

# Constraints on light SUSY-EW sector revisited

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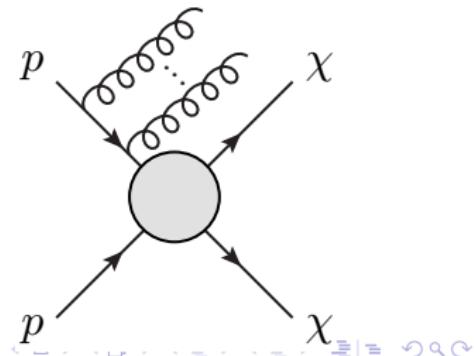
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# The case for dark matter

- dark matter existence strongly suggested by cosmological data
- weakly interacting massive particle fits well the picture
- no direct detection and collider signal thus far
- supersymmetric partners of gauge and Higgs bosons are strong candidates but remain elusive
- model-independent limits from LEP at around 100 GeV
- at the LHC the signal is challenging – the candidates escape detection
- **in this talk:** new limits based on existing ATLAS searches
- exploit initial state radiation, signal: jets+MET



# Quick recap: chargino and neutralino sectors

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{\tilde{\chi}} = & \overline{\tilde{\chi}_i^-} (\not{p} \delta_{ij} - P_L (U^* \textcolor{blue}{X} V^\dagger)_{ij} - P_R (V \textcolor{blue}{X}^\dagger U^T)_{ij}) \tilde{\chi}_j^- \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \overline{\tilde{\chi}_i^0} (\not{p} \delta_{ij} - P_L (N^* \textcolor{green}{Y} N^\dagger)_{ij} - P_R (N \textcolor{green}{Y}^\dagger N^T)_{ij}) \tilde{\chi}_j^0\end{aligned}$$

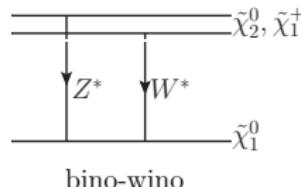
$$X = \begin{pmatrix} M_2 & \sqrt{2}M_W \sin \beta \\ \sqrt{2}M_W \cos \beta & \mu \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{diagonalised via} \\ \mathbf{M}_{\tilde{\chi}^+} = U^* \textcolor{blue}{X} V^\dagger \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \textcolor{green}{Y} = \\ \left( \begin{array}{cccc} \textcolor{blue}{M}_1 & 0 & -M_Z c_\beta s_W & M_Z s_\beta s_W \\ 0 & M_2 & M_Z c_\beta c_W & -M_Z s_\beta c_W \\ -M_Z c_\beta s_W & M_Z c_\beta c_W & 0 & -\mu \\ M_Z s_\beta s_W & -M_Z s_\beta c_W & -\mu & 0 \end{array} \right) \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{diagonalised via} \\ \mathbf{M}_{\tilde{\chi}^0} = N^* \textcolor{green}{Y} N^\dagger \end{array}$$

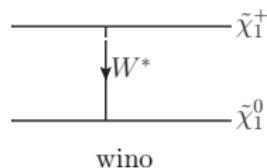
generally small mixing expected if there is hierarchy between  
 $M_1$ ,  $M_2$  and  $\mu$  and/or particles much heavier than the EW scale

# Models for this talk

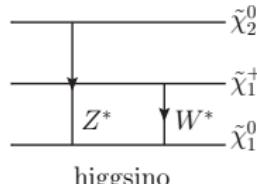
- bino-wino: almost mass degenerate winos and bino LSP



- wino LSP:  $M_2 \ll M_1, \mu$ , two quasi-degenerate states:  $\tilde{\chi}_1^0, \tilde{\chi}_1^\pm$



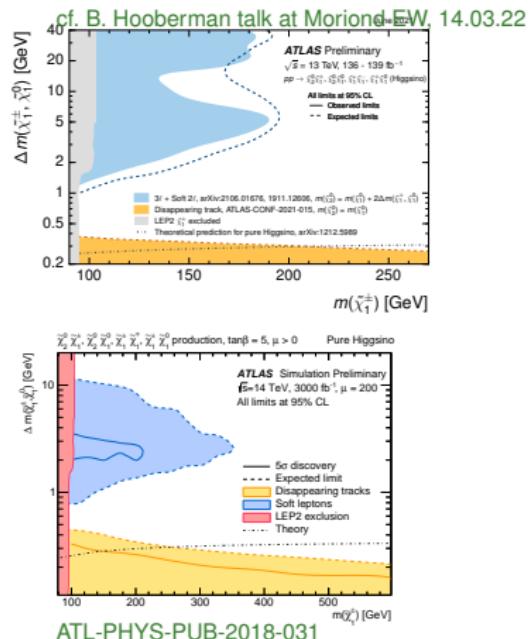
- higgsino LSP,  $\mu \ll M_1, M_2$ , three quasi-degenerate states:  $\tilde{\chi}_1^0, \tilde{\chi}_1^\pm, \tilde{\chi}_2^0$



- mass splittings of order 100–1000 MeV

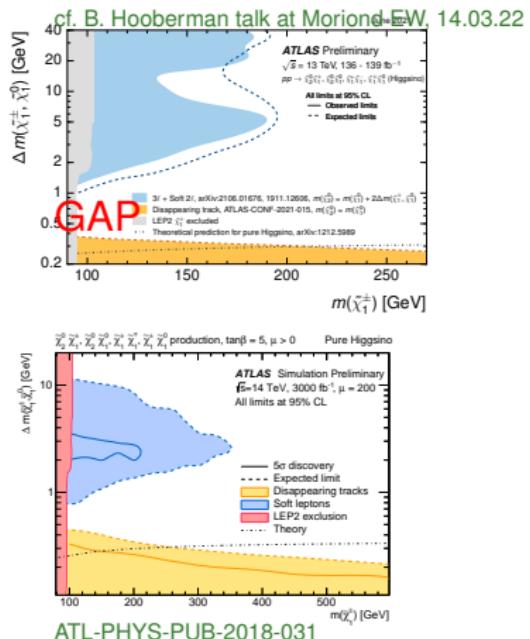
# Search strategies

- for sufficiently small mass gap a long-lived massive particle travels macroscopic distance in the detector
- possible signatures: displaced vertex, heavy charged track, displaced jet etc.
- for a larger mass difference ( $> 1$  GeV) look for soft decay products
- at HL the gap remains
- for winos no exclusion in soft  $\ell$  search!



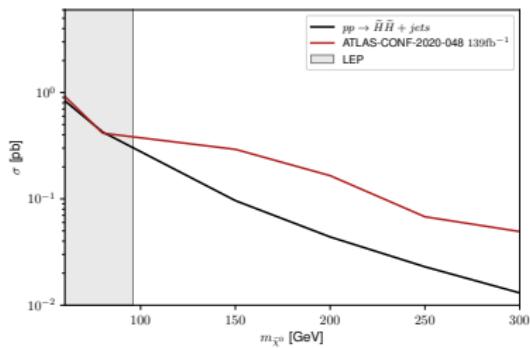
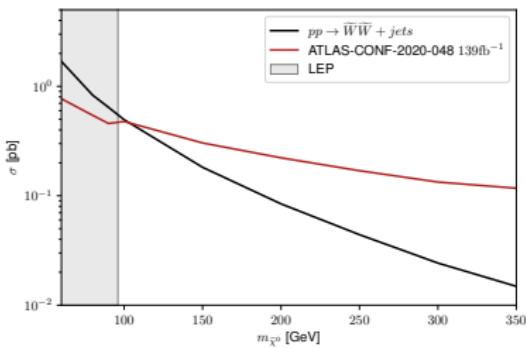
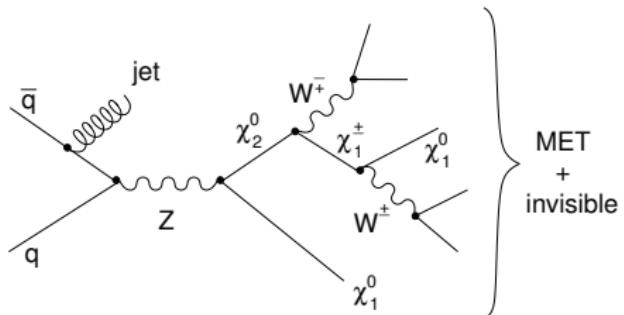
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# Search strategy: monojets

- Monojet (and -photon) signal at ATLAS and CMS
- Requires  $p_{\text{leading}}^j > 150 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}} > 200 \text{ GeV}$
- Note: “mono”  $\equiv$  “up to 4”
- Decay products soft and escaping detection



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# Principles of recasting

- experiments search for particular final states e.g. 1-4 jets and missing transverse energy
- certain additional requirements imposed on  $p_T$ , angular separation or flavour of the final state objects
- the number of observed events in a given category (signal region) is compared to the expected Standard Model background
- the result is interpreted in a specific model chosen by collaboration, often a simplified model with many more or less realistic assumptions

**an energetic jet +  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$**   
 $(139 \text{ fb}^{-1})$

$e, \mu, \tau, \gamma$  veto

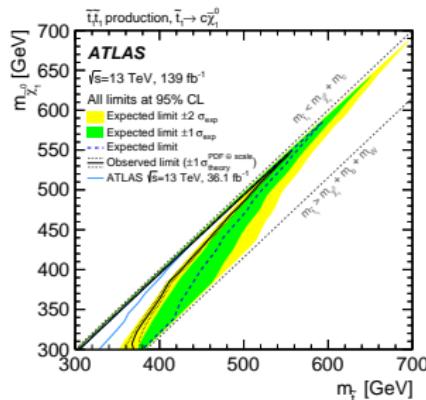
$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 200$

$p_T^{j_1} > 150, |\eta^{j_1}| < 2.4$

$N_j(p_T > 30, |\eta| < 2.8) \leq 4$

$\Delta\phi(\text{jet}, \mathbf{p}_T^{\text{miss}}) > 0.4 \text{ (0.6)}$

$E_T^{\text{miss}}$  binned



# Principles of recasting/BSM reinterpretation

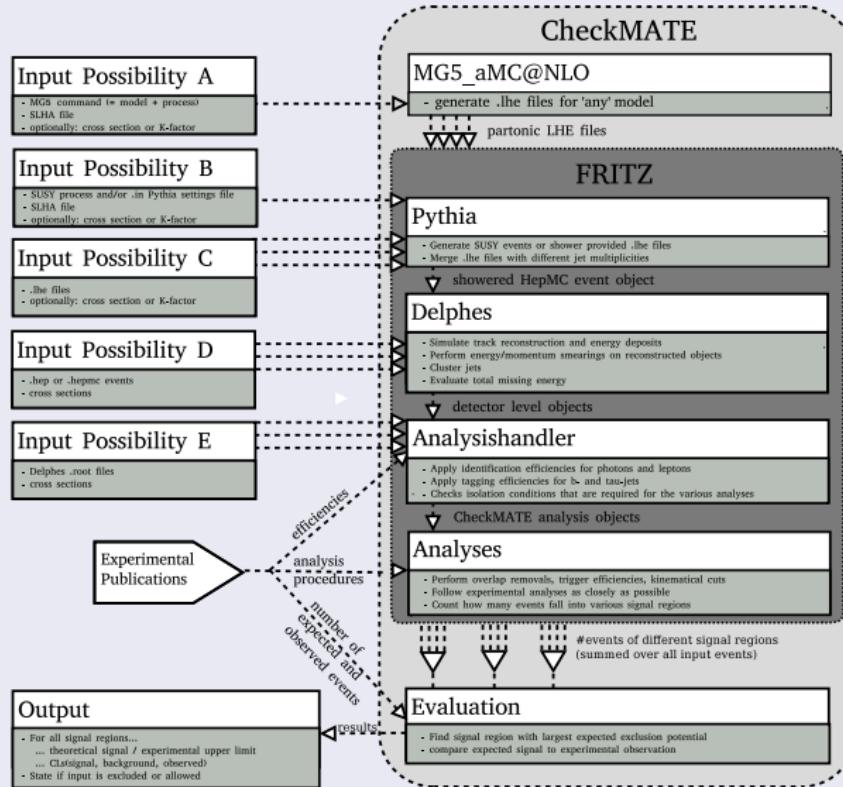
- what if theorist would like to know a constraint on a completely different model?
- the events for a new model needs to be generated and the same selection criteria applied, often for tens of signal regions
- MC events → detector simulation → selection criteria → statistical analysis/interpretation
- the procedure is tedious and complicated so there was a need to streamline the process
- in the ideal situation from UFO model to the result in one click
- several codes on the market:
  - SModelS
  - MadAnalysis
  - Gambit/ColliderBit
  - **CheckMATE**

# Tools

- CheckMATE is a general tool for recasting arbitrary model
- based on Delphes for detector simulation
- using existing LHC searches calculates a limit
- one can easily constrain models that were not covered in the original ATLAS/CMS search
- currently more than 40 searches at 13 TeV coded, including 14 with full luminosity
- long-lived particles branch
- <https://checkmate.hepforge.org/>



# Overview: Data Flow



# Recasting a squark-gluino search

- we recast with CheckMATE a general search for squarks and gluinos, [arXiv:2010.14293](#), in total 70 signal regions
- basic (preselection) signal requirements:
  - no electrons or muons
  - 2–6 jets
  - large missing energy  $> 300 \text{ GeV}$
  - hard leading jet  $p_T > 200 \text{ GeV}$
  - large effective mass  $> 800 \text{ GeV}$
- note some overlap of the final states with “mono”-jet
- we focus on bins with the largest sensitivity (originally intended for squark pair production):
  - 2–3 jets,  $p_T^{\text{jet}1}, p_T^{\text{jet}2} > 250 \text{ GeV}$
  - effective mass  $> 1600 \text{ GeV}$
  - $E_T^{\text{miss}}/\sqrt{H_T} > 16\sqrt{\text{GeV}}$
  - perform a multibin/shape fit using HistFitter

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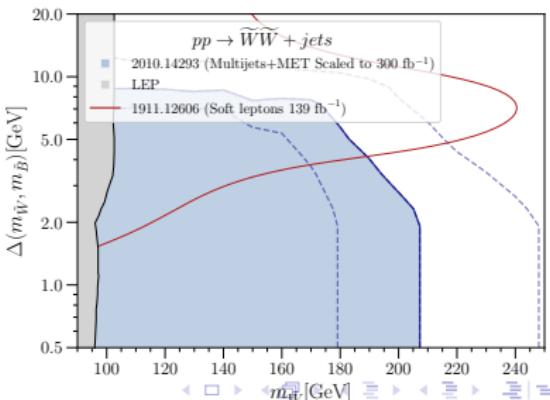
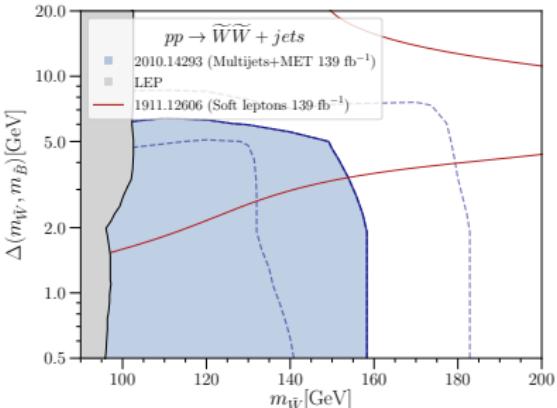
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# Event generation

- events generated with MadGraph5\_aMC@NLO
- up to 2 additional partons in the final state:  $p p \rightarrow \tilde{\chi} \tilde{\chi} j j$
- Pythia MLM matching of different jet multiplicities
- for uncertainty estimation we vary renormalization and factorization scales and different PDF sets
- cross section normalized using Resummino at NLO-NLL

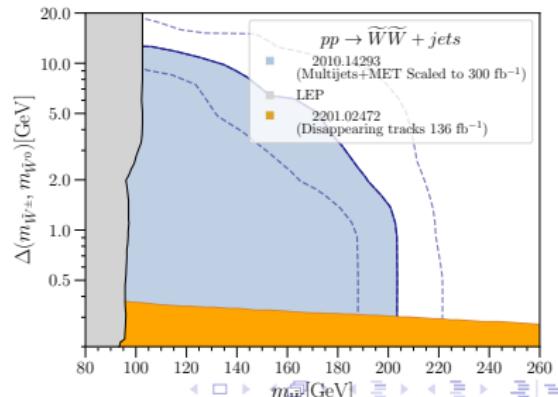
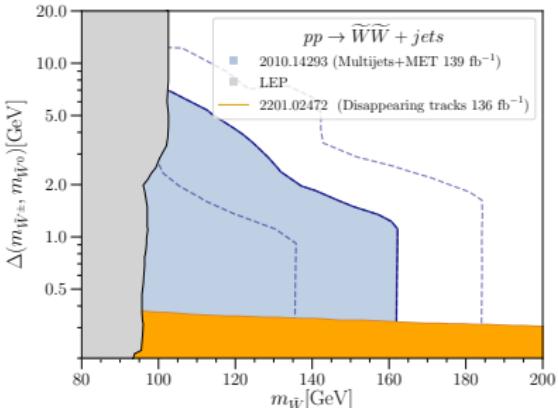
# Results – bino-wino scenario: $pp \rightarrow \widetilde{W}^\pm \widetilde{W}^0, \widetilde{W}^+ \widetilde{W}^-$

- $\widetilde{W}^\pm \rightarrow \widetilde{B}^0 W^*, \widetilde{W}^0 \rightarrow \widetilde{B}^0 Z^*$
- decay products soft but become detectable with boost
- comparison with ATLAS soft leptons exclusion (red line)
- the exclusion up to 160 GeV with current data
  
- after Run 3 the expected limit increases to 210 GeV



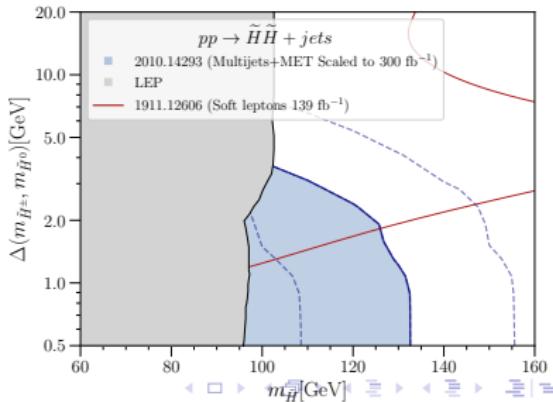
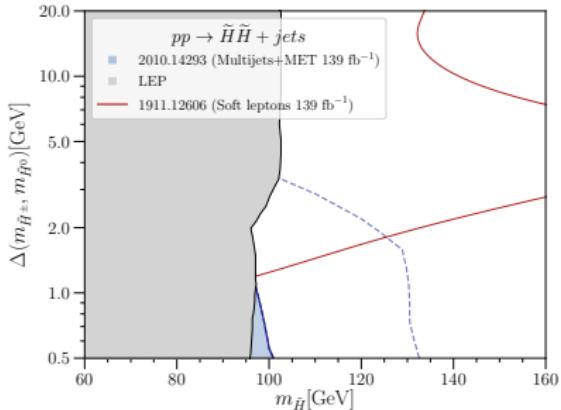
# Results – wino scenario: $pp \rightarrow \widetilde{W}^\pm \widetilde{W}^0, \widetilde{W}^+ \widetilde{W}^-$

- $\widetilde{W}^\pm \rightarrow \widetilde{W}^0 W^*$
- $\widetilde{W}^0$  stable (DM candidate)
- soft decay products but no same-flavour opposite-charge from  $Z^*$  and no limits
- the limits from LEP and the search for semi-stable chargino
- **the new exclusion on top of LEP and long-lived charged wino limits**
- after Run 3 the expected limit increases to 200 GeV



# Results – higgsino scenario

- higgsino model
- $pp \rightarrow \tilde{H}^\pm \tilde{H}_1^0, \tilde{H}^+ \tilde{H}^-, \tilde{H}_1^0 \tilde{H}_2^0$
- $\tilde{H}^\pm \rightarrow \tilde{H}_1^0 W^*, \tilde{H}_2^0 \rightarrow \tilde{H}_1^0 Z^*$
- currently the limit only slightly above LEP
- after Run 3 the expected limit increases to 130 GeV

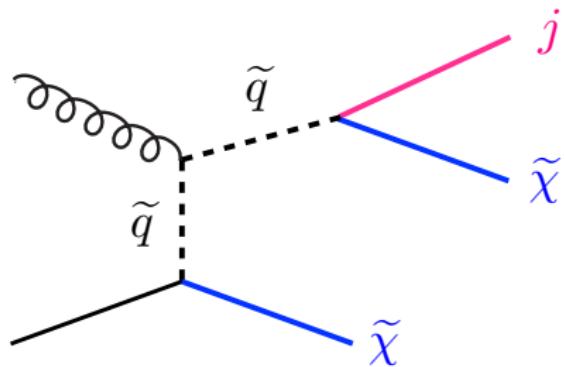


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# Gaugino-squark production

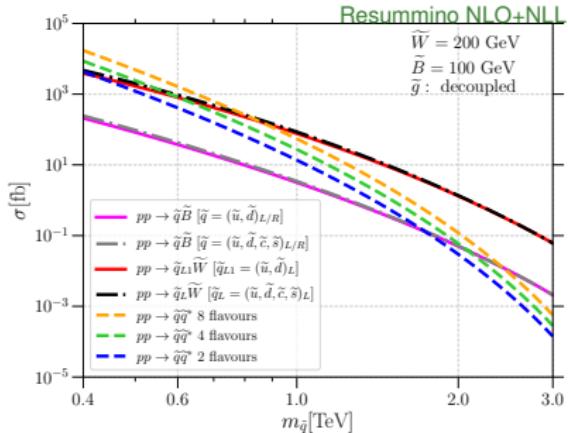
- light gauginos and squark, rest of the spectrum decoupled
- we consider associated squark-wino production
- $pp \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}\tilde{q}, \tilde{q} \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}q$
- monojet-type signal
- specifically sensitive to 1st generation doublet
- order  $\alpha\alpha_s$  compared to  $\alpha_s^2$  for squark pair production, so maybe can be neglected?



# Gaugino-squark production

- three possibilities:  $\tilde{\chi}$  = wino, bino, higgsino
- $pp \rightarrow \widetilde{W}\tilde{q}, \tilde{q} \rightarrow \widetilde{W}q$
- at squark mass  $\sim 1$  TeV the cross section competitive with squark pair production ( $m_{\widetilde{W}} = 200$  GeV)

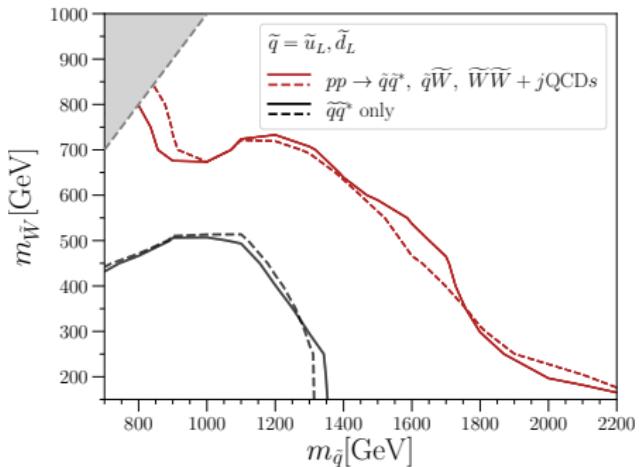
- $pp \rightarrow \widetilde{B}\tilde{q}, \tilde{q} \rightarrow \widetilde{B}q$
- at squark mass  $\sim 2.2$  TeV the cross section competitive with squark pair production ( $m_{\widetilde{B}} = 100$  GeV)



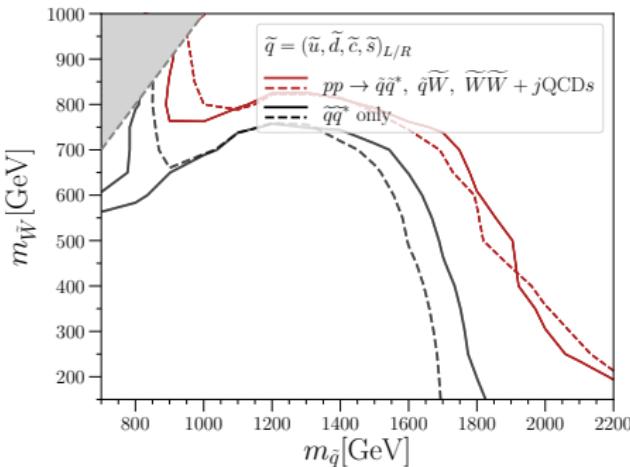
- higgsino production negligible  
- Yukawa suppressed

# Results

first generation doublet only  
(2-fold degenerate)



2 generations, left and right  
(8-fold degenerate)



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- initial state radiation can give a handle on challenging bits of LSP parameter space
- squark search outperforms dedicated monojet analysis
- new constraints closing the gap in (model independent) wino exclusion
- higgsinos more difficult but with some promise
- the idea to revisit LEP slepton limits
- HL prospects to be seen



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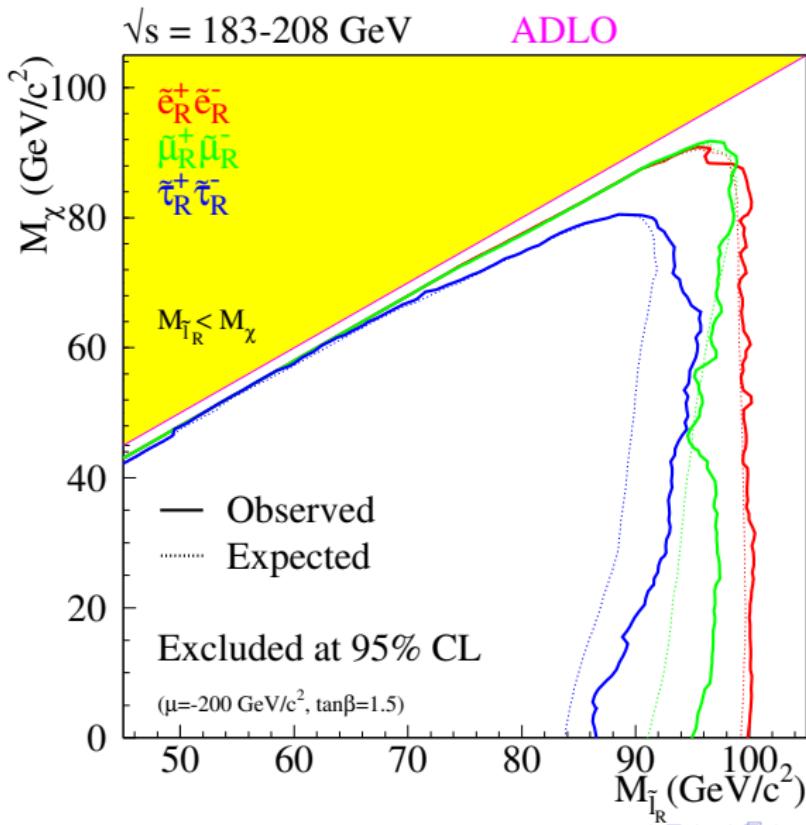
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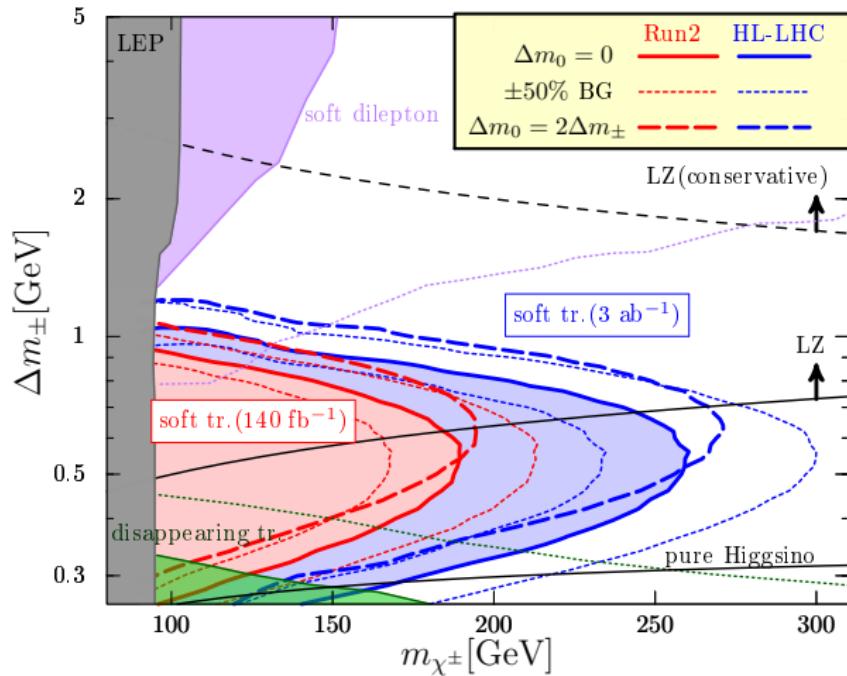
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# LEP slepton limits

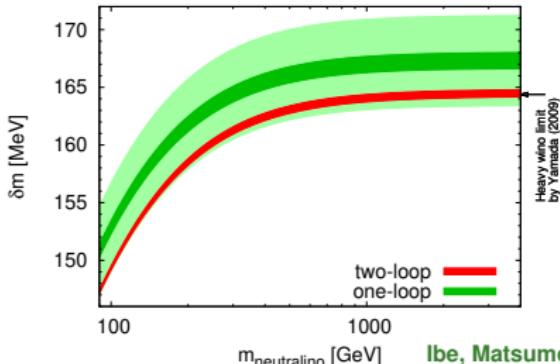


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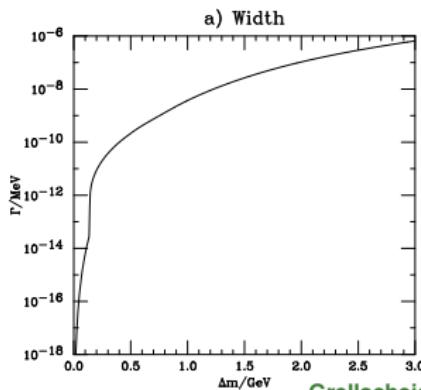
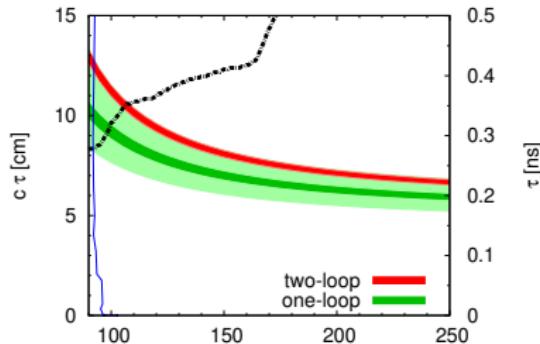
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# Width and decays



Ibe, Matsumoto, Sato, arXiv:1212.5989  $m_{\text{chargino}}$  [GeV]



Grellscheid, Richardson, arXiv:0710.1951

