

Describing the  
Structure of New Physics  
on  
“The Day After”

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# Reminder: Simplified Models

- Small number (4) of topological models tailored to “SUSY-like” excesses in  $X$ +MET searches
  - Cover a broad range of phenomenology
  - Baseline from which to build evidence for complex new-physics structure from data

*don't need to study one simplified model per idea/theorist*

# Physics Assumptions

- Working with validated, stable, large excesses
- Signals in multiple channels
- Not  $Z'$  (easy)

*These are reasonable:*

- SUSY predicts many channels
- Naturalness suggests low masses, big  $\chi$ sec's

# Case Study:

A SUSY Model with Complicated Decay Chains, at  
500 pb<sup>-1</sup>

- What kinds of physics we can learn from different distributions
- Why we need more than distributions (and why simplified models help)
- Deduction
- Implications of Limited Model-Resolution

# Discovery!

(Our starting point)

- $\geq 3$  Jet, 1 Lepton+MET

$$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 100 \text{ GeV}$$

$$N_{\text{jet}} \geq 3$$

$$p_T(j_{1,2,3}) > 75 \text{ GeV}$$

$$H_T > 350 \text{ GeV}$$

- $\geq 2$  Jet, 2 Lepton+MET

$$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 80 \text{ GeV}$$

$$N_{\text{jet}} \geq 2$$

$$p_T(j_{1,2}) > 75 \text{ GeV}$$

$$H_T > 350 \text{ GeV}$$

(combination of ee, e $\mu$ ,  $\mu\mu$  searches)

(In each case, Lepton=e or  $\mu$  with  $p_T > 10$  GeV, plus isolation etc.)

**1100  $\pm$  100 events**

**420  $\pm$  50 events**

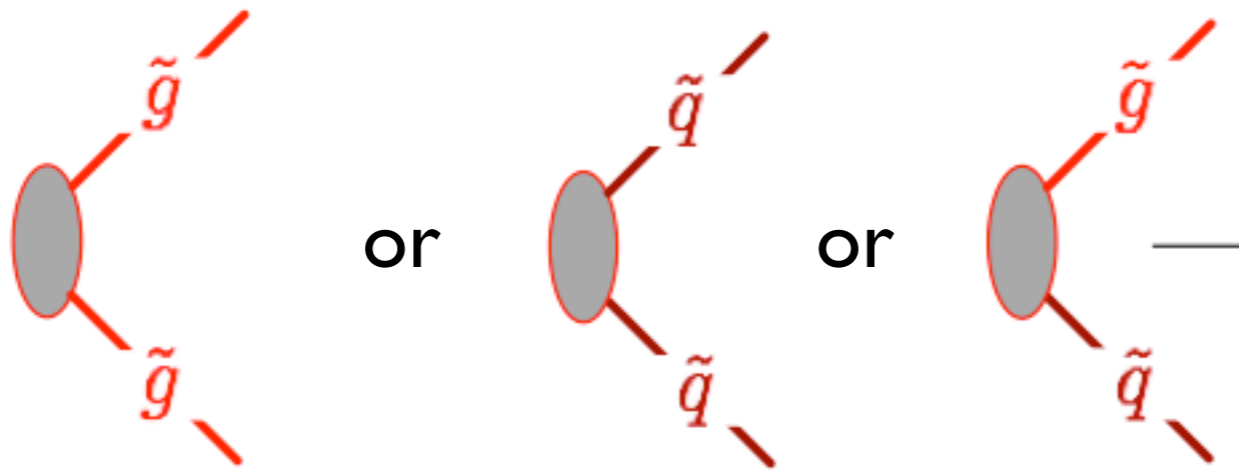
+ distributions in each case.

**Relative rates of 2-lepton, 1-lepton events are important, but we don't know yet!**

- count 2l events with tighter cuts (lose statistics!)
- divide by efficiencies of decay chain for some model (which one?)

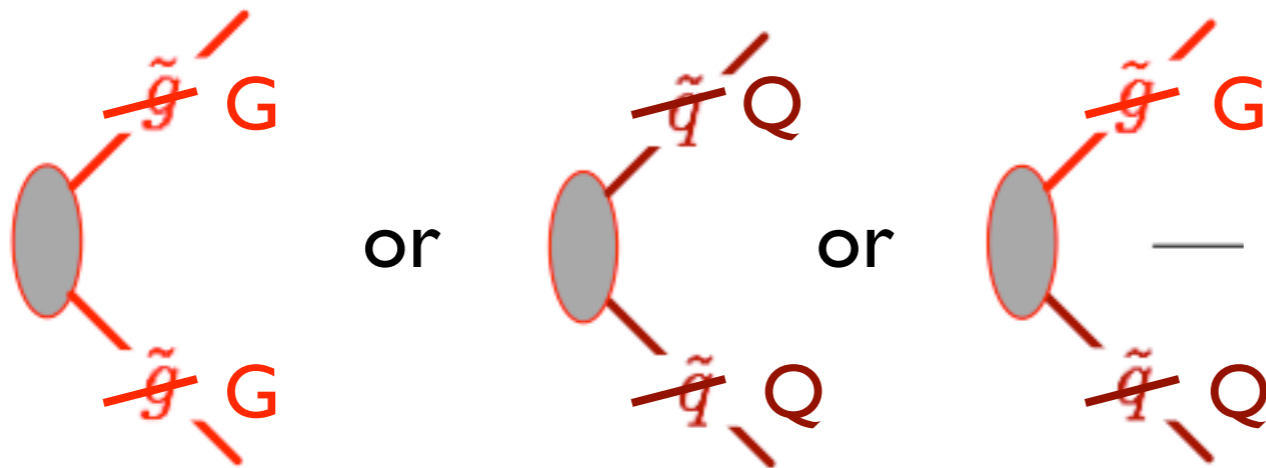
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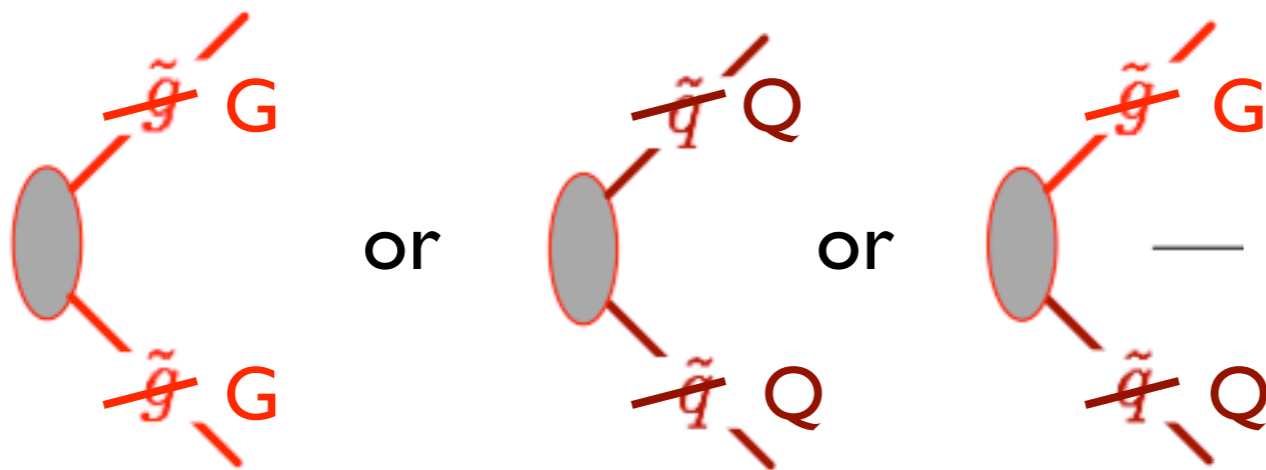
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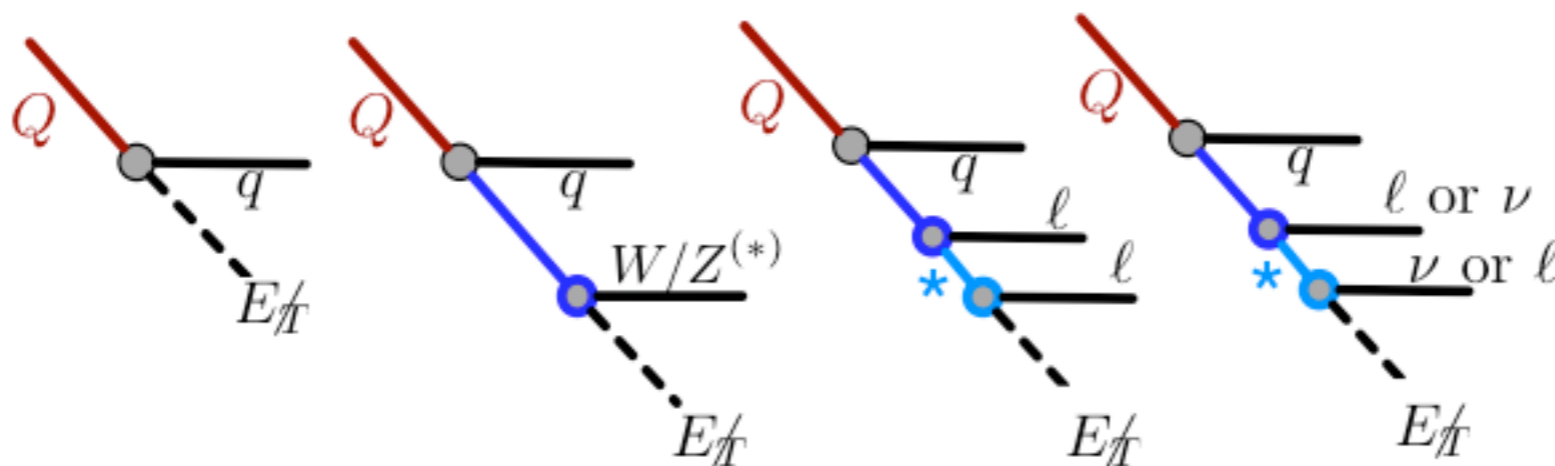
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- Leptons imply cascade decays:



-How do we distinguish?  
-What are masses?  
-Are one or multiple  
modes present?

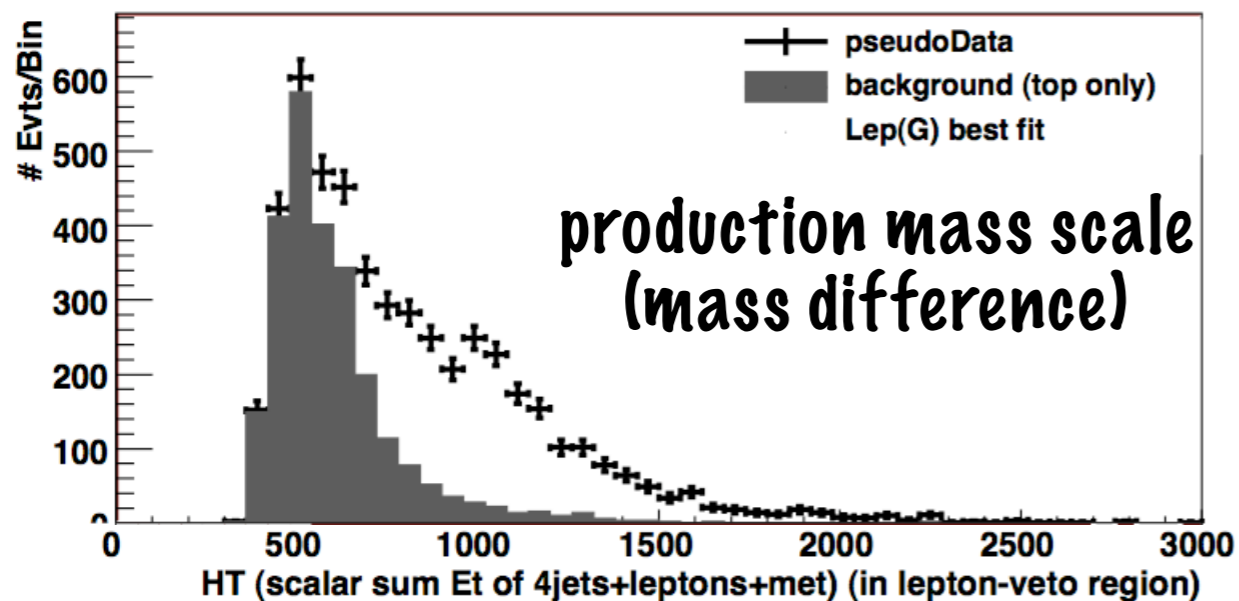
+ perhaps longer cascades ...or top quarks?



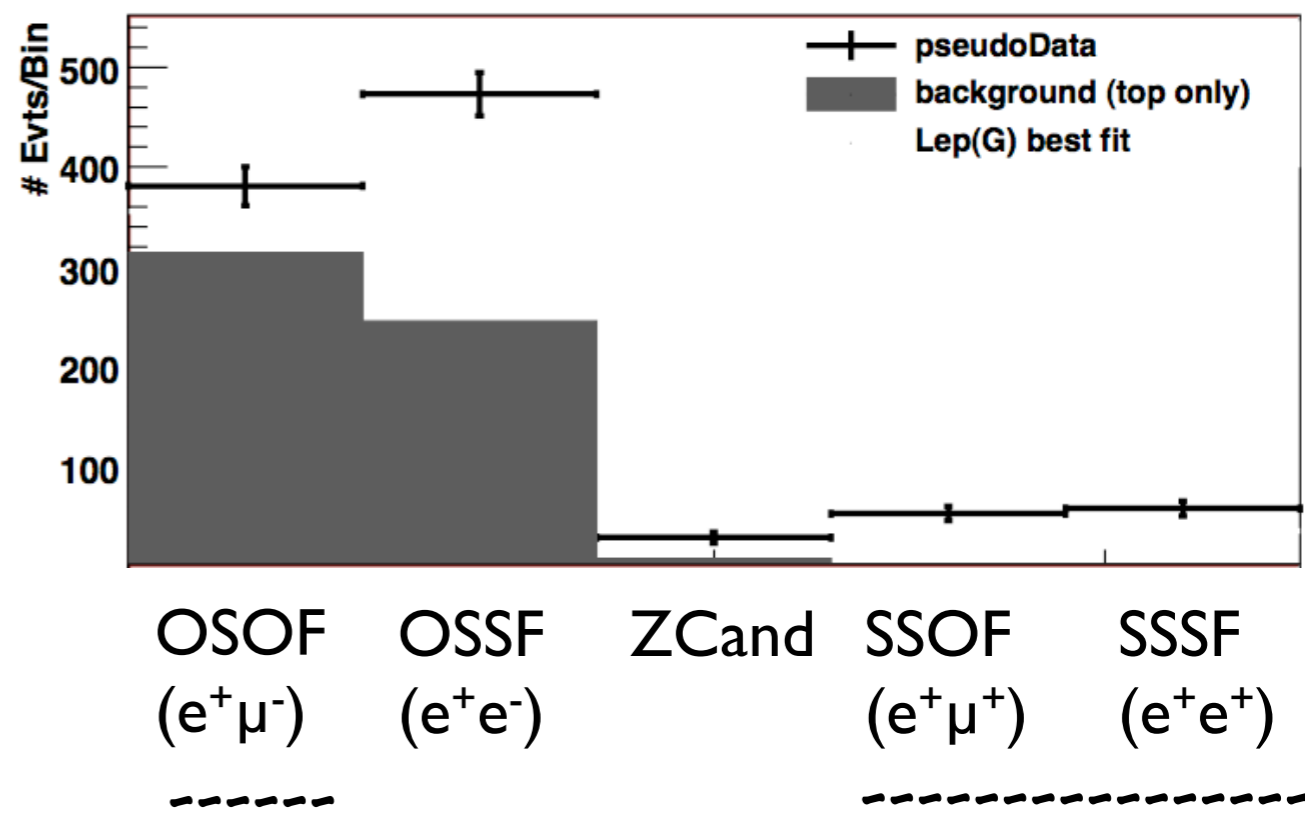
# Distributions

- $\geq 3$  Jet, 1 Lepton+MET

- $\geq 2$  Jet, 2 Lepton+MET



Same kinematic plots,  
dilepton mass, ...



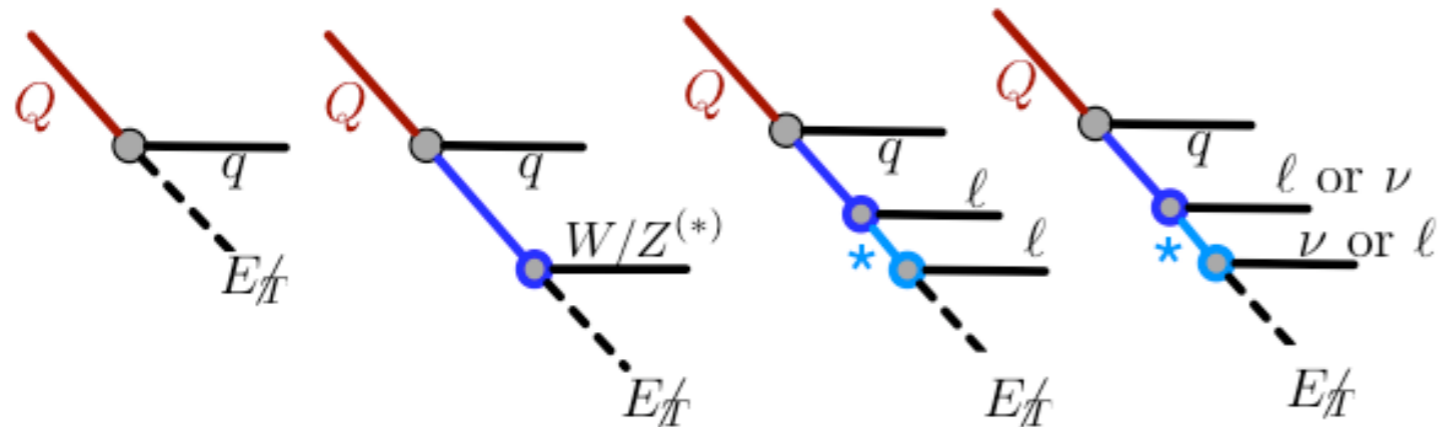
OSOF ( $e^+\mu^-$ )    OSSF ( $e^+e^-$ )    ZCand    SSOF ( $e^+\mu^+$ )    SSSF ( $e^+e^+$ )

can come from same cascade

from two independent cascades

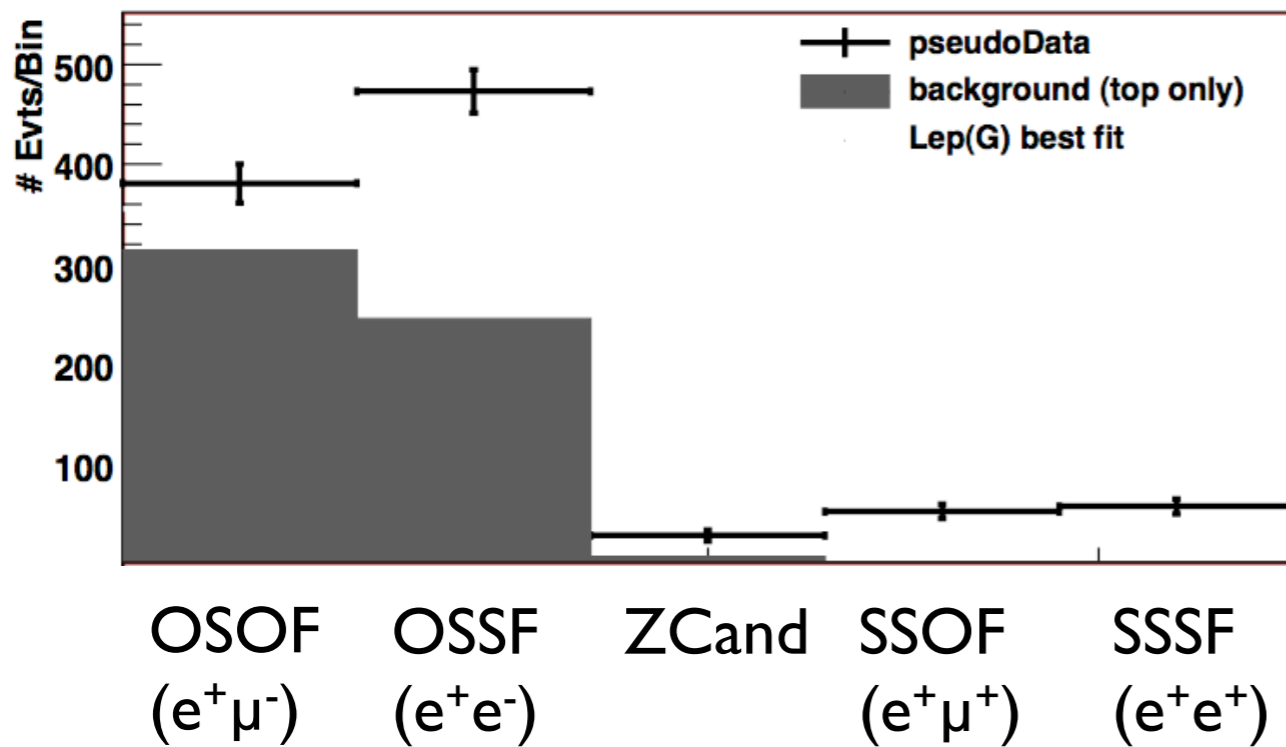
MET, jet  $p_T$ 's, ... jet multiplicity

# Branching Ratios



5 params and 3 independent counts in 2-lepton data (under-constrained)

Additional constraint from 0-, 1- or 3-lepton data



**AMBIGUITY:**  
 $W$  goes to 1 lepton (30%) or 0 leptons (70%).

Hard to distinguish  $W$ 's from combination of direct and one-lepton cascade

# Branching Ratios (Best Fits)

Parameters that fit counts, HT,  $p_T(\text{lepton})$ :

Model / Limit	$M_{Q/G}-M_I-M_L^*-M_{LSP}$	$\sigma(pb)$	$B_U$	$B_{\nu l+l\nu} (\frac{B_{\nu l}}{B_{\nu l+l\nu}})$	$B_{LSP}$	$B_W$	$B_Z$
Lep(Q) / $B_W = 0$	500-440- - -100	46.1	0.0151	0.4155/-	0.5274	-	0.0420
Lep(Q) / $B_{\ell\nu} = 0$	650-440- - -100	12.8	0.0485	-	0.0	0.9244	0.0270
Lep(G) / $B_W = 0$	650-440- - -100	13.6	0.0507	0.2928/-	0.5840	-	0.0725
Lep(G) / $B_{\ell\nu} = 0$	700-440- - -100	11.5	0.0636	-	0.0	0.8710	0.0654

**ambiguity -  
affects conclusions!**

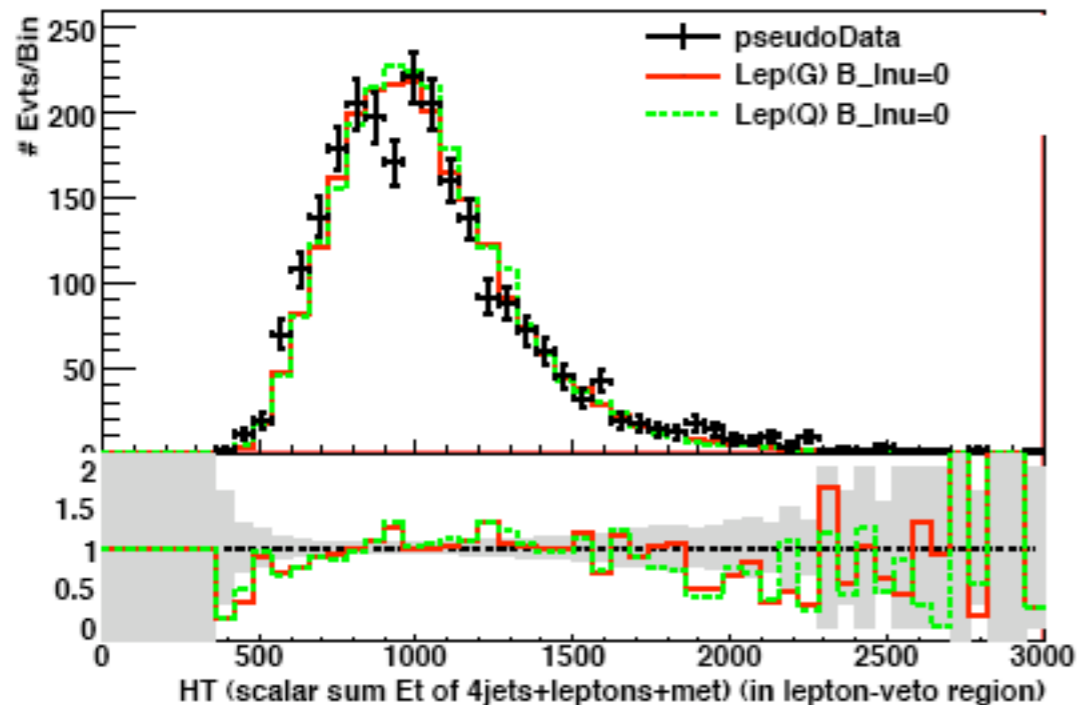
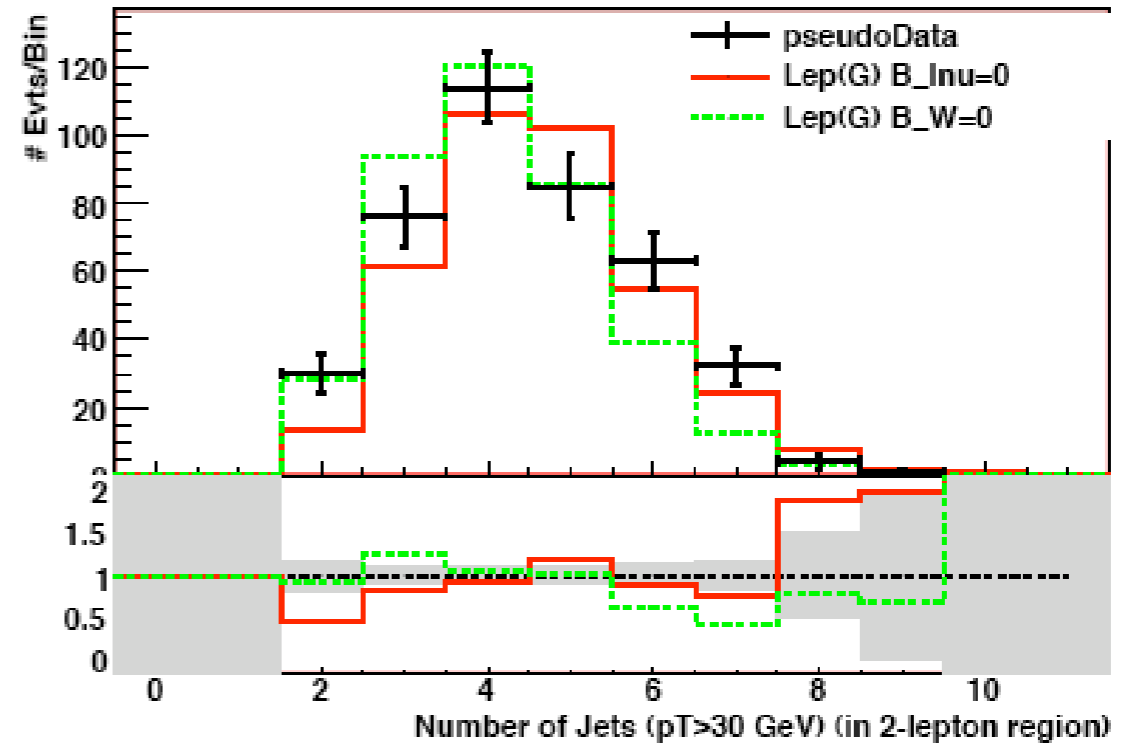
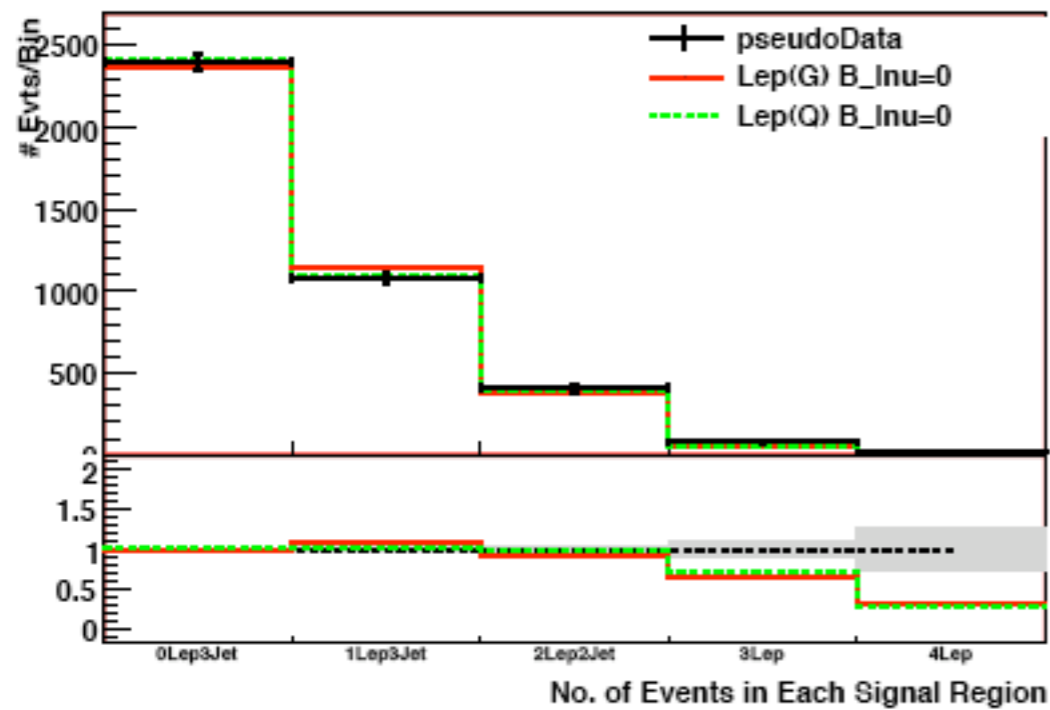
**big syst. effect on  
masses, xsec**

**some branching  
ratios more stable  
than others**

Theorist on the outside **can** estimate these from 1,2-lepton data...  
**but** given large systematics, we're likely to make mistakes combining channels reliably

# What the best fits look like

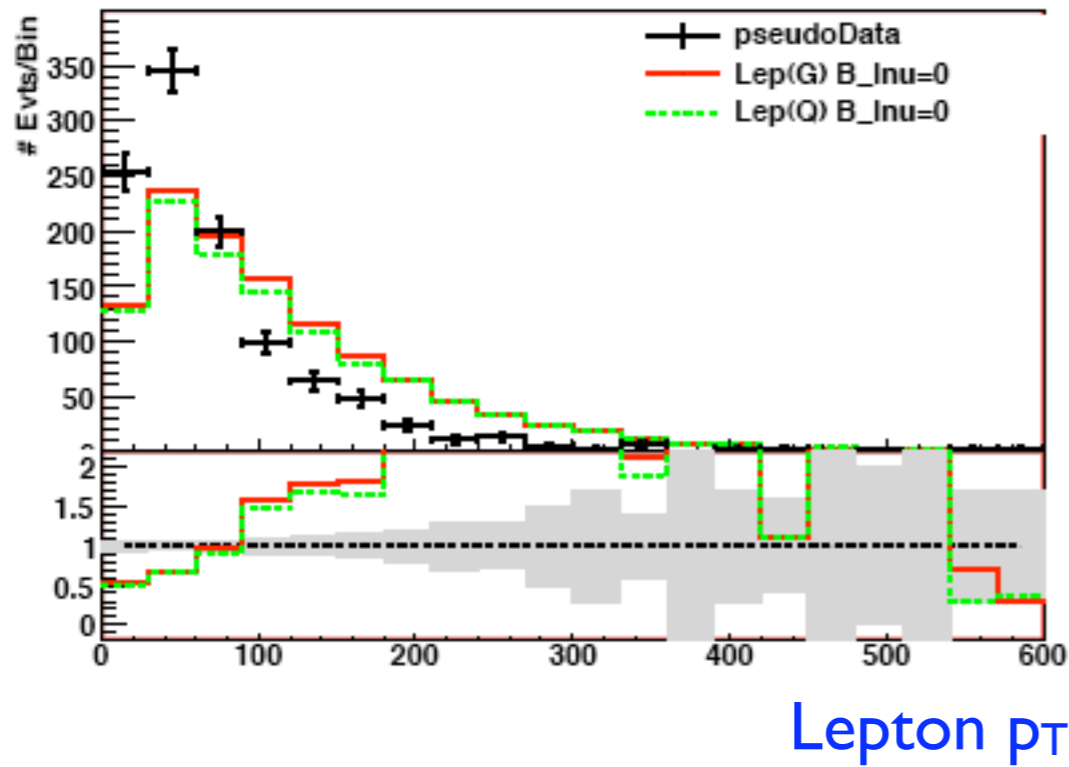
Counts, jet kinematics reproduced well!



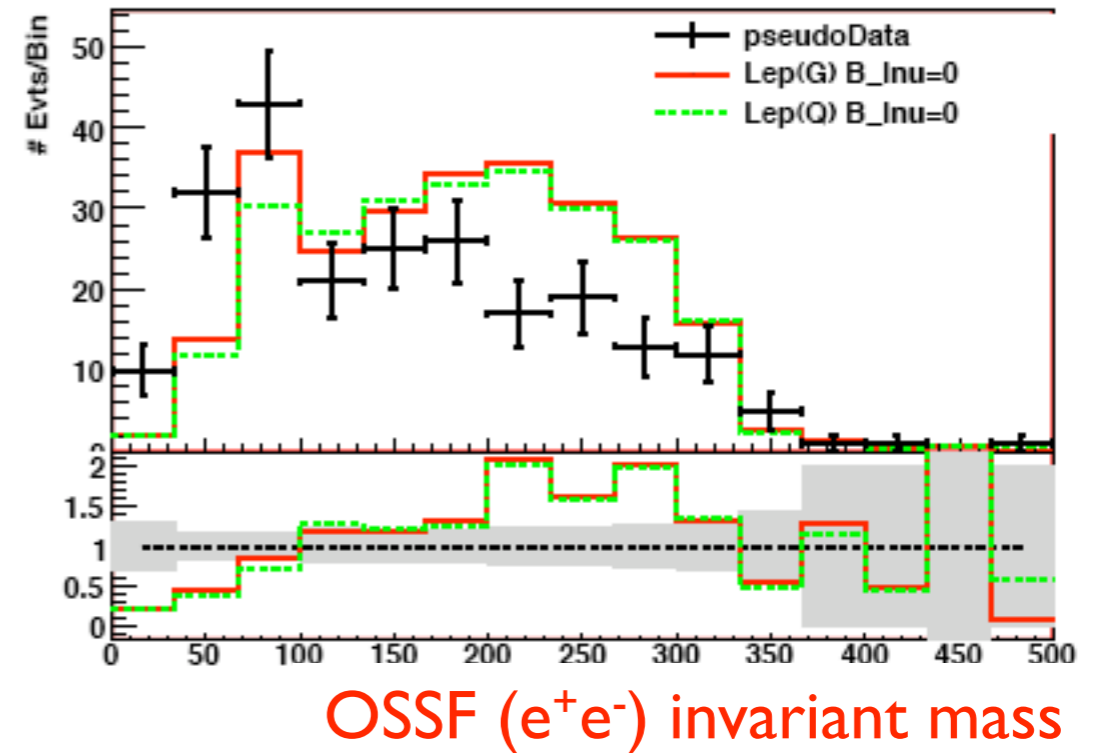
(also jet  $p_T$  plots, MET...)

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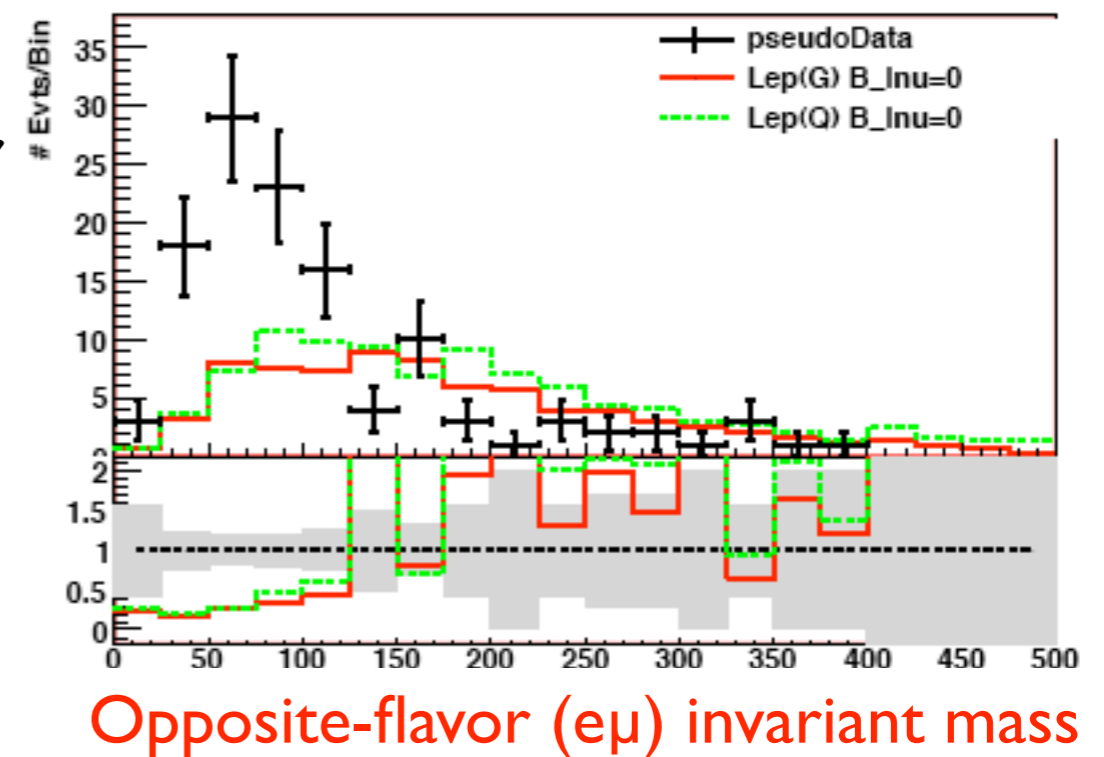
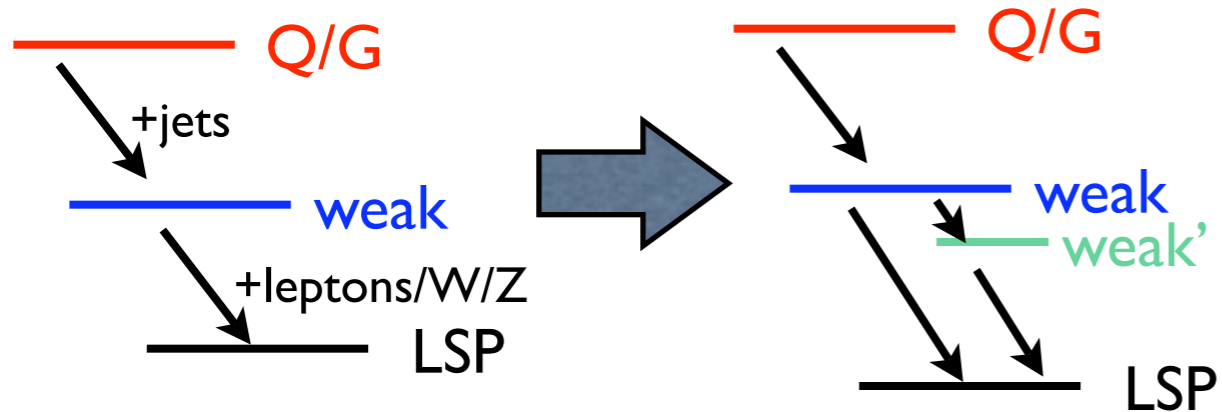
(1-lepton plots)



(2-lepton plots)



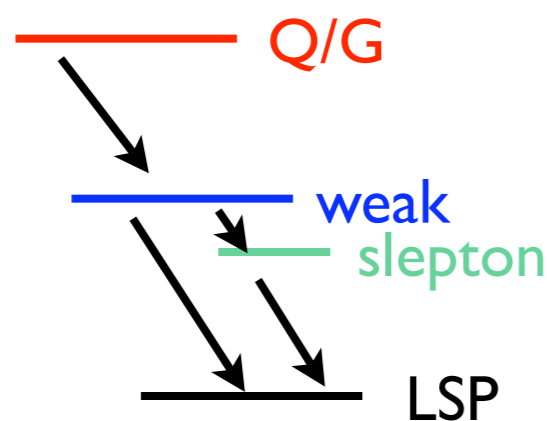
Cannot reproduce the data with these models (or with tops). Robustly demonstrating this is hard, but provides **STRONG EVIDENCE** for more complex source of **soft, flavor-uncorrelated** leptons.



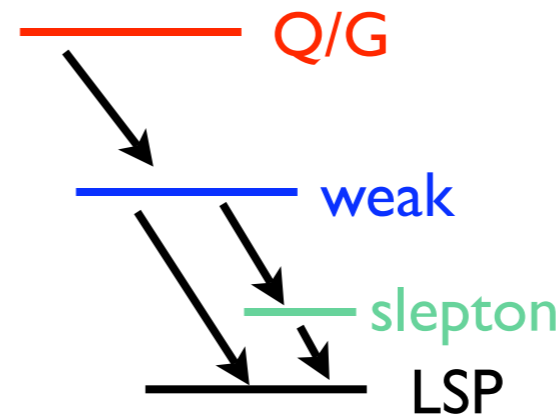
(Lone theorist with PGS can NEVER draw this conclusion with confidence)

# Interim Conclusions and Questions

- Data consistent with squark and/or gluino production
- Need two-stage cascades to explain data
- Large rate of single-lepton cascade (+ precise numbers)
- I play around in PGS to try to reproduce the 2-lepton counts...on-shell slepton and **charginos**.



or



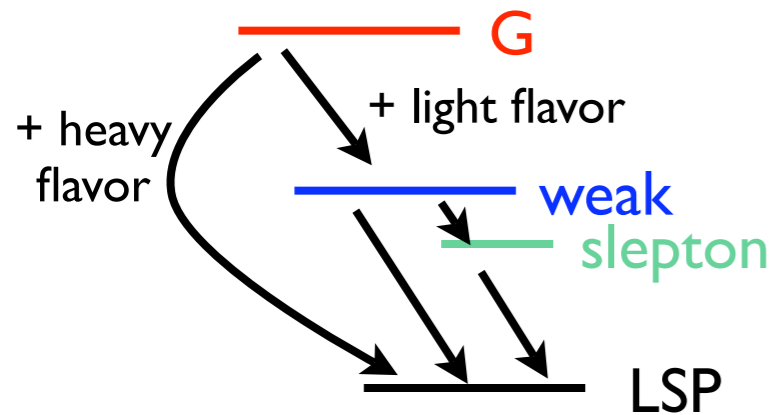
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See if this can be confirmed from kinematics - dilepton invariant mass should have an **EDGE**  
(this is sub-dominant source of 2-lepton events, edge didn't jump out but this motivates looking harder)

I can find SUSY models with both hierarchies, see if **any** of them are consistent with larger set of distributions in data...

# More conclusions from b-jet studies

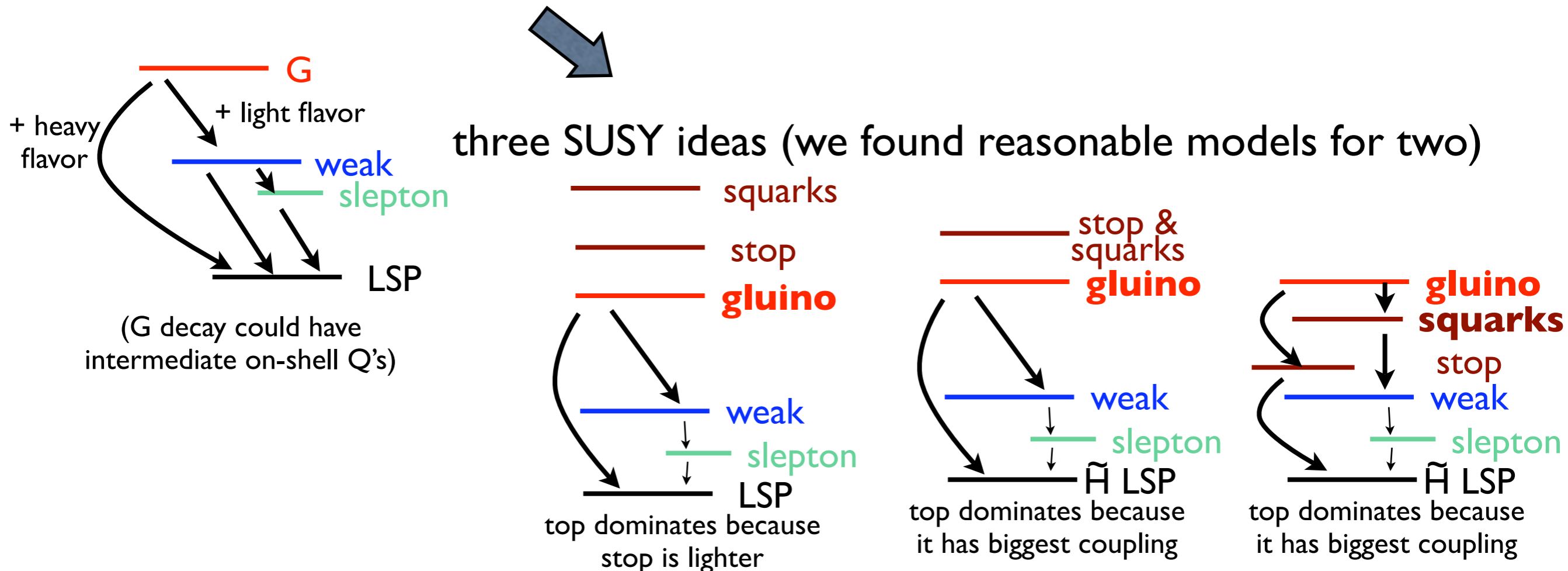
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(G decay could have intermediate on-shell Q's)

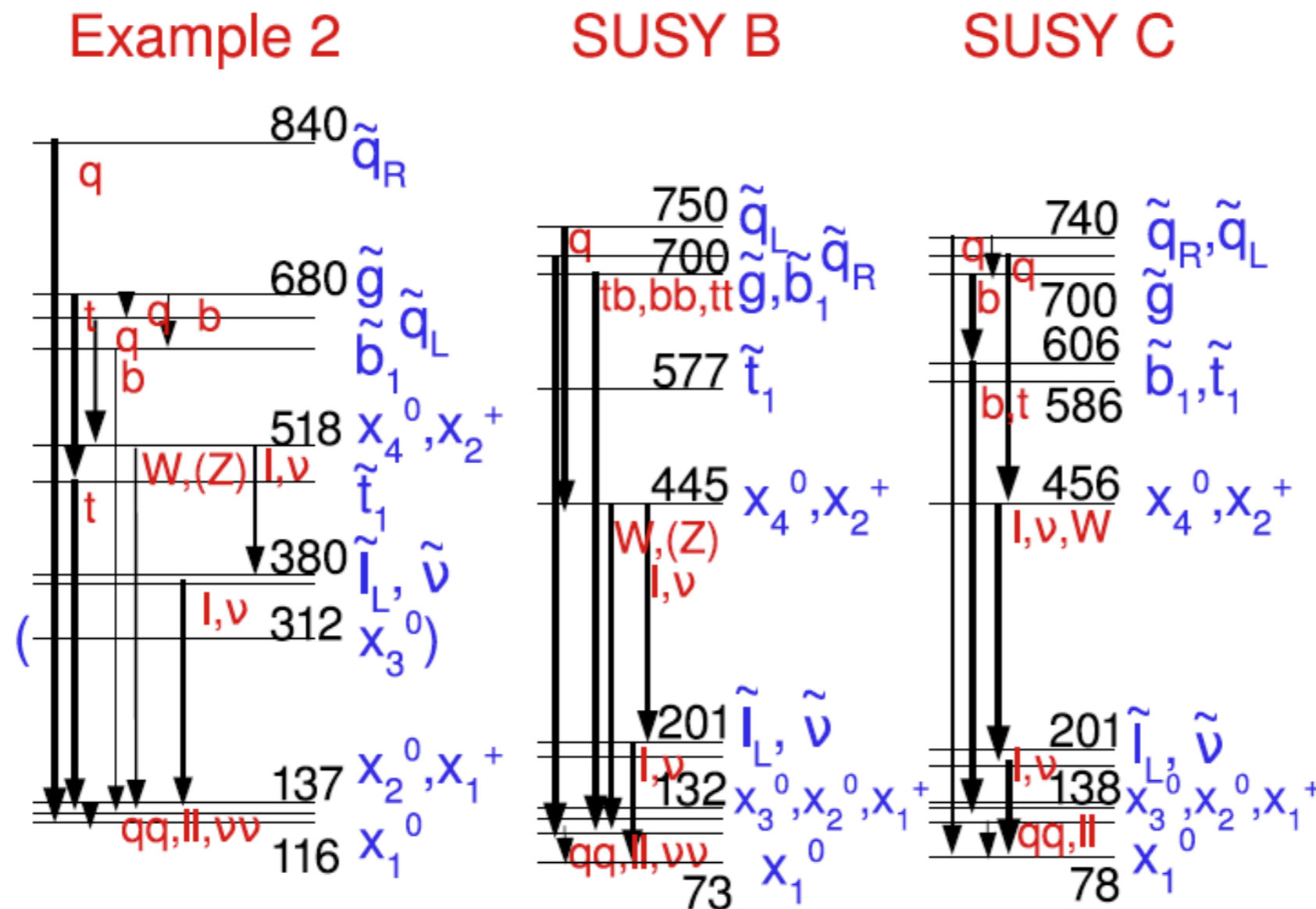
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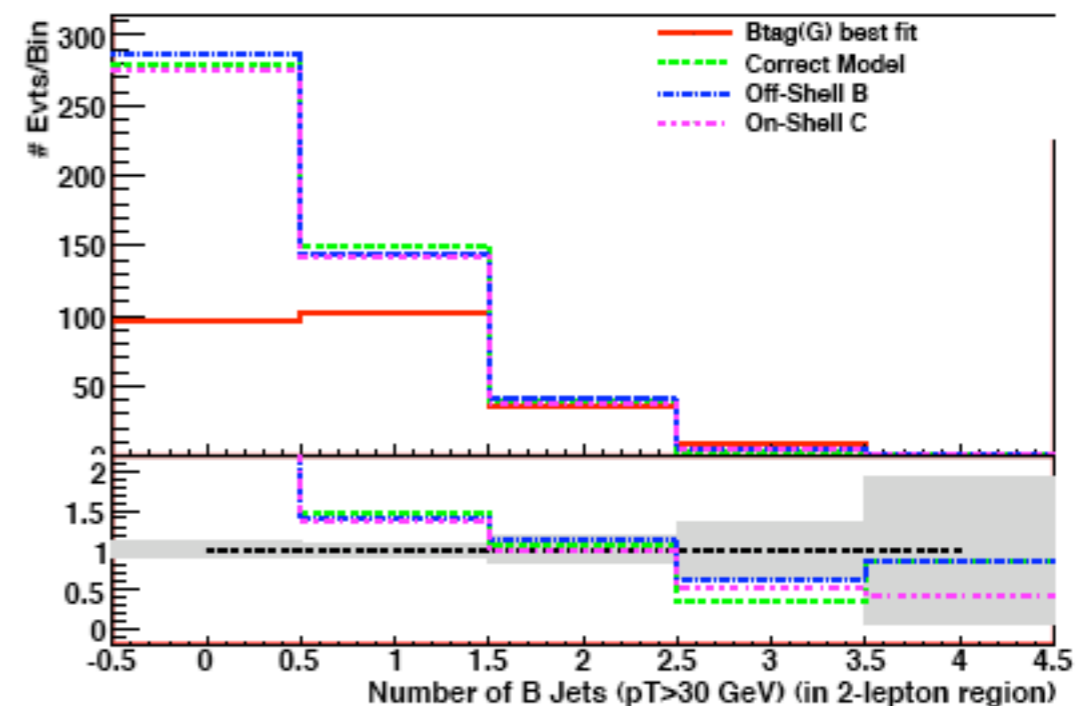
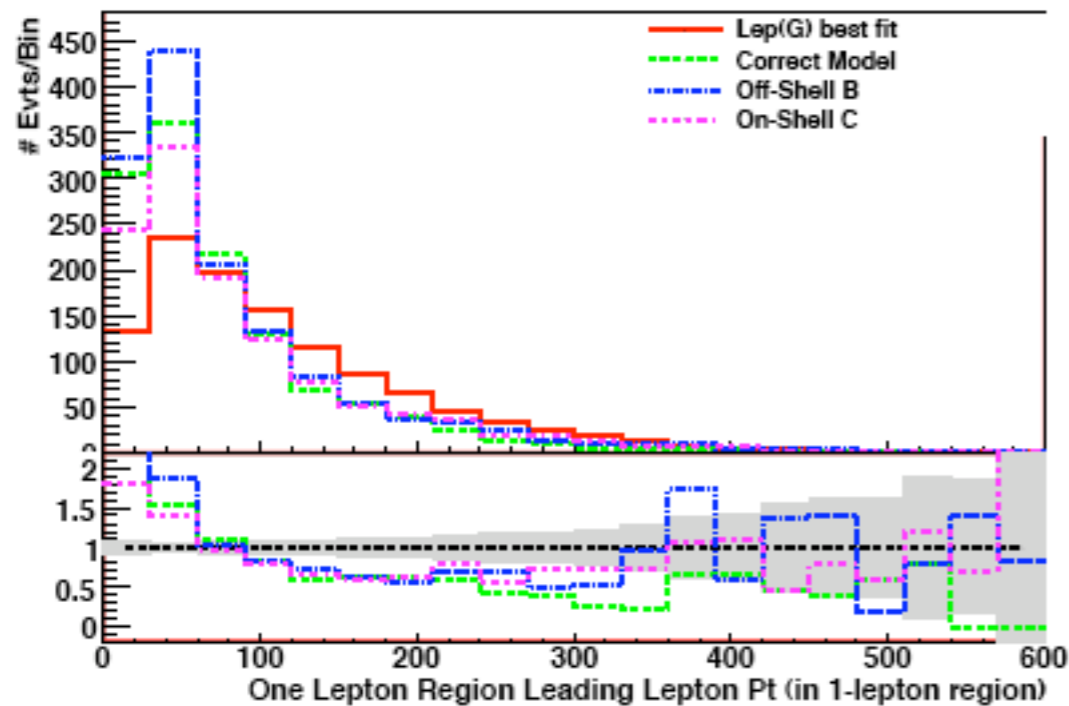
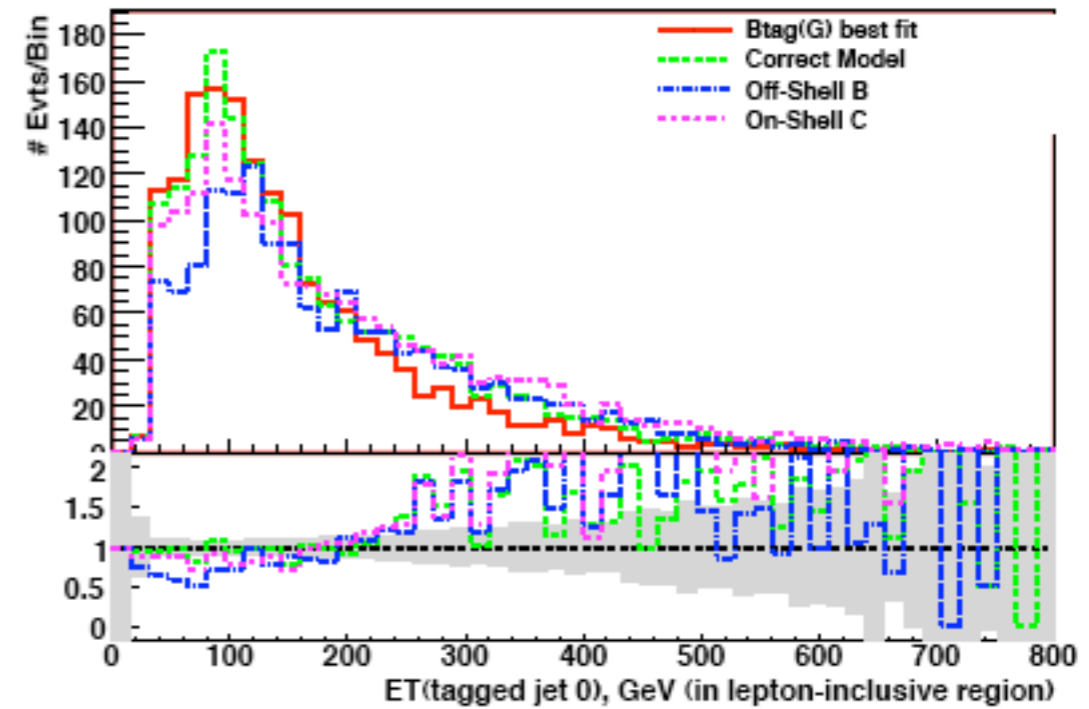
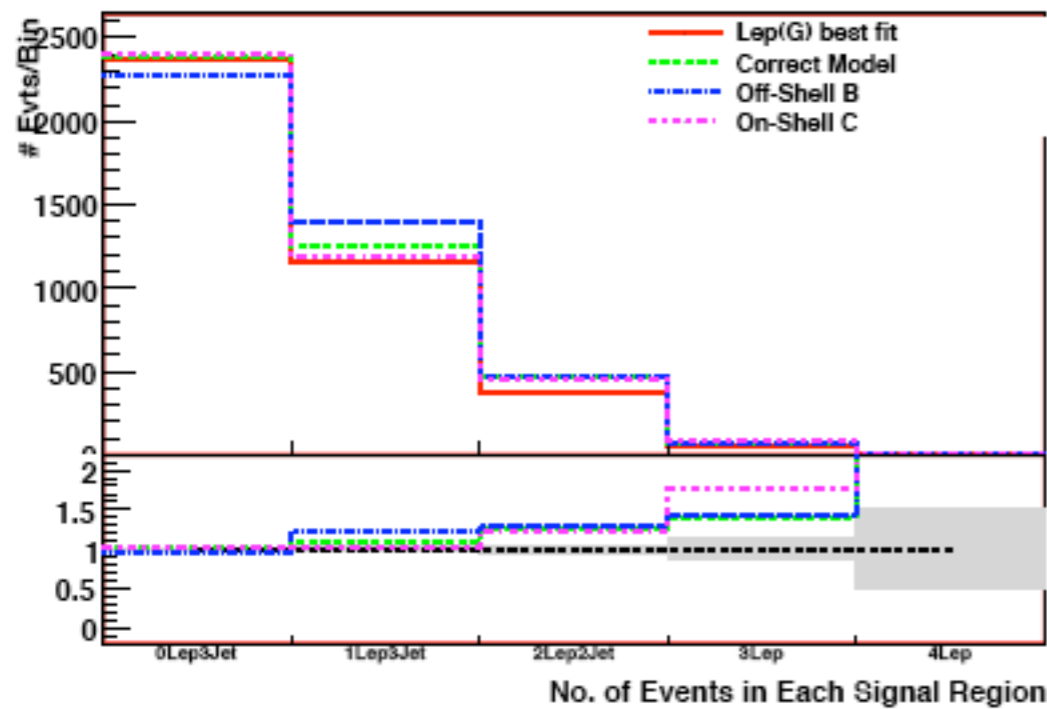
# Three very different SUSY models:



Different combinations of on/off-shell decays,  
 Bino much heavier/slightly lighter than Higgsino

Might find one by parameter scan, another by good fortune/persistent theorist. But clear **description of data** helps to bring them all to light.

Finding multiple models not a weakness of our structure, but **real ambiguity** with “basic” distributions and low stats.



Fortunately, once we have reduced the problem to “Point A vs. Point B,” many more sophisticated measurement techniques apply (cf most of today’s talks)

- Pre-existing parameter space designed for jets+X+MET analyses (Simplified Models) allows thorough, **unbiased** exploration
- **Build evidence for particles** needed to explain structure of distributions
- Theorists can help find reasonable models, but we can't do it on our own with distributions