

Search for
Flavor Changing Neutral Currents
in Top Quark Decays

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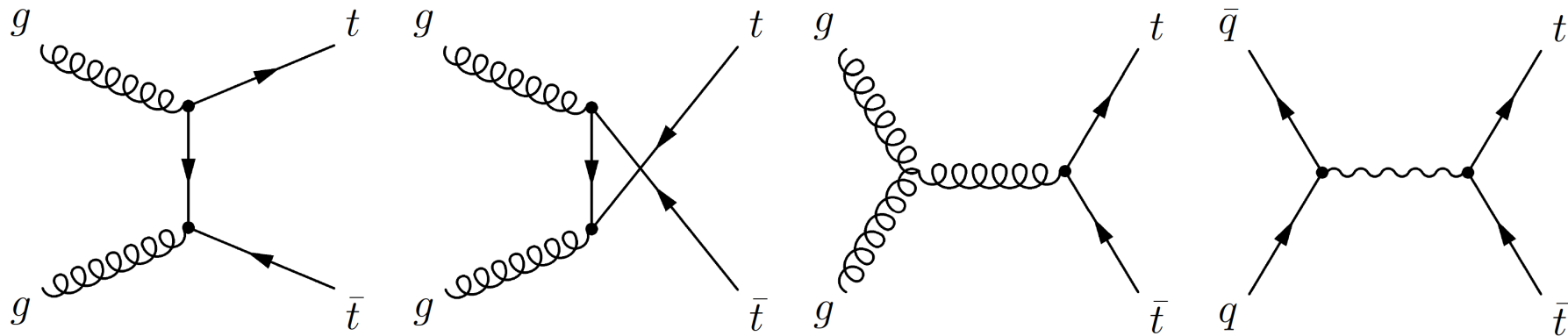
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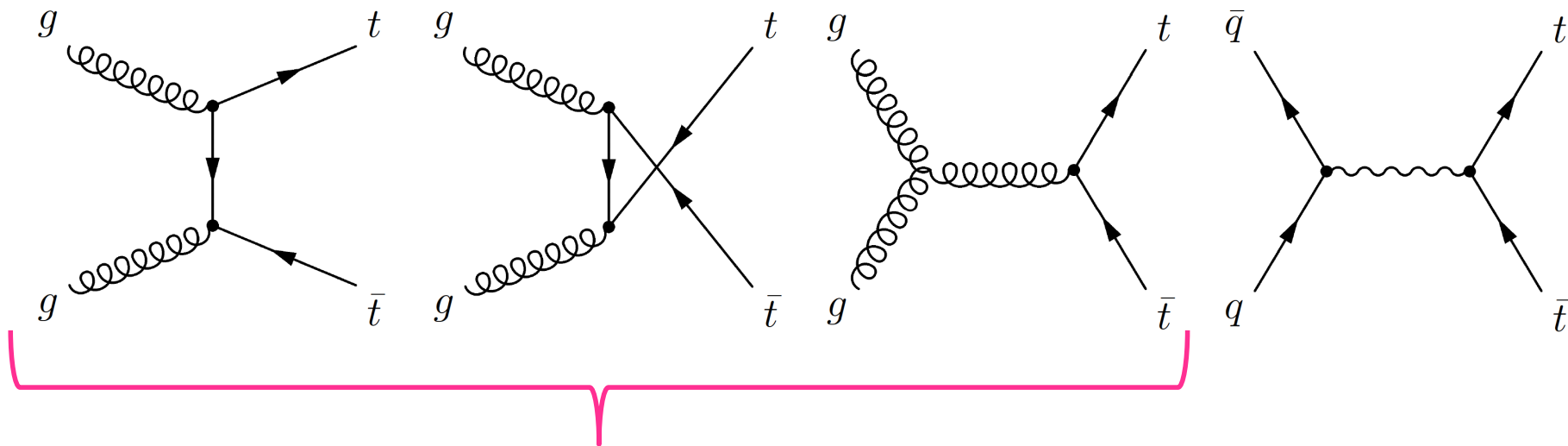
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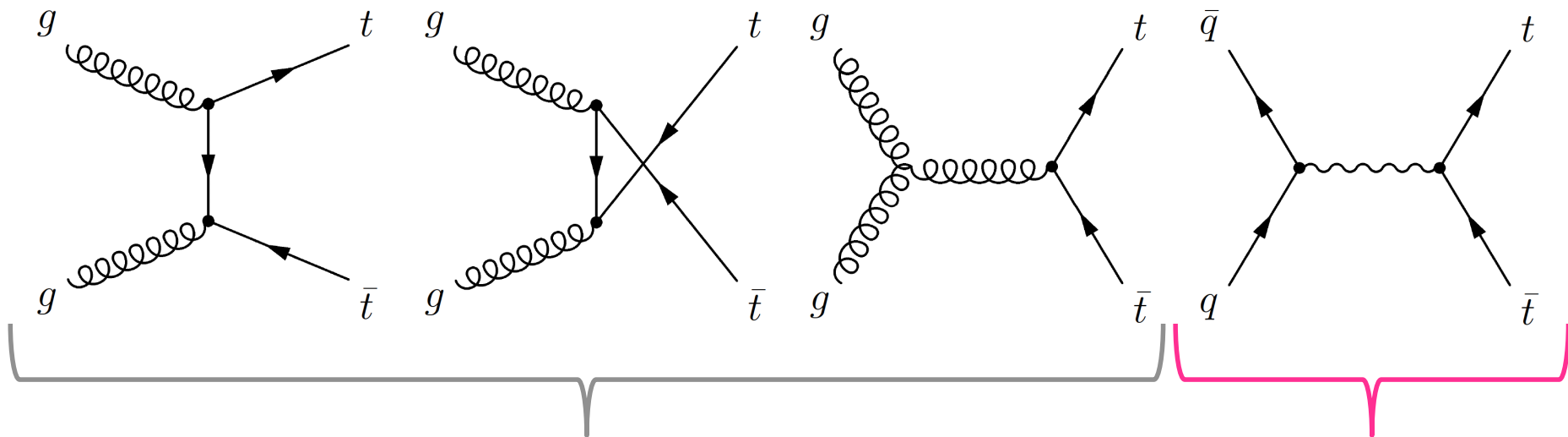
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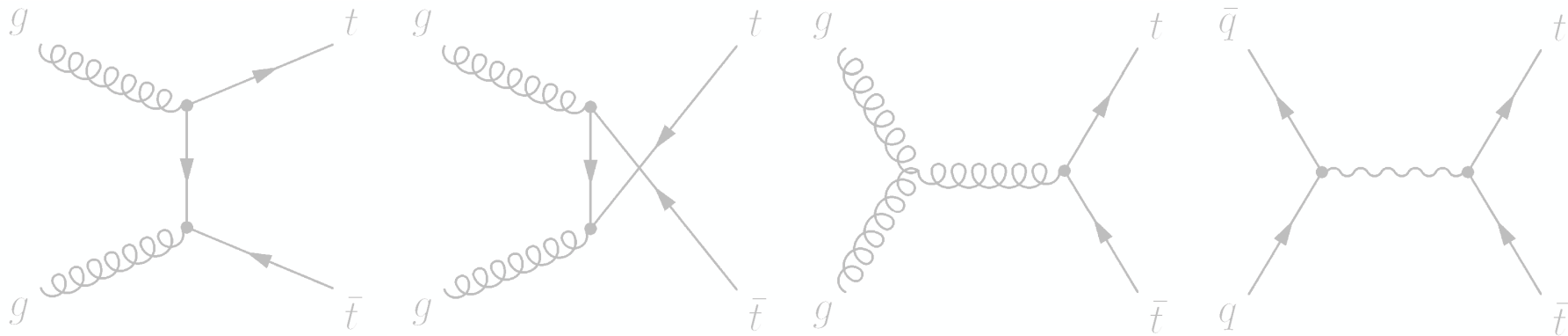
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Top Quarks can also be produced via single-top quark production mechanisms.

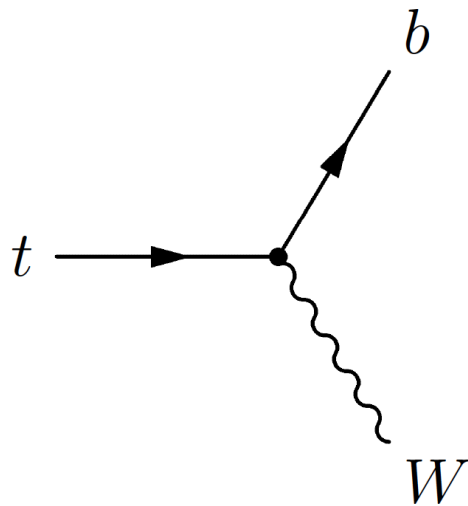


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Top Quark Decay

SM favored decay:



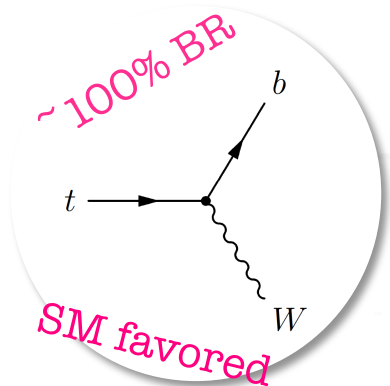
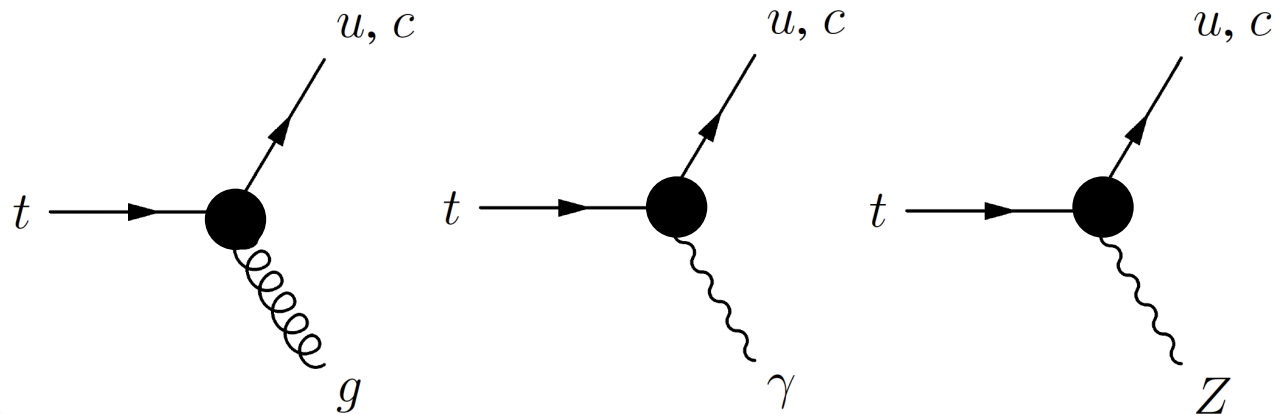


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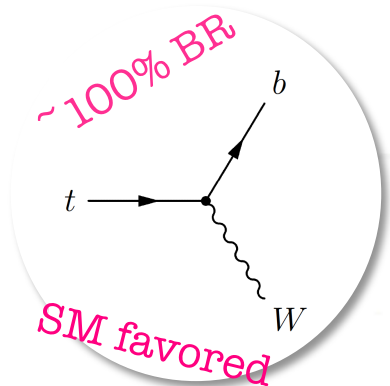
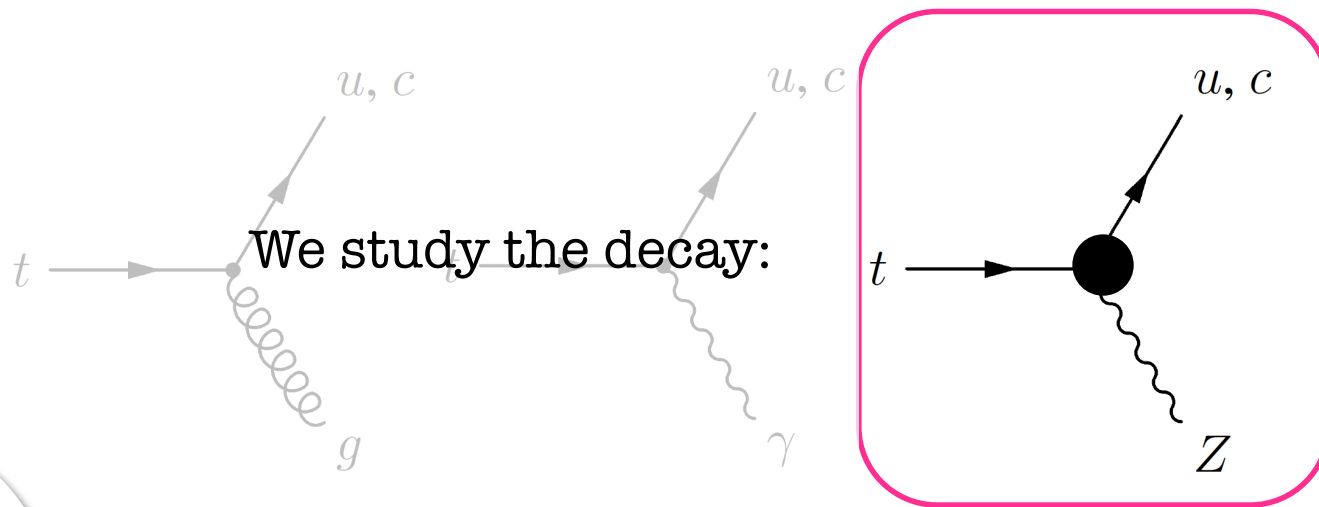


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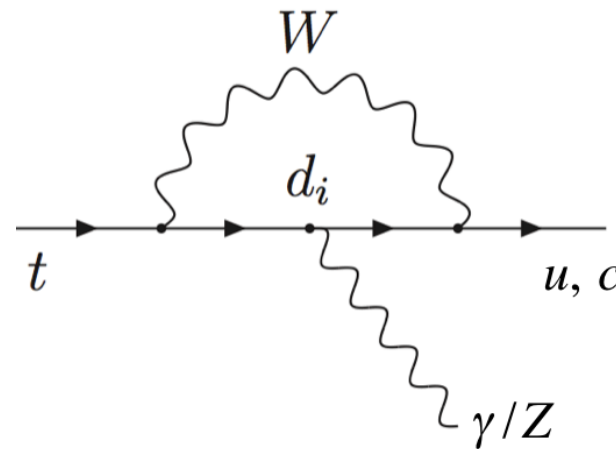
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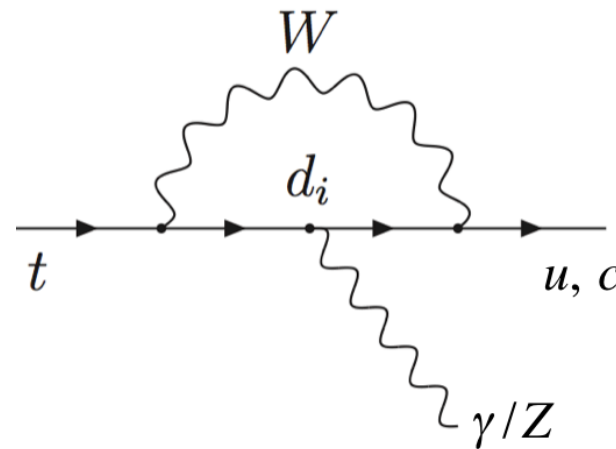


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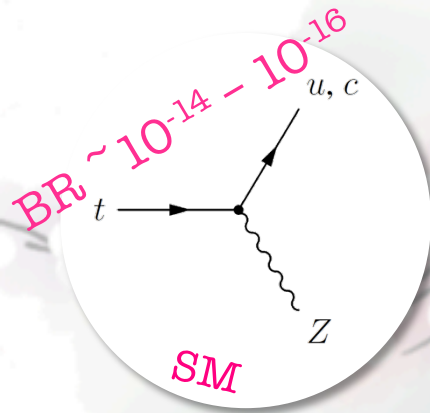
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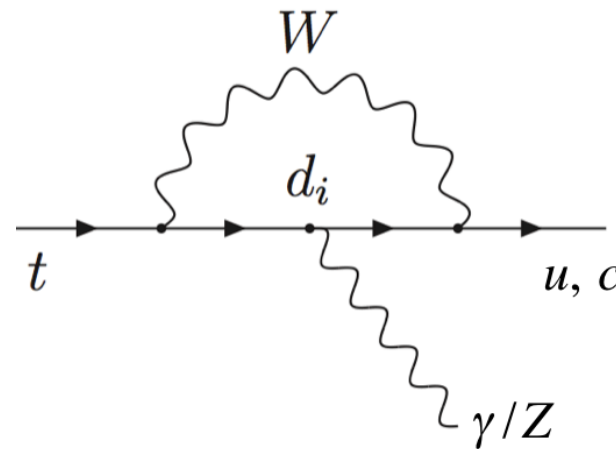


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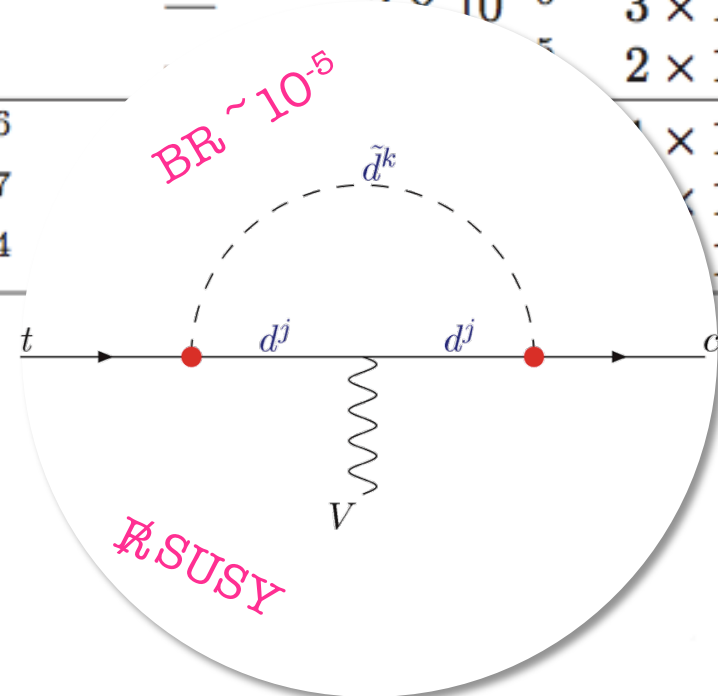
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E. g. in some R-parity violating SUSY models, the BR can be enhanced up to $\sim 10^{-5}$



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Before the LHC searches, best limit
from D0 Collaboration:

$$\text{BR}(t \rightarrow Zq) < 3.2\%$$

using top quark pairs, with W- and Z-
bosons decay leptonically.



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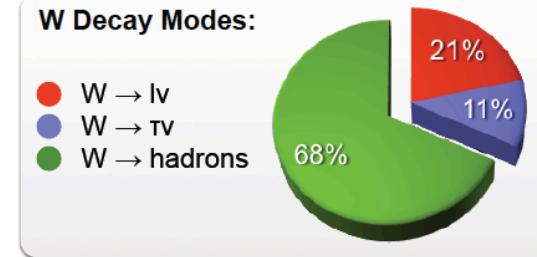
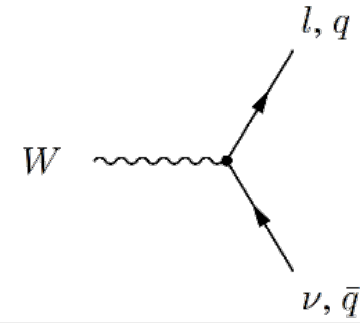
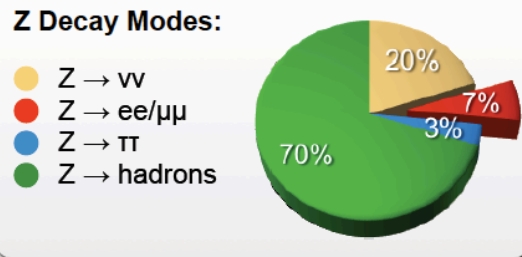
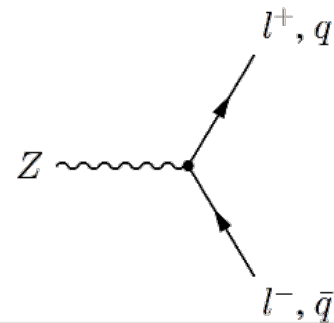
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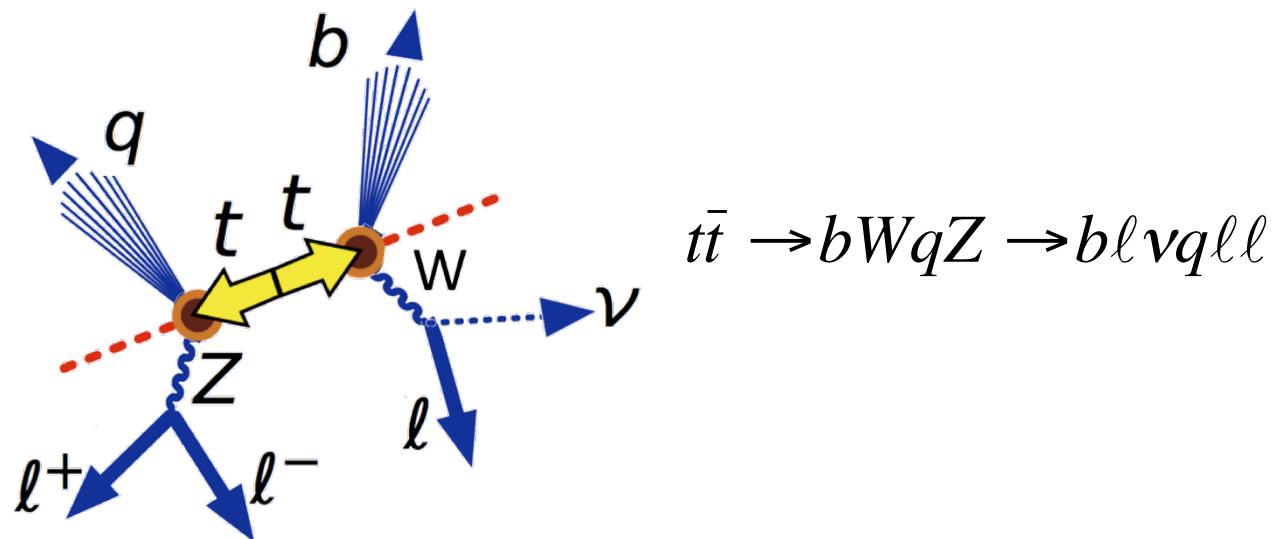




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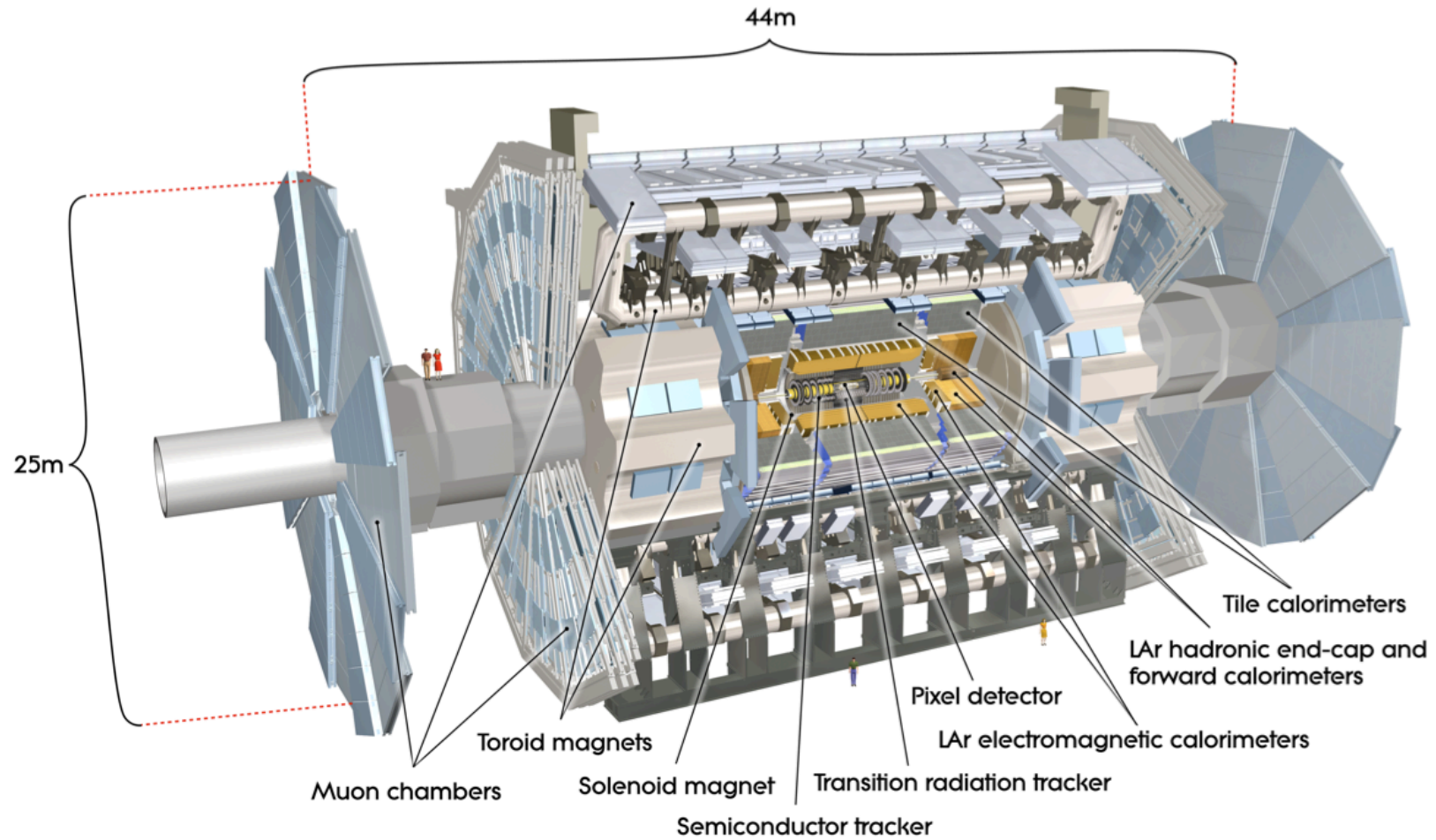
Large Hadron Collider @CERN

ATLAS
detector

World's largest and most energetic particle collider!
pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$ in
2010-2011,
and a peak luminosity:
 $3.6 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$



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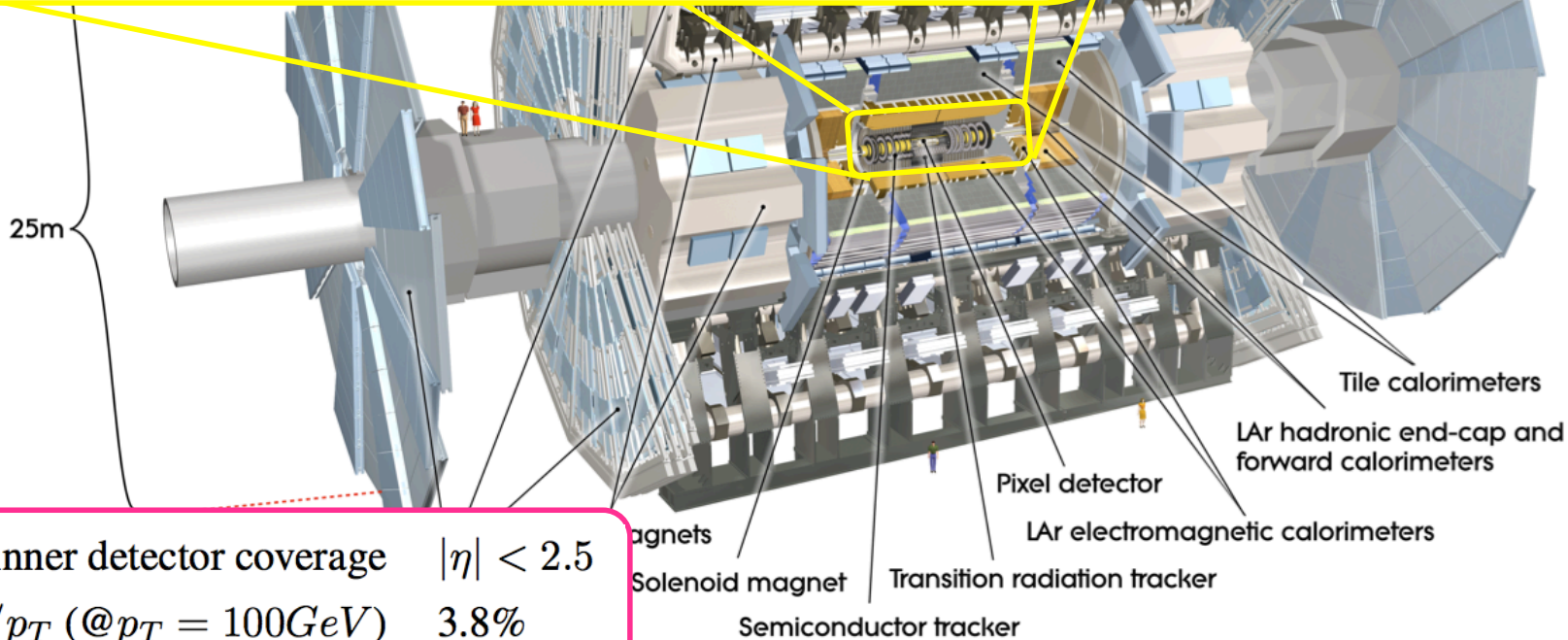
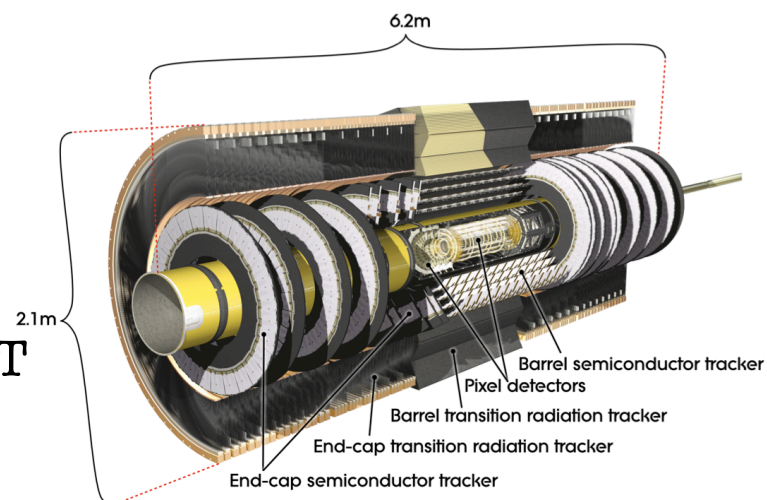




Inner Detector

Silicon pixels and strips, TRT.

Solenoid provides 2T magnetic field



inner detector coverage $|\eta| < 2.5$
 $\sigma(p_T)/p_T$ (@ $p_T = 100\text{GeV}$) 3.8%



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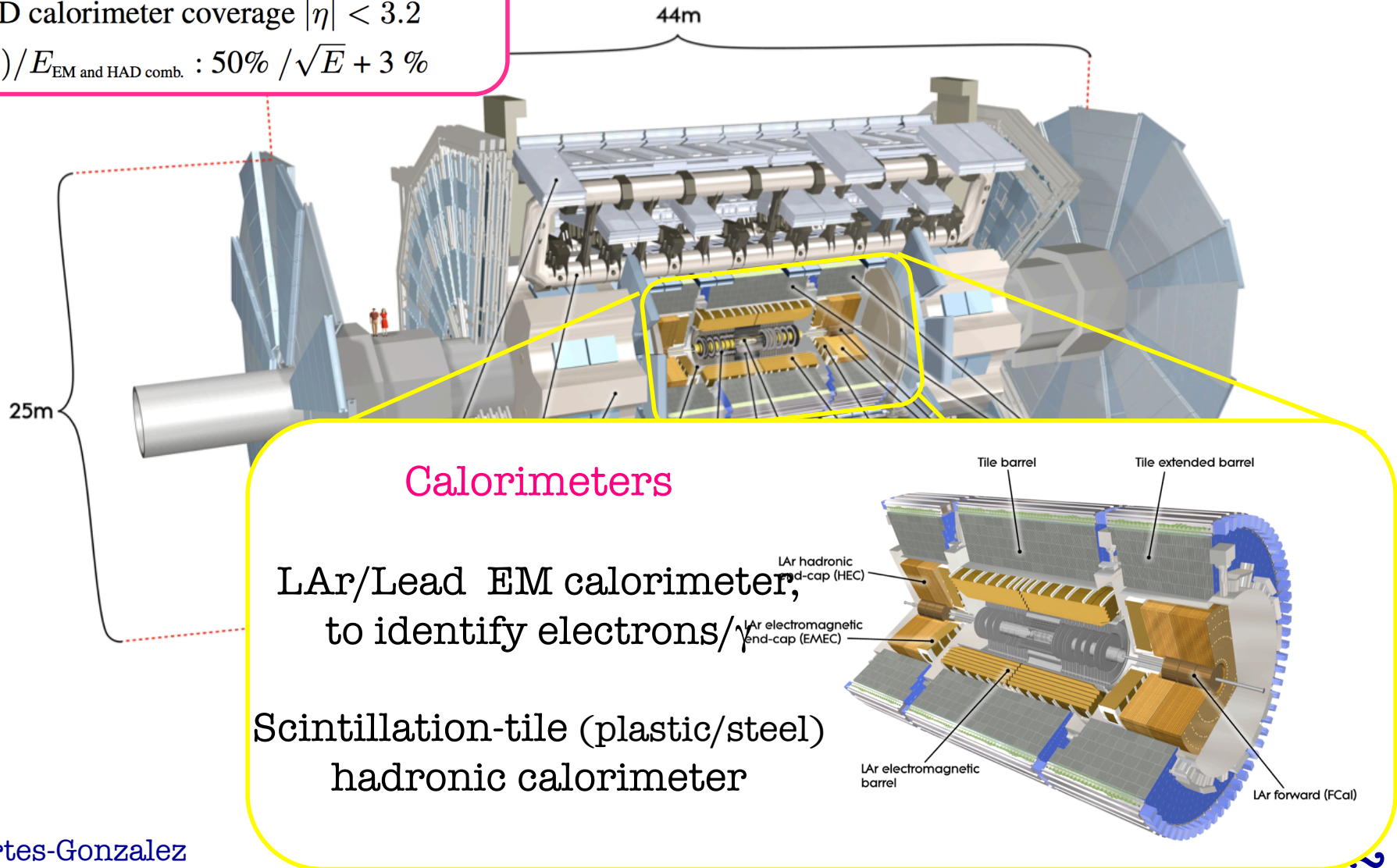


EM calorimeter coverage $|\eta| < 3.2$

$\sigma(E)/E : 10\% / \sqrt{E} + 0.7\%$

HAD calorimeter coverage $|\eta| < 3.2$

$\sigma(E)/E_{EM \text{ and HAD comb.}} : 50\% / \sqrt{E} + 3\%$





ATLAS Detector



muon spectrometer coverage $|\eta| < 2.7$

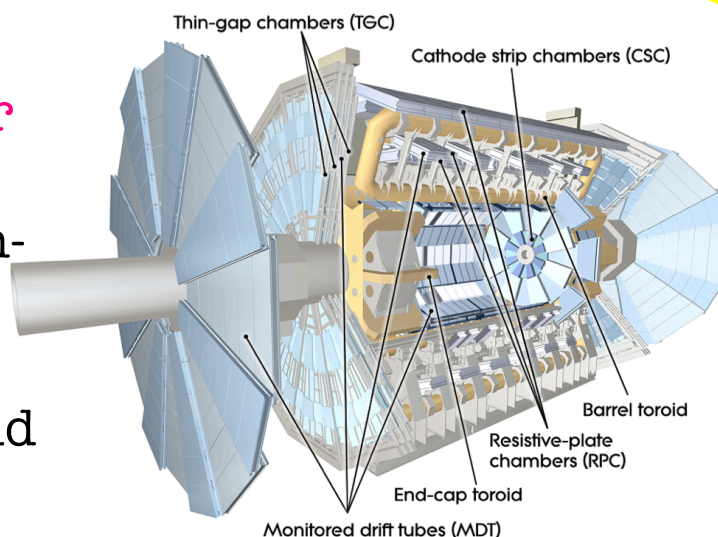
$\sigma(p_T)/p_T$ (@ $p_T = 1$ TeV) stand-alone: 12% $_{|\eta| < 1.5}$

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Muon Spectrometer

With trigger and high-precision chambers

Toroidal magnetic field



Tile calorimeters
LAr hadronic end-cap and forward calorimeters
Magnetic calorimeters



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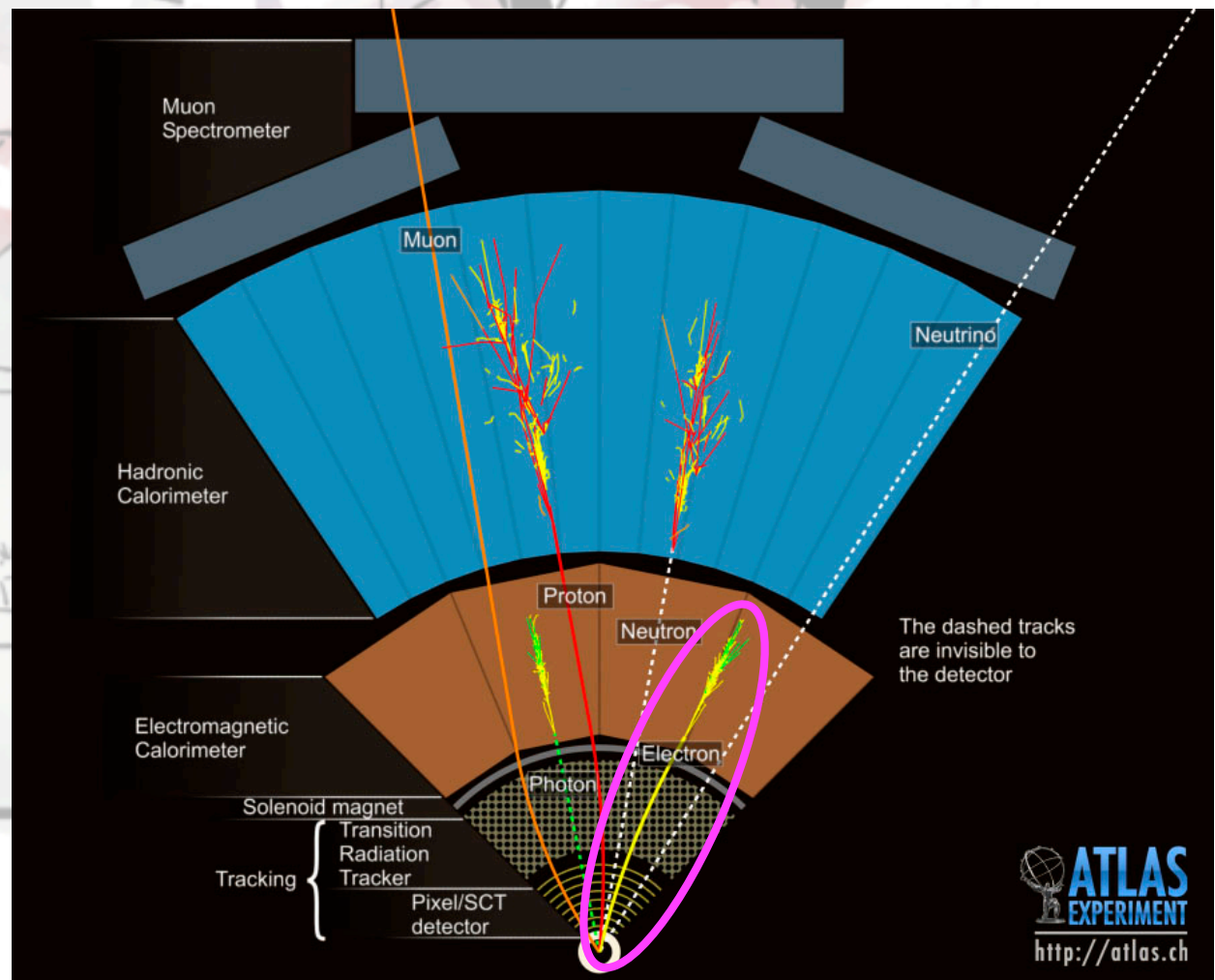
ID electrons

Isolated Electromagnetic clusters associated to Inner Detector track.

$$p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}, |\eta| < 2.47$$

Exclude transition region between Barrel and End-Cap

$$\text{Calo-iso}(\Delta R < 0.2) < 3.5 \text{ GeV}$$





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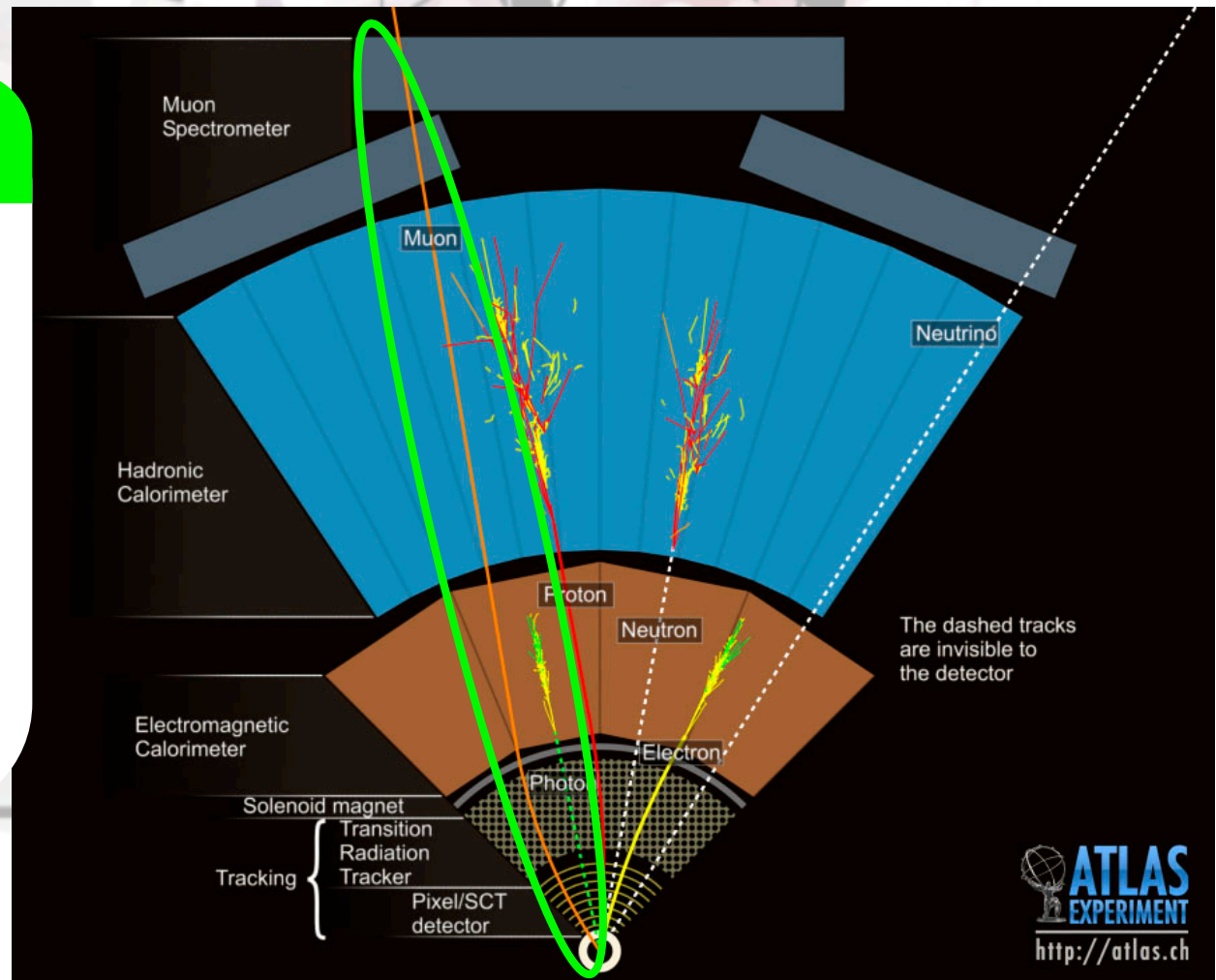
ID muons

Tracks segments from MS
matched to tracks from
Inner Detector, & refitted.

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$$\text{Calo-iso}(\Delta R < 0.3) < 4 \text{ GeV}$$
$$\text{Trk-iso}(\Delta R < 0.3) < 4 \text{ GeV}$$

$$|d_0| < 0.5 \text{ mm}$$





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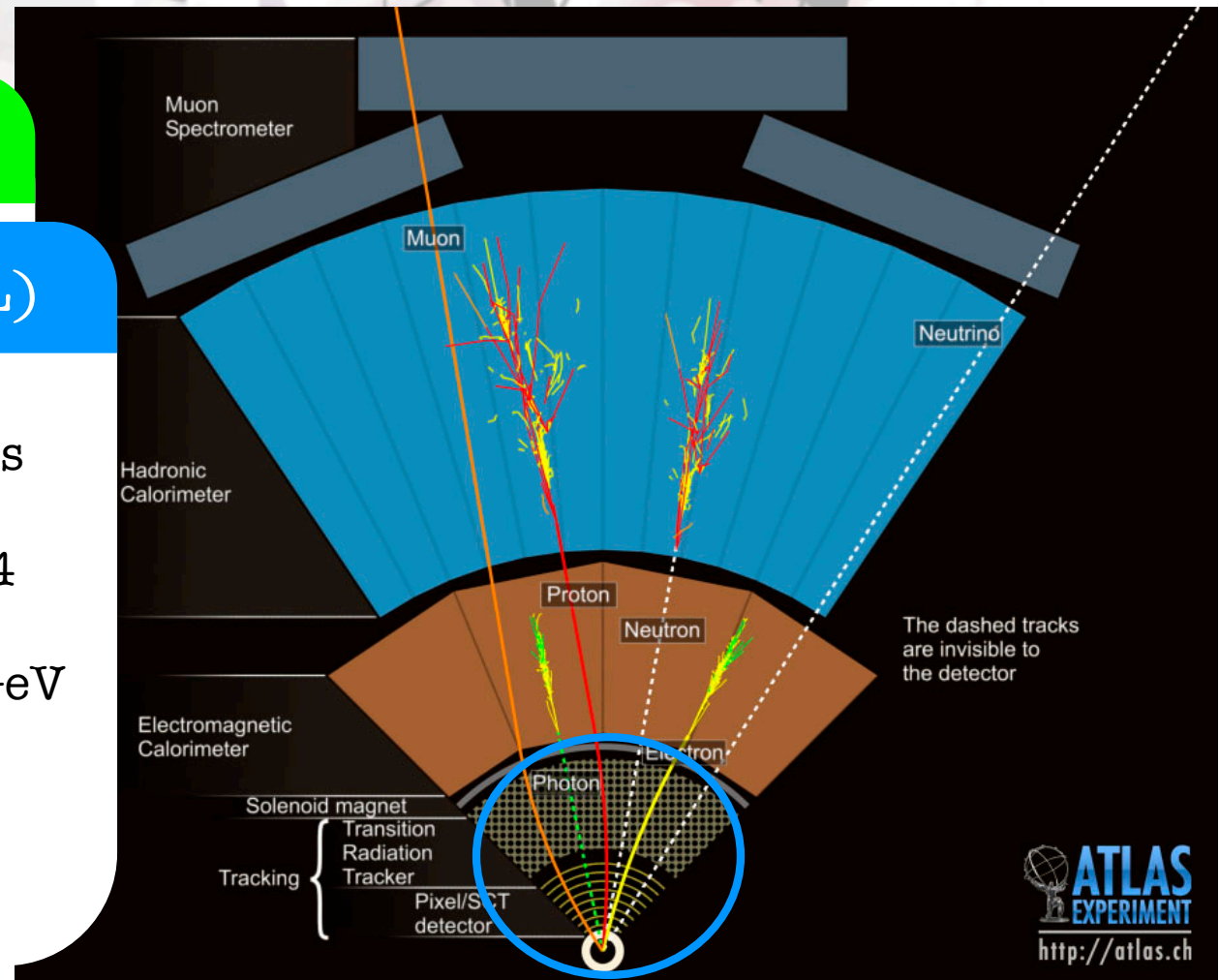
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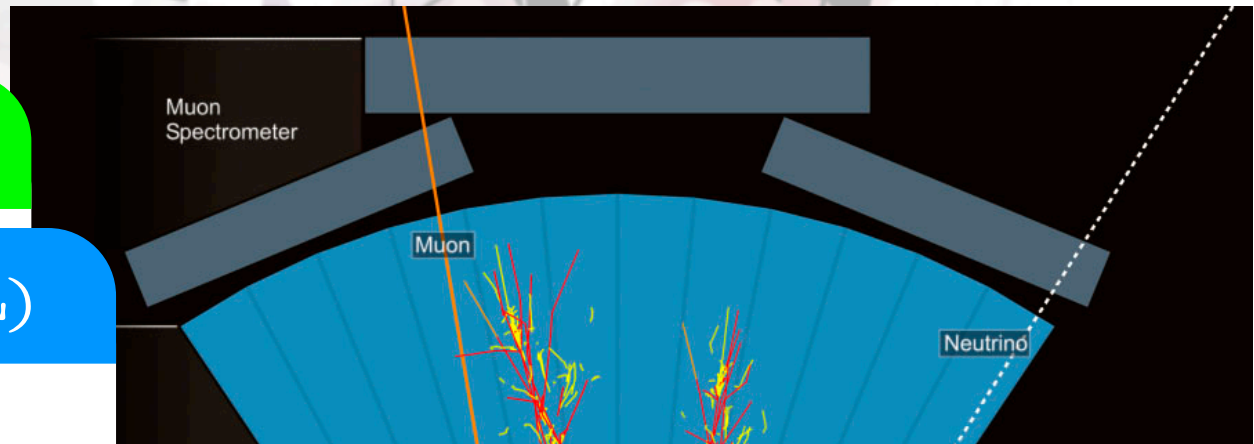
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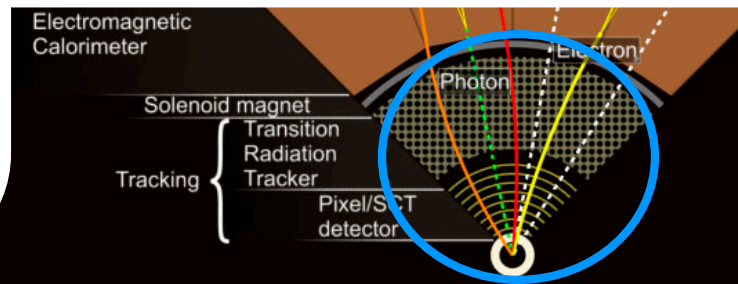
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Recovers areas of inefficiency in the standard lepton identification algorithms, and selects a fraction of hadronic tau decays.





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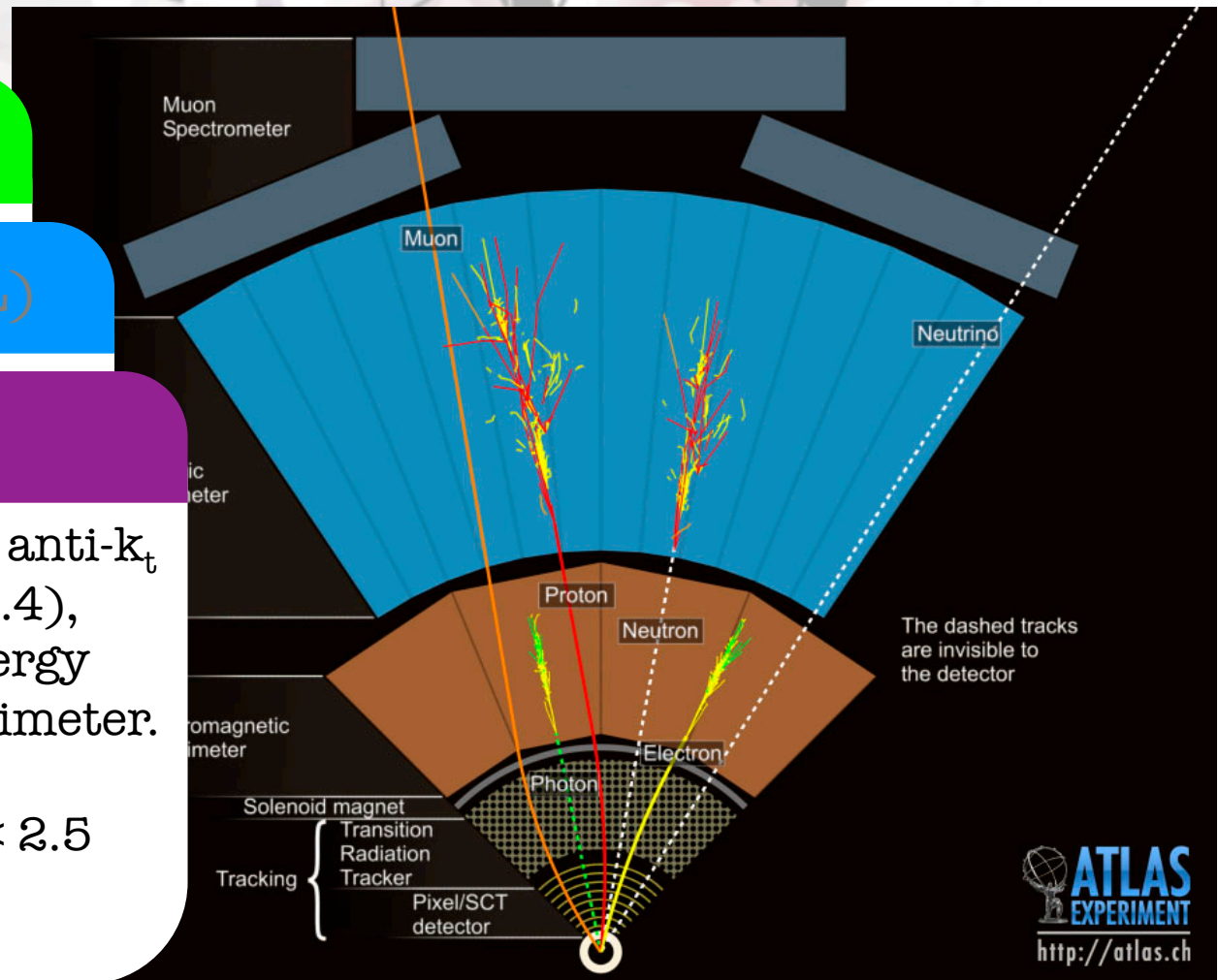
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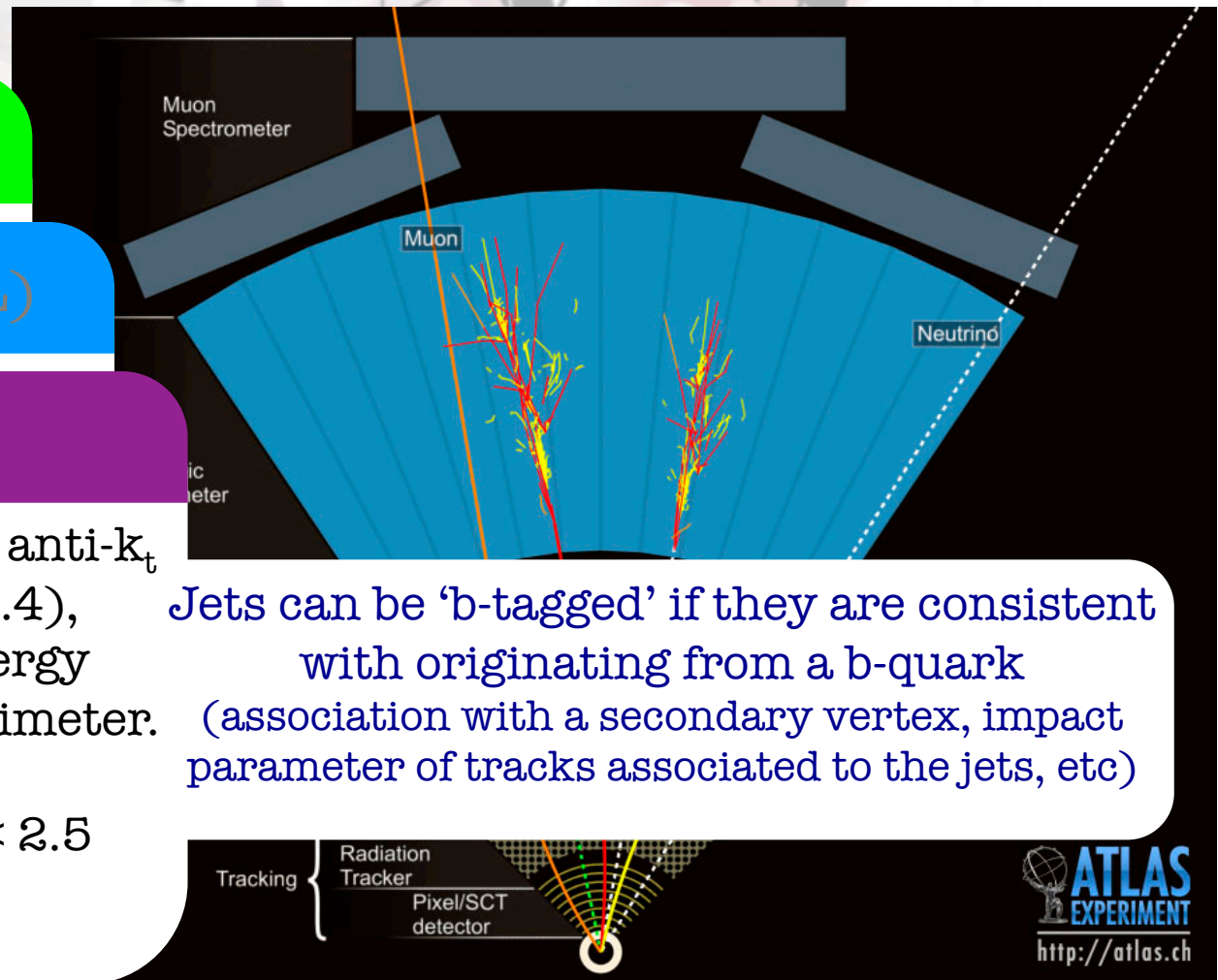
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Jets can be 'b-tagged' if they are consistent with originating from a b-quark (association with a secondary vertex, impact parameter of tracks associated to the jets, etc)





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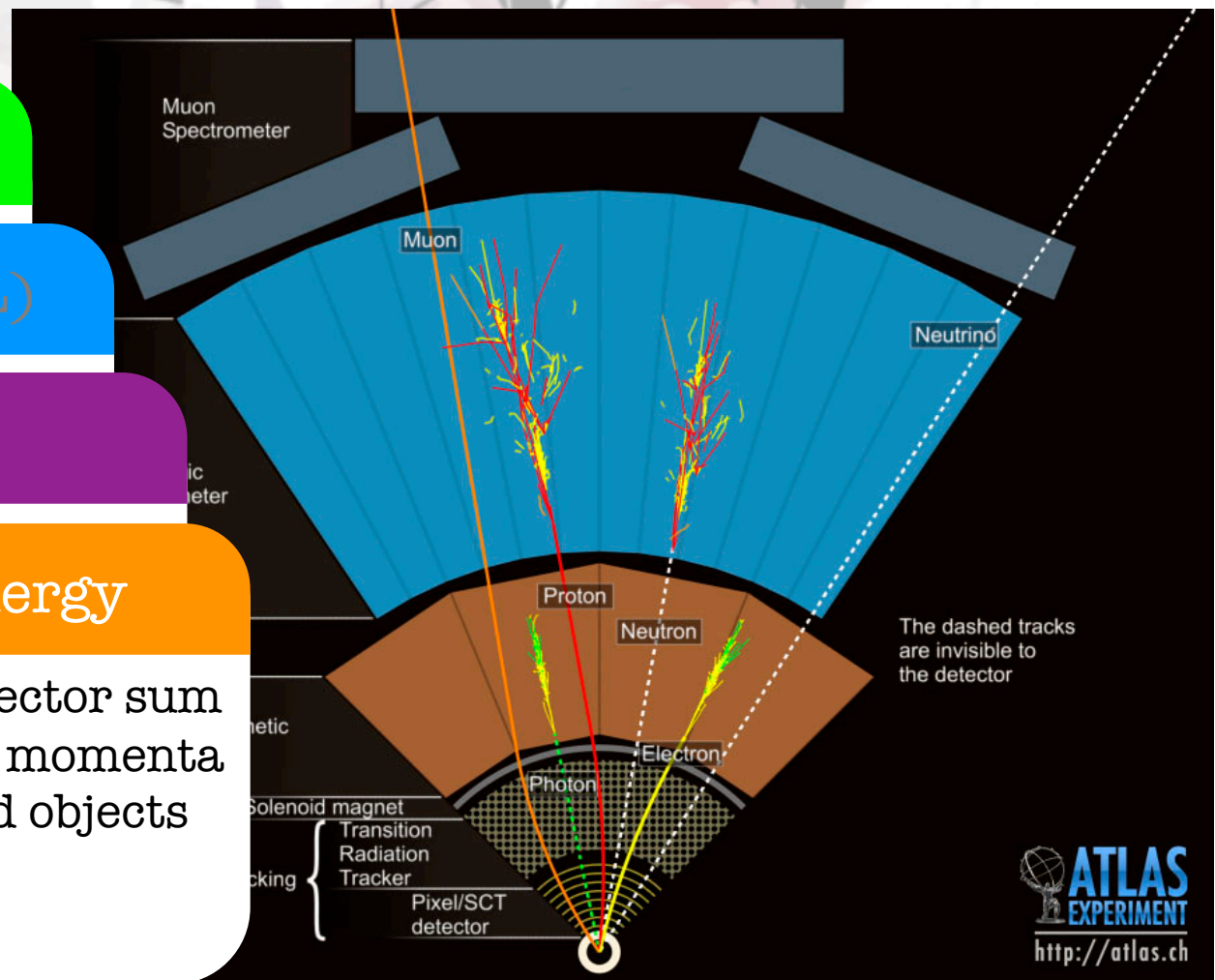
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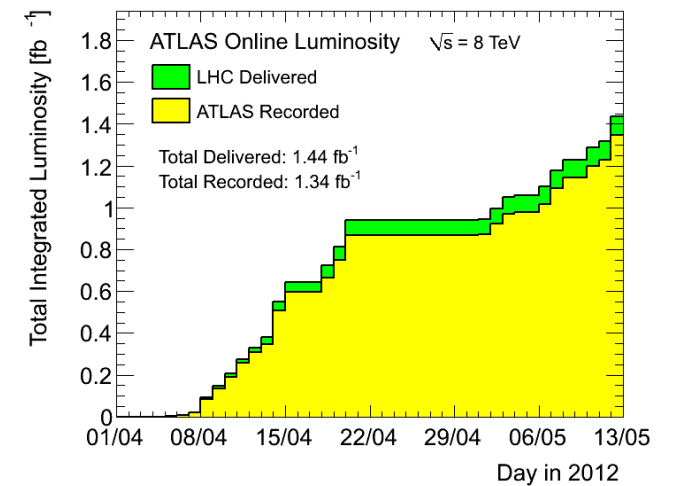
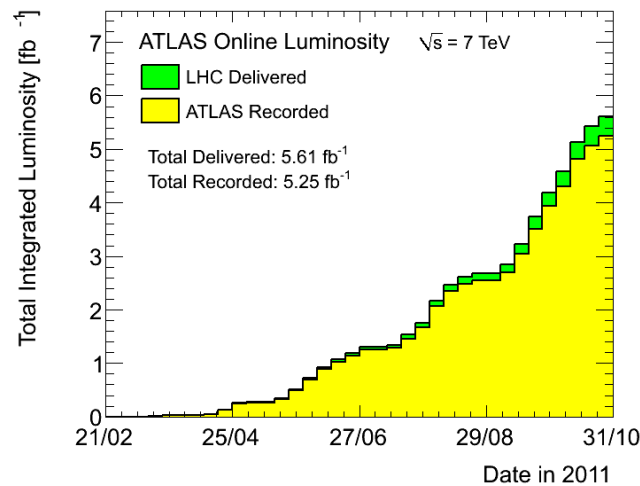
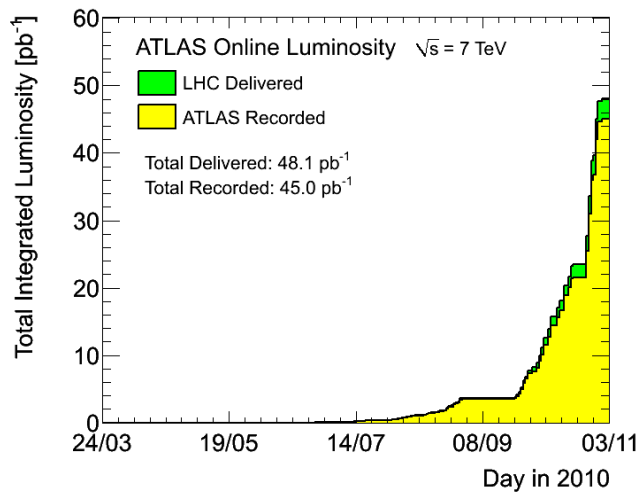
Missing energy

$E_{T,miss}$: Negative vector sum of the transverse momenta of reconstructed objects





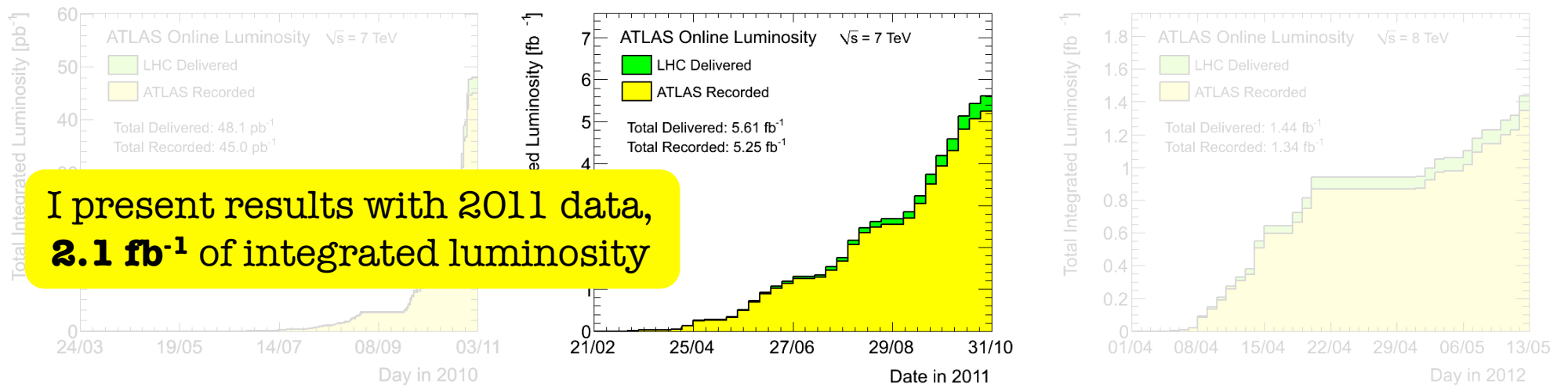
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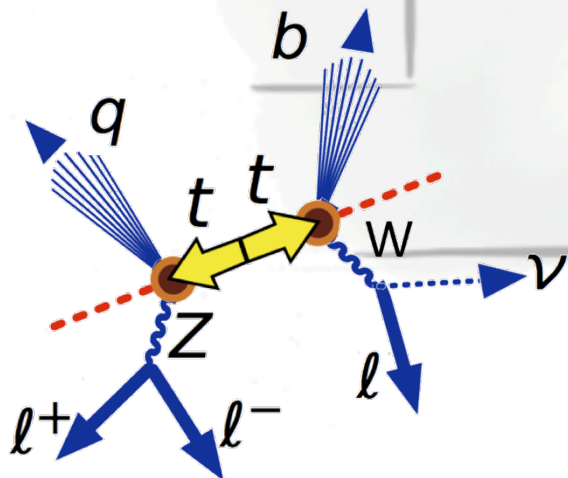
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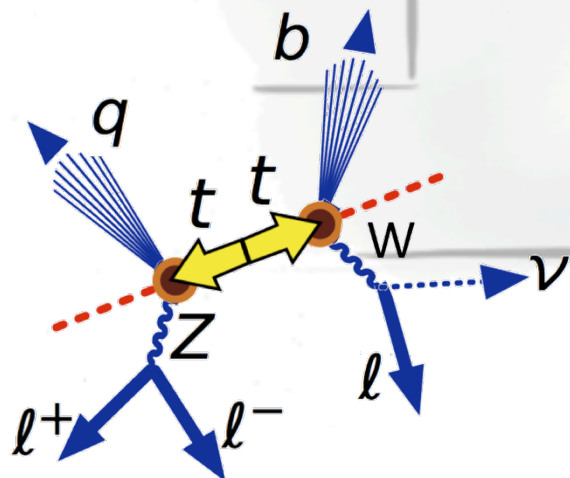
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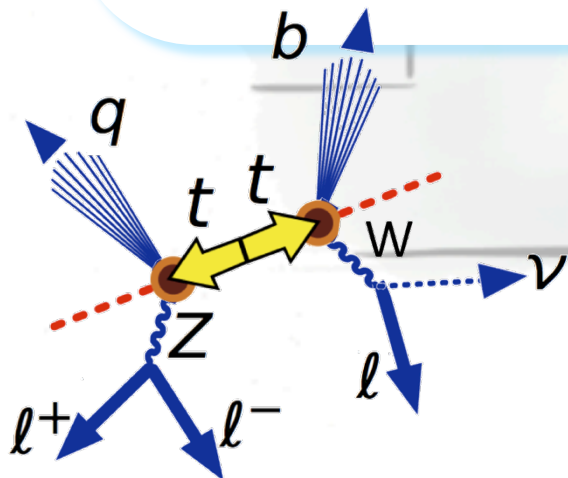
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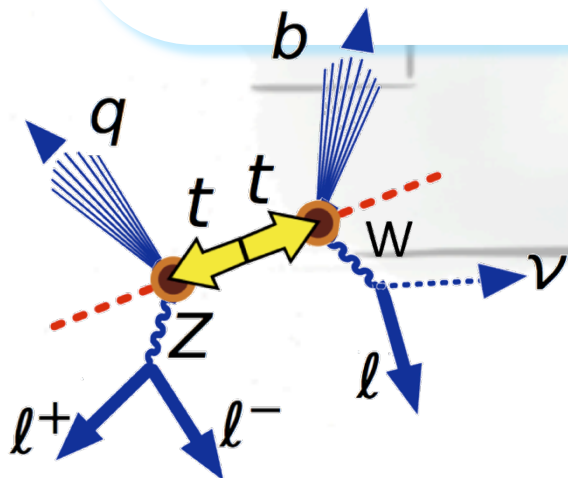
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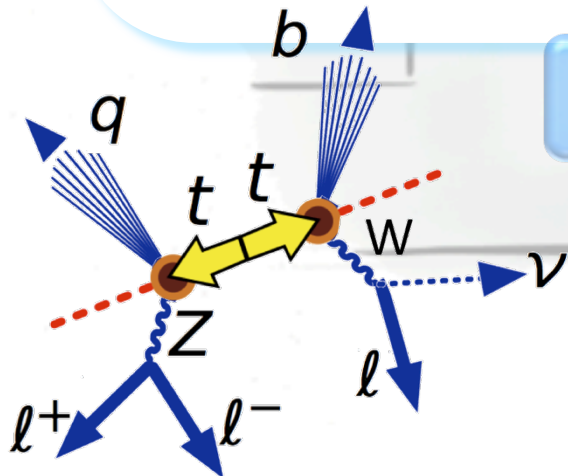
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2ID+TL Event Selection



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Event Selection



Preselection

- Basic Cuts, Trigger
- Exactly three leptons
 - all matched to the same Primary Vertex

2ID+TL Two ID leptons + one TL
 $P_T^{TL} > 25 \text{ GeV}, P_T^{e, \mu} > 20 \text{ GeV}$

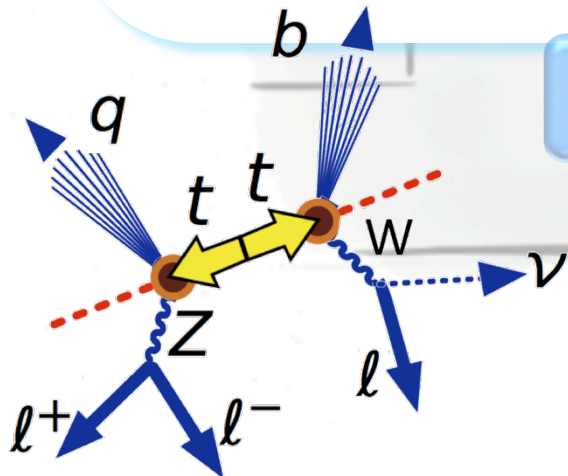
3ID Three ID leptons
 $P_T^{\text{lead}} > 25 \text{ GeV}, P_T^{\text{sublead}} > 20 \text{ GeV}$

- Two leptons of the same flavor and opposite charge
- $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 20 \text{ GeV}$
- Two or more ID jets

2ID+TL At least one jet b-tagged

Final Selection

- Event Reconstruction
 - $|m_Z - m_Z^{\text{reco}}| < 15 \text{ GeV}$
 - $|m_W - m_W^{\text{reco}}| < 30 \text{ GeV}$
 - $|m_t - m_t^{\text{reco}}| < 40 \text{ GeV}$





2ID + TL Gain



The 2ID+TL gives a 22% gain wrt the 3ID channel alone.

Gain

This gain comes mainly from e and μ in the transition regions and gaps in detector coverage.

There is also a partial recovery of efficiency losses in the e and μ selection and additional acceptance from hadronic taus.



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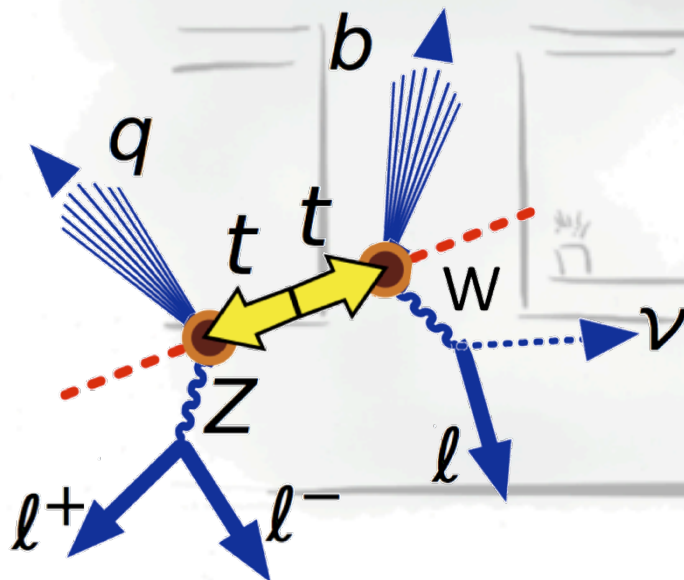
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Backgrounds



SM processes that have a similar final state topology

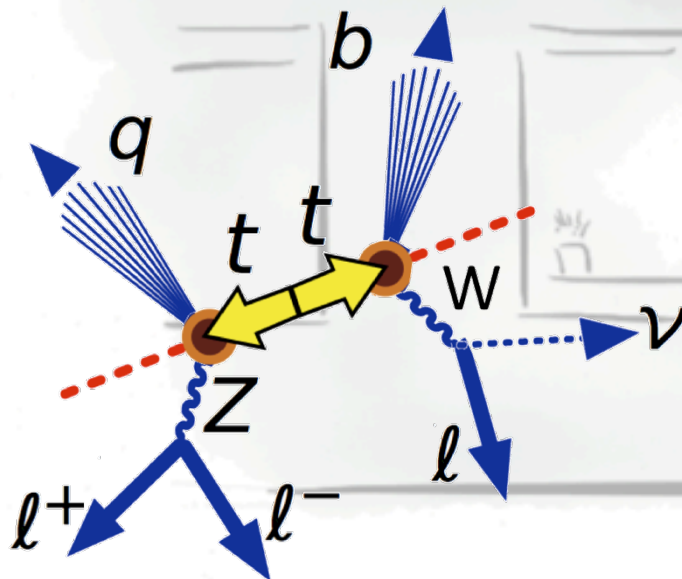




Backgrounds



SM processes that have a similar final state topology



Three Real Leptons

Dibosons WZ, ZZ
t-tbar+W, t-tbar+Z

at least one Fake Lepton

t-tbar, Z+jets, W+jets, WW, single top



Backgrounds

Three real leptons

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 $t\text{-}\bar{t}+W, t\text{-}\bar{t}+Z$

Determined using MC samples.

Contributes to $\sim 15\%$ of the $2ID + TL$ background.
Main background for the $3ID$ selection



Backgrounds



Fake Leptons

$t\text{-}\bar{t}$, $Z\text{+jets}$, $W\text{+jets}$, WW , single top

Events with at least one fake \rightarrow any object identified as a lepton that does not come from a W - or Z -boson.

Evaluated with a data-driven (and MC) methods.

Dominant background source of the $2\text{ID} + \text{TL}$.

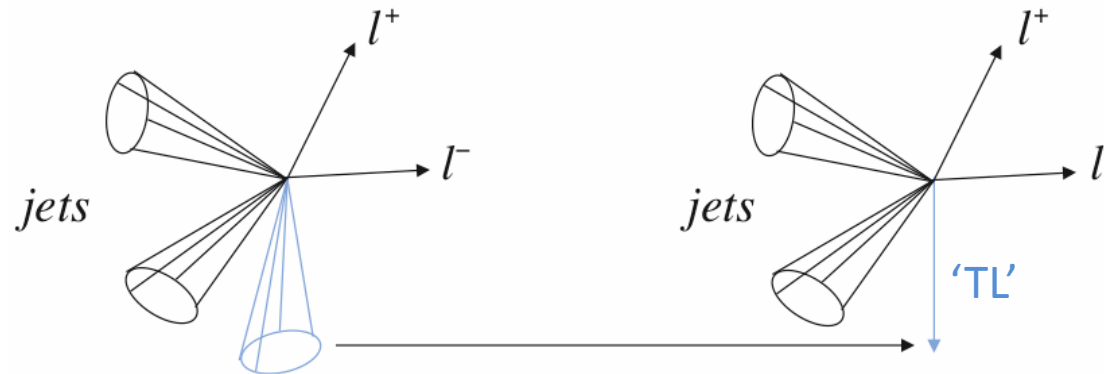


2ID+TL Fake Leptons



2 ID + TL

Strategy



We measure the probability that a jet fakes a track, 'fake rate'

Measure the fake rates in γ +jets events

$$\text{Fake Rate}(p_T, N_{PVX}) = \frac{(p_T, N_{PVX}) \text{ of all selected track leptons}}{(p_T, N_{PVX}) \text{ of all ID jets \& jet - elements}}$$

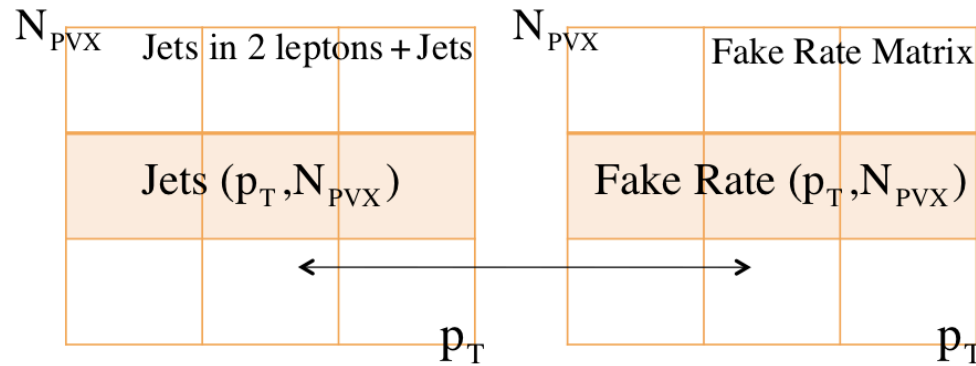
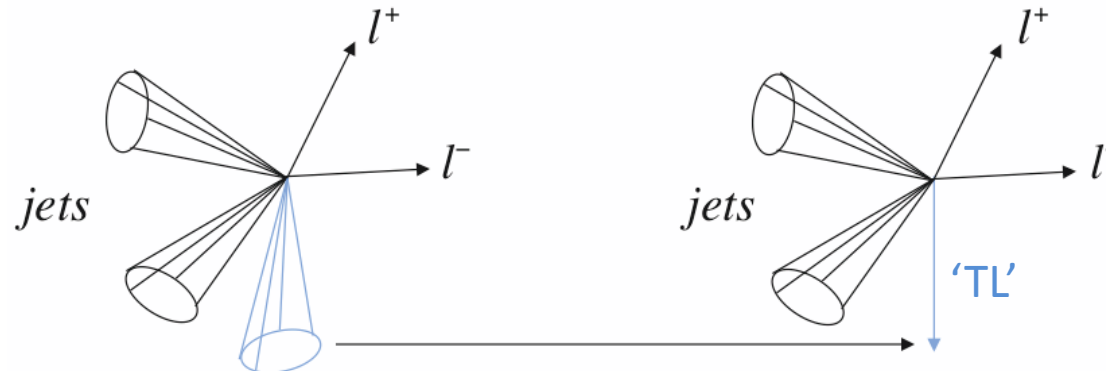


2ID+TL Fake Leptons



2 ID + TL

Estimation



Finally, to account for the mass cuts after the χ^2 minimization, the fake prediction is scaled by $(31.2 \pm 10.2)\%$

$$\text{Prediction} = \sum_{(p_T, N_{PVX})} \text{Jets}_{(p_T, N_{PVX})} \times \text{Fake Rate}_{(p_T, N_{PVX})}$$



3ID Fake Leptons



3 ID

Strategy

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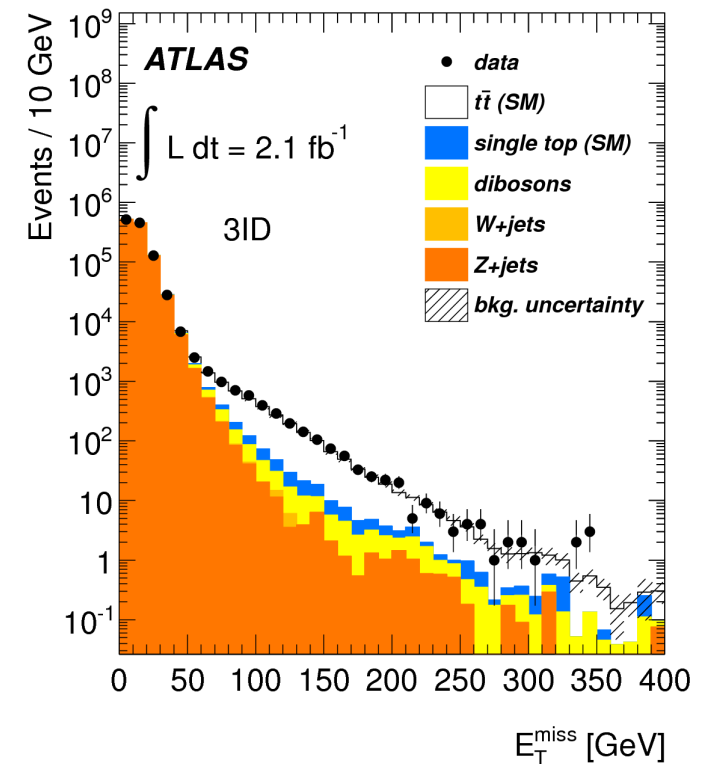
One fake events

○ Z+jets

We use a control region to compute a **normalization** between data and MC.
Control region: Events with two leptons and $|m_{\ell\ell}^{\text{reco}} - 91.2 \text{ GeV}| < 15 \text{ GeV}$.

$$[N_{Z+jets}^{\text{Data}}]_{\text{SR}} = \left[\frac{N^{\text{Data}} - N_{\text{Other backgrounds}}^{\text{MC}}}{N_{Z+jets}^{\text{MC}}} \right]_{\text{CR}} \cdot [N_{Z+jets}^{\text{MC}}]_{\text{SR}}$$

A loose lepton selection is used, and a multiplicative factor is applied to the final result:
(loose \rightarrow tight) 0.063 ± 0.013





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- Dileptonic t-tbar, single top (Wt), WW.

Measured in MC with the loose lepton selection, and scaled down by the same factor.



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2+3 fakes events

- QCD, W+jets ,s ingle top, single lepton t-tbar

Due to the requirements of two leptons with same charge and opposite sign (36 combinations), this background is extrapolated from the data events with 3 leptons of any flavor, but same charge (16 combination).

$$f = 36/16 = 2.25$$

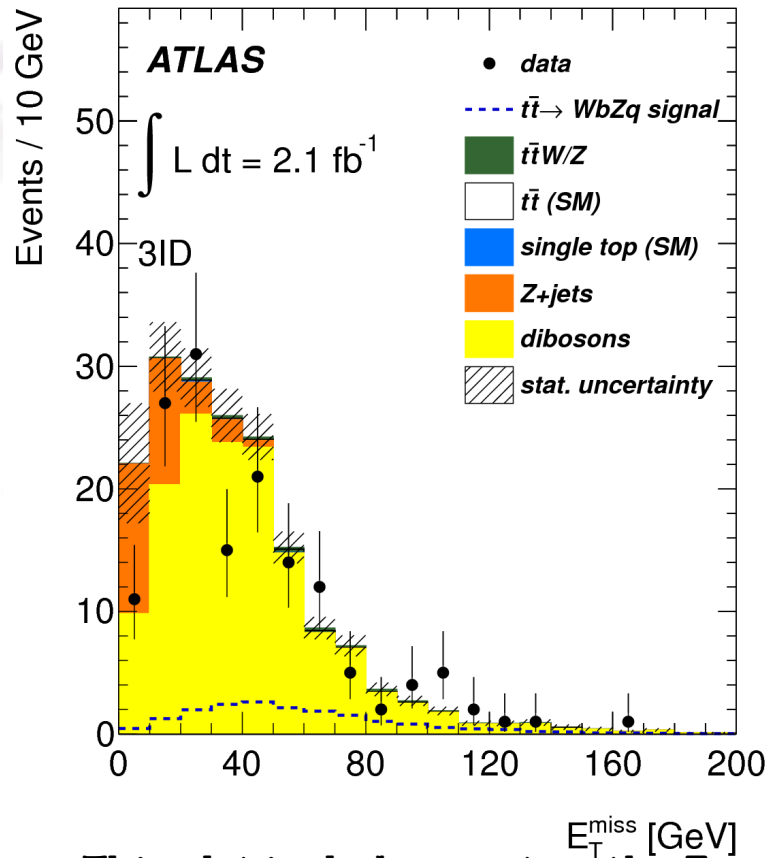


E_T^{miss} Plots at pre-selection level

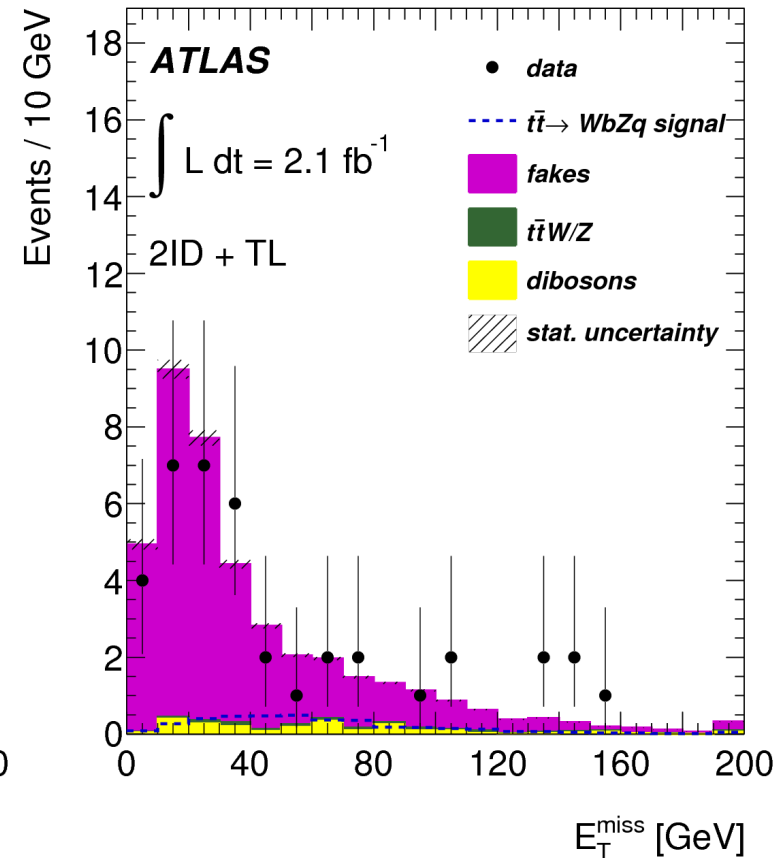


3 ID

2 ID + TL



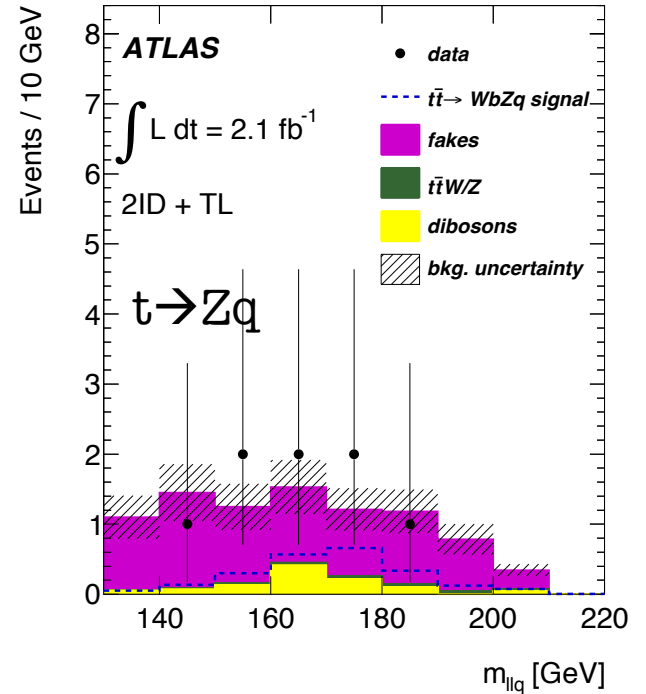
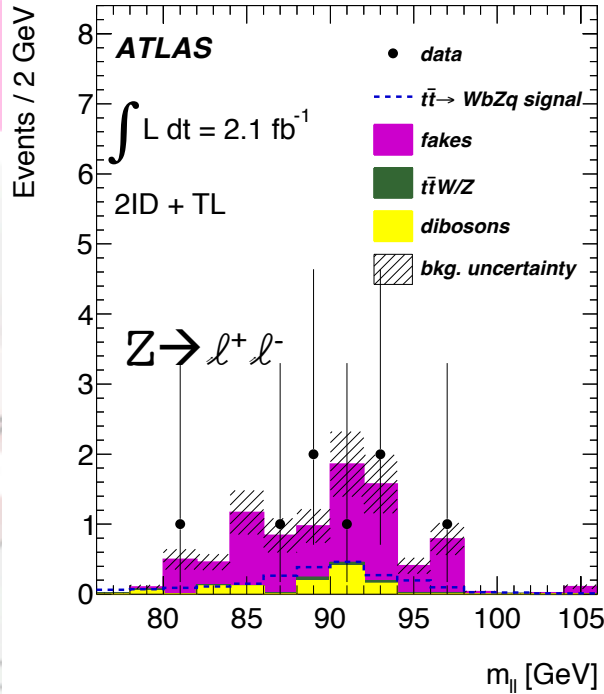
This plot includes a cut on the Z-boson candidate invariant mass
 $|m_Z - 91.2| < 15 \text{ GeV}$



After b-tagging condition

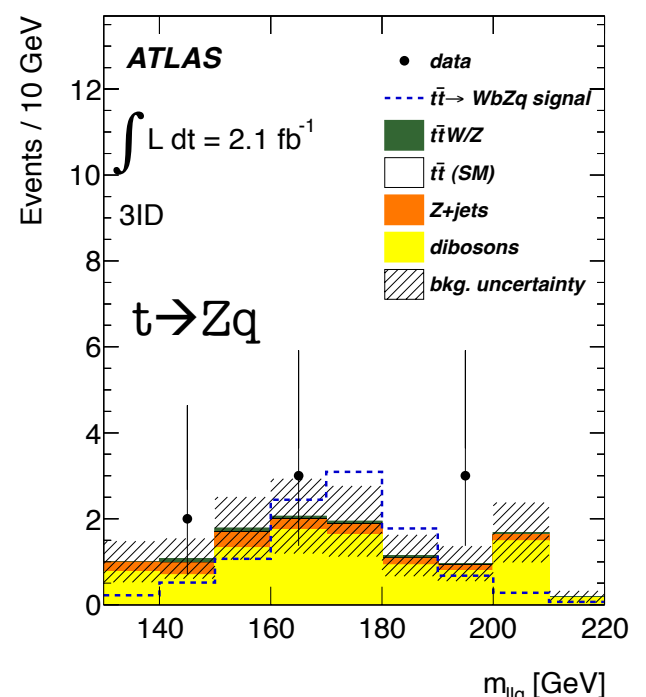
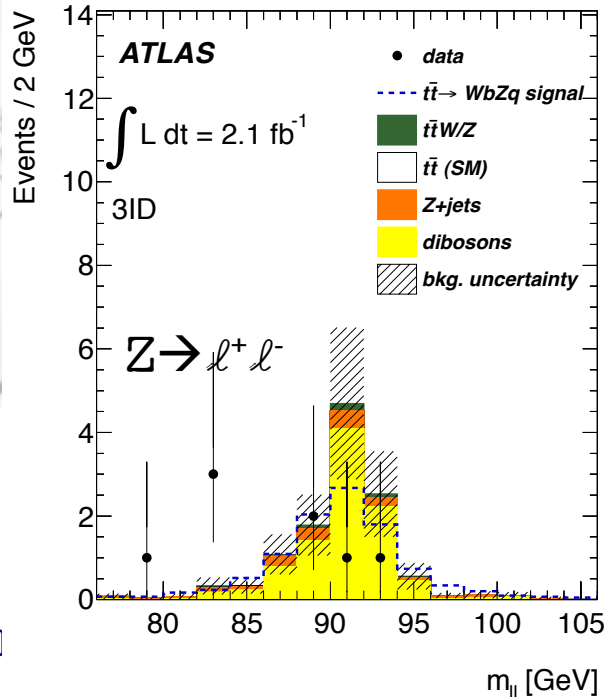


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$t\bar{t}W$ and $t\bar{t}Z$	0.25 ± 0.05
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expected background	8.9 ± 2.3
data	8



Final Selection

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Systematic Uncertainties



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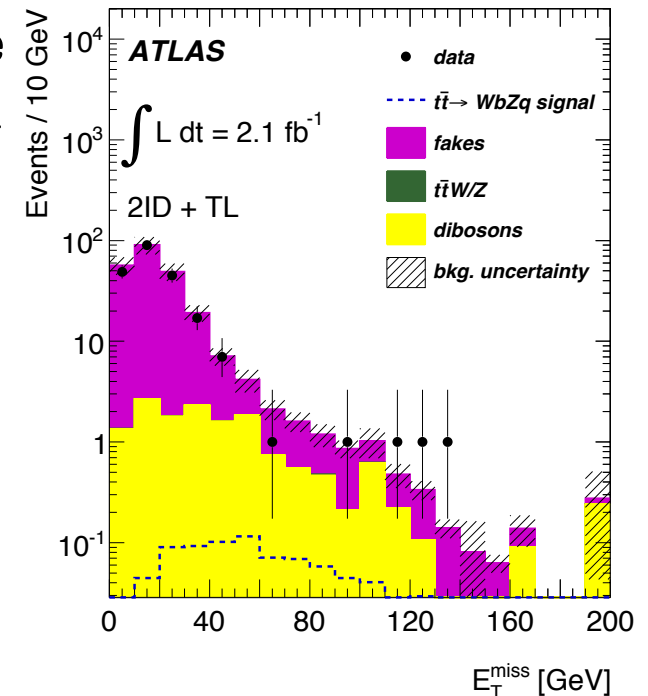
Systematic uncertainties can influence the expected number of signal and/or background events:

Fake TL Prediction

To estimate the systematic uncertainty on the prediction, the fake matrix is tested in control regions (orthogonal to signal regions) enriched with fake leptons.

Check two regions of E_T^{miss} for events with: two leptons + fake and one jet events.

Events with lepton+fake, done in the context of the cross section measurement.



A 20% systematic uncertainty is used for the fake leptons prediction.



Systematic Uncertainties



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WZ, ZZ Background

- Cross Section

Include the 5% theoretical uncertainty.

- HF content (when b-tagging is used)

Estimate by comparing different MC generators.

- **MC modelling**

Using the Berend-Giele scaling with a 24% uncertainty per jet, added in quadrature (4% is used for the 0-jet bin).



Source	3ID		2ID+TL	
	Background	Signal	Background	Signal
Luminosity	4%	4%	<1%	4%
Electron trigger	4%	1%	<1%	<1%
Electron reconstruction modelling	10%	3%	<1%	2%
Muon trigger	3%	1%	<1%	<1%
Muon reconstruction modelling	7%	1%	<1%	1%
TL reconstruction modelling	—	—	2%	1%
Jet energy scale	11%	1%	1%	1%
Jet reconstruction efficiency	5%	2%	<1%	<1%
Jet energy resolution	1%	3%	1%	4%
E_T^{miss} modelling	4%	1%	<1%	<1%
LAr readout problem	3%	1%	<1%	1%
Pile-up	4%	<1%	<1%	<1%
b -tagging	—	—	1%	6%
Top quark mass	<1%	2%	—	3%
$\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$	<1%	8%	—	8%
ISR/FSR	<1%	3%	—	6%
PDFs	—	3%	—	3%
ZZ and WZ shape	33%	—	5%	—
ZZ and WZ cross section	4%	—	<1%	—
ZZ and WZ heavy-flavour content	—	—	<1%	—
Fake leptons	1%	—	17%	—
Total	38%	12%	18%	15%

Relative changes on the expected number of total background events and signal yield from different sources of systematic uncertainty.



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Good agreement between data observation and expected Standard Model background.

No evidence for flavor changing neutral currents is found.



Limit Calculation



- We derive 95% CL limits on the BR for this FCNC decay using the modified frequentist (CL_s) likelihood method.
 - CL_s is used for small signals.
- Statistical and Systematic uncertainties are taken into account (Gaussian distributions).
- For the combination: systematic uncertainties of the MC-backgrounds and signal samples are taken to be fully correlated between 3ID and 2ID+TL. Other sources (statistical and systematic) are considered uncorrelated.

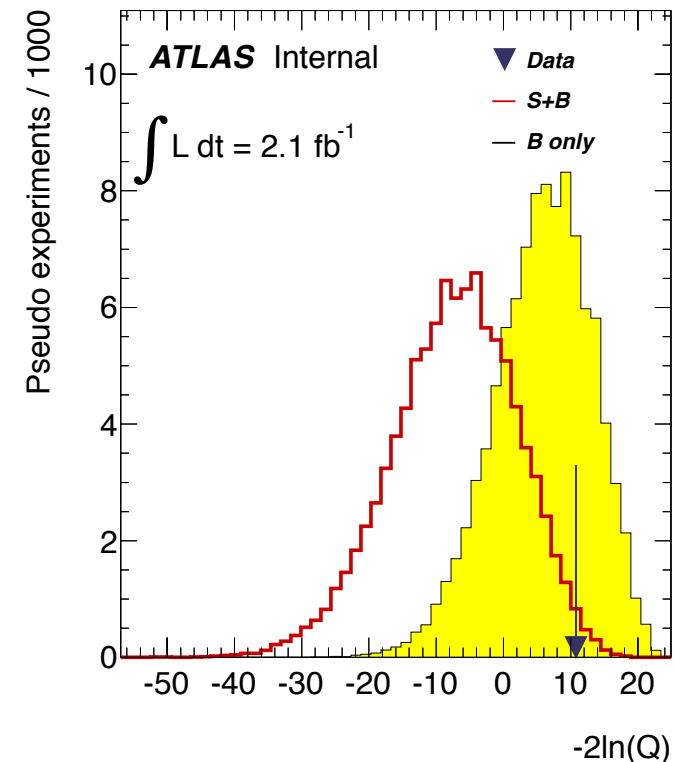


Limit Calculation



Limit

- 10^5 pseudo experiments are performed to compare the *background-only* and the *signal+background* hypotheses to the data.
 - The statistical fluctuations of the pseudo -experiments are implemented using Poisson distributions.
- This gives a limit on the number of signal events.
 - Converted into upper limits on the corresponding BRs using the approximate NNLO calculation of the cross section: $\sigma_{t\bar{t}} = 165_{-16}^{+11}$ pb





Limit Calculation



Limit

channel	observed	(-1σ)	expected	$(+1\sigma)$
3ID	0.81%	0.63%	0.95%	1.42%
2ID+TL	3.18%	2.15%	3.31%	4.86%
Combination	0.73%	0.61%	0.93%	1.36%

Observed in data

Expected sensitivity, assuming
that the data are described
correctly by the SM



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2.1 fb^{-1}

arxiv:
1206.0257



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Thank you!



FCNC in R-parity violating SUSY

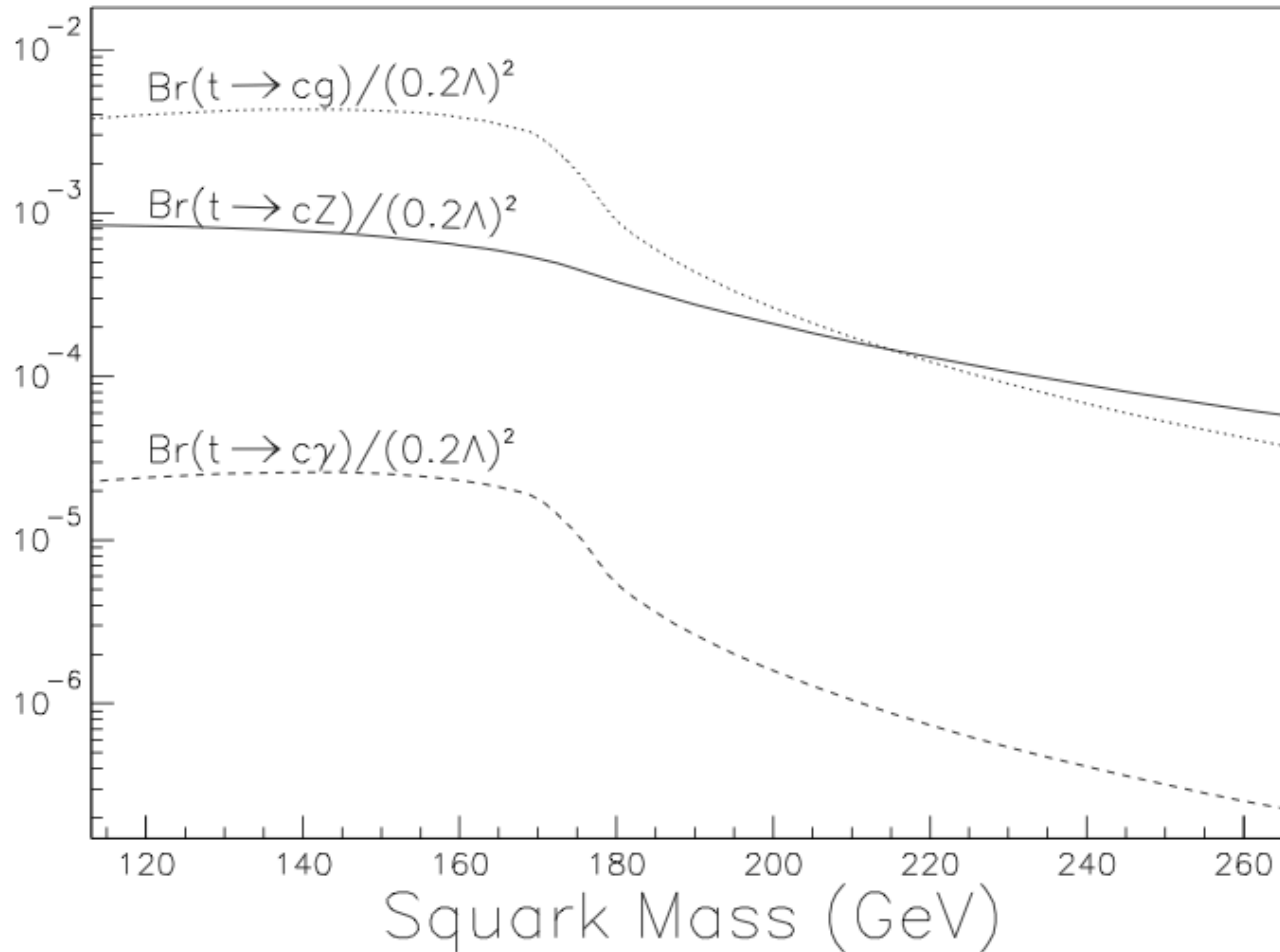


FIG. 3. The plot of $Br(t \rightarrow cV)/(0.2\Lambda)^2$ as a function of squark mass.

Λ being the product of the baryon number violating couplings.

$\Lambda = 1$, and masses as high as 170 GeV, for the values quoted before



Track inefficiencies

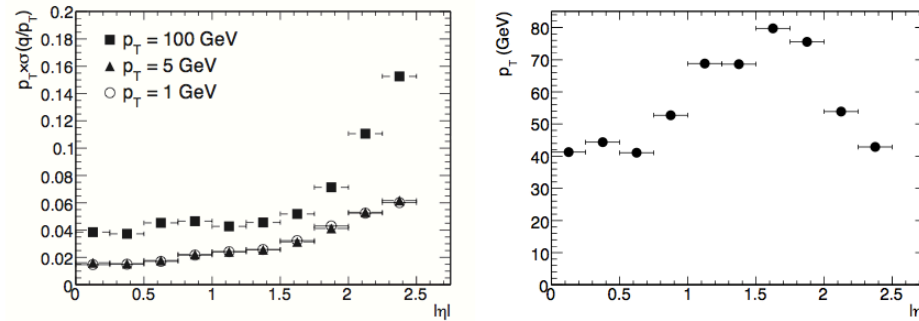


Figure 198. Relative transverse momentum resolution (left) as a function of $|\eta|$ for muons with $p_T = 1$ GeV (open circles), 5 GeV (full triangles) and 100 GeV (full squares). Transverse momentum, at which the multiple-scattering contribution equals the intrinsic resolution, as a function of $|\eta|$ (right).

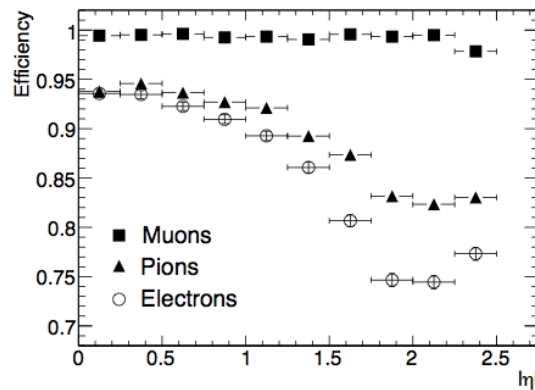


Figure 202. Track reconstruction efficiencies as a function of $|\eta|$ for muons, pions and electrons with $p_T = 5$ GeV. The inefficiencies for pions and electrons reflect the shape of the amount of material in the inner detector as a function of $|\eta|$.

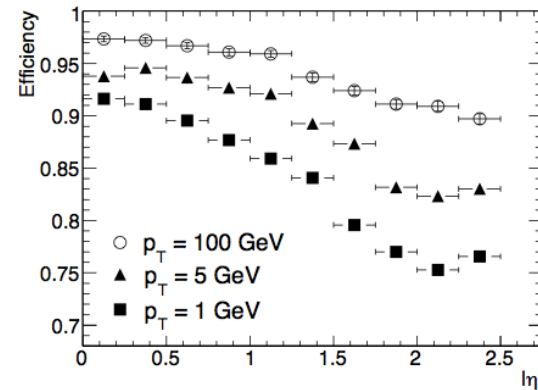


Figure 203. Track reconstruction efficiencies as a function of $|\eta|$ for pions with $p_T = 1, 5$ and 100 GeV.



Fake Lepton Systematic Uncertainty



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#jets	<i>e</i> TL				<i>μ</i> TL			
	O	B	P	(B-O)/P [%]	O	B	P	(B-O)/P [%]
0 (OS)	411	436.3 ^{+38.4} _{-36.8}	199.1 ± 9.3		460	441.1 ^{+52.9} _{-52.0}	321.9 ± 48.4	
1 (OS)	201	207.1 ^{+16.9} _{-27.3}	99.0 ± 4.2		247	270.5 ^{+17.2} _{-16.5}	142.5 ± 6.0	
2 (SS)	10	10.7 ± 0.8	7.6 ± 0.7		14	13.9 ± 1.0	11.1 ± 0.9	
3 (SS)	7	6.2 ± 0.5	5.4 ± 0.5		9	8.3 ± 0.7	7.0 ± 0.6	
4 (SS)	4	4.1 ± 0.4	3.8 ± 0.4		1	3.2 ± 0.4	3.1 ± 0.4	
≥ 5 (SS)	2	1.9 ± 0.1	1.8 ± 0.1		0	1.5 ± 0.2	1.4 ± 0.2	
Total	635	666.4 ^{+41.9} _{-45.8}	316.6 ± 10.3	9.9 ^{+15.6} _{-16.5}	731	738.5 ^{+55.6} _{-54.6}	487.0 ± 48.8	1.5 ^{+12.7} _{-12.5}

Background: includes the contribution from other sources (Z/g*, diboson, single top)
Prediction: contribution from fakes prediction only.

By comparing the agreement between background prediction and observation, we estimate a **20% systematic uncertainty** on the fake prediction
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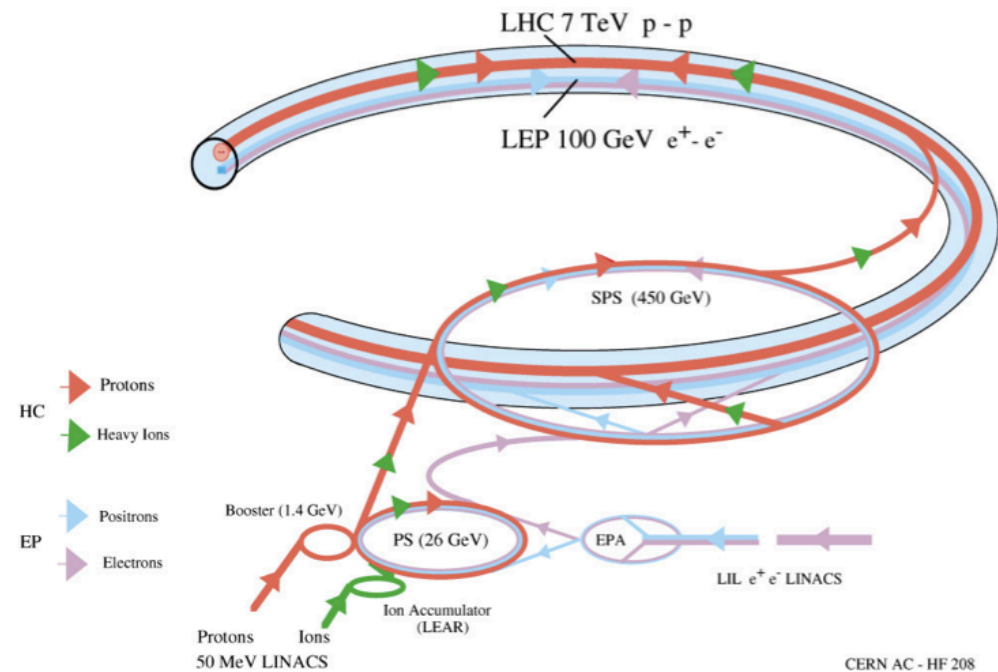
LHC



$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{N_b^2 n_b f_{rev} \gamma_r}{4\pi \epsilon_n \beta^*} F$$

	injection	collision
Proton energy [GeV]	450	7000
Relativistic gamma	479.6	7461
Number of particles per bunch	1.15×10^{11}	
Number of bunches	2808	
Bunch spacing [ns]	24.95	
Longitudinal emittance (4σ) [eVs]	1.0	2.5
Transverse normalized emittance [$\mu\text{m rad}$]	3.5	3.75
Circulating beam current [A]	0.584	
Stored energy per beam [MJ]	23.3	362
Geometric luminosity reduction factor	-	0.836

Assuming a peak luminosity of $10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$





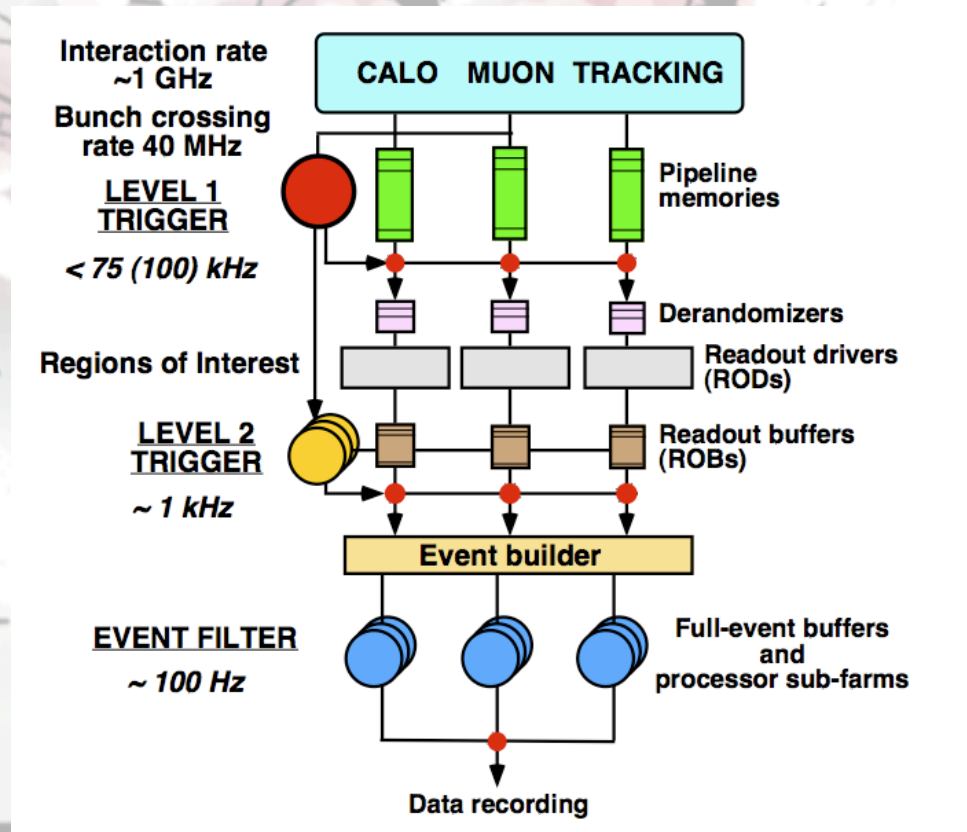
Trigger



The level-1 (LVL1) trigger makes an initial selection using reduced granularity information from a subset of detectors, and based on combinations of objects required in coincidence or veto.

The level-2 trigger makes use of “region of interest” information provided by the LVL1 trigger.

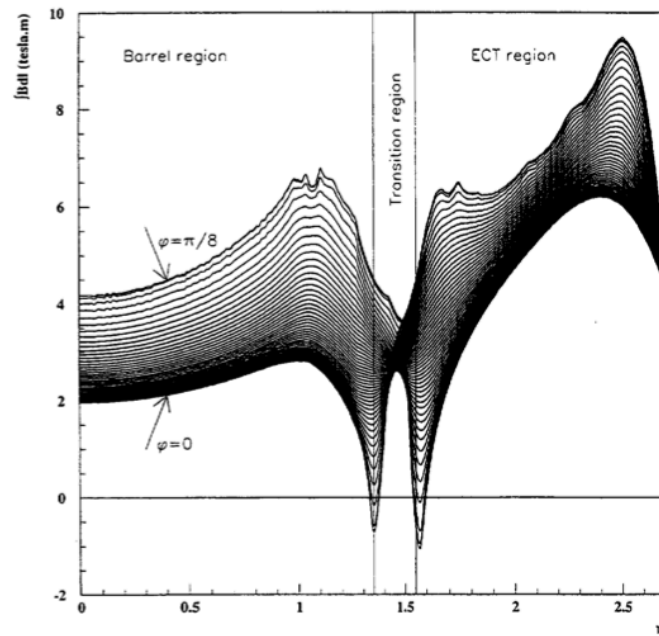
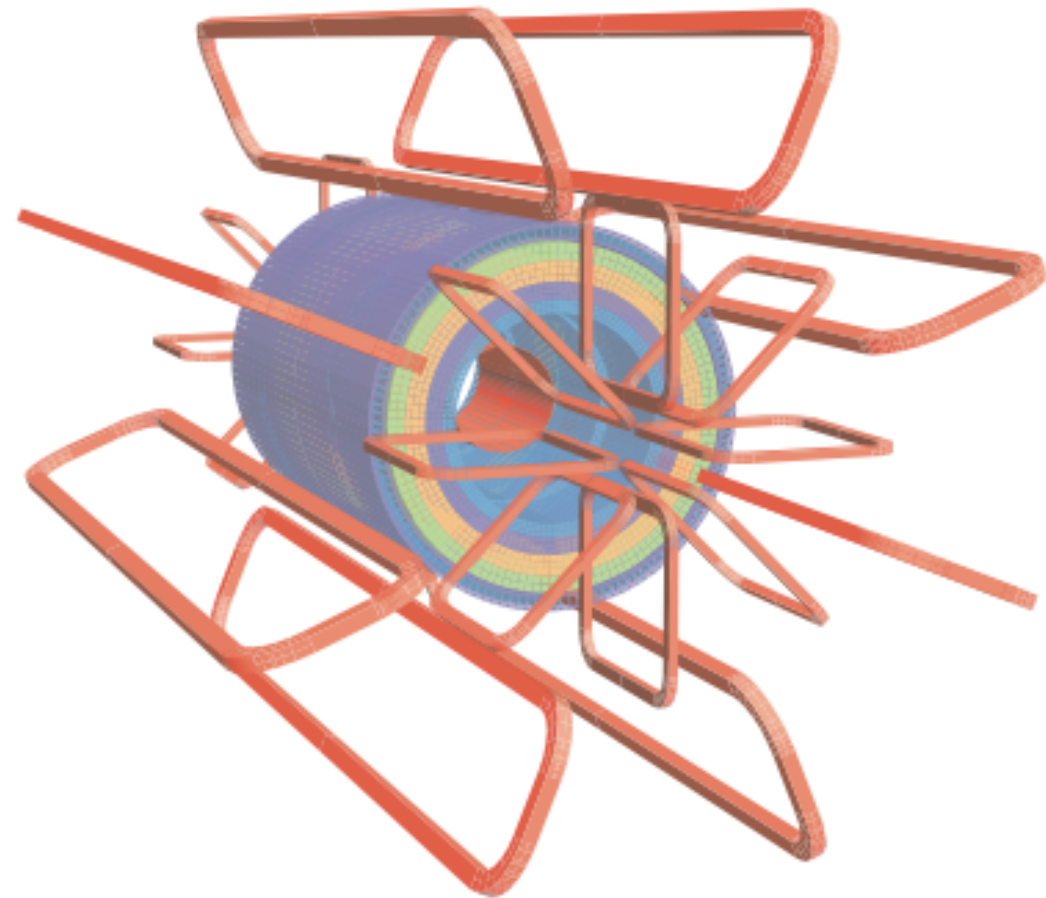
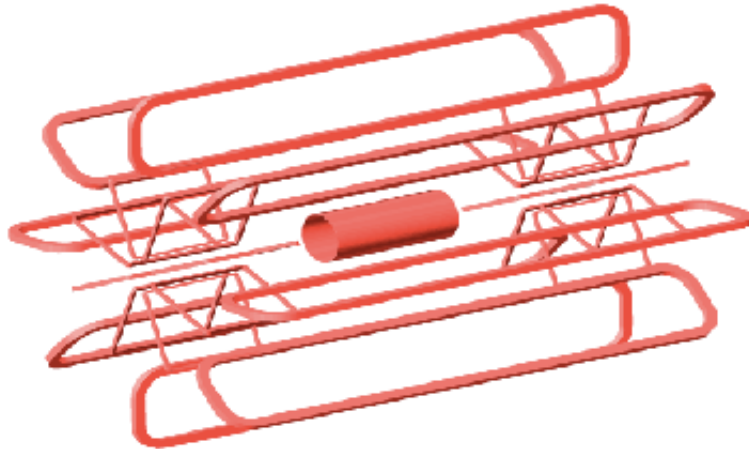
The event filter (EF) uses the full event data, together with the latest available calibration and alignment information to make the final selection of events to be recorded.



At the EF level, the lepton triggers require $p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}/c$ and $E_T < 6 \text{ GeV}$ in a cone of $\Delta R = 0.2$ around the lepton.



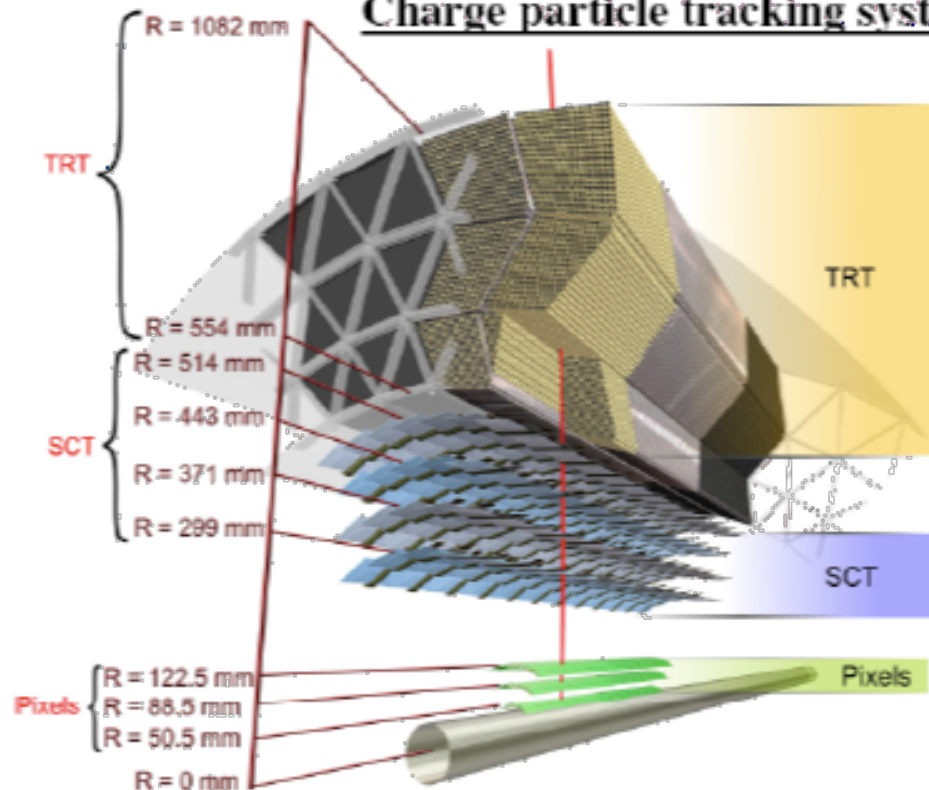
Magnets



8 barrel toroid coils, with the end-cap coils interleaved. The solenoid winding lies inside the calorimeter volume.



Charge particle tracking system built on two technologies



Drift tubes:

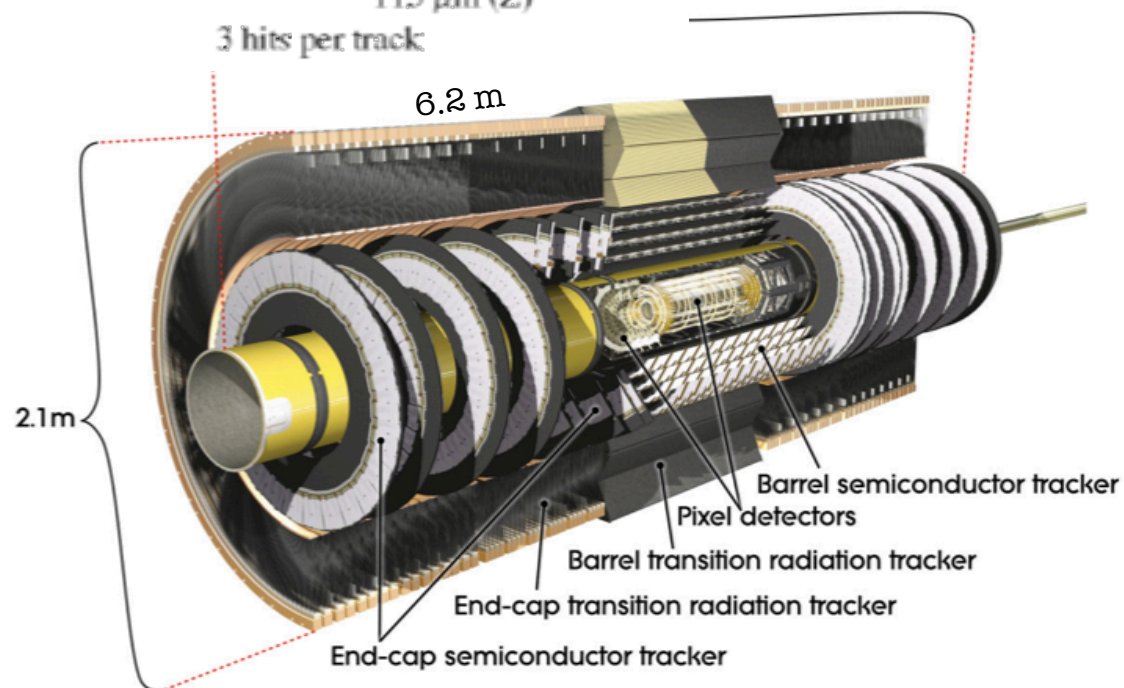
~300,000 straw tubes
 resolution $130 \mu\text{m}$ ($R\phi$)
 XeCO_2O_2
 36 hits per track

Silicon:

~ 3M Si strips
 resolution: $23 \mu\text{m}$ ($R\phi$)
 $580 \mu\text{m}$ (Z)
 4-9 hits per track.

~ 80M Si pixels
 resolution: $14 \mu\text{m}$ ($R\phi$)
 $115 \mu\text{m}$ (Z)
 3 hits per track

System	position	area [m ²]	resolution σ [μm]	channels (10^6)	η coverage
Pixels	1 removable barrel layer	0.2	$R\phi = 10, z = 115$	16	± 2.5
	2 barrel layers	1.4	$R\phi = 10, z = 115$	81	± 1.7
	4 end-cap disks on each side	0.7	$R\phi = 10, R = 115$	43	1.7 - 2.5
SCT	4 barrel layers	34.4	$R\phi = 17, z = 580$	3.2	± 1.4
	9 end-cap wheels on each side	26.7	$R\phi = 17, R = 580$	3.0	1.4 - 2.5
TRT	axial barrel straws		130 (per straw)	0.10	± 0.7
	radial end-cap straws		130 (per straw)	0.32	0.7 - 2.5





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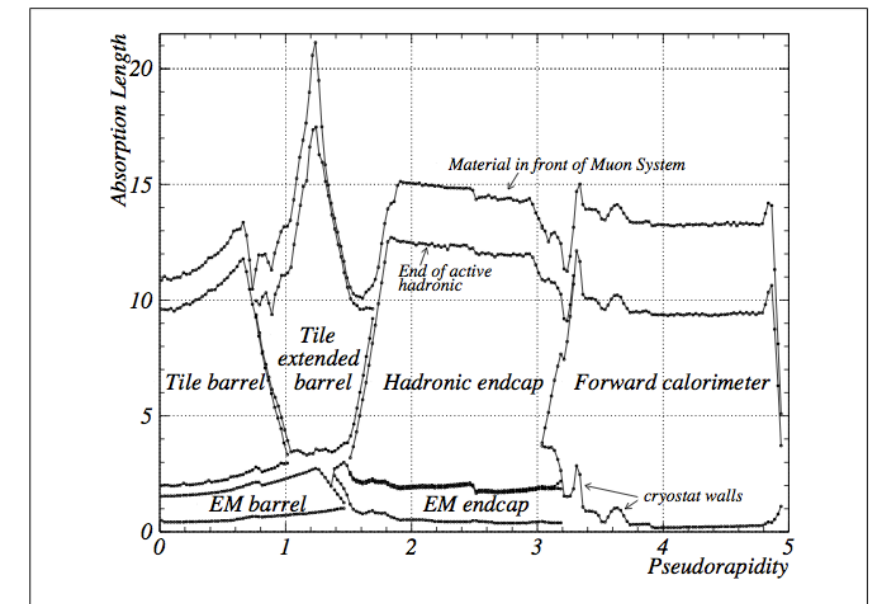


Figure 1-4 Amount of material (absorption lengths) in the ATLAS calorimetry as a function of η .



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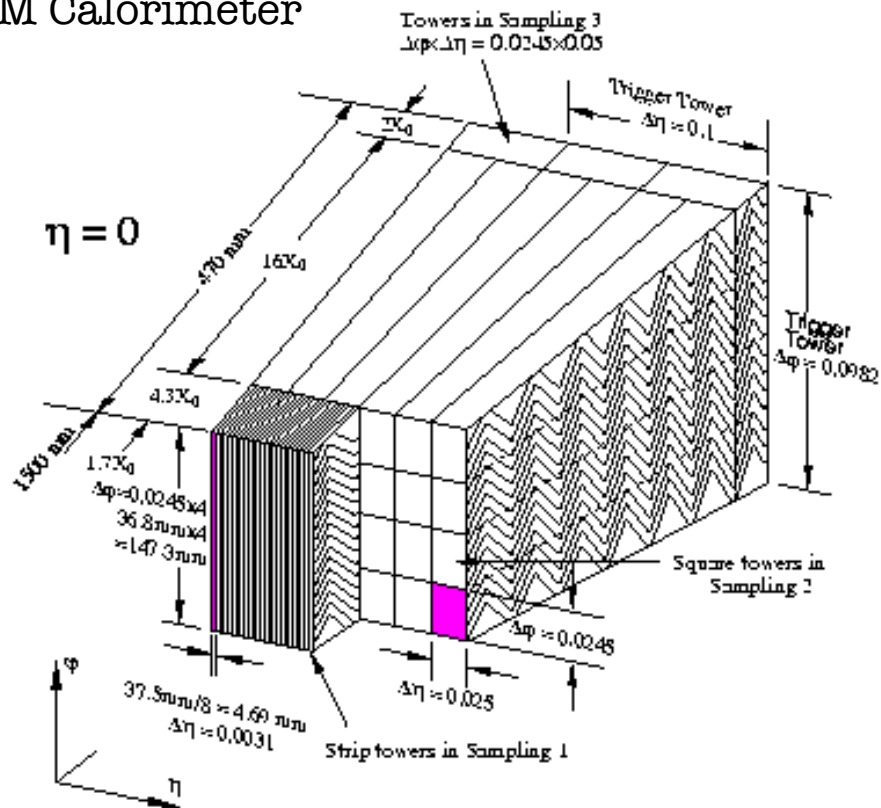
EM calorimeter	barrel	end-cap	
coverage	$ \eta < 1.465$	$1.375 < \eta < 3.2$	
longitudinal segmentation	3 samplings	3 sampling 2 sampling	$1.5 < \eta < 2.5$ $1.375 < \eta < 1.5$ $2.5 < \eta < 3.2$
granularity ($\Delta\eta \times \Delta\phi$)			
sampling 1	0.003×0.1	0.025×0.1	$1.375 < \eta < 1.5$ $1.5 < \eta < 1.8$ $1.8 < \eta < 2.0$ $2.0 < \eta < 2.5$ $2.5 < \eta < 3.2$
sampling 2	0.025×0.025	0.025×0.025	$1.375 < \eta < 2.5$ $2.5 < \eta < 3.2$
sampling 3	0.050×0.025	0.05×0.025	$1.5 < \eta < 2.5$
Presampler	barrel	end-cap	
coverage	$ \eta < 1.52$	$1.5 < \eta < 1.8$	
longitudinal segmentation	1 sampling	1 sampling	
granularity ($\Delta\eta \times \Delta\phi$)	0.025×0.1	0.025×0.1	
Hadronic tile	barrel	end-cap	
coverage	$ \eta < 1.0$	$0.8 < \eta < 1.7$	
longitudinal segmentation	3 sampling	3 sampling	
granularity ($\Delta\eta \times \Delta\phi$)			
samplings 1 and 2	0.1×0.1	0.1×0.1	
samplings 3	0.2×0.1	0.2×0.1	
Hadronic LAr		end-cap	
coverage		$1.5 < \eta < 3.2$	
longitudinal segmentation		3 samplings	
granularity ($\Delta\eta \times \Delta\phi$)		0.1×0.1 0.2×0.2	$1.5 < \eta < 2.5$ $2.5 < \eta < 3.2$
Forward calorimeter		end-cap	
coverage		$3.1 < \eta < 4.9$	
longitudinal segmentation		3 samplings	
granularity ($\Delta\eta \times \Delta\phi$)		$\sim 0.2 \times 0.2$	



Calorimeter



EM Calorimeter



Tile Calorimeter

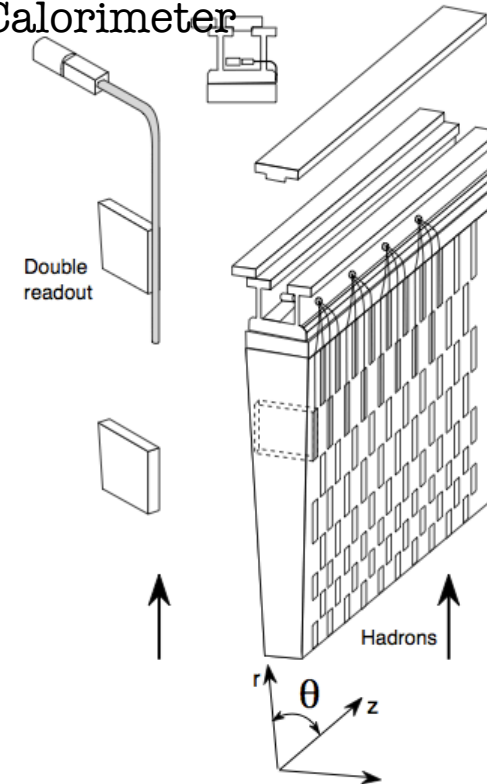
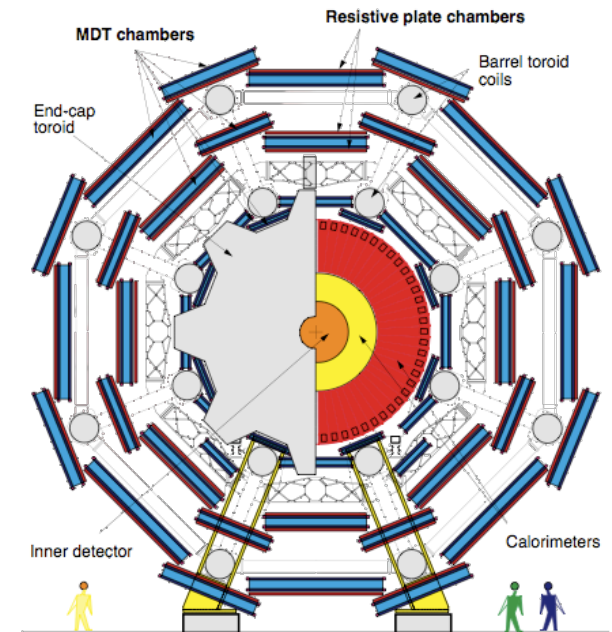
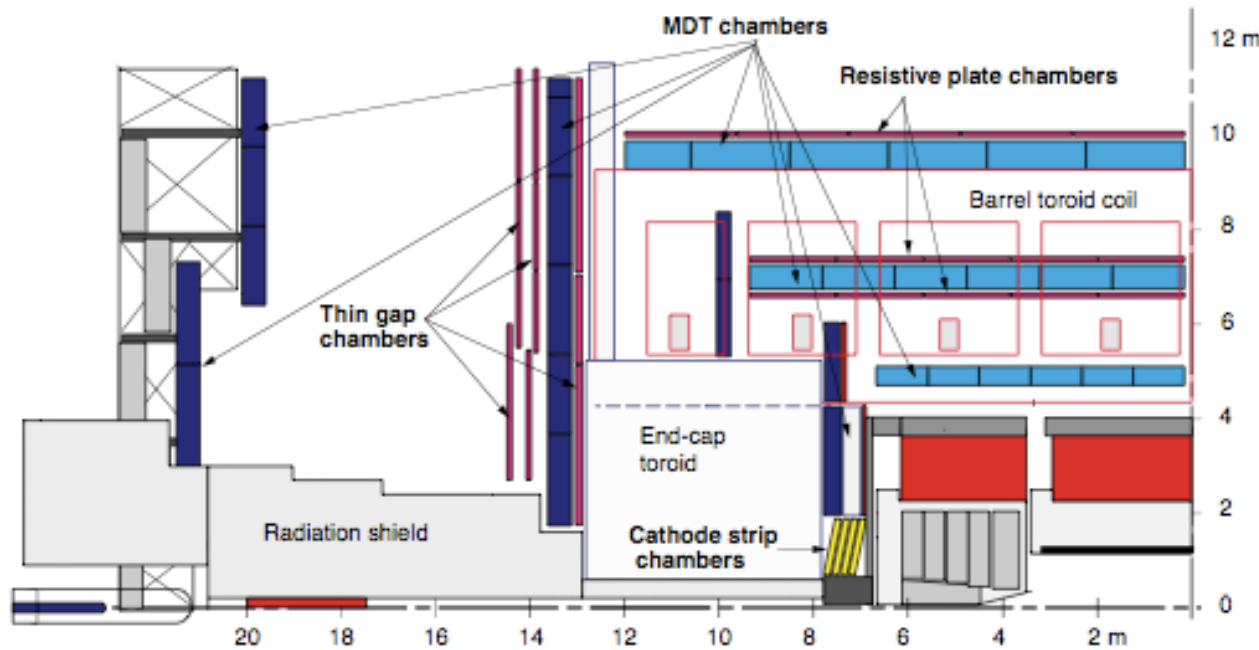


Figure 2-1 The principle of the Tile Calorimeter design.



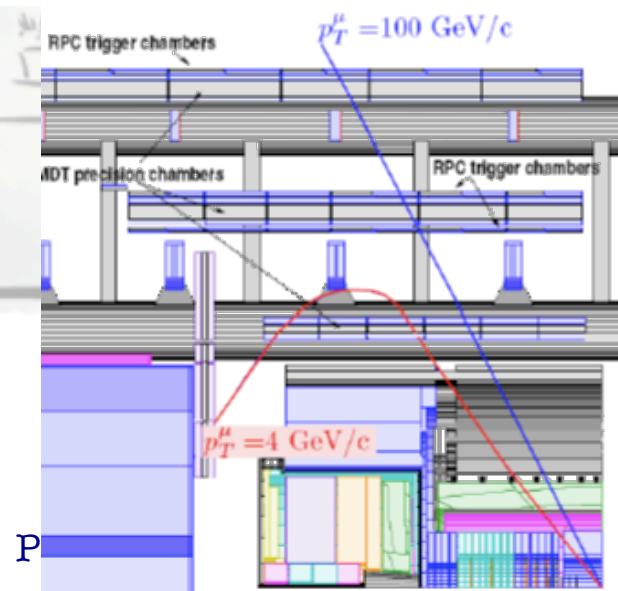
Muon Spectrometer



- Precision chambers**
- MDT (Monitored Drift Tube)
 - Barrel ($|\eta| < 1.0$)
 - EndCap ($1.0 < |\eta| < 2.7$)
 - CSC (Cathode Strip Chambers)
 - EndCap

- Trigger Detectors**
- RPC (Resistive Plate Chambers)
 - TGC (Thin Gap Chambers)

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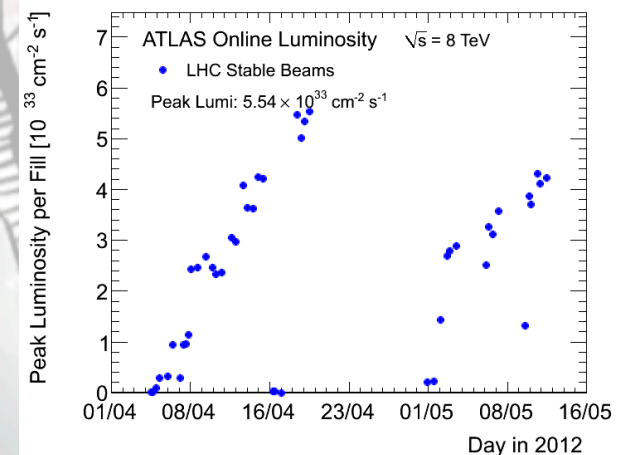
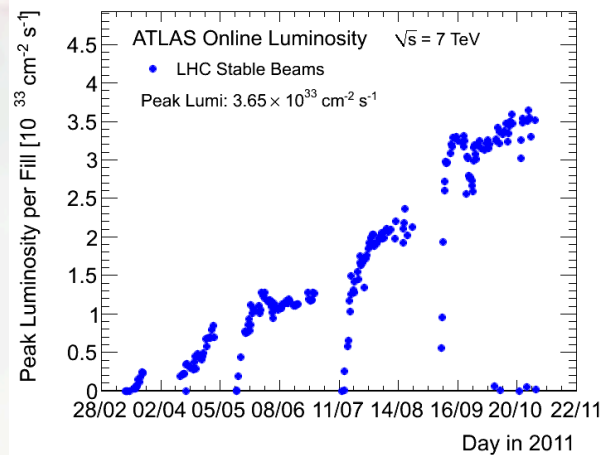
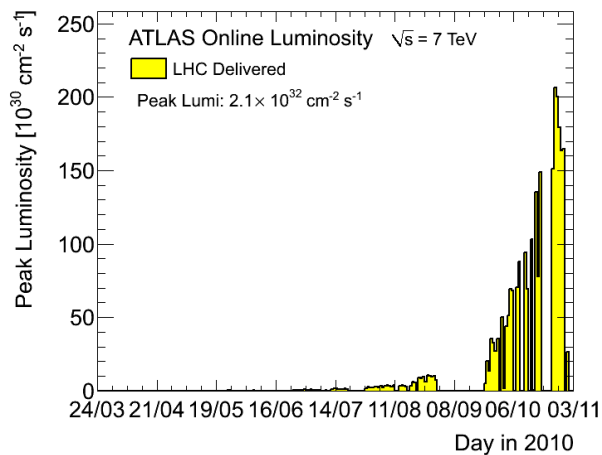
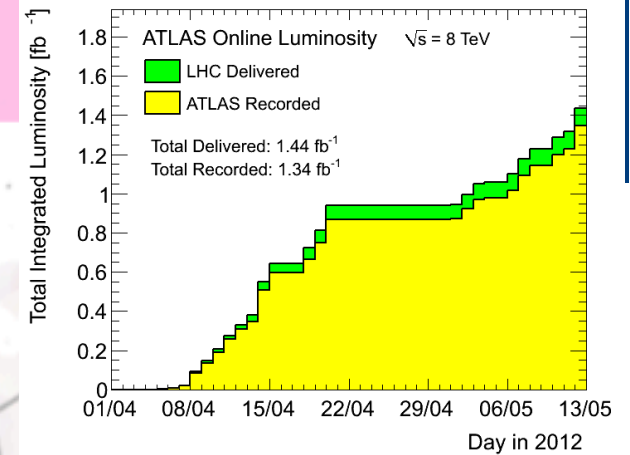
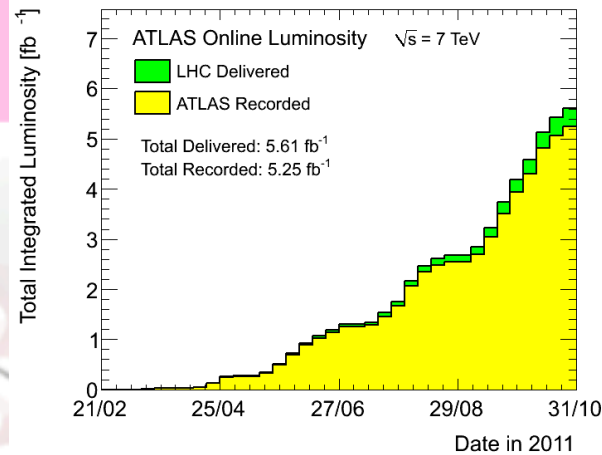
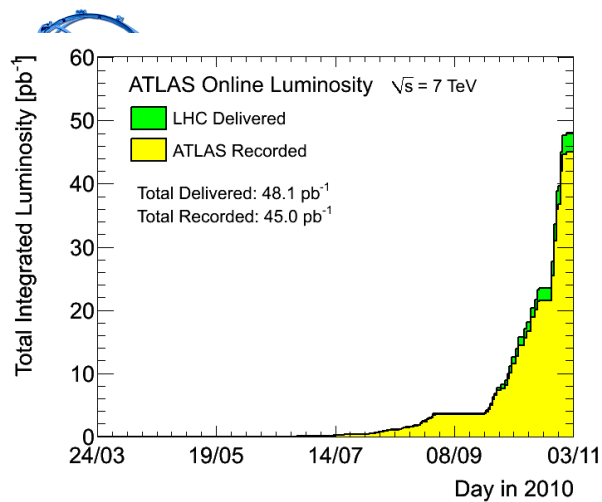
Two regimes

$p_T > 6 \text{ GeV}/c$

- Muons hit all spectrometer layers.
- ⇒ Can trigger on these muons.
- ⇒ p_T^μ measured in the muon spectrometer and inner detector.

$p_T \lesssim 6 \text{ GeV}/c$

- Muons hit only inner layers.
- ⇒ Cannot trigger on these muons.
- ⇒ p_T^μ measured only in the inner detector.



	2010	2011	2012
# interactions	2	6-12	~25
peak luminosity	2.1×10^{32} cm ⁻² s ⁻¹	3.6×10^{33} cm ⁻² s ⁻¹	5.54×10^{33} cm ⁻² s ⁻¹
# bunches	369	1331	1331
protons per bunch	1×10^{11}	1.45×10^{11}	$\sim 1.6 \times 10^{11}$
Are β^* (beam envelope @ IP)	3.5 m	1-1.15 m	0.6 m



Systematic Uncertainties



Systematic uncertainties can influence the expected number of signal and/or background events:

Miscellaneous

- Luminosity
Estimated to be 3.7%.
- b-tagging
MC modelling of the b-tagging efficiency.
- ISR/FSR, Top quark mass, PDF used for signal generation, t-tbar cross section.



Systematic Uncertainties



Systematic uncertainties can influence the expected number of signal and/or background events:

Object Specific

- Muons, Electrons, TL

MC modelling of Trigger (e, μ), reconstruction and identification efficiencies and of the energy/momentum scale and resolution.

- Jets

Energy scale of light-quark jets and b-jets (including pile-up).

MC modelling of jet energy resolution. Jet reconstruction efficiency.

- E_T^{miss}

Corrections on the leptons and jets are propagated to the E_T^{miss} .

Effect of energy in calorimeter not associated to reconstructed objects, low momentum jets, and MC modelling of pile-up.



Simulated Samples



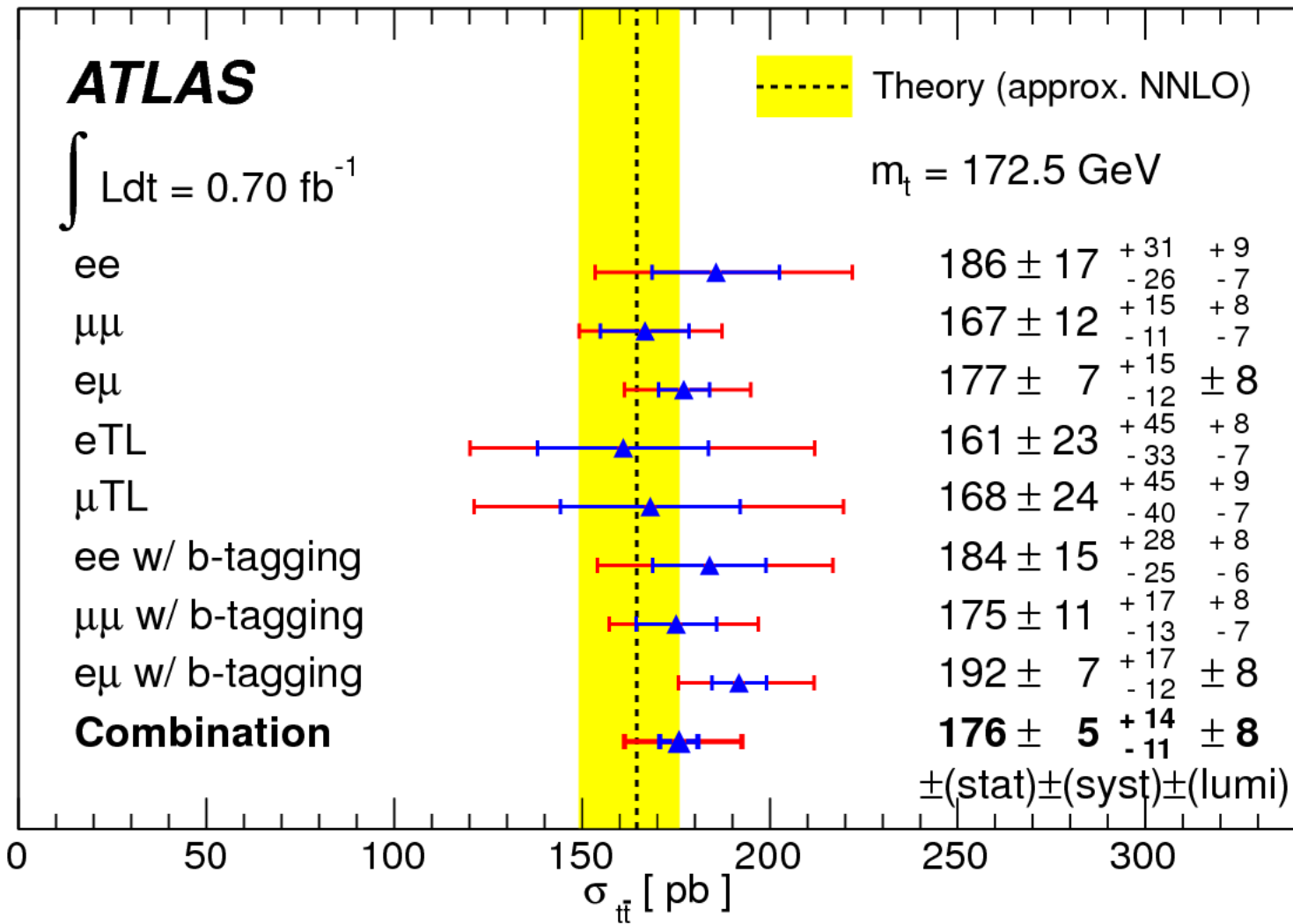
All MC samples are processed with the GEANT4 simulation of the ATLAS detector.

Process	Generator	PDF	other
$t\bar{t}$, single top-quark	MC@NLO	CTEQ6.6	$m_t = 172.5$ GeV
Z/γ^* +jets	ALPGEN	CTEQ6L1	Normalized to NNLO with kFactor = 1.25
WW, WZ, ZZ	ALPGEN	CTEQ6.1	Normalized to NLO with kFactor = 1.26 (WW), 1.28 (WZ), 1.30 (ZZ)
W +jets			background evaluated from data

All MC simulated events are hadronized using the Herwig shower model supplemented by the Jimmy underlying event model

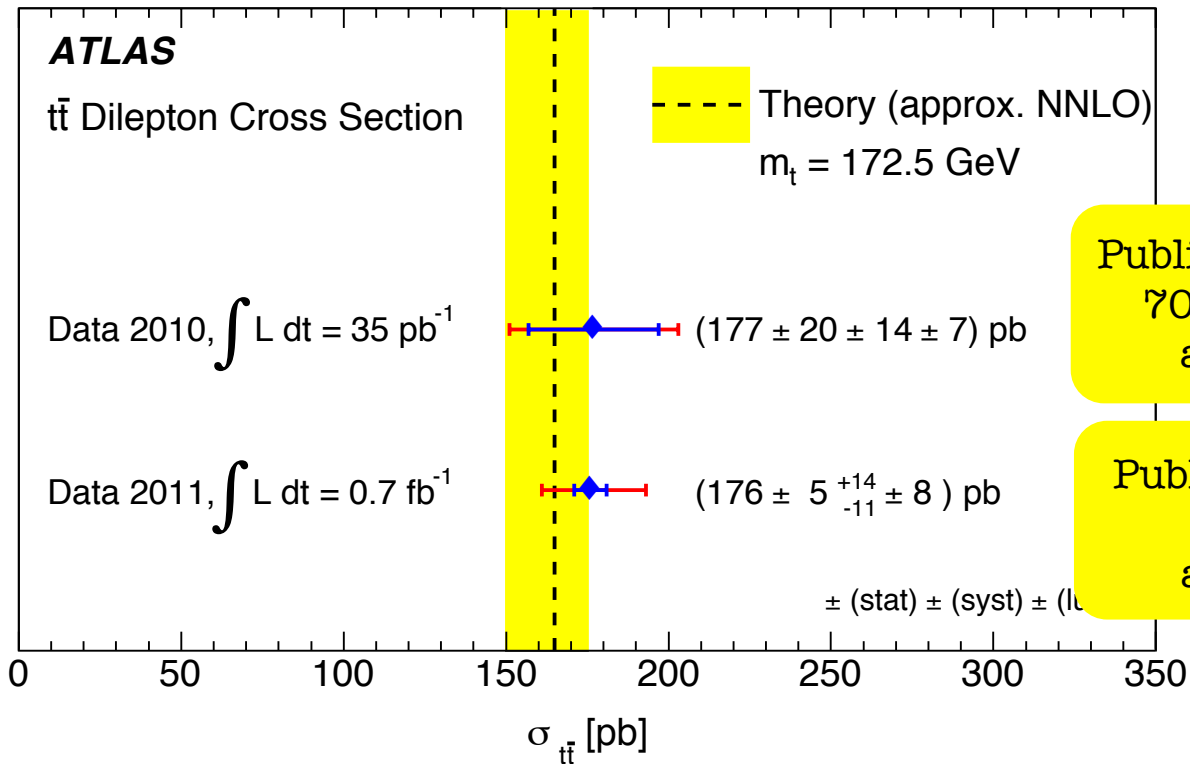


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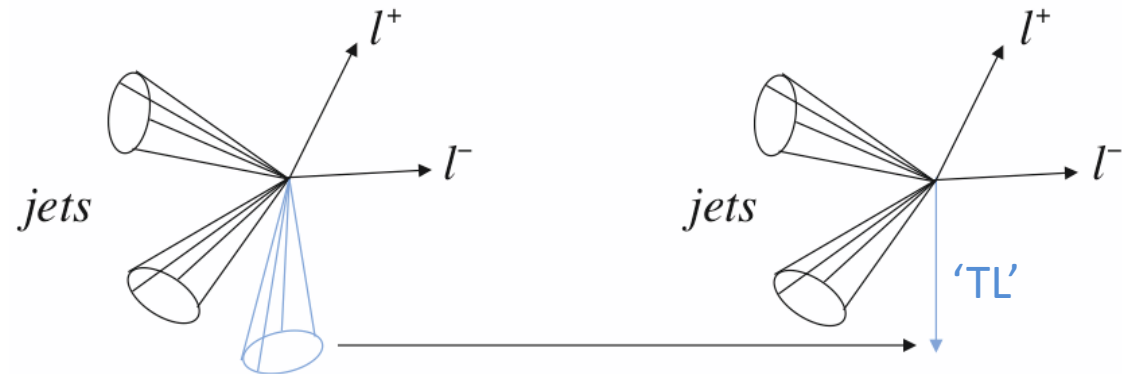
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Fake Leptons



Strategy



Parent sample
Events with two
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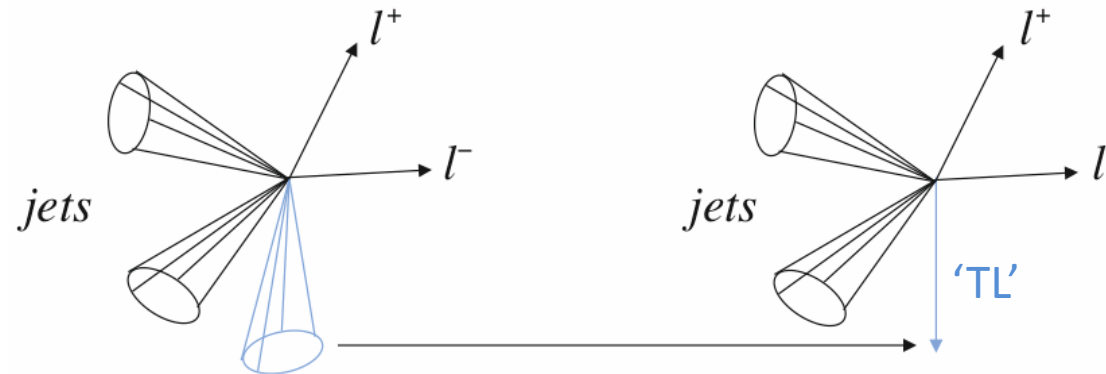
Used to predict
events with two
leptons + one fake



Fake Leptons



Strategy



Parent sample
Events with two
leptons (passing other
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Used to predict
events with two
leptons + one fake

Since we remove ID jets within $\Delta R < 0.4$ of a TL

two leptons events
with N jets



Two lepton events + fakes
with (N-1) jets