

# Tau final states in SUSY

- attempted overview  
of German exclusive studies

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## *outline*

- Introduction: different SUSY models considered in this talk
- Discovery potential with taus in GMSB
- $\tau\tau$  invariant mass spectra in RPC scenarios:
  - Endpoint determination with “low” integrated luminosity ( $\sim 1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )
  - Endpoint and polarization measurement with “high” integrated luminosity (several  $10 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )
- Taus in mSUGRA-like RPV scenarios



# SUSY models

## R parity conserving:

### mSUGRA (minimal SuperGRAvity)

SUSY breaking mediated by gravity

★ SU3: bulk region point

$$m_0 = 100 \text{ GeV} \quad \tan\beta = 6$$

$$m_{1/2} = 300 \text{ GeV} \quad \text{sgn}\mu = +$$

$$A_0 = -300 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\text{LSP: } \tilde{\chi}_1^0$$

### GMSB (Gauge Mediated Susy Breaking)

SUSY breaking mediated by gauge interactions

★ GMSB6:

$$\Lambda = 40 \quad \tan\beta = 30$$

$$M_{\text{mes}} = 250 \text{ TeV} \quad \text{sgn}\mu = +$$

$$N_5 = 3 \quad C_{\text{grav}} = 1$$

$$\text{LSP: } \tilde{G} \\ \text{NLSP: } \tilde{\tau}_1$$

★ all models: tau production enhanced

## R parity violating scenarios:

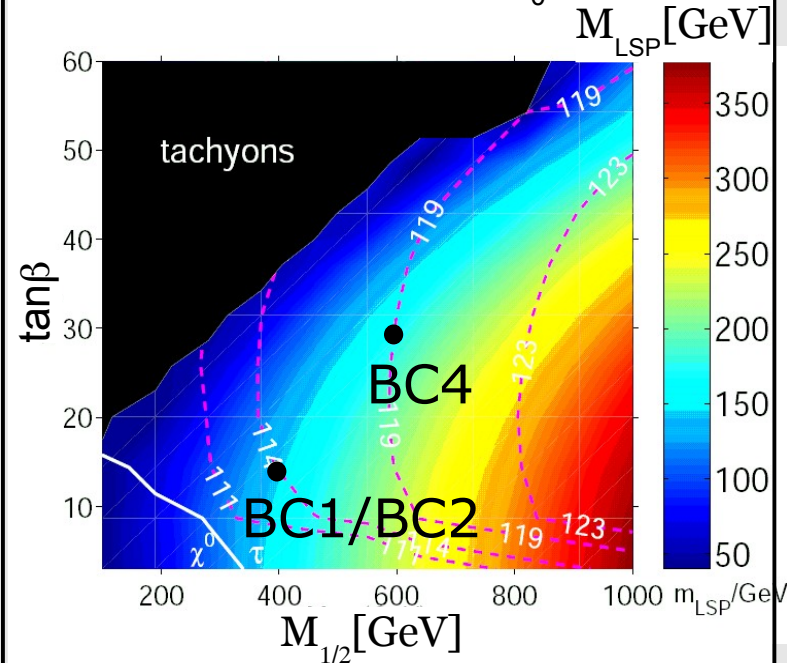
- only B or L violating couplings to prevent proton decay

- LSP not stable

$$\text{LSP: } \tilde{\tau}_1$$

-> no MET signature

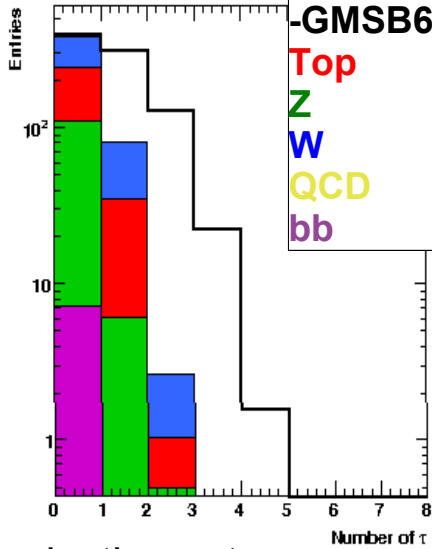
- benchmark points with stau LSP: “no-scale” mSUGRA:  $m_0 = A_0 = 0$



# GMSB parameter scan



## Number of taus



-GMSB6  
 Top  
 Z  
 W  
 QCD  
 bb

### selection cuts:

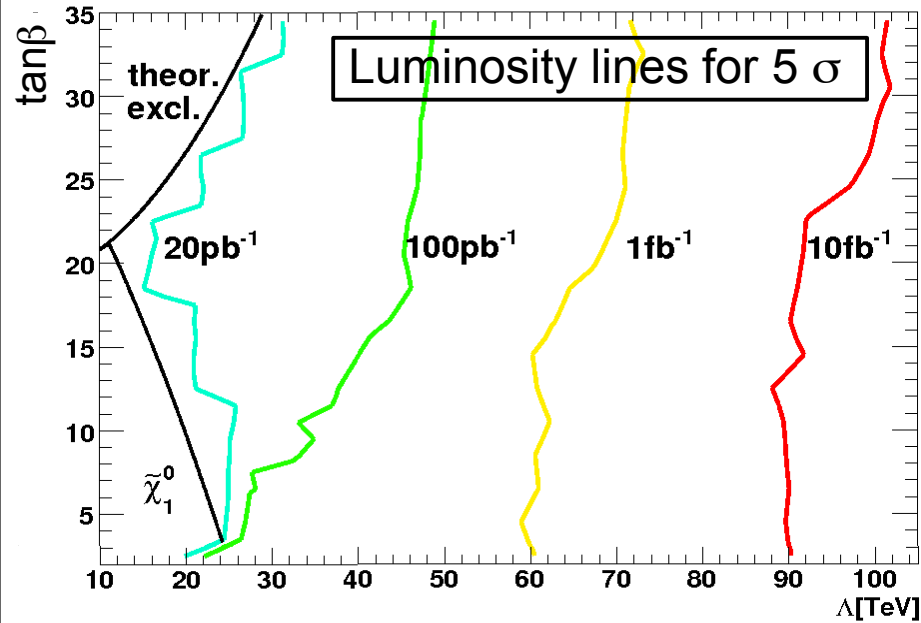
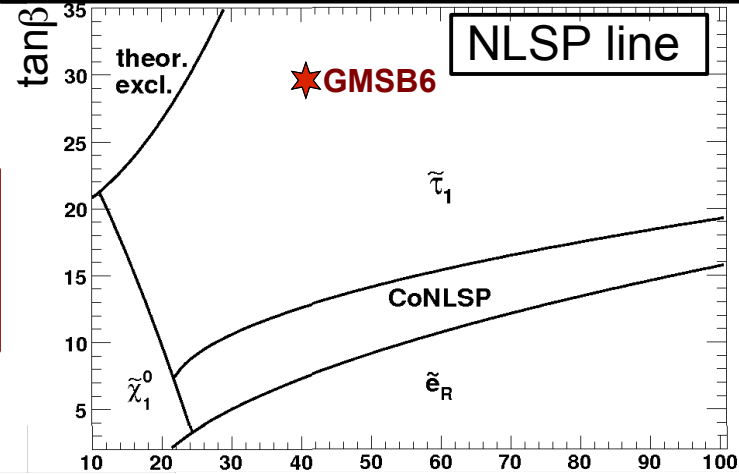
- ◆  $p_T^{\text{miss}} > 360 \text{ GeV}$
- ◆ at least 4 Jets:  
 $p_{T,1} > 100 \text{ GeV}, p_{T,3} > 50 \text{ GeV}$

**for parameter scan:  
 require at least 2 taus**

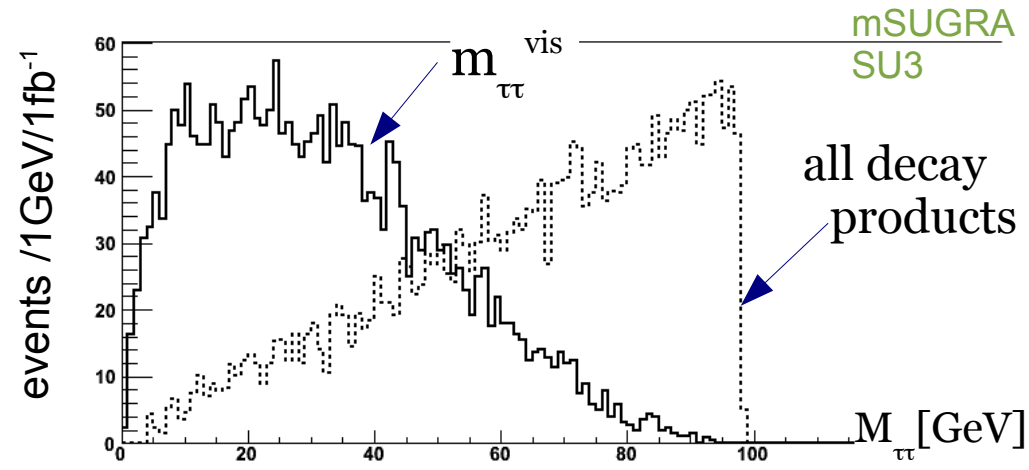
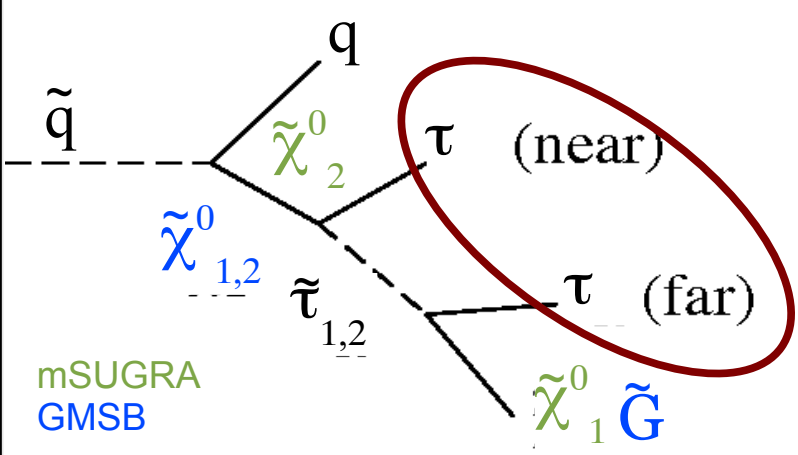


$$\rightarrow \text{GMSB6 @ } 1\text{fb}^{-1}; \frac{\text{signal}}{\sqrt{BG}} = 80$$

**Scan in  $\tan\beta$ - $\Lambda$ -plain:**  
 $M_{\text{mes}} = 250 \text{ TeV}, N_5 = 3,$   
 $\text{sgn}\mu = +, C_g = 1$

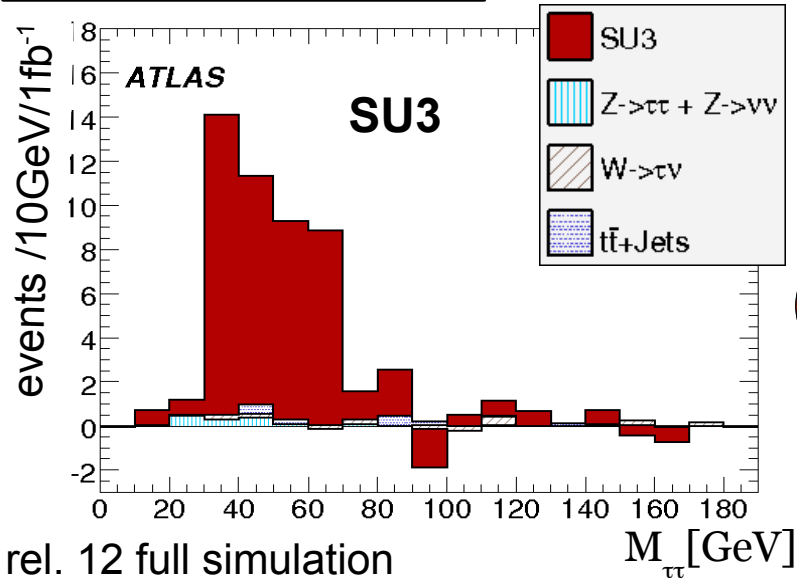


# ditau mass spectrum

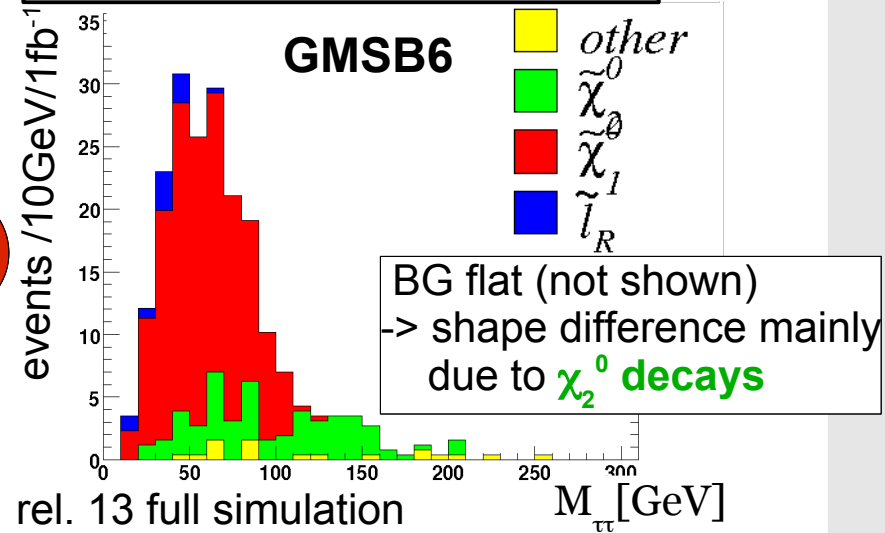


- for SUSY discovery: show it is SUSY -> measure masses -> parameters
  - Ditau mass spectrum holds information about stau mass and mixing angle:
    - ☆  $m(\tilde{\tau}_{1,2})$  from  $m_{\tau\tau}$  spectra:
 
$$m_{\tau\tau}^{max} = \sqrt{\frac{(m(\tilde{\chi}_2^0)^2 - m(\tilde{\tau}_1)^2) \cdot (m(\tilde{\tau}_1)^2 - m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0)^2)}{(m(\tilde{\tau}_1)^2)}$$
    - ☆ Sum of tau polarizations -> stau mixing angle
- ★ SU3:  $m(\tau_2) > m(\chi_1^0)$   
 GMSB6:  $m(\tau_2) \approx m(\chi_2^0) > m(\chi_1^0)$   
 → only decays via  $\tau_1$  relevant

## signal vs BG (OS-SS)



## different SUSY contributions: decay mother via truth match



### selection cuts:

- ◆  $p_T^{\text{miss}} > 230$  GeV
- ◆ at least 4 Jets:  
 $p_{T1} > 200$  GeV,  $p_{T3} > 50$  GeV,  $p_{T4} > 40$  GeV
- ◆  $\Delta R(\tau\tau) < 2$

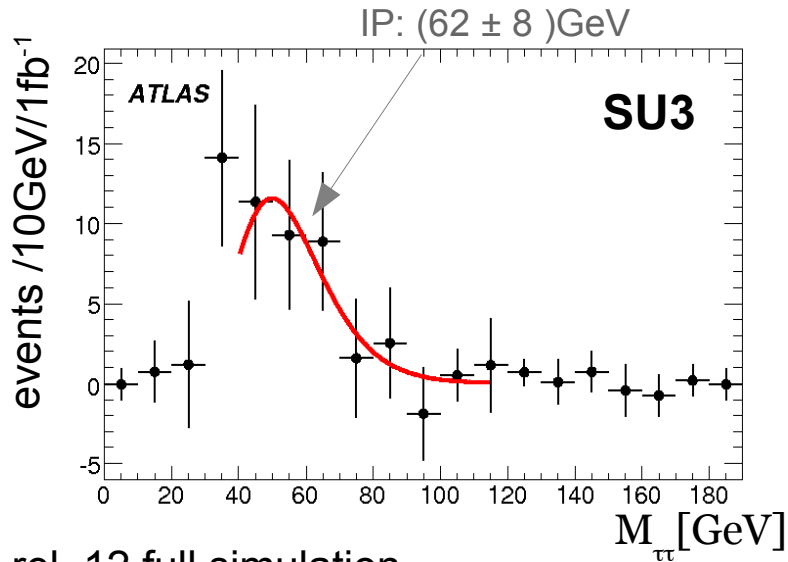
$$\frac{\text{signal}}{\sqrt{BG}}(1\text{fb}^{-1}) = 84$$

### selection cuts:

- ◆ at least 4 Jets:  
 $p_{T1} > 100$  GeV,  $p_{T3} > 50$  GeV
- ◆ elliptical cut:  
 $\left(\frac{p_T^{\text{miss}}}{300\text{GeV}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\text{lead. jet } p_T}{600\text{GeV}}\right)^2 > 1$

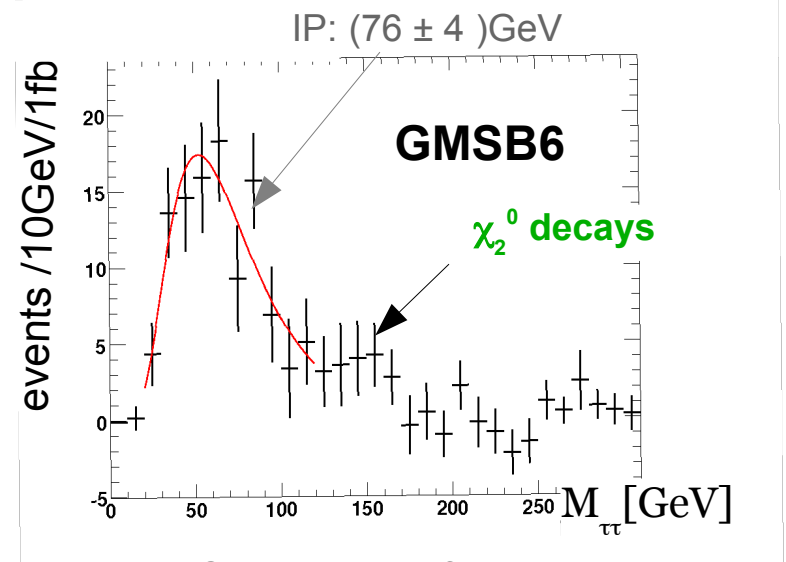
$$\frac{\text{signal}}{\sqrt{BG}}(1\text{fb}^{-1}) = 71$$

- endpoint determination with inflection point method: [ATL-PHYS-INT-2008-008]  
calibration made with Atlfast (SU3-like spectra):  $m_{\tau\tau}^{IP} = (0.47 \pm 0.02) m_{\tau\tau}^{max} + (15 \pm 2) \text{ GeV}$



rel. 12 full simulation

1 fb<sup>-1</sup>



signal/BG: rel. 13/12 full simulation

**SU3:** (theoretical endpoint: 99 GeV)

- $m_{\tau\tau}^{max} = (102 \pm 17^{stat} \pm 5.5^{syst}) \text{ GeV}$   
(10 fb<sup>-1</sup>:  $m_{\tau\tau}^{max} = (103 \pm 5^{stat} \pm 4.5^{syst}) \text{ GeV}$ )

**GMSB6:** (theoretical endpoint: 122 GeV)

$$m_{\tau\tau}^{max} = (132 \pm 10^{stat}) \text{ GeV}$$

- $\chi_2^0$  bump causes syst. uncertainty at low int. luminosity



# trigger issues

## trigger efficiency $\epsilon$ :

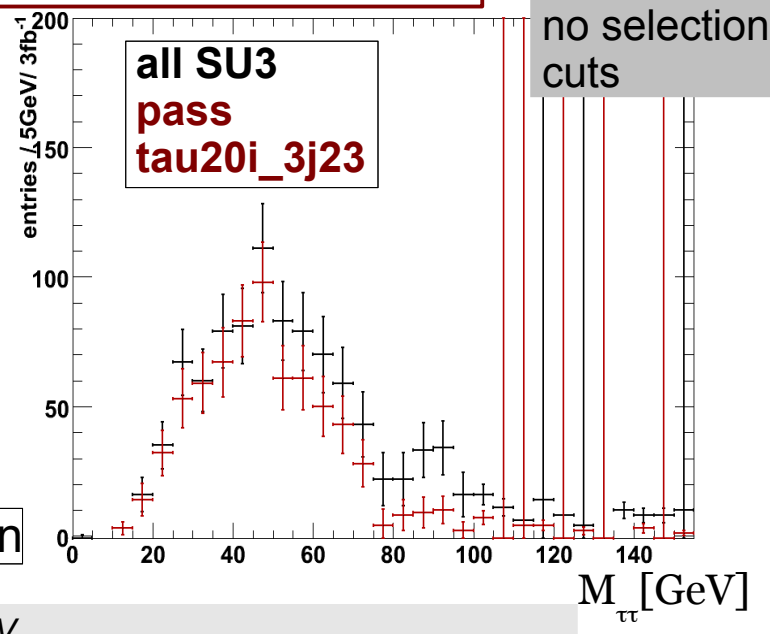
trigger	all SU3	cuts
j200	0.83	0.99
2j120	0.64	0.78
3j65	0.53	0.84
4j55	0.31	0.68
"jetsHLT"	0.88	1.00
tau20i_j70	0.44	0.96
tau20i_3j23	0.42	0.96
tau35i_4j23	0.26	0.82
tau25i_xe40	0.39	0.92

## efficiency here:

$$\epsilon = \frac{N(\text{pass trigger})}{N(\text{all SU3})}$$

"cuts":  
 MET > 230 GeV  
 4 Jets:  
 40/50/50/220 GeV  
 at least 2 taus

## Bias in inv. mass?



3 fb<sup>-1</sup>  
 no selection cuts

## rel. 13 full simulation

	$m_{\tau\tau}^{max} / \text{GeV}$
all SU3	104 +- 7
3j65	99 +- 8
4j55	102 +- 12
"jetsHLT"	97 +- 7
tau20i_j70	96 +- 7
tau20i_3j23	92 +- 8
tau35i_4j23i	96 +- 8
tau45i_xe40	92 +- 14

spectra shifted to lower values:  
 endpoints systematically (?)  
 underestimated, though  
 differences separately  
 not significant

*not yet understood*

"jetsHLT": j160||2j120||3j65||4j55



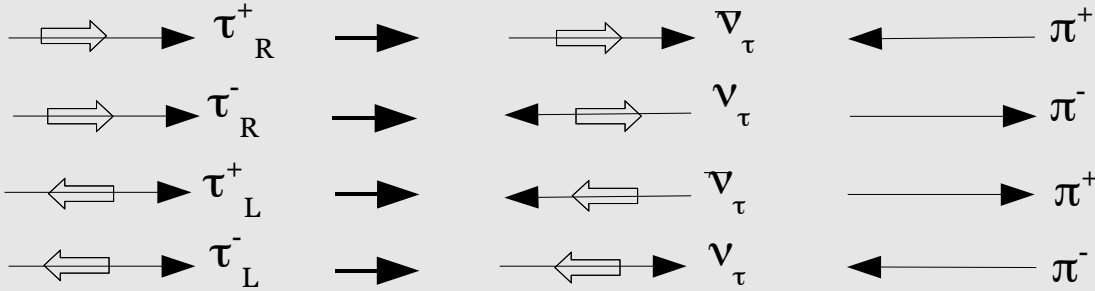
high efficiencies  
 with jet, tau and  
 MET trigger





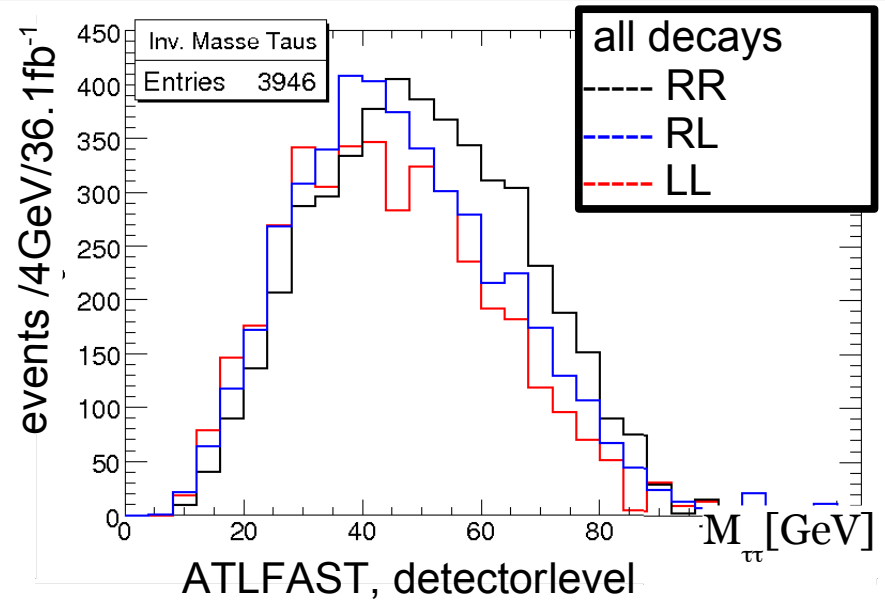
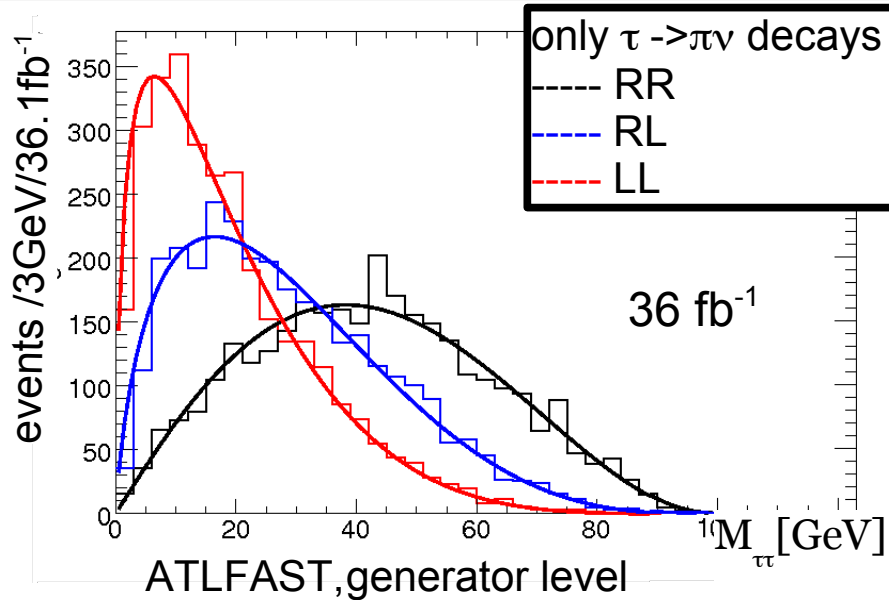
# polarization effects

## single pion decay:



- angular momentum / momentum conservation + helicity of neutrino
- pion momentum direction determined by tau charge and helicity
- pion boosted (anti)parallel to tau momentum direction

→ shape also depends on tau polarization, inflection point shifted

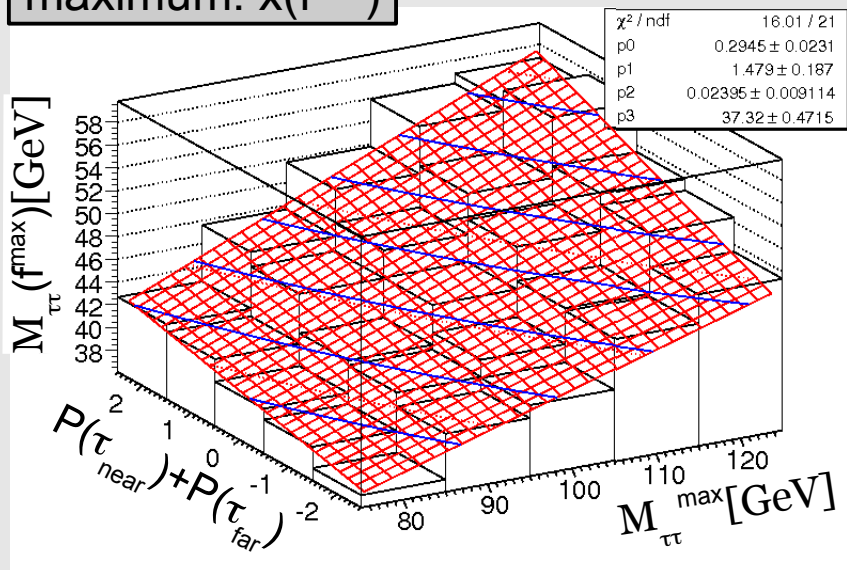




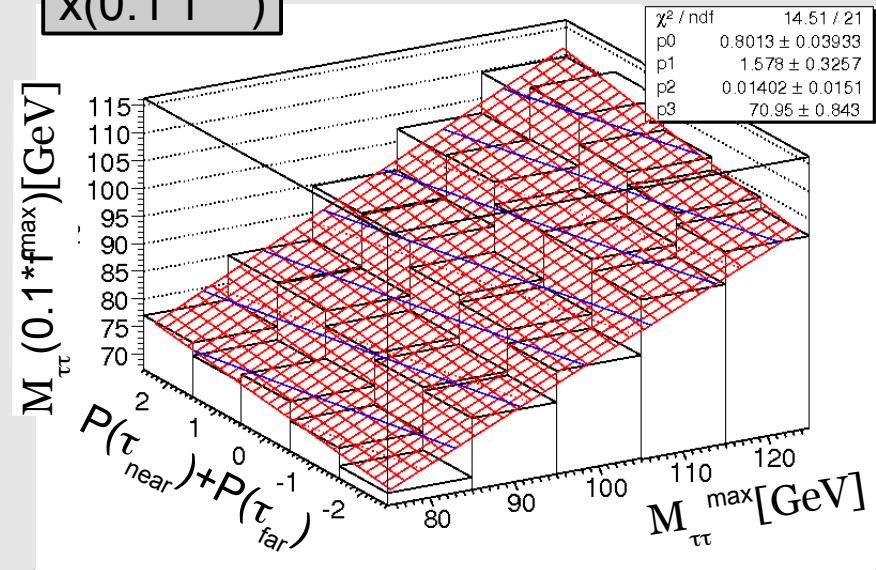
# 2dim calibration

**Calibration:** measure  $x(f^{\max})$ ,  $x(0.1 \cdot f^{\max})$  with 1dim gauss fit:  $f(x) = p_0 \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{(p_1 - x)^2}{2p_2^2}\right)$

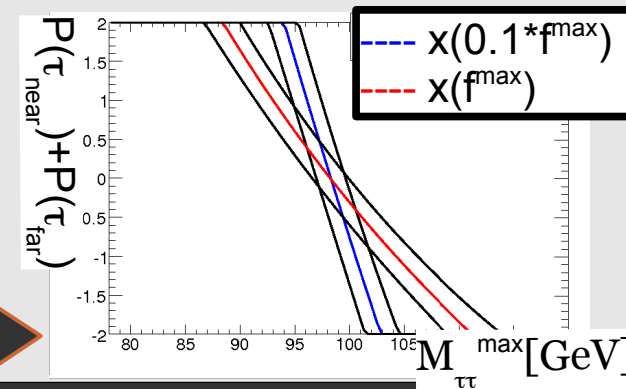
maximum:  $x(f^{\max})$



$x(0.1 \cdot f^{\max})$

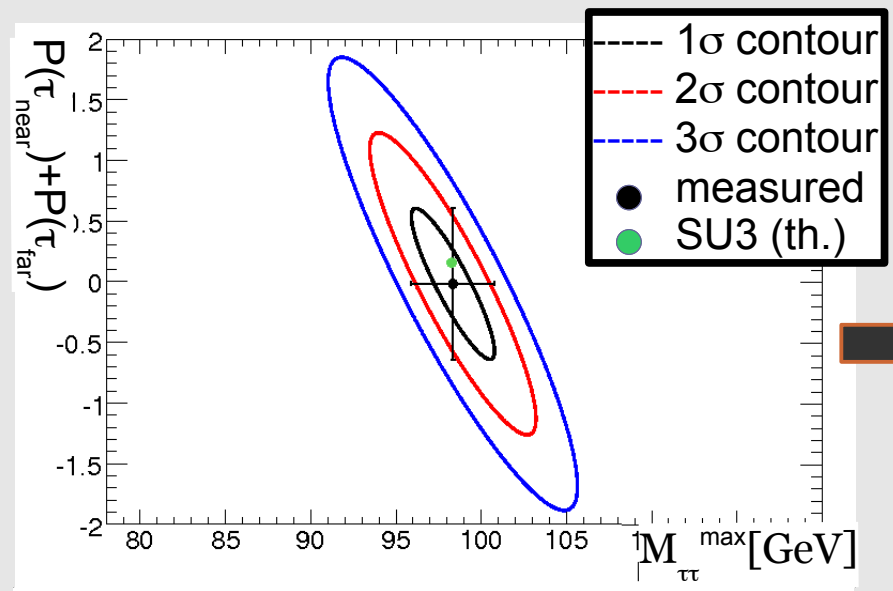


- ★ 2dim fit function:  $g(P, m) = p_0 P + p_1 m + p_1 P m + p_3$
- equipotential line from each of the two observables
- determine intersection in endpoint-polarization plane



result

- measured SU3 values:



theory:  $m_{\tau\tau}^{\max} = 99 \text{ GeV}$

$P(\tau\tau) = +0.08$

\*systematic error included

$m_{\tau\tau}^{\max} = (98.3 \pm 2.5^*) \text{ GeV}$   
 $P(\tau\tau) = P(\tau_{\text{near}}) + P(\tau_{\text{far}})$   
 $= (-0.02 \pm 0.6^*)$   
 for  $36 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

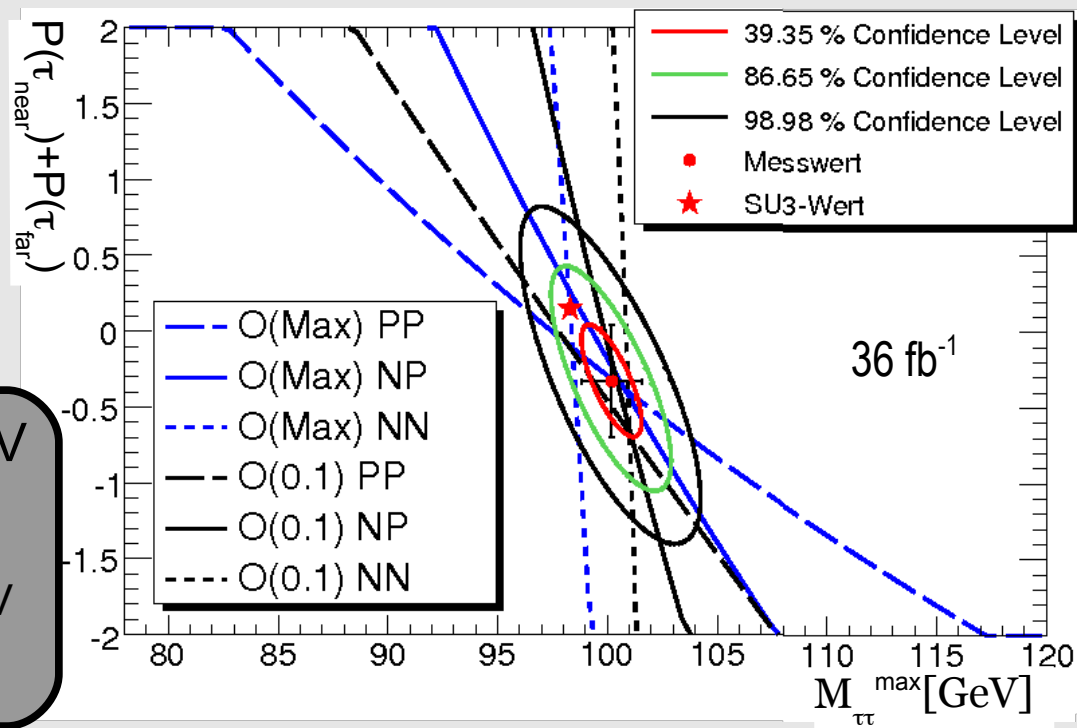
- Results could be improved by **separation of different tau decay modes:**
  - $a_1$  decays not affected by polarization effects
  - ☆  $\rho/a_1$ : same (opp.) momentum direction as  $\pi$  for long. (transv.) meson
  - ☆  $\rho$ : longitudinal share bigger than transversal -> overall effect like pion
  - ☆  $a_1$ : longitudinal and transversal share equal -> mass spectrum not shifted

# in an ideal-tau-decay-separation world

How much **could** be gained by such a separation?

- take reconstructed taus + information about decay mode from truth-match
- fake taus: probability according to branching fraction
- 6 separate calibrations:
  - 2/1/0 taus decayed in polarization sensitive mode
  - 2 observables:  $x(0.1 * f^{max}), x(f^{max})$

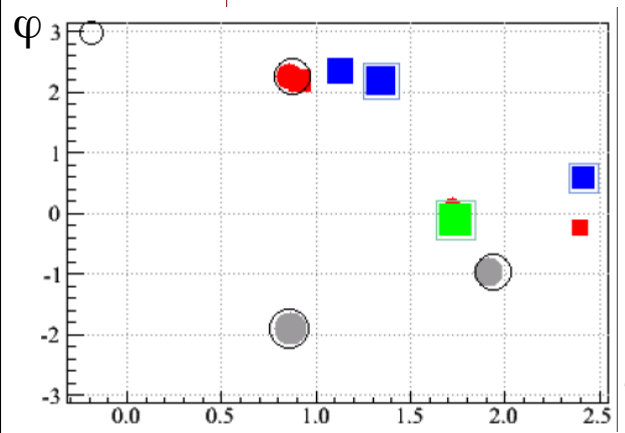
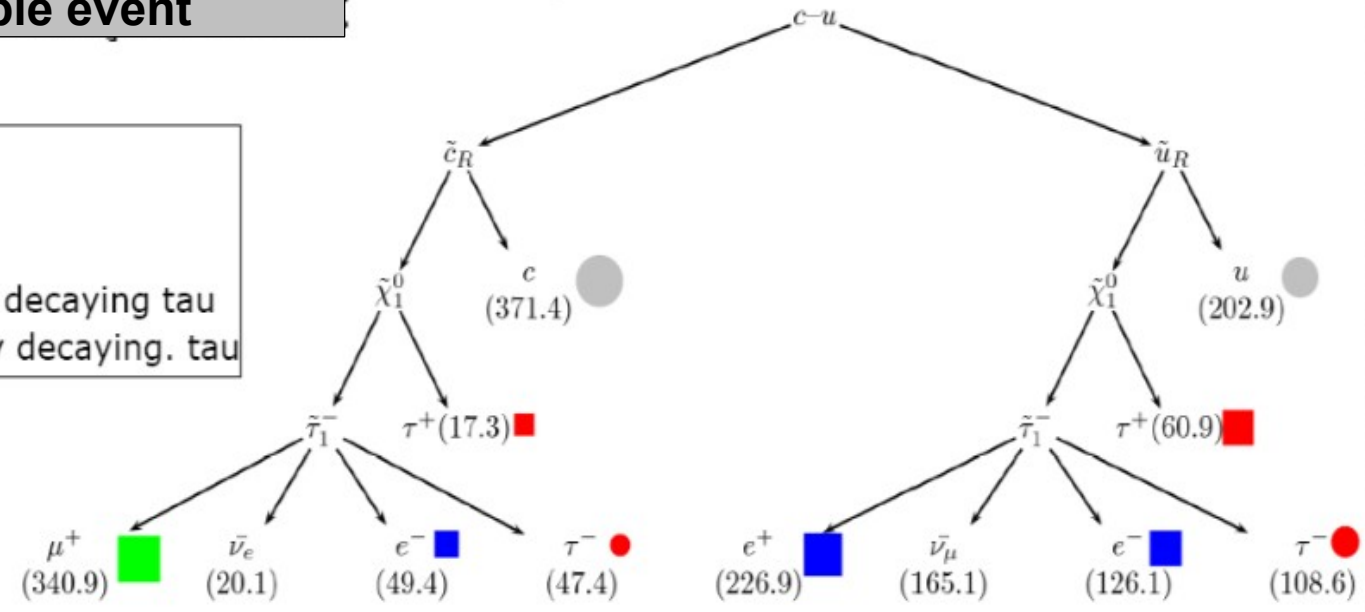
$m_{\tau\tau}^{max} = (100.2 \pm 1.4) \text{ GeV}$   
 $P(\tau\tau) = (-0.33 \pm 0.37)$   
 theory:  $m_{\tau\tau}^{max} = 99 \text{ GeV}$   
 $P(\tau\tau) = +0.08$



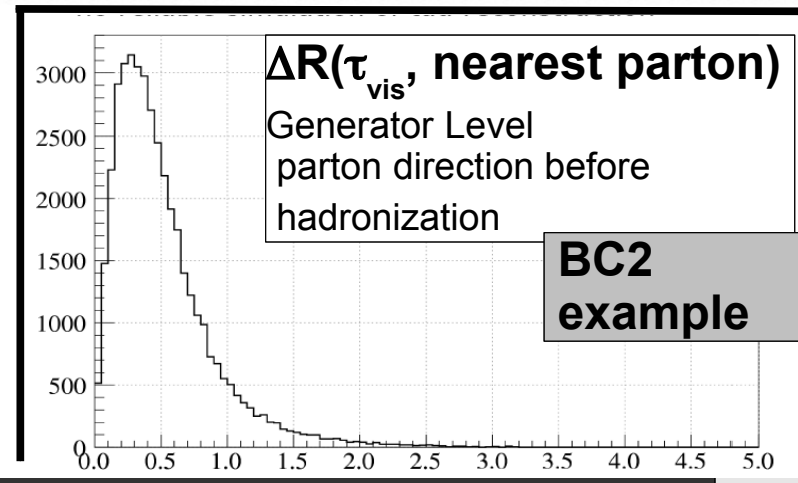
# RPV – tau ID challenges

## BC1 example event

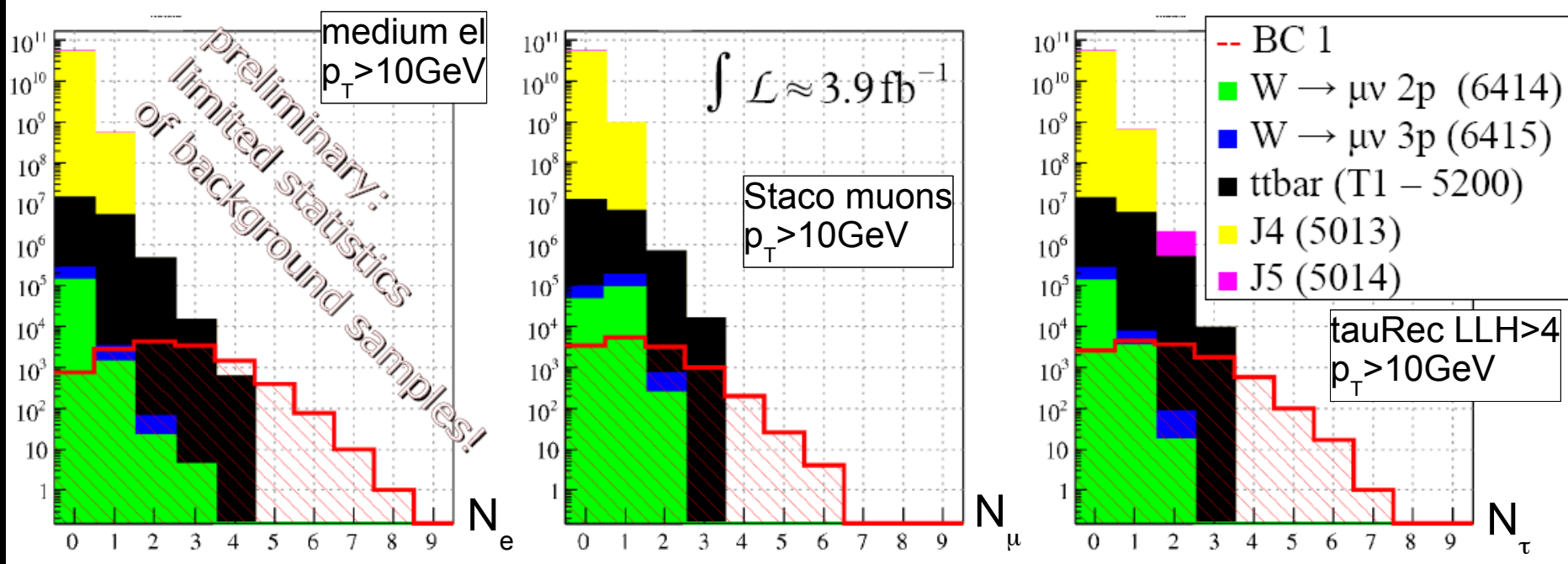
- muon
- electron
- light quark
- leptonically decaying tau
- hadronically decaying tau



symbols:  
 solid: generator level  
 open: Atlfast I



# RPV vs SM



Number of leptons:  
 (preselection cut: MET > 65 GeV)

- good discriminant against most important standard model backgrounds (note: no overlap removal in these plots)
- no sophisticated selection yet, but BC1 might be interesting for first data (i.e. easy to discover)



## *summary and outlook*

- Tau signatures are important for SUSY:
  - enhanced production -> great discovery potential
  - taus yield valuable information for SUSY parameter determination
- Cross-check of methods in different SUSY scenarios is crucial to test model independence

### Outstanding issues:

- pile-up not taken into account yet
- difference in tau reconstruction efficiency for different tau decay modes could lead to bias
- further RPV studies:
  - increase BG statistics
  - develop selection cuts, study systematics (also with 10 TeV data)

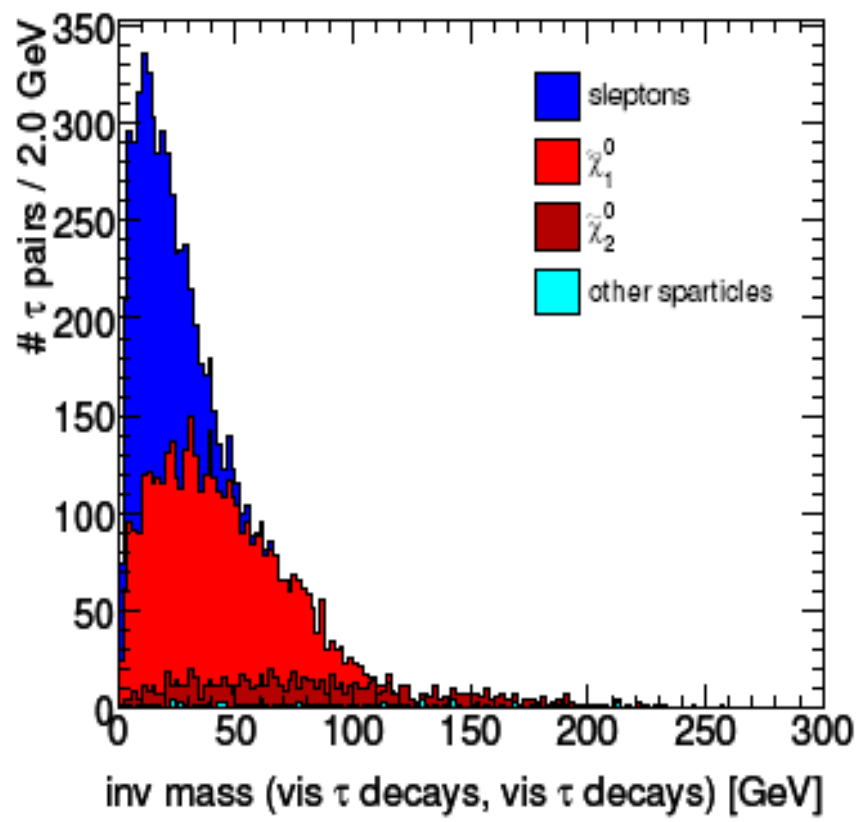


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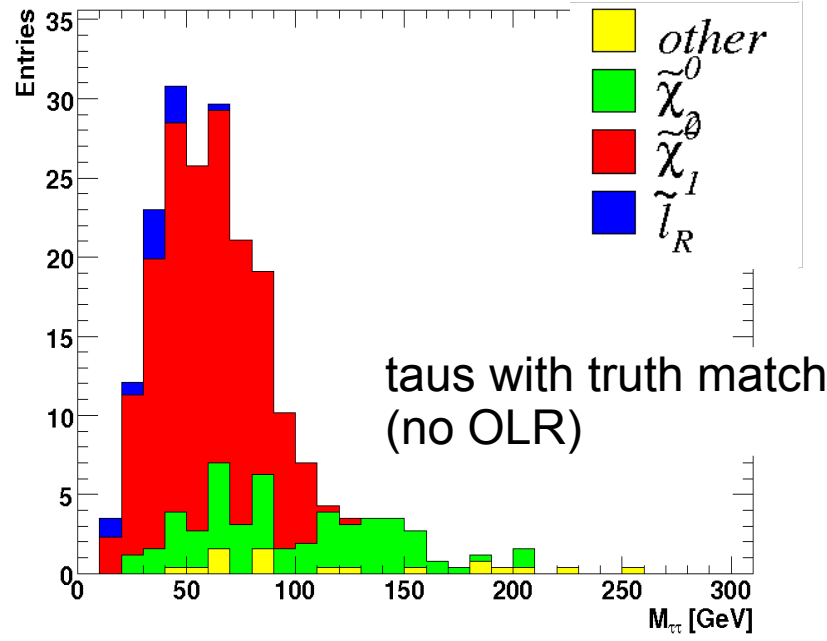


# GMSB slepton peak

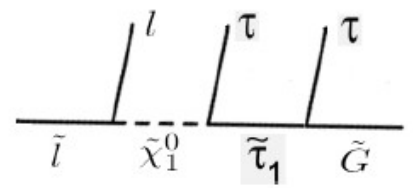
Visible part of the invariant mass of  $2\tau$   
(Generator Level)



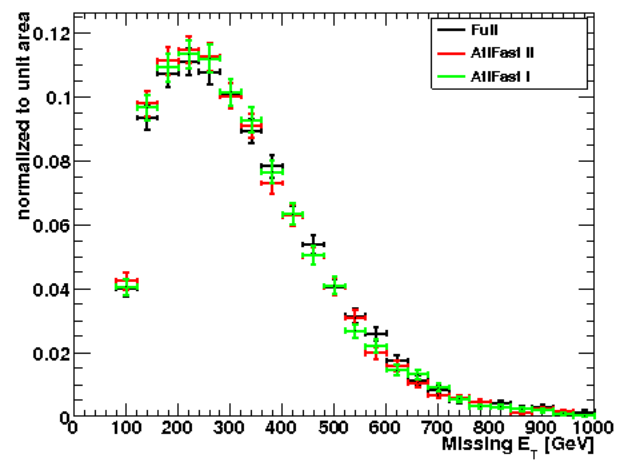
Detector level – taus with truth match



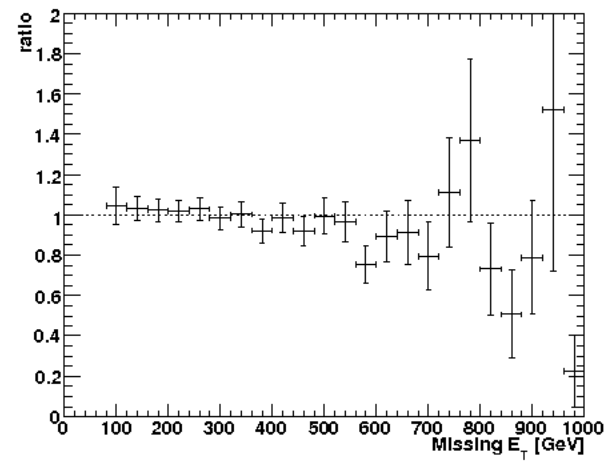
“sleptons”: 3-body decay



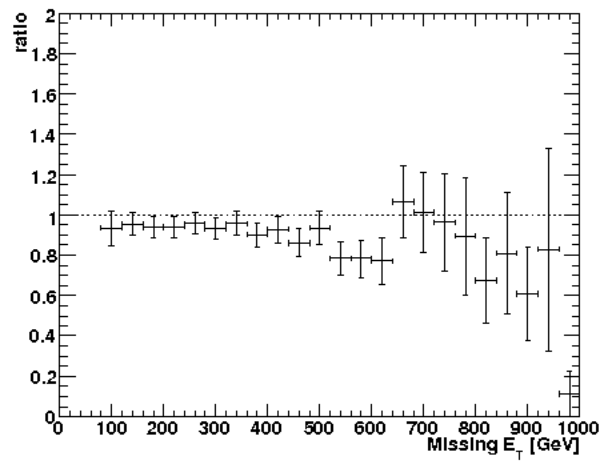
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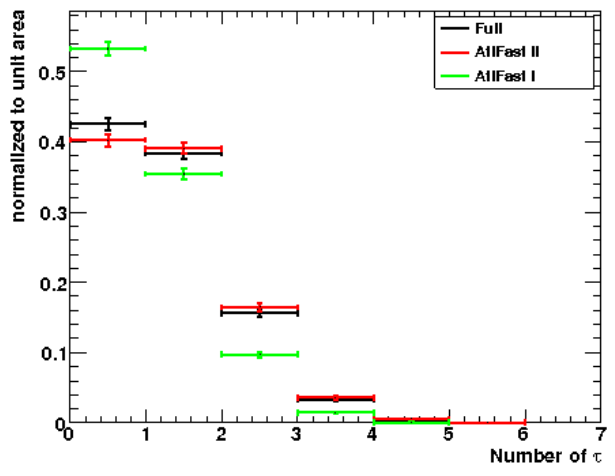
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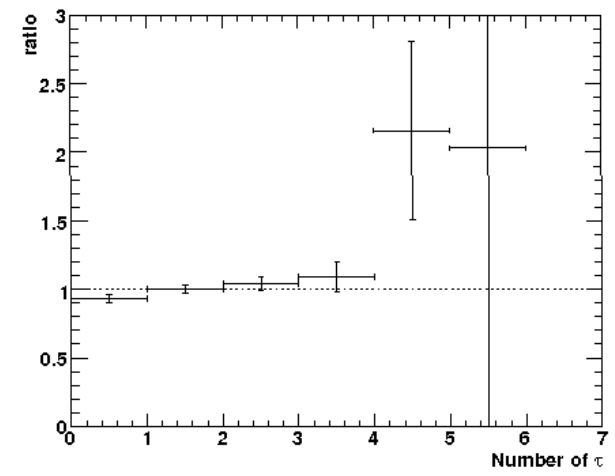
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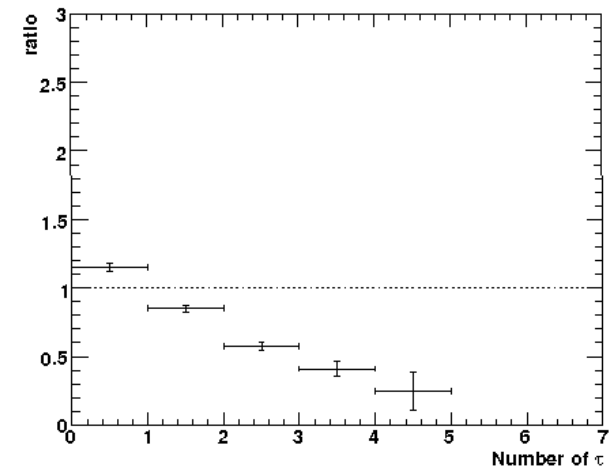
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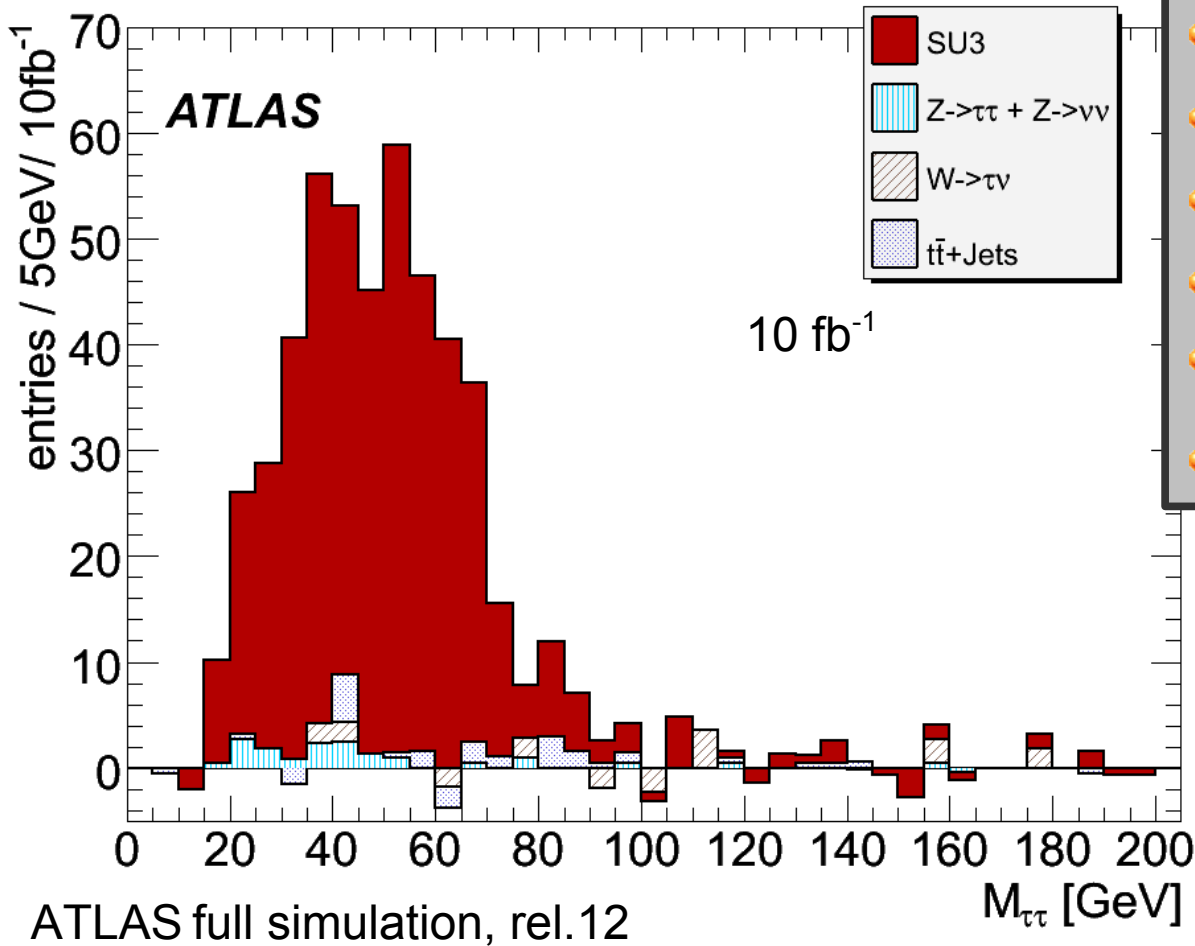
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AtIFast I over Full



OS-SS

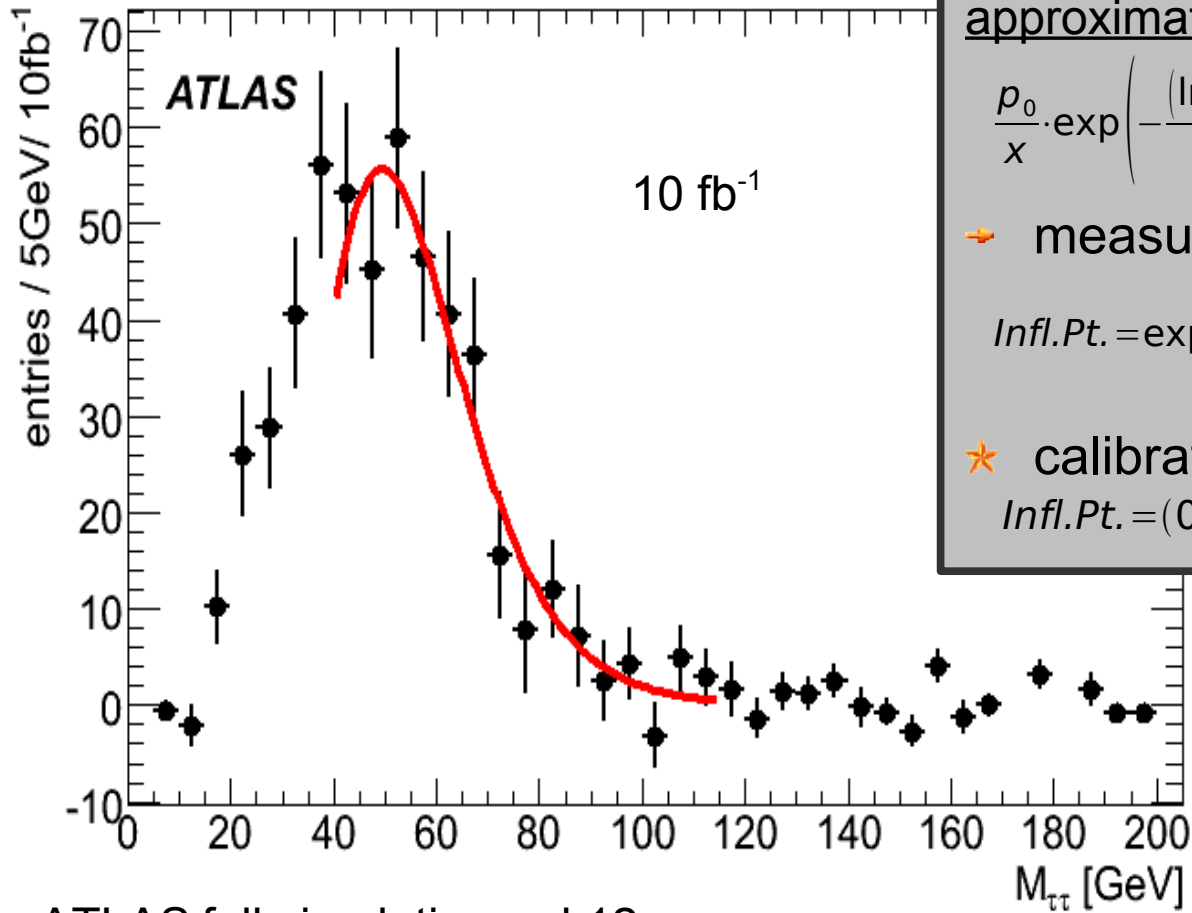


## selection cuts:

- $p_T^{\text{miss}} > 230$  GeV
- 4 Jets:  $p_T > 40$  GeV
- 3 Jets:  $p_T > 50$  GeV
- 1 Jet:  $p_T > 220$  GeV
- $\Delta R(\tau\tau) < 2$
- OS-SS



# endpoint measurement method



ATLAS full simulation, rel.12

approximate shape:

$$\frac{p_0}{x} \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{(\ln(x - p_1))^2}{2p_2^2}\right)$$

→ measure inflection point:

$$Infl.Pt. = \exp\left(\frac{-1}{2} p_2^2 \left(3 - \sqrt{\left(1 + \frac{4}{p_2^2}\right)}\right) + p_1\right)$$

★ calibration done with ATLFAST:

$$Infl.Pt. = (0.47 \pm 0.02) m_{\tau\tau}^{max} + (15 \pm 2) GeV$$

→ measured endpoint:  
(theory: **99 GeV**)  
**103 ± 5<sup>stat</sup> ± 4.5<sup>syst\*</sup> GeV**  
for 10 fb<sup>-1</sup>

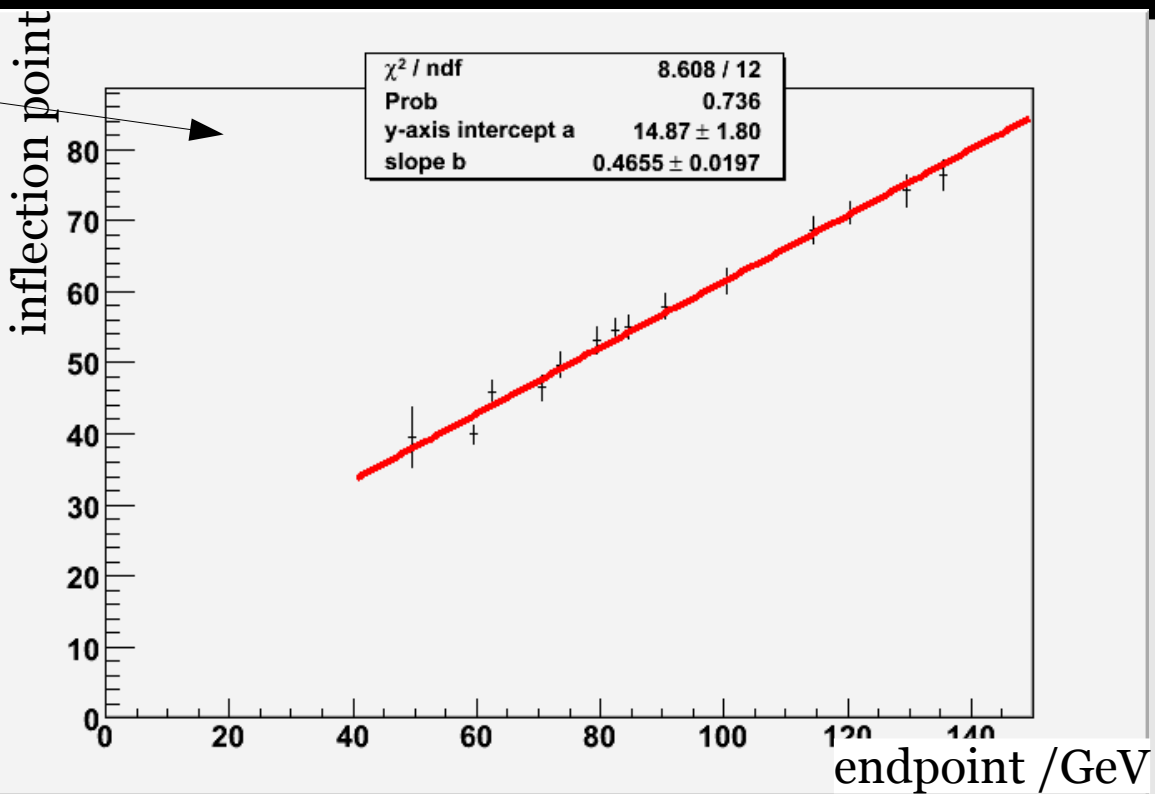
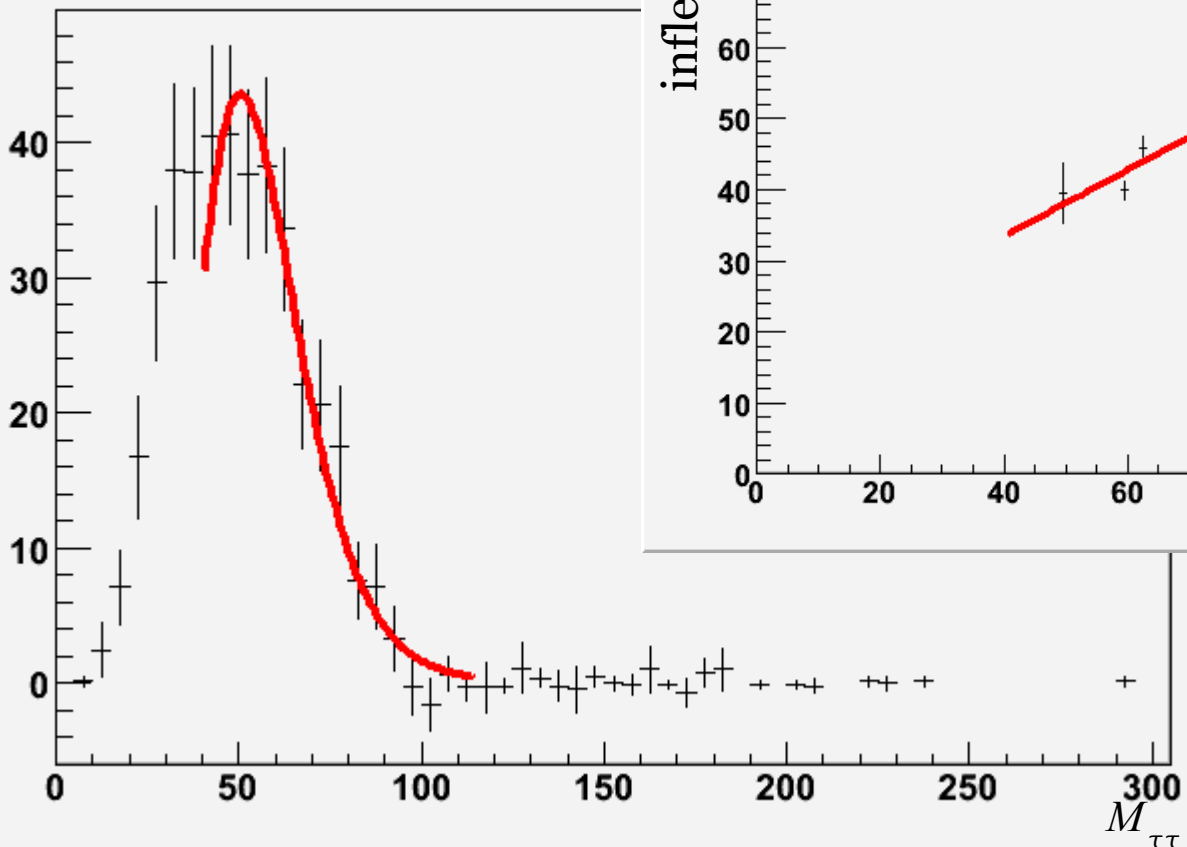
\* syst. error: fast simulation



# Atfast Calibration

$$y = (0.47 \pm 0.02)x + (15 \pm 2) \text{ GeV}$$

SU<sub>3</sub> + BG



-> measured endpoint:  
 (105  $\pm$  4<sup>stat</sup>) GeV  
 theoretical: 98 GeV



# trigger issues

	efficiency			#events			
	ohne cuts	met/jet cuts	N <sub>tau</sub> >=2	ohne cuts	met/jet cuts	N <sub>tau</sub> >=2	
j160	0.82	0.99	<b>1.00</b>	73560	22782	367	HLT
j200	0.83	0.99	<b>0.99</b>	73711	22682	365	
j400	0.27	0.40	<b>0.39</b>	24276	9159	144	SUSY
2j120	0.64	0.80	<b>0.78</b>	56881	18450	287	HLT
3j65	0.53	0.81	<b>0.84</b>	47090	18566	308	HLT
3j165	0.08	0.16	<b>0.14</b>	6820	3621	50	SUSY
4j55	0.31	0.57	<b>0.68</b>	27417	13111	251	HLT
4j110	0.06	0.12	<b>0.14</b>	4952	2787	50	SUSY
jetsHLT*	0.88	1.00	<b>1.00</b>	78644	22910	368	
j42_xe50	0.90	1.00	<b>1.00</b>	80580	22821	367	
j70_xe70	0.85	0.99	<b>0.99</b>	75907	22706	364	SUSY
xe80	0.83	0.99	<b>0.98</b>	73982	22603	362	
te650	0.51	0.80	<b>0.89</b>	45817	18339	328	
tau20i_j70	0.44	0.51	<b>0.96</b>	39511	11590	354	
tau20i_j120	0.41	0.51	<b>0.96</b>	36853	11588	354	
tau20i_2j70	0.40	0.49	<b>0.95</b>	35361	11267	348	
tau20i_3j23	0.42	0.51	<b>0.96</b>	37668	11586	354	
tau20i_xe30	0.44	0.50	<b>0.96</b>	39439	11571	354	
tau25i_j70	0.40	0.46	<b>0.92</b>	35503	10459	339	
tau25i_j120	0.37	0.46	<b>0.92</b>	33127	10457	339	
tau25i_xe40	0.39	0.45	<b>0.92</b>	34515	10422	339	HLT
tau45i_xe40	0.26	0.32	<b>0.72</b>	23305	7221	266	
xe90	0.81	0.98	<b>0.98</b>	72062	22494	359	
tau150	0.17	0.20	<b>0.27</b>	15153	4684	101	
tau35i_4j23	0.26	0.37	<b>0.82</b>	23373	8570	301	
3j100	0.39	0.64	<b>0.61</b>	34544	14672	225	
j300	0.57	0.81	<b>0.78</b>	51248	18600	287	

\* jetsHLT = j160 || 2j120 || 3j65 || 4j55

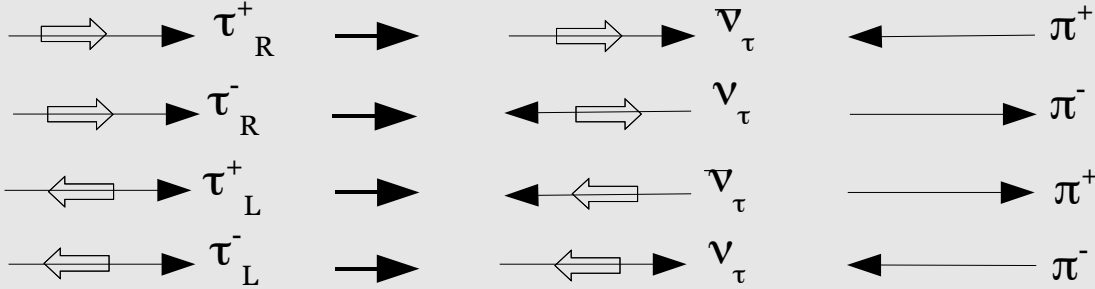
Sheet3

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xe70,xe80		xe70,xe80	xe90
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		3j50,3j70	3j100
4j23		4j35,4j50	4j50
tau20i_4j23		tau25i_4j23	tau35i_4j23
tau100		tau150	tau150
tau20i_xe30			
tau35i_xe40		tau35i_xe40	tau45i_xe40
tau45_xe40			
2tau25i		2tau35i	2tau45i
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tau20i_j70			
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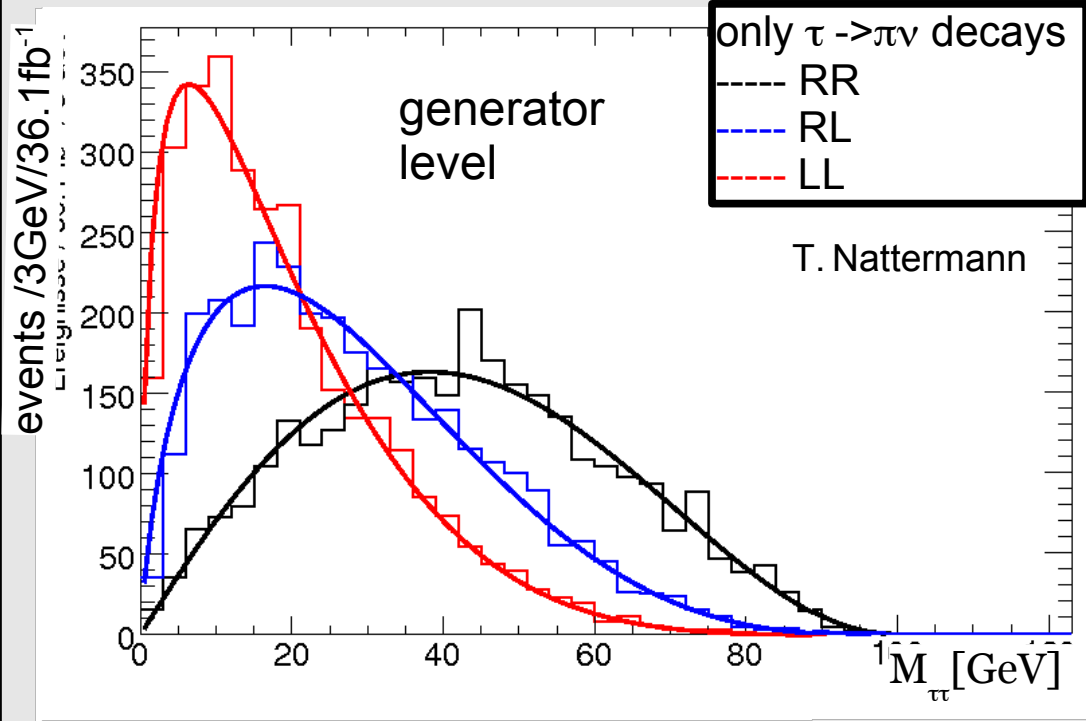


# polarization effects

## single pion decay:

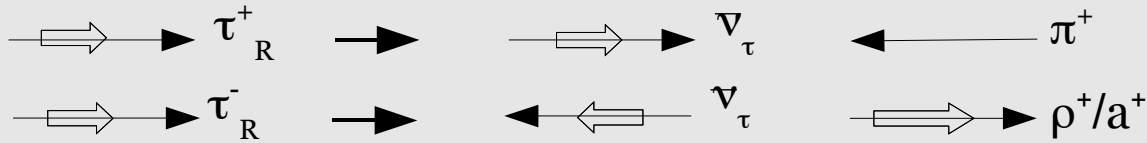


- ♦ angular momentum / momentum conservation
- + helicity of neutrino
- ♦ pion momentum direction determined by tau charge and helicity
- ♦ pion boosted (anti)parallel to tau momentum direction
- ♦ shape of mass spectrum depends on tau polarization
- ♦ inflection point shifted

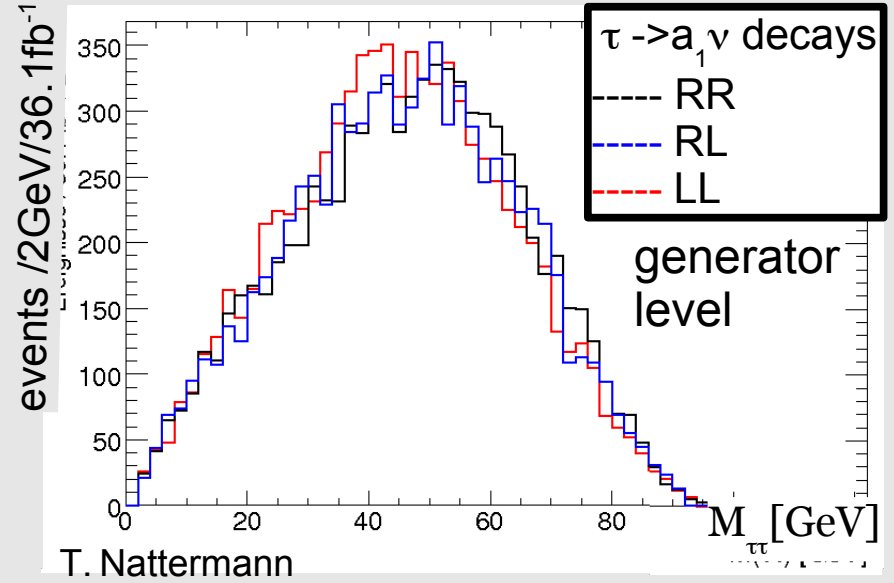
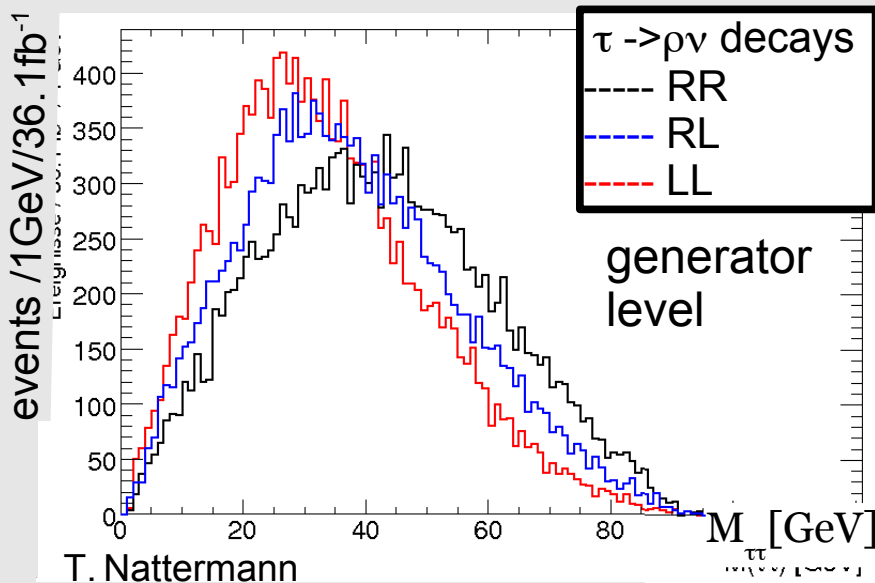




# tau decays via vector mesons



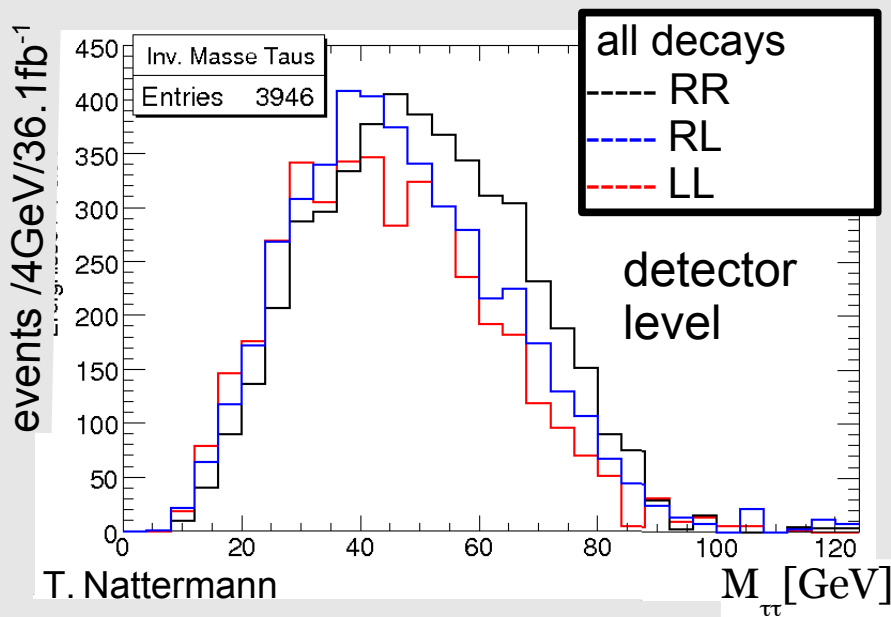
- ★  $\rho/a_1$ : same (opp.) momentum direction as  $\pi$  for long. (transv.) meson
- ◆  $\rho$ : longitudinal share bigger than transversal
- ◆  $a_1$ : longitudinal and transversal share equal  $\rightarrow$  mass spectrum not shifted



- rho/a1 difference:

$$\frac{d\Gamma}{d\cos\theta} \propto \underbrace{\left( \frac{m_V^2}{m_\tau^2 + 2m_V^2} (1 - P_\tau \cos\theta) \right)}_{\text{transversal}} \left( \frac{(1/2)m_\tau^2}{m_\tau^2 + 2m_V^2} (1 + P_\tau \cos\theta) \right)_L$$

• detector effects: ATLFAST (fast simulation)



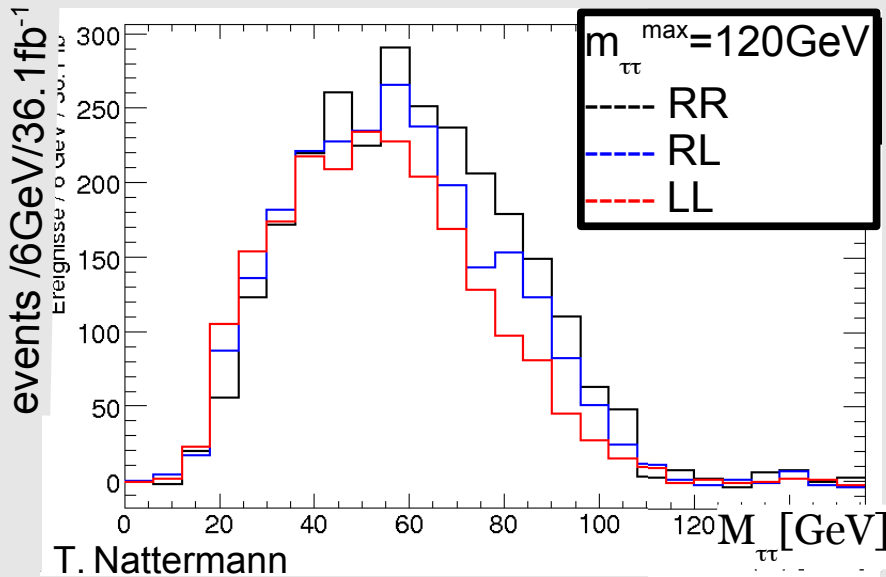
- shape deformed by low tau reconstruction efficiency at low  $p_T$
- reduced shape information, rising edge determined by  $\tau$  ID

- shift in trailing edge affects inflection point but not endpoint
- additional uncertainty on calibration showed before
- add. error on endpoint measurement:  $\pm 3.5^{(pol)} \text{ GeV}$

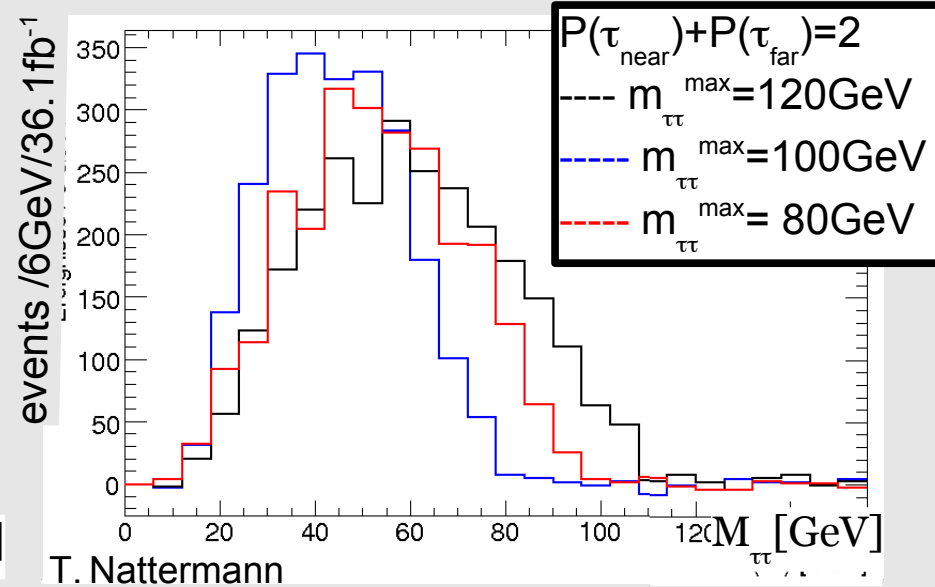
# mass and polarization

- ★ to measure both endpoint and polarization: disentangle mass and polarization effects
- ➔ search traits with max. different sensitivity to mass / polarization:

polarization effect: fixed masses



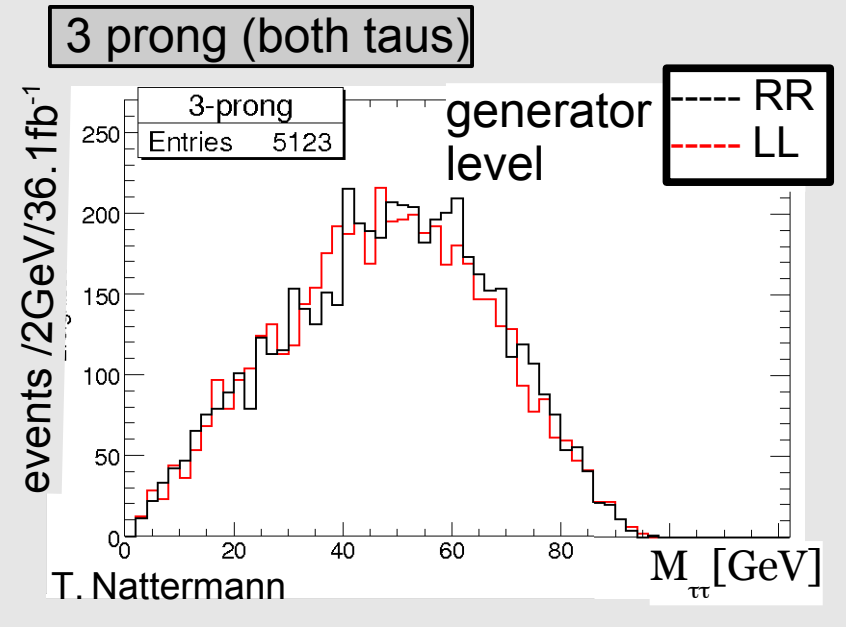
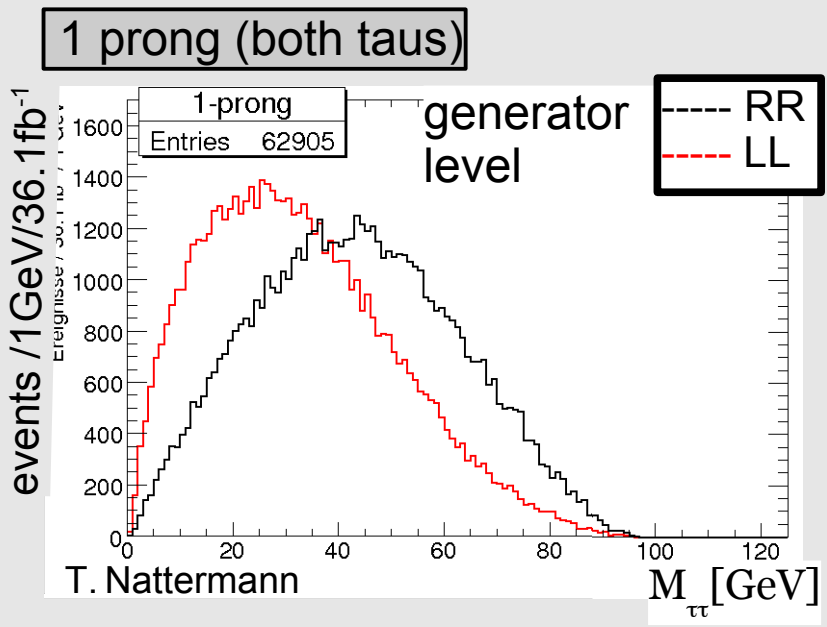
mass effect: fixed polarization



- ➔ max. difference close to maximum
- ➔ max. difference at high  $m_{\tau}$
- ➔ traits for calibration: maximum plus position of  $0.1 \cdot \text{maximum}$

# separation via 1p/3p

- ♦ separation of 1prong and 3prong decays:  
 3p dominated by  $a_1$  ( $\sim 2/3$ ) and “others” (=not  $\rho, \pi, a_1$ ) -> indepent of polarization

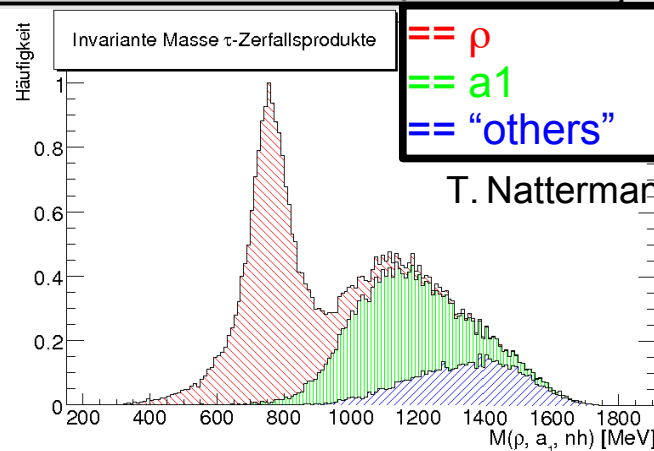


- but:** only 5% of double-hadronic decays are double-3prong  
 + some  $a_1$  also decay 1prong
- ➔ on detector level and after selection cuts, not enough double-3prongs for endpoint determination

# separation via inv. mass

♦ use invariant mass of single tau decay products:

Inv. Mass of tau decay products



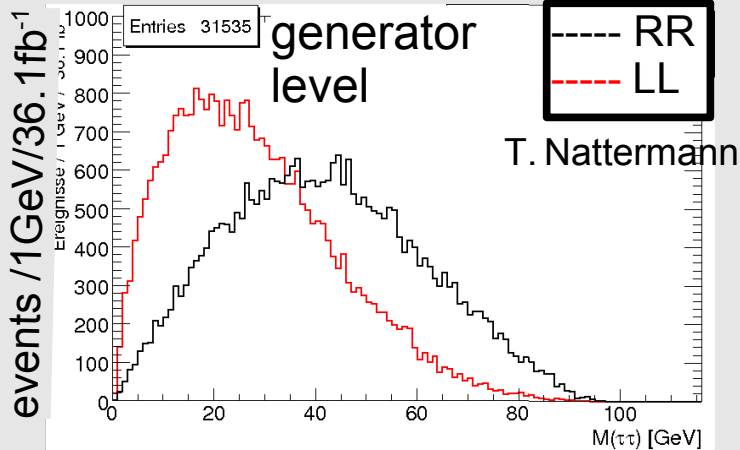
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- **but:** need to reconstruct
- all decay products correctly
- currently not possible
- also not in ATLFAST

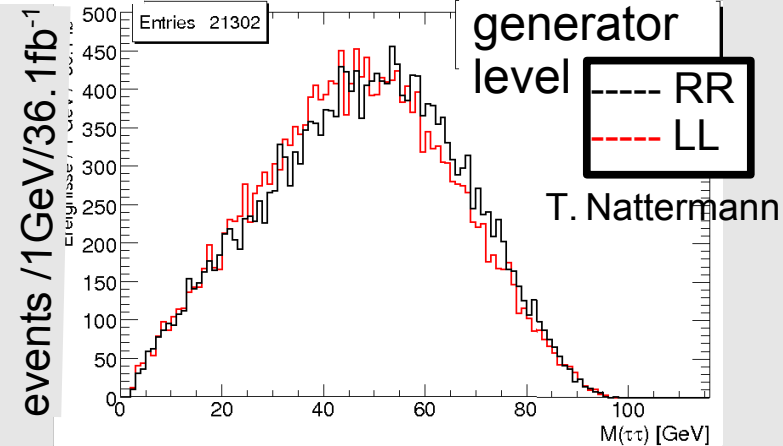
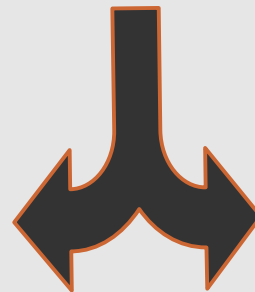
generator level

$p_{\mu} p^{\mu} < 900 \text{ MeV}$

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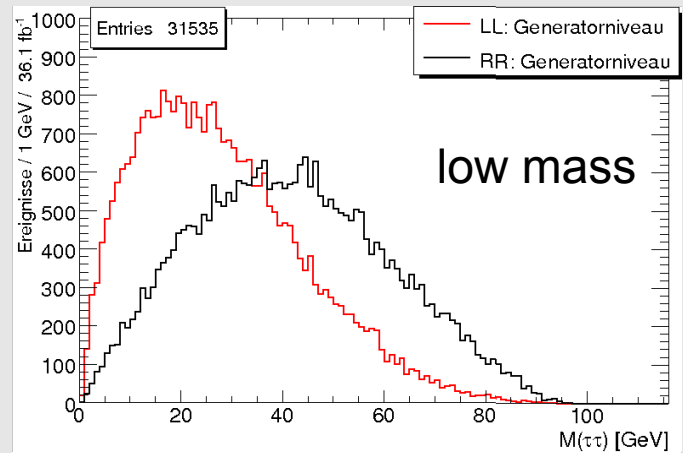
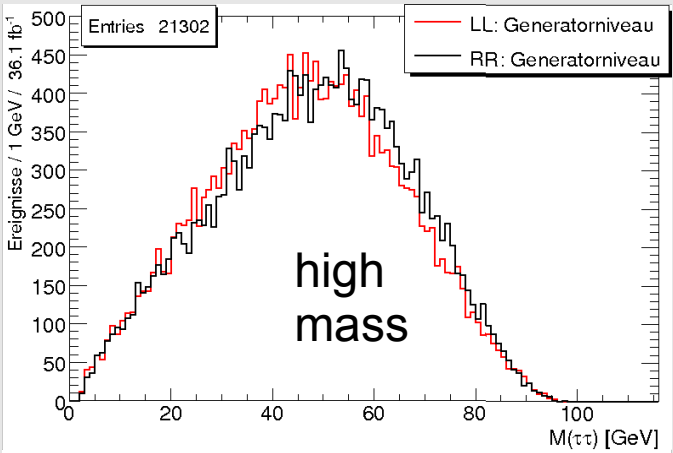
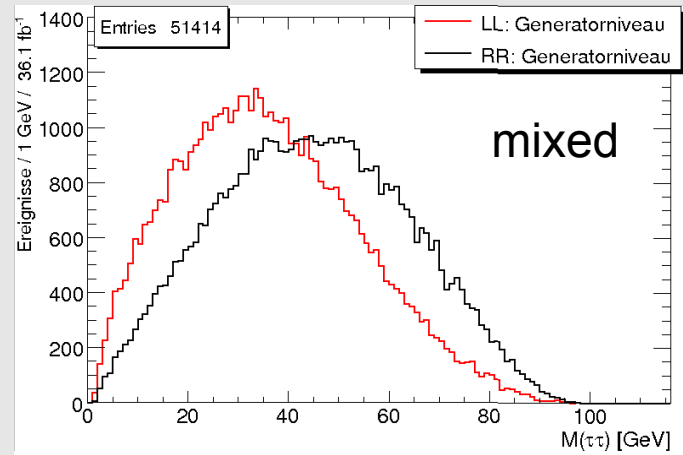
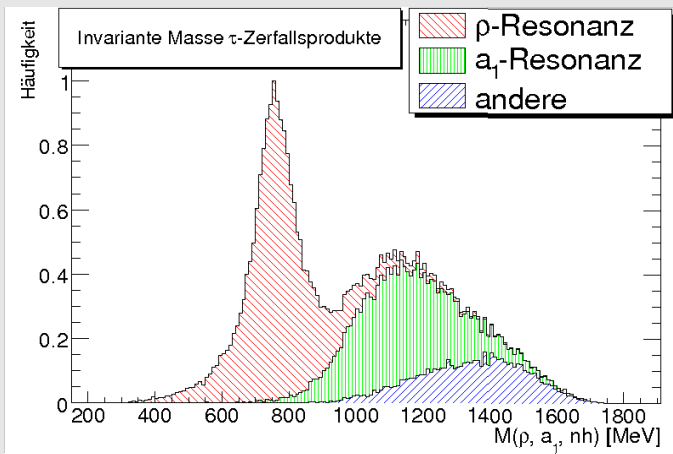


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# inv mass dec prod



## R-Parity violating terms

- All possible fully-renormalizable gauge invariant terms: Introduce Baryon number ( $B$ ) or Lepton number ( $L$ ) violating couplings

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{W}_{\mathcal{R}_P} = & \epsilon_{ab} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{\lambda_{ijk} L_i^a L_j^b \bar{E}_k}_{\text{violates } L} + \underbrace{\lambda'_{ijk} L_i^a Q_j^{bx} \bar{D}_{kx}}_{\text{violates } L} \right] \\
 & + \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{xyz} \underbrace{\lambda''_{ijk} \bar{U}_i^x \bar{D}_j^y \bar{D}_k^z}_{\text{violates } B} - \epsilon_{ab} \underbrace{\kappa^i L_i^a H_u^b}_{\text{violates } L}
 \end{aligned}$$

$i, j, k$ : generation ind.  
 $x, y, z$ : SU(3) gauge ind.  
 $a, b$ : SU(2) gauge ind.

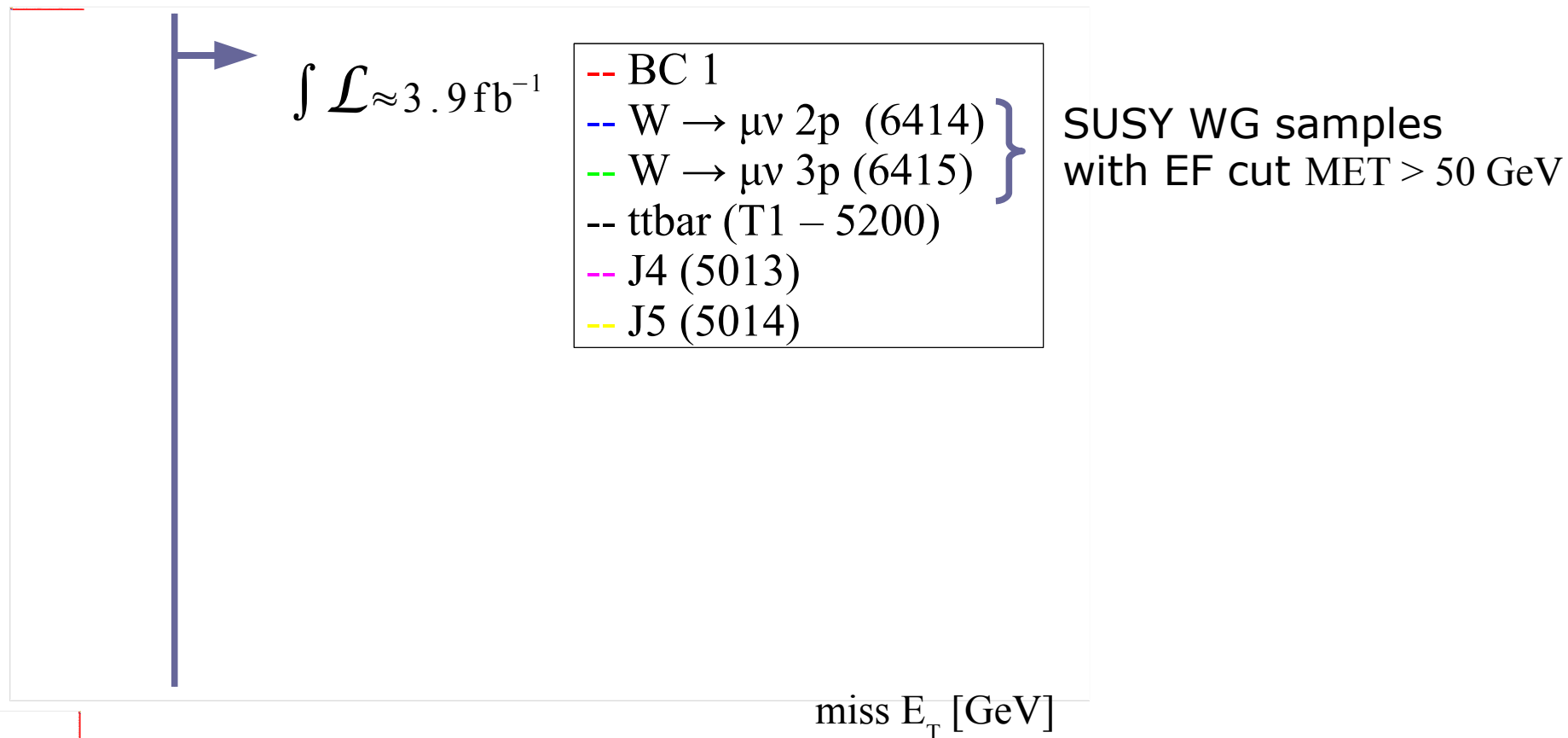
- Only  $B$  or  $L$  violating couplings allowed to prevent proton decay





# BC1 ( $\tilde{\tau} \rightarrow l l \tau \nu$ ) Event variables:

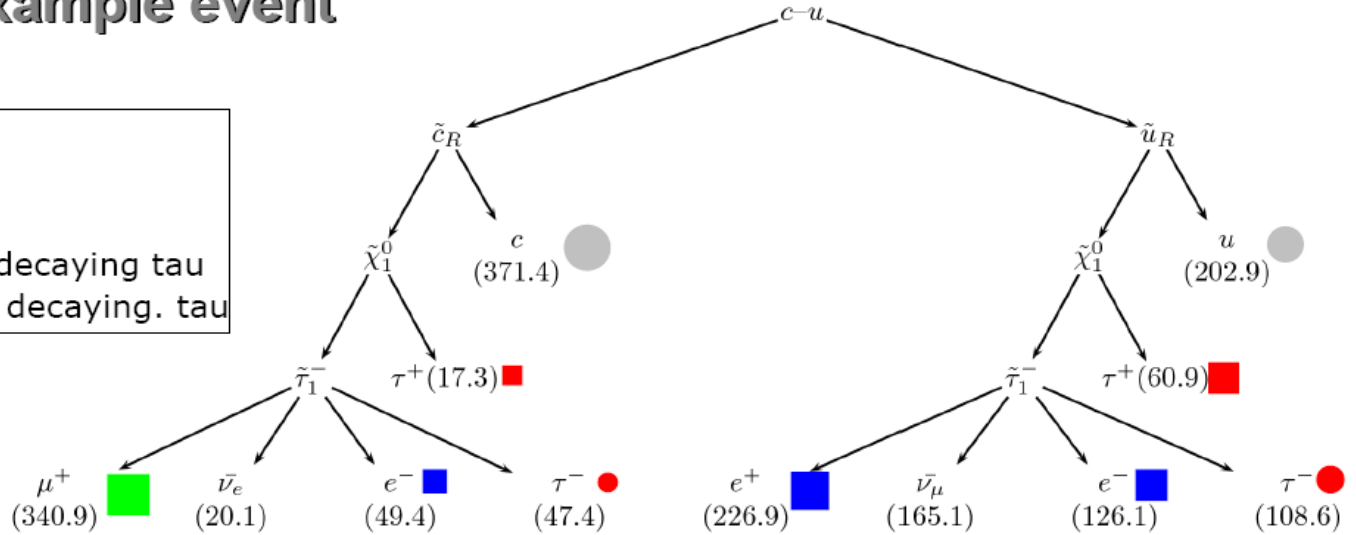
## Missing transverse energy



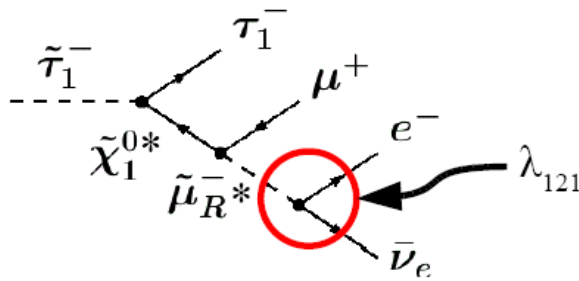
- Introduce “artificial” cut on missing transverse energy (MET > 65 GeV) in the following plots to be able to use SUSY WG background samples
  - Especially with first data it may be appealing to avoid an  $E_{T,\text{miss}}$  cut

# RPV mSUGRA Benchmark Points: BC1 – example event

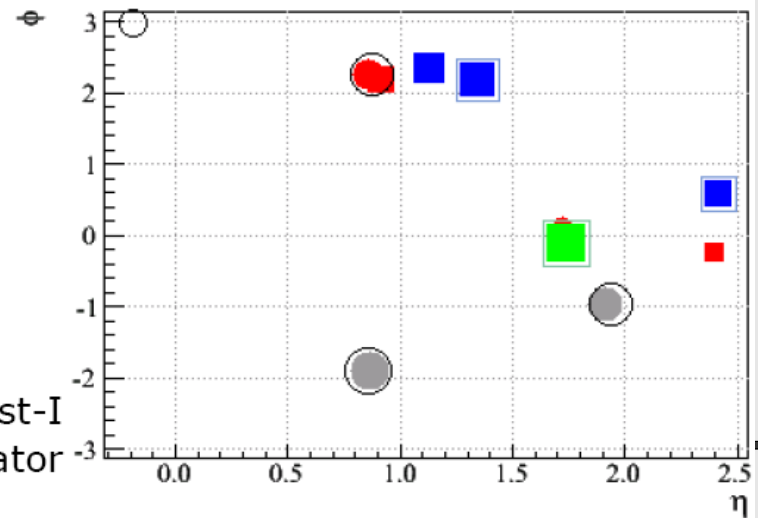
- muon
- electron
- light quark
- leptonically decaying tau
- hadronically decaying tau



Cross section @ 14 TeV:  $\sigma = 3,8 \text{ pb}$



Open symbols: ATLfast-I  
Solid symbols: Generator

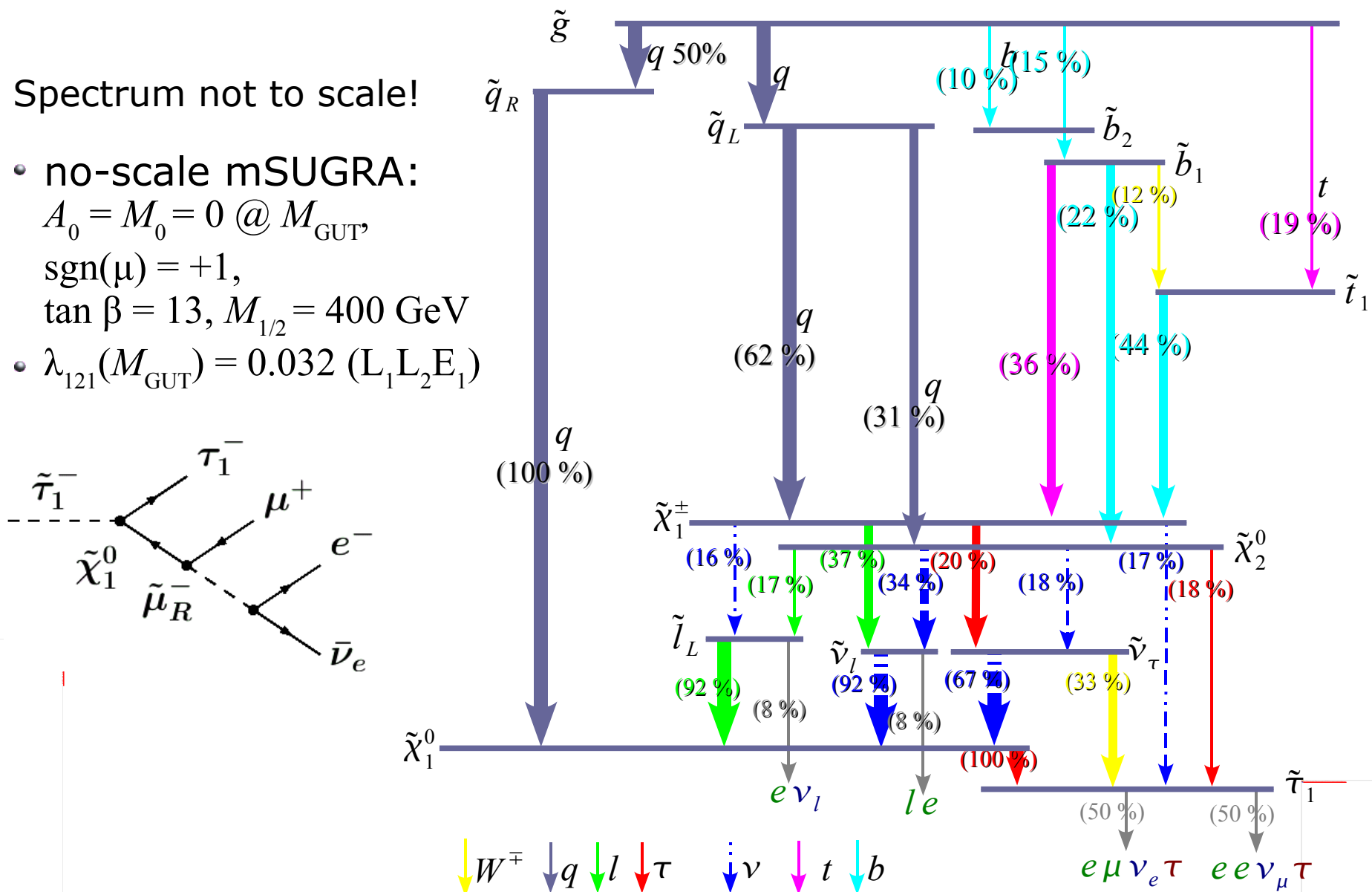


# RPV mSUGRA Benchmark Points:

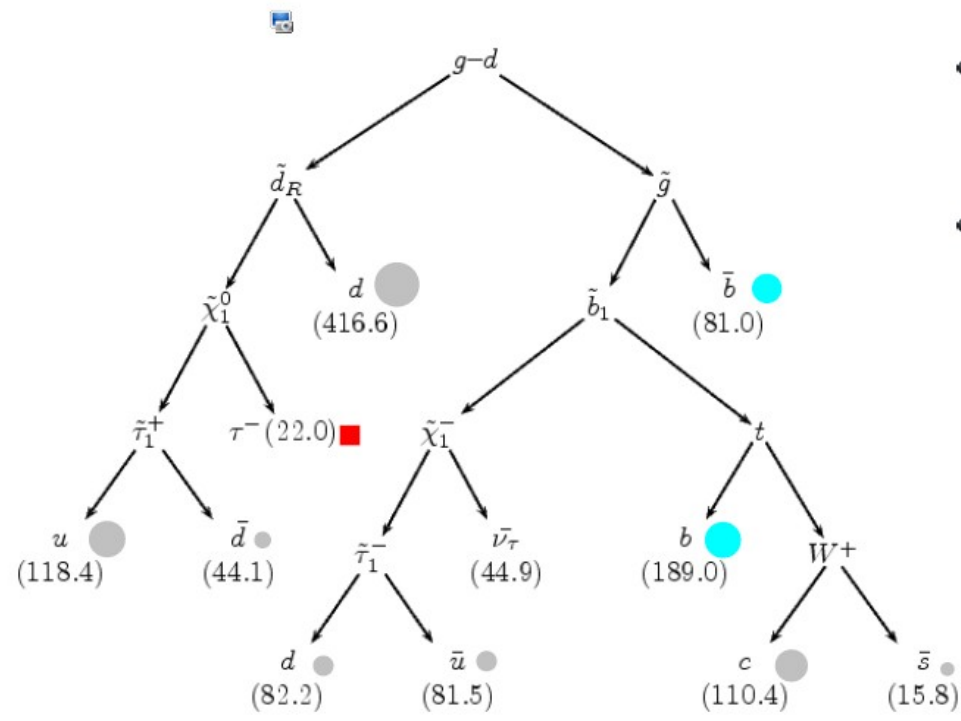
## BC1

Spectrum not to scale!

- no-scale mSUGRA:  
 $A_0 = M_0 = 0 @ M_{\text{GUT}}$   
 $\text{sgn}(\mu) = +1$ ,  
 $\tan \beta = 13$ ,  $M_{1/2} = 400 \text{ GeV}$
- $\lambda_{121}(M_{\text{GUT}}) = 0.032 (L_1 L_2 E_1)$

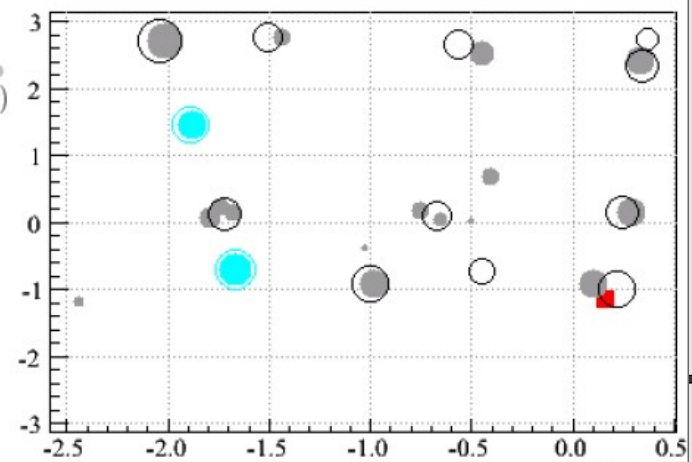
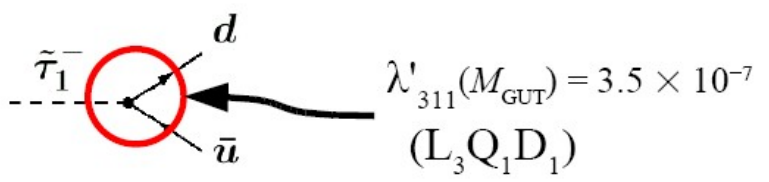


# RPV mSUGRA Benchmark Points: BC2 – Example event



- Upper part of cascade similar to BC1
- More jets and less leptons due to decay  $\tilde{\tau} \rightarrow d u$

Cross section @ 14 TeV:  $\sigma = 3,8 \text{ pb}$

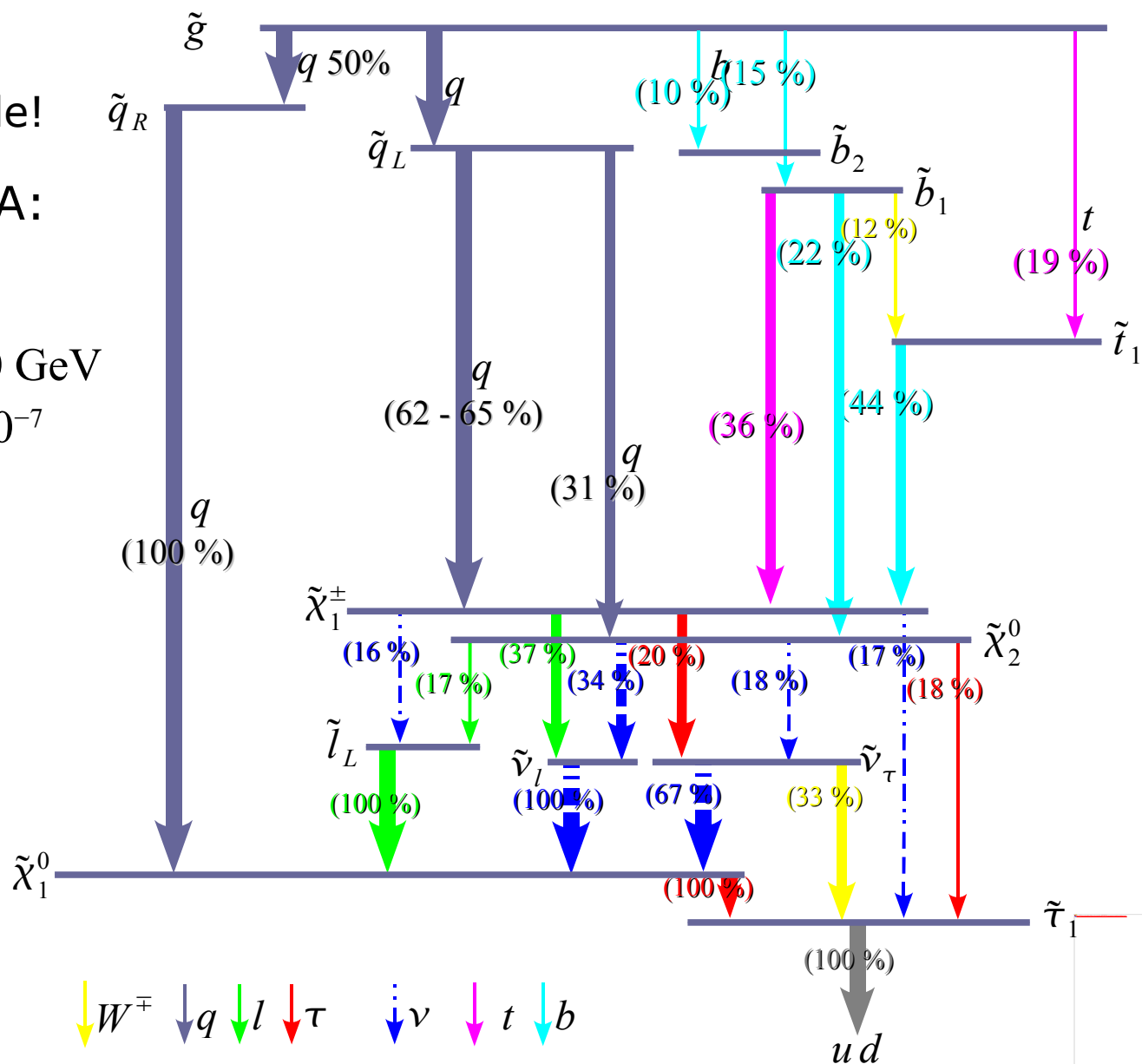
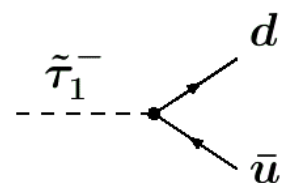


# RPV mSUGRA Benchmark Points:

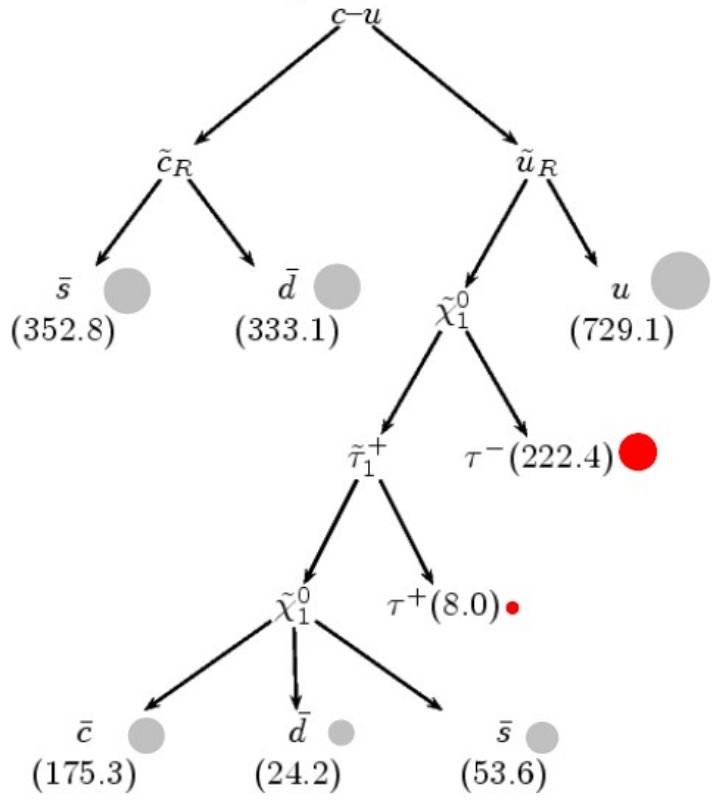
## BC2

Spectrum not to scale!

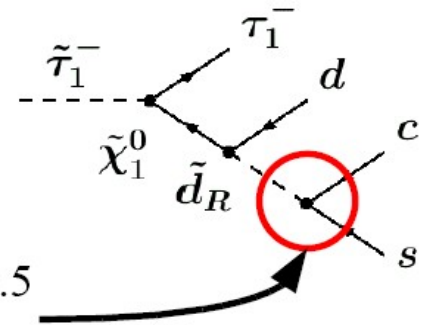
- no-scale mSUGRA:  
 $A_0 = M_0 = 0 @ M_{\text{GUT}}$   
 $\text{sgn}(\mu) = +1$ ,  
 $\tan \beta = 13$ ,  $M_{1/2} = 400 \text{ GeV}$
- $\lambda'_{311}(M_{\text{GUT}}) = 3.5 \times 10^{-7}$   
 $(L_3 Q_1 D_1)$



# RPV mSUGRA Benchmark Points: BC4 – Example event

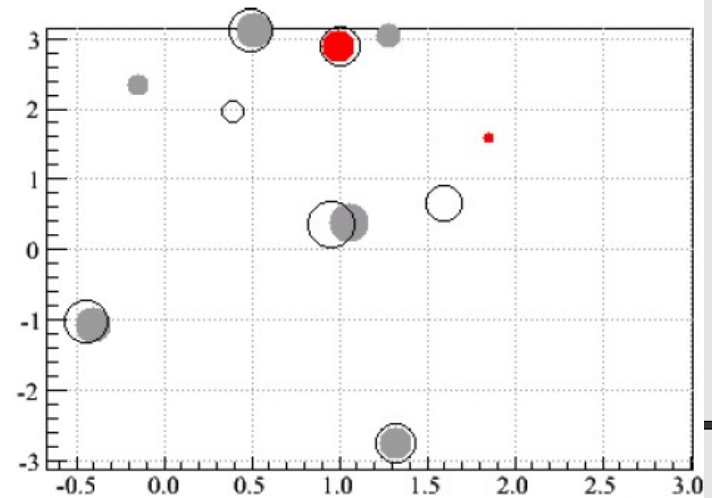


- heavier scenario than BC1, BC2



$$\lambda''_{212}(M_{\text{GUT}}) = 0.5$$

$$(U_2 D_1 D_2)$$



Cross section @ 14 TeV:  $\sigma = 0,6 \text{ pb}$

# RPV mSUGRA Benchmark Points:

## BC4

Spectrum not to scale!

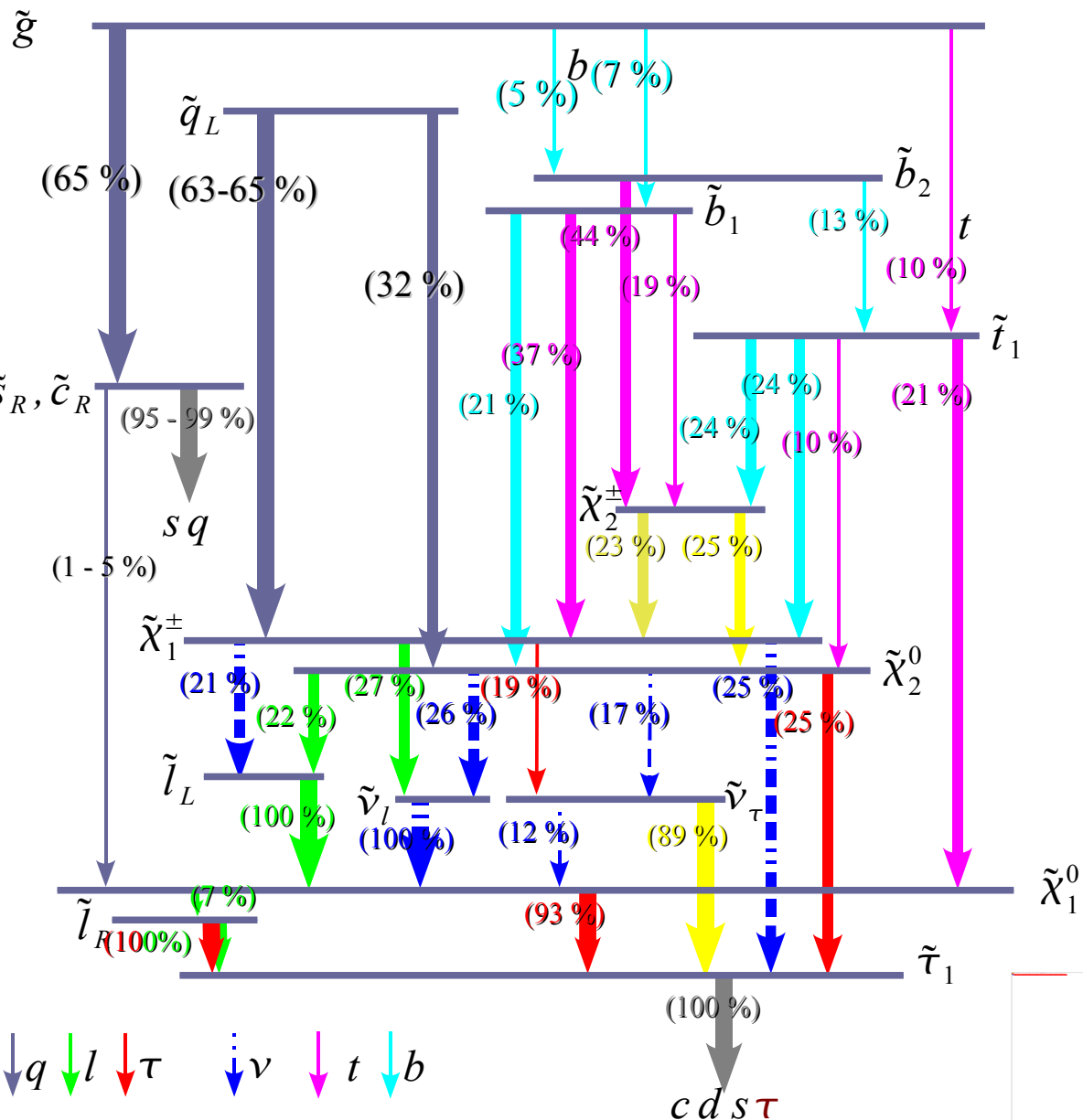
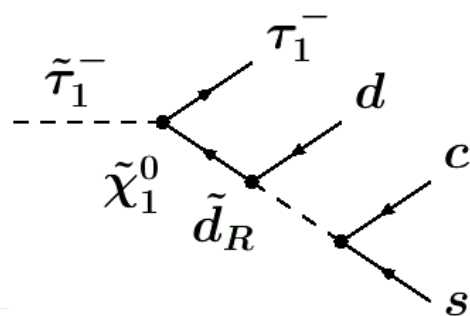
- no-scale mSUGRA:

$$A_0 = M_0 = 0 @ M_{\text{GUT}}$$

$$\text{sgn}(\mu) = +1,$$

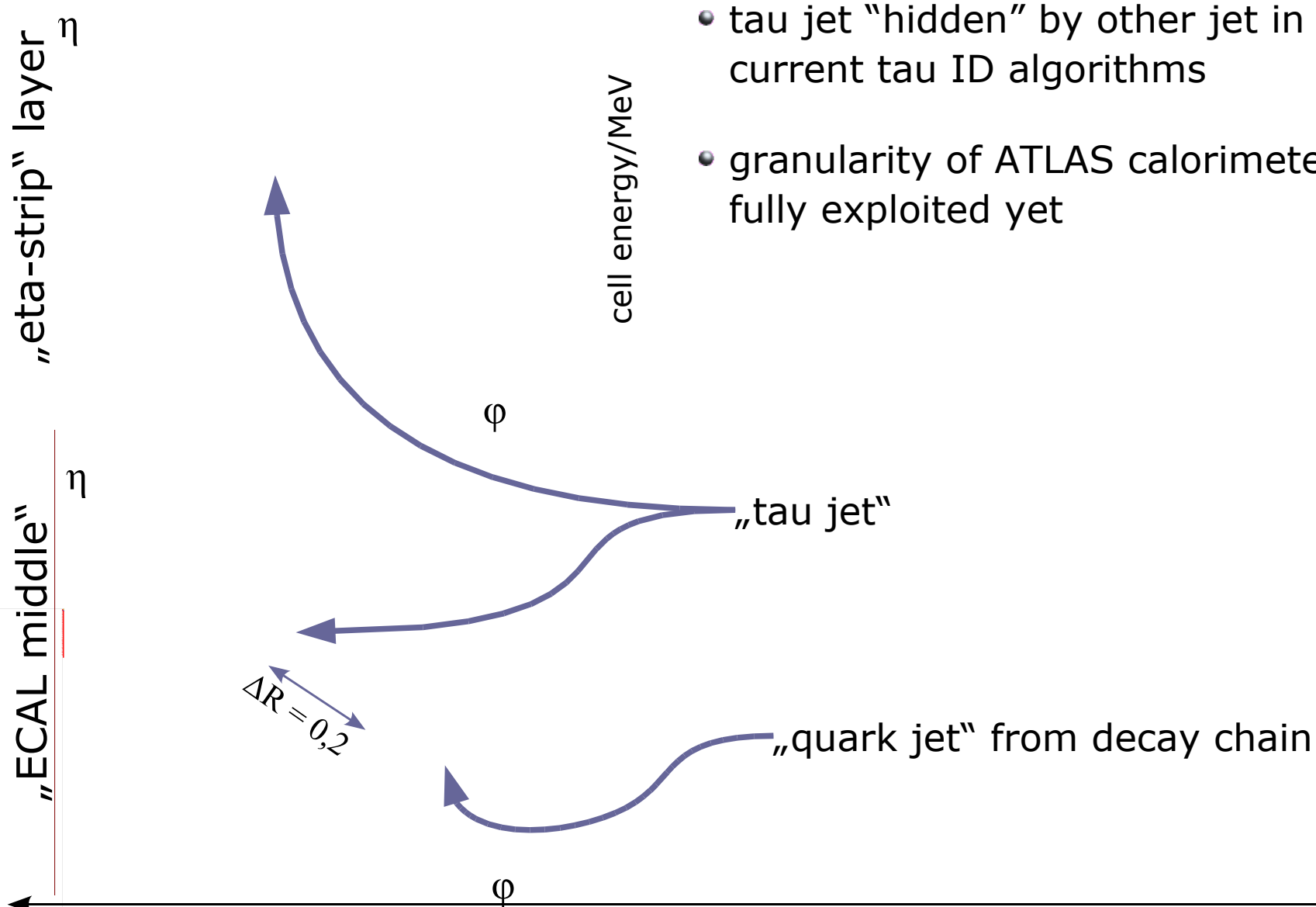
$$\tan \beta = 30, M_{1/2} = 600 \text{ GeV}, \tilde{m}_R, \tilde{m}_R, \tilde{c}_R$$

- $\lambda''_{212}(M_{\text{GUT}}) = 0.5 (U_2 D_1 D_2)$



# Detector signal for RPV mSUGRA events (BC2)

## Energy deposition in EM calorimeter



- tau jet "hidden" by other jet in current tau ID algorithms
- granularity of ATLAS calorimeter not fully exploited yet



