

An experimental view:

## Search for gluino-mediated stop production in ATLAS

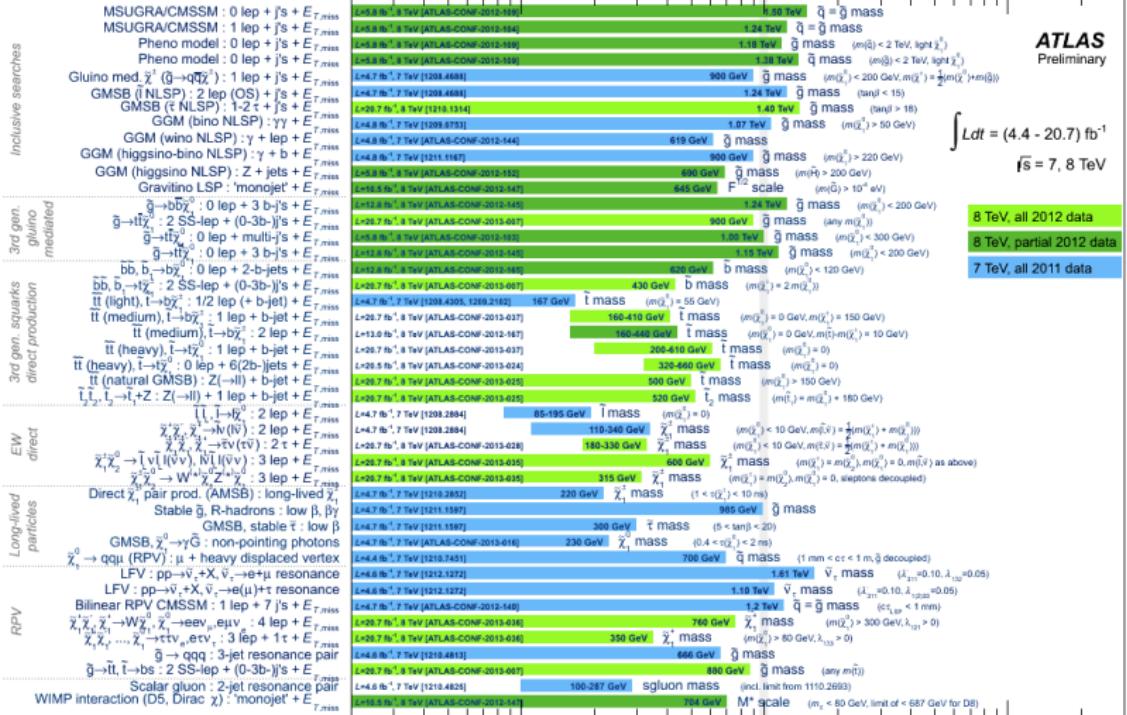
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ATLAS SUSY Searches\* - 95% CL Lower Limits (Status: March 26, 2013)



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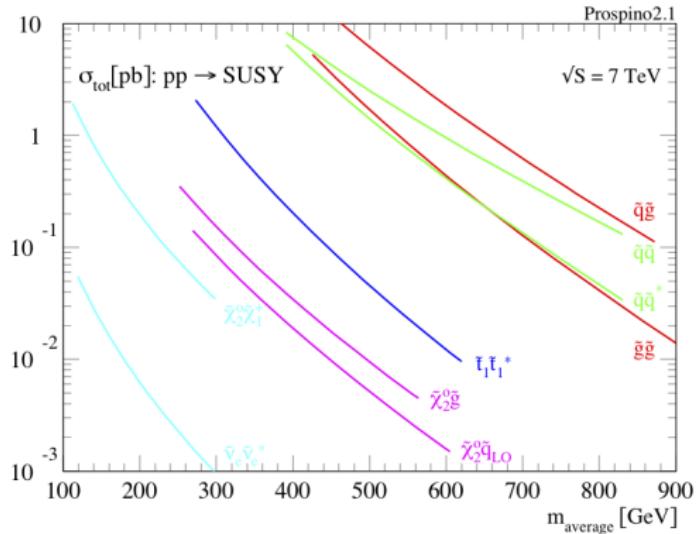
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# SUSY production at LHC



- ▶ Expect copious production of coloured SUSY particles
- ▶ If  $m(\tilde{g}) \simeq 800 \text{ GeV}$  we should already have  $\sim 1000$   $pp \rightarrow \tilde{g}\tilde{g}$  events
- ▶ “Natural” SUSY: 3<sup>rd</sup> generation squarks are lightest:

masses of  $\tilde{t}_1, \tilde{b}_1, \tilde{g} \lesssim 1 \text{ TeV}$

## Gluino-mediated stop production

- Search for  $p p \rightarrow \tilde{g} \tilde{g}$

with  $\tilde{g} \rightarrow \tilde{t}_1 \bar{t}$  and  $\tilde{t}_1 \rightarrow t \tilde{\chi}_1^0$

and hadronic tops:  $t \rightarrow b q \bar{q}'$ .

- This means looking for a signature:

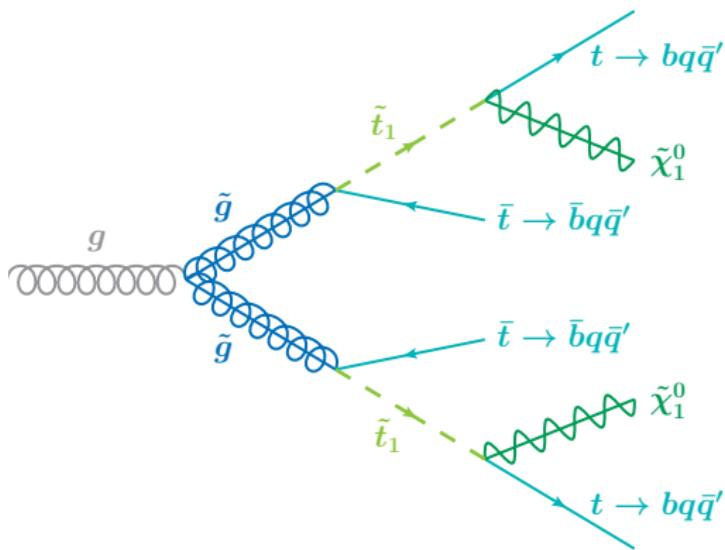
$\tilde{\chi}_1^0$ :  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$

$q$ : 12 jets

$b$ : 4 b-jets

$e$ : e veto

$\mu$ :  $\mu$  veto

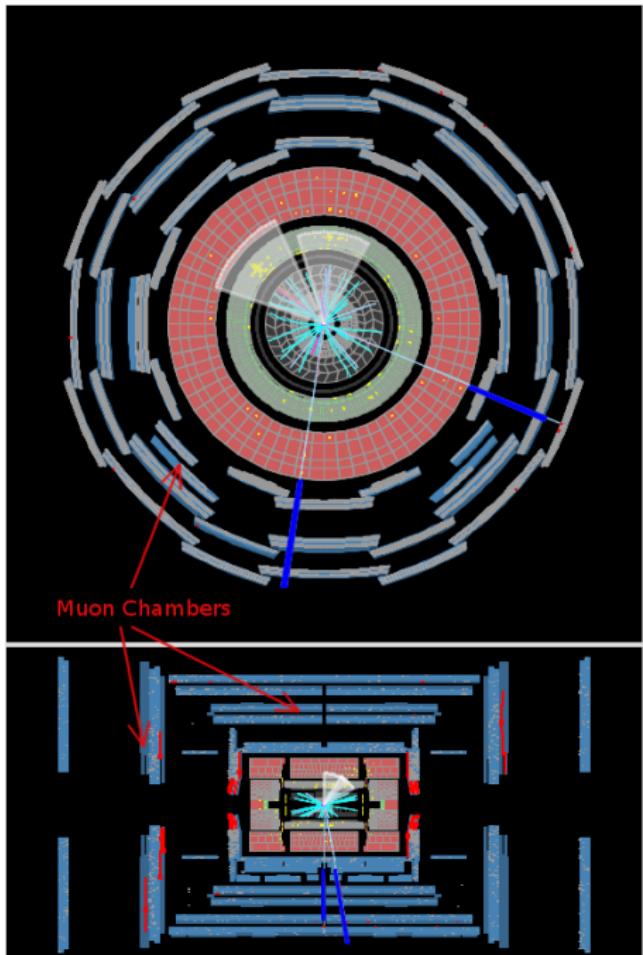
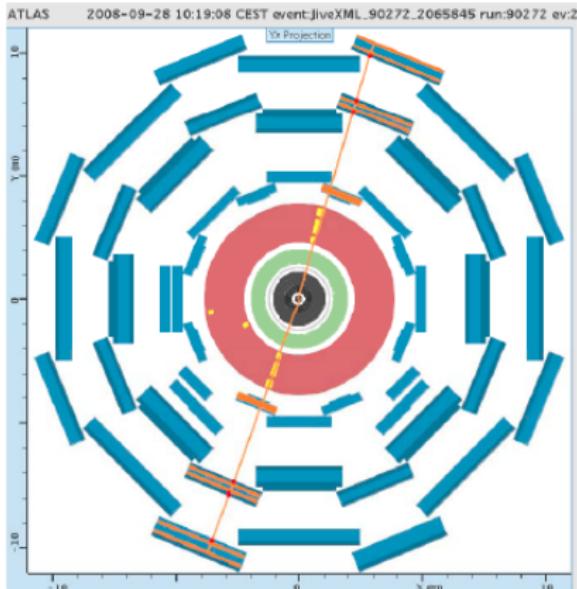


But there are no events with 12 jets, of which 4 are b-jets  $\Rightarrow$  relax conditions:

- $\Rightarrow E_T^{\text{miss}}$ , at least 6 jets, 3 b-jets
- $\Rightarrow E_T^{\text{miss}}$ , multijets (8, 9, 10+)

# Identification of Muons

- ▶ They are the easiest.  
If at muon chambers: it's a muon
- ▶ Example 1:  $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow \mu\bar{\mu} b\bar{b}$  ↗
- ▶ Example 2: Cosmic muon ↘

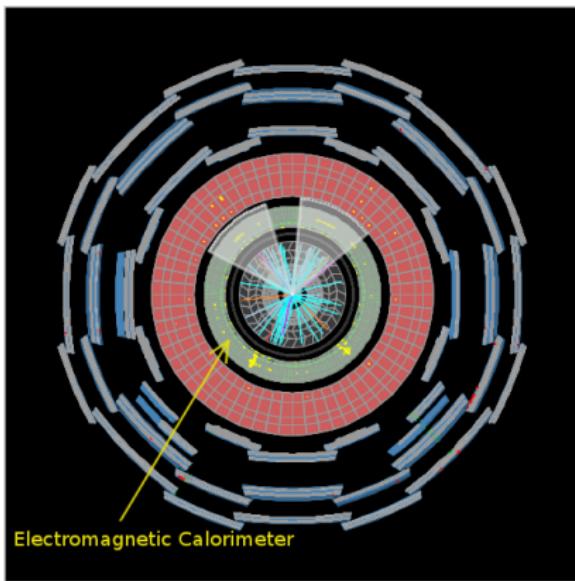


# Identification of Electrons and Photons

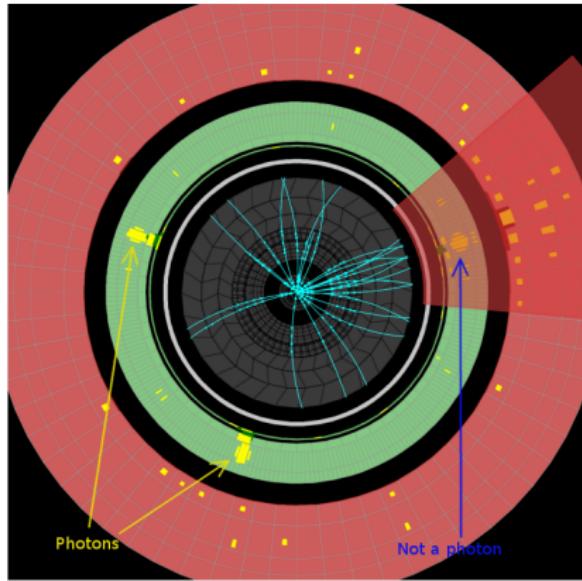
They leave a characteristic deposit at the Electromagnetic Calorimeter.

- ▶ If it has a track associated: an electron
- ▶ No track or 2 tracks associated: a photon

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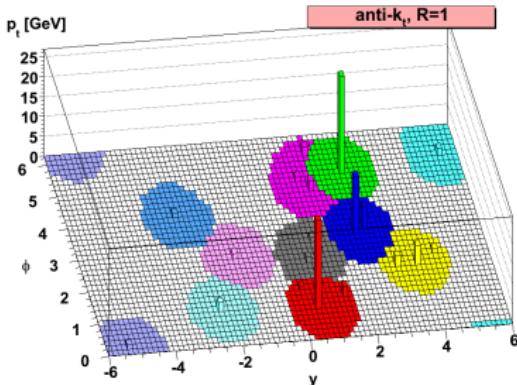
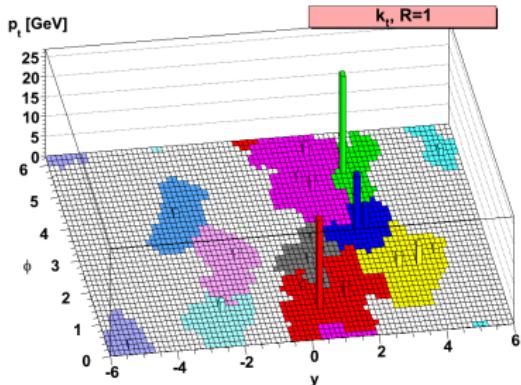
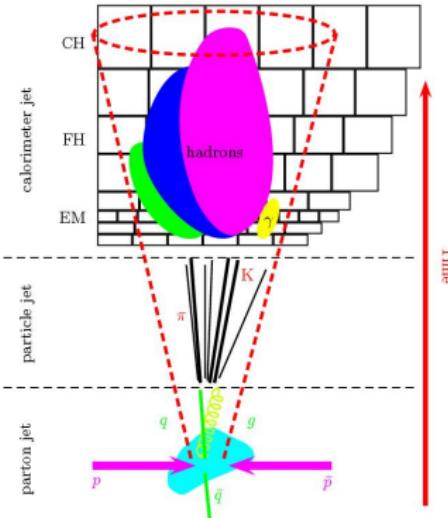
Example 2:  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma + \text{jet}$



But jets also leave deposits at the Electromagnetic Calorimeter ...

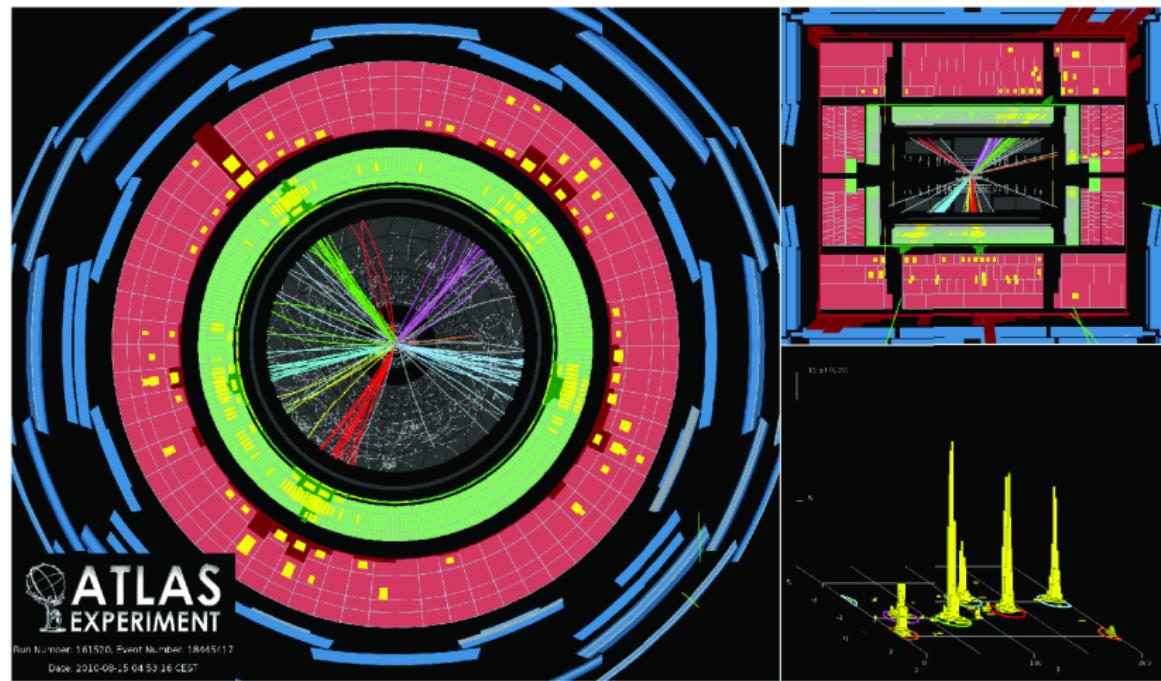
# Identification of Jets

- ▶ Collimated jets of hadrons are interpreted in terms of the fragmentation of quarks and gluons.
- ▶ Energy deposits in the electromagnetic and hadronic calorimeter are clustered using jet algorithms.
- ▶ The number and properties of the jets in an event depend on the algorithm used.



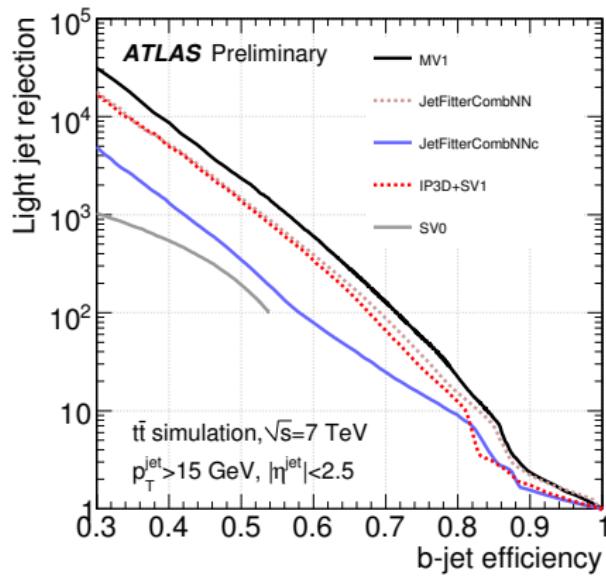
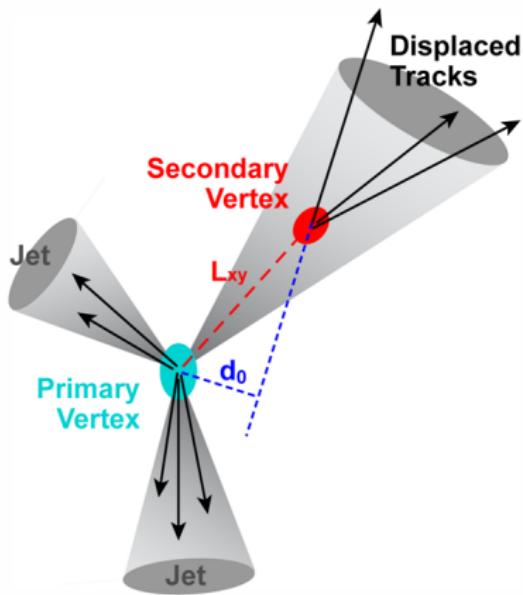
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An example: a six-jet event



## Identification of $b$ -jets

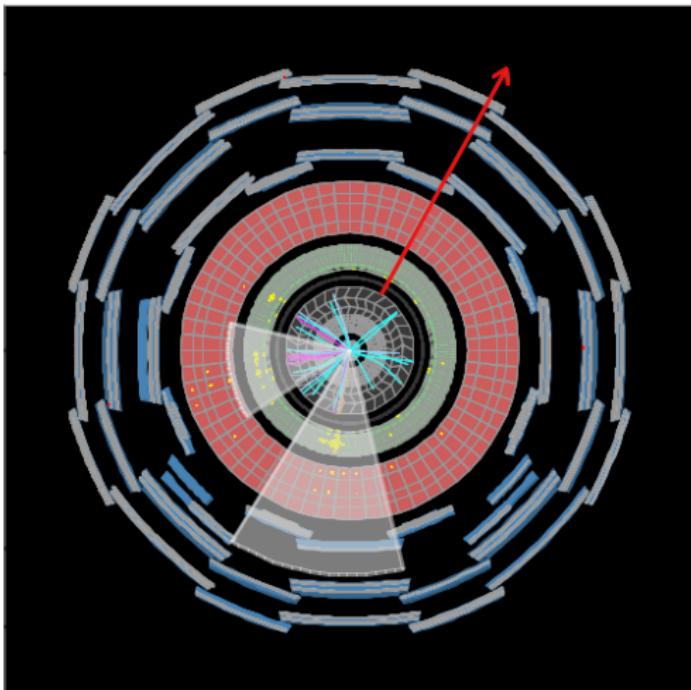
- ▶ Exploits decay length of  $B$  hadrons: displaced tracks and secondary vertices.
- ▶ Combines information into a neural network.
- ▶ Three working points calibrated with data: 60%, 70% & 75% efficiency.



## Non-interacting particles

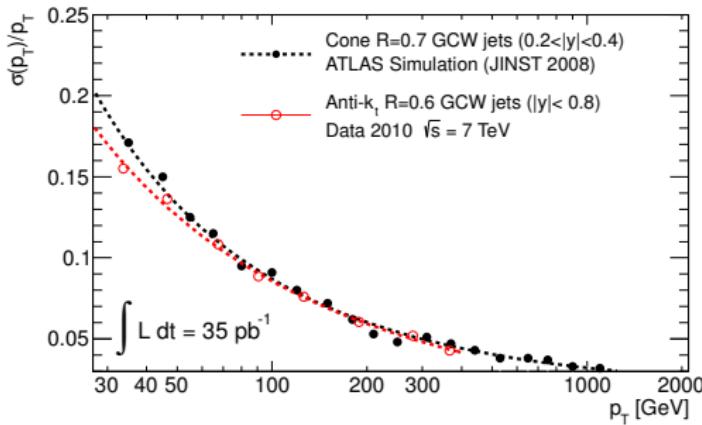
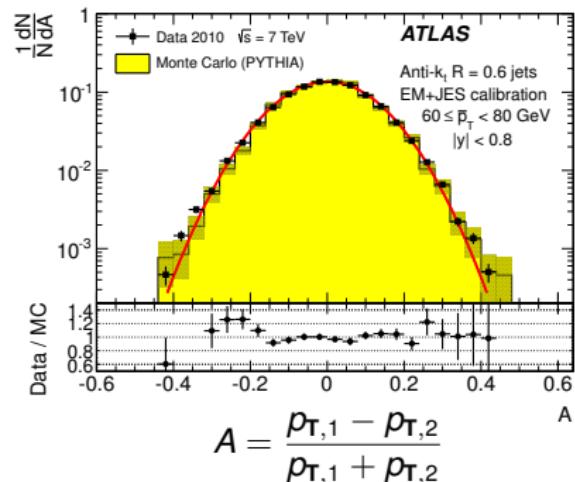
$Z H \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu} b\bar{b}$  candidate

Presence of non-interacting particles  
(neutrinos, neutralinos?) is inferred  
from momentum imbalance  
in the transverse plane:  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$



# The jet energy resolution

- ▶ Jet energy resolution measured via  $p_T$  balance in dijet events
- ▶ Very good agreement with Monte Carlo predictions B.D.
- ▶  $\sigma(p_T) \simeq \sqrt{p_T} \implies 3 \times 300 \text{ GeV jets event can have } E_T^{\text{miss}} \simeq 100 \text{ GeV}$



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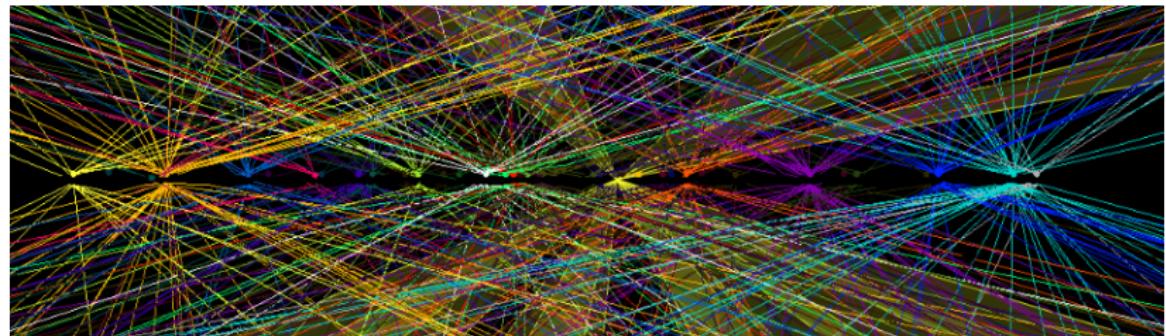
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**NOPE** : set 95% CL limits

**YEAP** : buy ticket to Stockholm

## Trigger selection

Every 50 nsec we get:



Rate needs to be reduced from 20 MHz to  $\sim$ 600 Hz.

**Triggers:** sets of restricted conditions applied online to decide which are de  $\sim$ 600 events to be stored per second to disk.

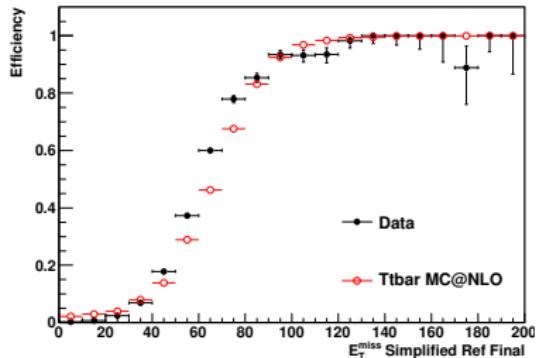
## The trigger strongly restricts the optimization of the search

j75\_a4tc\_xe75: 1 jet  $p_T > 75 \text{ GeV}$  and  $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 75 \text{ GeV}$

:( Imposes a lower limit on  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  (150 GeV) and  $p_T^1$

: Allows lowering the  $p_T$  of sub-leading jets

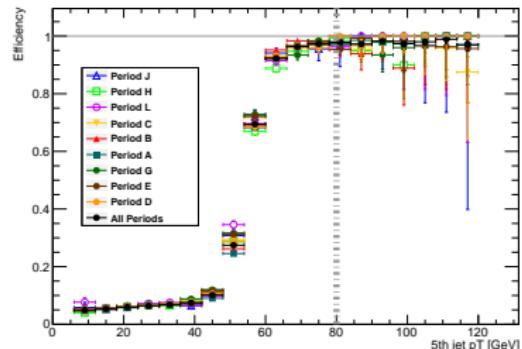
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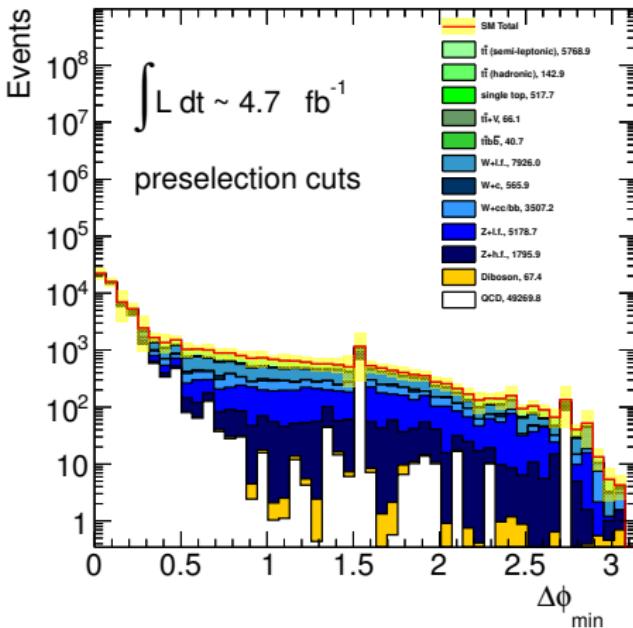
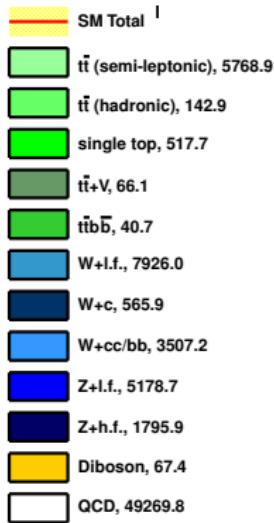
5j55\_a4tc: 5 jets  $p_T > 55 \text{ GeV}$

:( Imposes lower limit on  $p_T$  of leading jets (70 GeV)

: Allows lowering the  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  and the  $p_T$  of leading jet

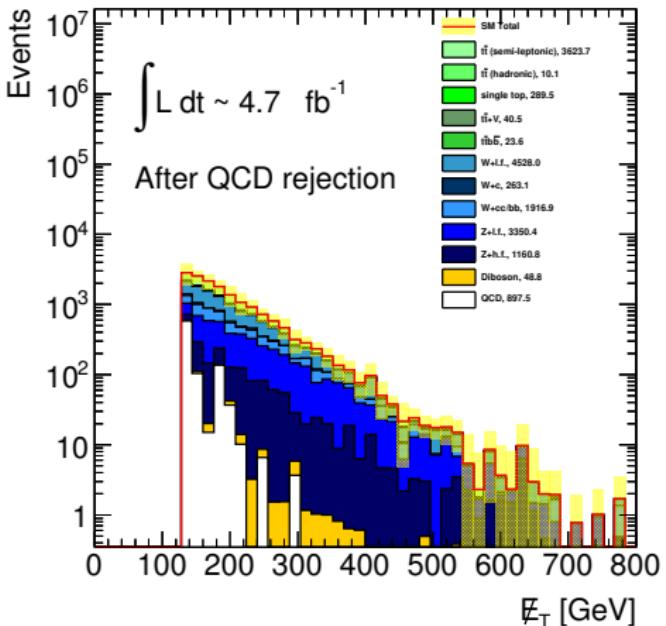
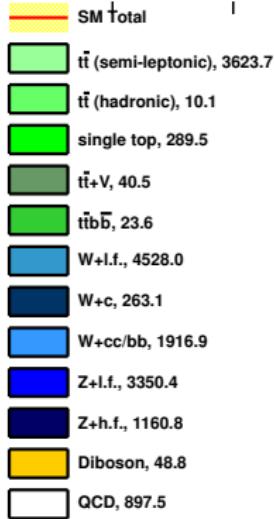


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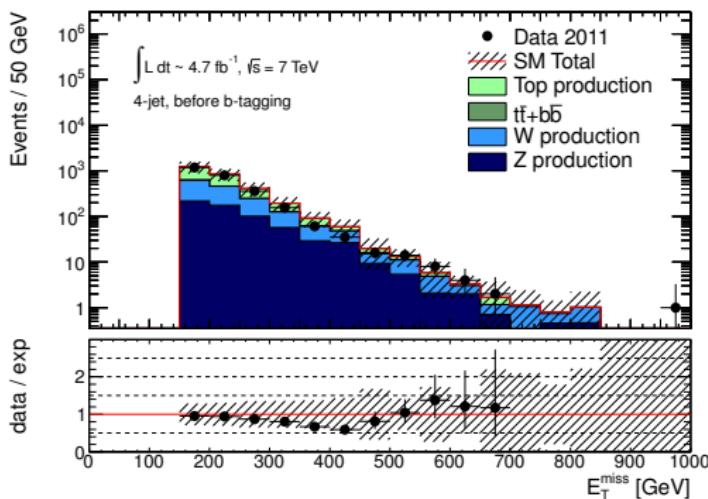


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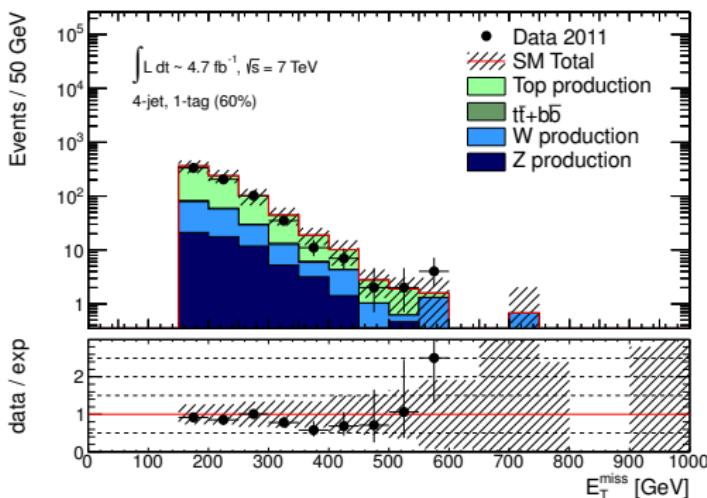
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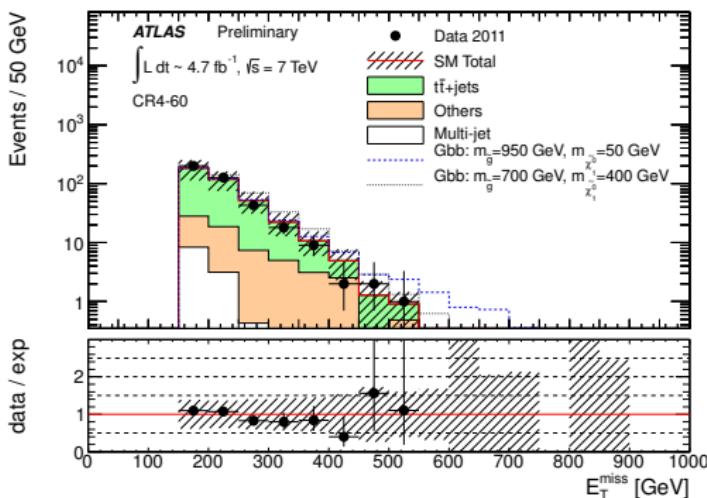
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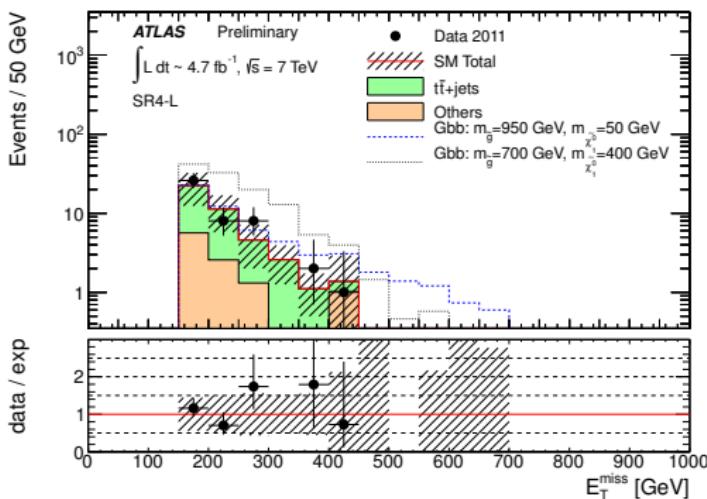
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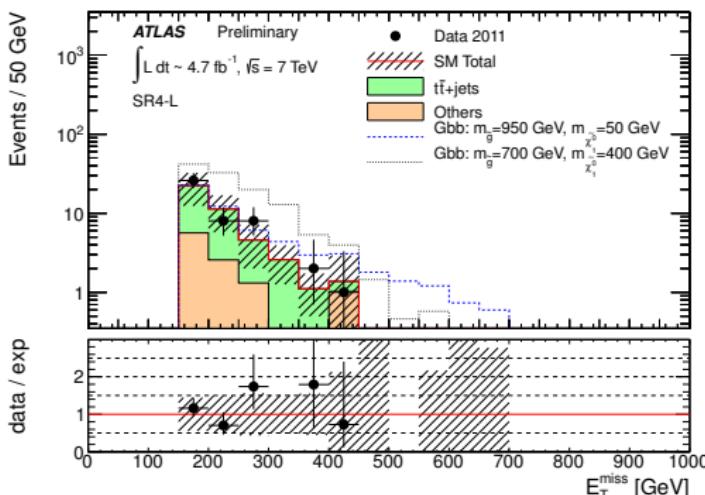
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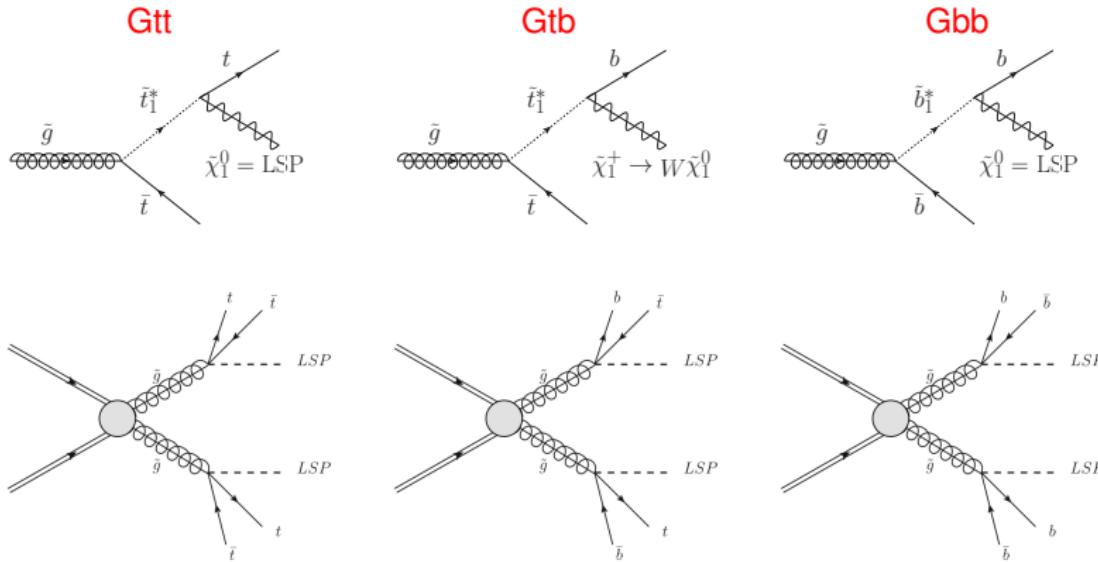
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*Data is consistent with  $t\bar{t}$  prediction but not with these SUSY models 😞*

# Several $pp \rightarrow \tilde{g}\tilde{g}$ simplified models: Gtt, Gtb, Gbb (virtual or real $\tilde{t}, \tilde{b}$ )



Topology	Process	Final state	# b-quarks	# other q
Gtt	$\tilde{g} \rightarrow \bar{t}t + \tilde{\chi}_1^0$	$\bar{t}t \bar{t}t + E_T^{\text{miss}}$	4	8
Gtb	$\tilde{g} \rightarrow \bar{t}b + \tilde{\chi}_1^+, \tilde{\chi}_1^+ \rightarrow W \tilde{\chi}_1^0$	$\bar{t}t \bar{b}b + E_T^{\text{miss}}$	4	4
Gbb	$\tilde{g} \rightarrow b\bar{b} + \tilde{\chi}_1^0$	$b\bar{b}b\bar{b} + E_T^{\text{miss}}$	4	-

All three topologies give 4 b-jets,  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$ , and possible jets

# An example: Optimization for Gbb topologies

## Common selections to all Signal Regions

- ▶  $p_T$  leading jet  $> 130$  GeV (trigger)
- ▶  $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 160$  GeV (trigger)
- ▶  $\Delta\phi_{min} > 0.4$  (QCD)
- ▶  $E_T^{\text{miss}}/\text{m}_{\text{eff}} > 0.2$  (QCD)
- ▶  $\geq 3$   $b$ -jets with  $p_T > 30$  GeV
- ▶ At least 4 jets,  $p_T > 50$  GeV

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## SIGNAL REGIONS

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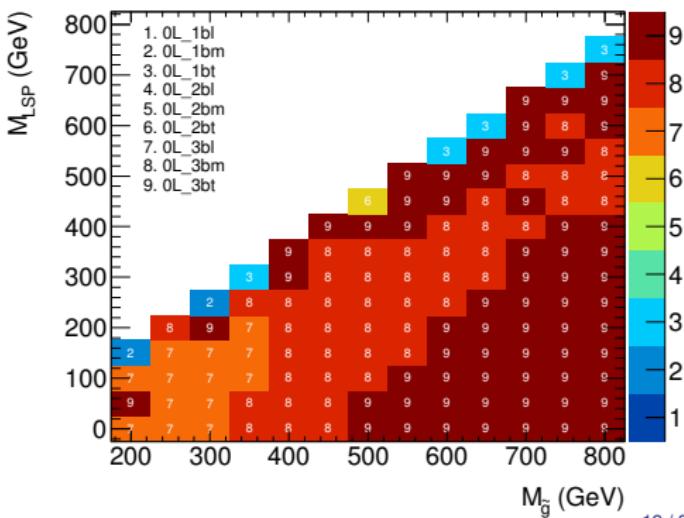
**1-6:** Signal regions with at least 1 or 2  $b$ -jets

**7:**  $\geq 3$   $b$ -tag (60% WP),  $\text{m}_{\text{eff}} > 500$  GeV

**8:**  $\geq 3$   $b$ -tag (60% WP),  $\text{m}_{\text{eff}} > 700$  GeV

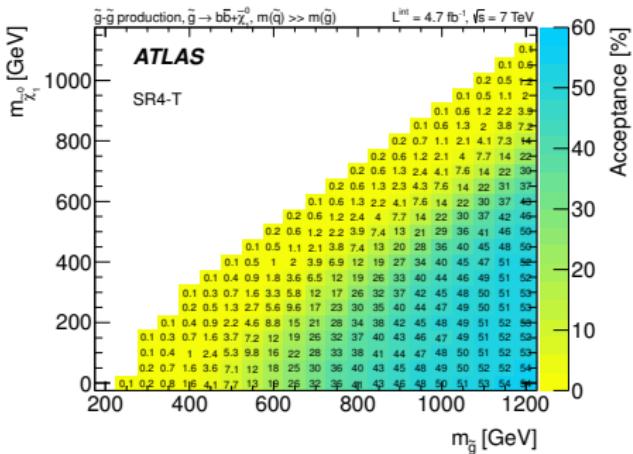
**9:**  $\geq 3$   $b$ -tag (70% WP),  $\text{m}_{\text{eff}} > 900$  GeV

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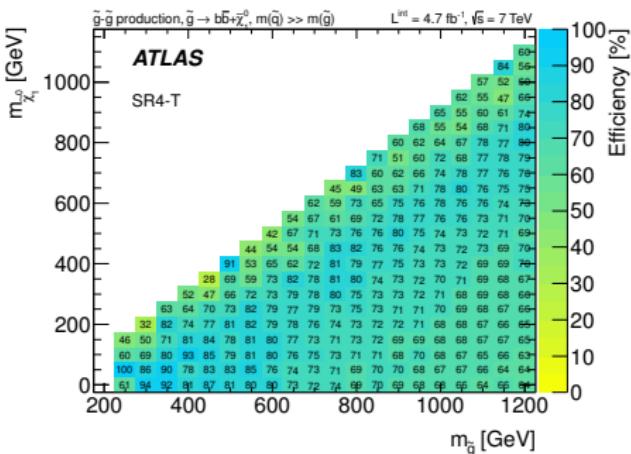


# An example: Gbb acceptance and efficiency

Acceptance



Efficiency



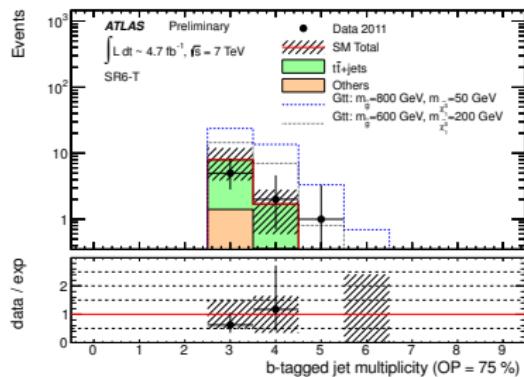
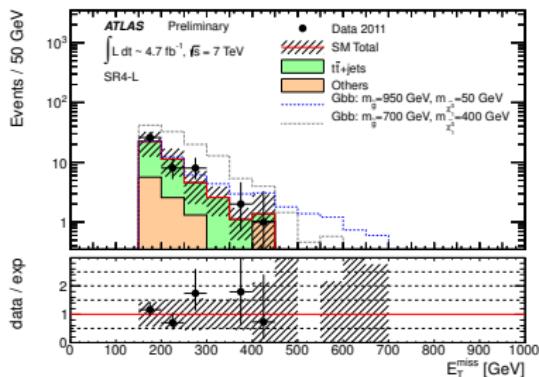
Decreases as  $m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0} \rightarrow m_{\tilde{g}}$   
(not enough phase space for jets)

All in the 50-80% range

# Experimental results: Model independent exclusion limits

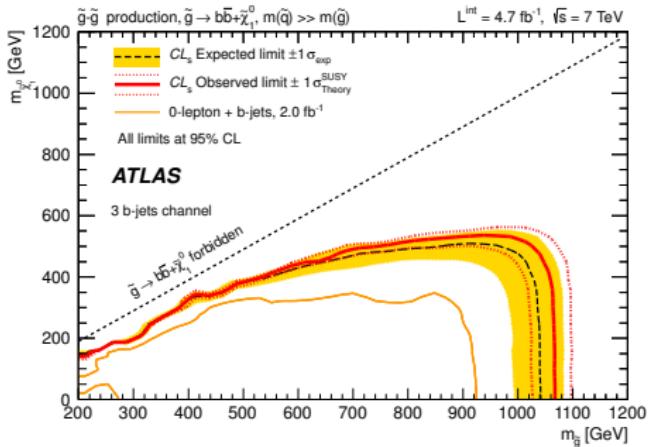
Observed (expected) 95% CL upper limit

SR	SM prediction	data	$N_{\text{non-SM}}$	$\sigma_{\text{vis}}(\text{fb})$
SR4-L	$44.4 \pm 10.0$	45	23.8 (23.4)	5.1 (5.0)
SR4-M	$23.0 \pm 5.4$	14	8.6 (12.8)	1.8 (2.7)
SR4-T	$13.3 \pm 2.6$	10	7.1 (9.2)	1.5 (2.0)
SR6-L	$12.7 \pm 3.6$	12	9.6 (10.1)	2.0 (2.1)
SR6-T	$9.9 \pm 2.6$	8	7.1 (8.3)	1.5 (1.8)

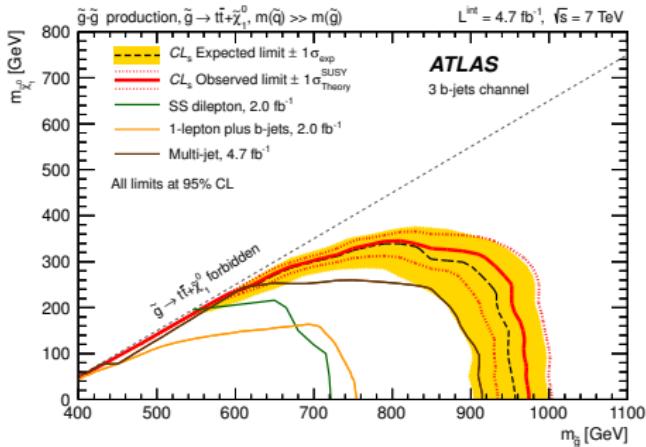


# Model dependent exclusion limits: Gbb and Gtt (virtual squark)

Gbb



Gtt

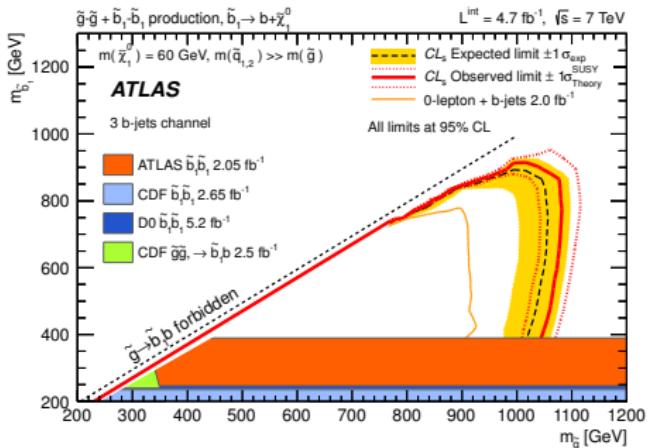


- Solid red line: observed 95% CL limit
- Dotted red line:  $\pm 1\sigma_{\text{exp}}$  uncertainty

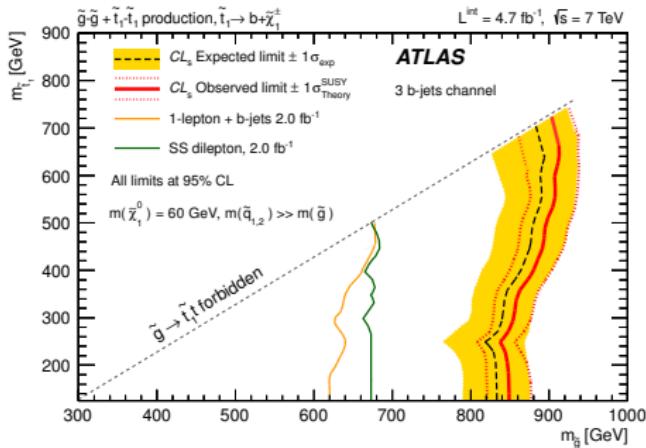
- Solid black line: exp. 95% CL limit
- Yellow band:  $\pm 1\sigma_{\text{SUSY Theory}}$  uncertainty

# Model dependent exclusion limits: Gbb and Gtt (real squark)

Gbb ( $m_{\tilde{b}_1} < m_{\tilde{g}}$ )



Gtt ( $m_{\tilde{t}_1} < m_{\tilde{g}}$ )



- ▶ Sbottom produced via  $\tilde{g} \rightarrow \tilde{b}_1 b$
- ▶  $\tilde{b}_1$  assumed the lightest squark
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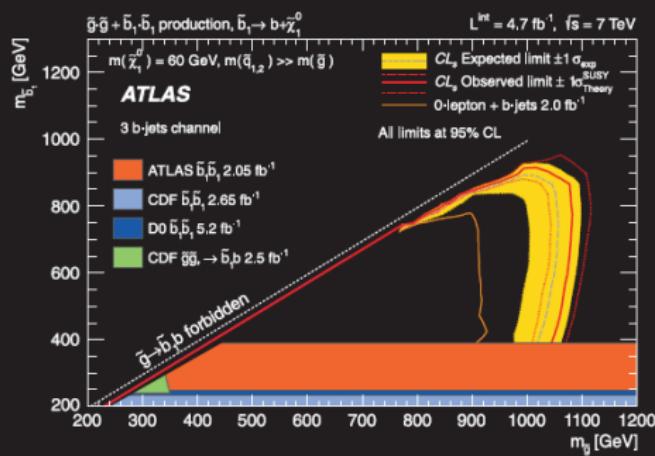
( $m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0}$  fixed at 60 GeV)

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## Particles and Fields

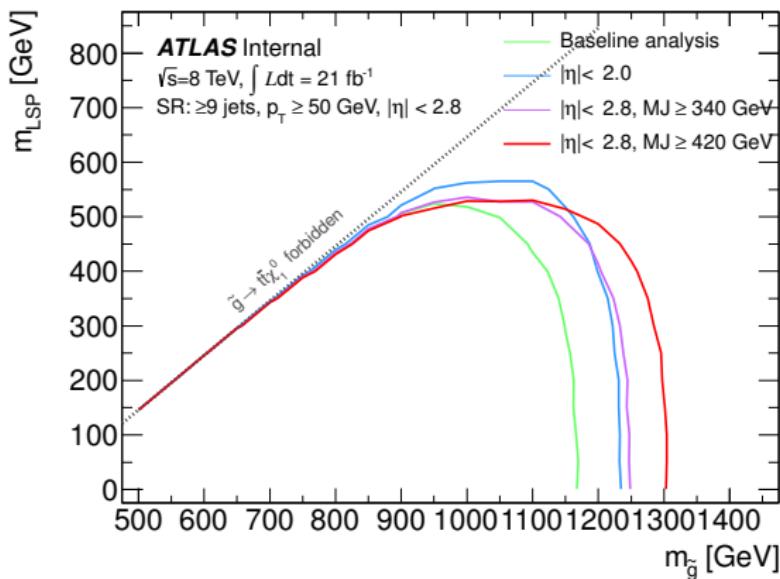


# The Multijet Approach

Example of optimization procedure for a search with  $\geq 9$  jets with  $p_T > 50$  GeV.

Significance increases when requiring:

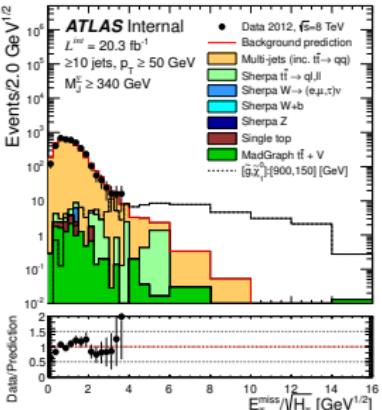
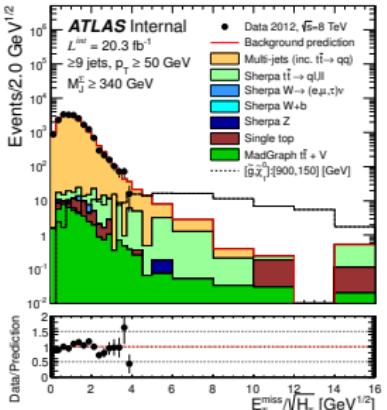
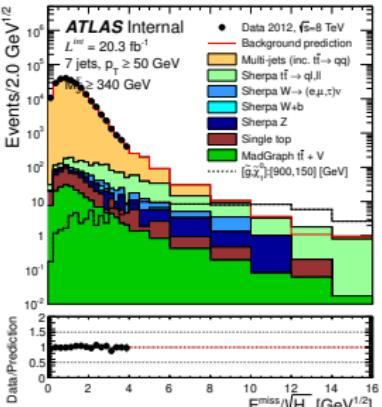
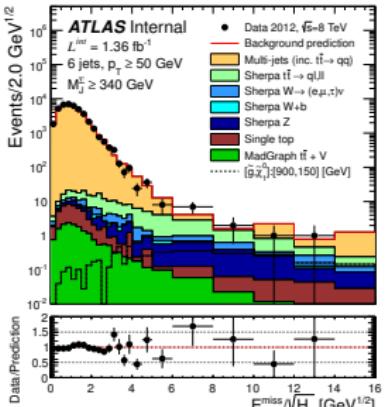
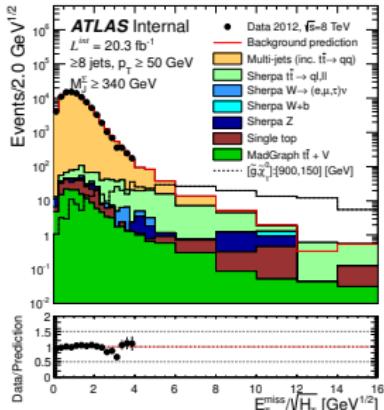
- ▶ more central jets:  $t$ -channel  $t\bar{t}$  and QCD jets are more forward than  $s$ -channel  $pp \rightarrow \tilde{g}\tilde{g}$ .
- ▶ more massive jets ( $M_J^\Sigma = \sum m_{jet}^{R=1.0}$ ):  $m_{jet}^{R=1.0} \simeq 170$  GeV if fat jet comes from top.



# The Multijet Approach

Significance increases  
with number of jets.

Region  $E_T^{\text{miss}} / \sqrt{H_T} > 4$   
not unblinded yet.



# The Multijet Approach: Interpretations

To be applied to several models.

## ► R-parity conserving

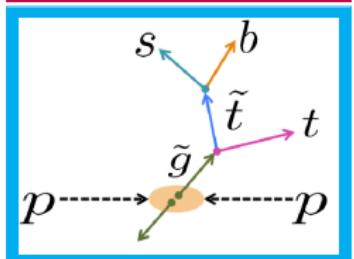
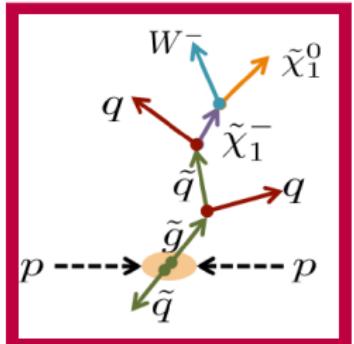
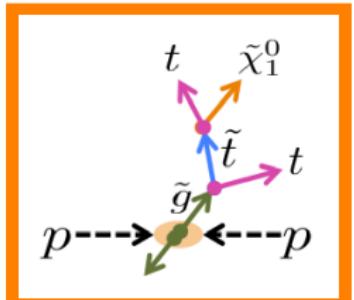
- **Gtt** (off-shell stop) & **Gtt-On-Shell** (on-shell stop)
- **One-step** simplified model:  $\tilde{g} \rightarrow q \bar{q} \tilde{\chi}^\pm$ ,  $\tilde{\chi}^\pm \rightarrow W^\pm \tilde{\chi}_1^0$

- $m_{\tilde{\chi}^\pm} = (m_{\tilde{g}} + m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0})/2$
- $m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0} = 60 \text{ GeV}$

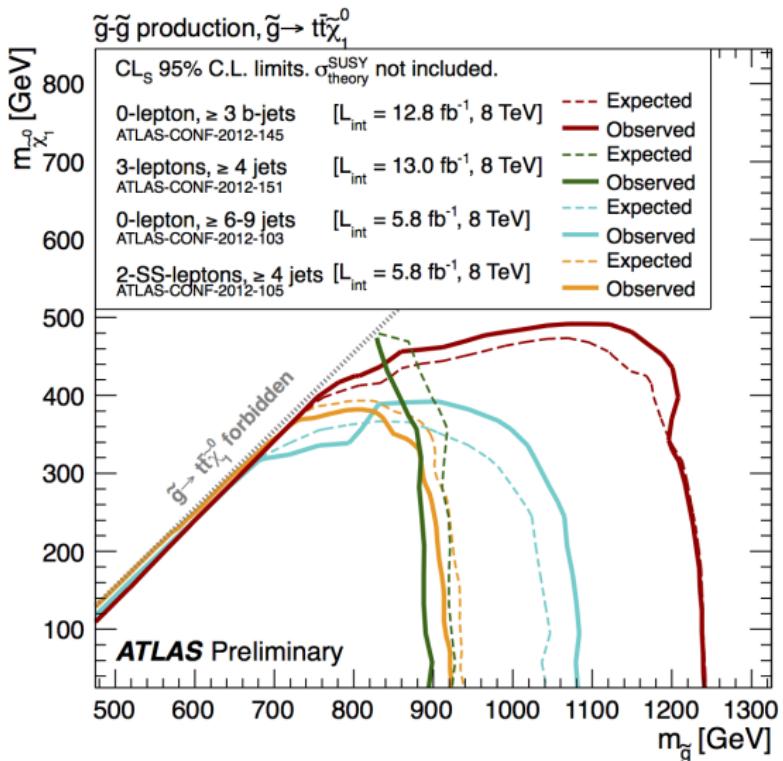
- **mSUGRA**

## ► R-parity violating models

- **RPV-UDD**:  $\tilde{g} \rightarrow \tilde{t} + \bar{t}$ ,  $\tilde{t} \rightarrow s + b$

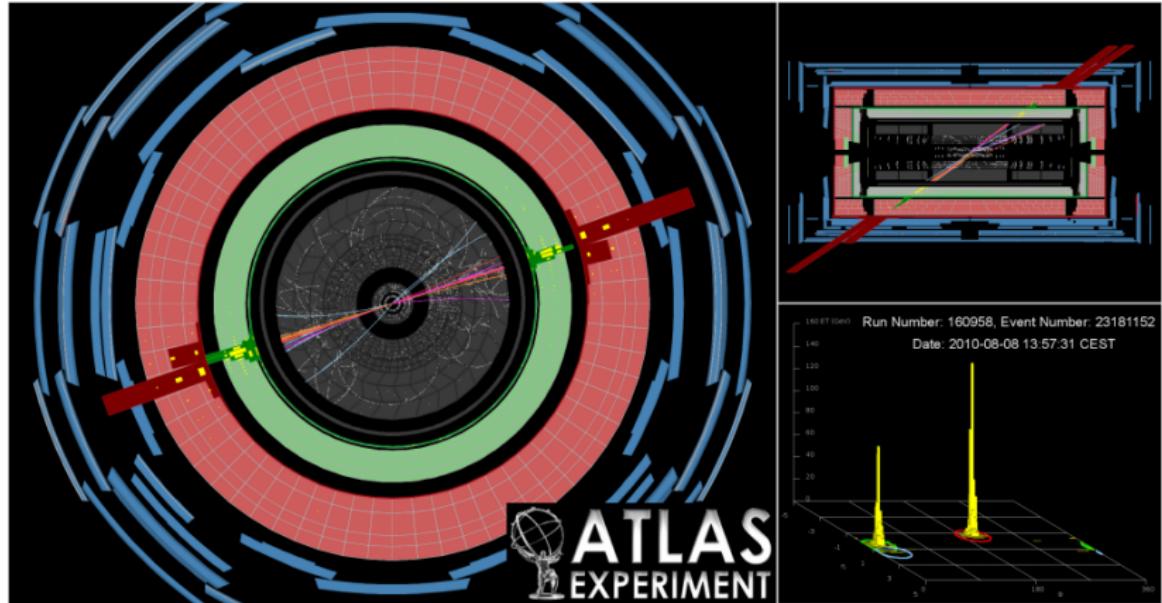


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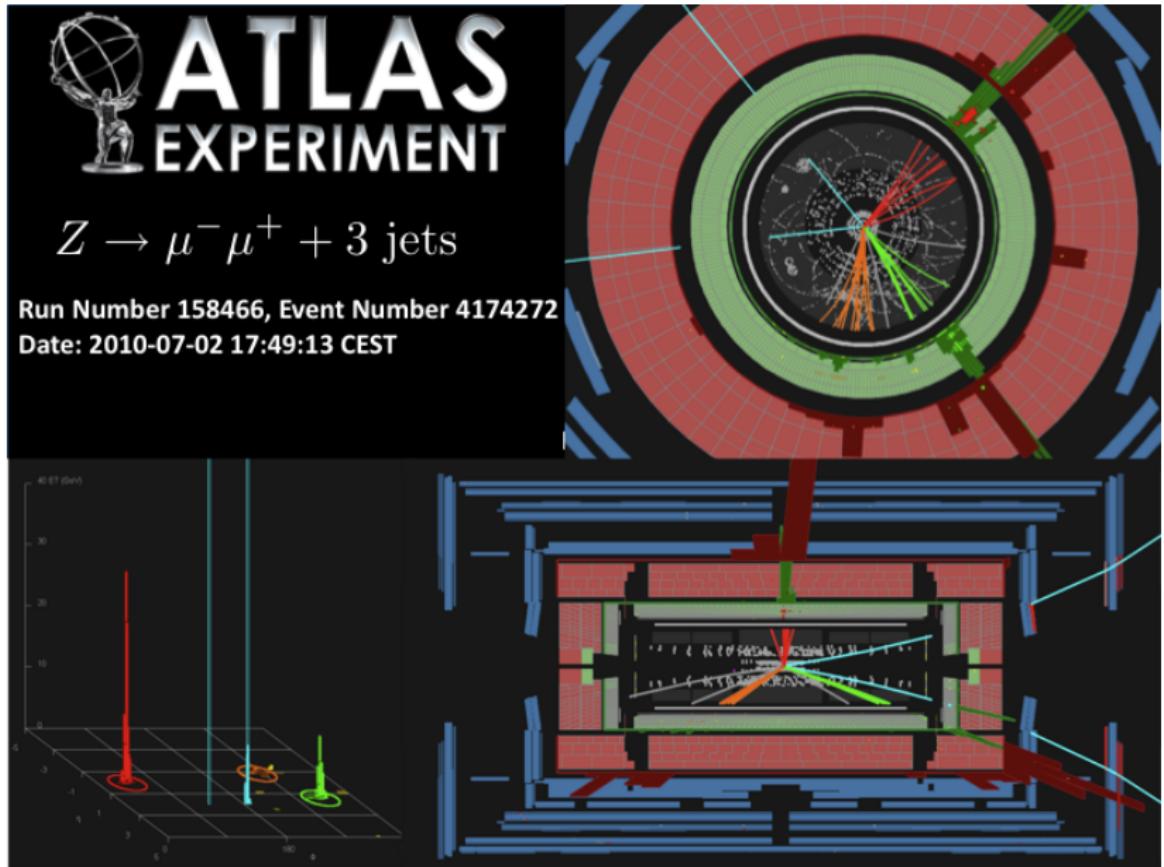


**THANK YOU**

## 2-jet event



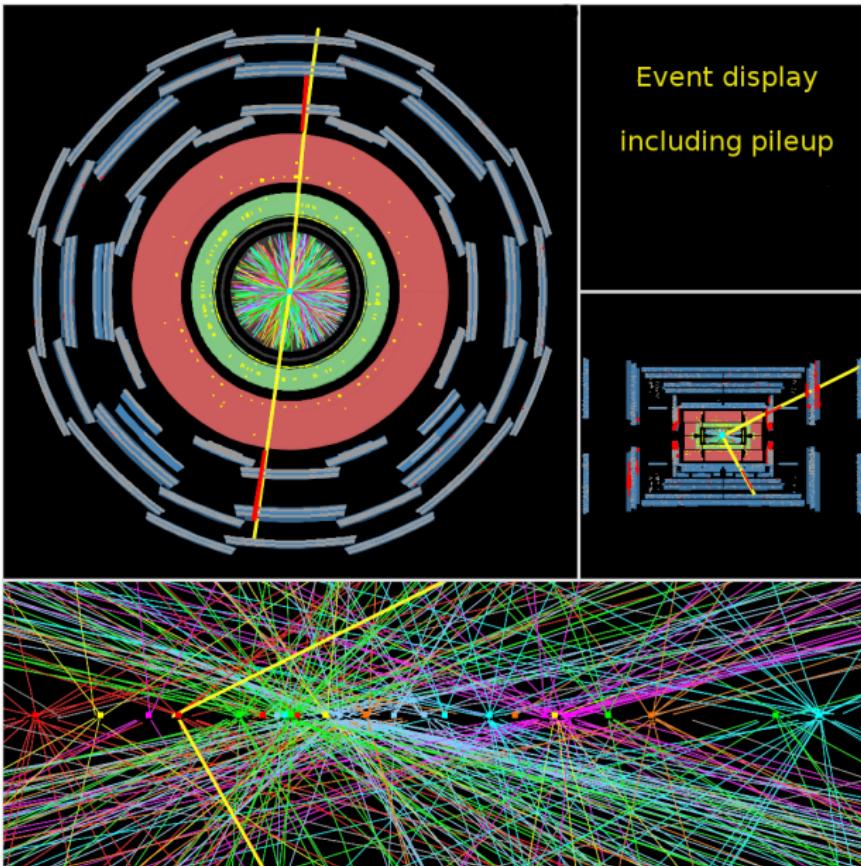
$Z \rightarrow \mu\bar{\mu} + 3 \text{ jets}$



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# A $Z \rightarrow \mu\bar{\mu}$ event but without removing pileup tracks



# Object Selection Details

## Muones: ID+MS

### Selección (Medium++):

- $p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$  y  $|\eta| < 2.4$

### Señal (Tight++): $p_T > 25 \text{ GeV}$

- $\sum_{track}^{\Delta R < 0.2} p_T(track) < 1.8 \text{ GeV}$

## Electrones: ID+EM

### Selección (Medium++):

- $E_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$  y  $|\eta| < 2.47$

### Señal (Tight++): $E_T > 25 \text{ GeV}$

- $\sum_{track}^{\Delta R < 0.2} p_T(track) < 0.1 \times p_T^e$

## Jets: EM + HAD

- Algoritmo: anti- $k_t$  con  $R = 0.4$
- Inputs: clusters topológicos
- Calibración: EM+JES
- $p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$  y  $|\eta| < 2.8$

## Eliminación de objetos coincidentes

$$\Delta R = \sqrt{(\Delta\phi)^2 + (\Delta\eta)^2}$$

1.  $\Delta R(j, e) < 0.2 \rightarrow \text{electron}$
2.  $0.2 < \Delta R(j, e) < 0.4 \rightarrow \text{jet}$
3.  $\Delta R(j, \mu) < 0.4 \rightarrow \text{jet}$

## Energía transversa faltante ( $E_T^{\text{miss}}$ )

Suma vectorial de:

- Jets ( $p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$  y  $|\eta| < 4.5$ )
- Leptones
- Clusters calorimétricos  $\notin$  jets

## $b$ -jets: ID+EM+HAD

- Algoritmo MV1 (NN)
- 3 puntos de operación (OP): eficiencia 60%, 70% y 75% ( $t\bar{t}$ )
- $p_T > 30 \text{ GeV}$  y  $|\eta| < 2.5$