

BACKGROUNDS TO MULTILEPTONS AT ATLAS

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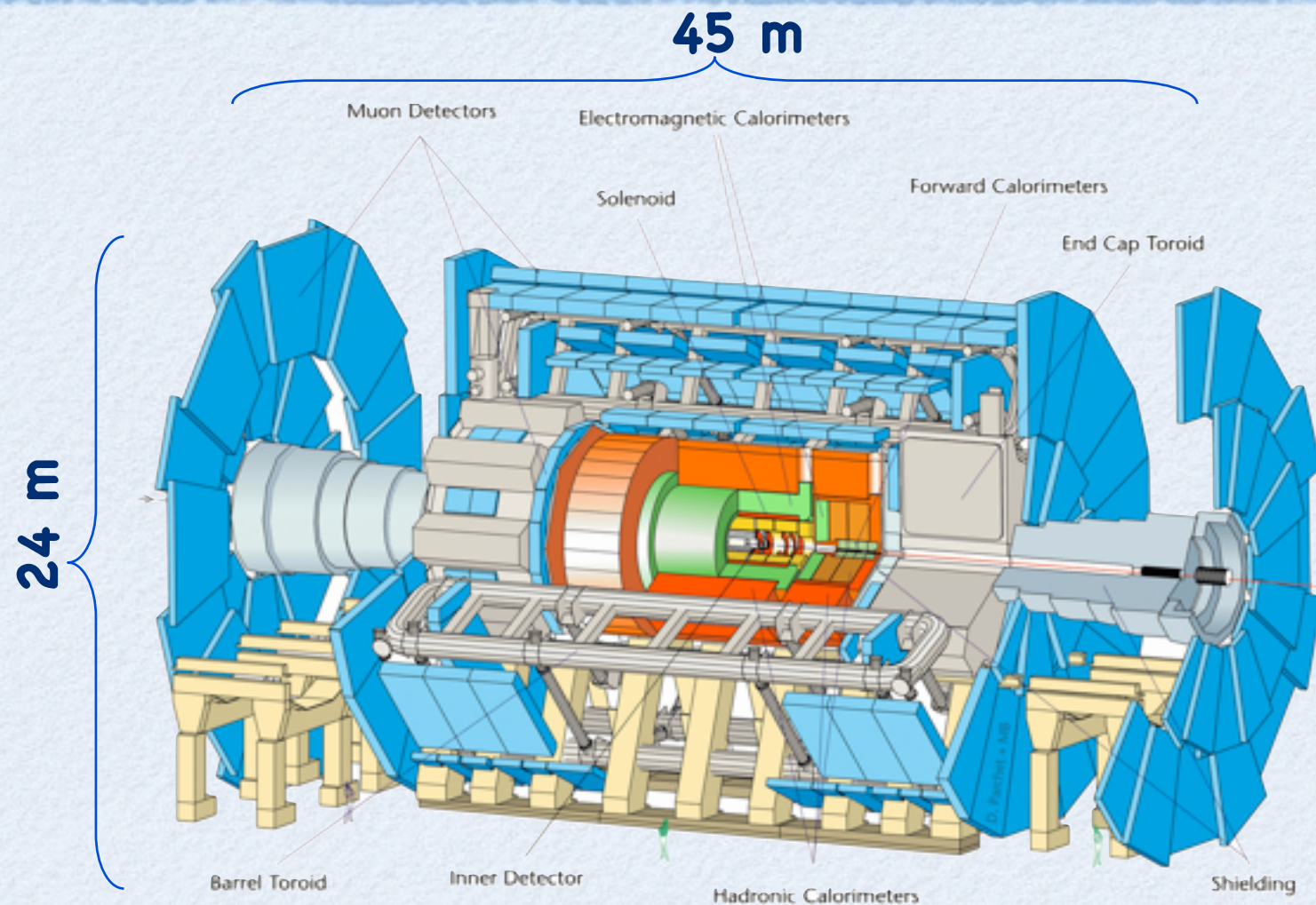
- Multi-lepton final states are generally considered low-background / practically background-free.
 - However large x-section \times minute detector effects can still bring non-negligible backgrounds.
- What is in this talk?
 - Ways to guess the size of such backgrounds without resorting to detector simulation.
 - Example $L^0 L^\pm$ analysis in 3 same-sign (SS) leptons.
 - On behalf of ATLAS Collaboration: Example full-simulation multi-lepton analysis & an introduction to how ATLAS plans to extract background estimates from actual data.
- Everything is @ 14TeV...

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SOURCES

- Details on various aspects of what is in this presentation can be obtained from:
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 - ATLAS Collaboration, Expected Performance of the ATLAS Experiment Detector, Trigger, Physics, CERN-OPEN-2008-020 [[arXiv:0901.0512](#)].
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ATLAS DETECTOR



7000 tones

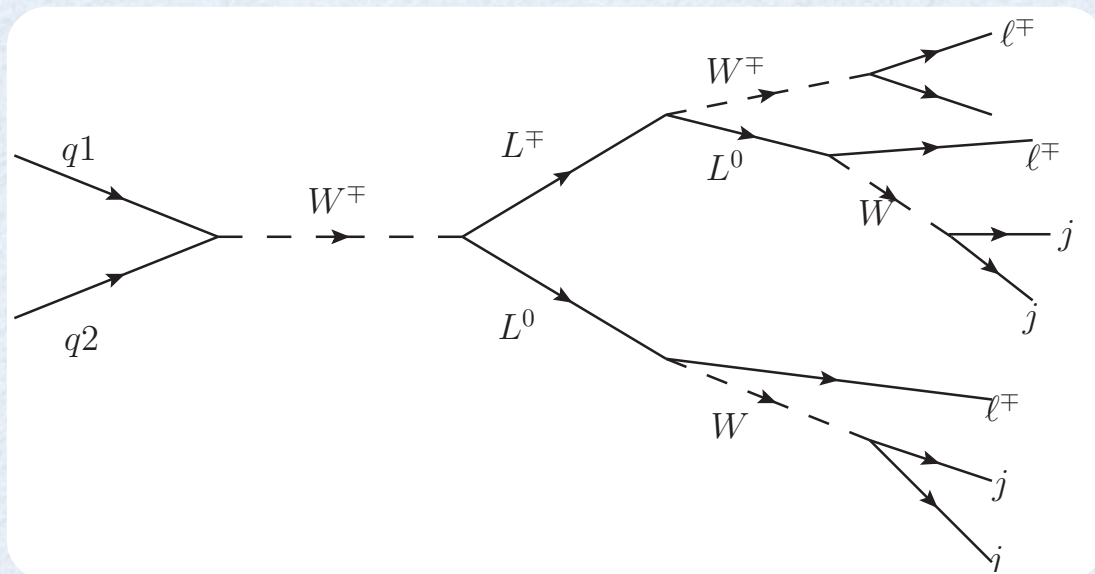
- Tracking and muon coverage: $|\eta| < 2.5$
- Calorimeters with presamplers: $|\eta| < 1.8$
- Forward calorimeters : $3.2 < |\eta| < 5.9$

- e/γ energy resolution
 $\sigma/E \approx 10-15\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus \sim 1\%$
- Central jet energy resolution
 $\sigma/E \approx 60\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus 3\%$
- Missing $E_{x,y}$ resolution
 $\sigma \approx 0.55 \text{ GeV} \times \sqrt{(\sum E_T)}$
- Track inverse- P_T resolution
 $\sigma_{\{1/P_T\}} \approx 35 \text{ TeV}^{-1} \times (1 \oplus 50/P_T)$
- Muon system standalone momentum resolution (with no inner detector)
 $\sigma/P_T < 4-10\% \text{ up to } 1 \text{ TeV}$

Backup slides: η dependence

CHARGED LEPTONS @ LHC

- Search for charged heavy leptons & Majorana neutrinos in final state with 3 SS leptons.



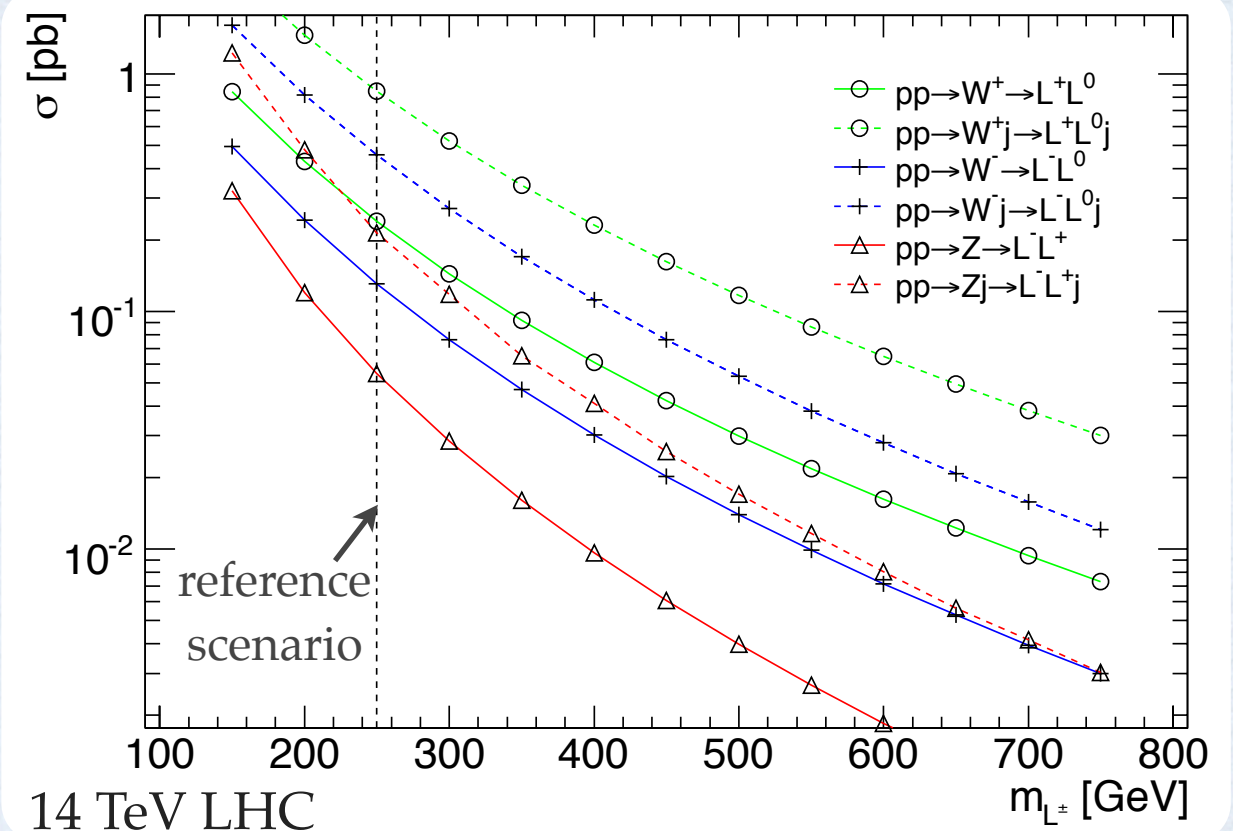
$$pp \rightarrow L^\pm L^0 \rightarrow W L^0 L^0 \rightarrow W_{l\nu} W_{jj} \mu W_{jj} \mu$$

Reference scenario :

$$m_{L^\pm} = 250 \text{ GeV}, m_{L^0} = 100 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\text{BR}(L^\pm \rightarrow L^0 W) \sim 100\%$$

$$\text{BR}(L^0 \rightarrow \mu W) = 68\%$$



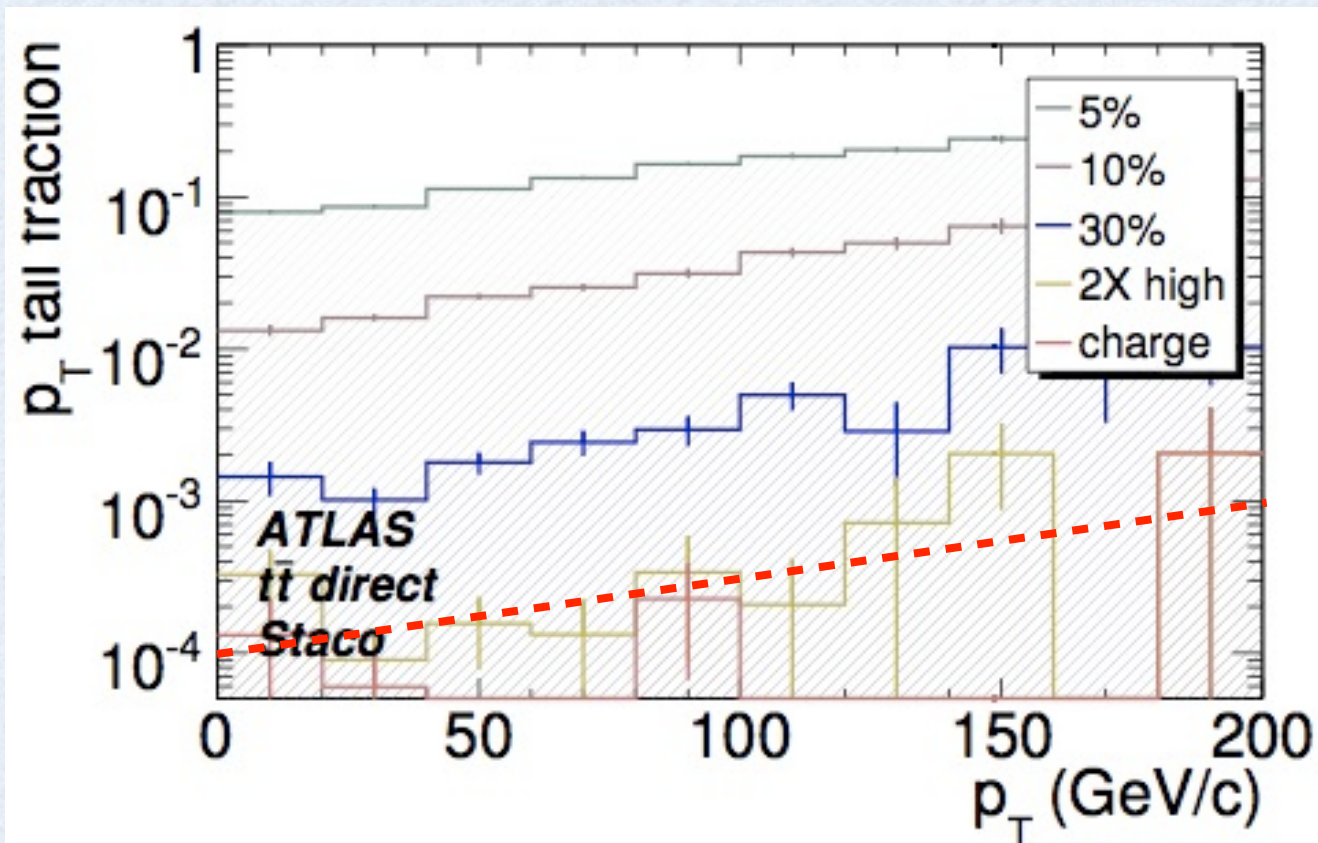
18 events/fb⁻¹ with 3 SS leptons (2μ+μ/e) & 2 hadronic Ws for the reference scenario.

- Acceptance: $P_T^{e/\mu} > 10 \text{ GeV}$ $|\eta^{e/\mu}| < 2.5$
- For trigger: One lepton with $P_T^{e/\mu} > 20 \text{ GeV}$ \Rightarrow 9 “backgroundless” events/fb⁻¹.

BACKGROUNDLESS???

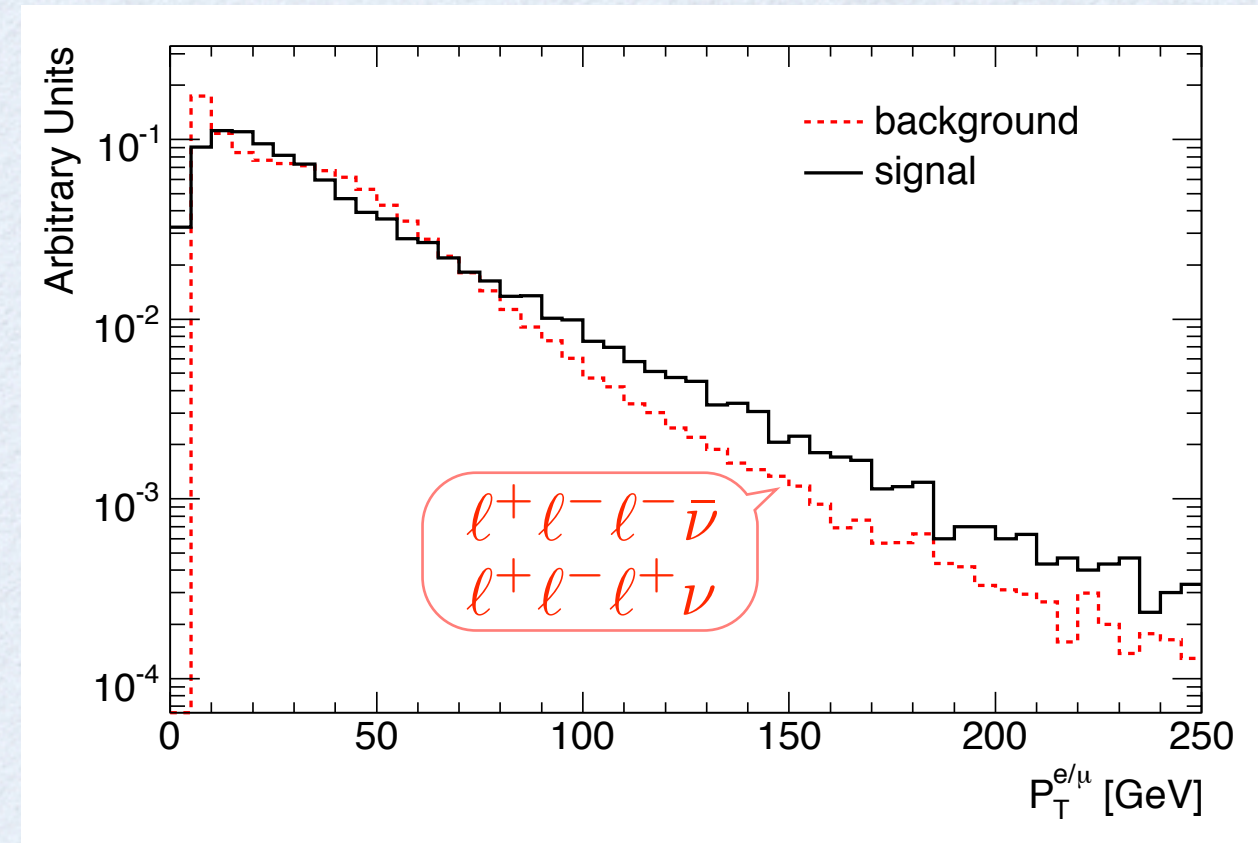
- Diboson production can provide 3 leptons, one of which is measured with the wrong charge.
- Can get jets misidentified as leptons.
 - Difficult to get all 3 jets as such, but what if you have at least one isolated true lepton? (ex. W +jets)
- $t\bar{t}$ production has a huge x-section ($\approx 830\text{pb}^{-1}$ NLO).
 - Provides jets, leptons, b-jets... At moderately high momenta!
 - $t\bar{t}$ should be considered a potential background for almost all LHC analyses.
 - How to get 3 SS leptons from $t\bar{t}$?
 - Leptonically decaying W s + for lowish- P_T leptons, b-jets are an abundant source.
- How to assess all these without going thru detector simulation?
 - Use expected performance of ATLAS from CERN-OPEN-2008-020.

3 LEPTONS IN SM



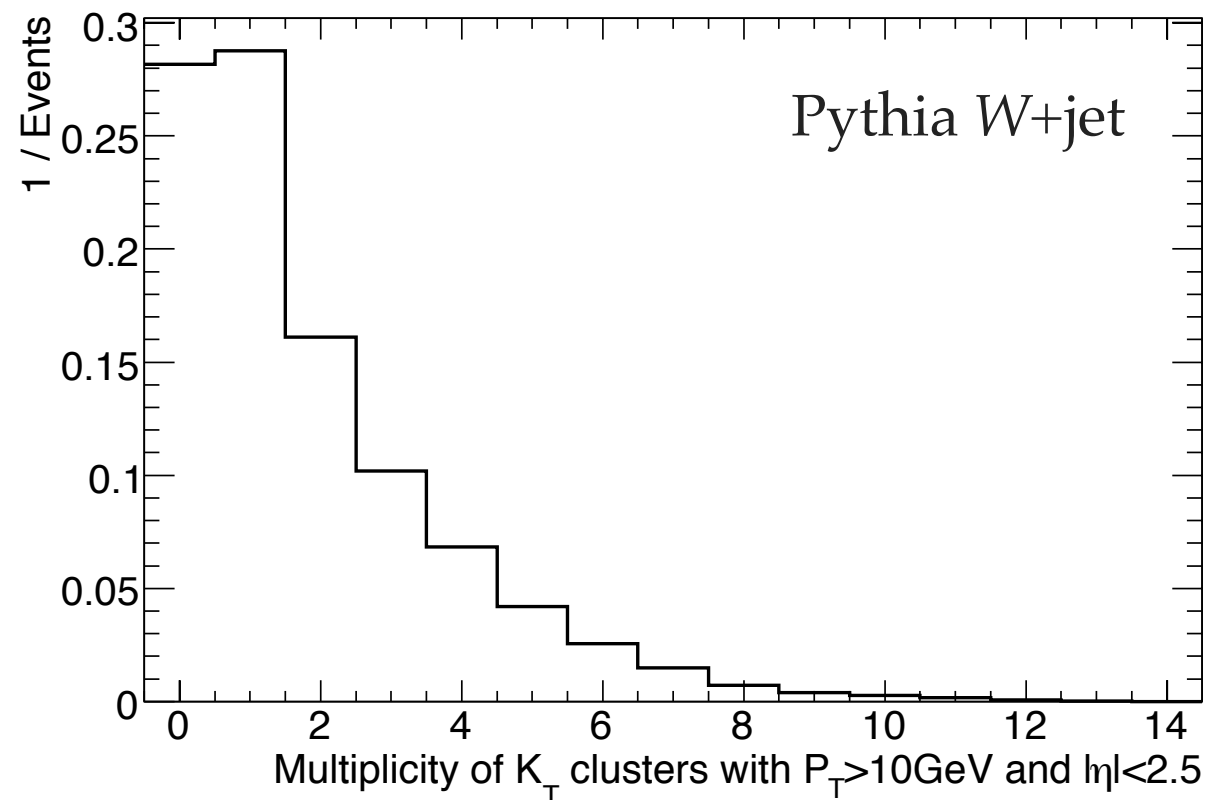
Fraction of reconstructed muons with magnitude of $\Delta P_T/P_T$ outside indicated ranges from **CERN-OPEN-2008-020**, for the combined muon algorithm with worse performance. The last tail curve ("charge"), shows charge mis-measurement fraction. In **red dashed line**, our parameterization.

- charge mis-measurement conservatively parameterized:
 $\epsilon_{\text{mischarge}} = 10^{-4+PT/200\text{GeV}}$



- Generate 75k 3l+v events w/MGME.
- SM 3-lepton x-sec: 195.7 ± 0.6 fb
- Applying the mischarge parameterization, we get eff. background x-sec = 0.04 fb

W+JETS

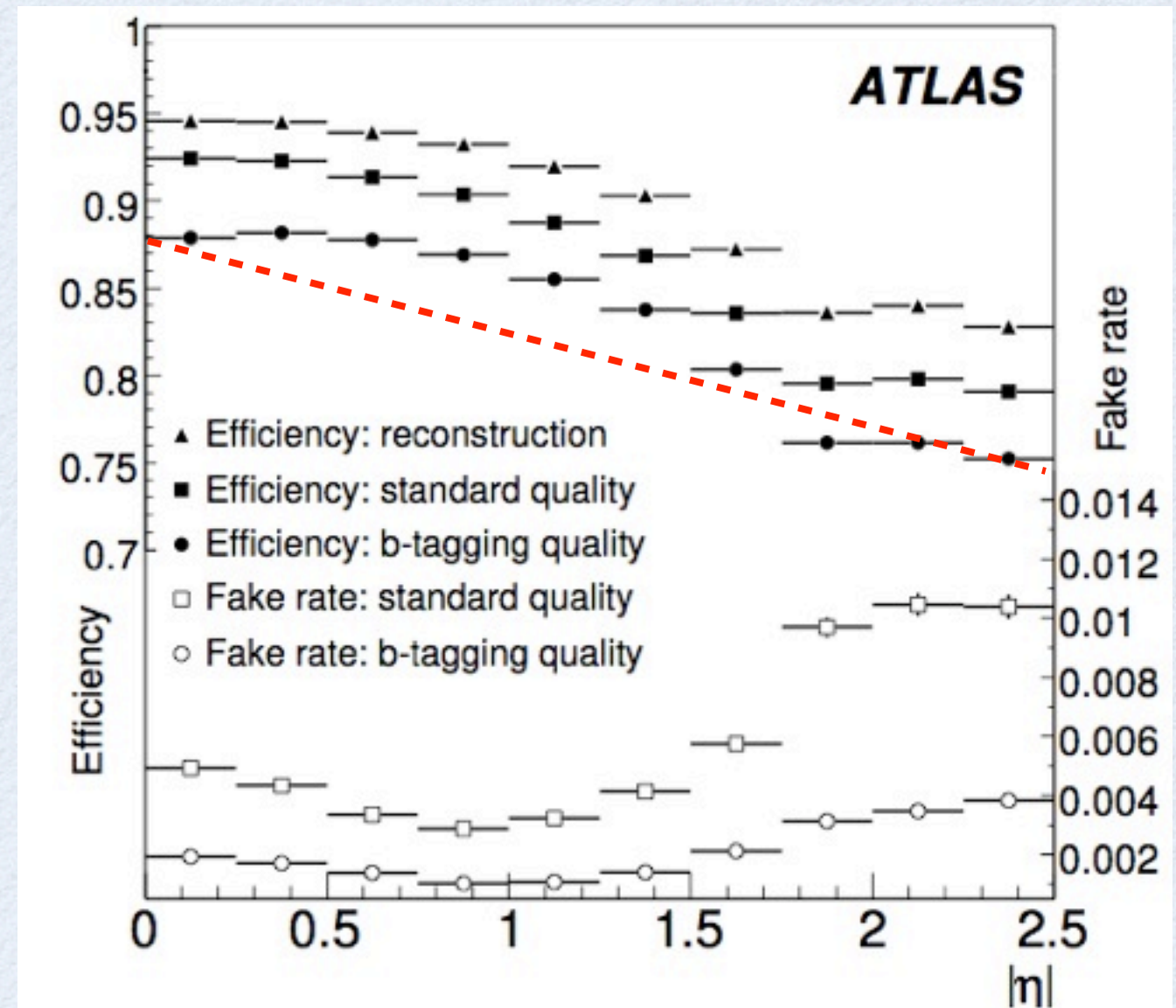


- Having all 3 leptons from fakes highly unlikely.
 - Why? Comparing W+jet vs. jet-jet backgrounds in the dilepton (Z') analysis in CERN-OPEN-2008-020.
- A true e/μ from a W & two fakes from jets.
- Electrons more prone to jet fakes than μ s.
 - CERN-OPEN-2008-020, max-likelihood based electron ID: For 77% electron ID efficiency, jet rejection factor = 3.77×10^4 .
- Generate 10k $W_{e/\mu\nu}$ +jets with Pythia, with e/μ satisfying acceptance.
 - x-sec = 19.9 ± 0.2 nb
- Run k_T jet algo & extract multiplicity of clusters within acceptance.

- Compute expected effective background x-sect = 0.01 fb.

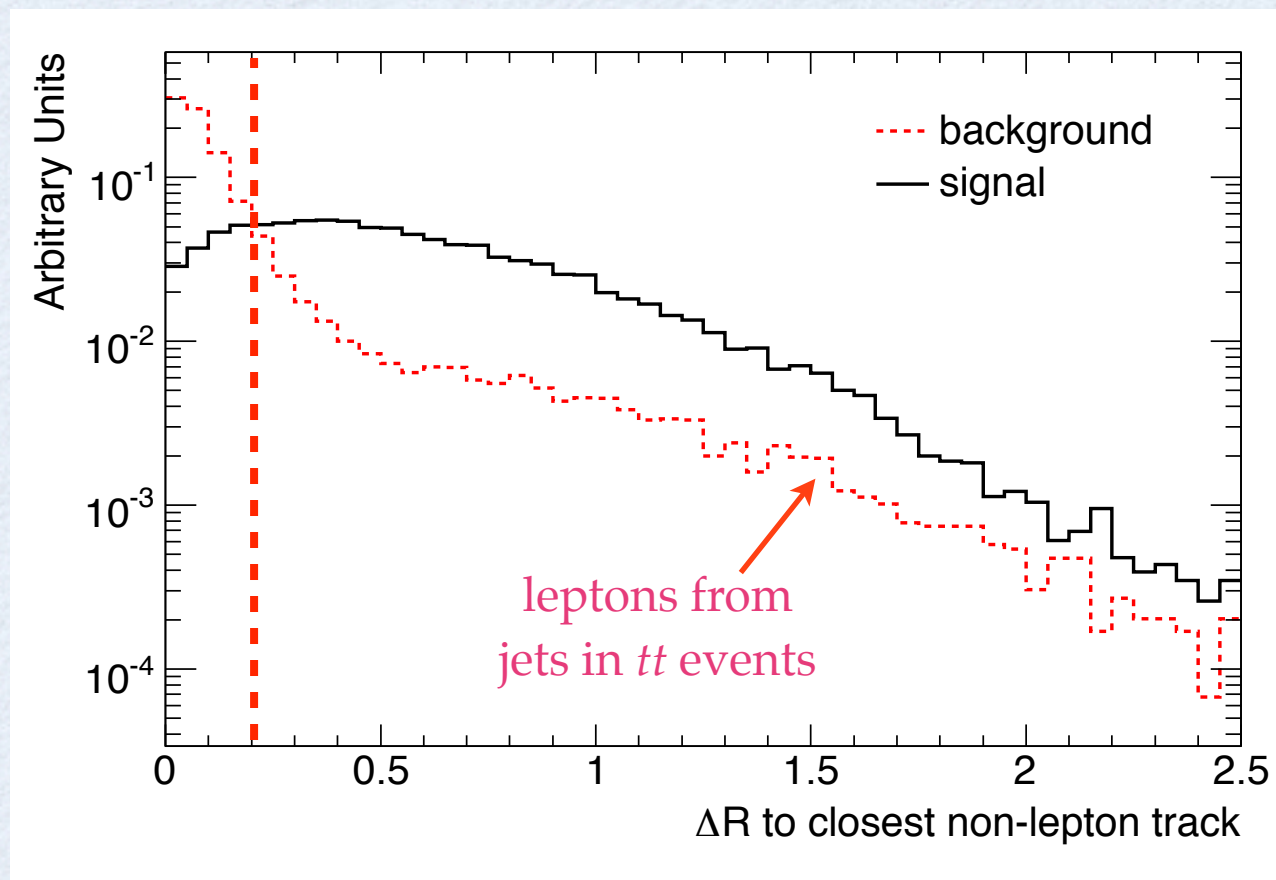
$t\bar{t}$ BACKGROUND

- To get 3 relatively-low PT SS leptons from $t\bar{t}$ background:
 - 1 lepton from a W and 2 from b-jets.
 - Rejection by lepton isolation.
 - Calo-based isolation difficult to do at generator level.
 - Track based isolation => Need to parameterize tracking inefficiency.
 - CERN-OPEN-2008-020 has tracking eff. for pions in jets in $t\bar{t}$ events!



Track reconstruction efficiency and fake rates for charged pions in jets in $t\bar{t}$ events as a function of $|\eta|$, from CERN-OPEN-2008-020. In red, our conservative parameterization.

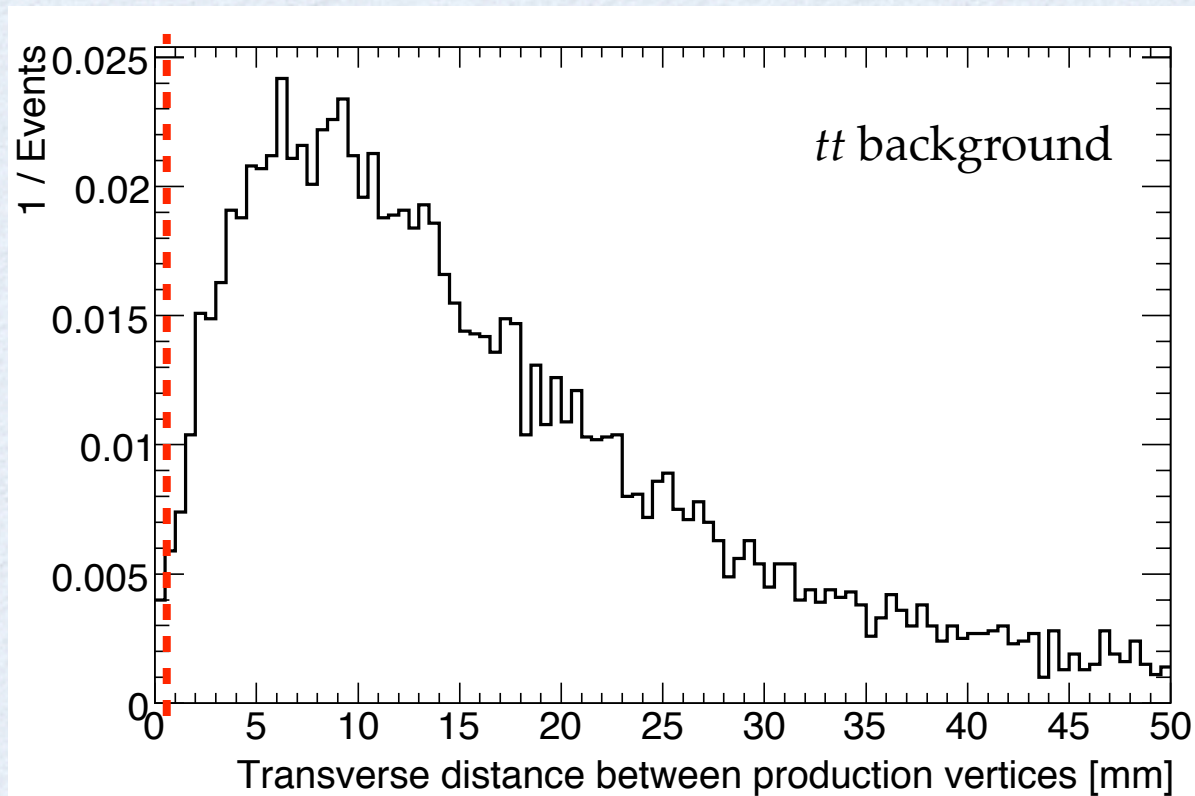
$t\bar{t}$ BACKGROUND - LEPTON ISOLATION



$\Delta R_{\text{iso}} \equiv$ minimum ΔR between lepton and any non-lepton track of $P_T > 1\text{GeV}$, taking into account expected efficiency of tracking for pions in b-jets parameterized as $\epsilon_{\text{trk}} = (88 - 13 \cdot |\eta^{\text{track}}| / 2.5)\%$.

- Require:
 - all 3 leptons: $\Delta R_{\text{iso}} > 0.05$
 - $\Delta R_{\text{iso}} > 0.2$ for 2 out of 3 leptons
- Why?
 - Applying the tighter cut on signal events has low eff., due to jets from 2 hadronic Ws falling close to leptons.
 - Getting 2 well-isolated leptons in $t\bar{t}$ is much more difficult.

$t\bar{t}$ BACKGROUND



MTD \equiv maximum transverse distance between the production vertices of any of pair of leptons in the event

- Leptons from b-jets produced away from each other. Require 3 leptons consistent with one vertex.
- Cannot do vertexing without full simulation & reco.
- Instead, reject if $MTD > 400\mu\text{m}$. (The secondary vertex radial position resolution in ATLAS is below $170\mu\text{m}$ for $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu\mu$.)
- After these requirements & taking into account also the jet fakes and charge mis-id discussed earlier: 1 event out of 5M Pythia events.
- Effective $t\bar{t}$ background x-section = 0.17 fb.

See backup slides for vtx. pos. resolution

SIGNAL SIGNIFICANCE

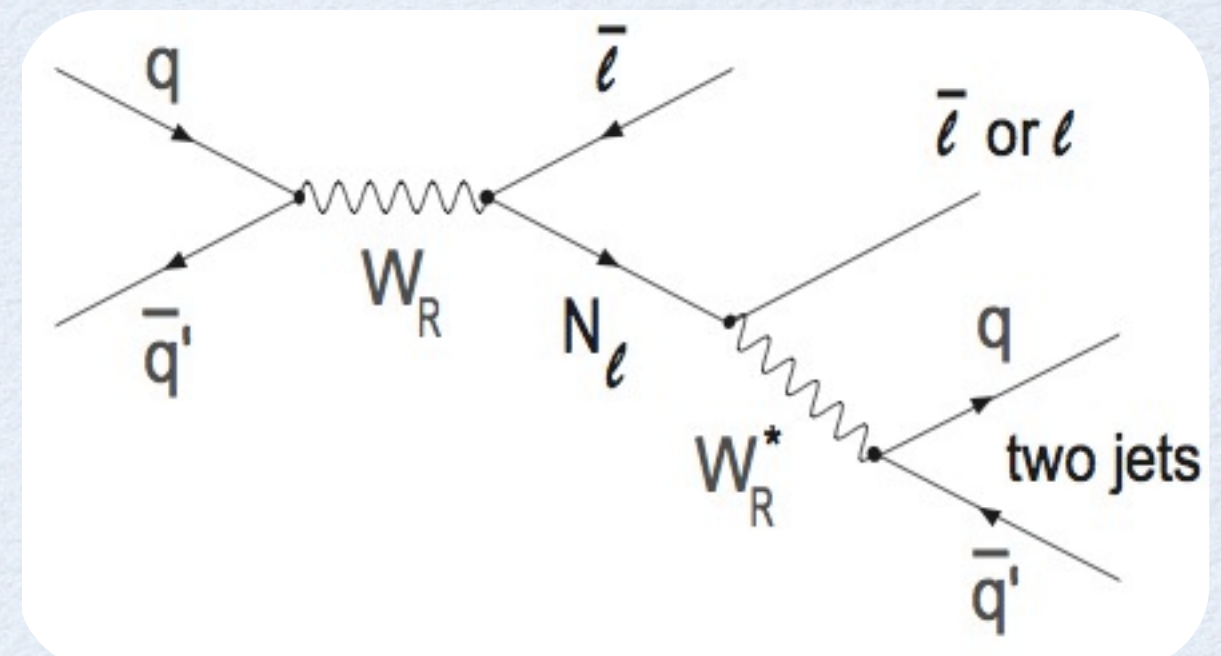
- After the cuts, for 1 fb^{-1} of data at 14 TeV:
 - 7 signal events
 - Rudimentary background estimate = 0.22 events
 - Some other potential backgrounds, not considered:
 - Zb, with charge mis-id: Without charge mis-id, shown to be a source of multileptons comparable to tt in SUSY OSSF studies in CERN-OPEN-2008-020. If found to be large, can be suppressed with an m_{ll} veto or a loose E_T^{miss} cut.
 - ZZ, where one lepton is lost & another's charge mis-id'ed. Cannot be more than 3l+v.
 - ...
- Even if background larger by $\times 10$, significance over 3.5σ

MULTI-LEPTONS AT ATLAS

- Many multi-lepton exotic final states are studied at ATLAS. Some examples:
 - Leptonic decay of pairs of heavy gauginos through real or virtual W/Z or sleptons to leptons and a pair of LSPs.
 - Exotic di-lepton resonances, like Z' .
 - Pair production of heavy particles, like neutrinos, quarks, leptoquarks, etc.
 - Production of heavy particles in association of a lepton. Ex: leptoquarks, neutrinos...
 - Vector boson scattering with both bosons decaying leptonically.

MAJORANA NEUTRINOS

- Left-Right Symmetric Models (LRSMs) address non-zero masses of neutrinos and baryogenesis.
- Introduce 3 new heavy right-handed Majorana neutrinos, new bosons W_R & Z' ,...
- Direct searches:
 $m(W_R) \gtrsim 750 \text{ GeV}$.
- W_R can be produced via the Drell-Yan process and decay to heavy neutrinos.



SIGNAL AND BACKGROUNDS

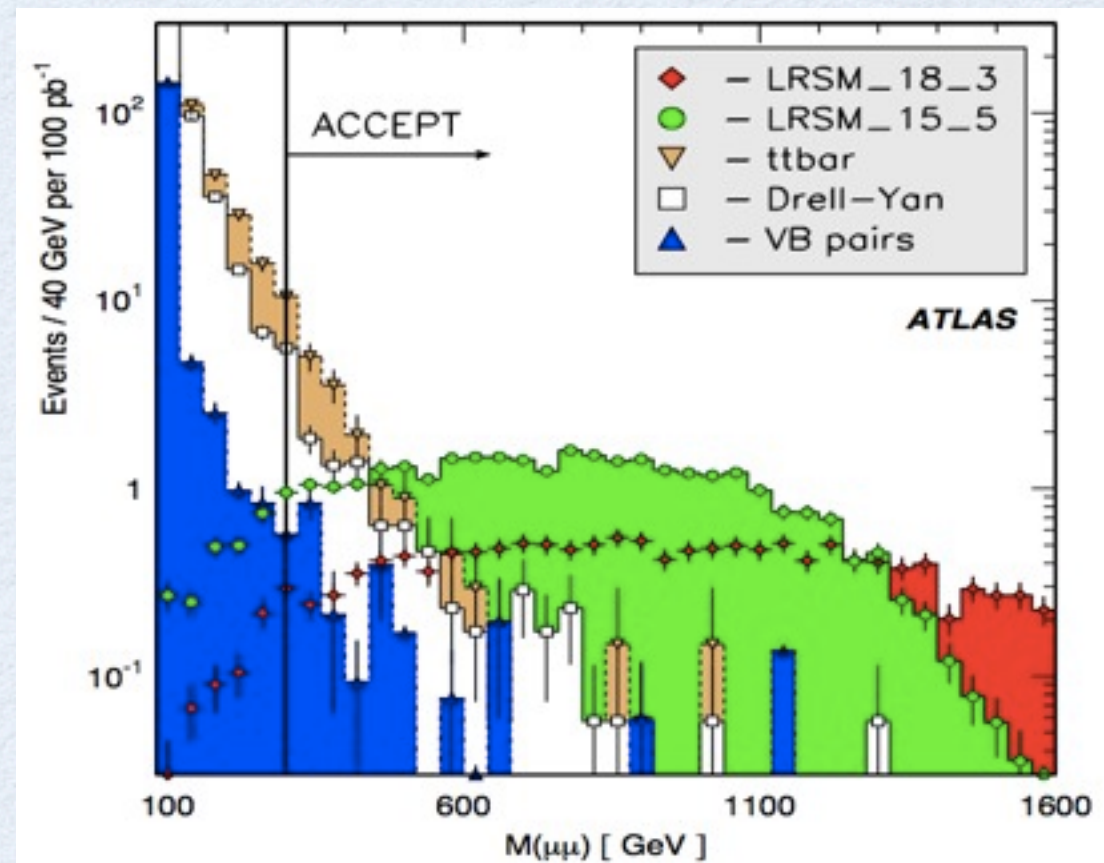
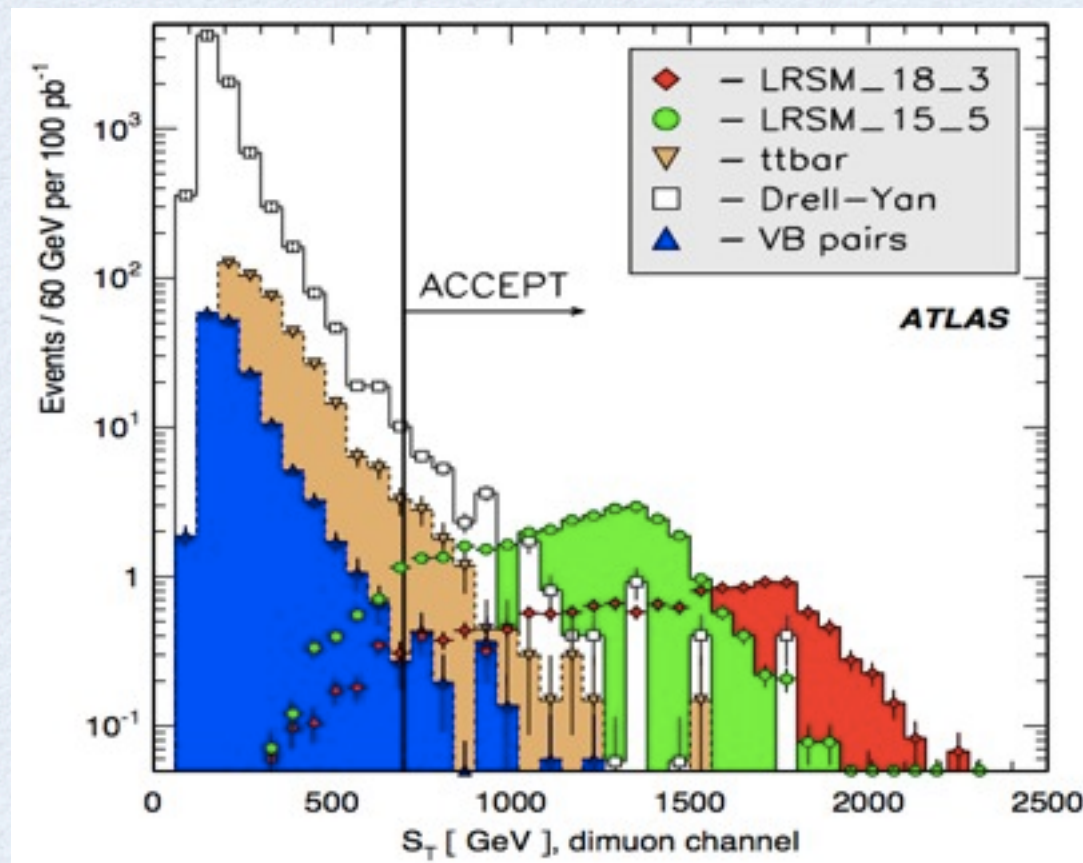
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Sample ($l=e,\mu$)	Generator	x-section (pb)		
		no cuts	basic cuts, e-channel	basic cuts, μ -channel
$pp \rightarrow W_R X, W_R \rightarrow lljj$ $m(W_R, N_{e,\mu}) = 1800, 300 \text{ GeV}$	pythia	LO 0.25	0.088	0.145
$pp \rightarrow W_R X, W_R \rightarrow lljj$ $m(W_R, N_{e,\mu}) = 1500, 500 \text{ GeV}$	pythia	LO 0.47	0.220	0.328
$pp \rightarrow Z_{ll} X, m_{ll} > 60 \text{ GeV}$ $P_T^l > 10 \text{ GeV}, \eta^l < 2.7$	pythia, herwig	NLO 1808	49.8	80.0
$pp \rightarrow tt$, at least one e,μ with $P_T^l > 1 \text{ GeV}$	mc@nlo	NLO+NLL 450	3.23	4.17
$pp \rightarrow VV, V=Z,W, m_{Z/\gamma^*} > 20 \text{ GeV},$ $P_T^l > 10 \text{ GeV}, \eta^l < 2.8$	herwig	NLO 60.9	0.610	0.876
multi-jet	pythia	10^8	20.5	0.0

- Basic cuts: 2e or 2 μ well-identified, 2jets with cone0.4, $\Delta R(\text{jet}, \text{any } e) > 0.1$, $P_T^{l,j} > 20 \text{ GeV}$, $|\eta^l| < 2.5$, $|\eta^j| < 4.5$, $m_{ll} > 70 \text{ GeV}$

EVENT SELECTION

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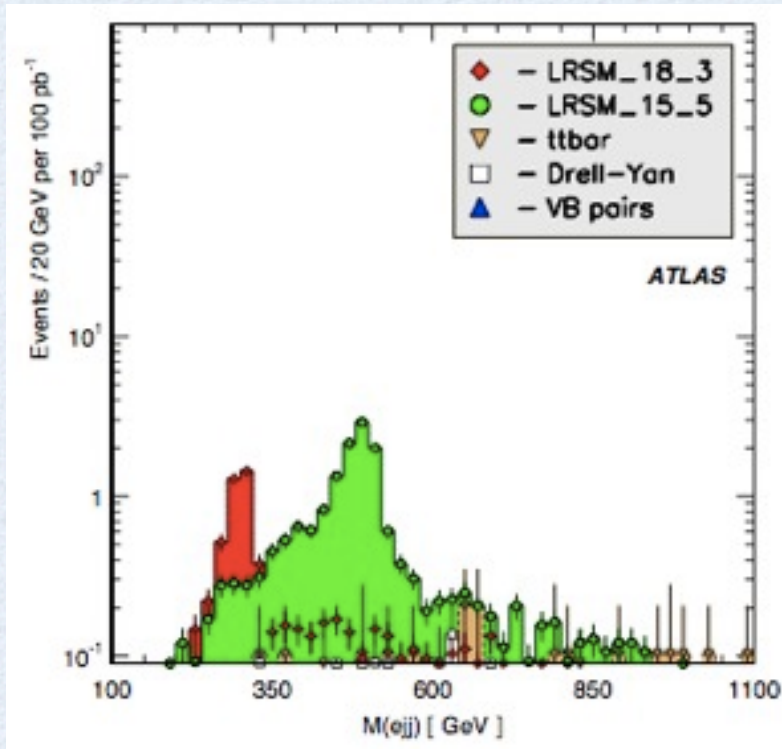
- Reconstruct from 2 highest- P_T jets and leptons
- $S_T > 700 \text{ GeV}$ (scalar ΣP_T of 2 jets and leptons), $m_{ll} > 300 \text{ GeV}$
- Final signal region: $m_{ljj} > 100 \text{ GeV}$, $m_{lljj} > 1000 \text{ GeV}$

ATLAS Full
Simulation

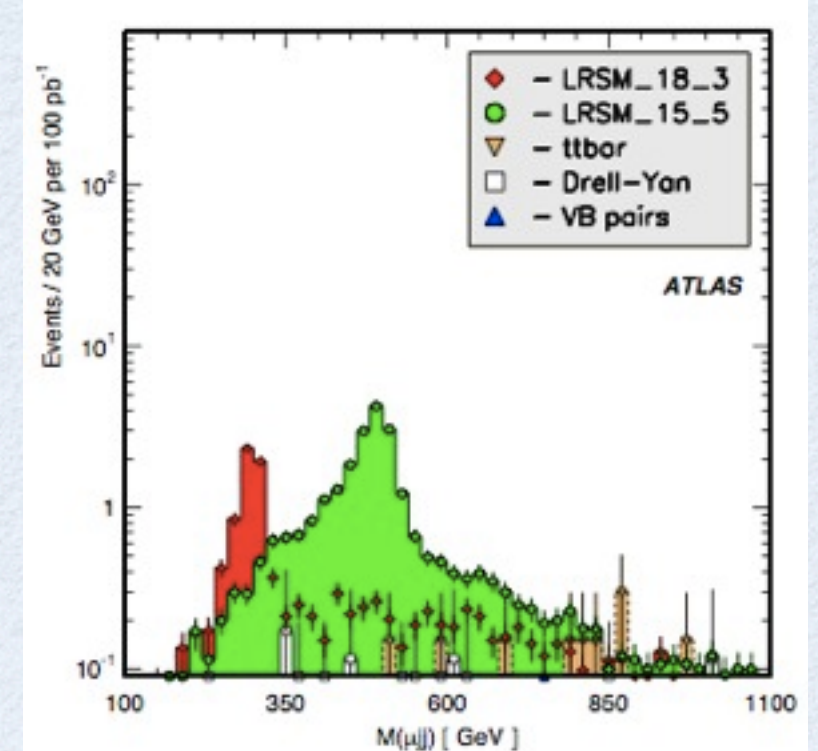
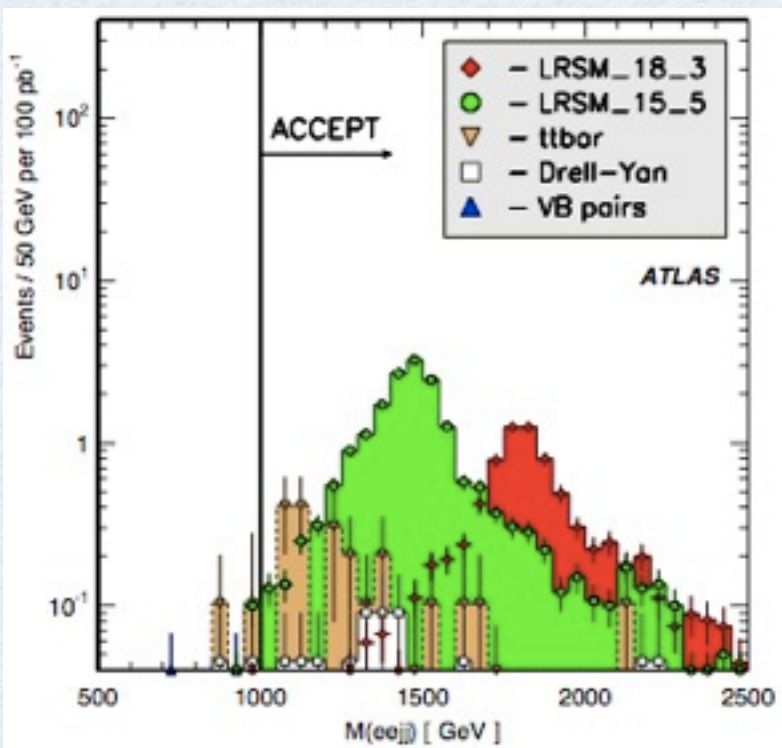
RECONSTRUCTED W_R & ν

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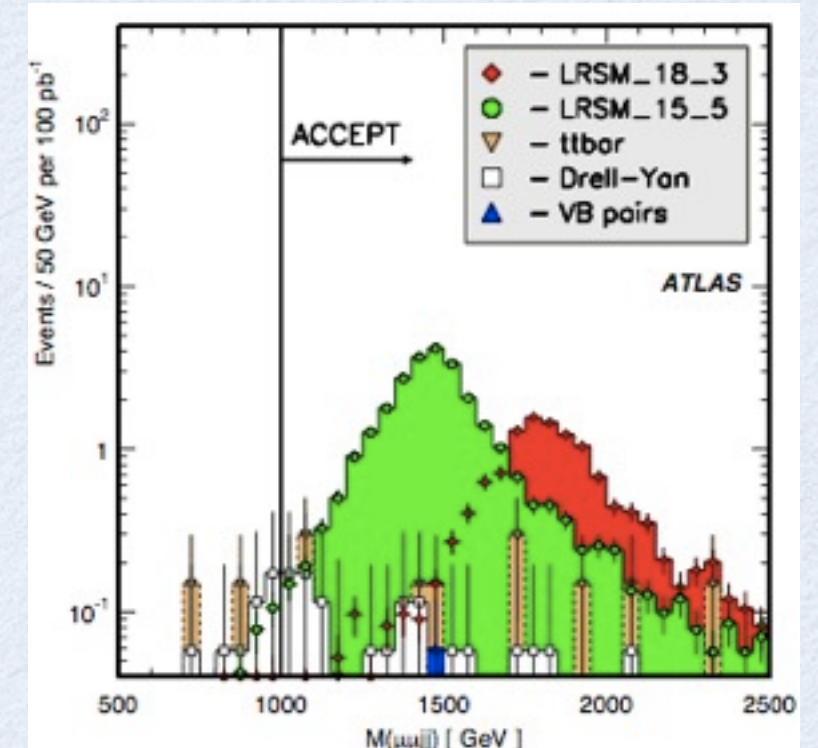
Electron channel



- After all cuts, backgrounds are about an order of magnitude smaller.
- 9–45 signal events @ 100pb⁻¹
- Multi-jet background not shown.
- Can be important for e-channel.



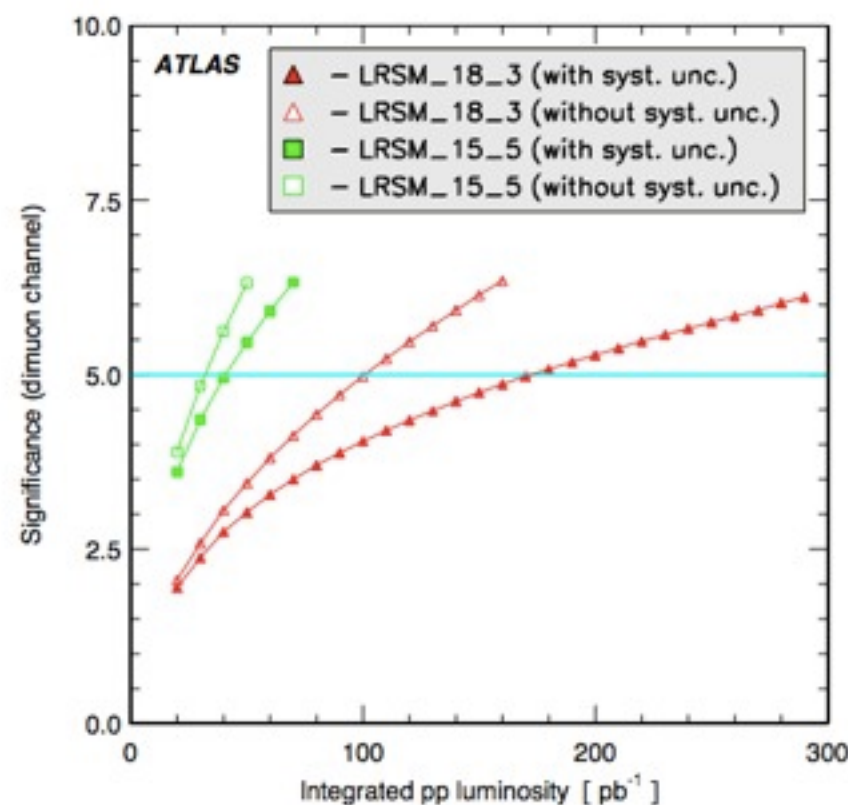
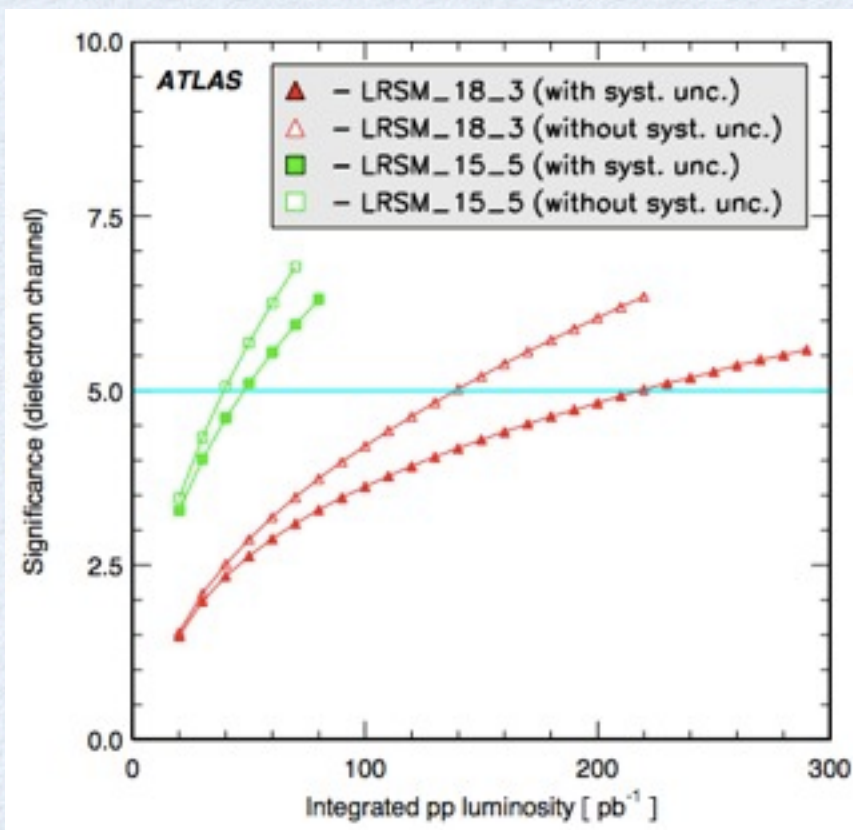
Muon channel



RESULTS

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- Trigger efficiency (single e or μ triggers) $\gtrsim 95\%$
- Systematics on the background estimation $\approx 40\text{--}45\%$
 - Largest contributors: Integrated luminosity measurement, jet energy scale and resolution, limited MC statistics.
- Pileup effect & multi-jet background in e -channel not considered!

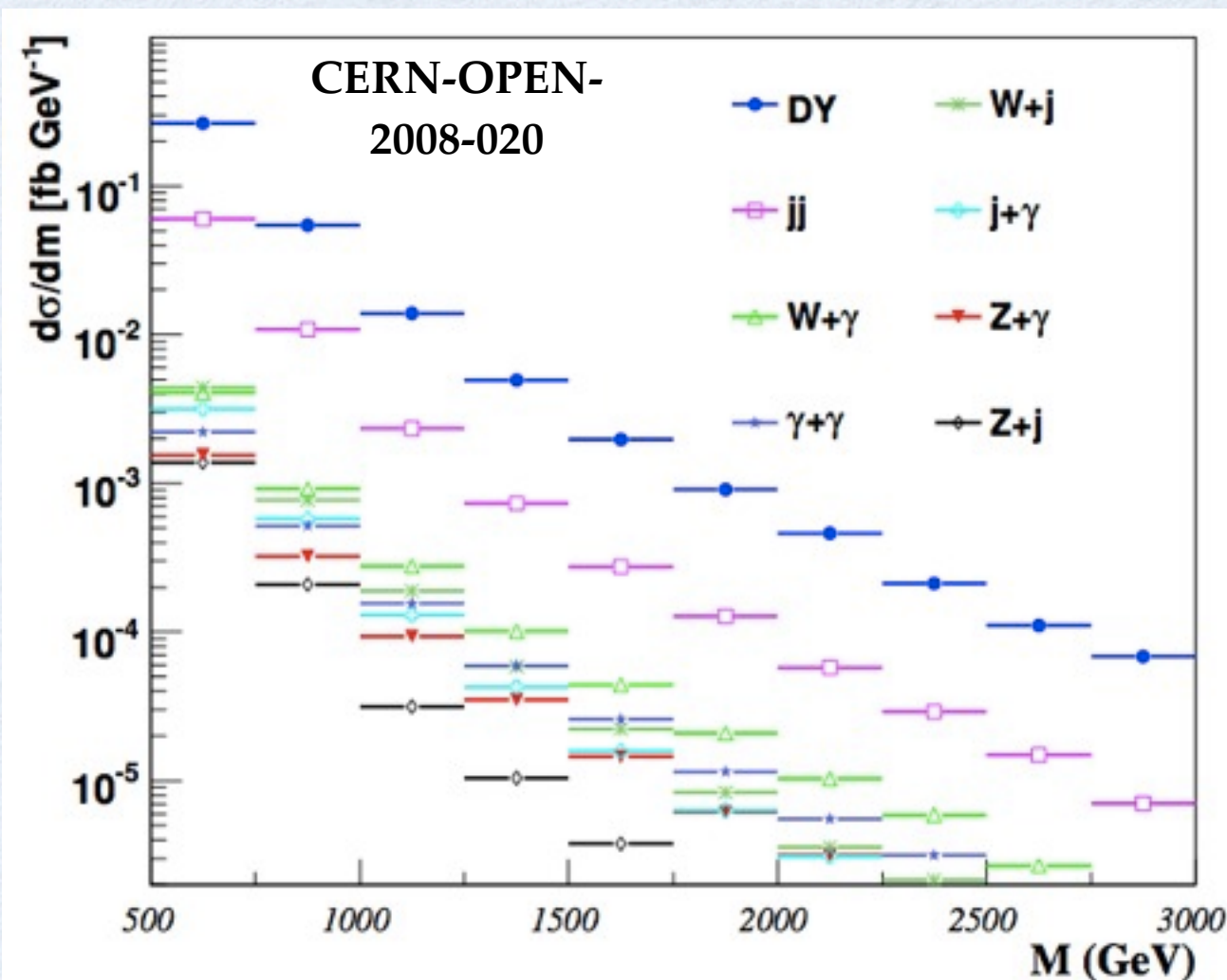


5 σ discovery
expected at **150pb⁻¹**
and **40pb⁻¹** for m
($W_R, N_{e,\mu}$) = 1800,300
and 1500,500
scenarios respectively.

Effect of systematics
is channel dependent.

DILEPTON RESONANCES

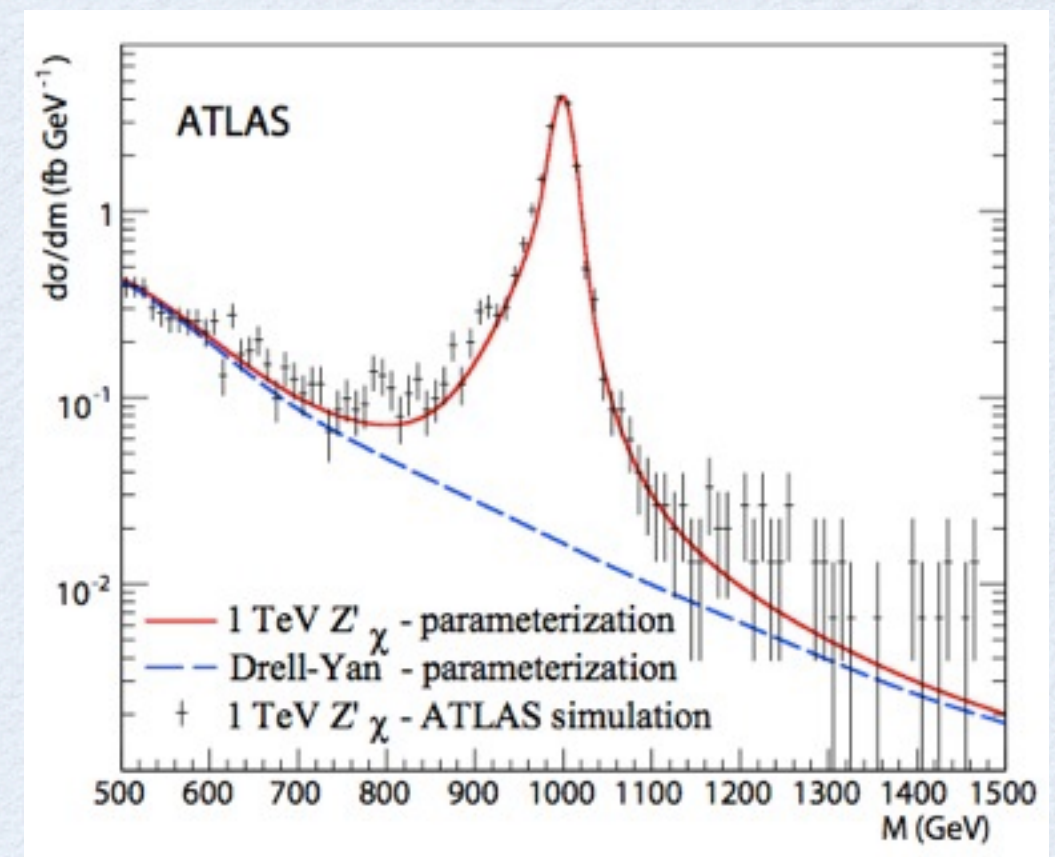
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Differential x-section obtained from Pythia for various backgrounds to the e^+e^- channel. Requirements on electron candidates: $|\eta| < 2.5$ and at least one with $P_T > 65 \text{ GeV}$. Assumed rejection factors are: $R_{e\text{-jet}} = 4 \times 10^3$ and $R_{e\text{-}\gamma} = 10$.

See backup slides
for uncut x-sections.

- For the search of dilepton resonances the largest background contribution is from Drell-Yan production.
- Second largest is QCD di-jets, contributing less than 1/4th of DY.
- $t\bar{t}$ contributes $\approx 10\%$ of DY for dilepton masses above 500 GeV.



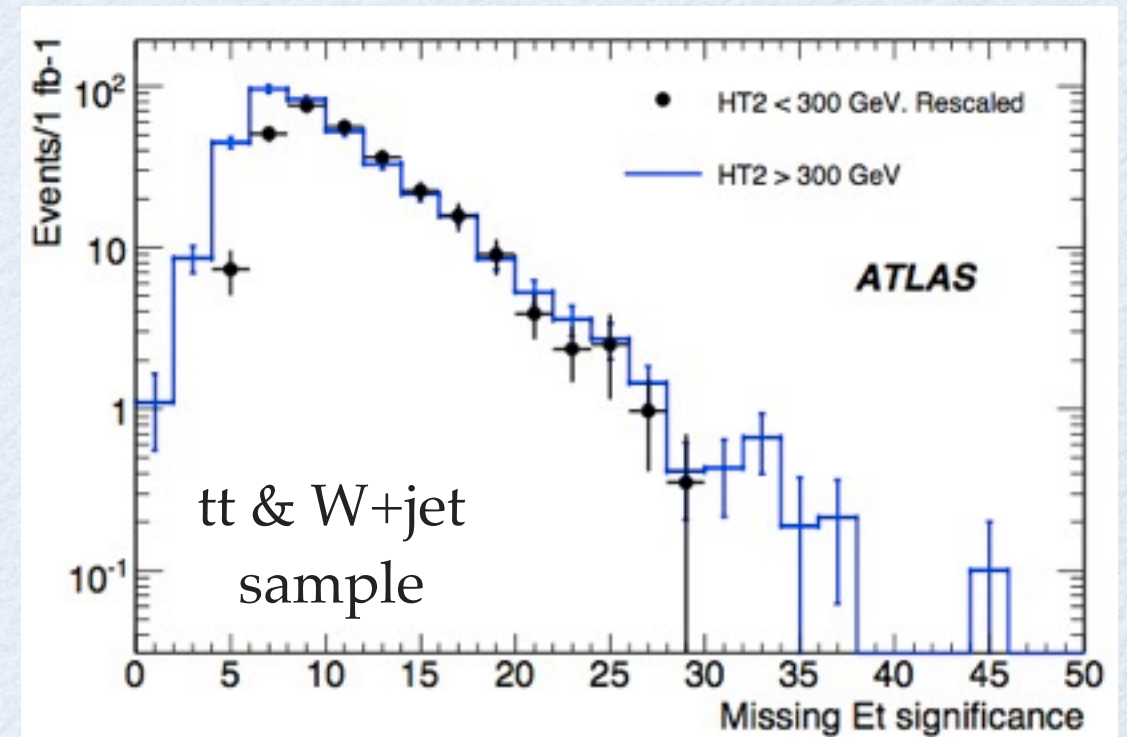
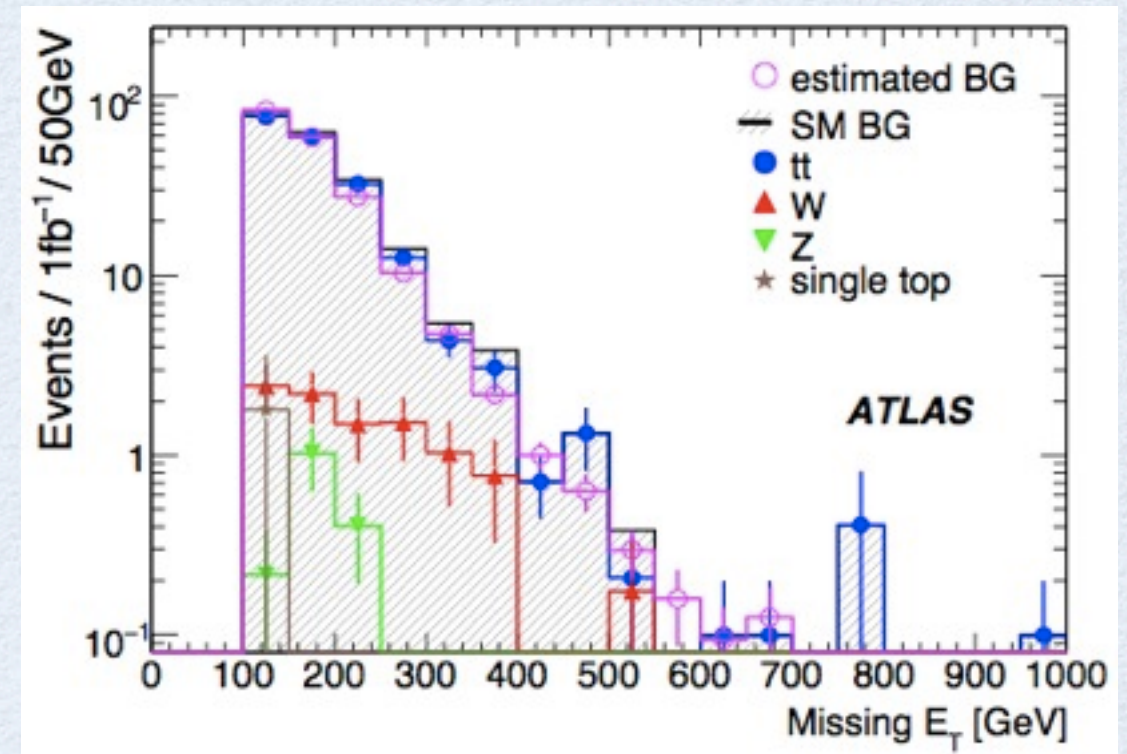
BACKGROUND CONTROL SAMPLES

SUSY analyses in CERN-OPEN-2008-020

- To estimate the size (and shape of) backgrounds, the simplest thing to do: Look at cut-out regions.
 - Signals mostly at high M_T :

$$M_T^2(\mathbf{p}_T^\alpha, \mathbf{p}_T^{\text{miss}}, m_\alpha, m_\chi) \equiv m_\alpha^2 + m_\chi^2 + 2(E_T^\alpha E_T^{\text{miss}} - \mathbf{p}_T^\alpha \cdot \mathbf{p}_T^{\text{miss}})$$
 - Revert cut, for control region: $M_T < 100 \text{ GeV}$
 - $t\bar{t}$ and W +jet backgrounds enhanced
- Alternatively, invent new variables which have low correlation with the cut variables.
 - Ex: HT2, a Σp_T variable without the highest p_T jet, to reduce correlation with E_T^{miss} .
 - Control region: $\text{HT2} < 300 \text{ GeV}$

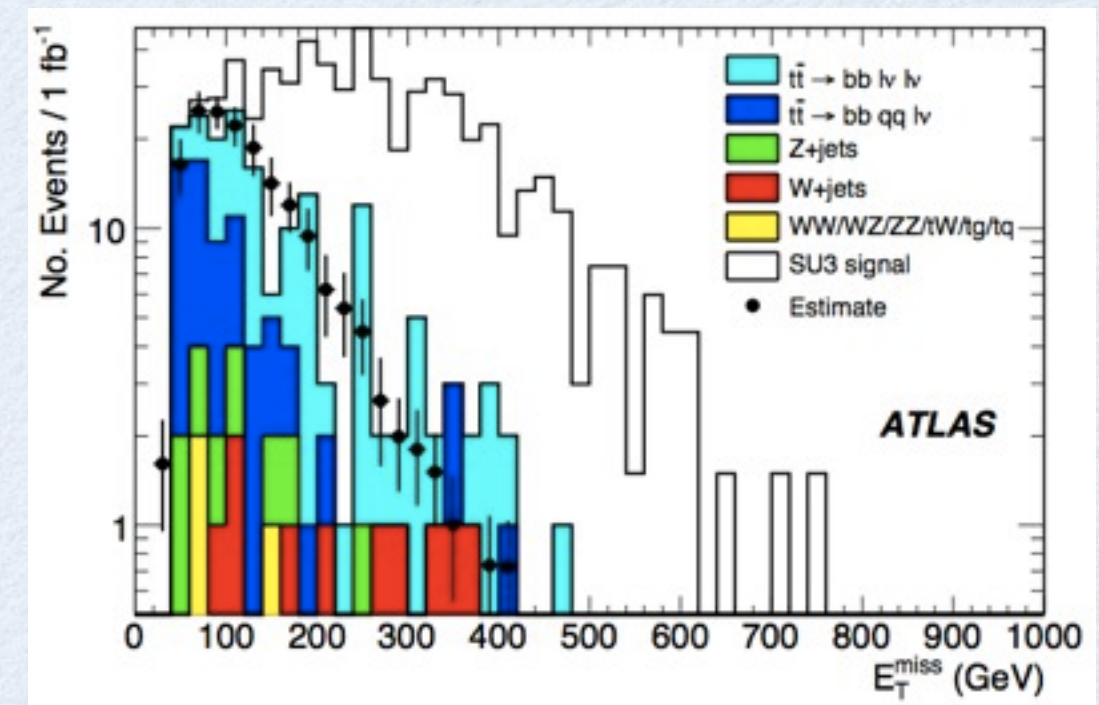
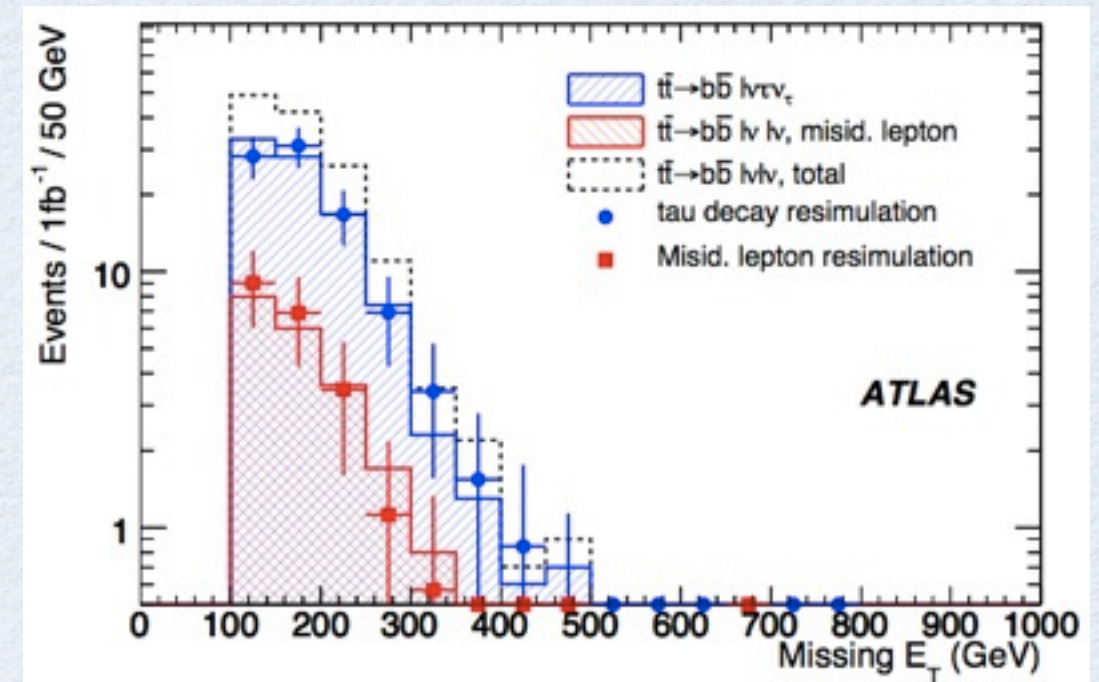
$$\text{HT2} \equiv \sum_{i=2}^4 p_T^{\text{jet } i} + p_T^{\text{lepton}}$$
- Issues with control regions: The composition of various background components can/will be different in signal and control samples. Signal contamination.



SUBSTITUTION STUDIES

SUSY analyses in CERN-OPEN-2008-020

- Identify samples that represent your background in other decay modes & re-decay them.
- Ex: Create a clean fully-leptonic $t\bar{t}$ control sample by taking 2 OS leptons, 3+ jets, and using kinematic constraints.
 - Selectively kill a lepton or replace it with tau's generated with TAUOLA.
 - Or take out decay products of tops, including E_T^{miss} contribution and redecay the tops in whatever way you like.
- These techniques allow access to unusual parts of parameter space \Rightarrow one seed event can be used for generating thousands of events.



CONCLUSION

- Multi-lepton final states will play an important part even in the ATLAS studies targeting first hundreds of pb^{-1} of data.
- Backgrounds are not as small as mostly expected, particularly due to detector effects.
 - While they are mostly left to the interested experimentalist as homework, they can be roughly estimated without (full) detector simulation is possible.
 - Extraction of backgrounds from data, either by fits, or by uses of control regions are essential. Theory colleagues are encouraged to be innovative here as well...



BACKUPS

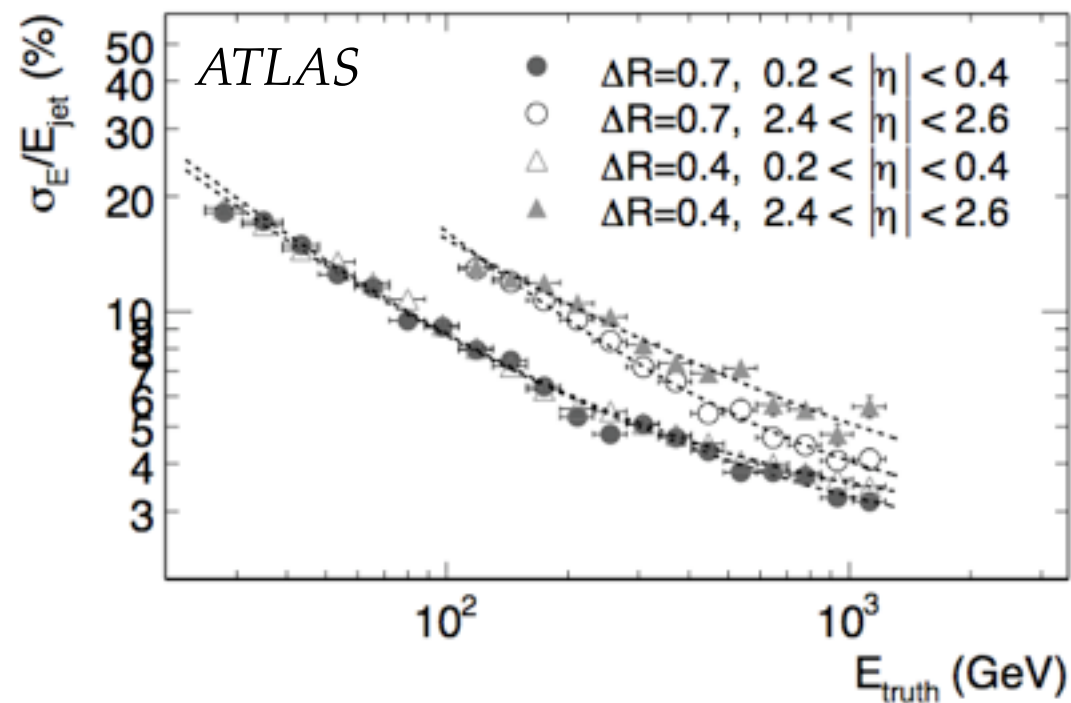


Figure 10.71: Fractional energy resolution for calibrated cone-tower jets reconstructed with $\Delta R = 0.7$ and Δ of $|\eta|$ and as a

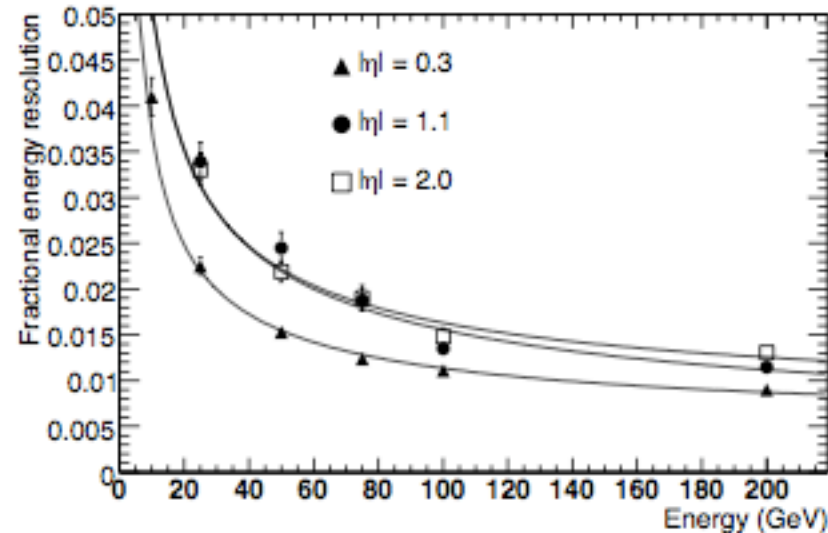


Figure 10.50: Expected relative energy resolution as a function of energy for electrons at $|\eta| = 0.3, 1.1$, and 2.0 . The curves represent fits to the points at the same $|\eta|$ by a function containing a stochastic term, a constant term and a noise term.

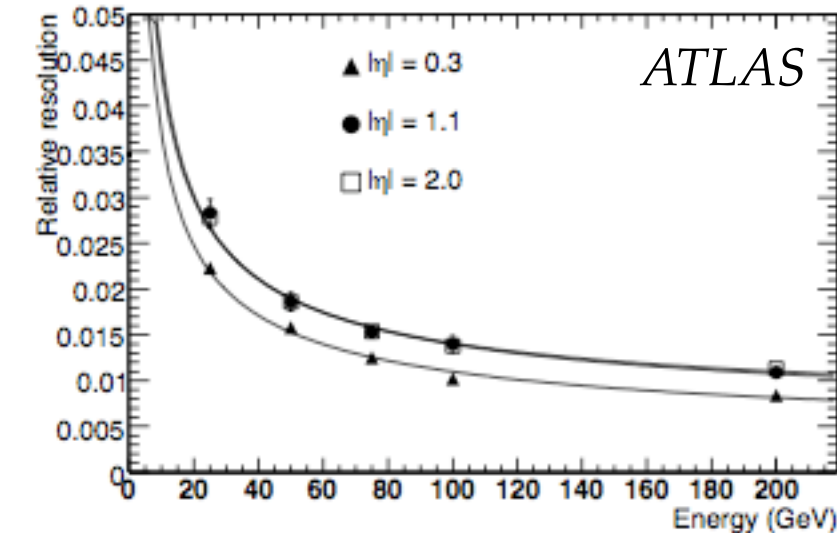
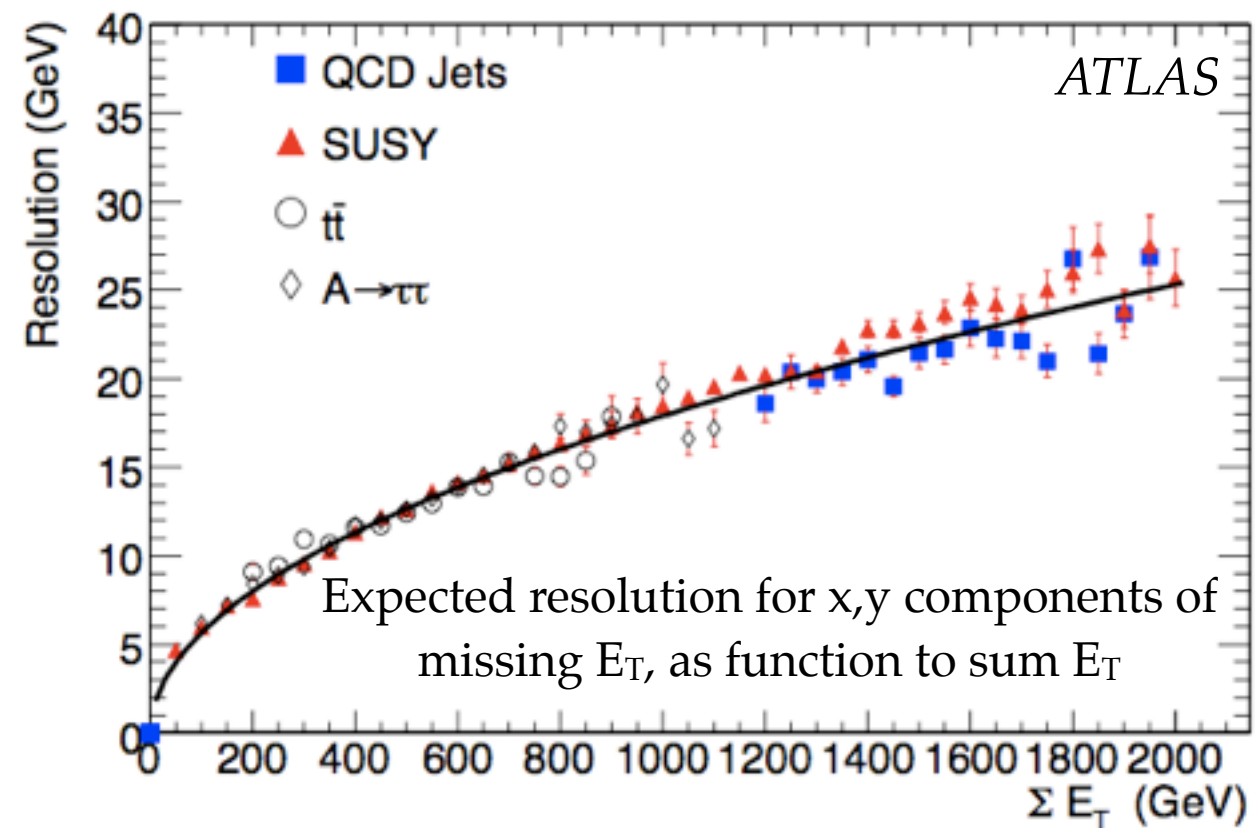


Figure 10.51: Expected relative energy resolution as a function of energy for photons at $|\eta| = 0.3, 1.1$, and 2.0 . The curves represent fits to the points at the same η by a function containing a stochastic term, a constant term and a noise term.



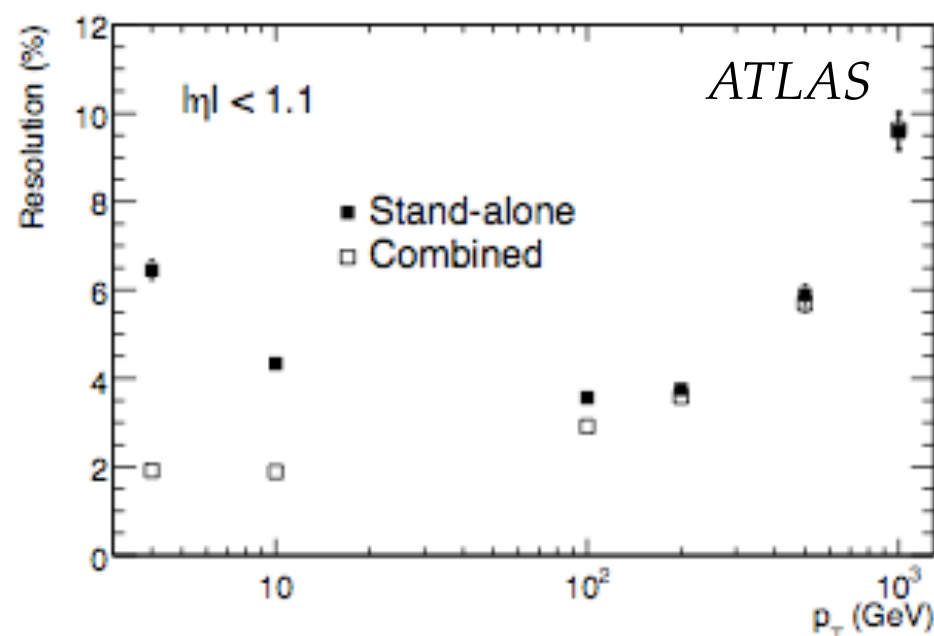


Figure 10.35: Expected stand-alone and combined fractional momentum resolution as a function of p_T for single muons with $|\eta| < 1.1$.

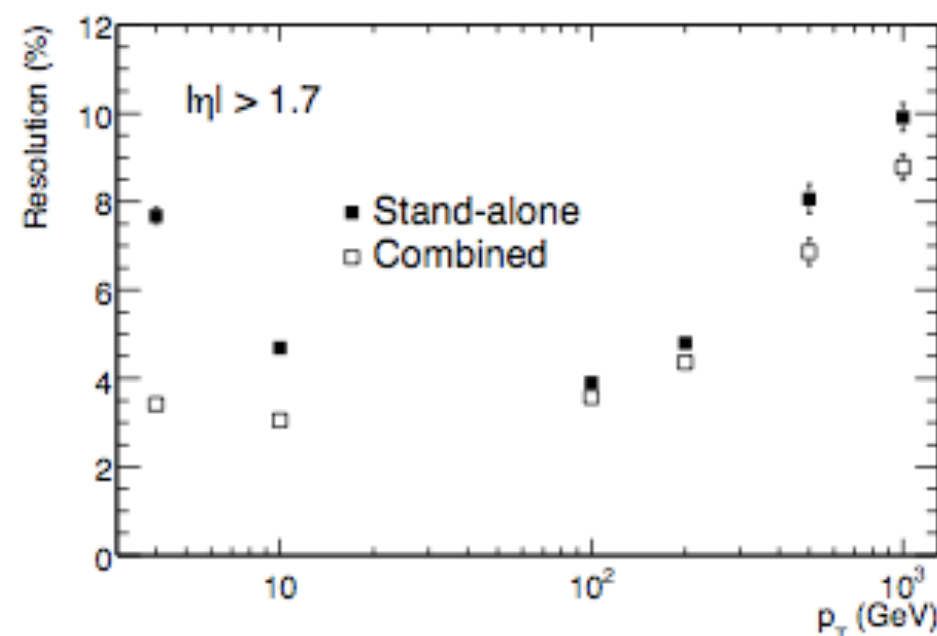


Figure 10.36: Expected stand-alone and combined fractional momentum resolution as a function of p_T for single muons with $|\eta| > 1.7$.

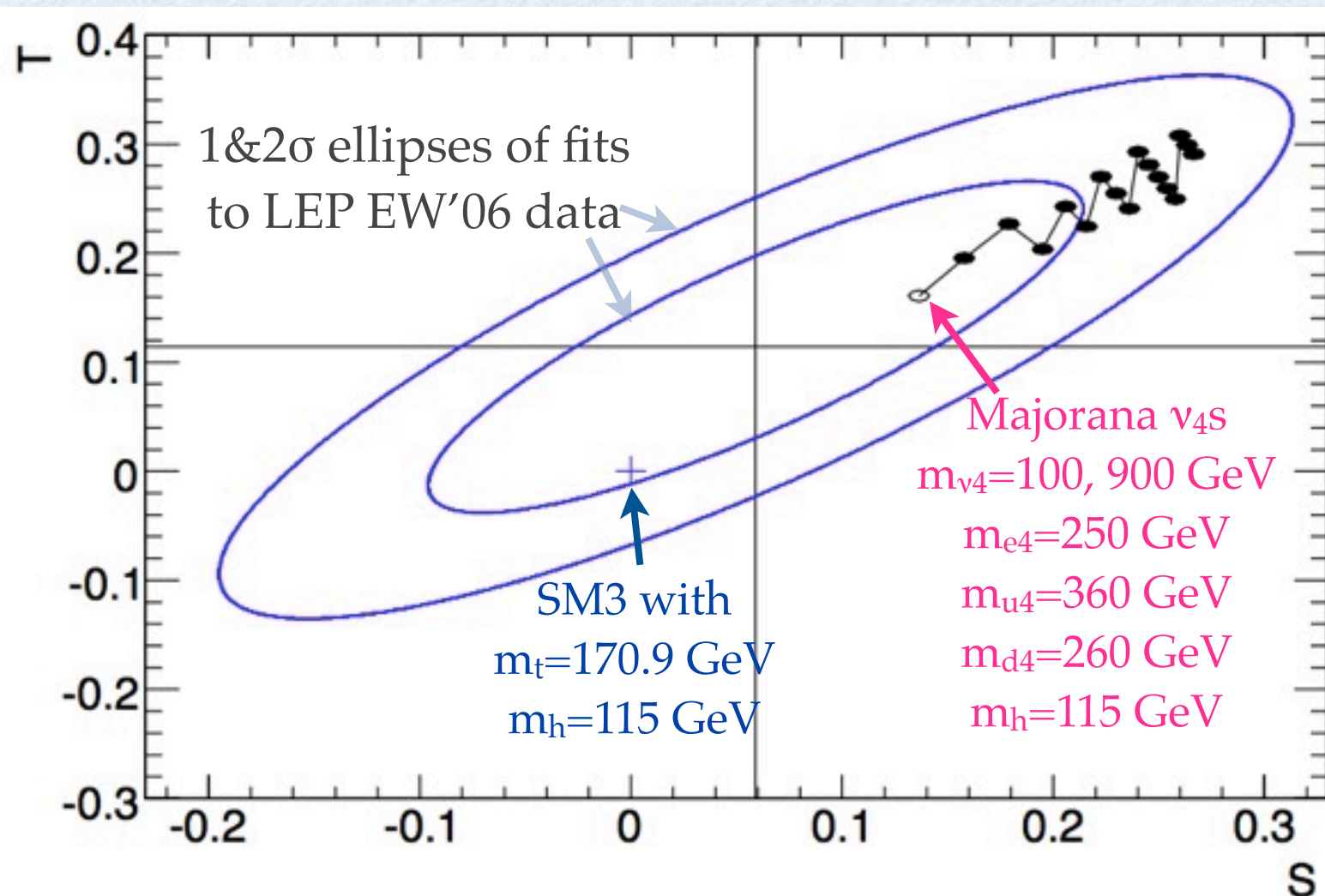
Track parameter	$0.25 < \eta < 0.50$		$1.50 < \eta < 1.75$	
	$\sigma_X(\infty)$	p_X (GeV)	$\sigma_X(\infty)$	p_X (GeV)
Inverse transverse momentum (q/p_T)	0.34 TeV^{-1}	44	0.41 TeV^{-1}	80
Azimuthal angle (ϕ)	$70 \mu\text{rad}$	39	$92 \mu\text{rad}$	49
Polar angle ($\cot \theta$)	0.7×10^{-3}	5.0	1.2×10^{-3}	10
Transverse impact parameter (d_0)	$10 \mu\text{m}$	14	$12 \mu\text{m}$	20
Longitudinal impact parameter ($z_0 \times \sin \theta$)	$91 \mu\text{m}$	2.3	$71 \mu\text{m}$	3.7

Table 3: Expected track-parameter resolutions (RMS) at infinite transverse momentum, $\sigma_X(\infty)$, and transverse momentum, p_X , at which the multiple-scattering contribution equals that from the detector resolution (see Eq. (1)). The momentum and angular resolutions are shown for muons, whereas the impact-parameter resolutions are shown for pions (see text). The values are shown for two η -regions, one in the barrel inner detector where the amount of material is close to its minimum and one in the end-cap where the amount of material is close to its maximum. Isolated, single particles are used with perfect alignment and calibration in order to indicate the optimal performance.

$$\sigma_X(p_T) = \sigma_X(\infty)(1 \oplus p_X/p_T)$$



STU ON $L^\pm L^0$



Black solid circles represent m_h going from 150 to 900 GeV in steps of 50 GeV, while the best value of m_{u4} goes slowly up to 390 GeV.

Is the reference scenario viable?

- Viable for E6GUTs, but how about as members of a 4th SM generation?

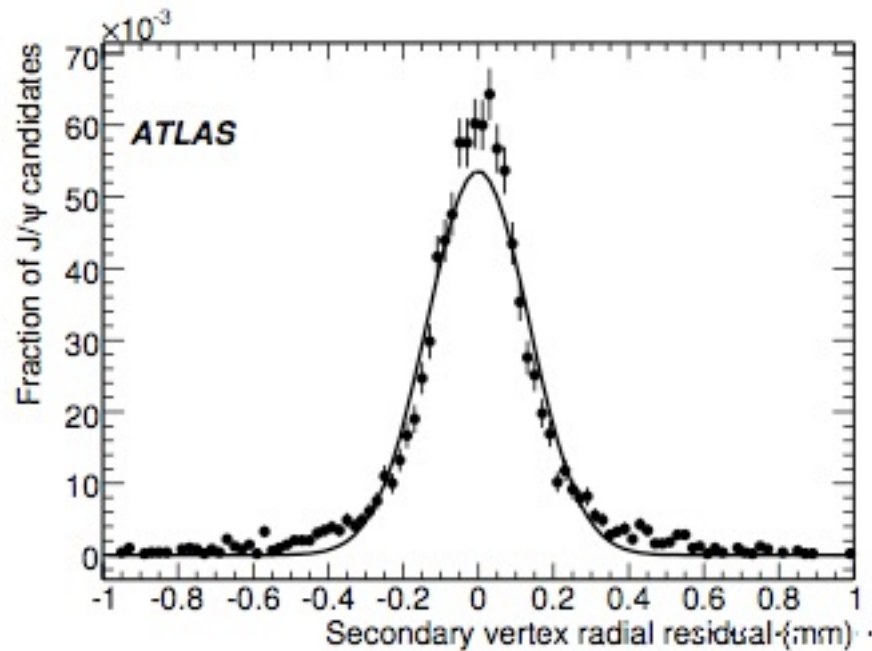
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- B.A.Kniehl & H.G.Khors, PRD48(1993)225.
- H.J.He, N.Polonsky & S.F.Su, PRD64(2001)053004.

=> Reference scenario can easily be accommodated for light or heavy Higgs alike.

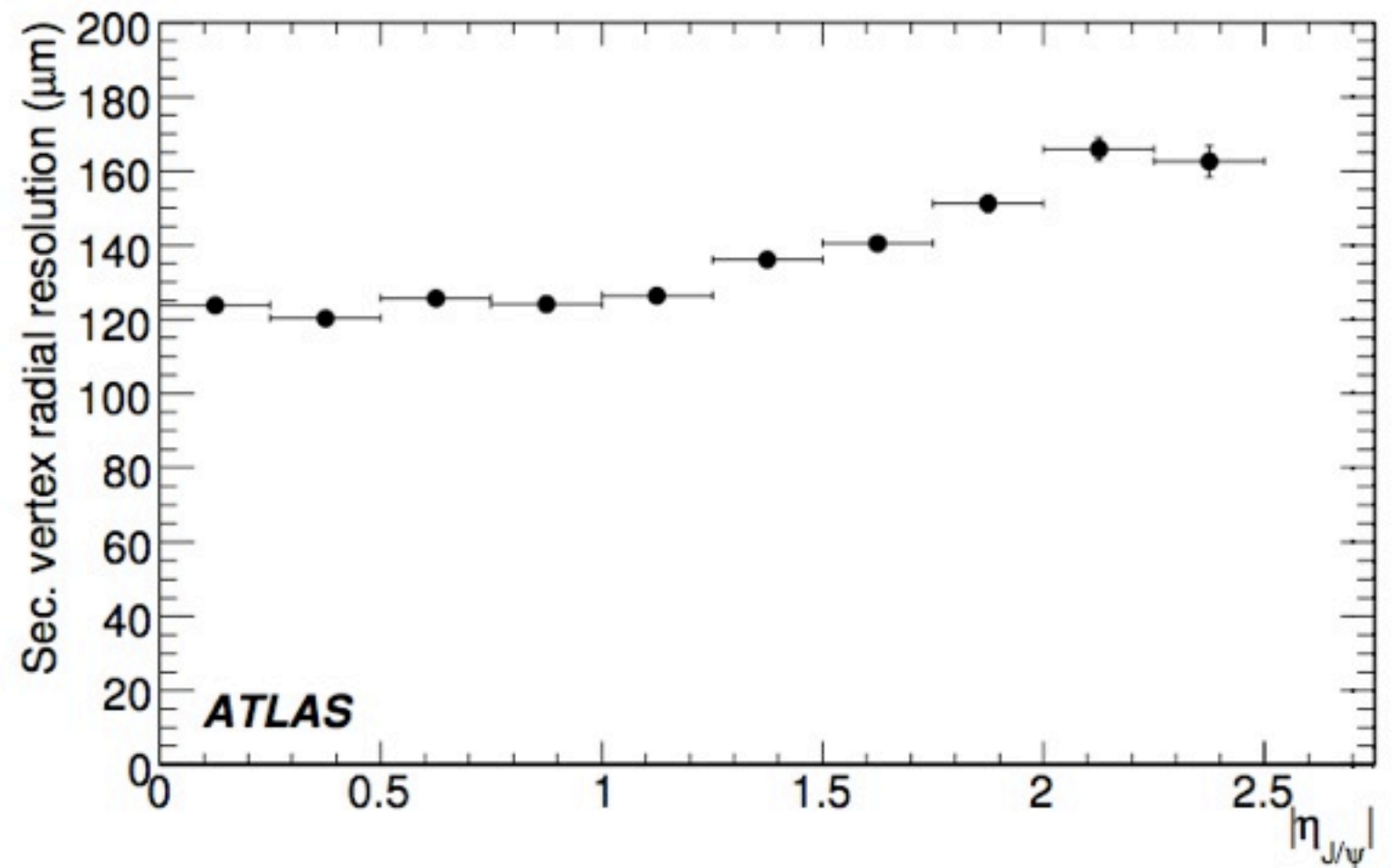
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2ND VERTEX POSITION RESOLUTION



Resolution for the reconstruction of the radial position of the secondary vertex for $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu\mu$ decays in events containing B -hadron decays for tracks with $|\eta|$ around 0, from **CERN-OPEN-2008-020**.

As part of the $t\bar{t}$ background discussion

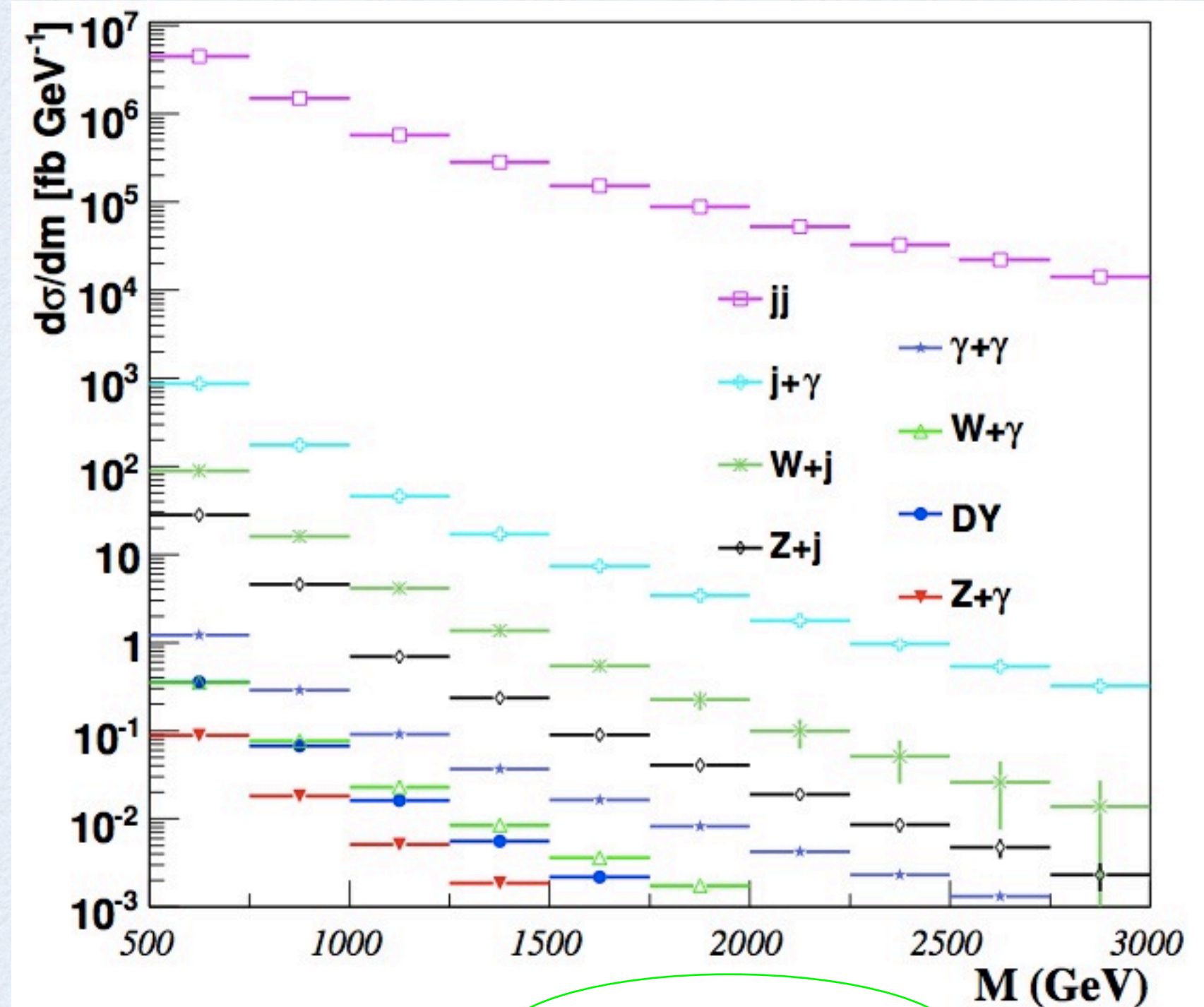


Resolution for the reconstruction of the radial position of the secondary vertex for $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu\mu$ decays in events containing B -hadron decays as a function of $|\eta_{J/\psi}|$, from **CERN-OPEN-2008-020**.

BACKGROUNDS TO DILEPTON RESONANCES

CERN-OPEN-2008-020

- Differential x-sections from Pythia, for the background processes that can contribute to the e^+e^- invariant mass spectrum.
- W & Zs contribute true isolated leptons.
- No cuts and no lepton mis-identification rejection applied.



X-sections after
cuts shown earlier.