



PHYSICS WITH TAU LEPTONS AT ATLAS

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Outline

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- **Physics with Tau leptons**

- $W \rightarrow \tau \nu$ polarisation
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- SUSY

Characteristics of tau decays

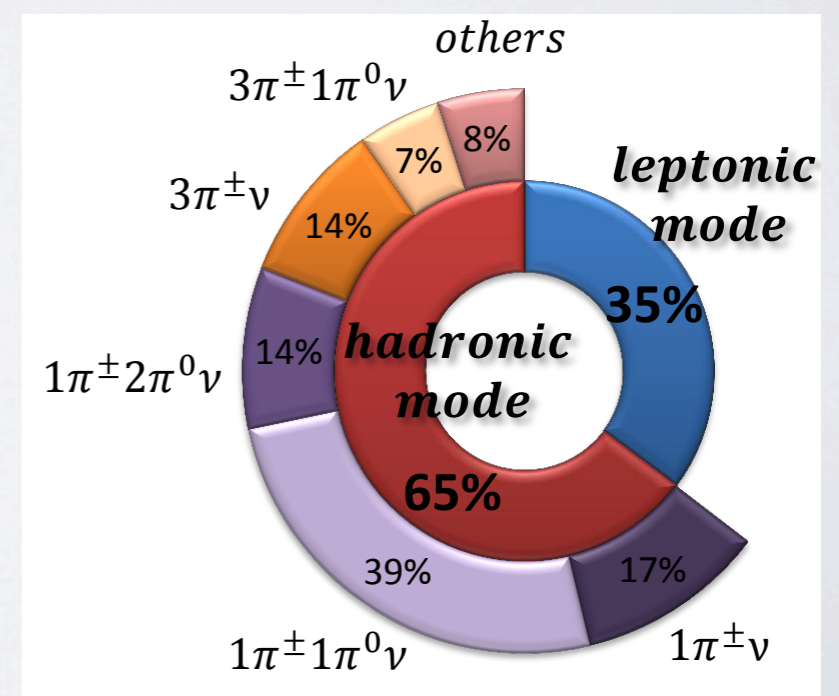
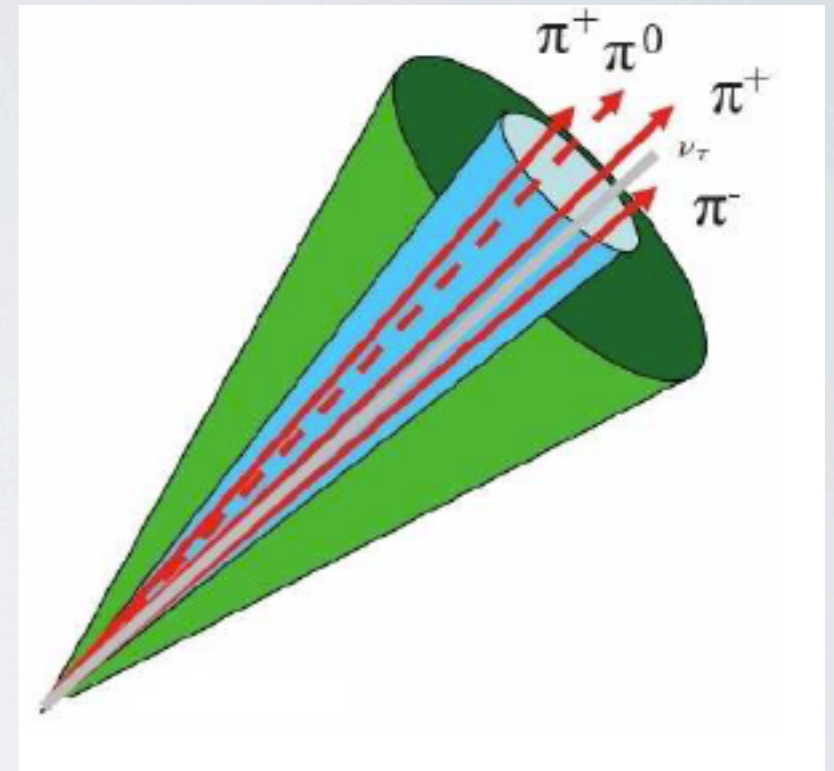
- $m_\tau = 1.777 \text{ GeV}$
- $c\tau = 87 \mu\text{m}$
- Leptonic decays hard to distinguish from primary electrons and muons
- ▶ Only hadronic decays considered for dedicated reconstruction algorithms
- Mainly one/three charged tracks
- Collimated decay
- Reconstruction divided into two steps

• Tau reconstruction

- Building of tau candidates
- Starting point: anti- k_t jets ($R = 0.4$) with $p_{T\tau} > 10 \text{ GeV}$ and within $|\eta| < 2.5$

• Tau identification

- Aim: selection of real tau decays and rejection of fake sources (jets, e, μ)
- Dedicated methods for separation against jets, electrons, muons

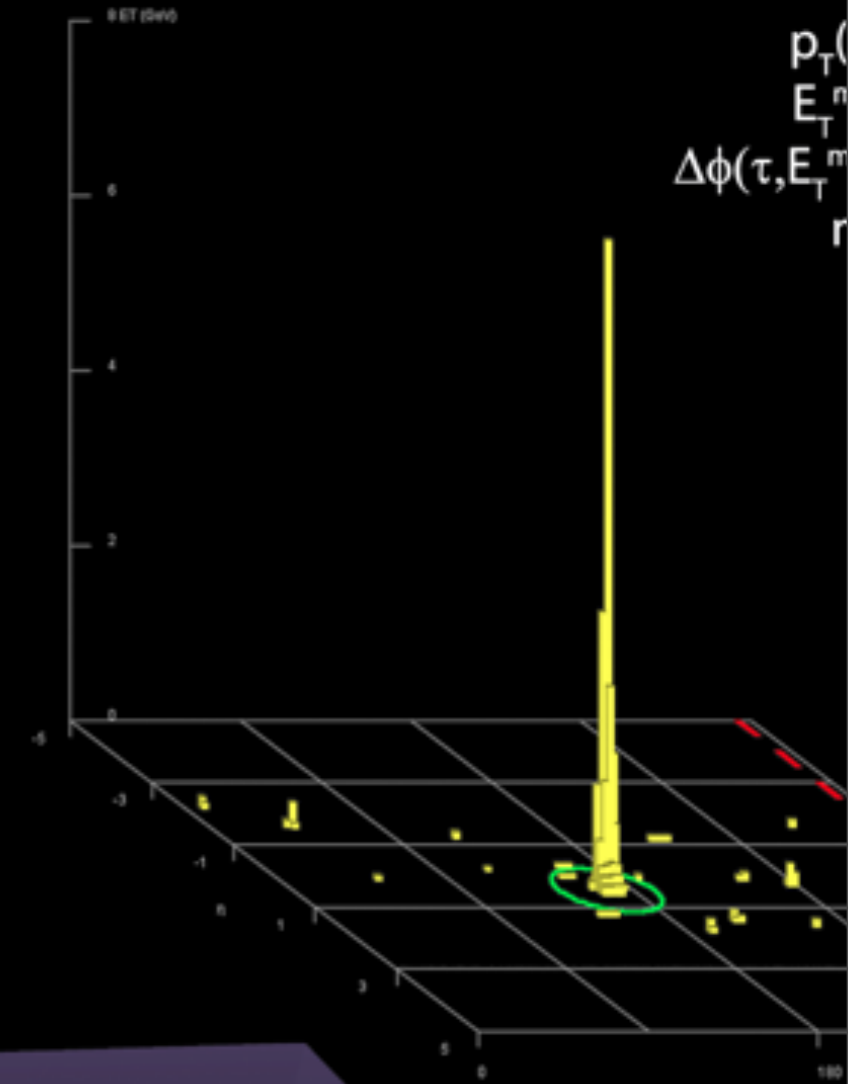
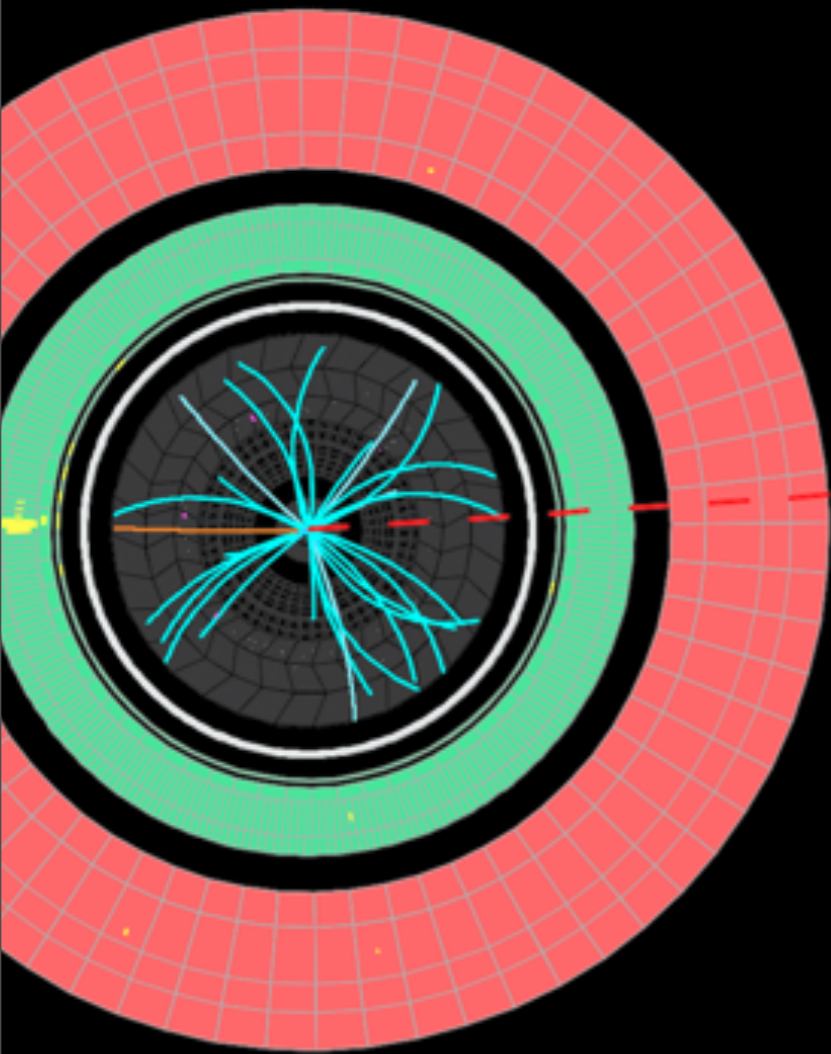




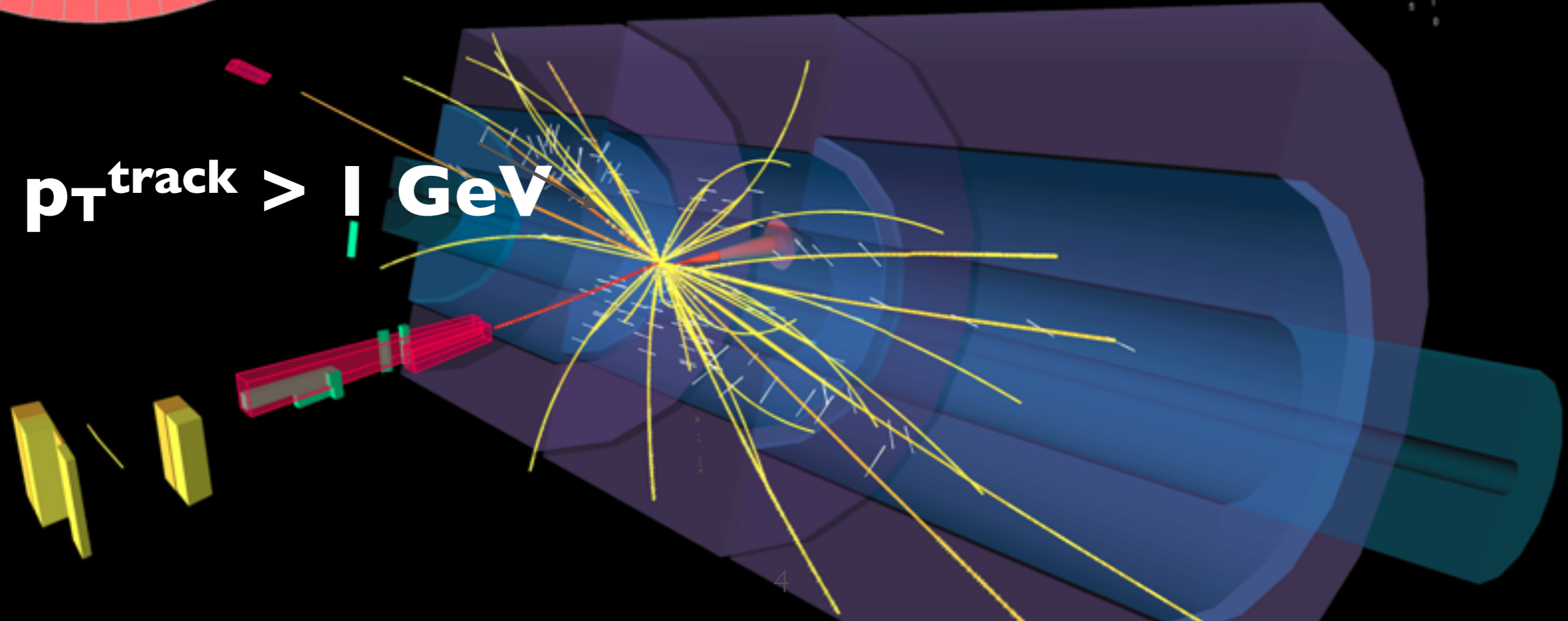
ATLAS EXPERIMENT

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$W \rightarrow \tau \nu$ candidate in
7 TeV collisions

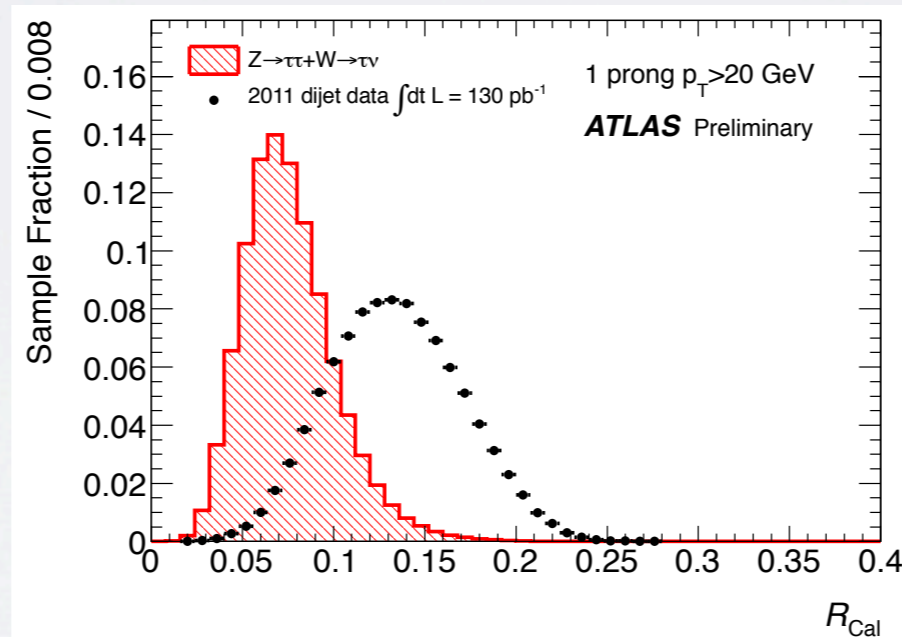
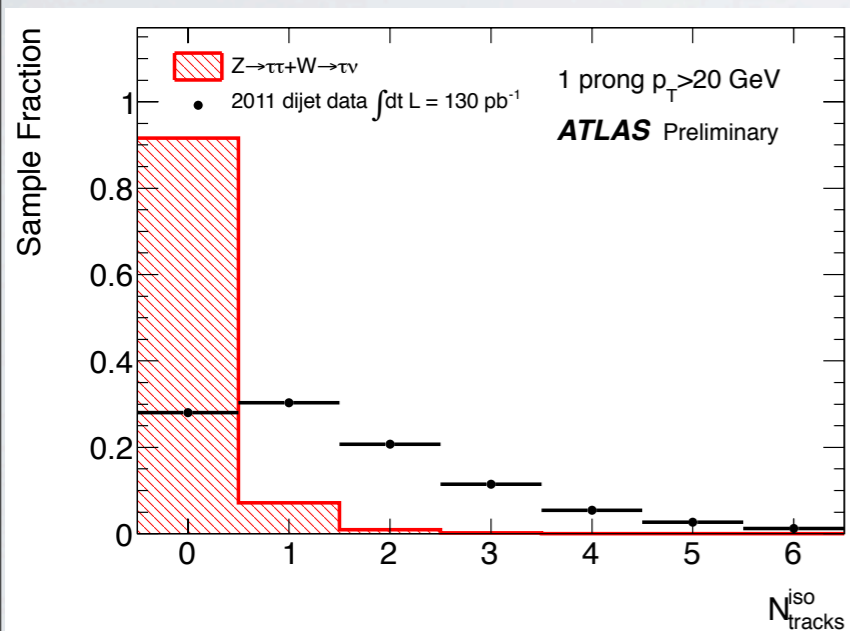
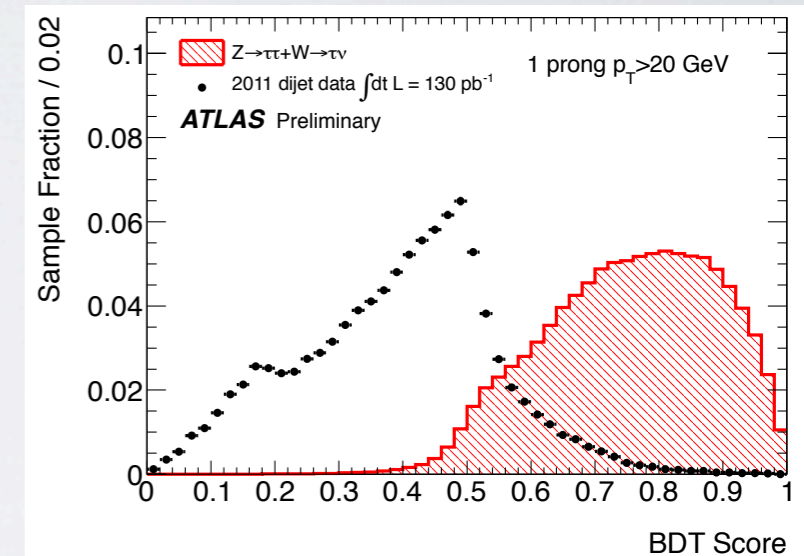
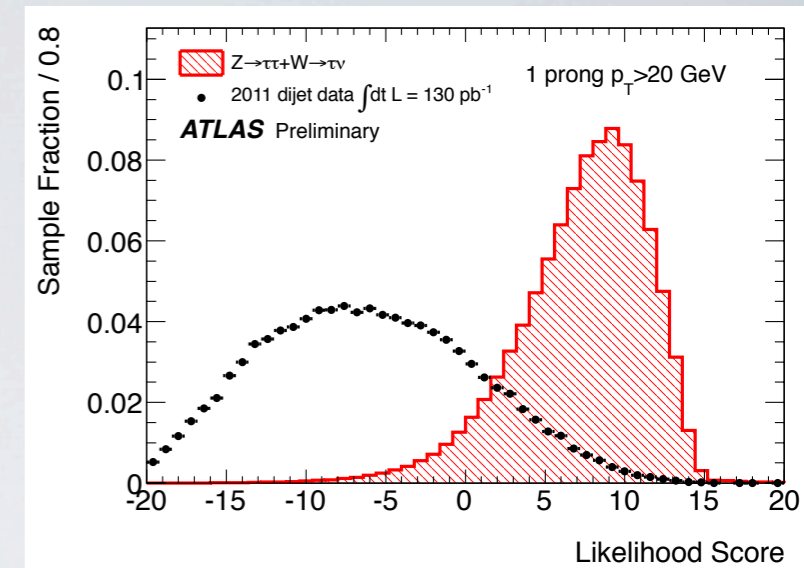


$p_T^{\text{track}} > 1 \text{ GeV}$



Identification of taus

- Using multivariate techniques
- Boosted Decision Trees, Log-Likelihood method
- Tracking and calorimeter information used
- Separately trained for single-/multi-prong tau decays
- Optimized for different working points corresponding to signal efficiencies of about 60%, 45%, 30%

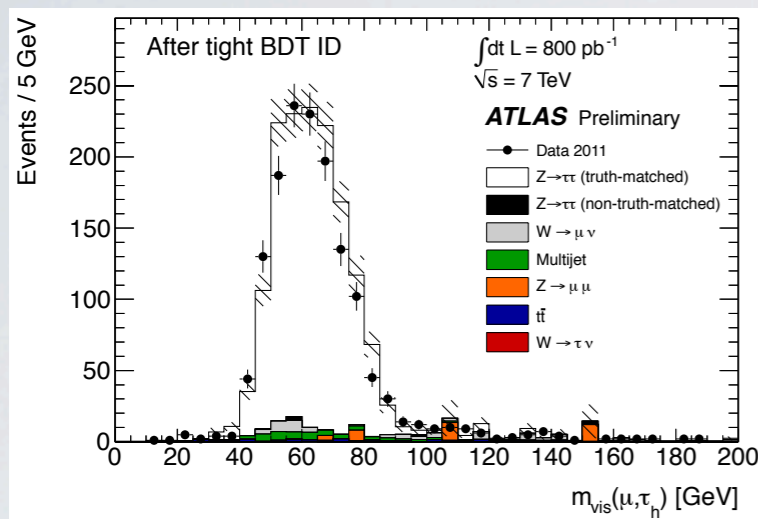


No. of tracks in
isolation cone

Energy-weighted
shower width

Data-driven tau-ID efficiency measurement

$Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$



μ (tag)



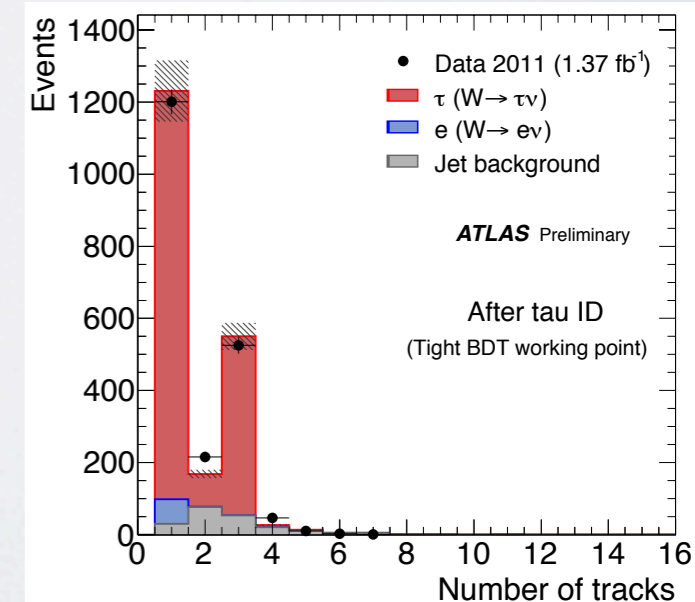
τ (probe)

$W \rightarrow \tau U$

- Tag-and-probe method using E_T^{miss}
- Fit track distribution using three templates
 - Real taus ($W \rightarrow \tau U$ from MC)
 - Multi-jets (data in control region)
 - Electron fakes (from MC)

- Single fit to simultaneously measure efficiency of three pre-defined working points
- Uncertainty: 3 - 17 % (improved to 4-5%)

- Follows $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow lh$ cross-section analysis
- Apply tag-and-probe method
- Dominant backgrounds: W +jets (taken from MC), multi-jets (estimated from data)
- Efficiency measured at three pre-defined working points
- Uncertainty: 8 - 12 % (improved to 4-5% for 2012 analysis)



PHYSICS INVOLVING TAU LEPTONS

$W \rightarrow \tau U$ polarisation
measurement

- Performed on 2010 data corresponding to $L = 24 \text{ pb}^{-1}$
- First time measured at a hadron collider

Event selection

- 1 single track high p_T tau
- $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 30 \text{ GeV}$
- $|\Delta\phi(\text{jet}, E_T^{\text{miss}})| > 0.5 \text{ rad}$
- $S_T = \frac{E_T^{\text{miss}}}{\sigma(E_T^{\text{miss}})} \geq 6$

Result

$$P_\tau = \frac{\sigma_R - \sigma_L}{\sigma_R + \sigma_L}$$

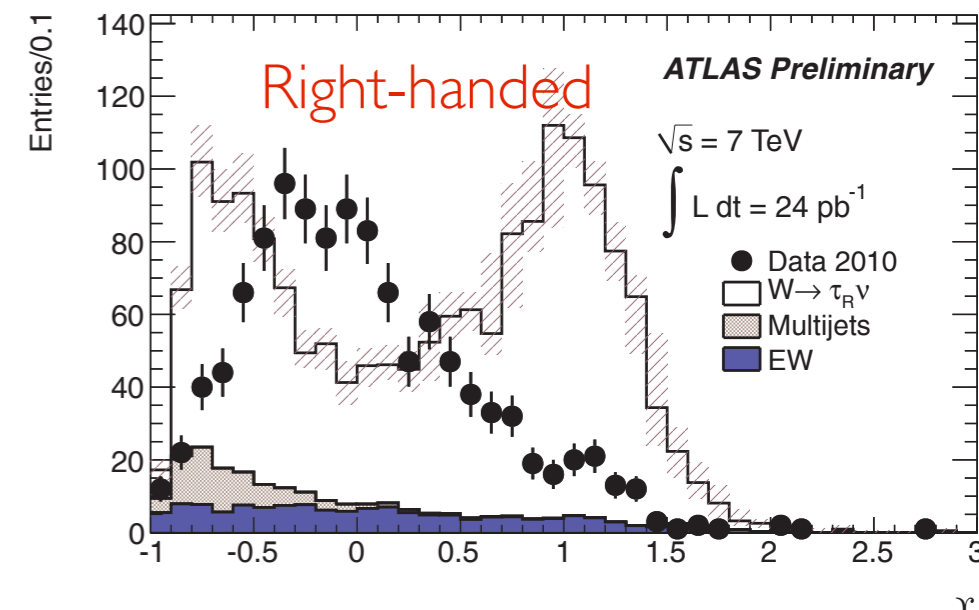
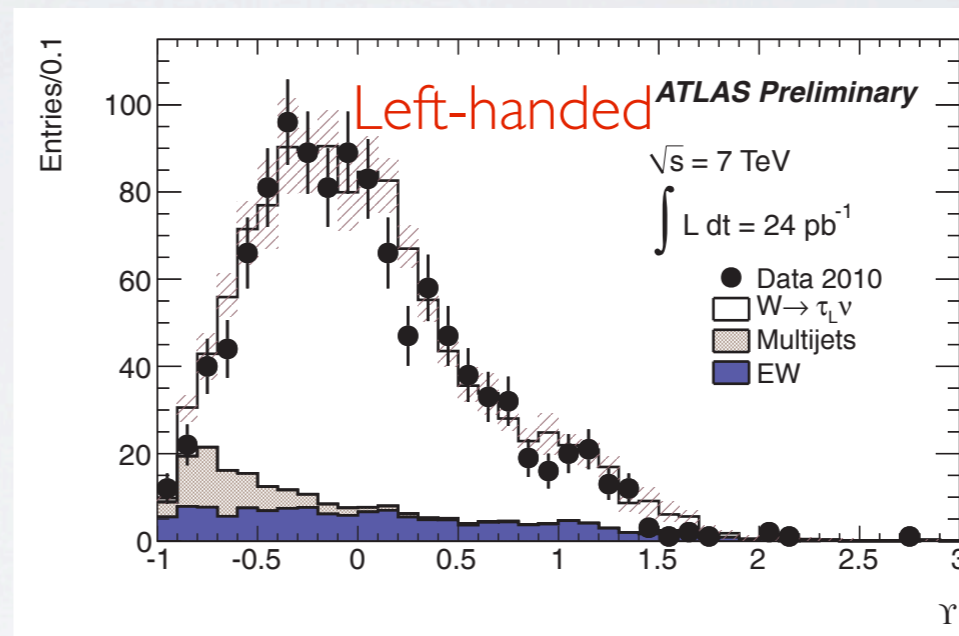
- extracted by fitting Υ

$$P_\tau = -1.06 \pm 0.04 \text{ (stat)} \pm_{-0.07}^{+0.05} \text{ (syst)}$$

[arXiv:1204.6720](https://arxiv.org/abs/1204.6720)

Discriminating variable

$$\frac{E_T^{\pi^-} - E_T^{\pi^0}}{p_T} \approx 2 \frac{p_T^{\text{trk}}}{p_T} - 1 = \Upsilon$$



STANDARD MODEL HIGGS

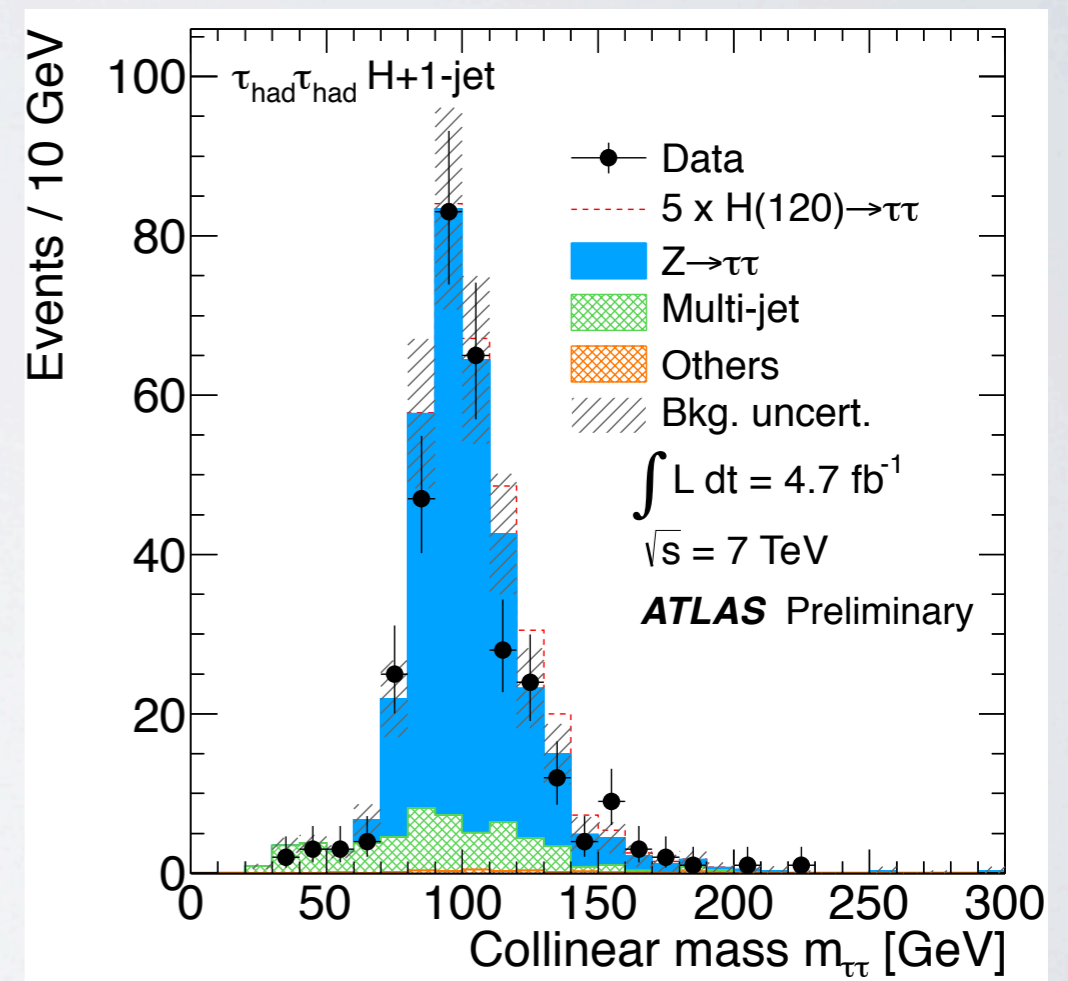
Event selection

- Based on full 2011 dataset corresponding to $L = 4.7 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
- All tau decay modes ($ll+4u$, $l\tau_h+3u$, $\tau_h\tau_h+2v$) considered
 - Defined in exclusive way
- Sub-channels divided into several categories (0-, 1-, 2-jet VH, 2-jet VBF)
- Example $H \rightarrow \tau_h\tau_h+2v$ + 1-jet category
- Exactly 2 isolated high- p_T (35, 25 GeV) tau leptons
- Collinear approximation
- Taus separated by $\Delta R(\tau, \tau) < 2.2$
- Invariant mass of taus and jet, $m_{\tau\tau j} > 225 \text{ GeV}$

Backgrounds

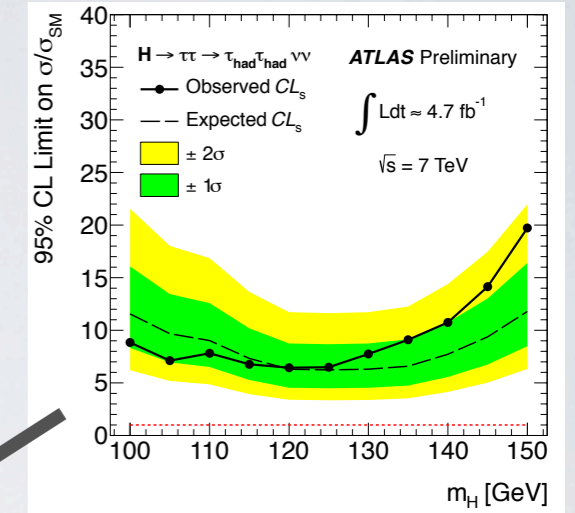
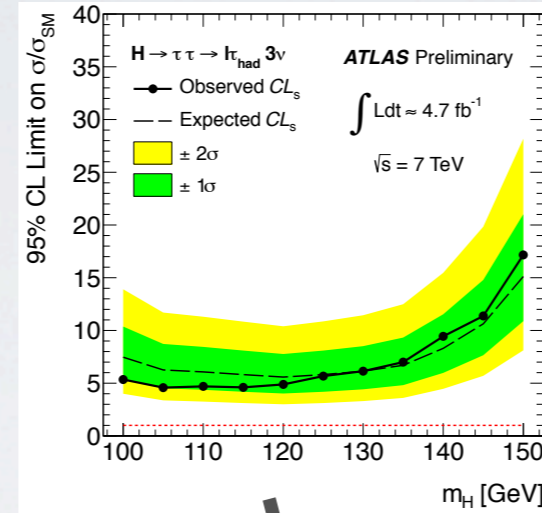
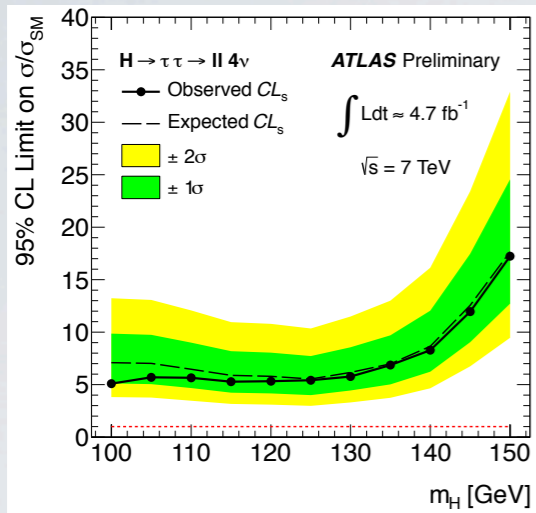
- Dominant backgrounds (multi-jet, $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$) from data
- Further backgrounds (W+jets, tt, diboson) from MC

Final discriminating variable

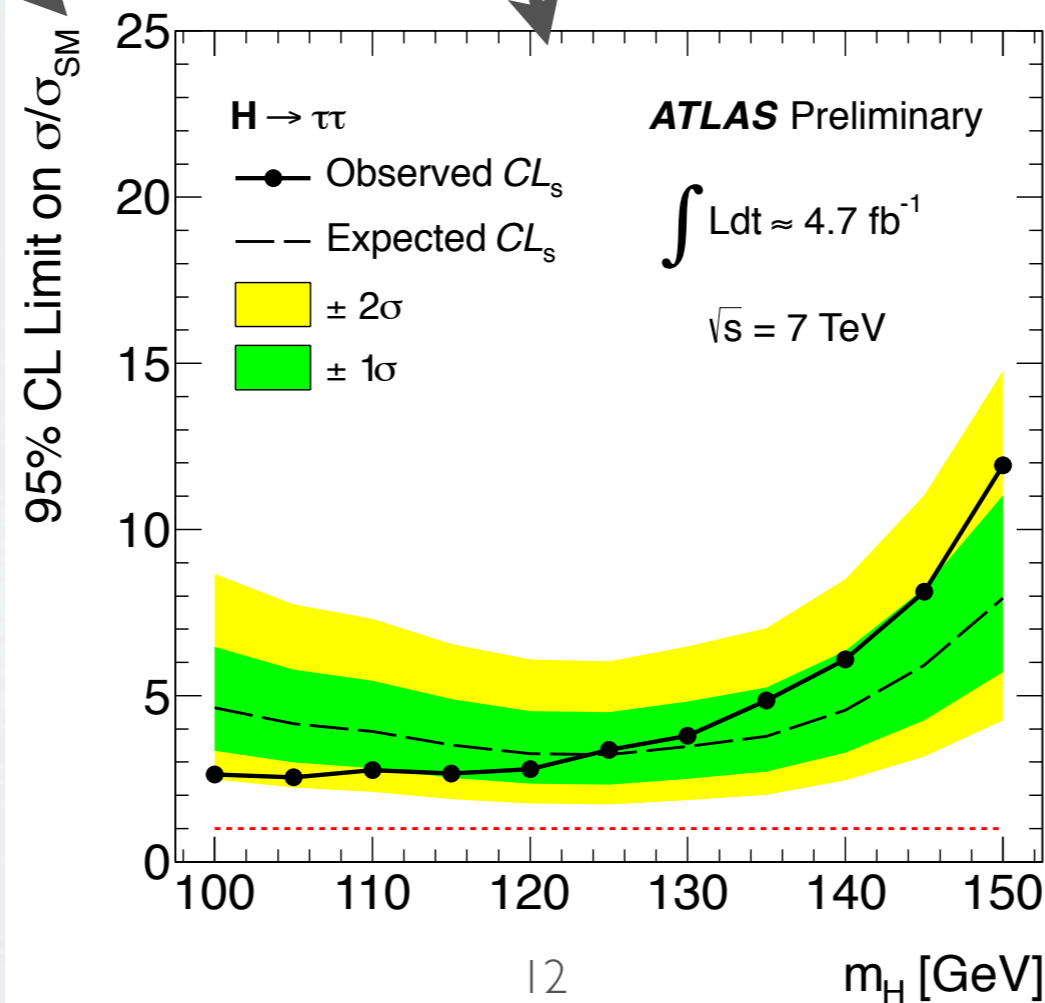


95% CL_s exclusion limit

- Combination -



- Use profile likelihood ratio
- Systematics treated as nuisance parameters

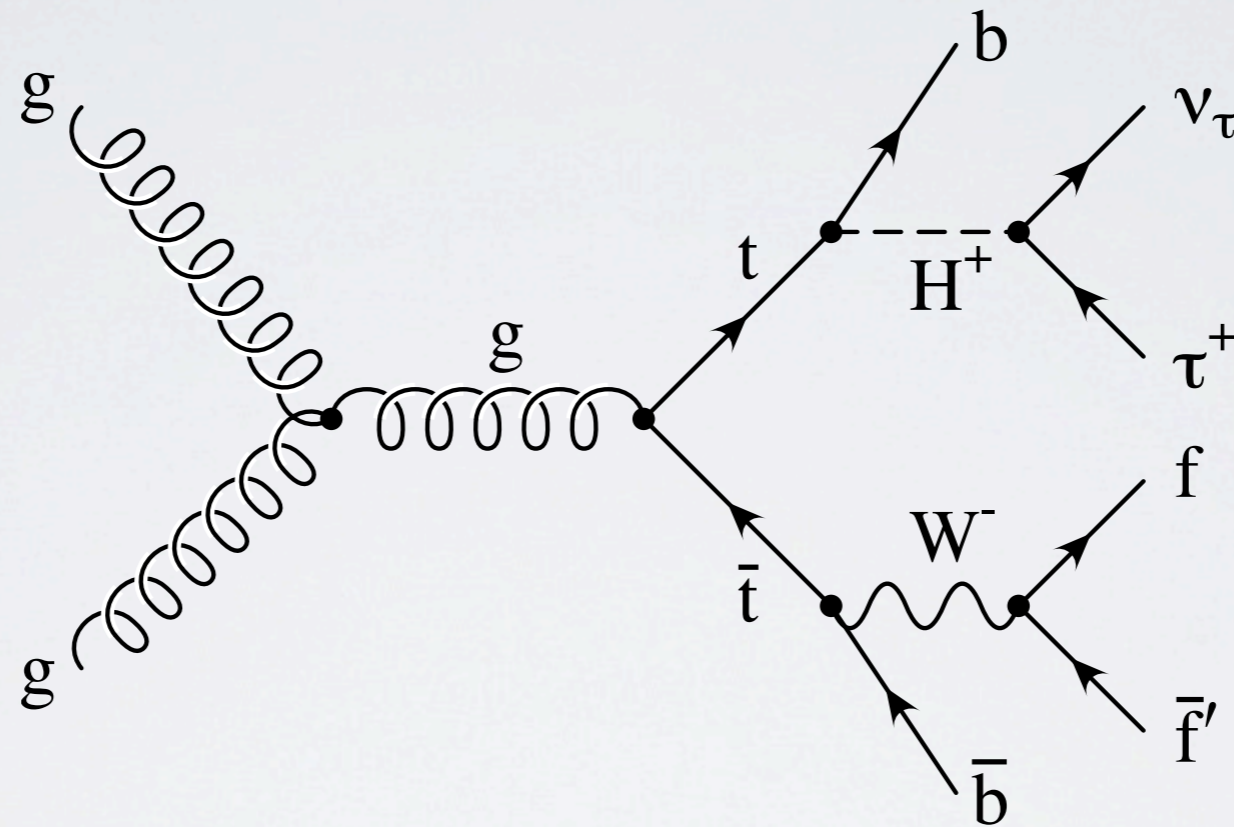


- No significant excess observed in mass range of 100 - 150 GeV

CHARGED HIGGGS

lepton + jets

$$tt \rightarrow bbWH^+ \rightarrow bb(qq')(T_l U)$$



lepton + tau

$$tt \rightarrow bbWH^+ \rightarrow bb(lU)(T_h U)$$

tau + jets

$$tt \rightarrow bbWH^+ \rightarrow bb(qq')(T_h \nu)$$

Event selection

- Predicted by many non-minimal Higgs models (e.g. 2HDM)
- Observation would be a direct observation of new physics BSM
- Uses full 2011 data set corresponding to $L = 4.6 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
- Light H^\pm analysis, i.e. analysed mass range from 90 GeV to 160 GeV
- Search performed in $t\bar{t}$ environment

• Example: $t\bar{t} \rightarrow b\bar{b}WH^+ \rightarrow b\bar{b}(qq')$ (**TV**)

• Tau + E_T^{miss} trigger (29, 35 GeV)

• ≥ 4 jets with $p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$

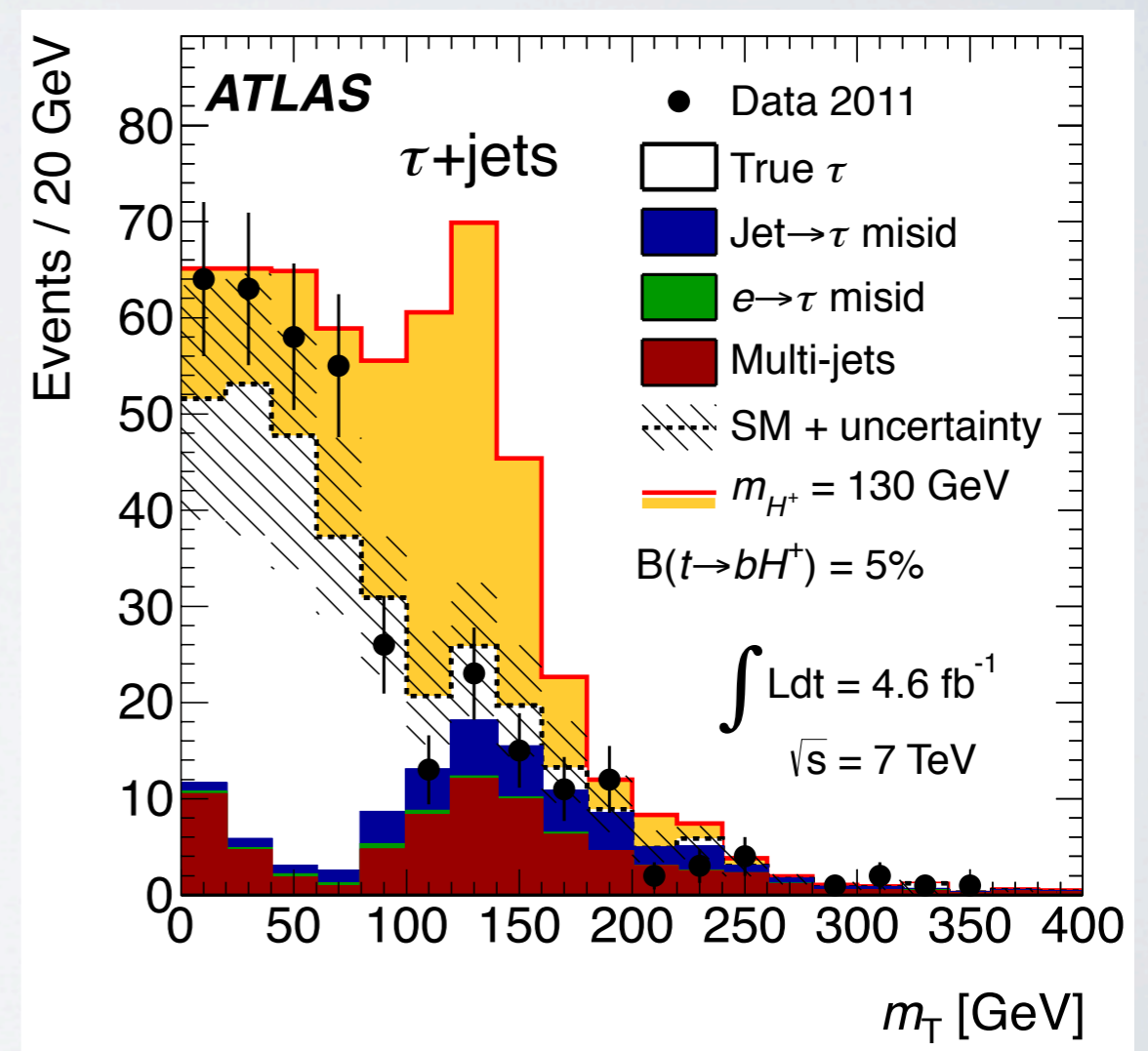
• 2 of them b-tagged

• $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 65 \text{ GeV}$

• MET significance, $\Sigma_T = \frac{E_T^{\text{miss}}}{0.5 \text{ GeV}^{1/2} \cdot \sqrt{\sum p_T}} > 13$

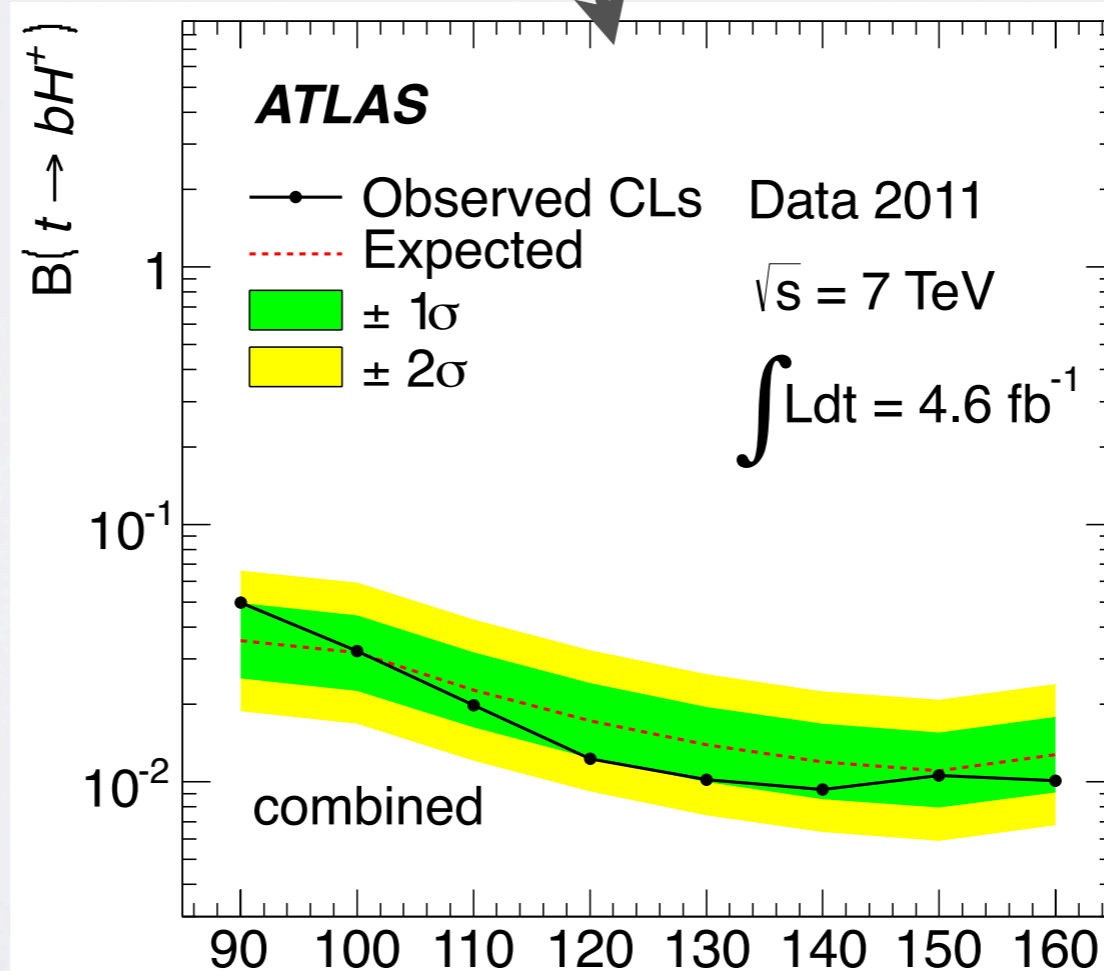
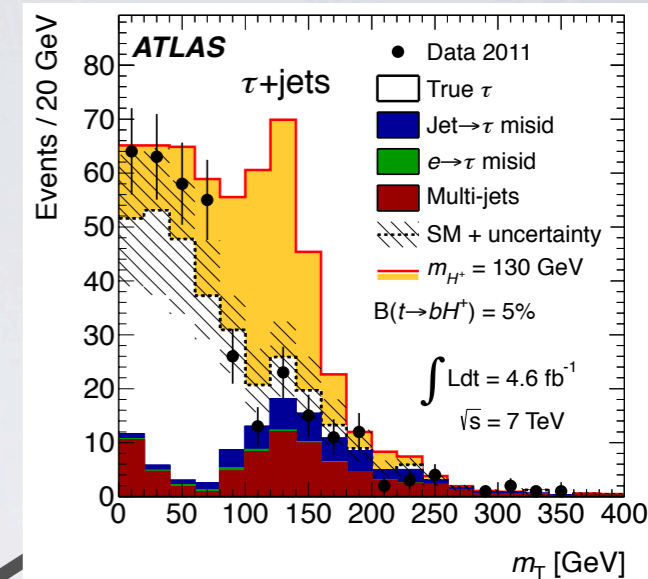
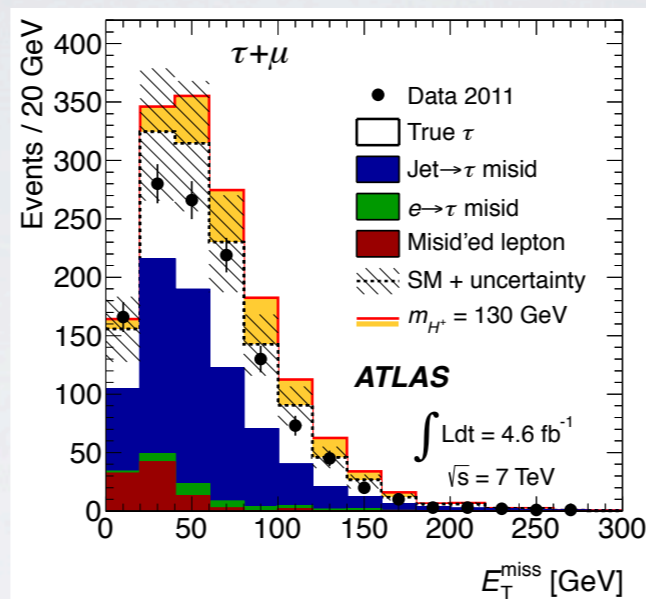
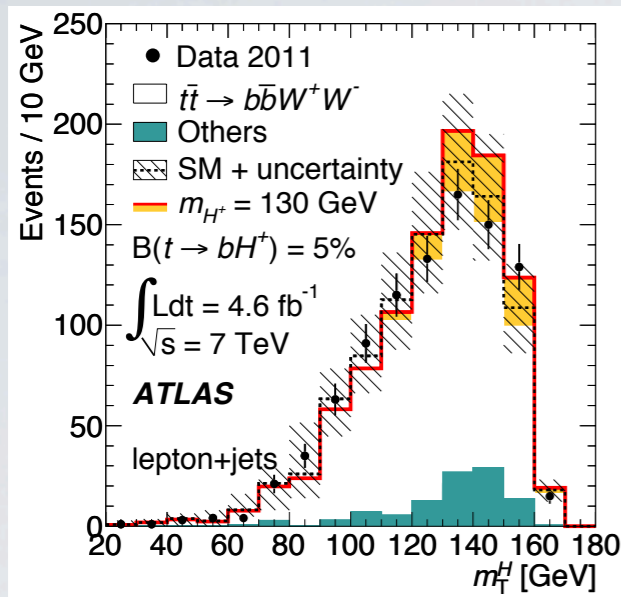
• Top quark decay topology

all backgrounds
estimated from data



$$m_T = \sqrt{2 p_T(\ell) \cdot E_T^{\text{miss}} \cdot (1 - \cos \Delta\phi(\ell, E_T^{\text{miss}}))}$$

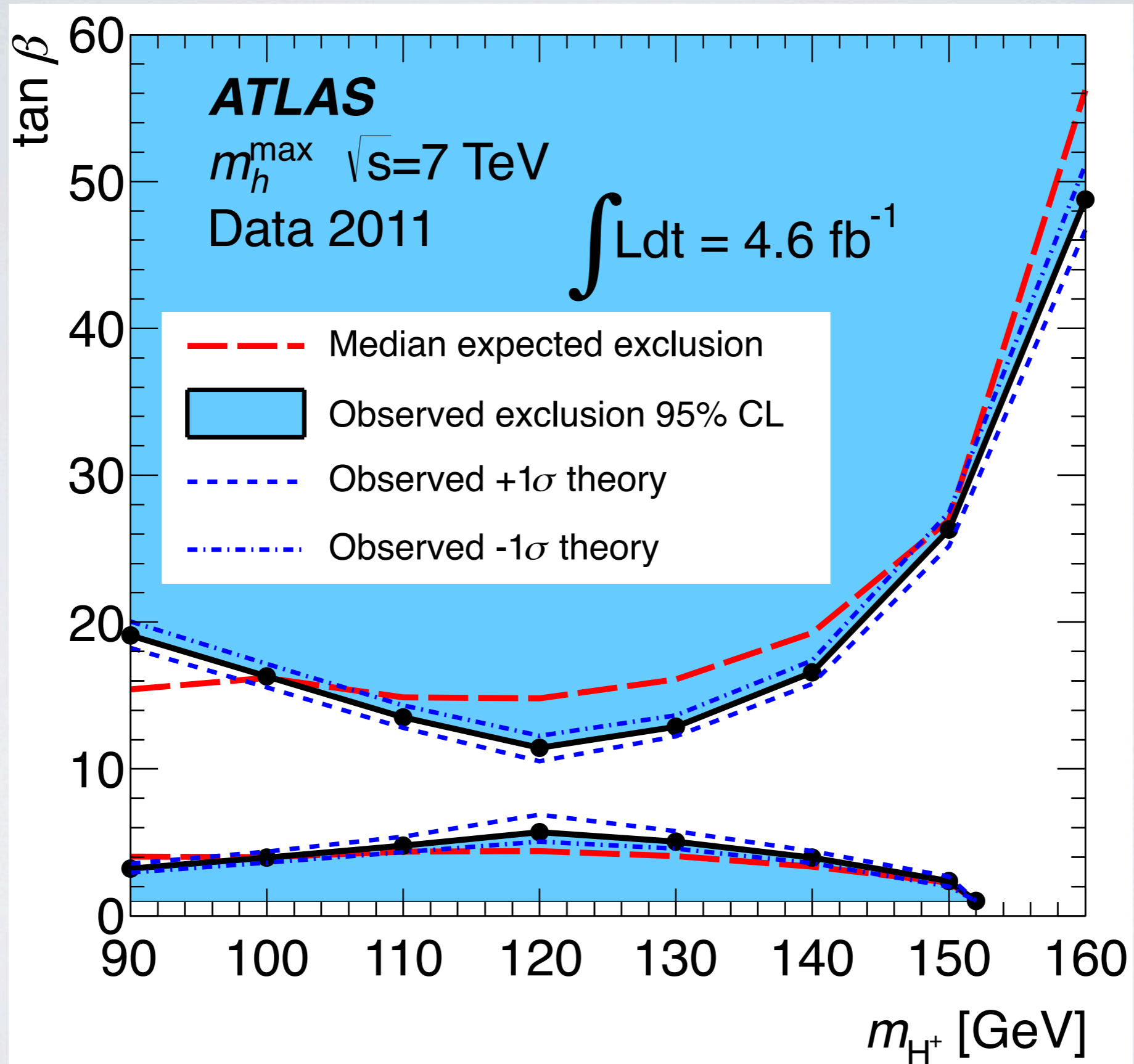
95% CL_s exclusion Limit on $BR(t \rightarrow bH^+)$



- Use profile likelihood ratio
- Systematics treated as nuisance parameters
- $t\bar{t}$ normalisation corrected for $BR(t \rightarrow bH^+)$

- No significant deviation from SM prediction observed
- ➔ Set exclusion limit on $BR(t \rightarrow bH^+)$

95% CL_s exclusion Limit



SUSY SEARCHES INVOLVING TAU LEPTONS

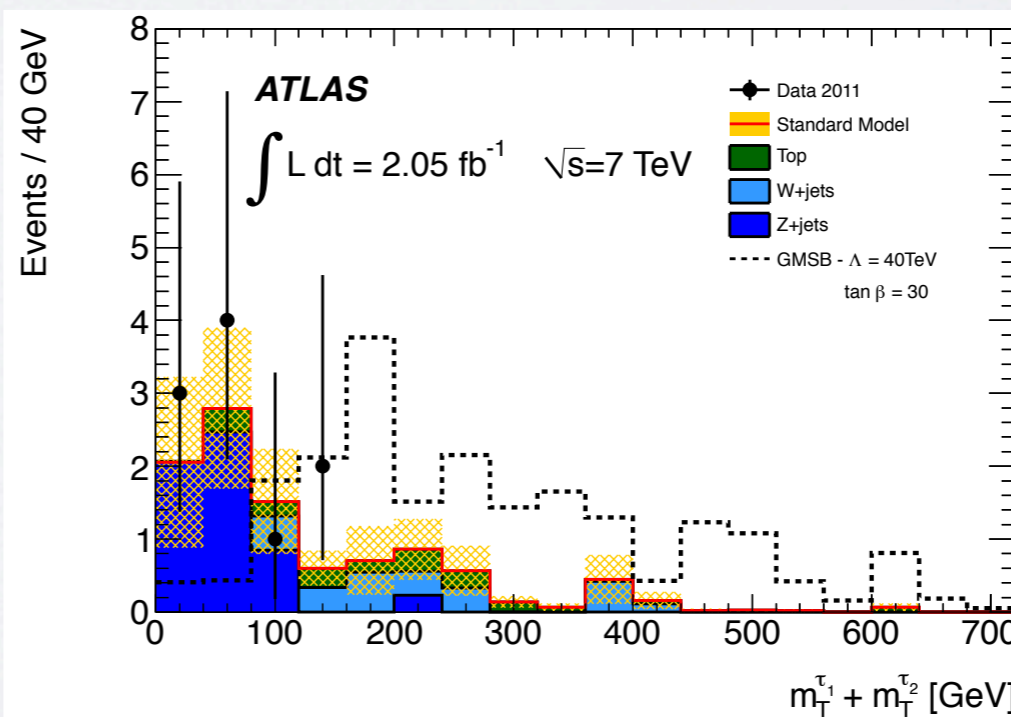
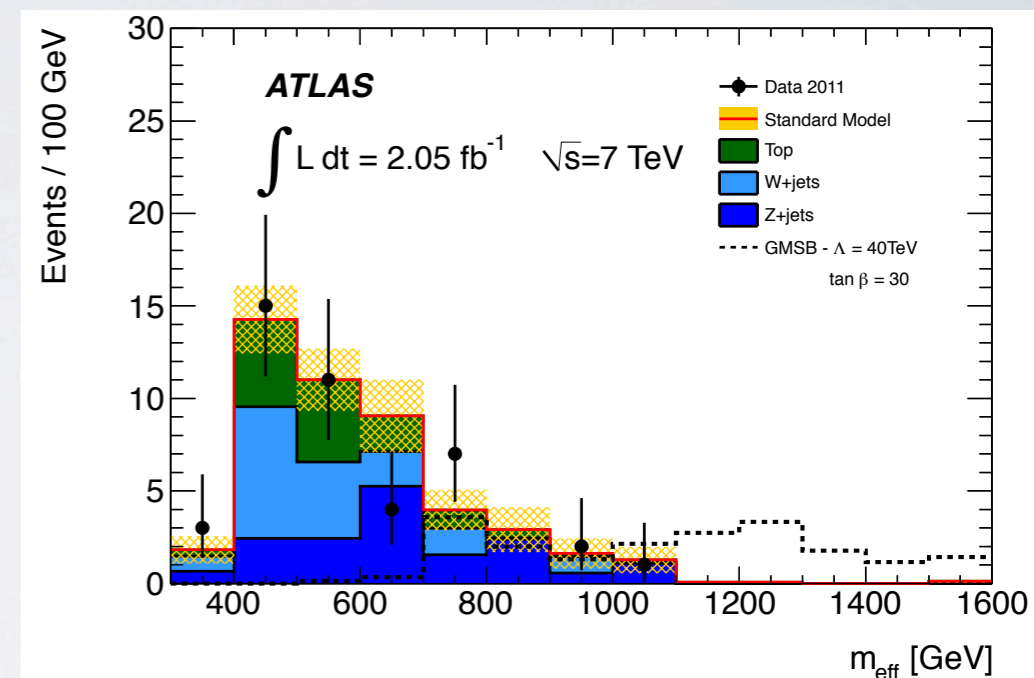
Event selection

- Use sub-set of 2011 dataset corresponding to $L = 2.0 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
- Investigate GMSB scenario
- Search for events with large E_T^{miss} , jets and $\geq 2\tau$ leptons

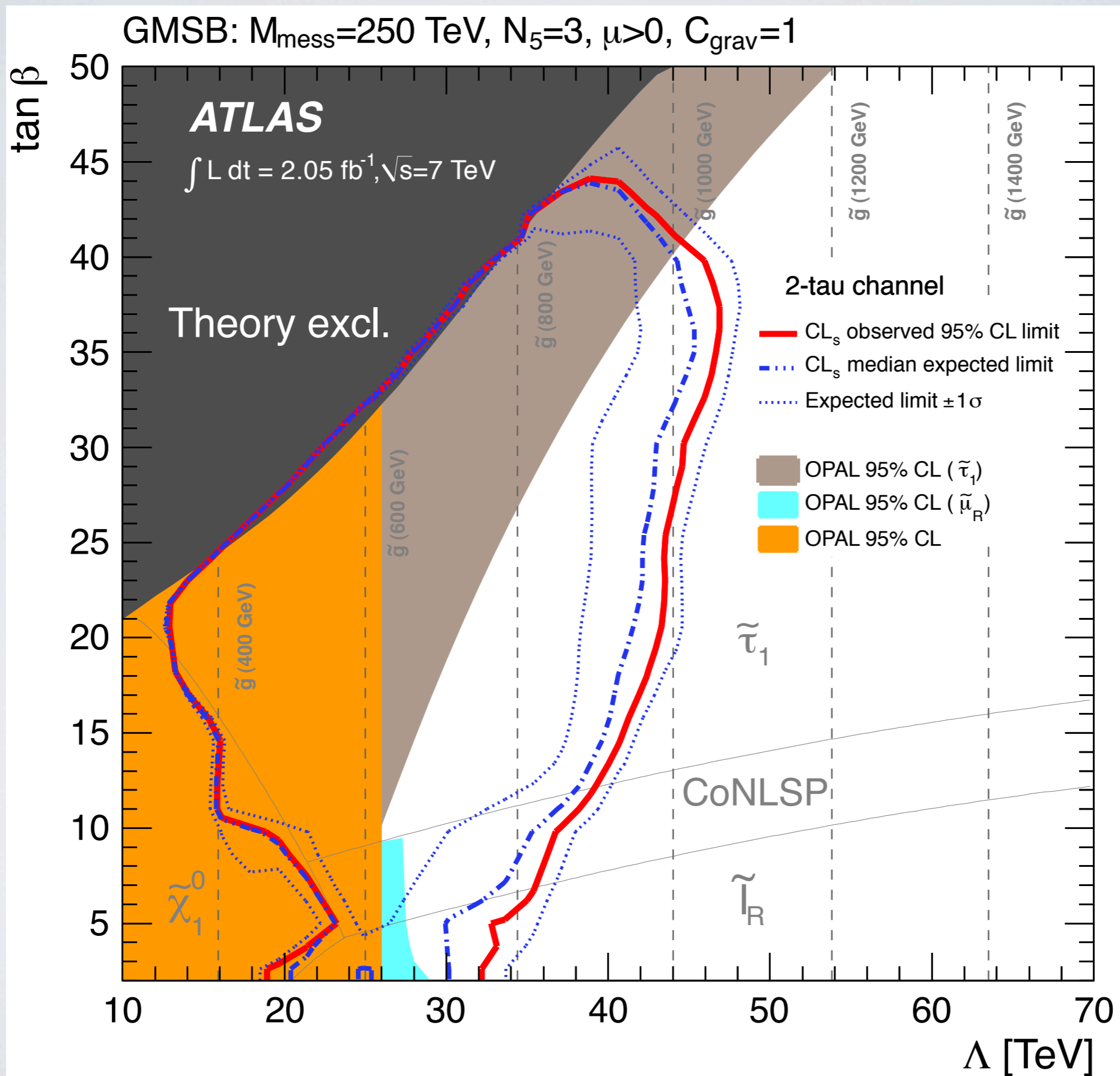
- Jet + E_T^{miss} trigger $p_T > 75 \text{ GeV}$, $E_T > 45 \text{ GeV}$
- Reconstructed jet with $p_T > 130 \text{ GeV}$
- $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 130 \text{ GeV}$
- ≥ 2 identified τ
- 2nd jet with $p_T > 30 \text{ GeV}$ (\rightarrow against multi-jets)
- $\Delta\phi(p_T^{\text{miss}}, \text{jet}_{1,2}) > 0.4 \text{ rad}$ (\rightarrow against multi-jets)
- $m_{\text{eff}} > 700 \text{ GeV}$
- $m_{T^{\tau 1}} + m_{T^{\tau 2}} > 80 \text{ GeV}$

Backgrounds

- W+jets, tt simultaneously estimated in data
- Z+jets taken from MC



95% CL_s exclusion Limit



Conclusion

- Well performing tau identification @ ATLAS
- $W \rightarrow \tau \nu$ polarisation measurement first time performed at a hadron collider shows very good agreement with theory pred.
- Standard Model $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ reach combined sensitivity to $\sim 3 * \sigma_{SM}$
- Charged Higgs exclude (95% CL) $\tan\beta$ of 12-26 and between 1 and 2-6 in m_h^{max} scenario
- SUSY searches with taus excludes (95% CL) for $\Lambda < 32$ GeV independent on $\tan\beta$

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Performance of the Reconstruction and Identification of Hadronic Tau Decays with ATLAS

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- **ATLAS-STDM-2011-46-002**

Measurement of Tau Polarization in $W \rightarrow \tau, \nu$ Decays with the ATLAS Detector in pp Collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV

<http://cdsweb.cern.ch/record/1428549>

- **ATLAS-CONF-2012-014**

Search for the Standard Model Higgs boson in the $H \rightarrow \tau \tau$ decay mode with 4.7 fb^{-1} of ATLAS data at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV

<http://cdsweb.cern.ch/record/1429662>

- [arXiv:1204.2760](https://arxiv.org/abs/1204.2760)

Search for charged Higgs bosons decaying via $H^+ \rightarrow \tau \nu$ in top quark pair events using pp collision data at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV with the ATLAS detector

- [arXiv:1203.6580](https://arxiv.org/abs/1203.6580)

Search for Events with Large Missing Transverse Momentum, Jets, and at Least Two Tau Leptons in 7 TeV Proton-Proton Collision Data with the ATLAS Detector

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Search for supersymmetry with jets, missing transverse momentum and at least one hadronically decaying tau lepton in proton-proton collisions at \sqrt{s} TeV with the ATLAS detector

- **ATLAS-CONF-2012-006**

Z \rightarrow tau tau cross section measurement in proton-proton collisions at 7 TeV with the ATLAS experiment

<http://cdsweb.cern.ch/record/1426991>

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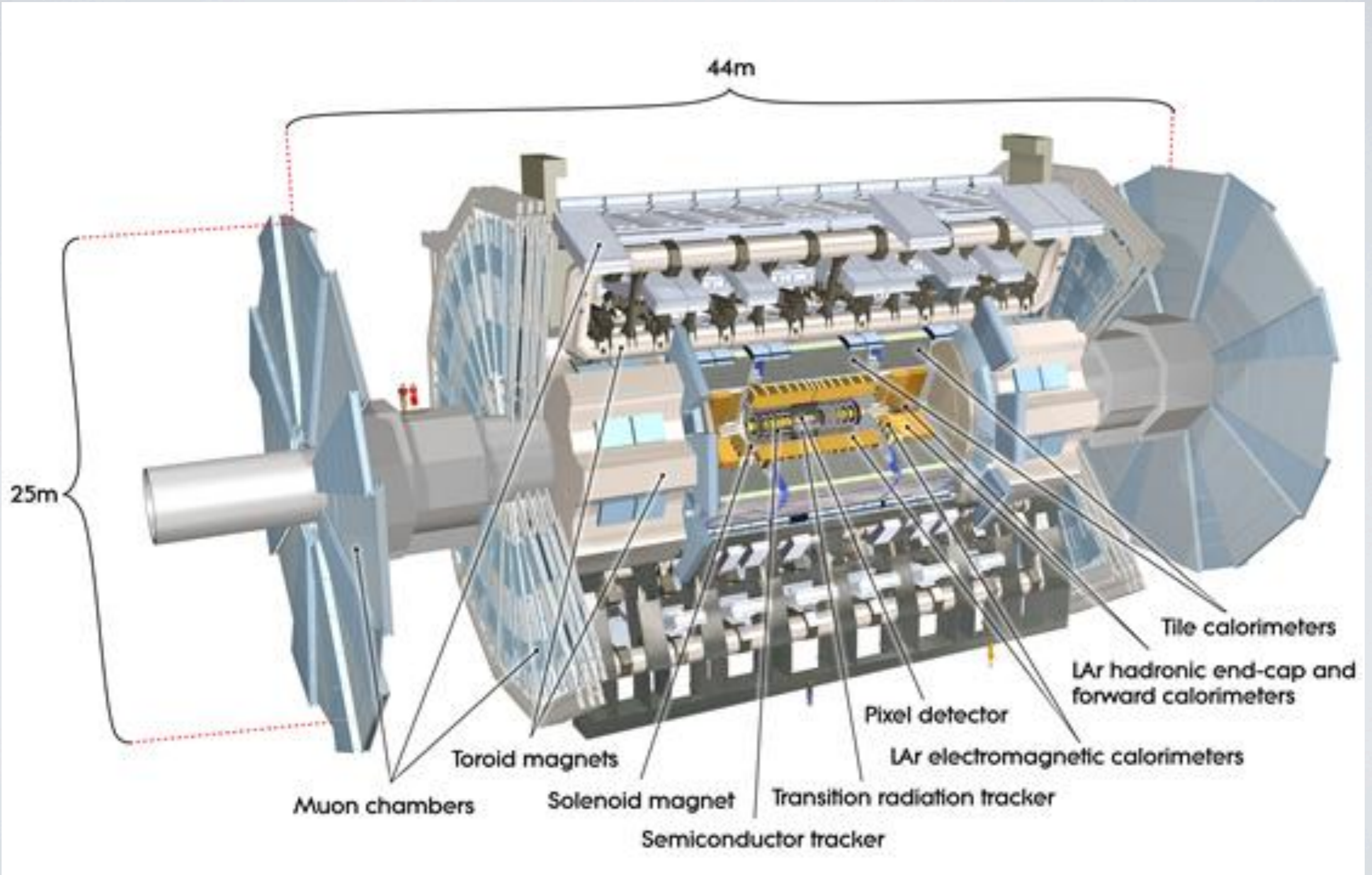
Measurement of the W \rightarrow tau Cross Section in pp Collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV with the ATLAS Experiment

- [*Phys.Lett. B705 \(2011\) 174-192*](#)

Search for neutral MSSM Higgs boson decaying to $\tau^+\tau^-$ pairs in proton-proton collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV with the ATLAS experiment

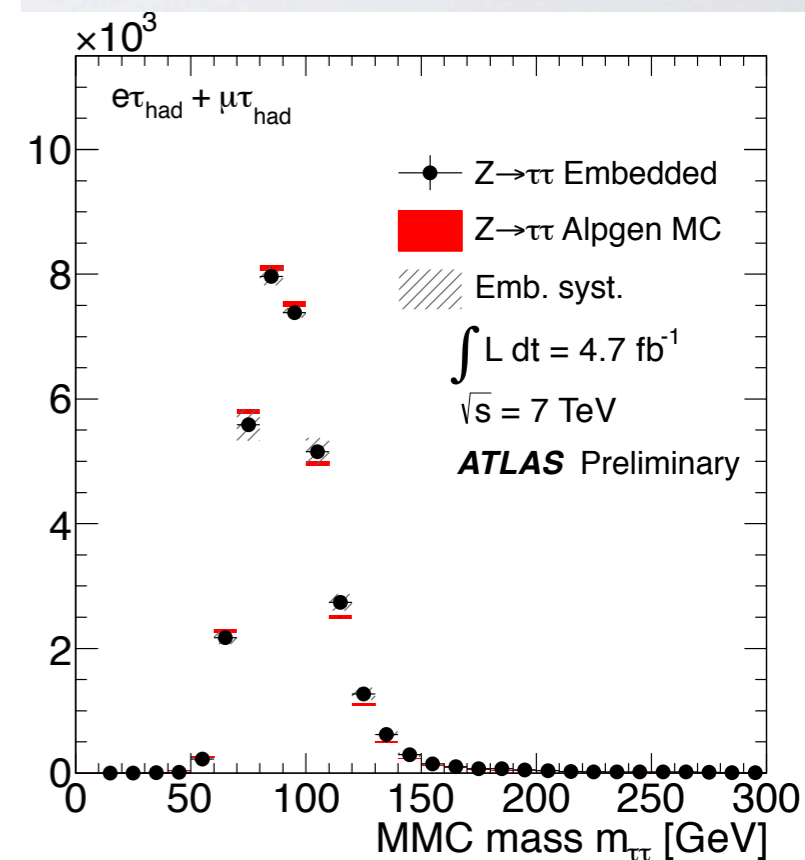
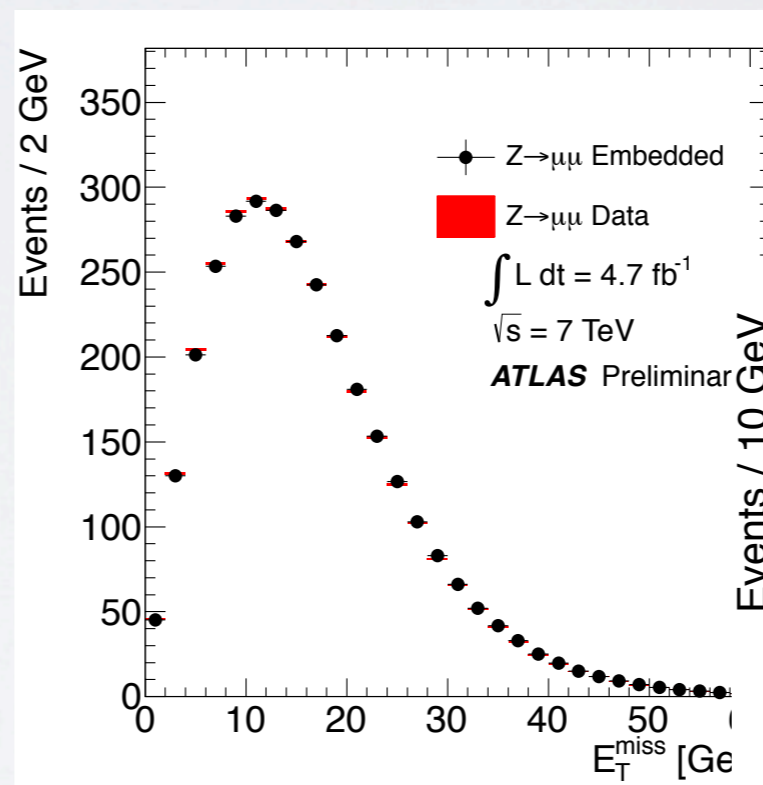
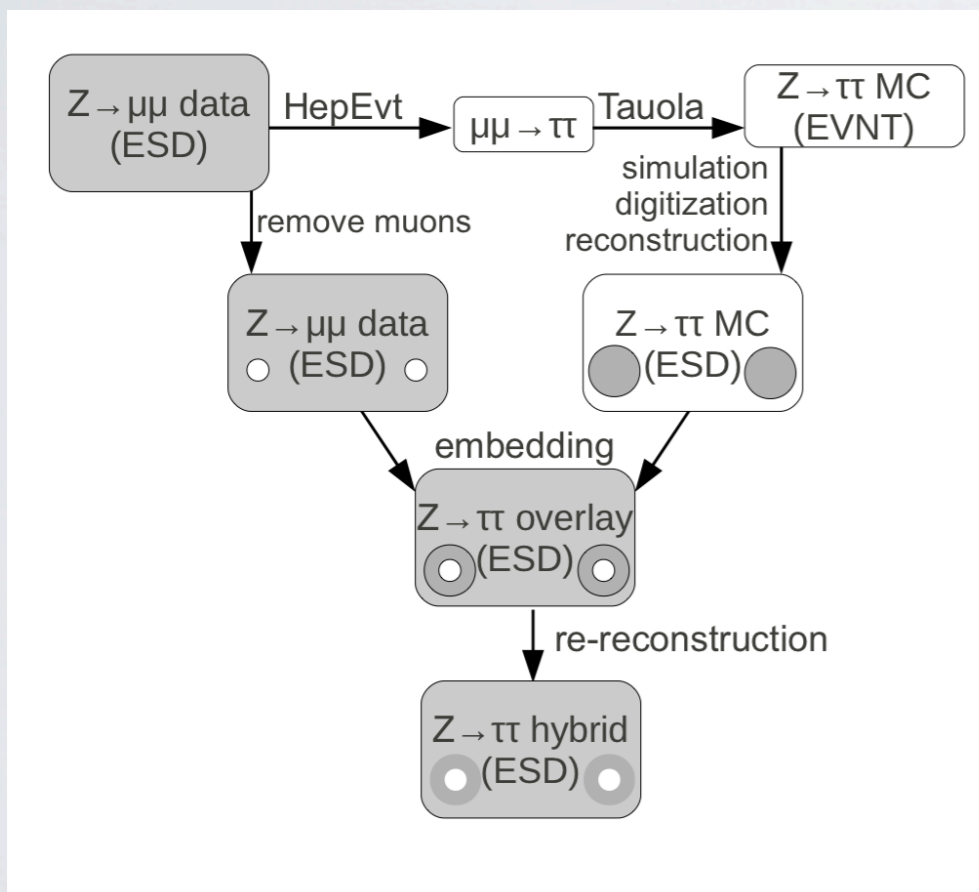
BACKUP

ATLAS detector



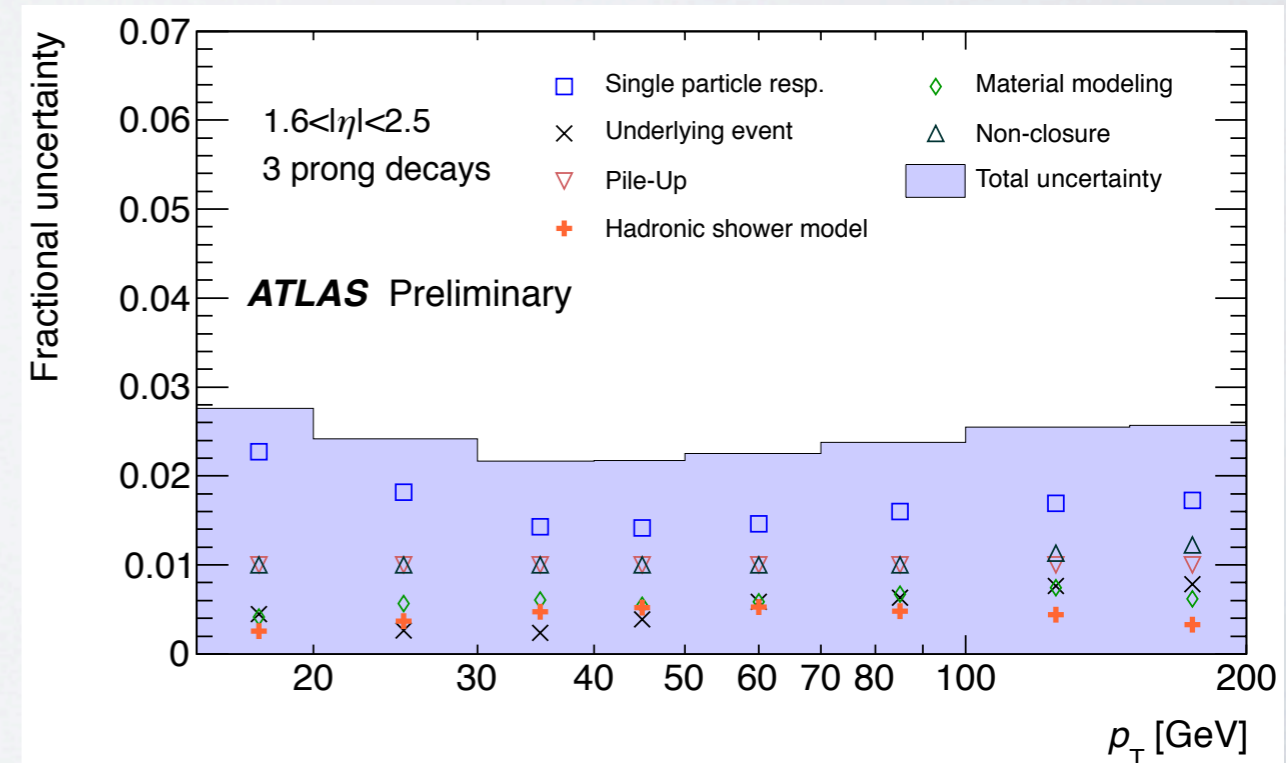
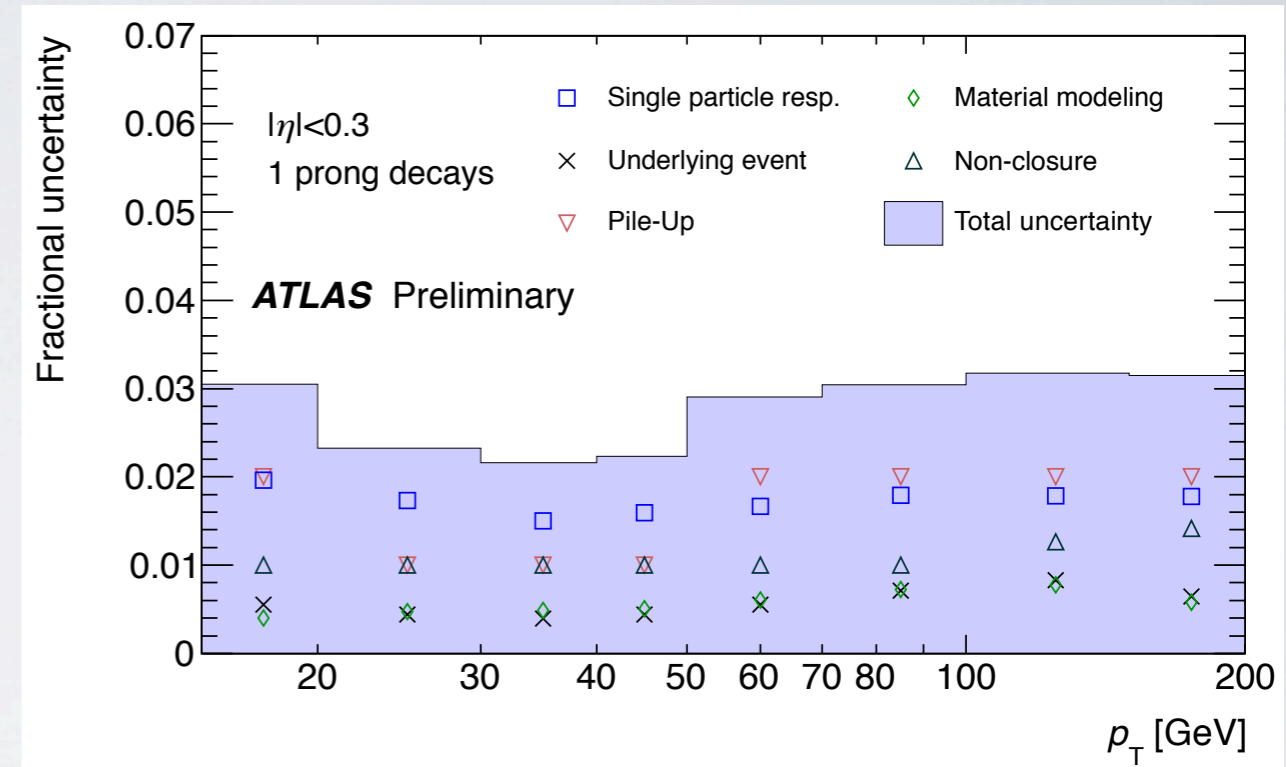
EMBEDDING TECHNIQUE

- select pure $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$ events in data
- replace muons by simulated tau decays using TAUOLA



TAU ENERGY SCALE

- in-situ E/p measurement for $p < 20\text{GeV}$
- test beam measurements for $p > 20\text{ GeV}$

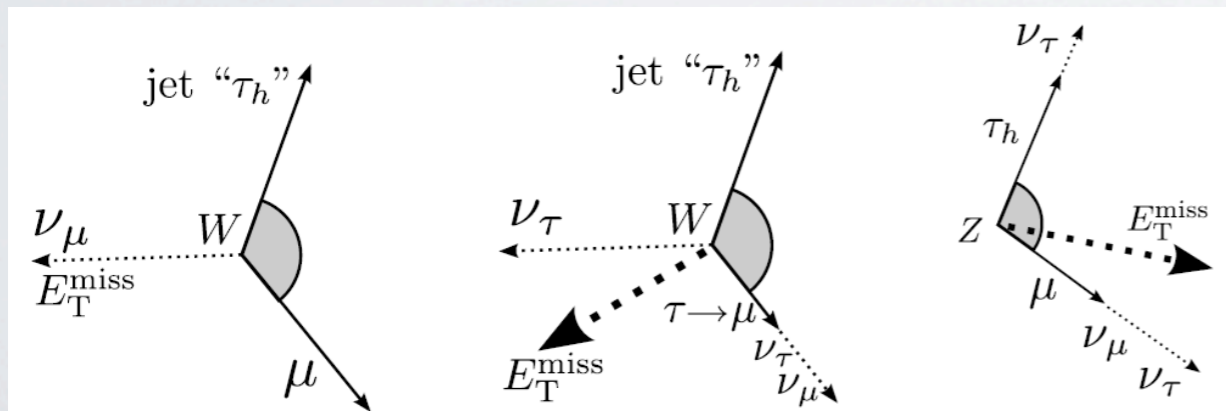


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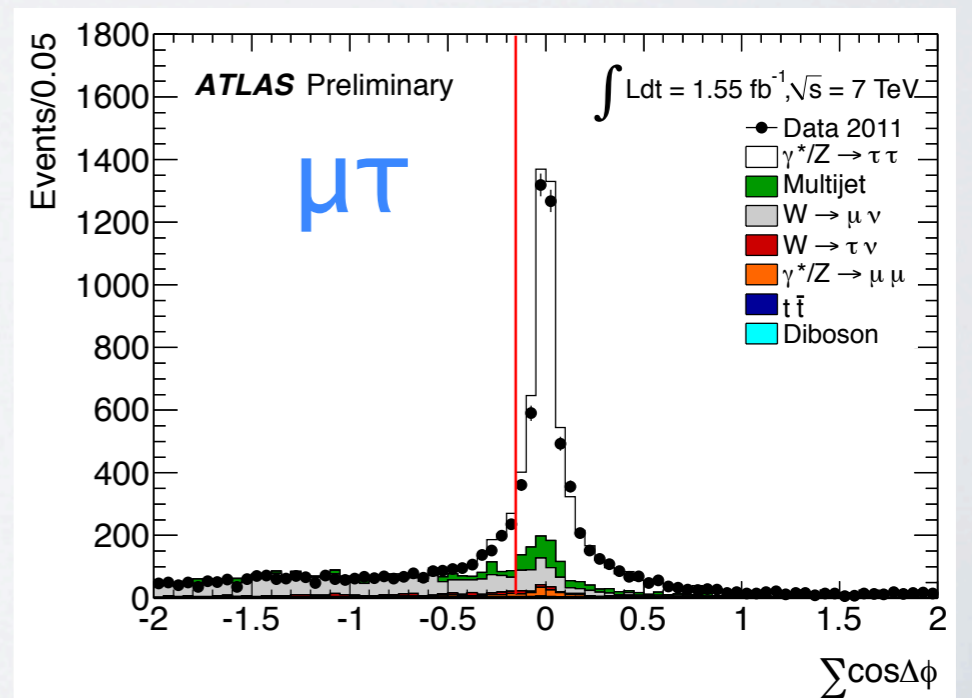
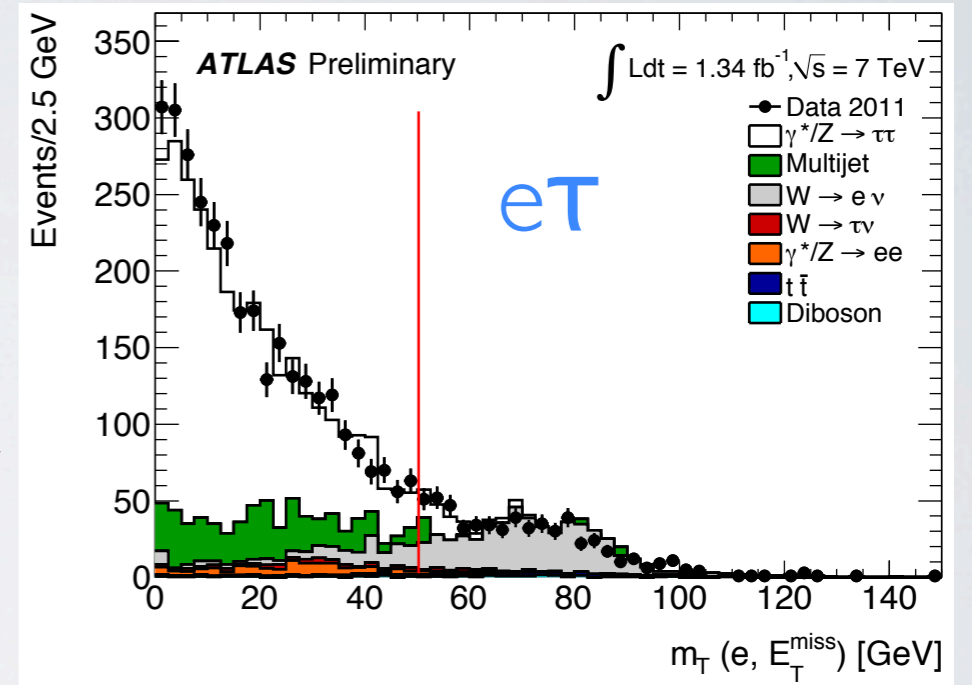
Event selection

- performed on 2011 data corresponding to $L = 1.34 \text{ fb}^{-1} - 1.55 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
- combination of 3 final states: $e\mu$, $e\tau_{\text{had}}$, $\mu\tau_{\text{had}}$

- single lepton trigger (e, μ)
- μ (e) $p_T > 15$ (10) GeV
- opposite high p_T lepton-tau pair
- transverse mass, $m_T = \sqrt{2 p_T(\ell) \cdot E_T^{\text{miss}} \cdot (1 - \cos \Delta\phi(\ell, E_T^{\text{miss}}))} < 50$ GeV
- $\sum \cos(\Delta\phi) > -0.15$ (against W +jets)
- visible mass: $35 \text{ GeV} < m_{\text{vis}} < 75 \text{ GeV}$



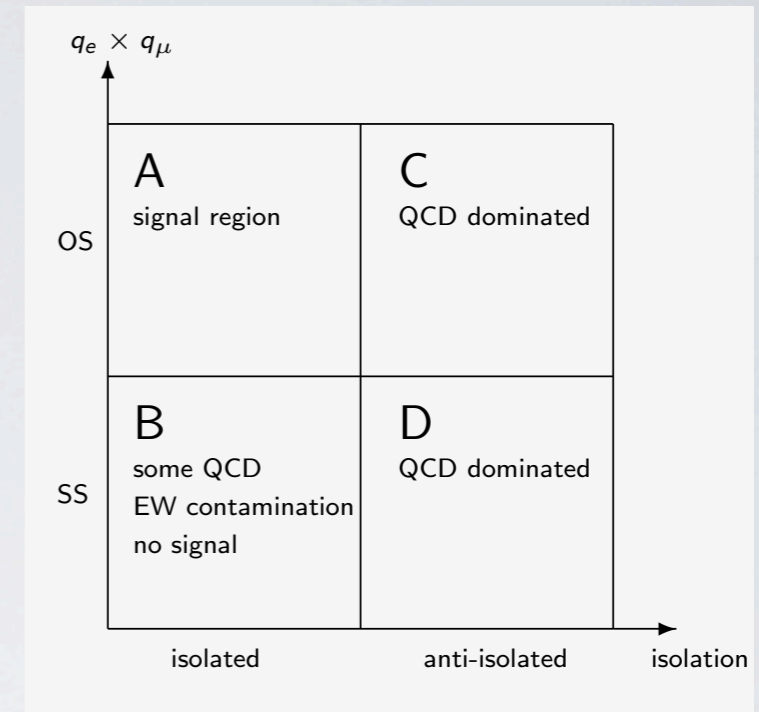
$$\sum \cos \Delta\phi = \cos(\phi(\ell) - \phi(E_T^{\text{miss}})) + \cos(\phi(\tau_h) - \phi(E_T^{\text{miss}}))$$



Background estimation

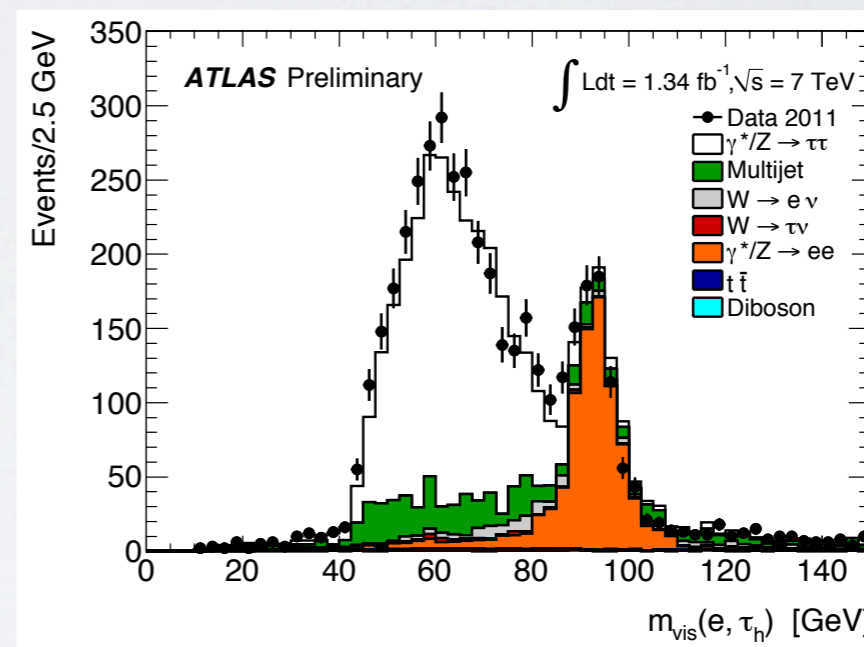
QCD multijets

- low Monte-Carlo (MC) statistics
- estimated by data-driven matrix method
- correction for electro-weak (EW) backgrounds using MC



Electroweak backgrounds

- lepton fakes:
 - $Z \rightarrow ee, Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$ tag-and-probe method
- τ (probe) \rightarrow μ (tag)
- jet fakes:
 - Z enriched control region



further backgrounds

- normalisation from **W** enriched control region, shape from MC
- $t\bar{t}$, di-boson estimated using MC

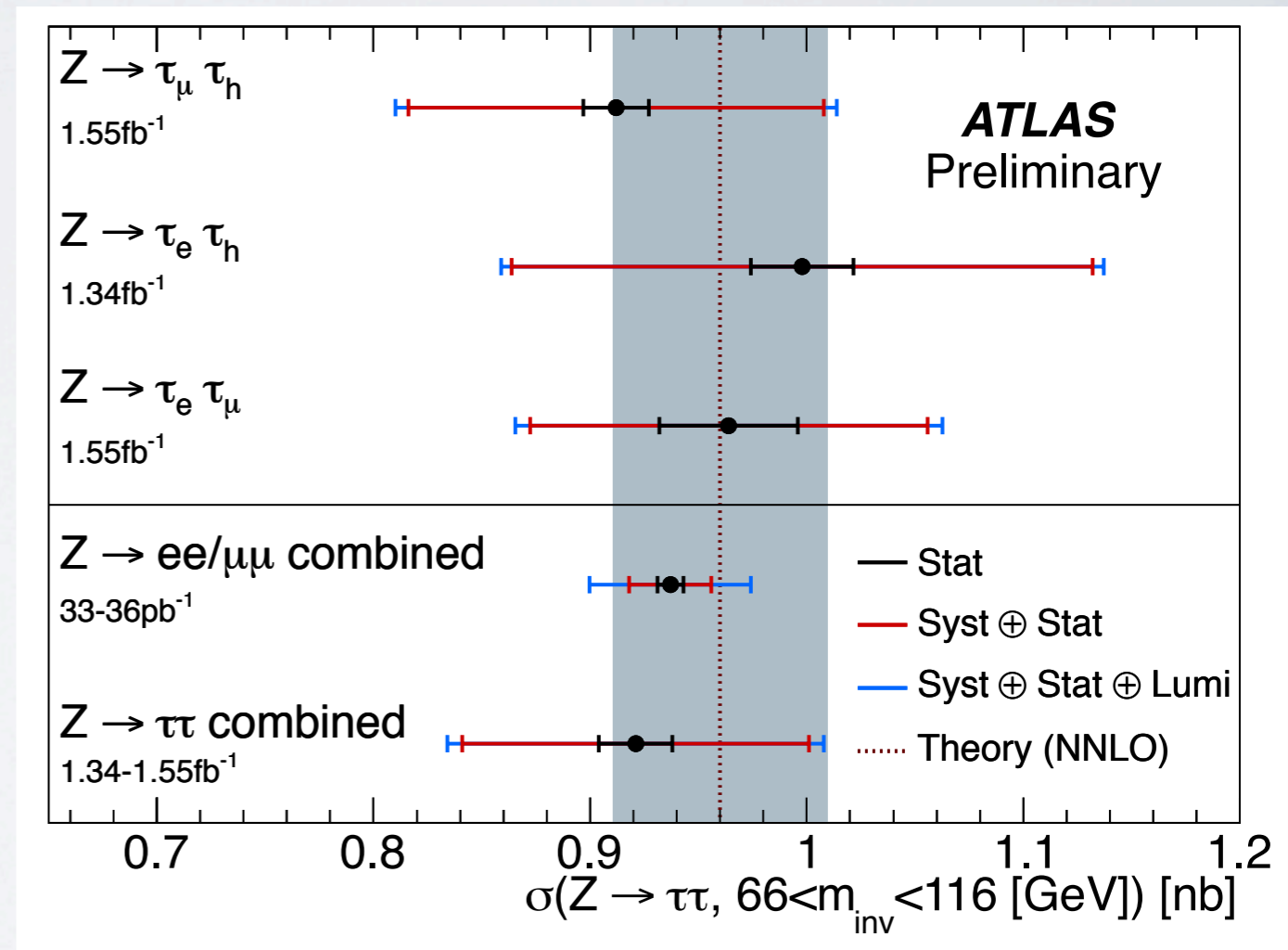
Results

$$\sigma(Z \rightarrow \tau\tau) \times \mathcal{B} = \frac{N_{\text{obs}} - N_{\text{bkg}}}{A_Z \cdot C_Z \cdot \mathcal{L}}$$

$$\sigma = 0.92 \pm 0.02(\text{stat}) \pm 0.08(\text{syst}) \pm 0.03(\text{lumi}) \text{ nb}$$

- measured separately in each channel
- combined result obtained by BLUE (Best Linear Unbiased Estimate) method
- shows very good agreement with NNLO prediction

- $\sigma_{\text{NNLO}} = 0.96 \pm 0.05 \text{ nb}^*$



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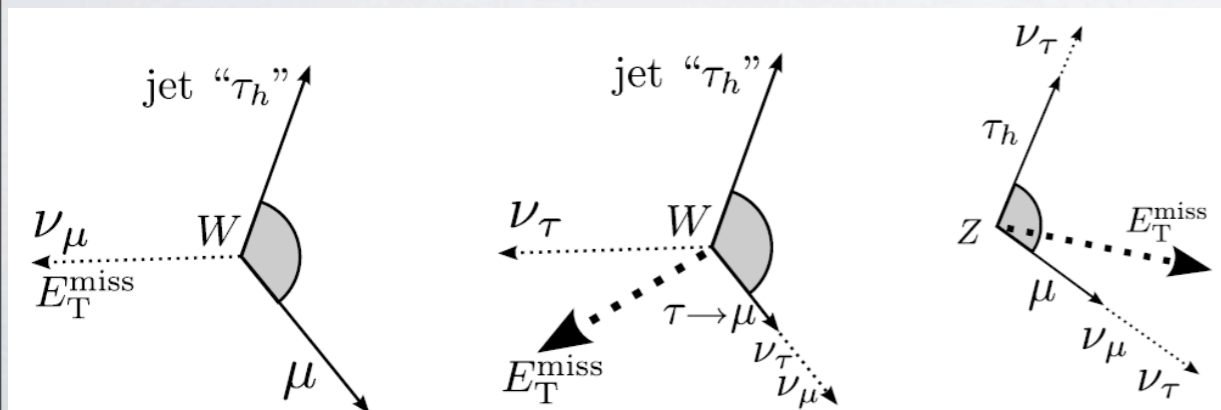
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$Z \rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow e\mu$ cross-section measurement

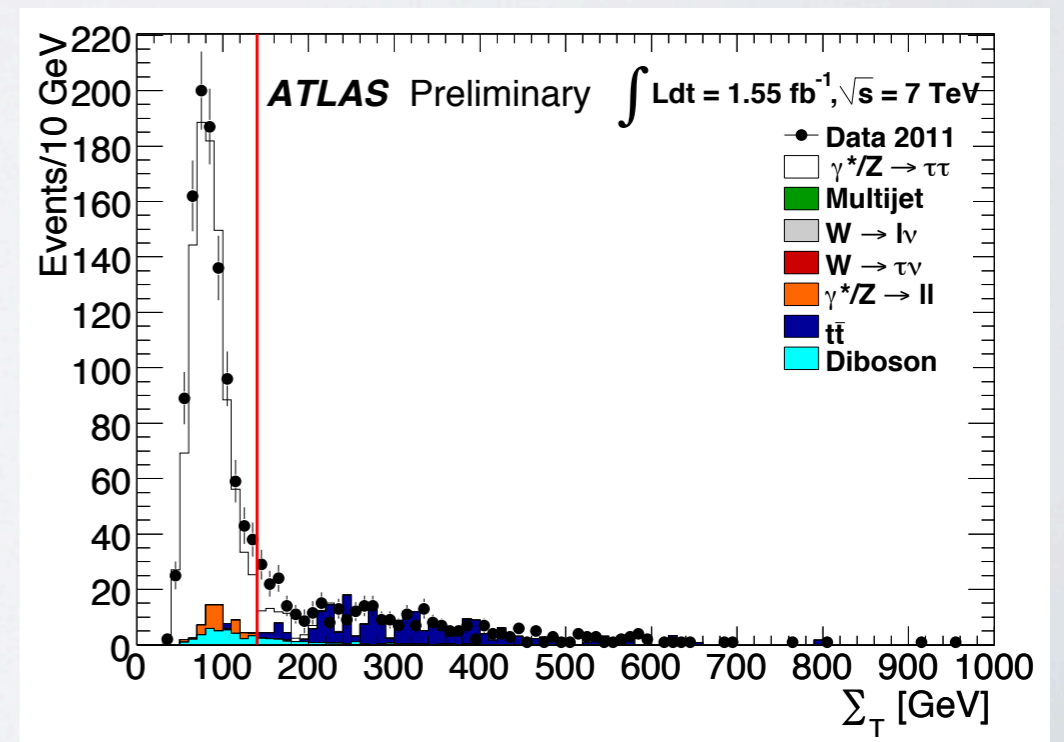
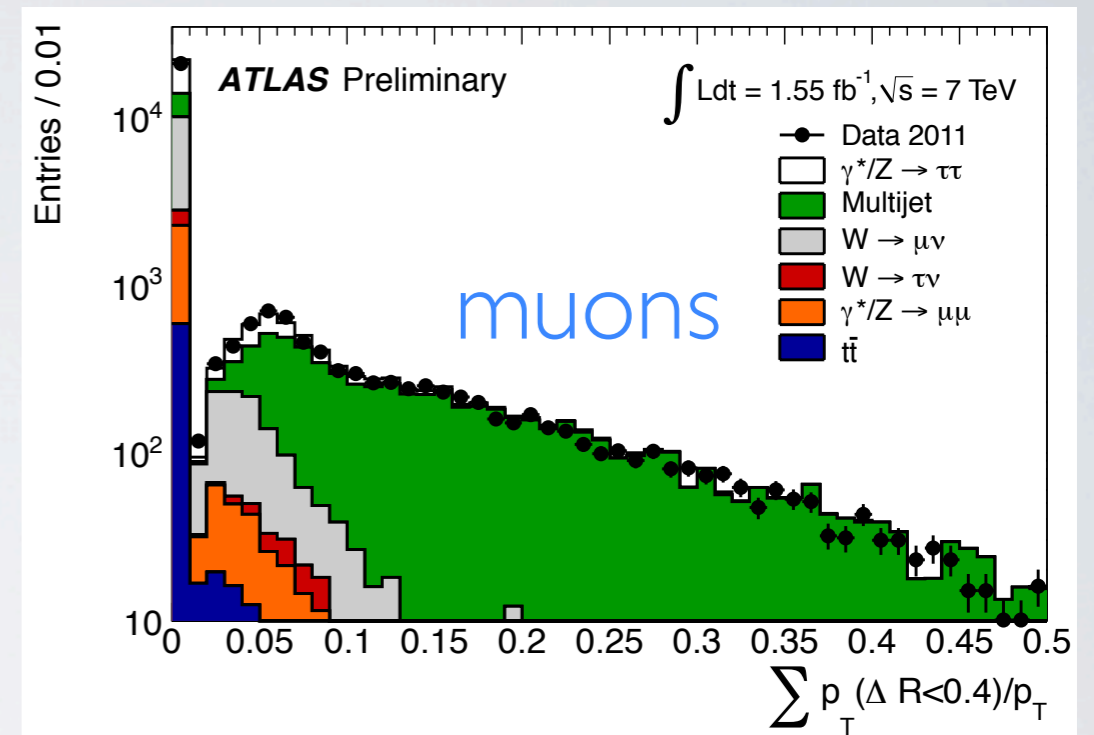
Event selection

- at least 1 primary vertex with more than 3 tracks
- single lepton trigger (e, μ , τ)
- μ (e) $p_T > 15$ (10) GeV
- exactly 1 light isolated lepton
- $Q_l^* Q_T = -1$
- $\Sigma \cos(\Delta\phi) > -0.15$ (against W, tt background)
- $\Sigma_T < 140$ GeV $\Sigma_T = E_T(e) + E_T(\mu) + E_T(\text{jets}) + E_T^{\text{miss}}$
- visible mass: $35 \text{ GeV} < m_{\text{vis}} < 75 \text{ GeV}$



$$\sum \cos \Delta\phi = \cos(\phi(\ell) - \phi(E_T^{\text{miss}})) + \cos(\phi(\tau_h) - \phi(E_T^{\text{miss}}))$$

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SYSTEMATICS

- trigger efficiency
- efficiency of lepton reconstruction, identification, isolation
- hadronic tau identification efficiency and misidentification rate
- energy scale
- background estimation
 - QCD multi-jets: $R_{OS/SS}$
 - Z/W: statistical error on normalisation factor
 - acceptance systematics
 - proton PDF (use different PDF sets)
 - modeling of W/Z production (use MC@NLO interfaced to HERWIG)

Final State	Fiducial cross section $\sigma^{fid}(Z \rightarrow \tau\tau) \times B(\tau \rightarrow \dots)$
$\tau_\mu\tau_h$	$20.0 \pm 0.3(\text{stat}) \pm 2.0(\text{syst}) \pm 0.7(\text{lumi}) \text{ pb}$
$\tau_e\tau_h$	$15.9 \pm 0.4(\text{stat}) \pm 2.0(\text{syst}) \pm 0.6(\text{lumi}) \text{ pb}$
$\tau_e\tau_\mu$	$4.7 \pm 0.2(\text{stat}) \pm 0.4(\text{syst}) \pm 0.2(\text{lumi}) \text{ pb}$
Final State	Total cross section $\sigma(Z \rightarrow \tau\tau, m_{inv}[66 - 116 \text{ GeV}])$
$\tau_\mu\tau_h$	$0.91 \pm 0.01(\text{stat}) \pm 0.09(\text{syst}) \pm 0.03(\text{lumi}) \text{ nb}$
$\tau_e\tau_h$	$1.00 \pm 0.02(\text{stat}) \pm 0.13(\text{syst}) \pm 0.04(\text{lumi}) \text{ nb}$
$\tau_e\tau_\mu$	$0.96 \pm 0.03(\text{stat}) \pm 0.09(\text{syst}) \pm 0.04(\text{lumi}) \text{ nb}$

STANDARD MODEL HIGGS

SM $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$

Common object selection

Electrons

- $E_{T}^{\text{cluster}} > 16 \text{ GeV}$
- $0 < |\eta| < 1.37$ or
- $1.52 < |\eta| < 2.47$
- medium (tight) identification for $e\mu$ ($e\tau$)

Muons

- inner detector track has to match muon spectrometer track
- $p_T > 10 \text{ GeV}(e\mu, \mu\mu)$;
- $p_T > 15 \text{ GeV}(\mu\tau)$
- $|\eta| < 2.4$
- long. IP $< 10 \text{ mm}$
- quality criteria

Taus

- $E_T^{\text{vis}} > 20 \text{ GeV}$
- $|\eta| < 1.37$ or
- $1.52 < |\eta| < 2.47$
- CUTS loose ID
- 1 or 3 charged tracks
- $|Q| = 1$

Jets

- $E_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$
- $|\eta| < 4.5$
- anti-kT jets ($R = 0.4$)
- jet cleaning

overlap resolved in order: μ , e , τ , jet

SM $H \rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow \ell\ell + 4U$

- four categories defined:

- H + 2-jet VBF**
- H + 2-jet VH**
- H + 1-jet**
- H + 0-jet**

- only events failing 2-jet cuts
- invariant jet + di-tau mass $m_{\tau\tau j} > 225$ GeV
- all events failing 1-/2-jet category
- uses effective mass, $m_{\tau\tau}^{\text{eff}}$ due to poor resolution

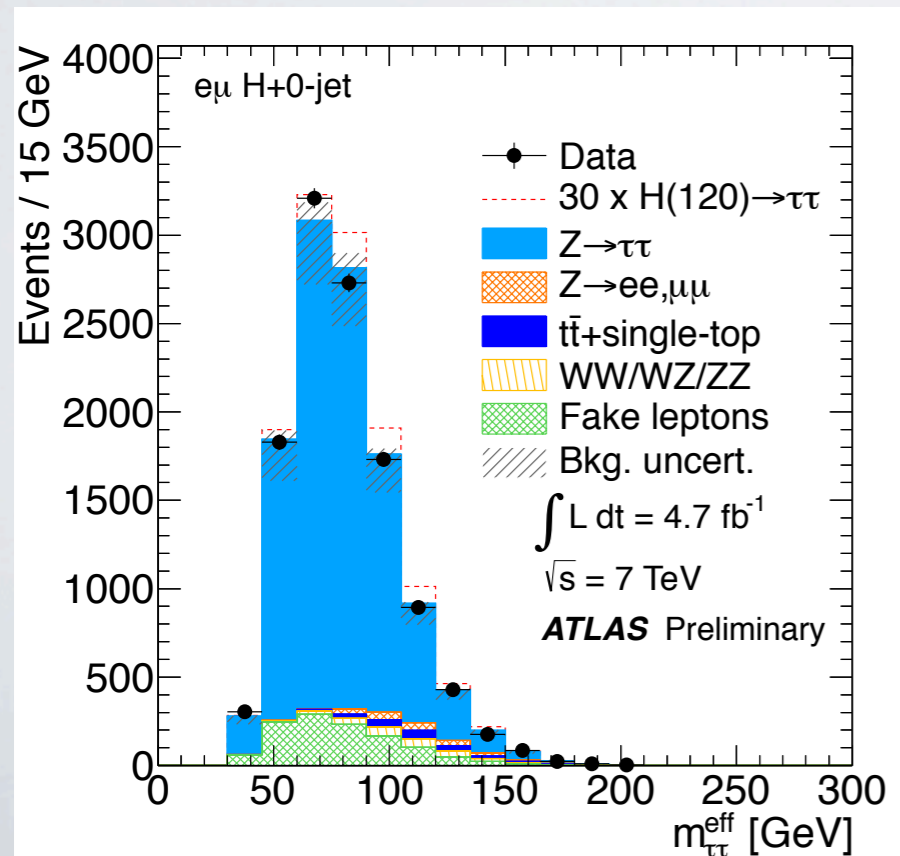
- 2-jets with $E_T > 40$ (25) GeV
- separated jets, $\Delta\eta_{jj} > 3$ (VBF), $\Delta\eta_{jj} < 2$ (VH)
- invariant dijet mass $m_{jj} > 350$ GeV (VBF), 50 GeV $< m_{jj} < 350$ GeV (VH)
- third jet ($E_T > 25$ GeV, $|\eta| < 2.4$) veto

Common event selection

- single-/di-lepton trigger
- leading jet $E_T > 40$ GeV
- $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 20$ (40) GeV (ee, $\mu\mu$)
- $Q_l^*Q_l = -1$
- $\Delta\phi(l,l) > 2.5$ rad
- b-jet ($E_T > 25$ GeV) veto (against tt)
- leptonic transverse energy, $H_T^{\text{lep}} < 120$ GeV
- collinear approximation, $0 < x_1, x_2 < 1$
- invariant mass of taus and jet,

$$30 \text{ GeV} < m_{\ell\ell} < 100 \text{ (75) GeV (ee, } \mu\mu)$$

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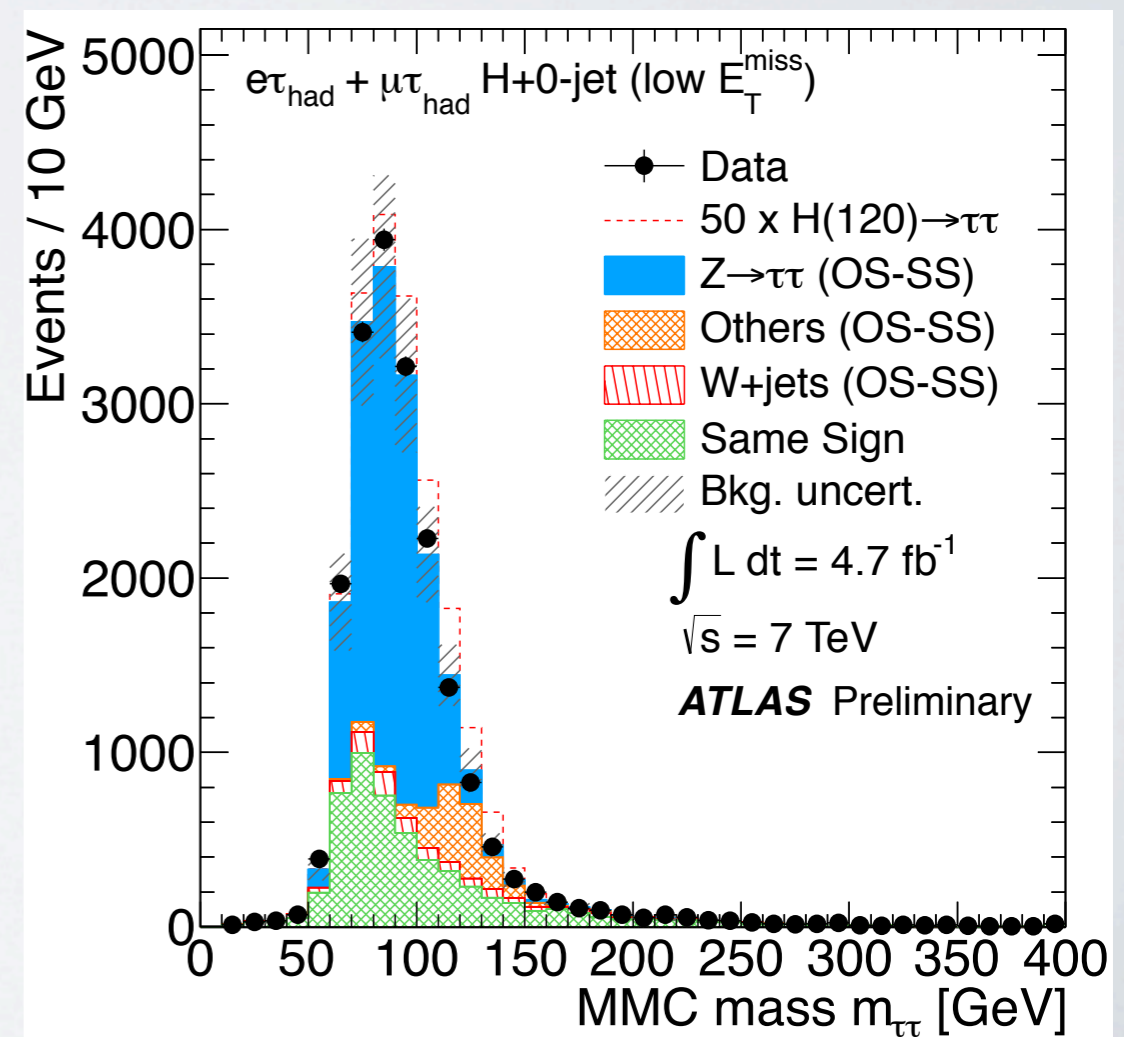


SM $H \rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow l\tau + 3U$

- **seven categories defined:**
- depending on jet properties and E_T^{miss}
 - **H + 2-jet VBF**
 - **H + 1-jet**
 - **H + 0-jet**
- $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 20$ GeV
- ≥ 1 -jets with $E_T > 25$ GeV failing VBF selection
- **e τ** and **$\mu\tau$** final states considered exclusively
- ≥ 2 -jets with $E_T > 25$ GeV
- $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 20$ GeV
- separated jets, $\Delta\eta_{jj} > 3$
- invariant dijet mass $m_{jj} > 300$ GeV
- tau, lepton in η range between jets
- includes e τ and $\mu\tau$ final states due to limited statistics
- no jet with $E_T > 25$ GeV
- e τ and $\mu\tau$ final states considered exclusively
- separated in $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 20$ GeV and $E_T^{\text{miss}} \leq 20$ GeV

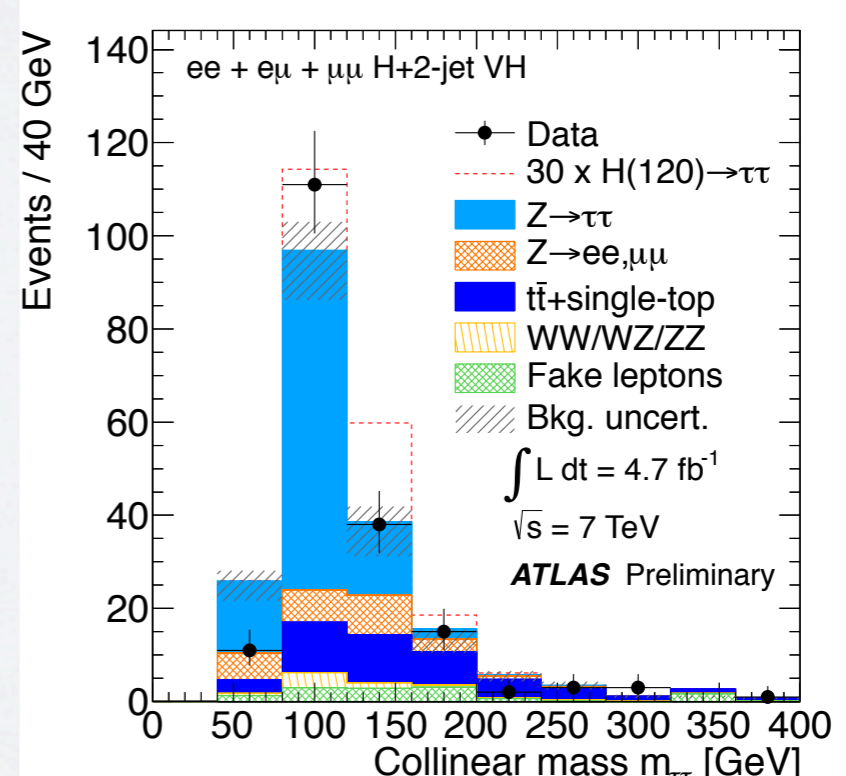
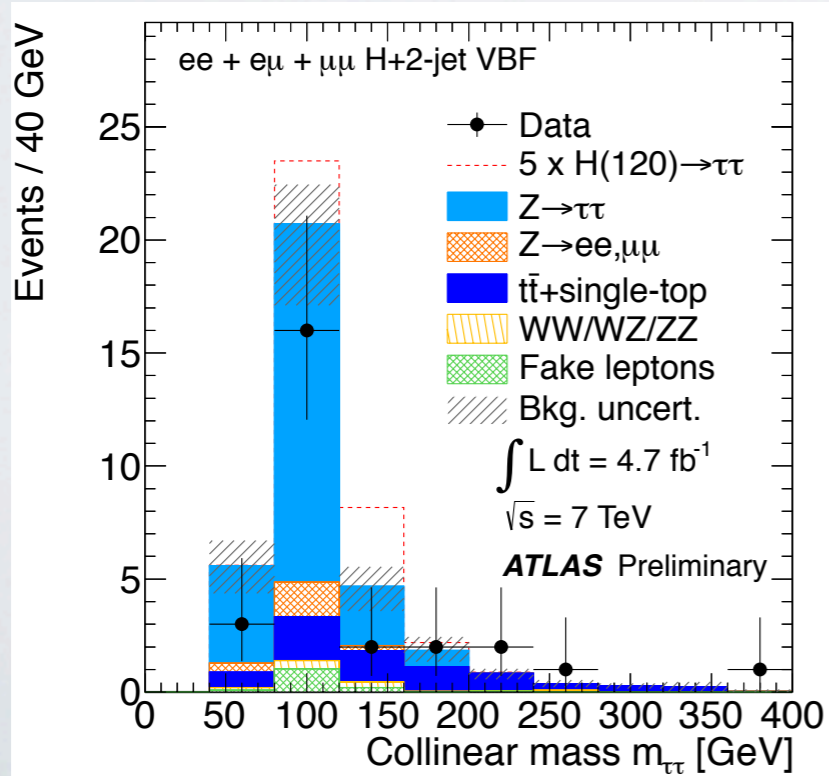
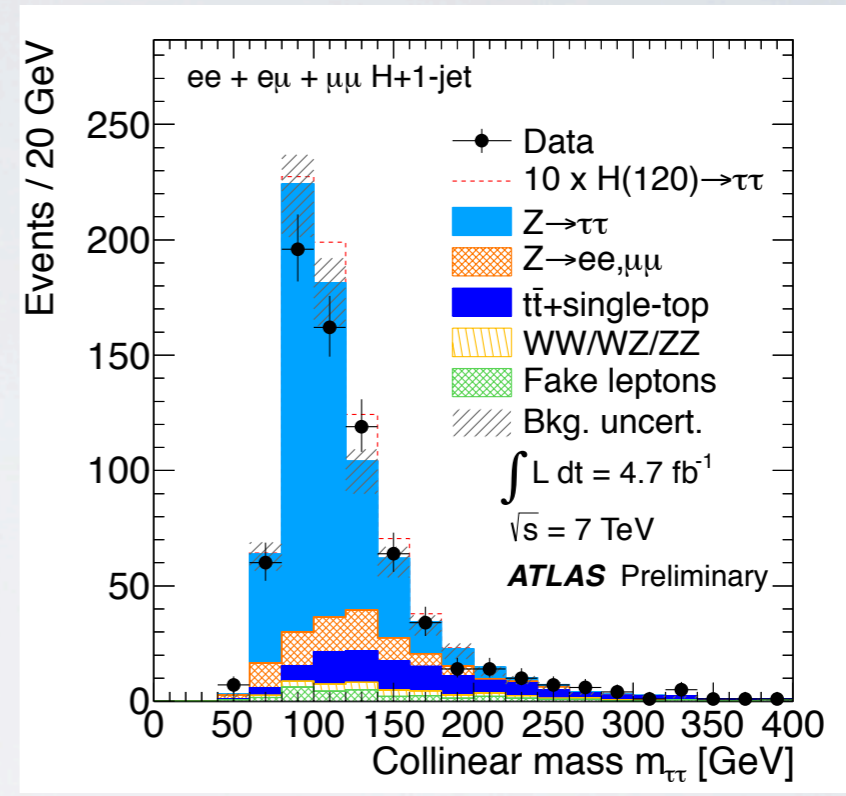
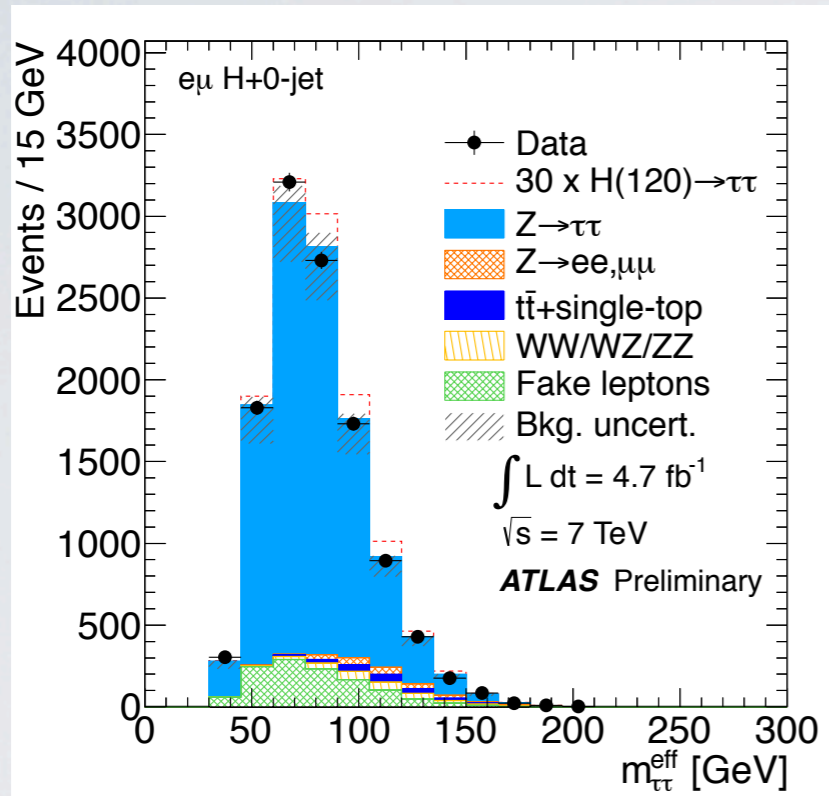
Common event selection

- single-lepton trigger
- leading jet $E_T > 40$ GeV
- one light lepton with $E_T > 25$ GeV (e), $p_T > 20$ GeV (μ)
- $Q_l^* Q_\tau = -1$
- transverse mass, $m_T \leq 30$ GeV (against tt)



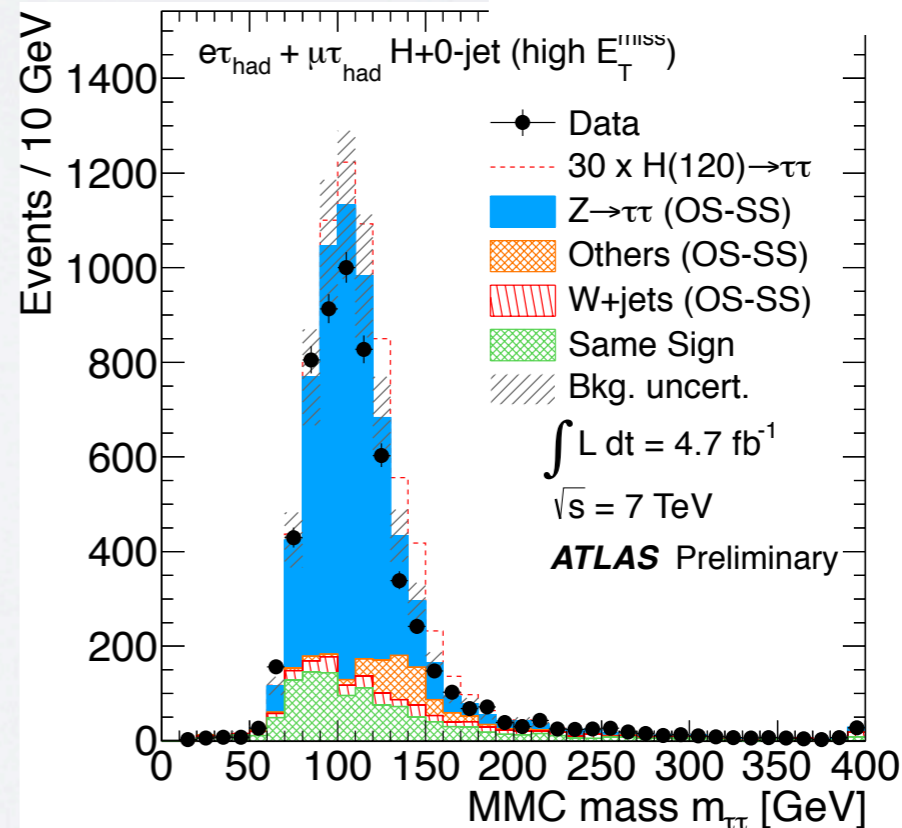
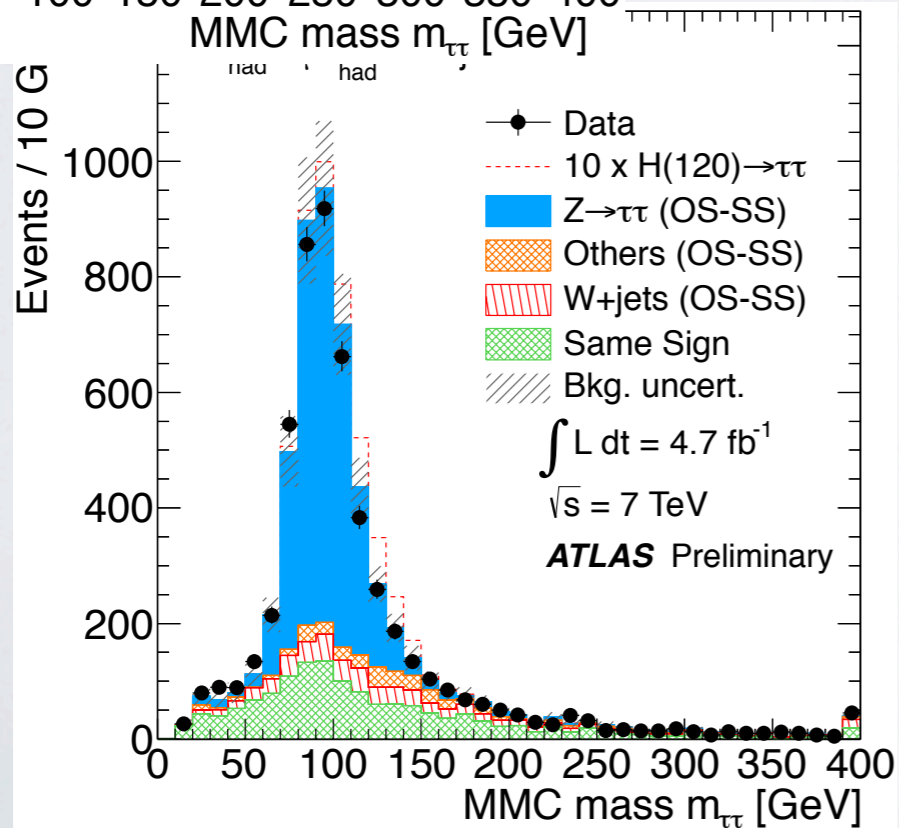
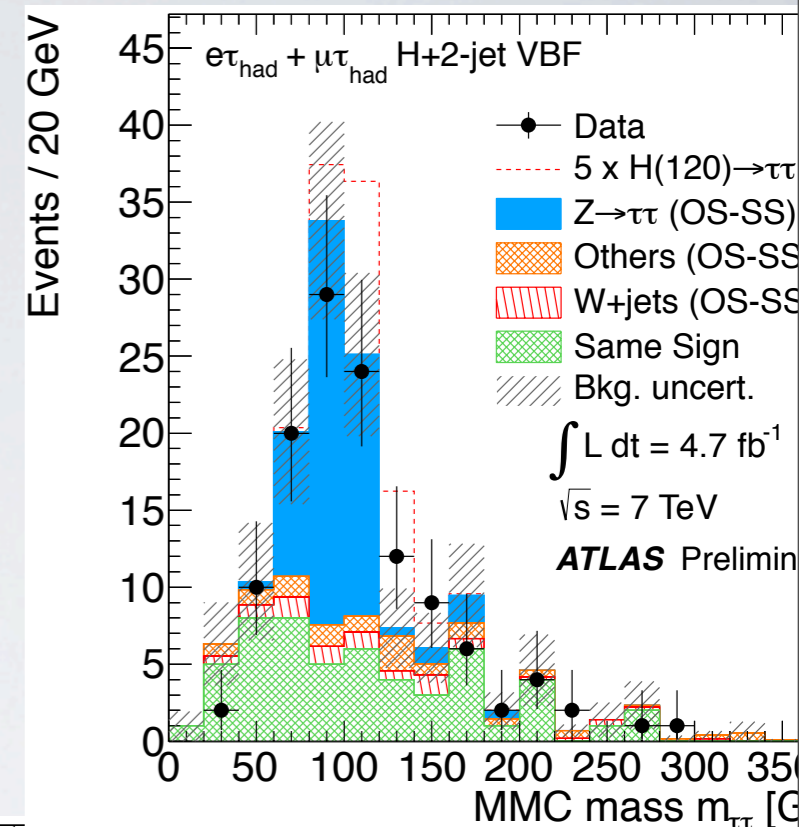
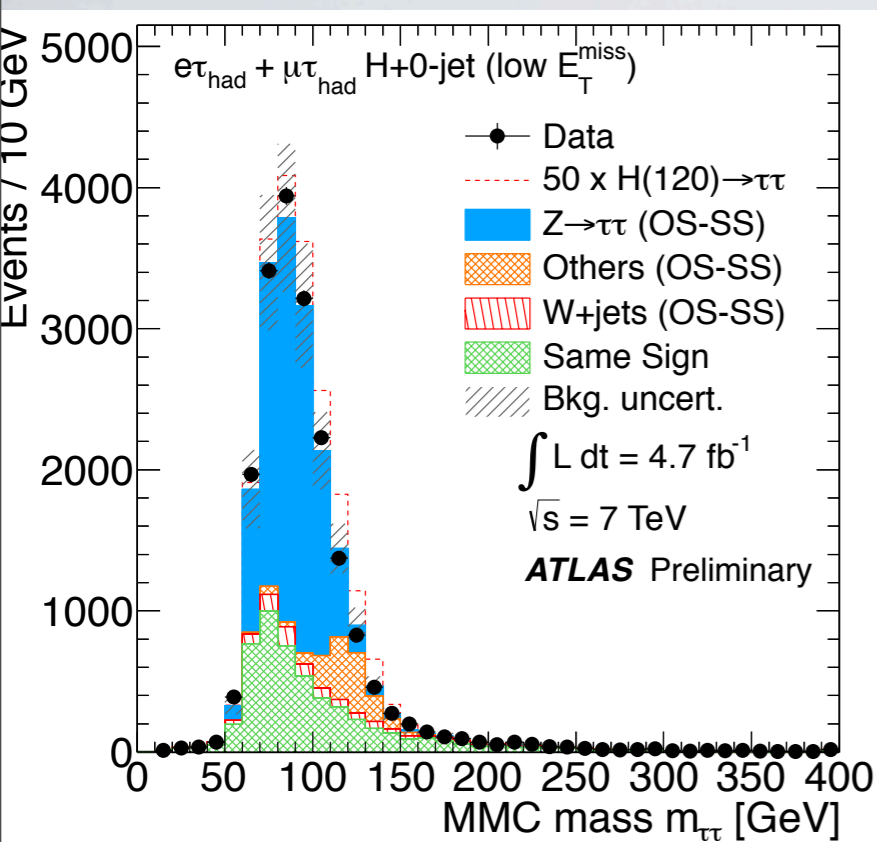
SM $H \rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow ll(l = e, \mu)$

Final mass distributions



SM $H \rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow |\tau_h| (l = e, \mu)$

Final mass distributions

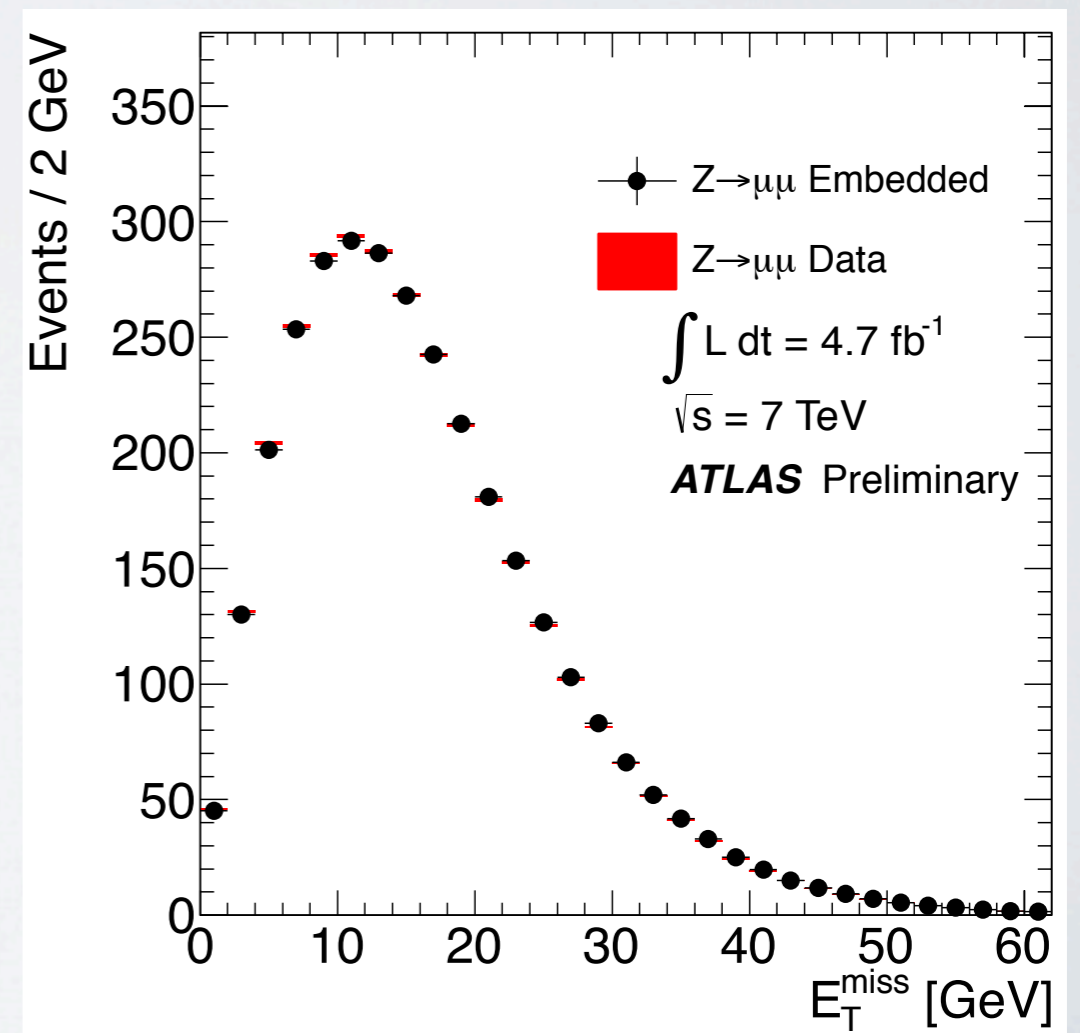


BACKGROUND ESTIMATION

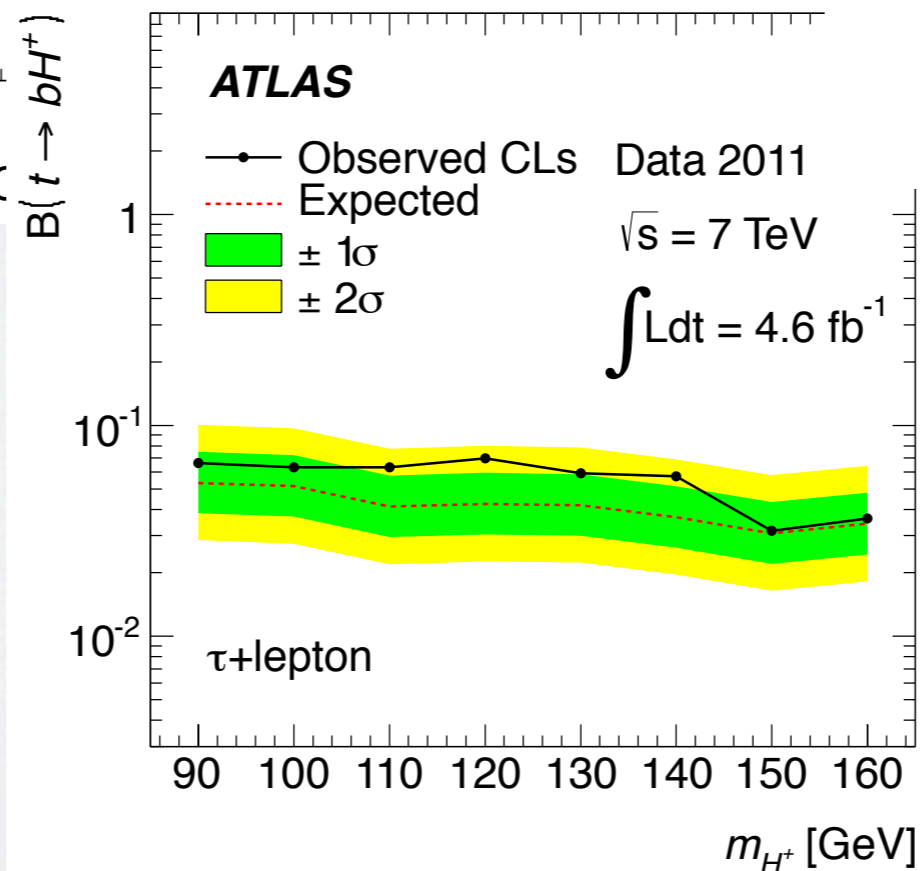
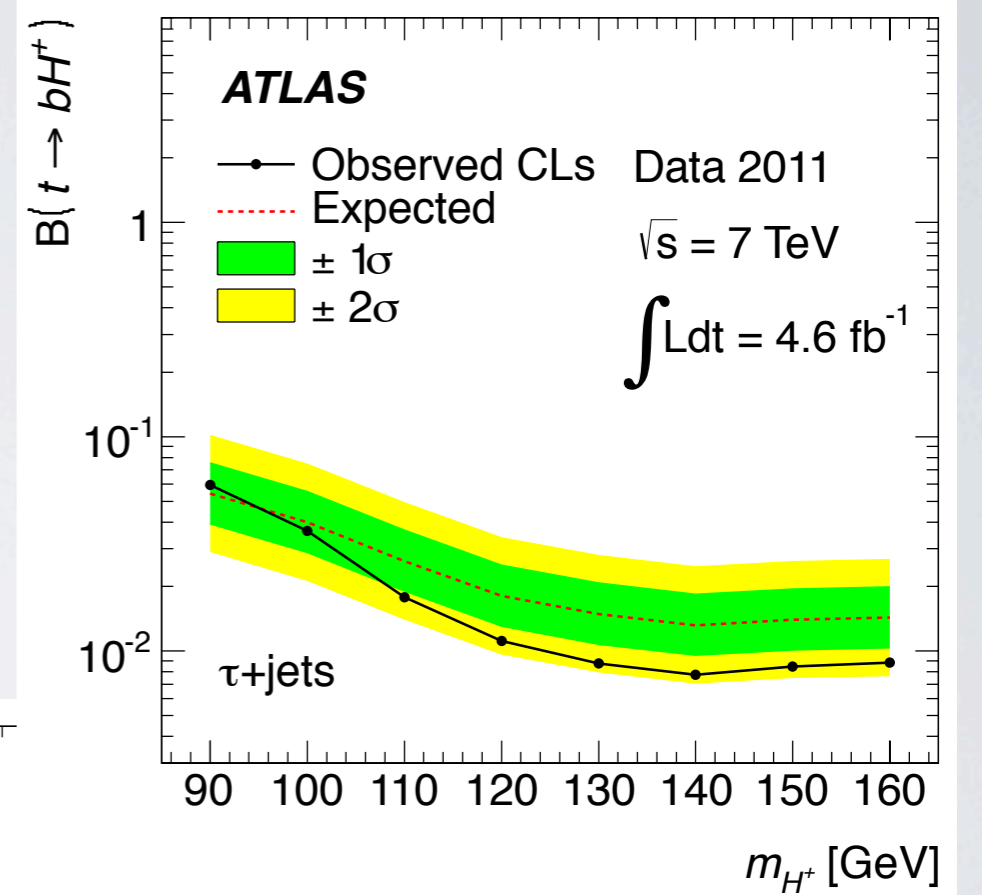
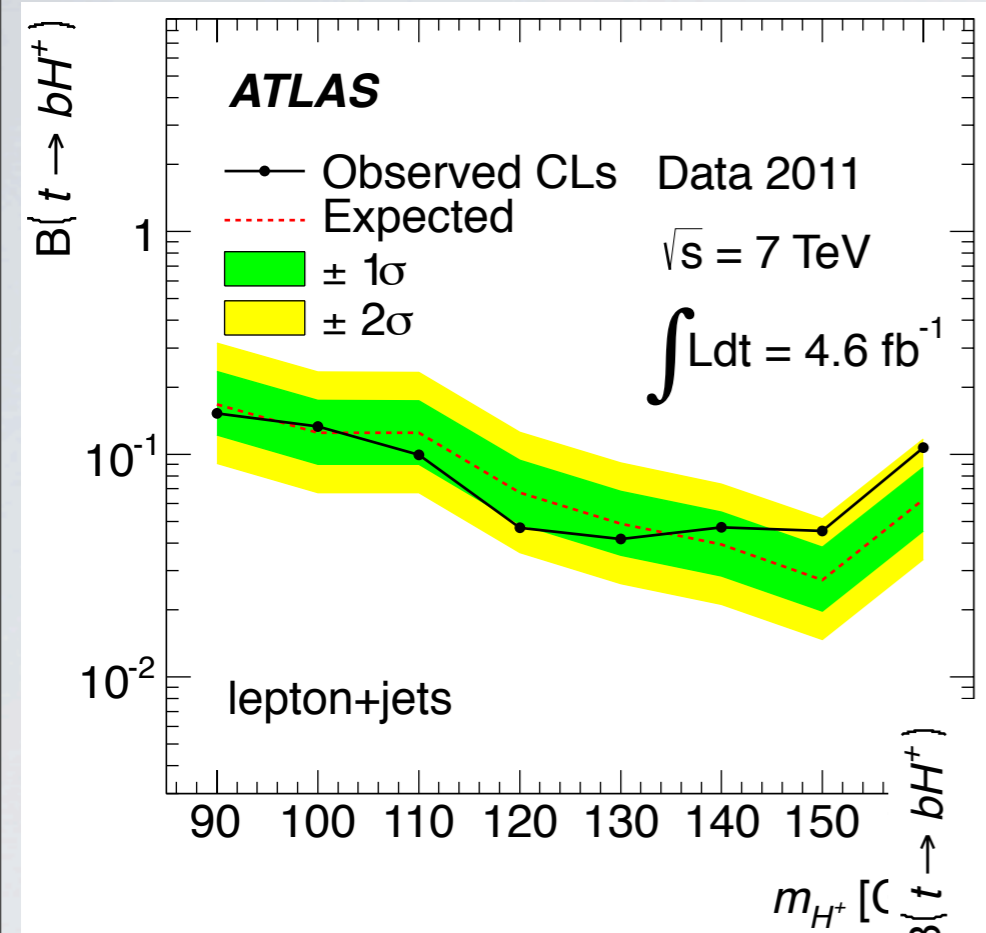
- main background (multi-jet, $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$) estimated by data-driven methods
- normalisation and shape extracted from data
- further backgrounds (diboson, $t\bar{t}$) estimated from MC
- embedding technique $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$ to model shape
- fitting track multiplicity (in $\Delta R < 0.6$) of taus simultaneously
- multi-jet template from same sign control region
- $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$ template from MC
- fit result used to normalise embedded sample
- multi-jet estimation by 2-dimensional fit in signal region

Systematics

- vary multi-jet template by requiring additional light lepton (enhancing W +jets)
- $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$: 11.6 %
- multi-jet: 22 %



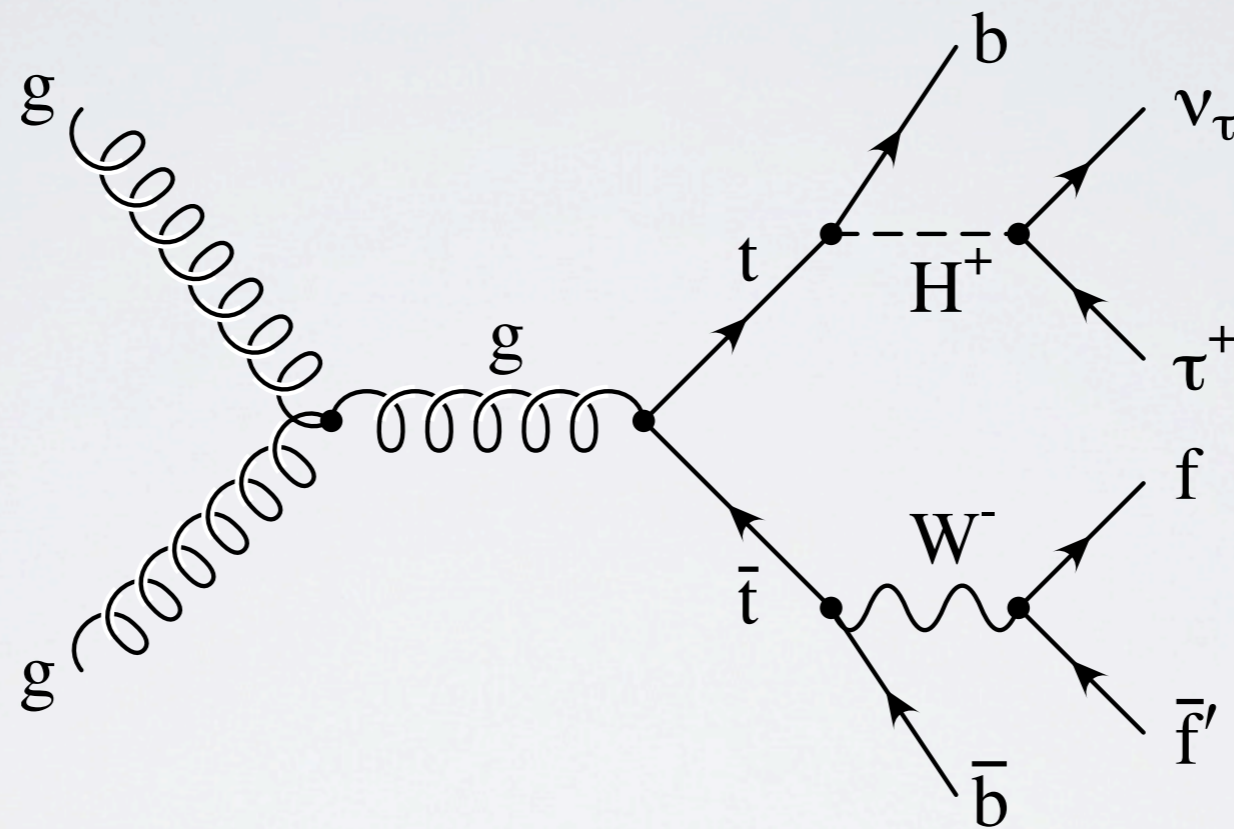
95% CL_s exclusion Limit on BR(t → bH⁺)



CHARGED HIGGGS

lepton + jets

$tt \rightarrow bbWH^+ \rightarrow bb(qq')(l\nu)$



lepton + tau

$tt \rightarrow bbWH^+ \rightarrow bb(l\nu)(\tau\nu)$

tau + jets

$tt \rightarrow bbWH^+ \rightarrow bb(qq')(\tau\nu)$

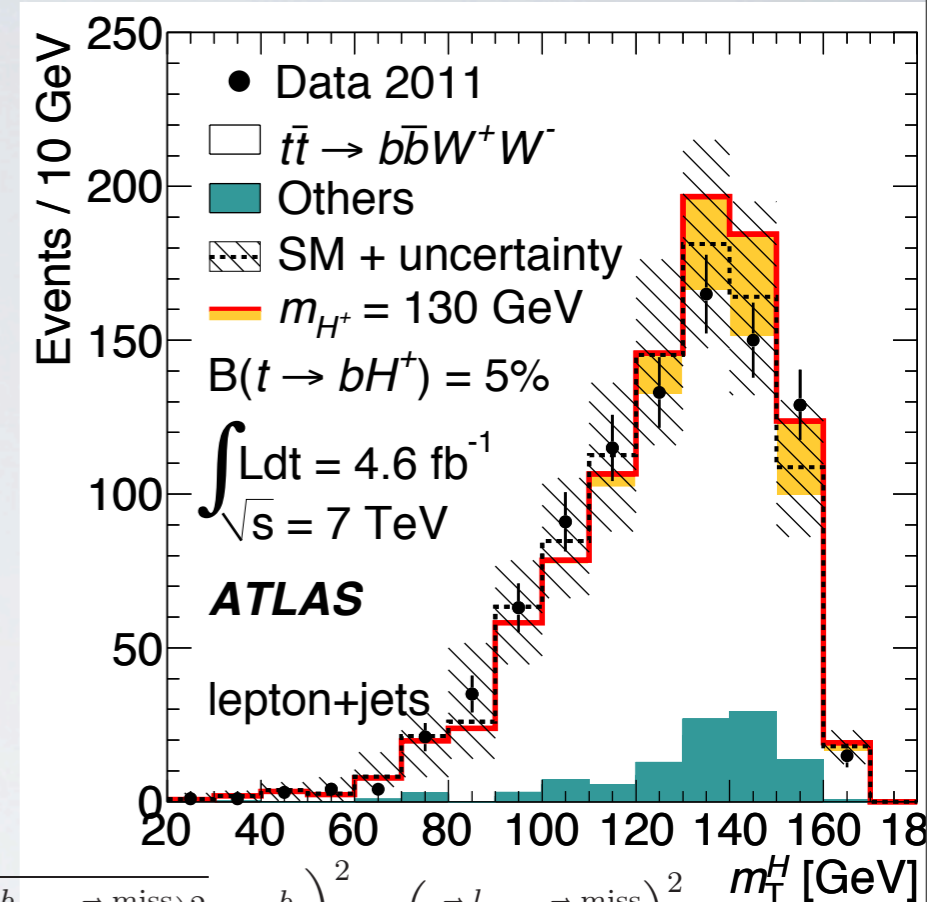


Event selection

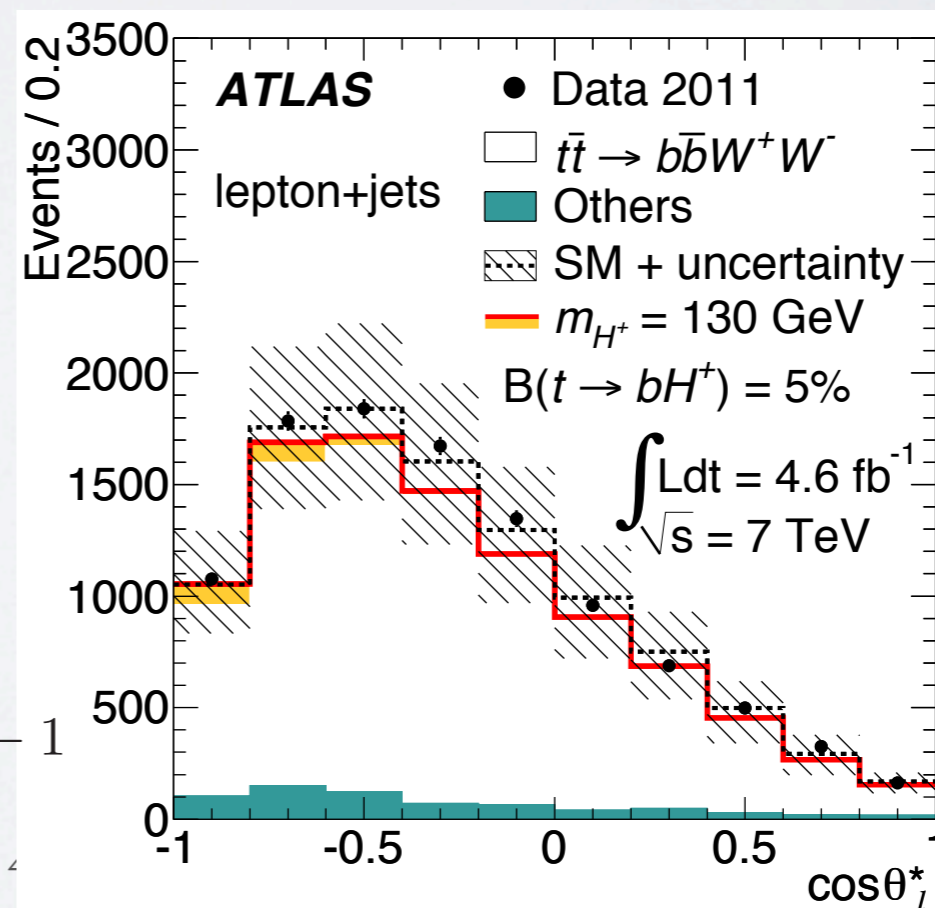
- single lepton trigger
- exactly one lepton with $p_T > 25$ (20) GeV e (μ)
- ≥ 4 jets with $p_T > 20$ GeV
 - 2 of them b-tagged
- $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 40$ GeV
 - $E_T^{\text{miss}} * |\sin \Delta\phi(l, E_T^{\text{miss}})| > 20$ GeV (if $\Delta\phi(l, E_T^{\text{miss}}) < \pi/6$)
- MET significance, $\Sigma_T > 13$
- $\cos \theta_l^* < -0.6$
- $m_T^W < 60$ GeV
- top quark decay topology
 - $\chi^2 < 5$

$$\chi^2 = \frac{(m_{jjb} - m_{\text{top}})^2}{\sigma_{\text{top}}^2} + \frac{(m_{jj} - m_W)^2}{\sigma_W^2}$$

$$\cos \theta_l^* = \frac{2m_{bl}^2}{m_{\text{top}}^2 - m_W^2} - 1 \simeq \frac{4p^b \cdot p^l}{m_{\text{top}}^2 - m_W^2} - 1$$



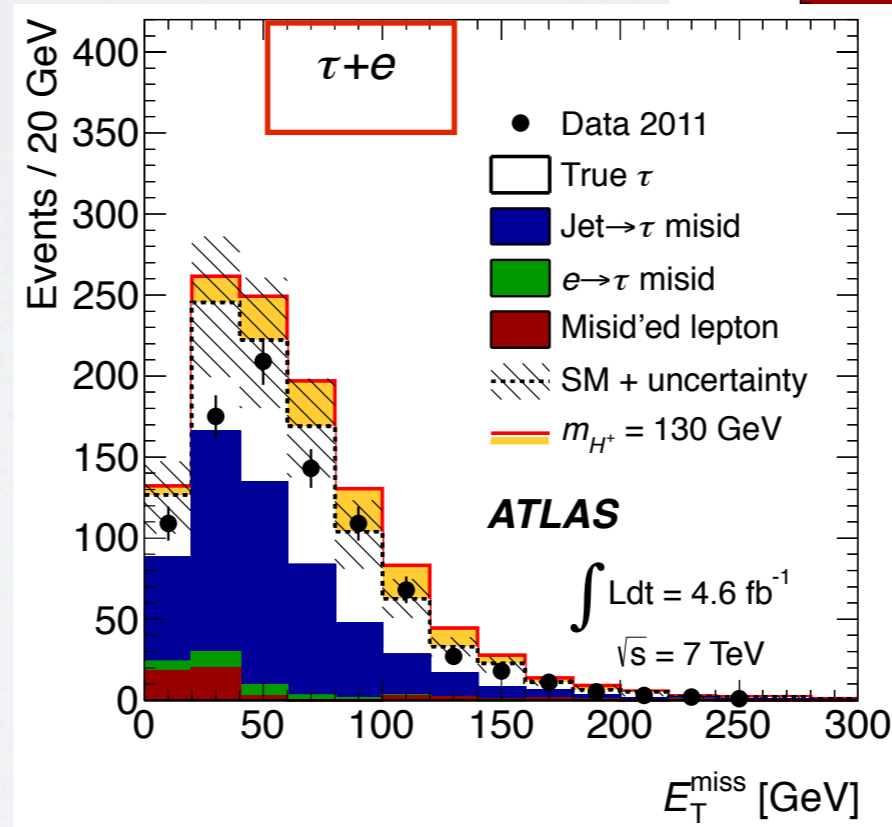
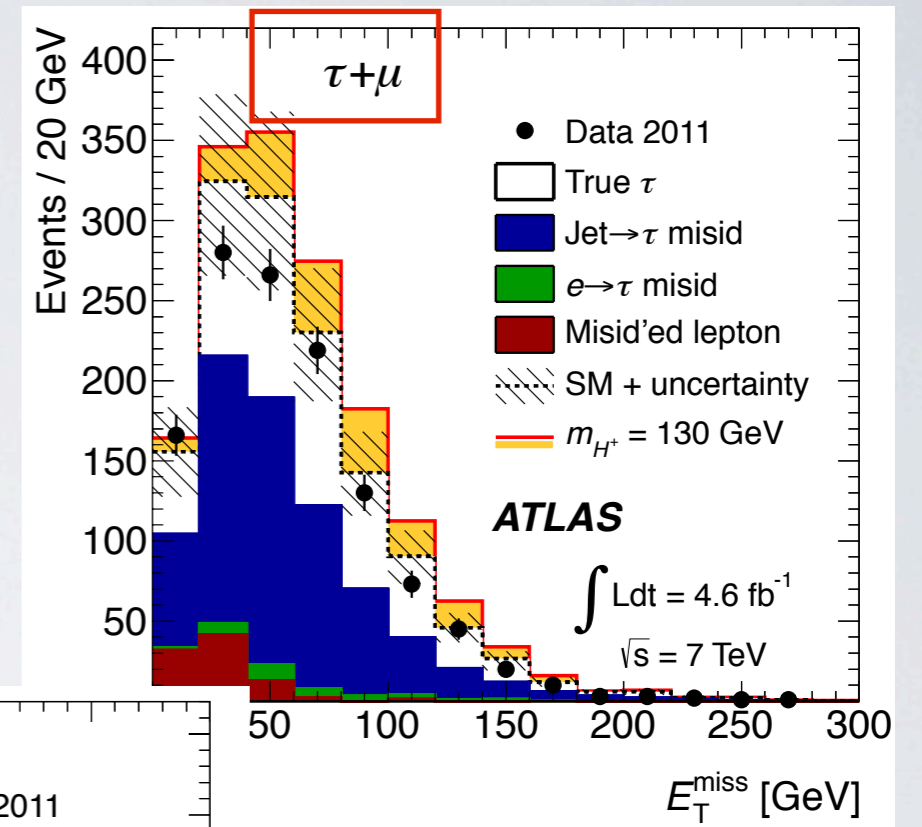
$$(m_T^H)^2 = \left(\sqrt{m_{\text{top}}^2 + (p_T^l + p_T^b + p_T^{\text{miss}})^2} - p_T^b \right)^2 - (p_T^l + p_T^{\text{miss}})^2$$



$$tt \rightarrow bbWH^+ \rightarrow bb(l\nu)(\tau\nu)$$

Event selection

- single lepton trigger
- exactly one lepton with $p_T > 25$ (20) GeV e (μ)
- exactly one identified τ with $p_T > 20$ GeV
- $Q_\tau * Q_l = -1$
- ≥ 2 jets with $p_T > 20$ GeV
 - ≥ 1 of them b-tagged
- $\sum p_T$ (tracks associated to primary vertex) > 100 GeV

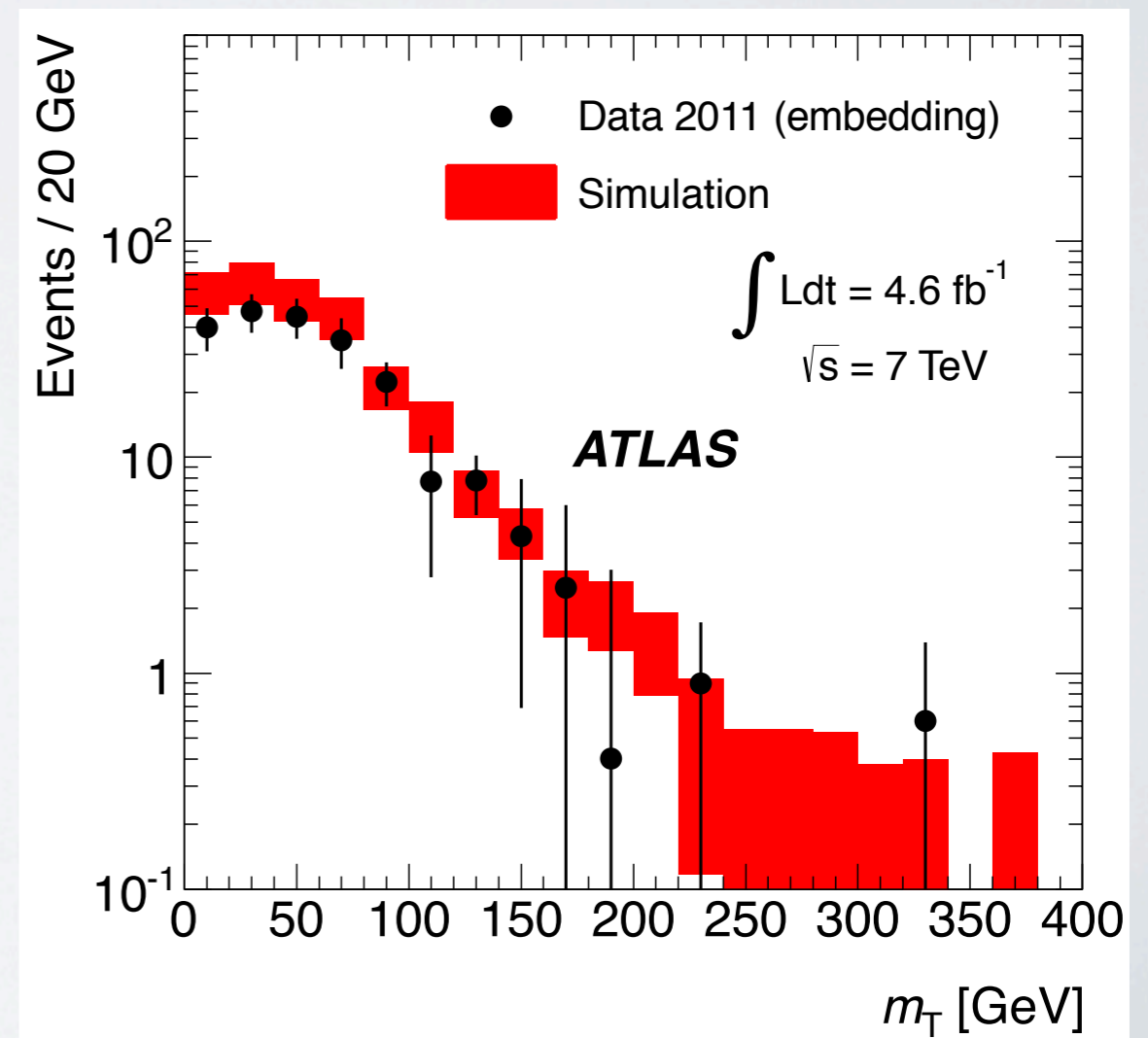


BACKGROUND ESTIMATION

- all backgrounds estimated from data
- example: real tau decays
- apply embedding technique
- control sample of tt-like μ +jets events
- replaced by simulated τ decays
- shape taken from embedded sample

normalisation

$$N_{\tau} = N_{\text{embedded}} \cdot (1 - c_{\tau \rightarrow \mu}) \frac{\epsilon^{\tau + E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}} - \text{trigger}}}{\epsilon^{\mu - \text{ID}, \text{trigger}}} \cdot \mathcal{B}(\tau \rightarrow \text{hadrons} + \nu)$$



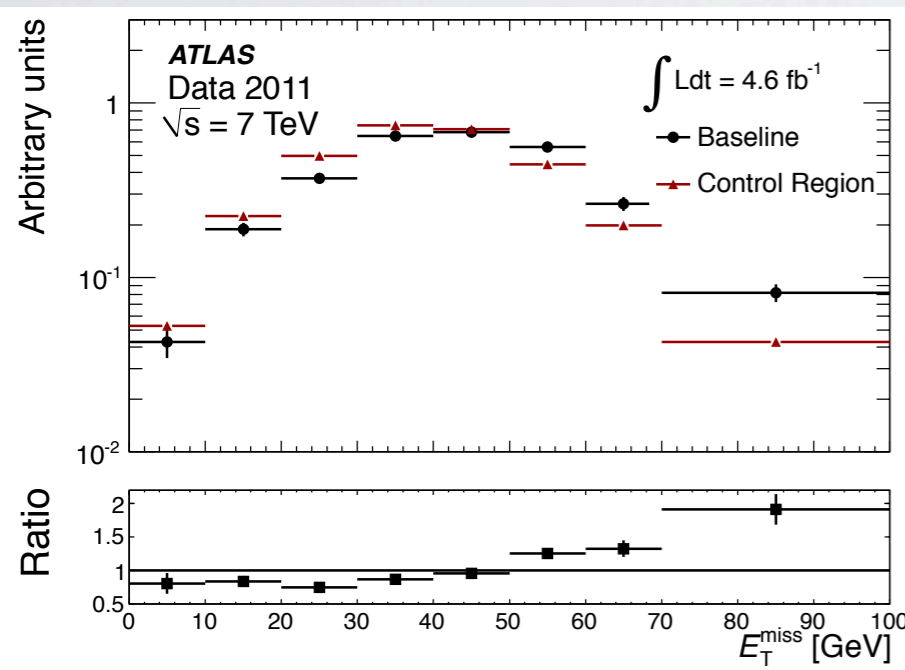
BACKGROUND ESTIMATION

multi-jet

- fit of E_T^{miss} shape
- CR defined by modified τ -ID and b-tag requirement
 - τ 's passing loose ID but fail tight; no b-jet
 - m_{jjb} cut removed
 - contamination by other backgrounds < 1% (subtracted from MC)
- differences in shape between SR and CR treated as systematics

electron/jet fakes

- tt, W+jets, single top quark production 0.2%
- CR defined by $Z \rightarrow ee$ selection (electron fakes)
- CR defined by W+jets selection (jet fakes)
 - main difference: b-jet fake probability
 - take quark-gluon ratio obtained by simulation as systematics
- fake factors applied to simulated tt, single-top, W/Z/ γ^* +jets events

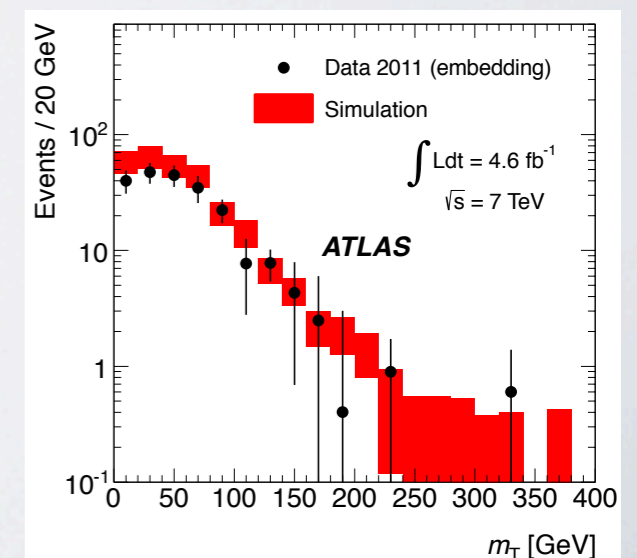


- embedding technique
- control sample of tt-like μ +jets events
- replaced by simulated τ decays
- control sample
 - single μ trigger
 - exactly one isolated μ with $p_T > 25$ GeV
 - no isolated electron with $E_T > 20$ GeV
 - ≥ 4 jets with $p_T > 20$ GeV (≥ 1 of them b-tagged)
 - $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 35$ GeV

real taus

normalisation

$$N_\tau = N_{\text{embedded}} \cdot (1 - c_{\tau \rightarrow \mu}) \frac{\epsilon^{\tau + E_T^{\text{miss}} - \text{trigger}}}{\epsilon^{\mu - \text{ID}, \text{trigger}}} \cdot \mathcal{B}(\tau \rightarrow \text{hadrons} + \nu)$$



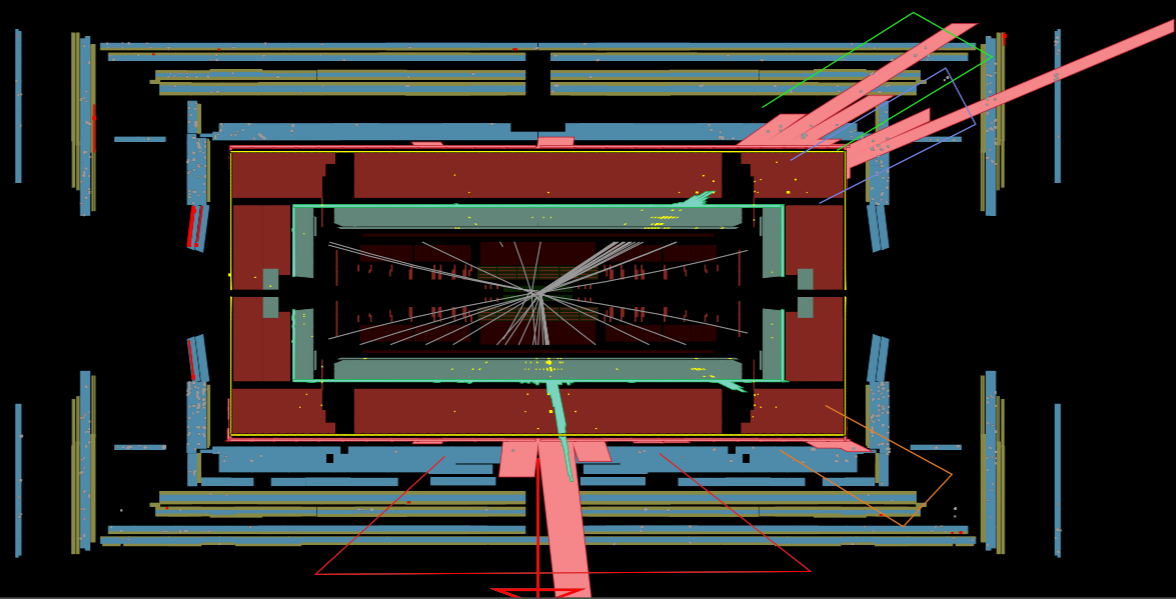
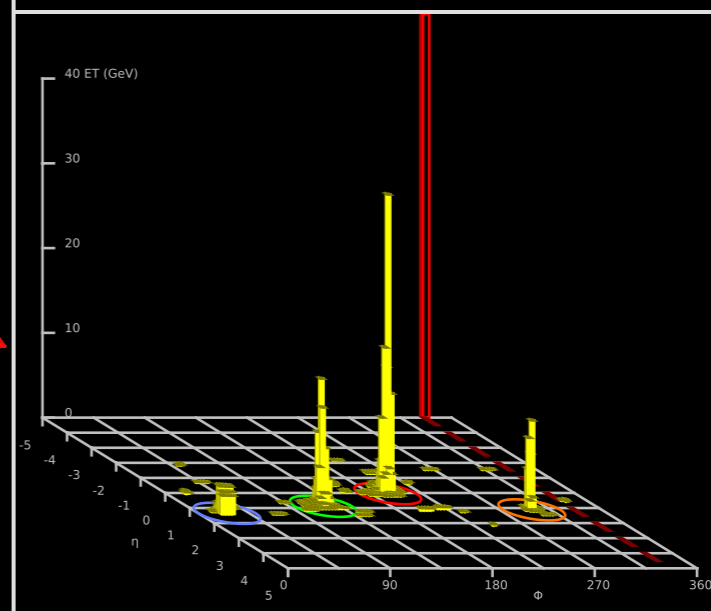
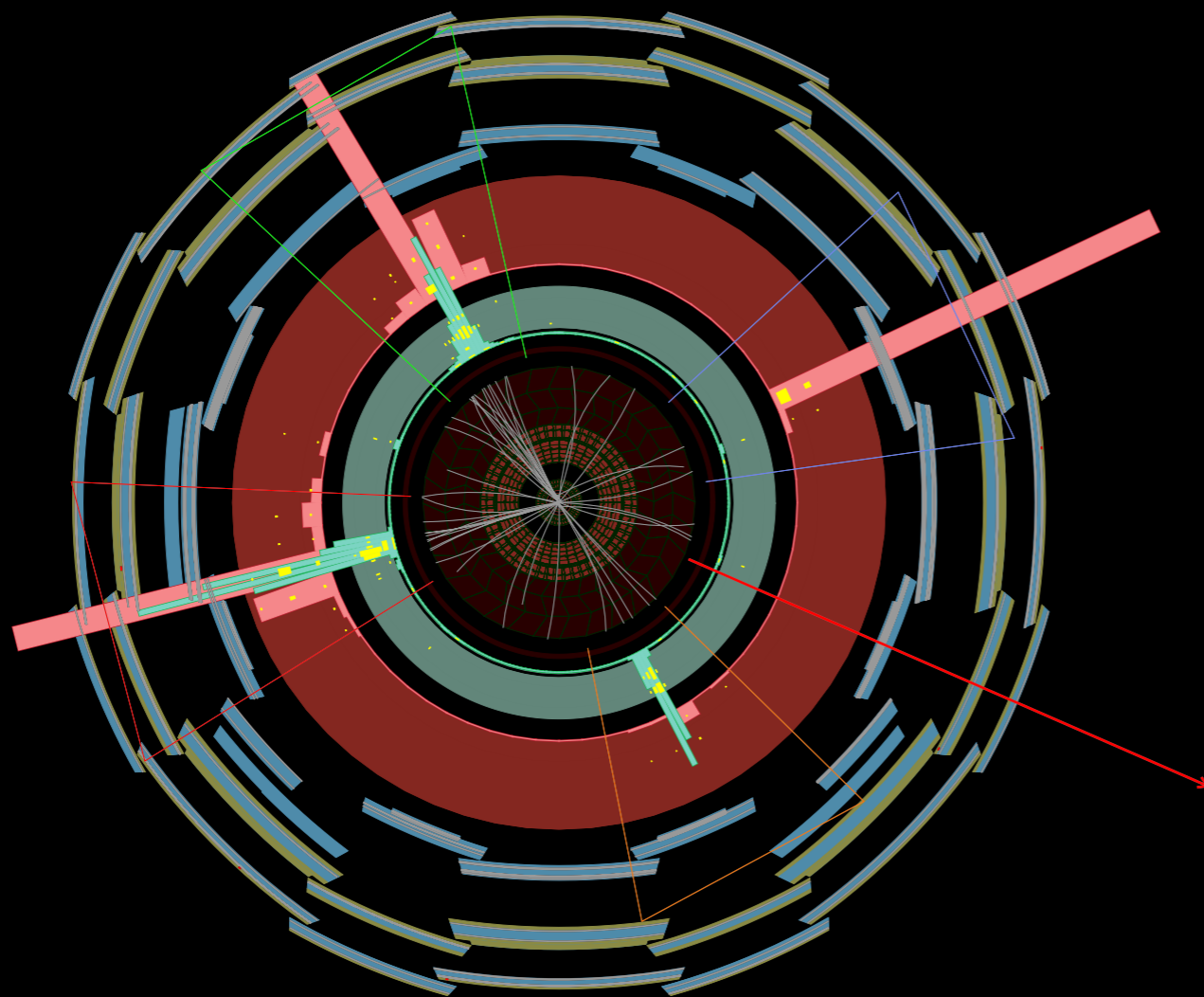
SUSY SEARCHES INVOLVING TAU LEPTONS



ATLAS EXPERIMENT

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Model Parameters

- Messenger mass: $M_{\text{mess}} = 250 \text{ TeV}$
- no. of $SU(5)$ messengers: $N_5 = 3$
- $\mu > 0$
- scale factor for gravitino mass: $C_{\text{grav}} = 1$