

# **Measurement of W and Z boson cross sections in pp collisions at 7 TeV with the ATLAS detector**

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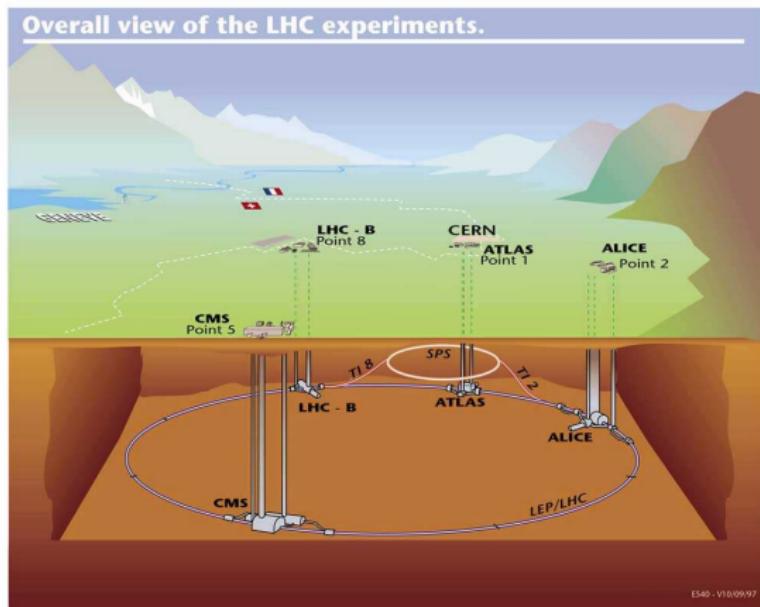
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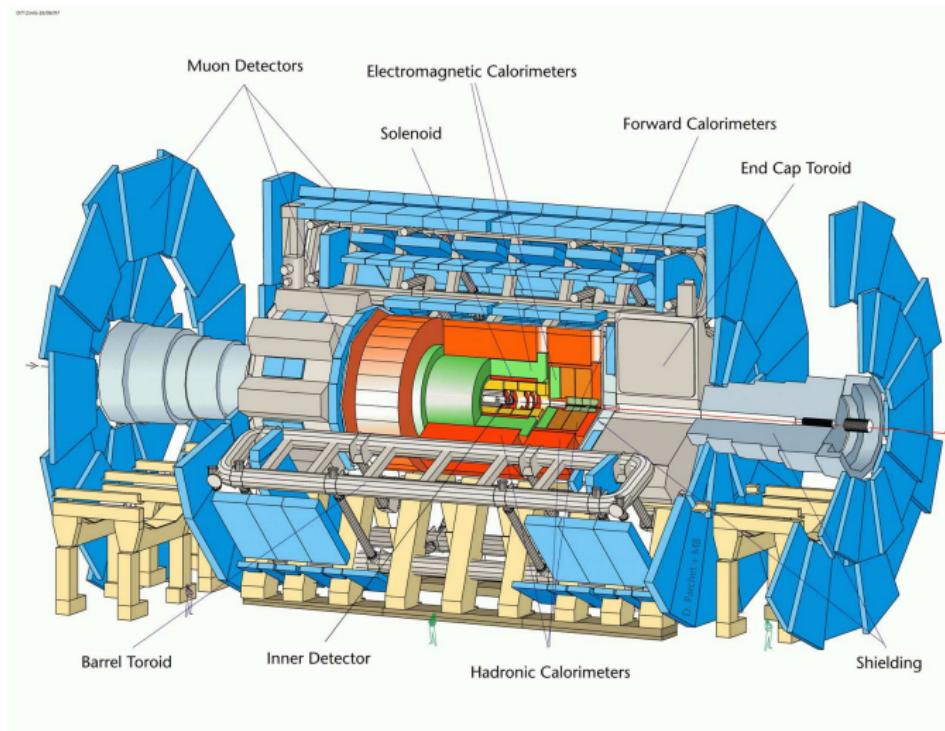
# The Large Hadron Collider

- 27 km circumference
- pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$
- instantaneous luminosity  $10^{30}-10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
- 50–150 ns bunch spacing



# The ATLAS Experiment

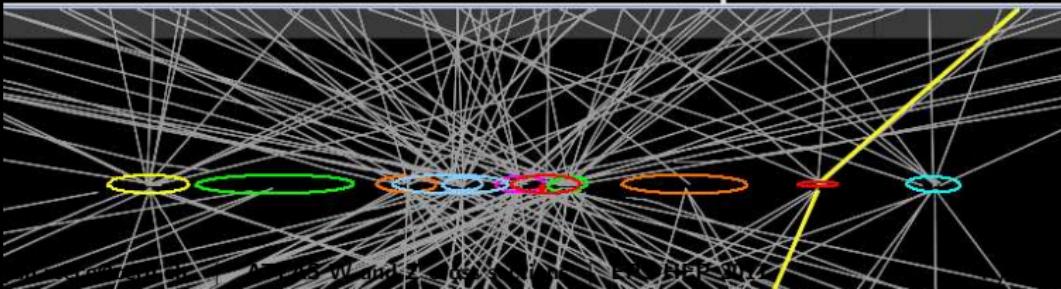
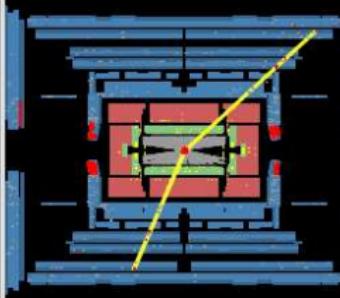
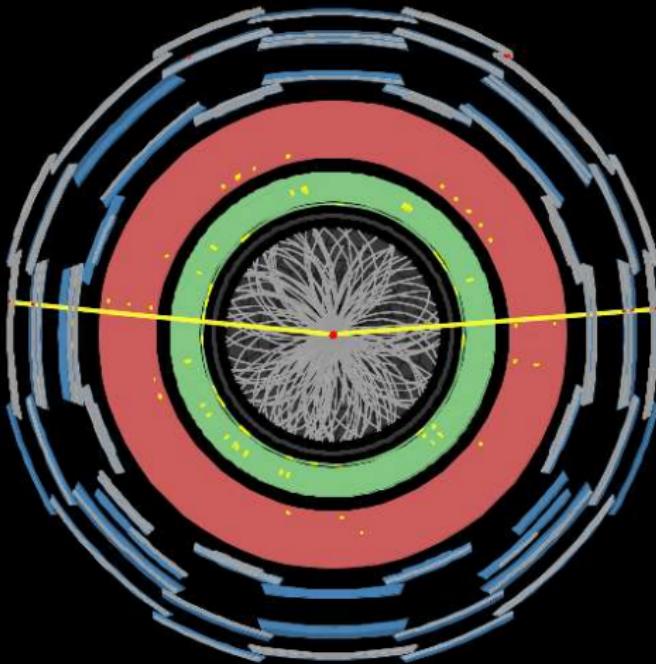
- 3000 scientists
- 38 countries
- 174 institutions
- 100 M readout channels
- tracking
- calorimetry
- muon spectrometry
- massive worldwide grid computing,  
 $\sim 1 \text{ PB} / \text{ year}$



$Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$   
candidate with  
10 additional  
soft “pile-up”  
interactions.

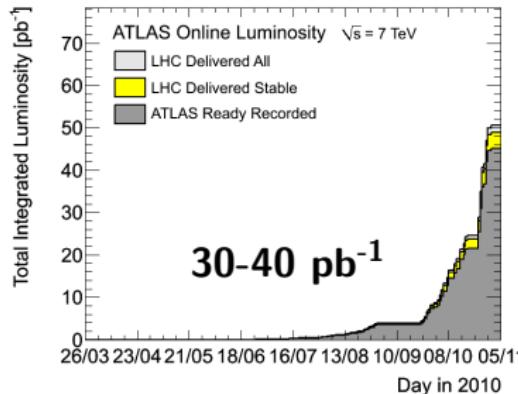
High  $p_T$   
leptons allow  
us to select  
the interesting  
EW events.

Conversely,  
 $W/Z$  provide  
events for  
understanding  
high  $p_T$  lepton  
performance.

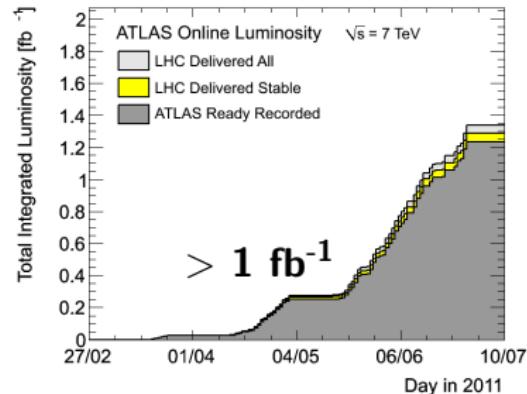


# The dataset

2010



2011

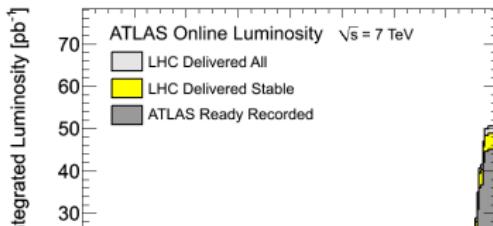


[3] ATLAS Data Summary

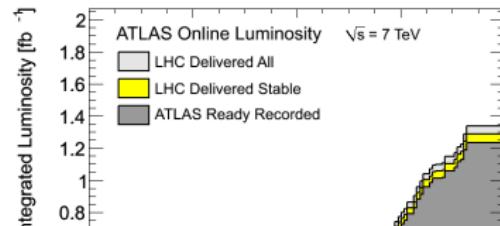
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- Oct 2010: **Measurement of  $W \rightarrow \ell\nu$  and  $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$  cross sections**
- Nov 2010: Observation of  $W \rightarrow \tau_h\nu$
- Feb 2011: Observation of  $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow \ell\tau_h$
- Mar 2011: Observation of  $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow \ell\ell$
- July 2011: **Measurement of  $p_T^Z$**
- July 2011: **Measurement of  $p_T^W$**
- July 2010: Update: **Measurement of  $W \rightarrow \ell\nu$  and  $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$  cross sections**
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The results shown today use the 2010 dataset, where our detector related systematics have improved and the pile-up is less. At the end, I will show a hint of our  $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$  events in the 2011 data.

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- July 2011: **Measurement of  $p_T^Z$**
- July 2011: **Measurement of  $p_T^W$**
- July 2010: Update: **Measurement of  $W \rightarrow \ell\nu$  and  $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$  cross sections**
- July 2011: **Measurement of  $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$  cross section**
- July 2011: **Measurement of  $W \rightarrow \tau\nu$  cross section**

# Ingredients for a cross section

$$\sigma = \frac{N_{\text{obs}} - N_{\text{bkg}}}{A \cdot C \cdot \int dt \mathcal{L}}$$

$N_{\text{obs}}$ : number of observed events in the signal region

$N_{\text{bkg}}$ : estimated number of background events

- EW backgrounds are estimated with Monte Carlo, constrained to data with performance scale factors.
- QCD backgrounds are estimated with **data-driven** methods.

$A$ : kinematic acceptance factor, estimated with generator-level Monte Carlo.

$C$ : summarizes reconstruction efficiency, estimated with reconstructed Monte Carlo, corrected with **scale factors**.

$\int dt \mathcal{L}$ : integrated luminosity.

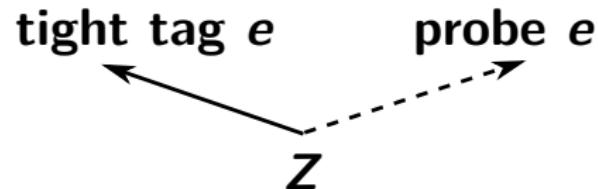
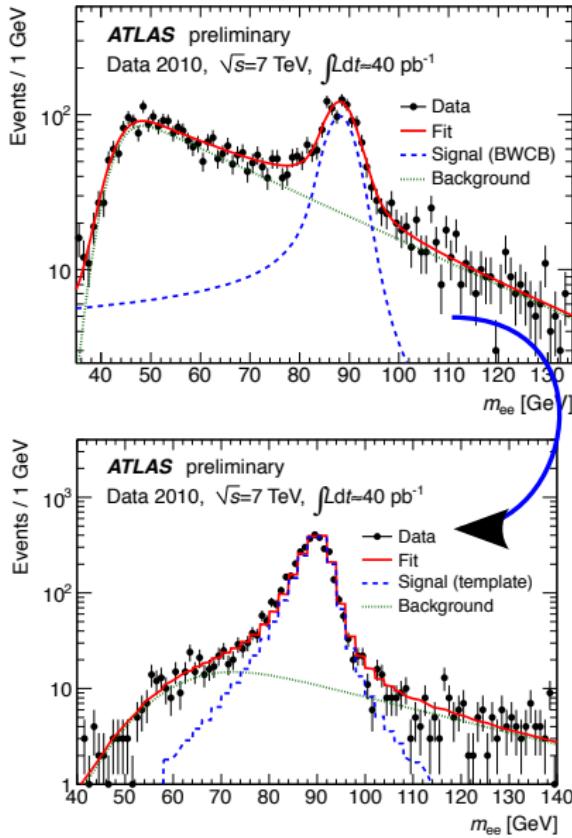
# Progress in reducing systematics

The main advancements in W and Z cross section measurements since last winter are due to the reduction of systematics.

Examples:

- **Tag and probe** studies lead to many improvements in electron and muon identification and **scale factors** correcting our simulation thereof.
- Reduced acceptance uncertainties by switching from using a LO Pythia generator to MC@NLO,  $p_T^W$  and  $p_T^Z$  reweighted to better agree with data (discussed later).

# Tag and probe studies



- “Tag” events with sufficient purity, leaving an unbiased “probe” object.
- Measure probe ID efficiency *in situ*.
- Constrains the performance of our object identification.
- Derive **scale factors** for correcting our simulation.

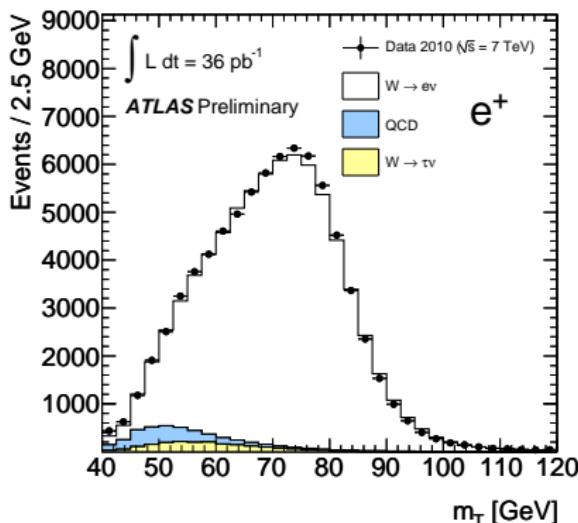
[4] ATLAS-PERF-2010-04-001

$W \rightarrow \ell\nu$  and  $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$

# Event selection

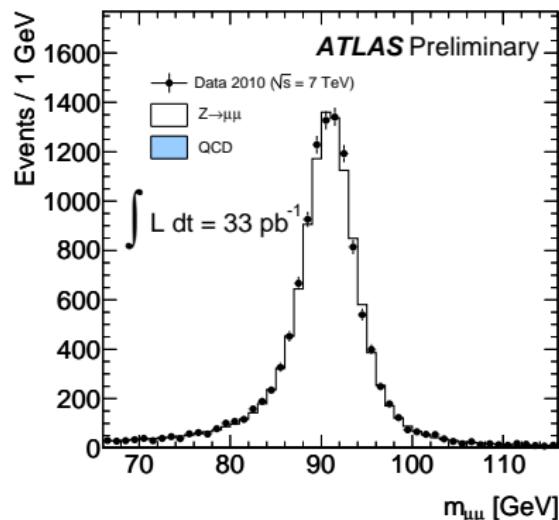
$W \rightarrow \ell\nu$

- One  $e/\mu$  with  $p_T > 20$  GeV
- $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 25$  GeV
- $m_T(\ell, E_T^{\text{miss}}) > 40$  GeV



$Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$

- Two  $e/\mu$  with  $p_T > 20$  GeV
- $m_{\ell\ell} = 66\text{--}116$  GeV



[6] STDM-2011-06

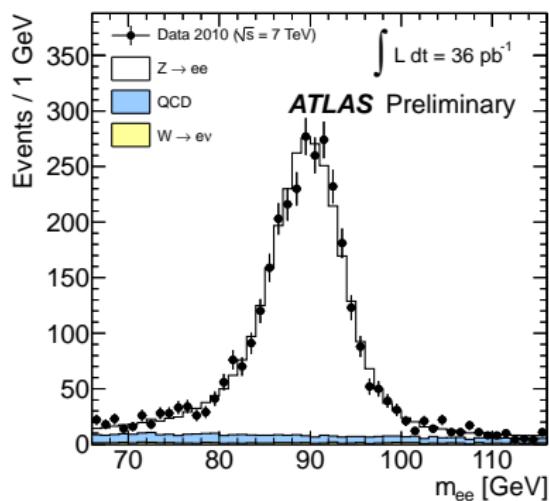
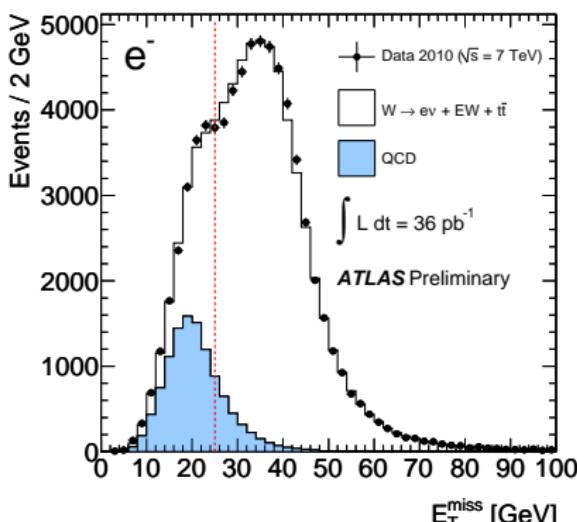
# QCD background estimation

$W \rightarrow e\nu$ : template fit to  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$ . Template derived from data with inverted electron ID and isolation.

$Z \rightarrow ee$ : template fit to  $m_{\ell\ell}$  to a sample with looser electron ID, extrapolated to the signal region.

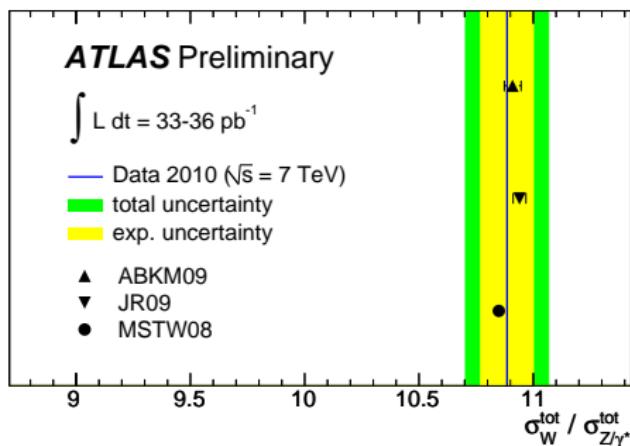
$W \rightarrow \mu\nu$ : matrix method using track isolation.

$Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$ : ABCD method with track isolation in  $m_{\mu\mu}$  side-band.



# Cross section results

	$\sigma$ [nb]	stat.	sys.	lumi.	acc.
$\sigma_W \cdot \text{BR}(W \rightarrow e\nu)$	= 10.255	0.031	0.190	0.349	0.084
$\sigma_W \cdot \text{BR}(W \rightarrow \mu\nu)$	= 10.210	0.030	0.179	0.373	0.153
$\sigma_{Z/\gamma^*} \cdot \text{BR}(Z/\gamma^* \rightarrow ee)$	= 0.952	0.010	0.026	0.032	0.019
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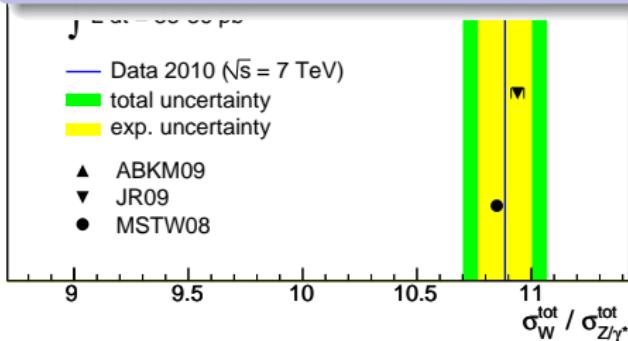


- Dominant uncertainty is luminosity.
- Acceptance uncertainty remains significant due to the extrapolation from the fiducial volume.
- Detector related uncertainties partially cancel in the ratio.

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Many more details on the  $W \rightarrow \ell\nu$  and  $Z/\gamma^* \rightarrow \ell\ell$  cross section measurements, including differential measurements of  $d\sigma/d\eta$  and their constraints on proton PDFs will be discussed in Massimiliano Bellomo's talk in the QCD session this afternoon. 019



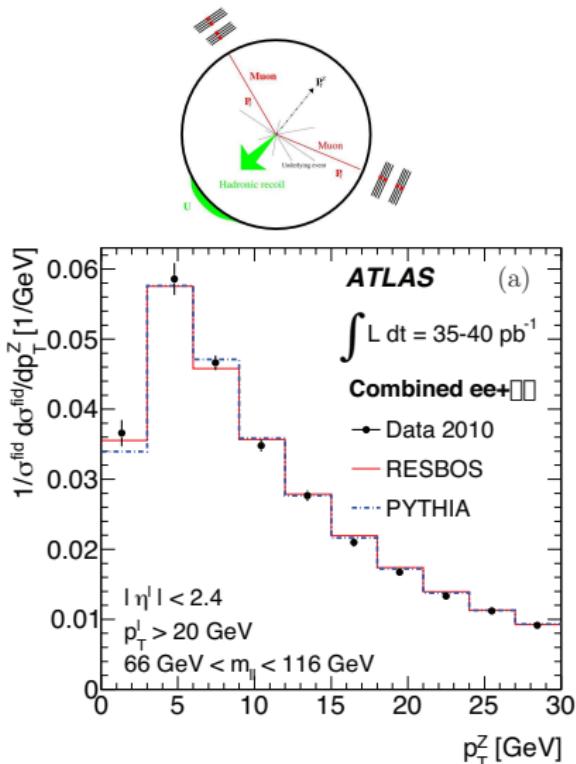
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# $p_T^W$ and $p_T^Z$

# Z boson $p_T$ measurement

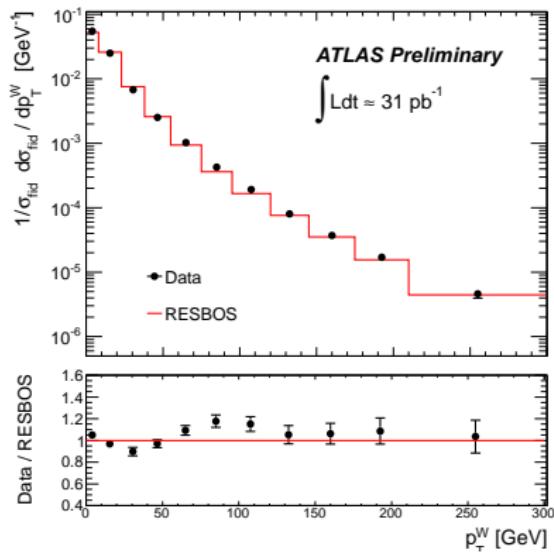
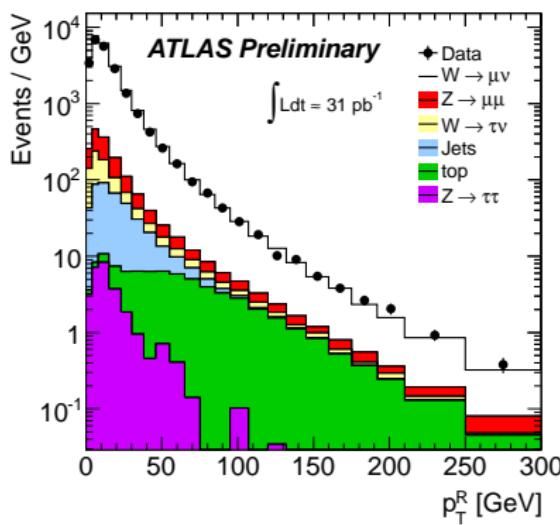
- Important for modeling high- $p_T$  lepton kinematics.
- At leading order,  $p_T^{W/Z} = 0$
- Non-zero  $p_T^{W/Z}$  is generated through the hadronic recoil of ISR,  $p_T^R$ .
- $p_T^Z$  reconstructed directly from  $p_T(\mu_1) + p_T(\mu_2)$ , while  $p_T^W$  reconstructs  $p_T^R$ .
- Detector and FSR effects removed with a bin-by-bin unfolding.
- 3-4% precision per bin.



[7] arXiv:1107.2381v1

# W boson $p_T$ measurement

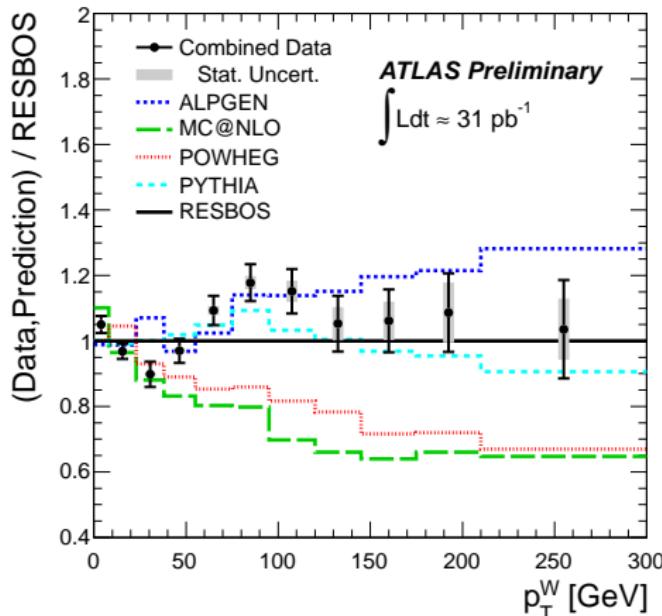
- Necessary for a future precision  $W$  mass measurement.
- Detector and FSR effects removed by inverting a response matrix parametrizing the probabilistic mapping of  $p_T^R$  to  $p_T^W$ .



[8] STDM-2011-15

# $W$ , $Z$ boson $p_T$ reweighting

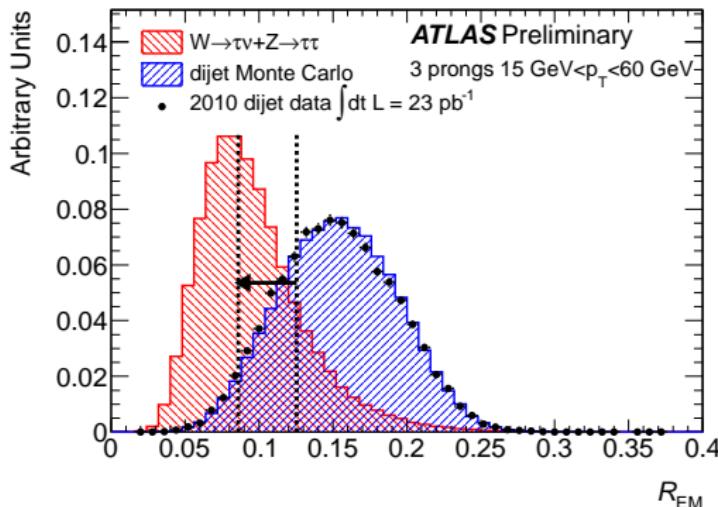
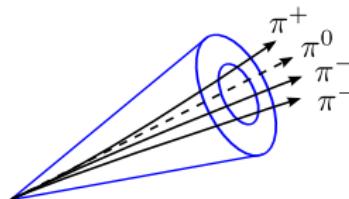
- The modeling of  $d\sigma/dp_T^{W/Z}$  can have significant effects on the expected efficiency and acceptance.
- NLO generators MC@NLO and POWHEG have deficits at high  $p_T^{W/Z}$ .
- NLO effects are important at high  $p_T^{W/Z}$  because the  $W/Z$  is polarized by higher order QCD.
- $W \rightarrow \ell\nu$  and  $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$  cross section measurements use MC@NLO reweighted to match  $p_T^{W/Z}$  for LO Pythia, which agrees with the data because it has been tuned well to the Tevatron data.



$Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$  and  $W \rightarrow \tau\nu$

# Taus in ATLAS

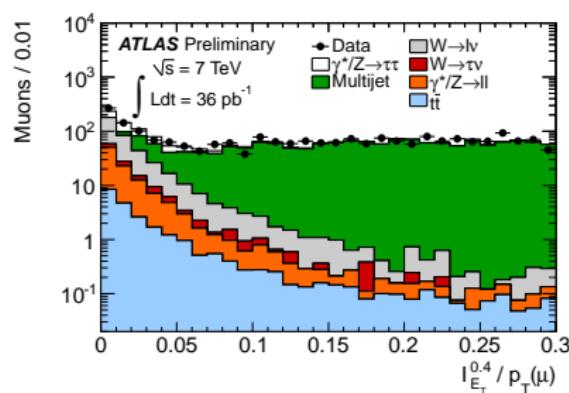
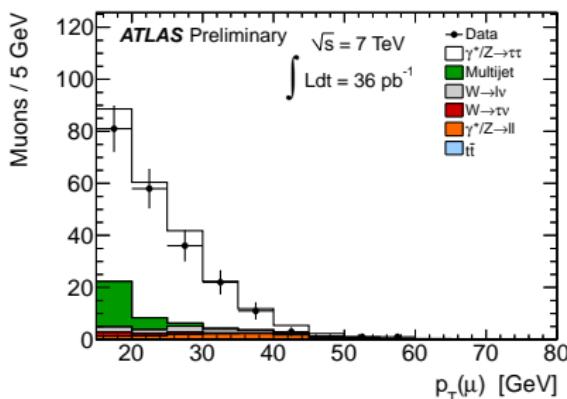
- Tracks are matched to jet seeds and discriminating variables are calculated from the combined tracking and calorimeter information.
- 1 or 3-prong signature
- Narrow clustering of tracks and calorimeter deposits.
- Three advanced discriminants:  
 $p_T$ -parametrized cuts,  
projective likelihoods,  
boosted decision trees.



[9] ATLAS-CONF-2011-077

# $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow \ell\tau_h$ event selection

- single lepton trigger
- One tight  $e/\mu$  with  $p_T > 16/15$  GeV
- One tight  $\tau_h$  with  $p_T > 20$  GeV, 1 or 3 tracks, unit charge
- tight lepton isolation to reject QCD multijets
- opposite sign
- $\sum \cos \Delta\phi > -0.15$



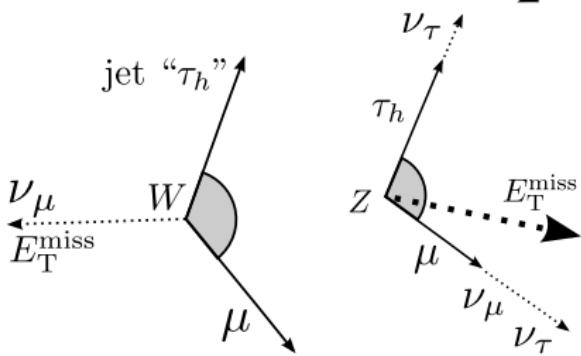
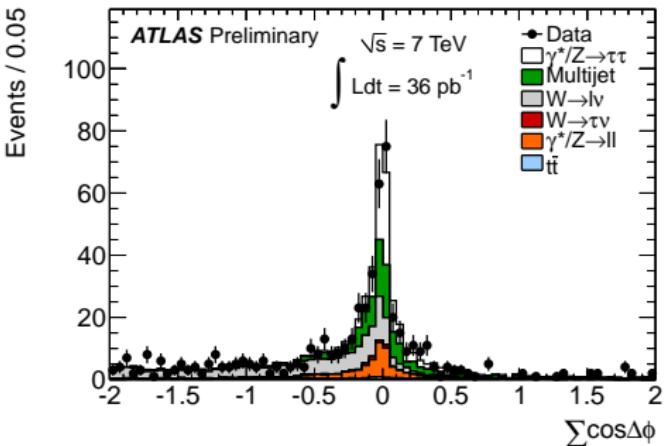
- Choose low  $p_T$  leptons to accept  $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$ .
- Combat QCD with tight isolation.

[10] STDM-2011-18

# $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$ : W + jet suppression

$$\sum \cos \Delta\phi =$$
$$\cos[\phi(\ell) - \phi(E_T^{\text{miss}})]$$
$$+ \cos[\phi(\tau_h) - \phi(E_T^{\text{miss}})]$$

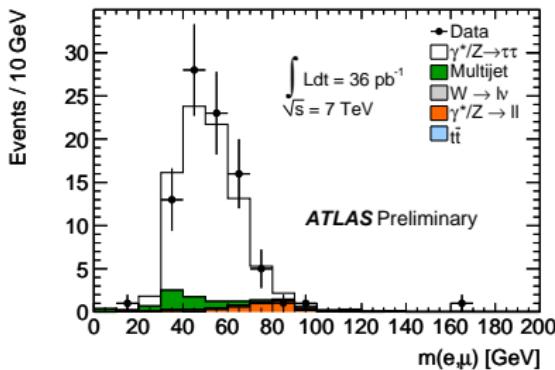
- Quantifies if the  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  is between the decay products
- Only dependent on the direction, not the magnitude of the  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$ .
- All channels except  $\mu\mu$  require  $\sum \cos \Delta\phi > -0.15$



# $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow \ell\ell$ event selection

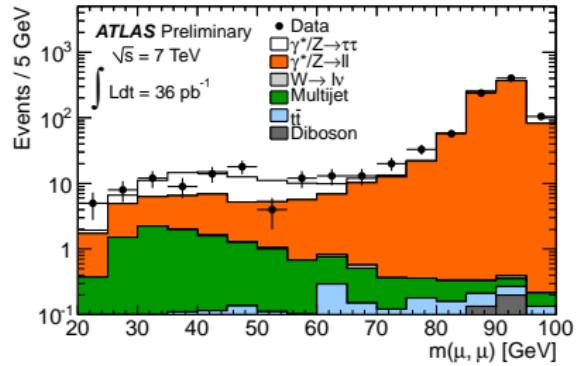
## $e\mu$ -channel

- one  $e$  with  $p_T > 15$  GeV
- one  $\mu$  with  $p_T > 10$  GeV
- opposite sign, tight isolation
- $\sum \cos \Delta\phi > -0.15$
- $\sum E_T + E_T^{\text{miss}} < 150$  GeV  
(rejects  $t\bar{t}$ )



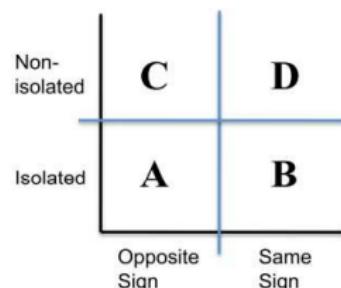
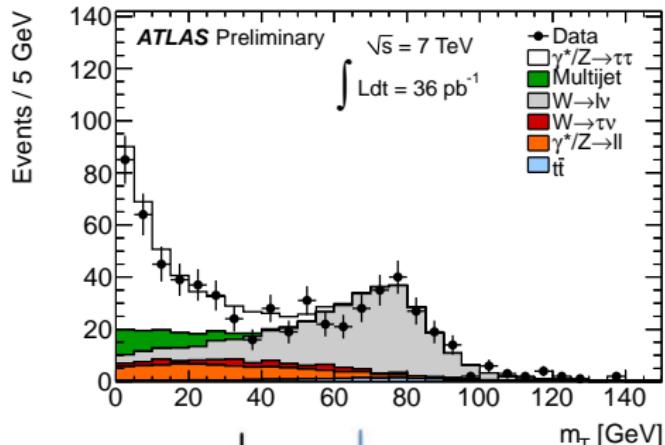
## $\mu\mu$ -channel

- two  $\mu$  with  $p_T > 20$  GeV
- opposite sign, tight isolation
- BDT for rejecting  $Z/\gamma^* \rightarrow \ell\ell$
- $m_{\mu\mu} = 25\text{--}65$  GeV



# $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$ background estimation

- Jets are wider in data than in Monte Carlo  $\Rightarrow \tau_h$  ID fake rate is underestimated in Monte Carlo.
- Normalize  $W \rightarrow \ell\nu + \text{jets}$  Monte Carlo using high  $m_T$  data.
- Other EW backgrounds estimated from Monte Carlo.
- QCD estimate is data-driven, scaling SS data by  $R_{\text{OS/SS}}$ , measured in non-isolated (multijet rich) data sample, correcting for EW contamination with Monte Carlo.

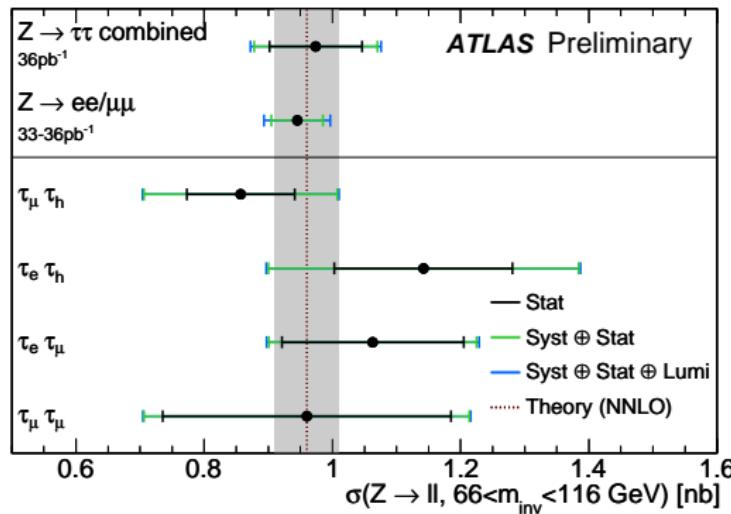


$$N^A = N^B \cdot \frac{N^C}{N^D} = N^B \cdot R_{\text{OS/SS}}$$

# $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$ cross section results

$$\sigma_{\text{combined}} = 0.97 \pm 0.07(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.07(\text{sys.}) \pm 0.03(\text{lumi.}) \text{ nb}$$

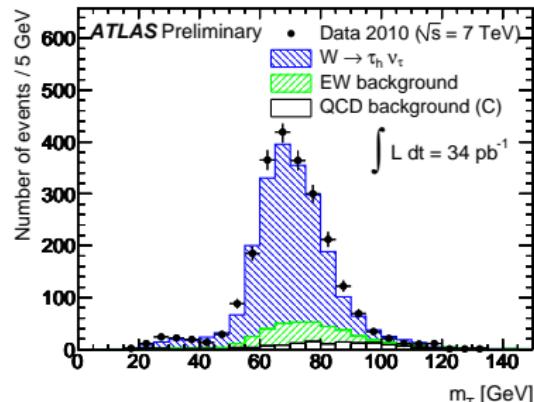
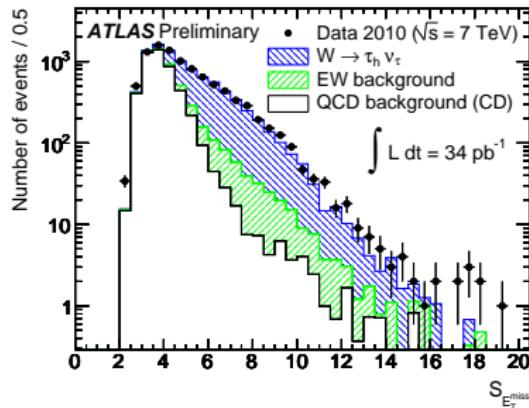
$$\sigma_{\text{theory}} = 0.96 \pm 0.05 \text{ nb at NNLO}$$



## Dominant systematics

- $\tau_h$  energy scale 11%
- $\tau_h$  efficiency 8.6%
- $\mu$  efficiency 8.6%
- $e$  efficiency 3-10%
- acceptance 3%
- luminosity 3.4%

# $W \rightarrow \tau\nu$ event selection



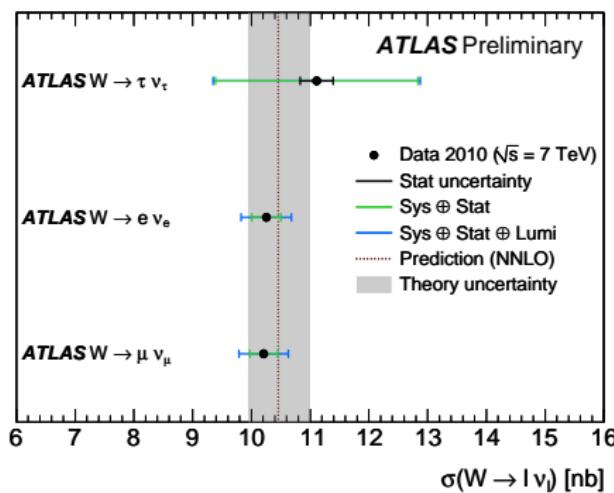
- $p_T(\tau_h) = 20 - 60$  GeV
- $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 30$  GeV
- $S_{E_T^{\text{miss}}} = \frac{E_T^{\text{miss}}}{(0.5\sqrt{\text{GeV}})\sqrt{\sum E_T}} > 6.0$
- veto events with leptons with  $p_T > 15$  GeV
- data-driven QCD estimate: scale events failing  $S_{E_T^{\text{miss}}}$  by efficiency measured in inverted tau ID sample.

[11] STDM-2011-23

# $W \rightarrow \tau\nu$ cross section results

$$\sigma(W \rightarrow \tau\nu) = 11.1 \pm 0.3(\text{stat.}) \pm 1.7(\text{sys.}) \pm 0.4(\text{lumi.}) \text{ nb}$$

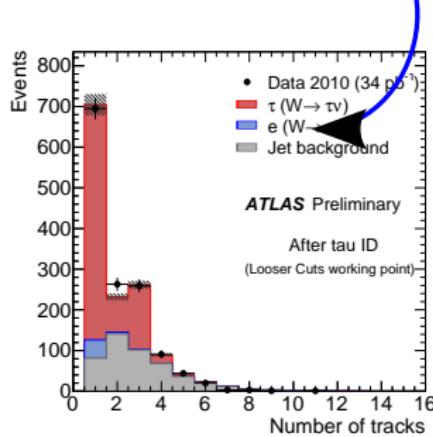
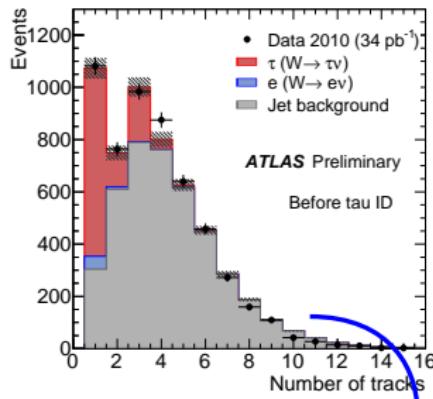
$$\sigma_{\text{theory}} = 10.46 \pm 0.52 \text{ nb at NNLO}$$



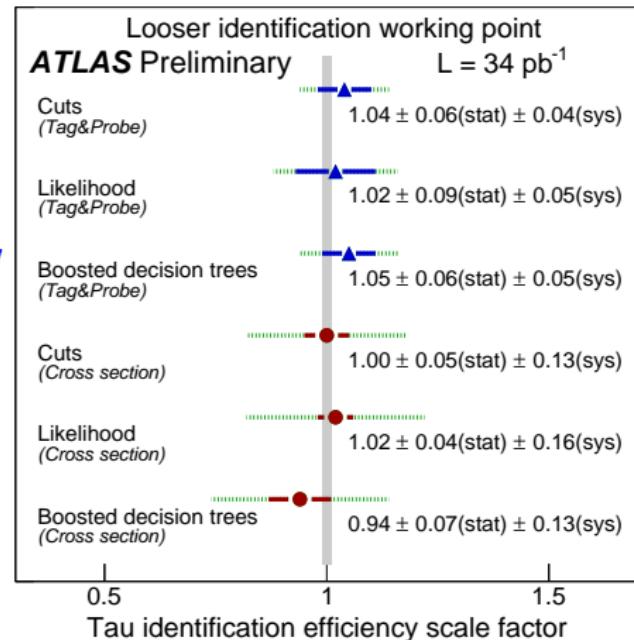
## Dominant systematics

- $\tau_h$  efficiency 10.3%
- $\tau_h$  energy scale 8.0%
- $\tau_h + \text{MET}$  trigger efficiency 7.0%
- luminosity 3.4%
- acceptance 2.3%

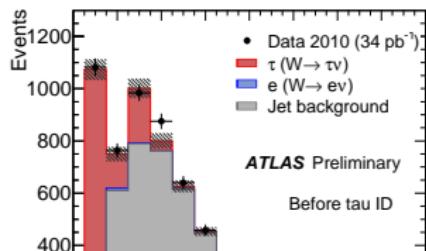
# $W \rightarrow \tau_h \nu$ tau ID measurement



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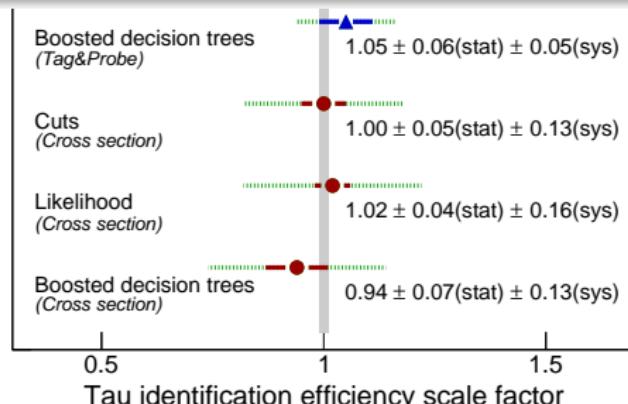
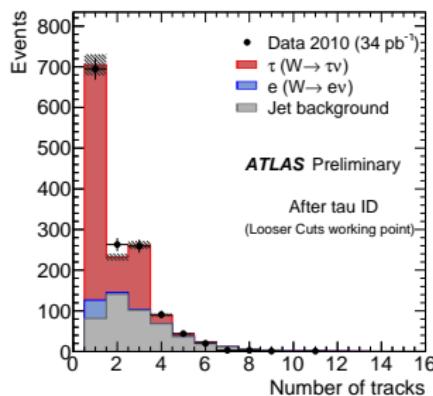
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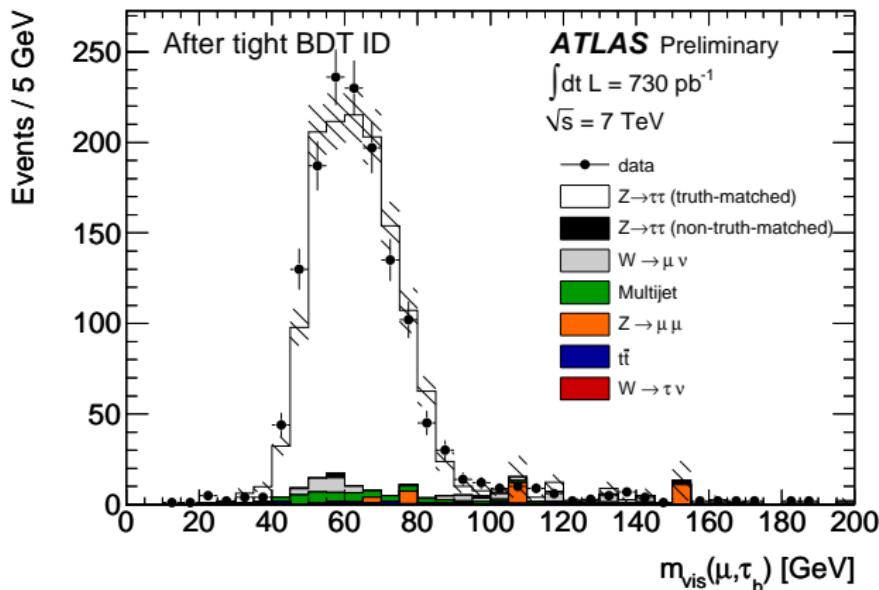
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Many more details on tau performance studies have been discussed in Stan Lai's talk in the Detector session this morning.



# $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow \ell\tau_h$ with $730 \text{ pb}^{-1}$



- We now have a substantial control sample of hadronic tau decays.
- More data-driven efforts in taus to come.

[13] ATL-COM-PHYS-2011-842

# Conclusions

- ATLAS has published (or will soon publish this month) W and Z cross section measurements with the 2010 dataset for all lepton flavors:
  - $W \rightarrow e\nu$
  - $W \rightarrow \mu\nu$
  - $W \rightarrow \tau\nu$
  - $Z \rightarrow ee$
  - $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$
  - $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$
- We have also published precision measurements of the  $p_T^W$  and  $p_T^Z$  line-shapes.
- $W$  and  $Z$  performance studies have improved our knowledge of our object identification for  $e$ ,  $\mu$ , and  $\tau$ .
- The 2010 ATLAS Standard Model analyses have set an impressive standard for measurements with the 2011 data.

# Backup Slides

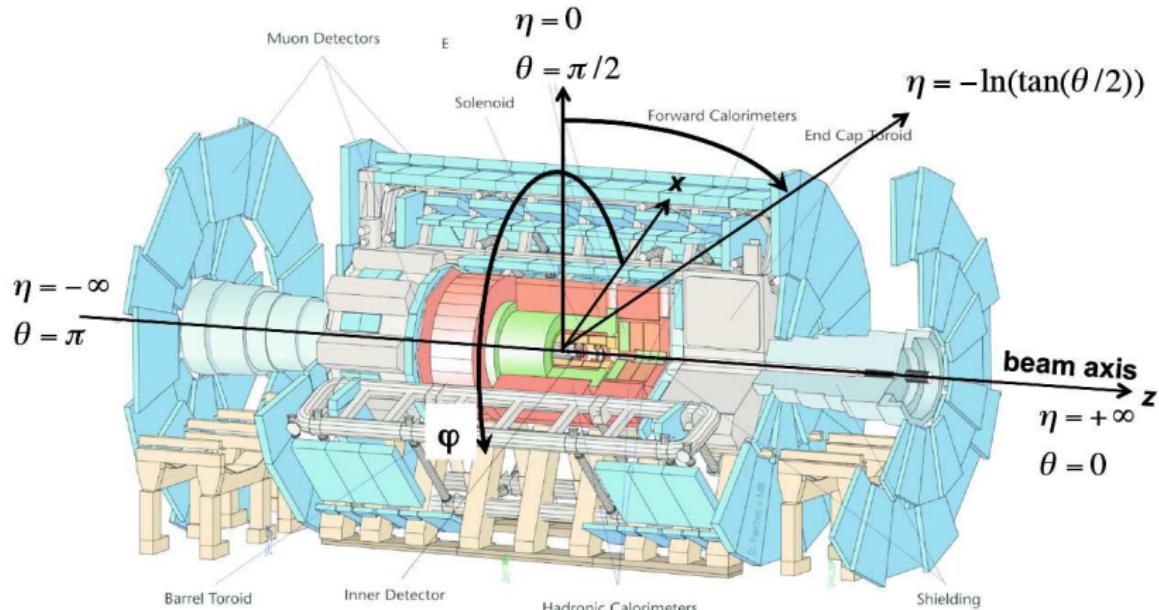
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# Collider kinematics



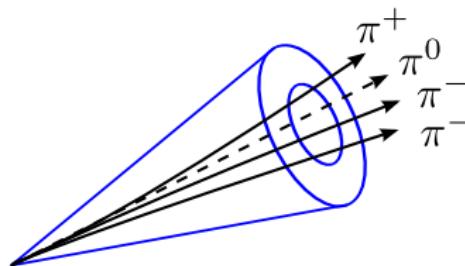
$$\vec{p}_T = (p_x, p_y)$$

$$p_T = p \sin \theta, \quad E_T = E \sin \theta$$

$$\vec{E}_T^{miss} = - \sum_{\text{clusters } i} E_i \hat{n}_i$$

# Phenomenology of tau decays

$\tau^- \rightarrow$	$e^- \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\tau$	17.8%	leptonic 35.2%
	$\mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu \nu_\tau$	17.4%	
	$\pi^- \pi^0 \nu_\tau$	25.5%	
	$\pi^- \nu_\tau$	10.9%	
	$\pi^- 2\pi^0 \nu_\tau$	9.3%	1 prong 49.5%
	$K^- (N\pi^0) (NK^0) \nu_\tau$	1.5%	
	$\pi^- 3\pi^0 \nu_\tau$	1.0%	
	$\pi^- \pi^- \pi^+ \nu_\tau$	9.0%	
	$\pi^- \pi^- \pi^+ \pi^0 \nu_\tau$	4.6%	3 prong 15.2%



# Tau identification variables

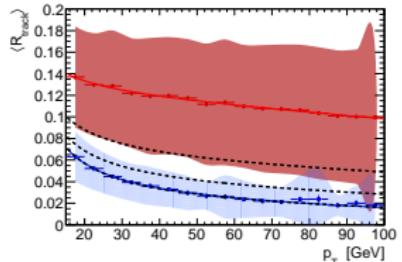
- Electrmagnetic radius:  $R_{\text{EM}} = \frac{\sum_{i \in \{\text{EM } 0-2\}}^{\Delta R_i < 0.4} E_{\text{T},i}^{\text{EM}} \Delta R_i}{\sum_{i \in \{\text{EM } 0-2\}}^{\Delta R_i < 0.4} E_{\text{T},i}^{\text{EM}}}$
- Track radius:  $R_{\text{track}} = \frac{\sum_i^{\Delta R_i < 0.4} p_{\text{T},i} \Delta R_i}{\sum_i^{\Delta R_i < 0.4} p_{\text{T},i}}$
- Leading track momentum fraction:  $f_{\text{track}} = \frac{p_{\text{T},1}^{\text{track}}}{p_{\text{T}}^{\tau}}$
- Core energy fraction:  $f_{\text{core}} = \frac{\sum_{i \in \{\text{all}\}}^{\Delta R_i < 0.1} E_{\text{T},i}^{\text{EM}}}{\sum_{i \in \{\text{all}\}}^{\Delta R_i < 0.4} E_{\text{T},i}^{\text{EM}}}$
- Electromagnetic fraction:  $f_{\text{EM}} = \frac{\sum_{i \in \{\text{EM } 0-2\}}^{\Delta R_i < 0.4} E_{\text{T},i}^{\text{EM}}}{\sum_{j \in \{\text{all}\}}^{\Delta R_j < 0.4} E_{\text{T},j}^{\text{EM}}}$
- Cluster mass:  $m_{\text{clusters}}$ , invariant mass clusters at the EM energy scale.
- Track mass:  $m_{\text{tracks}}$ , invariant mass of the track system.
- Transverse flight path significance:  $S_{\text{T}}^{\text{flight}}$

Motivation: taus tend to be collimated more than jets, have a leading track, and often significant neutral pion deposits in the EM calorimeter.

# Tau discriminants

- **Cuts**

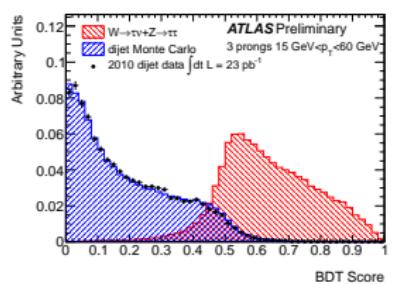
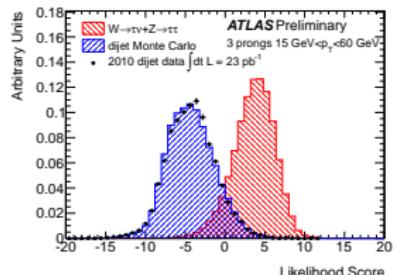
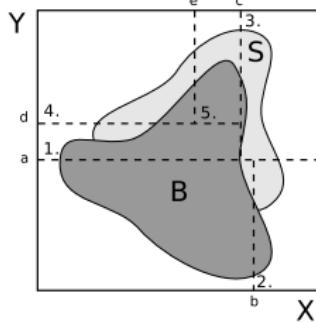
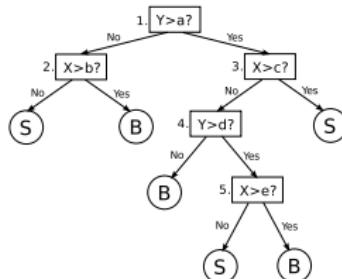
$p_T$ -parametrized cuts on  $R_{\text{EM}}$  and  $R_{\text{track}}$ , and a cut on  $f_{\text{track}}$ .



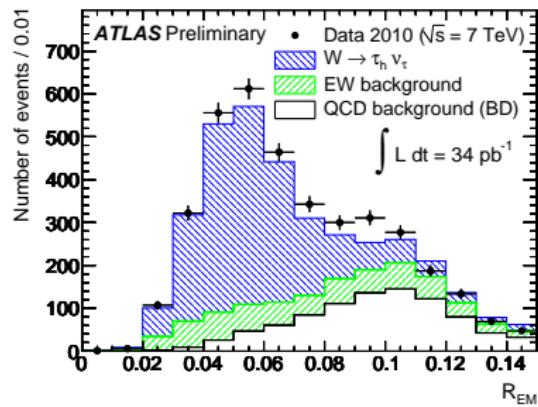
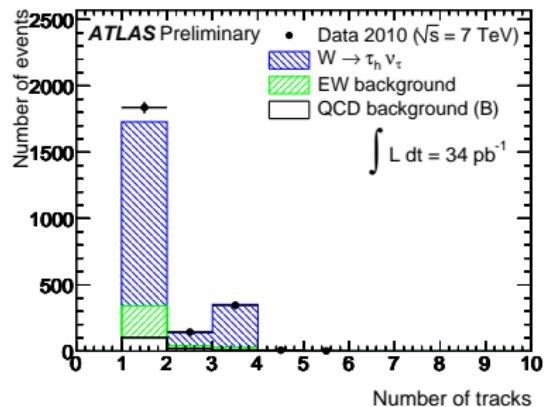
- **Projective likelihood**

$$d = \ln \left( \frac{L_S}{L_B} \right) = \sum_{i=1}^N \ln \left( \frac{p_i^S(x_i)}{p_i^B(x_i)} \right)$$

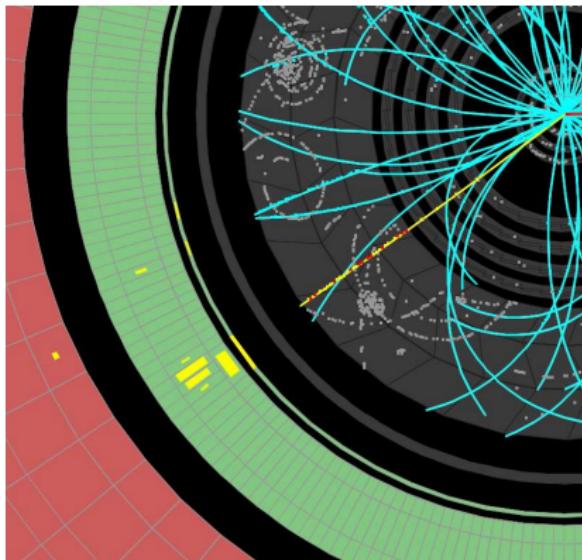
- **Boosted decision trees (BDT)**



# Seeing hadronic taus

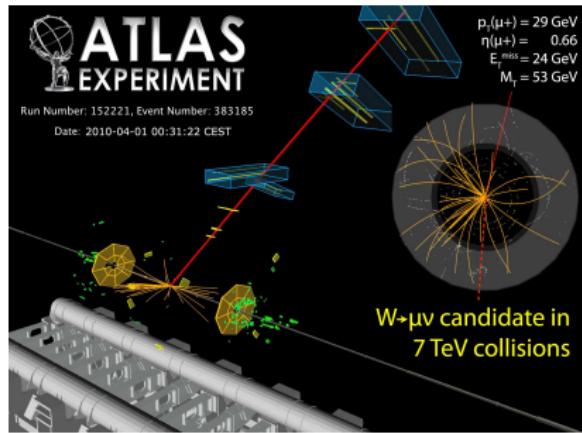


# Electrons in ATLAS



- Seeded by matching calorimeter clusters from a sliding-window algorithm to inner detector tracks.
- Candidates are selected by:
  - track quality
  - track-cluster matching
  - narrow calorimeter cluster
  - high electromagnetic fraction
- Tight candidates have cuts on  $E/p$  and high thresholds hits from the transition radiation in the TRT.

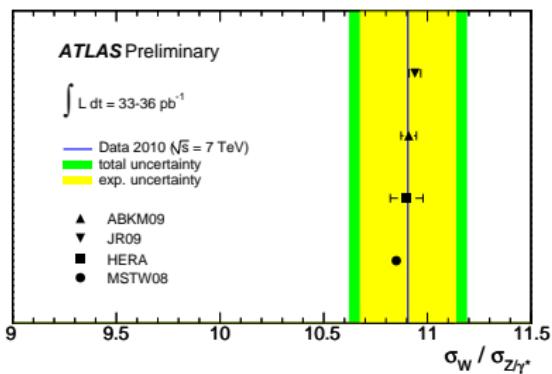
# Muons in ATLAS



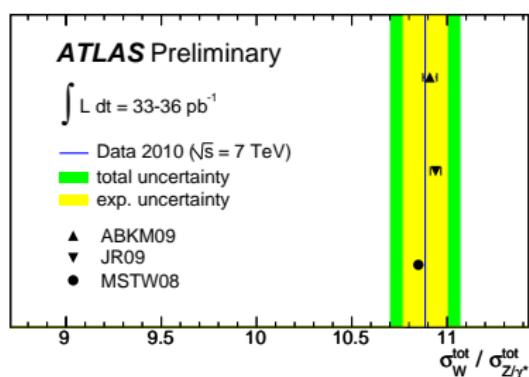
- Combination of muon spectrometer segments with inner detector tracks.
- Track combination matching to reject decays in flight.
- Impact parameter constraints to reject cosmic muons.

# $W \rightarrow \ell\nu$ and $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$ systematics reduction

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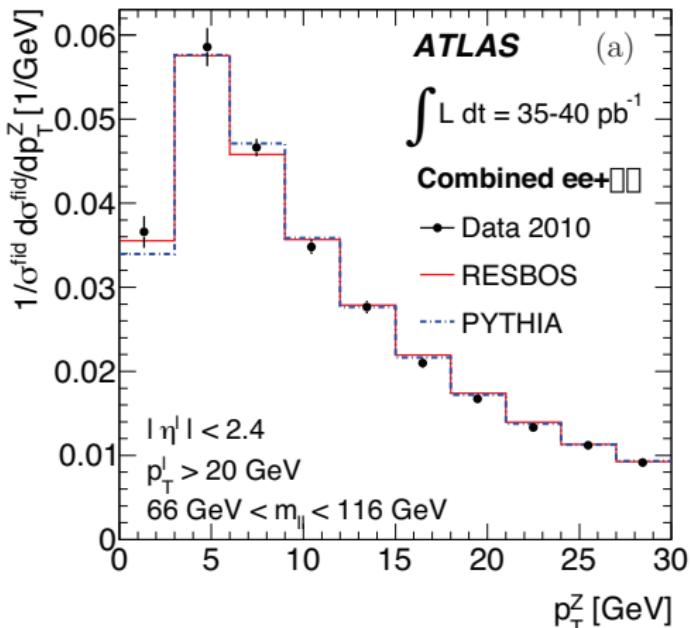


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# Z boson $p_T$ measurement

- Important for modeling high- $p_T$  lepton kinematics.
- At leading order,  $p_T^{W/Z} = 0$
- Non-zero  $p_T^{W/Z}$  is generated through the hadronic recoil of ISR,  $p_T^R$ .
- Detector and FSR effects removed with a bin-by-bin unfolding.



$$\frac{\Delta\sigma_Z^i}{\Delta p_T^i} = \frac{1}{\Delta p_T} \cdot \frac{N_{\text{obs}}^i - N_{\text{bkg}}^i}{A^i \cdot C^i \cdot \int dt \mathcal{L}},$$

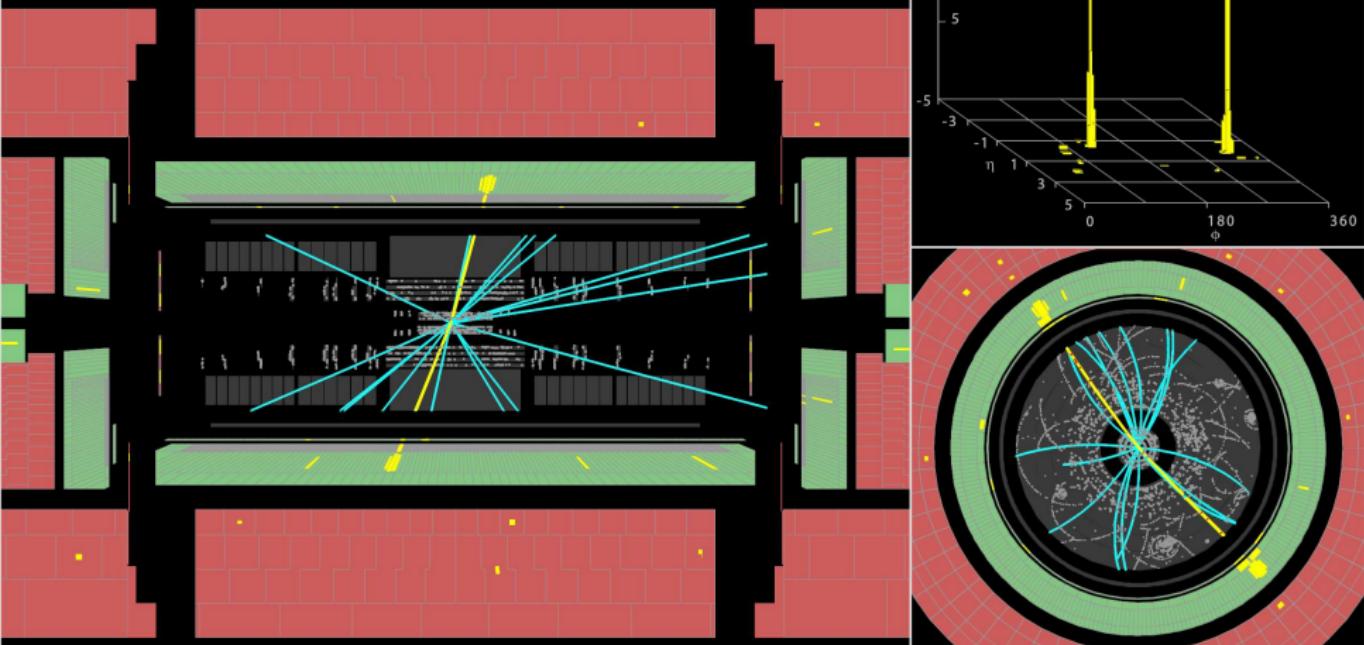
$$C^i = C_{\text{MC}}^i \cdot \frac{\varepsilon_{\text{data}}^{\text{ID},i}}{\varepsilon_{\text{MC}}^{\text{ID},i}} \cdot \frac{\varepsilon_{\text{data}}^{\text{trig},i}}{\varepsilon_{\text{MC}}^{\text{trig},i}}$$



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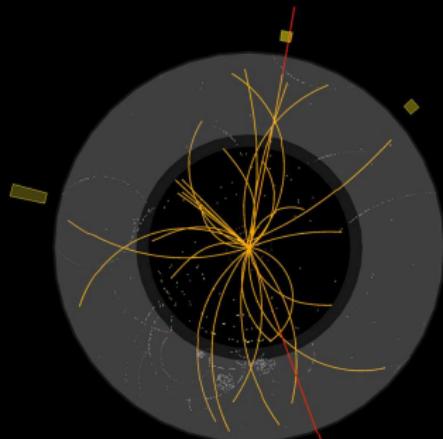
$M_{ee} = 89 \text{ GeV}$

Z $\rightarrow$ ee candidate in 7 TeV collisions





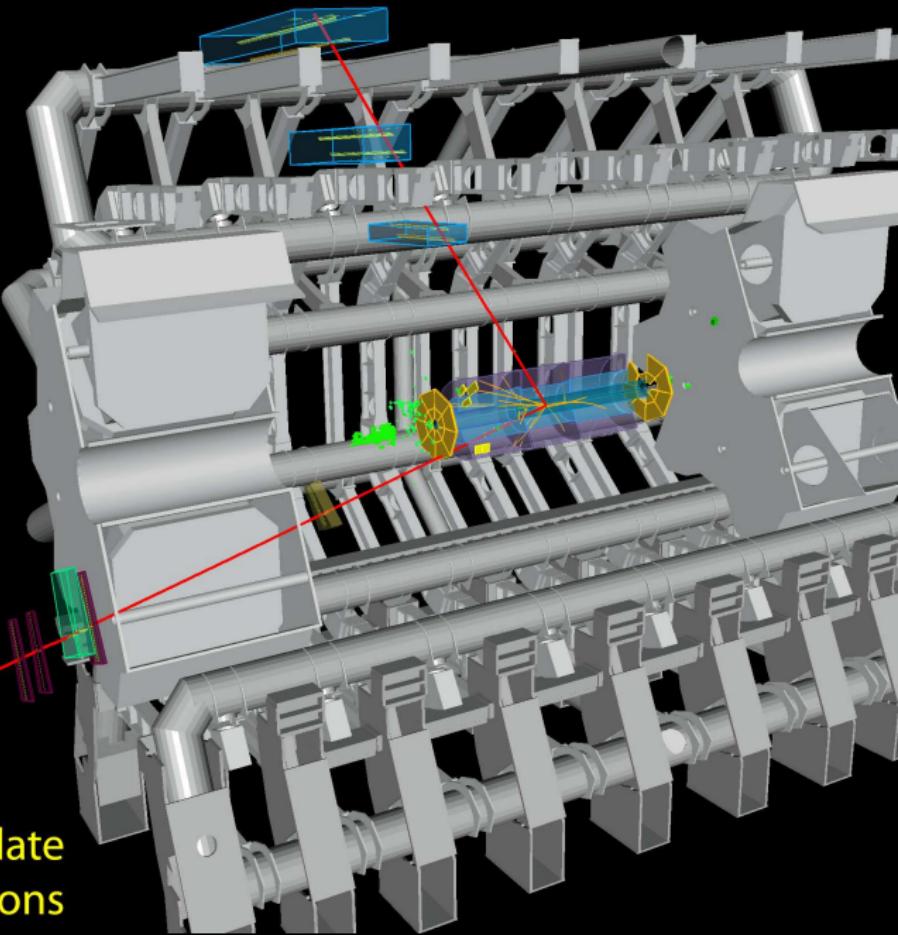
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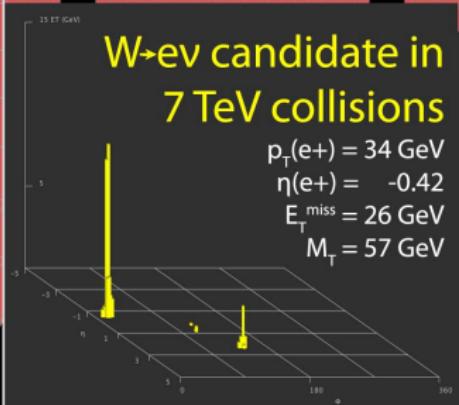
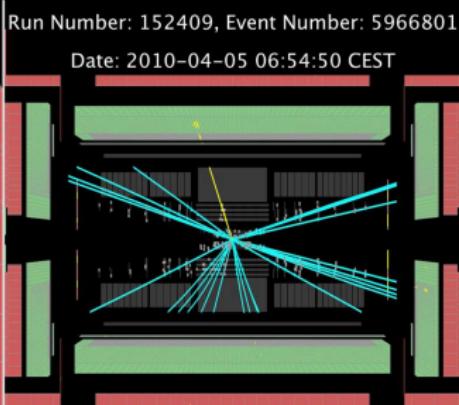
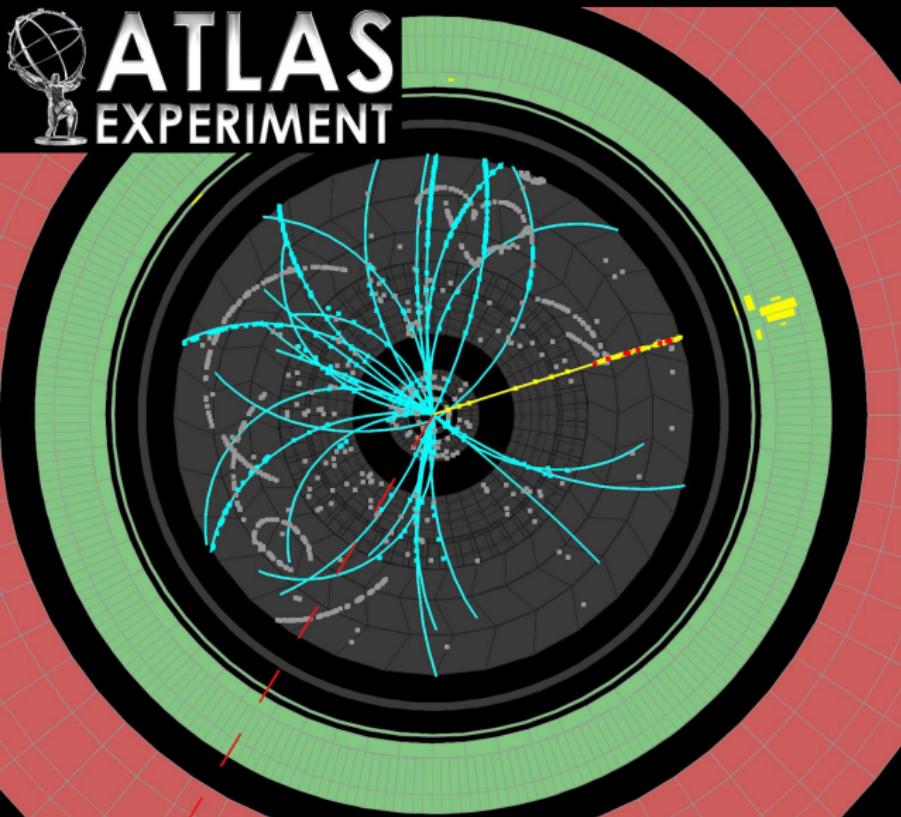


$$p_T(\mu^-) = 27 \text{ GeV} \quad \eta(\mu^-) = 0.7 \\ p_T(\mu^+) = 45 \text{ GeV} \quad \eta(\mu^+) = 2.2$$

$$M_{\mu\mu} = 87 \text{ GeV}$$

$Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$  candidate  
in 7 TeV collisions





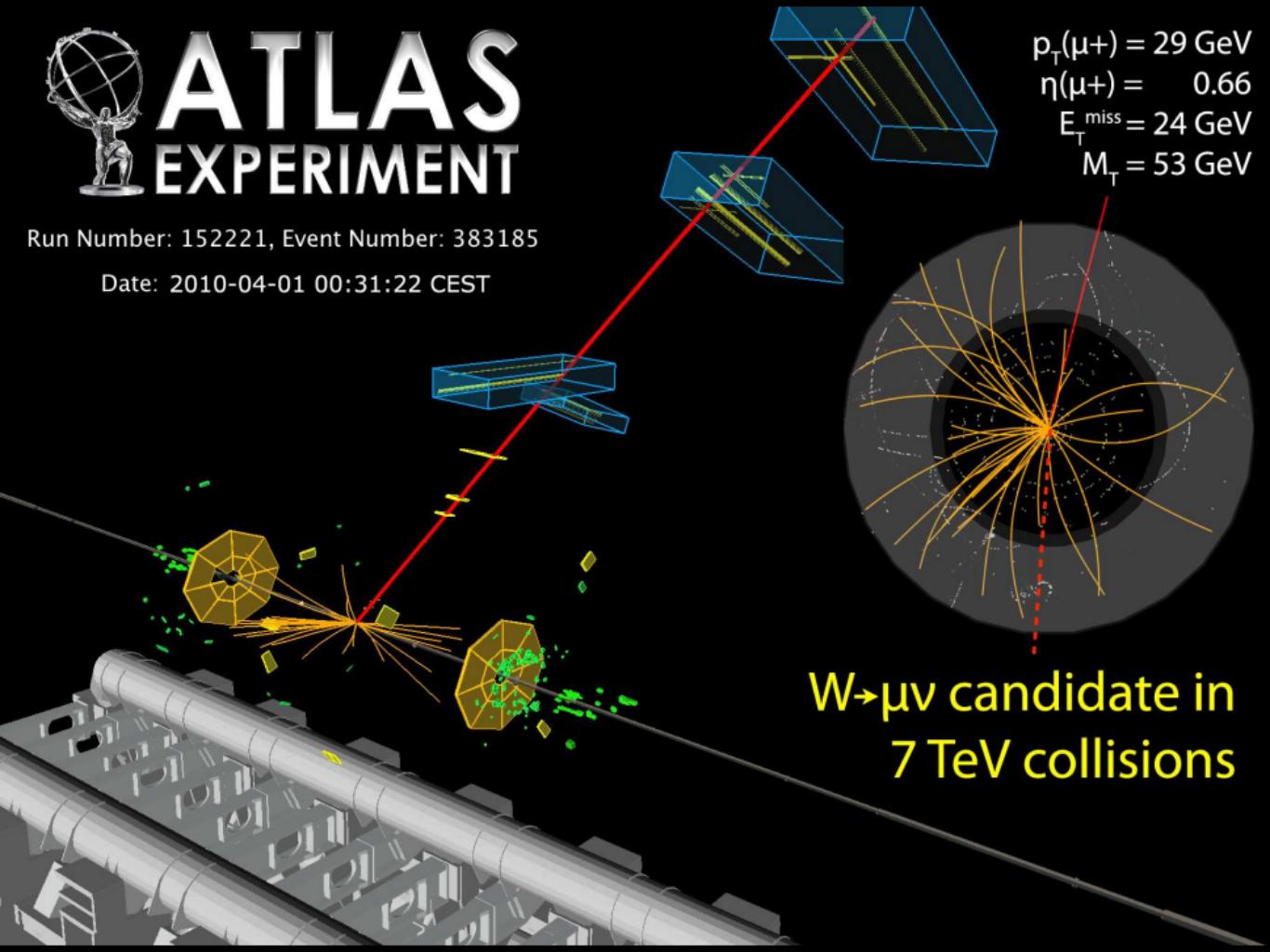


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$p_T(\mu+) = 29 \text{ GeV}$   
 $\eta(\mu+) = 0.66$   
 $E_T^{\text{miss}} = 24 \text{ GeV}$   
 $M_T = 53 \text{ GeV}$



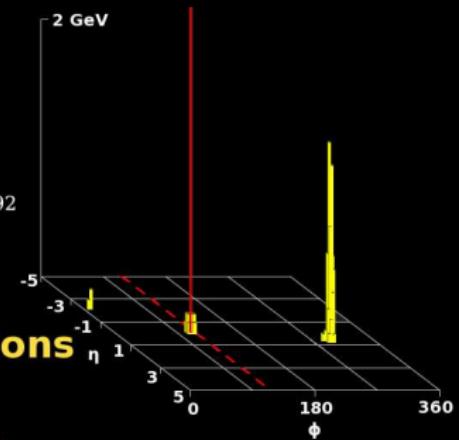
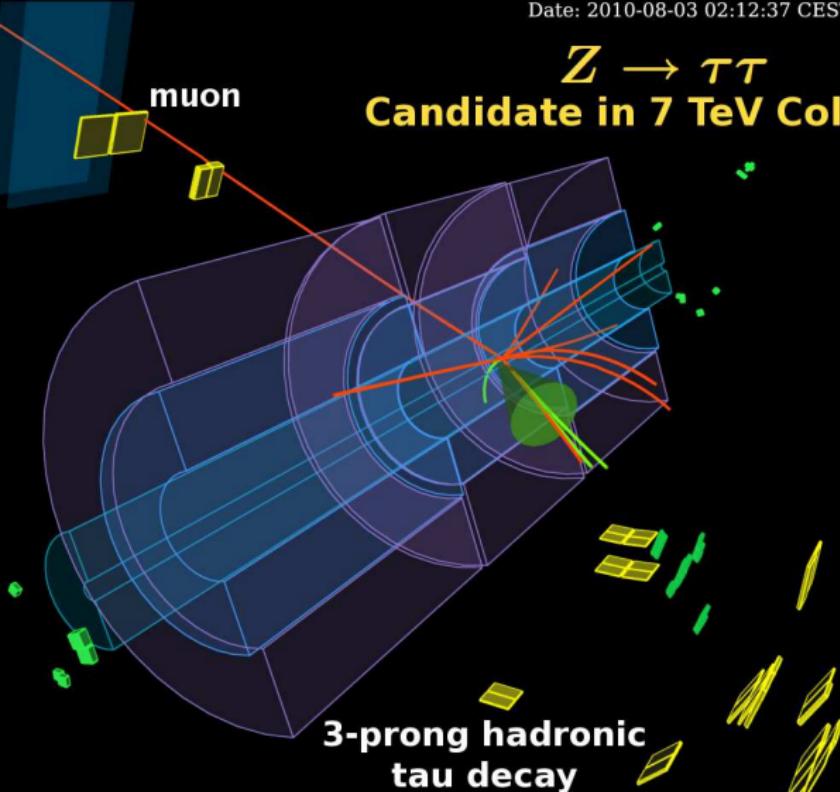


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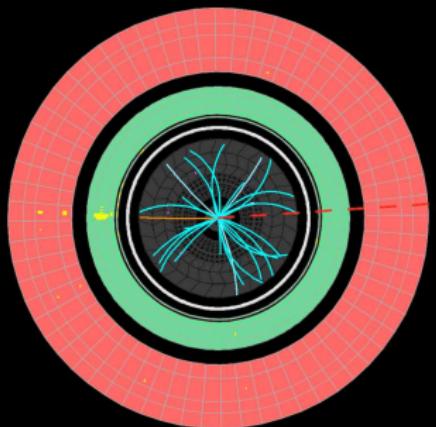
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$Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$   
**Candidate in 7 TeV Collisions**



**3-prong hadronic  
tau decay**



Run 155697, Event 6769403  
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W $\rightarrow$  $\tau\nu$  candidate in  
7 TeV collisions

