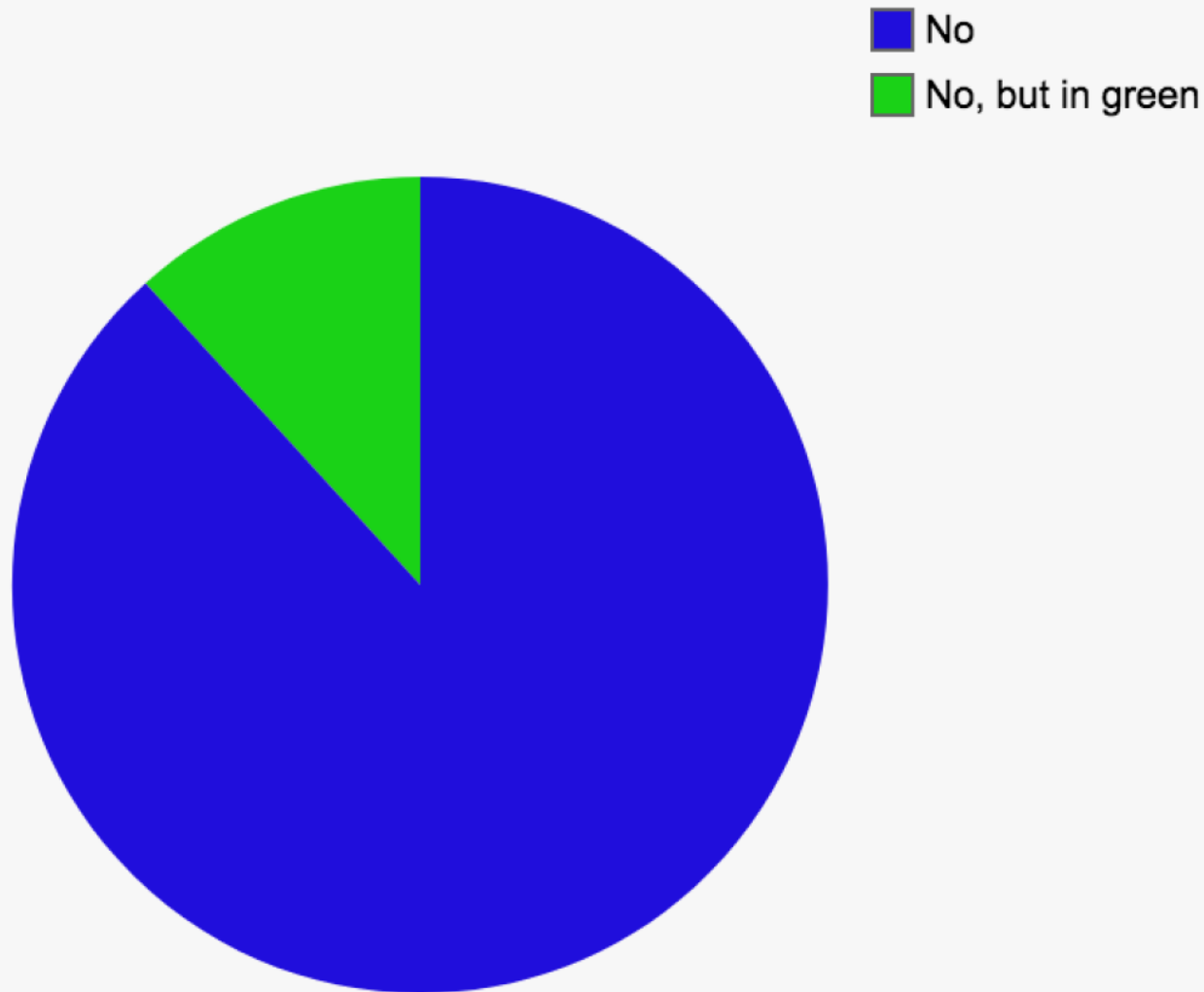


Has the LHC ruled out supersymmetry?



SUSY Dark Matter Production at the LHC?!

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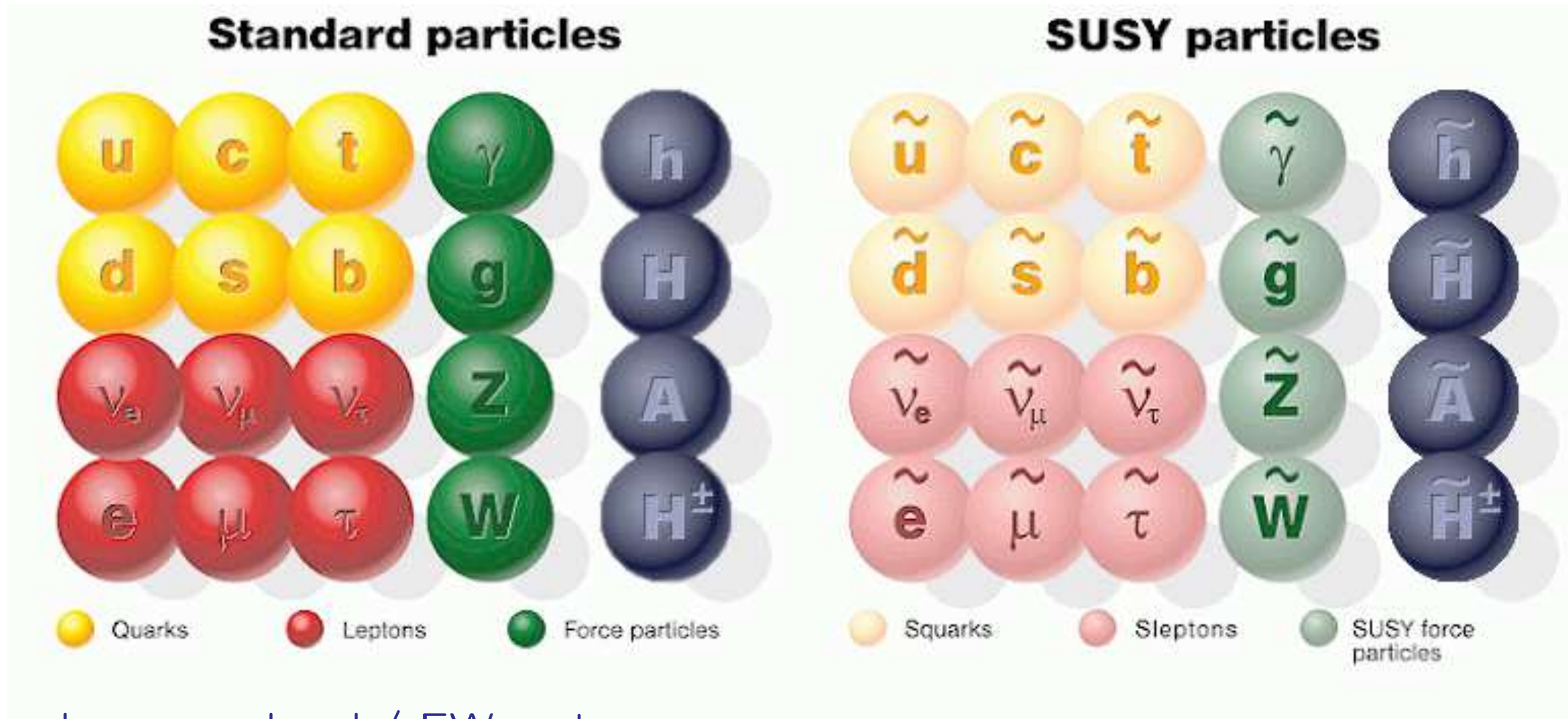
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1. Motivation

The MSSM

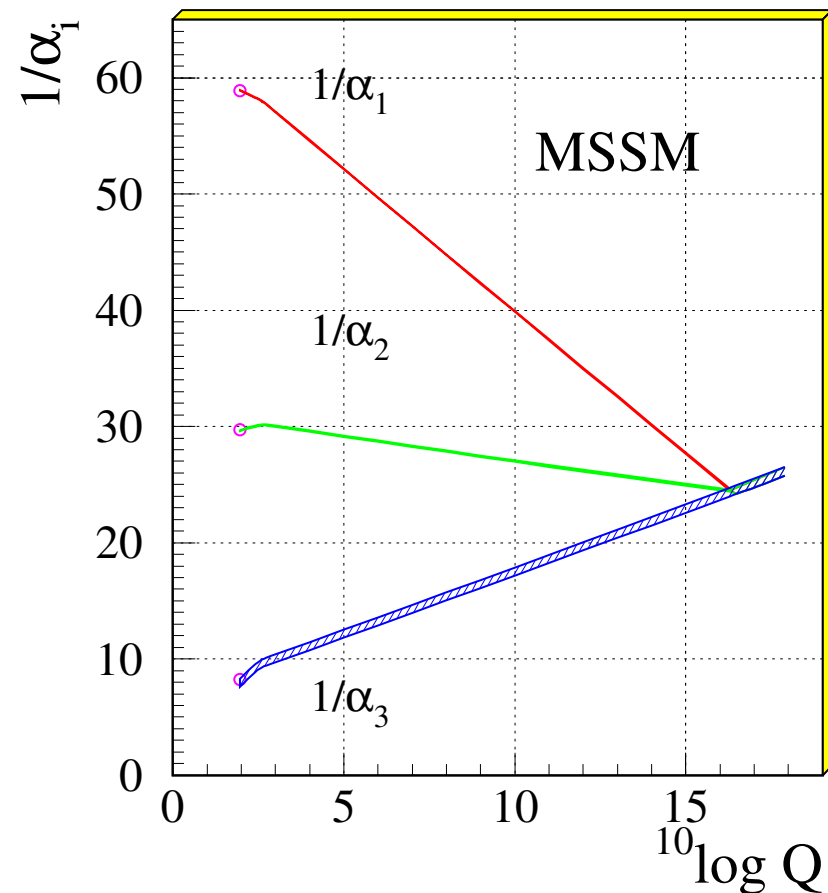
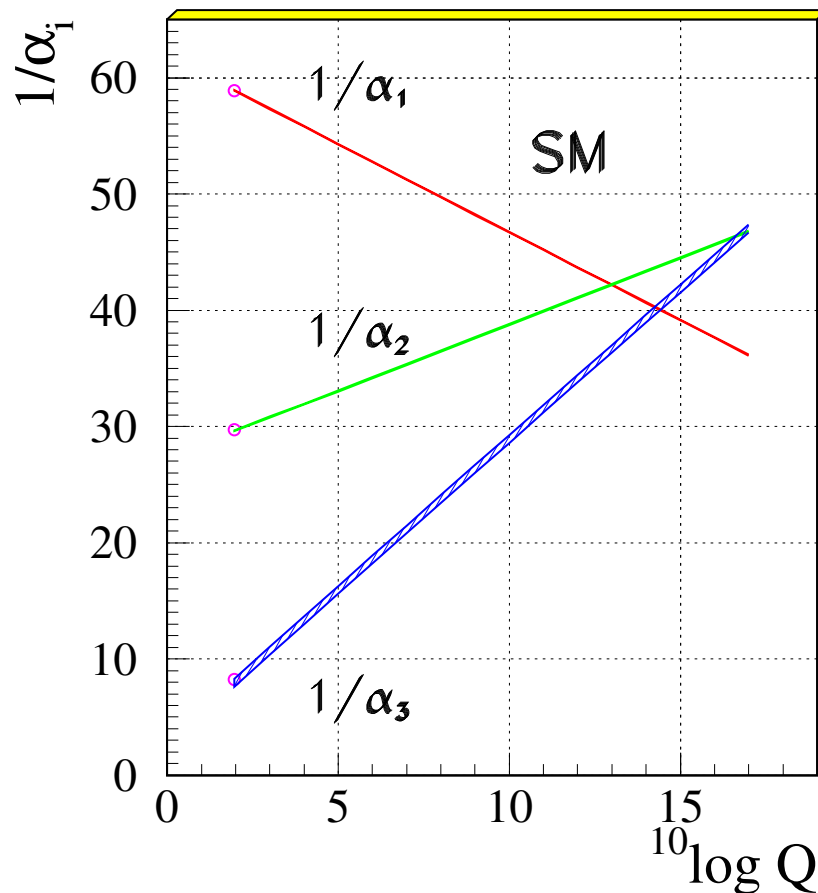


⇒ large uncolored / EW sector

charginos/neutralinos: $M_1, M_2, \mu, \tan \beta$ ⇒ Dark Matter candidate: $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$

Sleptons: $M_{\tilde{l}_L}, M_{\tilde{l}_R}$ (equal for all 3 generations, or different 1.2. vs. 3.)

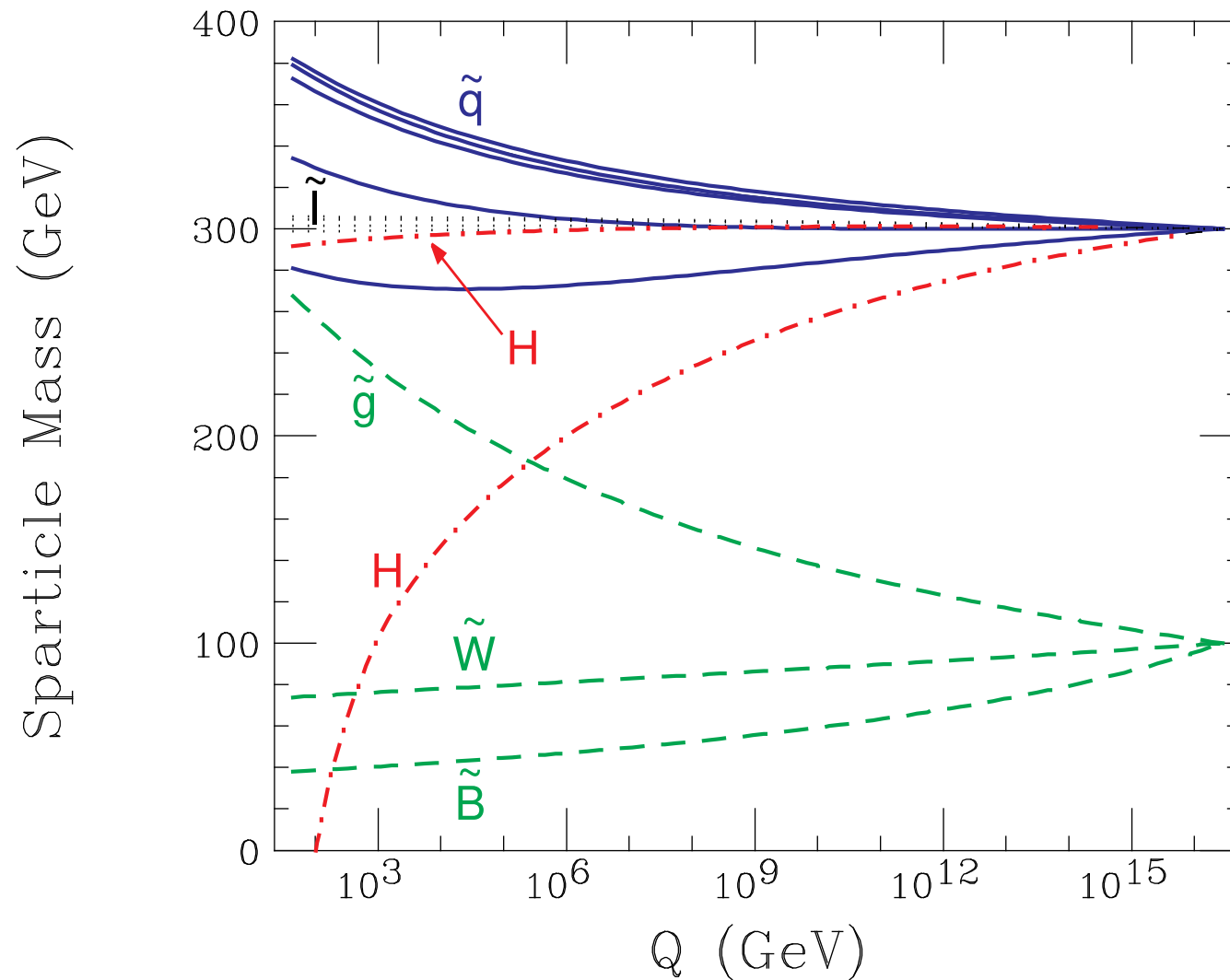
Unification of the Coupling Constants in the SM and the minimal MSSM



⇒ SUSY is naturally imbedded in a Grand Unified Theory (GUT)

Unification at the GUT scale:

$$M_0 = 300 \text{ GeV}, \quad M_{1/2} = 100 \text{ GeV}, \quad A_0 = 0$$



$\Rightarrow$ (“usual”) GUT prediction: $M_1 \sim M_2/2 \sim M_3/6$ with $M_3 = m_{\tilde{g}} \gtrsim 2 \text{ TeV}$

Many options for the correct relic density:

A) wino/bino DM with chargino co-annihilation ($M_1 \sim M_2 \lesssim \mu$)

relic DM density 100% fulfilled

B/C) bino DM with slepton co-annihilation ($M_1 \lesssim M_2, \mu$)

relic DM density 100% fulfilled

$\Rightarrow$ two cases: all 3 generations degenerate vs. 3rd generation independent

D) higgsino DM: $m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0} \sim m_{\tilde{\chi}_2^0} \sim m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm} \sim \mu$ ($\mu \lesssim M_1, M_2$)

relic DM density as upper limit (full relic density: $m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0} \sim 1$ TeV)

E) wino DM: $m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0} \sim m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm} \sim M_2$ ($M_2 \lesssim M_1, \mu$)

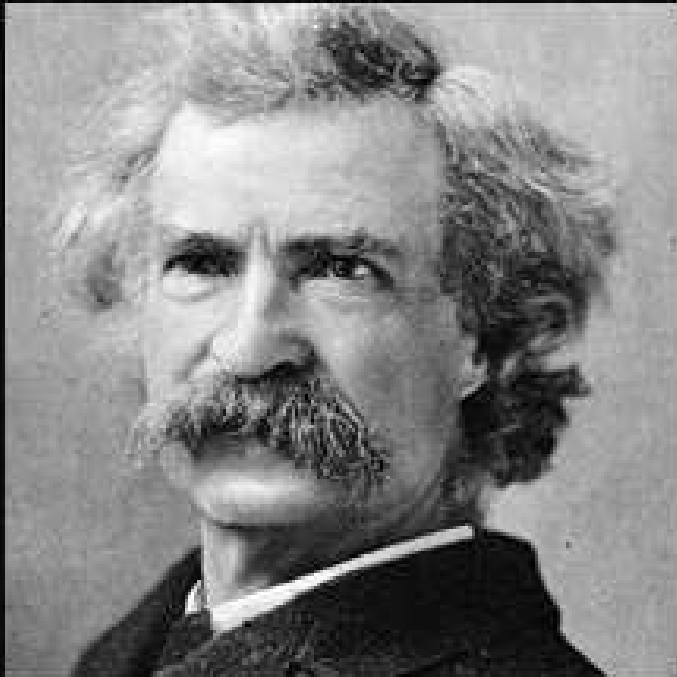
relic DM density as upper limit (full relic density: $m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0} \sim 3$ TeV)

GUT-based scenarios: $M_1 \sim M_2 / 2 \sim M_3 / 6$

$\Rightarrow$ only possible for B/C and D

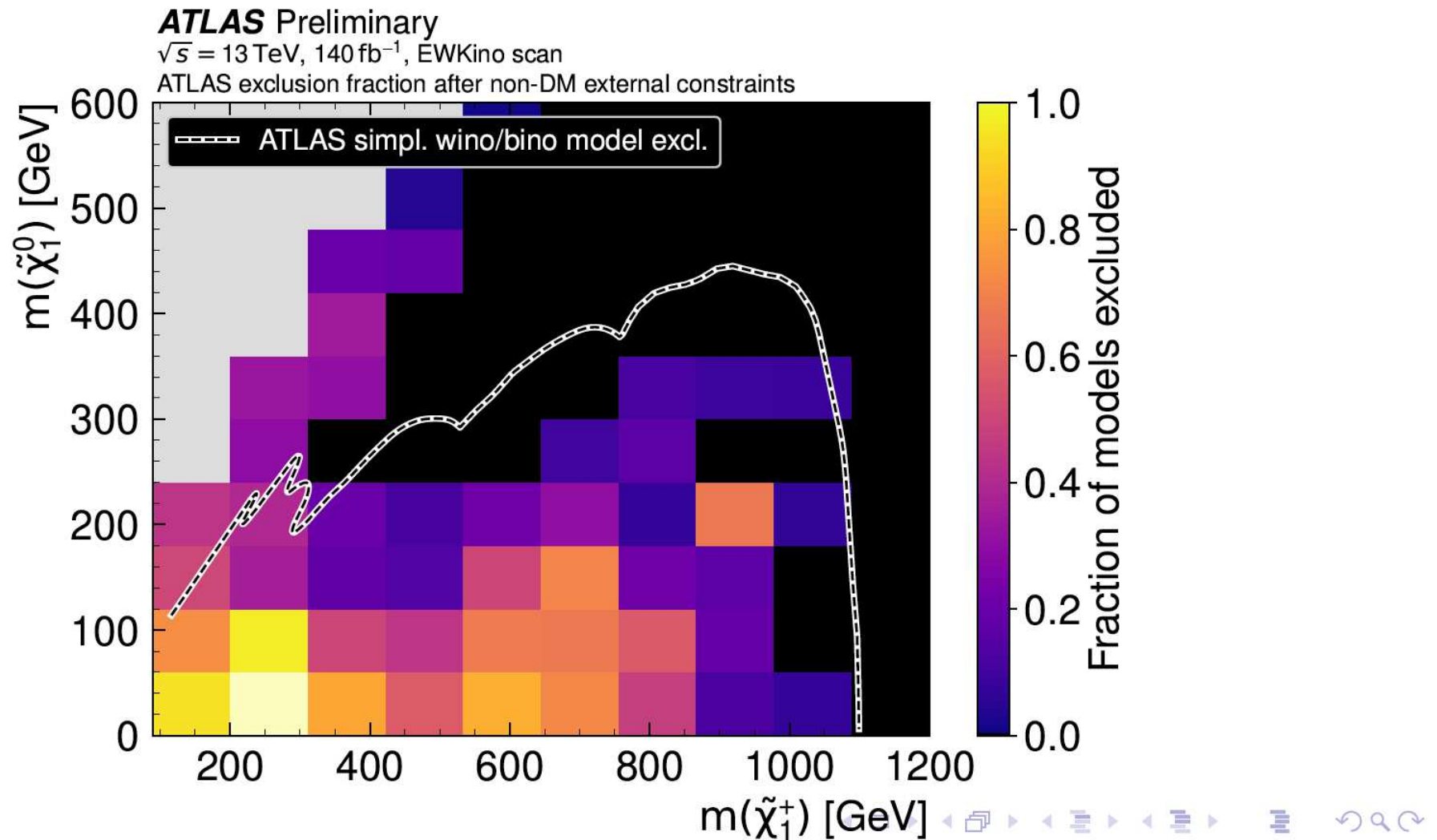
$m_{\tilde{g}} \gtrsim 2$ TeV $\Rightarrow M_1 \sim M_2 / 2 \gtrsim 350$ GeV

2. Evidence for low-energy SUSY?!

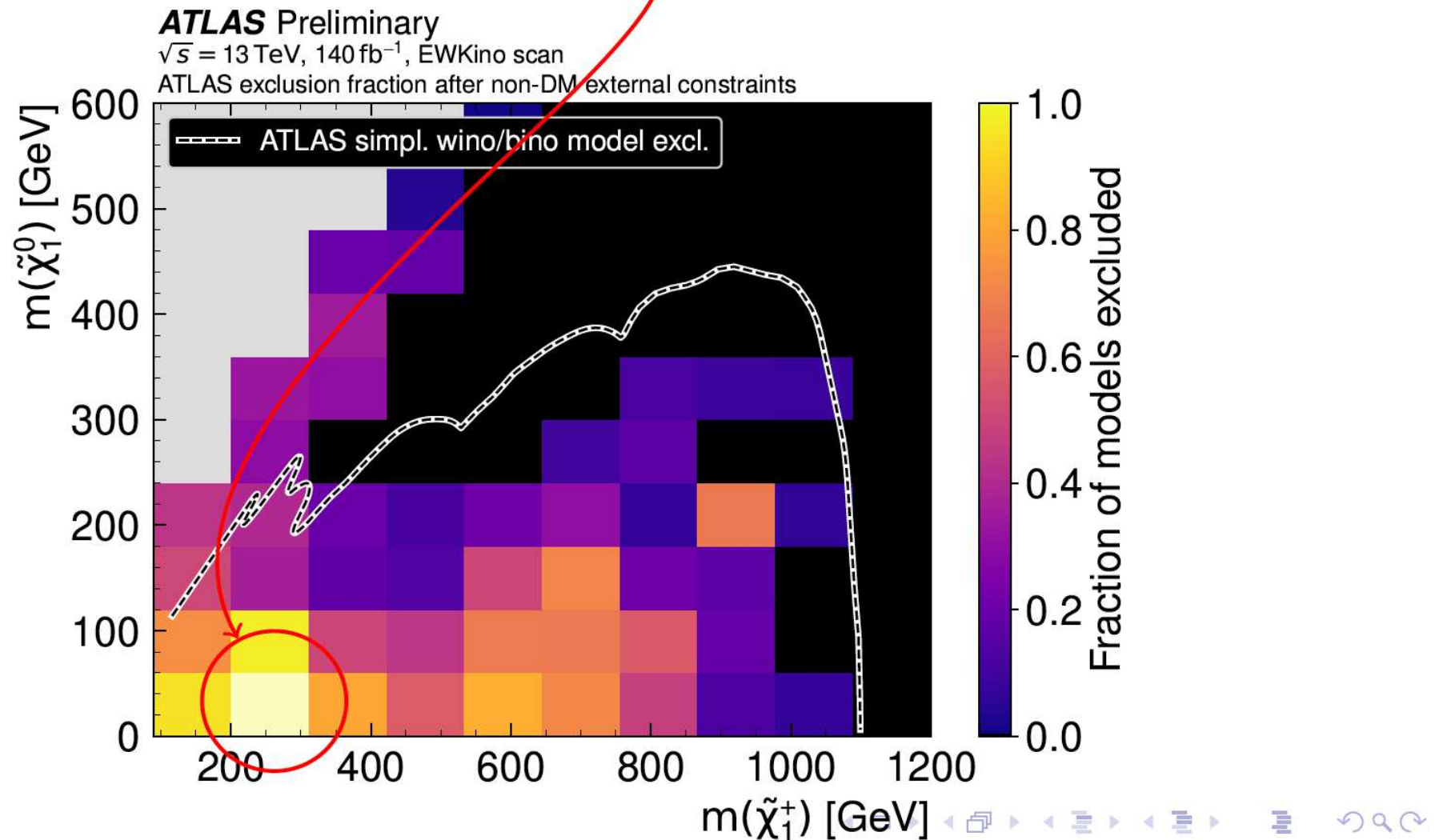


The reports of my death have
been greatly exaggerated.

~ Mark Twain



Only this one is actually excluded !



⇒ Our “models” predict low chargino/neutralino masses

Possible search channels:

- $pp \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \tilde{\chi}_1^0 + X$
- $pp \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \tilde{\chi}_2^0 \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \tilde{\chi}_1^0 + H/Z$
- $pp \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_2^0 \tilde{\chi}_1^\pm \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^0 H/Z \tilde{\chi}_1^0 W^\pm$
- $pp \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^+ \tilde{\chi}_1^- \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^0 W^+ \tilde{\chi}_1^0 W^-$
- ...

Possible kinematic situations:

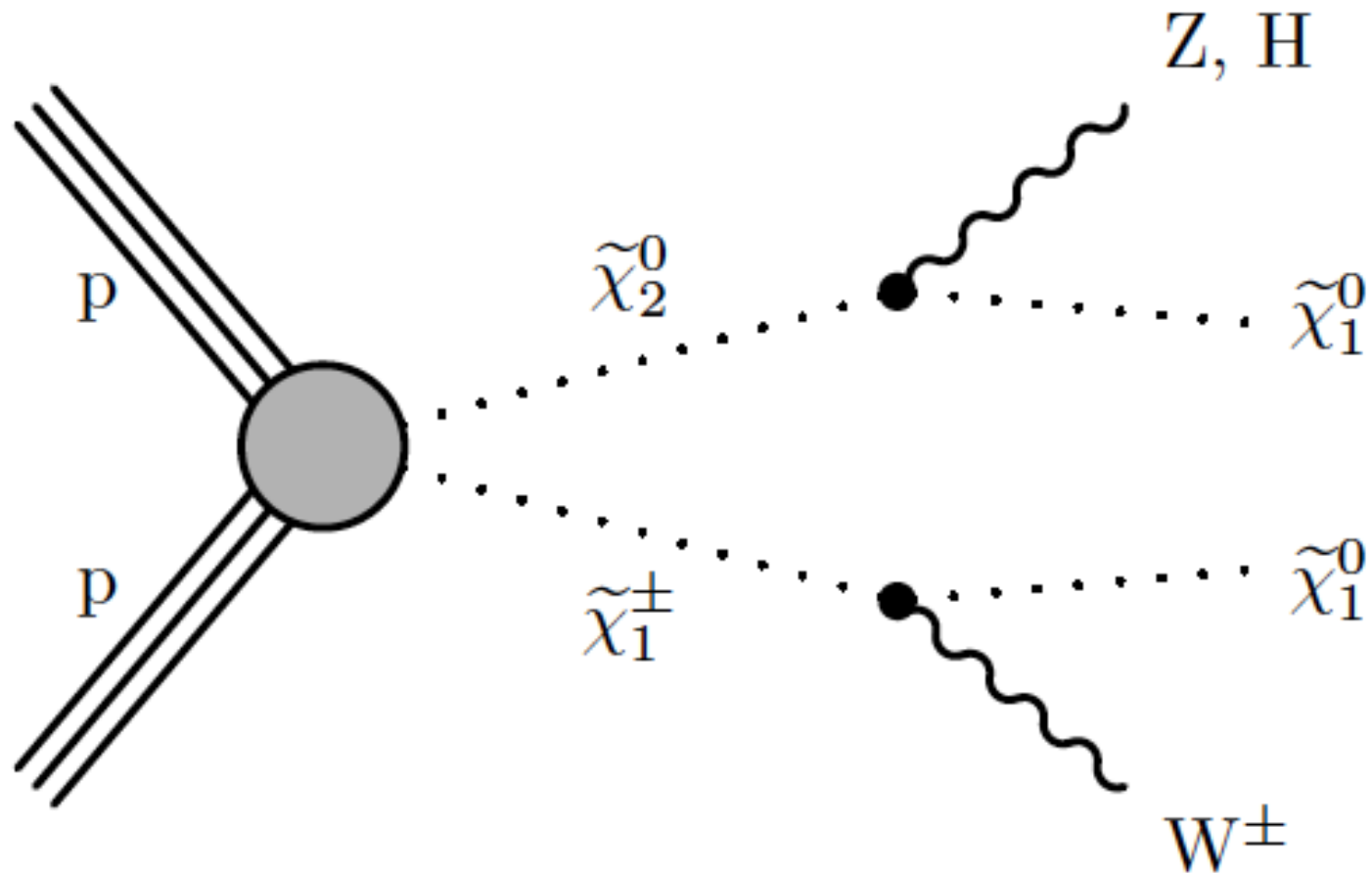
- non-compressed spectra: on-shell decays to $H/Z, W^\pm$
- compressed spectra: off-shell decays to $Z, W^\pm$
- light sleptons that appear in the decay chains
- heavy sleptons that are absent from the decay chains
- ...

⇒ only one of these kinematic situations can be realized

⇒ only one of them should show up in the LHC searches

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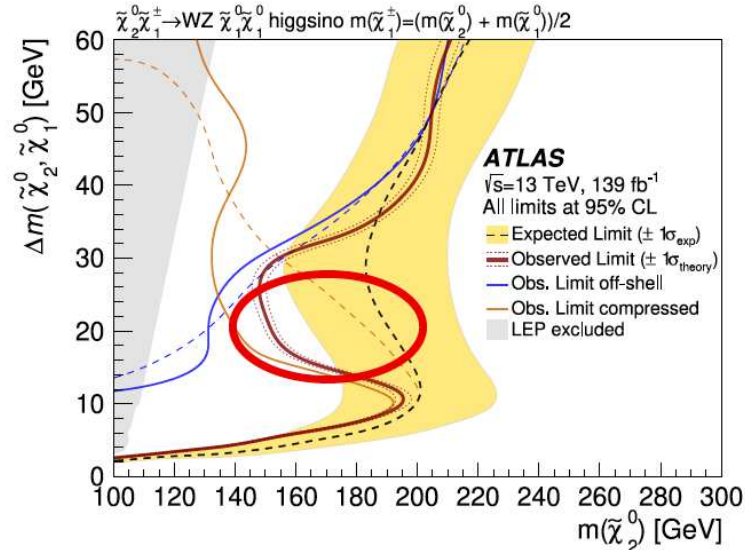
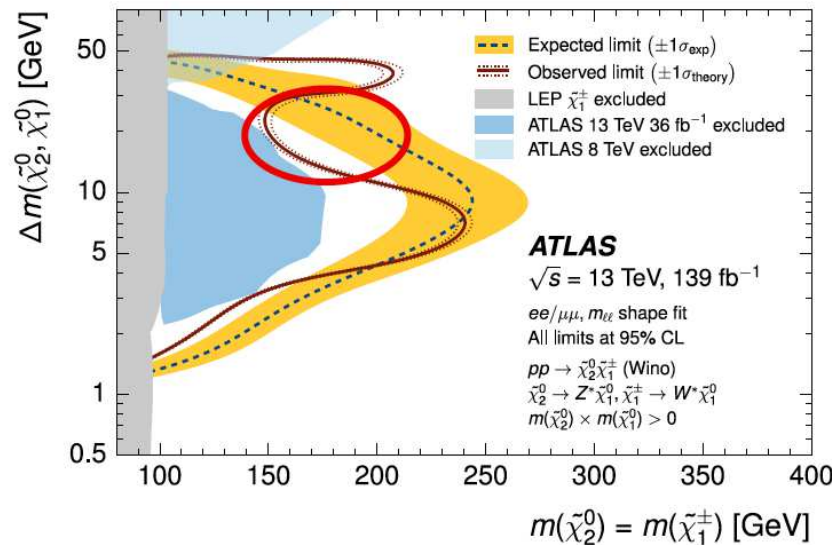
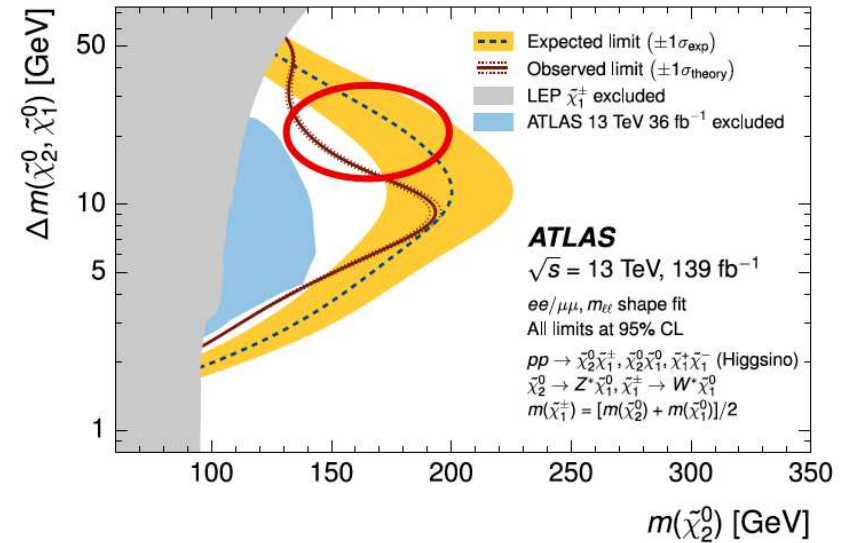
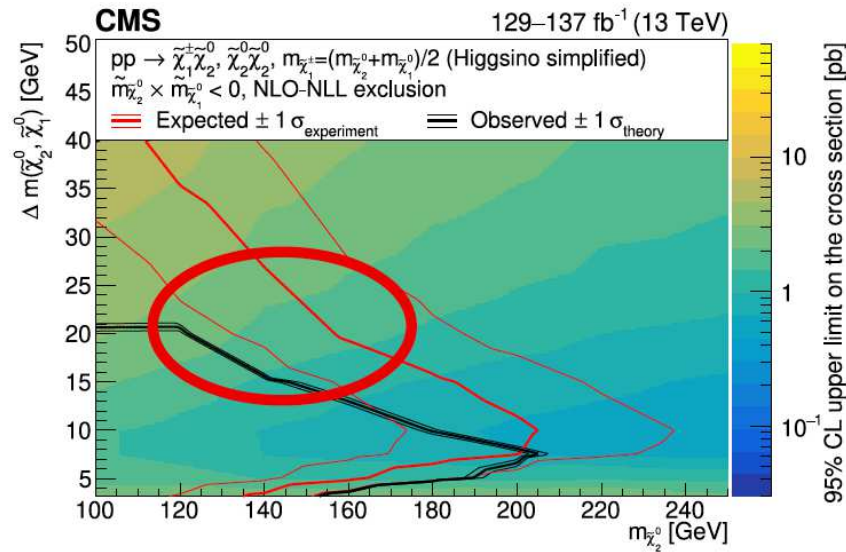
Golden mode at the LHC:

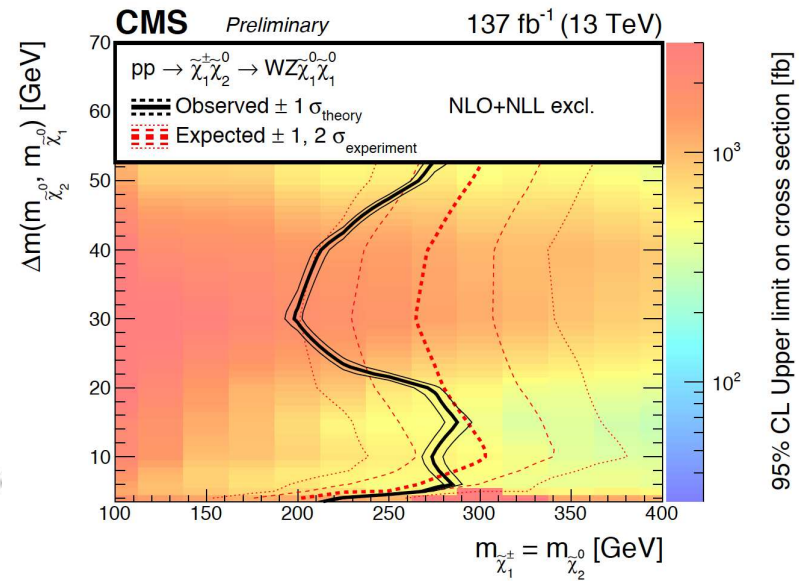
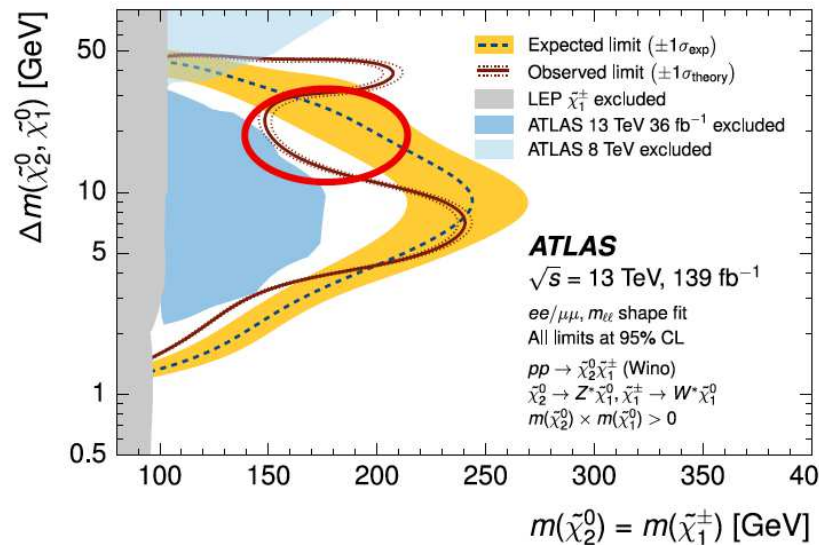
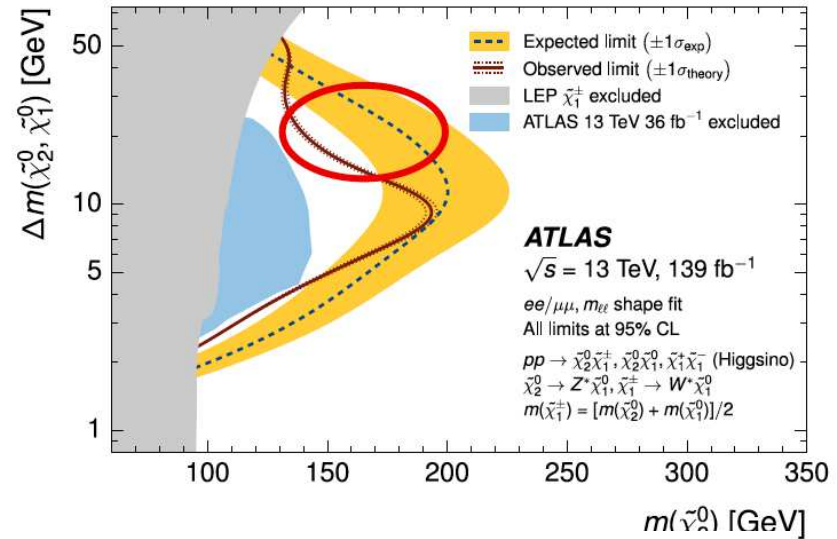
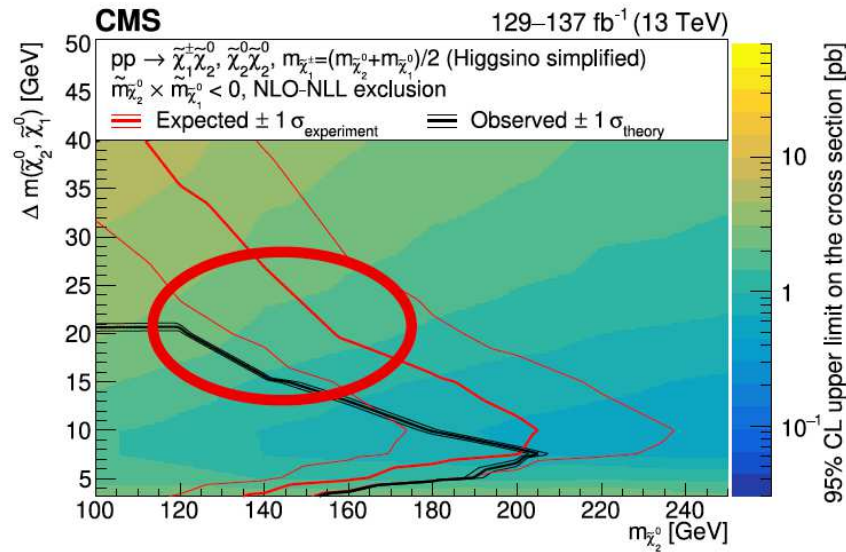


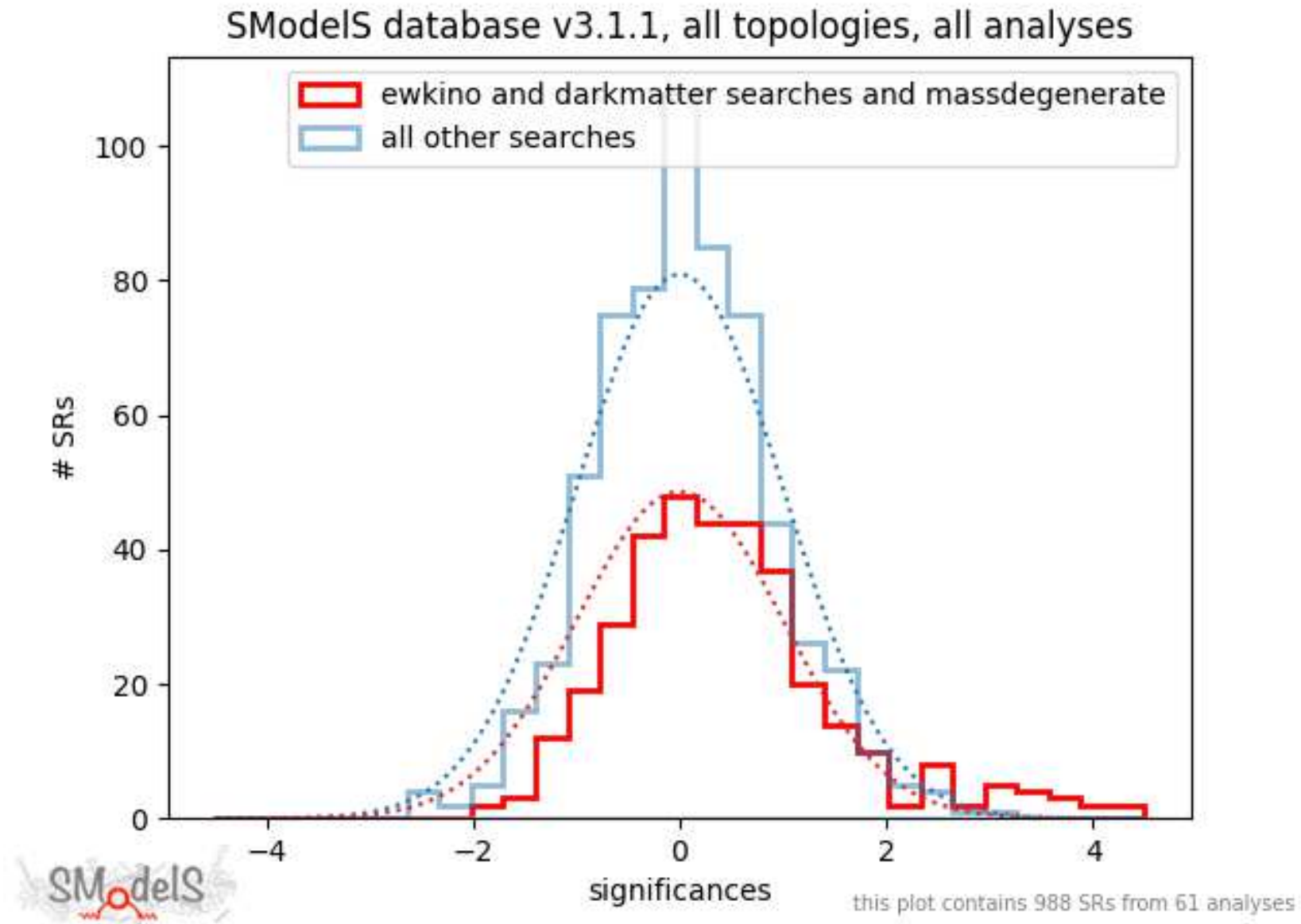
⇒ experimental results?

Results: “compressed” spectra w/ heavy sleptons:

[taken from M. Berggren '23]







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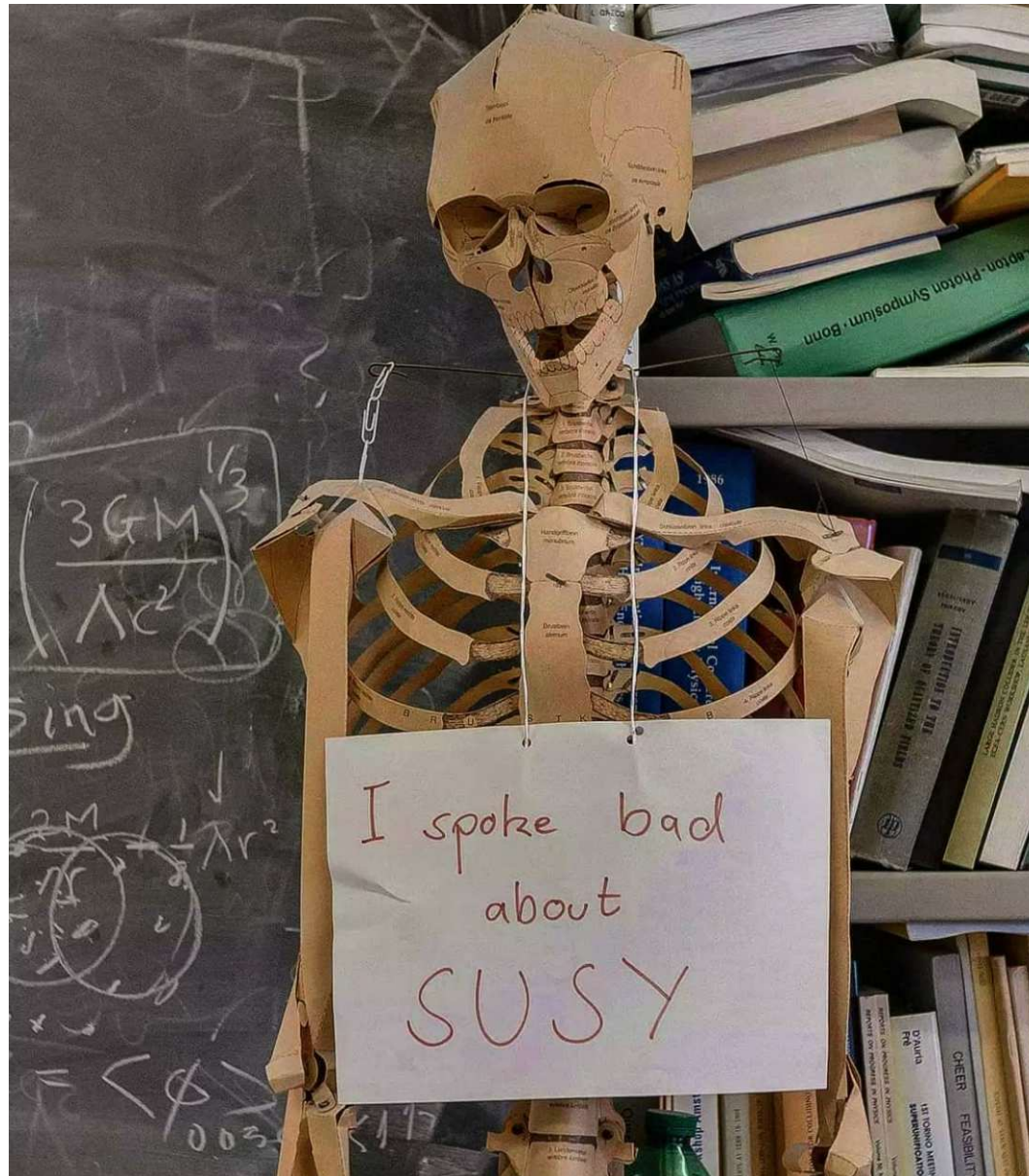
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Solution?

$\Rightarrow$ go beyond the MSSM: add a singlet: NMSSM

3. Solution for GUT-based scenarios



Our model: **NMSSM** (Z_3 invariant NMSSM)

MSSM Higgs sector: Two Higgs doublets

$$\begin{aligned} H_1 &= \begin{pmatrix} H_1^1 \\ H_1^2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 + (\phi_1 + i\chi_1)/\sqrt{2} \\ \phi_1^- \end{pmatrix} \\ H_2 &= \begin{pmatrix} H_2^1 \\ H_2^2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_2^+ \\ v_2 + (\phi_2 + i\chi_2)/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} V &= (\tilde{m}_1^2 + |\mu|^2) H_1 \bar{H}_1 + (\tilde{m}_2^2 + |\mu|^2) H_2 \bar{H}_2 - m_{12}^2 (\epsilon_{ab} H_1^a H_2^b + \text{h.c.}) \\ &\quad + \frac{g'^2 + g^2}{8} (H_1 \bar{H}_1 - H_2 \bar{H}_2)^2 + \frac{g^2}{2} |H_1 \bar{H}_2|^2 \end{aligned}$$

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$$H_2 = \begin{pmatrix} H_2^1 \\ H_2^2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_2^+ \\ v_2 + (\phi_2 + i\chi_2)/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$S = v_s + S_R + IS_I$$

$$\begin{aligned} V = & (\tilde{m}_1^2 + |\mu\lambda S|^2)H_1\bar{H}_1 + (\tilde{m}_2^2 + |\mu\lambda S|^2)H_2\bar{H}_2 - m_{12}^2(\epsilon_{ab}H_1^aH_2^b + \text{h.c.}) \\ & + \frac{g'^2 + g^2}{8}(H_1\bar{H}_1 - H_2\bar{H}_2)^2 + \frac{g^2}{2}|H_1\bar{H}_2|^2 \\ & + |\lambda(\epsilon_{ab}H_1^aH_2^b) + \kappa S^2|^2 + m_S^2|S|^2 + (\lambda A_\lambda(\epsilon_{ab}H_1^aH_2^b)S + \frac{\kappa}{3}A_\kappa S^3 + \text{h.c.}) \end{aligned}$$

Free parameters:

$$\lambda, \kappa, A_\kappa, M_{H^\pm}, \tan\beta, \mu_{\text{eff}} = \lambda v_s$$

Higgs spectrum:

$\mathcal{CP}$ –even : h_1, h_2, h_3
 $\mathcal{CP}$ –odd : a_1, a_2
charged : H^+, H^-
Goldstones : G^0, G^+, G^-

Neutralinos:

$$\mu \rightarrow \mu_{\text{eff}}$$

compared to the MSSM: one singlino more

$$\rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^0, \tilde{\chi}_2^0, \tilde{\chi}_3^0, \tilde{\chi}_4^0, \tilde{\chi}_5^0$$

$\Rightarrow$ make the LSP singlino-like $\Rightarrow$ avoid DD bounds

$$\Rightarrow \mu \lesssim M_1 \sim M_2/2 \sim M_3/6 \quad (M_3 = m_{\tilde{g}} \gtrsim 2 \text{ TeV})$$

NMSSM parameter scan:

singlino/higgsino: singlino DM with higgsino dominated $\tilde{\chi}_{2,3}^0, \tilde{\chi}_1^\pm$:

$$1000 \text{ GeV} \leq 2 \times M_1 = M_2 = M_3/3 \leq 2000 \text{ GeV} , \quad 150 \text{ GeV} < |\mu| < 300 \text{ GeV} ,$$

$$1000 \text{ GeV} = m_{\tilde{l}_L} = m_{\tilde{l}_R} , \quad A_e = A_\mu = A_\tau = 0 ,$$

$$5000 \text{ GeV} = M_{\tilde{Q}_{1,2}} = M_{\tilde{u}_R, \tilde{d}_R, \tilde{c}_R, \tilde{s}_R} , \quad A_{u,d,c,s} = 0 ,$$

$$3000 \text{ GeV} = M_{\tilde{Q}_3} = M_{\tilde{t}_R, \tilde{b}_R} , \quad A_b = 0 , \quad 5000 \text{ GeV} < A_t < 8000 \text{ GeV} ,$$

$$-0.7 \leq \kappa < 0.7 , \quad 0 < \lambda < 5 , \quad 0.5 \leq \tan \beta \leq 50 ,$$

$$5 \text{ GeV} \leq |A_\lambda| \leq 5000 \text{ GeV} , \quad -1000 \text{ GeV} \leq A_\kappa \leq 1000 \text{ GeV} .$$

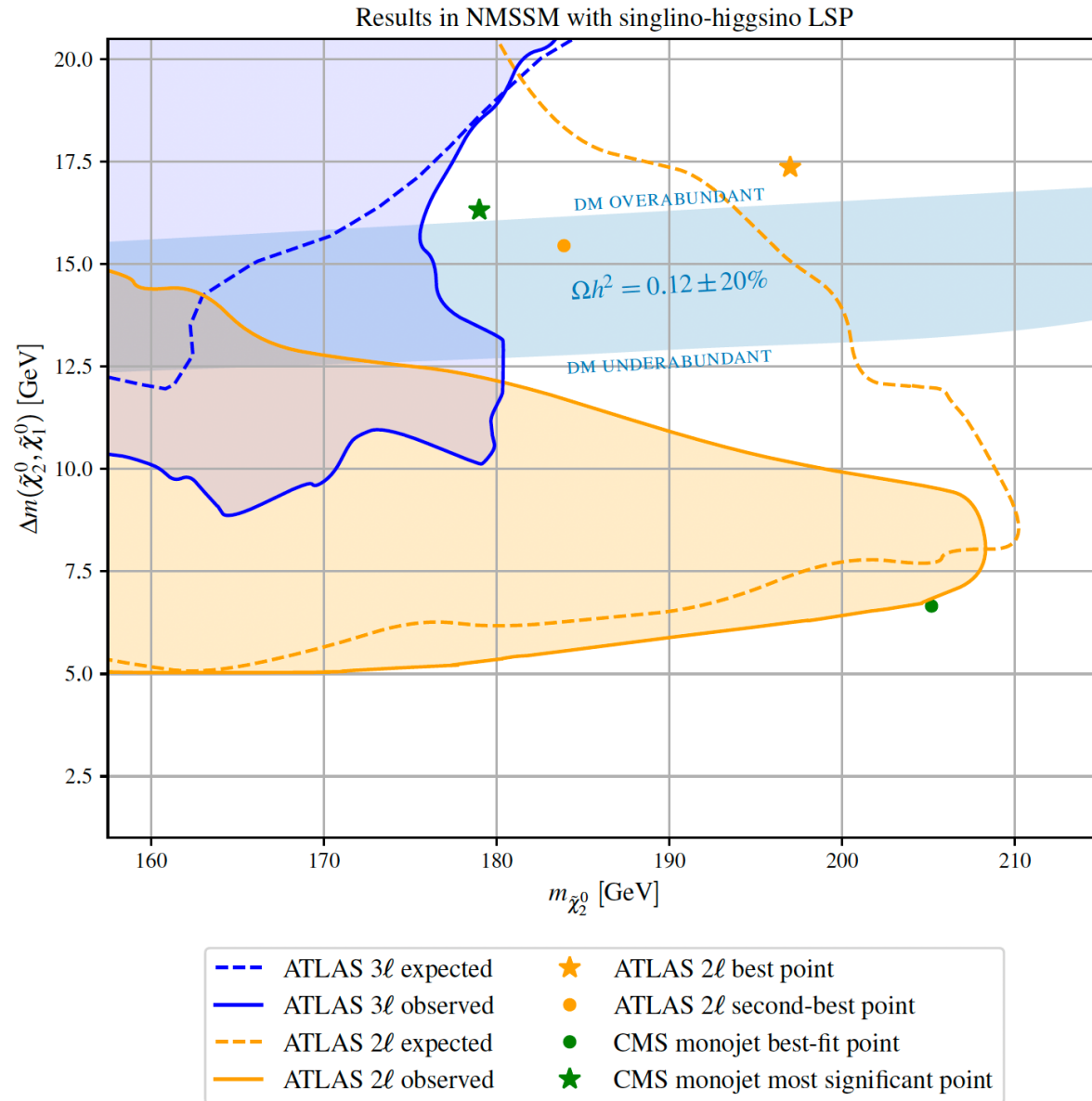
$$M_1 = 1/2 M_2 = 1/6 M_3 \geq 500 \text{ GeV}$$

$\Rightarrow m_{\tilde{g}} \geq 3 \text{ TeV}$ - safe from LHC limits

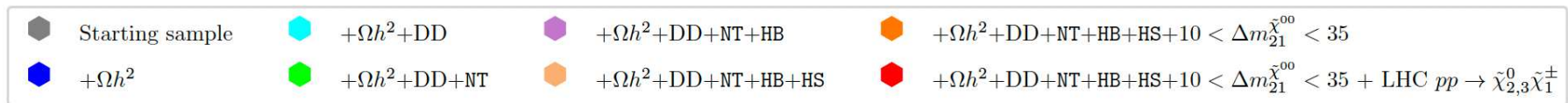
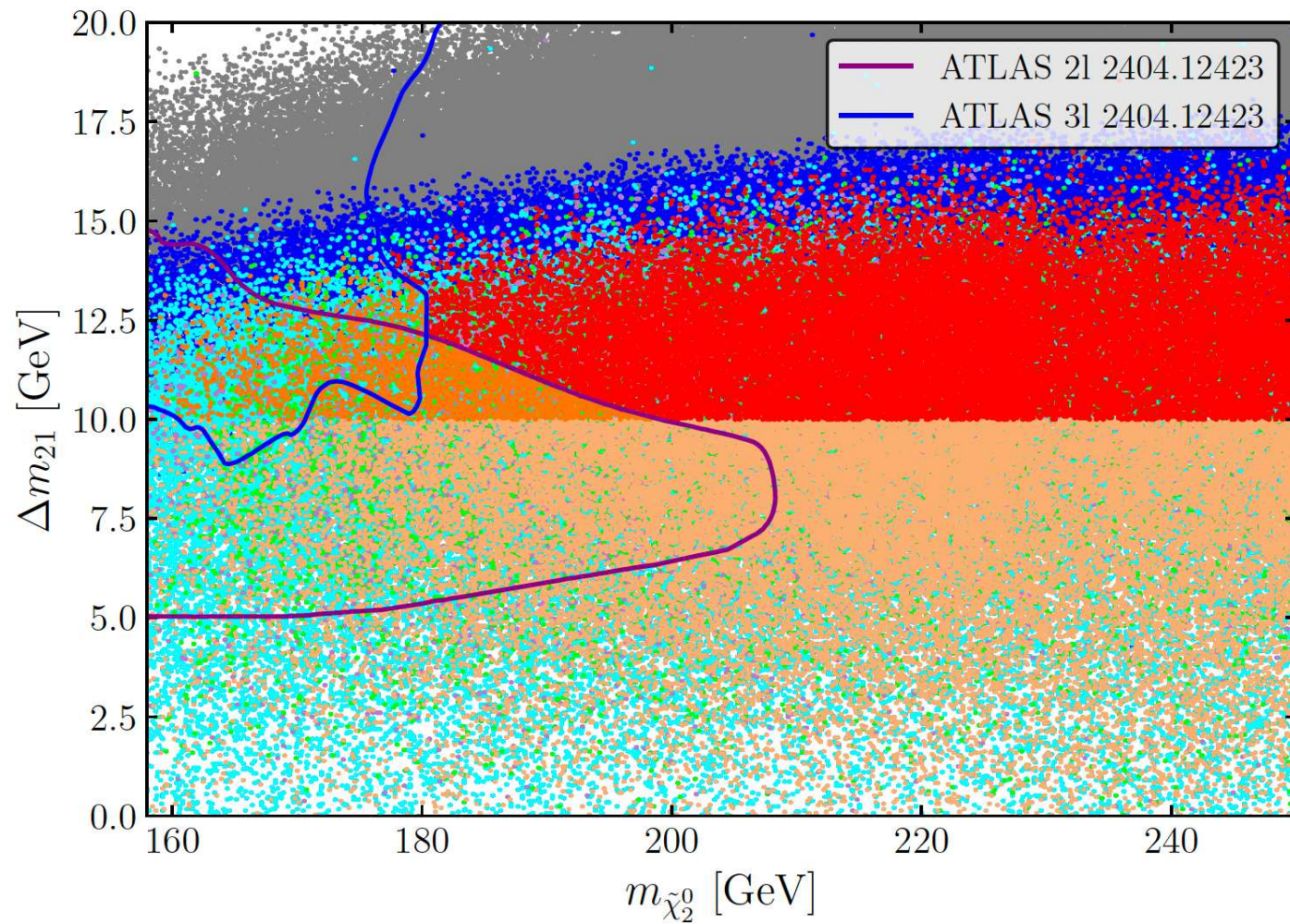
Constraints:

- LSP singlino component $\geq 90\%$
 - DM relic density (**MicrOmegas**)
 - DM direct detection limits (**MicrOmegas**)
 - BSM Higgs search bounds (**HiggsBounds**)
 - LHC Higgs boson rate measurements (**HiggsSignals**)
 - flavor constraints (naturally fulfilled)
 - LHC SUSY search limits
- ⇒ red points are in agreement with all constraints and the excesses

Take bounds from: [\[D. Agin, B. Fuks, M. Goodsell, T. Murphy '24\]](#)

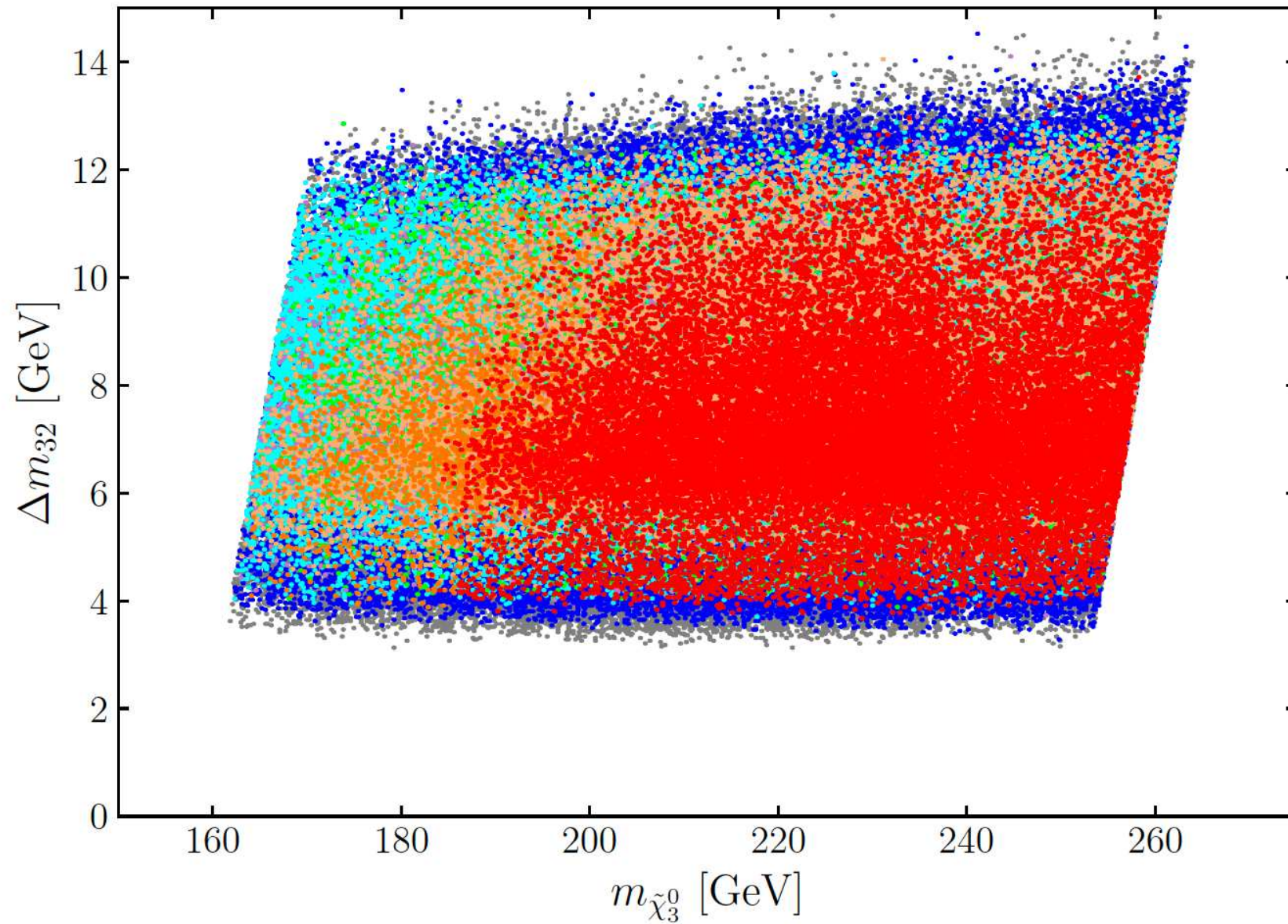


higgsino(-): $m_{\tilde{\chi}_2^0} - \Delta m$ plane with LHC bounds included:



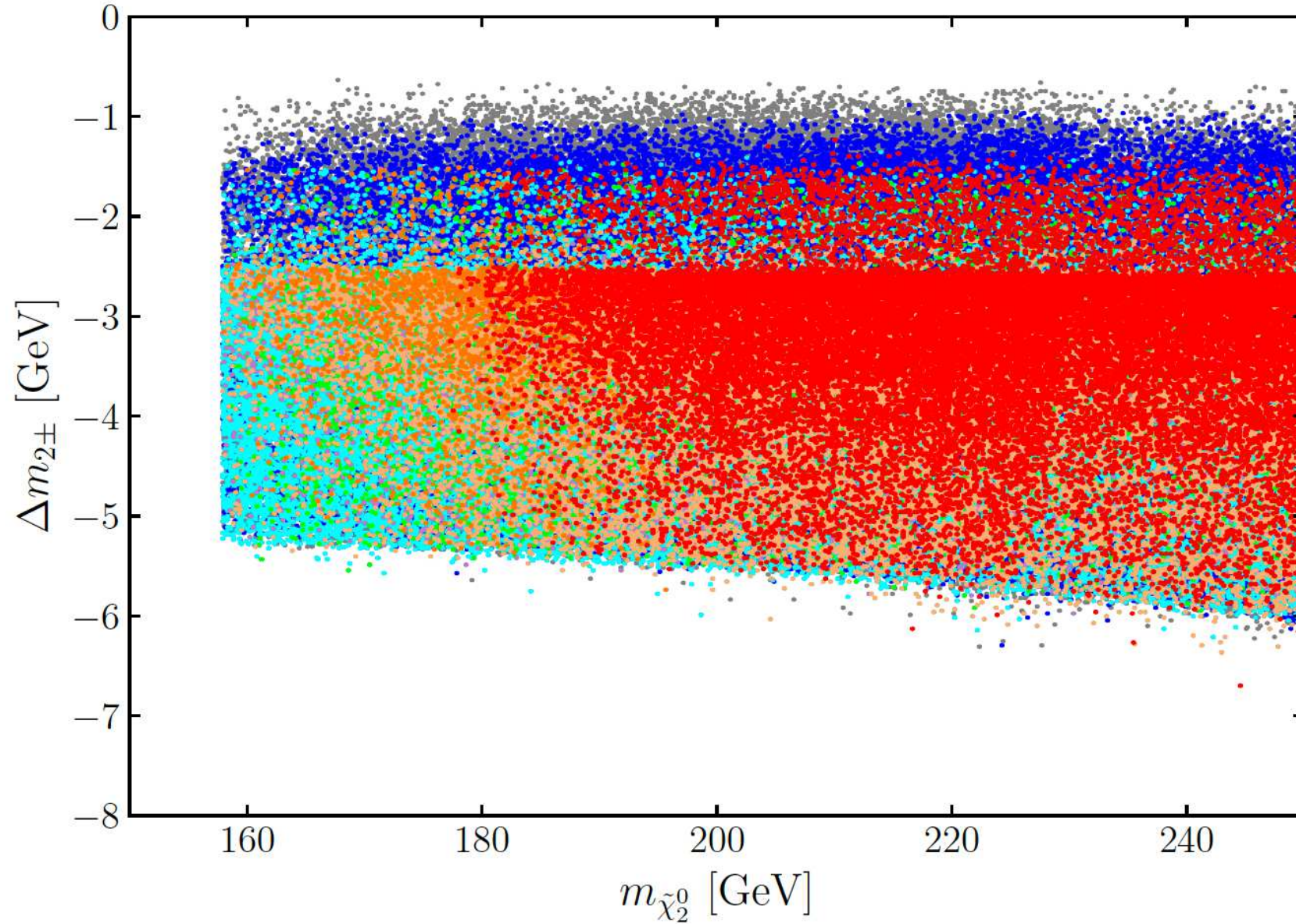
$\Delta m_{21} := m_{\tilde{\chi}_2^0} - m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0} \Rightarrow$ correct mass region to fit the excesses, Δm perfect!

higgsino(–): more than one Δm :



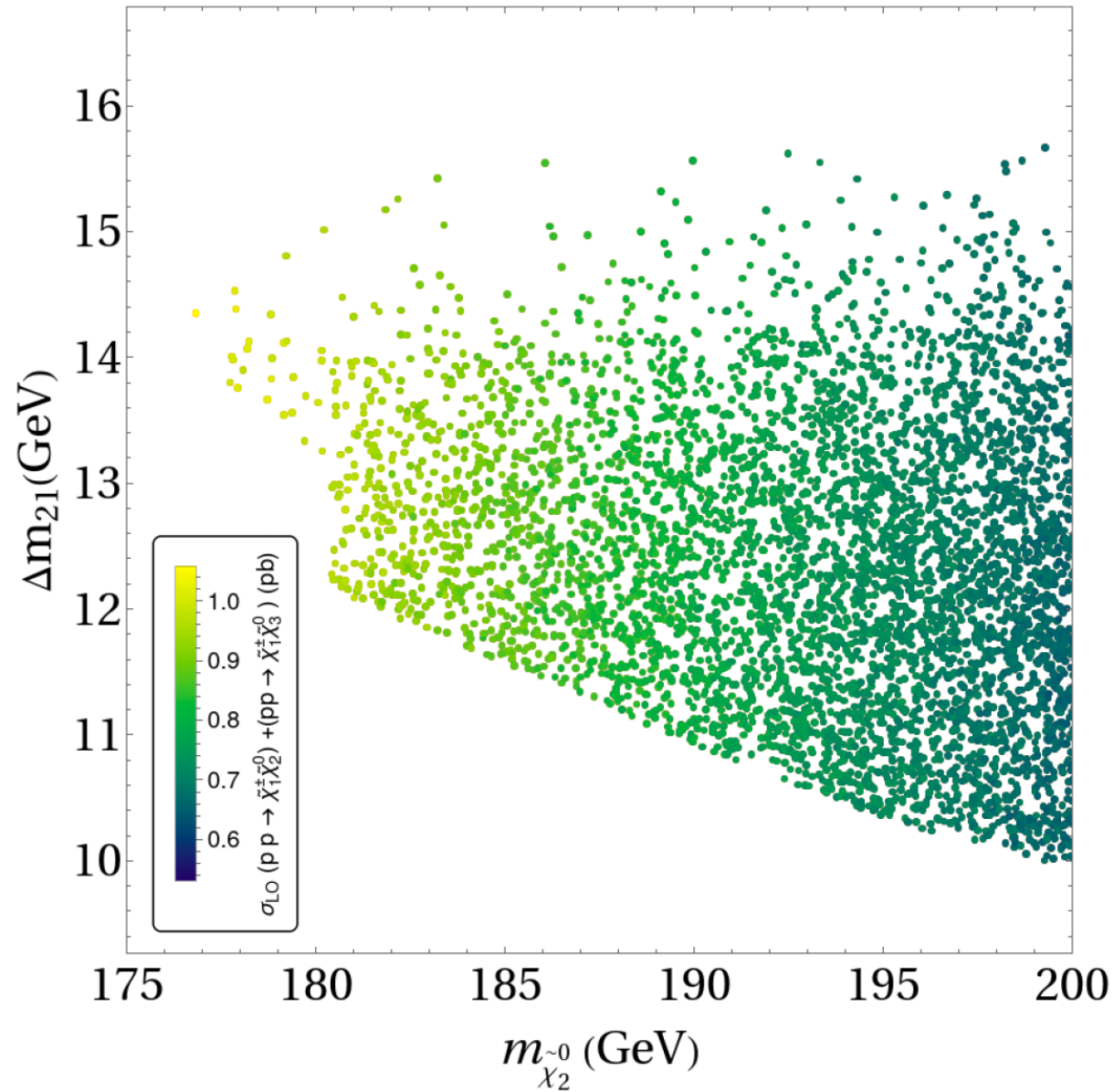
$\Delta m_{32} := m_{\tilde{\chi}_3^0} - m_{\tilde{\chi}_2^0} \Rightarrow$ large mass gap, better for the excesses

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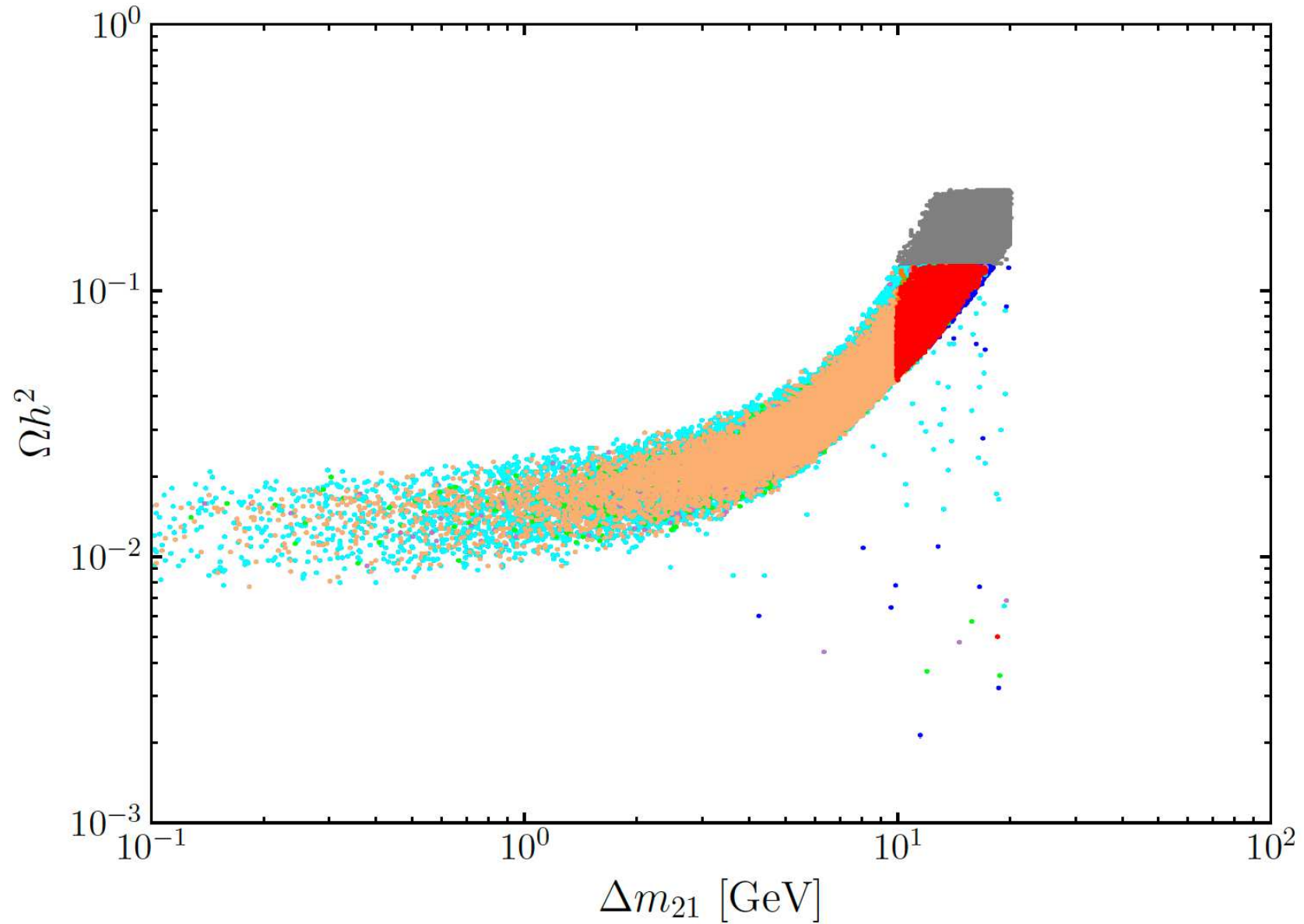
$\Delta m_{2\pm} := m_{\tilde{\chi}_2^0} - m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm} \Rightarrow$ large mass gap, better for the excesses

higgsino(–):production cross section at the LHC:



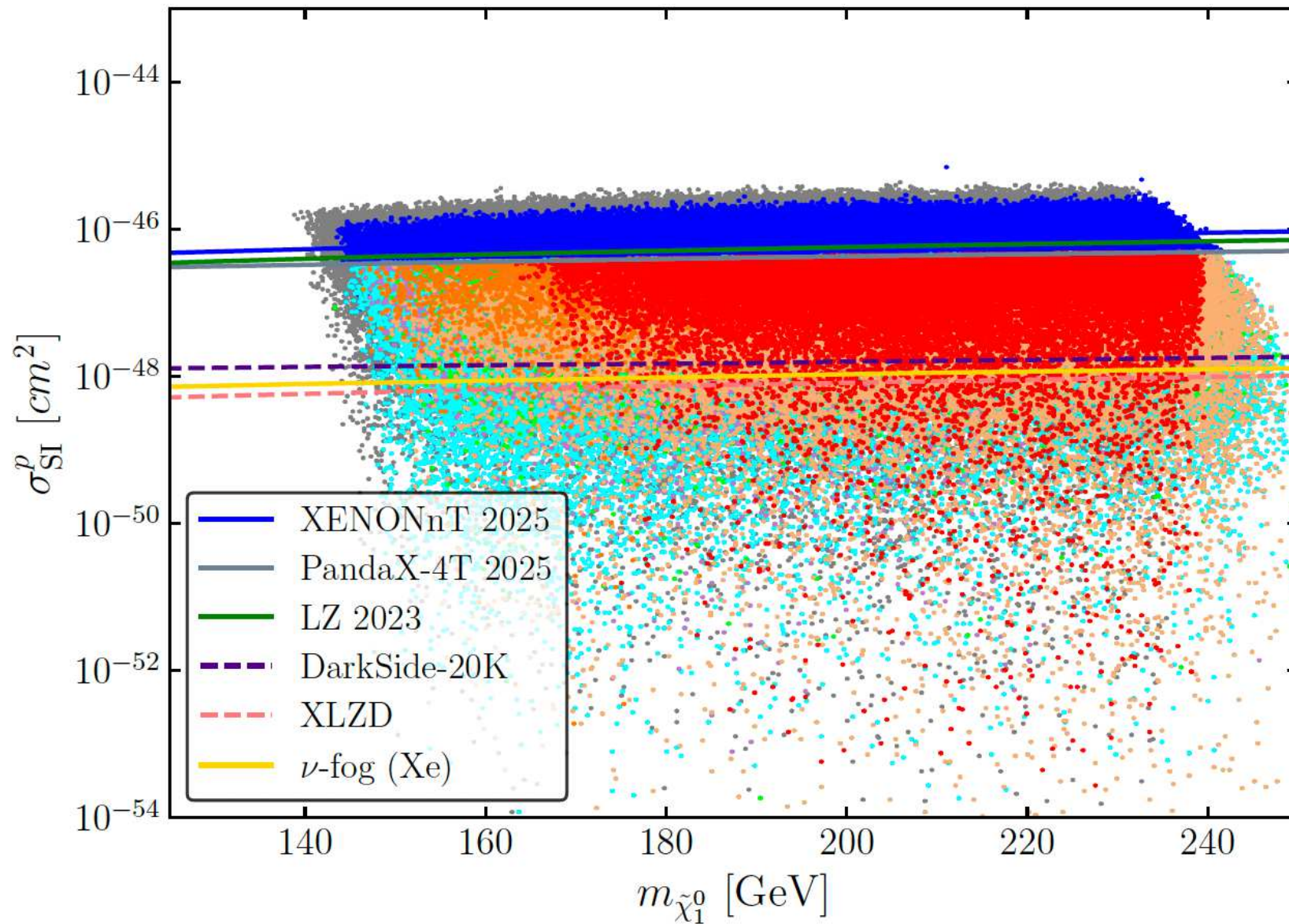
$\Delta m_{21} := m_{\tilde{\chi}_2^0} - m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0} \Rightarrow$ lower masses fit well the expected cross section

higgsino(–): DM relic density:



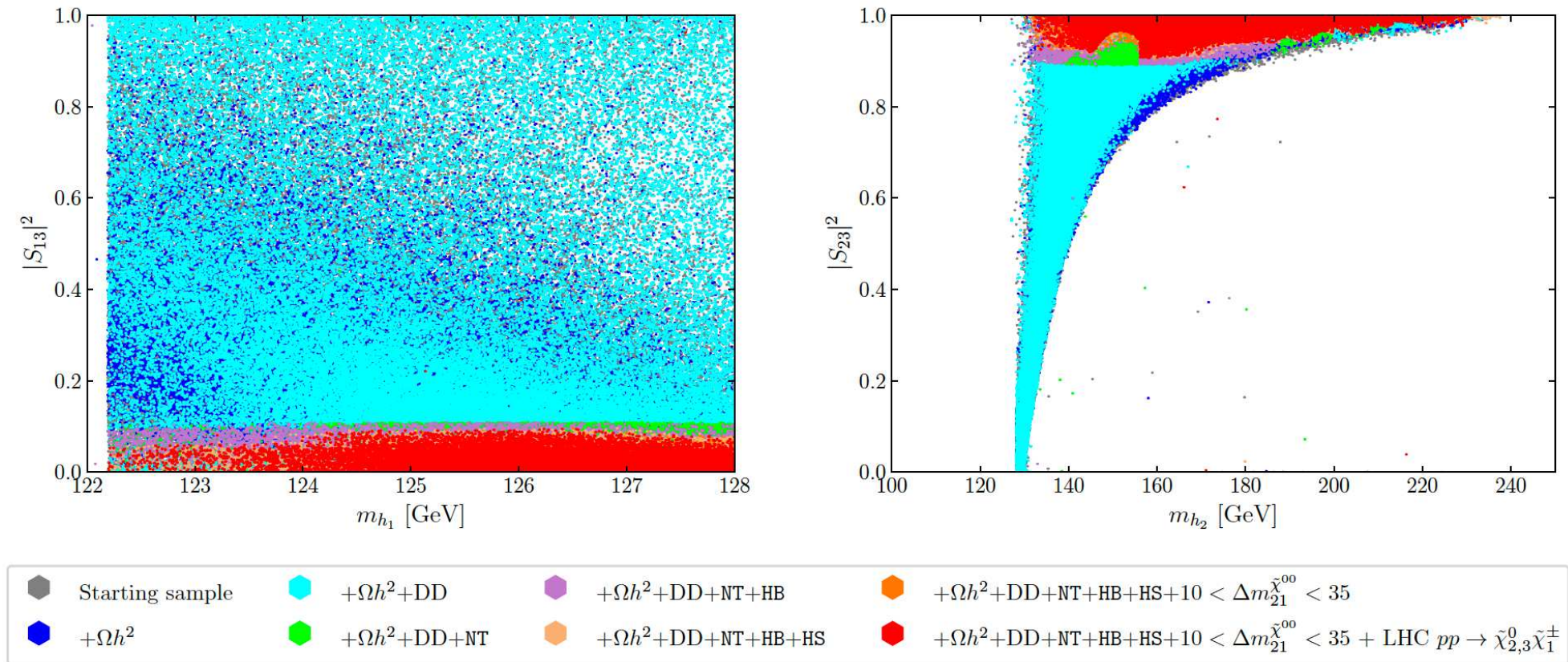
$\Delta m_{21} := m_{\tilde{\chi}_2^0} - m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0} \Rightarrow$ larger mass gap favors full relic density

higgsino(–): predictions for DD experiments



⇒ good prospects for next round of DD experiments

higgsino(–): Singlet components of light Higgses:



⇒ interesting prospects for light second Higgs?

⇒ so far in agreement with all bounds!

4. Conclusinos

- For the first time **consistent excesses** in ATLAS and CMS in SUSY **searches** have been observed.
- $pp \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_2^0 \tilde{\chi}_1^\pm \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^0 Z^* \tilde{\chi}_1^0 W^*$
with $m_{\tilde{\chi}_2^0} \approx m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm} \gtrsim 200$ GeV, $\Delta m := m_{\tilde{\chi}_2^0} - m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0} \approx 20 - 25$ GeV
- MSSM wino/bino DM with chargino co-annihilation ($|M_1| \sim M_2 \lesssim \mu$)
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 $\Rightarrow \mu \lesssim M_1 \sim M_2 / 2 \sim M_3 / 6$ ($M_3 = m_{\tilde{g}} \gtrsim 2$ TeV) $\Rightarrow$ GUT based
 - mass gap(s) well described **Excess fit: YES**
 - interesting prospects for next round of DD experiments

A still from the movie Star Wars: The Force Awakens. Poe Dameron, played by John Boyega, is in the foreground, looking up at Darth Vader. Vader is standing in a dark, industrial corridor with blue lighting. The text "Further Questions?" is overlaid in white.

Further Questions?

A) Wino/bino DM with chargino co-annihilation

Parameter scan:

$$100 \text{ GeV} \leq |M_1| \leq 400 \text{ GeV} ,$$

$$|M_1| \leq M_2 \leq 1.1|M_1| ,$$

$$1.1|M_1| \leq \mu \leq 10|M_1| ,$$

$$2 \leq \tan \beta \leq 60 ,$$

$$100 \text{ GeV} \leq m_{\tilde{L}} \leq 1.5 \text{ TeV} ,$$

$$m_{\tilde{R}} = m_{\tilde{L}} .$$

(latter condition only to make the analysis simpler, no relevant effect)

wino/bino(+): $M_1 \times \mu > 0$

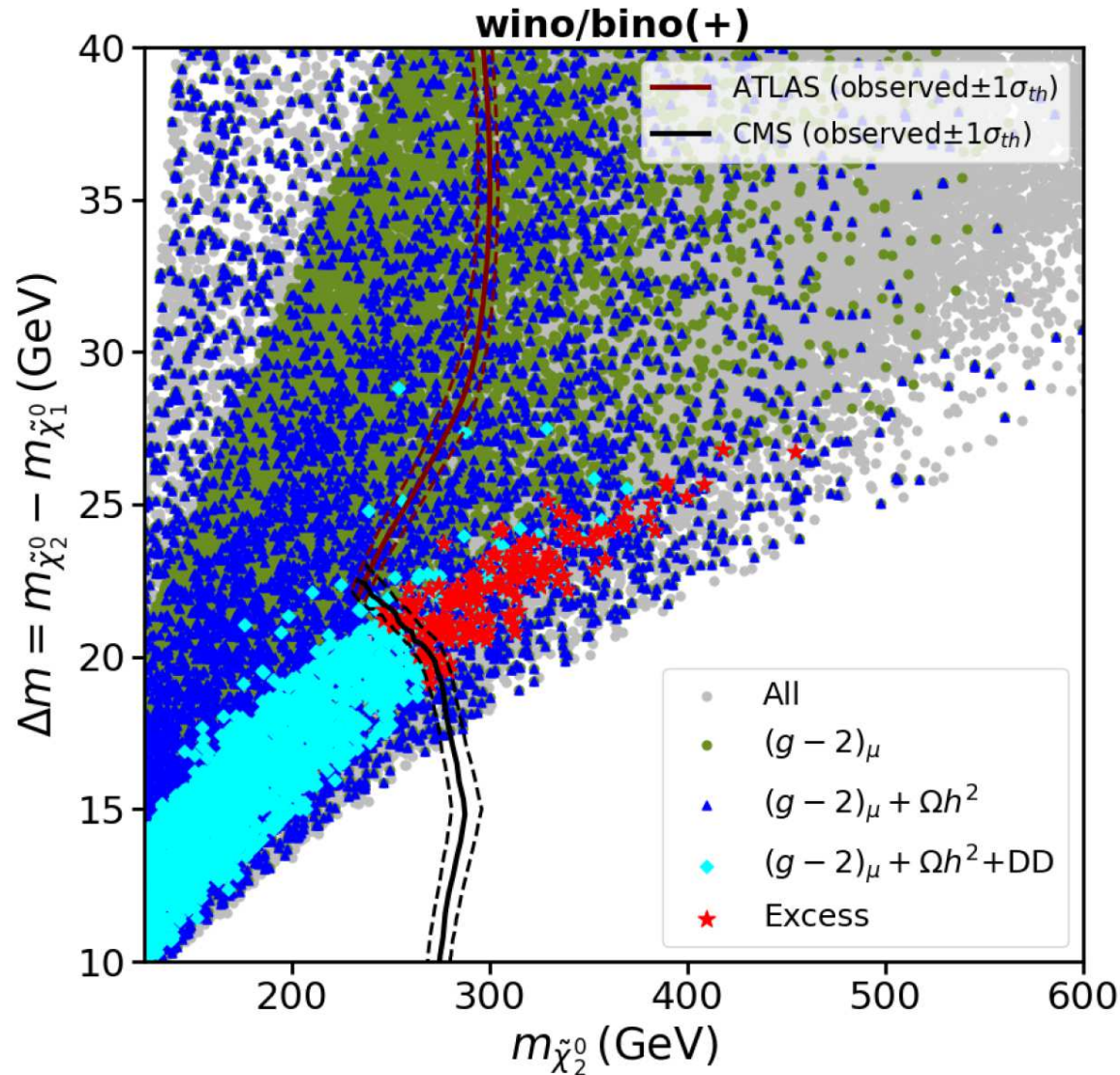
wino/bino(−): $M_1 \times \mu < 0$

relic DM density can be 100% fulfilled

$\Rightarrow m_{(\text{N})\text{LSP}} \lesssim 600(650) \text{ GeV}$

(original scan assuming a 5σ deviation in $(g-2)_\mu$)

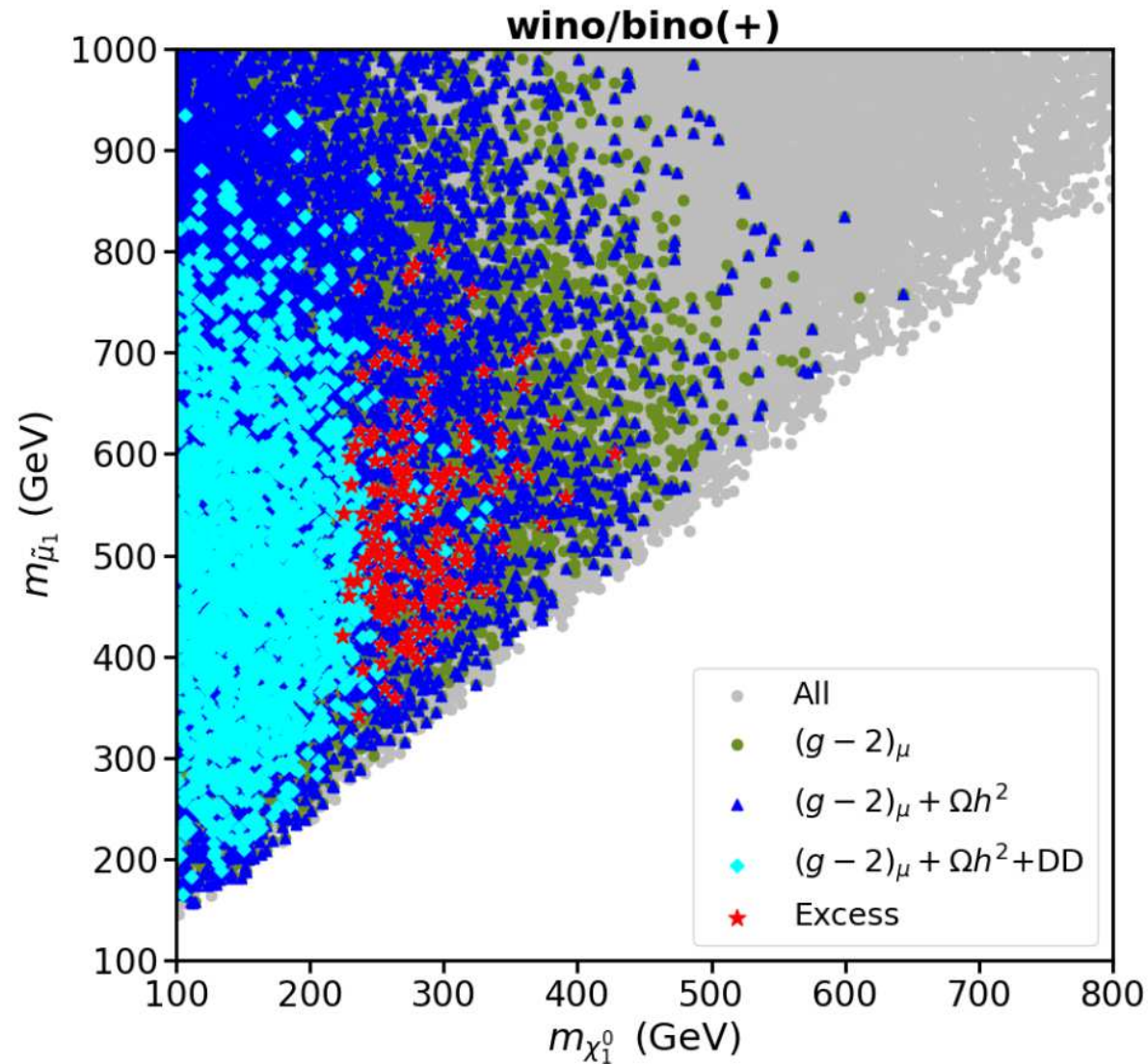
wino/bino(+): results in the $m_{\tilde{\chi}_2^0} - \Delta m$ plane:



$\Rightarrow$ excesses not fully at the same $\Delta m \dots$

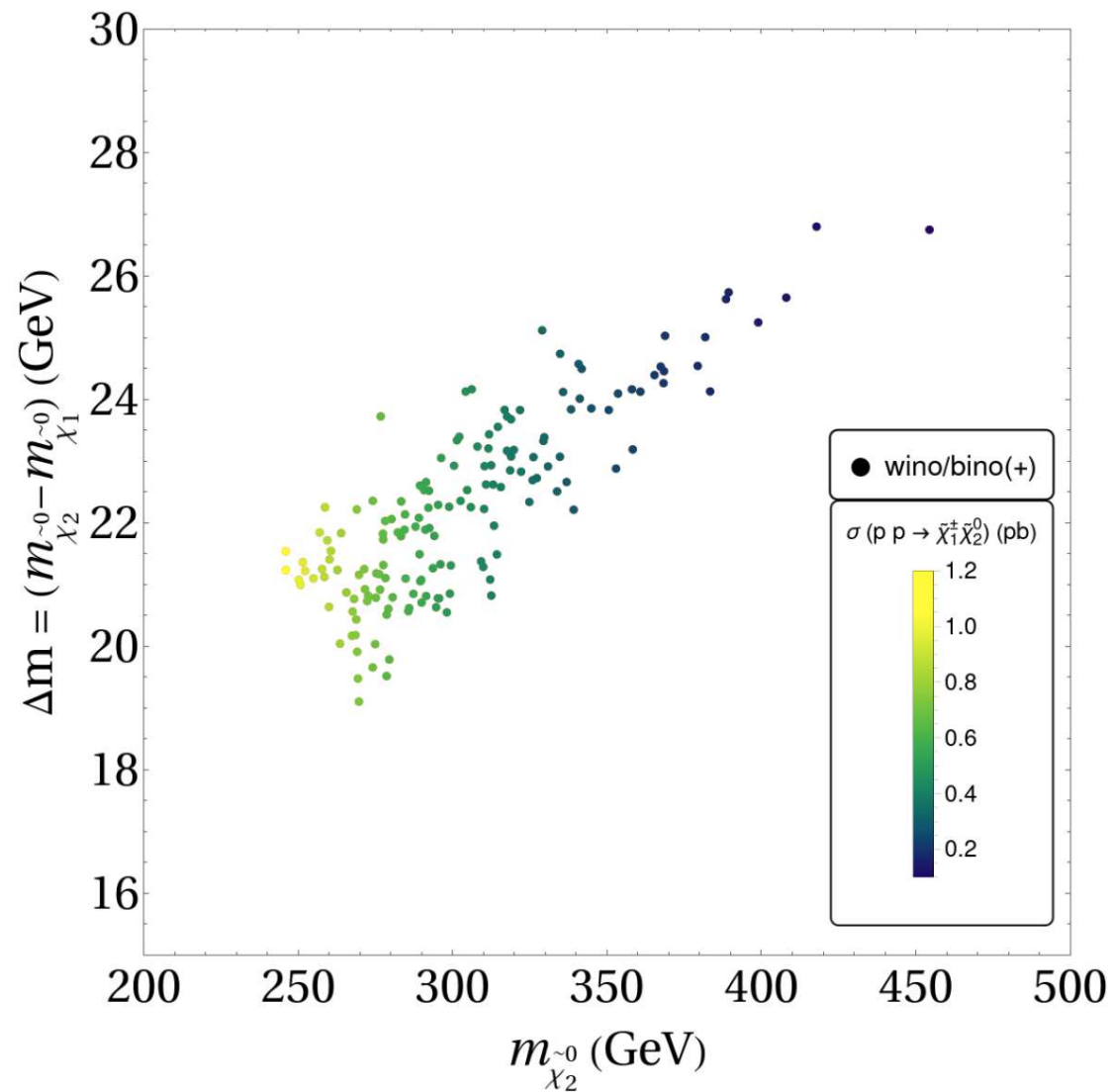
$\Rightarrow$ but many “good points” at $\Delta m \sim 20$ GeV

wino/bino(+): limits on slepton masses:



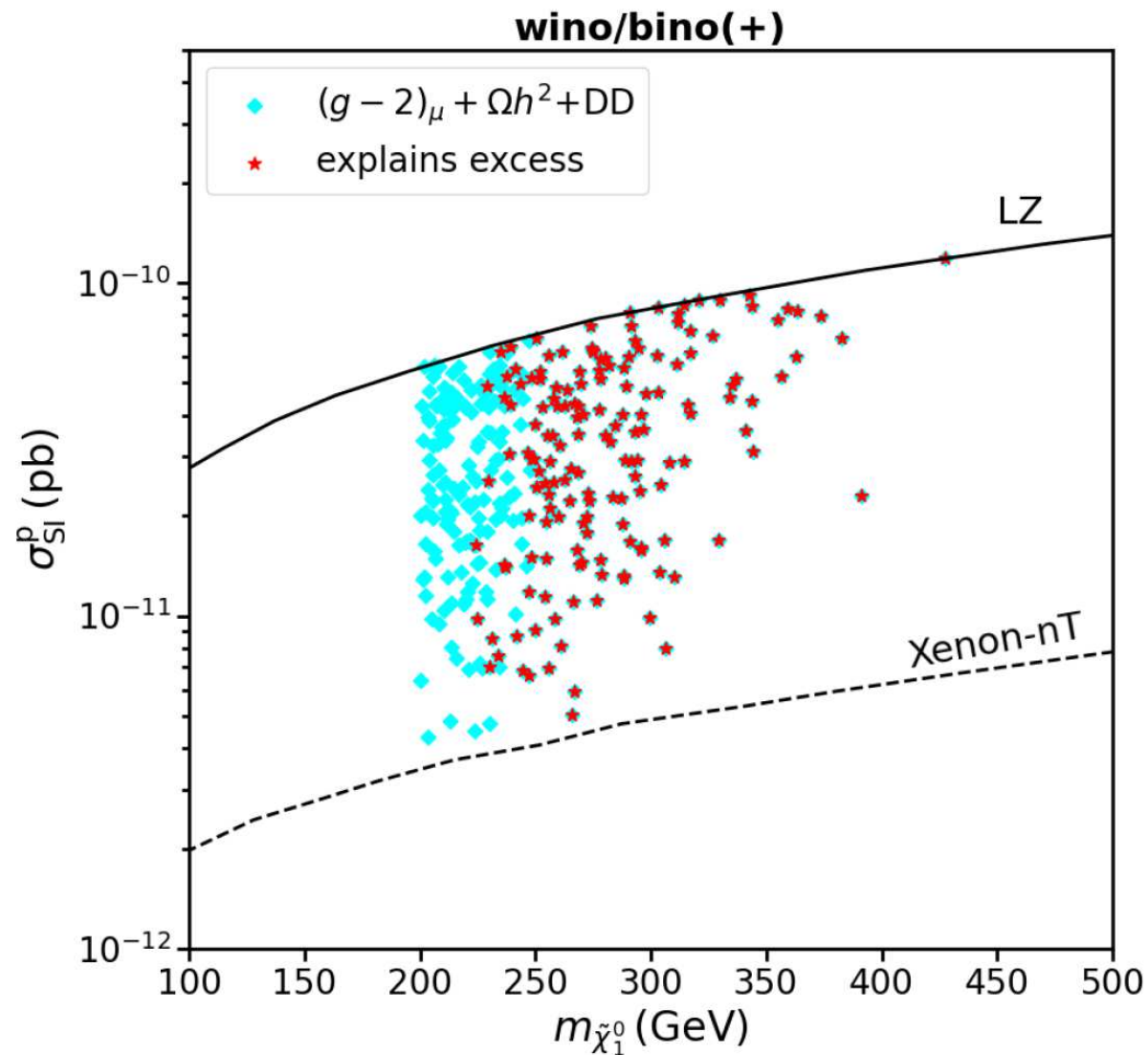
⇒ no limits on slepton masses (as expected)

wino/bino(+): LHC cross sections:



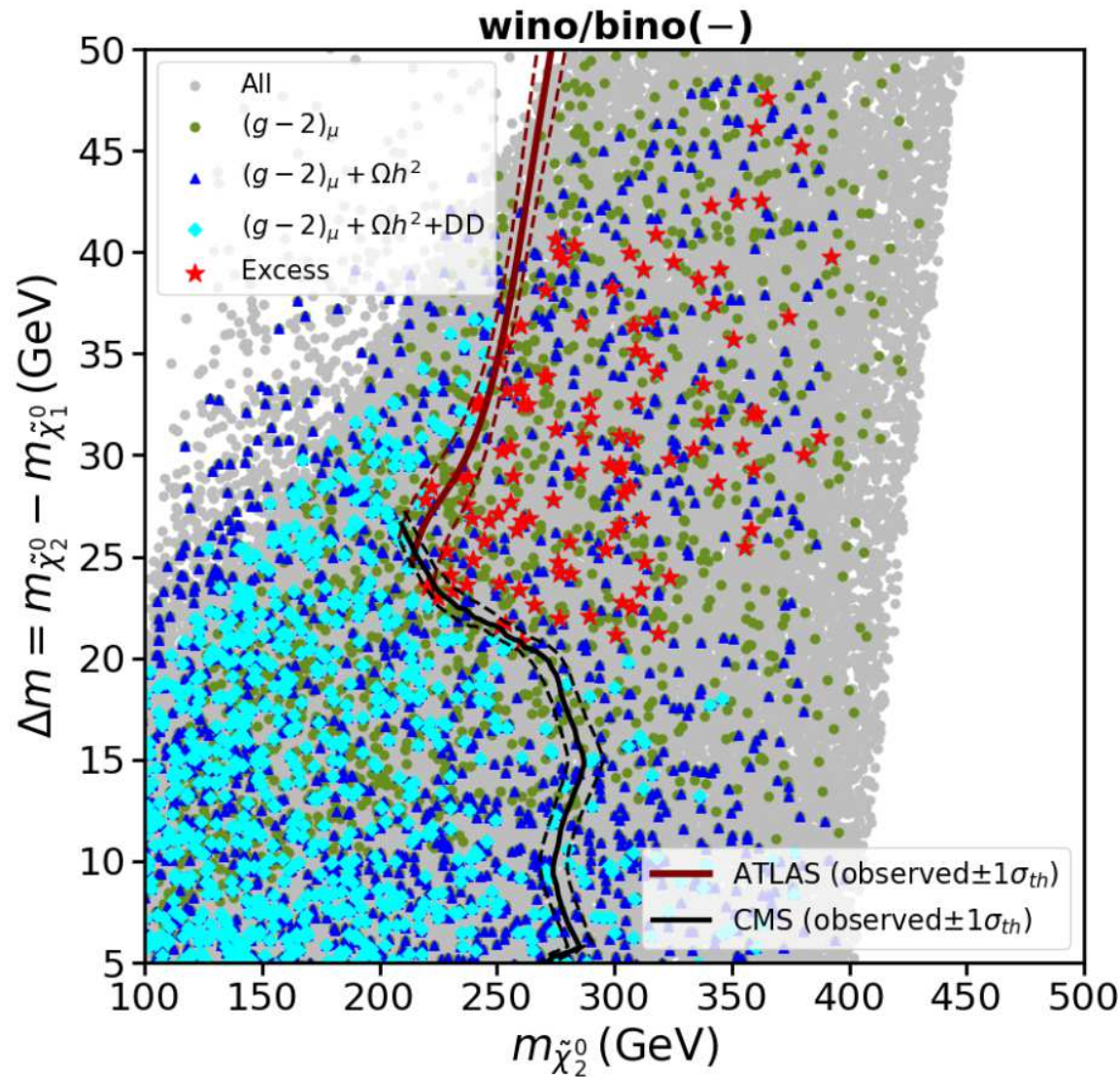
⇒ for lower massess XS have roughly the size required by excesses

wino/bino(+): direct detection prospects:



$\Rightarrow$ wino/bino(+)/ $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm$ co-annihilation will be covered by XENON-nT/LZ

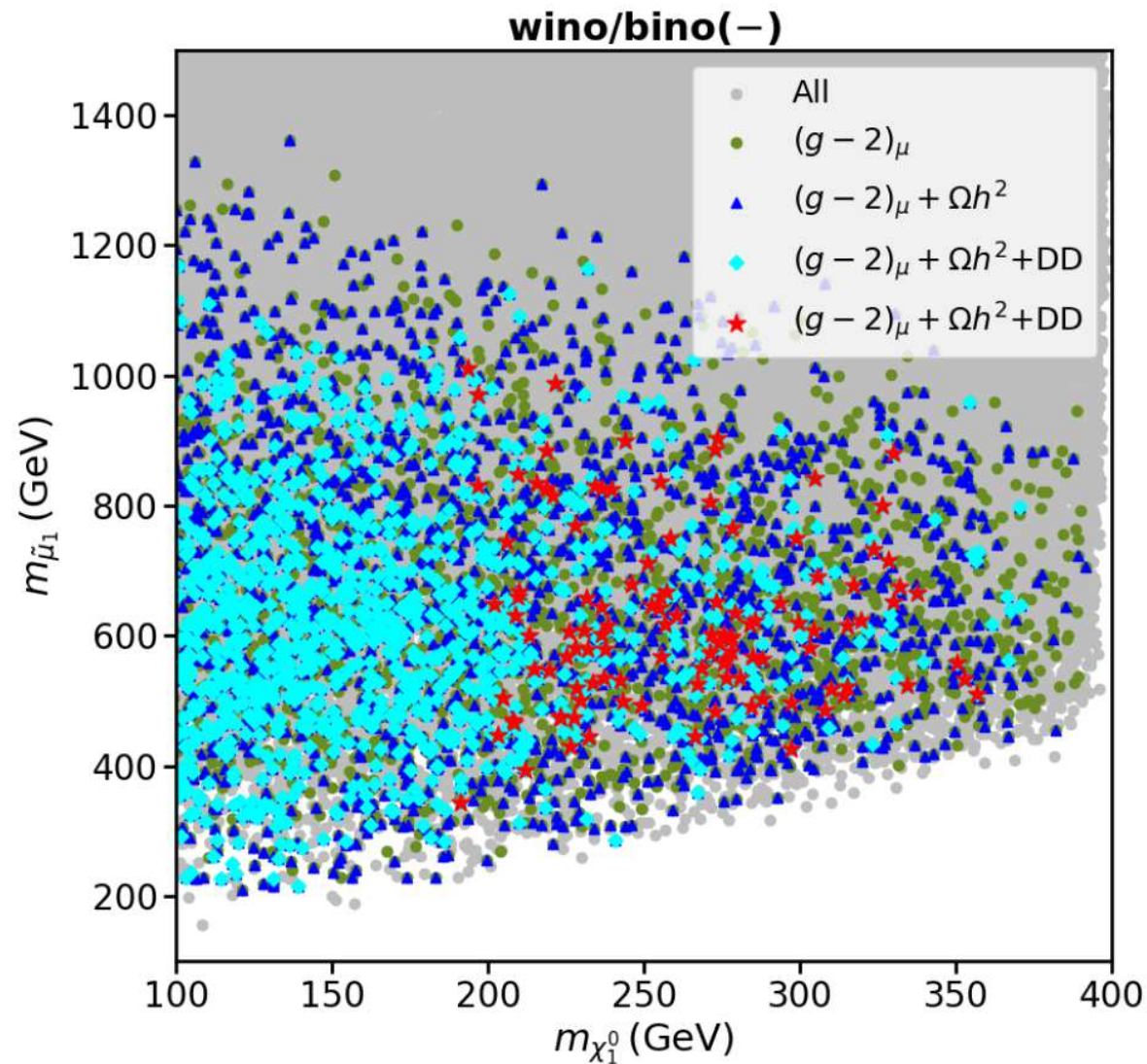
wino/bino(–): results in the $m_{\tilde{\chi}_2^0} - \Delta m$ plane:



⇒ ATLAS/CMS excesses agree better in Δm than for wino/bino(+)

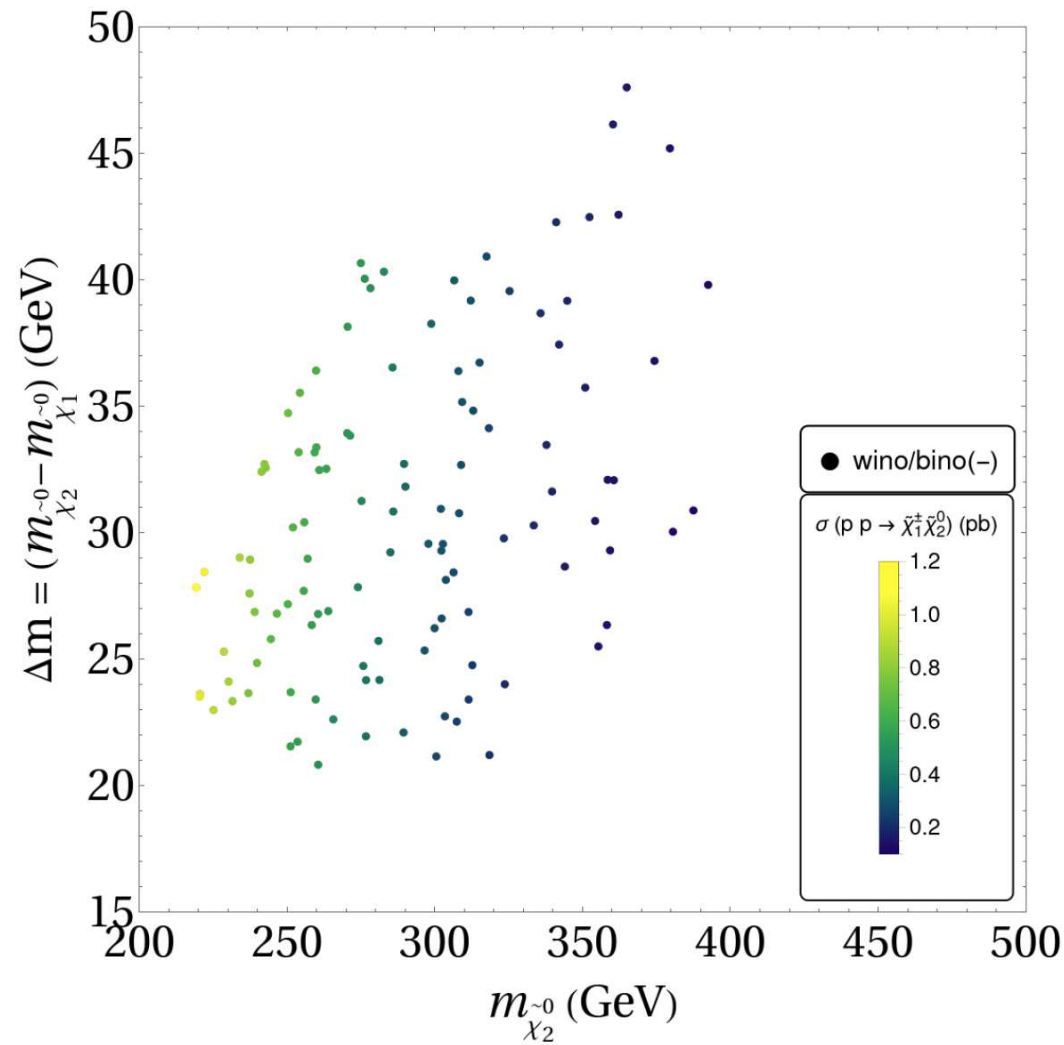
⇒ but many “good points” at $\Delta m \sim 25$ GeV

wino/bino(–): limits on slepton masses:



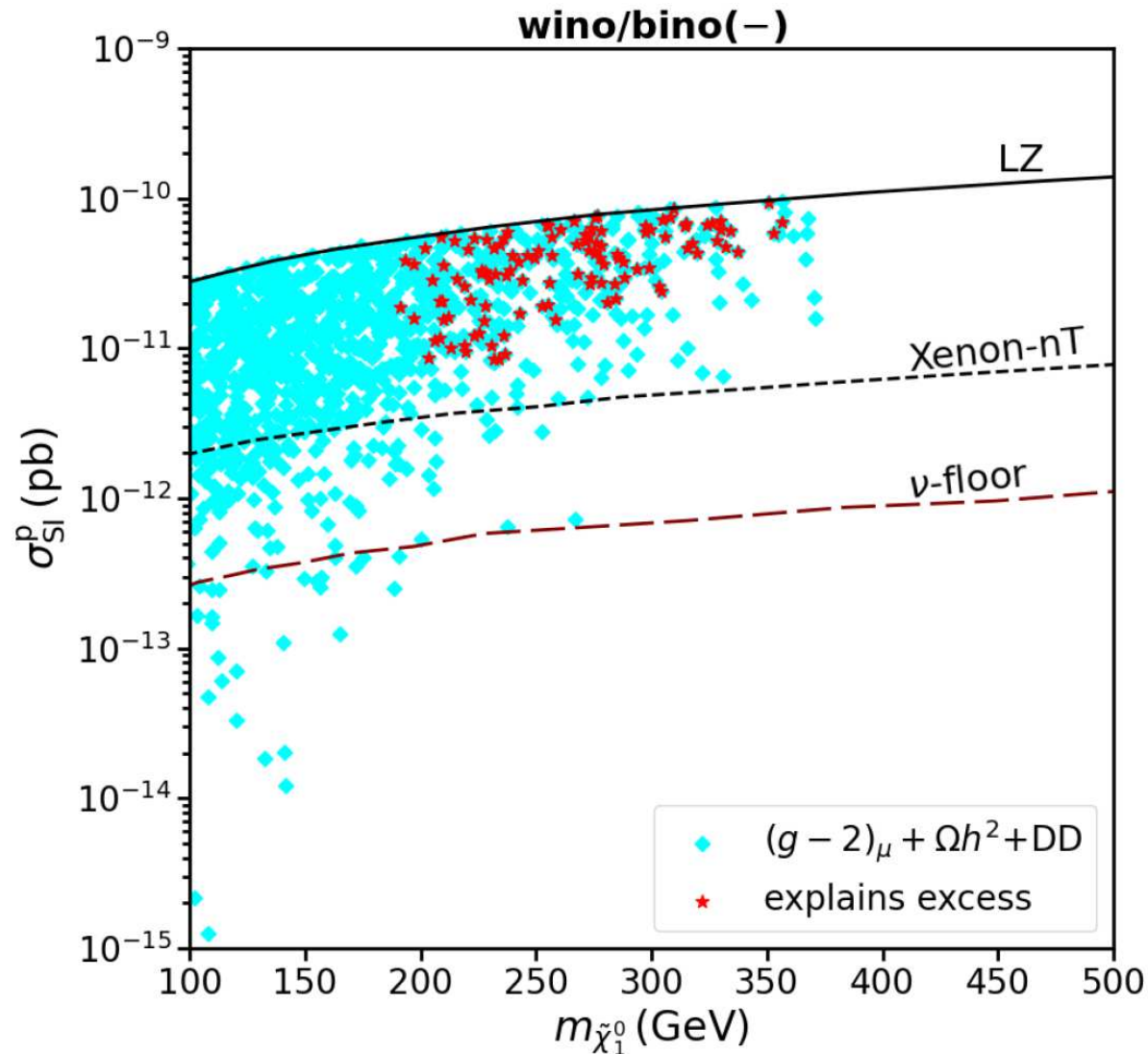
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wino/bino(–): direct detection prospects:



$\Rightarrow$ wino/bino(–)/ $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm$ co-annihilation will be covered by XENON-nT/LZ
 $\Rightarrow$ low mass points now excluded $\Rightarrow$ would have been a problem for DD

D) Higgsino DM

Original parameter scan: ($M_1 \times \mu > 0$)

$$100 \text{ GeV} \leq \mu \leq 1.2 \text{ TeV} ,$$

$$1.1\mu \leq M_1 \leq 10\mu ,$$

$$1.1M_2 \leq \mu \leq 10\mu ,$$

$$5 \leq \tan \beta \leq 60 ,$$

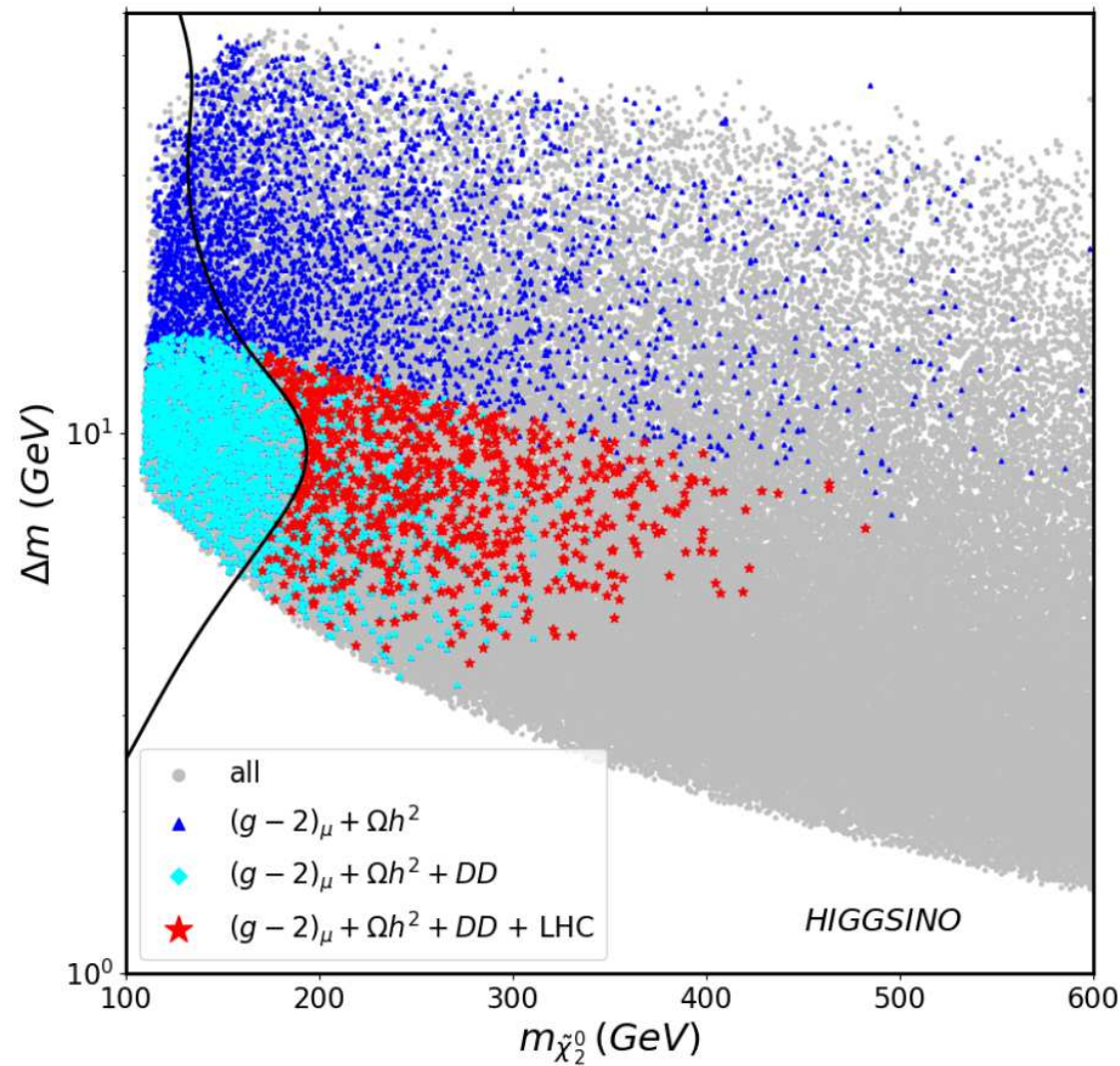
$$100 \text{ GeV} \leq m_{\tilde{L}}, m_{\tilde{R}} \leq 2 \text{ TeV} ,$$

$$\Rightarrow m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0} \sim m_{\tilde{\chi}_2^0} \sim m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm} \sim \mu$$

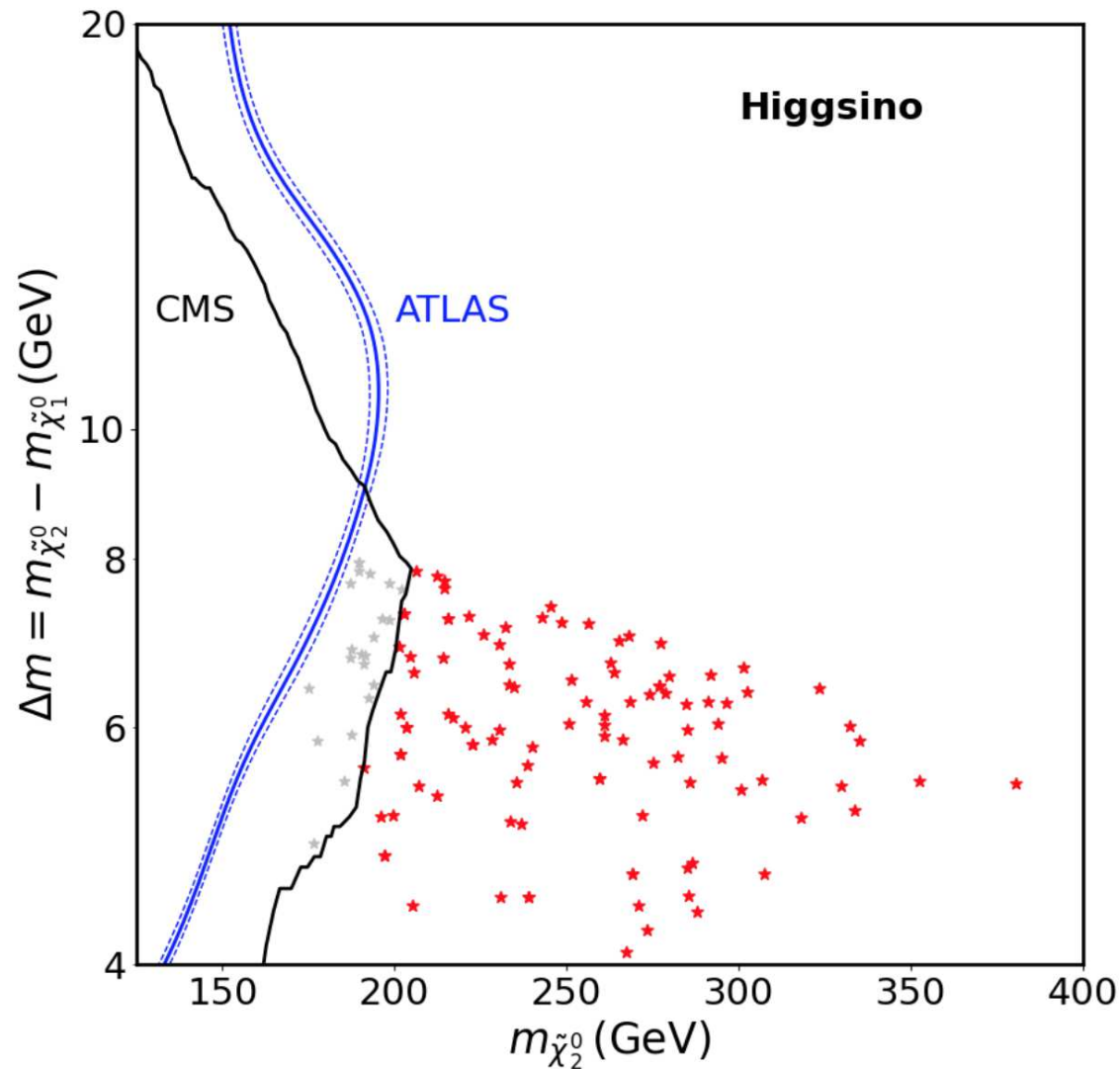
Full DM relic density reached only for $m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0} \sim 1 \text{ TeV}$

$\Rightarrow$ incompatible with a 5σ deviation in $(g-2)_\mu$

$$\Rightarrow m_{(\text{N})\text{LSP}} \lesssim 500 \text{ GeV}$$

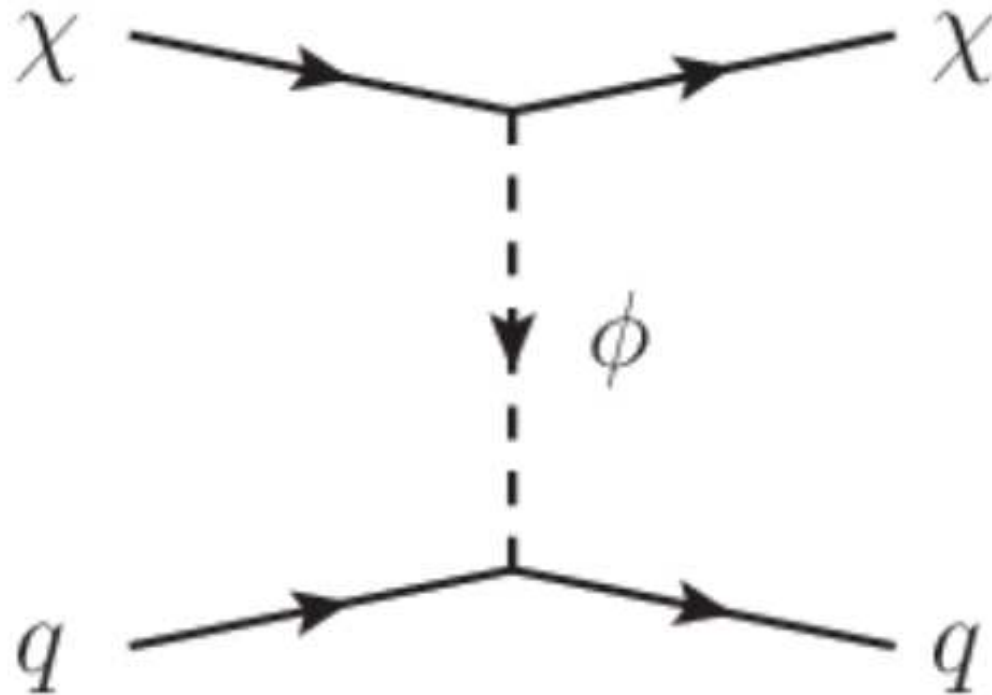


⇒ direct detection is the limiting factor on Δm



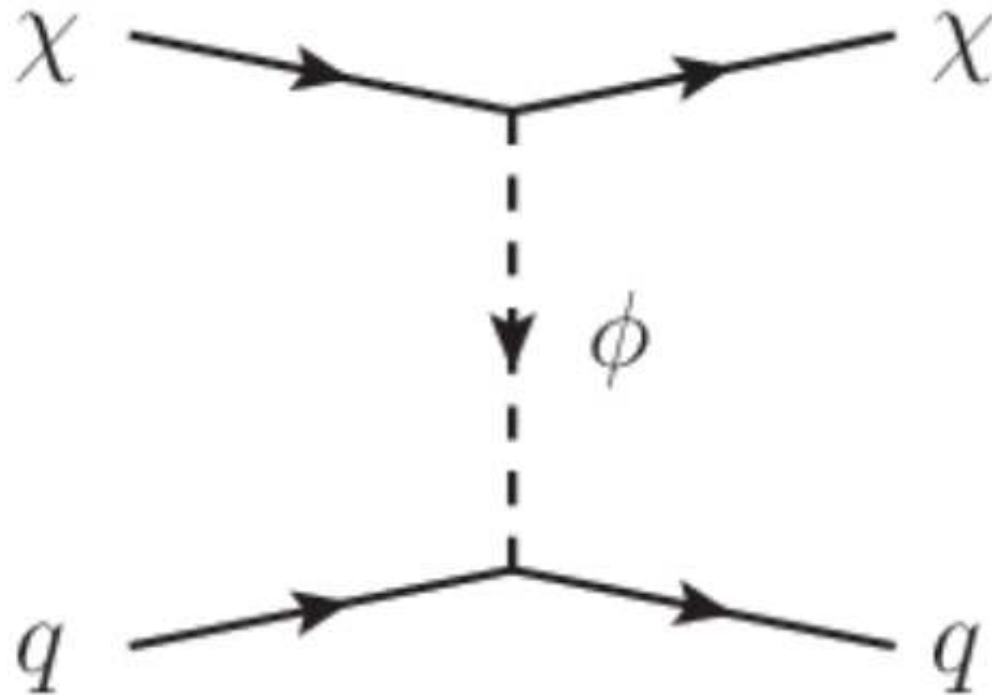
⇒ excess not fitted :- (⇒ DD cuts away the “good points”

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New scan with $M_1 \times \mu < 0$

$$-190 \text{ GeV} \leq M_1 \leq -1500 \text{ GeV} ,$$

$$M_2 = 2 \text{ TeV} ,$$

$$\mu = \frac{-2M_1 \tan \beta}{4 + x_1 \tan^2 \beta}, \quad x_1 = \frac{m_h^2}{m_H^2} ,$$

$$5 \leq \tan \beta \leq 50 ,$$

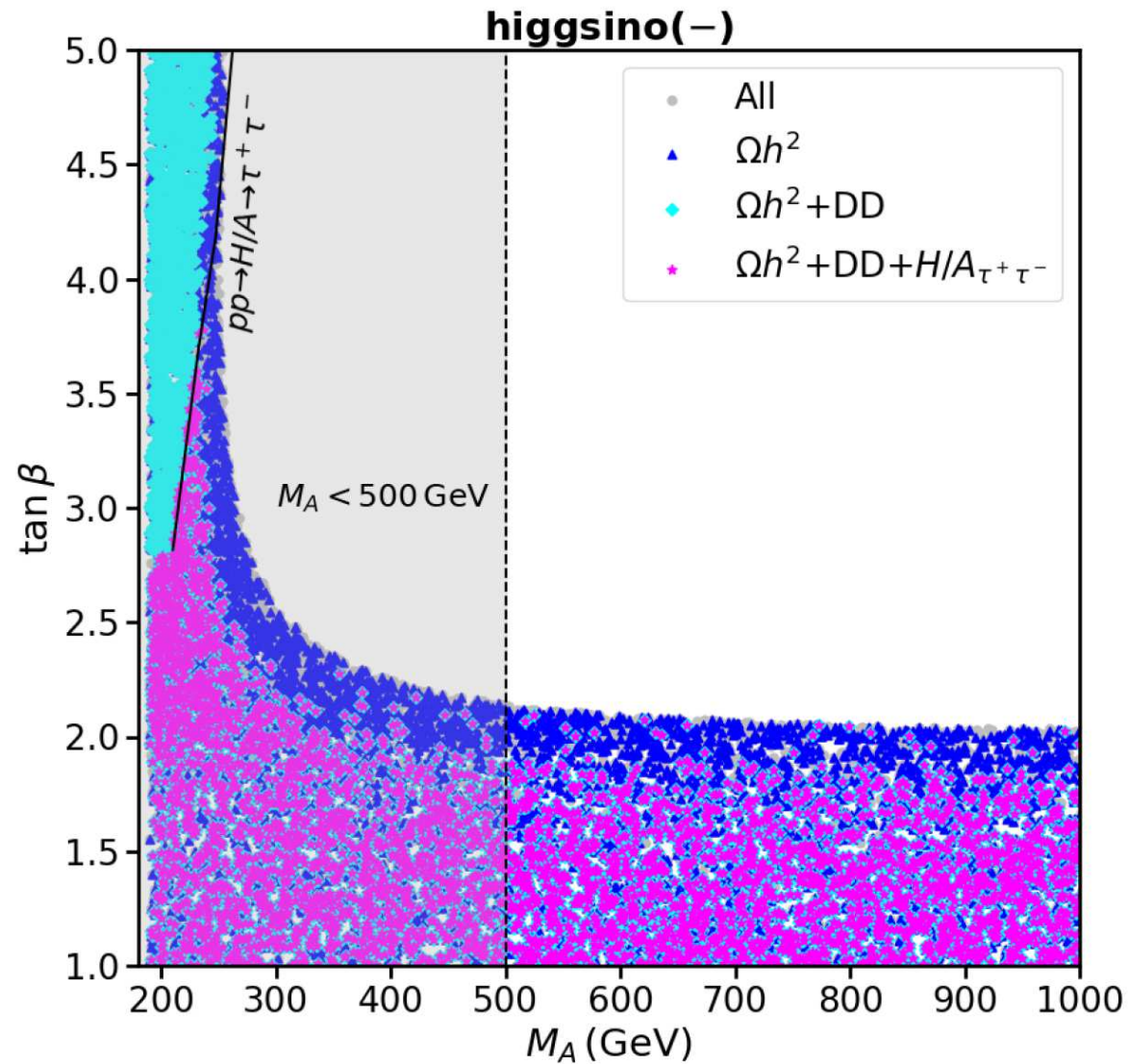
$$190 \leq M_A \leq 1200 ,$$

$$2M_1 \leq m_{\tilde{l}_L}, m_{\tilde{l}_R} \leq 1500 \text{ GeV} ,$$

Condition on μ and M_1 : exact blind spot conditions

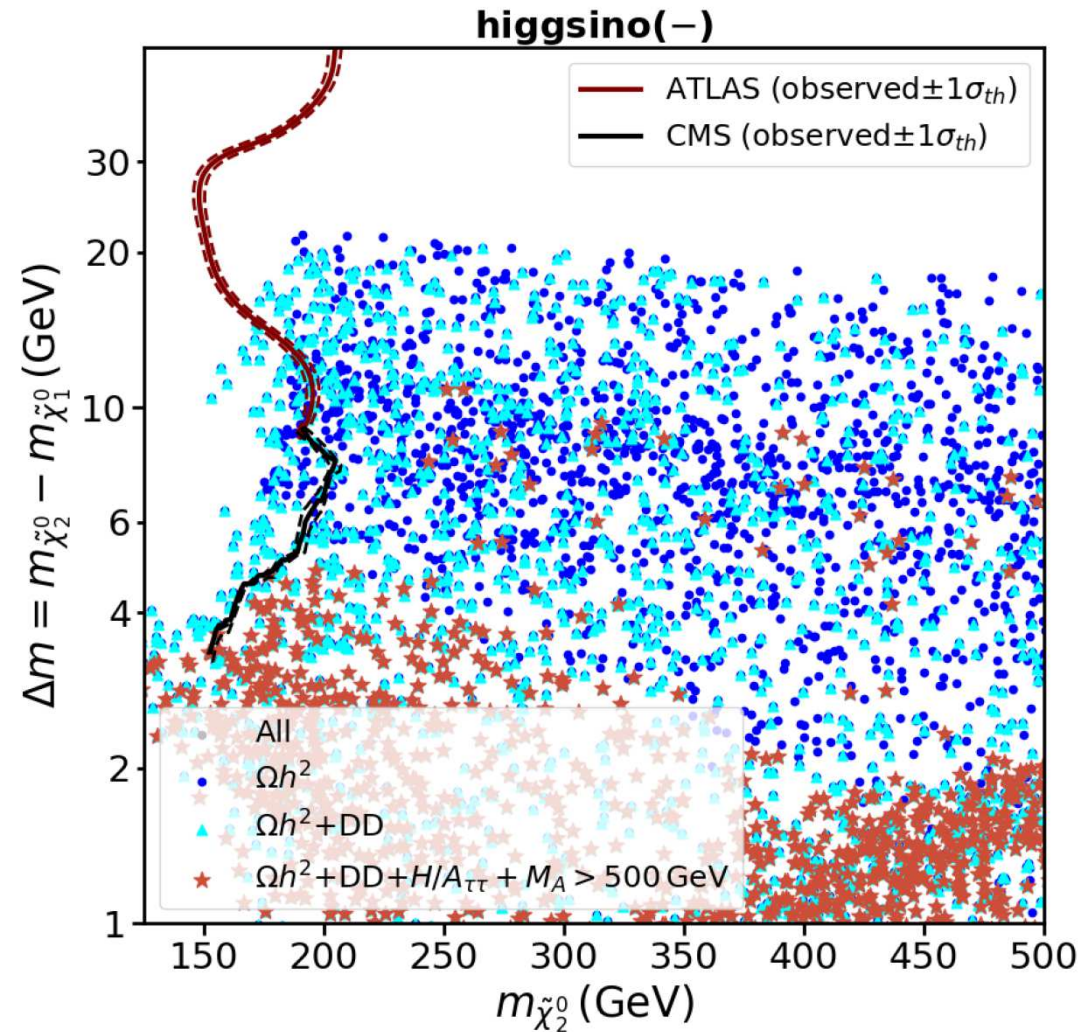
relaxed blind spot condition: scan up to $\mu/|M_1| < 1$

New scan with $M_1 \times \mu < 0$



$\Rightarrow M_A \gtrsim 500$ GeV and $\tan \beta \lesssim 2$ allowed

New scan with $M_1 \times \mu < 0$



⇒ restrictions still cut away the “good parameter space”

⇒ higgsino(-) does not work (in the MSSM)