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Probing light Neutralino Dark Matter at the LHC

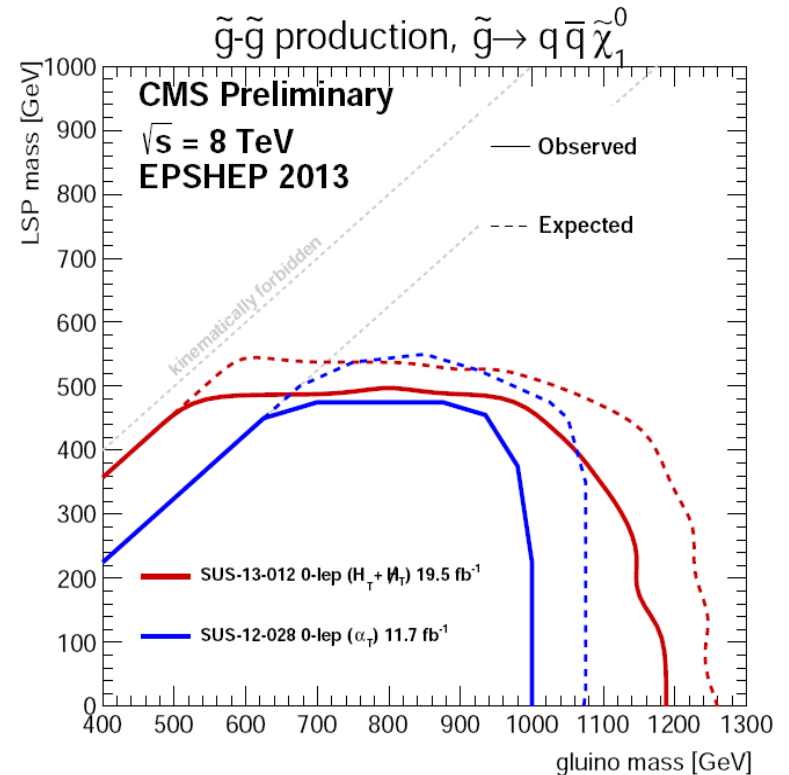
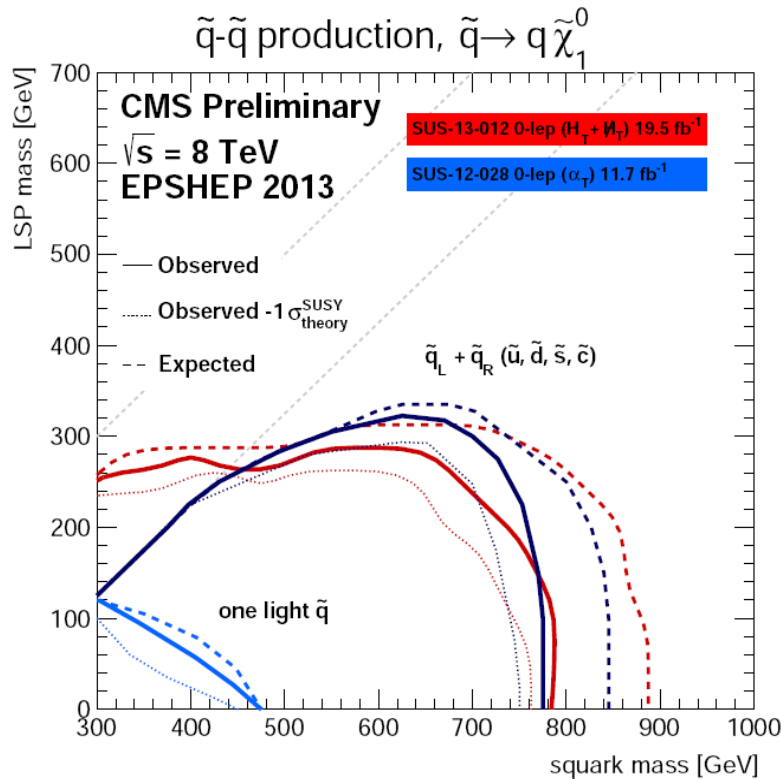
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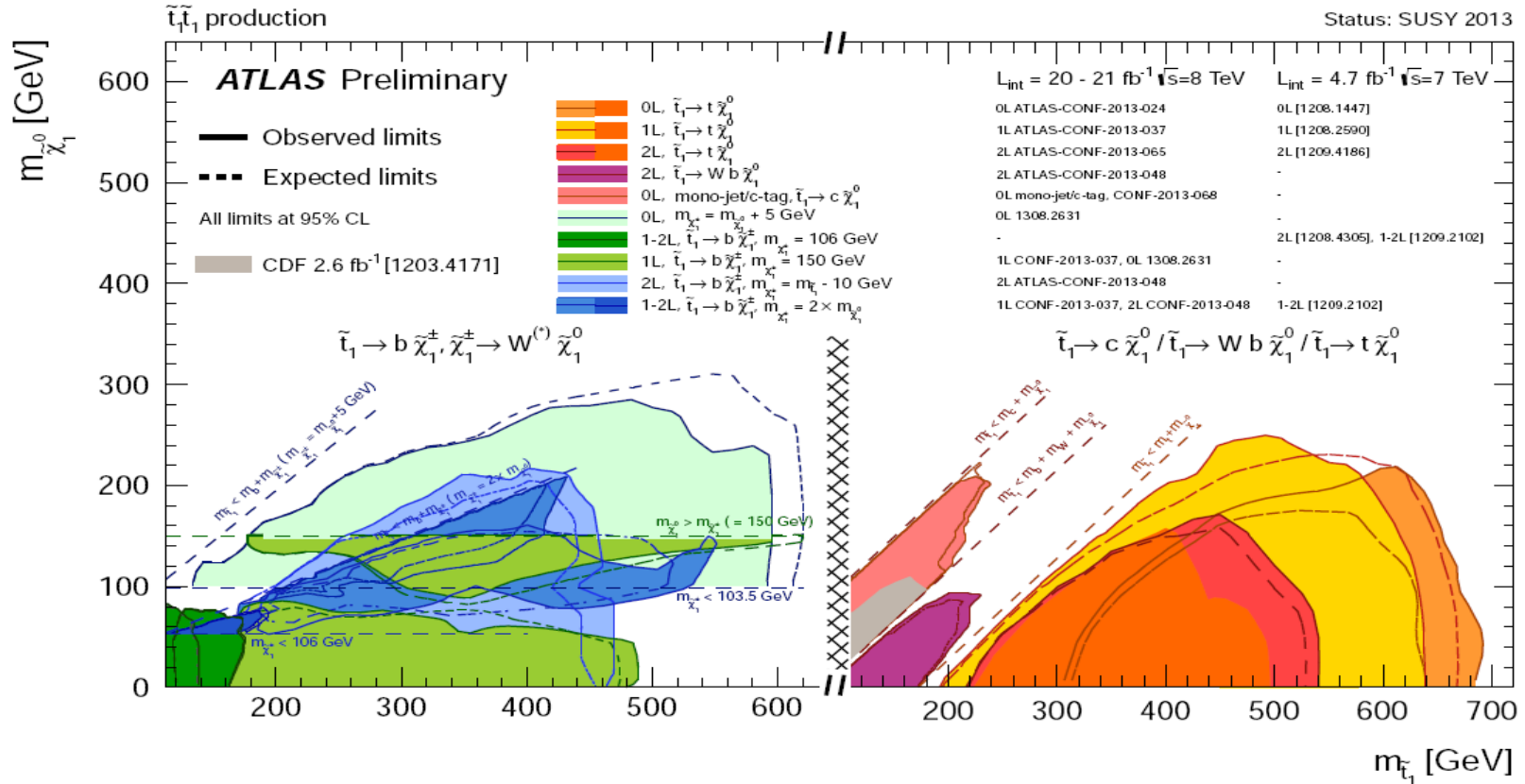
based on collaborations with J. Lindert, T. Ota, Y. Takanishi

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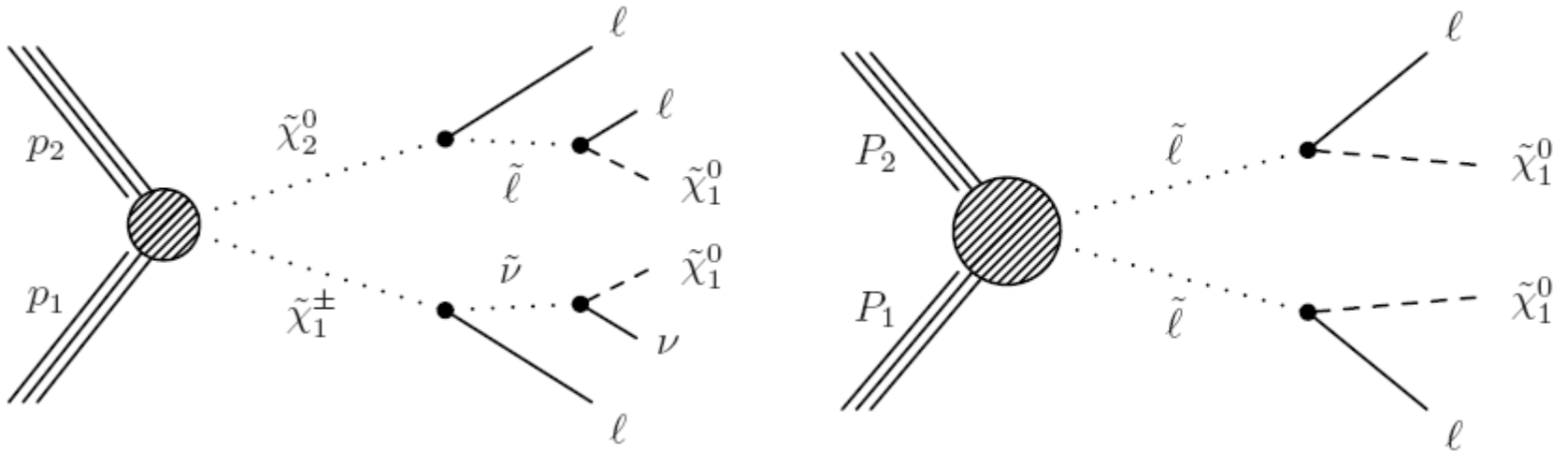
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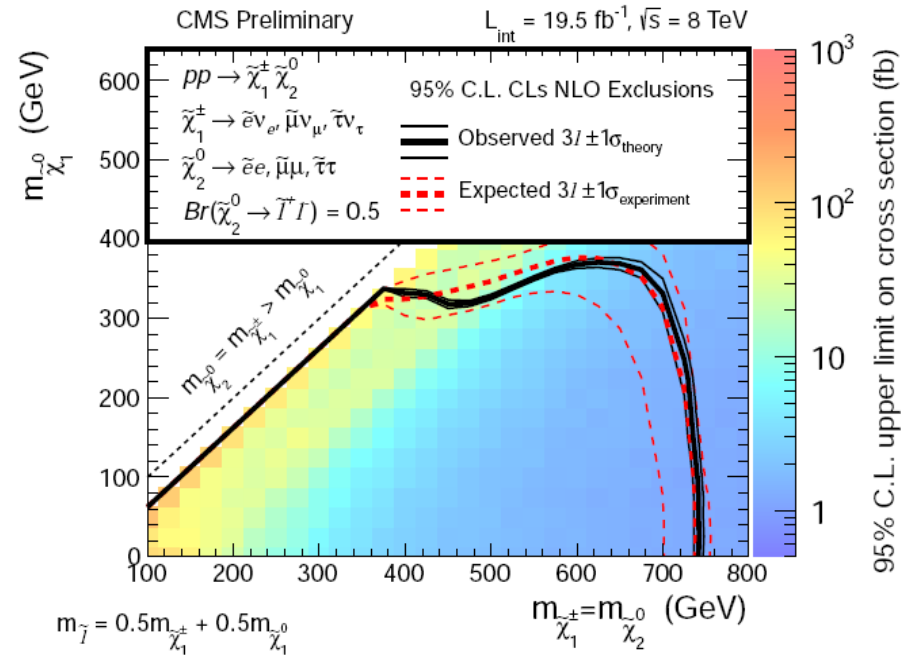
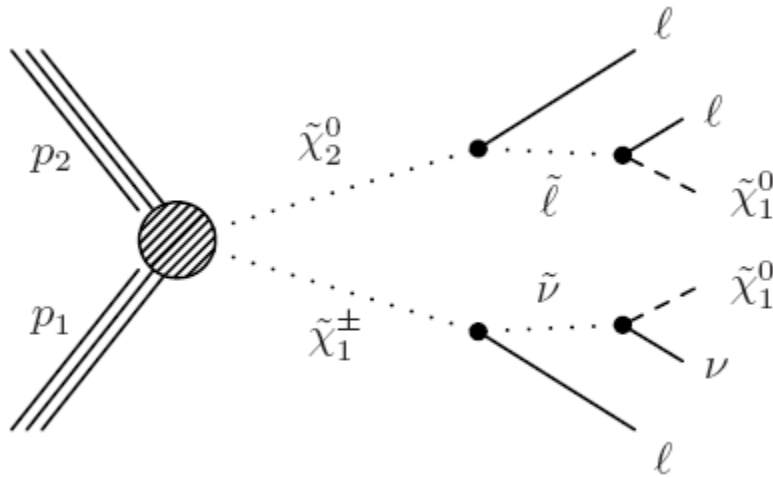
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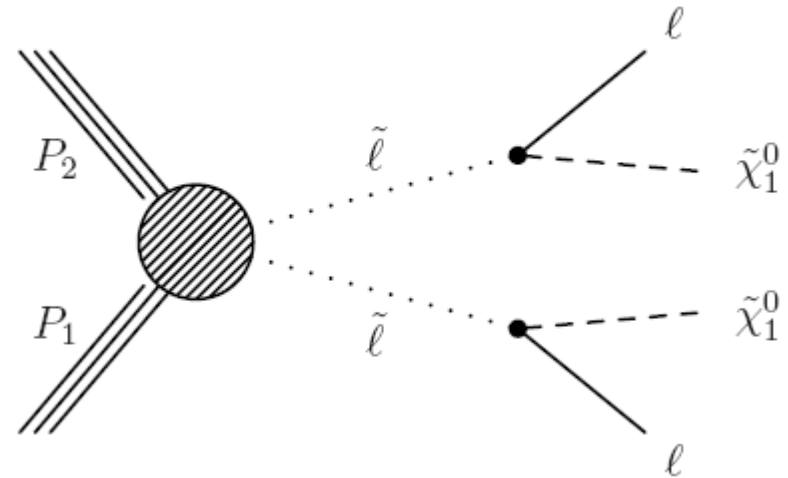
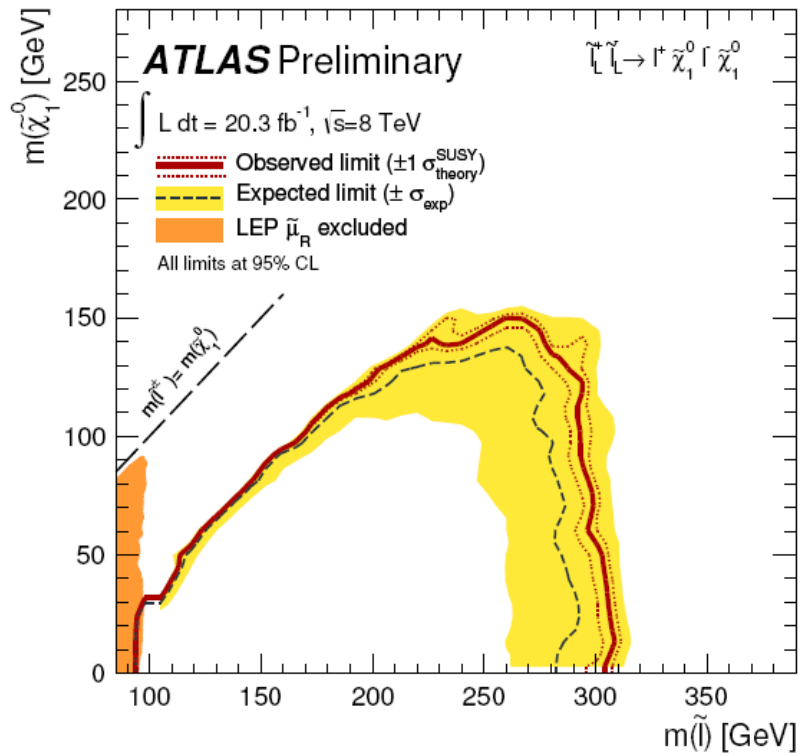
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The EW SUSY sector might be lighter than the strong sector but LHC can test it!

We discuss an example of the potential of EW searches at the LHC:
probing light Neutralino Dark Matter

Assumptions:

- Only MSSM superfields
- R-parity
- Dark Matter thermal relic, standard history of the universe
- Neutralino DM candidate, $\Omega_{\text{DM}} h^2 \leq 0.124$

How light the neutralino is allowed to be after LHC searches at 8 TeV?

Light Neutralino Dark Matter in the MSSM

MSSM neutralinos: $(\tilde{B}, \tilde{W}_3, \tilde{H}_d^0, \tilde{H}_u^0)$ MSSM charginos: $(\tilde{W}^\pm, \tilde{H}_u^\pm, \tilde{H}_d^\pm)$

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No gaugino mass unification at the GUT scale ($M_1 \simeq 0.5 \times M_2$)

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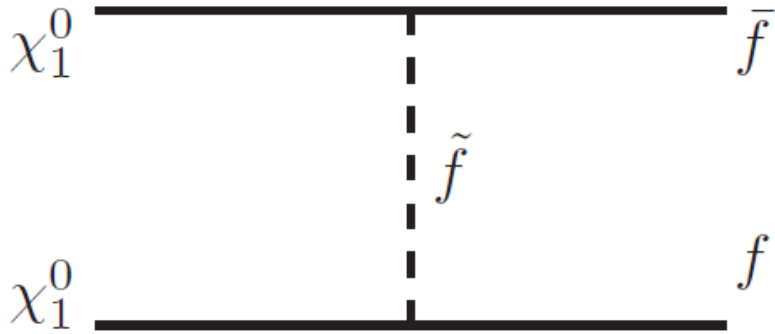
Relic density (WMAP, Planck):

$$\Omega_\chi h^2 \sim 0.1$$

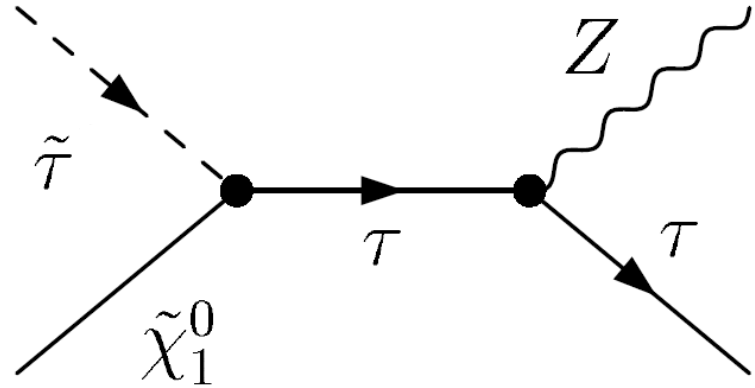
Efficient annihilation required

Annihilation mechanisms

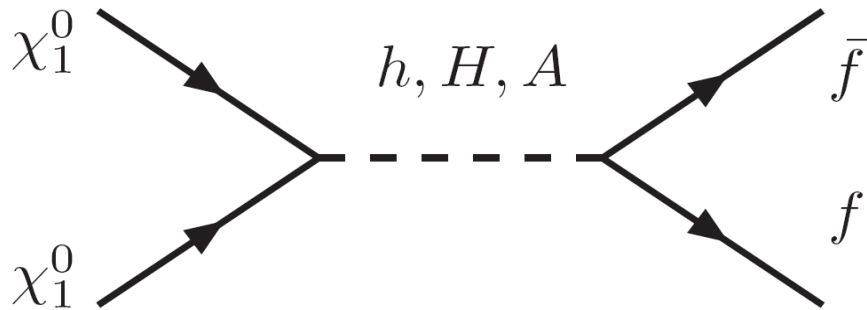
t-channel exchange (e.g. sfermions):



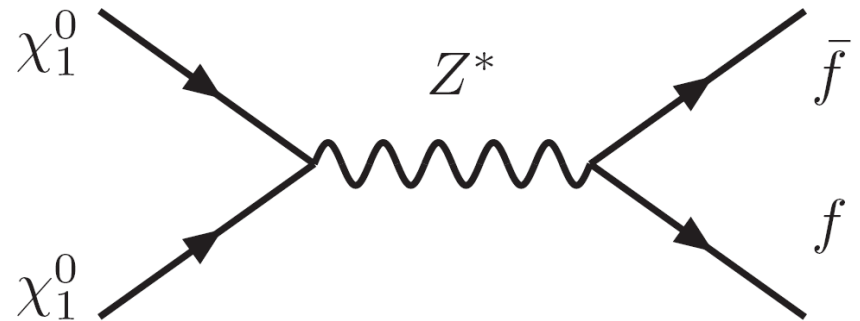
Coannihilations (e.g. stau):



Higgs mediation:



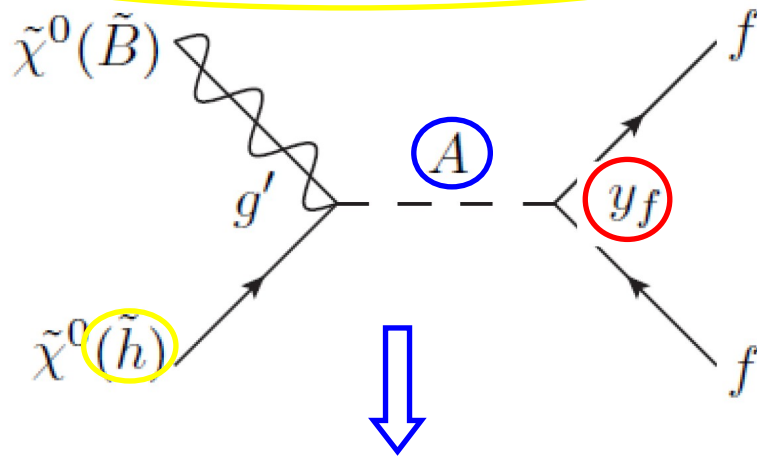
Z mediation:



different regions of the SUSY parameter space are selected

Annihilation mechanisms: Higgs exchange

- Higgs mediated annihilation:



$$\propto \frac{m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0}^2}{m_A^2} \frac{m_f}{v} (N_{11} N_{13,14}) \tan \beta$$

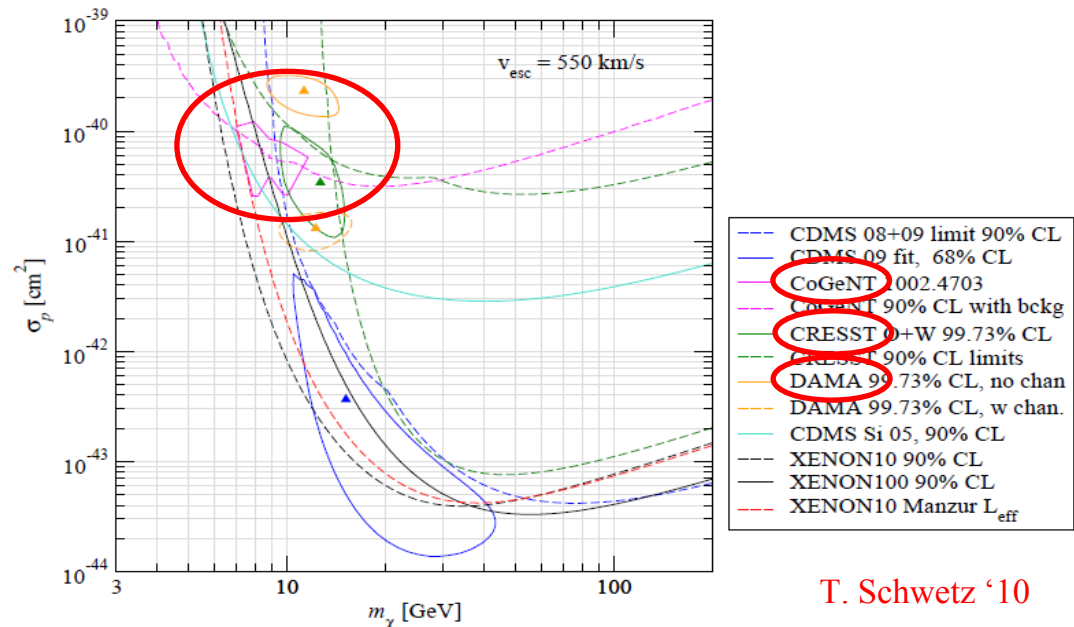
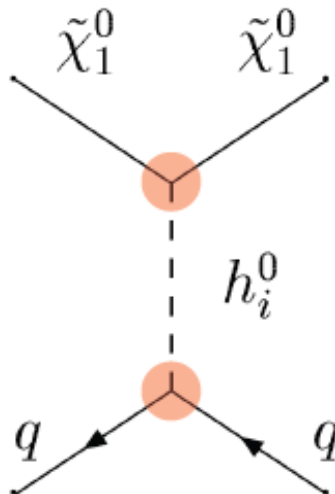
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Bottino et al. '02- '10

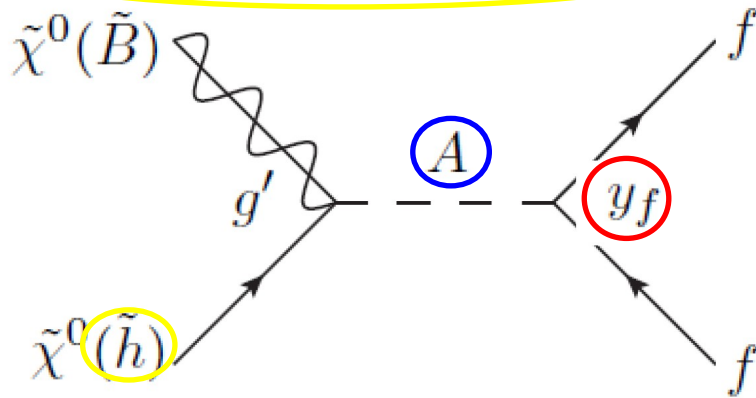
Large scattering cross-section with nuclei:



T. Schwetz '10

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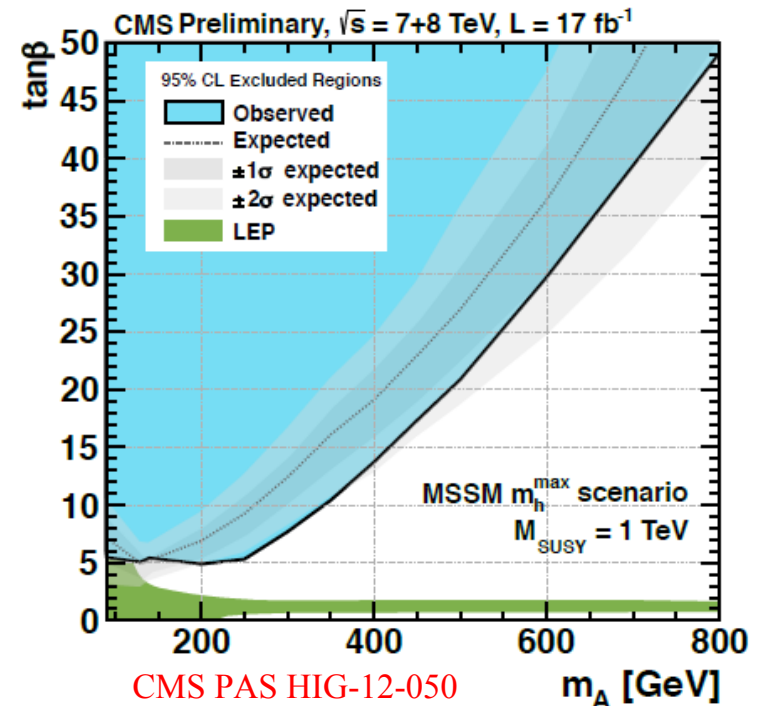
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This parameter space for light neutralinos is now excluded by:

- $B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$
 - Searches for extra Higgses at the LHC,
 $pp \rightarrow X \Phi \rightarrow \tau \tau$
- Higgs mass and couplings

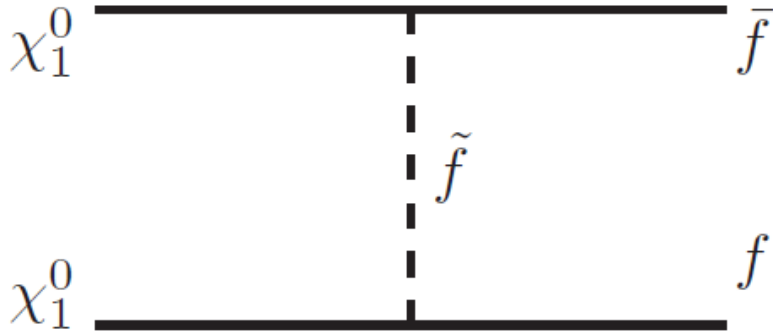
➡ MSSM incompatible with DAMA, CoGeNT

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Annihilation mechanisms: sfermion exchange

Sfermion mediated annihilation:



$$\propto \frac{m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0} m_f}{m_{\tilde{f}}^2}$$

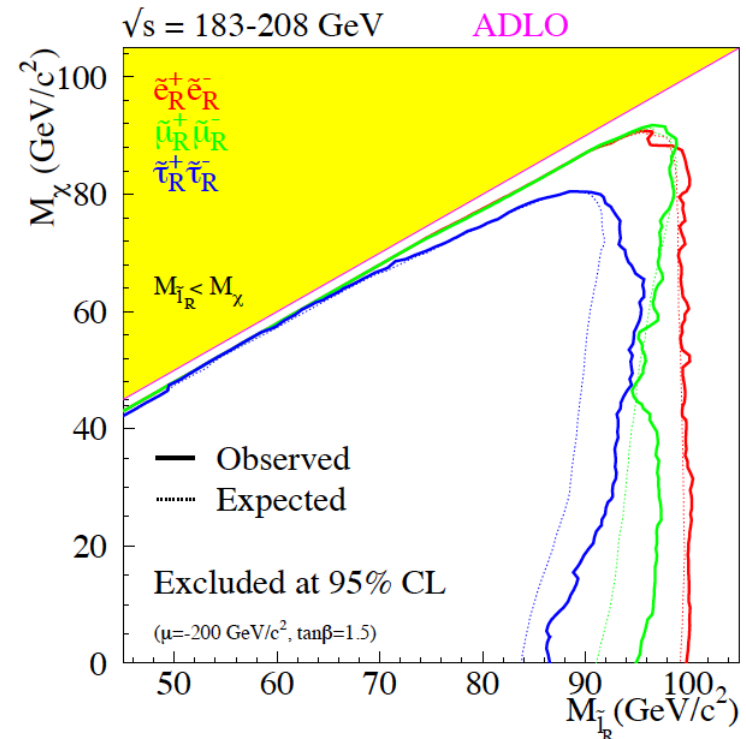
Challenged by LEP bounds, e.g.:

LEP limits: $e^+e^- \rightarrow \tilde{f}\tilde{f}^* \rightarrow f\bar{f}\tilde{\chi}_1^0\tilde{\chi}_1^0$
Can one evade it with compressed spectra?

If $m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0} \lesssim 30$ GeV this is not possible
because Z width bounds:

$$Z \rightarrow \tilde{f}\tilde{f}^* \Rightarrow m_{\tilde{f}} \gtrsim 40 \text{ GeV}$$

(Possible exception: light sbottom with
tuned LR mixing) Arbey Battaglia Mahmoudi '13

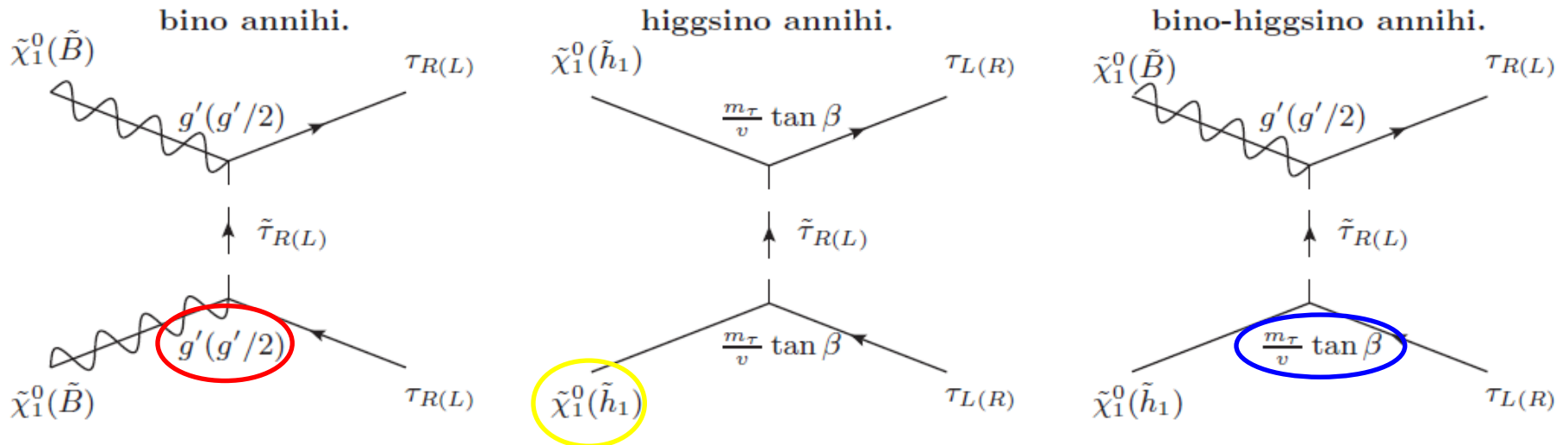


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Relic density essentially controlled by 4 parameters only:

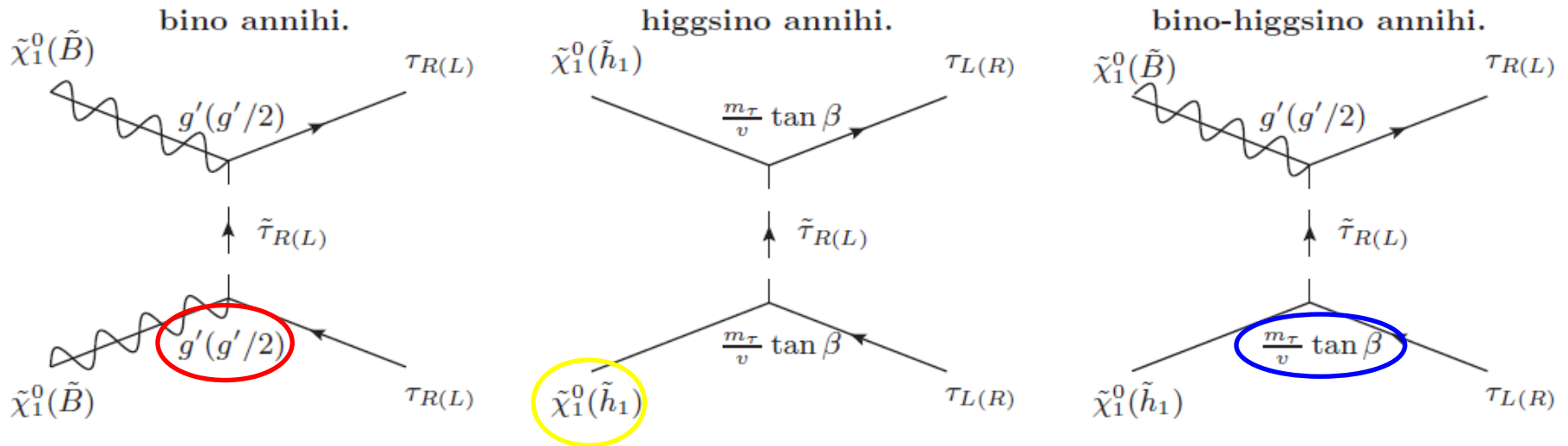
$$M_1, m_{\tilde{\tau}_R}, \mu, \tan \beta$$

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Light neutralino DM necessarily implies:
light stau, light higgsino-like neutralinos and charginos

Parameters scan and constraints

$$10 \text{ GeV} \leq M_1 \leq 45 \text{ GeV}, \quad 65 \text{ GeV} \leq m_{\tilde{\tau}_R} \leq 200 \text{ GeV},$$

$$90 \text{ GeV} \leq \mu \leq 400 \text{ GeV}, \quad 5 \leq \tan \beta \leq 60.$$

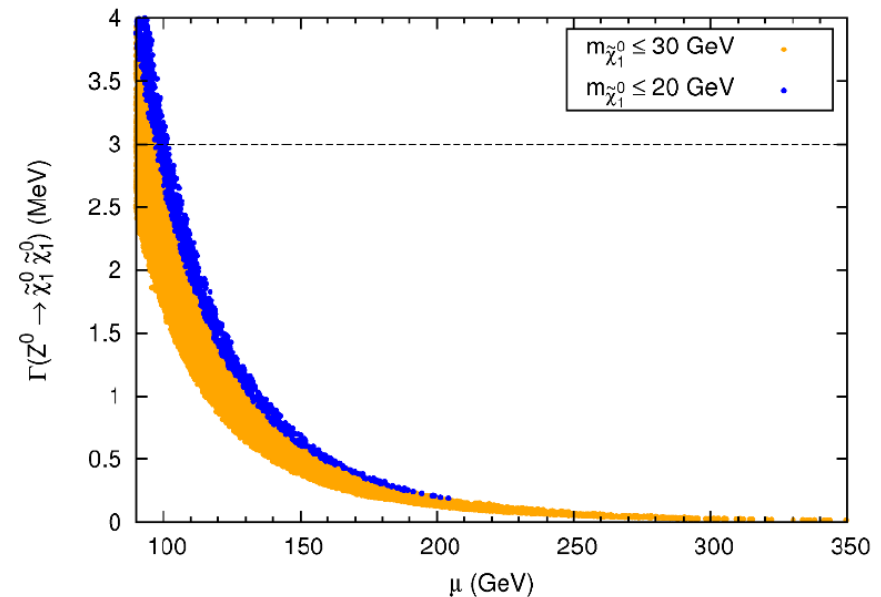
$$m_{\tilde{f}} = M_3 = m_A = 2 \text{ TeV}, \quad M_2 = 500 \text{ GeV}, \quad A_t = 1.5 \times m_{\tilde{f}}.$$

SuSpect,
micrOMEGAs

Djouadi et al. '02
Belanger et al. '06

- $m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0} \leq 30 \text{ GeV}$
- CMB, Planck (3σ): $\Omega_{\text{DM}} h^2 \leq 0.124$
- LEP2: $m_{\tilde{\tau}_R} \geq 81.9 \text{ GeV}, \quad m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm} \geq 103.5 \text{ GeV}$
- LHC: limits on charginos depend on smuon/selectron masses and can be evaded
- Flavour: Ω_{DM} does not depend on heavy Higgs/squark masses, flavour observables do not constrain the DM parameter space
- Z invisible width, LEP: $\Delta\Gamma_Z^{\text{inv}} < 3 \text{ MeV}$

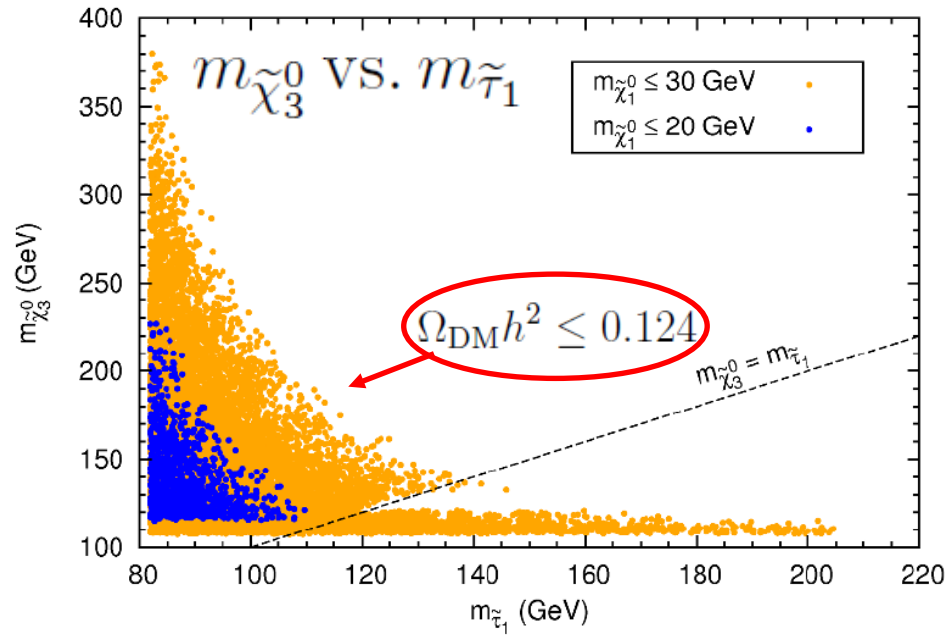
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$$\Gamma(Z \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \tilde{\chi}_1^0) = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{M_Z^3}{12\pi} \left(1 - \frac{4M_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0}^2}{M_Z^2} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} |N_{13}^2 - N_{14}^2|^2$$

Parameter space

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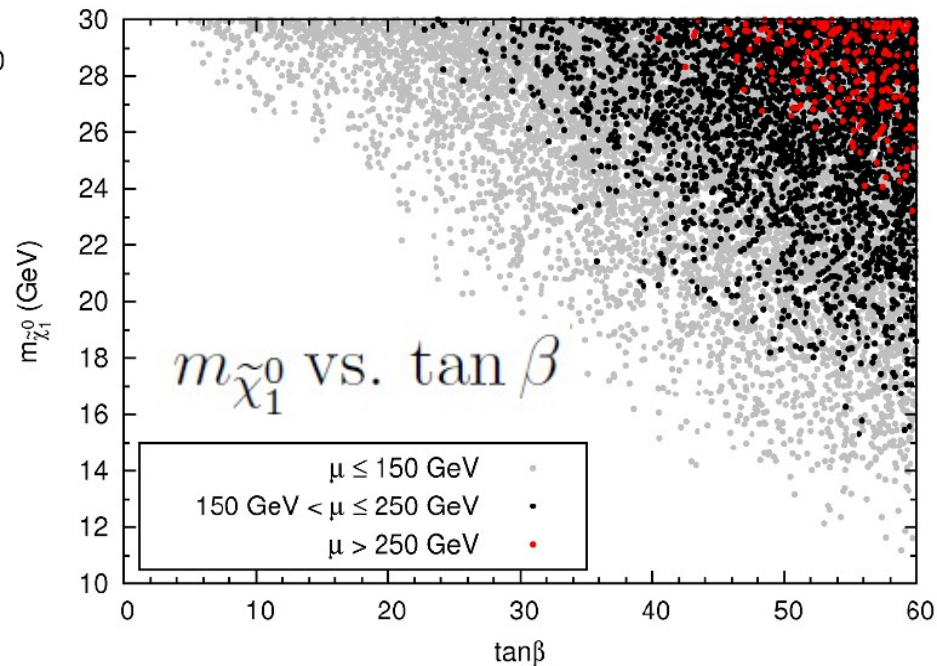


$$m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0} \gtrsim 11 \text{ GeV}$$

$$(\tan \beta \leq 60)$$

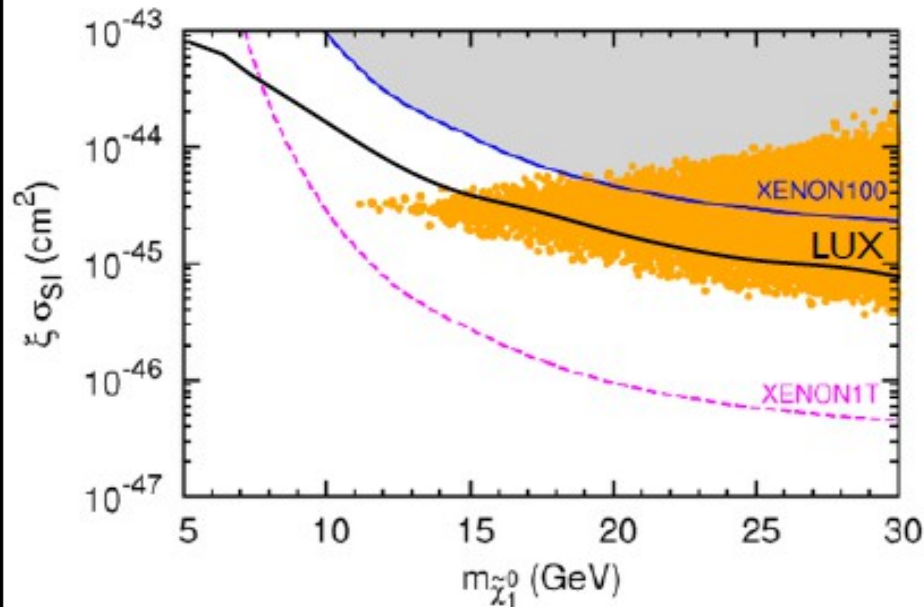
$$m_{\tilde{\tau}_1} \lesssim 210 \text{ GeV}$$

$$m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm} \approx m_{\tilde{\chi}_2^0} \approx m_{\tilde{\chi}_3^0} \lesssim 380 \text{ GeV}$$



Direct and indirect Dark Matter detection

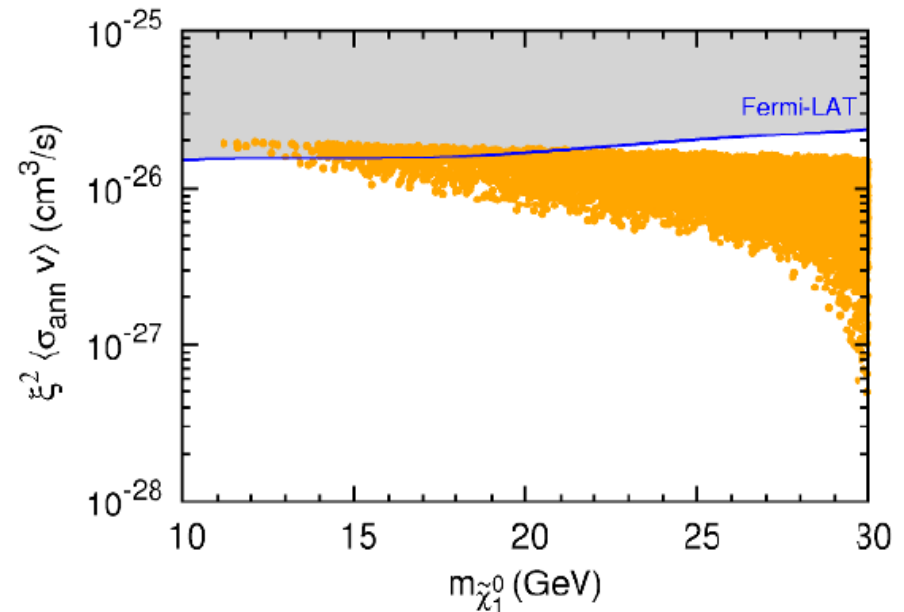
Spin-independent scattering cross section



Th. prediction can be lowered by 2x by
uncert. in light quark masses/form factors

Heavy Higgs slow decoupling (possible
additional $\sim 3x$ suppression)

Annihilation cross-section



Gamma rays from satellite galaxies

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Drell-Yan, up to O(1) pb at LHC8

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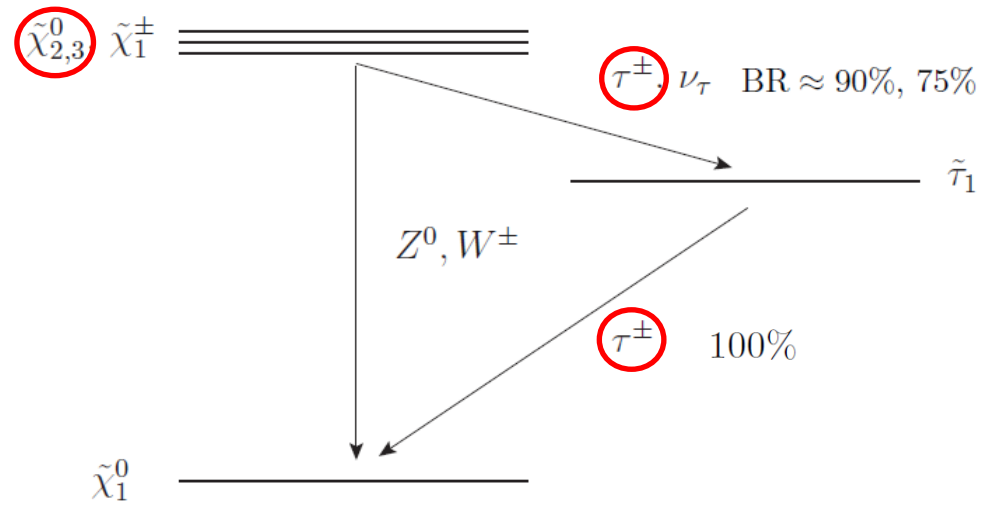
$$m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm} \simeq m_{\tilde{\chi}_{2,3}^0} > m_{\tilde{\tau}_1} > m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0}$$



$$pp \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_{2,3}^0 \tilde{\chi}_{2,3}^0 \rightarrow 4\tau + \cancel{E}_T$$

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multi-tau signals!



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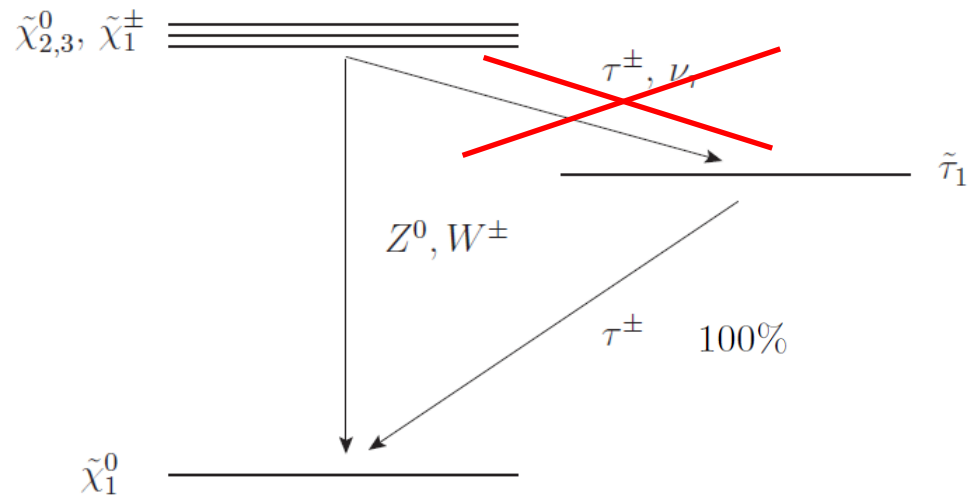
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3-body decays

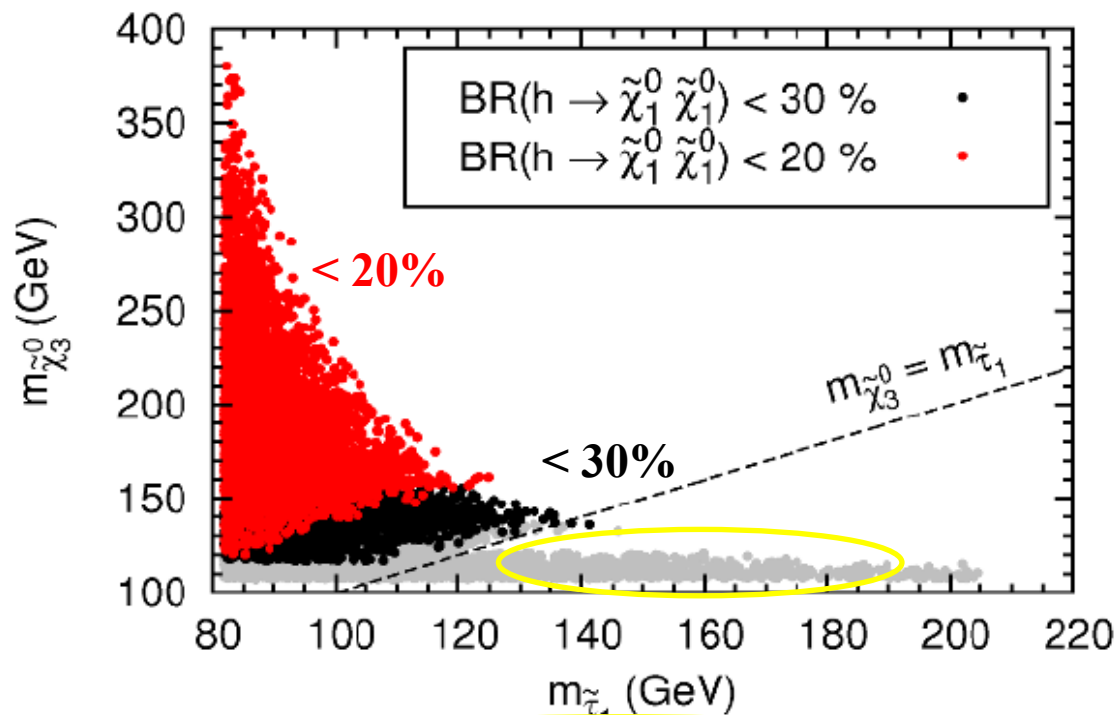
it might be more difficult

However...



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$$C_{h\tilde{\chi}_1^0 \tilde{\chi}_1^0} = (N_{12} - \tan \theta_W N_{11}) (\sin \beta N_{14} - \cos \beta N_{13})$$



$$m_{\tilde{\tau}_1} > m_{\tilde{\chi}_3^0} \Rightarrow \text{BR}(h \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \tilde{\chi}_1^0) \gtrsim 30\%$$

Last fits to Higgs data:

$$\text{BR}_h^{\text{inv}} < 16\% \quad (95\% \text{ CL})$$

Falkowski et al. '13

$$\text{BR}_h^{\text{inv}} < 19\% \quad (95\% \text{ CL})$$

Giardino et al. '13

but with 20% theo unc.:

$$\text{BR}_h^{\text{inv}} < 52\% \quad (68\% \text{ CL})$$

Djouadi Moreau '13

$$m_{\tilde{\tau}_1} > m_{\tilde{\chi}_{2,3}^0} > m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0}$$

strongly disfavoured!



ATLAS NOTE

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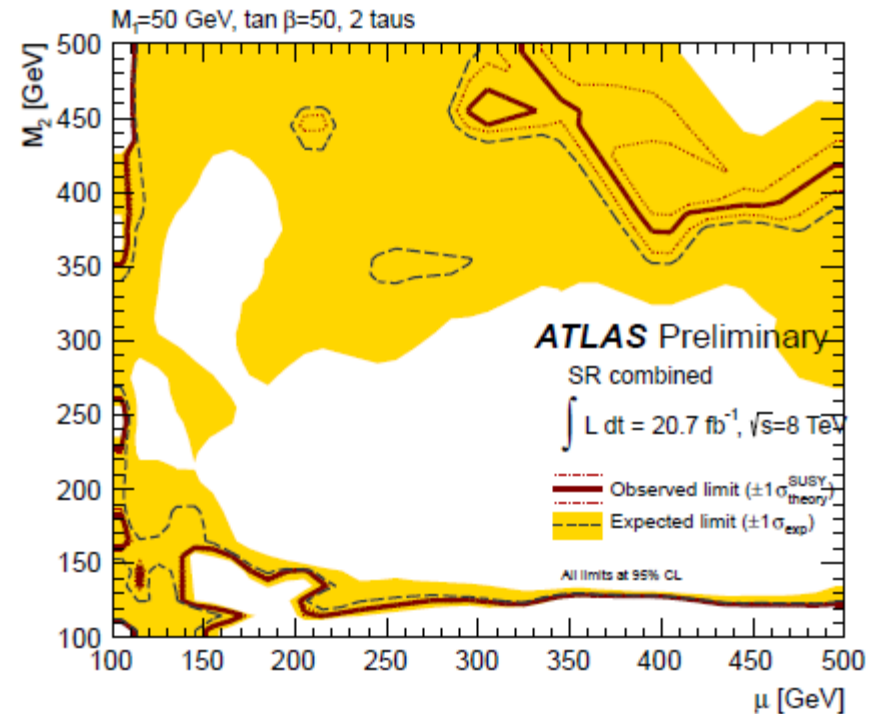


Search for electroweak production of supersymmetric particles in final states with at least two hadronically decaying taus and missing transverse momentum with the ATLAS detector in proton-proton collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 8$ TeV

The ATLAS Collaboration

Signal region	requirements
OS m_{T2}	at least 1 OS tau pair jet veto Z-veto $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 40$ GeV $m_{T2} > 90$ GeV
OS m_{T2} -nobjet	at least 1 OS tau pair b-jet veto Z-veto $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 40$ GeV $m_{T2} > 100$ GeV

Table 1: Definition of the signal regions.



SM process	SR OS m_{T2}	SR OS m_{T2} -nobjet
top	$0.2 \pm 0.5 \pm 0.1$	$1.6 \pm 0.8 \pm 1.2$
Z+jets	$0.28 \pm 0.26 \pm 0.23$	$0.4 \pm 0.3 \pm 0.3$
diboson	$2.2 \pm 0.5 \pm 0.5$	$2.5 \pm 0.5 \pm 0.9$
multi-jet & W +jets	$8.4 \pm 2.6 \pm 1.4$	$12 \pm 3 \pm 3$
SM total	$11.0 \pm 2.7 \pm 1.5$	$17 \pm 4 \pm 3$
data	6	14

$$m_{\tilde{\tau}_1} = 95 \text{ GeV}, \quad m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0} = 50 \text{ GeV}$$



$$S_{\text{SR}1}^{95} < 5.6 \quad S_{\text{SR}2}^{95} < 10.4$$

Simulation

Herwig++ (event samples)

Cuts of two Atlas SR applied

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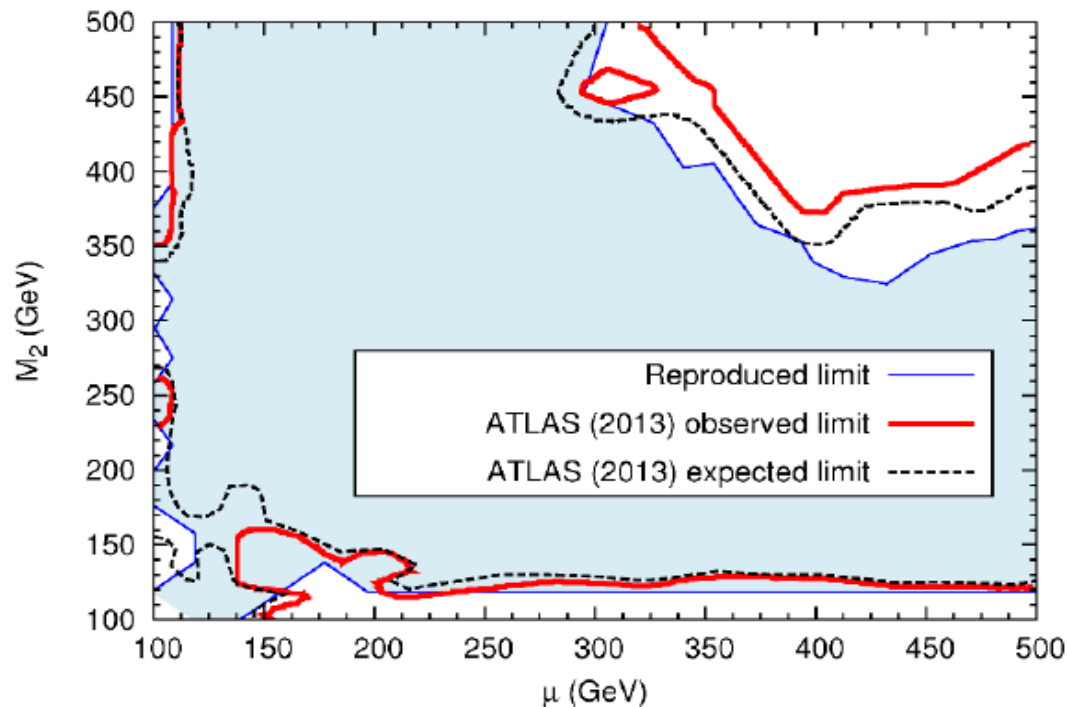
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Reproduced limit:

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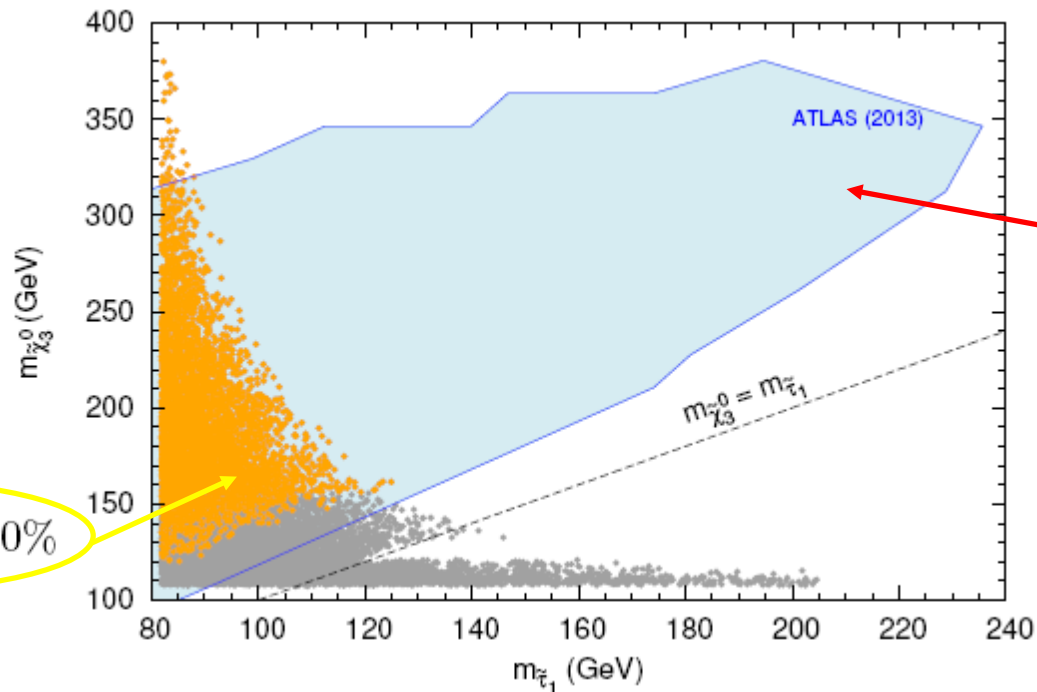
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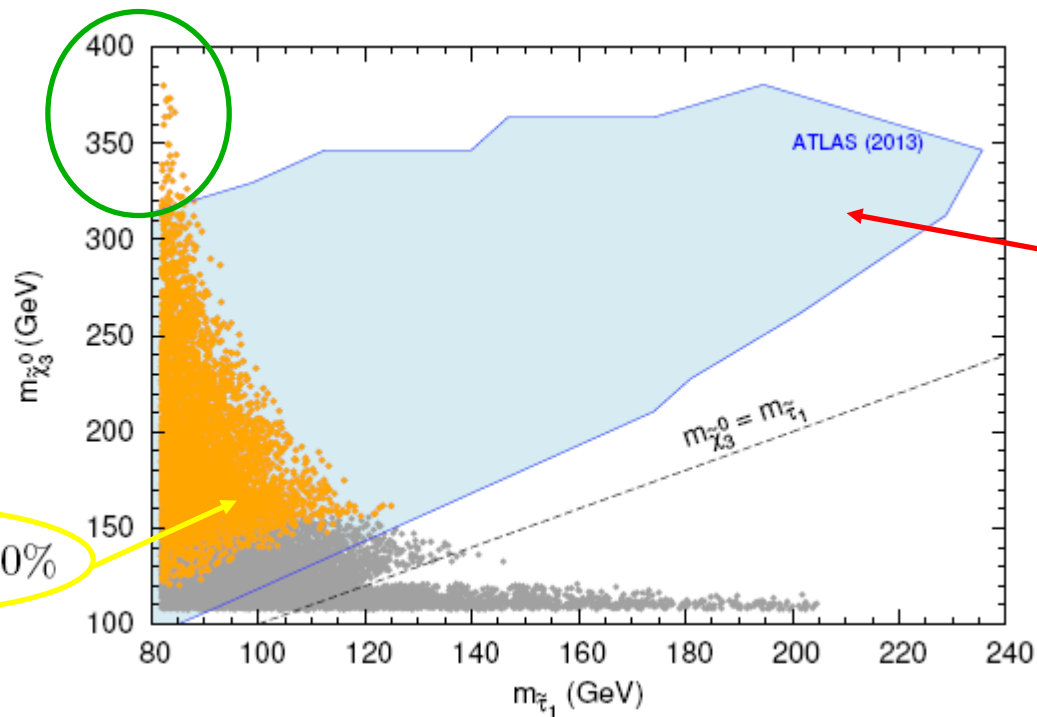
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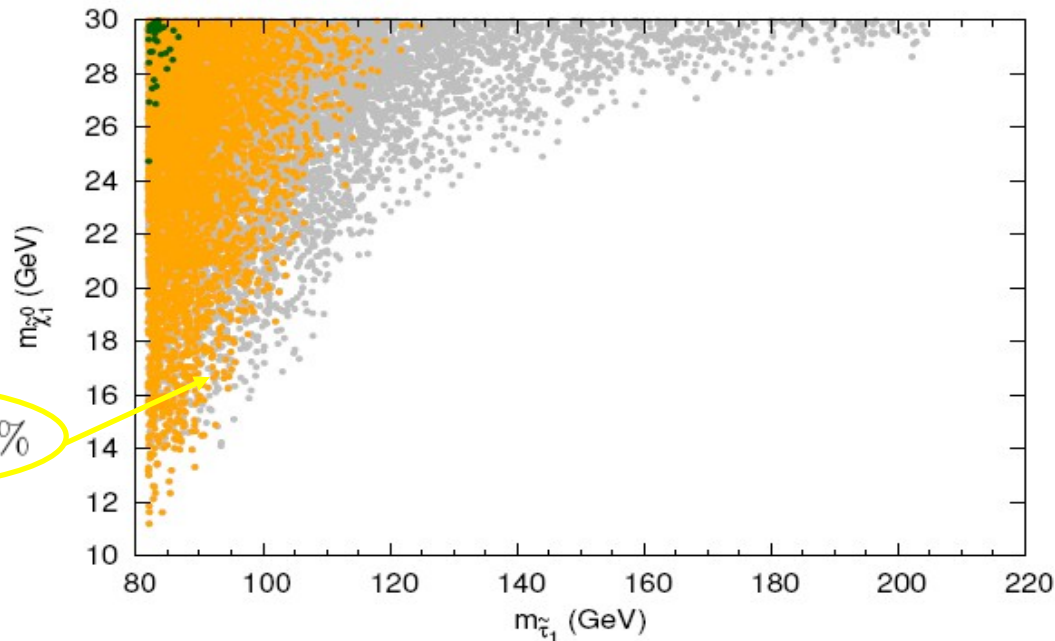
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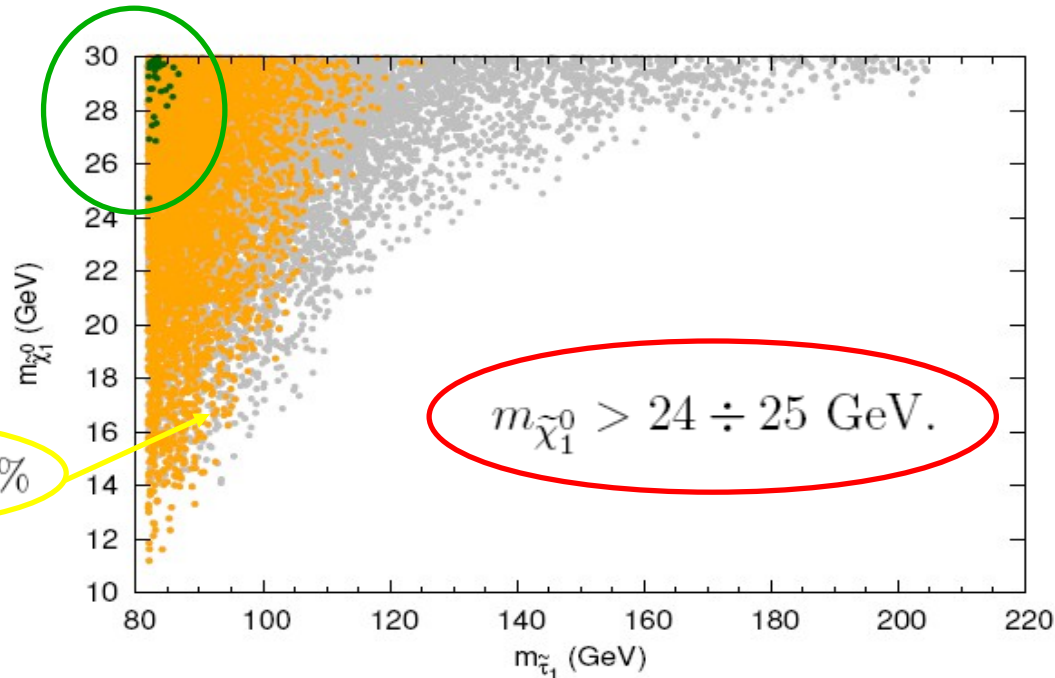
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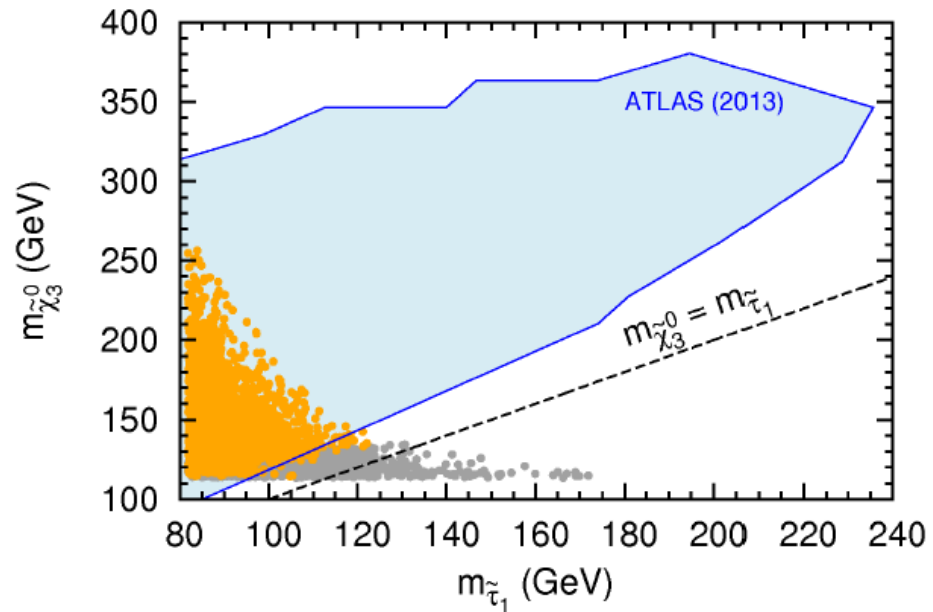
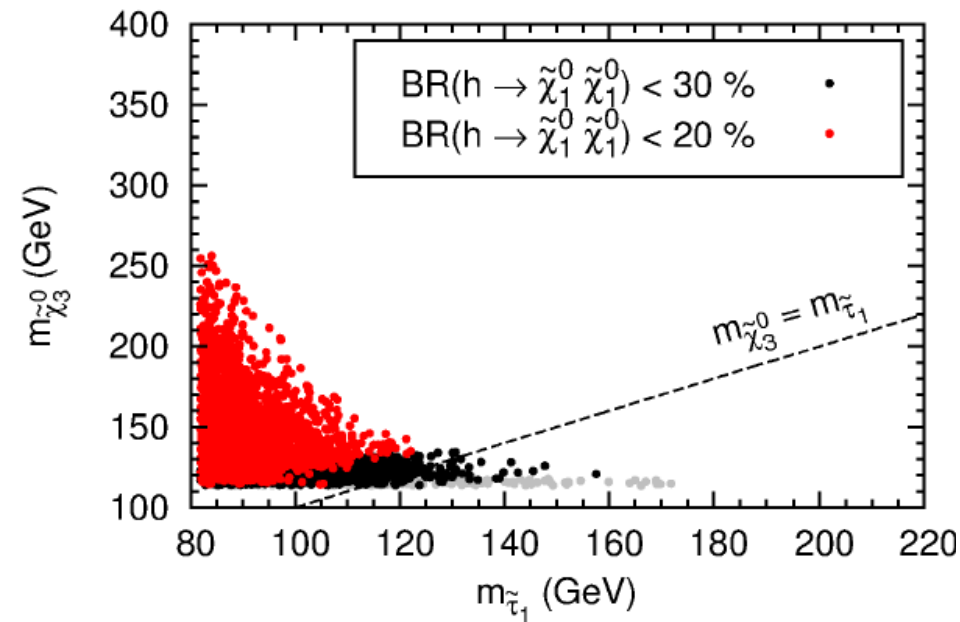
Flipping the sign of μ :

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Destructive interference between two annihilation modes: $\tilde{B}\tilde{B}$ and $\tilde{B}\tilde{H}_d$

Partial cancellation in $\tilde{\chi}_1^0\tilde{\chi}_1^0 h \Rightarrow$ lower $\text{BR}(h \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^0\tilde{\chi}_1^0)$

$$N_{14} = -\frac{M_Z s_W}{\mu} \left[c_\beta + s_\beta \frac{M_1}{\mu} \right]$$



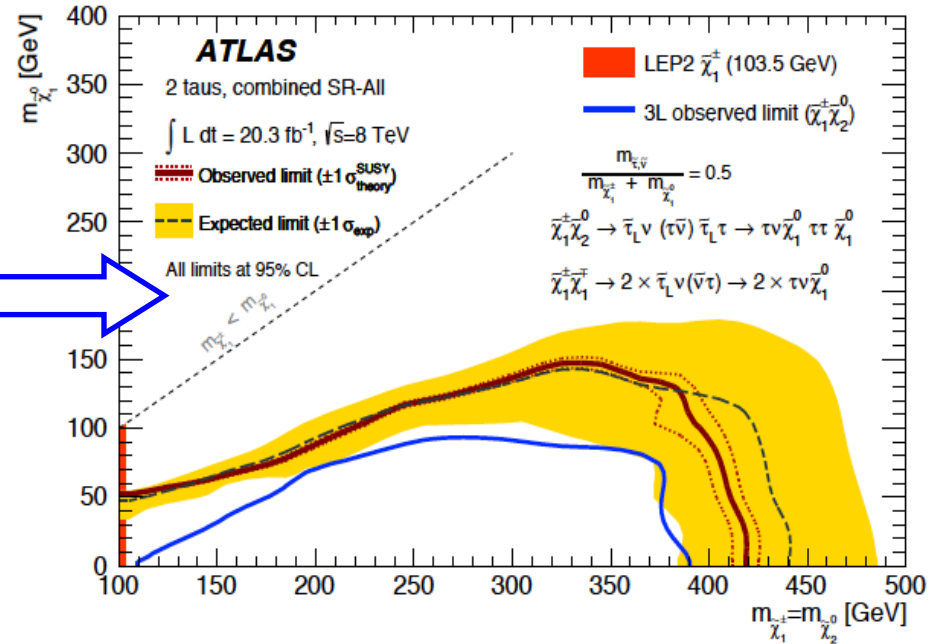
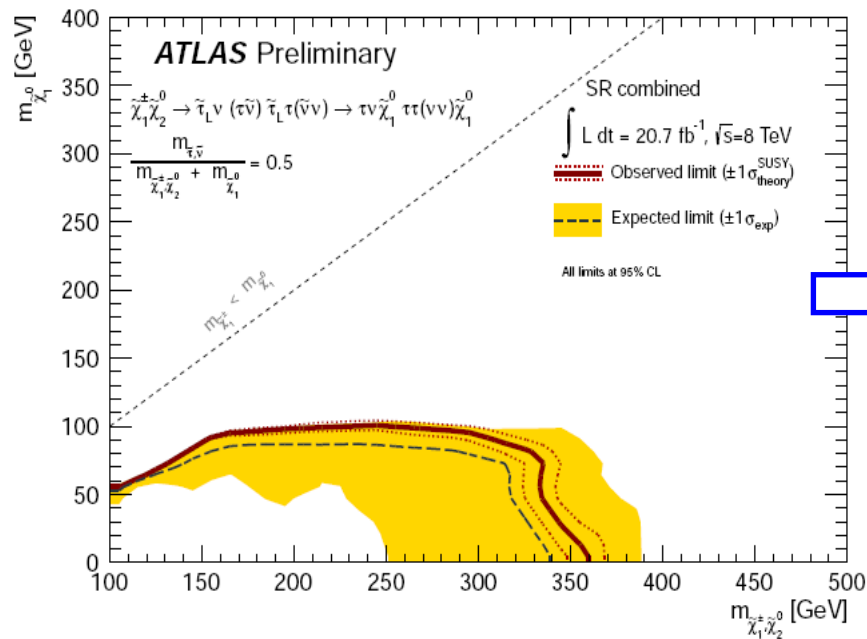
Bound from the invisible decay milder, but DM heavier because annihilation less efficient

\Rightarrow limit on the neutralino mass similar to the case $\mu > 0$

Search for the direct production of charginos, neutralinos and staus in final states with at least two hadronically decaying taus and missing transverse momentum in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 8$ TeV with the ATLAS detector

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Conclusions

Neutralino Dark Matter lighter than ~ 30 GeV requires light staus and higgsinos (relic density constraints)

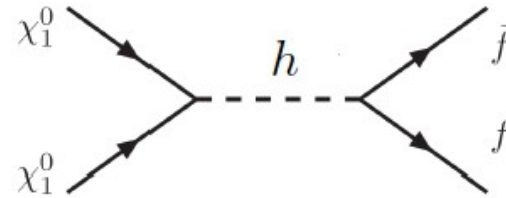
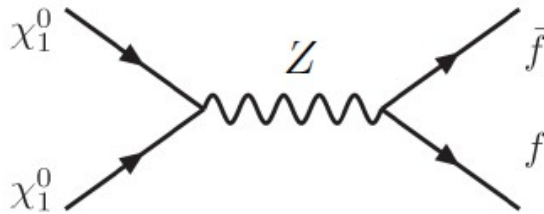
Few parameters involved: manageable simplified model
Generic prediction: multi-tau + missing energy signal at the LHC

Reinterpretation of a ATLAS search sets strong constraint on light Neutralino Dark Matter (in combination with Higgs \rightarrow invisible)

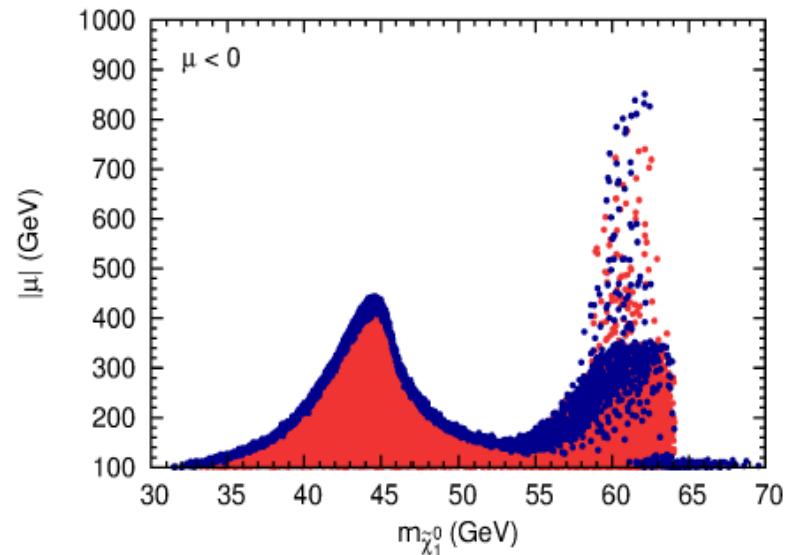
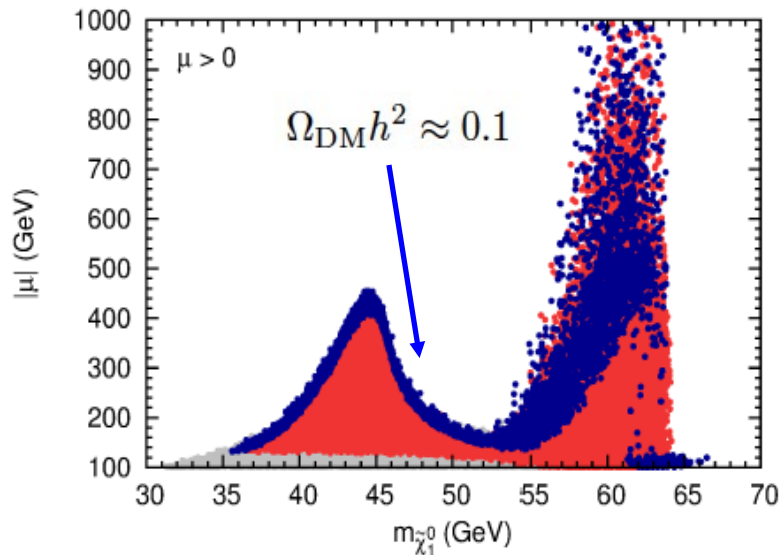
Limit stronger than direct/indirect DM searches
Nice interplay among different experimental info (collider and not)

What if there are no scalars below few hundreds GeV?

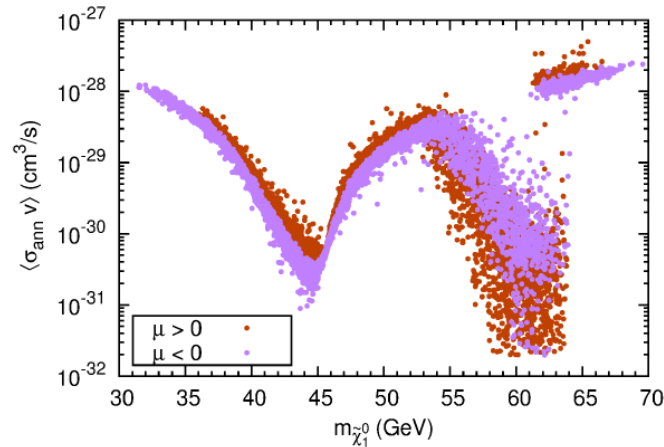
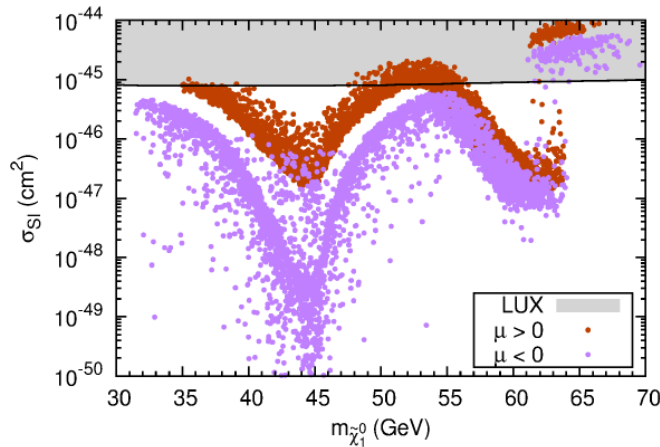
Dark Matter might hide close to the Z or h “resonances”



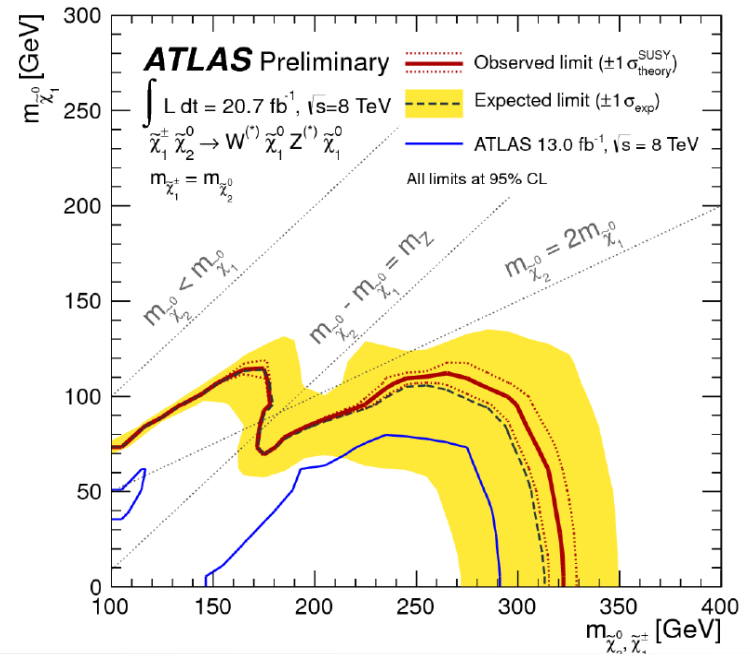
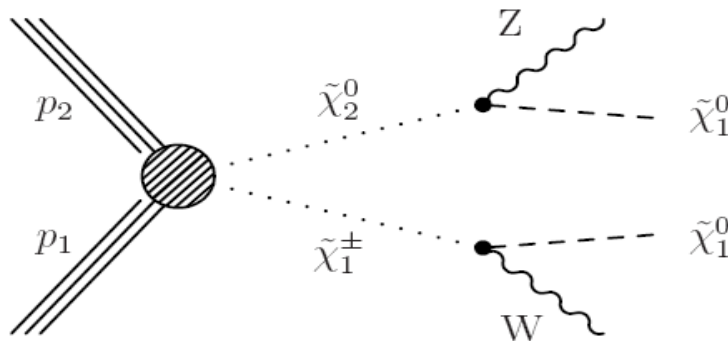
Only higgsino/gaugino parameters are involved: $M_1, M_2, \mu, \tan\beta$



Close to the resonances, the scenario might be problematic for direct/indirect DM searches:



Again, LHC searches can test it!



Experiments interpret the search in terms of Wino production and $\text{BR}(\tilde{\chi}_2^0 \rightarrow Z\tilde{\chi}_1^0)=100\%$

Again, we have to recast the exclusion. Preliminary results (using Checkmate):

