

SUSY in ATLAS and CMS

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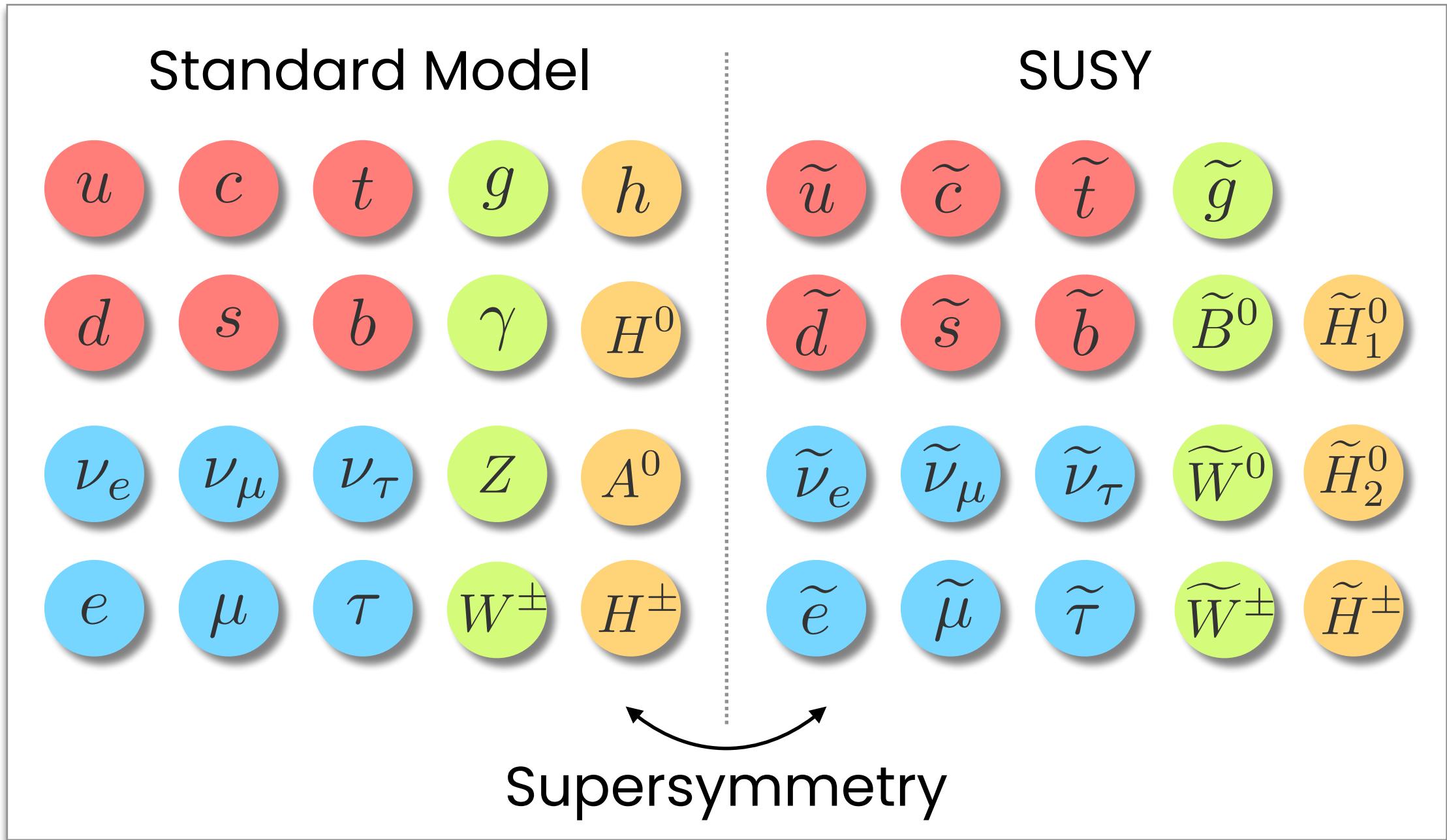
Supersymmetry

Supersymmetry : SUSY

- ❖ Symmetry between bosons and fermions
- ❖ Introduce superpartners for each SM particle

Minimal SUSY Standard Model : MSSM

- ❖ Minimal extension of the SM \rightarrow one superpartner for each SM particle and two Higgs doublets



Motivation of SUSY

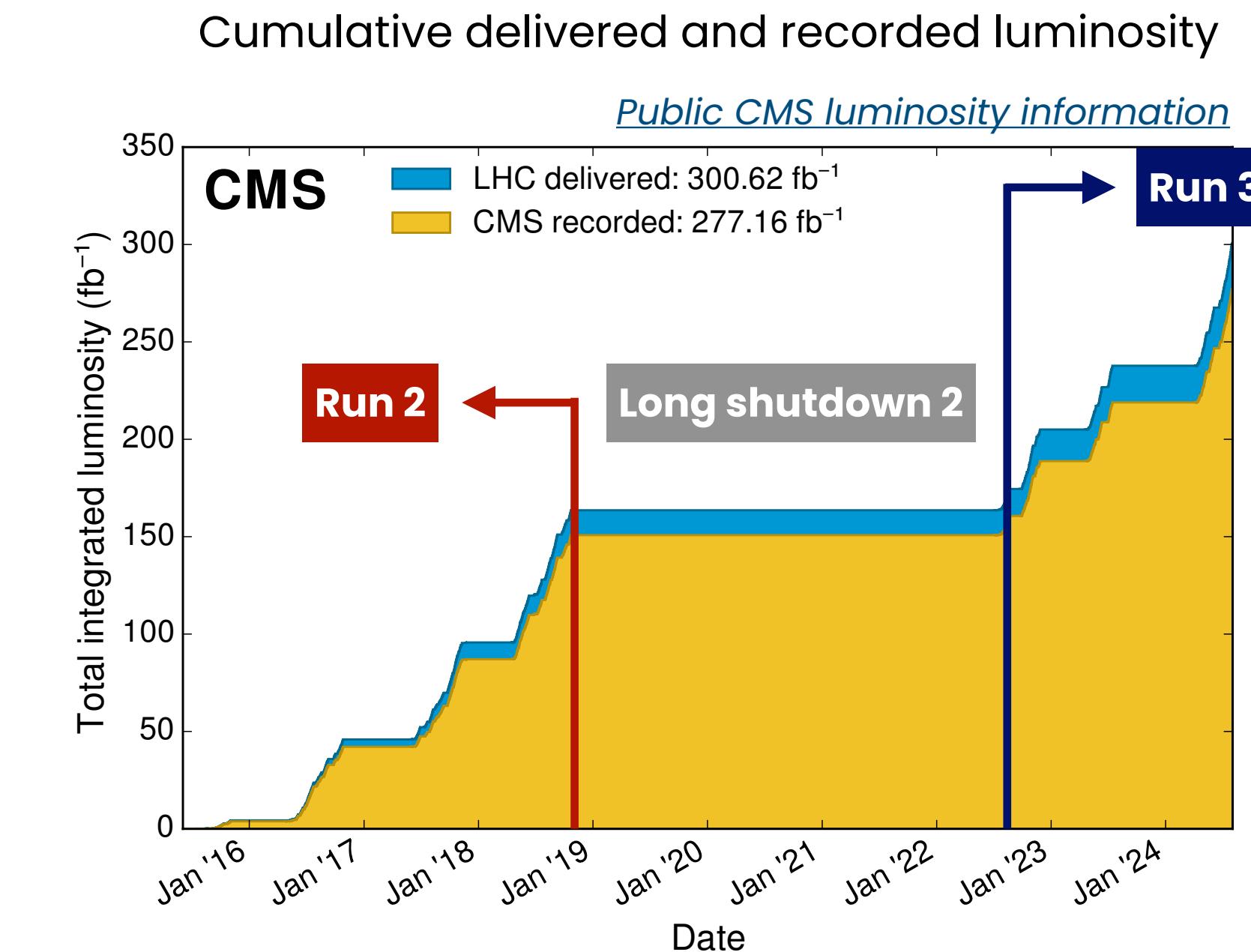
- ① Explains observed Higgs mass near the electroweak scale
- ② Unifies coupling constants at high-energy scales
- ③ Lightest SUSY Particle (LSP) becomes a good dark matter candidate

- **Hierarchy problem**
- **Grand unification**
- **Dark matter**

Large Hadron Collider

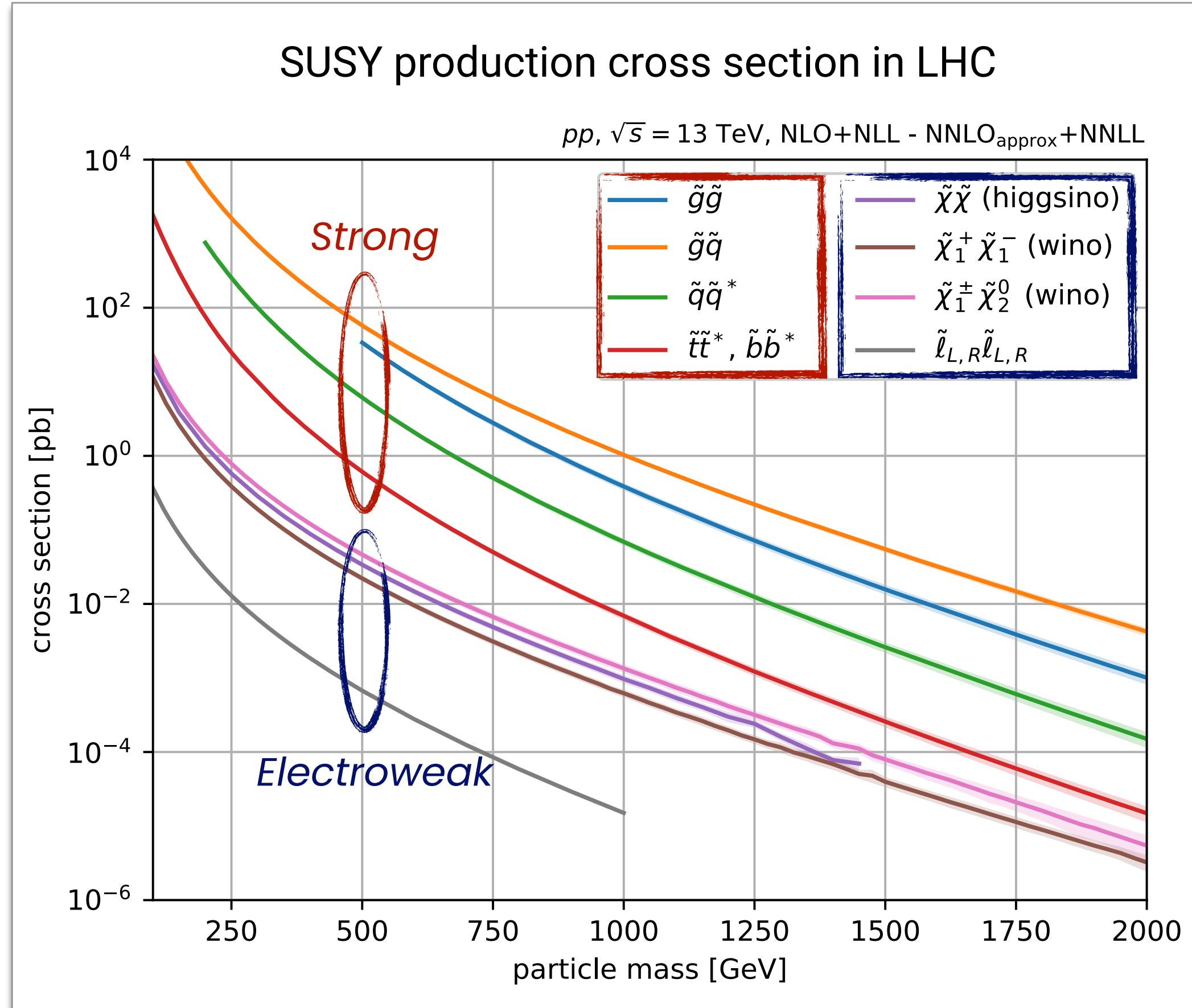
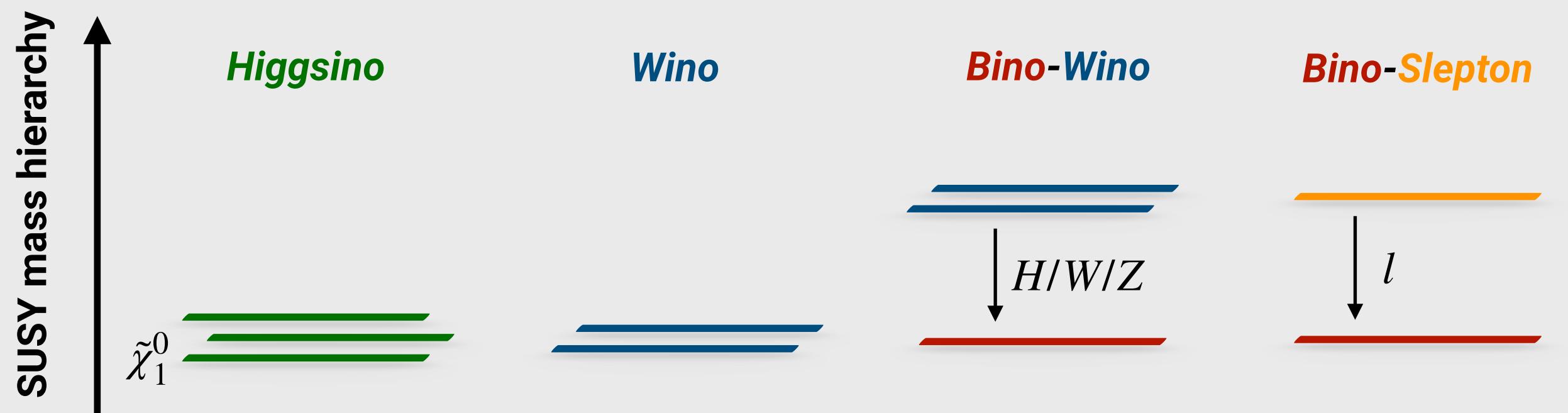
Large Hadron Collider : LHC

- ❖ Proton-proton collider with a circumference of 27 km
- ❖ **LHC Run 2 period (2015 – 2018)** operated with a center-of-mass energy of **13 TeV**
- ❖ **LHC Run 3 period (2022 – 2025)** has started in 2022, increasing the center-of-mass energy to **13.6 TeV**



SUSY Searches in LHC

- Strong production & Electroweak production in LHC
 - Large cross section
 - Energetic jet activities
 - Small cross section
 - Small mass splitting → soft objects
- Different search strategies depending on mass spectra
 - Various mass hierarchies predicted from
 - Naturalness, dark matter, SUSY breaking model etc.

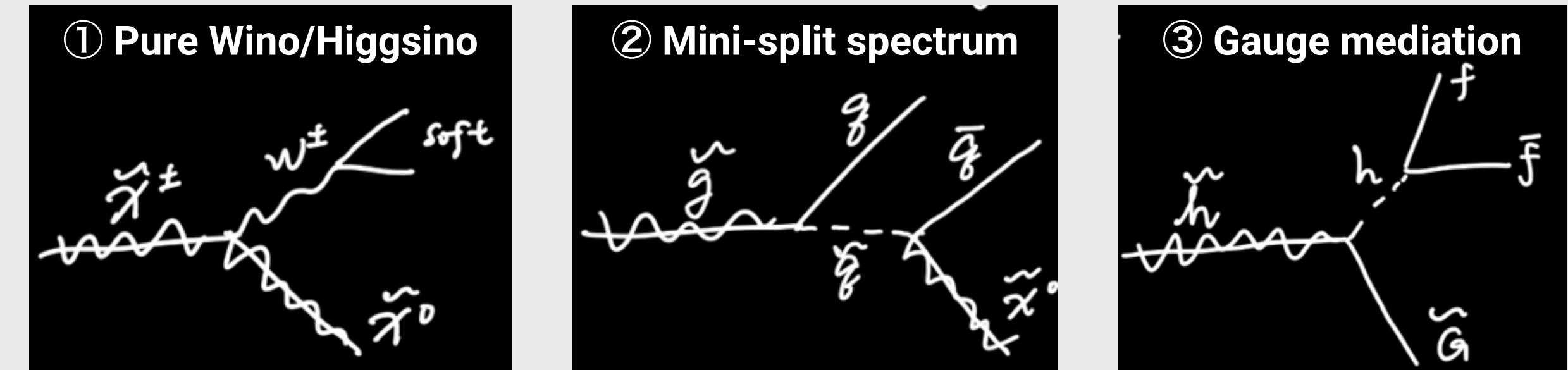


Broad program of searches targetting different production modes & final states

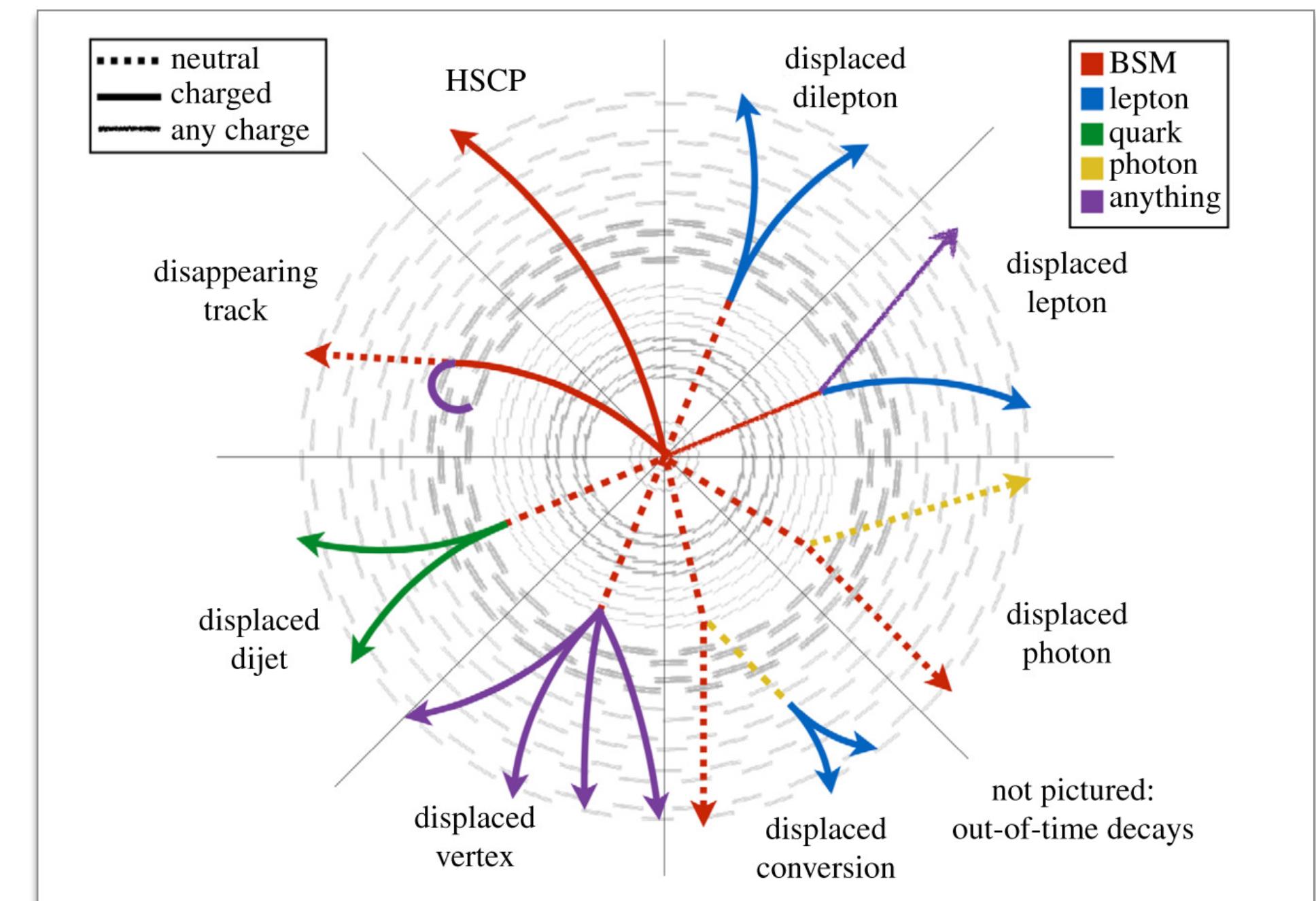
Long Lived Particles

- Many BSM theories predict new particles with long lifetime due to

- ① Limited decay phase space
- ② Highly virtual intermediate states
- ③ Small couplings



- Long-lived particles produce unconventional signatures, which are extremely challenging
 - MC simulations not accurate
 - Dedicated triggers are required
 - Require special reconstruction methods
 - Unusual backgrounds



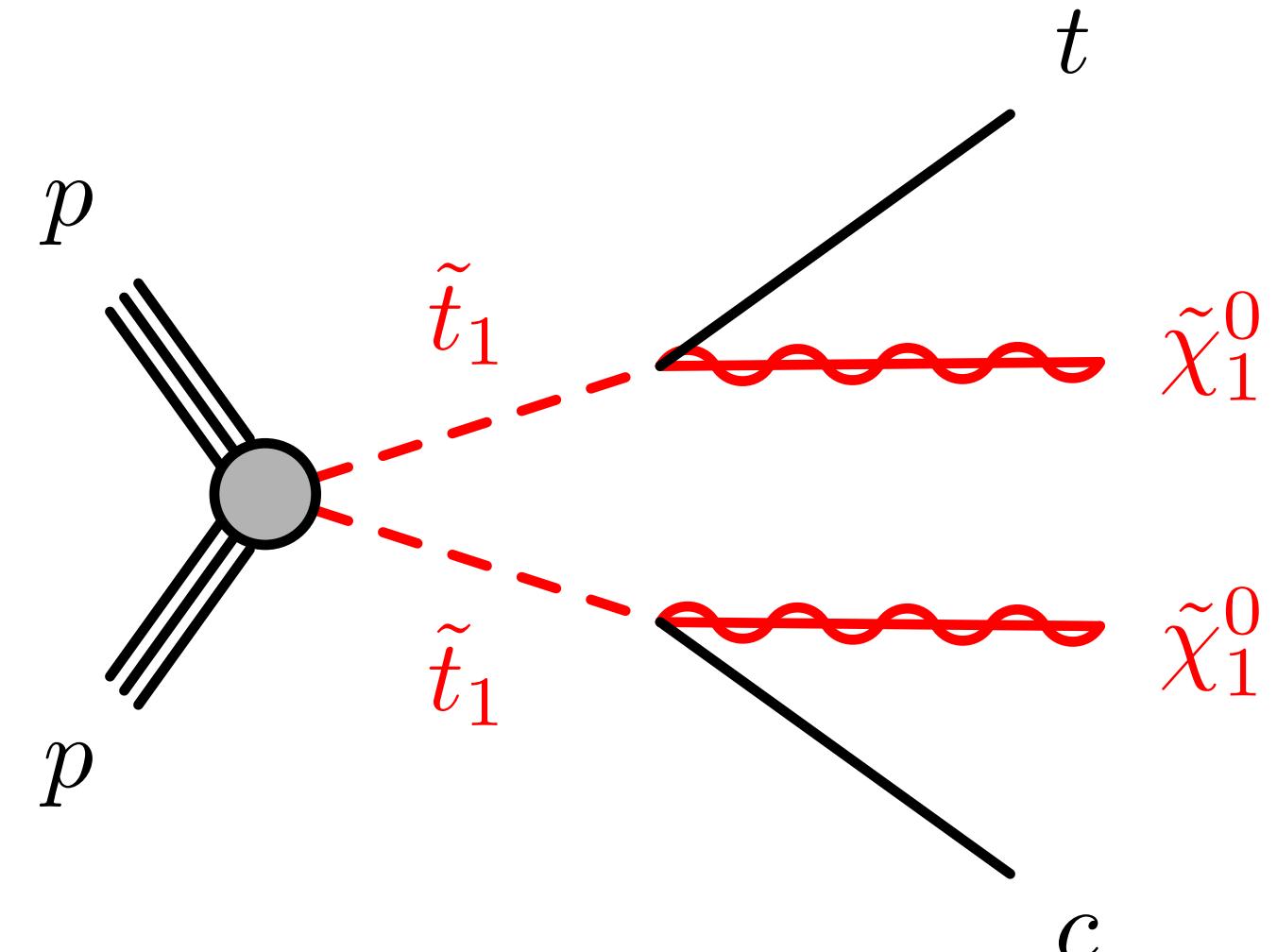
STRONG PRODUCTION

Stop to Top/Charm + Missing Transverse Momentum

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- ❖ Naturalness arguments favour light stops ($\tilde{t}_L, \tilde{t}_R \rightarrow \tilde{t}_1, \tilde{t}_2$) mass eigenstate
- ❖ Non-minimal flavour violation extension of the MSSM considered
 - \tilde{t}_1 can decay into a top or charm quark ($\tilde{t}_1 \rightarrow c \tilde{\chi}_1^0 / t \tilde{\chi}_1^0$)
 - Consider decays with on-shell top quarks ($\Delta m(\tilde{t}_1, \tilde{\chi}_1^0) \geq 175$ GeV)



- ❖ Common event selection : **top-tagged large-R jets, b- or charm-tagged jets, large E_T^{miss}**
- ❖ **First exploration of signature with top- and charm-jets**
 - Analysis-specific charm-tagging algorithm (DL1r_c) developed based on b-tagging algorithm (DL1r)

b-tagging working point

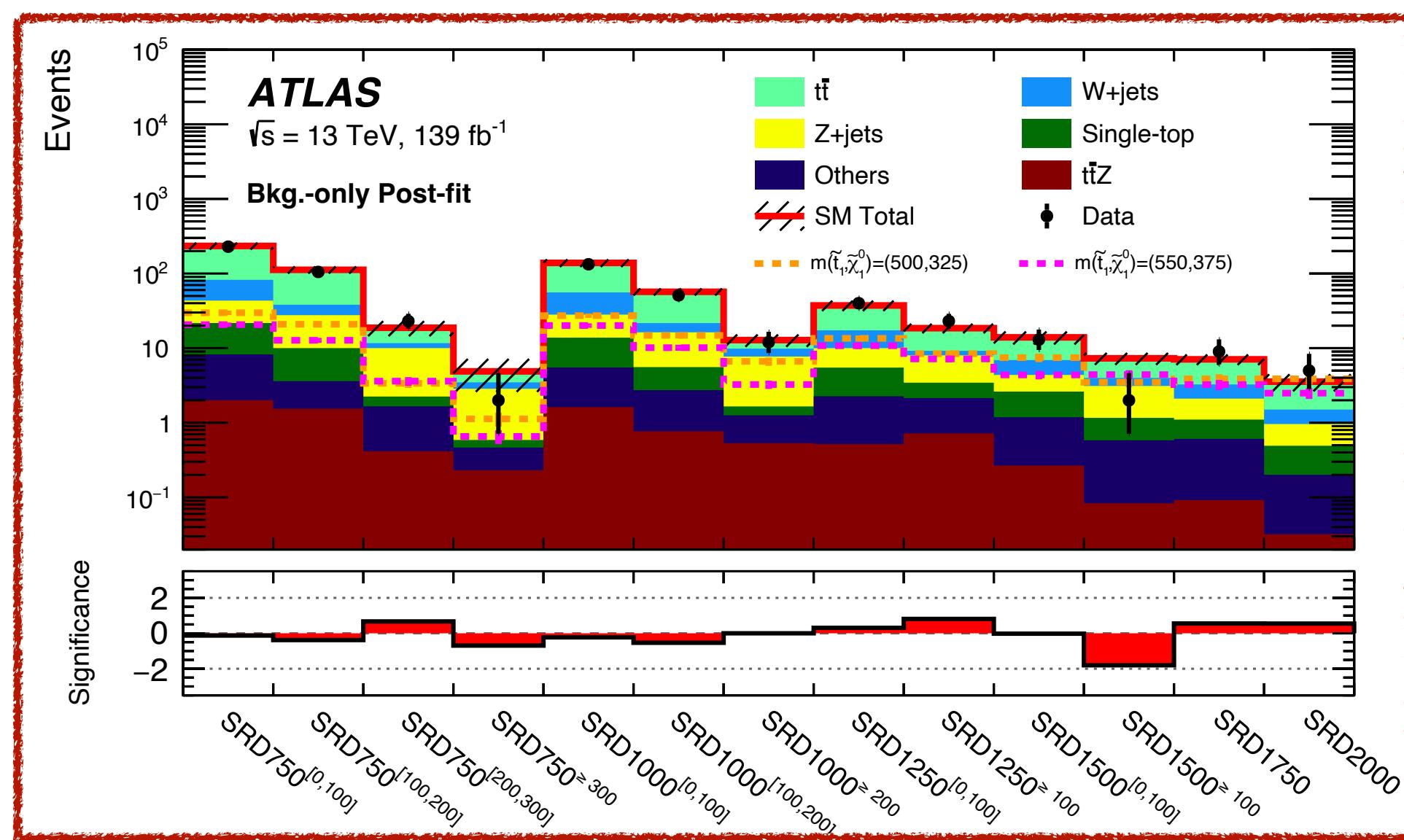
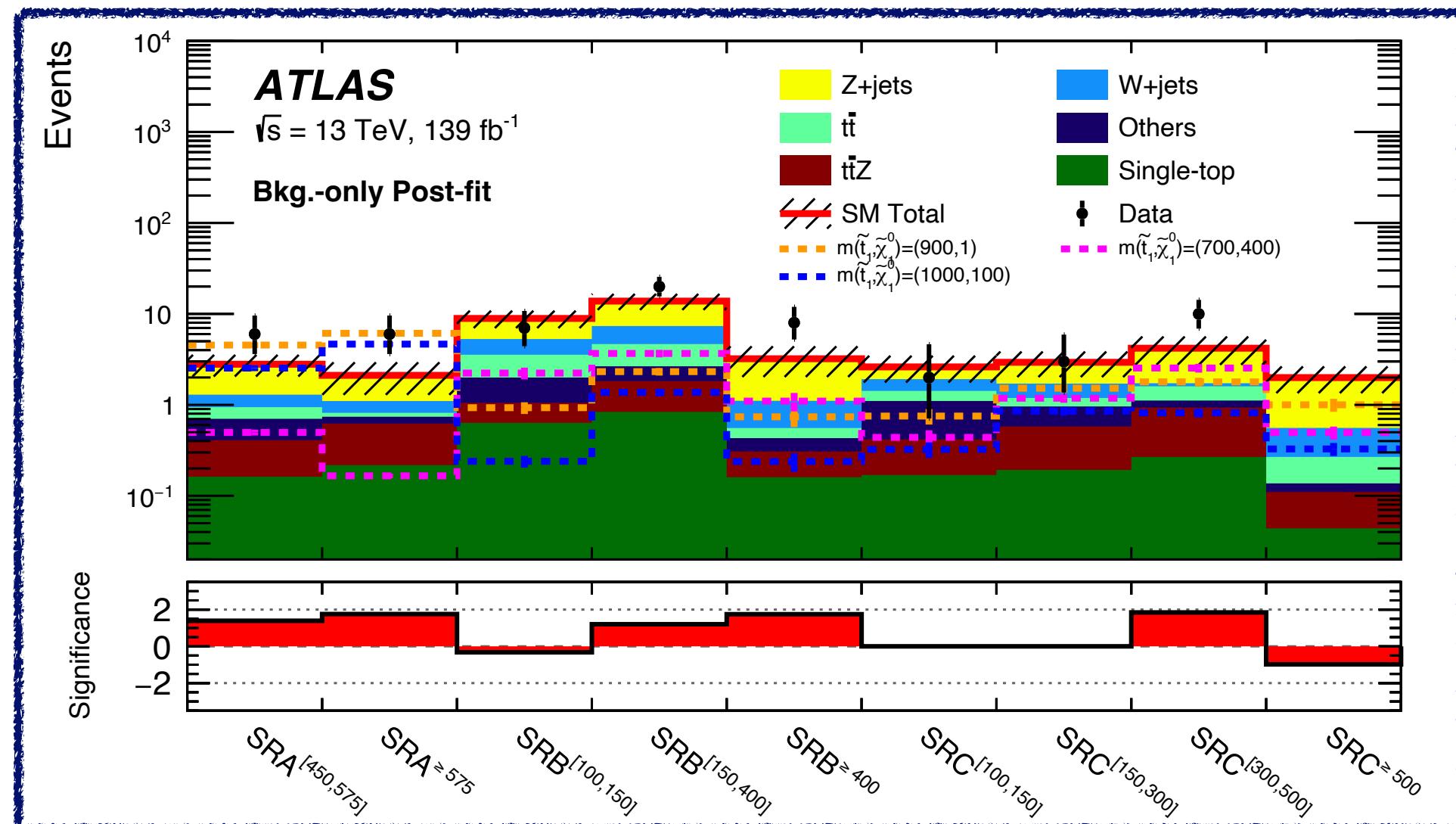
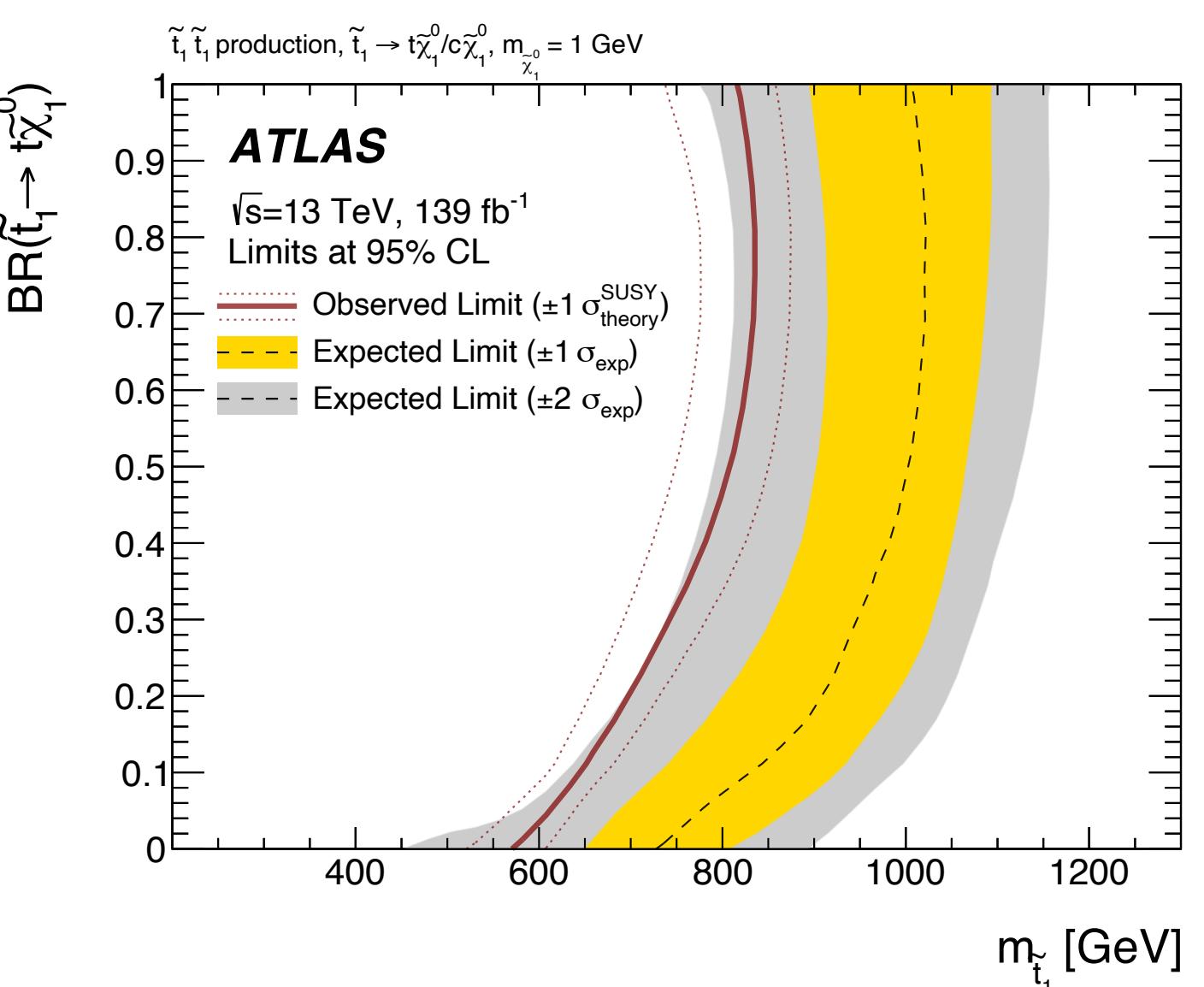
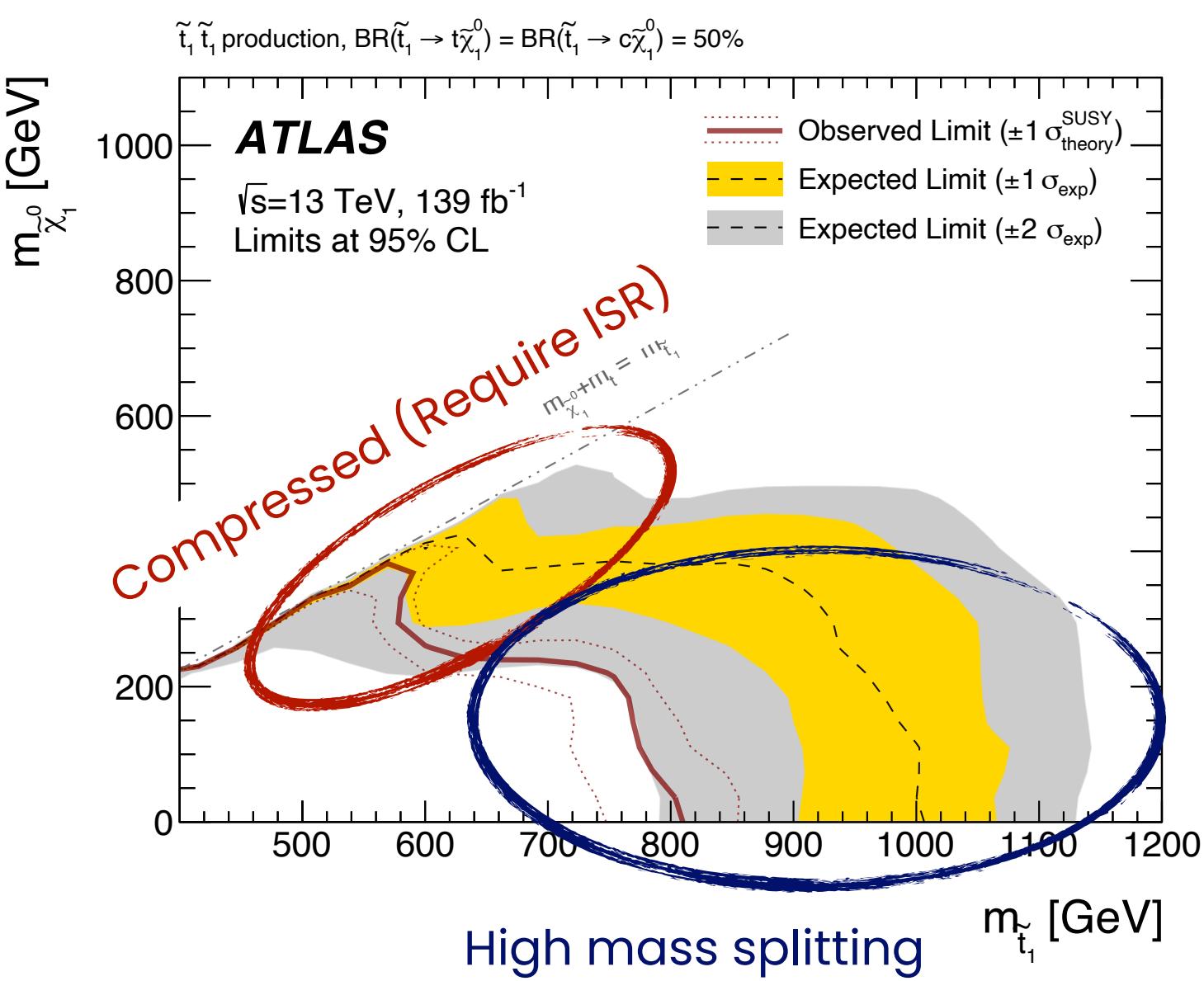
<i>b</i> -jet efficiency	<i>c</i> -jet misidentification	<i>light-jet</i> misidentification
77%	20%	0.9%
c-tagging working point		
<i>c</i> -jet efficiency	<i>b</i> -jet rejection	<i>light-jet</i> rejection
20%	29	57

Stop to Top/Charm + Missing Transverse Momentum

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- SRs targetting **high mass splitting (compressed)** regime, observe excesses/deficits but all within 2σ
- Stop mass excluded up to
 - 800 GeV in high mass splitting regime**
 - 600 GeV in compressed regime**

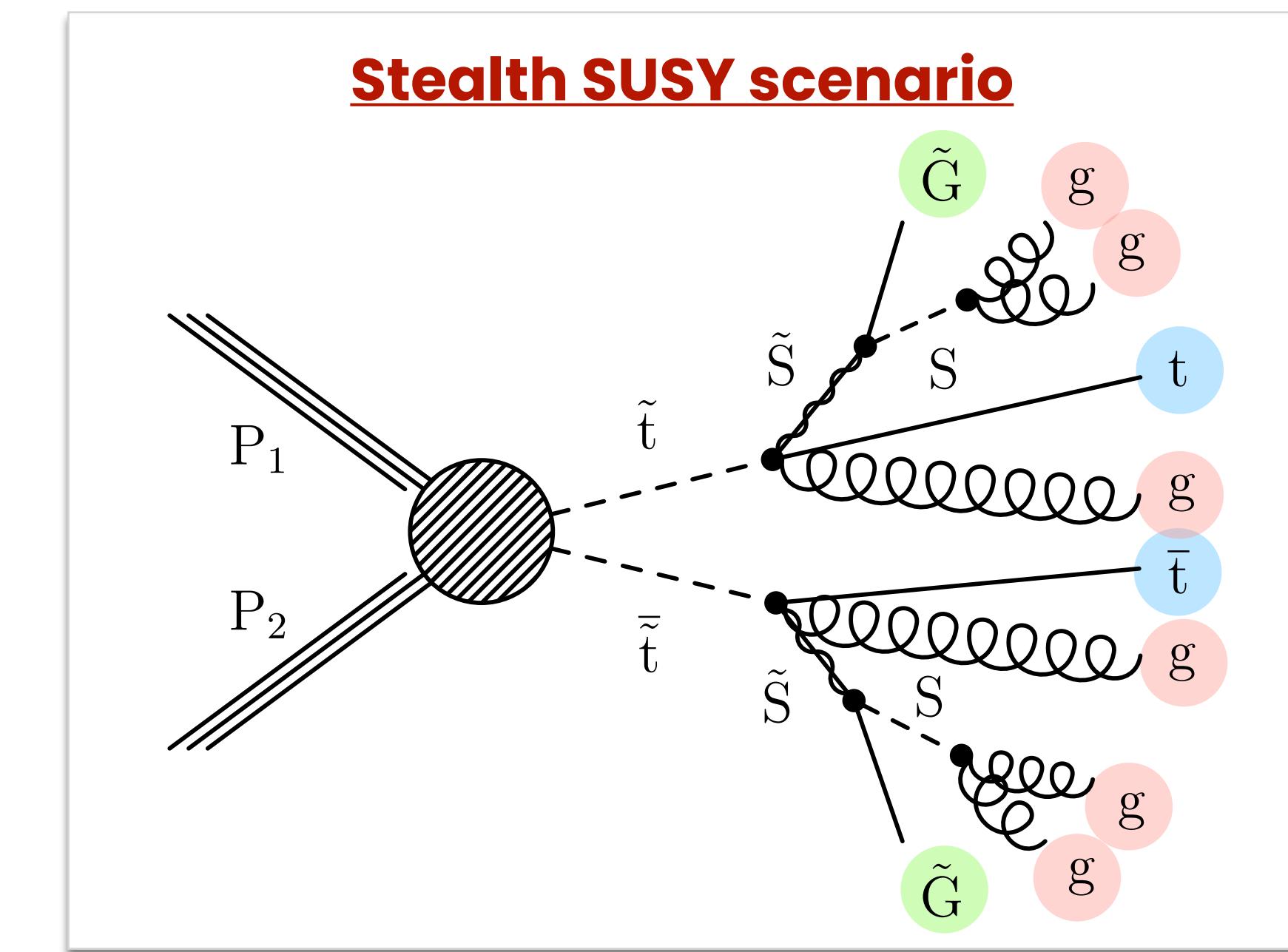
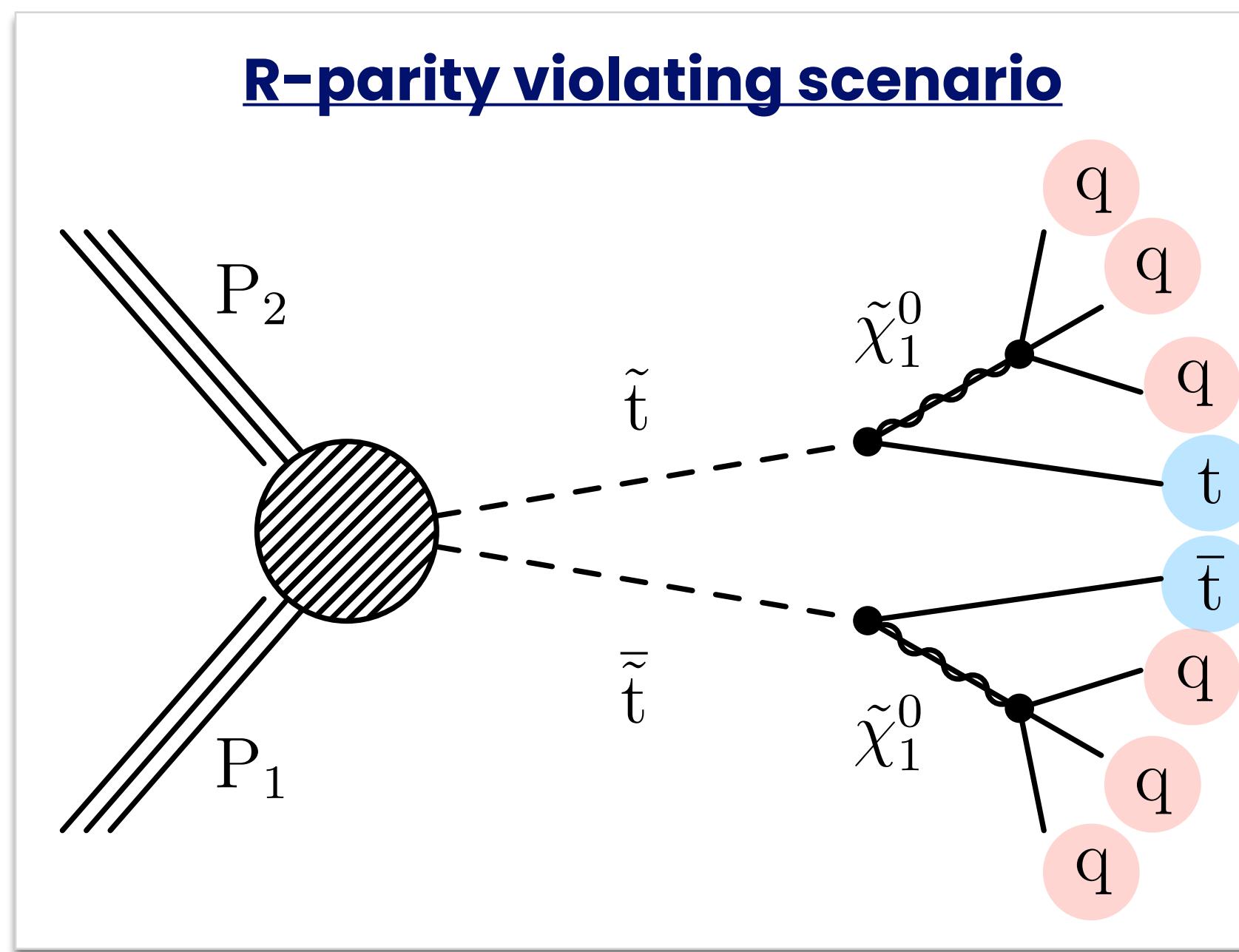


Stop Search with many Light Flavor Jets and Leptons

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- Search for stop production in R-parity violating (RPV) and Stealth SUSY (SYY) models
 - SYY : Hidden sector with mass degenerate scalar particle (S) and its superpartner (\tilde{S})**
 - RPV : Lightest SUSY particle allowed to decay to SM particles (e.g. $\tilde{\chi}_1^0 \rightarrow uds$)**
 - These scenarios lead to final states *without* large missing transverse momentum



Light flavor jet
top quark (\rightarrow lepton)
Gravitino (but very soft)

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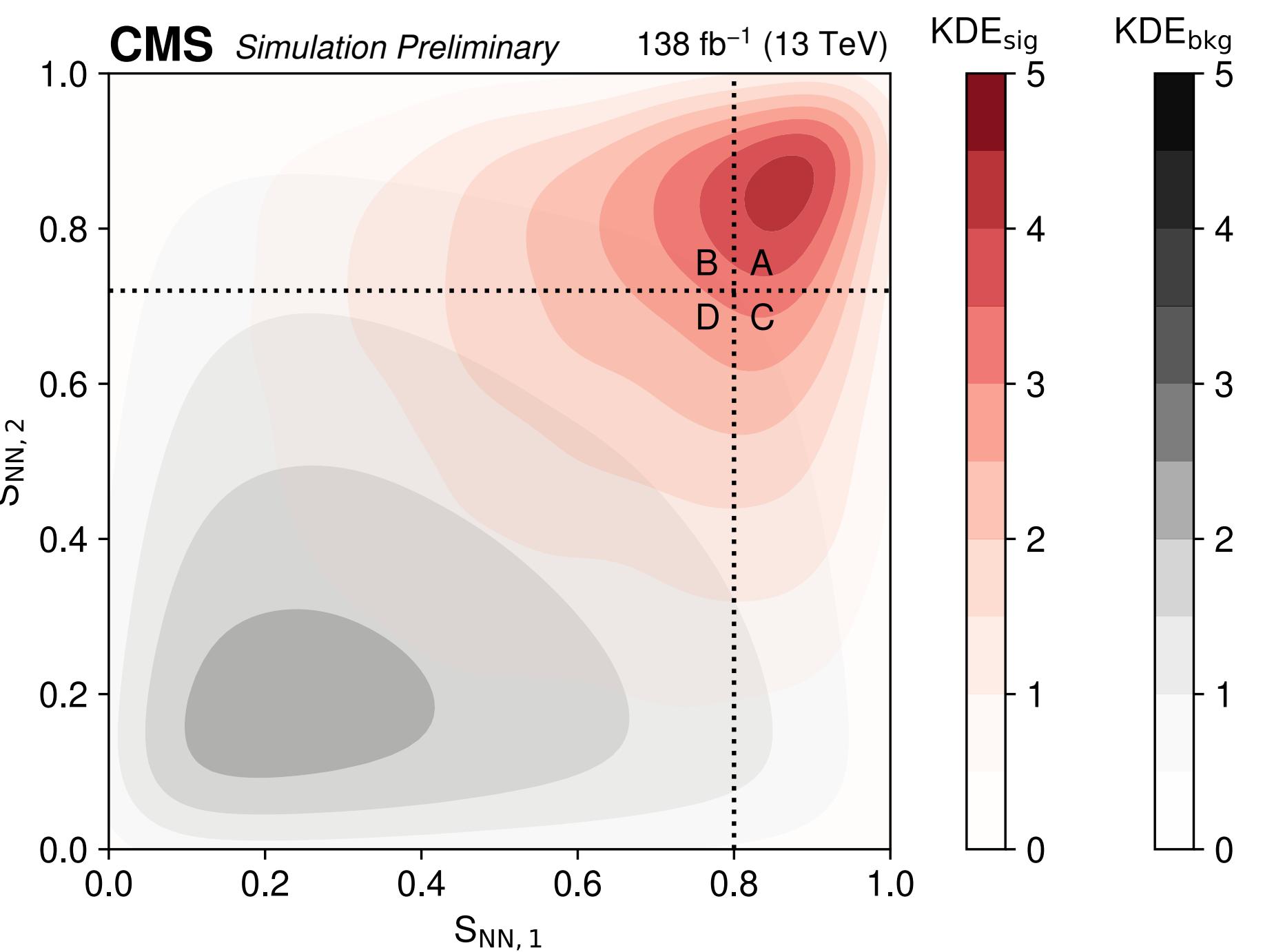
- Final state : 2 top quarks + multiple jets **Main background : $t\bar{t} + \text{jets}$**
- Top quark pair production with jets from initial- and final-state radiation (ISR and FSR)
- Estimated by a data-driven method (**ABCDisCoTEC** method)

Distance Correlation : statistical measure of nonlinear dependence

ABCDisCoTEC method

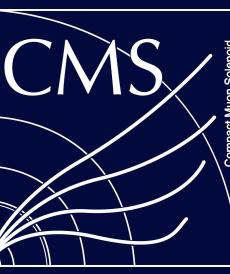
- ABCD method requires two independent variables
 - Train two NNs with classifier loss term and
 - ① Distance correlation loss term (DisCo)
 - ② Non-closure loss term
- **NN scores forced to be independent**

Distribution of output scores from two NNs ($S_{\text{NN},1}$ & $S_{\text{NN},2}$)

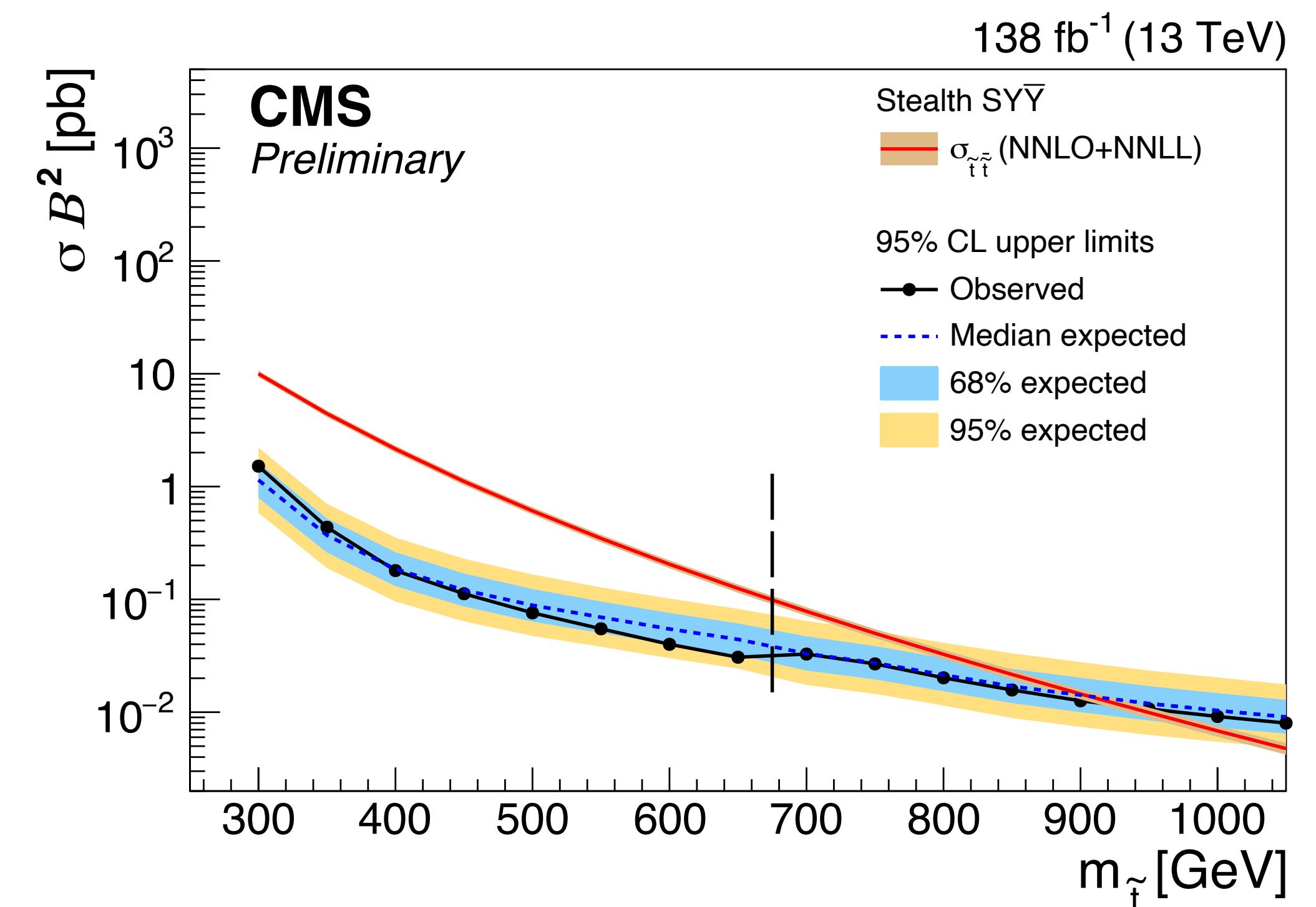
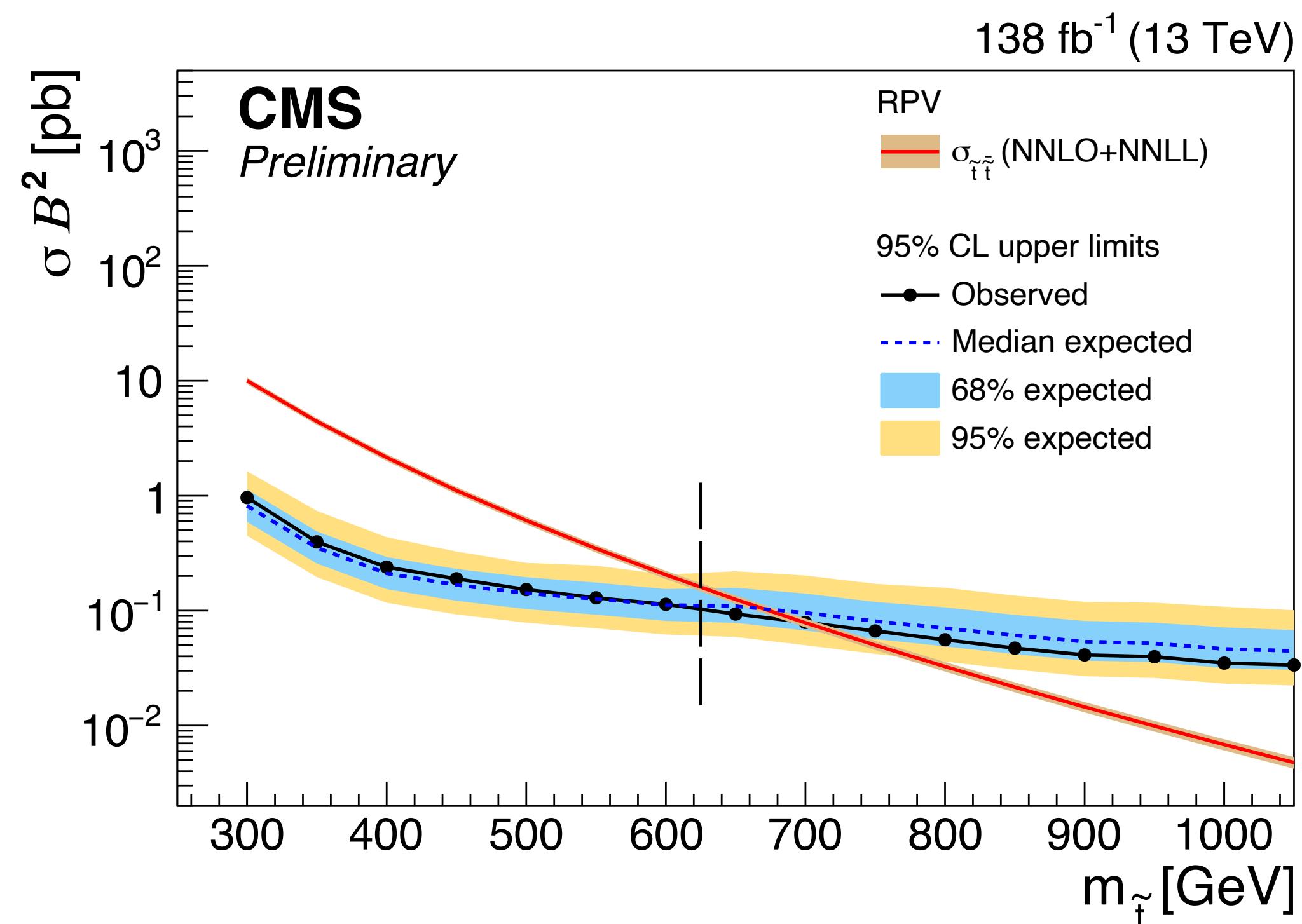


Stop Search with many Light Flavor Jets and Leptons

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- Lower boundary of output scores ($S_{NN,1}$ & $S_{NN,2}$) optimized for low- and high-mass
- Good agreement between observed data and prediction by ABCDisCoTEC method
 - Stop mass in RPV (ssY) model excluded up to 700 (930) GeV**



Vertical dashed line : Transition from low-mass optimization to high-mass optimization ABCD boundaries

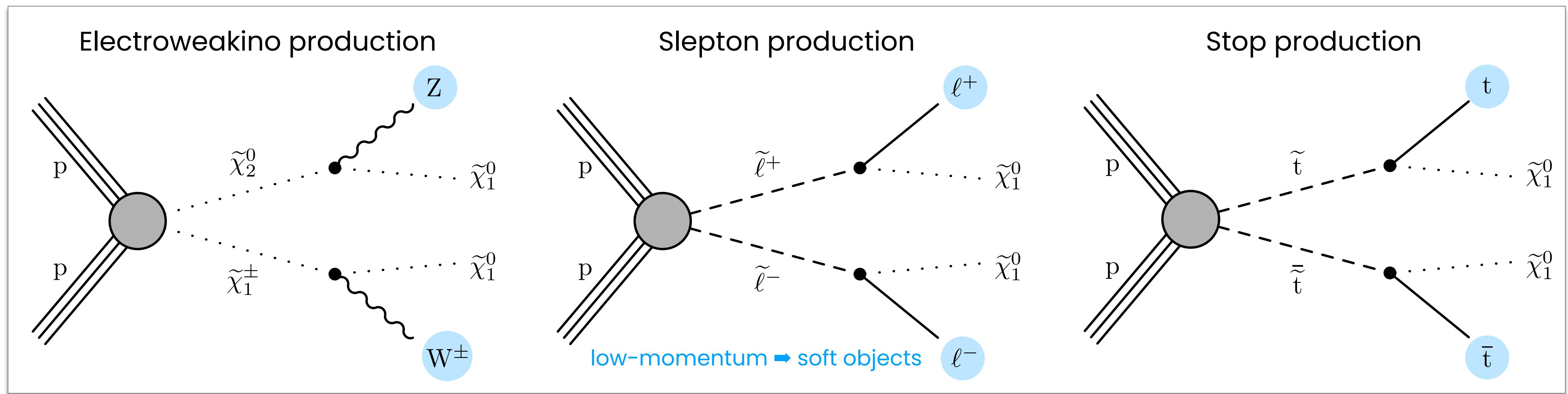
ELECTROWEAK PRODUCTION

General Search for Compressed SUSY

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- ❖ Compressed mass spectra motivated by Bino coannihilation, nearly pure higgsino etc.
 - Small mass splitting leads to visible objects with low-momentum
- ❖ Strategy to search for a wide range of potential sparticle signatures
 - **Require ISR jet to boost SUSY system and require large E_T^{miss}**
 - **Categorize events by number of leptons, jets, b tags and kinematic variables**

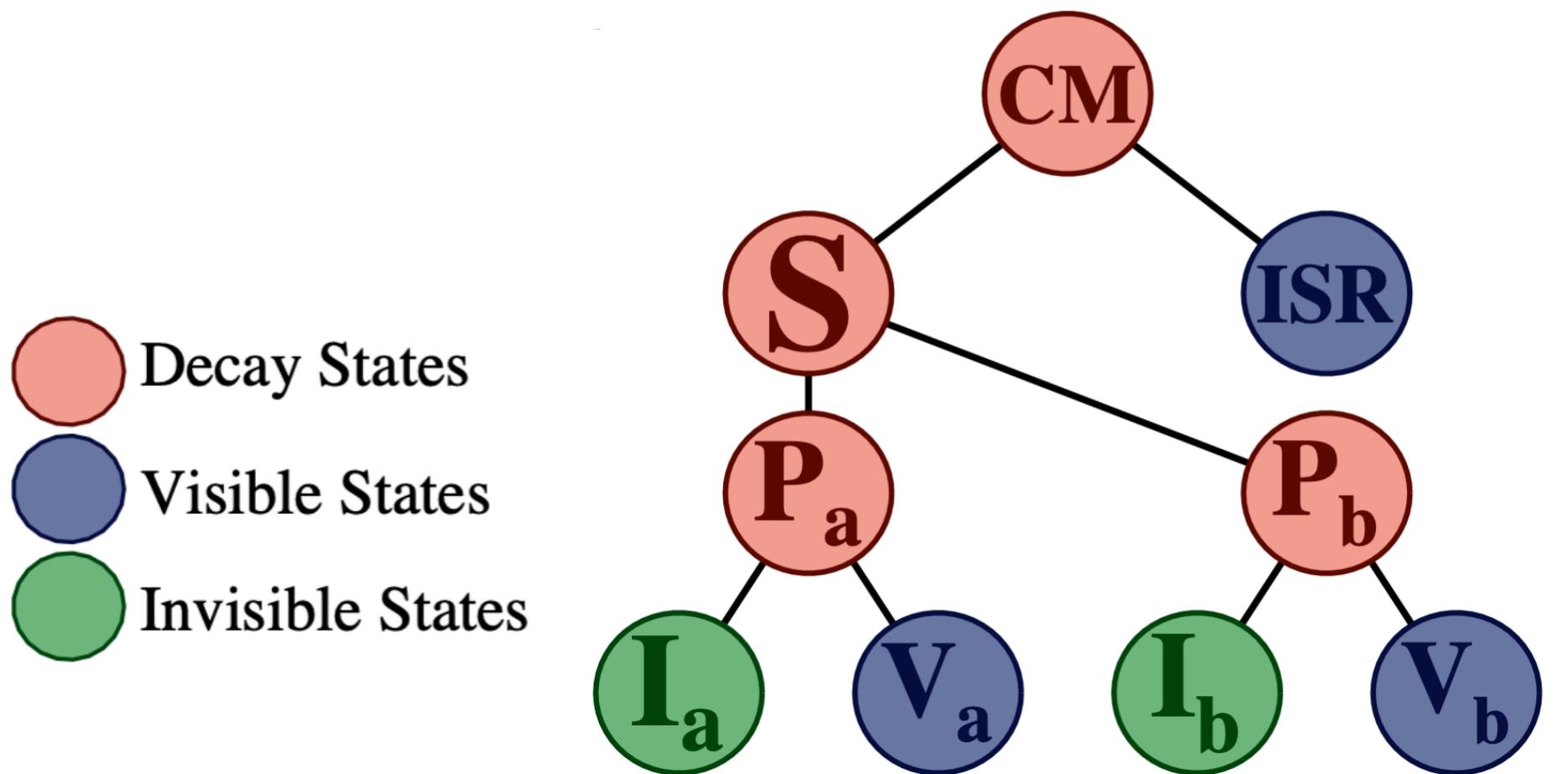


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- Event kinematic variable reconstructed with **Recursive Jigsaw Reconstruction (RJR) algorithm**
- Impose a decay tree on the events
 - Recursively iterate through rest frames
 - Specify four-vectors of each frame

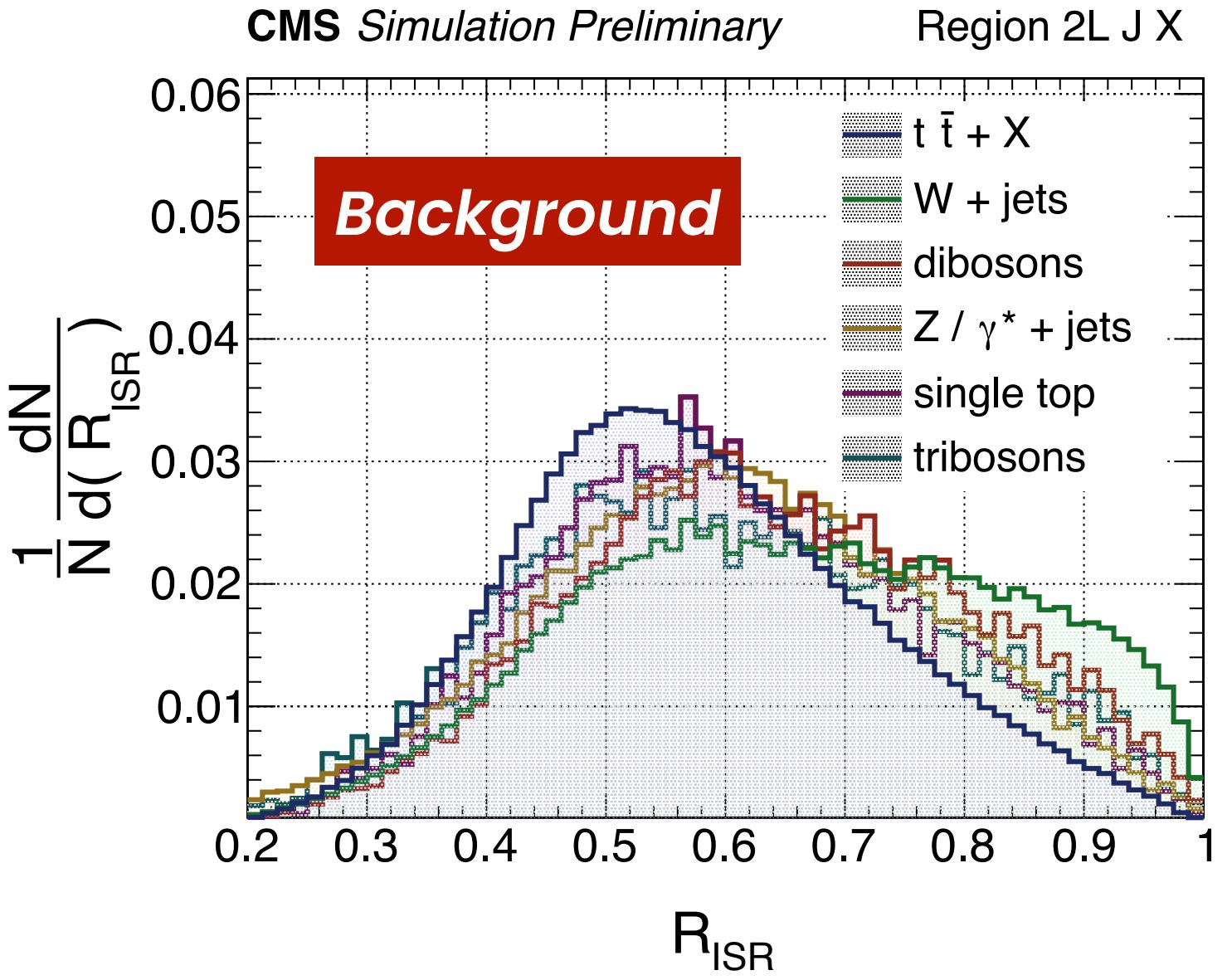
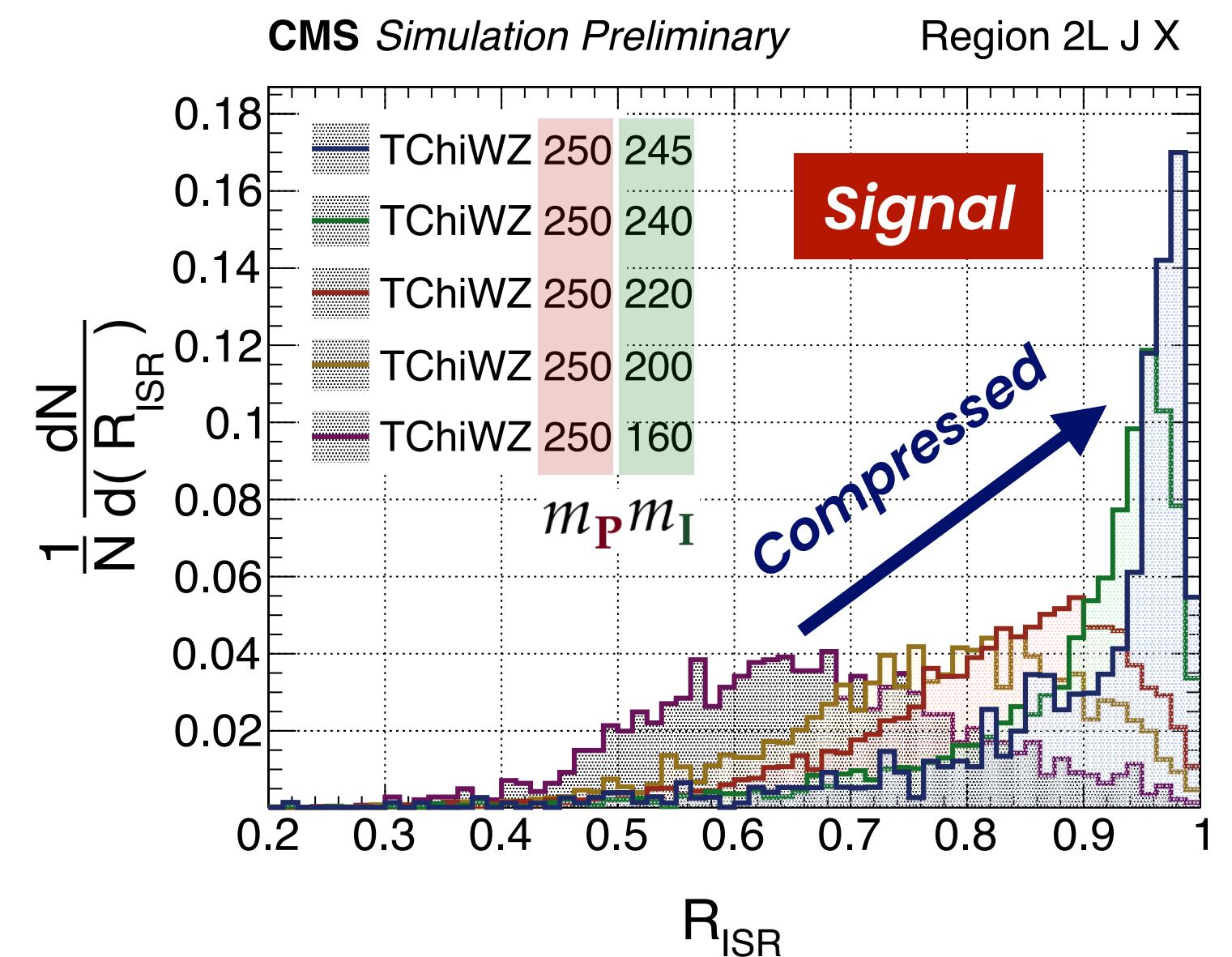


Example of RJR variable

$$R_{\text{ISR}} = \frac{|\vec{p}_{\text{I}}^{\text{CM}} \cdot \hat{p}_{\text{ISR}}^{\text{CM}}|}{|\vec{p}_{\text{ISR}}^{\text{CM}}|} \sim \frac{m_{\text{I}}}{m_{\text{P}}}$$

If $m_{\text{I}} \sim m_{\text{P}}$, invisible particles receive out-sized momentum of the ISR kick

→ **R_{ISR} sensitive to mass splitting**

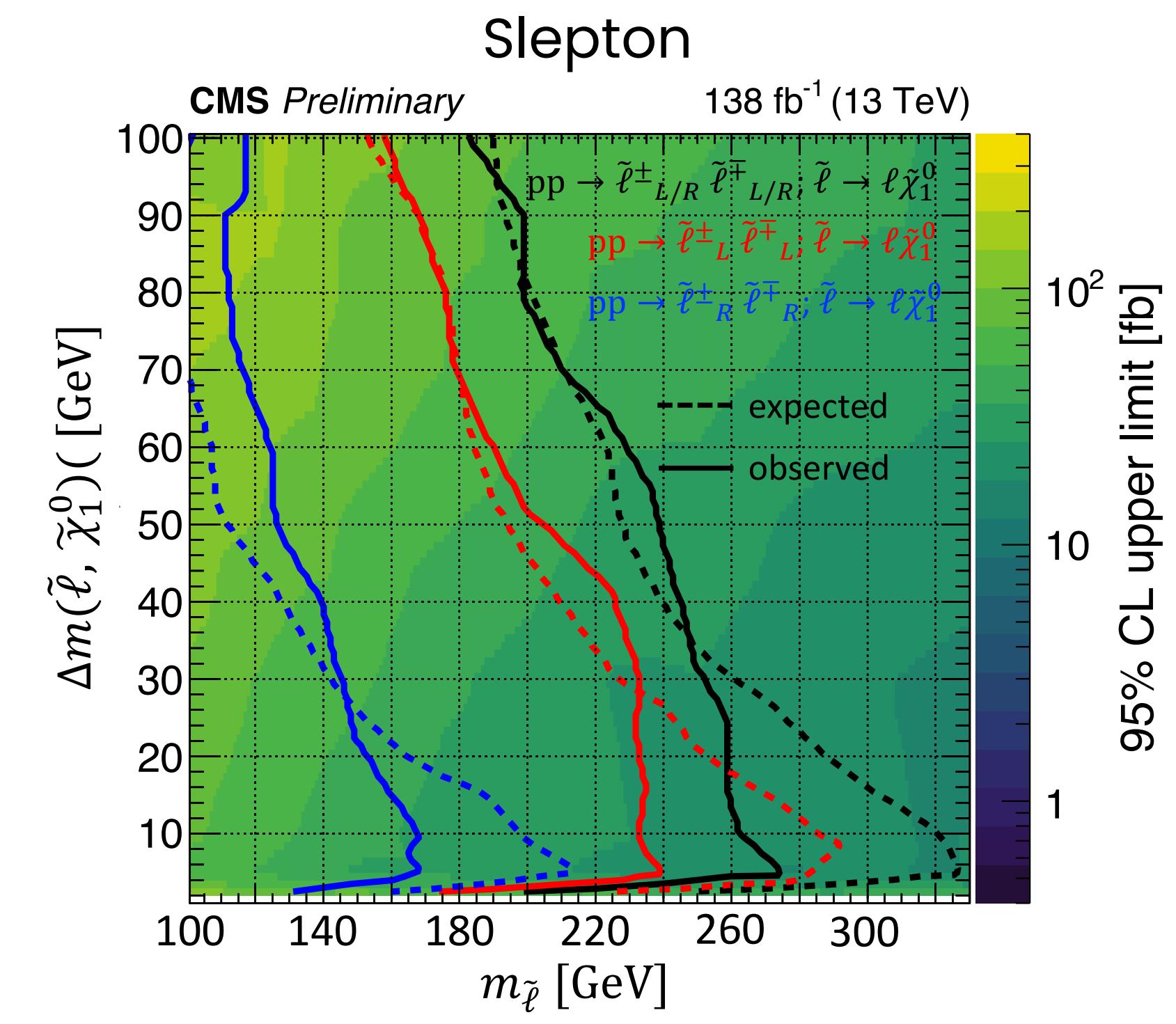
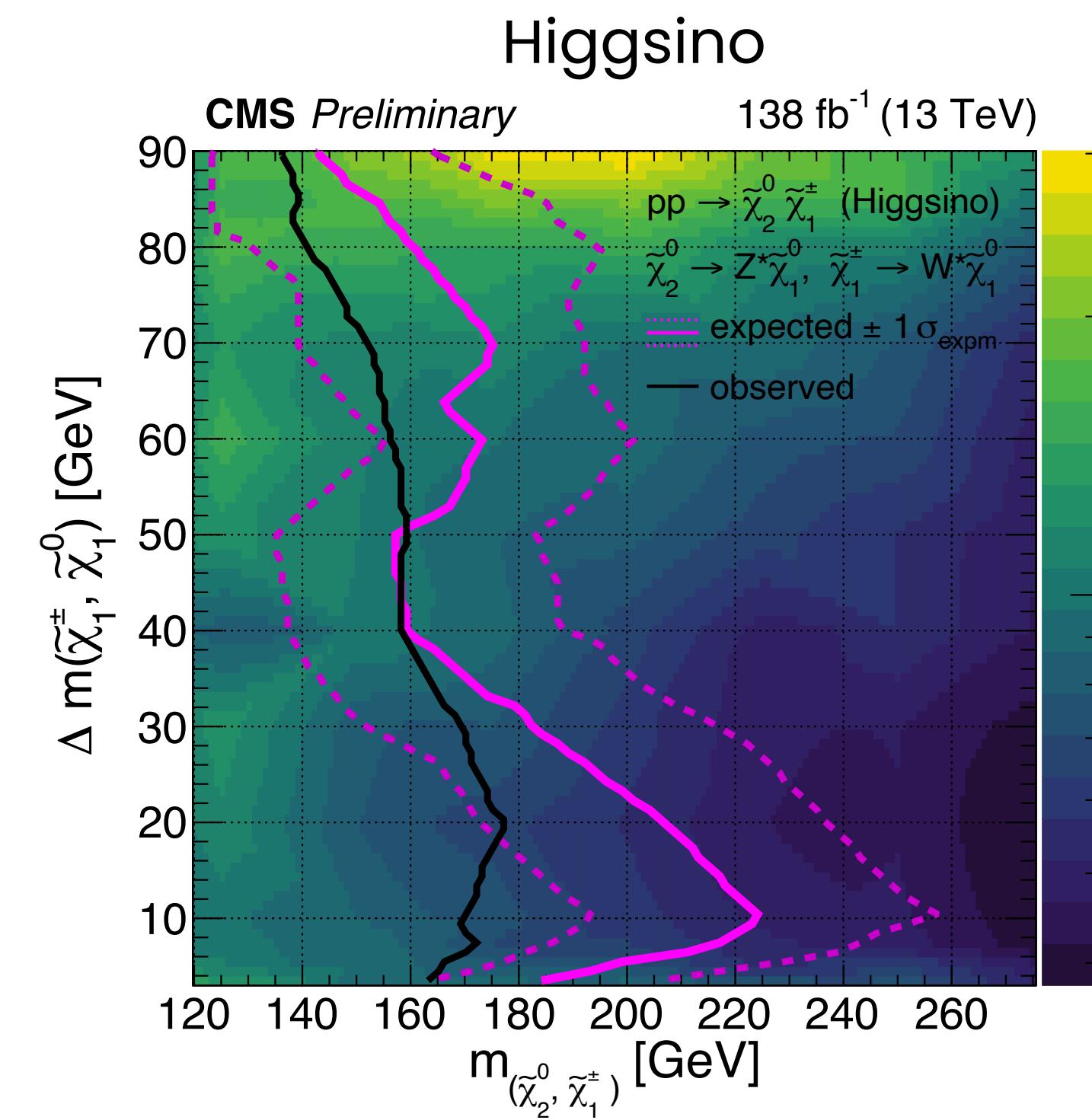
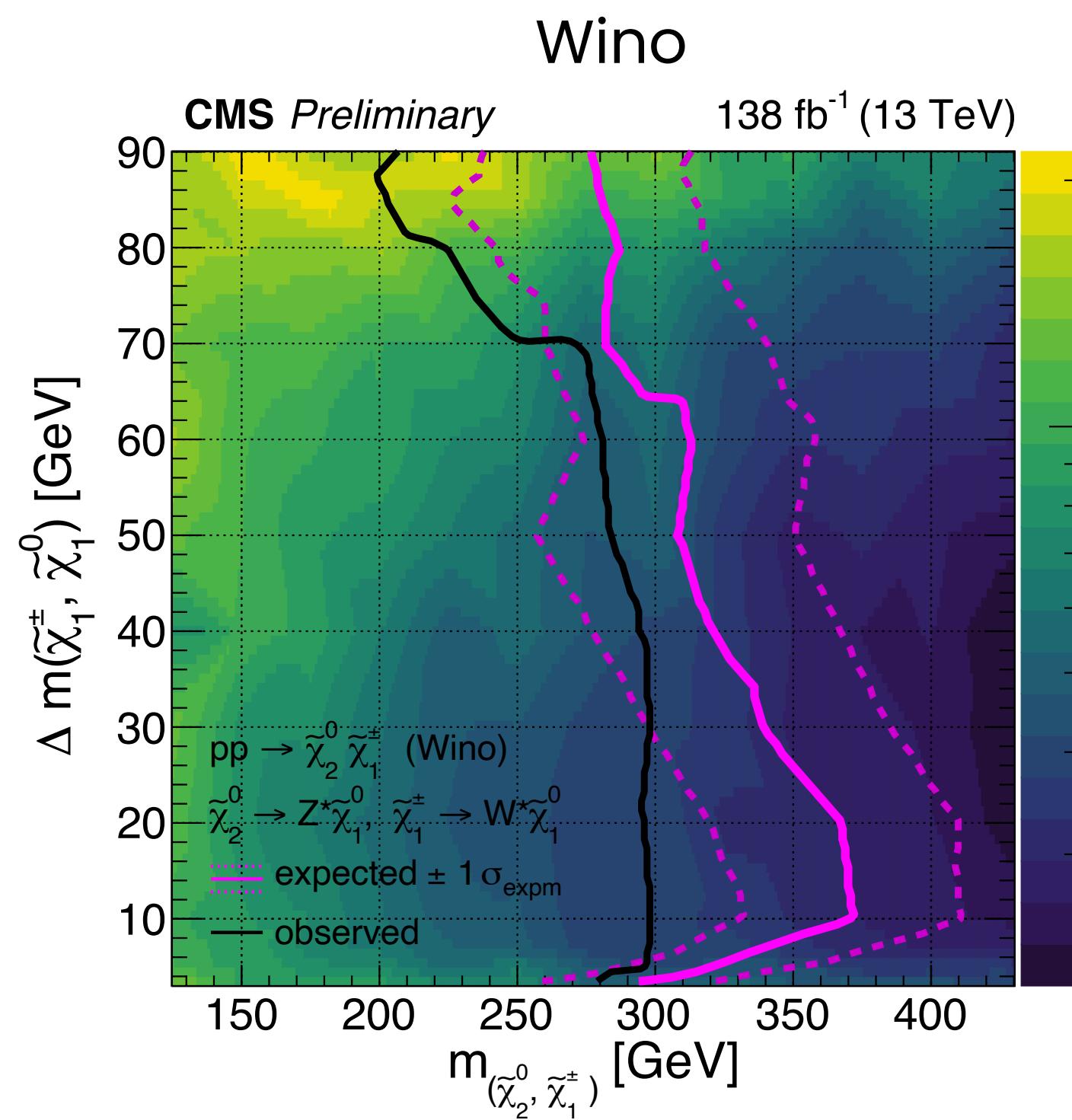


General Search for Compressed SUSY

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 - ▶ Wino (Higgsino) limits extending to 300 GeV (180 GeV)
 - ▶ Slepton limits extending to 275 GeV

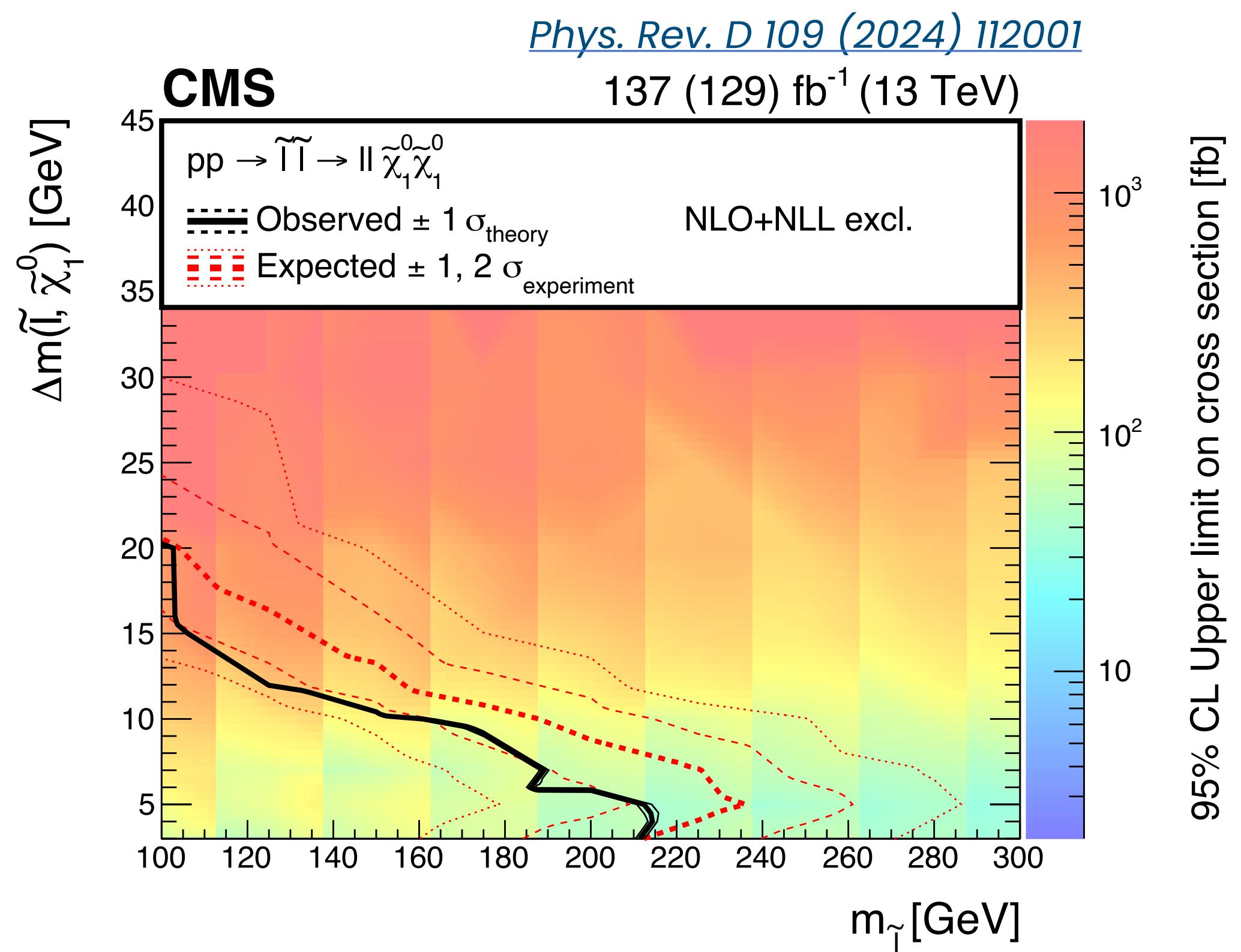


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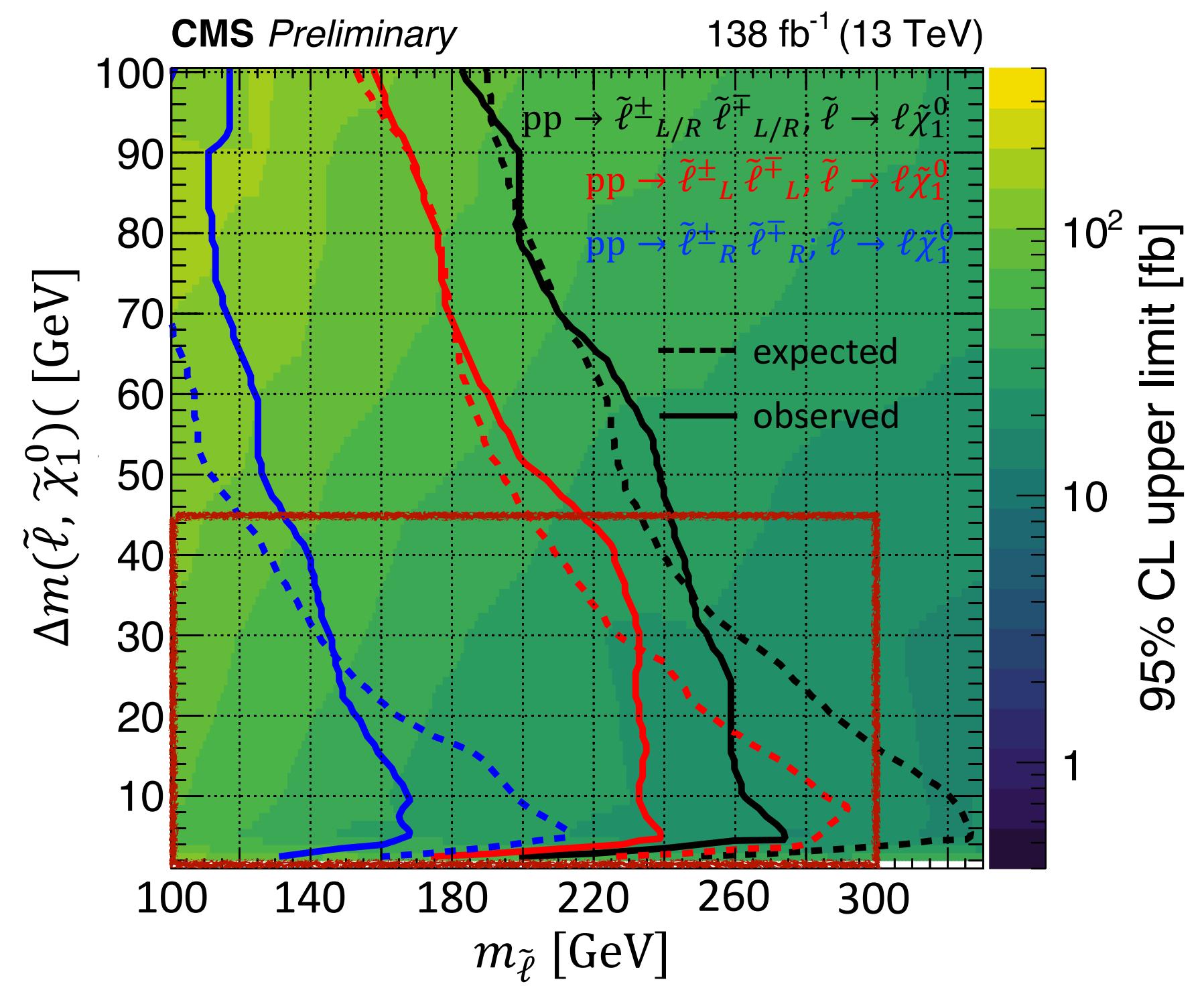
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95% CL Upper limit on cross section [fb]



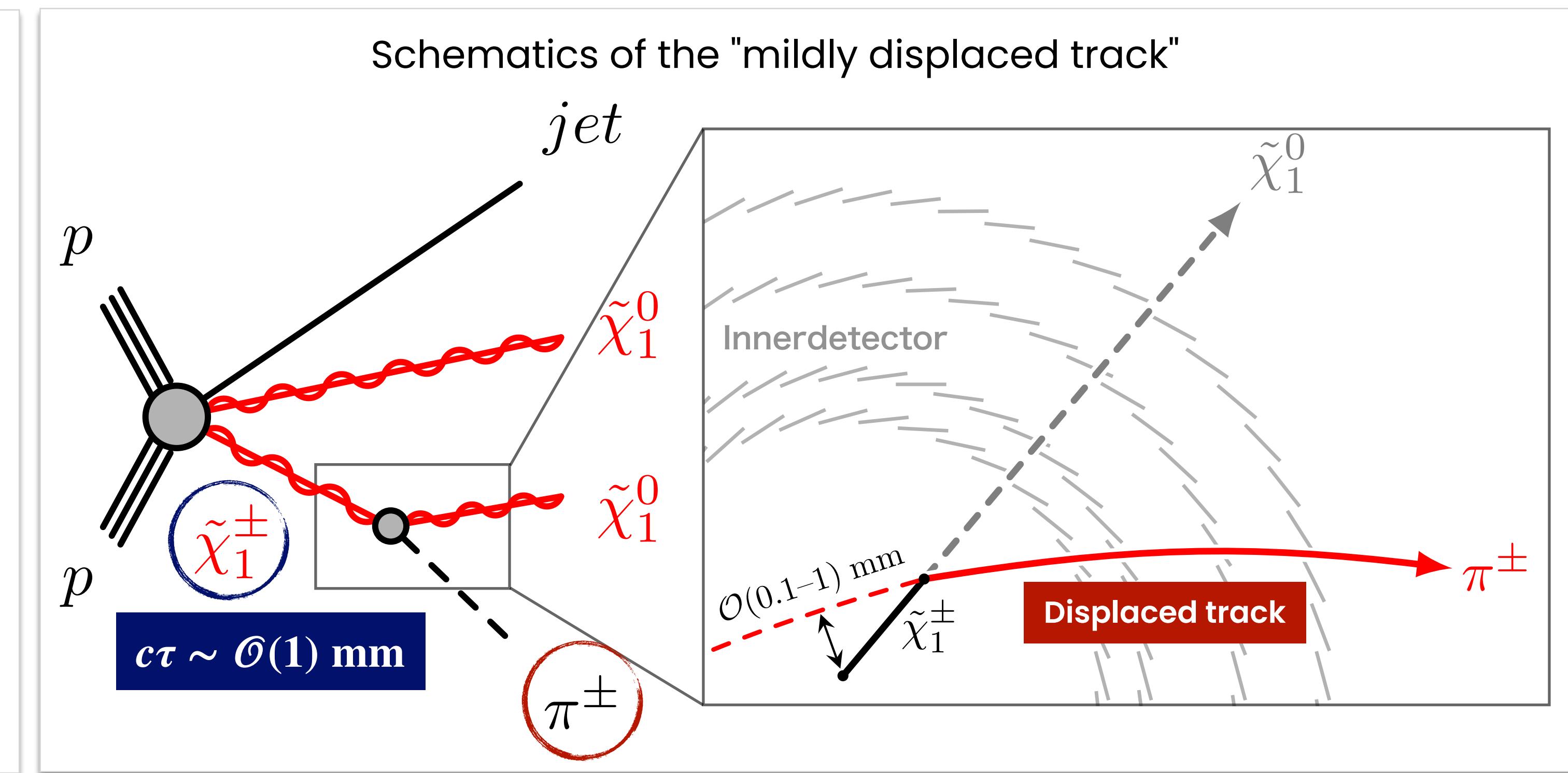
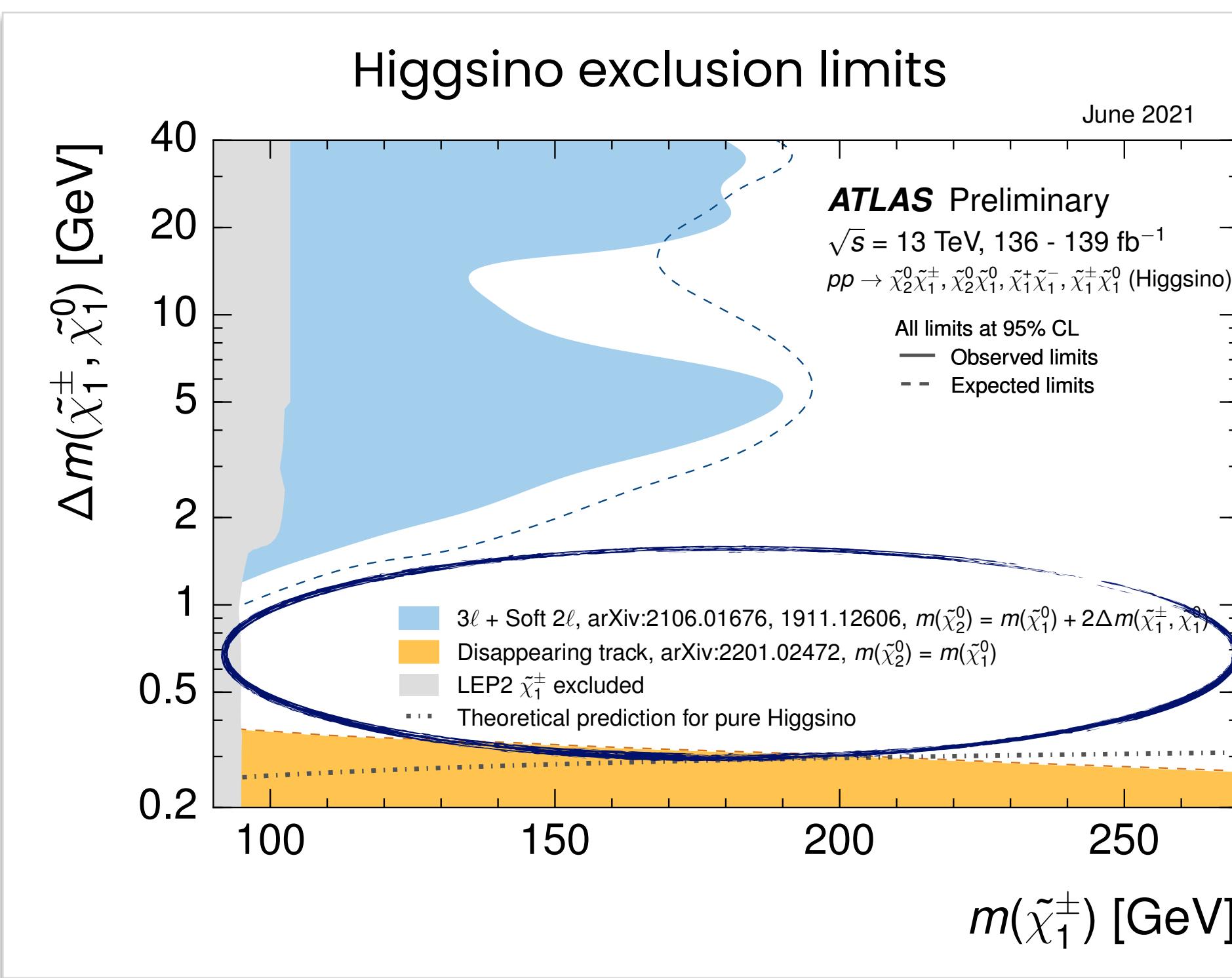
Compressed Higgsinos with Mildly-Displaced Tracks

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In the compressed Higgsino regime, $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm$ acquire a lifetime of order $c\tau \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$ mm

- ❖ $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm$ decay produce tracks with increased impact parameters (d_0)
- ❖ Identify $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm$ decay tracks by requiring a "**mildly displaced track**" : $S(d_0) = |d_0|/\sigma(d_0)$
- Idea from the "cornering higgsino" paper [H. Fukuda et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 124, 101801 (2020)]



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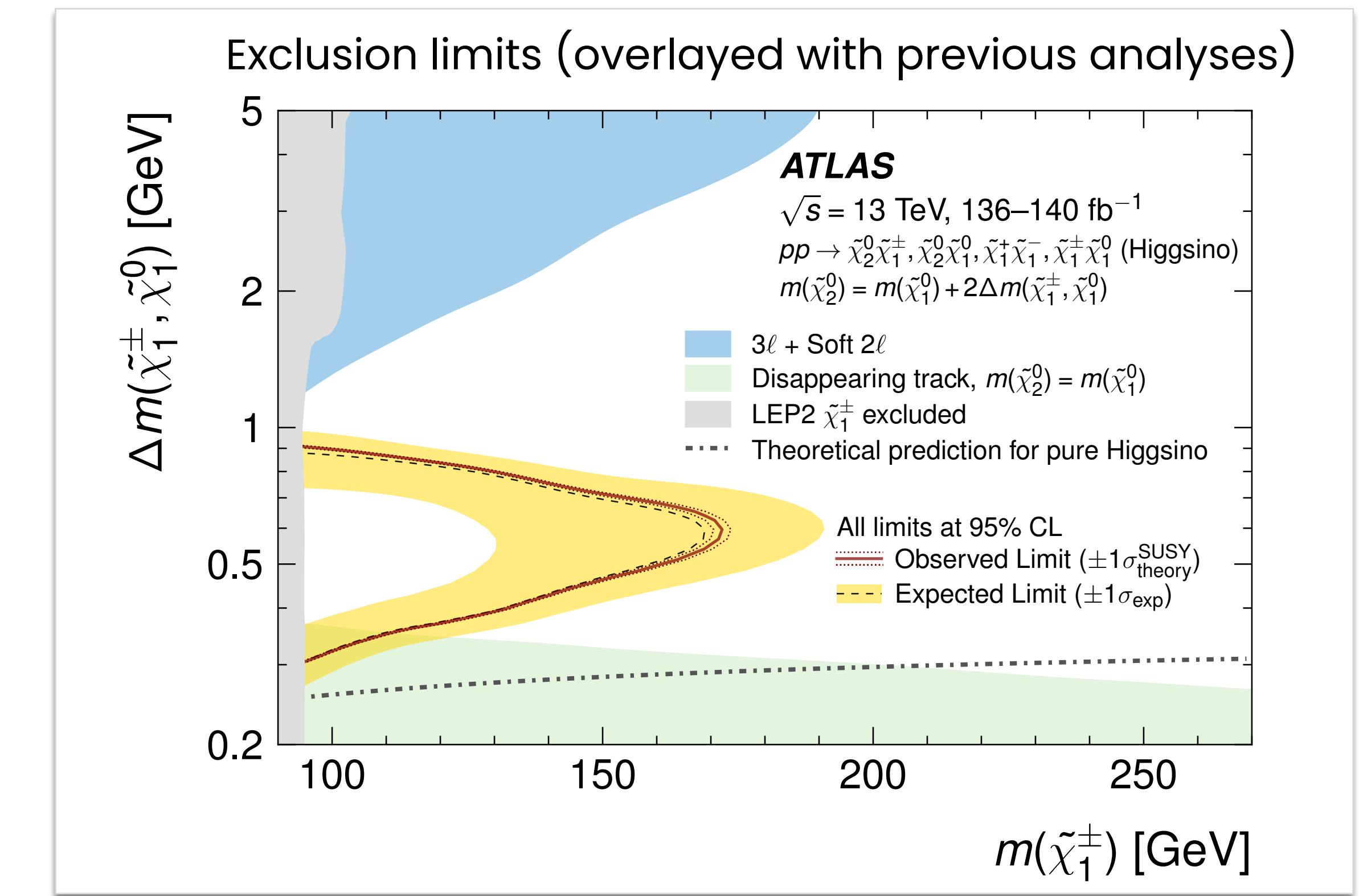
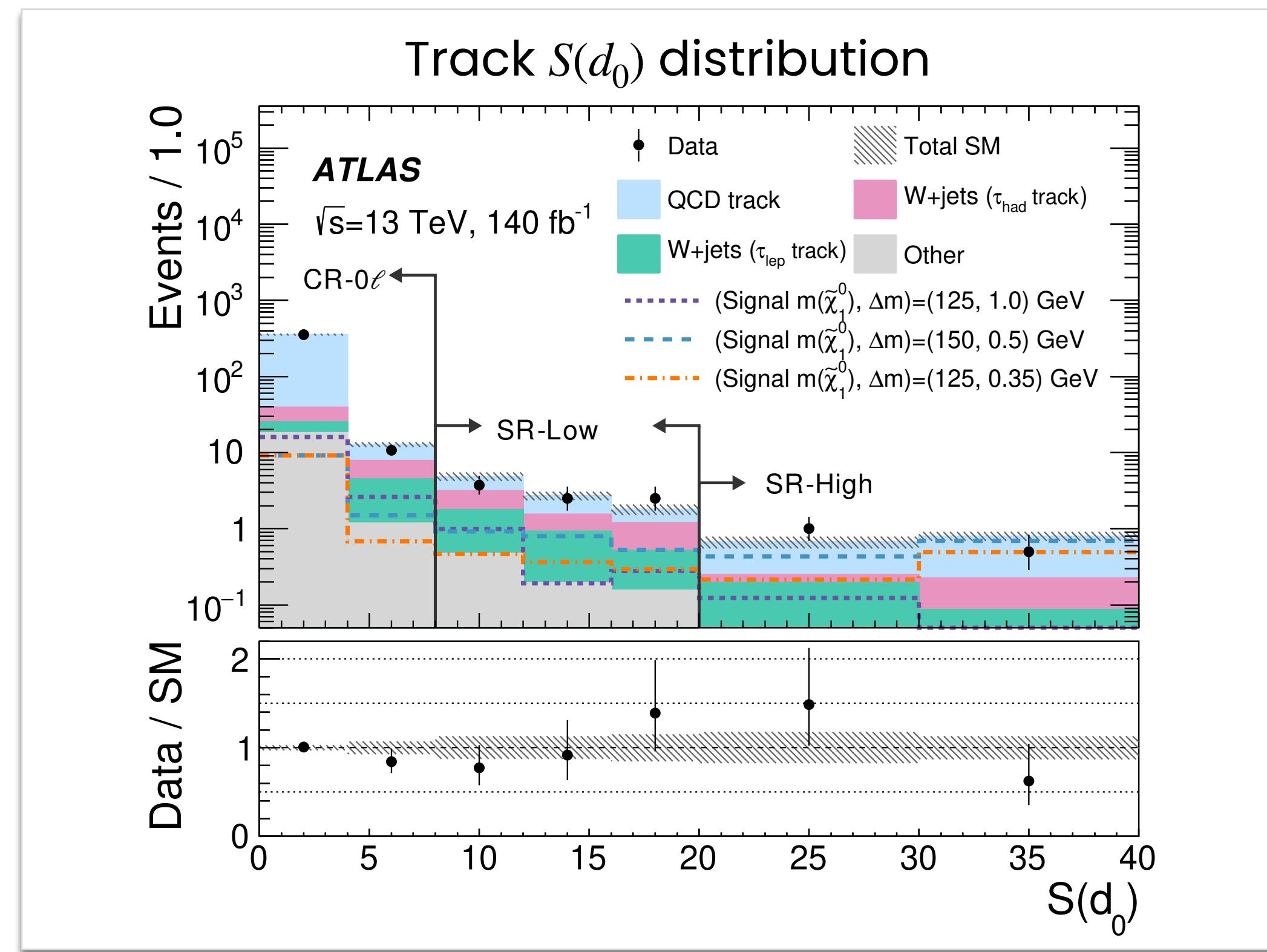
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No significant data excess in all SRs

- Covered the higgsino gap ($0.3 \text{ GeV} < \Delta m(\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm, \tilde{\chi}_1^0) < 0.9 \text{ GeV}$), with a maximum reach of 170 GeV in the chargino mass

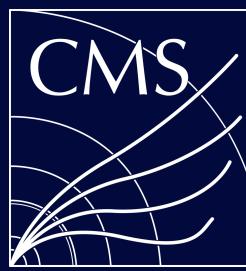
	SR-Low	SR-High
Observed data	35	15
SM prediction	37 ± 4	14.8 ± 2.0
QCD track	14.0 ± 1.7	10.0 ± 1.6
$W(\rightarrow \tau_\ell \nu) + \text{jets}$	9.6 ± 1.6	2.0 ± 0.6
$W(\rightarrow \tau_h \nu) + \text{jets}$	10.6 ± 2.0	1.9 ± 0.8
Others	3.2 ± 0.7	0.8 ± 0.4



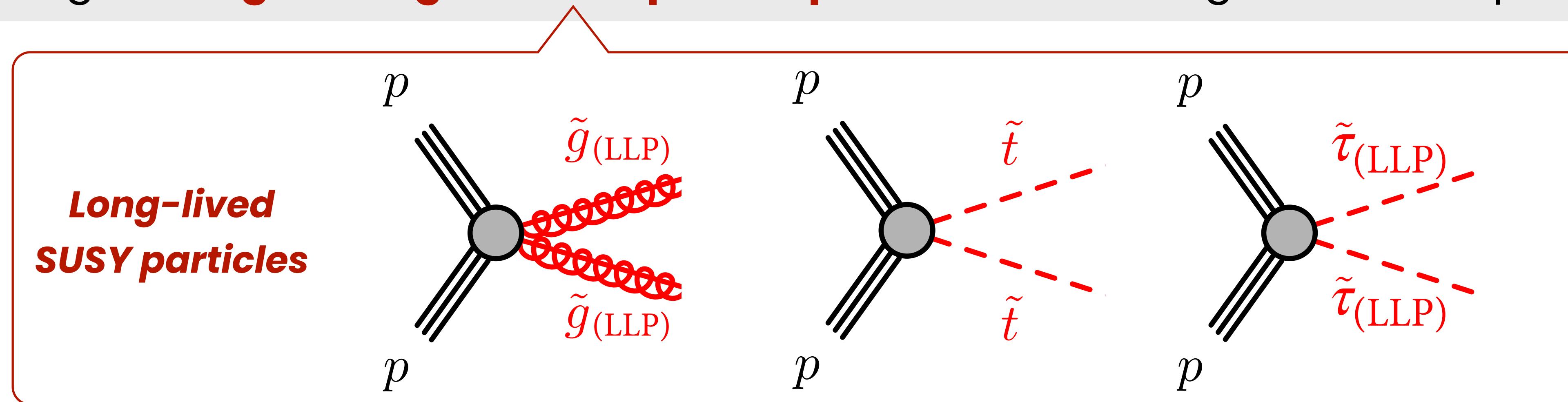
LONG-LIVED PARTICLE SEARCH

LLPs with Large Ionization Energy Loss

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- Heavy stable charged particles have a small relative velocity ($\beta \equiv v/c$)
- Can be detected by higher rate of ionization energy loss (dE/dx)**
- Target : **long-lived gluino, stop, stau particles** & fourth generation lepton (τ')



- Two methods developed to cross-check any potential excess in the data
 - ① A simple, very inclusive search → **Ionization method**
 - ② More exclusive channel → **Mass method**

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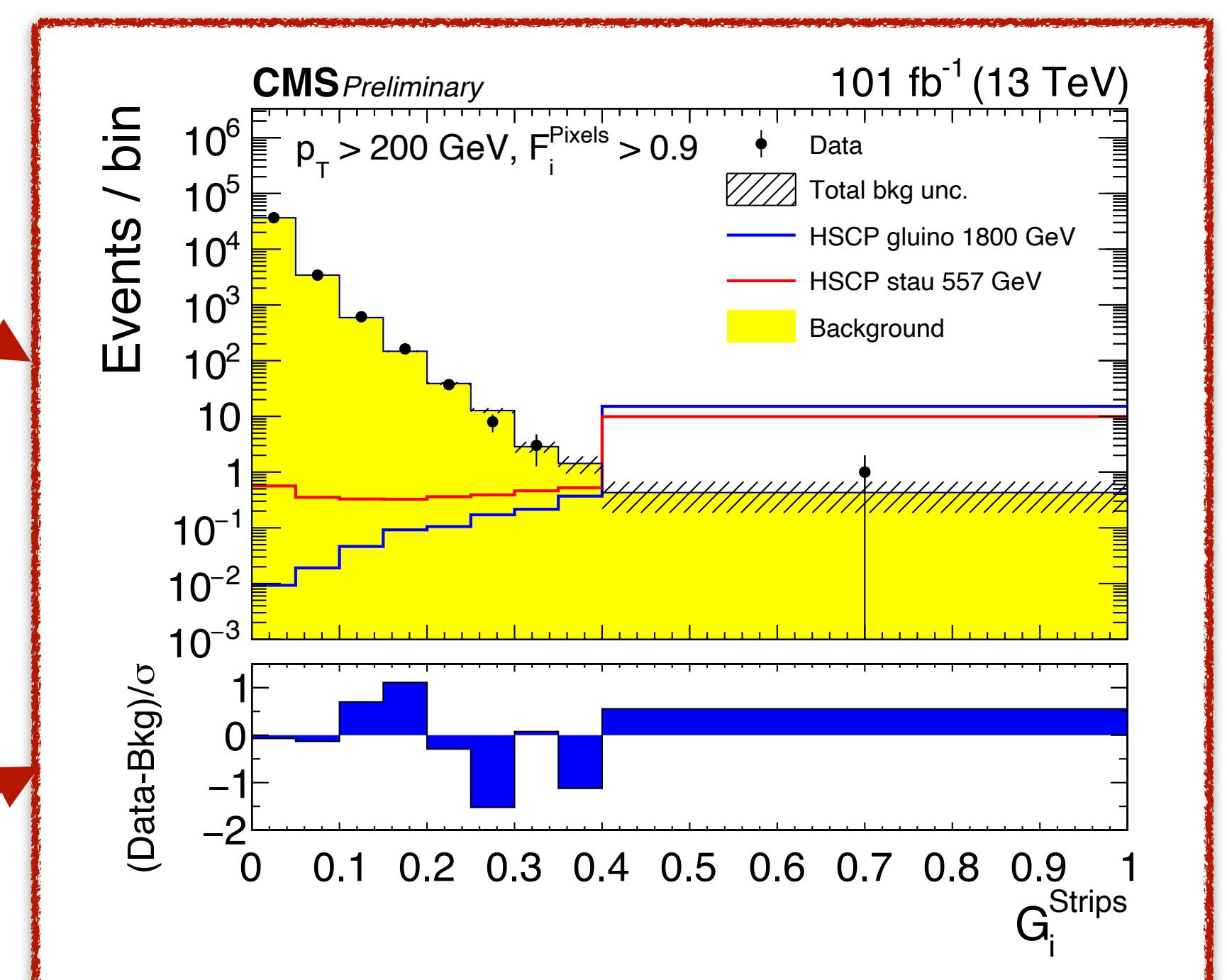
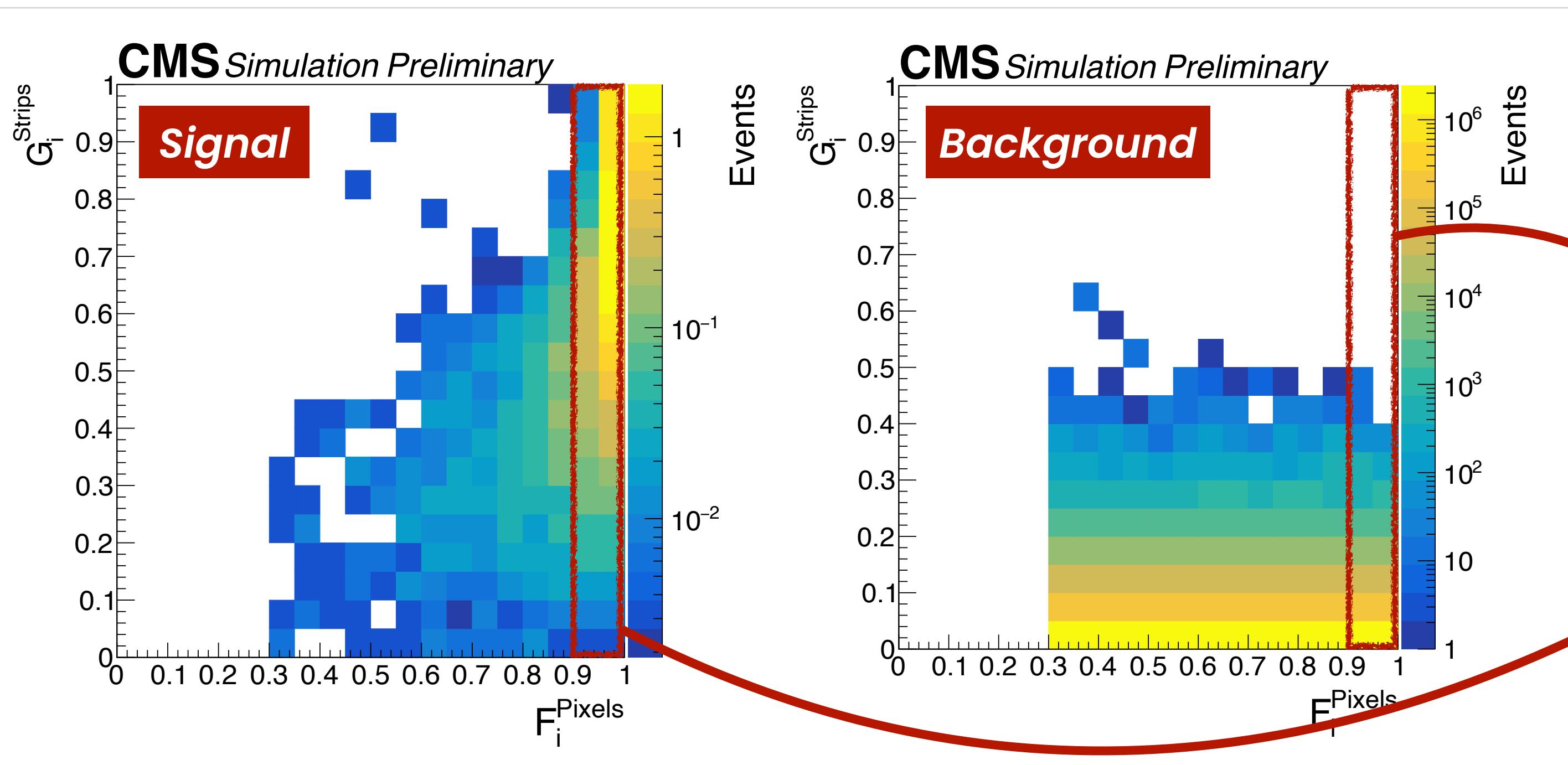
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Inclusive ionization method

- Use two uncorrelated dE/dx discriminant measured in pixel & strip detectors
- **Probability that a track is not a MIP (F_i^{Pixels} & G_i^{Strips})**

	F_i^{Pixels}	G_i^{Strips}
Signal	→ 1	→ 1
Background	0 - 1	→ 0



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Exclusive mass method

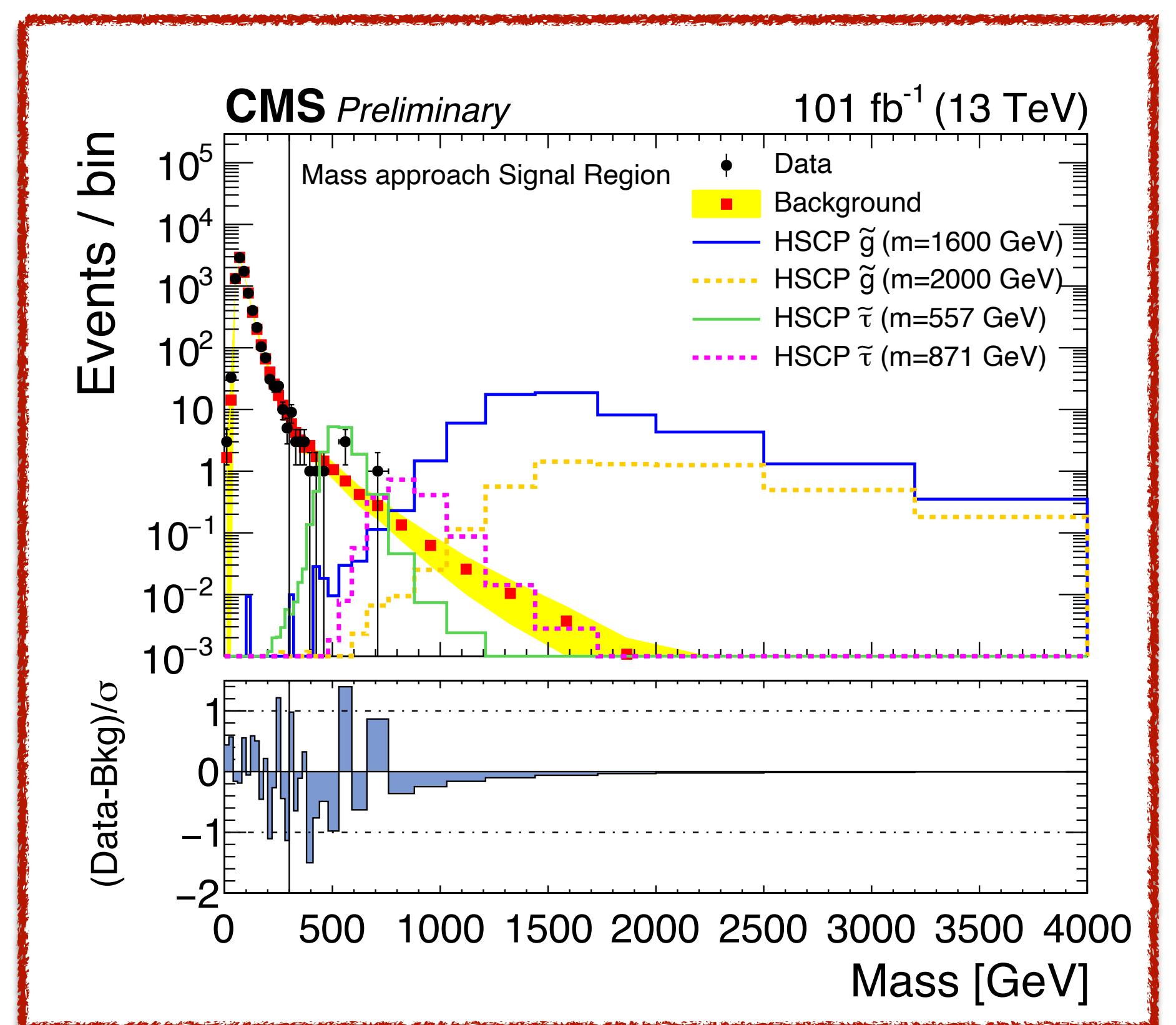
- Mass of candidate particle can be calculated by approximating Bethe-Bloch formula

$$I_h = K \frac{m^2}{p^2} + C \quad \xrightarrow{\text{Empirical parameters}} \quad m = p \sqrt{\frac{I_h - C}{K}}$$

Probable value of dE/dx estimated
by squared harmonic mean

$$I_h = \left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_j^N \left(\frac{dE}{dx_j} \right)^{-2} \right)^{-1/2}$$

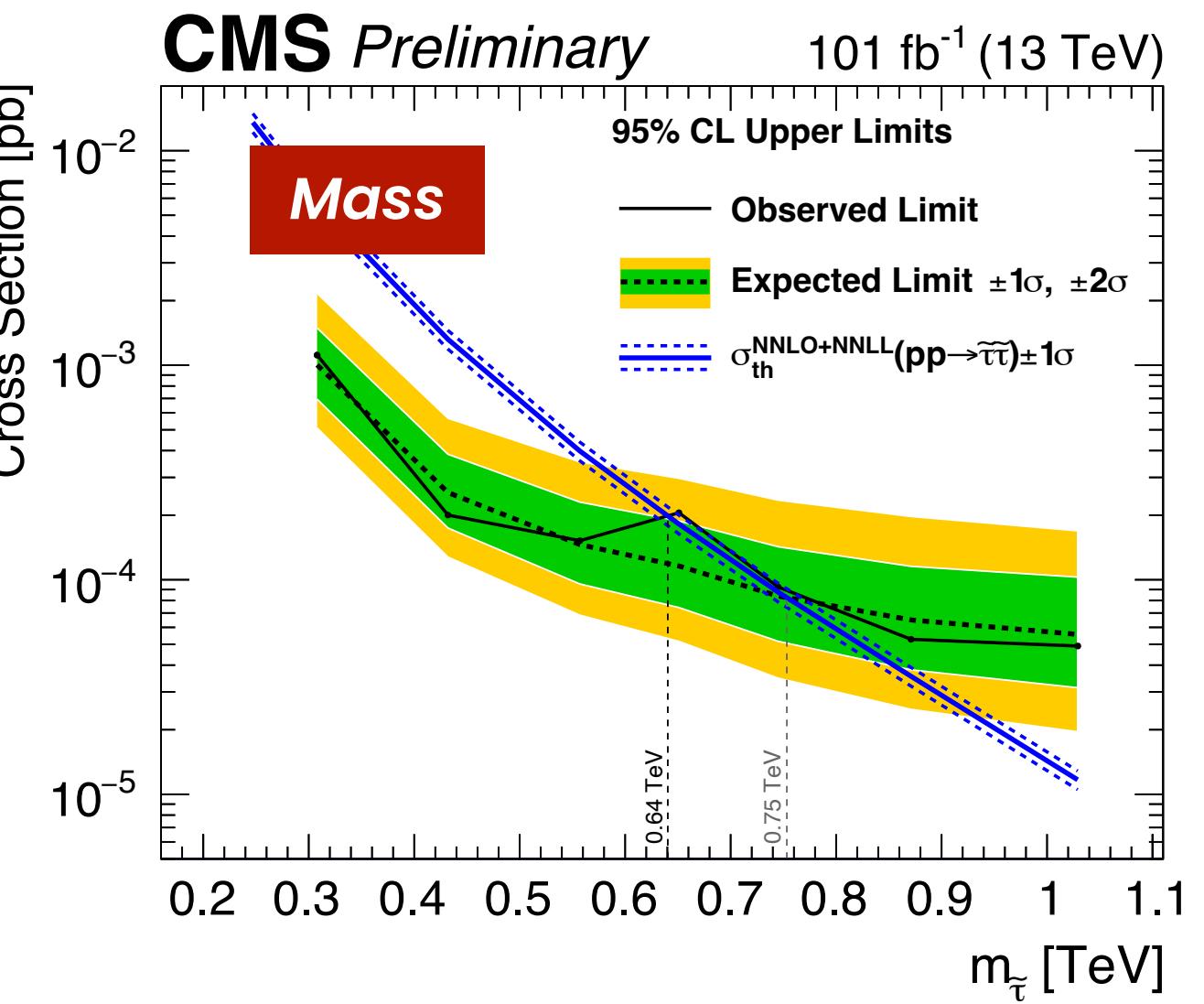
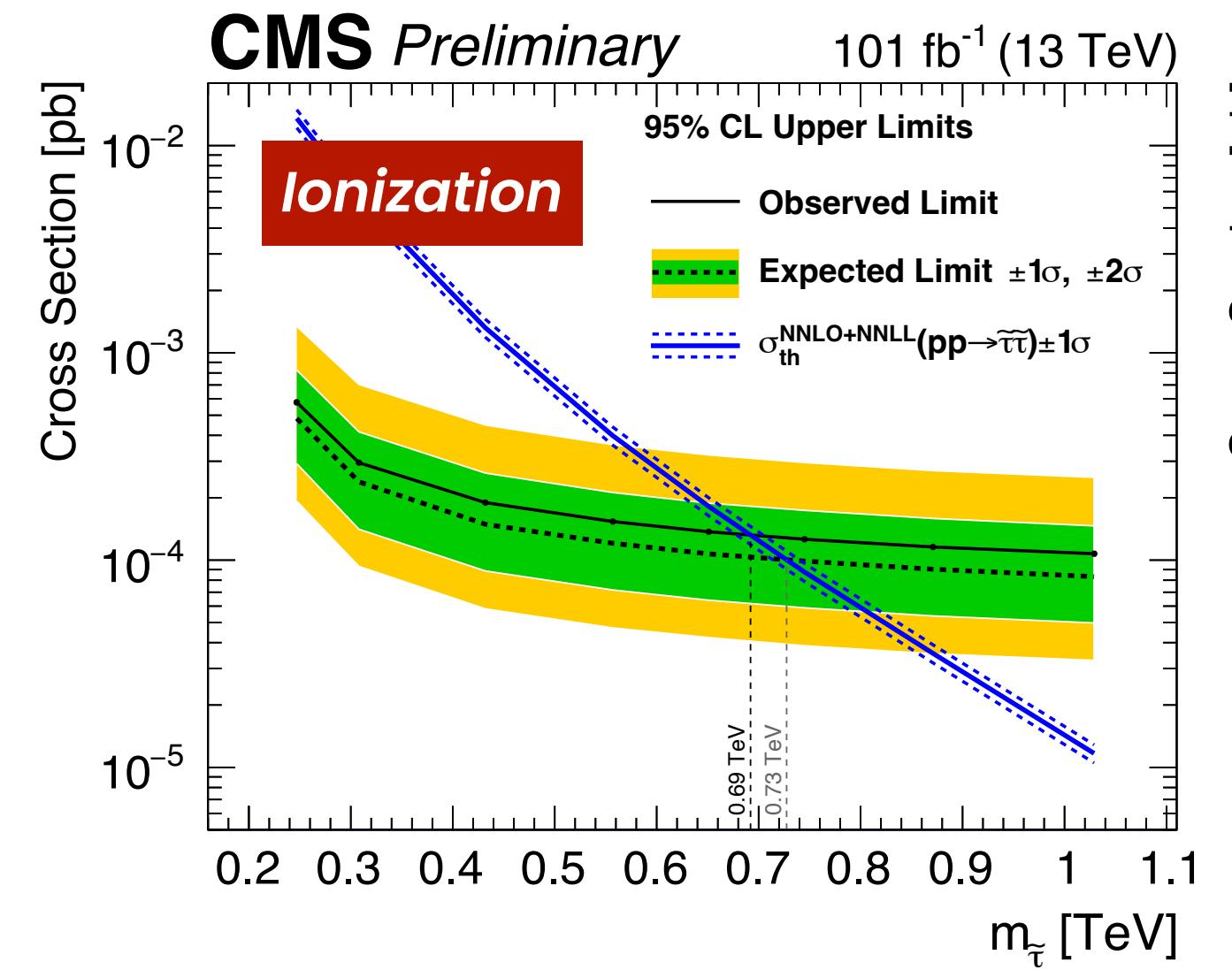
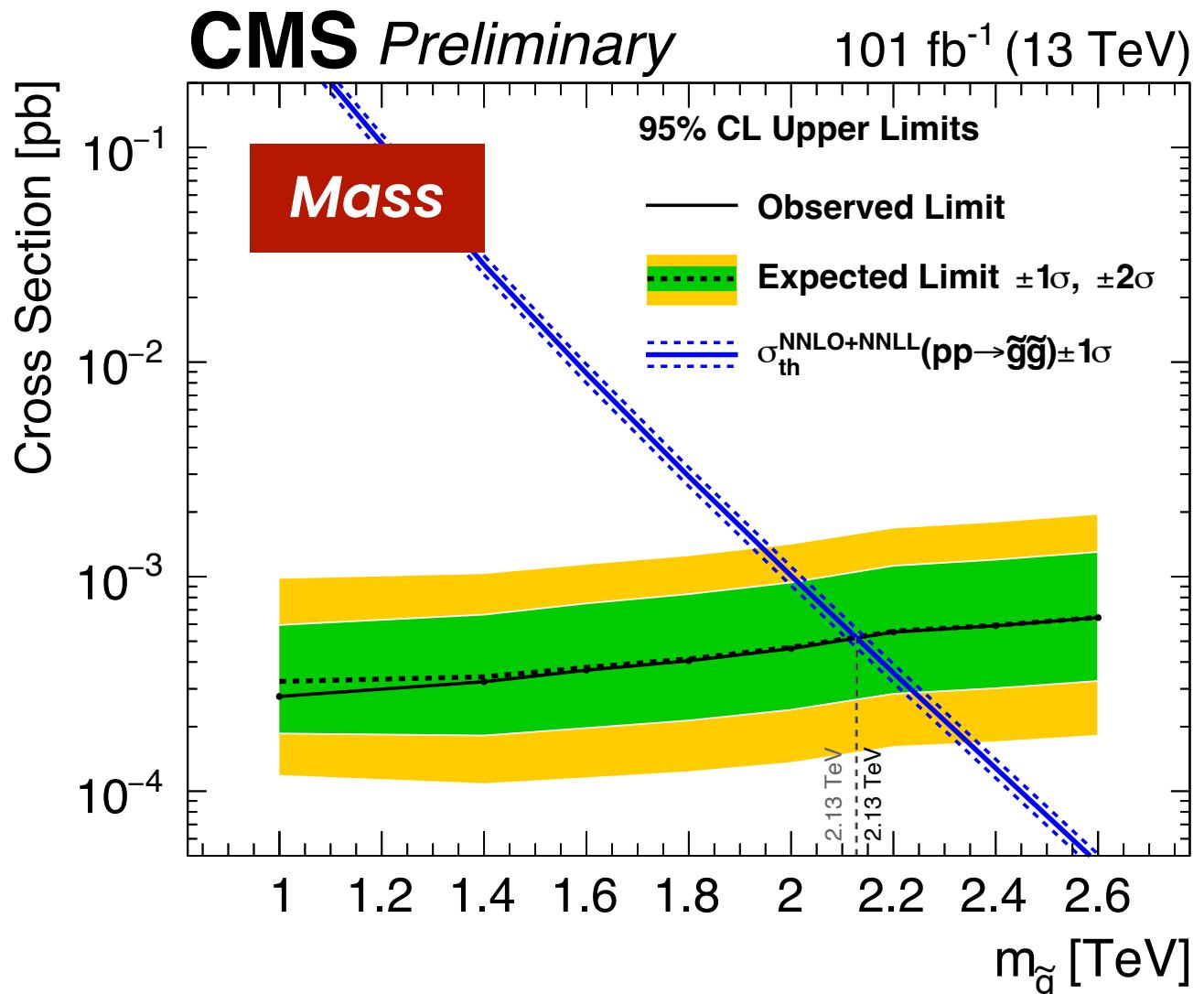
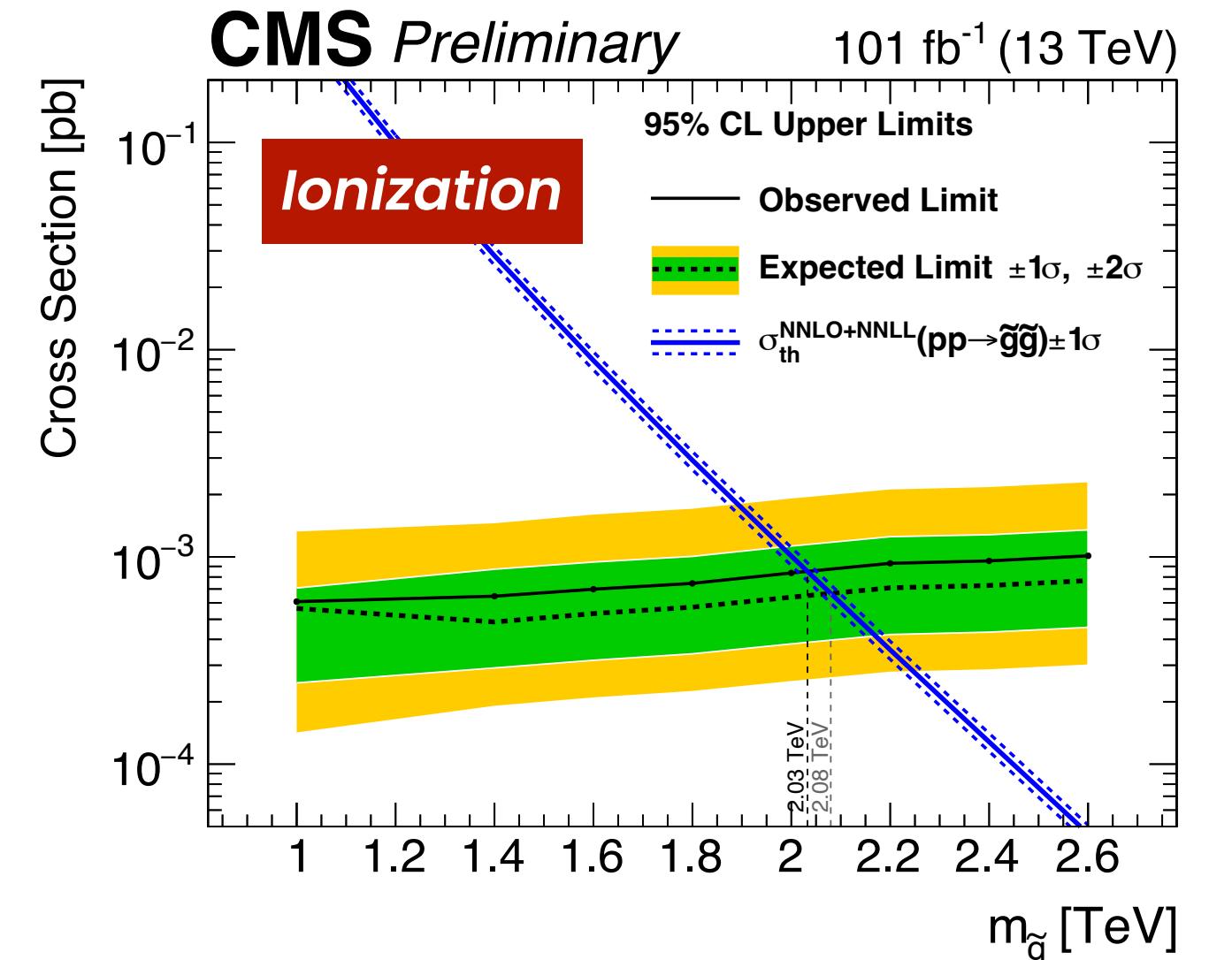
Values of K and C are determined using protons,
kaons and pions in data and MC for each year



LLPs with Large Ionization Energy Loss

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- ❖ No significant excess in both approaches
 - Gluinos excluded up to 2.03 TeV (2.13 TeV) for ionization (mass) method



Displaced Leptons

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- ❖ Gauge-Mediated SUSY Breaking model as benchmark
 - Long lifetime due to small gravitational coupling
- ❖ Performed search with **full Run 2 + early Run 3** data

140 fb⁻¹

56.3 fb⁻¹

- ❖ Two approaches : ABCD analysis & EM-BDT analysis

① **ABCD analysis (Run 2 + Run 3)**

- Focus on dilepton events (ee, μμ, eμ)

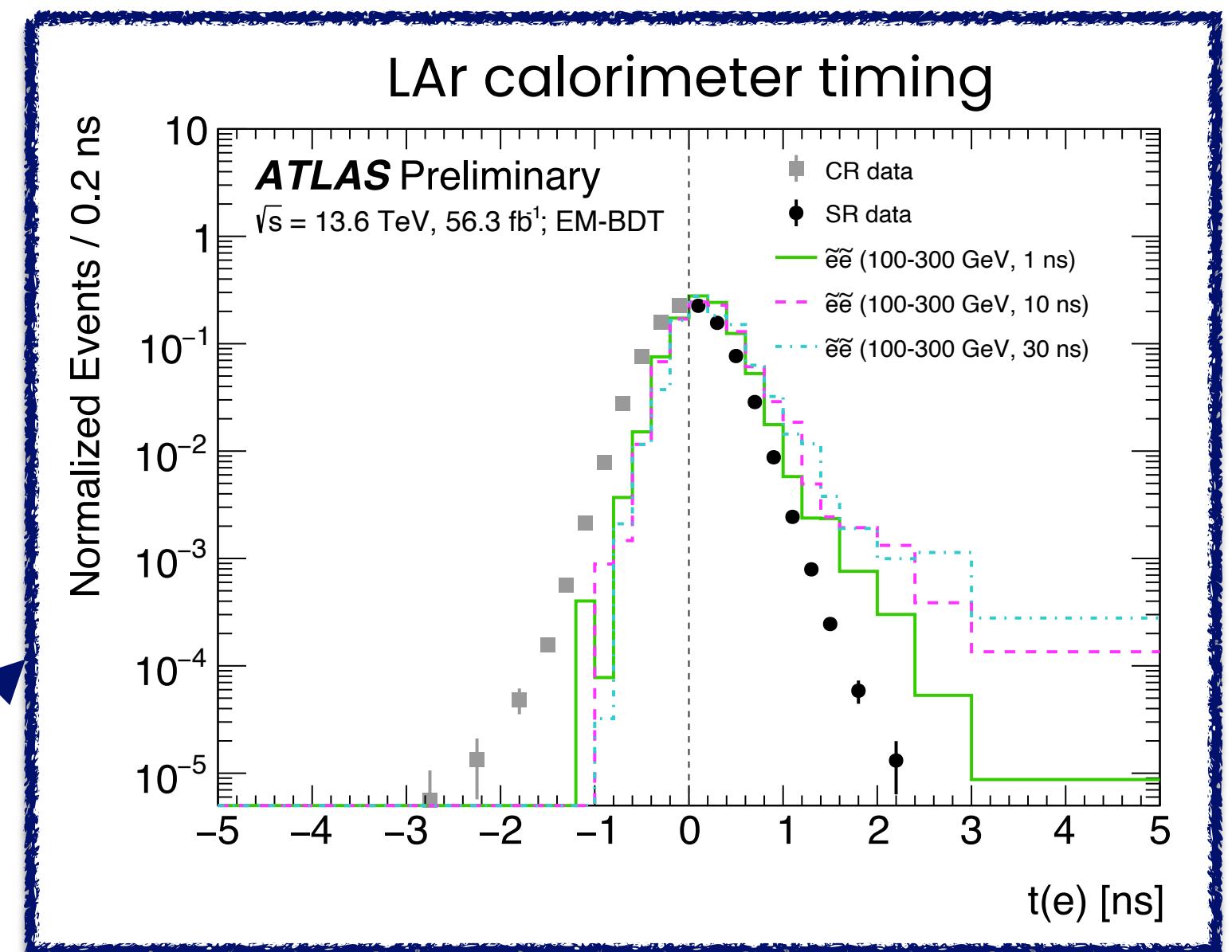
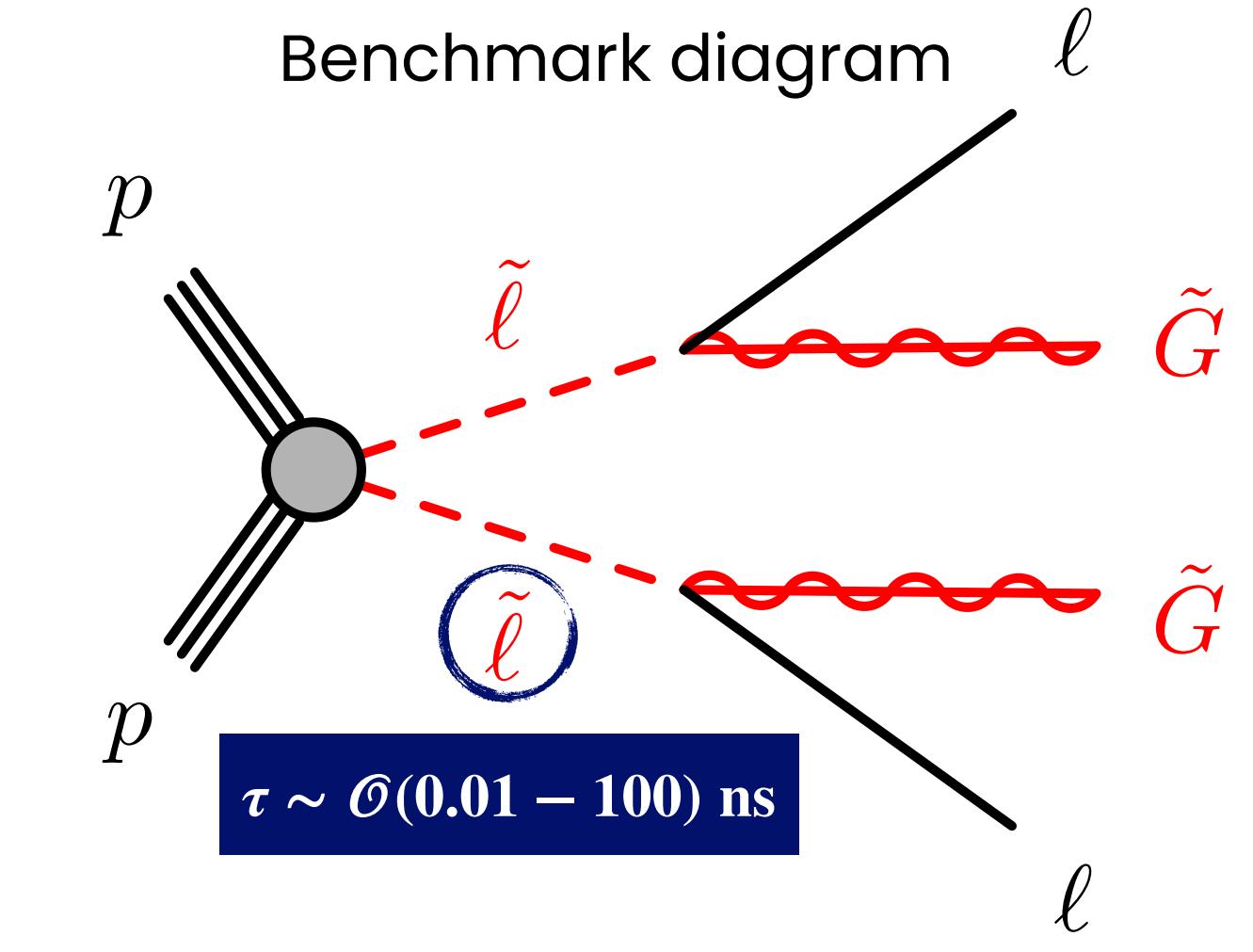
② **EM-BDT analysis (Run 3)**

- Focus on displaced e/γ final states (1e, eγ, γγ)

- Electrons with no tracks will be reconstructed as photons

- Identify displaced (delayed) e/γ using ML techniques

- **Use Liquid Argon (LAr) calorimeter timing as input**

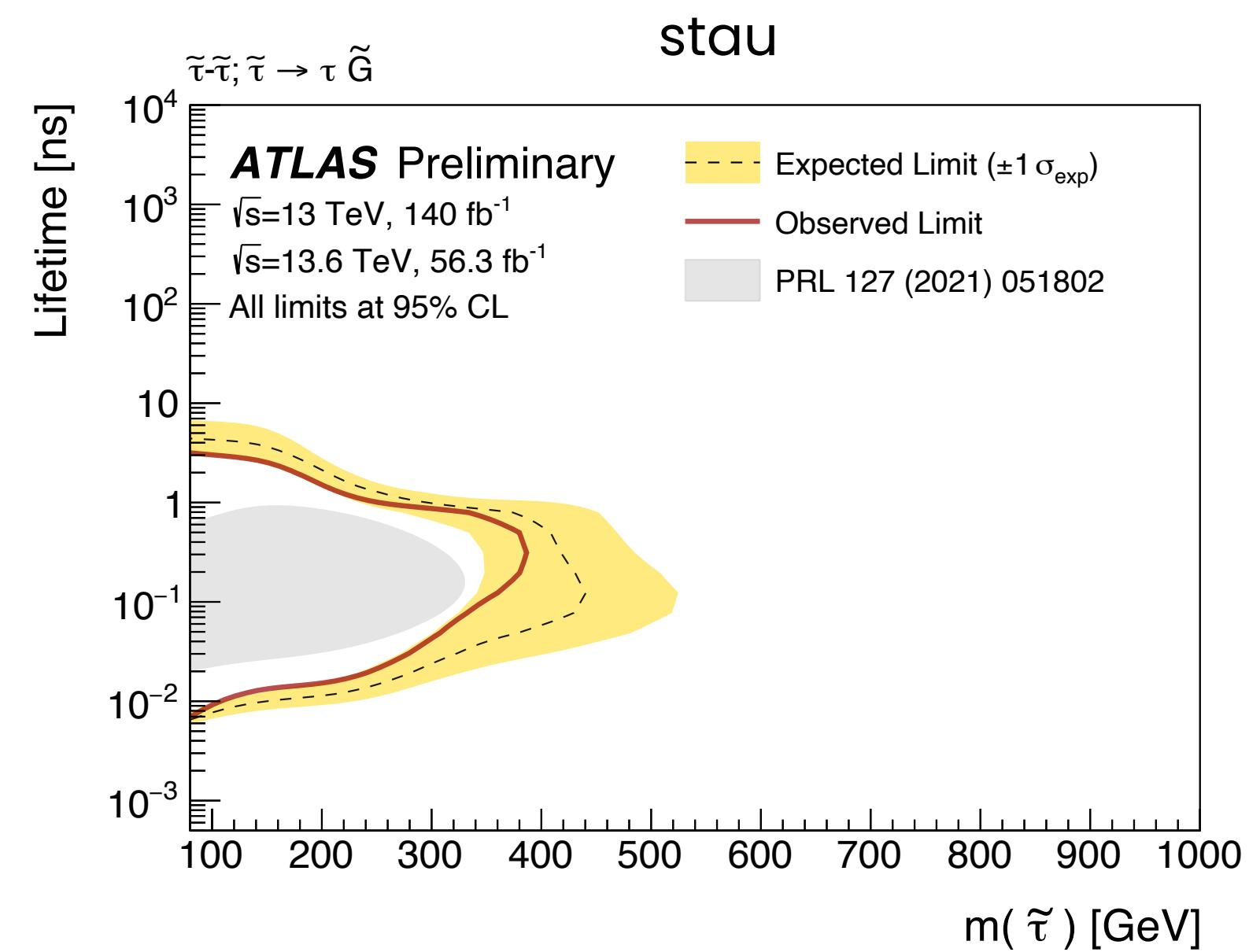
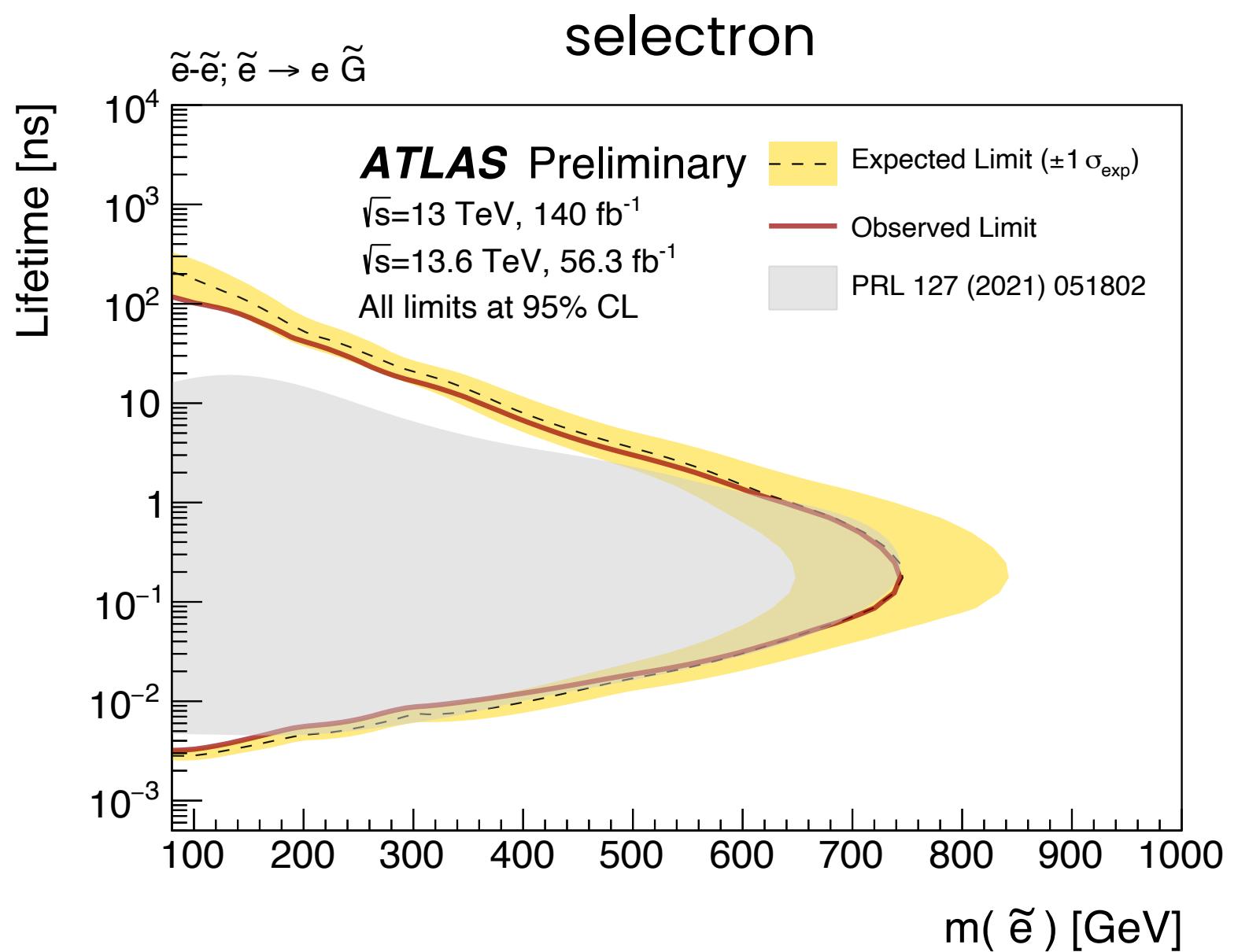
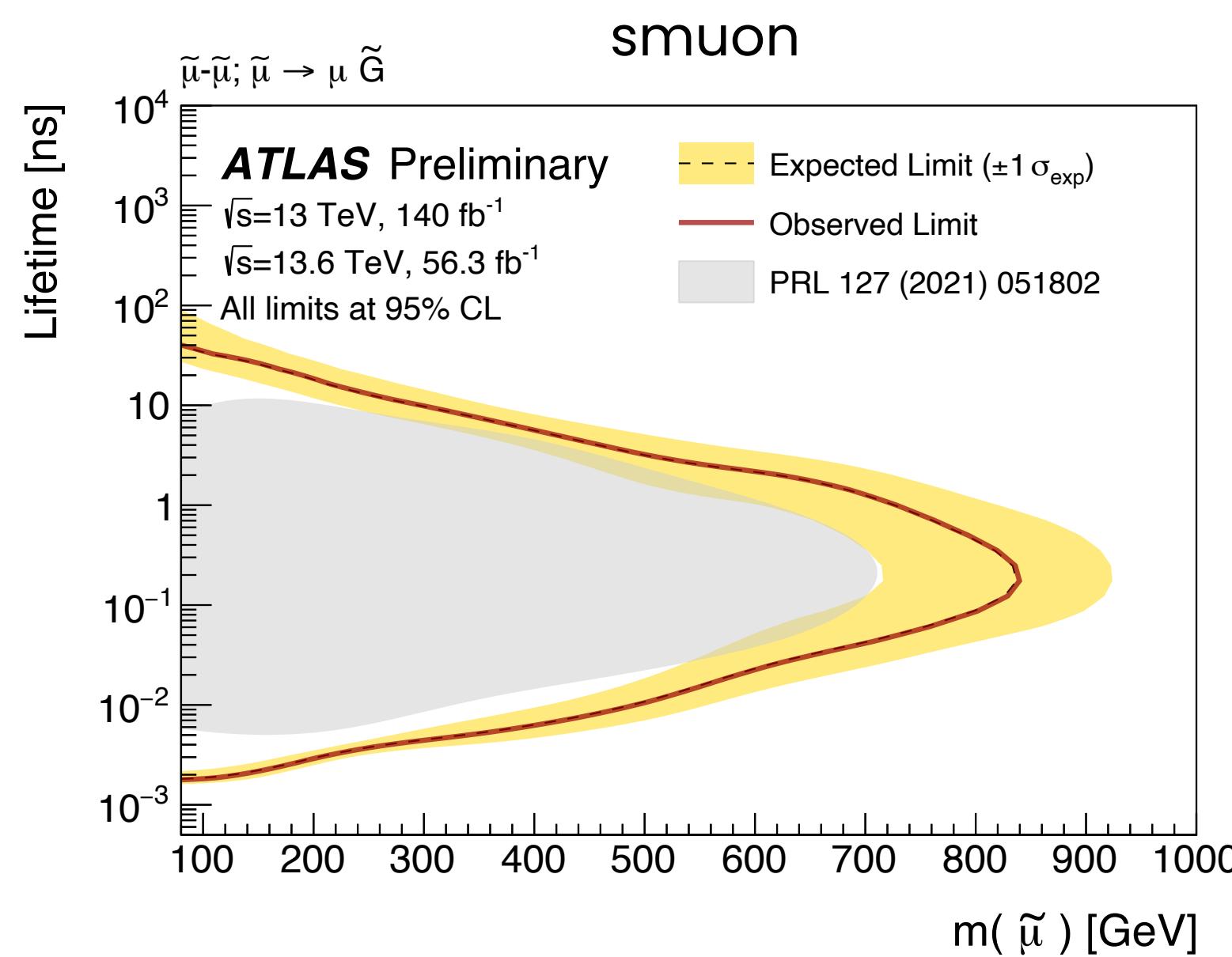


Displaced Leptons

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- ❖ No significant data excess in all SRs
- ❖ Improvement in sensitivity due to
 - smuon : **New LRT-based trigger** + better trigger acceptance in forward region
 - selectron : **New LRT-based trigger** + **EM-BDT analysis**
 - stau : Benefits from all improvements above

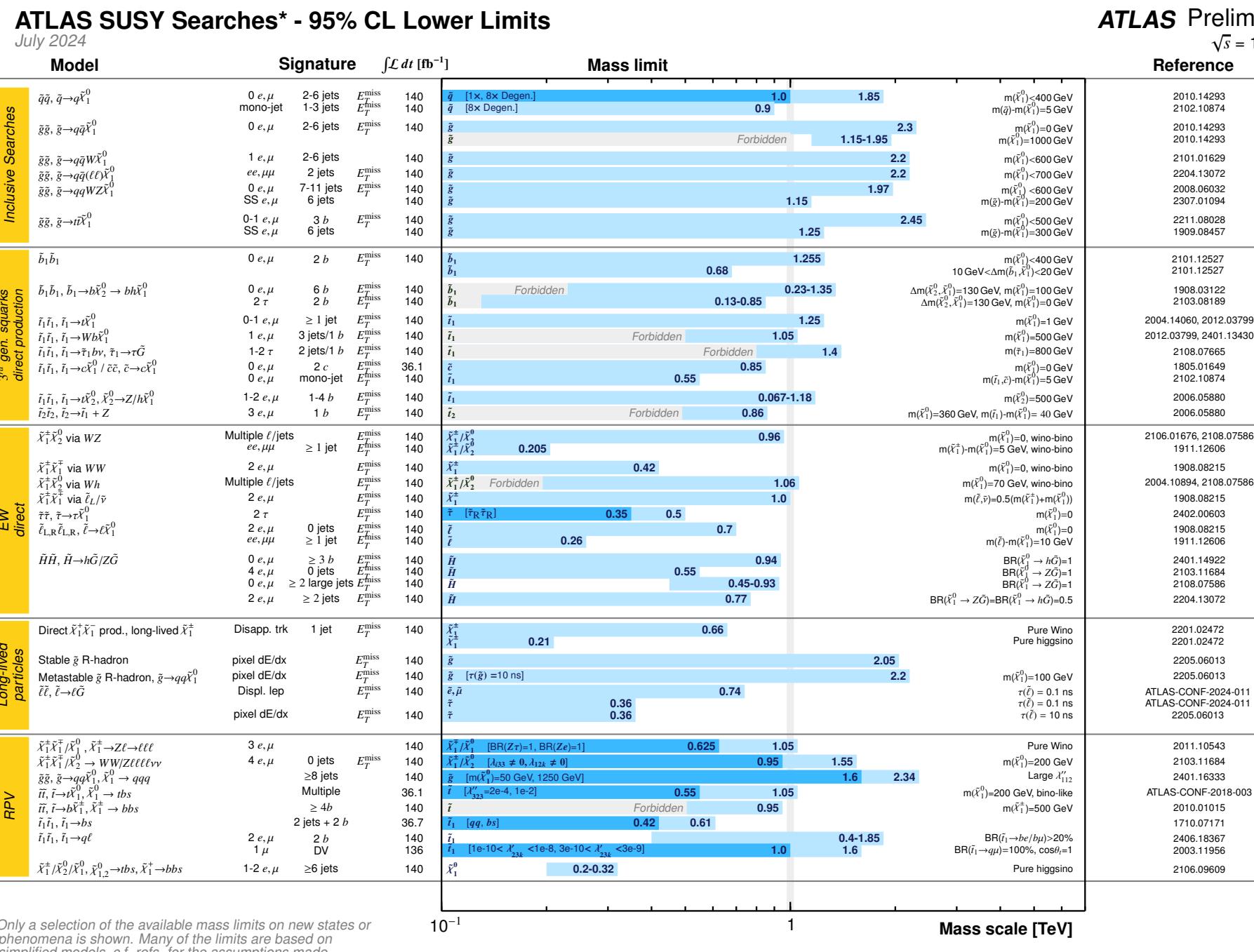


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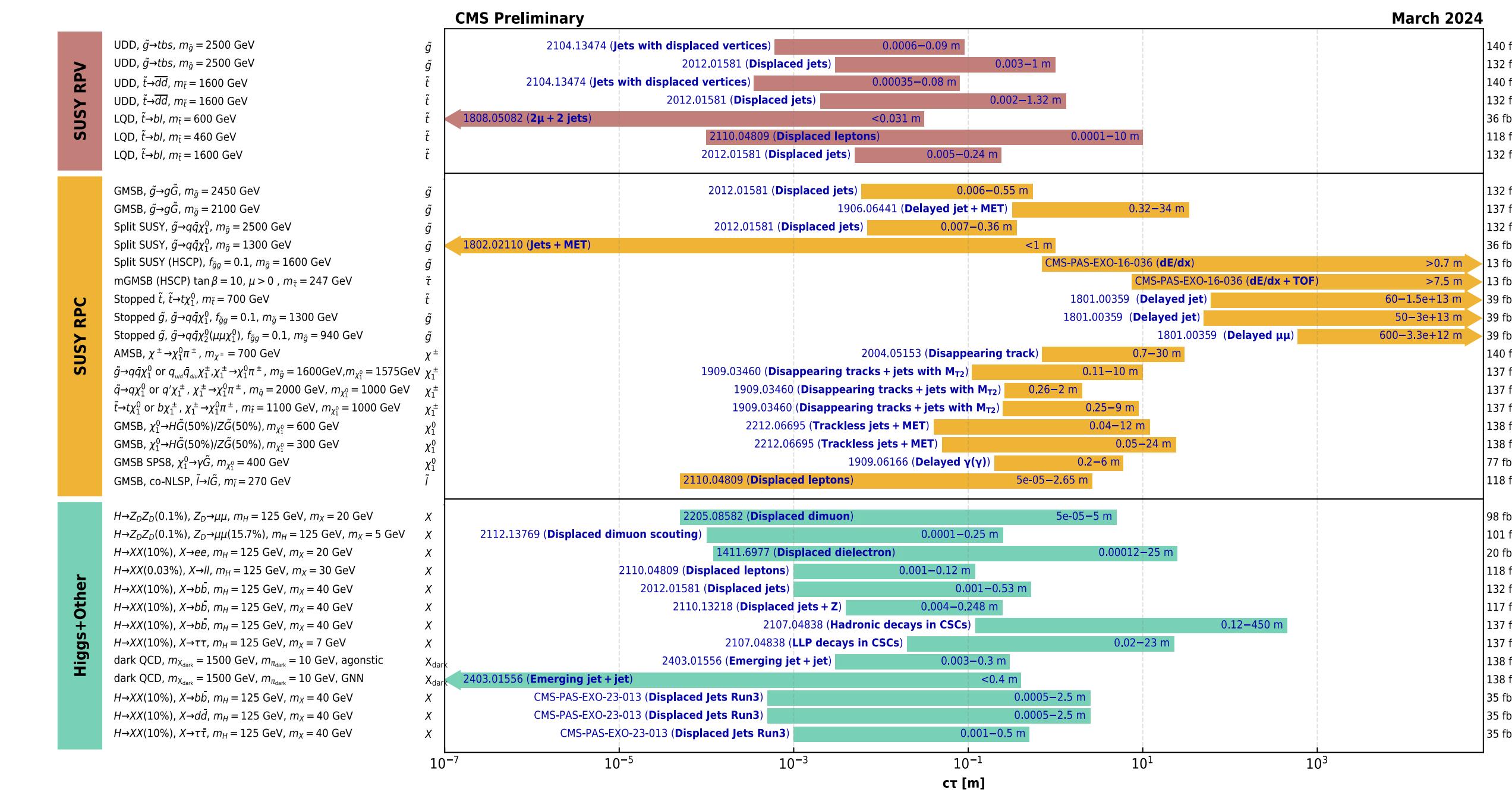


- Many new results published with full Run 2 data (Including many results not covered today)
 - Large sensitivity improvement not only by statistics, but also by new analysis methods
 - SUSY results with early Run 3 data are also starting to come out
 - Run 3 ongoing with exciting developments that will enhance the discovery potential

ATLAS SUSY public results



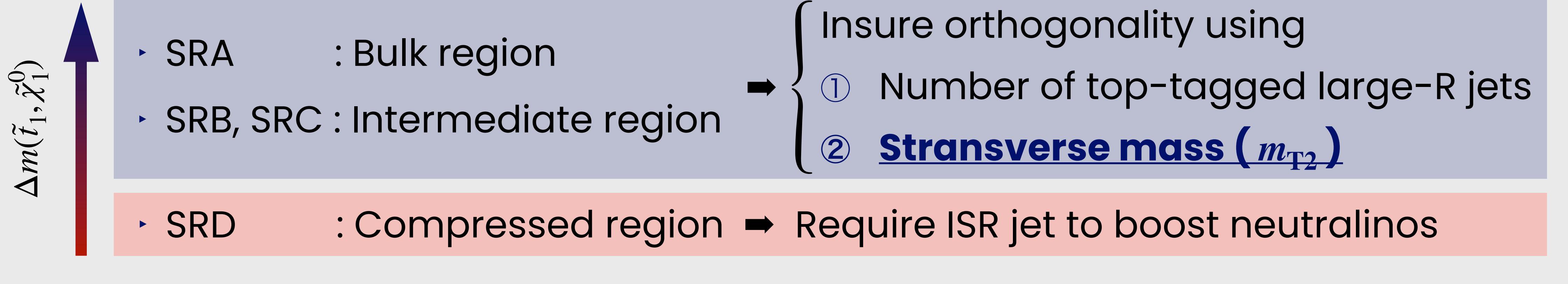
*Only a selection of the available mass limits on new states or phenomena is shown. Many of the limits are based on simplified models, c.f. refs. for the assumptions made.



Selection of observed exclusion limits at 95% C.L. (theory uncertainties are not included). The y-axis tick labels indicate the studied long-lived particle.

BACKUP

- 4 SRs defined to target different mass splittings $\Delta m(\tilde{t}_1, \tilde{\chi}_1^0)$



Variable	SRA	SRB	SRC
$N_{\text{tops}}^{\text{DNN}}$ ($R = 1.0$)	≥ 1	$= 0$	≥ 1
$m_{T2}(j_{R=1.0}^b, c)$ [GeV]	$\geq 450 *$	≥ 150	[200, 450]

Orthogonal selections

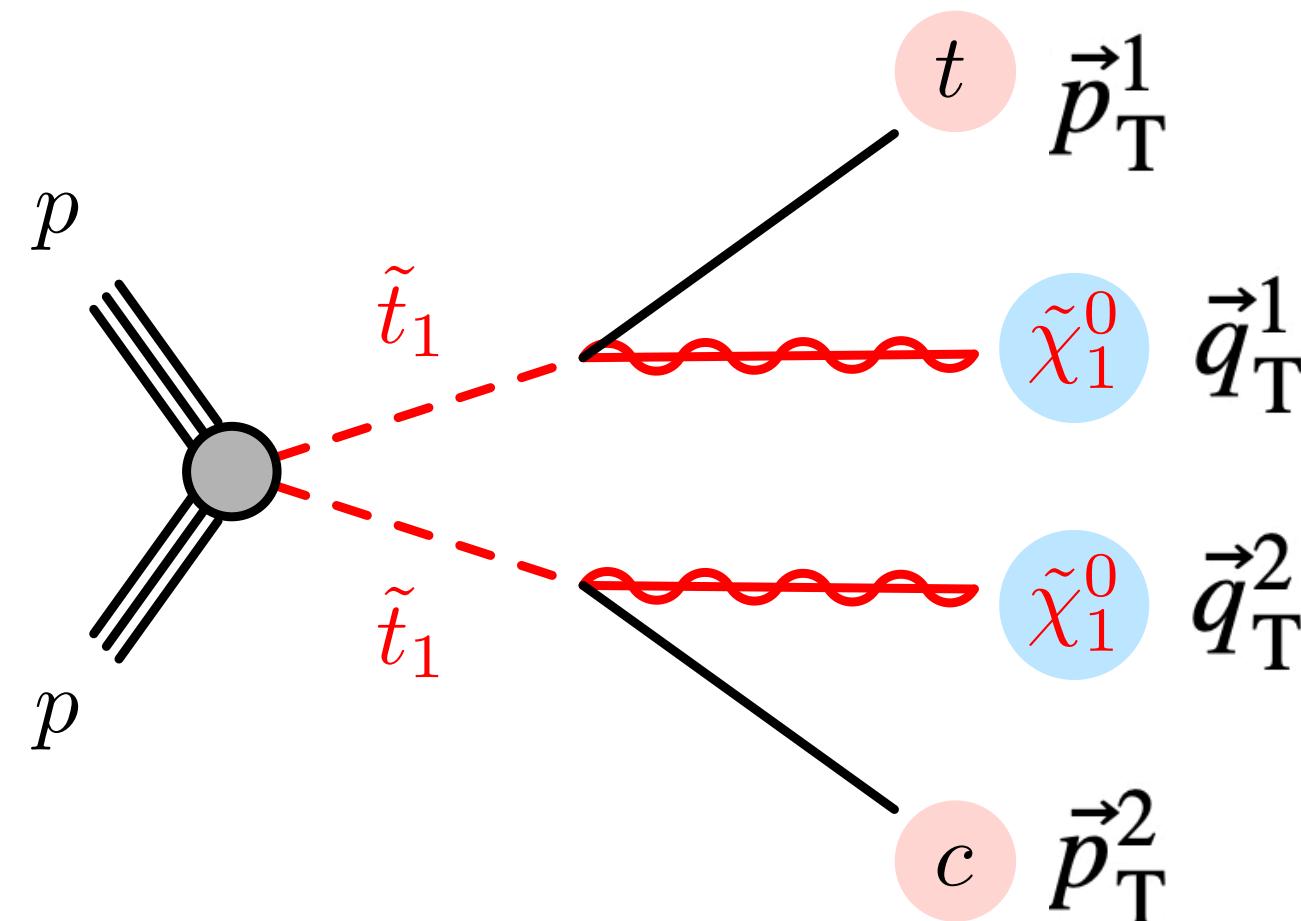
Variable	SRD	CRttD	CRWD
E_T^{miss} [GeV]			≥ 250
$p_T(j_1)$ [GeV]			≥ 100

Initial-state radiation jet (ISR) selection

Stransverse mass

- Generalization of the transverse mass when there are two semi-invisibly decaying particles

$$m_{T2}(\vec{p}_T^1, \vec{p}_T^2, \vec{p}_T^{\text{miss}}) = \min_{\vec{q}_T^1 + \vec{q}_T^2 = \vec{p}_T^{\text{miss}}} \{ \max [m_T(\vec{p}_T^1, \vec{q}_T^1), m_T(\vec{p}_T^2, \vec{q}_T^2)] \}$$

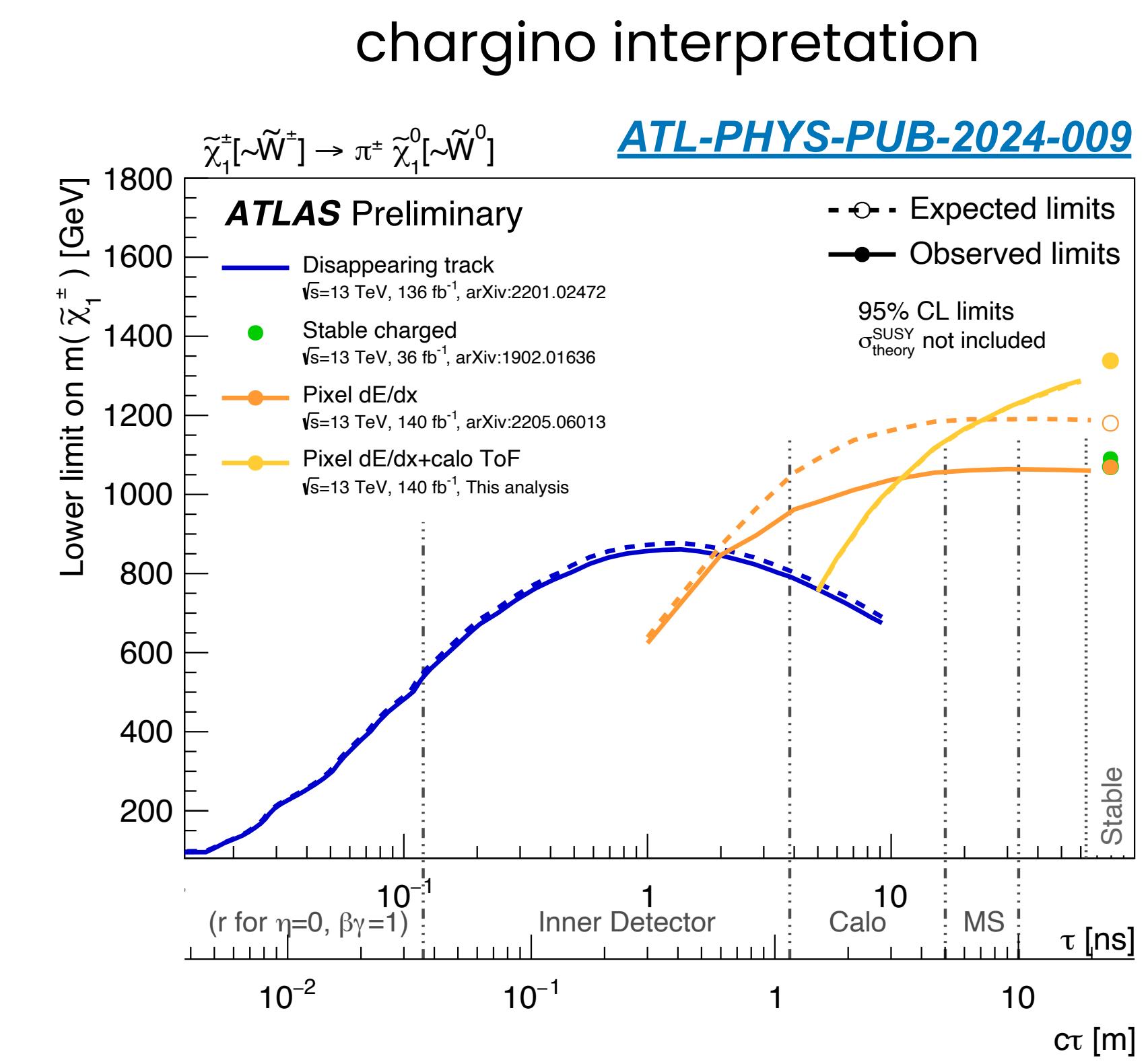
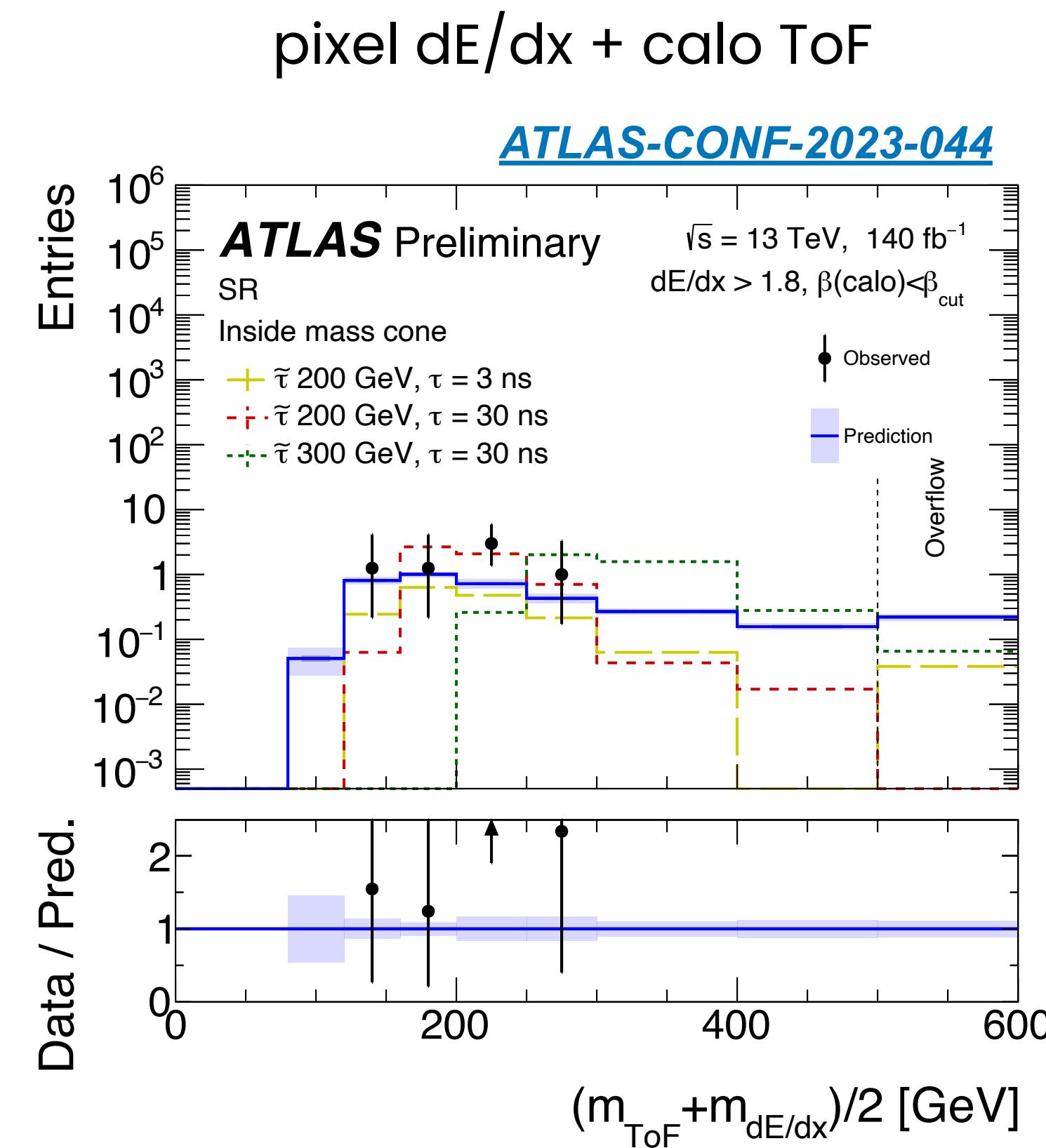
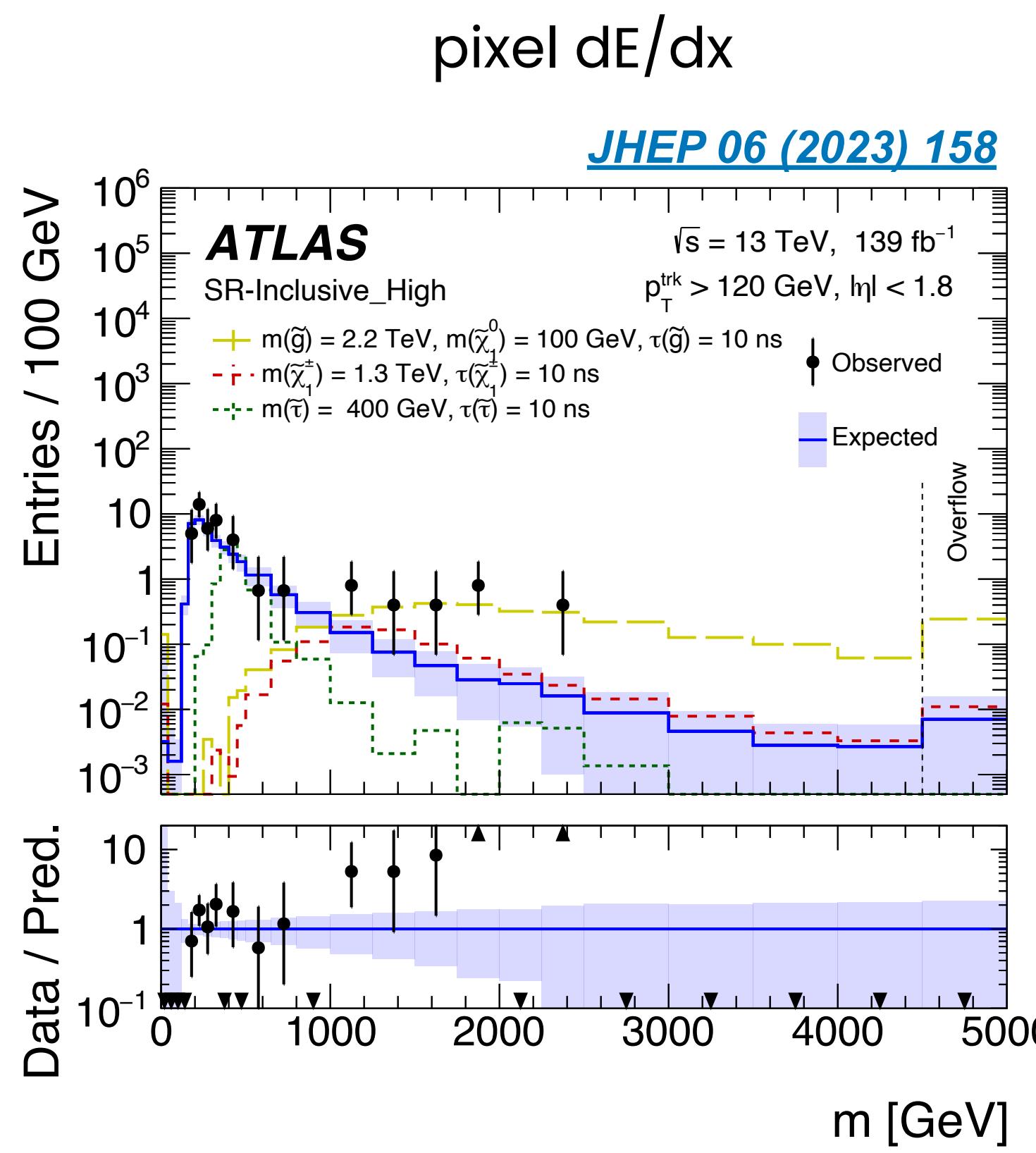


- ① Decompose the missing transverse momentum (\vec{p}_T^{miss}) into two vectors and assign to each **top- or charm-tagged jet**
- ② Calculate transverse mass for each **top- or charm-tagged jet**
- ③ Select trial vector which minimizes larger transverse mass
→ ttbar background dramatically drop-off at the top quark mass

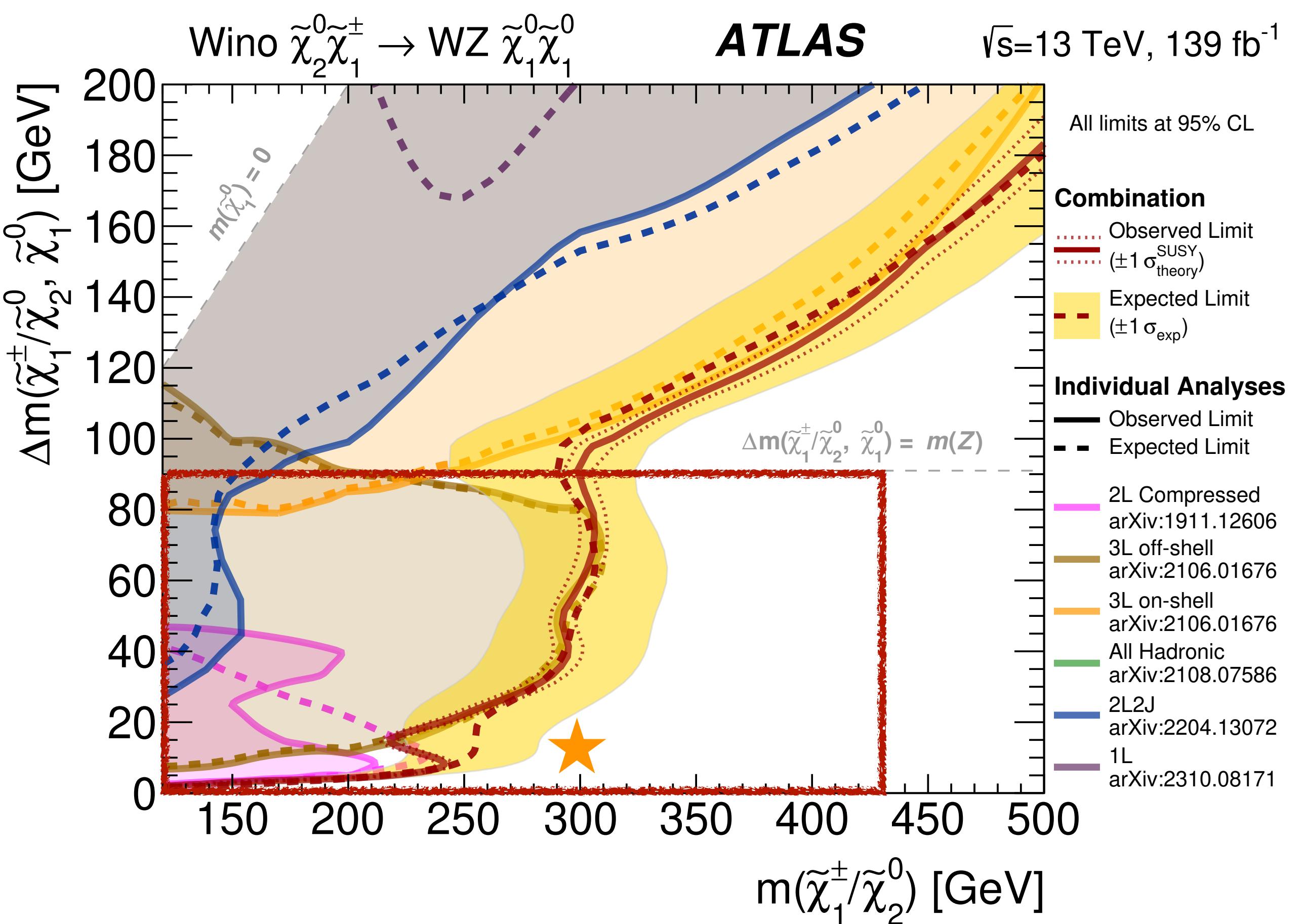
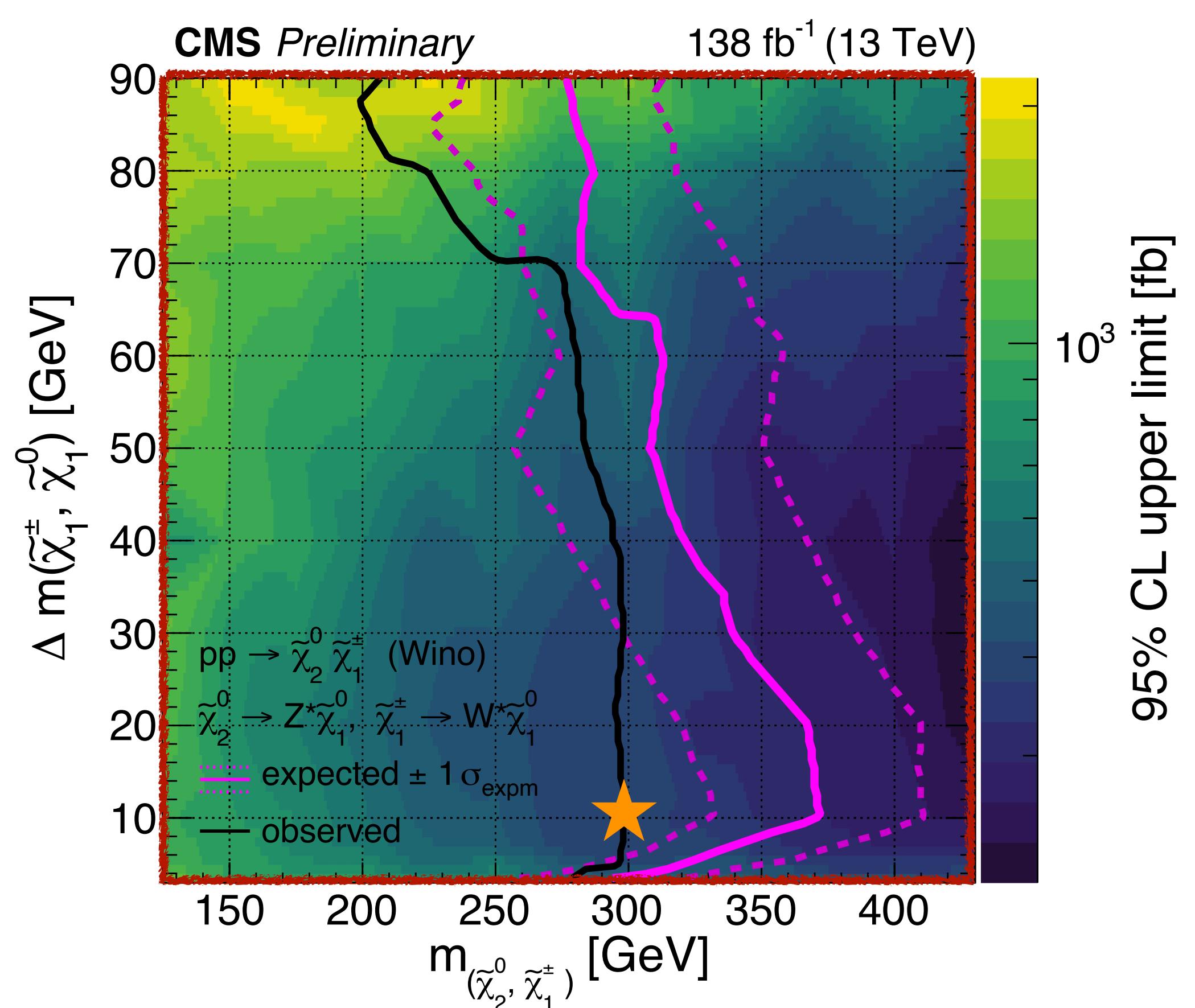
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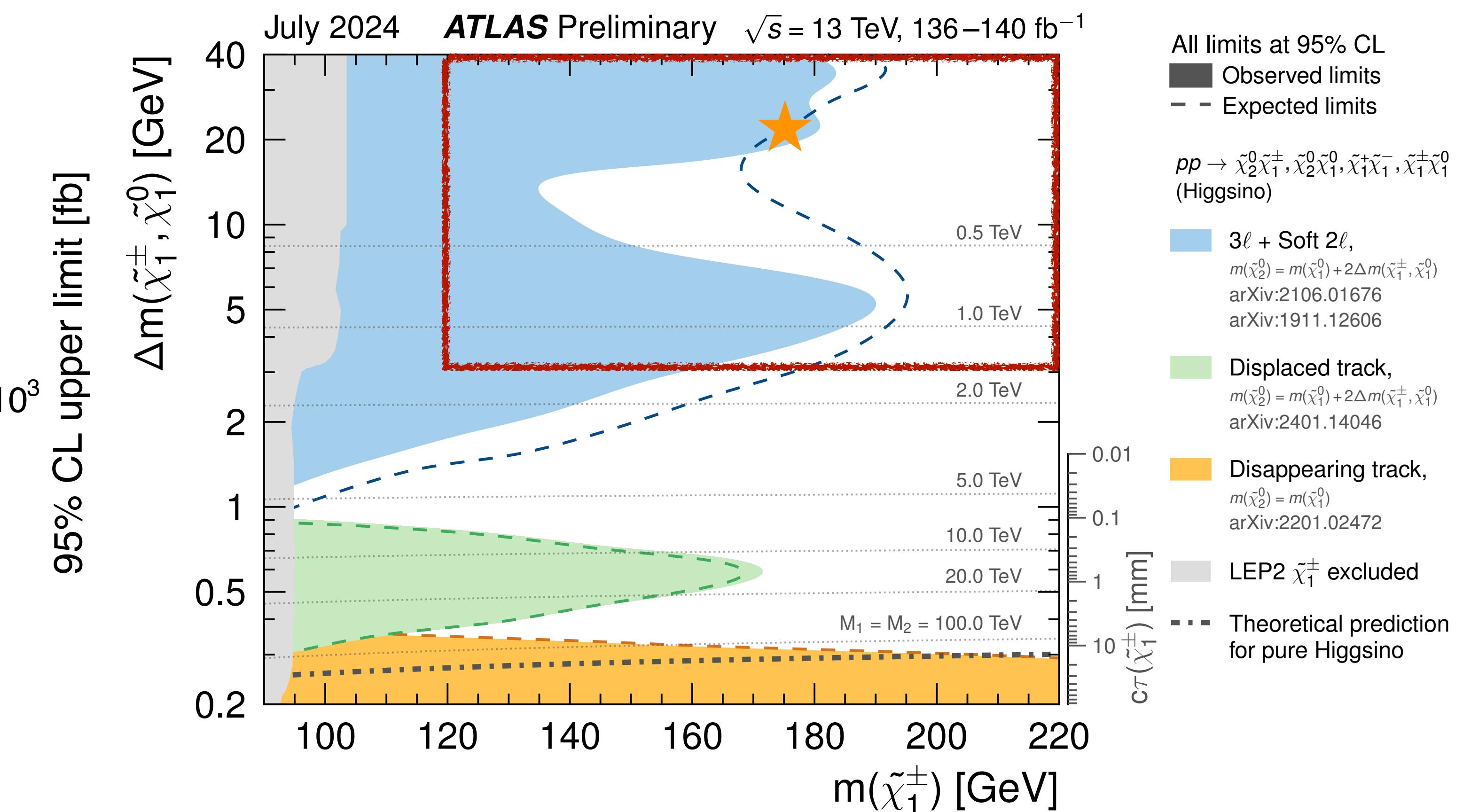
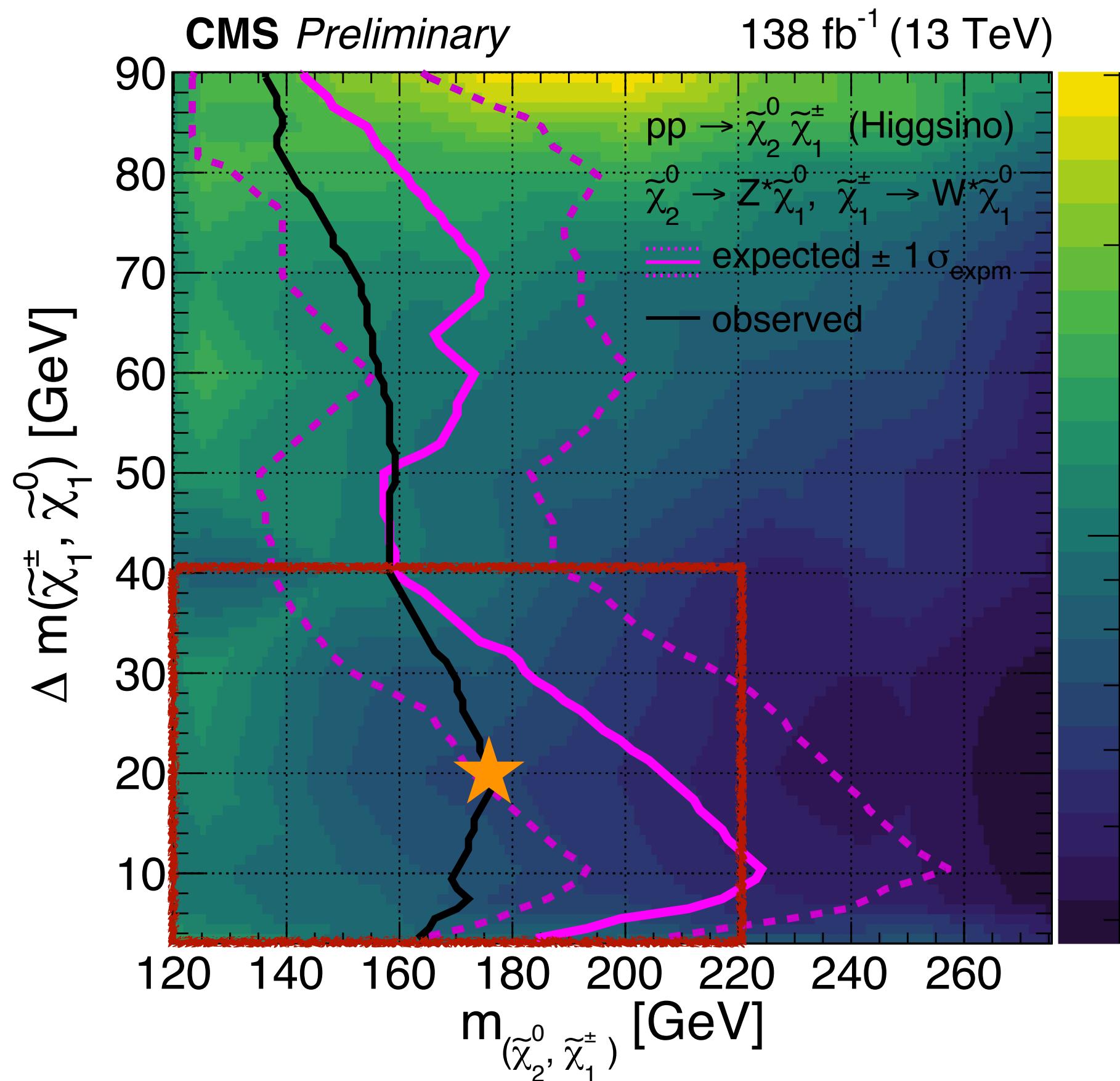
- ❖ Results using only pixel dE/dx information → **Observed 3.6σ (local) excess**
- ❖ New analysis using both pixel dE/dx & calorimeter time-of-flight (ToF) information



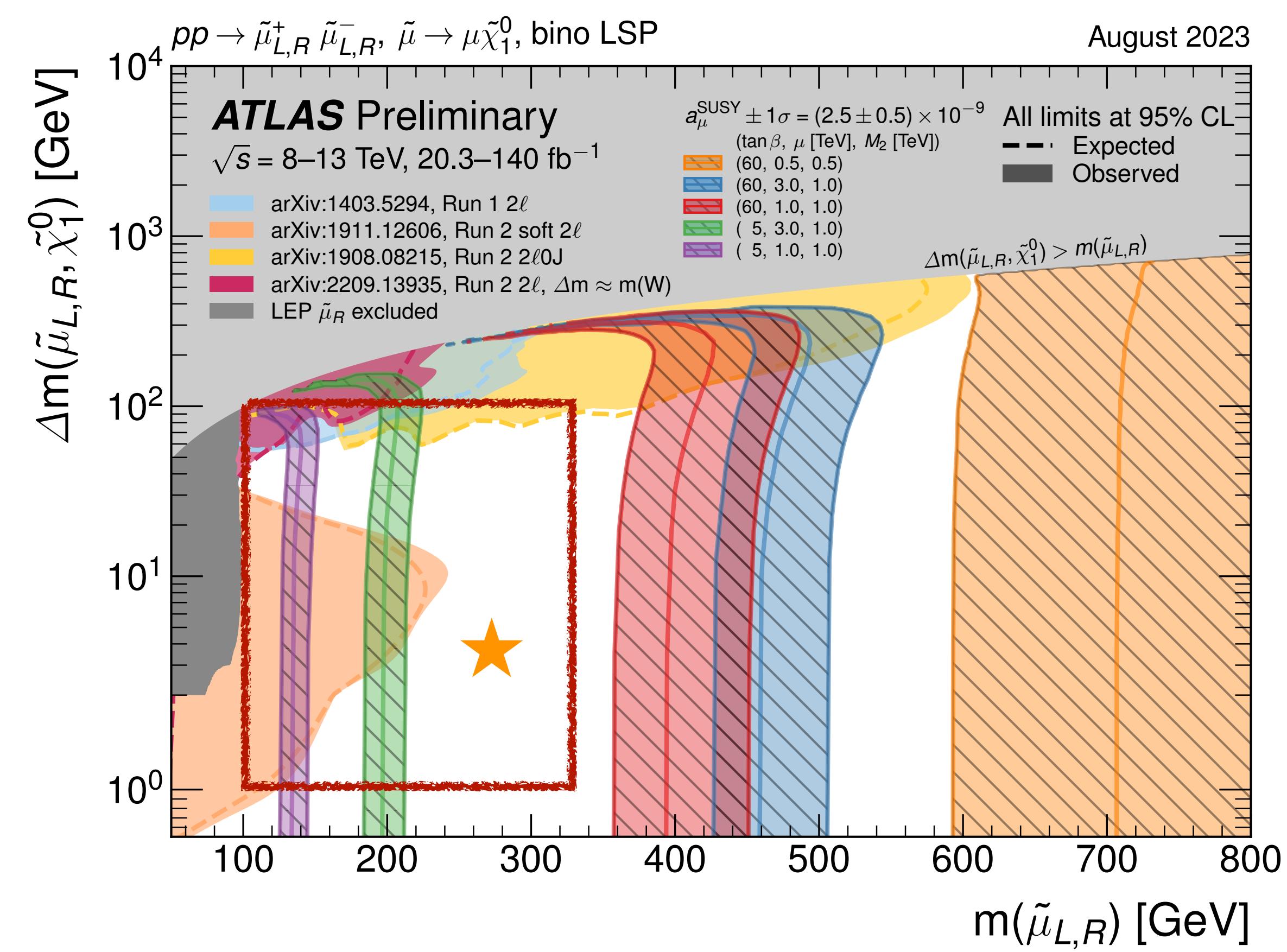
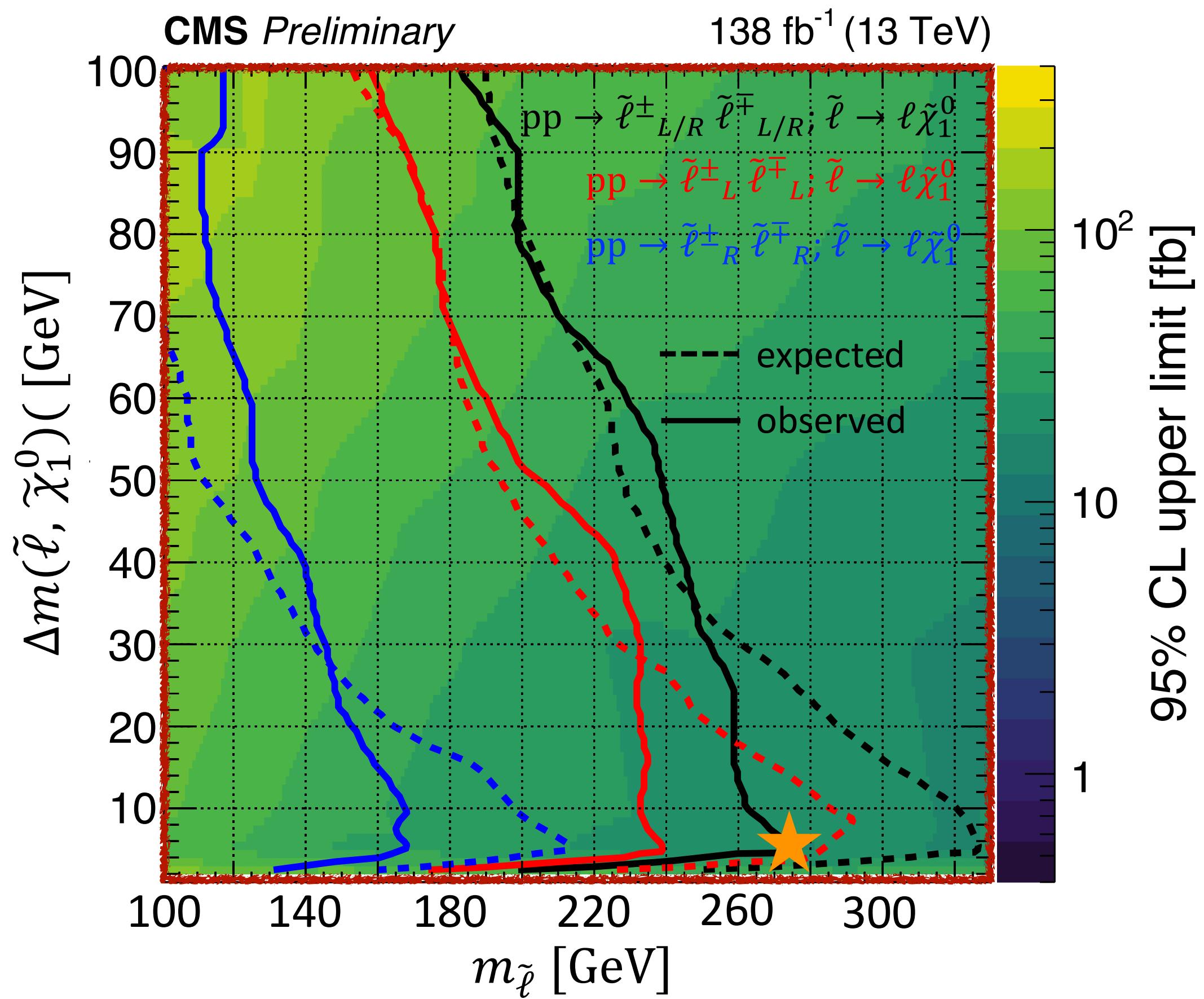
Compressed SUSY Results : Wino



Compressed SUSY Results : Higgsino



Compressed SUSY Results : Slepton



Higgsino Searches by Collider Experiments



Compressed higgsino states explored by existing searches ([Soft 2L](#) + [Disappearing track](#))

- ❖ **Soft 2-lepton** : Leptons too soft to be reconstructed
 - ❖ **Disappearing track** : $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm$ lifetime is too short to pass enough inner detector layers
- **New analysis method required to cover the compressed mass region ("Higgsino gap")**

