

Supersymmetry

Lecture 4

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Chapter 2: Supersymmetry

2.1 Introduction and Overview

- What is SUSY
- How can we find/measure it?

2.2 SUSY Theory/Phenomenology

- SUSY Lagrangian, MSSM
- SUSY interactions, masses, SUSY breaking

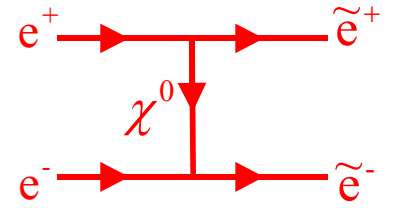
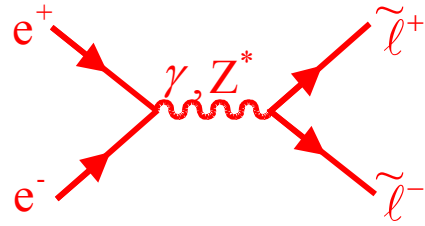
2.3 SUSY searches/measurements at experiments

- past and running experiments
- LHC / future linear collider

2.4 Searches for MSSM Higgs bosons

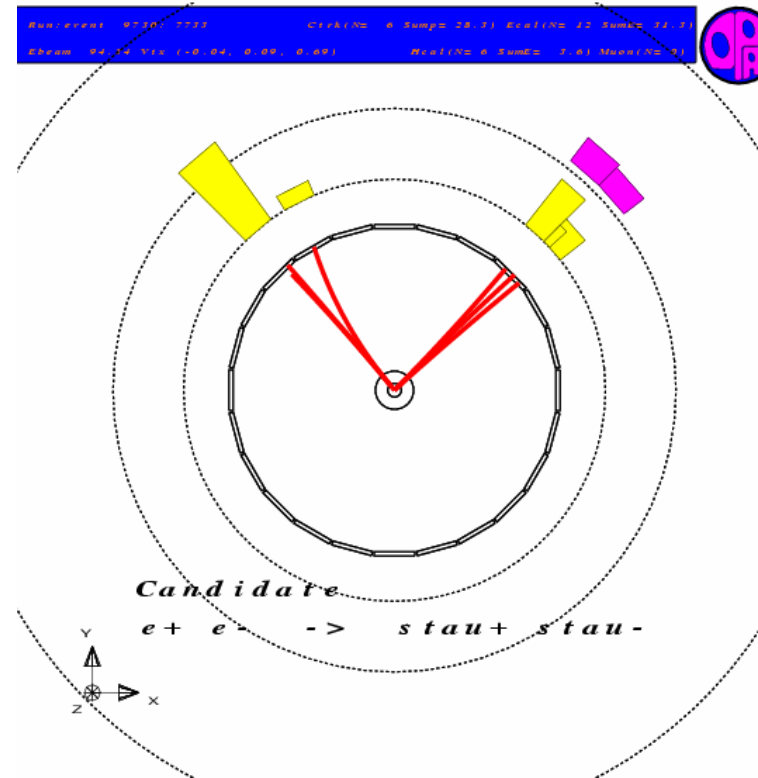
Direct Searches for Sleptons at LEP

- Clear domain of LEP are **Slepton & Chargino/Neutralino** searches (e^+e^- , $E_{\text{cm}} \sim 200$ GeV)

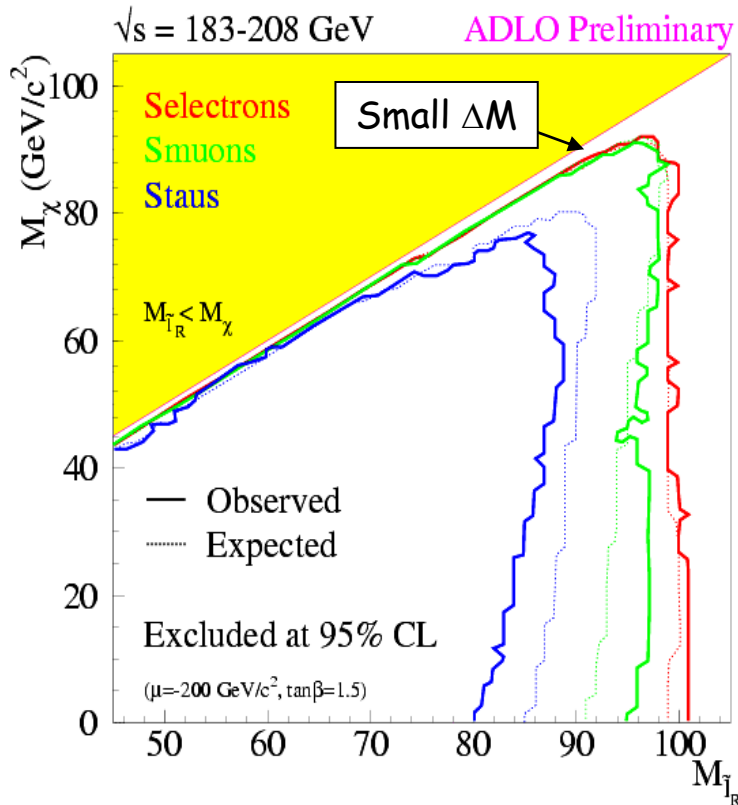


$\tilde{l} \rightarrow l \chi^0_1$ (2 leptons + missing E)

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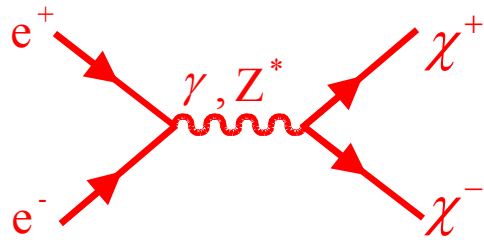


→ Excluded up to masses of **80 ... 100 GeV** ($\sim E_{\text{cm}}/2$)



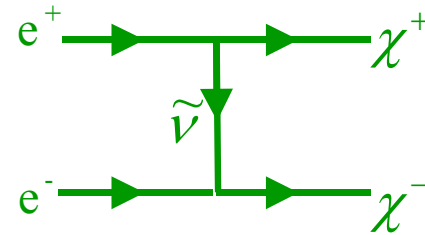
Direct Searches for Charginos at LEP

Large m_0 (\tilde{l} are heavy)



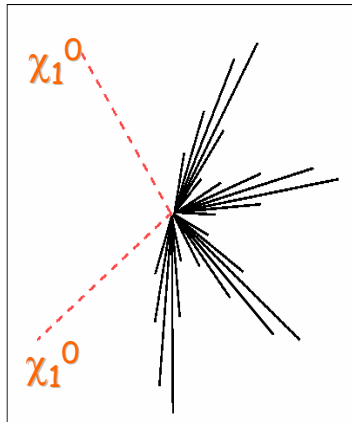
$$\chi^+ \chi^- \rightarrow W^* \chi_1^0 W^* \chi_1^0$$

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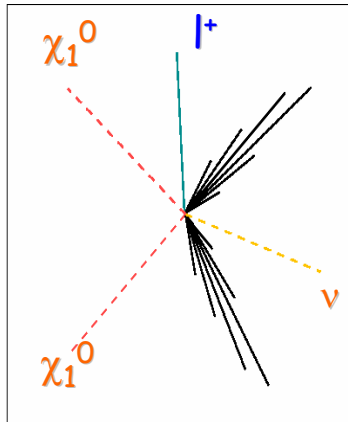


$$\chi^+ \chi^- \rightarrow l^+ \tilde{\nu} l^- \tilde{\nu} \rightarrow l^+ \nu \chi_1^0 l^- \nu \chi_1^0$$

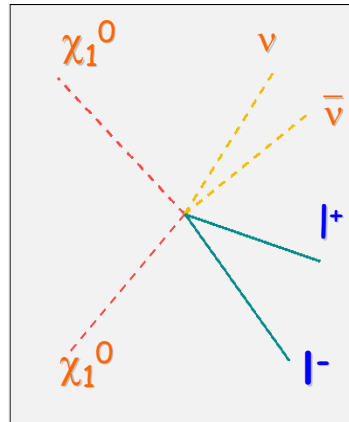
$WW \rightarrow qq\bar{q}\bar{q}$



$WW \rightarrow lvqq$



$WW \rightarrow lv\bar{l}\bar{\nu}$

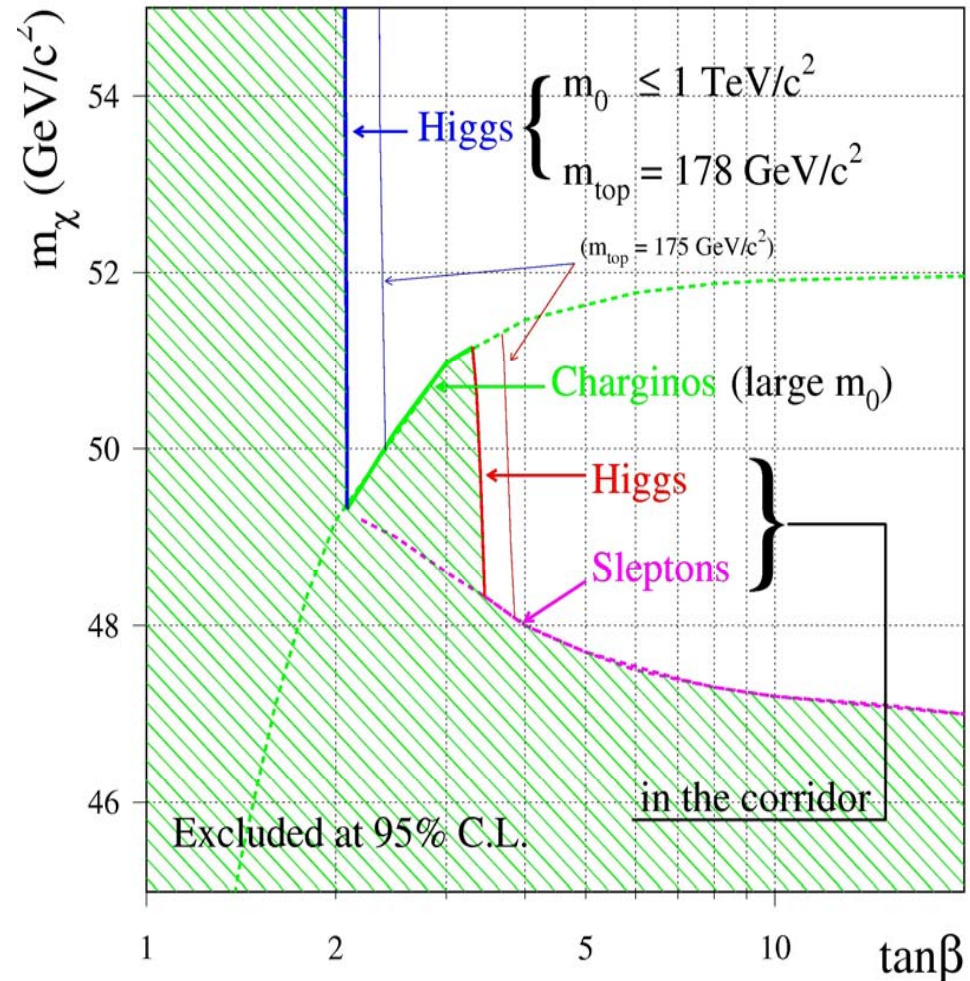


Main SM backgrounds (WW, ZZ production) suppressed by asking for **large missing mass** or **missing E_T** in the event.

LEP Constraints in the cMSSM

Limits on mass of LSP in the cMSSM

with LEP Combined Results



- LEP cMSSM limits:

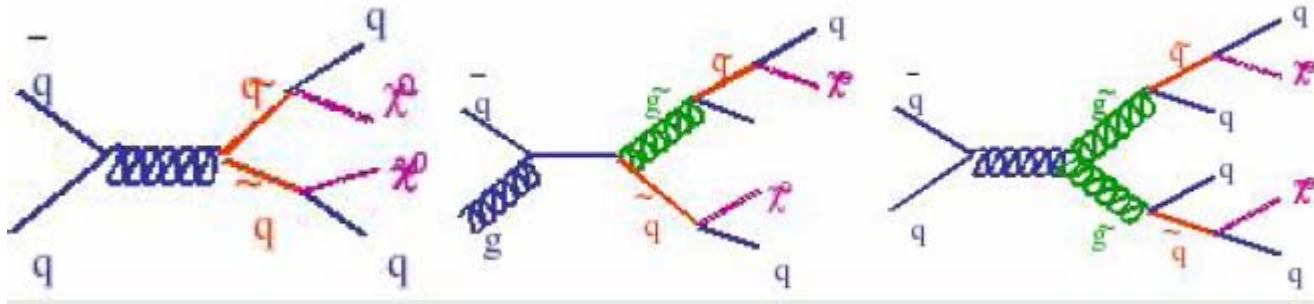
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- $\tan \beta > 1.4$

- $M_{\text{LSP}} > 47 \text{ GeV}$

- $M_h > 114.5 \text{ GeV}$

Direct Searches for Squarks/Gluinos at Tevatron

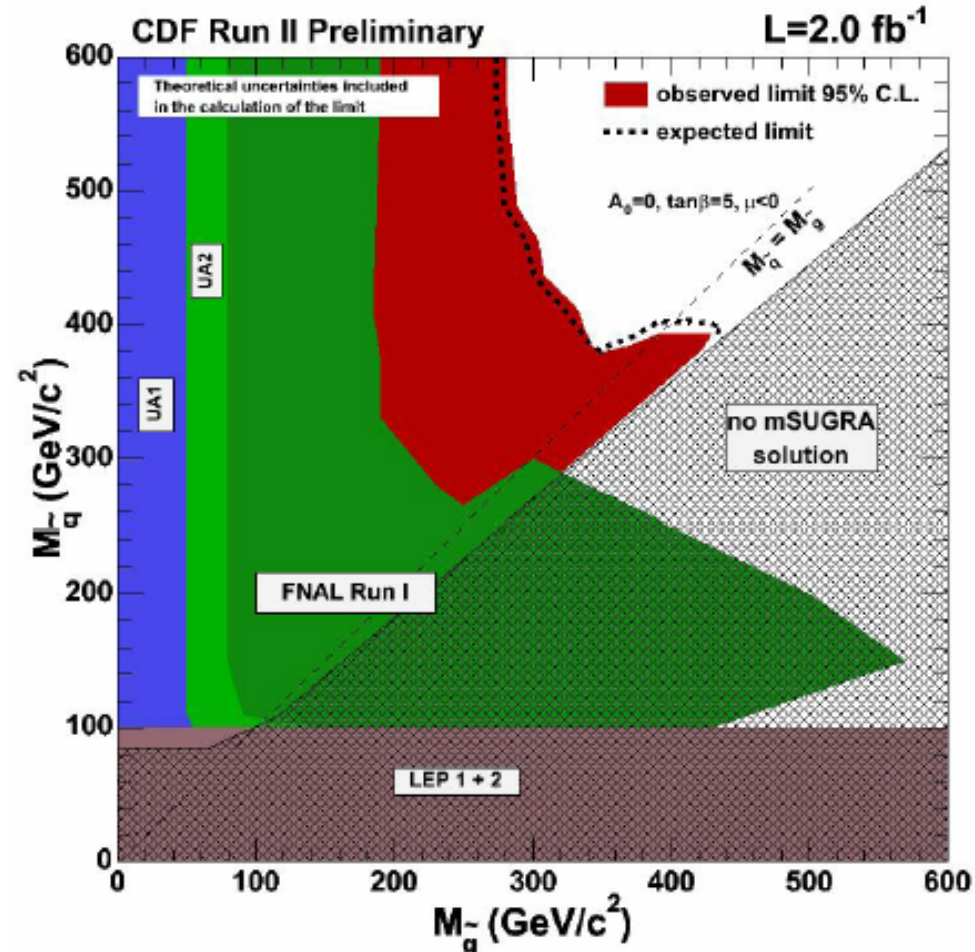


- Clear domain of Tevatron as hadron machine are **Squark and gluino** searches (p anti-p, $E_{\text{cm}} \sim 2 \text{ TeV}$)
- Squarks and gluinos excluded up to masses of $\sim 300\text{-}400 \text{ GeV}$

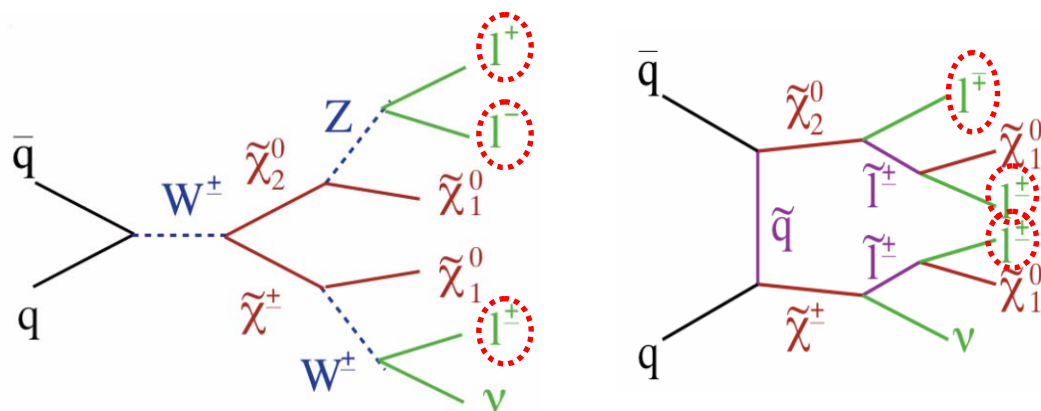
Similar to searches at LHC I

Main differences:

- LHC is pp collider
→ gluon processes dominate!
- $E_{\text{cm}}(\text{LHC}) = 14 \text{ TeV} !!!$



Trilepton Searches at Tevatron ("Golden Mode")



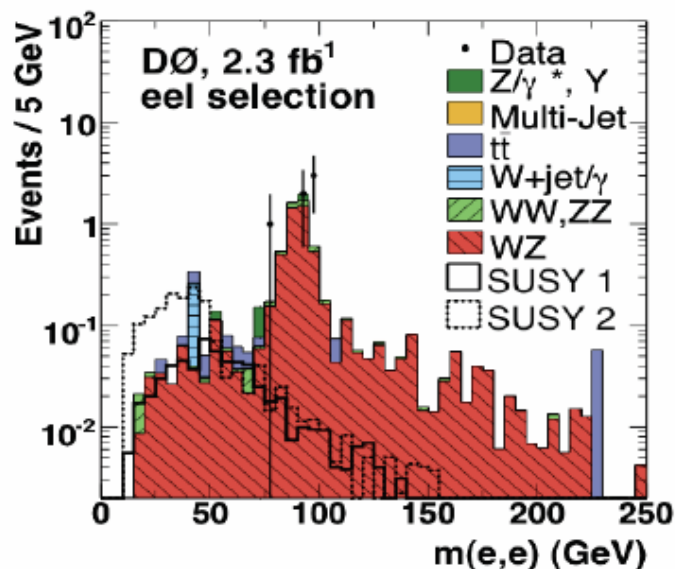
Very clean signature:

- 3 isolated leptons
- \cancel{E}_T due to undetected $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$ and ν

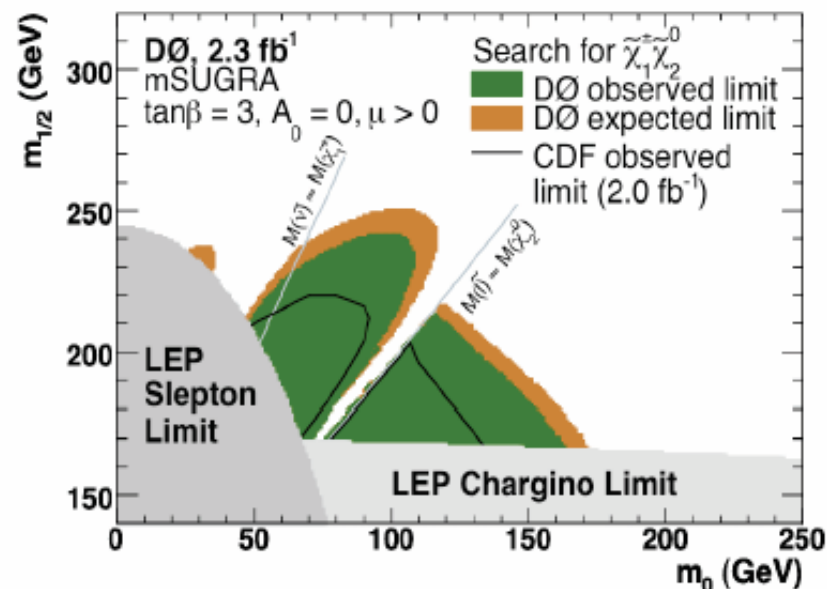
Challenge:

- low cross section:
 $\sigma \times Br < 0.5 \text{ pb}$
- very soft 3rd lepton p_T

e.g. select 2 electrons + additional track (l)

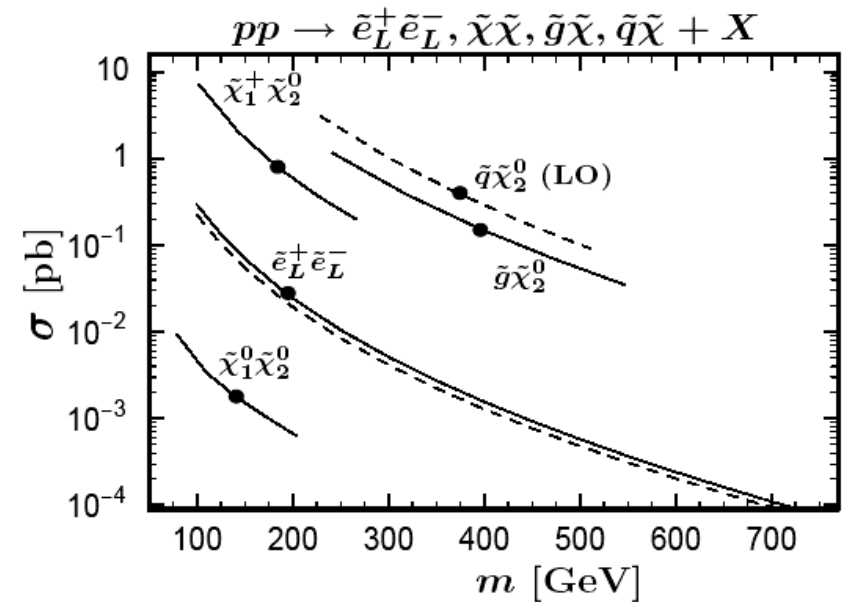
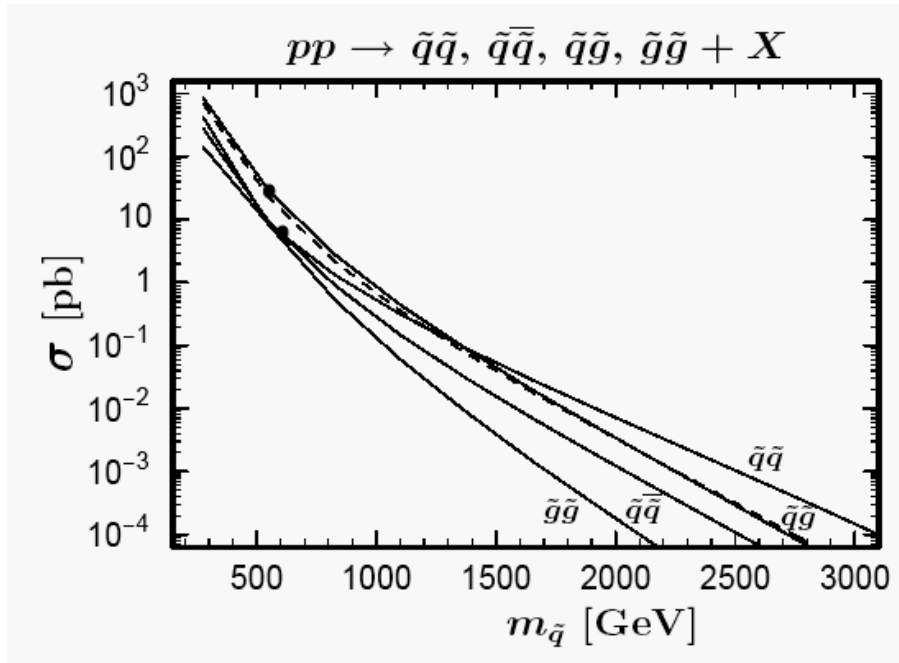
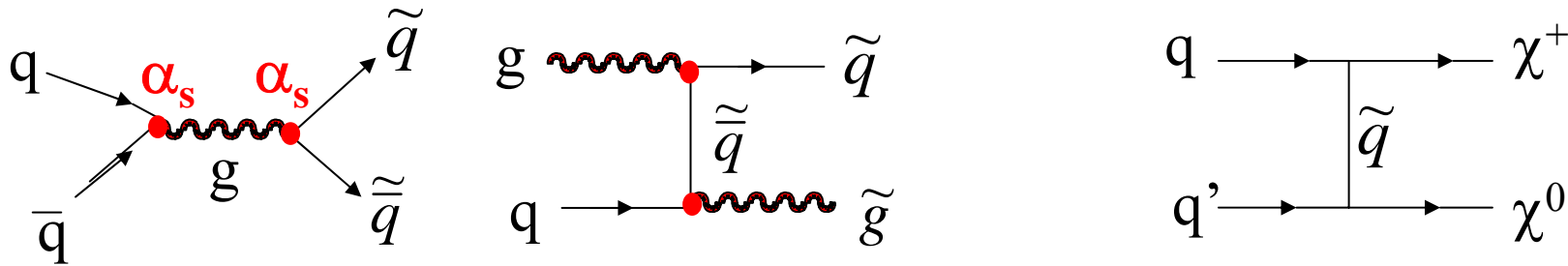


Exclusion limits in mSUGRA



SUSY Searches at the LHC

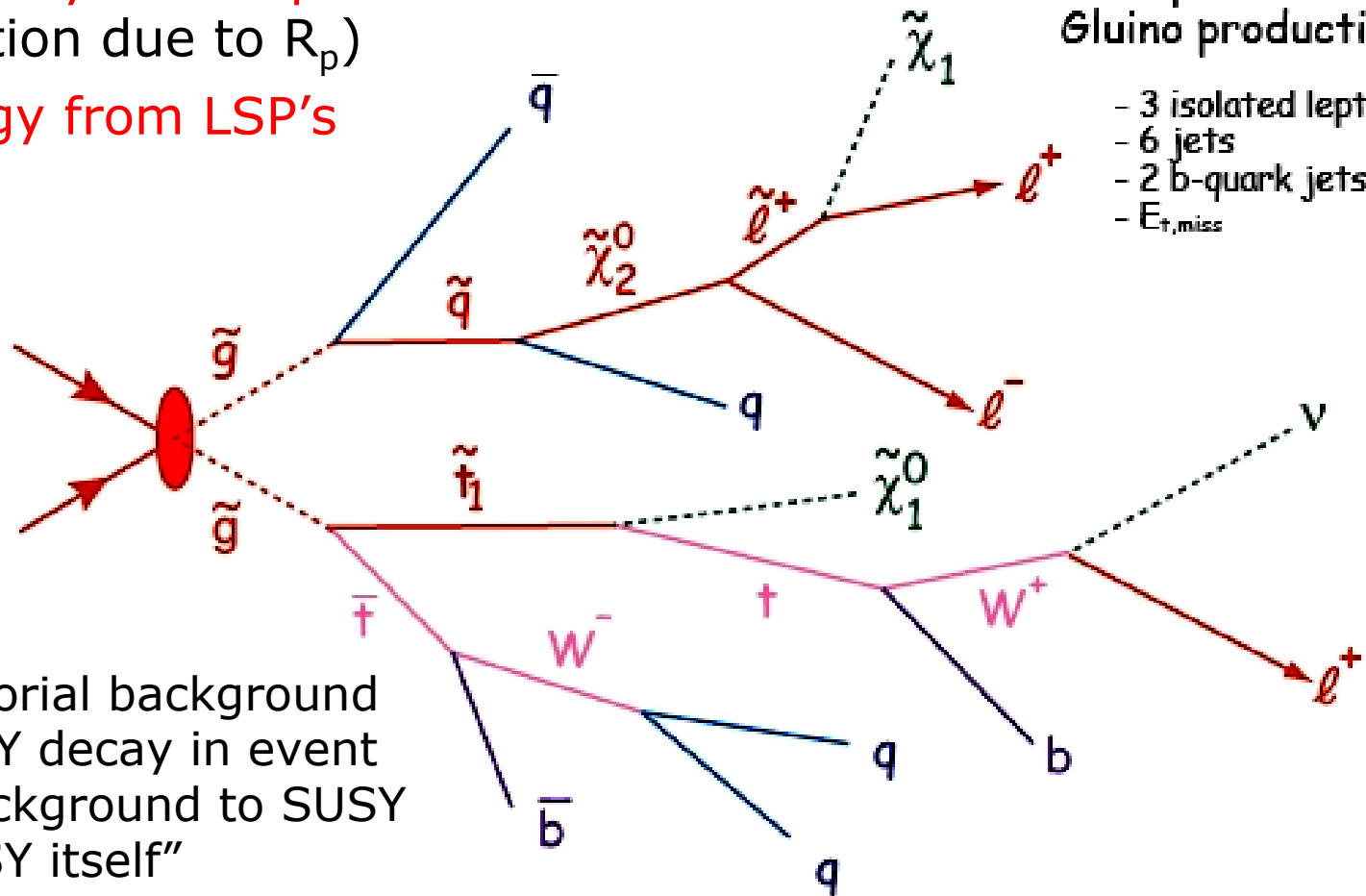
Reminder: SUSY Production and Cross Sections



→ Production of gluons and squarks dominates at LHC

Reminder: SUSY Decay Cascades

- Long, complex decay chains (at the end: SM particles and LSP's)
- Two SUSY decay chains per event (pair production due to R_p)
- Missing energy from LSP's



Huge combinatorial background from second SUSY decay in event
 → "dominant background to SUSY is SUSY itself"

Typical final states: jets + E_T^{miss} (+ leptons)

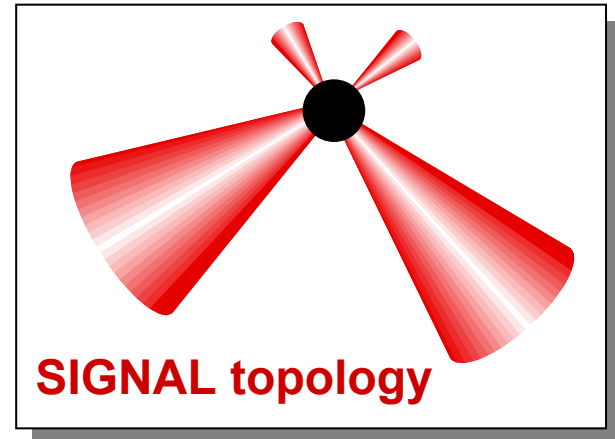
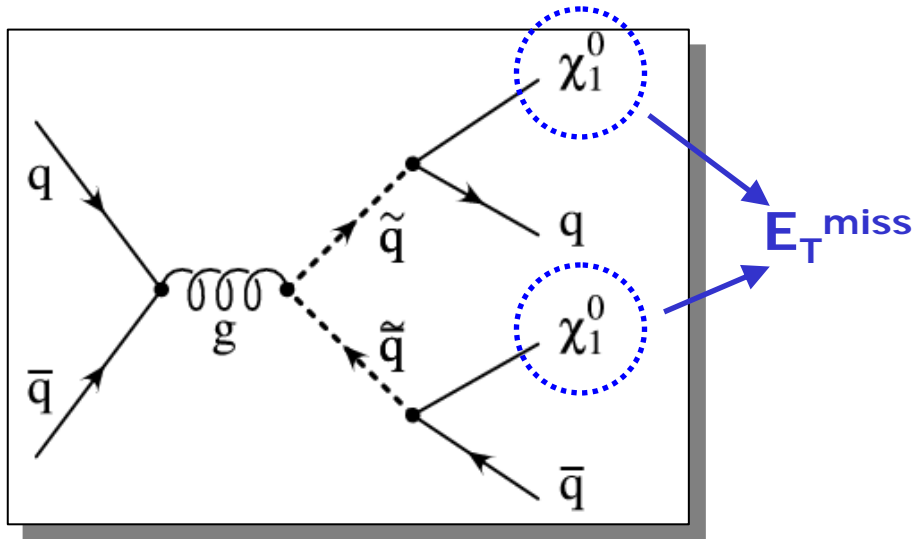
Strategy for SUSY Searches at the LHC

- Step 1: **Discovery**
 - Look for deviations from the Standard Model
- Step 2: **Mass scale**
 - Establish the approximate SUSY mass scale
- Step 3: **Measurements**
 - Determine masses, branching fractions, etc.
- Step 4: **Parameter studies**
 - Study underlying theory / SUSY model

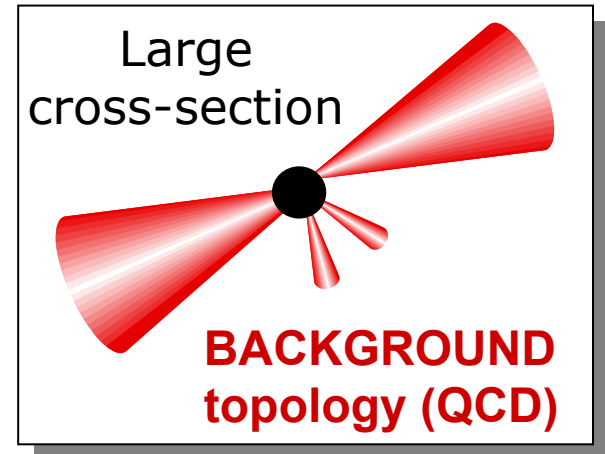
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Specific Decays

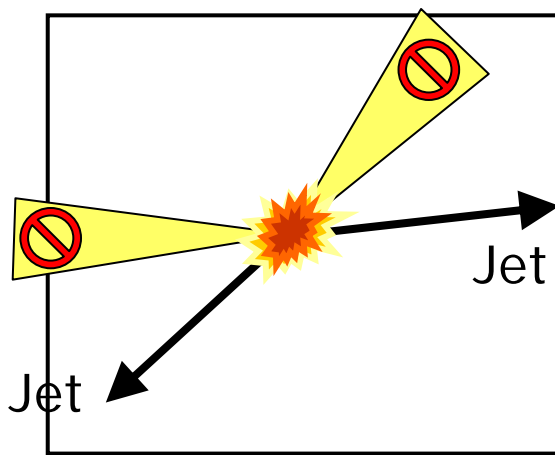
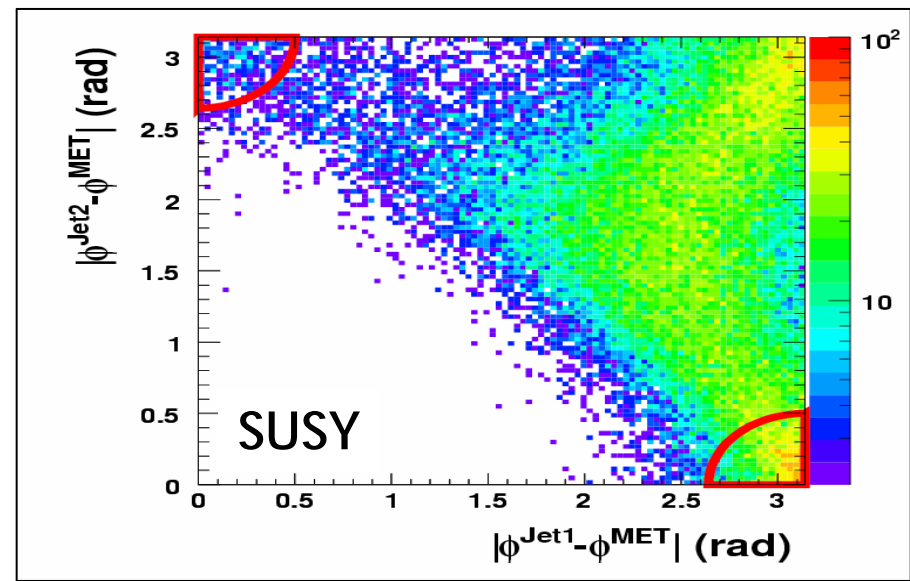
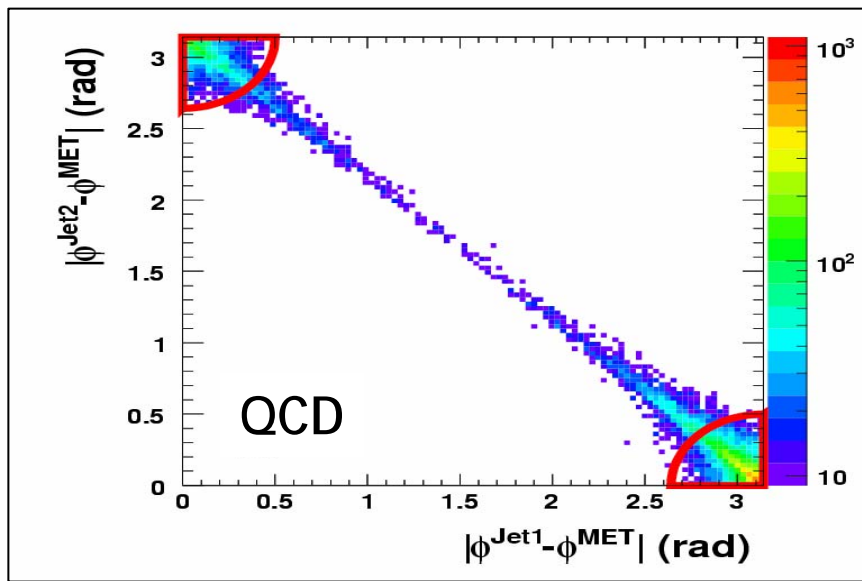
Discovering SUSY with Jets



- Select **high P_T jets**
 - Large signal cross-section
 - Large control statistics
- Relatively “**model independent**”
 - Does not rely on leptonic cascades
 - Does not rely on hadronic cascades



Suppressing QCD Background



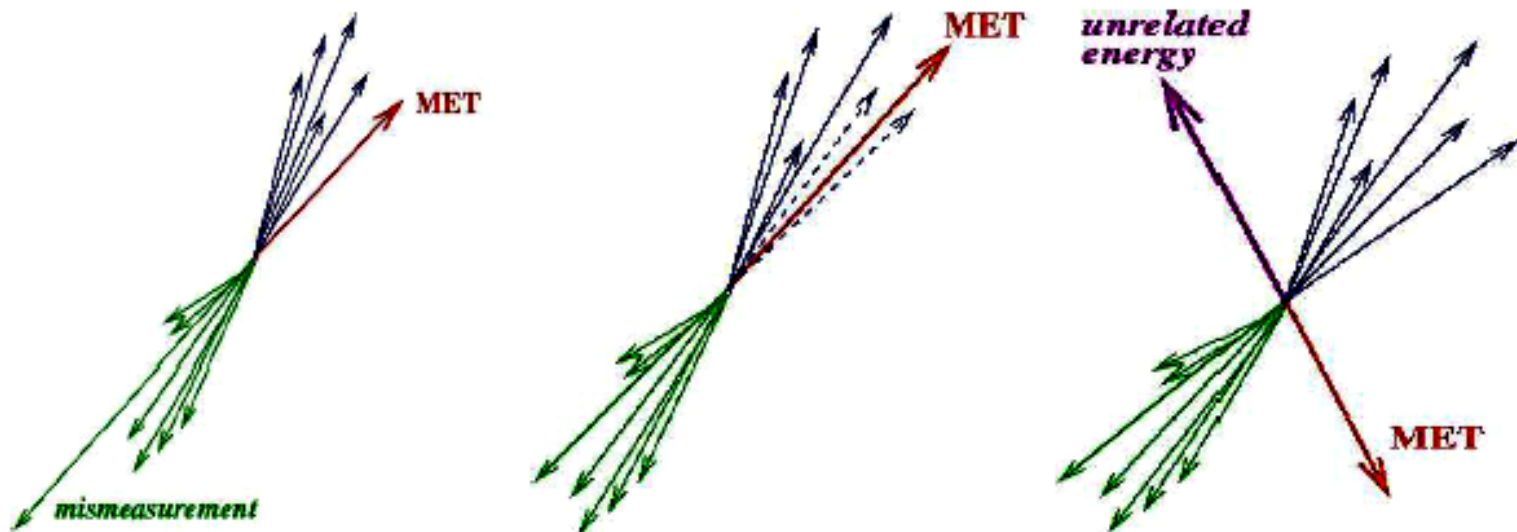
Remove events with missing energy back-to-back with leading jets

Sources of Missing Energy

It is not so easy to “measure” the missing energy, due to difficult limitations in our instruments.

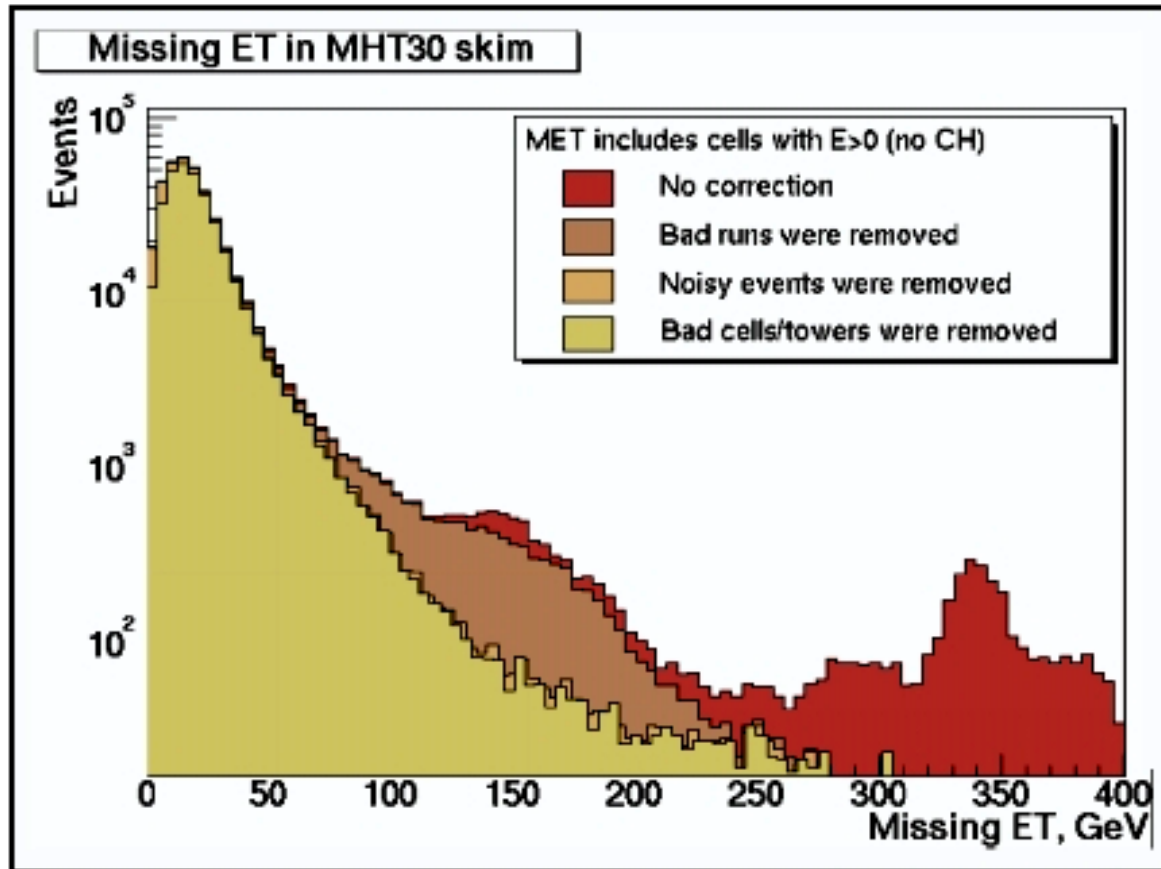
What are the sources of MET?

- calorimeter resolution on the jet energies
- losses of energy in uninstrumented regions (“cracks”)
- additional energy unrelated to the primary interaction
- neutrinos and also long-lived neutral kaons plus neutrons
- real LSP's, we hope....

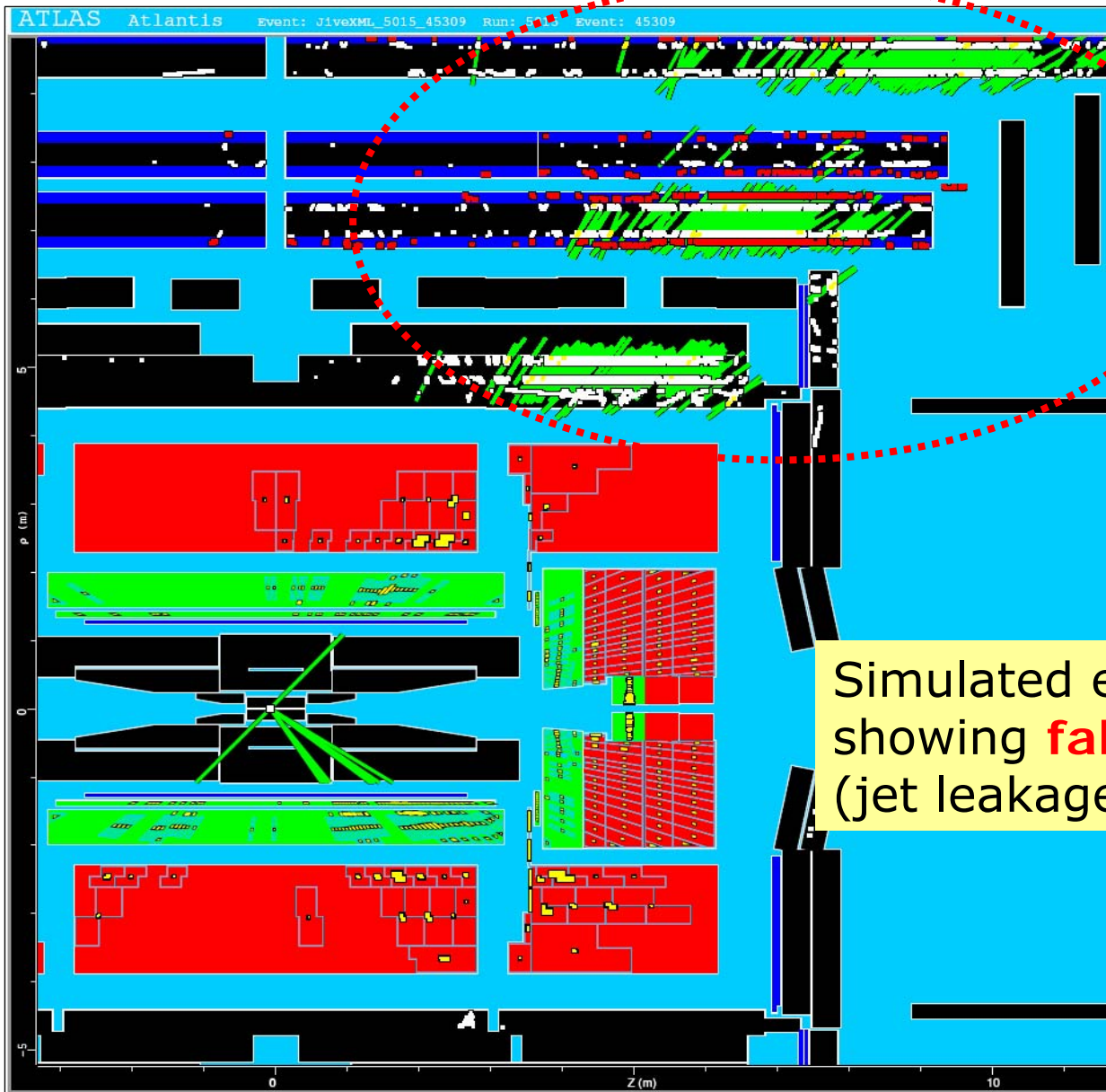


Experimental Challenge: E_T^{miss}

- Lesson learned from the Tevatron experiments:



Understanding the Detector !!!

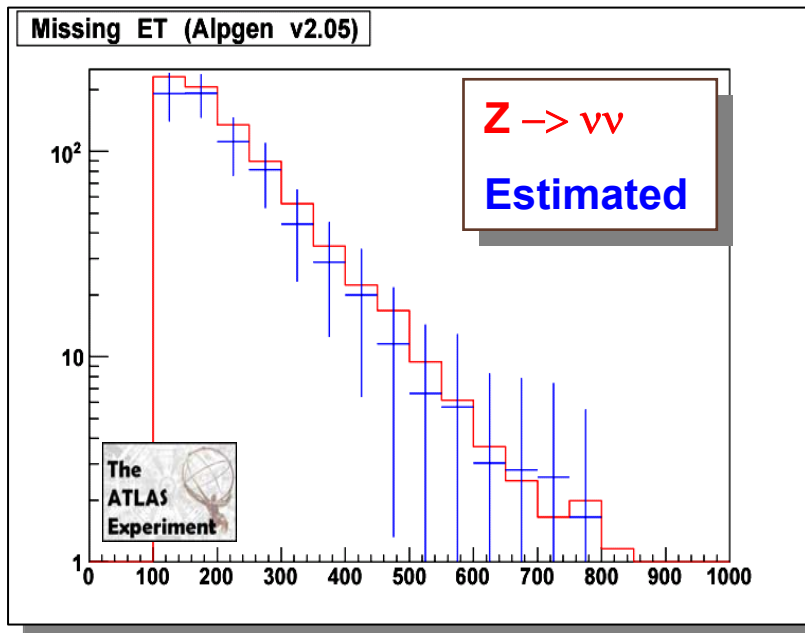
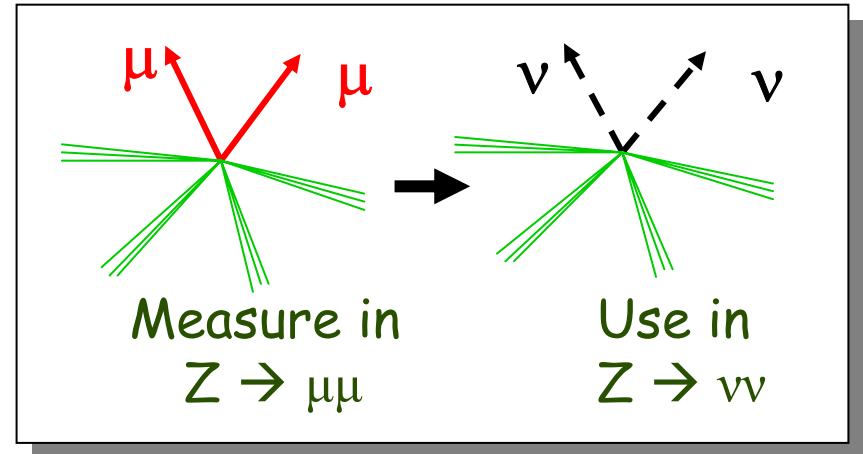


Simulated event in detector showing **fake missing energy** (jet leakage into muon system)

Estimating Backgrounds from Data

- Example: Z background in SUSY with jets search

- Missing energy + jets from Z^0 decays to neutrinos
- Measure in $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$
- Remove muons from event
- Use for $Z \rightarrow \nu\nu$

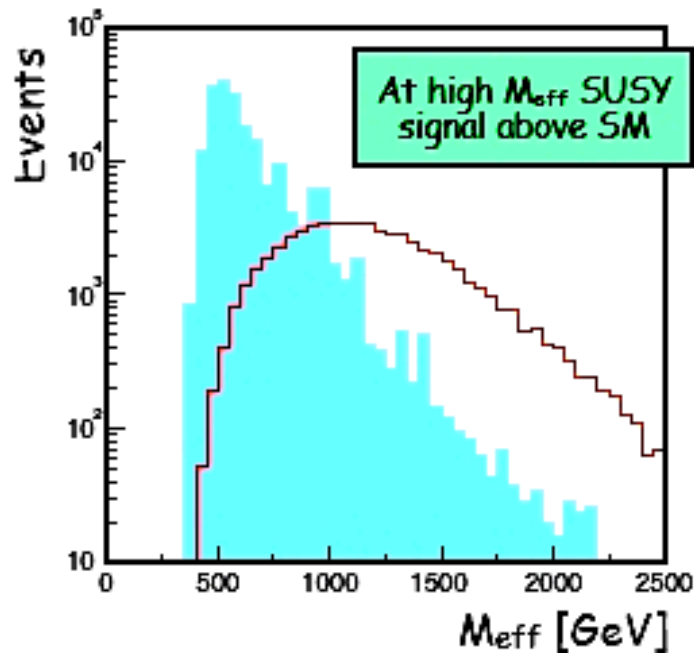


- Check: Compare both distributions based on Monte Carlo simulation
- If good match \rightarrow useful technique
- Statistics limited
 \rightarrow Use $W \rightarrow \mu\nu$ in addition?

Inclusive Searches: Effective Mass & Mass Scale

- Select: > 4 jets, $E_{T,miss}$
- Reconstruct *effective mass*

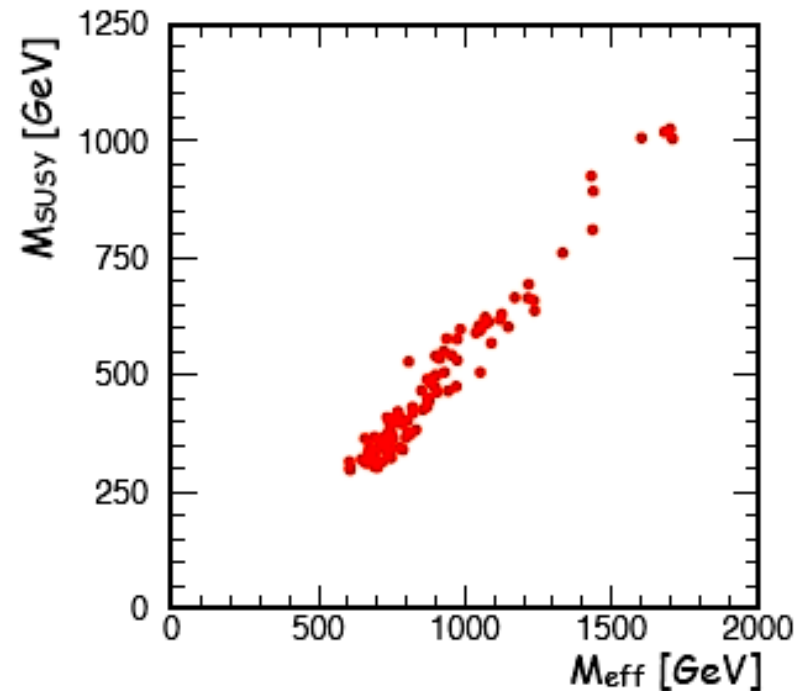
$$M_{\text{eff}} = \sum_{i=1}^4 |P_{T,i}| + |E_{T,miss}|$$



Inclusive signature for squarks and gluinos

Look at multi-jet and E_T^{miss} final states

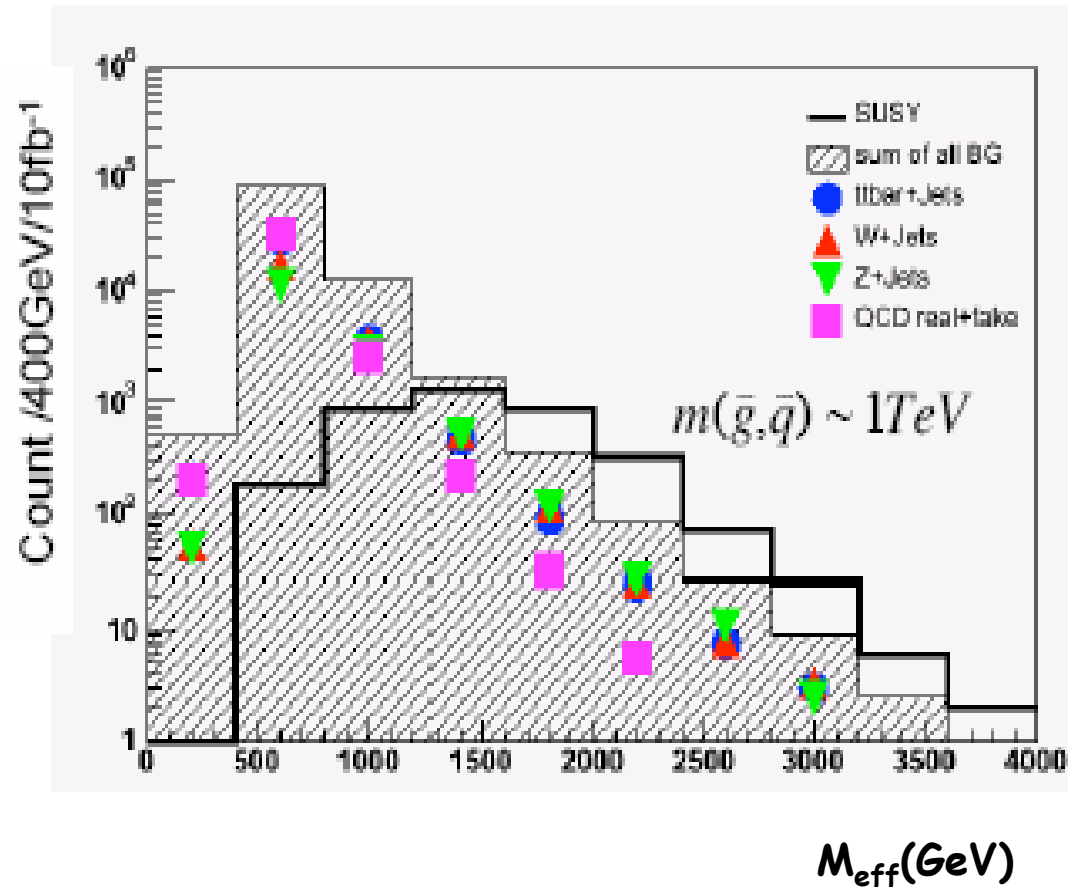
From Simulation



Peaking M_{eff} distribution correlates well with M_{SUSY}

Example: 10 fb^{-1} , $m(\text{squark}) = 1 \text{ TeV}$

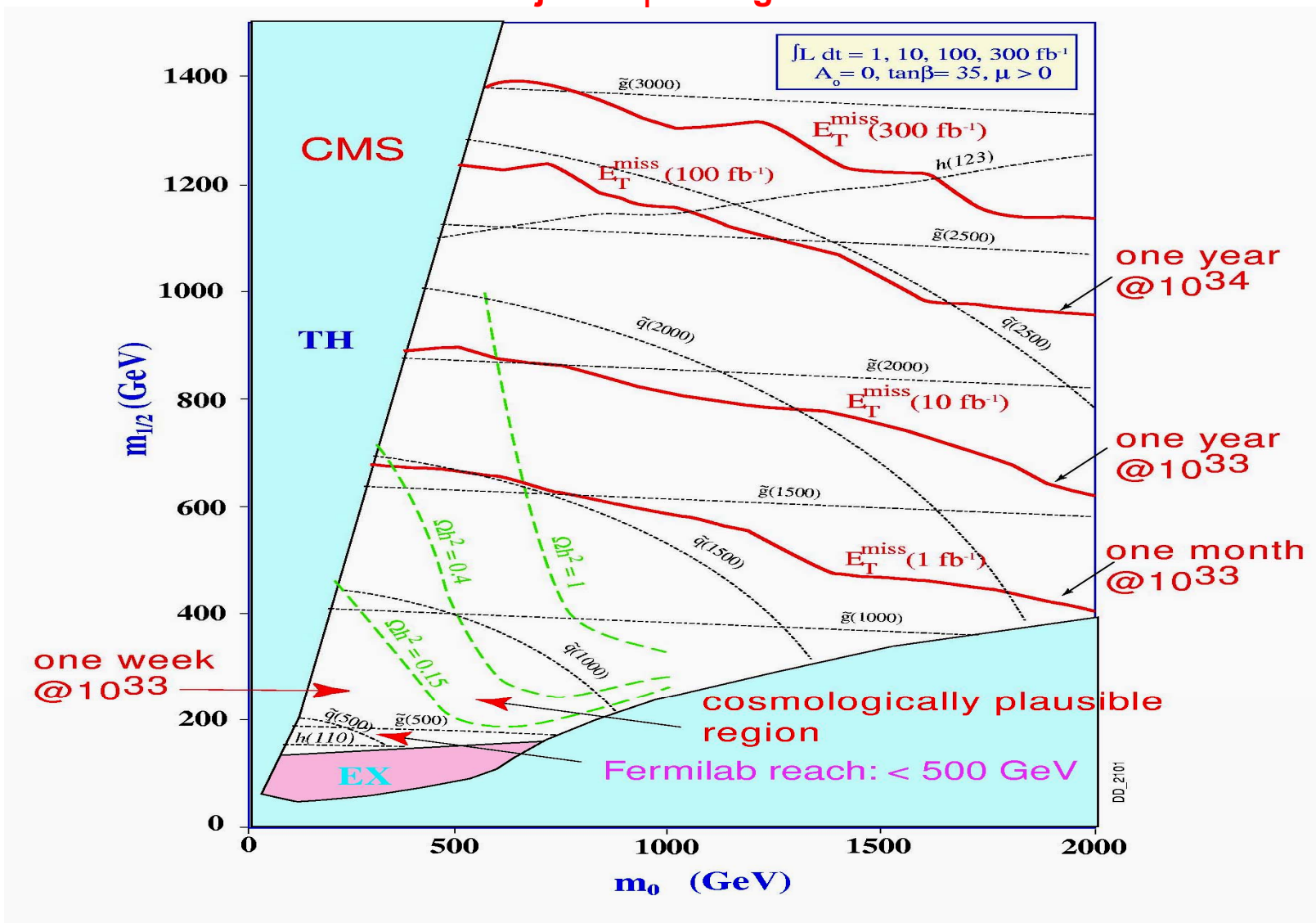
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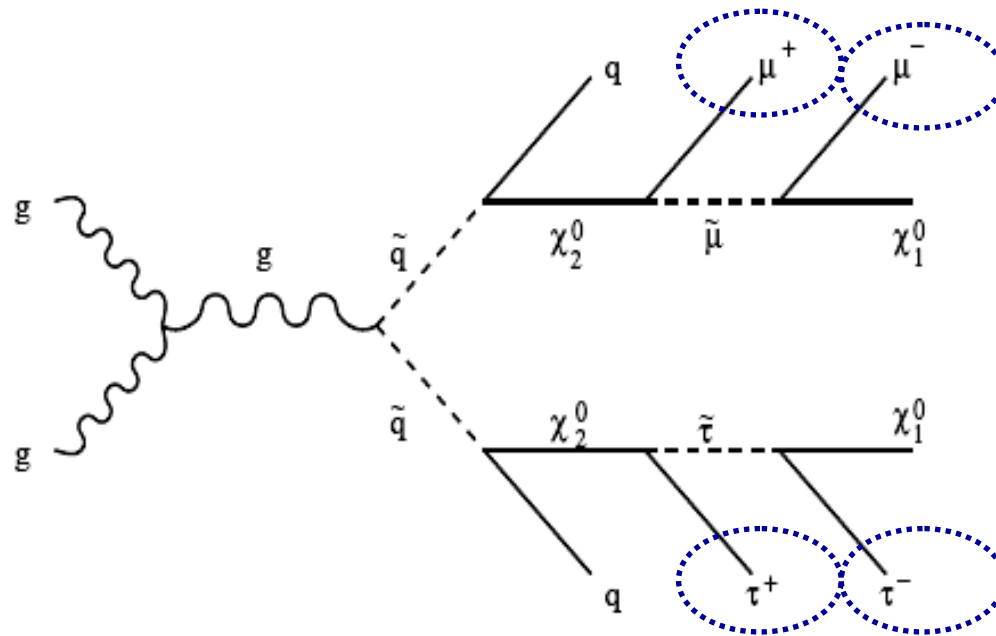
- jet+ E_T^{miss} final states are the key for SUSY discovery
- These searches are quite model-independent

LHC Reach for SUSY Masses

Multijet + E_T^{miss} Signature



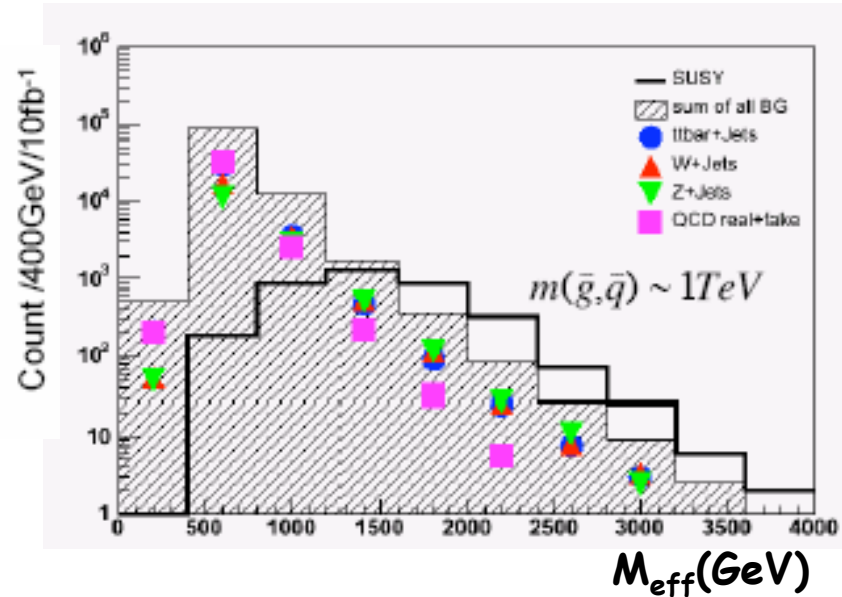
The Case of Charged Leptons



- Charged leptons are a **clean signatures** in the hadronic environment at the LCH
- But: **Branching fraction** of neutralinos, charginos into charged leptons **smaller** than into quarks

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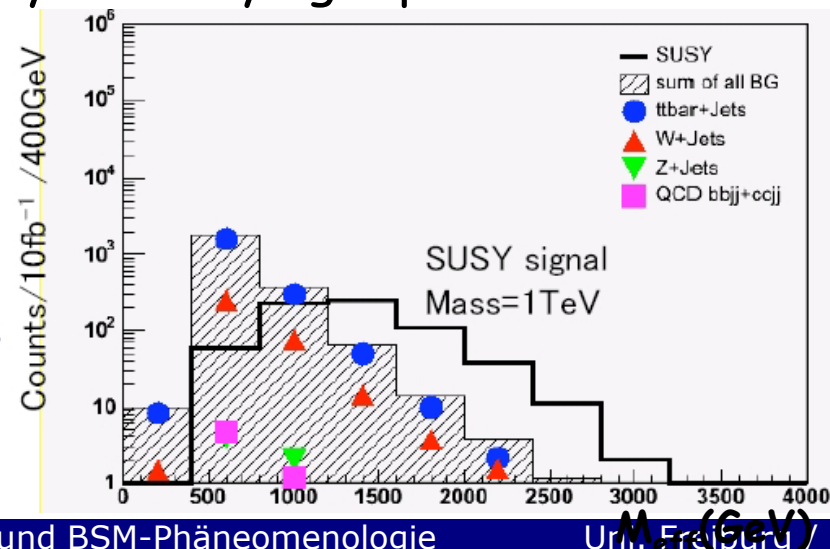
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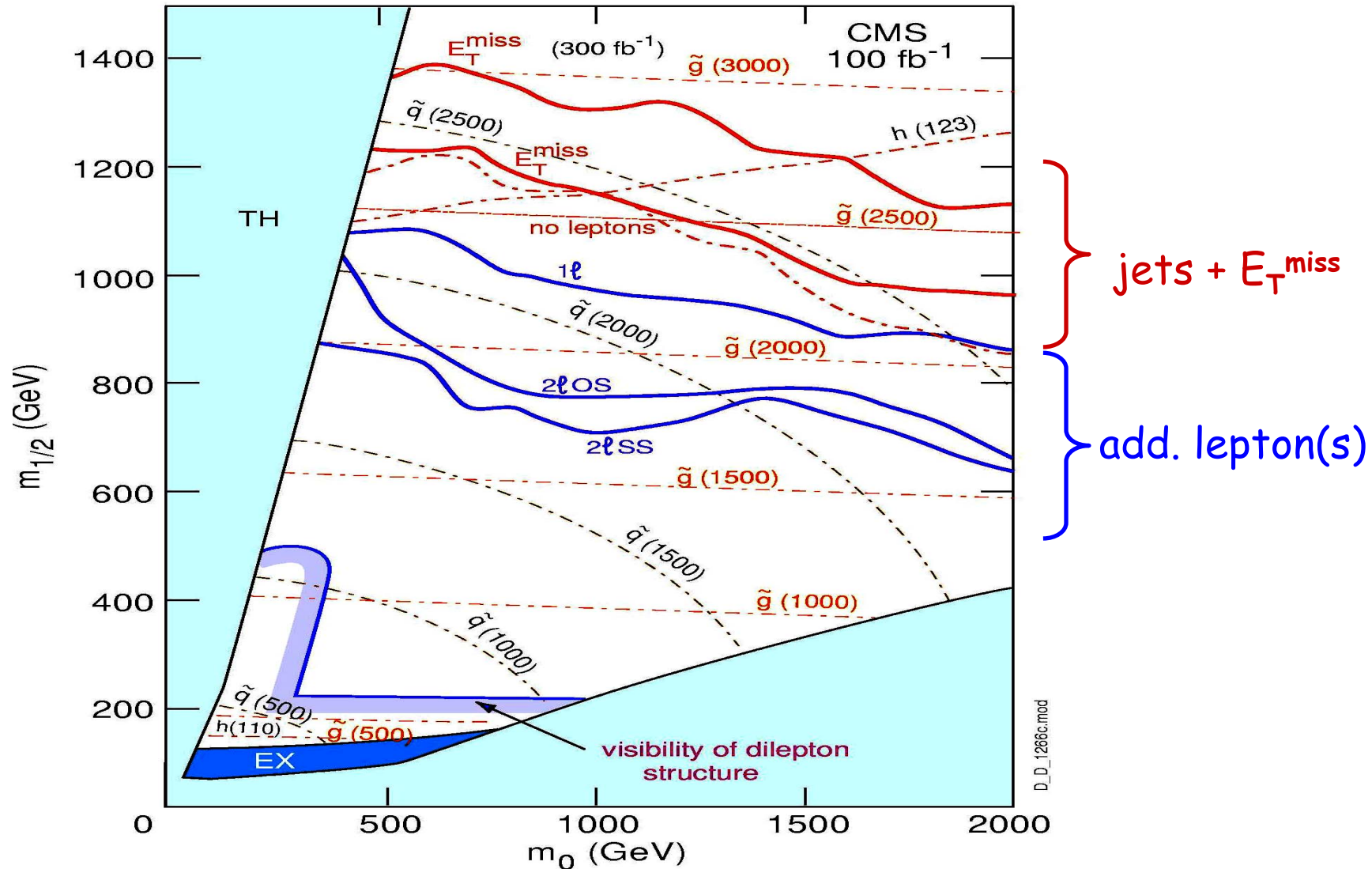
- jet+ E_T^{miss} final states are the key for SUSY discovery
- Signal/bkg ratio can be improved by identifying leptons in the decay, e.g.

jets + E_T^{miss} + 1 lepton

→ Lower background, but also much fewer events!



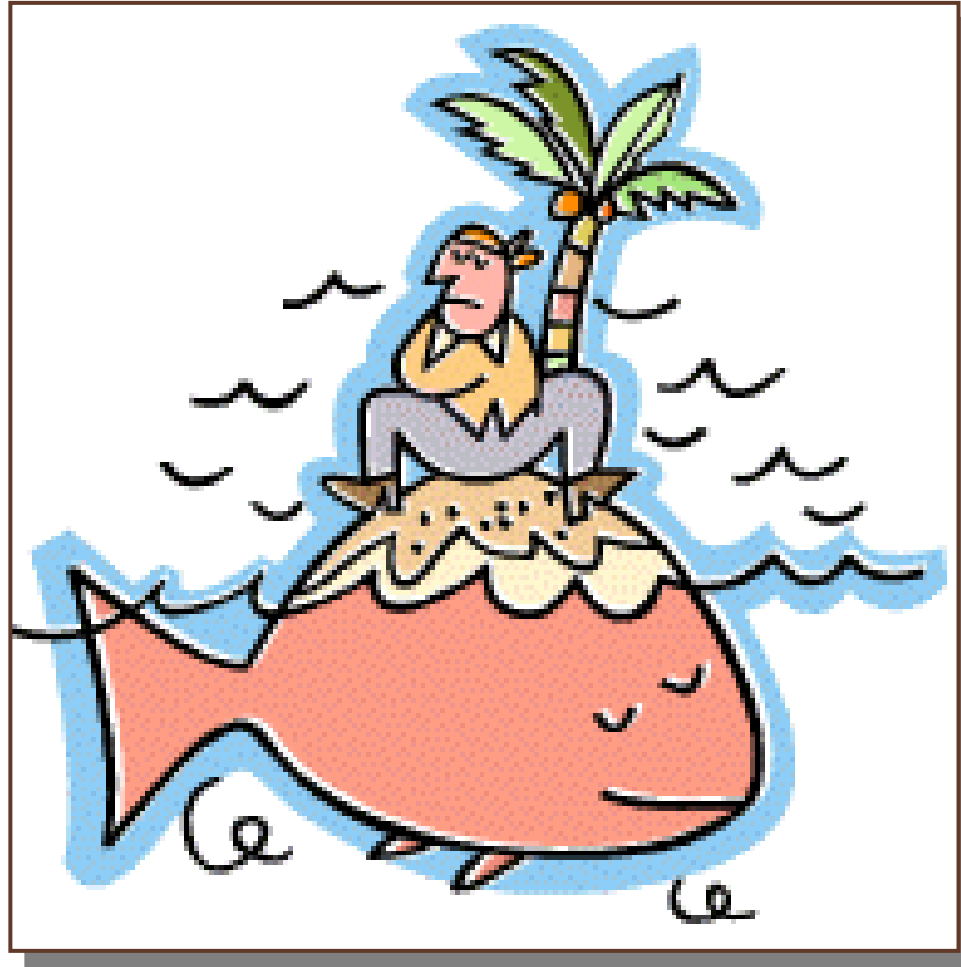
LHC Reach for SUSY Masses



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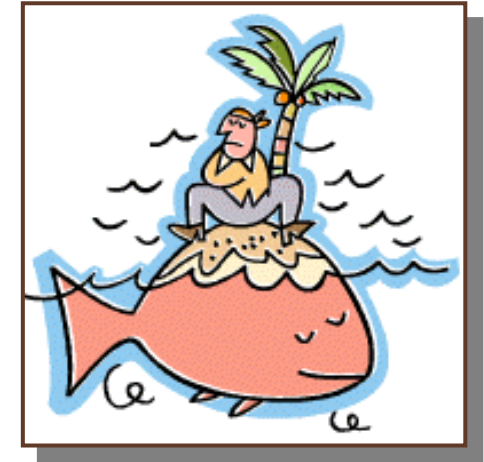
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Maybe not what we think!

What Might We Know Then?

- “Discovered supersymmetry?”
- Can say, e.g.,
 - Undetected particles produced
from missing energy
 - Some particles have mass ~ 600 GeV,
with couplings similar to QCD
from M_{eff} & cross-section
 - Some of the particles are colored
from observation of jets
 - Some particles contain lepton quantum numbers
from opposite-sign, same-family leptons
 - Lepton flavour \sim conserved in first two generations
from e vs μ numbers



→ Now need to study exclusive decay chains in detail !

Establishing SUSY Experimentally

Assume an excess seen in inclusive analyses: how does one verify whether it is actually SUSY? **Need to demonstrate that:**

- Every particle has a superpartner
- Their spin differ by $1/2$
- Their couplings are identical
- Mass relations predicted by SUSY hold

Available observables: • Sparticle masses, • BR's of cascade decays, • production cross-sections, • angular decay distributions

**Precise measurements of such observable not completely straightforward at the LHC:
develop a strategy based on detailed MC study of reasonable candidate models**

Measuring Model Parameters

The problem is the presence of a very complex spectroscopy due to long decay chains, with crowded final states. Many concurrent signatures obscuring each other

General strategy:

- Choose signatures identifying well defined decay chains
- Extract constraints on masses, couplings, spin from decay kinematics/rates
- Try to match emerging pattern to tentative template models, SUSY or anything else
- Having adjusted template models to measurements, try to find additional signatures to discriminate different options

In last ten years developed techniques for mass and spin measurements in complex SUSY decay kinematics

Progress helped by close collaboration with theory colleagues

Focus today on explaining most promising techniques for mass and spin measurements

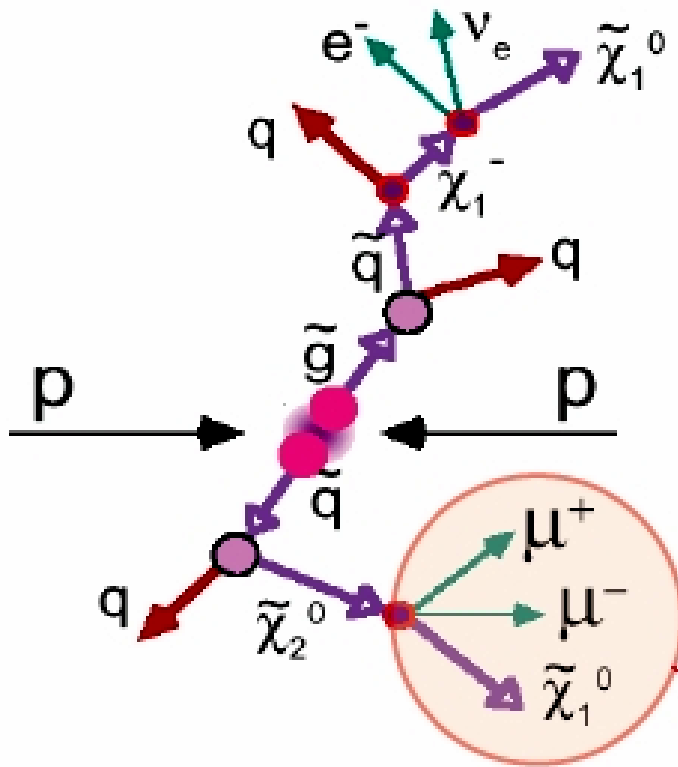
Determining SUSY Masses

Reconstruction of decay chains

Need to take unobserved LSPs into account

Need to identify specific decay chain

[SUSY is background to SUSY]

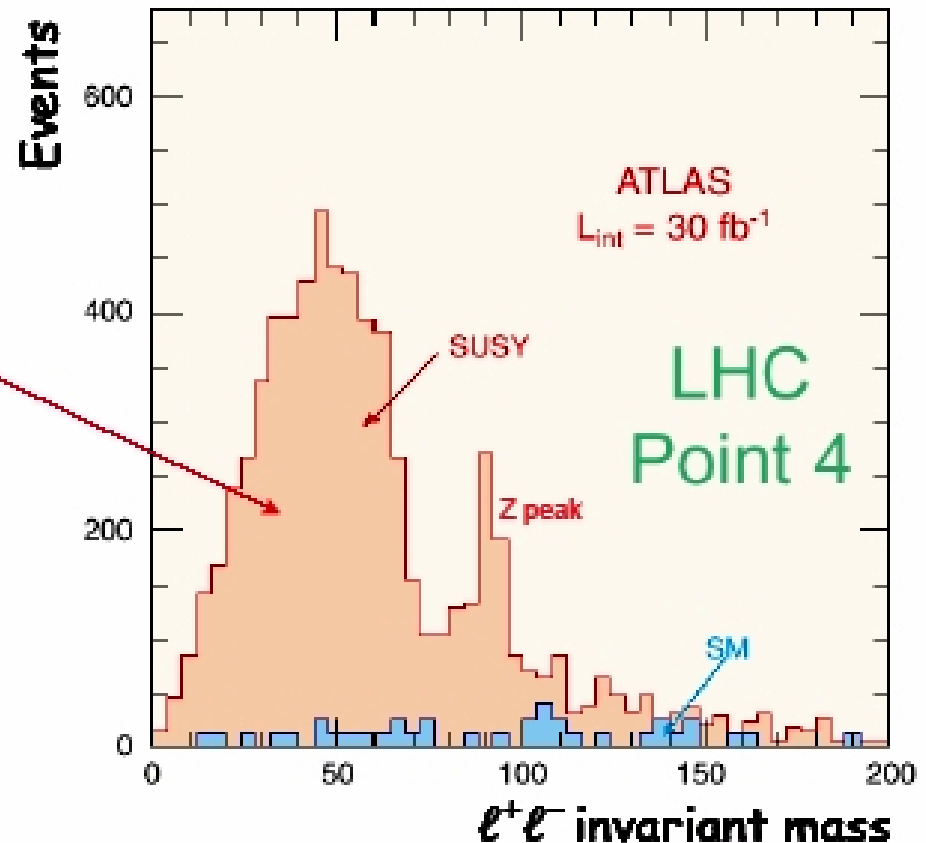


Example for approach

Consider decay $\tilde{\chi}_2^0 \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \ell^+ \ell^-$

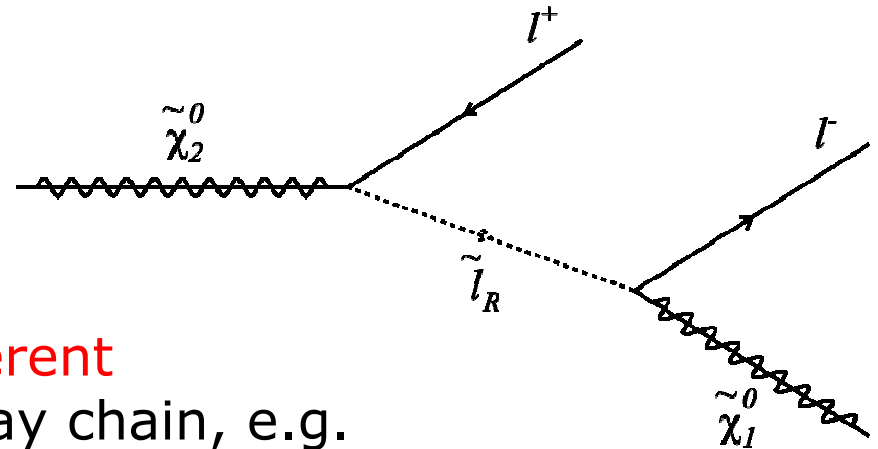
But: contribution $\tilde{\chi}_2^\pm \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^\pm Z$

Endpoint in $\ell^+ \ell^-$ invariant mass determines mass difference $\tilde{\chi}_2^0 - \tilde{\chi}_1^0$



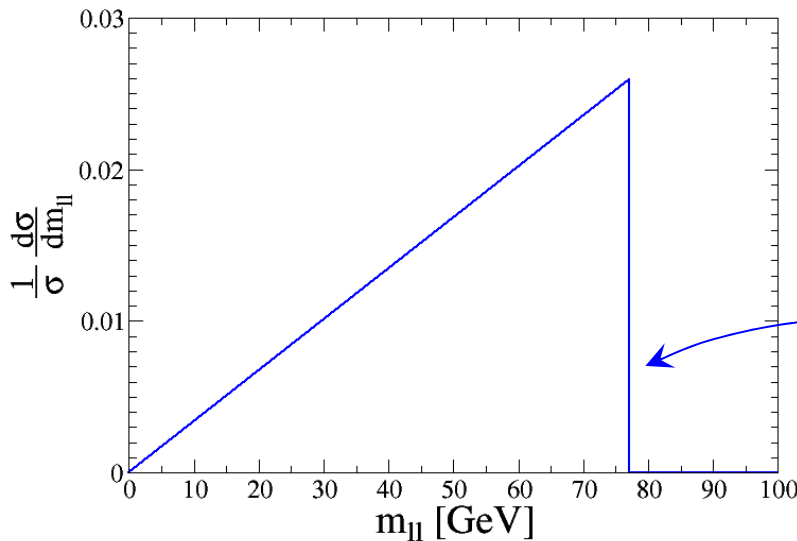
Determining SUSY Masses

- Reconstruct SUSY masses in decay chain, e.g.
- Cannot reconstruct masses directly due to undetected LSP
- Study **invariant masses for different combinations of particles** in decay chain, e.g.



$$m_{ll} = m_{ll}^{\max} \sqrt{(1 - \cos \theta)/2}$$

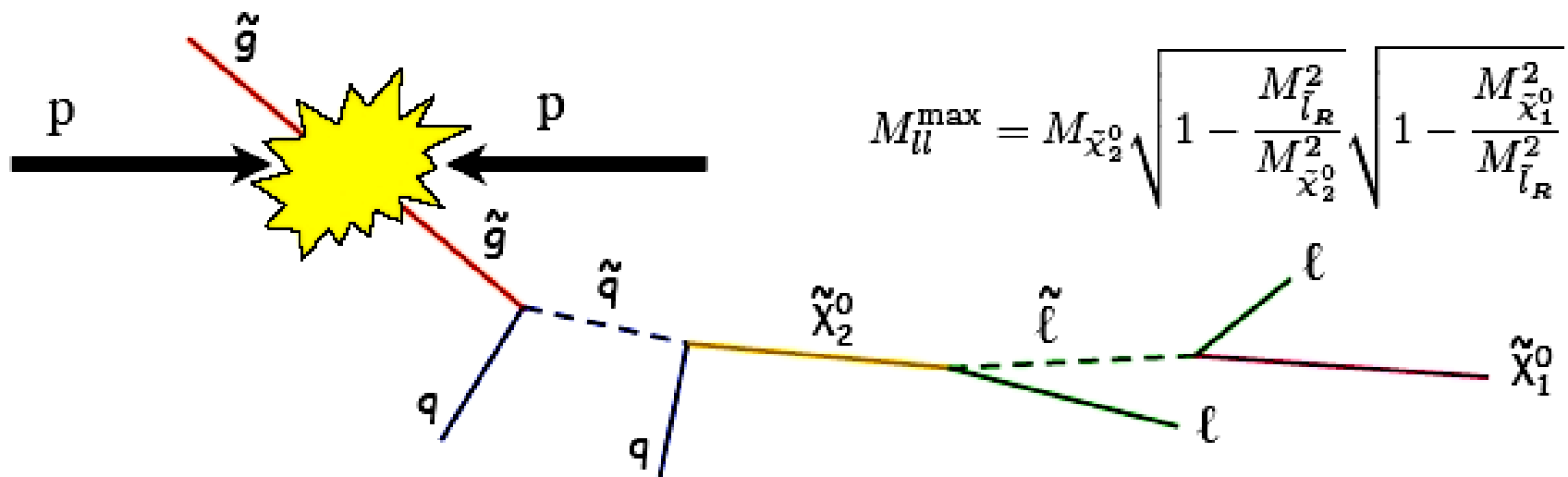
angle between leptons
 m_{ll} is maximal when leptons are back-to-back in slepton rest frame



Endpoint of inv. mass spectrum:

$$(m_{ll}^{\max})^2 = (m_{\tilde{\chi}_2^0}^2 - m_{\tilde{l}_R}^2) (m_{\tilde{l}_R}^2 - m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0}^2) / m_{\tilde{l}_R}^2$$

Determining SUSY Masses



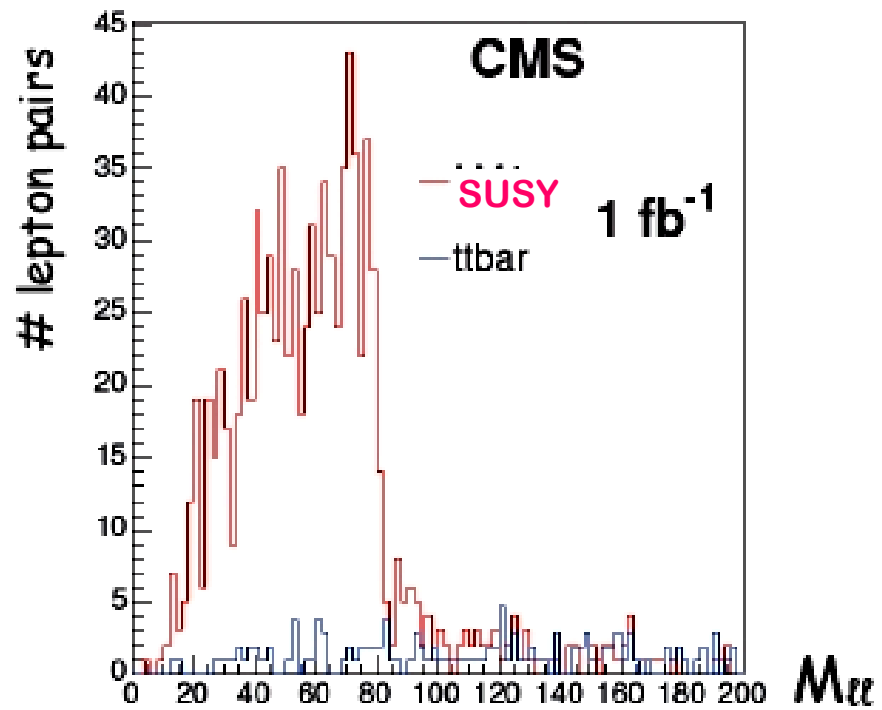
$$M_{ll}^{\max} = M_{\tilde{\chi}_2^0} \sqrt{1 - \frac{M_{\tilde{l}_R}^2}{M_{\tilde{\chi}_2^0}^2}} \sqrt{1 - \frac{M_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0}^2}{M_{\tilde{l}_R}^2}}$$

$$M_{lq}^{\max} = \sqrt{\frac{(M_{\tilde{q}_L}^2 - M_{\tilde{\chi}_2^0}^2)(M_{\tilde{\chi}_2^0}^2 - (M_{\tilde{l}_R}^2))}{M_{\tilde{\chi}_2^0}^2}}$$

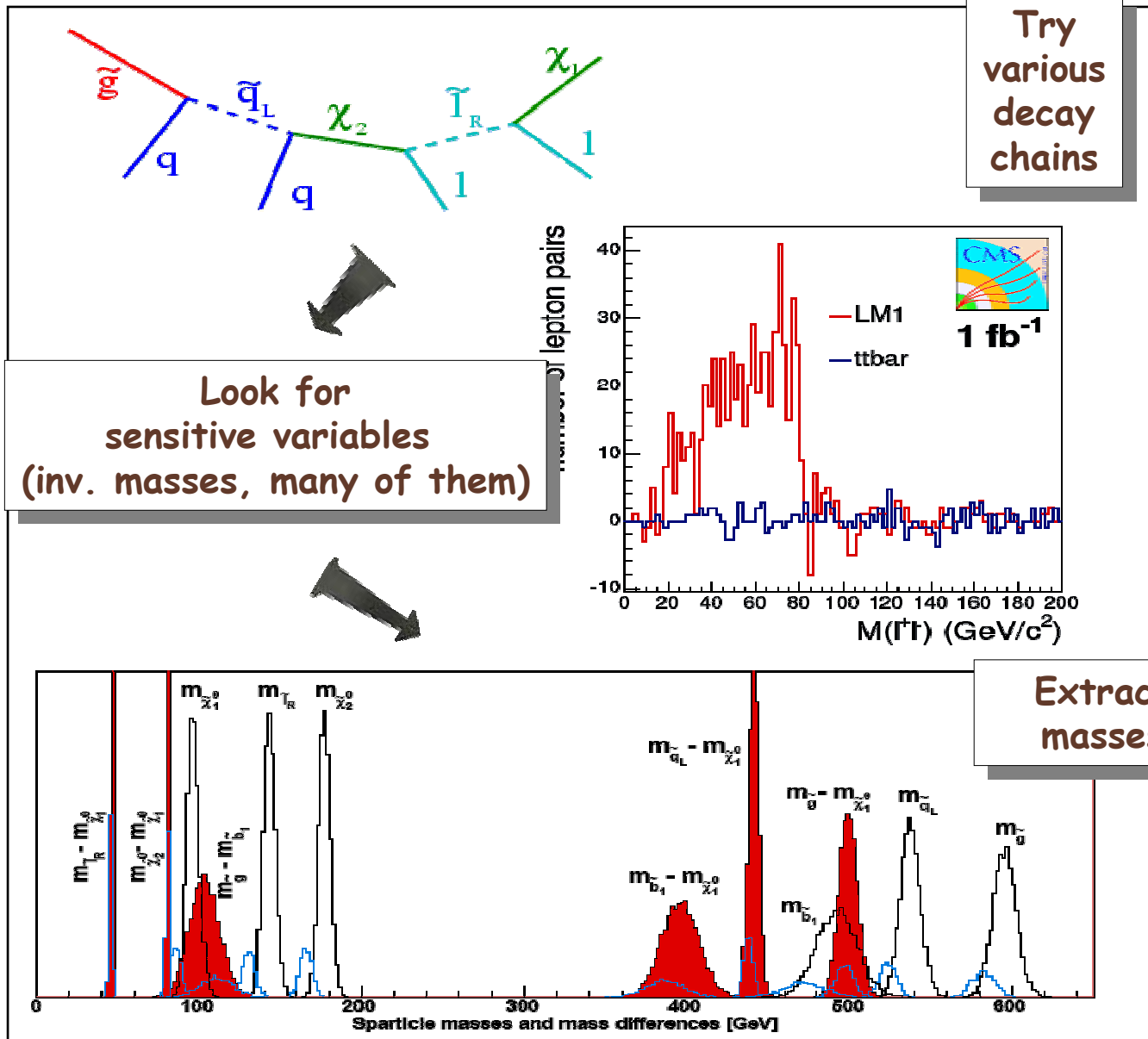
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$$M_{qq}^{\max} = \dots$$

Determine SUSY masses from endpoints of M_{ll} , M_{lq} and M_{lqq} ...

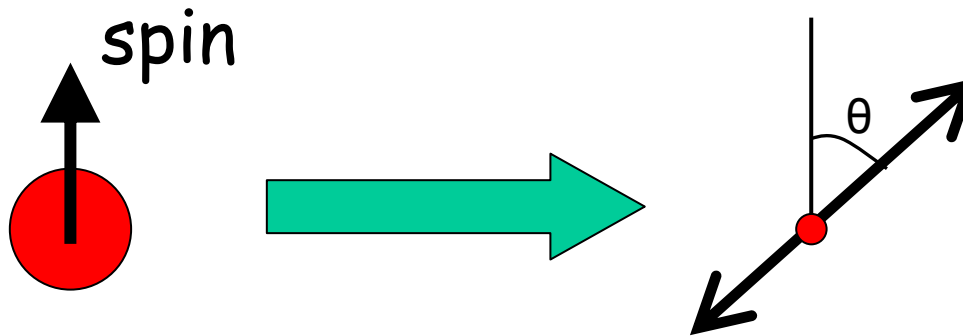


Mass Determinations: Overview

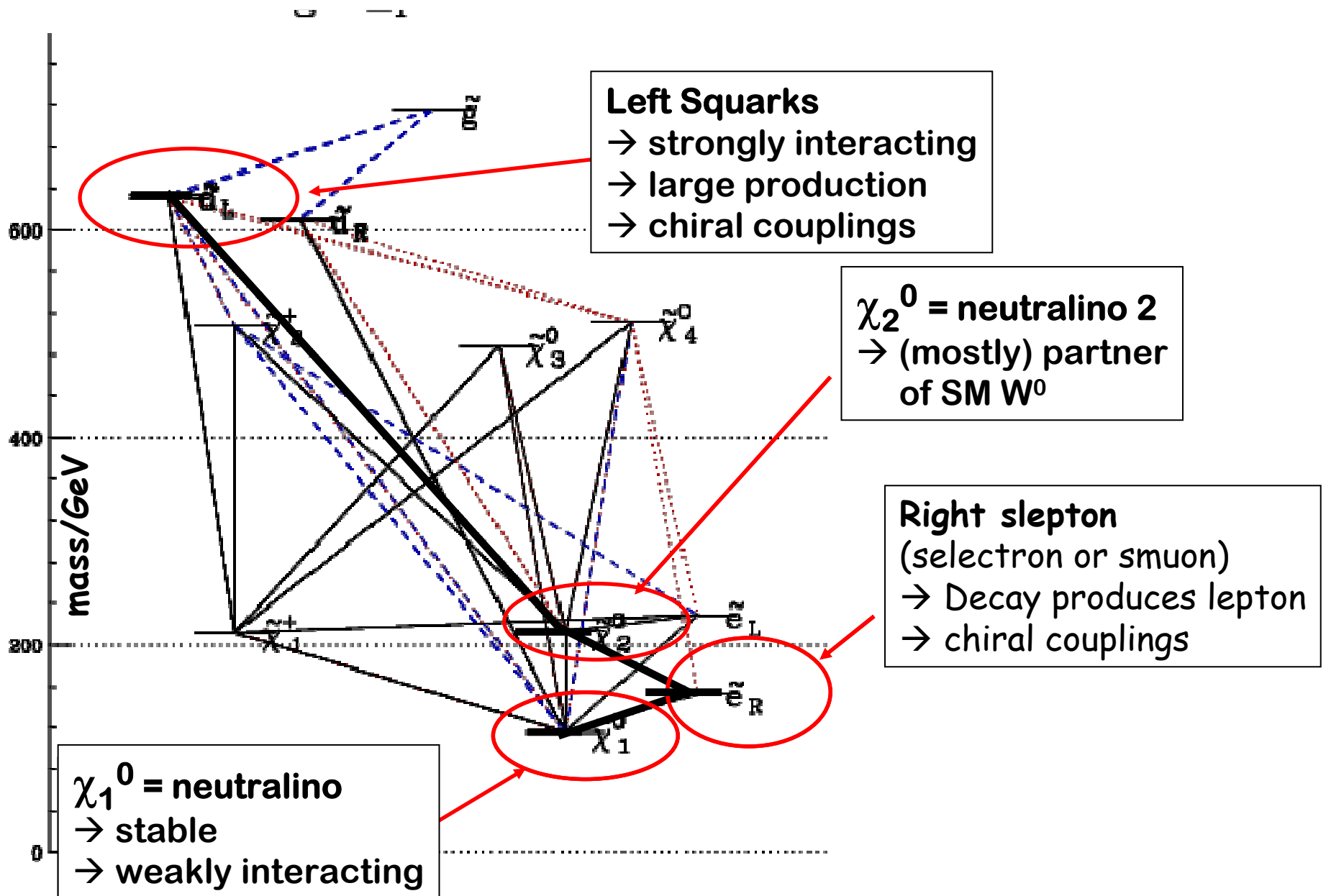


Another Example: Studying Spins of Sparticles

- Basic recipe:
 - Produce polarized particle
 - Look at angular distributions in its decay

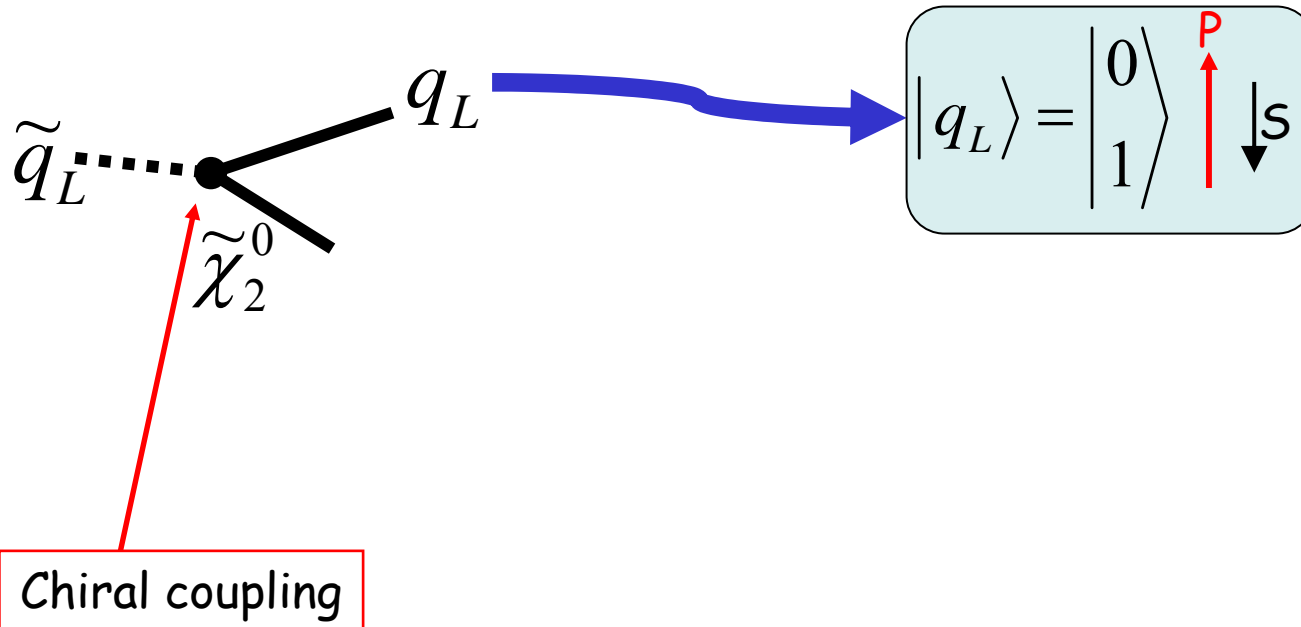


Revisiting Typical Particle Spectrum



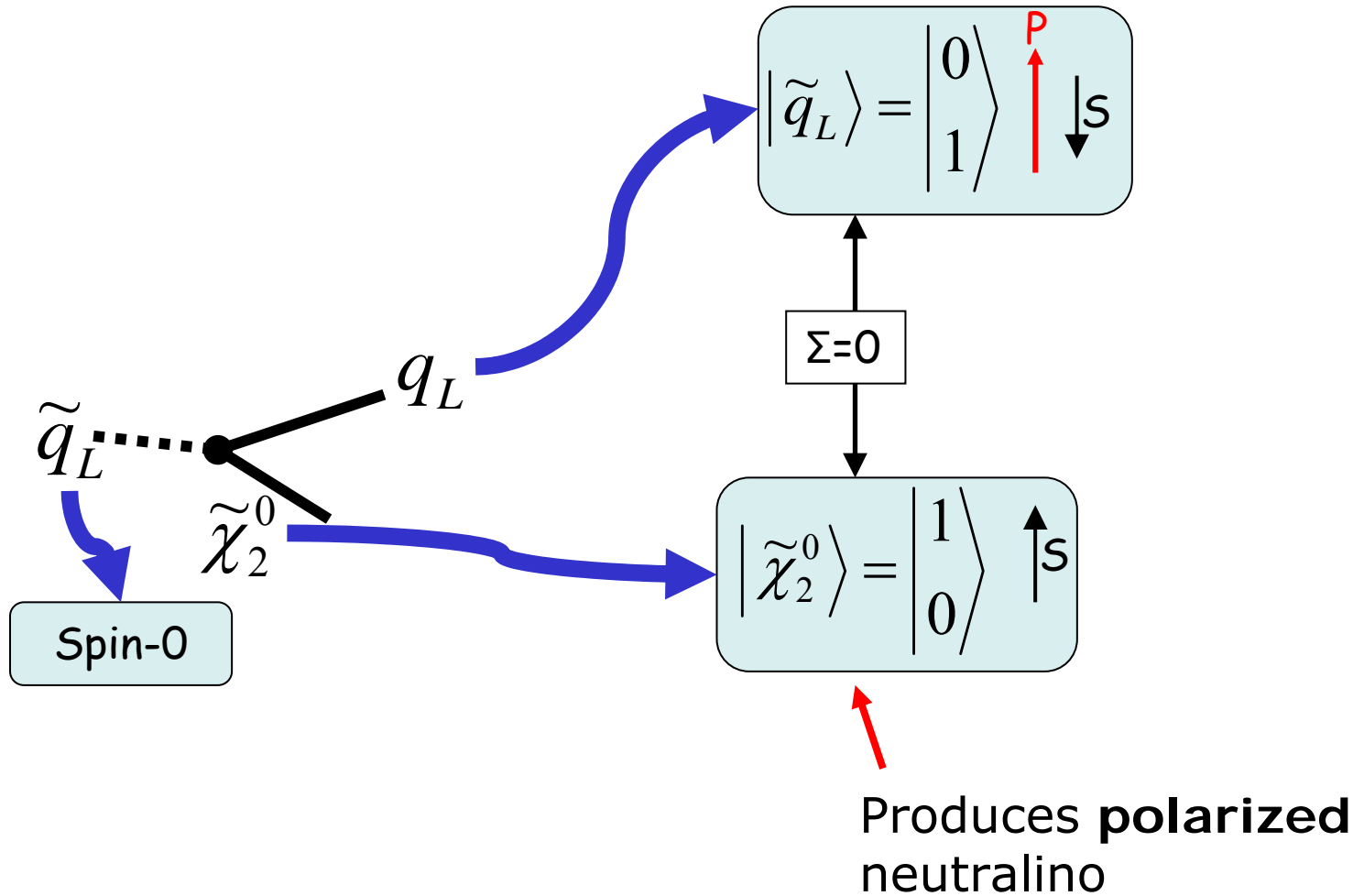
Some particles omitted

Spin Projection Factors



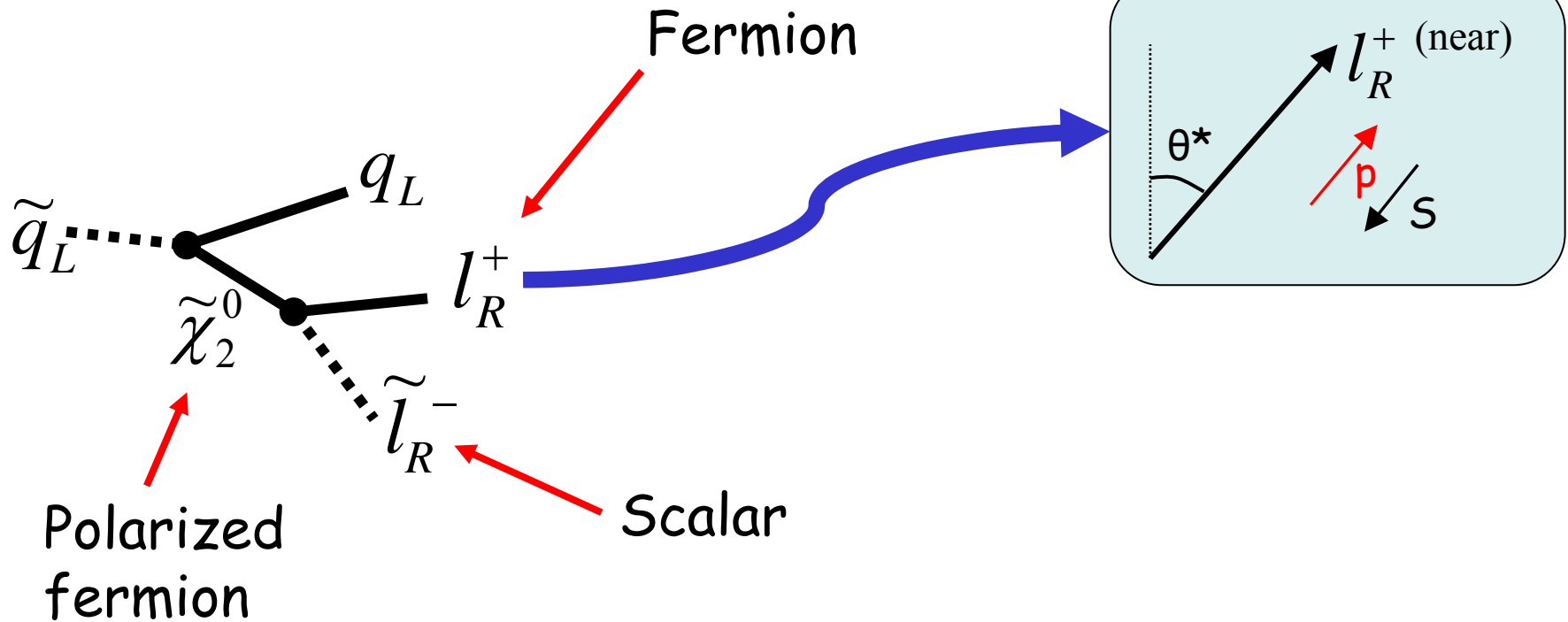
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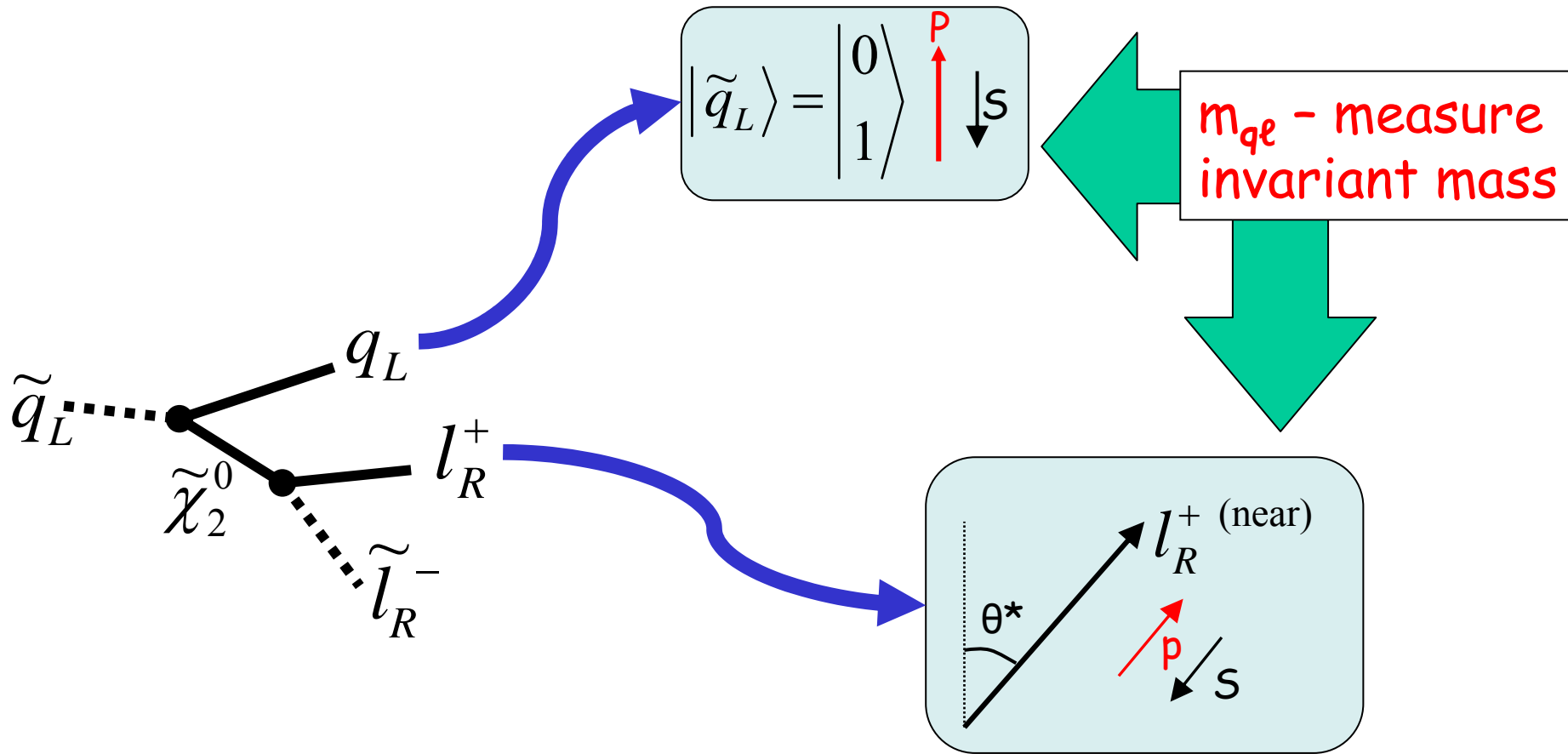
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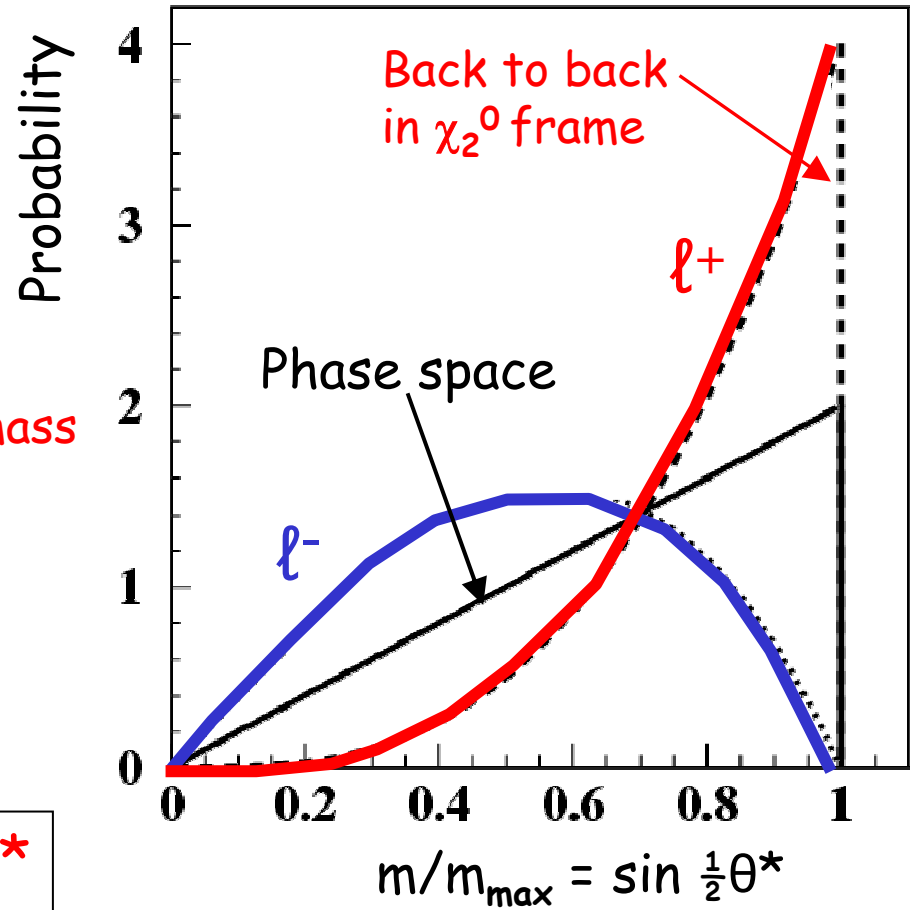
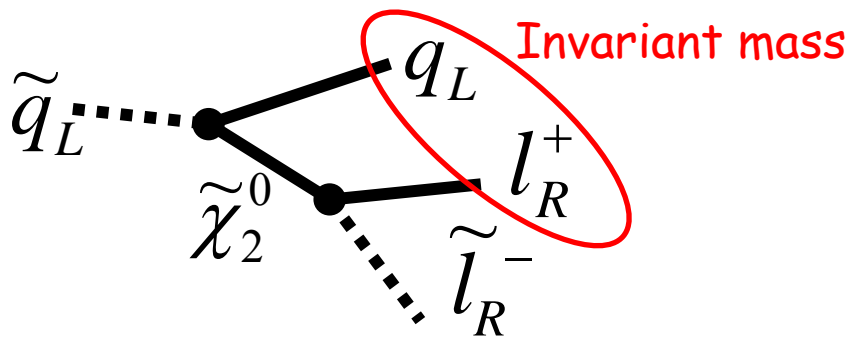
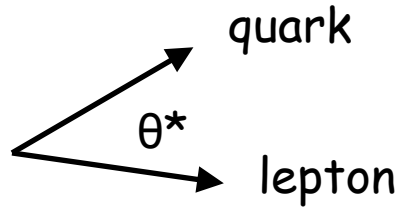
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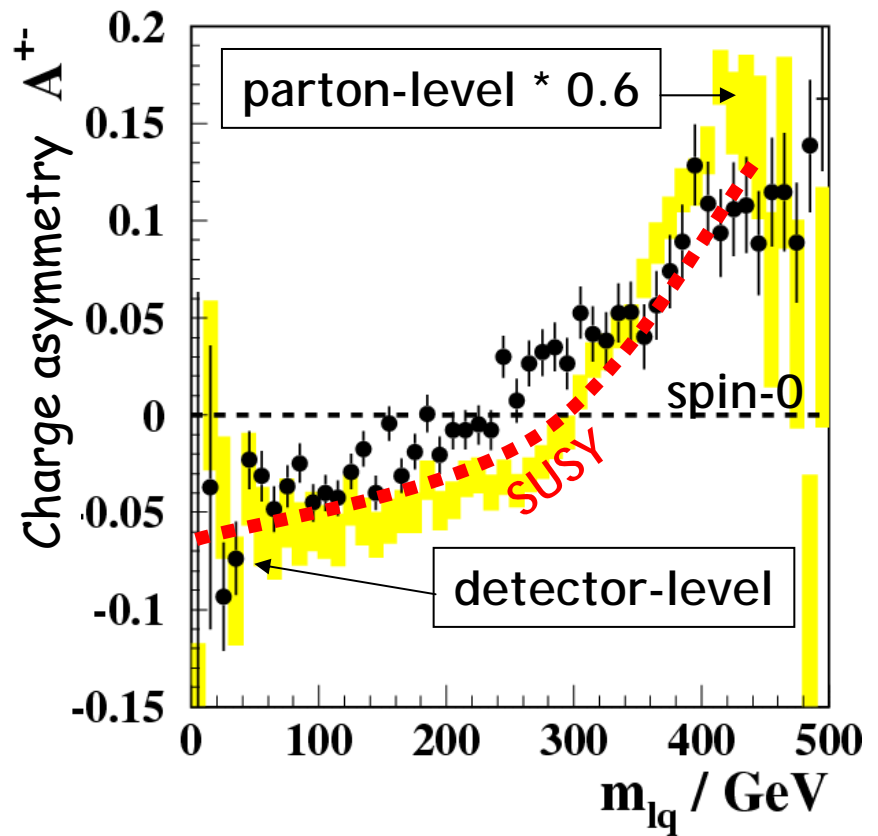
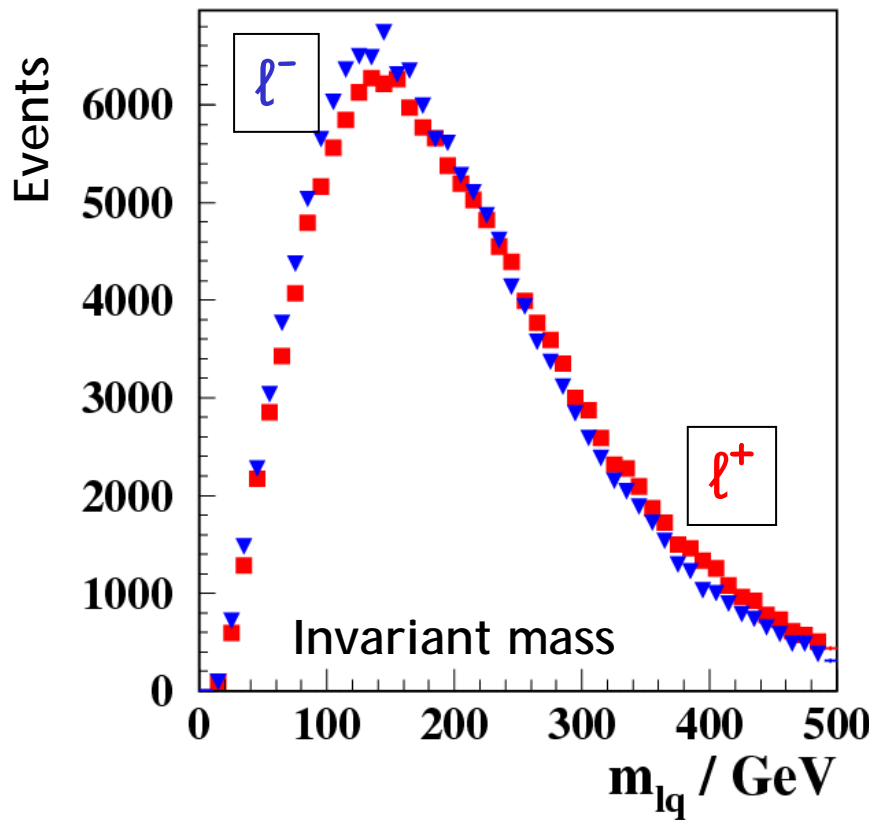
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Lepton(near)-Quark Invariant Mass



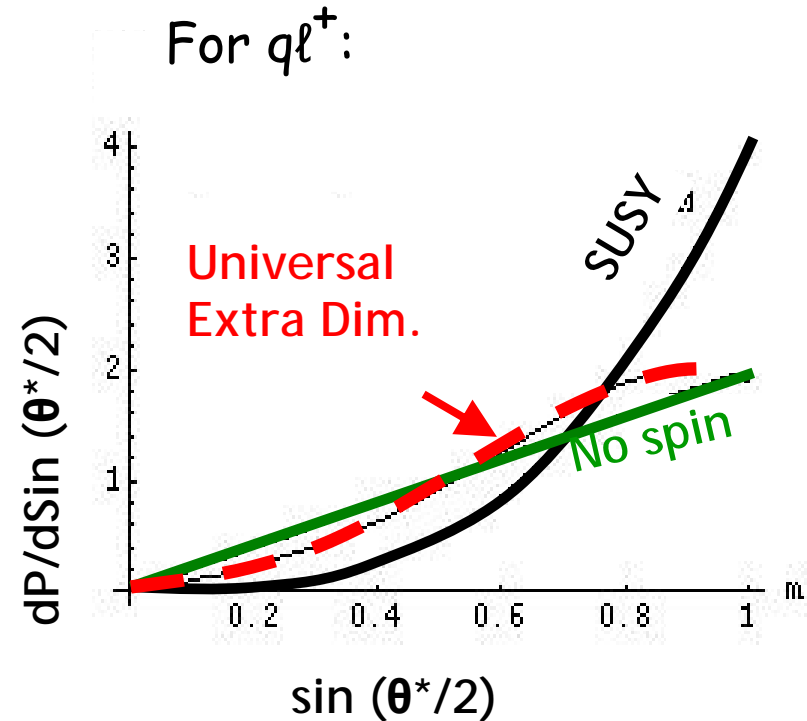
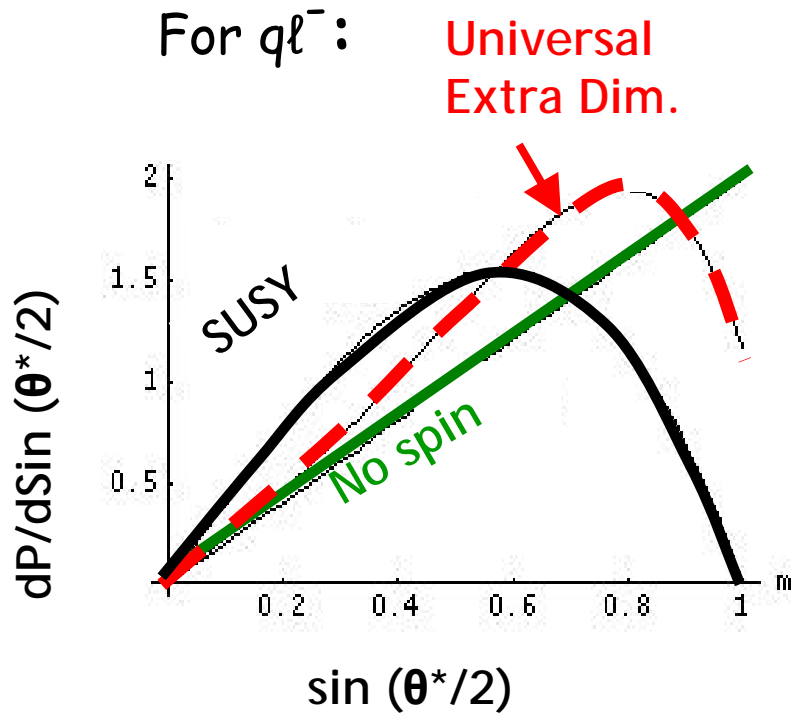
Phase space \rightarrow factor of $\sin \frac{1}{2}\theta^*$
 Spin projection factor in $|M|^2$:
 $l^+q \rightarrow \sin^2 \frac{1}{2}\theta^*$
 $l^-q \rightarrow \cos^2 \frac{1}{2}\theta^*$

After Detector Simulation



- Charge asymmetry survives detector simulation
- Same shape as parton level (but smeared)

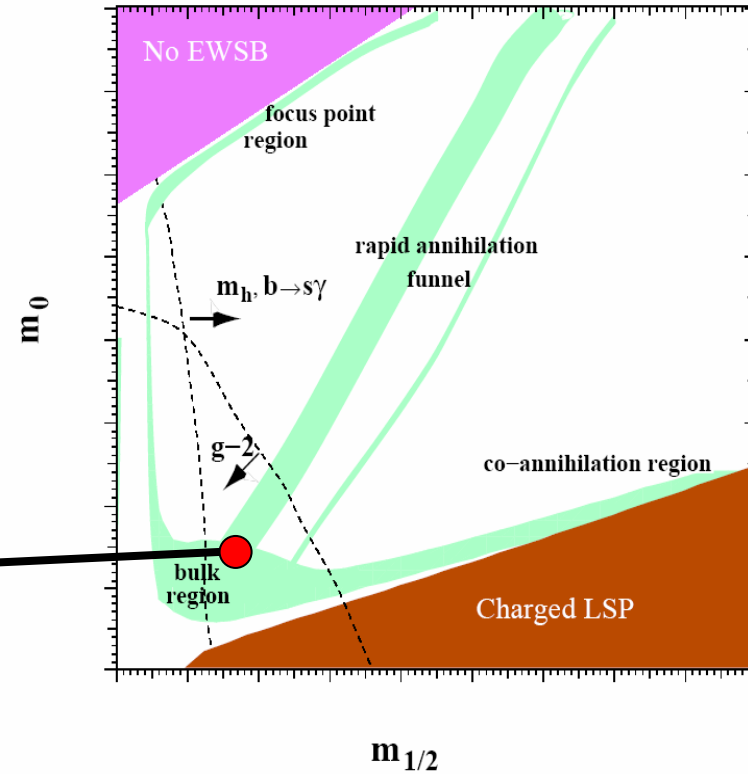
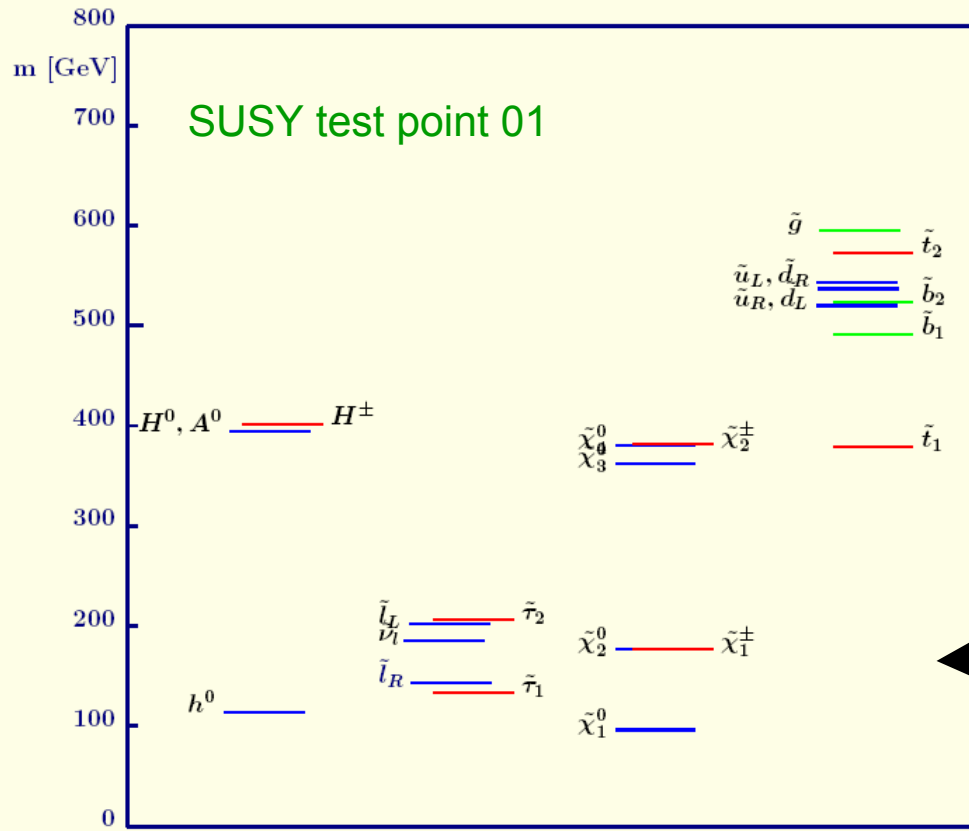
Distinguishing between New-Physics Models



As expected, we can show that SUSY differs from

- all-scalar (no-spin)
- Extra Dimensions

Now what – do we know the underlying Model?



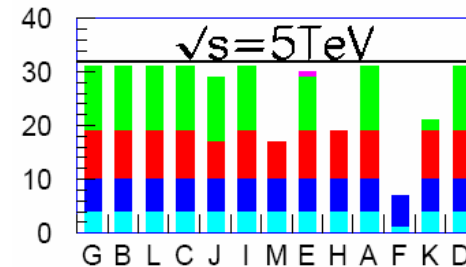
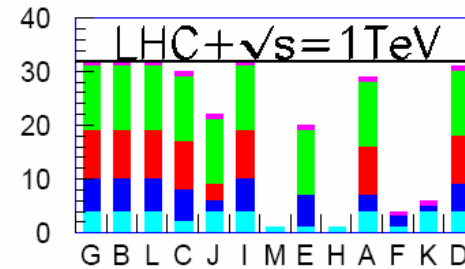
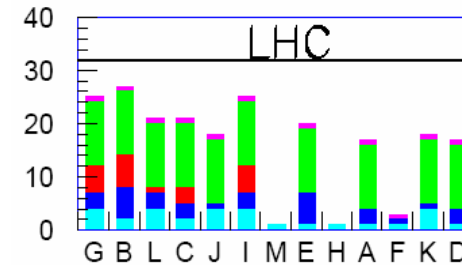
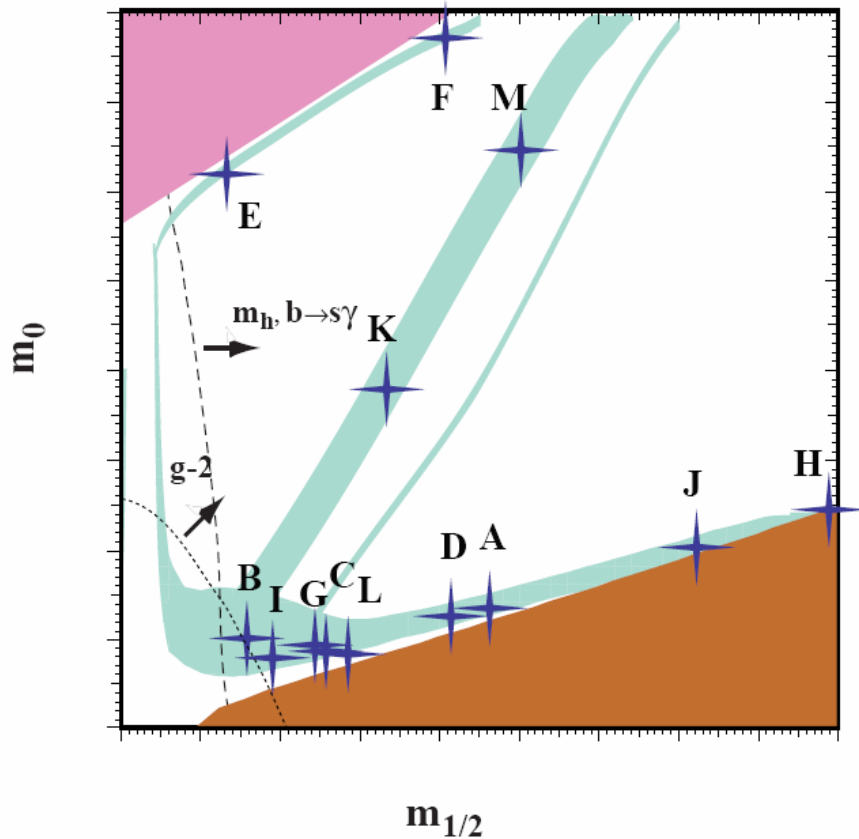
Measure full SUSY spectrum \rightarrow obtain theory parameters

LHC: This will (most likely) not be possible! **Discovery (Hadron) Machine**
ILC: **Precision** measurements of electroweakly interacting sparticles
 \rightarrow we absolutely need a **new high-energy e+e- collider** after LHC

LHC-ILC Complementarity

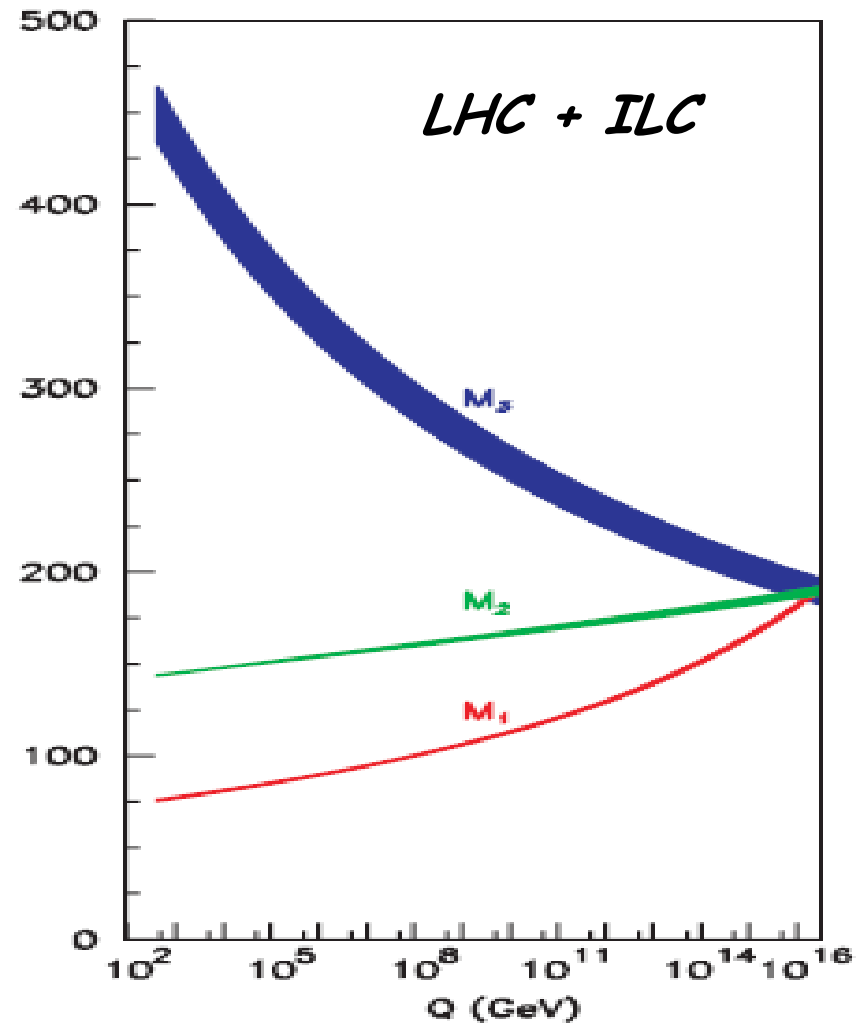
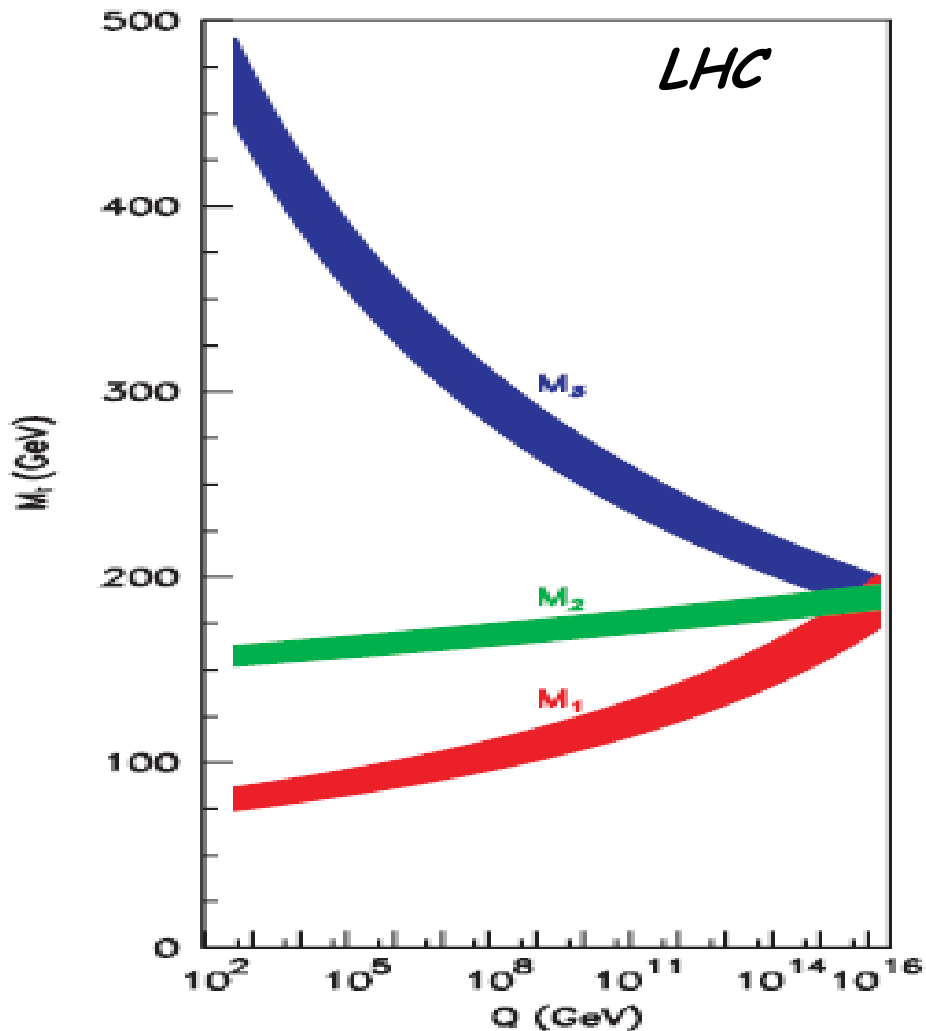
Number of observable SUSY particles:

█ gluino █ squarks █ sleptons █ $\chi^{0,\pm}$ █ H



LHC+ILC: Physics at the GUT Scale

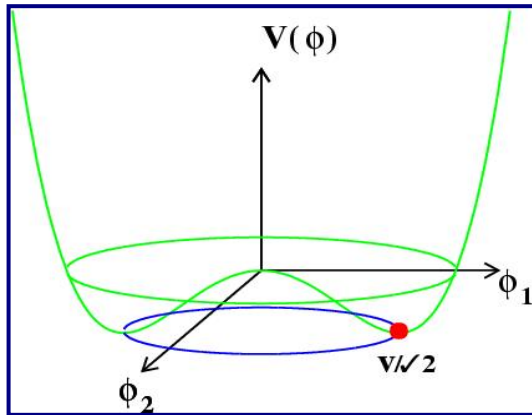
*After Discovery: Extrapolation of SUSY Masses to high energies
→ Testing GUT ?*



The MSSM Higgs Sector

Reminder: Higgs Mechanism in Standard Model

The „Standard“-Solution:



Doublet of 4 scalar fields with appropriately chosen potential:

$$V = -\mu^2 |\phi^+\phi| + \lambda |\phi^+\phi|^2 \quad \mu^2, \lambda > 0$$

minimum not at $\phi=0$

→ spontaneous symmetry breaking

Higgs field has two components:

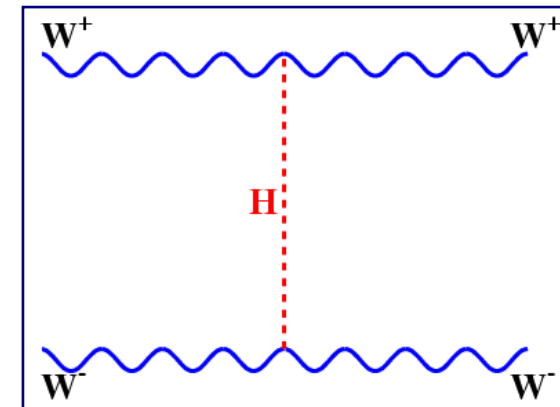
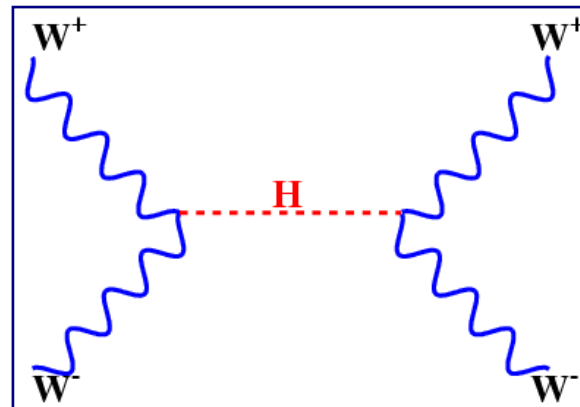
- 1) omnipresent, homogeneous background field $v = 247 \text{ GeV}$
- 2) Higgs-Boson H with unknown mass $M_H \sim \sqrt{\lambda} v$

H restores unitarity in WW scattering if

$$g_{HWW} \sim M_W$$

$$g_{Hff} \sim M_f$$

and M_H not too large



Electroweak Symmetry Breaking in the MSSM

There are two complex Higgs scalar doublets, (H_u^+, H_u^0) and (H_d^0, H_d^-) , rather than one in the Standard Model. The classical scalar potential is:

$$\begin{aligned} V = & (|\mu|^2 + m_{H_u}^2)(|H_u^0|^2 + |H_u^+|^2) + (|\mu|^2 + m_{H_d}^2)(|H_d^0|^2 + |H_d^-|^2) \\ & + b(H_u^+ H_d^- - H_u^0 H_d^0) + \text{c.c.} \\ & + \frac{1}{8}(g^2 + g'^2)(|H_u^0|^2 + |H_u^+|^2 - |H_d^0|^2 - |H_d^-|^2)^2 \\ & + \frac{1}{2}g^2 |H_u^+ H_d^{0*} + H_u^0 H_d^{-*}|^2. \end{aligned}$$

The $|\mu|^2$ parts come from the F -terms. The g^2 and g'^2 parts come from the D -terms. The other terms come from the soft SUSY-breaking Lagrangian.

We must now minimize this potential, and show that it is compatible with the known electroweak symmetry breaking.

First, the freedom to do $SU(2)_L$ gauge transformations allows us to take $H_u^+ = 0$ at the minimum without loss of generality. Then one can show that $\partial V / \partial H_u^+ = 0$ also requires $H_d^- = 0$. So, at the minimum of the potential, $U(1)_{\text{EM}}$ will be unbroken, as required. We are left with...

Electroweak Symmetry Breaking in the MSSM

$$V = (|\mu|^2 + m_{H_u}^2)|H_u^0|^2 + (|\mu|^2 + m_{H_d}^2)|H_d^0|^2 - (b H_u^0 H_d^0 + \text{c.c.}) + \frac{1}{8}(g^2 + g'^2)(|H_u^0|^2 - |H_d^0|^2)^2.$$

A redefinition of the phase of H_u^0 can absorb any phase in b , so take it real and positive. This implies that at the minimum, $H_u^0 H_d^0$ is also real and positive, so H_u^0 and H_d^0 have opposite phases. Since they have opposite weak hypercharges ($\pm \frac{1}{2}$), a $U(1)_Y$ gauge rotation can make them both real and positive at the minimum, without loss of generality.

Must require that $H_u^0 = H_d^0 = 0$ is **not** the minimum. Then:

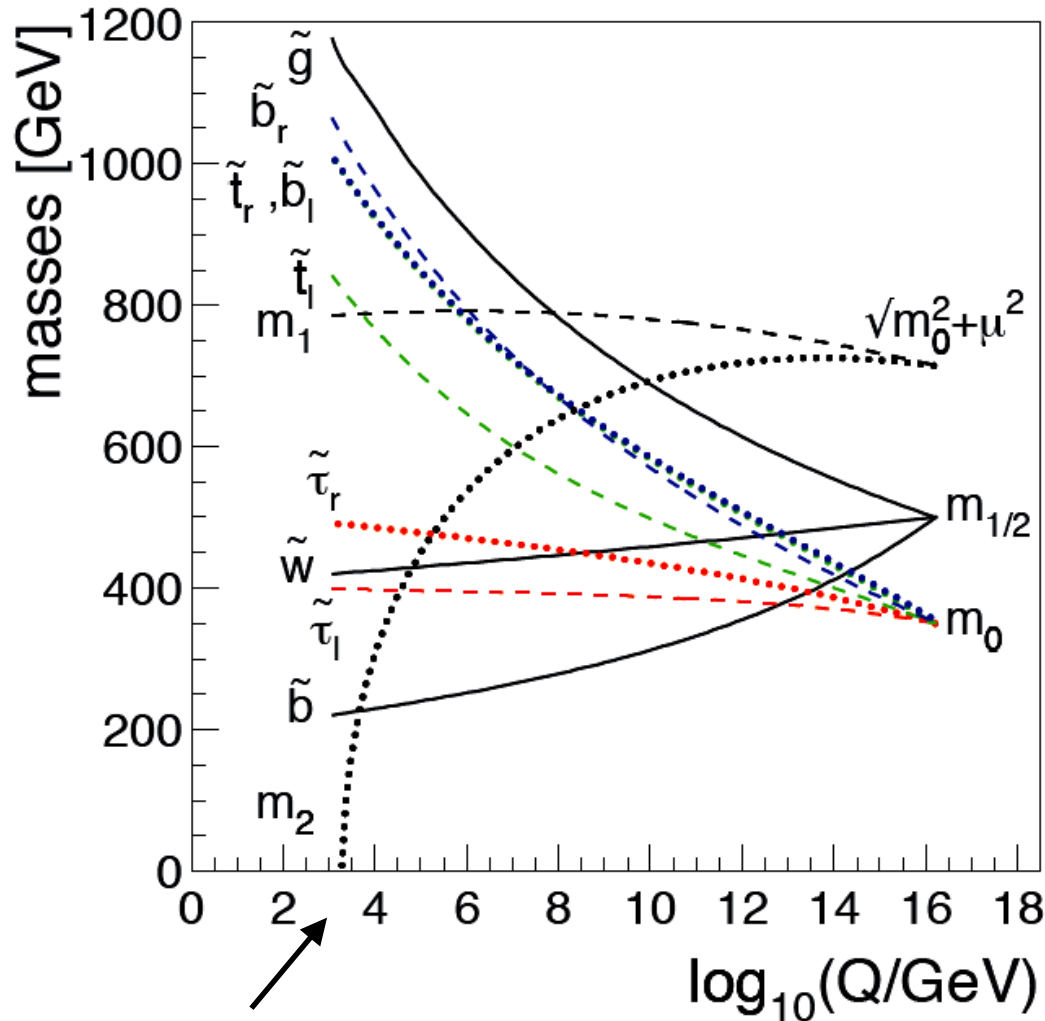
$$b^2 > (|\mu|^2 + m_{H_u}^2)(|\mu|^2 + m_{H_d}^2).$$

Also, we need the potential to be bounded from below. This requires:

$$2b < 2|\mu|^2 + m_{H_u}^2 + m_{H_d}^2.$$

If these conditions are met, typically with $m_{H_u}^2 < 0$ in realistic models, then spontaneous electroweak breaking $SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y \rightarrow U(1)_{\text{EM}}$ occurs.

Reminder: RGE's



RGE drive $m_u^2 (=m_2^2)$ negative due to large top Yukawa coupling
 \rightarrow triggers EWSB

Electroweak Symmetry Breaking in the MSSM

The resulting Higgs VEVs can be parameterized:

$$\begin{aligned} v_u &= \langle H_u^0 \rangle, & v_d &= \langle H_d^0 \rangle, & \text{where} \\ v_u^2 + v_d^2 &= v^2 = 2m_Z^2 / (g^2 + g'^2) \approx (174 \text{ GeV})^2 \\ \tan \beta &\equiv v_u / v_d. \end{aligned}$$

The conditions for a minimum, from $\partial V / \partial H_u^0 = \partial V / \partial H_d^0 = 0$, are:

$$\begin{aligned} |\mu|^2 + m_{H_u}^2 &= b \cot \beta + (m_Z^2 / 2) \cos 2\beta \\ |\mu|^2 + m_{H_d}^2 &= b \tan \beta - (m_Z^2 / 2) \cos 2\beta \end{aligned}$$

These allow us to eliminate two parameters in favor of m_Z^2 and $\tan \beta$.

The quark and lepton masses are related to these VEVs by:

$$y_t = \frac{m_t}{v \sin \beta}, \quad y_b = \frac{m_b}{v \cos \beta}, \quad y_\tau = \frac{m_\tau}{v \cos \beta}, \quad \text{etc.}$$

If we want the Yukawa couplings to avoid getting non-perturbatively large up to very high scales, we must have:

$$1.5 \lesssim \tan \beta \lesssim 55$$

The “ μ Problem”

Solve for outputs m_Z and $\tan \beta$, using Lagrangian parameters as inputs:

$$\begin{aligned}\tan \beta &= r + \sqrt{r^2 - 1} \\ m_Z^2 &= \frac{m_{H_d}^2 - m_{H_u}^2}{\sqrt{1 - 1/r^2}} - 2|\mu|^2 - m_{H_d}^2 - m_{H_u}^2\end{aligned}$$

where

$$r = (2|\mu|^2 + m_{H_d}^2 + m_{H_u}^2)/2b.$$

Without miraculous cancellations, we expect that all of the (mass)² parameters appearing in these equations should be within an order of magnitude of m_Z^2 . However, μ is a **SUSY-respecting** parameter appearing in the superpotential, while $m_{H_u}^2$, $m_{H_d}^2$ and b are **SUSY-breaking** parameters. Why should they be comparable in size?

The Higgs Bosons in the MSSM

Define mass-eigenstate Higgs bosons: $h^0, H^0, A^0, G^0, H^\pm, G^\pm$ by:

$$\begin{pmatrix} H_u^0 \\ H_d^0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} v_u \\ v_d \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha & \sin \alpha \\ -\sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} h^0 \\ H^0 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \sin \beta & \cos \beta \\ -\cos \beta & \sin \beta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} G^0 \\ A^0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} H_u^+ \\ H_d^{-*} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sin \beta & \cos \beta \\ -\cos \beta & \sin \beta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} G^+ \\ H^+ \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ \text{CP even} \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ \text{CP odd} \end{matrix}$$

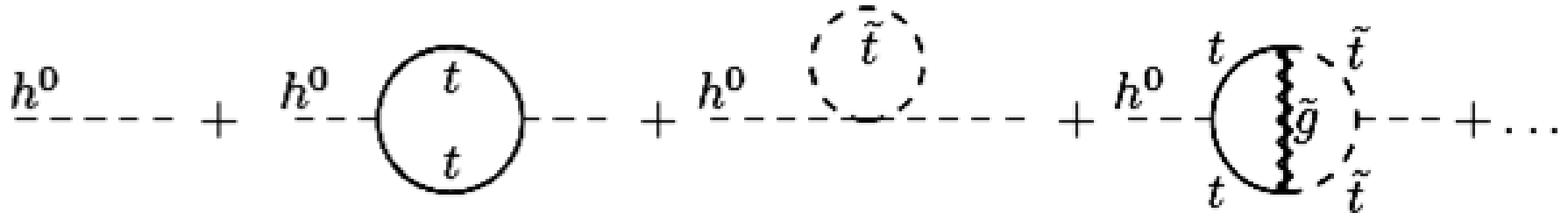
Now, expand the potential to second order in these fields to obtain the masses:

$$\begin{aligned} m_{A^0}^2 &= 2b / \sin 2\beta \\ m_{h^0, H^0}^2 &= \frac{1}{2} \left(m_{A^0}^2 + m_Z^2 \mp \sqrt{(m_{A^0}^2 + m_Z^2)^2 - 4m_Z^2 m_{A^0}^2 \cos^2 2\beta} \right) \\ m_{H^\pm}^2 &= m_{A^0}^2 + m_W^2 \end{aligned}$$

The mixing angle α obeys $\tan 2\alpha = \left(\frac{m_{A^0}^2 + m_Z^2}{m_{A^0}^2 - m_Z^2} \right) \tan 2\beta$, and is traditionally chosen to be negative. The Goldstone bosons have $m_{G^0} = m_{G^\pm} = 0$; they are absorbed by the Z, W^\pm bosons to give them masses, as in the Standard Model.

Radiative Corrections to Higgs Mass in SUSY

$$m_{h^0}^2 = m_Z^2 \cos^2(2\beta) + \frac{3}{4\pi^2} y_t^2 m_t^2 \ln\left(\frac{m_{\tilde{t}_1} m_{\tilde{t}_2}}{m_t^2}\right) + \dots$$



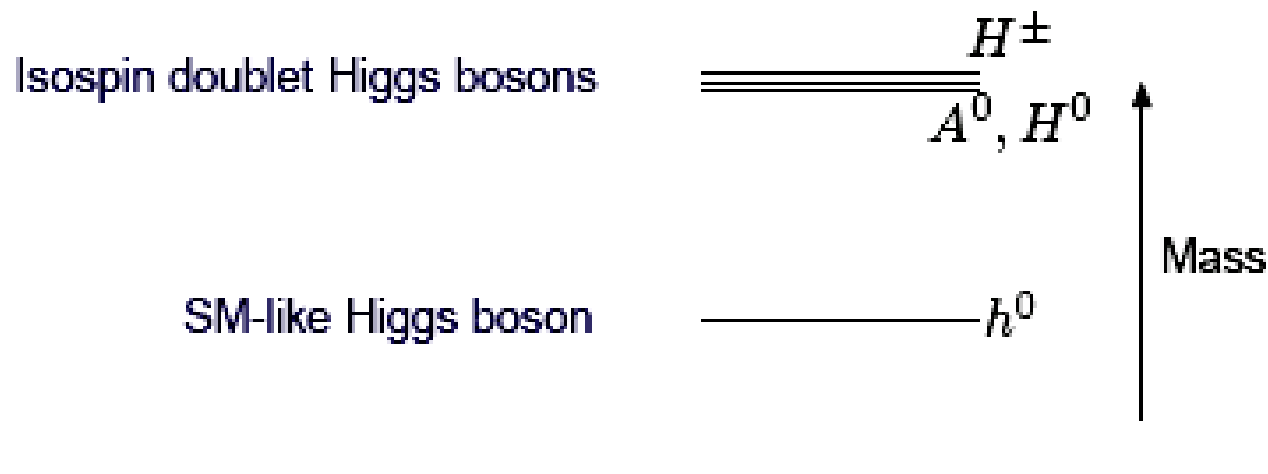
- At tree-level: m_Z^2 pure electroweak
- At one-loop: $y_t^2 m_t^2$ top Yukawa comes in
- At two-loop: $\alpha_S y_t^2 m_t^2$ SUSYQCD comes in
- At three-loop: $\alpha_S^2 y_t^2 m_t^2$

At a future International Linear Collider, one might be able to measure m_{h^0} to within 50 MeV or better. This will require three-loop calculations to match theory to experiment!

The Decoupling Limit

If $m_{A^0} \gg m_Z$, then:

- h^0 has the same couplings as would a Standard Model Higgs boson of the same mass
- A^0, H^0, H^\pm form an isospin doublet, and are much heavier than h^0



Many models of SUSY breaking approximate this decoupling limit.

MSSM Higgs Bosons Phenomenology

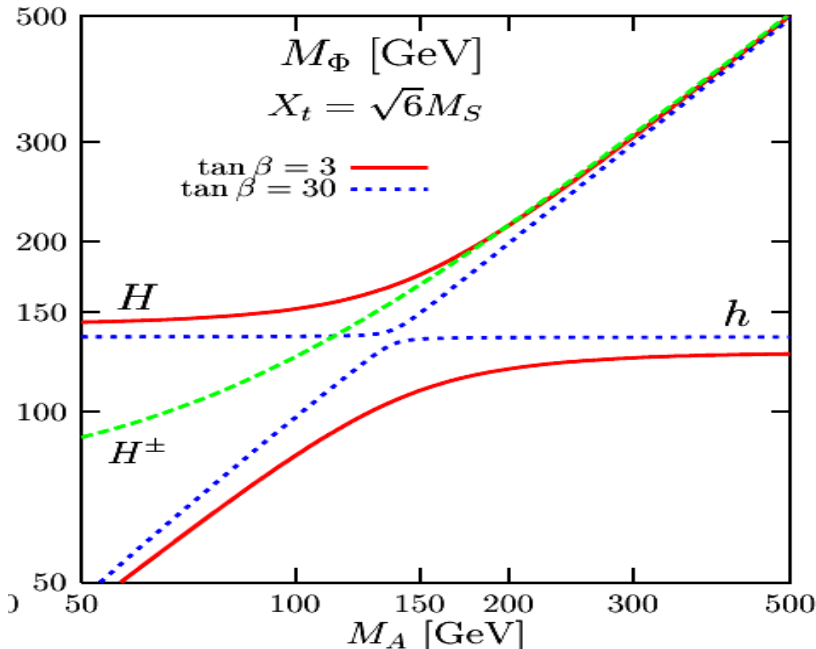
Modified couplings $g_{\text{MSSM}} = \xi g_{\text{SM}}$

ξ	t	b/τ	W/Z
h	$\cos\alpha/\sin\beta$	$-\sin\alpha/\cos\beta$	$\sin(\alpha-\beta)$
H	$\sin\alpha/\sin\beta$	$\cos\alpha/\cos\beta$	$\cos(\alpha-\beta)$
A	$\cot\beta$	$\tan\beta$	-----

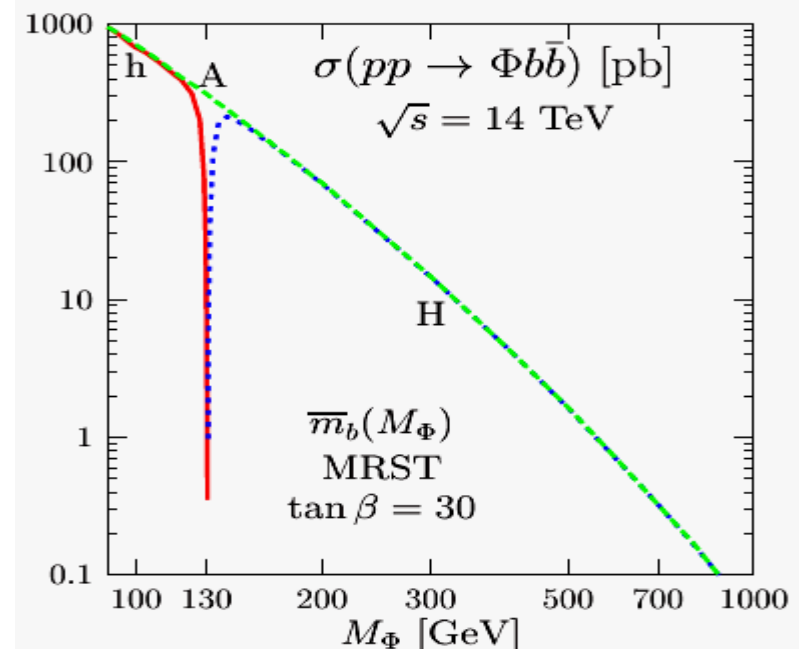
- no coupling of A to W/Z
- small $\alpha \rightarrow$ small $\text{BR}(h \rightarrow \tau\tau, bb)$
- large $\beta \rightarrow$ large $\text{BR}(h, H, A \rightarrow \tau\tau, bb)$

α = mixing btw. CP-even neutral Higgs bosons

Higgs boson mass pattern

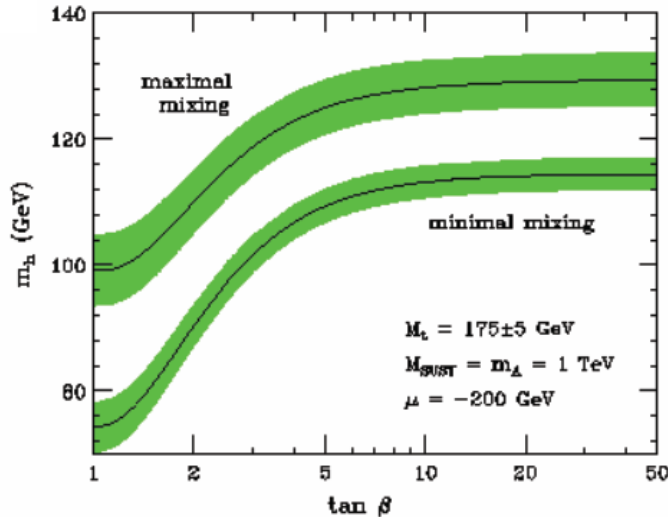


New production mode: $b(b)\text{Higgs}$



Constraints on the Higgs Sector

MSSM bounds



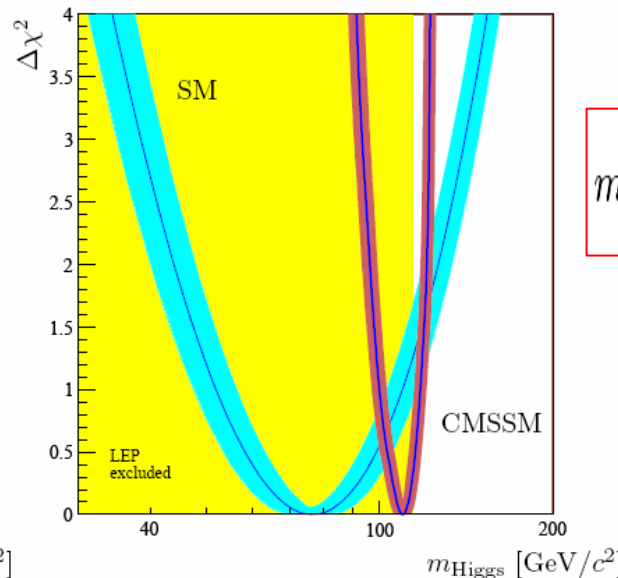
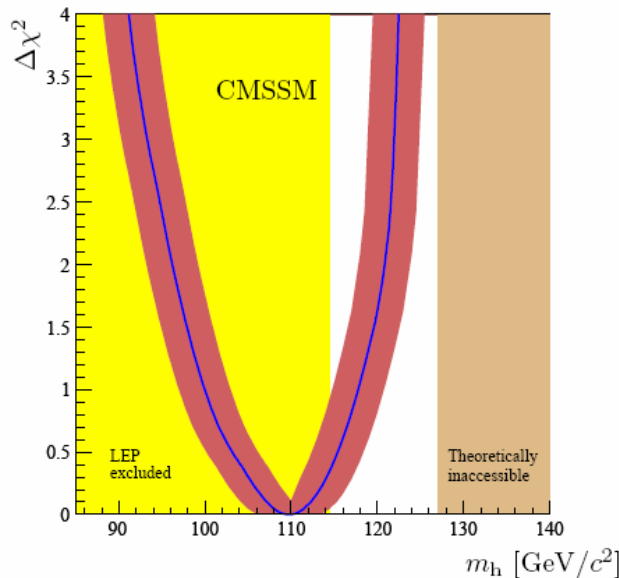
Constrained MSSM:

$$M_h < 133 \text{ GeV for } m_t = 175 \text{ GeV, } M_{\text{SUSY}} = 1 \text{ TeV}$$

General MSSM:

$$M_h < 150 \text{ GeV}$$

EW precision data, dark matter density, a_μ , $b \rightarrow s\gamma$ in cMSSM(mSUGRA)

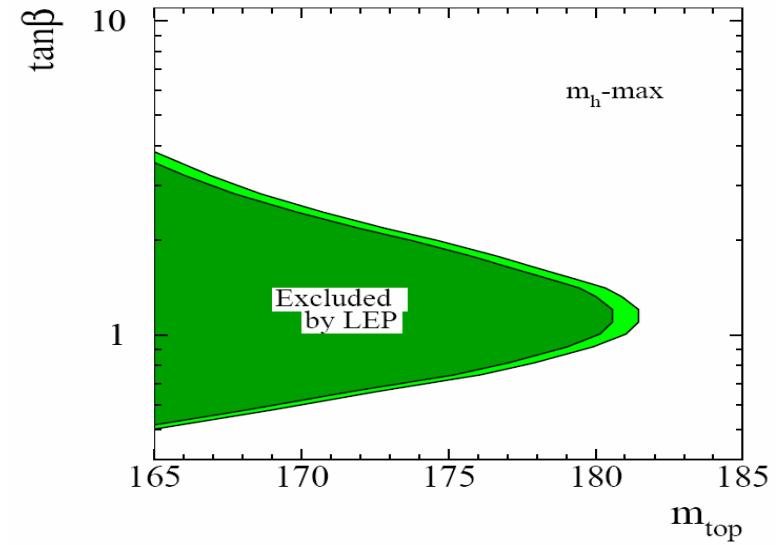
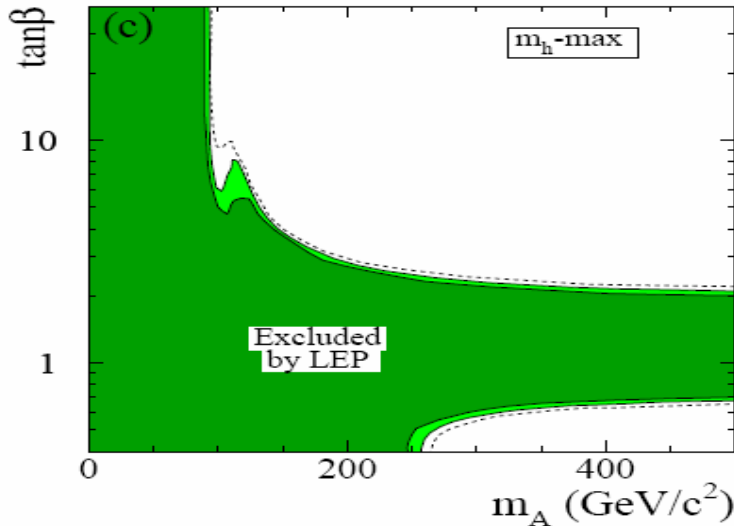


$$m_h^{\text{CMSSM}} = 110_{-10}^{+8} \text{ (exp.)} \pm 3 \text{ (theo.) GeV}/c^2$$

precision from dark matter,
 a_μ , $b \rightarrow s\gamma$ constraints

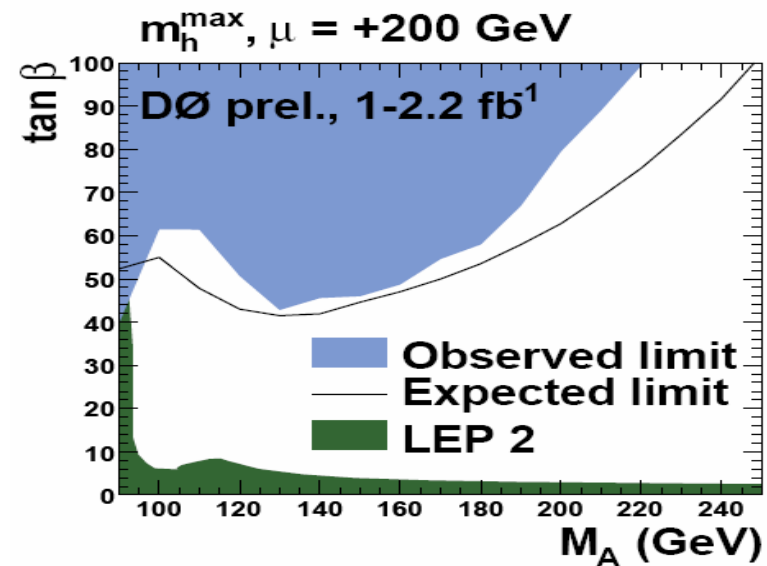
Constraints on the Higgs sector: Direct searches

- LEP: $M_{h/A} < \sim M_Z$ excluded at 95%CL



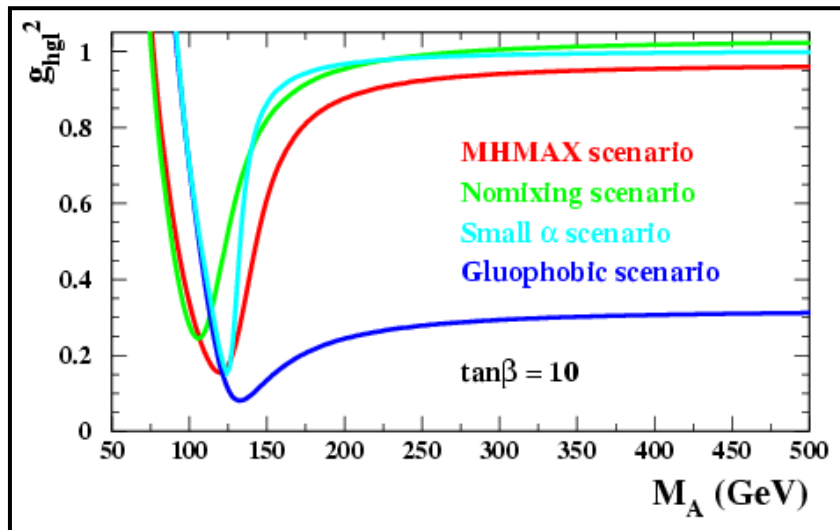
- TEVATRON:

largest sensitivity at large $\tan\beta$
via bbH , $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$

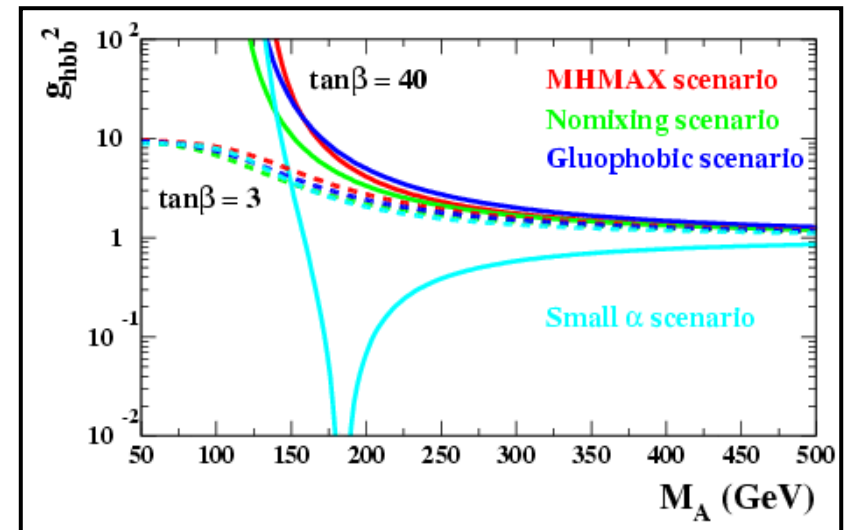


Benchmark Scenarios Studied at LHC

- **MHMAX scenario:** maximal $m_h < 133$ GeV \rightarrow conservative LEP exclusion
- **Nomixing scenario:** small $m_h < 116$ GeV \rightarrow difficult for LHC
- **Gluophobic scenario**
small $g_{h,gluon}$ $m_h < 119$ GeV
- **Small α scenario**
small g_{hbb} and g_{htt} $m_h < 123$ GeV



theo. aim: harm discovery via
 $gg \rightarrow h$, $h \rightarrow gg$ and $h \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$

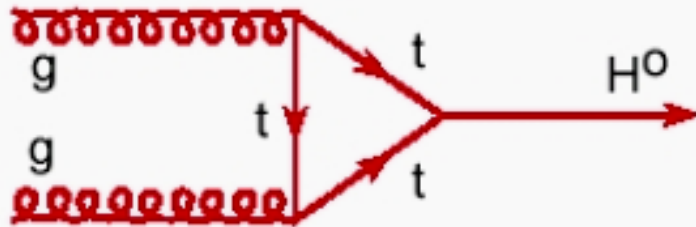


theo. aim: harm discovery via
VBF, $h \rightarrow tt$ tth , $h \rightarrow bb$

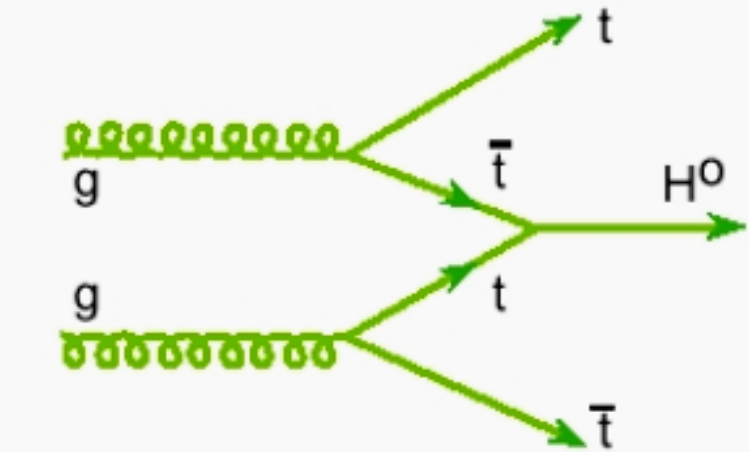
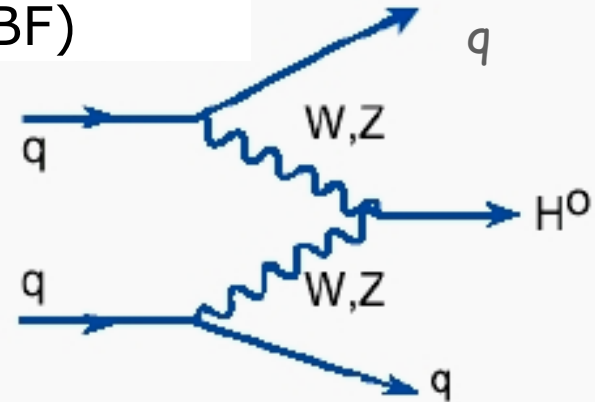
- mainly influence masses and couplings of h
- phenomenology of heavy states very similar

Higgs Production at LHC

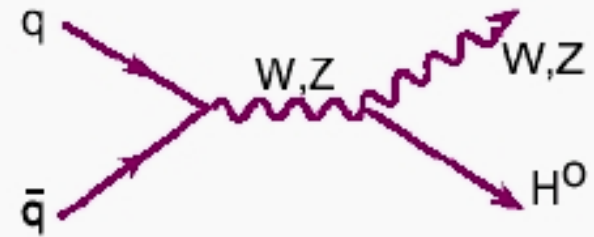
Gluon Fusion



Vector-Boson Fusion (VBF)

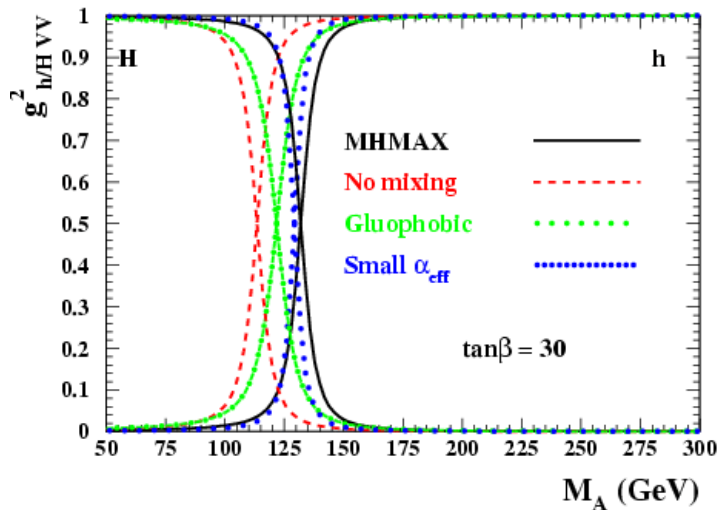
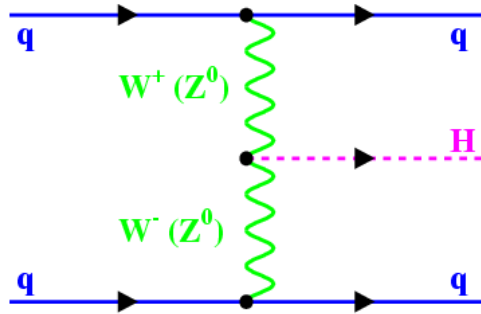


Associated production with t (or b)

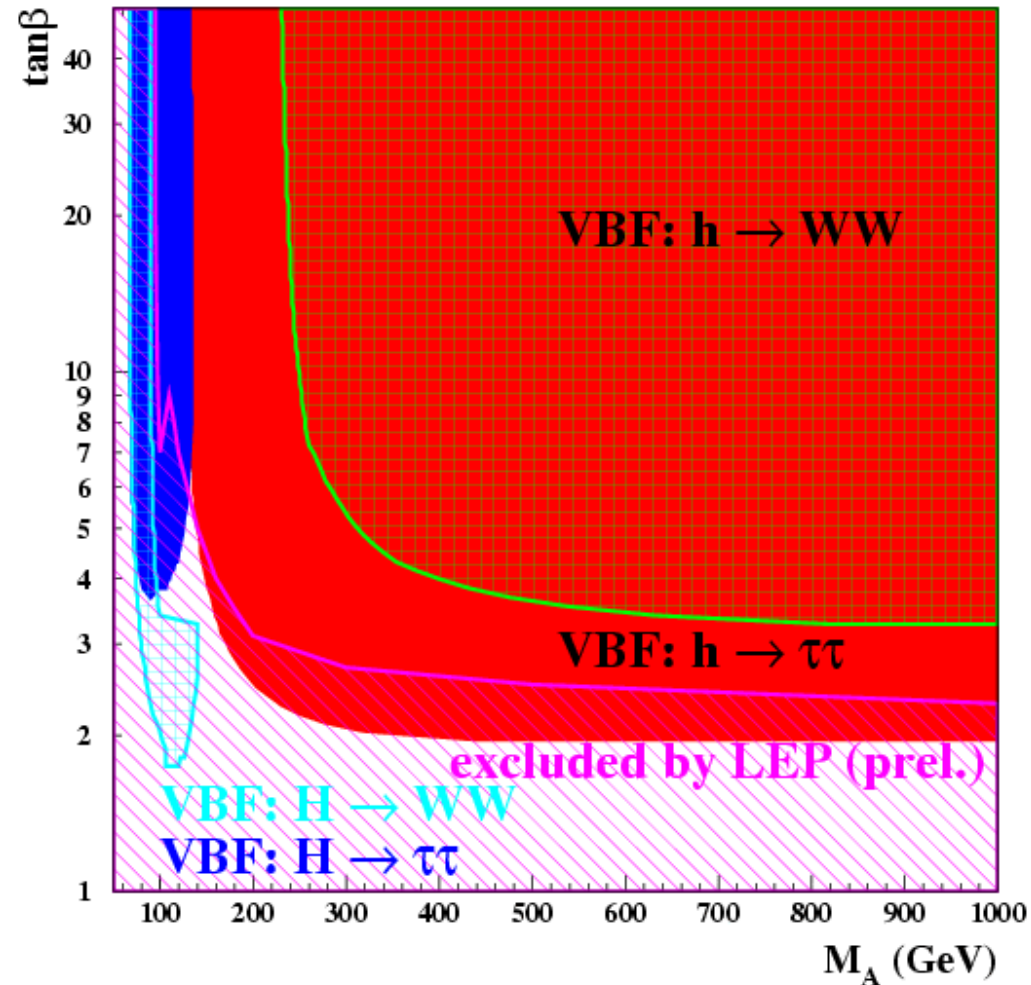


Higgs Strahlung

h/H in Vector-Boson Fusion (30 fb⁻¹)



MHMAX scenario

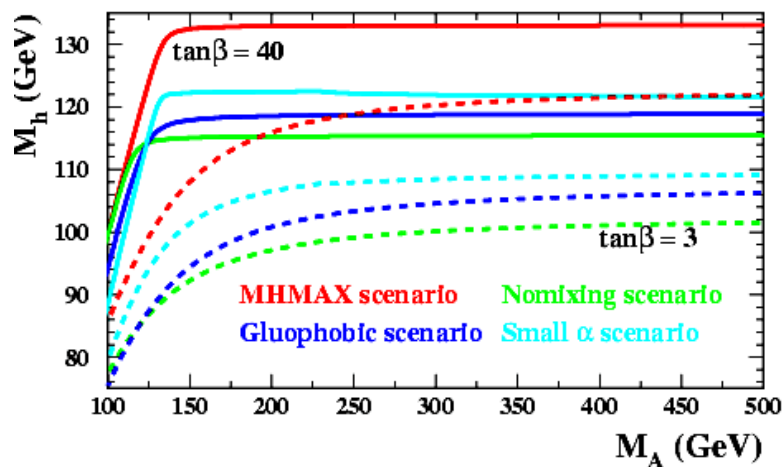
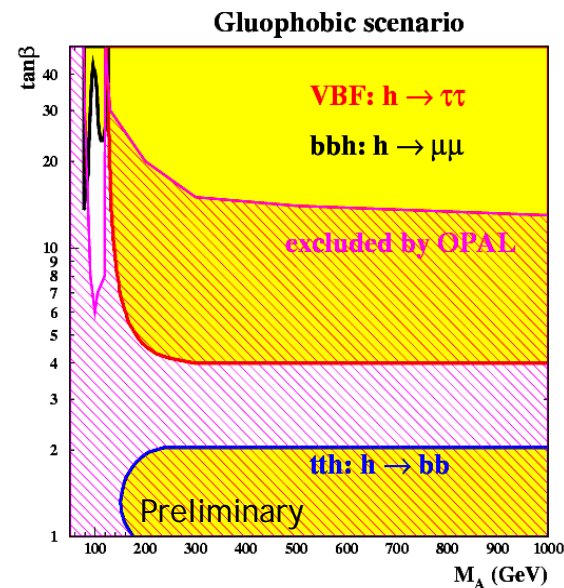
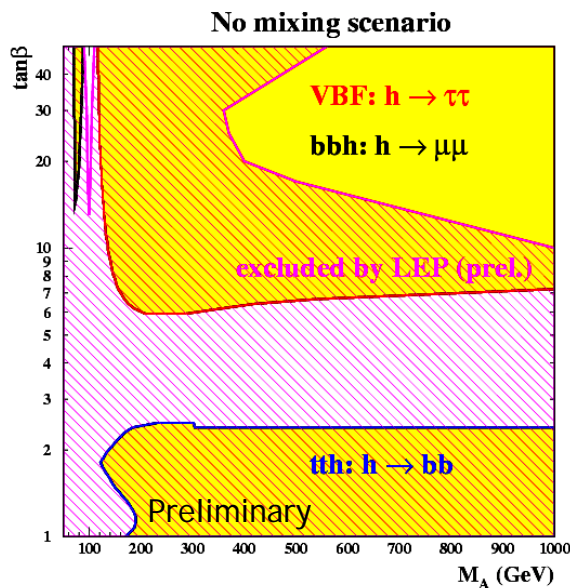
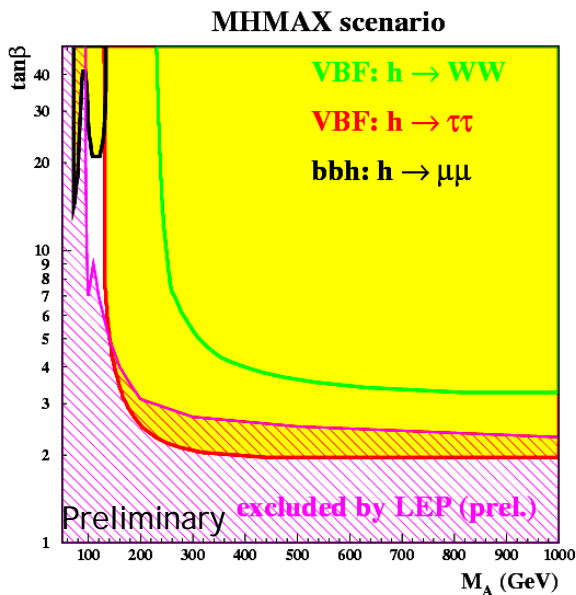


- Studied for $M_H > 110$ GeV at low lumi running
- Same conclusion in other benchmark scenarios

**h or H observable
with 30 fb⁻¹**

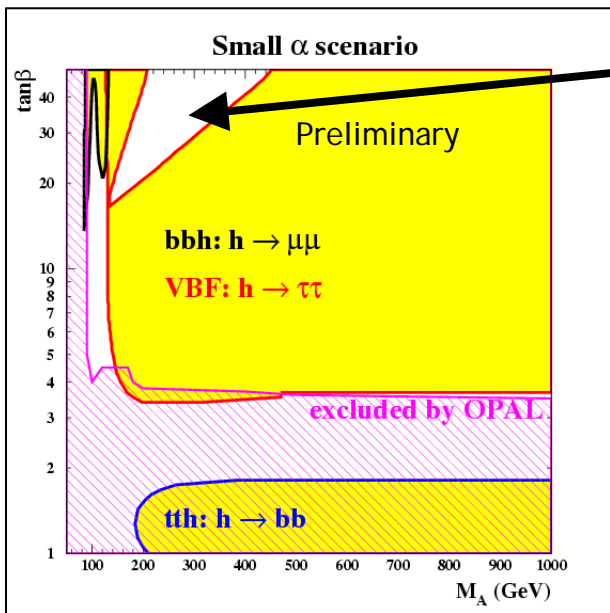
Light Higgs Boson h (30 fb^{-1})

Observable channels: VBF with $h \rightarrow \mu\mu$ / WW , bbh with $h \rightarrow \mu\mu$, tth with $h \rightarrow bb$

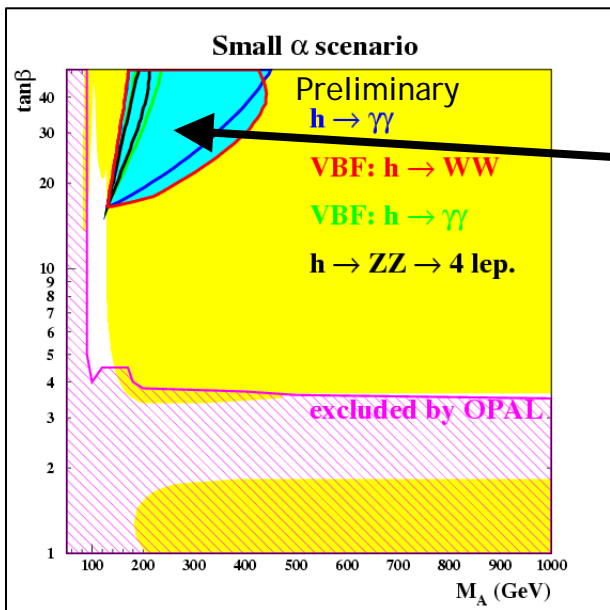
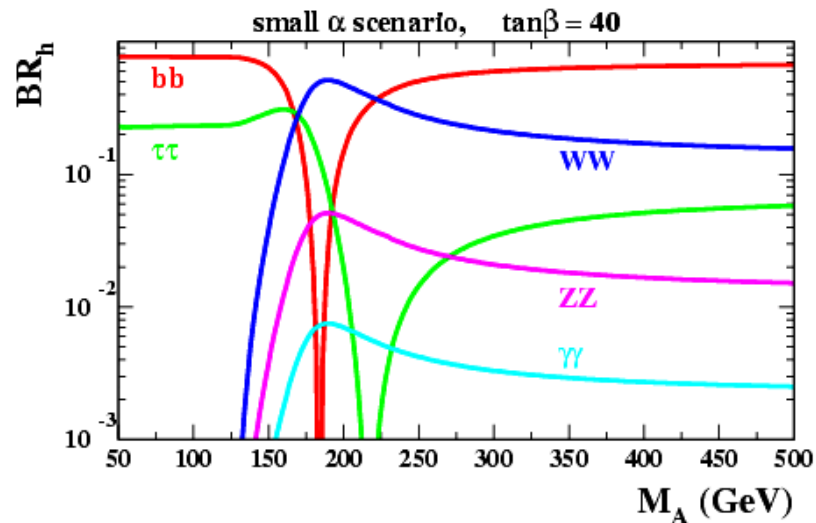


Differences mainly due to different m_h for same $(\tan\beta, M_A)$ point (up to 17 GeV difference)

Light Higgs h in Small- α Scenario (30 fb $^{-1}$)

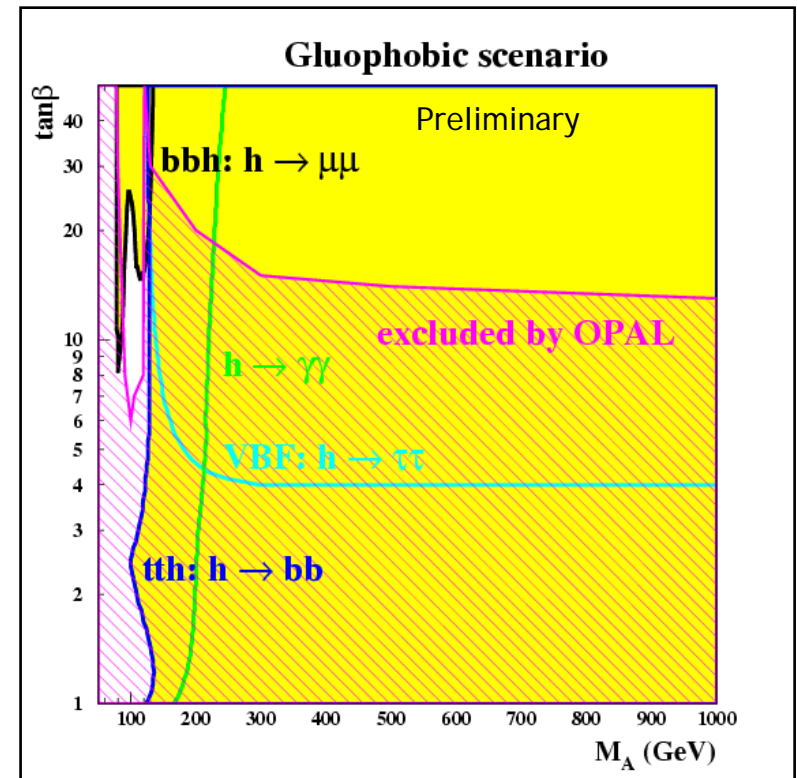
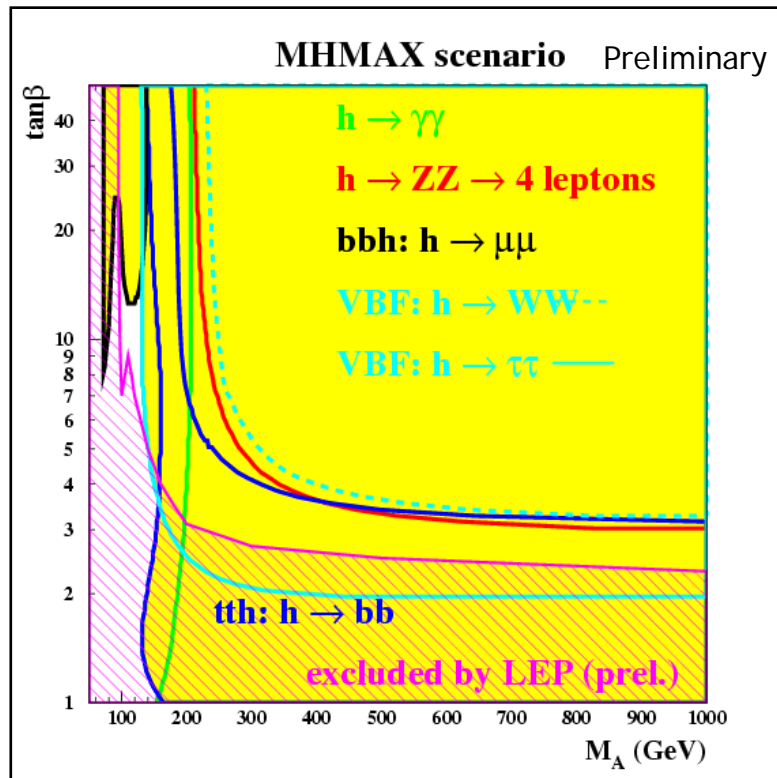


- Hole due to reduced branching ratio for $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$



- Covered by enhanced BR to gauge bosons
- Complementarity of search channels almost guarantees observability of h

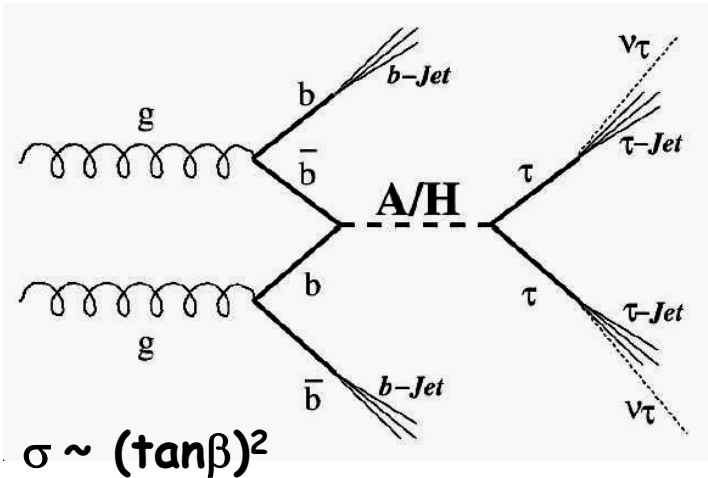
Light Higgs h (300 fb^{-1} , VBF only 30 fb^{-1})



- Also $h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$, $h \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4 \text{ leptons}$ ($tth \rightarrow bb$) contribute
- Large area covered by several channels
 \rightarrow discovery and parameter determination possible
- Small area uncovered at $m_h = 90$ to 100 GeV
- $h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ sensitive in gluophobic scenario due to VBF, Wh , tth production

Heavy Neutral Higgs Bosons H/A

- Most promising: $bbH/A, H/A \rightarrow \tau\tau, \mu\mu$



- $\tau\tau \rightarrow \text{lep lep}$ (both τ decay leptonically)
- $\tau\tau \rightarrow \text{lep had}$ (1 had., 1 lept. τ decay)
- $\tau\tau \rightarrow \text{had had}$ (2 hadronic τ decays
only for large $M > 450$ GeV due to QCD bkg)

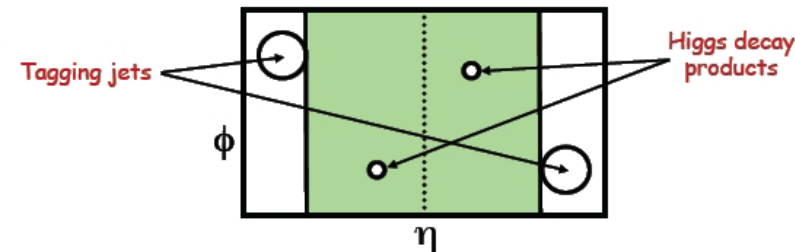
Same bkg as in VBF

Same $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ mass reco. and bkg estimate

But:

- no forward jets and no central-jet veto
- **b-tagging** instead of b-veto

Reminder: VBF

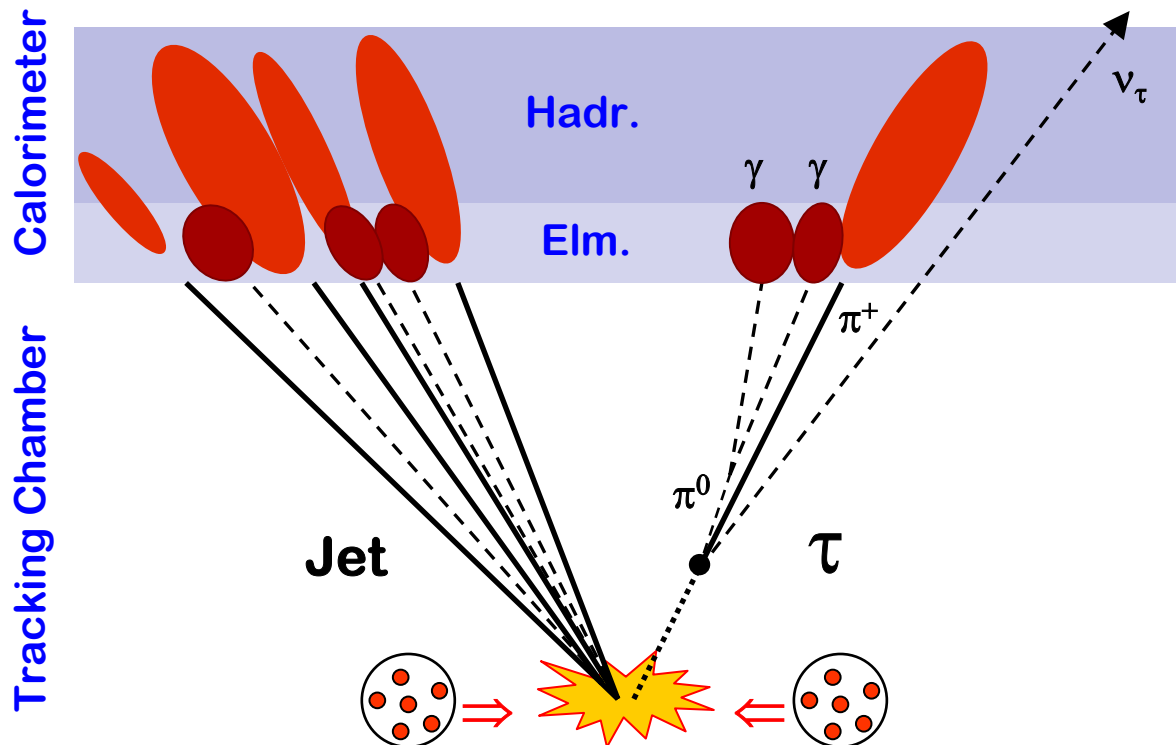


Excursion: Identification of τ Leptons

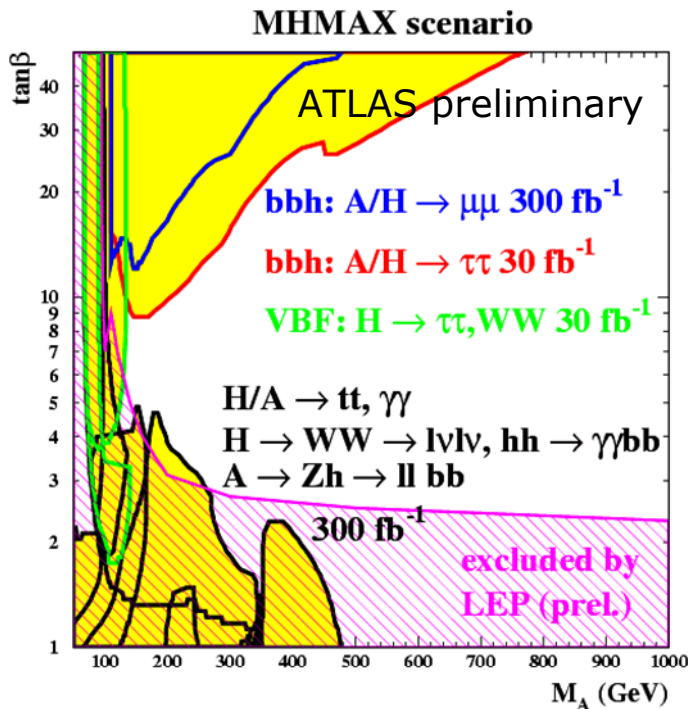
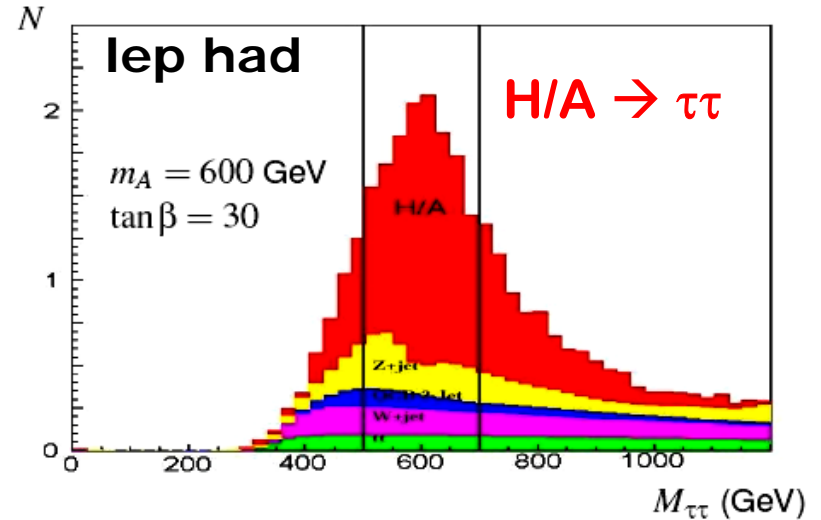
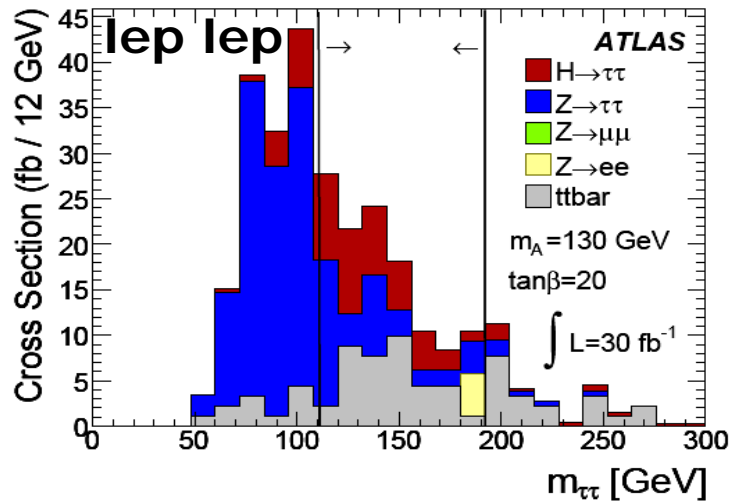
- τ decays:

$\tau^\pm \rightarrow e^- \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\tau$	17 %
$\tau^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm (n\pi^0) \nu_\tau$	47 %
$\tau^\pm \rightarrow 3\pi^\pm (n\pi^0) \nu_\tau$	15 %

- Main background for hadronic τ decays: **ets** from q,g scattering



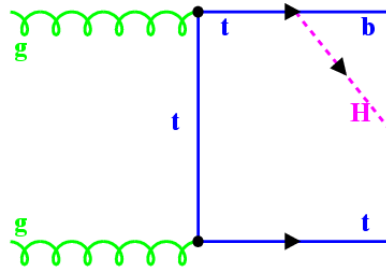
Heavy Neutral Higgs Bosons H/A



- Goal: After a few years, reach **mass resolution of a few %**
- Determine from **signal rate**:
 $\sigma_{prod} \times BR(H^0/A^0 \rightarrow \tau\tau)$

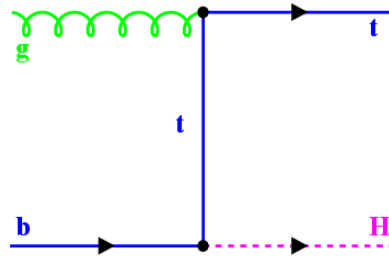
Charged Higgs Bosons H^\pm

low mass: $m_{H^\pm} < m_t$



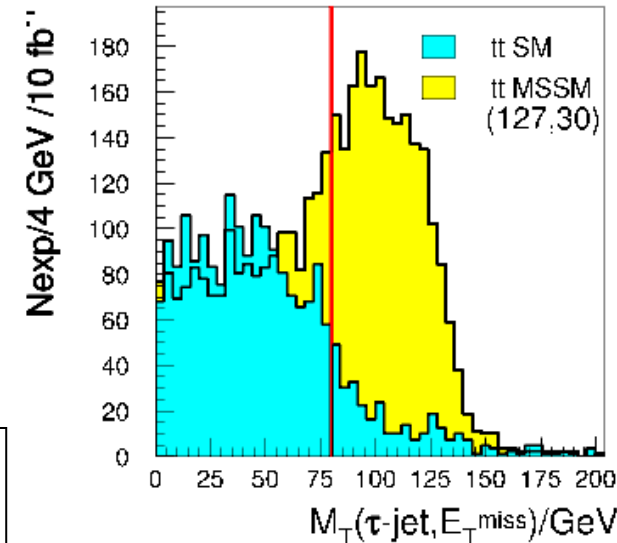
$gg \rightarrow tt \rightarrow H^\pm bt$

high mass: $m_{H^\pm} > m_t$

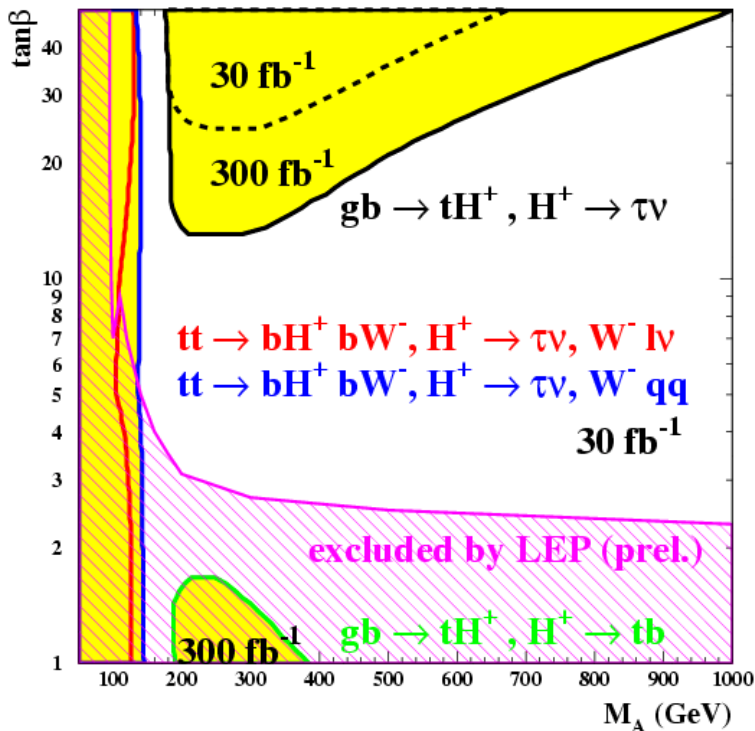


$gb \rightarrow H^\pm t$

Transverse Mass



MHMAX scenario

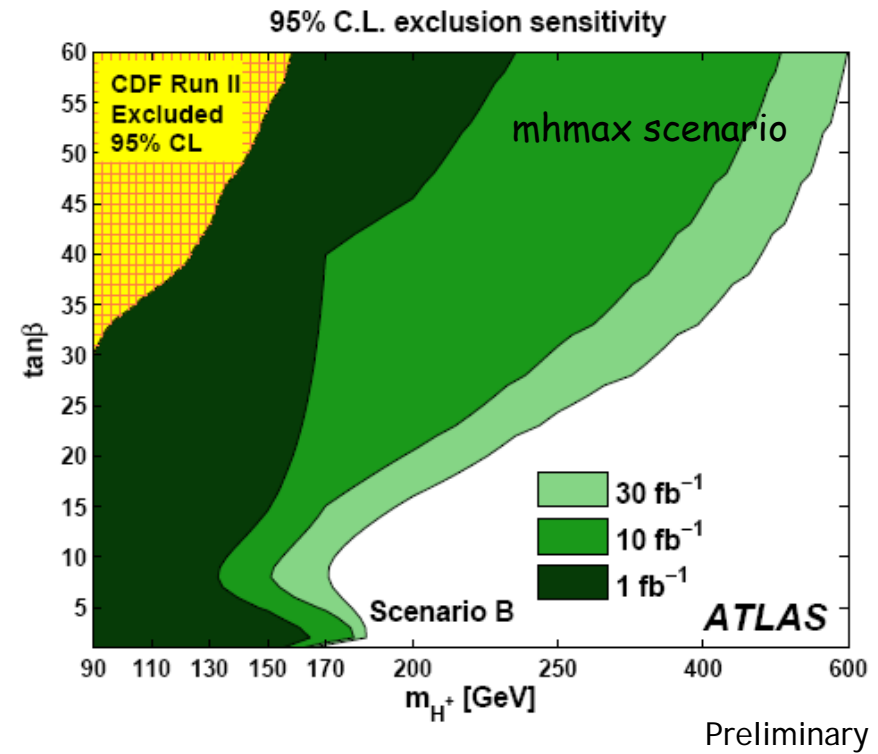
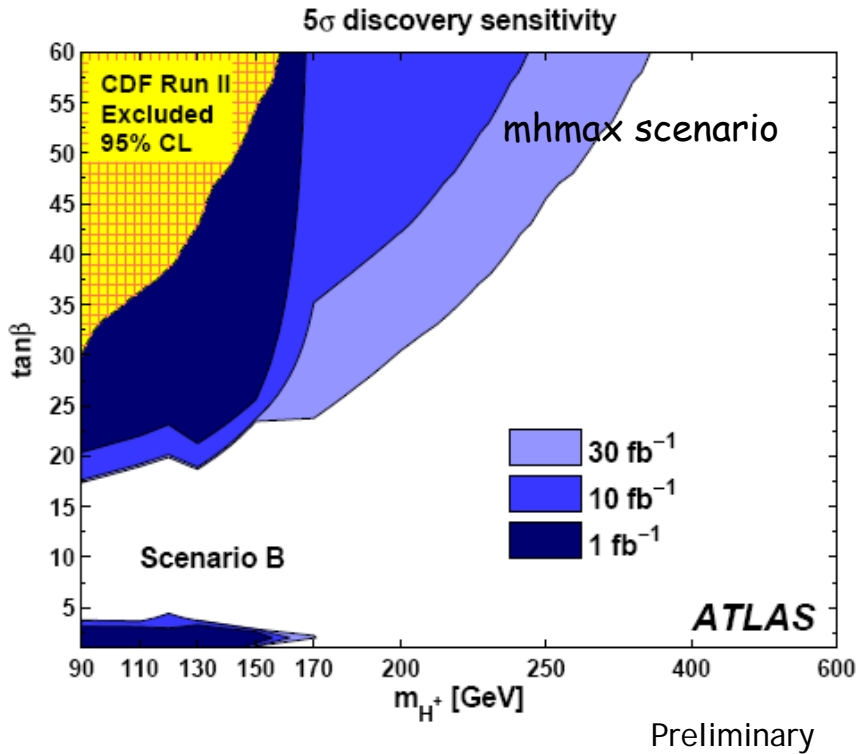


$H^\pm \rightarrow \tau^\pm \nu$

$t \rightarrow bW \rightarrow bqq$

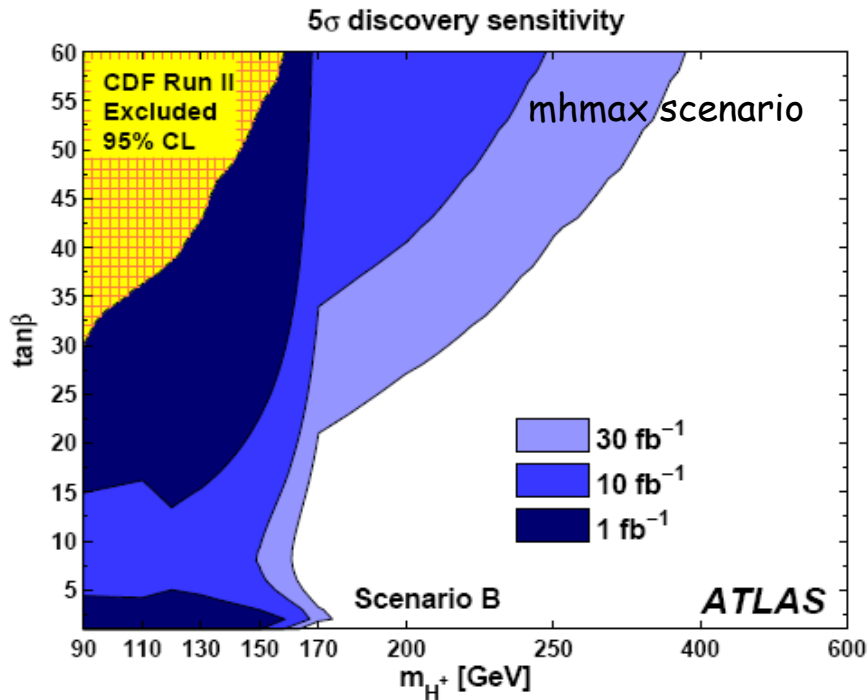
- Backgrounds: tt , single t , W +jets, QCD
 - tt production dominant background
 - Systematic uncertainties:
 - theo: 15% for tt cross section
 - exp.: 15 to 40% for signal and bkg
(E scale, b -tagging, ...)
- extract bkg from data control sample

Charged Higgs Sensitivity in mhmax Scenario

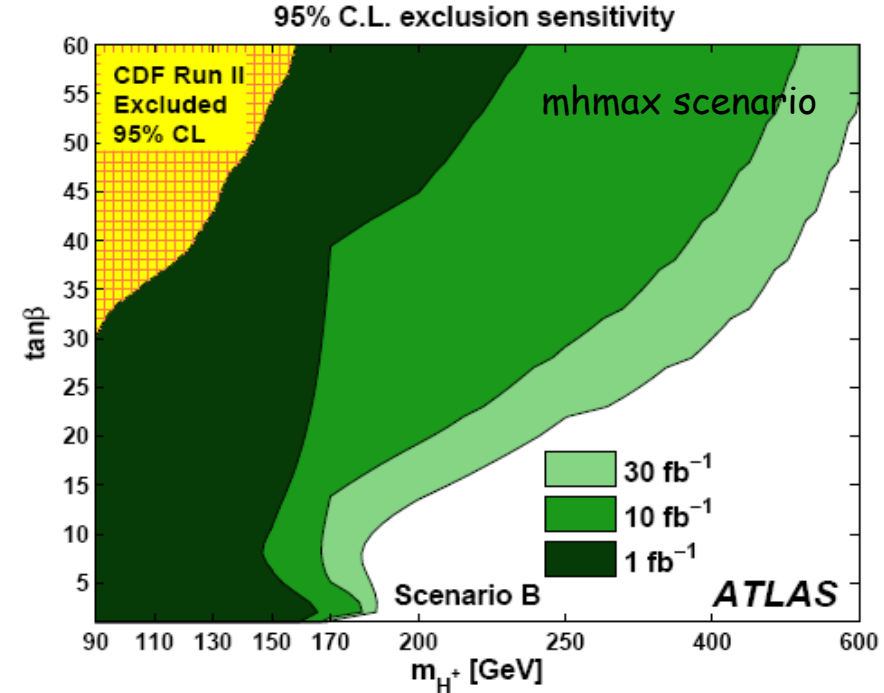


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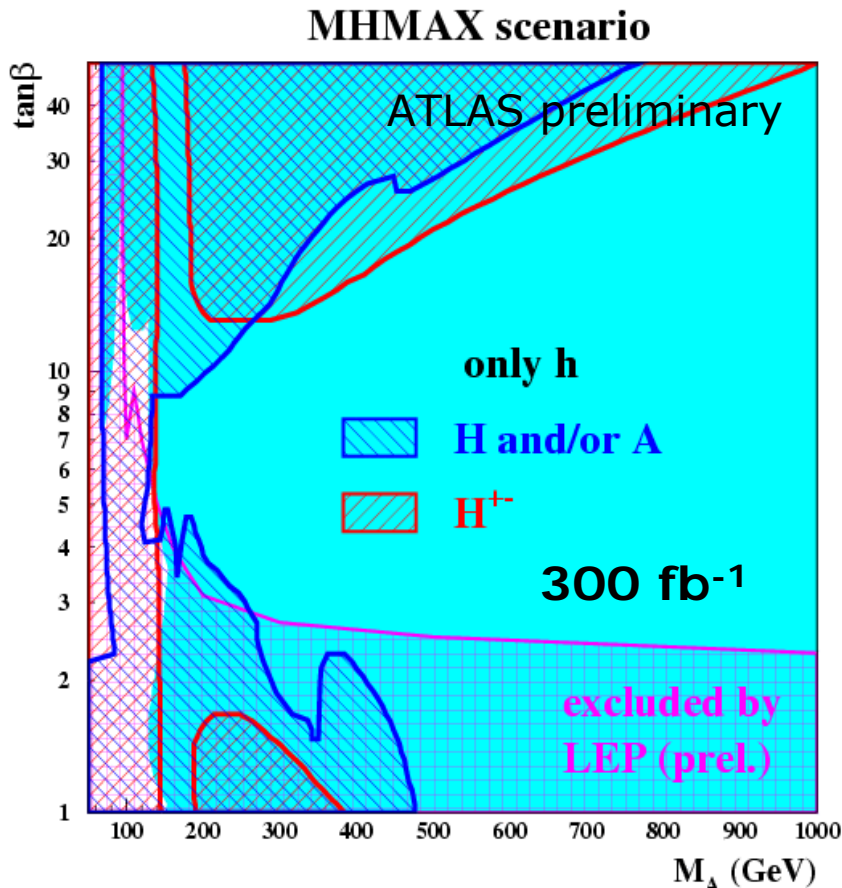
Preliminary



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- Most difficult region at intermediate $\tan\beta$ as coupling $H^{+-}tb$ smallest
- If statistical uncertainties from limited MC neglected \rightarrow gap closed

Overall MSSM Higgs Discovery Potential



- At least one Higgs boson observable for **whole parameters space** in all (CP-conserving) benchmark scenarios
- Significant area where **only lightest Higgs boson h is observable**
- Discrimination between h, H, A via
 - investigation of properties of observed Higgs
 - observation in SUSY cascades or H/A → SUSY decays

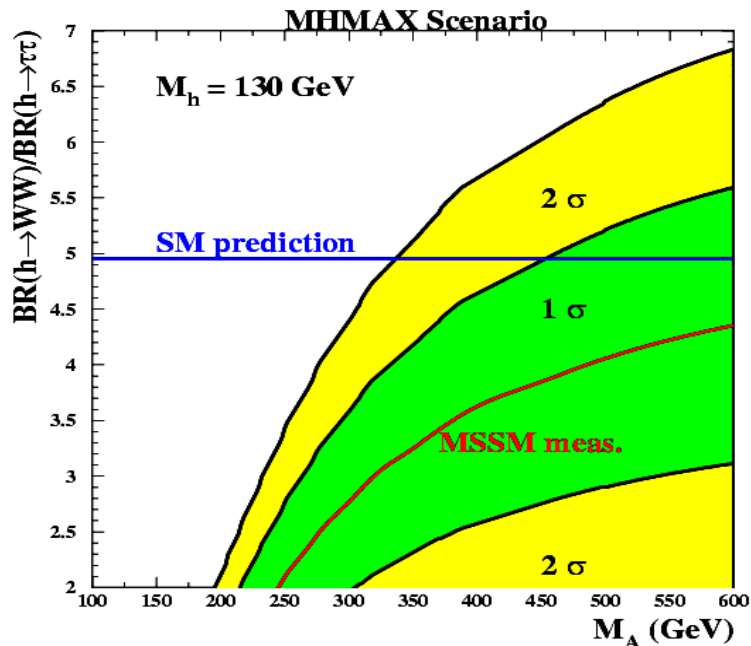
- Similar results in other benchmark scenarios
(VBF channels , H/A → $\tau\tau$ only shown for 30fb⁻¹)

SM or MSSM Higgs (i.e. Extended Higgs Sector) ?

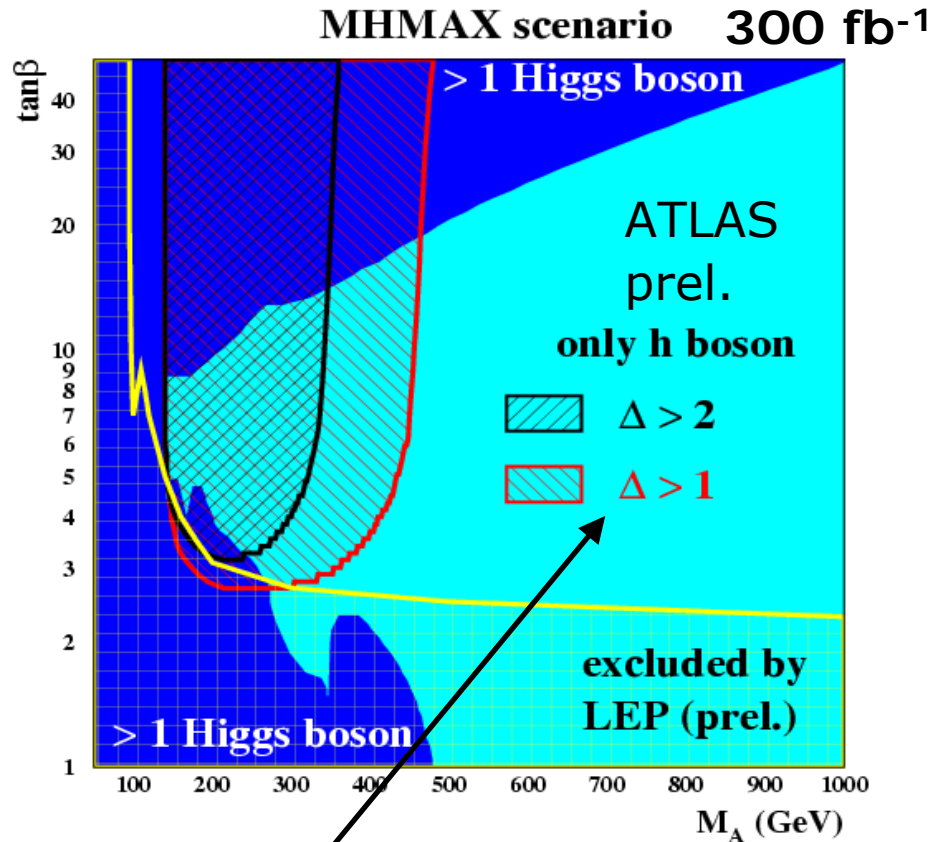
Discrimination via VBF

$$R = \frac{\text{BR}(h \rightarrow WW)}{\text{BR}(h \rightarrow \tau\tau)}$$

Compare expected measurement of R in MSSM with SM prediction



Assumes M_h precisely known (syst. uncertainties neglected)



$$\Delta = |R_{\text{MSSM}} - R_{\text{SM}}| / \sigma_{\text{exp}}$$