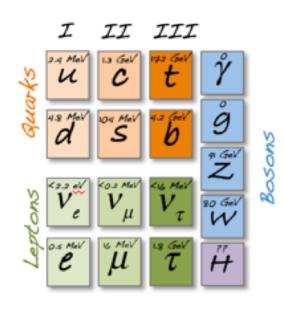




# SEARCHES FOR



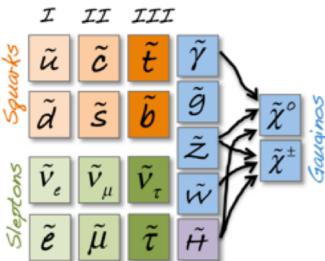
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# PARTICLES IN ATLAS

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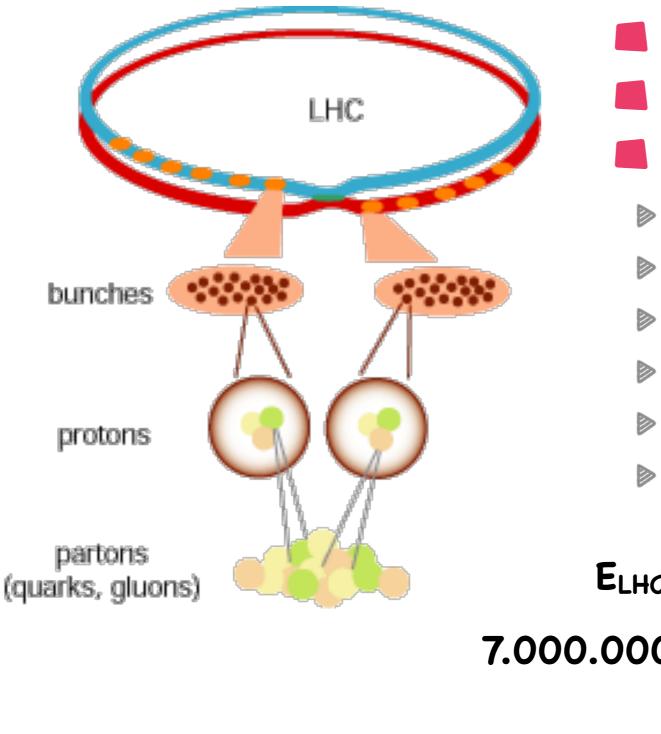








#### LHC SUMMARY



- 27Km tunnel, 100m underground
   8.3T superconducting magnets
   proton-proton collisions
   energy 7-8 TeV
  - bunches/beam
  - protons/bunch
  - luminosity
  - total crossing rate
  - collision rate
- E<sub>LHC</sub>=e∆V=

7.000.000.000.000 eV

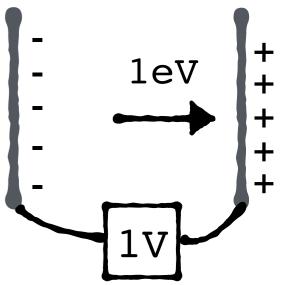


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10<sup>34</sup> cm<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>

40 MHz





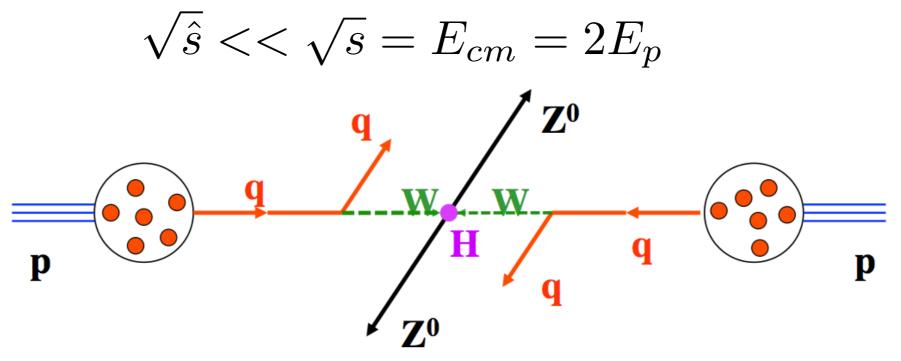
But the rate of New Physics is only  $\sim 10^{-5}$ 

Need to select one particle in 10.000.000.000.!!



#### PP COLLISIONS

- QCD theory is expressed in terms of quarks and gluons
- But we are colliding composite objects, protons (uud)!
- The useful energy (of the partons) is only a fraction of the total (of the protons)

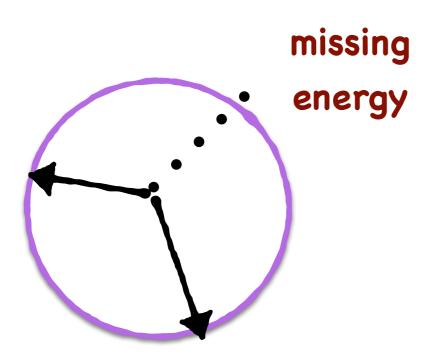


- Since the two processes happens at very different energies (length scales) we assume we can treat them independently: **factorization theorem**
- O The hard scattering is calculable in perturbative QCD and is independent on the long distance effects
- O The physics at larger (non-perturbative) scales is absorbed in some functions (PDFs) which are universal (only dependent on the incoming particles) and are measured by experiments



# KINEMATIC VARIABLES

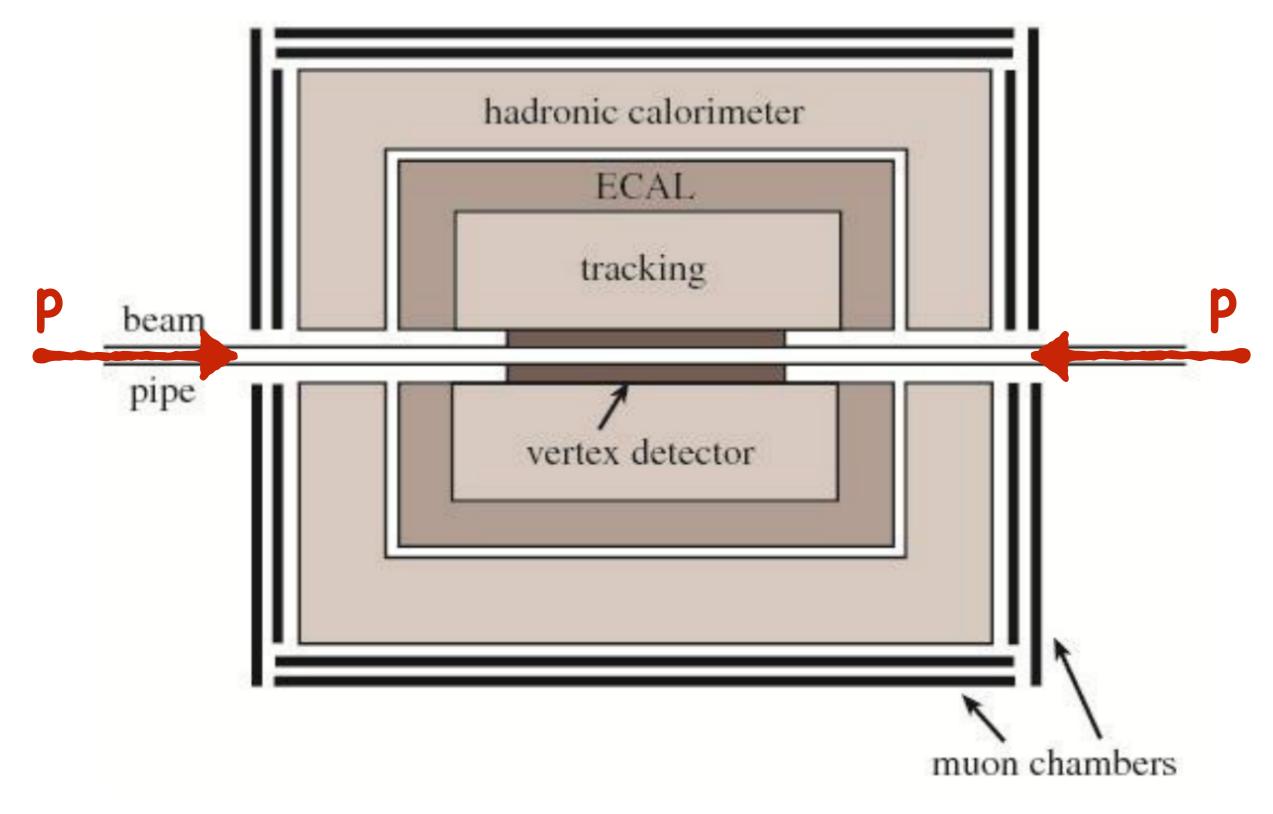
- The natural variables to use to describe the collisions would be p,  $\theta$ ,  $\Phi$
- But we don't know the longitudinal momentum of the initial patrons scattering
- pz and E are not so useful (we cannot apply any conservation law)
  - What is still conserved are the quantities in the transverse plane :  $p_T$ ,  $E_T$
- Before the collisions the transverse momentum/energy is zero
- Sometimes we can have an imbalance if we add up the momenta of all the particles that we see



- This can happen if we have particles escaping the detectors undetected
- The *missing energy* quantity is defined to keep track of those

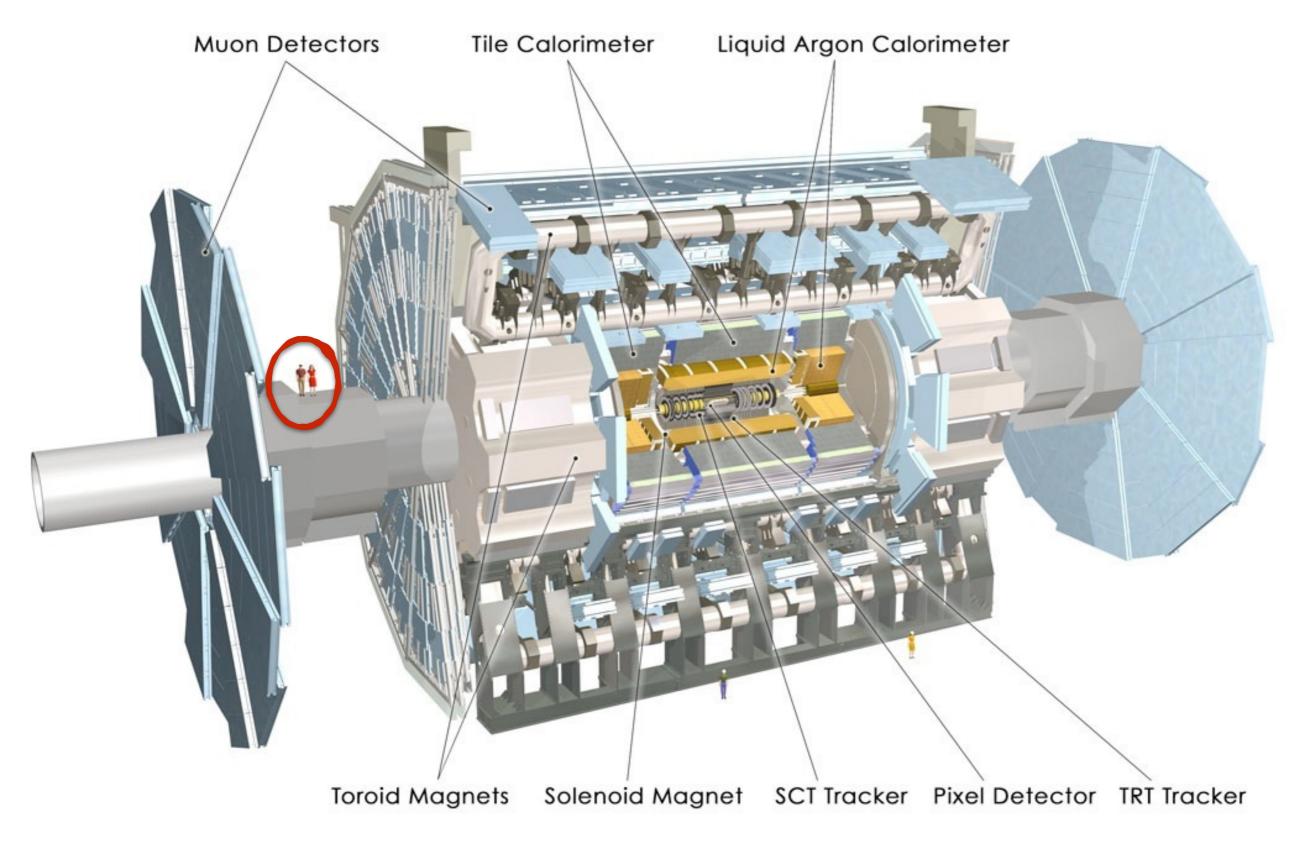


# BASIC CONCEPT OF A GENERAL PURPOSE DETECTOR



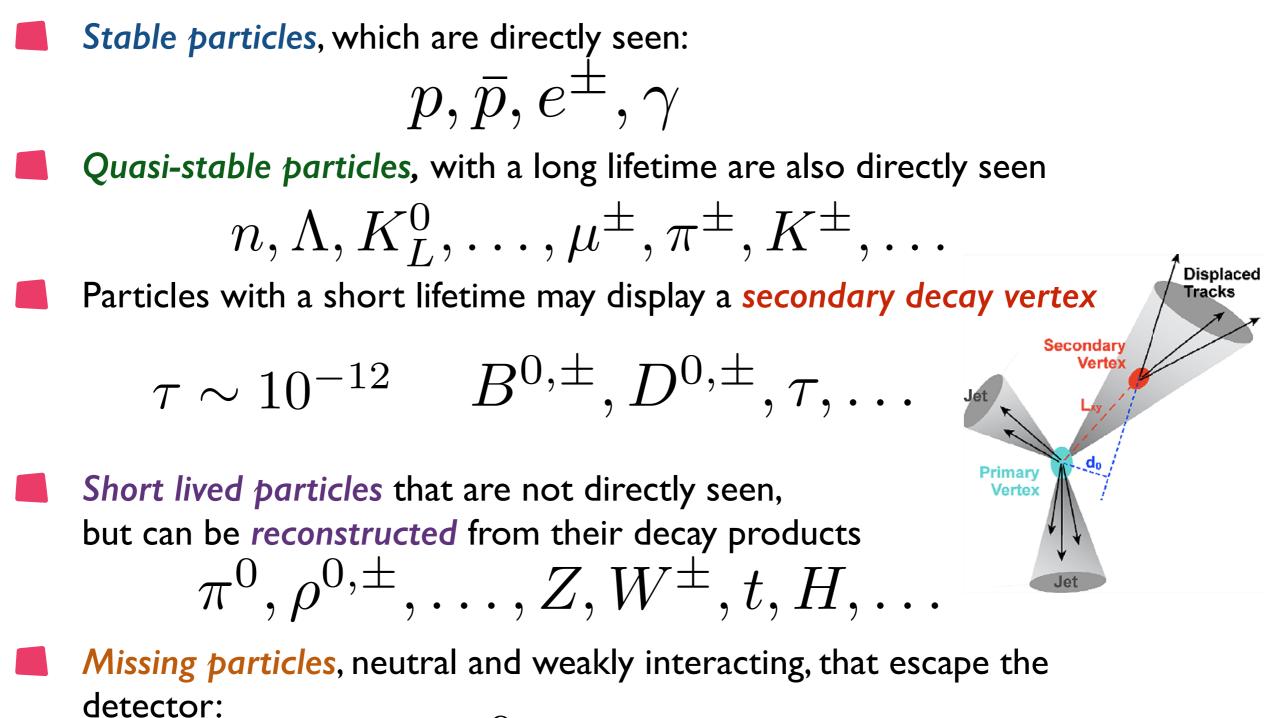


# THE ATLAS DETECTOR





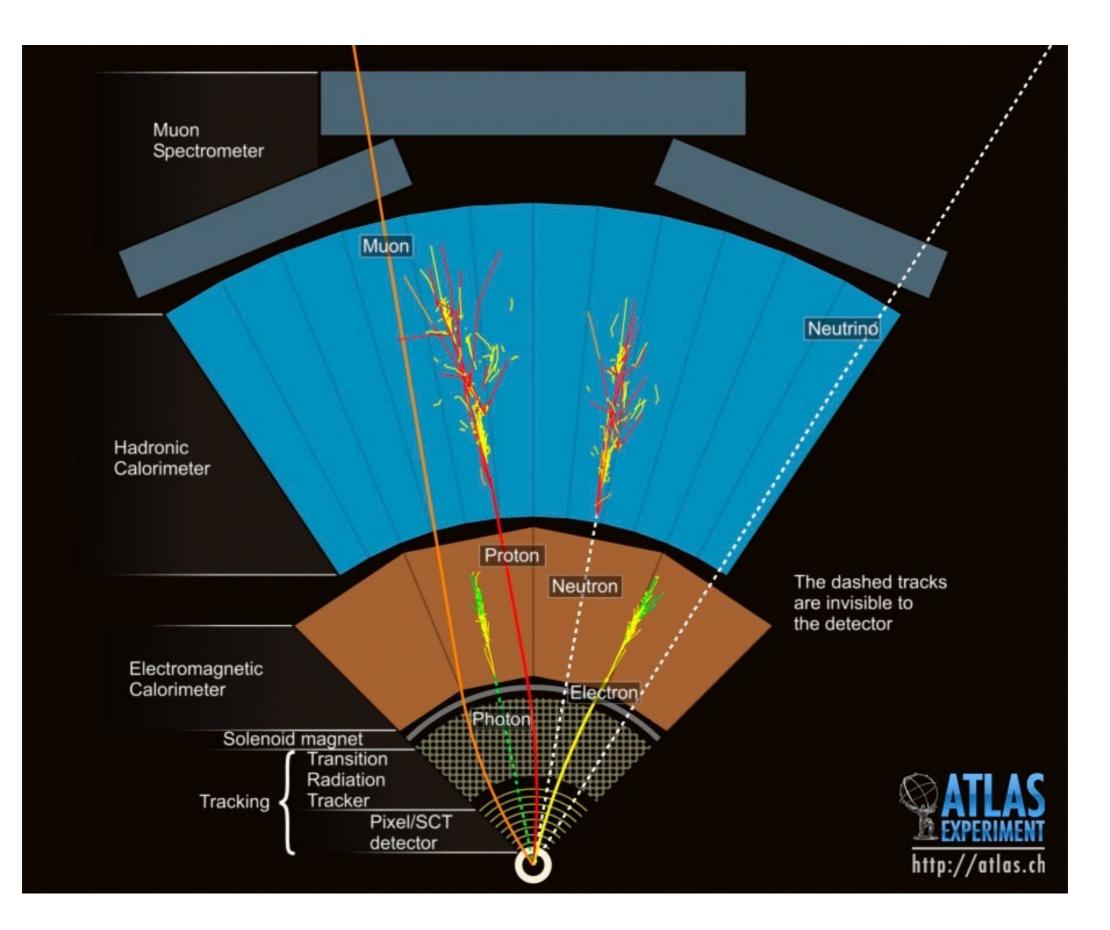
WHAT CAN WE "SEE"



$$\nu, \tilde{\chi}^0, G_{KK}, \dots$$

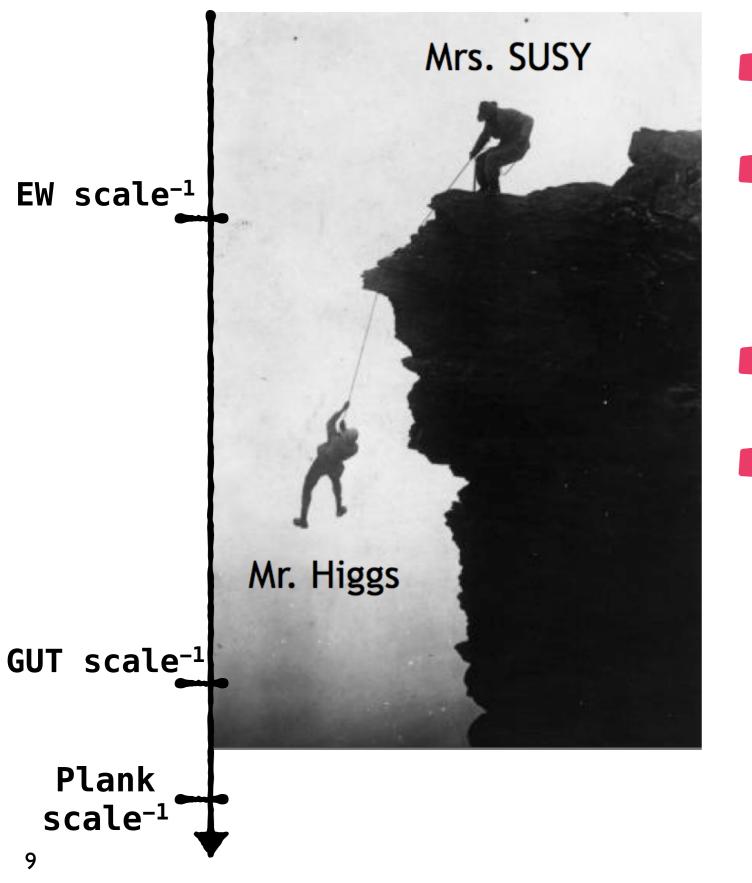


#### PARTICLES INTERACTIONS





# SUSY RECAP



- Maximal possible extension of the space-time symmetry group
- Moderates the hierarchy problem by cancelling the divergent quadratic corrections to the Higgs boson mass
- Realise unification of all the known forces (but gravity) at a high scale
- Provides a suitable dark matter candidate

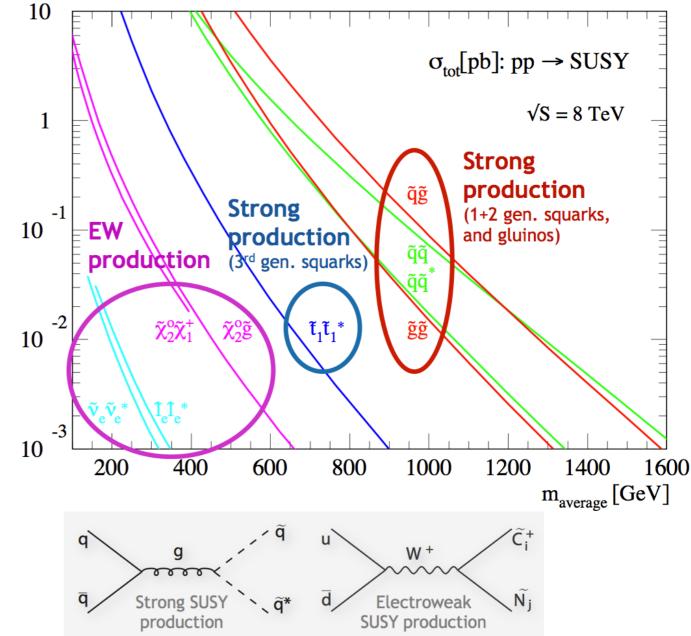
It has a rich and complex phenomenology making it interesting and useful to look for even if not realised in nature



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# SUSY AT COLLIDERS

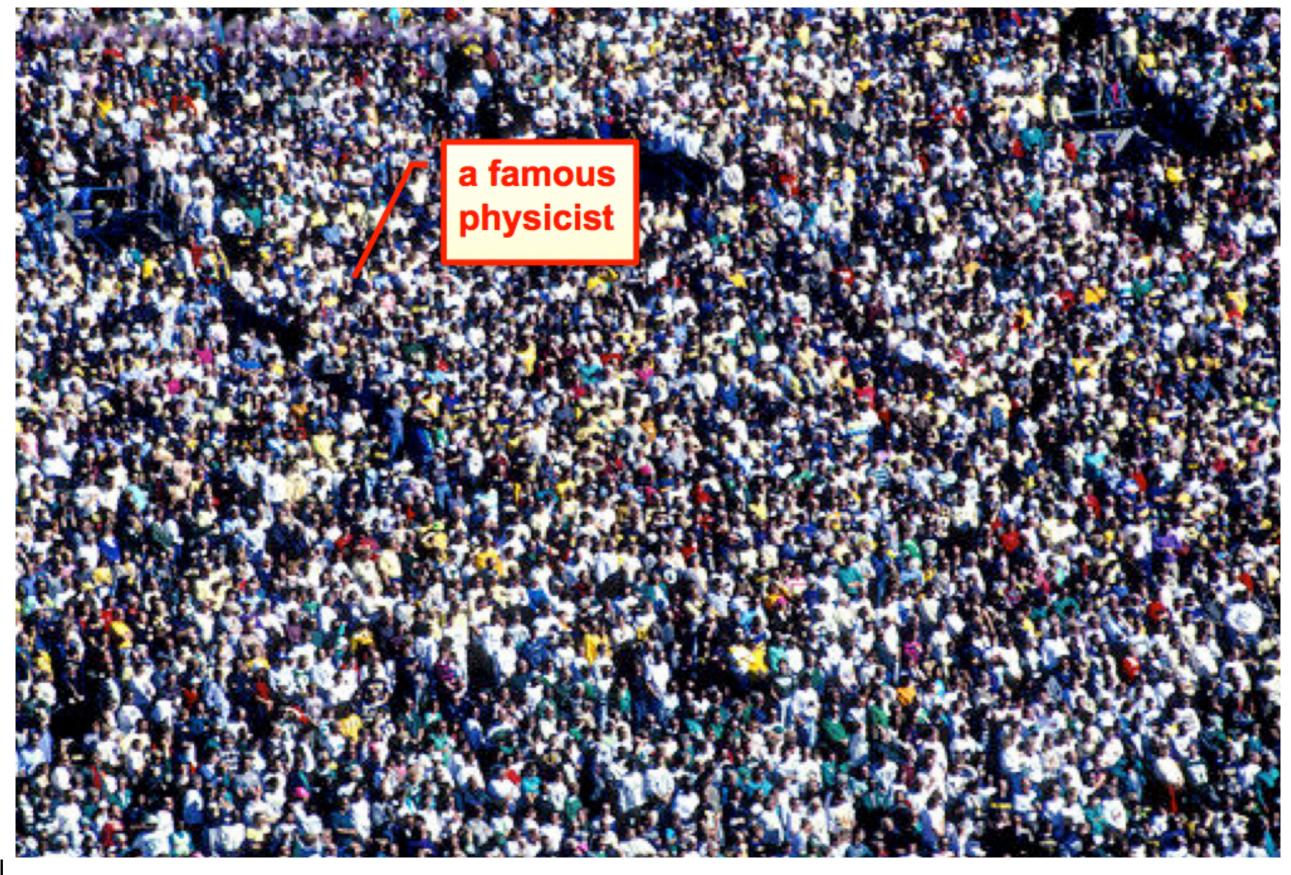
- Squarks and gluinos production through strong interaction are prime candidates for discovery due to highest production cross sections
- For fine-tuning arguments **3rd generation** sparticles should have lower masses, but also have lower cross-sections
- Charginos and Neutralinos as well as sneutrinos and staus have both low mass and are produced with weak processes, very difficult to observe
  - R-parity conserving (RPC) signatures
  - Sparticles are produced in pairs, with each decay ending with an LSP, mostly the lightest neutralino or the gravitino
  - R-parity violating (RPV) signatures
  - Resonances or multi-jets/leptons, from production of single sparticles and LSP decays
- Displaced vertices from late LSP decays







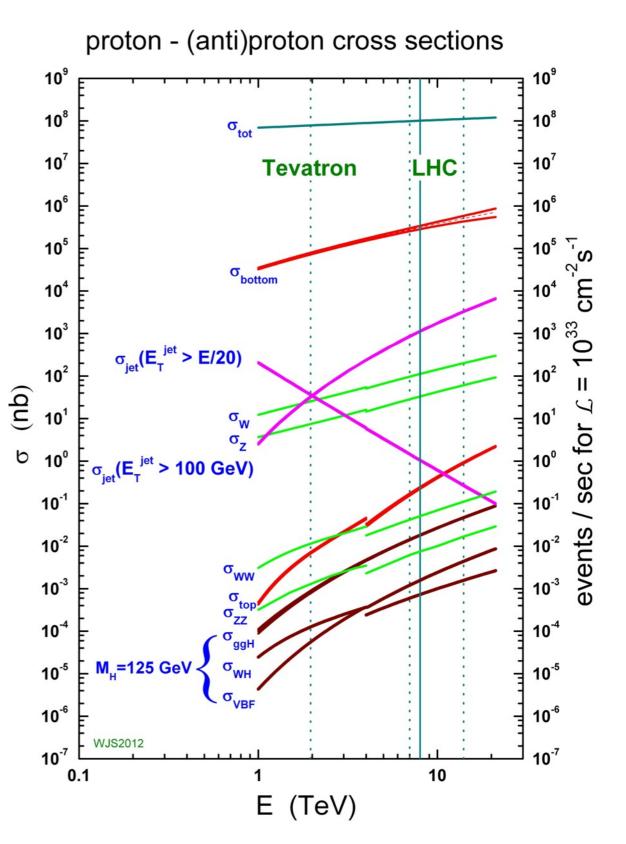
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- Many other SM process can mimic the signatures of the signal we look for:
- O QCD jets
- O EWK processes (W/Z+jets)
- O Top quarks
- Their cross-sections are huge, the signal is many (>10) order of magnitudes smaller than the backgrounds, need to have an extremely good understanding of the data
  - To predict how much of background will enter our search we make heavy use of simulations (*Monte Carlo*)





#### HOW TO MAKE A SEARCH

As we cannot identify with certainty a single event to be from a SUSY reaction we must rely on *statistical analysis* to understand if some unusual events are hidden in the data

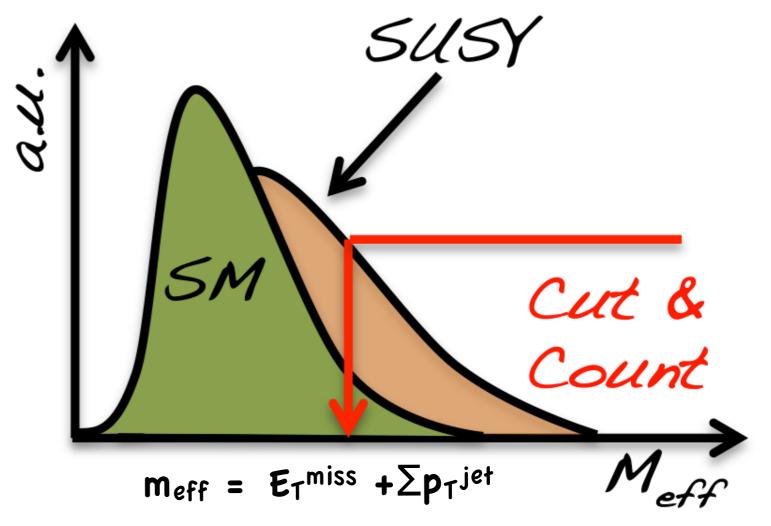
- A set of selections is applied to the events trying to reduce the amount of background events trying to retain as much of the signal as possible
- Given the level of precision that we want we cannot rely on the Monte Carlo simulation only: use lots of **data-driven methods**

#### O Control Regions:

Regions dominated by a backgrounds, to validate or rescale the prediction from the simulation

#### • Fake-estimates:

Sometimes we reconstruct a particle for another (*fakes*); since this misidentification probability can depend on a lot of details not in the simulation, it is usually measured in data





# DISCOVERY STATISTICS

- To assess if there is a possible signal in the data, we compute the probability for our observation if we assume there is no signal: **p-value**
- Suppose we observe n events in the signal region, these can consist of:
  - **O n**<sub>b</sub> events from known processes (background)
  - $\bigcirc$  **n**<sub>s</sub> events from a new process (signal)
- If  $\mathbf{n}_{s}$ ,  $\mathbf{n}_{b}$  are Poisson with means s, b, then  $\mathbf{n}=\mathbf{n}_{s+}\mathbf{n}_{b}$  is also a Poisson with mean  $\mathbf{s+b}$ :  $P(n \cdot s \ b) = \frac{(s+b)^{n}}{e^{-(s+b)}}$

$$P(n; s, b) = \frac{(s+b)^n}{n!} e^{-(s+b)}$$

Suppose we estimate b=0.5 and observe n=5. Should we claim we have made a discovery?

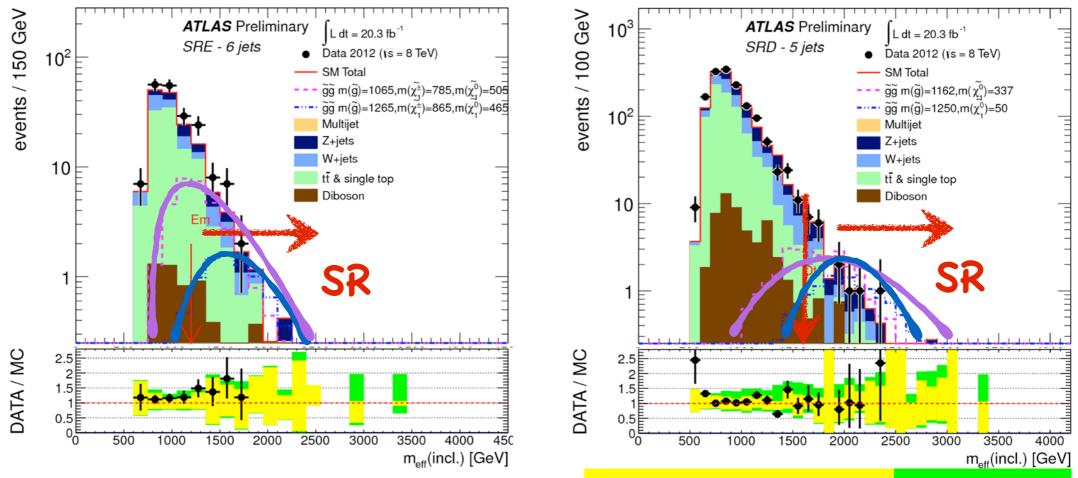
p-value= 
$$P(n \ge 5; b = 0.5, s = 0) = 1.7 \cdot 10^{-4}$$

Conventionally in HEP we claim a discovery if  $\,p=2.9\cdot 10^{-7}$ 



#### A SEARCH EXAMPLE

- SUSY inclusive search for squarks and gluiness in final states with jets and missing energy
- The "flagship" analysis, sensitive to many scenarios
- Select events with 2 to 6 jets and high missing energy
- C Looks at the M<sub>eff</sub> distribution to discriminate between SUSY and the other SM backgrounds



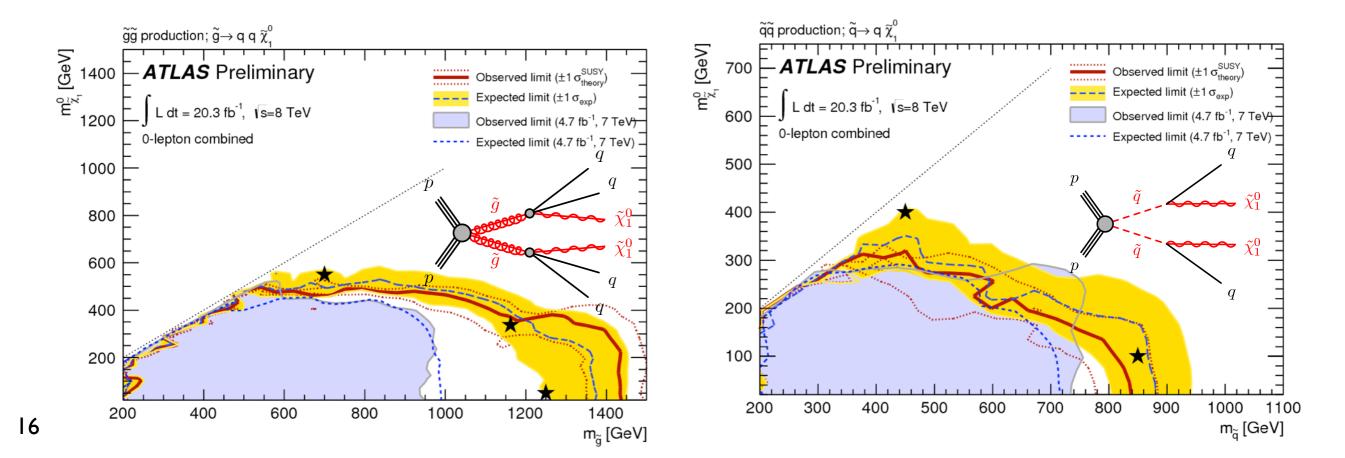
experimental + MC stat uncertainty +theory uncertainty



## LIMITS

- The results are compatible with the SM expectation, but we still want to extract some useful informations: which SUSY models can we exclude?
- We consider grids in the SUSY parameter space, and for each point we test if our observed events are compatible with it, if not the point is excluded

Squark/Gluino pair production, with direct decays to the LSP; all other SUSY particles decoupled Expected limit Yellow band ±1 $\sigma$  experimental uncertainties Observed limit ±1 $\sigma$  signal theory uncertainty

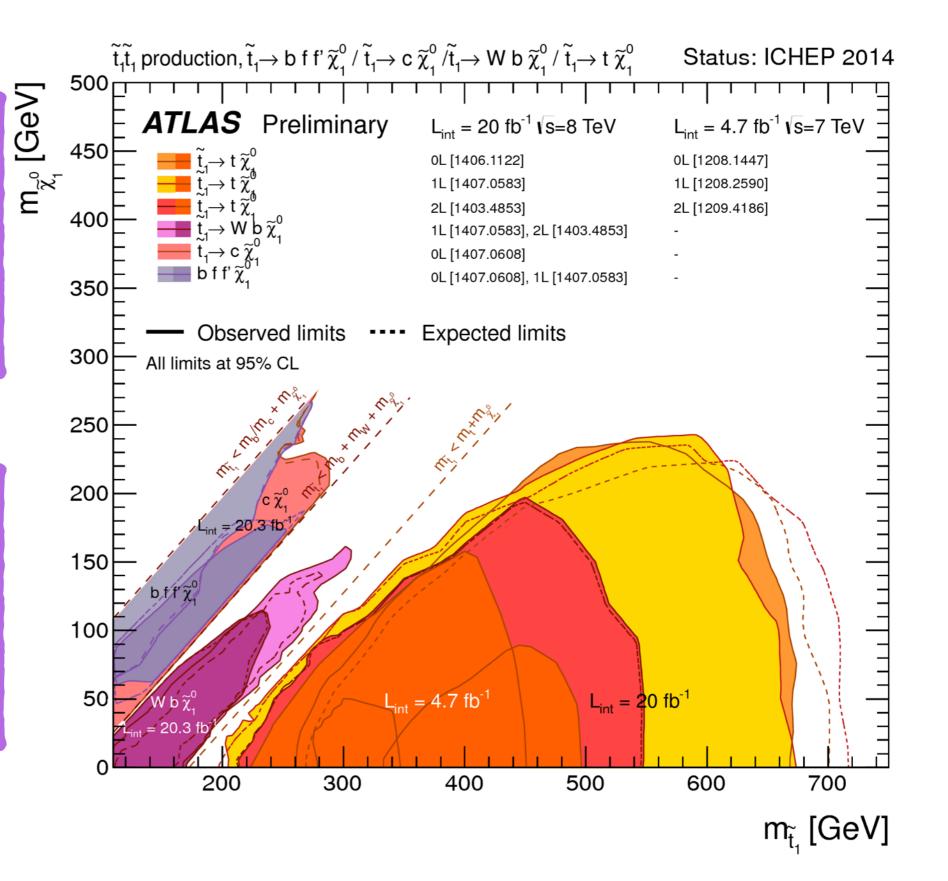




# **3RD GENERATION LIMITS**

Lots of analyses have looked for signals of 3rd generation squarks, that would need to be light to solve the fine-tuning problem

We haven't found anything yet, and the limits are now close to the masses where the theory is not so appealing anymore





Strong

# ALL ATLAS SUSY RESULTS

#### ATLAS SUSY Searches\* - 95% CL Lower Limits

#### **ATLAS** Preliminary

Status: ICHEP 2014



\*Only a selection of the available mass limits on new states or phenomena is shown. All limits quoted are observed minus 1 $\sigma$  theoretical signal cross section uncertainty.



### SUMMARY

ATLAS has performed a broad search for SUSY

Inclusive analysis have been extended to cover challenging scenarios

#### But no excess observed so far!

- Mass limits pushed further in the TeV region where the theory suggested to look
  - Gluino masses up to 1.3 TeV
  - Squark masses up to 740 GeV
  - Stop above 700 GeV



The upcoming Run2 of the LHC at an even higher energy of 13 TeV will bring new exciting opportunities to discover (or finally exclude) Supersymmetry



# BACKUP