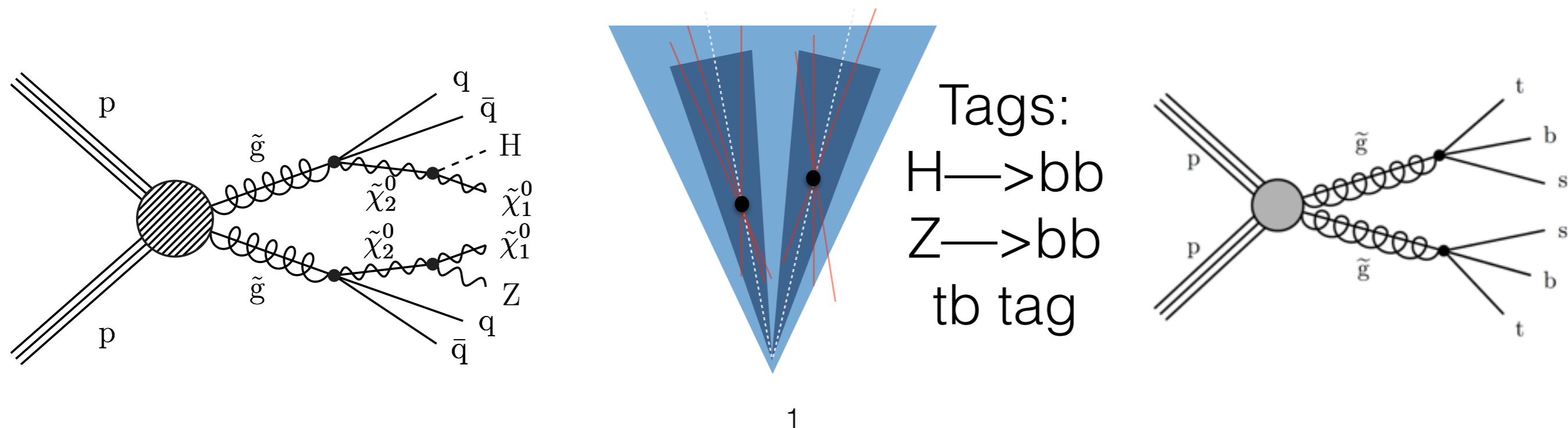


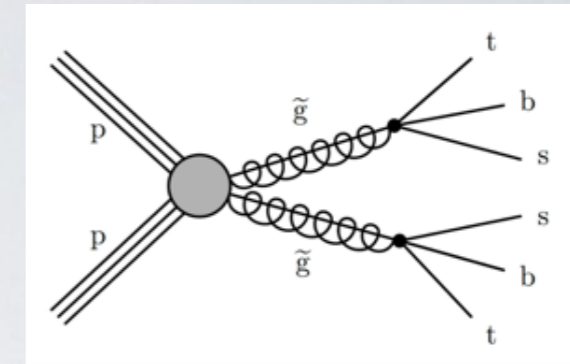
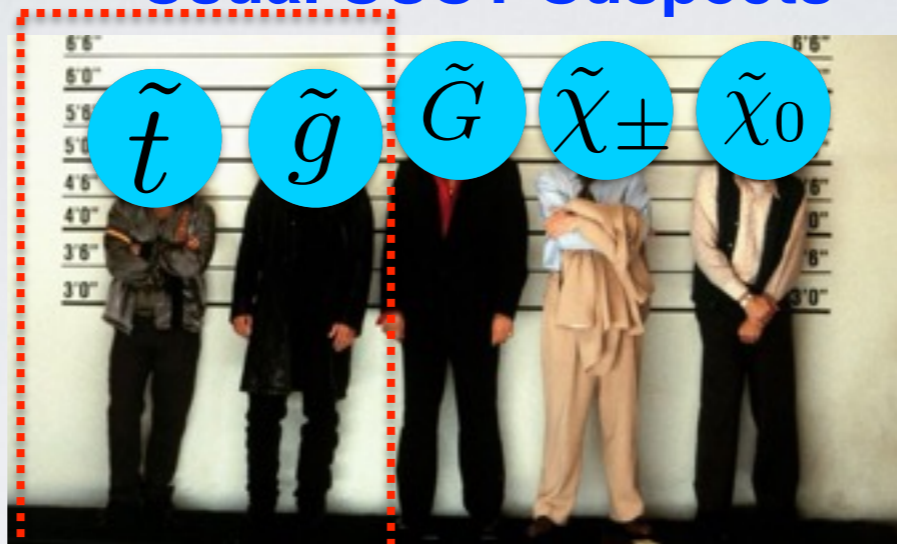
# Overview: Boosted Objects in SUSY Searches

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# SUSY: SEARCH STRATEGIES

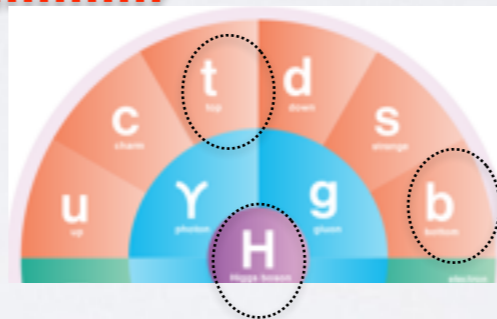
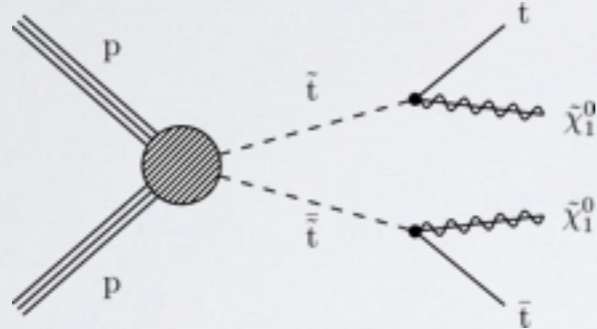
## Usual SUSY Suspects



For searches at low MET with RPV violation can trigger on high HT:

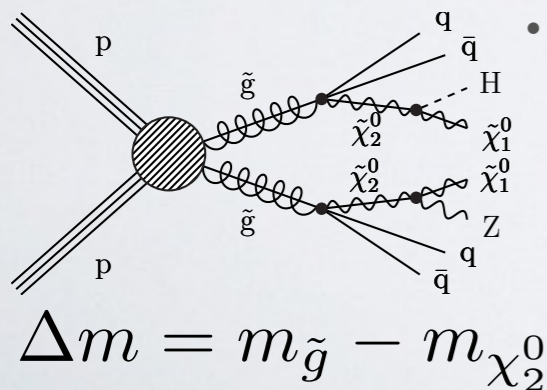
- **Strong Production**
- Somewhat “natural SUSY” inspired: LHC accessible light stops and gluinos

- Major looking-glass on these SUSY suspects are signatures with heavy flavor quarks

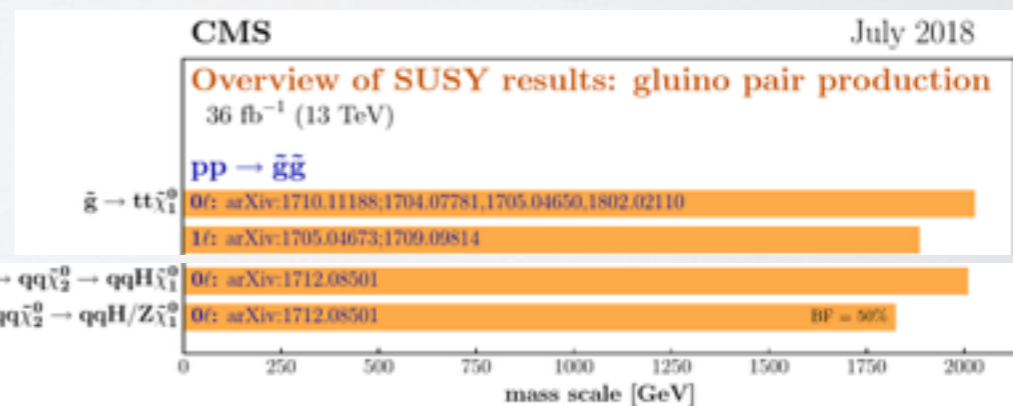


- Rely on high b-multiplicity and clumps of jets with large mass to discriminate against SM top production

- For R-parity conserving scenarios rely on MET triggers
- Tools like top-tagging take advantage of the SUSY mass scale (high pT tops where the mass can be resolved) vs. SM Top production



**Boosted Higgs or Vector boson tagging** can play a role in cascade decays from high mass gluinos: at low values gives both high MET and high pT bosons



# SUSY: SEARCH STRATEGIES

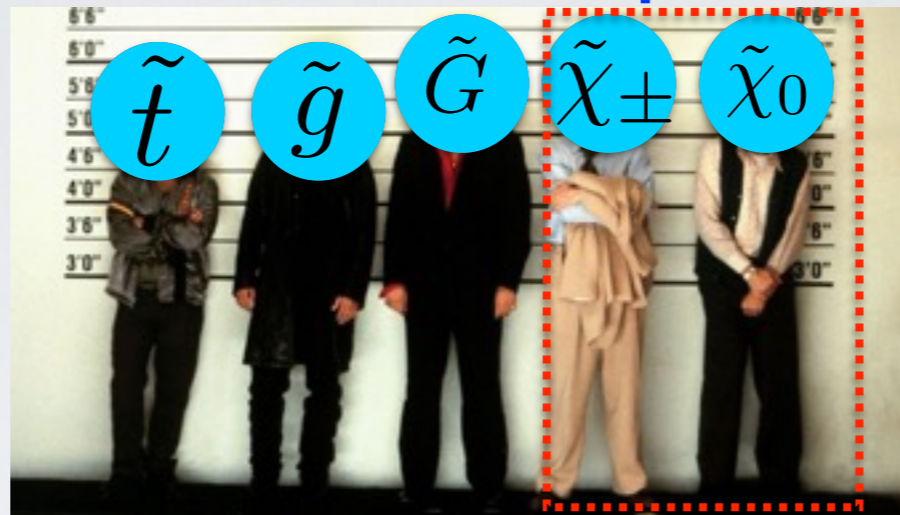
## Usual SUSY Suspects

- Given the high mass constraints on gluinos and stops, one can also focus on another part of the SUSY spectrum that is LHC accessible

### Electroweakinos

What is their mass spectrum?

- Weakly produced sparticles have lower production cross-sections compared to strong production
- Lower mass range with high xsec can result in more moderate MET, can trigger on one or more leptons from Vector bosons

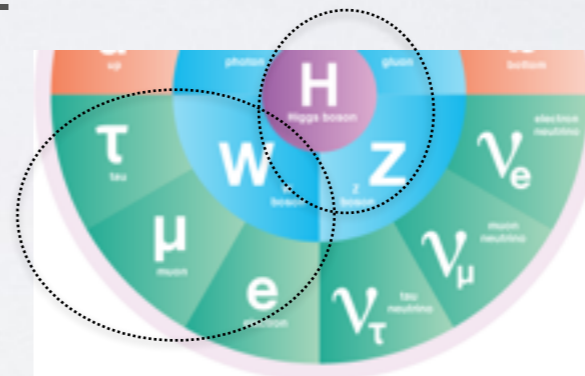


An interesting case [arxiv:1809.02097](#) GAMBIT fit shows what searches can drive a full model for EWMSSM where EWKinos

- Squarks and sleptons are decoupled from neutralinos and charginos. So that the main parameters are  $M1, M2, \mu, \tan \beta$

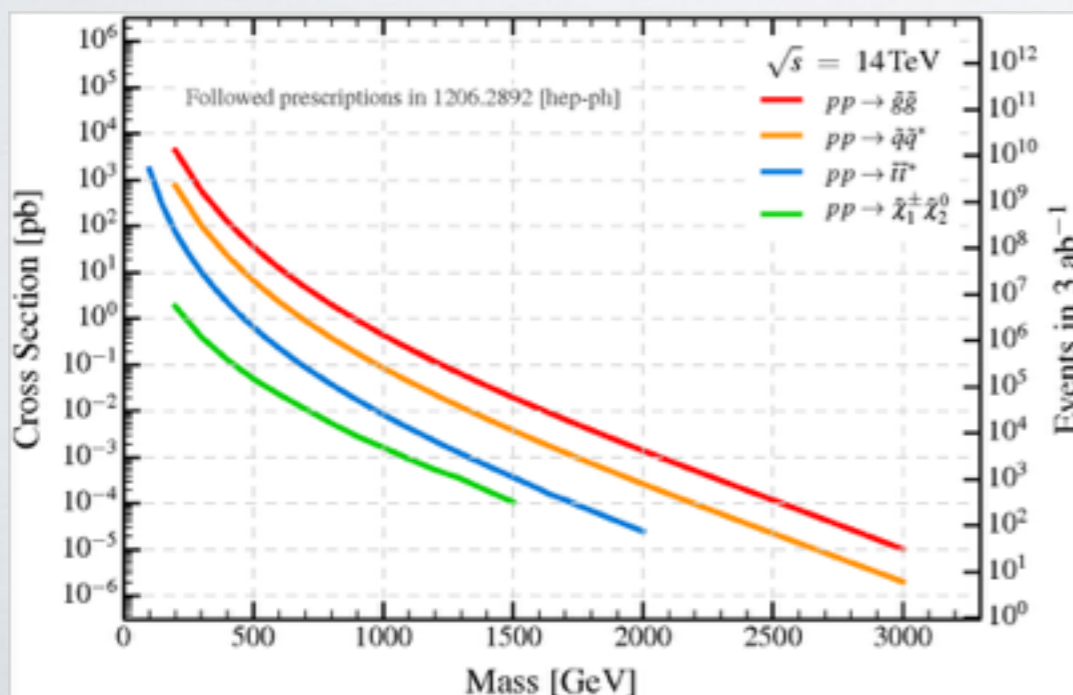
### Current searches that drive this model fit:

- WH-final states with 1-lepton: [SUS-16-043](#)
- On-Z search OSSF Leptons: [SUS-16-034](#)
- Ewkino Multi-lepton : [SUS-16-039](#)
- [ATLAS Higgsino search hh\(4b\)+MET](#)



### **BIG QUESTIONS with Boosted Objects:**

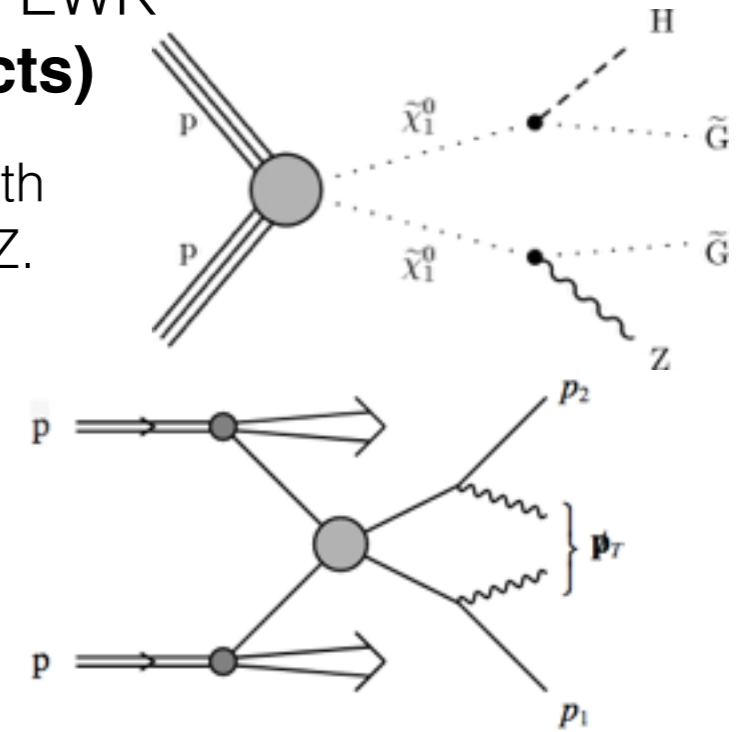
Can we take advantage of the hadronic parts of the W/Z decays?  
Can we squeeze Higgs tagging for the above searches with sub-structure?



# Benchmark Strategy: Opposite Sign Leptons

[SUS-16-034](#)

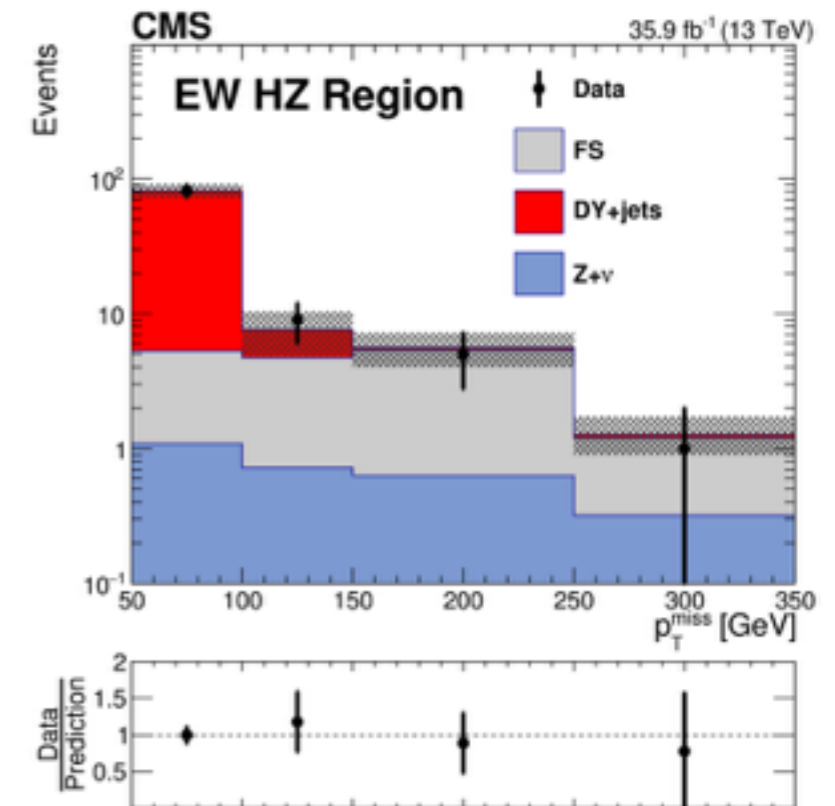
- This search is “inclusive” and meant to cover both strong and EWK scenarios with Z decays to OSSF leptons (**no boosted Objects**)
- A model of interest in Gauge mediated SUSY are neutralino production with near mass degenerate higgsinos (boost production xsec) BF=50% for H/Z. These results are recast in models like EwkMSSM in the previous slide.



## Signal Cut Flow for HZ signal events

Electroweak HZ Region	
HZ model, higgsino mass: 350 GeV	Events in 35.9 fb <sup>-1</sup>
Expected events	324.77
≥ 2 Leptons (e <sup>±</sup> e <sup>∓</sup> or μ <sup>±</sup> μ <sup>∓</sup> ) with (sub)leading p <sub>T</sub> > 25(20) GeV	76.15
Extra lepton vetos	70.31
Dilepton mass ∈ Z mass window (86,96) GeV	54.04
≥ 2 Jets	46.52
ΔΦ between MET and two highest p <sub>T</sub> jets > 0.4 rad	39.68
Exactly 2 btags	12.57
M <sub>T2</sub> (ℓbℓb) > 200 GeV	11.50
M <sub>bb</sub> < 150 GeV	11.04
E <sub>T</sub> <sup>miss</sup> > 100 GeV	9.46
E <sub>T</sub> <sup>miss</sup> > 150 GeV	7.74
E <sub>T</sub> <sup>miss</sup> > 250 GeV	3.71

Sensitivity up to 400 GeV in higgsino mass



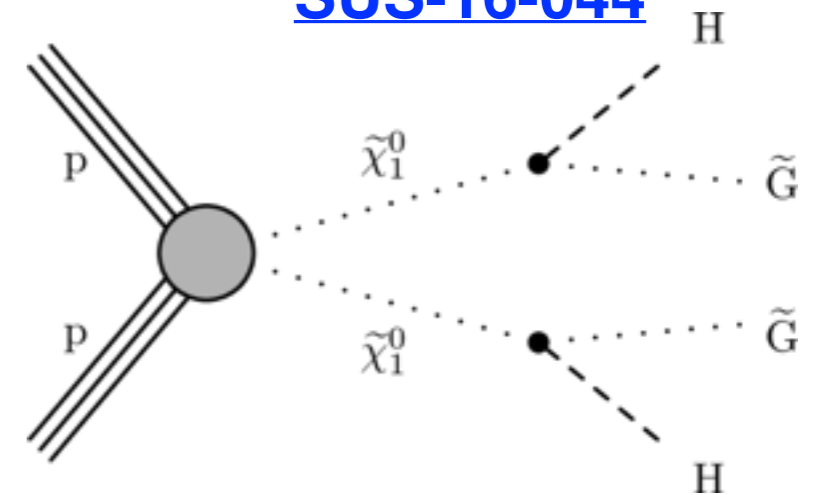
- Biggest reduction in signal is in requiring 2-leptons on-Z and also in requiring two b-tags
- For bkg rejection the search uses a general SUSY strategy of using a variable with an endpoint in SUSY signal (MT2) which is designed to reject top production (flavor symmetric bkg). The mass constraint on the Higgs is then fairly loose M<sub>bb</sub><150

• What happens if we consider this picture with only jets?

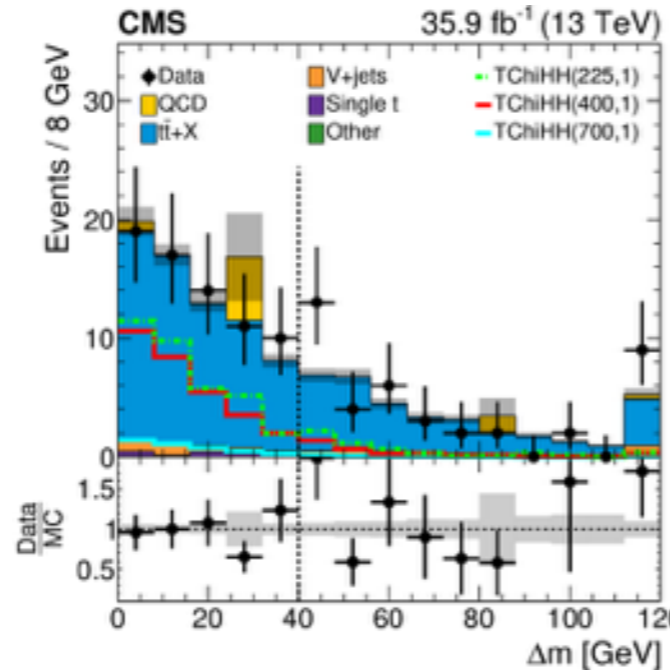
# Target Higgsino Search with b-jets

- Target 4b events from higgsino production resulting in decays with 2 Higgs
  - 1-Higgs with 2-b is swamped by top-production
- Use low MET thresholds in the L1 trigger starting at  $\sim 100\text{GeV}$  allowing for sensitivity to even low higgsino masses
- The two Higgs masses are resolved from the 4-highest ranked b-jets

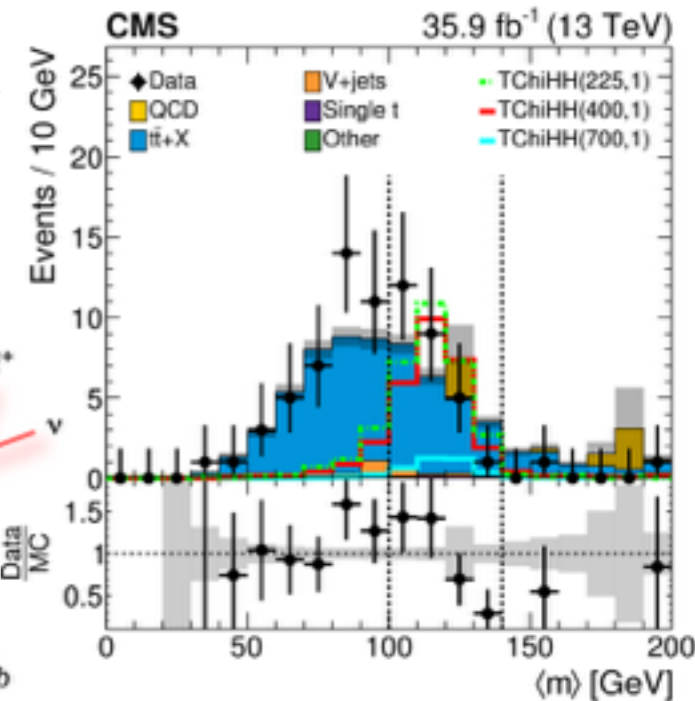
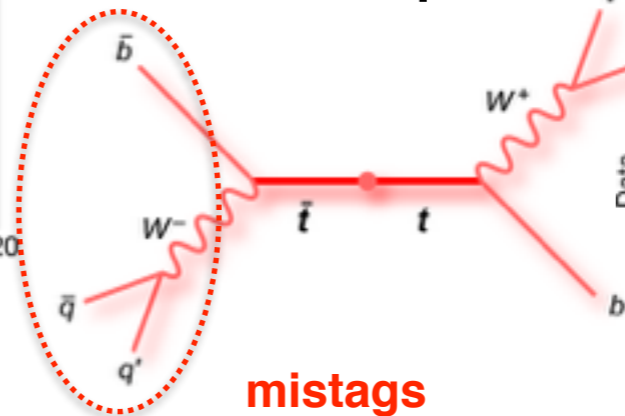
[SUS-16-044](#)



4-highest deep CSV value jets give 3 bb-pair combinations:  
Choose the pair with the smallest bb-mass difference



Cut on mass window based on the avg of the two Higgs candidates:  
**Higgs bump on top of bad combinations from Top**



H → bb mass constraint does suppress TTbar here

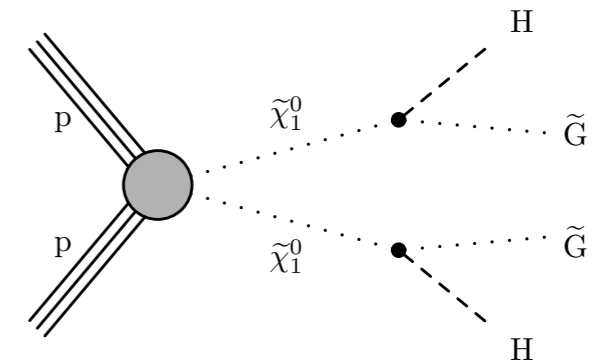
What happens if we consider this picture with only jets?

**Sensitivity from 200 to 800 GeV in Higgsino mass**

# Targeted Higgs+MET searches

## [SUS-16-044](#): Resolved Higgs Search for Higgsinos

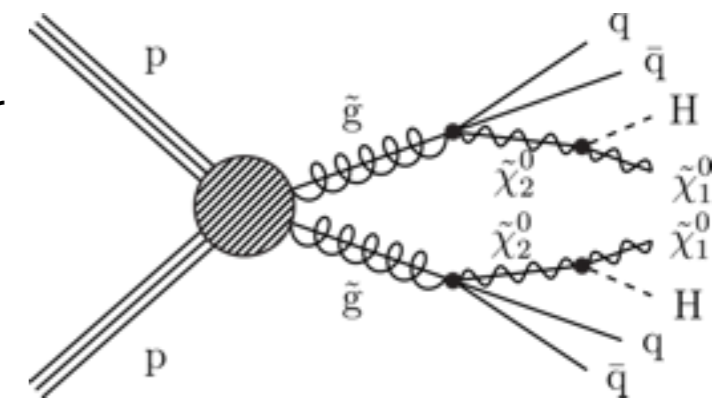
- **Use AK4 jets with deep CSV b-tagging** to resolve the higgs based on the top 4 b-like jets:  $(4 \text{ choose } 2)/2 = 3$  combinations
- All events have two Higgs candidates resolved from 4 b-jets



**Sensitive to Higgsino masses out to 800GeV**

## [SUS-17-006](#): Boosted Higgs Search for Gluinos

- **Use sub-structure of AK8 jets:** Use the same double-b tagger as in [B2G-16-026](#) at high MET (use a high MET L1 trigger)
- This allows an additional handle to suppress TTBar (2b content vs. 1b)
- Get a single Higgs Object: AK8 jet that passes double-b tag. Can have a category with just 1-Higgs for H(Z/W) +MET Final states
- **Two signals are clearly related so that the analyses can be combined to cover a broad Higgs pT range**
  - SUSY analogy would be top-tagging: Divide events into **Boosted** and **Resolved** H categories and try to make an intermediate region to cover any intermediate pT that is missed

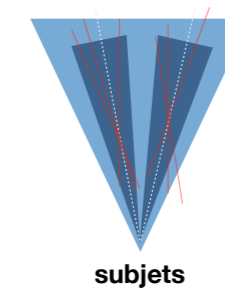
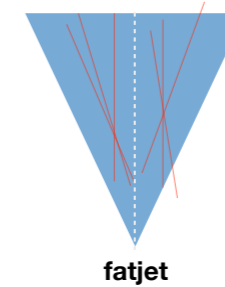


**Sensitive to gluino masses out to 2TeV**

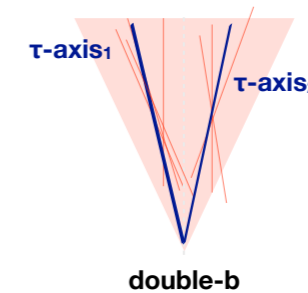
# Double-b Tag for Higgs

[BTV-15-002](#)

Too loose



Too tight

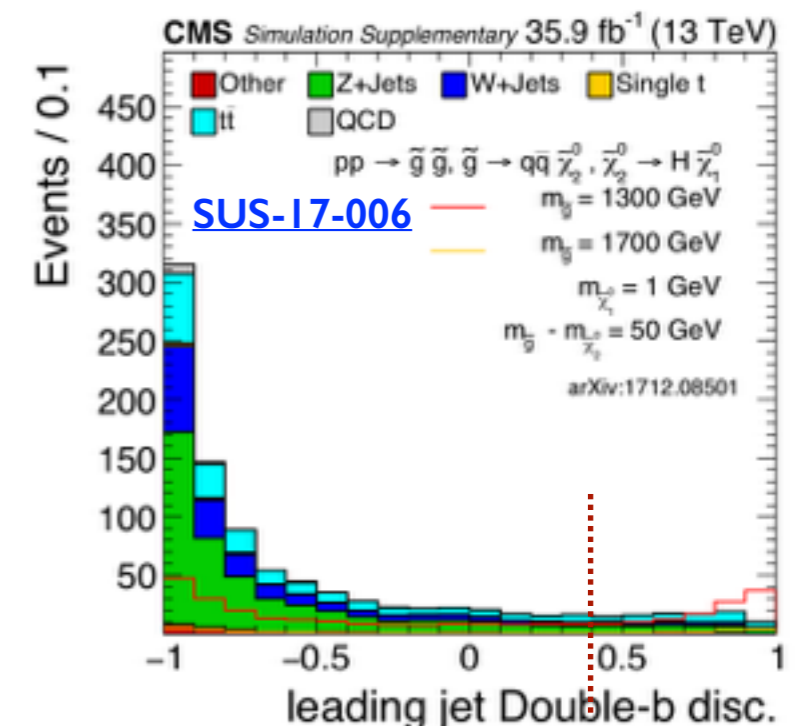


Just right!

- Want a measure of the heavy flavor content of a wide cone jet
  - **Loose tag:** use b-tagging on the large cone jets. This will have no rejection power against jets from top
  - **Tight tag:** Decluster the jet into two sub-jets and require each subjet to be b-tagged. This will reject top jets, but can be too tight given the number of tracks in each subjet (require a SIP)
  - **Double-b tag:** Use the subjets for the b-direction and check for SV's that you can find along that direction. Also make use of the opening angle for a heavy particle decay

- Search for Higgs production at large missing energy;

- Low MET searches are dominated by the bulk of QCD-multijets.
- For SUSY we we are dominated by mistags and single-b background from top



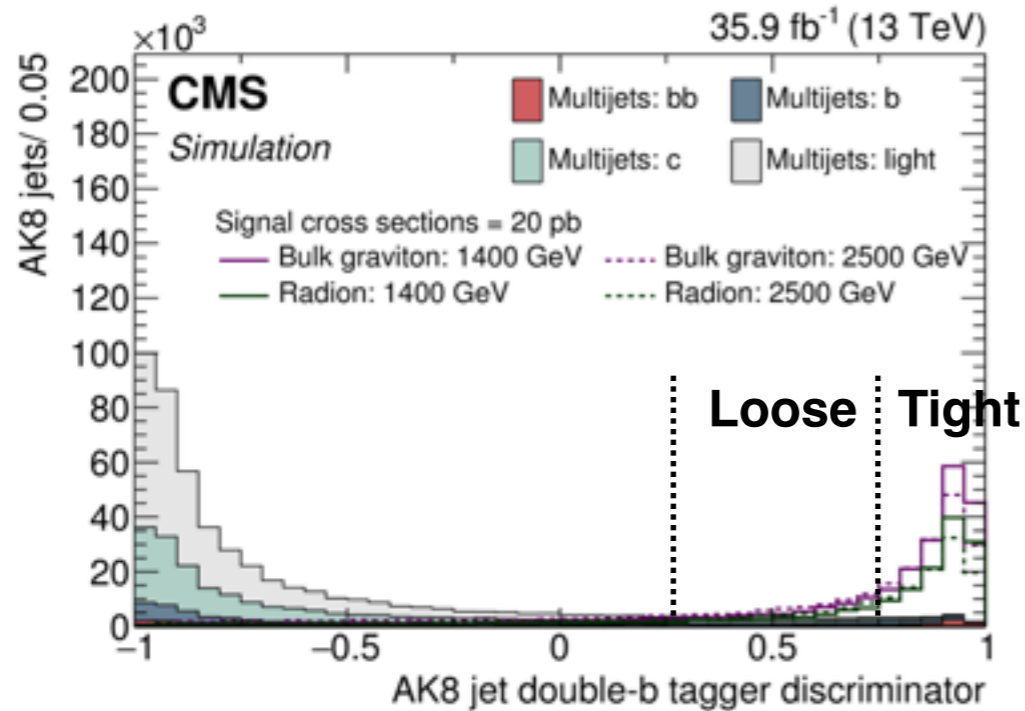
# Radion/Graviton vs. Gluino search with the same Higgs tag: Both look for Higgs as decay products of massive particles

**B2G-16-026**  
Resonance

MET > 300 GeV

**SUS-17-006**  
Counting

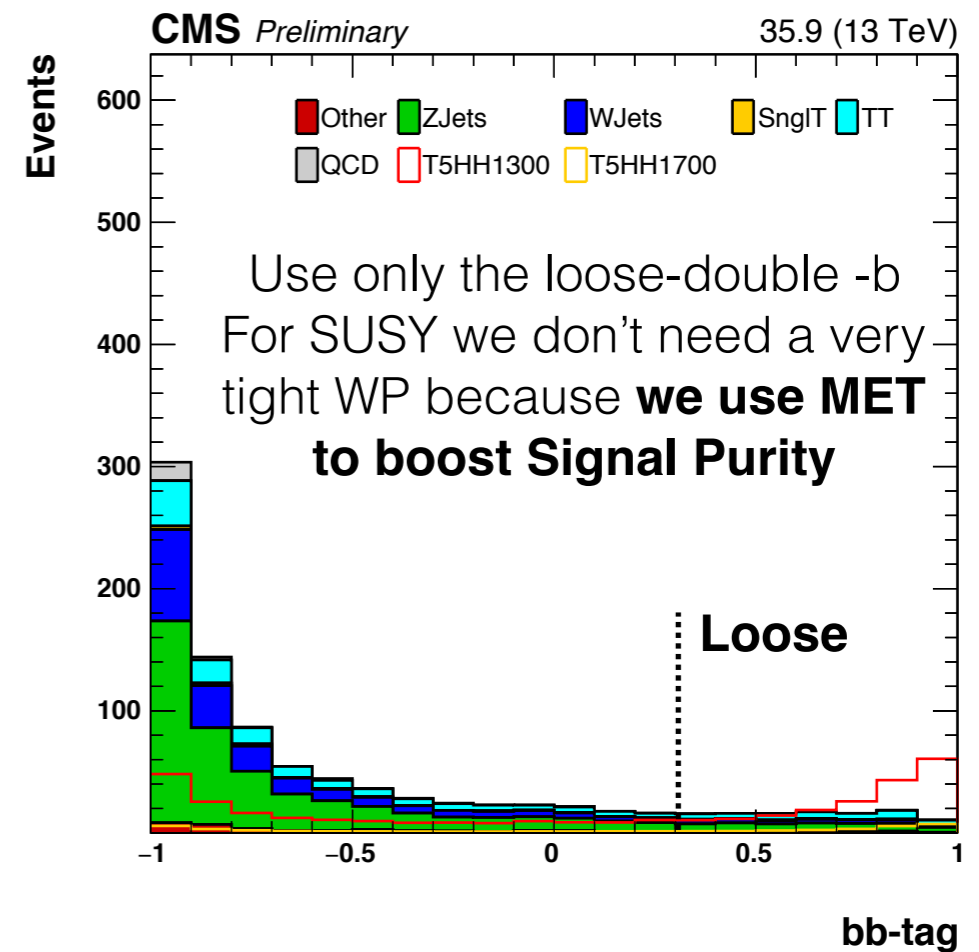
## Bkg: QCD Multijet



g → bb is particularly tough the main difference with signal is the opening angle between sub-jet axes  
Make Tight/Loose category based on double-b

Event category	Jet	Soft-drop mass (GeV)	Double-b tagger discriminator
Signal (LL)	j <sub>1</sub> j <sub>2</sub>	105–135	>0.3, but not both >0.8
Signal (TT)	j <sub>1</sub> j <sub>2</sub>		>0.8

## Bkg: mis-tags in VJets and single b in TTbar



Loosening the cut even further, would help to model the background in the Signal region



# Radion/Graviton vs. Gluino search both use the mass sideband for a data-driven mass estimate

**SUS-17-006**  
Counting

**B2G-16-026**

Resonance

Antitag LL (0-H tags) here is a signal region for the SUSY search

Signal (LL)	j1		0.3–0.8
	j2	105–135	
Signal (TT)	j1		>0.8
	j2		
Antitag (LL)	j1		<0.3
	j2	105–135	0.3–0.8
Antitag (TT)	j1		<0.3
	j2		>0.8

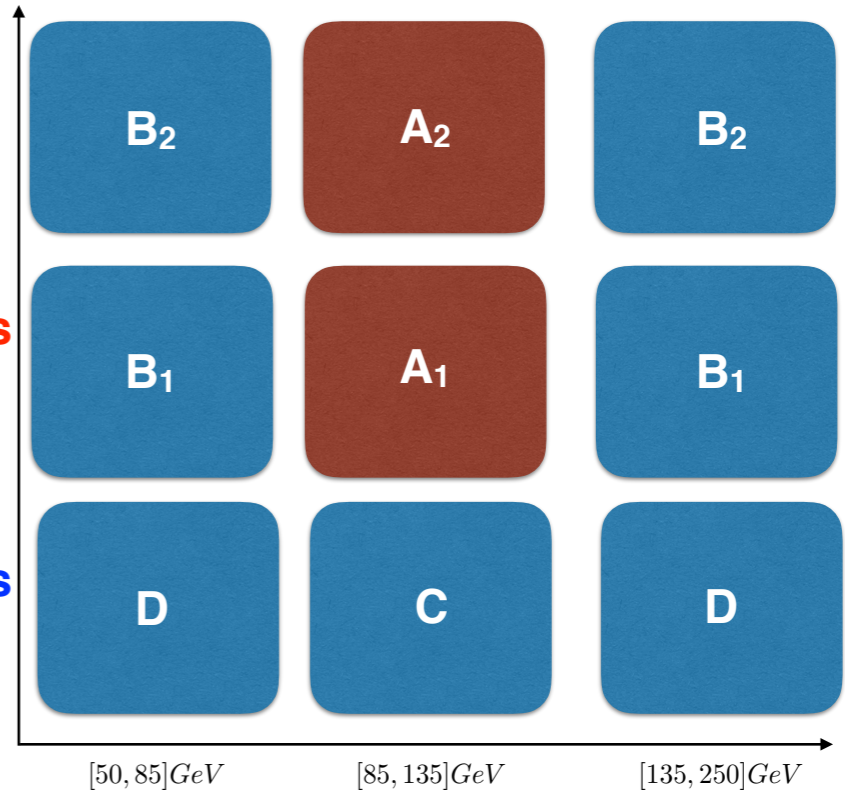
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Tagging Requirement

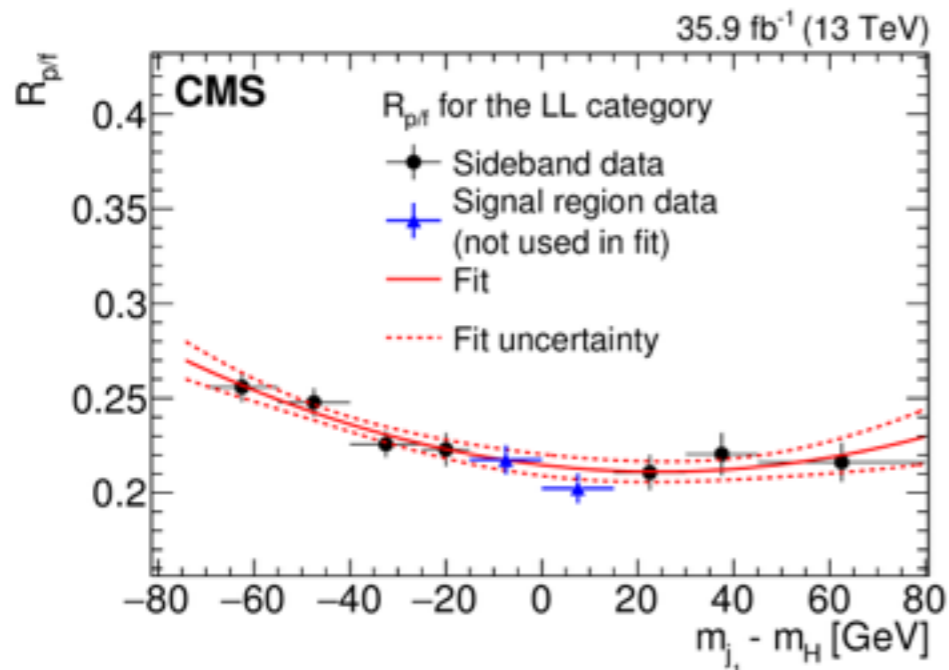
2 Higgs tag

1 Higgs tag

0 Higgs tag

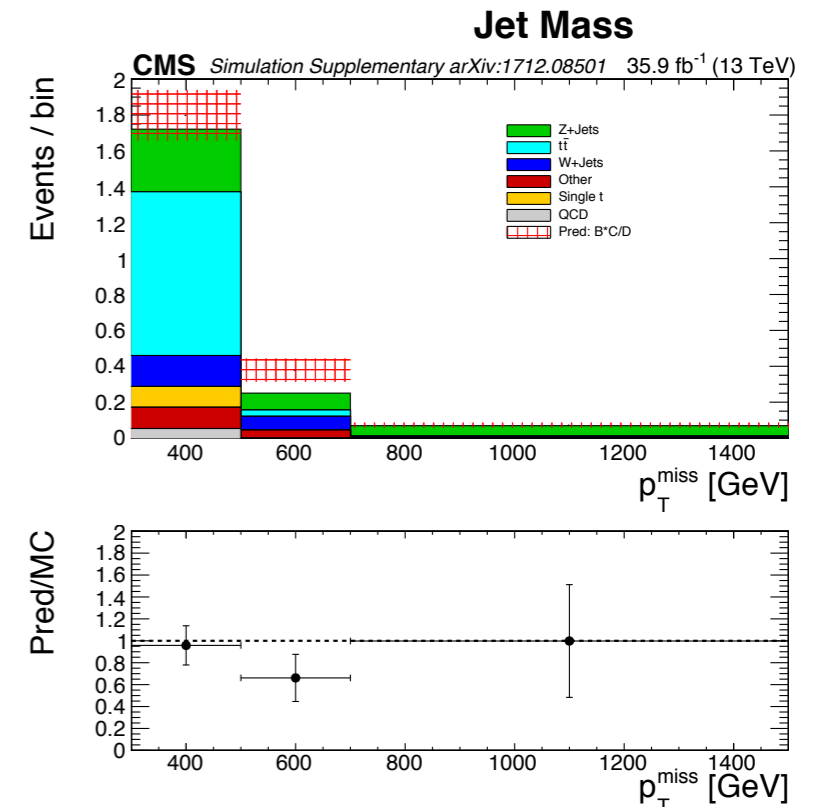


For the high bkg SB stats in B2G you can fully parameterize the B/D ratio in the sidebands



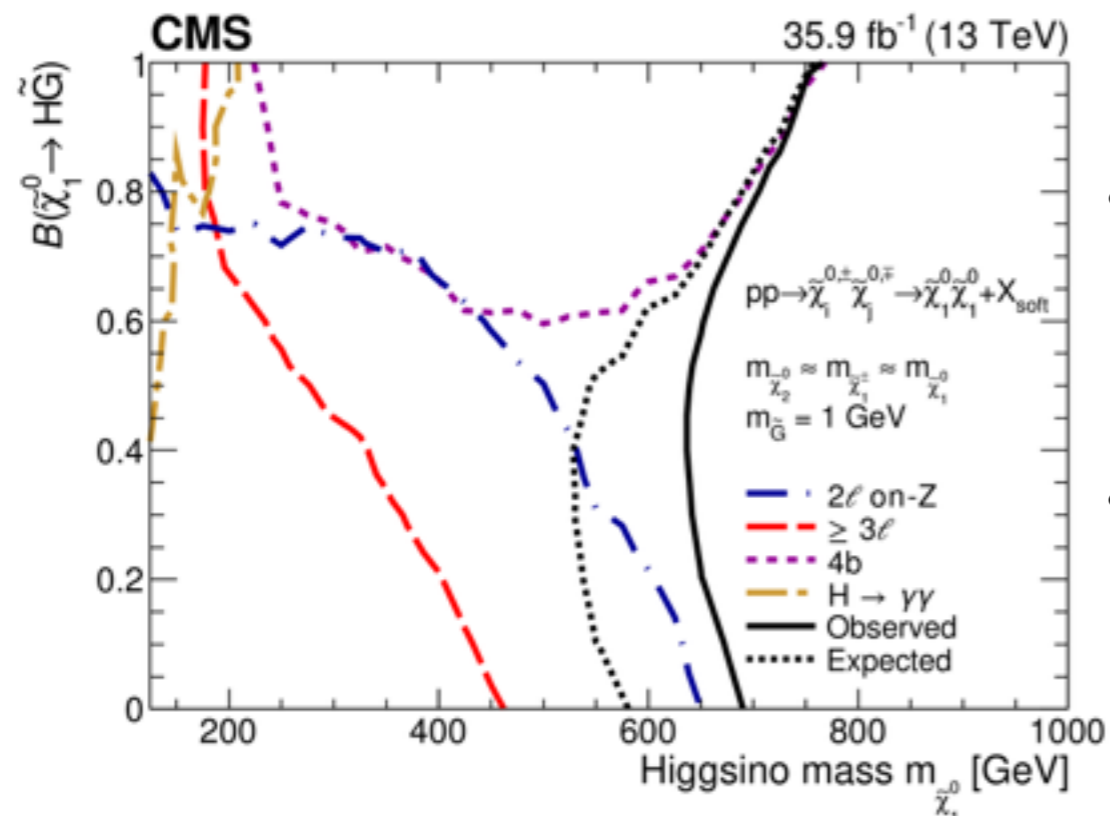
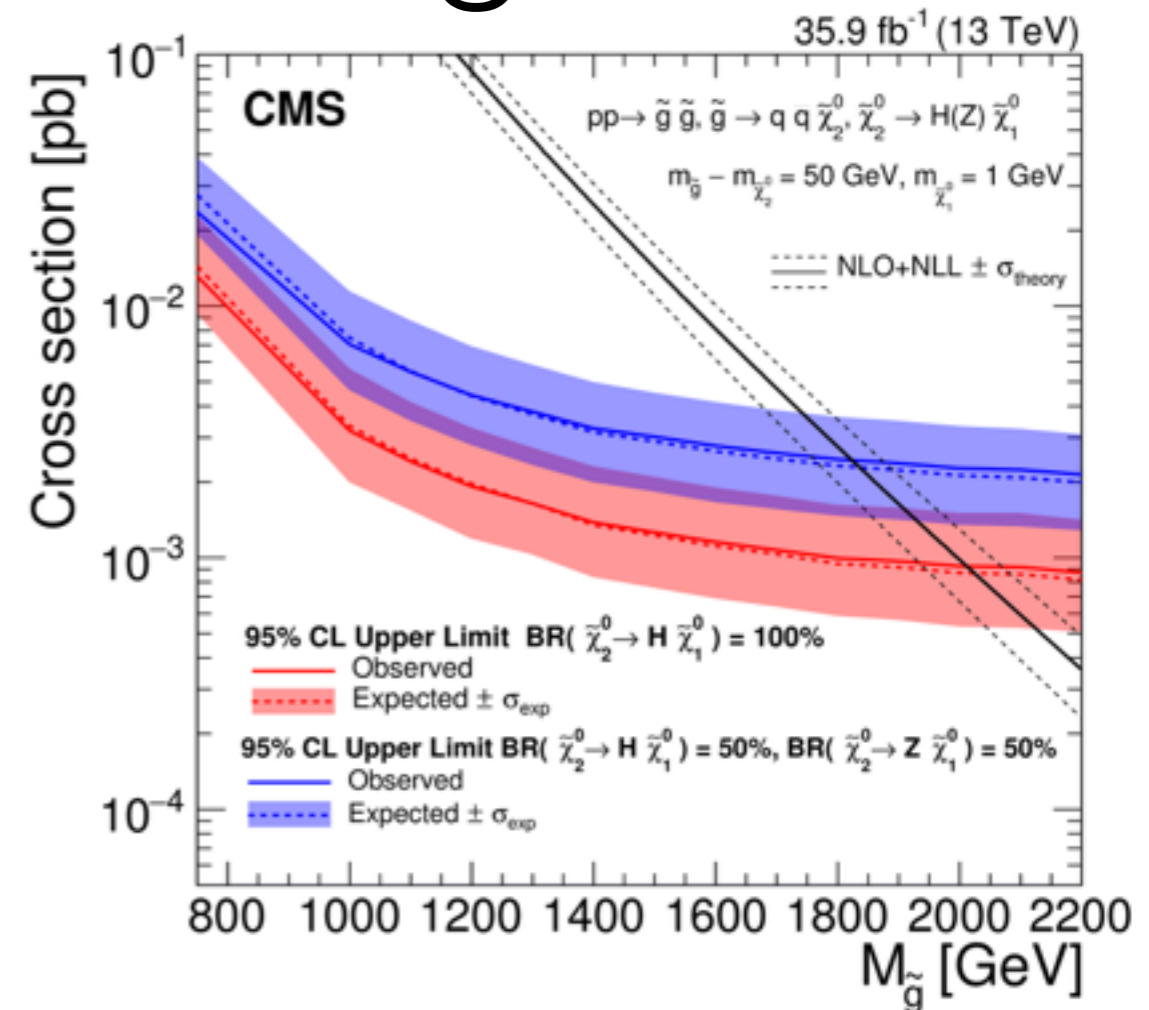
Here we have to use MC scaled by Data/MC to test correlations in double-b and Jet mass

Assign  $\kappa$  correction based on closure in each MET bin



# Results for HH+MET signal

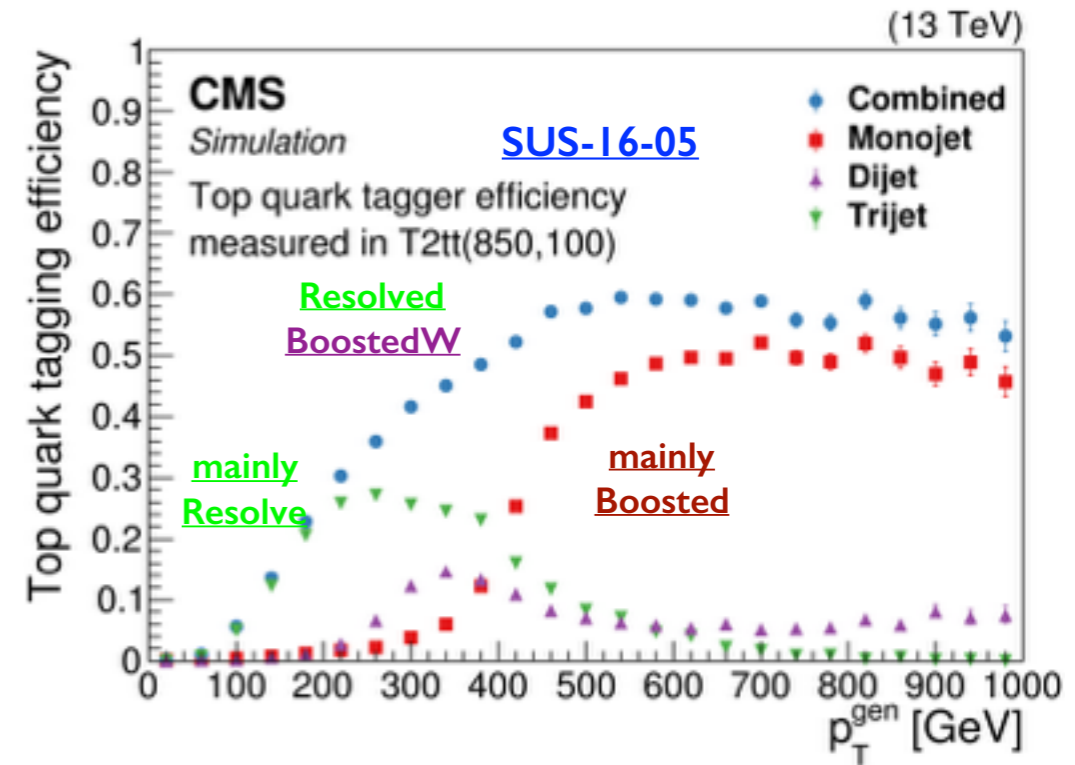
- **For the boosted case:** We look at two cases of gluino decay:
  - 2 Higgs final states
  - 1 Higgs Final states with a Z
- Limits shown exclude a wide range of heavy gluino masses, which can translate to sensitivity to high mass Higgsino decays to HH and HZ



- There are many nice features of complementarity between the **resolved** and **boosted** searches:
  - Can separate events based on the presence of AK8 jets (signal and control samples then are independent)
  - **Resolved** search looks for HH events (2b is a control region) **boosted** search has sensitivity to HZ models (lower BF in the Higgsino plot)

# Combining Resolved and Boosted

- Also try to catch the in between cases with one boosted and one resolved H->bb candidate
- Simplest possibility: use mutually exclusive signal bins
  - Start from purest case of 2 boosted H->bb candidates (a la SUS-17-006)
  - Then consider 1 boosted + 1 resolved
  - End with 2 resolved case (a la SUS-16-044)



## Combine Exclusive Categories of Higgs pT

Decreasing pT

**2 boosted H**  
 2 AK8 Jets  
 in pruned Mass  
 window  
 [85,135]GeV  
2 Categories:  
 1 or 2 double-b  
 tags

**SUS-17-006**

**1 boosted H**  
**+1 Resolved**  
  
**1 boosted H**  
**+ 1 AK4 bjet**

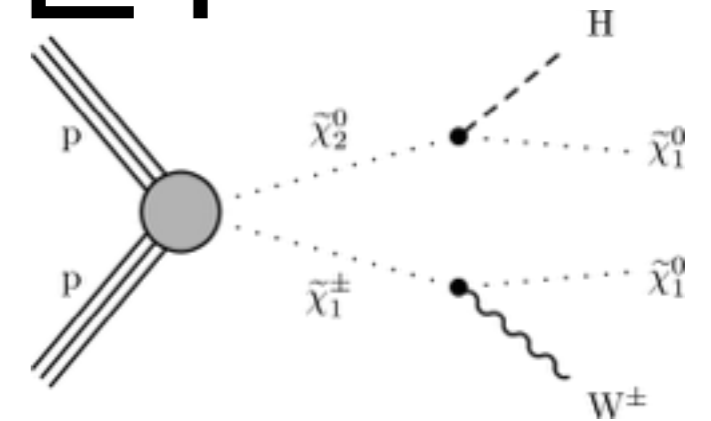
**2 resolved H**  
  
 4-5 AK4 Jets  
 3 or 4 deep  
 CSV b-tags

**SUS-16-044**

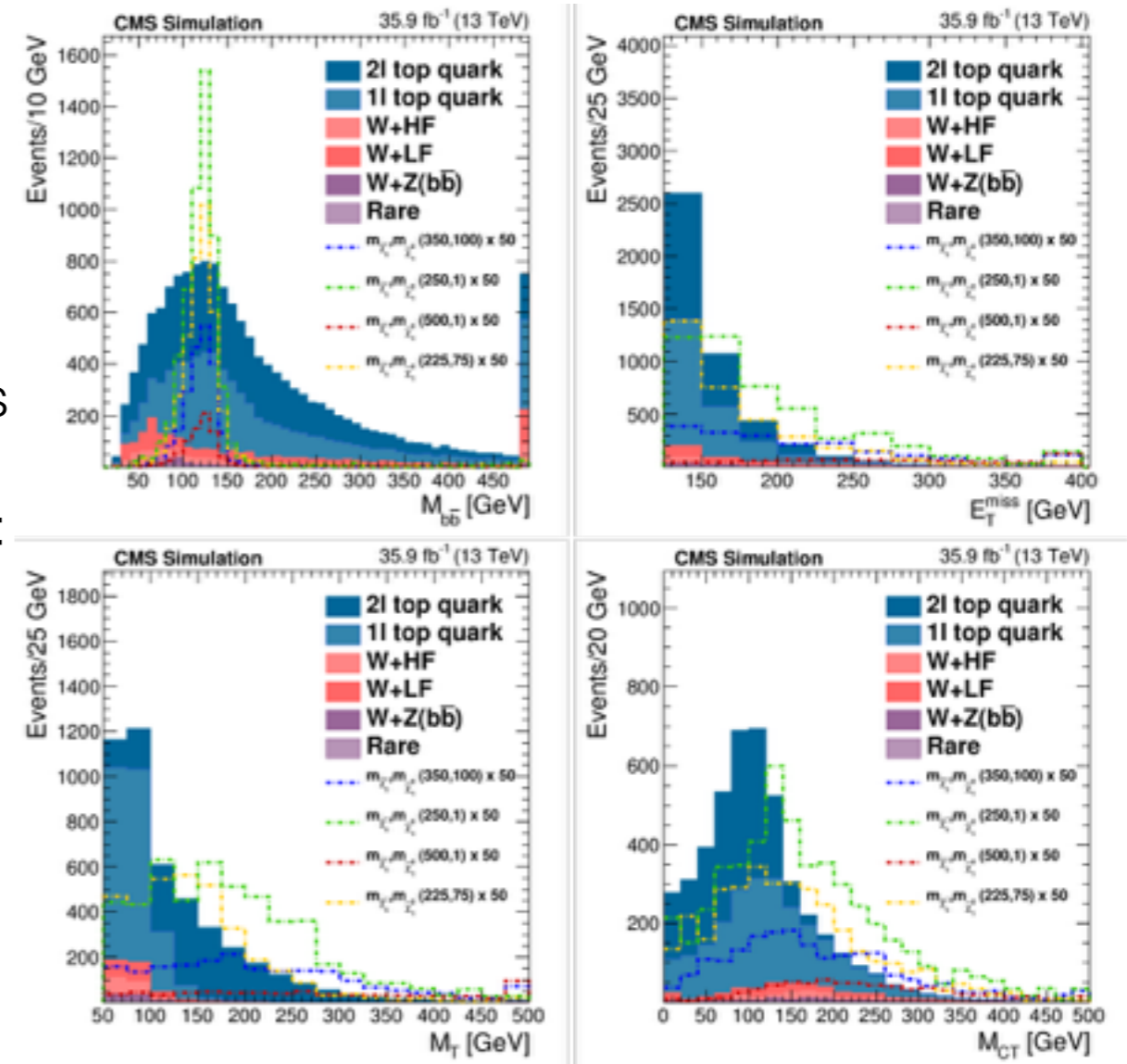
- This is pretty analogous to the top tagging categories: Fully Merged, boosted W (partially merged) fully resolved
- Use resolved case to catch the events that aren't caught by the boosted H tag. And look for blind spots between publications
- 1 H-tag is still exclusive from these categories

# SUSY: WH + MET

- Consider boosted techniques for the wino-like Ewkinos: [SUS-16-043](#)
- These are complementary 1-Lepton events to the searches with only jets, used in GAMBIT recasting for constraining the wino-like component



- 1-Lepton requirement along with 2-btags also makes this a H bump hunt on top of SM Top production (mainly di-leptonic)
  - 2-btags no problem of choosing combinations
- Use standard endpoint variables to suppress top: MT, MCT (cotransverse mass)
  - Can the MCT cut be loosened when you have a boosted Higgs tag? Double-b tag also suppresses top production
  - Current high mass exclusion here is up to ~500GeV. Higher mass neutralinos can start to give a larger H pT

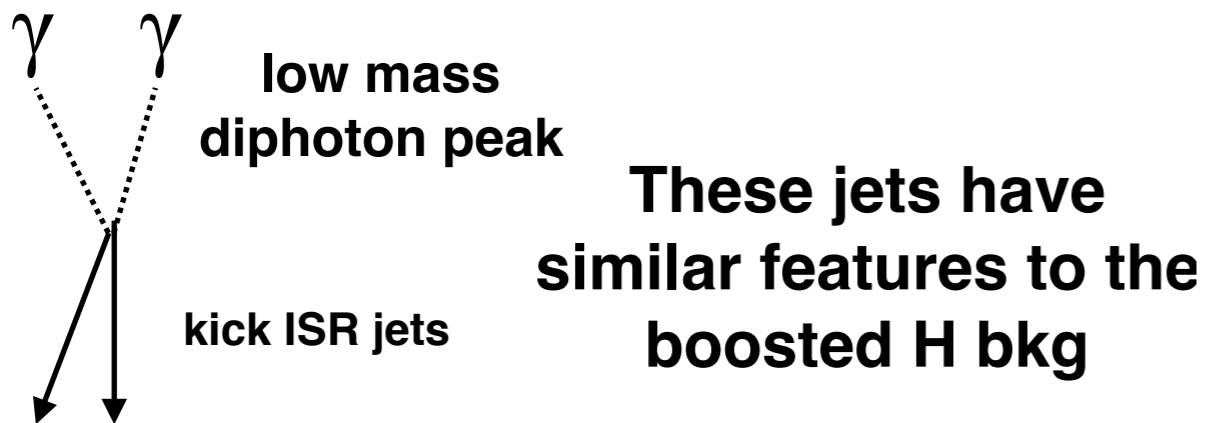


# Interlude: Low Mass Scales at L1

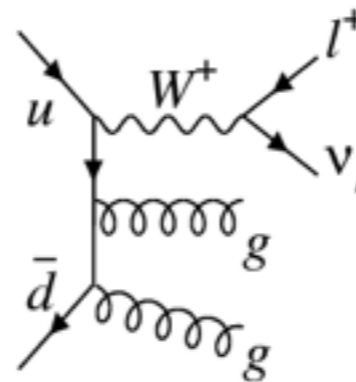
- A key feature of all searches is that some phase-space is clipped by the L1-Trigger: e.g. RPV searches in Abhijith's talk and also those in published in SUSY

- **Can low HT signals be saved by substructure??**

Consider very low resonances from axion-like particles: [arxiv: 1710.01743](https://arxiv.org/abs/1710.01743)



## V+Jets bkg at high MET

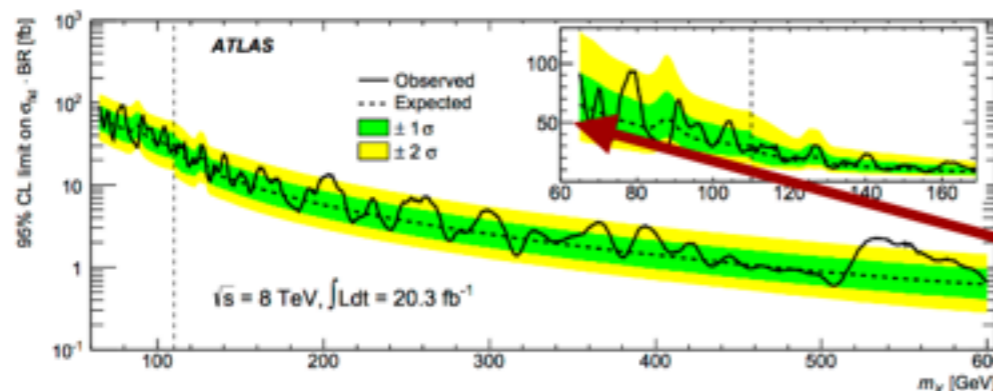


- There might be some structure to these gluons that causes them to be double-b tagged in V +Jets events:

- This is what you want to consider in an HT +substructure trigger to have lower HT thresholds for all searches with jets

For this phase-space there is hole between 10-65GeV

[Talk from HL-LHC Workshop](#)



**diphoton :**

**low-mass reach 65 GeV**

In Run2, SUSY made a L1 optimization using soft-leptons to lower the L1 MET threshold.

This is a substructure could be a similar optimization for HT: Other exciting signals are Exotic h decays

**Can we go below that?**

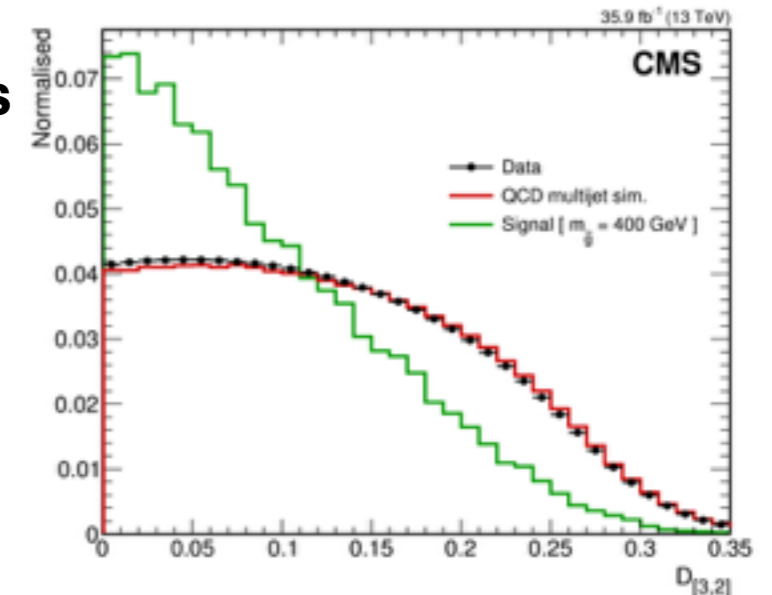
**Abhijith is working on this, but who else?**

# EXO: RPV Trijet Searches

EXO-17-030

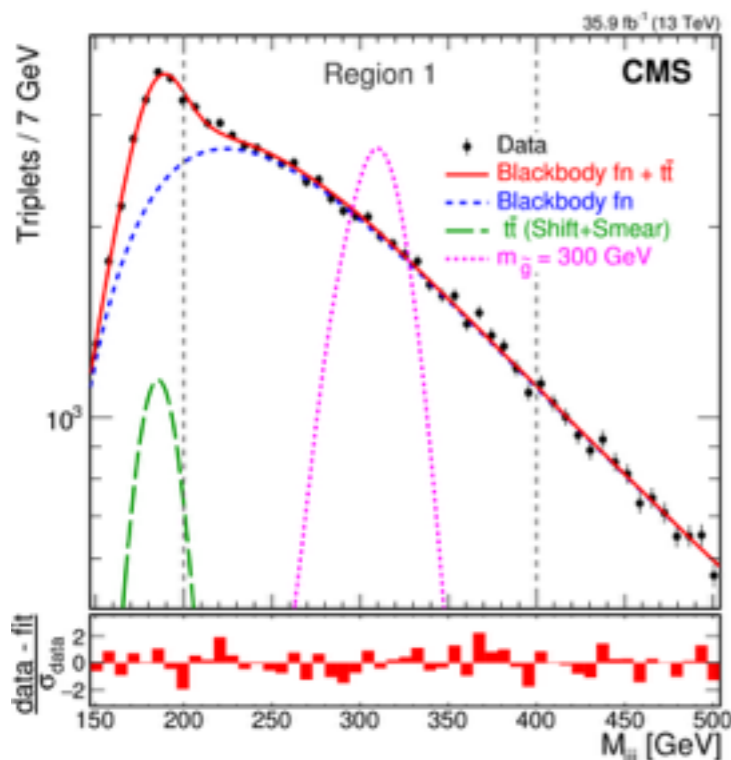
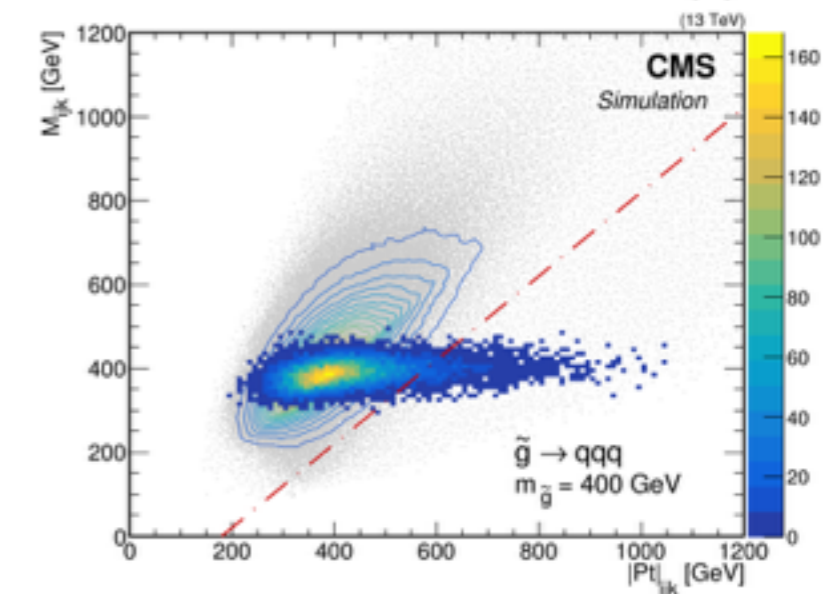
- Bump hunt in three quark jets on the QCD bulk background:**

- Lots of 3-jet combinations in events with at least six jets: **20 triplets per event!** Choose the best 2
- Even signal events can have bad combinations!
- To choose good combinations** use angular spread of jets in a triplet and Dalitz variables originally used for Kaon decays, make dijet pairs inside the triplet )



- Once you have triplet candidates:**

- Cut on mass asymmetry of the two triplets
- Diagonal cut on triplet vs. scalar sum pT of jets in the combination



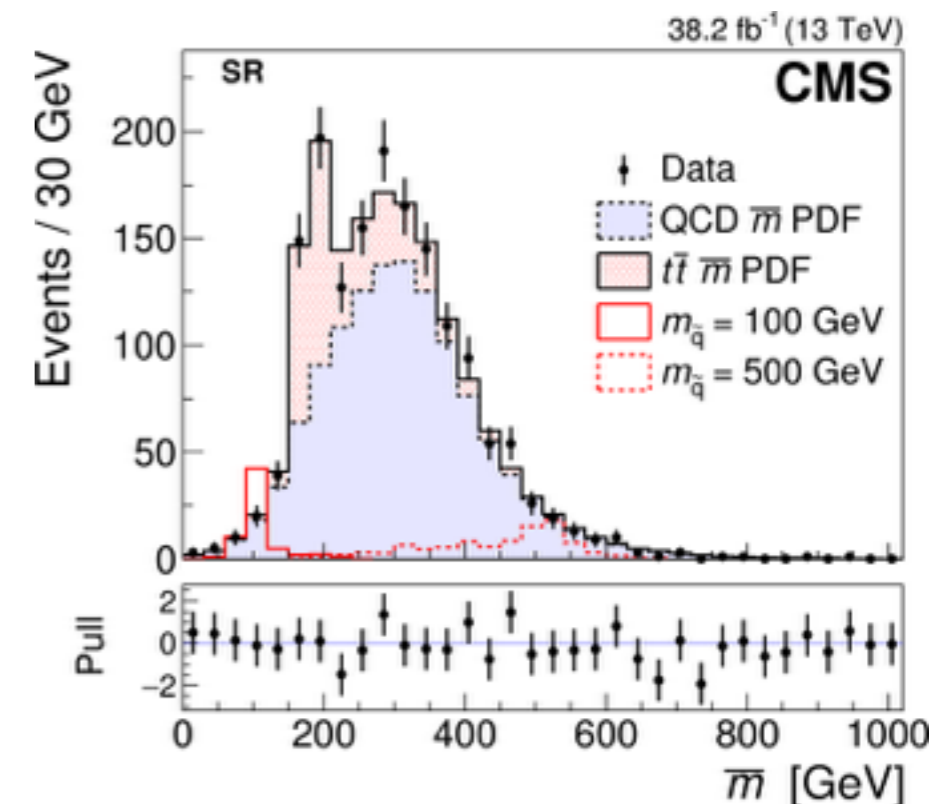
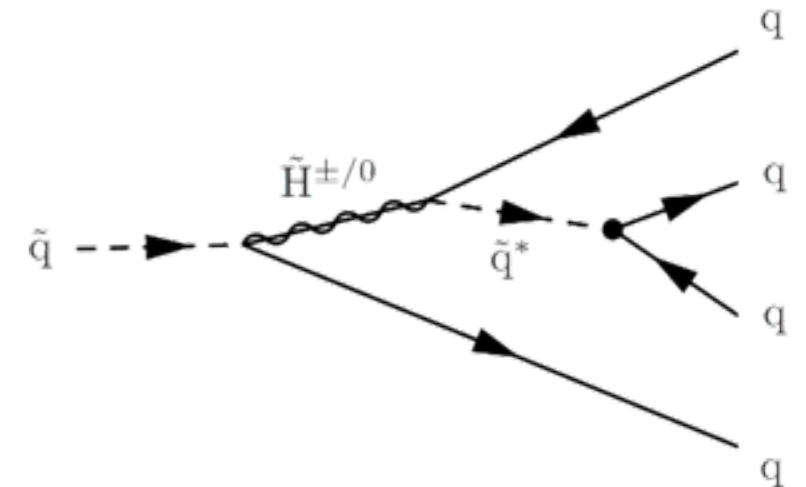
- Jet HT triggers used (HT > 800 jet pT > 40 GeV) collected for high mass search region
- Lower mass range down to 200 GeV use PF scouting trigger (HT > 410 with jet pT > 20 GeV) CAN GO EVEN FURTHER Down with sub-structure**

- Combinatorial QCD background follows black-body radiation formula for  $dN/dM(jjj)$  for the turn on at 6 jets. Top is just a low mass tri-jet peak

# EXO: RPV Boosted Searches

- Trigger on high HT events ( $HT > 900 \text{ GeV}$ )
- Decays to quad jet resonances really requires “fat-jets” (CA12), sub-jettiness, and pruned mass:
  - Focus on back to back gluino/squark decays (lesser chance of bad combinations in signal)
  - Fat jet tag:  $p_T > 200 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $\tau_{42} < 0.5$ ,  $\tau_{43} < 0.8$
  - Fat jet-pairs: mass asymmetry less than 0.1,  $|\Delta\eta| < 1.0$ , avg the mass of the pairs
- Can derive a PDF for QCD and top production in b-tagged and not b-tagged control regions
  - **Have sensitivity to very low mass signals down to 100 GeV!** Low signal acceptance but huge cross section, AND cleaner signal with lower number of combinations

[EXO-17-022](#)

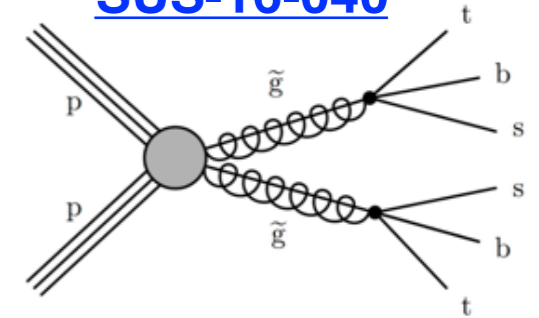


# Minimal Flavor Violating RPV SUSY

## RPV Violating Terms in Super-potential

$$W = \frac{1}{2} \lambda^{ijk} L_i L_j \bar{e}_k + \lambda'^{ijk} L_i Q_j \bar{d}_k + \frac{1}{2} \lambda''^{ijk} \bar{u}_i \bar{d}_j \bar{d}_k + \mu^i L_i H_u.$$

SUS-16-040



- Consider more specific RPV scenarios where **RPV couplings are large for heavy flavor quarks**

- In this search, look for new physics on top of semi-leptonic Top:
  - Don't resolve the trijet-mass BUT discriminate SUSY **mass scale (M<sub>J</sub>)** from top

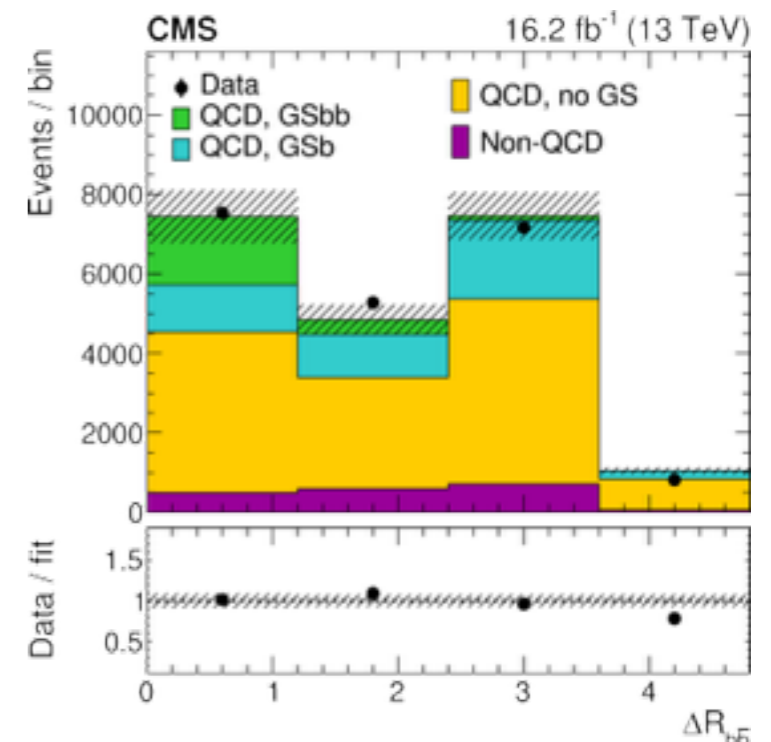
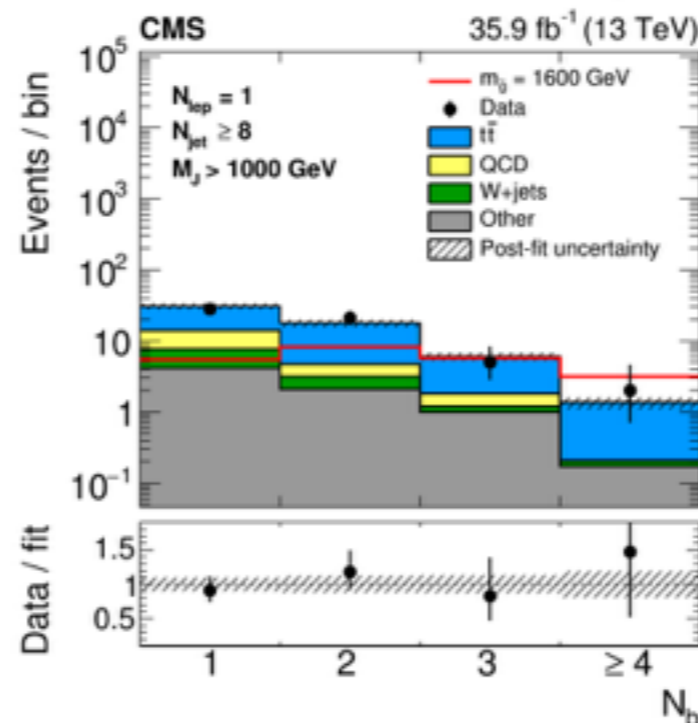
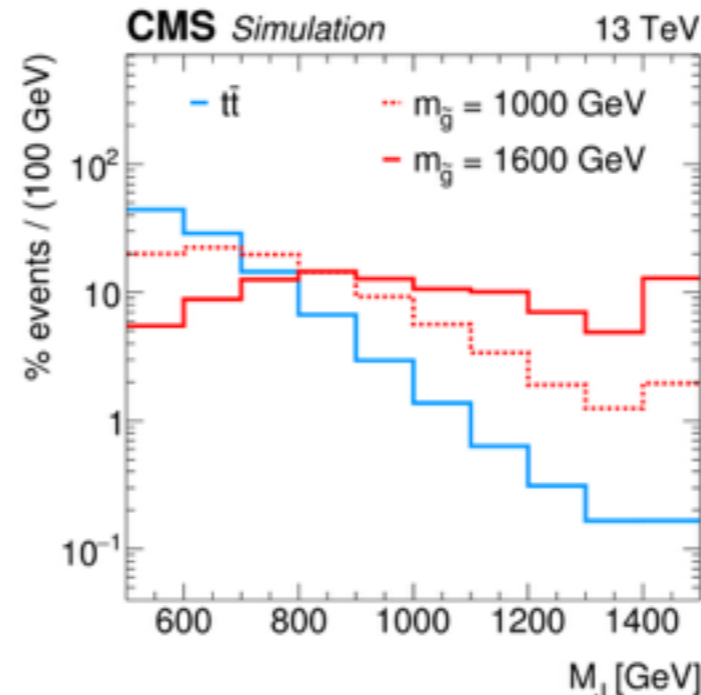
$$M_J = \sum_{J_i \in \text{large-R jets}} m(J_i).$$

Cluster AK4 jets into a single jet R=1.2 (can then **use AK4 b-tags**) and bin in number of Ak4 jets

M <sub>J</sub> [GeV]	N <sub>jet</sub>		
	4-5	6-7	≥8
500-800	CR	CR	SR
800-1000	CR	SR	SR
>1000	CR	SR	SR

- Construct a likelihood fit to b-tags across the search bins:

- Top is the main background BUT still need to understand **QCD g → bb systematic on the b-shape**
- Background can be further suppressed by double-b tags



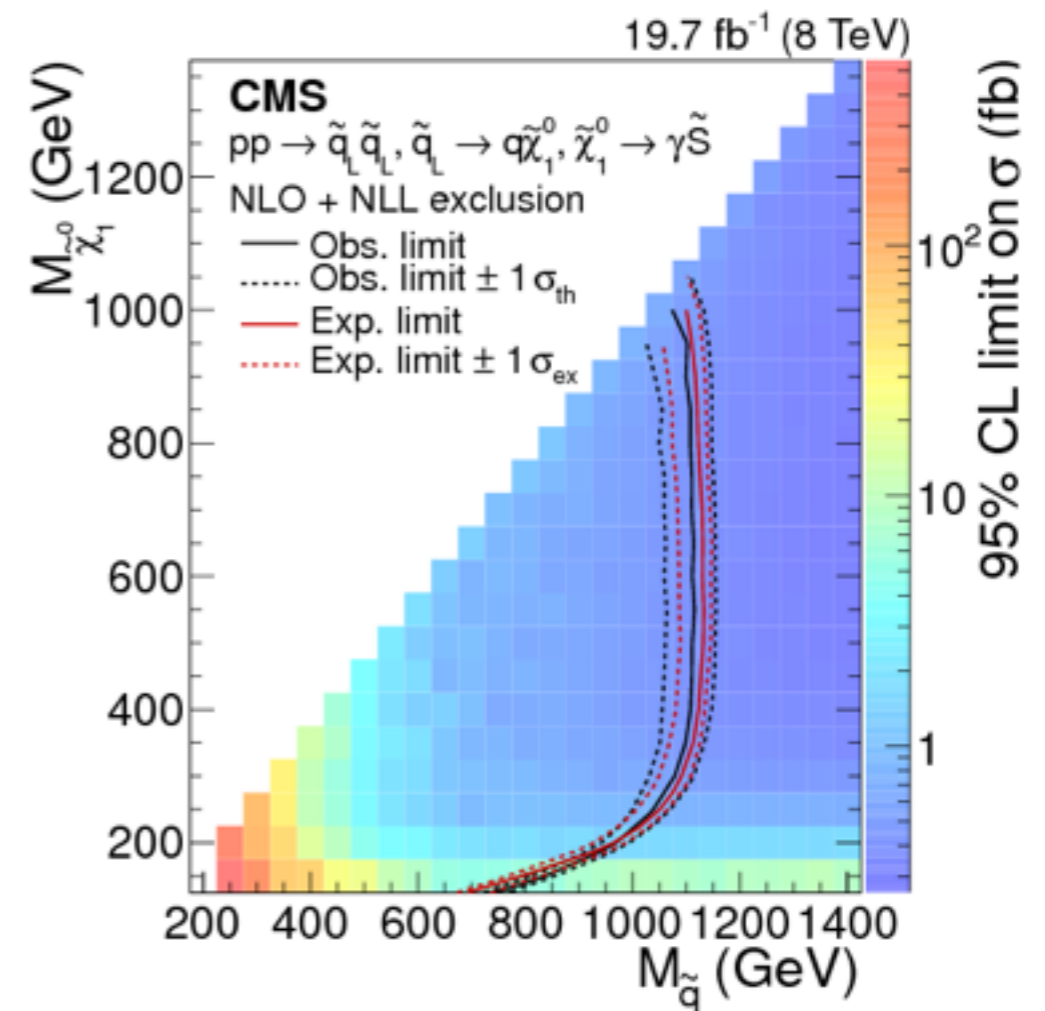
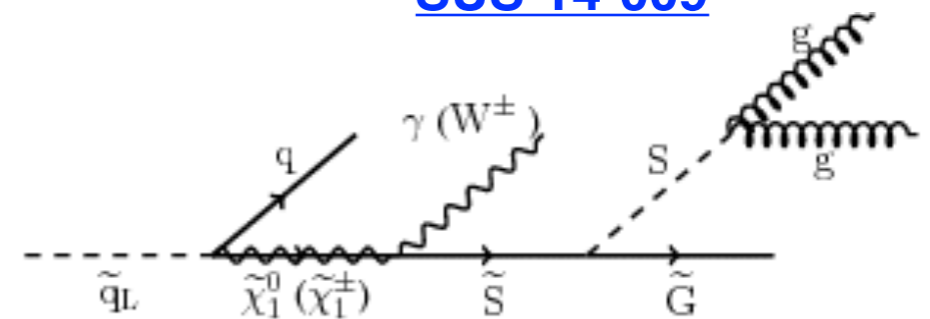
**Top tails in m<sub>J</sub>** are driven mainly by ISR with contributions overlapping with the b-jets while the **signal is driven by jets merge due to the boost** from the gluino



# SUSY Stealth with Photons

- Stealth is another SUSY model that conserves R-parity but still has no intrinsic MET
  - Planned search consists of diphoton events binned in ST (scalar sum of all Obj pT)
- At high squark mass but low neutralino mass results in a collimated decay of photons and gluons
  - This plummets the sensitivity due to the isolation requirement on photons
  - B2G search recover these photons by de-clustering the fat jets and identifying the photon constituent (specific ID for photons found inside of jets)

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# Summary

- Though boosted jets have been mainly used for searches for strong production with tops, but they are being extended to **Ewkino production** and RPV scenarios also
  - These techniques could add high purity bins with boosted jets can be combined with searches with narrow cone jets or with 1-lepton
  - Provide complementary results to leptonic searches currently used to constrain neutralino and chargino masses
- The backgrounds in boosted topologies also become interesting to try to hone in on interesting events with jets recoiling against invisible or low mass particles. This could **potentially lower the minimum HT thresholds in the trigger with sub-structure**
- **RPV in heavy flavor scenarios** can benefit from double-b or top tagging with sub-structure in wide cone jets
- **RPV in EXO** multi-jet scenarios is a game of choosing jet combinations. Wide cone jets with anti-kT or even variable cone jets can lasso tri-jet or quad-jet combinations from squark or gluino decays
- In the **stealth scenario in B2G**, objects can be merged with the jet cone at high boost. For photons/electrons you can find sub-jets with high EM content and ID the photon to extend sensitivity in this region