

# SUSY tau+X searches at ATLAS

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# Outline

- Motivation for tau searches
- Tau reconstruction and Identification
- Looking for one  $\tau$
- Looking for two  $\tau$ 's

# Motivation

- Leptons are important for searches; reduce background, clean signatures
- SM follows lepton universality, NP need not!
- There are regions of parameter space where production of taus is significantly enhanced over lighter leptons

Consider GMSB,

For larger  $\tan\beta$ , stau is NLSP for most of parameter space

Sparticles cascade decay to the stau followed by  $\tilde{\tau} \rightarrow \tau \tilde{G}$

# Tau Reconstruction

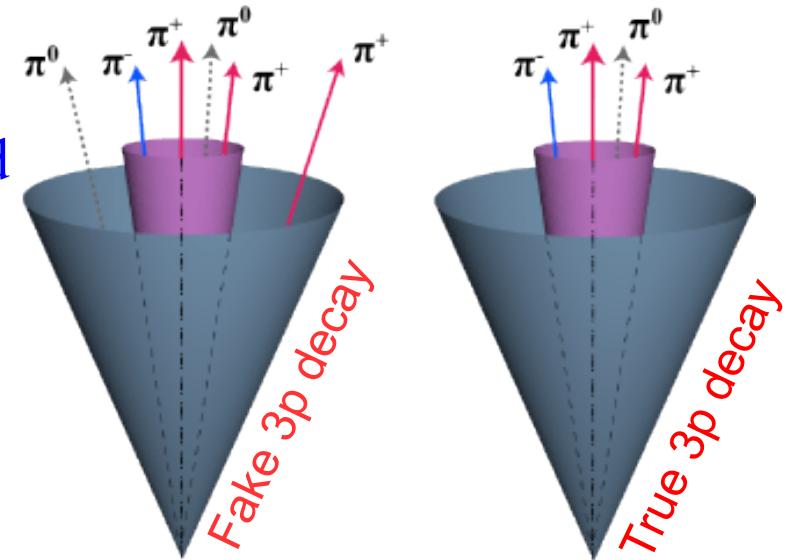
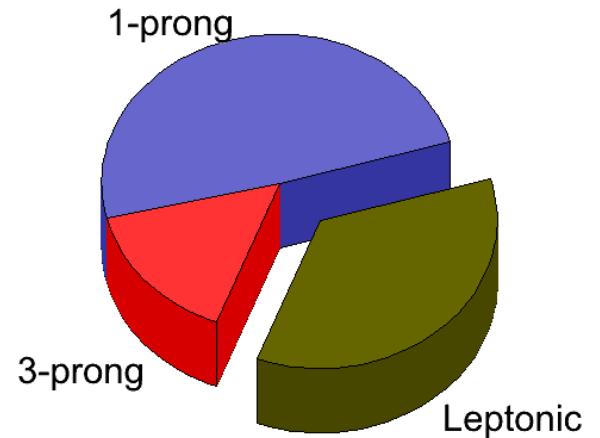
Tau mass = 1.8 GeV

~ 65% of tau decays are to hadronic final states

1-prong – 1 charged pion in final state

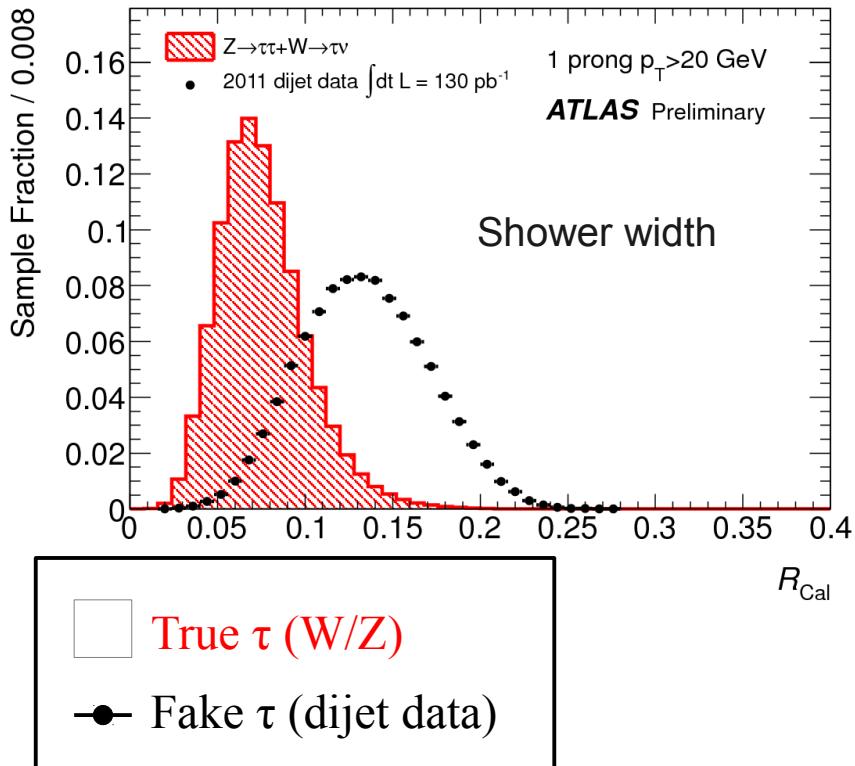
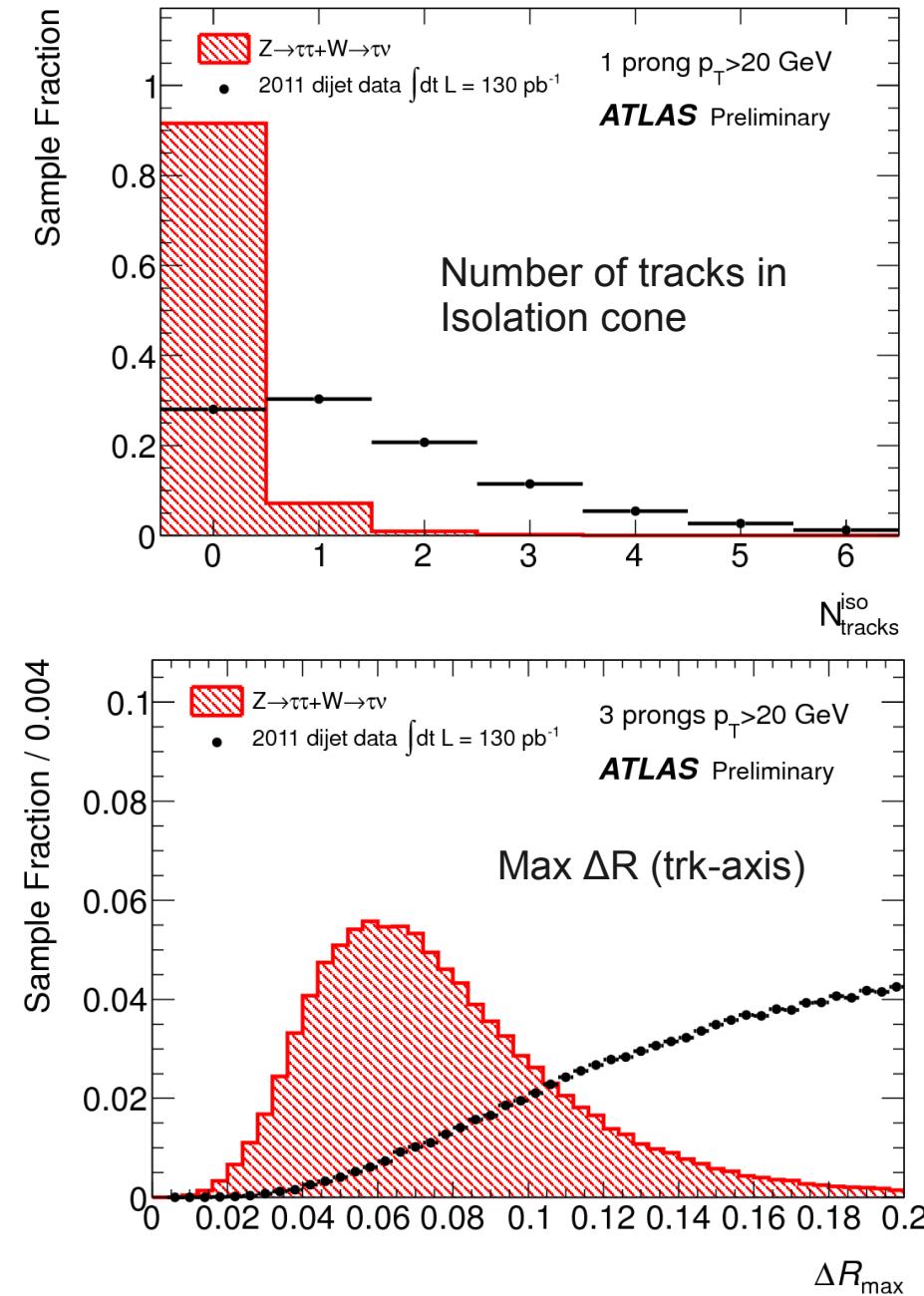
3-prong – 3 charged pions in final state

- Taus reconstructed from all jets with  $pT > 10$  GeV  
(Jets using anti- $k_T$  algorithm with  $R = 0.4$ )
- Separate identification of 1p and 3p
- Multivariate discriminants based on tracking and calorimeter information
- Tau energy scale calibrated from MC based on visible energy,  $|\eta|$ , and number of prongs



# Tau Identification

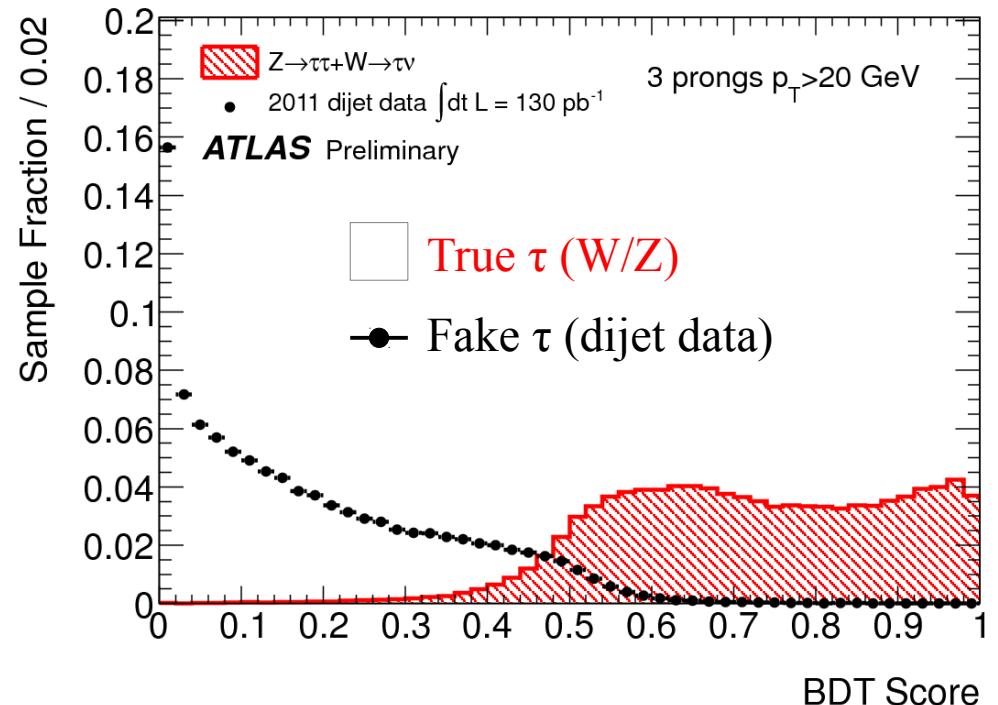
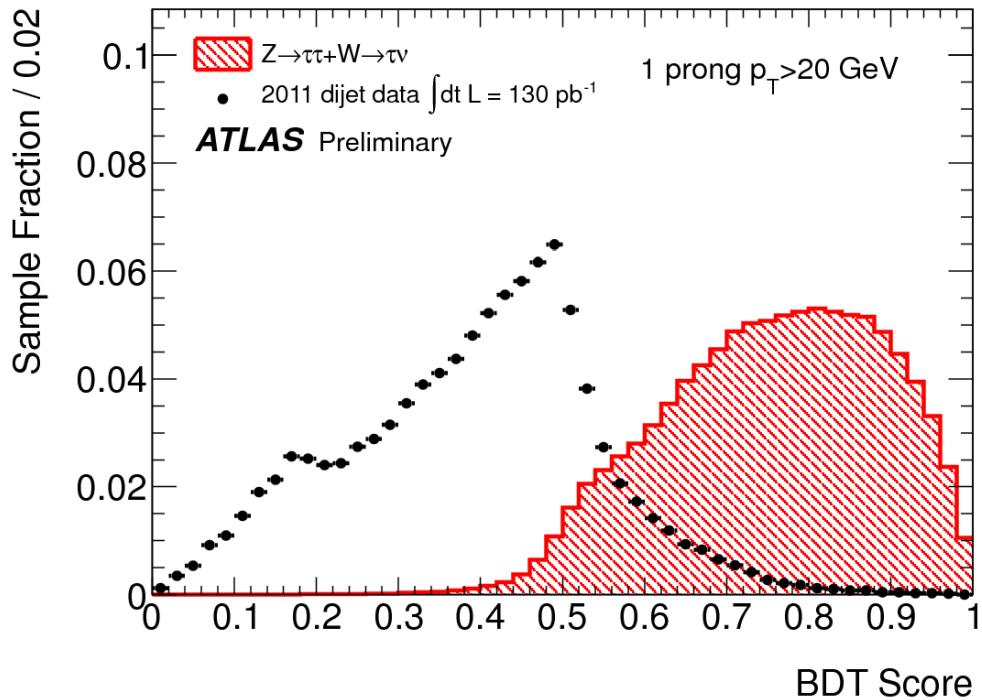
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Other variables include  
 $p_T$  weighted track width,  
leading track momentum fraction,  
core energy fraction,  
cluster mass, track mass,  
transverse flight path significance,  
leading track IP significance...

# Tau Identification

Boosted Decision Tree (BDT) trained for 1p and multi-prong

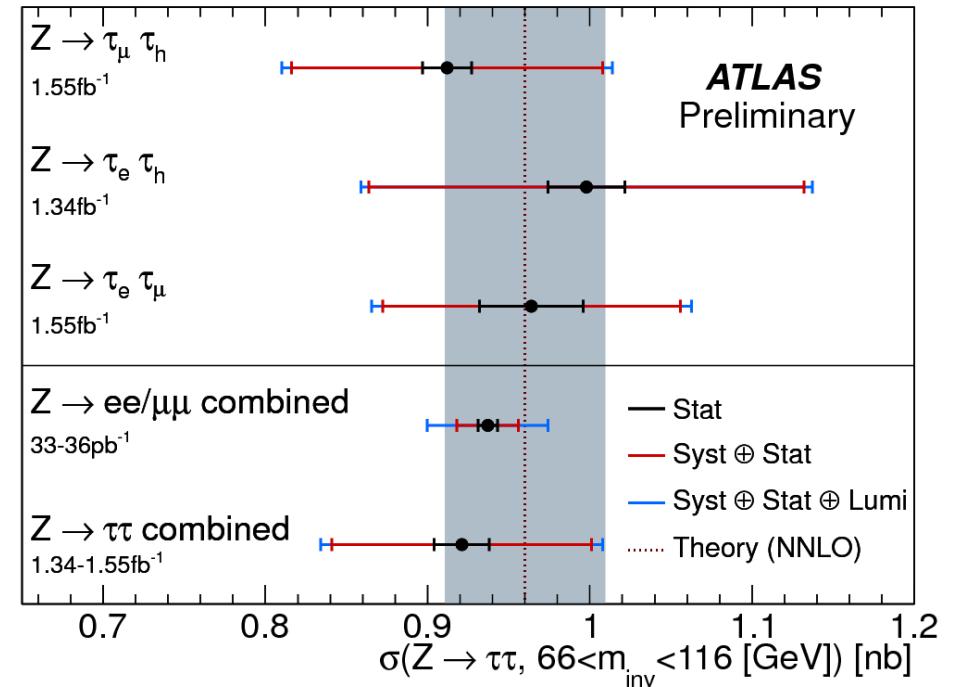
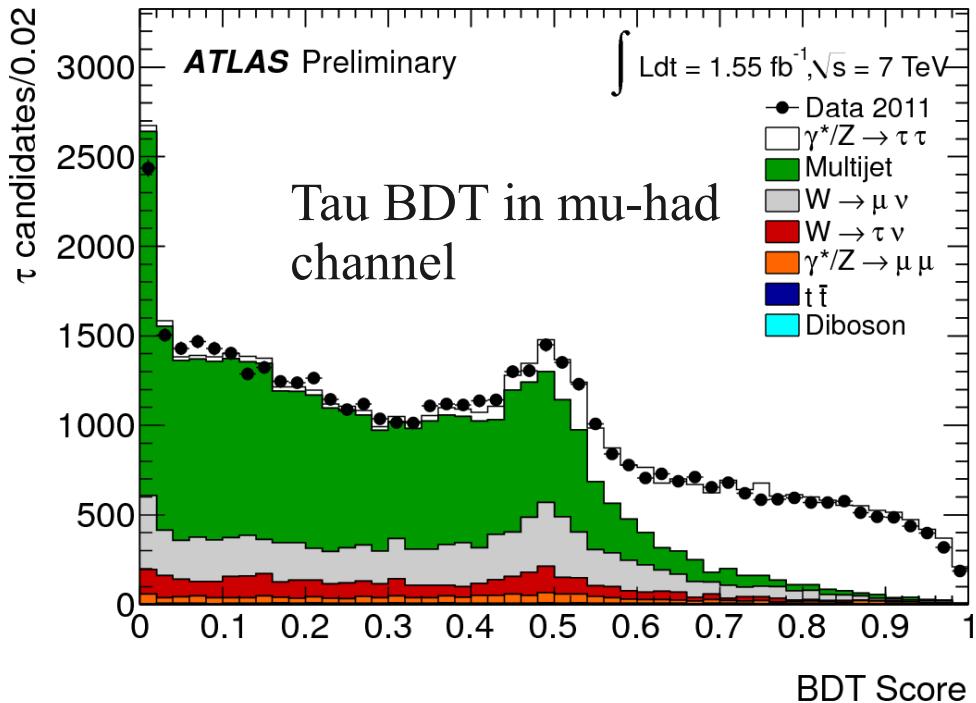


- Loose, Medium, Tight selections defined based on BDT score
- Each selection employs  $p_T$  dependent cuts to compensate for  $p_T$  dependence of BDT

# Understand the SM before NP

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

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The  $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$  cross section (lep-had) channel agrees very well with SM prediction.

$\geq 1 \tau + \text{jets} + \text{Etmiss}$

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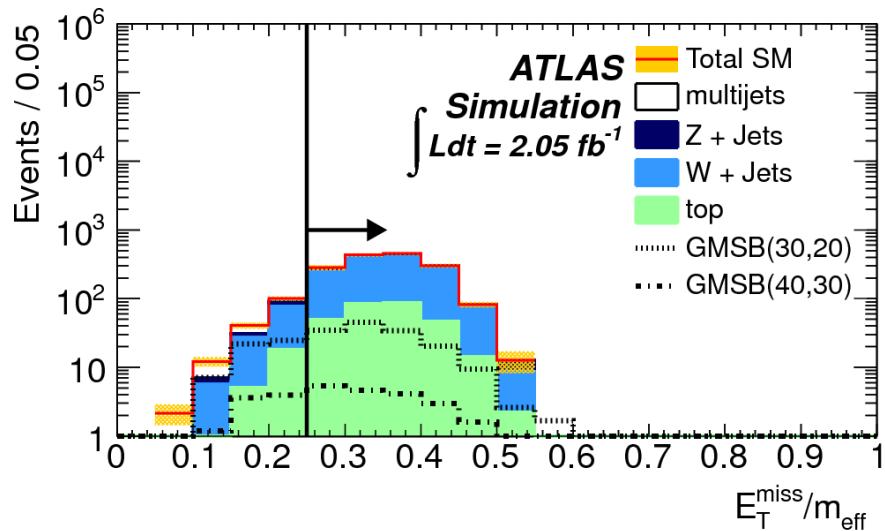
$\geq 1 \tau + \text{jets} + \text{Emiss}$  ( $2.05 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )

## Event Selection

Trigger: 1 jet with  $p_T > 75 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $\text{Emiss} > 45 \text{ GeV}$

1 tau with  $p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$  ( $|\eta| < 2.5$ ), BD $T$ tight

2 jets with  $p_T > 130 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $30 \text{ GeV}$  respectively



$\text{Emiss} > 130 \text{ GeV}$

$\Delta\phi(\text{jet-Emiss}) > 0.3$  for both jets

$m_T > 110 \text{ GeV}$

$M_{\text{eff}} > 600 \text{ GeV}$  ( $\sum p_T[\tau, \text{jets}, \text{Emiss}]$ )

$\text{Emiss}/M_{\text{eff}} > 0.25$

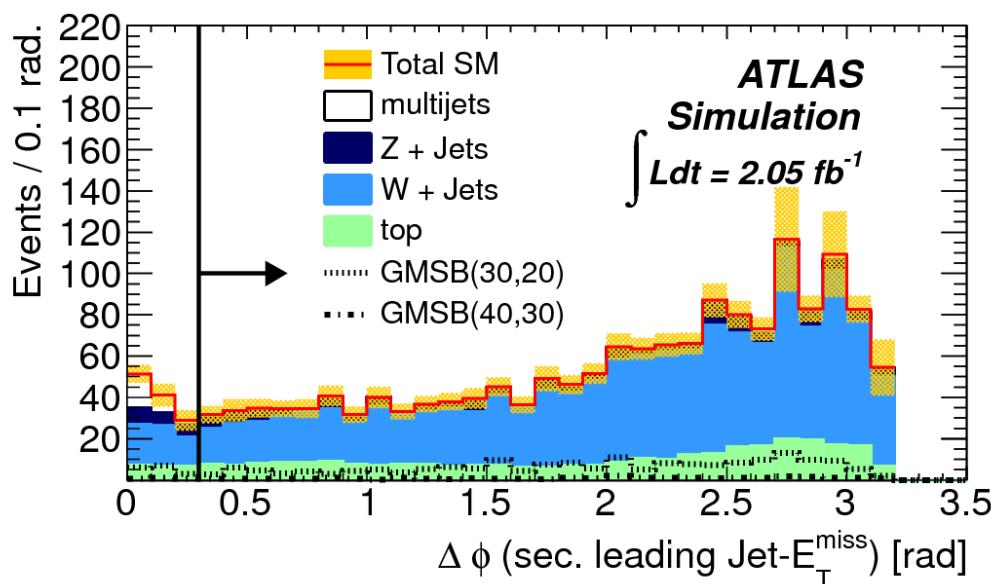
No electrons/muons above 20 GeV

# $\geq 1 \tau + \text{jets} + \text{Etmiss}$

## Backgrounds W+jet, Z+jet, top-pair, single-top

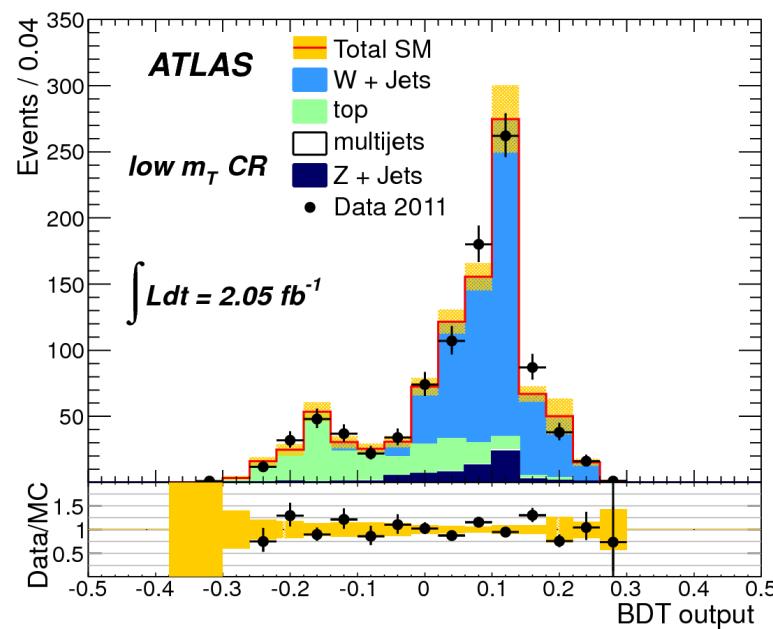
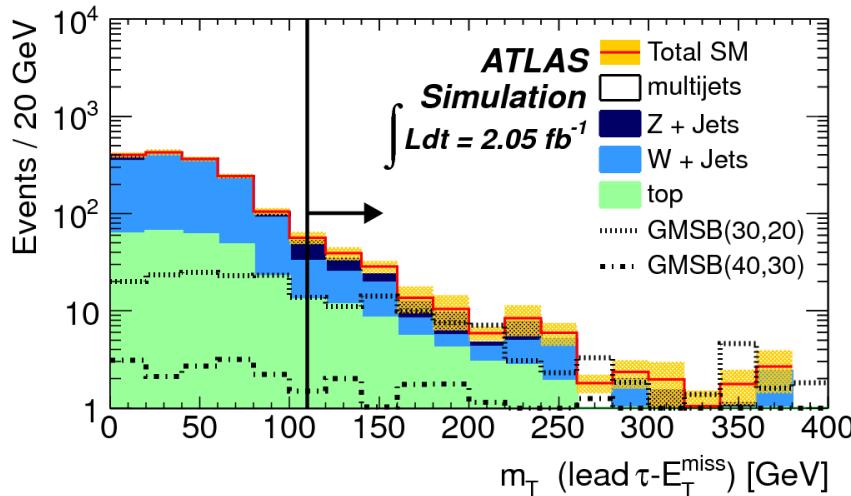
Background estimated from 3 control regions

1. Real taus from W, Z, top
2. Fake taus from W, top
3. Fake taus from multijet



- Control region: Multijets  
 $\text{Etmiss}/M_{\text{eff}} < 0.25$  or  $\Delta\phi(\text{jet-met}) < 0.3$
- Measure probability for jet to fake tau
  - Apply to jets in signal region.
  - Very small background

# $\geq 1 \tau + \text{jets} + \text{E}_{\text{miss}}$



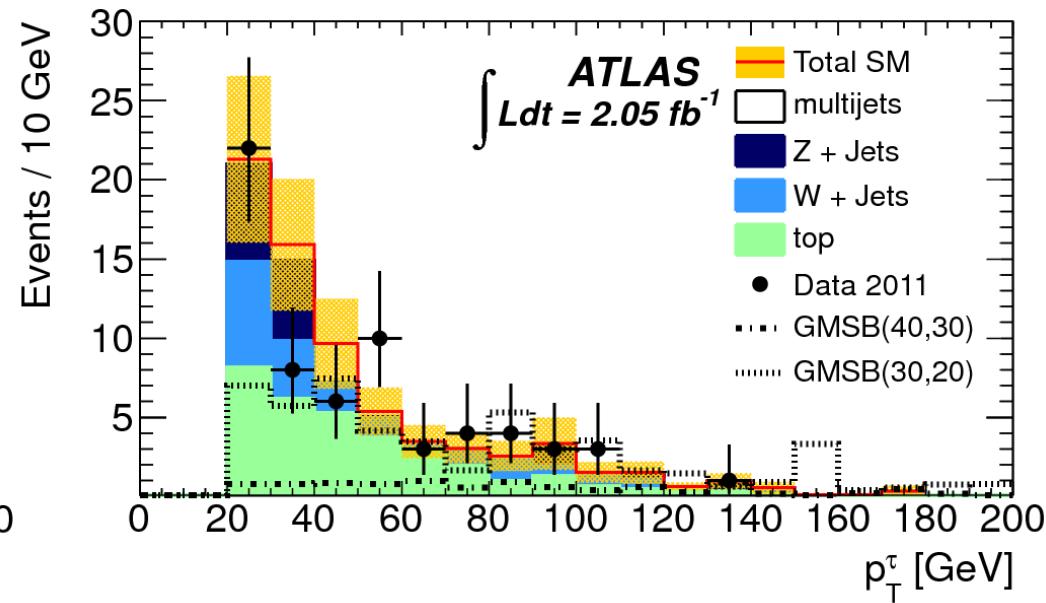
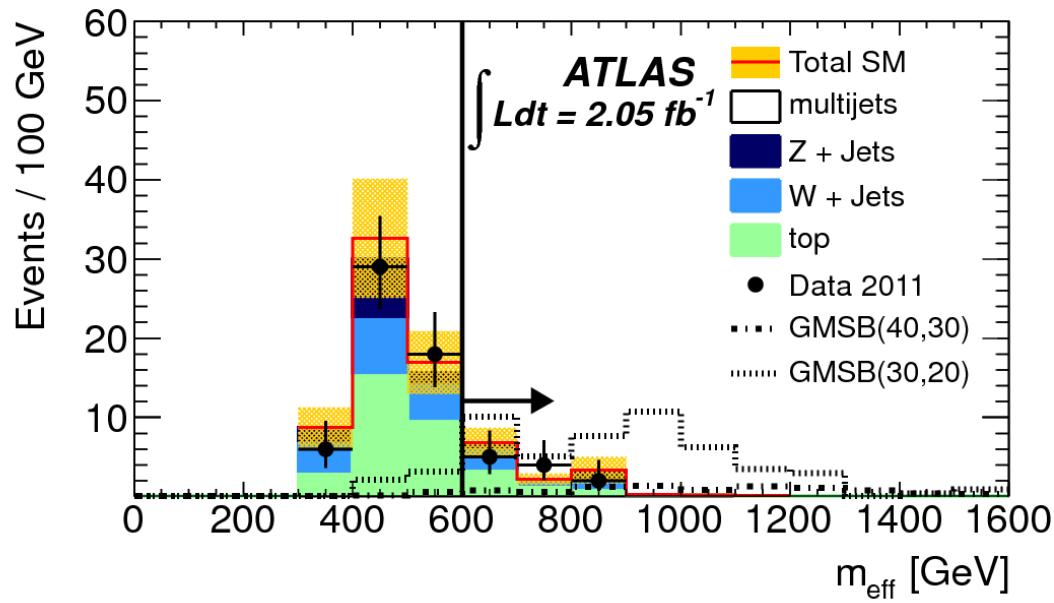
Control region: True taus -  $m_T < 70 \text{ GeV}$   
Estimate  $W + \text{jet}$  and top predictions  
( $Z + \text{jets}$  from MC, multijet described above.)

BDT based on Nb-jets, Njets, pT j2,  
transverse thrust to get relative contributions.

Control region: Fake taus (W/top)  
 $m_T > 70 \text{ GeV}$   
& ( $M_{\text{eff}} < 600 \text{ GeV}$  Or  $m_T < 110 \text{ GeV}$ )  
normalize MC for fake taus from W, top here.

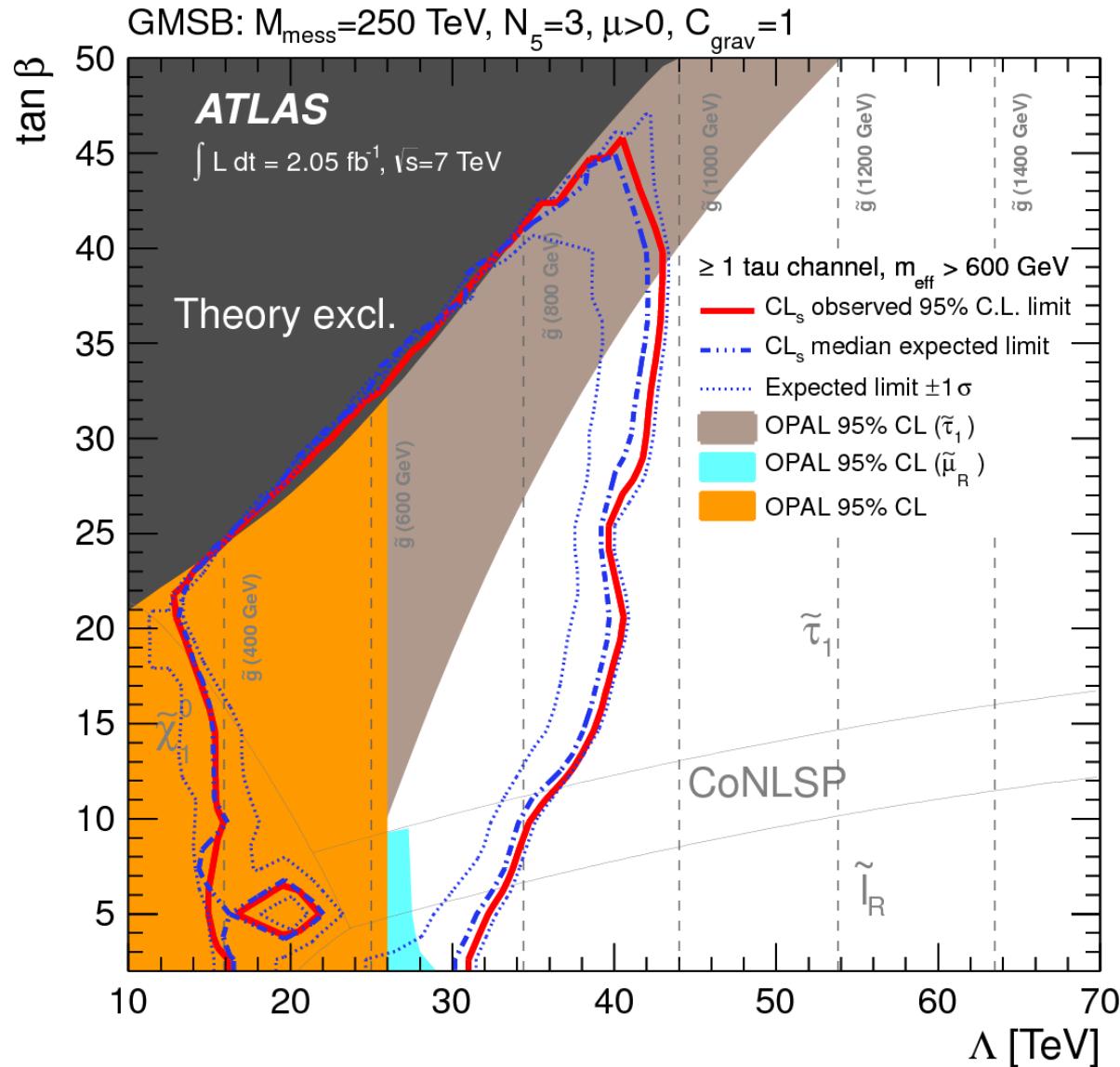
# $\geq 1 \tau + \text{jets} + \text{Etmiss}$

Top	W+jets	Z+jets	Mutijet	$\Sigma_{\text{SM}}$	Data
$5.6 \pm 1.4$	$4.7 \pm 1.5$	$2.4 \pm 0.7$	$0.5 \pm 0.6$	$13.2 \pm 4.2$	11



Largest uncertainties from statistics in data control regions, extrapolation from control region to signal region using MC, jet energy scale and resolution.

# $\geq 1 \tau + \text{jets} + \text{Etmiss}$



$\geq 2 \tau + \text{jets} + \text{Etmiss}$

arXiv:1203.6580

$\geq 2 \tau + \text{jets} + \text{Emiss}$  ( $2.05 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )

## Event Selection

Trigger: 1 jet with  $p_T > 75 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $\text{Emiss} > 45 \text{ GeV}$

2 tau with  $p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$  ( $|\eta| < 2.5$ ), BDTloose

2 jets with  $p_T > 130 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $30 \text{ GeV}$  respectively

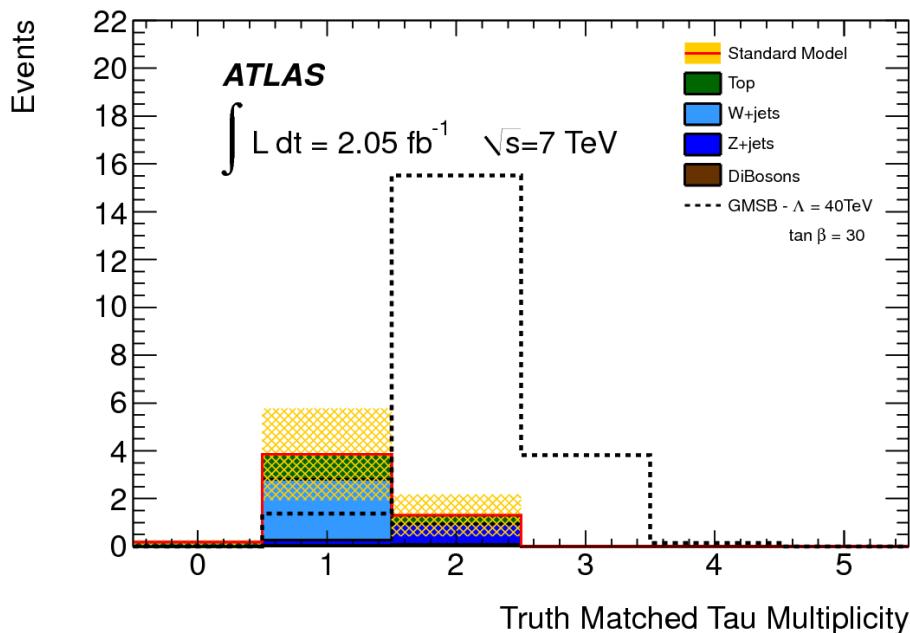
$\text{Emiss} > 130 \text{ GeV}$

$\Delta\phi(\text{jet-Emiss}) > 0.4$  for both jets

$m_T^1 + m_T^2 > 80 \text{ GeV}$

$M_{\text{eff}} > 700 \text{ GeV}$  ( $\sum p_T[\text{taus, jets, Emiss}]$ )

No electrons/muons above 20/10 GeV

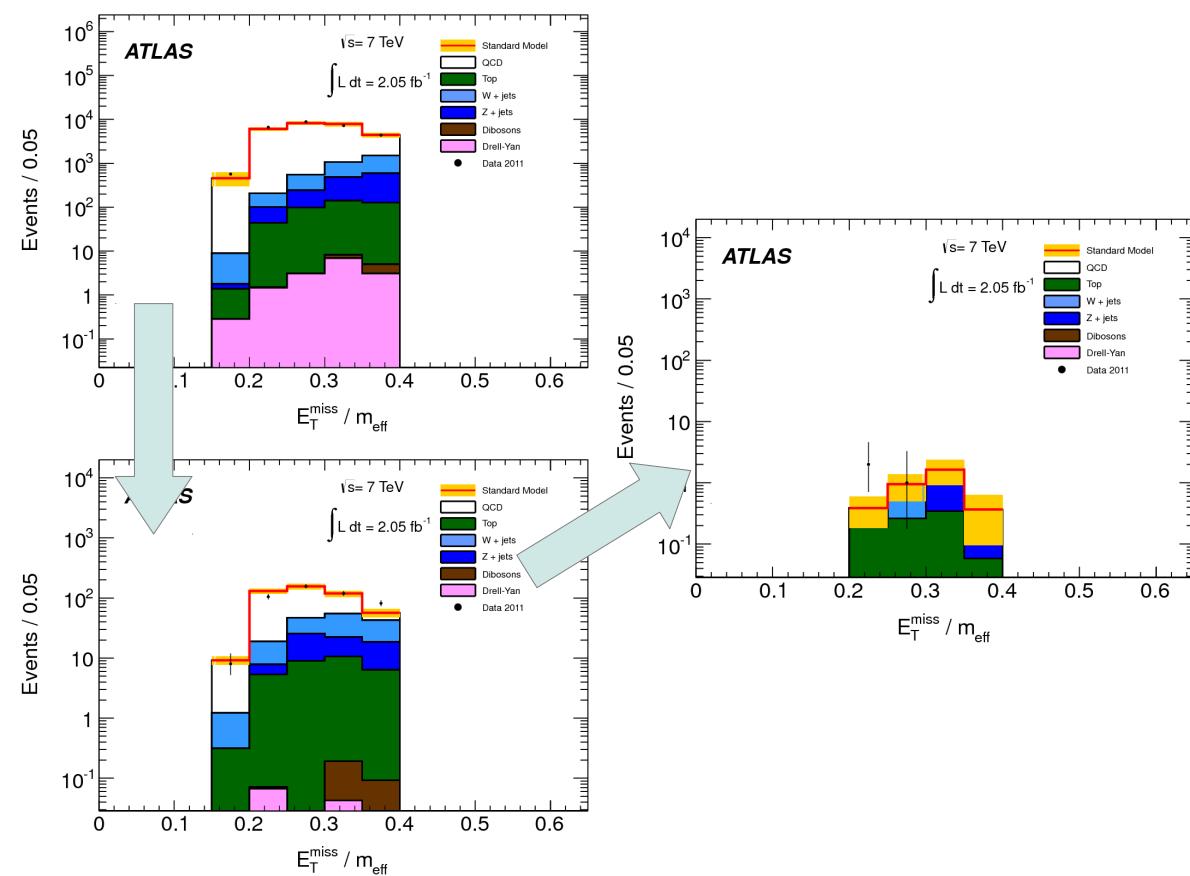


$$\geq 2 \tau + \text{jets} + E_{\text{miss}}$$

## Backgrounds Z+jet, top-pair, single-top

Background estimated from 2 control regions

1. Fake taus from W, top
2. Fake taus from multijet

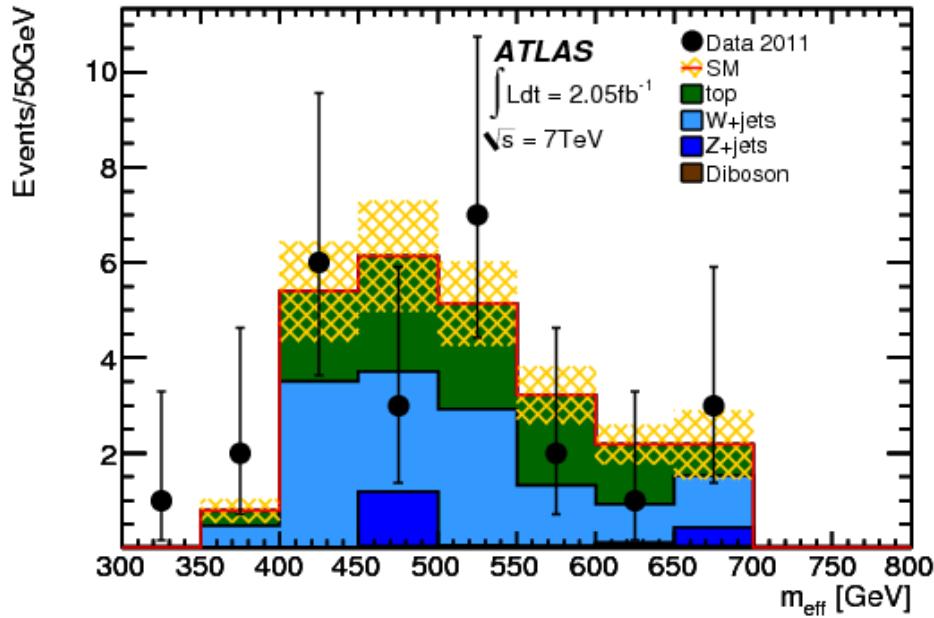


Control region: Multijets  
 $E_{\text{miss}}/M_{\text{eff}} < 0.4$  or  $\Delta\phi(\text{jet-met}) < 0.4$

Scale MC to data using events with 0 and 1  $\tau$ 's.

This background is negligible.

# $\geq 2 \tau + \text{jets} + \text{E}_{\text{miss}}$

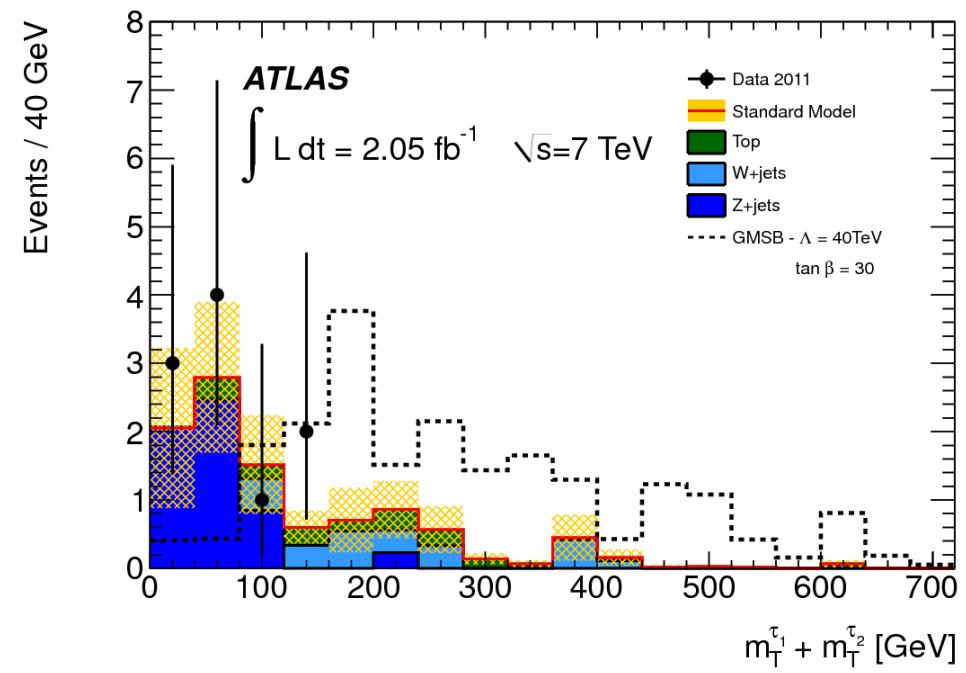
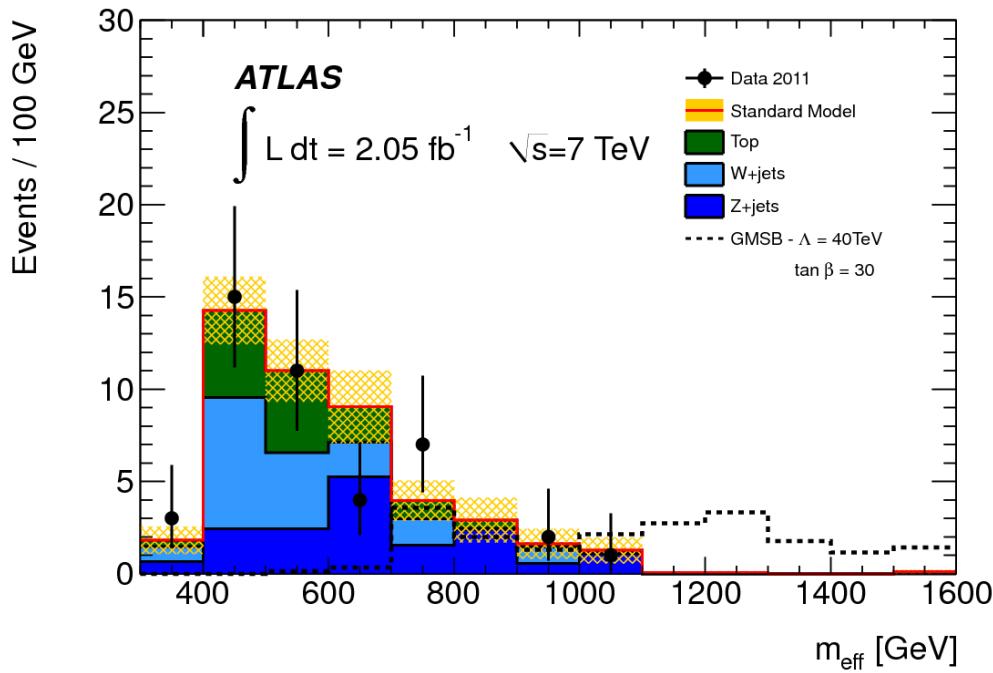


Control region: Fake taus (W/top)  
-  $M_{\text{eff}} < 700 \text{ GeV}$

- Total top/W MC is scaled in this region.
- Contributions are separated into top/W by splitting control region by number of b-jets.
- Z+jets estimated from MC

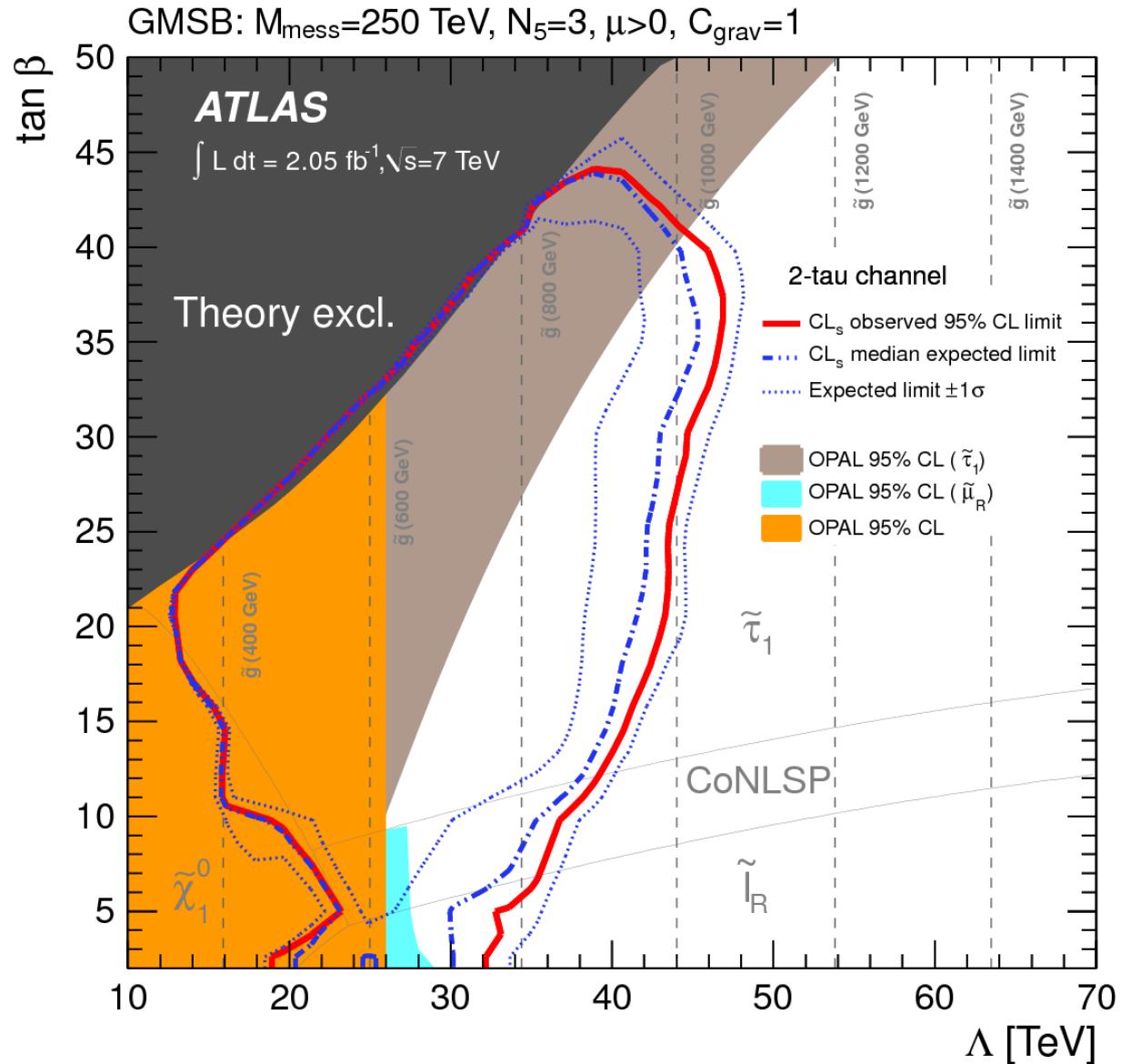
# $\geq 2 \tau + \text{jets} + \text{E}_{\text{miss}}$

Top	W+jets	Z+jets	Diboson	$\Sigma_{\text{SM}}$	Data
$1.6 \pm 0.4$	$2.5 \pm 1.0$	$1.1 \pm 0.7$	$0.1 \pm 0.05$	$5.3 \pm 1.3$	3



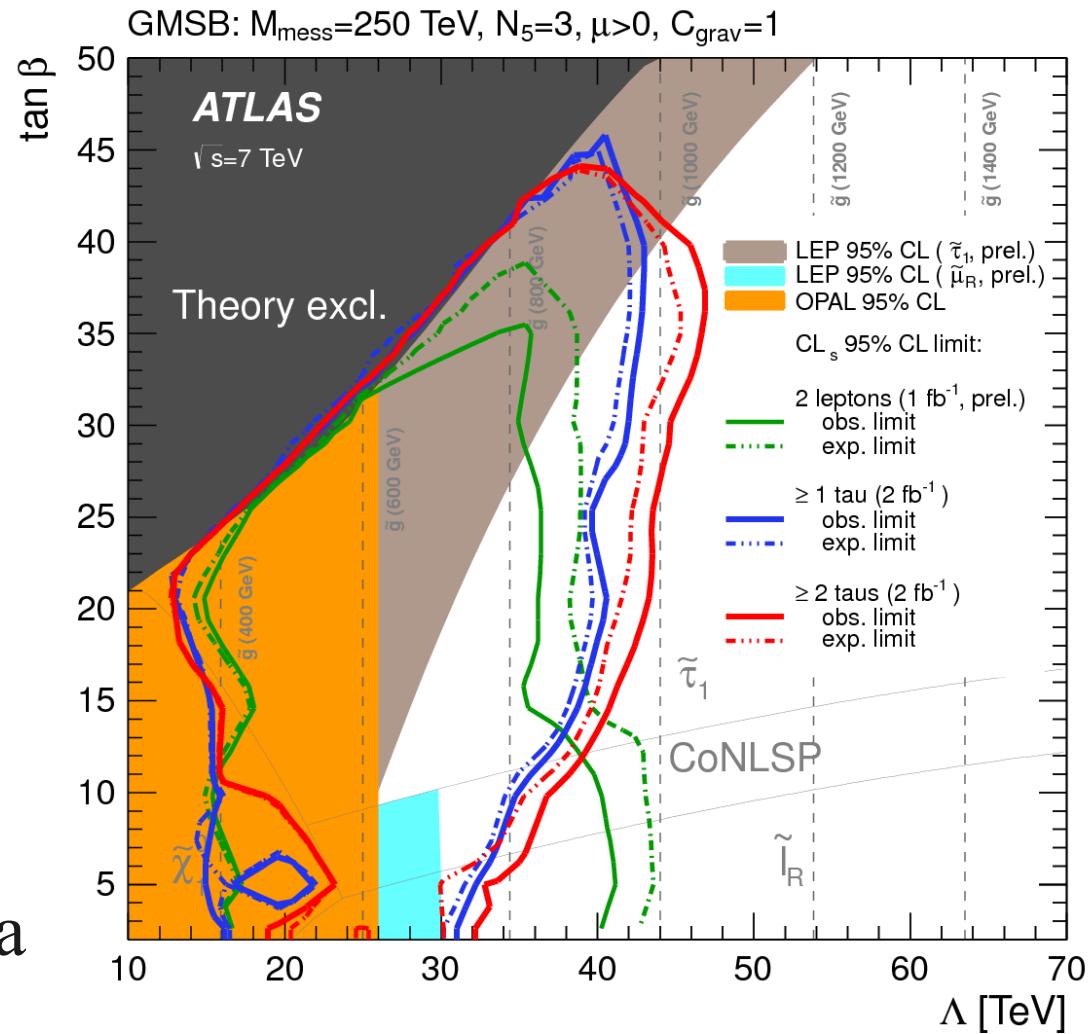
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# Summary

- ★ ATLAS SUSY with taus program is just warming up
- ★ Current results will be updated to full 2011 dataset rapidly
- ★ Additional searches in multilepton final states on the way
- ★ And we have the 8 TeV data to look forward to!

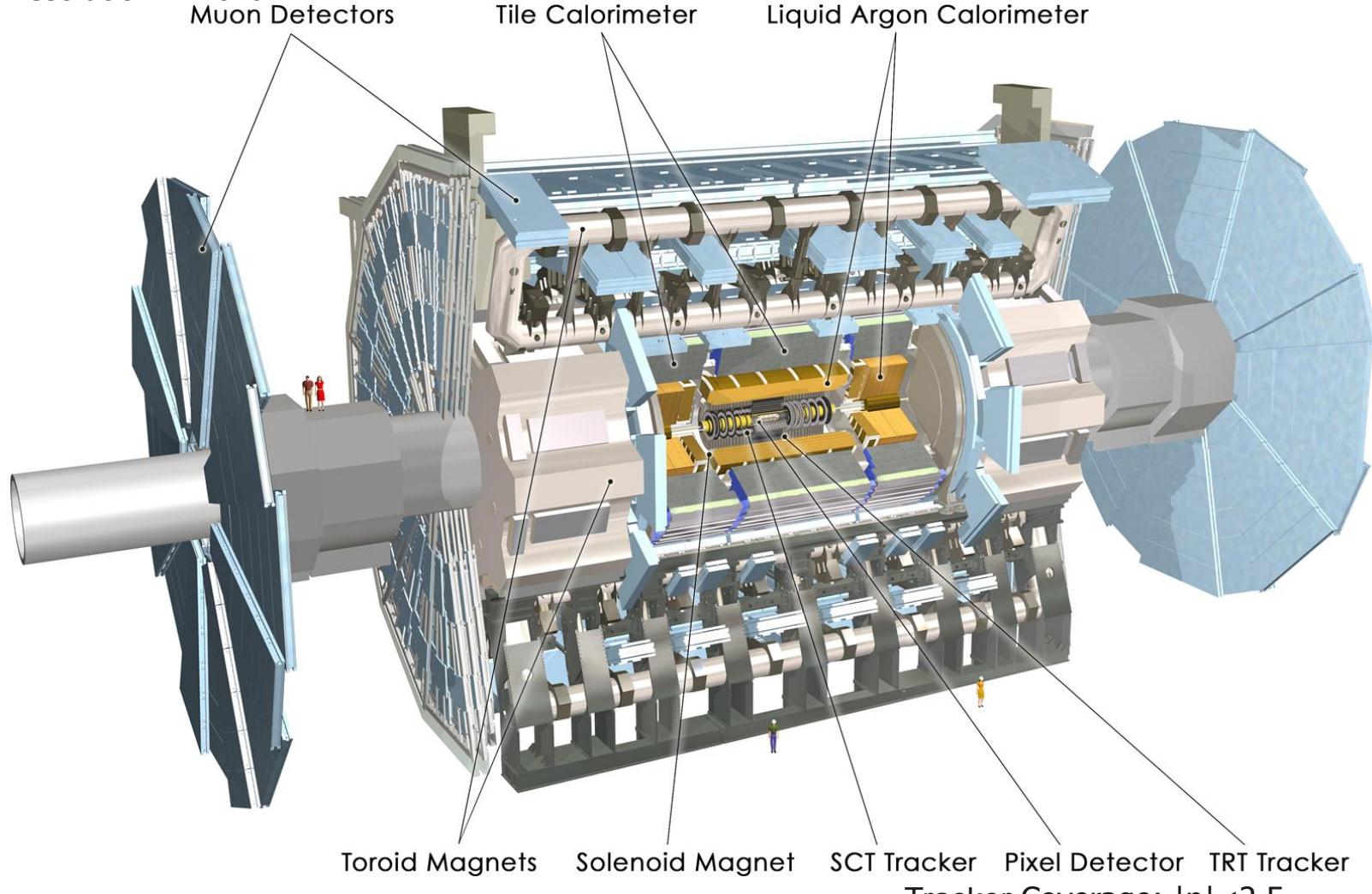


# Supplementary slides

# The ATLAS Detector

Muon Coverage:  $|\eta| < 2.7$   
pT resolution  $< 10\%$

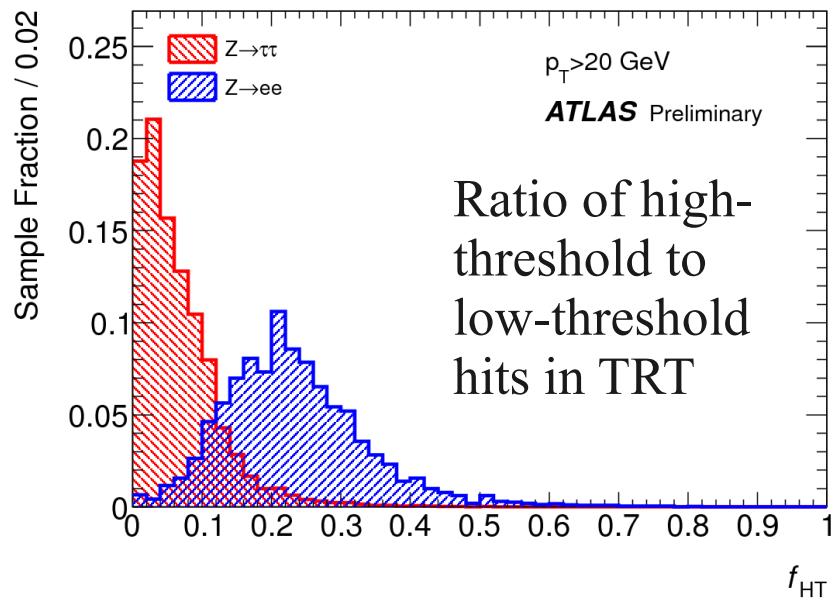
EM:  $|\eta| < 3.2$ ,  $\sigma/E \sim 10\%/\sqrt{E}$   
Had:  $|\eta| < 5$ , central  $\sigma/E \sim 50\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus 0.03$ , forward  $\sigma/E \sim 90\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus 0.07$



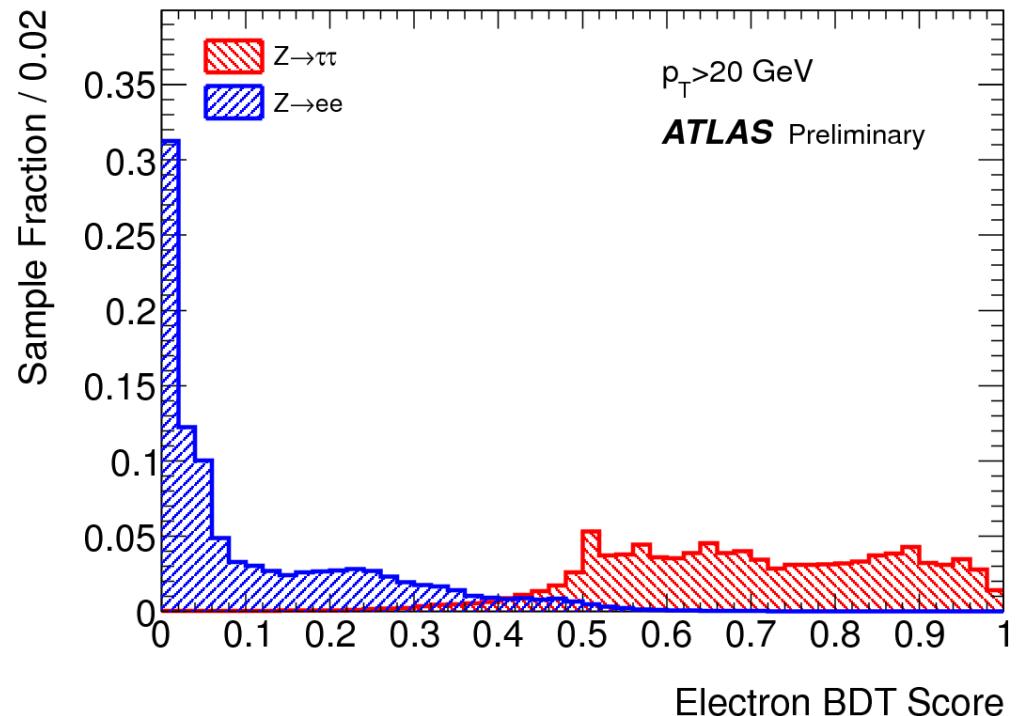
Tracker Coverage:  $|\eta| < 2.5$   
 $\sigma/pT \sim 3.8 \times 10^{-4} \text{ pT(GeV)} \oplus 0.015$

# Rejecting electrons

BDT trained to reject electrons



Ratio of high-threshold to low-threshold hits in TRT



Other variables such as ratio of hadronic energy to track momentum, EM energy to track momentum, transverse energy in pre-sampler layer, ET weighted shower width in hadronic calorimeter....

# $\geq 1 \tau + \text{jets} + \text{Etmiss}$

Systematic [%]	GMSB 30 20	GMSB 40 30	top	$W$	$Z$	Multijet
Jet energy scale	5.2	2.1	5.5	3.9	3.7	–
Jet energy resolution	10.0	4.5	6.2	9.3	6.1	–
$\tau$ energy scale	1.6	3.4	3.8	6.0	9.8	–
$\tau$ efficiency	11.6	11.9	0	0	0	–
Cluster energy scale	0.9	0.2	1.0	1.9	2.6	–
$W/\text{top}$ fit statistical	–	–	9.0	4.8	–	–
$W/\text{top}$ fit systematic	–	–	10.9	3.5	–	–
Fake $\tau$ CR statistical	0.5	0.2	9.7	8.0	15.4	–
Fake $\tau$ extrapolation to SR	–	–	1.9	1.9	1.9	–
Multijet CR	–	–	–	–	–	120
Theory	8.6	10.2	6.3	4.7	–	–
Monte Carlo statistics	7.0	7.1	9.2	26.7	21.2	–
Total	20	19	23	32	30	120

# $\geq 2 \tau + \text{jets} + \text{Etmiss}$

Systematic Variation	Number of events	Relative deviation
Nominal	5.31	
Theory	6.06	14.2%
Scaling	6.53	23.1%
JER	4.34	-18.1%
JES	6.24	17.6%
Pileup	5.35	0.9%
TauID	5.44	2.5%
TauFake	5.28	-0.5%
TES	5.65	6.6%
Luminosity	5.35	0.8%
Total		40.7%