

Physics with Electrons in the ATLAS detector

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- 2010-2012
 - Classes
 - Detector: TRT Alignment
- 2011-2016: Performance work and analysis
- Performance: Electrons
 - Electron identification (likelihood method)
 - Electron efficiency measurements
- Analysis:
 - $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4\ell$
 - $WZ \rightarrow 3\ell$



Highlighted Components

● Higgs Boson

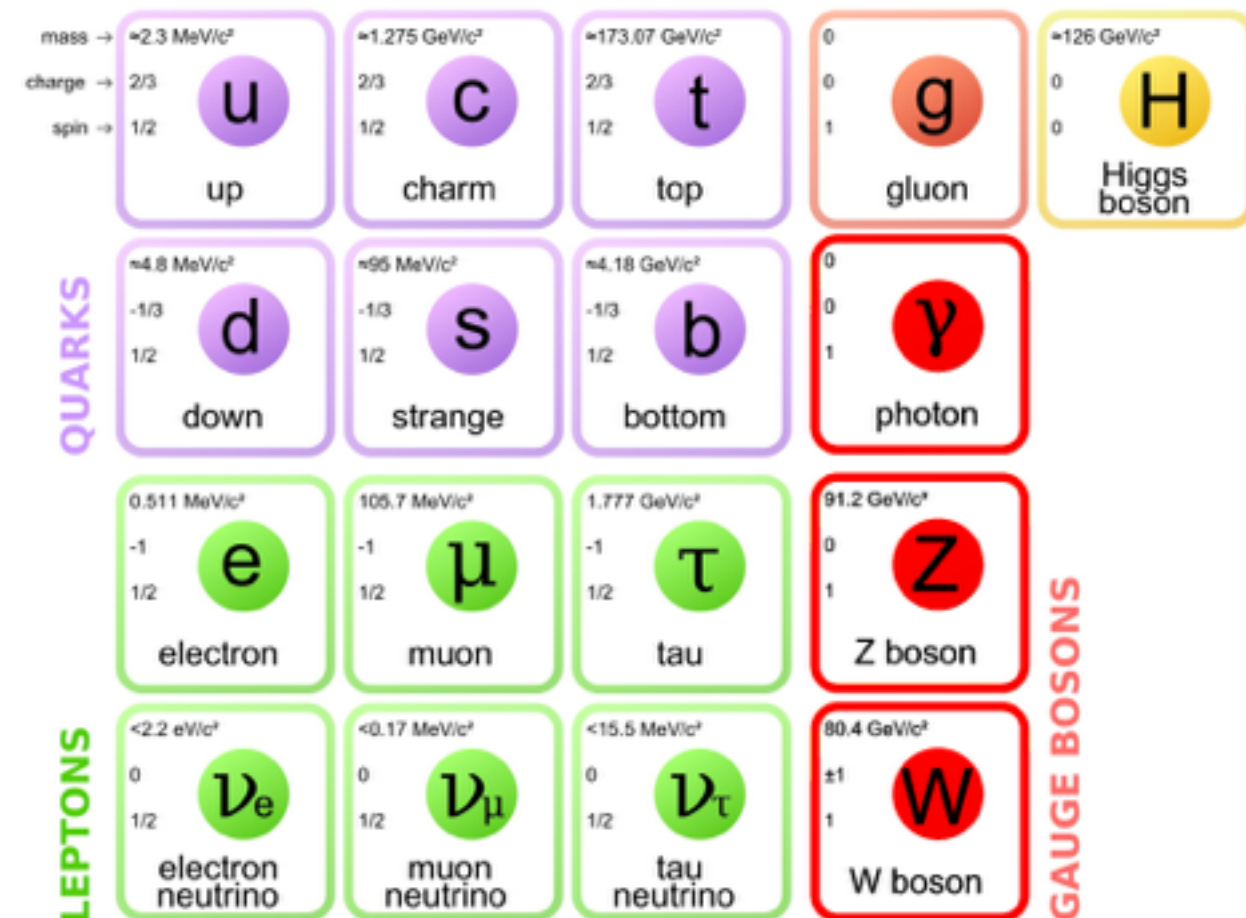
- Particle hypothesized as part of electroweak symmetry breaking

● Electroweak Gauge Bosons

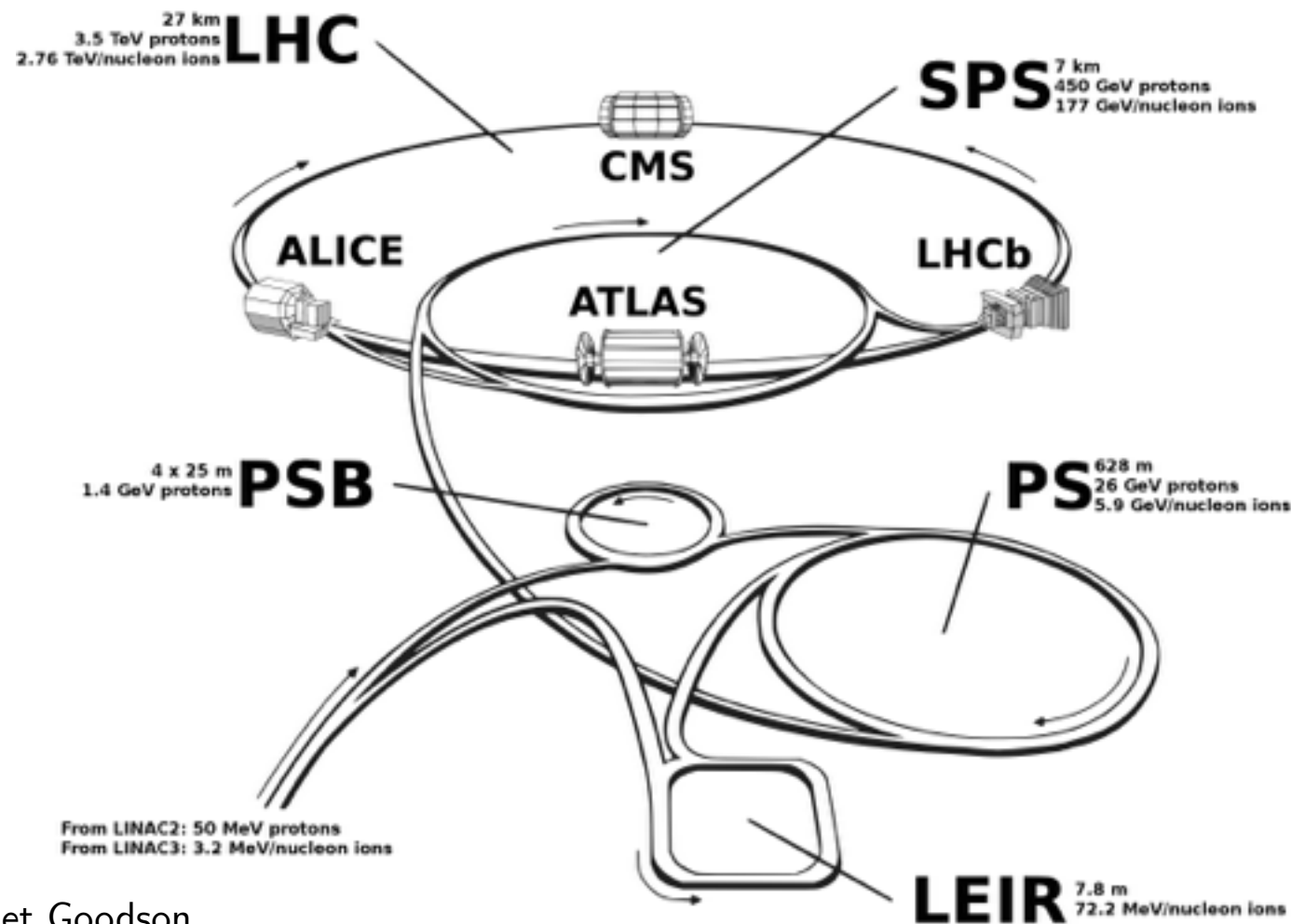
- Higgs decays to WW , ZZ
- Potential mediators of new physics
- Decays to lepton pairs: $Z \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-$, $W \rightarrow \ell \nu$

● Leptons (in particular, electron)

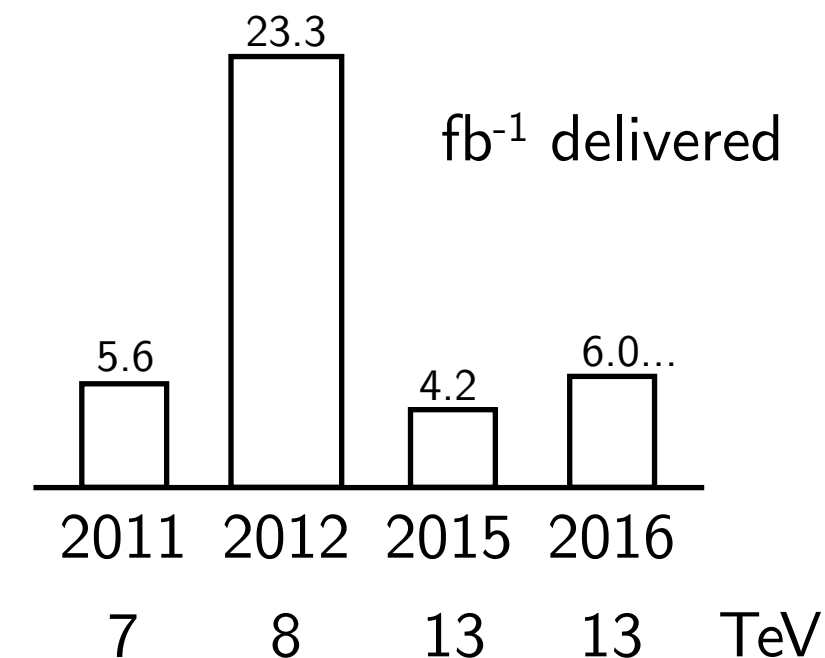
- One of the signatures in the detector
- Window into electroweak gauge sector



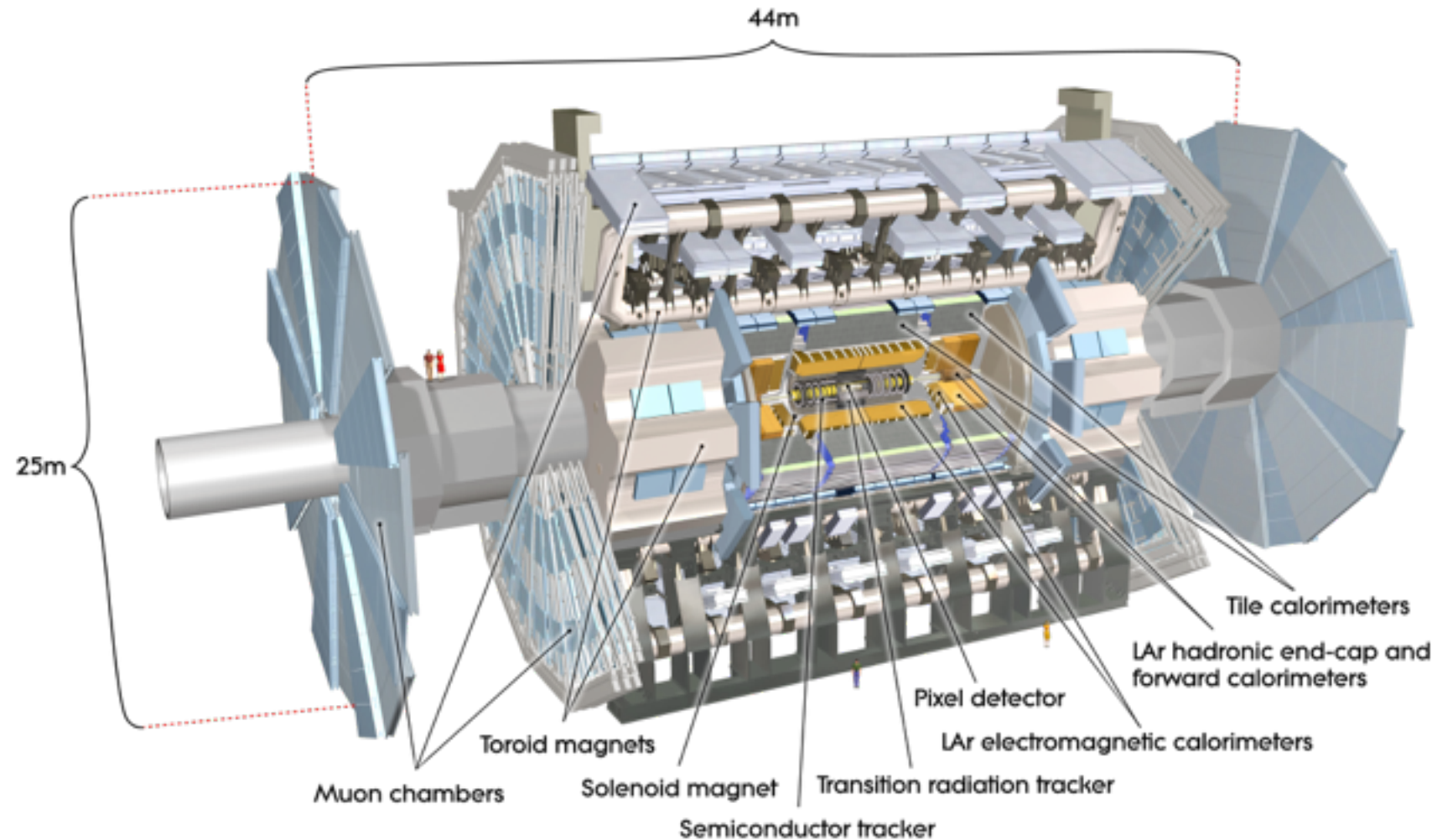
The Large Hadron Collider



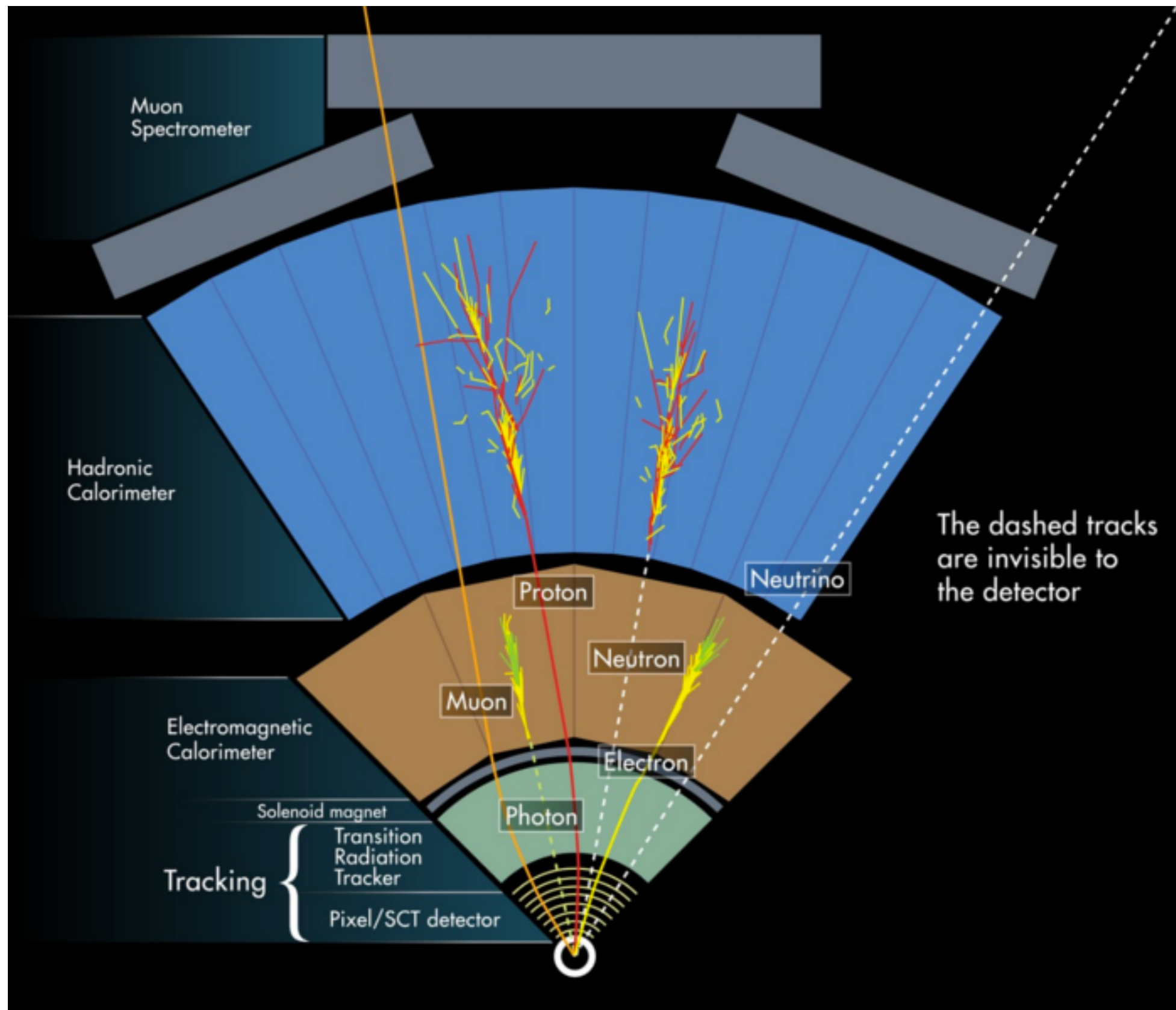
Data Summary



- Bunches of 100,000,000,000 protons collided at energies of 7, 8 and 13 TeV
- LHC delivers proton-proton bunch crossings at a rate of 40,000,000/s
- On average 10-40 interactions per bunch crossing
- Two all-purpose detectors built to discover the Higgs boson and search for new physics: ATLAS and CMS
- Excellent delivery of data so far

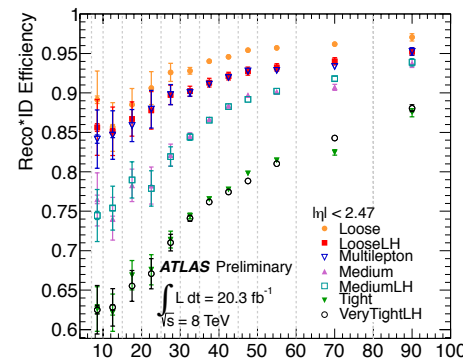
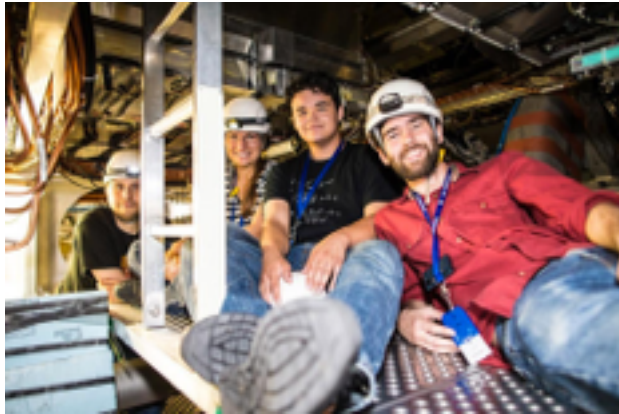


- Tracking detectors (and solenoid) to measure charged particle tracks
- Calorimeter detectors:
 - Electromagnetic calorimeters to collect the energy of electrons and photons
 - Hadronic calorimeter to collect the energy of hadronic jets
- Muon spectrometer (and toroid): measure momentum of muons
- Trigger system
 - Must reduce 40,000,000/s rate down to ~ 1000 /s stored events

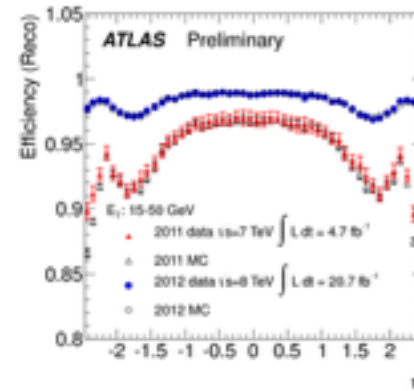


How ATLAS work gets done

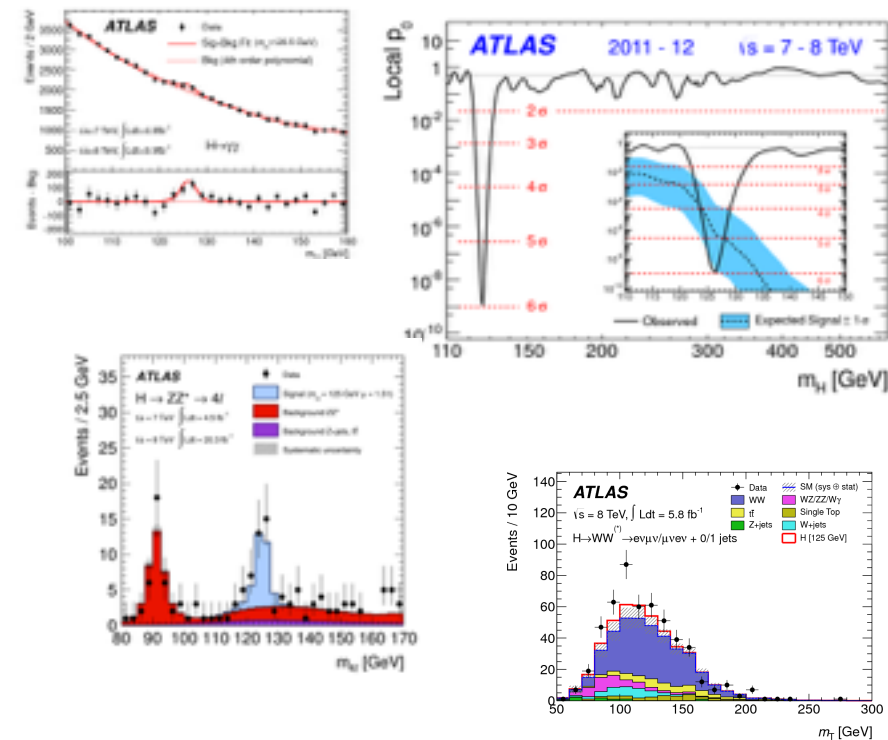
Detector



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Analysis

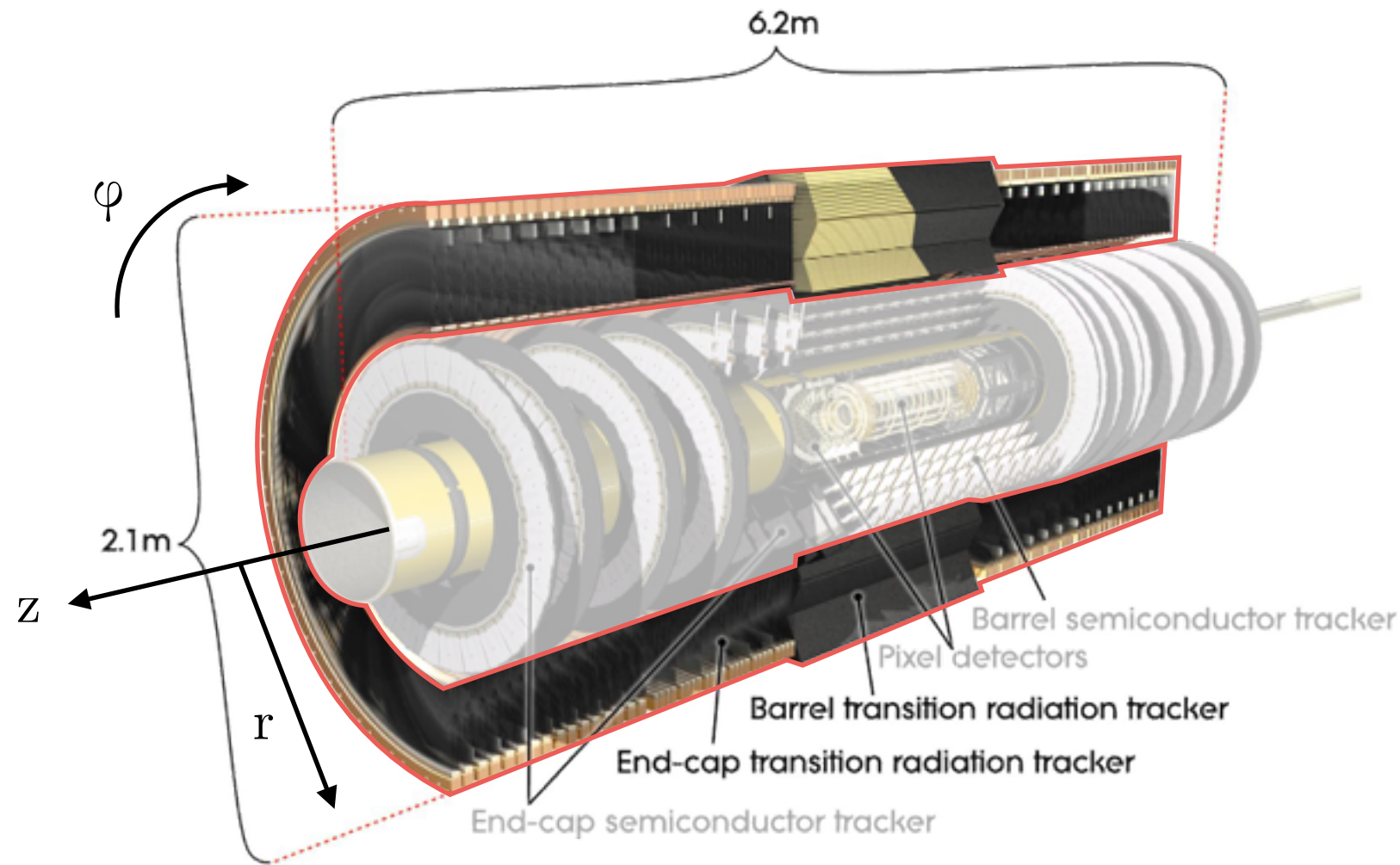


Today, there are four main types of activity:

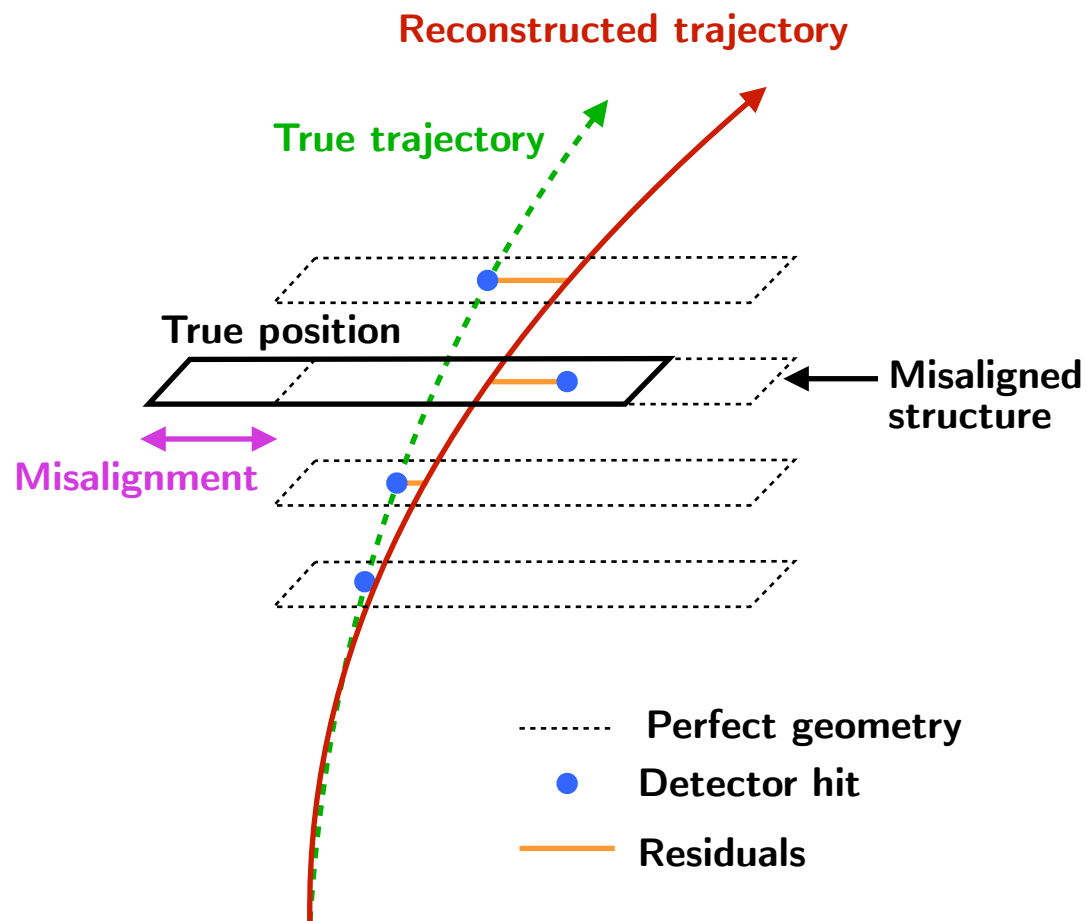
- **Hardware/Detector Experts:** physicists that ensure working detectors
- **Data preparation:** Ensure good-quality, promptly-delivered data
- **Combined Performance Groups:** groups of analyzers with common problems (e.g. characterizing electrons, photons, jets) work collectively on a problem. Solving them can benefit many analyses
- **Physics analysis Group:** Use the data to make a measurement or search for new physics

I spent a lot of my time on combined performance (electrons)

TRT ALIGNMENT



- Straw tubes filled with Xenon (Argon) gas, with radiator in between
- Collect hits from particles traversing the straws, reconstruct tracks from these hits
- Electrons emit transition radiation
 - Induces a high-threshold hit, important for electron identification on ATLAS
- 350,000 straws, intrinsic resolution of $\sim 130 \mu\text{m}$ \rightarrow need a good description of the geometry



Level 2 (module)

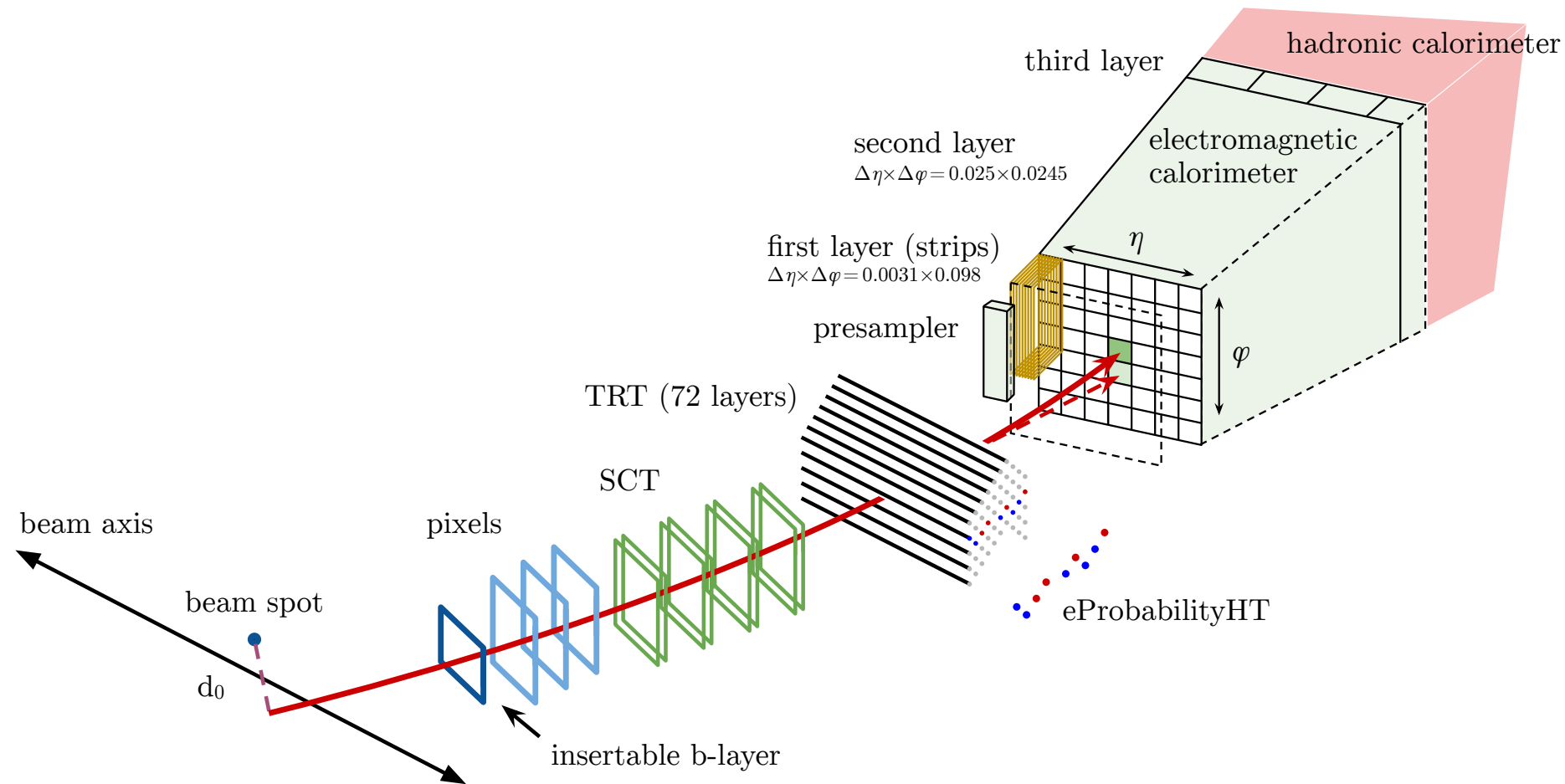
Level 3 (straws)

Level 1 (TRT Barrel)

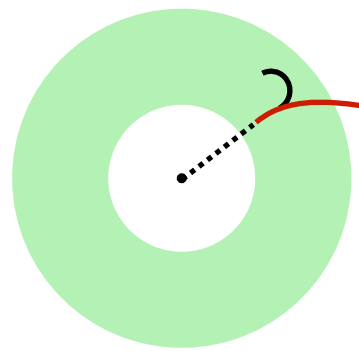
- Detector elements can be misaligned compared to “perfect” geometry description
- Tracks reconstructed with misalignments will have large residuals
- Alignment: collect millions of tracks; minimize the residuals using a χ^2 minimization procedure
- The construction of the TRT is highly modular (corresponding to assembly procedure)
- TRT: align at three levels: Barrel and Endcaps (L1), Modules (L2), and Straw Level (L3)
- I worked to align the TRT at the straw level

ELECTRON ID

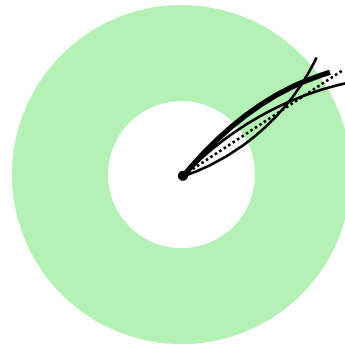
- Developed a multivariate electron identification technique
- Measured electron efficiencies using $Z \rightarrow ee$ events



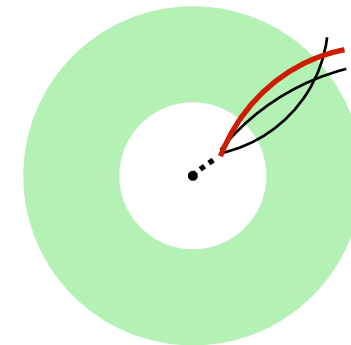
- Electrons that we are looking for are **prompt: participant in the p–p hard scatter**
- Electron bends in uniform magnetic field from 2T solenoid, interacts with material in the detector
 - Inner Detector measures particle trajectory and estimates the electron momentum
 - Deposits transition radiation in the TRT
- Electron deposits most of its remaining energy in EM calorimeter
 - Energy deposit is localized in $\eta \times \phi$
- *Electron is an electromagnetic cluster matched to a track*



$\gamma \rightarrow e$



hadronic jet



hadronic b-jet

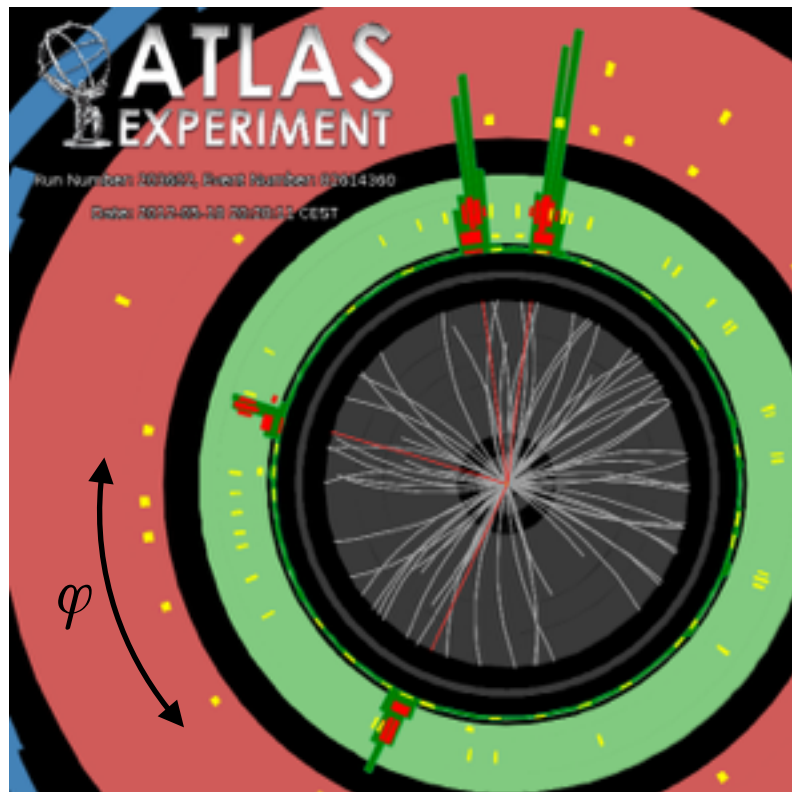
← non-prompt e

What are the electron backgrounds?

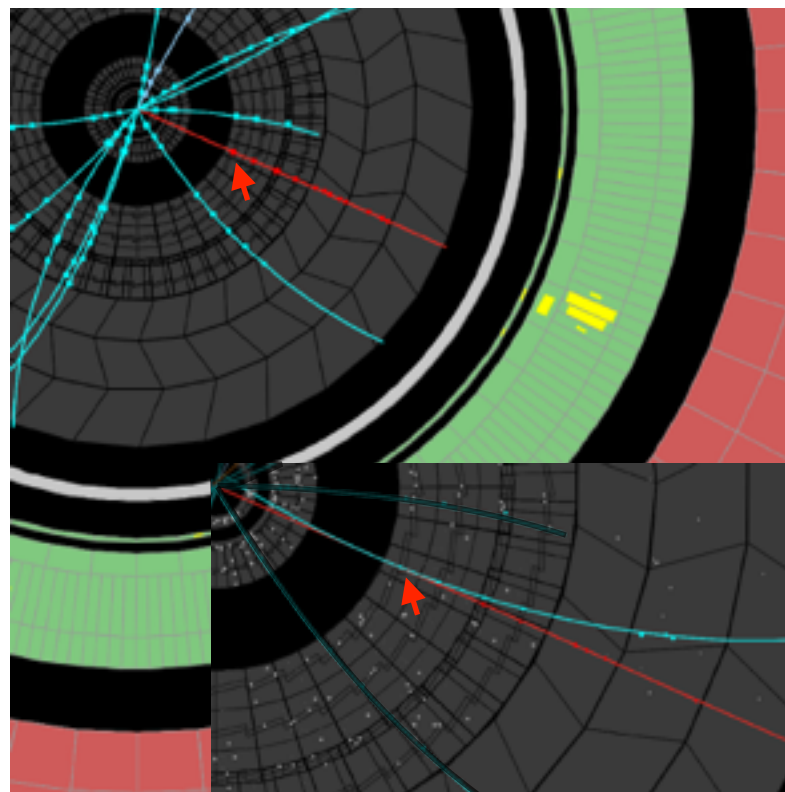
- Photon conversion: prompt γ from hard scatter or inside jet converts to e^+e^-
- Charged particle from a hadronic jet misidentified as an electron
- Displaced b-jet decay with electron in the decay chain

How can we distinguish them?

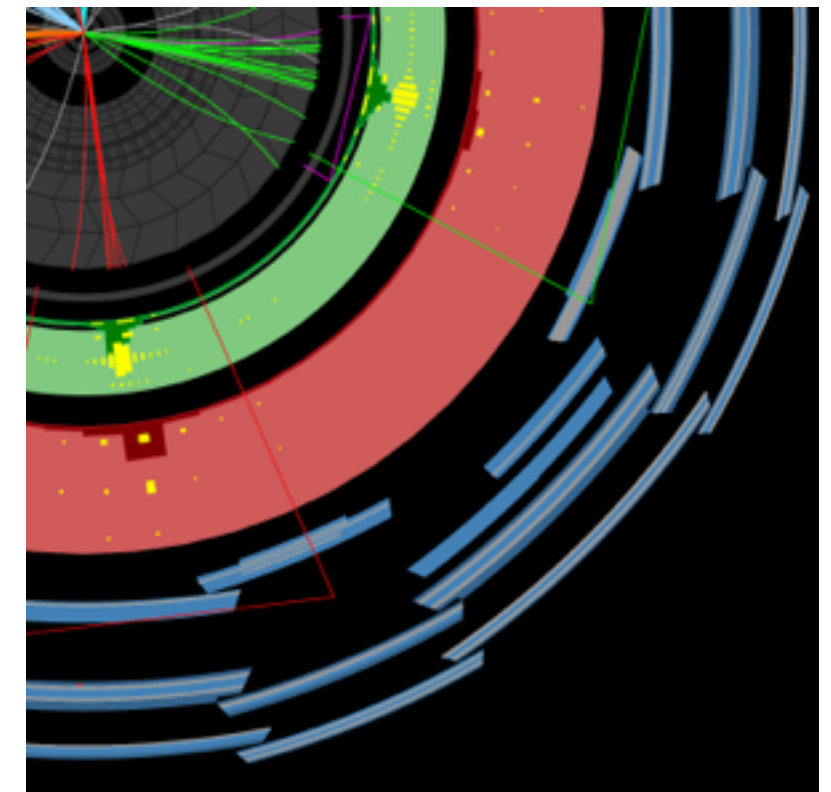
- Hadronic jets have more activity (from the parton showering and hadronization)
- Converted photon will have a displaced vertex from interaction with material
- b-jets have displaced vertex and local activity



4 electron candidates



converted photon



two jets

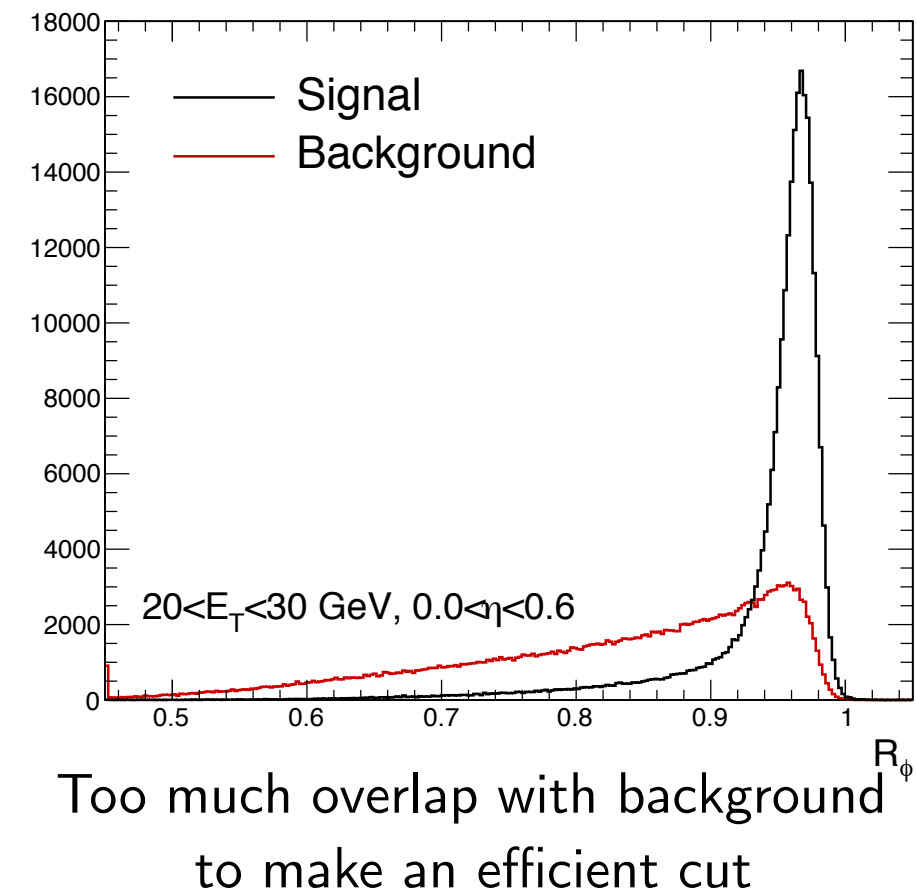
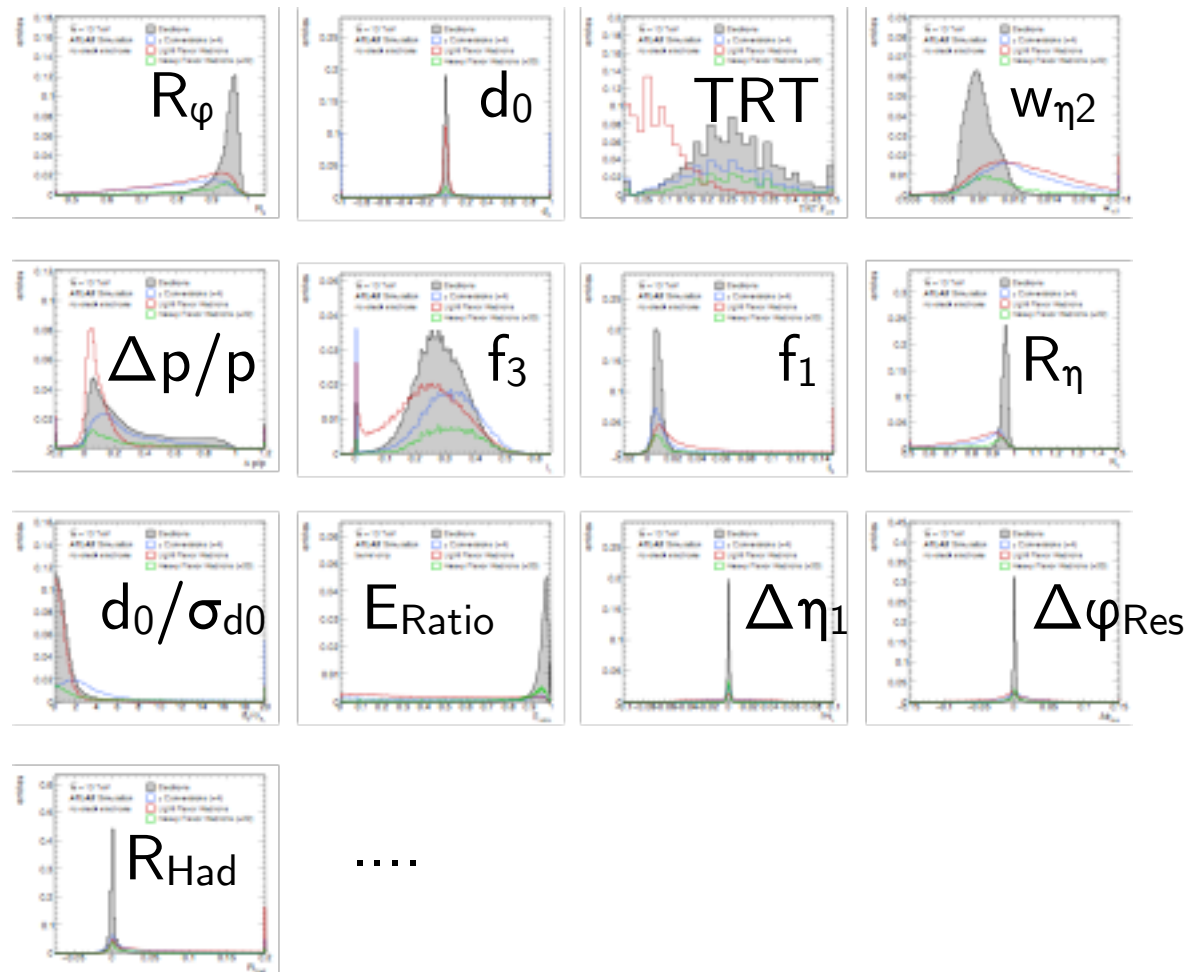
$$R_\varphi = \frac{E(\text{grid})}{E(\text{grid})}$$

$$R_\eta$$

At our disposal:

- Energy ratios and widths of the calorimeter deposit
- Distances from track to primary vertex
- TRT High Threshold Hits
- Variables to describe how isolated electron candidates are from other tracks / calorimeter activity

Variables at our disposal



- 2011-2012: ATLAS used sets of simple cut requirements, called “cut-based menus”
 - Main drawback: inefficiencies due to losses in tails of distributions
 - Some powerful cuts cannot be used because they overlap with background too much
- 2012: Developed a multivariate technique for electron identification, to improve on cut-based ID - The Likelihood Method

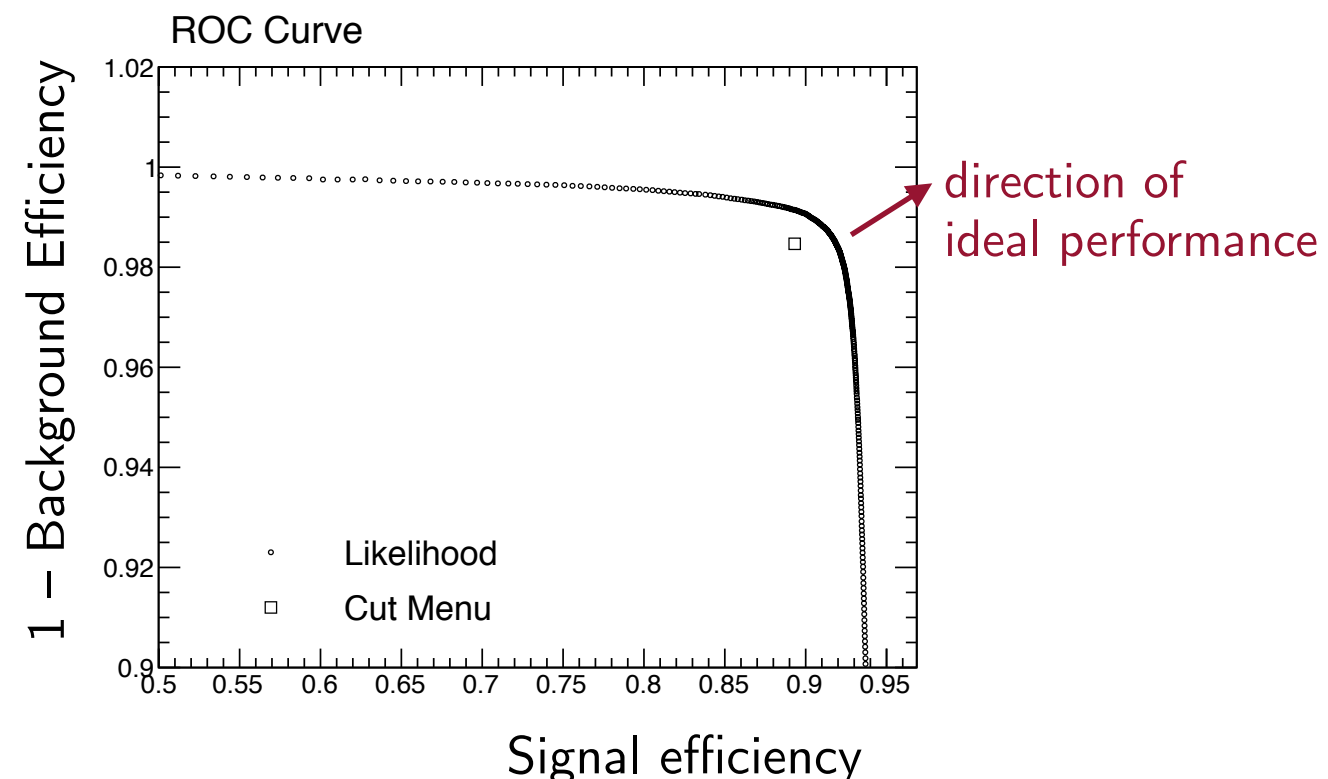
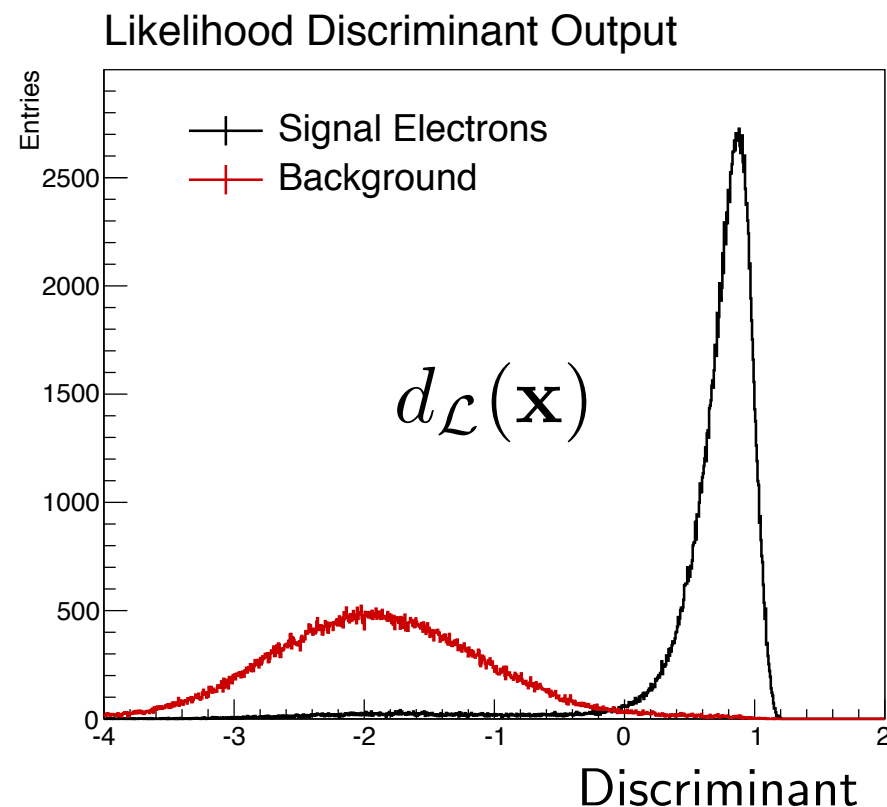
- Given a collection of variables \mathbf{x} describing electrons, construct a discriminating test

$$d_{\mathcal{L}}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{p(H_s|\mathbf{x})}{p(H_s|\mathbf{x}) + p(H_b|\mathbf{x})}$$

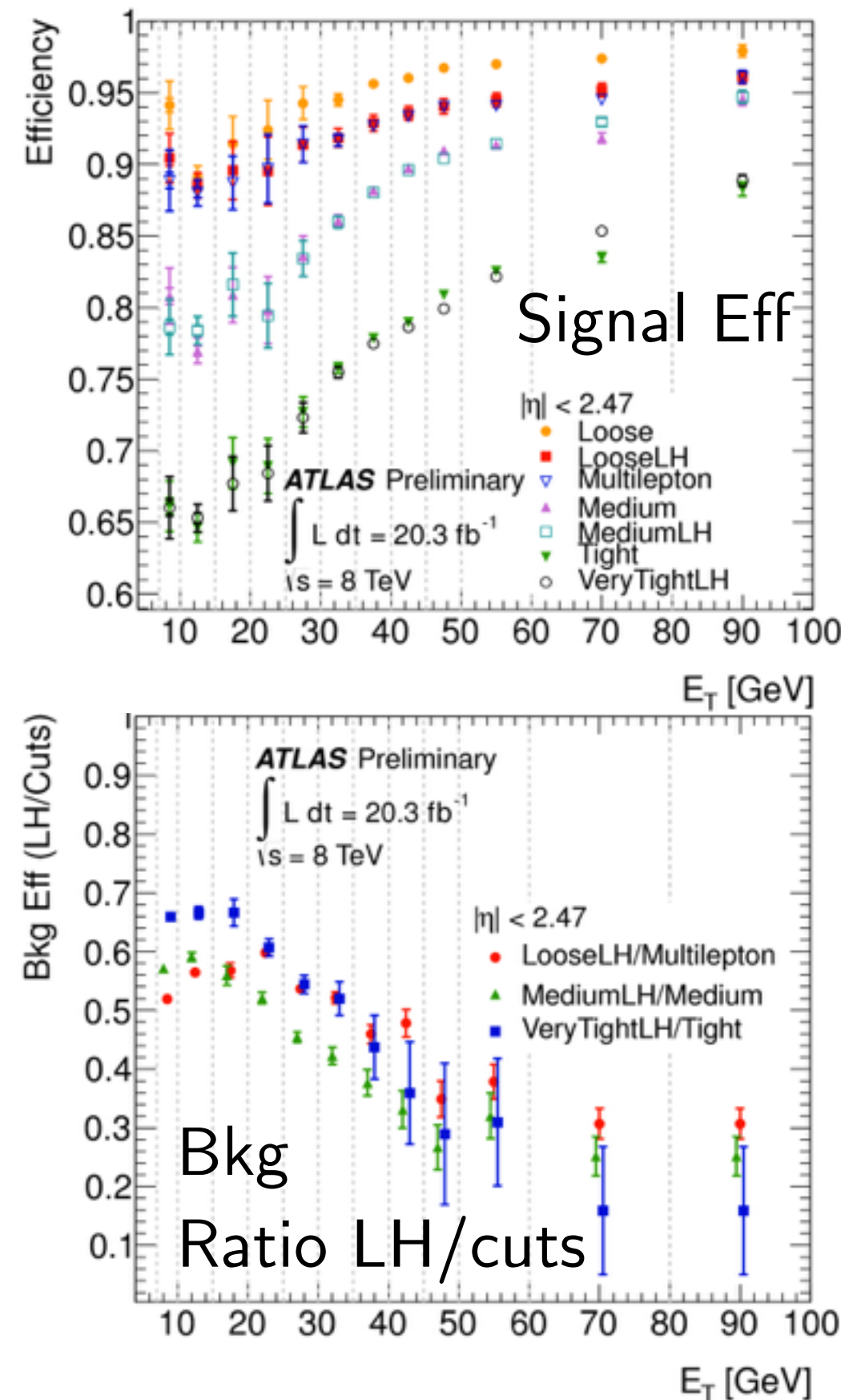
- where p is exact probability density function (PDF) in the space of variables \mathbf{x} of a an electron
- Neyman-Pearson Lemma guarantees that this is the best discriminating test
- We make the assumption that all variables are uncorrelated, so the PDF is the product of n one-dimensional variable PDFs (histograms):

$$p(H|\mathbf{x}) = \prod_{i=1}^n p(H|x_i)$$

- Benefit over cut-based methods: “drawing circles instead of squares” in 11-dimensional variable space



- Our likelihood
 - Data-driven (don't rely on simulation)
 - Electrons describing PDFs collected from the $Z \rightarrow ee$ process
- Right: Performance of the Likelihood menus
- Bottom: better background rejection (about a factor of 2) for the same signal efficiency
- 2012 Electron likelihood customers:
 - $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4\ell$
 - $H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow \ell\nu\ell\nu$
 - ttH multilepton
- **With the hard work of Penn collaborators:**
 - Electron likelihood now used ATLAS-wide
 - Used in trigger to collect events in 2015 and 2016!
- R.R.M.G. Fletcher, J. Reichert, L. Flores



HIGGS BOSON

- Worked in the $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4\ell$ channel
- Helped improve the electron identification
- Worked on the differential cross section measurements

Discovery of the Higgs Boson

The New York Times

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4, 2012

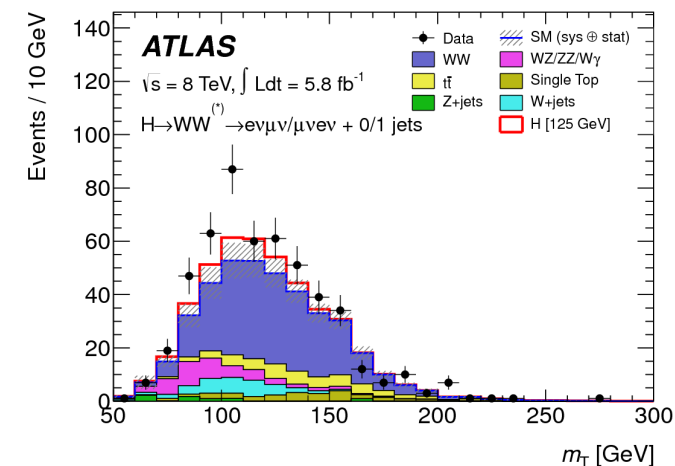
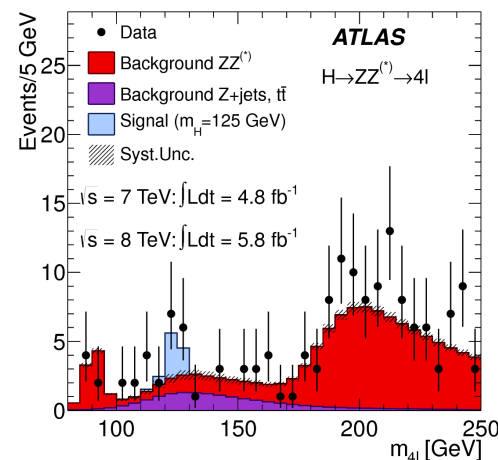
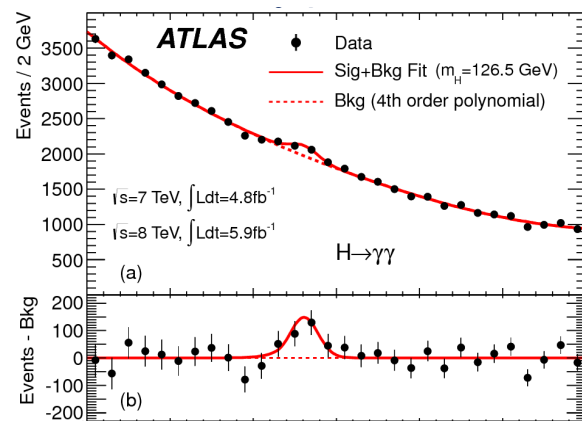
Physicists Find Elusive Particle Seen as Key to Universe

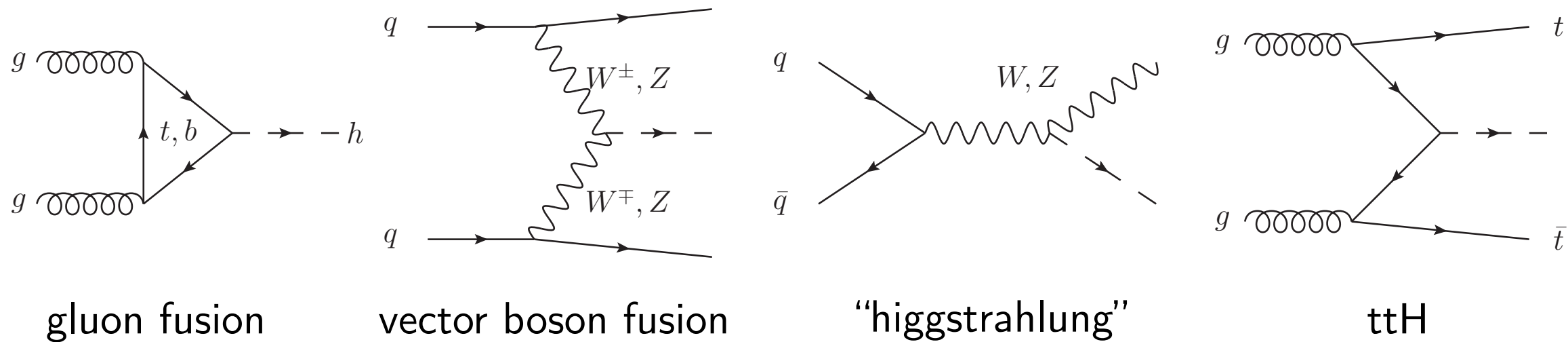


Scientists in Geneva on Wednesday applauded the discovery of a subatomic particle that looks like the Higgs boson.



- July 4, 2012





Higgs production modes

- After discovery, it is time to characterize the Higgs
- Search for deviations from SM predictions
- I worked on first **differential cross section measurements** in the $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4\ell$ decay channel

Decay Mode	Branching ratio (%)
$H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$	57.1
$H \rightarrow WW$	22.1
$H \rightarrow gg, cc, ss, tt$	11.4
$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$	6.25
$H \rightarrow ZZ$	2.74
$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	0.228
$H \rightarrow Z\gamma$	0.157
$H \rightarrow \mu\mu$	0.021

Higgs Decay Modes

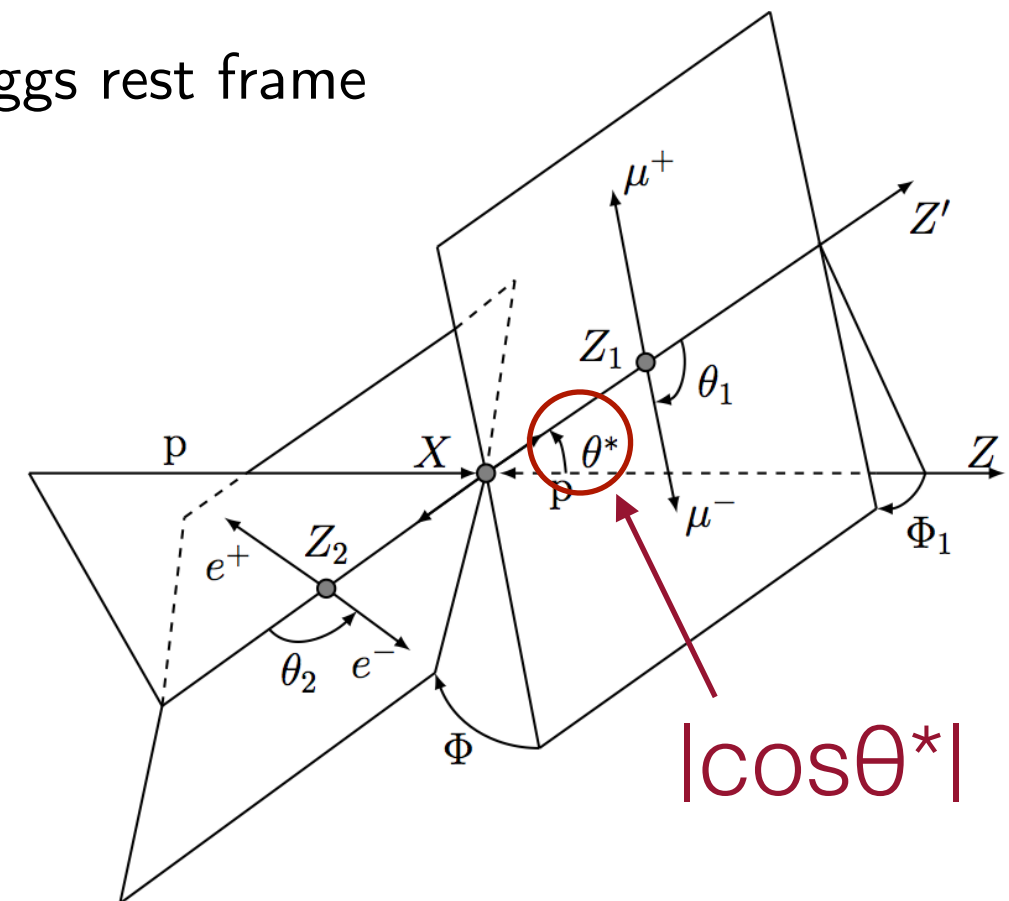
Cross section: probability of an interaction, e.g. $pp \rightarrow H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4\ell$

Fiducial cross section: probability of an interaction and subsequent decay in ~instrumented region

Differential fiducial cross section: fiducial cross section as a function of some kinematic variable

- Choose variables that are sensitive to interesting physics:

- p_T : sensitive to new physics; a well-studied distribution
- $|\cos\theta^*|$ - angle between beam axis and Z_1 decay in the Higgs rest frame
 - Sensitive to spin properties of the particle
- N_{jet} , $p_{T\text{jet1}}$ - jet variables sensitive to associated jet radiation, and production modes
- $|\mathbf{y}|$ - ability to distinguish parton distribution functions
- m_{34}

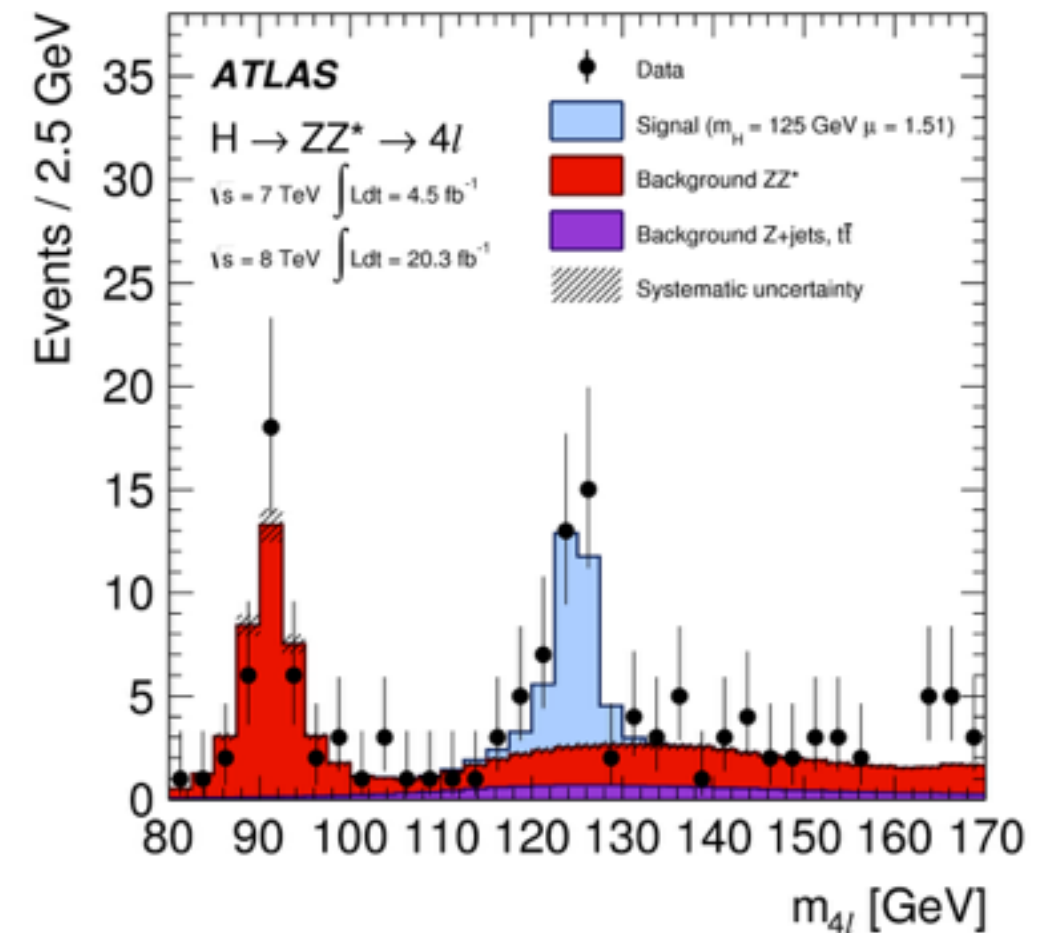
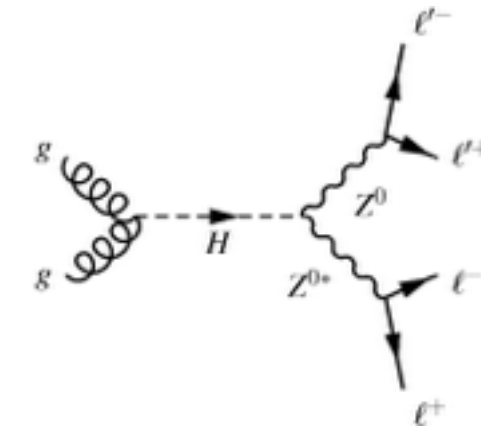


Brief Overview of Analysis

- One on-shell Z; one off-shell Z^*
- Four 4ℓ channels: 4μ , $2\mu 2e$, $2e 2\mu$, $4e$
- Two main backgrounds:
 - **Irreducible** from SM $Z^{(*)}Z^{(*)} \rightarrow 4\ell$, modeled using simulation
 - **Reducible** from Z+jets and $t\bar{t}$, modeled using data-driven methods
 - Improvement in electron identification (likelihood) reduces Z+jet background by \sim factor of 2

Event Selection:

Lepton selection	
Muons:	$p_T > 6 \text{ GeV}, \eta < 2.7$
Electrons:	$p_T > 7 \text{ GeV}, \eta < 2.47$
Lepton pairing	
Leading pair:	SFOS lepton pair with smallest $ m_Z - m_{\ell\ell} $
Subleading pair:	Remaining SFOS lepton pair with smallest $ m_Z - m_{\ell\ell} $
Event selection	
Lepton kinematics:	$p_T > 20, 15, 10 \text{ GeV}$
Mass requirements:	$50 < m_{12} < 106 \text{ GeV} \quad Z_1$
	$12 < m_{34} < 115 \text{ GeV} \quad Z_2$



- 4ℓ Mass window: 118-129 GeV for cross section measurements

Fiducial Cross Section Calculation

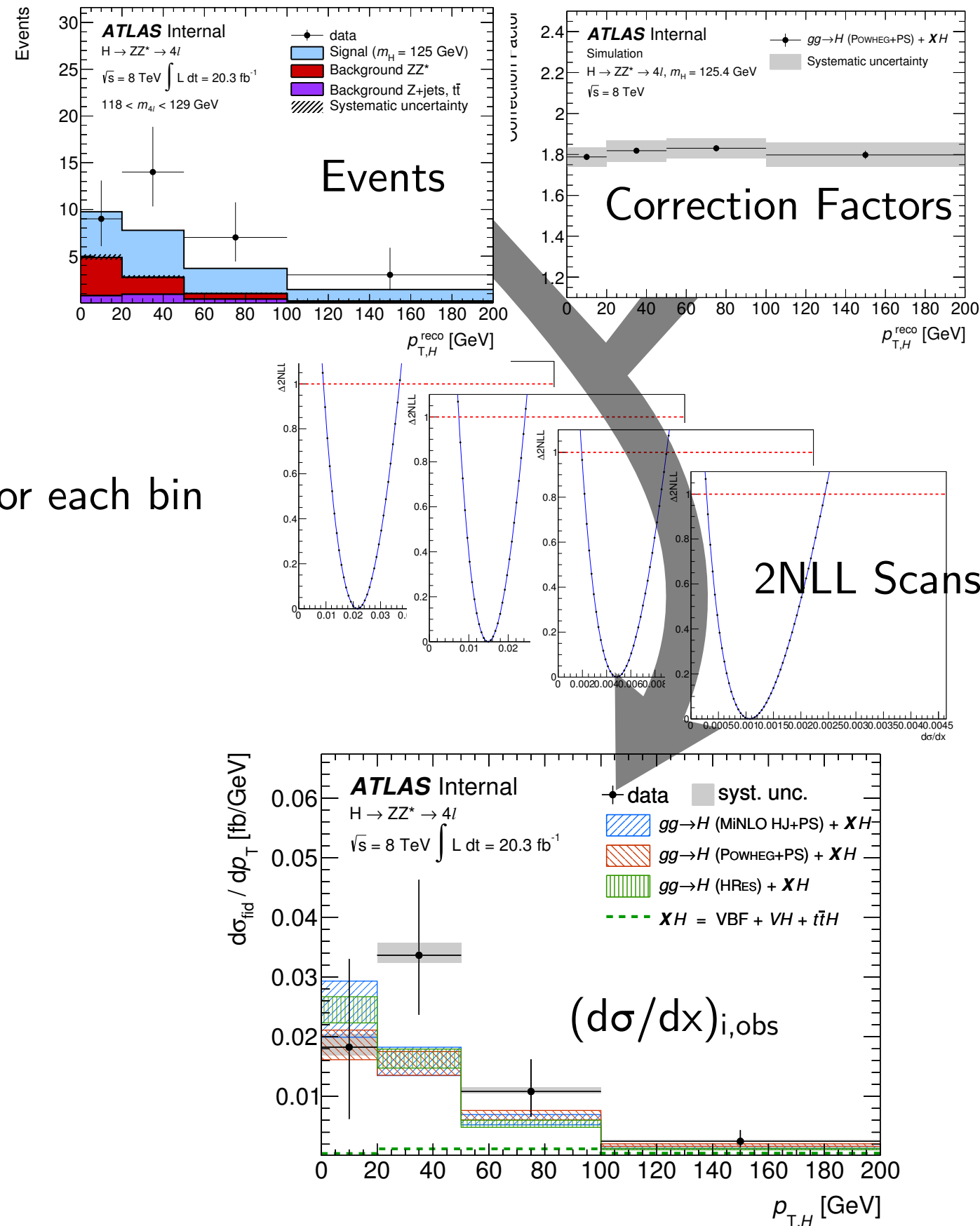
- Relate the number of events observed to the fiducial cross section using a correction factor in each bin:

$$C = \frac{N_{\text{reconstructed}}^{\text{MC}}}{N_{\text{true}}^{\text{MC}}}$$

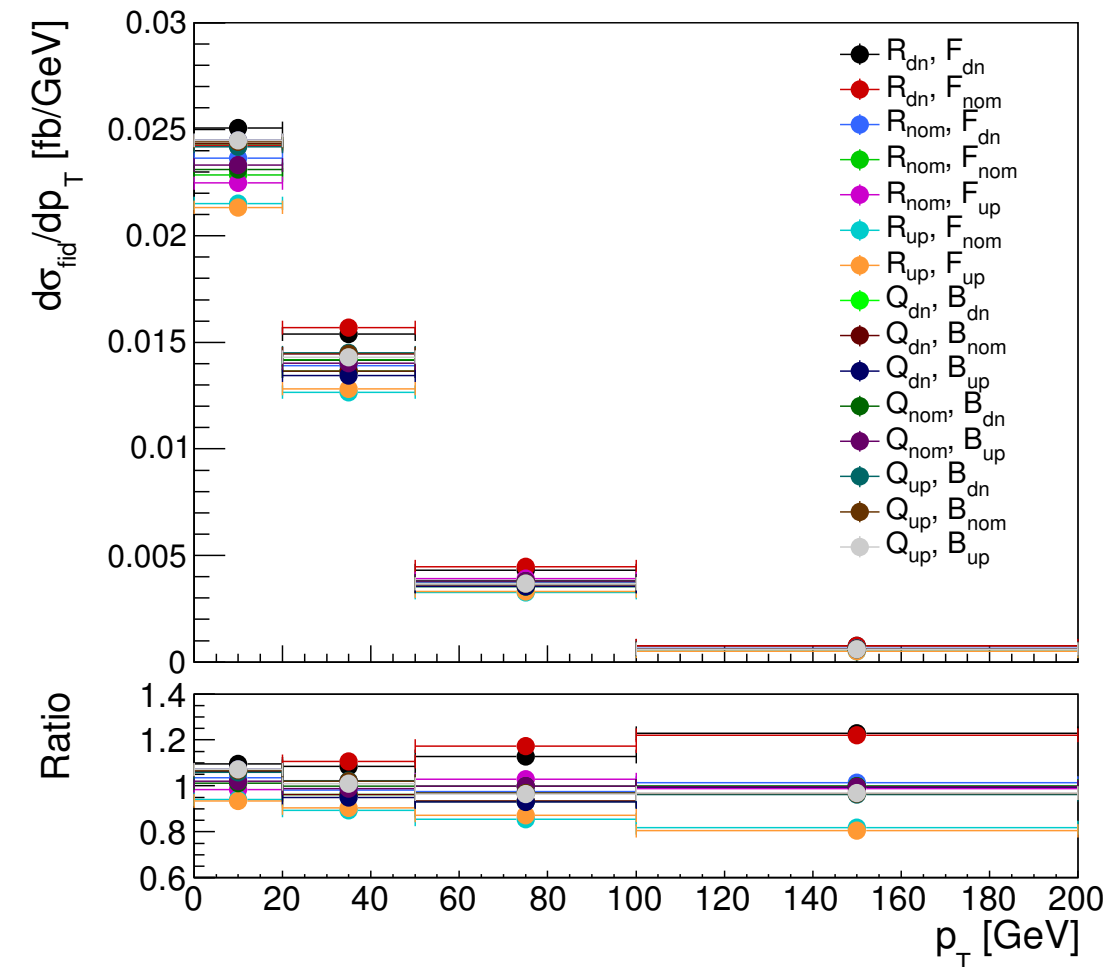
- Relate to fiducial cross section: For each bin

$$\sigma_{H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4\ell}^{\text{fid.}} = \frac{N_{\text{signal}}}{\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} \cdot C}$$

- Simultaneous signal extraction in all bins, by minimizing (-2x) a profile likelihood ratio
 - Allows correlation of systematics across differential bins

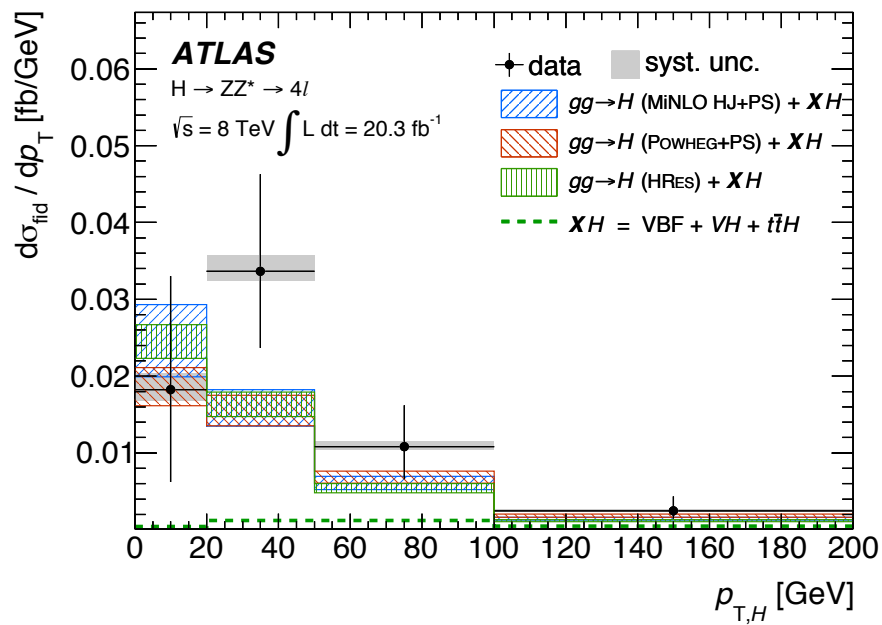


- Compare results to predictions from leading generators
 - **Powheg+Pythia** (NLO at QCD)
 - **HRes** (NNLO+NNLL - p_T distribution)
 - **Minlo H+1j** (Multi-scale improved NLO) - jet variable distributions
 - Sub-dominant contributions from ttH, VBF, and VH taken from Powheg generator
 - Predictions are normalized to the most precise cross section prediction \rightarrow **shape comparison**
- Lots of work in theory community to understand distributions
- Theory uncertainties dominated by ggF production mode (scale)
- I ran predictions, and evaluated:
 - PDF uncertainties
 - Scale uncertainties

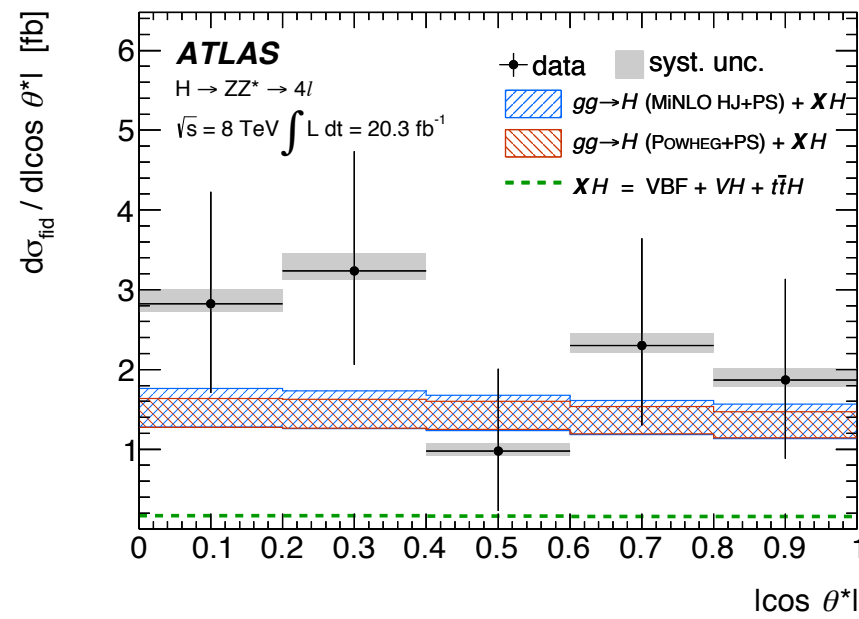


Scale variations for HRes 2.2 prediction of p_T

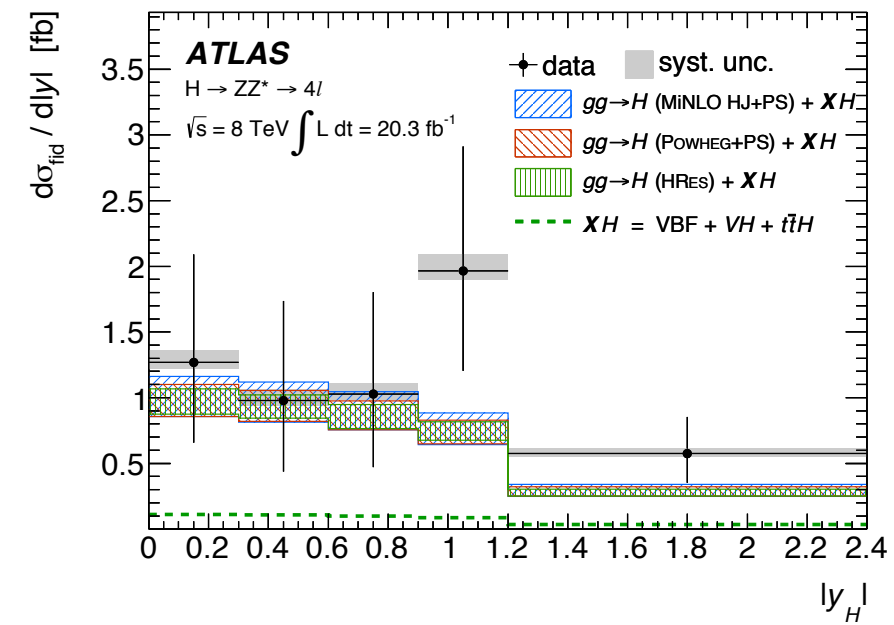
Differential Cross Section Results



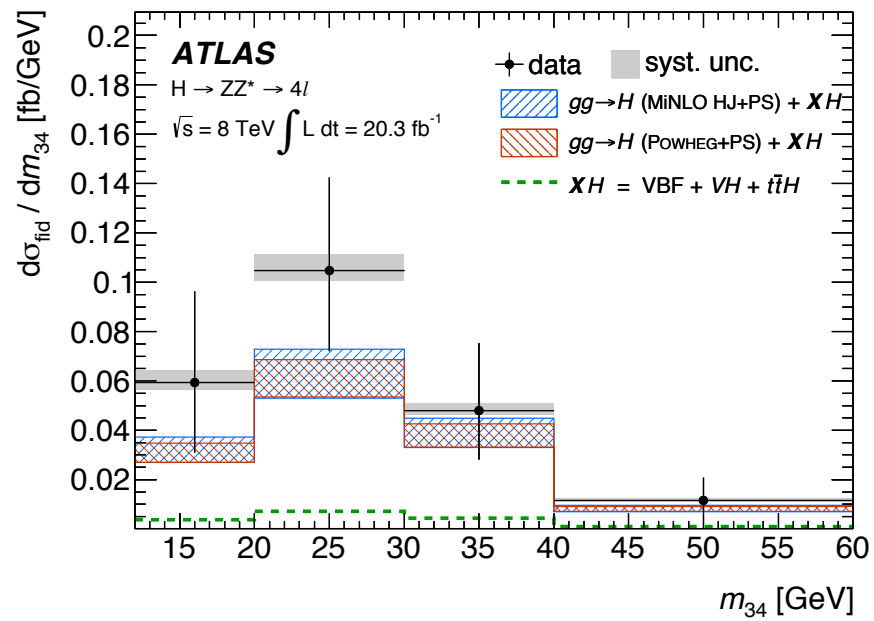
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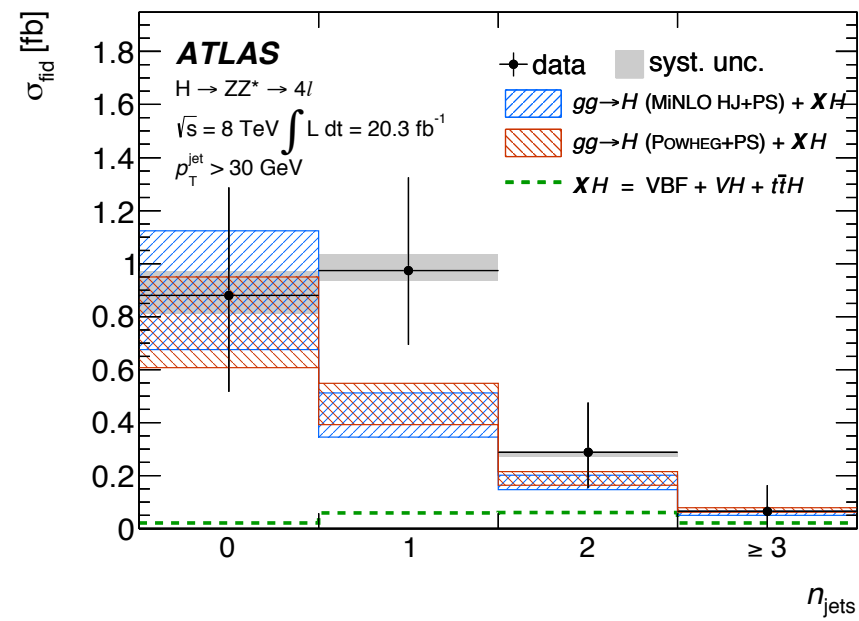
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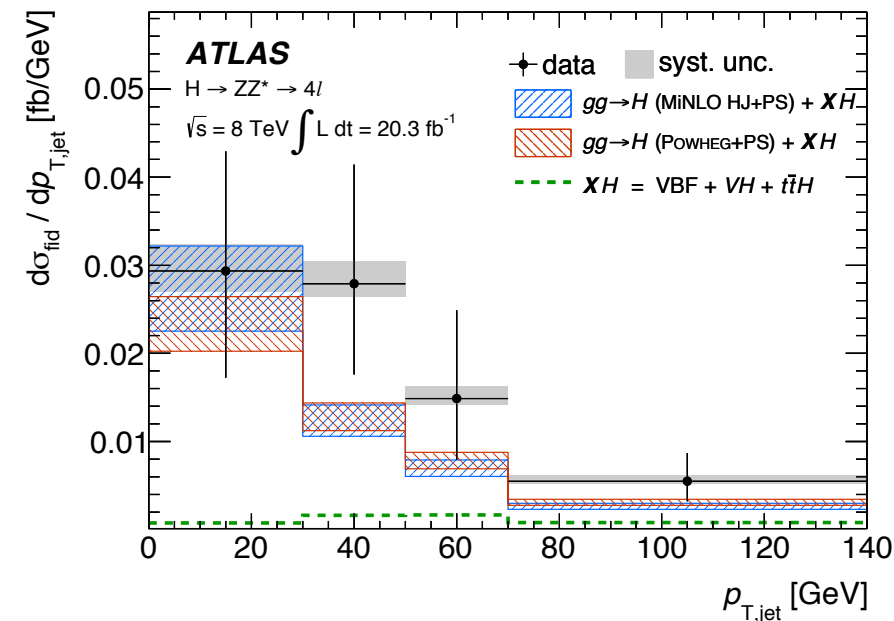
$|y|$



m_{34}



N_{jet}



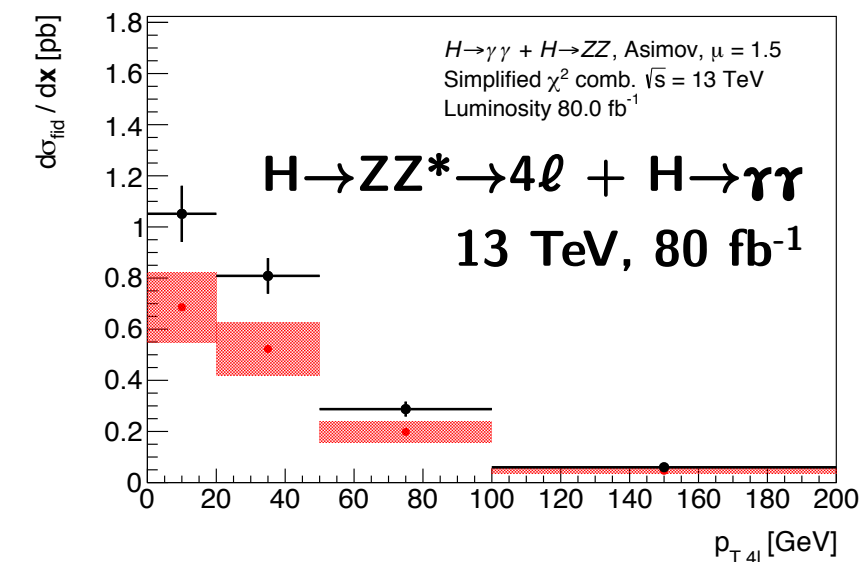
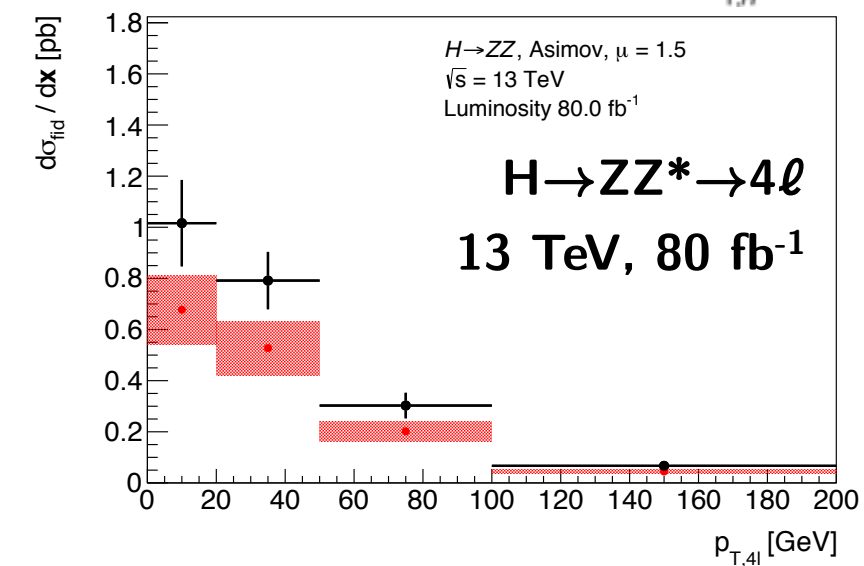
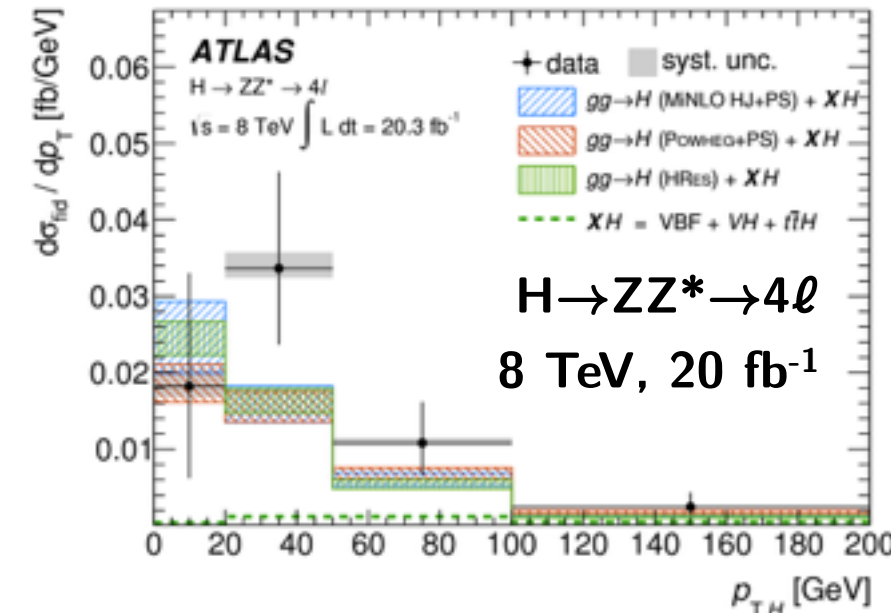
$p_{T,\text{jet}1}$

Conclusions and Prospects

Variable	p -values		
	POWHEG	MINLO	HRES2
$p_{T,H}$	0.30	0.23	0.16
$ y_H $	0.37	0.45	0.36
m_{34}	0.48	0.60	-
$ \cos \theta^* $	0.35	0.45	-
n_{jets}	0.37	0.28	-
$p_{T,\text{jet}}$	0.33	0.26	-

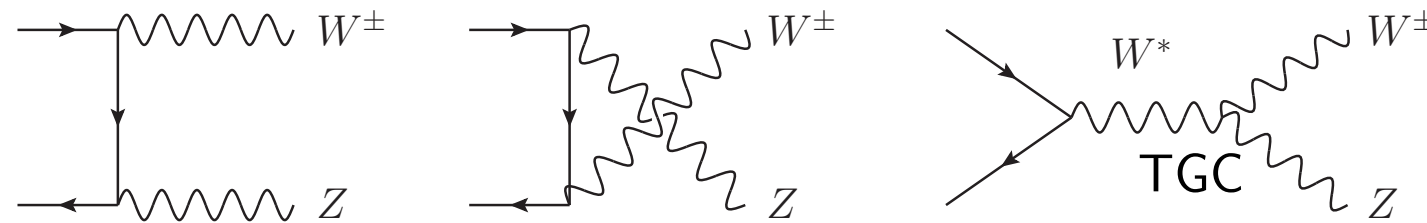
χ^2 Compatibility with SM prediction

- Performed a χ^2 compatibility test with leading generators, normalized to NNLO cross section
- Consistent with the predictions - large statistical uncertainties
- Studied prospects for Run II data taken at 13 TeV
 - $\sim 10\%$ statistical errors with 80 fb^{-1} .

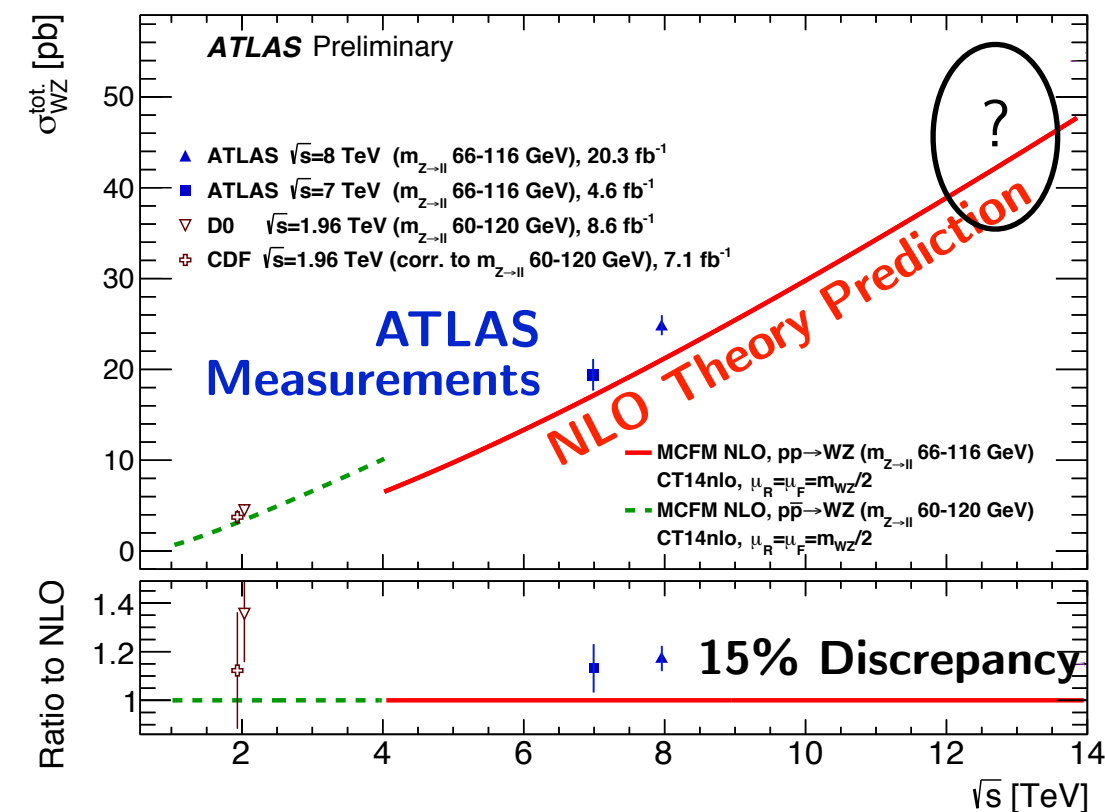


- After Higgs Boson discovery, many outstanding questions, including why the Higgs mass is 125 GeV
 - Loop corrections to the Higgs mass should increase its value to the Planck scale
- Hoped to search for the answer in supersymmetry, which predicts a new symmetry protecting the Higgs mass from these large loop corrections
- Aimed to search for SUSY particles decaying via intermediate **W and Z bosons** to three leptons
 - Use expertise in lepton identification to access areas of phase space not well studied
- However, a search using 3.2 fb^{-1} of data collected in 2015 would not surpass our Run I sensitivity
- Focus on the largest background, Standard Model WZ production

WZ Cross Section at 13 TeV

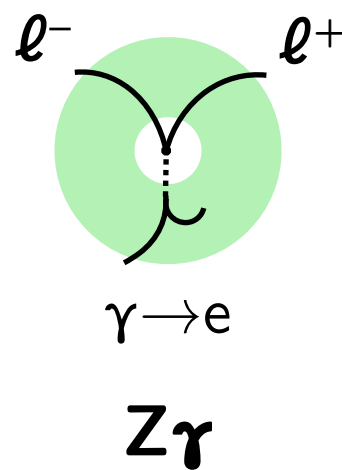
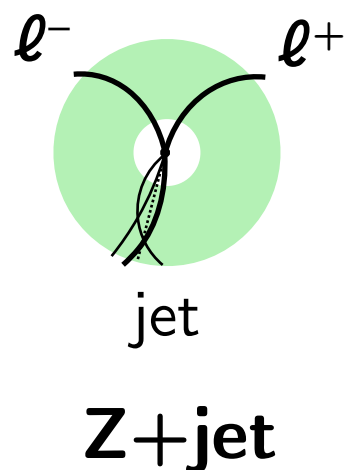
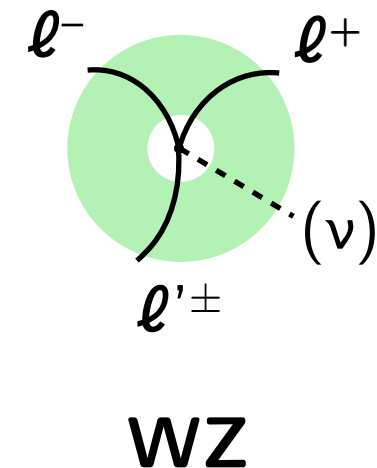


- Test of the gauge boson self-interaction terms of the SM Lagrangian
 - Production includes a **Triple Gauge coupling vertex**
 - Deviations between theoretical predictions and experimental results could indicate new physics
- Tension between ATLAS measurements and NLO theoretical predictions
- We measure the fiducial cross section of WZ decaying to 3 leptons



- **Measure the WZ process in the 3ℓ channel**

- $Z \rightarrow ee$ or $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$
- $W \rightarrow e\nu$ or $W \rightarrow \mu\nu$
- 4 channels: $\mu\mu\mu$, $e\mu\mu$, μee , eee (in order of decreasing S/B)

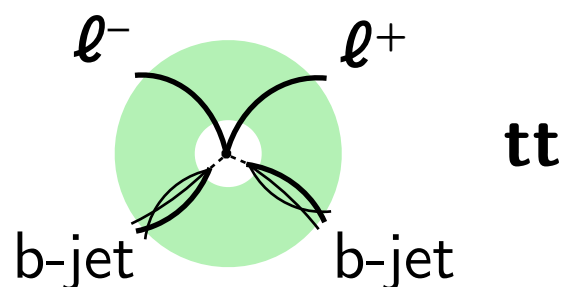


Main Background Processes:

- **Reducible: Z+Jet / Zγ**

- 2 real same-flavor, opposite sign leptons, consistent with Z boson
- jet or converted (ISR) photon fakes a lepton; non-prompt lepton inside a jet

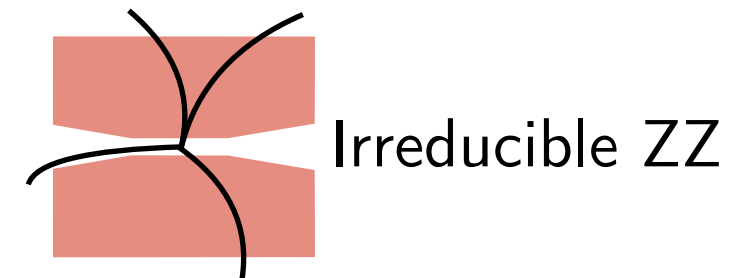
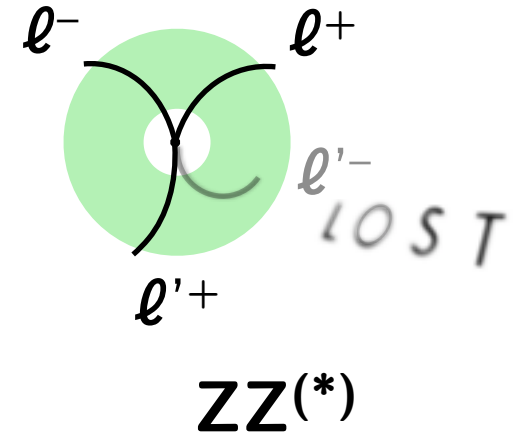
- **Reducible: $t\bar{t}$**



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Main Background Processes (cont'd):

- **$ZZ \rightarrow 4\ell$**
 - **Irreducible:** one lepton falls outside detector/kinematic acceptance (low- p_T or high- $|\eta|$)
 - **Reducible:** 4 leptons inside acceptance but one fails reconstruction/ID
- **Irreducible: rare processes ($t\bar{t}v$, tZ , VVV)**



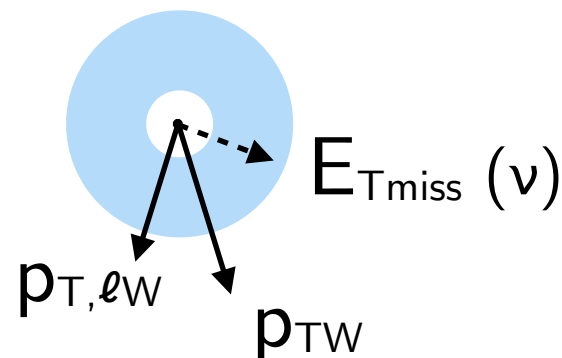
Strategy

- **Reducible backgrounds:**
 - Measure $t\bar{t}$ in a control region
 - Use Fake Factor Method for $Z+\text{Jet}/Z\gamma$
- **Irreducible backgrounds and ZZ :**
 - Use Monte Carlo simulation, with theoretical uncertainties

Event Selection

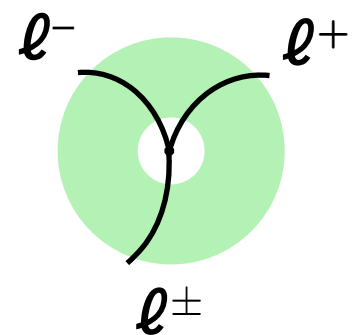
Designed to reduce...

- Veto events with four loosely identified “loose” leptons \gg
- Require exactly 3 leptons
- Require 2 same-flavor, opposite sign leptons consistent with a Z boson (within 10 GeV of Z boson mass, 90 GeV) $t\bar{t}$
- Require $m_{TW} > 30$ GeV (transverse mass of other lepton and the missing transverse momentum) $Z+\text{jet}/Z\tau/\gamma\gamma$
- Tight identification requirements on the non-Z lepton $Z+\text{jet}/Z\tau$

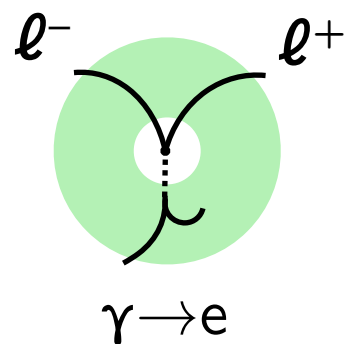


What happens at particle level (“truth”)

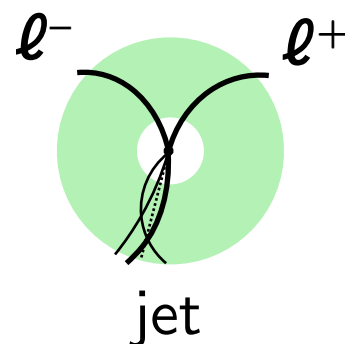
What we see
at Reconstruction



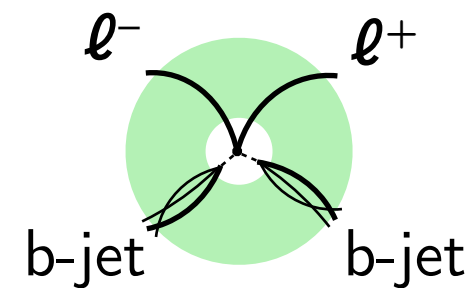
WZ



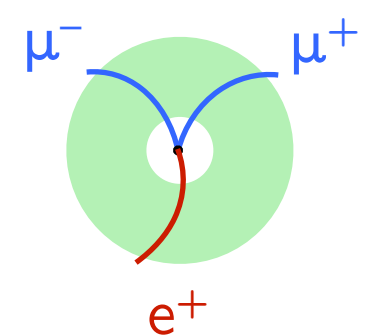
Z γ



Z+jet

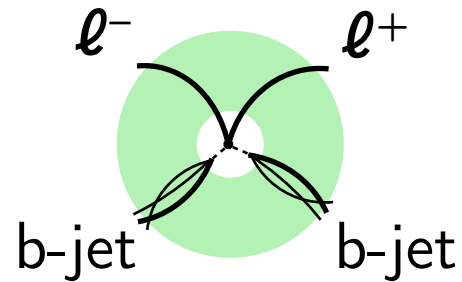


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- When we select signal leptons, we cannot tell whether a lepton is real or fake (🕵️)
- The rates at which γ , jet and b-jet fake a lepton are different, and sometimes not modeled well by our simulation
- *Seek to characterize reducible backgrounds using data-driven methods*

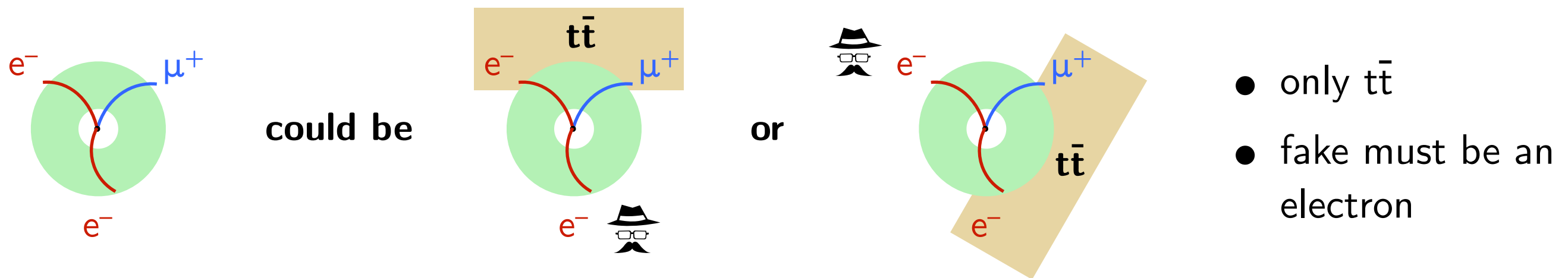
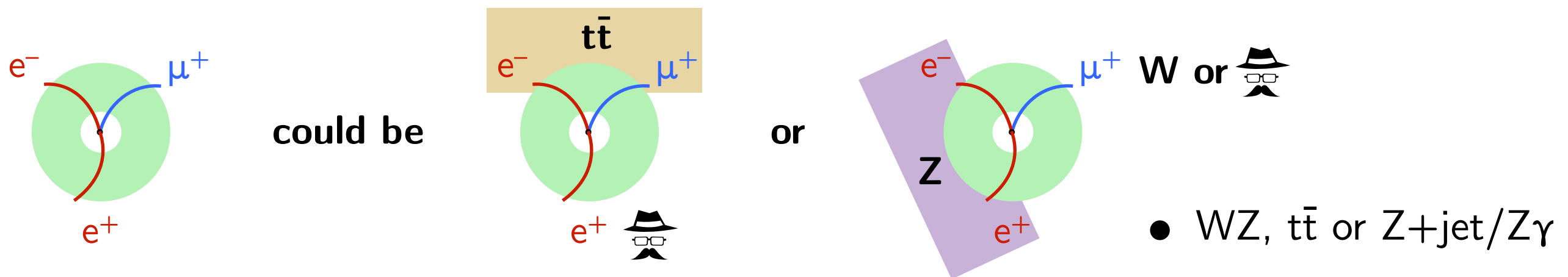


- **Use a dedicated control region**
 - Exploit specific combinations of lepton flavor and charge

- *Note: We actually estimate “top-like” backgrounds (backgrounds with a same signature as above):
 - $t\bar{t}$, Wt , $WW+\text{jet}$

Disentangling $t\bar{t}$ from $Z+\text{jet}/Z\gamma$

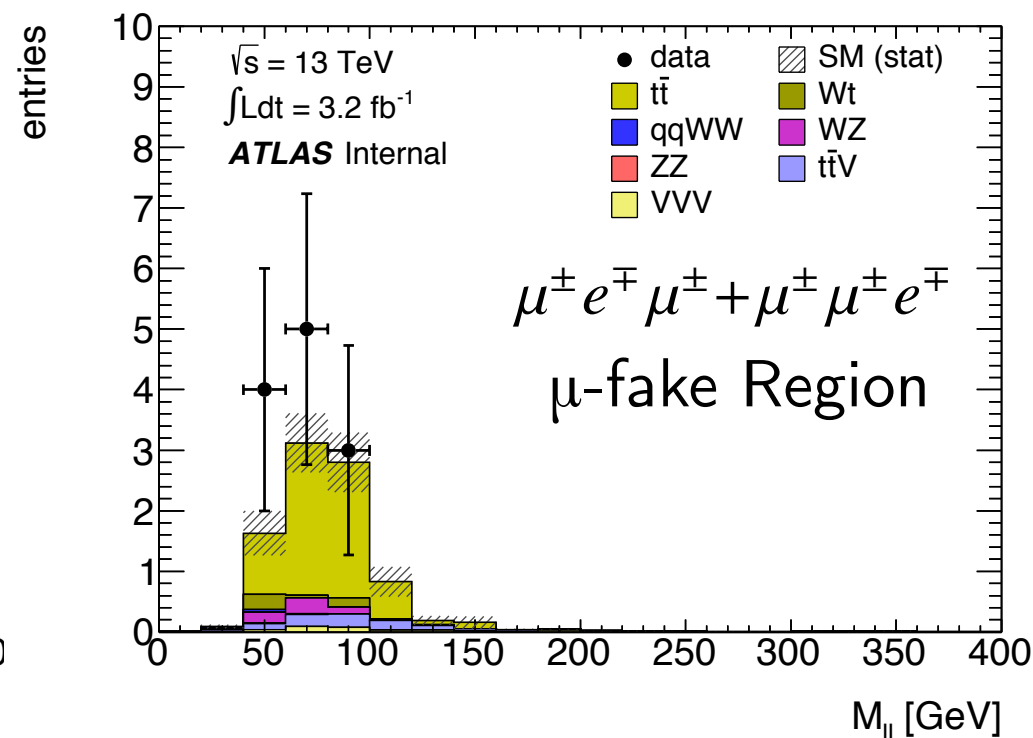
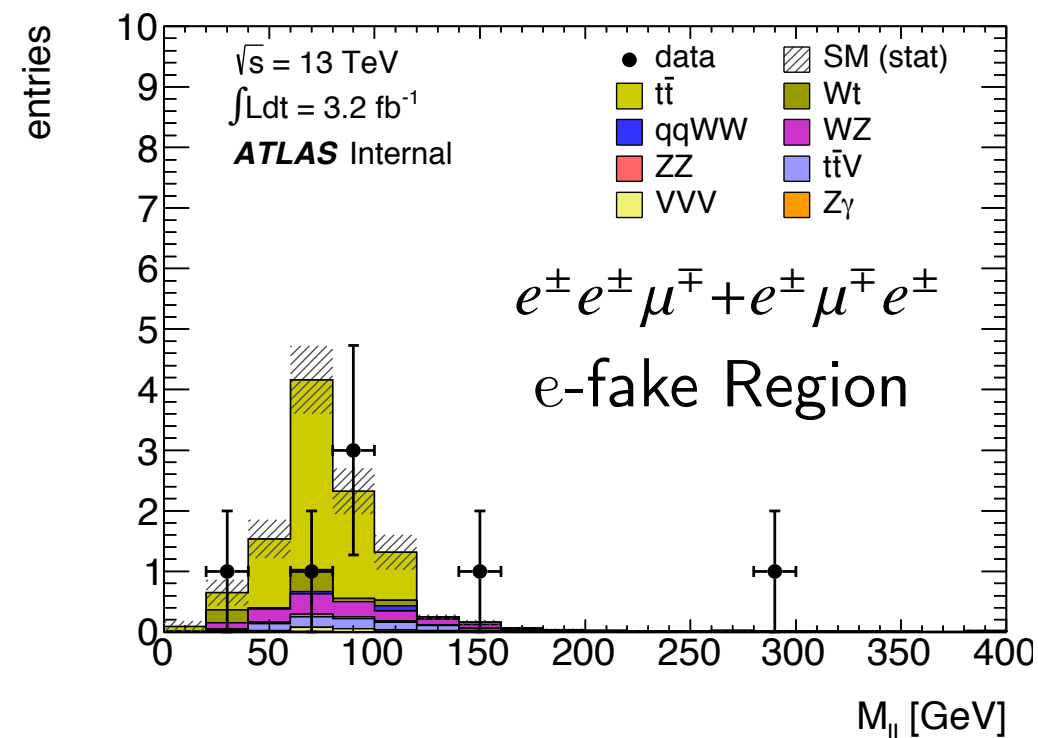
- $t\bar{t}$ has an **opposite-charge pair of real leptons**
- $Z+\text{fake}$ has an **opposite-charge, same-flavor pair of real leptons**
- WZ has an **opposite-charge, same-flavor pair of real leptons**



$e^-e^-\mu^+$ (and similar constructions) are purely $t\bar{t}$, and fix the fake lepton flavor

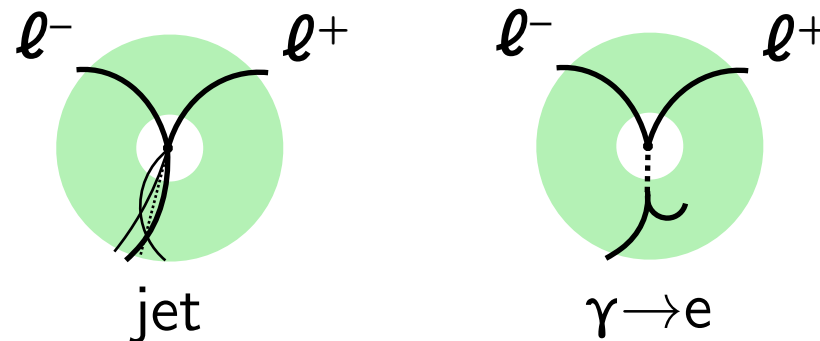
Make a list of the possible lepton flavor / charge combinations, identify $t\bar{t}$ -enriched combinations

	e^\pm	e^\mp	μ^\pm	μ^\mp
$e^\pm e^\mp$	SR	SR	SR	SR
$e^\pm \mu^\mp$	$t\bar{t}$ CR (e)	-	-	$t\bar{t}$ CR (μ)
$\mu^\pm e^\mp$	-	$t\bar{t}$ CR (e)	$t\bar{t}$ CR (μ)	-
$\mu^\pm \mu^\mp$	SR	SR	SR	SR



Measure $t\bar{t}$ in control regions above, with 3 signal leptons

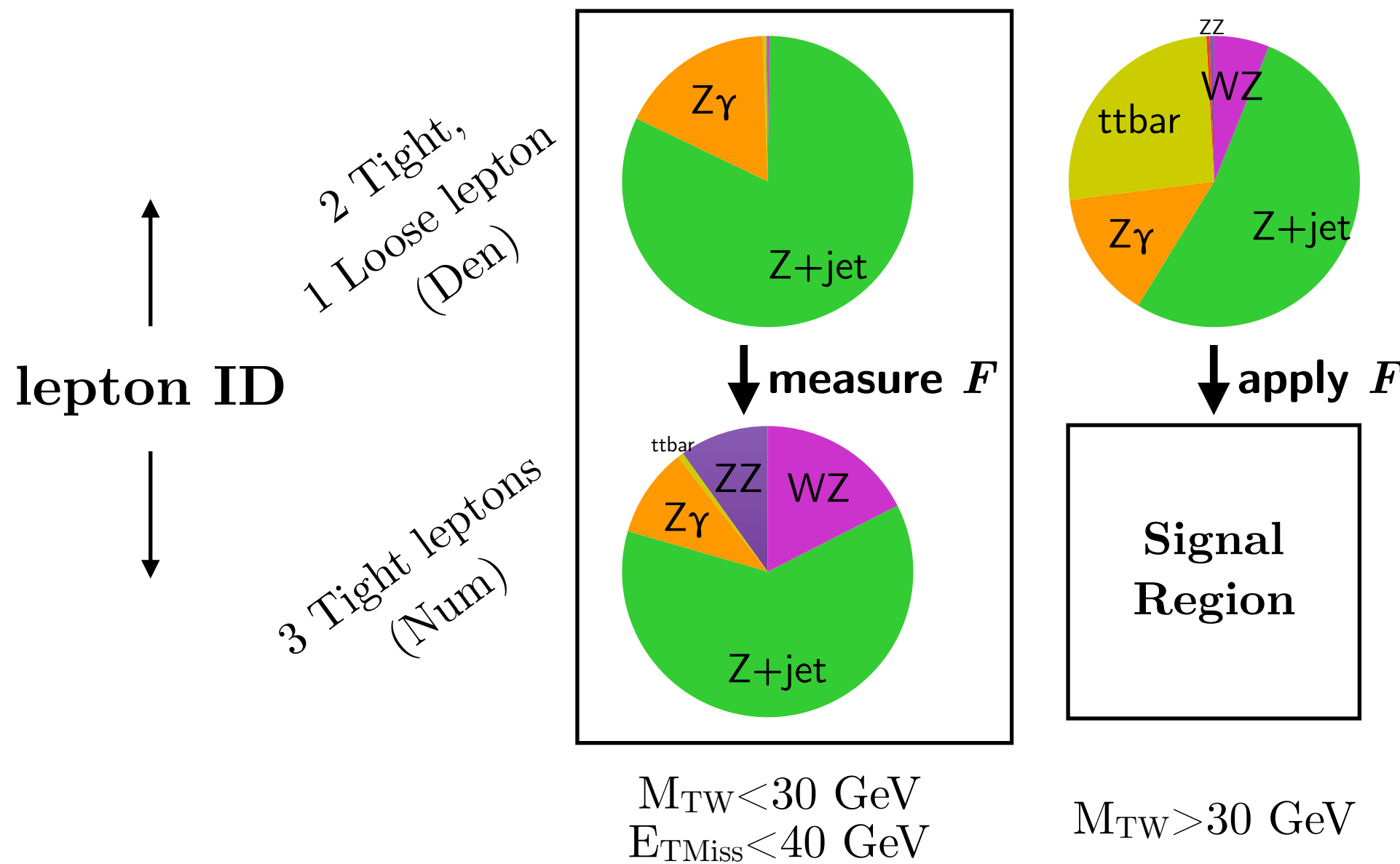
- 75% pure in $t\bar{t}$
- Use this region to derive a data/MC scale factor:
 - Separate scale factors for events with an electron fake and a muon fake
- Use the MC $t\bar{t}$ prediction in the signal region, multiplied by this scale factor



- Use the “Fake Factor Method”
 - Extrapolate from fake-enriched (Loose) region to signal region
 - Define a fake-enriched region by inverting lepton identification cuts
 - Define the region as having 2 signal (Tight) leptons, 1 Loose lepton
 - Extrapolate from [2 Tight, 1 Loose] Region to Signal Region (3 Tight)
 - Measure extrapolation factor $N_{\text{Tight}}/N_{\text{Loose}}$ (fake factor) in region enriched in Z+jet/Z γ
 - Same construction: Denominator is 2 Tight, 1 Loose and Numerator is 3 Tight
 - Fake factor is measured as a function of Loose lepton p_T

Estimating $Z+\text{jet} / Z\gamma$

- $Z+\text{jet}$ and $Z\gamma$ are sufficiently similar that we treat them simultaneously
- Fake factor is measured in a kinematic control region enriched in $Z+\text{jet}/Z\gamma$
- Applied in region identical to Signal Region, but with 1 Loose Lepton



$$F = \frac{N_{\text{Tight}}}{N_{\text{Loose}}}$$

kinematic regions

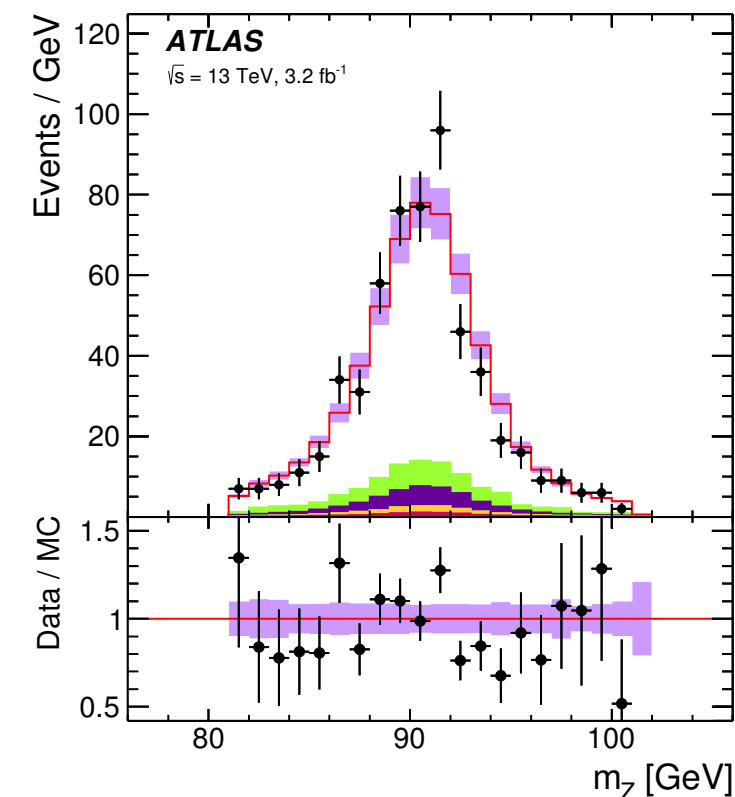
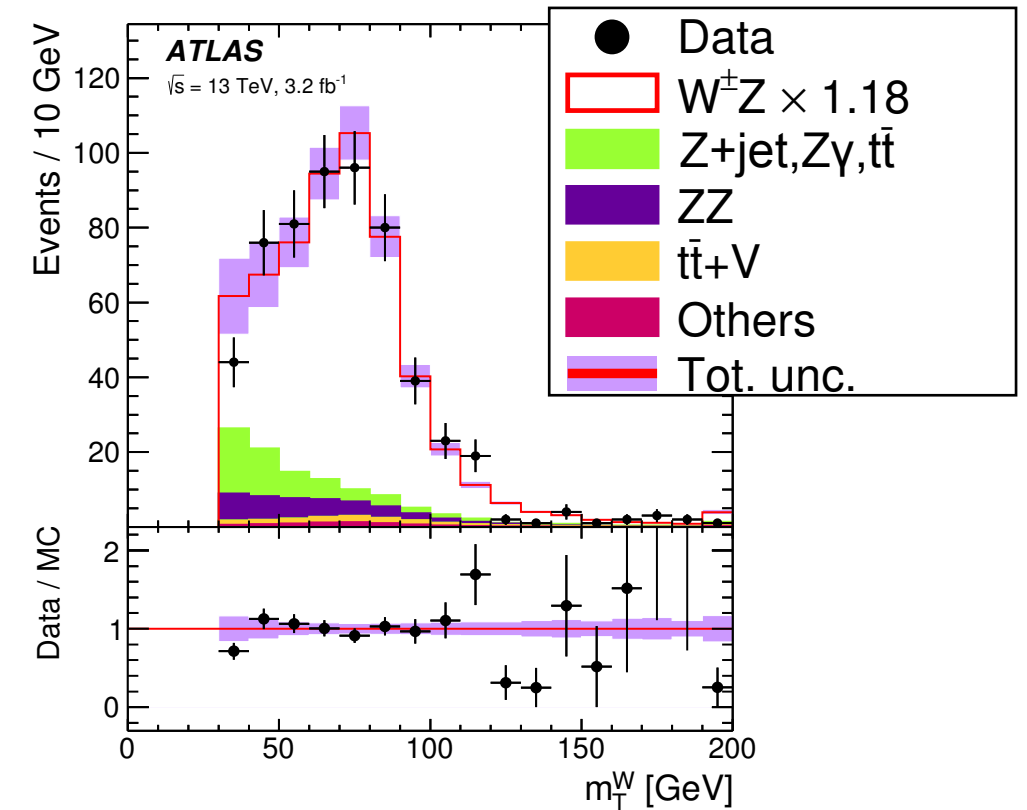
fake lepton
backgrounds

Channel	All	
Data	569	
Total Expected	510	± 40
WZ (Powheg+Pythia8)	403	± 32
$Z + j, Z\gamma$	45	± 17
ZZ	36	± 4
$t\bar{t} + V$	12.3	± 1.6
$t\bar{t}, Wt, WW + j$	9.2	± 3.1
tZ	6.8	± 1.1
VVV	1.16	± 0.18

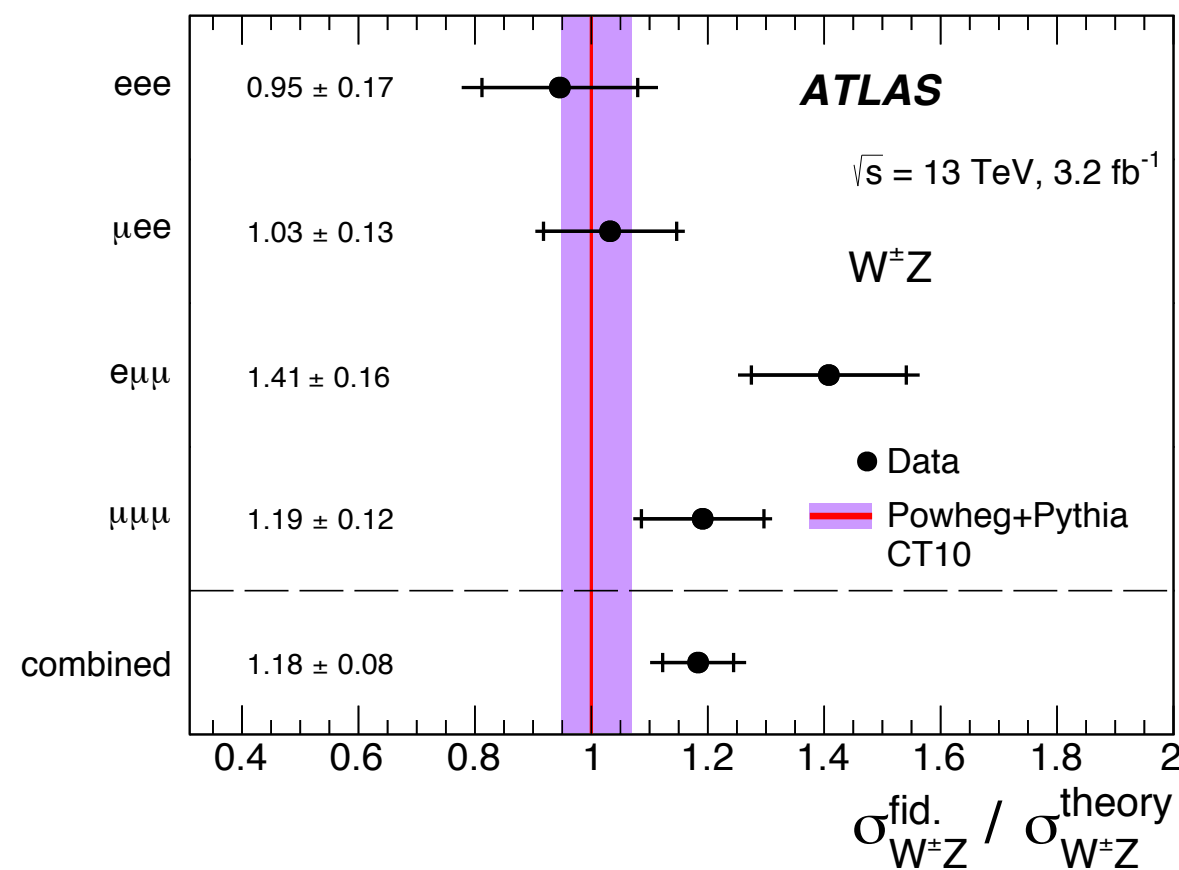
- Largest backgrounds:
 - Z+jet/ $Z\gamma$, ZZ, ttV
- Largest uncertainties:
 - Statistics, Fake Factor, Pile-up, ZZ background, e/μ efficiency

Total sys. uncertainty	4.1 %
Luminosity	2.4 %
Statistics	5.1 %
Total	7.0 %

Kinematic Distributions

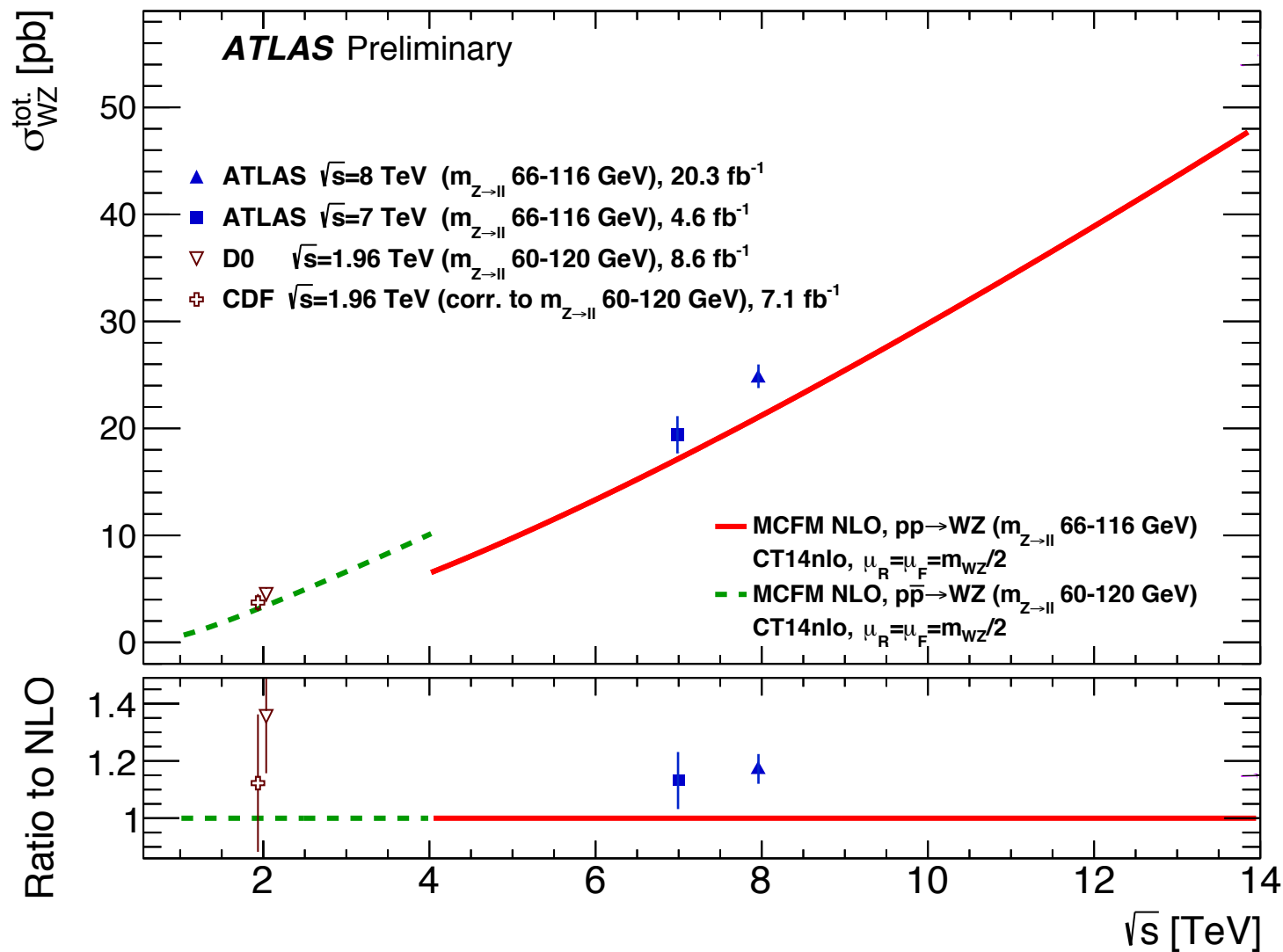


- Fiducial cross section is calculated: $\sigma_{W^\pm Z \rightarrow \ell' \nu \ell \ell}^{\text{fid.}} = \frac{N_{\text{data}} - N_{\text{bkg}}}{\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} \cdot C_{WZ}} \times \left(1 - \frac{N_\tau}{N_{\text{all}}}\right),$
- Four channels are statistically combined using a χ^2 minimization process (treating correlated systematic uncertainties as nuisance parameters)
- Fiducial cross sections in each channel:



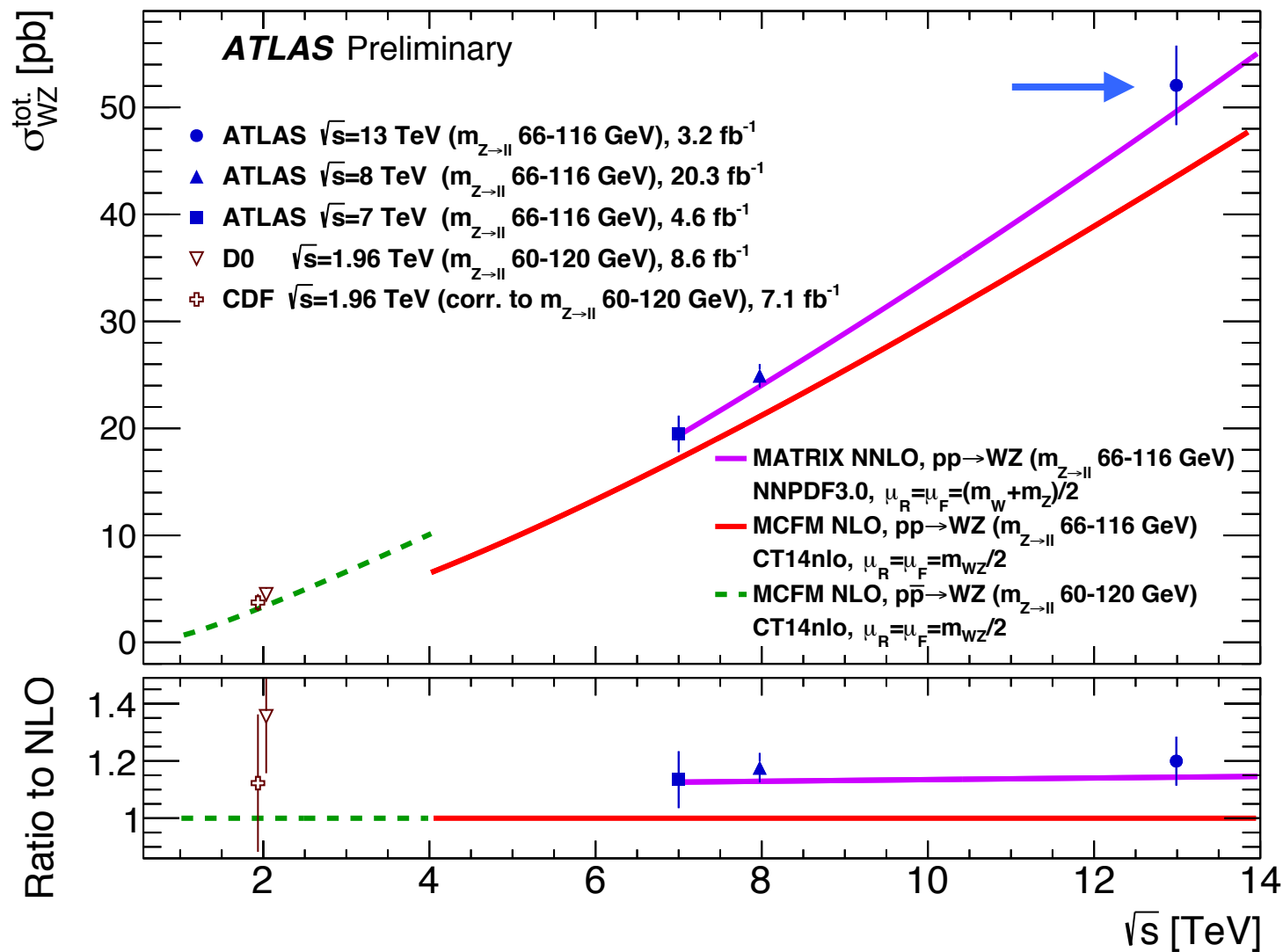
- Result of combination of fiducial cross sections:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sigma_{W^\pm Z \rightarrow \ell' \nu \ell \ell}^{\text{fid.}} &= 62.2 \pm 3.2 (\text{stat.}) \pm 2.5 (\text{sys.}) \pm 3.5 (\text{lumi.}) \text{ fb} \\
 &= 62.2 \pm 5.4 \text{ fb.}
 \end{aligned}$$



- Recall tensions between NLO theory prediction and ATLAS measurements
- 13 TeV Measurement is extrapolated to total cross section
- Extrapolate from fiducial cross section to total cross section using:

$$\sigma_{W^\pm Z}^{\text{tot.}} = \frac{\sigma_{W^\pm Z \rightarrow \ell' \nu \ell \ell}^{\text{fid.}}}{\mathcal{B}_W \mathcal{B}_Z A_{WZ}} \quad \text{with branching ratios } \mathcal{B}_W, \mathcal{B}_Z \text{ and acceptance factor } A_{WZ} = \frac{N_{\text{total}}^{\text{MC}}}{N_{\text{fiducial}}^{\text{MC}}}$$



- Total cross section:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sigma_{W^\pm Z}^{\text{tot.}} &= 49.8 \pm 2.6 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 2.0 \text{ (sys.)} \pm 0.9 \text{ (th.)} \pm 2.8 \text{ (lumi.) pb} \\
 &= 49.8 \pm 5.2 \text{ pb.}
 \end{aligned}$$

- NNLO theory prediction agrees with all three ATLAS measurements!

- Aligned the Transition Radiation Tracker straw elements
- Delivered high-quality electron identification methods to ATLAS Analyses
- Measurement of the Higgs differential fiducial cross sections in the $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4\ell$ decay channel at 8 TeV
- Measurement of the $WZ \rightarrow \ell' \nu \ell \ell$ fiducial and total cross section at 13 TeV



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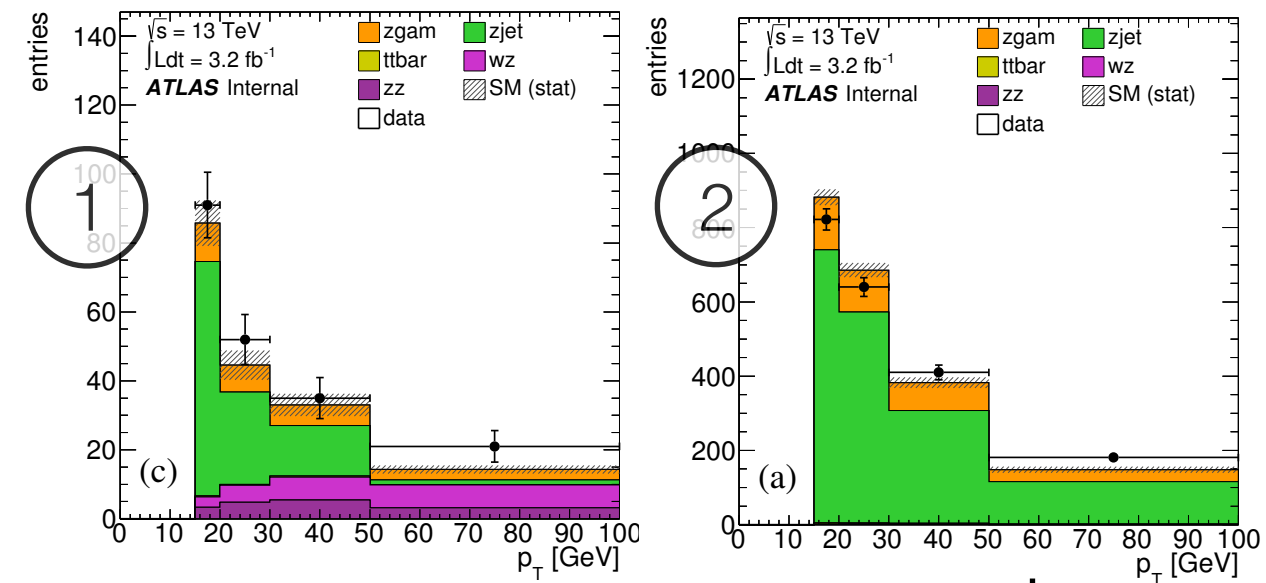
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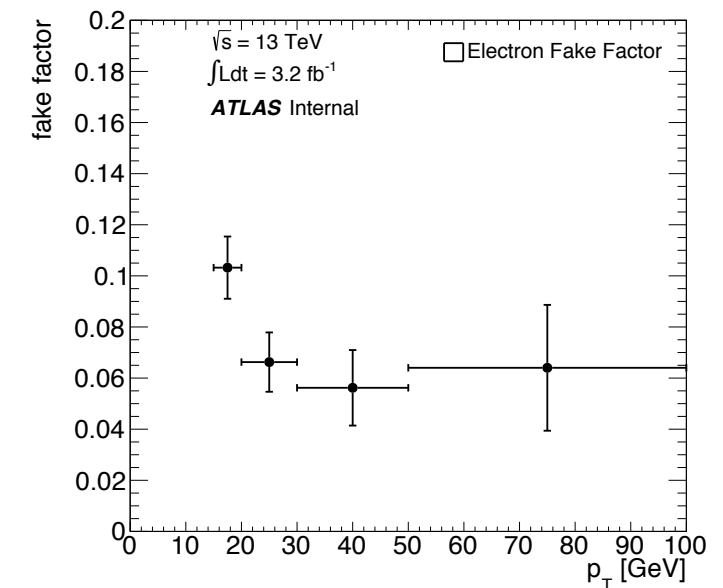
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BACKUP

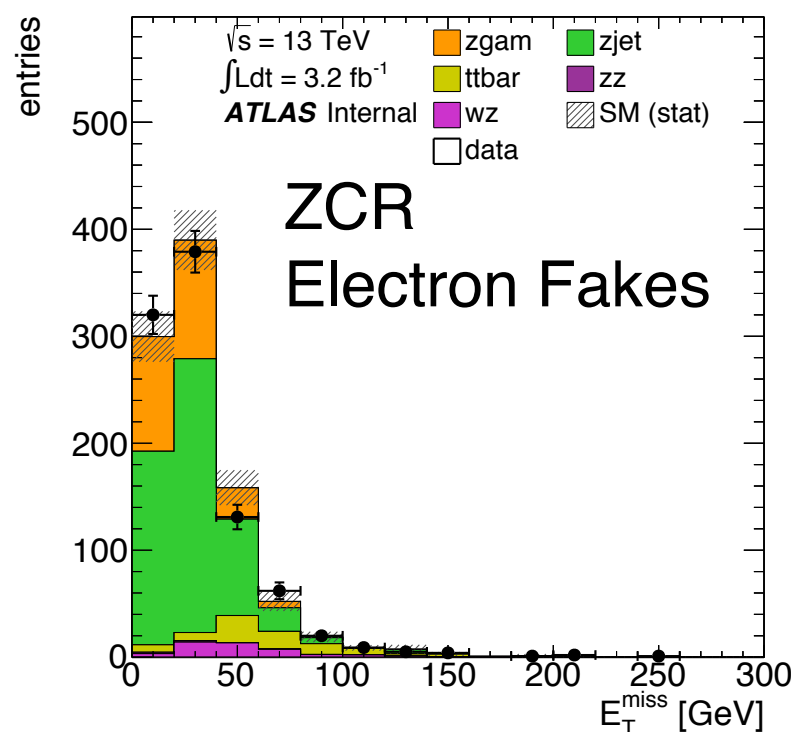
- Z+jet (3L) region:
($E_{T\text{Miss}} < 40 \text{ GeV}$, $M_{TW} < 30 \text{ GeV}$)
 - Assume that lepton assigned to the W is fake
 - Assume that Z+jet fakes in low-MET, low- M_T region are similar to Z+jet fakes in our SR ($M_T > 30 \text{ GeV}$)
- Define ID Numerator
 - analysis-level signal lepton ID
- Define “Anti-id” Denominator
 - Explicitly fail the numerator requirement
 - Very little signal contamination
 - Enhanced in the fake composition of interest
- Calculate FF: $N_{\text{ID}}/N_{\text{anti-id}}$ (in bins of p_T)



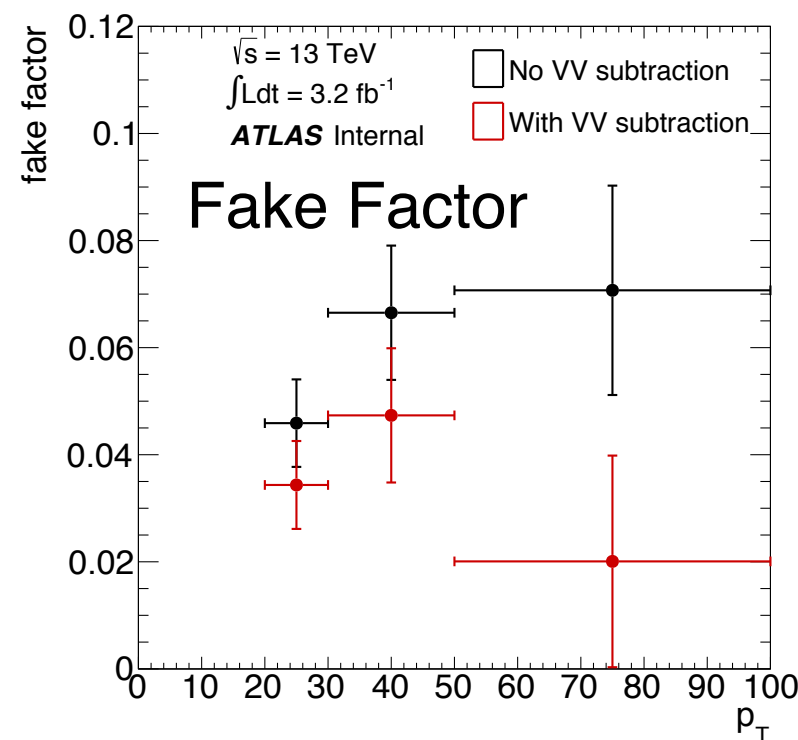
$$FF = \frac{N_{\text{ID}}}{N_{\text{anti-ID}}}$$



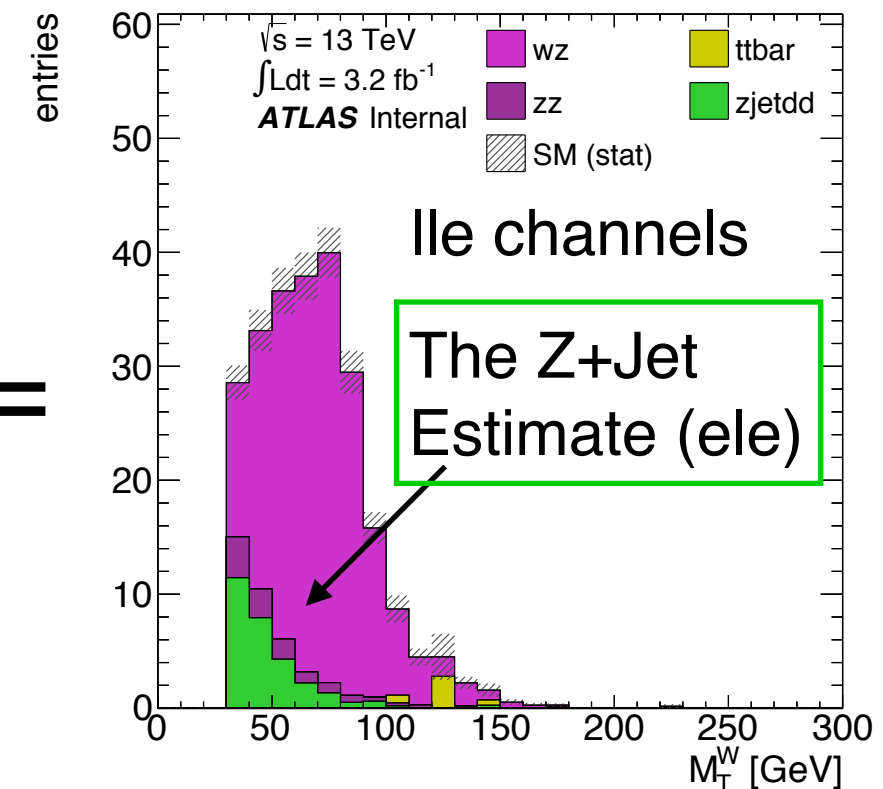
- Apply the fake factors to a CR with every SR cut applied, except one of the leptons is an “anti-ID”
- In fact there are 3 CRs where we apply the FF:
 - “LTT” ($L_W T_{Z1} T_{Z2}$) - typical Z+Jet Topology
 - “TLT” - mispaired Z+Jet
 - “TTL” - mispaired Z+Jet
- We’ll ignore the mispairing regions in the $e\mu\mu$ and μee channels
- Looking at these control regions we will spot challenges:
 - $t\bar{t}$ contamination
 - WZ contamination



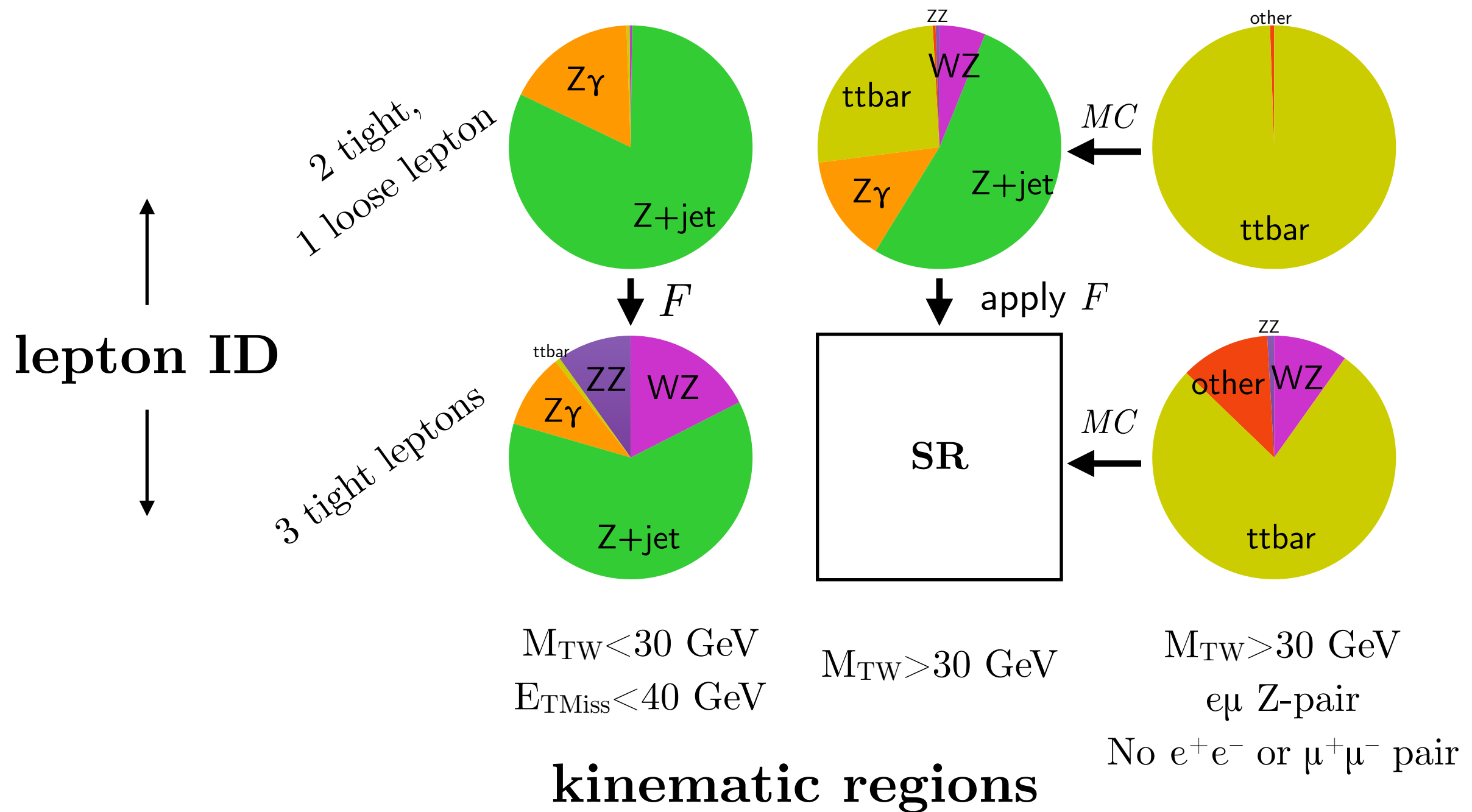
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Estimating $Z+\text{jet}$ / $Z\gamma$



WZ - Full Expected and Observed events

Channel	eee		μee		$e\mu\mu$		$\mu\mu\mu$		All	
Data	98		122		166		183		569	
Total Expected	104	± 10	120	± 10	128	± 11	161	± 12	510	± 40
WZ (Powheg+Pythia8)	75	± 6	98	± 8	98	± 8	131	± 11	403	± 32
$Z + j, Z\gamma$	16	± 7	7	± 5	14	± 7	9	± 5	45	± 17
ZZ	6.8	± 0.7	8.8	± 1.0	8.7	± 0.9	11.9	± 1.2	36	± 4
$t\bar{t} + V$	2.7	± 0.4	3.3	± 0.4	2.9	± 0.4	3.5	± 0.5	12.3	± 1.6
$t\bar{t}, Wt, WW + j$	1.2	± 0.8	2.0	± 0.9	2.4	± 0.9	3.6	± 1.5	9.2	± 3.1
tZ	1.30	± 0.21	1.67	± 0.27	1.65	± 0.26	2.16	± 0.34	6.8	± 1.1
VVV	0.24	± 0.04	0.29	± 0.05	0.27	± 0.04	0.35	± 0.06	1.16	± 0.18

Systematic uncertainties

	eee	μee	$e\mu\mu$	$\mu\mu\mu$	combined
Relative uncertainties [%]					
e energy scale	0.5	0.2	0.3	<0.1	0.2
e id. efficiency	1.4	1.1	0.6	—	0.7
μ momentum scale	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	0.1	<0.1
μ id. efficiency	—	0.6	1.0	1.4	0.7
E_T^{miss} and jets	0.3	0.4	0.8	0.7	0.6
Trigger	<0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1
Pile-up	0.7	1.1	1.0	0.7	0.9
Misid. lepton background	10	4.6	4.8	3.2	3.6
ZZ background	1.0	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.7
Other backgrounds	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.4
Uncorrelated	2.2	1.3	1.4	1.7	0.8
Total sys. uncertainty	11	5.1	5.3	4.1	4.1
Luminosity	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.4
Statistics	14	11	10	8.8	5.1
Total	18	12	11	10	7.0

WZ Reconstruction-level distributions

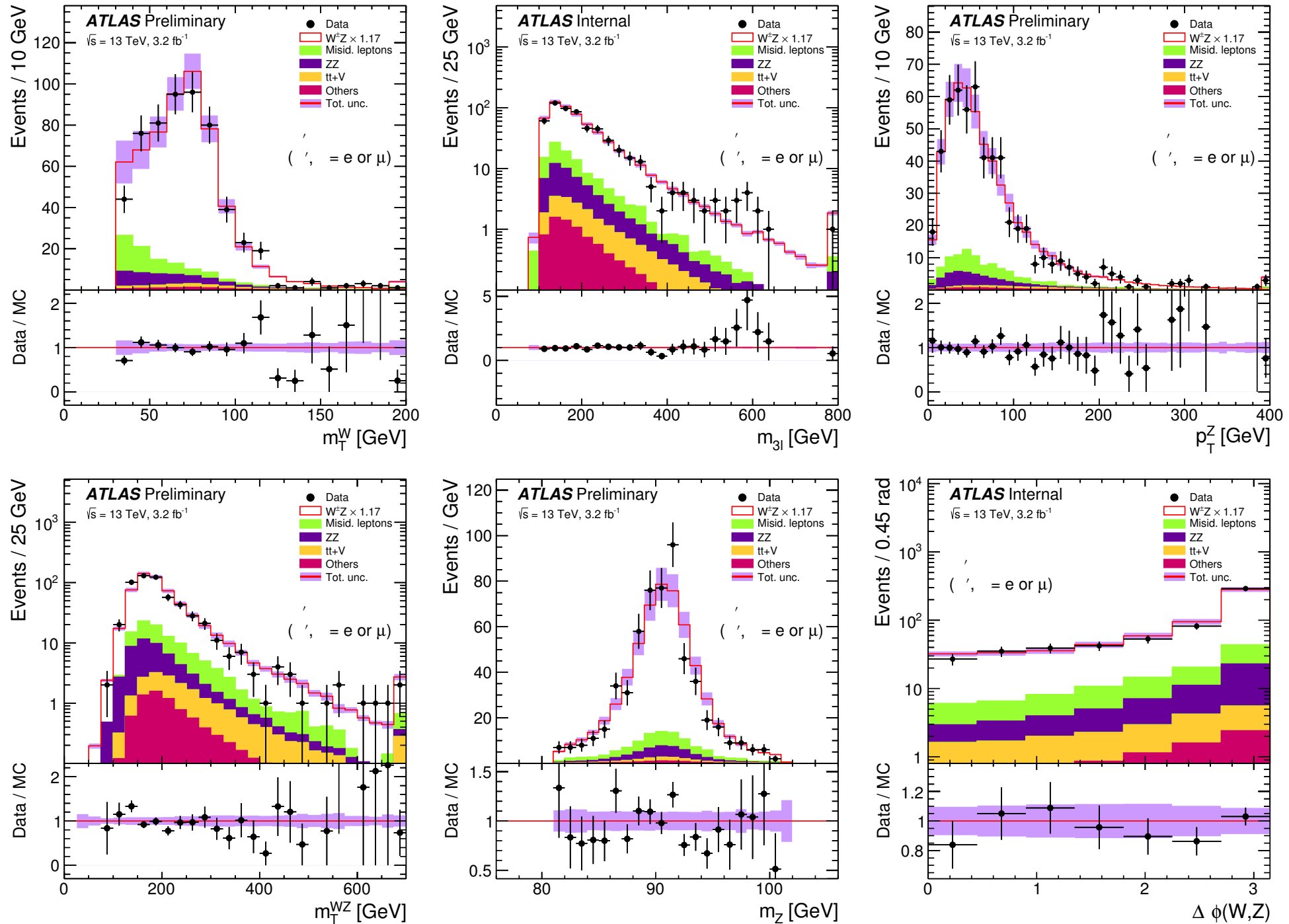
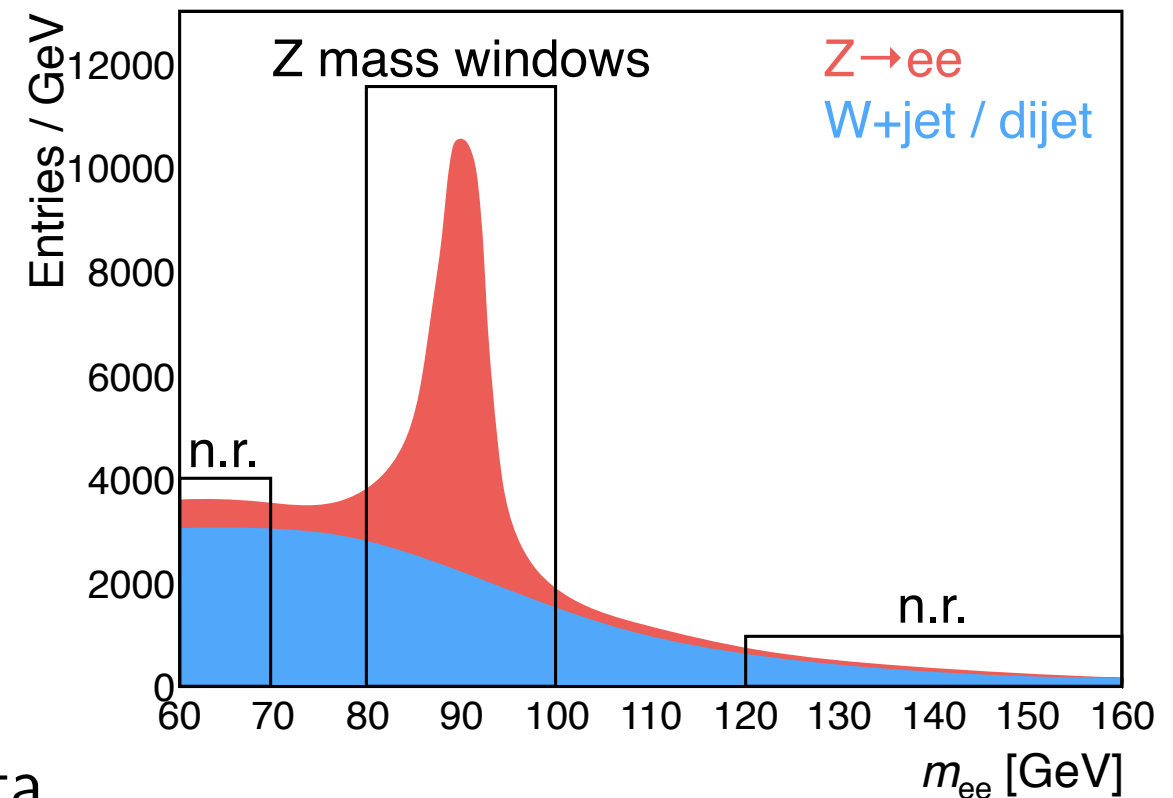


Figure 8.20: Reconstructed signal-level distributions in the WZ signal region. The Powheg+Pythia8 MC prediction is used for the WZ signal contribution, scaled by a global factor of 1.17 to match the measured inclusive WZ cross section.

- Made efficiency measurements via $Z \rightarrow ee$ events
- “Tag and probe” method
- “Tag” a well-identified electron
- Second “probe” leg is unbiased
- Use $m_{\ell\ell}$ to discriminate signal
- Background subtraction via templates from data
 - Apply same tag and probe method, but
 - Reverse an ID menu or suite of cuts on the probe
 - Take the $m_{\ell\ell}$ shape from this selection
 - Normalize template to high- $m_{\ell\ell}$ tail (mostly bkg)
- 2012-2013: re-optimized templates and refined method
 - Roughly a 50% reduction in uncertainties vs previous methods
 - Result: $\sim 5\%$ uncertainty on low- p_T electrons
 - Results used by entire ATLAS collaboration



tag

probe

