

# Tau physics in ATLAS

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## Outline:

- Tau lepton identification and reconstruction in ATLAS
- Standard Model processes with tau leptons:  $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$  and  $W \rightarrow \tau_h \nu$
- Higgs boson search in tau decay channels: MSSM  $A/H/h \rightarrow \tau\tau$  and  $H^+ \rightarrow \tau\nu$

Processes with tau leptons important for

- “New” physics searches:

Higgs boson

Supersymmetry

Exotic models

- Measurement and understanding of  $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$   
and  $W \rightarrow \tau_h \nu$  as backgrounds for searches

Properties:

$$m_{\tau} = 1.78 \text{ GeV}$$

$$c\tau = 87 \mu\text{m}$$

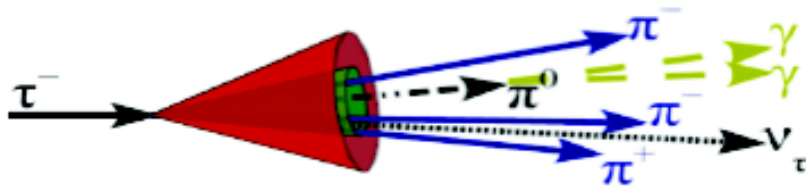
Decay modes:

Leptonic (e,  $\mu$  +  $\nu\nu$ ) 35.2%

Hadronic 1 prong 49.5%

Hadronic 3 prong 15.2%

Hadronically decaying tau leptons:

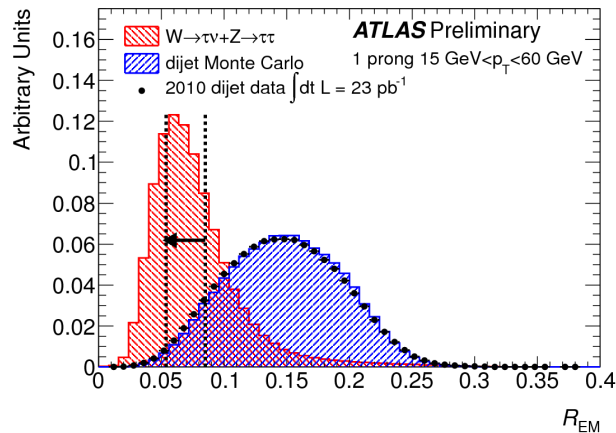


- Tracks of 1 or 3 charged hadrons
- Collimated calorimeter energy depositions

Shower width and composition (shower radius and isolation, EM fraction)

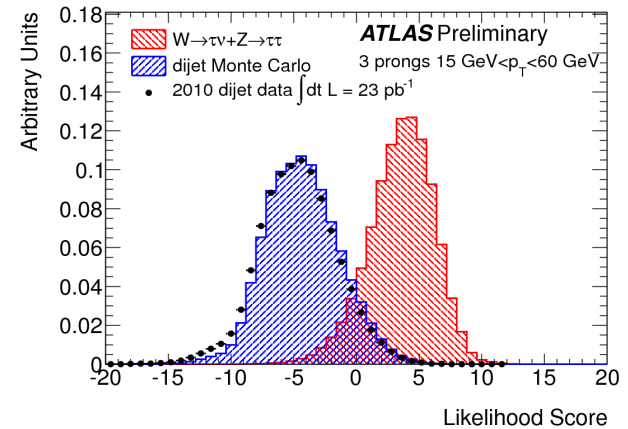
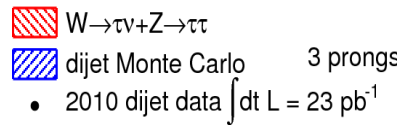
# Tau reconstruction and identification in ATLAS

- Hadronically decaying tau candidates seeded by calorimeter jets and tracks matched to candidates
- Distinction between tau leptons and jets:  
Different identification criteria: cut based, boosted decision tree (BDT), likelihood (LLH)

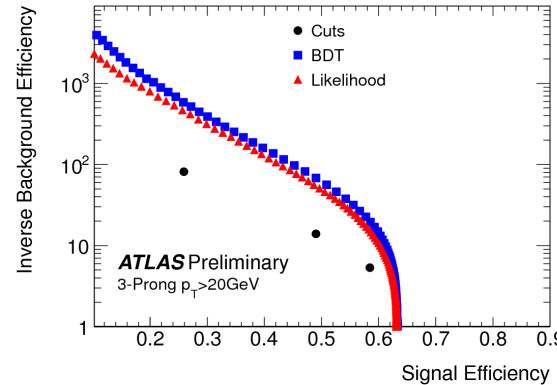
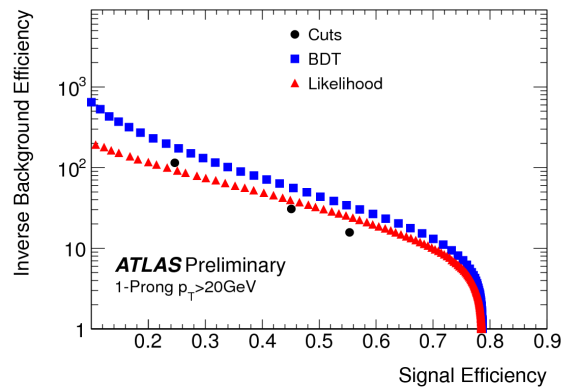


Cuts based on 3 variables

- Shower width in em. Calorimeter
- Track width
- Leading track momentum



- Performance: Signal MC  $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$  and  $W \rightarrow \tau_h \nu$ , Background dijet data



trained separately for #prongs

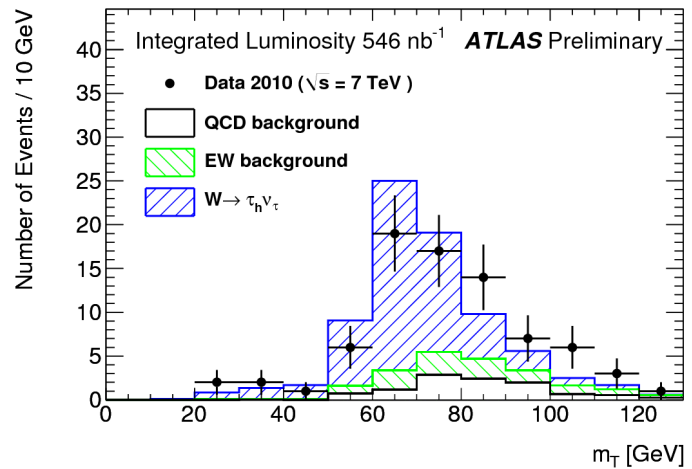
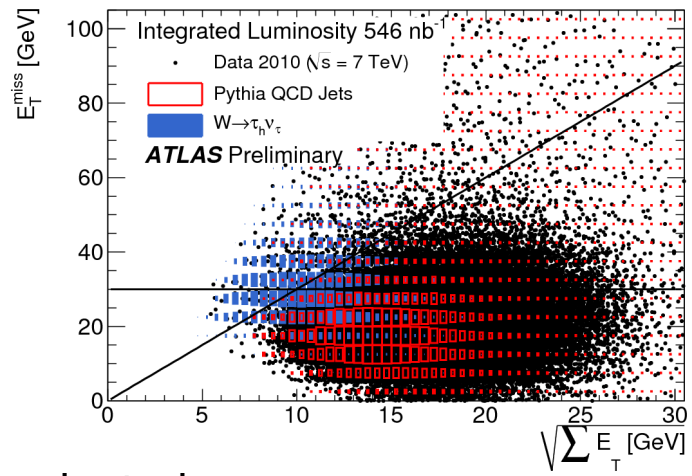
→ Good agreement between data and Monte Carlo

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- Selection for analysis with 546 nb<sup>-1</sup>:
- $\tau_h + E_T^{\text{miss}}$  trigger
  - Tight  $\tau_h$  with  $20 \text{ GeV} < p_T < 60 \text{ GeV}$
  - Veto on leptons with  $p_T > 5 \text{ GeV}$
  - $\Delta\phi(\text{jet}, E_T^{\text{miss}}) > 0.5 \text{ rad}$
  - $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 30 \text{ GeV}$
  - $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  significance  $> 6$

Backgrounds: Multijet (estimated from data),  $W \rightarrow l\nu$ ,  $Z \rightarrow ll$ ,  $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$



- Observation:
  - 78 events in data selected
  - $55 \pm 12$  events observed signal
  - $55 \pm 16$  events expected signal from MC
- Main systematic uncertainties: energy scale, MC model

→ Observed signal consistent with SM expectation  
 → hadronically decaying tau leptons in data established

Analysis on full dataset in preparation

# SM processes: $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$ cross section measurement

Measurement of  $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$  cross section with  $36 \text{ pb}^{-1}$  combining 4 channels:  
 $\tau_\mu \tau_h$  channel,  $\tau_e \tau_h$  channel,  $\tau_e \tau_\mu$  channel and  $\tau_\mu \tau_\mu$  channel

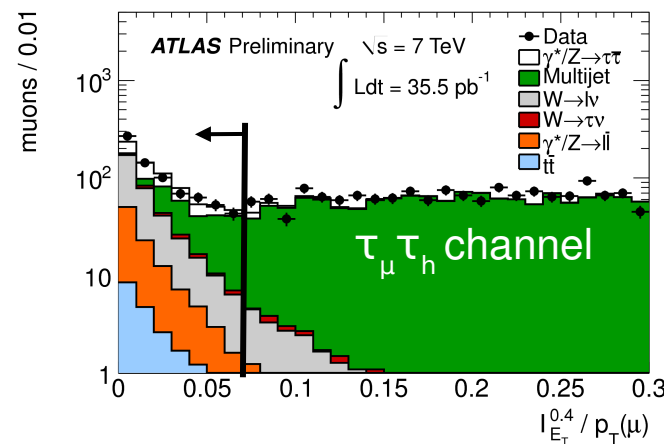
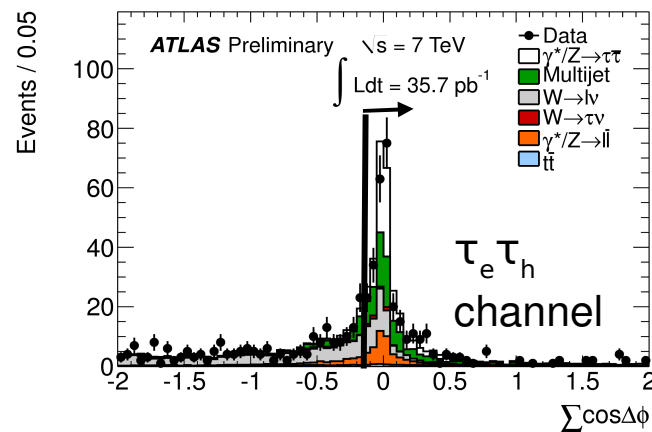
## Selection for $Z \rightarrow \tau_h \tau_l$ :

- Single lepton trigger
- One  $e p_T > 16 \text{ GeV}$  or one  $\mu p_T > 15 \text{ GeV}$
- One tight  $\tau_h p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$ , 1 or 3 tracks
- Tight lepton isolation
- $M_T < 50 \text{ GeV}$  and  $\Sigma \cos \Delta\phi(l, E_T^{\text{miss}}) > -0.15$
- Opposite charge of lepton and  $\tau_h$
- $35 \text{ GeV} < m_{\text{visible}} < 75 \text{ GeV}$

## Multijet suppression: Tight lepton isolation

- Sum of transverse momentum of tracks in  $\Delta R = 0.4$  cone divided by lepton  $p_T$
- Sum of energy in calorimeter in  $\Delta R = 0.4/0.3$  cone divided by lepton  $p_T$

## W+jets suppression:

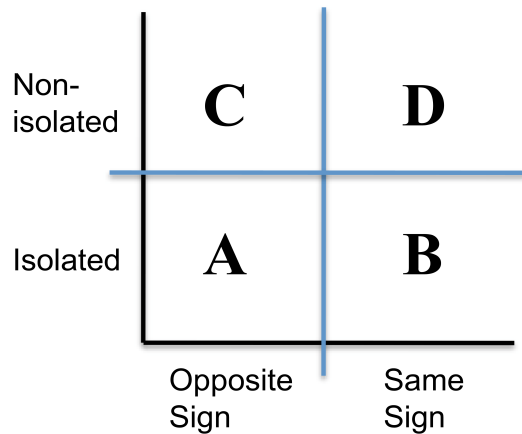


Multijet from data

# SM processes: $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$ cross section measurement

## Multijet background estimation from data:

- ABCD method OS/SS and lepton isolation



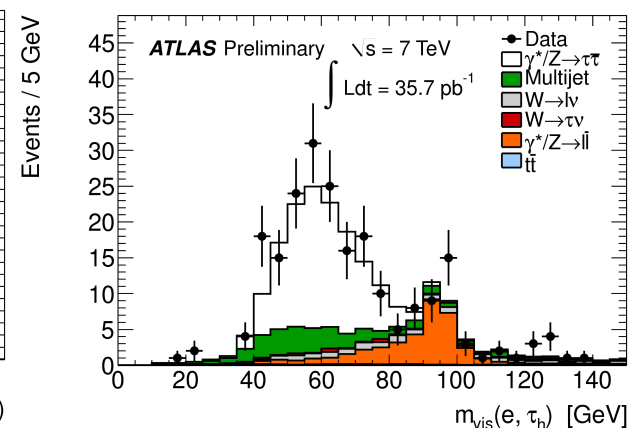
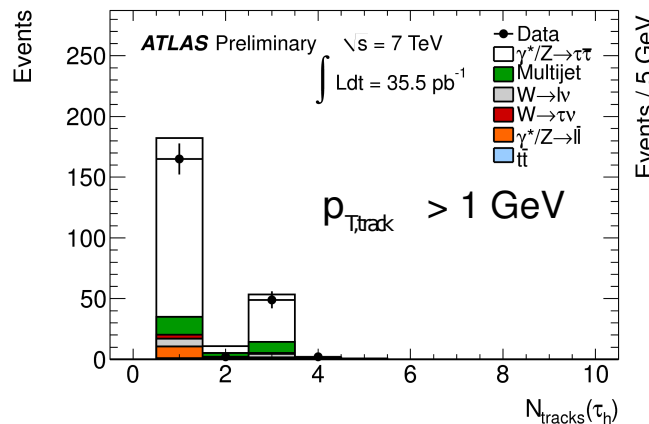
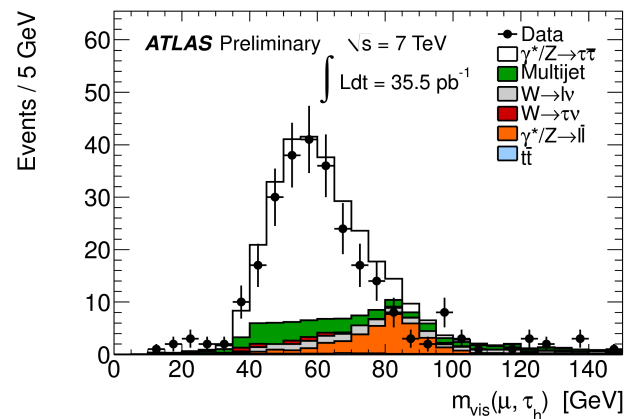
$$N^A = N^B \left( \frac{N^C}{N^D} \right) = N^B R_{iso}$$

EW, tt background subtracted in control regions

## W+jets background:

- Normalization in W-dominated control region from data
- Shape from MC

## Result for $Z \rightarrow \tau_h \tau_l$ : Visible mass and #track( $\tau$ ) distributions for $\tau_\mu \tau_h$ and $\tau_e \tau_h$ channels



# SM processes: $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$ cross section measurement

## Selection for $Z \rightarrow \tau_e \tau_\mu$ :

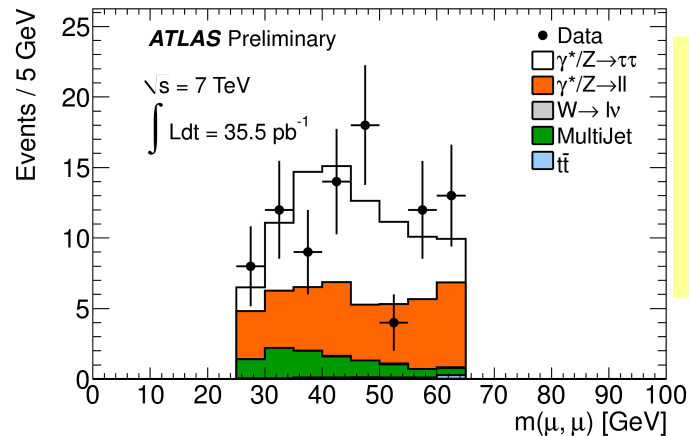
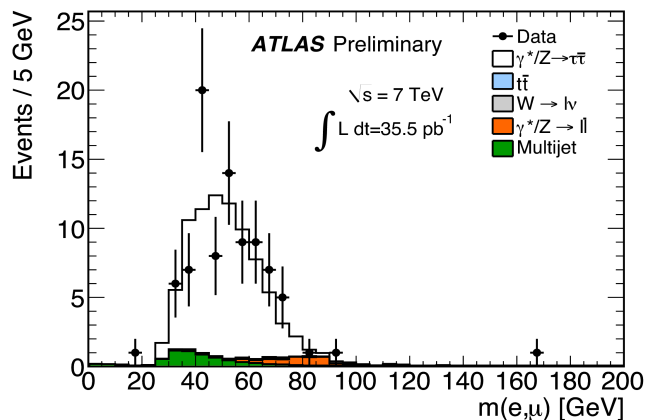
- One  $e$   $p_T > 15$  GeV and one  $\mu$   $p_T > 10$  GeV of opposite charge and tight isolated
- $\Sigma \cos \Delta\phi(l, E_T^{\text{miss}}) > -0.15$
- $\Sigma E_T + E_T^{\text{miss}} < 150$  GeV
- $25 \text{ GeV} < m_{e\mu} < 80$  GeV

## Selection for $Z \rightarrow \tau_\mu \tau_\mu$ :

- One  $\mu$   $p_T > 15$  GeV and one  $\mu$   $p_T > 10$  GeV of opposite charge and isolated
- $25 \text{ GeV} < m_{\mu\mu} < 65$  GeV
- BDT using 4 variables trained to separate  $Z \rightarrow \tau_\mu \tau_\mu$  and  $\gamma^*/Z \rightarrow ll$

- Multijet background estimated from data
- 85 events in data selected
- $76 \pm 10$  events observed signal

- Multijet background estimated from data
- 90 events in data selected
- $43 \pm 10$  events observed signal



$\rightarrow \gamma^*/Z \rightarrow ll$   
suppressed  
and  $Z \rightarrow \tau_\mu \tau_\mu$   
signal visible



# SM processes: $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$ cross section measurement

$$\text{Fiducial cross section: } \sigma^{fid}(Z \rightarrow \tau\tau) \times B(\tau \rightarrow l\nu\nu, \tau \rightarrow l\nu\nu / \tau_{had}\nu) = \frac{N_{obs} - N_{bkg}}{C_Z \cdot \mathcal{L}}$$

$$\text{Total cross section in invariant mass of } 66 < m_{\tau\tau} < 116 \text{ GeV: } \sigma(Z \rightarrow \tau\tau) \times B(\tau \rightarrow l\nu\nu, \tau \rightarrow l\nu\nu / \tau_{had}\nu) = \frac{N_{obs} - N_{bkg}}{A_Z \cdot C_Z \cdot \mathcal{L}}$$

- $C_Z$  correction factor taking into account detector effects (e.g Id efficiencies)
- $A_Z$  geometrical acceptance
- Corrections included for events outside the invariant mass window

Final State	Measured Fiducial Cross-section
$\tau_\mu\tau_h$	$23 \pm 2(\text{stat}) \pm 3(\text{syst}) \pm 1(\text{lumi}) \text{ pb}$
$\tau_e\tau_h$	$27 \pm 3(\text{stat}) \pm 5(\text{syst}) \pm 1(\text{lumi}) \text{ pb}$
$\tau_e\tau_\mu$	$7.5 \pm 1.0(\text{stat}) \pm 0.5(\text{syst}) \pm 0.3(\text{lumi}) \text{ pb}$
$\tau_\mu\tau_\mu$	$4.5 \pm 1.1(\text{stat}) \pm 0.6(\text{syst}) \pm 0.2(\text{lumi}) \text{ pb}$

Final State	Measured Total Cross-section ( $66 < m_{inv} < 116 \text{ GeV}$ )
$\tau_\mu\tau_h$	$0.86 \pm 0.08(\text{stat}) \pm 0.12(\text{syst}) \pm 0.03(\text{lumi}) \pm 0.003(\text{theo}) \text{ nb}$
$\tau_e\tau_h$	$1.14 \pm 0.14(\text{stat}) \pm 0.20(\text{syst}) \pm 0.04(\text{lumi}) \pm 0.004(\text{theo}) \text{ nb}$
$\tau_e\tau_\mu$	$1.06 \pm 0.14(\text{stat}) \pm 0.08(\text{syst}) \pm 0.04(\text{lumi}) \pm 0.004(\text{theo}) \text{ nb}$
$\tau_\mu\tau_\mu$	$0.96 \pm 0.22(\text{stat}) \pm 0.13(\text{syst}) \pm 0.03(\text{lumi}) \pm 0.002(\text{theo}) \text{ nb}$

## Main systematic uncertainties:

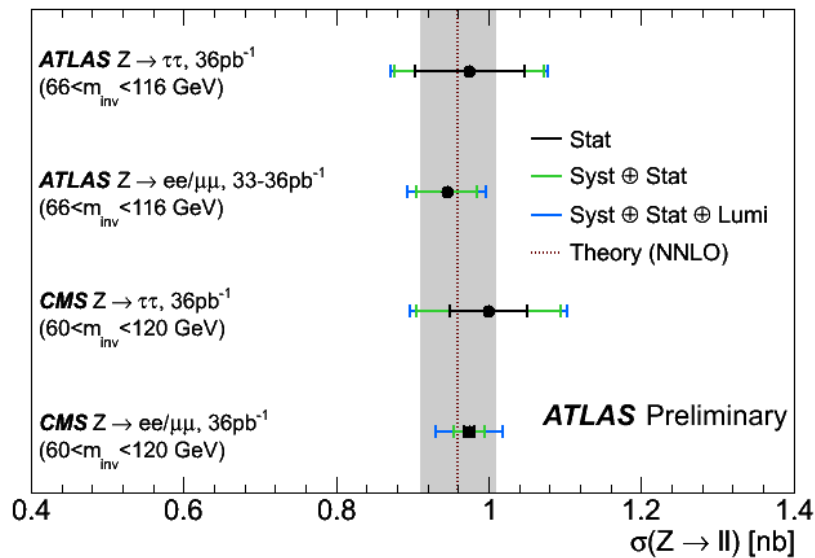
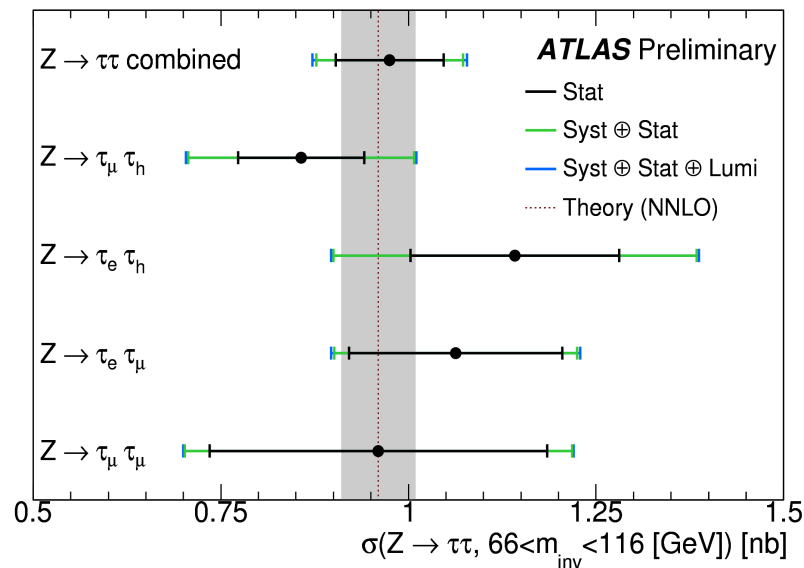
- Energy scale  $\tau_l\tau_h$  11 %
- Tau efficiency  $\tau_l\tau_h$  8.6%
- Muon efficiency 4%
- Electron efficiency 3-10%
- $A_Z$  3%
- Luminosity 3.4%

# SM processes: $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$ cross section measurement

Combination:

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

$$\sigma_{\text{theo}} = 0.96 \pm 0.05 \text{ nb}$$



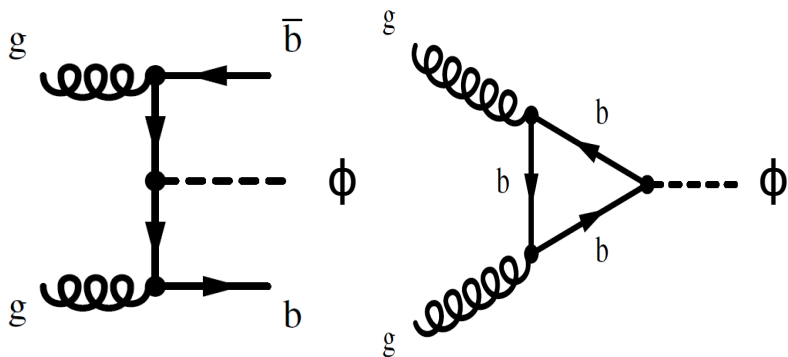
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→ Total cross section of  $\gamma^*/Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$  in invariant mass of  $66 < m_{\text{inv}} < 116$  GeV in good agreement with theoretical expectation

MSSM: 2 Higgs doublets

- 5 Higgs bosons  $\phi = h, H, A, H^\pm$
- $m_h^{\max}$  benchmark scenario
- Free parameters:  $\tan\beta$  and  $m_A$
- Strong coupling to down-type fermions, production  $\propto \tan\beta^2$
- Dominant production

Direct  $bb\phi$   $gg \rightarrow \phi$



Results for  $A/H/h \rightarrow \tau_h \tau_l$  and  $A/H/h \rightarrow \tau_e \tau_\mu$

Main backgrounds:

$Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$ ,  $W$ +jets, ( $Z \rightarrow ll$  and Multijets)

## Selection for $A/H/h \rightarrow \tau_h \tau_l$ with $36 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ :

- Single lepton trigger
- One isolated  $e$   $p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$  or  $\mu$   $p_T > 15 \text{ GeV}$
- One loose  $\tau_h$   $p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$ , 1 or 3 tracks
- Opposite charge of lepton and  $\tau_h$
- $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 20 \text{ GeV}$
- $M_T < 30 \text{ GeV}$

Selected events in  $36 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ :

Data	206
Sum MC expectation without Multijet	$218 \pm 5$
$A/H/h$ ( $m_A = 120 \text{ GeV}$ , $\tan \beta = 40$ )	$53.3 \pm 0.9$

MC $W$ +jets	$66 \pm 3$
MC $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$	$117 \pm 4$

# Higgs boson search: $A/H/h \rightarrow \tau\tau$

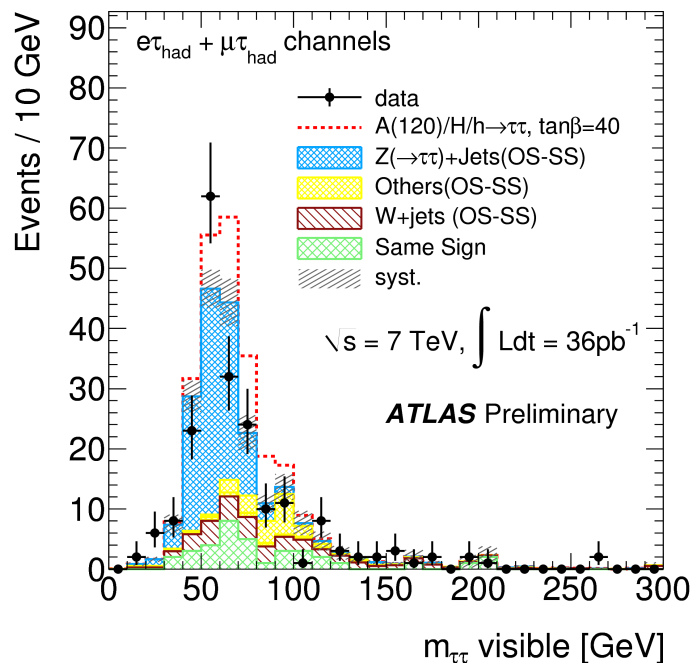
**Background estimate for  $A/H/h \rightarrow \tau_h \tau_l$ :** Estimate using same-sign sample from data

$$n_{OS}^{Bkg}(m_{vis}) = r_{QCD} \cdot n_{SS}^{QCD}(m_{vis}) + r_{W+jets} \cdot n_{SS}^{W+jets}(m_{vis}) + n_{OS}^{Z+jets}(m_{vis}) + n_{OS}^{other}(m_{vis})$$

Assumption  $r_{QCD} = \#events (OS) / \#events (SS) = 1$  (confirmed by MC and data control region)

$W+jets$  factor  $r_{W+jets}$  from  $W$  control region in data

$Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$  from MC, checked with embedding technique using data



- Visible mass distribution after all cuts

- Main systematic uncertainties on background yields:

Same-sign background estimate	25%
$W+jets$ background estimate	15%
Tau and jet energy scale	2-32%
Tau efficiency	4%
Signal acceptance	14%

## Selection for $A/H/h \rightarrow \tau_e \tau_\mu$ with $36 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ :

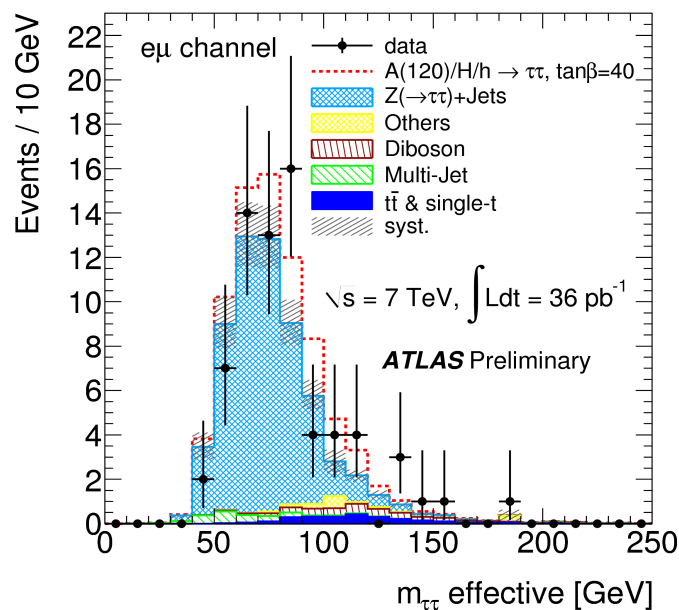
- Single electron trigger
- One  $e p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$  and  $\mu p_T > 10 \text{ GeV}$ , opposite charge and tight isolated
- $p_T(e) + p_T(\mu) + E_T^{\text{miss}} < 120 \text{ GeV}$
- $\Delta\phi(e, \mu) > 2 \text{ rad}$
- Discriminating variable: Effective mass

$$M_{\tau\tau}^{\text{effective}} = \sqrt{(p_e + p_\mu + p_{\text{miss}})^2}$$

## Selected events in $36 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ :

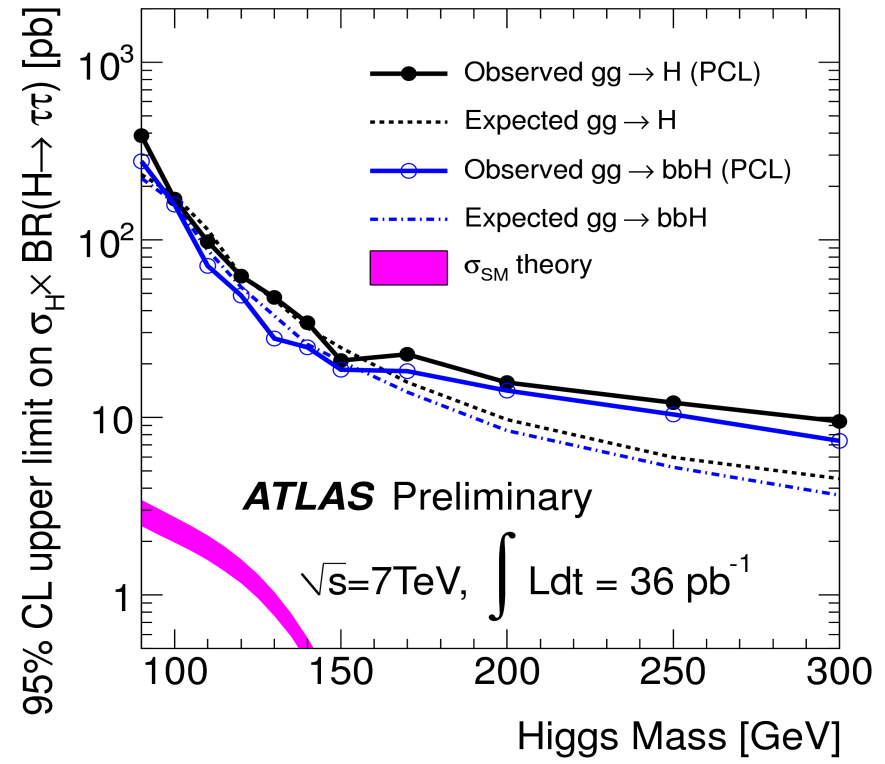
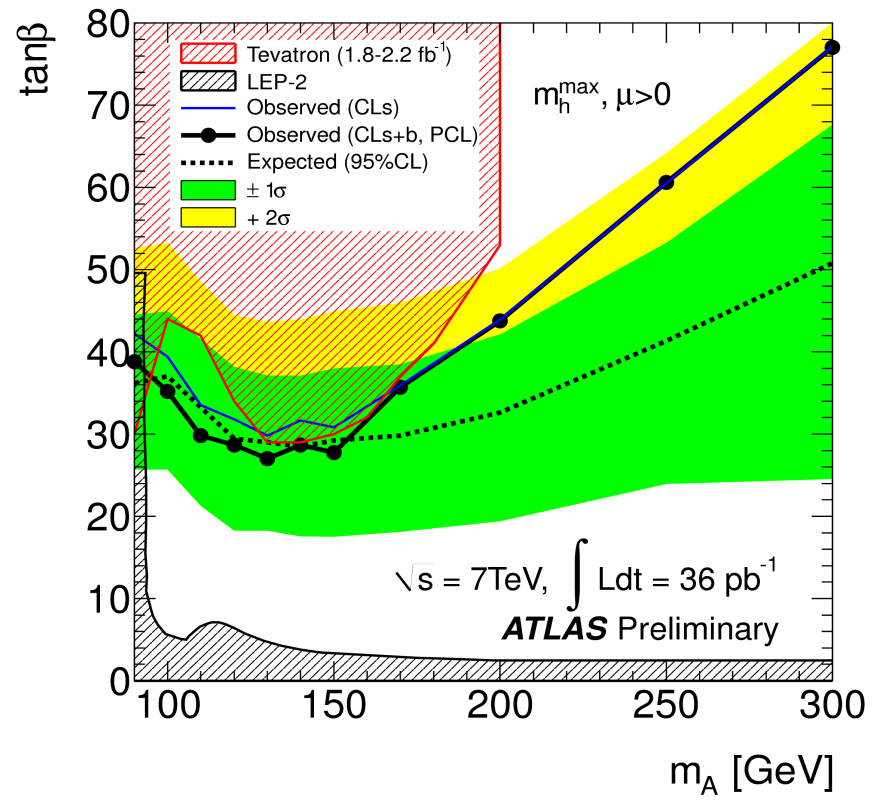
Data	70
MC expectation without Multijet	$60.4 \pm 1.2$
Multijet	$2.1 \pm 3.1$
$A/H/h$ ( $m_\beta = 120 \text{ GeV}$ , $\tan = 40$ )	$15.2 \pm 0.3$

- Main background  $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$  estimated from MC and shape validated with embedding technique using data
- Multijet background estimated from data: ABCD method



- Systematic uncertainties:  
 Electron efficiency  $\sim 7\text{-}9\%$   
 MC background cross sections  $5\text{-}10\%$   
 Multijet estimate, Mass shape uncertainty

- Exclusion limits from analysis of visible/effective mass shape using profile likelihood method
- Cross section, couplings, masses, BR from LHC Higgs XSection WG + matching between 4-flavor and 5-flavor calculation



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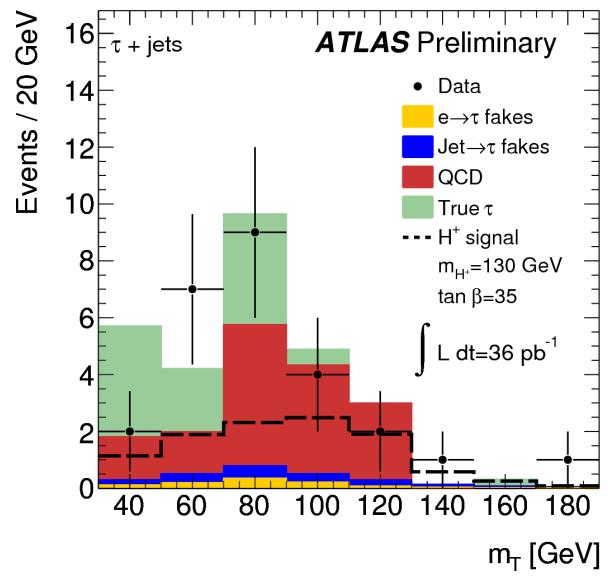
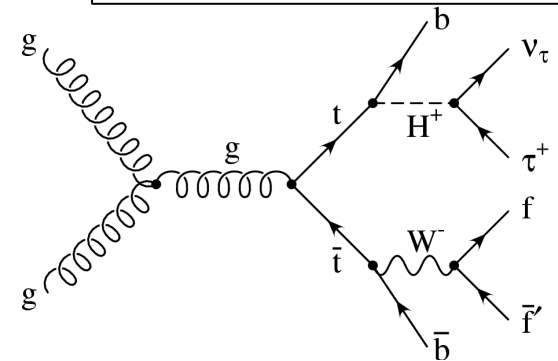
In MSSM if  $m(H^\pm) < m(t)$  dominant production for  $H^\pm$  in  $t\bar{t}$  with  $t \rightarrow H^+ b$  and  $H^+ \rightarrow \tau_h \nu$

$H^\pm$  with hadronic  $\tau$  decays: Test of data-driven background estimates

- $p_T(\tau_h) > 20$  GeV
- If  $W \rightarrow qq$ : Jets,  $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 20$  GeV,  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  significance  $> 3$ ,  
 $120 \text{ GeV} < m(\text{jet}, \text{jet}, \text{b-jet}) < 240 \text{ GeV}$
- If  $W \rightarrow l\nu$ :  $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 60$  GeV,  $\Sigma E_T > 200$  GeV, b-jet

Discriminating variable:  $m_T = \sqrt{2p_T^\tau E_T^{\text{miss}}(1 - \cos \Delta\phi)}$

- A) Backgrounds with fake  $\tau$  jets  
→ Measure fake rate
- B) Backgrounds with true  $\tau$ s  
→ Embedding
- C) Multijet background  
→ Fit with shape from control region



→ Given this sensitivity no limit is extracted, further studies with more data

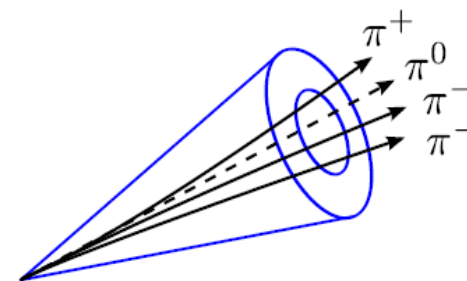
- Identification of hadronically and leptonically decaying tau leptons in ATLAS established
  - Total  $\gamma^*/Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$  cross section in invariant mass of  $66 < m_{\tau\tau} < 116$  GeV measured to
$$\sigma_{\text{combined}} = 0.97 \pm 0.07 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.07 \text{ (syst)} \pm 0.03 \text{ (lumi)} \text{ nb}$$
In good agreement with Standard Model expectation
  - Searches for  $H^+$  ready
  - Limit set for  $H/A/h \rightarrow \tau\tau$ , no excess observed  
Limit in  $(\tan\beta - m_A)$ -plane, regions excluded beyond Tevatron or LEP exclusions
- Looking forward to results with more data in tau decay channels



- ATLAS-CONF-2011-077 (Tau identification)
- ATLAS-CONF-2010-097 ( $W \rightarrow \tau_h \nu$  observation)
- ATLAS-CONF-2011-010 ( $Z \rightarrow \tau_h \tau_l$  observation)
- ATLAS-CONF-2011-045 ( $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow e\mu + 4\nu$  observation)
- ATLAS-CONF-2011-051 ( $H^+$  with hadronic  $\tau$  decays)
- ATLAS-CONF-2011-018 ( $H^+$  with leptonic  $\tau$  decays)
- ATLAS-CONF-2011-024 (MSSM A/H/h  $\rightarrow \tau\tau$ )

# Backup

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

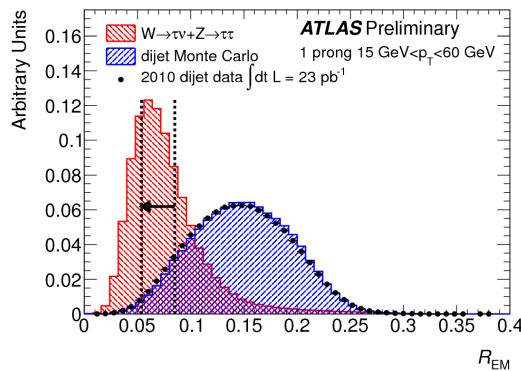


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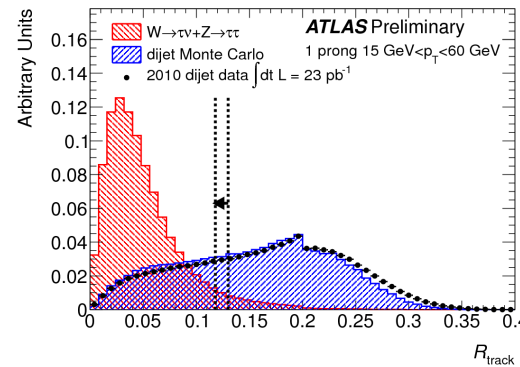
- Shower width (shower radius and isolation)
- Particle multiplicity (e.g. number of tracks, clusters)
- Shower composition (e.g. EM fraction)

→ Calorimeter cluster-based variables (e.g. number of clusters, mass), Tracking variables (e.g. track width, track mass), Variables which combine calorimeter and tracking information (e.g. E/p)

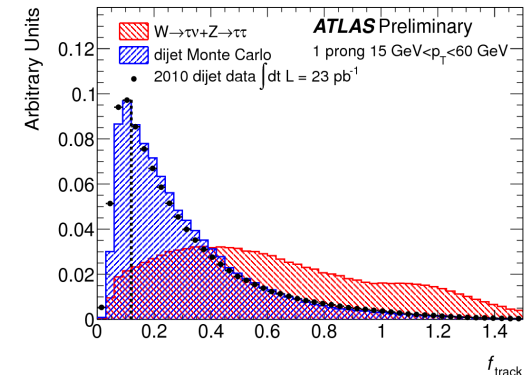
- Tau jet candidates seeded by calorimeter jets (candidate calorimeter jets reconstructed with AntiKt algorithm, starting from topological clusters)
- Tracks matched to candidate calorimeter jets
- Distinction between tau leptons and jets:  
Different identification criteria: cut based, boosted decision tree (BDT), likelihood LLH)
- Cuts based on 3 variables



Transverse energy weighted shower width in em. Calorimeter

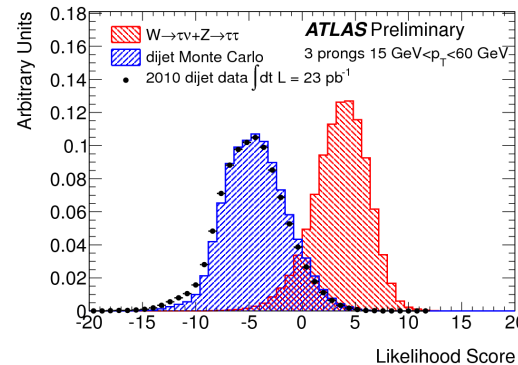


$p_T$  weighted track width



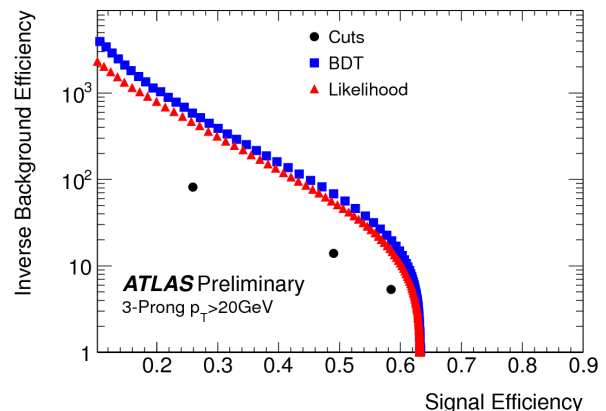
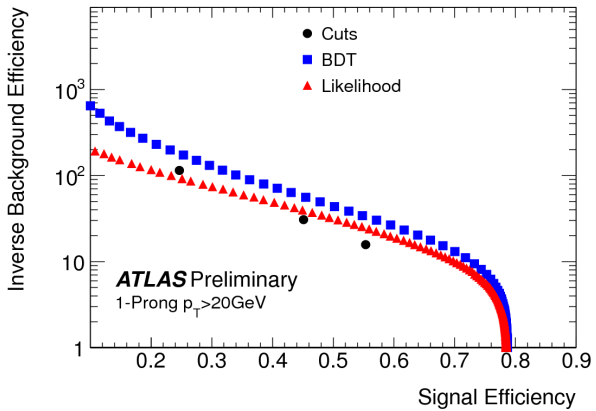
Leading track momentum

- BDT and LLH use further variables
- Rejection of electrons passing tau lepton selection (electron veto)



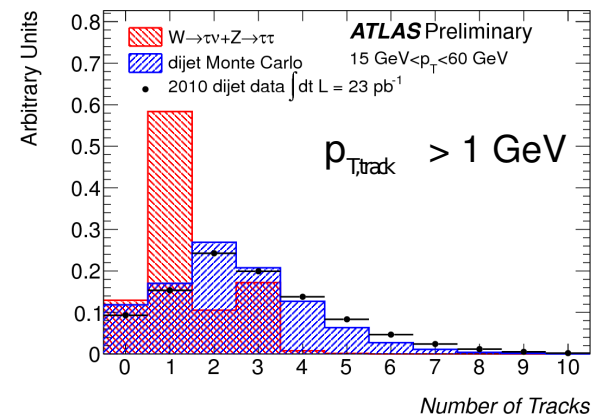
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Performance: Signal Monte Carlo  $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$  and  $W \rightarrow \tau_h \nu$ , Background dijet data events  
 Trained in bins of #prong and  $p_T$



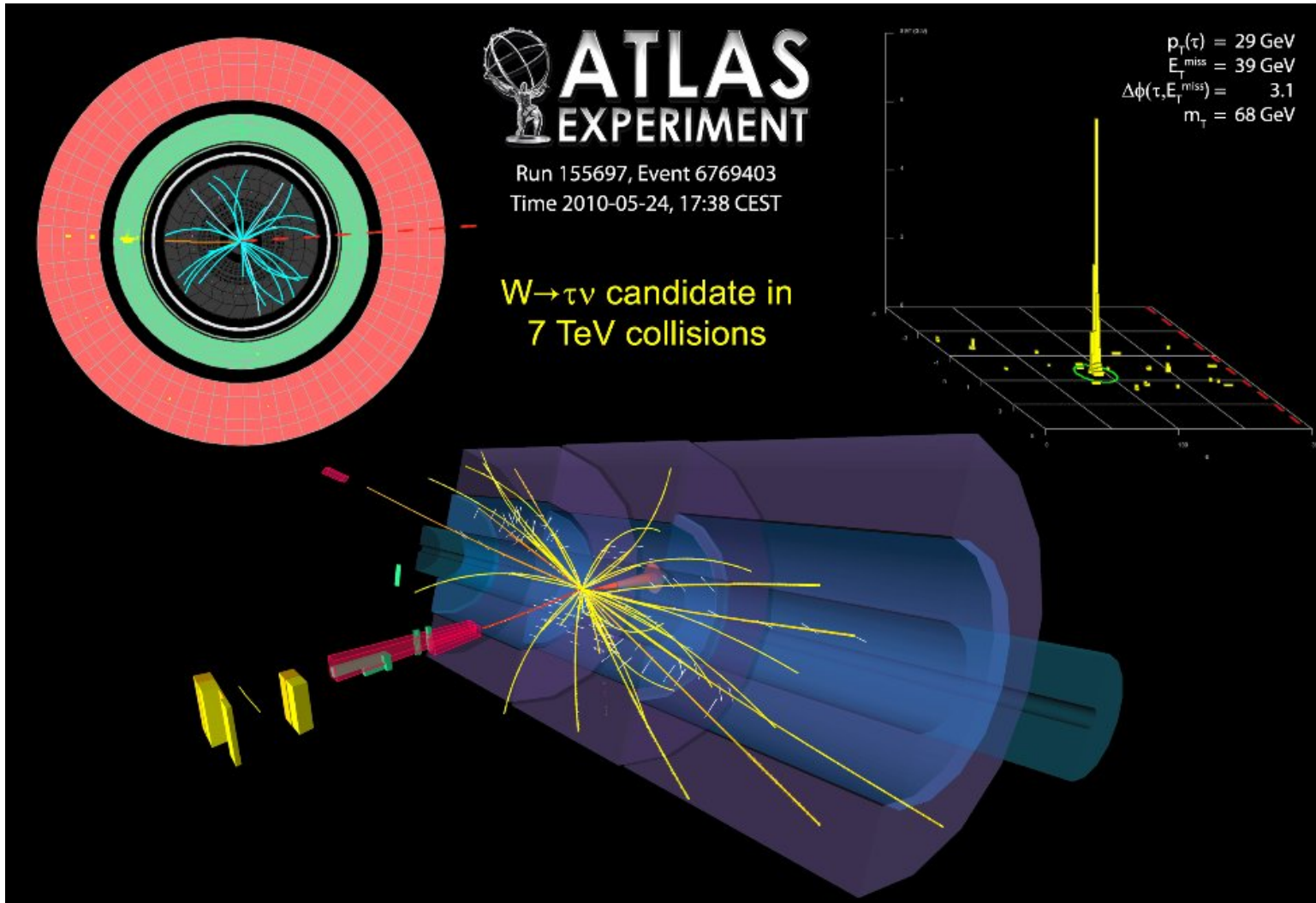
Tight cuts:  
 30 % signal efficiency  
 Dijet efficiency 2-6%

Efficiency systematics  
 evaluated on Monte Carlo:  
 Looser working point 4-7 %  
 Tighter working point ~ 10 %



→ Good agreement  
 between data and  
 Monte Carlo

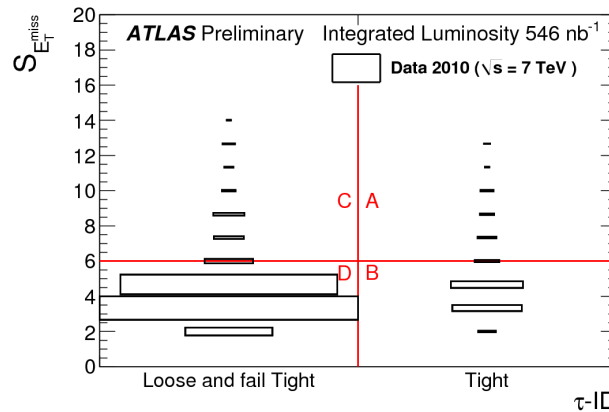
# $W \rightarrow \tau_h \nu$ candidate event display



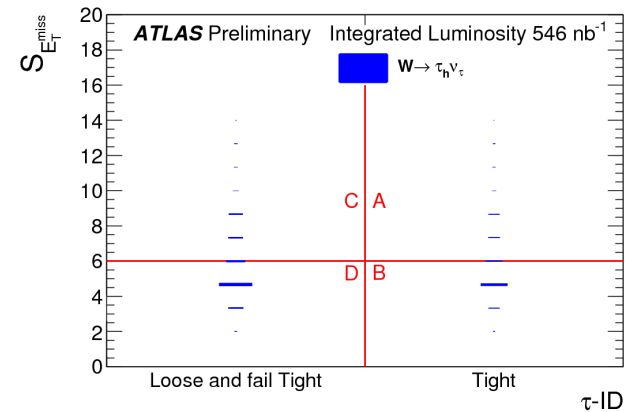
# SM processes: $W \rightarrow \tau_h \nu$ observation

Multijet background estimated from data:  
ABCD method

$$N_{\text{QCD}}^{\text{A}} = N^{\text{B}} N^{\text{C}} / N^{\text{D}}$$



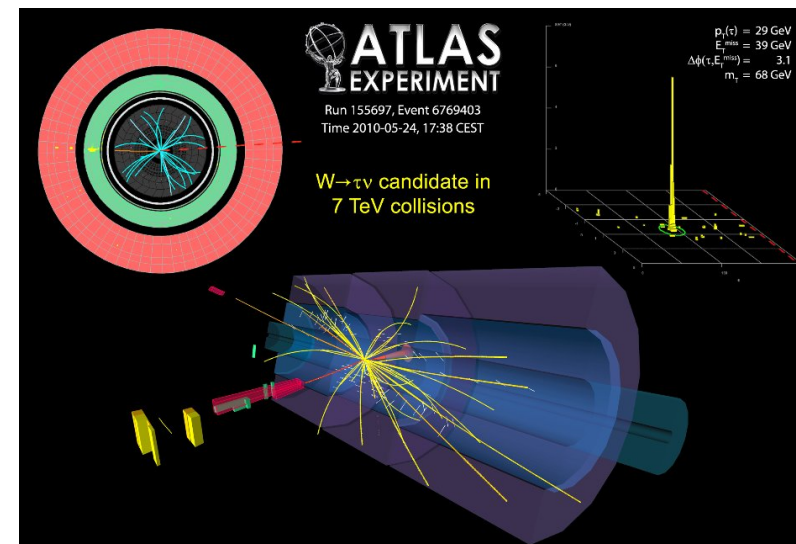
Data



$W \rightarrow \tau_h \nu$  MC

Observation of  $W \rightarrow \tau_h \nu$  with 546 nb<sup>-1</sup>

Data	78
Multijet background	$11.1 \pm 2.3$ (stat.) $\pm 3.2$ (syst.)
EW background	$11.8 \pm 0.4$ (stat.) $\pm 3.7$ (syst.)
Expected signal	$55.3 \pm 1.4$ (stat.) $\pm 16.1$ (syst.)
Observed signal	$55.1 \pm 10.5$ (stat.) $\pm 5.2$ (syst.)



Systematic uncertainties:

	$W \rightarrow \tau_h \nu_\tau$ (MC expectation)	EW background (MC expectation)	QCD background (data-driven estimate)
Central values [events]	55.3	11.8	11.1
Statistical uncertainty [events]	$\pm 1.4$	$\pm 0.4$	$\pm 2.3$
Systematic uncertainties			
Theoretical cross section	$\pm 5\%$	$\pm 5\%$	–
Luminosity	$\pm 11\%$	$\pm 11\%$	–
Energy scale	$\pm 21\%$	$\pm 14\%$	–
Lepton veto	–	$\pm 19\%$	–
Pile-up	$\pm 1\%$	$\pm 0.2\%$	–
Monte Carlo model	$\pm 16\%$	$\pm 17\%$	–
QCD background estimation	–	–	$\pm 29\%$
Total systematic uncertainty [events]	$\pm 16.1$	$\pm 3.7$	$\pm 3.2$



# Z $\rightarrow$ $\tau_h \tau_l$ candidate event display

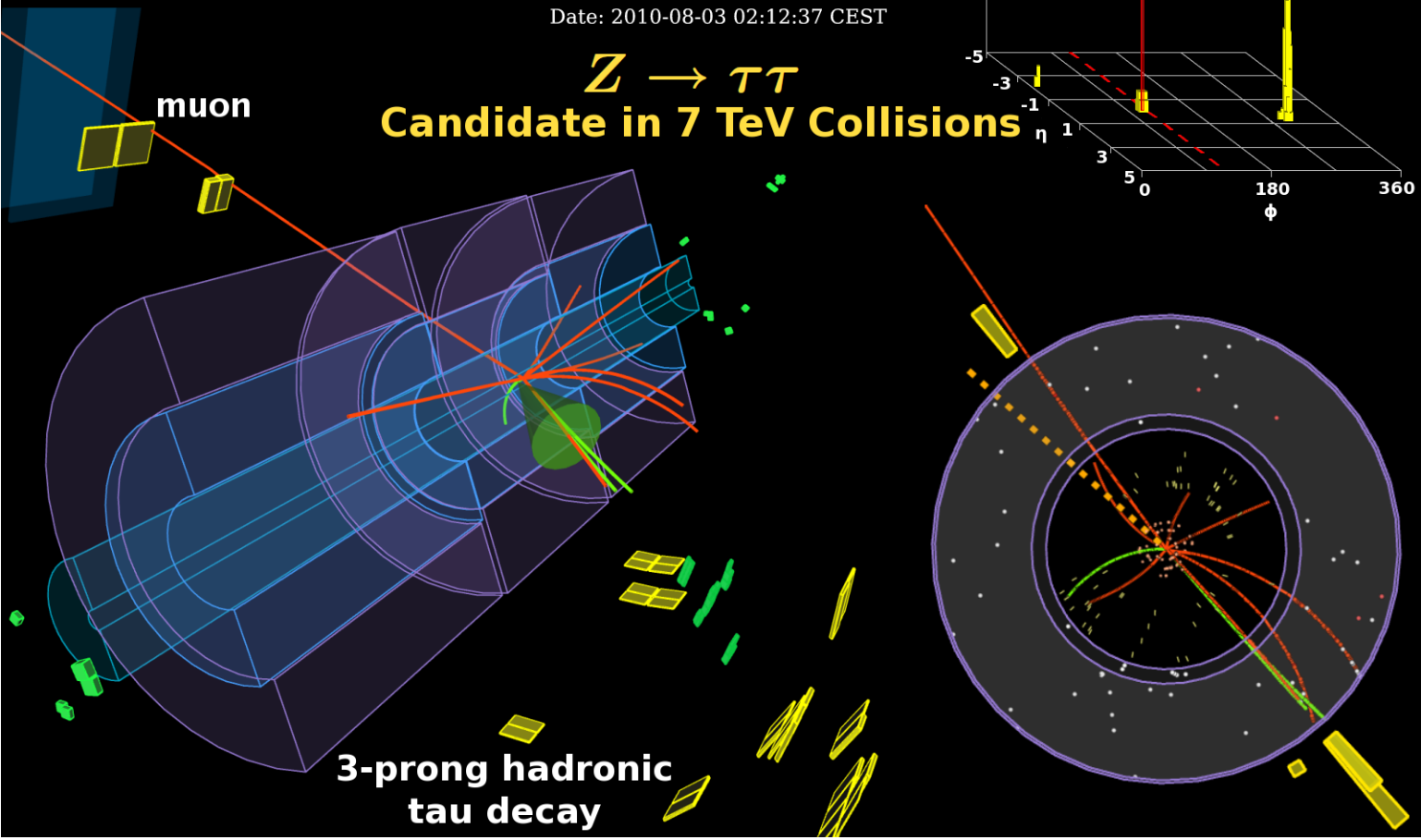
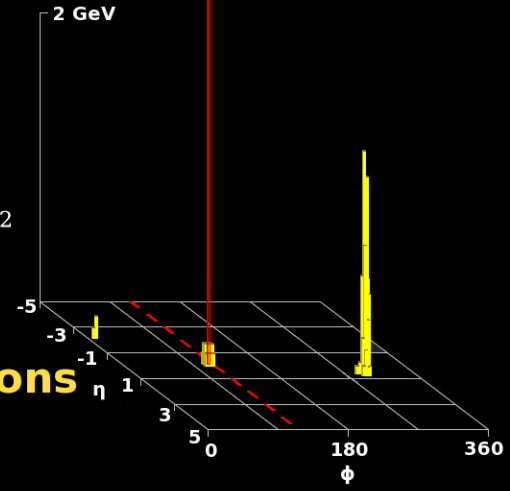
$p_T(\mu) = 18 \text{ GeV}$   
 $p_T^{\text{vis}}(\tau_h) = 26 \text{ GeV}$   
 $m_{\text{vis}}(\mu, \tau_h) = 47 \text{ GeV}$   
 $m_T(\mu, E_T^{\text{miss}}) = 8 \text{ GeV}$   
 $E_T^{\text{miss}} = 7 \text{ GeV}$

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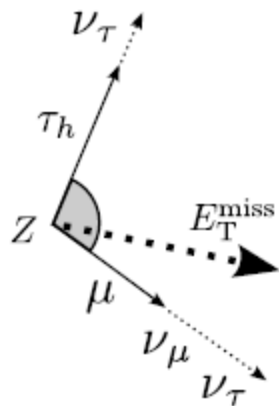
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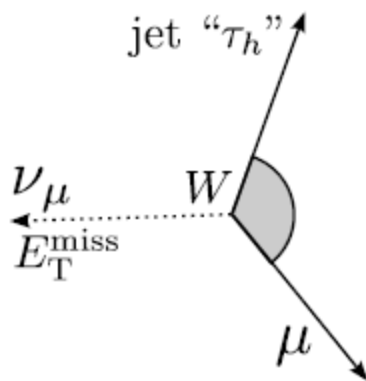
$Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$   
**Candidate in 7 TeV Collisions**



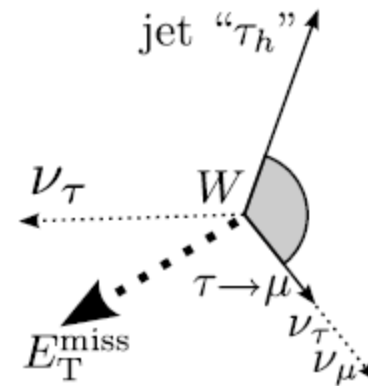
SumCosDeltaPhi:  $\sum \cos \Delta\phi = \cos(\phi(\ell) - \phi(E_T^{\text{miss}})) + \cos(\phi(\tau_h) - \phi(E_T^{\text{miss}}))$



(a)  $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow \mu\tau_h$



(b)  $W \rightarrow \mu\nu$



(c)  $W \rightarrow \tau\nu \rightarrow \mu\nu\nu$

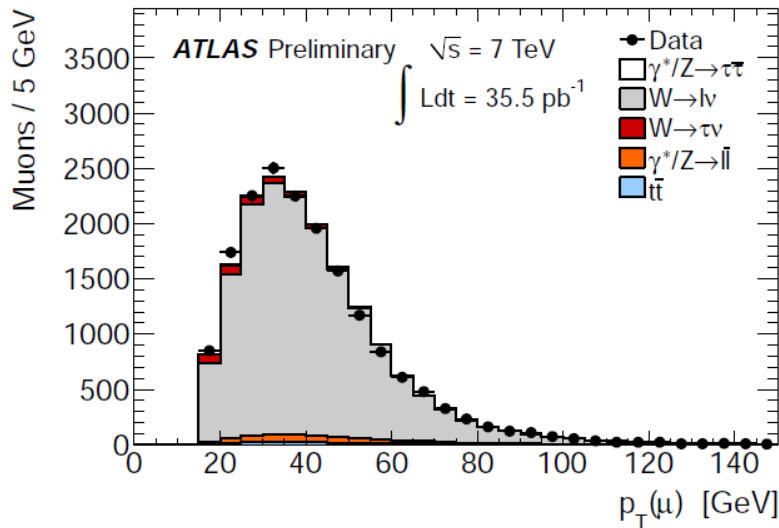
Transverse Mass:  $m_T(\ell, E_T^{\text{miss}}) = \sqrt{2 p_T(\ell) \cdot |E_T^{\text{miss}}| \cdot (1 - \cos \Delta\phi(\ell, E_T^{\text{miss}}))}$

$W$ +jets background shape taken from MC and normalized to data in  $W$  enriched region

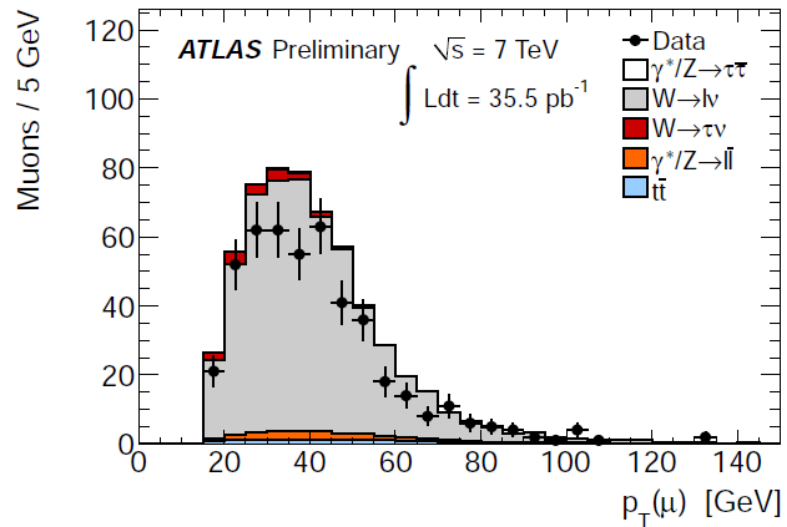
- inverted  $W$ +jets suppression cuts

before tau ID

after tau ID



(a) no  $\tau$  identification



(b) tight  $\tau$  candidate

muon channel

# SM processes: $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$ cross section measurement

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	$\tau_\mu\tau_h$	$\tau_e\tau_h$
$N_{obs}$	213	151
$N_{obs} - N_{bkg}$	$164 \pm 16 \pm 4$	$114 \pm 14 \pm 3$
$A_Z$	$0.117 \pm 0.0002 \pm 0.004$	$0.101 \pm 0.0002 \pm 0.003$
$C_Z$	$0.21 \pm 0.002 \pm 0.03$	$0.120 \pm 0.002 \pm 0.019$
B	$0.2250 \pm 0.0009$	$0.2313 \pm 0.0009$
$\mathcal{L}$	$35.5 \pm 1.2 \text{ pb}^{-1}$	$35.7 \pm 1.2 \text{ pb}^{-1}$
	$\tau_e\tau_\mu$	$\tau_\mu\tau_\mu$
$N_{obs}$	85	90
$N_{obs} - N_{bkg}$	$76 \pm 10 \pm 1$	$43 \pm 10 \pm 3$
$A_Z$	$0.114 \pm 0.0004 \pm 0.003$	$0.156 \pm 0.001 \pm 0.011$
$C_Z$	$0.29 \pm 0.005 \pm 0.02$	$0.27 \pm 0.006 \pm 0.01$
B	$0.0620 \pm 0.0002$	$0.0301 \pm 0.0001$
$\mathcal{L}$	$35.5 \pm 1.2 \text{ pb}^{-1}$	$35.5 \pm 1.2 \text{ pb}^{-1}$

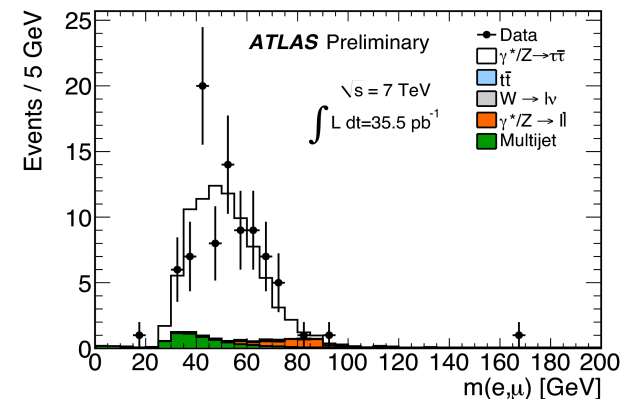
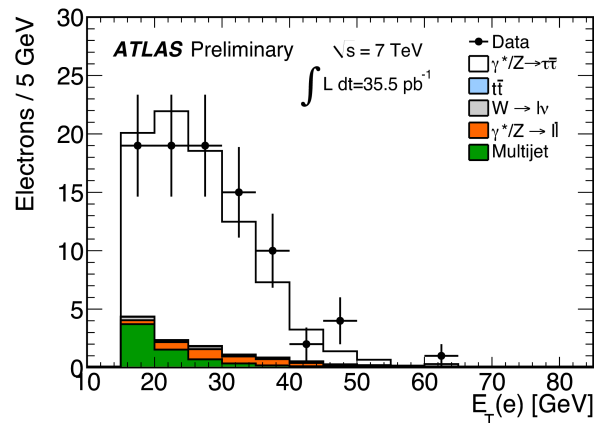
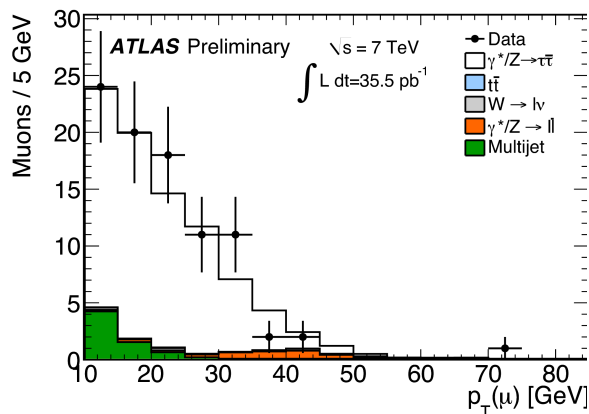
## Selection for $Z \rightarrow \tau_e \tau_\mu$ :

- One electron  $p_T > 15$  GeV and one muon  $p_T > 10$  GeV of opposite charge
- Tight lepton isolation
- $\Sigma \cos\Delta\phi(l, E_T^{\text{miss}}) > -0.15$
- $p_{T,e} + p_{T,\mu} + p_{T,\text{jets}} + E_T^{\text{miss}} < 150$  GeV
- $25 \text{ GeV} < m_{\text{visble}} < 80$  GeV

- Multijet background estimated from data: ABCD method using OS/SS ratio vs. lepton isolation
- W normalization checked in control region in data

	$\tau_e \tau_\mu$
$N_{\text{obs}}$	85
$N_{\text{obs}} - N_{\text{bkg}}$	$76 \pm 10 \pm 1$

→ Distributions of lepton  $p_T$  and visible mass after all cuts beside mass window cut



# SM processes: $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$ cross section measurement

## Selection for $Z \rightarrow \tau_\mu \tau_\mu$ :

- One isolated muon  $p_T > 15$  GeV and one isolated muon  $p_T > 10$  GeV of opposite charge
- $25 \text{ GeV} < m_{\mu\mu} < 65 \text{ GeV}$
- Boosted decision tree to separate  $Z \rightarrow \tau_\mu \tau_\mu$  and  $\gamma^*/Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$

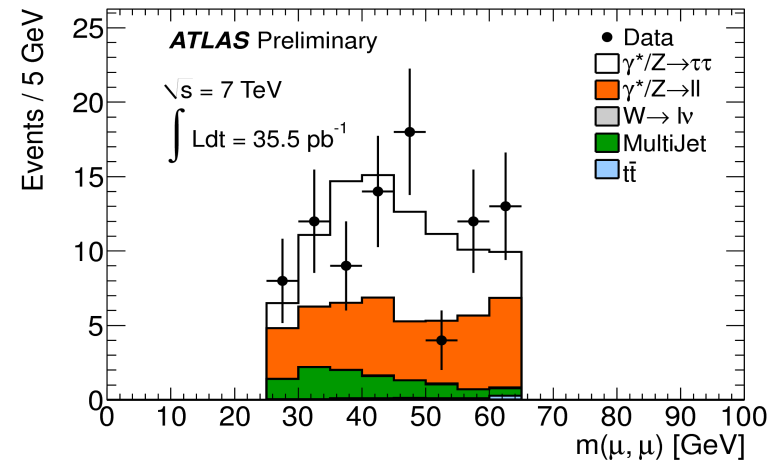
Multijet background estimated from data

BDT input variables:

- $\Delta\phi(\mu_1, \mu_2)$
- $\Delta\phi(\mu_1, E_T^{\text{miss}})$
- $(p_T(\mu_1) - p_T(\mu_2))$
- $|d_0(\mu_1)| + |d_0(\mu_2)|$

Distribution of visible mass after all cuts

	$\tau_\mu \tau_\mu$
$N_{\text{obs}}$	90
$N_{\text{obs}} - N_{\text{bkg}}$	$43 \pm 10 \pm 3$



$\rightarrow \gamma^*/Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$  suppressed and  $Z \rightarrow \tau_\mu \tau_\mu$  signal visible

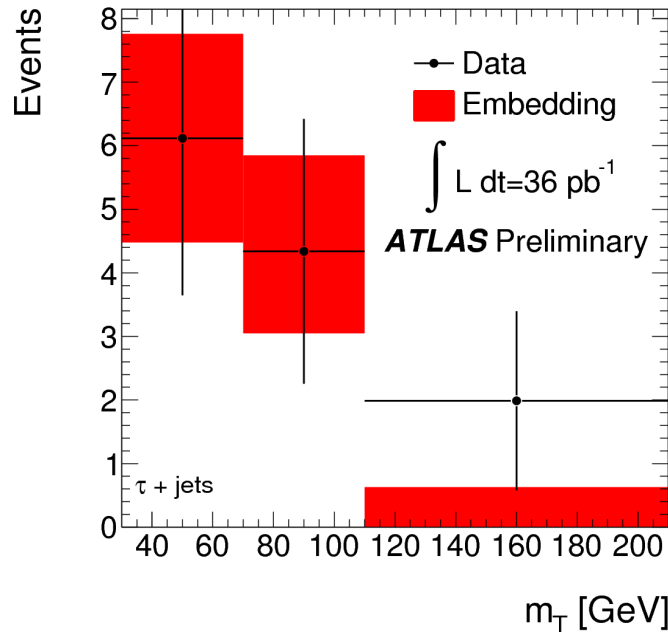
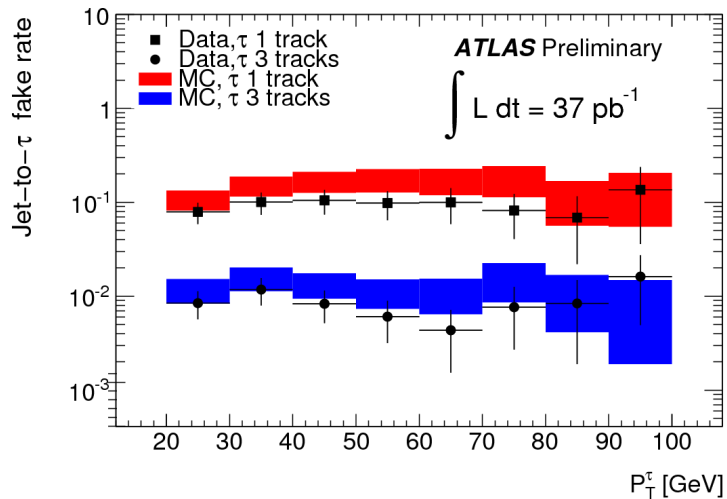
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In MSSM if  $m(H^\pm) < m(t)$  dominant production for  $H^\pm$  in  $t\bar{t}$  with  $t \rightarrow H^\pm b$  and  $H^\pm \rightarrow \tau_h \nu$

1.  $H^\pm$  with hadronic  $\tau$  decays: Test of data-driven background estimates

A) Backgrounds with fake  $\tau$  jets  $\rightarrow$  Measure fake rate

B) Backgrounds with true  $\tau$ s  $\rightarrow$  Embedding



C) Multijet background  $\rightarrow$  Fit with shape from control region



# Z/H $\rightarrow$ $\tau\tau$ (lh) in ATLAS

- Lepton identification: muon  $\rightarrow$  muon system and tracking or electron  $\rightarrow$  tracking and electromagnetic calorimeter
- Neutrinos: missing energy  $\rightarrow$   $4\pi$  calorimeter with high granularity
- Tau identification: electromagnetic calorimeter and tracking

