

Missing Energy at  
the LHC

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# Dark Matter and Missing Energy at the LHC

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## Outline

Mass reconstruction (relativistic kinematics)

Underlying parameters (statistics and errors)

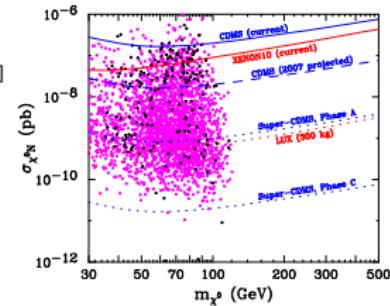
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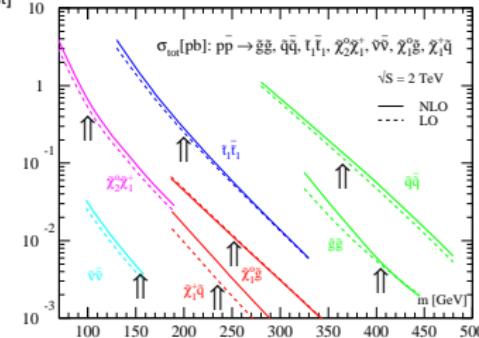
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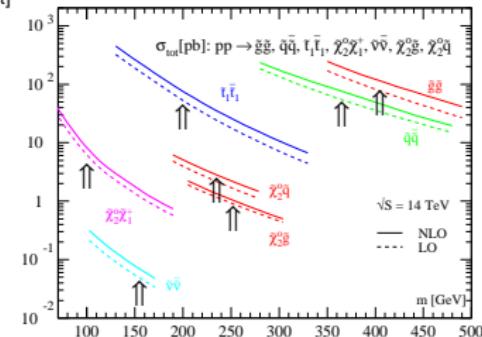
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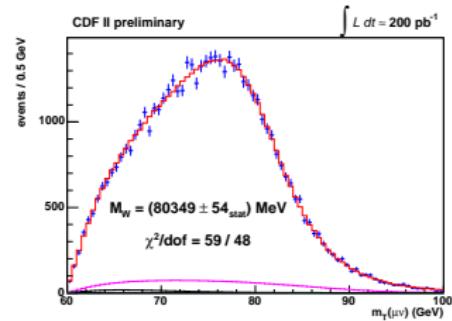
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$m_{\text{miss}} = 0$  endpoint [general  $m_T < m$ ]

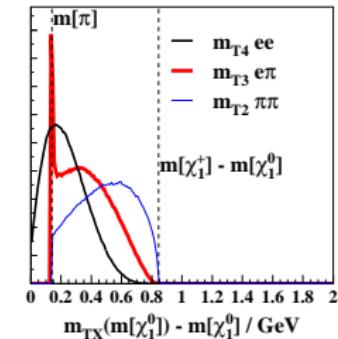
$\Rightarrow H \rightarrow WW$  at Tevatron and LHC [Kauer, TP, Rainwater, Zeppenfeld; Barr, Gripaios, Lester]

$\Rightarrow$  massive invisible particles and decay chains...?

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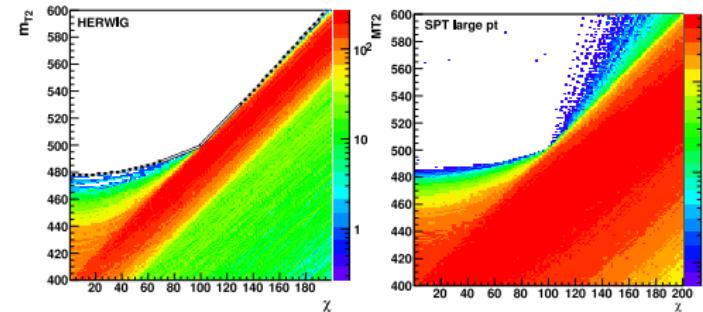
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- $m_{T2}$  boost invariant only for correct  $m_{\text{miss}}$

- scan over  $m_{\text{miss}}$   
accumulation points for many events [Cho, Choi, Kim, Park; Barr, Gripaios, Lester]

- kink for pairwise three-particle decays  $pp \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_2^0\tilde{\chi}_2^0 \rightarrow f\bar{f}\tilde{\chi}_1^0 f\bar{f}\tilde{\chi}_1^0$

→ determine missing mass



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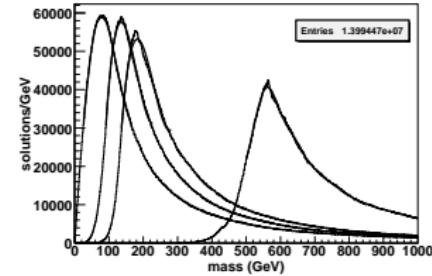
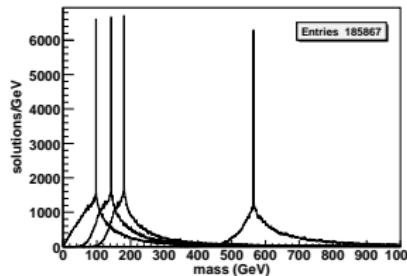
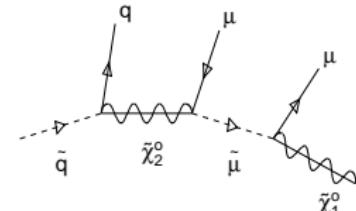
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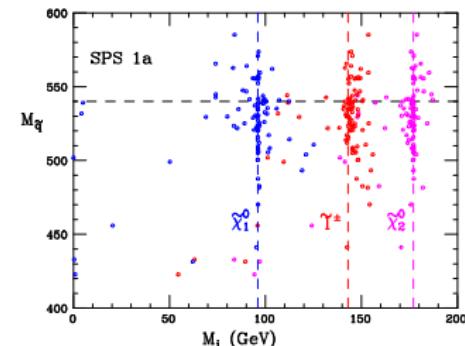
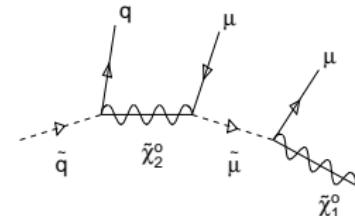
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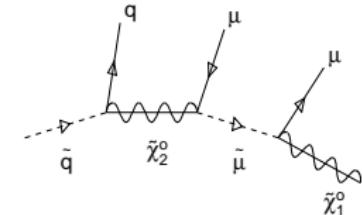
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$\delta p/p$	$\xi_{\max}^2$	$f_\xi$	$f_{\text{cor}}$	$M_{\tilde{q}} (540)$	$M_{\tilde{\chi}_2^0} (177)$	$M_{\tilde{\ell}} (143)$	$M_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0} (96)$
0	$\infty$	100%	72%	$538 \pm 20$	$176 \pm 12$	$143 \pm 7$	$95 \pm 10$
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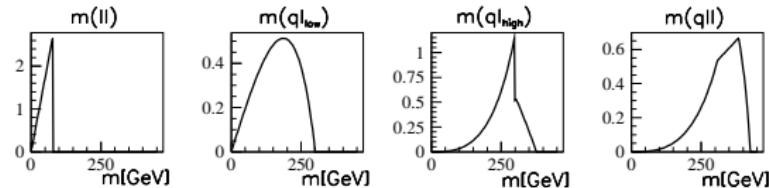
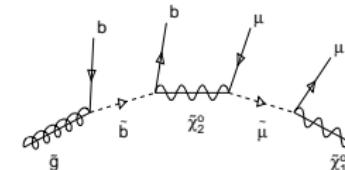
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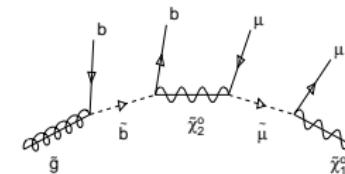
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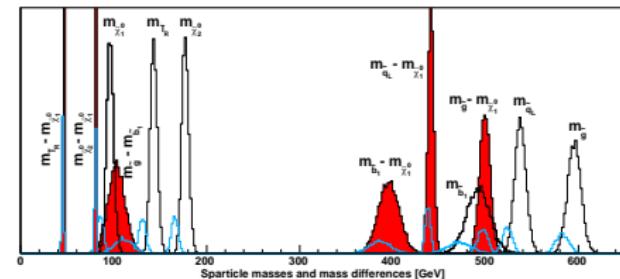
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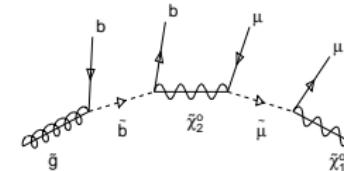
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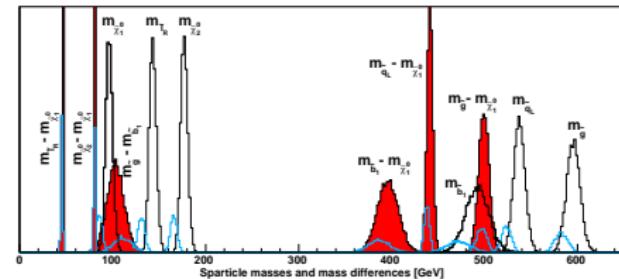
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# Underlying parameters

## From kinematics to weak-scale parameters [Fittino; SFitter: Lafaye, TP, Rauch, Zerwas]

- parameters: weak-scale Lagrangian
- measurements: edges or masses,
  - branching fractions, rates, ... [NLO, of course]
  - ew precision, dark matter, ...
- errors: general correlation, statistics & systematics & theory [flat theory errors!]
- problem in grid: no local maximum
  - problem in fit: no global maximum
- problem in interpretation: bad observables, secondary maxima?

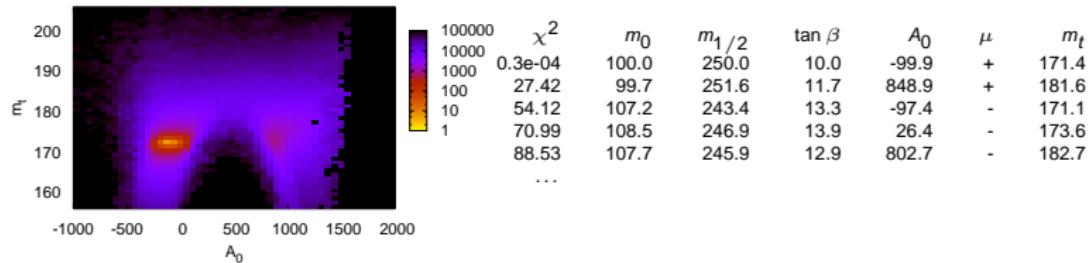
## Probability maps of new physics [Baltz, ...; Roszkowski, ...; Allanach, ...; SFitter]

- want probability of model being true  $p(m|d)$
- can do exclusive likelihood map  $p(d|m)$  over  $m$
- LHC challenge: poor data [e.g. endpoints vs rates]
- Bayesian:  $p(m|d) \sim p(d|m) p(m)$  [cosmology, BSM]  
frequentist: best-fitting point  $\max_m p(d|m)$  [flavor, Higgs@LHC]
- LHC era: (1) compute high-dimensional map  $p(d|m)$ 
  - (2) find and rank local best-fitting points
  - (3) predict additional observables

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[CKMFitter, profile likelihood inspired]

$$\chi^2 = -2 \log \mathcal{L} = \vec{\chi}_d^T C^{-1} \vec{\chi}_d$$

$$\chi_{d,i} = \begin{cases} 0 & |d_i - \bar{d}_i| < \sigma_i^{(\text{theo})} \\ \frac{\mathcal{D}|d_i - \bar{d}_i| - \sigma_i^{(\text{theo})}}{\mathcal{D}\sigma_i^{(\text{exp})}} & |d_i - \bar{d}_i| > \sigma_i^{(\text{theo})} \end{cases},$$

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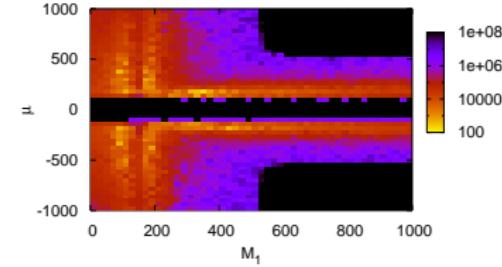
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		masses			endpoints	
$m_0$	100	4.11	1.08	0.50	2.97	2.17
$m_{1/2}$	250	1.81	0.98	0.73	2.99	2.64
$\tan \beta$	10	1.69	0.87	0.65	3.36	2.45
$A_0$	-100	36.2	23.3	21.2	51.5	49.6
$m_t$	171.4	0.94	0.79	0.26	0.89	0.97

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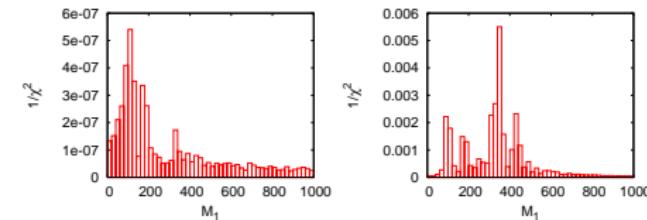
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- quality of fit all the same...

	$\mu < 0$				$\mu > 0$			
$M_1$	96.6	175.1	103.5	365.8	98.3	176.4	105.9	365.3
$M_2$	181.2	98.4	350.0	130.9	187.5	103.9	348.4	137.8
$\mu$	-354.1	-357.6	-177.7	-159.9	347.8	352.6	178.0	161.5
$\tan \beta$	14.6	14.5	29.1	32.1	15.0	14.8	29.2	32.1
$M_3$	583.2	583.3	583.3	583.5	583.1	583.1	583.3	583.4
$M_{\tilde{\mu}_L}$	192.7	192.7	192.7	192.9	192.6	192.6	192.7	192.8
$M_{\tilde{\mu}_R}$	131.1	131.1	131.1	131.3	131.0	131.0	131.1	131.2
$A_t (-)$	-252.3	-348.4	-477.1	-259.0	-470.0	-484.3	-243.4	-465.7
$A_t (+)$	384.9	481.8	641.5	432.5	739.2	774.7	440.5	656.9
$m_A$	350.3	725.8	263.1	1020.0	171.6	156.5	897.6	256.1
$m_t$	171.4	171.4	171.4	171.4	171.4	171.4	171.4	171.4

⇒ combination with astro-particle measurements...

# Outlook

Once we actually see LHC data...

- from neutrinos we know invisible particles
  - WIMP the same, but massive
  - transverse masses for short decays
  - mass relations for pure samples
  - cascade endpoints including spin info
  - missing: co-transverse mass [Tovey]
  - missing: dark matter sectors [Dama, Pamela, Atic, Fermi]
- ⇒ LHC more than a discovery machine!



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