

Squark production with R-symmetry beyond NLO at the LHC



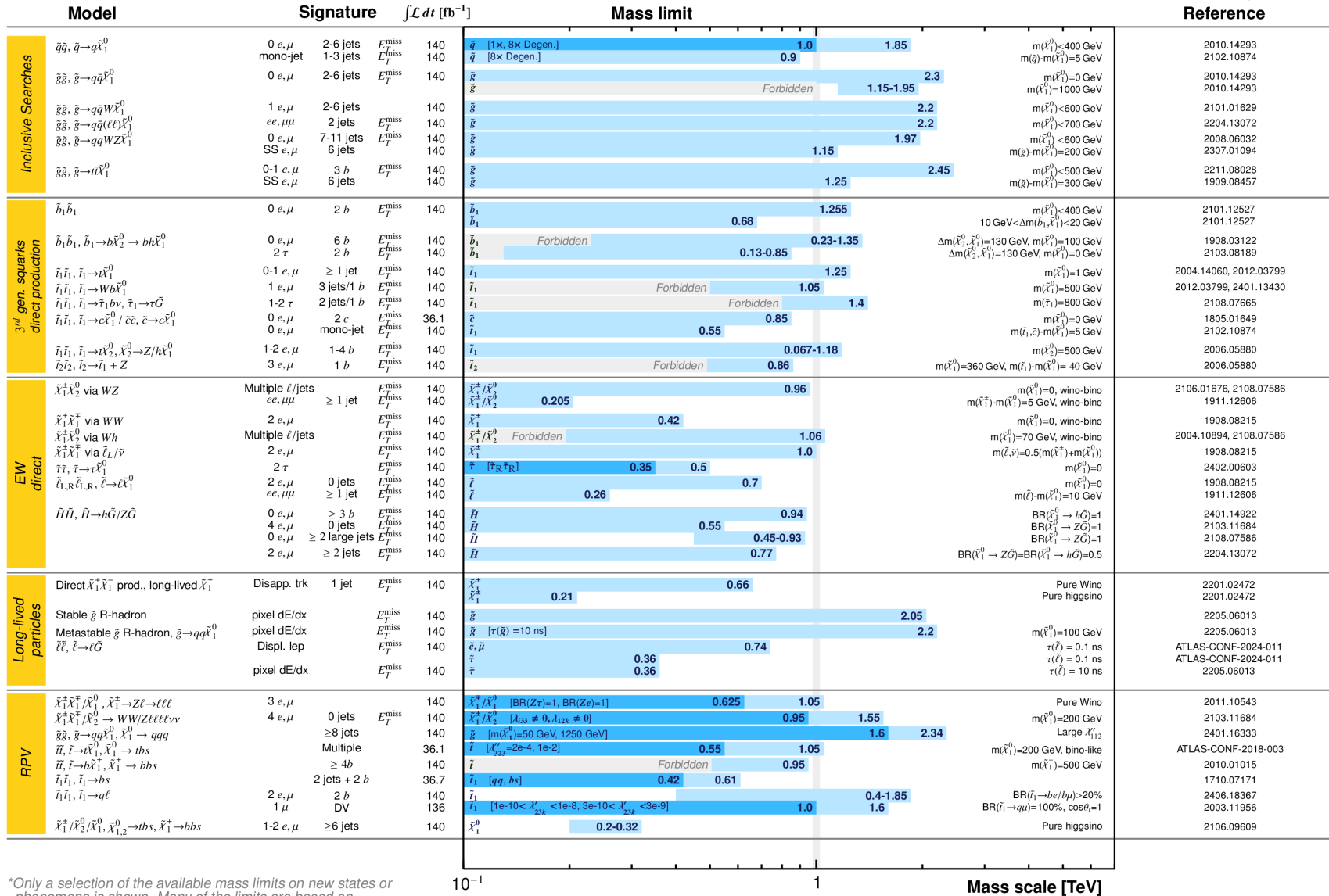
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LHC BSM limits (example)

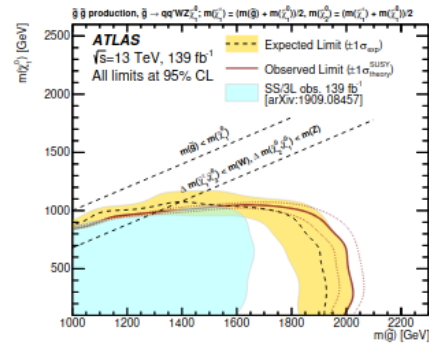
ATLAS SUSY Searches* - 95% CL Lower Limits
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ATLAS Preliminary
 $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$

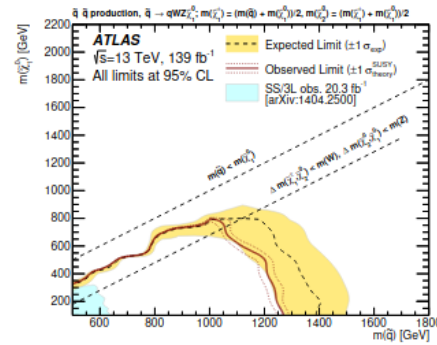


*Only a selection of the available mass limits on new states or phenomena is shown. Many of the limits are based on simplified models, c.f. refs. for the assumptions made.

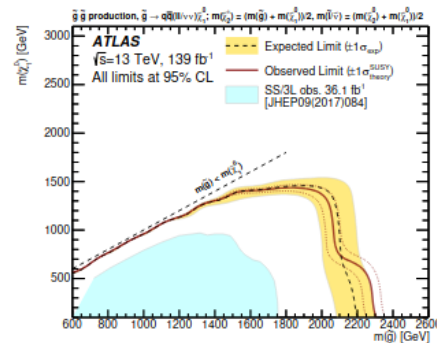
LHC squark – gluino limits



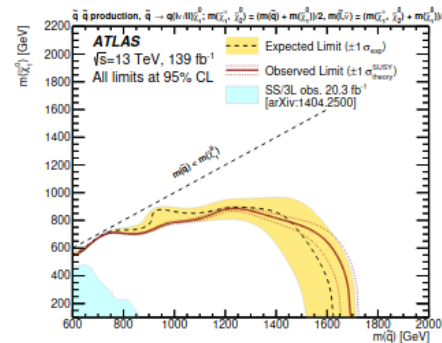
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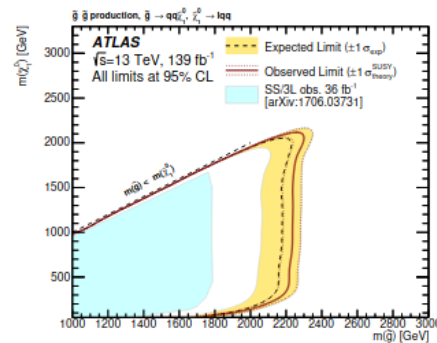
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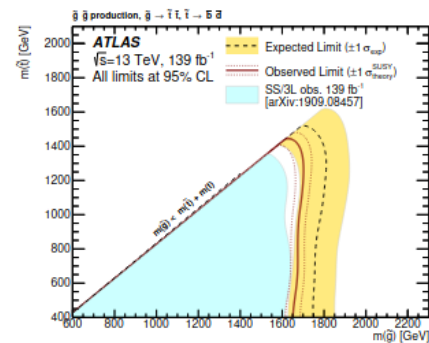
(c) $\tilde{g} \rightarrow qq(\ell\ell/\nu\nu)\tilde{\chi}_1^0$.



(d) $\tilde{q} \rightarrow q(\ell\nu/\ell\ell/\nu\nu)\tilde{\chi}_1^0$.

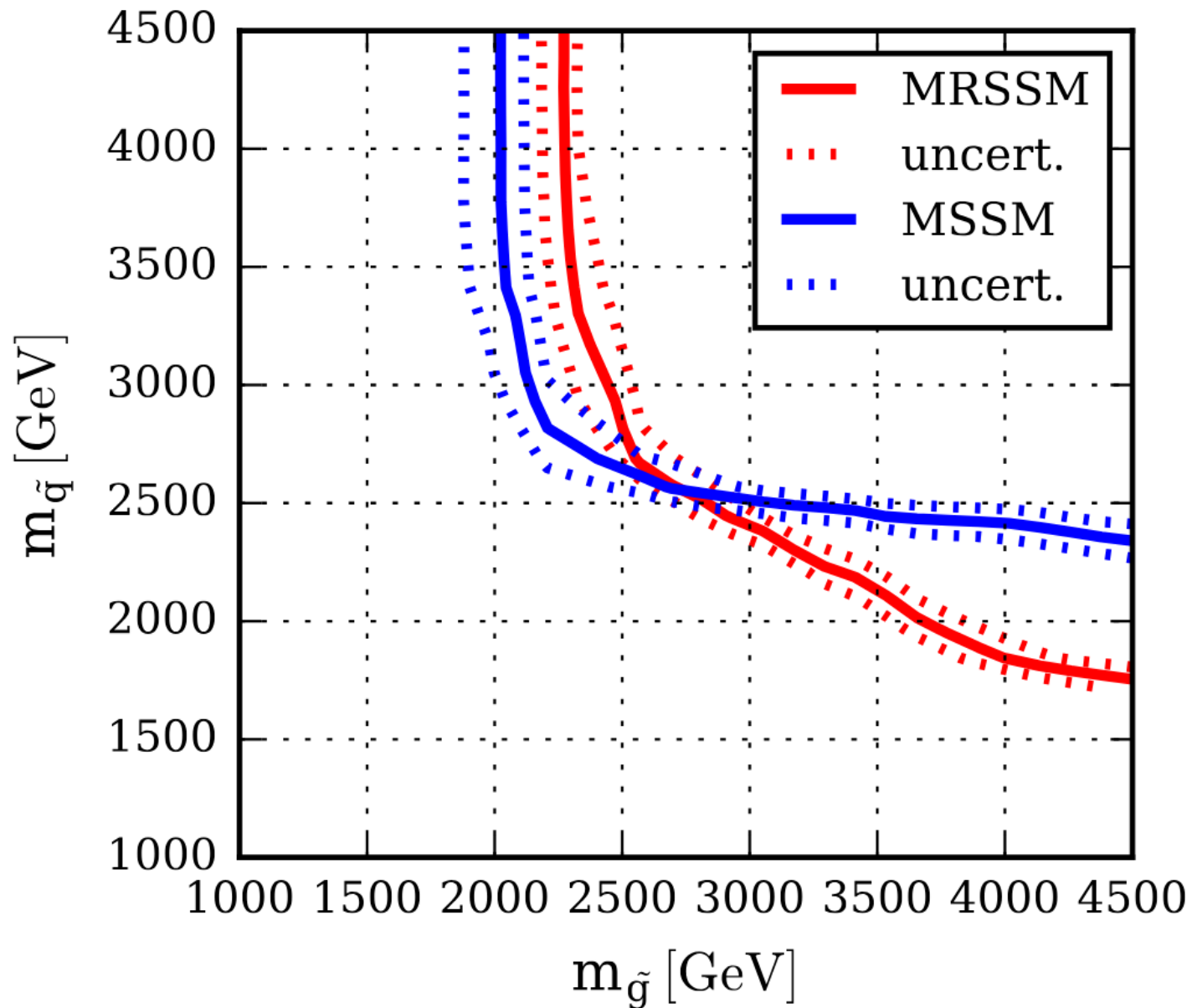


(e) $\tilde{g} \rightarrow qq\tilde{\chi}_1^0$, $\tilde{\chi}_1^0 \rightarrow lqq$.

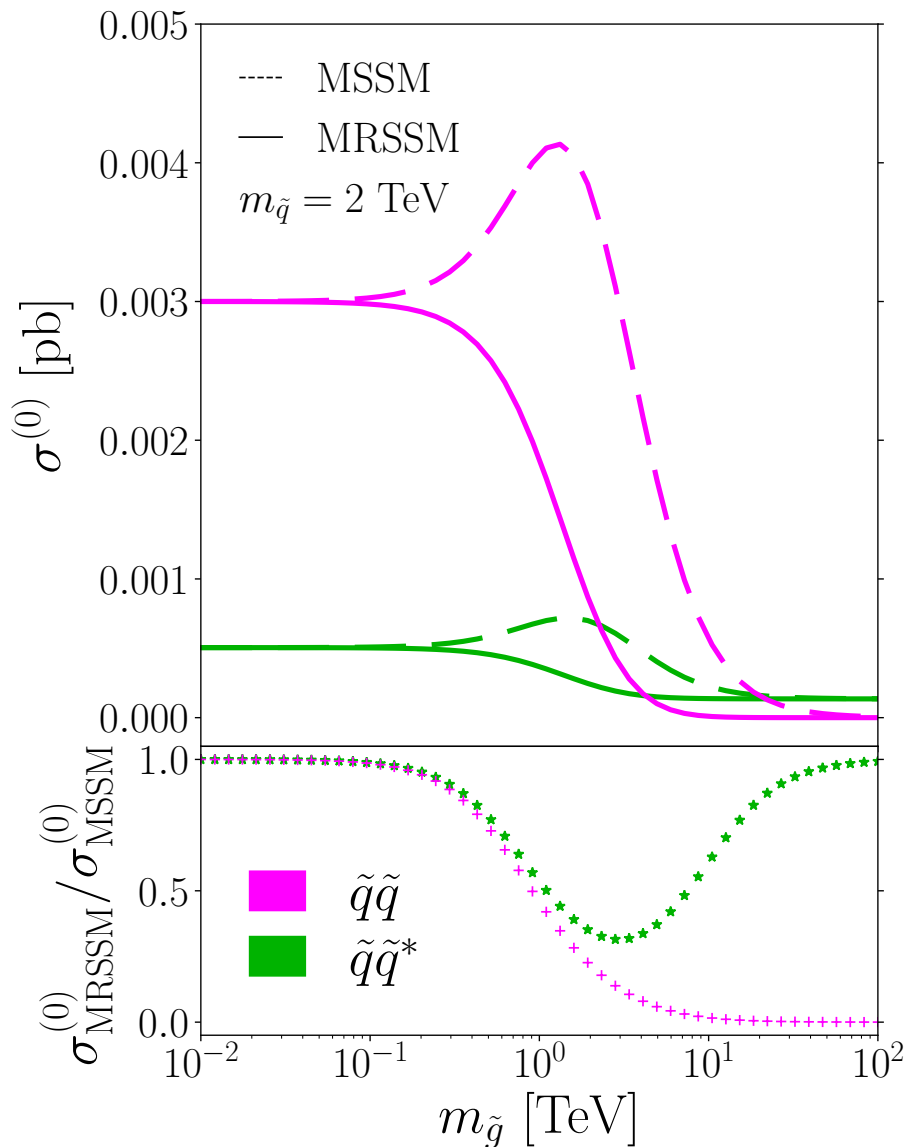


(f) $\tilde{g} \rightarrow t\bar{t}$, $\tilde{t} \rightarrow b\bar{d}$.

Not the end of the story



Glino mass dependence



■ Large difference in the intermediate $m_{\tilde{g}}$ region

- $m_{\tilde{g}} \rightarrow 0$: Dirac vs. Majorana nature becomes negligible

- $m_{\tilde{g}} \rightarrow \infty$: t-channel diagrams become negligible

- in the \tilde{g} -decoupling limit $\sigma_{\tilde{q}\tilde{q}}^{(0)} \rightarrow 0$ but:

• MRSSM: $\sigma_{\tilde{q}\tilde{q}}^{(0)} \propto m_{\tilde{g}}^{-4}$

• MSSM: $\sigma_{\tilde{q}\tilde{q}}^{(0)} \propto m_{\tilde{g}}^{-2}$

Overview of models with Dirac gauginos

- Squarks at the LHC are produced as $pp \rightarrow \tilde{q}\tilde{q}^*$ or $pp \rightarrow \tilde{q}\tilde{q} + cc$
- $\tilde{q}\tilde{q}^*$ production goes via $q\bar{q}$ and gg and therefore is most efficient for light squarks because of gluon and antiquark PDFs
- $\tilde{q}\tilde{q}$ consists of 3 combinations: LL, LR, RR. Same chiralities require chirality flip via Majorana gluino mass



- For the allowed chiralities the t-channel propagator is effectively replaced by

$$\frac{\not{p} + m_{\tilde{g}}}{p^2 - m_{\tilde{g}}^2} \rightarrow \frac{\not{p}}{p^2 - m_{\tilde{g}}^2}$$

which leads to cross section scaling with $m_{\tilde{g}}^{-4}$, as opposed to $m_{\tilde{g}}^{-2}$ in the MSSM

R-symmetry

- R-symmetry is an additional symmetry of the SUSY algebra allowed by the Haag - Łopuszański - Sohnius theorem
- For N=1 SUSY it is a global $U(1)_R$ symmetry under which the SUSY generators are charged
- implies that the spinorial coordinates are also charged

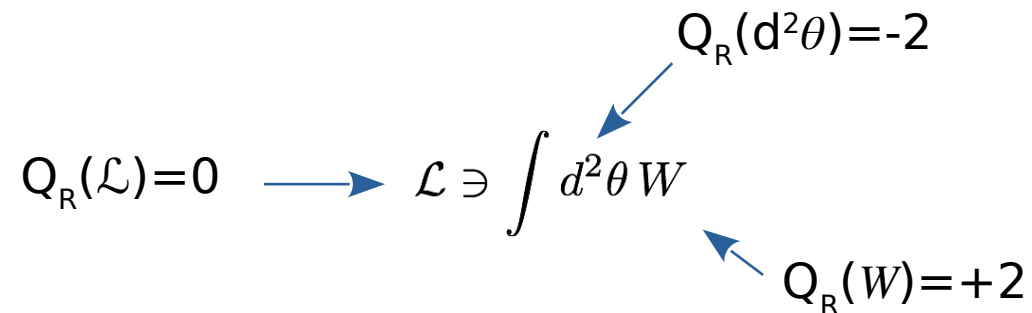
$$Q_R(\theta) = 1, \theta \rightarrow e^{i\alpha}\theta$$

- Lagrangian invariance
 - Kähler potential is automatically invariant
 - R-charge of the superpotential W must be 2

$$Q_R(\mathcal{L})=0 \longrightarrow \mathcal{L} \ni \int d^2\theta W$$

$Q_R(d^2\theta)=-2$

$Q_R(W)=+2$



- soft-breaking terms must have R-charge 0

Low-energy R-symmetry realization

- Charges of component fields

$$e^{i\alpha Q_R} \Phi = e^{i\alpha Q_R} \phi(y) + \sqrt{2}\theta\psi(y) + \theta\theta F(y)$$

- “Natural” choice

Higgs	$Q_R = 1$	$Q_R = 1$	$Q_R = 0$
leptons and quarks	$Q_R = 0$	$Q_R = 0$	$Q_R = -1$

- Good: no baryon and lepton number violating terms
- Bad: No Majorana masses for higgsinos and gauginos

One way to fix it: [Dirac masses](#)

Minimal R-Symmetric Supersymmetric Standardmodel (MRSSM)

Kribs et. al. arXiv:0712.2039

		$SU(3)_C$	$SU(2)_L$	$U(1)_Y$	$U(1)_R$	
Additional fields:	Singlet	\hat{S}	1	1	0	0
	Triplet	\hat{T}	1	3	0	0
	Octet	\hat{O}	8	1	0	0
	R-Higgses	\hat{R}_u	1	2	-1/2	2
		\hat{R}_d	1	2	1/2	2

$$\begin{aligned}
 W = & \mu_d \hat{R}_d \hat{H}_d + \mu_u \hat{R}_u \hat{H}_u \\
 & + \Lambda_d \hat{R}_d \hat{T} \hat{H}_d + \Lambda_u \hat{R}_u \hat{T} \hat{H}_u + \lambda_d \hat{S} \hat{R}_d \hat{H}_d + \lambda_u \hat{S} \hat{R}_u \hat{H}_u \\
 & - Y_d \hat{d} \hat{q} \hat{H}_d - Y_e \hat{e} \hat{l} \hat{H}_d + Y_u \hat{u} \hat{q} \hat{H}_u
 \end{aligned}$$

MSSM vs. MRSSM

■ MSSM superpotencial

$$\mu \hat{H}_u \hat{H}_d - Y_d \hat{d} \hat{q} \hat{H}_d - Y_e \hat{e} \hat{l} \hat{H}_d + Y_u \hat{u} \hat{q} \hat{H}_u$$

■ MSSM soft-SUSY breaking terms

- B_μ - term ✔
- soft scalar masses ✔
- Majorana gaugino masses !
- A - terms !

■ MRSSM superpotencial

$$\mu_d \hat{R}_d \hat{H}_d + \mu_u \hat{R}_u \hat{H}_u - Y_d \hat{d} \hat{q} \hat{H}_d - Y_e \hat{e} \hat{l} \hat{H}_d + Y_u \hat{u} \hat{q} \hat{H}_u - \Lambda_d \hat{R}_d \hat{T} \hat{H}_d - \Lambda_u \hat{R}_u \hat{T} \hat{H}_u + \lambda_d \hat{S} \hat{R}_d \hat{H}_d + \lambda_u \hat{S} \hat{R}_u \hat{H}_u$$

■ MRSSM soft-SUSY breaking terms

- B_μ - term (though no B_{μ_u}, B_{μ_d})
- soft scalar masses
- Dirac gaugino masses ←
- no A-terms

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R-symmetry vs. matter parity

- Consider R-symmetric transformation of a generic supermultiplet

$$R : \Phi(x, \theta, \bar{\theta}) \rightarrow \Phi'(x, e^{i\varphi}\theta, e^{-i\varphi}\bar{\theta}) = e^{i\varphi R_\Phi} \Phi(x, \theta, \bar{\theta})$$

- In the MSSM one imposes the so-called matter parity

$$M_p = (-1)^{3(B-L)}$$

- this is equivalent to R-parity which is defined on components of a supermultiplet as $P_R = (-1)^{3(B-L)+2s}$
- This is also equivalent to R-symmetry $R = e^{i\varphi R_\Phi}$ with $\varphi = \pi$ and $R_\Phi = 3(B - L)$

- R-charges

- MSSM: $R_\Phi = 0, 1$
- MRSSM: $R_\Phi = 0, 1, 2$

- R-symmetry is more restrictive than matter parity

Particle content summary: MSSM vs. MRSSM

different number of physical state

completely new states

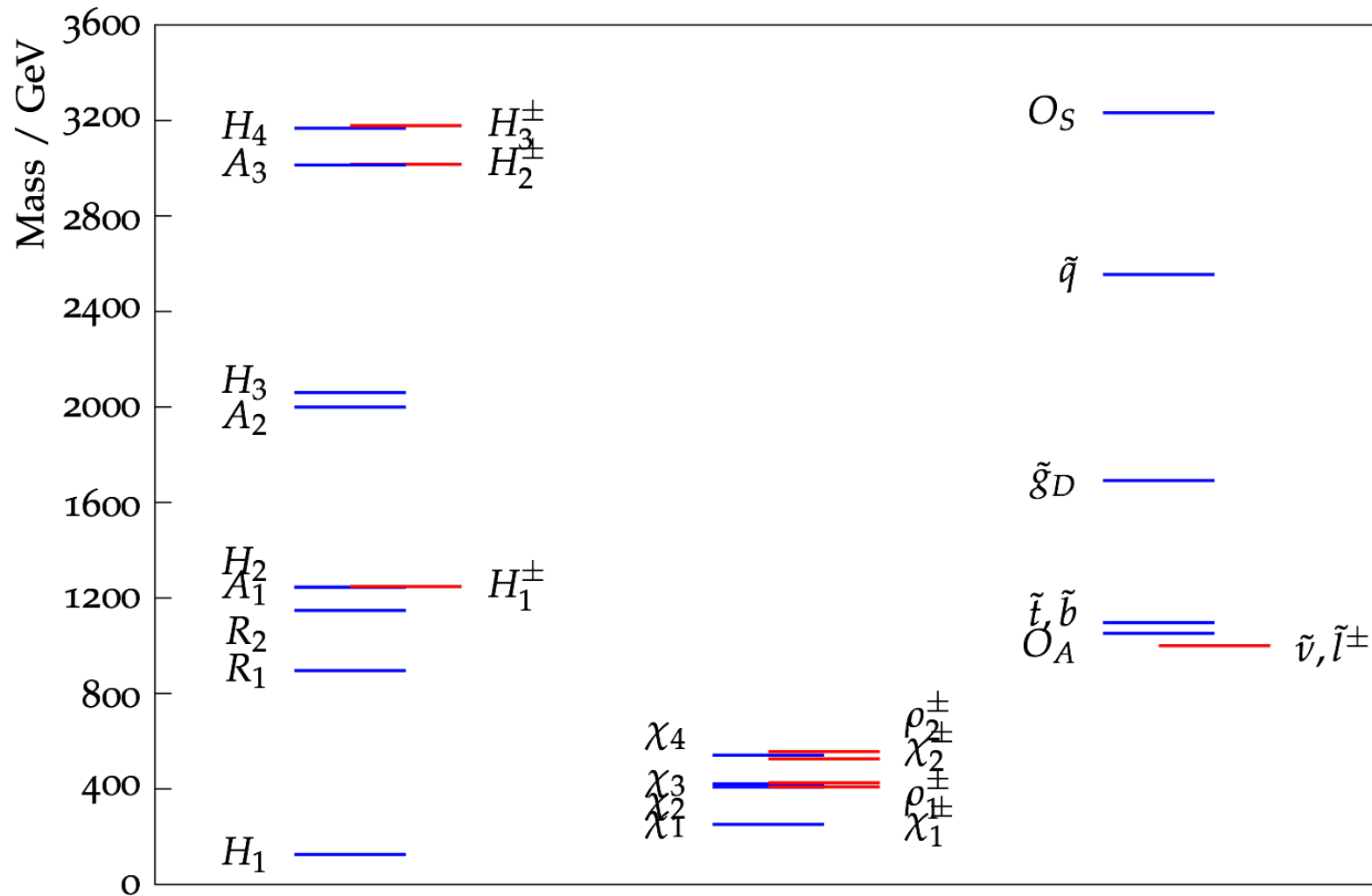
	Higgs		charged	charginos	R-Higgs		sgluon
	CP-even	CP-odd			neutral	charged	
MSSM	2	1	1	2	0	0	0
MRSSM	4	3	3	2+2	2	2	2

	neutralino	gluino
MSSM	4	1
MRSSM	4	1

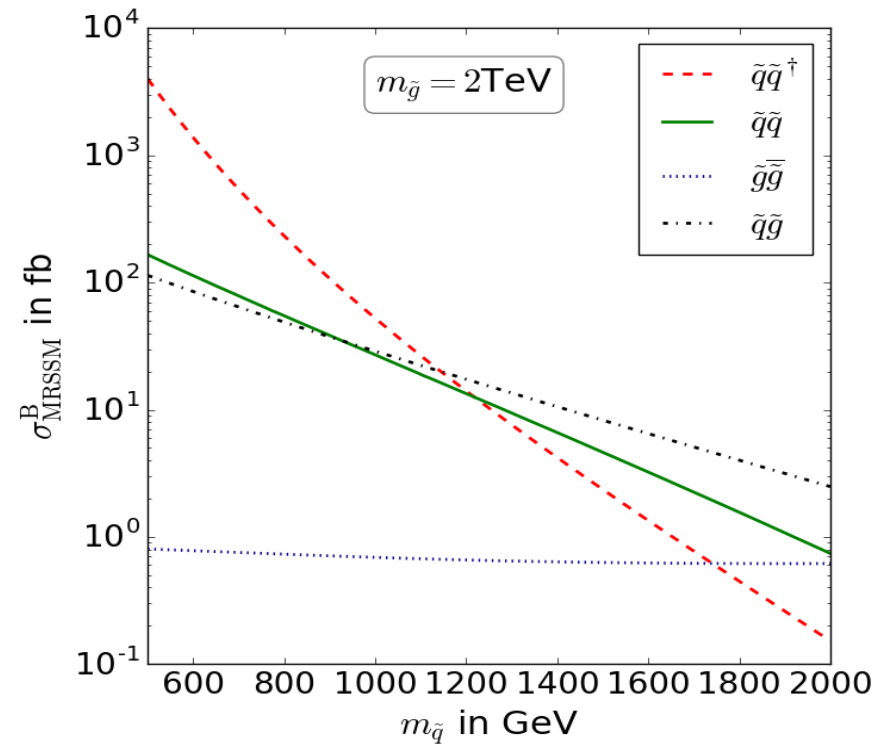
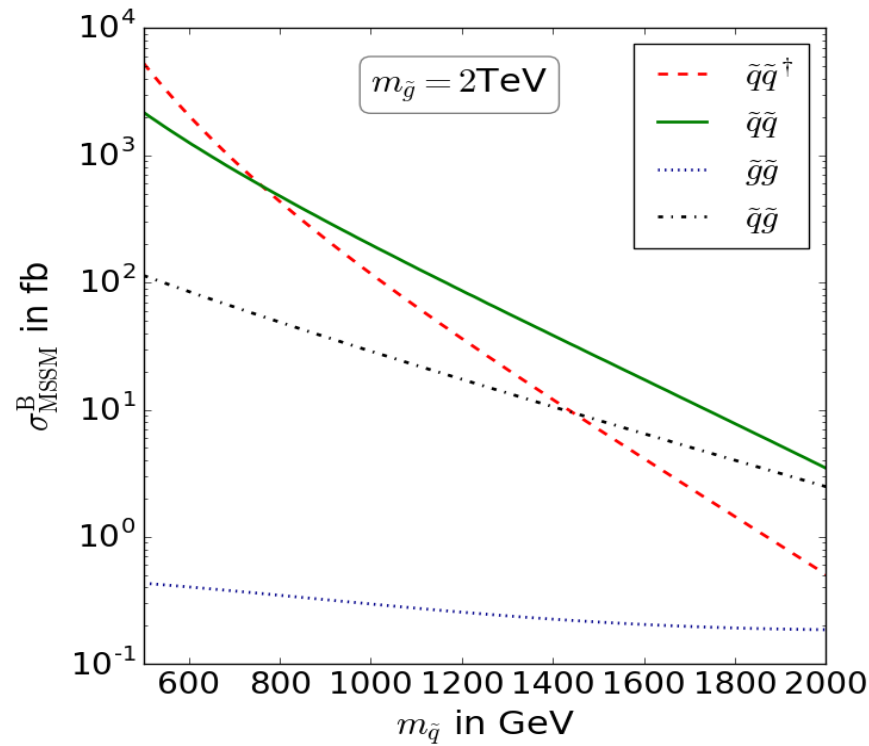
Majorana fermions

Dirac fermions

Example of a mass spectrum



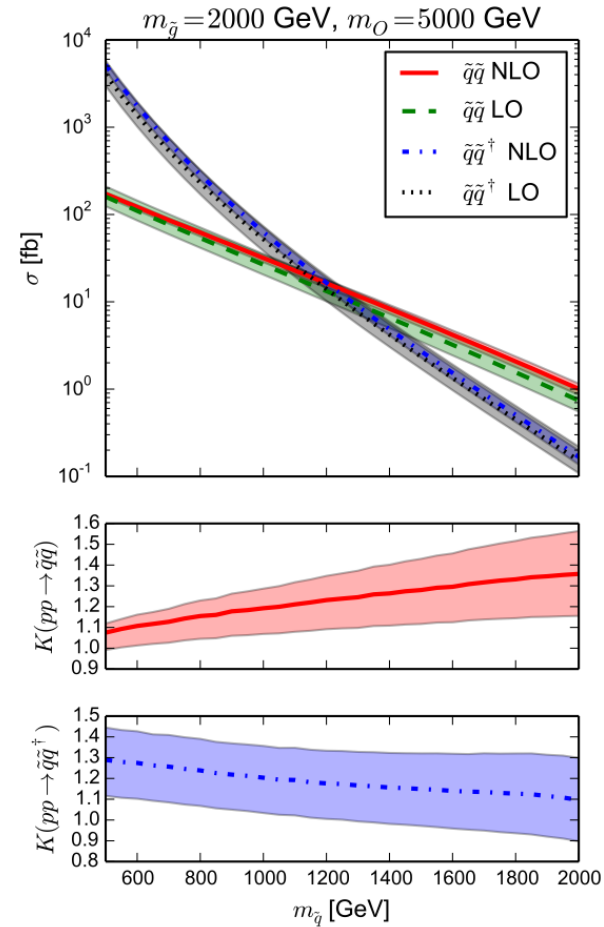
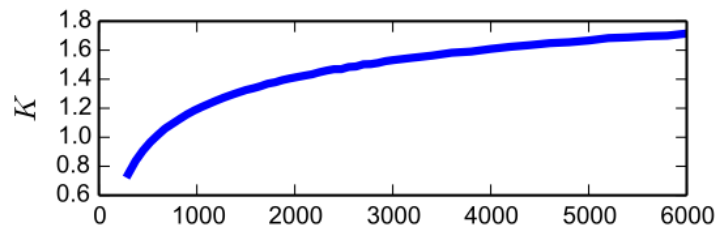
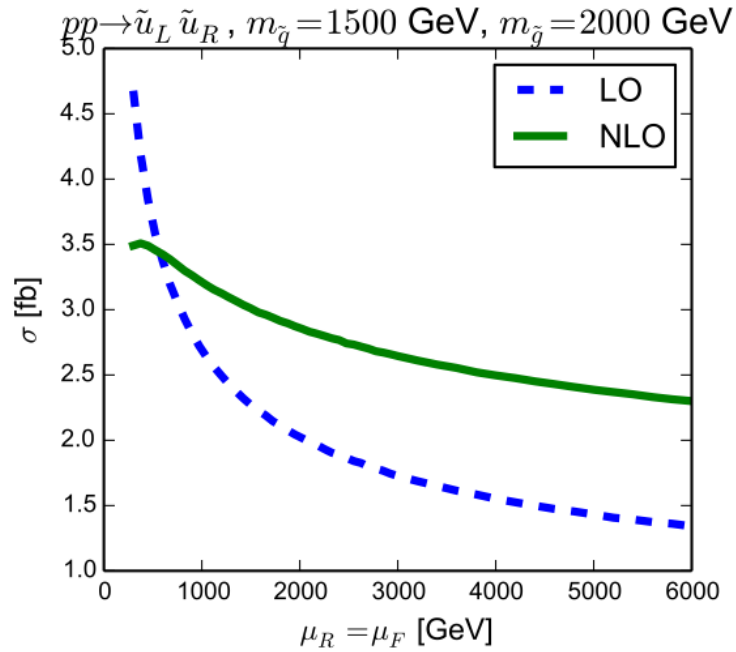
Squark pair production @ LO



NLO setup

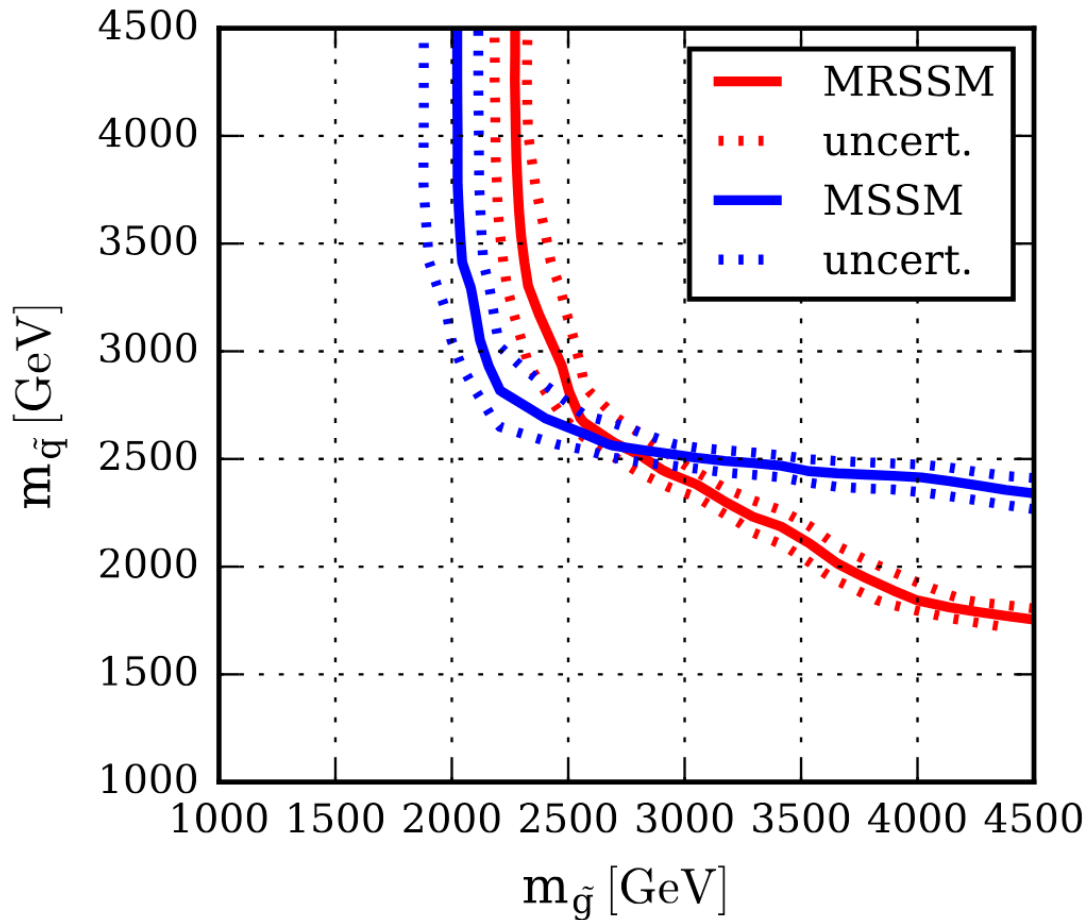
- Two independent calculations:
 - analytic calculation: hand-made FeynArts model (based on SARAH FEYNARTS output) with 1-loop and real emission diagrams generated by FEYNARTS + FORMCALC. Infrared singularities removed via 2-cut phase space slicing method
 - semi-automatic calculation in MADGRAPH: UFO model file based on SARAH UFO output. Unrenormalized virtual matrix elements generated by GoSam with by hand added renormalization. Soft and/or colinear divergences handled by MADFKS
- Full numerical cancelation of UV and IR poles in both cases for random phase space points
- Full numerical agreement for UV and IR poles between calculations for random phase space points
- Full numerical agreement for unrenormalized and renormalized amplitudes for random phase space points
- Agreement for total cross-sections between both methods withing uncertainty of numerical integration
- The C++ code called RSymSQCD that computes squark production cross-sections at the NLO in the MRSSM can be downloaded from github

K-factors and reduction of theoretical uncertainty



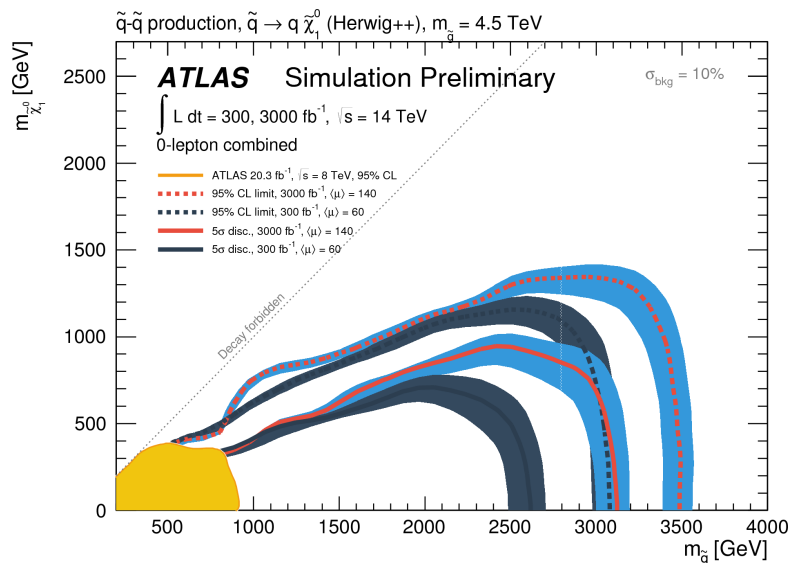
Phenomenological implications

$$m_{\tilde{g}} > \begin{cases} 2.2 \text{ TeV (MRSSM)} \\ 2.0 \text{ TeV (MSSM)} \end{cases} \quad (m_{\tilde{q}} = 5 \text{ TeV})$$

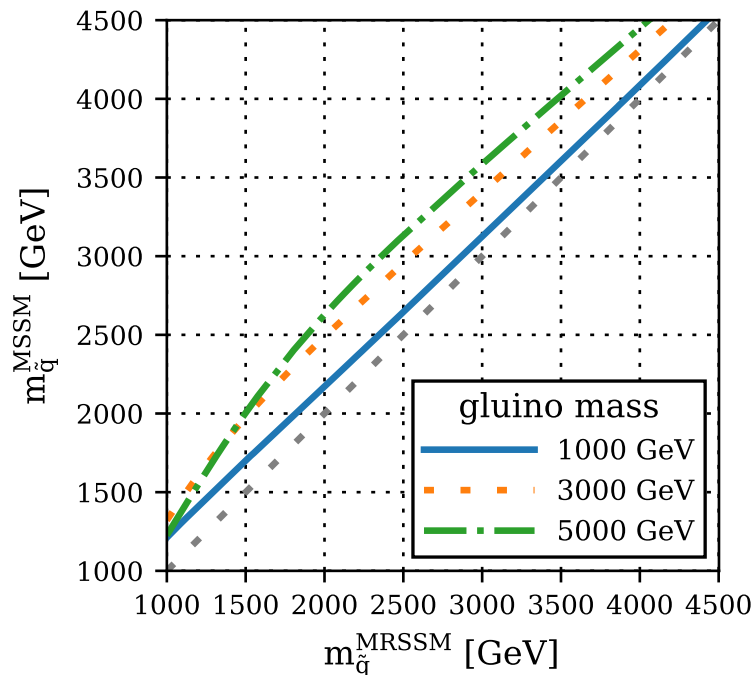


$$m_{\tilde{q}} > \begin{cases} 1.7 \text{ TeV (MRSSM)} \\ 2.3 \text{ TeV (MSSM)} \end{cases} \quad (m_{\tilde{g}} = 5 \text{ TeV})$$

Projection for the HL-LHC



- The exclusion limits follow closely the difference in cross sections between model
- This allows to gauge the excluding power of the high-luminosity phase of the LHC: for $m_{\tilde{g}} = 4.5$ TeV with 3000 fb⁻¹ light flavour squarks in the MRSSM can be excluded up to 3 TeV, as opposed to 3.5 TeV as in the MSSM



Beyond the NLO

- In the case of production of a heavy-mass system, a significant contribution to the cross section comes from the region near threshold, where the partonic centre-of-mass-energy is close to the kinematic restriction for the on-shell production
- Dominant contributions:
 - soft-gluon emission off the initial- or final-state legs
 - exchange of gluons between slowly moving coloured particles in the final state (Coulomb correction)
- Here we discuss the resummation of soft-gluons. In principle Coulomb corrections can be resummed as well.

Basics of resummation framework

- NLO partonic cross-section near threshold partonic threshold $\beta^2 \equiv 1 - 4m^2/\hat{s} \rightarrow 0$

$$\hat{\sigma}^{\text{NLO}} = \hat{\sigma}^{(0)} \left[1 + \alpha_s \left(\underbrace{a \log^2 \beta^2 + b \log \beta^2}_{\text{soft-gluon correction}} + \underbrace{c/\beta}_{\text{Coulomb correction}} \right) \right]$$

soft-gluon correction Coulomb correction

- The resummation is performed in the Mellin space

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\sigma}_{h_1 h_2 \rightarrow \tilde{q}\tilde{q}^{(*)}}(N, \{m^2\}) &\equiv \int_0^1 d\rho \rho^{N-1} \sigma_{h_1 h_2 \rightarrow \tilde{q}\tilde{q}^{(*)}}(\rho, \{m^2\}) \\ &= \sum_{i,j} \tilde{f}_{i/h_1}(N+1, \mu^2) \tilde{f}_{j/h_2}(N+1, \mu^2) \tilde{\sigma}_{ij \rightarrow \tilde{q}\tilde{q}^{(*)}}(N, \{m^2\}, \mu^2) \end{aligned}$$

where $\beta \rightarrow 0$ corresponds to $N \rightarrow \infty$. Mellin transform changes convolution into product.

- Resummed cross section up to NNLL accuracy

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\sigma}_{ij \rightarrow \tilde{q}\tilde{q}^{(*)}}^{(\text{res})}(N, \{m^2\}, \mu^2) &= \sum_I \tilde{\sigma}_{ij \rightarrow \tilde{q}\tilde{q}^{(*)}, I}^{(0)}(N, \{m^2\}, \mu^2) \left(1 + \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} C_{ij \rightarrow \tilde{q}\tilde{q}^{(*)}, I}^{(1)}(N, \{m^2\}, \mu^2) \right) \\ &\quad \times \exp \left[L g_1(\alpha_s L) + g_{2,I}(\alpha_s L) + \alpha_s g_{3,I}(\alpha_s L) \right] \end{aligned}$$

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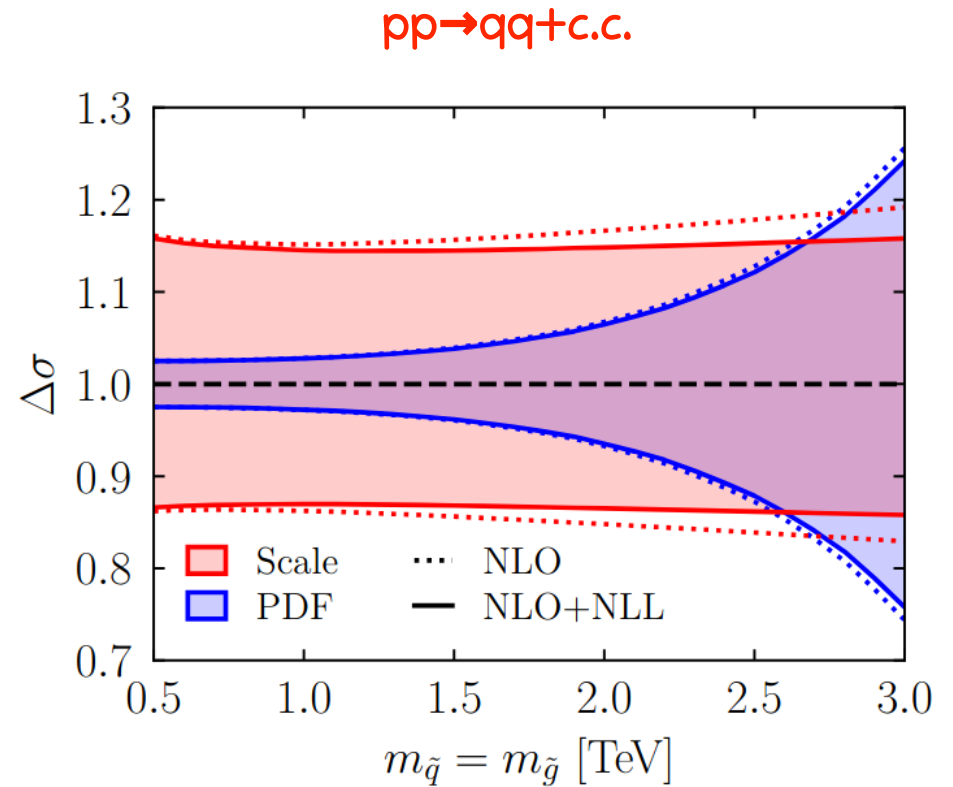
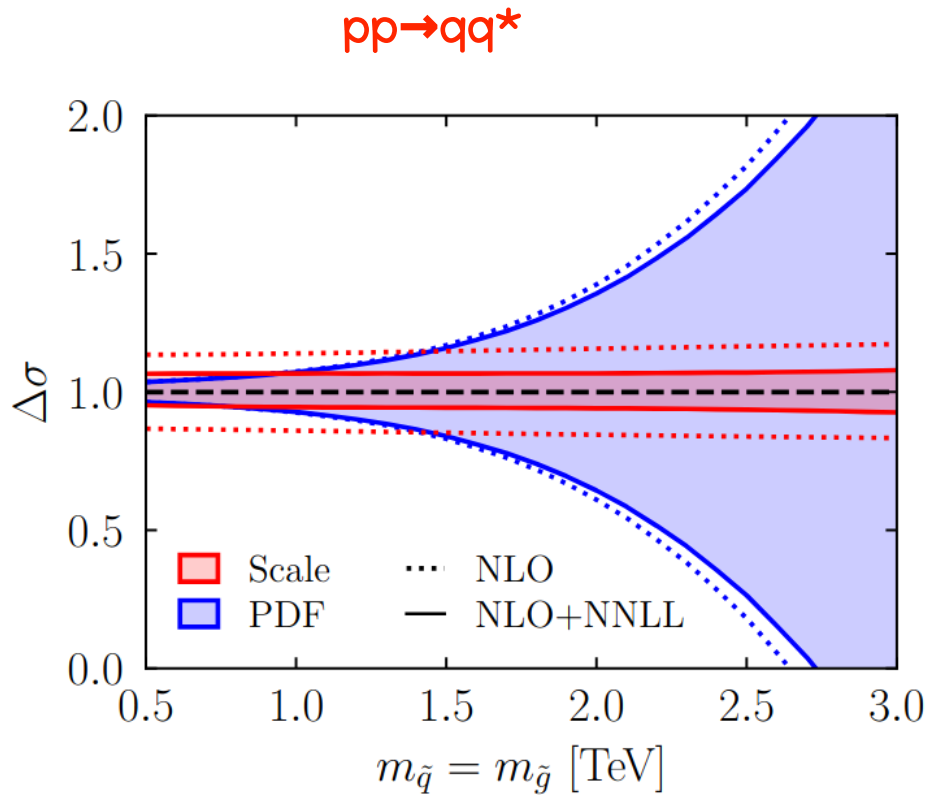
where:

- $\tilde{\sigma}_{ij \rightarrow \tilde{q}\tilde{q}^{(*)}, I}^{(0)}$ is the color decomposed LO cross section in the Mellin space
- $C_{ij \rightarrow \tilde{q}\tilde{q}^{(*)}, I}^{(1)}$ collects all $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3)$ non-logarithmic (in N) contributions which do not vanish at threshold

- The hadronic cross-section in physical space at the NLO+NNLL accuracy (without doublecounting) is given by

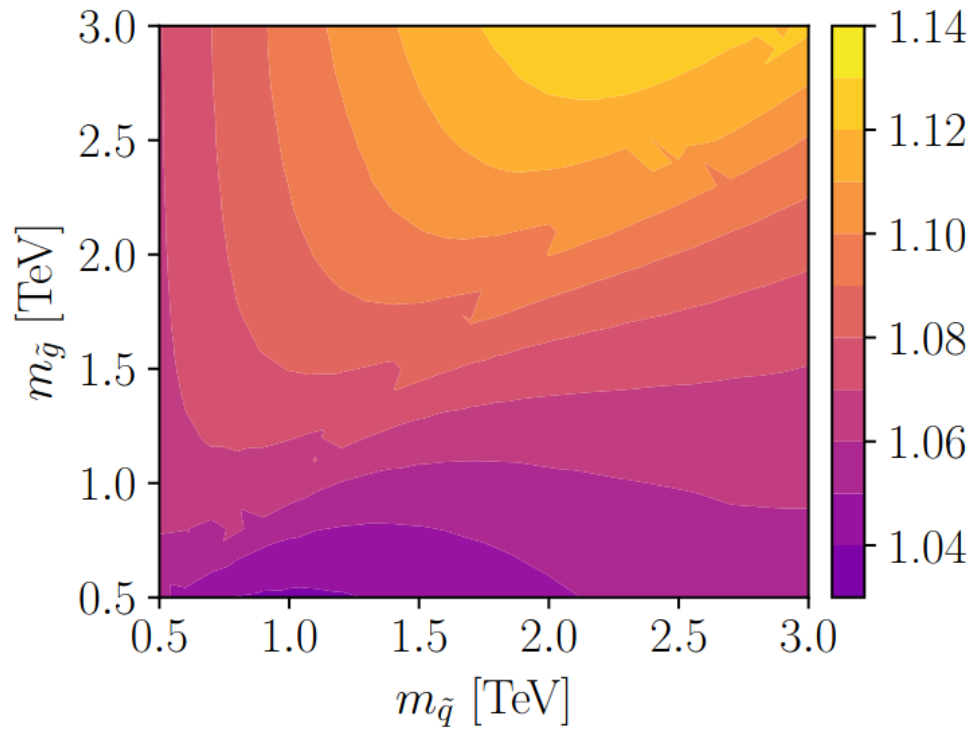
$$\sigma_{h_1 h_2 \rightarrow \tilde{q}\tilde{q}^{(*)}}^{(\text{NLO}+(\text{N})\text{NLL})}(\rho, \{m^2\}, \mu^2) = \sum_{i,j} \int_{\text{CT}} \frac{dN}{2\pi i} \rho^{-N} \tilde{f}_{i/h_1}(N+1, \mu^2) \tilde{f}_{j/h_2}(N+1, \mu^2) \times \left[\tilde{\sigma}_{ij \rightarrow \tilde{q}\tilde{q}^{(*)}}^{(\text{res})}(N, \{m^2\}, \mu^2) - \tilde{\sigma}_{ij \rightarrow \tilde{q}\tilde{q}^{(*)}}^{(\text{res})}(N, \{m^2\}, \mu^2) \Big|_{(\text{NLO})} \right] + \sigma_{h_1 h_2 \rightarrow \tilde{q}\tilde{q}^{(*)}}^{(\text{NLO})}(\rho, \{m^2\}, \mu^2)$$

Reduction of theoretical uncertainty

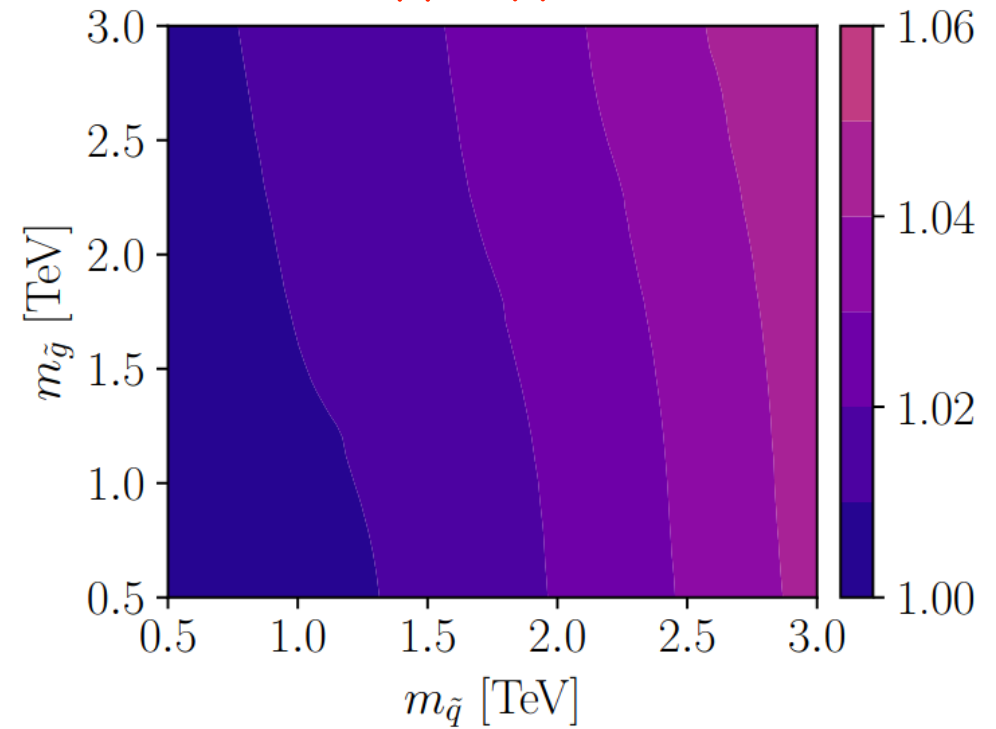


NNLL K-factors $[\sigma(\text{NLO}+\text{NNLL})/\sigma(\text{NLO})]$

$pp \rightarrow qq^*$



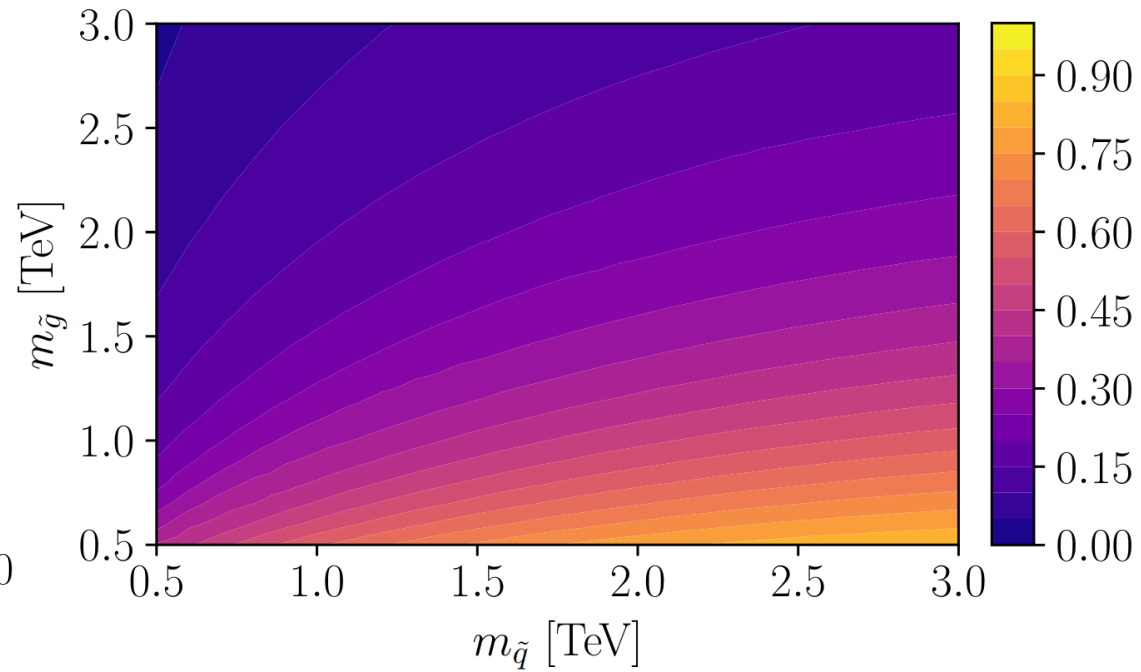
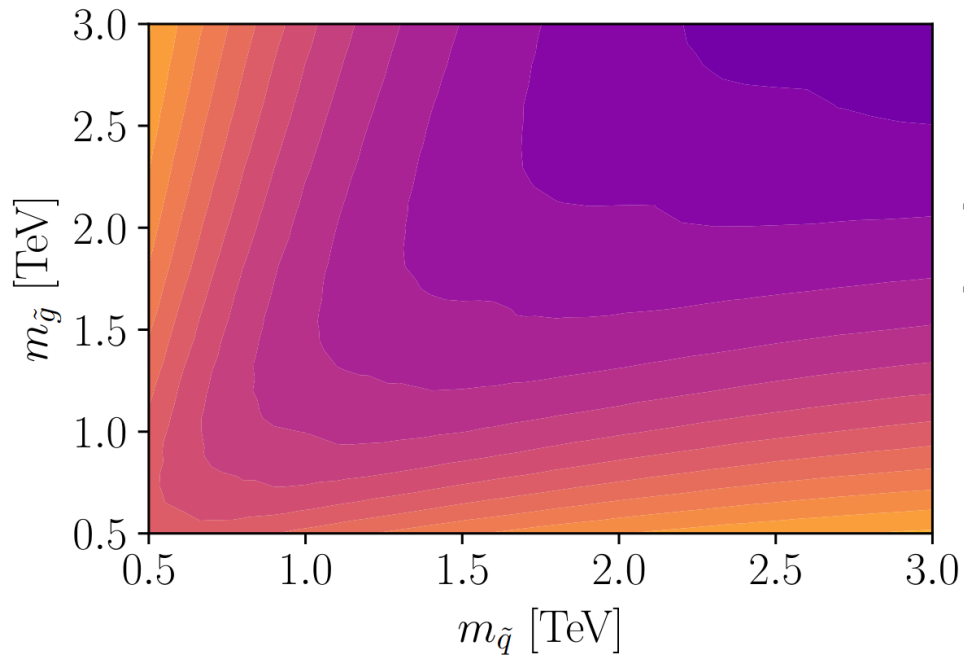
$pp \rightarrow qq + c.c.$



$\sigma(\text{MRSSM})/\sigma(\text{MSSM}) @ \text{NLO+NNLL}$

$pp \rightarrow qq^*$

$pp \rightarrow qq + \text{c.c.}$



Conclusions and outlook

- MRSSM is a valid alternative to the MSSM, with rich and distinct phenomenology
- It alleviates some of the MSSM constraints:
 - collider limits from strongly interacting particles [1707.04557][1907.11641][2402.10160]
 - FCNC constraints in quark sector
 - FCNC constraints in lepton sector [1902.06650]
 - is in agreement with EW precision and Higgs data [1410.4791][1504.05386]
 - provides a viable dark matter candidate [1511.09334]
 - can accommodate a 95 GeV “excess” in conjunction with DM (see next talk) [2403.08720]
 - predicts small muon $g-2$ [1902.06650]
 - features unique particles like color-octet scalars and Dirac gluinos and neutralinos [0812.3586][1005.0818][1608.00915]
- MRSSM (and MSSM) results for squark pair production at NLO+NNLL accuracy are included in the [NNLL-fast](#) code [Beenakker, Borschensky, Krämer, Kulesza, Laenen (2016)][Beenakker, Borschensky, Krämer, Kulesza, Laenen, Mamuzić, Moreno Valero (2024)]