

SUperSYmmetry

A Report from the Front

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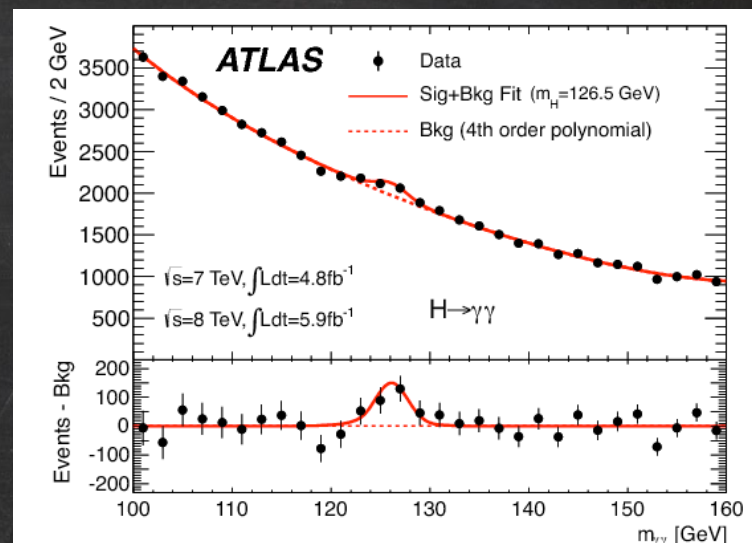
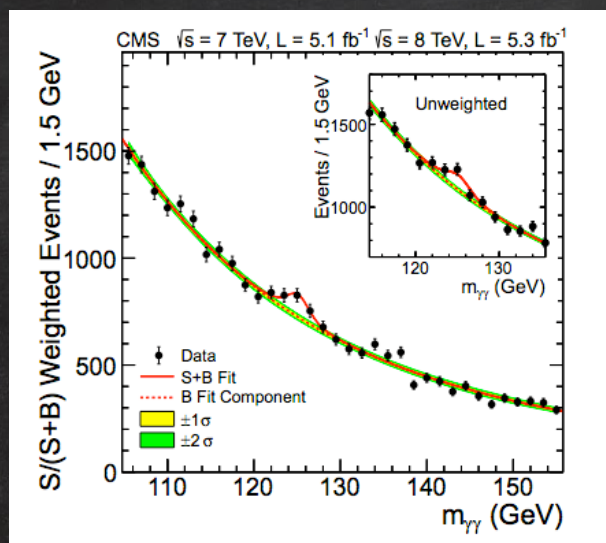
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The most significant result from the LHC is clearly the discovery of the neutral scalar Higgs boson.



$$m_H = 125.09 \pm 0.21 \pm 0.11 \text{ GeV}$$

CMS & ATLAS, Phys. Rev. Lett. 114, 191803 (2015)

Introduction

But, also of potentially monumental significance is the absence (so far) of credible evidence for new physics, in particular, for **supersymmetry**.

If, by the end, of the LHC era it is shown that supersymmetry is irrelevant at the TeV scale, this would be a profound discovery. It might signal that an understanding of physics the TeV scale requires an understanding of physics at a scale many orders of magnitude greater.

Takemichi Okui

Introduction

But, we are not yet able to dismiss the supersymmetry hypothesis and many particle physicists remain gung-ho about it!



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What is Supersymmetry?

- A supersymmetry operation Q transforms a bosonic state into a fermionic one and vice versa:

$$Q |\text{boson}\rangle = |\text{fermion}\rangle$$

$$Q |\text{fermion}\rangle = |\text{boson}\rangle$$

- By adding appropriate structures to the Standard Model, it is possible to create versions of it that are invariant under this operation. The simplest such model is called the minimal supersymmetric extension of the SM (**MSSM**).

But, why do this? The SM is, after all, spectacularly successful.

What is Supersymmetry?

Here are the principal reasons:

1. In the SM, the quantum correction to the Higgs boson mass is given by

$$m_H^2 = -m_{\text{bare}}^2 + \frac{y_t^2}{16\pi^2} \Lambda^2 + \dots$$

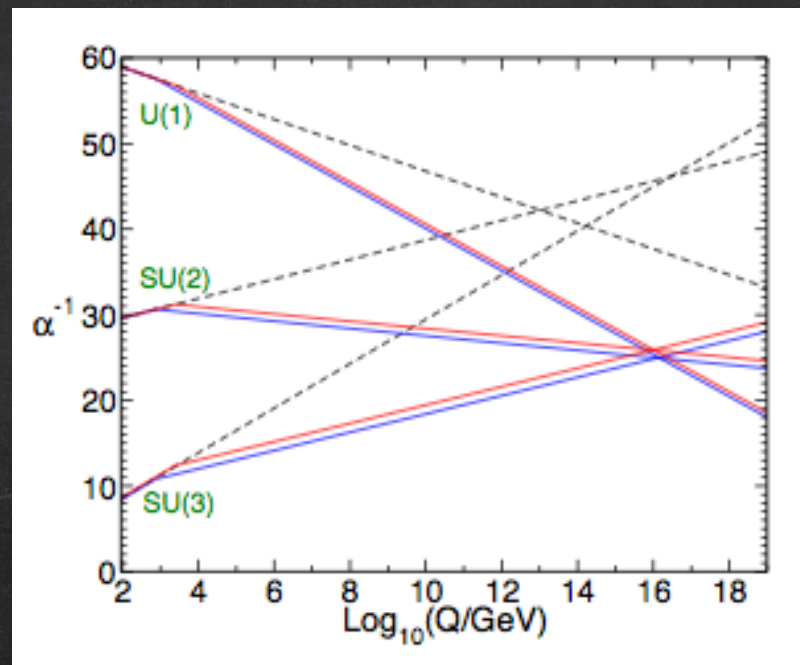
m_{bare} Langrangian parameter
 y_t top Yukawa coupling
 Λ cut-off

Since, in principle, $\Lambda \sim 10^{18}$ GeV, one has to fine-tune the bare mass parameter with enormous precision in order to get the measured value of the Higgs boson mass.

However, fine-tuning is unnecessary in a theory invariant under supersymmetry because such terms cancel *exactly*.

What is Supersymmetry?

2. In a supersymmetric theory, it is possible to arrange for the coupling constants of the three forces to unify at a scale $\sim O(10^{16})$ GeV.



Stephen P. Martin, <https://arxiv.org/pdf/hep-ph/9709356.pdf>

The MSSM

The quantum number (R-parity)

$$R = (-1)^{3(B-L) + S}$$

B	Baryon number
L	Lepton number
S	Spin

is **+1** for every SM particle and **-1** for every supersymmetric particle (or super-particle, or sparticle)

In the usual definition of the MSSM, R-parity is conserved.

Consequently, super-particles are predicted to be created in *pairs* and the lightest is absolutely stable. If the lightest super-particle (LSP) is *neutral* and *weakly* interacting, it is a dark matter candidate.

The MSSM

Supersymmetric Particle Content:

neutralinos	$\tilde{\chi}_1^0, \tilde{\chi}_2^0, \tilde{\chi}_3^0, \tilde{\chi}_4^0$	1 / 2	
charginos	$\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm, \tilde{\chi}_2^\pm$	1 / 2	Fermions
gluinos	\tilde{g}	1 / 2	
Higgs bosons	h^0, H^0, A^0, H^\pm	0	
sleptons	$\tilde{e}_{L,R}, \tilde{\mu}_{L,R}, \tilde{\tau}_{1,2}$	0	
	$\tilde{\nu}_e, \tilde{\nu}_\mu, \tilde{\nu}_\tau$	0	Bosons
squarks	$\tilde{u}_{L,R}, \tilde{c}_{L,R}, \tilde{t}_{1,2}$	0	
	$\tilde{d}_{L,R}, \tilde{s}_{L,R}, \tilde{b}_{1,2}$	0	

The MSSM

Hadron collider reactions:

Electroweak

$$q\bar{q} \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_i^+ \tilde{\chi}_j^-, \quad \tilde{\chi}_i^0 \tilde{\chi}_j^0, \quad \tilde{l}_i^+ \tilde{l}_j^-, \quad \tilde{\nu}_l \tilde{\nu}_l^*$$

$$u\bar{d} \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_i^+ \tilde{\chi}_j^0, \quad \tilde{l}_L^+ \tilde{\nu}_l$$

$$d\bar{u} \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_i^- \tilde{\chi}_j^0, \quad \tilde{l}_L^- \tilde{\nu}_l^*$$

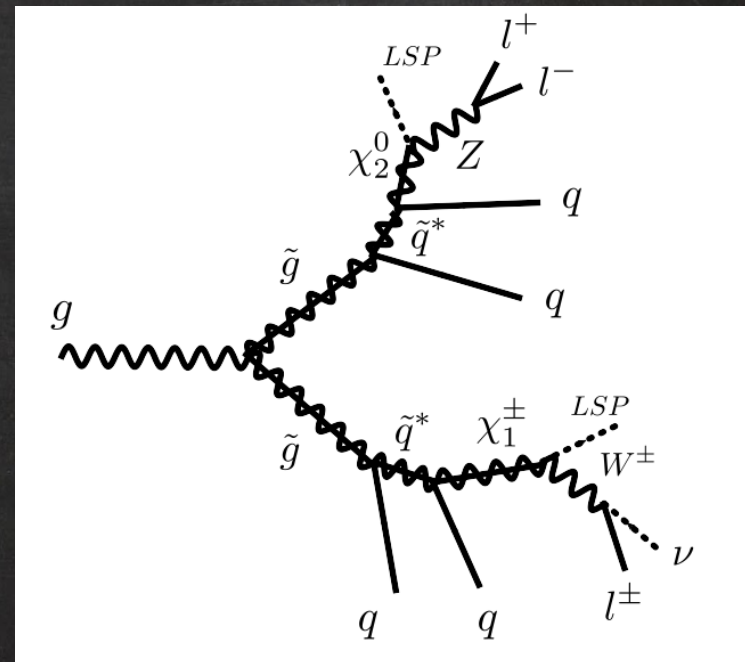
Strong

$$gg \rightarrow \tilde{g}\tilde{g}, \quad \tilde{q}_i \tilde{q}_j^*$$

$$q\bar{q} \rightarrow \tilde{g}\tilde{g}, \quad \tilde{q}_i \tilde{q}_j^*$$

$$gq \rightarrow \tilde{g}\tilde{q}_i$$

$$qq \rightarrow \tilde{q}_i \tilde{q}_j$$



* antiparticles

The MSSM

No supersymmetric particles with the same mass as the corresponding SM particle have been found, therefore, the ground state of the Universe is clearly not supersymmetric.

In order to accommodate this fact, extra structure has been added to the MSSM (and its variants), consistent with the symmetry of the SM, that breaks (or hides) the supersymmetry.

Alas, this causes the number of parameters to explode from the 19 of the SM to the $19 + 105 = 124$ of the MSSM!

Model # Pars.

mSUGRA 3

CMSSM 4

NUHM1 5

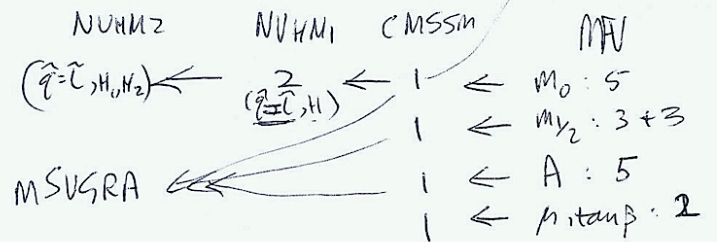
NUHM2 6

SU(5) 7

pMSSM 19

MSSM 124

SO(10)
" "
NUHM1
+ Yukawas



MSSM 119

MSSM 119

MFV 18

SU(5) 7

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CMSSM (mSUGRA) 3,4

(MFV) Minimal flavour violation ~18

SU(5) 2(5,10)

NUHM2

NUHM1

CMSSM

MFV

$(\hat{q} = \tilde{c}, H_1, H_2)$

$(\hat{q} = \tilde{c}, H)$

$m_0 : 5$

$m_{1/2} : 3 + 3$

$A : 5$

$\mu, \tan\beta : 2$

$m_{3/2} = m_0$

$A = B \rightarrow \tan\beta$

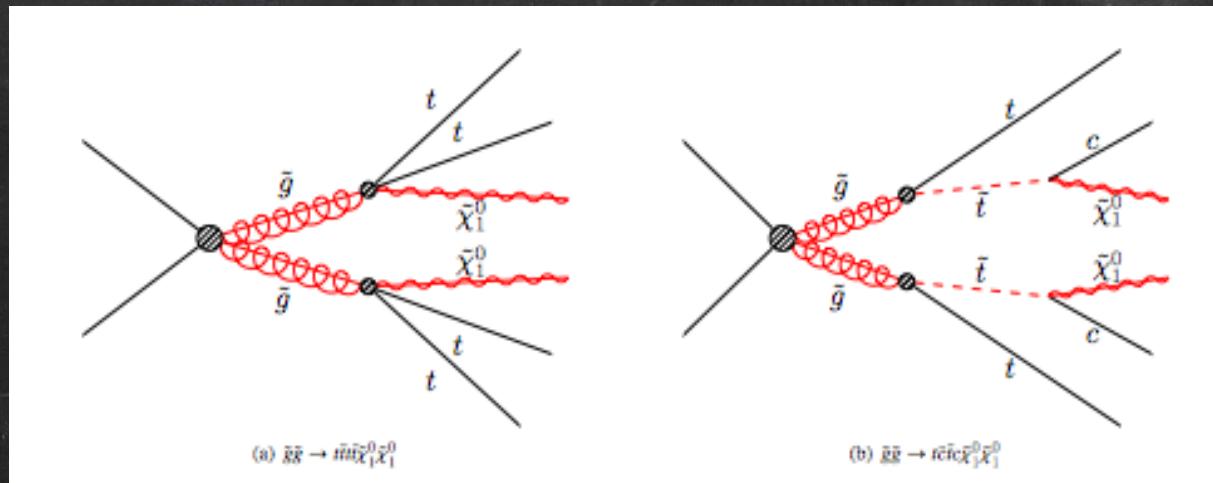
John Ellis

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Interpretation Using Simplified Models

Supersymmetry search results at the LHC are often interpreted in terms of simplified models (**SMS**) or models that posit specific SUSY-breaking schemes, e.g., the constrained MSSM (**CMSSM**).



simplified models

Typical Hadron Observables

$$\vec{p}_T^{\text{miss}} + \sum_{\text{jets}} \vec{p}_{T,i} + \sum_{\text{leptons}} \vec{p}_{T,i} + \sum_{\text{photons}} \vec{p}_{T,i} = 0, \quad E_T^{\text{miss}} = |\vec{p}_T^{\text{miss}}|$$

$$H_T = \sum_{\text{jets}} |\vec{p}_{T,i}|$$

$$S_T = \sum_{\text{jets}} |\vec{p}_{T,i}| + E_T^{\text{miss}}$$

$$m_T = \sqrt{2 p_{T,l} E_T^{\text{miss}} [1 - \cos \Delta\phi(\vec{p}_{T,i}, \vec{p}_T^{\text{miss}})]}$$

$$M_R = \sqrt{(p_{j1} + p_{j2})^2 - (p_{j1,z} + p_{j2,z})^2}$$

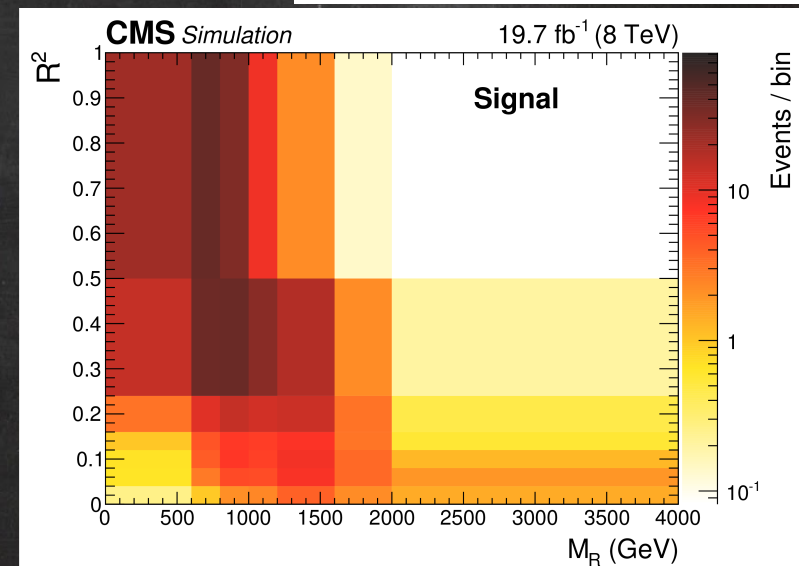
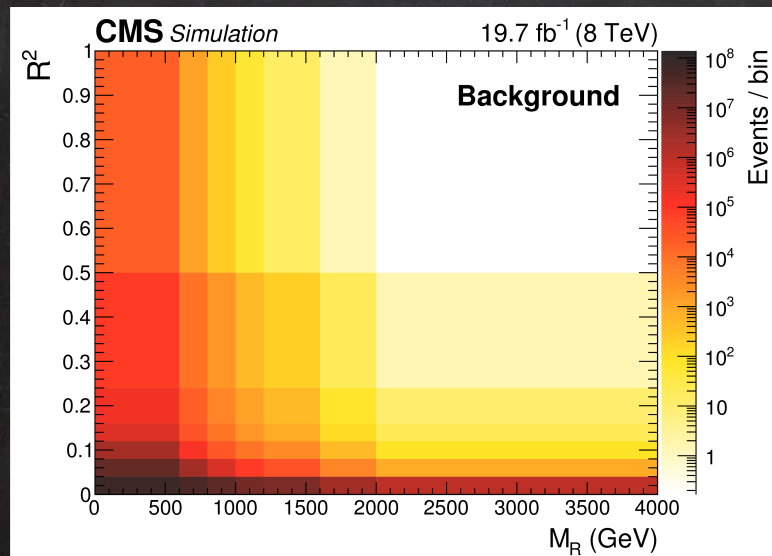
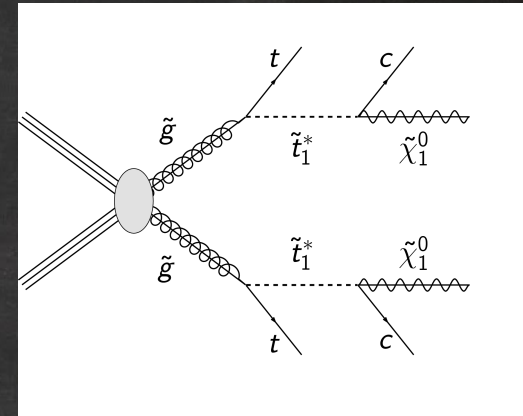
$$R^2 = \left(E_T^{\text{miss}} (p_{j1,T} + p_{j2,T}) - \vec{p}_T^{\text{miss}} \cdot (\vec{p}_{j1} + \vec{p}_{j2}) \right) / (2M_R^2)$$

Chris Rogan, “Kinematical variables towards new dynamics at the LHC”
arXiv:1006.2727v2

Example: CMS Search Using Razor

Search using boosted W bosons and razor variables

$$m_{\tilde{g}} = 1 \text{ TeV}, m_{\tilde{t}_1} = 0.325 \text{ TeV}, m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0} = 0.300 \text{ TeV}$$



CMS collaboration, “Search for supersymmetry in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s}=8$ TeV in final states with boosted W bosons and b jets using razor variables”, Phys. Rev. D **93** (2016) 092009

Signal Region

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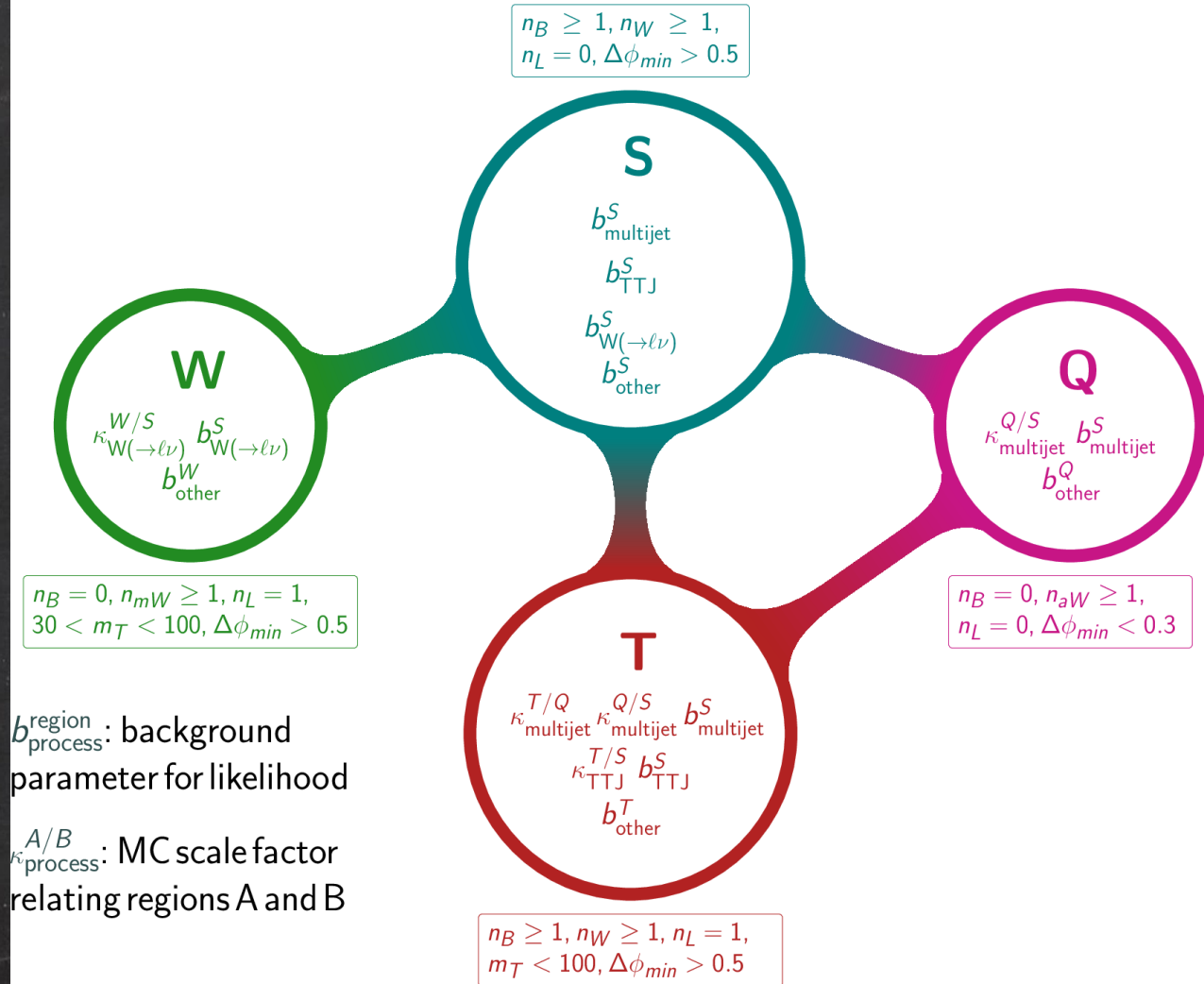
Control Regions

W W boson

Q QCD

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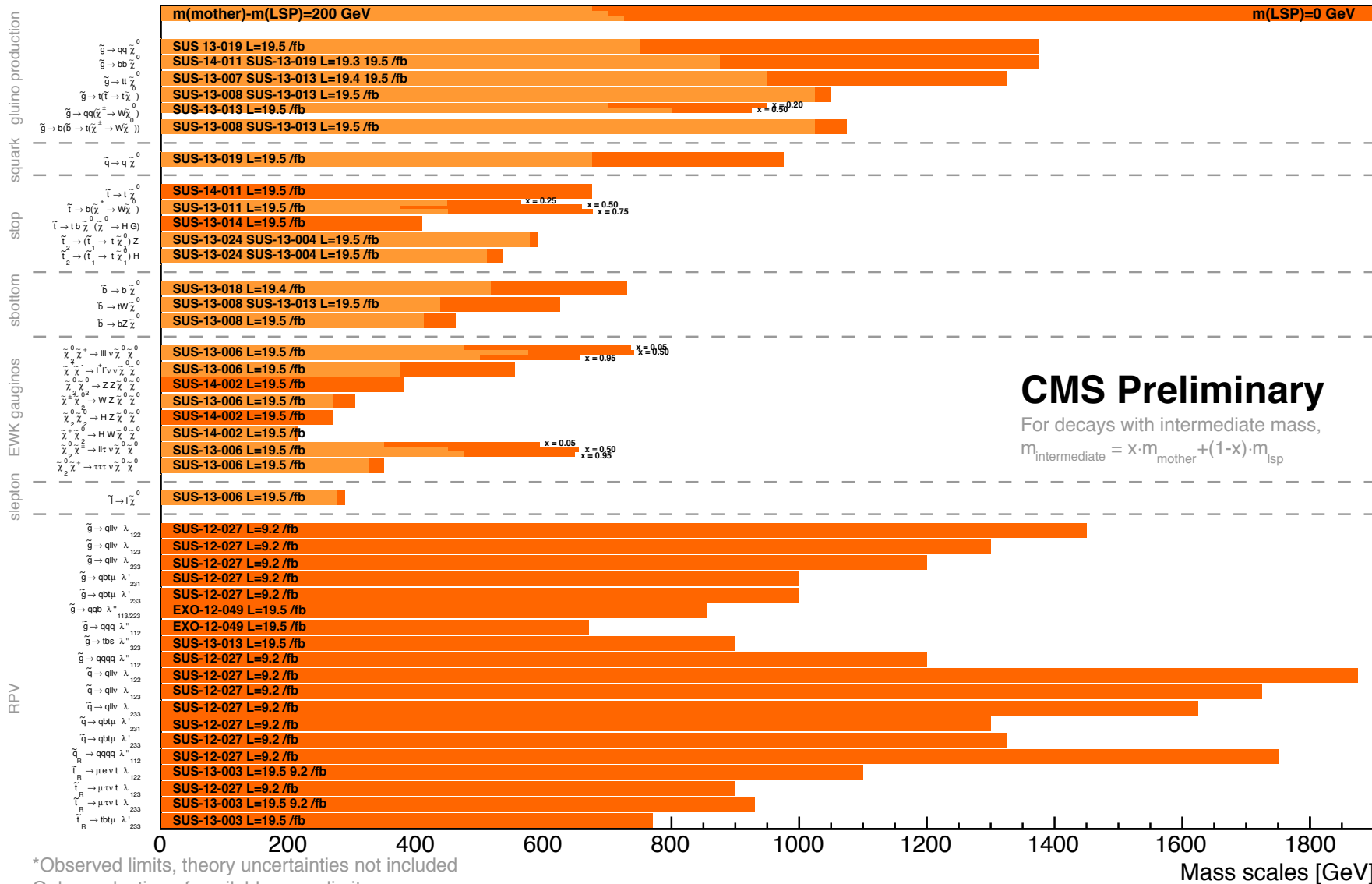
Control regions
used to model
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signal region



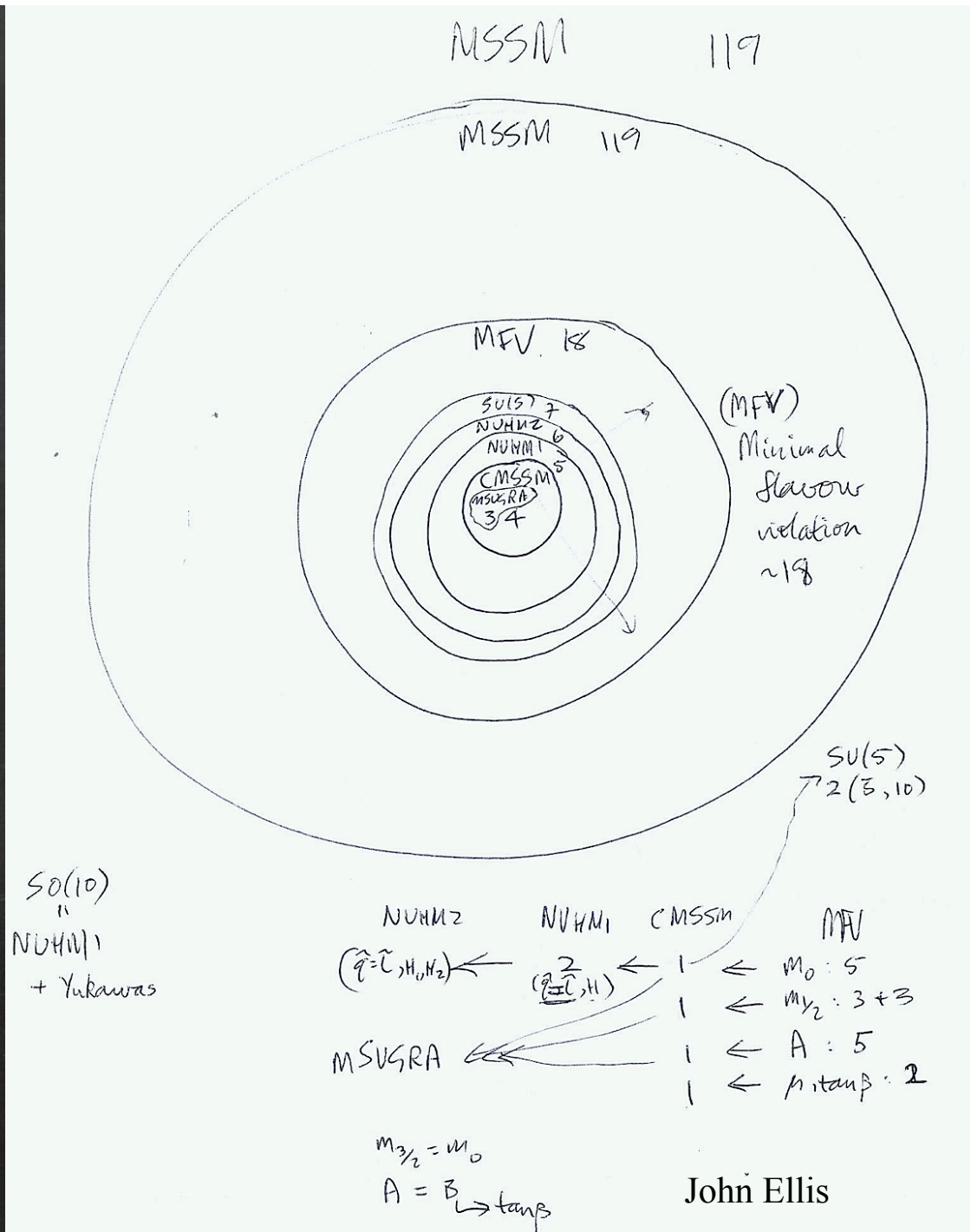
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Summary of CMS SUSY Results* in SMS framework

ICHEP 2014



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SU(5)	7
pMSSM	19
MSSM	124

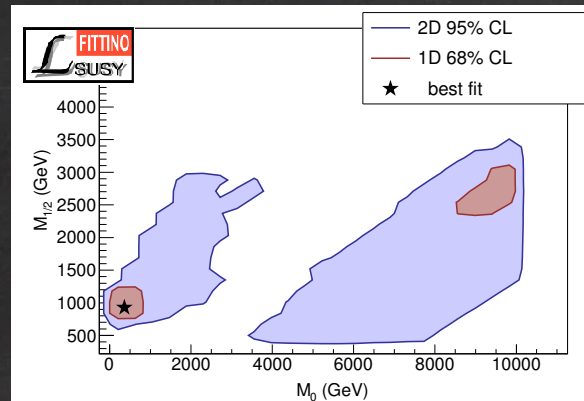


The CMSSM

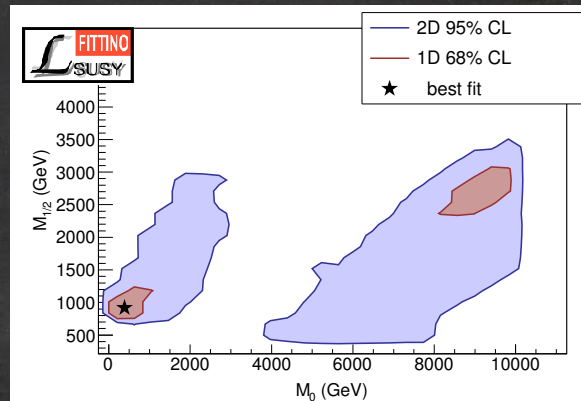
There have been many studies of the CMSSM assessing its status after the 7 and 8 TeV runs of the LHC, including:

1. “The CMSSM and NUHM1 after LHC Run 1”, O. Buchmueller *et al.*, Eur. Phys. J. **C74** (2014), 2922
2. “Experimental status of supersymmetry after the LHC Run-1”, C. Autermann, Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. **90** (2016) 125
3. “Killing the cMSSM softly”, P. Bechtle *et al.*, Eur. Phys. J. **C76** (2016), 96

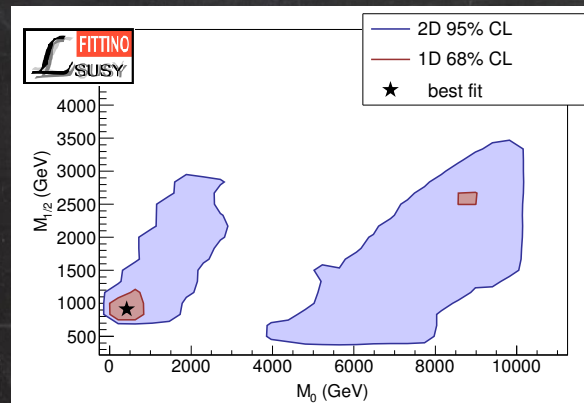
Best Fit to CMSSM



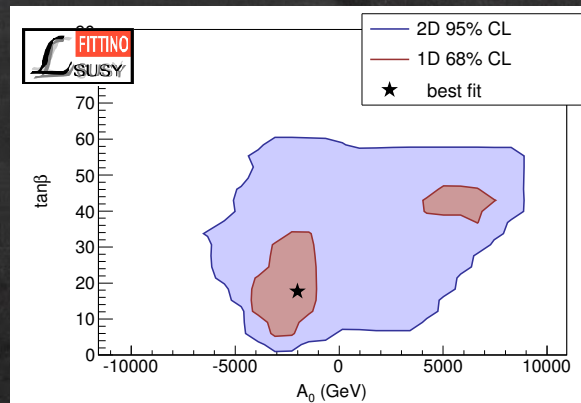
(a) 1σ and 2σ contour plot in the $(M_0, M_{1/2})$ -plane for the Small Observable Set.



(b) 1σ and 2σ contour plot in the $(M_0, M_{1/2})$ -plane for the Medium Observable Set.



(c) 1σ and 2σ contour plot in the $(M_0, M_{1/2})$ -plane for the Large Observable Set.



(d) 1σ and 2σ contour plot in the $(A_0, \tan\beta)$ -plane for the Medium Observable Set.

“Killing the cMSSM softly”, P. Bechtle *et al.*, Eur. Phys. J. C76 (2016), 96

Best Fit to CMSSM

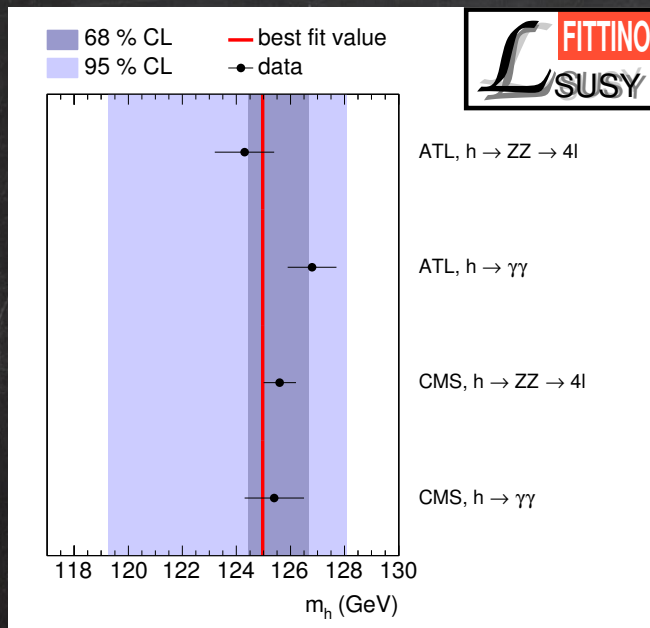


Fig. 6 Our predicted mass of the light Higgs boson, together with the 1σ and 2σ ranges. The LHC measurements used in the fit are shown as well. Note that the correlated theory uncertainty of $\Delta m_{h_{theo}} = 3$ GeV is not shown in the plot. The relative smallness of the 68% CL region of the fitted mass of $\Delta m_{h_{fit}} = 1.1$ GeV is caused by constraints from other observables.

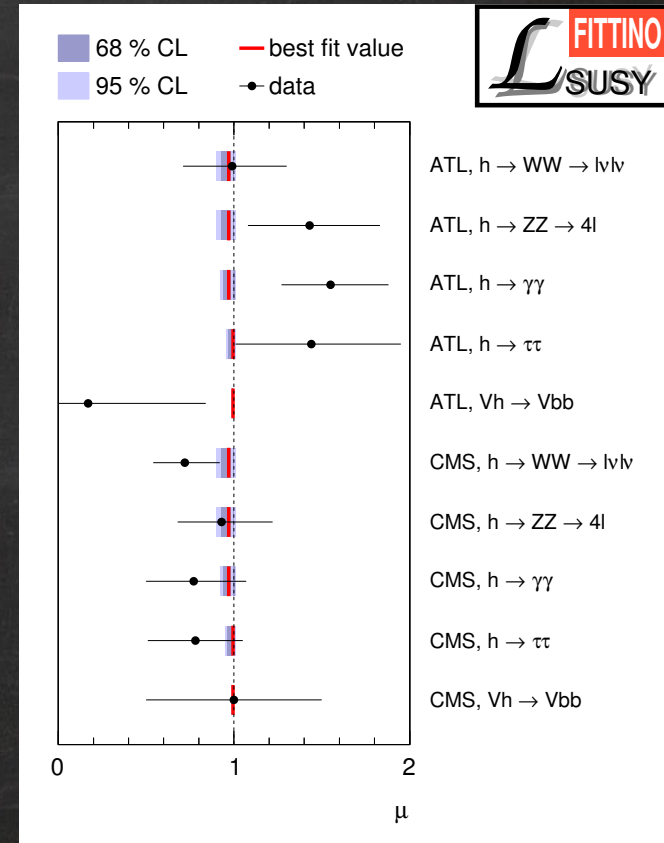


Fig. 8 Our predicted μ values of the light Higgs boson relative to the SM value for various decay channels. The measurements used in the fit are shown as well.

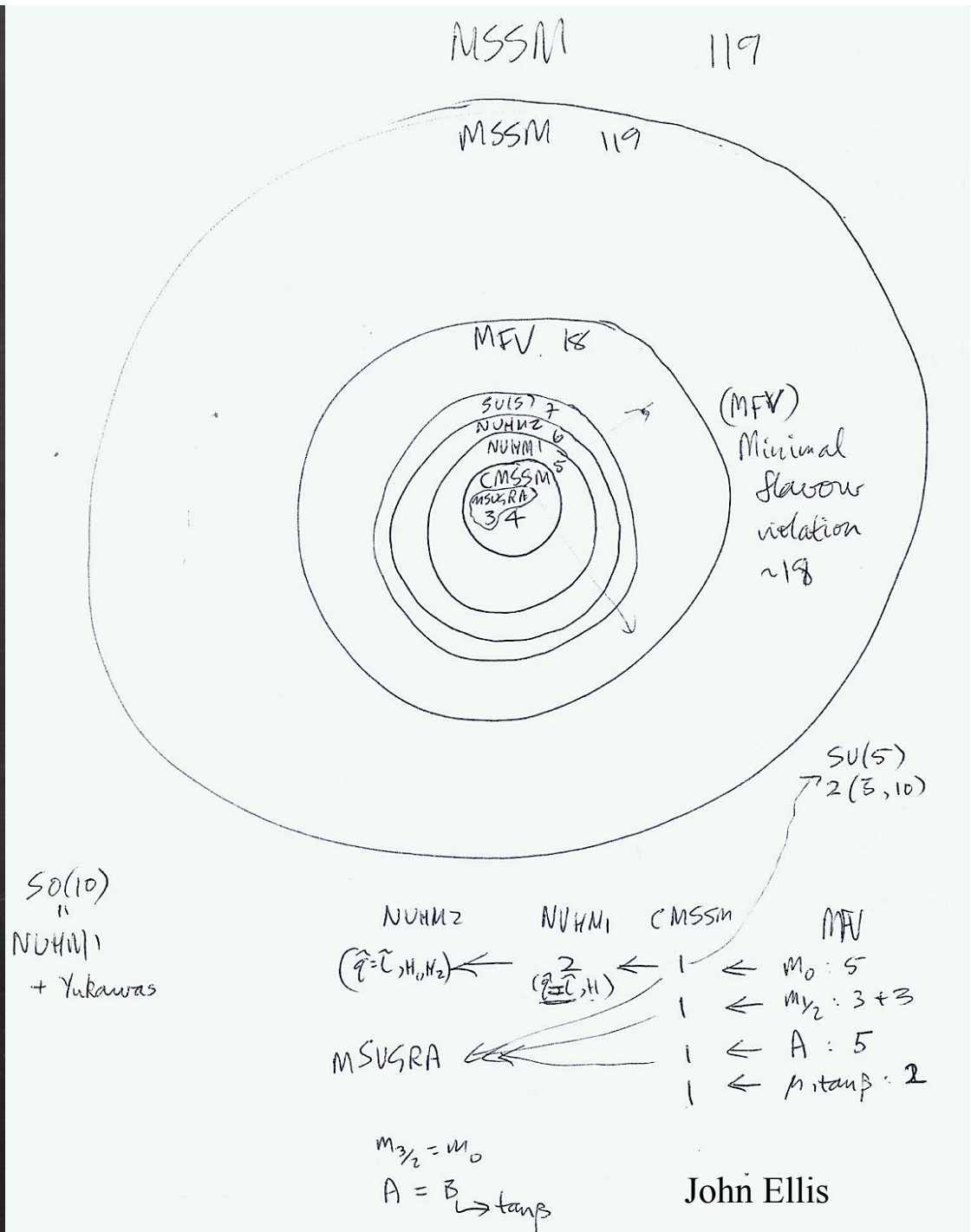
“Killing the cMSSM softly”, P. Bechtle *et al.*, *Eur. Phys. J. C* **76** (2016), 96

*“Although the standard CMSSM ... is still viable, there remain only restricted regions of the parameter space of the CMSSM ... in which a successful prediction for m_h can be reconciled with the measured cold dark matter density”**

Indeed, Bechtle *et al.* exclude the CMSSM at **90% CL**.

* “Beyond the CMSSM without an Accelerator: Proton Decay and Direct Dark Matter Detection”, J. Ellis *et al.*, Eur. Phys. J. **C76** (2016), 8

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The pMSSM

3 gaugino mass parameters M_1, M_2, M_3

1 ratio of Higgs vacuum expectation values $\tan \beta = v_2 / v_1$

1 higgsino mass parameter μ

1 pseudoscalar Higgs boson mass m_A

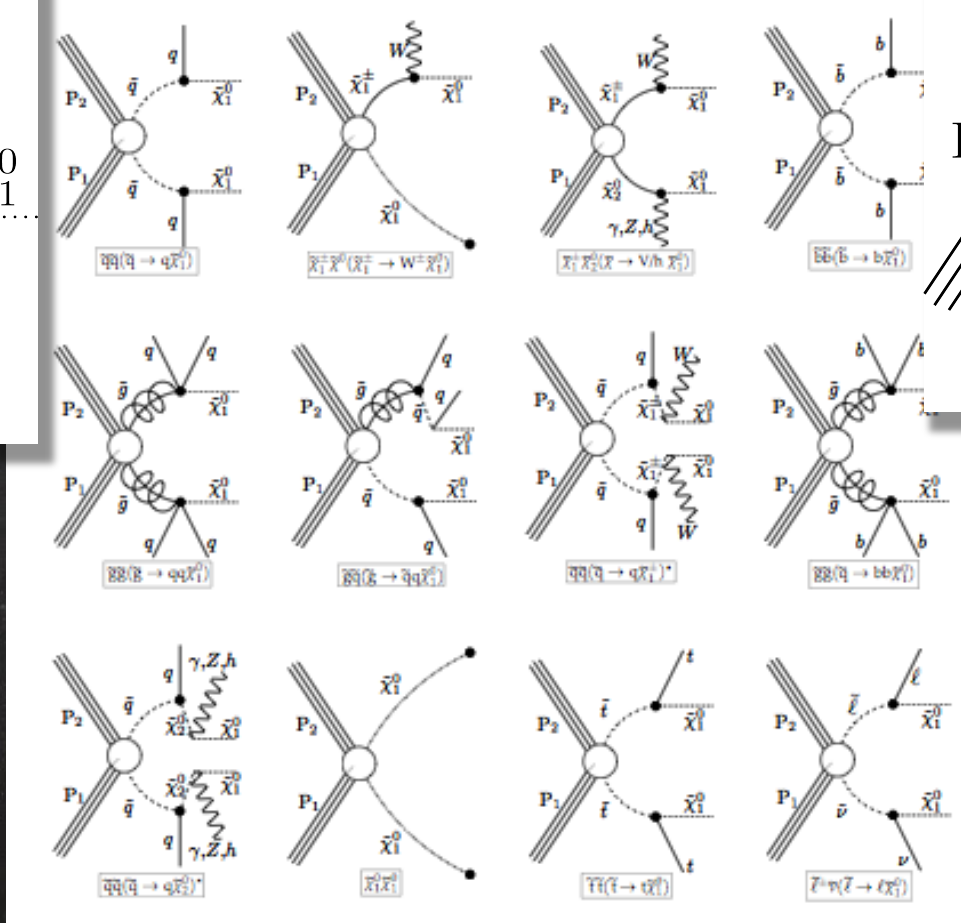
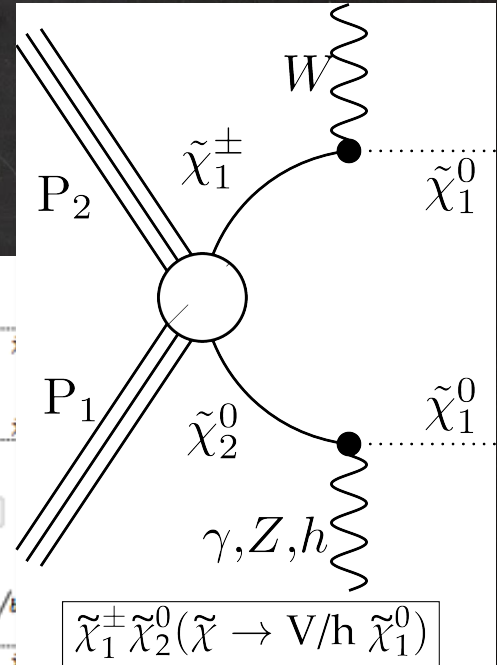
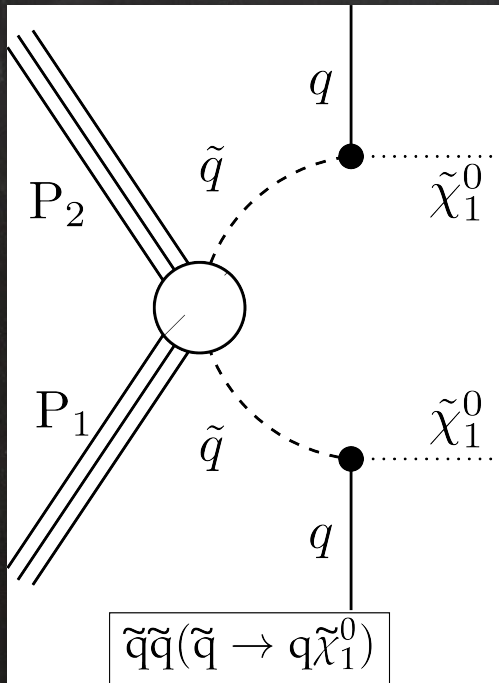
10 sfermion mass parameters $m_{\tilde{F}}$

3 trilinear couplings A_t, A_b, A_τ

ATLAS collaboration, “Summary of the ATLAS experiment’s sensitivity to supersymmetry after LHC Run 1 — interpreted in the phenomenological MSSM”, JHEP 1510 (2015) 134

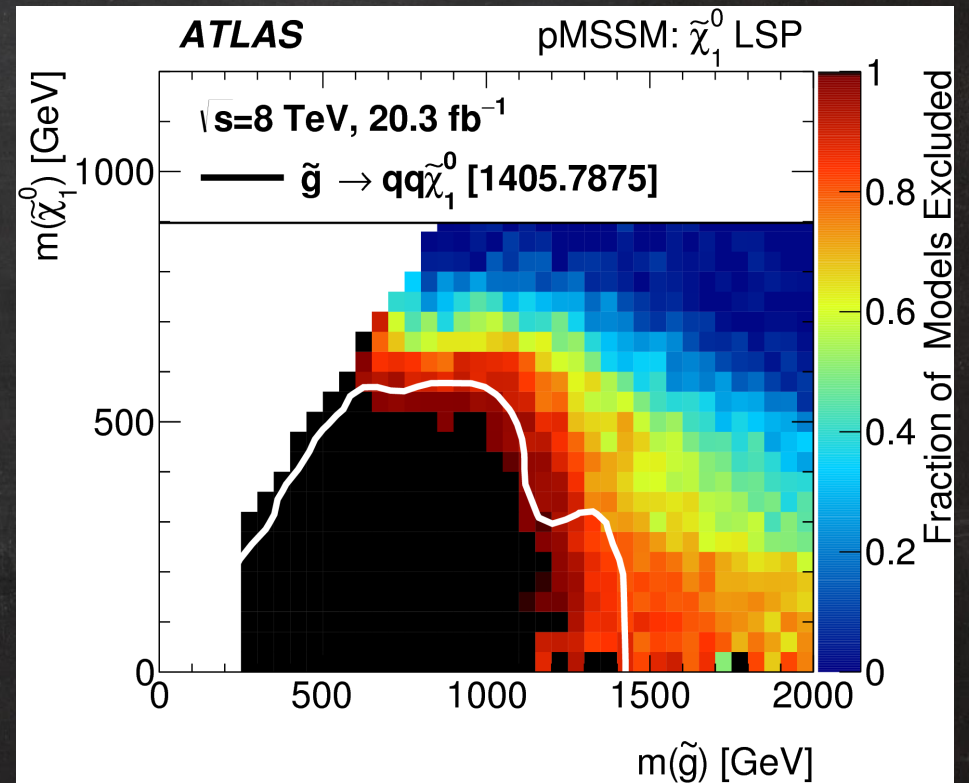
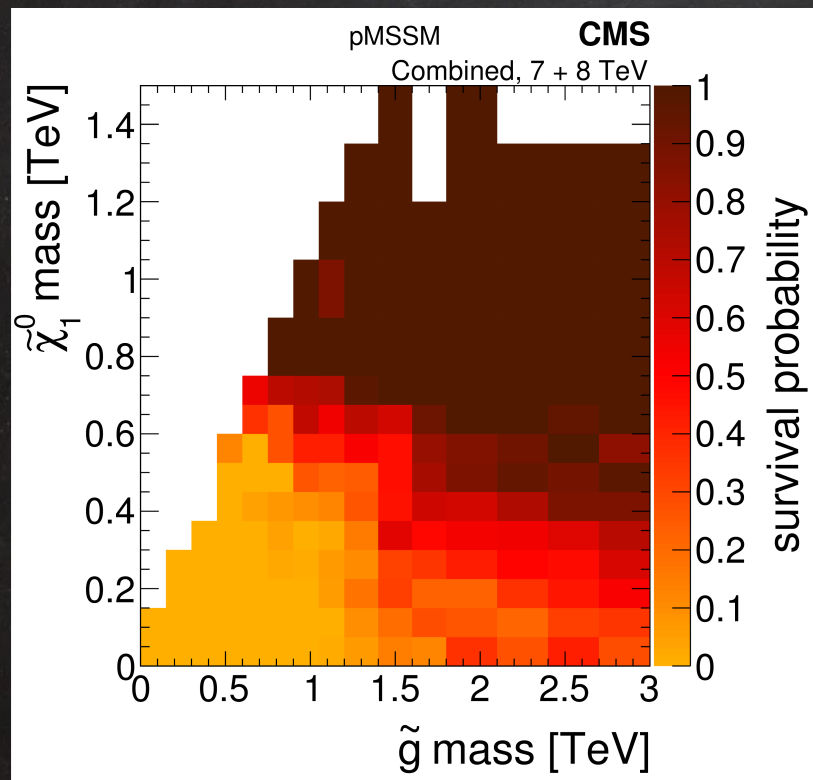
CMS collaboration, “Phenomenological MSSM interpretation of CMS searches in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ and 8 TeV”, JHEP 1610 (2016) 129

pMSSM: Twelve Principal Processes

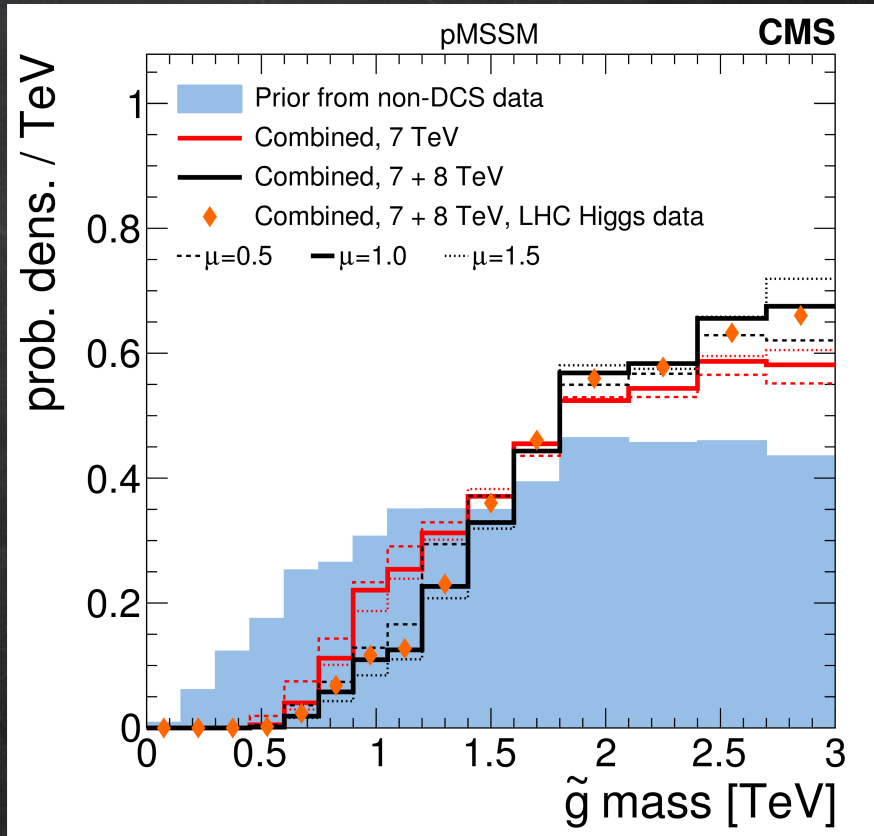
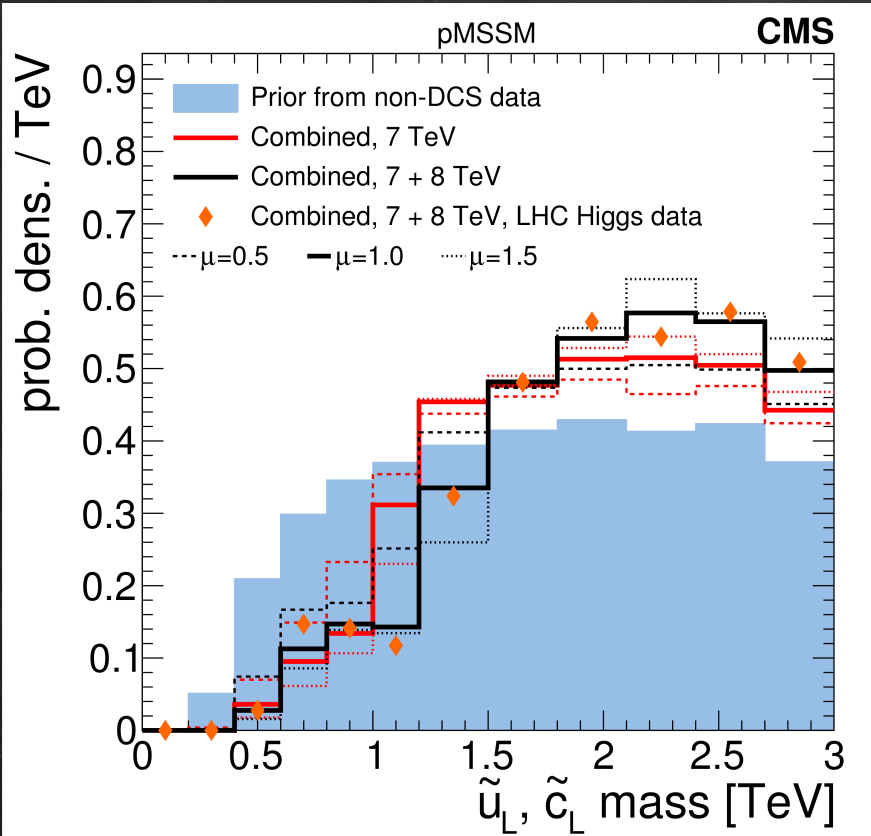


The pMSSM: Gluino and LSP

CMS and ATLAS reach similar conclusions regarding the gluino and lightest neutralino.

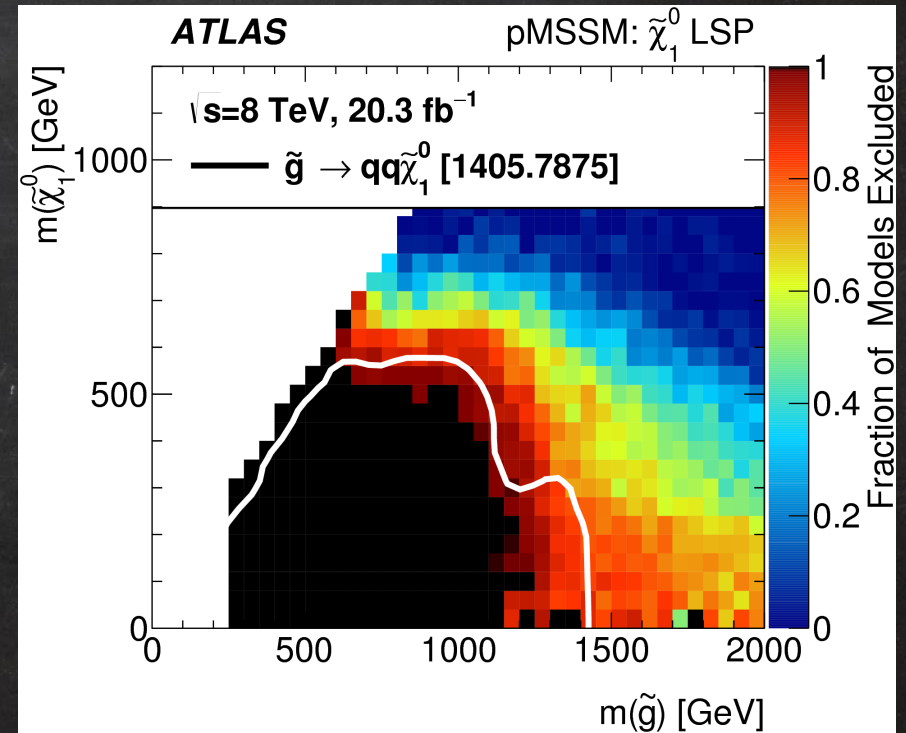
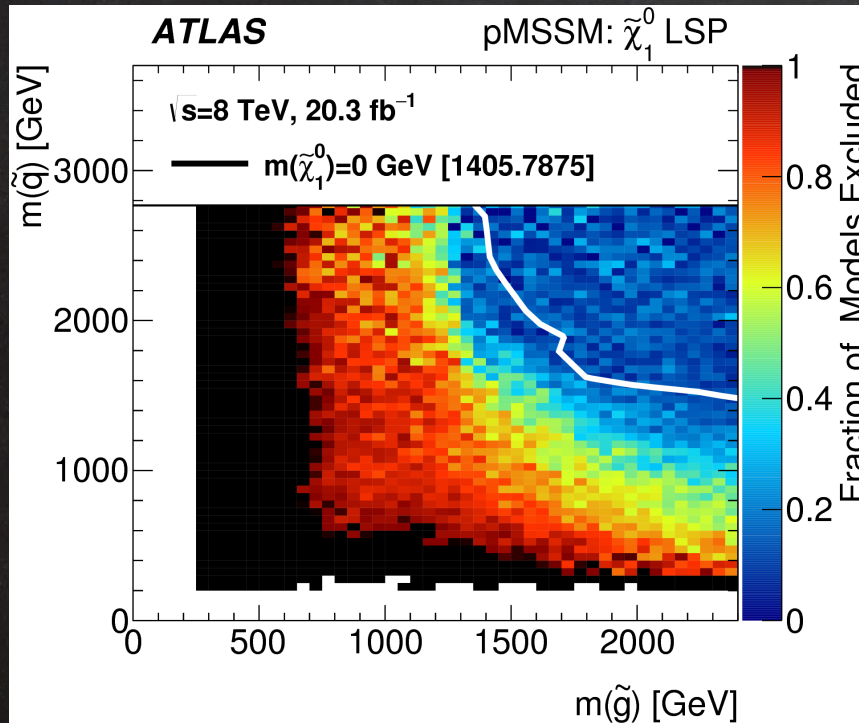


pMSSM: Squarks



SMS vs pMSSM

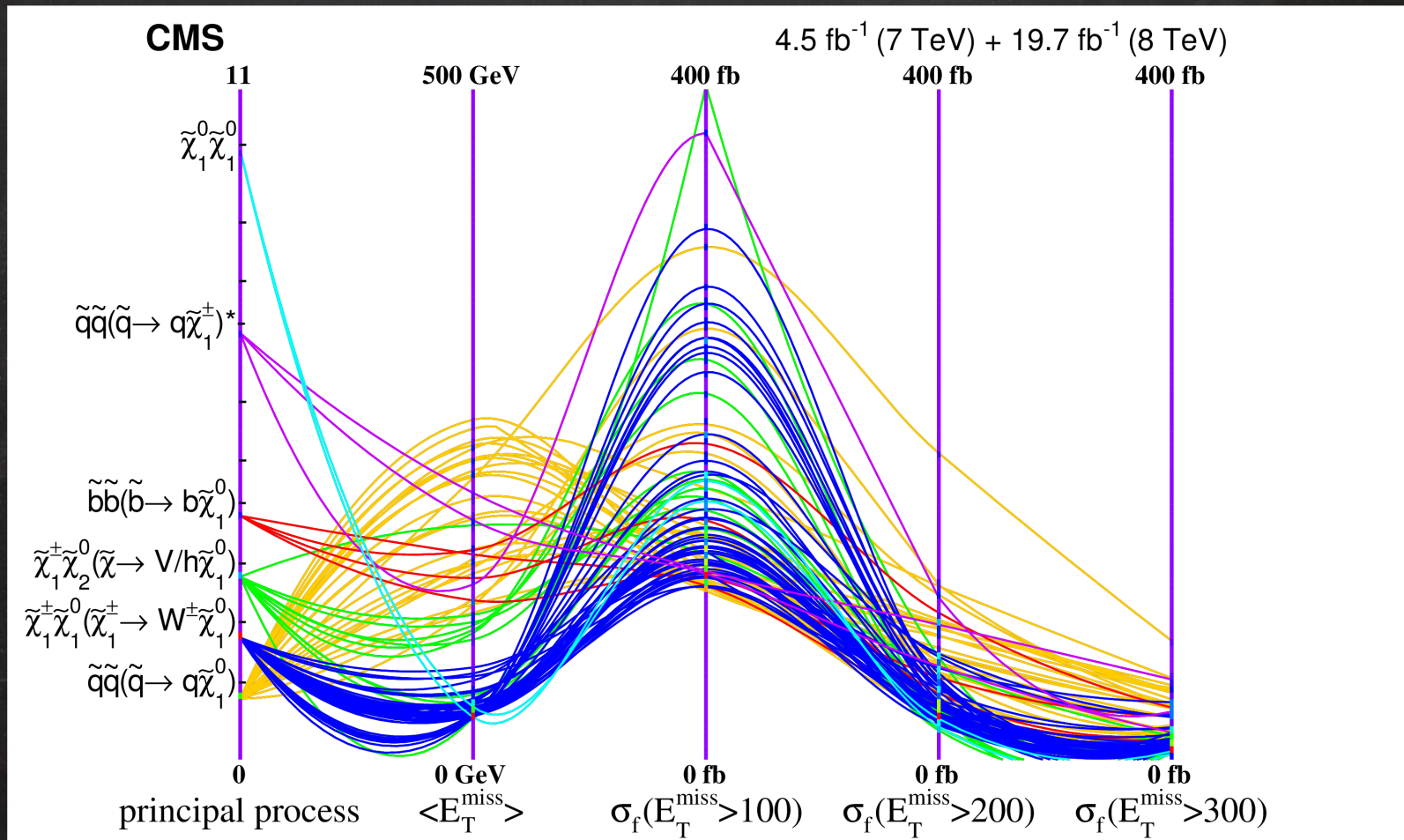
Here is an illustration, from ATLAS, of why some caution is needed in drawing conclusions from simplified models.



pMSSM: Summary

- ❑ Gluino masses < 500 GeV excluded.
- ❑ Neutralino and chargino masses < 300 GeV strongly disfavored.
- ❑ A relatively light supersymmetric top is still viable.
- ❑ About half of the potentially accessible pMSSM parameter space excluded.
- ❑ Of the surviving points, about half have cross sections exceeding ~ 10 fb and tend to yield events with missing E_T lower than typical missing E_T analysis cuts.

Beyond Low-Hanging Fruit



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Summary and Conclusions

- ❑ The CMSSM has been excluded at 90% CL.
- ❑ In the pMSSM (a good MSSM proxy), about half of the parameter space, potentially accessible at the LHC, remains.
- ❑ Of the remaining model points, about half have cross sections exceeding 10fb.
- ❑ The gluino mass > 500 GeV, a light stop is still possible, but squarks and neutralinos with mass < 300 GeV are strongly disfavored.
- ❑ Conclusion: weak-scale supersymmetry remains viable!