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# Introduction to Supersymmetry

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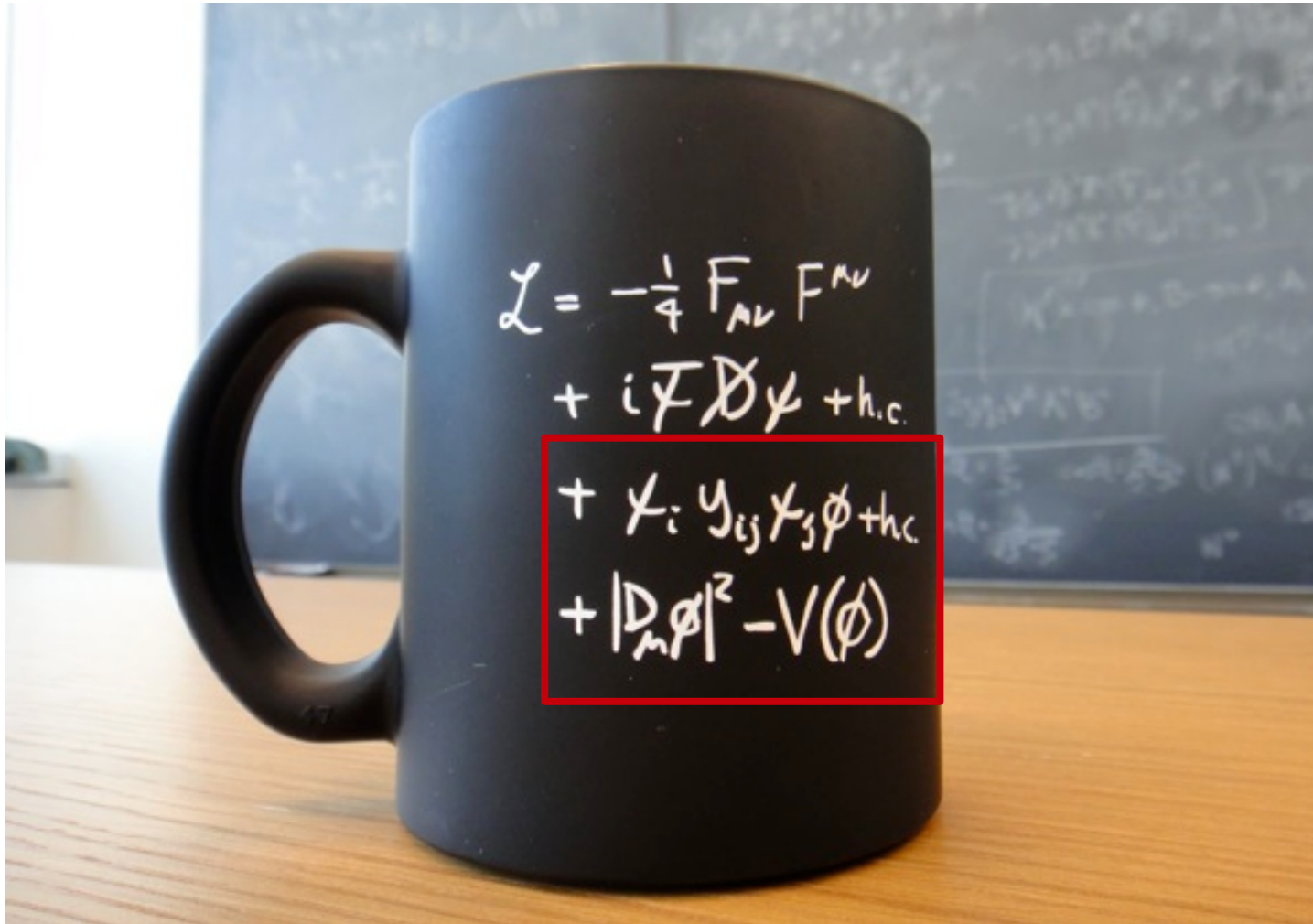


# Overview

- Some motivation
- What is Supersymmetry?
- The Minimal Supersymmetric Standard Model
- Phenomenology

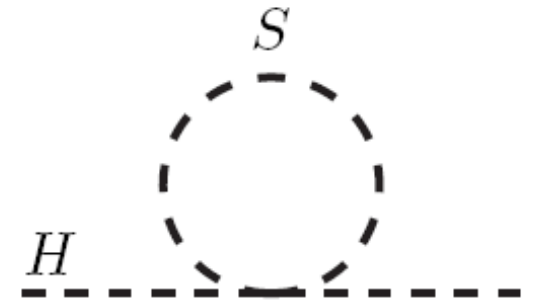
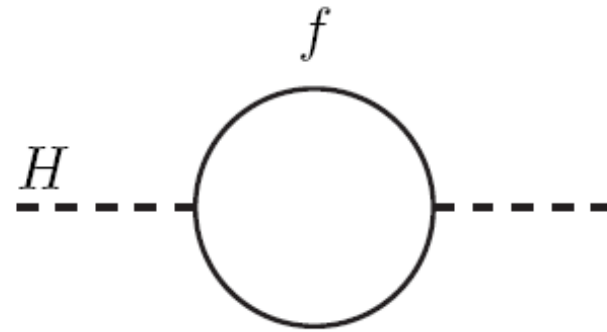
# Motivation

# Cup of coffee





# The problem with the Higgs



$$\Delta m_H^2 = \frac{|\lambda_f|^2}{8\pi^2} \Lambda_{UV}^2 + \dots \quad \Delta m_H^2 = -\frac{\lambda_s}{16\pi^2} \Lambda_{UV}^2 + \dots$$

**Planck scale cut-off:**  $\Lambda_{UV} = M_P \sim 10^{18}$  GeV

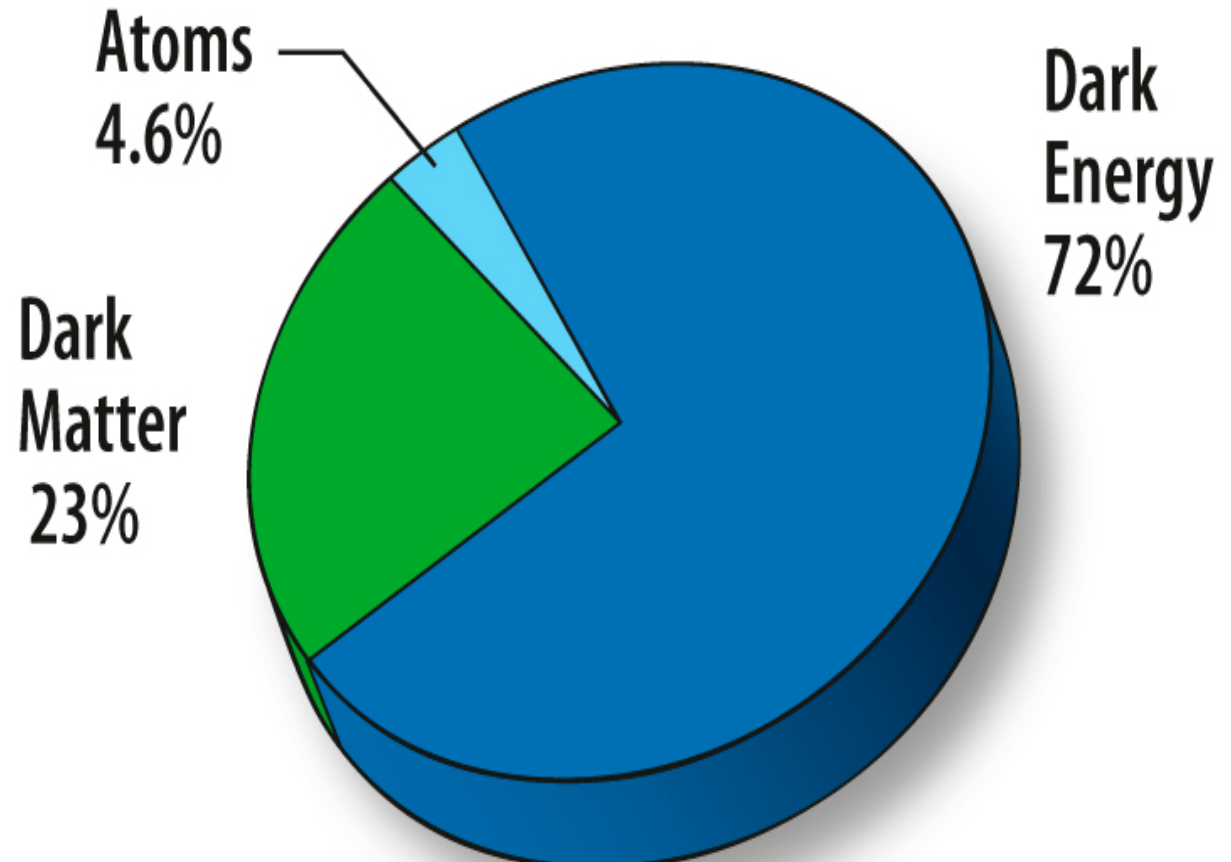
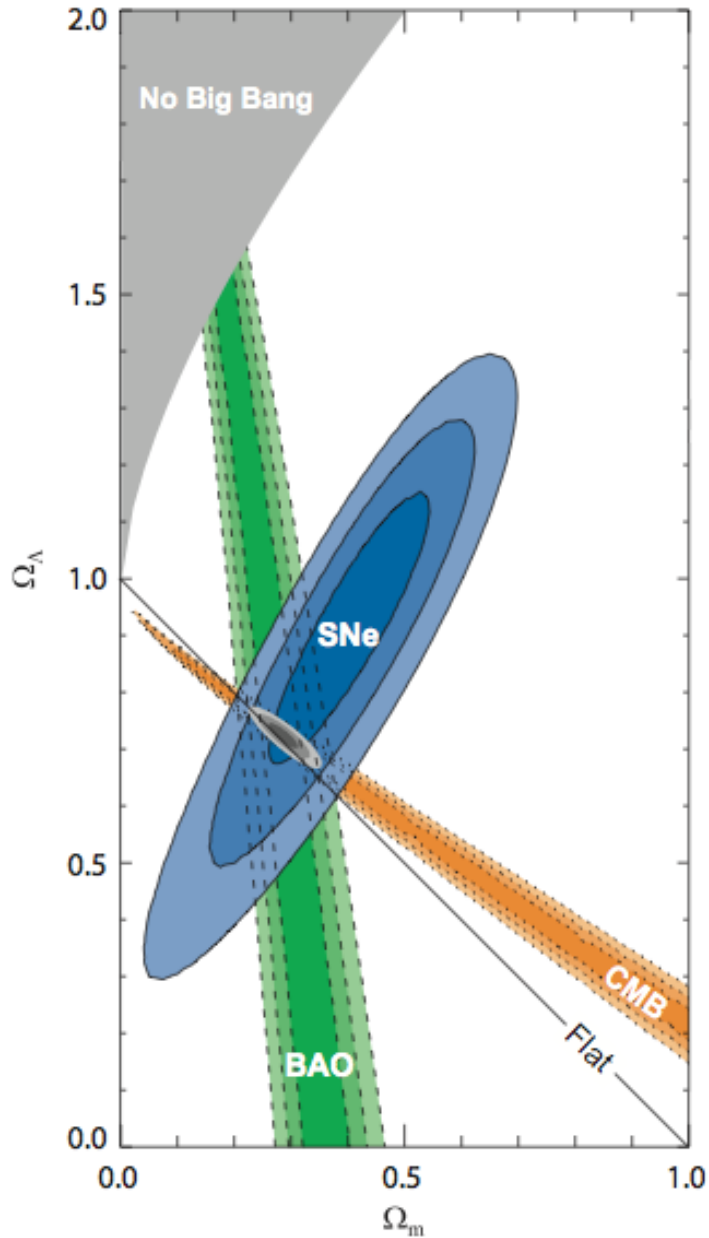
We need cancelations of the order of  $10^{16}$ :  
the **Hierarchy problem**



# The problem with the Higgs

- So, what **are** the loopholes?
  - 1) There are no particles above the electroweak scale.
  - 2) The Higgs is not elementary.
  - 3) Some new physics ensures an exact cancellation.

# The Universe pie



# What is SUSY?

# Symmetries

- We know Einstein's (Poincaré's) symmetry well. Lengths of **external** four-vectors are invariant:

$$x^\mu \rightarrow x'^\mu = \Lambda^\mu_\nu x^\nu + a^\mu, \quad (x' - y')^2 = (x - y)^2$$

- The SM also has **internal** gauge symmetries:

$$SU(3)_c \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$$

- Can the Poincaré symmetry be extended? **Yes**
- Can we unify internal and external symmetries?  
**Yes, but not the way we would have liked...**

# Symmetries

- Continuous symmetries are described by a Lie group and its algebra (relations of generators).
- The Poincaré algebra:

$$[P_\mu, P_\nu] = 0$$

$$[M_{\mu\nu}, P_\rho] = -i(g_{\mu\rho}P_\nu - g_{\nu\rho}P_\mu)$$

$$[M_{\mu\nu}, M_{\rho\sigma}] = -i(g_{\mu\rho}M_{\nu\sigma} - g_{\mu\sigma}M_{\nu\rho} - g_{\nu\rho}M_{\mu\sigma} + g_{\nu\sigma}M_{\mu\rho})$$

- *No-go theorem*, Coleman & Mandula (1967).
- Haag, Lopuszanski and Sohnius (1975):  
allow for anti-commutators in algebra.

# Supersymmetry

- Introduce new generator  $Q_a$  (a Majorana spinor) mapping fermion states to bosons and back:

$$Q|\text{fermion}\rangle = |\text{boson}\rangle, \quad Q|\text{boson}\rangle = |\text{fermion}\rangle$$

- The (N=1) super-Poincaré algebra:

$$[P_\mu, P_\nu] = 0$$

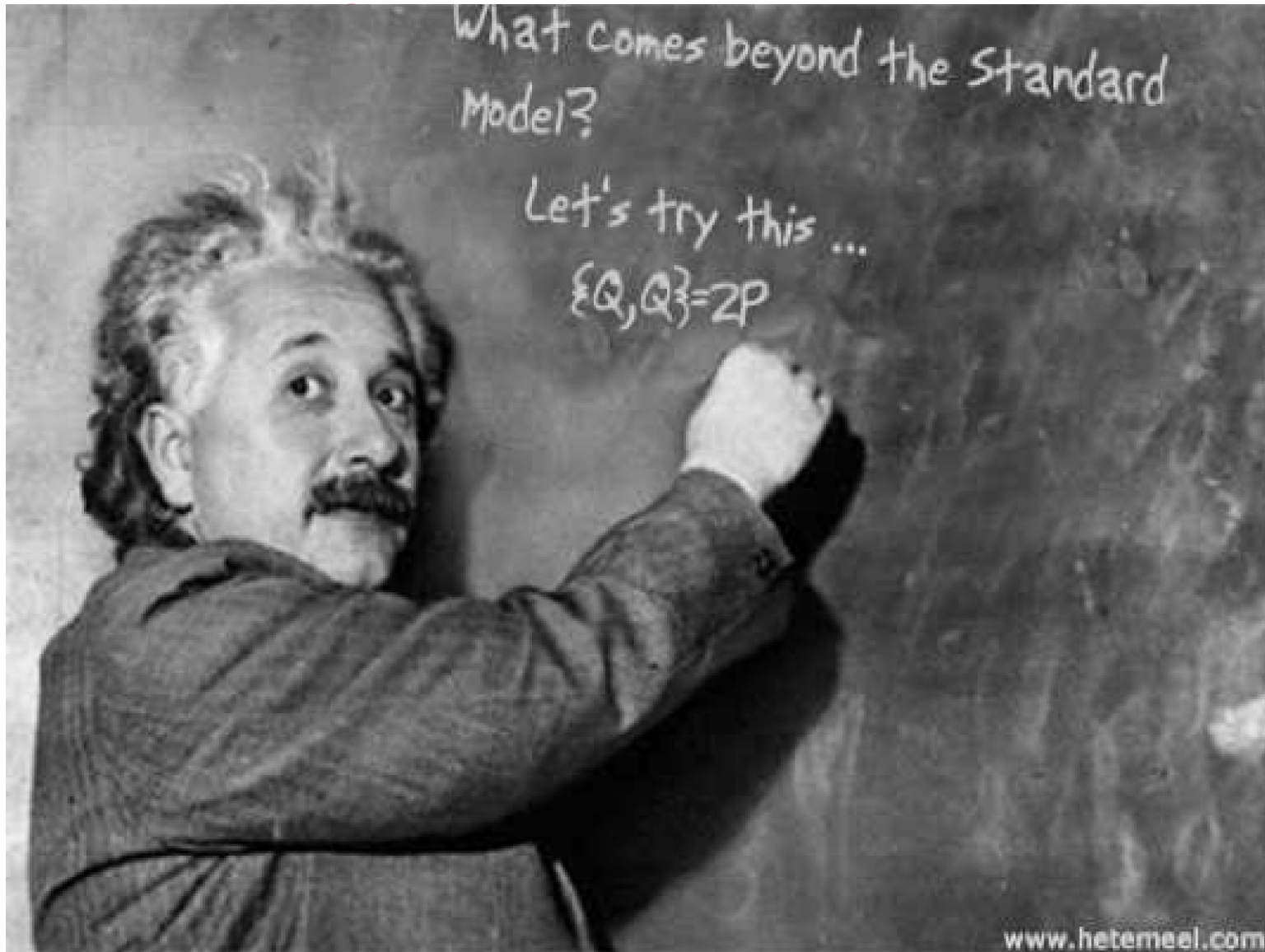
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$$[Q_a, P_\mu] = 0$$

$$[Q_a, M_{\mu\nu}] = (\sigma_{\mu\nu}Q)_a$$

$$\{Q_a, \bar{Q}_b\} = 2\mathcal{P}_{ab}$$





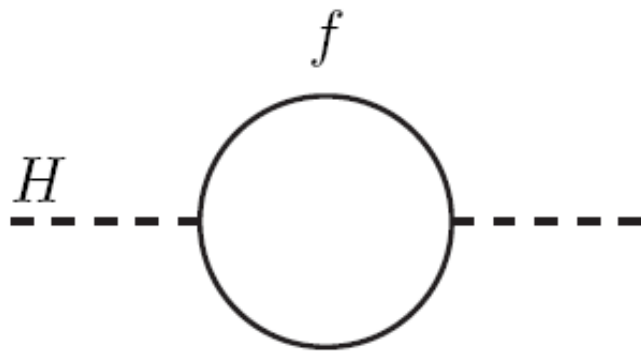
# Supersymmetry

- Some immediate consequences:
  - Equal number of fermion and boson states (not particles!)
  - New partner states inherit couplings.
  - And have the same mass.
- These properties are vital to the solution of the Higgs hierarchy problem.
- But where have all the bosons gone?

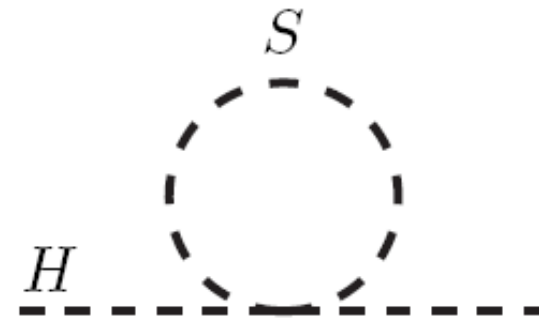
# Supersymmetry to the rescue

- **Supersymmetry** predicts that there are twice the number of  $S$  compared to  $f$ , and that

$$|\lambda_f|^2 = \lambda_S$$



$$\Delta m_h^2 = \frac{|\lambda_f|^2}{8\pi^2} \Lambda_{UV}^2 + \dots$$

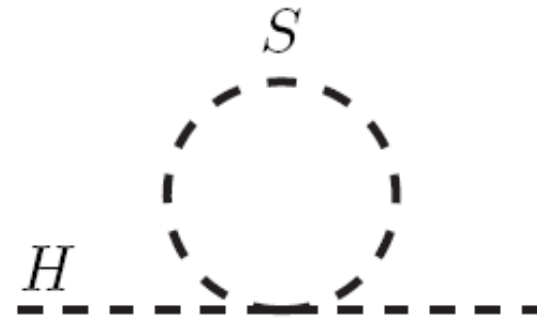
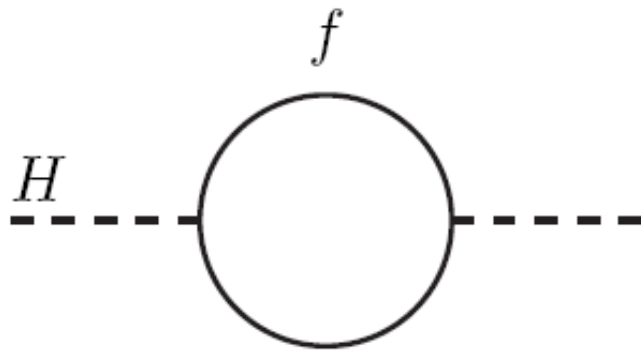


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# Spontaneous SUSY breaking

- Just as in the SM Higgs mechanism we can use the scalar potential of the theory to break SUSY.
- However, we are limited by the supertrace relation

$$\text{STr } M^2 = \sum_s (-1)^{2s} (2s+1) \text{Tr } M_s^2 = 0$$

- All new scalars can not be heavier than all the fermions!
- Solution: put breaking at a high scale with extra fermions.

# Spontaneous SUSY breaking

- We parametrize our ignorance of the exact mechanism by adding SUSY breaking terms by hand

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{soft}} = -\frac{1}{2}M\lambda^A\lambda_A - \left(\frac{1}{6}a_{ijk}A_iA_jA_k + \frac{1}{2}b_{ij}A_iA_j + t_iA_i + c.c.\right) - m_{ij}^2A_i^*A_j$$

- These are the **soft breaking terms** (do not reintroduce the hierarchy problem).

**Softly broken SUSY:**  $\Delta m_h^2 = \frac{\lambda}{16\pi^2} m_{\text{SUSY}}^2 \ln \frac{\Lambda_{UV}^2}{m_{\text{SUSY}}^2} + \dots$

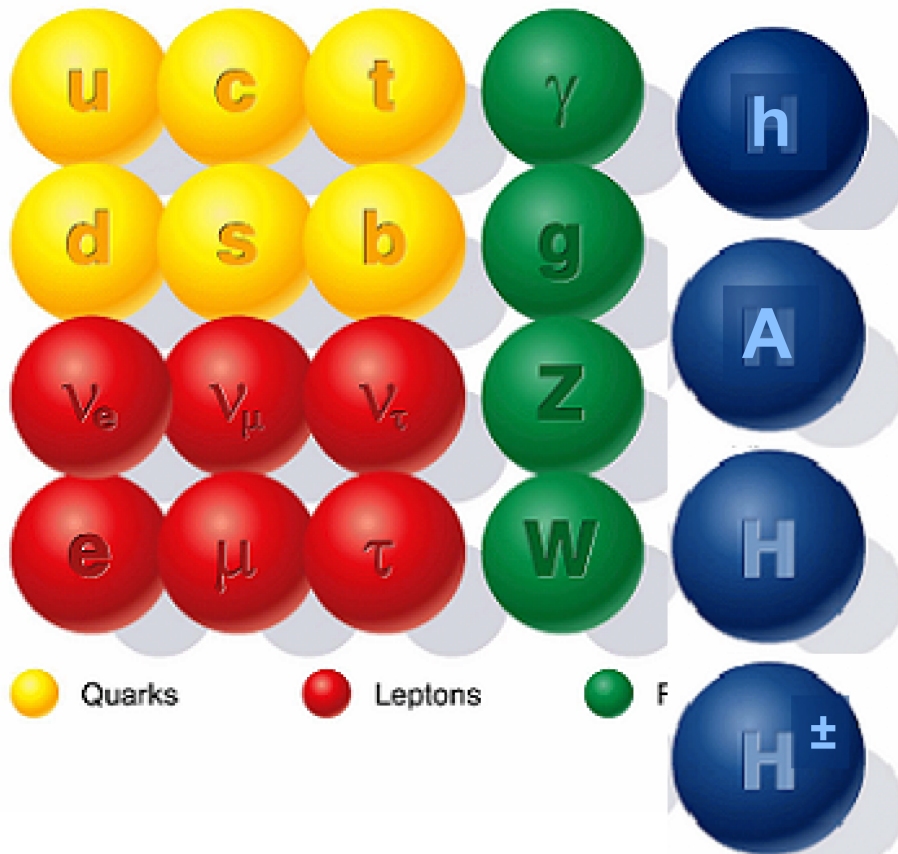
# Minimal Supersymmetric Standard Model

# MSSM

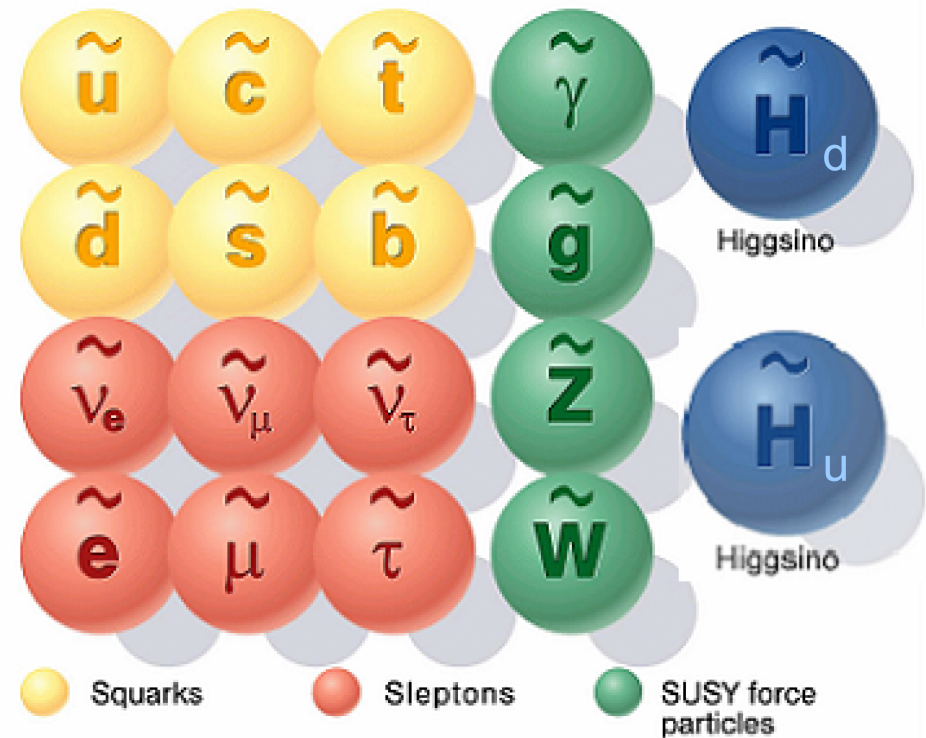
- The Minimal Supersymmetric Standard Model (MSSM) is the smallest model in terms of fields that contain all SM particles.
- In addition to the partners of all SM particles it is necessary to introduce two Higgs doublets.
  - Anomaly cancellation.
  - Give mass to both up- and down-type quarks.

# MSSM

## Standard particles



## SUSY particles



Neutralinos

$$\tilde{\chi}_i^0 = N_{i1} \tilde{B}^0 + N_{i2} \tilde{W}^0 + N_{i3} \tilde{H}_u^0 + N_{i4} \tilde{H}_d^0$$

Charginos

$$\tilde{\chi}_i^\pm = C_{i1} \tilde{W}^\pm + C_{i2} \tilde{H}_u^\pm$$



# R-parity

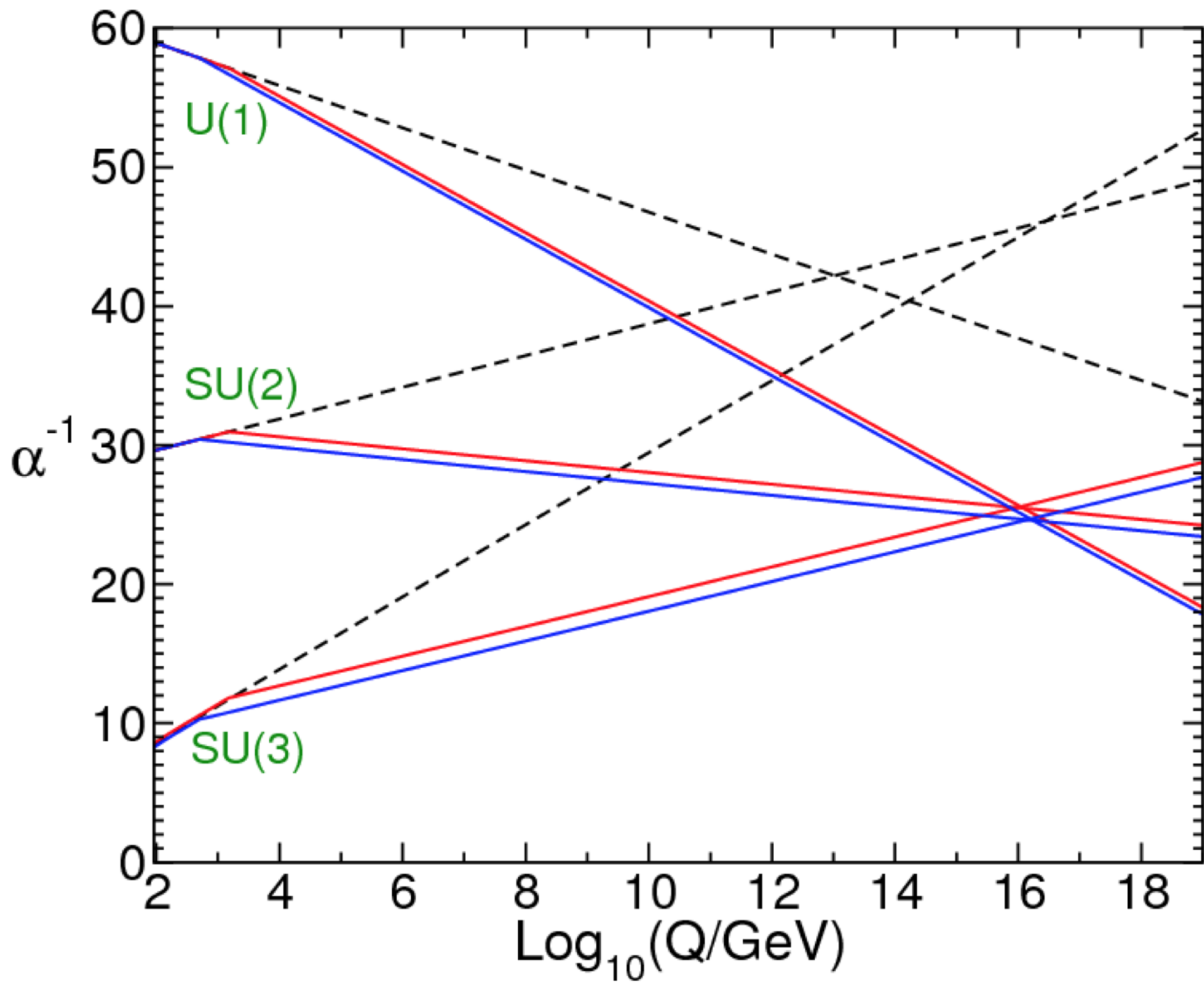
- To remove lepton & baryon number violating interactions we introduce a new multiplicative quantum number R-parity

$$R = (-1)^{3B+L+2s}$$

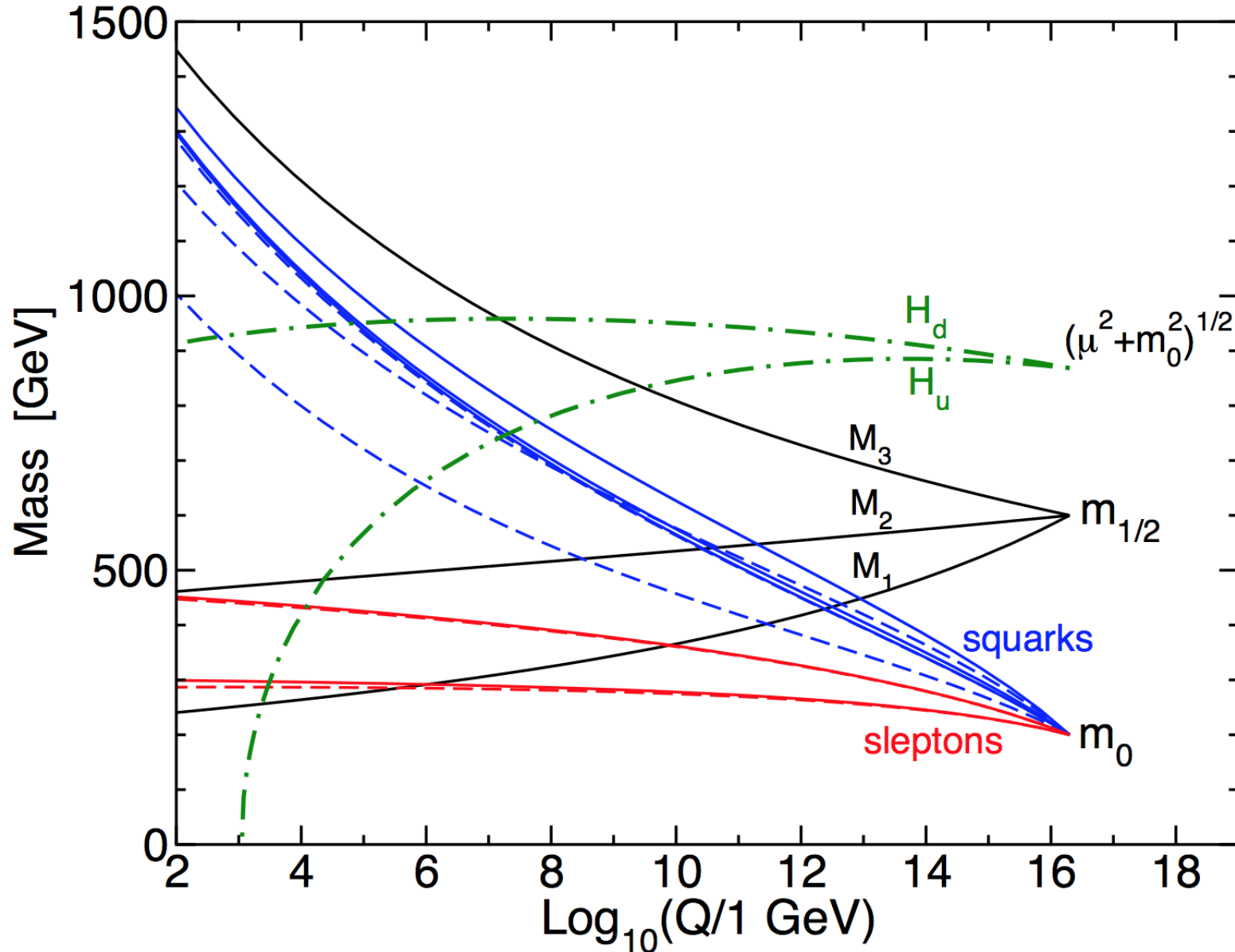
- All interactions have an even number of sparticles.
- Sparticles can only be pair-produced.
- The lightest sparticle (LSP) is absolutely stable. (Usually the lightest neutralino.)

# MSSM

- The extra Higgs doublet adds only one new parameter  $\mu$  coupling the two Higgs doublets.
- For historical reasons no neutrino mass.  
(Or right handed neutrinos.)
- There are 104 new soft breaking parameters!  
(In addition to 19 free parameters in the SM)
- Does this ruin predictability?



# GUT-motivated models



CMSSM

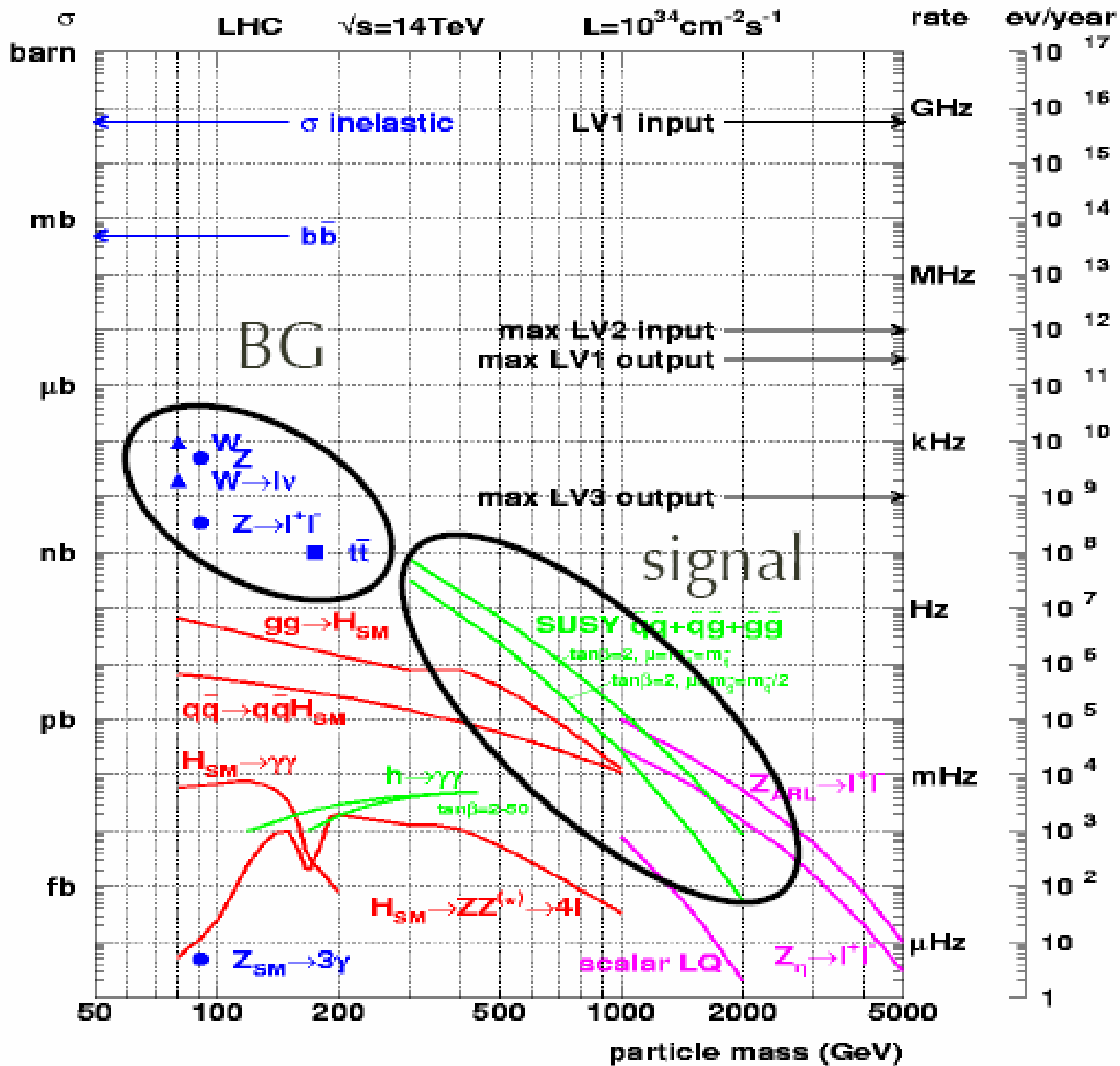
$m_0 = 200 \text{ GeV}$

$m_{1/2} = 600 \text{ GeV}$

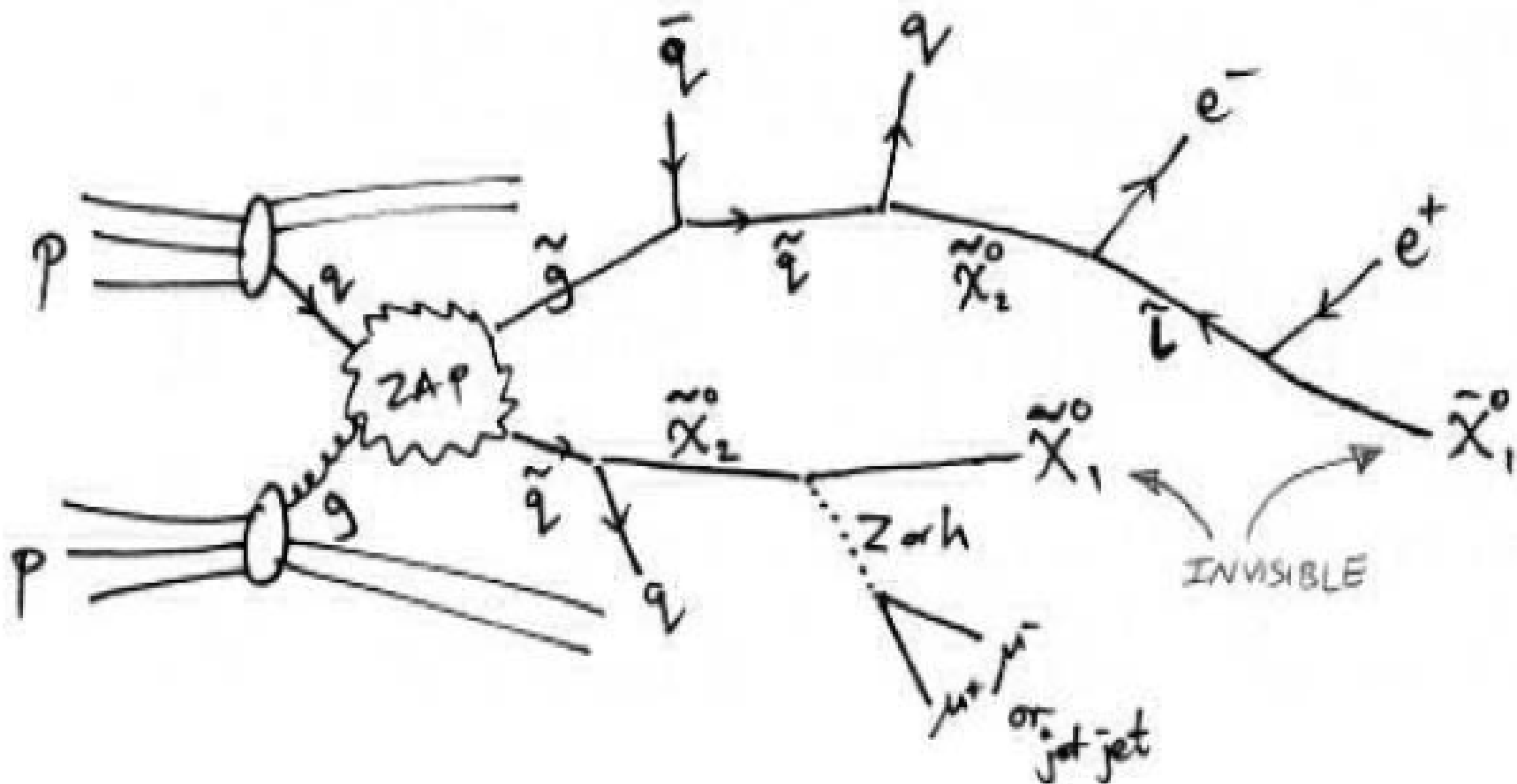
$A_0 = 0 \text{ GeV}$

$\tan \beta = 10$

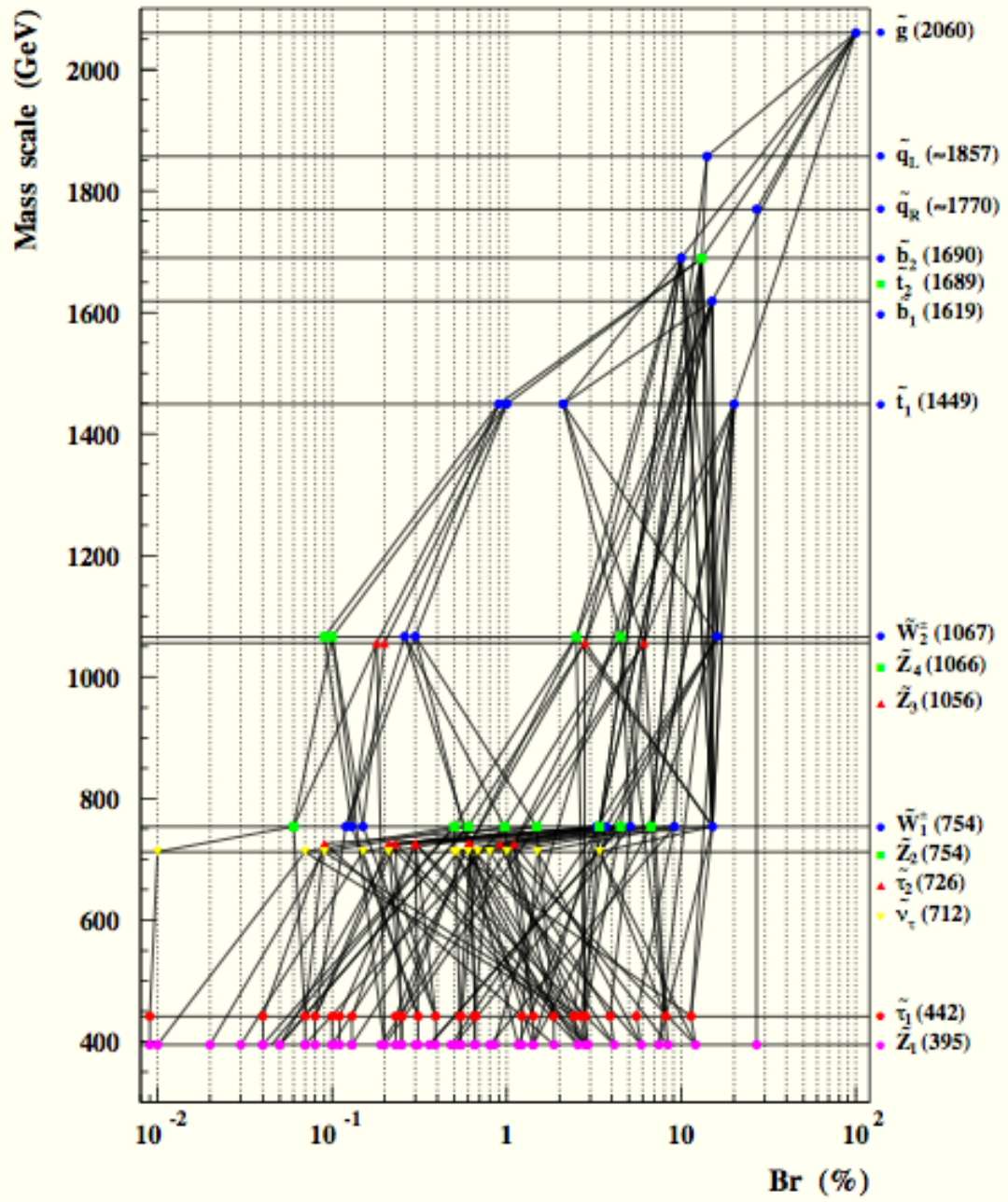
# Phenomenology



# SUSY cascades



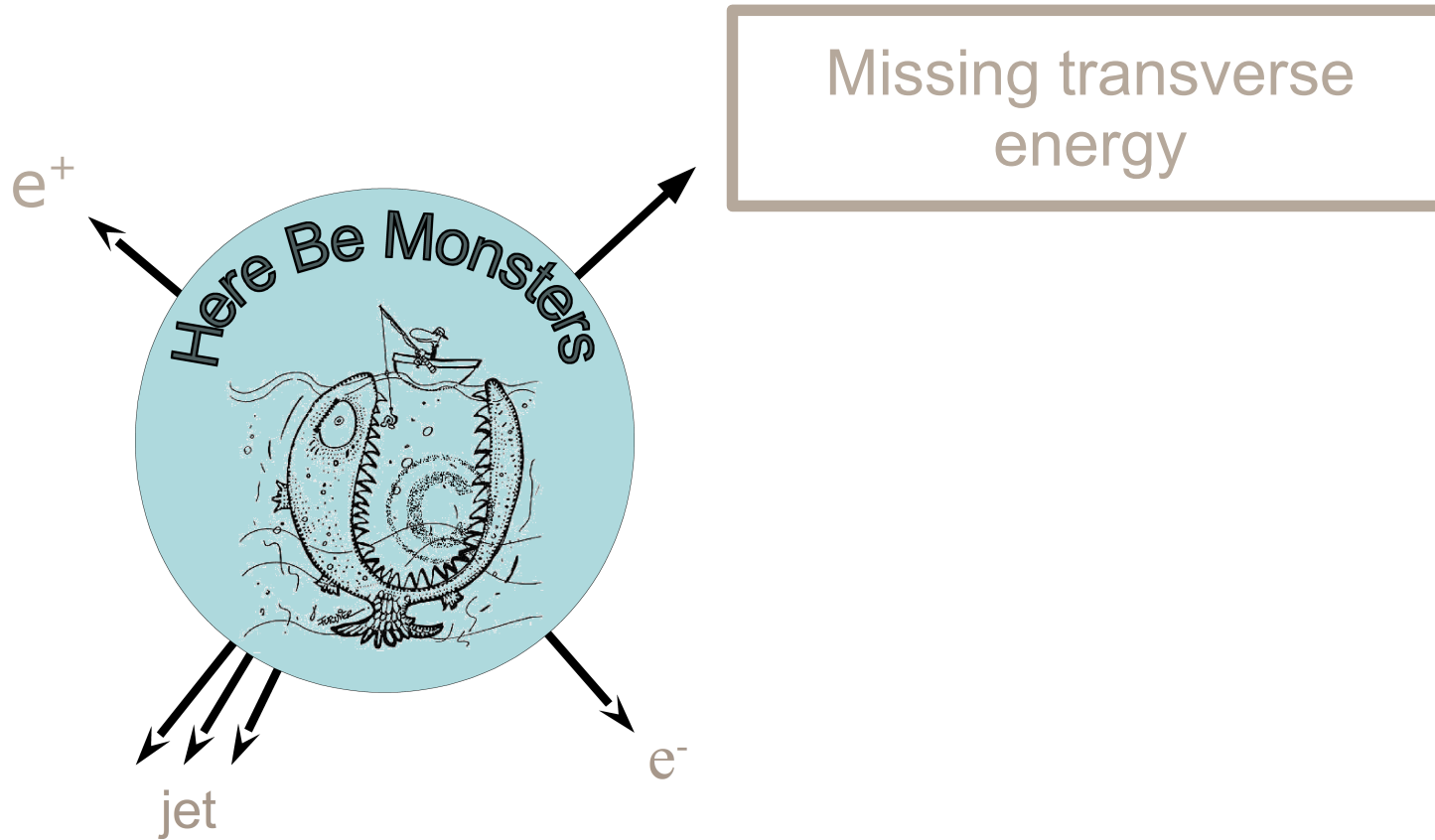
[Drawing by Chris Lester]



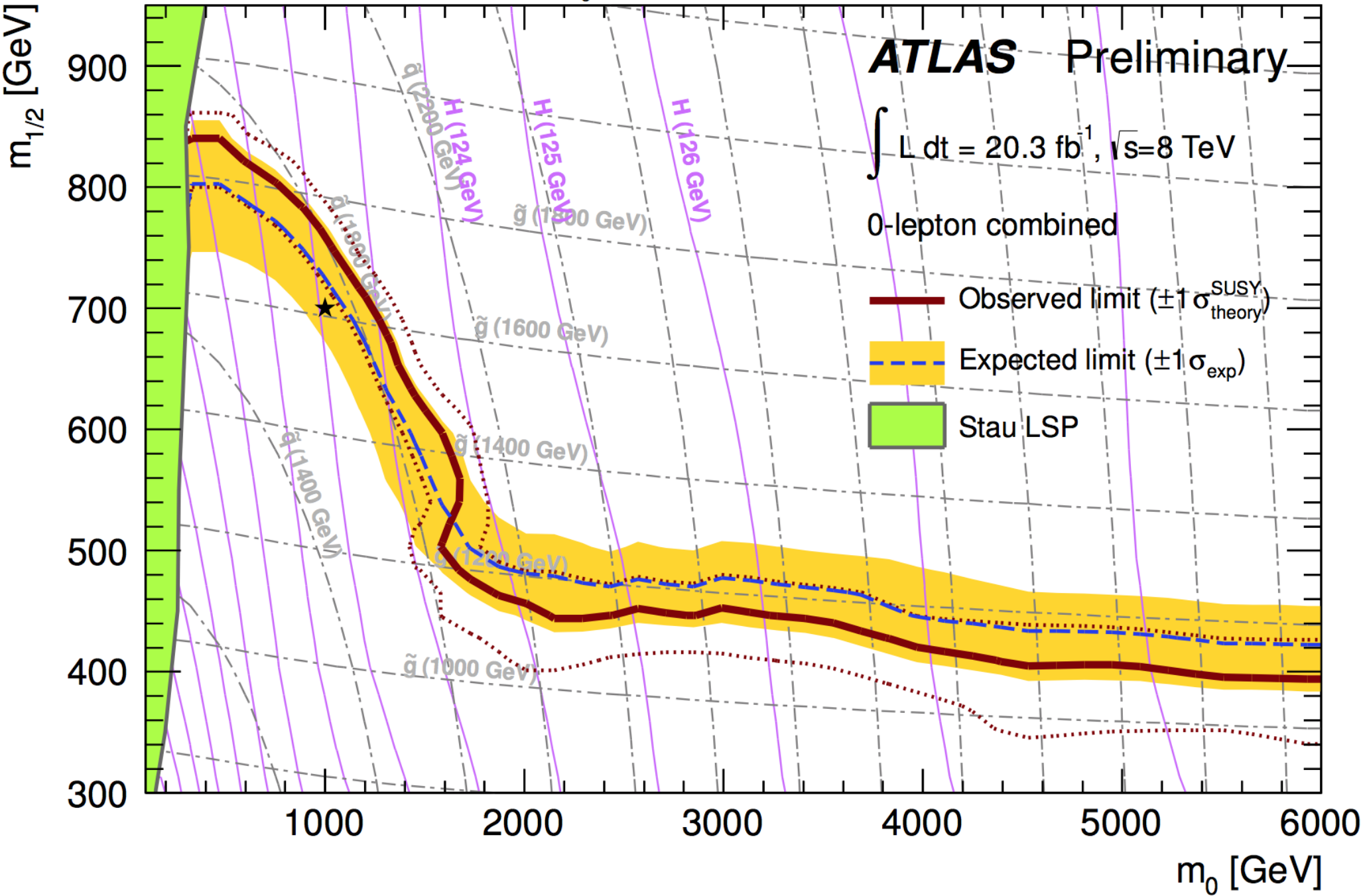
$\tilde{Z}_1$ qq	(27.0 %)	$\tilde{Z}_1$ $\nu$ WWbb	(4.1 %)
$\tilde{Z}_1$ $\nu$ Wbb	(12.1 %)	$\tilde{Z}_1$ $\tau$ bb	(2.9 %)
$\tilde{Z}_1$ $\tau$ WWbb	(8.4 %)	$\tilde{Z}_1$ $\tau$ qq	(2.9 %)
$\tilde{Z}_1$ WWbb	(7.4 %)	$\tilde{Z}_1$ $\nu$ ZWbb	(2.8 %)
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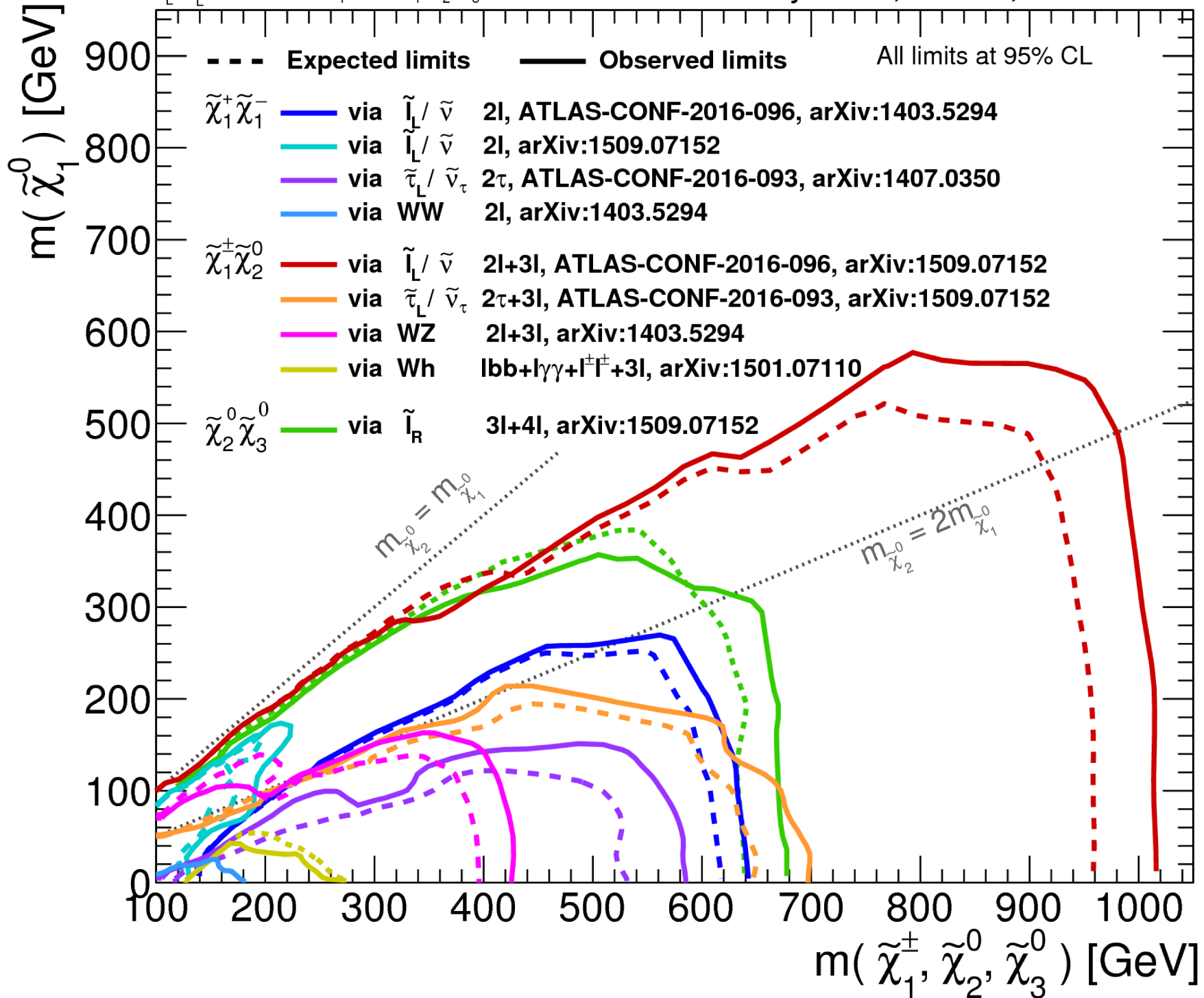


# Realistic detector



MSUGRA/CMSSM:  $\tan\beta = 30, A_0 = -2m_0, \mu > 0$



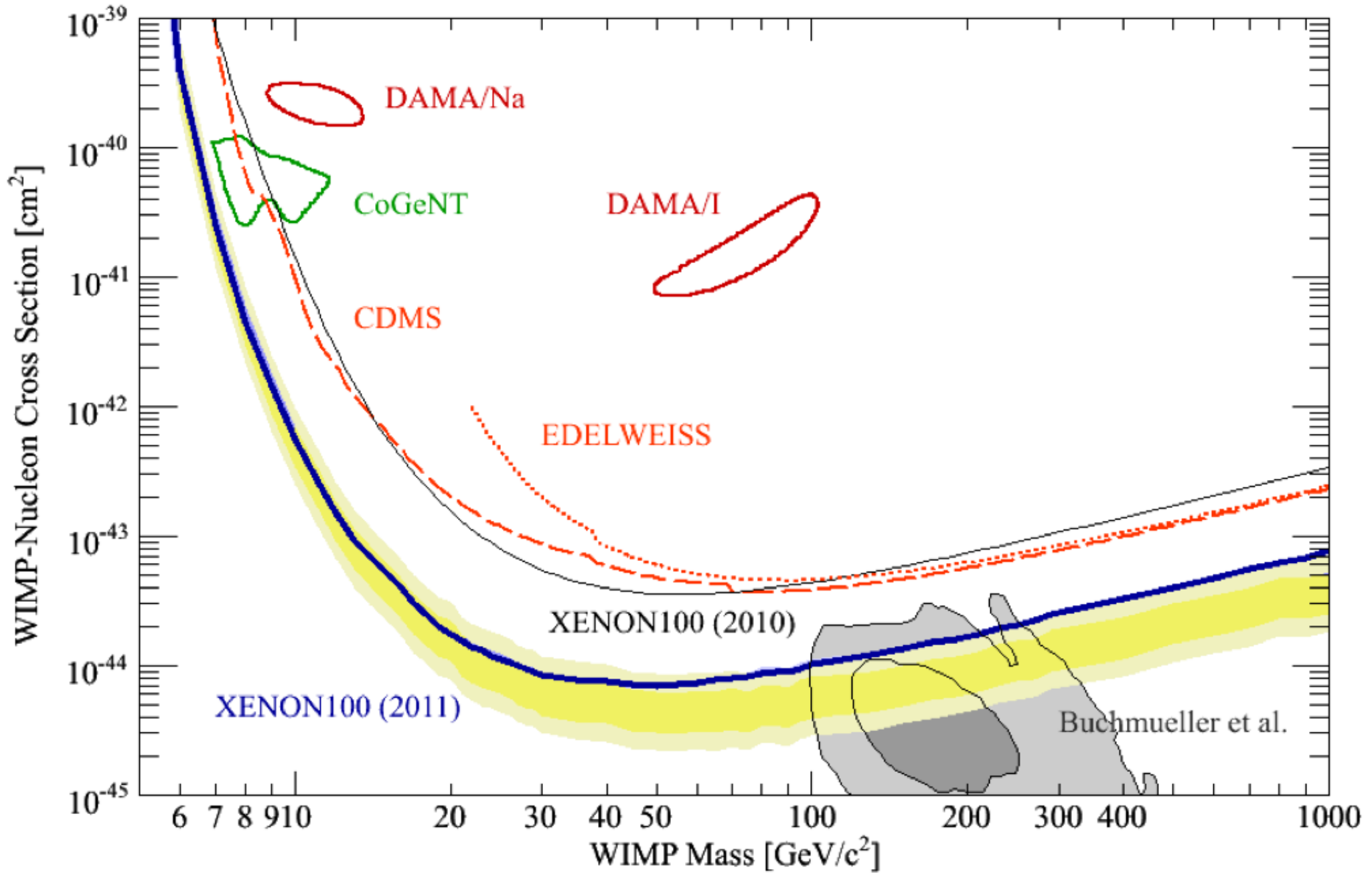


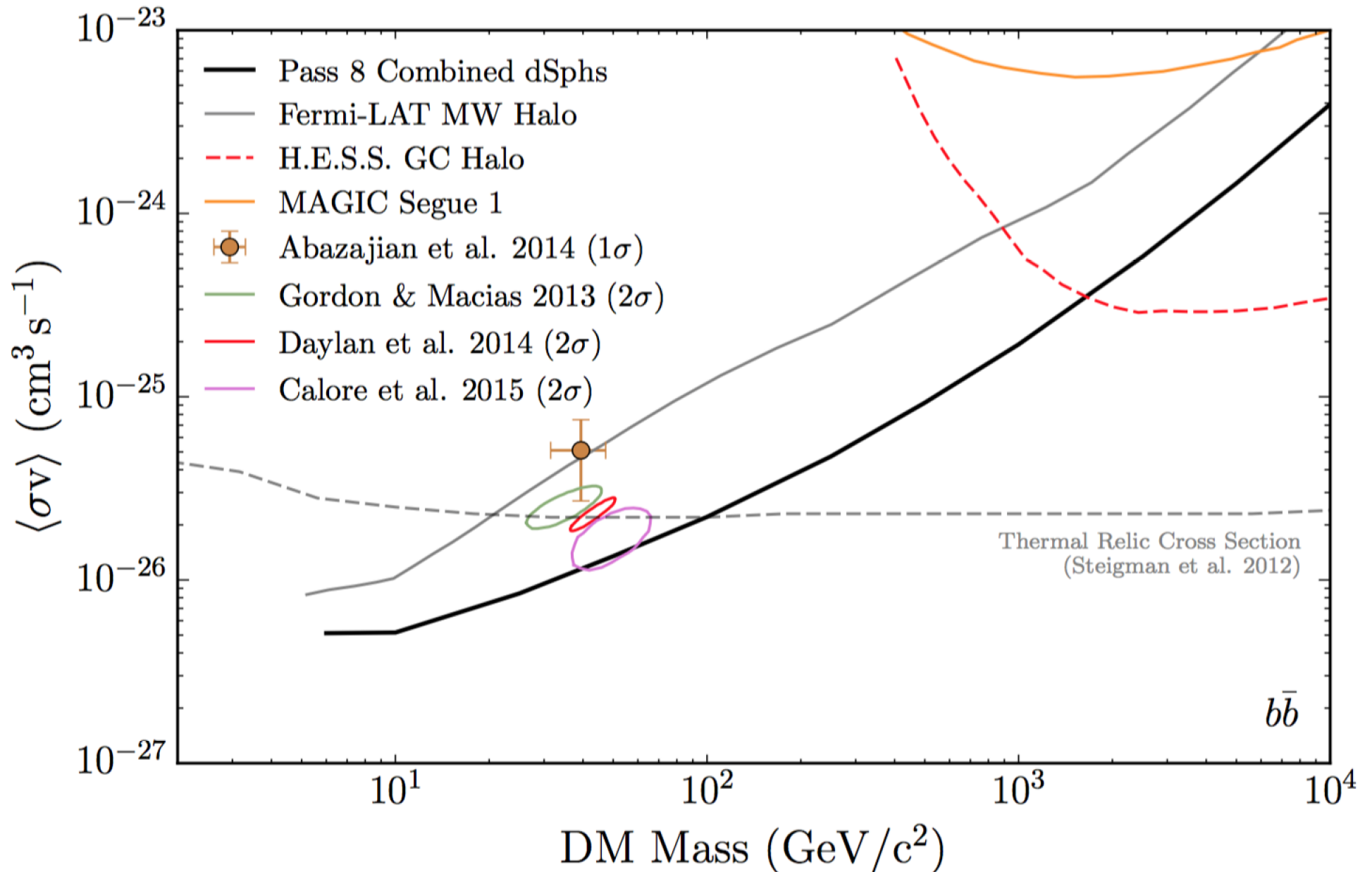
# Neutralino Dark Matter

- A neutralino LSP is a good Dark Matter candidate:
  - It is stable (R-parity).
  - It has no charge (electric or strong).
  - It is weakly interacting  $\Rightarrow$  WIMP candidate.

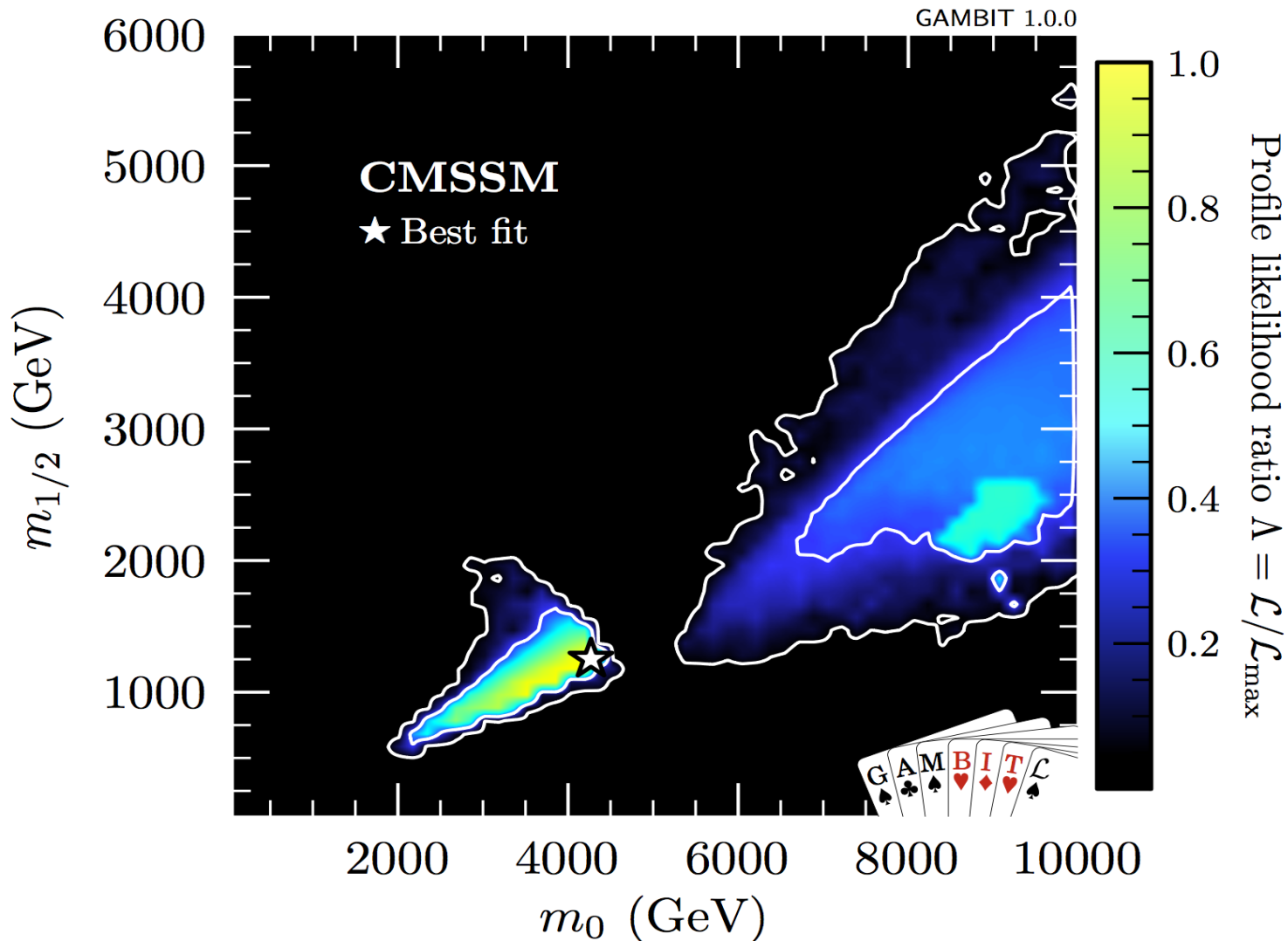
$$\Omega h^2 \simeq 0.1 \times \frac{3 \cdot 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}}{\langle \sigma v \rangle}$$

$$\langle \sigma v \rangle \approx \frac{\alpha_{\text{weak}}^2}{m_{\text{weak}}^2} \approx 10^{-25} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$$





# Final slide (almost)



[The GAMBIT Collaboration, EPJC 77 (2017) 824]

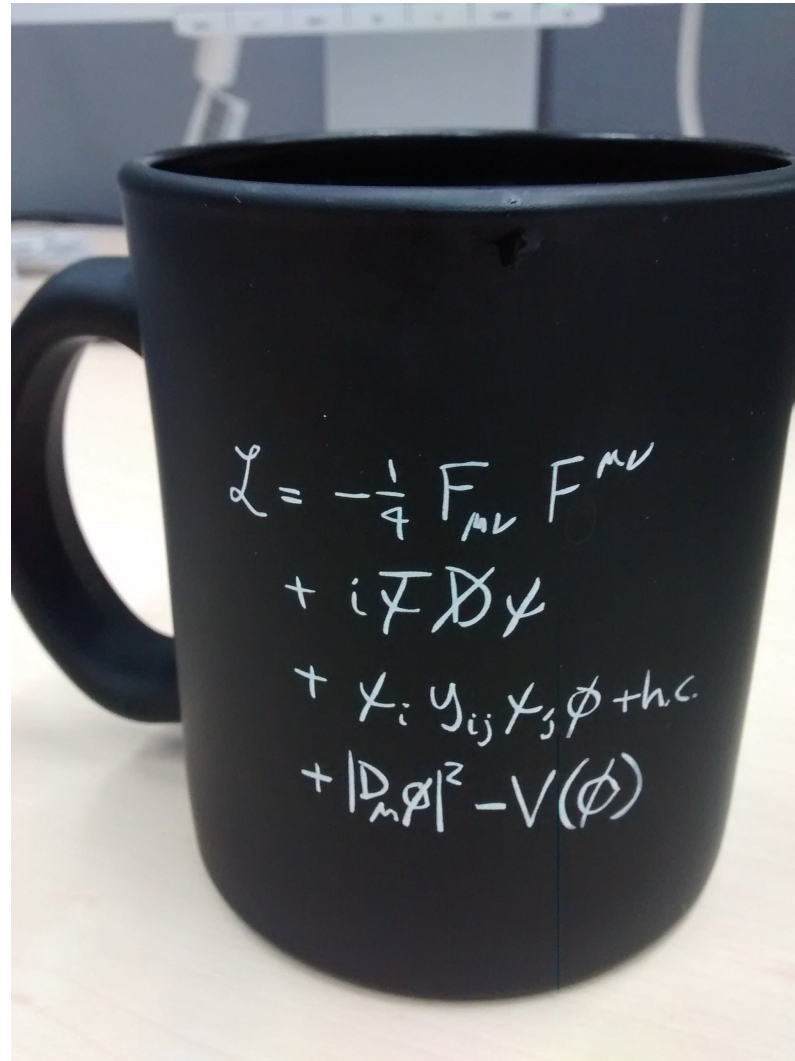
# Final slide (really!)

- Supersymmetry is well motivated:
  - It solves the Higgs hierarchy problem.
  - It has (multiple) good Dark Matter candidates.
  - It can provide GUT-models.
- Searches have turned up nothing:
  - Performed on very simplified models.
  - Collider searches blind to mass degeneracies.
  - The Higgs mass tells us that SUSY should be heavy.



# Bonus material

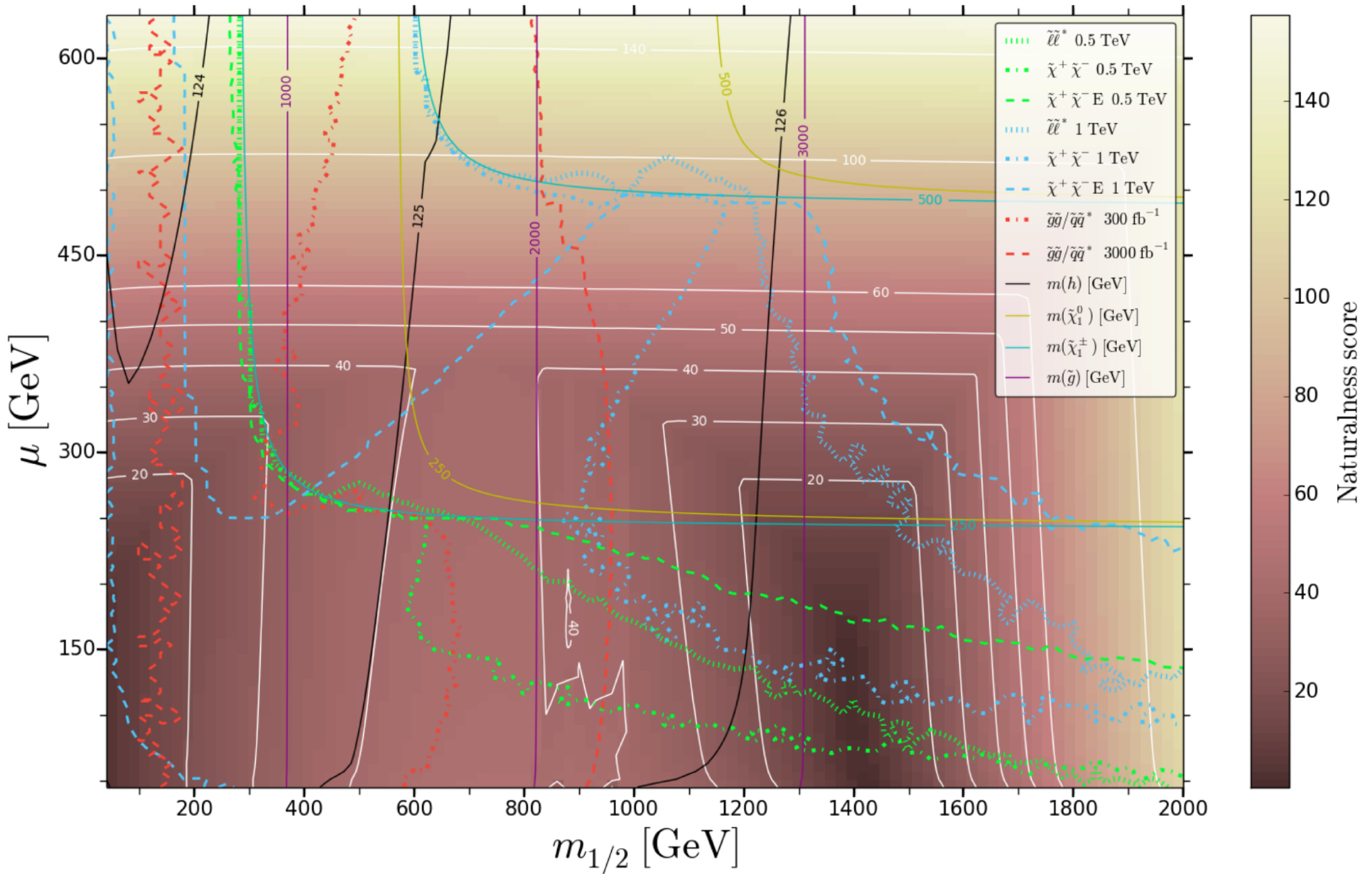
# The canonical coffee



# The full superalgebra

$$\begin{aligned}\{Q_a^\alpha, Q_b^\beta\} &= \{\bar{Q}_a^\alpha, \bar{Q}_b^\beta\} = 0 \\ \{Q_a^\alpha, \bar{Q}_b^\beta\} &= 2\delta^{\alpha\beta}\gamma_{ab}^\mu P_\mu \\ [Q_a^\alpha, P_\mu] &= [\bar{Q}_a^\alpha, P_\mu] = 0 \\ [Q_a^\alpha, M^{\mu\nu}] &= \sigma_{ab}^{\mu\nu} Q_b^\alpha \\ [Q_a^\alpha, B_l] &= iS_l^{\alpha\beta} Q_a^\beta \\ [B_k, B_l] &= ic_{klm} B_m \\ \{Q_a^\alpha, Q_b^\beta\} &= \epsilon_{ab} Z^{\alpha\beta} \\ Z^{\alpha\beta} &= -Z^{\beta\alpha} \\ [Z^{\alpha\beta}, B_l] &= 0\end{aligned}$$

[Haag, Lopuszanski and Sohnius, '75]



**Figure 6.6:** The NUHM2 scenario with  $m_0 = 4$  TeV,  $\tan\beta = 15$ ,  $A_0 = -1.6m_0$ ,  $m_A = 1$  TeV. The white lines are contours for the naturalness score.

