

The Latest on SUSY and Z' Searches at the LHC

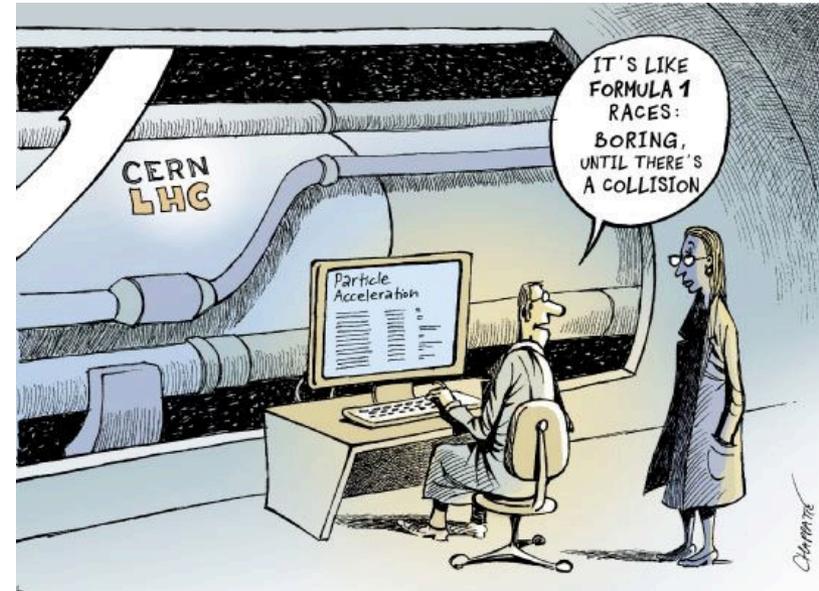


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Overview

- Quick introduction to ATLAS, CMS, and the LHC
- A word about the Higgs and B_s
- Z' Searches
- State-of-the-art SUSY searches
- New tools for the *next* searches

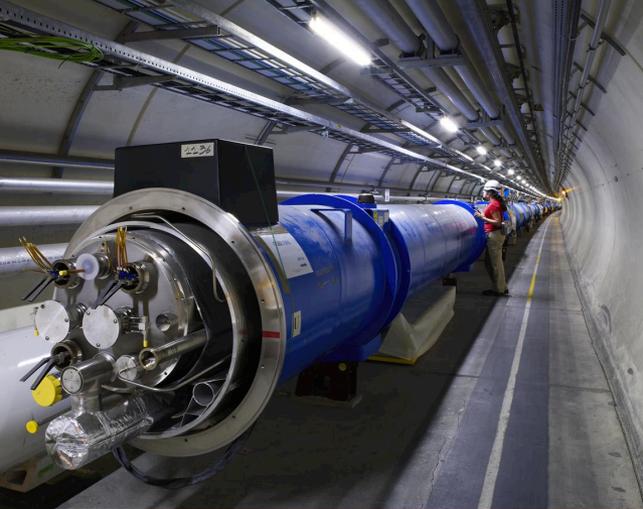


- Early punchline:
 - We have limits on *many* models and *many* processes
 - Still, we know we are not covering everything
 - If there are important things we are missing, please speak up!
 - If you want help understanding limits on your specific model, just ask!
 - Generally graduate students are *very happy* to have this kind of work!!

Important Note

- I don't want to give you an encyclopedia of results here!
- CMS Results for
 - SUSY <https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/CMSPublic/PhysicsResultsSUS>
 - Exotics <https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/CMSPublic/PhysicsResultsEXO>
- ATLAS Results for
 - SUSY <https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/AtlasPublic/SupersymmetryPublicResults>
 - Exotics <https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/AtlasPublic/ExoticsPublicResults>
- We are all updating results now for summer conferences with the full 2012 dataset
 - Expect updated results SOON for many of these searches
- Much of what I'll say is to assist you in interpreting our results

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CMS DETECTOR

Total weight : 14,000 tonnes
 Overall diameter : 15.0 m
 Overall length : 28.7 m
 Magnetic field : 3.8 T

STEEL RETURN YOKE
 12,500 tonnes

SILICON TRACKERS
 Pixel (100x150 μm) ~16m² ~66M channels
 Microstrips (80x180 μm) ~200m² ~9.6M channels

SUPERCONDUCTING SOLENOID
 Niobium titanium coil carrying ~18,000A

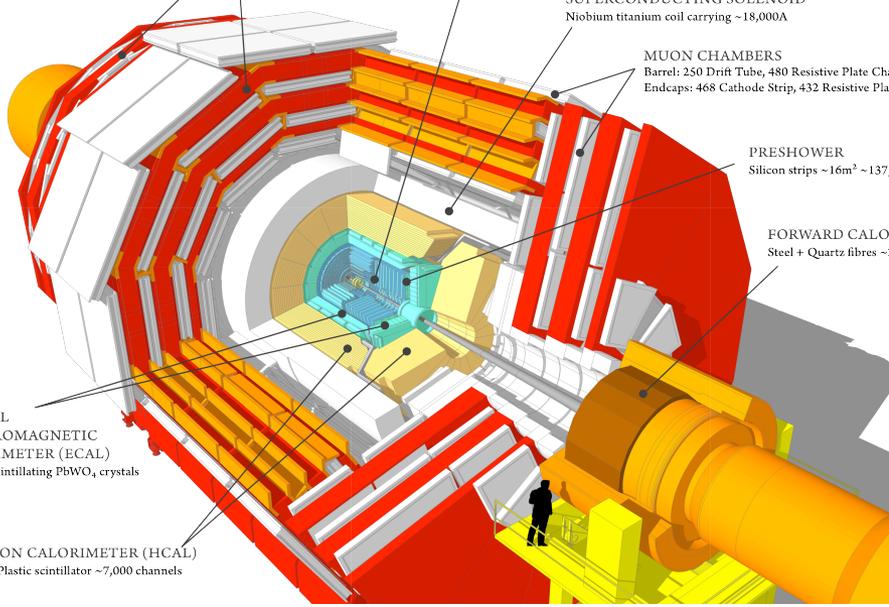
MUON CHAMBERS
 Barrel: 250 Drift Tube, 480 Resistive Plate Chambers
 Endcaps: 468 Cathode Strip, 432 Resistive Plate Chambers

PRESHOWER
 Silicon strips ~16m² ~137,000 channels

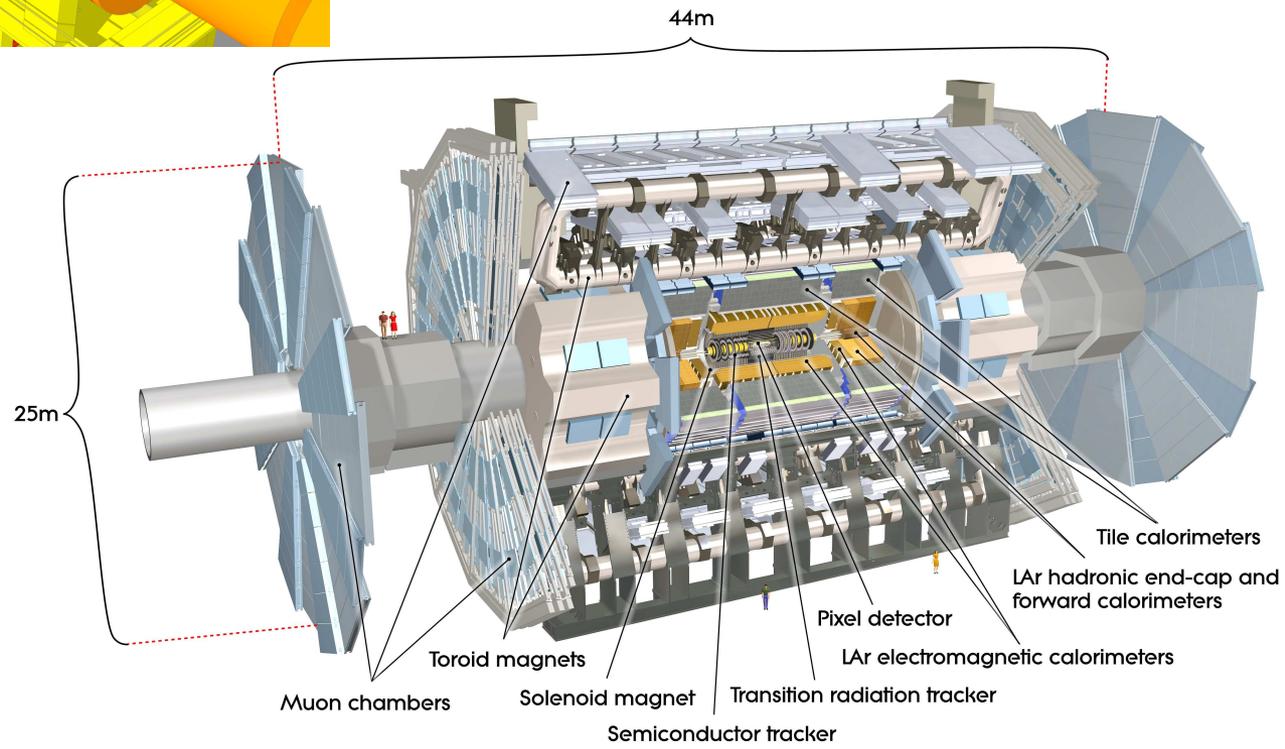
FORWARD CALORIMETER
 Steel + Quartz fibres ~2,000 Channels

CRYSTAL ELECTROMAGNETIC CALORIMETER (ECAL)
 ~76,000 scintillating PbWO₄ crystals

HADRON CALORIMETER (HCAL)
 Brass + Plastic scintillator ~7,000 channels

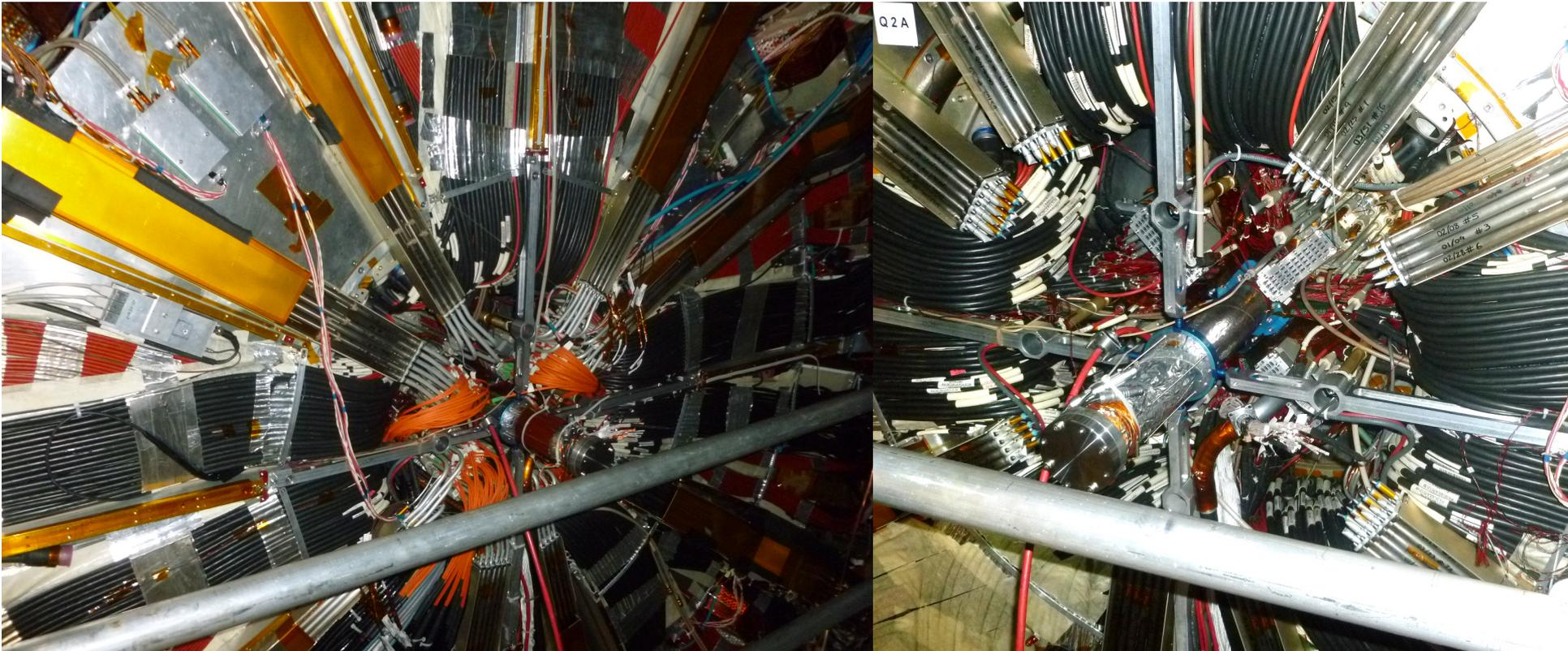


- Two giant cameras, both engineering marvels
- 100M channels, 95% efficient for data collection



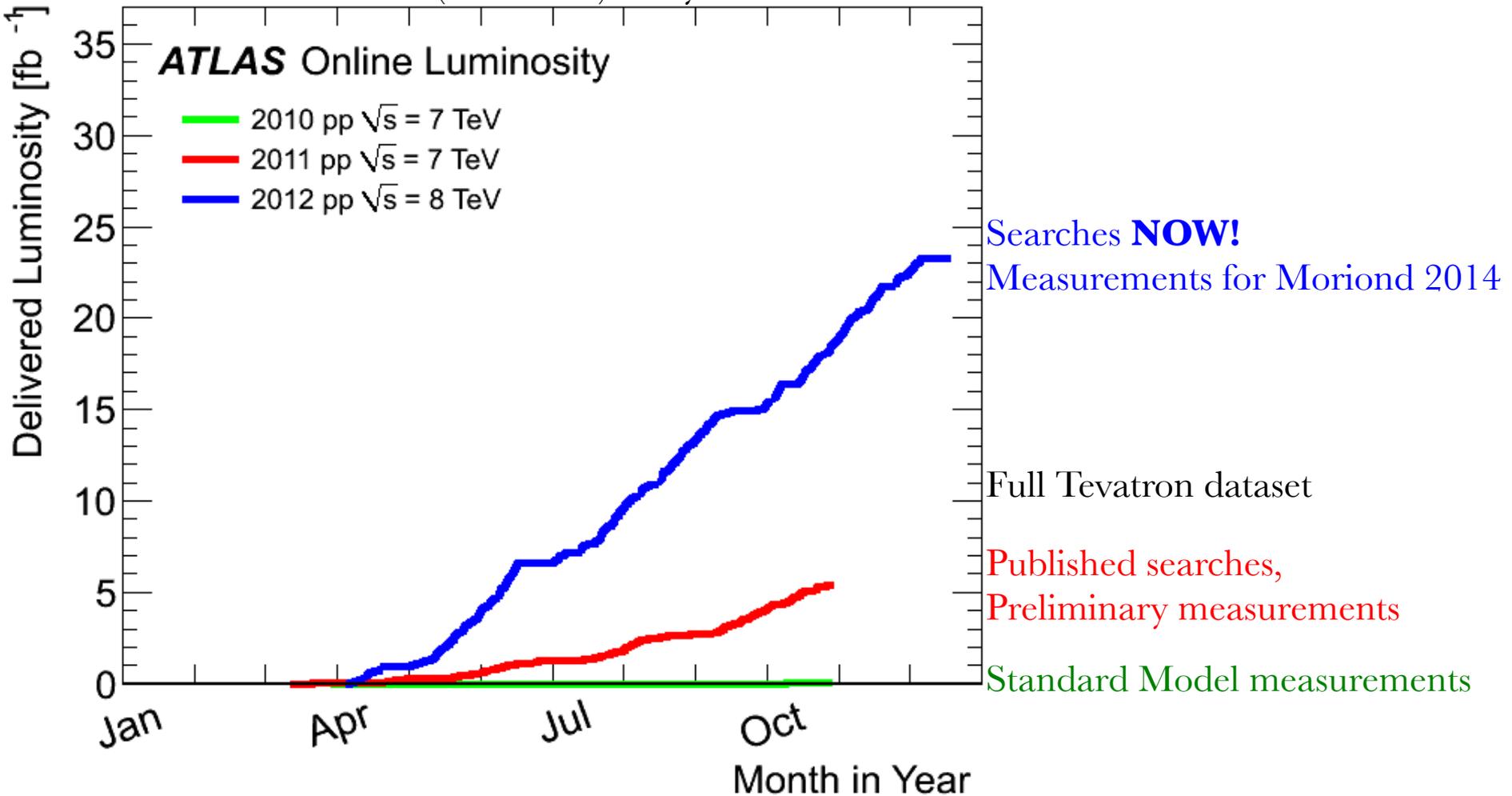
Detector Opening!!

- Just a reminder: we all have two years off ;-)
- ATLAS, CMS, and the LHC have a huge amount of work to do over the next months, and it will be a minor miracle if nothing goes wrong
- Expect a large number of search results ~now, and a large number of measurements next year

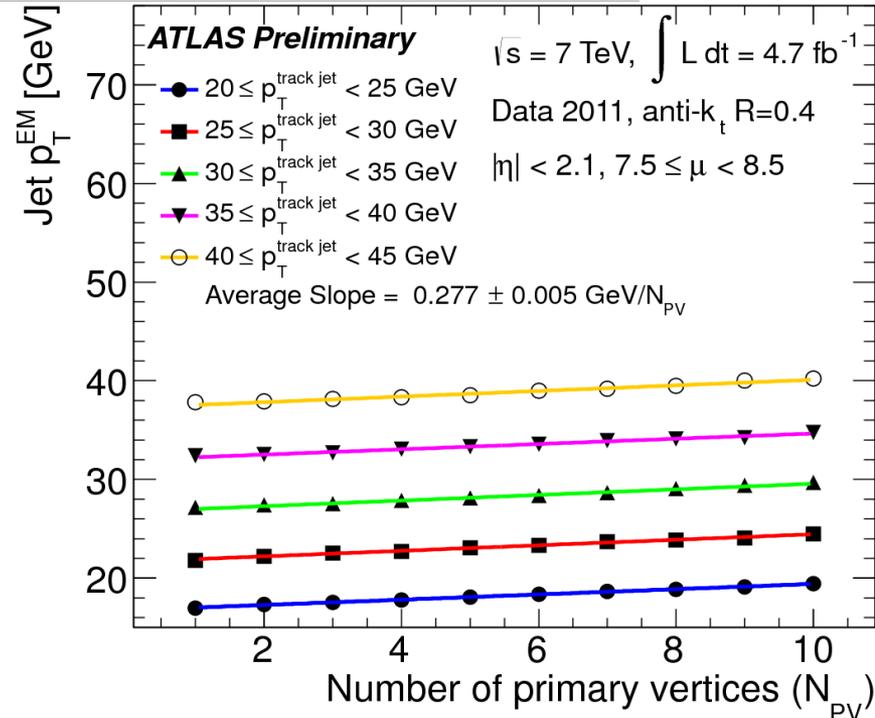
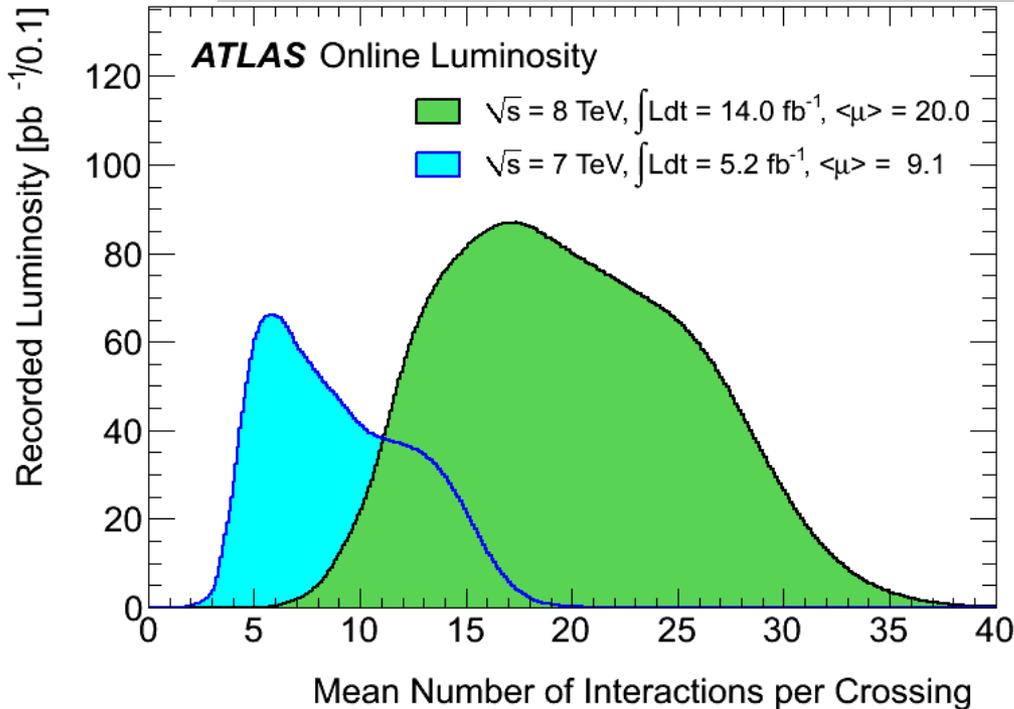
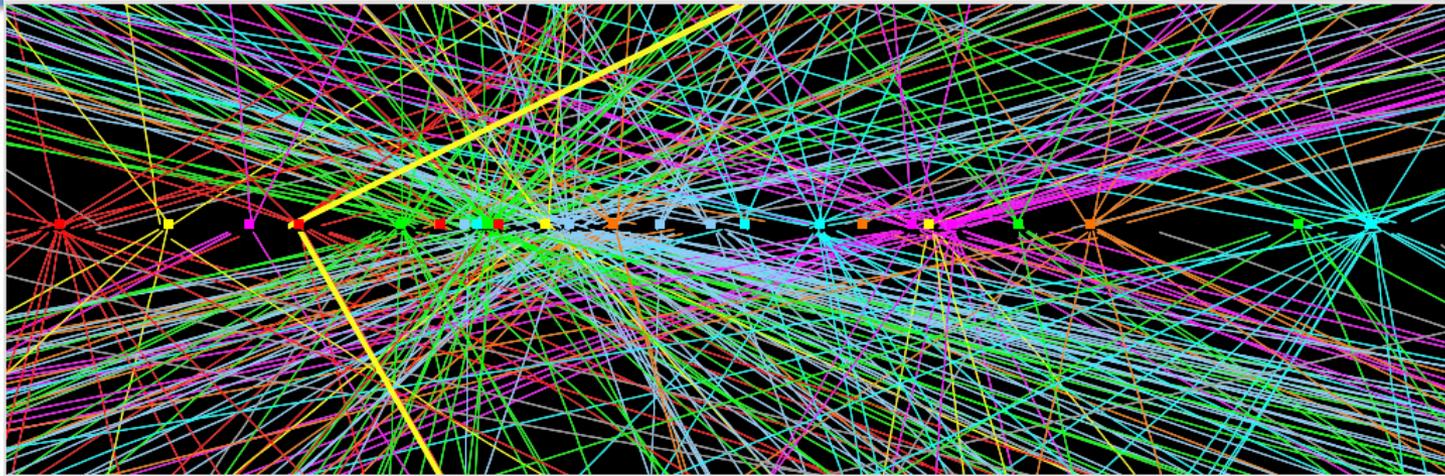


Data Volumes

- We have collected *huge* volumes of data
 - In terms of *storage space*, ATLAS collects as much data as all LEP experiments data and MC (combined) every six hours or so

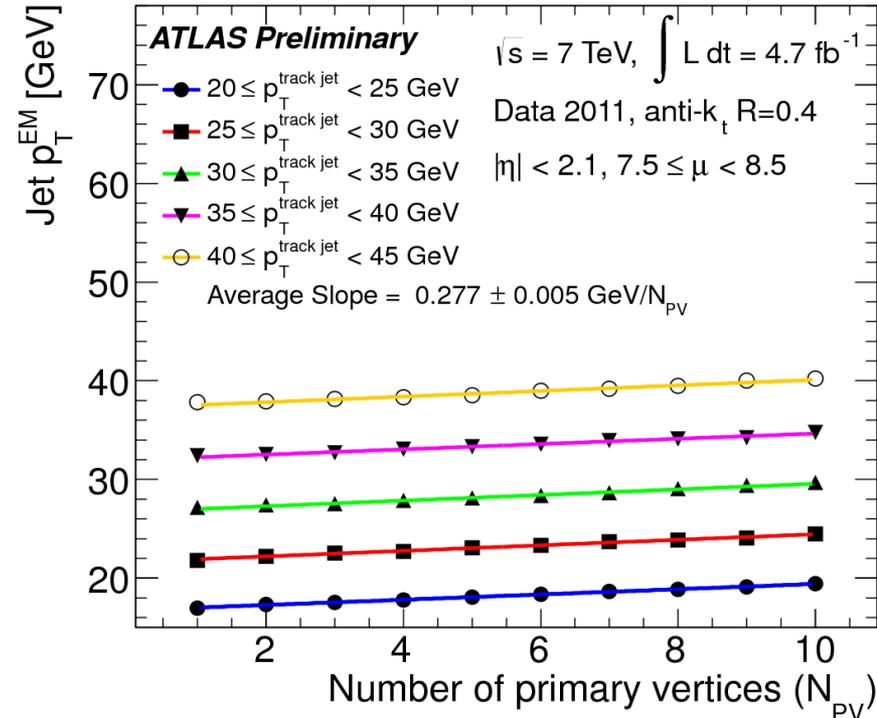
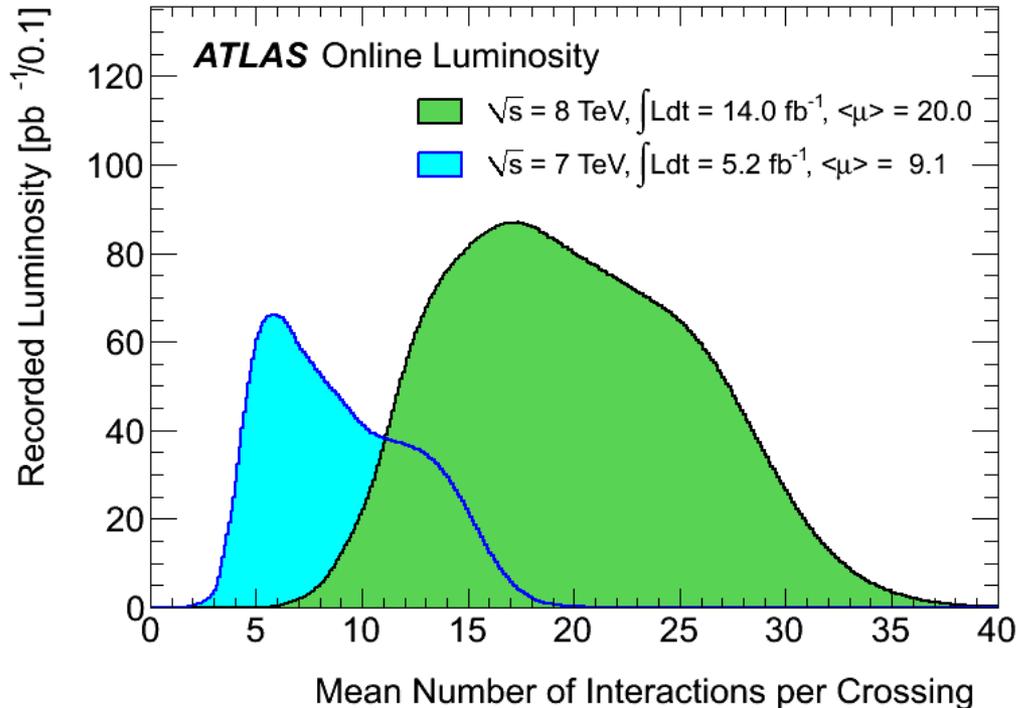


The Cost: Pile-Up



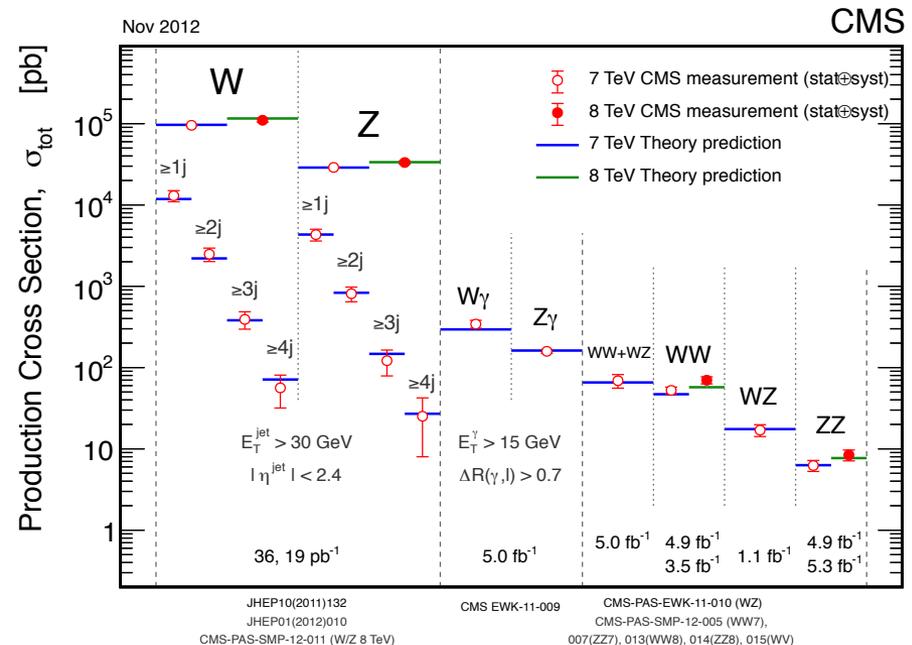
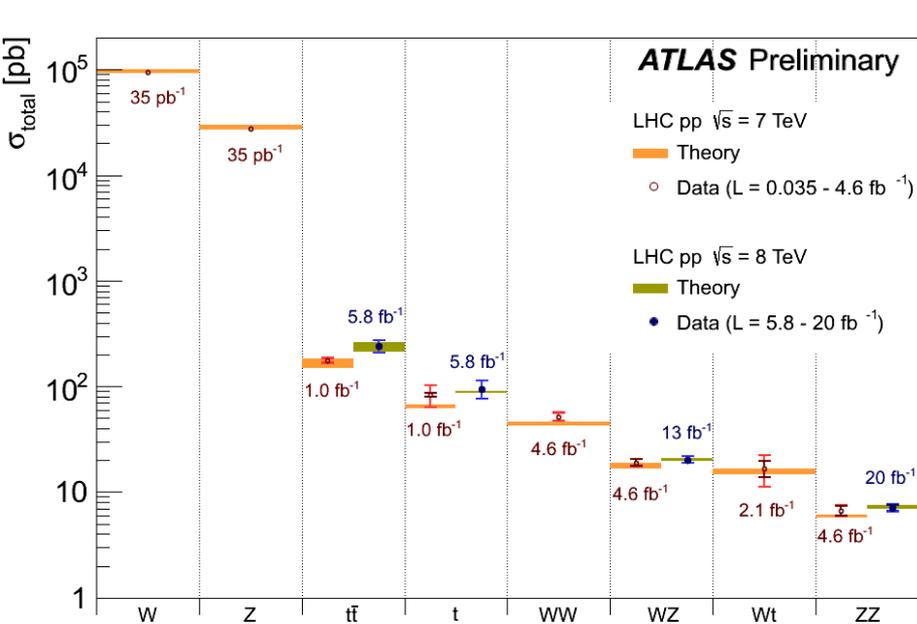
The Cost: Pile-Up

- In 2011, and even more in 2012, additional pp collisions in each bunch-crossing is a *major* experimental challenge
 - Probably the primary reason measurements are slow to come out
 - To find a *bump*, we don't really need to correct for these, as long as they are well modeled by our MC (but beware if you're running PGS!)



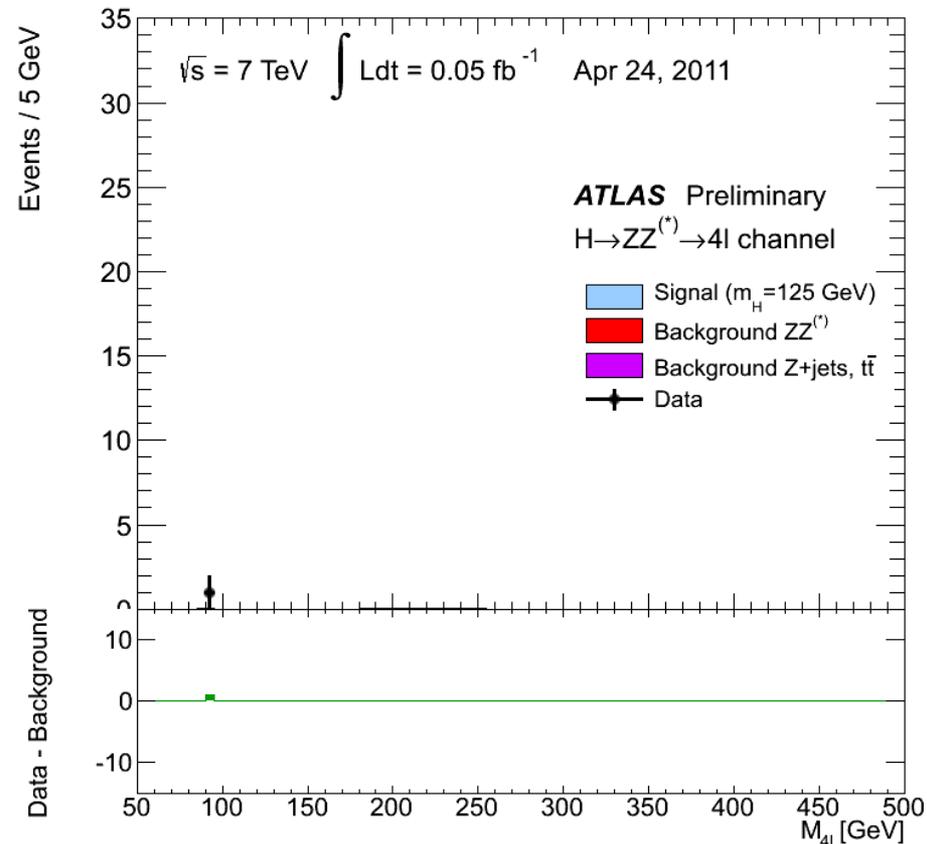
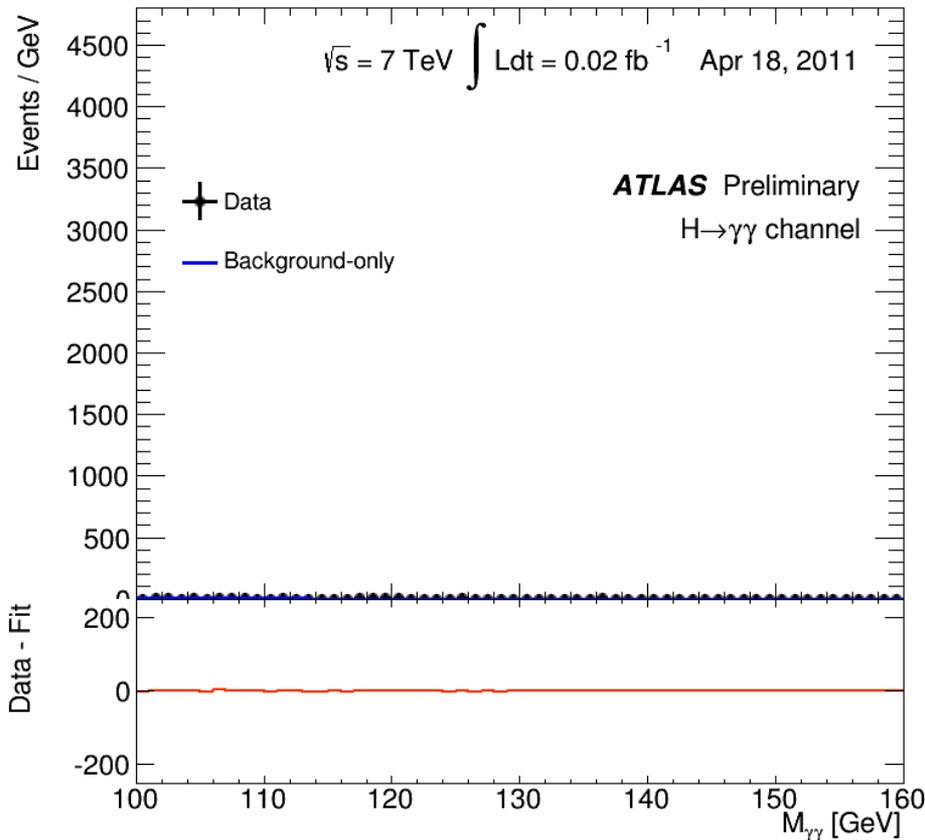
Control of the SM

- ATLAS and CMS have both measured cross sections (both “simple” and differential) for most accessible Standard Model processes
- Demonstrates an impressive control of the detector and of backgrounds for the searches that we want to do!
- Only (potentially interesting?) deviations at the moment are in heavy flavor physics (e.g. Wb), and are at the $1\text{-}\sigma$ level
 - And heavy flavor is *notoriously* difficult to get right for both experimentalists and theorists



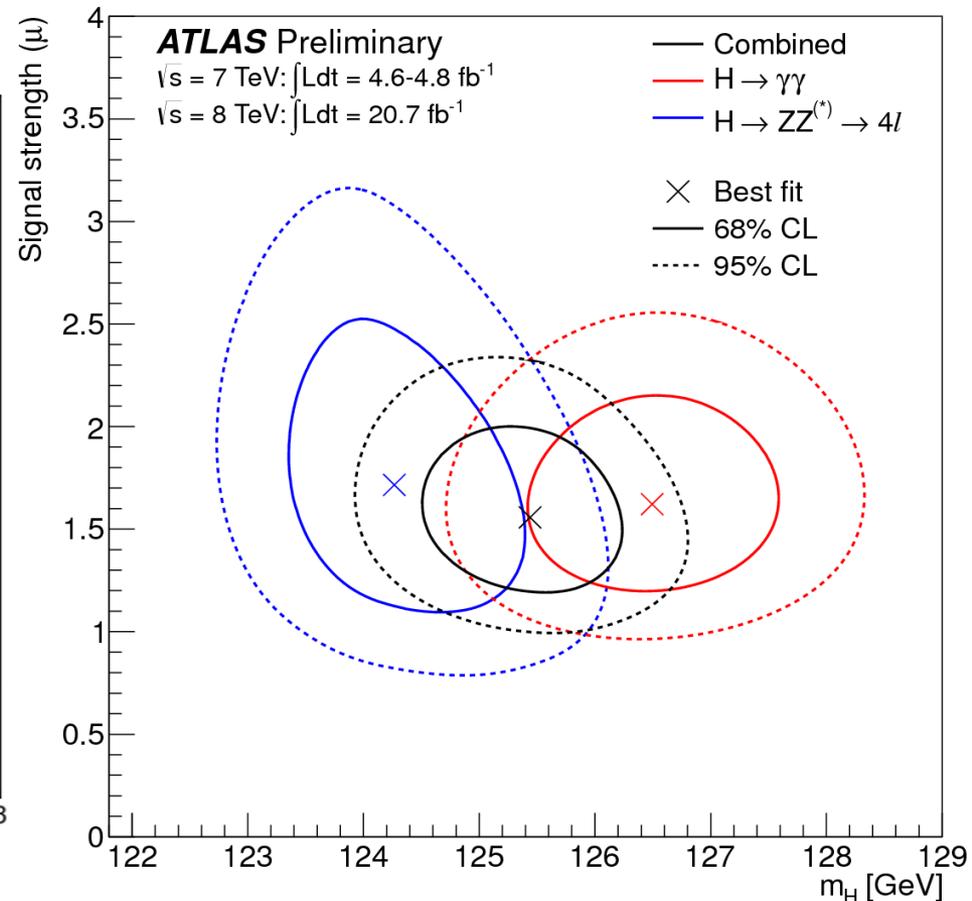
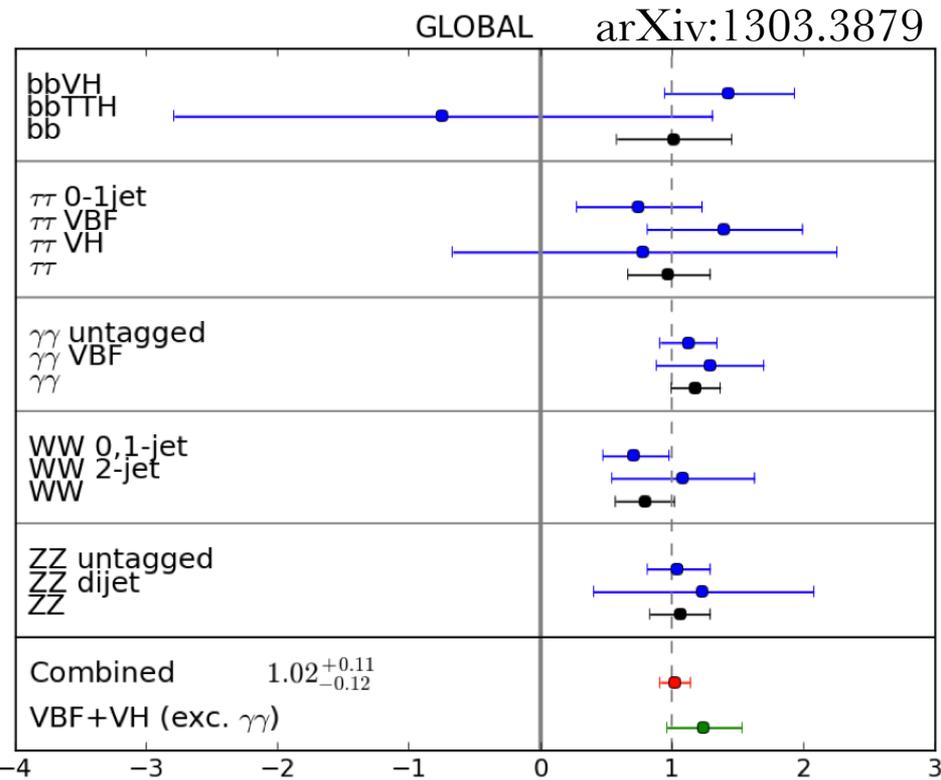
The Elephant in the Room

- We do have a very nice Higgs-like boson
- We even have very pretty animations of the thing!



Optimism

- The signal strength is very SM-Higgs like, and the mass discrepancy that we previously saw has been reduced (statistics)
- Any living SUSY model is going to have to include something like this



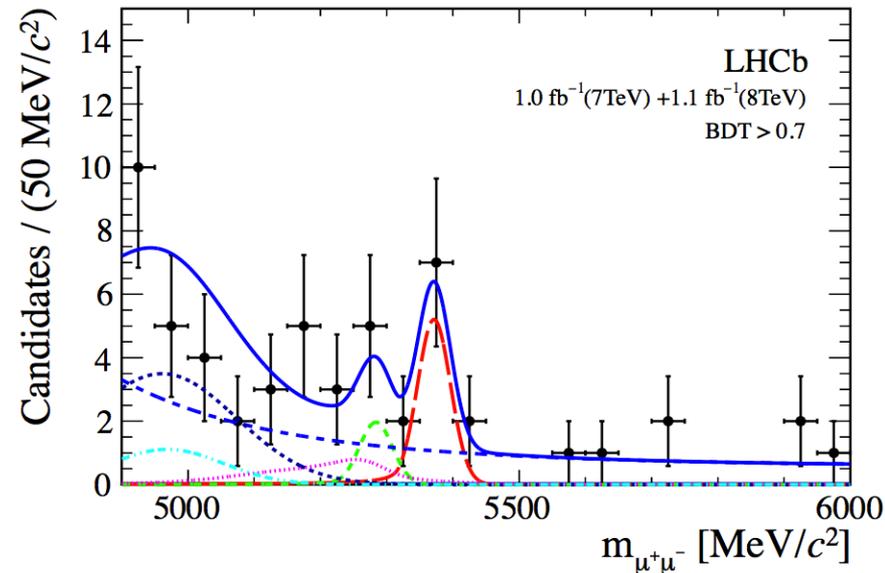
Bad News Into Good News

- Finally, LHCb seems to have $B_s \rightarrow \mu\mu$ at $>3\sigma$
 - This is a very tough search that is now becoming a measurement
- The uncertainty on their measurement actually *relaxes* the bounds on SUSY compared to the upper limit
 - Of course, it's always possible to hide a BR
 - Not panic time yet, but stay tuned for a more precise number soon

Excess of $B_s \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ candidates with a signal significance of to 3.5 standard deviations (bkg only p-value: 5×10^{-4})

The branching fraction is measured as

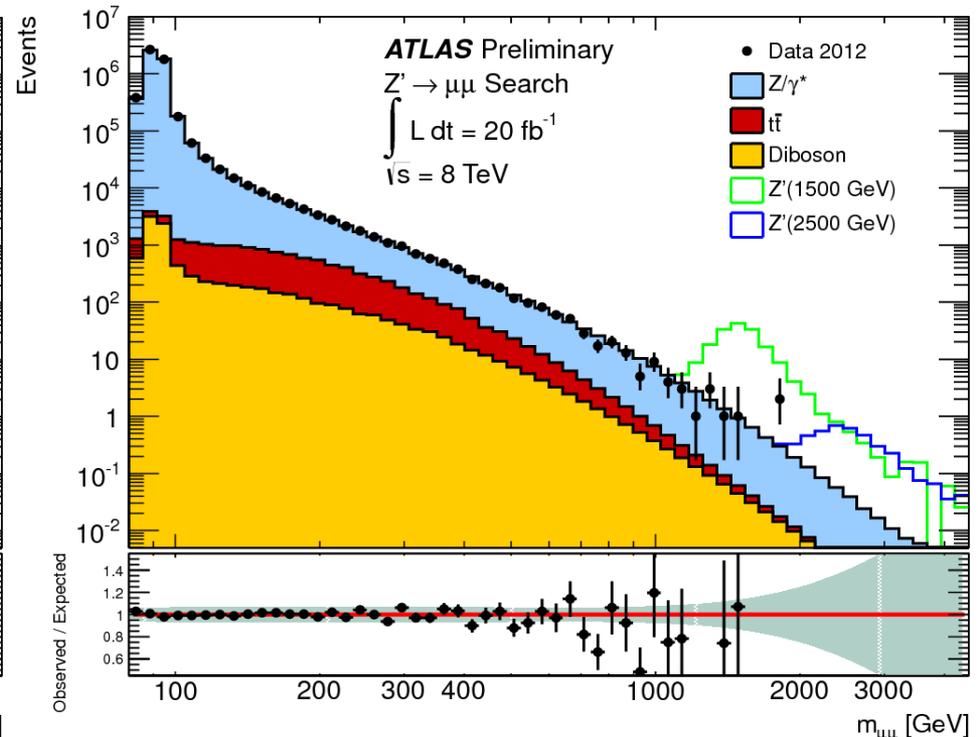
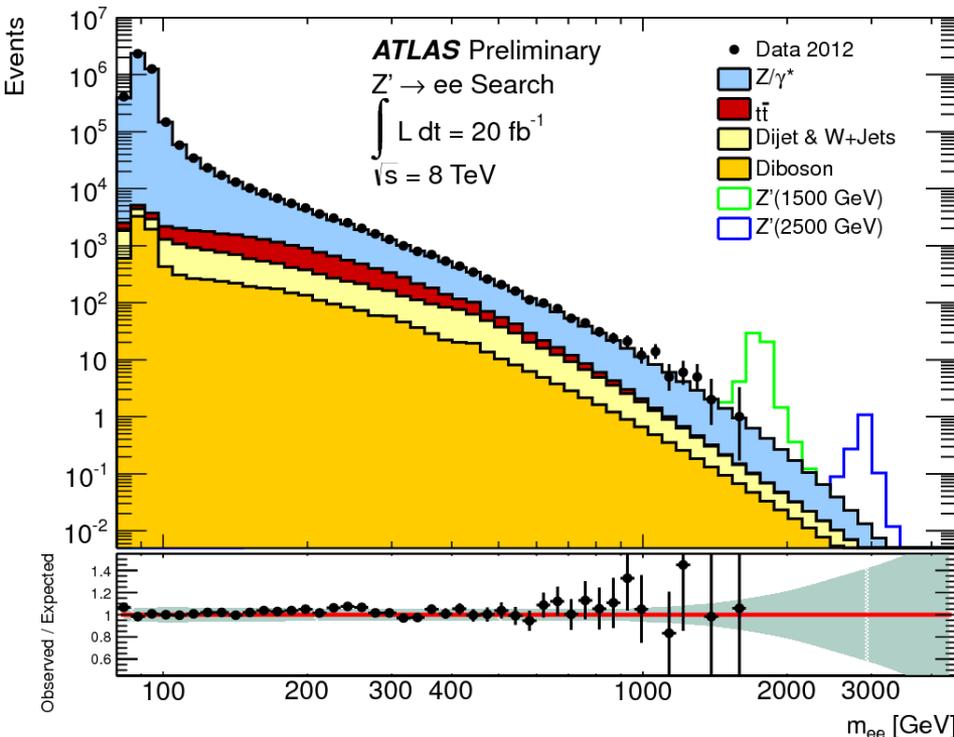
$$BR(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) = (3.2_{-1.2}^{+1.5}) \times 10^{-9}$$



Z'

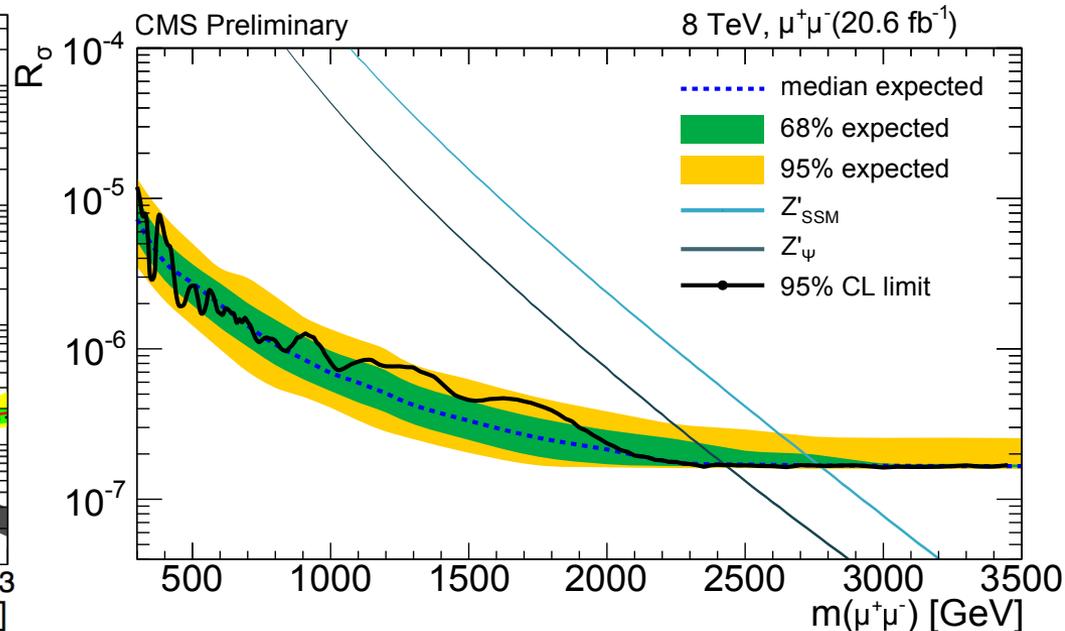
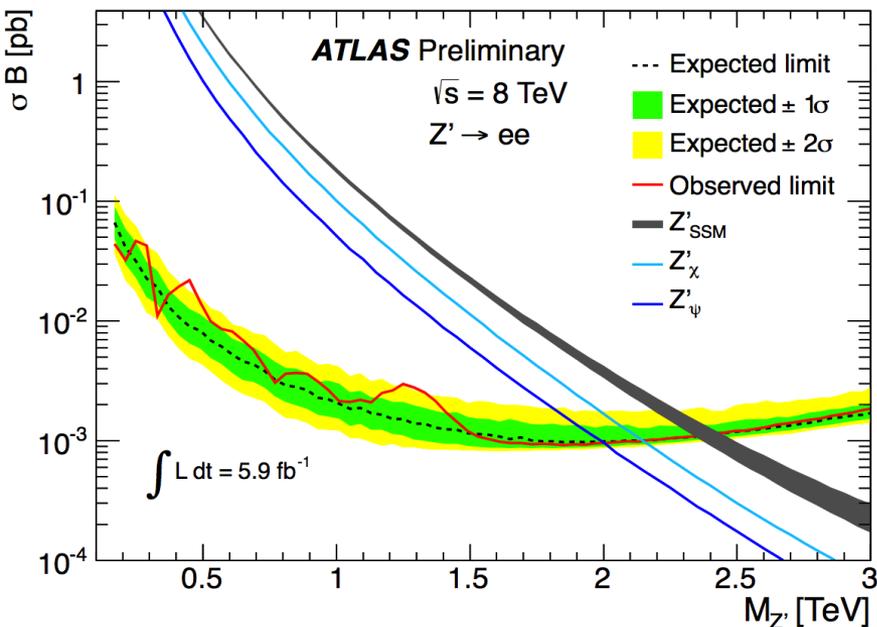


- The simplest Z' decays are well covered at the LHC
 - $Z' \rightarrow ee/\mu\mu/\tau\tau/qq/tt$
- The simplest Z' is simply not there in an 8 TeV collider
 - For SM-like couplings, ATLAS exclude 2.86 TeV (combining ee and $\mu\mu$)
 - $\tau\tau$ limits are <1.4 TeV in the SSM (non-SM couplings could make these important) – similar limits for CMS



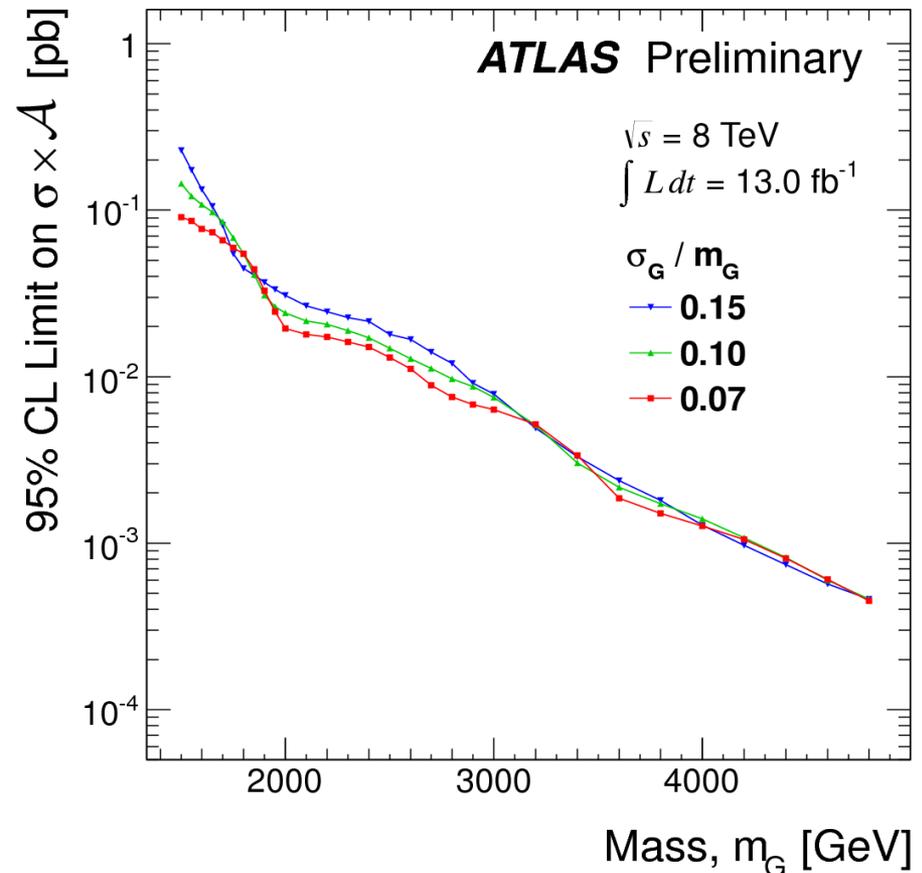
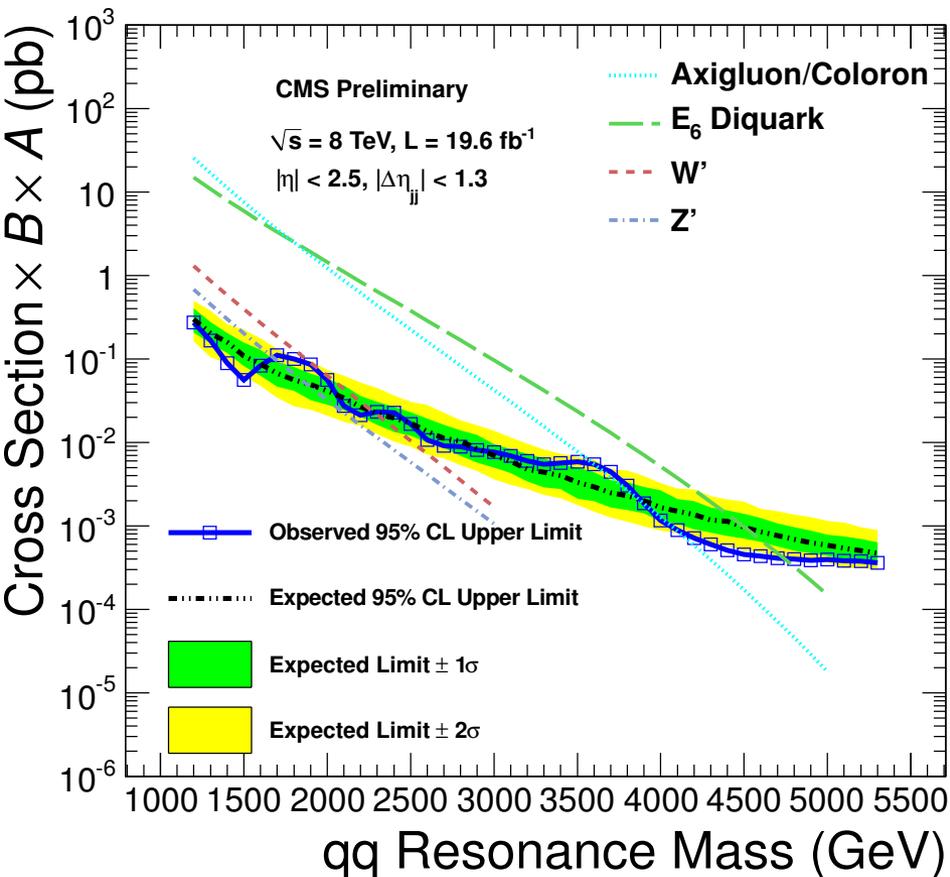
Simplest Z'

- Generally these limits are given as $\sigma \times \text{BR}$ as a function of mass
 - We are aware that there are *many* different models for these branching fractions
 - Pretty easy to add interpretations if they are interesting
- Generally these searches cover very high masses
 - If you are interested in something much lower mass with a much lower $\sigma \times \text{BR}$, our results may not rule it out – always ask if you are curious
 - That assumes it can hide from previous searches and measurements!



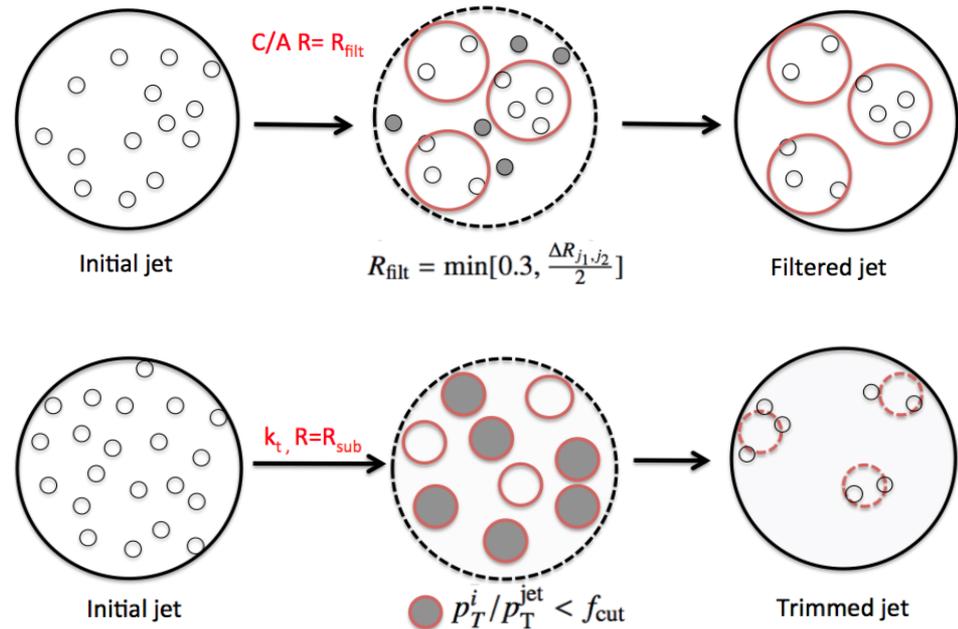
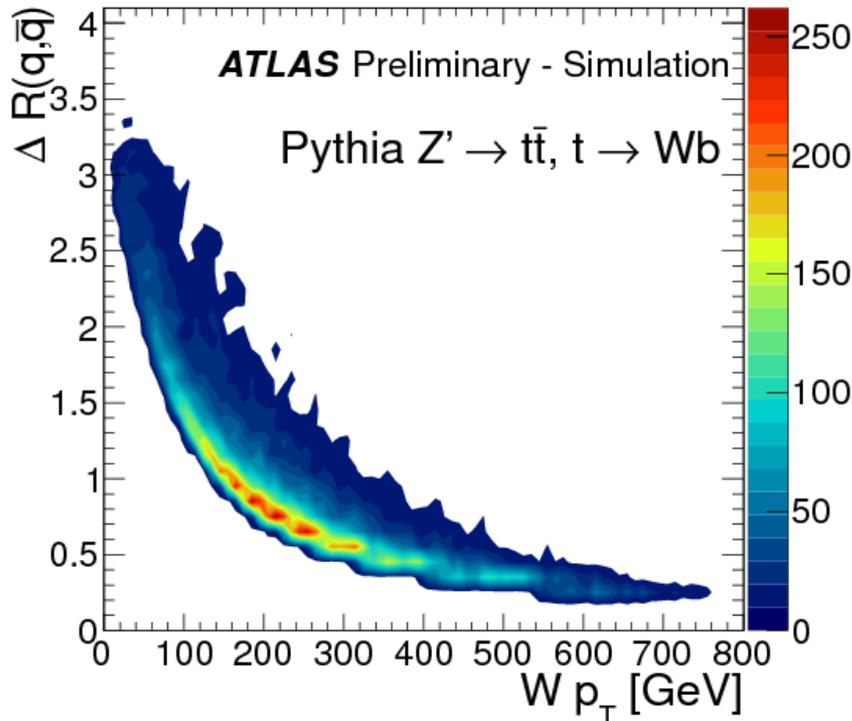
Hadronic Z'

- Searches for any dijet resonances cover $Z' \rightarrow qq$
 - One of the first searches done at the LHC
 - Usually the jet energy scale systematics make these limits a bit weaker, while the branching fraction can make them a bit stronger



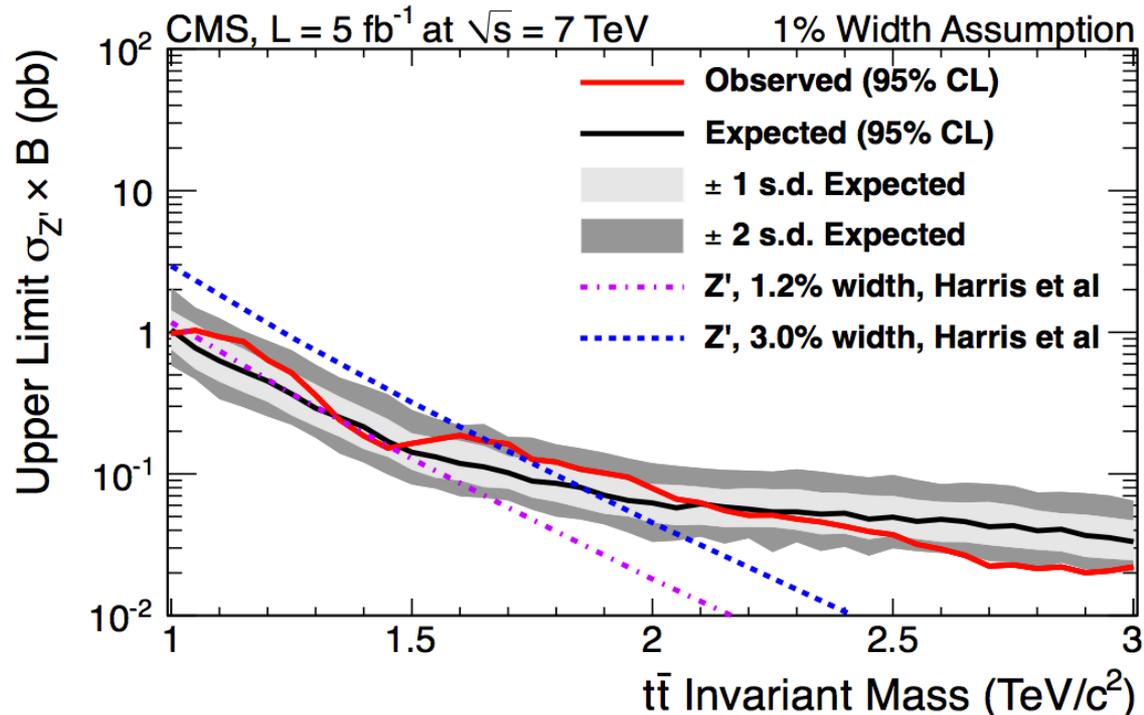
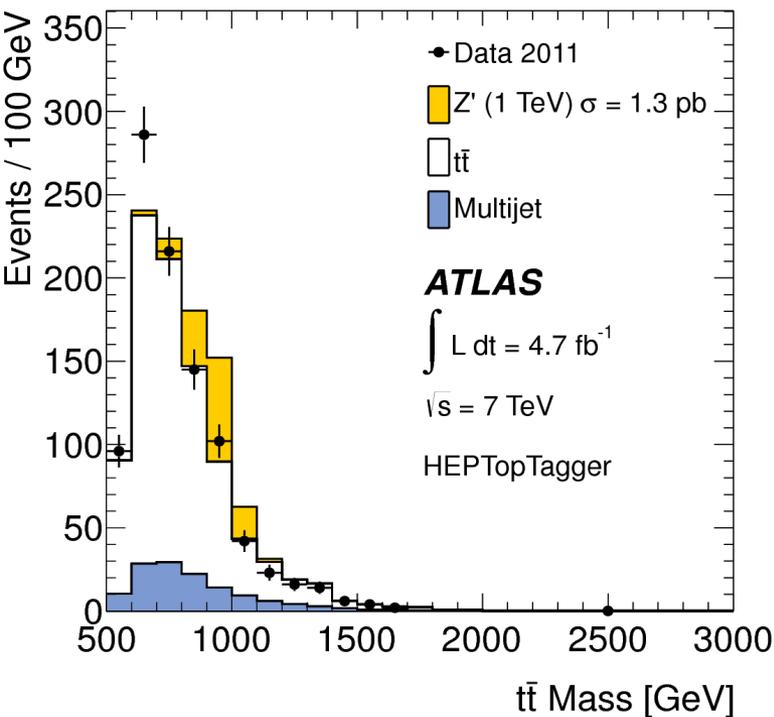
Entering the Boosted Regime

- Once we get to high masses and high boosts, particularly for $t\bar{t}$, decay products collimate and we find fewer distinct objects
- Can build large ($R=1.0, 1.2, 1.5$) jets and look for structure *within them*
 - Good variables and techniques, but need to get the characteristic size right!
- For better control of experimental uncertainties (and pile-up), can also build large jets out of smaller jets (coming soon to papers near you)



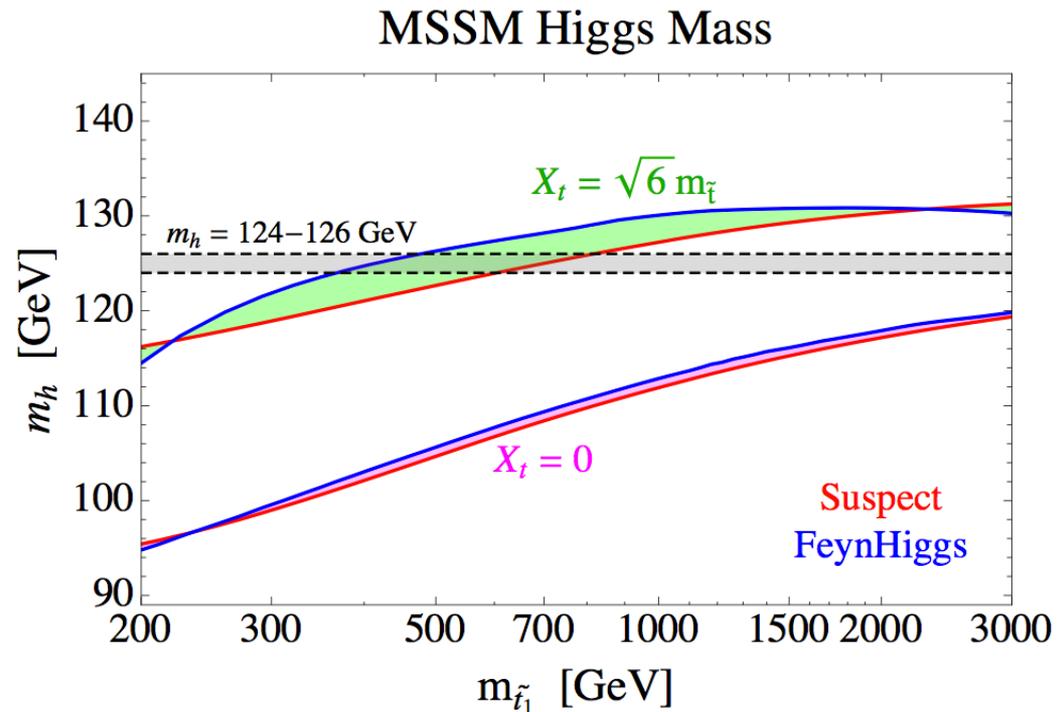
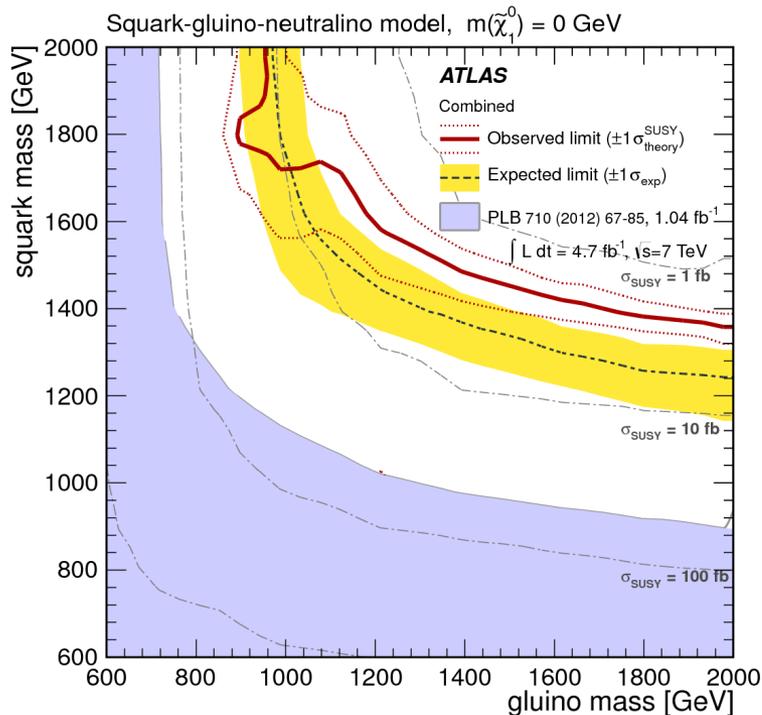
More Exotic Z'

- Both boosted and “standard” searches for these resonances
 - $0.7 < Z' < 1$ TeV for $t\bar{t}$ (100% BR) for ATLAS
 - Comparable limits for CMS, but better demonstration of the width-dependence of the limit!
 - Both have searches with semi-leptonic and all-hadronic decays, since leptons become much less isolated at high boosts



SUSY, Where are you?

- SUSY is a nice SM extension for many reasons
 - Potential unification of gauge couplings, explanation for the hierarchy problem, candidate for dark matter (the LSP)
- SUSY has one **major** problem: we haven't found it!
 - The bounds on light sparticles are getting quite high (left)
 - Still could be hiding in a compressed scenario, at high mass, with a light stop (right), or with R-parity violation

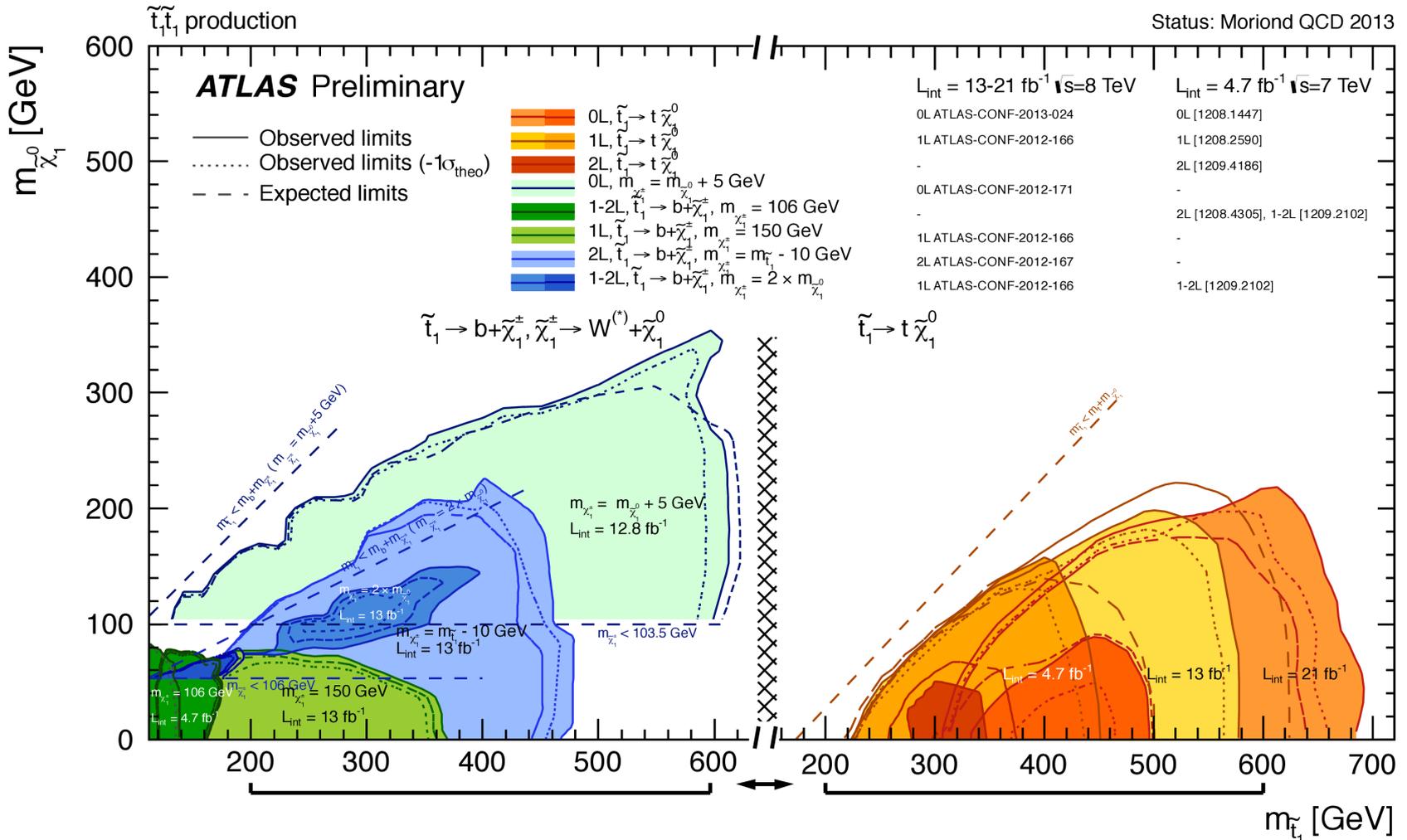


Warnings about our SUSY Limits

- We need *your help* to provide the *most useful* limits that we can
- An increasing number of searches are moving to
 - Binned signal regions
 - Simultaneous fits of multiple signal regions
- These have *important implications* that you should think about!
 - Signal contamination is always taken into account when setting a limit
 - If there is large signal contamination in control regions, then there is *no such thing* as a model-independent limit for these searches
 - The *only* model independent limits will be single-binned: using these, you will find weaker limits than we can get using the correlations
 - But these are the *best way* to set a *coherent* limit on SUSY using *all* information available to us! If you want a strong limit...

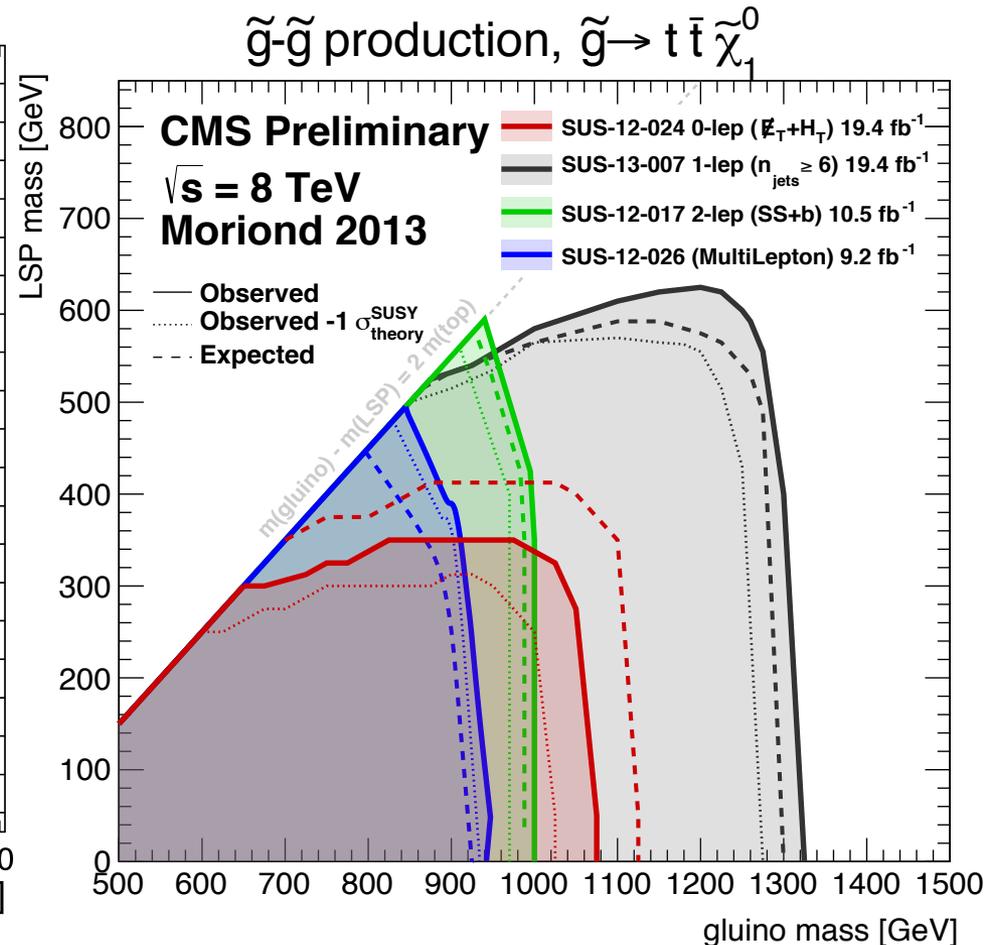
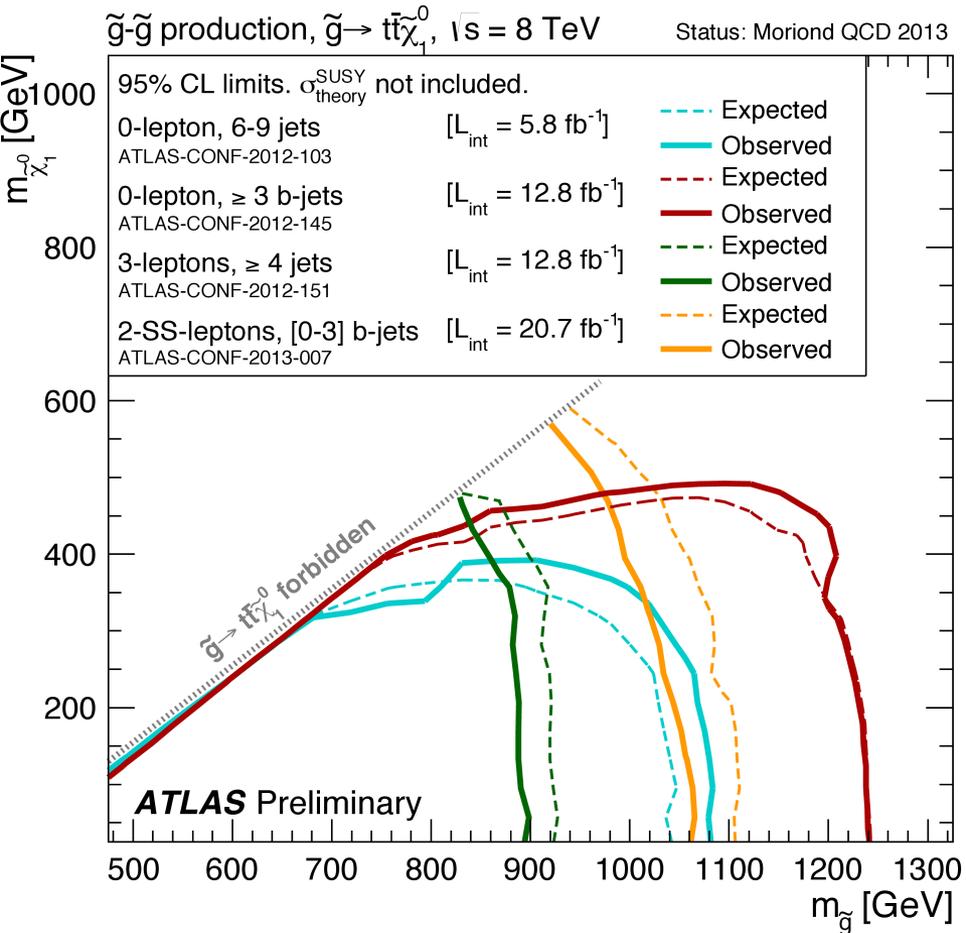
Nailing Down the Stop

- If we will find “natural” SUSY, there is good news: we know where to look!
- Trying to cover various decay modes with dedicated searches now



Aside: Simplified Models

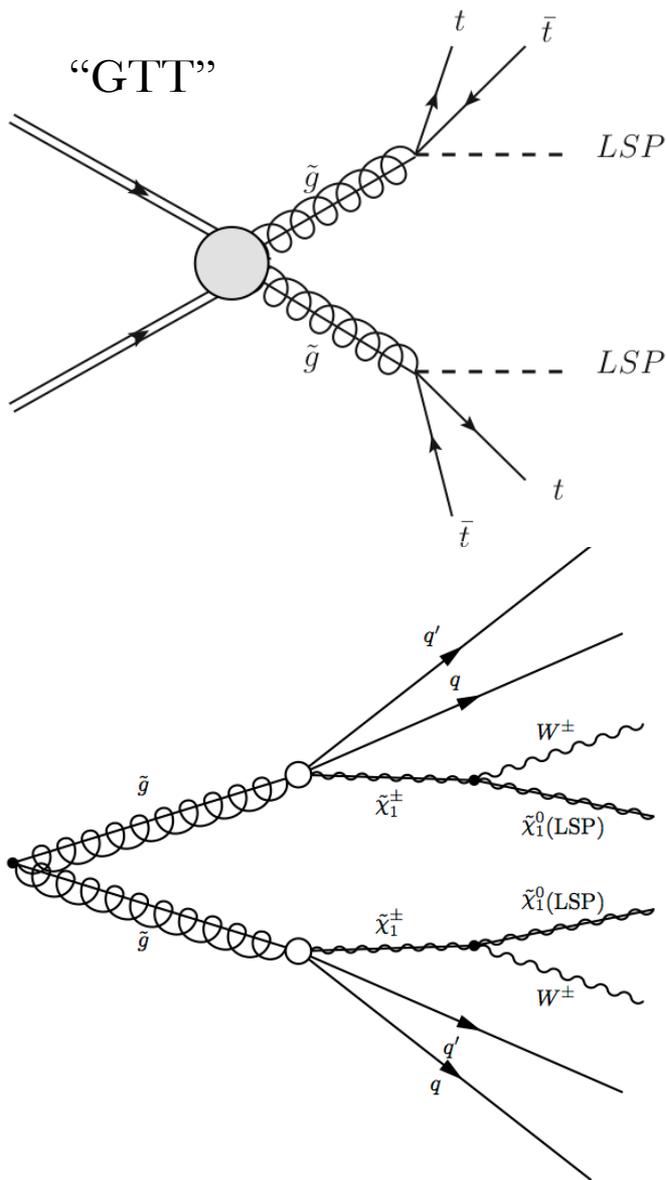
- Considerable effort has gone to limits on SUSY-inspired simplified models
- Below: gluino pair production with a decay through an off-shell stop
- The limits you saw on the previous slide were all simplified model results



Simplified Models: **Pros** and **Cons**

- These models allow *fair comparisons* of searches
 - Except that we often generate the models differently, and subtle changes can be very important (e.g. the handedness of the stop in stop simplified models)
- These limits can be **ported** to other (non-SUSY) models
 - It is hard for us to get to all of your different models, so this is good!
 - You are likely going to see a large number of papers and notes interpreting our full 2012 results in the coming months
- When setting limits on shapes, these models **do not include** all the shape features of a full SUSY model
 - This goes beyond the old signal-contamination concerns!
 - This also harms the portability of these limits
- The limits are **made independent** of other particles in the model
 - Cross sections can depend *hugely* on the other particles (e.g. squark pair-production)
 - Means we are setting limits on $\sigma \times \text{BR}^2$, with some complex mapping to σ
- All this having been said, I still like simplified models
 - They are better in many ways than “complete” models, even given the drawbacks
 - To understand these limits, don't *just* look at the lines!! The lines are a guide; the numbers on the plots (which we endeavor to provide) are the most important part!

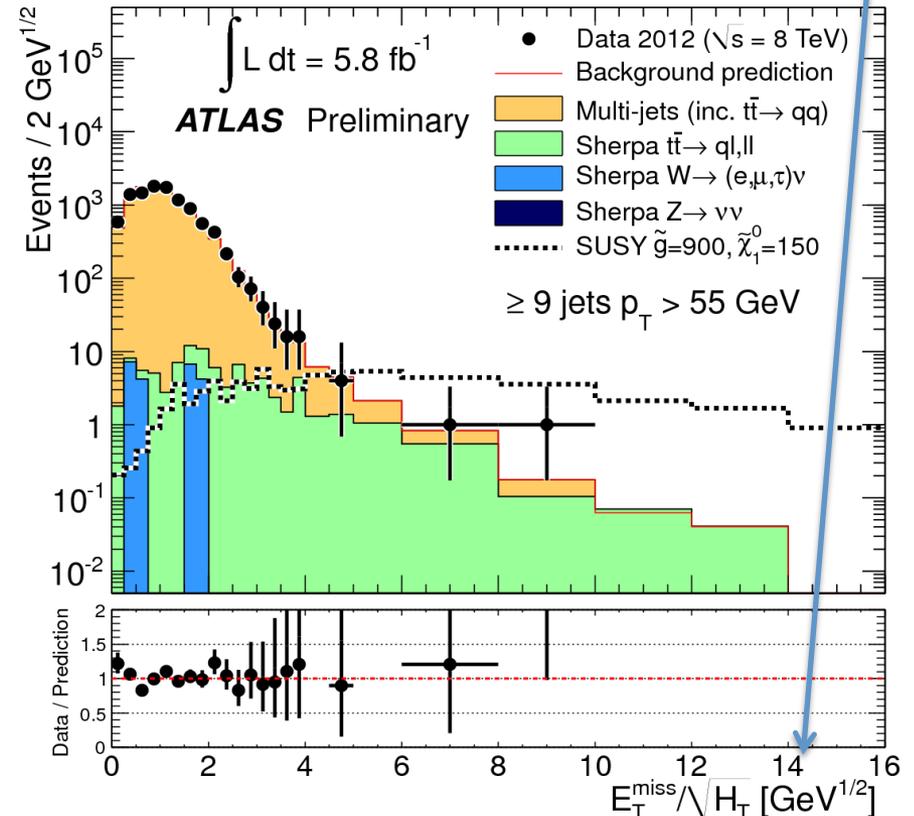
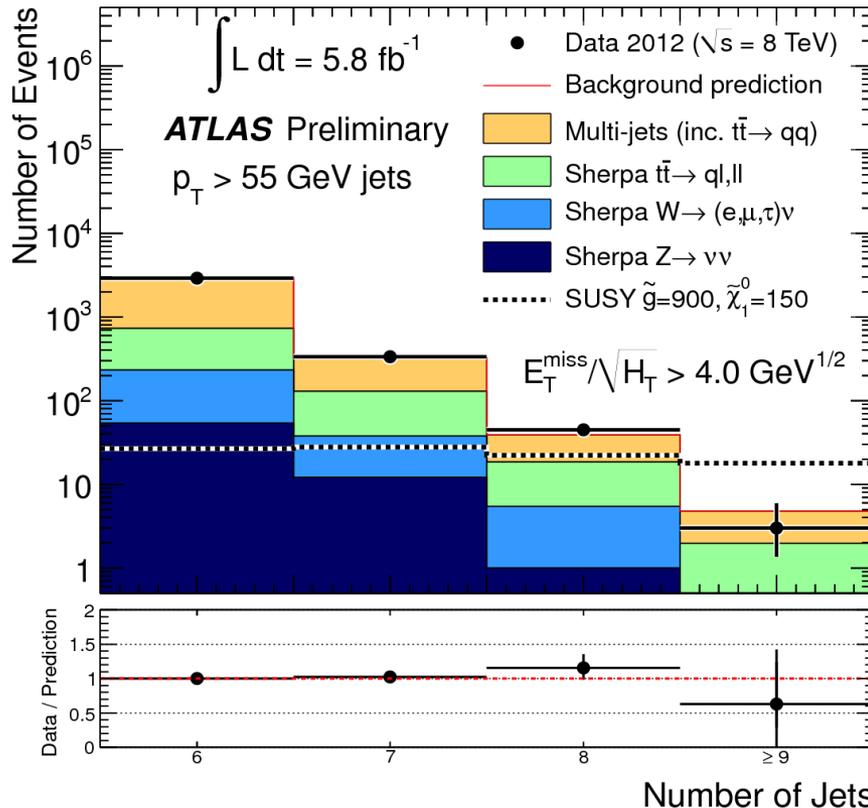
(Simple) SUSY with Many Jets



- A few of our favorite SUSY scenarios include many jets in the final state
 - Doesn't take much before we get quite long decay chains and high-multiplicity final states
 - N.B. that when this many W bosons are in the chain, leptons become very likely
- Top, gluino production resulting in a (potential) bbbb qq qq+MET final state
 - TWELVE jets for those who are counting!
- Bottom, gluino production resulting in a (potential) qq qq+MET final state
 - “Only” eight jets, maybe not as impressive?
- Add R-Parity violation to these and you get *many* scenarios with *many* jets in the final state
 - Some of these scenarios may not have much MET, but because the jet multiplicity is so high we have a nice way to reduce the backgrounds

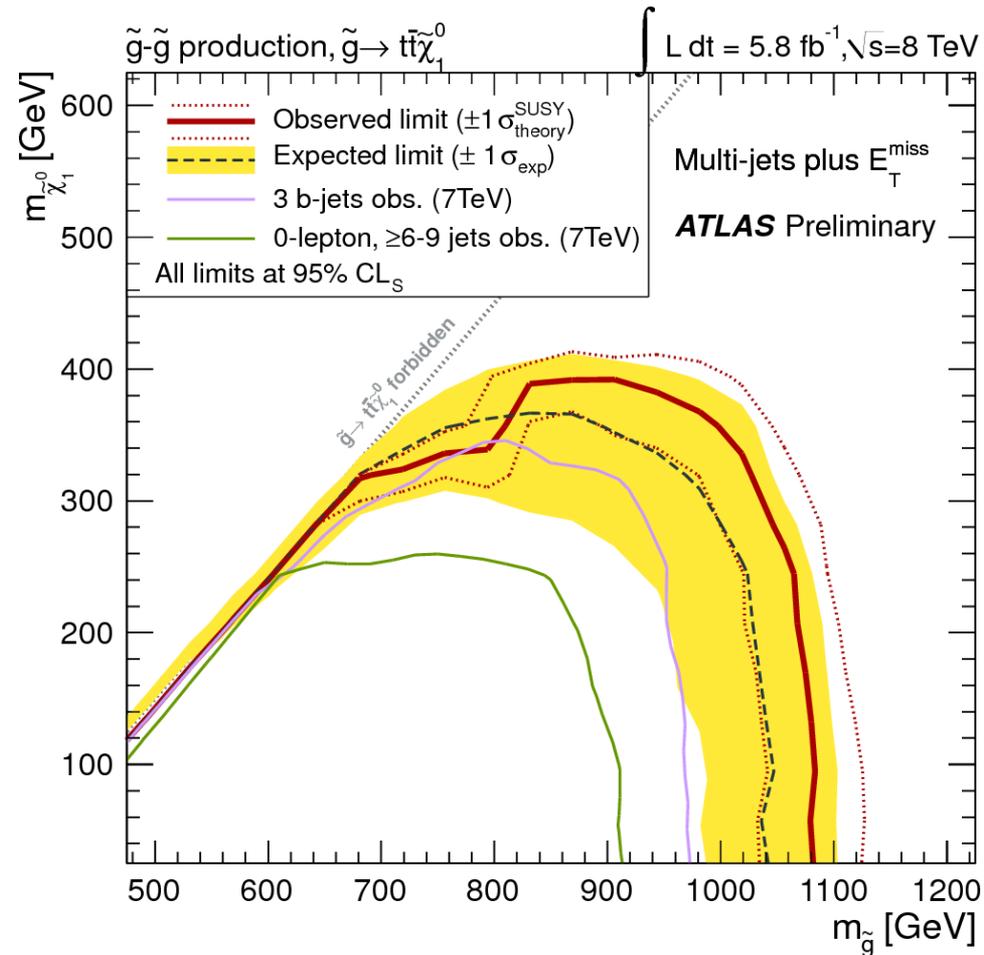
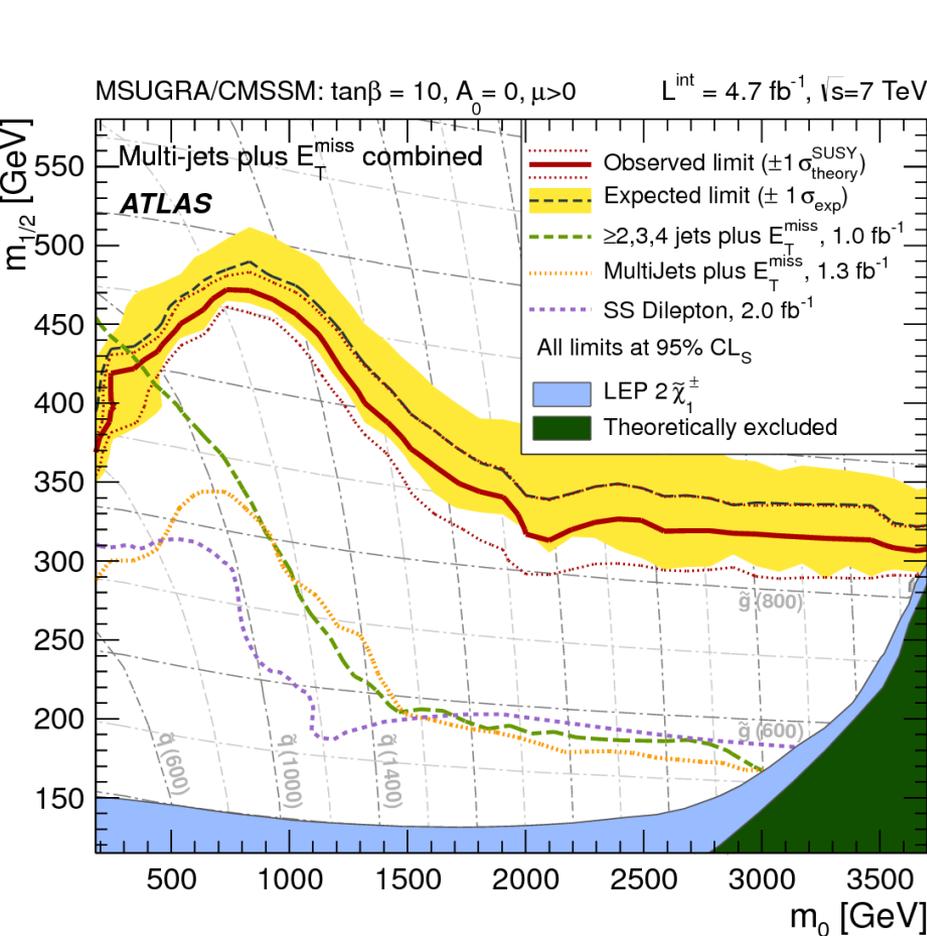
Multijet Searches on the Market

- ATLAS and CMS are getting into *many-jet* (high- p_T , even) searches
- One of the major backgrounds here is QCD multijets
- The “variable of interest” used is missing transverse energy *significance*
 - Cannot trust MC generators to do 2->9 parton production (maybe next-gen?)
 - But the distributions in this variable are \sim consistent against jet multiplicity



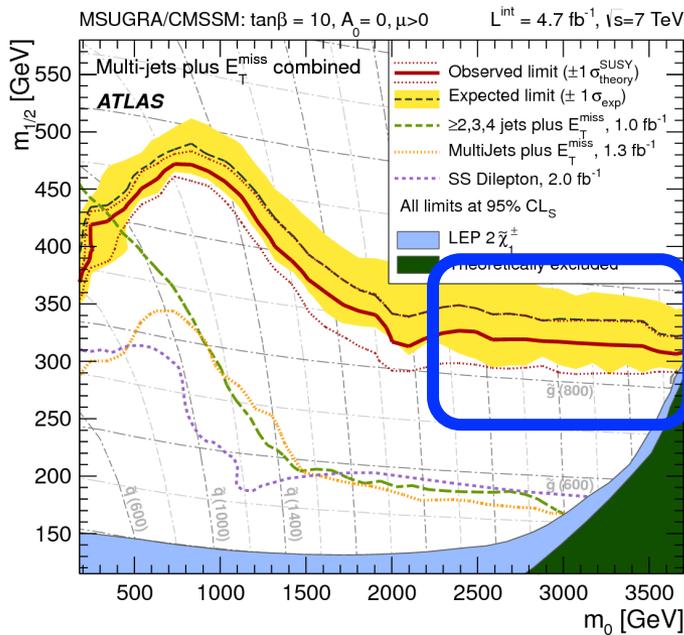
The Agony of Setting Limits

- Some of the strongest limits on the market for MSUGRA and GTT models
- Strong enough that ATLAS is also working on a 1-lepton many-jet search
- Small excess in 2011 is now a deficit in 2012



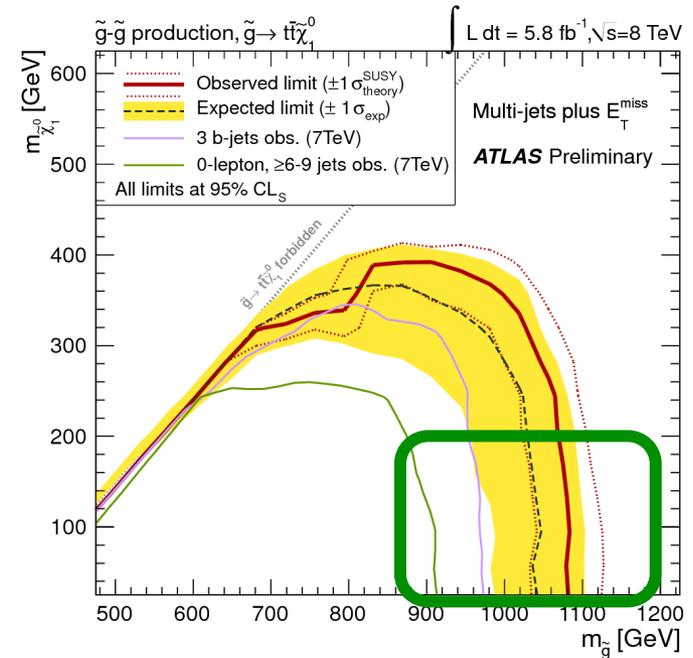
Note on the Higgs

- In fact, in our MSSM models, adding the constraint of a Higgs at 125 GeV and floating some of the parameters (A_0) that were previously fixed,



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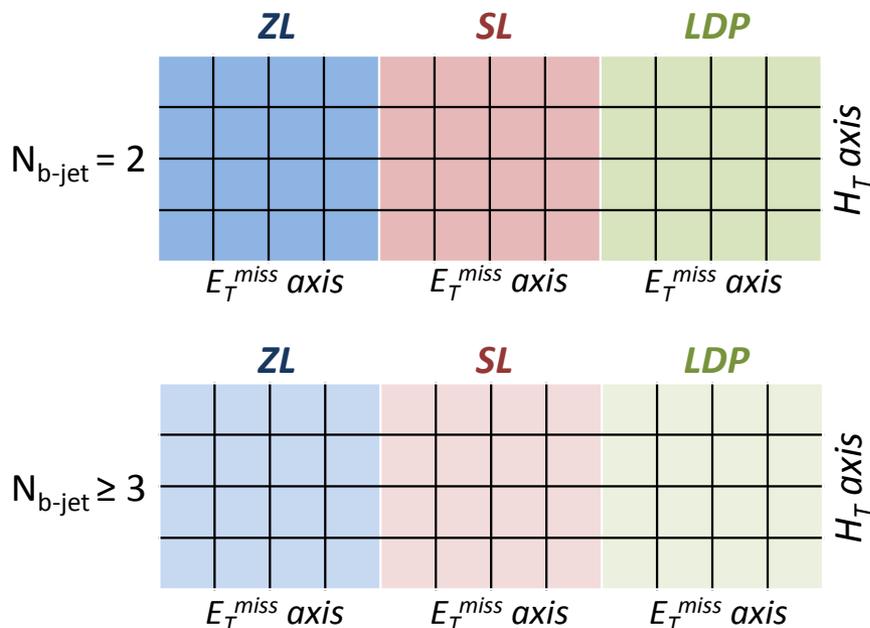
becomes



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CMS Multi-b-jet Search

- Events divided into *many* bins
 - 1, 2, 3+ b-tagged jets; four bins of H_T , four bins of MET
- Conceptually, control, validation, and signal regions are in this set
- Actually, they are not really treated differently in the fit
- The question is rephrased: in the most sensitive bins of the analysis, how does the data-MC agreement look?



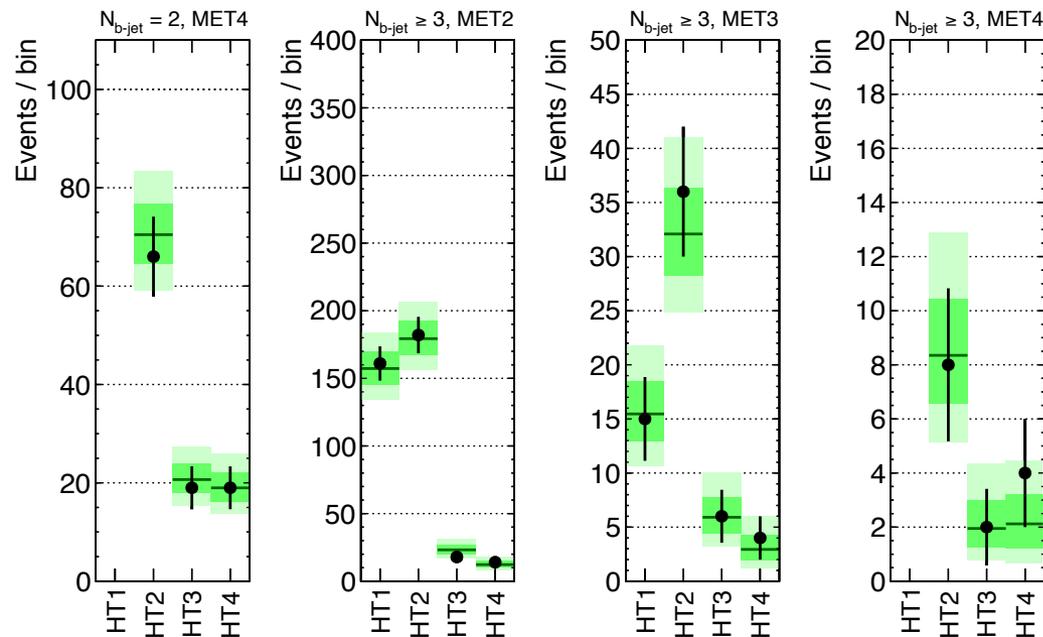
| Bin | H_T (GeV) | E_T^{miss} (GeV) |
|-----|---------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 | 400 – 500 (HT1) | 125 – 150 (MET1) |
| 2 | 500 – 800 (HT2) | 150 – 250 (MET2) |
| 3 | 800 – 1000 (HT3) | 250 – 350 (MET3) |
| 4 | > 1000 (HT4) | > 350 (MET4) |

Fit / Exclusion Results

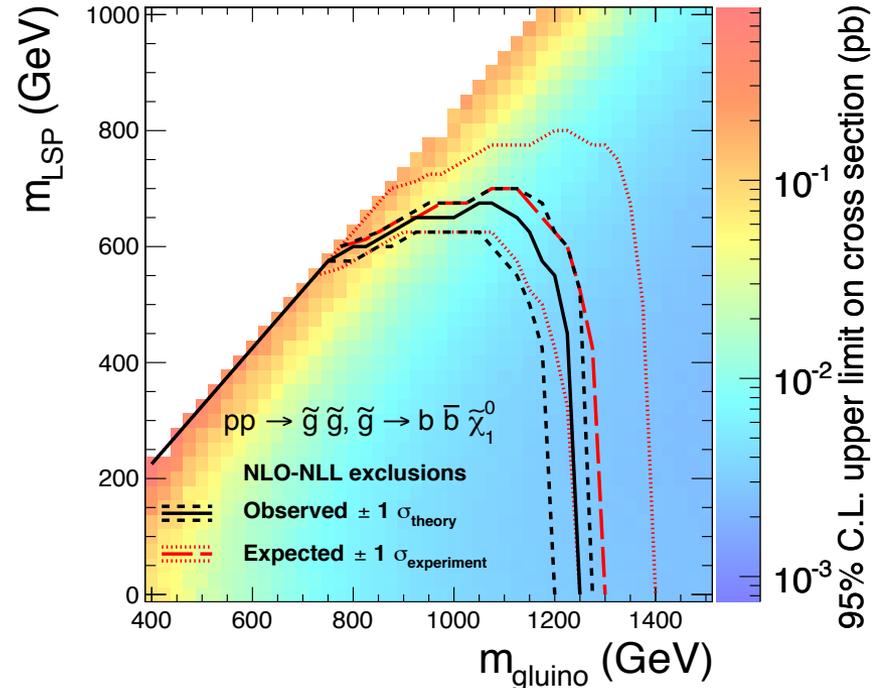
- In the 14 most sensitive regions, no significant excess found
 - Note: most sensitive regions will vary by signal model (!!), but they almost always will include the regions with the highest number of b-tagged jets!
- Limits are set in a number of different simplified models

CMS Preliminary, $L_{\text{int}} = 19.4 \text{ fb}^{-1}$, $\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$

■ Full fit ● Data

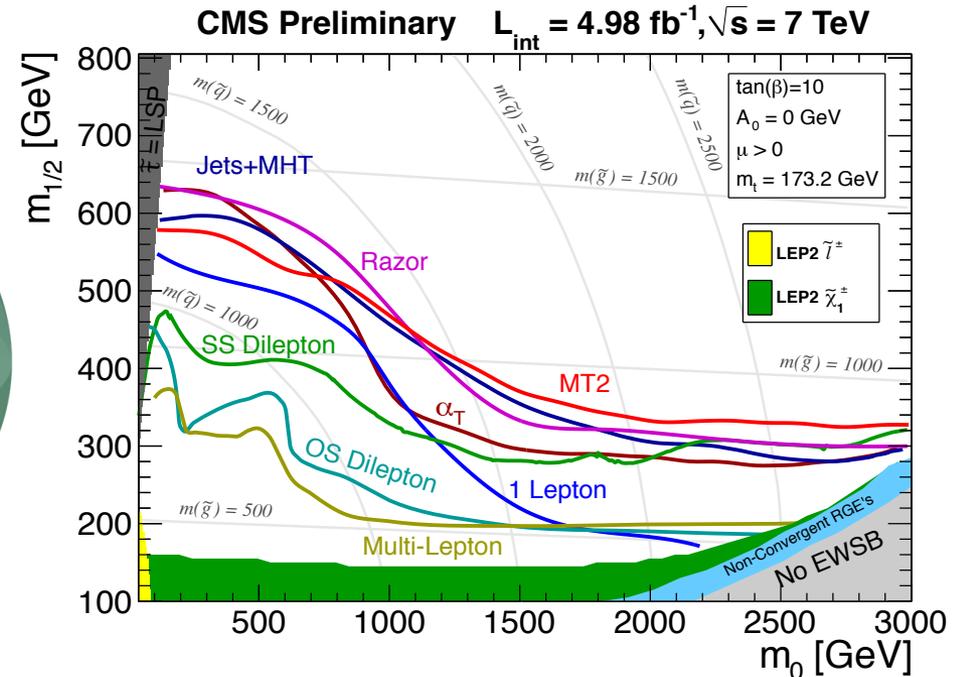
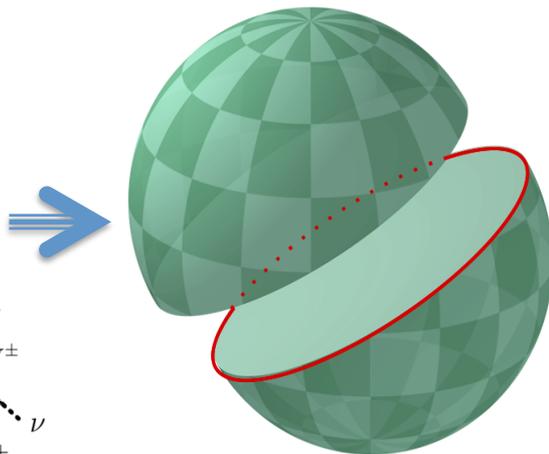
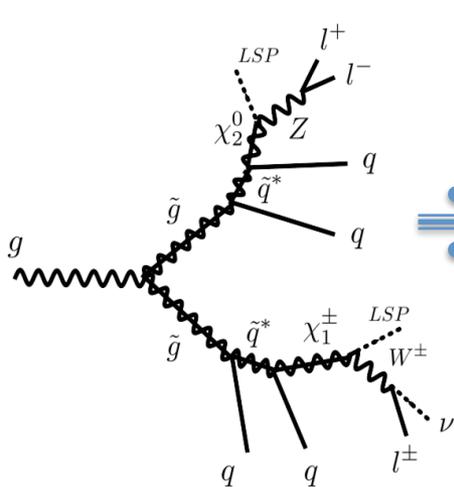


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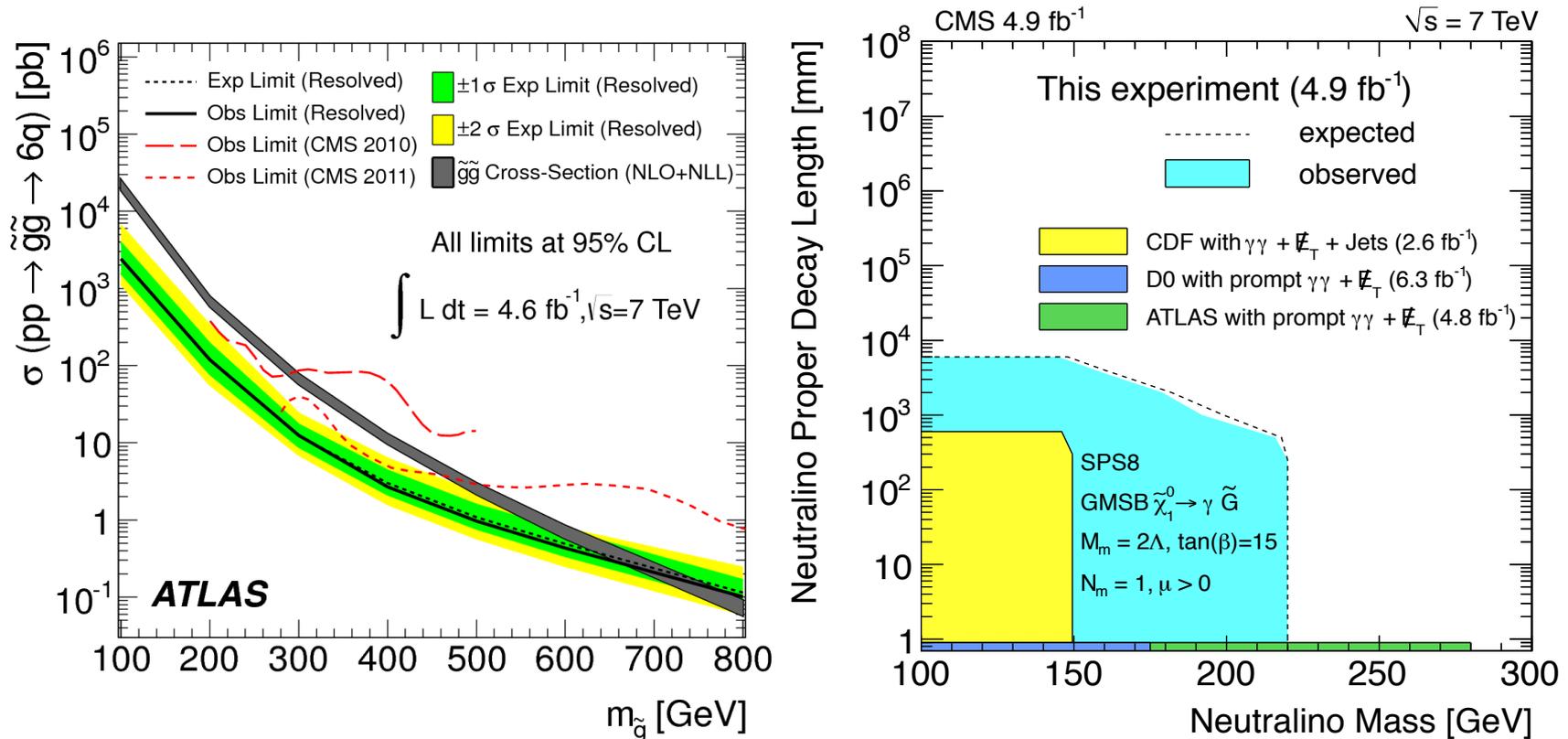
Structure from Chaos

- With all those final state objects, can we do better than just counting them?
 - Enter mega-jets and the variables like α_T , MT2, and Razor
- Try to re-construct a decay topology by assuming SUSY is pair produced and that the pairs tend to be \sim symmetric in mass
 - Build two four-vectors, one for each side of the SUSY diagram
 - NB: don't have to be covering opposite hemispheres (picture is a bit misleading)
 - Limits *can* be strong – depends on the topology which approach really wins



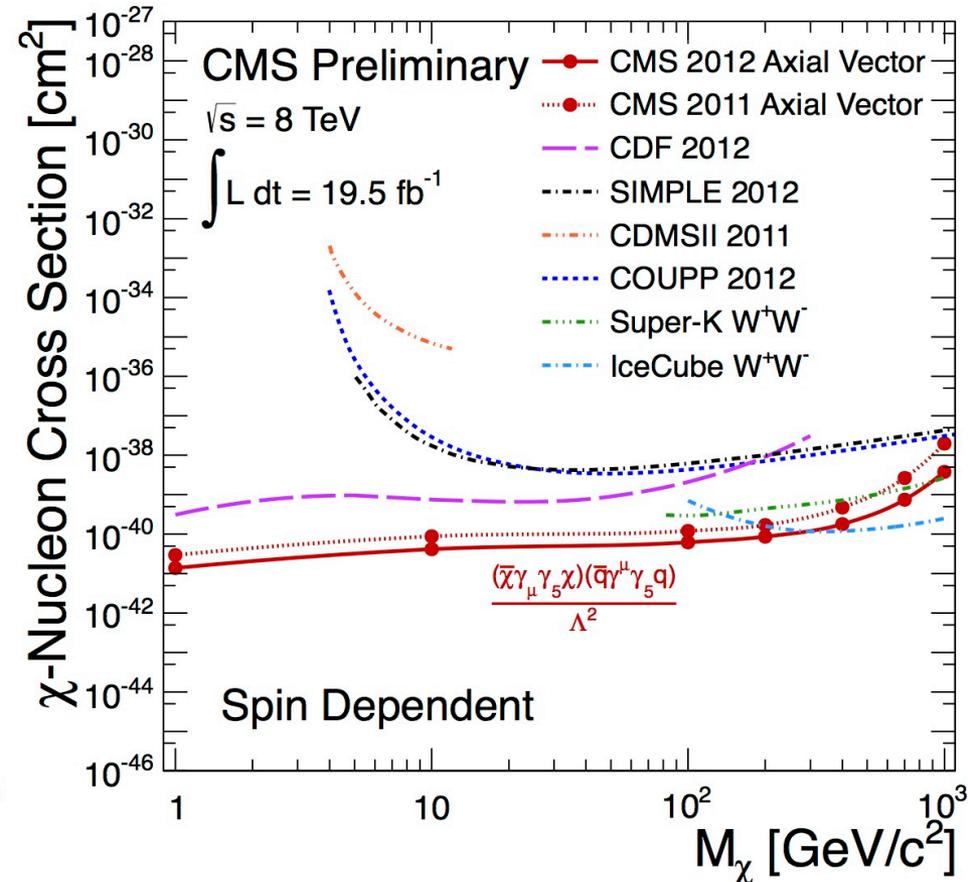
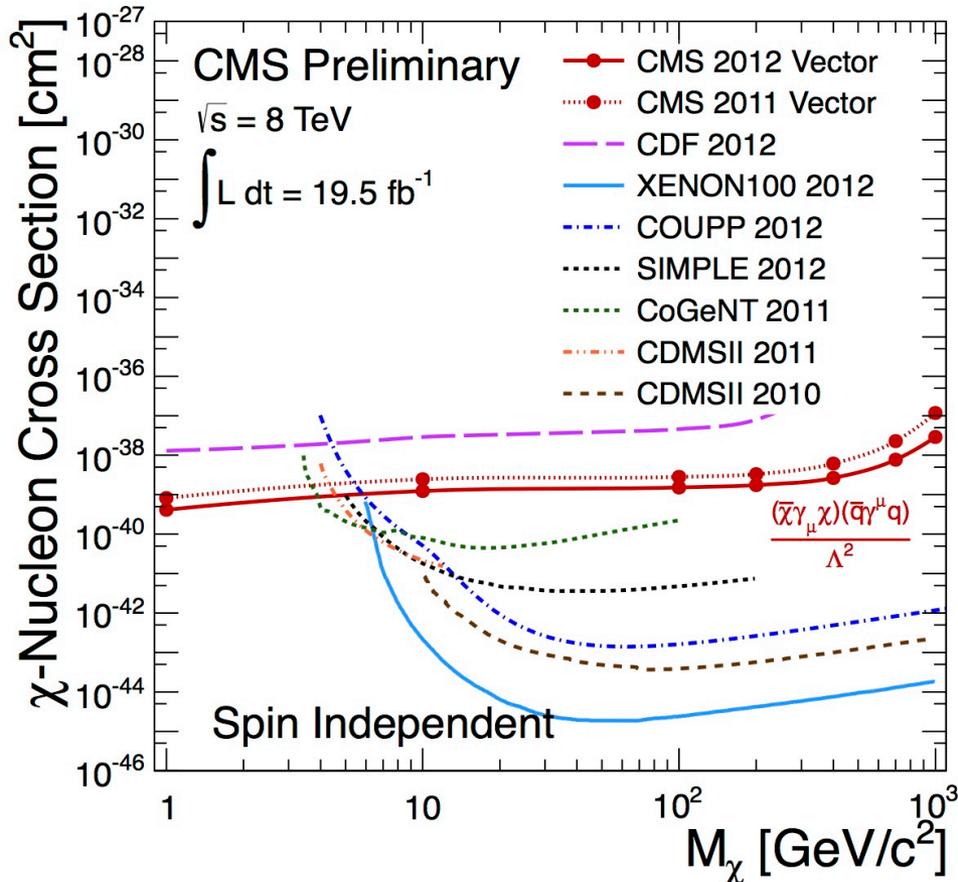
R-Parity Violation

- R-Parity violating models come in three basic flavors
 - Short lived (resonance searches)
 - “Magic” lifetimes (displaced vertices, displaced jets)
 - Long lived (heavy charged particles)
- Large number of searches for these because of the variety of signatures

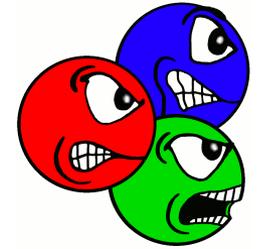


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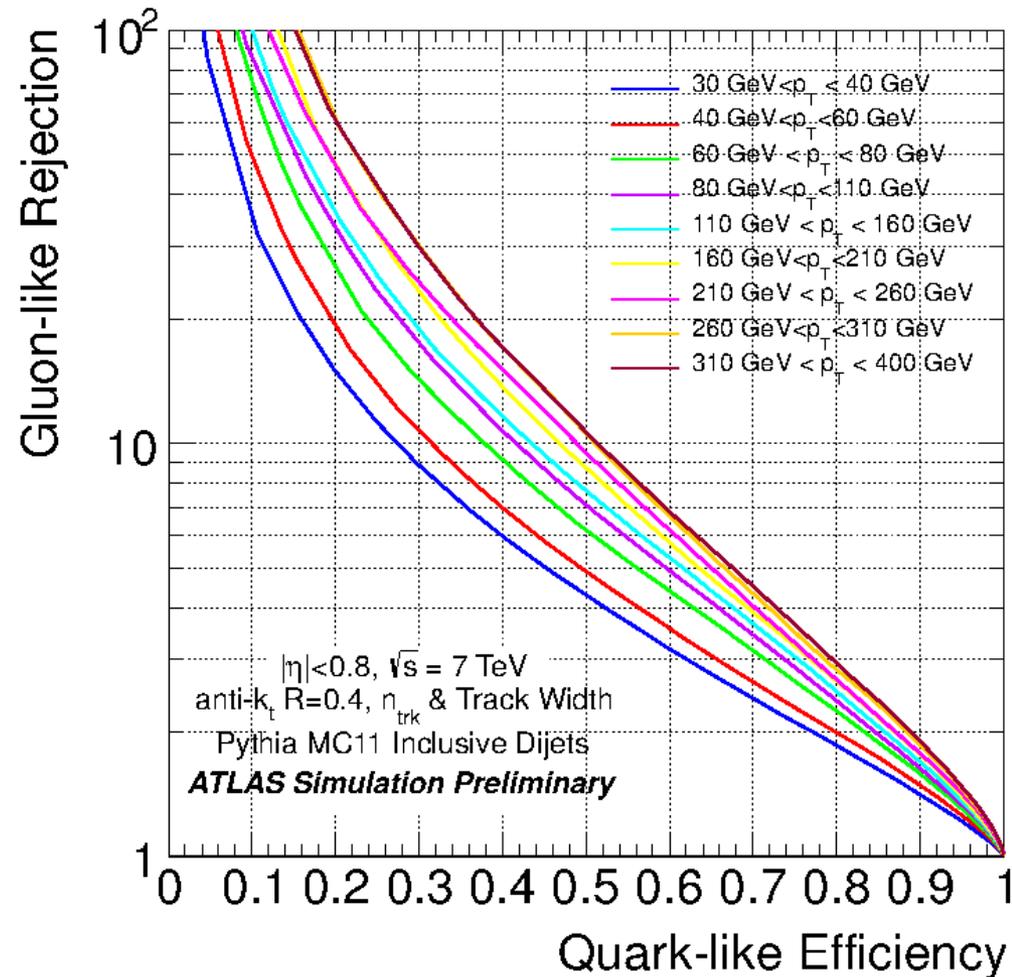
- Remember that our limits on non-traditional SUSY phenomena may also limit SUSY – exotic searches can exclude SUSY too!
- Monojets are right on the boundary
 - Some of the strongest CMS limits come from SUSY searches as well



Quark Jet Tagging?

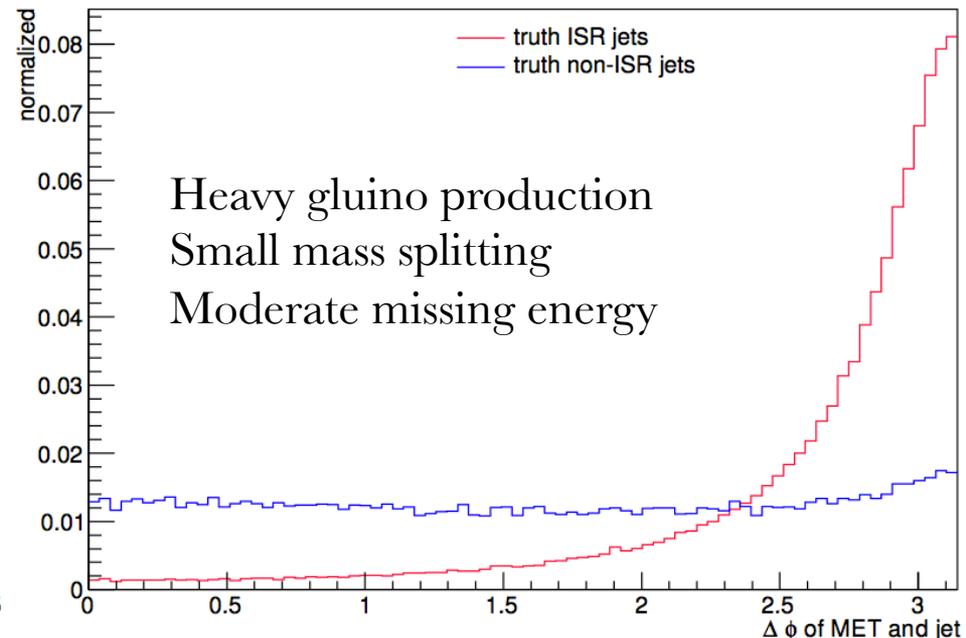
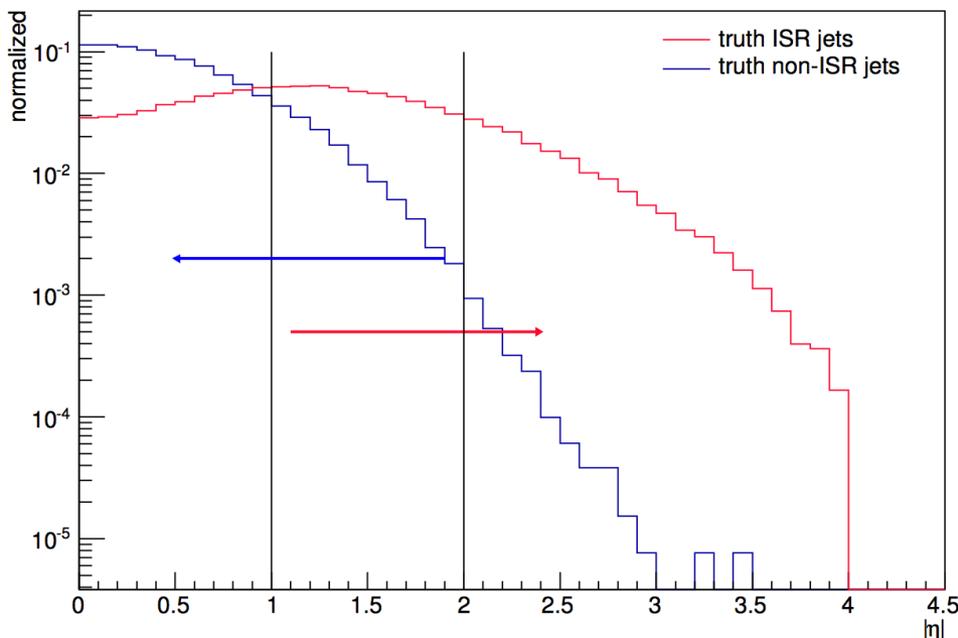


- Quite a bit of interest in quark/gluon jet discrimination lately
 - Pheno in arXiv:1106.3076
 - Jets are **colorless**, so “quark-jet” is a misnomer
 - Quark-like jet and gluon-like jet are still useful for physics...
- This Pythia MC significantly *overestimates* the differences in the observable properties
 - Means that our quark/gluon discrimination is not this good (worse by a factor of two)
 - You shouldn’t take q/g discriminators too seriously *yet*
 - We *are* working on the problems, so expect that soon we will get reasonable performance out



The Not-Too-Distant Future

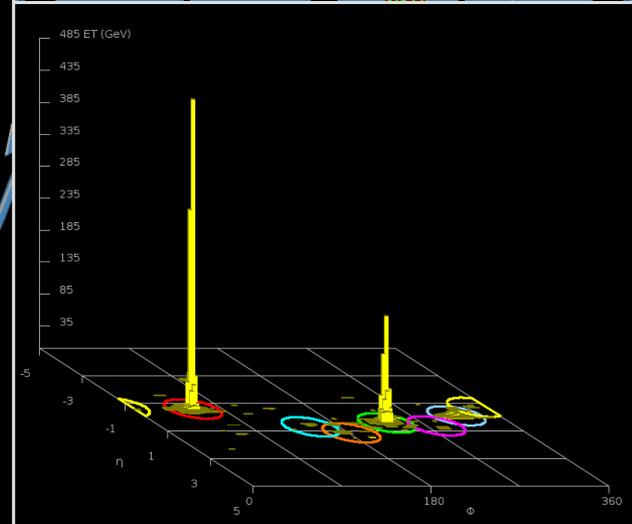
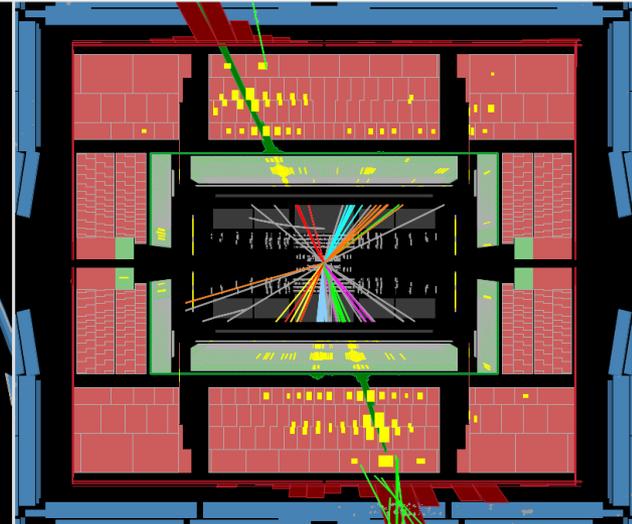
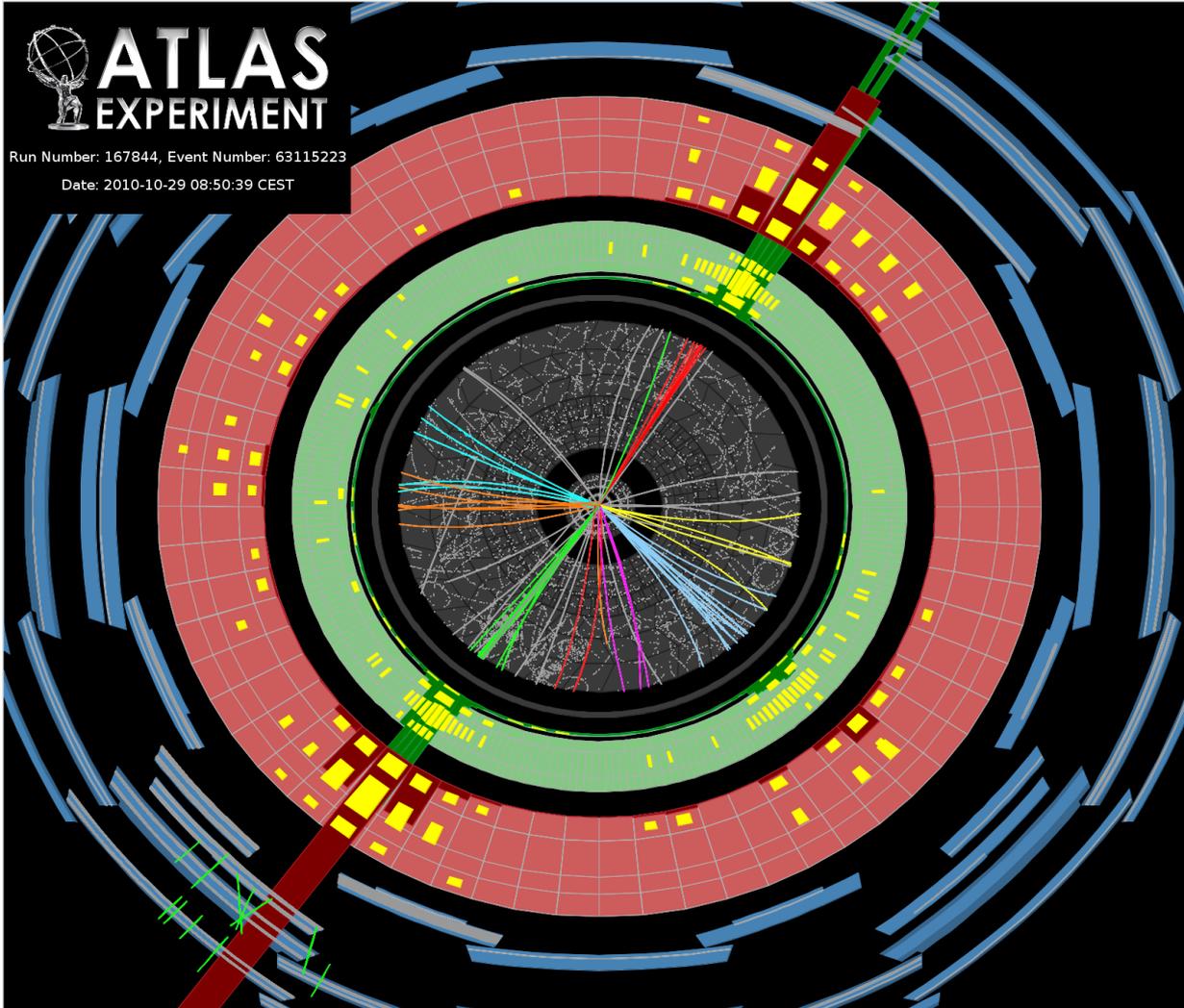
- Some interesting literature recently about the possibility of ISR tagging
 - For some theoretical discussion, see e.g. arXiv:0905.1201 and arXiv:1101.0810
 - Claims include that we could get at the production mass scale (this seems untrue) and that we could more easily find new physics (seems *more* true)
- This is experimentally not too painful, but one has to be very careful about the interpretation of what exactly is being tagged
 - There are a few variables we can look at that appear “safe” and well-modeled



Summary

- The LHC measurement program is progressing nicely
 - NLO QCD and MCs (Pythia) are holding up surprisingly well
 - We are doing better precision physics than many anticipated we could
- We have a new particle to study
 - Right now really appears to be the SM Higgs
 - Any theory of new physics *must* take this thing into account
- Limits on Z' and SUSY are strong for simple scenarios and cover a wide range of possibilities
 - If there are areas that you think we have missed, please don't be shy!
- SUSY may (really!!!) not have long to live, in a natural way
 - We'll keep looking in those other key hiding places, compressed and R-parity violating scenarios, and for all the other possibilities out there...
 - There are some nice tools coming to improve our search reach
 - Some limits are becoming more model-dependent in order to provide limits that are as strong as possible; others are staying fairly model independent (but, of course, provide weaker limits on specific models!)
 - But, of course, there are a lot of places to look...

Backup Slides



More R-Parity Violating Limits

- Long-lived photons (left) and squark-like R-hadrons (right)

