

The Status of the Search for Super-Symmetry

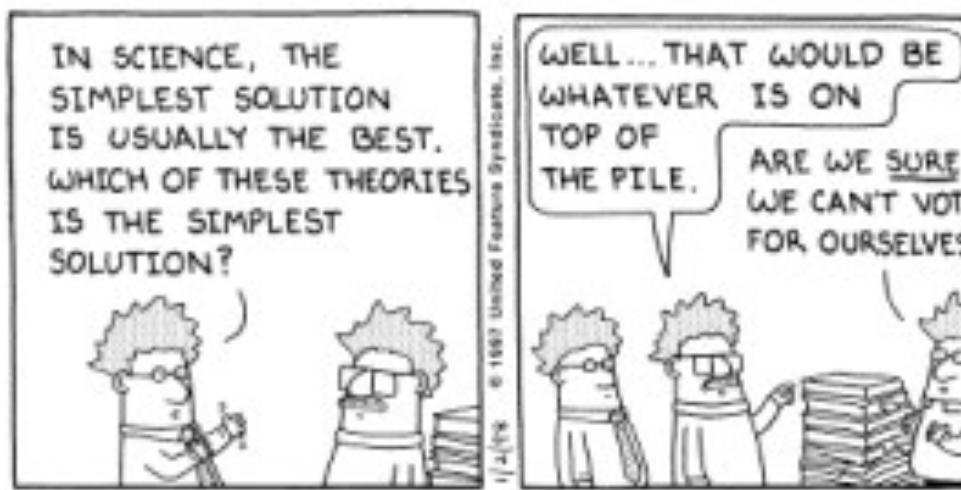
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Why Super-Symmetry ?



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Theorists

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Experimentalist

Experimentalists Deal in Signatures ...

Super-Symmetry is a Great Signature Generator

Search for Super-Symmetry at the Weak Scale

Low Energy High Precision Indirect Searches -
Violation of Global Symmetries, ...

High Energy Direct Searches -
Production and Decay of Super-Partners



This Talk ...

The Direct Search for Super-Partners has been Underway for $O(30)$ years

SPS, LEPI $m > O(50)$ GeV

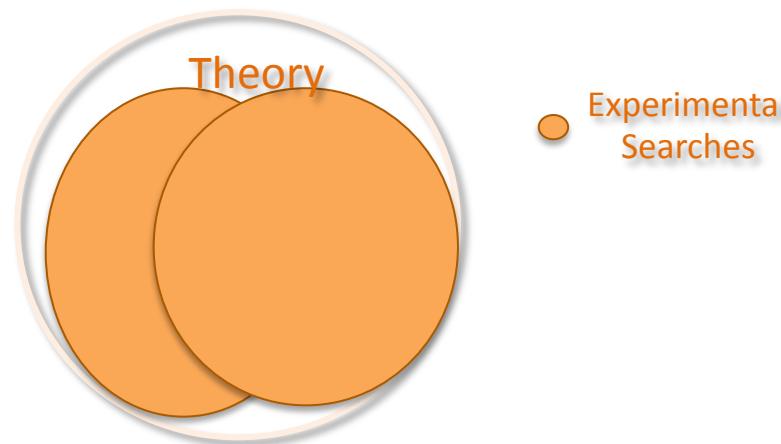
LEPII $m > O(100)$ GeV

Tevatron $m > O(300)$ GeV

LHC $m > O(1000)$ GeV

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Mass Scale for Some of the Super-
Partners - In Some Channels

The Searches have Been Heroic - but Incomplete





**SUSY: No Single Definitive Prediction -
Just Hope that Some of the Super-Partners
are Kinematically Accessible**

**Make (Prioritized) List of Signatures and
Do the Experimental Searches**



Direct Searches for Super-Symmetry

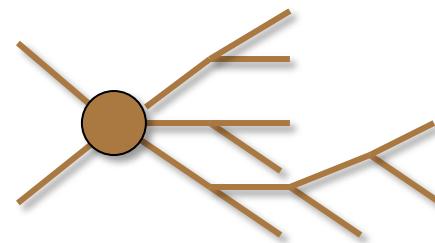
Super-Partners + Super-Interactions

Spectrum	(Enormous Parameter Space)
+ Goldstino	
+ New Interactions	(R-Symmetry, B or L Conserved)
+ Global Symmetry Violation	(Lepton Flavor, ...)
+ New Global Symmetries	($U(1)_R$, ...)
+ New Matter fields	(Vector Like, Dark Matter, ...)
+ New Higgs fields	(Singlets, ...)
+ New Gauge Interactions	(Abelian, Non-Abelian)
+ ...	

Current Experimental Era: (Pre-Discovery)

Signatures Most Important Metric

Organize with Production and Decay Topologies



Parameterized by

Mass Spectrum,
Spins + Quantum Numbers (or Decay Distributions)

Topologies Factorize Mapping Data \leftrightarrow Theory



- Production σ 's Factor Out of Problem
- Cascade Br's Factor Out of Problem
- Multiple Topologies + Multiple Channels Easily Combined
- No Relation Among $\sigma_t, Br_{at}, m_{it}$ Need be Specified
- Can Add More Topologies Later
(Since Don't Simulate Combinations of Topologies)

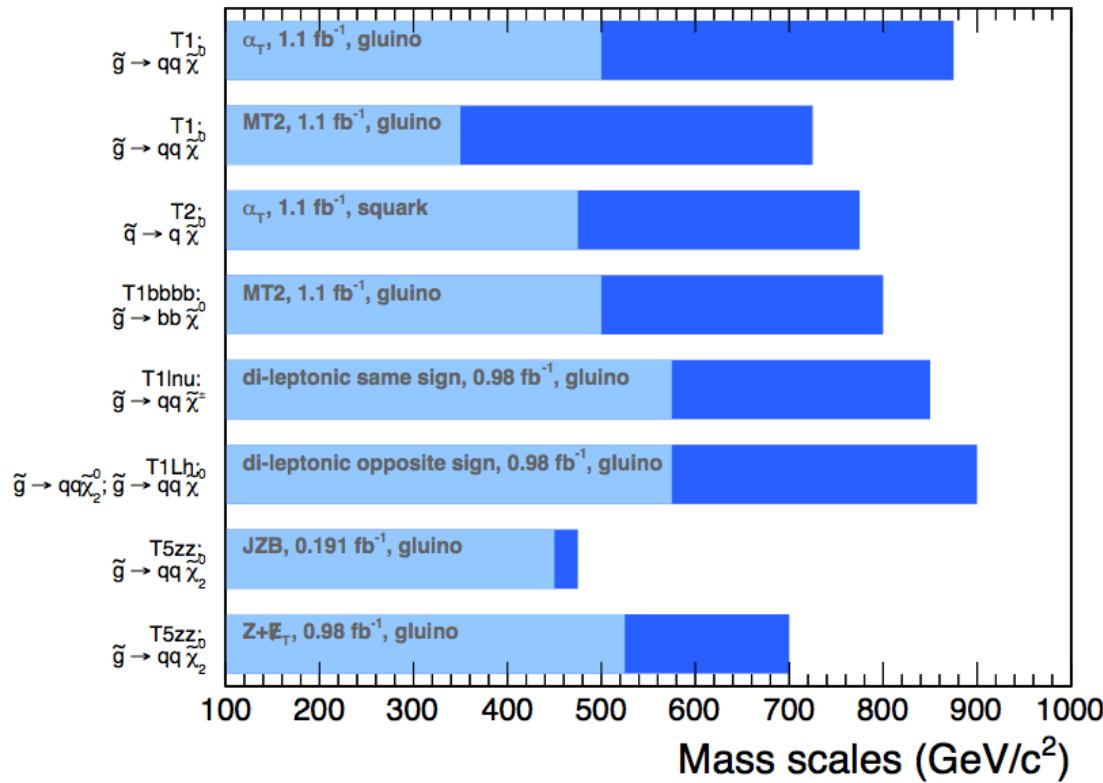
Simplified Models for LHC New Physics Searches arXiv:1105.2838 [hep-ph]

Signatures of New Physics at the LHC

<http://www.lhcnewphysics.org>

Results for SUSY Topologies

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



For limits on $m(\tilde{g})$, $m(\tilde{q}) \gg m(\tilde{g})$ (and vice versa). $\sigma^{\text{prod}} = \sigma^{\text{NLO-QCD}}$.

$$m(\tilde{\chi}^\pm), m(\tilde{\chi}_2^0) = \frac{m(\tilde{g}) + m(\tilde{\chi}^0)}{2}$$

$m(\tilde{\chi}^0)$ is varied from 0 GeV/c² (dark blue) to $m(\tilde{g}) - 200$ GeV/c² (light blue).

Focus on Signatures Parameterized by Production and Decay Topologies

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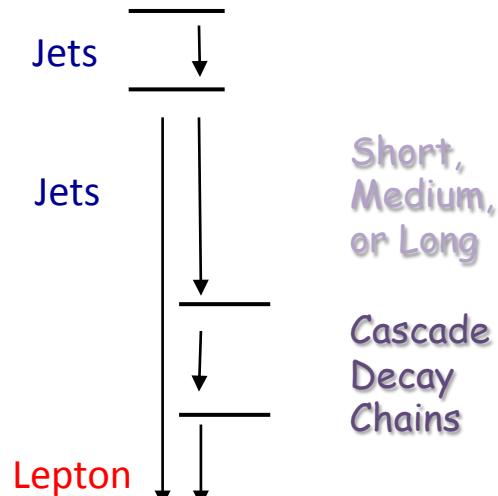
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"Tuning" of "Remaining" SUSY Parameter Space (...)

SUSY Topologies



Produce Super-Partners in Pairs
or Possibly Resonantly if R-Sym Violation

SM Particles Emitted in Cascade
Decays of Super-Partners

R-Symmetry Conserved Violated

Lightest
Super-Partner

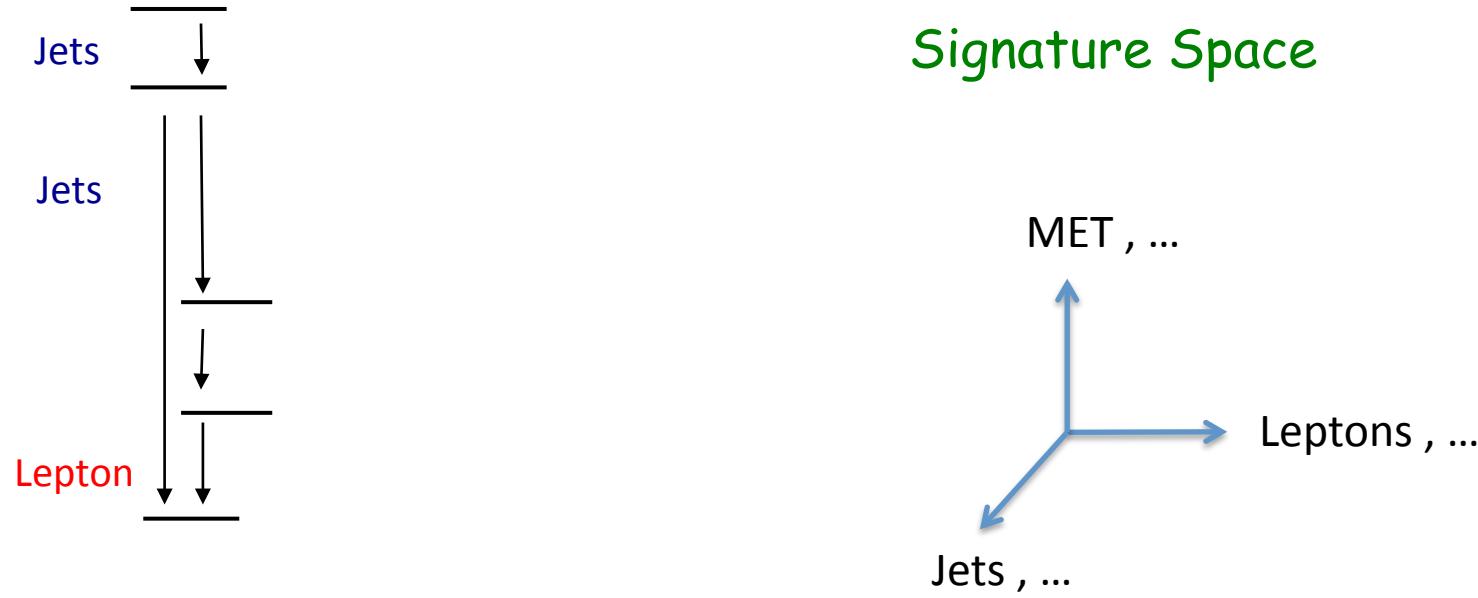
Stable Un-Stable

→ Detect Passage
Through Detector

Generic Non-Degenerate Spectrum - High p_T Isolated Objects:

Jets, b-Jets, Electrons, Muons, Taus,
Z-Bosons, Photons, MET, Top Quarks + Lightest Super-Partner(s)

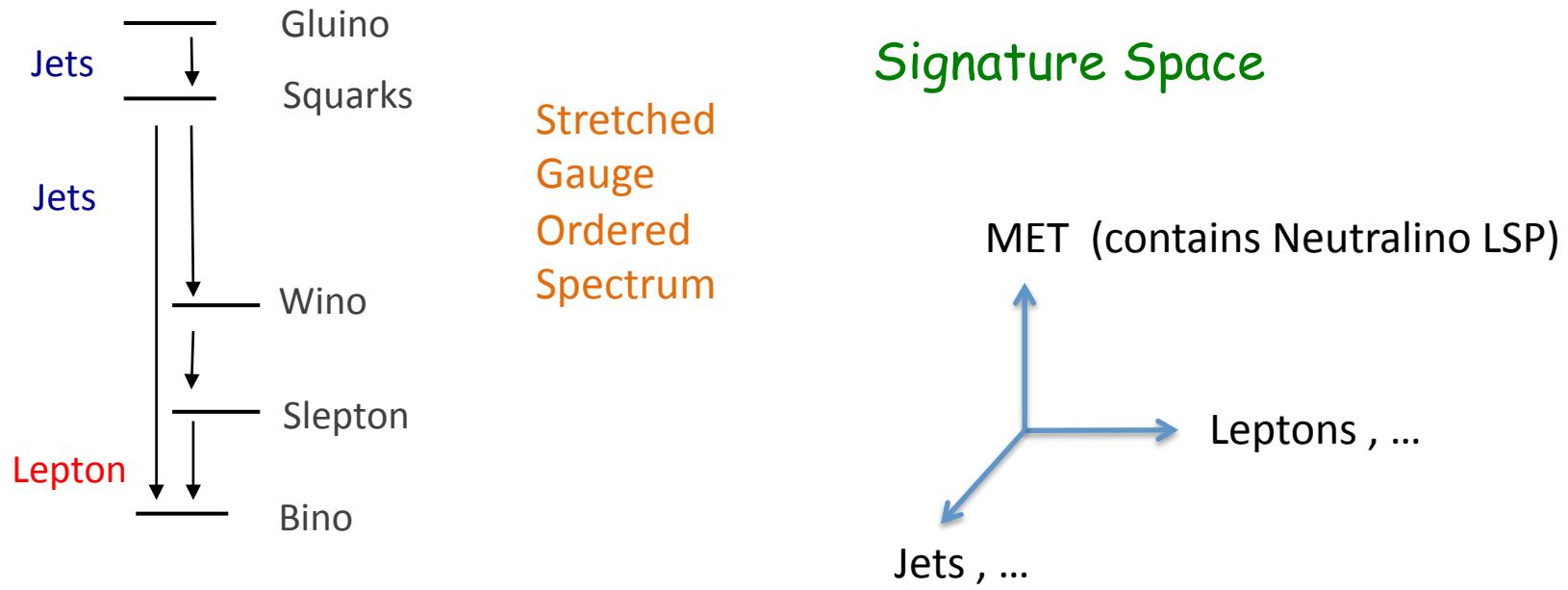
SUSY Topologies



Searches are Built Around SM Backgrounds -

Design Searches Away from "Origin" of Signature Space
Along Some Axis or Axes

Canonical SUSY Topology - Stable Neutralino LSP



MET + X searches:

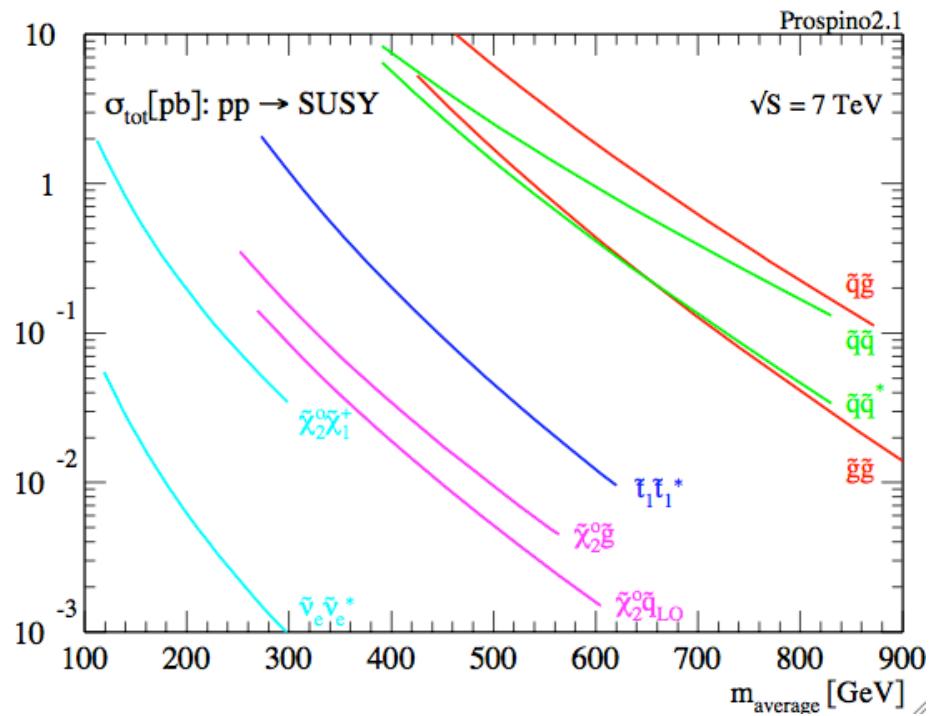
Organize by N_{leptons} : $X = \text{Jets} + 0 \text{ Leptons}$
 $\text{Jets} + 1 \text{ Lepton}$
 $\text{Jets} + 2 \text{ OS Leptons}$
 $\text{Jets} + 2 \text{ SS Leptons}$
3 Leptons
4 or More Leptons

Compression -
Degeneracies
Can Soften
Emitted Particles

Weaken Signature

LHC Signatures

Irreducible Pair Production



Beyond Tevatron Reach in Relatively Low Background Final States

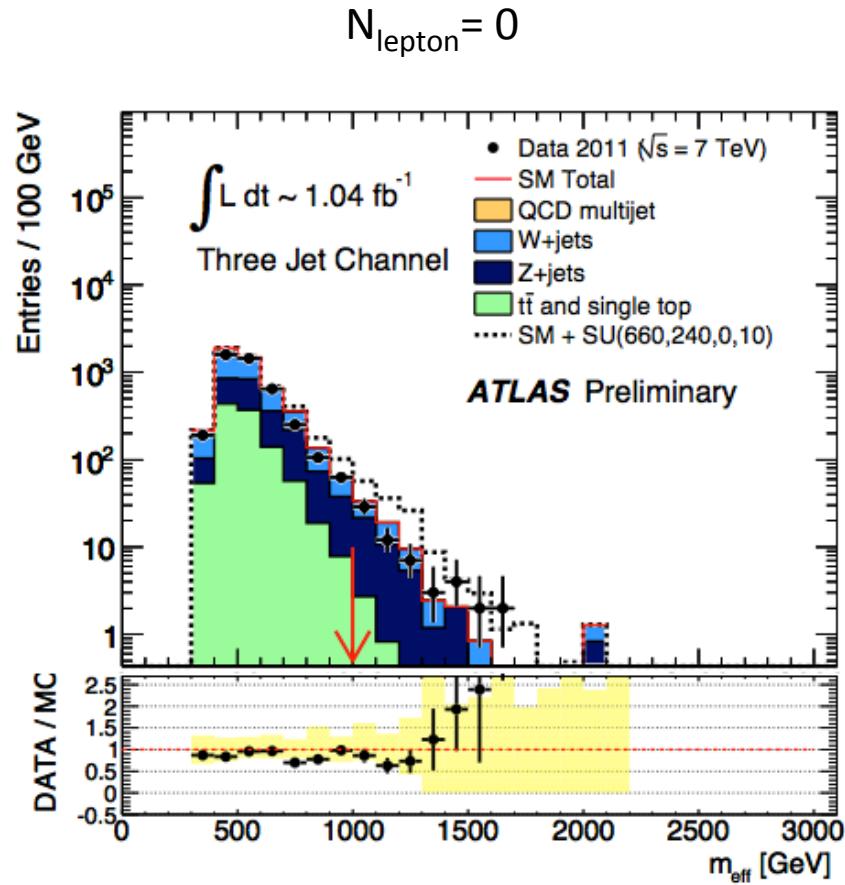
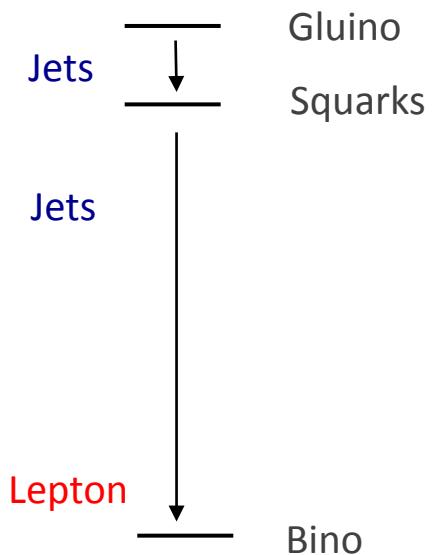
Strong Production $> O(\text{pb}^{-1})$

(All That's Been Probed
Until Recently)

Weak Production $> O(\text{fb}^{-1})$

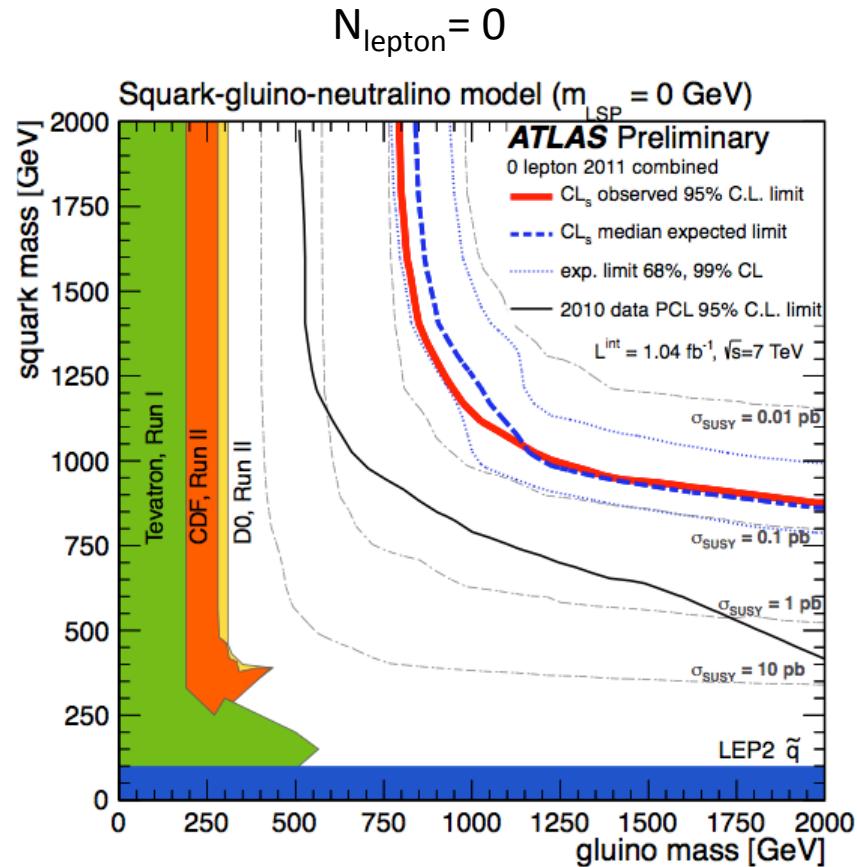
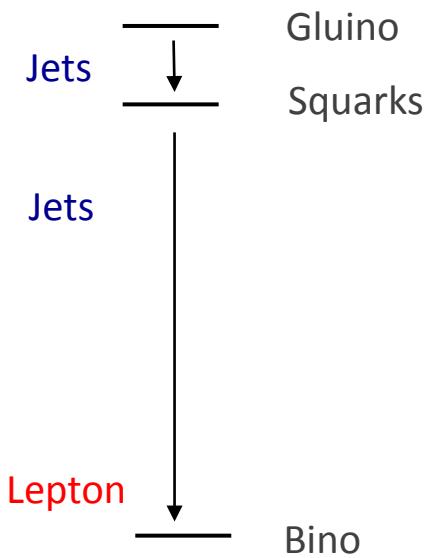
(Starting to Probe Now)

Jets + MET Signature

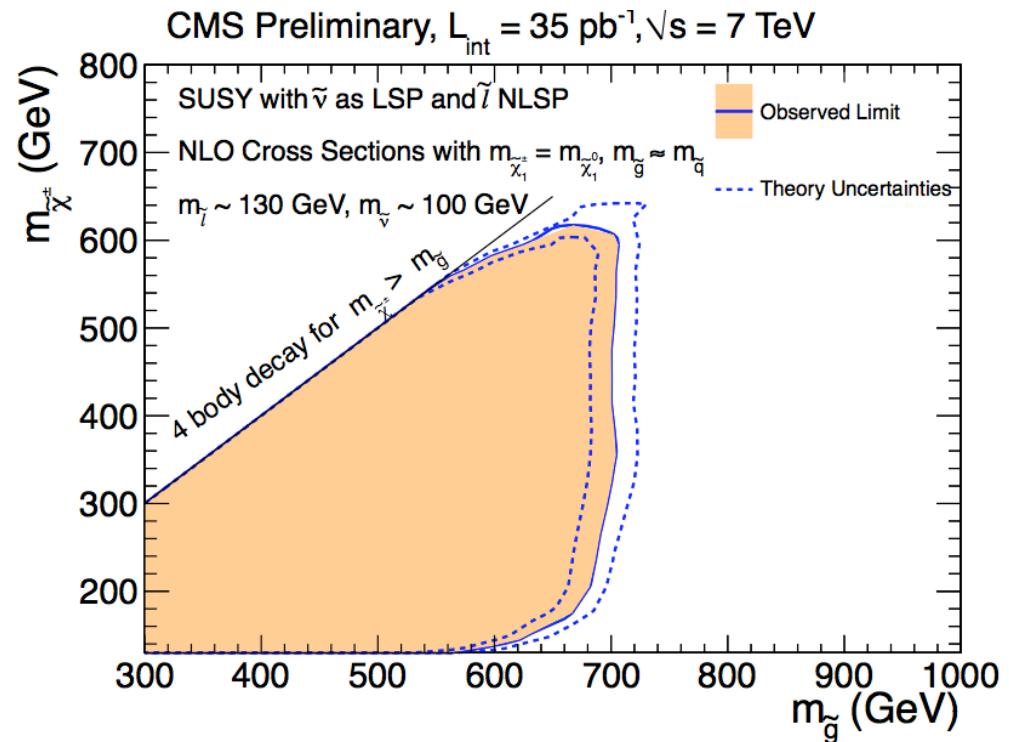
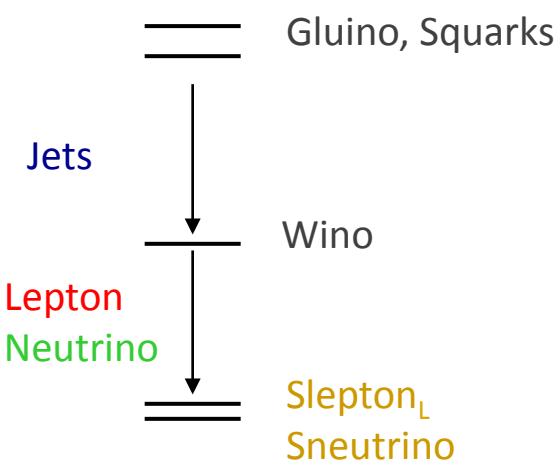


$$m_{\text{eff}} = \sum_{i=1}^n |\vec{p}_T^{\text{jet } i}| + E_T^{\text{miss}}$$

Jets + MET Signature



Same Sign Leptons + Jets + MET Signature



(Recently Updated to 1 fb^{-1})

Three or More Leptons (+ MET) Signatures

Compare Tevatron Tri-Lepton Searches
 (Narrowly Focussed on Specific Signature)

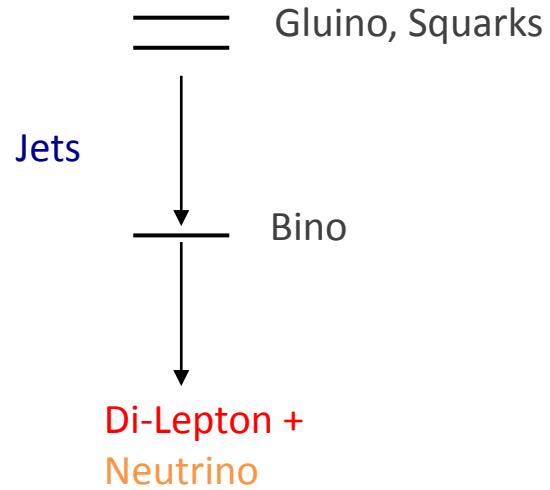
Data: CMS 2.1 fb⁻¹

Selection		N(τ)=0 expected SM		N(τ)=1 expected SM		N(τ)=2 expected SM
	obs	obs	obs	obs	obs	
>FOUR Lepton Results						
MET>50, $H_T > 200$, noZ	0	0.003 ± 0.002	0	0.01 ± 0.05	0	0.30 ± 0.22
MET>50, $H_T > 200$, Z	0	0.06 ± 0.04	0	0.13 ± 0.10	0	0.15 ± 0.23
MET>50, $H_T < 200$, noZ	1	0.014 ± 0.005	0	0.22 ± 0.10	0	0.59 ± 0.25
MET>50, $H_T < 200$, Z	0	0.43 ± 0.15	2	0.91 ± 0.28	0	0.34 ± 0.15
MET<50, $H_T > 200$, noZ	0	0.0013 ± 0.0008	0	0.01 ± 0.05	0	0.18 ± 0.07
MET<50, $H_T > 200$, Z	1	0.28 ± 0.11	0	0.13 ± 0.10	0	0.52 ± 0.19
MET<50, $H_T < 200$, noZ	0	0.08 ± 0.03	4	0.73 ± 0.20	6	6.9 ± 3.8
MET<50, $H_T < 200$, Z	11	9.5 ± 3.8	14	5.7 ± 1.4	39	21 ± 11
THREE Lepton Results						
MET>50, $H_T > 200$, no-OSSF	2	0.87 ± 0.33	21	14.3 ± 4.8	12	10.4 ± 2.2
MET>50, $H_T < 200$, no-OSSF	4	3.7 ± 1.2	88	68 ± 17	76	100 ± 17
MET<50, $H_T > 200$, no-OSSF	1	0.50 ± 0.33	12	7.7 ± 2.3	22	24.7 ± 4.0
MET<50, $H_T < 200$, no-OSSF	7	5.0 ± 1.7	245	208 ± 39	976	1157 ± 323
MET>50, $H_T > 200$, noZ	5	1.9 ± 0.5	7	10.8 ± 3.3	–	–
MET>50, $H_T > 200$, Z	8	8.1 ± 2.7	10	11.2 ± 2.5	–	–
MET>50, $H_T < 200$, noZ	19	11.6 ± 3.2	64	52 ± 13	–	–
MET<50, $H_T > 200$, noZ	5	2.0 ± 0.7	24	26.6 ± 3.3	–	–
MET>50, $H_T < 200$, Z	58	57 ± 21	47	44.1 ± 7.0	–	–
MET<50, $H_T > 200$, Z	6	8.2 ± 2.0	90	119 ± 14	–	–
MET<50, $H_T < 200$, noZ	86	82 ± 21	2566	1965 ± 438	–	–
MET<50, $H_T < 200$, Z	335	359 ± 89	9720	7740 ± 1698	–	–
Totals 4L	13.0	10.4 ± 3.8	20.0	7.8 ± 1.5	45	30 ± 12
Totals 3L	536	539 ± 94	12894	10267 ± 1754	1086	1291 ± 324

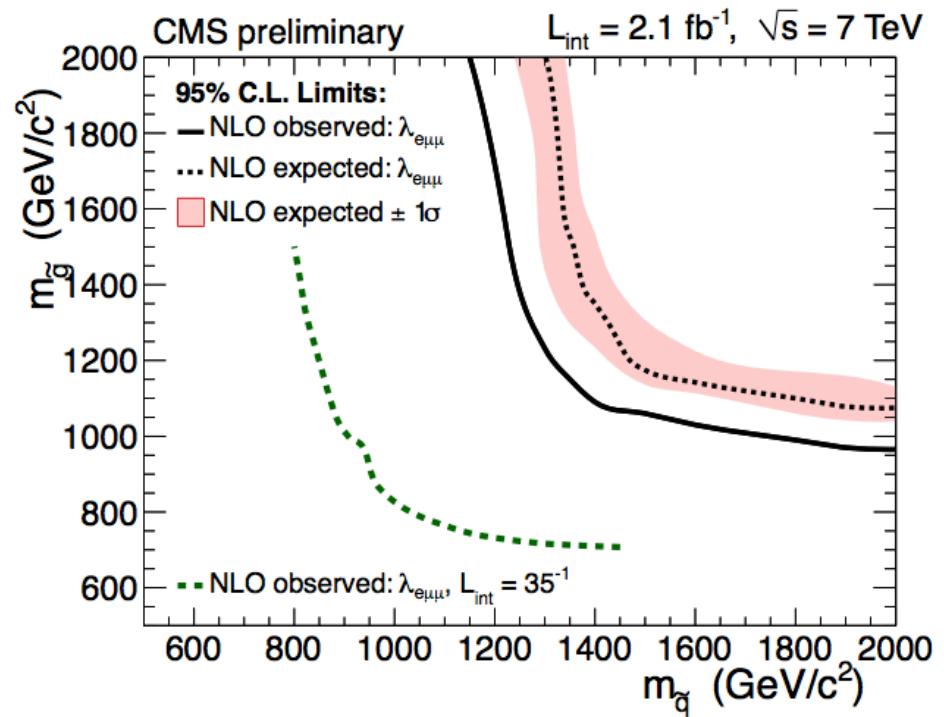
Combine Exclusive Channels

Three or More Leptons (+ MET) Signatures

Leptonic RPV



$$W = \lambda_{ijk} L_i L_j e_k$$



Beyond Tevatron – $O(\text{pb}^{-1})$

3rd Generation Enrichment

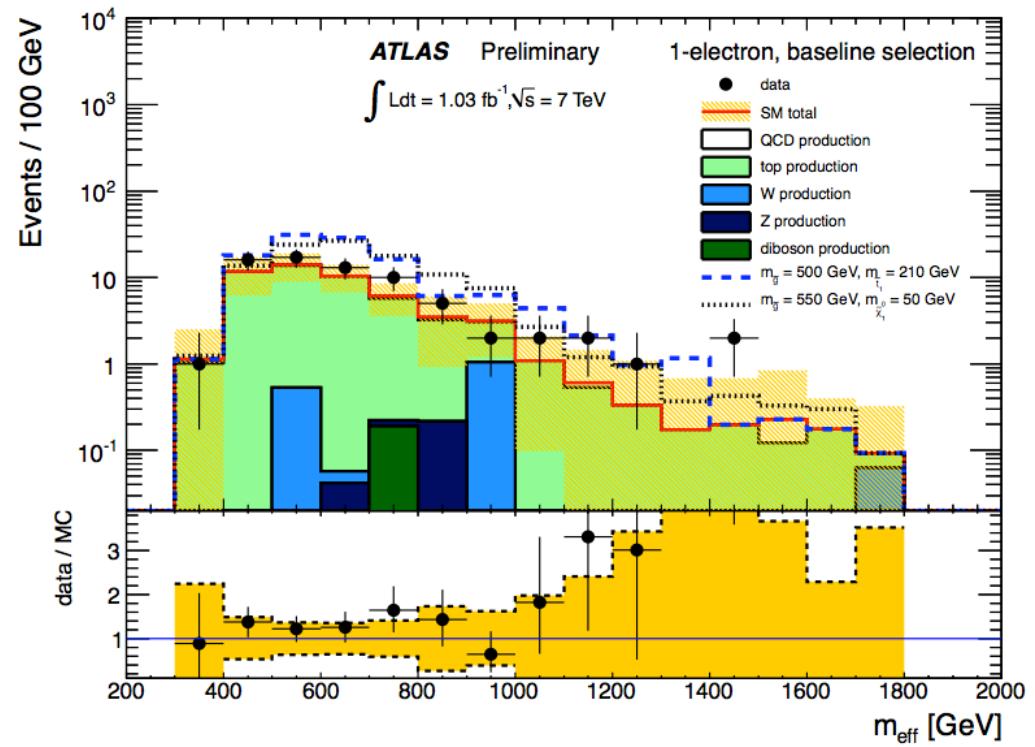
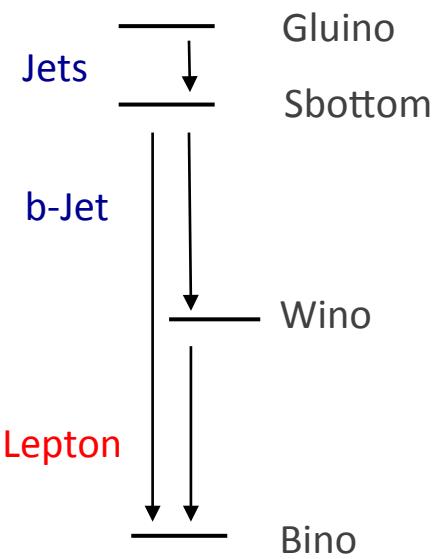
Standard Model Particles Emitted in
Cascade Decays may be 3rd Generation Enriched by
Left-Right Super-Partner Mixing and/or Spectrum

Taus : Identification More Difficult than
Electron or Muon - Reduces Sensitivity

Bottoms: b-tagged Jets - Generally Reduces Backgrounds
Increased Sensitivity

Tops: Reconstruction can be Challenging ...
or in Simple Signatures an Opportunity

Mono-Lepton + b-jet + MET Signature



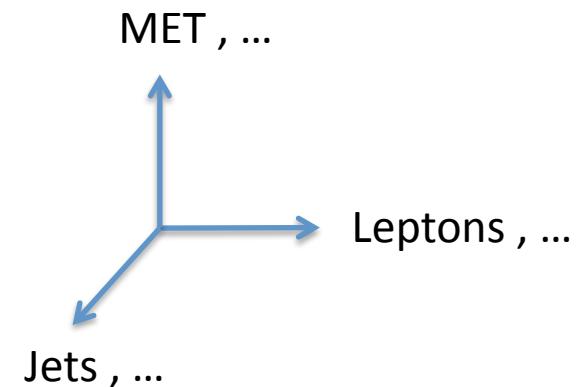
The Variables MET, HT, ST, m_{eff} , ...

Very Blunt Instruments

Useful Far Out Along Axes in the
Signature Space where
SM Backgrounds are Low

Low "Temperature" Regions of
Phase Space

Searches are Effectively Thermal
in these Low "Temperature" Regions



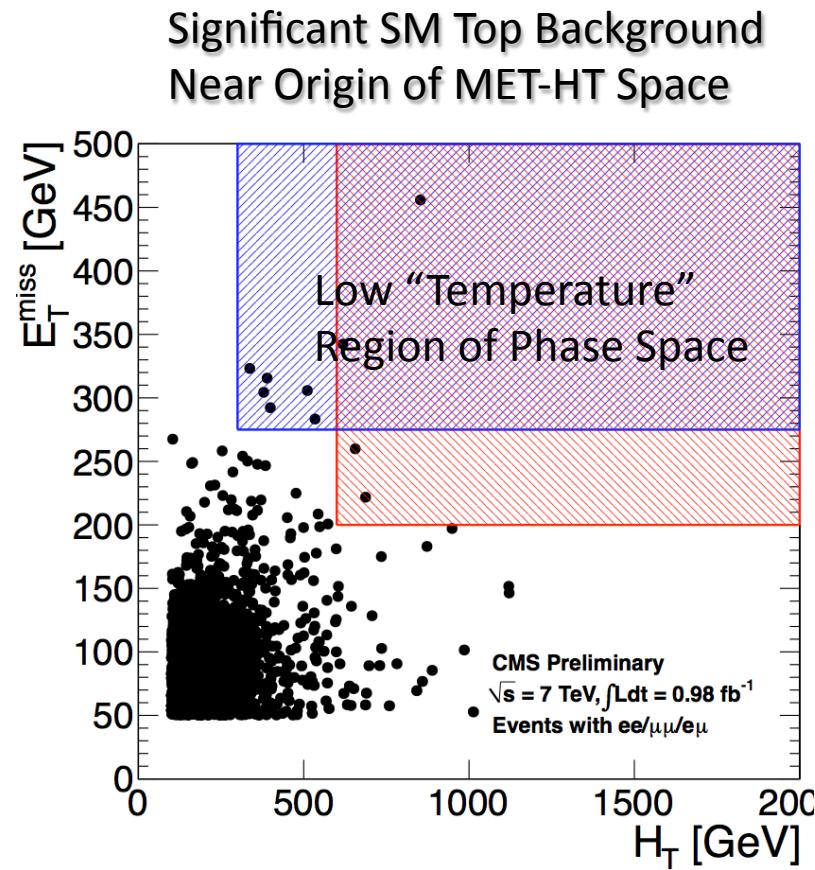
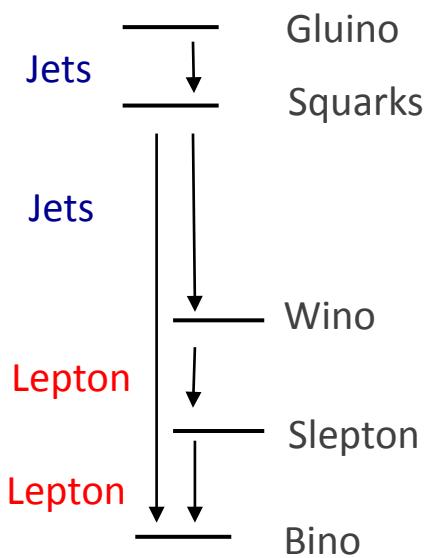
Kinematic Correlations are Required for
More Refined Measurements Closer
to the Origin of Signature Space

(Less Inclusive)

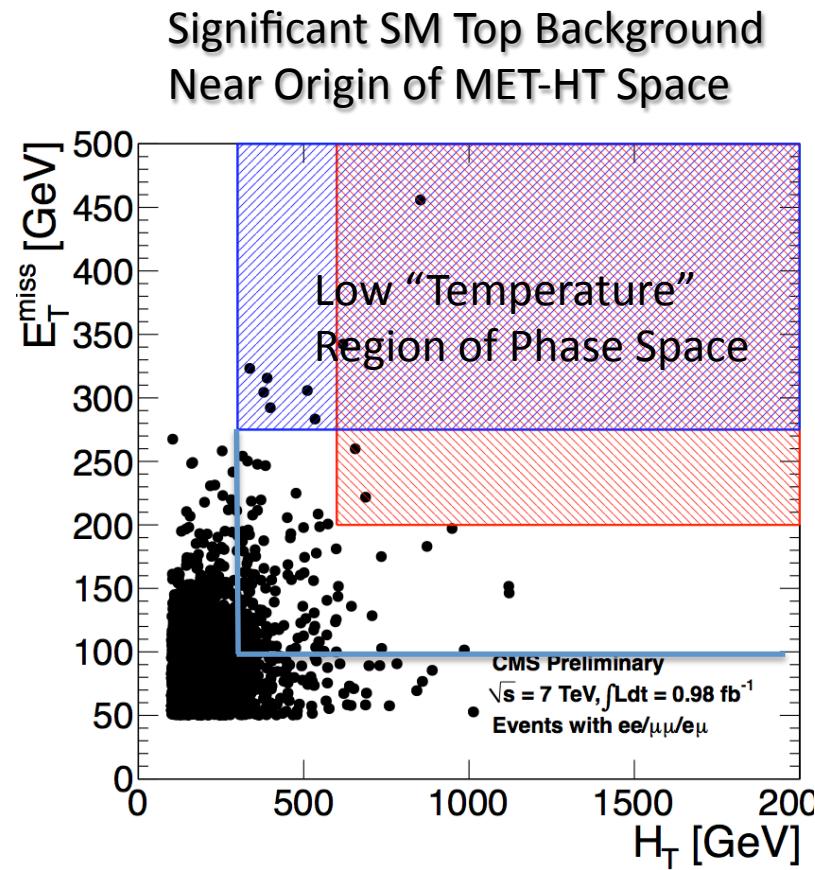
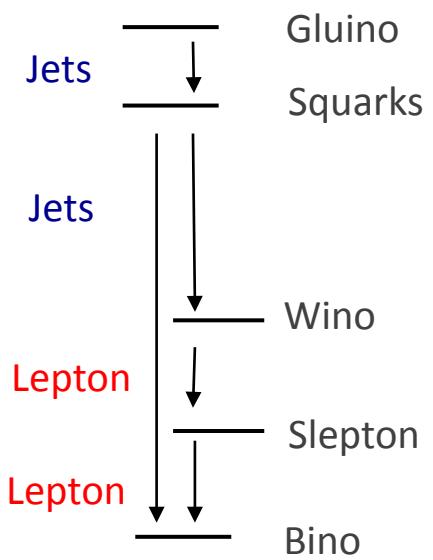


Signal Might be Buried There Under SM Background
Low ST, MET, ..., Top or Tau Enriched

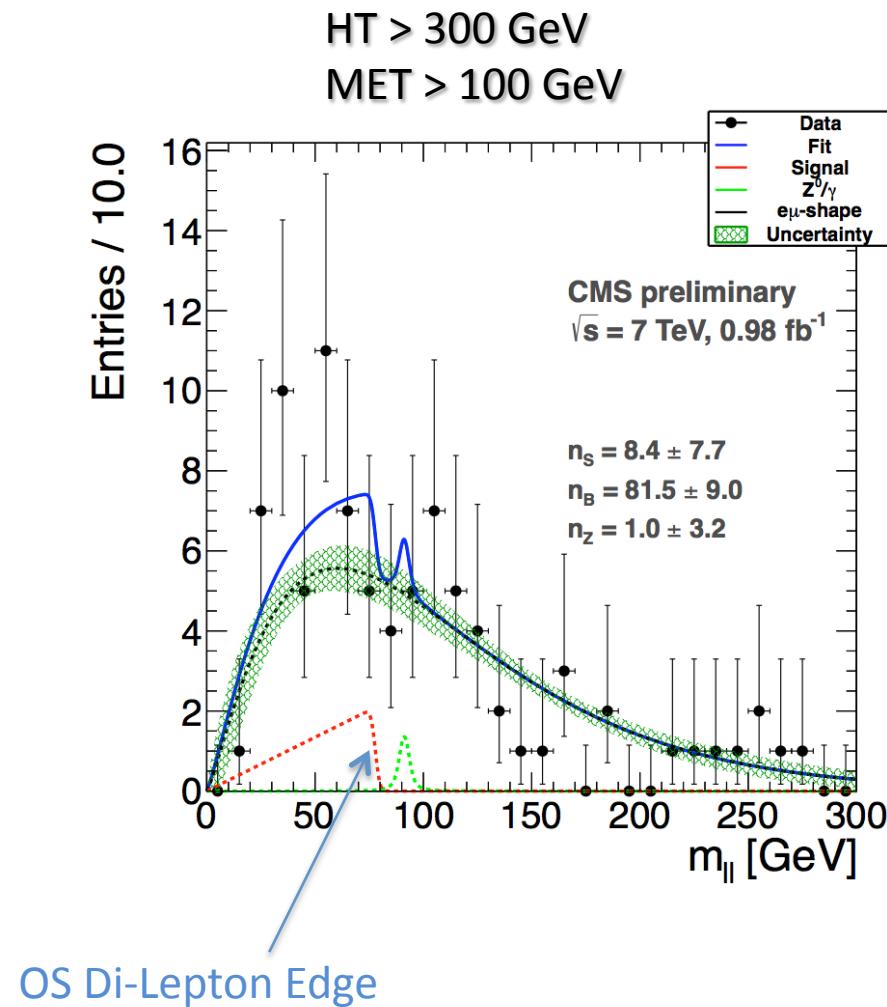
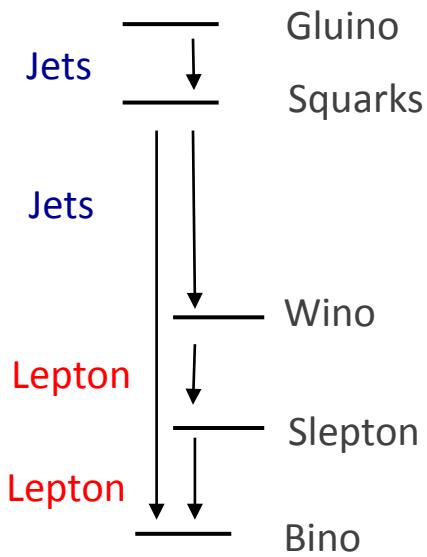
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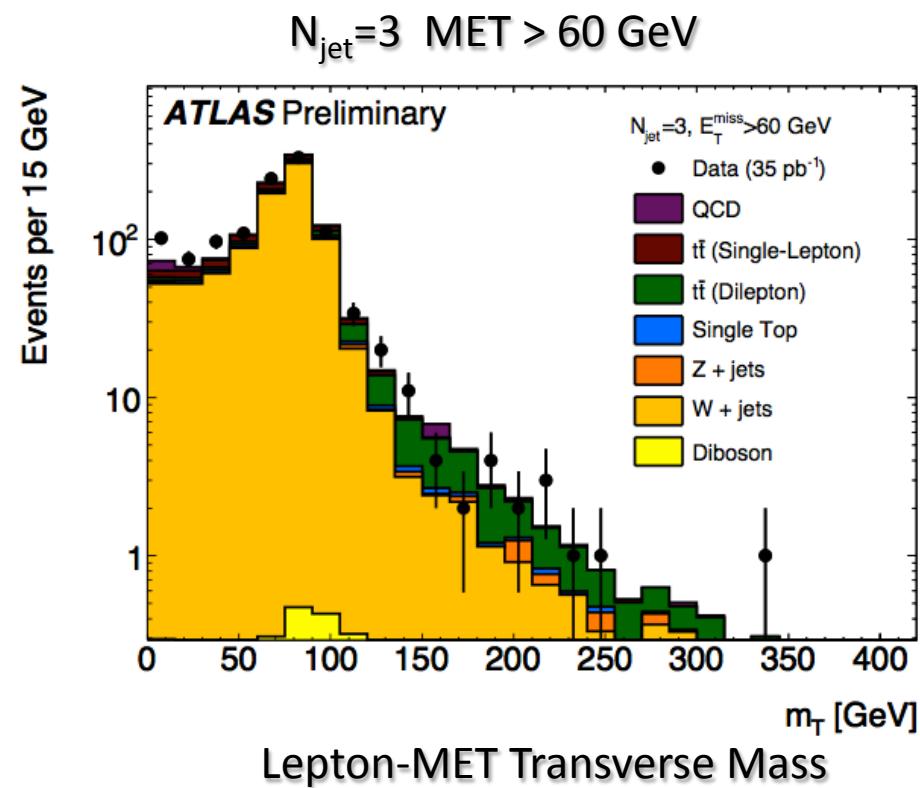
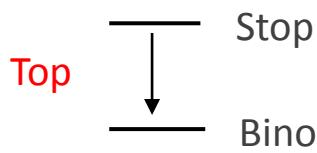
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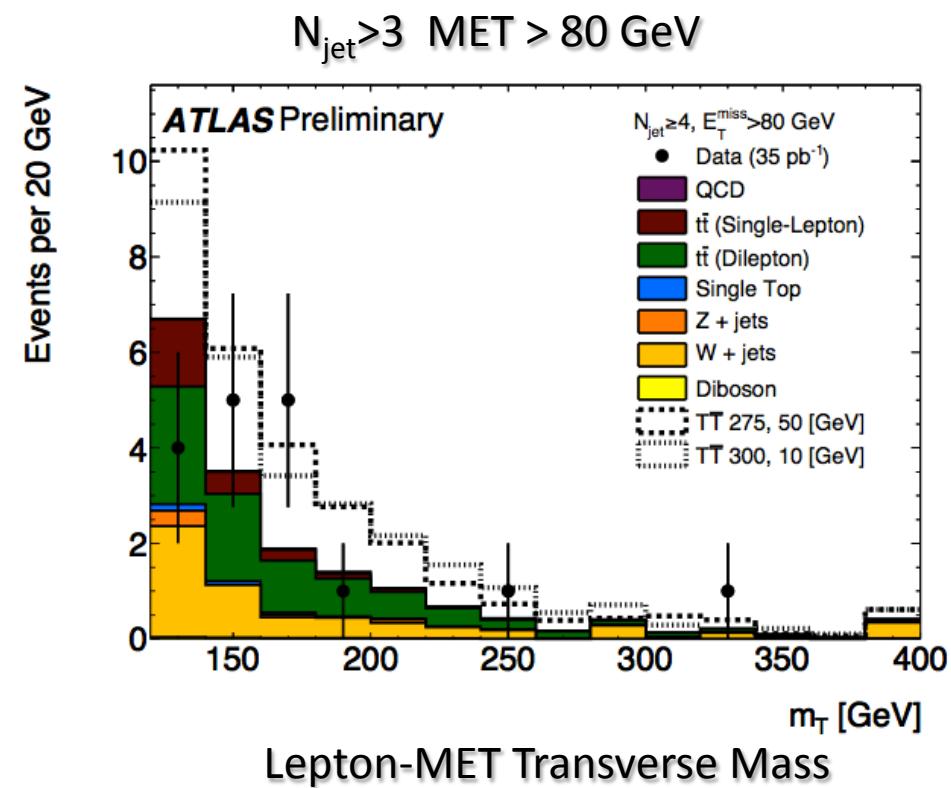
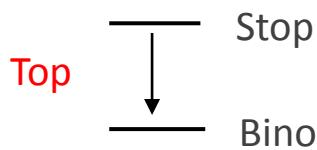
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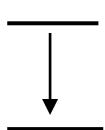
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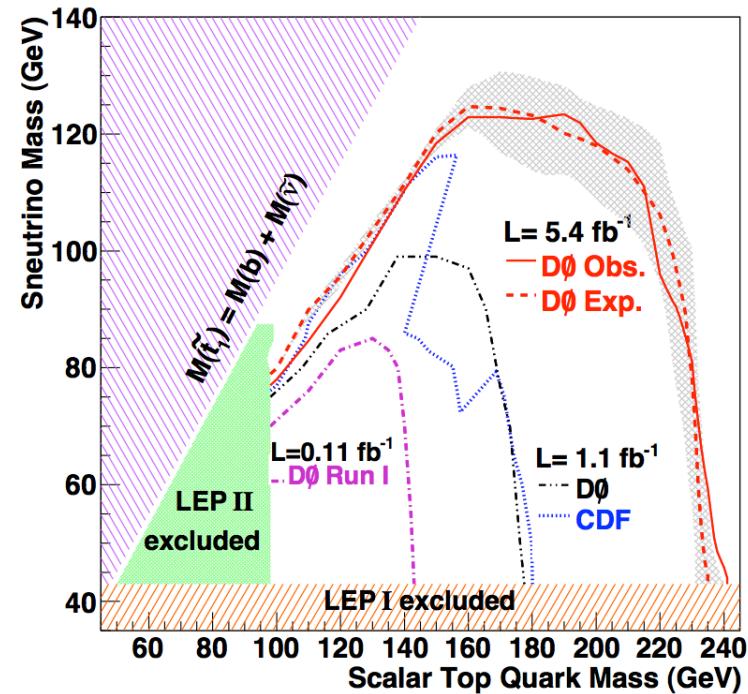
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Multi-Object Kinematic Correlations →
Kinematic Fit or Multi-Variate Analysis
Distinguish from SM Top Background

bottom +
lepton



Stop
Sneutrino



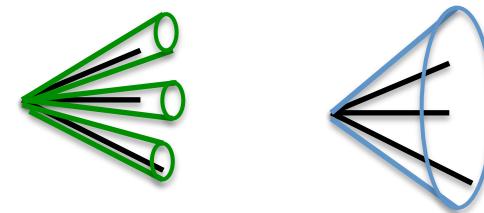
Similar Techniques
Begun at LHC

Multi-Jet Signature

Boosted Tri-Jet Resonance

Focus on Resolved Individual Jets

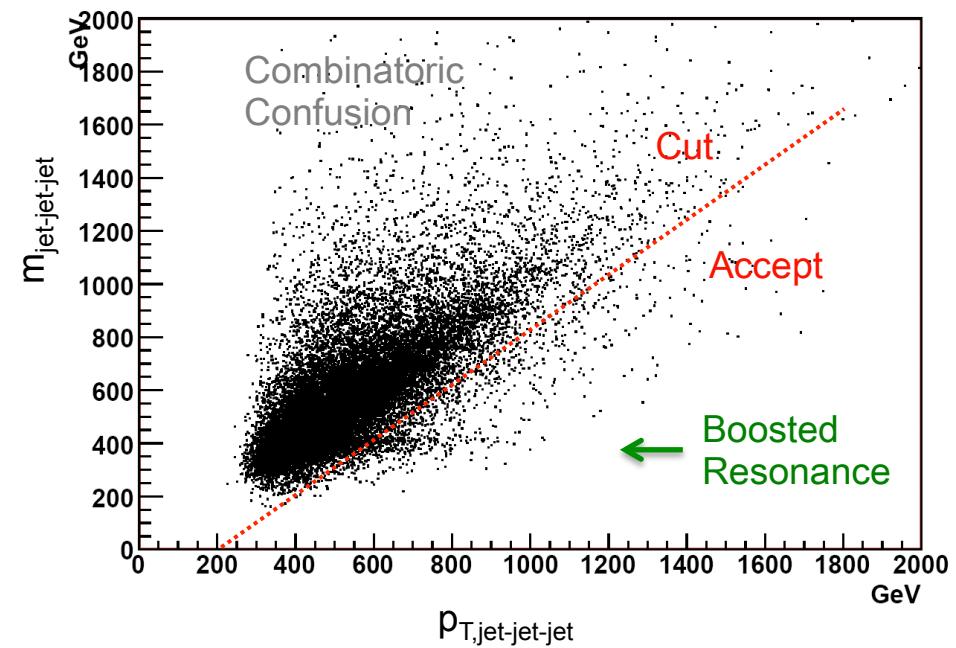
Rather Than Giant Merged Jets



QCD Fills Up Phase Space

↳ Approximately Scale Invariant

Tri-Jet $\overline{\text{Gluino}}$

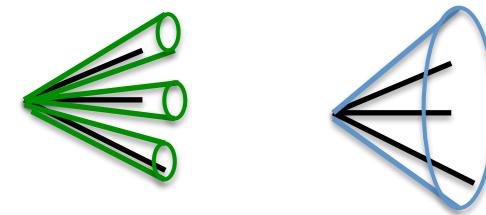


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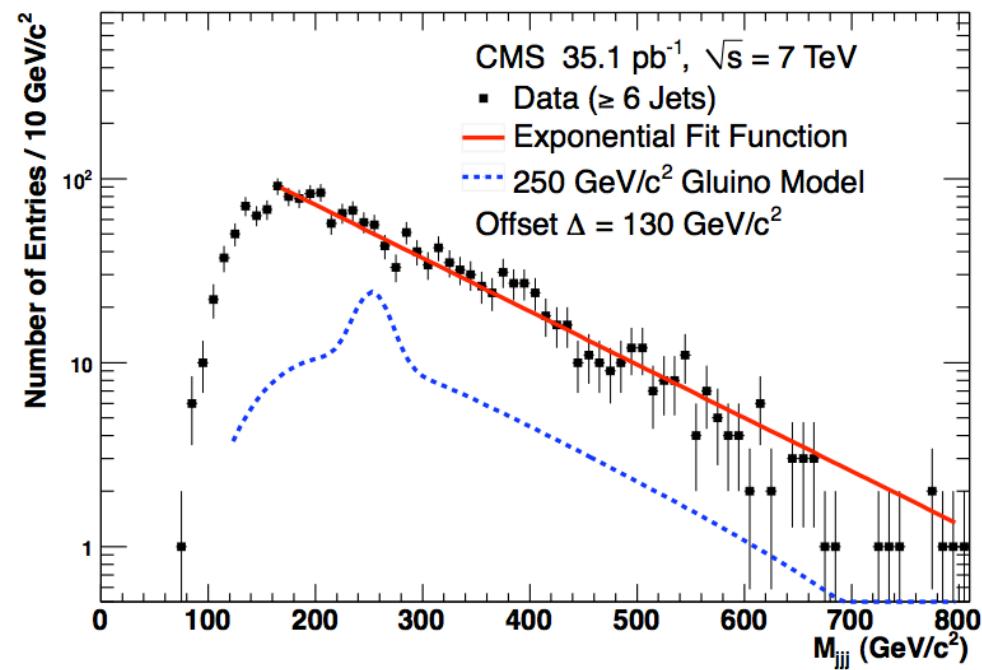
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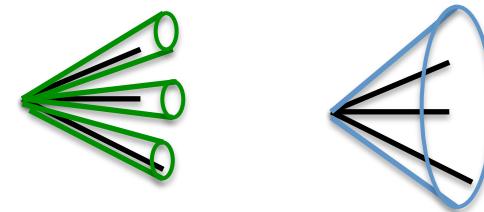


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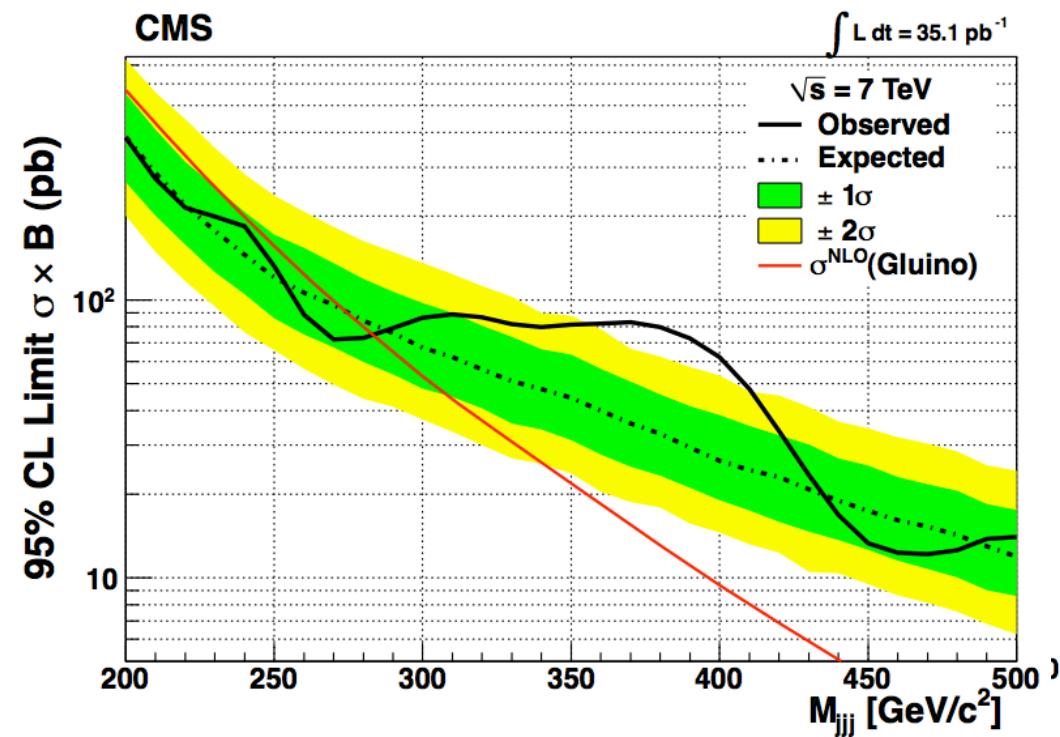
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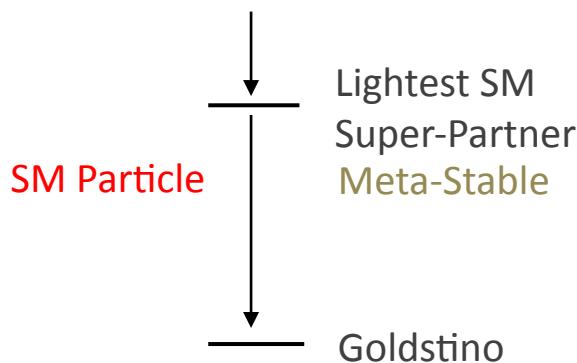
All Blunt “Thermal” Searches Can be Improved With Refined Kinematics ...

But Become Less Inclusive ...

Excavation Toward the Origin of Signature Space has Begun ...

The Scale of Super-Symmetry Breaking

Possible Decay to Goldstino (component of gravitino)
Provides a Natural Classification of Inclusive Signatures



- Prompt Decay < O(100) TeV
- Decay Within Detector O(100) TeV
- Effectively Stable in Detector > O(100) TeV

Finite Gap → Emitted SM Particle - high p_T

Blunt "Thermal" Analyses that Capture Final Decays to Goldstino are Robustly Inclusive

SUSY Inclusive Signatures

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NLSP	Prompt Decay	Macroscopic Decay Length	Long-lived
Bino- $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$	$\gamma\gamma X \not{E}_T$	(Displaced γ) $X \not{E}_T$ TOF	$X \not{E}_T$
Higgsino- $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$	$(\gamma, h, Z)(\gamma, h, Z) X \not{E}_T$ $[\gamma b X \not{E}_T, \gamma bj X \not{E}_T,$ $\gamma jj X \not{E}_T, \gamma X \not{E}_T,$ $bb X \not{E}_T, bbb X \not{E}_T,$ $\gamma\ell\ell X \not{E}_T, \ell\ell\ell X \not{E}_T]$	(Displaced γ , Displaced Z , LNIP b-jets) $X \not{E}_T$ TOF	$X \not{E}_T$
$\tilde{\tau}_1$	$\tau^\pm\tau^\pm X \not{E}_T$ $\ell^\pm\ell^\pm X \not{E}_T$ $\tau\tau\tau X \not{E}_T$ $\tau\tau\ell X \not{E}_T$ $\tau\ell\ell X \not{E}_T$ $\ell\ell\ell X \not{E}_T$ $\tau\tau\ell\ell X \not{E}_T$ $\tau\ell\ell\ell X \not{E}_T$	HIT $\rightarrow \tau$ kinks HIT $\rightarrow e, \mu$ kinks	HITs Same-Charge HITs Same-Charge MITs $\ell\ell\ell X \not{E}_T$ $\ell\ell\ell\ell X \not{E}_T$ CC-HITs TOF
$\tilde{\ell}$ co-NLSP	(as for Stau NLSP, but with different profiles, lepton democracy) $\ell\ell\ell\ell X \not{E}_T$	HIT $\rightarrow e, \mu, \tau$ kinks	HITs $\ell\ell\ell X \not{E}_T$ $\ell\ell\ell\ell X \not{E}_T$ TOF
\tilde{Q}	$jj X$ $cc X \not{E}_T$ $bb X \not{E}_T$ $tt X \not{E}_T$ Same-Charge $tt X \not{E}_T$	Displaced jets H-HIT \rightarrow jet kinks LNIPs Mesino Oscillations	CE-HITs H-HITs \not{E}_T TOF
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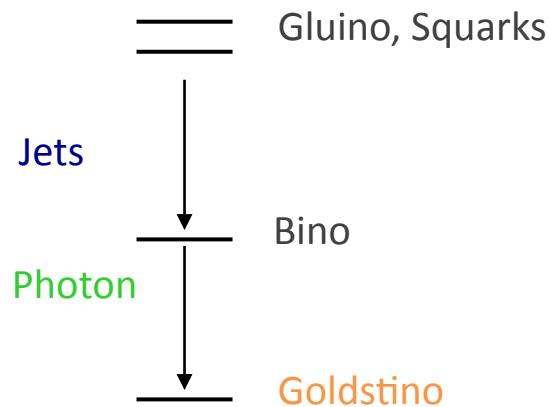
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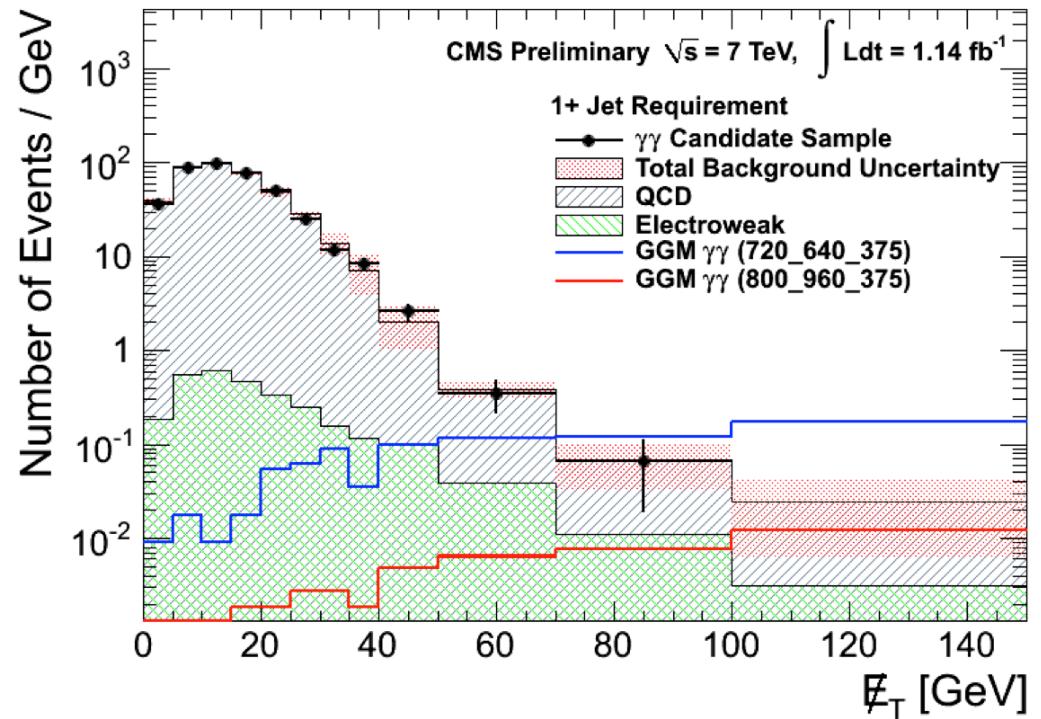
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$\tilde{\tau}_1$	$\tau^\pm\tau^\pm X \not{E}_T$ $\ell^\pm\ell^\pm X \not{E}_T$ $\tau\tau\tau X \not{E}_T$ $\tau\tau\ell X \not{E}_T$ $\tau\ell\ell X \not{E}_T$ $\ell\ell\ell X \not{E}_T$ $\tau\tau\ell\ell X \not{E}_T$ $\tau\ell\ell\ell X \not{E}_T$	HIT $\rightarrow \tau$ kinks HIT $\rightarrow e, \mu$ kinks	HITs Same-Charge HITs Same-Charge MITs $\ell\ell\ell X \not{E}_T$ $\ell\ell\ell\ell X \not{E}_T$ CC-HITs TOF
$\tilde{\ell}$ co-NLSP	(as for Stau NLSP, but with different profiles, lepton democracy) $\ell\ell\ell\ell X \not{E}_T$	HIT $\rightarrow e, \mu, \tau$ kinks	HITs $\ell\ell\ell X \not{E}_T$ $\ell\ell\ell\ell X \not{E}_T$ TOF
\tilde{Q}	$jj X$ $cc X \not{E}_T$ $bb X \not{E}_T$ $tt X \not{E}_T$ Same-Charge $tt X \not{E}_T$	Displaced jets H-HIT \rightarrow jet kinks LNIPs Mesino Oscillations	CE-HITs H-HITs \not{E}_T TOF
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← Canonical SUSY Searches

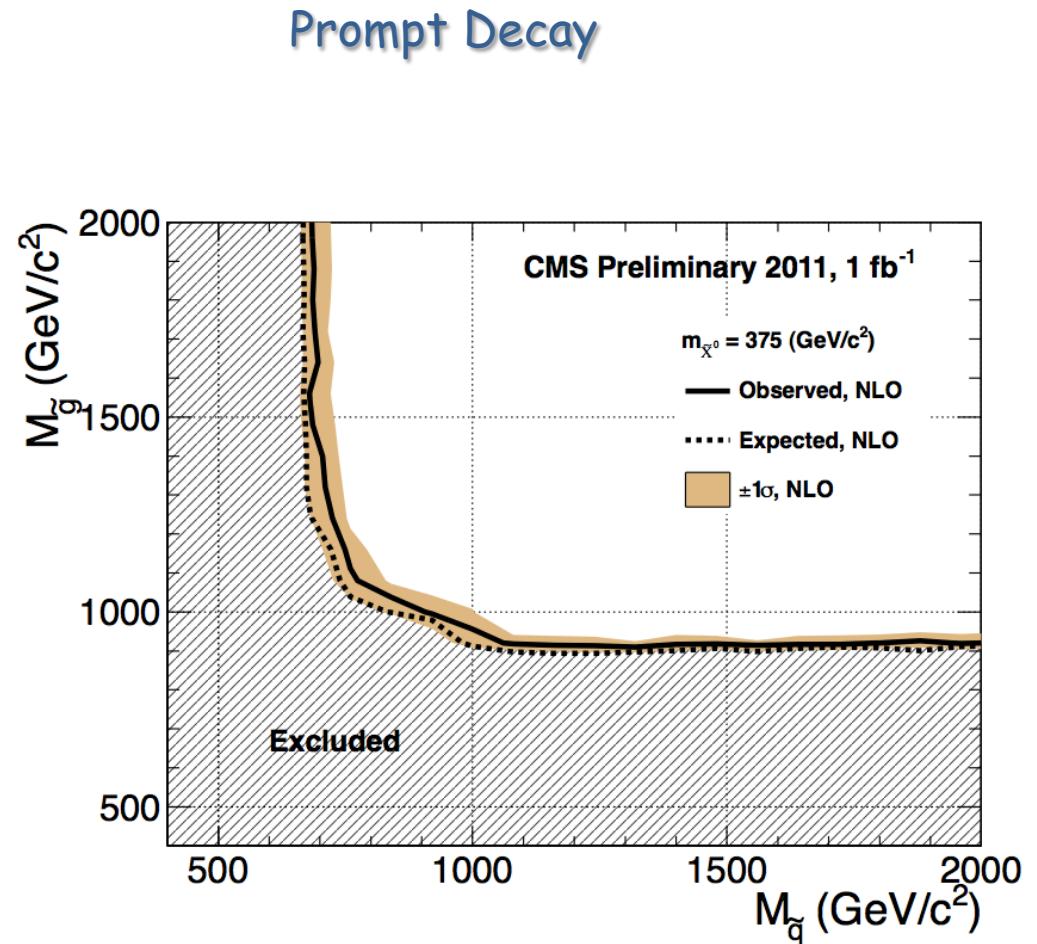
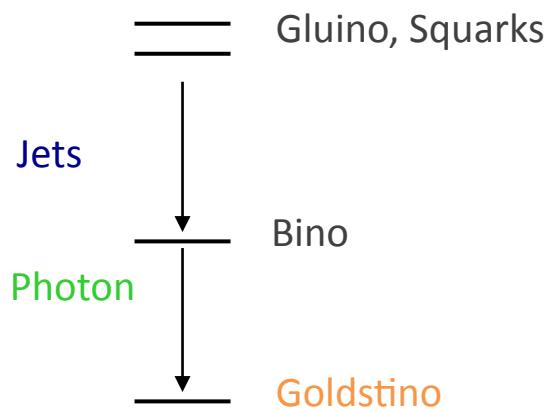
Di-Photon + Jets + MET Signature



Prompt Decay

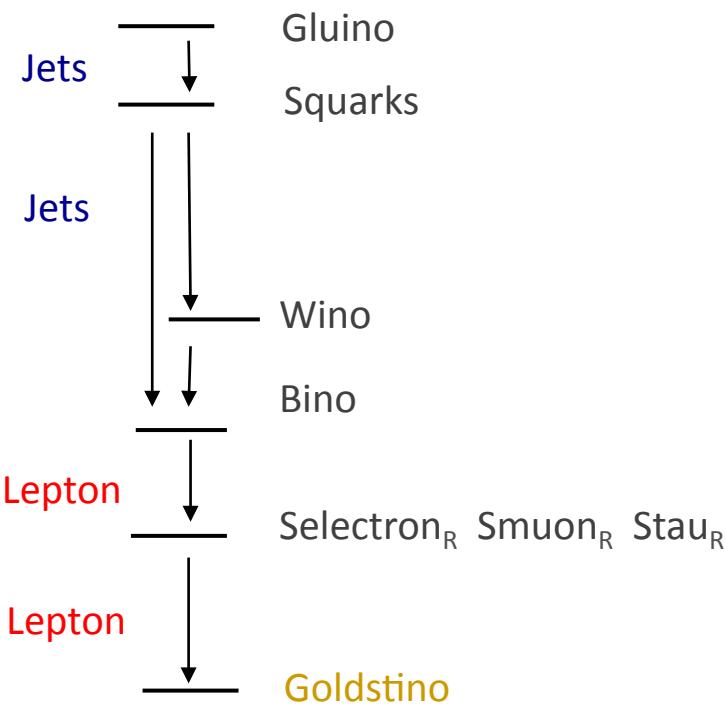


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Three and Four Leptons (+ MET) Signature

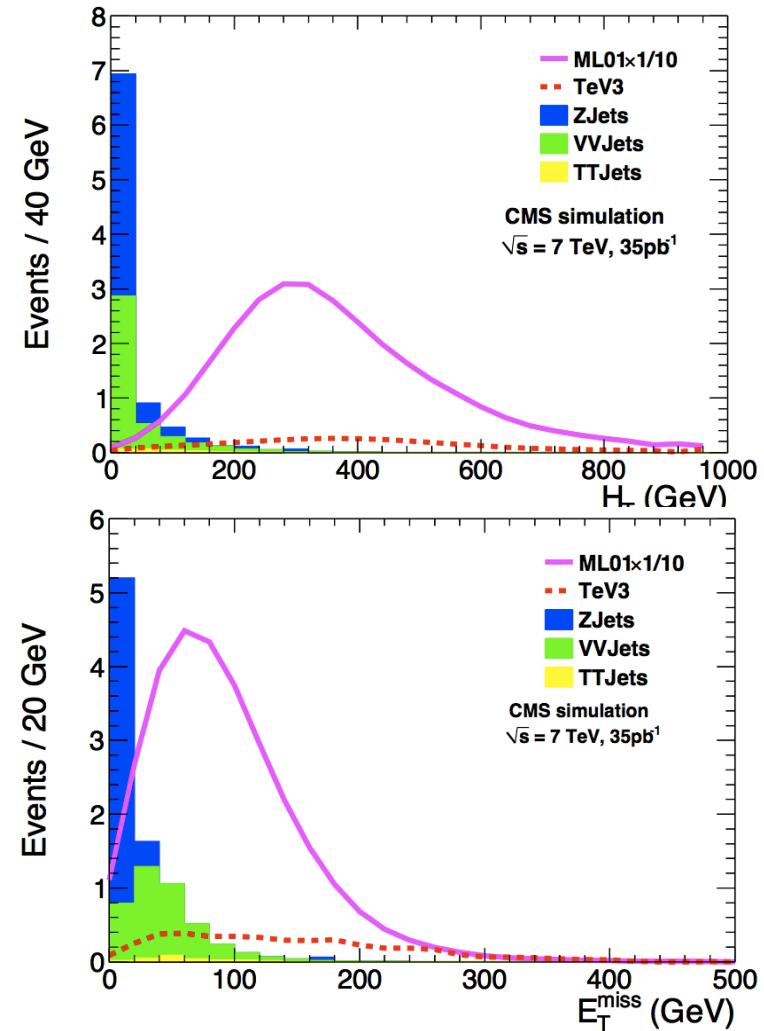
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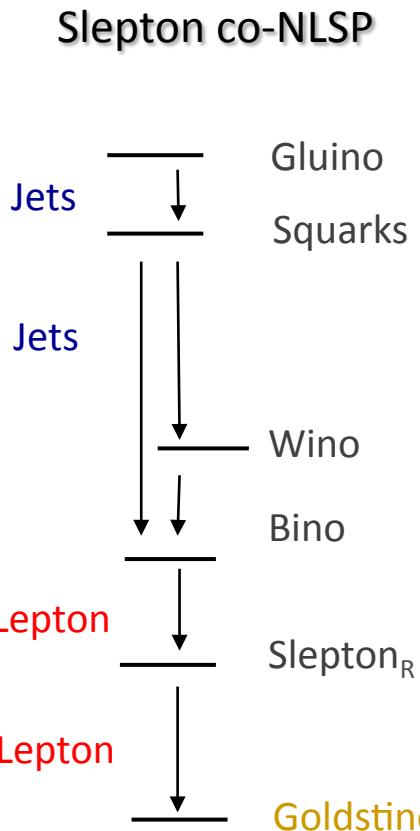
Beyond Tevatron – $O(\text{pb}^{-1})$

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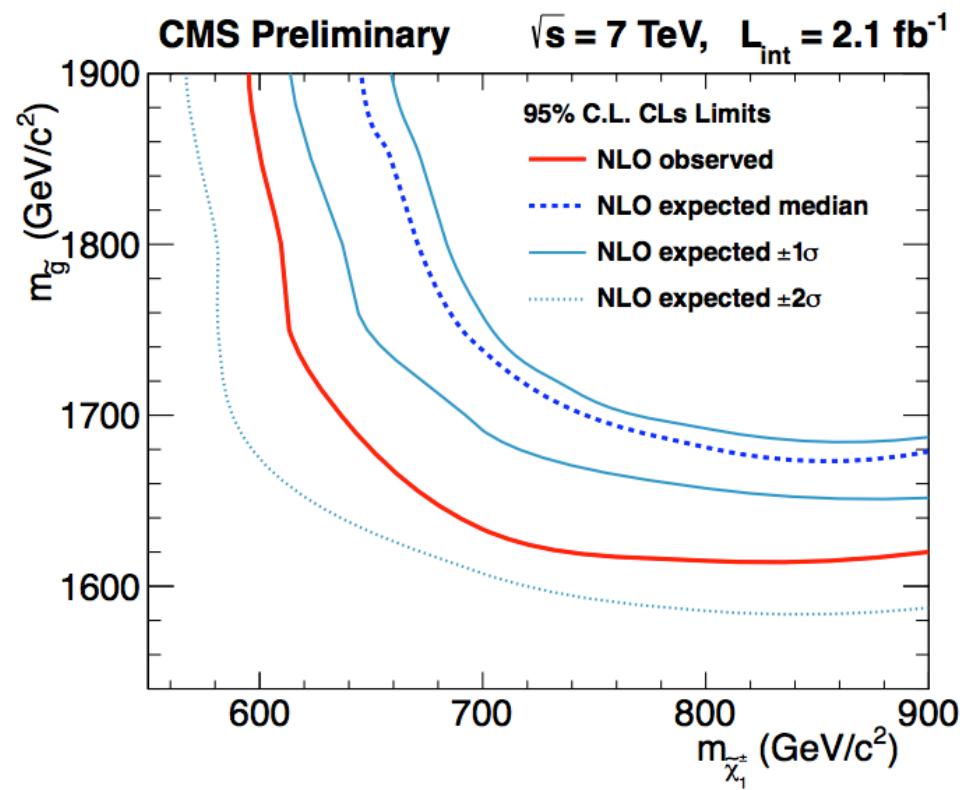
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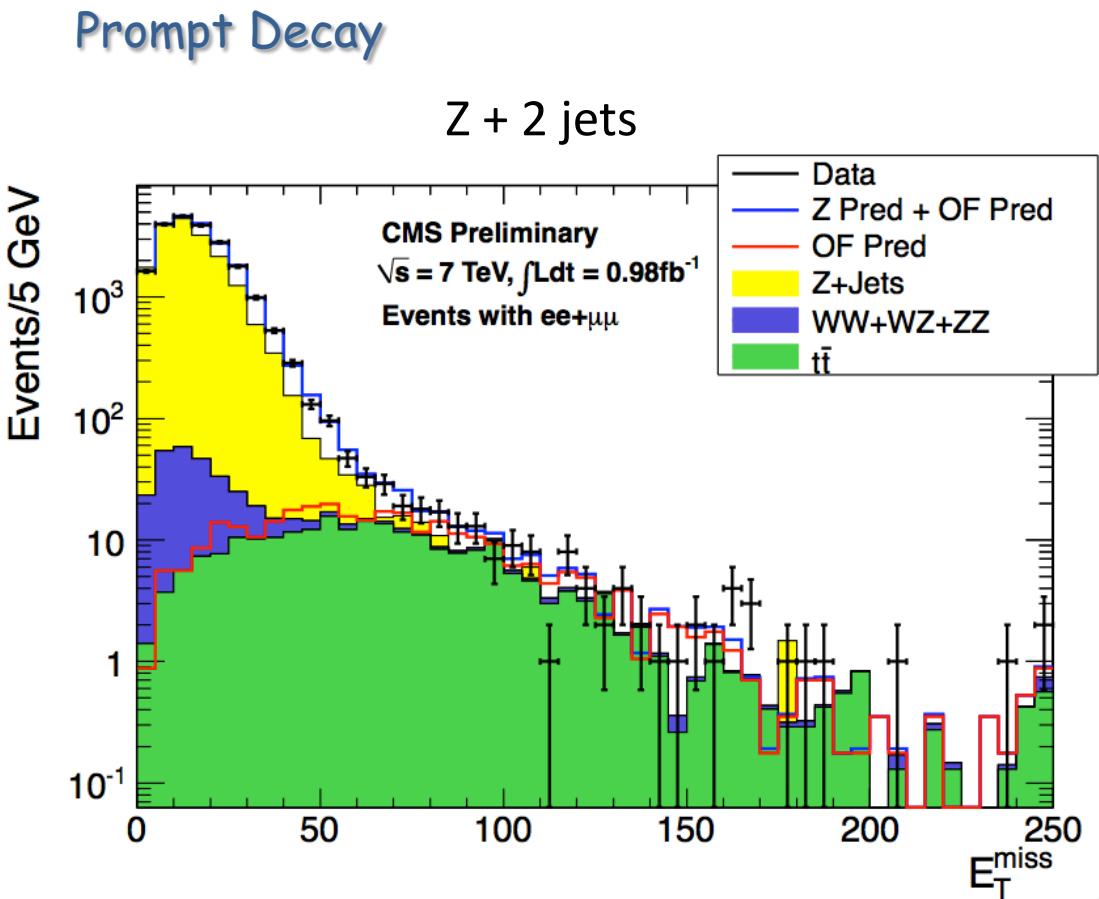
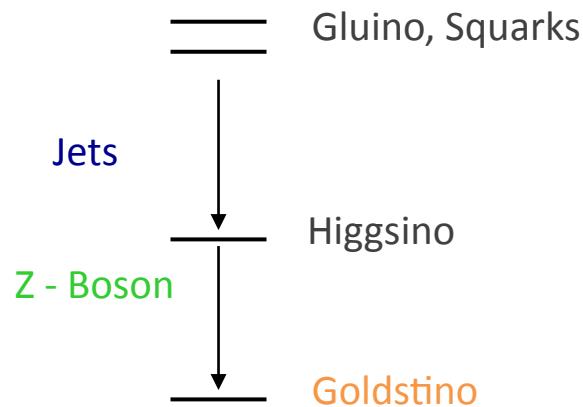
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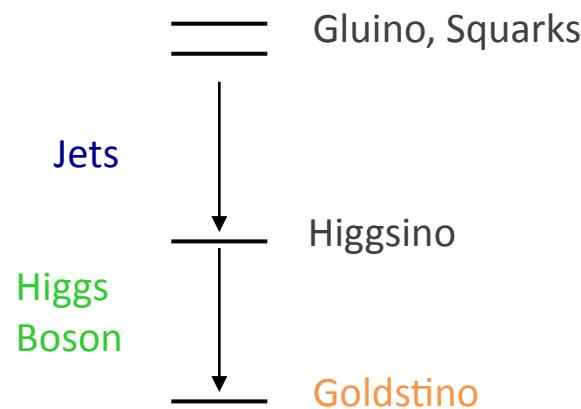


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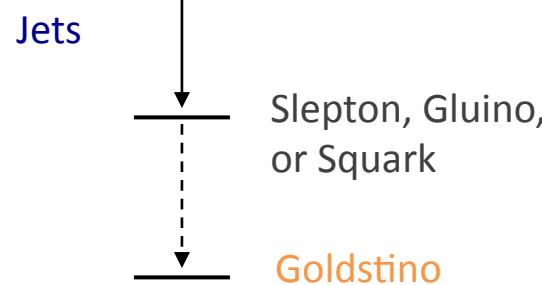


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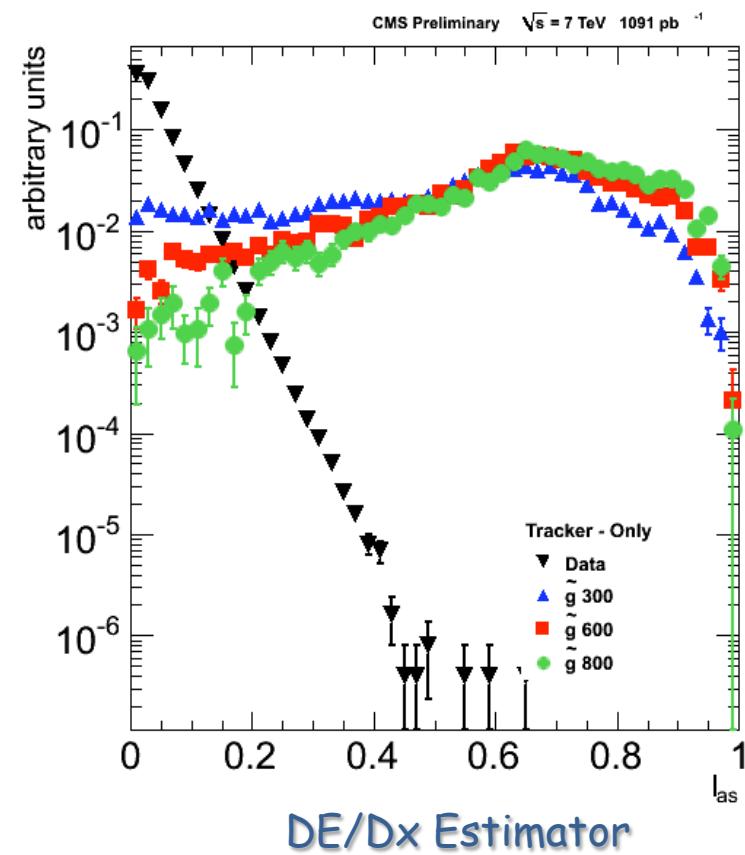
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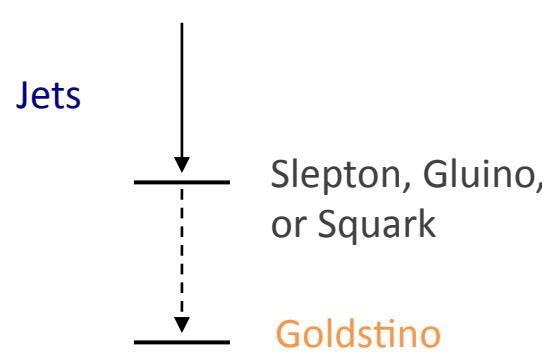
Heavy Charged Slepton, Mesino, R-Hadron Signature



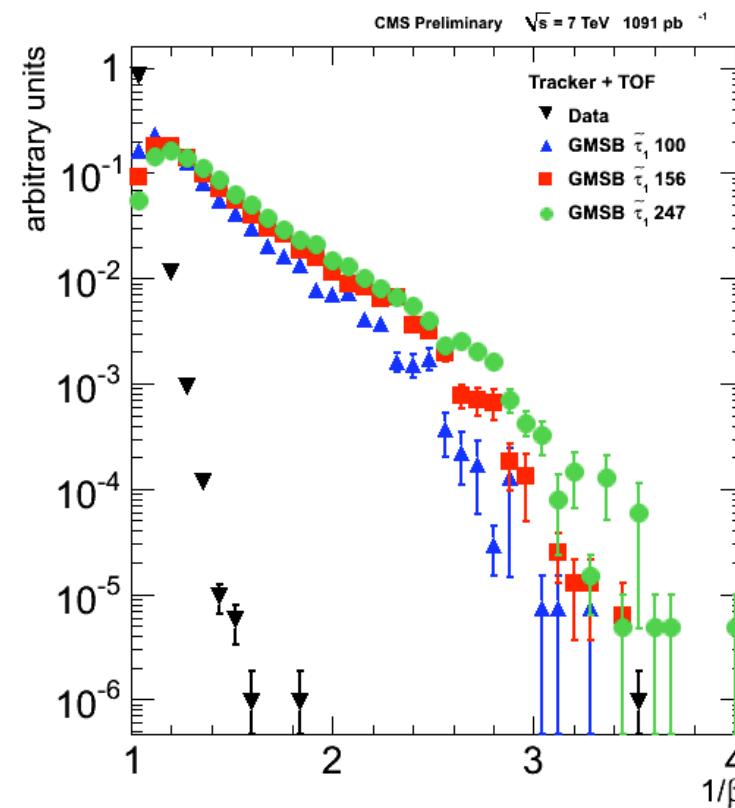
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High pT, High DE/Dx, Low Velocity



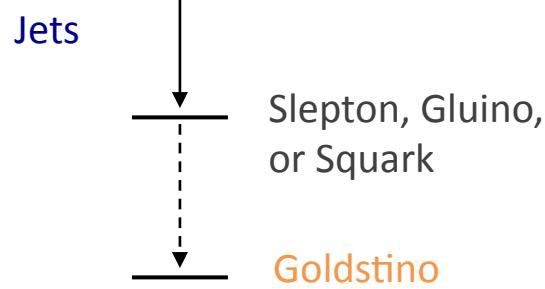
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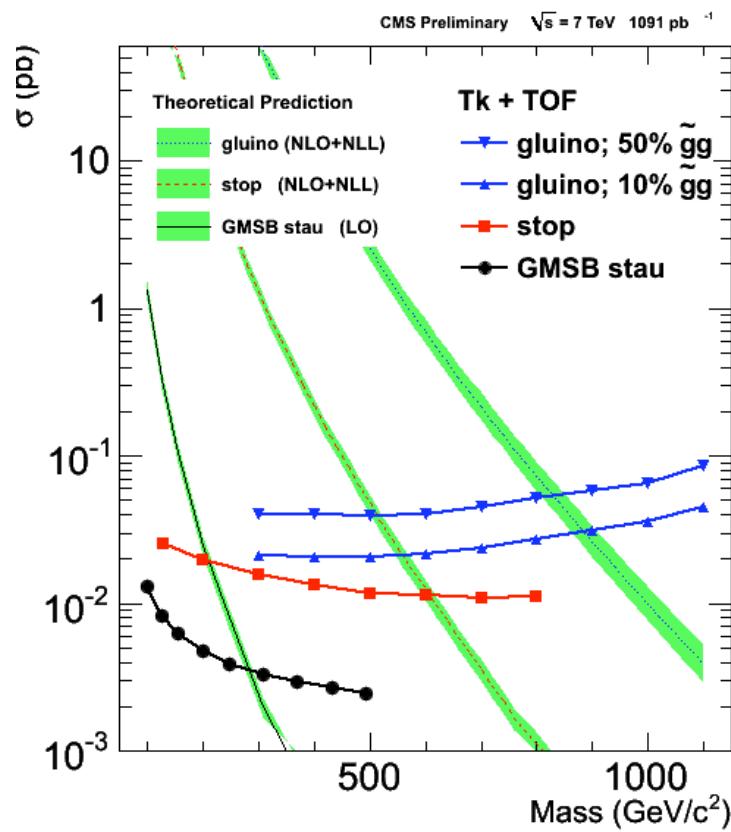
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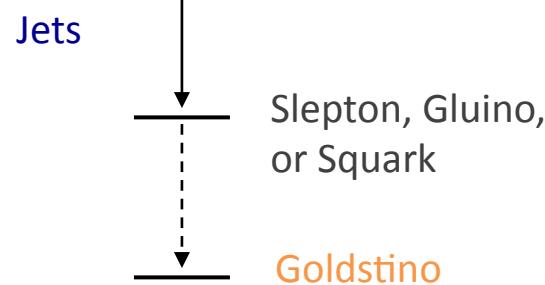
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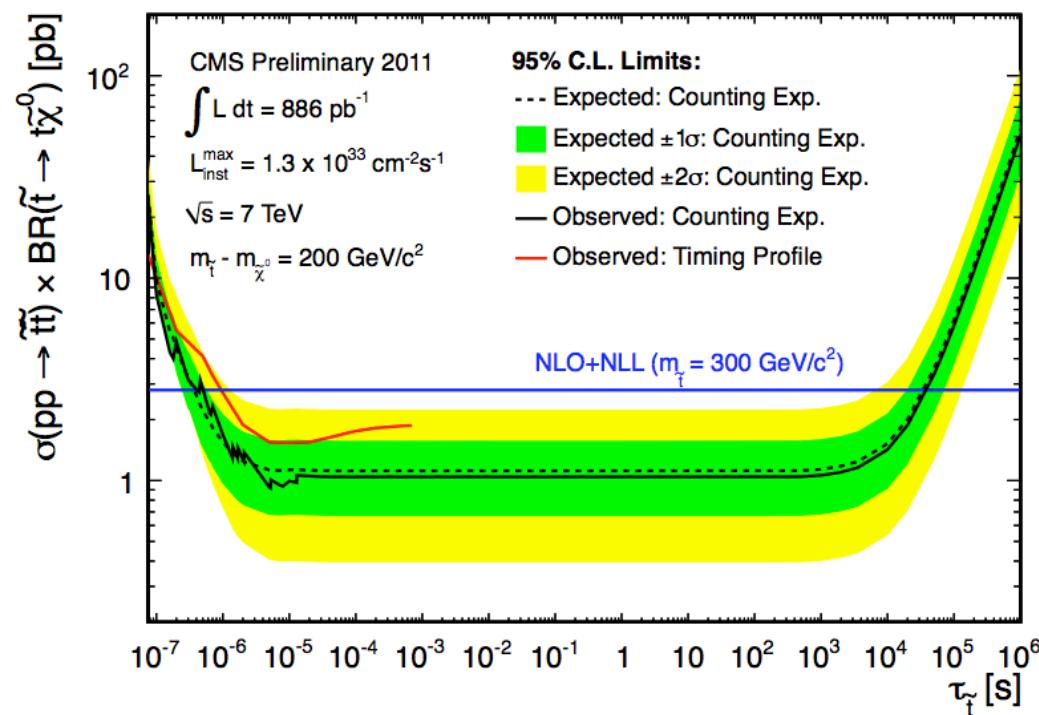
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High pT, High DE/Dx, Low Velocity



Stoped Slepton, Mesino, R-Hadron Signature

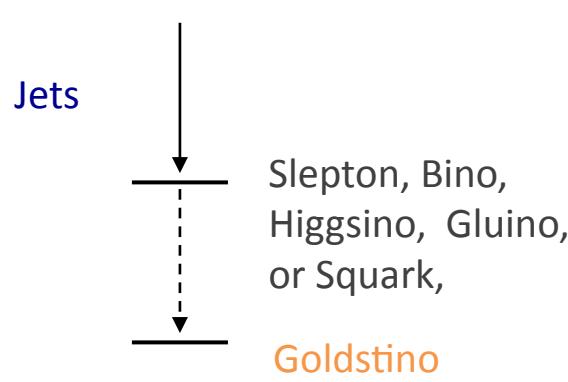


Meta-Stable - Some Stop in Detector
and Decay Later Out of Time



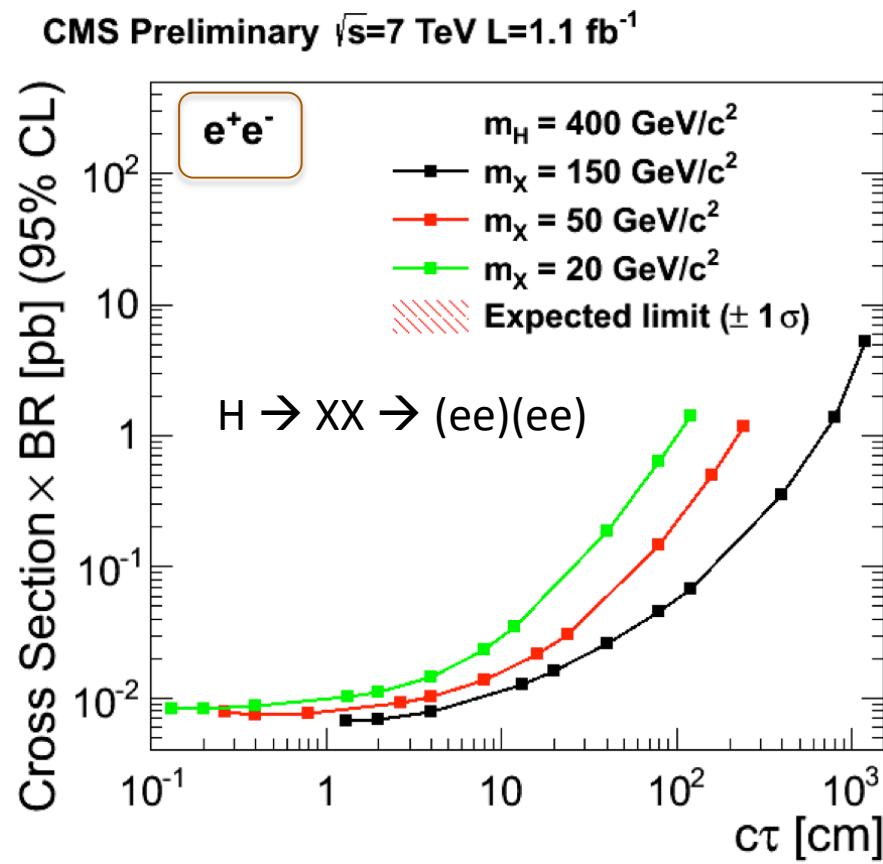
Probe Squarks $O(350)$ GeV

Displaced Vertices, Non-Pointing Track Signatures

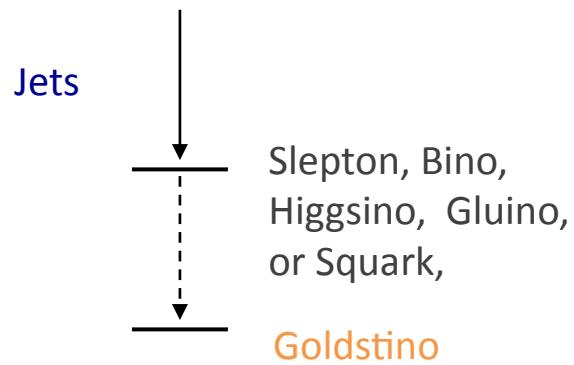


Atlas - Displaced RPV Decay

Meta-Stable - Decay While Transiting Detector
Displaced Vertex



Displaced Vertices, Non-Pointing Track Signatures

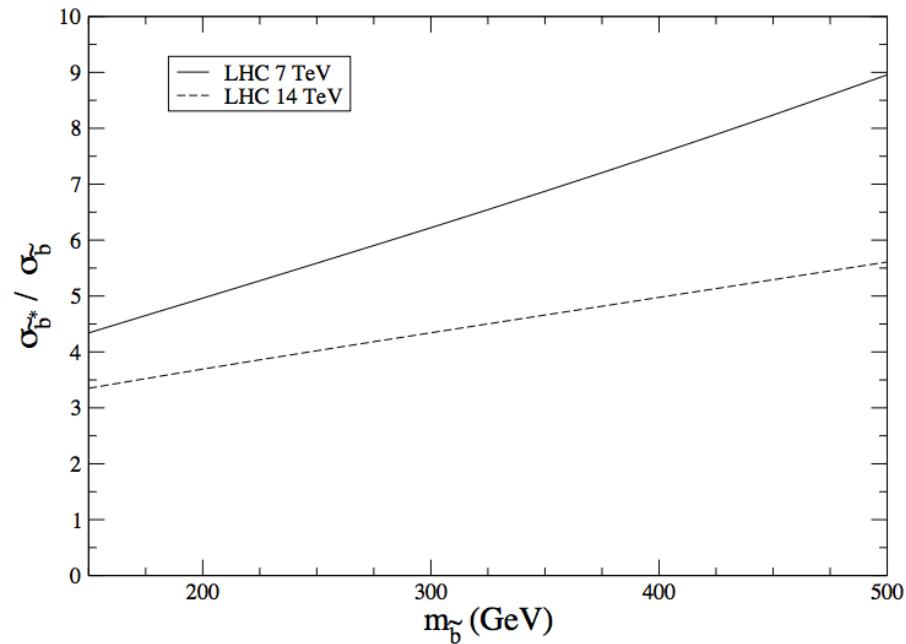
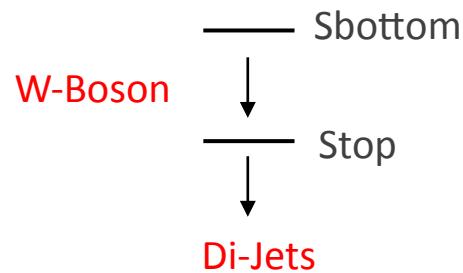


Meta-Stable - Decay While
Transiting Detector

- Non-Pointing Photons
- Non-Pointing Leptons, Tracks, or Jets
- Displaced Z-Bosons
- Displaced Vertices
- Displaced Higgs Boson
Large Negative Impact Parameter
(LNIP)

SUSY Topology and Signature Space is Enormous

R-Sym Violation - Resonant Production



There are Certainly Many Un-Studied Signatures ...

SUSY in the LHC Era

Signature Space is Enormous !!

So far Probed (beyond Tevatron) Strong Production in Relatively Low Background Final States
(Search first for what can be discovered first)

Starting to Probe (beyond Tevatron) Weak Production in Relatively Low Background Final States

"Thermal" Searches with Blunt Variables Well Underway

More Refined Searches Have Begun

Many Opportunities to Dig Towards Origin of Signature Space

Many Signatures Not Yet Receiving (Enough) Attention
Displaced Vertices, Displaced Z-Bosons, Displaced Higgs - LNIPs, ...

The Blunt Thermal Searches Have
Mowed Down a Lot of Territory
Far from the Origin in Signature Space

A lot of Uncut Territory Remains
for the Refined Searches

The Status of Super-Symmetry 2011

No Discovery to Report Quite Yet

But Stayed Tuned ...

Extra Slides:

The Large Hadron Collider will Either

1. Discovery Super-Symmetry
2. Rule it Out (Psychologically)

We are Now

Part Way to One of These Outcomes ...