

# Goldstini and the Z-peaked ATLAS excess



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and on arXiv:1102.2386 with R. Argurio, Z. Komargodski,  
and on arXiv:1112.5058 with also G. Ferretti, K. De Causmaecker

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**GGI - Gearing up for LHC13**

# SUSY after LHC8

- SUSY under pressure by negative LHC8 results
- However still main candidate for BSM physics
- Bet: ***SUSY beyond Minimality***
- Investigate un-explored SUSY scenarios !!!
- ***Keep eyes open on possible ahead indications from LHC8***

***ATLAS***  
***Z-peaked excess***



***Non-minimal***  
***SUSY***

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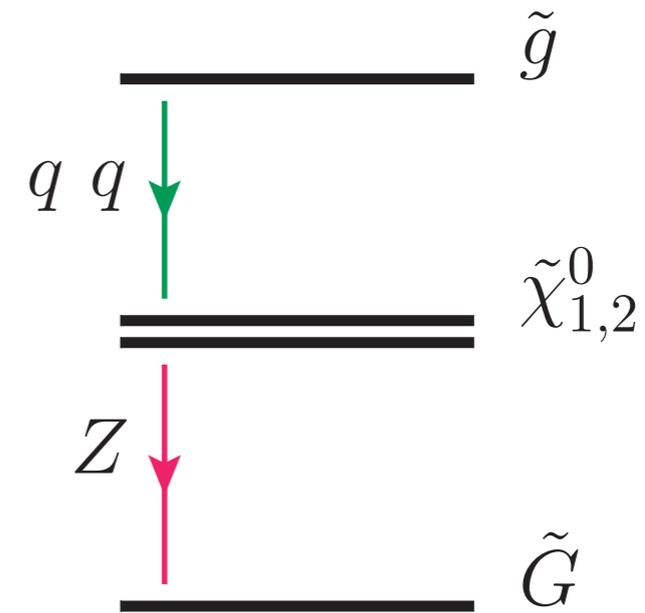
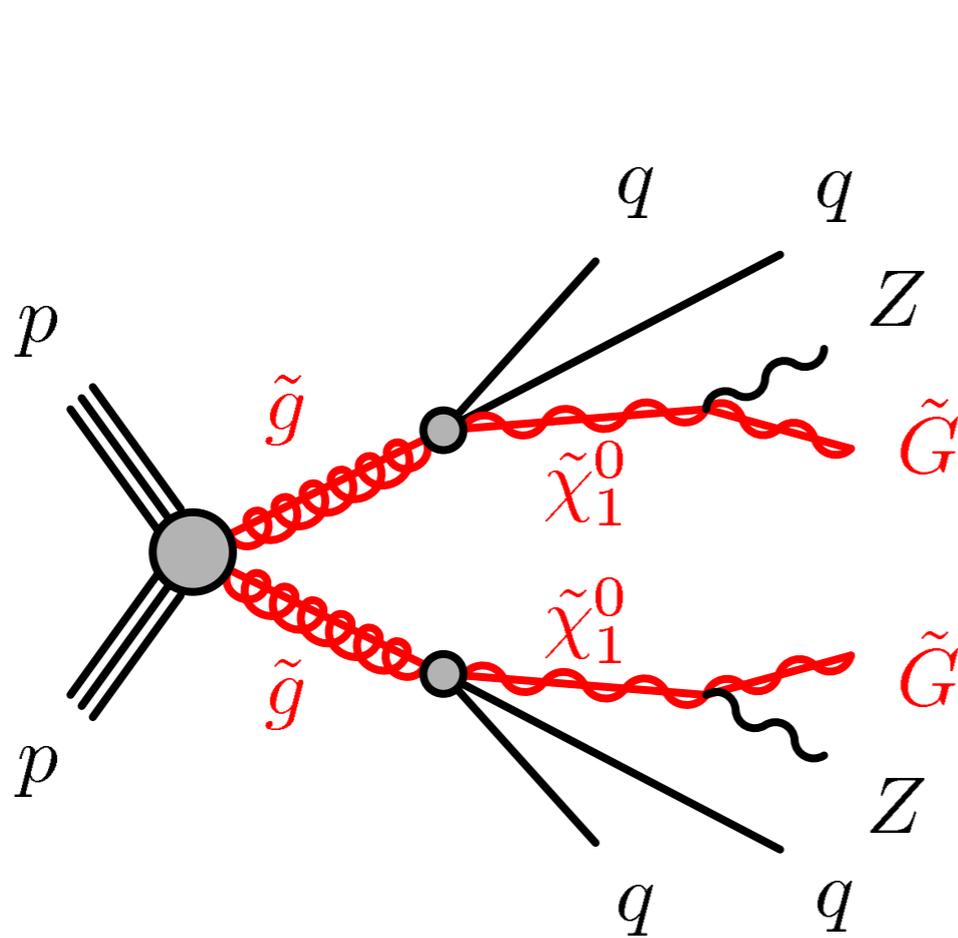
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**!!! Significance 3.0 sigma !!!**

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- Higgsino decaying to Goldstino + Z-boson

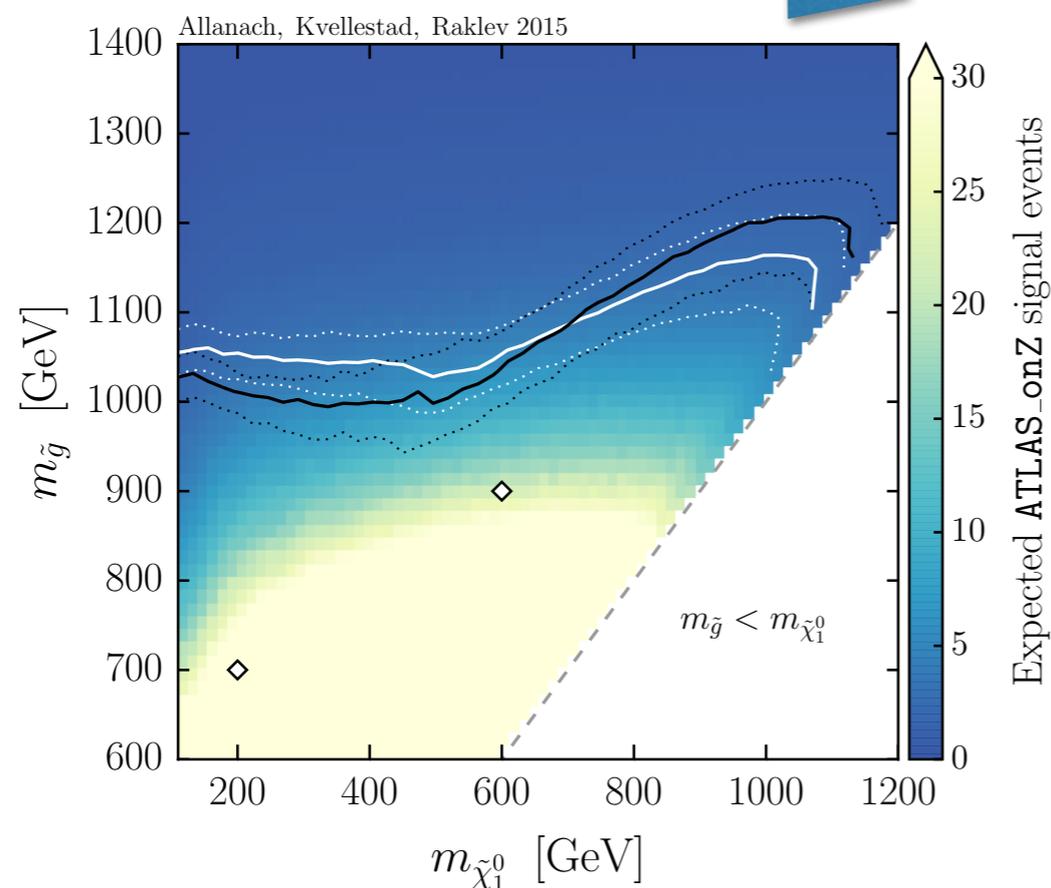


BP1	BP2
900 GeV	700 GeV
600 GeV	200 GeV
$\sim 0$ GeV	$\sim 0$ GeV

$m_{\tilde{g}}$   
 $m_{\tilde{\chi}^0}$   
 $m_{\tilde{G}}$

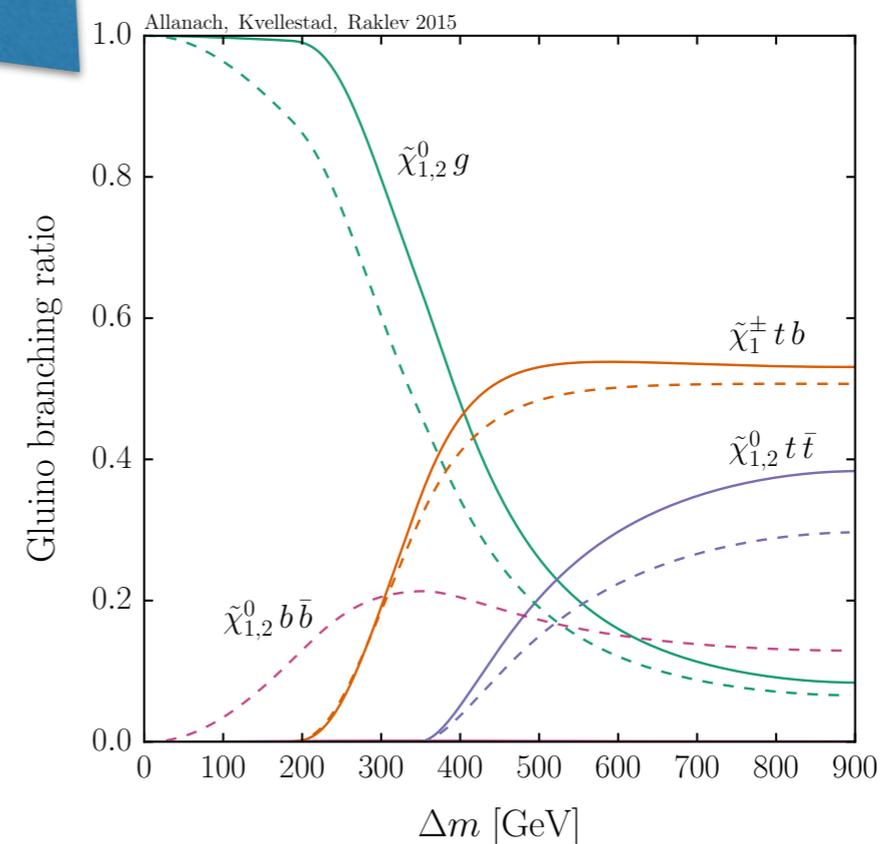
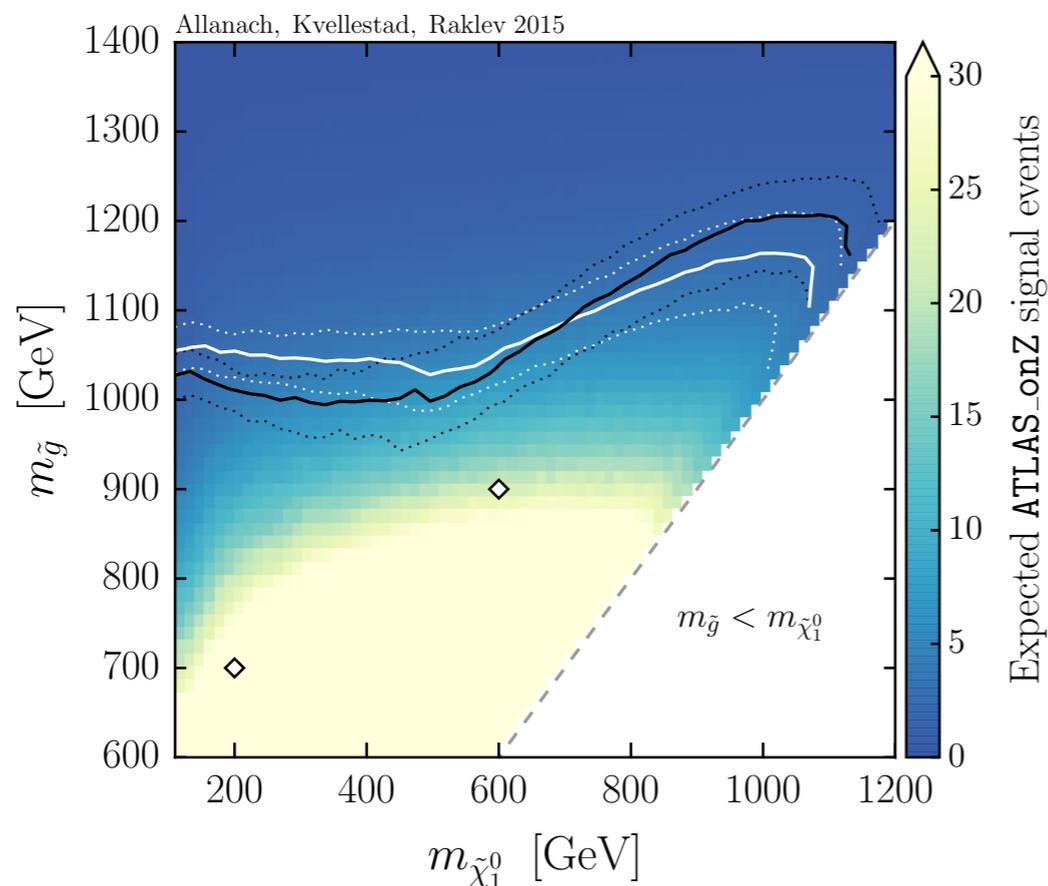
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*J. Cao, L. Shang, J. Min Yang, Y. Zhang*

*M. Cahill-Rowley, J.L. Hewett, A. Ismail, T.G. Rizzo*

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# Gauge Mediation interpretation

*S. Liew, A. M., K. Mawatari, K. Sakurai, M. Vereecken*

## Gauge Mediation with multiple susy br sectors

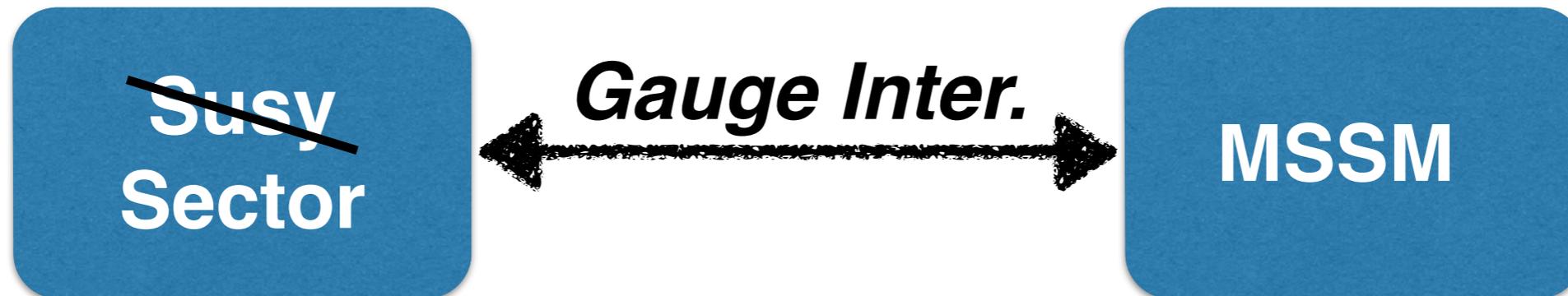
- Extra fermionic light modes (**Goldstini**) in the spectrum
- Mass computable perturbatively
- Coupling structure dictated by supersymmetry
- Exotic phenomenology at collider
- Accommodate the ATLAS excess!!!

# SUSY breaking paradigm



- Hidden sector with spontaneous SUSY breaking
- Mediation transmits SUSY breaking to MSSM
- *Two main scenarios: Gravity or Gauge Mediation*

# Gauge Mediation



- Susy breaking mediated by SM gauge interactions
- Soft terms are loop suppressed  $m_{soft} = \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \frac{F}{M}$
- M typical supersymmetric hidden sector scale
- Low supersymmetry breaking scale F
- *Calculability, address susy flavour problem ...*

# Goldstino

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## Gravity mediation

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## Gauge Mediation

$$m_{3/2} \ll m_{soft}$$

- Typically gravitino mass of order eV
- Light Gravitino equivalent to Goldstino in HE processes
- Goldstino interaction with MSSM fixed by supersymmetry

# Goldstino Interactions

*Z.Komargodski and N.Seiberg '09*

Goldstino can be described as constrained superfield

$$X_{NL}^2 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad X_{NL} = \frac{G^2}{2F} + \sqrt{2}\theta G + \theta^2 F$$

Reproduce Volkov-Akulov lagrangian

## Goldstino Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \int d^2\theta \frac{m_\lambda}{2F} X_{NL} \mathcal{W}^2 = \frac{1}{2} m_\lambda \lambda \lambda + \frac{i m_\lambda}{\sqrt{2}F} \left( G \lambda D - \frac{i}{2} \lambda \sigma^\mu \bar{\sigma}^\nu G F_{\mu\nu} \right) + \dots$$

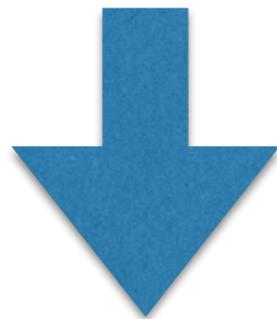
$$\mathcal{L} \supset \int d^4\theta \frac{m_Q^2}{F^2} X_{NL}^\dagger X_{NL} Q^\dagger Q = m_Q^2 q^\dagger q + \frac{m_Q^2}{F} (G G \psi q^\dagger + \bar{G} \bar{\psi} q) + \dots$$

***Reproduce both soft terms and Goldstino couplings***

# Multiple SUSY br sectors

## What changes if there are multiple susy breaking sectors?

- Suppose having two decoupled susy breaking sector
- What are the pheno consequences?



- *Every sector has its own goldstino field*
- *One combination is the true goldstino eaten by the superHiggs*
- *The others are extra fermionic particles (Pseudo-Goldstini)*

*K.Benakli and C.Moura '07*

*C.Cheung, Y.Nomura and J.Thaler '10*

# Goldstino and Pseudo-Goldstino



**True-Goldstino**

$$G = \frac{1}{F} (F_1 G_1 + F_2 G_2) \quad m_G = m_{3/2}$$

**Pseudo-Goldstino**

$$G' = \frac{1}{F} (-F_2 G_1 + F_1 G_2) \quad m_{G'} = ???$$

- Total susy breaking scale  $F = \sqrt{F_1^2 + F_2^2}$
- Total soft terms are sum of two sector contributes  $m_\lambda = m_\lambda^{(1)} + m_\lambda^{(2)}$

# Pseudo-Goldstino mass

## Gravity Mediation

- PseudoGoldstino get mass  $m_{G'} = 2m_{3/2}$   
Cheung, Nomura, Thaler '10

## Gauge Mediation

- Contribution from gravity is negligible
- Pseudogoldstino can get mass via radiative corrections
- ***What is the typical size of  $m_{G'}$  ?***  
R. Argurio, A.M., Z. Komargodski '11

# PGId mass computation

- Mass matrix for the Goldstini (one zero eigenvalue)

$$\mathcal{L} \supset (G_1 \quad G_2) \begin{pmatrix} -F_2/F_1 \mathcal{M}_{12} & \mathcal{M}_{12} \\ \mathcal{M}_{12} & -F_1/F_2 \mathcal{M}_{12} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} G_1 \\ G_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Physical PGId mass

$$m_{G'} = \left( \frac{F_1}{F_2} + \frac{F_2}{F_1} \right) \mathcal{M}_{12}$$

- One has to compute radiative corrections to



# Pseudo-Goldstino couplings

General Gauge Mediation (GGM) Lagrangian *P.Meade, N.Seiberg and D.Shih '08*

$$\frac{1}{g^2} \mathcal{L}_{GGM} = \frac{1}{2} C_0 D^2 - i C_{1/2} \lambda \sigma^\mu \partial_\mu \bar{\lambda} - \frac{1}{4} C_1 F_{\mu\nu}^2 - \frac{1}{2} (B_{1/2} \lambda^2 + h.c.)$$

- B and C are GGM functions encoding susy breaking sector
- Goldstino coupling reads

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{g^2} \mathcal{L}_{Gold} = & \frac{i B_{1/2}}{\sqrt{2} f} \left( G \lambda D - \frac{i}{2} \lambda \sigma^\mu \bar{\sigma}^\nu G F_{\mu\nu} \right) + \\ & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2} f} (C_0 - C_{1/2}) G \sigma^\mu \partial_\mu \bar{\lambda} D + \frac{i}{\sqrt{2} f} (C_1 - C_{1/2}) G \sigma_\nu \partial_\mu \bar{\lambda} F^{\mu\nu} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

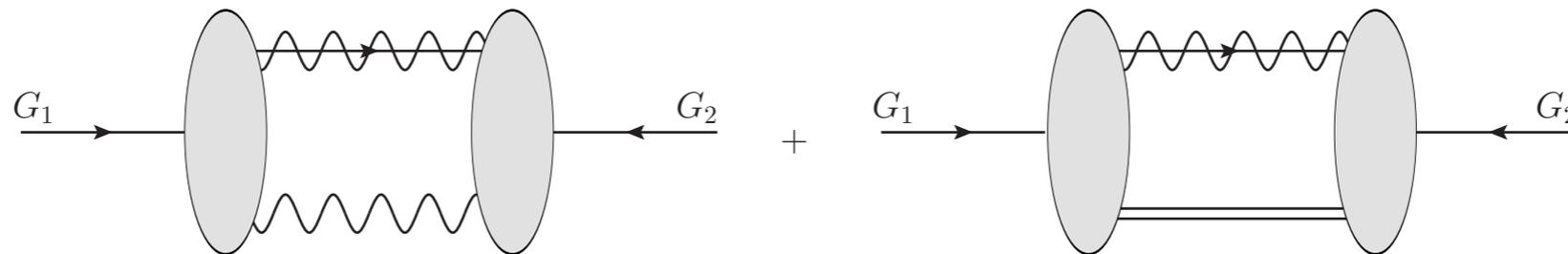
- Goldstino coupling in model independent formalism

# Pseudo-Goldstino mass

Lagrangian for two goldstini coupled only via MSSM gauge fields

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{GGM}^{(1)} + \mathcal{L}_{GGM}^{(2)} + \mathcal{L}_{G_1}^{(1)} + \mathcal{L}_{G_2}^{(2)}$$

- GGM parameterization of SUSY breaking sectors
- Leading contribution at order  $g^4$



- PseudoGoldstino mass

$$m_{\tilde{G}'} = \frac{g^4}{2} \left( \frac{1}{F_1^2} + \frac{1}{F_2^2} \right) \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} B_{1/2}^{(1)} \left( C_0^{(2)} - 4C_{1/2}^{(2)} + 3C_1^{(2)} \right) + 1 \leftrightarrow 2$$

- B and C are GGM functions encoding susy breaking sectors
- Expressions checked in toy models (MGM)

# Pseudo-Goldstino mass

- Typical value of PGLD mass is around weak scale
- For instance in Minimal Gauge Mediation with same scales

$$F_1 \sim F_2 \sim F \quad \Rightarrow \quad m_{\tilde{G}'} \simeq \frac{g^4}{(16\pi^2)^3} \frac{F}{M} \simeq \frac{g^2}{(16\pi^2)^2} m_{soft}$$

- Can be enhanced if susy breaking scales are different

$$F_1 \gg F_2 \sim F \quad \Rightarrow \quad m_{\tilde{G}'} \simeq \frac{g^2}{(16\pi^2)^2} \left( \frac{F_1}{F_2} \right) m_{soft}$$

- For heavy soft terms we can reach hundreds of GeV
- Validity limit set by backreaction of sector 1 on sector 2

# PGLD in Gauge Mediation

*More SUSY  
breaking sectors*

+

*Gauge Mediation  
of SUSY breaking*



## **Pseudo-Goldstini**

- Extra light fermionic degrees of freedom w.r.t. to MSSM
- PGLD get mass radiatively
- Their couplings is fixed by soft terms of the different sectors
- Can lead to distinctive phenomenology

# PGLD Lagrangian for two sectors

Simplified model for Goldstino and PseudoGoldstino and the MSSM

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{MSSM} + \mathcal{L}_{kin}(G) + \mathcal{L}_{kin}(G') + m_{G'} G' G' + \\ + \frac{m_\chi}{2\sqrt{2}F} G \sigma^\mu \bar{\sigma}^\nu \chi F_{\mu\nu} + K_\chi \frac{m_\chi}{2\sqrt{2}F} G' \sigma^\mu \bar{\sigma}^\nu \chi F_{\mu\nu} + \dots$$

- $m_\chi = m_\chi^{(1)} + m_\chi^{(2)}$  is the total neutralino mass
- $K_\chi$  determines PGLD coupling with neutralino
- It depends on contributions from the two sectors

$$K_\chi = -\frac{m_\chi^{(1)}}{m_\chi} \frac{F_2}{F_1} + \frac{m_\chi^{(2)}}{m_\chi} \frac{F_1}{F_2}$$

- If  $K_\chi \gg 1$  susy decay chains will end into massive PGLD

# PGLD phenomenology at LHC

- If PGLD coupling are enhanced susy decays end into PGLD
- Phenomenology determined by
  - LOSP: lightest observable supersymmetry particle
  - NLSP: Pseudo-Goldstino
- True Goldstino is the LSP but does not play a role at LHC
- At LHC the MET is carried by PGLD (massive particle)

- ***New signatures can be realized***

*N.Craig, J.March-Russell and M.McCullough '10*

*J.Thaler and Z.Thomas '11;*

*G.Ferretti, A.M., K.Mawatari and C.Petersson '13*

- ***Possibility of hiding signals of Gauge Mediated SUSY***

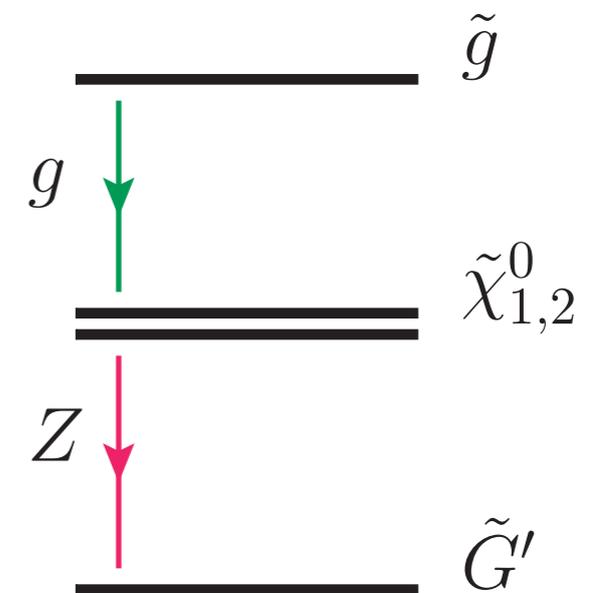
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*K.i.Hikasa, T.Liu, L.Wang and J.M.Yang '14*

# Back to ATLAS excess

## Can it be the Pseudo-Goldstino of gauge mediation?

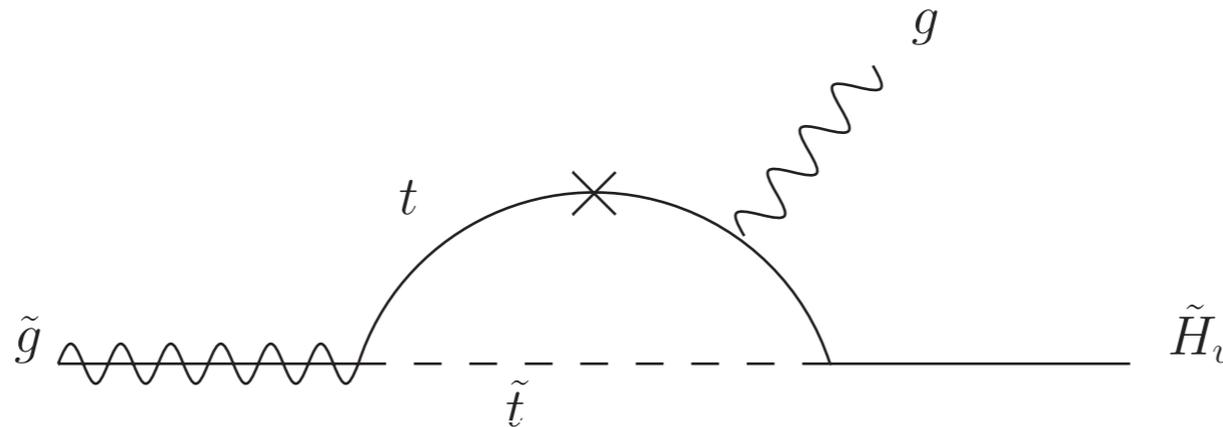
- Simplified model with Gluino, Higgsino and Pseudo-Goldstino
- Other sparticles decoupled
- Pseudo-Goldstino carries missing energy
- Different phenomenology varying PGLD mass



# Susy decay channels: gluino

- We fix the Neutralino (Higgsino) mass such that one loop gluino decay process dominates

$$m_{\tilde{g}} - m_{\tilde{\chi}_{1,2}^0} = 200 \text{ GeV} \quad \Rightarrow \quad BR[\tilde{g} \rightarrow g\tilde{\chi}_{1,2}^0] \geq 85\%$$



- Squarks at O(TeV) scale
- Robust result as soon as Neutralino is mostly Higgsino

# Susy decay channels: Higgsino

- Higgsino decay determined by effective Lagrangian

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{\tilde{G}'} = & i \frac{\tilde{y}_\gamma^i}{2\sqrt{2}F} \tilde{G}' \sigma^\mu \bar{\sigma}^\nu \tilde{\chi}_i^0 A_{\mu\nu} + i \frac{\tilde{y}_{Z_T}^i}{2\sqrt{2}F} \tilde{G}' \sigma^\mu \bar{\sigma}^\nu \tilde{\chi}_i^0 Z_{\mu\nu} \\ & + \frac{\tilde{y}_{Z_L}^i m_Z}{\sqrt{2}F} \tilde{\chi}_i^0 \bar{\sigma}^\mu \tilde{G}' Z_\mu + \frac{\tilde{y}_h^i}{\sqrt{2}F} \tilde{\chi}_i^0 \tilde{G}' h\end{aligned}$$

- Couplings  $\tilde{y}$  depends on susy breaking soft terms
- We can find configurations such that the decay into PGLD and Z is dominant

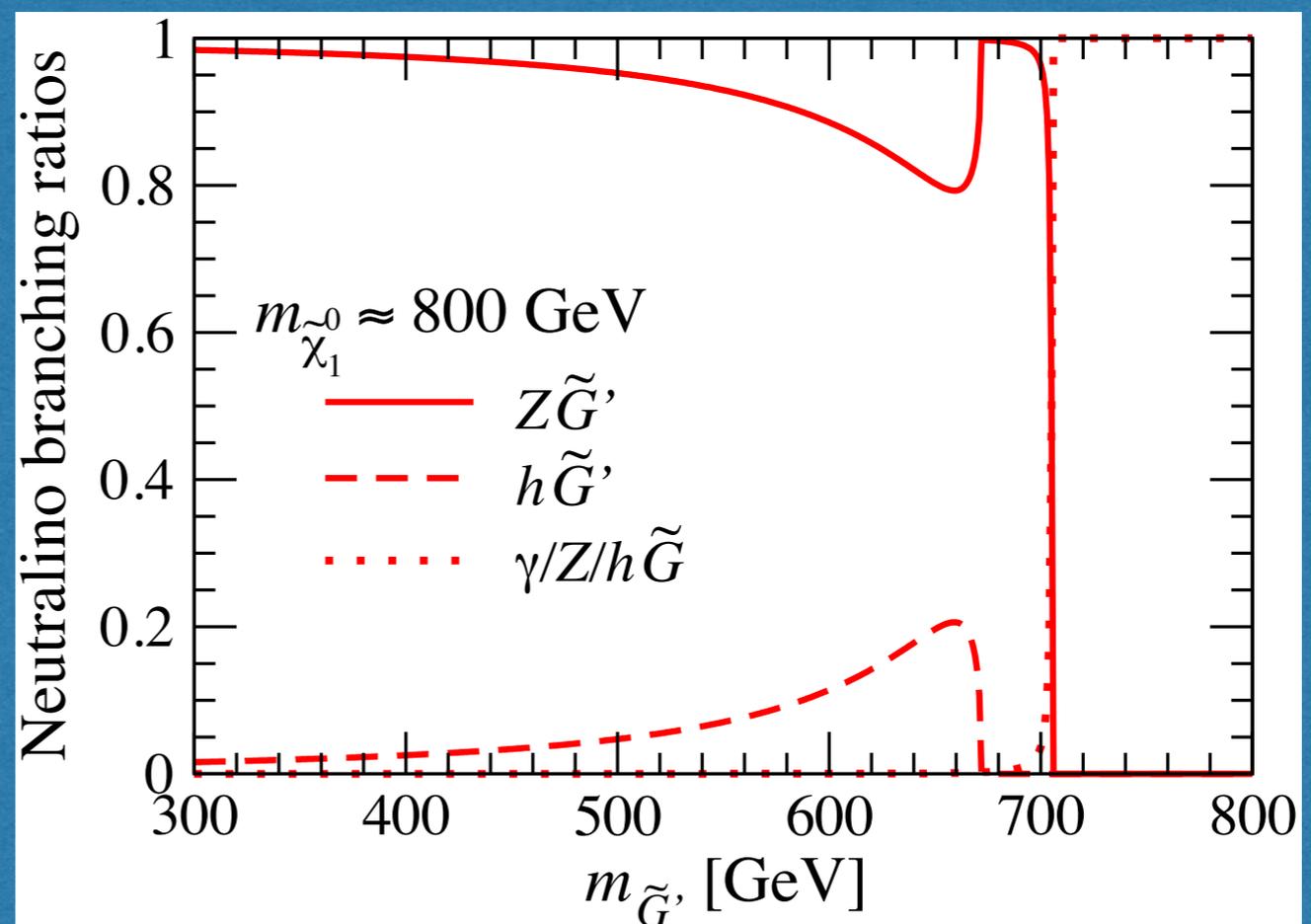
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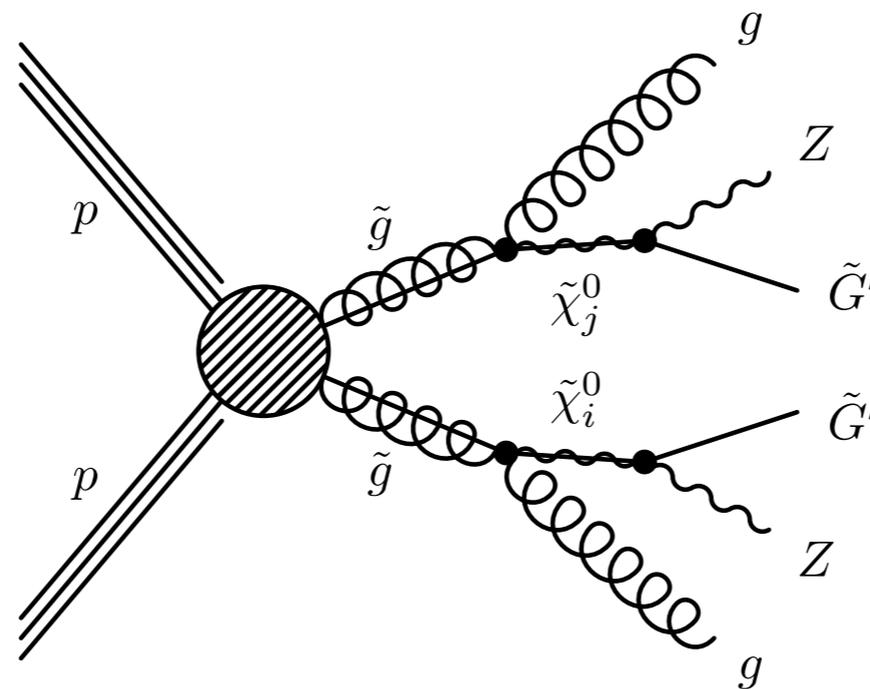
Example with  $BR[\tilde{\chi}^0 \rightarrow Z\tilde{G}'] \geq 80\%$



# Susy production and decay chain

## Main SUSY channel is gluino pair production

- Decay chain leads to two Z plus jets plus MET

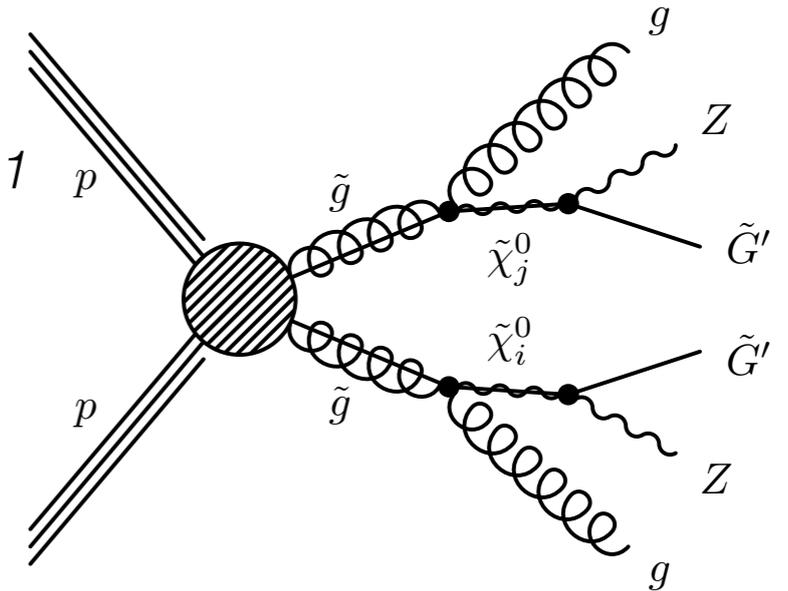


## Differences with ATLAS model

- First step of decay only one jet (gluon)
- Missing energy carried by PGLD (massive particle)

# Simulation and main constraints

- Model simulated in MadGraph5+Pythia  
*J.Alwall, M.Herquet, F.Maltoni, O.Mattelaer and T.Stelzer '11*
- FastLim/Atom for detector simulator  
*M.Papucci, K.Sakurai, A.Weiler and L.Zeune '14*
- LHC constraints from
  - ATLAS multi-jet *arXiv:1405.7875*
  - CMS 2-leptons plus Jets + MET *arXiv:1502.06031*



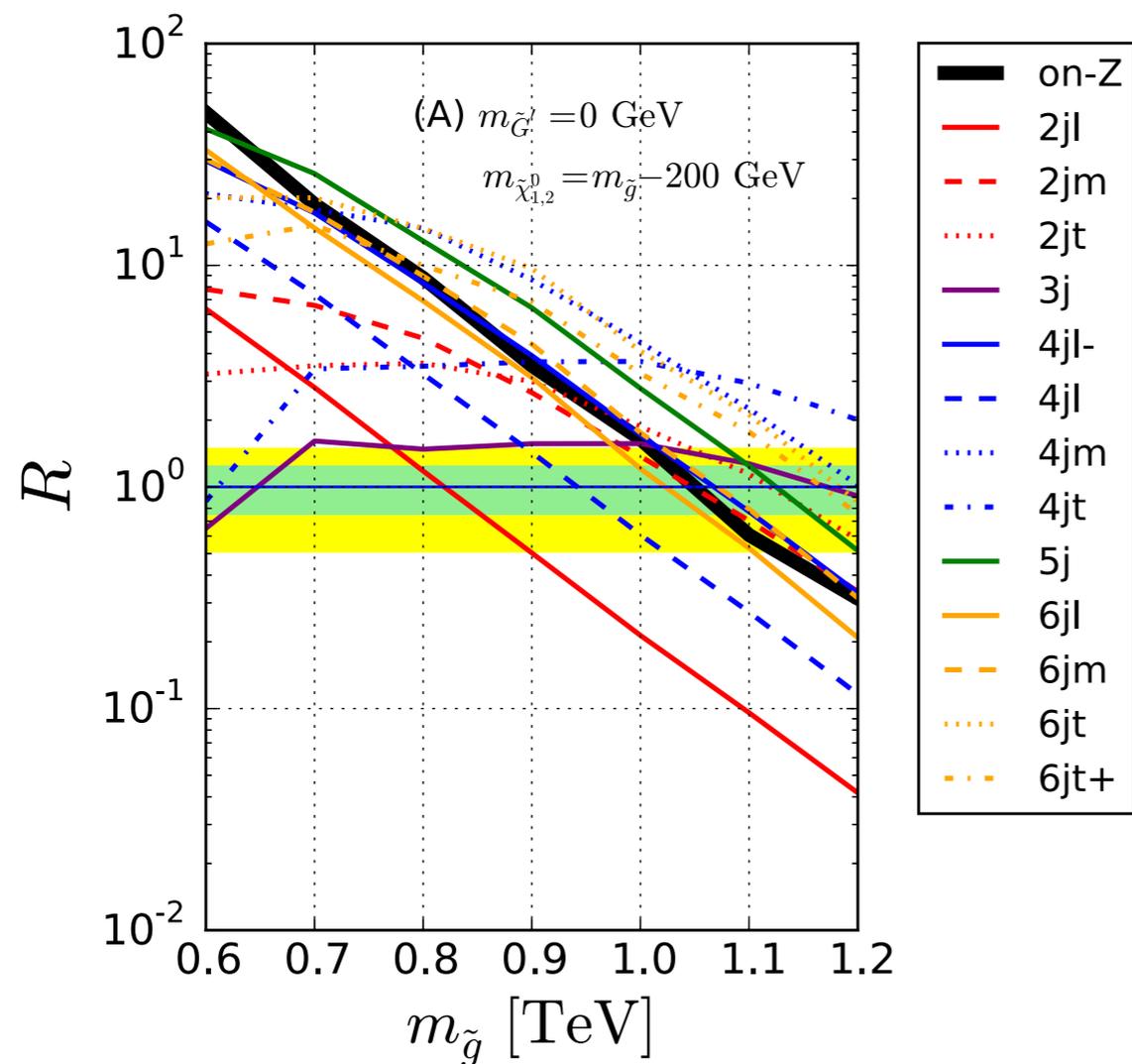
## Fit and exclusion parameterized by R factor

- For FIT:  $R \equiv N_{\text{SUSY}} / (N_{\text{obs}} - N_{\text{SM}})$
- For EXCLUSION at 95%CL:  $R^i \equiv N_{\text{SUSY}}^i / N_{\text{BSM}}^{\text{UL},i}$

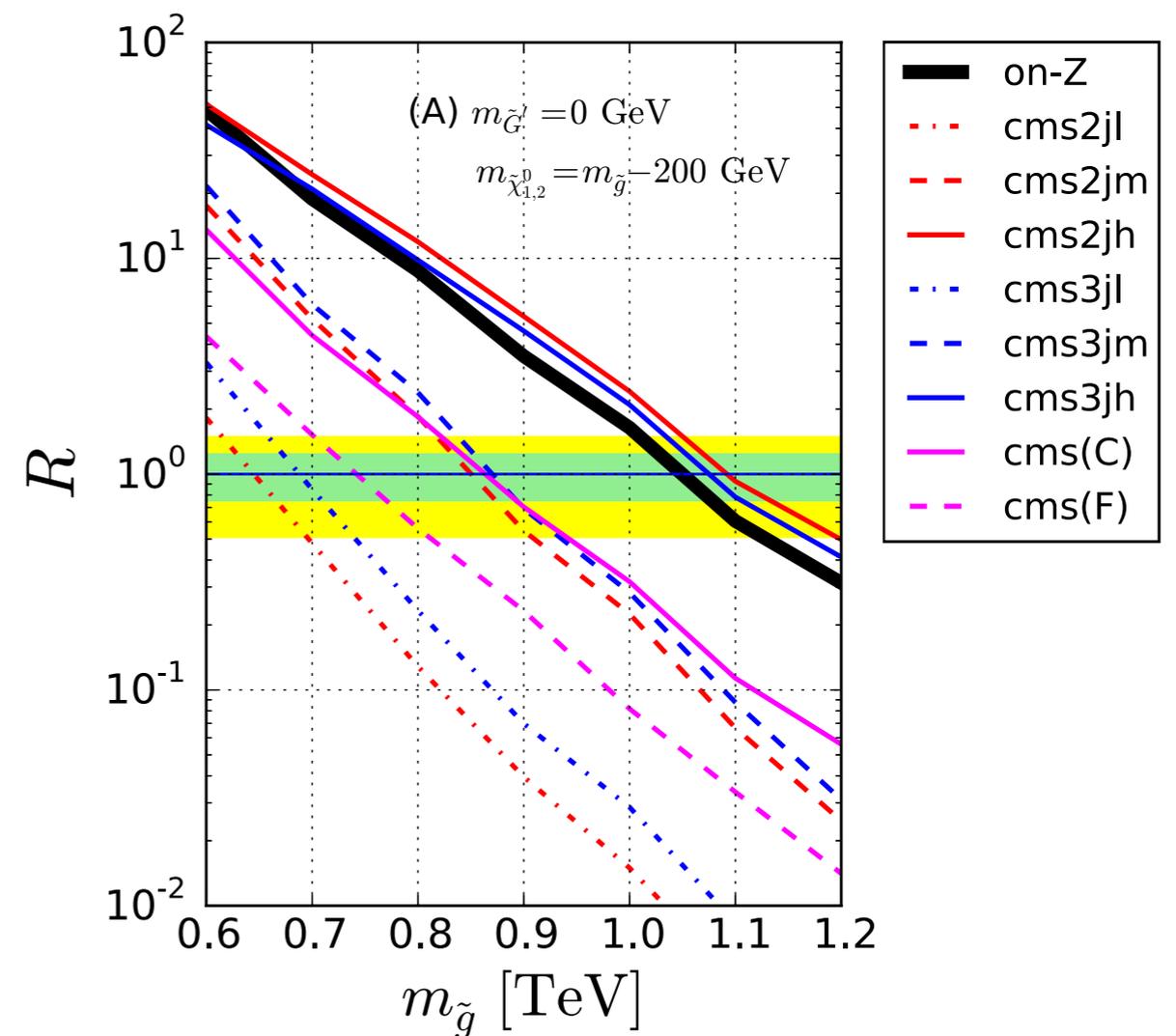
# Results for benchmark scenarios

As GMSB with one SUSY br sector  $m_{\tilde{\chi}_{1,2}^0} = m_{\tilde{g}} - 200 \text{ GeV}$   
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## ATLAS fit and ATLAS constraints



## ATLAS fit and CMS constraints



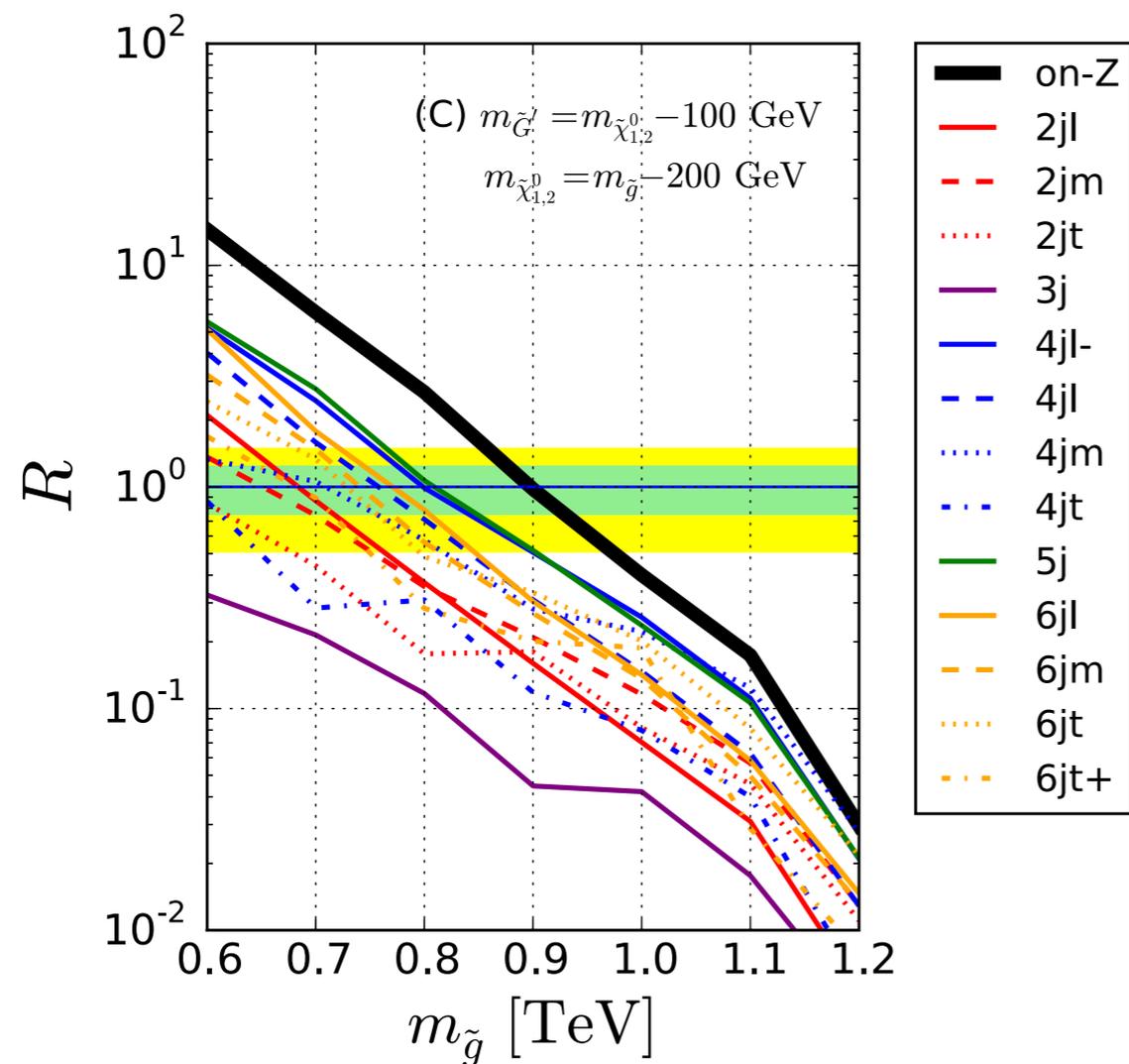
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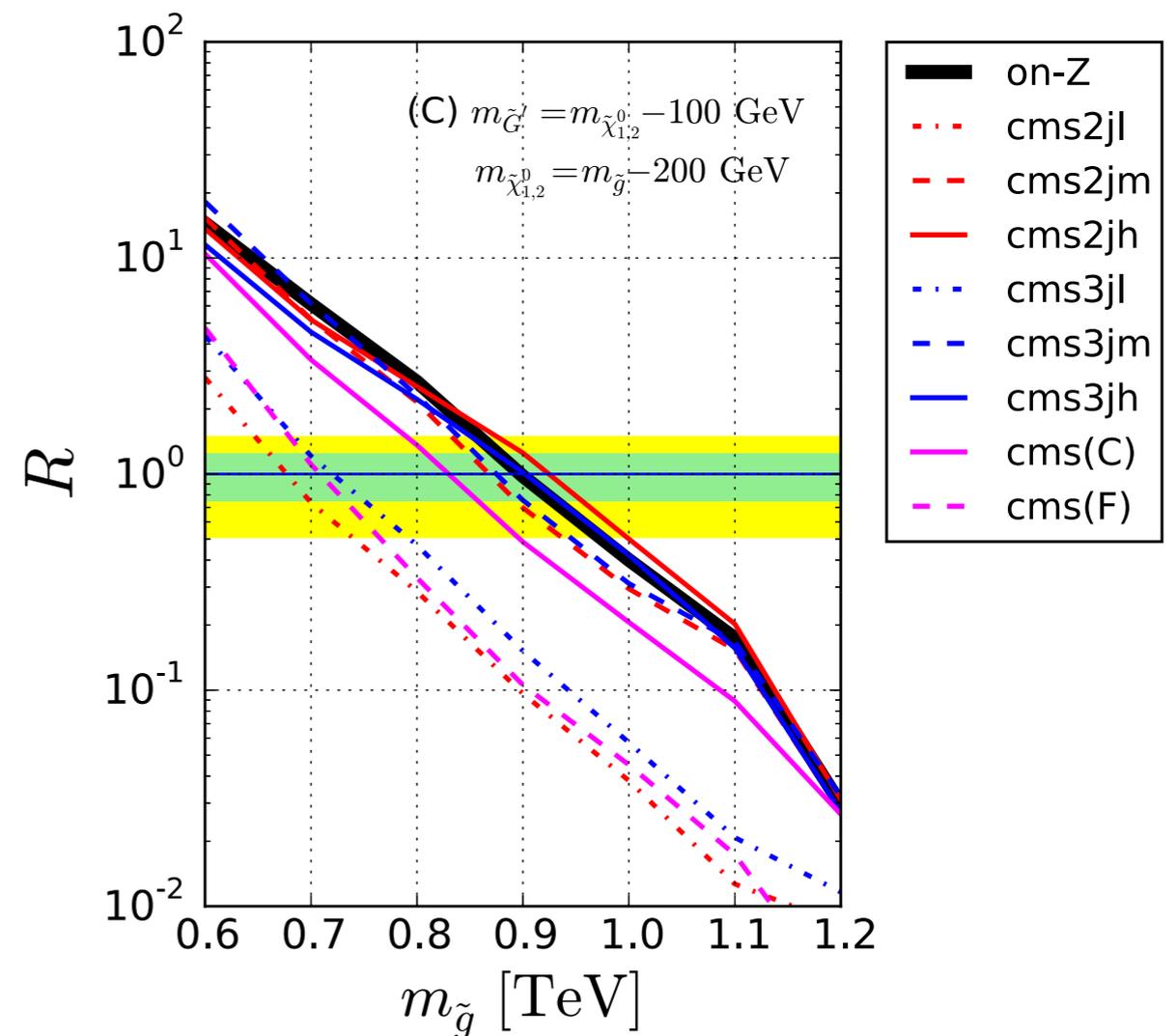
$$m_{\tilde{\chi}_{1,2}^0} = m_{\tilde{g}} - 200 \text{ GeV}$$

$$m_{\tilde{G}'} = m_{\tilde{\chi}_0} - 100 \text{ GeV}$$

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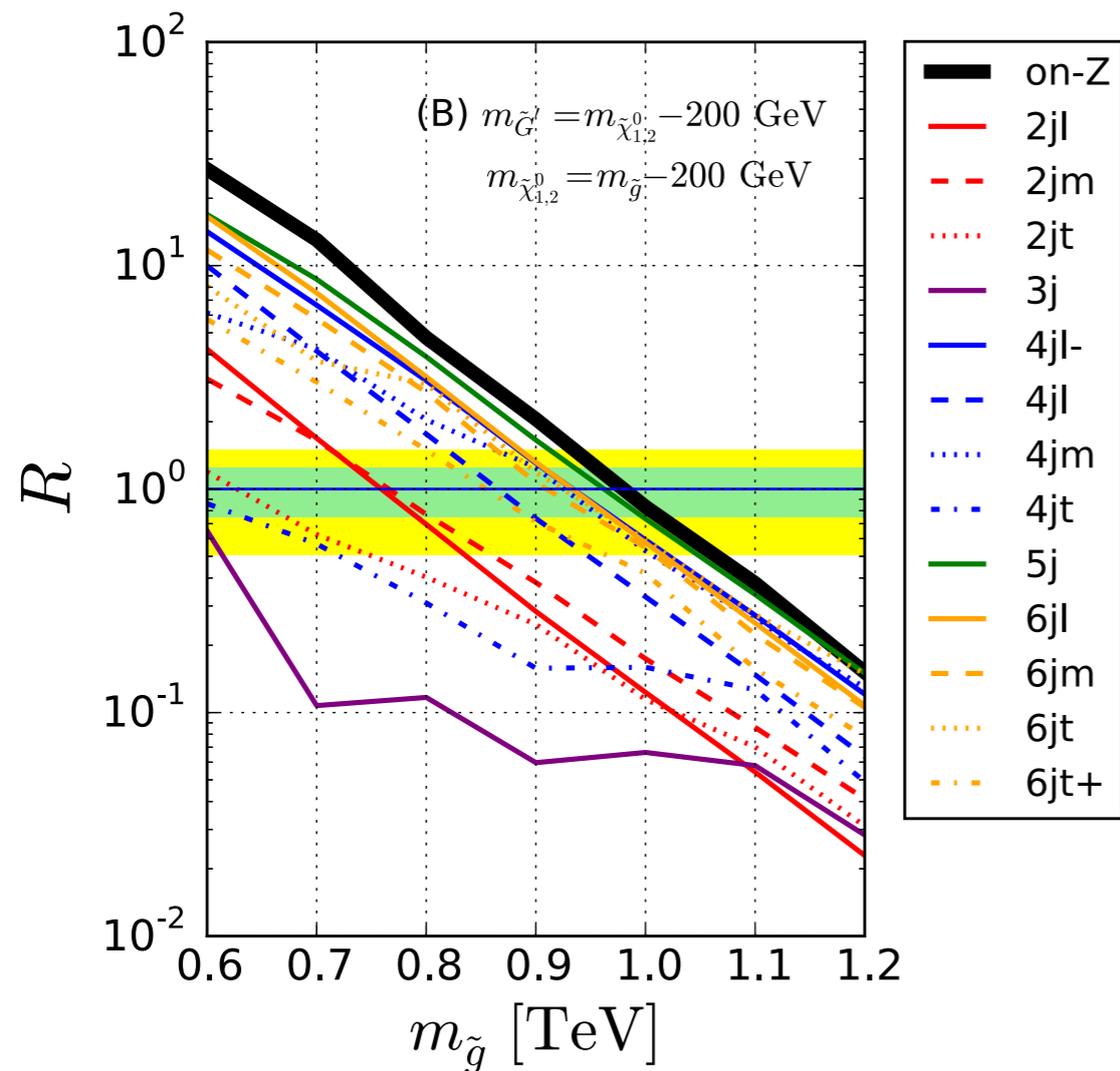
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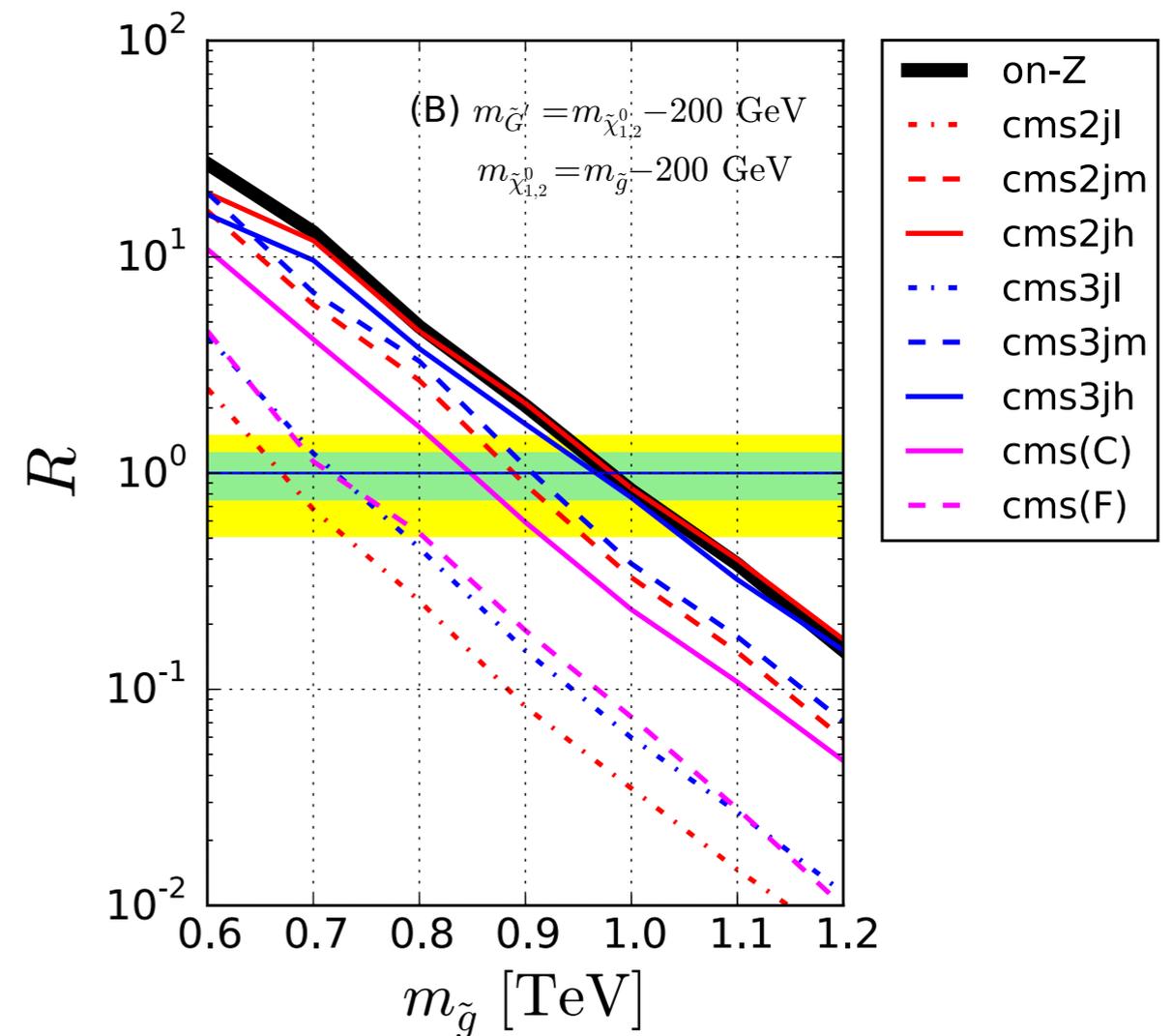
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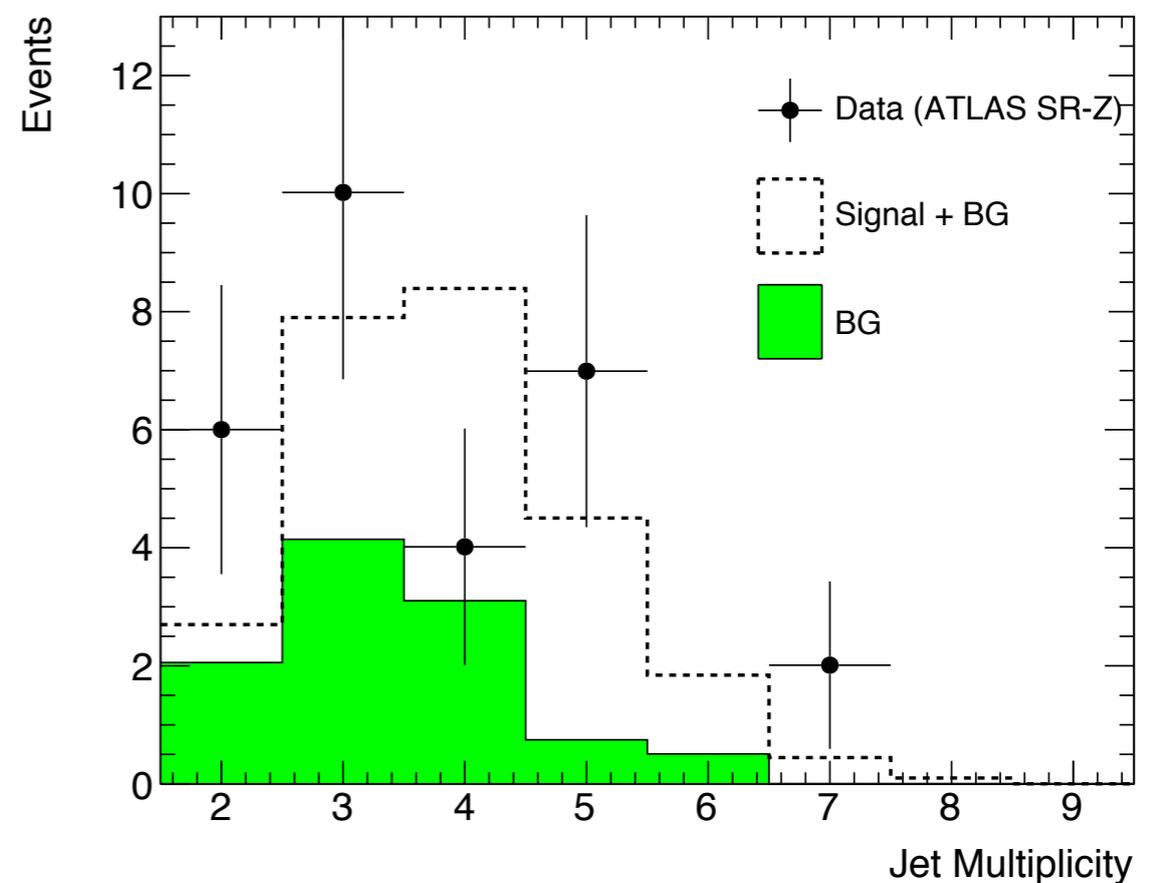
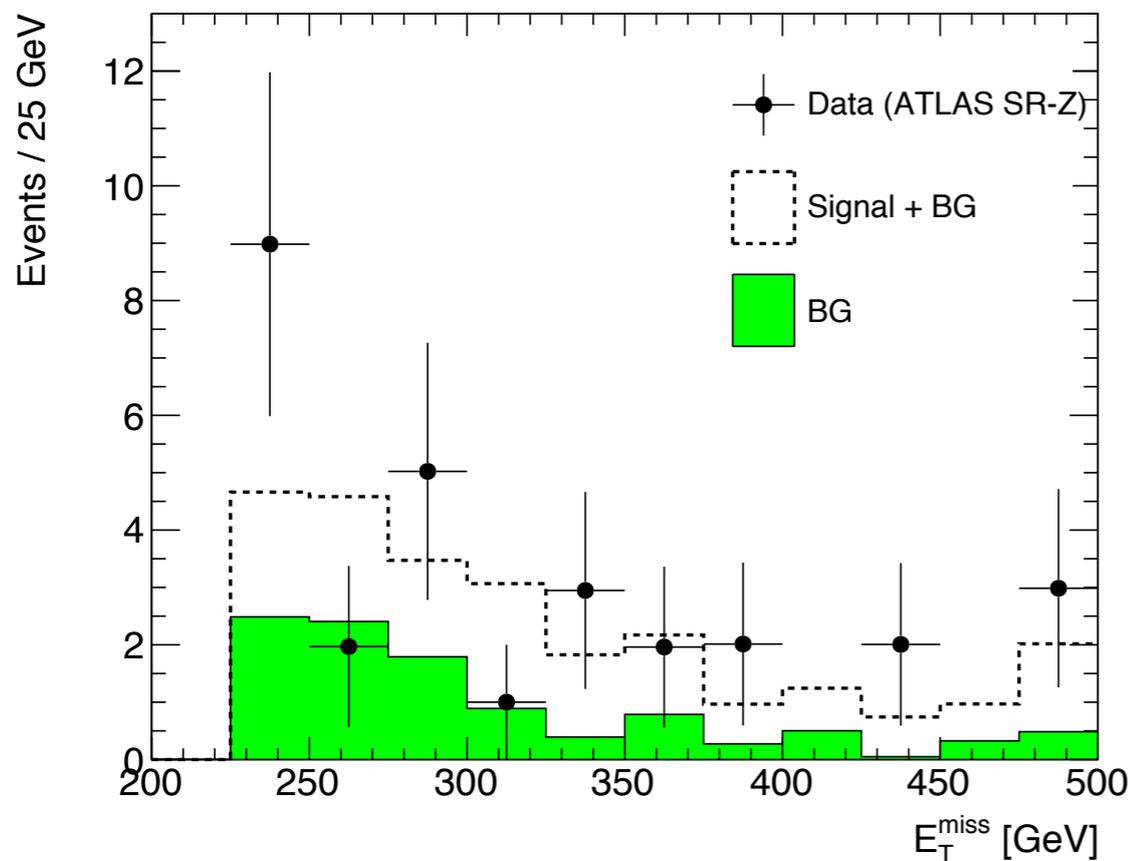
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# Diff distributions for best fit point

$$m_{\tilde{g}} = 1 \text{ TeV} \quad m_{\tilde{\chi}^0} = 800 \text{ GeV} \quad m_{\tilde{G}'} = 600 \text{ GeV}$$

Statistics is poor but shape is consistent



Jet multiplicity differs from scenario with  
3-body gluino decay  $\tilde{g} \rightarrow qq\tilde{\chi}^0$   
and fit better the ATLAS excess data

# Comments

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- ATLAS Jets + MET search evaded thanks to compression
- CMS constraint evaded because of different  $H_T$  cut
- Statistics is low so it is premature to draw strong conclusions

## Comparison with other SUSY explanations

- Jet distribution hints at one-loop 2-bd gluino decay
- SUSY decay chain is robust in PGLD model
- More parameters to fit the excess

# Conclusions

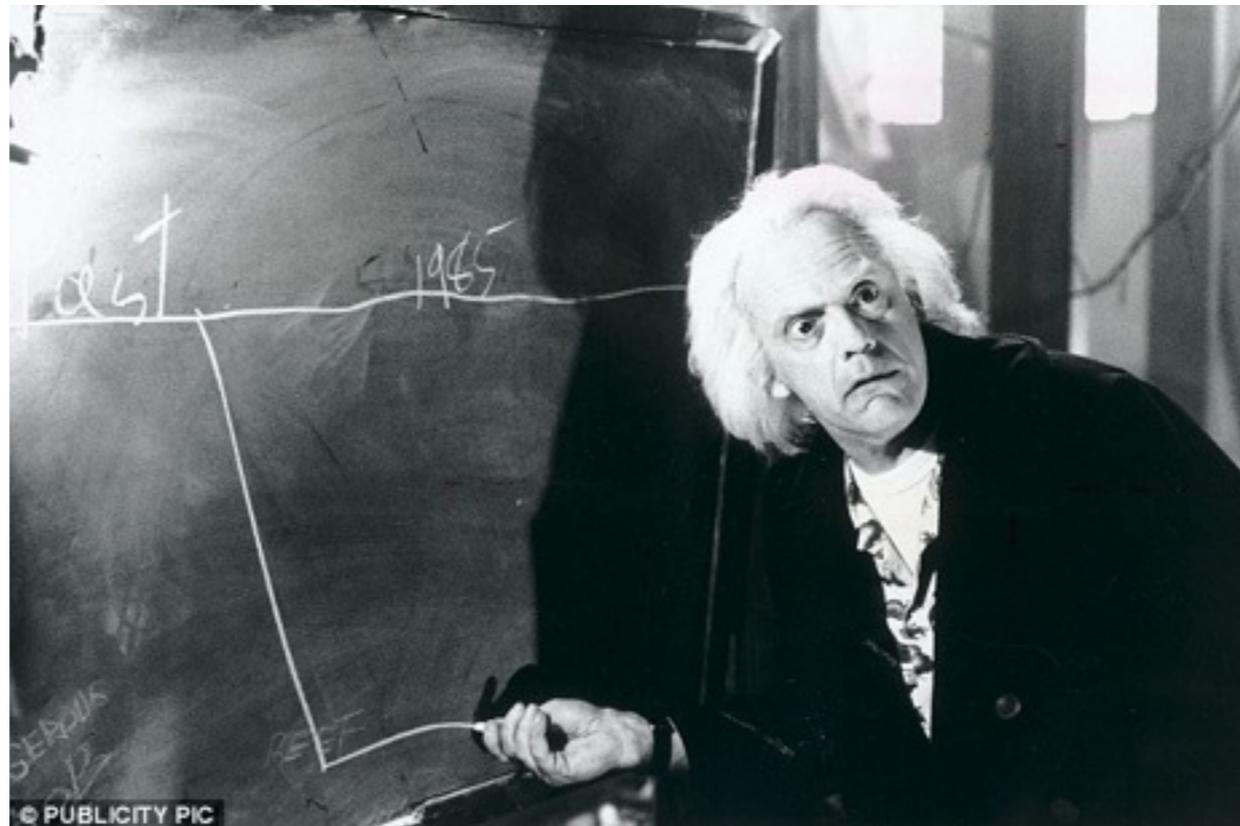
- SUSY is under pressure after LHC8
- However:
  - SUSY can be realized in non-minimal way
  - SUSY can be already hidden in the existing LHC8 data

## Goldstini

- Scenarios with multiple susy breaking sectors present rich phenomenology
- Goldstini: extra light fermionic degrees of freedom with computable couplings
- A simplified goldstini model can fit the Z-peaked ATLAS excess without conflicting with other LHC constrains

# Conclusions

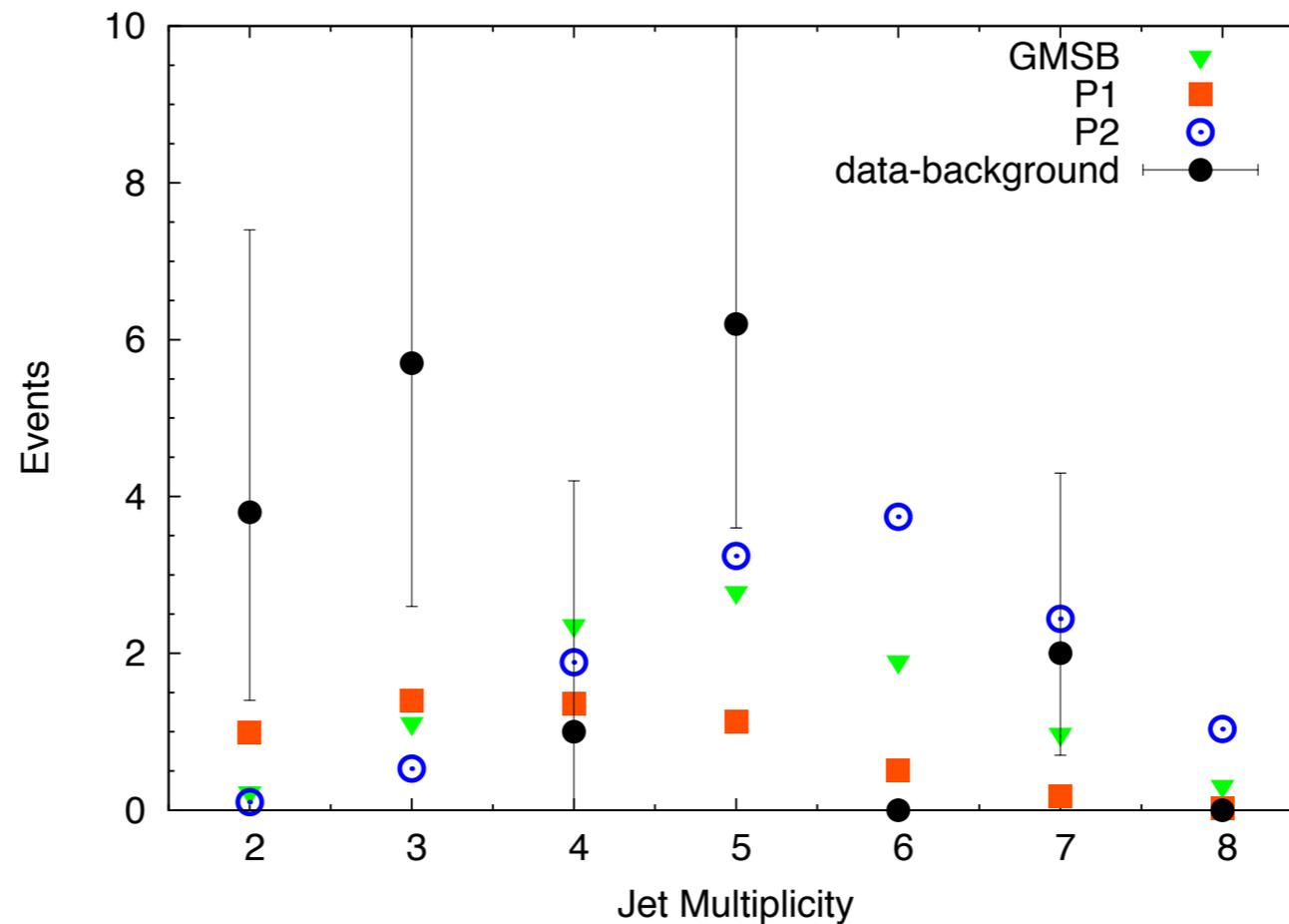
*LHC13 will soon give some new excitement !!!*



*Thank you very much for your attention!*

# Backup slides

- Jet Multiplicity distribution for GMSB ATLAS model and for NMSSM compressed possibility



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# Backup slides

## ATLAS

- $pt_{lep1} > 25$ ,  $pt_{lep2} > 10$
- $eta_{lep} < 2.4$
- $d_0$  differs from electron to muon (more stringent to avoid cosmic)
- $N_{lep} > 1$
- $pt_{jet} > 35$ ,  $eta_j < 2.5$
- $N_{jet} > 1$
- $MET > 225$
- $H_T = p_T(j) + p_T(lep) > 600$
- $81 < m_{ll} < 101$
- also  $\Delta\phi(jet_{1,2}, MET) < 0.4$  to suppress DY
  
- main background is  $t\bar{t}$
- DY Z contributes with mismeasured jet as MET

# Backup slides

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## CMS

- $pt_{lep1,2} > 20$
- $eta_{lep} < 2.4$
- $N_{lep} > 1$
- $pt_{jet} > 40, eta_j < 3.0$
- $N_{jet} > 1$
- $81 < m_{ll} < 101$
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  - MET (100-200, 200-300, >300)
  - $N_{jet} > 1, N_{jet} > 2$