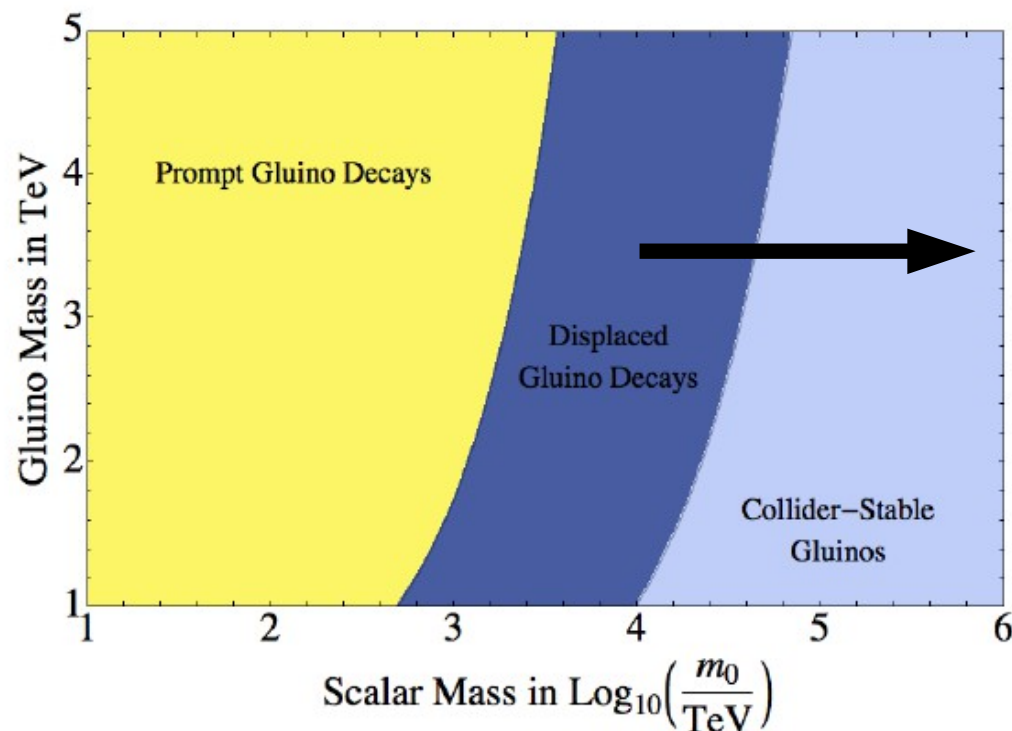
- New particles will either be
 - Prompt decays
 - *Semi-stable, decay in detector*
 - *Detector-stable, decay outside the detector*
(or get stopped in the detector and decay later)



- **Must ensure sensitivity to semi-stable and detector-stable cases!**

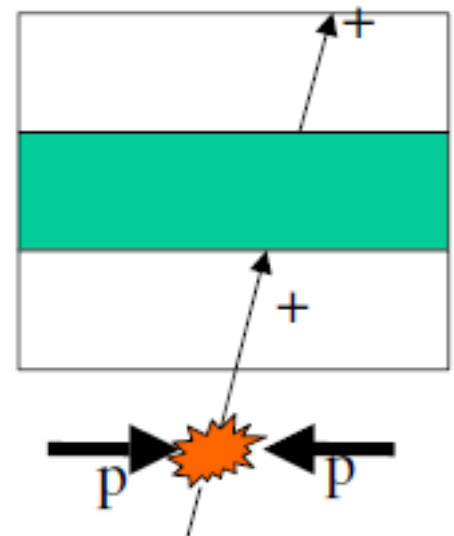
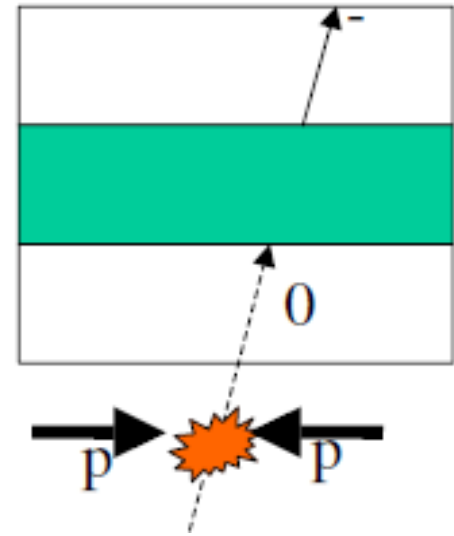
- Very well-motivated

- NLSP \rightarrow LSP with small Δm
 - AMSB Wino/Higgsino, etc.
- Split / mini-split SUSY
 - $m_H=125$ GeV \rightarrow 10 - 10^4 TeV squarks
 - Off-shell gluino decay through heavy squarks \rightarrow long lifetime!



Benchmark Scenarios

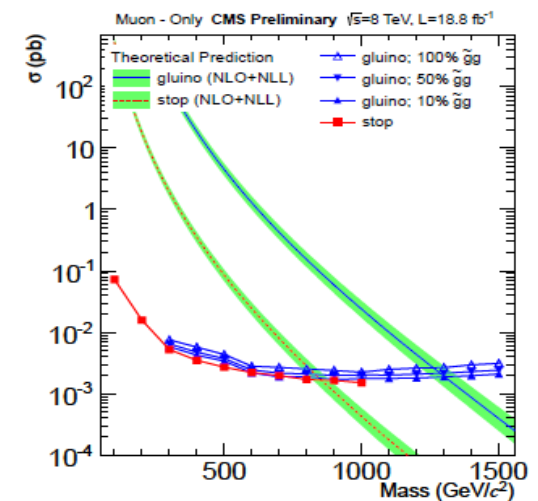
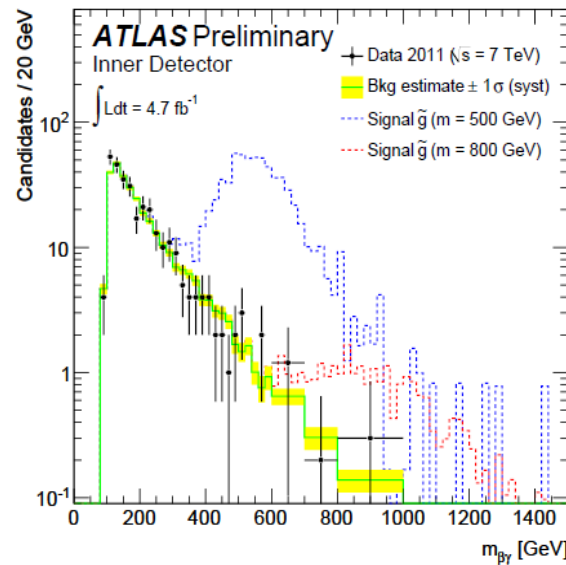
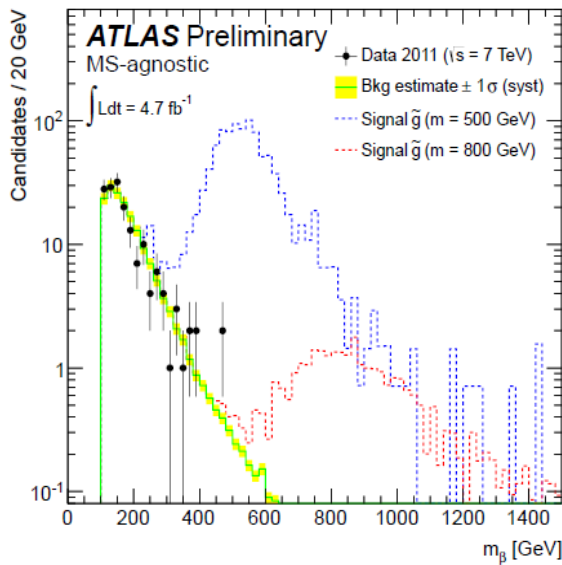
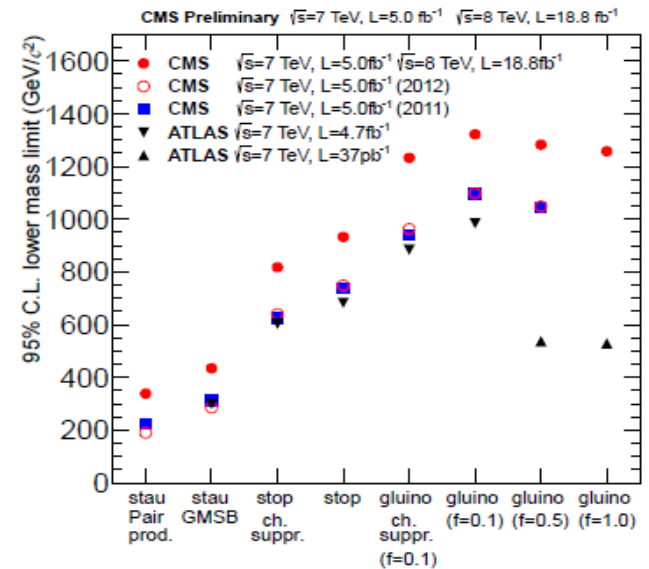
- 1) Colored (gluino, stop, sbottom, ...)
 - Pair-produced via strong-interaction or Drell-Yan
 - Hadronizes into **“R-hadron”**
 - Electrically charged or neutral at production
 - Charge exchange through nuclear interactions with detector material
 - “Generic, Regge, or Intermediate” benchmark R-hadron spectra / interaction models
- 2) Not colored, but electrically charged (stau, chargino, ...)
 - Pair-produced via Drell-Yan
 - Always charged, escapes the detector like a **“heavy muon”**



Stable R-hadron: Previous Searches

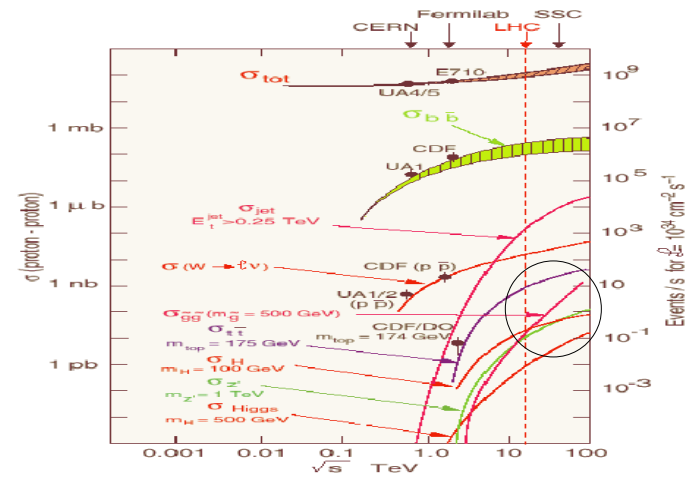
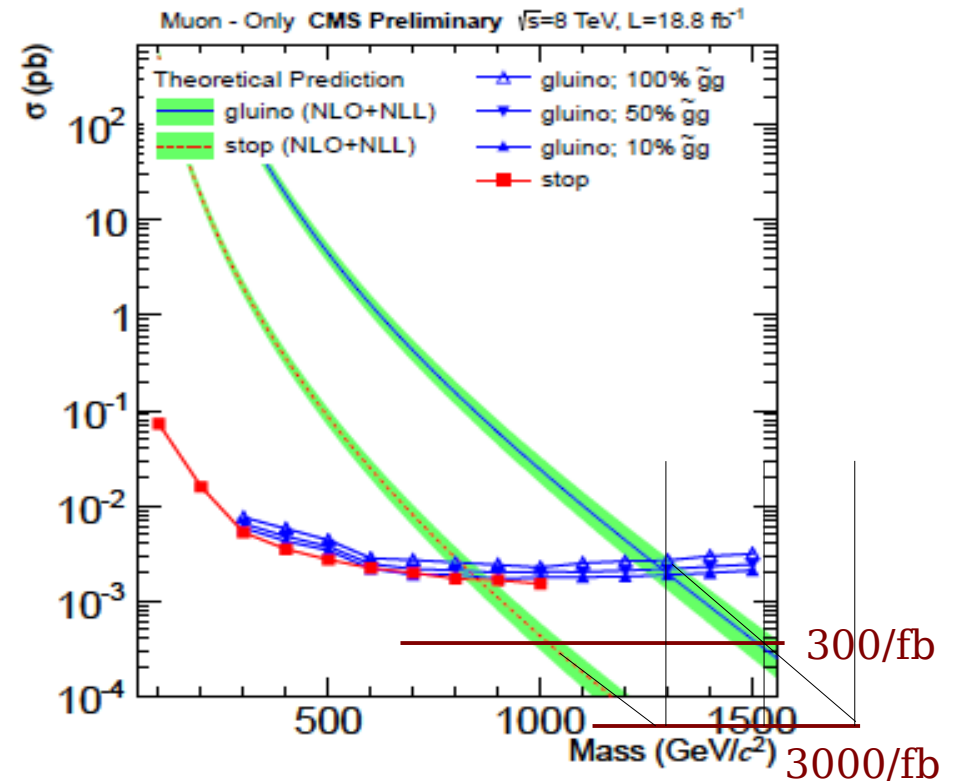
- LHC 8 TeV has best sensitivity so far...
- Look for **slow**, highly ionizing, high-pT track:
 - Become neutral in detector
 - Inner-track only (use dE/dx only)
 - Inner-track only + calorimeter timing
 - Start neutral, get charged in calorimeter
 - Muon-track only, muon timing
- **m(stop/sbottom) > ~800 GeV**
m(gluino) > ~1200 GeV

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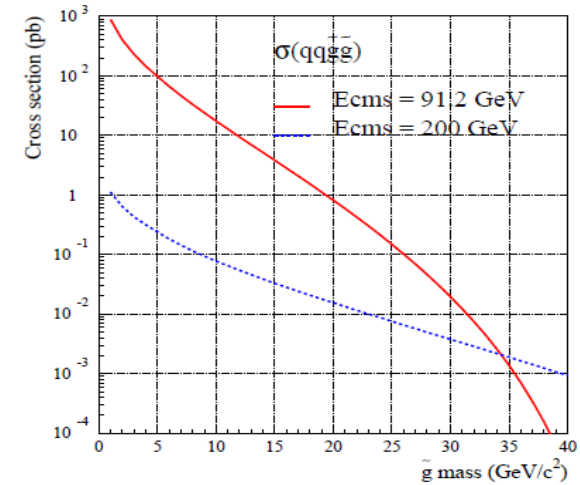
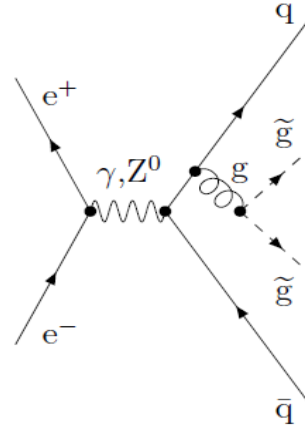
Stable R-hadron: Future Proton Collider Reach

- Luminosity doesn't buy much...
 - Cross-section falls fast!
 - $S/\sqrt{B} \rightarrow \sqrt{L}$
 - Gluino R-hadron:
 - 8 TeV 30/fb: 1.3 TeV
 - 8 TeV 300/fb: 1.5 TeV
 - 8 TeV 3000/fb: 1.7 TeV
- But CM energy is nice!
 - S and B both scale \sim linearly
 - Gluino R-hadron:
 - 14 TeV 300/fb: 2.8 TeV
 - 14 TeV 3000/fb: 3.3 TeV
 - 33 TeV 3000/fb: \sim 7 TeV
 - 100 TeV 3000/fb: \sim 20 TeV
- *Squark: \sim 2/3 of gluino reach*

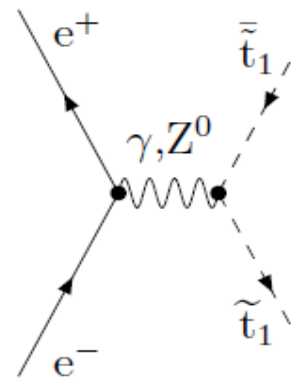


Stable R-hadron: Future Lepton Collider Reach

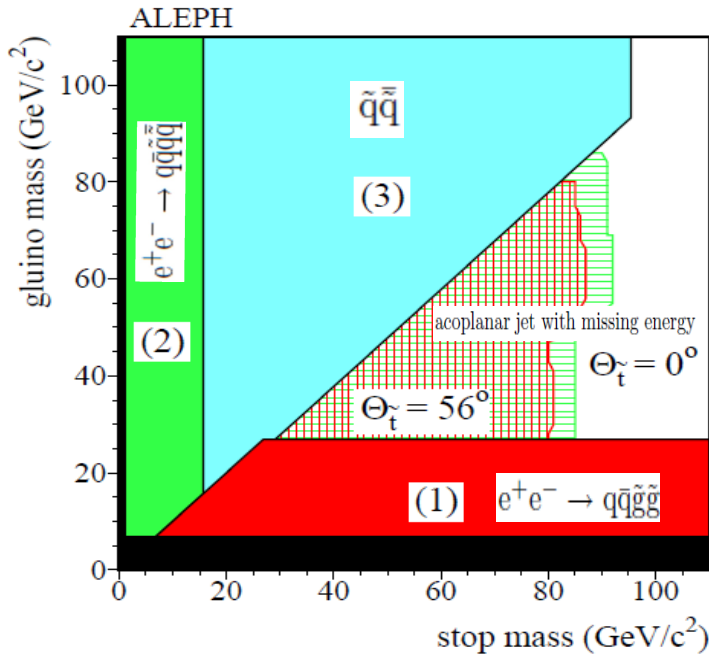
- Look at LEP searches...
- Not as easy to make gluinos
 - Have to make quarks first!
 - Sensitive up to $\sim \mathbf{CM/4}$



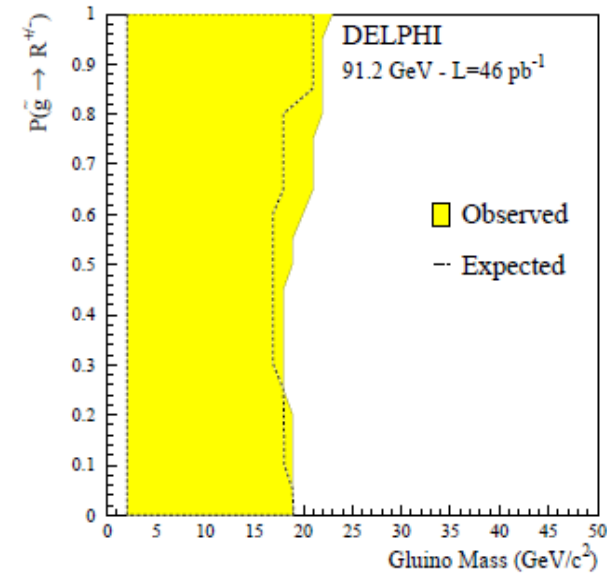
- But can produce squarks via Drell-Yan up to $\sim \mathbf{CM/2}$



$m(\text{squark}) > \sim 90 \text{ GeV}$



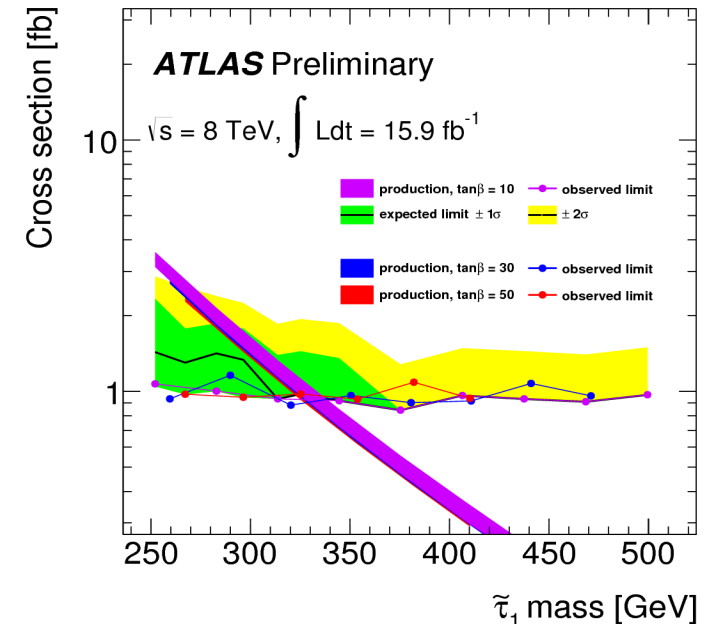
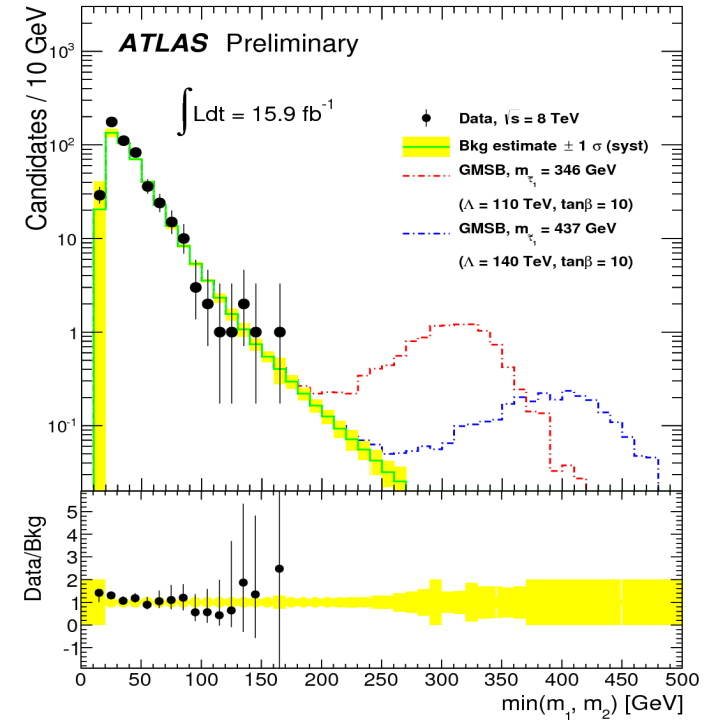
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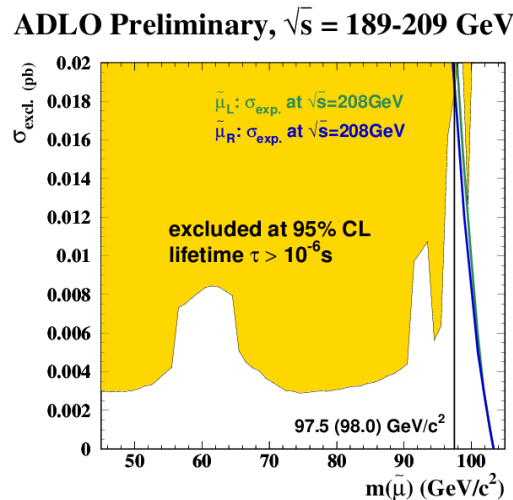
$m(\text{gluino}) > \sim 20 \text{ GeV}$

Heavy-muon: Previous Searches

- LHC 8 TeV has best sensitivity so far...
 - High-pT, isolated track
 - Measure *velocity* of track via
 - dE/dx (inverting Bethe-Block) (measured best in silicon)
 - Precise timing (measured in calorimeters and muon systems)
 - Background: mis-measured leptons
 - **m(stau) > ~340 GeV**



- LEP was sensitive to long-lived charged particles up to **~CM/2**



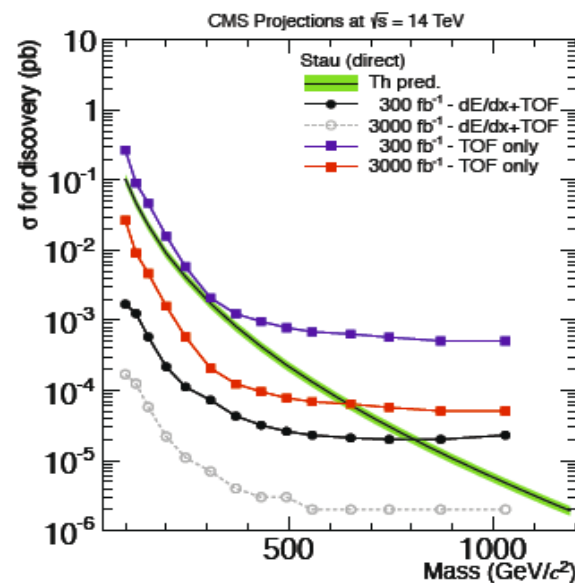
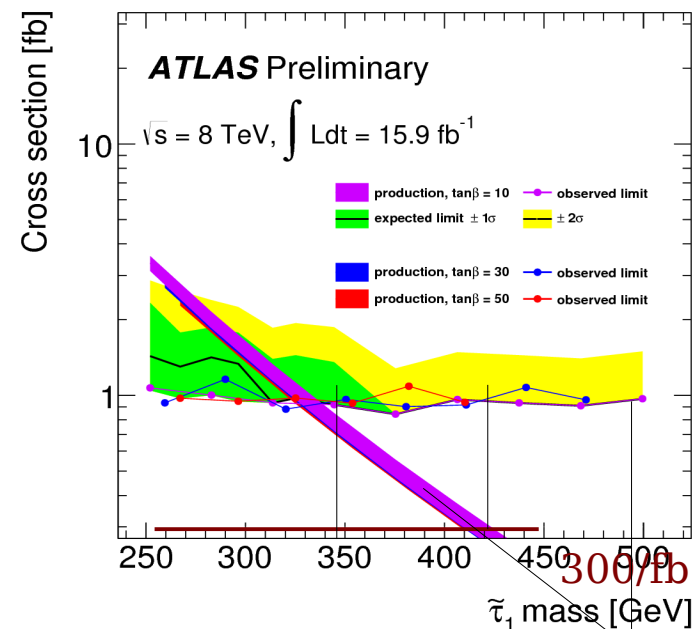
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- Proton colliders:

- $S/\sqrt{B} \rightarrow \sqrt{L}$
- S and B both scale \sim linearly with CM
- Heavy-muon reach:
 - 8 TeV 30/fb: 350 GeV
 - 8 TeV 300/fb: 425 GeV
 - 8 TeV 3000/fb: 500 GeV
 - 14 TeV 300/fb: 700 GeV
 - 14 TeV 3000/fb: \sim 1000 GeV
 - 33 TeV 3000/fb: \sim 2 TeV
 - 100 TeV 3000/fb: \sim 6 TeV

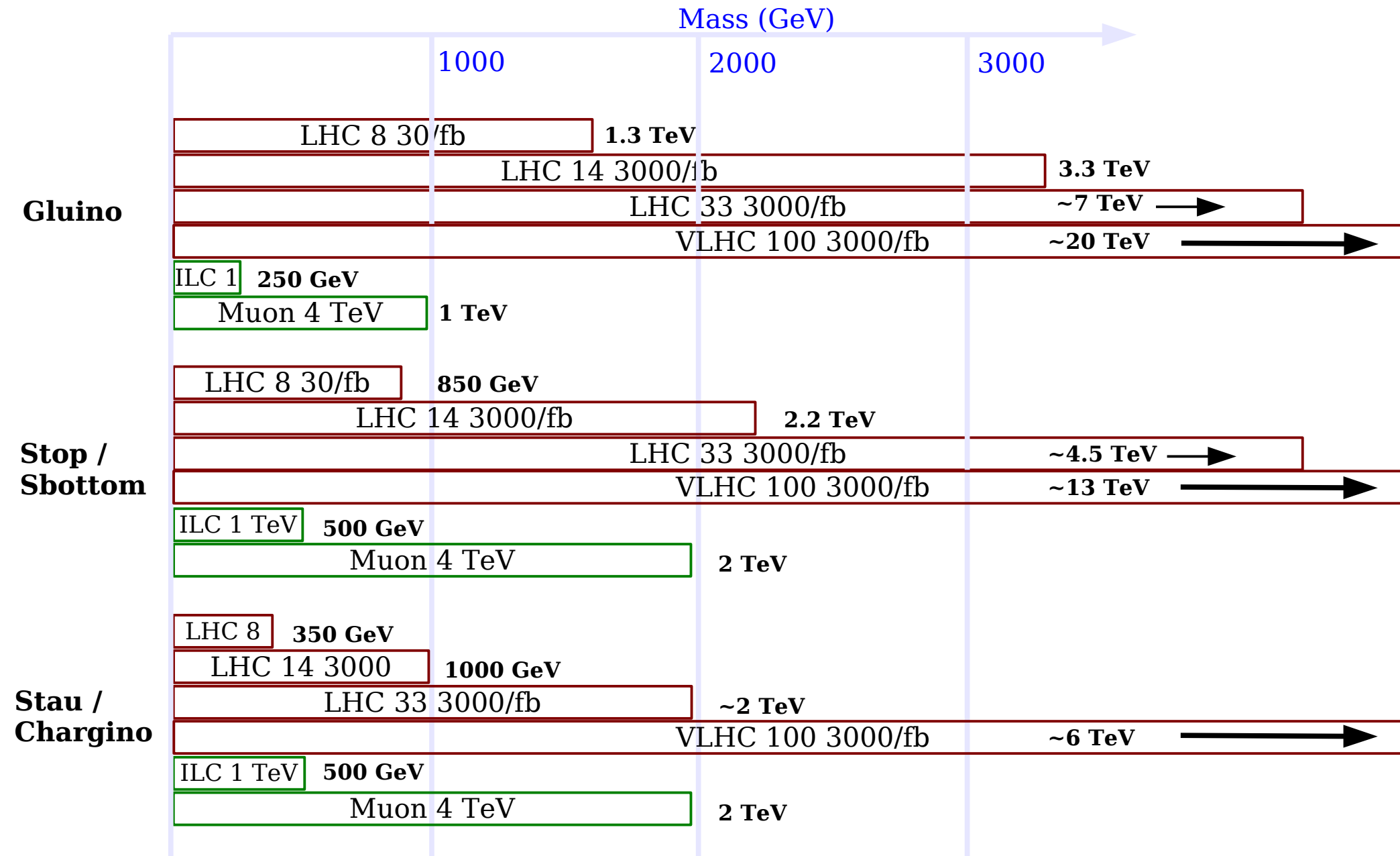
- Lepton colliders:

- Heavy-muon reach \sim CM/2:
 - ILC e^+e^- 1 TeV: 500 GeV
 - Muon collider 4 TeV: 2 TeV



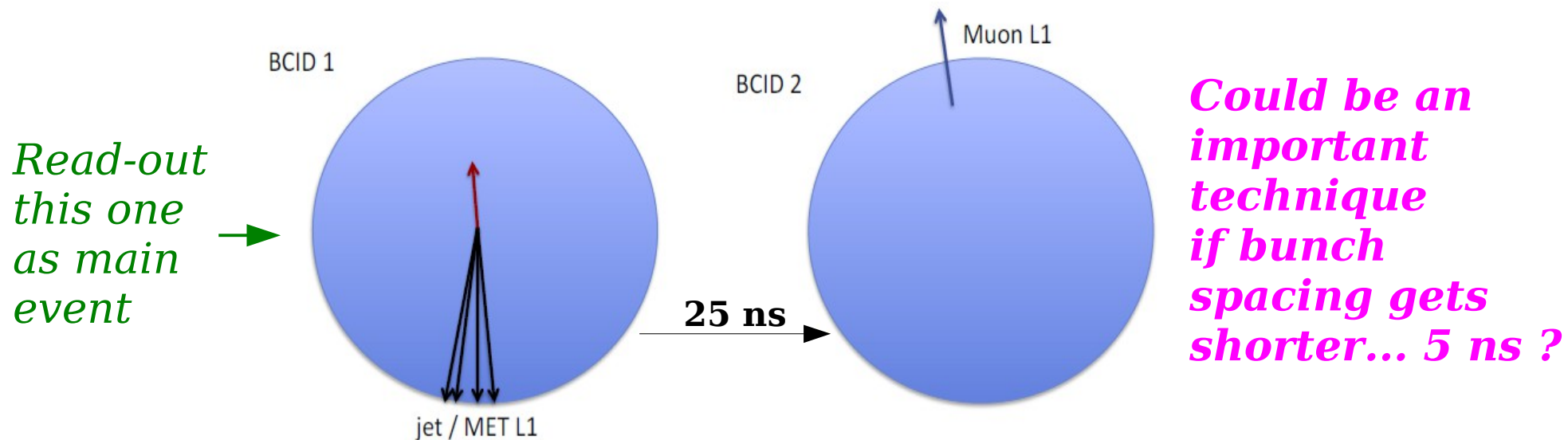
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Detector-Stable Particles: Estimated Mass Reach



“Late” triggers

- Combine info from *multiple bunch crossings* in ATLAS Run2 trigger
 - Recall, bunch spacing will be just 25 ns in Run2 (was 50 ns)
- Heavy, slow ($\beta < \sim 0.5$), charged long-lived particle
 - Too slow to reach muon trigger in bunch 1 (production crossing)
 - Reaches muon trigger in next bunch crossing
 - Would not fire muon trigger by itself
 - *Combine with jet/MET in previous bunch crossing*

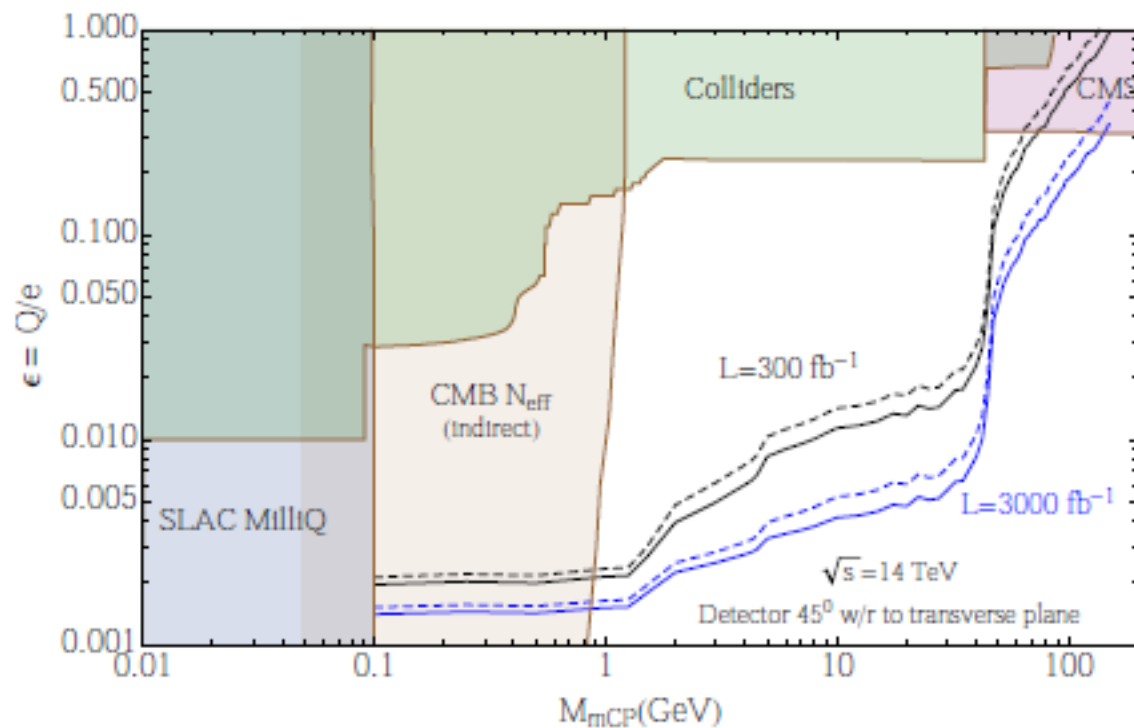
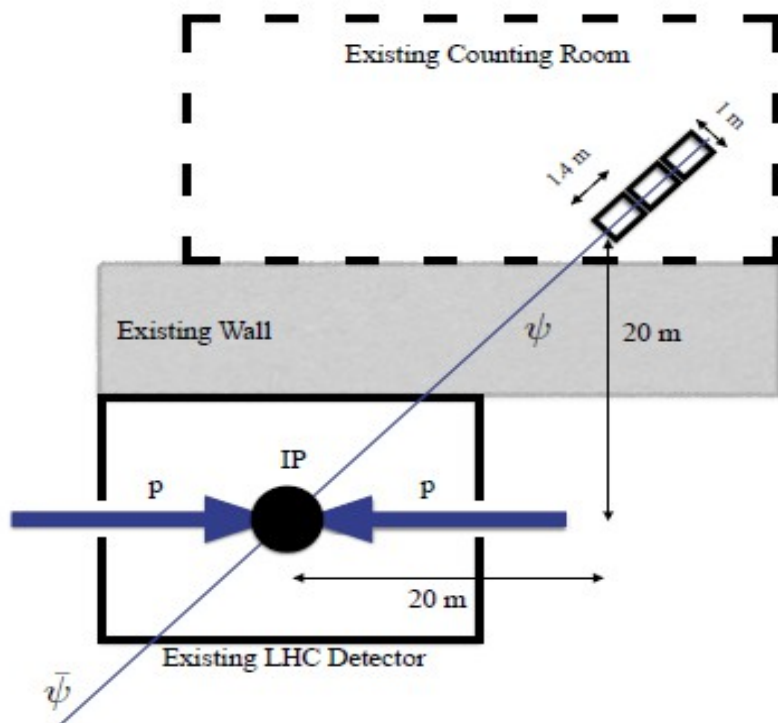


Milli-charged Particles

- New dark sectors can have new particles which appear “milli-charged” to the SM
- Electric charge $\sim 10^{-3} - \sim 10^{-1}$
- No direct constraints above 100 MeV
- **A new LHC experiment (mQ@LHC) could probe up to ~ 100 GeV**
 - Scintillator coincidence “telescope” sensitive to single photo-electrons

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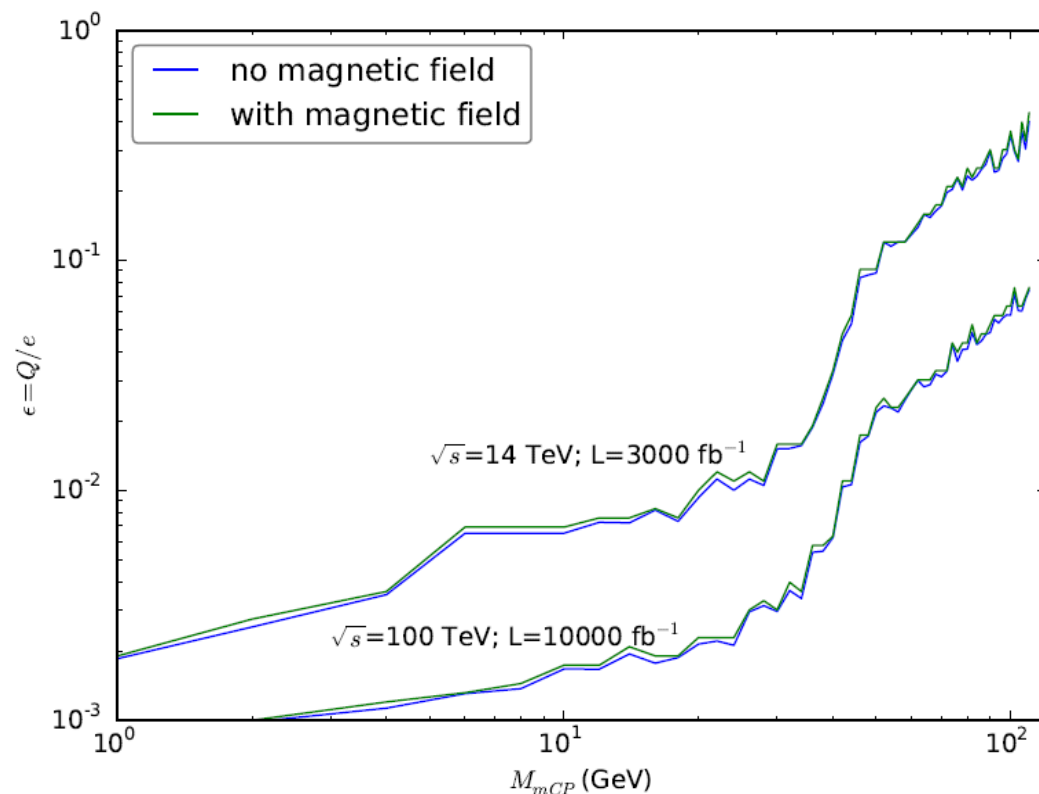
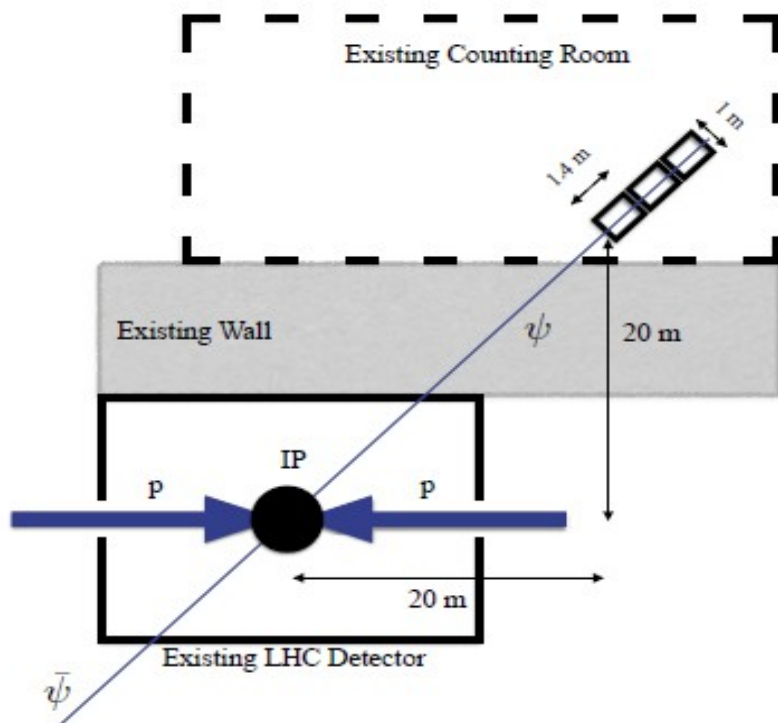
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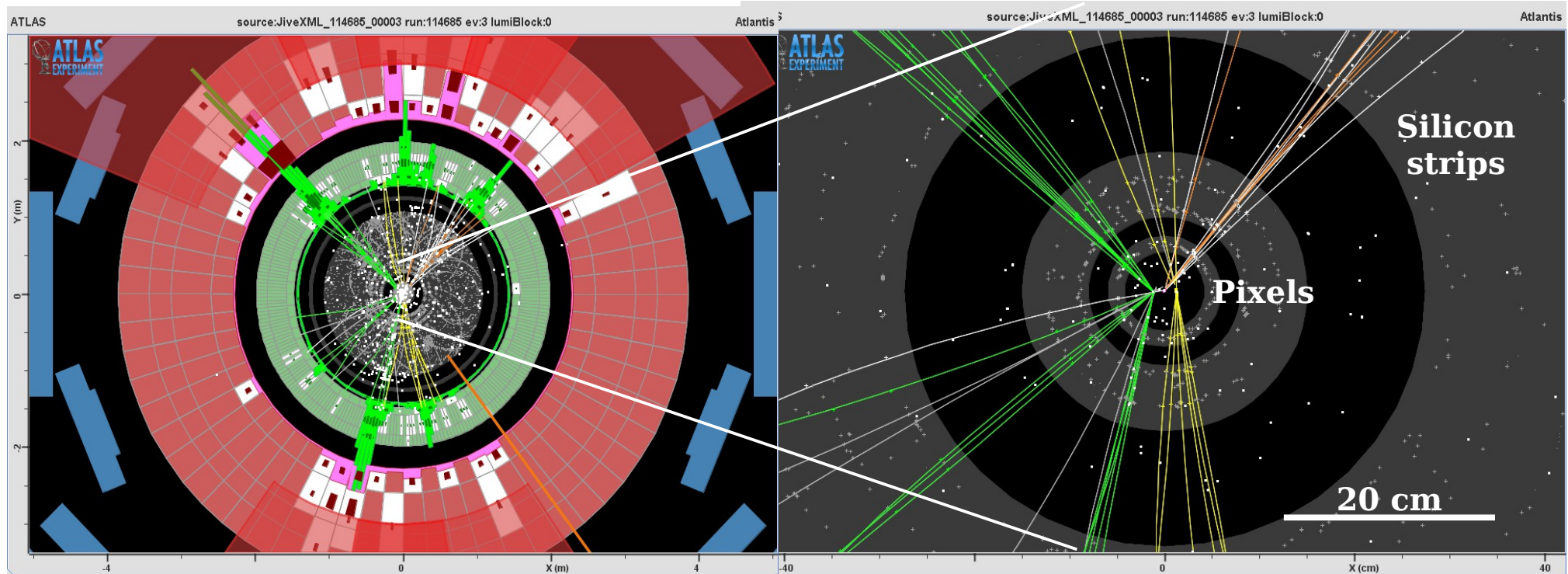
- ***Future 100 TeV reach about 5x lower in charge and out to ~500 GeV mass***

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Semi-stable R-hadron Decays

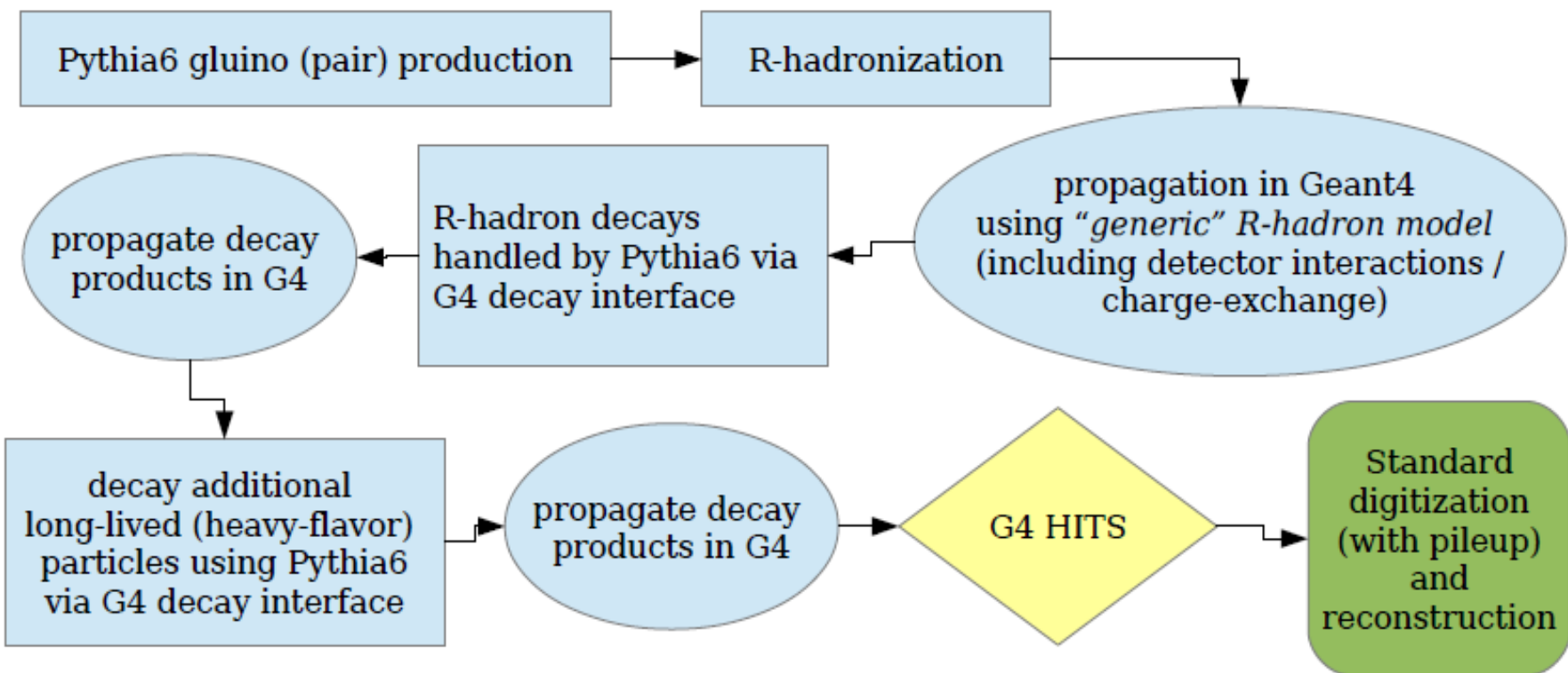
- What if gluino (R-hadron) is just a little long-lived (~ 1 ns)?
 - Displaced jets (+MET) from R-hadron decays in the detector



- Standard jets+MET search should still apply (up to what lifetime?)
 - Leptons vetos may start to fail impact-parameter cuts (when?)
 - Jets will start to be identified as b-jets (when?)
 - Jets may fail cleaning cuts, e.g. track p_T fraction, EM fraction (when?)

Prompt search reinterpretations

- *First explicit limits on gluinos with intermediate lifetimes from reinterpretation of prompt SUSY searches*
 - 7-10 jets and 0,1,2 b-jets and MET
 - 2-6 jets and MET
 - 3 b-jet and SS/3L searches also considered but don't add sensitivity
- Generated fully-simulated MC of decaying Rhadrons at ATLAS

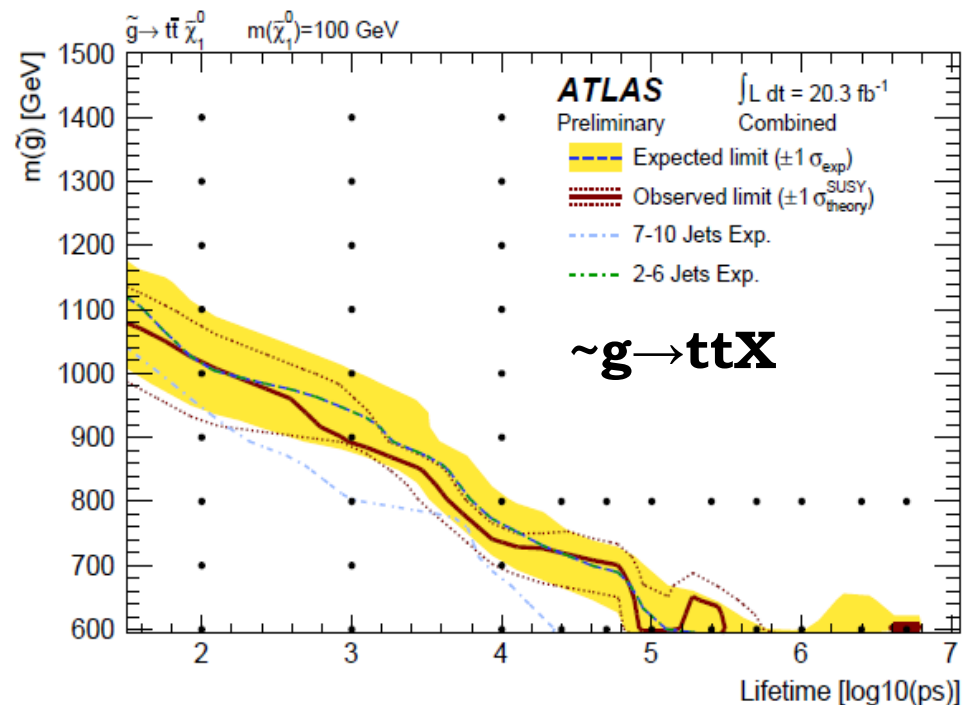
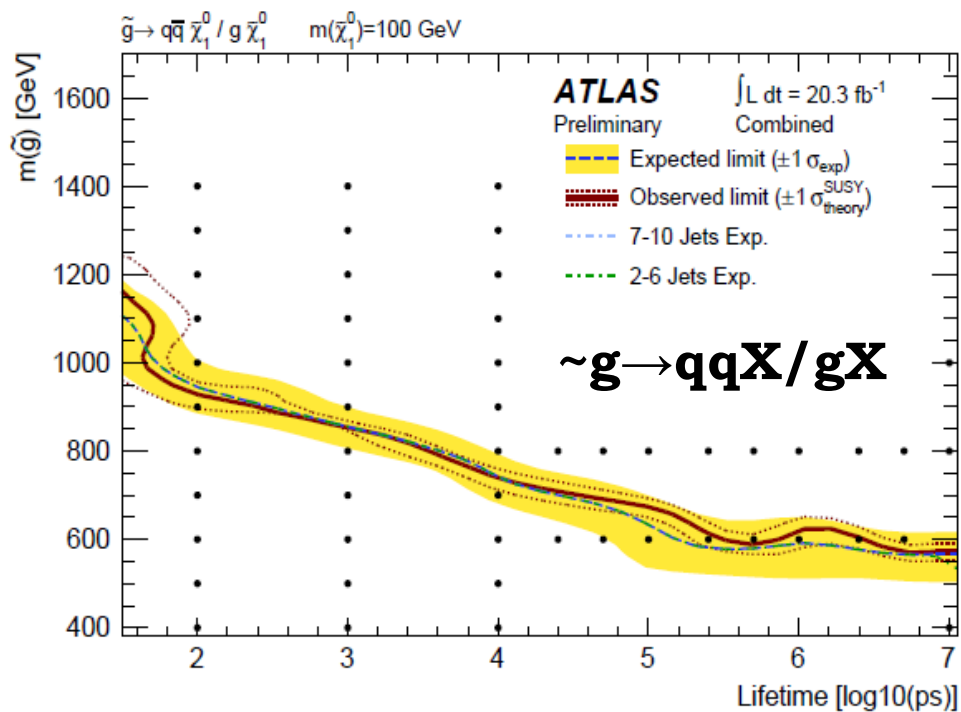


Prompt search reinterpretations

- Limits on gluino mass vs. lifetime
 - Also scan neutralino mass

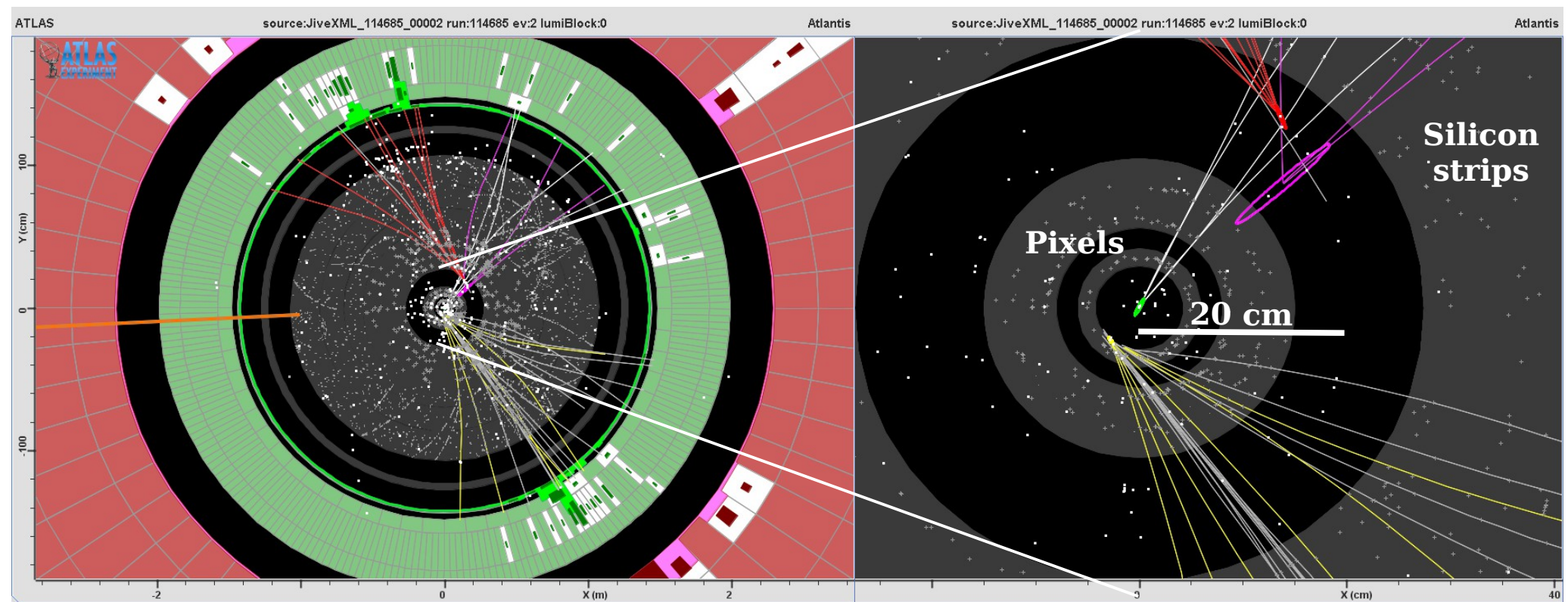
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- Gluino with lifetime of 1 ns excluded up to ~ 900 GeV, for $m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0)=100$ GeV



Displaced vertex searches

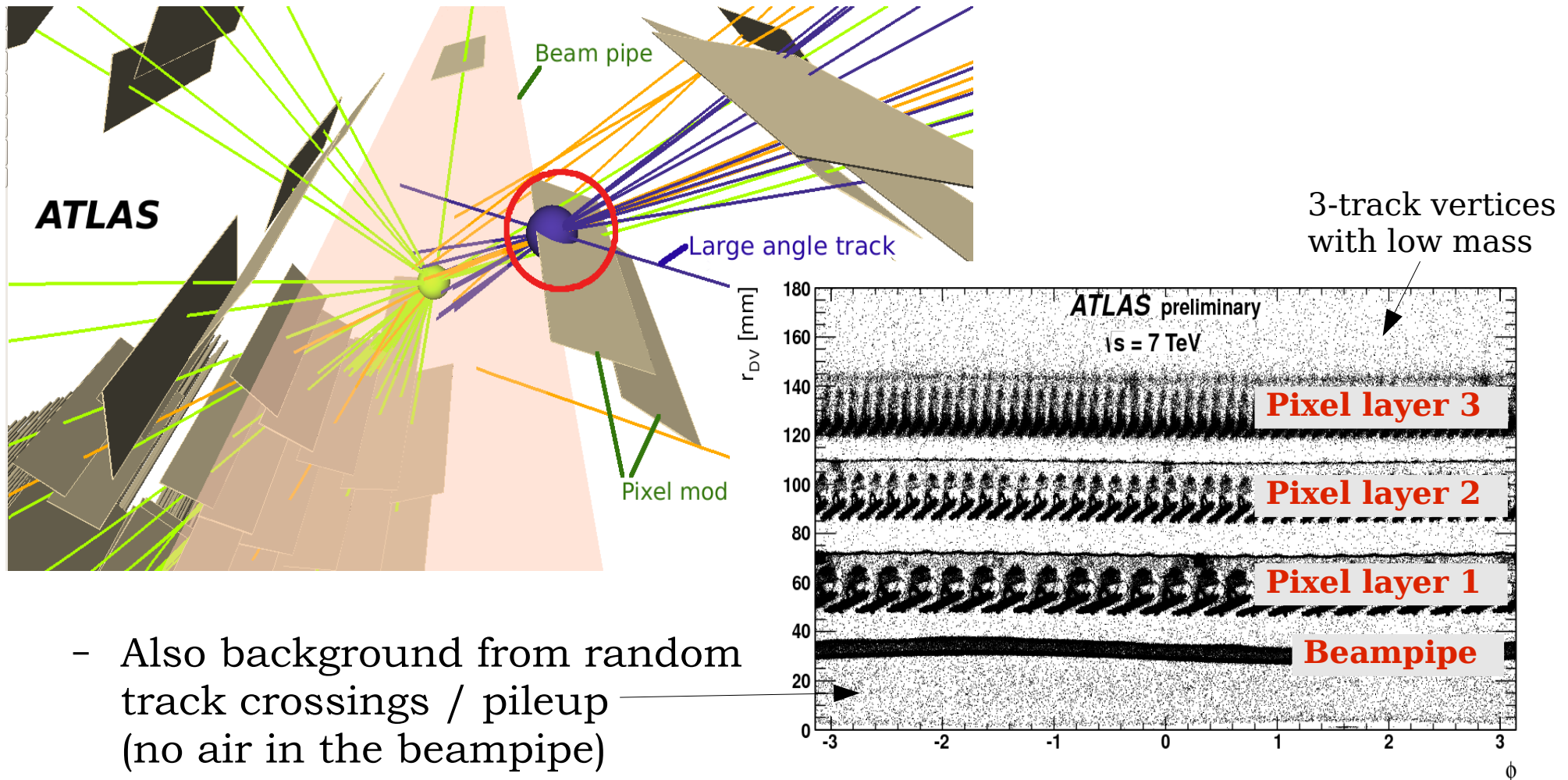
- For moderate lifetimes, $\sim 1 - 1000$ ns, can reconstruct the **displaced vertex in the tracker**
- Current ATLAS analysis requires a *high-pt muon* to trigger on and reduce backgrounds... sensitive to gluino \rightarrow $t\bar{t}$ decays
 - Adding analysis based on jet and MET triggers, for $g \rightarrow qq+x_1^0$ decays



Displaced vertex searches

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- Background from hadronic interactions with material (or air!)
 - Find where material is (from data) and reject the regions



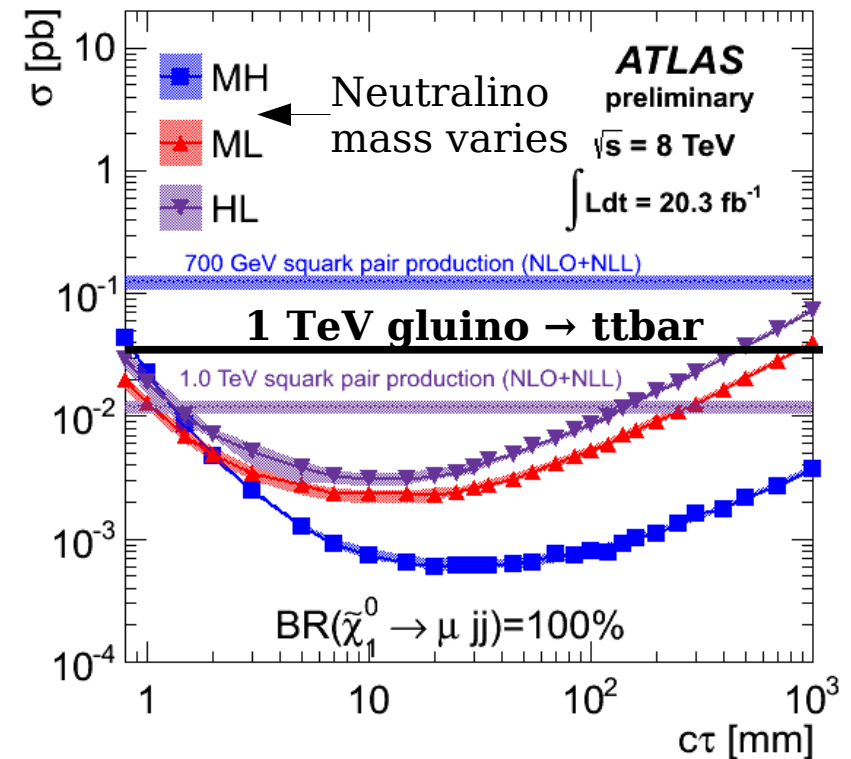
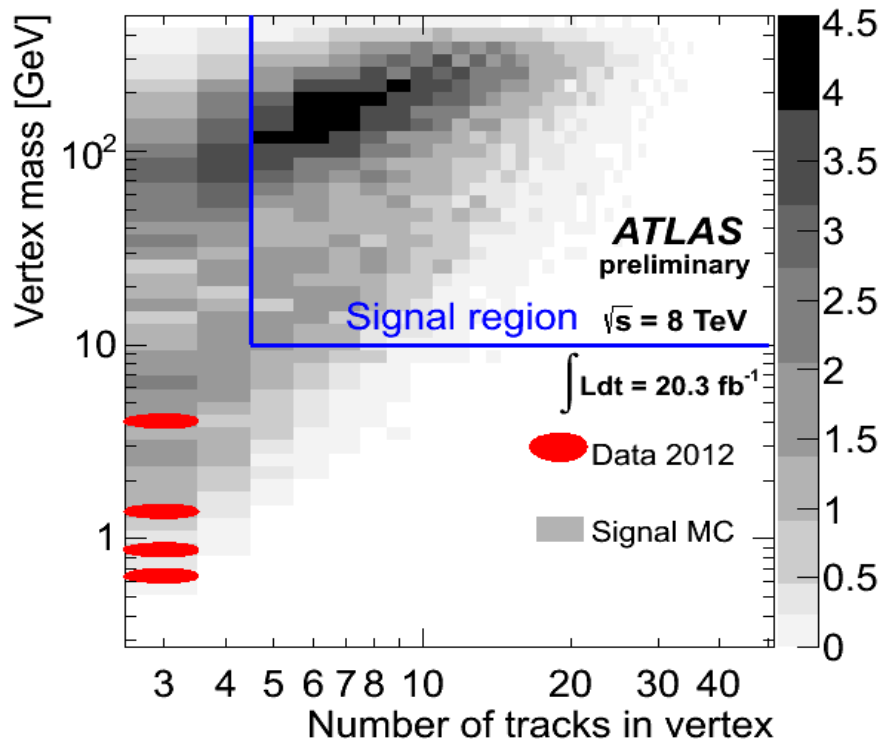
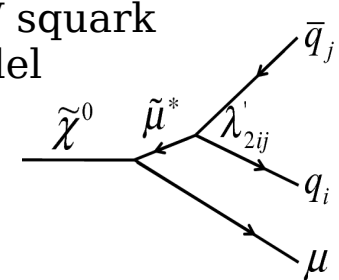
- Also background from random track crossings / pileup (no air in the beampipe)

Displaced vertex searches

- Require vertex to have at least 5 tracks and (visible) mass >10 GeV
- Total background expected: 0.02 events
- Observed in signal region: 0 events
- *Sensitive to $\sim 1-1.4$ TeV gluino $\rightarrow tt+x_1^0$ for $c\tau \sim 1-1000$ ns*

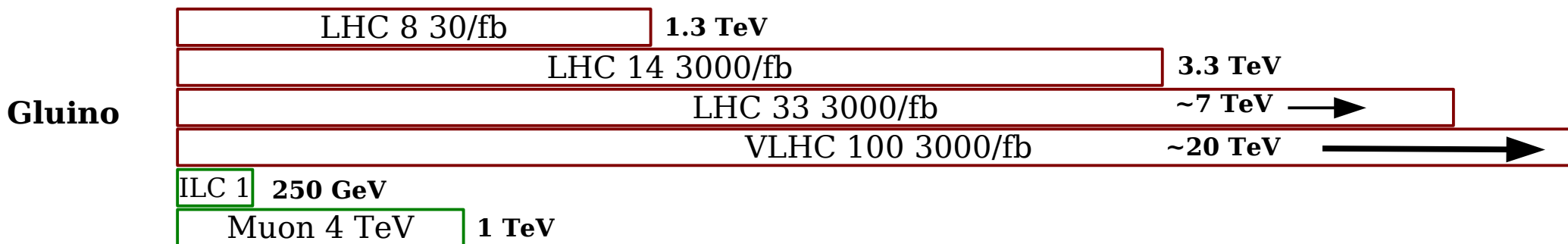
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RPV squark model



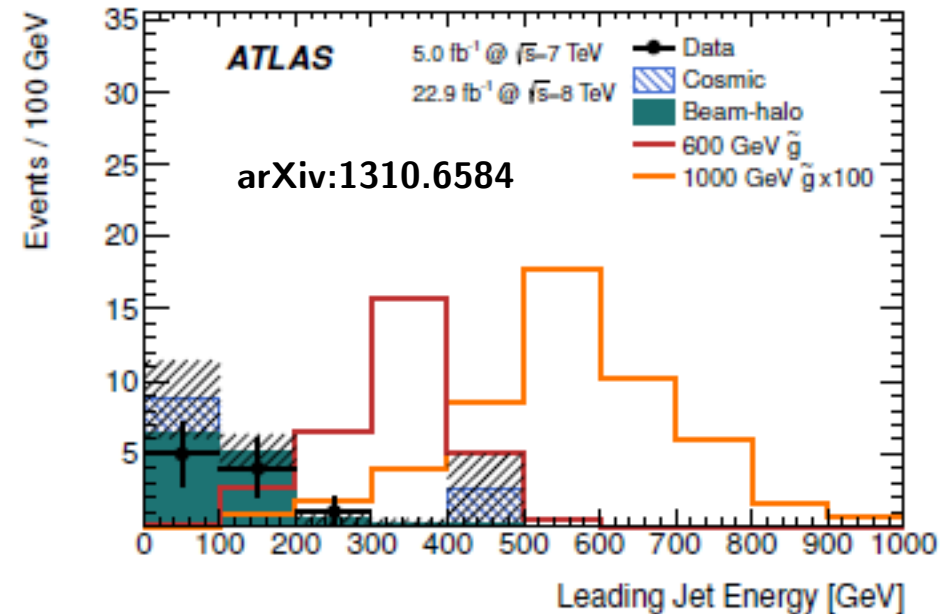
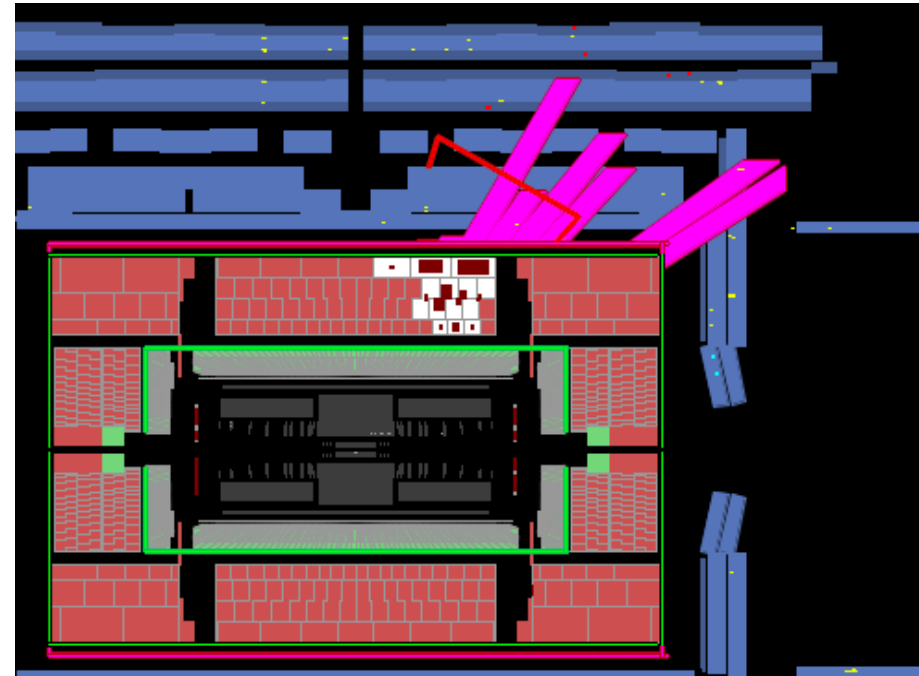
(Far-)Future of Displaced Vertex Searches

- Direct search for displaced vertices is more sensitive than relying on jets and MET (prompt reinterpretations), for lifetimes $> \sim 1$ mm
- “Detector-stable” searches more sensitive for lifetimes $> \sim 300$ mm
- *Must ensure future detectors can still reconstruct tracks starting ~ 100 mm from the beamspot with impact parameters up to ~ 50 mm*
- *Must ensure there are still sufficient air-gaps (or vacuum?) between inner detector tracker material*
- Assuming detectors perform well, sensitivity is limited only by production cross-section, reach is similar to detector-stable case:



Out-of-time Decays (Stopped R-hadrons)

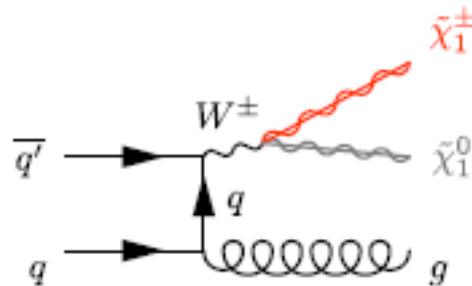
- Can also detect decay of R-hadron that has *stopped* in the calorimeter
- D0, ATLAS, CMS have searched...
- Limits usually slightly weaker than dE/dx + timing searches for escaping R-hadrons (assuming it's often charged in the tracker)
- But offers possibility to *study the R-hadron decay*
- Should ensure this remains possible at future collider detectors
 - Need abort gap without collisions
 - Need good calorimeter timing and shower-shape discrimination
 - Need efficient muon vetos for cosmics and beam-halo



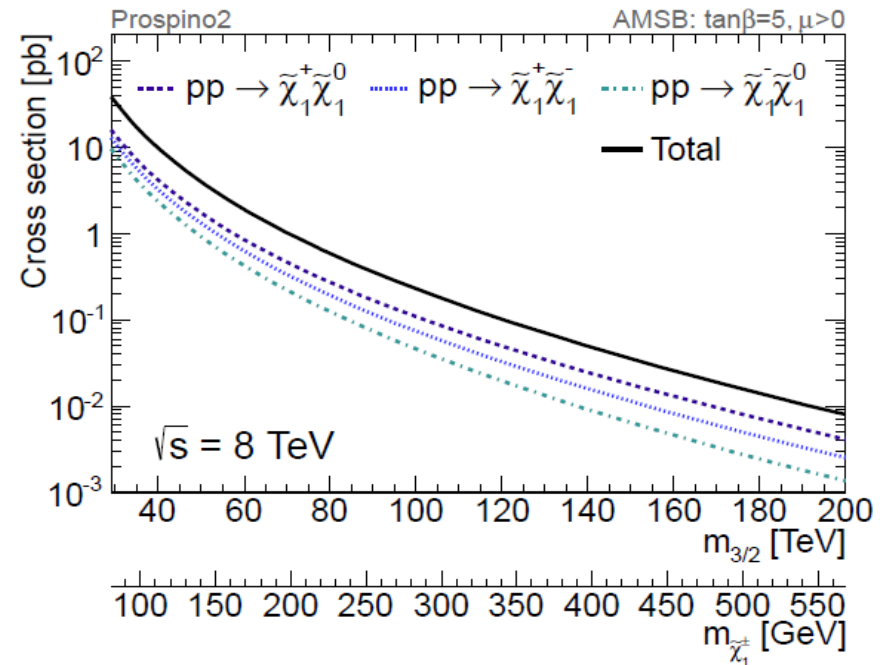
Semi-stable Charged Particle Decays

- Chargino becomes long-lived when nearly-degenerate with the LSP
- Kinked-tracks from chargino \rightarrow neutralino (and soft pion/lepton)
- Light Wino and Bino, heavy Higgsinos, Wino LSP
 - Lifetime ~ 50 mm, $\Delta m \sim 165$ MeV from EW contribution
- Higgsino LSP, only light Higgsinos
 - Lifetime ~ 5 mm, $\Delta m = \frac{1}{2} \alpha m_Z = \sim 355$ MeV

$$pp \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^\pm \tilde{\chi}_1^0 + \text{jet}, \quad pp \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^+ \tilde{\chi}_1^- + \text{jet}$$



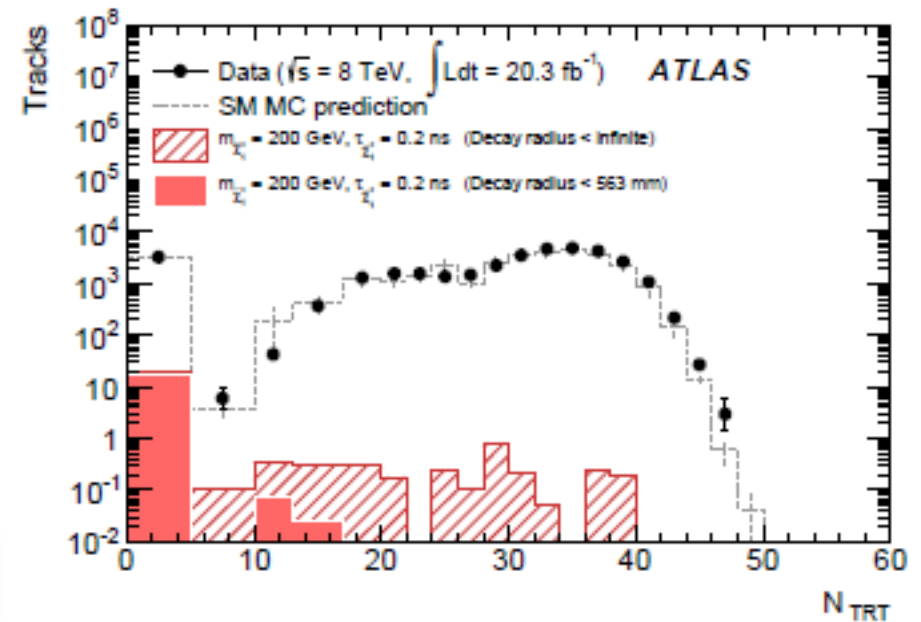
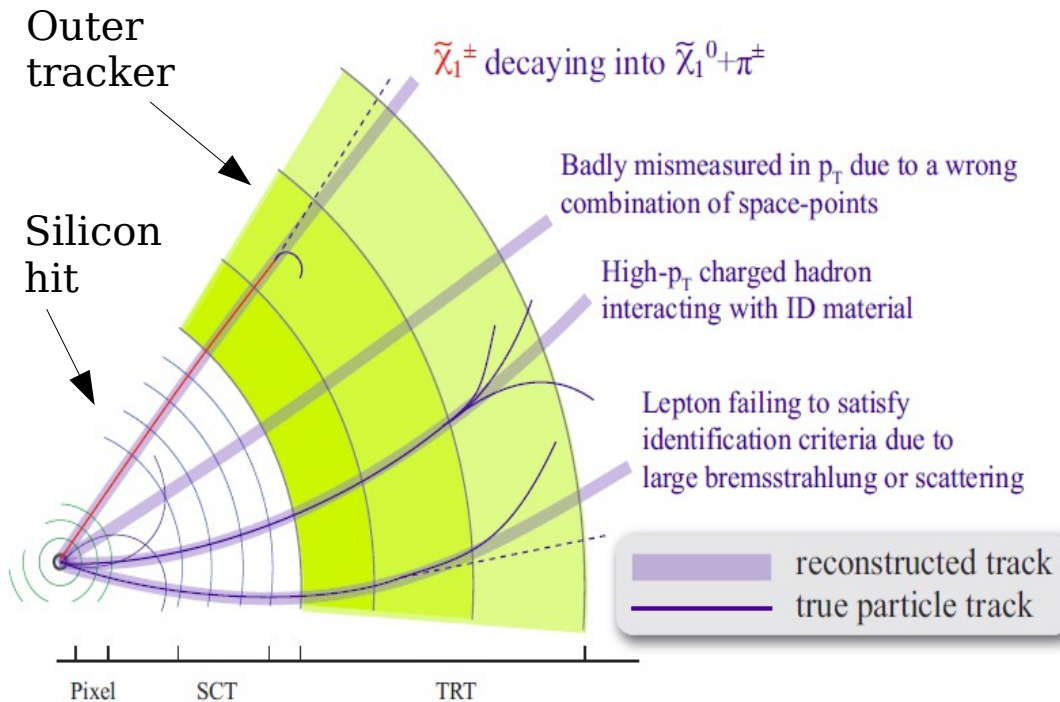
**Need $p_T > 90$ GeV ISR
for MET trigger:
 $\sim 15\%$ of cross-section**



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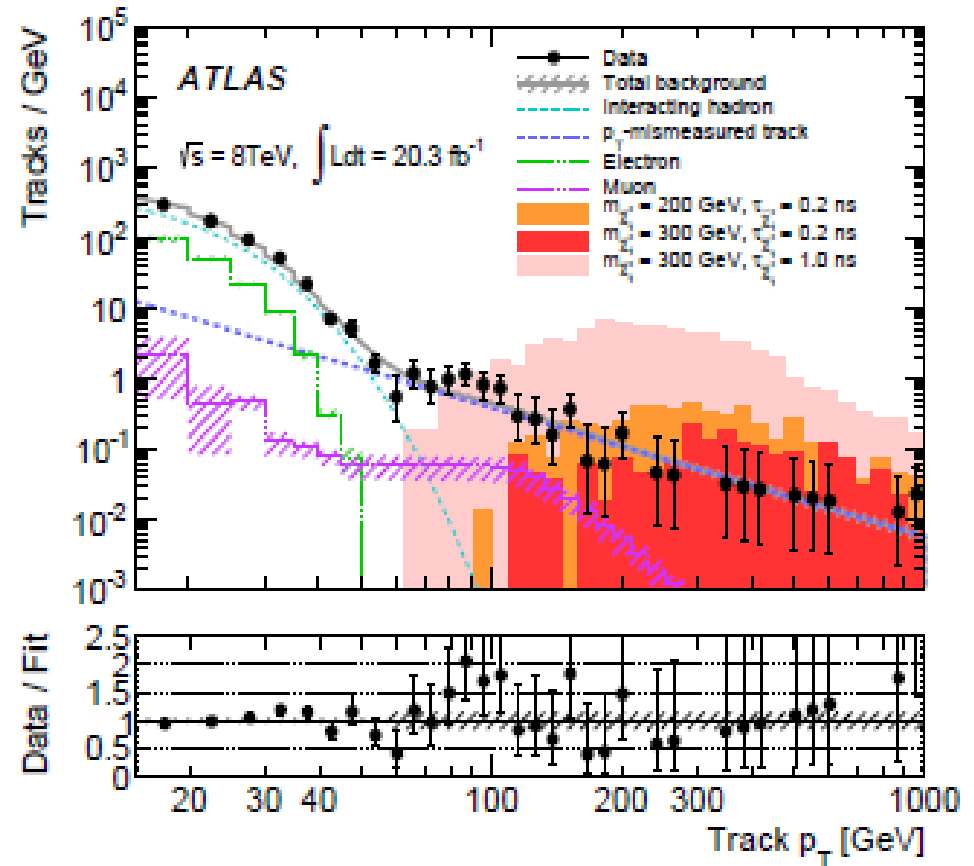
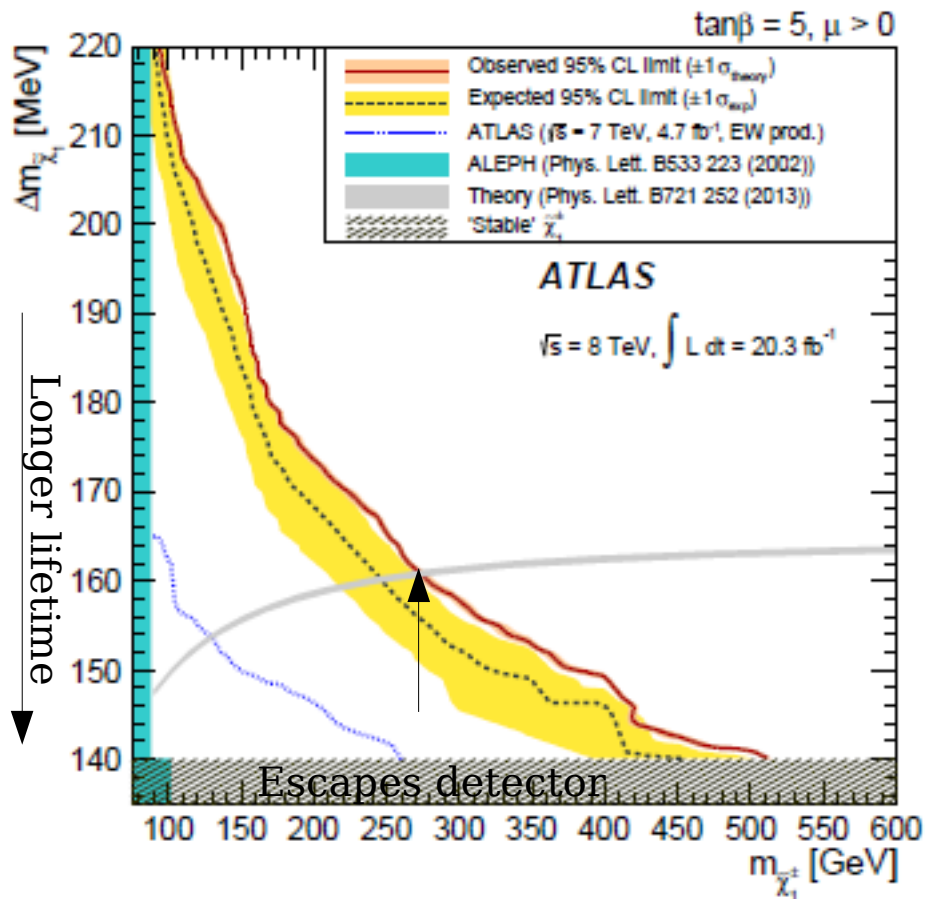
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- Chargino travels through some layers then decays to a soft pion (not reconstructed) + MET
- Look for high- p_T isolated track with few hits in outer tracking layer
 - Track needs at least 3 inner pixel hits and 1 silicon strip hit
 - Require < 5 outer-tracker (TRT) hits



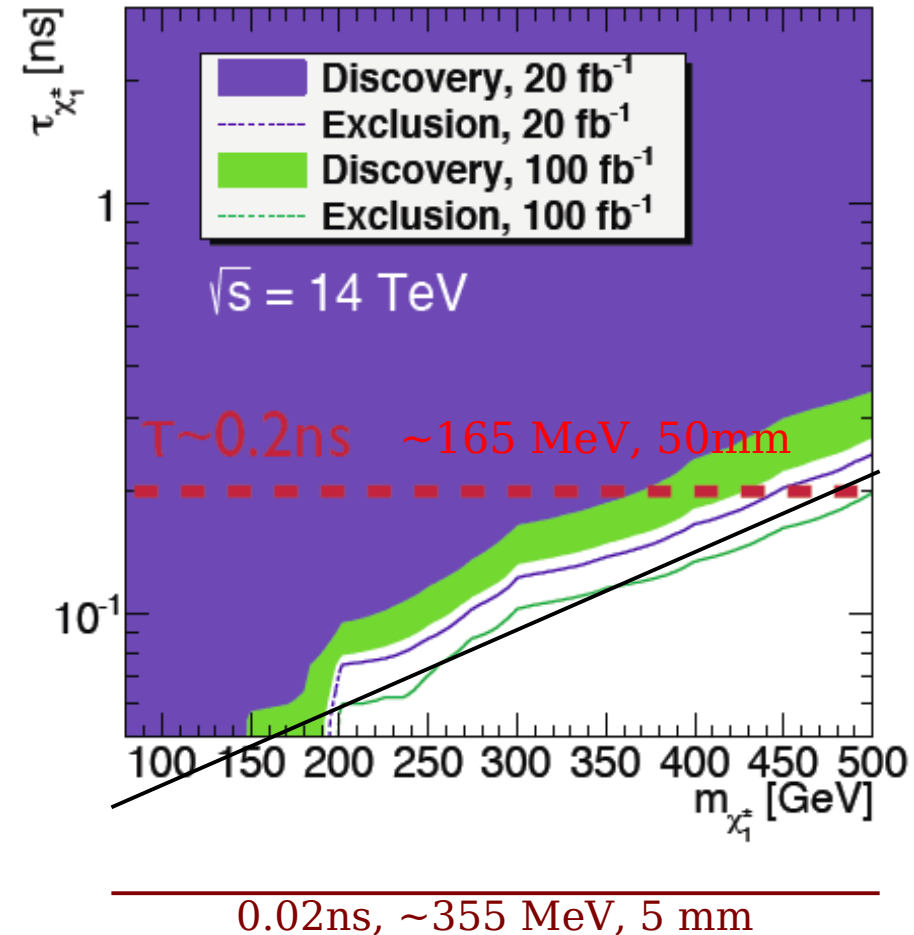
Semi-stable Charged Particle Decays

- Background track p_T shapes fit to data
 - No excess seen at high p_T
- Exclude chargino < 270 GeV in AMSB with $\Delta m \sim 165$ MeV



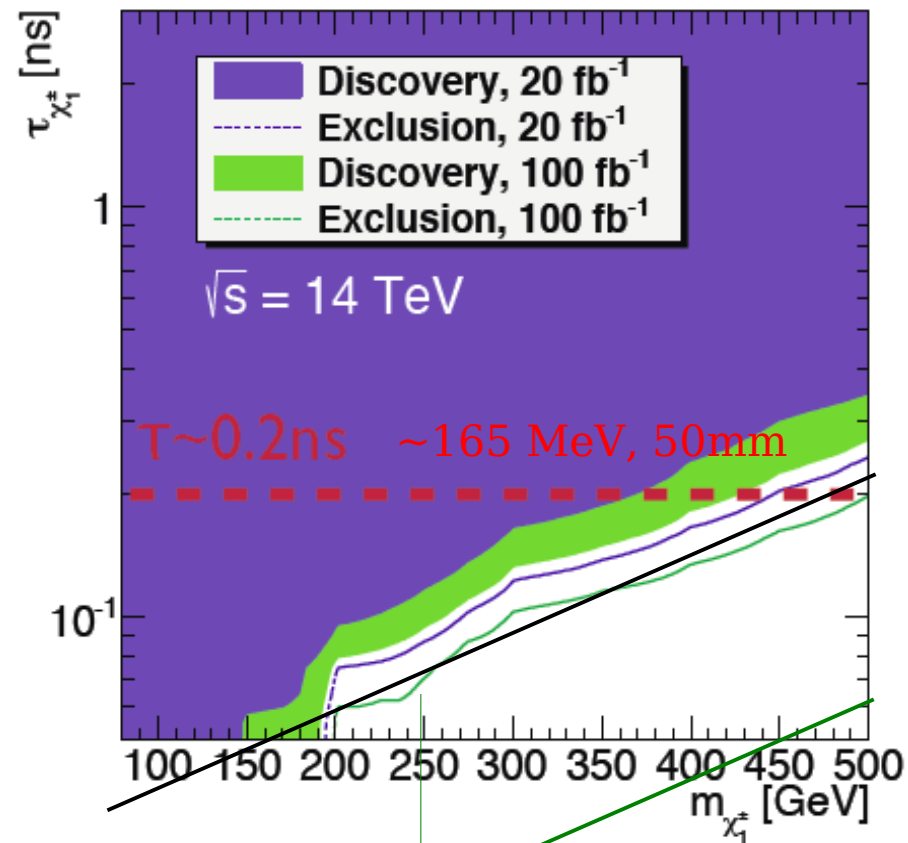
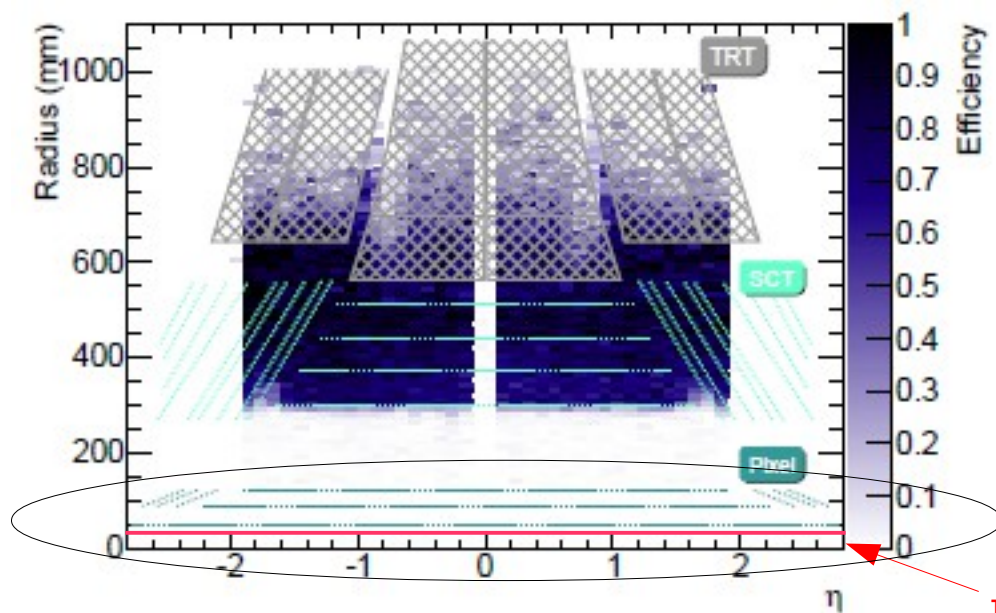
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 - Insertable B-Layer (IBL) added
 - Could have ~ 150 mm tracks using just 4 pixel hits?!



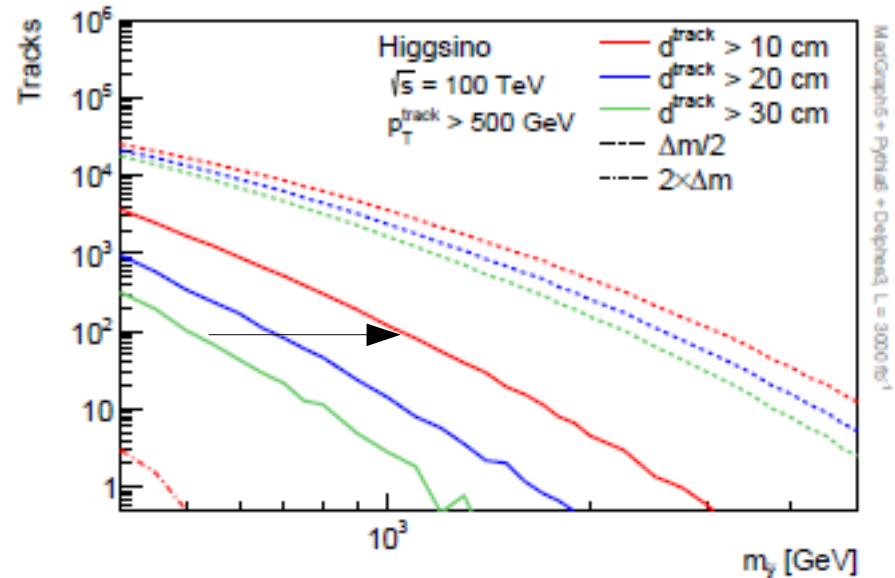
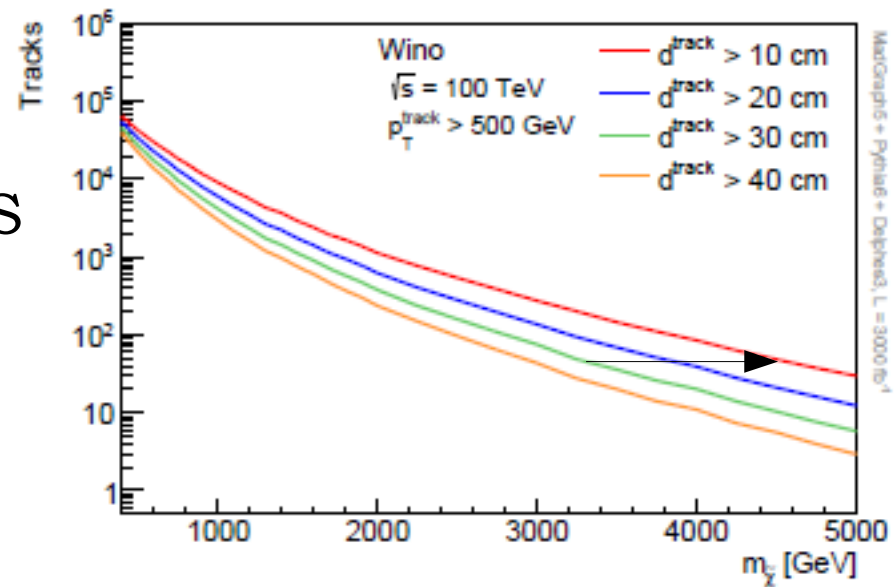
Sensitive up to ~ 800 GeV for 50 mm and ~ 250 GeV for 5 mm lifetime using 4-pixel IBL tracks?

New IBL pixel layer at radius of ~ 26 mm

(Far-)Future of Disappearing Track Searches

- Reconstructing very short tracks (with good momentum resolution!) is essential for mass reach
- 15 cm tracks seem possible at ATLAS
- If we could reconstruct 10 cm tracks at a 100 TeV detector:
 - Wino sensitivity from 3.5 \rightarrow 4.5 TeV
 - Higgsino from \sim 600 GeV \rightarrow 1 TeV !
- *Short tracks should perhaps be a design goal of future detectors (and accelerators?)*

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Conclusions

- Semi-stable and detector-stable particles are highly-motivated targets for beyond-SM discoveries at future (or current!) colliders
- Discussed several important searches – skipped many... (displaced photons, leptons, light resonances, etc.)
- Distinct signatures and low backgrounds – sensitivity often up to kinematic limits of production rate
 - Long-lived gluino mass reach $\sim 7x$ greater at 100 TeV than 14 TeV
- Must ensure detectors (and accelerators) continue to allow good triggering on and reconstruction of:
 - escaping, slow, and stopping charged (and milli-charged?) particles
 - displaced tracks (and vertices in air/vacuum gaps)
 - very short tracks (with good momentum resolution)
- And of course we must build future accelerators and detectors!!!