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Searches for GMSB at the LHC

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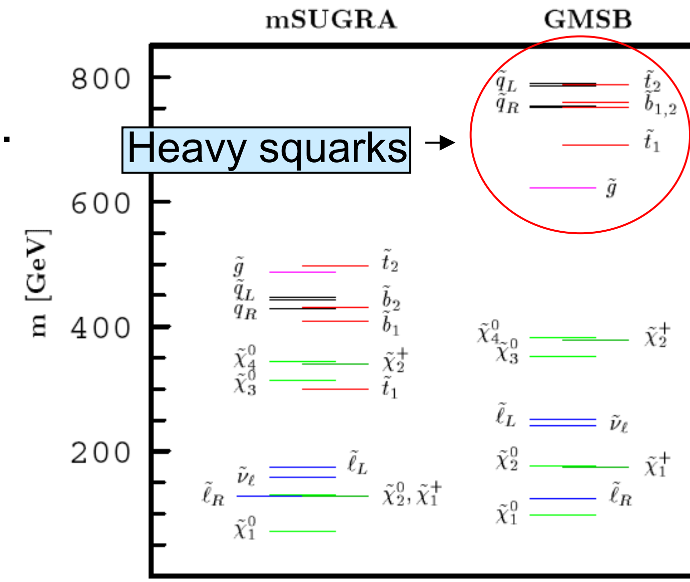
Outline

- GMSB Model
- GMSB signatures and discovery potential
  - Photon final states
  - Heavy stable charged particles
- Summary

GMSB – Model I

- SUSY is a good candidate for BSM physics
- SUSY breaking: gravity, gauge interactions, ...
- GMSB decribed in renormalizable framework (in contrast to mSUGRA)



Par.	Description
Λ	SUSY breaking scale
M	Messenger mass scale
tanβ	Ratio of Higgs VEVs
N	Number of messenger multiplets
sign(μ)	Sign of Higgs mass parameter
C_{grav}	Scale factor of Gravitino mass (NLSP lifetime)

Features:

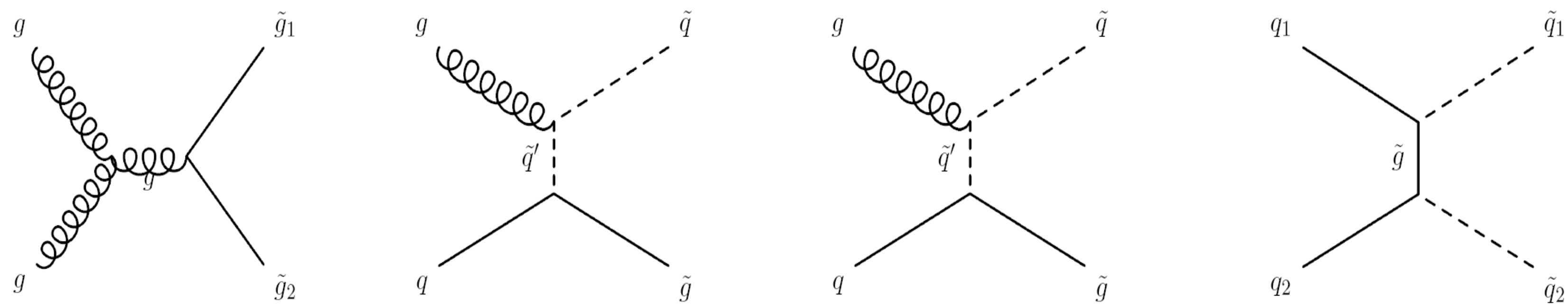
- Lightest SUSY particle (LSP): Goldstino/Gravitino (m ≤ keV)
- 2nd lightest SUSY particle (NLSP): Neutralino or Slepton
- Missing energy from Gravitino
- Possible: hard photons

Present GMSB limits from TeVatron searches:

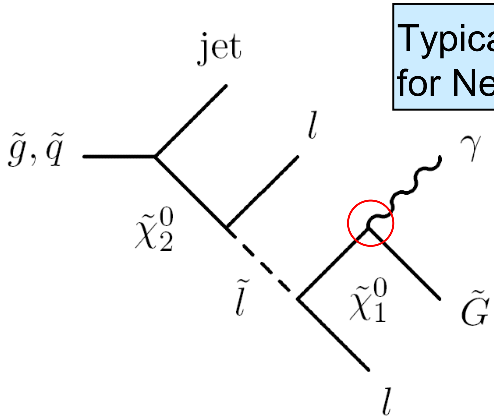
Par.	Λ	$m_{Neutralino}$	$m_{Chargino}$
Limit	84.6 TeV	114 GeV	209 GeV

GMSB – Model II

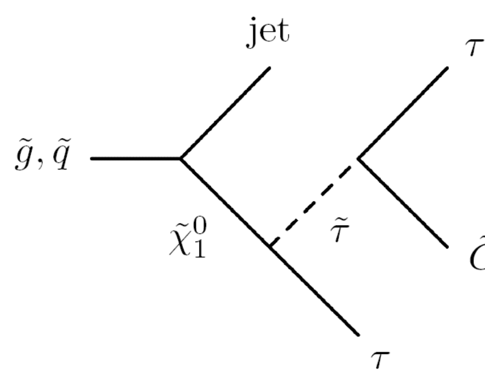
- LHC will probe new energy range in pp@14 TeV
- Squarks and gluinos will be produced (cross section: a few pb) e.g. via



- Different final states compared to mSUGRA



Typical decay chain for Neutralino NLSP

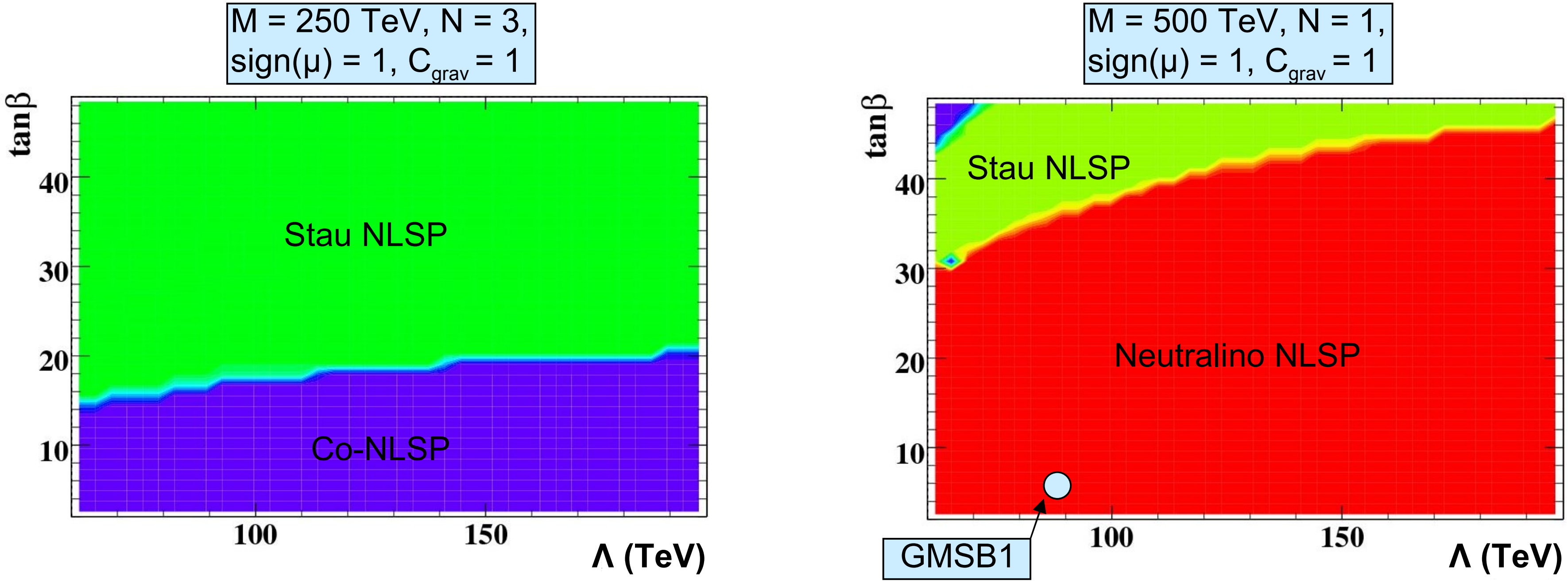


Typical decay chain for Stau NLSP

→ This talk: Results of simulation studies of ATLAS and CMS

GMSB – Model III

- 4 main topologies in GMSB (red covered in this talk):
  - Neutralino NLSP:
    - -Prompt decay: di-photon events (e.g. N = 1, C_{grav} = 1)
    - -Non-pointing photons (e.g. N = 1, C_{grav} = 55)
  - Slepton NLSP:
    - -Prompt decay: di-lepton final state (e.g. N = 3, C_{grav} = 1)
    - -Long lifetime sleptons: quasi stable sleptons (e.g. N = 3, C_{grav} = 5000)

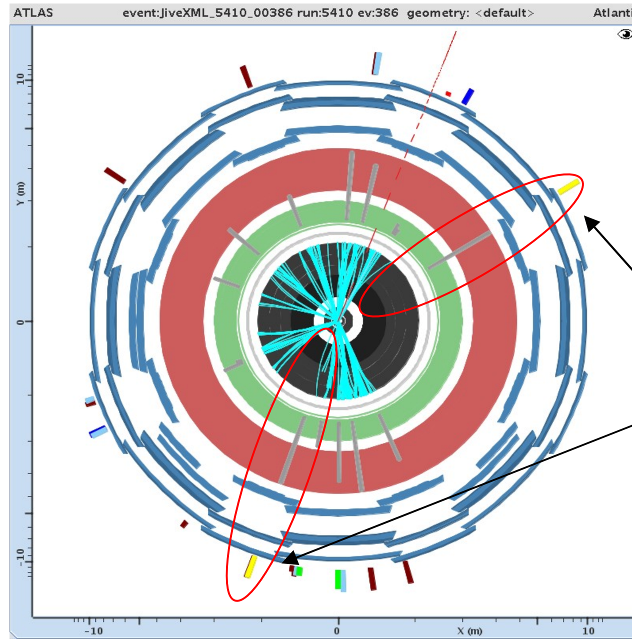


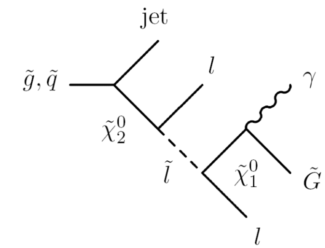
Prompt photon selection (1fb^{-1})

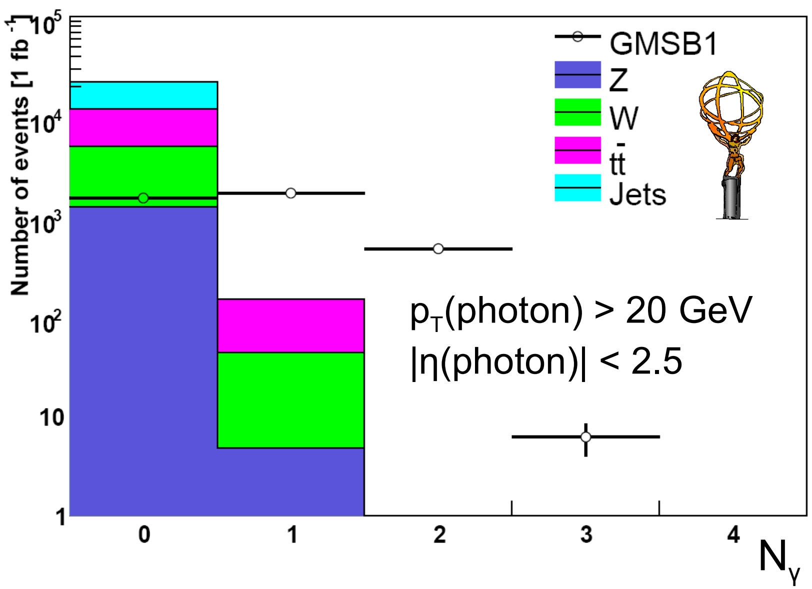
GMSB1 scenario (7.8 pb)

“Standard" SUSY cuts:

- E_T^{miss} > 100 GeV
- E_T^{miss} > 0.2 M_{eff}
- N_{jets} > 4
- p_T(jets) > 50 GeV
- p_T(leading jet) > 100 GeV



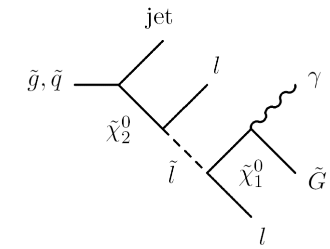




- Cuts on missing energy and effective mass reject BG (full simulation, ALPGEN).
- Striking feature in GMSB1: Prompt photons with high momentum.
- Additional requirement of 2 photons:

→ 316.7 signal events, 2.2 BG events

Di-photon discovery potential ($1 fb^{-1}$)



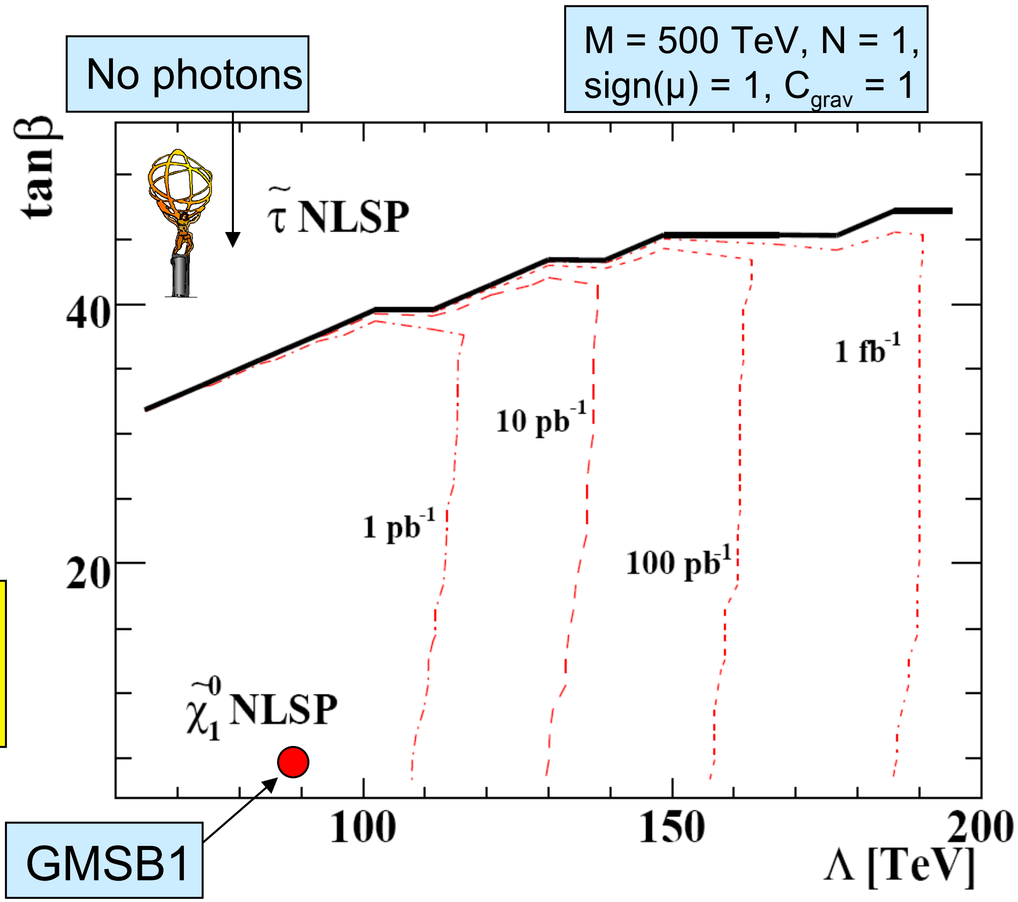
- Scan of GMSB parameter space using a fast simulation.
- Photon efficiency derived from comparison with full simulation.

Contour lines with 5 signal events.

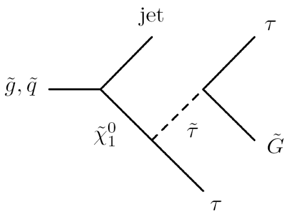
Decrease of cross section with Λ

→ Decrease of significance

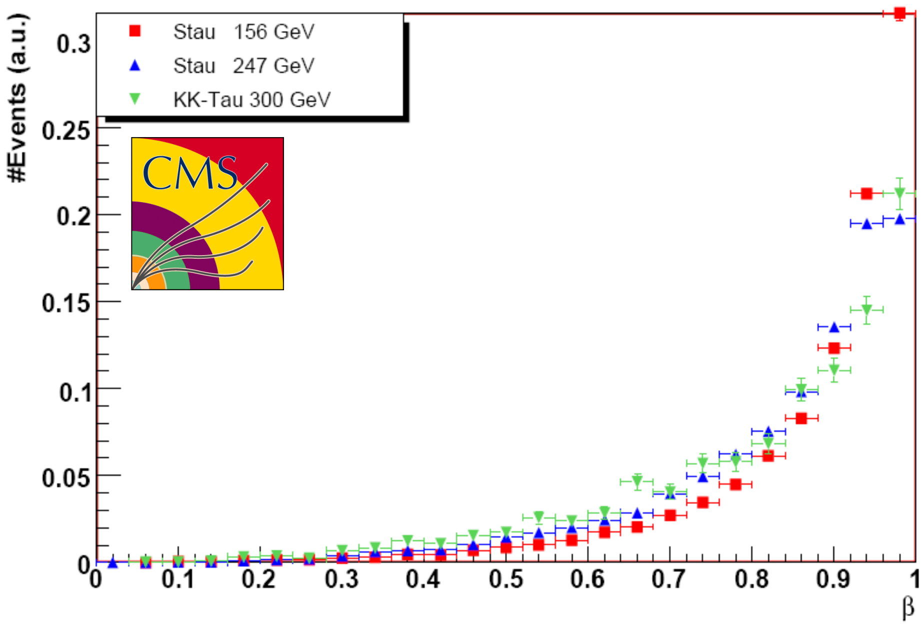
→ Large discovery potential of di-photon signature in part of parameter space.



Heavy stable charged particles (HSCPs)



- In some GMSB scenarios: NLSP = Slepton (e.g. N >1, large tanβ).
- Due to C_{grav}, sleptons can have long lifetime:
  - Heavy stable charged particle with β < 1.
  - For β ~ 1 not distinguishable from ordinary muons
    → use muon triggers (besides missing energy triggers).
  - For β < 1 bunch crossing identification challenging, but most events contain a high β slepton.



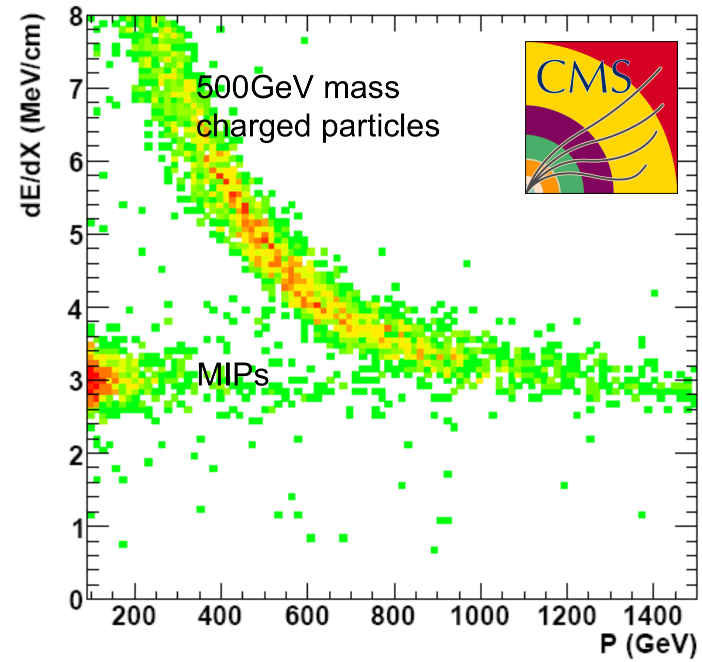
Scenarios recently studied by CMS

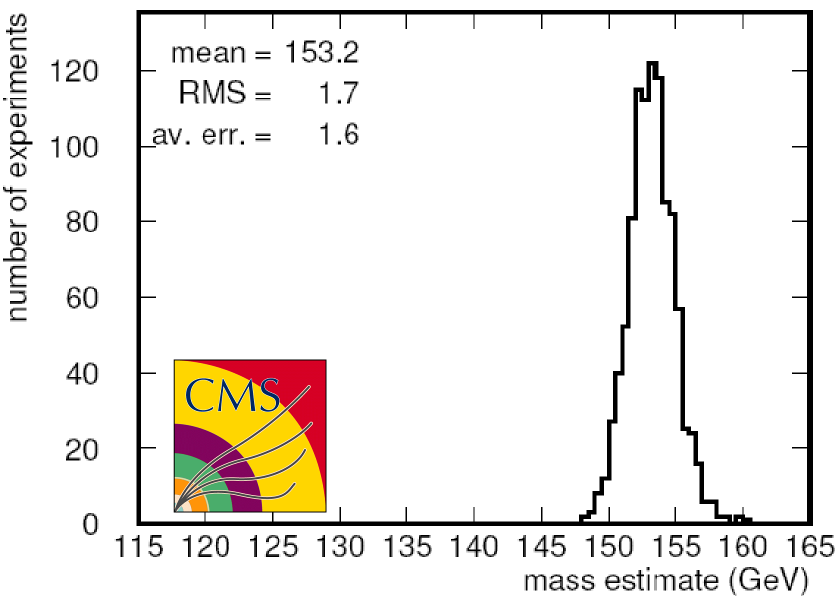
N	3	3
Λ(TeV)	50	80
M (TeV)	100	160
tanβ	10	10
sign(μ)	1	1
C_{grav}	10^4	10^4
Stau mass (GeV)	156	247

β and mass measurement

- 2 strategies for measurement of β:
  1. β from time of flight (muon system)
     - Both ATLAS and CMS use drift tubes
  2. β from ionisation (dE/dx) in tracker (CMS)

     β from time over threshold in TRT (ATLAS)
  - Combination of methods allows good BG rejection.





- Stau mass can be estimated from β and p_T

$$m = p_T \sqrt{\frac{1}{\beta^2} - 1}$$

- Example GMSB scenario:

  M_{gen} = 152.31 GeV

  M_{est} = [153.2 ± 1.6 (stat.) ± 0.9 (syst.)] GeV

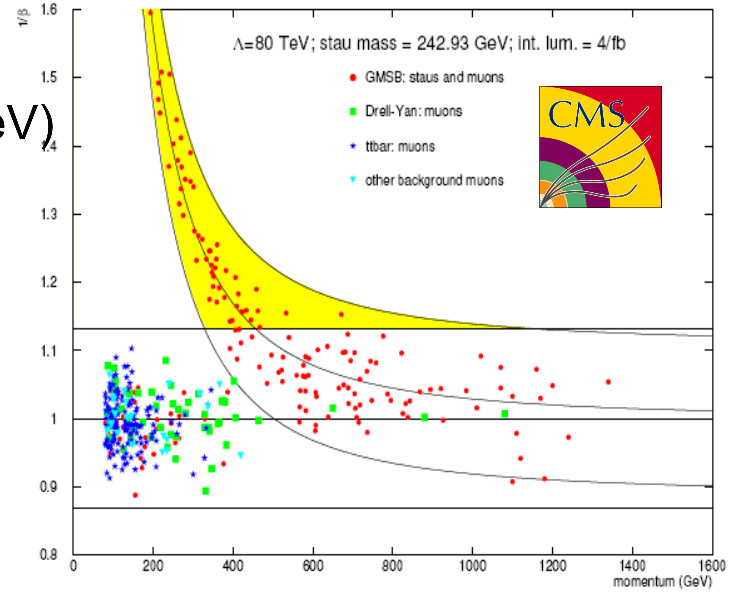
HSCP selection (1fb^{-1})

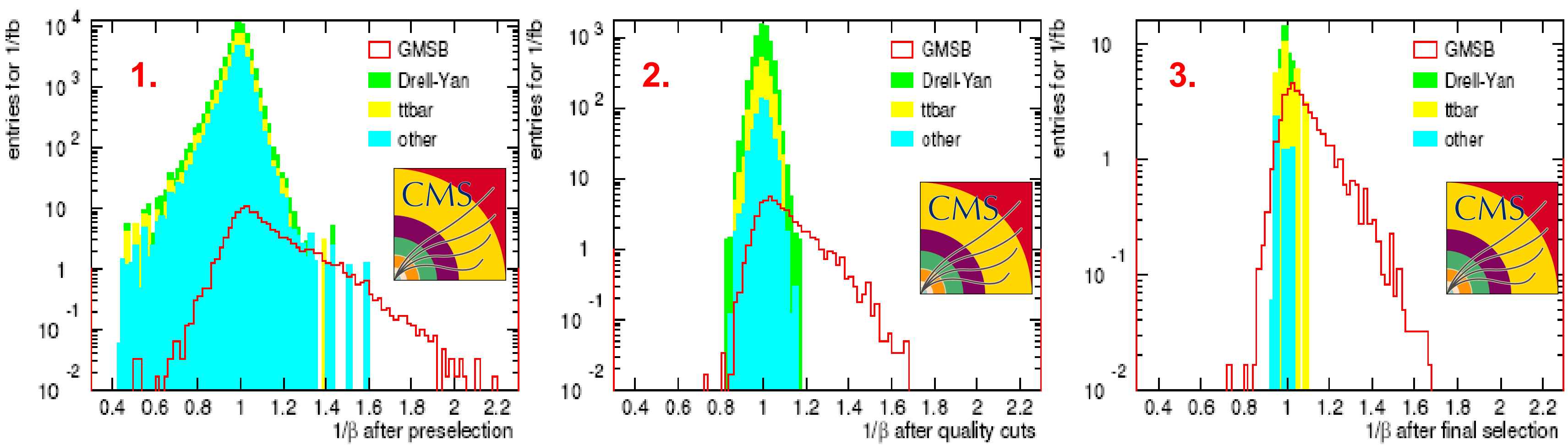
- Selection cuts (Λ = 80 TeV):
  1. Pre-selection: single muon trigger (p_T > 80 GeV)
  2. Quality requirements (muon system)
  3. Final selection:

     Muon pair with p_T > 60 GeV, $M_{\mu\mu}$ > 110 GeV

     M_{eff} > 360 GeV
  - β cut

→ 12 signal events, 0.05 background events





Summary

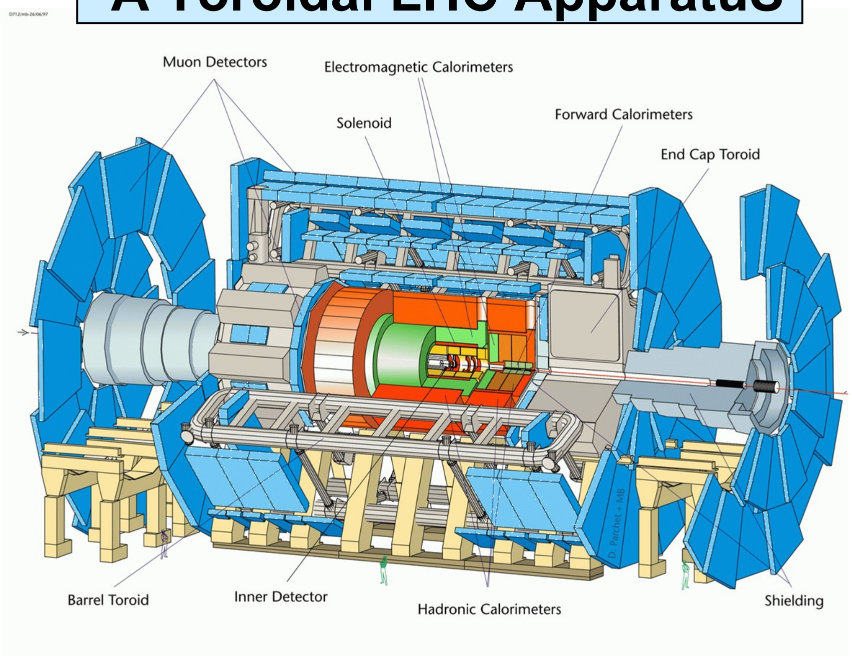
- GMSB possible model for SUSY breaking.
- Striking signatures expected at the LHC:
  - Di-photon (prompt)

    → Clean signal, low background.
  - Quasi stable staus

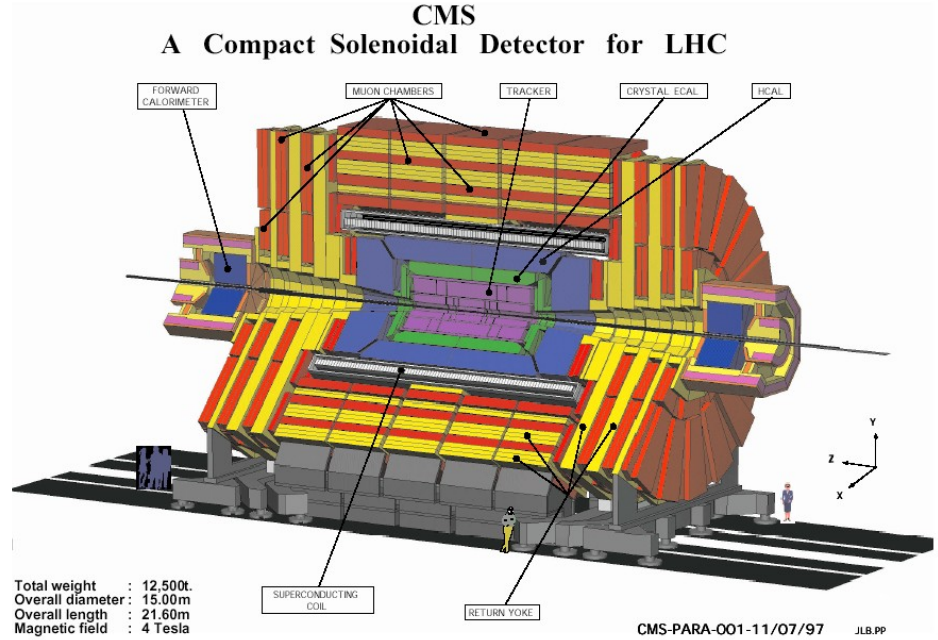
    → Promising results in selection, mass and velocity measurement.
- Discovery possible already with early data!
- Be prepared for first LHC collisions scheduled for this year!

ATLAS and CMS detectors

A Toroidal LHC ApparatuS



Compact Muon Solenoid



Total weight	**7000 t**
Overall diameter	**25 m**
Barrel toroid length	**26 m**
End-cap span	**46 m**
Magnetic field	**2 Tesla**

Total weight	**12 500 t**
Overall diameter	**15 m**
Overall length	**21 m**
Magnetic field	**4 Tesla**