

# Mass Measurement in Boosted Decay Chains w/ Missing Energy

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# Plan

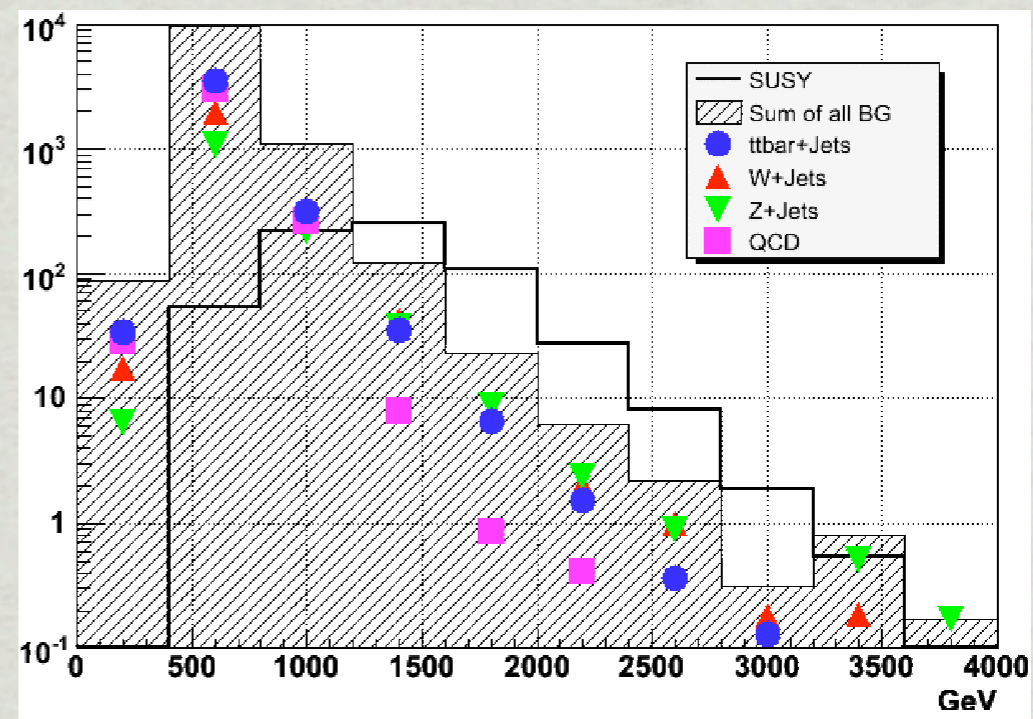
- ★ Warm-up for mass measurement w/ missing energy
  - ★ The Problem
  - ★ The knowns methods
- ★ Boosted decay chain, Collinearity
- ★ MET-cone method
- ★ 1D projection of MET-cone:  $m_{\text{test}}$  variable
  - ★ Definition, analytic solution and endpoints
  - ★ Numerical results
- ★ Test consistency
- ★ Conclusion

# Missing energy events in new physics

- ★ Missing energy event is not unusual      e.g.  $W \rightarrow e\nu$   
-- neutrino in SM
- ★ We are interested in the missing energy from new physics
- ★ Dark matter motivation : exist (meta)stable exotic particle
- ★ New symmetry to protect it from decay

- ★  $Z_2$  parity --> pair production of stable exotics at LHC

- ★ SUSY, UED ...



# Mass reconstruction is important

- ★ Crucial for understanding the underlying physics
  - ★ distinguish different physical models

## The dark matter Connection

- ★ The mass of the missing particle determines the relic density

$$\Omega_\chi h^2 \propto \frac{1}{\langle \sigma v \rangle} \sim \frac{m_\chi^2}{\alpha^2}.$$

- ★ Comparison with direct detection and indirect detection

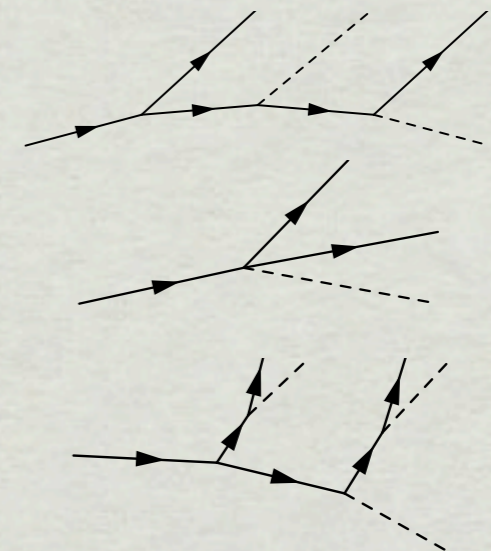
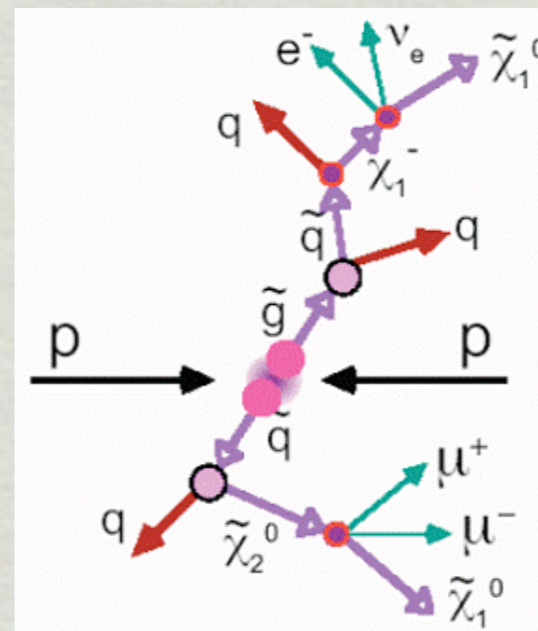
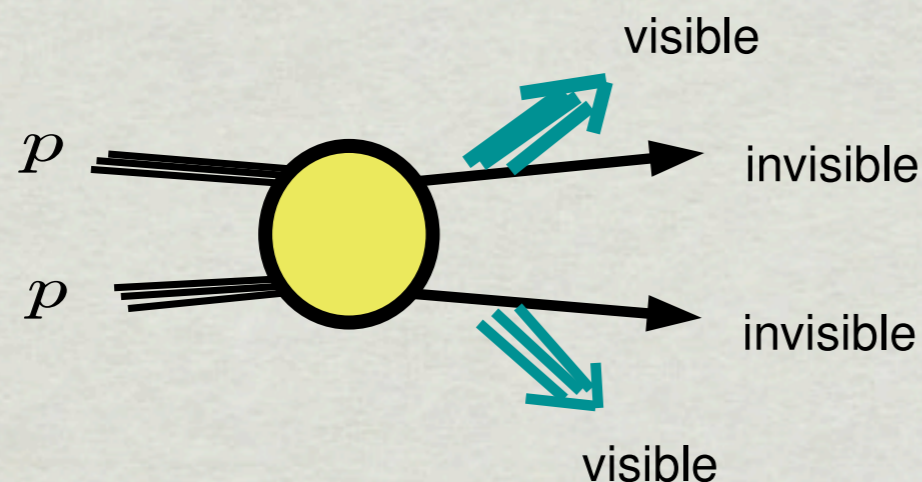
**Baltz, Battaglia, Peskin and Wizansky, hep-ph/0602187.**

# Determine the Dark Matter Mass

-- *challenging at the LHC*

## THE DIFFICULTY:

- ★ Two missing particles in each event
- ★ Unknown parton frame leads to less constrained kinematics
- ★ Interpretation of the signal as a particular physics process maybe complicated -- different underlying topologies or a mixture of them



# Kinematic Approaches

- Demand that at least some particles are sufficiently close to their mass shells that their energy-momentum Lorentz invariant can be used to constrain their masses

Advantage: do not need to know many details of the underlying physical model (gauge group, spin etc)

Three main categories:

see a recent review:

Barr and Lester, arXiv:1004.2732[Hep-ph]

- ★ Invariant Mass endpoint
- ★ Polynomial method/Mass relation method
- ★  $M_{T2}$  variable and Kink
  - ★ Other variations: subsystem  $M_{T2}$ ,  $M_{ct}$ ,

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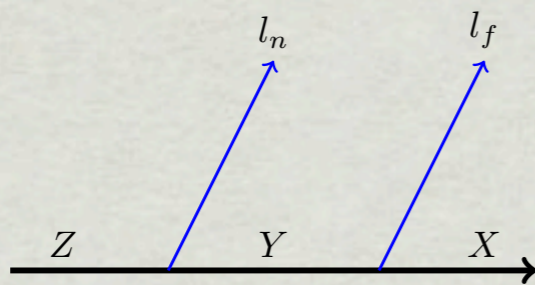
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# Invariant Mass endpoint

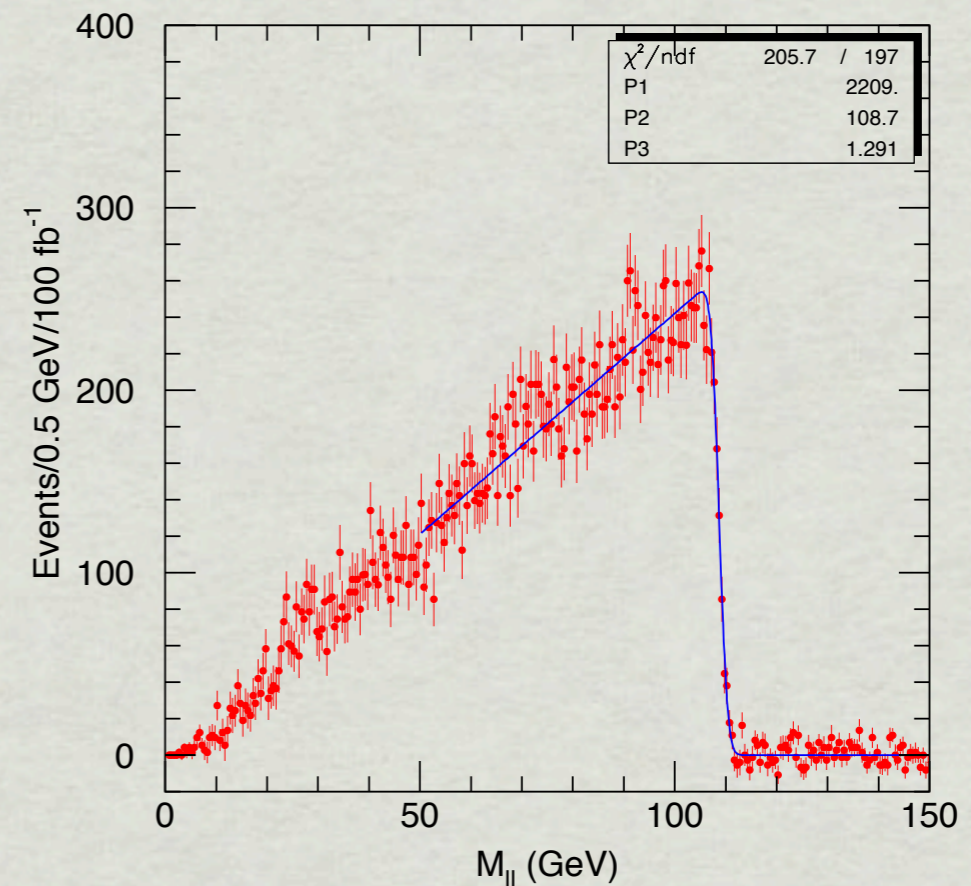
- ★ Simple decay chain



$$m_{\ell\ell}^{max} = \sqrt{(M_Z^2 - M_Y^2)(M_Y^2 - M_X^2)}/M_Y$$

- ★ Only probe mass differences

- ★ Need long decay chain to get enough constraints  
suffer from combinatoric ambiguities



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# Polynomial method(Mass relation)

- ★ Using On-shell conditions event-by-event

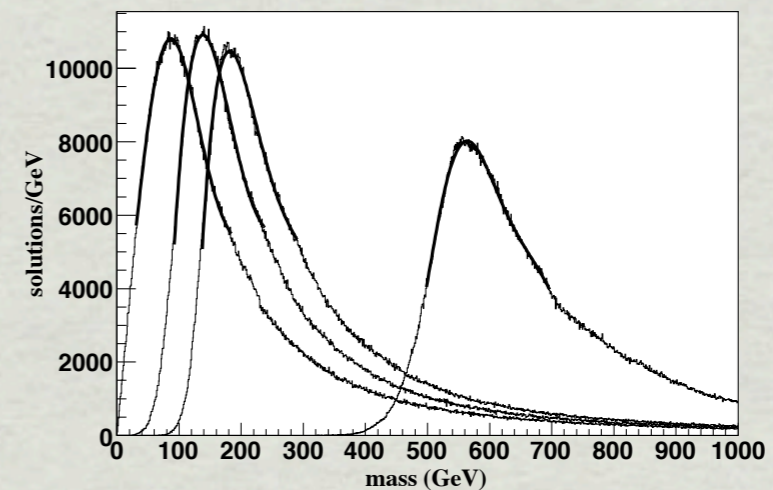
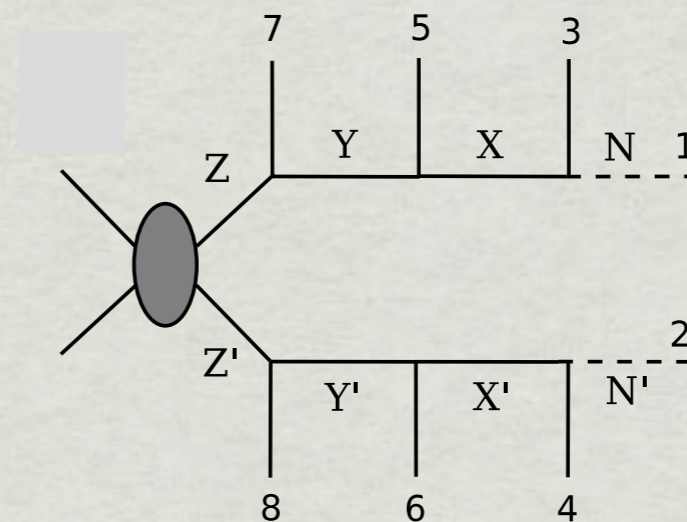
$$\text{constraints} \geq \text{unknowns}$$

$$10n. \quad 4 + 8n$$

- ★ For  $n > 2$ , over-constrained system

- ★ Very restrictive kinematics

- ★ Require long decay chains -- at least four on-shell particles in each chain



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# Cambridge $M_{T2}$ method

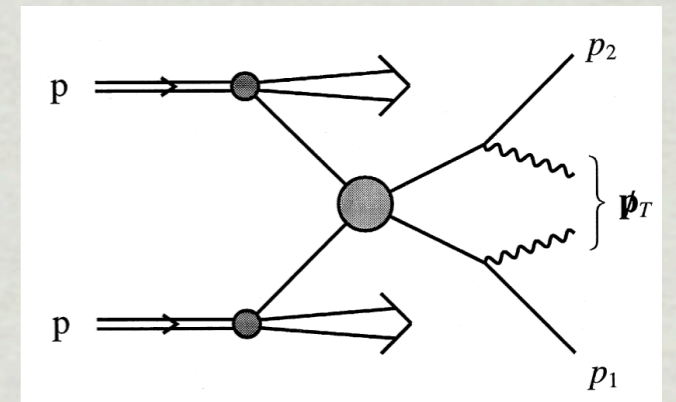
- ★ Massive new particles pair produced  $pp \rightarrow \tilde{l}\tilde{l}$

$$m_{\tilde{l}}^2 \geq M_{T2}^2$$

$$\equiv \min_{\mathbf{p}_1 + \mathbf{p}_2 = \mathbf{p}_T} \left[ \max \left\{ m_T^2(\mathbf{p}_{Tl^-}, \mathbf{p}_1), m_T^2(\mathbf{p}_{Tl^+}, \mathbf{p}_2) \right\} \right]$$

minimization over all possible trial LSP momentum

$$m_{\tilde{l}}^2 + m_{\tilde{\chi}}^2 + 2(E_{Tl}E_{T\tilde{\chi}} - \mathbf{p}_{Tl} \cdot \mathbf{p}_{T\tilde{\chi}})$$

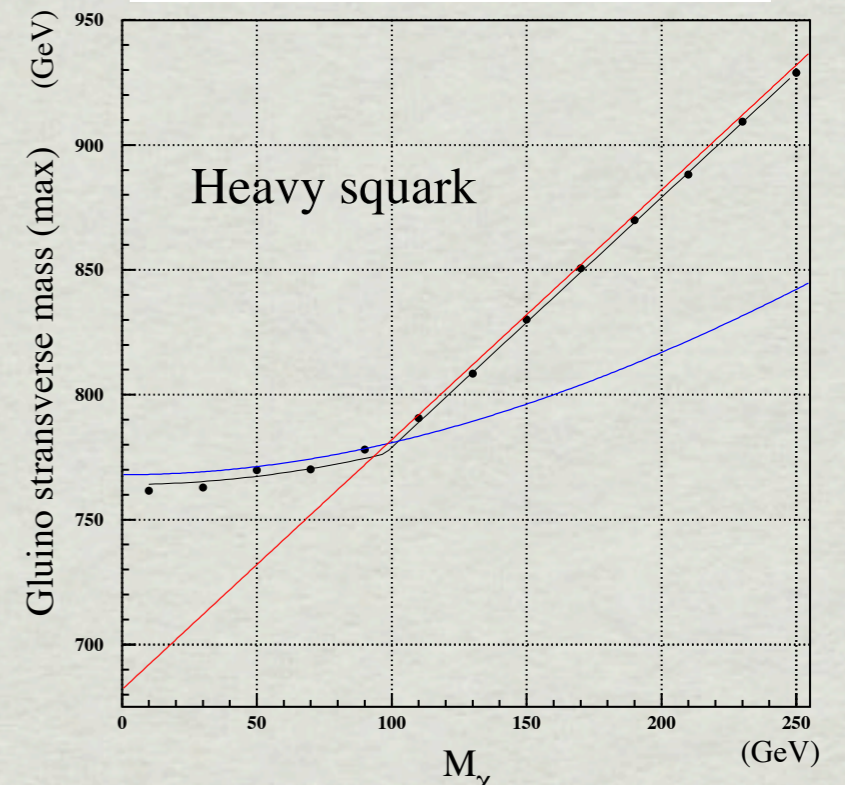


- ★  $M_{T2}$  endpoint func. of trial LSP mass

- ★  $M_{T2}$  kink  $\rightarrow$  LSP mass

- ★ for simple 2-body decay, no clear kink

- ★ for multi-body decay, combinatoric dilute the kink



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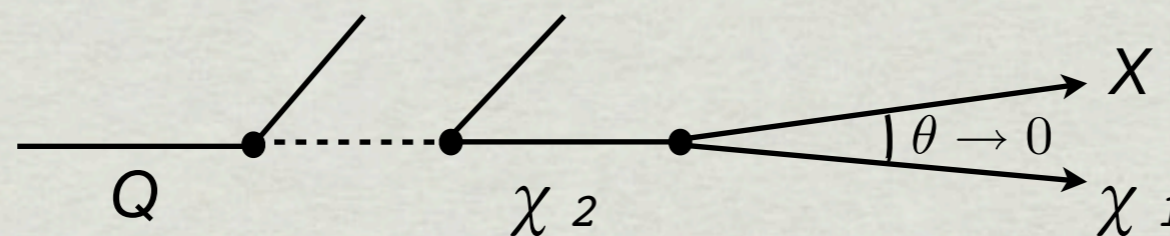
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# Having multiplet methods is crucial

Any new orthogonal ideas?

- ★ In many new physics models: there are both heavy( $\sim$ TeV) exotics as well as light( $\sim$ 100GeV) ones

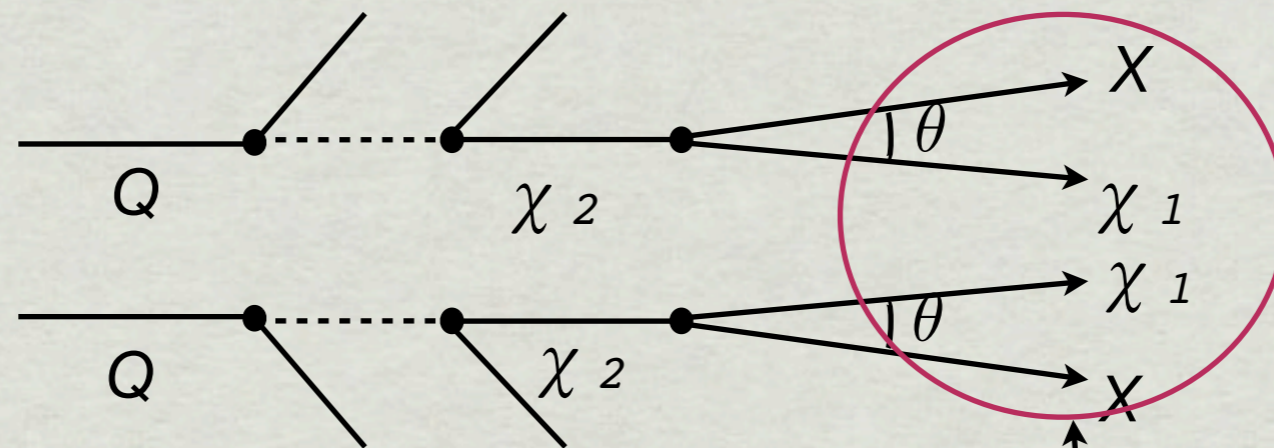
★ *SUSY little hierarchy*



- ★ Boosted decay is generic
- ★ Can we get additional handle if missing particle is approximately collinear with visible particles ?

# MET-cone method

- ★ Based on the simple observation:
  - ★ MET only allowed to vary a narrow region around visible momentum -- “MET-cone”
  - ★ MET-cone boundary is sensitive to the underlying masses
    - ★ for initial study: symmetric double decay chains



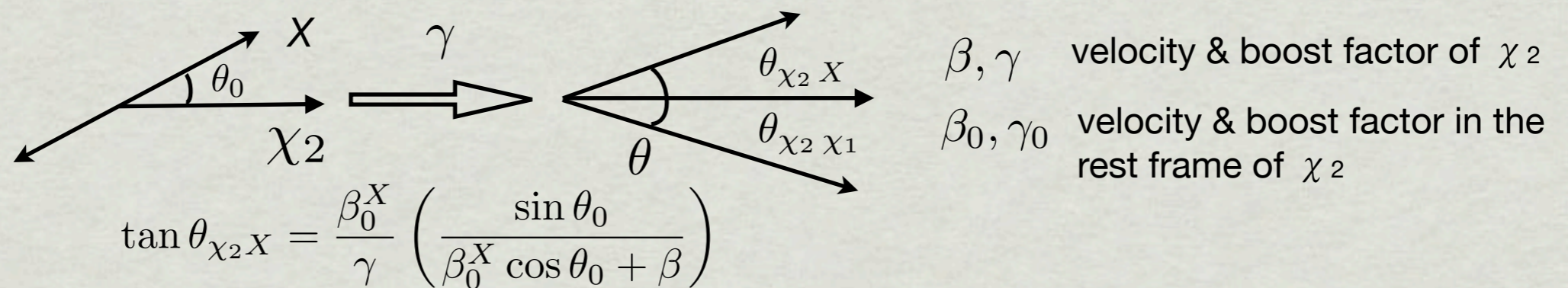
★ consider  $\chi_2$  is boosted  $\gamma \gtrsim 3$

★ use SUSY notation

Only use the information of X and MET

# Collinearity of the decay

- ★ parametrize the opening angle in the lab frame



- ★ Narrow range of variation  $\beta_0^X < \beta$

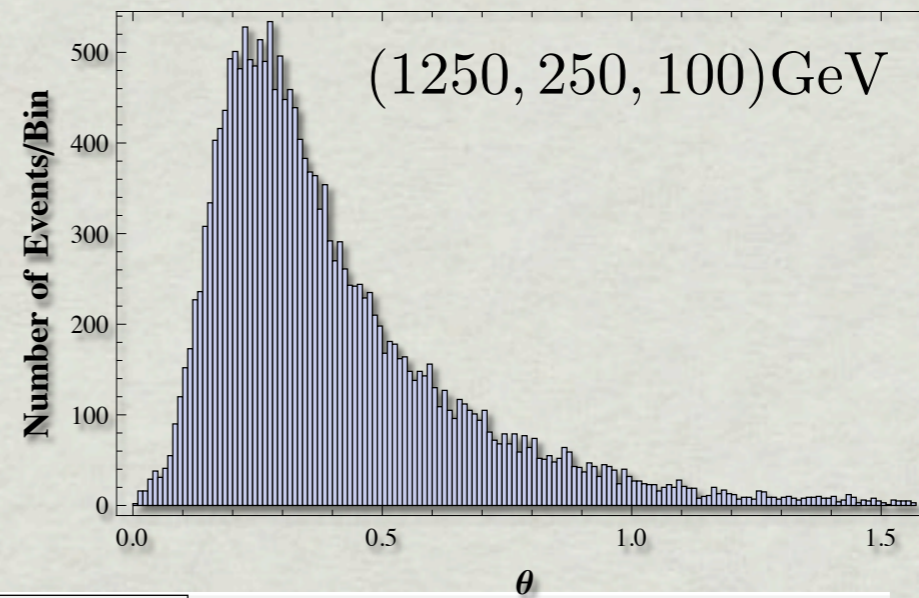
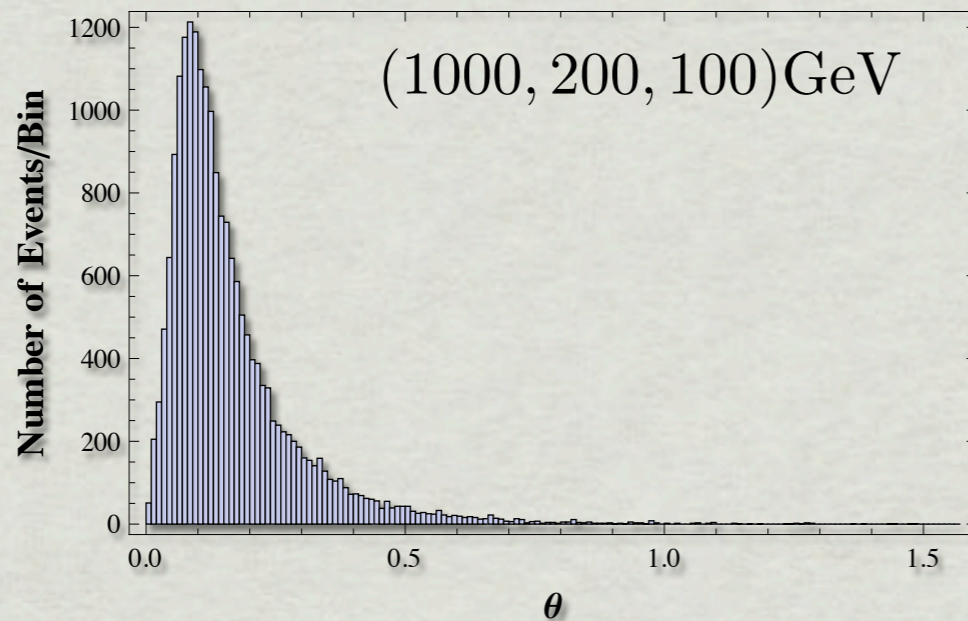
$$0 \leq \tan \theta_{\chi_2 X} \leq \frac{\beta_0^X}{\gamma \beta} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - (\beta_0^X / \beta)^2}} \xrightarrow{\gamma \gg 1} \frac{\beta_0^X}{\gamma} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - (\beta_0^X)^2}}$$

- ★ Two Cases

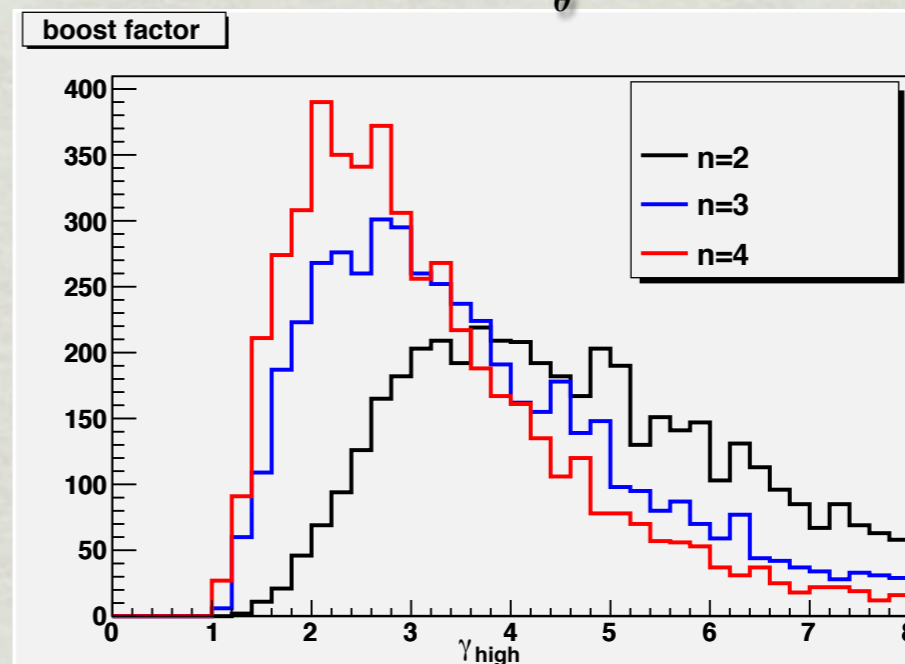
- Large boost factor  $\gamma \gg 1$
- Moderate boost factor  $\gamma$ , but the decay products are non-relativistic in the rest frame of the decay  $\beta_0 \ll 1$

- ☆ For a given underlying physics, both boost factor and  $\theta_0$  vary according to the matrix element

$$\tilde{q}_L \rightarrow \chi_2 q \rightarrow \chi_1 Z q$$



- ☆ boost factor decrease with increased # of steps in the cascade



# Correlation in the magnitude

- ★ boost factors are correlated

$$\gamma_{\chi_1} = \gamma \gamma_0^{\chi_1} (1 + \beta \beta_0^{\chi_1} \cos \theta)$$

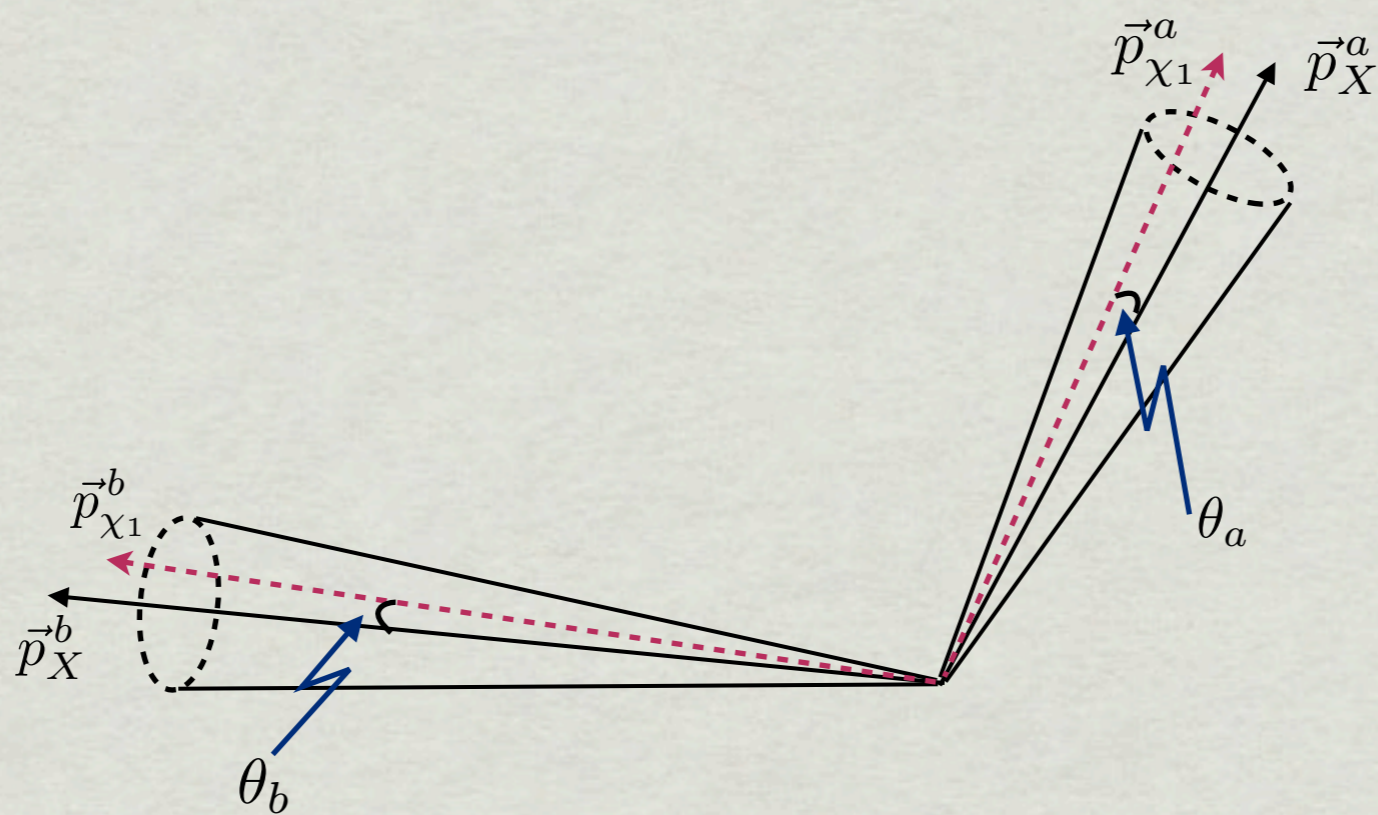
$$\gamma_X = \gamma \gamma_0^X (1 - \beta \beta_0^X \cos \theta)$$

$$p_{\chi_1} = \gamma_{\chi_1} \beta_{\chi_1} m_{\chi_1}$$

$$p_X = \gamma_X \beta_X m_X.$$

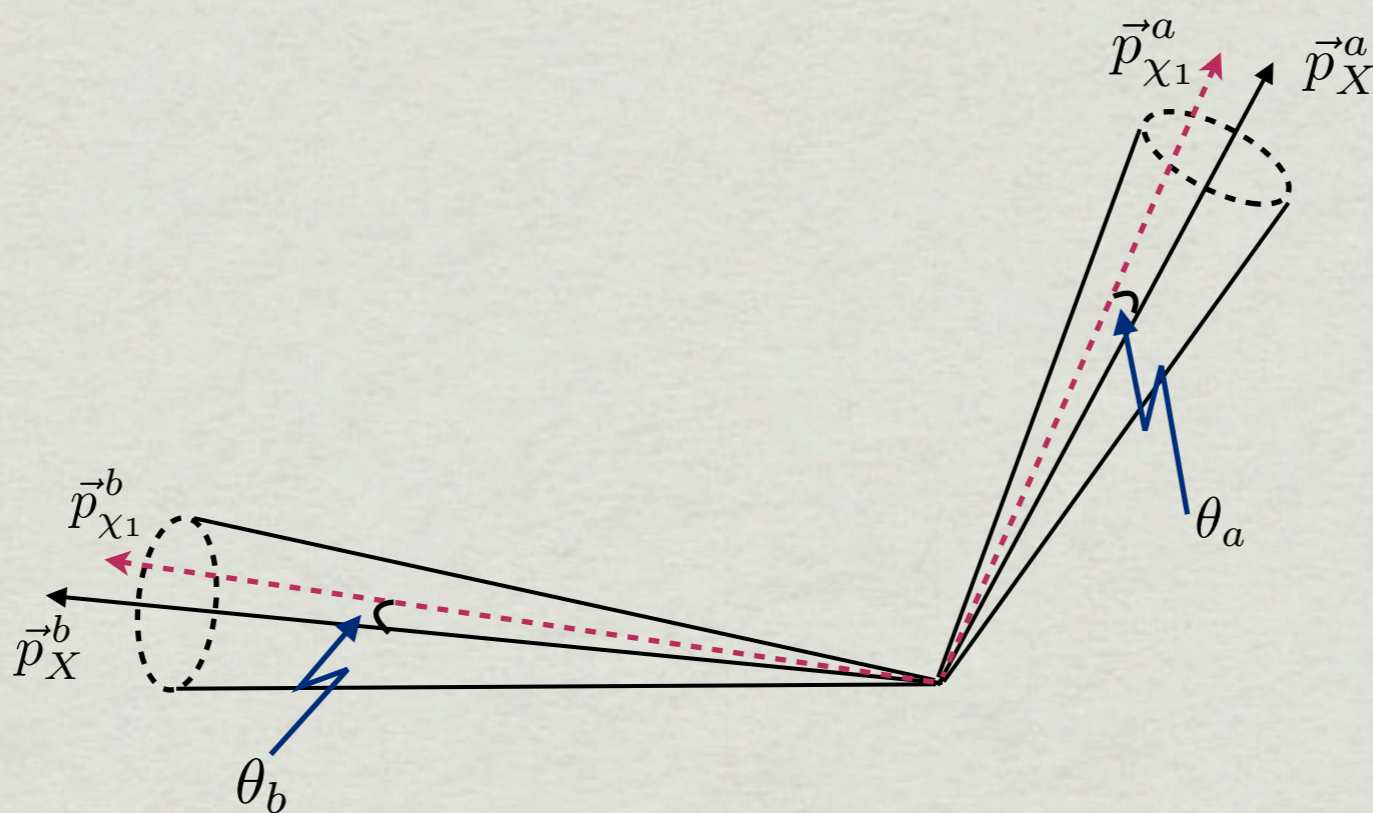
- ★ In the limit  $\beta_0 \ll 1$ , two boost factors equal
- ★ the ratio mainly depend on  $\theta_0$ , mildly dependence on the boost factor  $\gamma$

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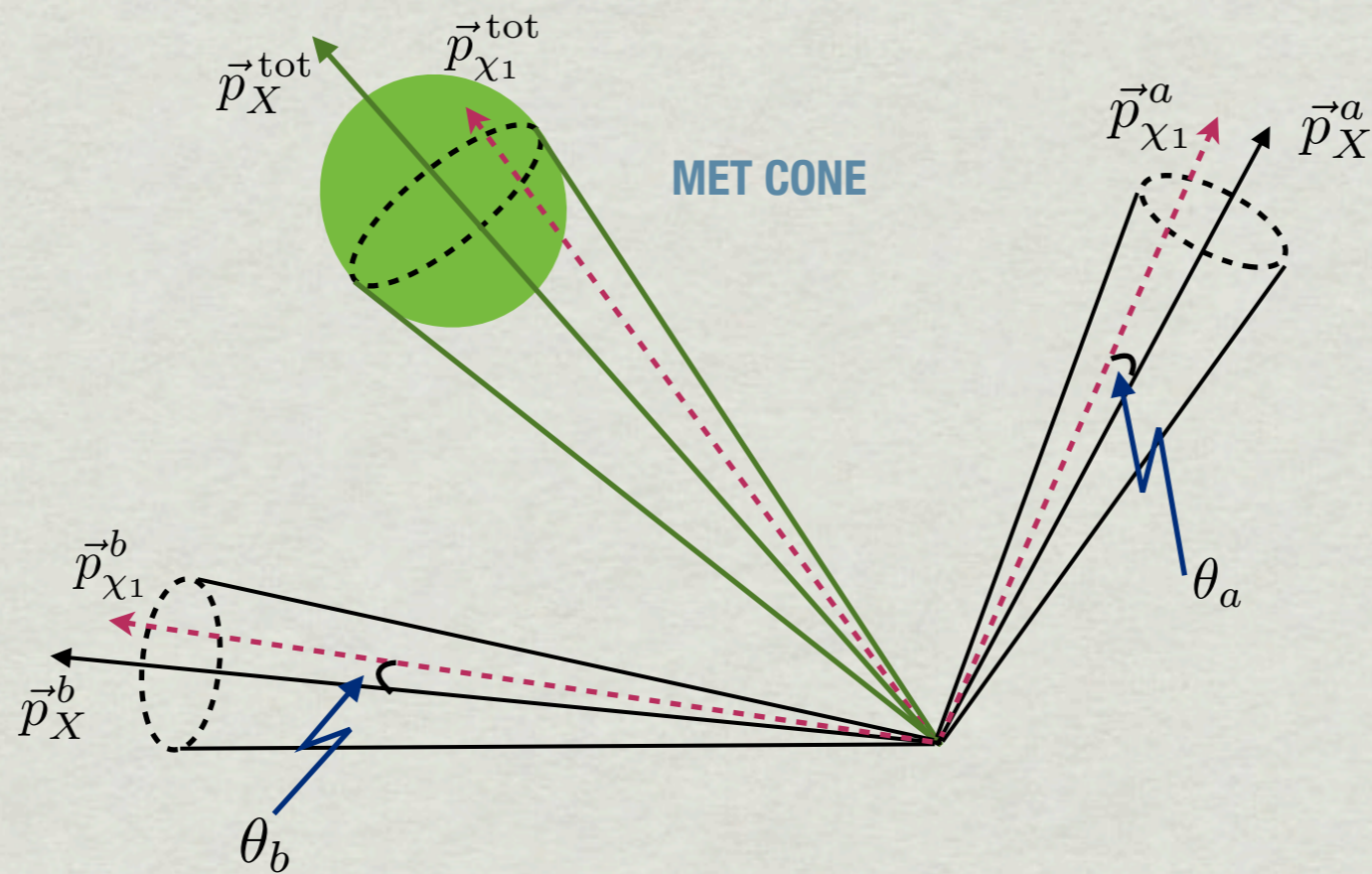
- ★ Sum over momenta of both decay chain





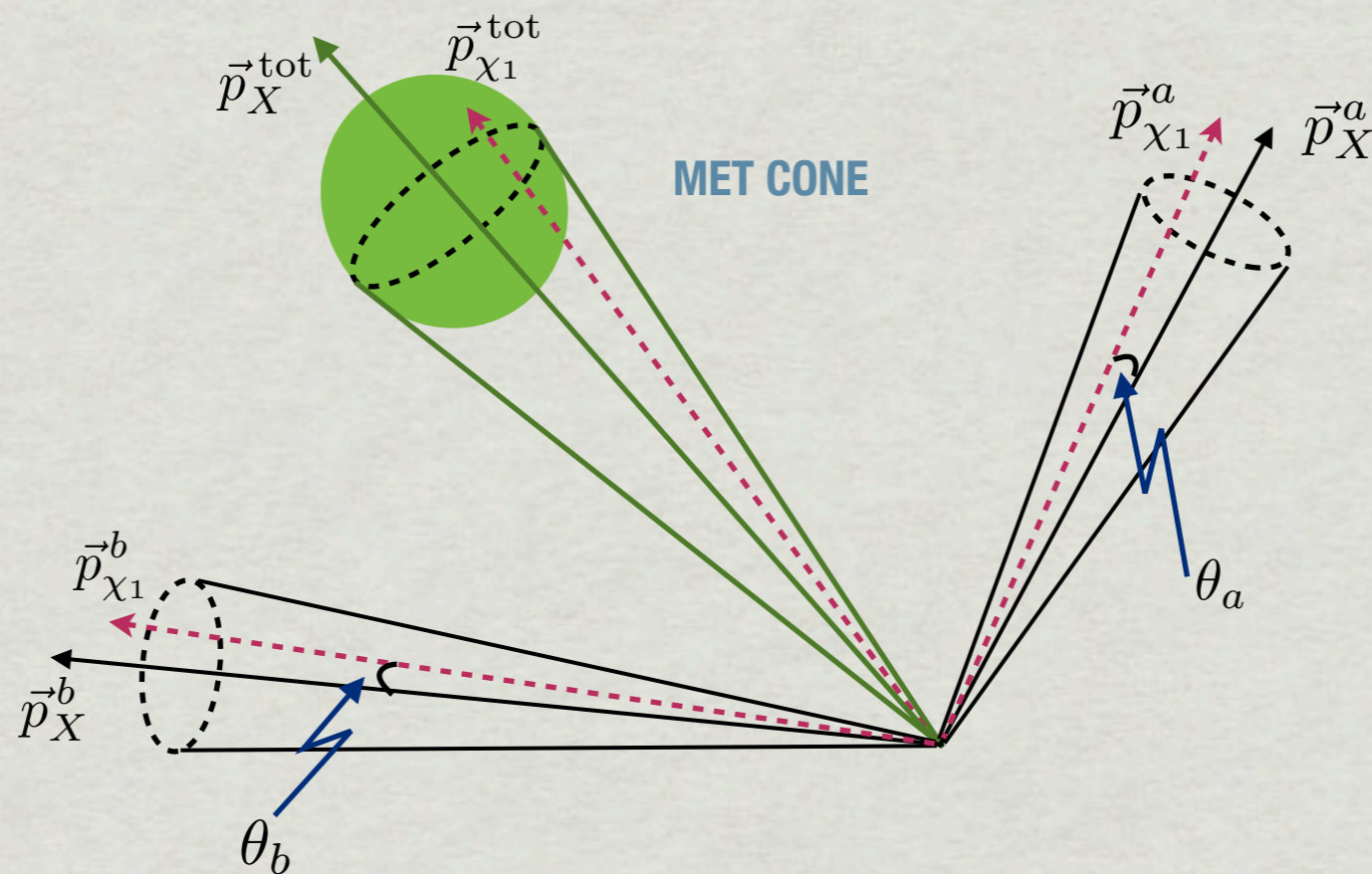
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- ★ For small  $\beta_0$ , the MET vector vary around  $\vec{p}_X^{\text{tot}}$ , form a "Cone"

# MET-Cone : a more precise definition

- ★ For a given visible particle configuration, what is the allowed region of MET ?

fix  $\gamma_a^X, \gamma_b^X, \theta_{ab}^X$   
 $\theta_{\text{beam}}, \phi_{\text{beam}}$   
 $m_{\chi_1}, m_{\chi_2}, m_X$

Vary the rest frame angles  
with a flat prior

$$\theta_{a,0}, \theta_{b,0}, \phi_{a,0}, \phi_{b,0}$$

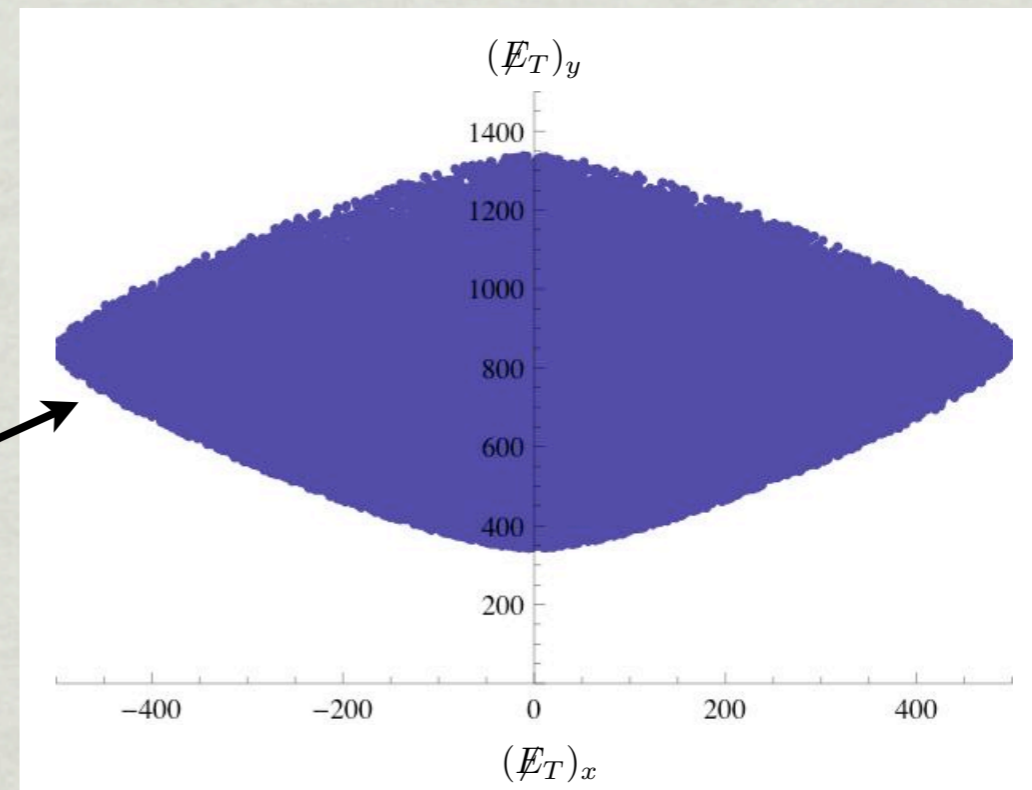
- ★ A simple example:

$$\chi_2 \rightarrow \chi_1 Z$$

$$m_{\chi_2} = 200 \text{ GeV}, m_{\chi_1} = 100 \text{ GeV}.$$

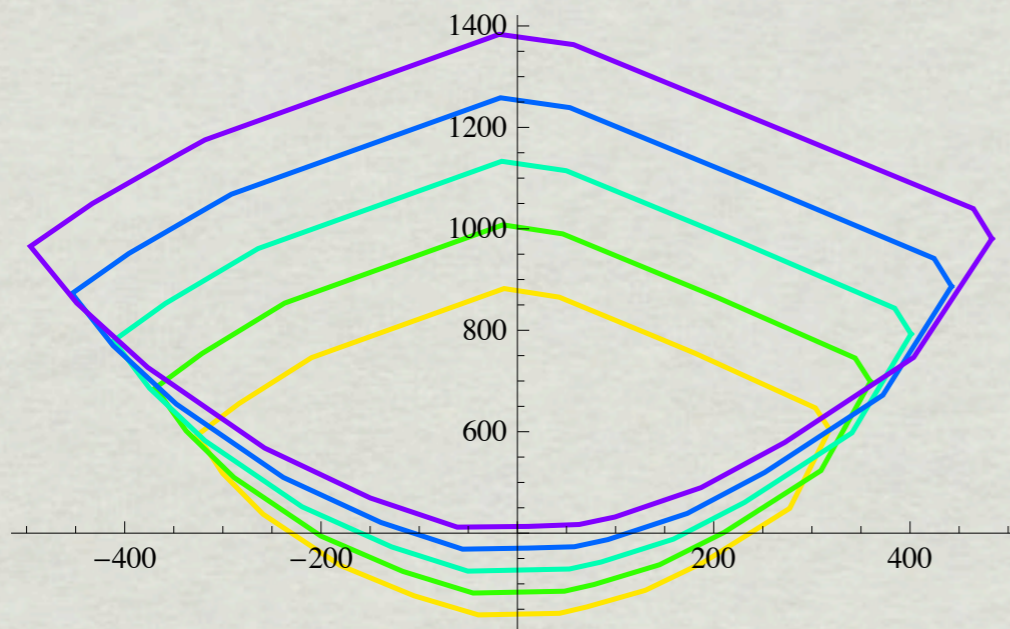
$$\gamma_{a,b}^X = 5 \quad \theta_{ab}^X = \pi/2 \quad \theta_{\text{beam}} = 0$$

- ★ Has definite boundary!  
MET must be inside if the  
correct masses were used



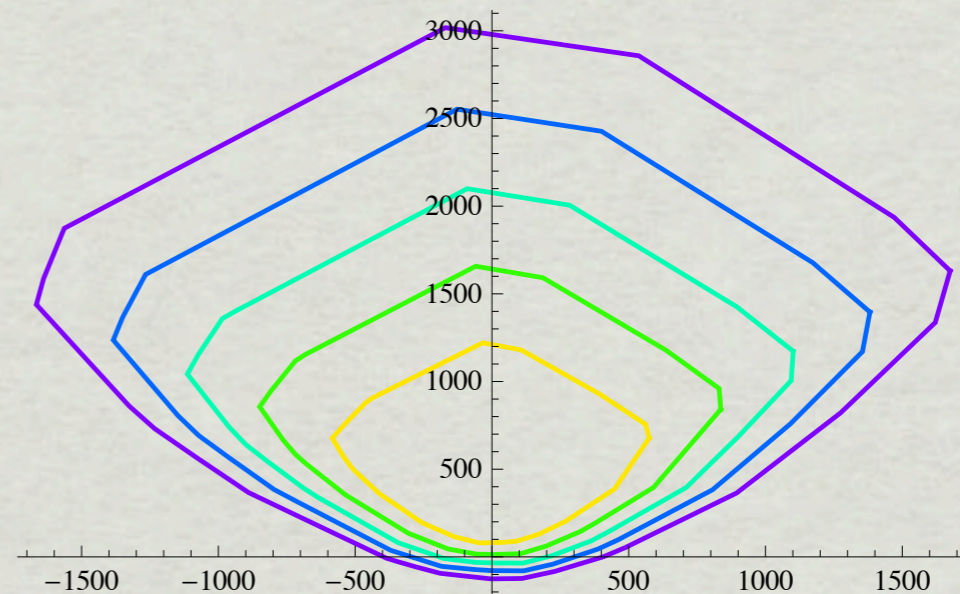
# MET-Cone : mass dependence

- ★ the MET cone boundary is sensitive to the exotic masses in the decay



$(m_{\chi_2}, m_{\chi_1}, m_Z)$

$(220-300, 120-200, 91)$



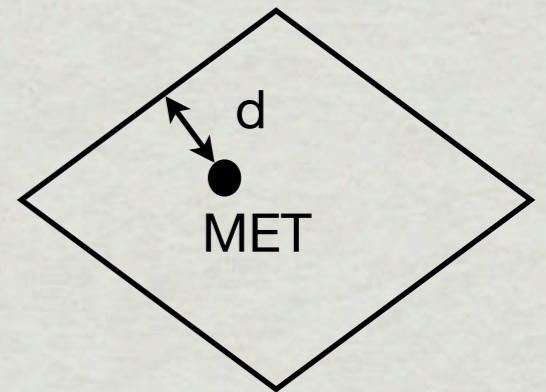
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$\gamma_a^Z = \gamma_b^Z = 3.0$

# MET-cone: application for mass measurement

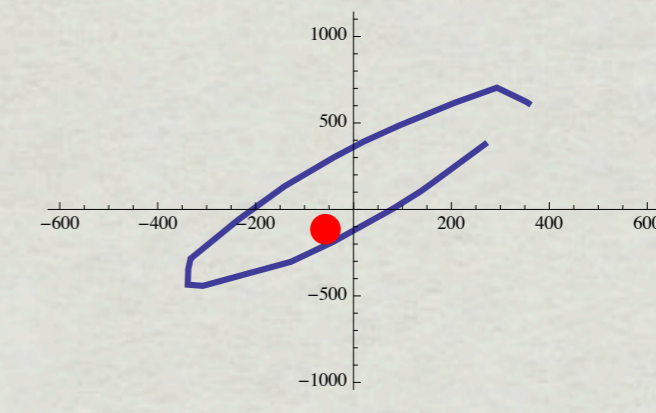
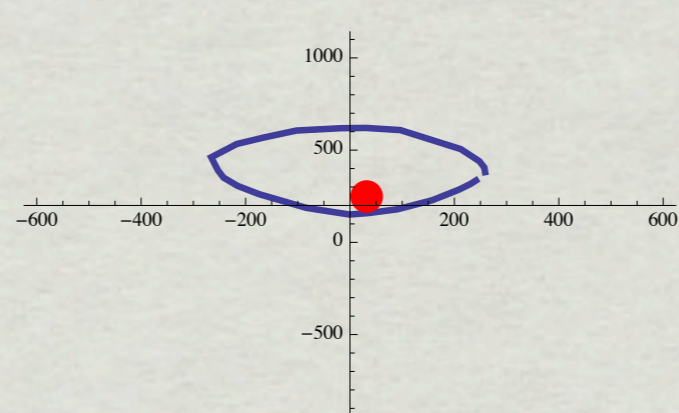
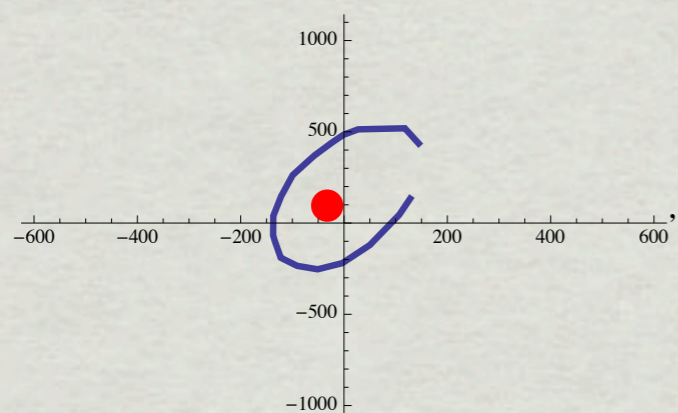
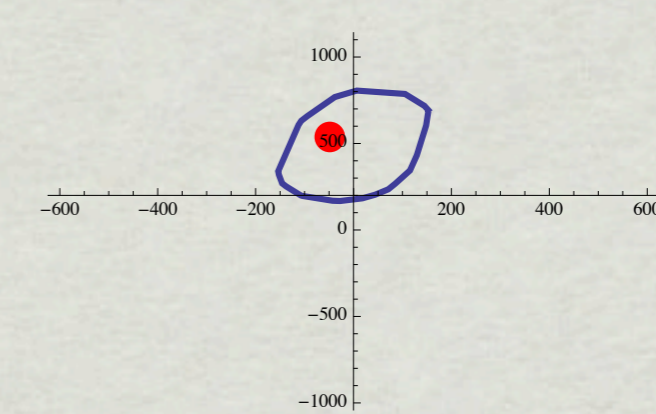
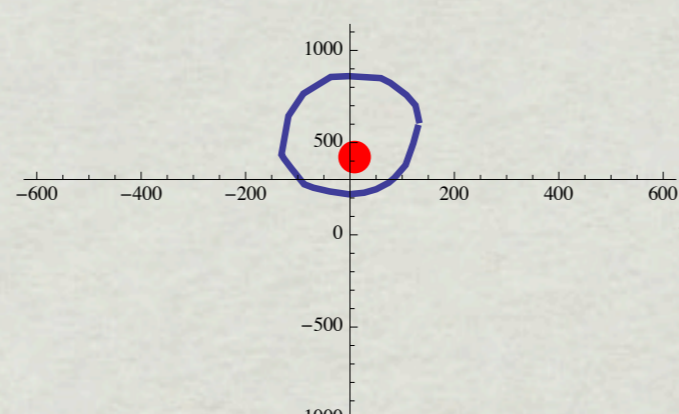
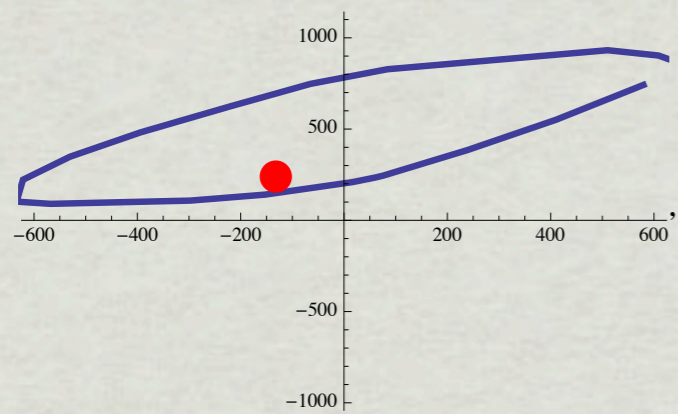
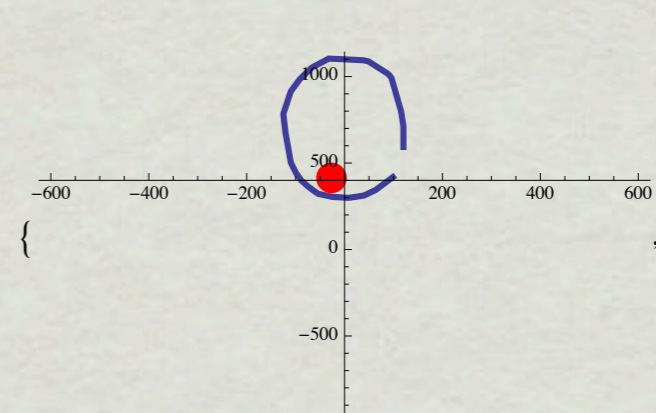
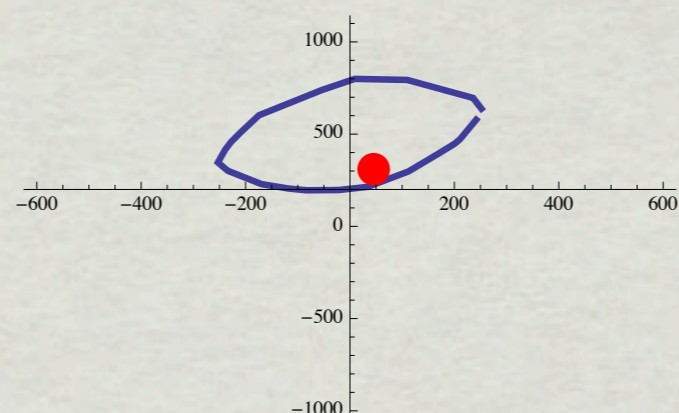
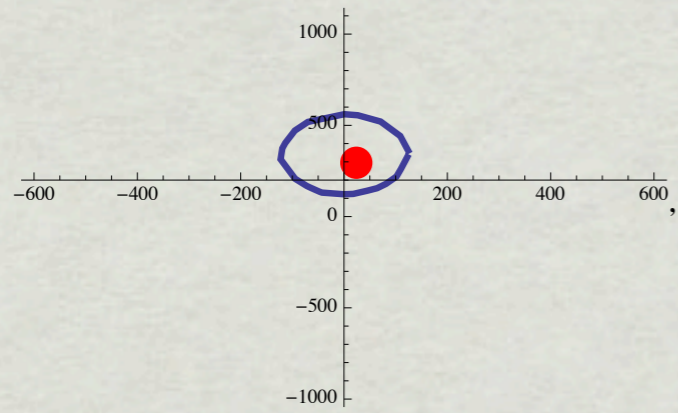
- ★ For a set of events and trial masses, the MET-cone boundary can be determined by the Z configurations event-by-event.



- ★ The correct masses are those that lead to the smallest MET-cone that enclose all the MET points

$$d_{\min} \rightarrow 0$$

- ★ More systematically, compare the statistical likelihood of a MET data under different mass hypotheses.



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# Quick Summary

- ★ The MET-cone method is a completely new method
- ★ Only need information of the visible particles in the final-step decay and MET
- ★ Although motivated from boosted decay chain, the general idea of the method doesn't require boost.
- ★ It should work best in the boosted case

More detailed numerical evaluation of this method is under investigation.

*Numerically complication due to the event-by-event reconstruction of the envelope of the MET-cone.*



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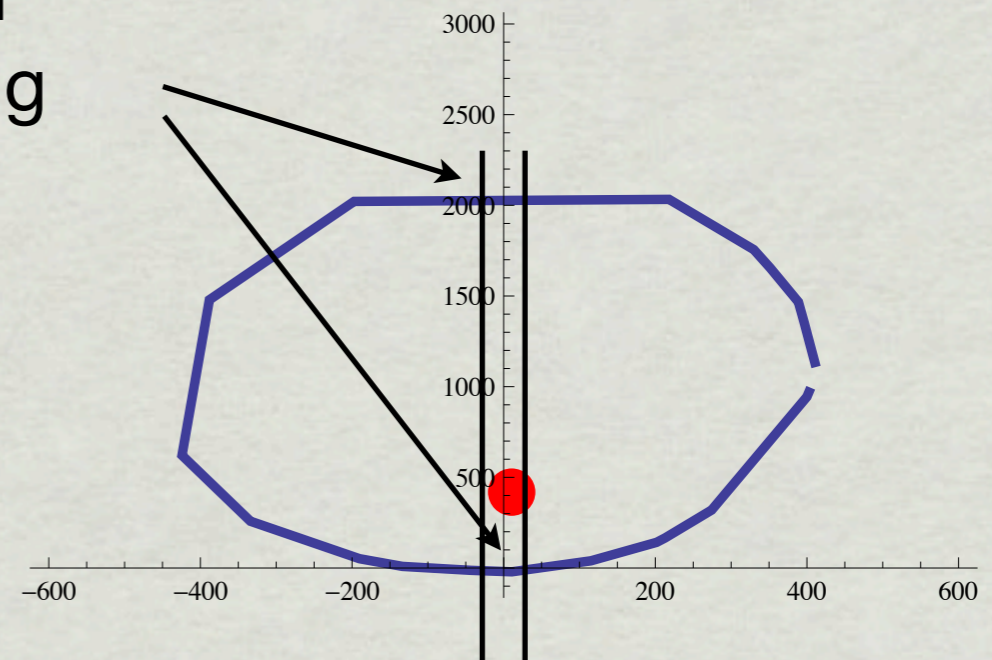
# A 1D projection of the MET-cone

- ★ focus on events where MET is in narrow window around y-axis (i.e. the direction of the total X momentum)
- ★ Finite variation in the ratio between total X momentum and total missing momentum

- ★ Define  $m_{\chi_1}^{\text{test}}$  :

$$\vec{p}_{\chi_1}^{T,\text{total}} = \vec{p}_X^{T,\text{total}} m_{\chi_1}^{\text{test}} / m_X$$

- ★ Expect two endpoints for  $m_{\chi_1}^{\text{test}}$



# $m_{\text{test}}$ : an alternative definition

- ★ Introduce a test mass and a test missing momentum

$$\vec{p}_{\text{test}}^{a,b} \equiv \vec{p}_X^{a,b} \frac{m_{\chi_1}^{\text{test}}}{m_X},$$

- ★  $m_{\text{test}}$  is determined by minimizing

$$\Delta E_T^2(m_{\chi_1}^{\text{test}}) = \left| \vec{p}_{\text{test}}^{T,\text{total}} - \vec{p}_{\text{exp}}^T \right|^2$$

- ★ The minimization condition  $+ \Delta E_T^{\text{min}} \rightarrow 0$

$$\Longrightarrow \vec{p}_{\chi_1}^{T,\text{total}} \rightarrow \vec{p}_X^{T,\text{total}} m_{\chi_1}^{\text{test}} / m_X \quad (\#)$$

- ★ In the limit  $\beta_0 \rightarrow 0$ ,

$$\frac{p_{\chi_1}}{p_X} = \frac{\gamma_{\chi_1} \beta_{\chi_1} m_{\chi_1}}{\gamma_X \beta_X m_X} \rightarrow \frac{m_{\chi_1}}{m_X} \Longrightarrow m^{\text{test}} = m_{\chi_1}$$

# $m_{\text{test}}$ : analytic solution

## Solving the constraint Eq. (#)

Consider a simple case: Z's in the trans. plane.

$$\hat{n}_{\chi_1}^i = (\delta_j^i + \alpha_j^i) \hat{n}_X^j + \delta_i \hat{n}_\perp$$

$$\alpha_a^a = -2 \sin^2(\theta_a/2) - \cot \theta_{ab} \sin \theta_a \cos \phi_a$$

$$\alpha_b^a = \cos \phi_a \sin \theta_a / \sin \theta_{ab}$$

$$0 = \frac{\gamma_{\chi_1}^a \beta_{\chi_1}^a}{\gamma_X^a \beta_X^a} + \sum_{i=a,b} \frac{\gamma_{\chi_1}^i \beta_{\chi_1}^i}{\gamma_X^a \beta_X^a} \alpha_a^i - (a \rightarrow b) \implies \frac{\gamma_{\chi_1}^b \beta_{\chi_1}^b}{\gamma_X^b \beta_X^b} = \frac{\gamma_{\chi_1}^a \beta_{\chi_1}^a}{\gamma_X^a \beta_X^a} \left( 1 + \mathcal{O}(\theta_{a,b}) \right)$$

$$\frac{m_{\chi_1}^{\text{test}}}{m_{\chi_1}} = \frac{\gamma_{\chi_1}^a \beta_{\chi_1}^a}{\gamma_X^a \beta_X^a} + \sum_{i=a,b} \frac{\gamma_{\chi_1}^i \beta_{\chi_1}^i}{\gamma_X^a \beta_X^a} \alpha_a^i \implies \frac{m_{\chi_1}^{\text{test}}}{m_{\chi_1}} \approx \frac{\gamma_{\chi_1}^a \beta_{\chi_1}^a}{\gamma_X^a \beta_X^a} (1 + \alpha_a^a + \alpha_a^b)$$

$$m_{\chi_1}^{\text{test}} \approx m_{\chi_1} \frac{\gamma_0^{\chi_1}}{\gamma_0^X} \frac{1 + \beta \beta_0^{\chi_1} \cos \theta_0^a}{1 - \beta \beta_0^X \cos \theta_0^a} \times (1 - \cot \theta_{ab}^X \cos \phi^a \theta^a + \csc \theta_{ab}^X \cos \phi^b \theta^b)$$

Force to have equal mom. ratios for two sides of the decay chains

# $m_{\text{test}}$ : endpoints

- ★ In the limit  $\gamma \rightarrow \infty, \beta_0$  fixed , the endpoint positions given by

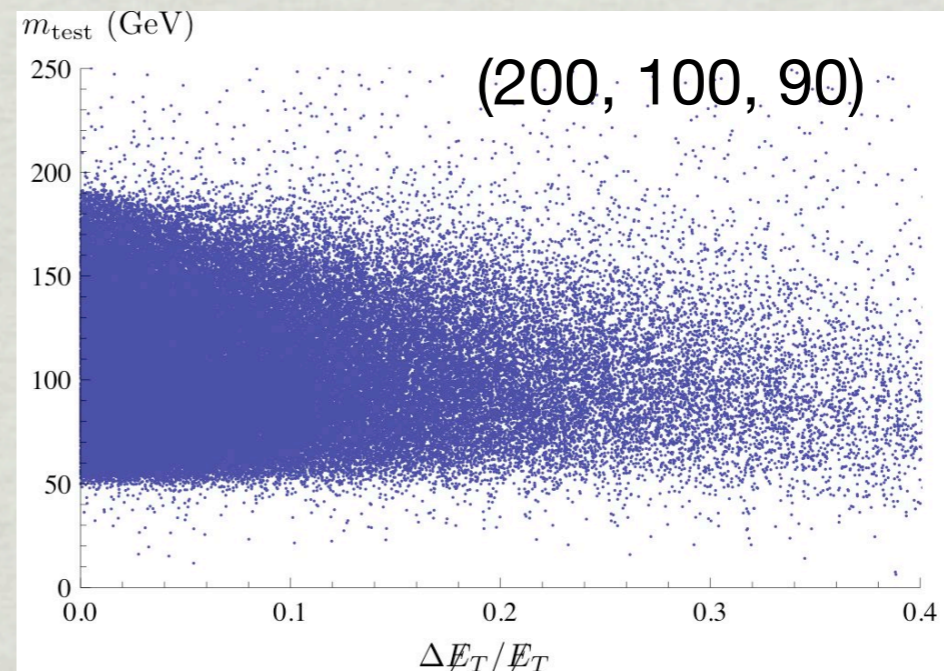
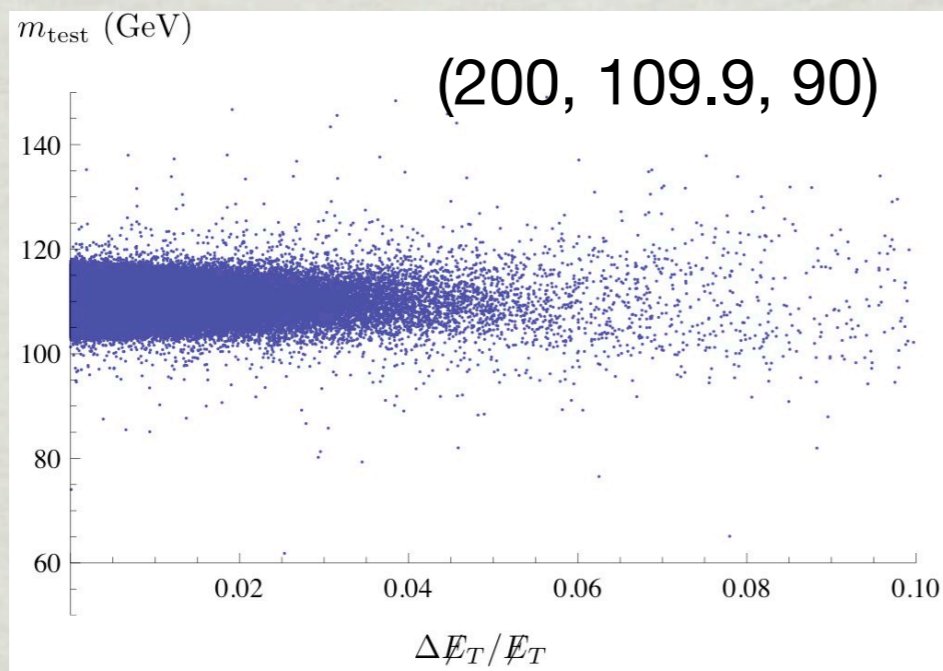
$$m_{\pm}^{\text{test}} \approx m_{\chi_1} \frac{\gamma_0^{\chi_1}}{\gamma_0^X} \frac{1 \pm \beta \beta_0^{\chi_1}}{1 \mp \beta \beta_0^X}$$

- ★  $\beta_0 \rightarrow 0$  ,  $m_{\pm}^{\text{test}} \rightarrow m_{\chi_1}$

- ★ **Punchline:** endpoints only depend on the masses

--> measure these endpoints experimentally can determine these masses

- ★



# non-collinear effects

- ★  $m_{\text{test}}$  not invariant under boost -- subject to noncollinear correction

$$m_{\chi_1}^{\text{test}} \approx m_{\chi_1} \frac{\gamma_0^{\chi_1}}{\gamma_0^X} \frac{1 + \beta \beta_0^{\chi_1} \cos \theta_0^a}{1 - \beta \beta_0^X \cos \theta_0^a} \\ \times (1 - \cot \theta_{ab}^X \cos \phi^a \theta^a + \csc \theta_{ab}^X \cos \phi^b \theta^b)$$

- ★ endpoints get smeared;
- ★ prefer small  $\theta$ , not too small  $\theta_{ab}^X$
- ★ If X's not in the trans. plane, extra projection needed -- more complicated in the above  $\theta$  expansion

# Quick Summary

- ★ MET-cone method
- ★ A simple 1D variable  $m_{\text{test}}$  for mass measurement
- ★ How well this works in simulation?

# Numerical study -- simulation

- ★ Use MadGraph to generate 2--> 6 matrix element for SUSY squark production and decay

$$pp \rightarrow \tilde{q}_L \tilde{q}_L \rightarrow q \tilde{\chi}_1 Z q \tilde{\chi}_1 Z$$

- ★ No detector effects included
- ★ Parton-level cuts

$p_T^Z$	$ \eta^Z $	$ \eta^{Z,\text{tot}} $	$\cancel{E}_T$	$\epsilon$	$\cos \theta^{ab}$
$> 50 \text{ GeV}$	$< 3.0$	$< 1.0$	$> 200 \text{ GeV}$	0.15	$< 0.5$

PSEUDORAPIDITY OF  
TOTAL Z MOMENTUM

TWO Z'S OPENING ANGLE



# Result

## Model Mass Spectrum

Model 1 :

moderate boost + small  $\beta_0$  --> small variation + sharp endpoints

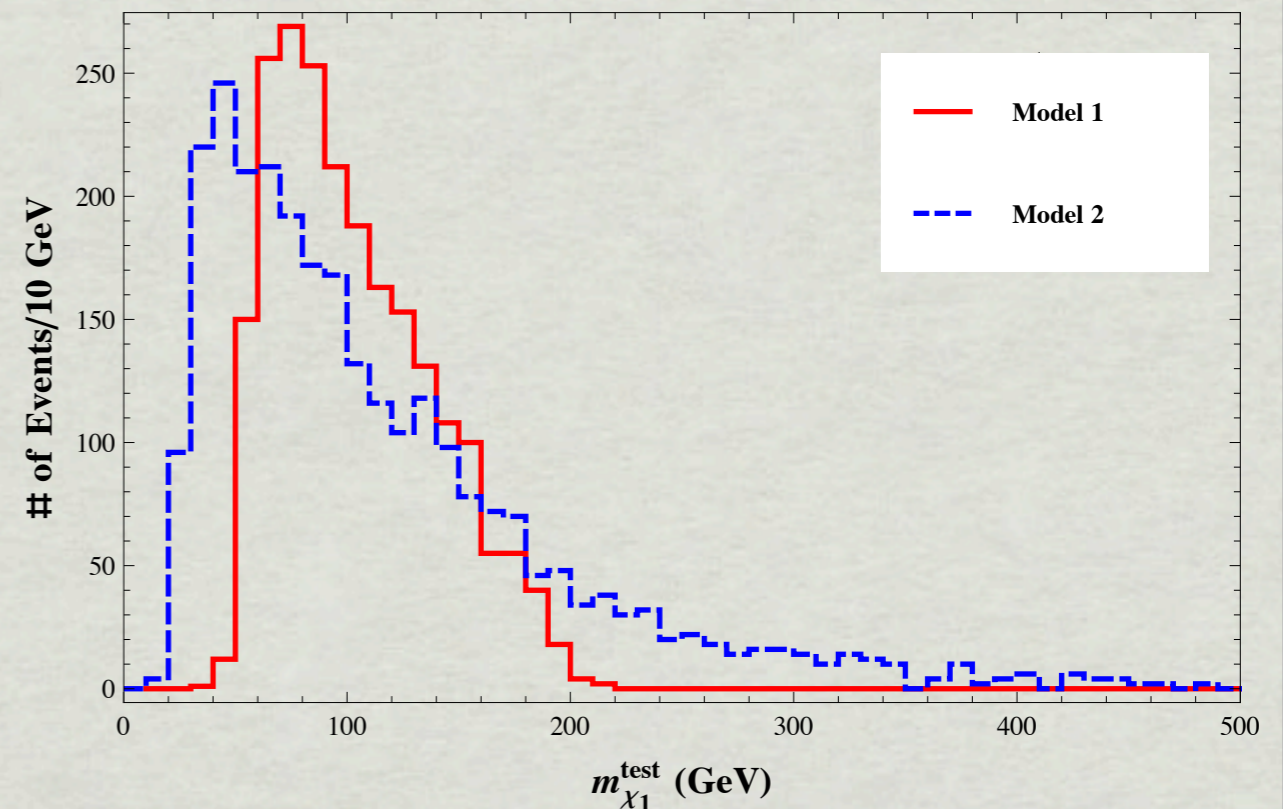
Model 2 :

moderate boost + large  $\beta_0$  --> larger variation + fuzzier endpoints

Model 3 & 4 :

even reduced boost

	$m_{\chi_1}$	$m_{\chi_2}$	$m_{\tilde{q}_L}$	$(m_-^{\text{test}})^{\text{theo}}$	$(m_+^{\text{test}})^{\text{theo}}$
1	100	200	1000	54.6	183.2
2	100	250	1250	21.6	463.0
3	200	300	1000	117.9	339.2
4	200	350	1250	52.6	761.0



# Fit of endpoints

## ★ Use linear fits

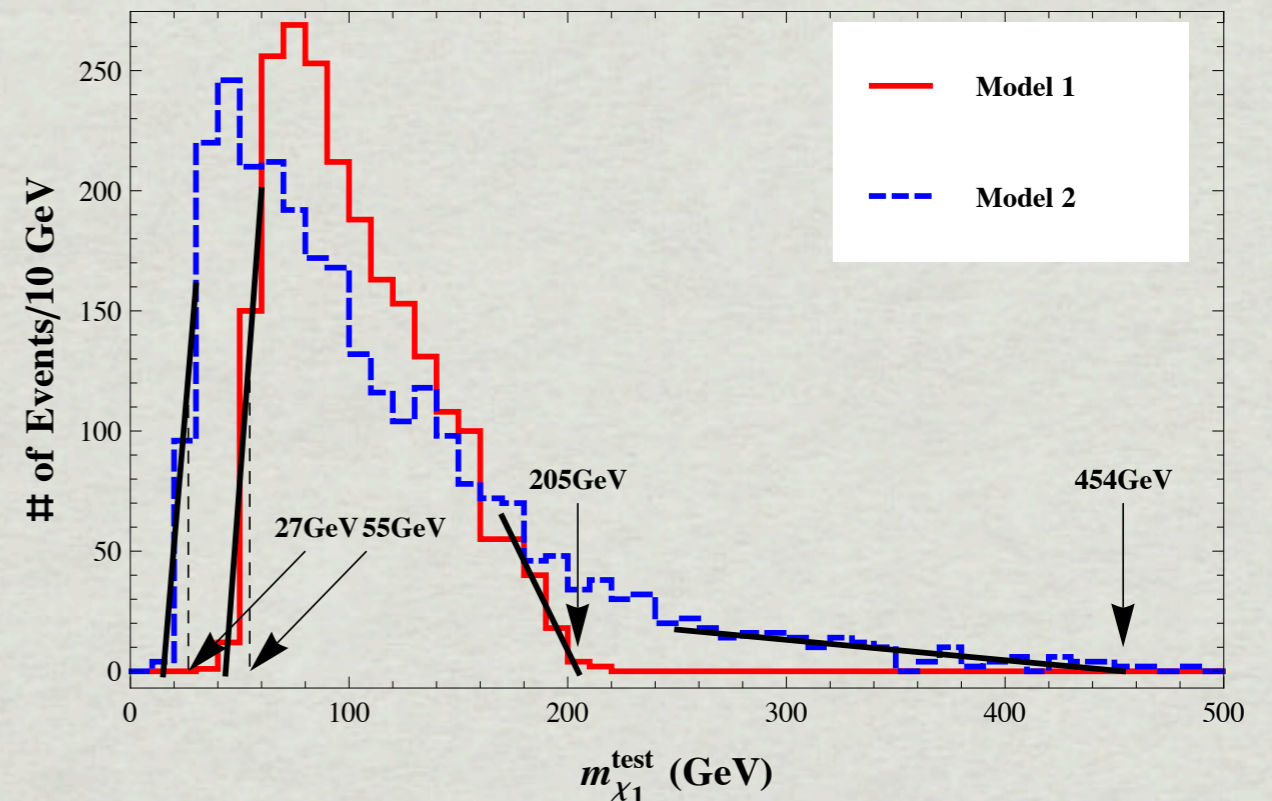
- Lower endpoint -- take half-max pt to reduce smearing effects
- Upper endpoint -- intercept position

## ★ Better fits are possible

## ★ Larger sys. err. for Model 2 and 4

	$m_{\chi_1}$	$m_{\chi_2}$	$m_-^{\text{test}}$	$m_+^{\text{test}}$	$m_{\chi_1}^{\text{meas}}$	$m_{\chi_2}^{\text{meas}}$
1	100	200	$55 \pm 2$	$205 \pm 3$	$106 \pm 2$	$208 \pm 3$
2	100	250	$27 \pm 2$	$454 \pm 20$	$110 \pm 5$	$253 \pm 5$
3	200	300	$112 \pm 5$	$342 \pm 10$	$195 \pm 5$	$296 \pm 5$
4	200	350	$49 \pm 2$	$682 \pm 16$	$183 \pm 5$	$329 \pm 5$

Masses are in GeV with statistical error



# Fit of endpoints

## ★ Use linear fits

- Lower endpoint -- take half-max pt to reduce smearing effects
- Upper endpoint -- intercept position

## ★ Better fits are possible

## ★ Larger sys. err. for Model 2 and 4

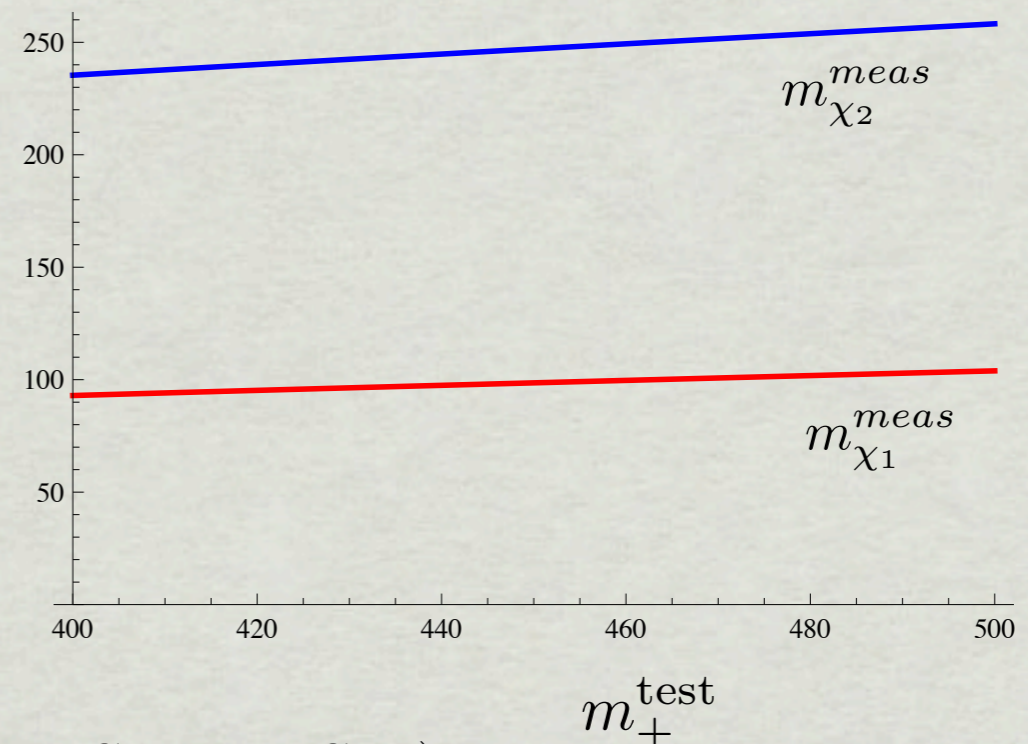
e.g. for Model 2:

vary upper endpt 400 - 500 GeV

$$(m_{\chi_1}^{meas}, m_{\chi_2}^{meas}) = (103 \text{ GeV}, 241 \text{ GeV}) \text{ --- } (116 \text{ GeV}, 264 \text{ GeV})$$

	$m_{\chi_1}$	$m_{\chi_2}$	$m_-^{\text{test}}$	$m_+^{\text{test}}$	$m_{\chi_1}^{\text{meas}}$	$m_{\chi_2}^{\text{meas}}$
1	100	200	$55 \pm 2$	$205 \pm 3$	$106 \pm 2$	$208 \pm 3$
2	100	250	$27 \pm 2$	$454 \pm 20$	$110 \pm 5$	$253 \pm 5$
3	200	300	$112 \pm 5$	$342 \pm 10$	$195 \pm 5$	$296 \pm 5$
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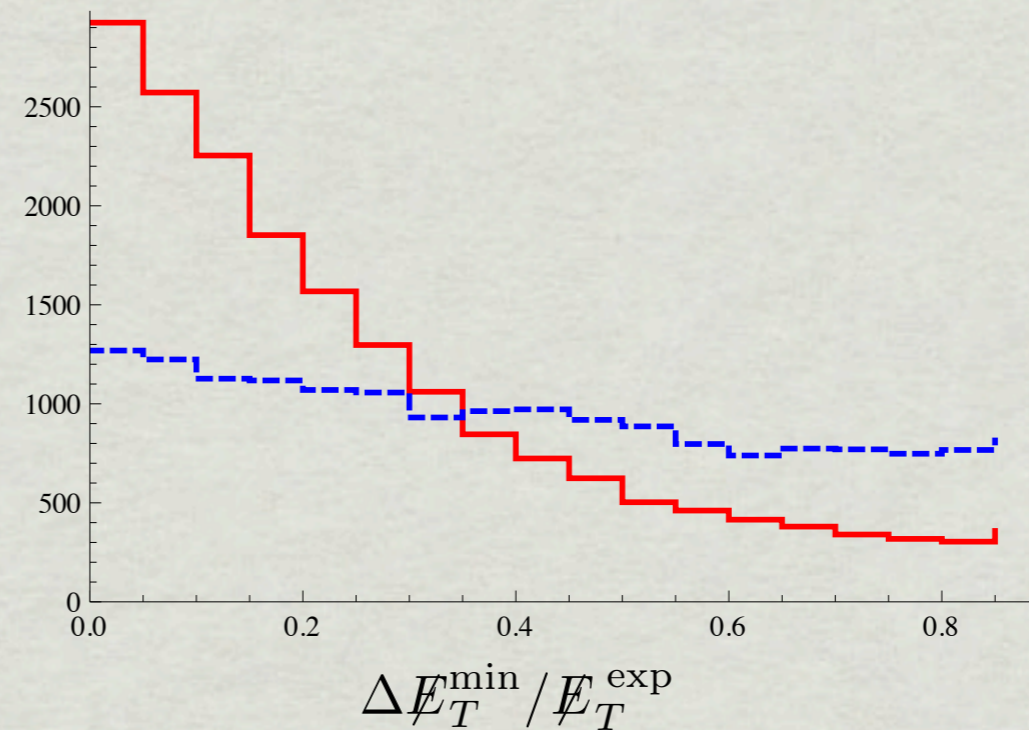
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# Is it a boosted decay chain?

★  $\Delta E_T^{\min} / E_T^{\text{exp}}$  distribution

*Note: extra information in this distribution is not yet used !*



★ Sharp endpoints in  $m_{\text{test}}$  distribution

★ Measure upstream exotica masses : show how to determine the squark mass

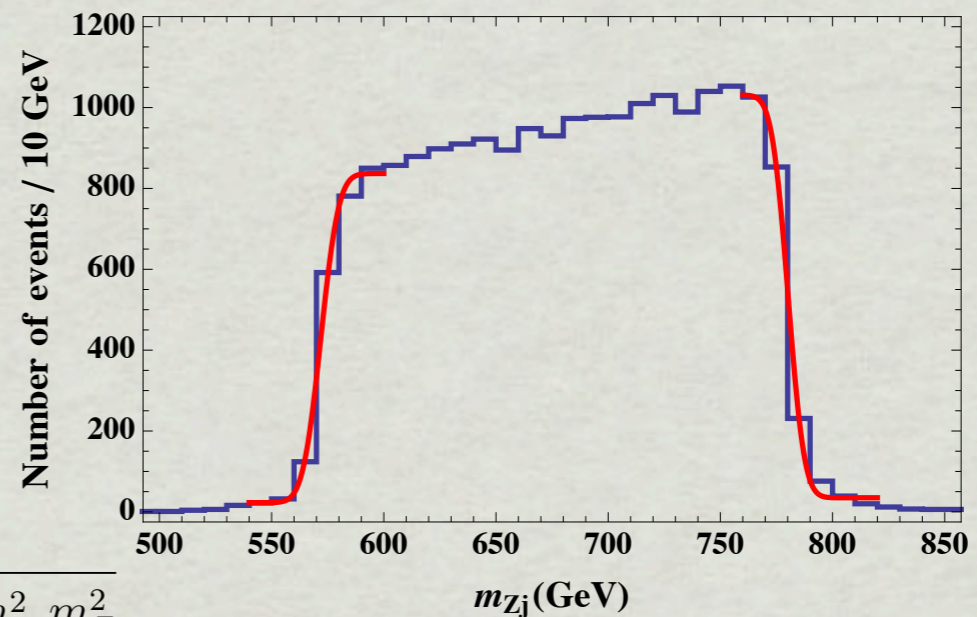
# Squark Mass: Use Inv. Mass

## ★ Z-jet invariant mass endpoints

$$(m_{Zj}^{min})^2 = \frac{m_Q^2 - m_{\chi_2^0}^2}{2m_{\chi_2^0}^2} A_-,$$

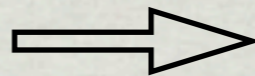
$$(m_{Zj}^{max})^2 = m_Z^2 + \frac{m_Q^2 - m_{\chi_2^0}^2}{2m_{\chi_2^0}^2} A_+$$

$$A_{\pm} \equiv (m_{\chi_2^0}^2 + m_Z^2 - m_{\chi_1^0}^2) \pm \sqrt{(m_{\chi_2^0}^2 - m_Z^2 - m_{\chi_1^0}^2)^2 - 4m_{\chi_1^0}^2 m_Z^2}.$$



## ★ Fit with error function

$$\frac{a}{2} \operatorname{erf} [(x - b)/c] + d$$



$$m_{min}^{Zj} = 780.2 \pm 0.5 \text{ GeV}$$

$$m_{max}^{Zj} = 571.9 \pm 0.7 \text{ GeV}$$

## ★ Using upper endpoint and LSP/NLSP mass measured

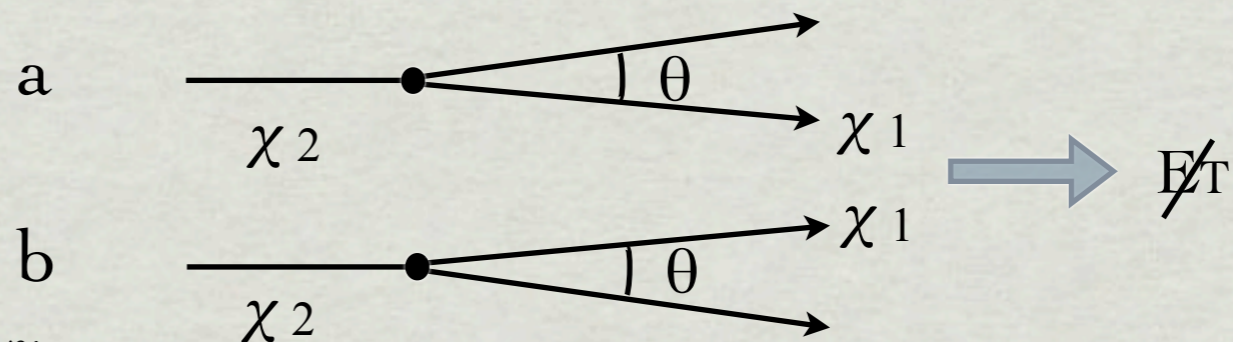
$$m_{\tilde{q}} = 1002_{-26}^{+38} \text{ GeV}$$

# Use CM energy Variable: $\sqrt{\hat{S}_{\min}}$

- ★ Reconstruct missing particle momenta using collinear approx.

$$\vec{p}_{\chi_{1,a}} = k_a \vec{p}_{X,a}$$

$$\vec{p}_{\chi_{1,b}} = k_b \vec{p}_{X,b}$$



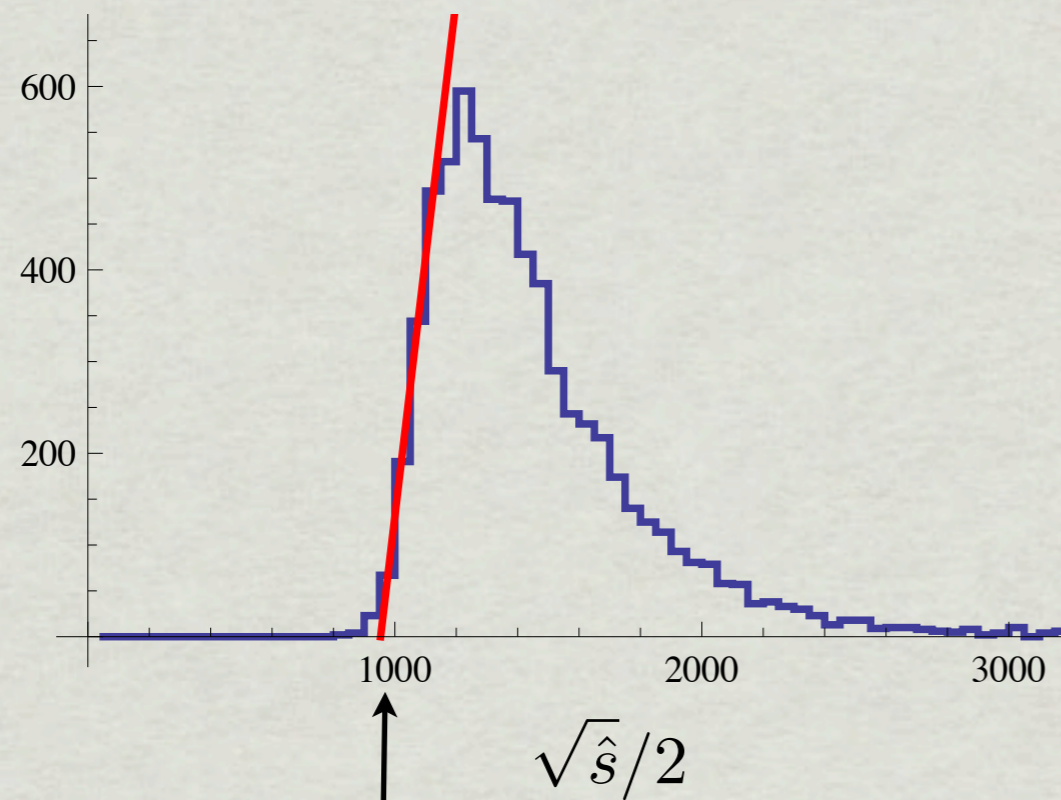
$$\rightarrow \begin{cases} k_a = \frac{p_{X,b}^y p^x - p_{X,b}^x p^y}{-p_{X,a}^y p_{X,b}^x + p_{X,a}^x p_{X,b}^y} \\ k_b = \frac{-p_{X,a}^y p^x + p_{X,a}^x p^y}{-p_{X,a}^y p_{X,b}^x + p_{X,a}^x p_{X,b}^y} \end{cases}$$

- ★ Reconstruct CM energy of the collision  $s = \left( \sum_i p_i \right)^2$
- ★ lower endpoint provide an estimate of the mass of mother particle

$$\hat{s} \geq 4m_Q^2$$

# Use CM energy Variable:

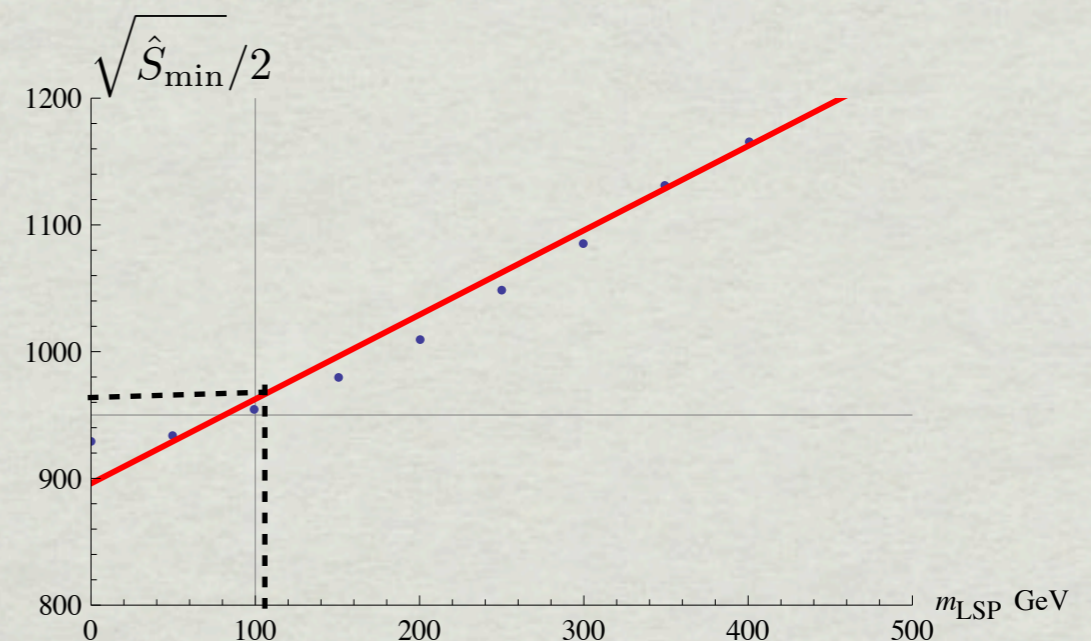
★ Use the measured LSP mass and cuts



Lower endpoint  $\sim 960$  GeV

- $p_T > 50$  GeV for jet
- $|\eta| < 3$  for jet
- missing  $E_T$  cut  $E_T^{miss} > 100$  GeV

$p_Z > 300$  GeV



# Summary and Outlook

- \* LHC may discovery new physics via large  $\cancel{E}_T$  , difficult for mass measurement - key information for studying cosmic relic dark matter
- \* MET-cone and  $m_{\text{test}}$  variable are useful tools for mass measurement in boosted events with  $\cancel{E}_T$ .
- \* Further explore the idea of MET-cone and develop a more general method that can apply for less-collinear events.
- \* More realistic collider study: include detector effects on MET, initial/final-state radiation etal