

SUSY searches with ATLAS

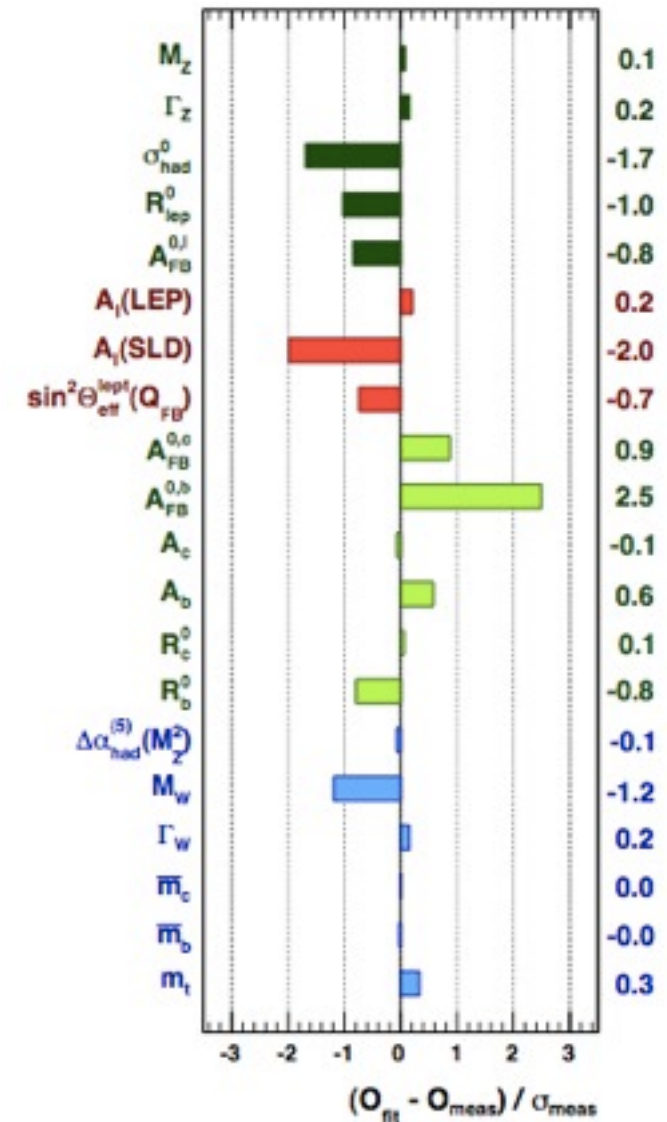
What did we learn with few fb^{-1} ?

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Is the Standard Model enough?

- The Standard Model has accumulated more than 30 years of striking successes in particle physics experiments, but:
 - a) The Higgs sector **suffers from quadratically divergent loop corrections** mainly from top (the so called hierarchy problem)
 - b) **Cosmological data** call for a **dark matter candidate**: no such candidate is present in the SM
 - c) **No further unification** between the EW and QCD possible
- Supersymmetry (SUSY) offers an elegant solution for a), which can simultaneously address b) and c)

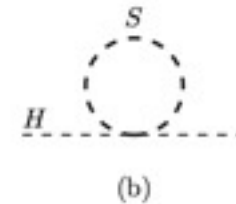
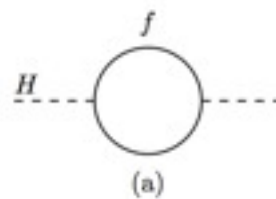
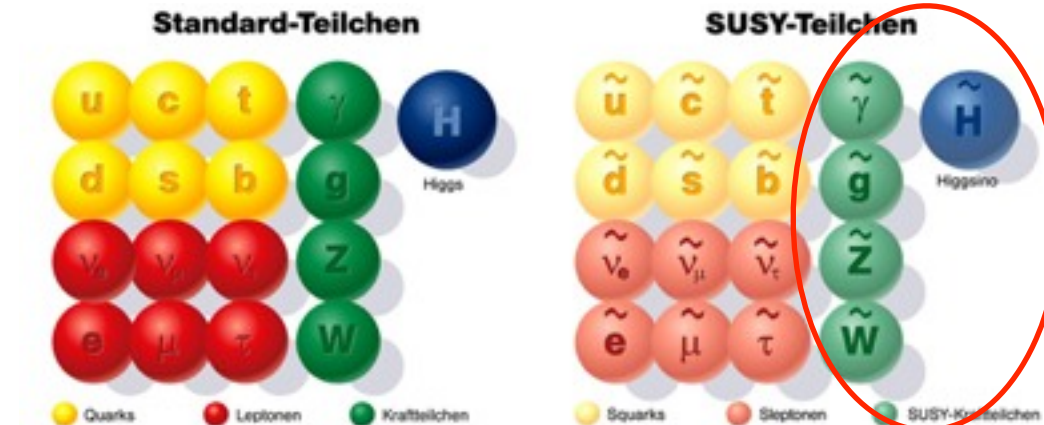


Supersymmetry (SUSY)

- SUSY is a spin symmetry that relates bosons and fermions
- In the Minimal Supersymmetric Extension of the Standard Model (MSSM):

- a new set of fields differing in spin by 1/2 w.r.t. the SM partners (**hierarchy problem solved “naturally”**)

- **Running of coupling constants** above the EW scale **modified**: unification possible
- **If R-parity conservation assumed**, the Lightest Supersymmetric Particle (LSP) is stable: **natural Dark Matter candidate**



Mix into
neutralinos and
charginos

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

-1 for sparticles
1 for particles

Minimal SUSY extension of SM (MSSM)

- If SUSY is unbroken, $M_{\text{particle}} = M_{\text{particle}}$. Since sparticles are not yet observed, **SUSY must be (softly) broken**:

- $\mathcal{L}_{\text{SUSY}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SUSY conserving}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{SUSY soft breaking}}$

2 higgs doublets
needed \rightarrow 5 Higgs bosons

MSSM parameters:

SUSY conserving sector	SUSY breaking sector
3 coupling constants for SU(3) x SU(2) x U(1)	5 3x3 hermitian mass matrices (one per EW multiplet)
4 Yukawa couplings per generation	3 complex 3x3 matrices (Higgs trilinear couplings to sfermions)
	3 mass terms for the Higgs sector + 2 additional off-diagonal terms
	Higgs VEV expectation angle β

A total of 124 parameters.
Constraints needed:

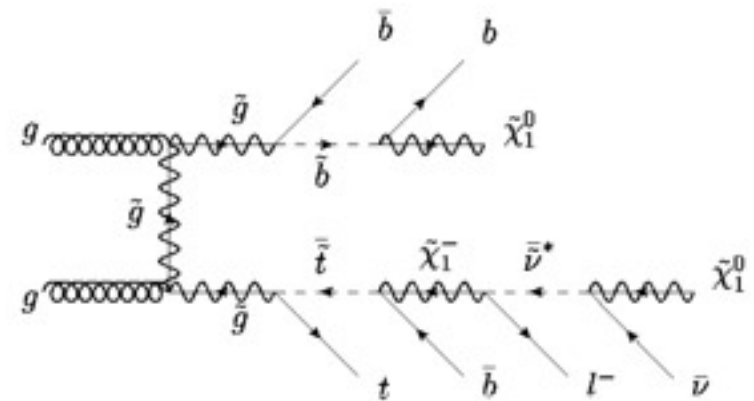
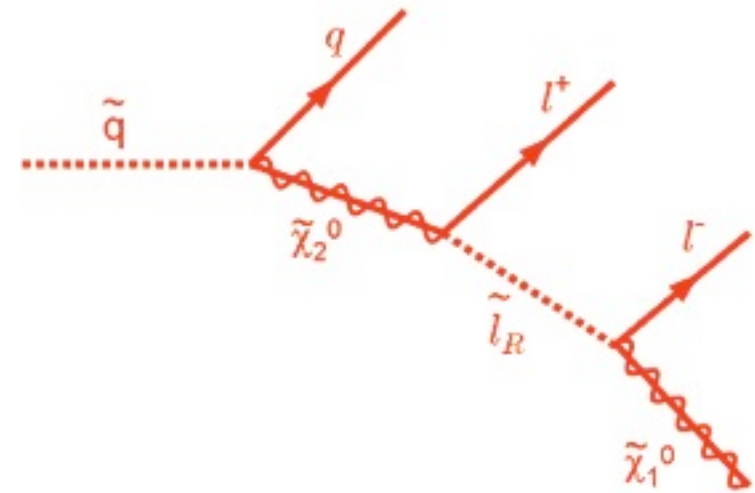
Bottom up: separate lepton number conservation, FCNC suppression, CP violation constrain the MSSM parameters

Top-down: Precise assumptions are made on the way SUSY is broken:

- mSUGRA/CMSSM
- GMSB
- AMSB

(R-parity) conserving SUSY phenomenology

- Missing E_T **is the main signature** (although not unique)
- General R-parity signatures:
 - The LSP (typically $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$ or $\tilde{\nu}$ in mSUGRA) is stable and weakly interacting (dark matter candidate) \rightarrow **large missing transverse momentum**
 - squarks and gluinos produced in pp collision \rightarrow **large particle multiplicity** typically produced in the decay.
- Large jet multiplicities and/or lepton produced in large regions of the parameter space (although not mandatory, e.g. $pp \rightarrow \tilde{q}\tilde{q} \rightarrow qq \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \tilde{\chi}_1^0$)



Experimental setup



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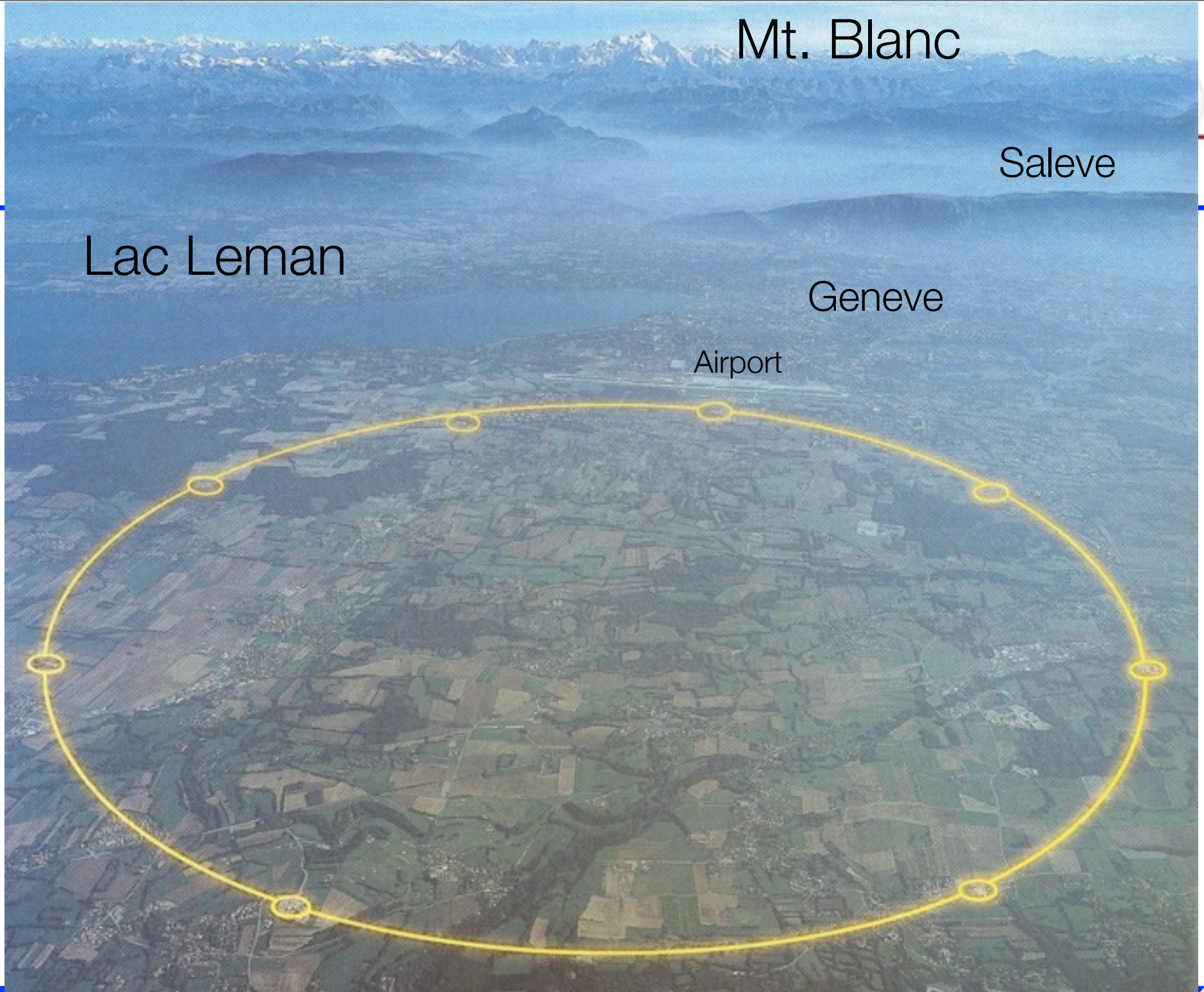
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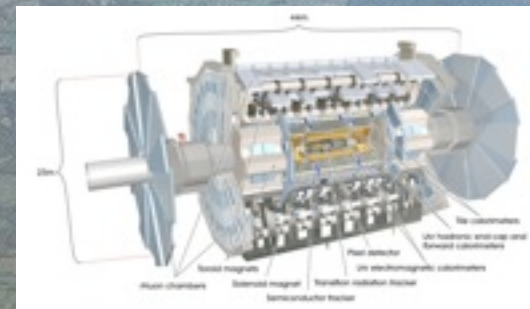
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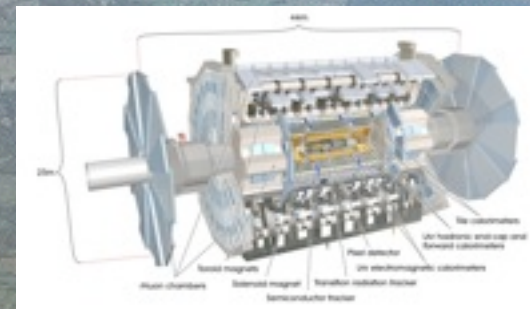
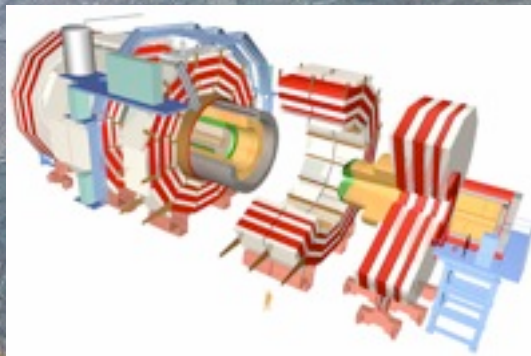
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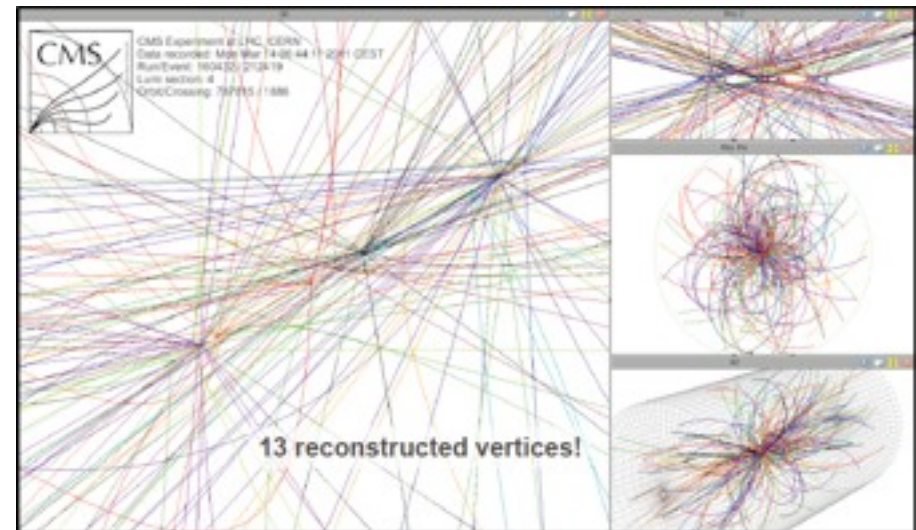
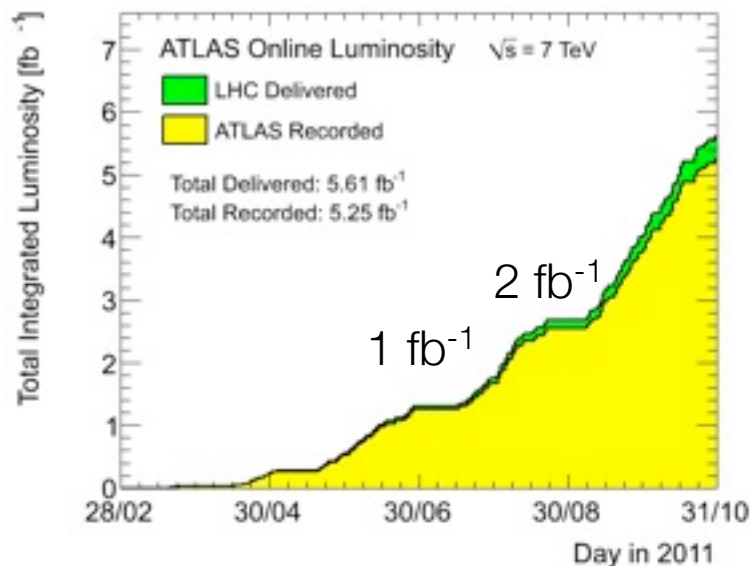
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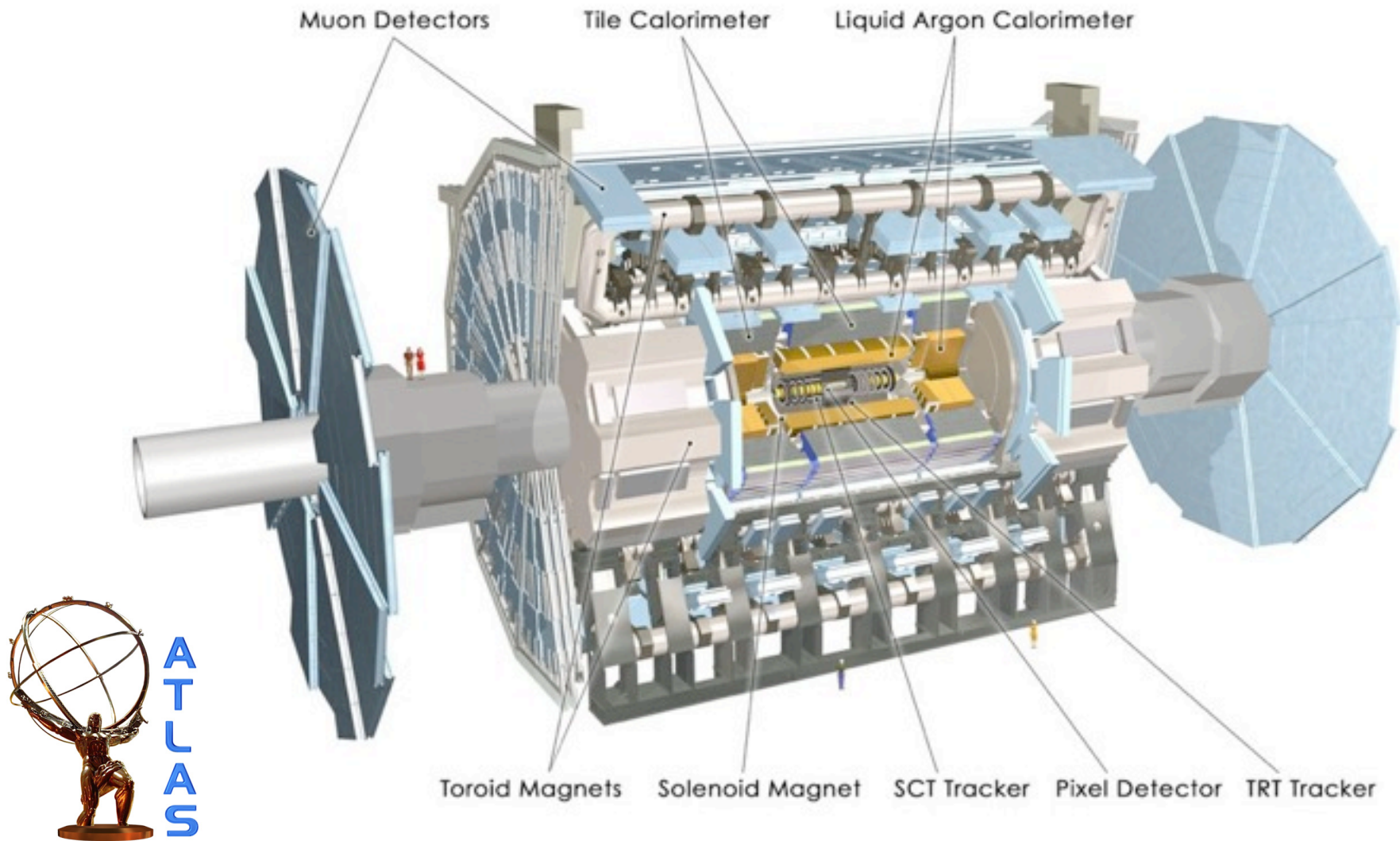


LHC - performance of the machine

- About 5 fb^{-1} collected per experiment in 2011
 - Most of which with more than 99% of the detectors operational (talking about millions of channels that need to be maintained and calibrated)
- Most of the analysis so far use $1\text{-}2 \text{ fb}^{-1}$. results being updated for the winter conferences
- Large luminosity means large pileup. Analysing data while implementing pileup suppression strategies



The detector



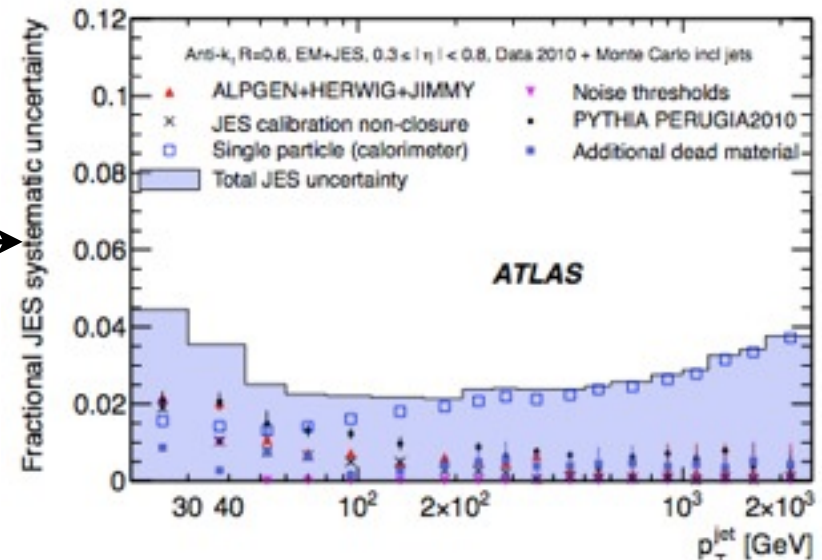
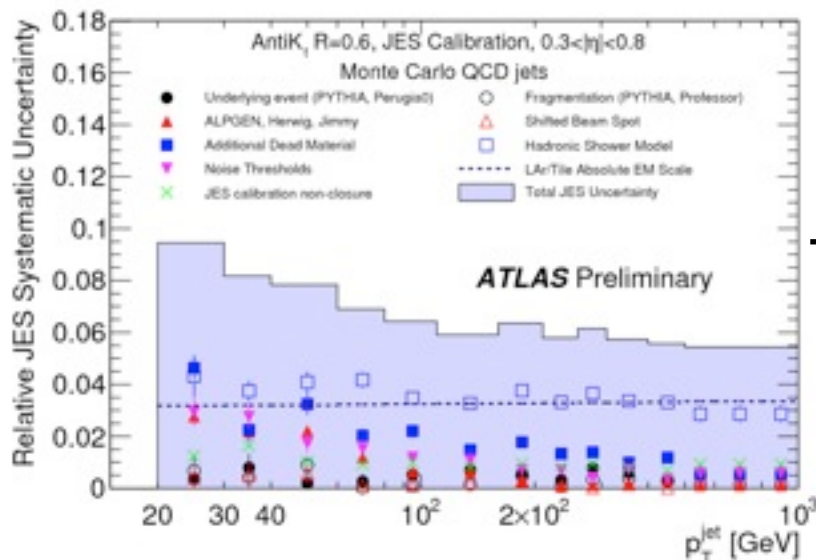
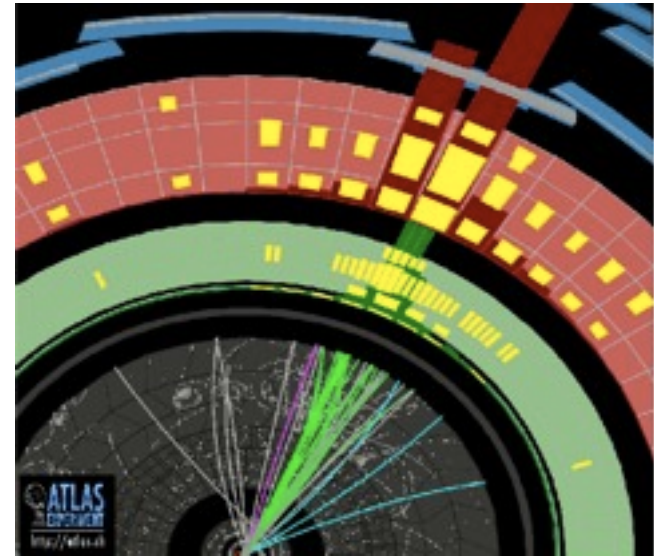
ATLAS in a nutshell

- * From inside out:
 - * ID made up of **three different detectors** (Pixel, SCT, TRT):
 - * *High resolution tracking down to $P_T > o(100) \text{ MeV}$, $|\eta| < 2.5$*
 - * EM calorimeter - **two sections** covering up to $|\eta| \approx 3.2$.
 - * *High resolution on e/γ objects.*
 - * HAD calorimeter - **3 sections** covering up to $|\eta| \approx 5$
 - * *Good containment, good resolution for jet measurement*
 - * Muon system (4 different technologies) covering **up to $|\eta|=2.7$**
- * Magnetic field: **one solenoid** surrounding the ID (2T), **three toroids** (muon spectrometer - 4T peak)

Jet measurement

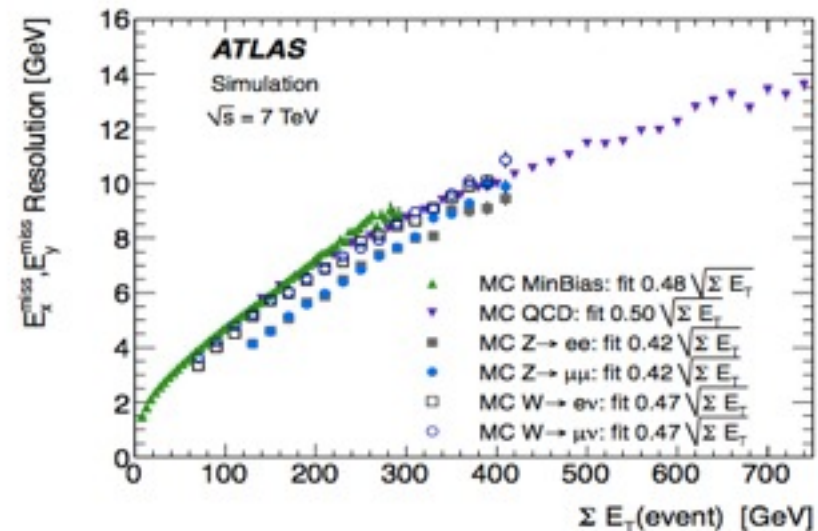
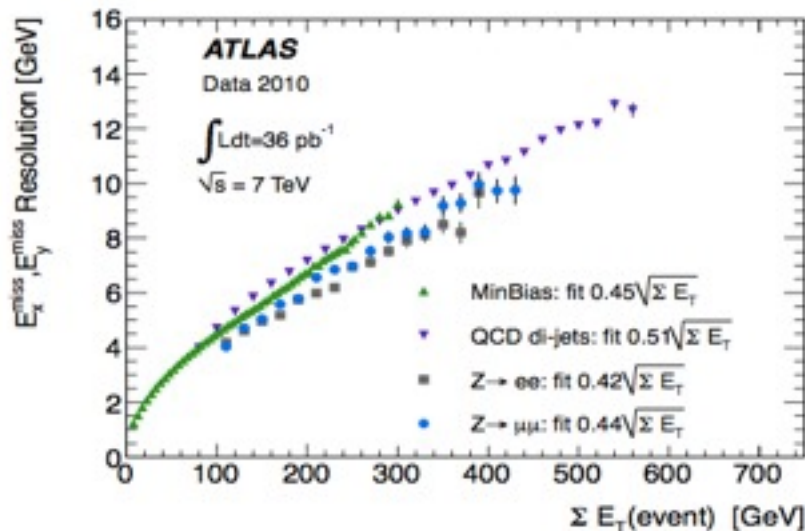
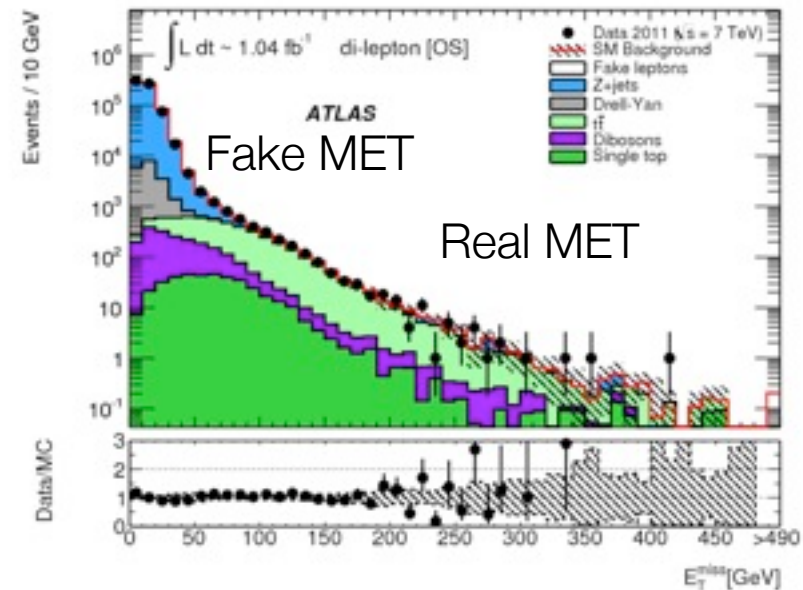
- Constant improvement on jet measurement
- Jet energy scale known at few percent
- ... and the in-situ measurements (gamma + jet balancing) not yet in the game.....

Last year

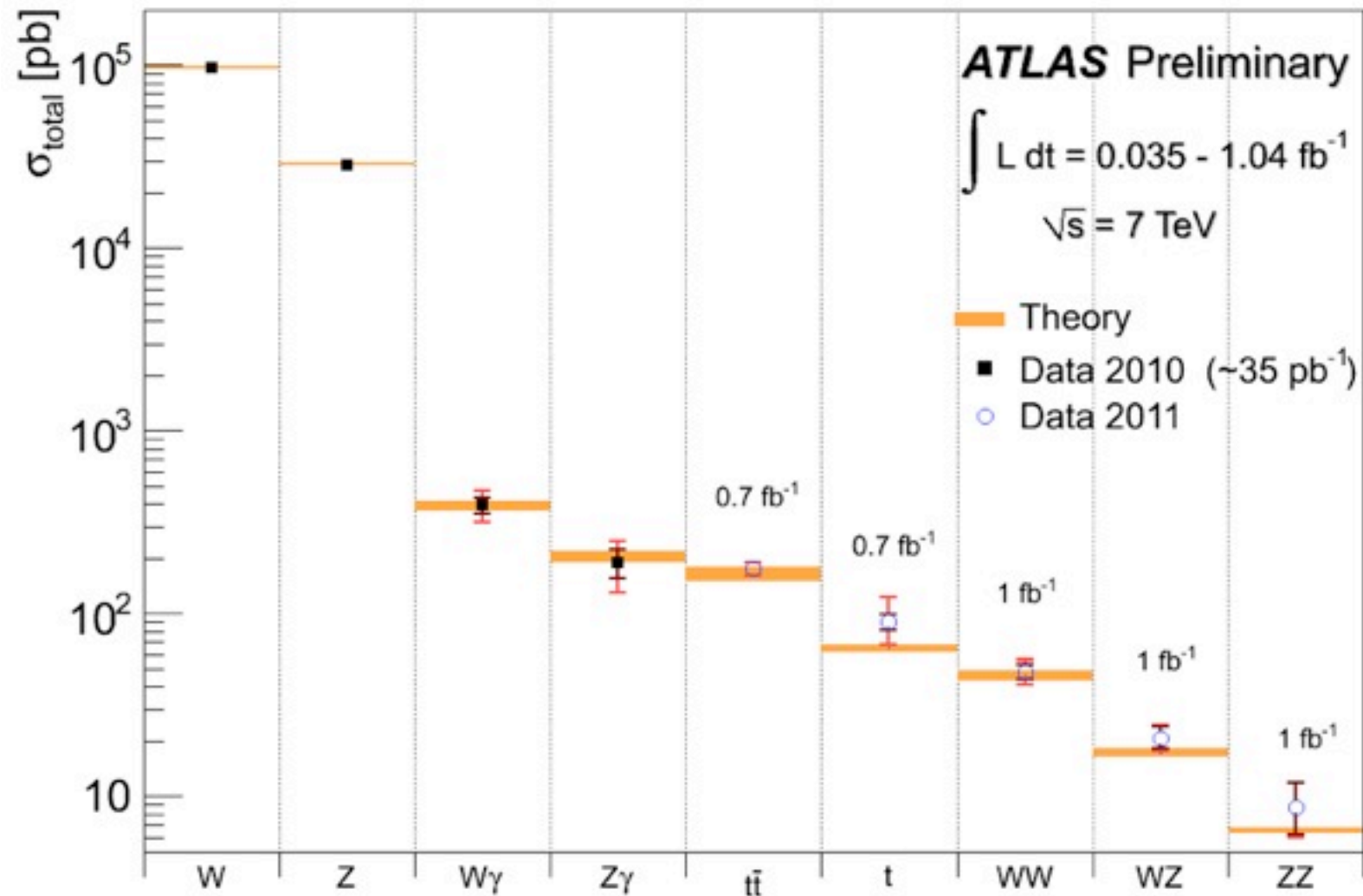


Missing transverse energy

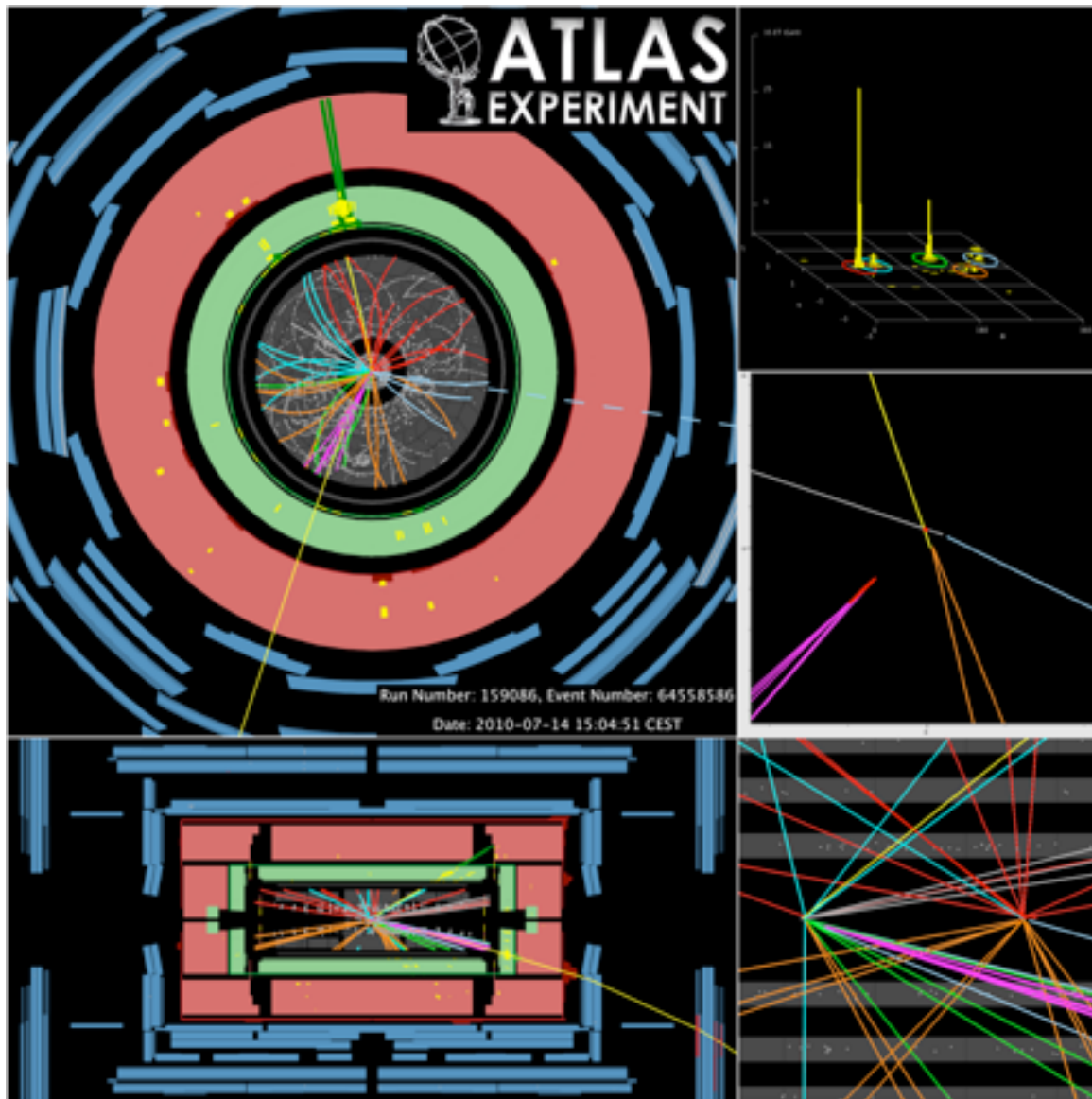
- Missing E_T reconstructed from the vectorial sum of all final state objects (including non-associated clusters).
- Dedicated calibration for each type of object



The Standard Model in one slide

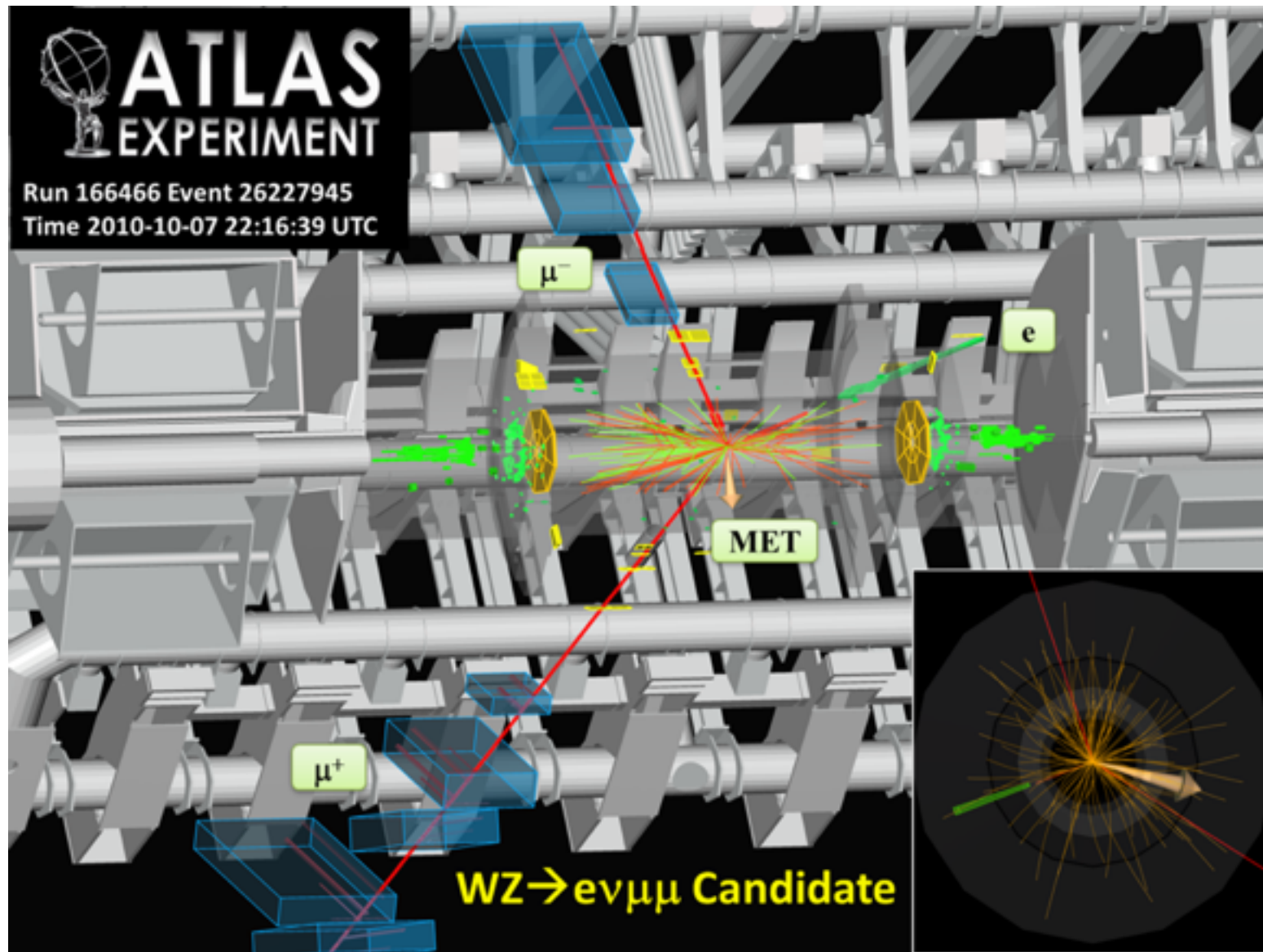


ATLAS in a nutshell (II)



A dileptonic $t\bar{t}$ event candidate

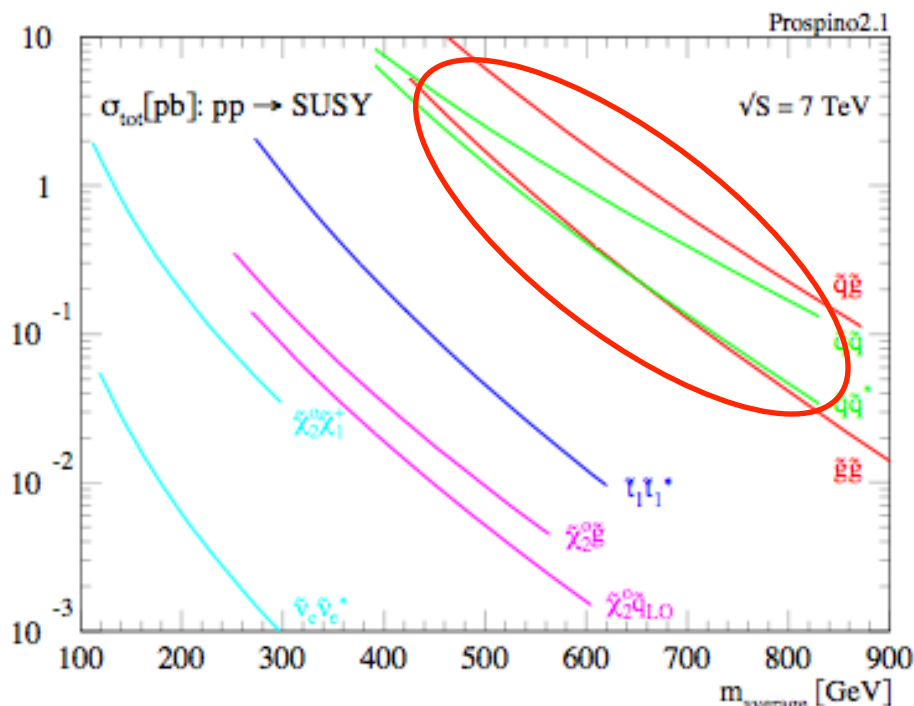
An ATLAS event



SUSY searches

What are we sensitive to?

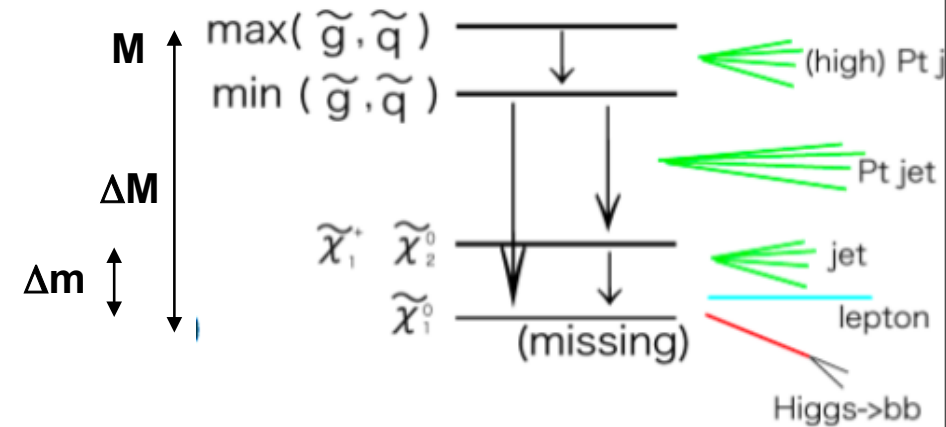
- LHC is a pp machine → **produce gluino and squarks** with strong interaction size cross sections
- If squarks and gluinos are not accessible, then **direct gauginos might be the only SUSY production** (with weak interaction size cross section - order of magnitudes lower)



- $1\text{-}2 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ → Essentially sensitive to strong production → set direct limits on \tilde{q} and \tilde{g} masses
- Need higher lumi for gauginos (one of the targets of the 5 fb^{-1} analysis)

What we are typically doing

- Heavy sparticles produced in the primary collision
- They decay into lighter objects, emitting (high) P_T jets and possibly other objects (leptons, photons) and MET (LSP)
- A “typical” SUSY event will have large MET and large H_T
- Useful variables:



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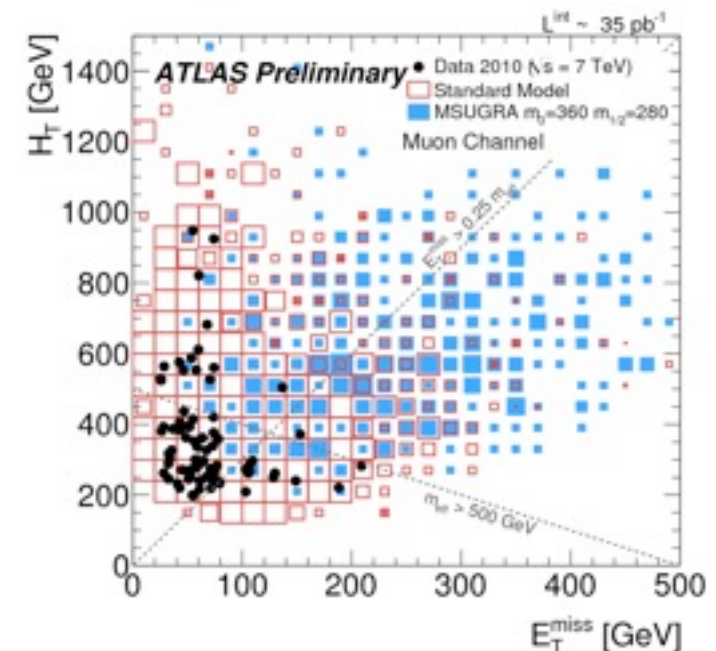
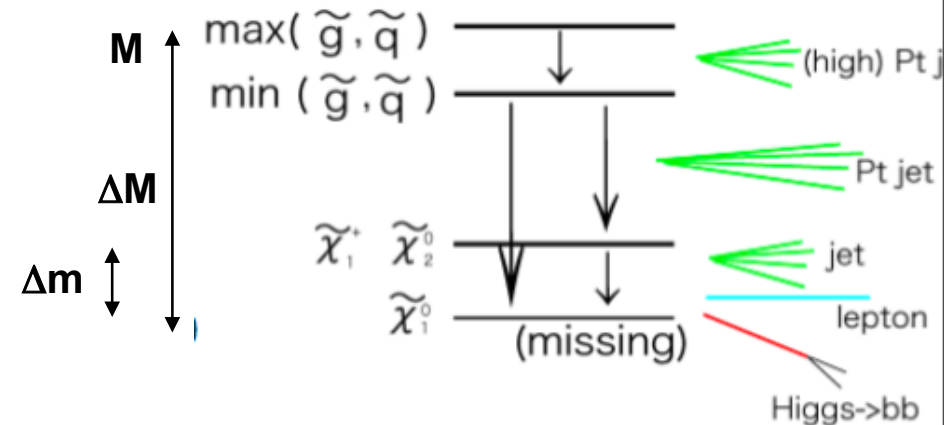
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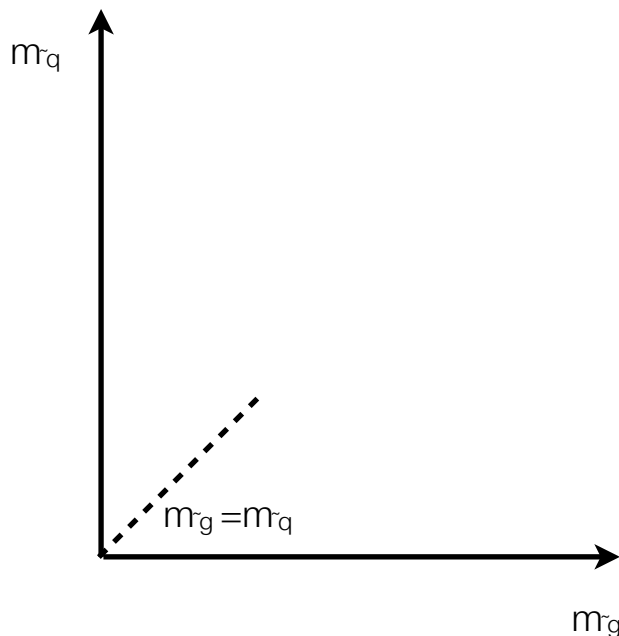


List all analysis

- A wide research program trying to cover all possible SUSY configurations
 - 0-lepton, jets, MET → all, simple and more complex gluino-squarks decay chains
 - 1-lepton, jets, MET → More complex decay chains of the \tilde{g}, \tilde{q} (involving, e.g., charginos)
 - 2-leptons → Long decay chains (also direct gaugino production)
 - multilepton → Long decay chains, very low background, very low signal acceptance
 - b-jets → Third generation squark production
 - photons → Mainly GMSB (Gauge Mediated Supersymmetry Breaking)
 - taus → Mainly GMSB, but also high $\tan \beta$ mSUGRA
- **Analysis in blue discussed in some detail in the following**

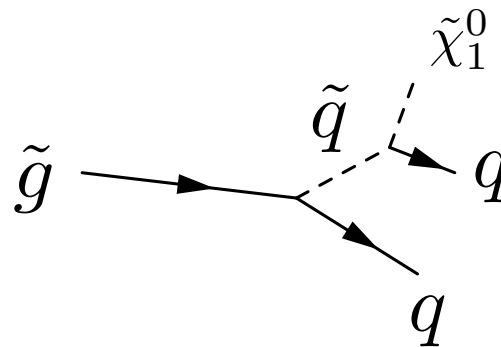
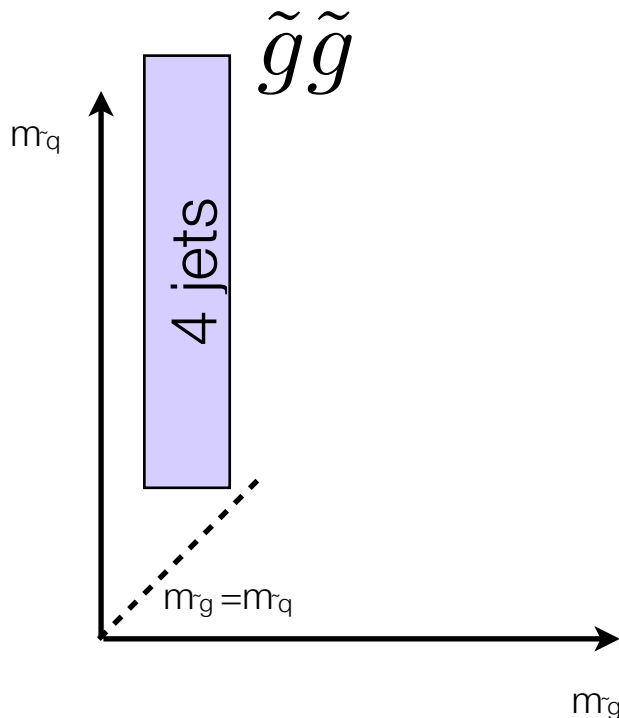
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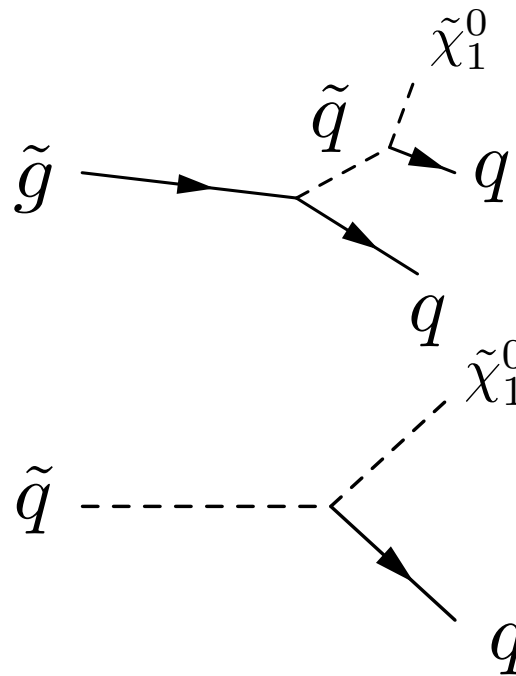
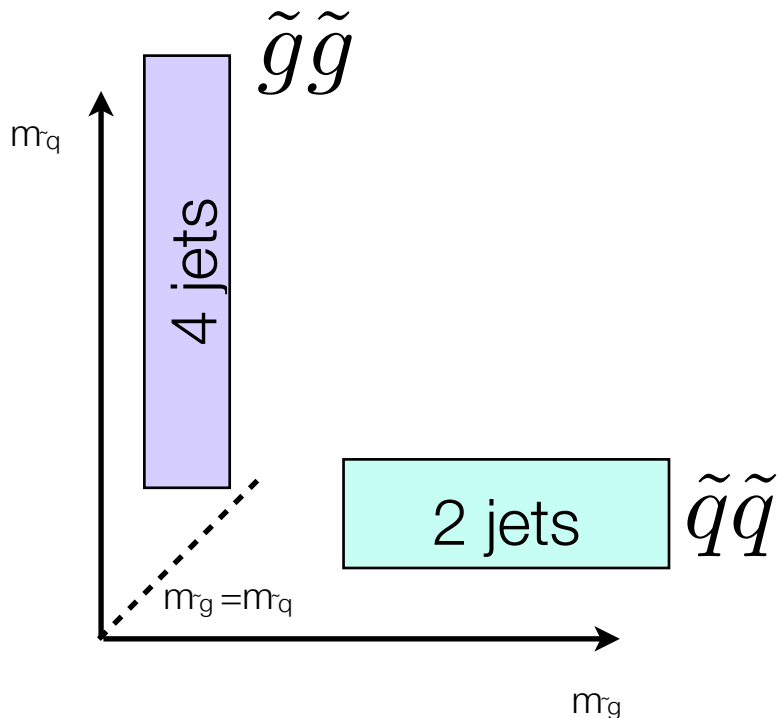
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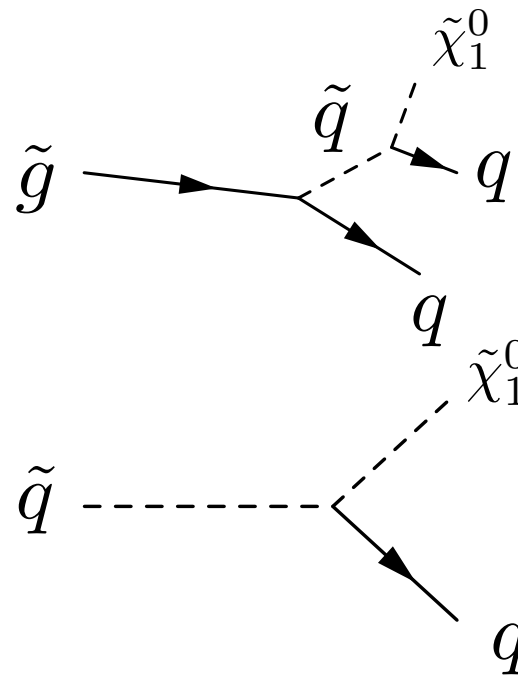
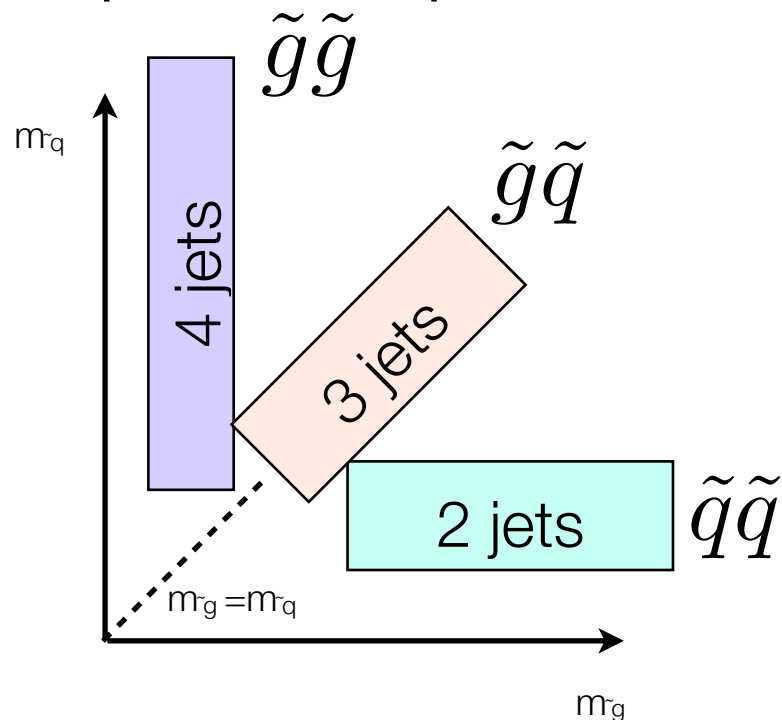
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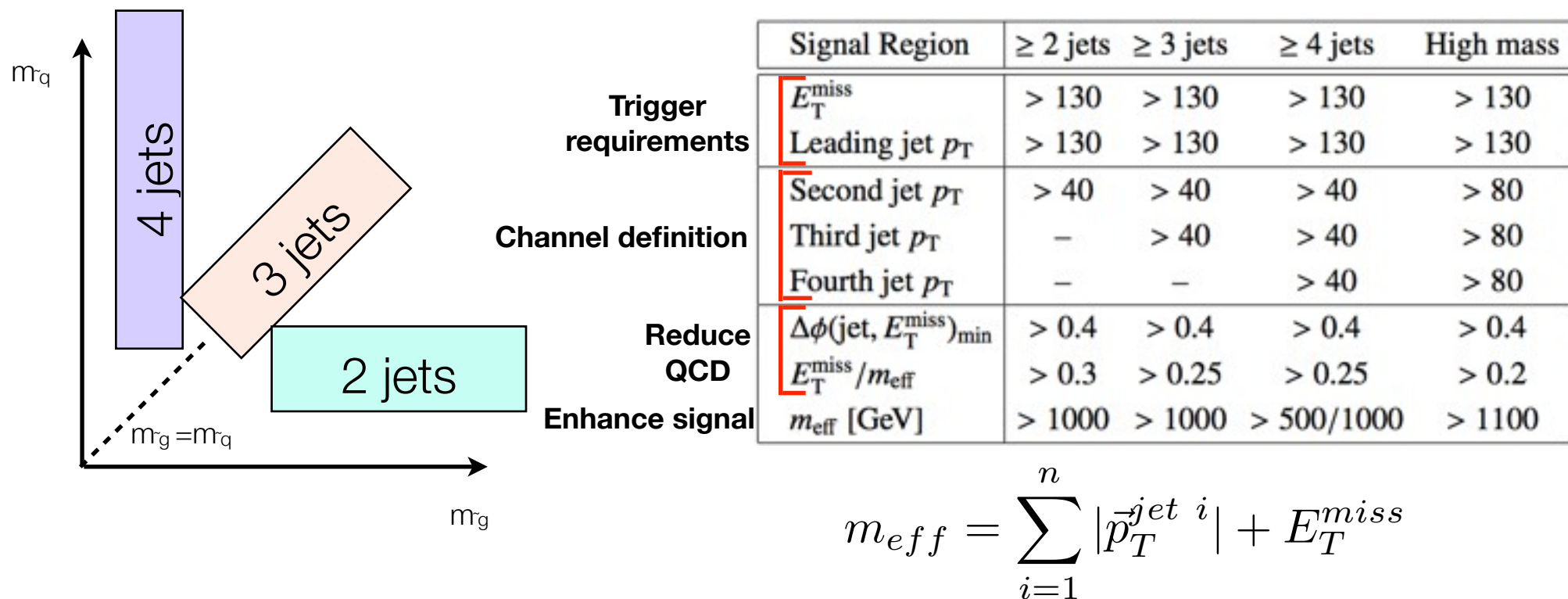
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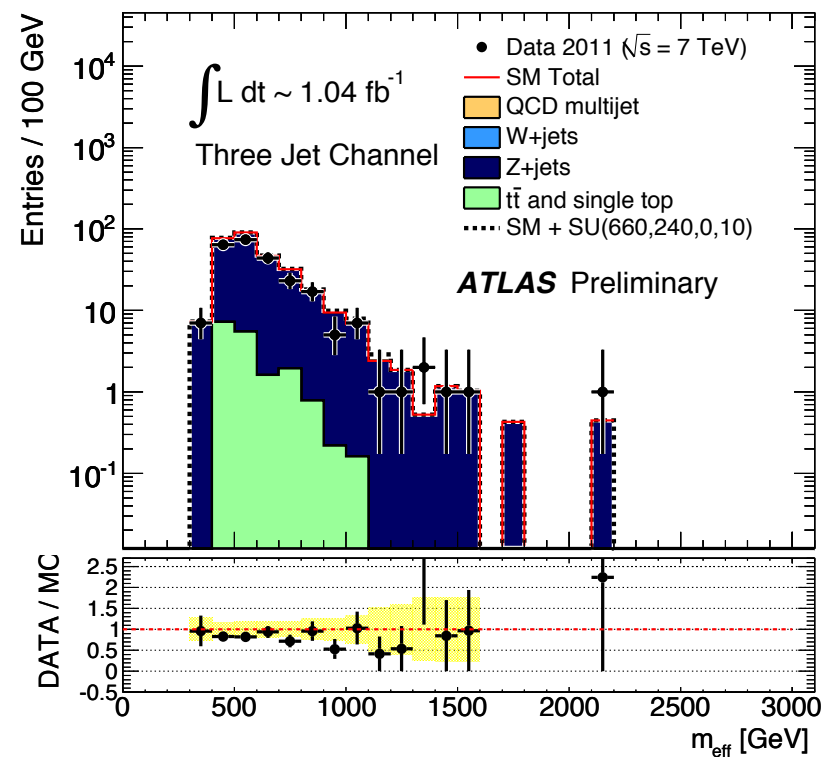
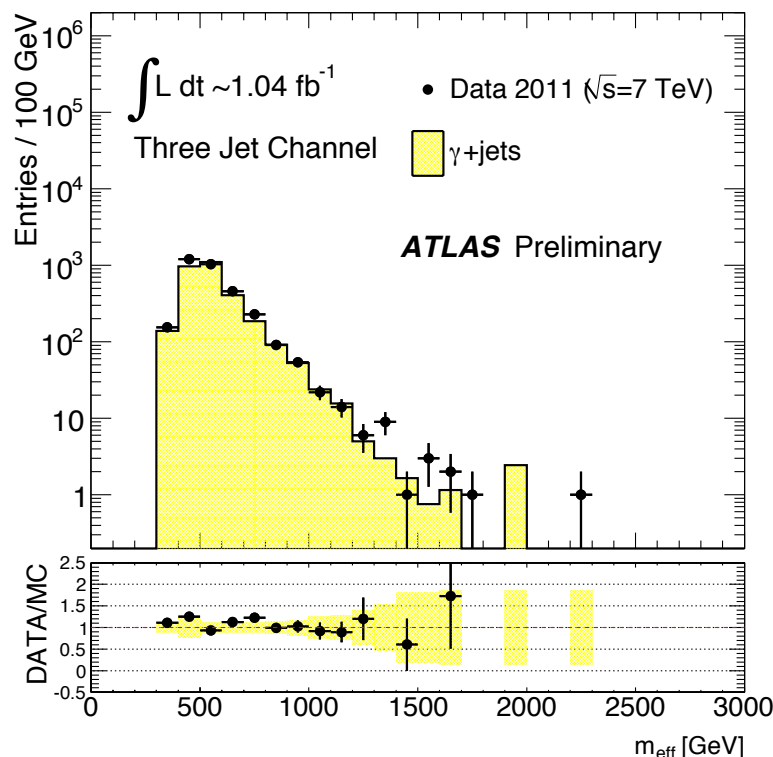
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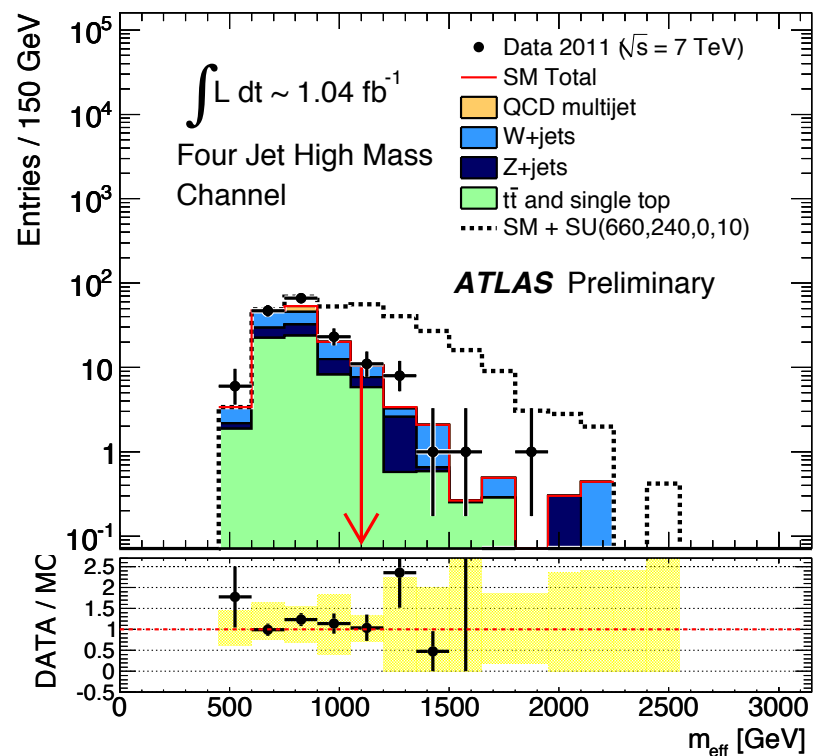
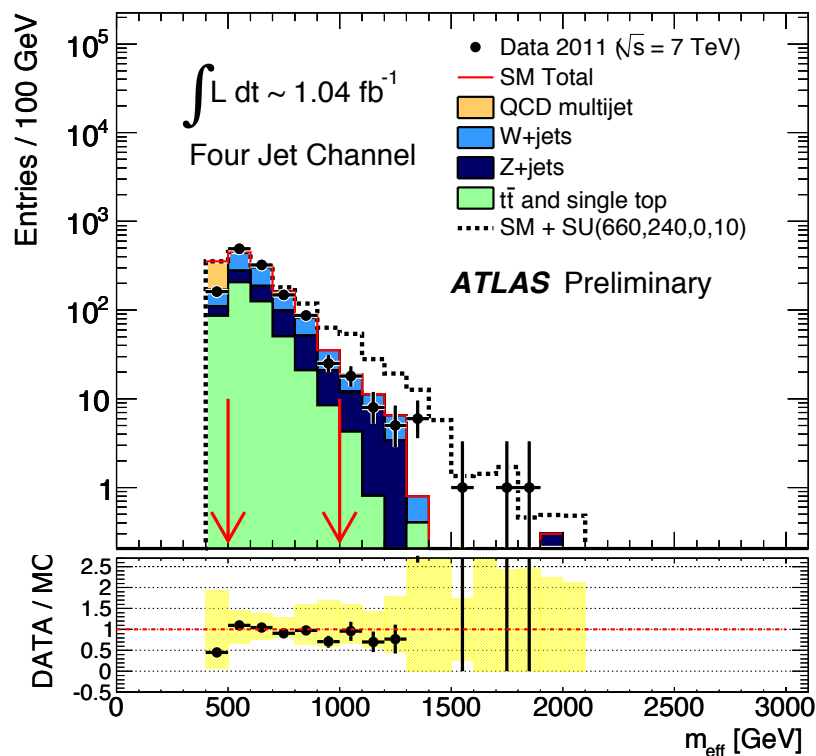
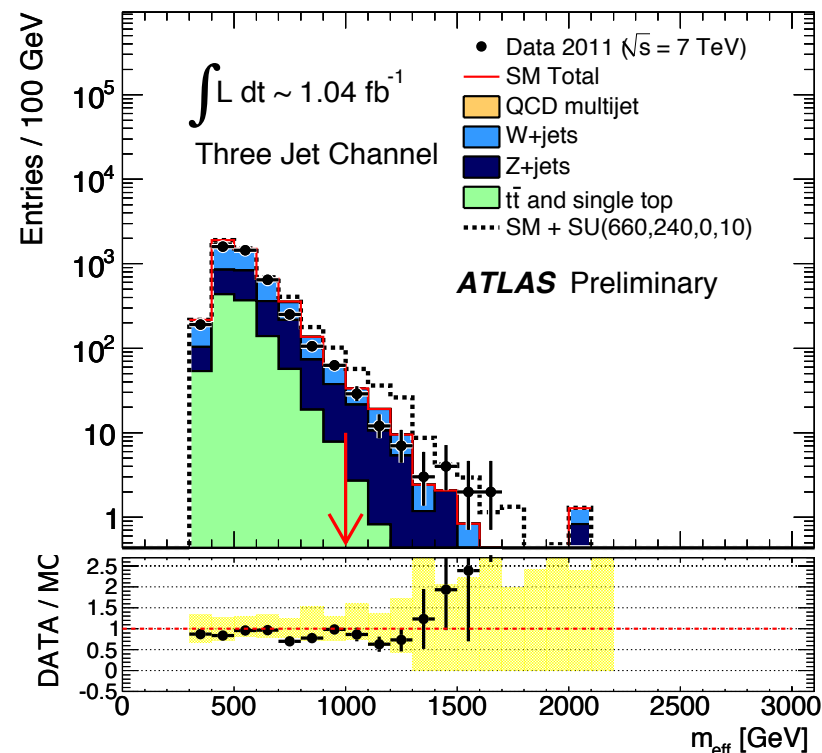
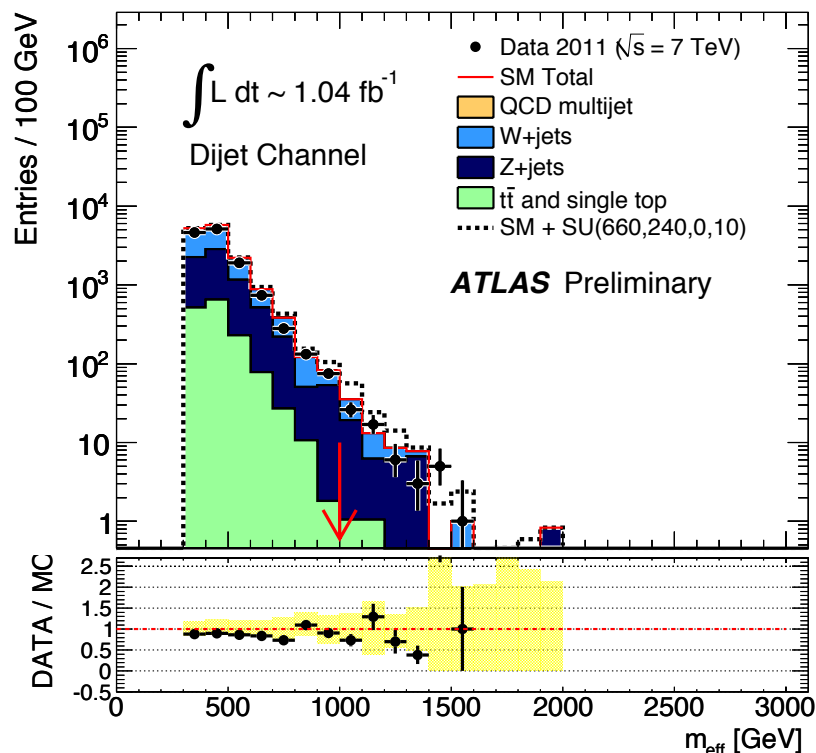
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0-lepton analysis (ATLAS)

- As much background information as possible extracted from the data:
- One example: $Z \rightarrow \nu\nu$ is the dominant component of the **total Z background**
- Estimation done in 2 CR (in both cases **replacing the boson with MET**):
 - γ +jets events (use robustness of ratio between photon and Z production cross section)
 - $Z (\rightarrow ee, \mu\mu) + \text{jets}$





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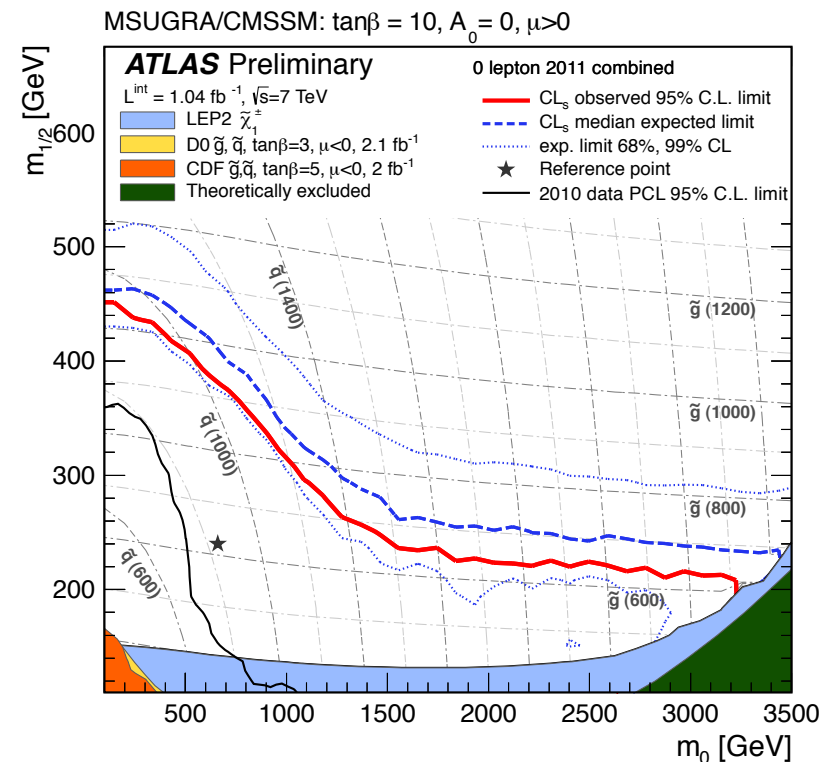
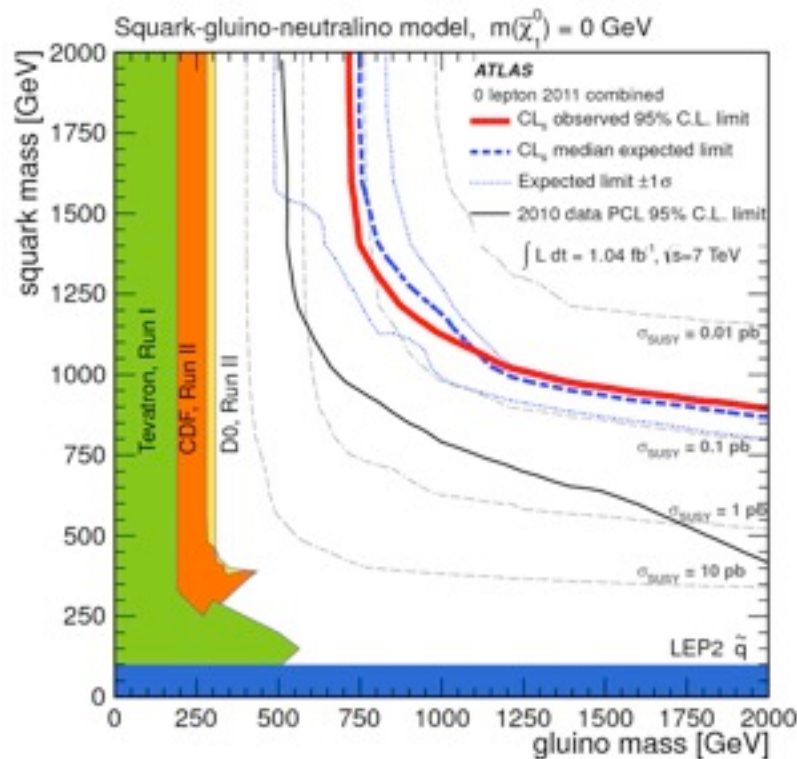
Process	Signal Region				
	$\geq 2\text{-jet}$	$\geq 3\text{-jet}$	$\geq 4\text{-jet},$ $m_{\text{eff}} > 500 \text{ GeV}$	$\geq 4\text{-jet},$ $m_{\text{eff}} > 1000 \text{ GeV}$	High mass
$Z/\gamma + \text{jets}$	$32.5 \pm 2.6 \pm 6.8$	$25.8 \pm 2.6 \pm 4.9$	$208 \pm 9 \pm 37$	$16.2 \pm 2.1 \pm 3.6$	$3.3 \pm 1.0 \pm 1.3$
$W + \text{jets}$	$26.2 \pm 3.9 \pm 6.7$	$22.7 \pm 3.5 \pm 5.8$	$367 \pm 30 \pm 126$	$12.7 \pm 2.1 \pm 4.7$	$2.2 \pm 0.9 \pm 1.2$
$t\bar{t} + \text{single top}$	$3.4 \pm 1.5 \pm 1.6$	$5.6 \pm 2.0 \pm 2.2$	$375 \pm 37 \pm 74$	$3.7 \pm 1.2 \pm 2.0$	$5.6 \pm 1.7 \pm 2.1$
QCD jets	$0.22 \pm 0.06 \pm 0.24$	$0.92 \pm 0.12 \pm 0.46$	$34 \pm 2 \pm 29$	$0.74 \pm 0.14 \pm 0.51$	$2.10 \pm 0.37 \pm 0.83$
Total	$62.3 \pm 4.3 \pm 9.2$	$55 \pm 3.8 \pm 7.3$	$984 \pm 39 \pm 145$	$33.4 \pm 2.9 \pm 6.3$	$13.2 \pm 1.9 \pm 2.6$
Data	58	59	1118	40	18
excluded $\sigma \times$ acc \times eff (fb)	24	30	477	32	17

- **No discrepancy** with respect to SM predictions.
- The result is interpreted as a **95% CL exclusion limit** on effective cross sections
- Analysis giving best expected limit used in each point.

0-lepton analysis (ATLAS)

- Simplified model (pheno MSSM) interpretation:
 - **LSP mass set to 0**, all other sparticles (except gluinos and 1st and 2nd gen quarks) set to 5 TeV
 - $\tilde{g} \rightarrow \tilde{q}q$ and $\tilde{q} \rightarrow q\tilde{\chi}_1^0$ with BR 100%
 - Limit as a function of the squark and gluino mass

• mSUGRA limit ($m_0, m_{1/2}$)

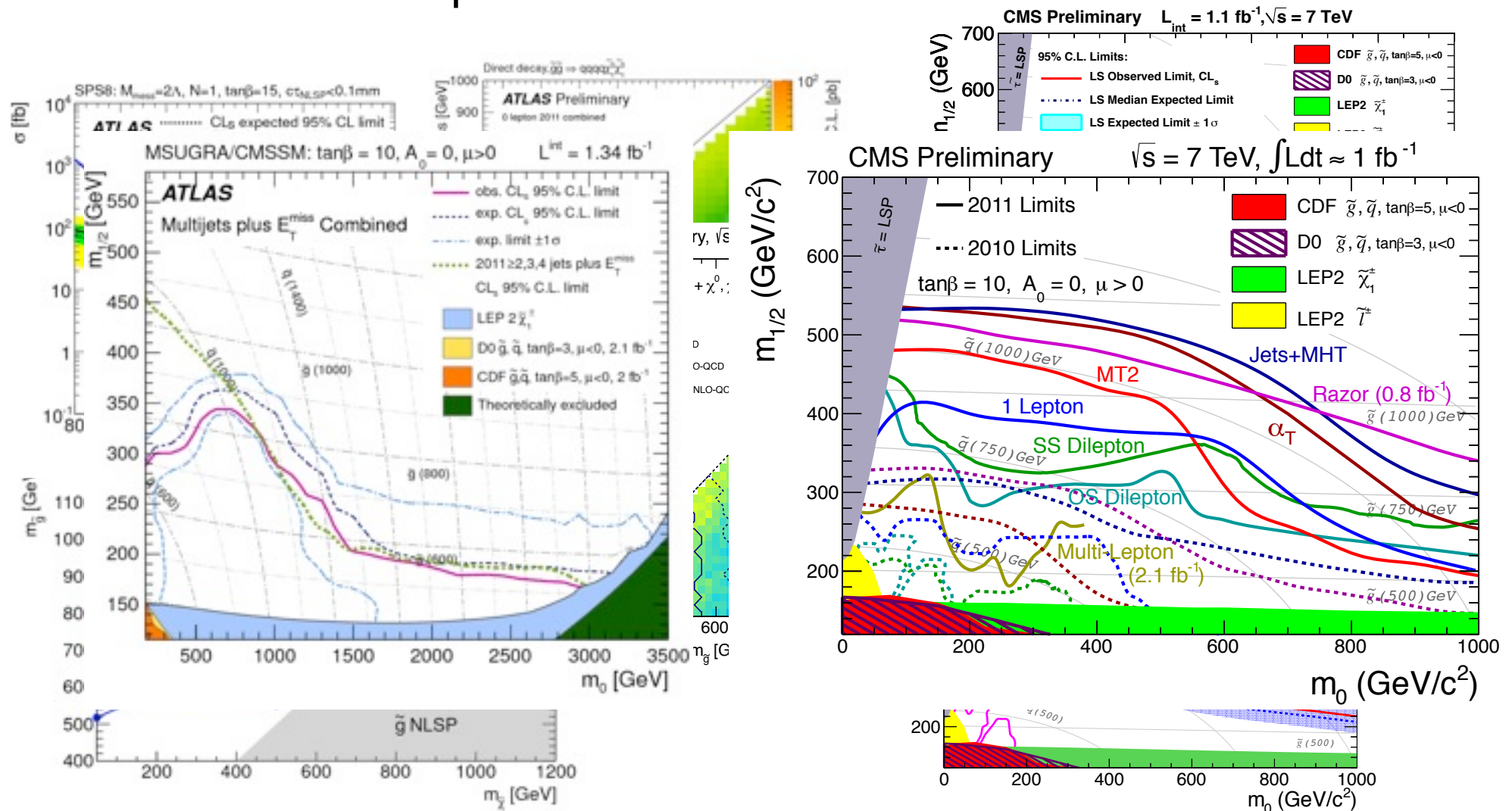


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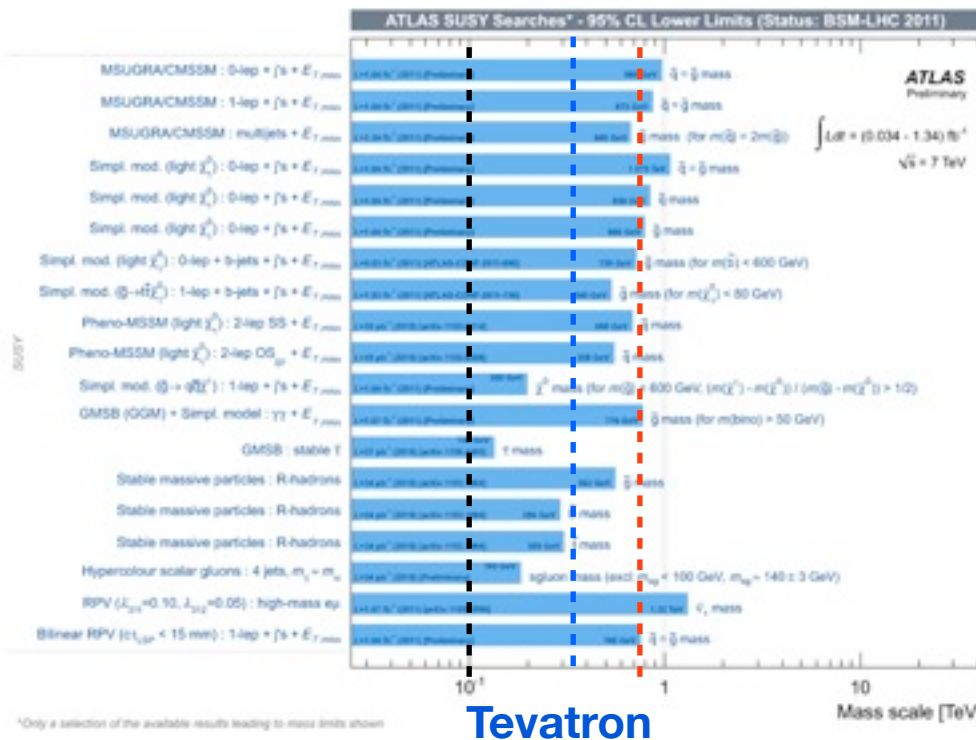
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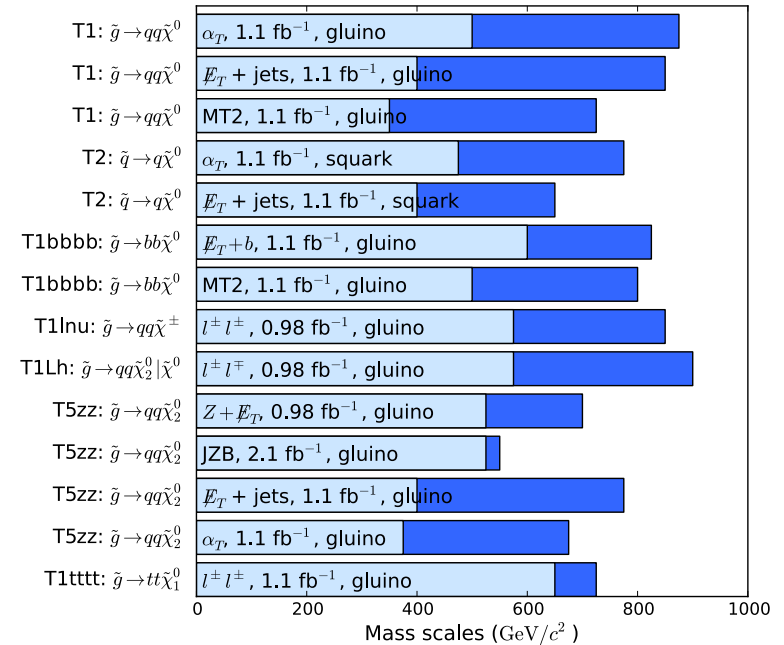
- No sign of SUSY, yet. Where do we stand?

LEP LHC



CMS Preliminary

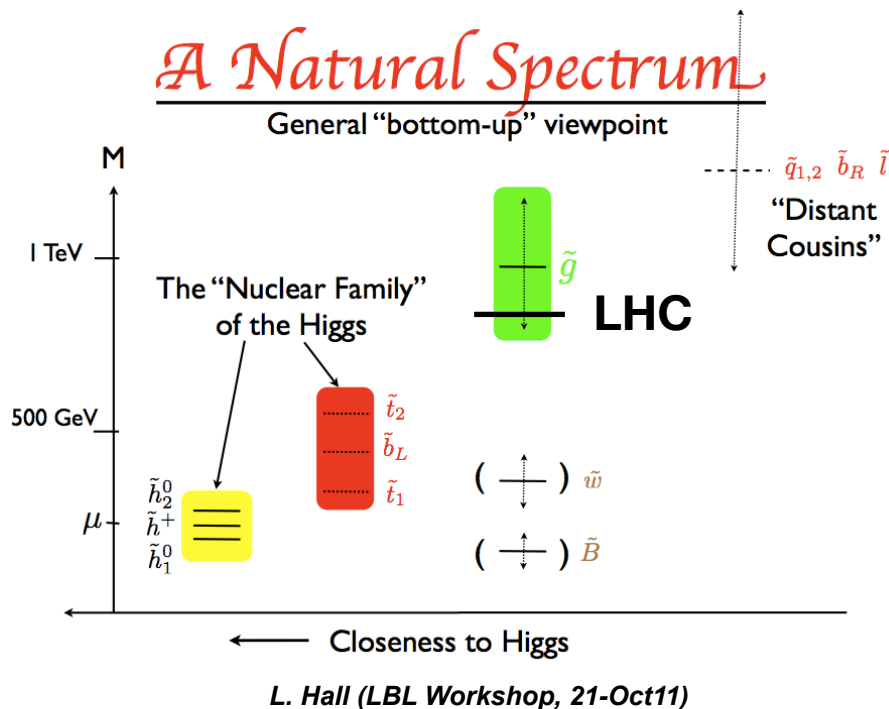
Ranges of exclusion limits for gluinos and squarks, varying $m(\tilde{\chi}^0)$



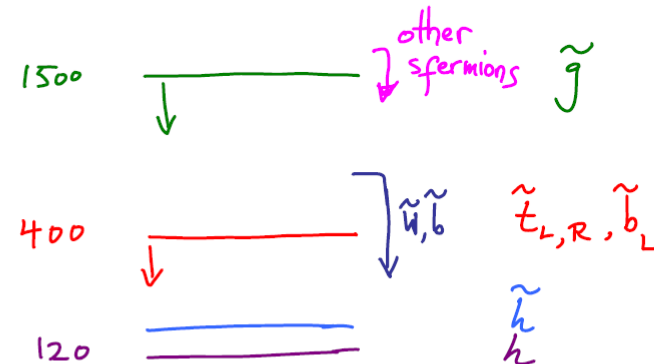
If gluinos and squarks (1st and 2nd gen) exist, they have $M > 1 \text{ TeV}$

Is then SUSY dead?

- **No!** (pretty consistent theoretical view on the subject)
- Gluinos and 1st and 2nd generation squarks can be heavy, provided that the **superpartners of the heavy fermions are relatively light** (still “natural” hierarchy)
- Higgsinos should also be light



Most exciting, alive + natural SUSY spectrum

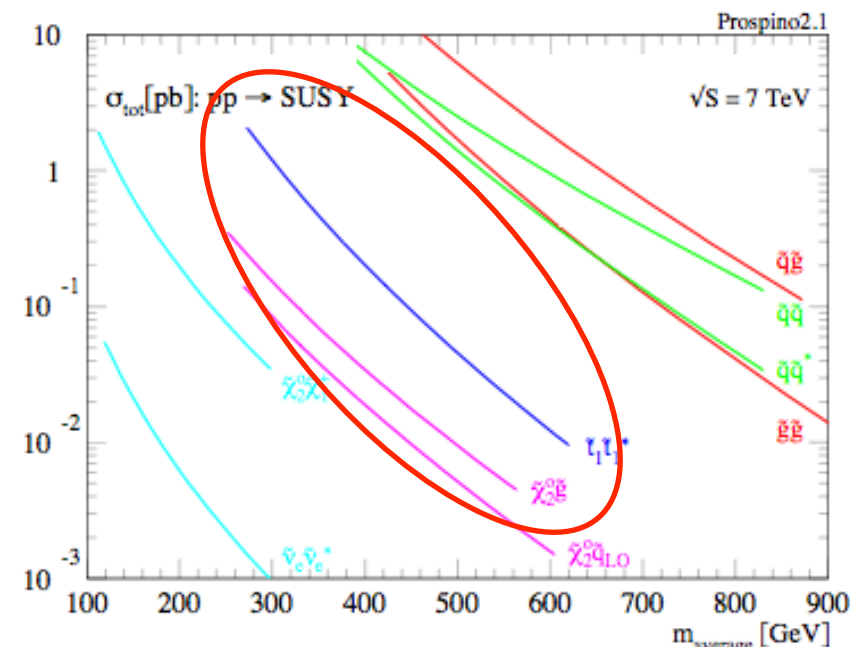


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... and this is not yet covered by LHC

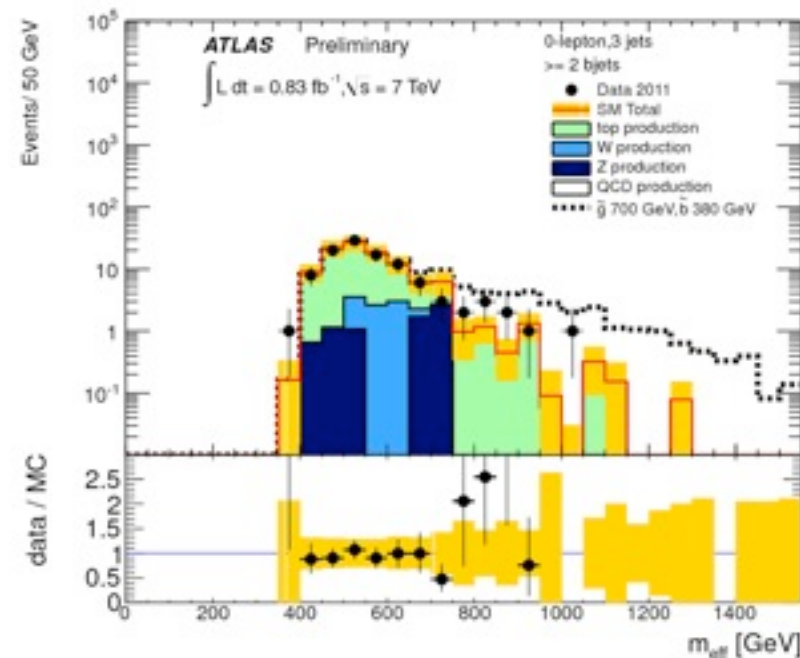
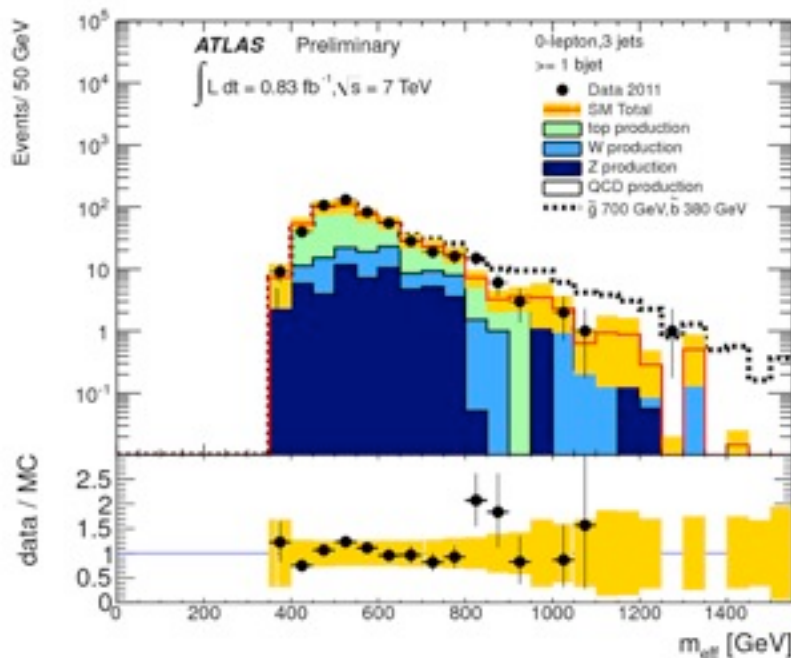
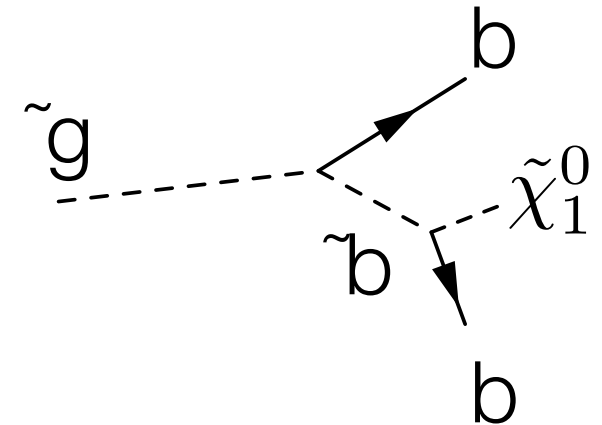
3rd generation production

- The third generation squarks are special
- **Mixing between L and R component** of squarks proportional to the fermion partner mass → **large mixing for 3rd generation squarks** → generally expected to be **the lightest squarks**
- Previous limits on squark masses do not apply to sbottom and stop
- The stop directly counter-balance quadratically divergent top loop corrections to the Higgs mass



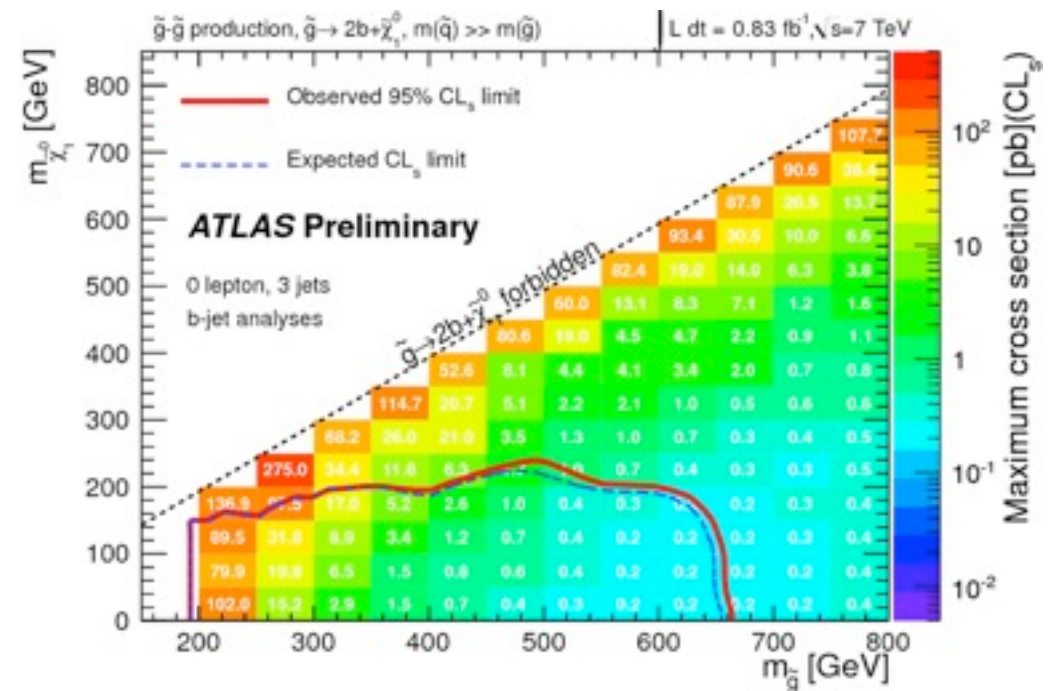
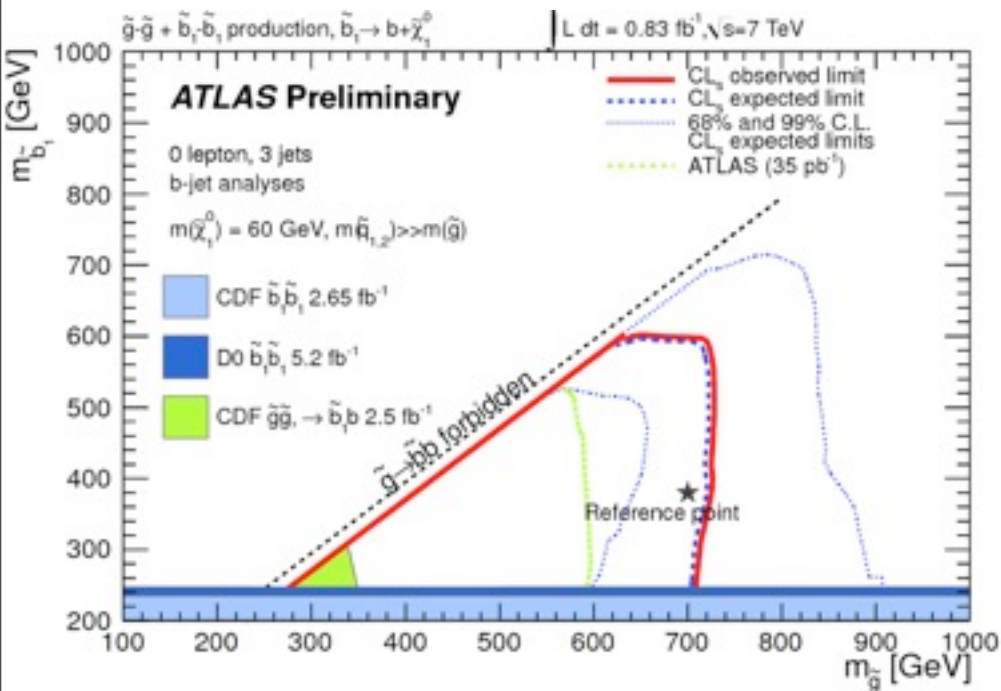
3rd generation (gluino mediated sbottom)

- stop, sbottom can be produced via gluino decay or directly in pairs
- Expected to produce abundance of b-jets in the final state
- Existing analysis mainly probing gluino mediated production
 - They set limits mainly on the gluino mass



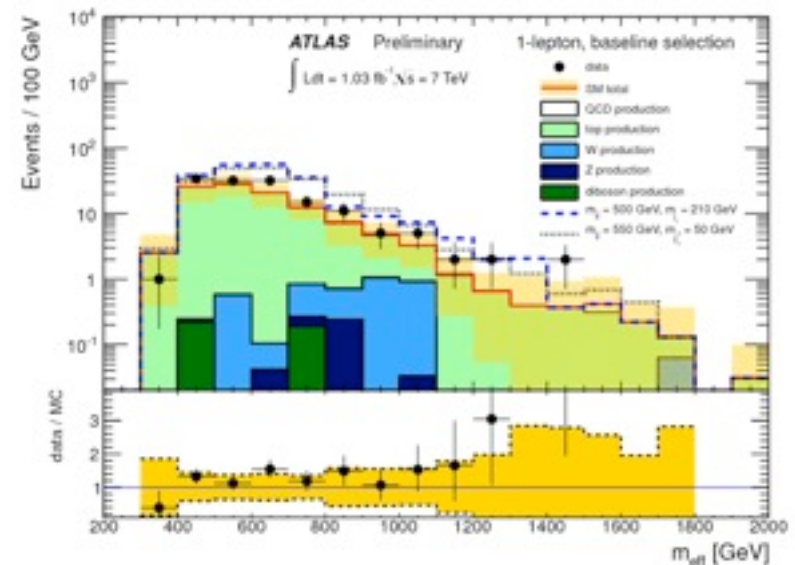
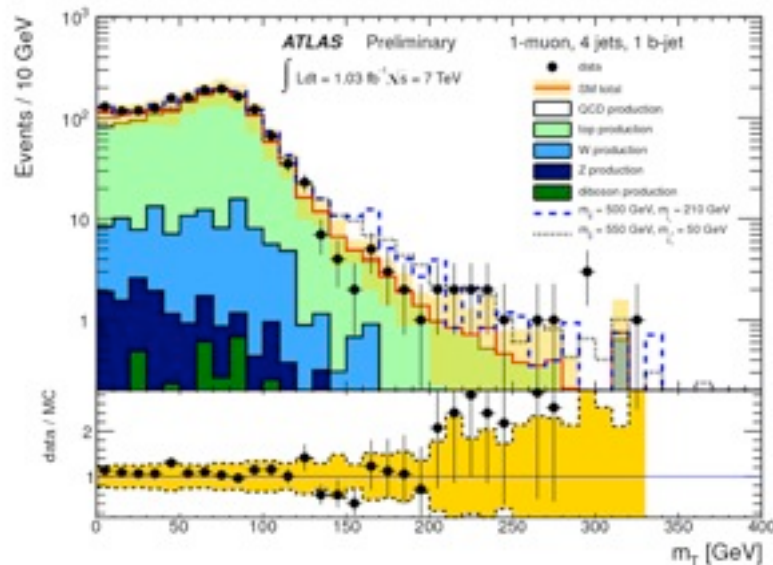
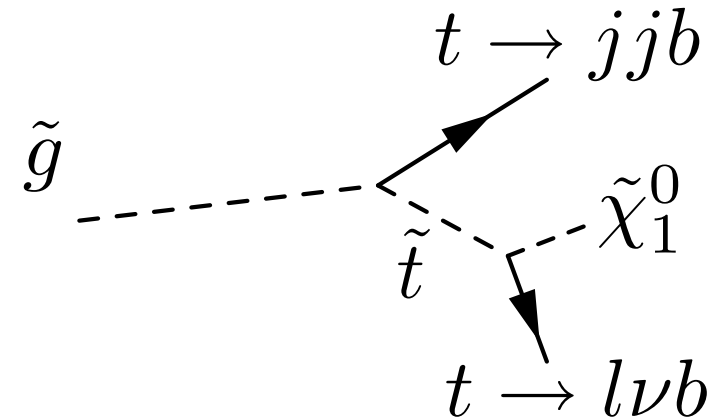
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- Interpretation: $\tilde{g} \rightarrow \tilde{b}b$ with BR: 100%, $\tilde{b} \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_0^1 b$ with BR: 100%
- On-shell sbottom production: $m_{\tilde{g}} > m_{\tilde{b}}$ (left), and all other sparticles with large mass (beside LSP)
- Off-shell sbottom production (fixed sbottom mass at 1 TeV) but still all other sparticles with even larger masses



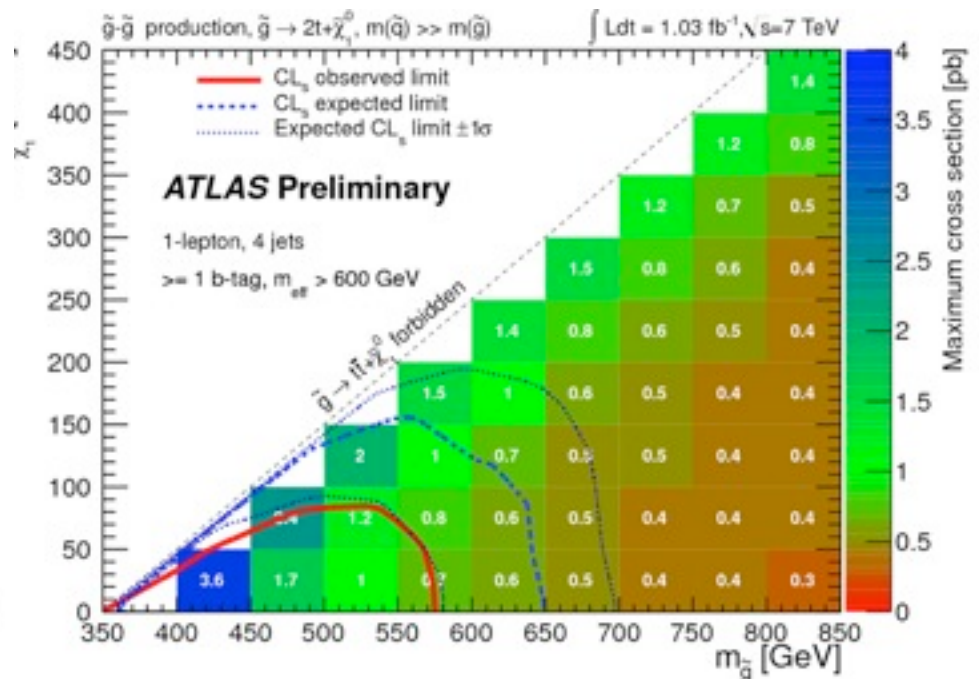
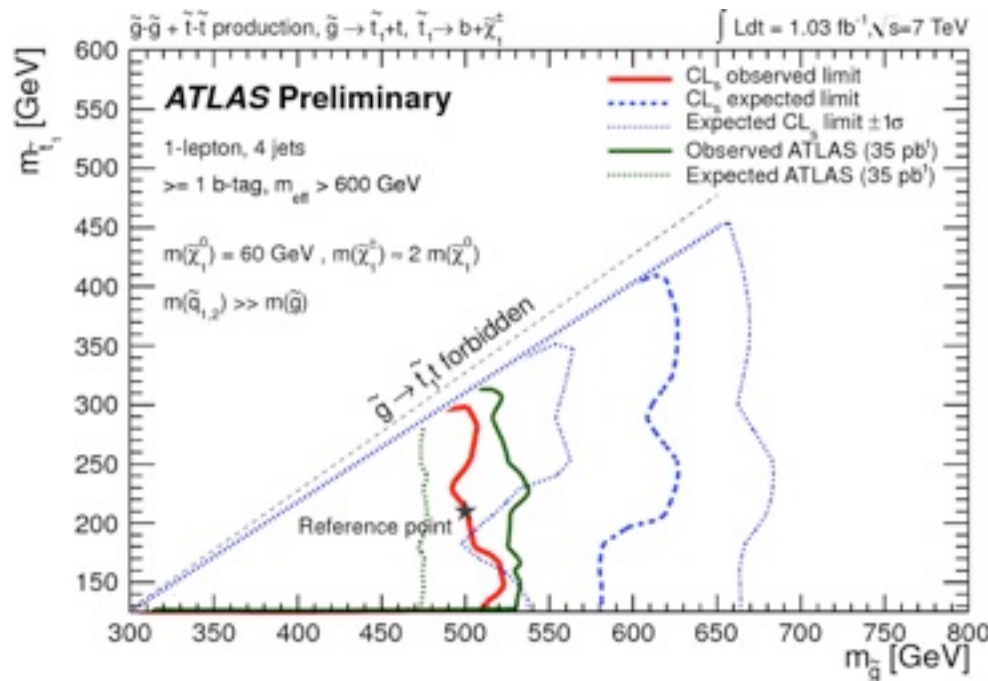
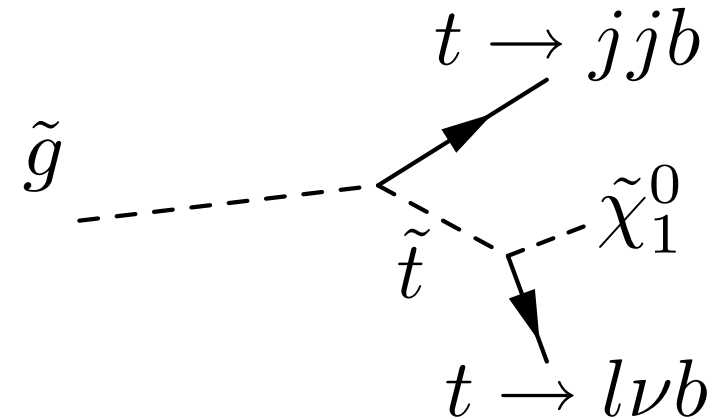
3rd generation (gluino mediated stop)

- stop, sbottom can be produced via gluino decay or directly in pairs
- Selection:
 - 1 lepton, 4 jets (1 b-tagged), large MET, large M_T
 - Main background: SM $t\bar{t}$
 - Results consistent with the Standard Model



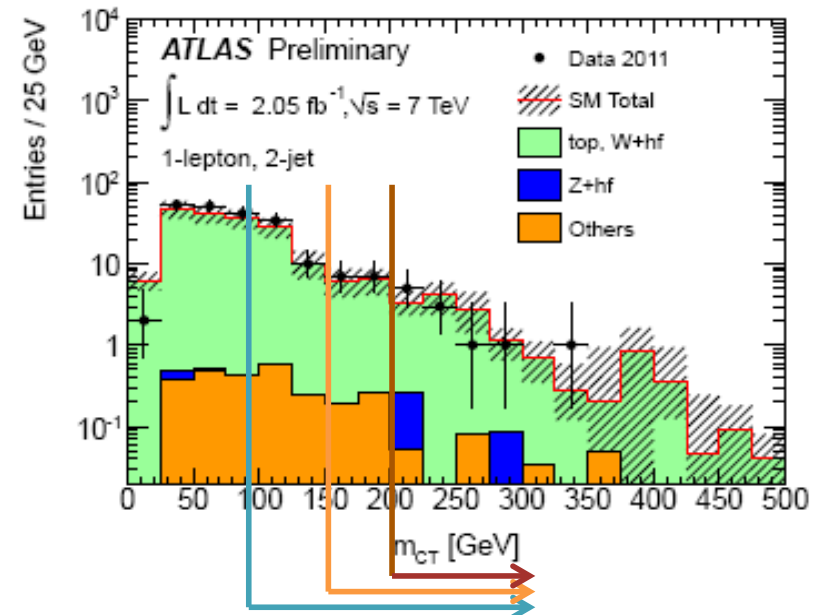
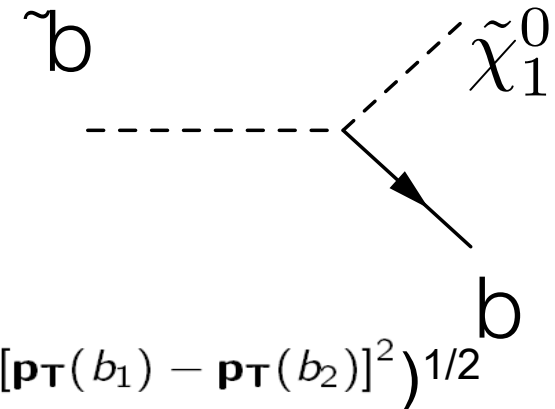
3rd generation (gluino mediated stop)

- Signal interpretation similar to the sbottom (on- and off-shell stop-mediated three body decay of the gluino)
- Some non-significant excess observed above the Standard Model predictions



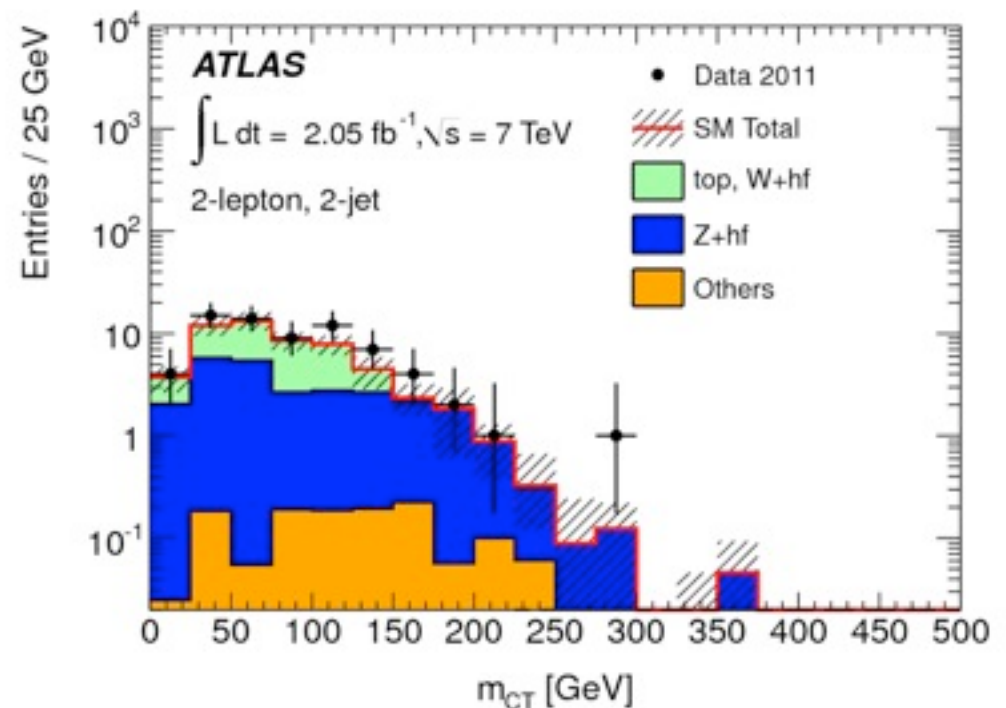
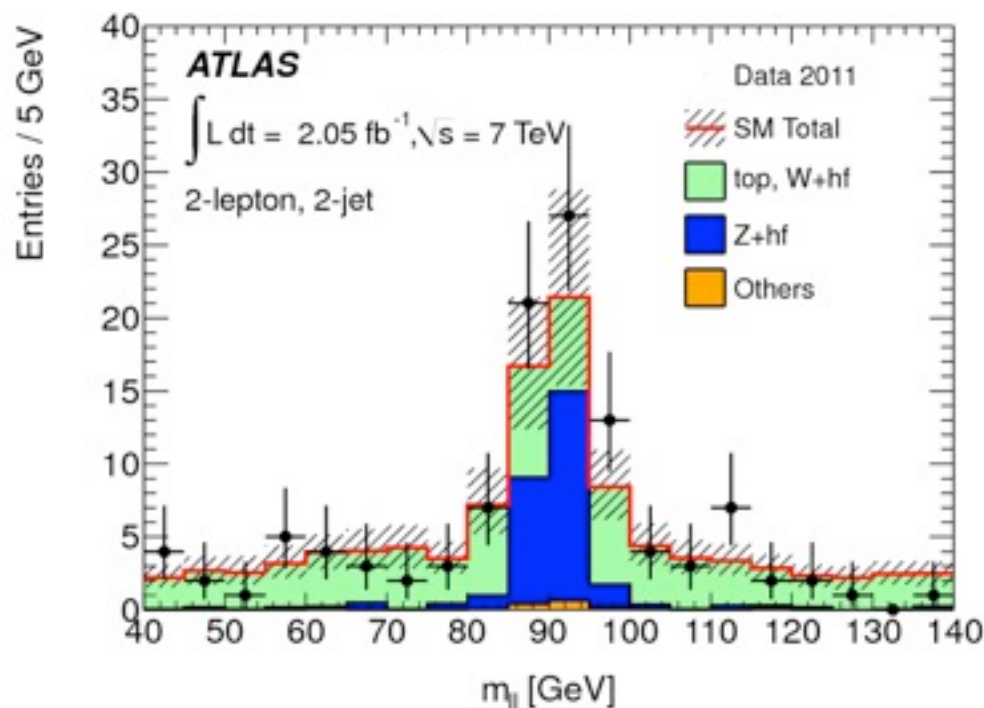
Getting closer to the stop....

- With 2 fb⁻¹ we are sensitive to sbottom pair production (same cross section as stop, easier to separate from the background)
- 2 b-jets (130, 50 GeV) and large MET (130 GeV)
- Make use of the contransverse mass
- ... corrected for the boost of the objects
- Kinematical end point for the top at 138 GeV
- Three different cuts on MCT to maximize sensitivity in the m_b - $m_{\text{neutralino}}$ plane
- Data driven top estimate using a 1-lepton control region



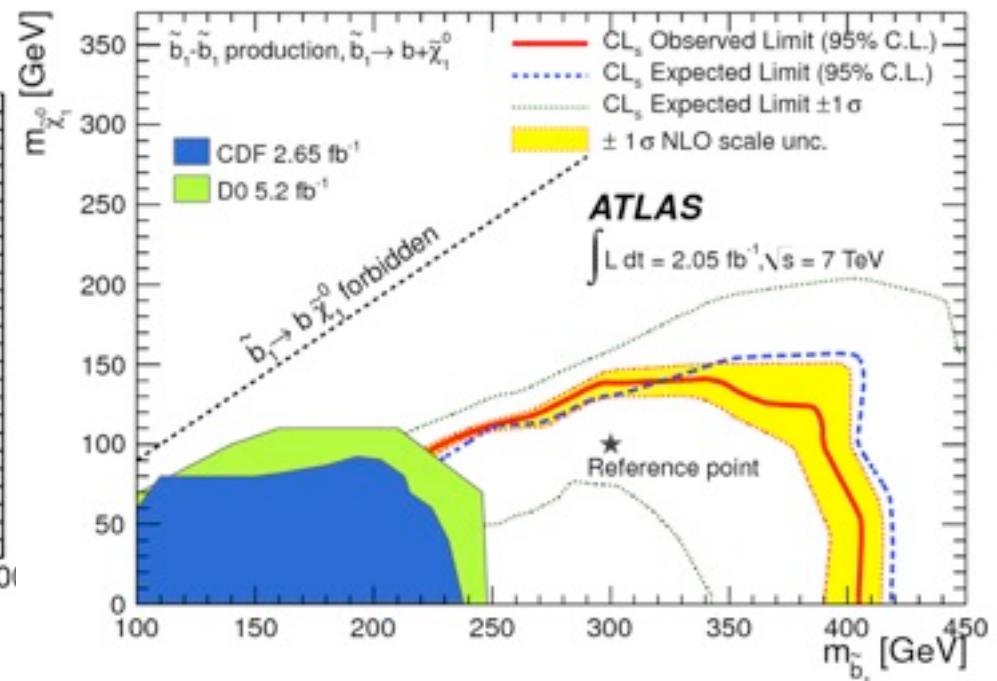
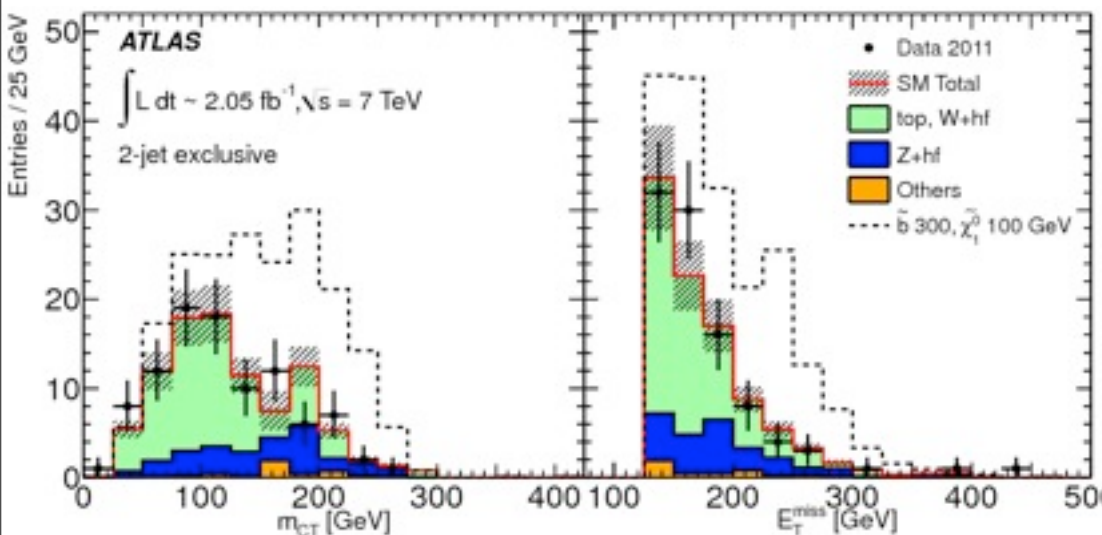
Getting closer to the stop....

- Z+hf background estimated in a 2-lepton control region on the Z peak
- top contamination measured in the sidebands of the M_{ll} distribution



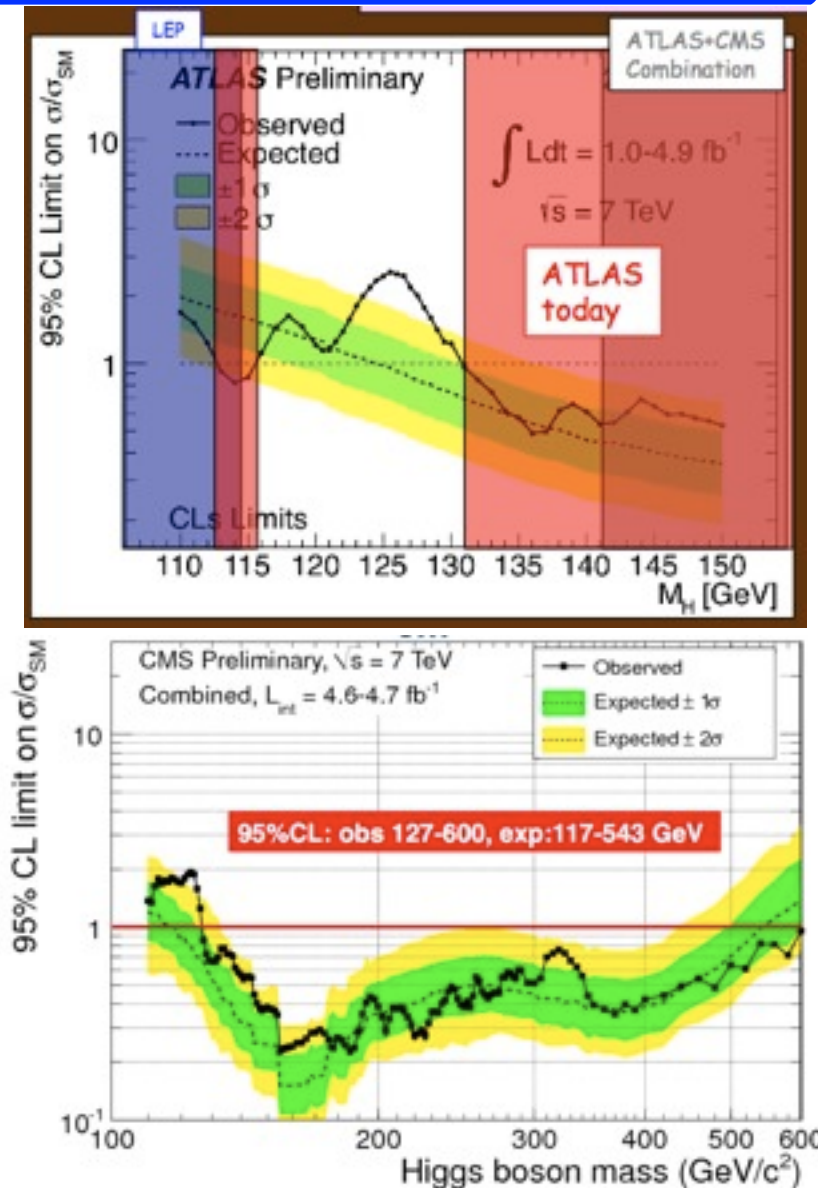
Getting closer to the stop....

- Final M_{CT} distribution consistent with the SM predictions
- Model for the interpretation of the result: $\tilde{b} \rightarrow b \tilde{\chi}_1^0$ with BR 100%
- Tevatron limit significantly extended
- Stay tuned for the stop....



Before concluding.....

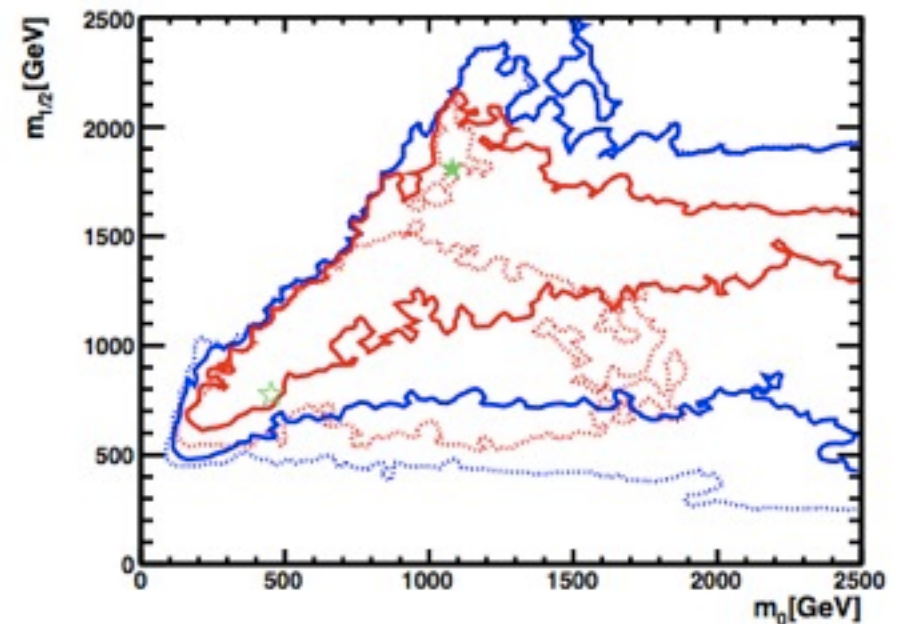
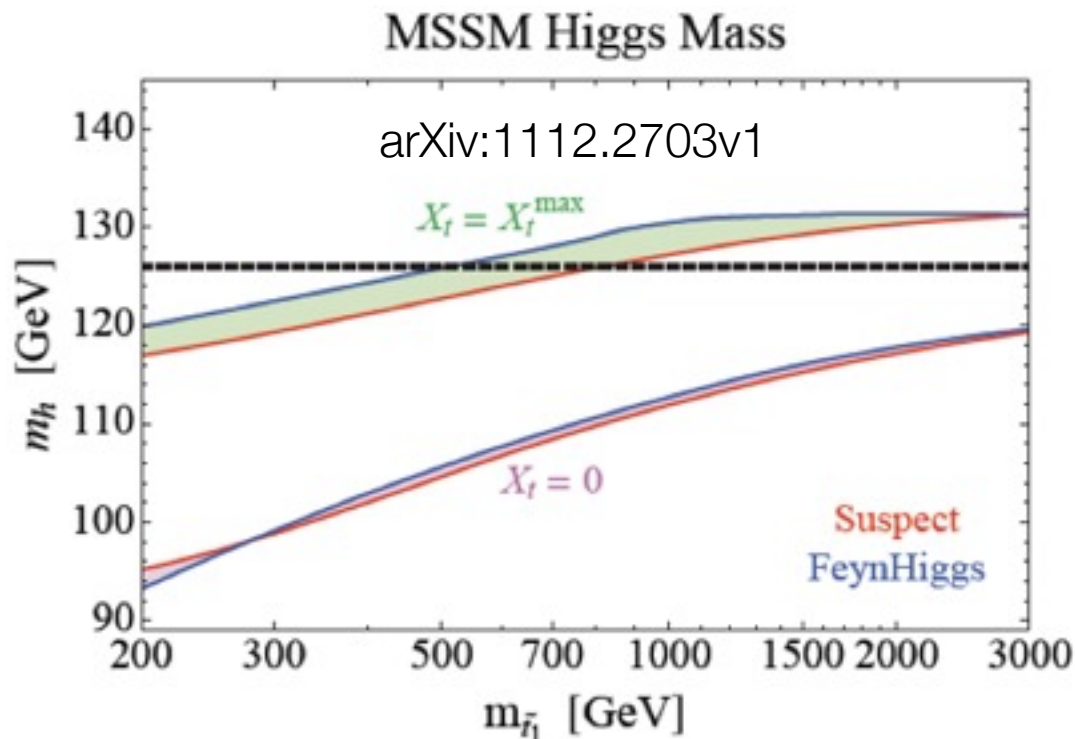
- The data from Higgs boson searches (will) tell us a lot about SUSY.
- Status:
 - new Higgs limits exclude a Higgs boson with mass above ~ 130 GeV or below 115 GeV.
 - An excess is observed at 124 GeV in CMS (126 GeV in ATLAS):
 - 2.5σ ATLAS
 - 1.9σ CMS



Consequences for SUSY

- Let's **assume** the Higgs boson exists and it has a mass of 125 GeV:
 - Then the two stop are either both moderately heavy (multi-TeV) or their mass splitting is very large (and anyhow, $m_{t1} > 500$ GeV)
 - In general, SUSY spectrum pushed at high energies, perhaps not accessible by the 7 TeV LHC

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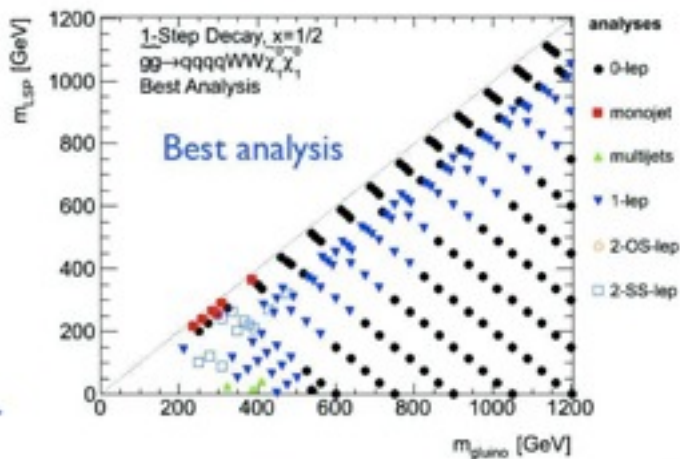
Summary

- LHC has opened a new era in the search for Supersymmetry
- No SUSY yet, but:
 - The **detector and the machine are working well**, this is only the beginning.
 - The **analysis strategies are solid** and constantly improved
 - So far **mostly sensitive to strong production** of gluinos and 1st and 2nd generation squarks, becoming sensitive to **direct gaugino and 3rd generation production**
- Higgs searches **putting already quite strong constraints on SUSY**
- New CMS energy of LHC will **significantly** increase the sensitivity

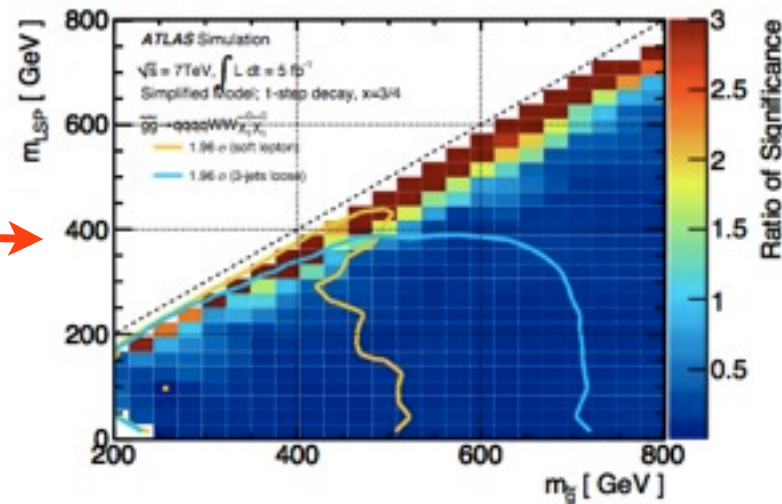
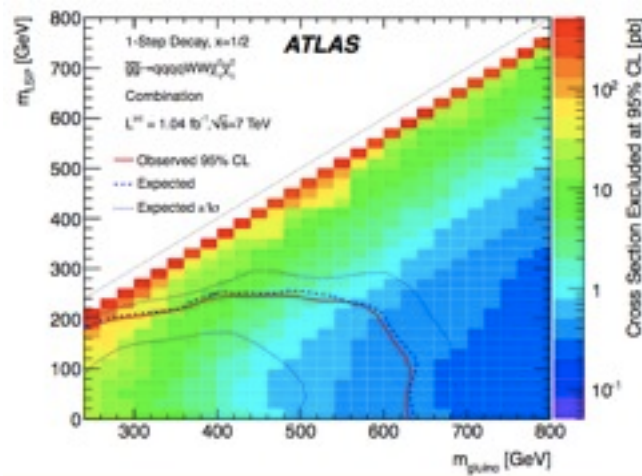
BACKUP

Strong production with leptons

- The 0-lepton analysis is very powerful, but it does not cover at best all possible scenarios

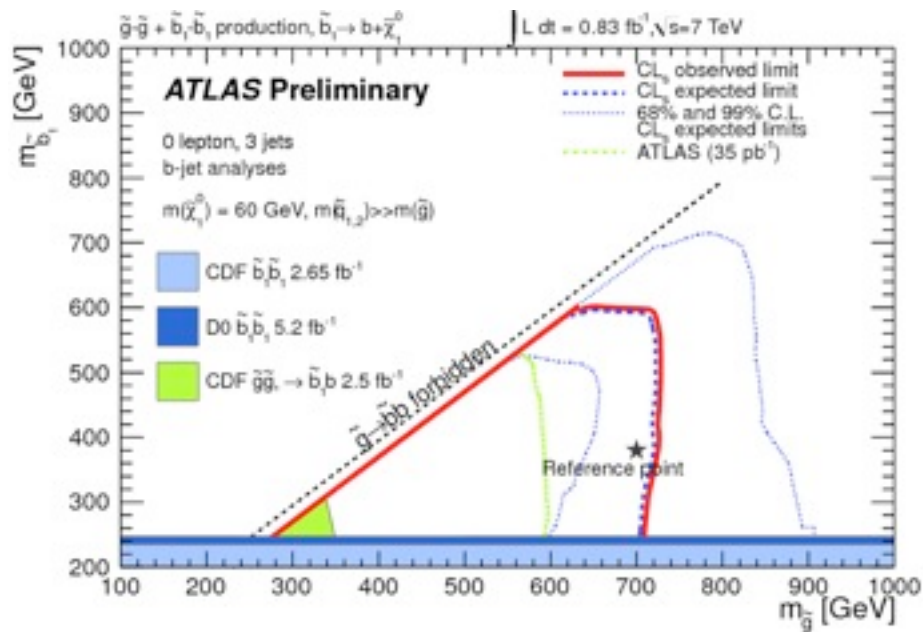


- Longer gluino decay chains ($\tilde{g} \rightarrow \tilde{q}q \rightarrow qq\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm \rightarrow qqW\tilde{\chi}_1^0$) better addressed by strategy involving leptons
- baseline 1-lepton analysis being reviewed:
 - soft lepton analysis (changing trigger strategy) brings sensitivity close to the diagonal
 - re-optimization of the signal regions

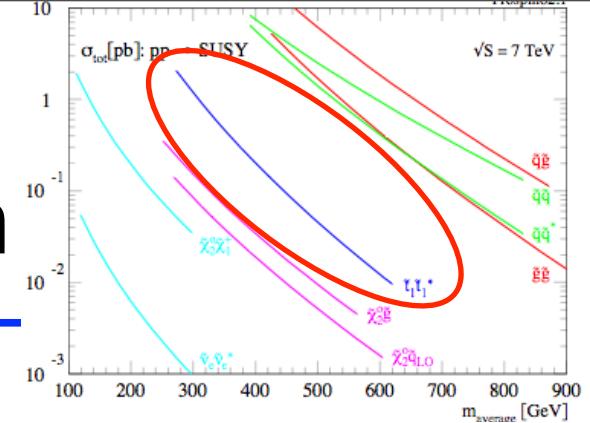
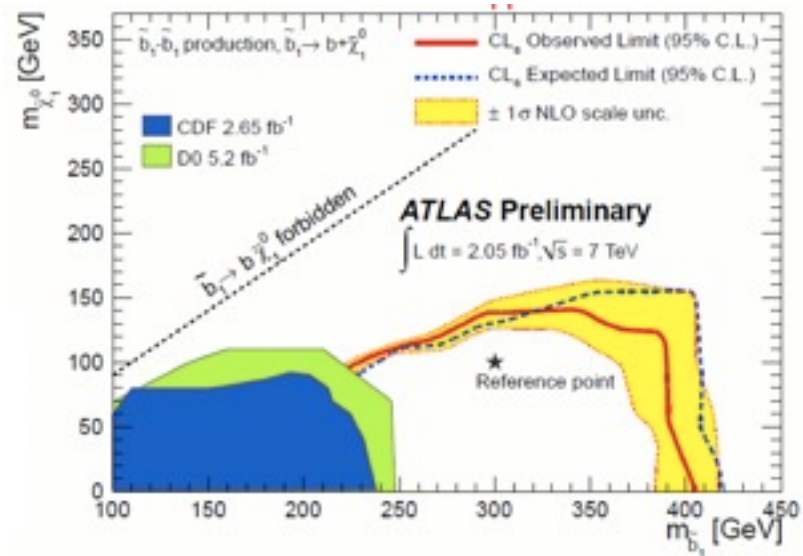


- Two lepton analysis demonstrated to have sensitivity in, e.g. GMSB
- Joined effort desirable
- taus soon included
- Z+MET analysis close to release results

Strong production - 3rd generation



- But quickly becoming sensitive to the **third generation squark direct production**
- directly attacking the “natural spectrum”



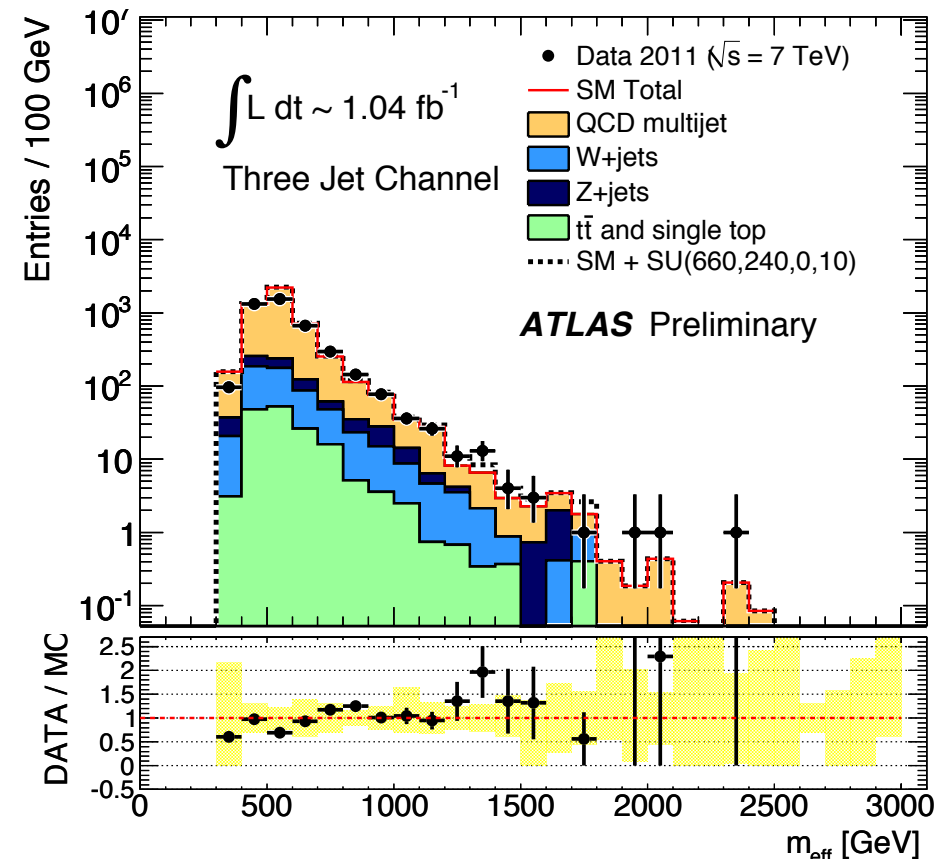
- A particularly hot topic is the search for **third generation squarks**
- Searches performed so far mostly sensitive to sbottom and stop **produced via gluino decay**

Systematic uncertainties

- Systematic uncertainties are reduced by the use of the transfer factors
- Jet energy scale and resolution uncertainties **derived using 2010 data**
 - Additional, conservative, uncertainties due to pileup considered
 - (typical effect on TF $\sim 15\%$)
- **Monte Carlo modelling uncertainties** addressed by comparing transfer factor obtained with, e.g., ALPGEN or MC@NLO and varying renormalisation and factorisation scales ($\sim 25\%$)
- Depending on the CR: CR available statistics, lepton identification, b-tagging, etc. considered, typically with a smaller impact.

QCD background estimation

- QCD pseudo-events obtained by **smearing low E_T significance events** with a jet response function.
- Validation:
 - QCD prediction from pseudo-events compared to data **in events where $\Delta\phi_{\min}(\text{jet}, E_T^{\text{miss}}) < 0.4$**
 - QCD multi-jet events have large MET because of **jet mis-measurement or heavy flavours leptonic decays**.
 - In both cases MET tends to align with one of the jets



Minimal SUSY extension of SM (MSSM)

- If SUSY is unbroken, $M_{\text{particle}} = M_{\text{particle}}$. Since sparticles are not yet observed, **SUSY must be (softly) broken**:

- $\mathcal{L}_{\text{SUSY}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SUSY conserving}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{SUSY soft breaking}}$

2 higgs doublets
needed \rightarrow 5 Higgs bosons

MSSM parameters:

SUSY conserving sector	SUSY breaking sector
3 coupling constants for SU(3) x SU(2) x U(1)	5 3x3 hermitian mass matrices (one per EW multiplet)
4 Yukawa couplings per generation	3 complex 3x3 matrices (Higgs trilinear couplings to sfermions)
	3 mass terms for the Higgs sector + 2 additional off-diagonal terms
	Higgs VEV expectation angle β

A total of 124 parameters.
Constraints needed:

Bottom up: separate lepton number conservation, FCNC suppression, CP violation constrain the MSSM parameters

Top-down: Precise assumptions are made on the way SUSY is broken:

- mSUGRA/CMSSM
- GMSB
- AMSB

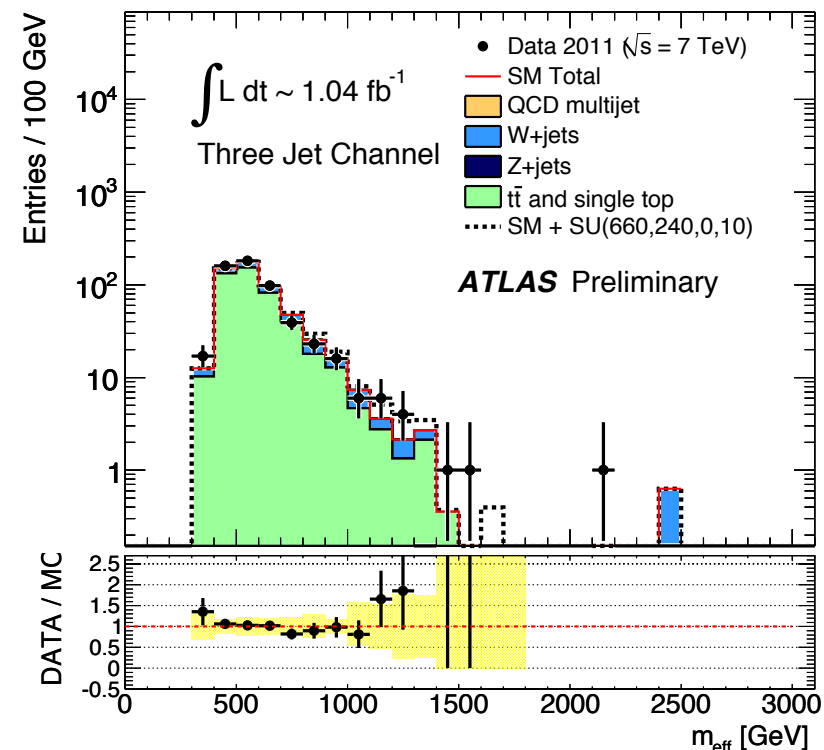
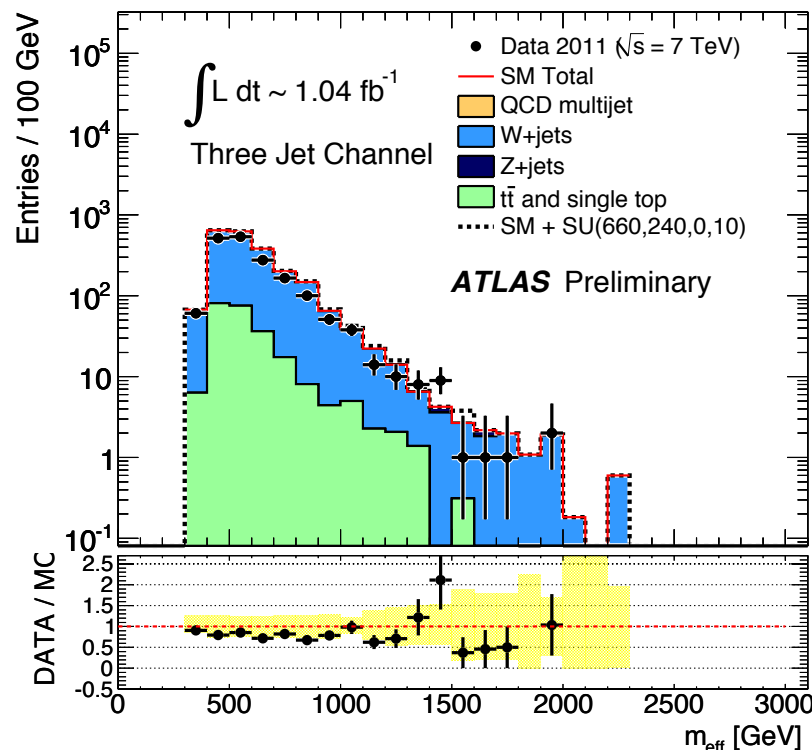
Analysis strategy

- Main expected SM background: W/Z + jets, top production, QCD multi-jet
- For each background, for each signal region, **one or more dedicated control regions** (CR)
- Background determination done with a **combined fit to all CRs** (mutual background contamination in CR and correlations automatically taken into account)
- **Transfer factors (TF) from each background process CR to the SR** are computed using a mix of data-driven and Monte Carlo driven techniques.

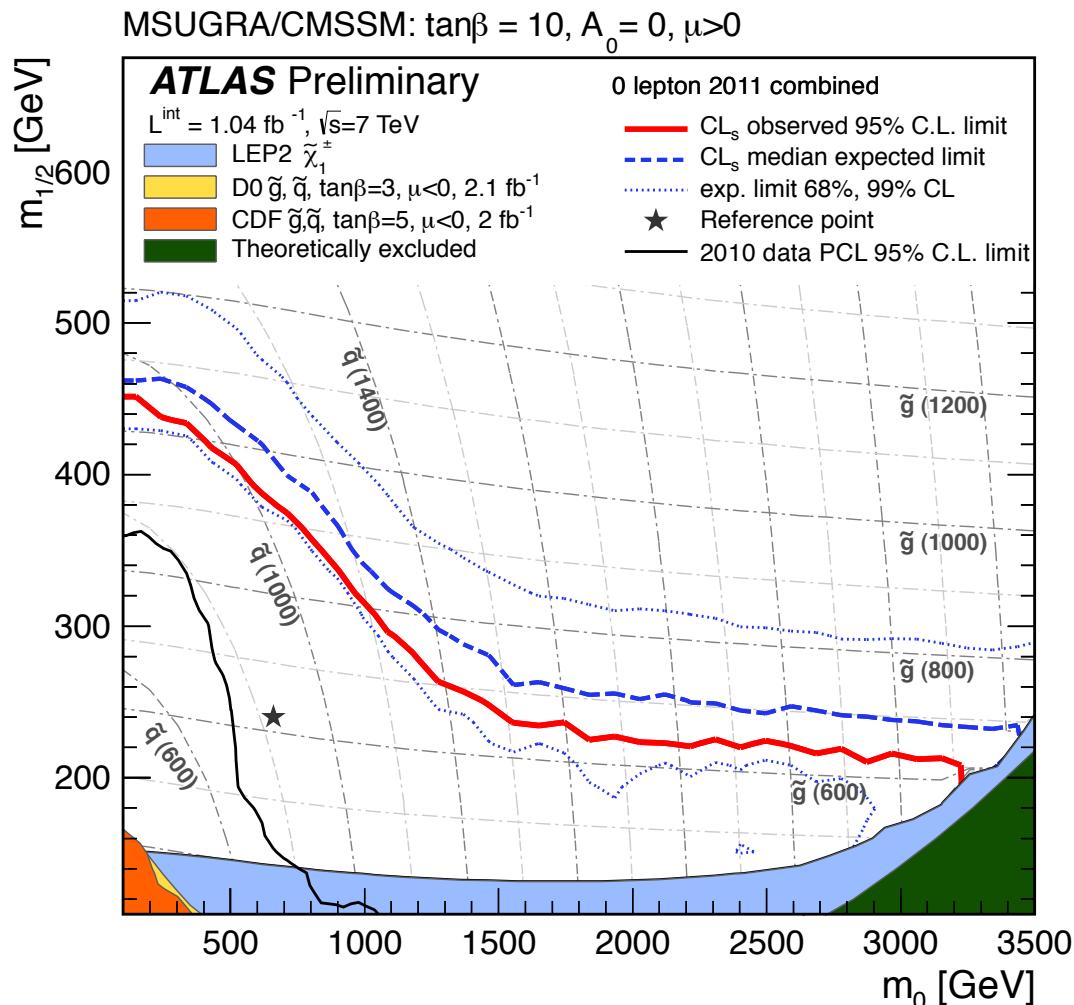
$$N(\text{SR, est, proc}) = N(\text{CR, obs, proc}) * \left[\frac{N(\text{SR, raw, proc})}{N(\text{CR, raw, proc})} \right]$$

W and top control regions

- Two control regions defined in events containing one additional lepton (additional selection $30 \text{ GeV} < M_T < 100 \text{ GeV}$):
 - Applying a b-tag veto a **W control region** is obtained.
 - Applying a b-tag requirement a **top control region** is obtained.



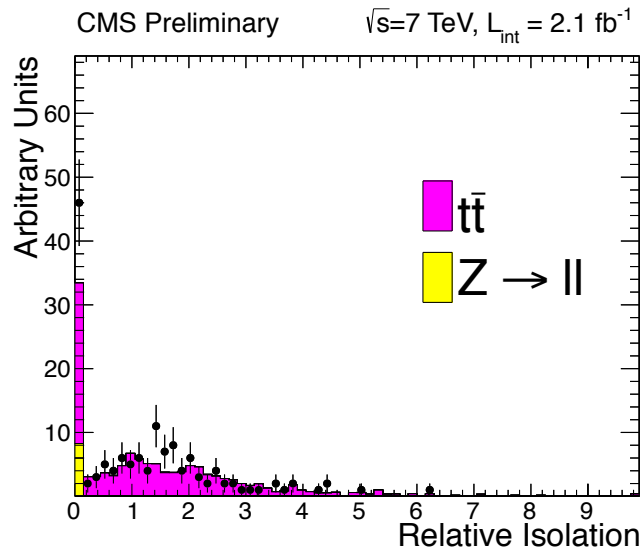
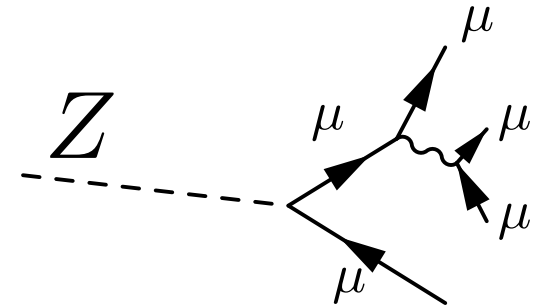
Result interpretation (2)



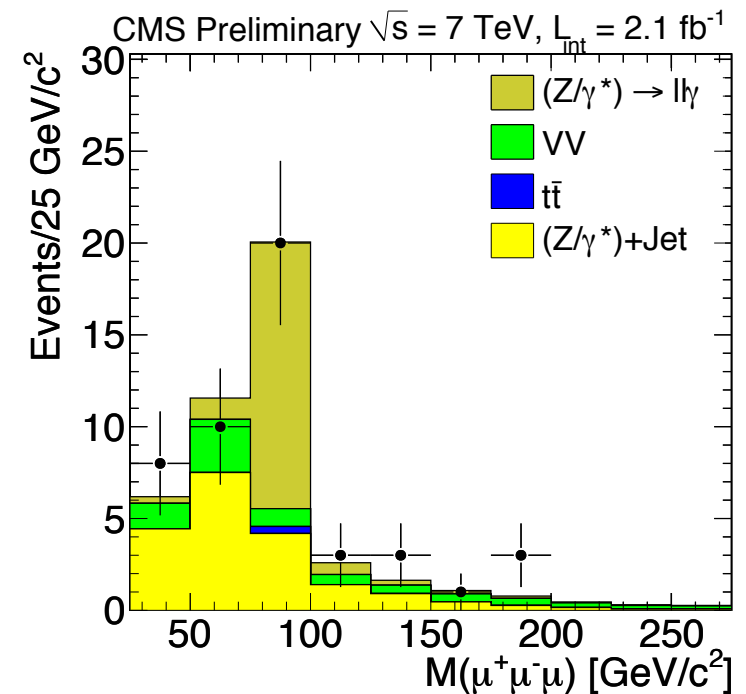
- Results interpreted in mSUGRA/CMSSM ($A_0 = 0$, $\tan\beta = 10$, $\mu > 0$)
- Limit in **large m_0** region profits from the introduction of signal regions **with large jet multiplicities.**
- Equal squark-gluino masses excluded below 980 GeV

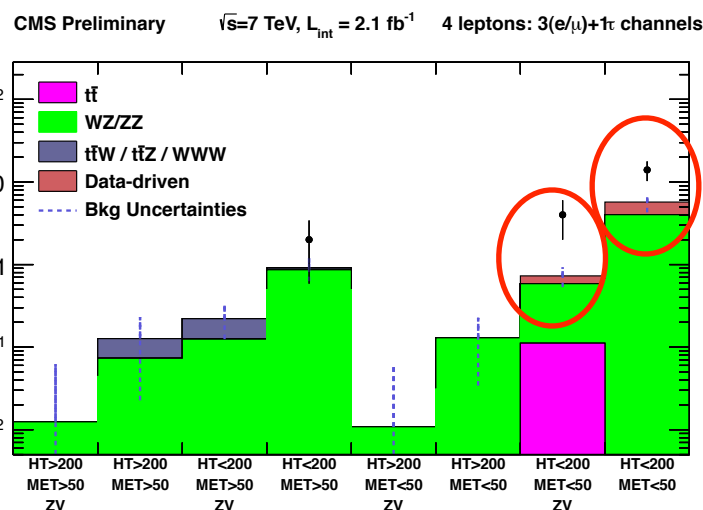
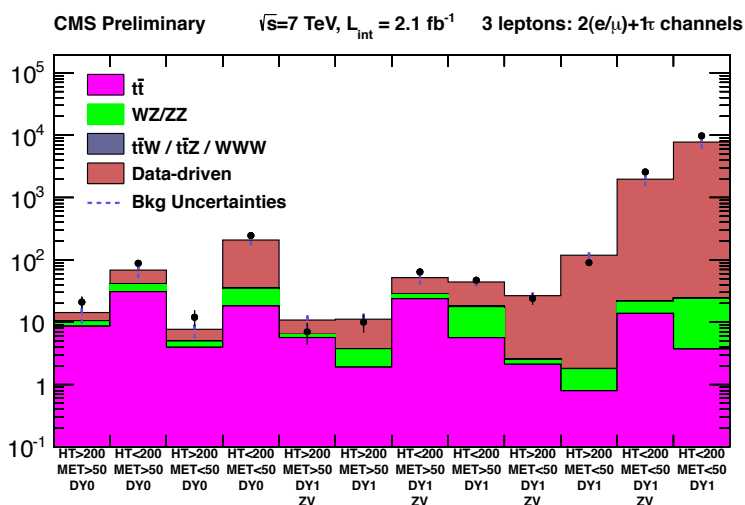
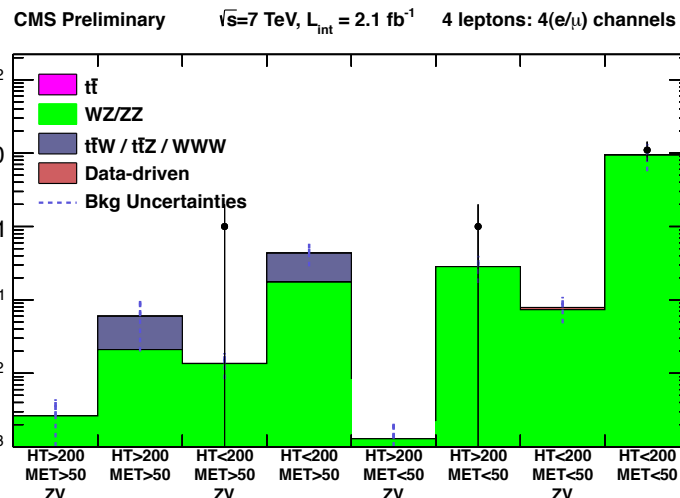
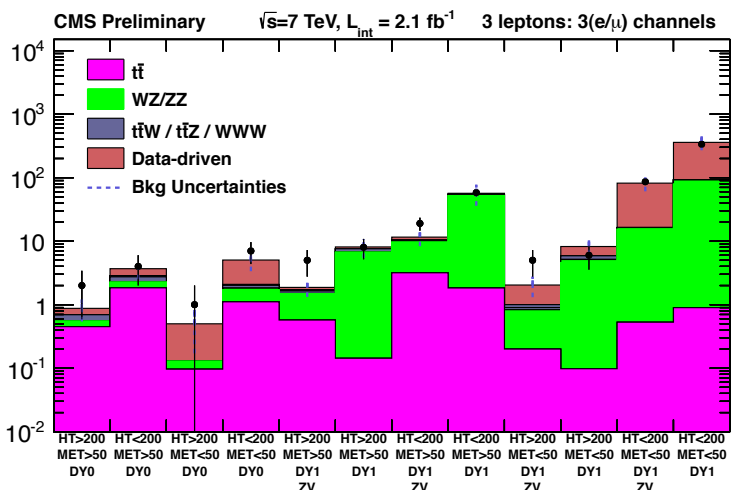
Multilepton analysis (CMS)

- Background **from fake leptons**:
 - e/mu: Compute probability that an isolated track fakes a lepton in QCD events \rightarrow estimate background from a 2-lepton sample
 - tau: use sidebands of isolation distribution
- Background from **asymmetric conversions**:
 - Estimated comparing $ll\gamma$ to $ll\gamma$ at the Z peak

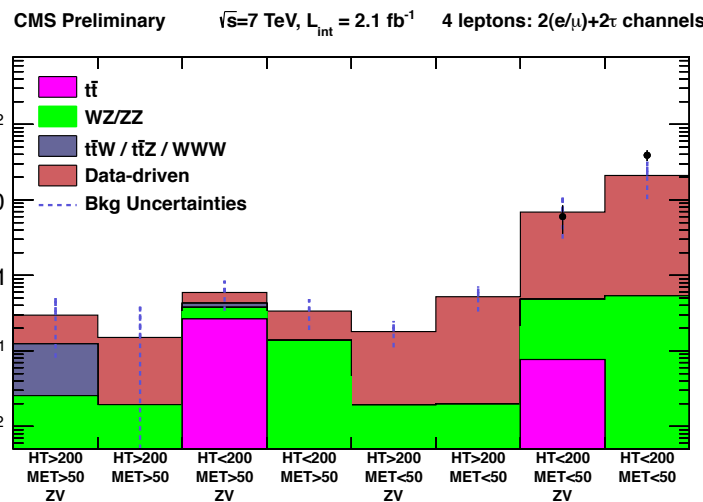
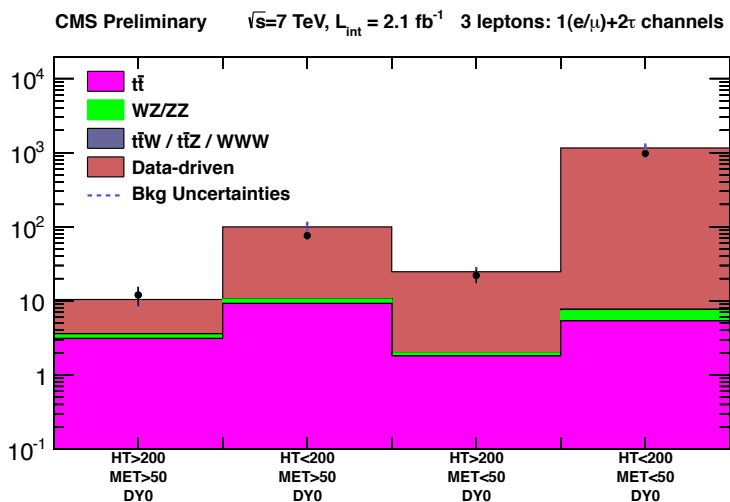


- **top and di-boson background estimated using MC (validated in CR)**





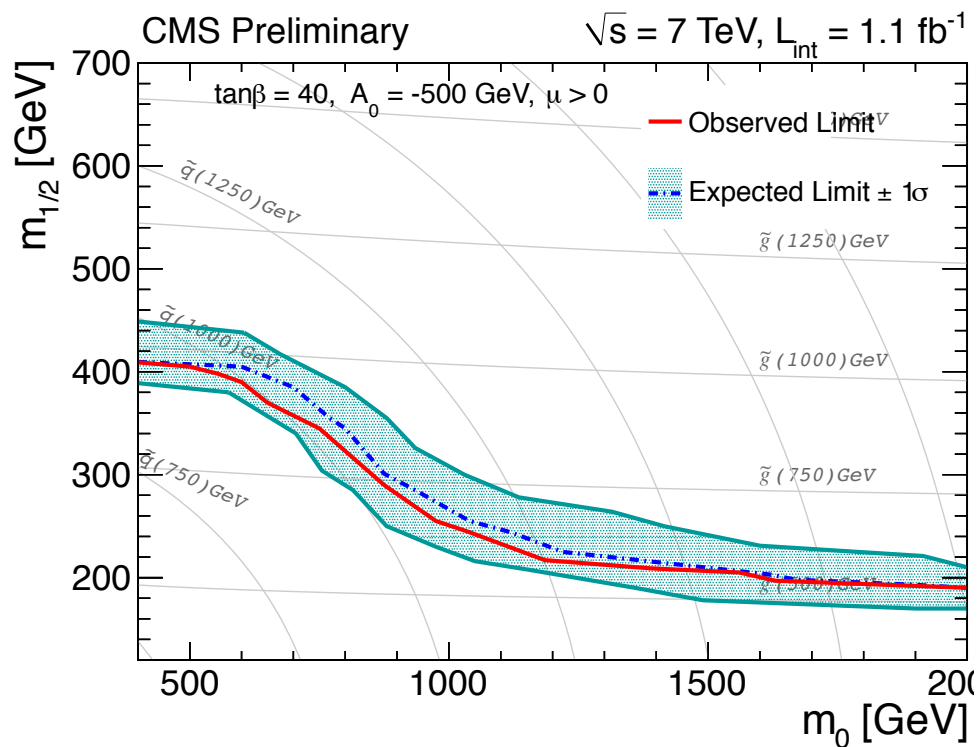
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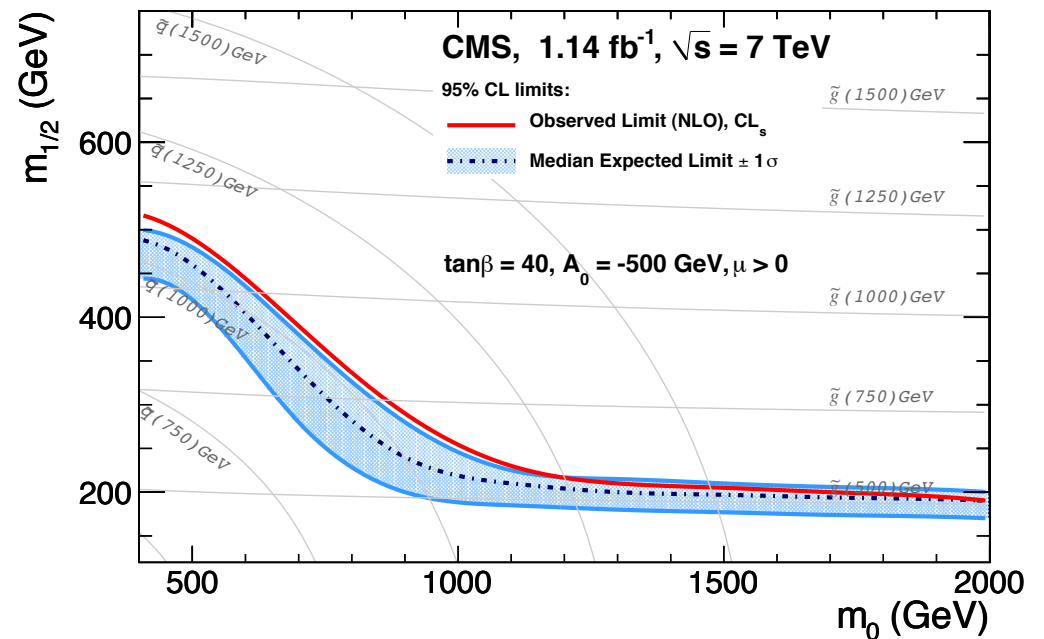
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$$\tan \beta = 40$$

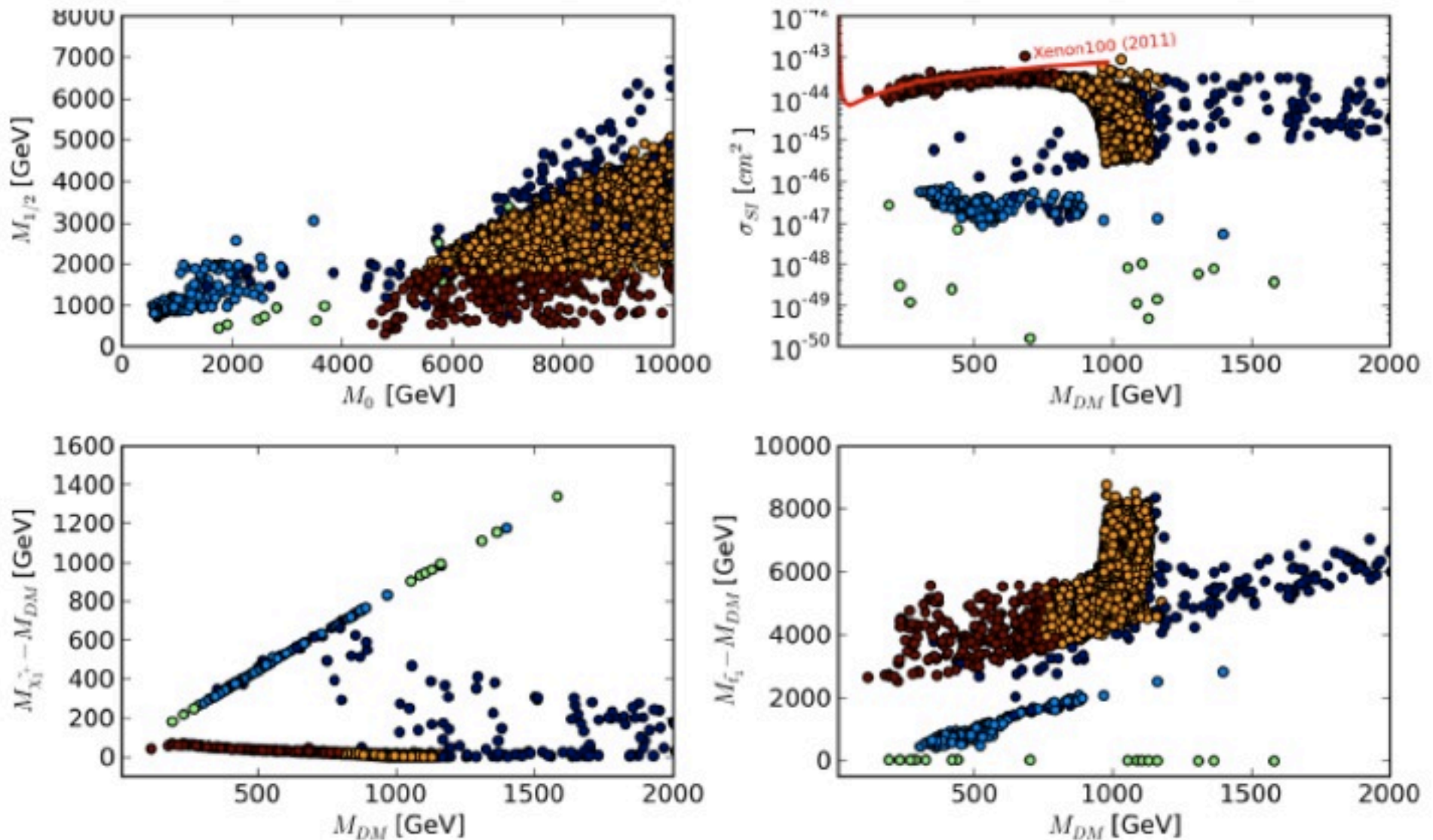
SUSY with b-jets



SUSY with alpha_T



Dark matter indirect results



Multilepton analysis (CMS)

- A completely different analysis: focus on **3-lepton and ≥ 4 lepton** signatures:
 - Sensitive to **R-parity conserving SUSY** with many-steps gluino-squark decay and/or sleptons in the decay chain. MET expected in the final state
 - Sensitive to **R-parity violating SUSY** \rightarrow no MET in final state

Reminder

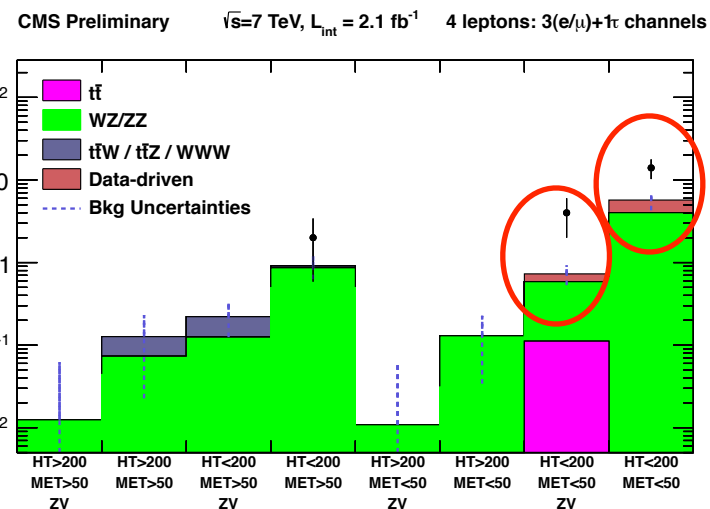
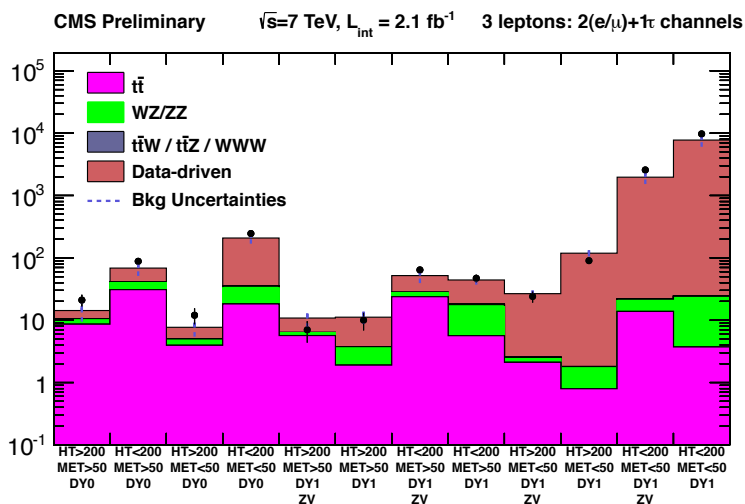
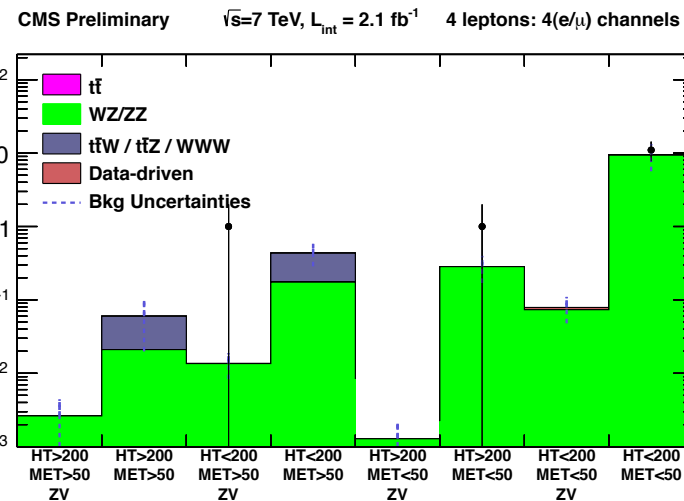
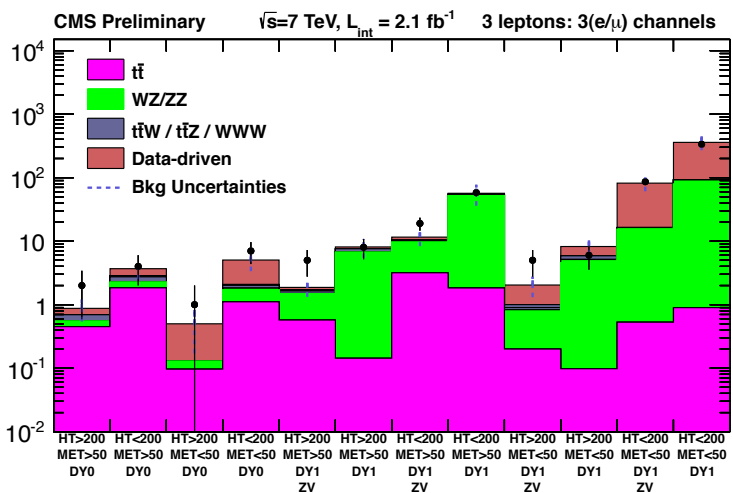
$$H_T = \sum_{jets} P_T$$

$$\left(\begin{matrix} 3\ell \\ \geq 4\ell \end{matrix} \right) \times \left(\begin{matrix} \text{relative} \\ \text{sign} \end{matrix} \right) \times \left(\begin{matrix} \text{flavor} \end{matrix} \right) \times \left(\begin{matrix} H_T > 200 \\ H_T < 200 \end{matrix} \right) \times \left(\begin{matrix} \cancel{E}_T > 50 \\ \cancel{E}_T < 50 \end{matrix} \right)$$

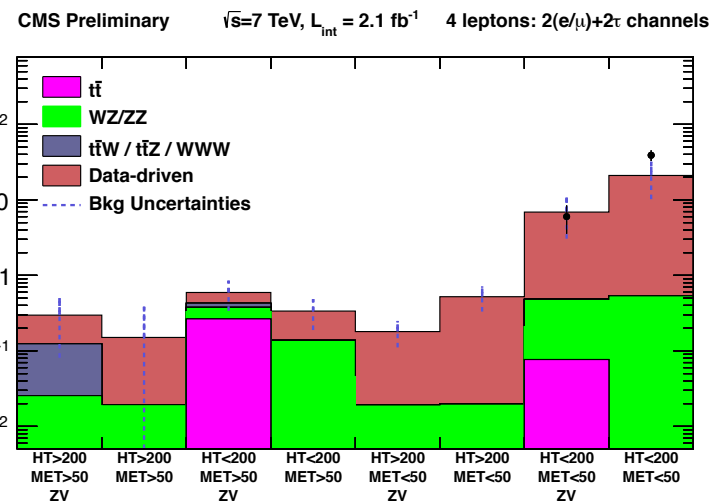
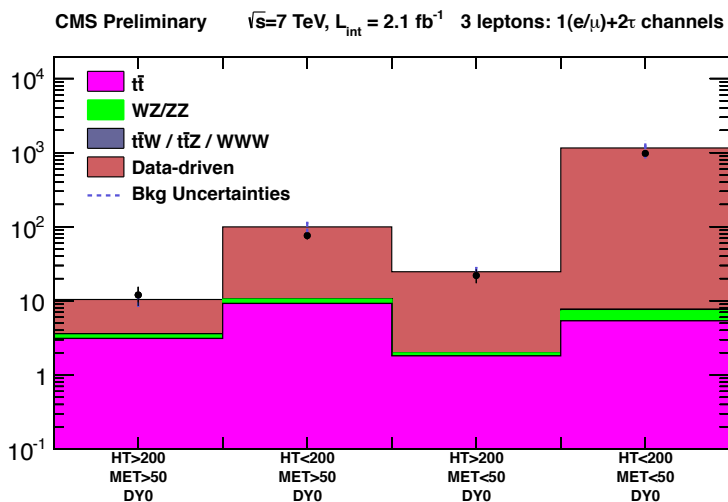
= 52 channels

• Very clean in principle

- However, need to be careful with fake leptons and (internal and non) photon conversions



1τ



2τ

Multilepton analysis (CMS)

- Some excess present (especially in 4 leptons with taus), large trial factor. Result still consisted as SM.
- Interpreted as a 95% CL limit in specific mSUGRA scenarios

