

# Beyond-the-Standard-Model Searches at the LHC

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# Outline

## Introduction

- Why and what do we search
- Large Hadron Collider and the ATLAS/CMS experiments

## Selected results from ATLAS & CMS

- New heavy resonances
- Supersymmetric particles
- Dark Matter particles

## Summary and prospects

# Going Beyond the Standard Model

The Standard Model is “complete”

- All the particles (including the Higgs boson) have been discovered
- All (terrestrial) experimental data agree with its predictions

At the same time, it fails to explain:

- Why 3 forces (strong, EM, weak)? Are they unified at higher energies?
- Why leptons and quarks?
- Why 3 generations?
- Why does the Universe hold more matter than anti-matter?
- What is the Dark Matter?
- Dark Energy?
- Gravity?

There must be more to it

→ Physics beyond the Standard Model (BSM)

# Going Beyond the Standard Model

SSI2018 -- The Standard Model @ 50: Successes & Challenges										
Time/Date	30-Jul	31-Jul	1-Aug	2-Aug	3-Aug	6-Aug	7-Aug	8-Aug	9-Aug	10-Aug
9:00-10:00	Origins of the SM S. Weinberg	SM Probes in Atoms/ Molecules/ Nuclei (II) V. Cirigliano	The Development of QCD G. Stenman	QCD at the LHC (I) J. Butterworth	QCD at the LHC (II) J. Butterworth	Higgs History H. Haber	Physics of Neutrinos (I) A. de Gouvea	The Mysteries of Flavor (I) J. Zupan	What/Where is DM? T. Slatyer	Is there a no-Lose Theorem for Future Colliders? LT Wang
10:00-10:30	SSI photo					Morning Break				
10:30-11:30	Precision EWK Theory A. Freitas	EWK Precision Measurements at Colliders R. Erbacher	Precision QCD & the SM (I) F. Caola	Precision QCD & the SM (II) F. Caola	QCD on the Lattice A. Kronfeld	The Higgs in the SM S. Dawson	Physics of Neutrinos (II) A. de Gouvea	The Mysteries of Flavor (II) F. Wilson	What/Where is DM? T. Shutt	What Future Higgs Measurements Will Tell Us? M. Peskin
11:45-12:45	SM Probes in Atoms/ Molecules/ Nuclei (I) V. Cirigliano	Low Energy Probes of the SM (I) K. Kumar	Low Energy Probes of the SM (II) B. Kiburg	Astro/Cosmo Window on the SM S. Dodelson	Astro/Cosmo Window on the SM K. Olive	Properties of the Higgs at the LHC J. Conway	Neutrinos: What Will We Learn in the Next Decade S. Soldner-Rembold	Why more baryon than antibaryons? A. Nelson	The Hierarchy & Fine-Tuning Problems A. Nelson	View Ahead Y. Kim
12:45-13:30	Lunch					Lunch			Lunch	
13:30-14:00			Klystron Gallery Tour					Klystron Gallery Tour		
14:00-14:45	Evolution of EWK Theory W. Marciano		Critical Expts (hadron colliders) P. Jenni							Project Presentations
14:45-15:45	Evolution of Accelerators & Technology L. Evans	Q&A	Critical Expts (flavor) D. Hitlin	Q&A	CMB Constraints Z. Ahmed Ice Cube S. Robertson	Higgs Result C. Vernieri BSM Searches M. Morii	Q&A	Q&A		
15:45-16:05	Break	Break	Break	Afternoon Break						
16:05-17:30	Critical Expts (Early SLAC) M. Breidenbach	Project Kickoff	Critical Expts (neutrinos) E. Kearns	Projects Kavli Vislab Tour	Projects	MiniBooNE A. Diaz Gravitational Waves J. McIver	Projects Kavli Vislab Tour	Eelle II K. Kinoshita Projects IR2 Tour	Project Presentations	
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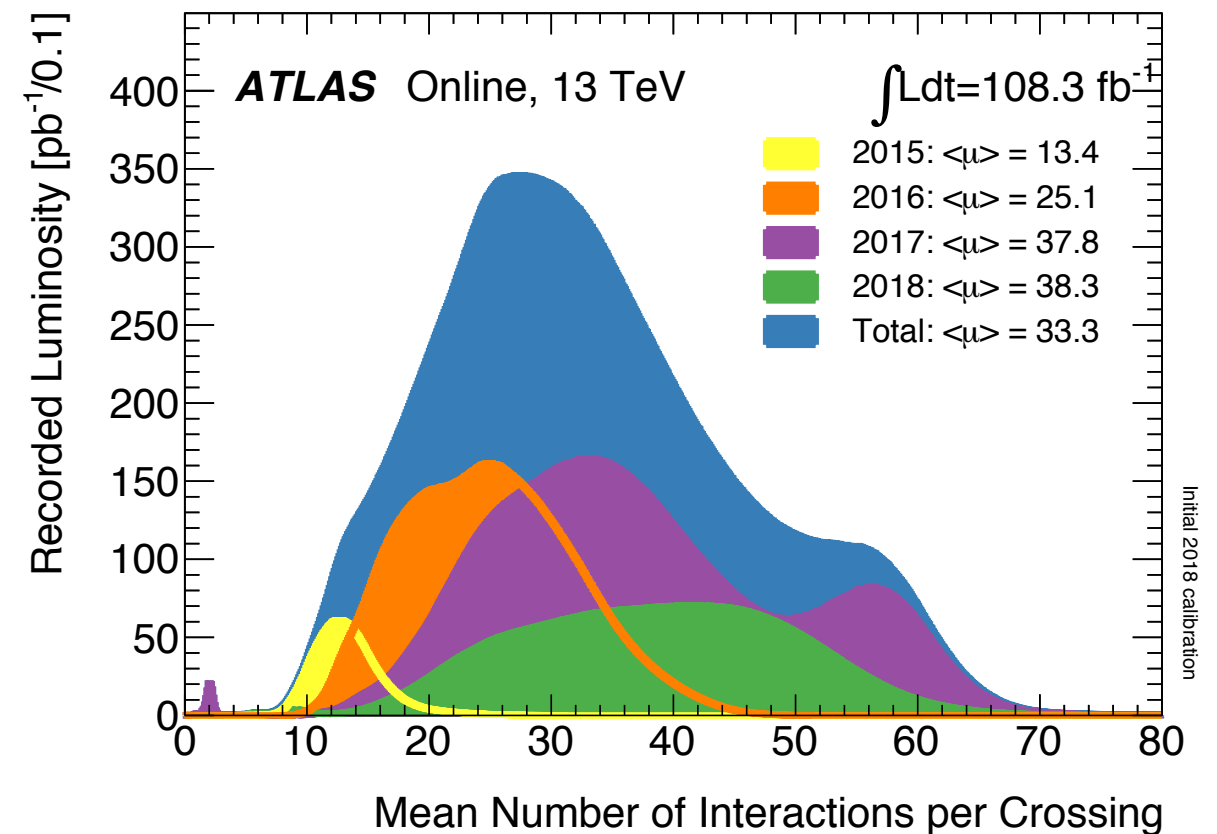
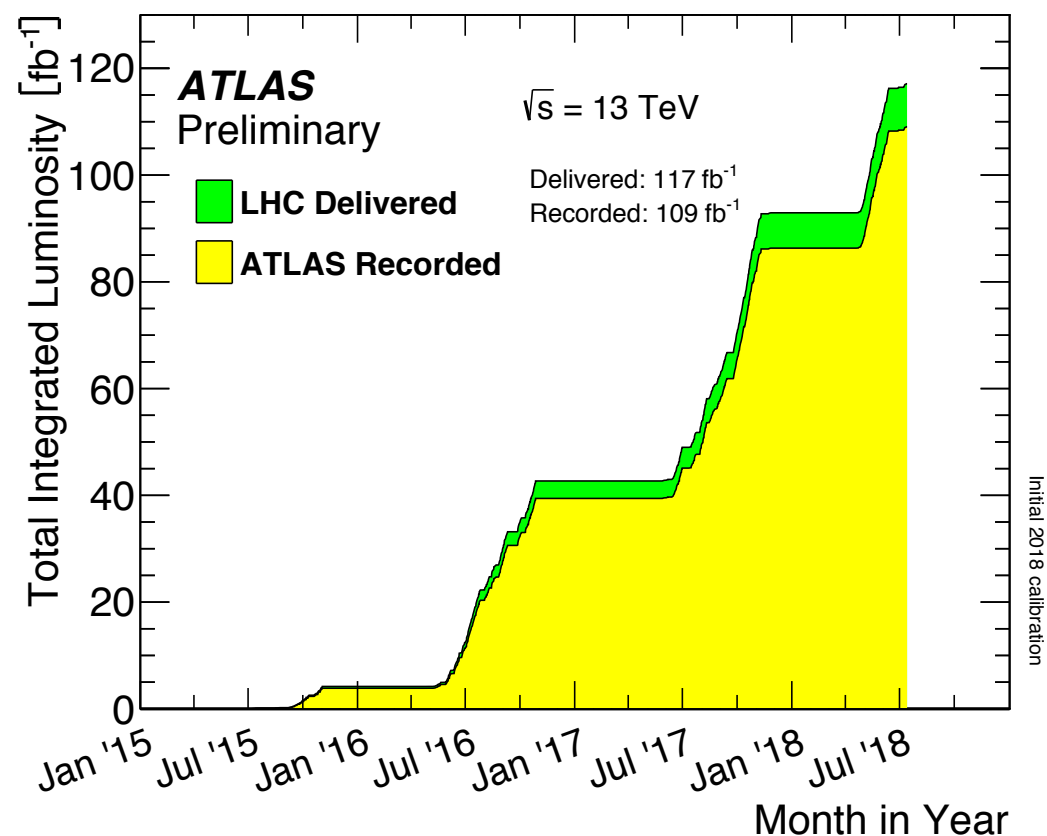
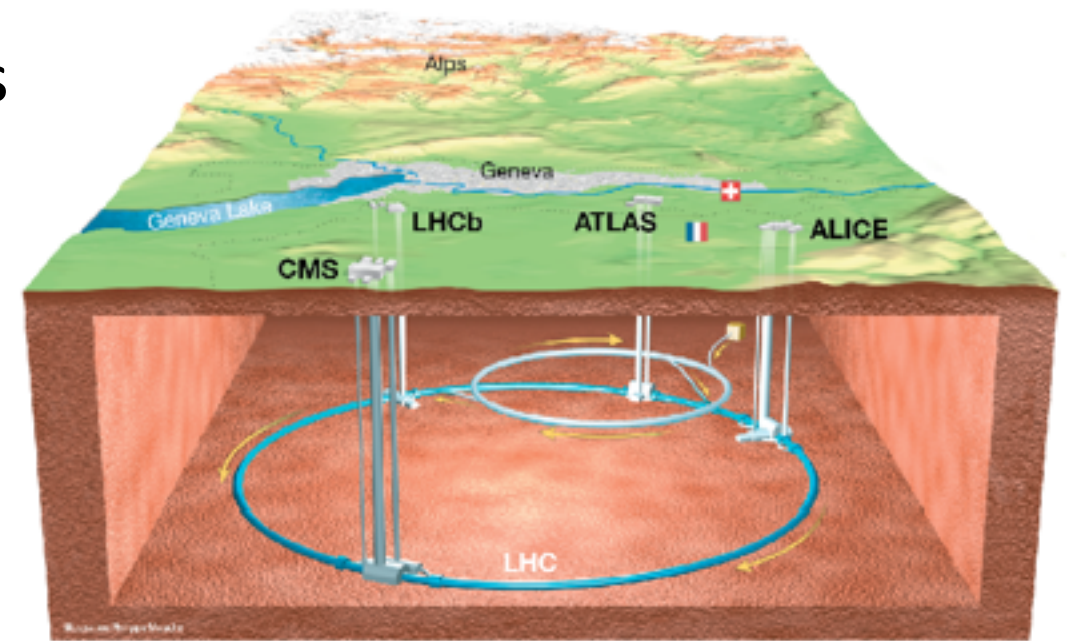


# Large Hadron Collider

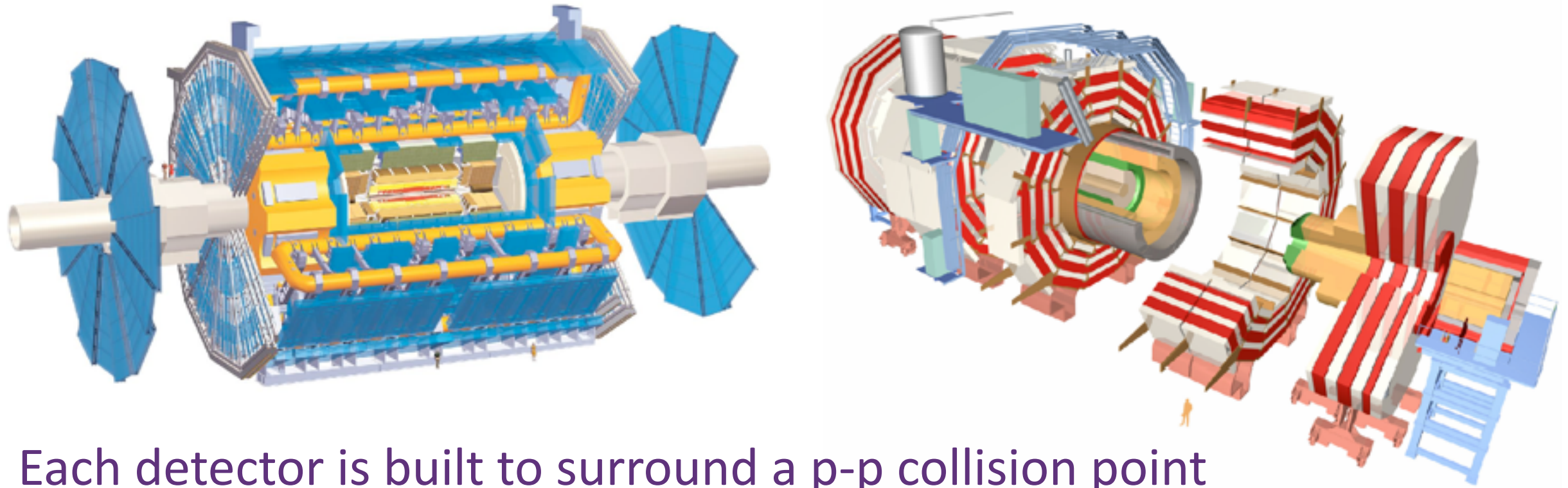
LHC collides protons with center-of-mass energies up to 14 TeV

- Counter-circulating beams of >1000 bunches of  $\sim 10^{11}$  protons
- Bunches cross every 25 ns producing up to 70 p-p collisions

Results presented today use 13 TeV data collected in 2015–17



# ATLAS and CMS detectors



Each detector is built to surround a p-p collision point

- Near- $4\pi$  coverage to detect all collision products (photons, leptons, hadrons) **except for neutrinos and (possibly) new invisible particles**
- Energy/momentum measurement of all particles  $\rightarrow$  Inference of undetected particle(s) from momentum conservation in the transverse plane
  - ▶  $p_T^X$  = transverse momentum of  $X$  (particle or group of particles)
  - ▶ **MET** = negative sum of  $p_T$  of all detected particles in an event
- **Many BSM searches rely on MET**

# Looking for the Unknown

How can we look for things we don't know?

## a) Signatures that stand out

- Heavy new particle → Decays into many particles
  - ▶ Are all particles detected?
    - Yes → Reconstruct the mass of the new particle
    - No → Add up the visible energy, and deduce what's lost
- Unusual behavior, e.g., flying some distance before decaying

## b) Predictions from BSM models

- Motivated by theory, e.g., supersymmetry
- Motivated by cosmology, e.g., Dark Matter

# Search Sampler

I will give you a small sample of recent results from ATLAS & CMS

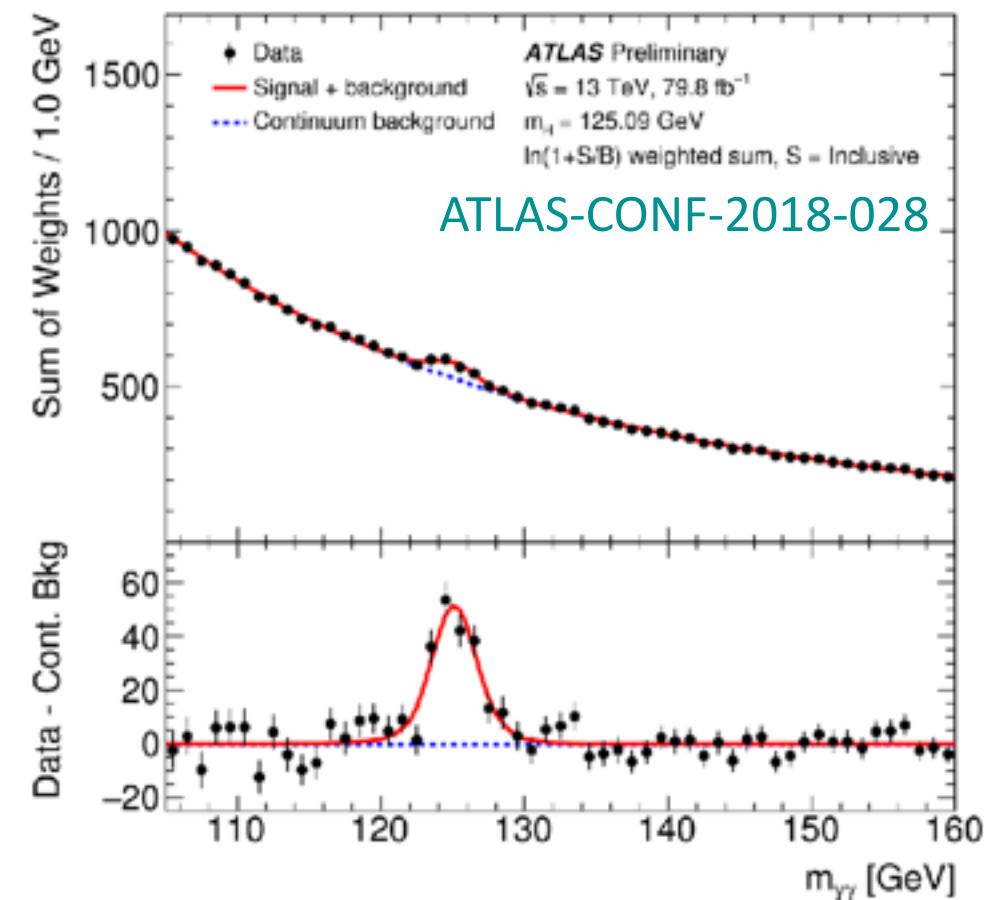
- **Resonances** = Heavy short-lived particle decaying into a pair of SM particles
  - ▶  $X \rightarrow 2$  jets (= quark or gluon)
  - ▶  $X \rightarrow 2$  weak bosons (=  $W$  or  $Z$ )
  - ▶  $X \rightarrow 2$  Higgs bosons
- **SUSY** (supersymmetry) particles
  - ▶ Gluinos ( $\tilde{g}$ ) and squarks ( $\tilde{q}$ )
  - ▶ Top squarks ( $\tilde{t}$ )
  - ▶ Charginos ( $\tilde{\chi}^\pm$ ) and neutralinos ( $\tilde{\chi}^0$ )
  - ▶ Long-lived particles
- **Dark Matter** particle
  - ▶ MET + jet
  - ▶ MET + top quarks

# Resonances

## Golden mode of new particle discovery



- New particle  $X$  decays into a pair of known particles  $Y$
- A peak shows up in the  $Y$ - $Y$  invariant mass spectrum, as it did when the Higgs was discovered at  $m_{\gamma\gamma} = 125$  GeV



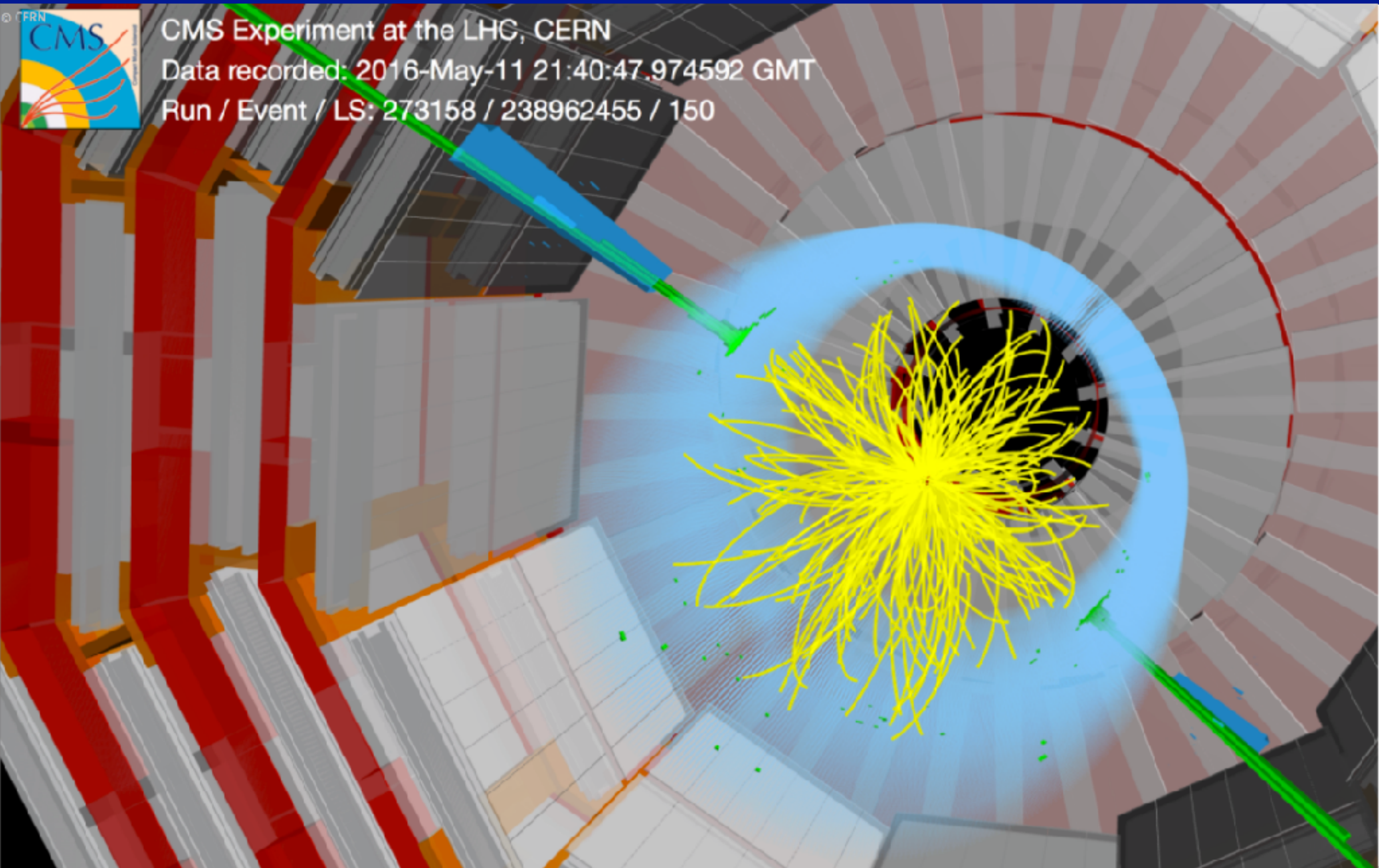
$Y$  may be anything as long as we can measure the energy-momentum

- Let's start with  $Y =$  quark  $\rightarrow$  di-jet resonance





# 8 TeV Di-Jet Event in CMS

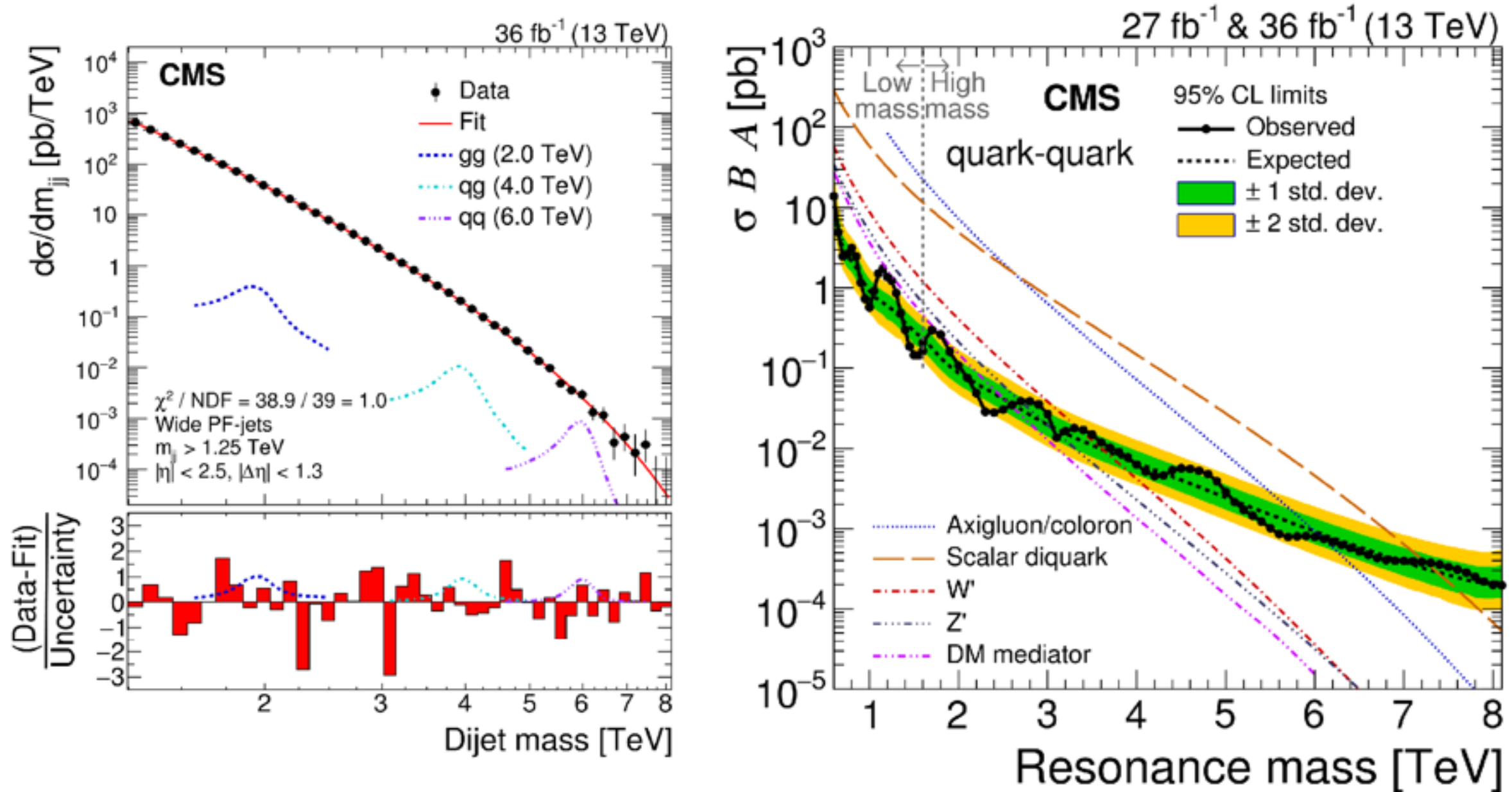


# Di-Jet Resonance

CMS arXiv:1806.00843

Search for pairs of high-energy jets in 27–36 fb<sup>-1</sup> of CMS data

- Signal would stick out above smoothly-falling background



- No signal → Limit on the cross-section as a function of mass

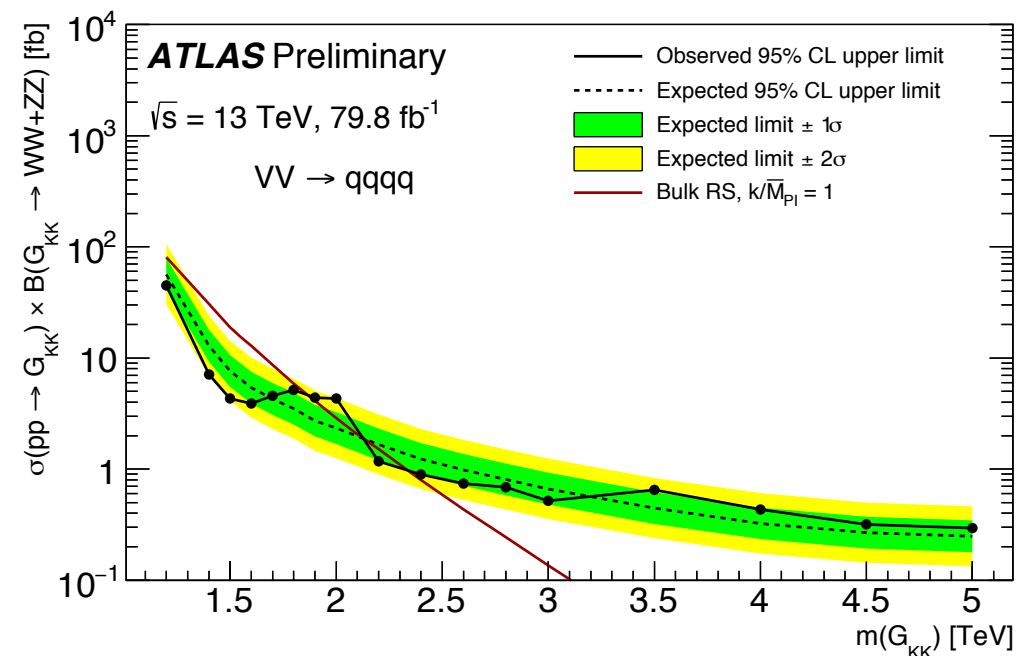
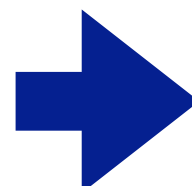
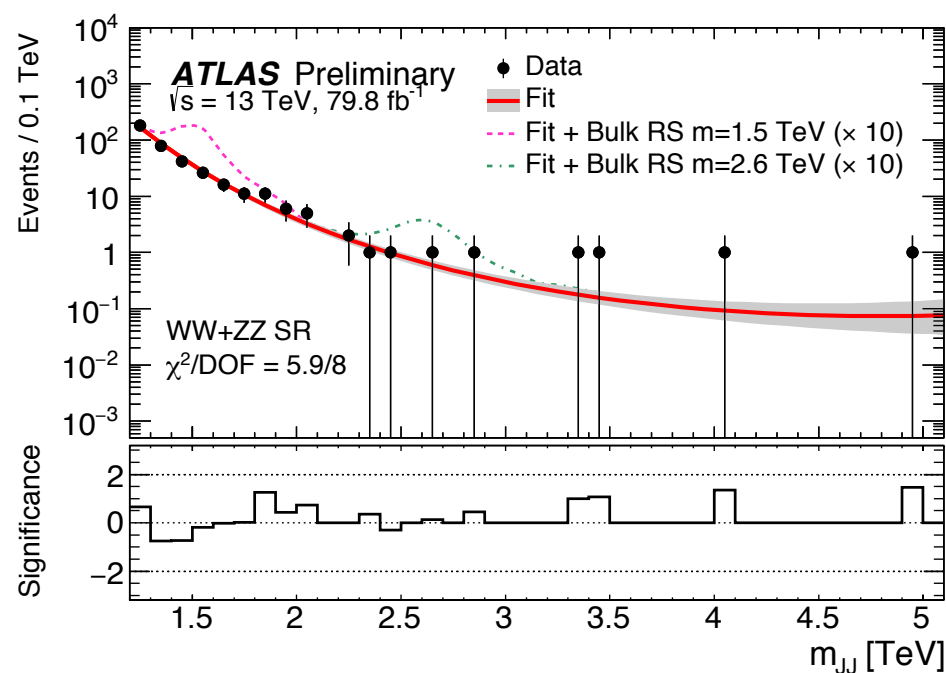
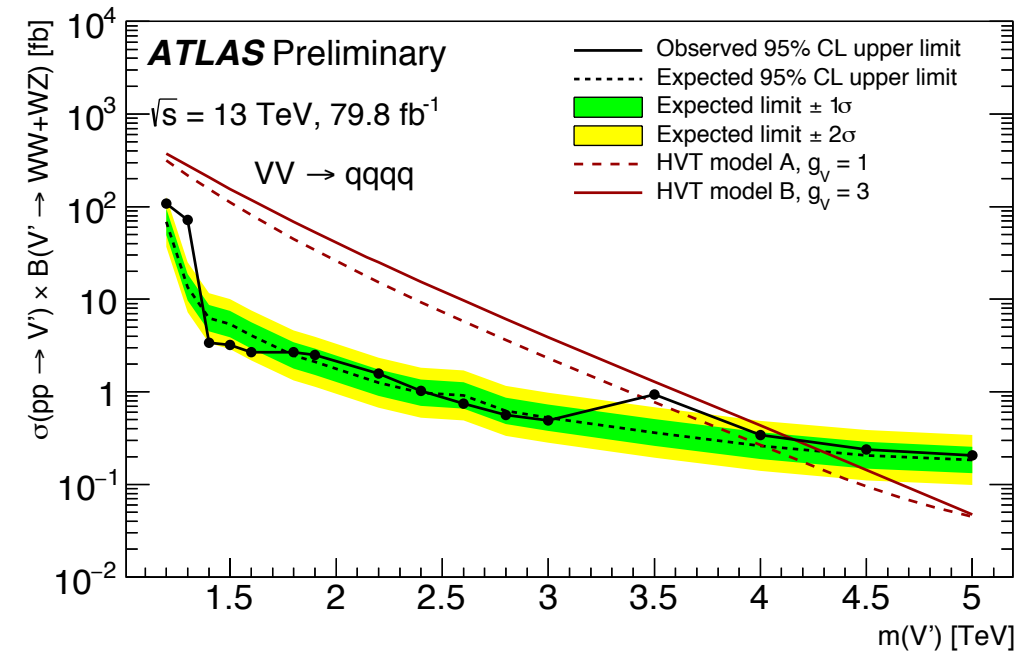
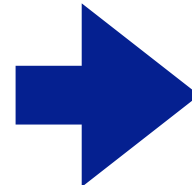
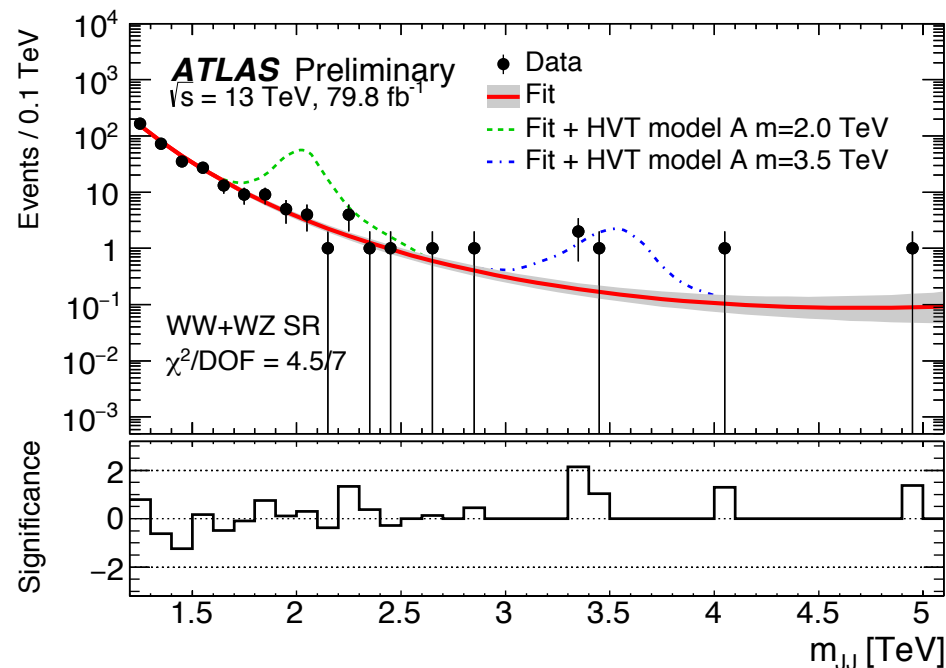


# Di-Boson resonance

ATLAS-CONF-2018-016

Search for pairs of  $W$  or  $Z$  bosons in  $80 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of ATLAS data

- Each  $W/Z$  boson decays into 2 quarks, reconstructed as “fat” jets

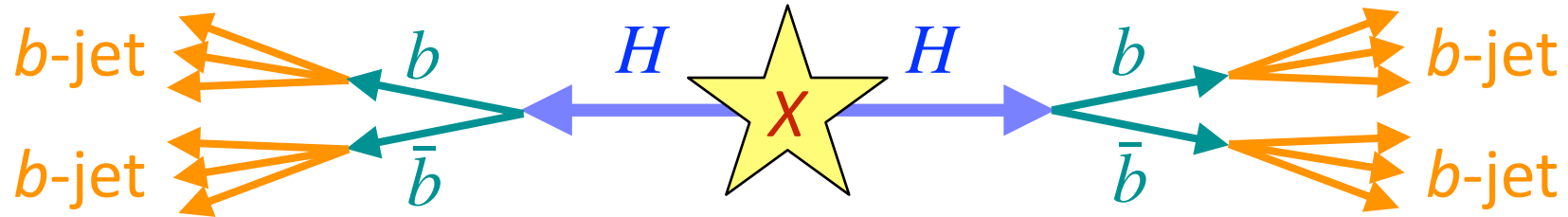




# Di-Higgs Resonance

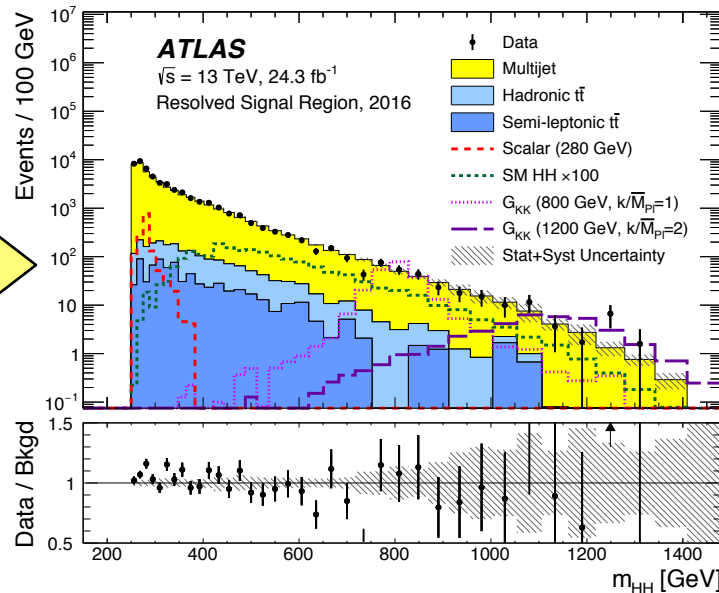
ATLAS arXiv:1804.06174

Search for pairs of Higgs bosons in 36 fb<sup>-1</sup> of ATLAS data

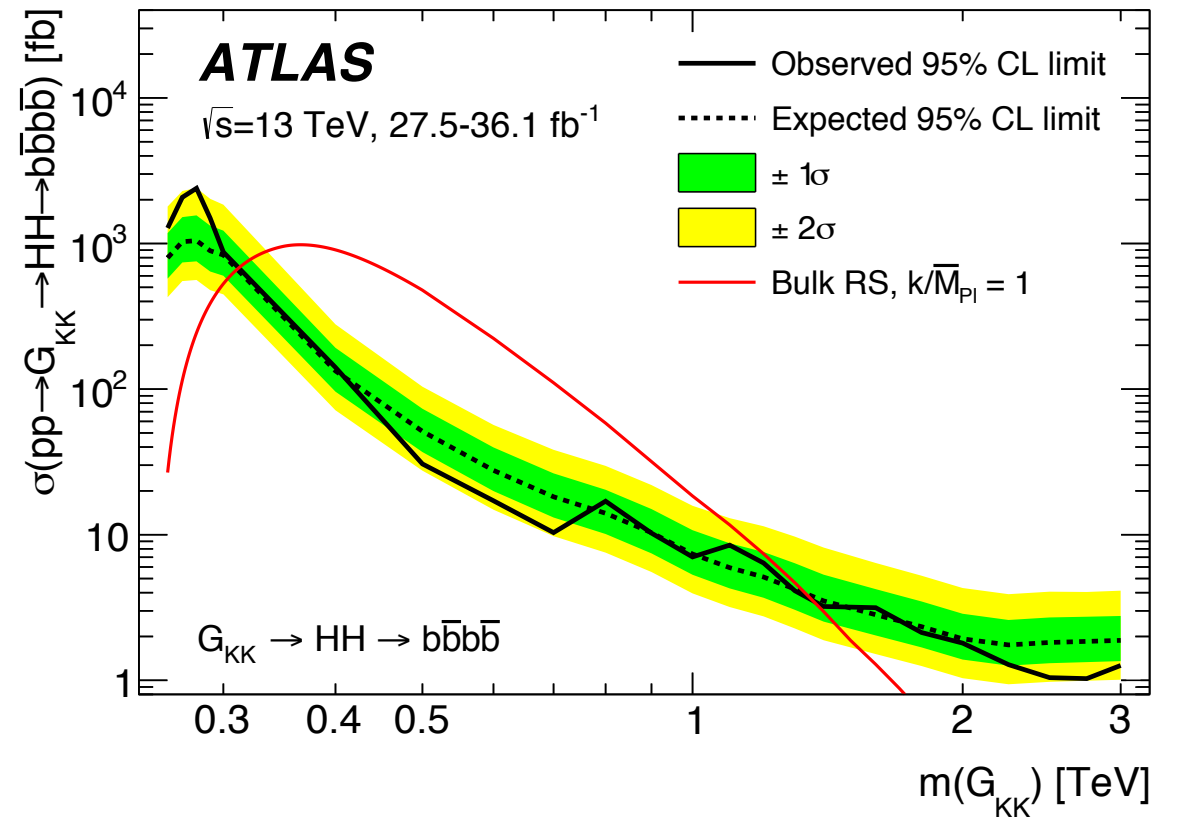
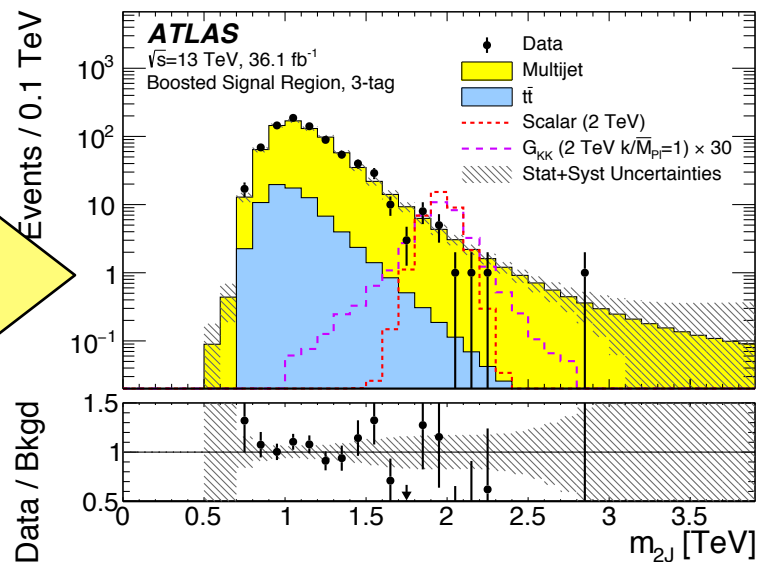


■ Each Higgs boson decays into 2 *b*-quarks, “tagged” by their decay lengths

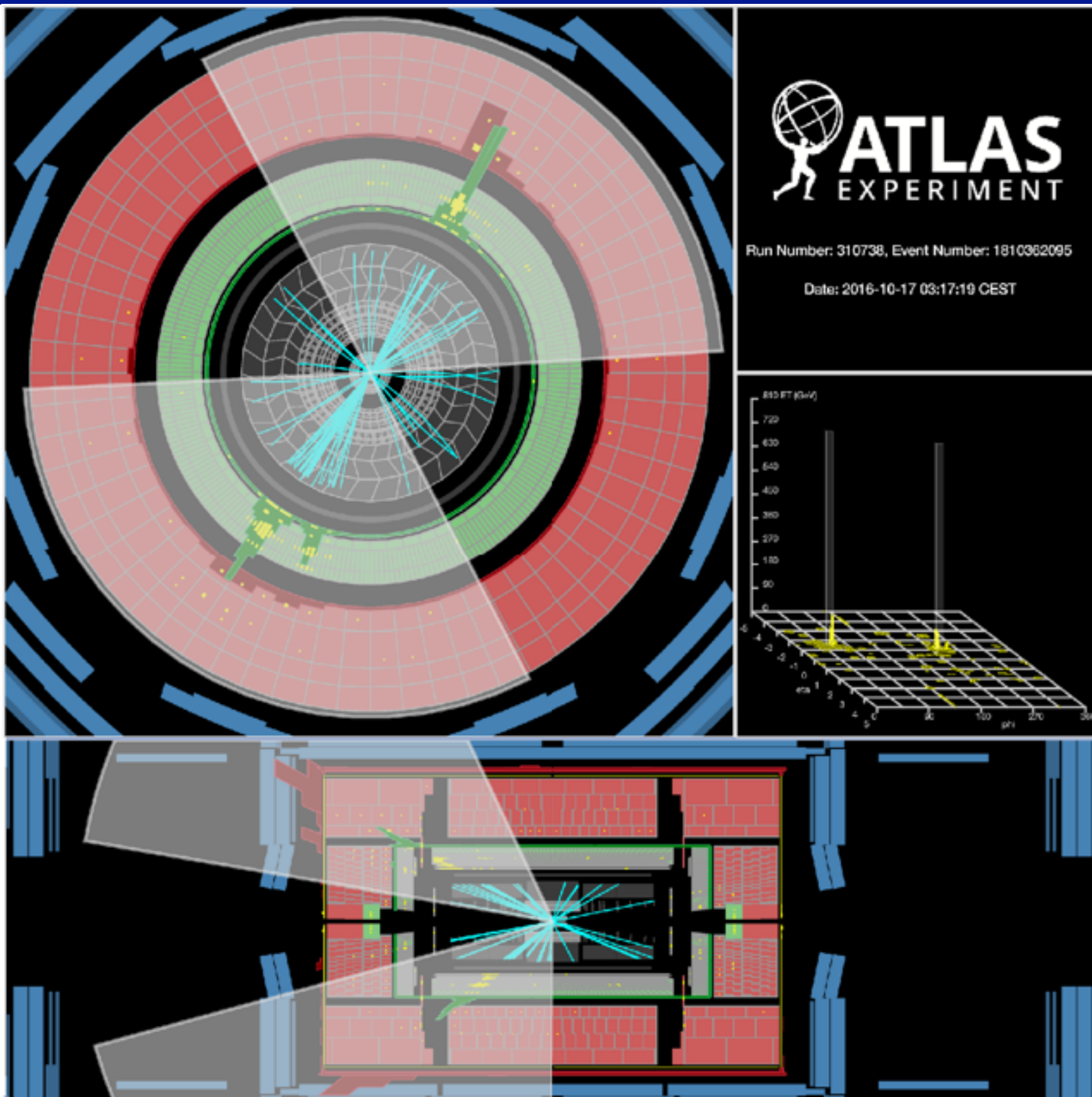
4 *b*-jets



2 double *b*-jets

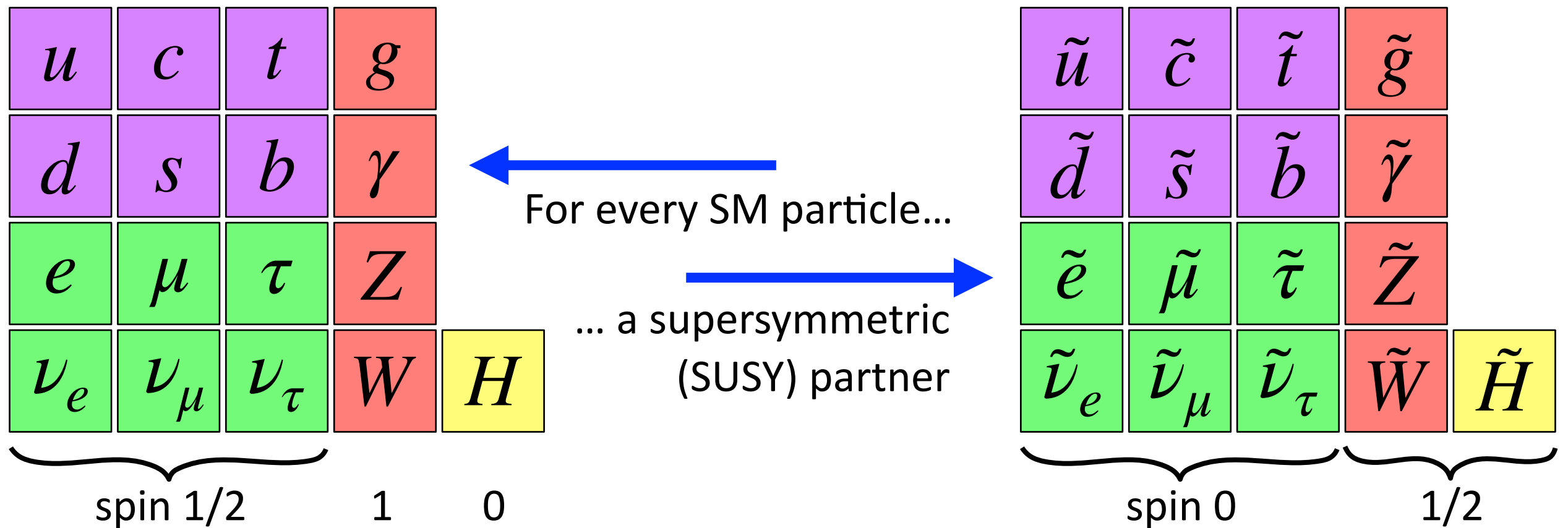


# Merged-Jet Event in ATLAS



- Recorded in Oct. 2016
- Two broad jets
- Each jet contains 2 narrow jets of tracks, one of which is *b*-tagged
- Total invariant mass is 3.89 TeV

# Supersymmetry



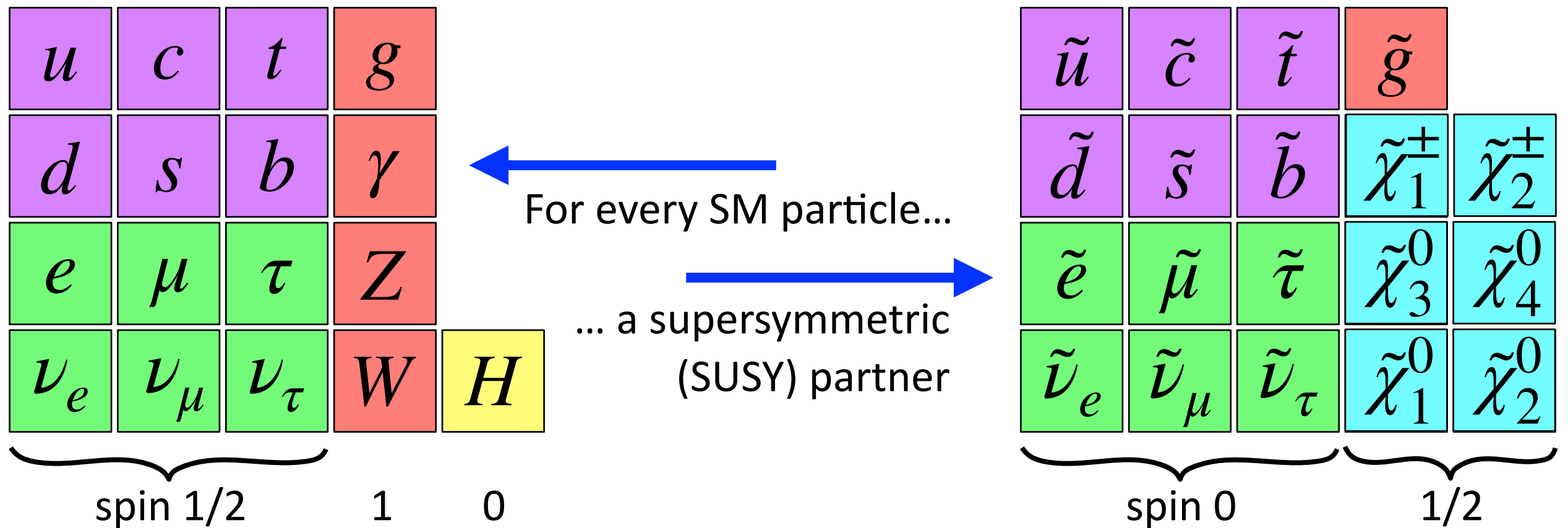
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- Lightest SUSY Particle (**LSP**) may be the Dark Matter
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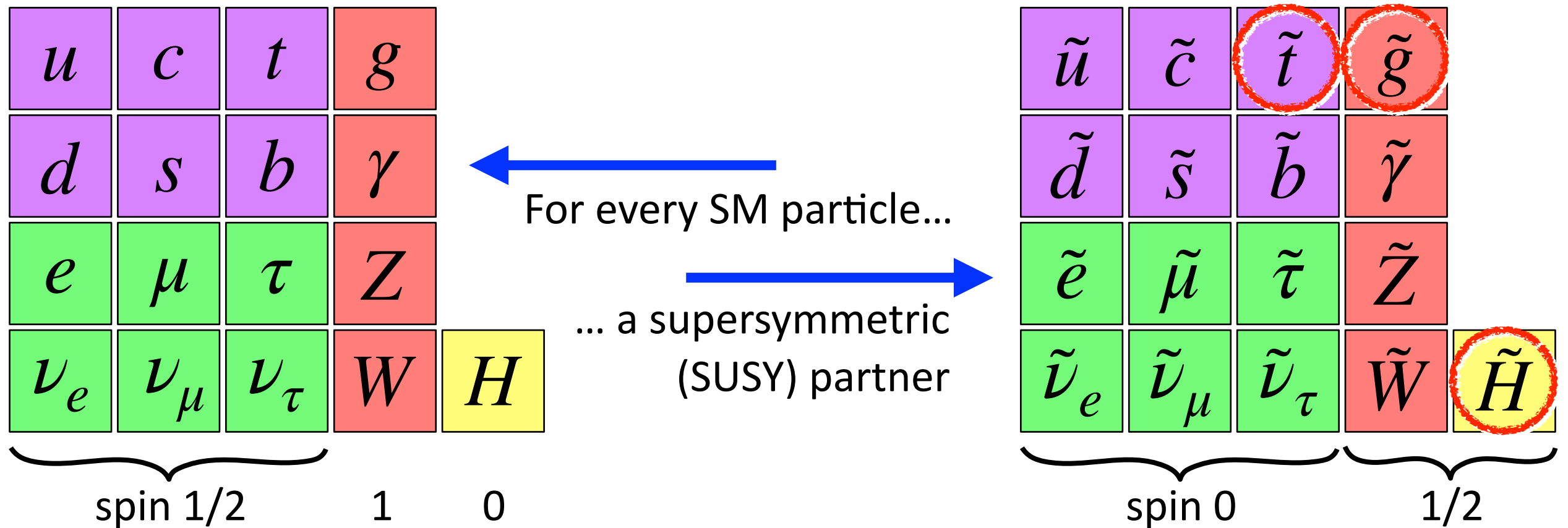
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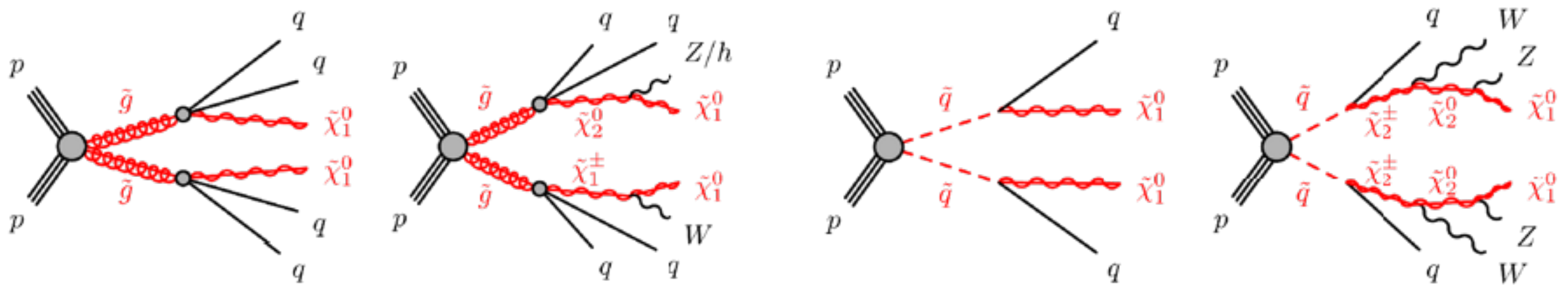
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# Gluinos and Squarks

Gluinos ( $\tilde{g}$ ) and squarks ( $\tilde{q}$ ) are pair-produced by strong interaction

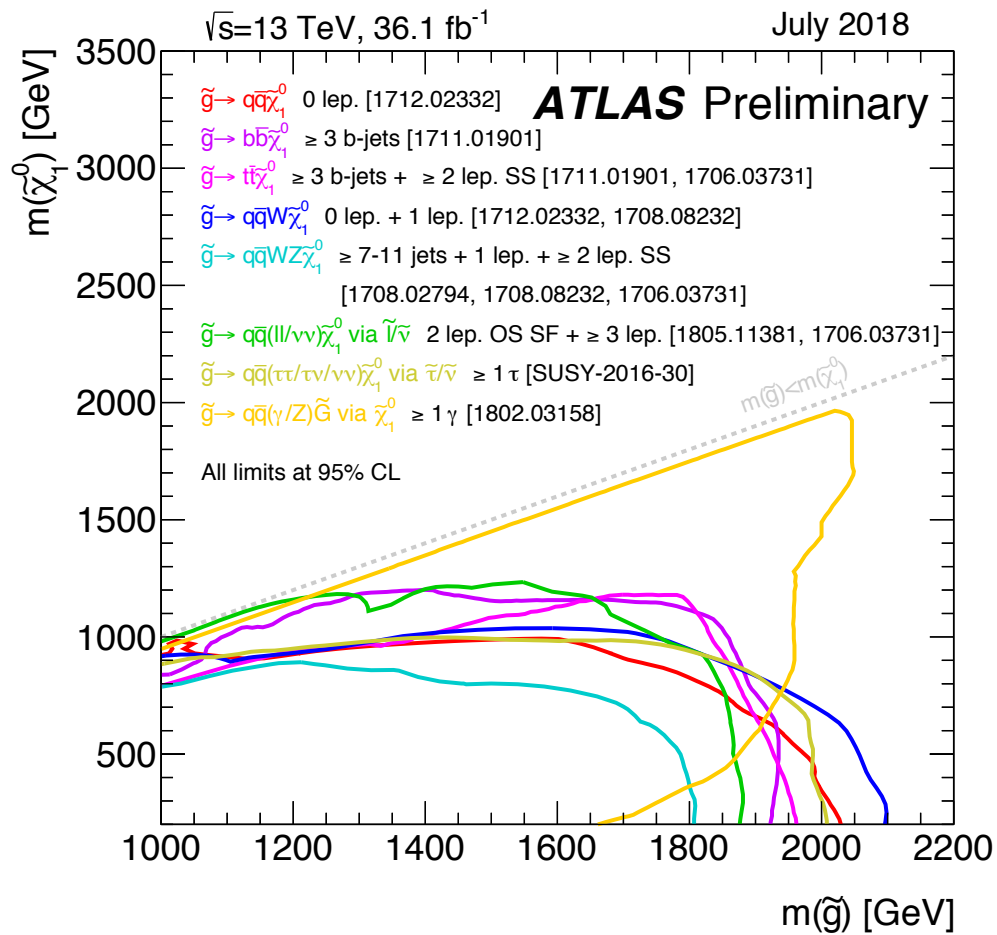
- Each gluino decays into quarks and the lightest SUSY particle (LSP =  $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$ )
- Signal events are firework of many (many!) jets and a large MET



Production cross-section is relatively large

- The sensitivity improves rapidly when the beam energy increases
- ATLAS & CMS published most 13-TeV results in 2016–17

# ATLAS & CMS Limits on Gluinos



Gluino mass limits reach  $\approx 2 \text{ TeV}$

■ Caveat: Only for  $m(\text{LSP}) \lesssim 1 \text{ TeV}$

Next steps:

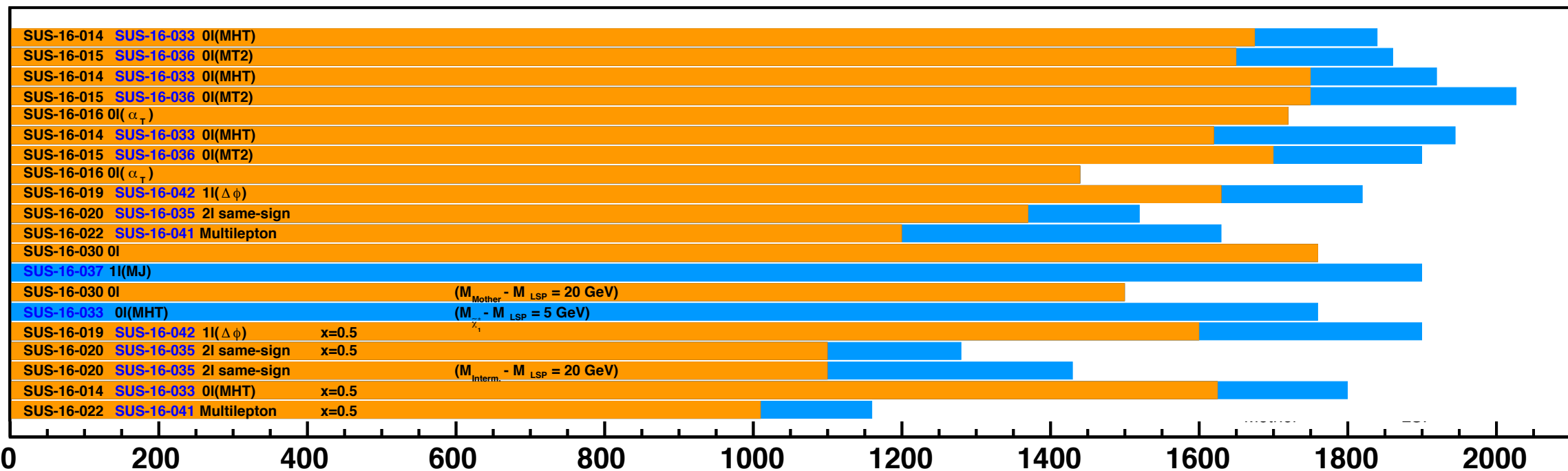
■ Target heavier LSP and harder-to-find decay channels

■ Update with full Run-2 data

## Selected CMS SUSY Results\* - SMS Interpretation

ICHEP '16 - Moriond '17

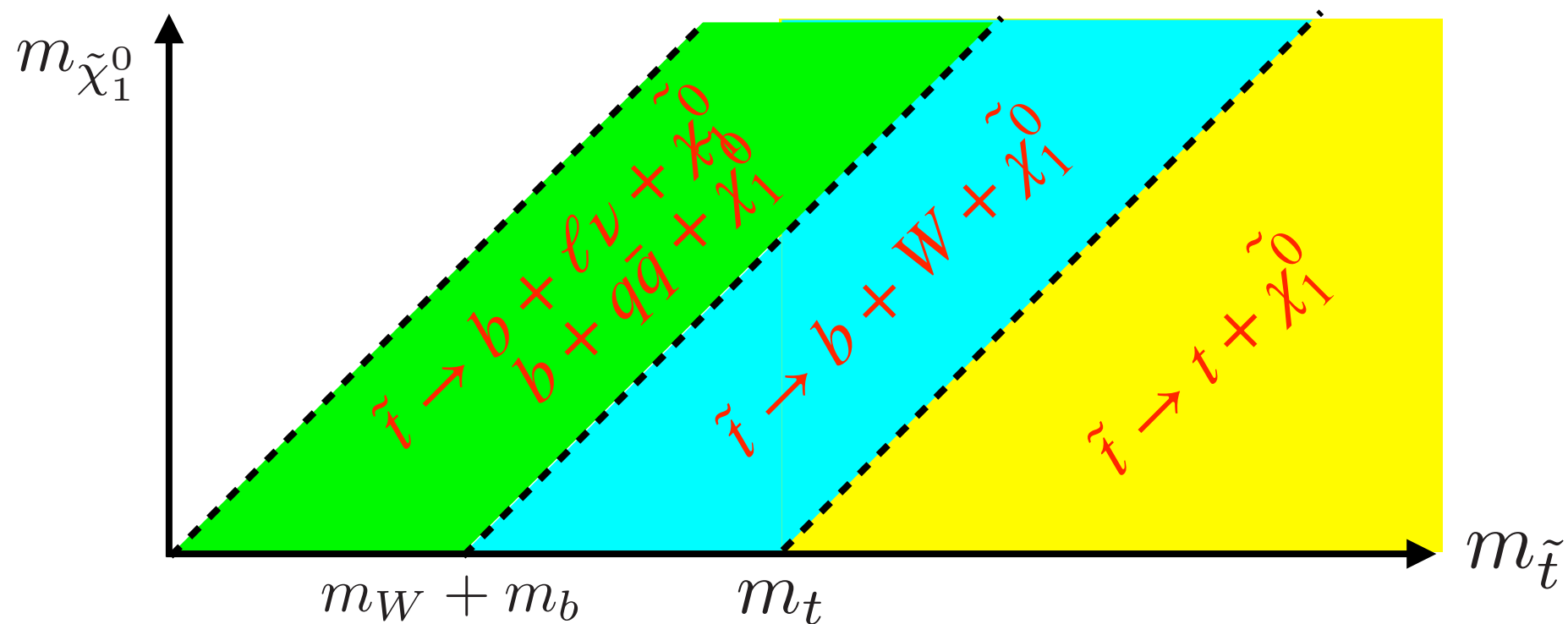
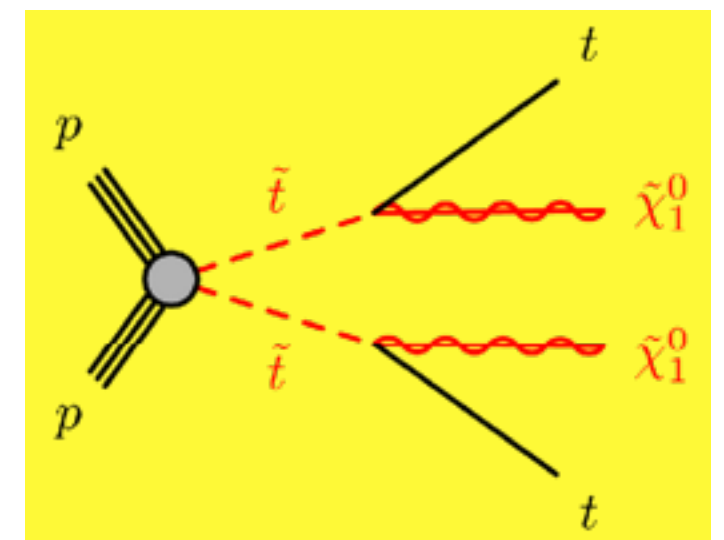
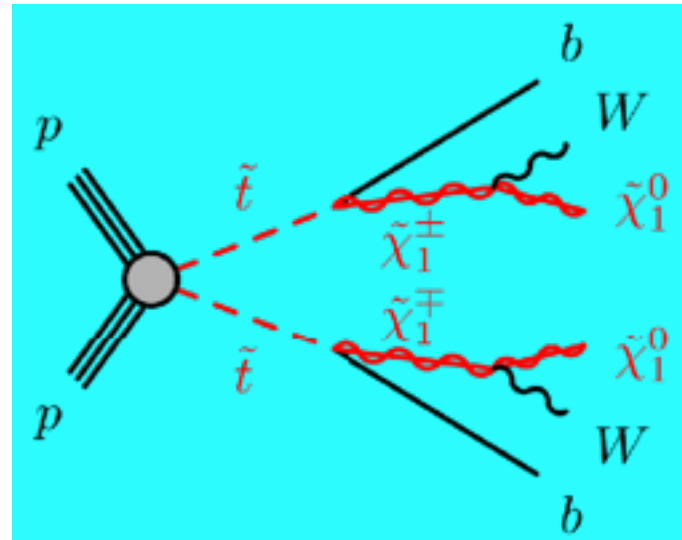
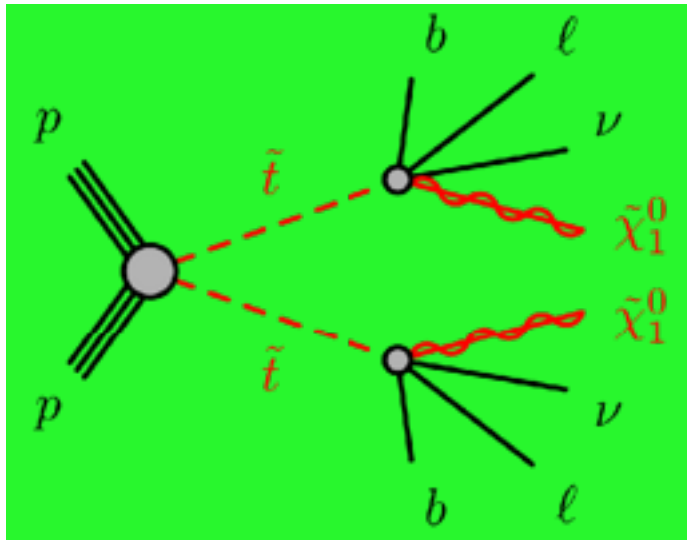
Gluino



# Top Squark, aka “stop”

Stops are pair-produced, just like other squarks

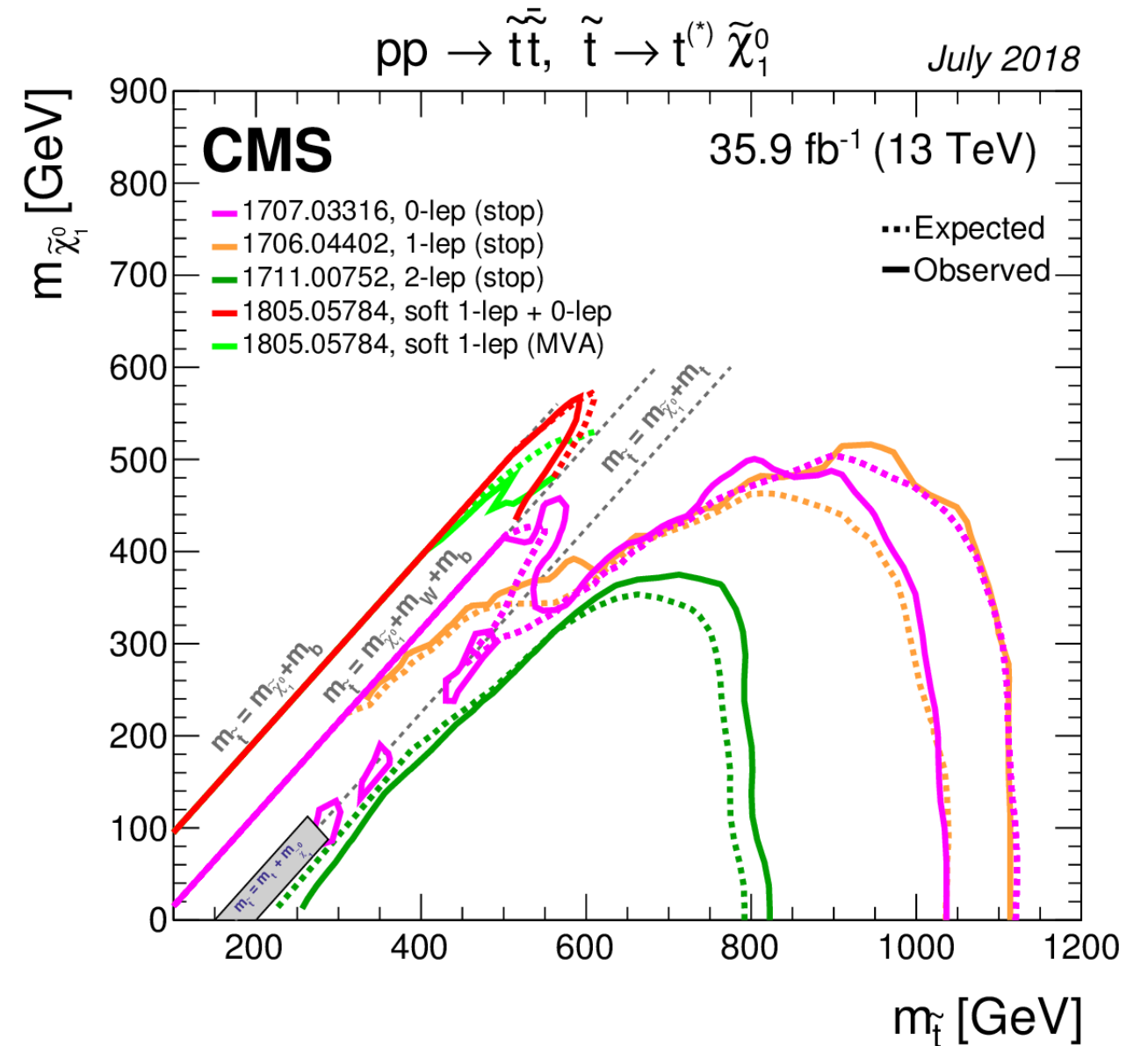
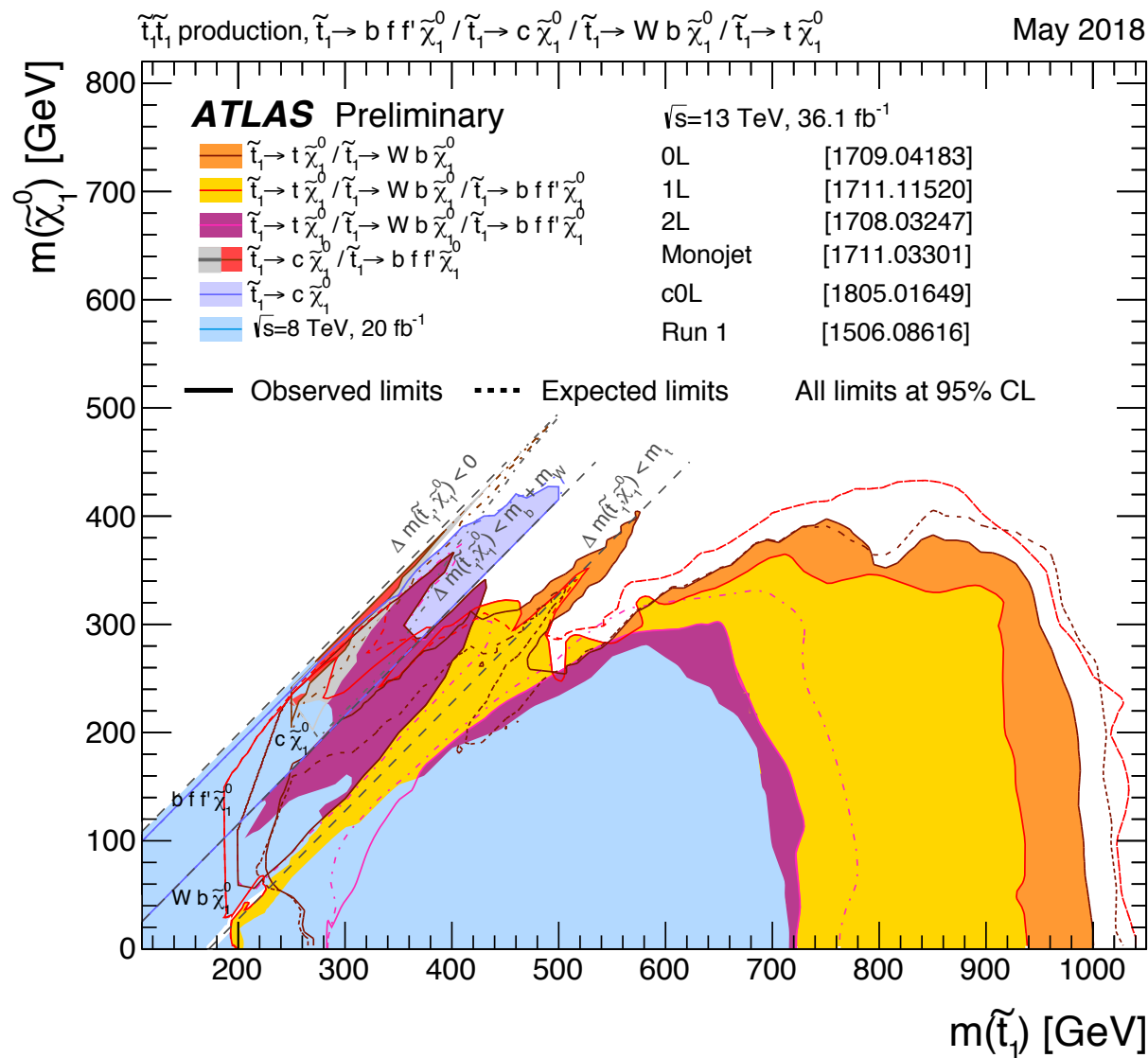
- Their decays are more complicated, and depends on  $m_{\tilde{t}} - m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0}$





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Limits reach 1 TeV for  $m(\tilde{t}) \gg m(t) + m(\text{LSP})$



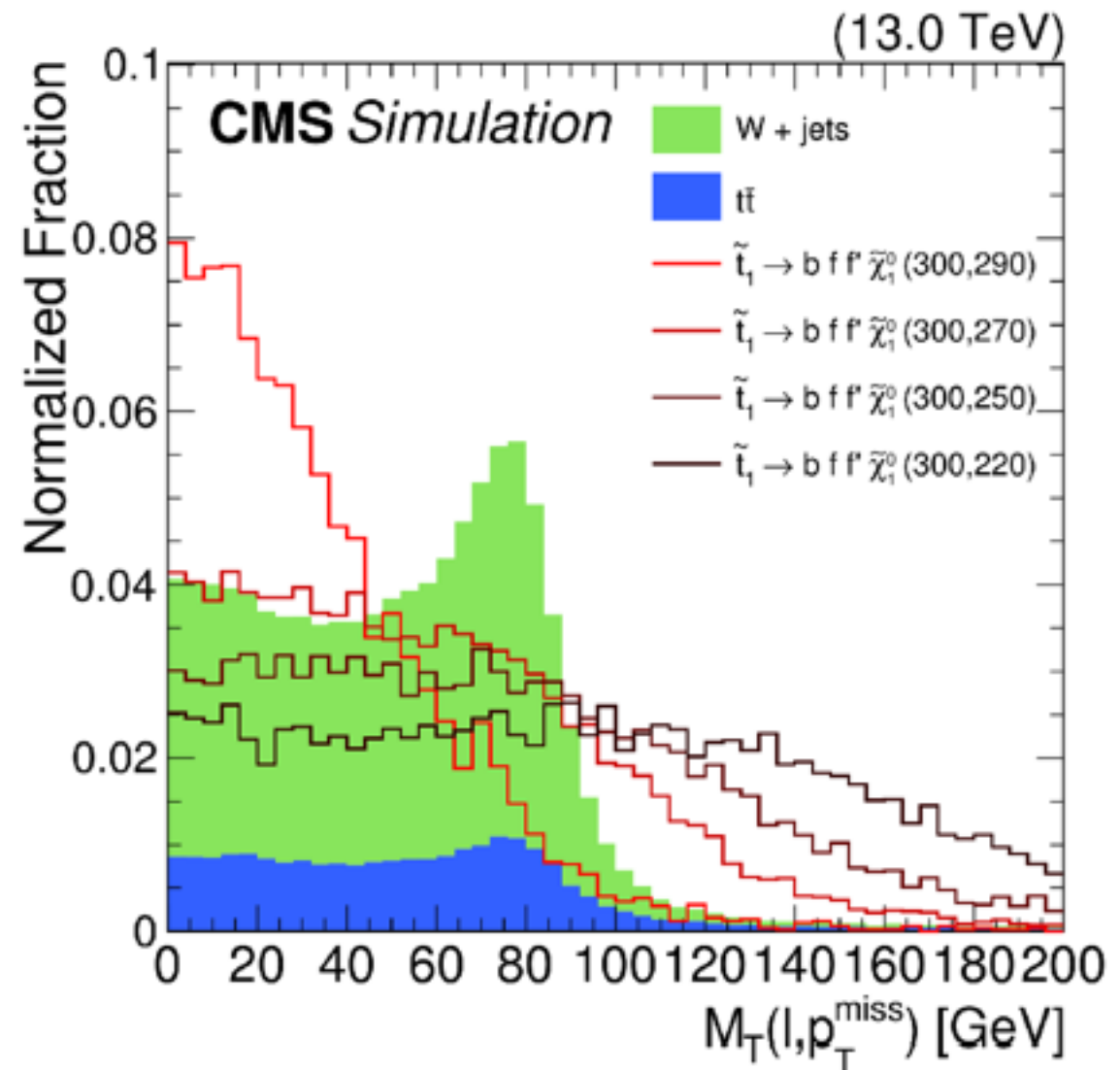
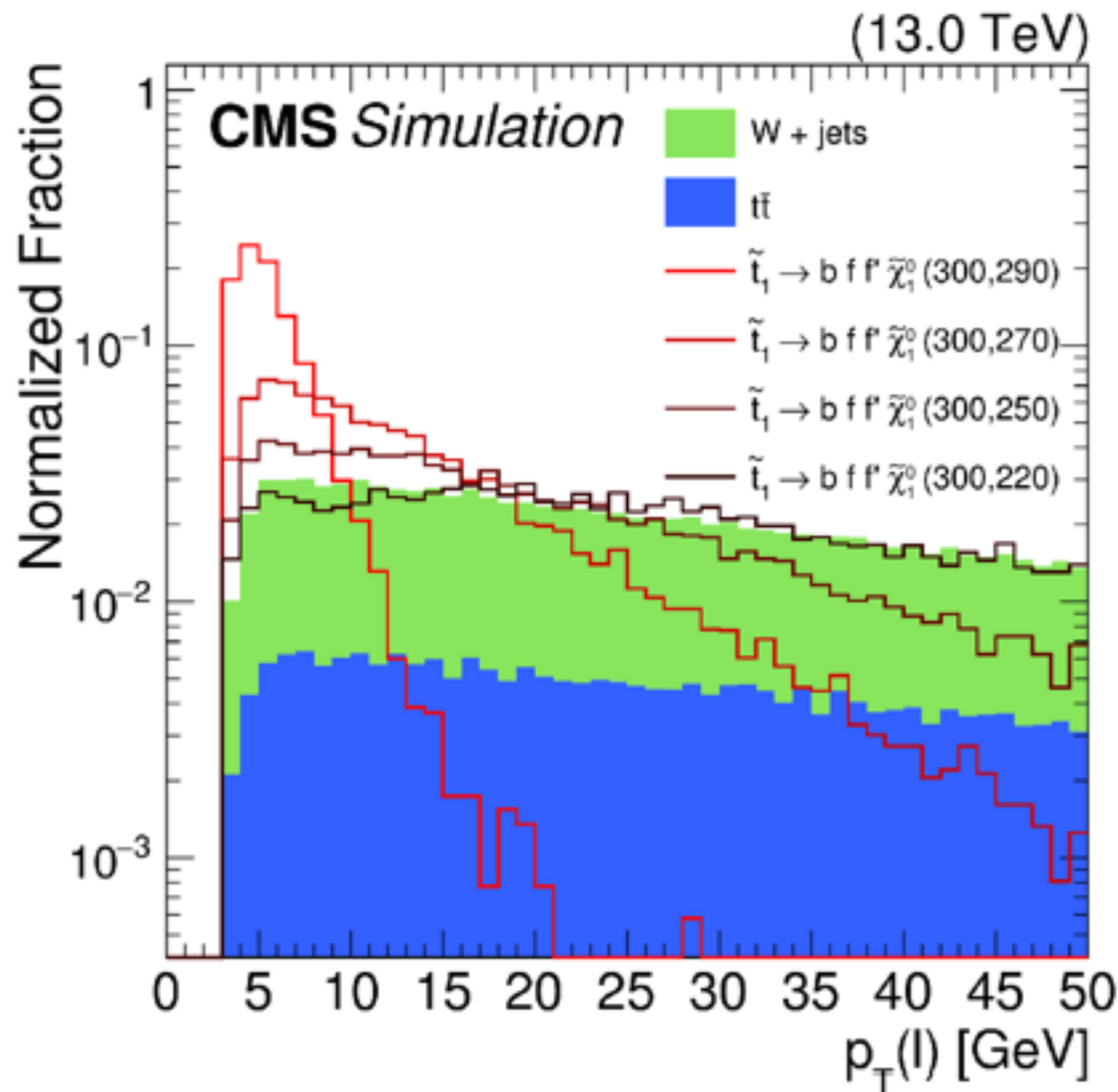
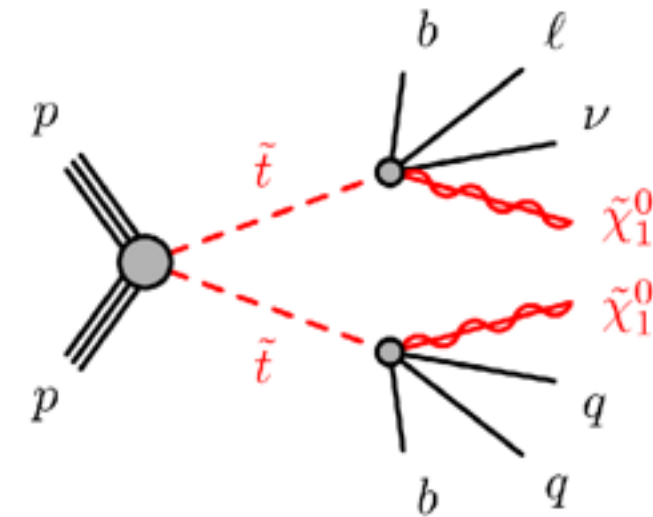
Things get messy for  $m(\tilde{t}) \lesssim m(t) + m(\text{LSP})$

# Compressed Stop

CMS arXiv:1805.05784

Search for “compressed” top squarks by CMS, 36 fb<sup>-1</sup>

- Optimized to capture small  $m(\tilde{t}) - m(\text{LSP})$
- Signature: 1 lepton, jets, MET (2 LSPs +  $\nu$ )
- Lepton & MET have different kinematics from background

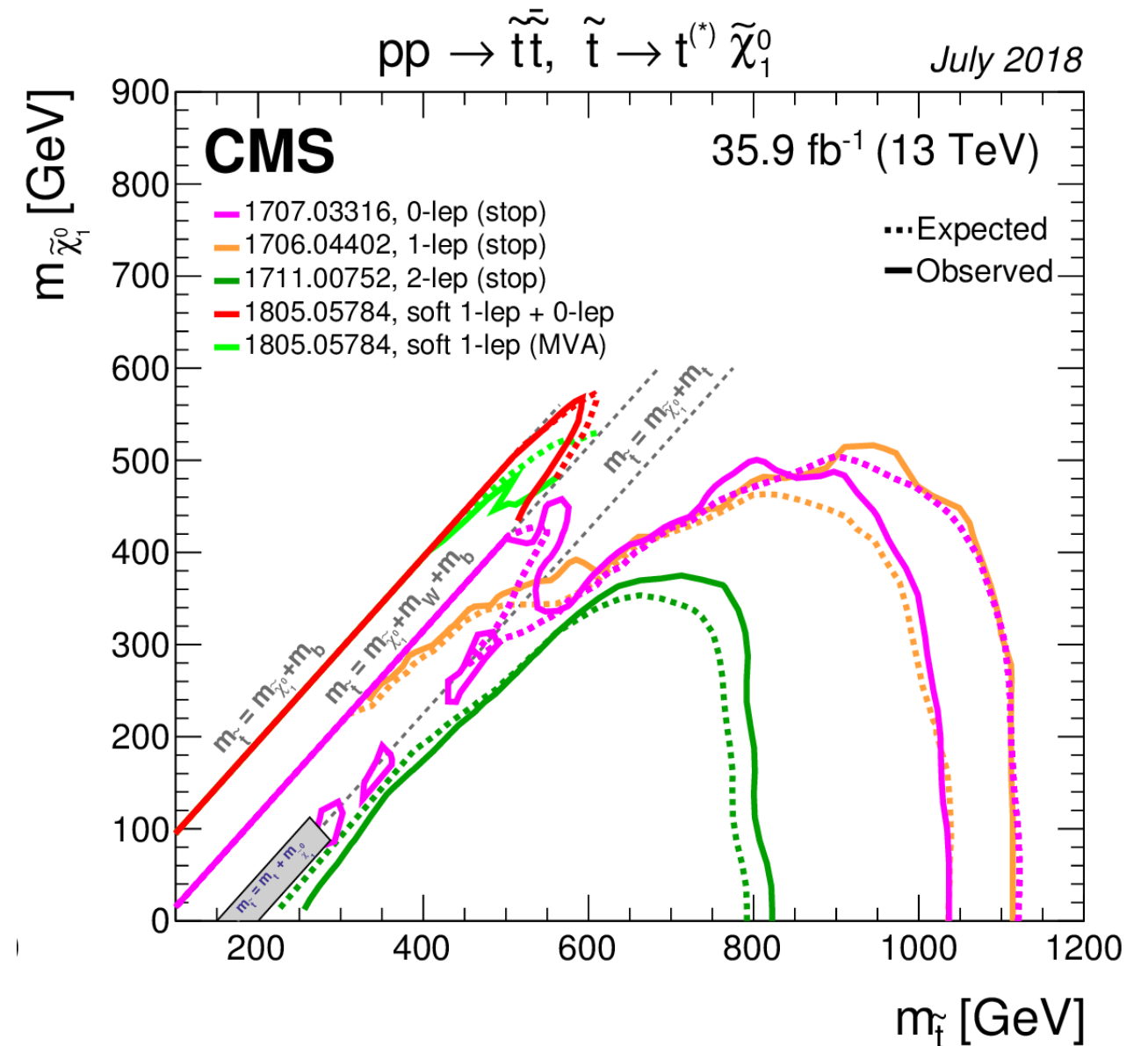
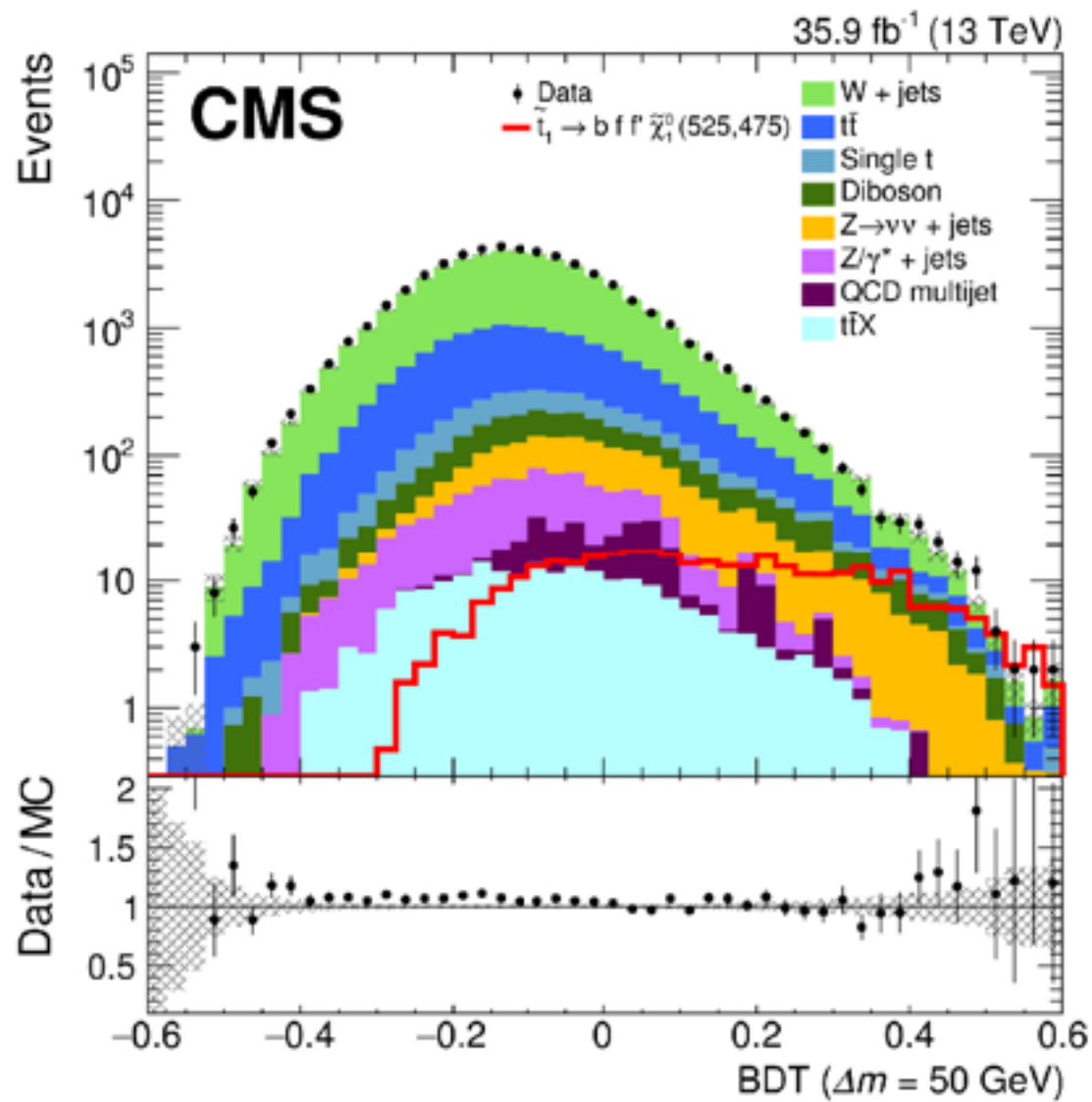


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- Multivariate analysis maximizes signal separation
- Sensitivity down to  $m(\tilde{t}) - m(\text{LSP}) = 10$  GeV

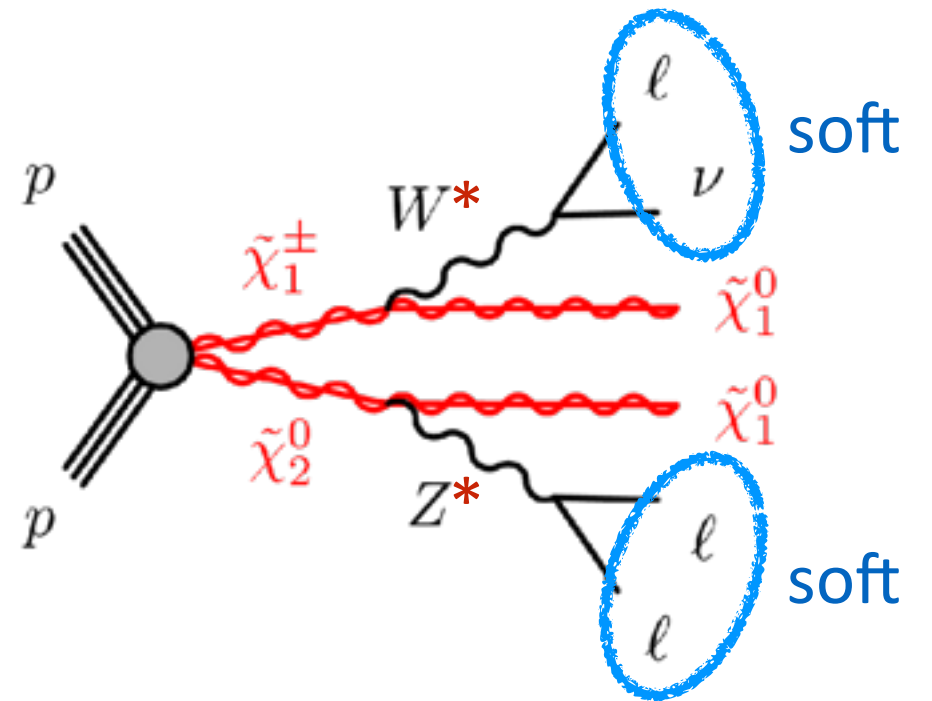


# Higgsino

Light Higgsino ( $\tilde{H}$ )  $\rightarrow$  3 lightest chargino/neutralinos  $\tilde{\chi}_1^0, \tilde{\chi}_1^\pm, \tilde{\chi}_2^0$

This is hard to detect:

- Electroweak production  $\rightarrow$  small x-section
- Signal events look like SM background
  - ▶ Small (sub-GeV) mass differences
  - ▶ **Very soft leptons & jets**
  - ▶ LSPs are nearly at rest  $\rightarrow$  **small MET**

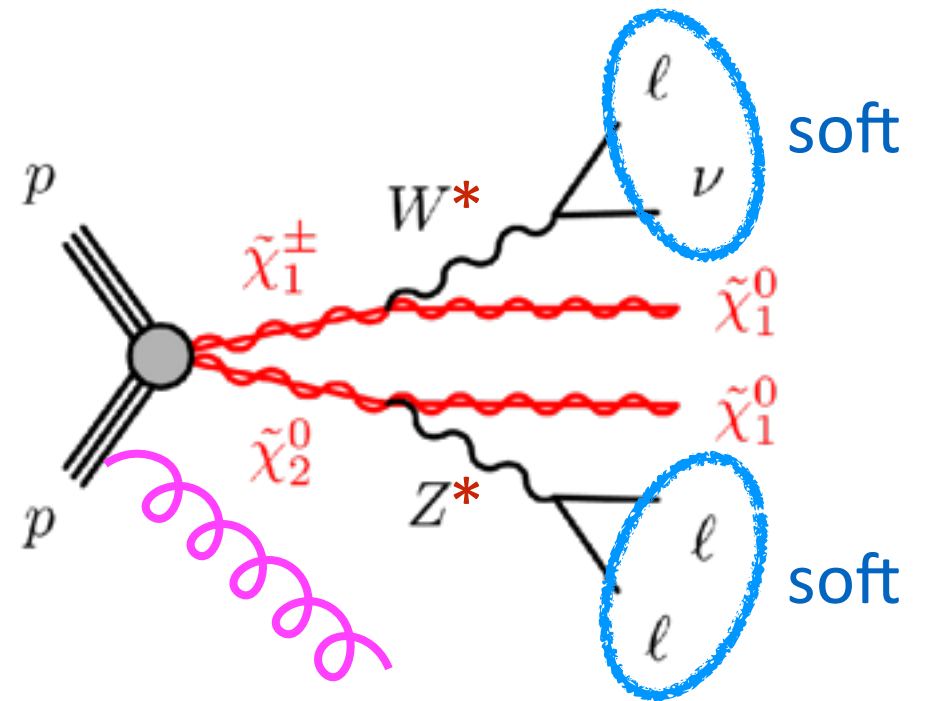


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Initial State Radiation (ISR) helps

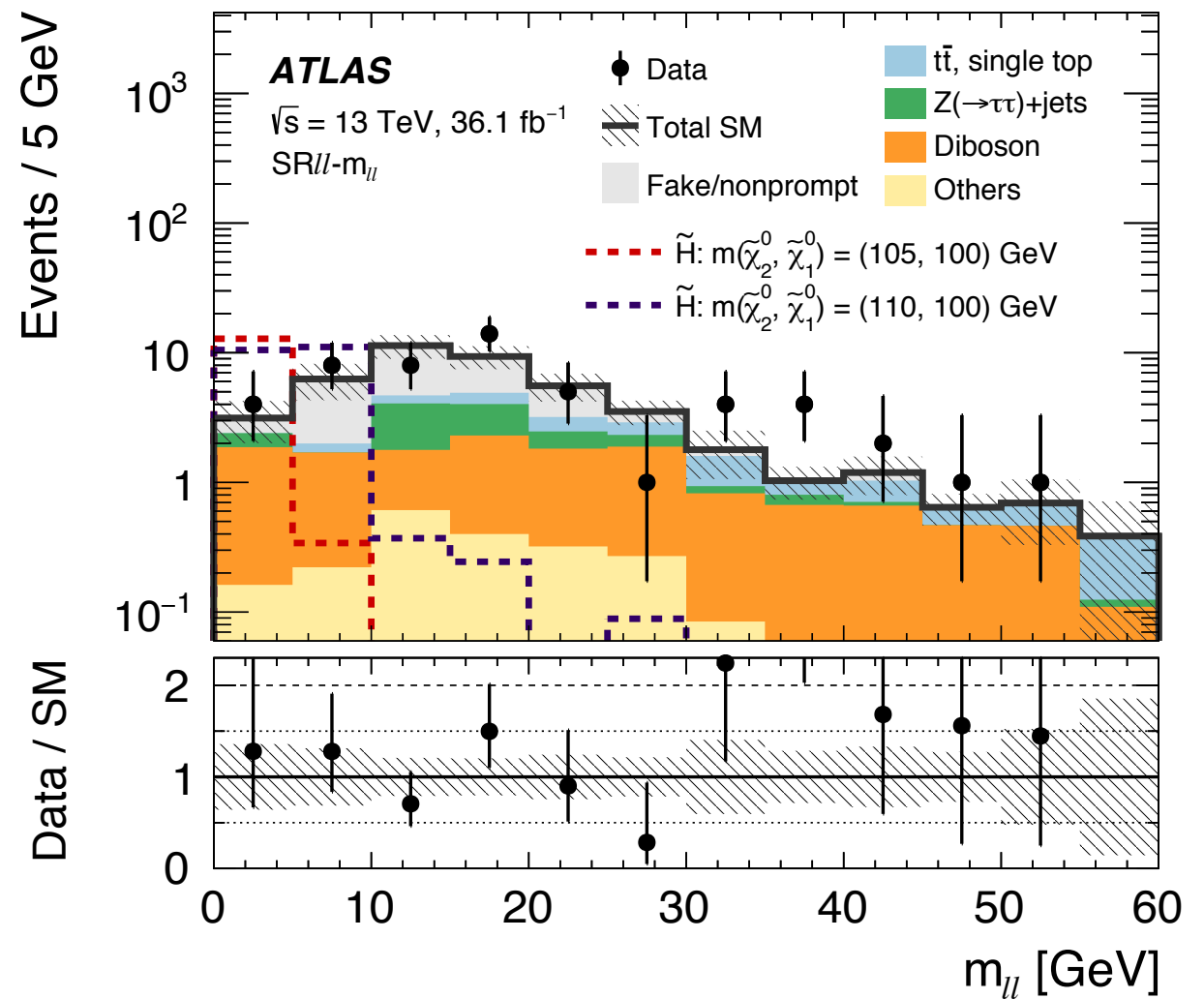
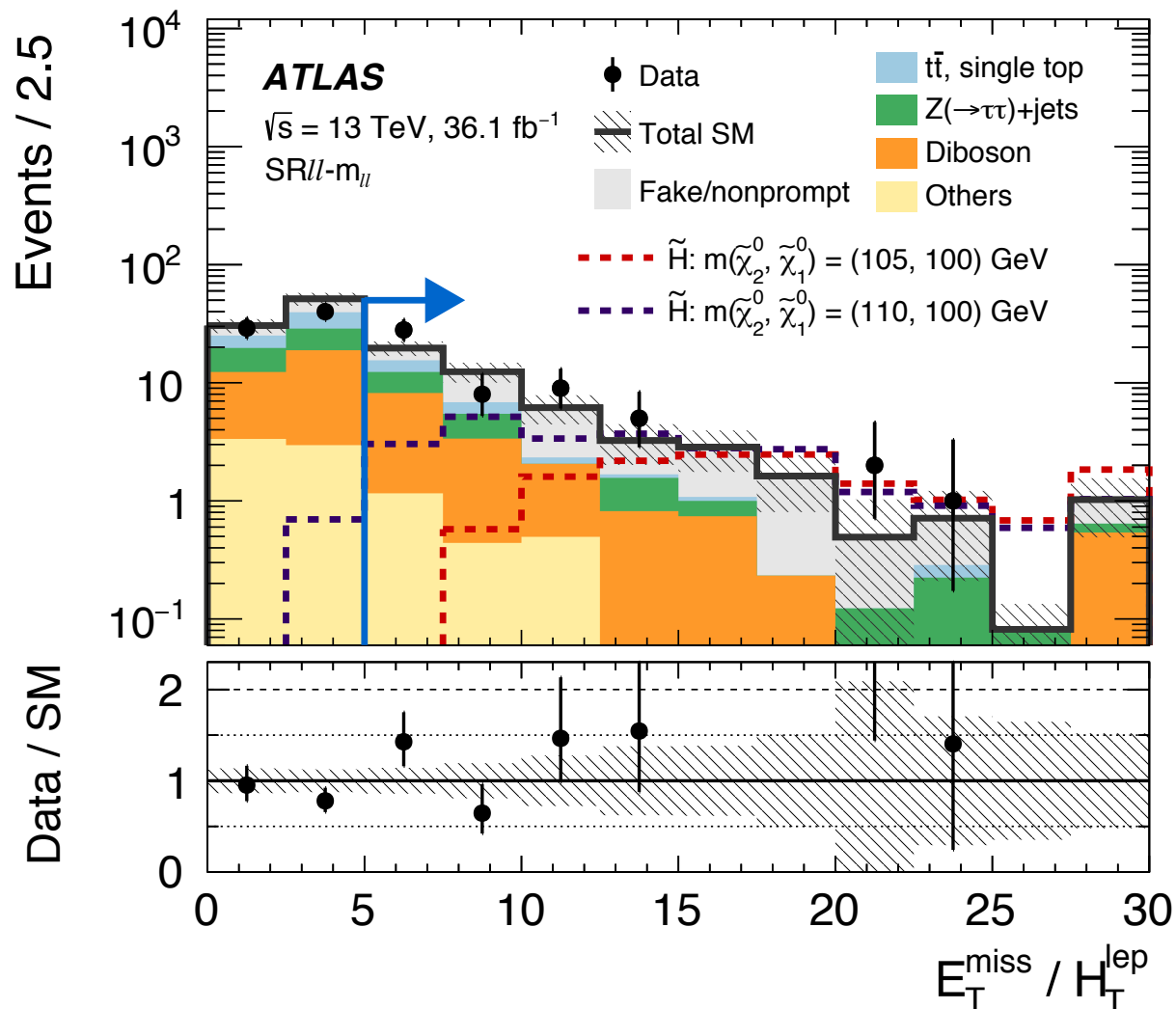
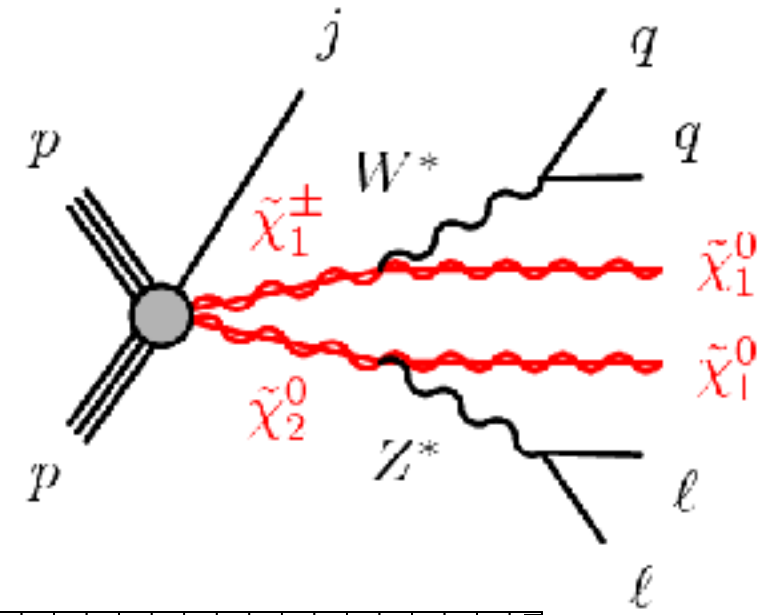
- Incoming proton emits a gluon  $\rightarrow$  jet
- SUSY particles recoil against the jet
- LSPs are moving fast  $\rightarrow$  larger MET

# Compressed EW SUSY

ATLAS PRD 97 (2018) 052010

Search for compressed EW SUSY by ATLAS, 36 fb<sup>-1</sup>

- Signature: 2 soft leptons, jet(s) & MET
- At least 1 energetic jet (>100 GeV), pointing opposite to the leptons + MET system
- Large MET and small dilepton mass

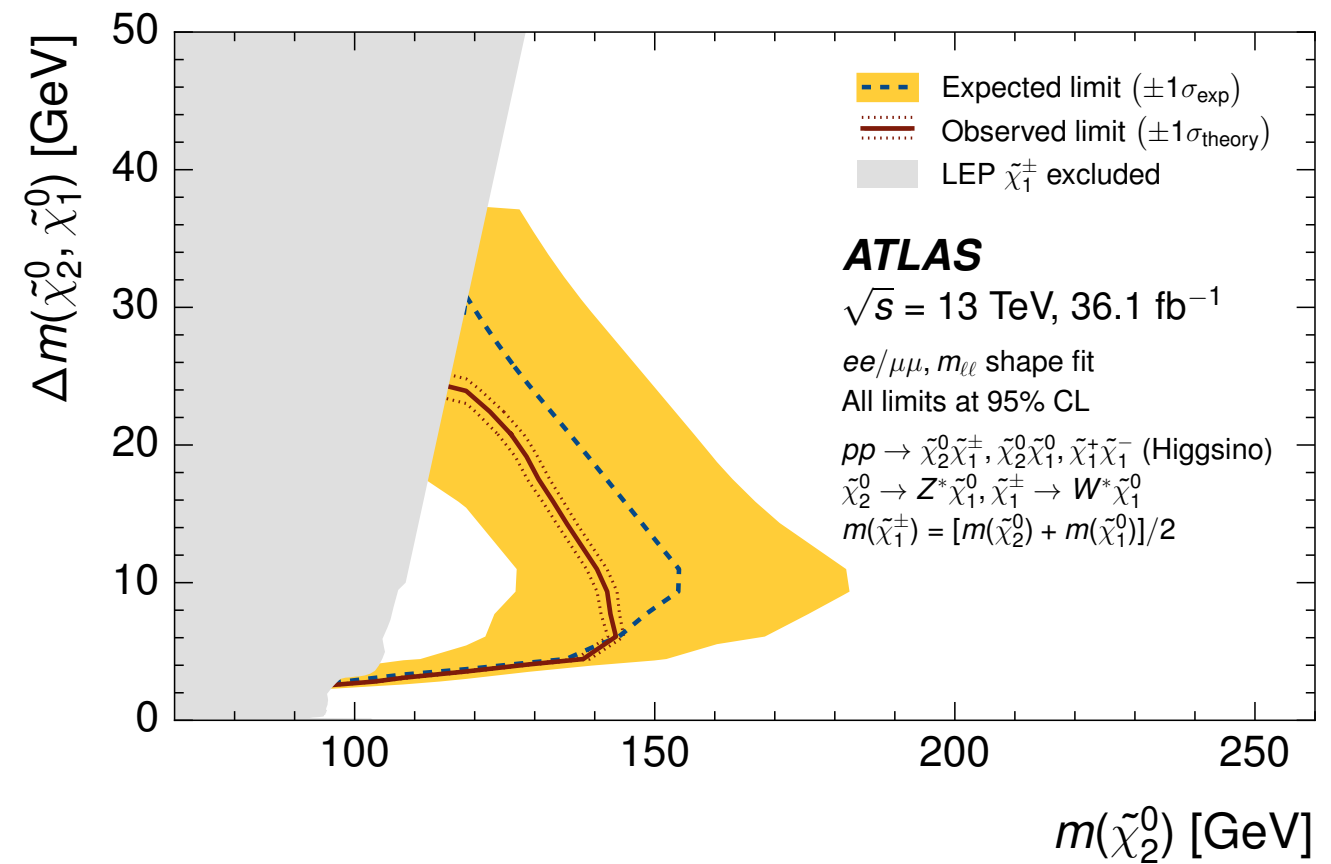
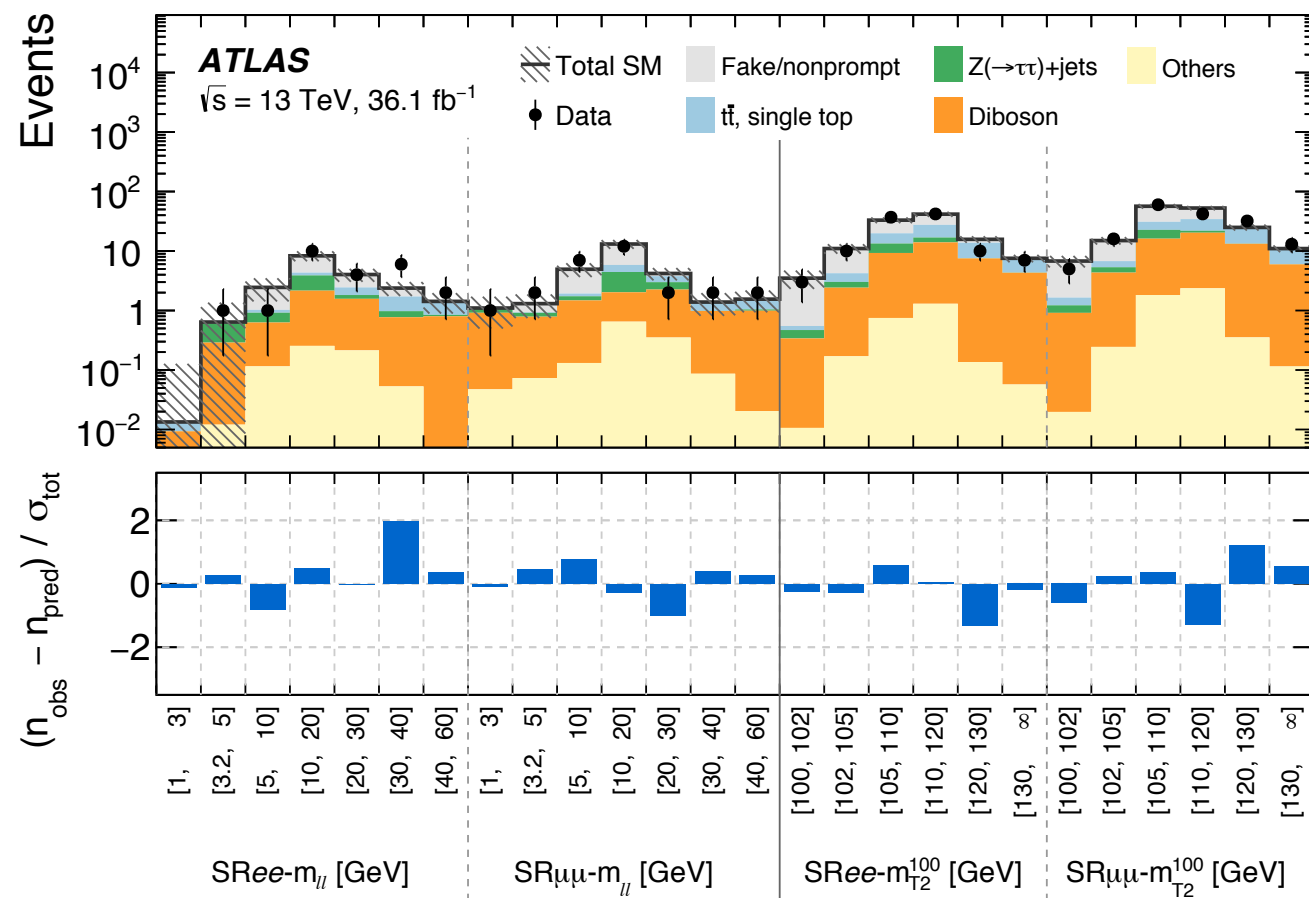




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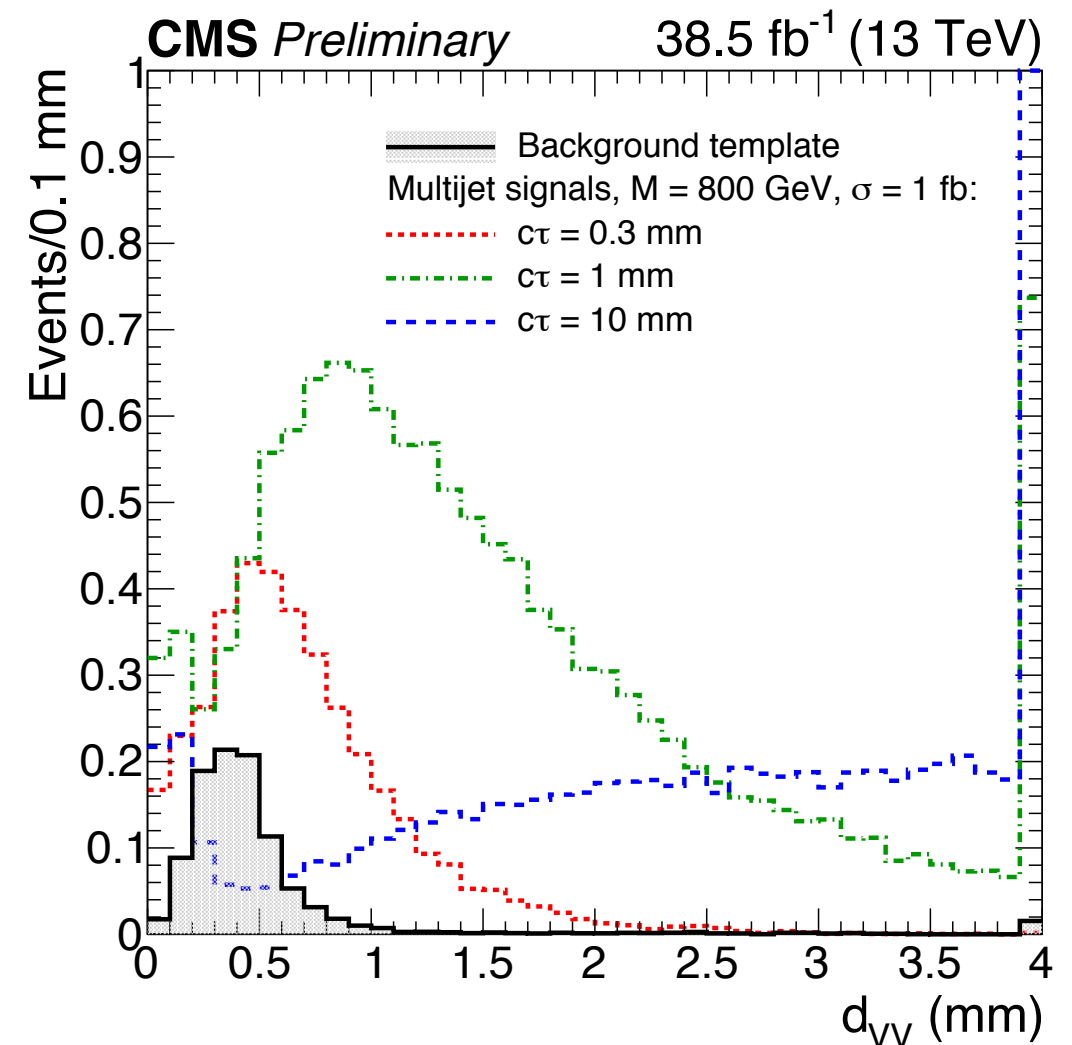
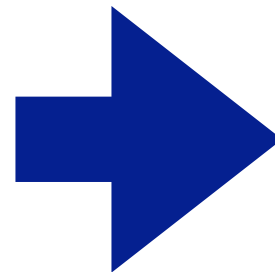
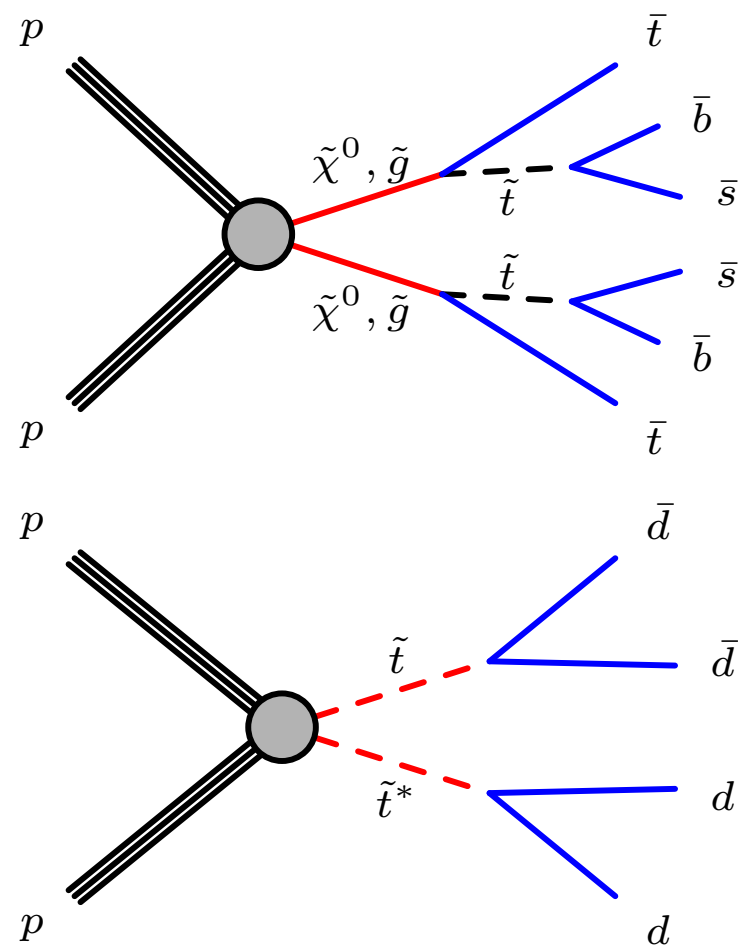
■ First LHC limit for this very soft higgsino channel

New particles may not decay immediately

- Long-lived particles (LLP) produce displaced decay vertices in the detectors

SUSY-motivated search for LLP by CMS,  $38.5 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

- Look for events with two decay vertices separated by a few mm

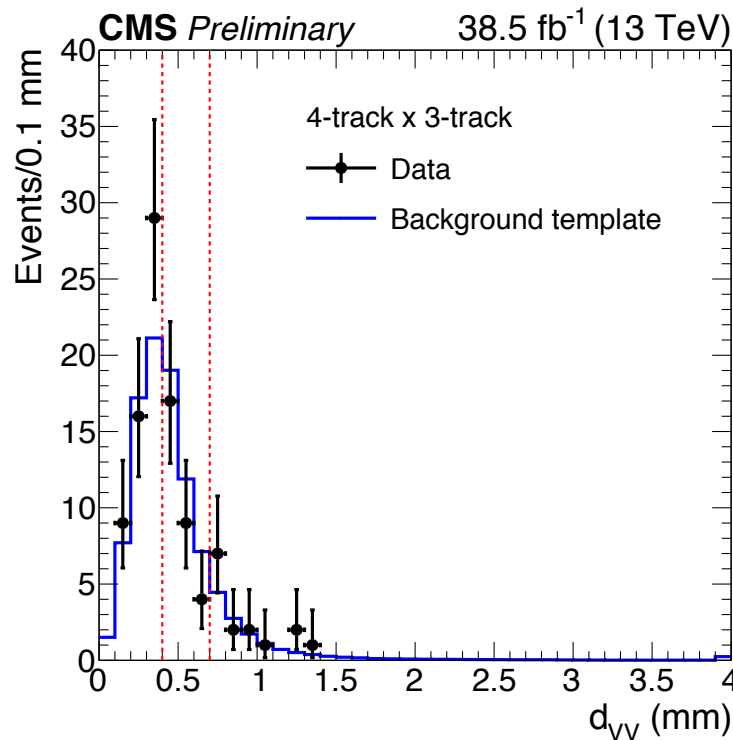
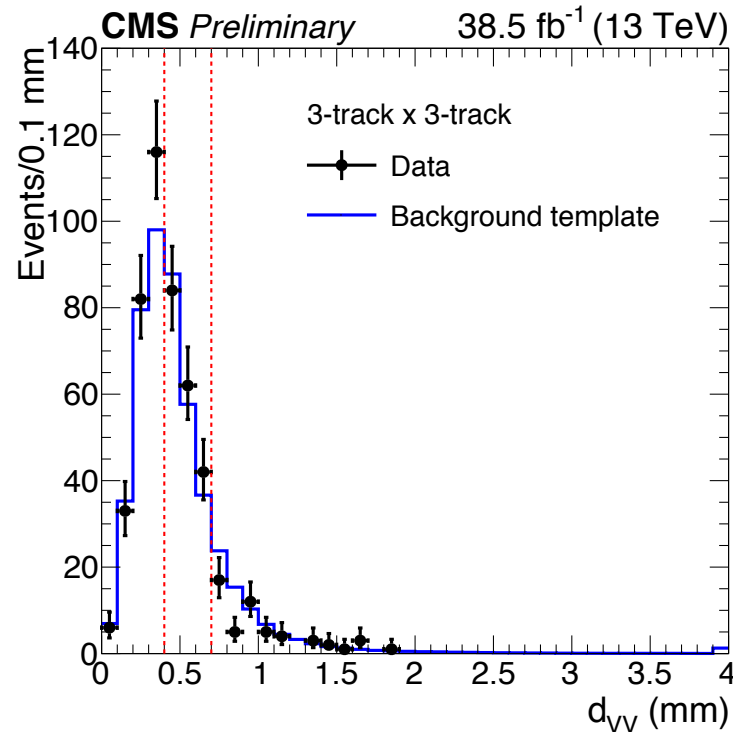




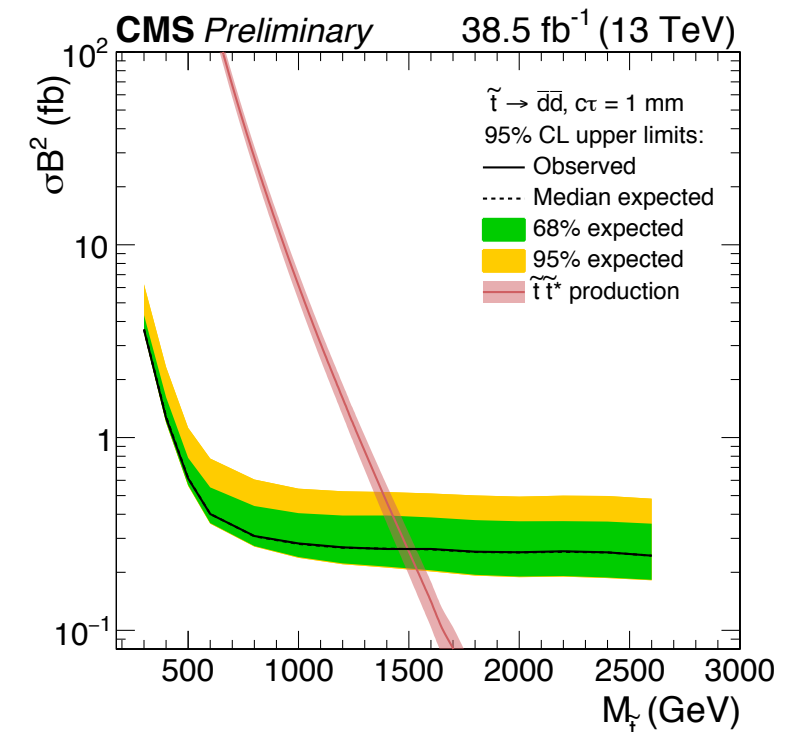
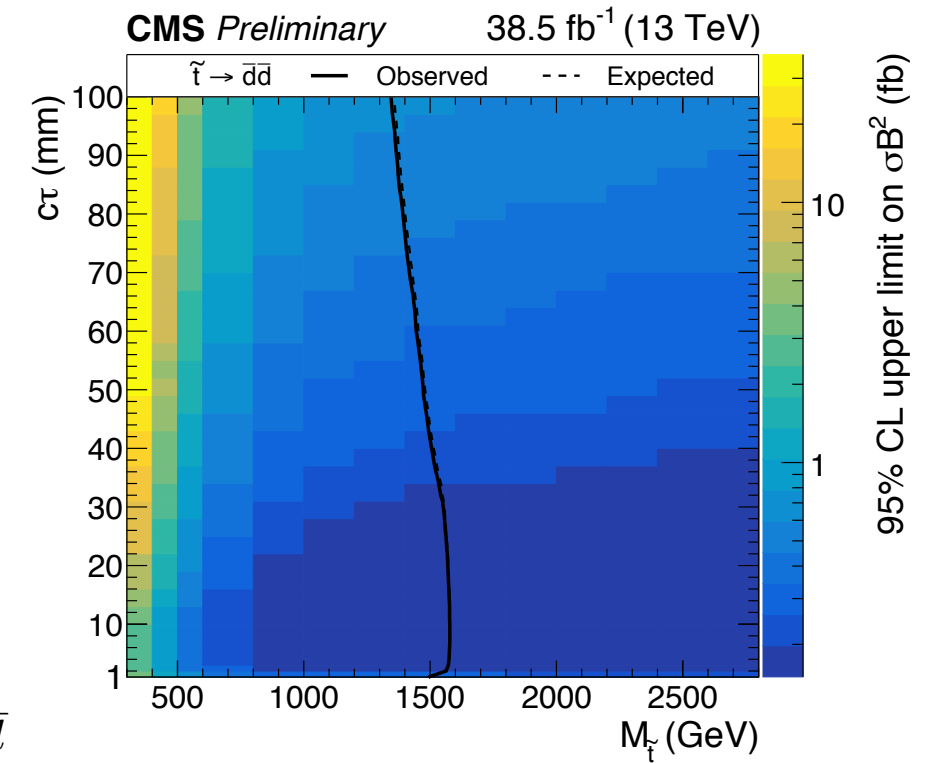
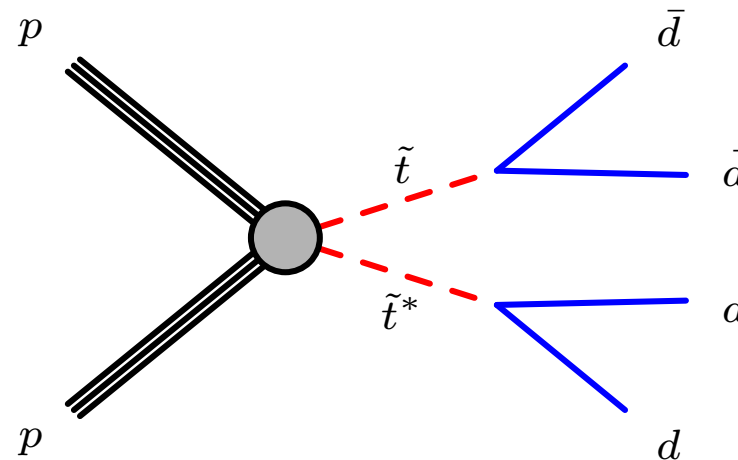
# Long-Lived Particles

CMS-PAS-EXO-17-018

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Limits are set on, e.g.,  
 R-parity violating stop  
 decays:



# Dark Matter

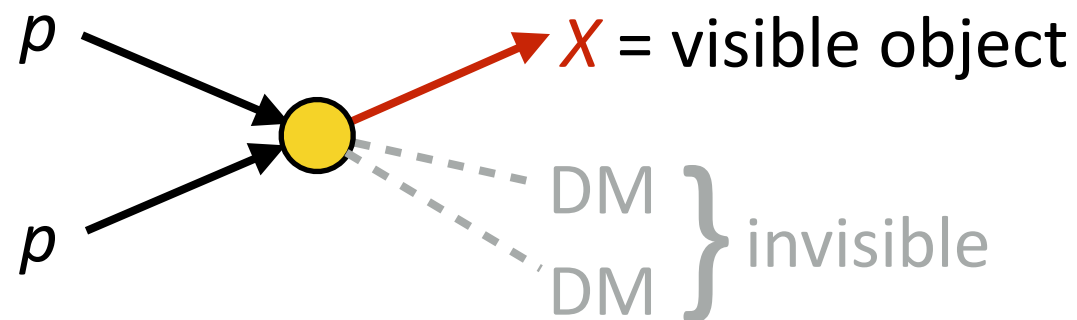
## Dark Matter exists

- Compelling evidences from astronomical data

## DM particles may be produced at the LHC

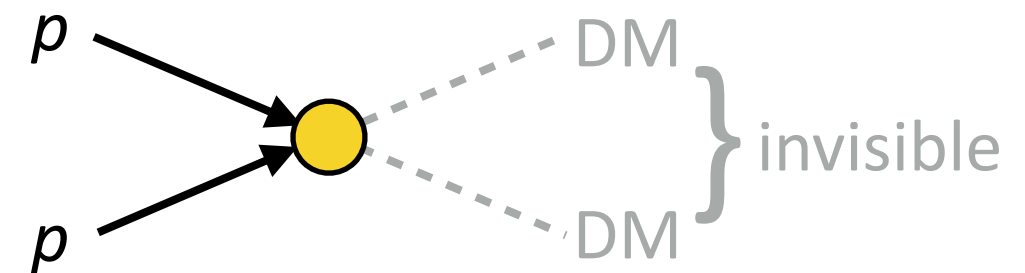
- BUT — Experiments cannot see the final state with only DM particles
- How do we record and count such events?

## We need $\geq 1$ extra particles produced with the DM particles



- Candidate events contain  $X + \text{MET}$  and little else
- We call it “mono- $X$ ” with  $X = \text{jet, photon, Higgs, W, Z, etc.}$

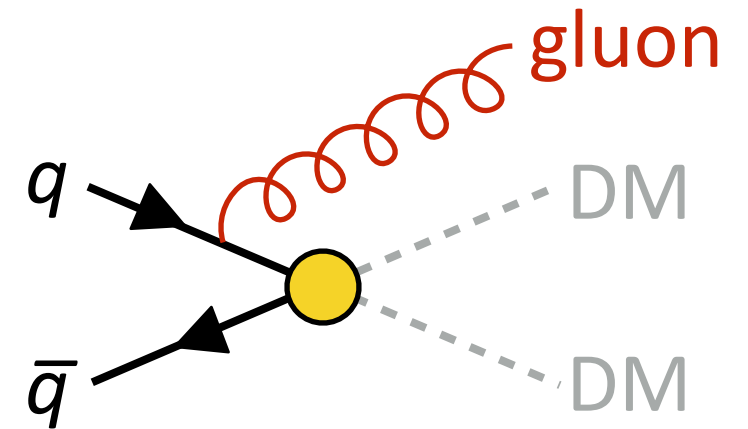
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Tracy Slatyer's  
lecture!



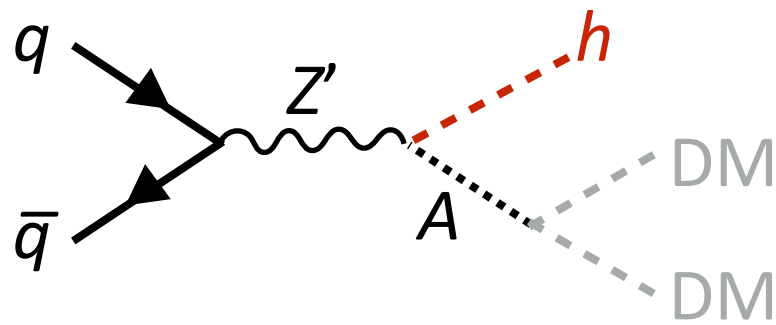
# Where does “X” come from?

X may be radiated by the incoming quarks

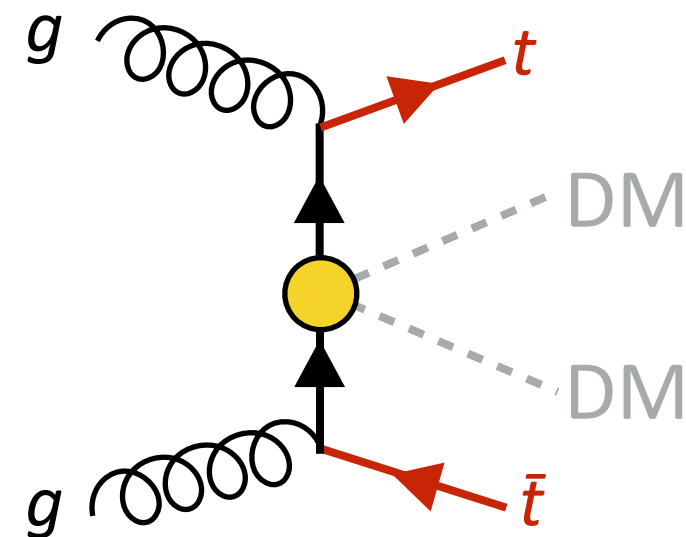
- Quarks couple most strongly to gluons
- If  $q\bar{q} \rightarrow \chi\bar{\chi}$  happens,  $q\bar{q} \rightarrow \chi\bar{\chi} + g$  must happen
- This gives us the “mono-jet” signature



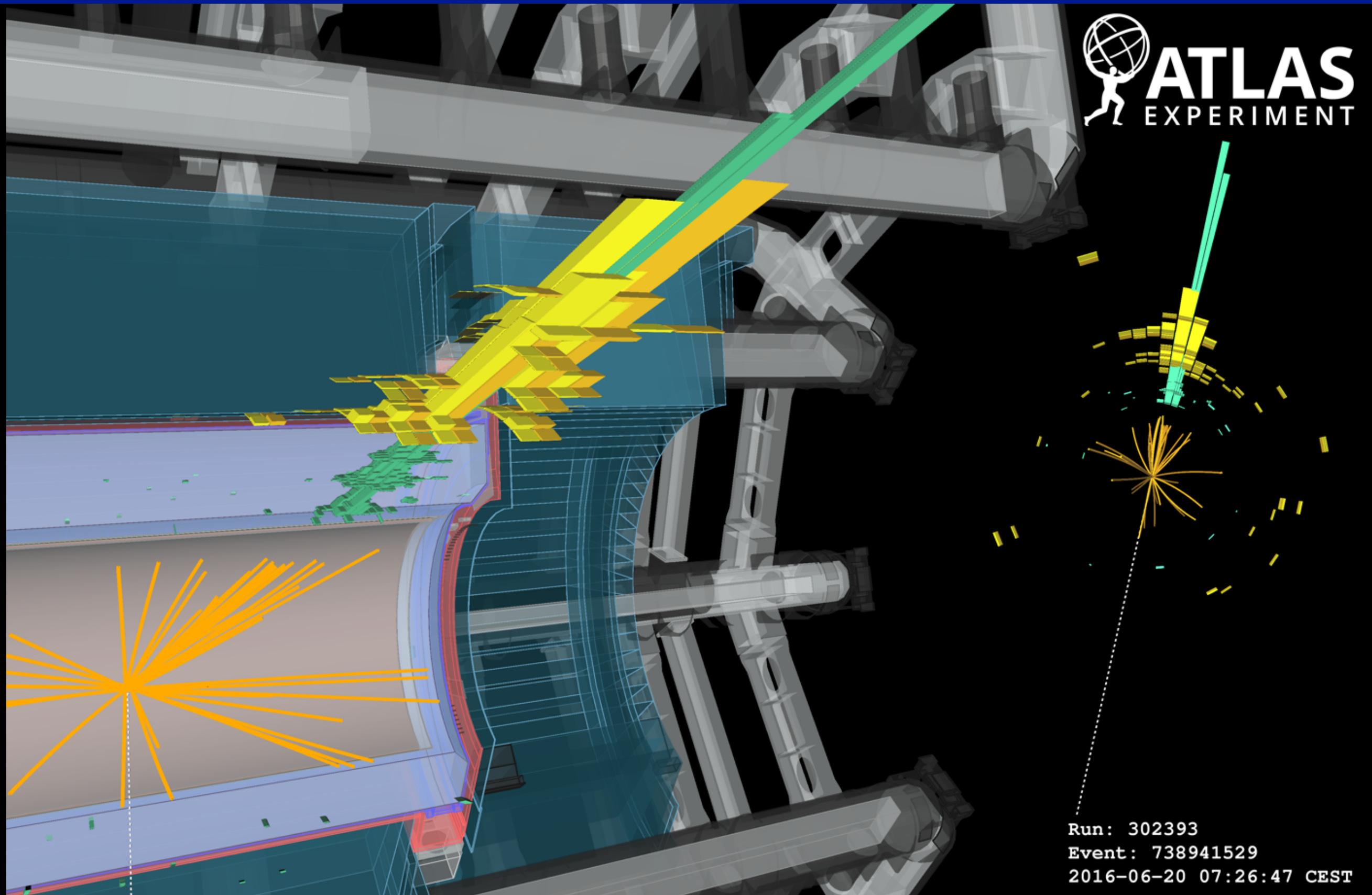
X may be more closely connected to DM production, e.g.



- Cross-section depends on the exact model and the couplings
- May be large even if  $q\bar{q} \rightarrow \chi\bar{\chi}$  is small

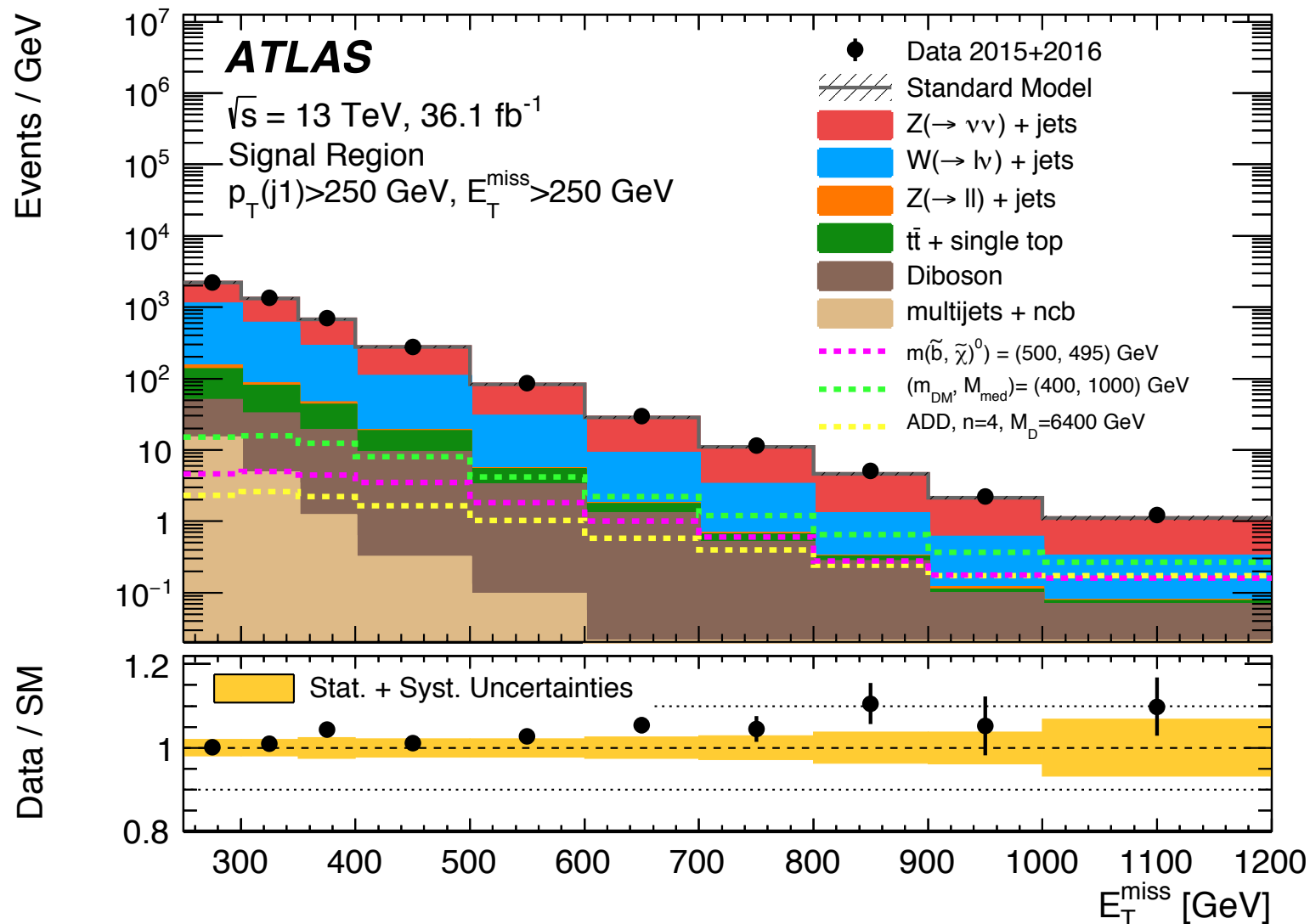


# 1.7 TeV Mono-Jet Event in ATLAS

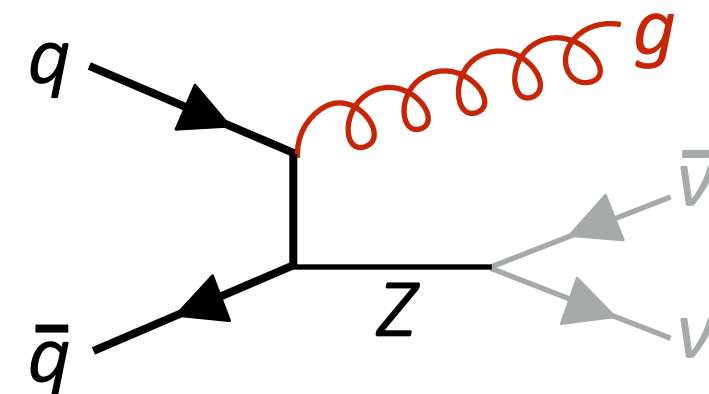


## Search for DM + jet(s) by ATLAS, 36 fb<sup>-1</sup>

- Select events with  $\geq 1$  energetic jet ( $>250$  GeV) and large MET ( $>250$  GeV)



- Dominant background is  $Z (\rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu}) + \text{jet}$

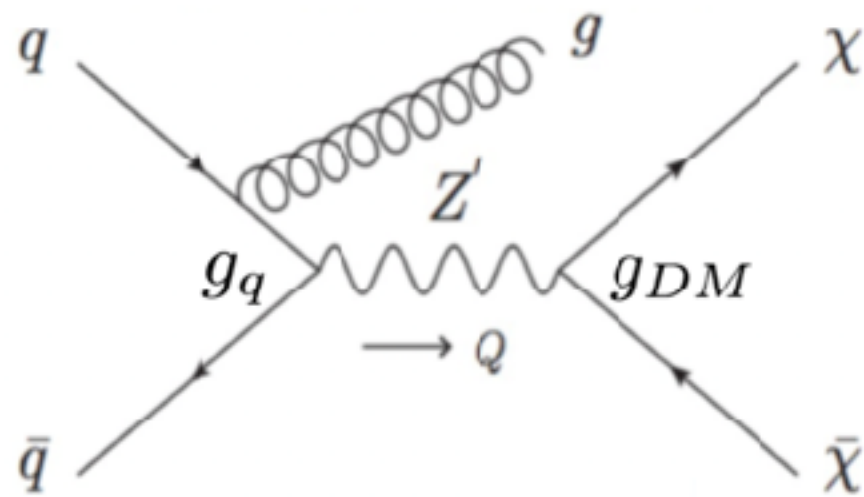


- Irreducible  $\rightarrow$  Estimate from  $Z (\rightarrow \ell\ell)$  and  $W (\rightarrow \ell\nu) + \text{jet}$  in data, and subtract



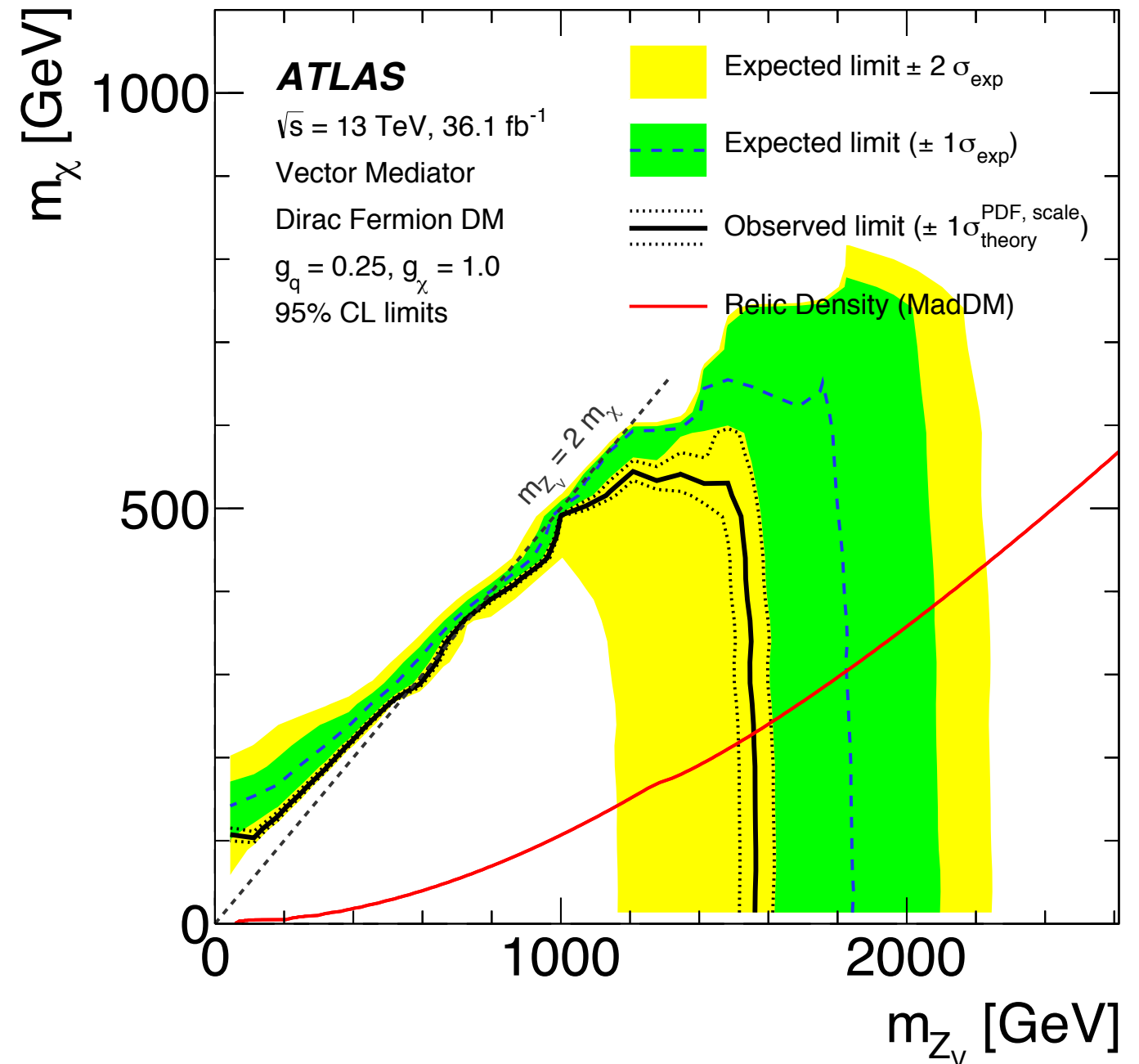
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- Result is interpreted with a simplified model:



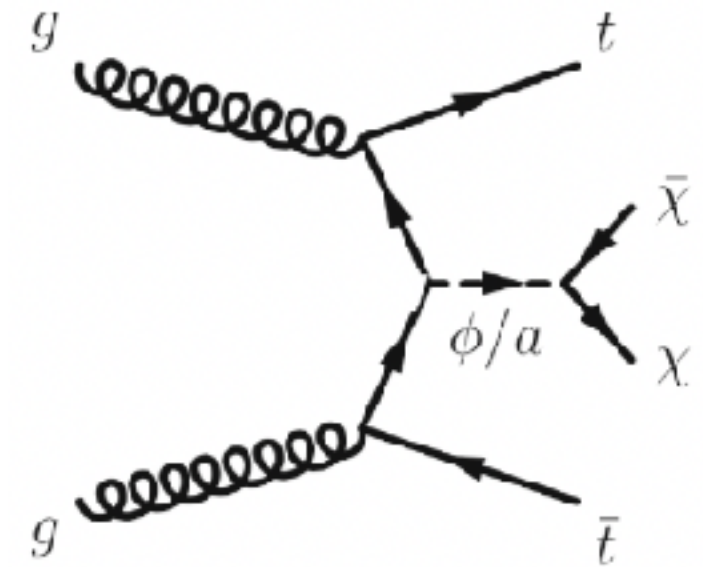
$$\sigma = K' \frac{g_q^2 g_{DM}^2}{M^4 \Gamma_{med}}$$

$g_q$  = coupling to SM  
 $g_{DM}$  = coupling to DM  
 $M$  = mediator mass  
 $\Gamma_{med}$  = mediator width



Suppose the DM particles couple only to a spin-0 mediator

- Like the Higgs, the coupling favors heavy fermions, i.e., top quarks
- Final state =  $t\bar{t} + \chi\bar{\chi}$ (= MET)



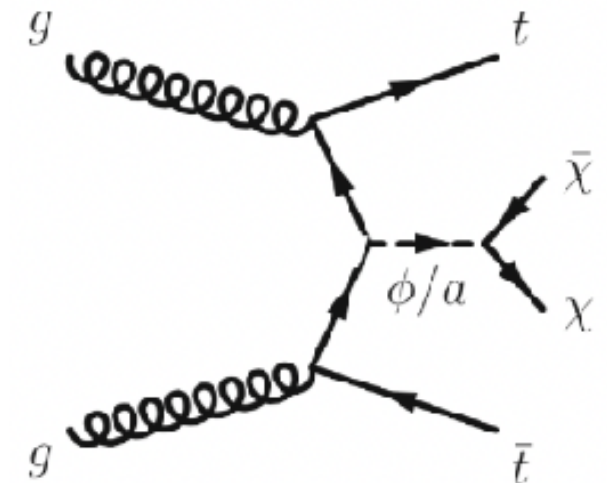
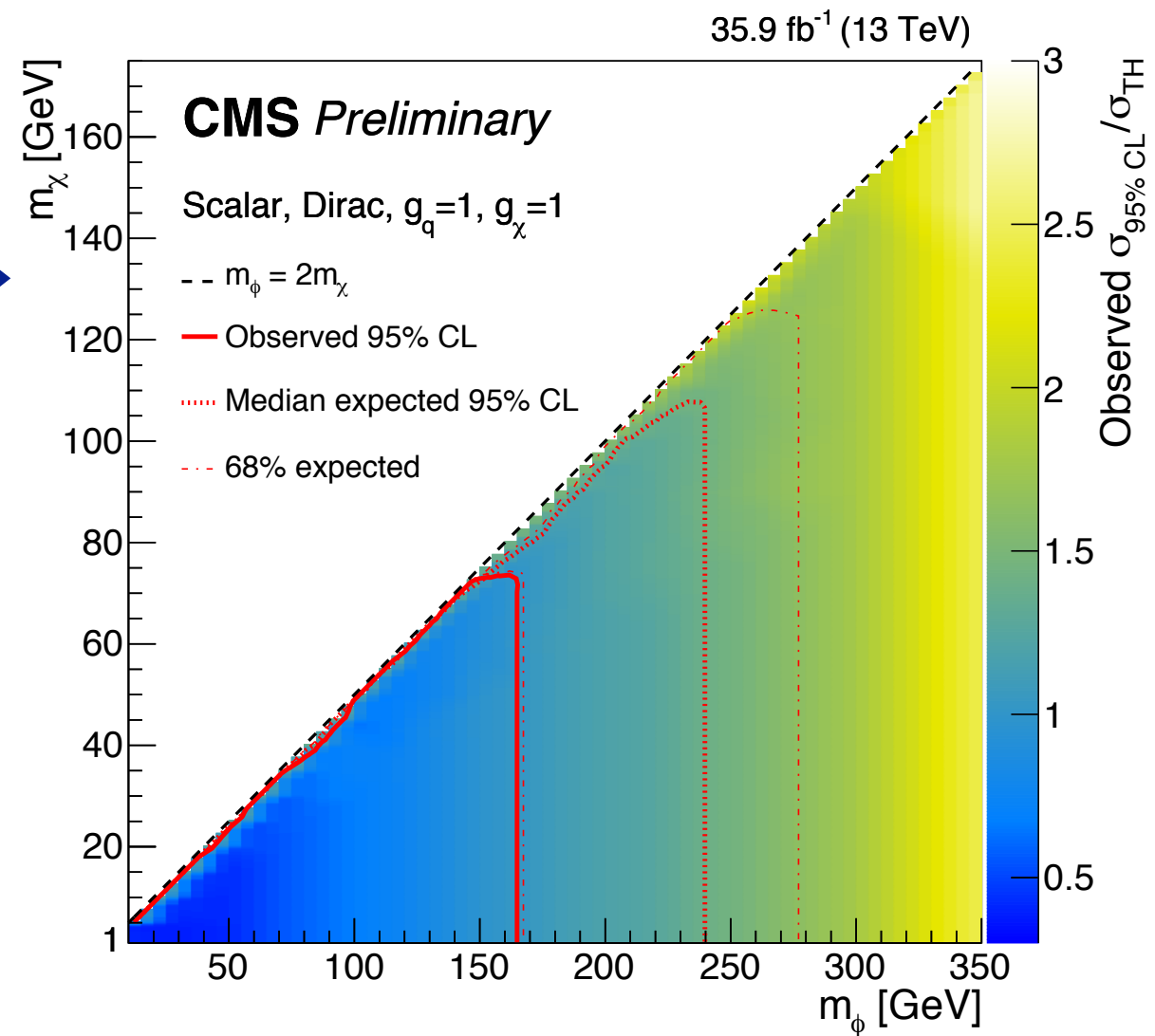
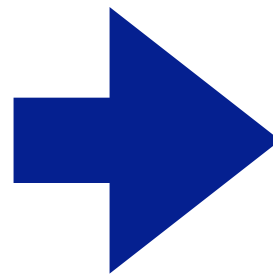
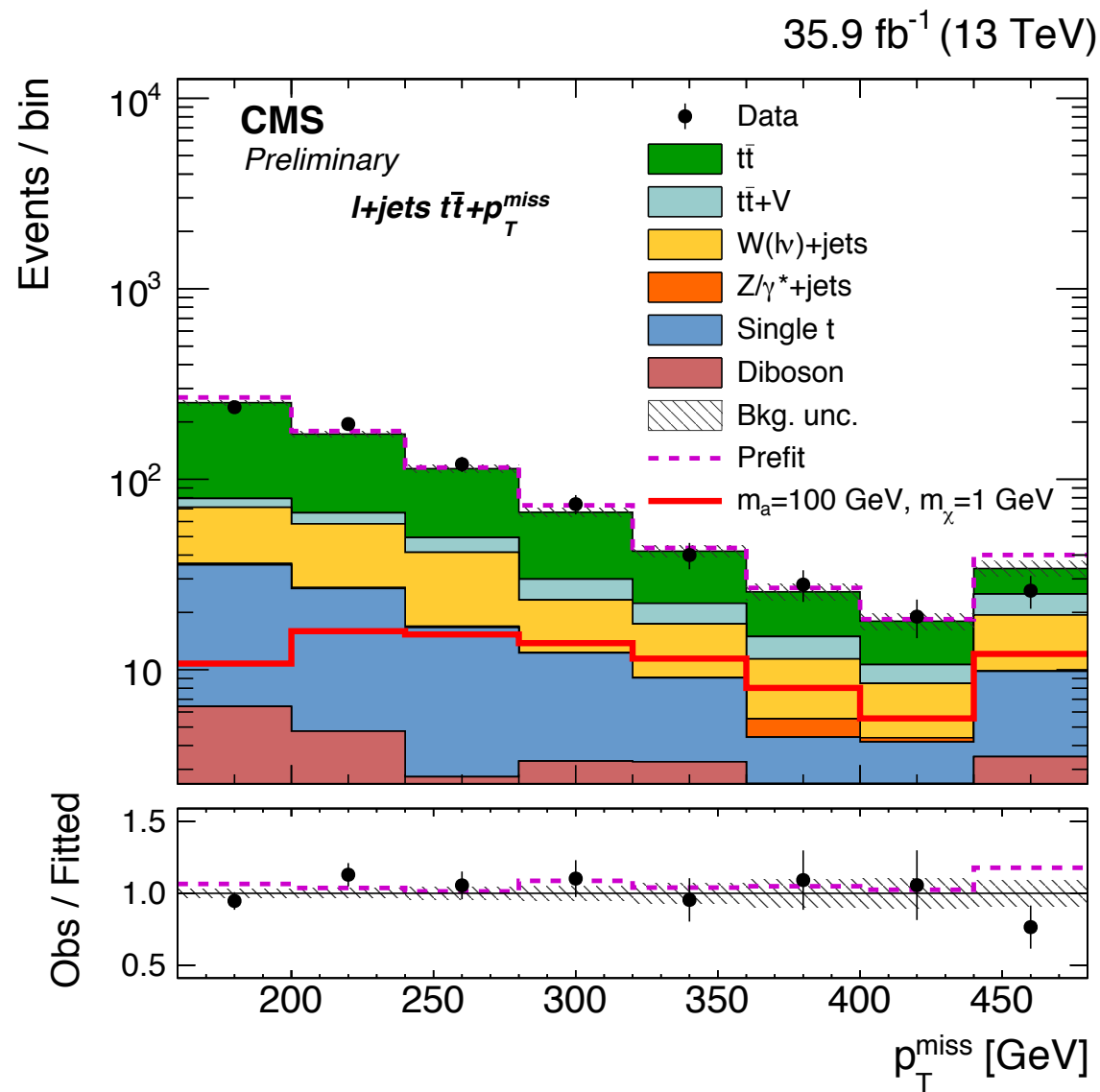
Search for MET +  $t\bar{t}$  events by CMS,  $36 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

- Event selection depends on how the top quarks decay:

Leptons	Jets (b-tagged)	MET
0	$\geq 4$ ( $\geq 1$ )	$> 200 \text{ GeV}$
1	$\geq 3$ ( $\geq 1$ )	$> 160 \text{ GeV}$
2	$\geq 2$ ( $\geq 1$ )	$> 50 \text{ GeV}$

- Expect signal at high MET

## Search for MET + $t\bar{t}$ events by CMS, 36 fb<sup>-1</sup>



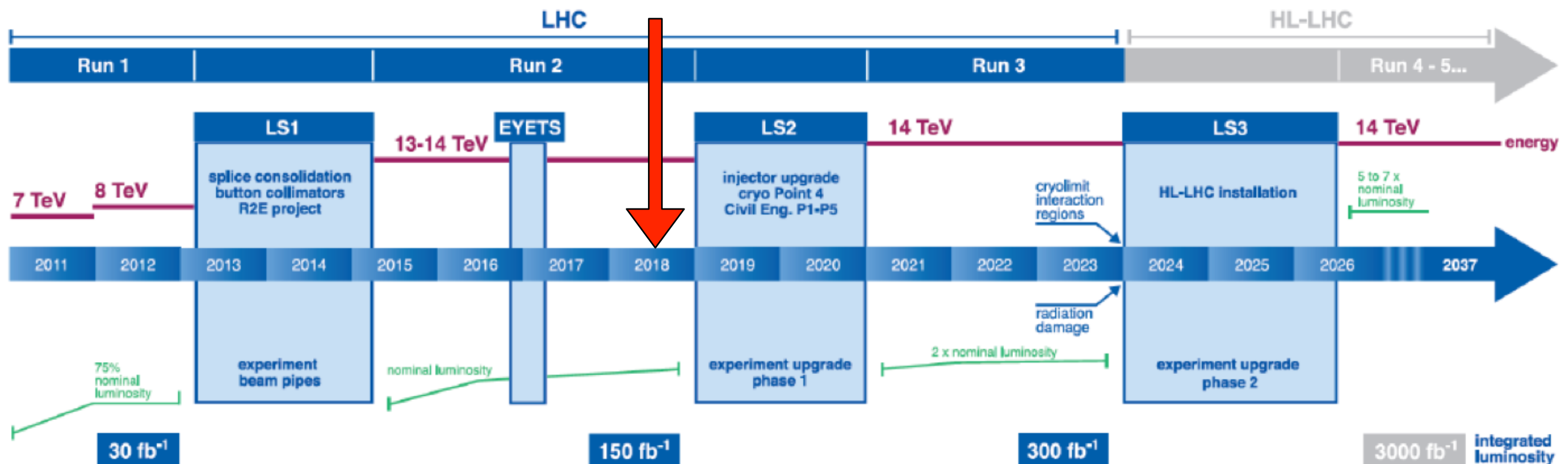


# Summary and Prospects

ATLAS & CMS take advantage of massive data at 13 TeV to search for New Physics beyond the Standard Model

- Resonances, SUSY particles, Dark Matter, leptoquarks, vector-like quarks, ...
- Also: don't forget flavor physics at LHCb & ATLAS & CMS

No discovery yet — Pushing limits higher and deeper



More data are coming: Run 3 (2021–23) and HL-LHC (2026–)

# Prospects

What will Run 3 (300 fb<sup>-1</sup>) and HL-LHC (3000 fb<sup>-1</sup>) bring?

