



Lepton Flavour Violation at ATLAS & CMS

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- $H \rightarrow \tau\mu/\tau e/\mu e$
- $Z \rightarrow \tau\mu/\tau e/\mu e$
- Heavy $X \rightarrow \tau\mu/\tau e/\mu e$
- Others



Higgs decays

Experiment		Process	\sqrt{s} [TeV]	$\int L$ [fb ⁻¹]
CMS	1502.07400	$H \rightarrow \tau\mu$	8	20
CMS	1607.03561	$H \rightarrow e\mu$ $H \rightarrow e\tau$	8	20
CMS	PAS HIG 16 005	$H \rightarrow \tau\mu$	13	2.3
ATLAS	1508.03372	$H \rightarrow \tau\mu$	8	20
ATLAS	1604.07730	$H \rightarrow \tau\mu$ $H \rightarrow \tau e$	8	20

Z decays

Experiment		Process	\sqrt{s} [TeV]	$\int L$ [fb ⁻¹]
CMS	PAS EXO 13 005	$Z \rightarrow \mu e$	8	20
ATLAS	1408.5774	$Z \rightarrow \mu e$	8	20
ATLAS	1604.07730	$Z \rightarrow \tau \mu$	8	20

Heavy resonances & others

Experiment		Process	\sqrt{s} [TeV]	$\int L$ [fb ⁻¹]
CMS	1604.05239	$X \rightarrow \mu e$	8	20
ATLAS	1503.04430	$X \rightarrow \tau \mu$ $X \rightarrow \tau e$ $X \rightarrow \mu e$	8	20
ATLAS	1607.08079	$X \rightarrow \tau \mu$ $X \rightarrow \tau e$ $X \rightarrow \mu e$	13	3.2
ATLAS	1601.03567	$\tau \rightarrow 3\mu$	8	20

In general

Theory

- Lepton Flavour is an accidental symmetry of the standard model
- Broken by neutrino oscillations \Rightarrow implies also breaking i.e at Higgs decays but at a very low rate ($< 10^{-48}$)
- Many models predict LFV decays of Higgs and/or Z and/or other massive resonances

Experiment

- Complementary efforts are made by both collaborations
- Different methods are being employed
 - \Rightarrow stringent cross checks
 - \Rightarrow different systematic uncertainties
- Detector performance plays a leading role
 - Steep lepton reconstruction turn-on curves
 - High lepton p_T resolution
 - Misidentified lepton rate \Rightarrow the lower the better

Process	CMS	ATLAS
$H \rightarrow \tau\mu$	BR < 1.20%	BR < 1.40%
$H \rightarrow \tau e$	BR < 0.69%	BR < 1.04%
$H \rightarrow e\mu$	BR < 0.048%	-
$Z \rightarrow \tau\mu$	-	BR < 1.69×10^{-5}
$Z \rightarrow \tau e$	-	-
$Z \rightarrow e\mu$	BR < 7.3×10^{-7}	BR < 7.5×10^{-7}

Background model strategy

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The symmetry method

Due to the excellent mass resolutions

Data driven
MC based

The choice of method dictates the uncertainties and hence the sensitivity

Misidentified lepton estimation strategy

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Reversed isolation criteria τ_{had} - Estimation in same-sign region τ_{lep} - Estimation using the Matrix Method

Two search channels

- $H \rightarrow \mu\tau_{\text{had}}$
- $H \rightarrow \mu\tau_e$

Three jet categories

- 0-jets \Rightarrow targeting ggF production
- 1-jet \Rightarrow targeting ggF production
- 2-jets \Rightarrow targeting VBF production

Mass estimator

- Collinear mass

Background

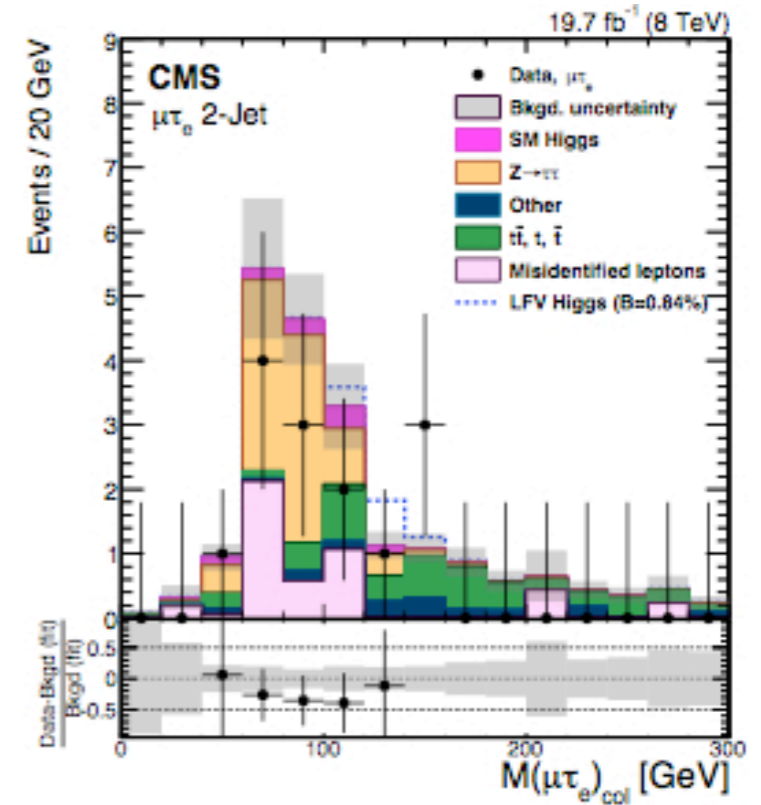
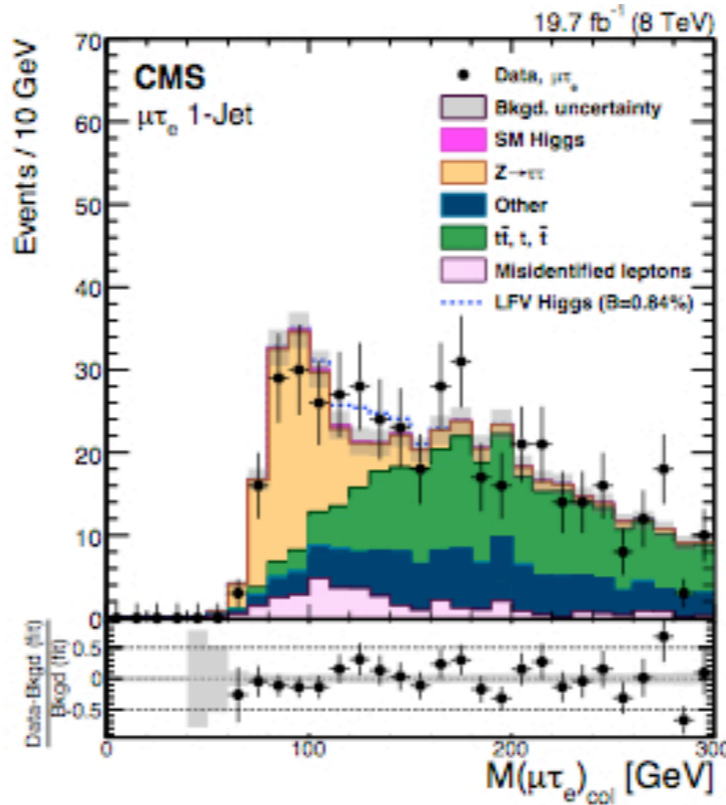
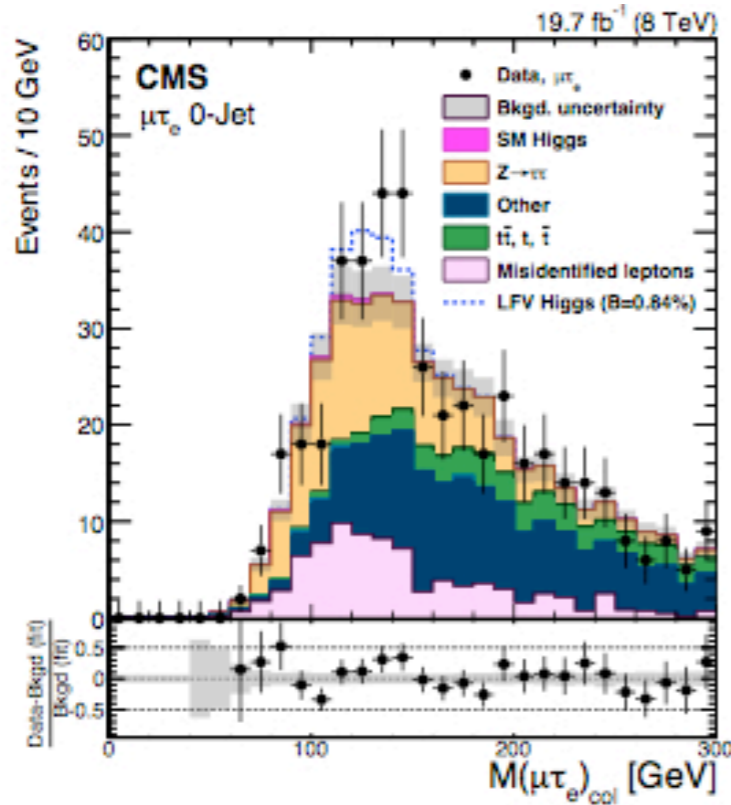
- $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$
 - Embedding (simulated τ response is embedded in $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$ data sample)
- Misidentified leptons (W +jets, QCD)
 - Based on reverse isolation criteria
 - Validated in a same-sign region

Region I	Region II
l_1^\pm (isolated)	l_1^\pm (isolated)
l_2^\mp (isolated)	l_2^\pm (isolated)
Region III	Region IV
l_1^\pm (isolated)	l_1^\pm (isolated)
l_2^\mp (not-isolated)	l_2^\pm (not-isolated)

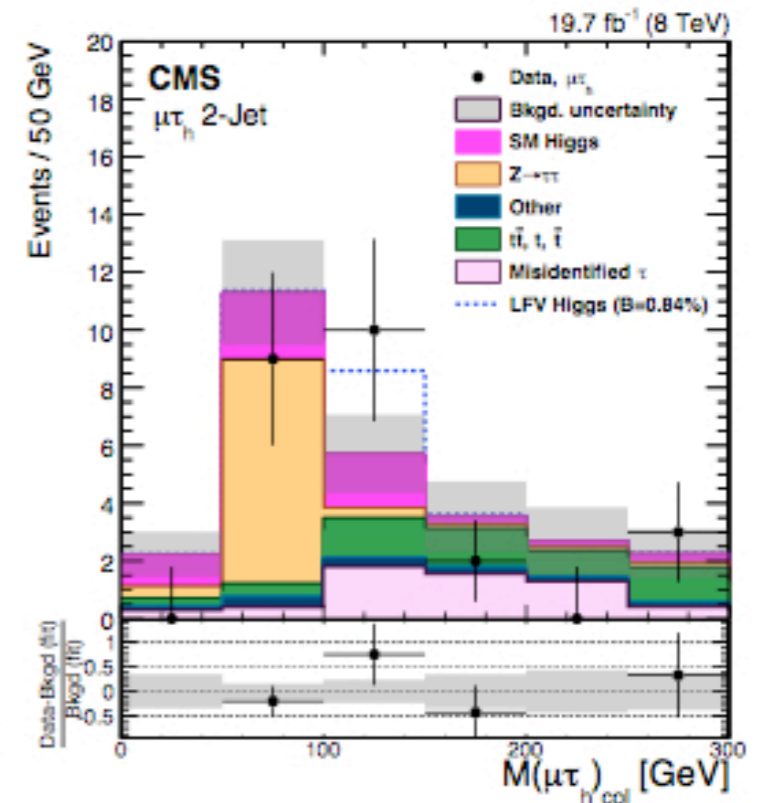
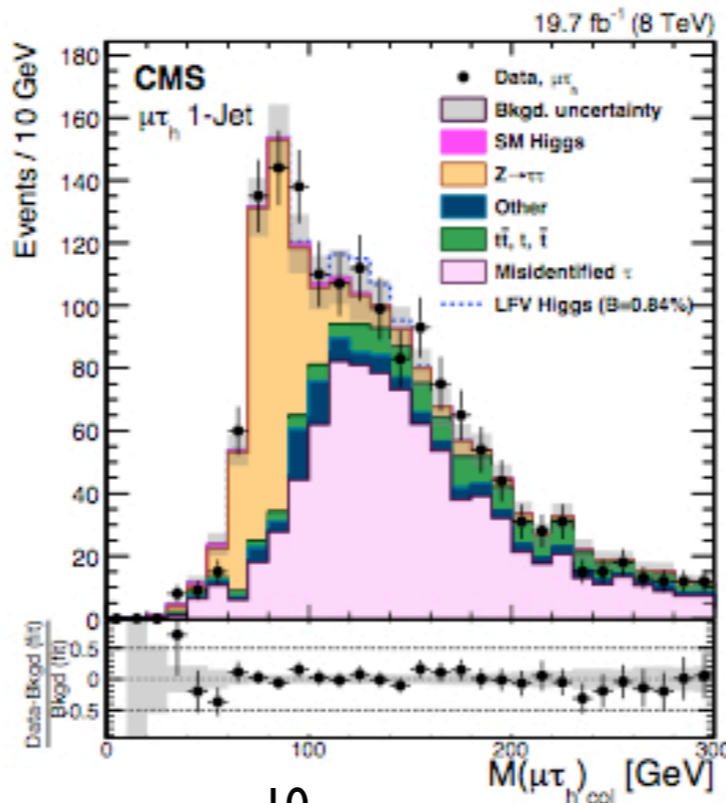
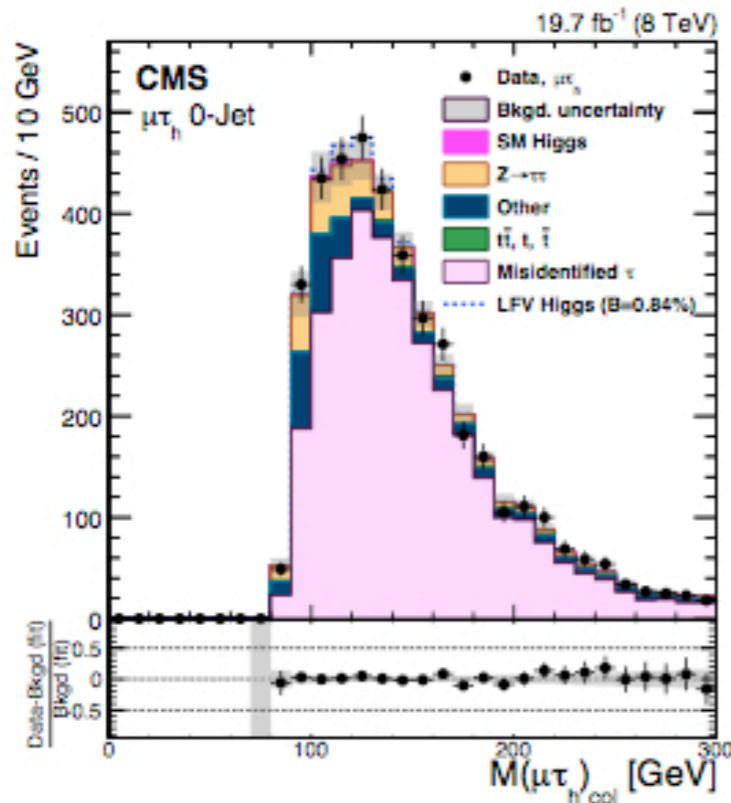
- Other ($t\bar{t}$, $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$, WW , ZZ ...)
 - From simulation

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$H \rightarrow \mu\tau_e$

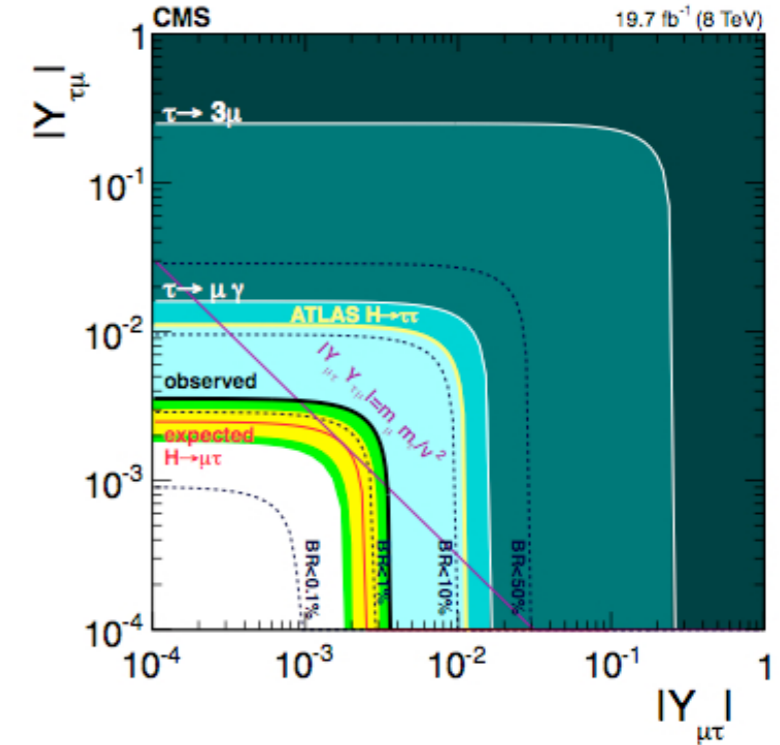
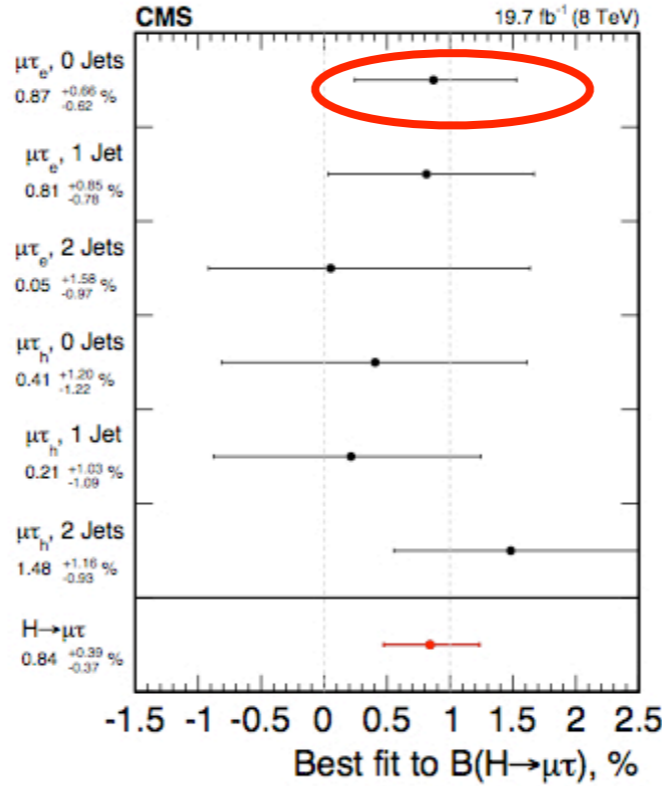
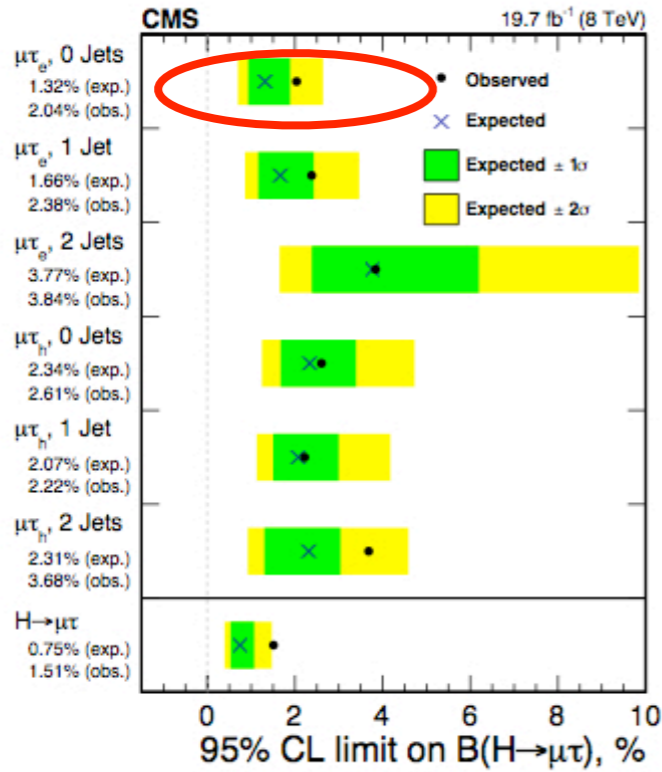


$H \rightarrow \mu\tau_{had}$



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$H \rightarrow \mu\tau_e$
 $H \rightarrow \mu\tau_h$



$$\sqrt{|Y_{\mu\tau}|^2 + |Y_{\tau\mu}|^2} < 3.6 \times 10^{-3}$$

$Y_{\tau\mu}$ - Off diagonal Yukawa coupling

Expected Limits			
	0-Jet (%)	1-Jet (%)	2-Jets (%)
$\mu\tau_e$	$<1.32 (\pm 0.67)$	$<1.66 (\pm 0.85)$	$<3.77 (\pm 1.92)$
$\mu\tau_h$	$<2.34 (\pm 1.19)$	$<2.07 (\pm 1.06)$	$<2.31 (\pm 1.18)$
$\mu\tau$	$<0.75 (\pm 0.38)$		
Observed Limits			
$\mu\tau_e$	<2.04	<2.38	<3.84
$\mu\tau_h$	<2.61	<2.22	<3.68
$\mu\tau$	<1.51		
Best Fit Branching Fractions			
$\mu\tau_e$	$0.87^{+0.66}_{-0.62}$	$0.81^{+0.85}_{-0.78}$	$0.05^{+1.58}_{-0.97}$
$\mu\tau_h$	$0.41^{+1.20}_{-1.22}$	$0.21^{+1.03}_{-1.09}$	$1.48^{+1.16}_{-0.93}$
$\mu\tau$	$0.84^{+0.39}_{-0.37}$		

8 TeV

Higgs decays

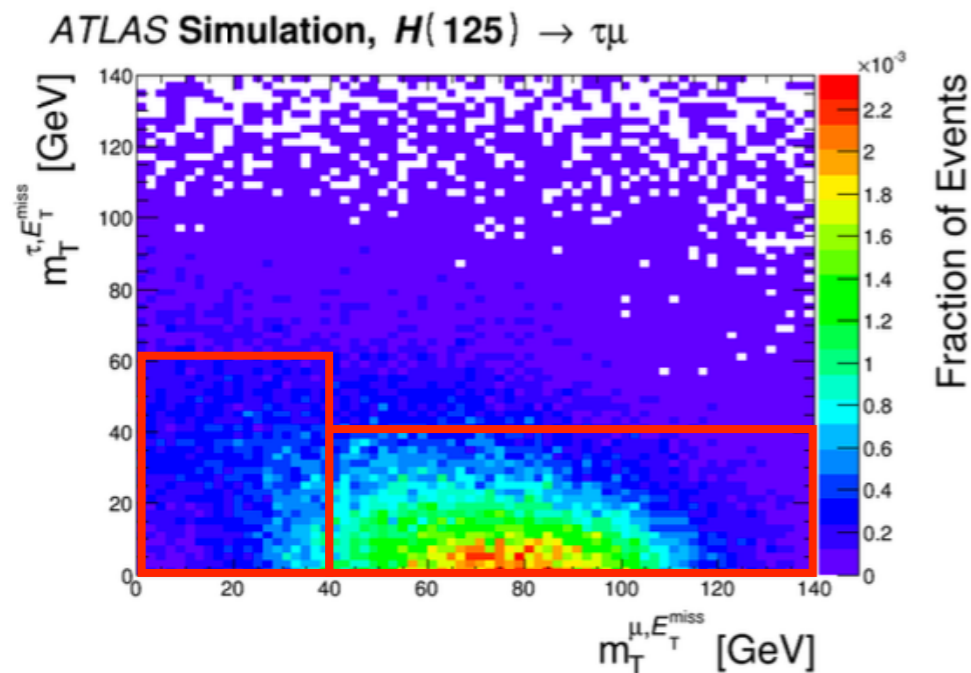
ATLAS $H \rightarrow \tau_{\text{had}} \mu$

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One search channel

- $H \rightarrow \mu \tau_{\text{had}}$

Two signal regions



Mass estimator - MMC

- Missing Mass Calculator
Exploiting the τ decay topology
Use the τ mass as a constraint
<https://arxiv.org/abs/1012.4686>

Background

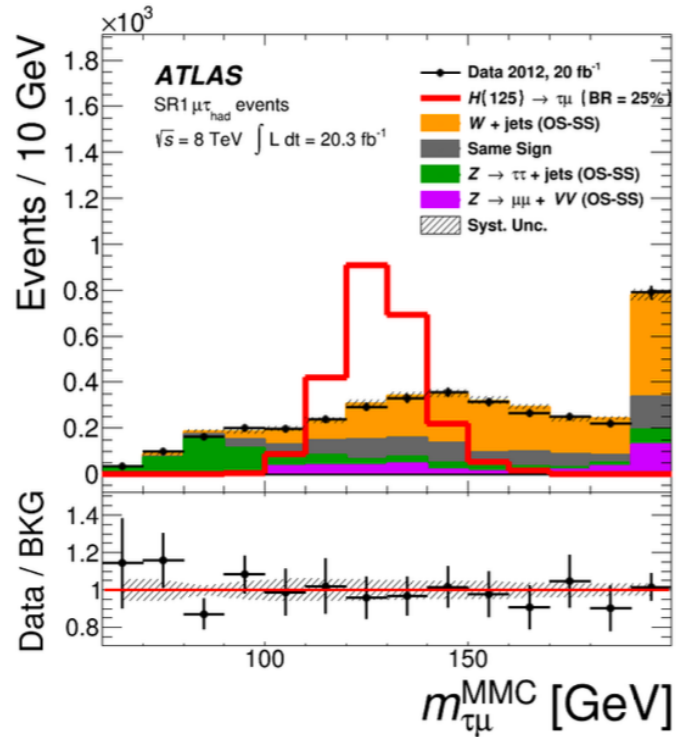
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$$N_{\text{OS}}^{\text{bkg}} = r_{\text{QCD}} \cdot N_{\text{SS}}^{\text{data}} + N_{\text{OS-SS}}^{Z \rightarrow \tau\tau} + N_{\text{OS-SS}}^{Z \rightarrow \mu\mu} +$$

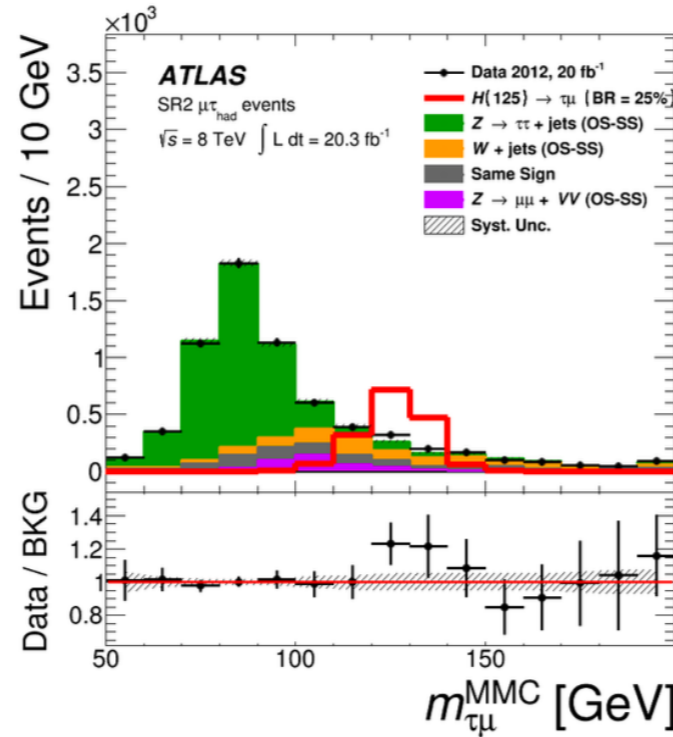
$$+ N_{\text{OS-SS}}^{W+\text{jets}} + N_{\text{OS-SS}}^{\text{top}} + N_{\text{OS-SS}}^{VV} + N_{\text{OS-SS}}^{H \rightarrow \tau\tau},$$

- $r_{\text{QCD}} = N_{\text{OS}}^{\text{multi-jet}} / N_{\text{SS}}^{\text{multi-jet}}$
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 - Embedding (simulated τ response is embedded in $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$ data sample)
- Misidentified leptons ($W+\text{jets}$, QCD)
 - By r_{QCD}
- Other ($t\bar{t}$, $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$, WW , $ZZ \dots$)
 - From simulation

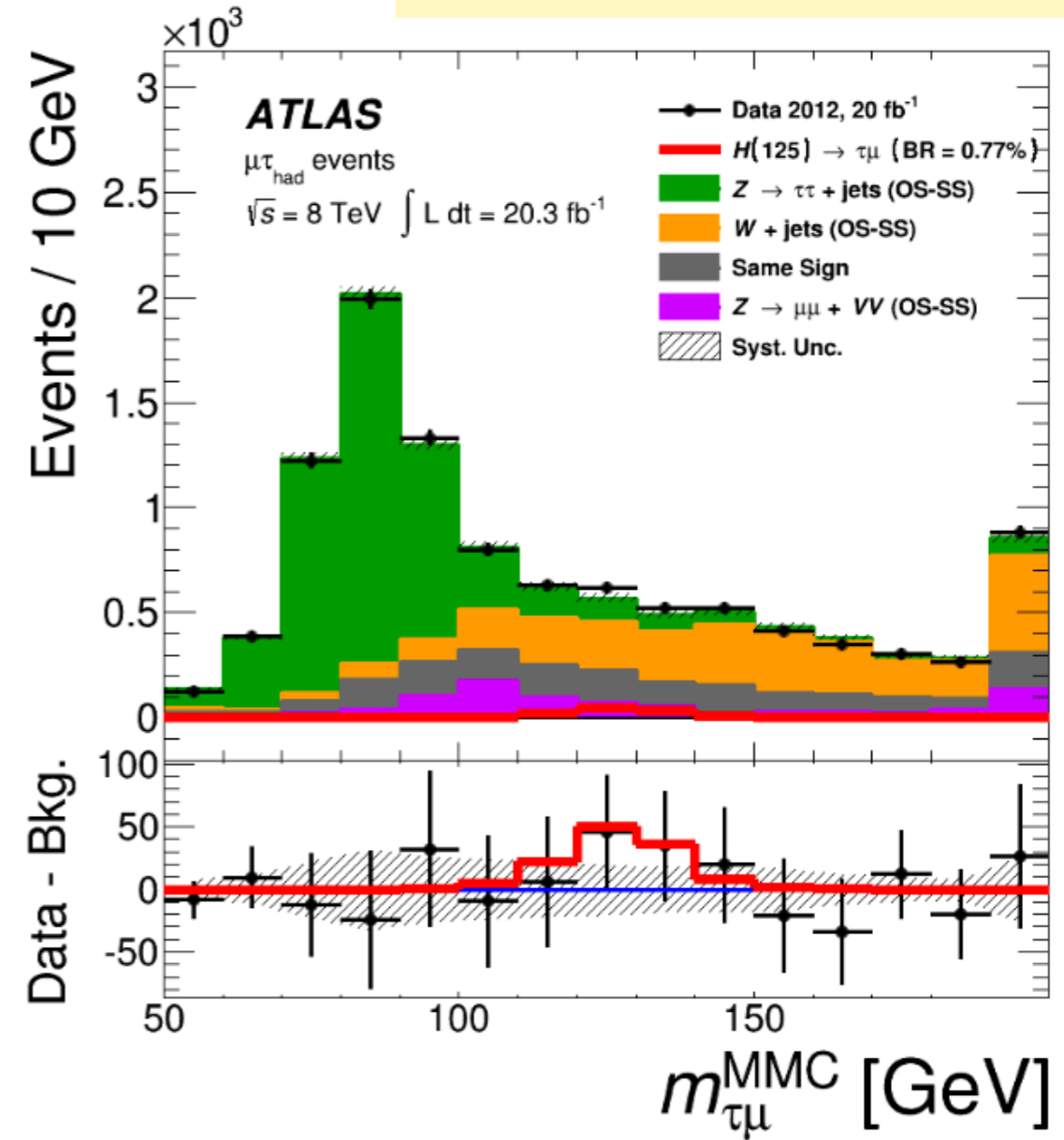
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SR1



SR2



SR1+SR2

	SR1	SR2	Combined
Expected limit on $Br(H \rightarrow \mu\tau)$ [%]	$1.60^{+0.64}_{-0.45}$	$1.75^{+0.71}_{-0.49}$	$1.24^{+0.50}_{-0.35}$
Observed limit on $Br(H \rightarrow \mu\tau)$ [%]	1.55	3.51	1.85
Best fit $Br(H \rightarrow \mu\tau)$ [%]	$-0.07^{+0.81}_{-0.86}$	$1.94^{+0.92}_{-0.89}$	0.77 ± 0.62

8 TeV

Higgs decays

ATLAS $H \rightarrow \tau\mu/\tau e$

ATLAS 1604.07737

Two searches & search channels

- $H \rightarrow e\tau_{had}$
- $H \rightarrow \mu\tau_e$ & $H \rightarrow e\tau_\mu$

$H \rightarrow e\tau_{had}$

- Similar to $H \rightarrow \mu\tau_{had}$
- Similar SRs and methodologies

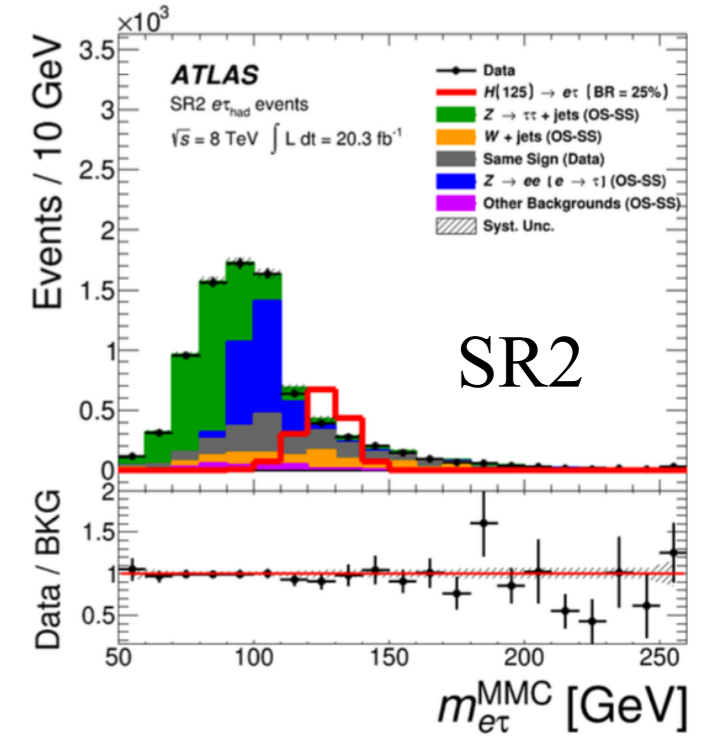
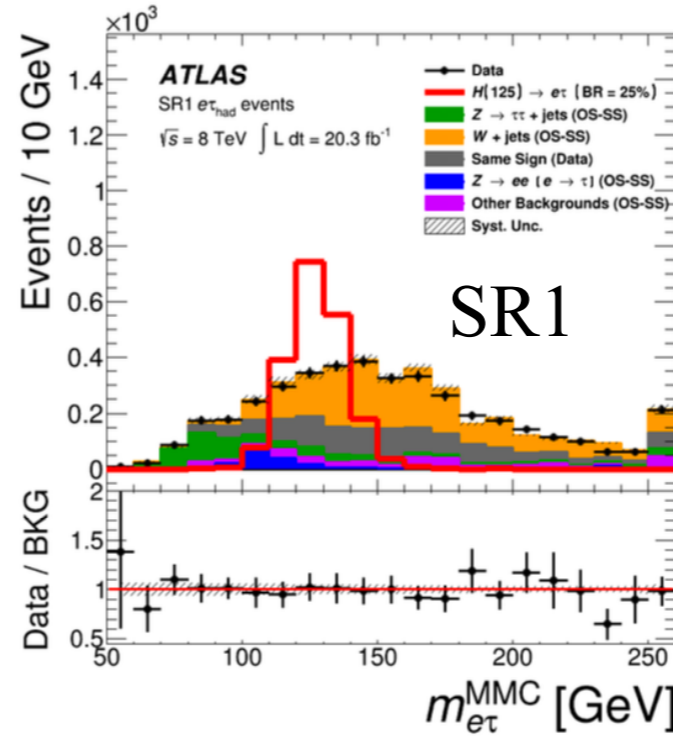
Mass estimator

- MMC

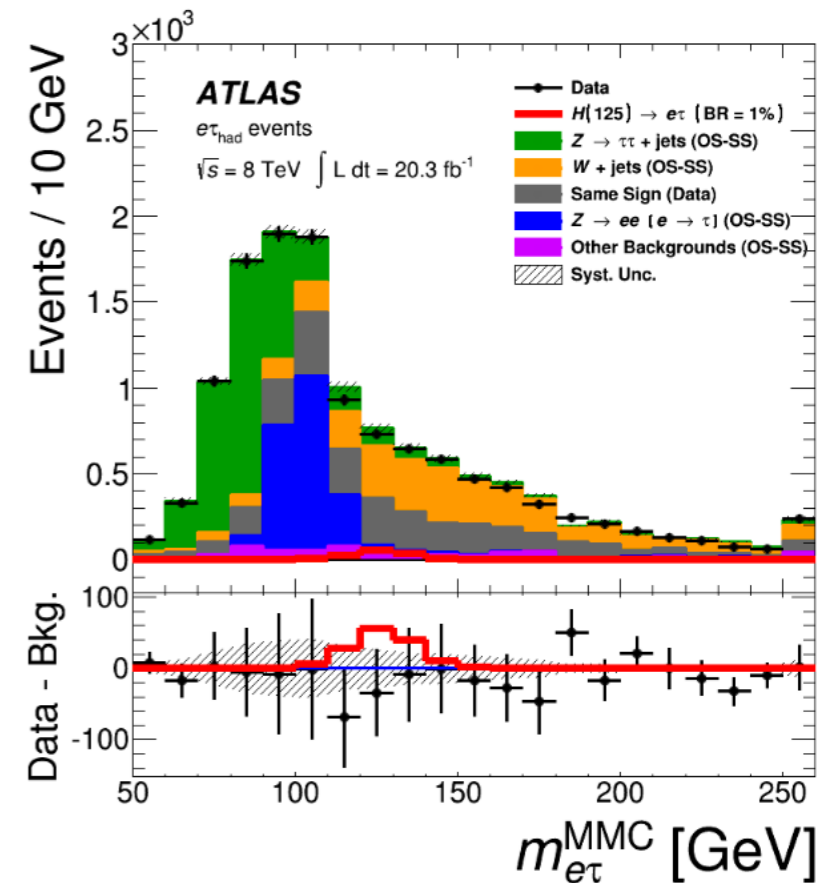
Background estimation

$$N_{OS}^{bkg} = r_{QCD} \cdot N_{SS}^{data} + N_{OS-SS}^{Z \rightarrow \tau\tau} + N_{OS-SS}^{Z \rightarrow \mu\mu} + N_{OS-SS}^{W+jets} + N_{OS-SS}^{top} + N_{OS-SS}^{VV} + N_{OS-SS}^{H \rightarrow \tau\tau}$$

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$H \rightarrow \tau_{had} e$



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 $H \rightarrow \tau_e\mu$ & $H \rightarrow \tau_\mu e$

Mass estimator

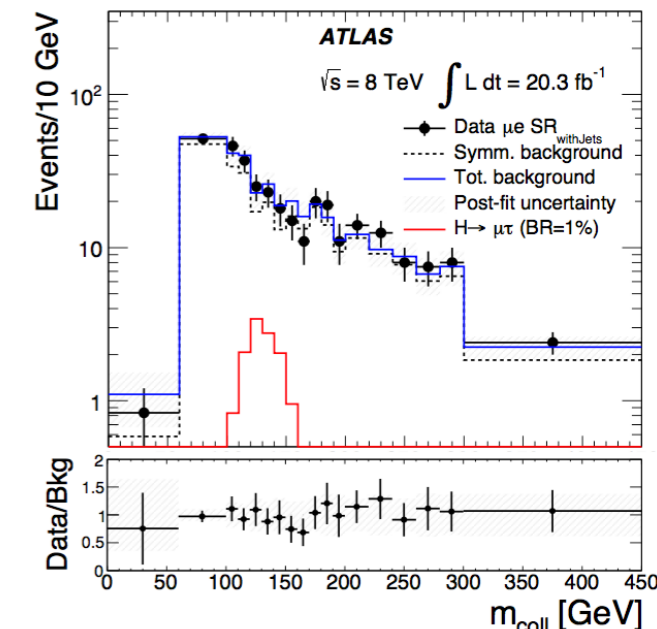
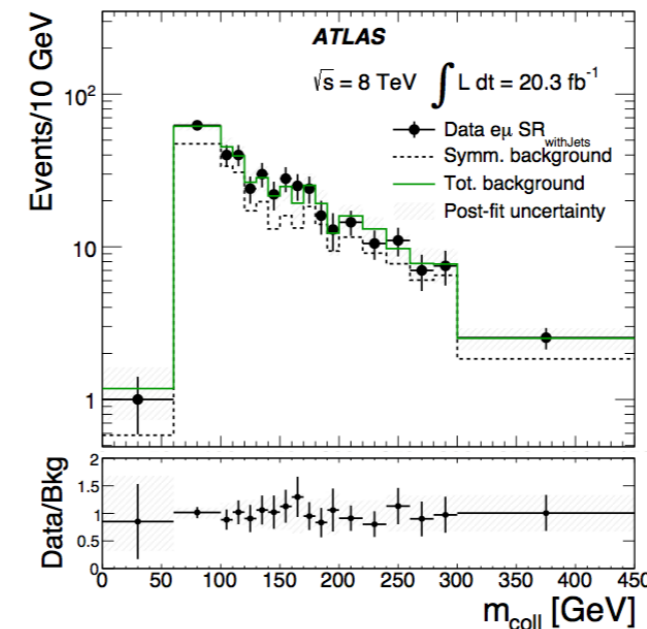
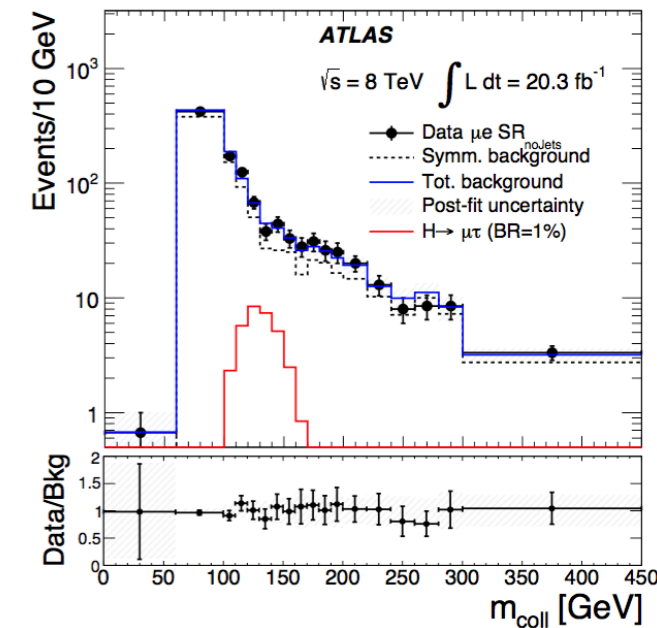
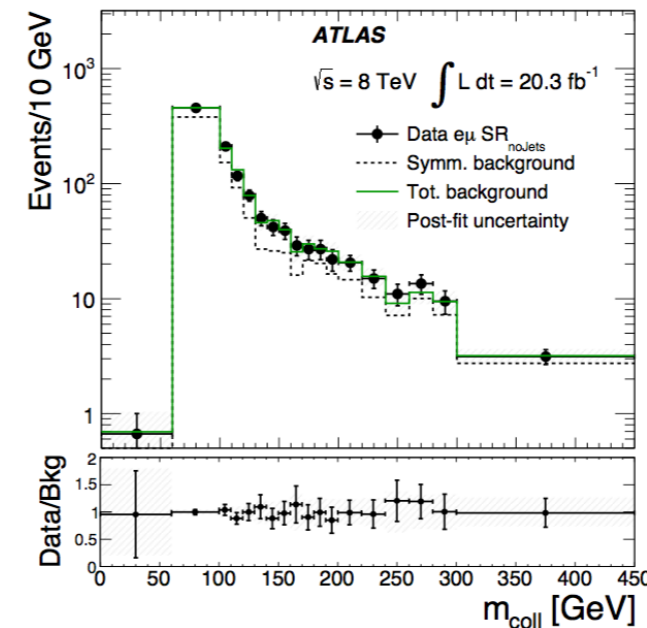
- Collinear mass

Two signal regions

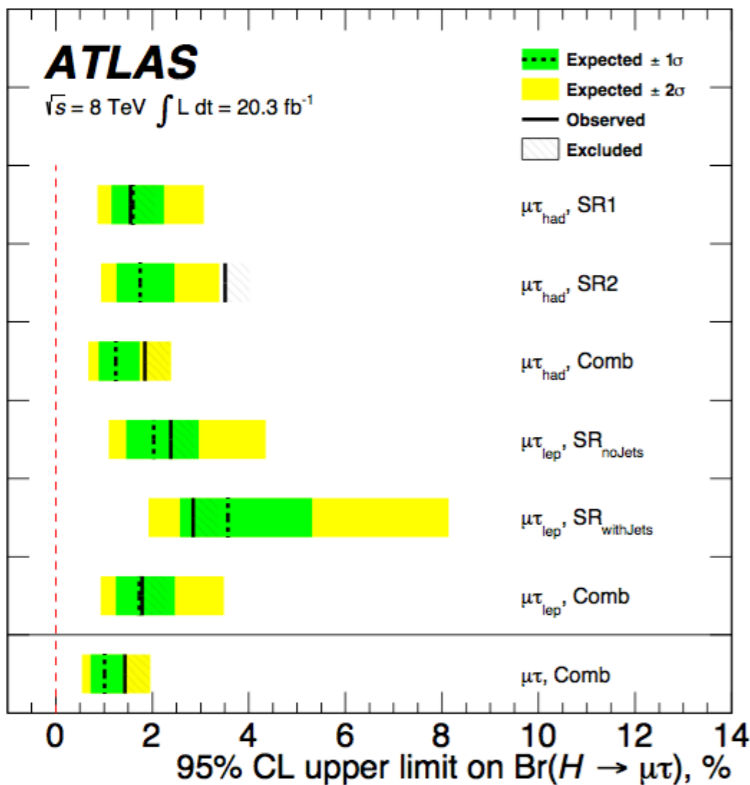
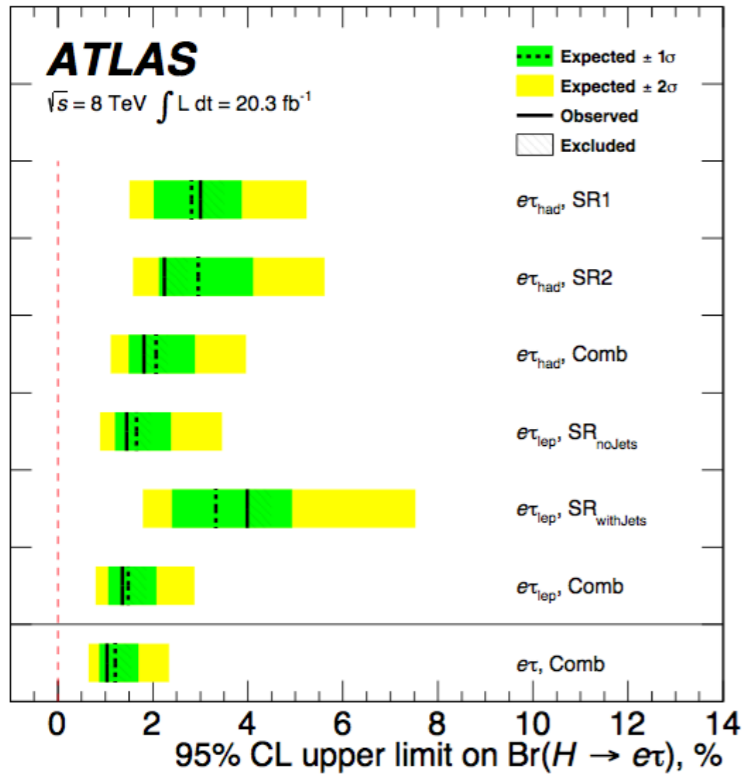
- SR_{noJets}
- SR_{jets}

Background - the symmetry assumption

- Comparing $e\mu$ and μe events
- SM events are symmetric to the replacement of prompt electron with prompt muons
- Signal events break this symmetry
- Correction for asymmetric components
 - Fake and non prompt leptons
 - p_T dependent effects
- Uncertainties governed by statistics \Rightarrow
Room for significant improvement when more data is available



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Channel	Category	Expected limit [%]	Observed limit [%]	Best fit Br [%]
$H \rightarrow e\tau_{had}$	SR1	$2.81^{+1.06}_{-0.79}$	3.0	$0.33^{+1.48}_{-1.59}$
	SR2	$2.95^{+1.16}_{-0.82}$	2.24	$-1.33^{+1.56}_{-1.80}$
	Combined	$2.07^{+0.82}_{-0.58}$	1.81	$-0.47^{+1.08}_{-1.18}$
	SR _{noJets}	$1.66^{+0.72}_{-0.46}$	1.45	$-0.45^{+0.89}_{-0.97}$
$H \rightarrow e\tau_{lep}$	SR _{withJets}	$3.33^{+1.60}_{-0.93}$	3.99	$0.74^{+1.59}_{-1.62}$
	Combined	$1.48^{+0.60}_{-0.42}$	1.36	$-0.26^{+0.79}_{-0.82}$
	Combined	$1.21^{+0.49}_{-0.34}$	1.04	$-0.34^{+0.64}_{-0.66}$
$H \rightarrow \mu\tau_{had}$	SR1	$1.60^{+0.64}_{-0.45}$	1.55	$-0.07^{+0.81}_{-0.86}$
	SR2	$1.75^{+0.71}_{-0.49}$	3.51	$1.94^{+0.92}_{-0.89}$
	Combined	$1.24^{+0.50}_{-0.35}$	1.85	$0.77^{+0.62}_{-0.62}$
$H \rightarrow \mu\tau_{lep}$	SR _{noJets}	$2.03^{+0.93}_{-0.57}$	2.38	$0.31^{+1.06}_{-0.99}$
	SR _{withJets}	$3.57^{+1.74}_{-1.00}$	2.85	$-1.03^{+1.66}_{-1.82}$
	Combined	$1.73^{+0.74}_{-0.49}$	1.79	$0.03^{+0.88}_{-0.86}$
$H \rightarrow \mu\tau$	Combined	$1.01^{+0.40}_{-0.29}$	1.43	$0.53^{+0.51}_{-0.51}$

8 TeV

Higgs decays

CMS $H \rightarrow \tau e / e \mu$

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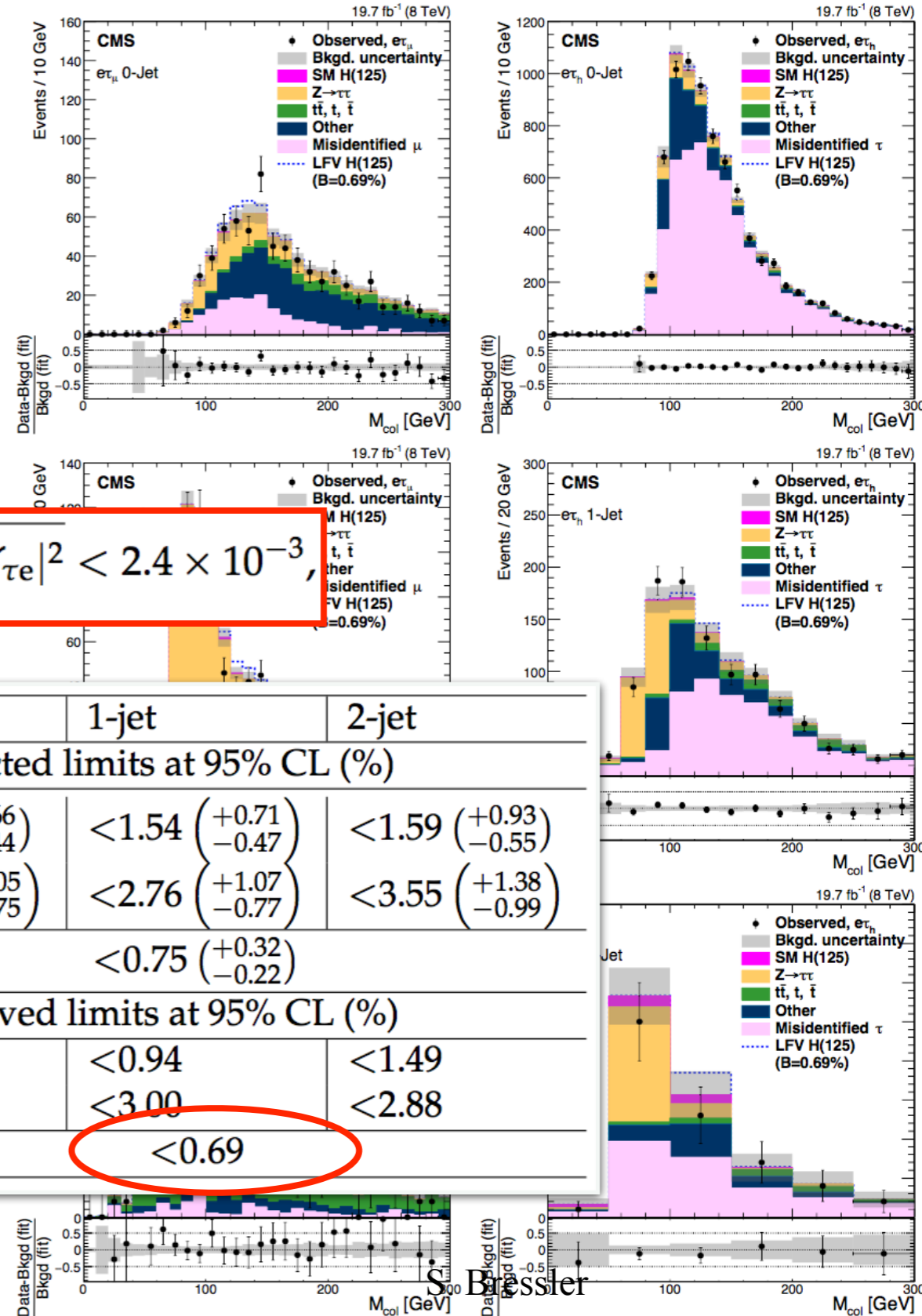
Two searches

- $H \rightarrow e \tau$
- $H \rightarrow e \mu$

$H \rightarrow e \tau$

- Similar to $H \rightarrow \mu \tau$
- Collinear mass
- N_{Jet} -based categories
- Background
 - $Z \rightarrow \tau \tau$ - embedded sample
 - Misidentified leptons scaling from sample with reversed isolation
 - Other - MC

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$$\sqrt{|Y_{e\tau}|^2 + |Y_{\tau e}|^2} < 2.4 \times 10^{-3}$$

	0-jet	1-jet	2-jet
Expected limits at 95% CL (%)			
$e\tau_\mu$	$<1.63 \begin{pmatrix} +0.66 \\ -0.44 \end{pmatrix}$	$<1.54 \begin{pmatrix} +0.71 \\ -0.47 \end{pmatrix}$	$<1.59 \begin{pmatrix} +0.93 \\ -0.55 \end{pmatrix}$
$e\tau_h$	$<2.71 \begin{pmatrix} +1.05 \\ -0.75 \end{pmatrix}$	$<2.76 \begin{pmatrix} +1.07 \\ -0.77 \end{pmatrix}$	$<3.55 \begin{pmatrix} +1.38 \\ -0.99 \end{pmatrix}$
$e\tau$	$<0.75 \begin{pmatrix} +0.32 \\ -0.22 \end{pmatrix}$		
Observed limits at 95% CL (%)			
$e\tau_\mu$	<1.83	<0.94	<1.49
$e\tau_h$	<3.92	<3.00	<2.88
$e\tau$	<0.69		

$H \rightarrow e \mu$

11 categories

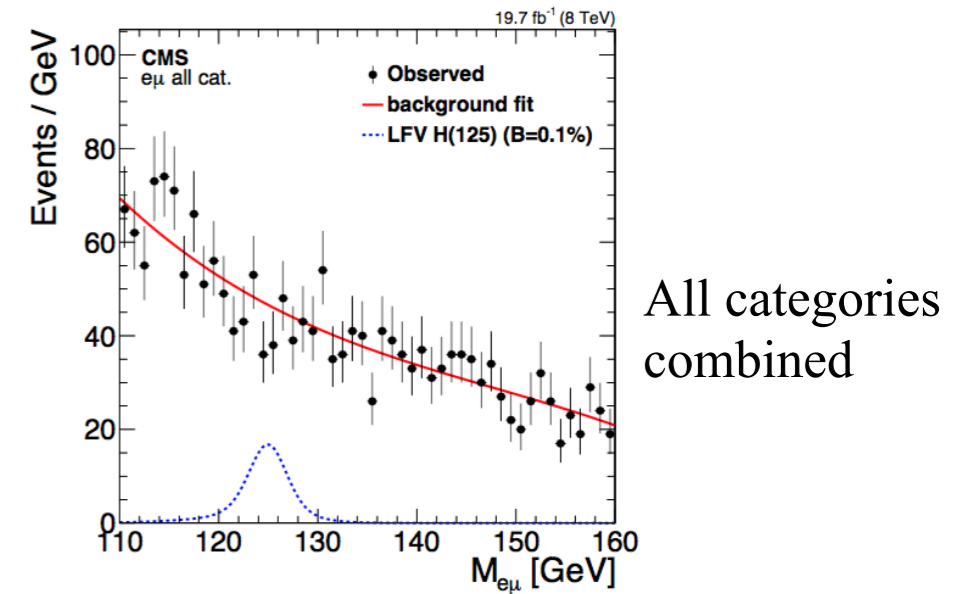
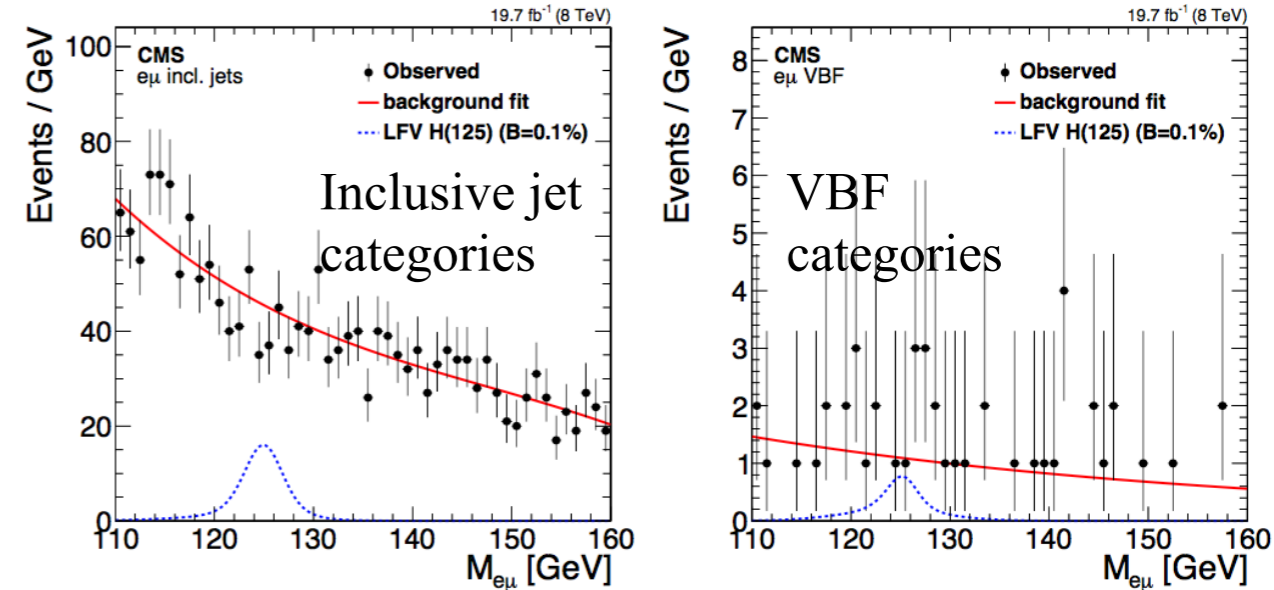
- Motivated by detector performance
 - Signal mass resolution varied with lepton region
 - Background composition dictated by the number of jets

Background

- Functional fit

Category	Description	N-jets	p_T^ℓ [GeV]	E_T^{emiss} [GeV]	Background model	
					Function	Order
0	$e_B \mu_B$	0	>25	<30	polynomial	4
1	$e_B \mu_B$	1	>22	<30	polynomial	4
2	$e_B \mu_B$	2	>25	<25	power law	1
3	$e_B \mu_{EC}$	0	>20	<30	polynomial	4
4	$e_B \mu_{EC}$	1	>22	<20	exponential	1
5	$e_B \mu_{EC}$	2	>20	<30	exponential	1
6	$e_{EC} \mu_B$ or EC	0	>20	<30	polynomial	4
7	$e_{EC} \mu_B$ or EC	1	>22	<20	power law	1
8	$e_{EC} \mu_B$ or EC	2	>20	<30	polynomial	4
9	VBF Tight	2	>22	<30	exponential	1
10	VBF Loose	2	>22	<25	exponential	1

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$$\mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow e \mu) < 0.048\% \text{ at } 95\%$$

$$\sqrt{|\gamma_{e\mu}|^2 + |\gamma_{\mu e}|^2} < 5.4 \times 10^{-4}$$

Analysis similar to run-1

- One exception - $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$ model also from MC
- Deficit in the H mass window

CMS 1502.07400 $\Rightarrow Y_{\tau\mu}$

Expected Limits			
	0-Jet (%)	1-Jet (%)	2-Jets (%)
$\mu\tau_e$	$<1.32 (\pm 0.67)$	$<1.66 (\pm 0.85)$	$<3.77 (\pm 1.92)$
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$\mu\tau$	$<0.75 (\pm 0.38)$		
Observed Limits			
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$\mu\tau_e$	<2.04	<2.38	<3.84
$\mu\tau_h$	<2.61	<2.22	<3.68
$\mu\tau$	<1.51		
Best Fit Branching Fractions			
	0-jet	1-jet	2-jets
$\mu\tau_e$	$0.87^{+0.66}_{-0.62}$	$0.81^{+0.85}_{-0.78}$	$0.05^{+1.58}_{-0.97}$
$\mu\tau_h$	$0.41^{+1.20}_{-1.22}$	$0.21^{+1.03}_{-1.09}$	$1.48^{+1.16}_{-0.93}$
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Expected limits				
	0-jet (%)	1-jet (%)	2-jets (%)	Combined (%)
$\mu\tau_h$	<4.17	<4.89	<6.41	<2.98
$\mu\tau_e$	<2.24	<4.36	<7.31	<1.96
$\mu\tau$	$<1.62\%$			
Observed limits				
	0-jet (%)	1-jet (%)	2-jets (%)	Combined (%)
$\mu\tau_h$	<4.24	<6.35	<7.71	<3.81
$\mu\tau_e$	<1.33	<3.04	<8.99	<1.15
$\mu\tau$	$<1.20\%$			
Best-fit branching fractions				
	0-jet (%)	1-jet (%)	2-jets (%)	Combined (%)
$\mu\tau_h$	$0.12^{+2.02}_{-1.91}$	$1.70^{+2.41}_{-2.52}$	$1.54^{+3.12}_{-2.71}$	$1.12^{+1.45}_{-1.40}$
$\mu\tau_e$	$-2.11^{+1.30}_{-1.89}$	$-2.18^{+1.99}_{-2.05}$	$2.04^{+2.96}_{-3.31}$	$-1.81^{+1.07}_{-1.32}$
$\mu\tau$	$-0.76^{+0.81}_{-0.84}\%$			

8 TeV

Z decays

CMS $Z \rightarrow \mu e$

CMS-PAS-EXO-13-005

Background estimation

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

WW, WZ, ZZ

$t\bar{t}$

$tW / \bar{t}W$

Misidentified leptons

MC-based

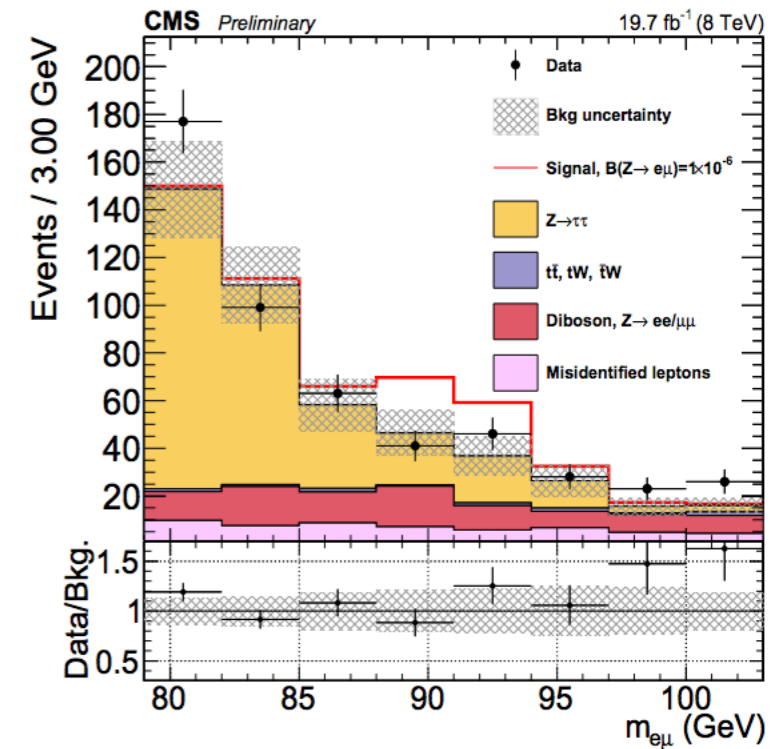
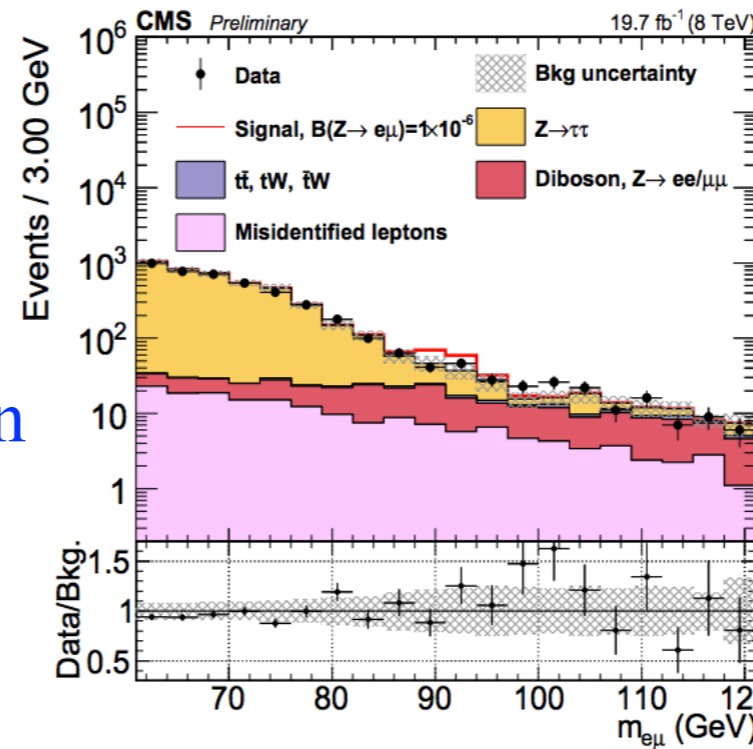
multi-jet region

Mass estimator

- Invariant mass (no MET)

$$\mathcal{B}(Z \rightarrow e\mu) < 7.3 \cdot 10^{-7}$$

CMS-PAS-EXO-13-005



Source	Uncertainty	
	Background	Signal
Luminosity	2.6%	2.6%
Pileup	3.3%	0.8%
Trigger	0.3%	0.5%
Muon Id	0.5%	0.8%
Muon p_T scale	2.9%	0.2%
Muon p_T resolution	0.4%	0.1%
Electron Id	0.5%	0.8%
Electron energy scale	3.1%	1.1%
Electron energy resolution	0.3%	0.4%
Jet energy scale	0.2%	< 0.1%
Jet energy resolution	< 0.1%	< 0.1%
E_T^{miss}	0.6%	2.2%
Dilepton p_T	0.4%	1.1%
PDF	1.0%	1.0%
Limited number of simulated events	10.6%	1.2%
Normalization (Tab. 1)	6.8%	3.3%

8 TeV

Z decays

ATLAS $Z \rightarrow \mu e$

ATLAS 1408.5774

Event selection

- High p_T e and μ
- Little jet activity
- Little MET

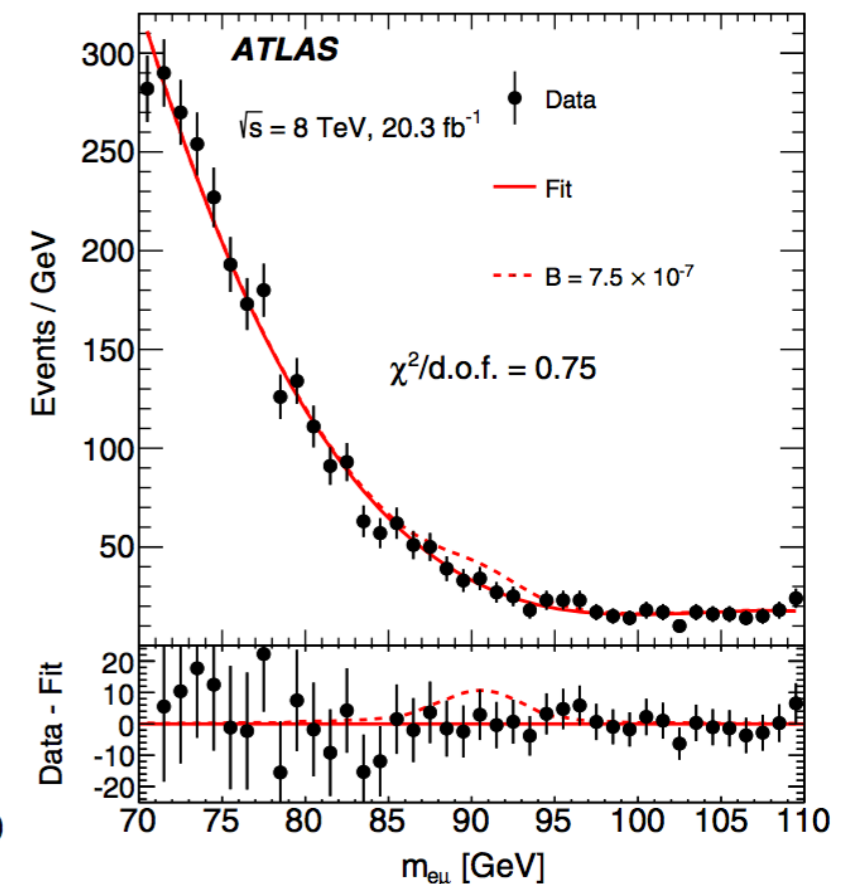
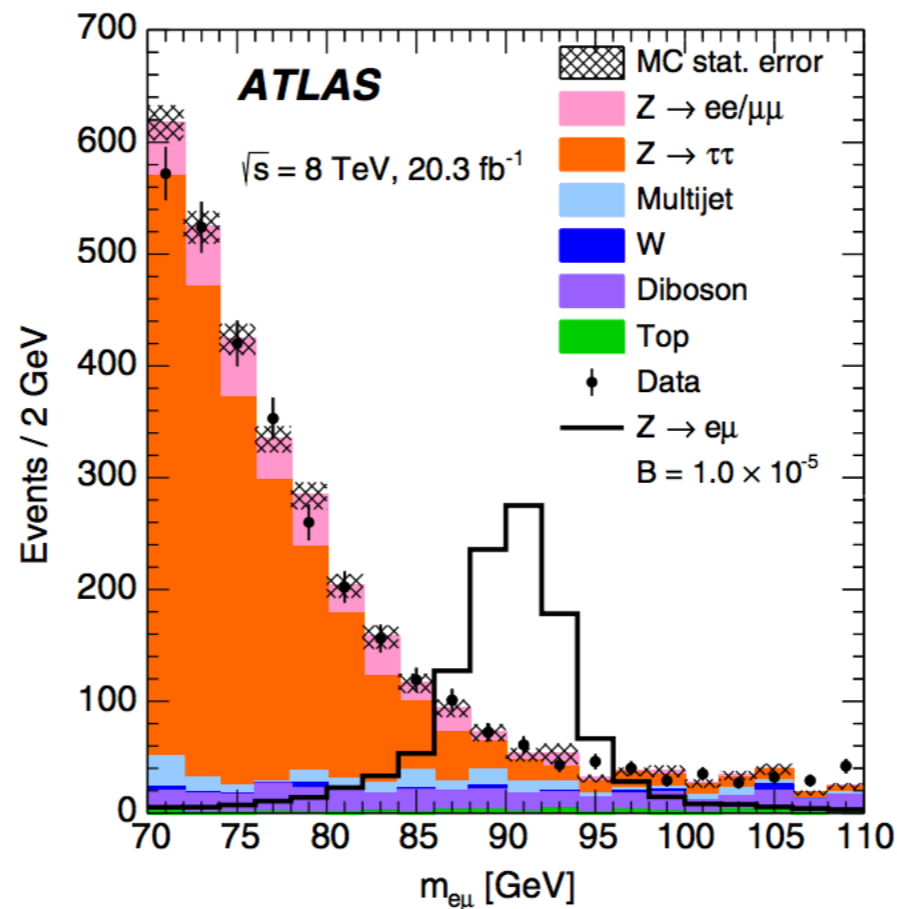
Background estimation

- Side-band fit
 - Possible due to the good mass resolution and the narrow mass range
- Third order polynomial Shape studied in MC

Mass estimator

- Invariant mass (no MET)

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$$B(Z \rightarrow e\mu) < 7.5 \times 10^{-7}$$

8 TeV

Z decays

ATLAS $Z \rightarrow \tau \mu$

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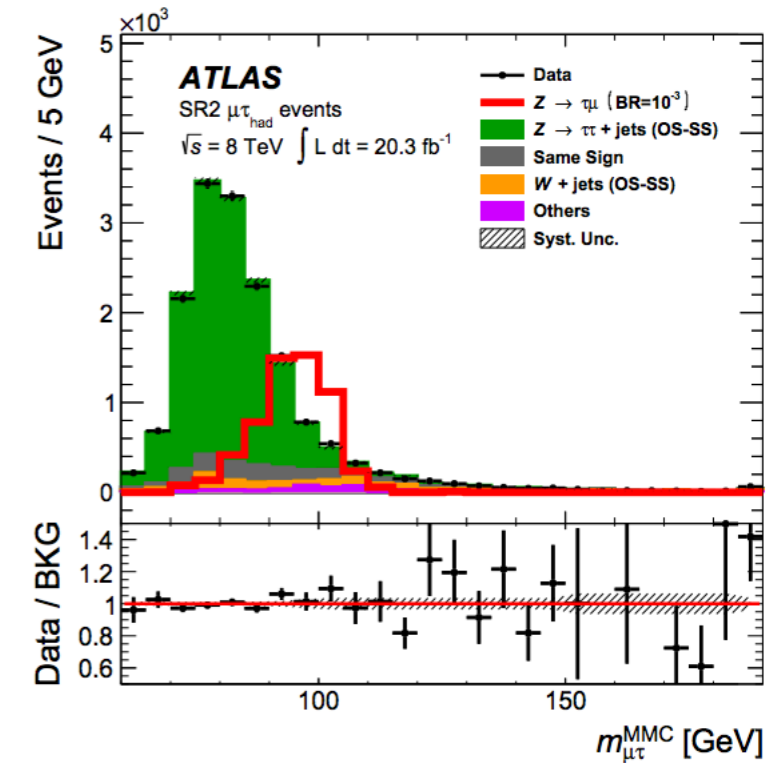
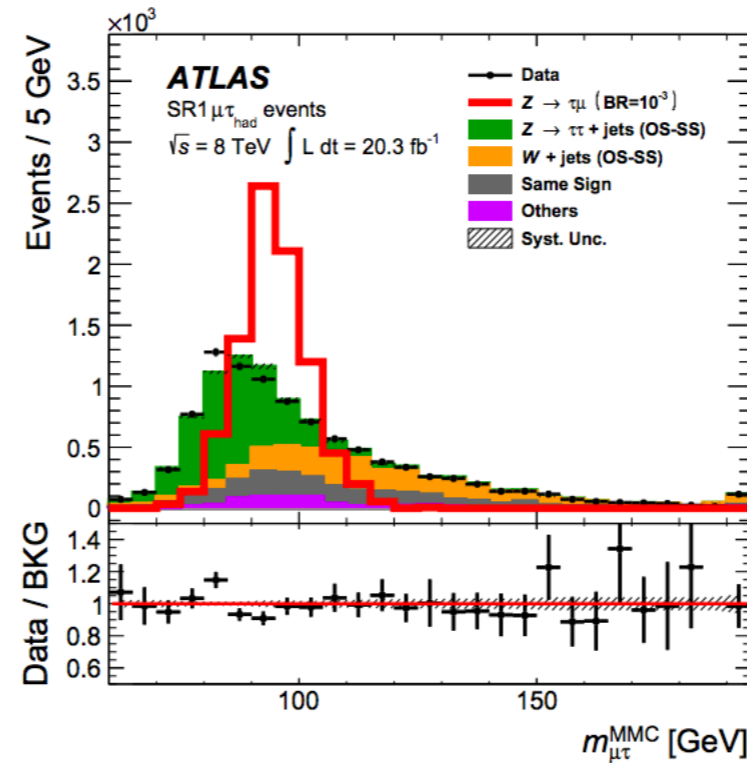
One search channels

- $Z \rightarrow \mu\tau_{\text{had}}$

Methodology

- Similar to the one employed in the corresponding Higgs search
- Cut values are lowered to match the kinematics of Z decays
 - \Rightarrow Larger background contribution from W+jets
 - \Rightarrow Estimated in more bins

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$\text{Br}(Z \rightarrow \mu\tau) (10^{-5})$	SR1	SR2	Combined
Expected limit	$2.6^{+1.1}_{-0.7}$	$6.4^{+1.8}_{+2.8}$	$2.6^{+1.1}_{-0.7}$
Observed limit	1.5	7.9	1.7
Best fit	$-2.1^{+1.2}_{-1.3}$	$2.6^{+2.9}_{-2.6}$	$-1.6^{+1.3}_{-1.4}$

8 TeV

Heavy resonances

CMS $X \rightarrow \mu e$

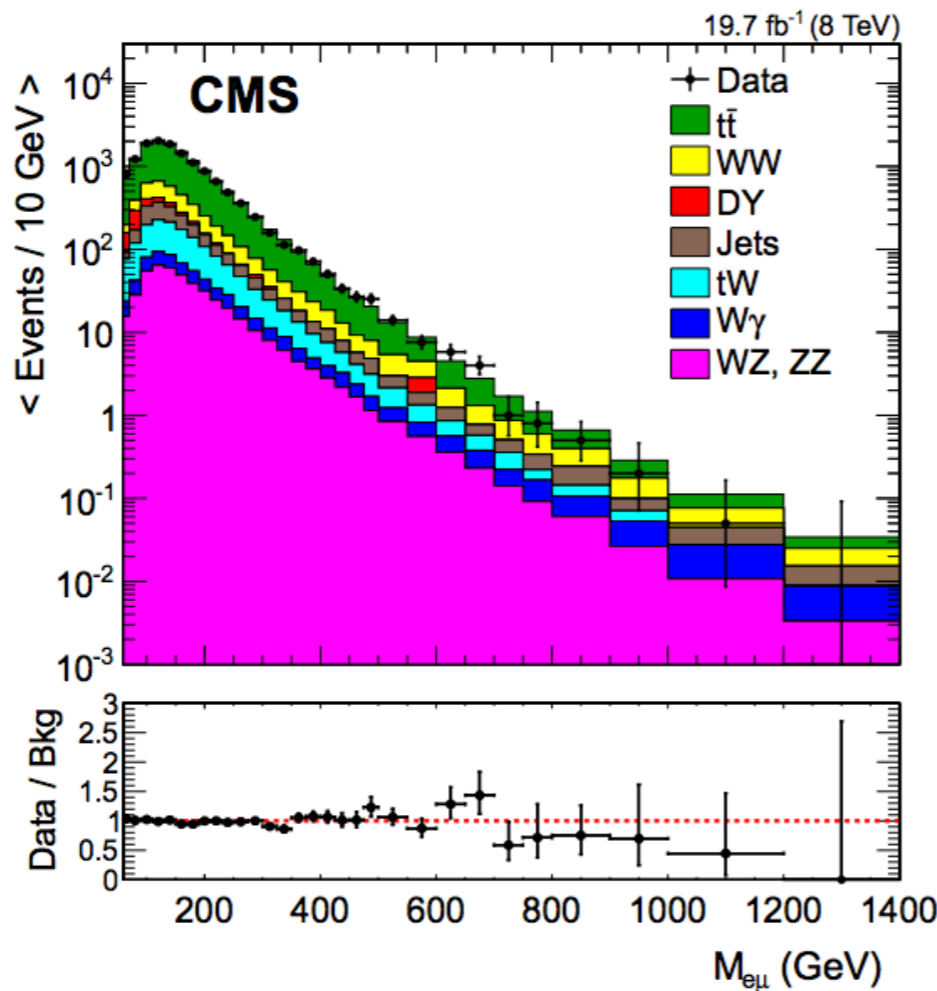
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Motivations

- τ sneutrino in RPV SUSY
- $W_{\text{RPV}} = \frac{1}{2} \lambda_{ijk} L_i L_j \bar{E}_k + \lambda'_{ijk} L_i Q_j \bar{D}_k$ ($i, j, k \in 1, 2, 3$)
- Z' and γ'
- Quantum black holes (non resonant)
 - Within a specific model

Background estimation

- Irreducible - MC based
- Reducible - combination



Signal model	Lower limit signal mass (TeV)	
	Observed	Expected
RPV $\tilde{\nu}_\tau$ ($\lambda_{132} = \lambda_{231} = \lambda'_{311} = 0.01$)	1.28	1.24
RPV $\tilde{\nu}_\tau$ ($\lambda_{132} = \lambda_{231} = 0.05, \lambda'_{311} = 0.10$)	2.16	2.16
RPV $\tilde{\nu}_\tau$ ($\lambda_{132} = \lambda_{231} = 0.07, \lambda'_{311} = 0.11$)	2.30	2.30
LFV Z' ($\kappa = 0.05$)	1.29	1.25
QBH $n = 0$	1.99	1.99
QBH $n = 1$ (RS)	2.36	2.36
QBH $n = 1$ (PDG)	2.81	2.81
QBH $n = 2$	3.15	3.15
QBH $n = 3$	3.34	3.34
QBH $n = 4$	3.46	3.46
QBH $n = 5$	3.55	3.55
QBH $n = 6$	3.63	3.63

13 TeV

Heavy resonances

ATLAS $X \rightarrow \tau\mu/\tau e/\mu e$

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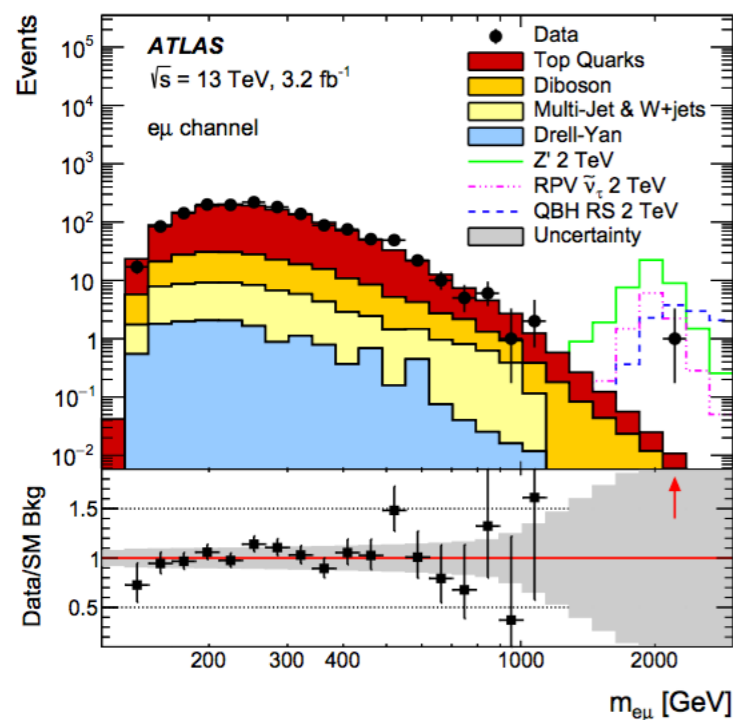
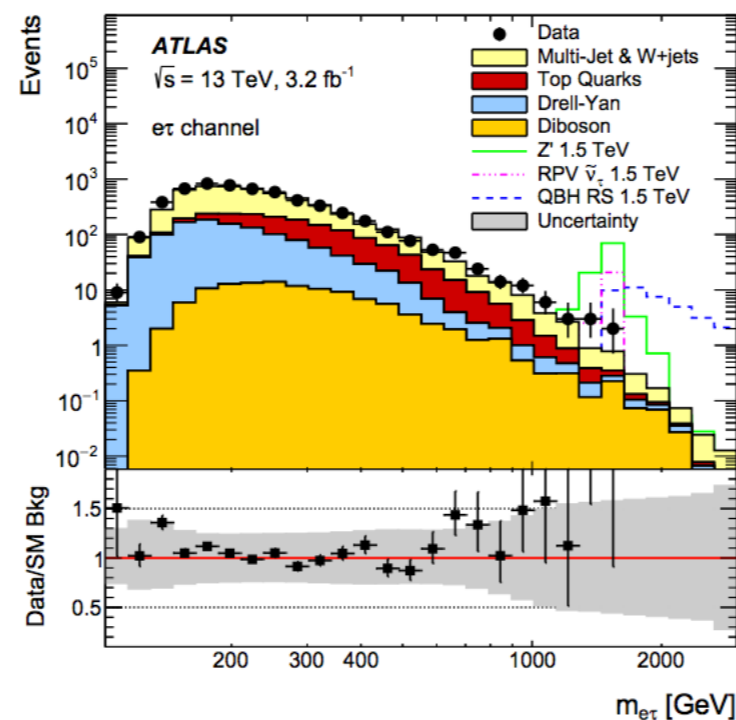
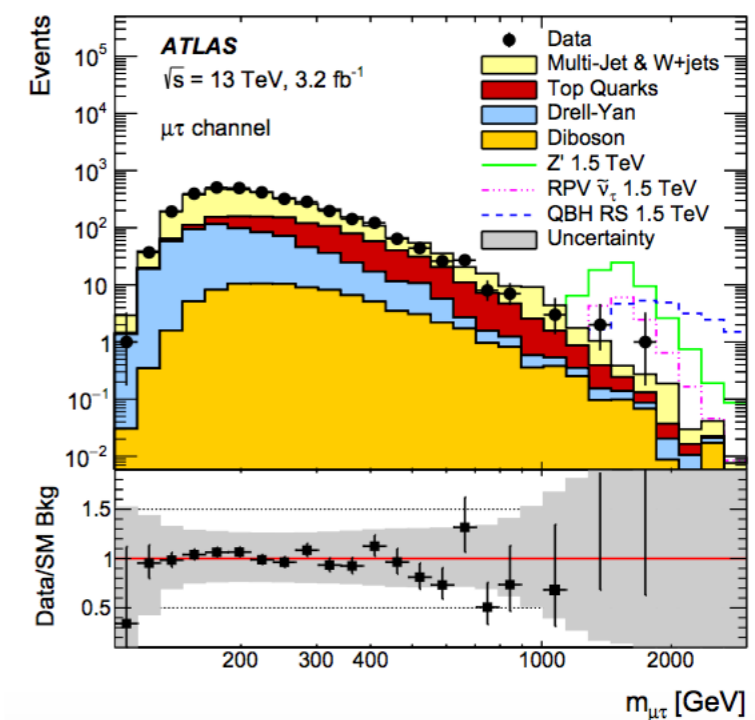
Motivations

- Z'
 - Assumes SM coupling to quarks
 - Only one LFV decay is allowed
- τ sneutrino in RPV SUSY
- Quantum black holes (non resonant)
 - Within two specific models

Background estimation

- Irreducible - MC based
 - With some extrapolation when the MC statistics is limited
- Reducible - combination

Model	Expected Limit [TeV]			Observed Limit [TeV]		
	$e\mu$	$e\tau$	$\mu\tau$	$e\mu$	$e\tau$	$\mu\tau$
Z'	3.2	2.7	2.6	3.0	2.7	2.6
RPV SUSY $\tilde{\nu}_\tau$	2.5	2.1	2.0	2.3	2.2	1.9
QBH ADD $n = 6$	4.6	4.1	3.9	4.5	4.1	3.9
QBH RS $n = 1$	2.5	2.2	2.1	2.4	2.2	2.1

(a) $e\mu$ channel(b) $e\tau$ channel(c) $\mu\tau$ channel

8 TeV

Others

ATLAS $\tau \rightarrow 3\mu$

ATLAS 1601.03567

Search channel

- $W \rightarrow \tau \nu ; \tau \rightarrow 3\mu$

Main discriminators

- 3 nearby muons
- $m_T = \sqrt{2p_T^{3\mu} E_T^{\text{miss}}(1 - \cos \Delta\phi)}$,
- τ lifetime \Rightarrow muons originating from a secondary vertex
- $m_{3\mu} \sim m_\tau$

Strategy

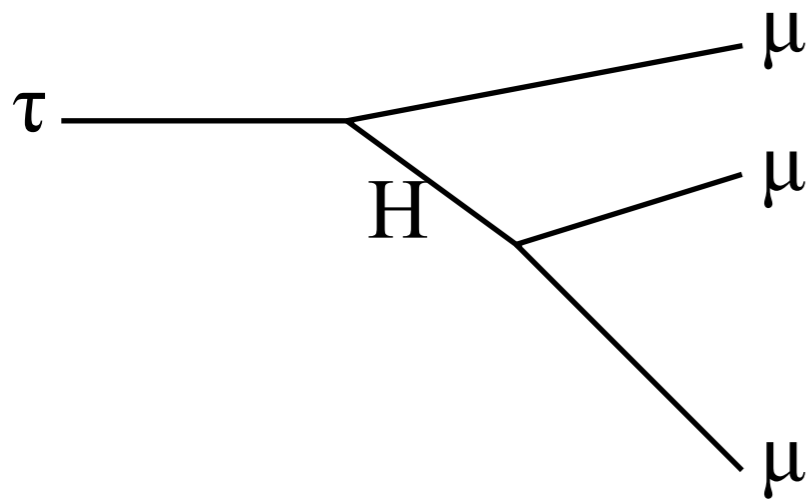
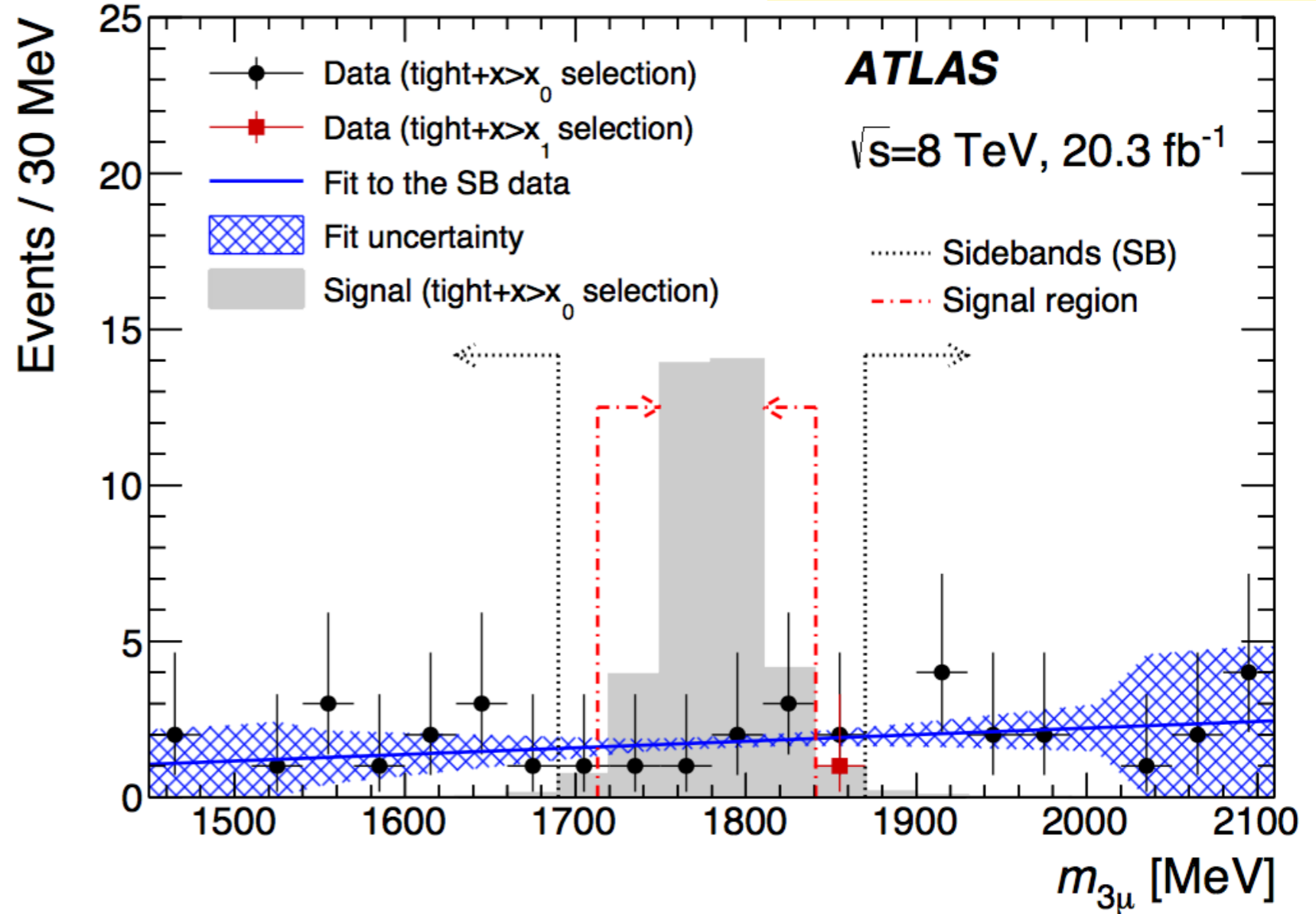
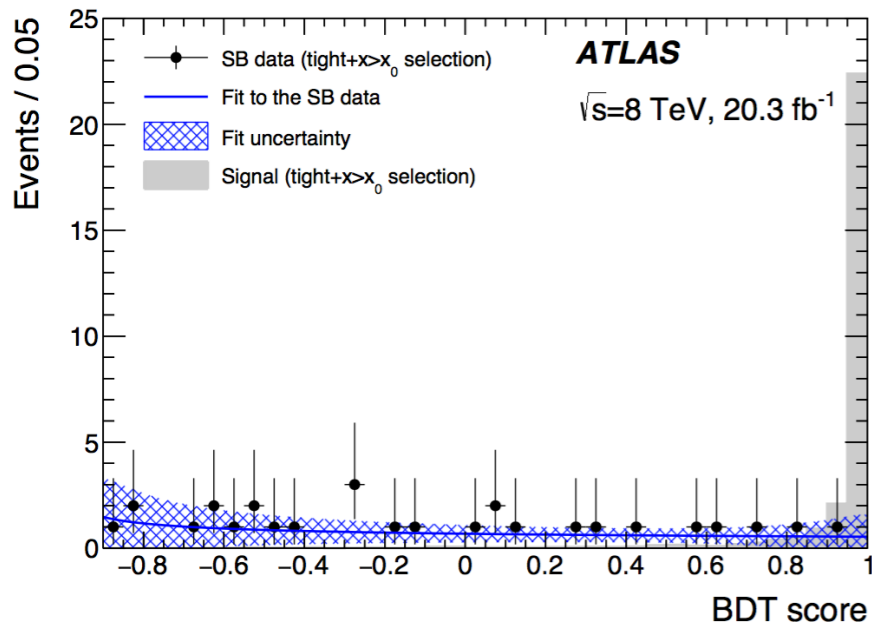
- Step 1: event selection based on the discriminators
- Step 2: BDT - with loose selections
 - To ensure enough statistics
 - 16 input variables
- Step 3: tight cuts on the BDT output score
- Step 4: optimize selection based on estimation in the sideband region

Region	Range in $m_{3\mu}$ [MeV]
Signal region	[1713, 1841]
Blinded region	[1690, 1870]
Sideband region	[1450, 1690] and [1870, 2110]
Training region	[750, 1450] and [2110, 2500]

Background

- Main source: Heavy Flavour decays
- Extrapolated from the sideband region

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3.76×10^{-7} (3.94×10^{-7}) on $\text{Br}(\tau \rightarrow 3\mu)$ at 90% CL.

Observed (expected)

Next steps

- Analyses are being repeated now with more data
- Optimization and improvements are done in parallel
- Multivariate analysis techniques are being exploited to further improve the sensitivity of the analyses

- ...
- Clear view of which paths are available for searching for LFV decays
 - The track is pretty well defined
 - Not all fronts are covered
- Are we missing anything?