

# Detecting Particles

		3 Generations of Fermions			Force Carriers	
Q u a r k s	2/3	<b>u</b> ✓ ~5	<b>c</b> ✓ ~1350	<b>t</b> ✓ 175000	<b>g</b> ✓ 0	Strong Interactions
	-1/3	<b>d</b> ✓ ~9	<b>s</b> ✓ ~175	<b>b</b> ✓ ~4500	<b>γ</b> ✓ 0	Electromagnetism
L e p t o n s	0	<b>ν<sub>e</sub></b> ✓ 0?	<b>ν<sub>μ</sub></b> ✓ 0?	<b>ν<sub>τ</sub></b> ✓ 0?	<b>Z<sup>0</sup></b> ✓ 91187	Weak Interactions
	±1	<b>e</b> ✓ 0.511	<b>μ</b> ✓ 105.66	<b>τ</b> ✓ 1777.2	<b>W<sup>±</sup></b> ✓ 81400	
	0			<b>H</b> ✓ 125500		

Masses are in MeV

✓ : Detect with high efficiency

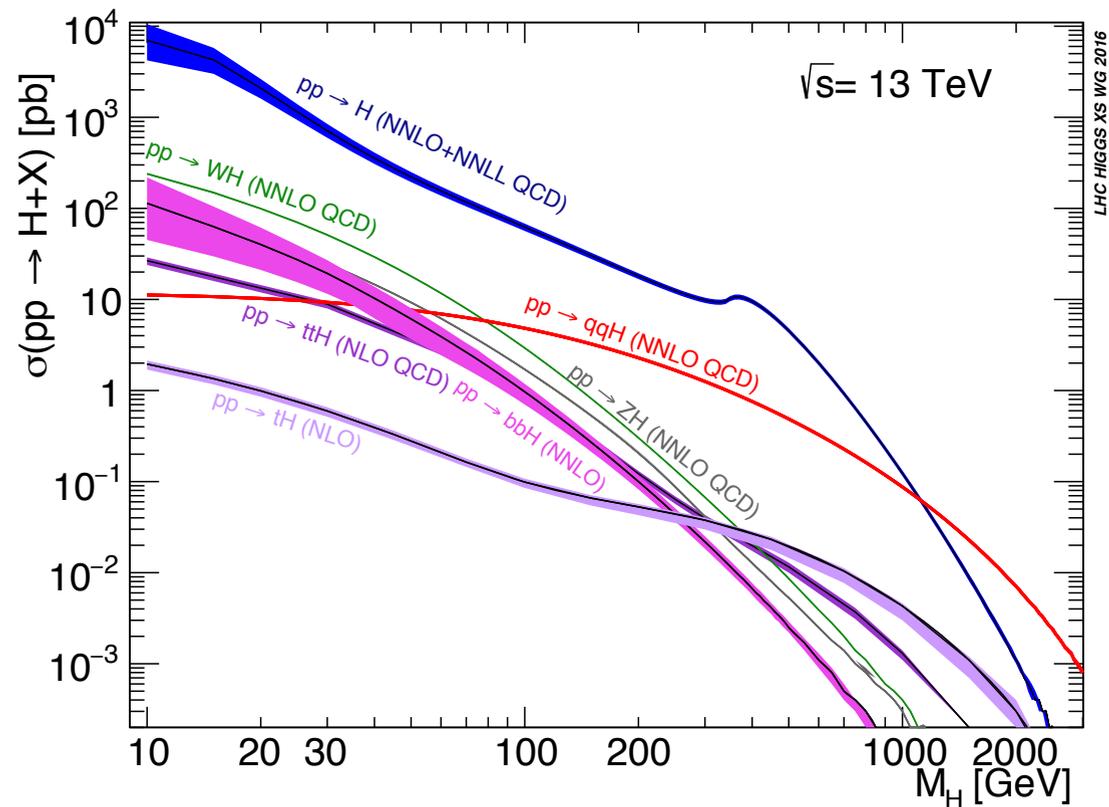
✓ : Detect by missing transverse energy

✓ : Detect through decays:  $t \rightarrow Wb, W/Z \rightarrow$  leptons, ...

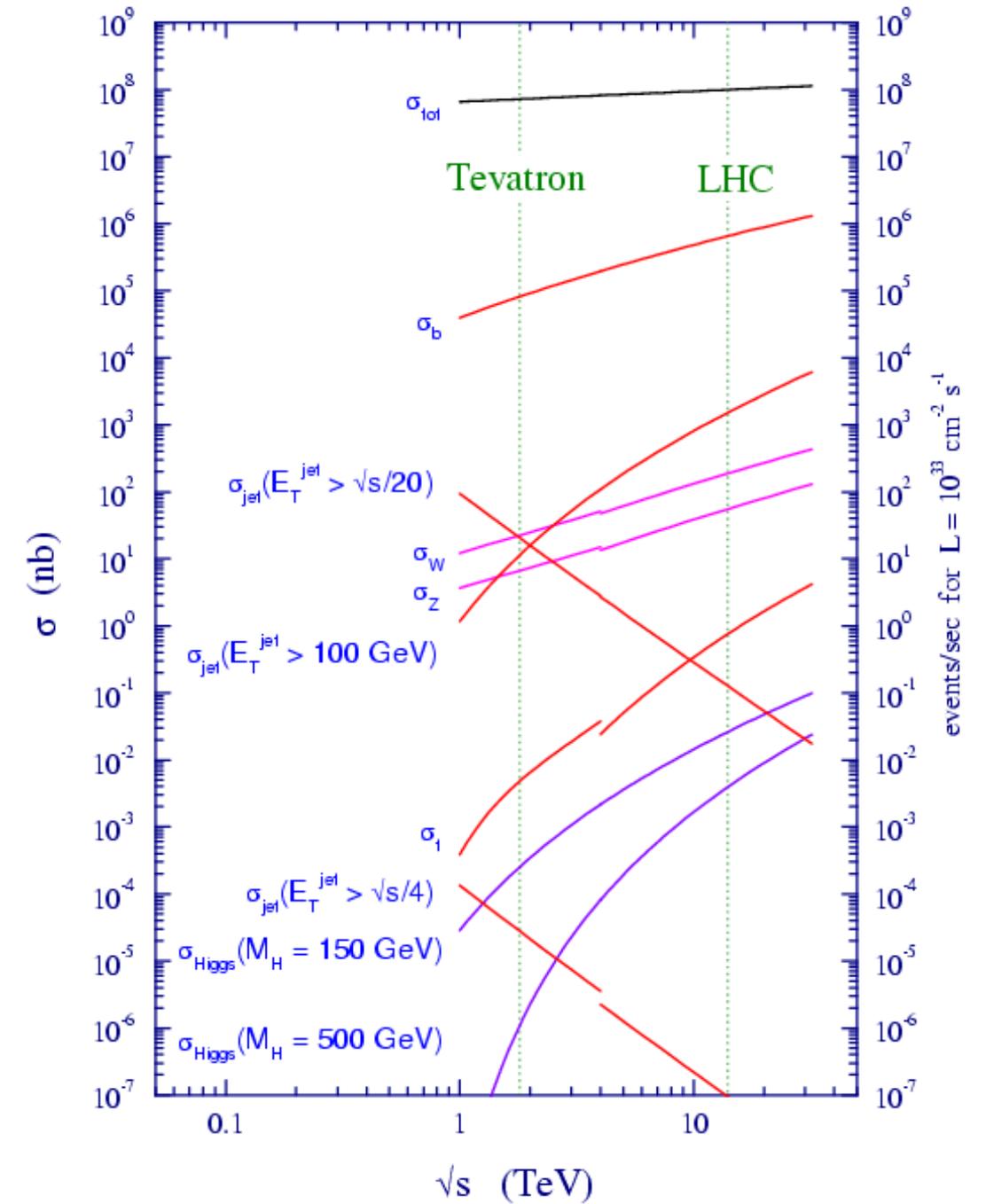
# Hadron Colliders: Triggering

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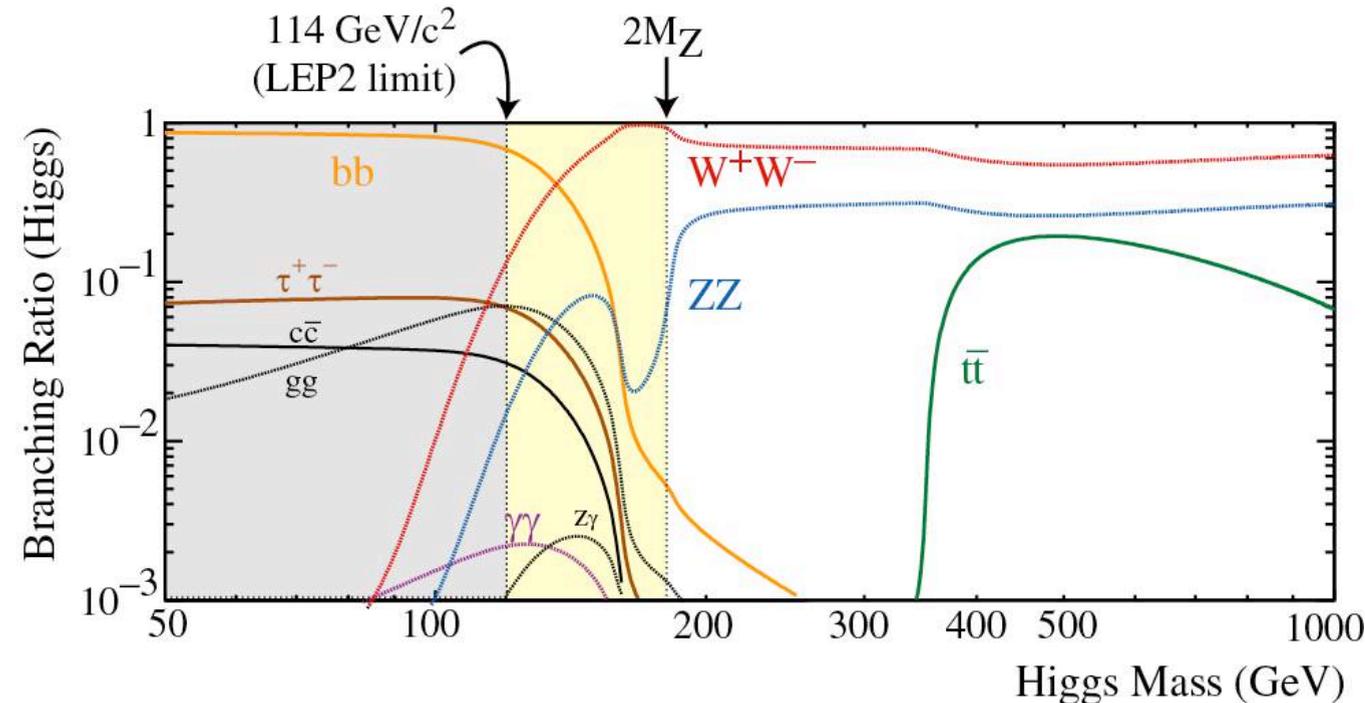


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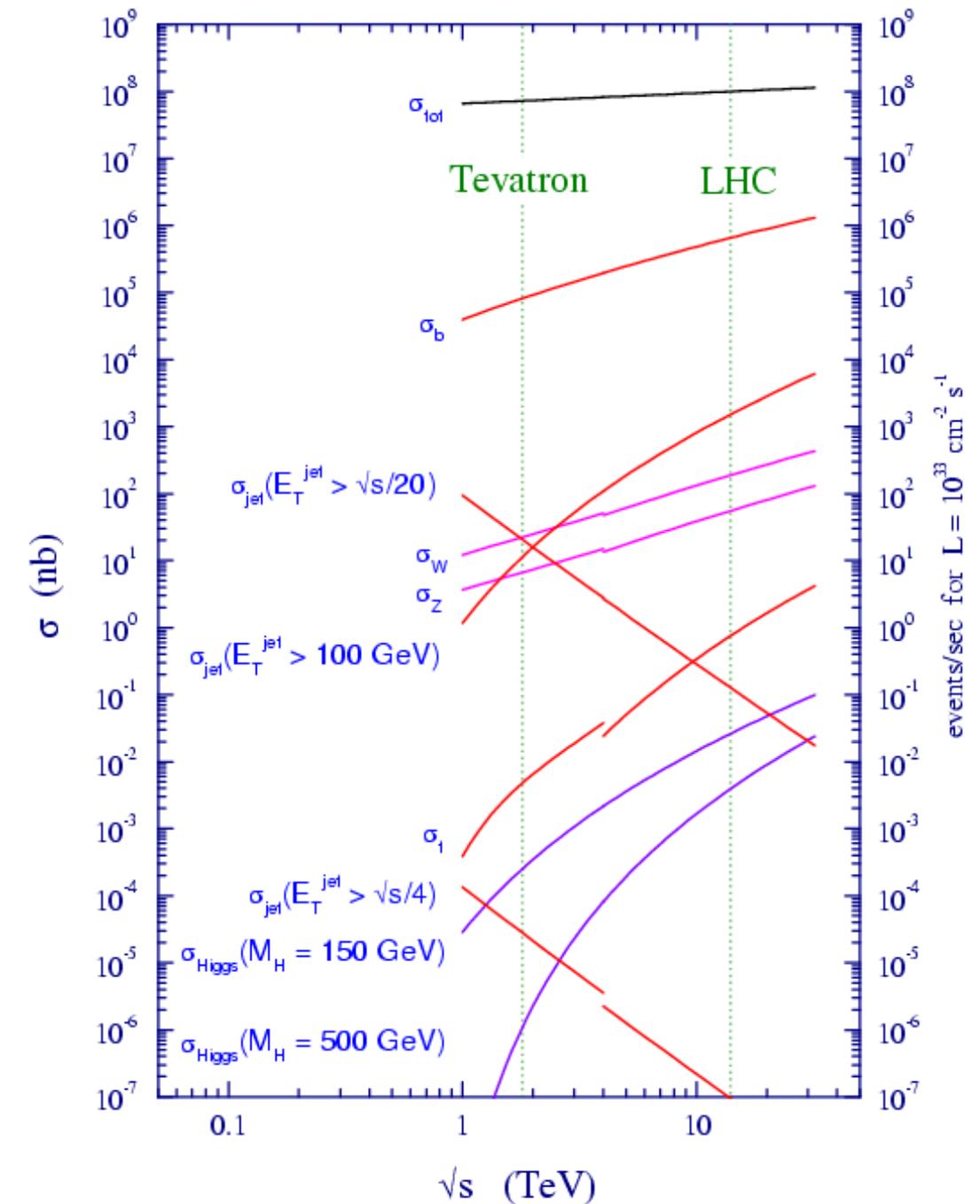


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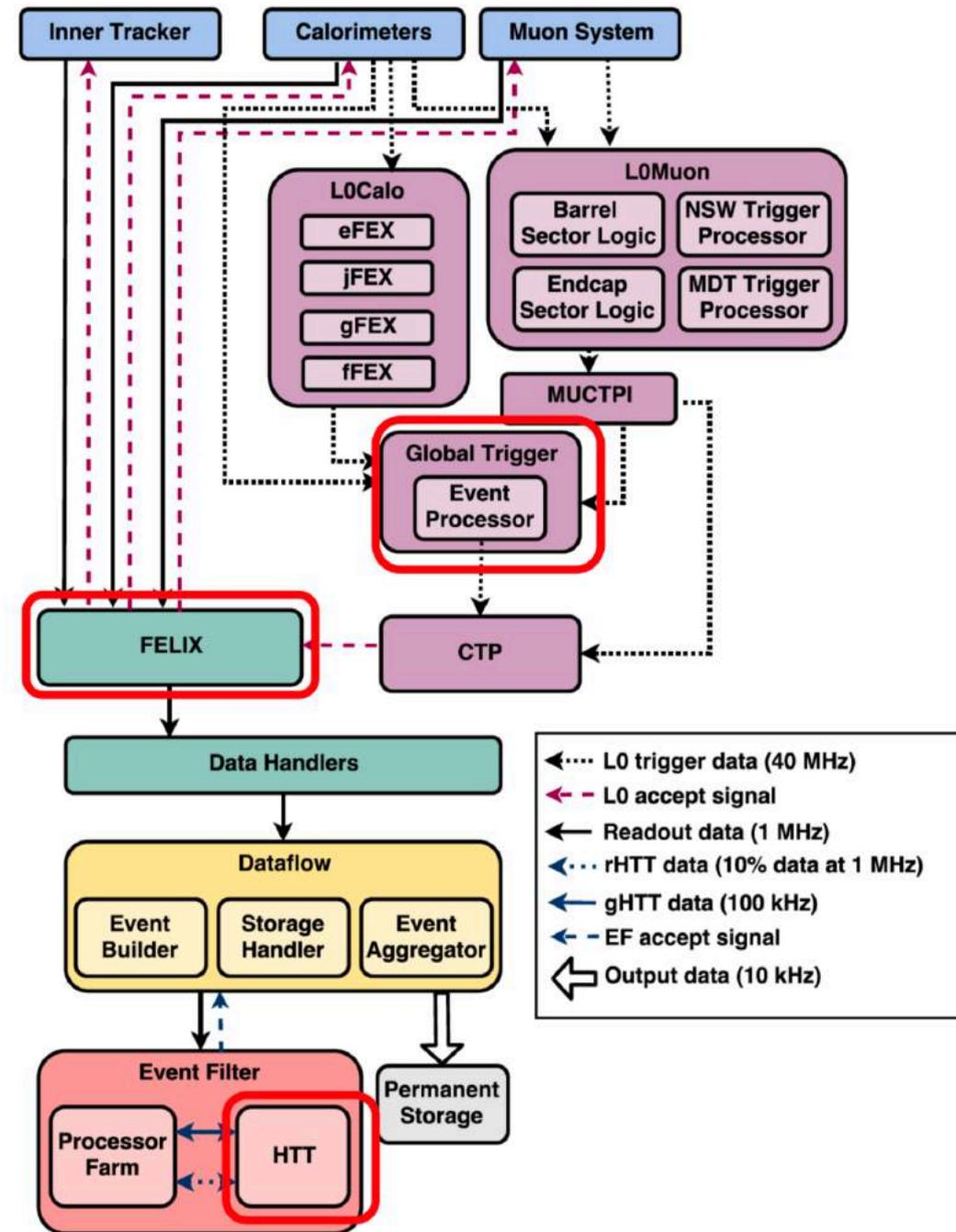
- ❖ Goal: select interesting events for offline analysis, while minimizing dead time
- ❖ “Interesting” is subjective
  - Depends on physics priorities (need for compromise in multi-purpose experiments)
  - Only interesting if event passes offline cuts
  - Includes events needed to validate analysis
    - Determination of efficiencies
    - Control samples
    - ...

# Constraints

- ❖ During decision-making process, data need to be “stored”
  - ATLAS produces 100s of Tbps
- ❖ Architectures are evolving
  - Closing in on shipping all data off-detector, where pipelines can be implemented in cheap RAM, not exposed to particle-induced upsets
  - For hermetic experiments, only inner tracker data still on-detector
  - Always at the forefront during design, antiquated during construction
    - E.g. HL-LHC, installation ~2025, will use mainly 10 Gbps links

# Looking Forward

- ❖ Typical HL-LHC parameters:
  - Level-1 hardware trigger,  $\sim 10 \mu\text{s}$  latency
  - Access to fine-grained calorimeter and muon system data
  - High-level trigger (asynchronous)
  - Software with access to full detector data, run fast versions of offline algorithms
  - Track reconstruction may run on custom hardware, not clear if can be done in software...



# Analyzing Data

# Steps in a Physics Analysis

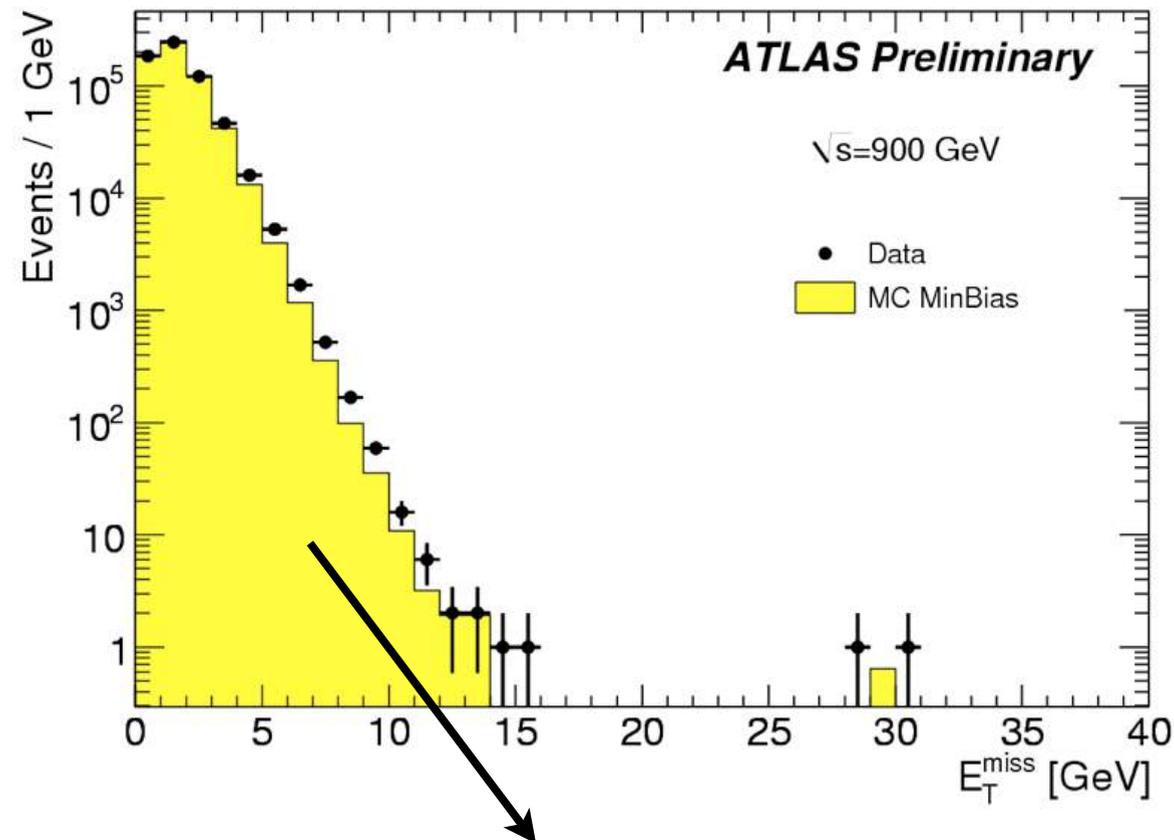
- ❖ Choose a topic (often theory-motivated)
- ❖ What is the final state?  $\Rightarrow$  “Preselection”
  - For a search, sufficiently loose to be signal-poor
  - Prove you understand the detector response, physics processes contributing
  - But sufficiently tight to have a manageable data volume
    - ATLAS/CMS write  $1000 \text{ Hz} \times 1+ \text{ MB/event} = 1+ \text{ GB/s}$
    - “4-vectors” is not enough, need some amount of detector info
    - In practice, often have preselected sample for frequent analysis, + looser sample for e.g. multijet background with rare passes
- ❖ Note that data volume  $\propto$  running time, not  $\int \mathcal{L}$

# Steps (II)

- ❖ Determine preselected sample's composition
  - MC and data to understand each contribution
    - Multijet background to leptons often extracted from data: rejection factor  $\sim 10^{-4}$ , difficult for simulation to be that accurate
    - MC for most other processes, with corrections from data, since generators are (LO,) NLO, NNLO, (LL,) NLL, NNLL
  - Also need to correct MC for real-life data conditions
    - Different alignment, dead channels etc.
  - As statistics increase, more difficult, since mis-modelings not hidden by statistical uncertainties anymore
    - Mis-modelings often show up in tails

# Anecdotes From the Field (I)

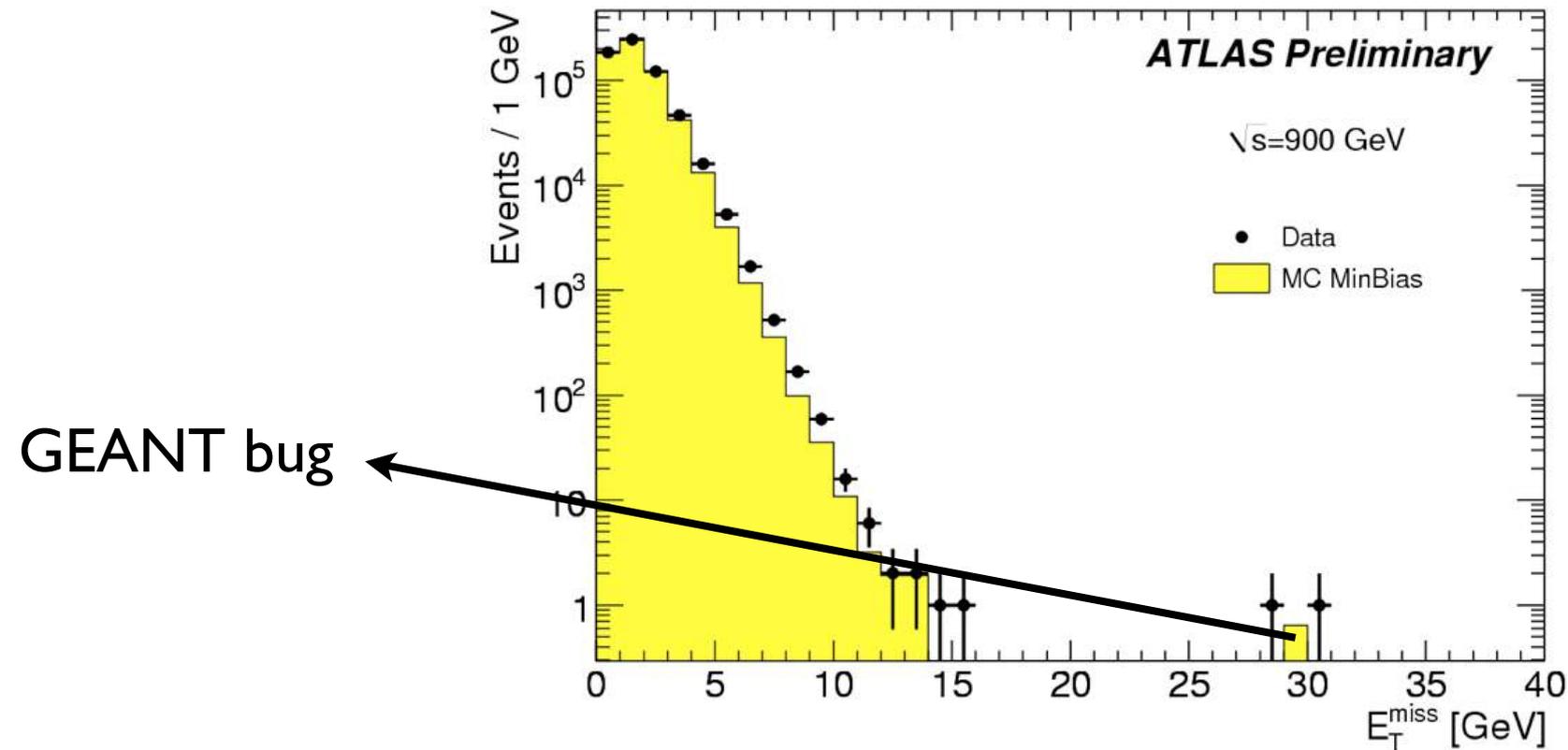
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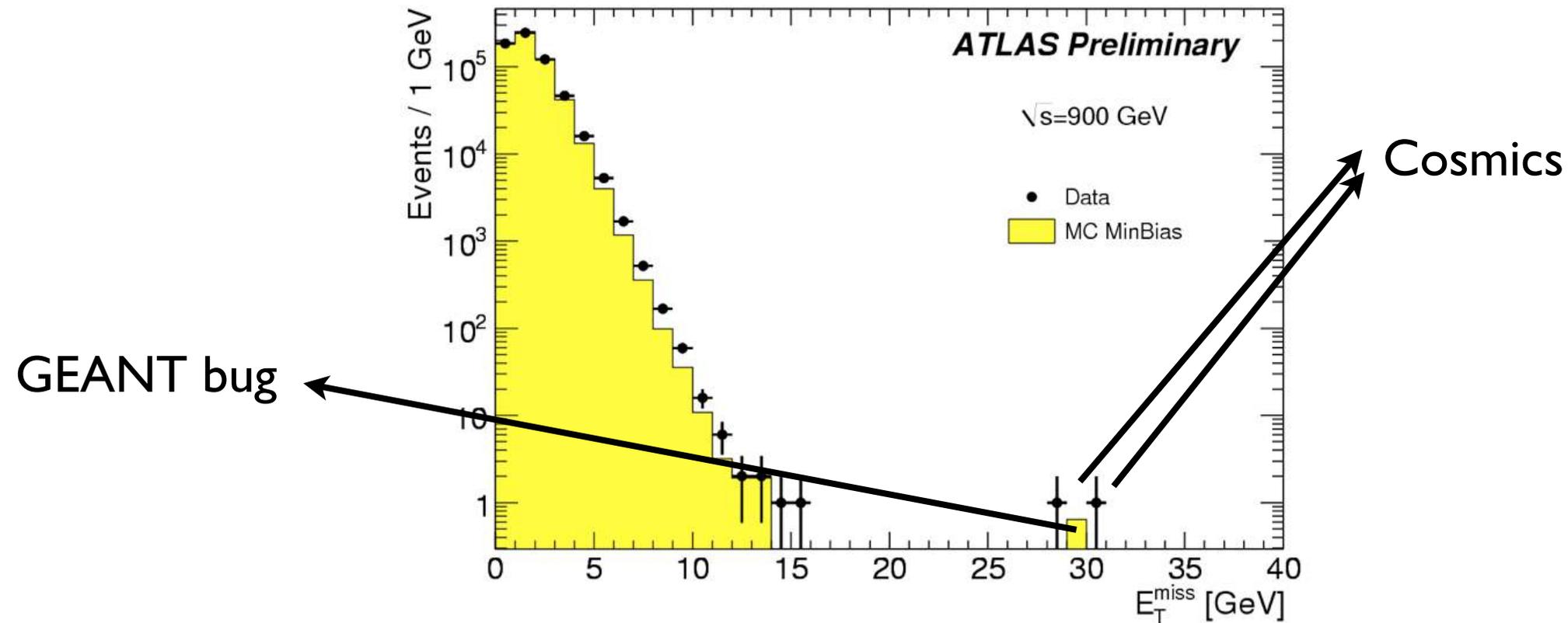
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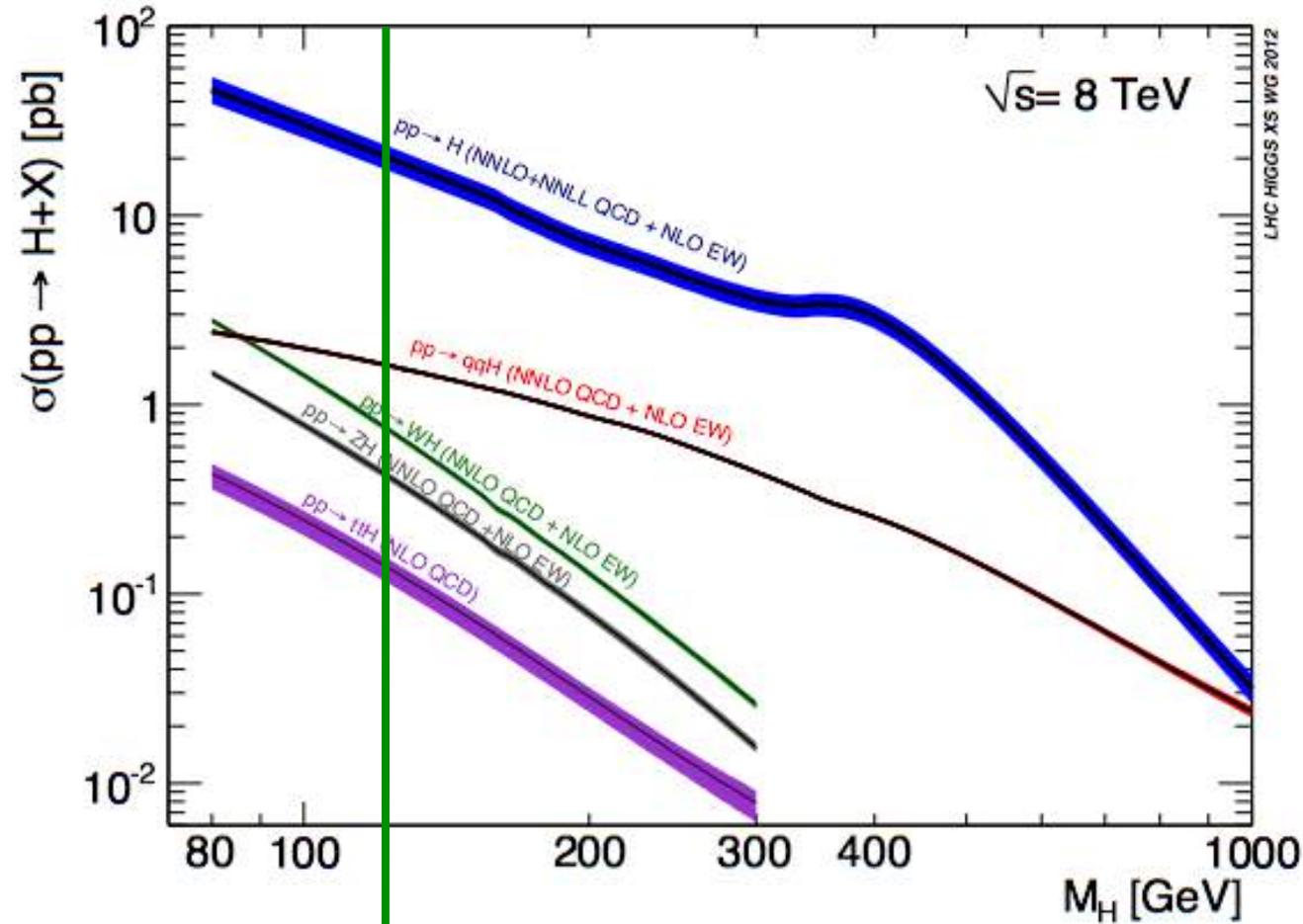


- Sometimes it's better to take the time needed to understand strange things...

# A Semi-Challenging Search: Higgs to $\tau\mu$

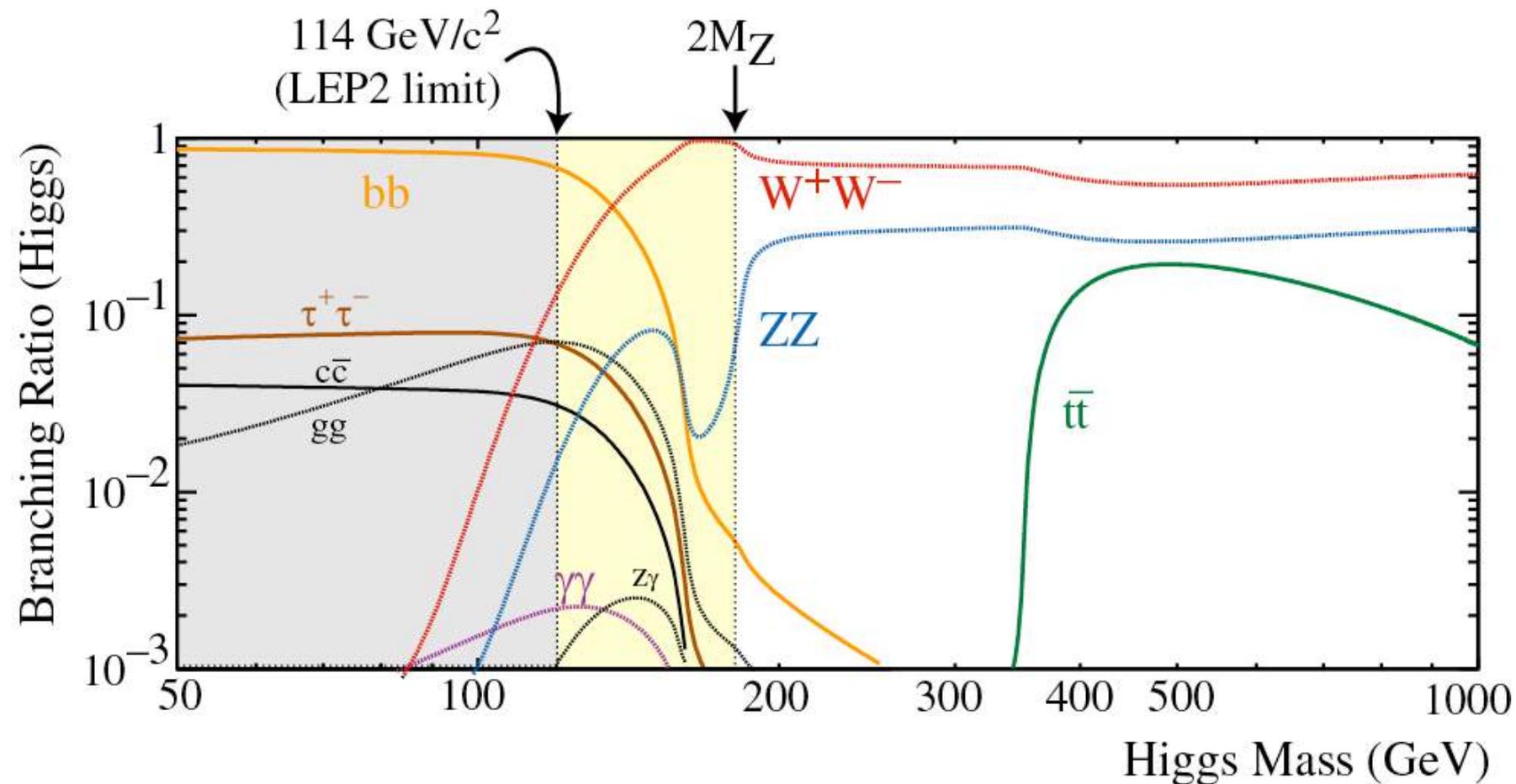
# Producing Higgses

- ❖ 20 fb<sup>-1</sup> collected by end 2012 at 8 TeV



400000 events in direct production  
can look for rare decays!

# Higgs Decay: 125 GeV is Golden



Low Mass  
 $H \rightarrow bb, \tau\tau, \gamma\gamma$

High Mass  
 $H \rightarrow WW, ZZ$

# $\mu+\tau$

- ❖ Indirect constraints fairly weak (as opposed to e.g.  $e+\mu$ )
  - Indirect:  $BR(\mu\tau) < \sim 10\%$ ;  $BR(e\mu) < \sim 10^{-8}$
- ❖ Lepton Flavor remains a mystery
  - Observing LFV crucial in understanding origin
  - Know it exists in the neutrino sector
- ❖ Experimentally:
  - With 400k Higgses produced, 1% BR yields 4000 signal events (x efficiency)
  - Two leptons  $\Rightarrow$  small to moderate background at hadron collider

# Tau decays

## ❖ Exploit two channels:

- $\tau \rightarrow e\nu\nu$ : BR = 18%
- $\tau \rightarrow h\nu$ : BR = 49% (one charged particle) + 15% (three charged particles)
- Avoid  $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$  background

## ❖ Final states are $\mu\tau_e$ and $\mu\tau_h$

- Irreducible background is  $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$
- Primary discriminating variable is  $\mu$ - $\tau$  invariant mass
- Unfortunately not directly reconstructible: neutrinos escape!

# Collinear Mass

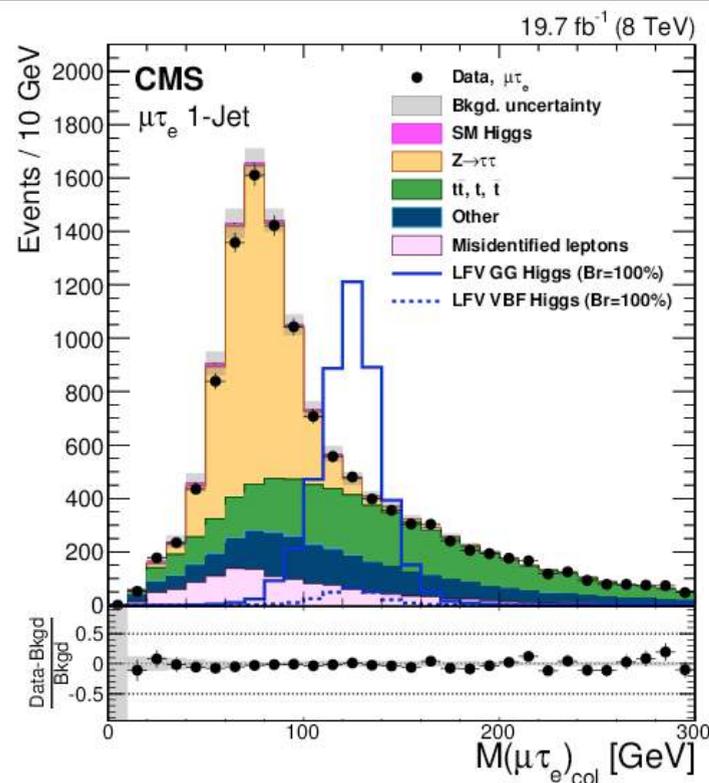
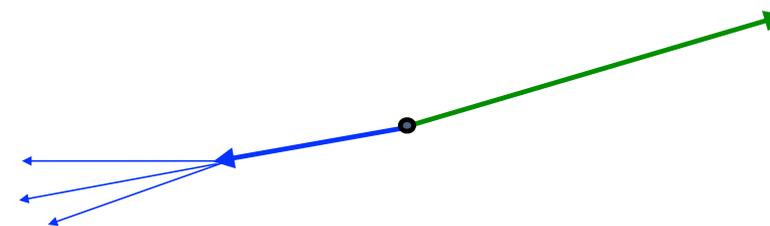
❖  $m(H) = 125 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $m(\tau) = 1.8 \text{ GeV}$

➔ Tau is heavily boosted

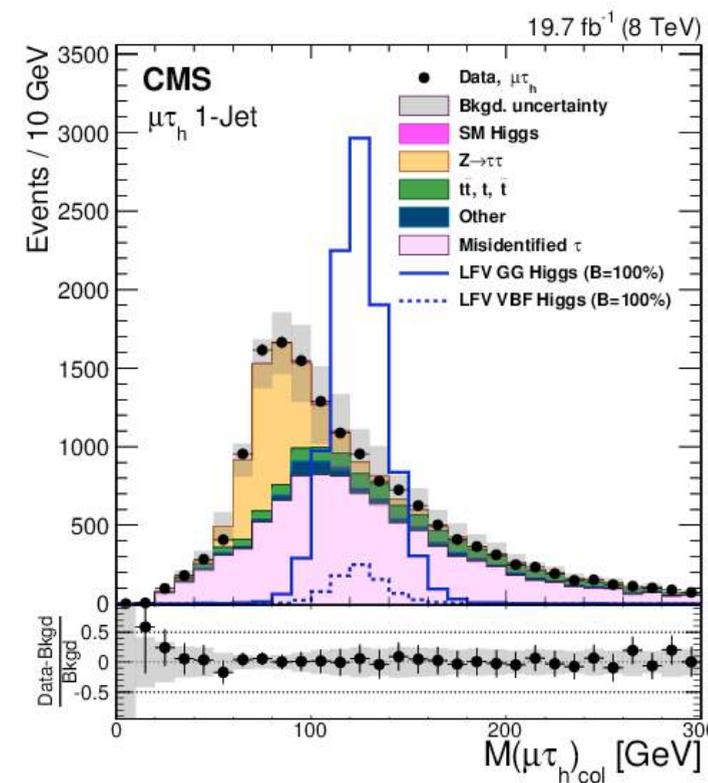
➔ Tau decay products are collinear with tau

❖ Under that assumption, know neutrino direction

- From direction and missing transverse momentum infer neutrino longitudinal momentum



Preselection

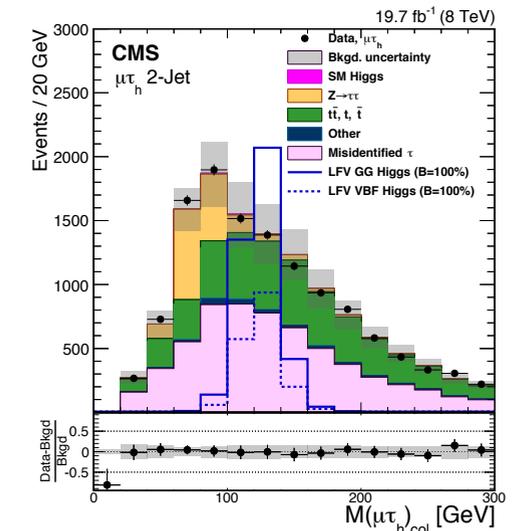
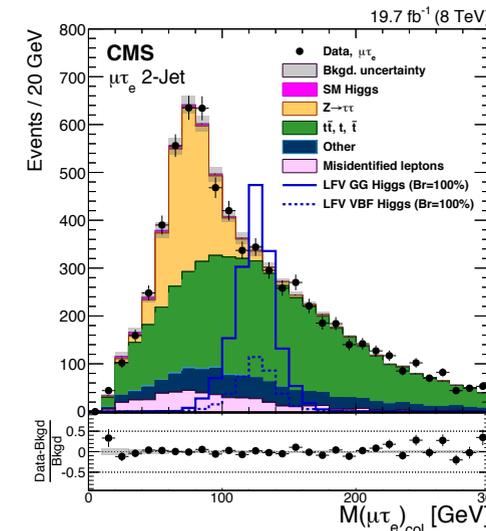
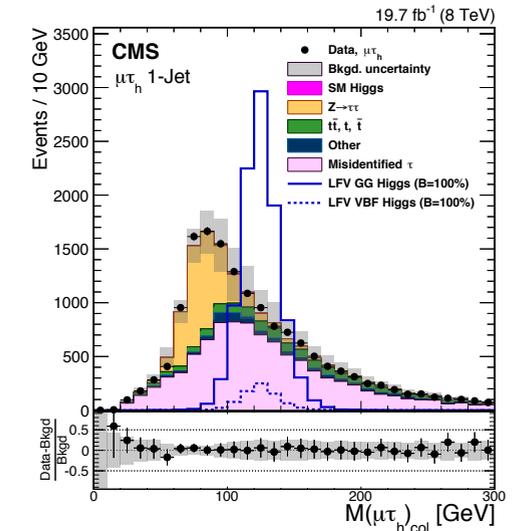
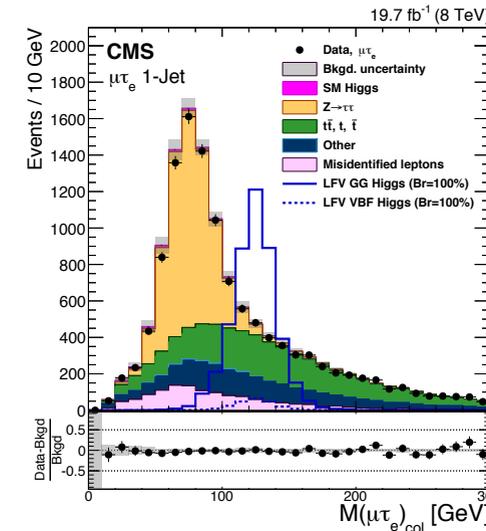
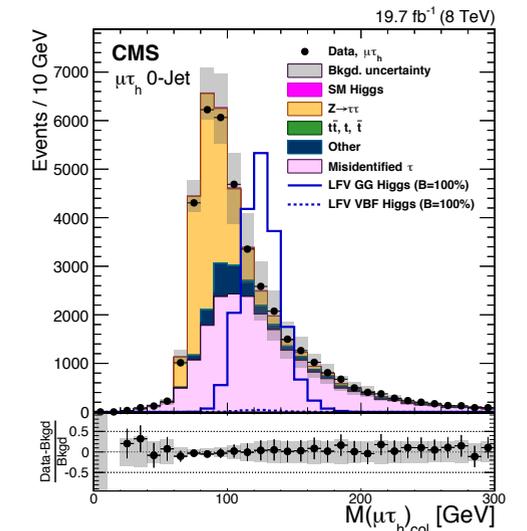
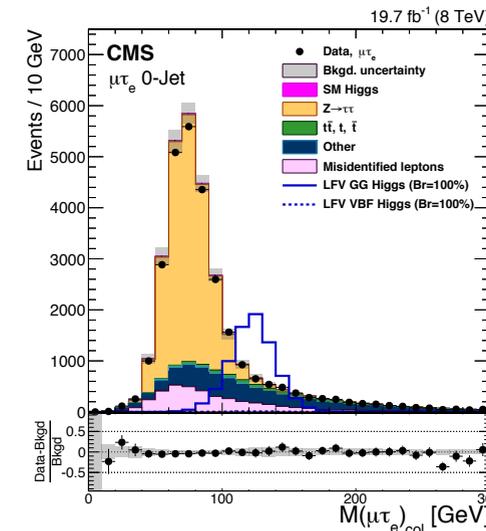


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[Phys. Lett. B 749 \(2015\) 337](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.physletb.2015.03.037)

# Categorize!

- ❖ Different production mechanism (gluon fusion vs. vector boson fusion) lead to different topologies
  - In practice number of jets
- ❖ Different decay channels have different reducible backgrounds
  - Hadronic tau decays are low multiplicity jets
- ❖ Categorize to exploit different S/B!
  - Assign corresponding weights (typically  $\ln(1+S/B)$ ), to increase sensitivity



# Backgrounds

❖ Small signal  $\Rightarrow$  need very accurate background estimate

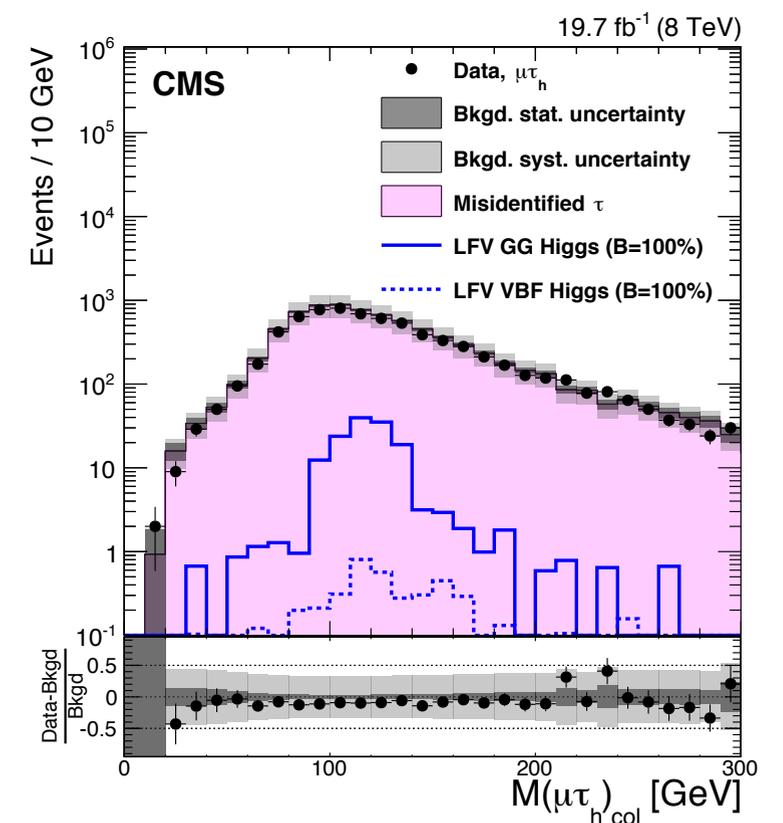
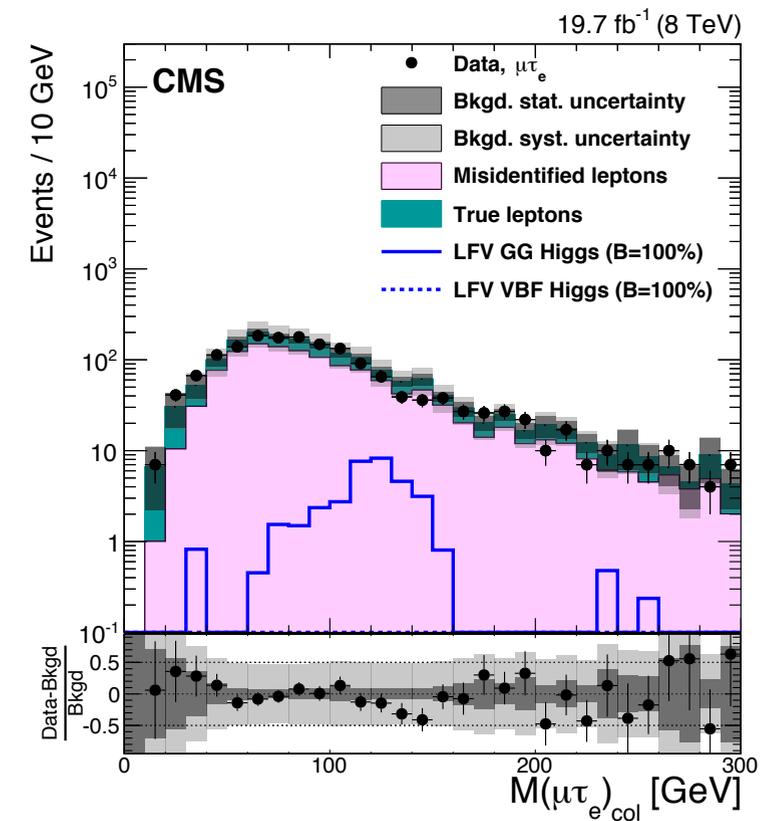
- Use data where possible

❖ In this case:

-  $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$  (irreducible): take  $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$  events from data, replace one muon with simulated tau

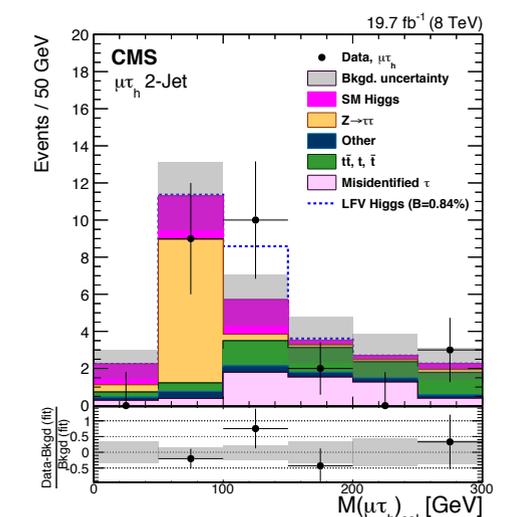
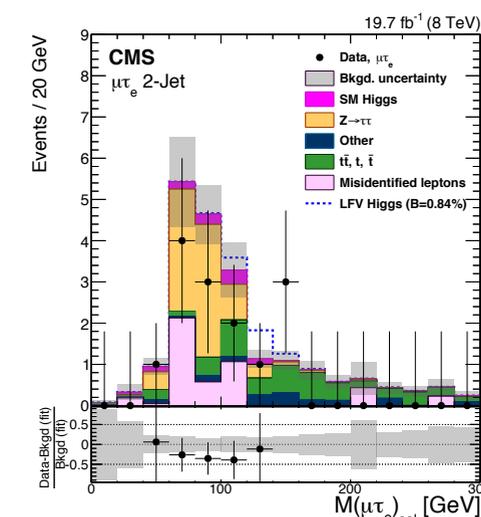
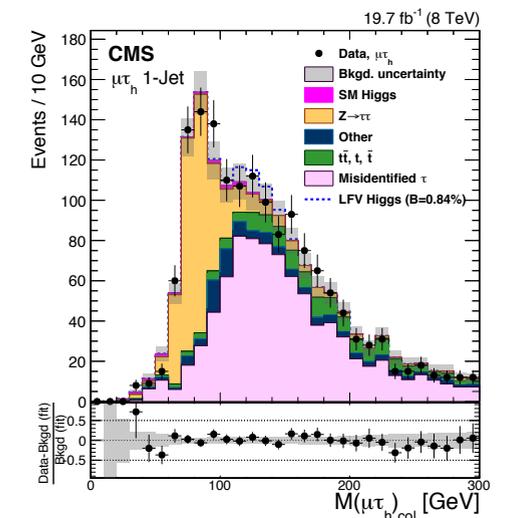
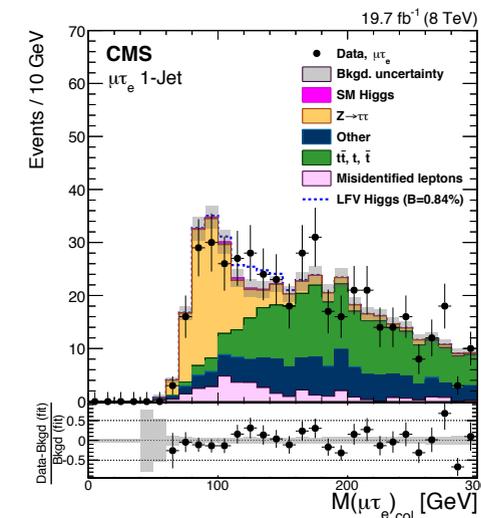
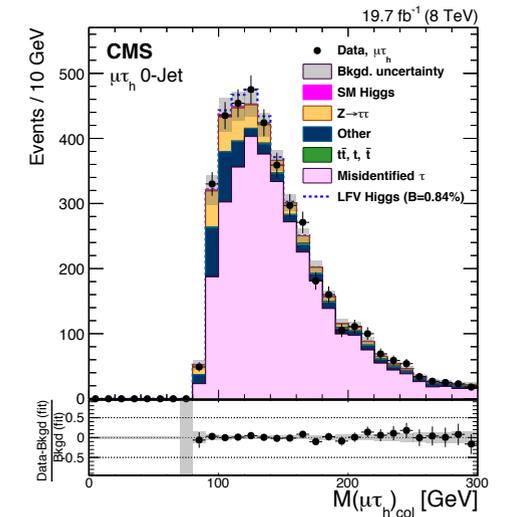
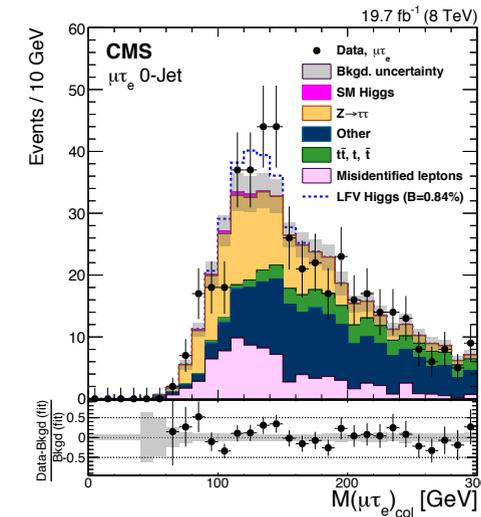
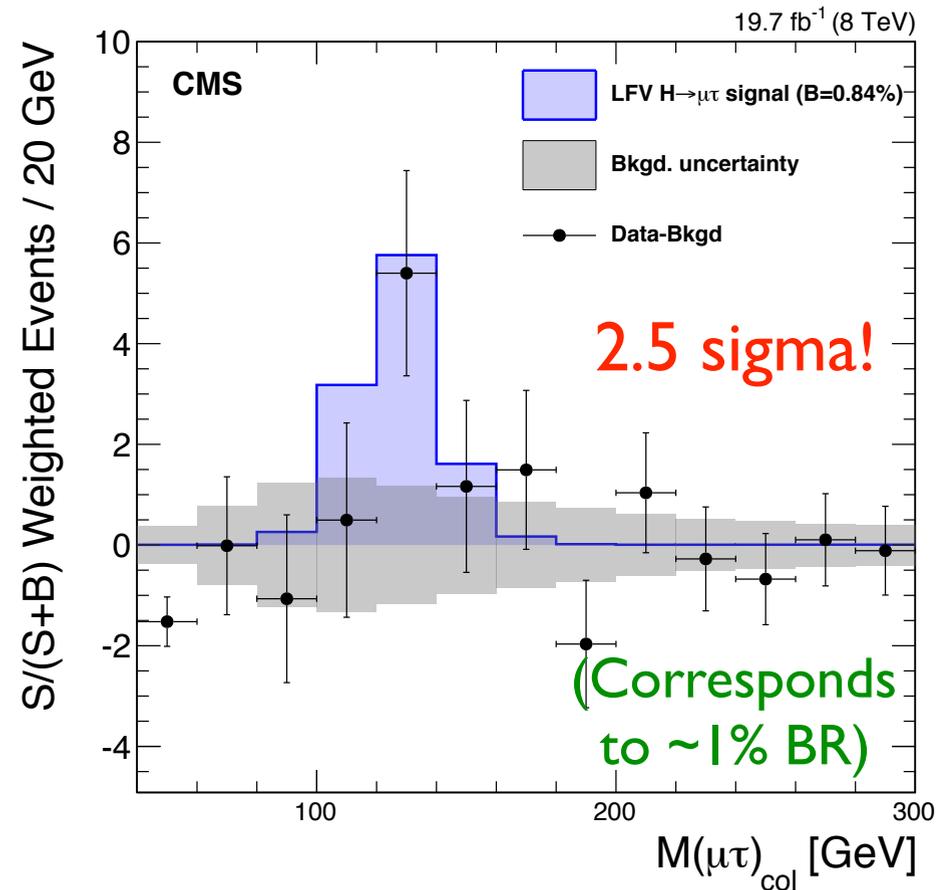
- Misidentified leptons: get control sample, and independently measure probability to fake e or  $\tau_h$ , check in control region

- Rest: simulation



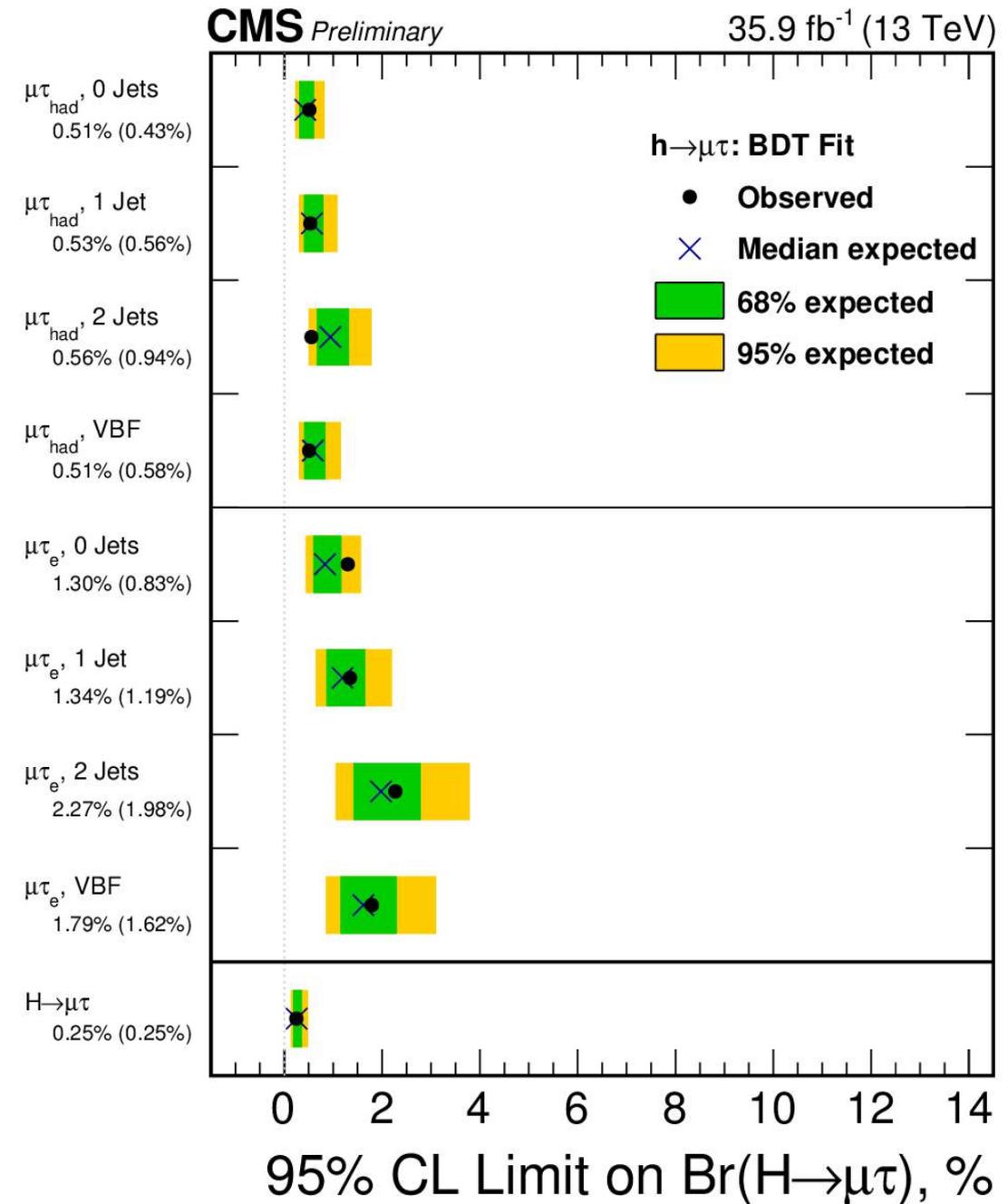
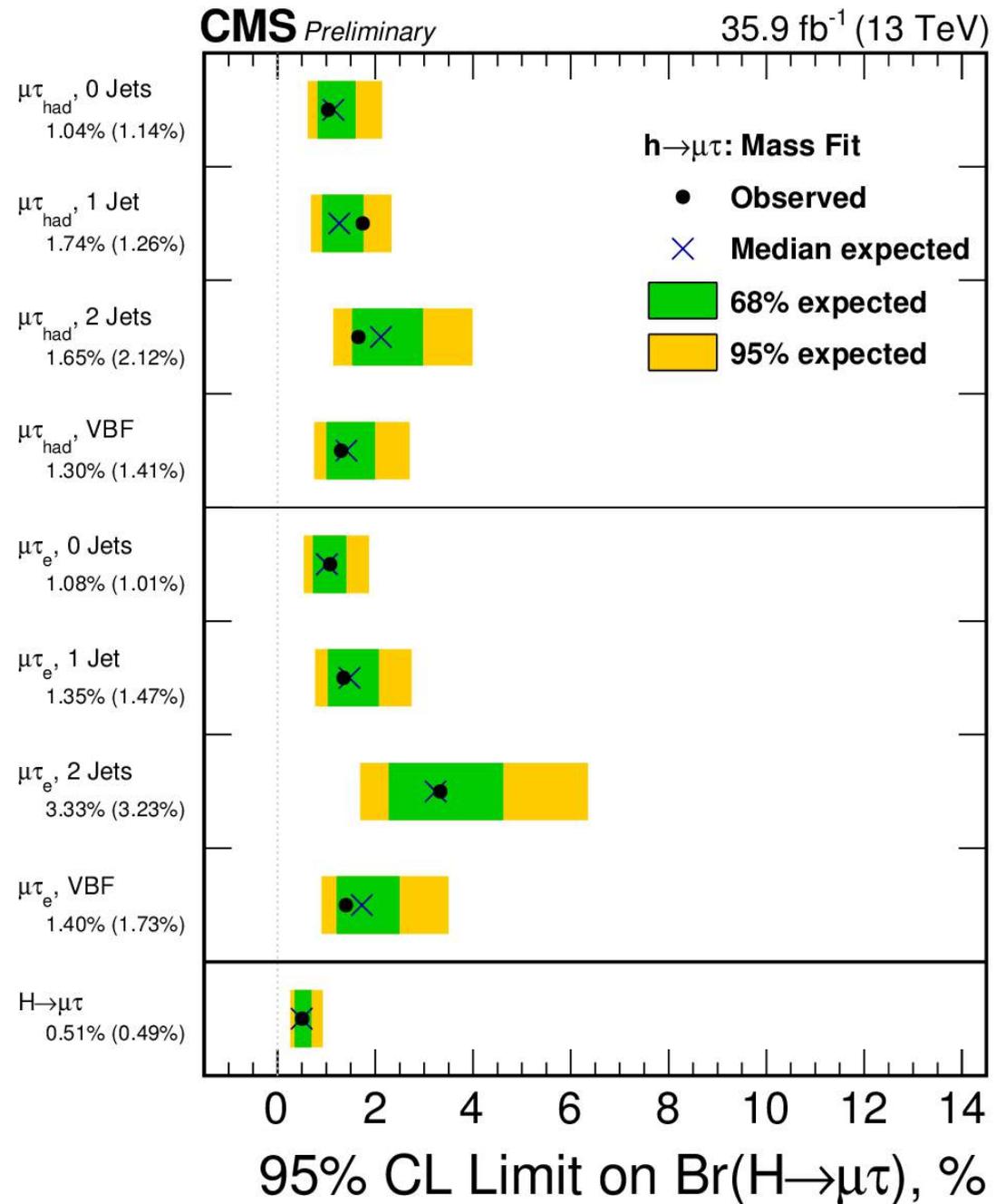
# Finally

- ❖ Tighten cuts and look for signal
- ❖ Don't forget systematic uncertainties
  - Difficult topic: estimators often have known flaws, but "best we can do"



# Run 2

CMS-PAS-HIG-17-001



# So, Physics Analysis

## ❖ Start from:

- “*How well* do we understand data *and* the SM?”
  - How confident are we in corrections we apply?

## ❖ Given that:

- Which measurements can we make? What do we need to do to improve our understanding?

## ❖ Balance the work!

**Complementary measurements!**

- Early, low background searches
- Detailed understanding/verification of SM predictions

## ❖ Increasingly complex searches

- Tough backgrounds, hard work
- Don't scorn multivariate and statistical tools

# Sample Composition

- ❖ After preselection, low S/B allows to verify shapes of dominant backgrounds
  - E.g. for WH, first before  $b$ -tagging (W+light), then with 1 tag (W+b), then 2 tag but more jets (top)
- ❖ Determining the sample's composition
  - I.e. which processes contribute, and how
    - Diboson from MC simulation (usually small, + “trust” MC)
    - Z+jets from data & MC (“easy” to get a clean sample, correct MC)
    - QCD multijet from data (no choice)
    - Top from MC + data
    - W + jets from MC + data, but ....

Increasing difficulty



# Generators Used

- ❖ We use four kinds of Monte Carlo generators
  - “Calculators” (often NNLO) do not actually generate events, they just calculate some (limited) distributions, like  $W p_T$
  - Traditional  $2 \rightarrow 2$  generators: LO, e.g.  $q\bar{q} \rightarrow WZ$ 
    - Include parton shower, i.e. QCD radiation, and hadronization to jets
    - pythia and herwig
  - “Matrix Element”  $2 \rightarrow n$  ( $n < 9$ ): LO, e.g.  $q\bar{q} \rightarrow evjjjj$ 
    - Necessary to generate events with multiple hard jets
    - Require matching to parton shower to avoid double counting
  - NLOwPS  $2 \rightarrow n$  generators: include NLO corrections
    - I.e. in a sense they are  $2 \rightarrow n$  with virtual corrections

# Correction Factors

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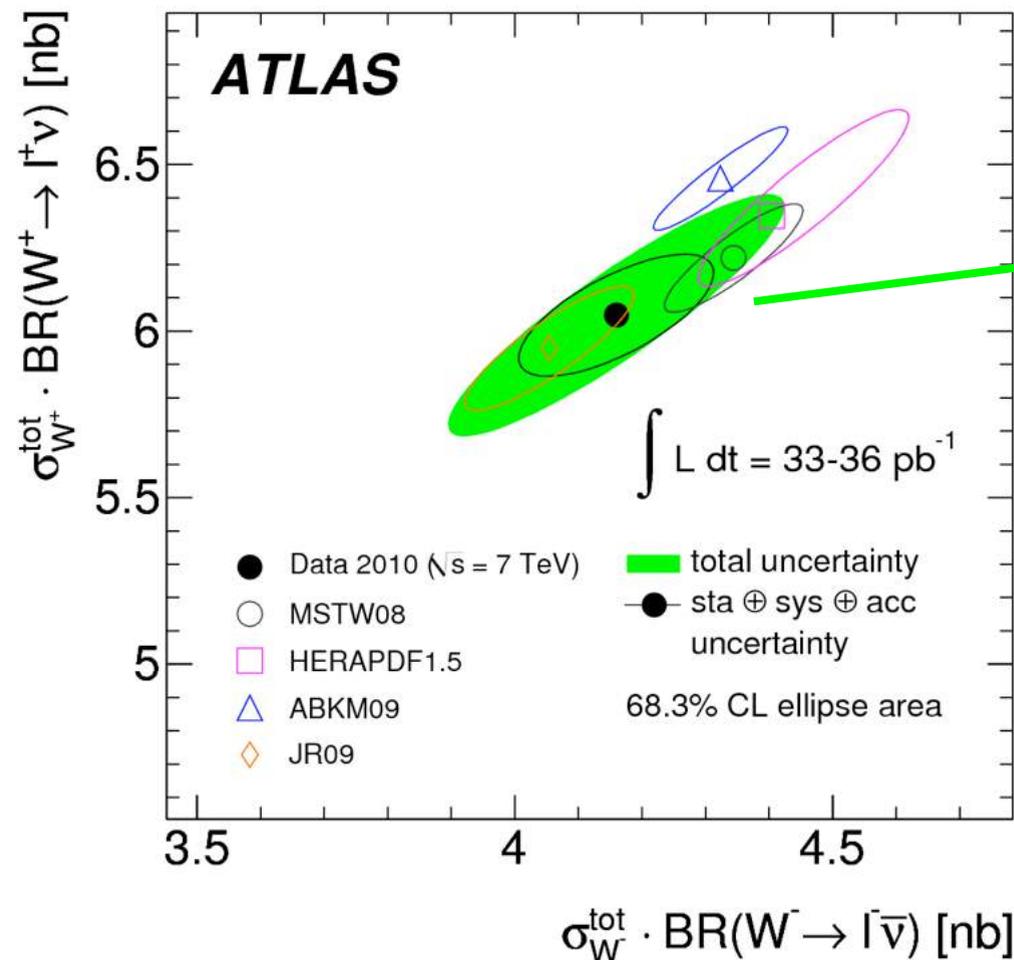
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In addition to WIZARD PT reweighting

# Sometimes Physics Helps

- ❖ At the LHC, produce more  $W^+$  than  $W^-$ 
  - Can exploit that to normalize  $W^+$  jets

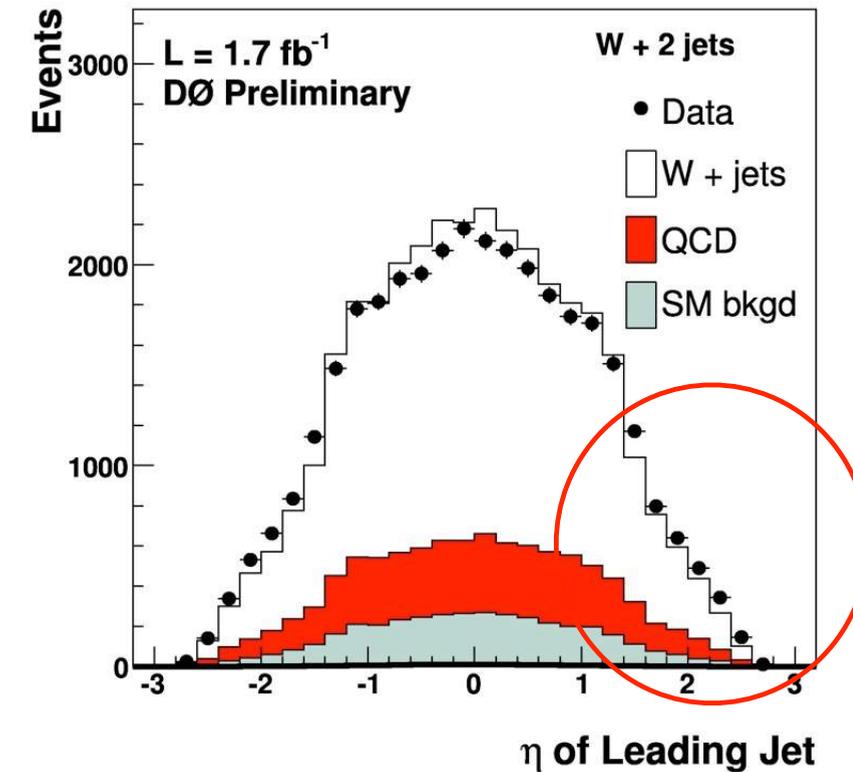


$$(N_{W^+} + N_{W^-})^{\text{exp}} = \left( \frac{r_{\text{MC}} + 1}{r_{\text{MC}} - 1} \right) (N_{W^+} - N_{W^-})^{\text{data}}$$

But what about shape??

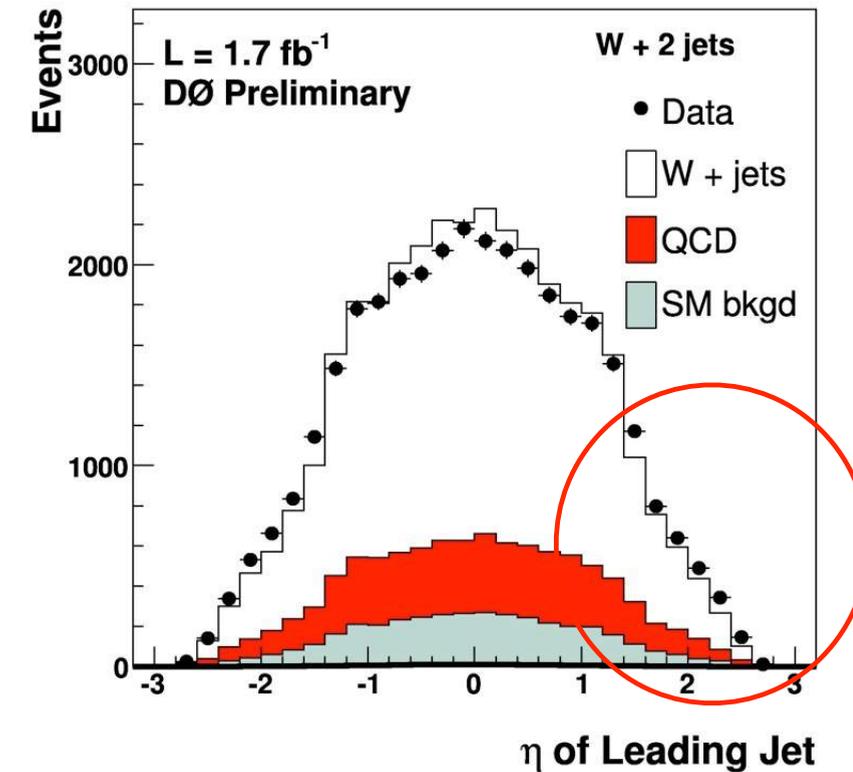
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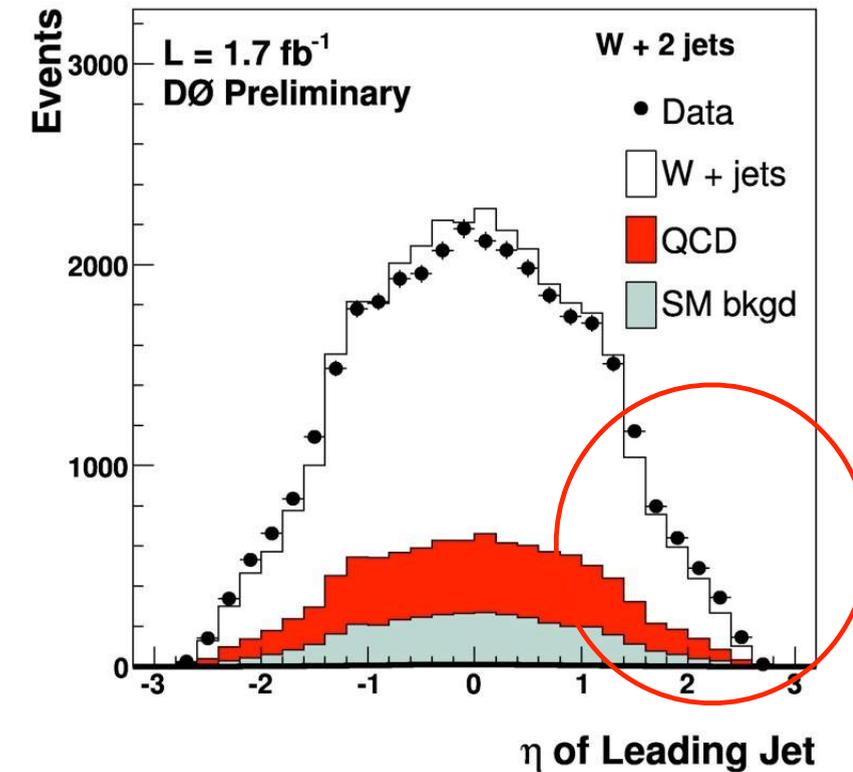
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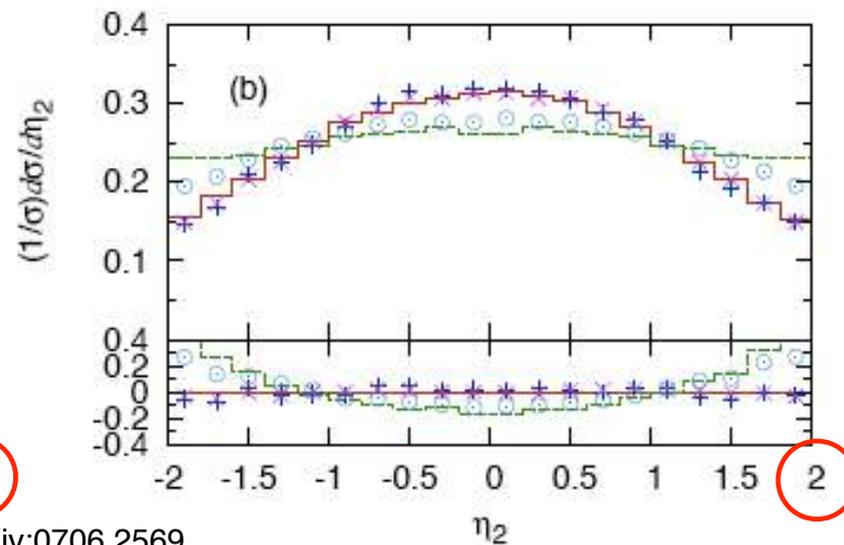
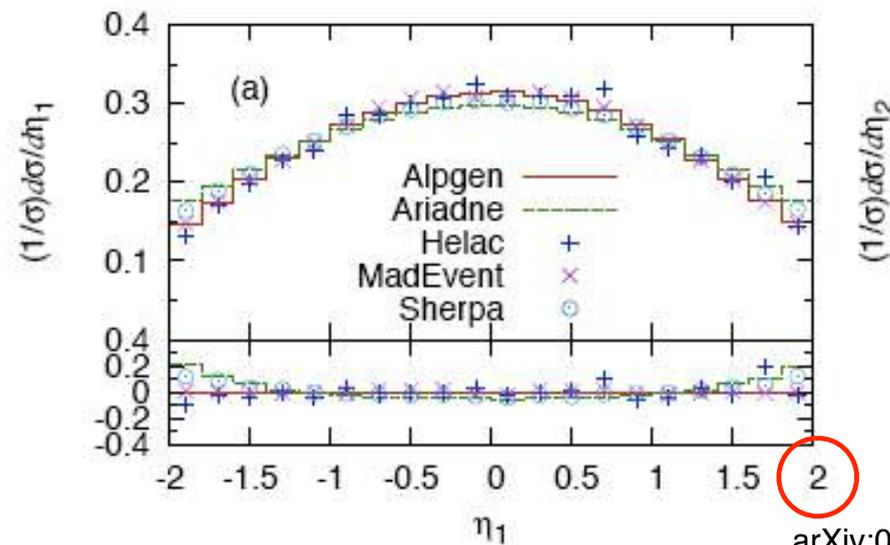
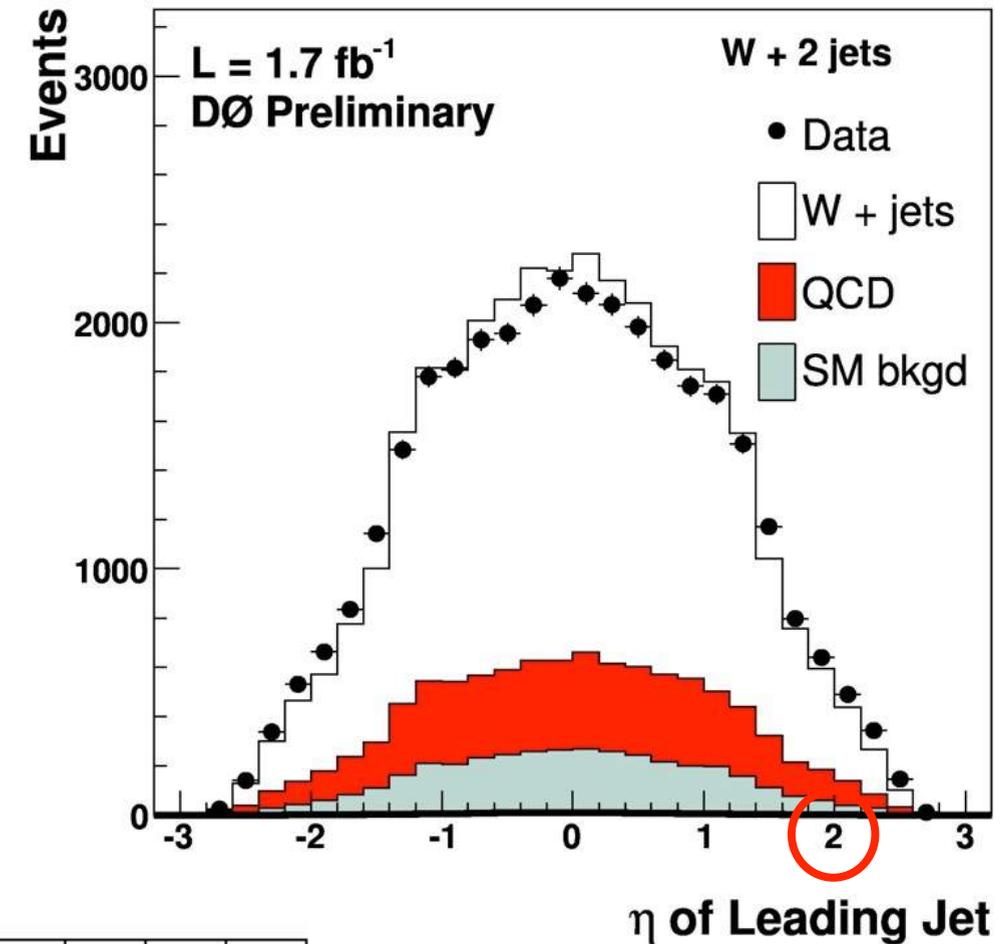
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  - Eta-dependence of jet-vertex match turns out to have shape very very similar to excess
  - After correcting for this, excess is back....



# So...

- ❖ After all K/K'/S/HF-factors and boson  $p_T$  reweighting:
- ❖ Similar angular differences between generators: reweigh alpgen to sherpa



AlpGen, MadEvent,  
Helac with MLM,  
Sherpa and Ariadne  
with CKKW  
matching

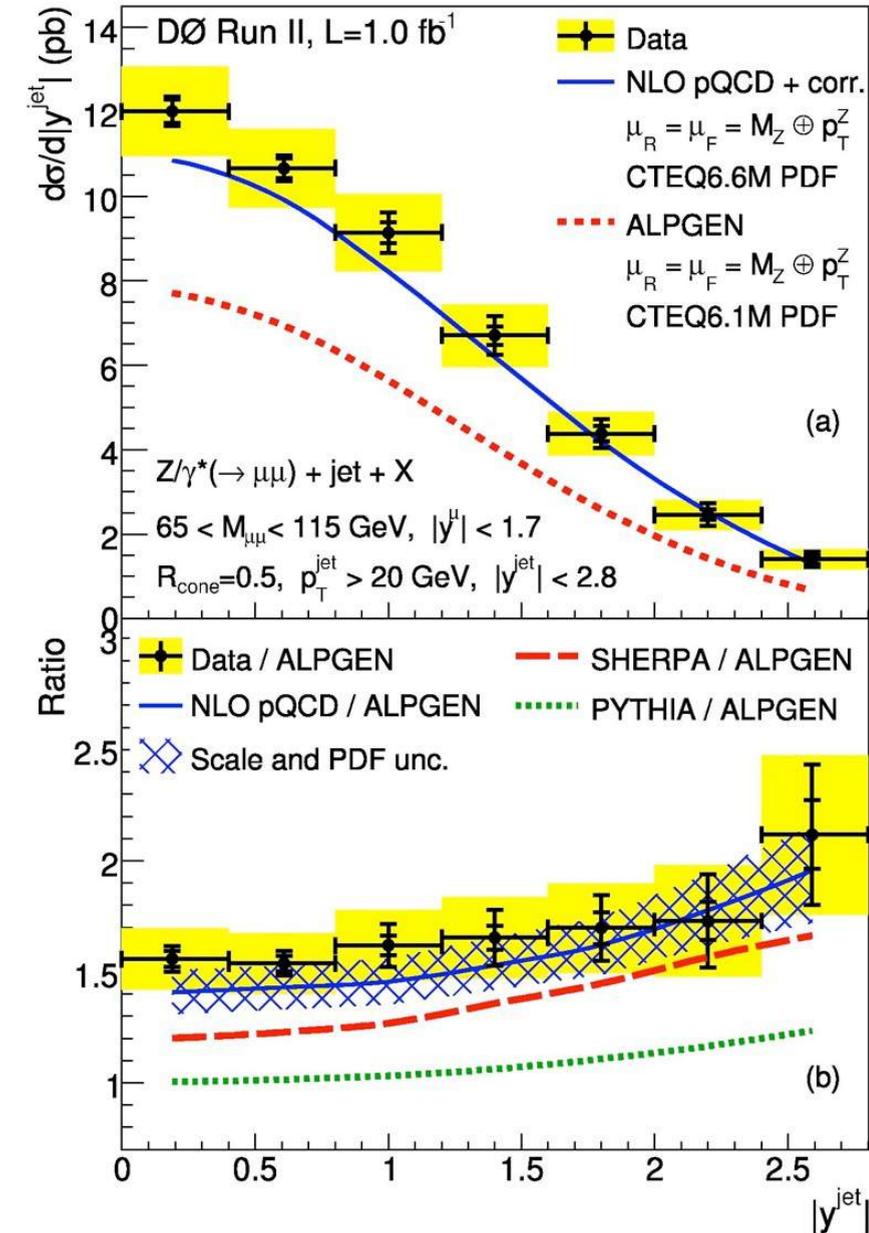
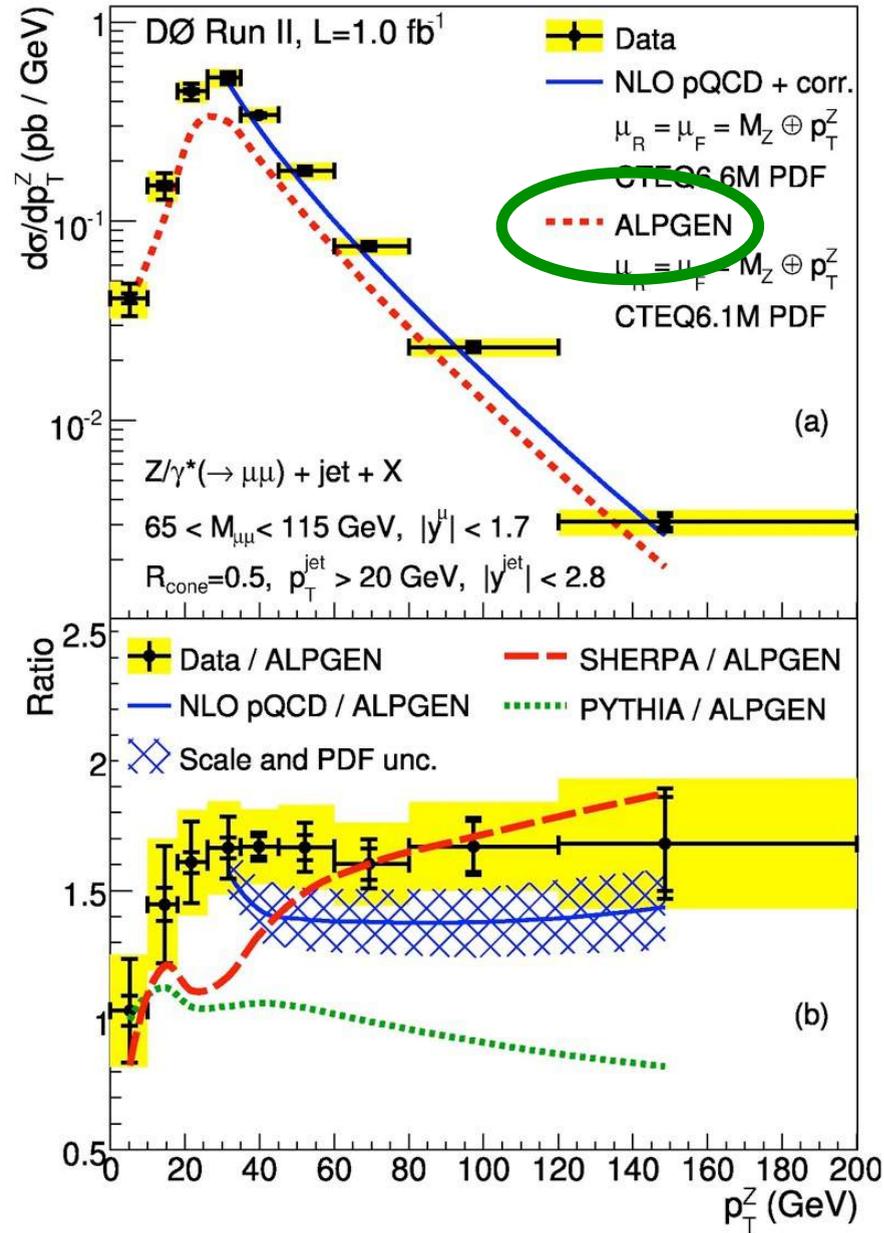
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# Z ( $\rightarrow ll$ ) + jets

❖ Can get a clean sample, check if our simulation reproduces the data

⇒ yes, with  
~expected  
deviations

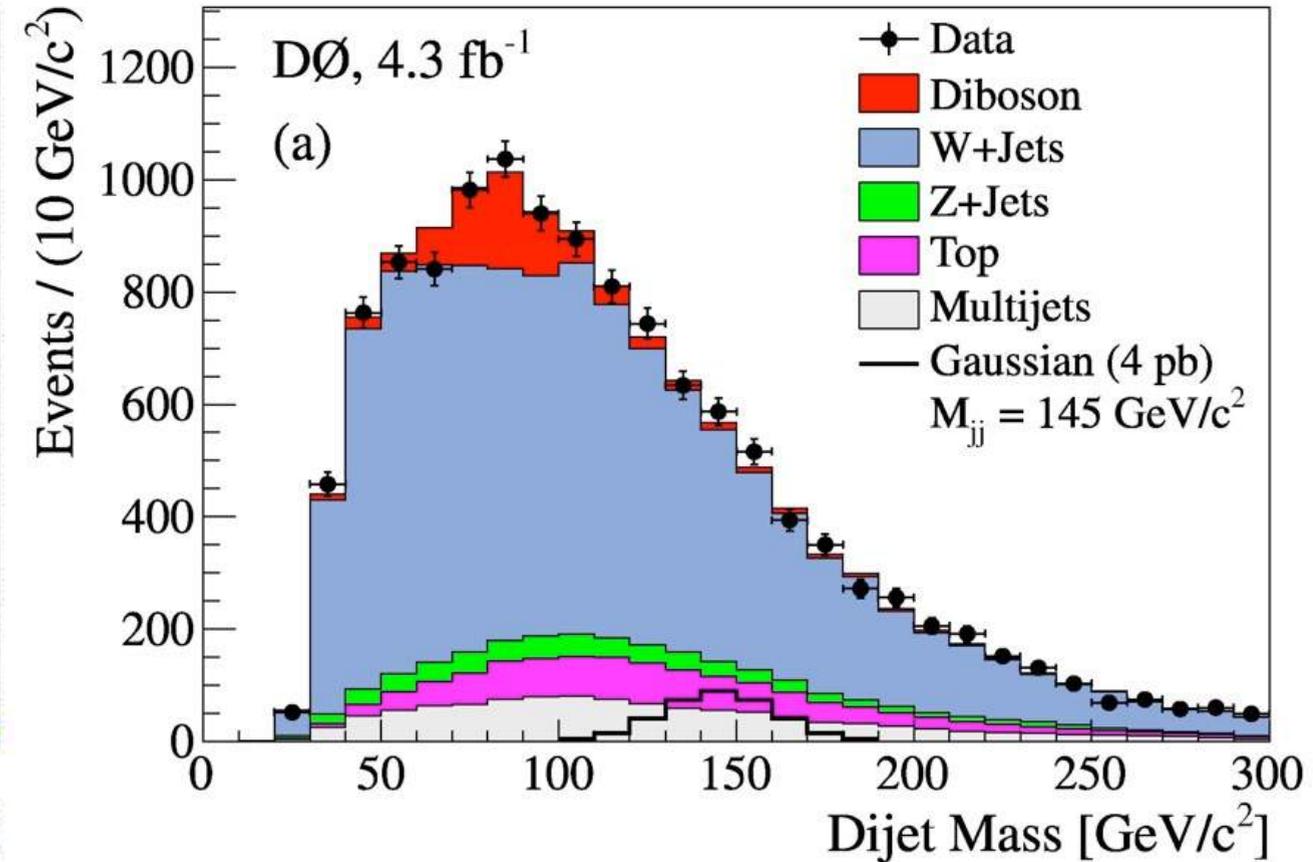
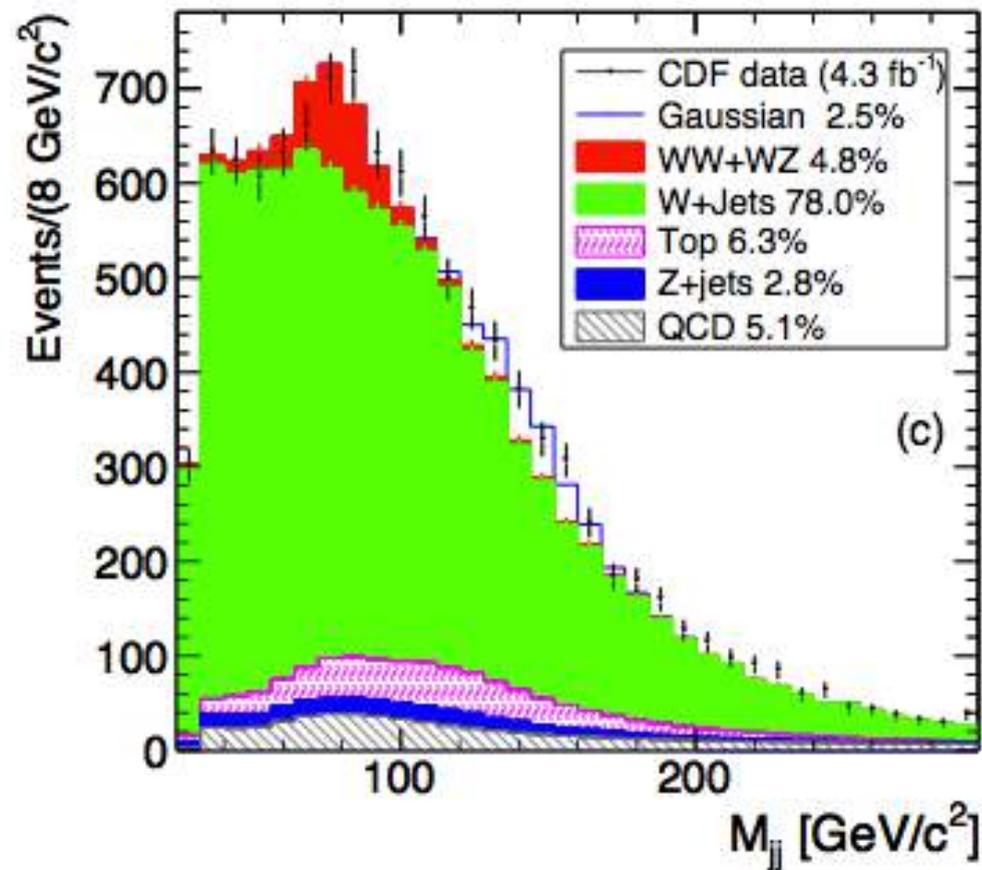
Need  
reweighing  
of MC



# Anecdotes From the Field (IV)

- ❖ Searched for WW/WZ in  $\ell\nu jj$

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- ❖ The background here is not SM, it is uncorrected alpgen!!
  - But this is not the issue.....

# Higgs Drawbacks

- ❖ So with the addition of a Higgs boson around 125 GeV particle physics could be “complete”
  - Like Mendeleev’s table for chemistry, but **not understood**. By itself, the Higgs is very unsatisfactory:
    - Why are the couplings to the fermions what they are?
      - ▶ Dumb luck (aka landscape)?
    - What is the link to gravity?
    - What about Dark Matter?
    - Why does the Higgs break the symmetry?
    - Why are there 3....?

# Hunting for Answers

- ❖ Get more information
  - Measure particles and their interactions in detail
  - Precision measurements (incl. flavor)
  - Observe new particles or interactions
    - Search in new areas in “phase space”
- ❖ Find the underlying pattern(s)
  - Hypothesize, build models
  - Internally consistent? Consistent with data?
  - Suggestions on where to look

Experiment

Theory

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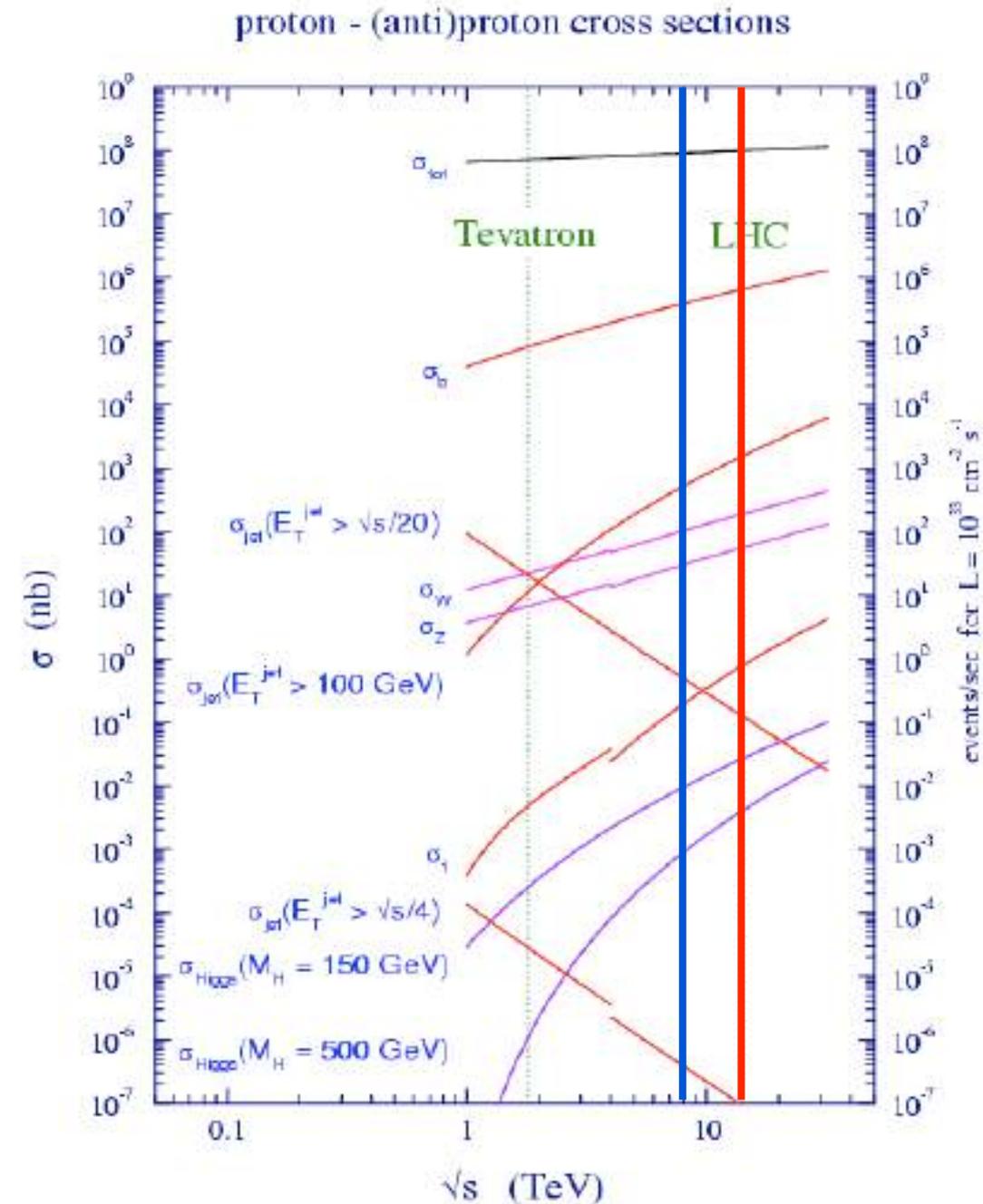
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**Nobody could have predicted QCD**

# Physics @ LHC

- ❖ LHC opened a new era:
  - Tevatron was mega-W
  - LHC is
    - Giga-W
    - Giga-Z
    - Top factory (~giga-top)
    - Higgs factory (mega-Higgs)
    - New physics factory?

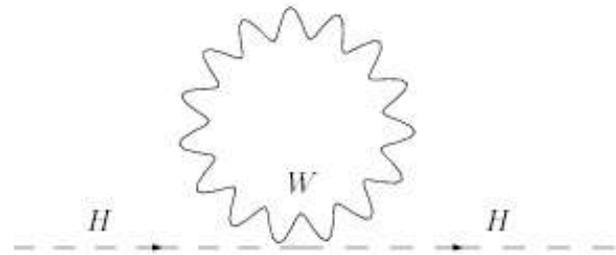


# Experimental Searches

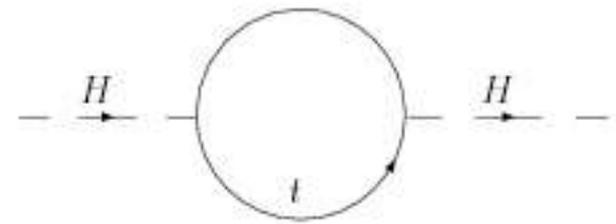
- ❖ By final state, so main questions are
  - Does the new physics produce dark matter?
    - Something we basically know exists and interacts weakly at best with SM
      - ➔ Yes: signatures contain missing transverse energy
      - ➔ No: MET not generic signature
  - Are there new interactions?
    - ➔ No: we know how to calculate everything
    - ➔ Yes: strong (resonances) or very weak (long-lived particles) or...?
- ❖ e.g. SUSY is (Yes,No) if R-parity, technicolor (No,Yes)....

# With Dark Matter

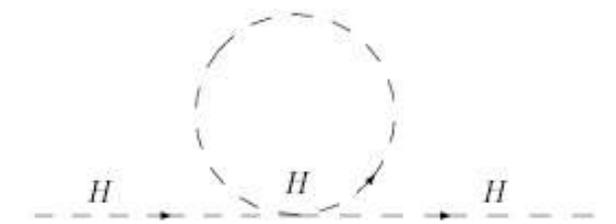
# (Super)Symmetry Solution



$$\longrightarrow \frac{1}{16\pi^2} g^2 E^2$$



$$\longrightarrow \frac{3}{16\pi^2} y_f^2 E^2$$



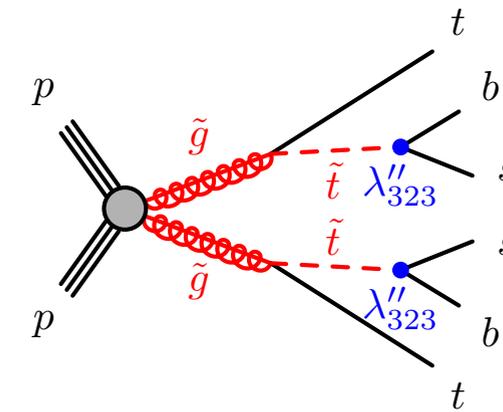
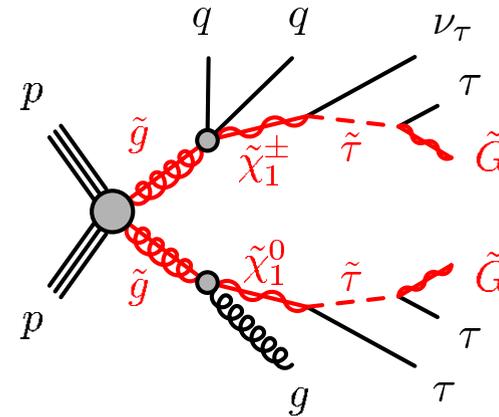
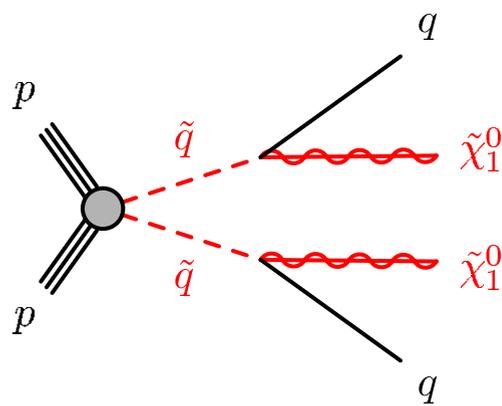
$$\longrightarrow \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \lambda E^2$$

- ❖ If for every fermion there is a partner boson and vice-versa
  - Loops cancel each other
- ❖ Symmetry cannot be exact (no bosonic electron observed)
  - Symmetry breaking leads to “residual” Higgs mass
- ❖ This is supersymmetry
- ❖ With R-parity, get missing  $E_T$ 
  - Generic to models with dark matter@LHC

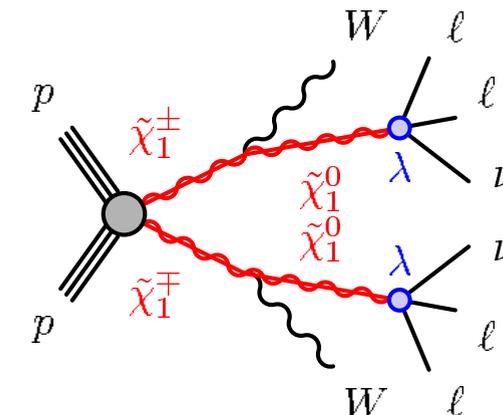
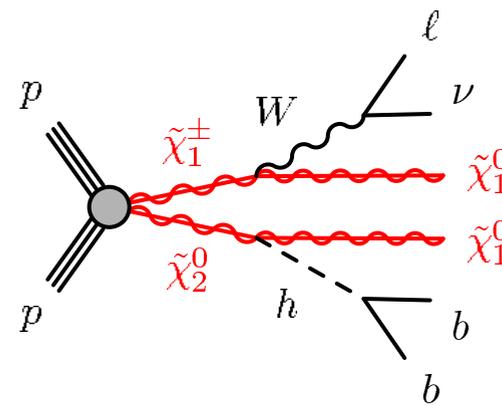
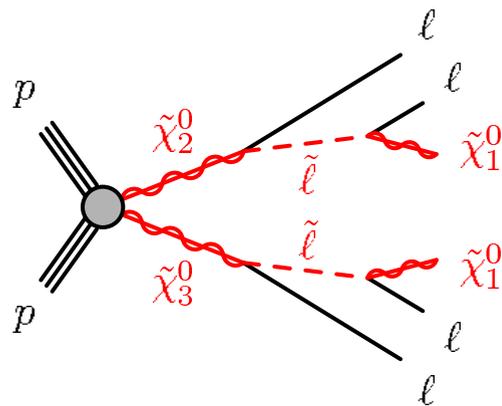
# Canonical SUSY

## ❖ Wide range of signatures

- Strong production... (large cross-section)



- ... or weak production

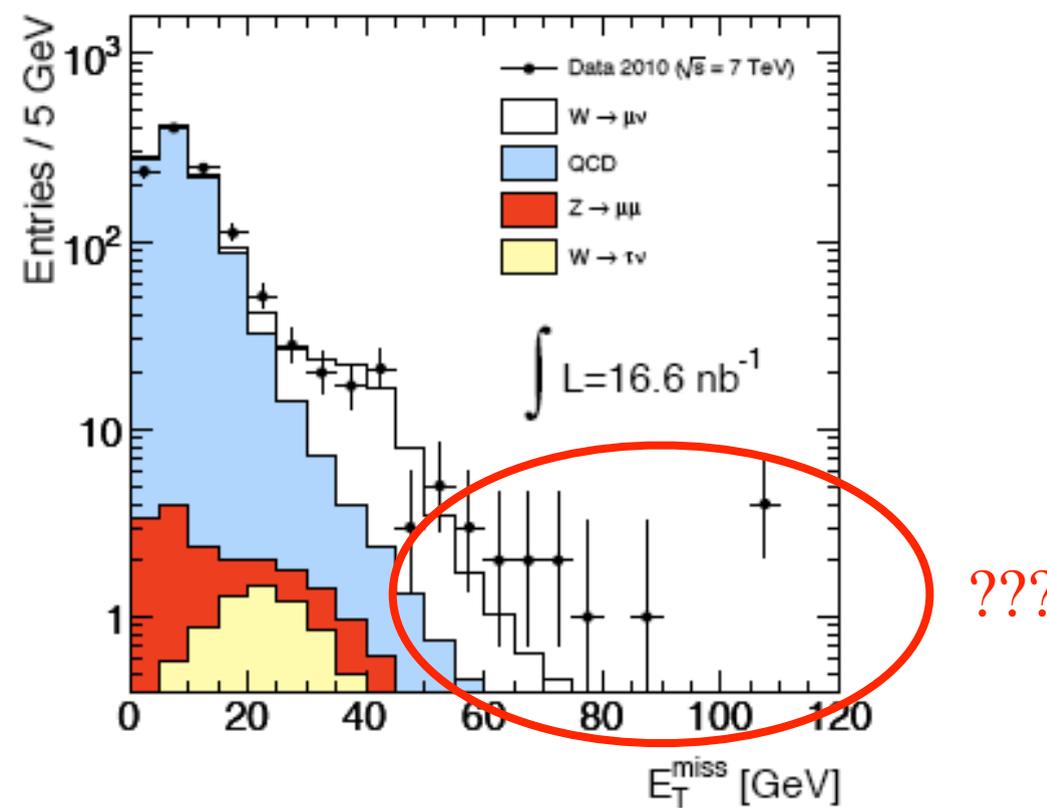
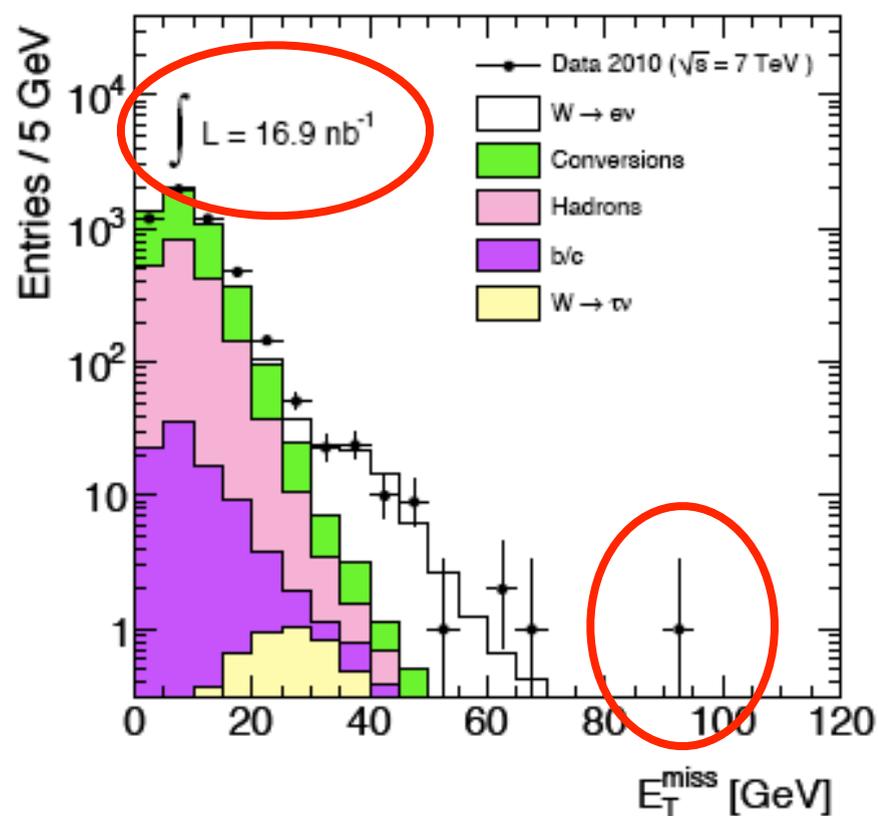


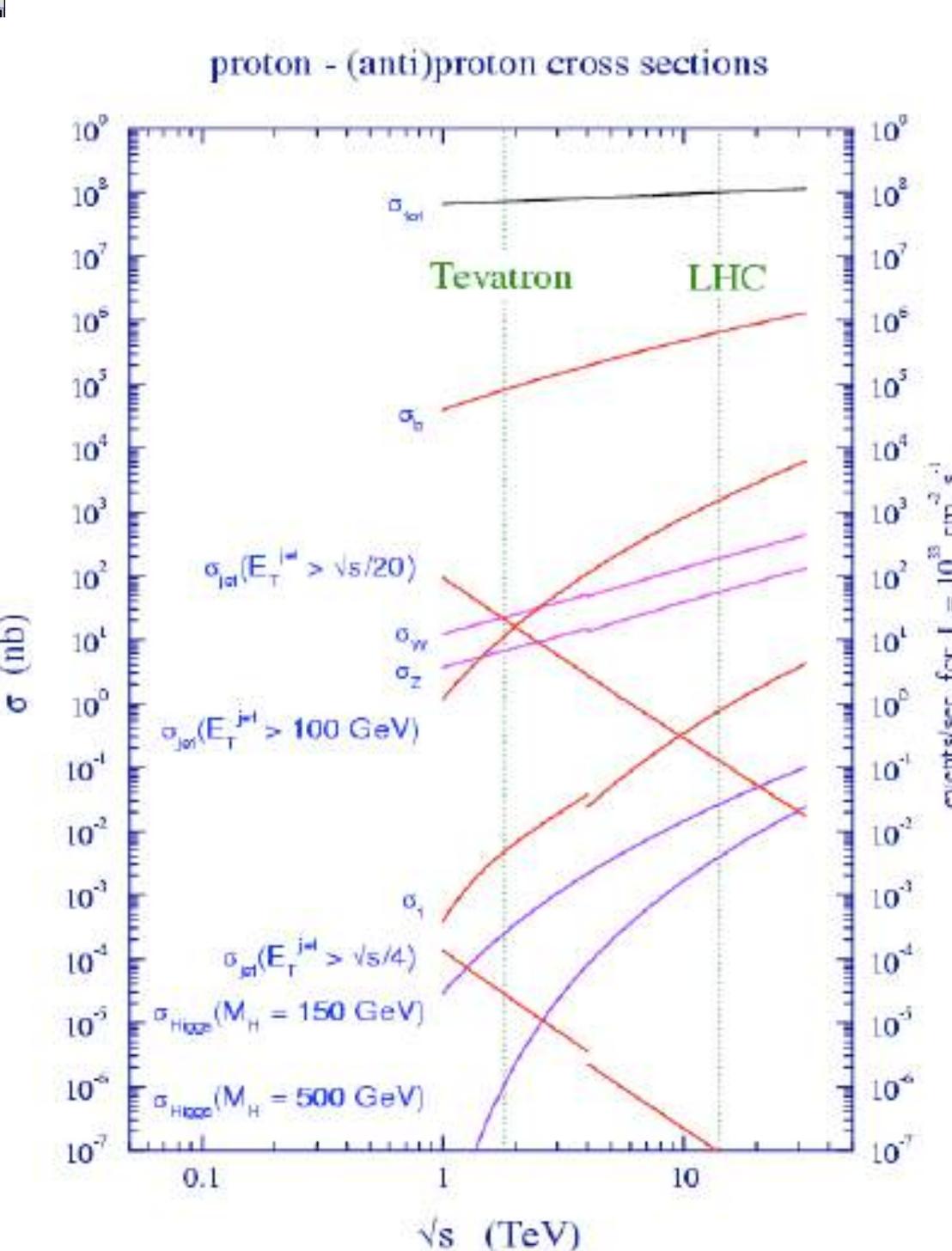
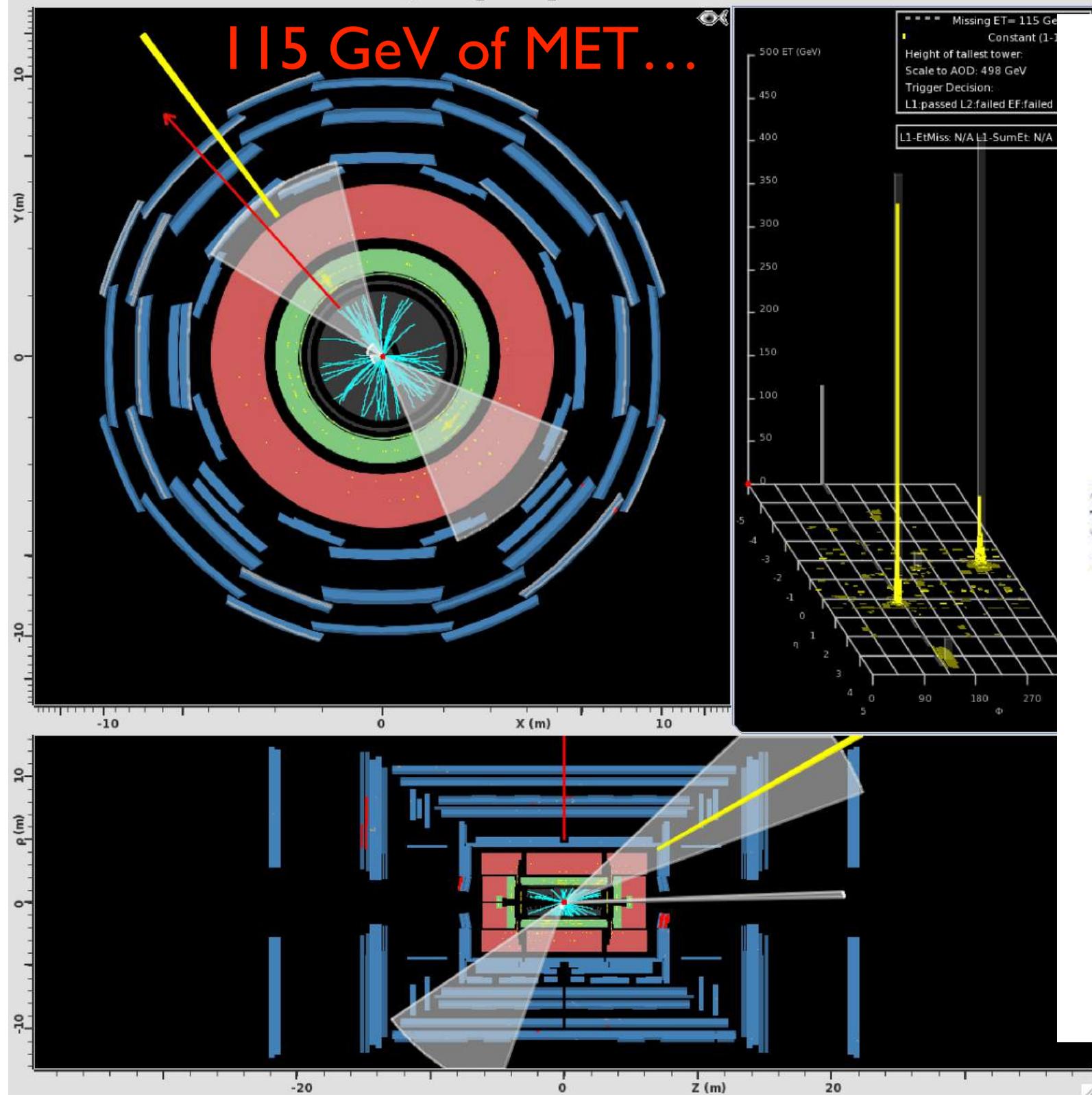
RPV

# Missing $E_T$

- ❖ “Evil” variable: -  $\Sigma$  (everything else)
  - Need to understand “everything else”
  - Good benchmark: leptonic W boson decays

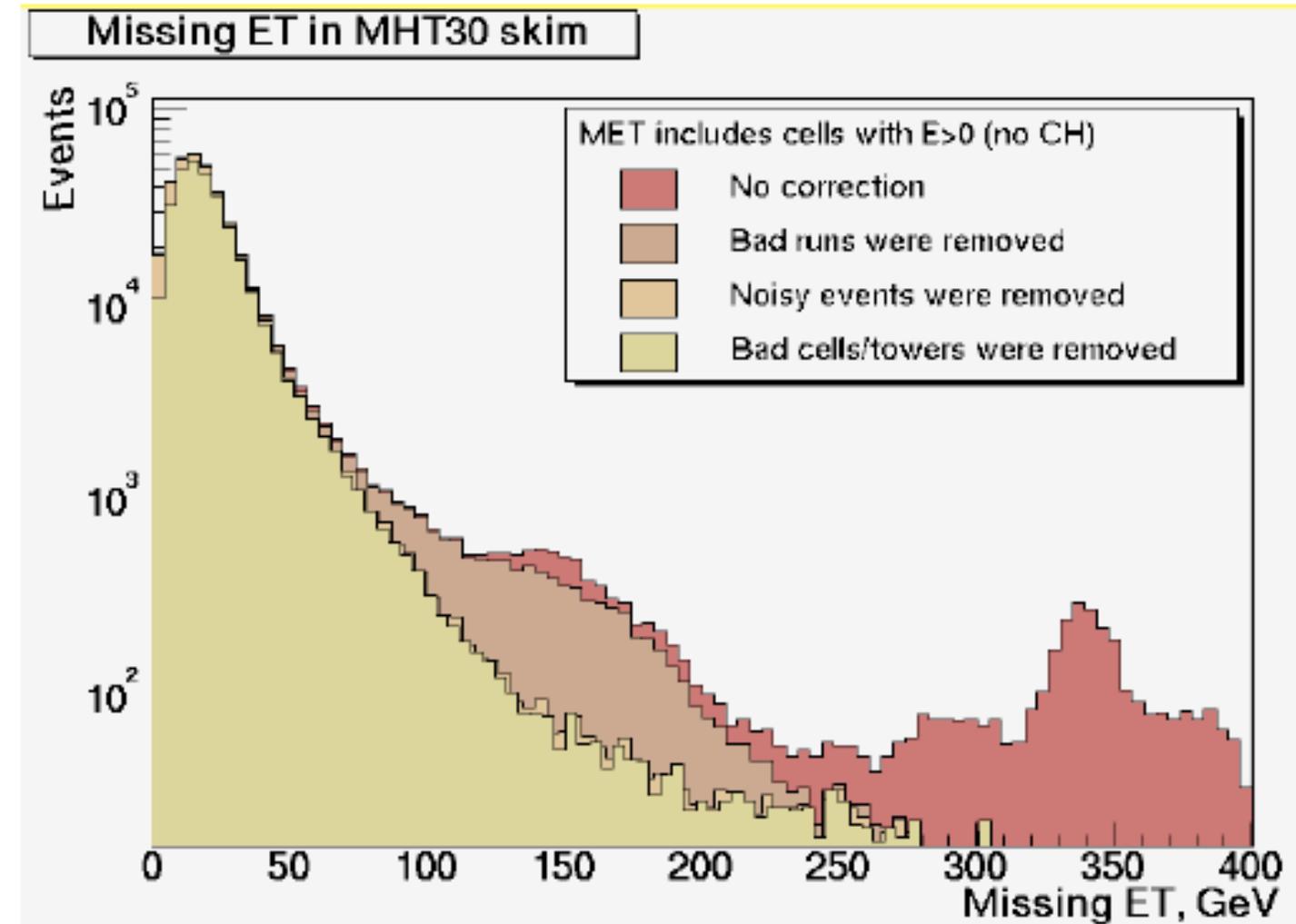
Early 2010



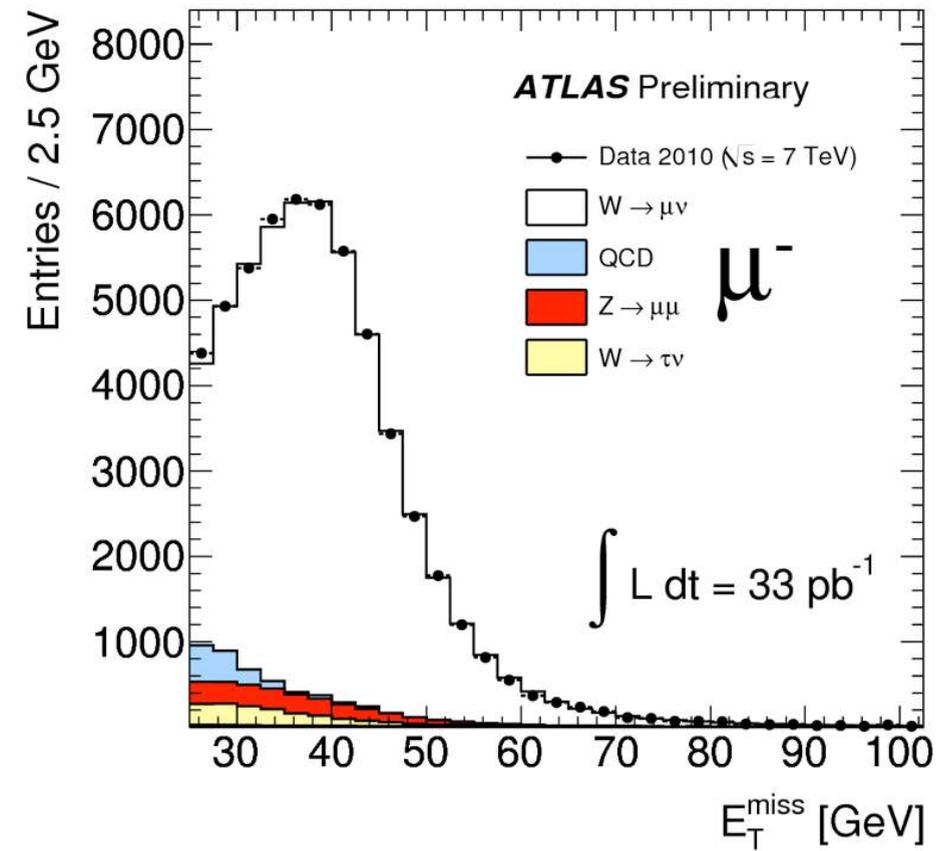
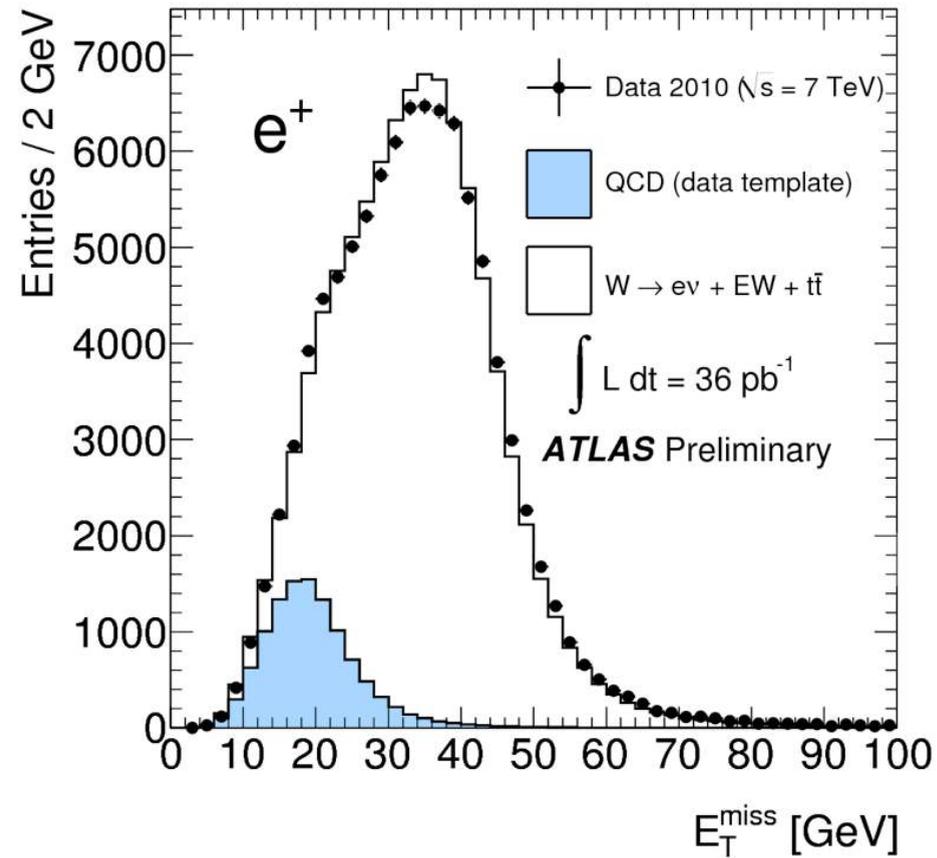


## ❖ Analyses using MET are particularly sensitive

- Requires the full calorimeter to behave, and calorimeter is generally the most sensitive subdetector (analog,  $\sim 16$  bit dynamic range, 12 bit precision)
- Easy: basic DQ (high voltage trip, etc.)
- Hard: low frequency
- Can't spot a  $10^{-5}$  Hz (once a day) effect online or in first pass DQ
- But can be biggest part of dataset after cuts!



❖ With “cleaning”, QCD evaluated from data,...



❖ Already ~200k clean  $W \rightarrow \ell\nu$  events in 2010

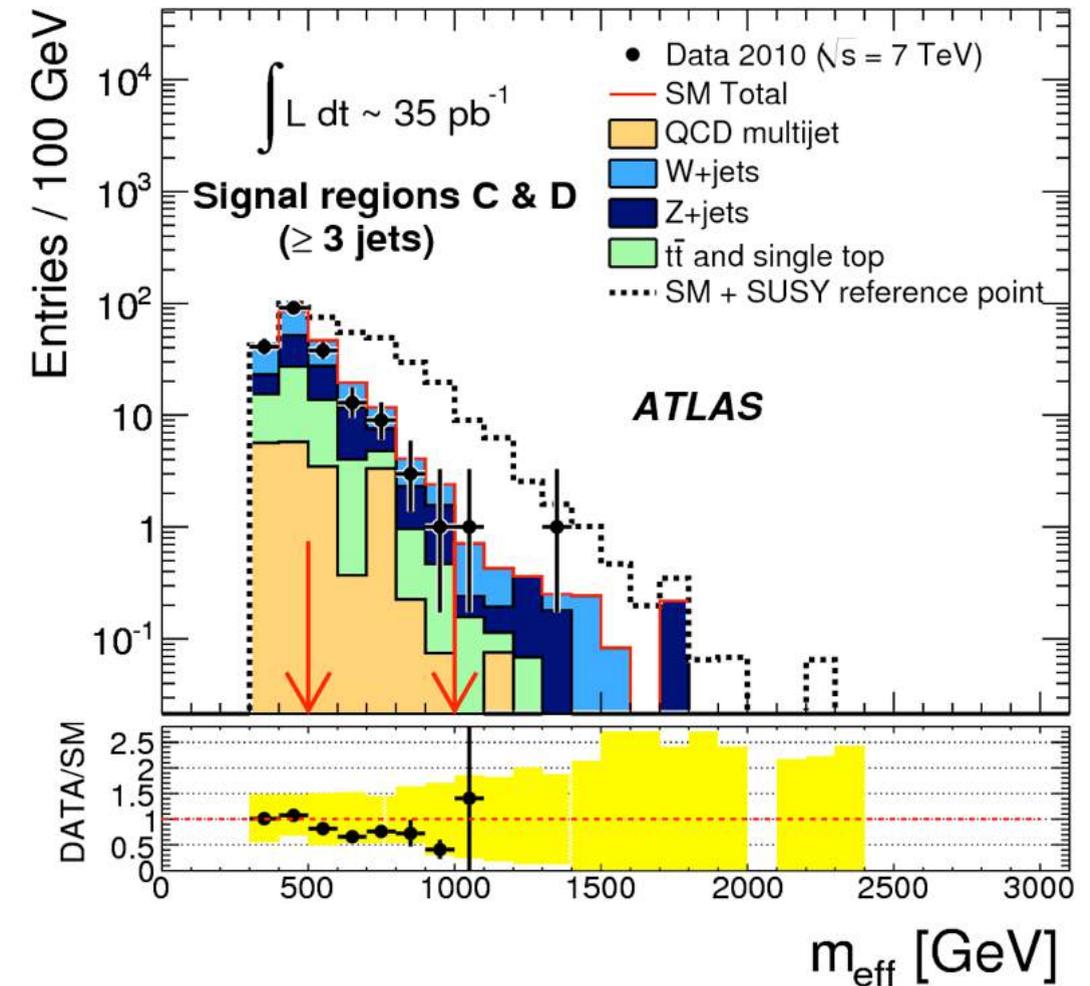
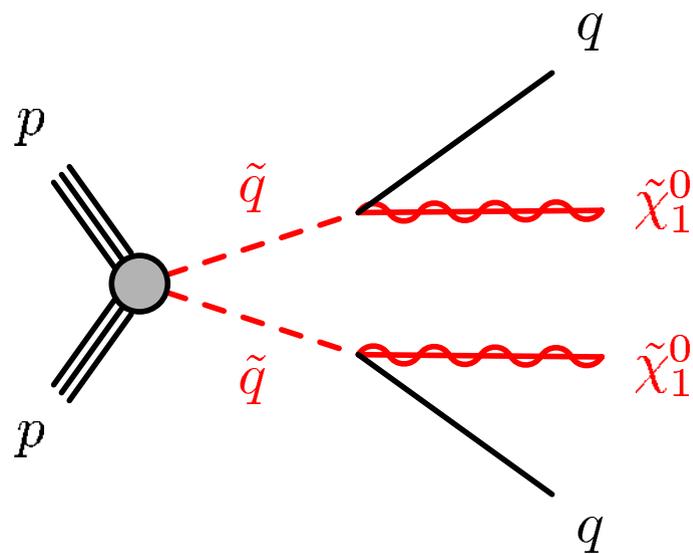
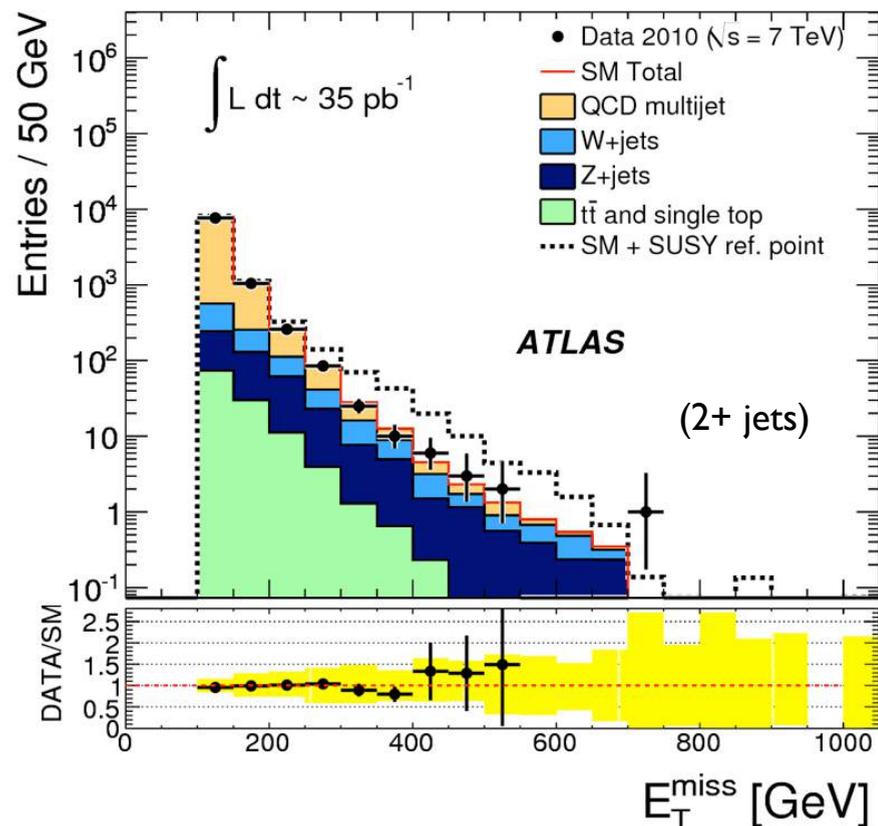
- Billions now

# SUSY as a Benchmark

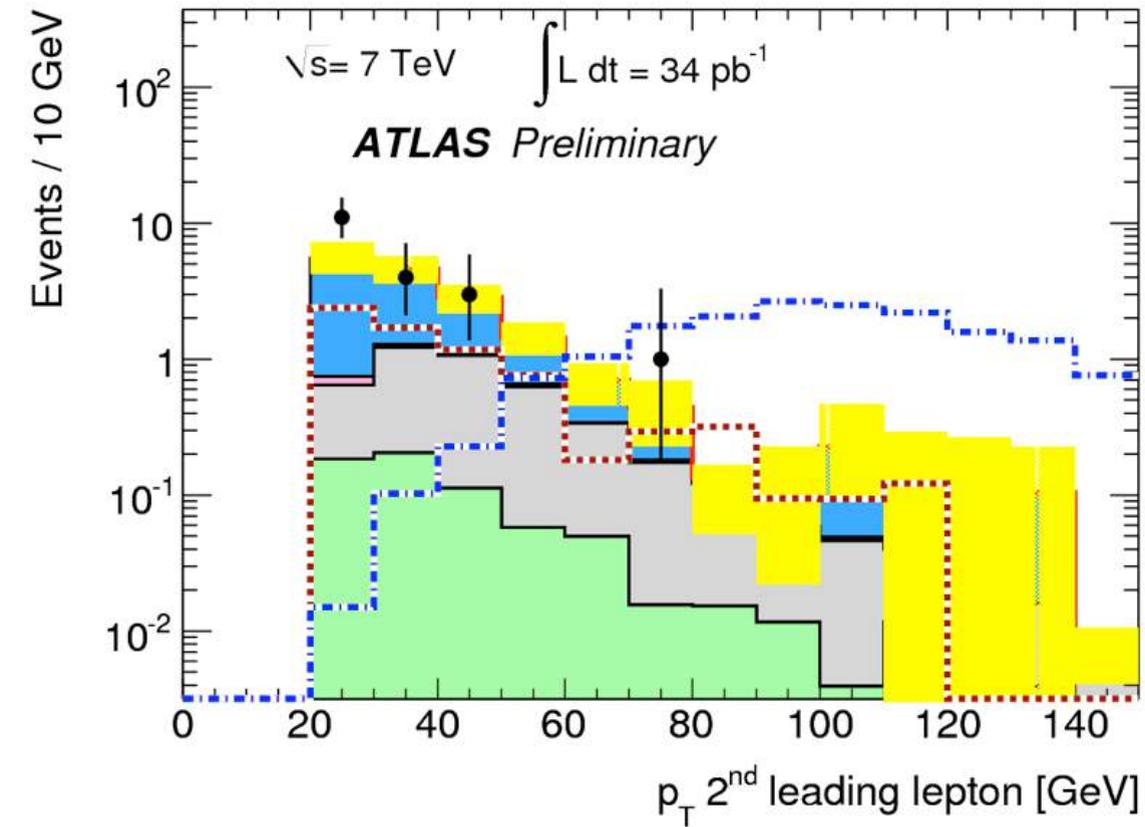
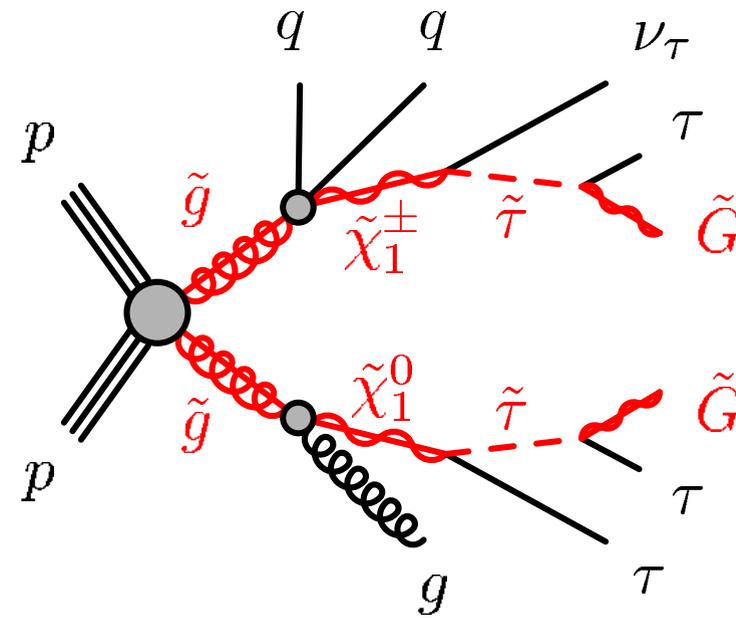
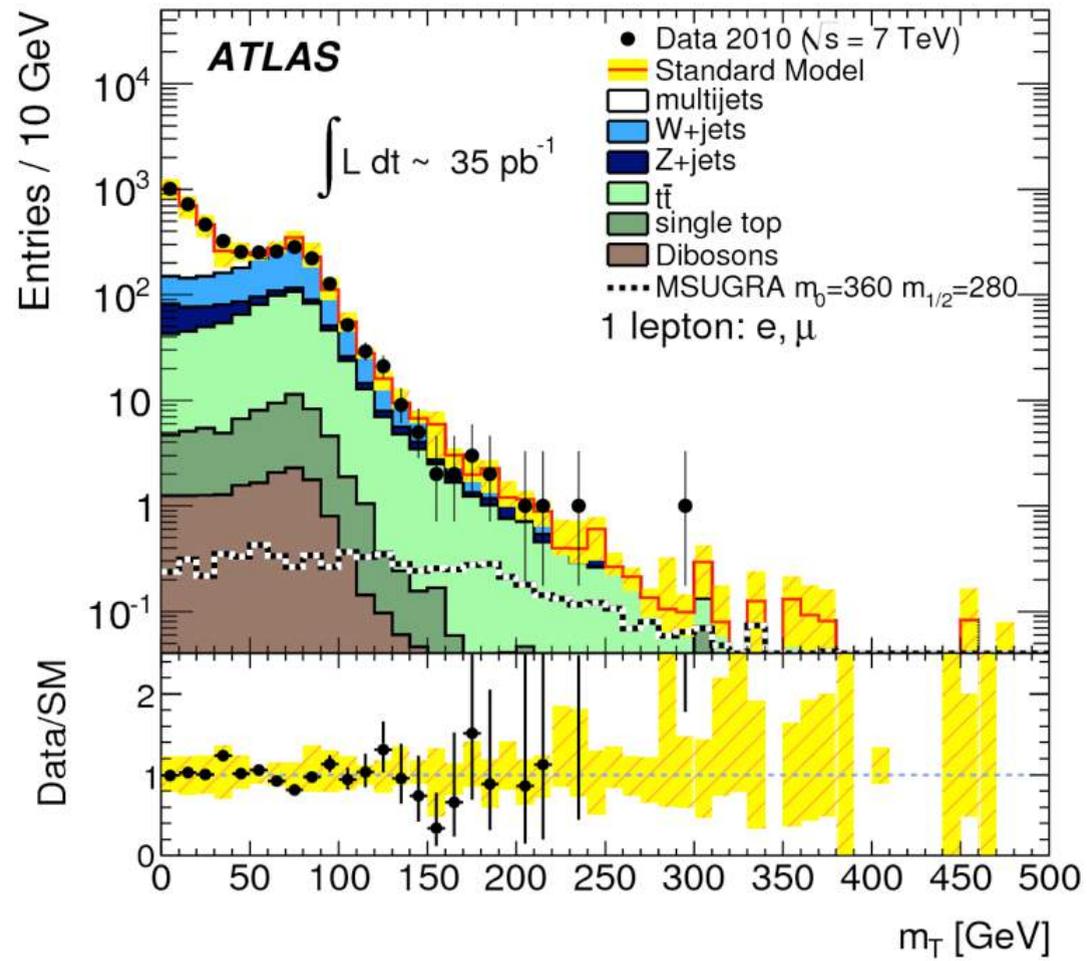
❖ Hadron collider  $\Rightarrow$  produce squarks and gluinos decaying to jets + MET

- Optimize jet  $p_T$  & MET cuts for different scenarios, since gluinos produce more jets than squarks

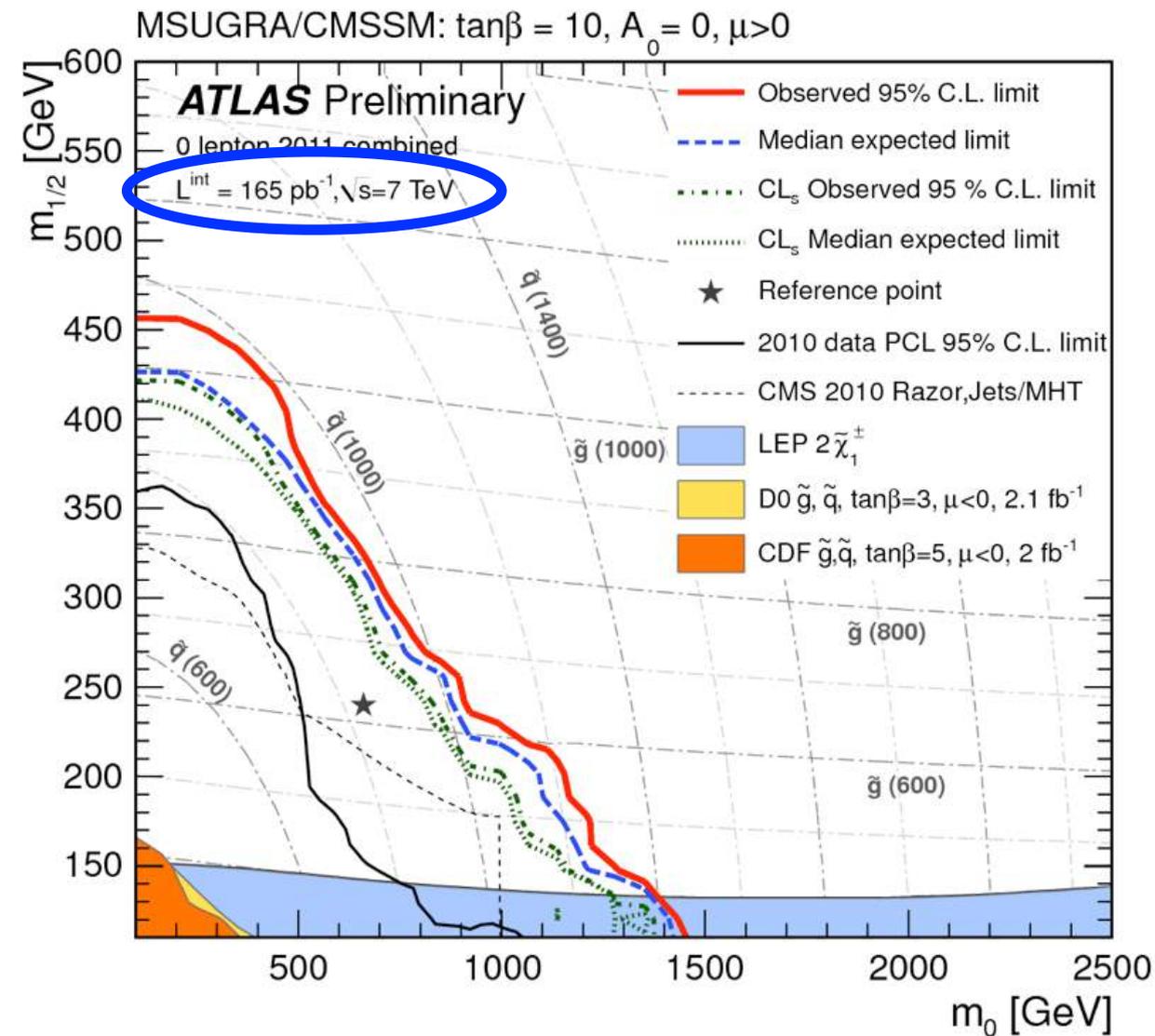
- Use  $M_{\text{eff}}$  to discriminate, measure of event  $Q^2$



# ❖ Leptons in decay chains....



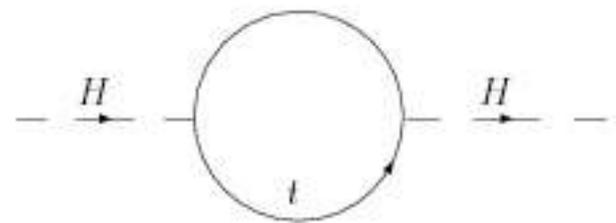
# All Praise COM Energy!



Tevatron blown away... 8 (2016) hours of LHC data

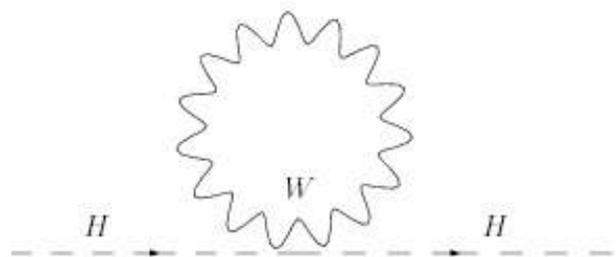
**But...**

# We've Found a Higgs!



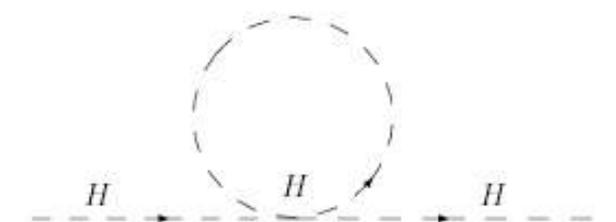
A Feynman diagram showing a top quark loop. Two external Higgs boson lines (labeled 'H') enter from the left and exit to the right. The loop is a circle with a top quark (labeled 't') inside. A blue arrow points from the diagram to the equation.

$$\frac{3}{16\pi^2} y_t^2 E^2$$



A Feynman diagram showing a W boson loop. Two external Higgs boson lines (labeled 'H') enter from the left and exit to the right. The loop is a wavy circle with a W boson (labeled 'W') inside. A blue arrow points from the diagram to the equation.

$$\frac{1}{16\pi^2} g^2 E^2$$



A Feynman diagram showing a Higgs boson loop. Two external Higgs boson lines (labeled 'H') enter from the left and exit to the right. The loop is a dashed circle with a Higgs boson (labeled 'H') inside. A blue arrow points from the diagram to the equation.

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❖ If new scale, these go to the new scale...

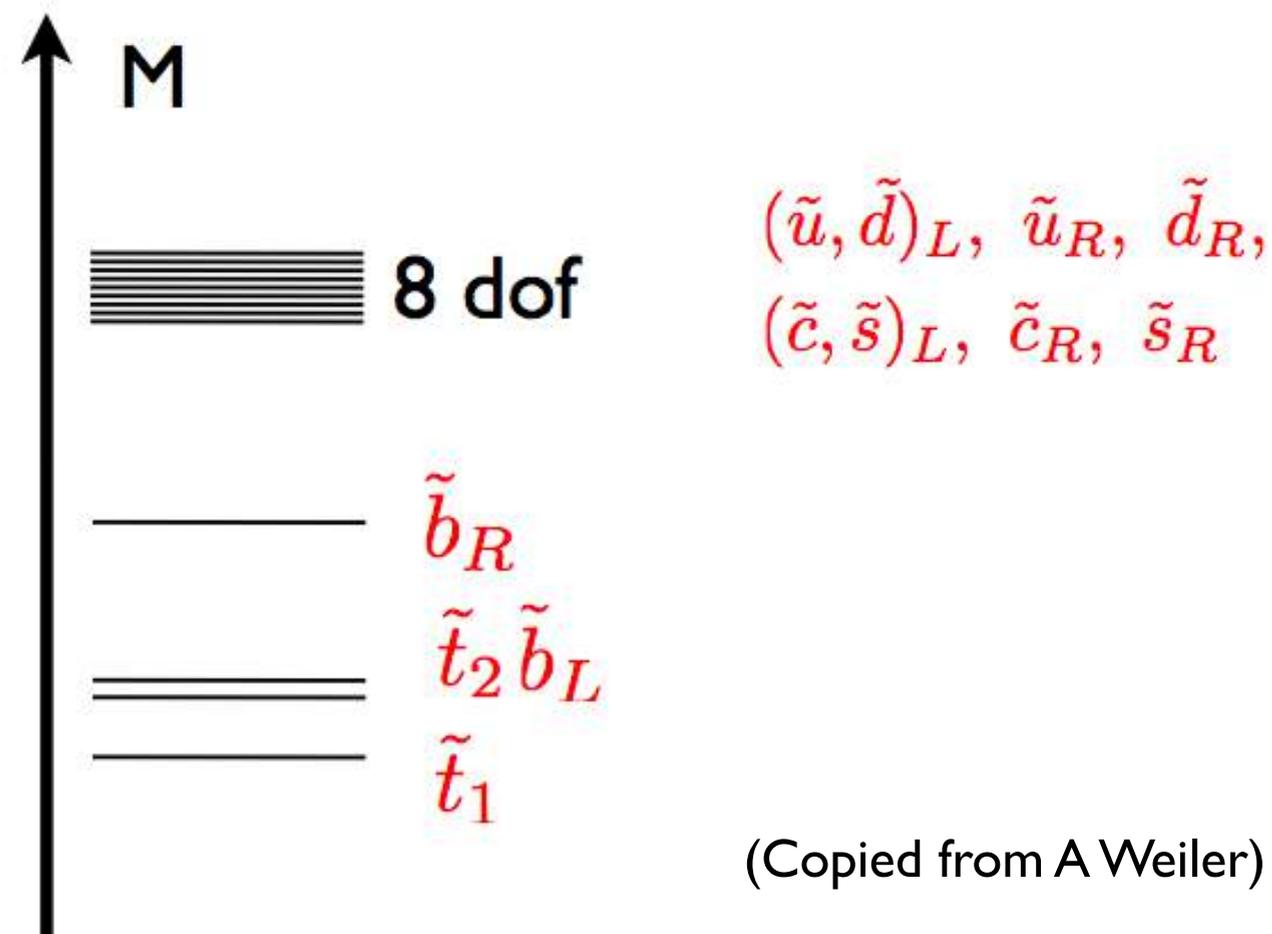
❖ To ~cancel these, need to primarily compensate for

- Top
- W/Z
- H

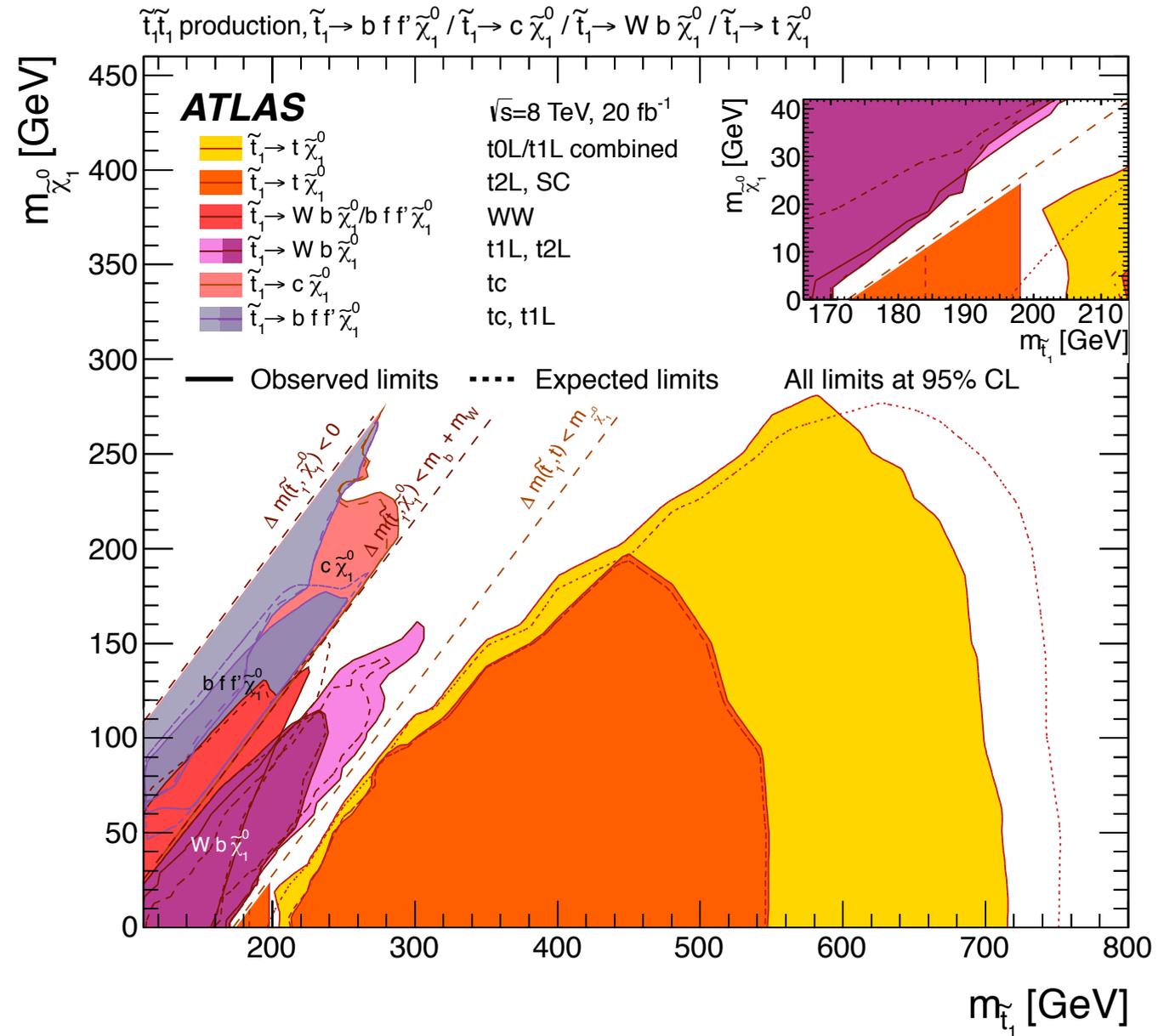
➔ **Discovery of the light Higgs refocuses new physics search**

# SUSY and the Higgs

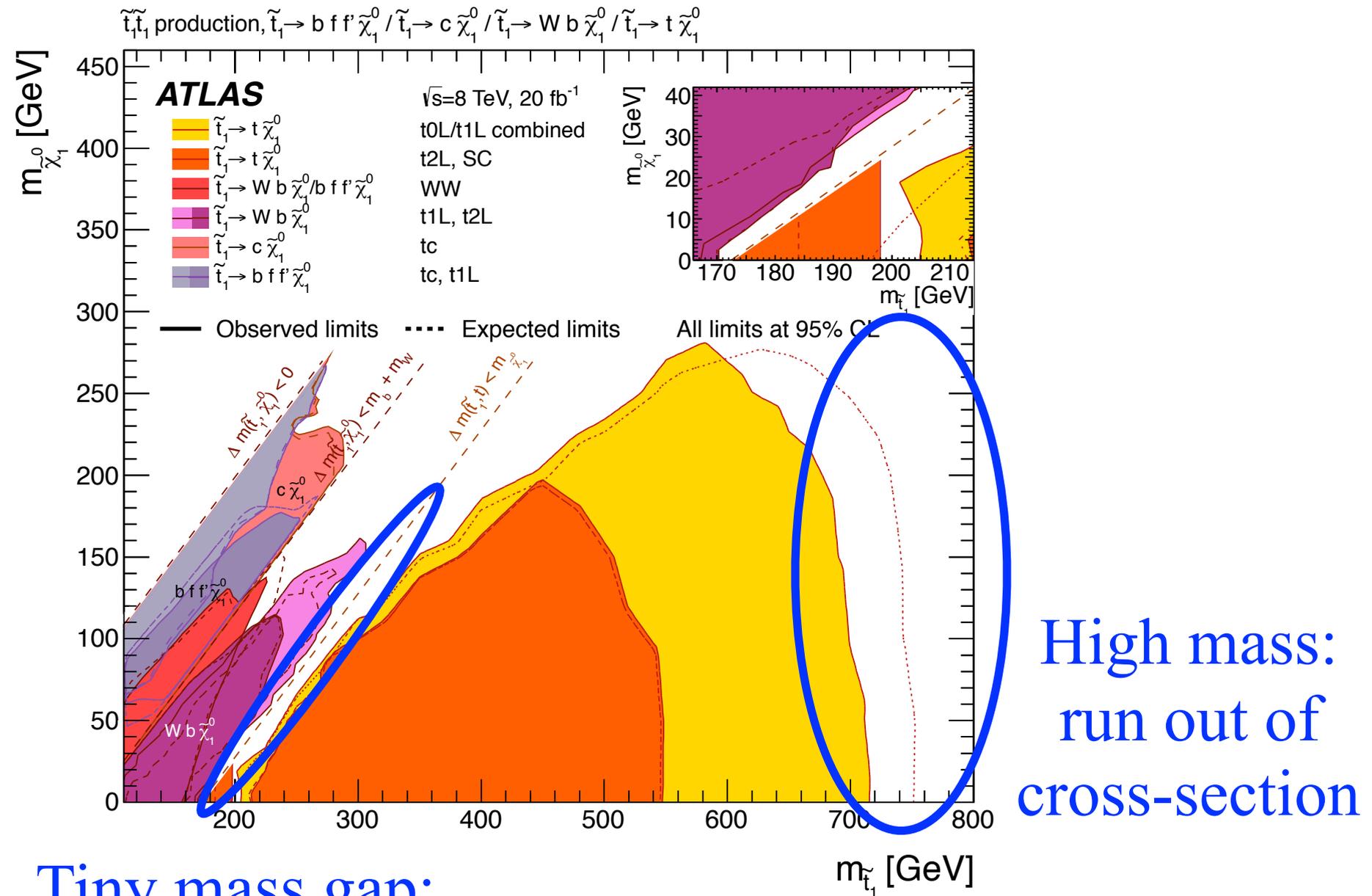
- ❖ For SUSY, 125 GeV is rather heavy!
  - Need light higgsinos, stops, sbottoms... but heavy “light” squarks ok  $\Rightarrow$  “natural SUSY”
  - Stop at the forefront!



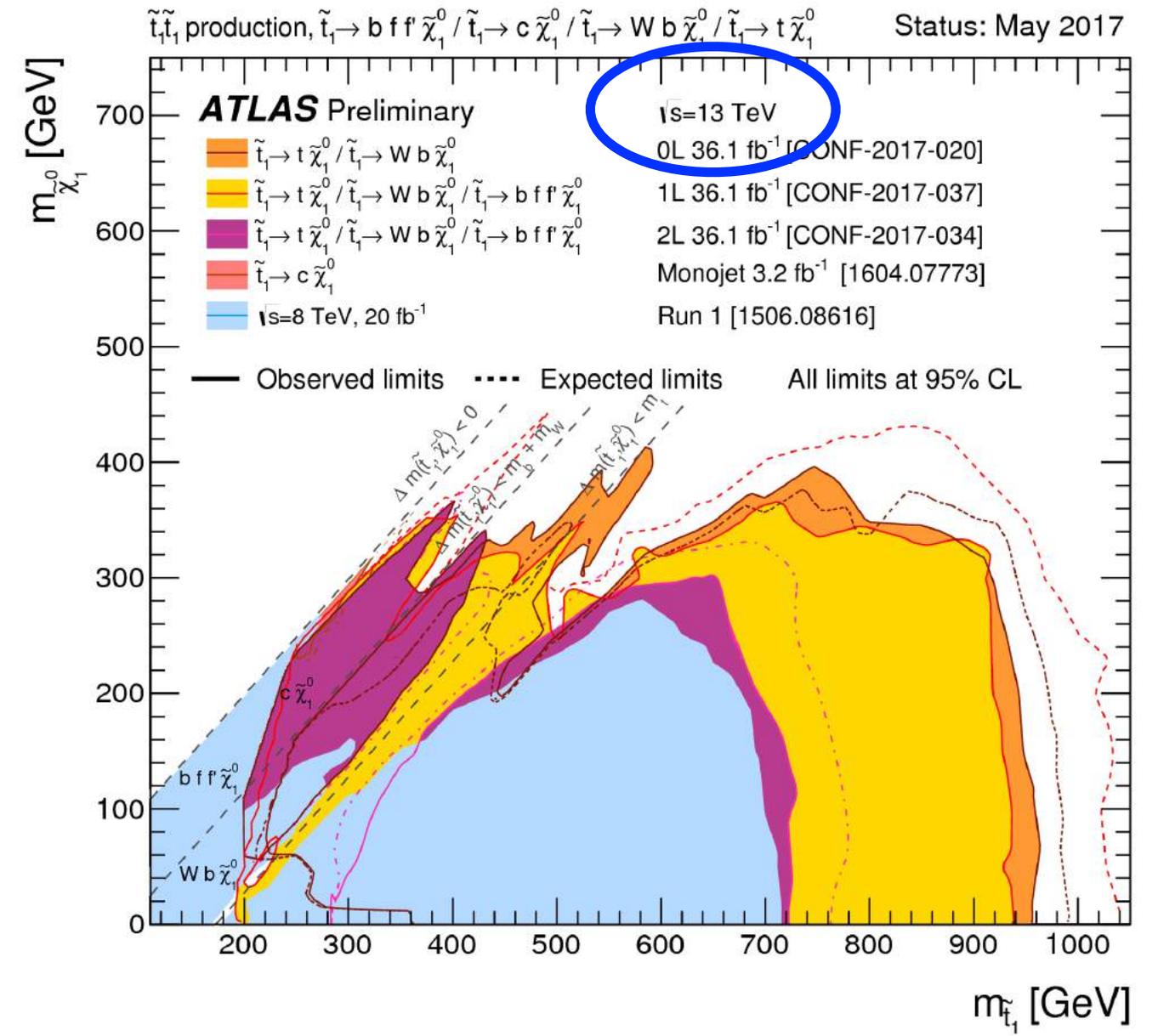
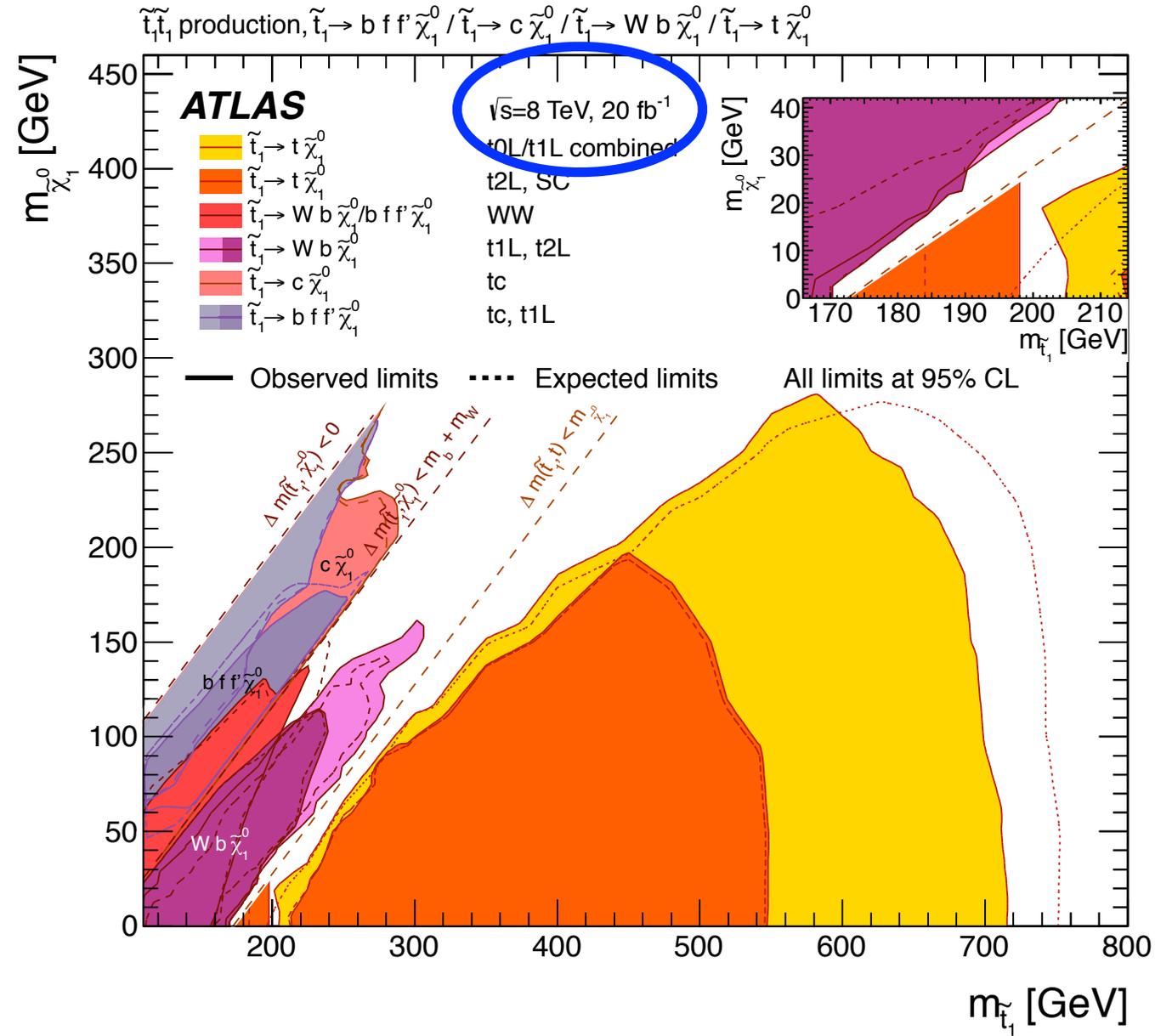
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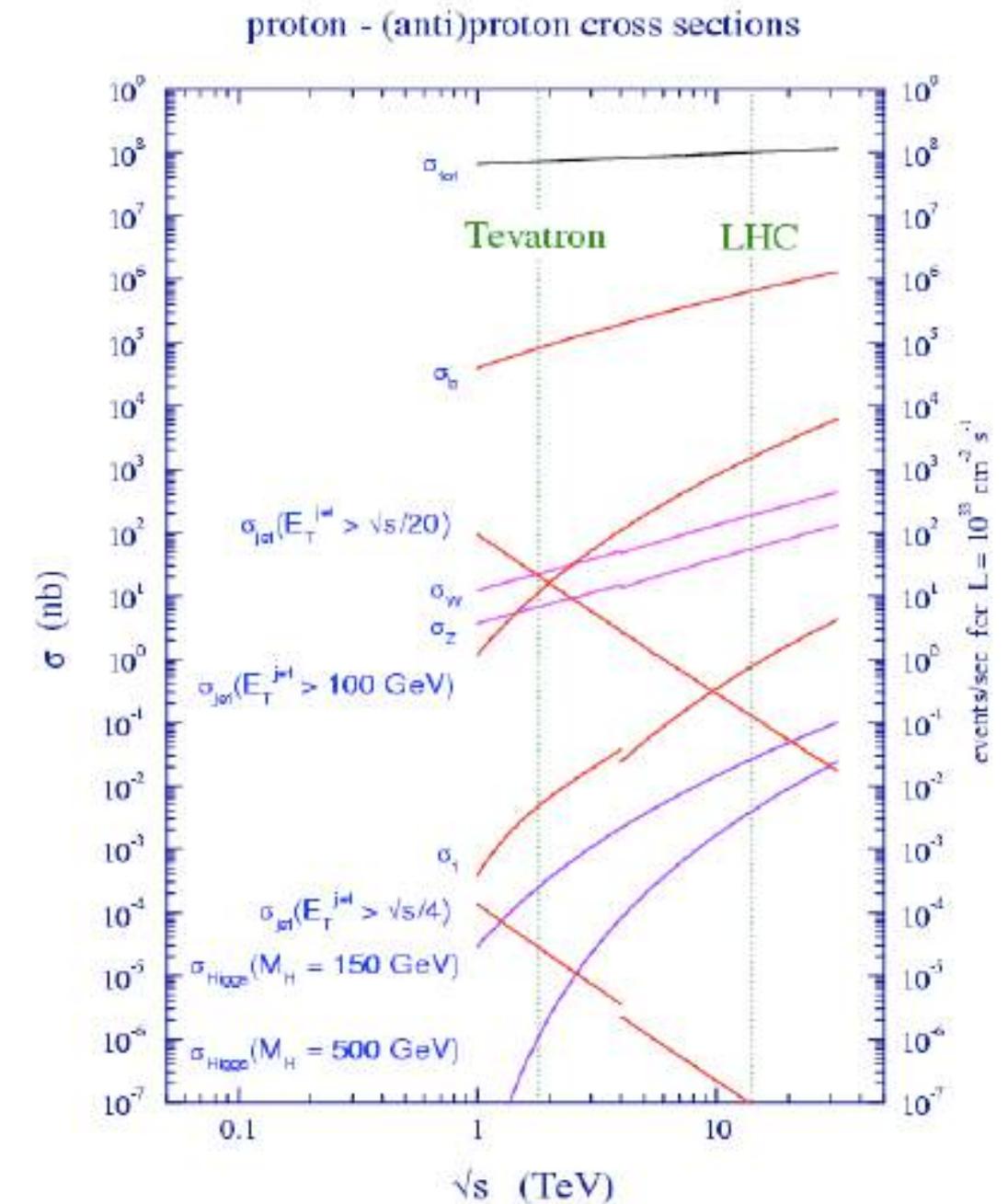


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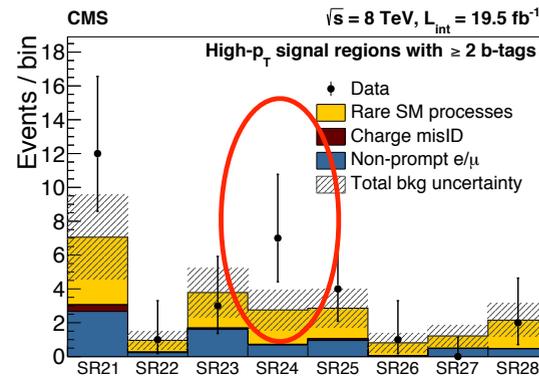


# Same-Sign Leptons

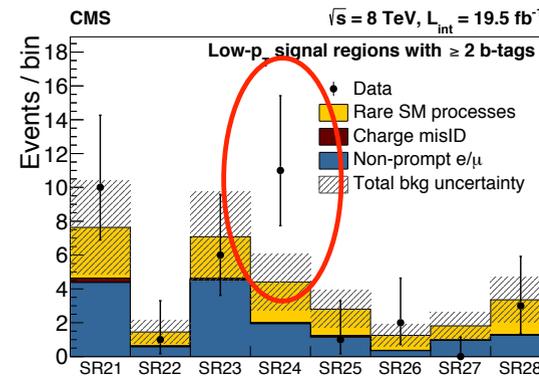
- ❖ At hadron colliders, leptons signify something interesting happened
  - E.g. Z production
- ❖ Same-sign leptons even more interesting? Lower background?
  - $W^\pm W^\pm$
  - but also B/D meson oscillations
    - mostly low  $p_T$
  - and wrong charge measurement
- ❖ With lower background, access to smaller cross-sections, smaller mass gaps
  - At the cost of small branching ratio



# Same Sign Lepton Excesses



CMS (SUSY), <http://arxiv.org/abs/1311.6736>

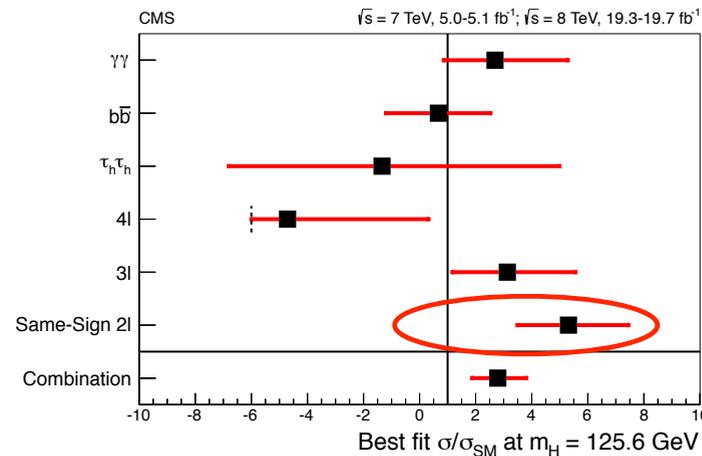


(24 signal regions in paper)

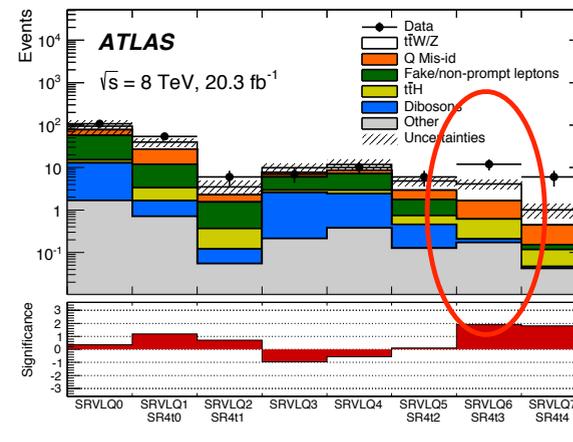
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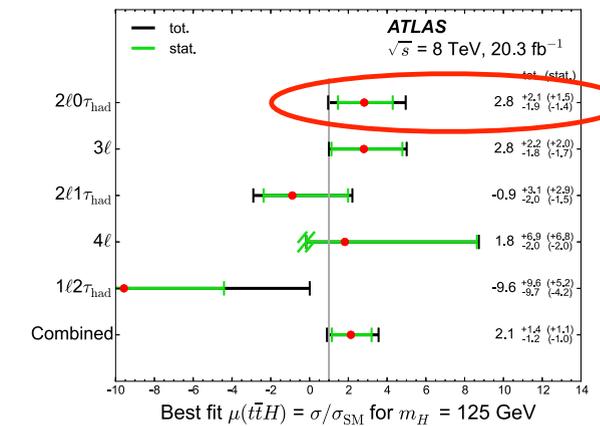
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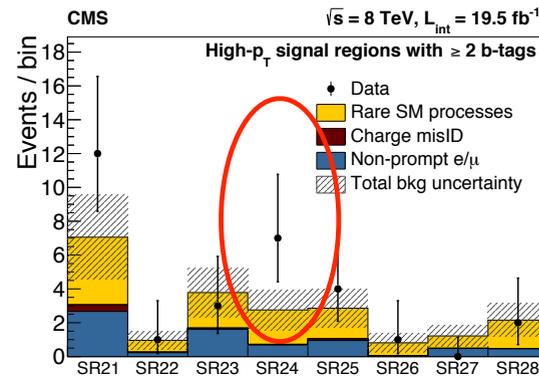
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It certainly looks like multiple analyses looking at same sign leptons and b-jets see excesses!

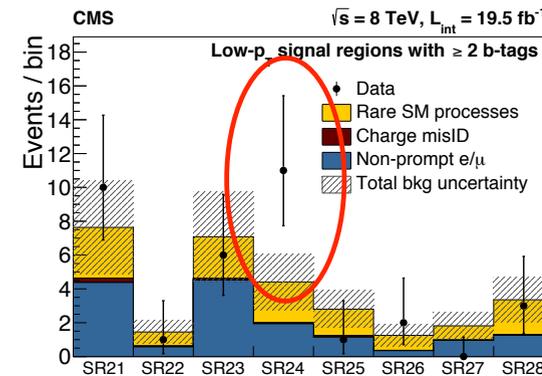
Could it be SUSY? E.g.  $\tilde{t}_R \rightarrow t + \tilde{B} \rightarrow t + (\tilde{W}^\pm + W^\mp)$

Huang et al, <http://arxiv.org/abs/1507.01601>

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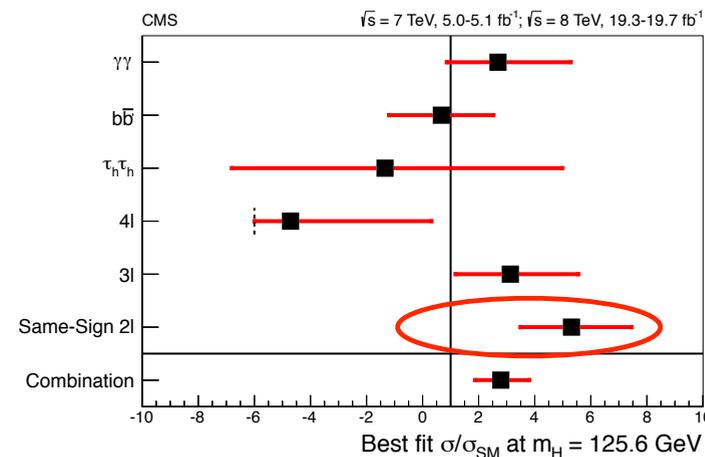


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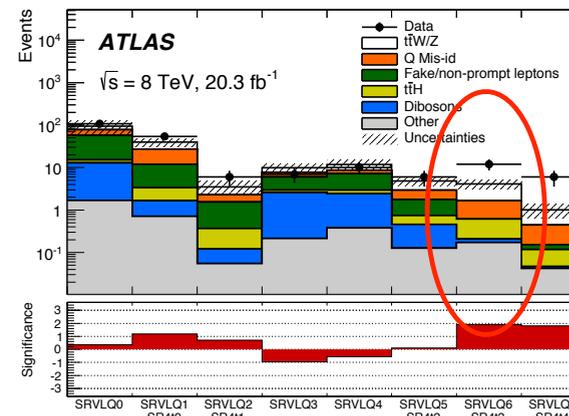
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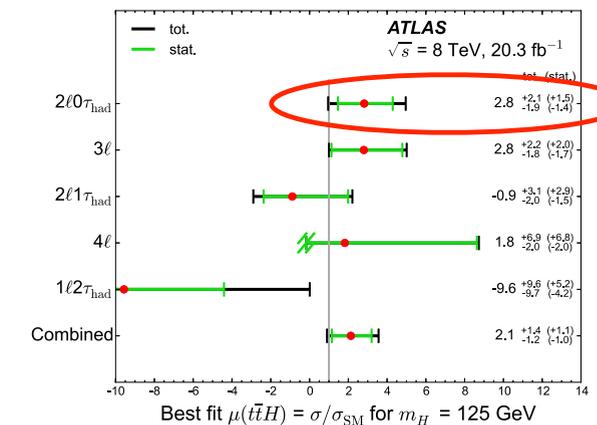
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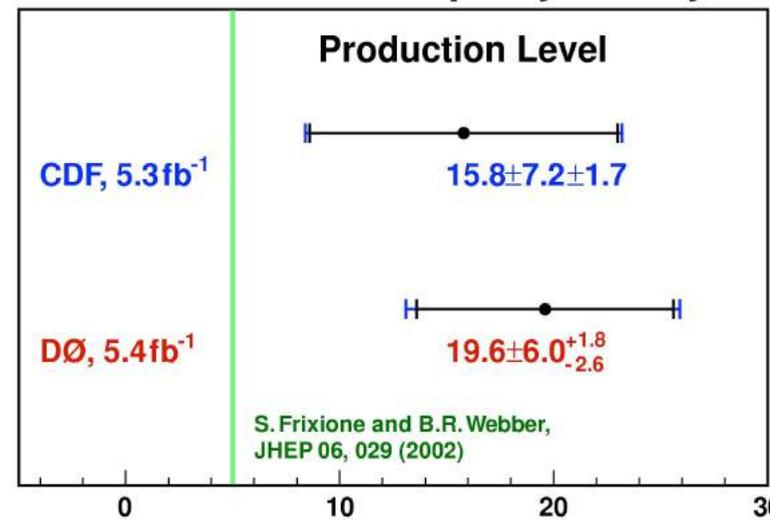
**The ATLAS analyses are correlated, and same for CMS**  
**So, ~2 analyses and excesses are  $< 3 \sigma$ ..**  
**Worth keeping an eye on? Sure.**

# Anecdotes From the Field (II)

## ❖ ttbar charge asymmetry at the Tevatron

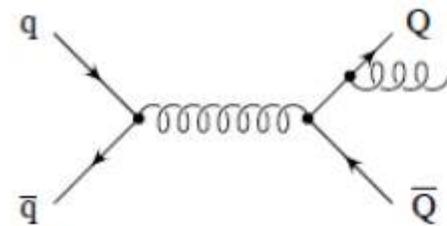
- At Feynman diagram level, NLO effect (Tevatron is proton-anti-proton collider)

Forward-Backward Top Asymmetry, %

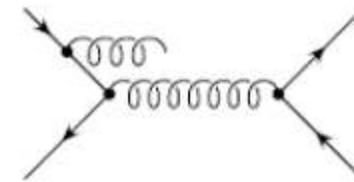


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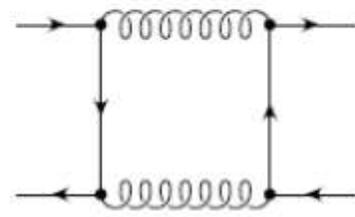
Ca. 2010, big fuss: much larger than SM!



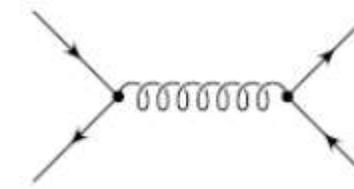
(a) Final state gluon bremsstrahlung FSR



(b) Initial state gluon bremsstrahlung ISR

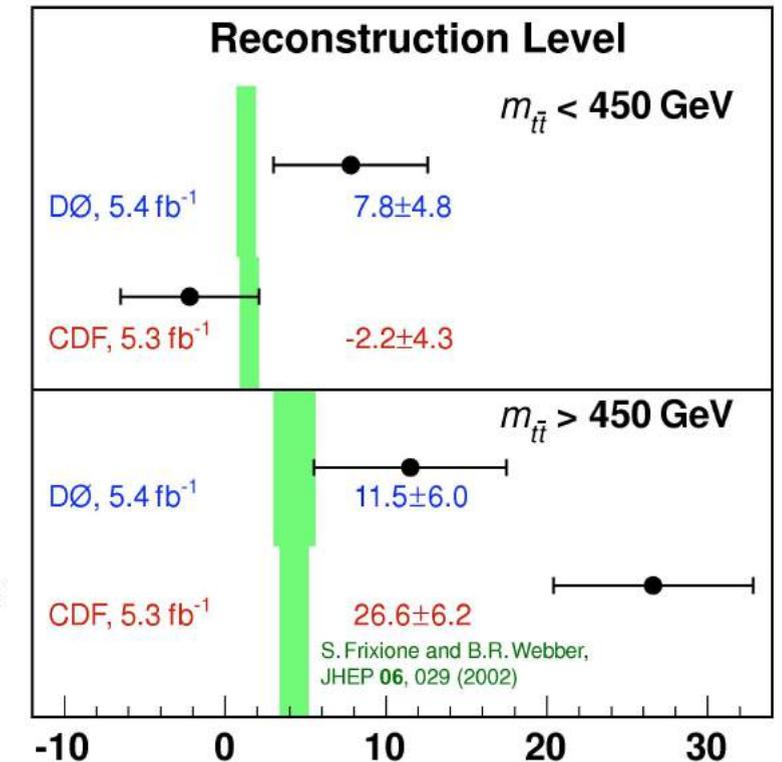


(c) double virtual gluon exchange



(d) Born diagram

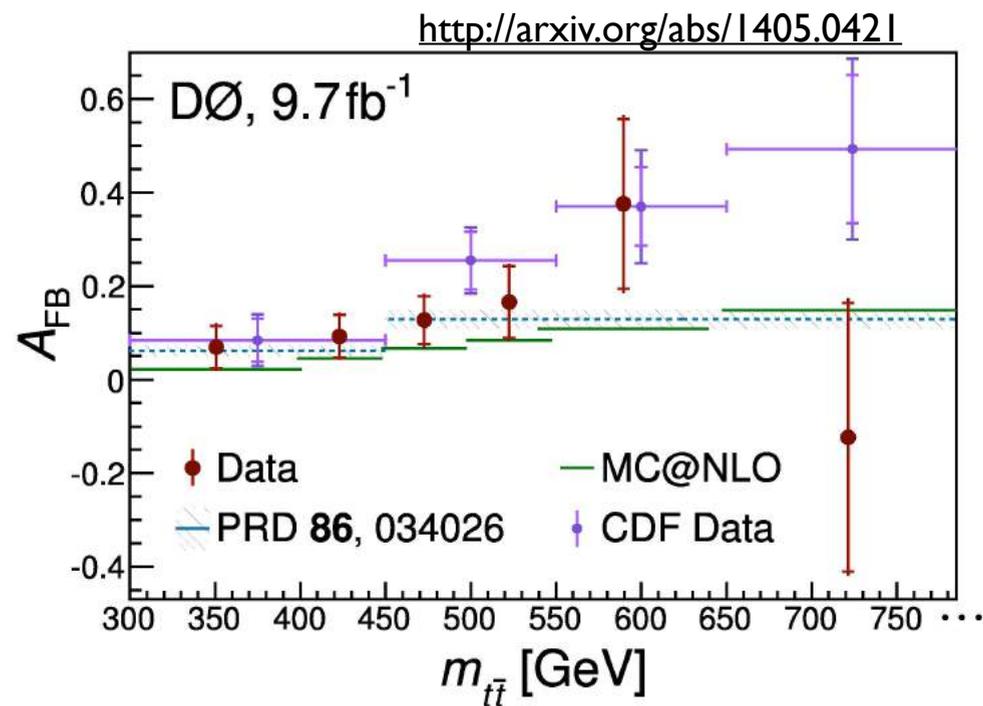
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- But in real life, already exists at  $\sim$ LO!
- Shown it is there in Pythia: parton shower, recoils! <http://arxiv.org/abs/1205.1466>



no BSM physics here:

- real life is not LO or NLO but NNN...LO
- many scales at work and this measurement crucially depends on multiple very different scales