Introduction to particle physics: experimental part

Physics analyses

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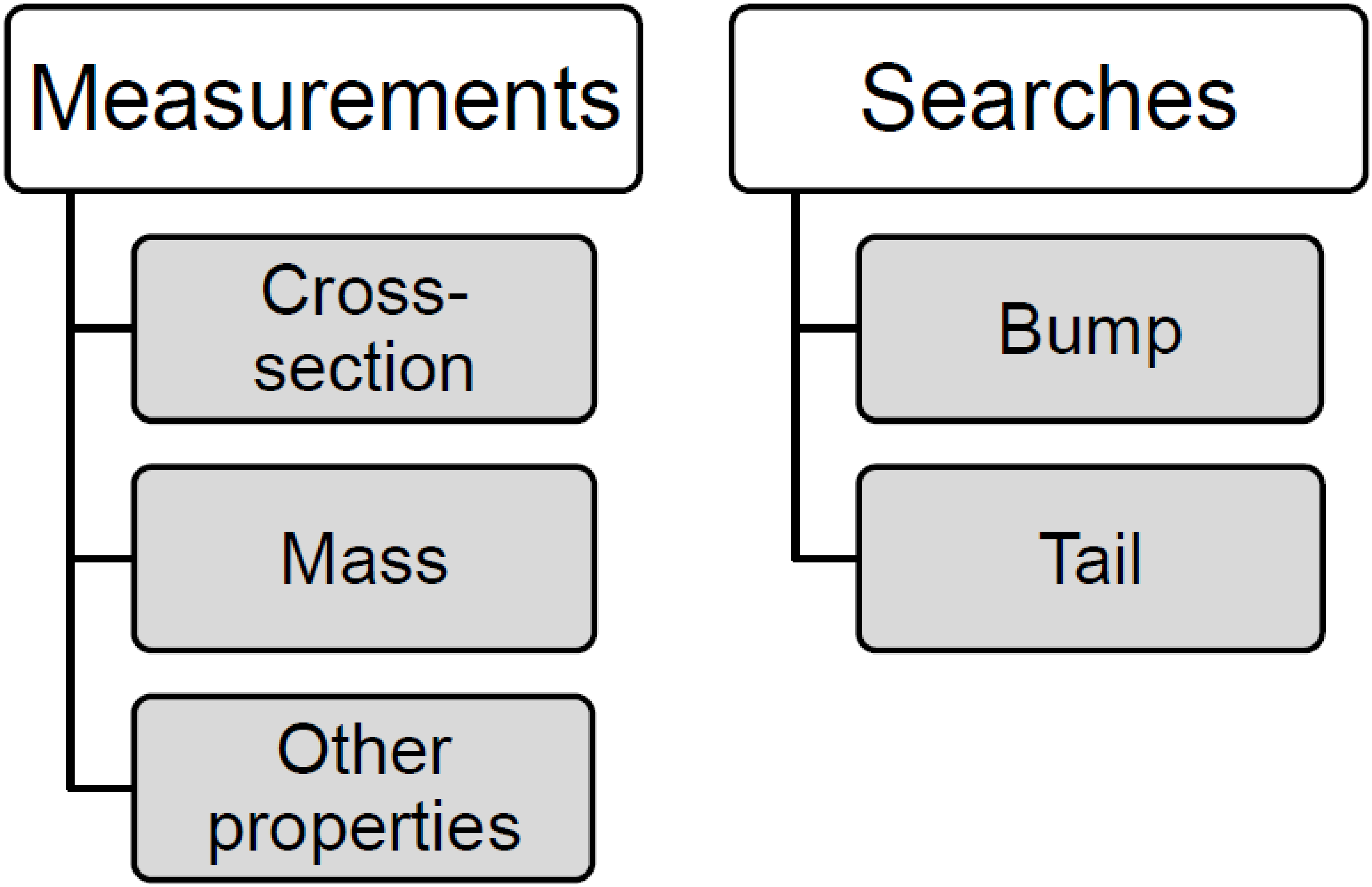

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> "Systematic" uncertainties are introduced by inaccuracies in the methods used to perform the measurement.

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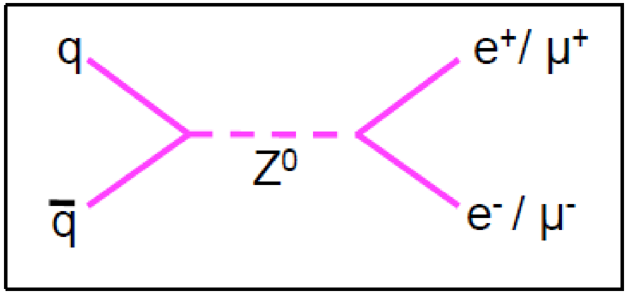
SIMPLE EXAMPLE:

MEASURING Z^0 CROSS-SECTION AT LHC

Measuring Z^0 cross-section at LHC

- **Z^0 boson decays to lepton or quark pairs**
  - We can reconstruct it in the e^+e^- or $\mu^+\mu^-$ decay modes



- Discovery and study of the Z^0 boson was a critical part understanding the electroweak force.

- And now, at the LHC?
  - **Important test of theory**: does the measurement agree with the theoretical prediction at LHC collision energy?
  - **A standard candle** for studying reconstruction and deriving calibrations.
  - Can be used for luminosity determination!

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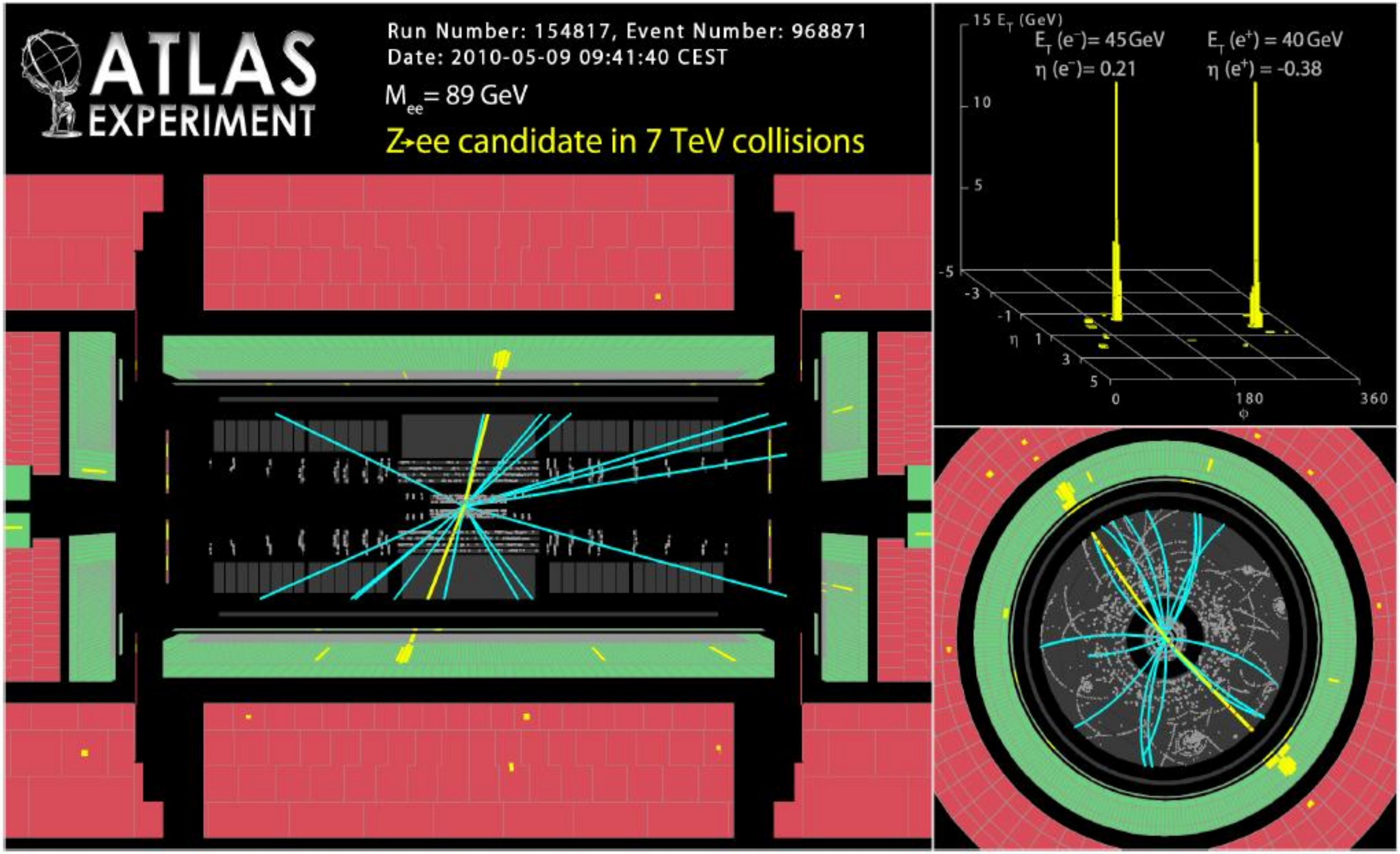

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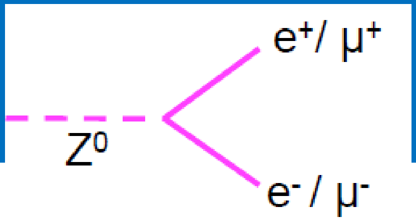

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- Events with 2 high momentum electrons or muons
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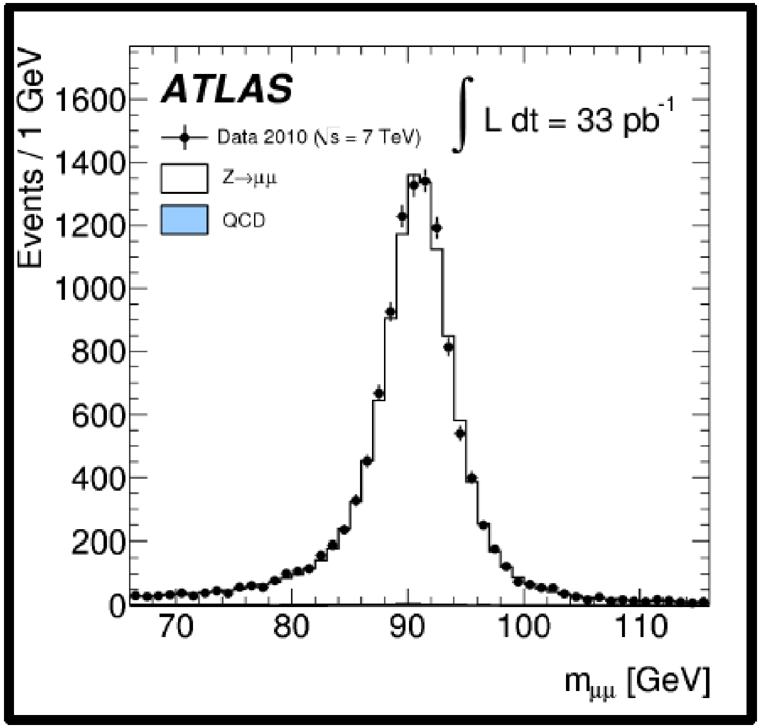

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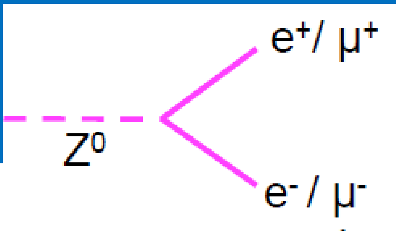

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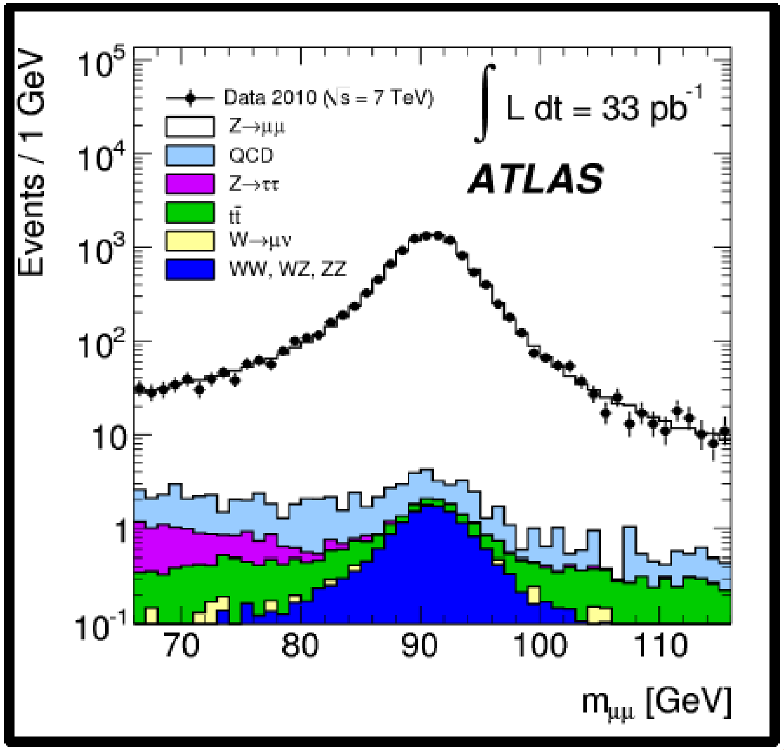
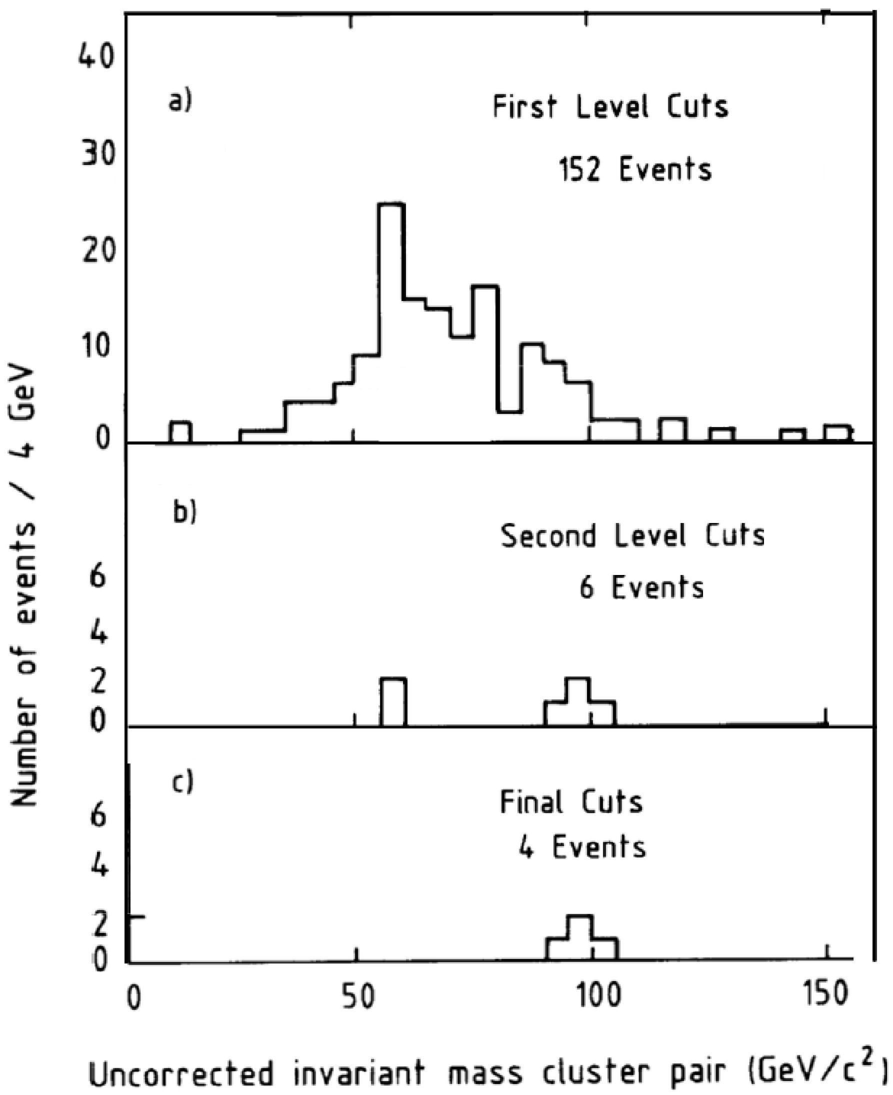


A step back in time …



Z->ee in UA1

Two EM clusters with E_T>25GeV.

As above plus a track with p_T>7GeV pointing to the cluster. Hadronic and track isolation requirements applied.

A second custer has also an isolated track.

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Measuring the Z^0 cross-section

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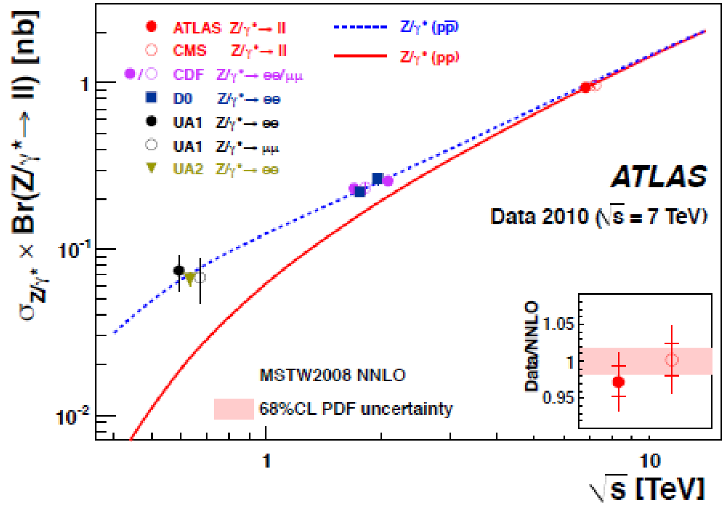


Experimentally

$$\sigma \cdot \mathrm{BR} = \frac{\text{Number of events}}{\alpha \cdot \epsilon \cdot \mathrm{L}}$$

N of events:

N of events on data – N of expected background events

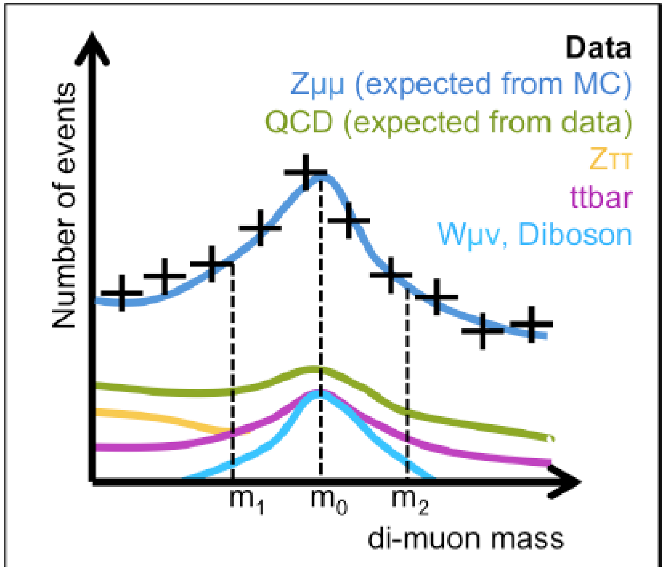
α – acceptance:

fraction of events passing selection requirements

ε – efficiency:

reconstruction efficiency of relevant objects

L – luminosity



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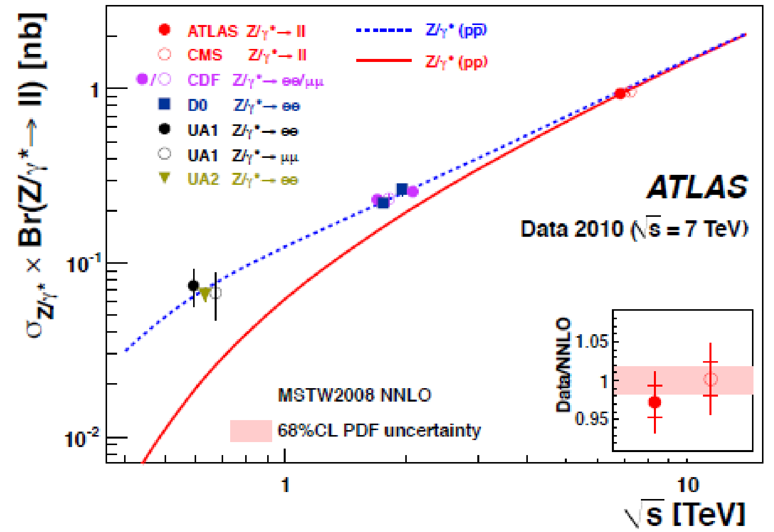

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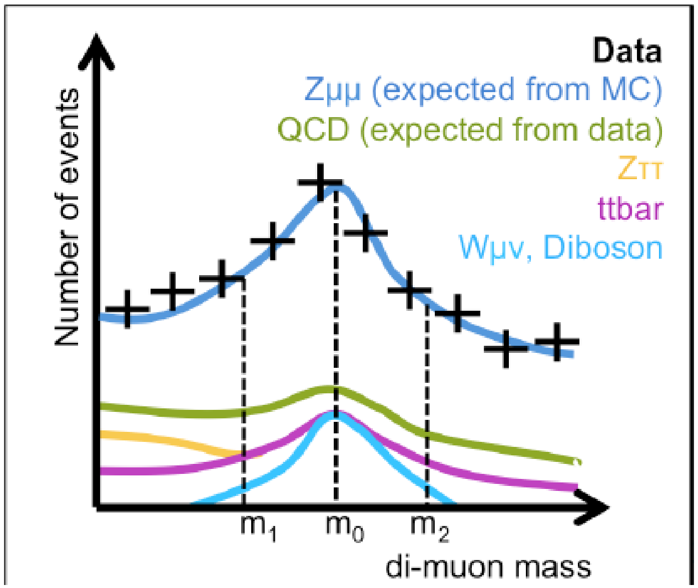

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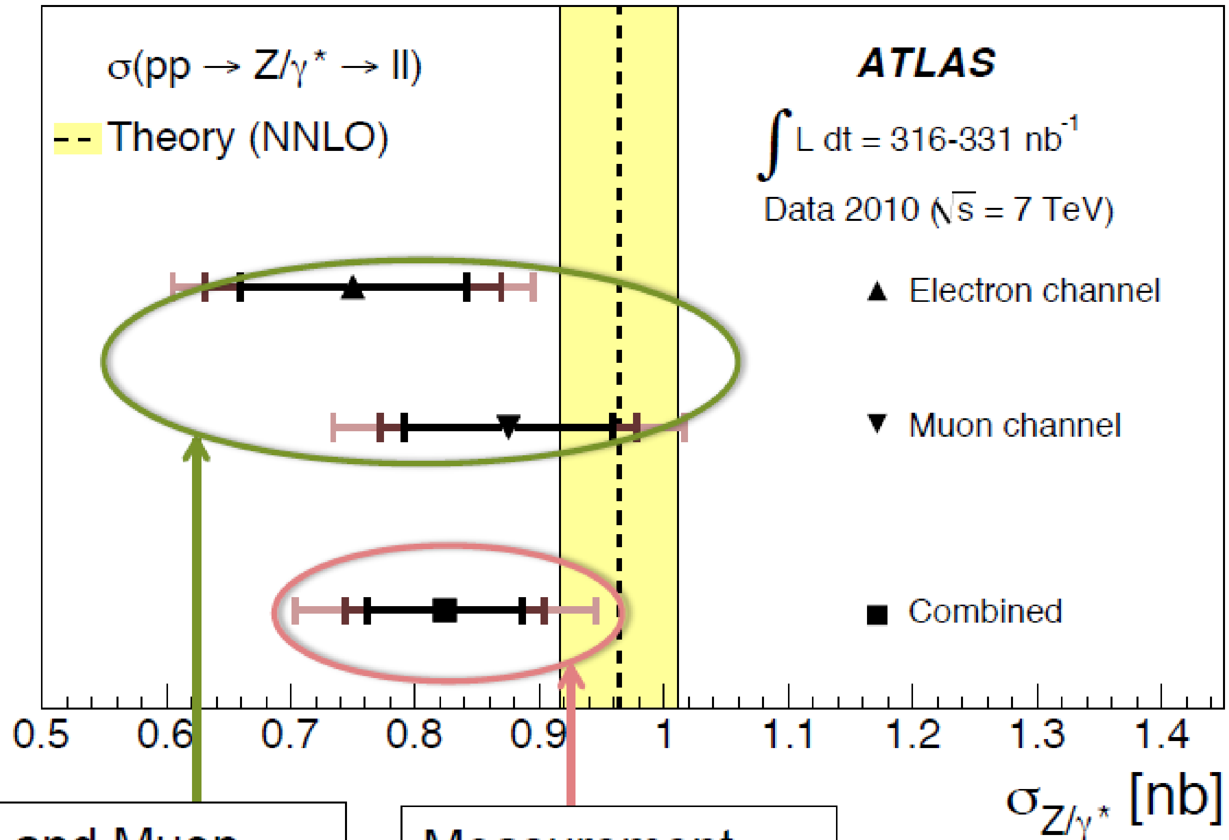

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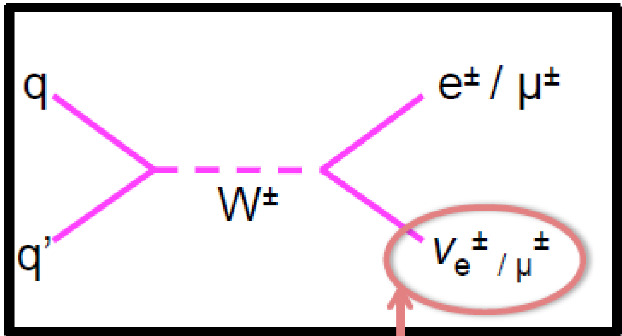
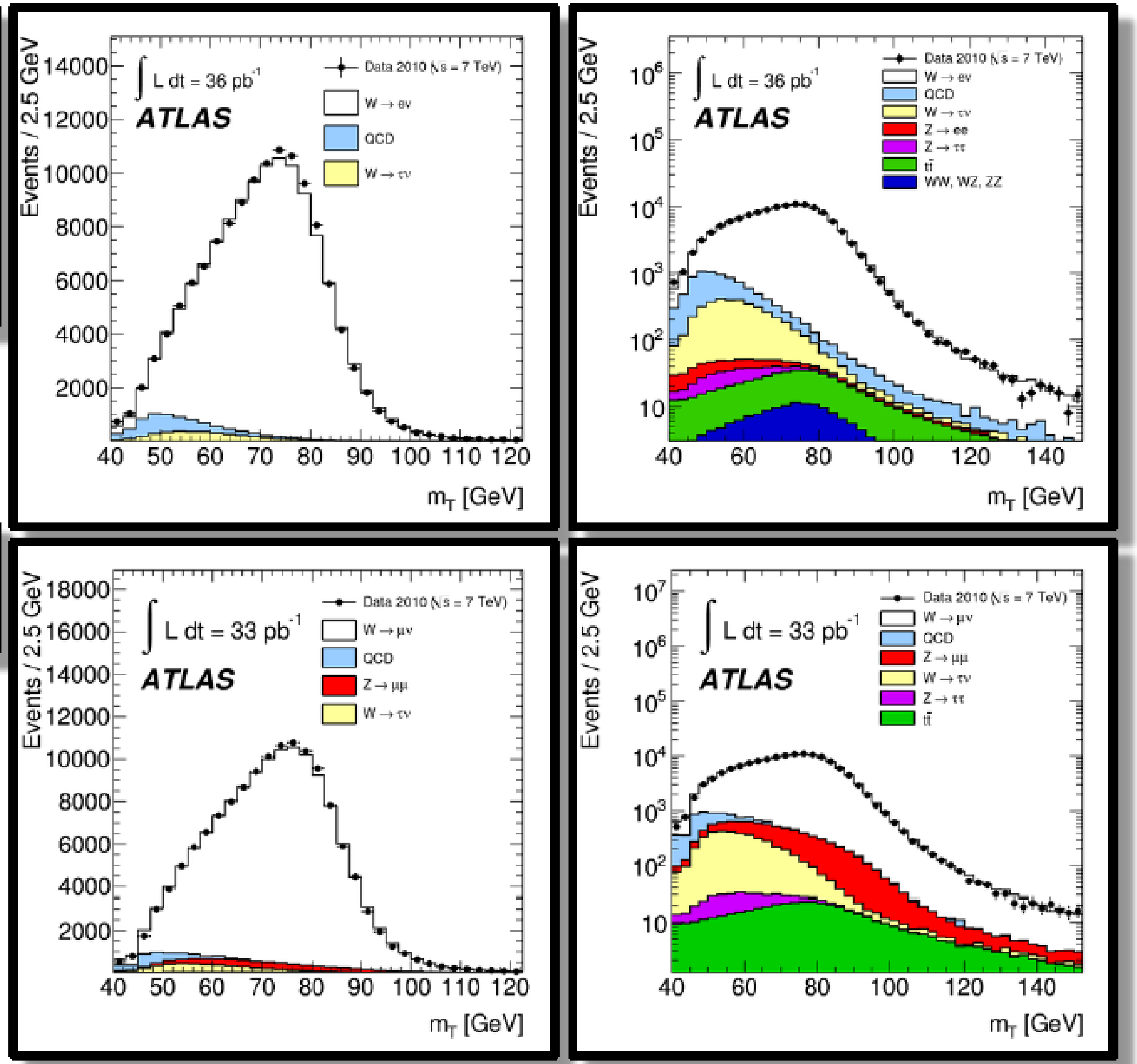


Available in the transverse plane only!

$$M_T^2 = 2\, E_{T1}\, E_{T2}\, (1-\cos\vartheta_{12})$$



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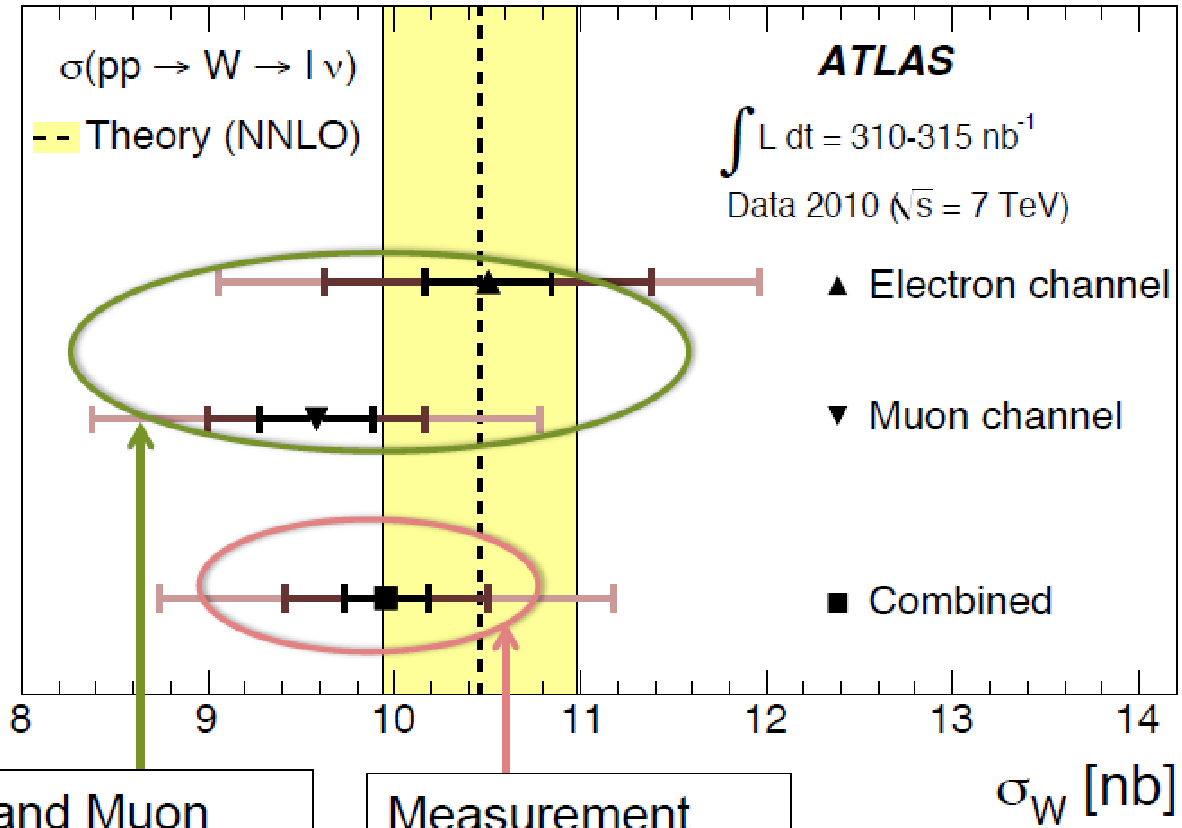

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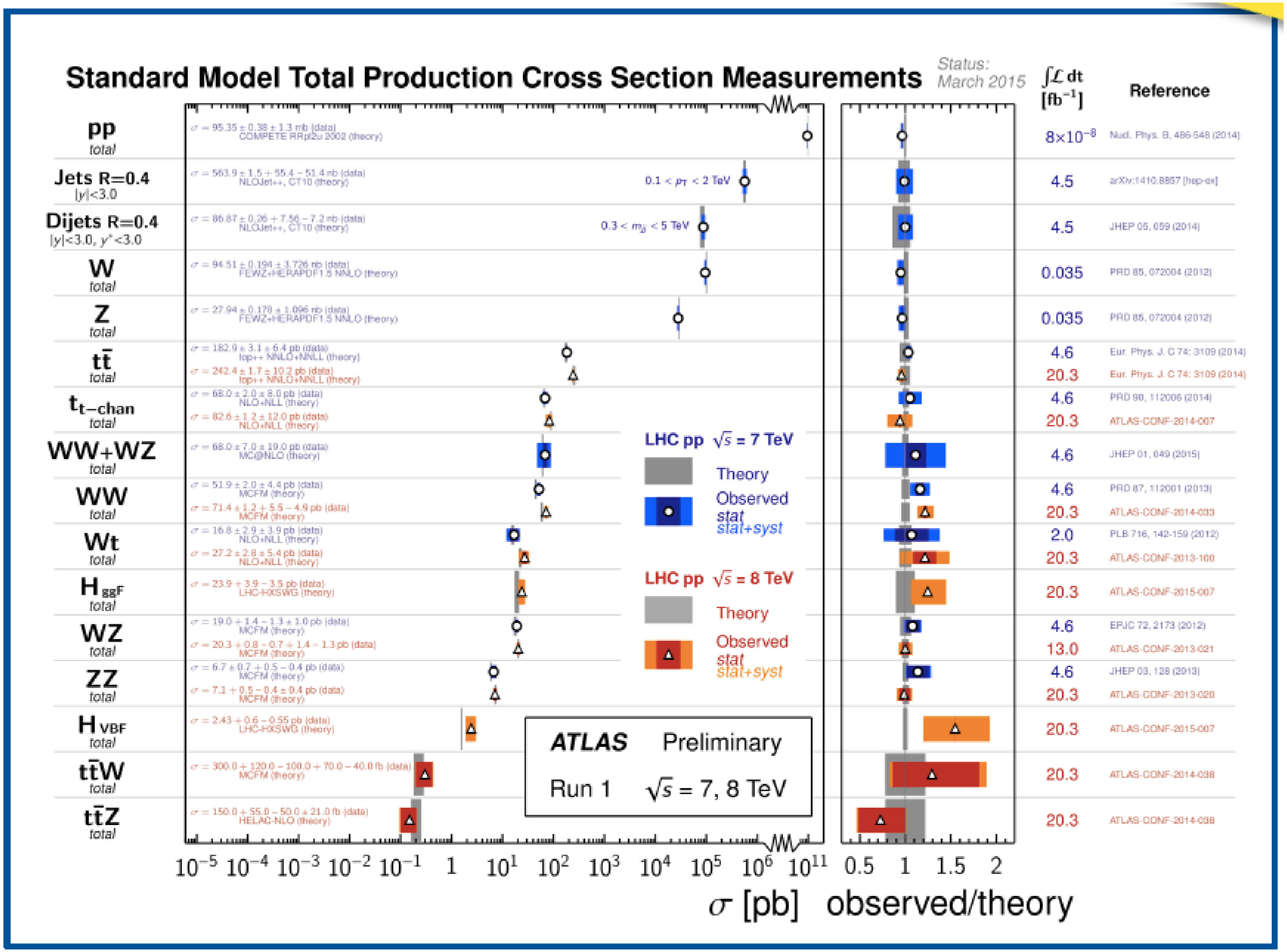
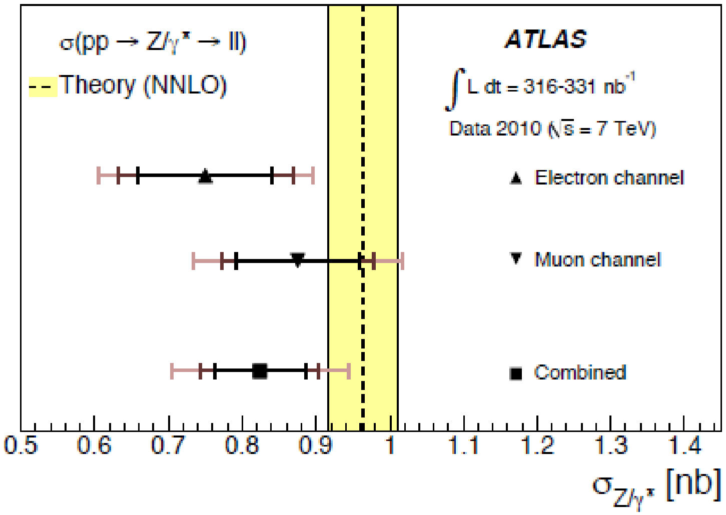
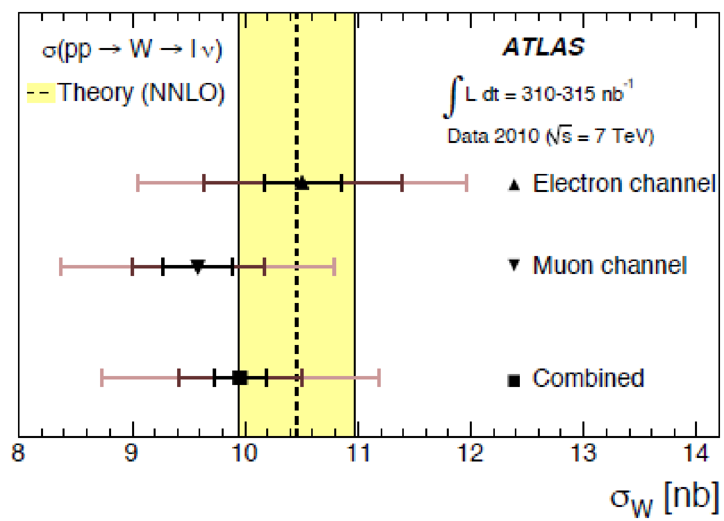
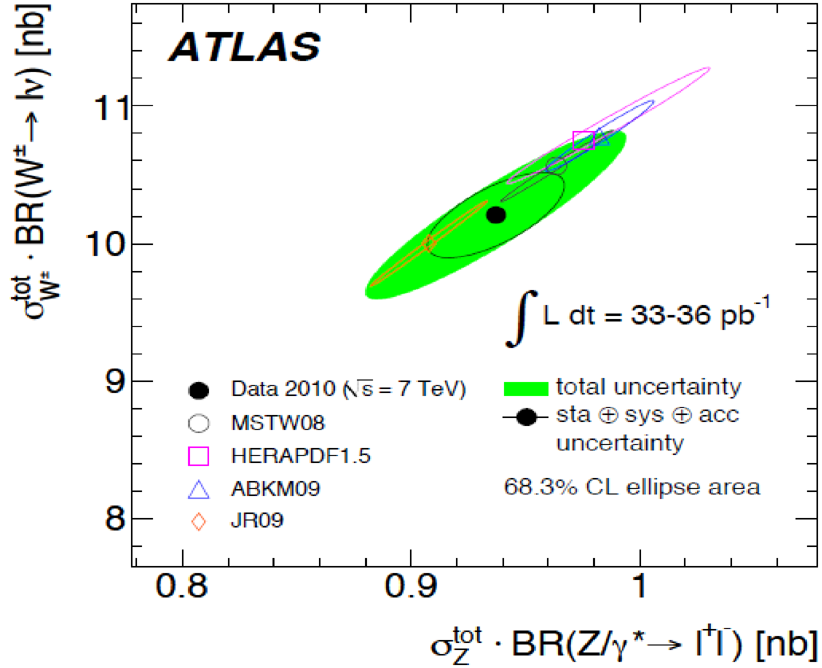
„Final” calibration

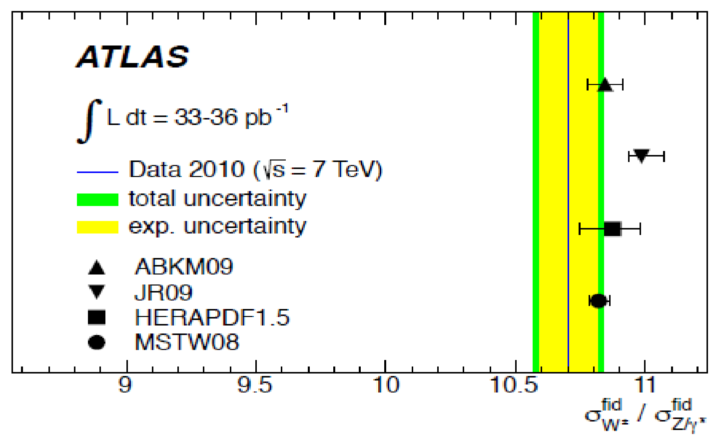


Measuring cross-sections ratio









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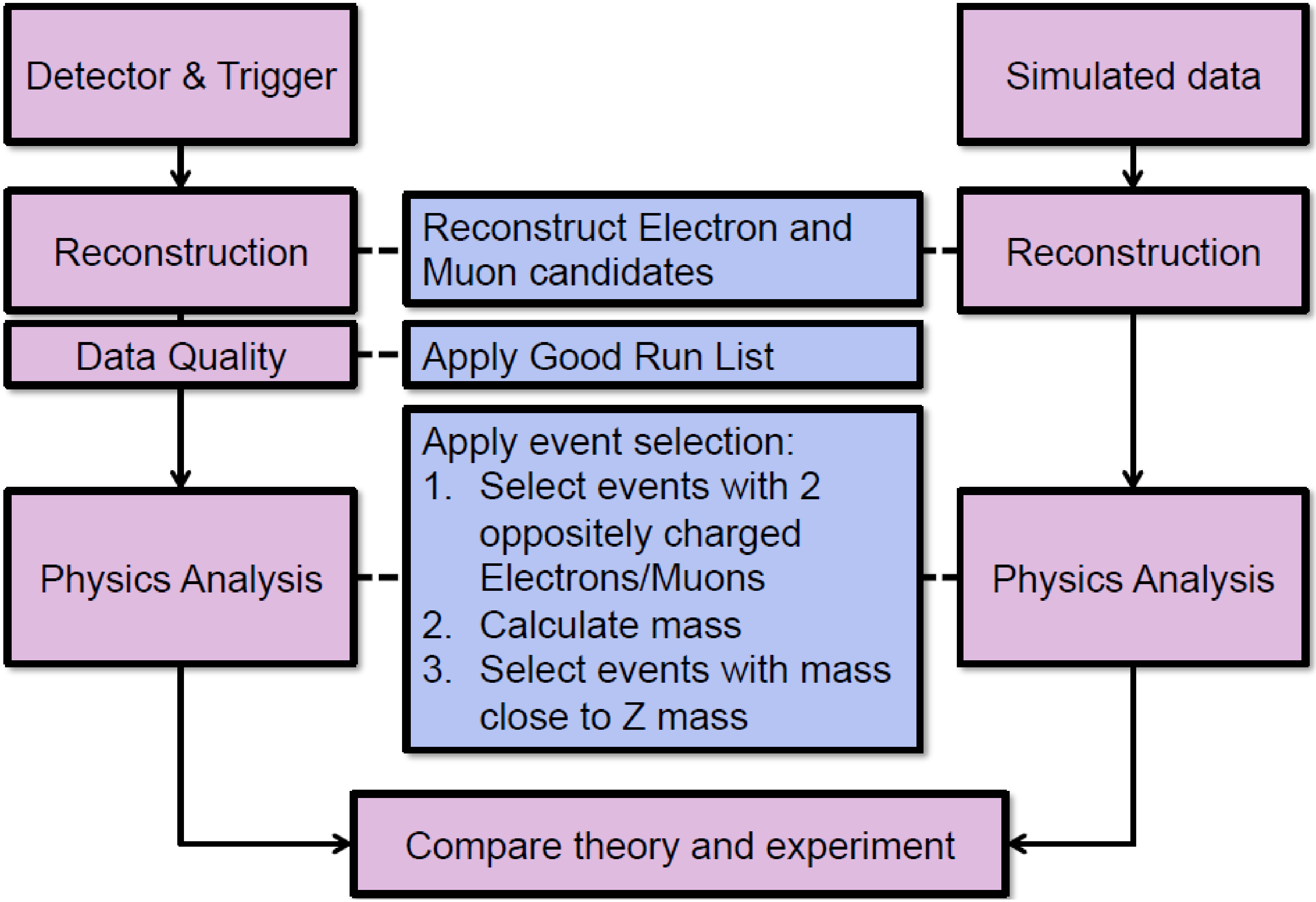

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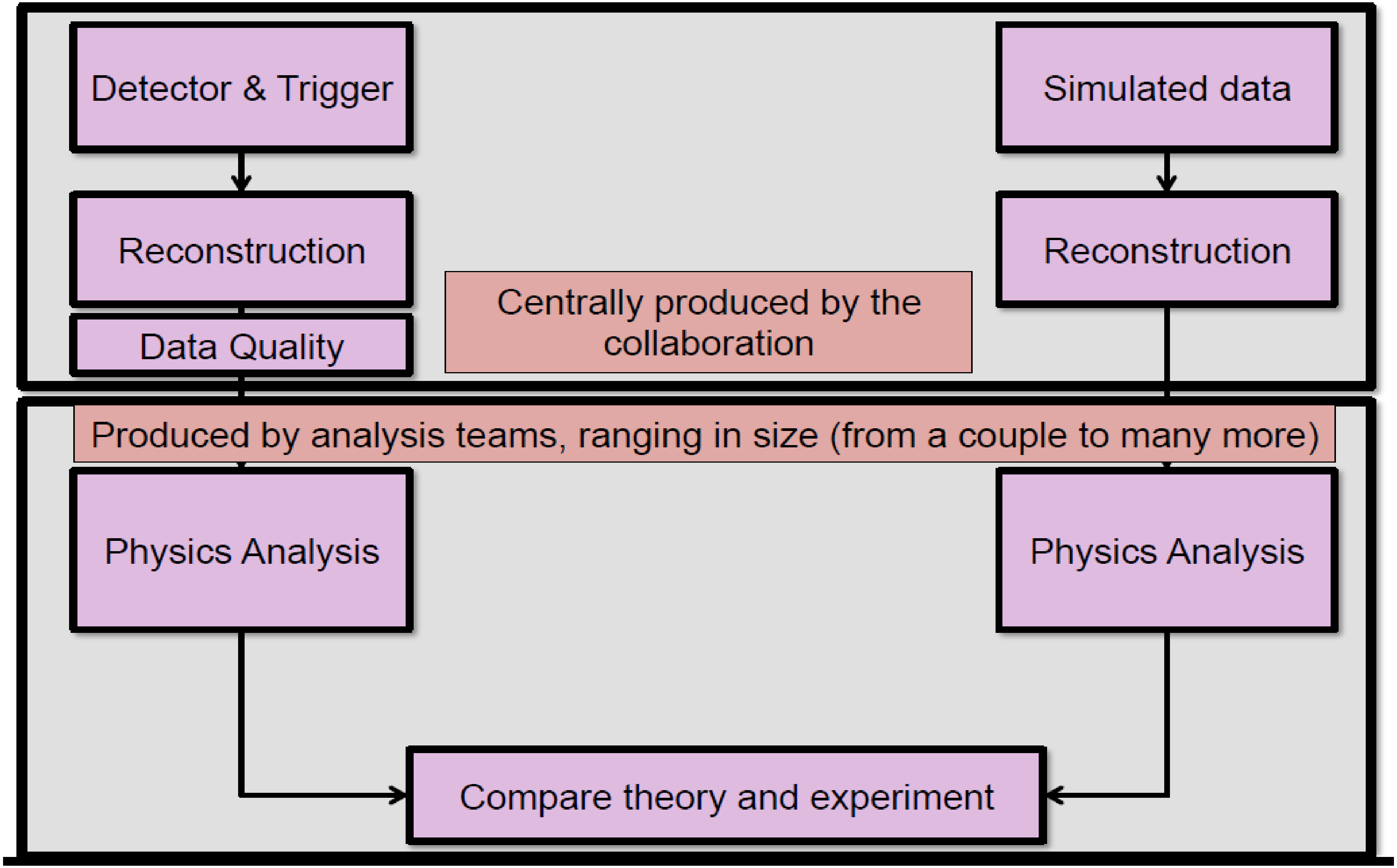

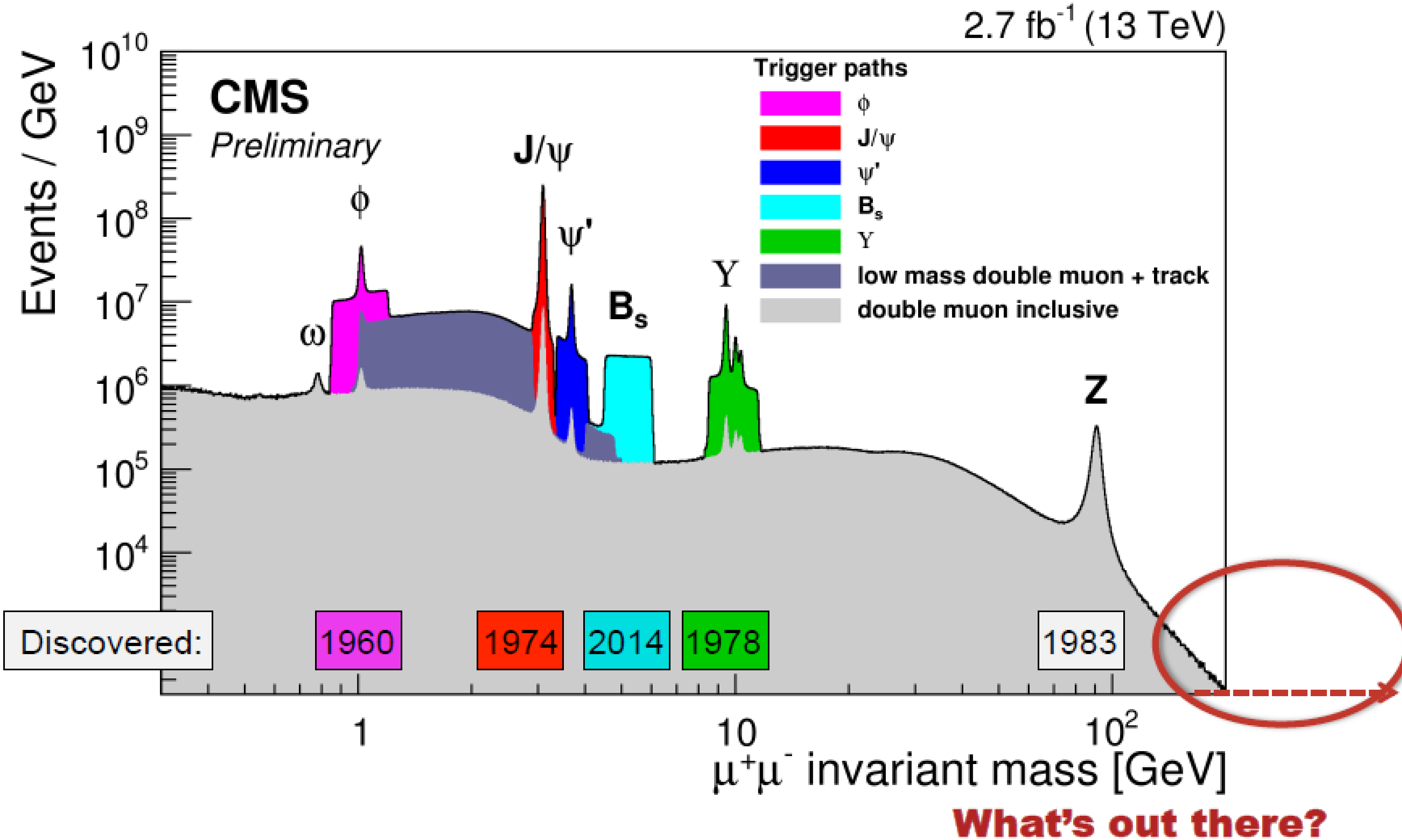
2.7 fb-1 (13 TeV)
CMS
Preliminary
Events / GeV
μ+μ- invariant mass [GeV]
Trigger paths
φ
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low mass double muon + track
double muon inclusive
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Z
Discovered:
1960
1974
2014
1978
1983
What's out there?

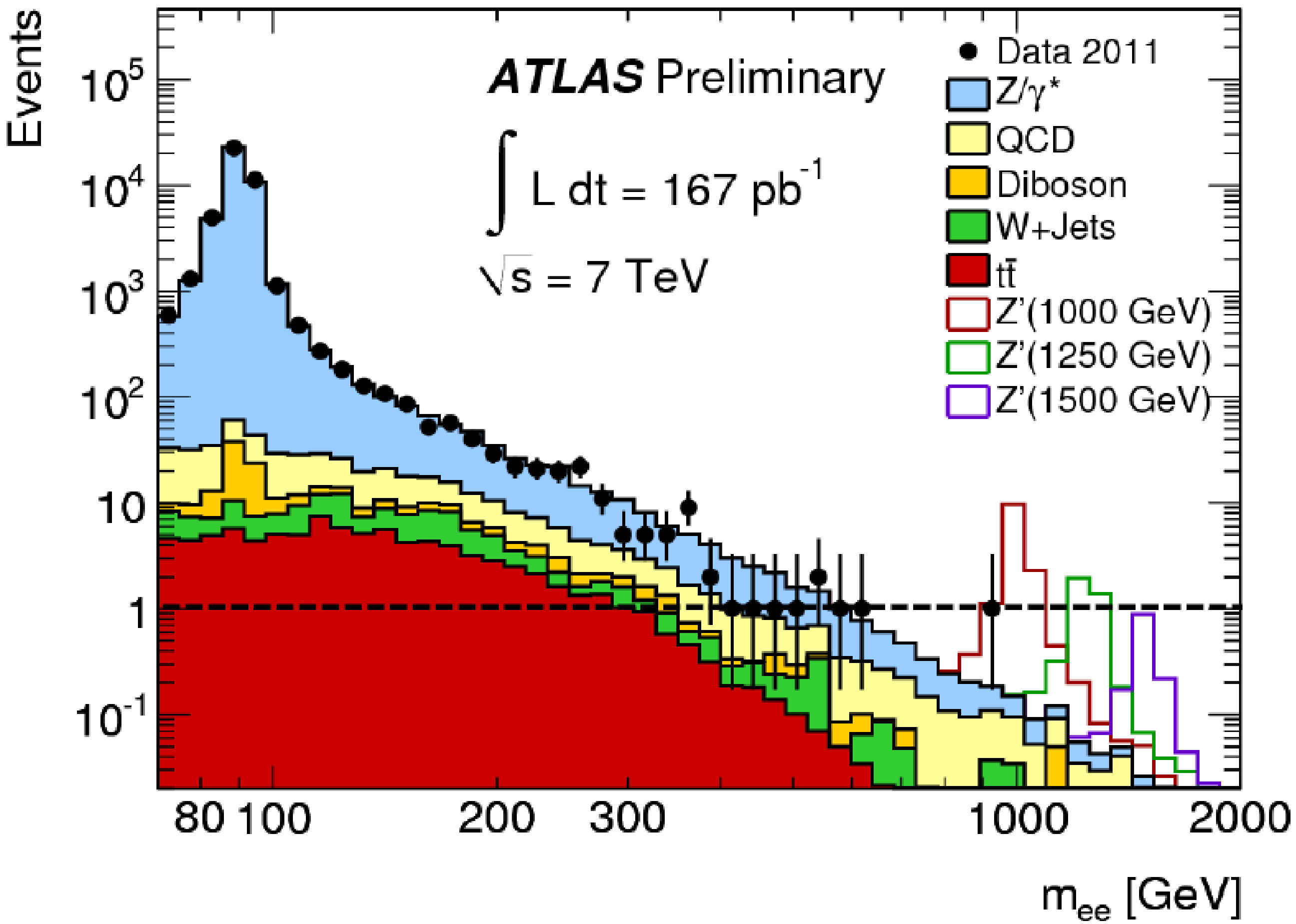
Simple search example

SIMPLE SEARCH EXAMPLE:

SEARCH FOR A HEAVY Z’

Search for a new heavy Z’

- Like Z->ee but at higher mass.



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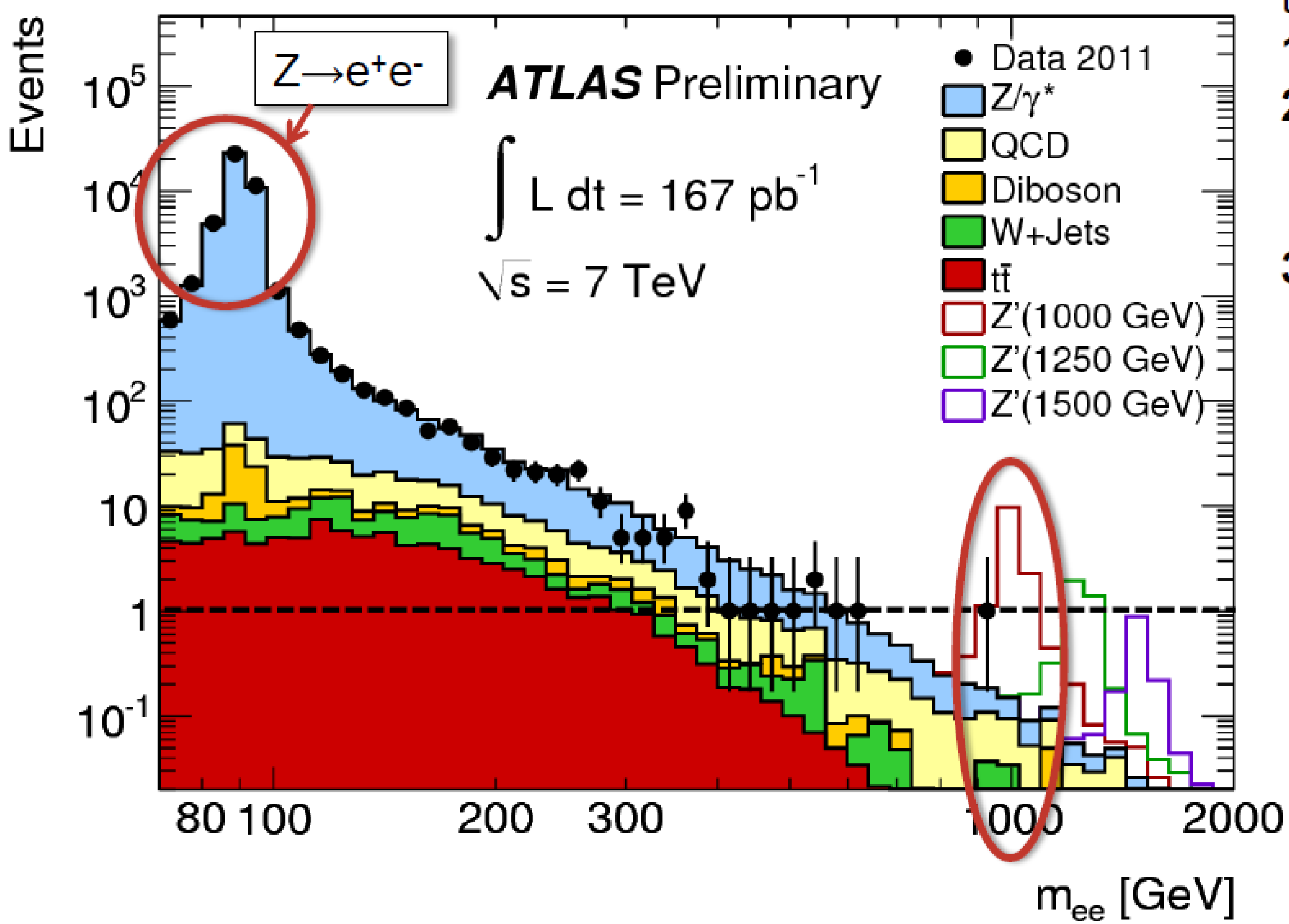

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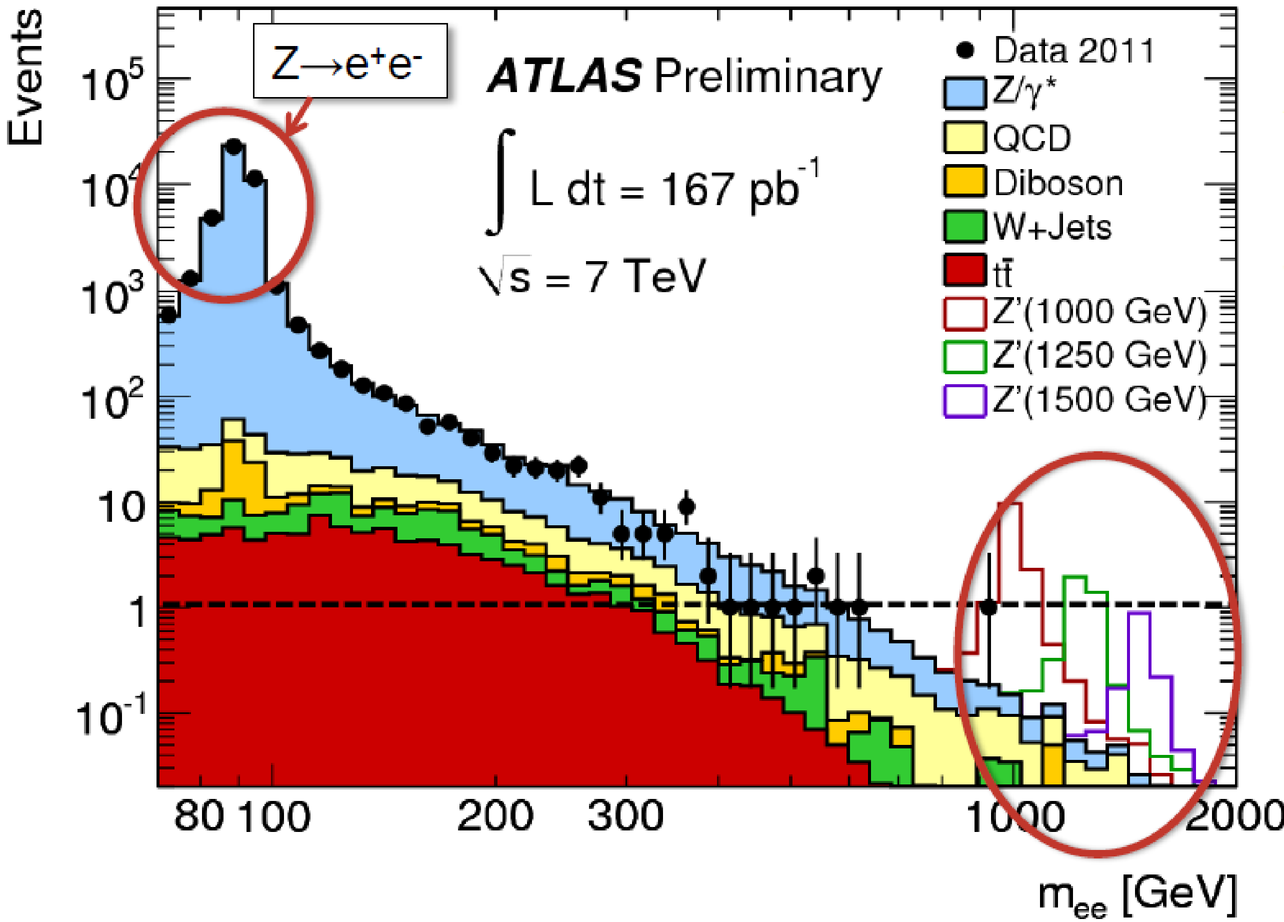

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Cross-section decreases with mass (higher the mass of the Z’, the more data needed to discover it)

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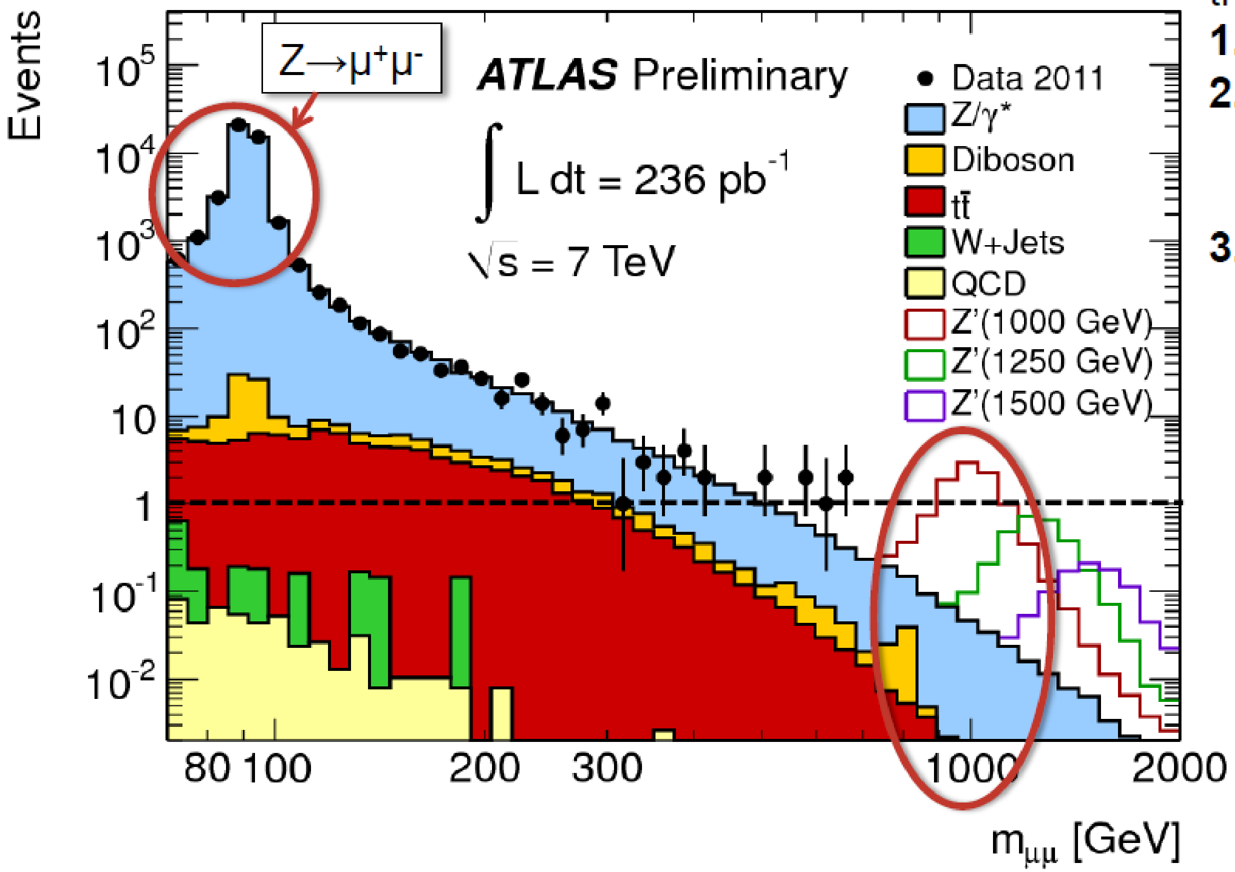
⊚ **And similar for muons**



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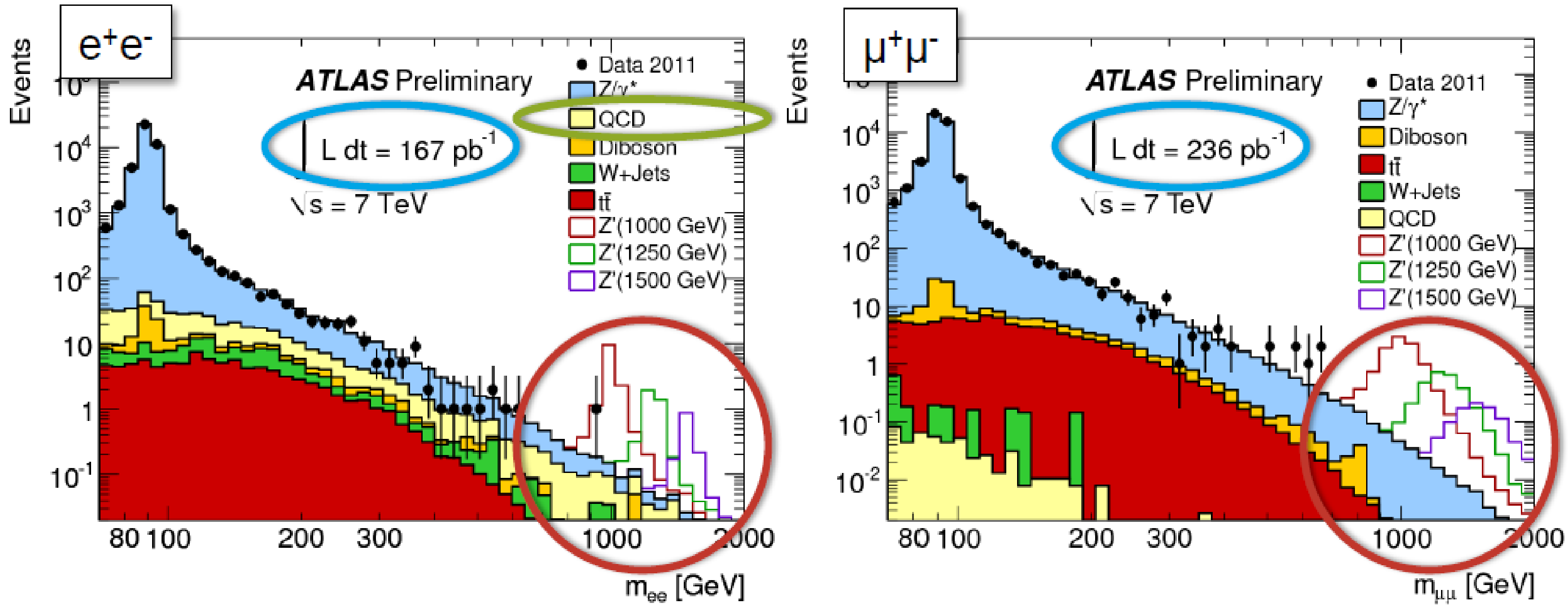
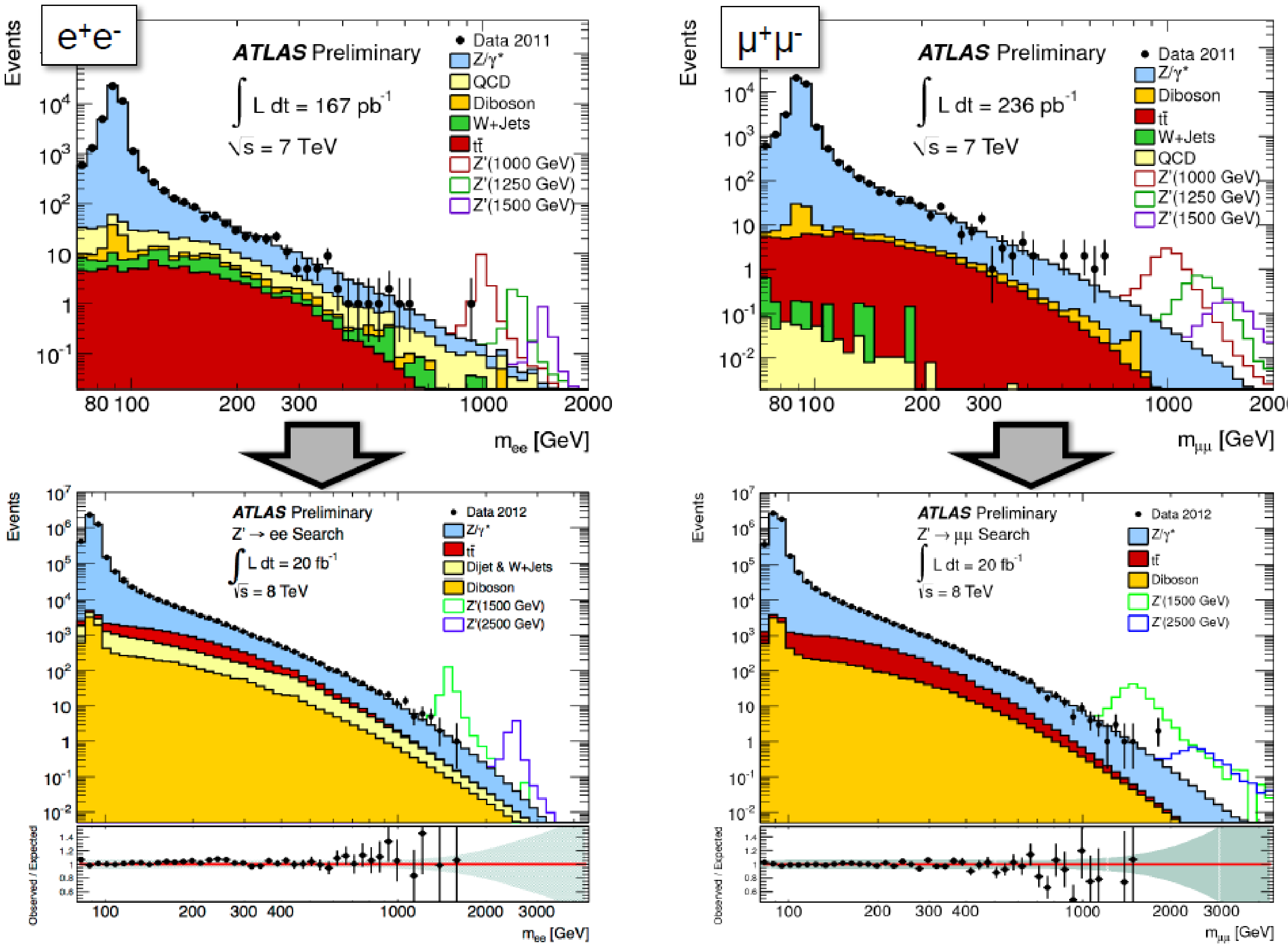
A small comparison



Differences in:

- **Resolution**
- **Background composition**
- **Dataset**

Evolution…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ATLAS Preliminary
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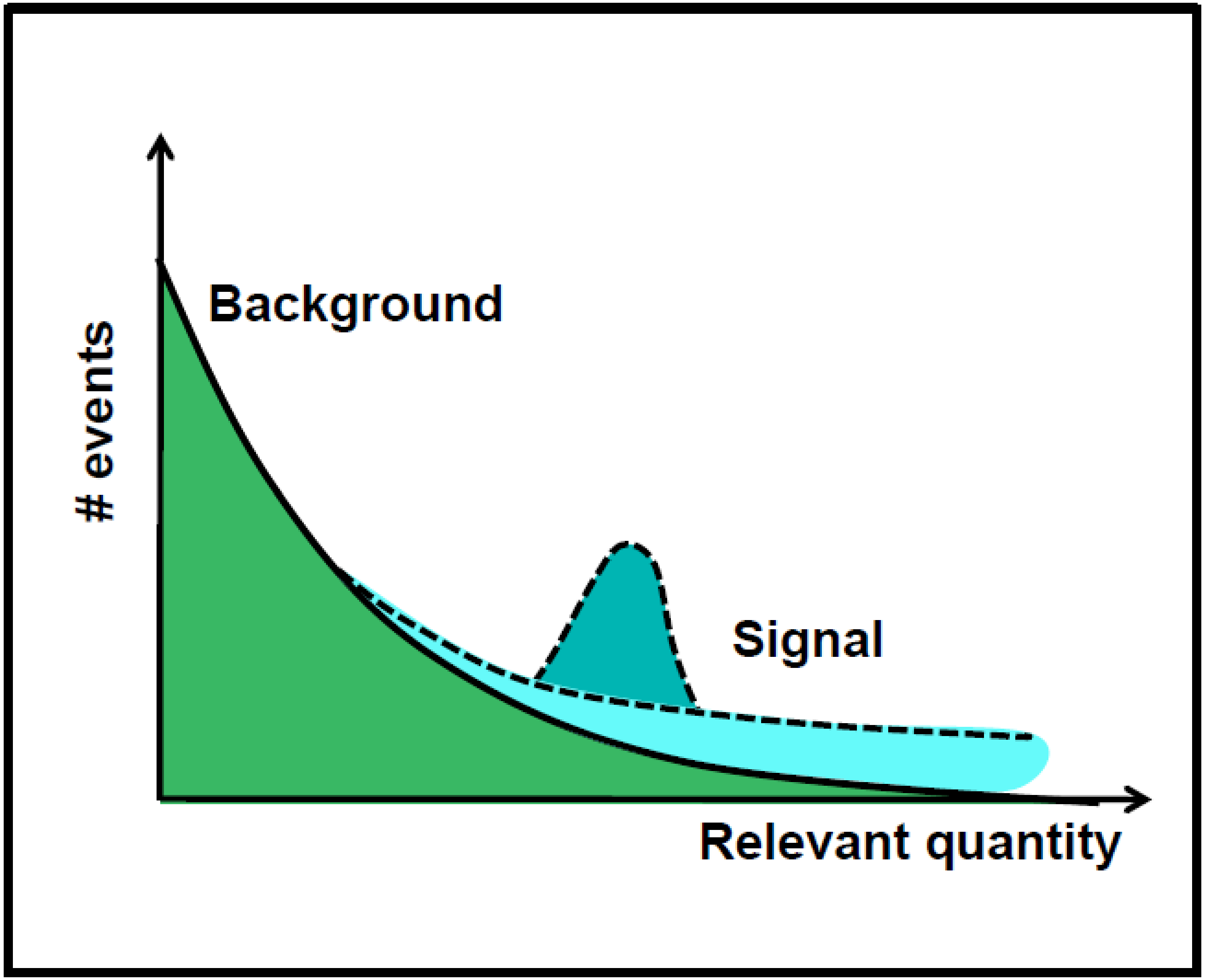

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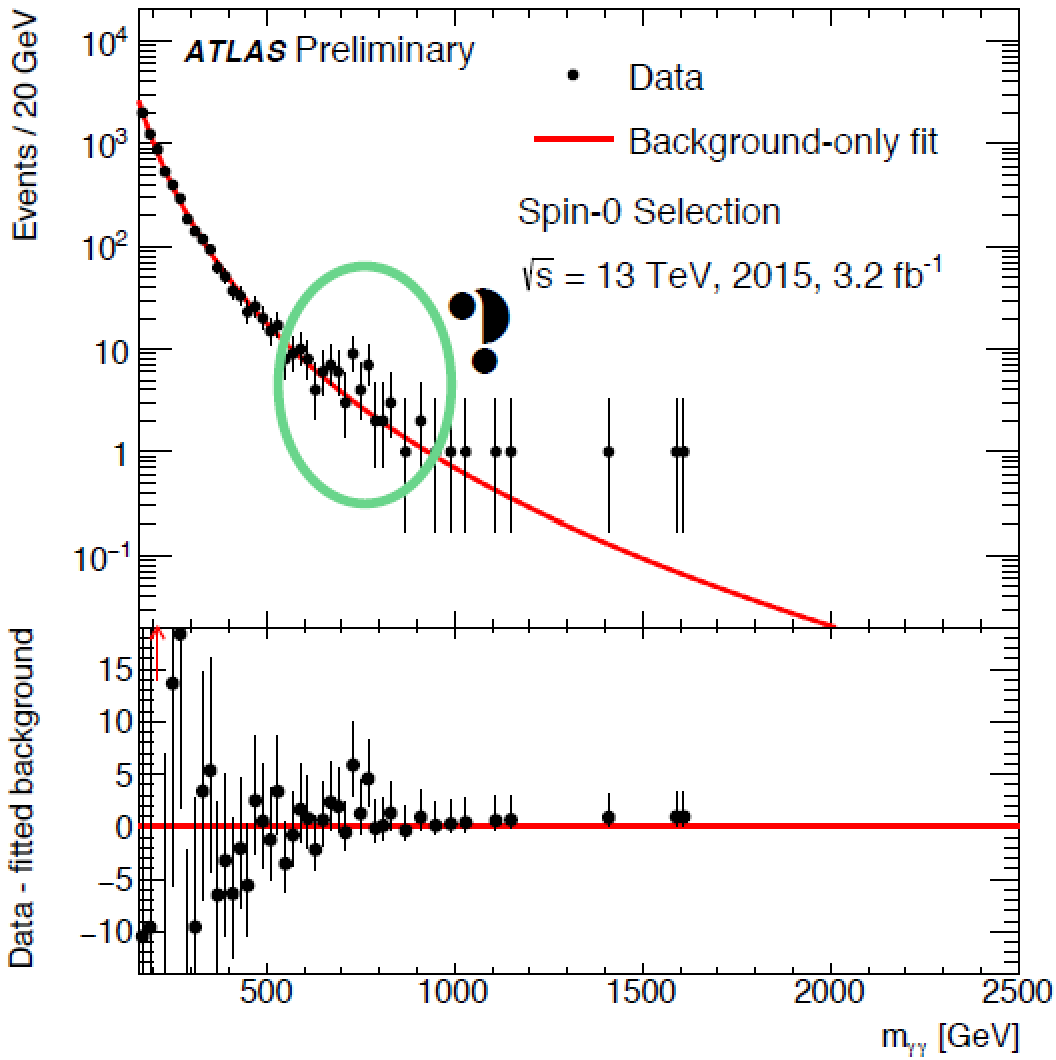

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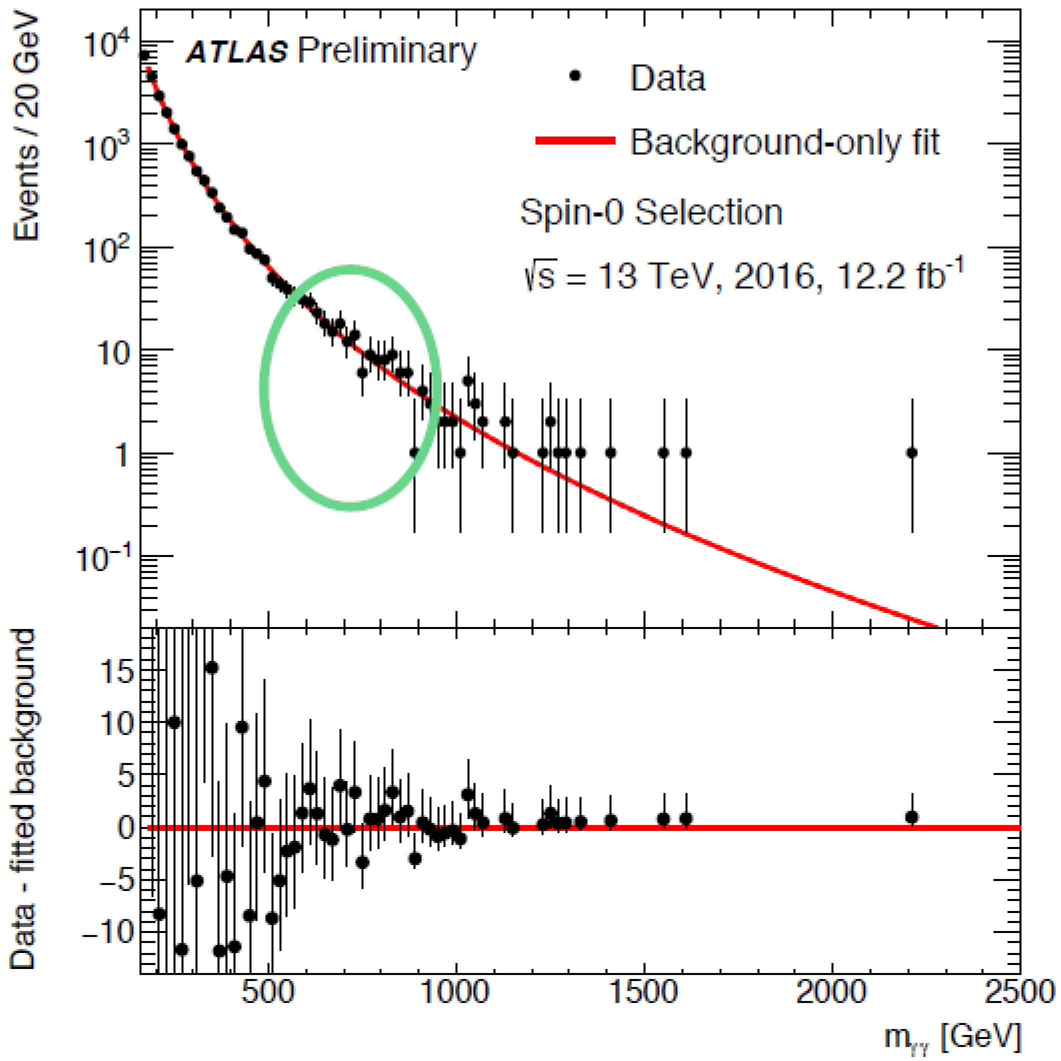
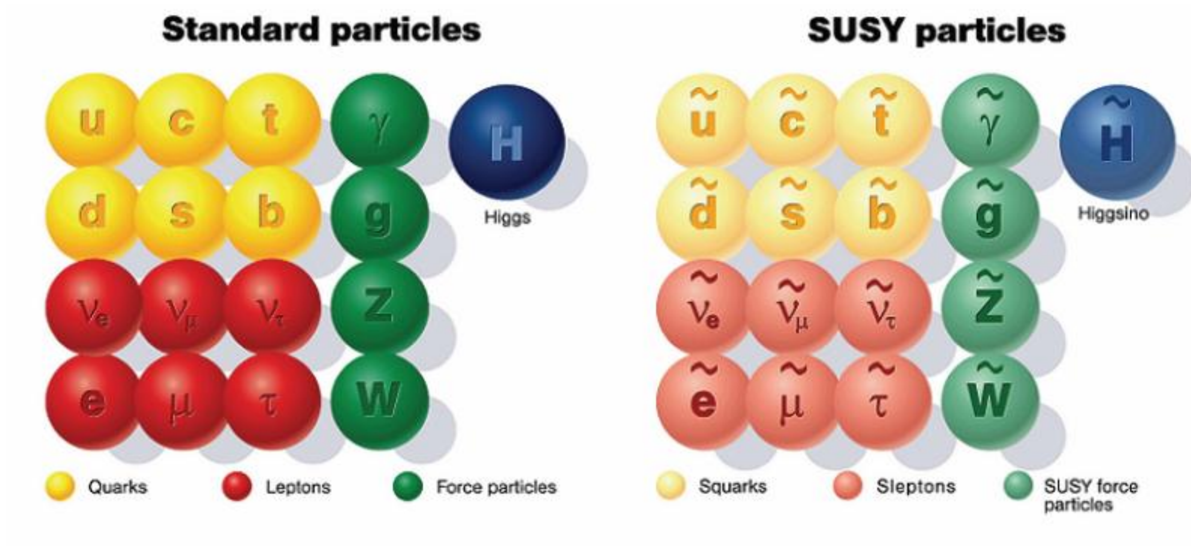


Typical SUSY searches

- Super-symmetry?



- Composite quark and/or leptons?
- New Heavy bosons?
- Gravitons?
- Dark Matter particles?
- …

Any new theory need to agree with the SM!

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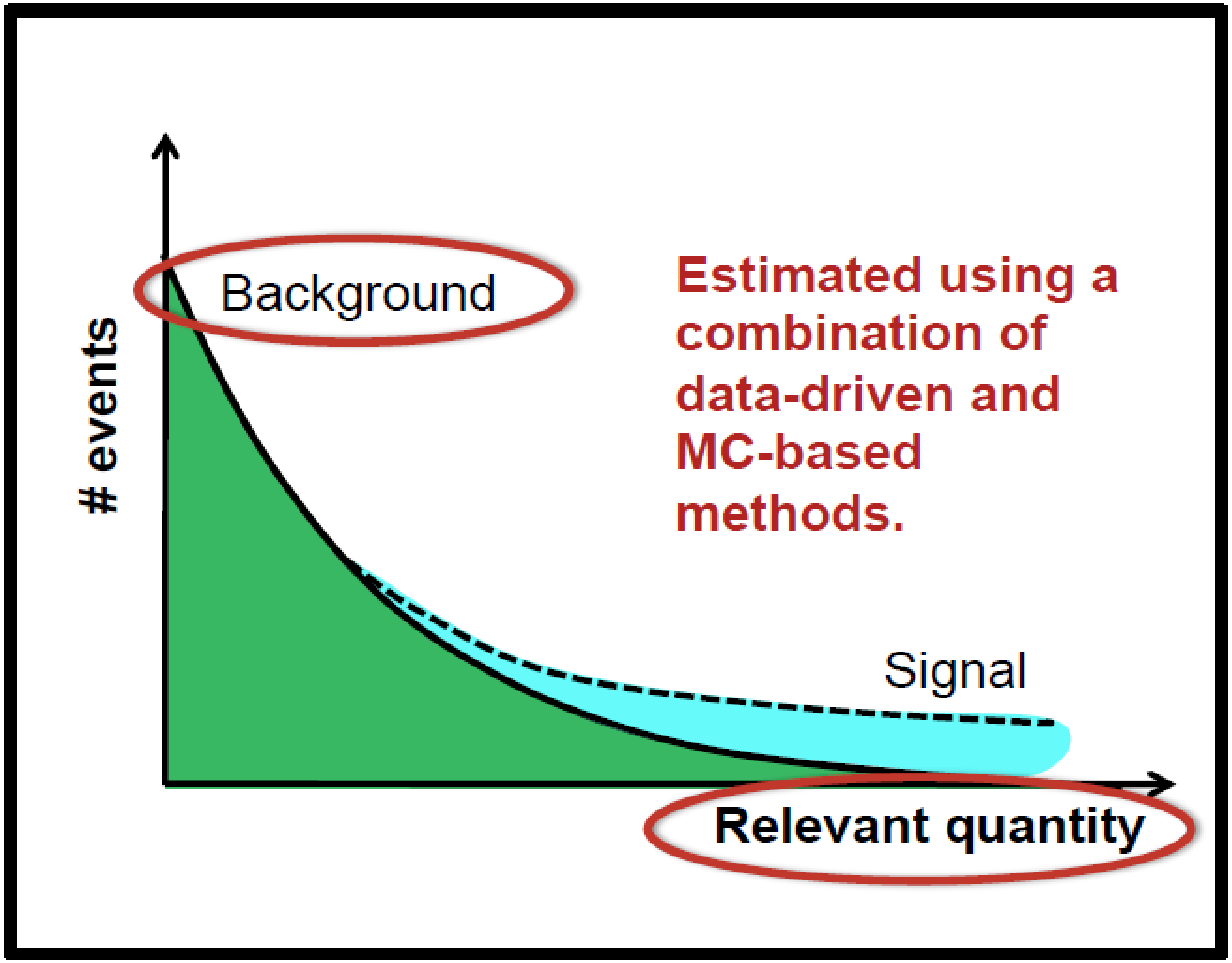
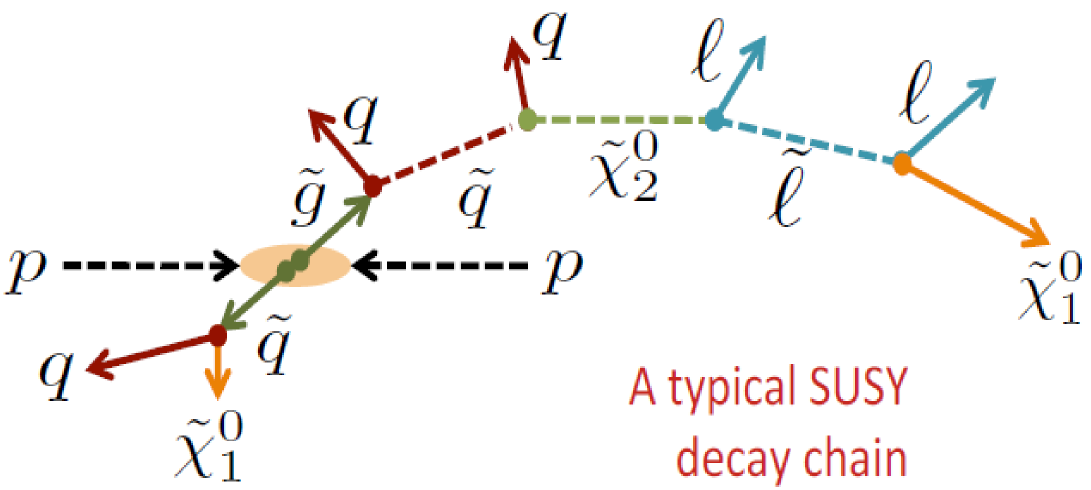


E.g. MET

Another search example

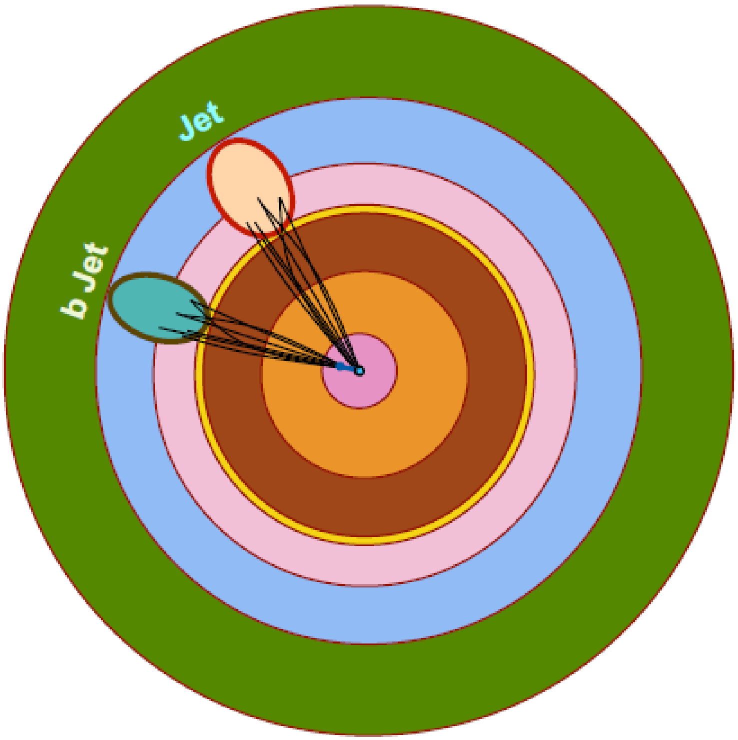
SEARCH FOR SUSY IN EVENTS WITH LARGE JET MULTIPLICITIES

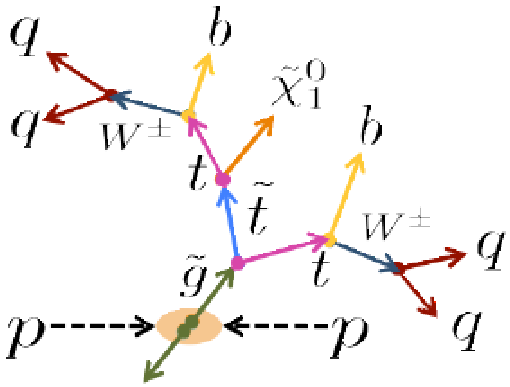


A typical SUSY decay chain

Event selection

b-jets





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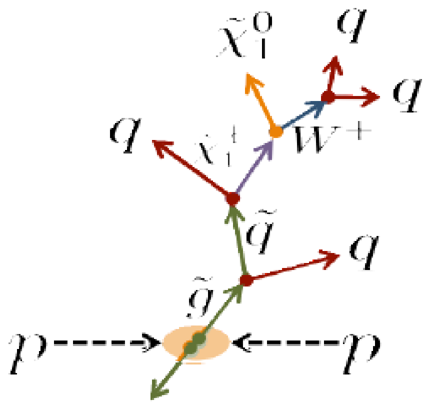
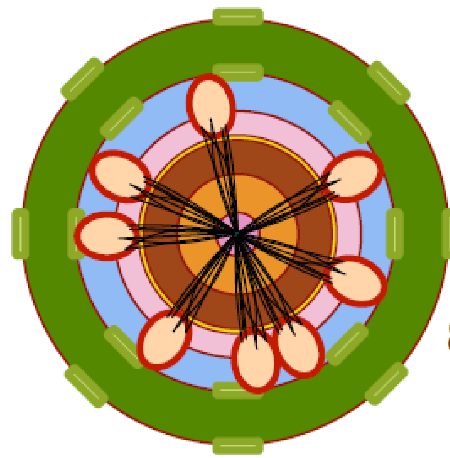
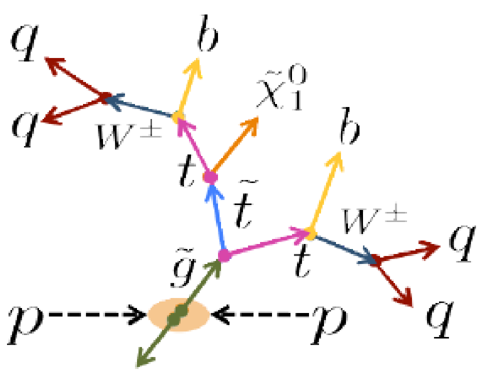
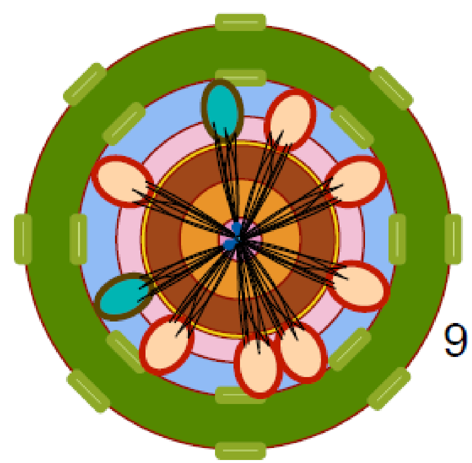




8 jets, 0 b-jets



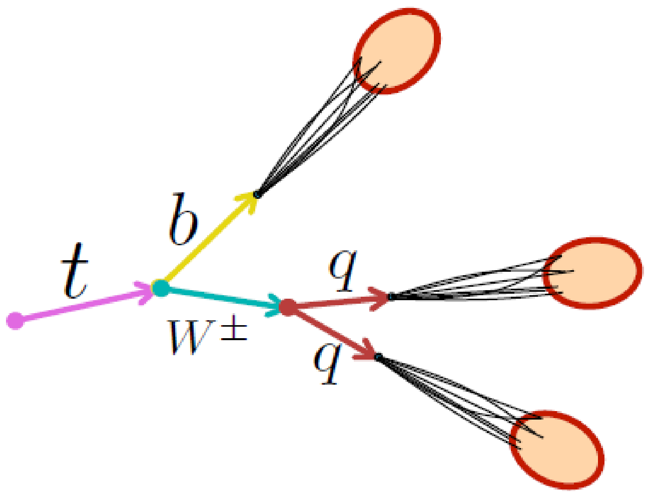


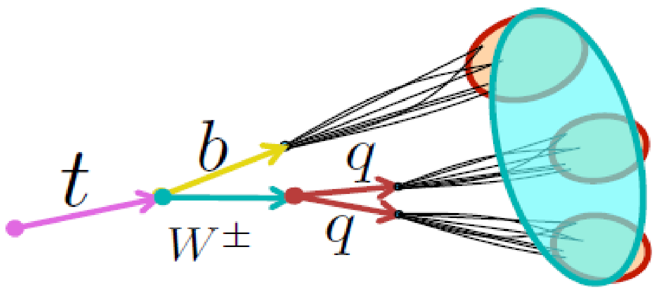
9 jets, ≥2 b-jets

Signal regions can range in jet p_T and jet & b-jet multiplicity.

Event selection

"fat-jets"





Fat-jets are a key signature in searches for boosted objects, e.g. boosted tops.

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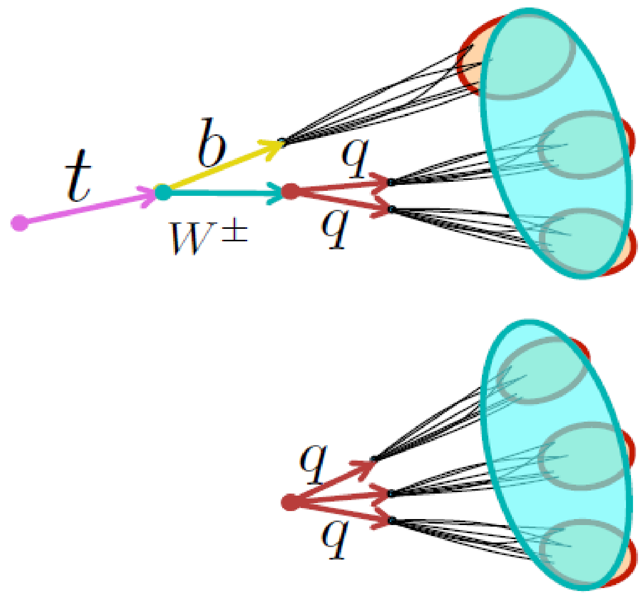
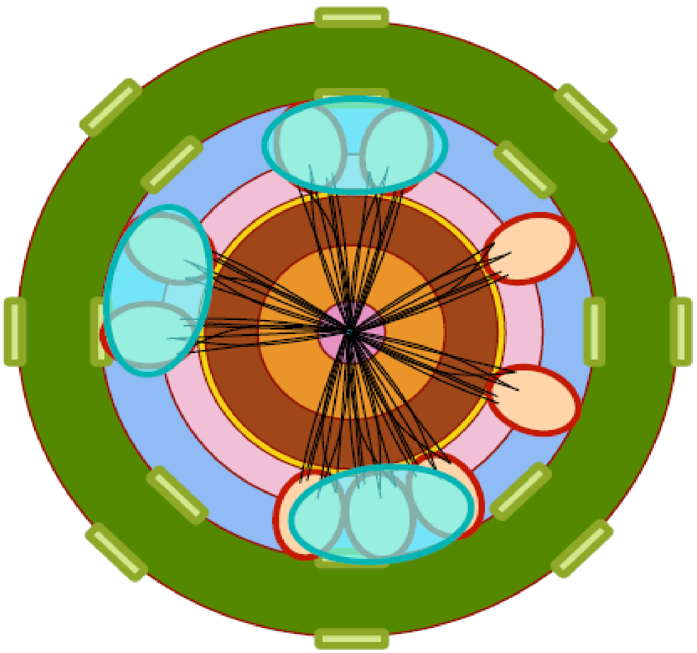




$$m_j\ (\mathrm{QCD}) < m_j\ (\mathrm{SUSY})$$

Proposed in arXiv:1202.0558

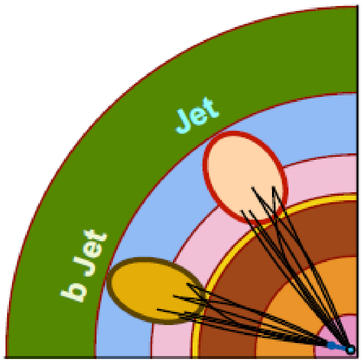
$$M_J^{\Sigma} = \sum_{i=1}^{nJ} m_{j_i}$$

Signal regions can range in jet multiplicity and M_J^{Σ} cuts. 60

Example of search

"b-jet stream"

ID	8j50			9j50			≥10j50	7j80			≥8j80		
Jet |η|	< 2.0												
Jet p_T	50 GeV							80 GeV					
Jet count	=8			=9			≥10	=7			≥8		
b-jets	0	1	≥2	0	1	≥2	-	0	1	≥2	0	1	≥2
$ME_T/\sqrt{H_T}$	> 4 GeV $^{1/2}$												



"fat-jet stream"

ID	≥8j50		≥9j50		≥10j50	
Jet |η|	< 2.8					
Jet p_T	50 GeV					
Jet count	≥8		≥9		≥10	
M_J^Σ (GeV)	>340	>420	>340	>420	>340	>420
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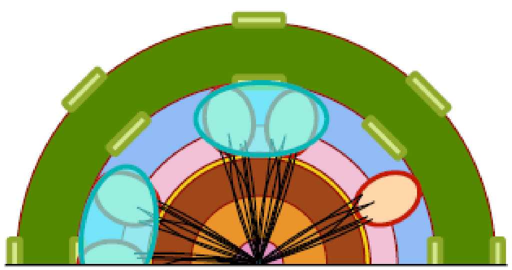

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Results

b-jet stream

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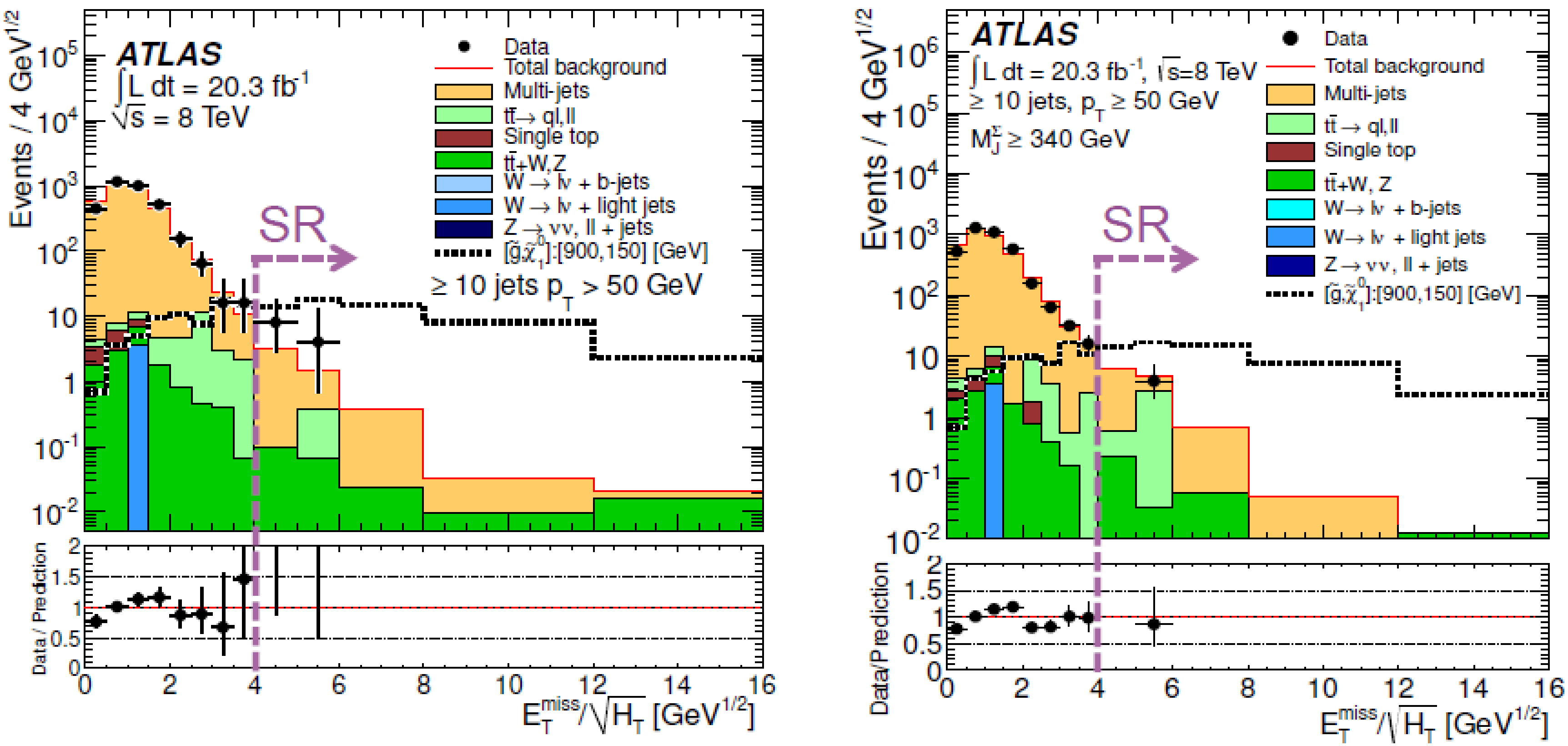
b-jets	0	1	≥2	0	1	≥2	0
Expected evts	35±4	40±10	50±10	3.3±0.7	6.1±1.7	8.0±2.7	1.37±0.35
Observed evts	40	44	44	5	8	7	3
Significance (σ)	0.7	-0.02	-0.6	0.8	0.6	-0.28	1.11

ID	7j80			≥8j80		
b-jets	0	1	≥2	0	1	≥2
Expected evts	11.0±2.2	17±6	25±10	0.9±0.6	1.5±0.9	3.3±2.2
Observed evts	12	17	13	2	1	3
Significance (σ)	0.05	-0.14	-1.0	0.9	-0.28	-0.06

fat-jet stream

ID	≥8j50		≥9j50		≥10j50	
M_J^{Σ} (GeV)	340	420	340	420	340	420
Expected evts	75±19	45±14	17±7	11±5	3.2±3.7	2.2±2.0
Observed evts	69	37	13	9	1	1
Significance (σ)	-0.27	-0.6	-0.6	-0.34	-0.8	-0.6

Results



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∫L dt = 20.3 fb-1
√s = 8 TeV
Data
Total background
Multi-jets
tt̄→ ql,ll
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tt̄+W,Z
W → lν + b-jets
W → lν + light jets
Z → νν, ll + jets
[g̃,χ̃1 0]:[900,150] [GeV]
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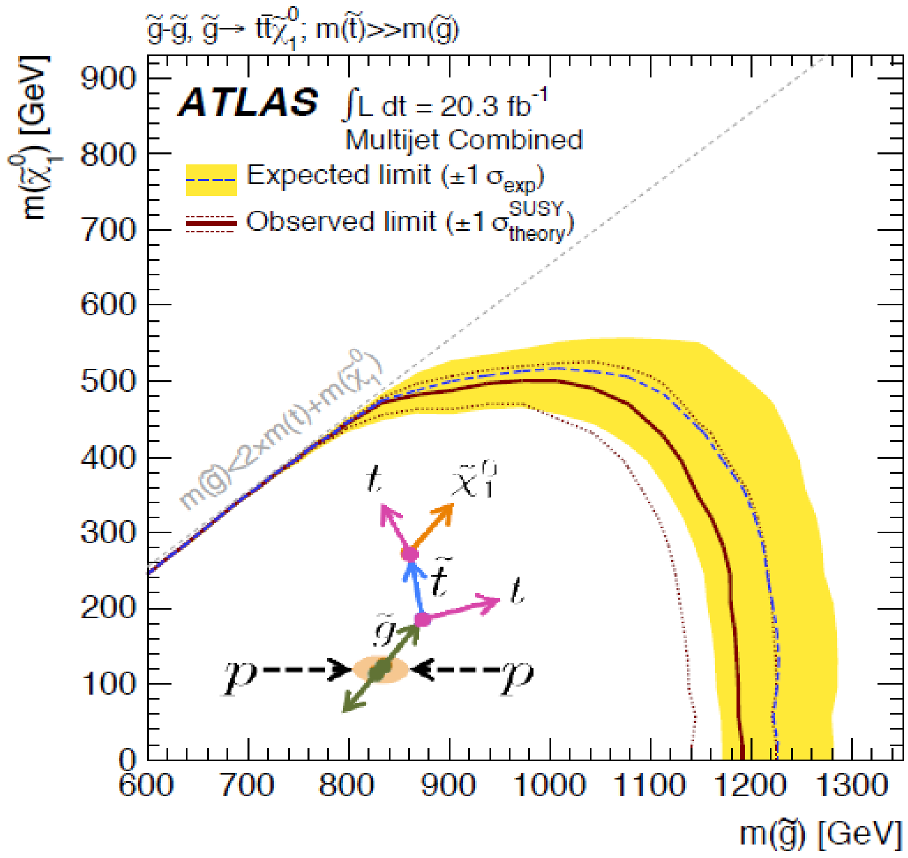
Interpretations

Real or Simplified models

- Simplified topologies include typically one production and one decay process. Provide useful information for theorists.



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The data and simulation samples used in the analysis. Data for the measurement / search, simulation to compare data to predictions.

Data-set specifics:
- Data quality ⇒ Good run list.
- Luminosity.

Monte carlo sample specifics:
- Generator, tunes.
- Statistics.

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The trigger used to collect the data with.

Trigger specifics:

- Prescales; typically unprescaled triggers are used, prescaled triggers for QCD / high stat measuments.
- Trigger (in)efficiencies.

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The exact definition of objects (electrons, muon, jets, …) and how these are combined in selecting events to be analyzed.

Object definition specifics:

- “Flavor” of the identification (loose, medium, tight).
- Calibrations.

Event selection specifics:

- Event cleaning (e.g. from noise and cosmics).
- Momentum, geom. acceptance and multiplicity of objects.
- Higher level cuts, such as invariant mass.
- “**Signal regions**”.

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Events that are imitating the signal we are searching for or measuring.

Background determination specifics:

- Can/must be **data-driven** or **simulation-based**.
- "**Validation regions**" and "**control regions**" required. These can use different triggers wrt signal regions.

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- Any 'intermediate' measurement we have performed carries uncertainties (statistical and systematic).
- **"Systematic" uncertainties are introduced by inaccuracies in the methods used to perform the measurement.**
- Efficiencies, acceptance, number of events, luminosity, cross sections used in Monte Carlo scaling…
- Some of them are "centrally" assessed by the performance groups of an experiment. Some of them are analysis-specific.

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Dealing with large data-sets, we use statistical methods to make sense of the numbers we measure.

Typical method:

- Do a fit to extract signal from background.

Methodologies can vary a lot, but nowdays they are pretty unified within and across experiments.

Neural nets and other machine learning methods are broadly used, primarily to improve signal over background discrimination!

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Produce the results in tables and plots. These include details of what is found in the signal region.

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Put the results into context: interpret them in theoretical models.

Conclusions