

Search for Third-Generation Scalar Leptoquarks and R-Parity Violating Top Squarks



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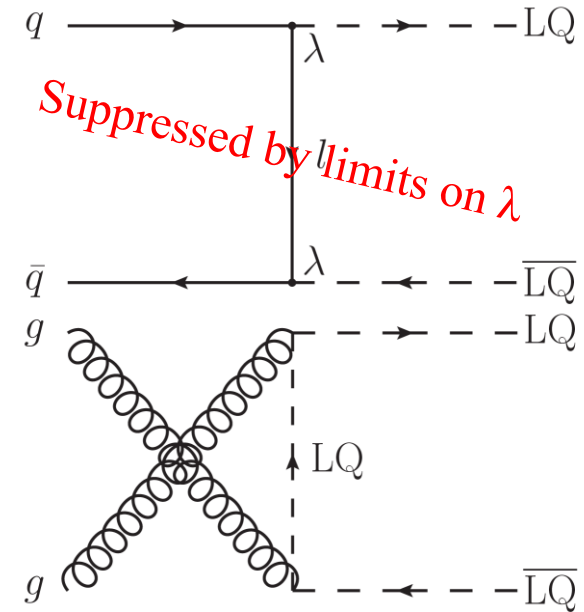
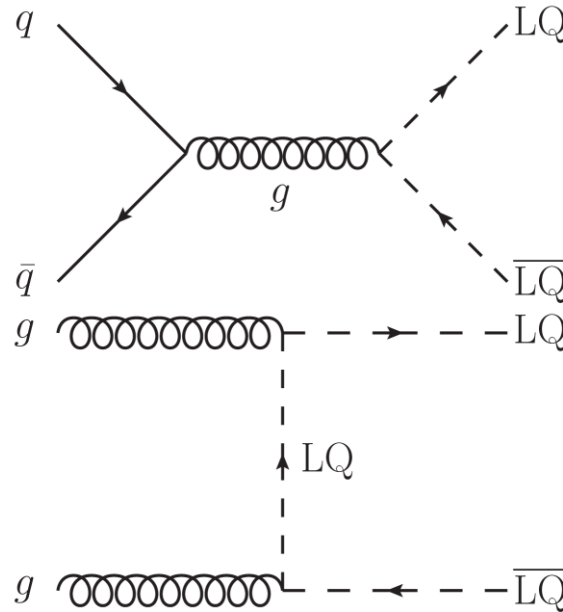
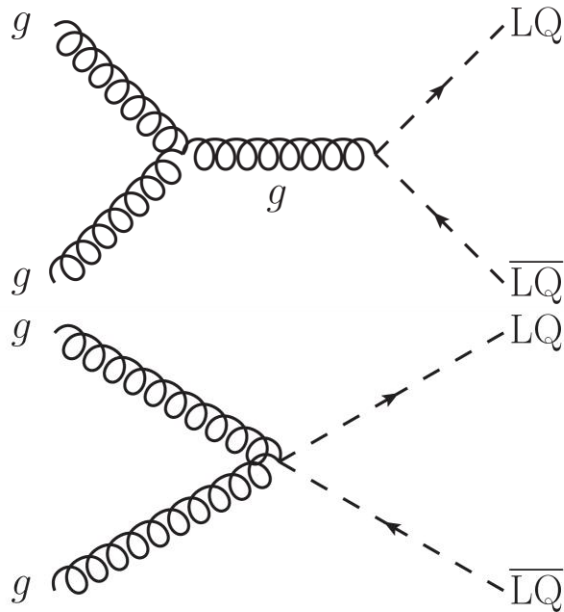


Beyond the Standard Model Physics

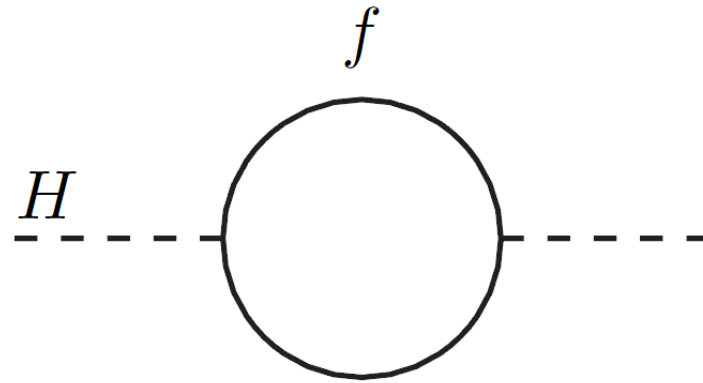
- Divergent contributions to the Higgs mass must be canceled (natural) or fine-tuned (unnatural) to achieve the measured value of 125 GeV, instead of Planck scale 10^{19} GeV \rightarrow hierarchy problem
 - Galactic rotation curves and galaxy cluster collisions \rightarrow dark matter
Weakly interacting massive particle? (WIMP)
 - Grand Unified Theory (GUT) to unite all three fundamental forces
Expected energy scale of $\sim 10^{16}$ GeV
 - Unification of general relativity and quantum field theory
- GUTs (among other BSM theories) predict leptoquarks
 - Supersymmetry (SUSY) solves hierarchy problem, includes a stable WIMP, and assists in grand unification

Leptoquarks

- Predicted by Grand Unified Theories: Pati-Salam SU(4), Georgi-Glashow SU(5), E₆ superstrings; also technicolor and other compositeness models
- Scalar or vector bosons, carrying: baryon number (B), lepton number (L), color charge, electric charge (Q)
- Intergenerational decays constrained by limits from low-energy processes and flavor-changing neutral current searches
- Expected to decay to leptons and quarks of the same generation
- Pair production cross sections calculated to NLO in α_s



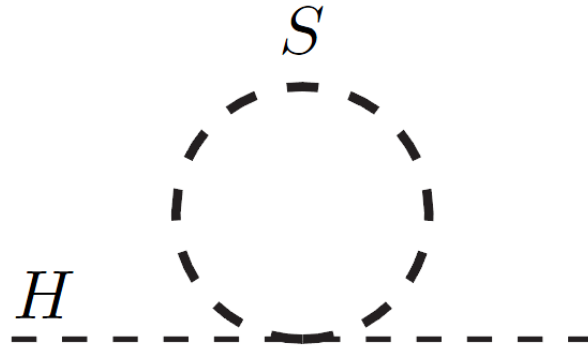
Hierarchy Problem



$$\Delta_f m_H^2 = -\frac{|y_f|^2}{8\pi^2} \Lambda_{UV}^2 + \dots$$

- Higgs is a scalar particle \rightarrow no symmetry available to protect its mass value
- Λ_{UV} : cutoff scale to handle the ultraviolet divergence in the loop integral
- Known indications of new physics have $\Lambda_{UV} \sim 10^{16}$ GeV (GUT scale), 10^{19} GeV (Planck scale)
- Even if Λ_{UV} relatively small, contributions from new heavy fermions proportional to y_f , which could be large

Supersymmetry



$$\Delta_S m_H^2 = \frac{y_S}{16\pi^2} \Lambda_{UV}^2 + \dots$$

- 2 scalar partners (left- and right-handed) for each fermion, with $y_s = |y_f|^2$

➤ Divergent contributions cancel → solves hierarchy problem naturally

- New symmetry: R-parity

SM particles have $R_p = +1$, SUSY particles have $R_p = -1$

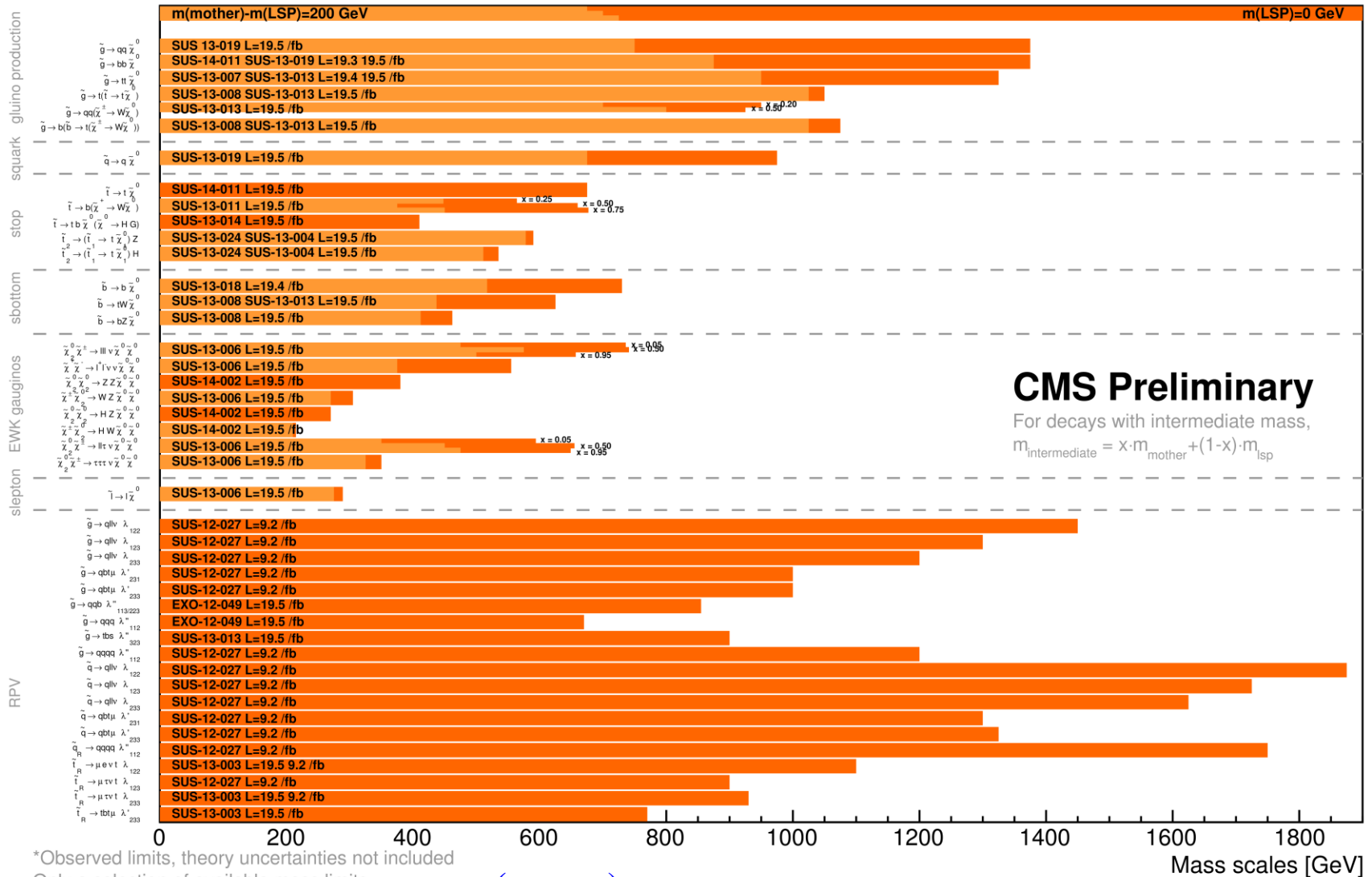
Lightest SUSY particle (LSP) is stable if R-parity is conserved

$$R = 3B + L + 2S = 3(B - L) + 2S, R_p = (-1)^R$$

Existing Limits on Supersymmetry

Summary of CMS SUSY Results* in SMS framework

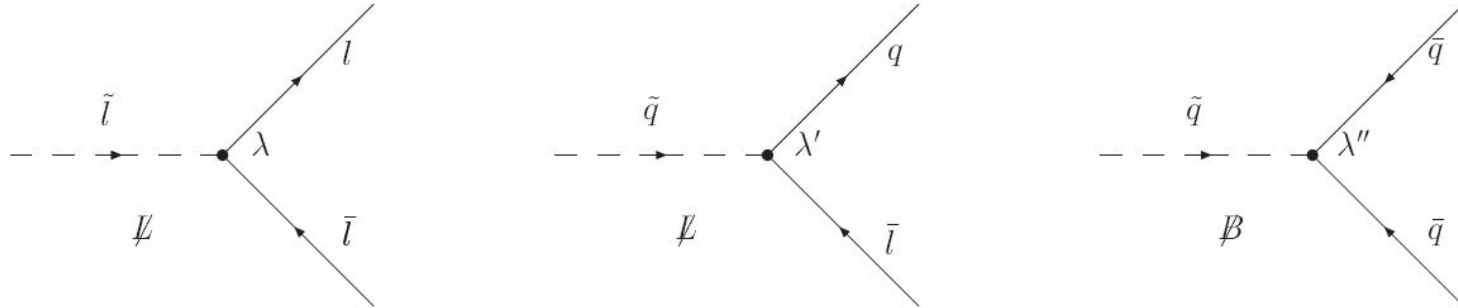
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R-Parity Violation

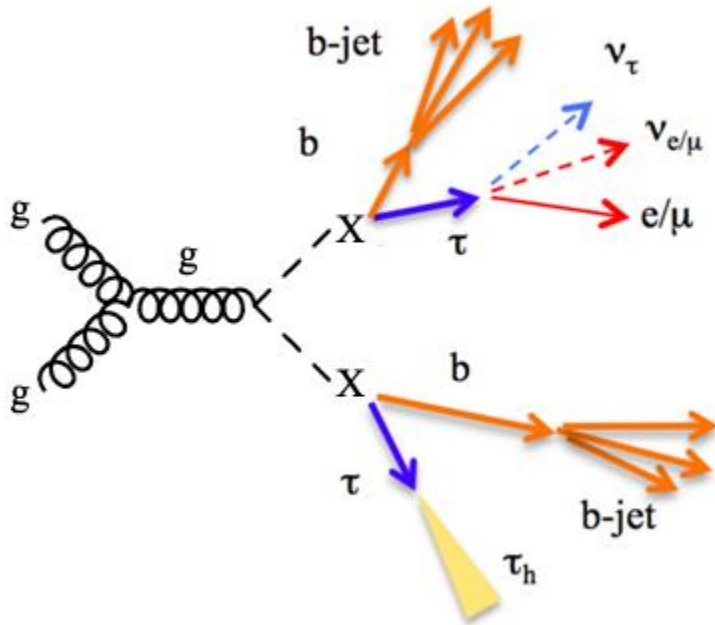
- R-parity violation allows SUSY particles to decay to final states containing only SM particles
- RPV SUSY still solves the hierarchy problem

$$W_{\text{RPV}} = \frac{1}{2}\lambda_{ijk}L_iL_jE_k^c + \lambda'_{ijk}L_iQ_jD_k^c + \frac{1}{2}\lambda''_{ijk}U_i^cD_j^cD_k^c + \mu_iL_iH_u$$



- Decays present signatures without high missing transverse energy, avoiding limits on much of the parameter space of R-parity conserving SUSY
- Top squarks and higgsinos are typically lighter than the other scalar SUSY particles in natural models
- Third generation of superpartners potentially accessible at LHC energies
- Searches consider simplified models with other SUSY particles decoupled

Searches

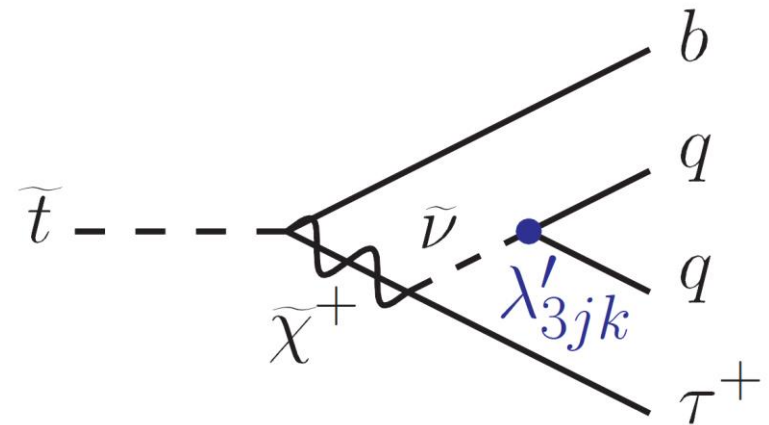


Leptoquark search

$LQ \rightarrow \tau b$

$\tilde{t} \rightarrow \tau b$ via λ'_{333} coupling

Same kinematic distributions
and final state (two channels):
 $e\tau_h bb, \mu\tau_h bb$



Top squark search

$\tilde{t} \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}^\pm b, \tilde{\chi}^\pm \rightarrow \tilde{\nu} \tau \rightarrow qq\tau$

$M_{\tilde{t}} - M_{\tilde{\chi}^\pm} = 100 \text{ GeV} < M_t$

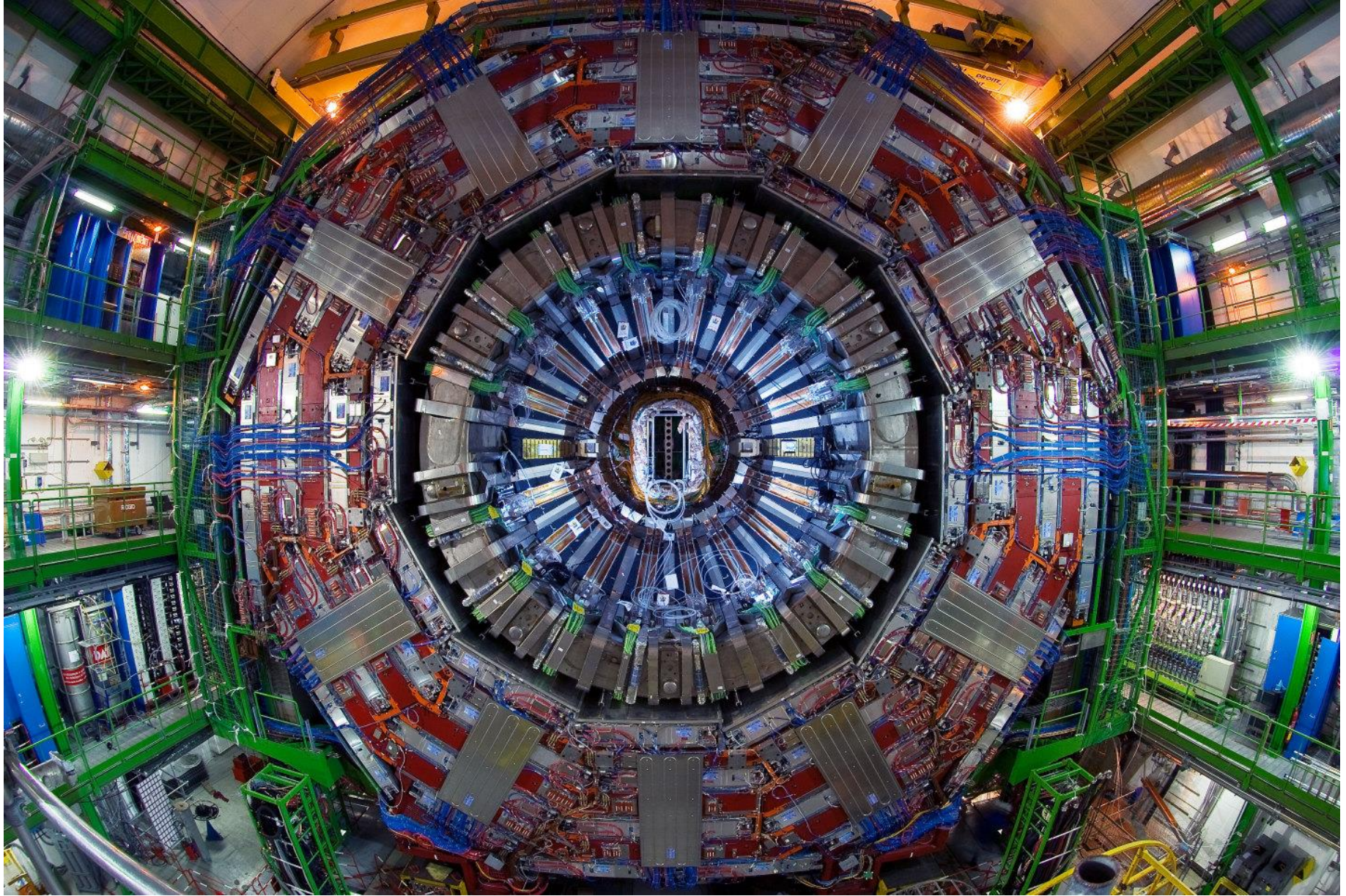
$\tilde{\nu}$ decay via λ'_{3jk} ($j, k = 1, 2$)

Similar final state:

$e\tau_h bb4j, \mu\tau_h bb4j$

- LQ and \tilde{t} have the same pair production cross section in decoupled models

The CMS Detector



CMS DETECTOR

[\(source\)](#)

Total weight : 14,000 tonnes
Overall diameter : 15.0 m
Overall length : 28.7 m
Magnetic field : 3.8 T

STEEL RETURN YOKE
12,500 tonnes

SILICON TRACKERS
Pixel ($100 \times 150 \mu\text{m}$) $\sim 16\text{m}^2 \sim 66\text{M}$ channels
Microstrips ($80 \times 180 \mu\text{m}$) $\sim 200\text{m}^2 \sim 9.6\text{M}$ channels

SUPERCONDUCTING SOLENOID
Niobium titanium coil carrying $\sim 18,000\text{A}$

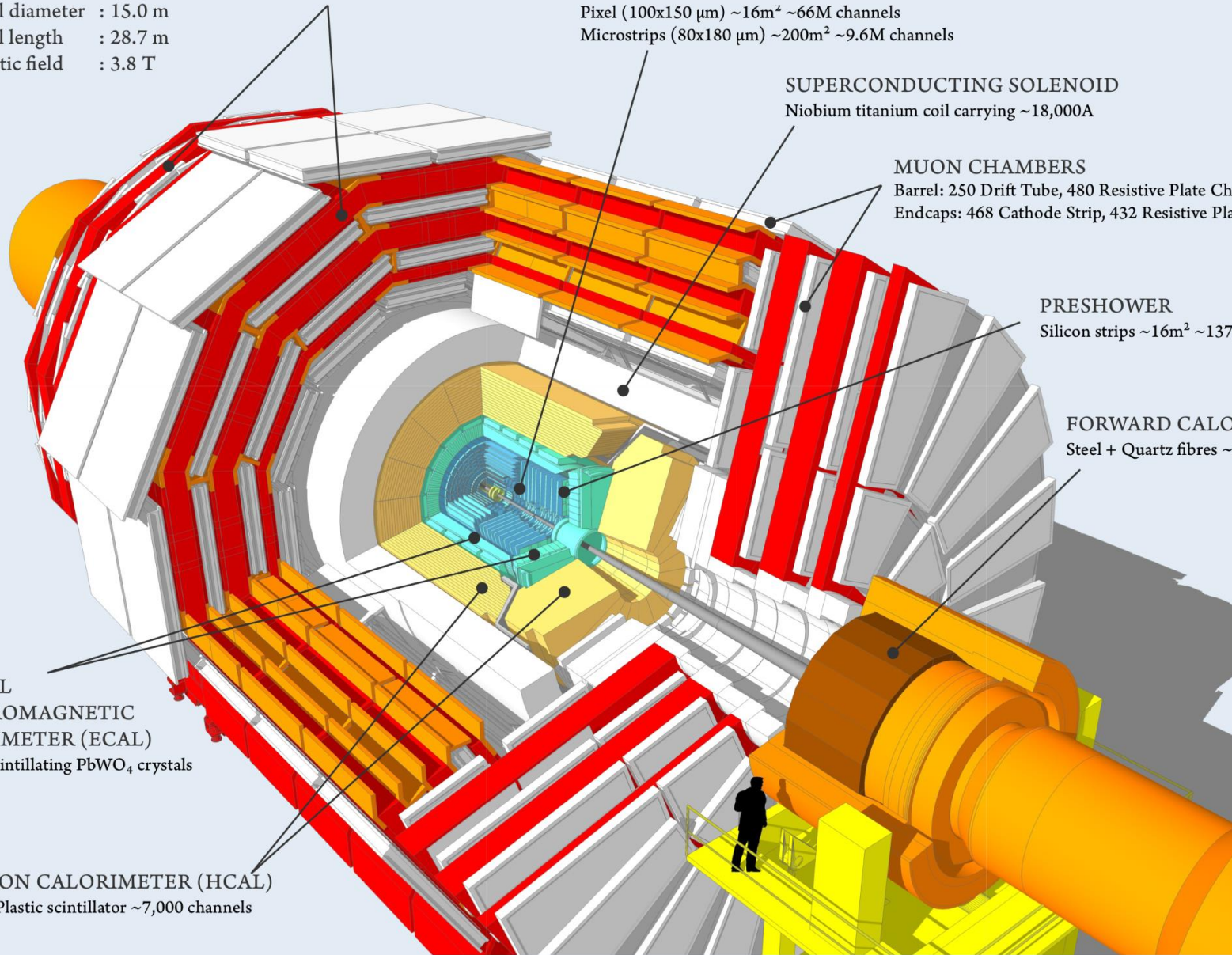
MUON CHAMBERS
Barrel: 250 Drift Tube, 480 Resistive Plate Chambers
Endcaps: 468 Cathode Strip, 432 Resistive Plate Chambers

PRESHOWER
Silicon strips $\sim 16\text{m}^2 \sim 137,000$ channels

FORWARD CALORIMETER
Steel + Quartz fibres $\sim 2,000$ Channels

CRYSTAL
ELECTROMAGNETIC
CALORIMETER (ECAL)
 $\sim 76,000$ scintillating PbWO_4 crystals

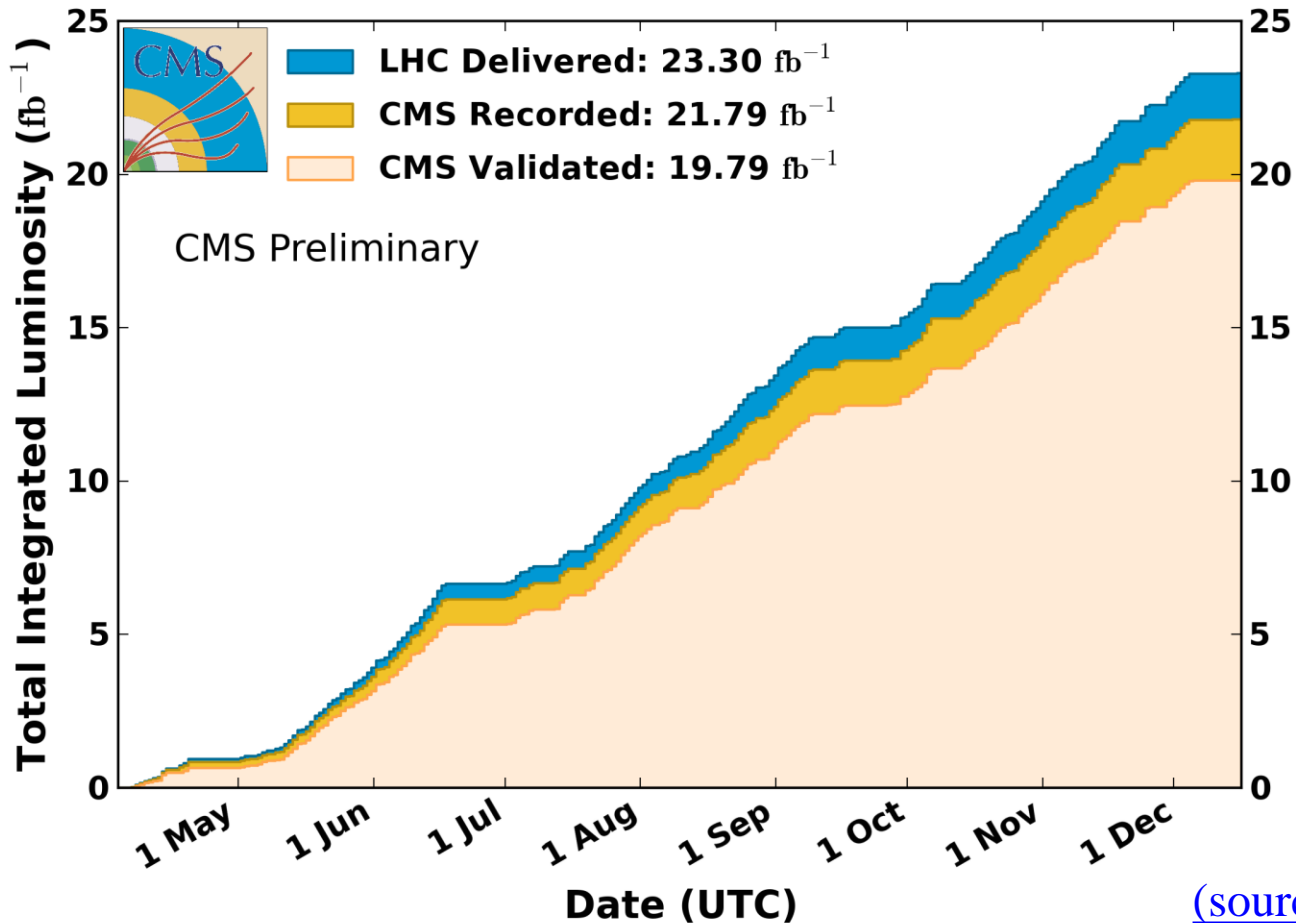
HADRON CALORIMETER (HCAL)
Brass + Plastic scintillator $\sim 7,000$ channels



CMS 2012 Luminosity

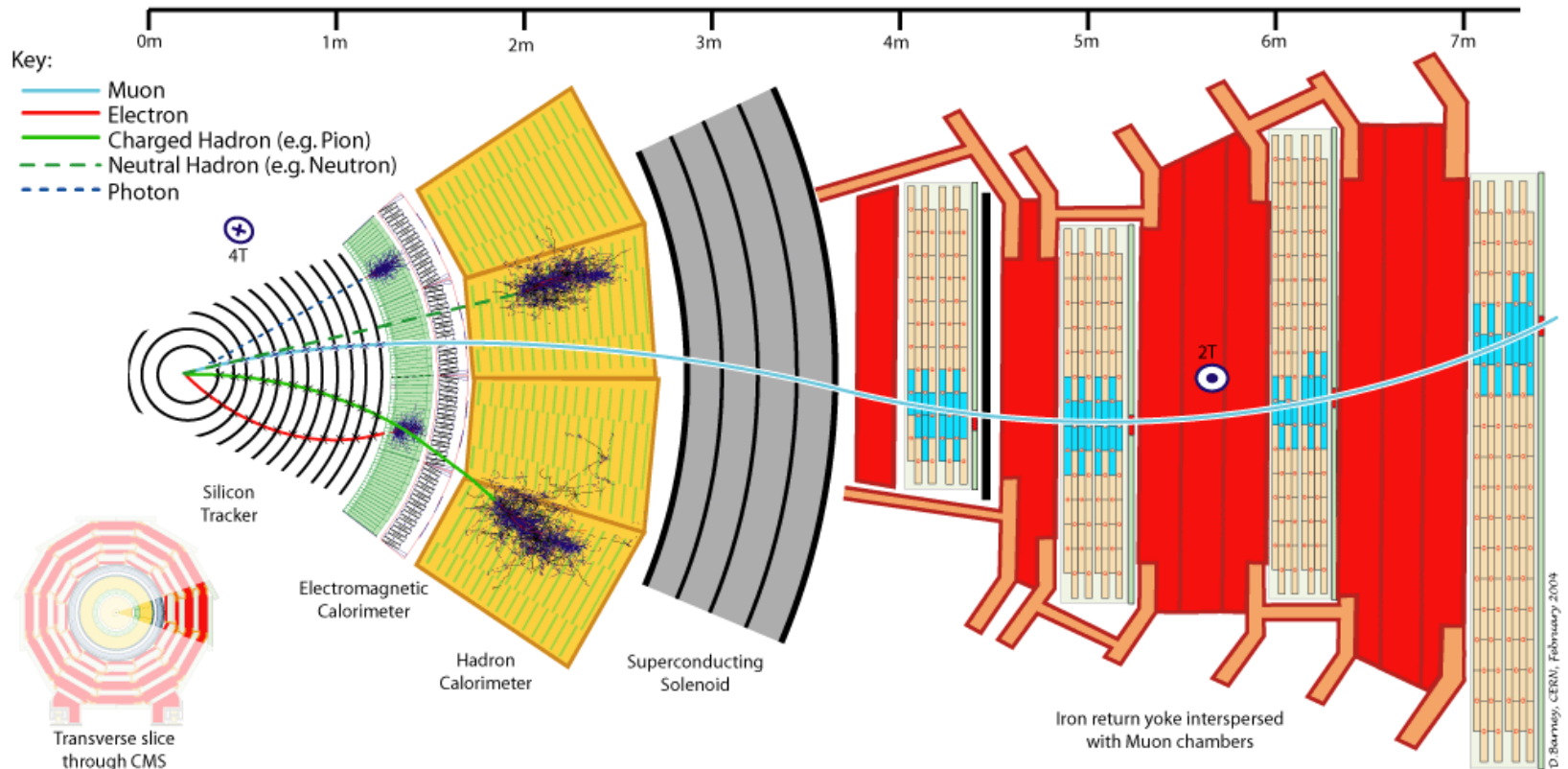
CMS Integrated Luminosity, pp, 2012, $\sqrt{s} = 8$ TeV

Data included from 2012-04-04 22:38 to 2012-12-16 20:50 UTC



- Measured by counting clusters in the pixel, systematic uncertainty only 2.6%

Particle Flow

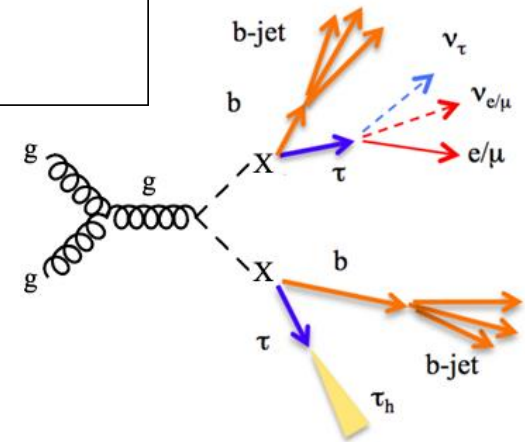
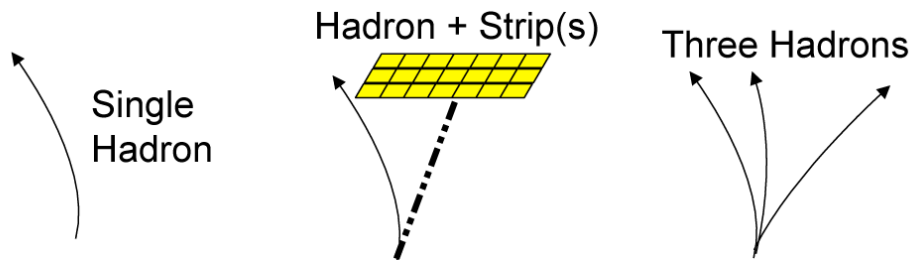


Tracker hits → charged tracks	} linking →	Blocks: electrons, muons, photons, charged hadrons, neutral hadrons
ECAL hits → clusters		
HCAL hits → clusters		
Muon hits → muon tracks		

Hadron Plus Strips Algorithm

- 64.76% of tau leptons will decay to hadrons

Decay	Resonance	Mass (MeV/ c^2)	Branching fraction (%)
$\tau^- \rightarrow h^- \nu_\tau$			11.53%
$\tau^- \rightarrow h^- \pi^0 \nu_\tau$	ρ^-	775	25.95%
$\tau^- \rightarrow h^- \pi^0 \pi^0 \nu_\tau$	a_1^-	1230	9.52%
$\tau^- \rightarrow h^- h^+ h^- \nu_\tau$	a_1^-	1230	9.80%
$\tau^- \rightarrow h^- h^+ h^- \pi^0 \nu_\tau$			4.76%

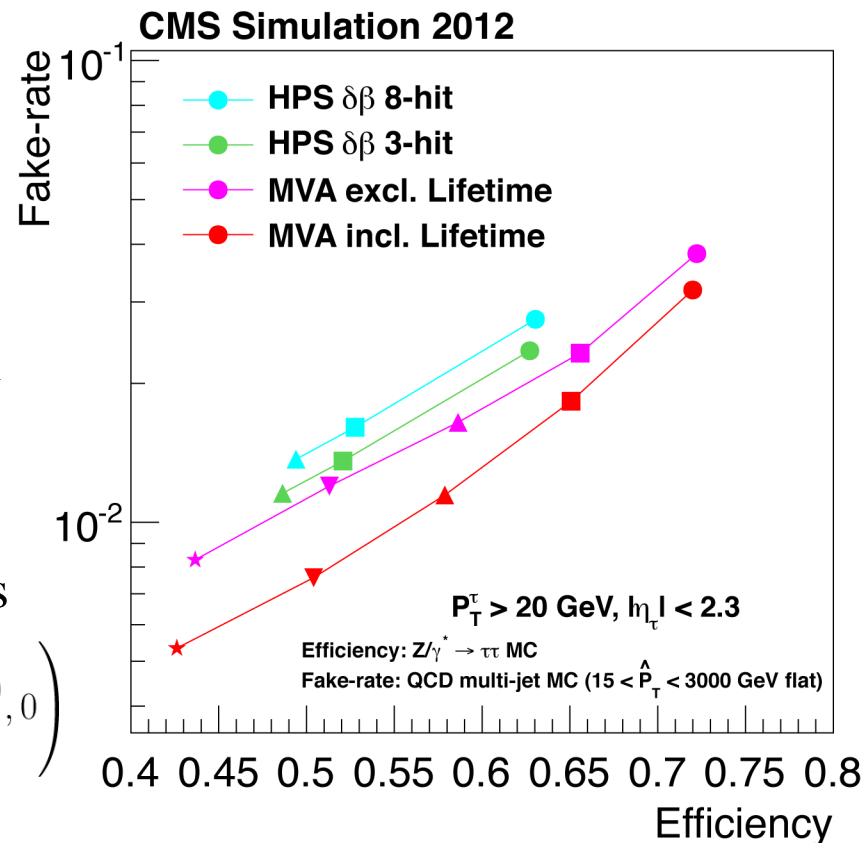


- CMS uses the **Hadron Plus Strips** (HPS) algorithm to reconstruct τ_h decays
 1. Start from a Particle Flow jet
 2. Reconstruct photons from π^0 decays as electromagnetic strips, to account for conversions in the tracker
 3. Combine identified strips (if any) with charged hadrons
 4. Reconstruct four-momenta from the constituent particles according to decay and mass hypotheses

Tau Performance

- Electron-tau discriminator: multivariate, considers association of τ_h with GSF tracks and electron candidates
- Muon-tau discriminator: cut-based, minimize muon system activity around τ_h and reject minimum ionizing signatures
- Jet-tau discriminator: Particle Flow isolation, τ_h s tend to be narrower than jets

$$I_{\tau_h}^{\text{PF}} = \sum_{\Delta R < 0.5} p_T^{(\text{CH})} + \max \left(\sum_{\Delta R < 0.5} p_T^{(\gamma)} - \Delta\beta \sum_{\Delta R < 0.8} p_T^{(\text{PU})}, 0 \right)$$



Data-MC agreement: $\sim 6\%$ in efficiency, $\sim 20\%$ in fake rate

Reference: “Tau ID Performance Plots”, [CMS-DP-2014-015](#)

Object Identification

Muon

$p_T > 30 \text{ GeV}$, $|\eta| < 2.1$
Identified with Particle Flow
(tracker + muon system)

Electron

$p_T > 30 \text{ GeV}$, $|\eta|$ in ECAL
Identified w/ Gaussian Sum Filter
(tracker + ECAL)

Tau

$p_T > 30 \text{ GeV}$, $|\eta| < 2.3$
Identified with Particle Flow
(tracker + calorimeters)

Jets

$p_T > 30 \text{ GeV}$, $|\eta| < 2.4$
Identified with Particle Flow
b-tagging: CSV loose

High Level Trigger

HLT_IsoMu24
HLT_Ele27_WP80

Corrections

Pileup reweighting
Lepton data/MC efficiency
b-tag & mistag scale factors

Selection

Preselection

- One identified and isolated e (μ)
- One identified and isolated τ_h
- $dR(\ell, \tau_h) > 0.5$,
 $\text{vertex}(\ell) = \text{vertex}(\tau_h)$,
 $\text{charge}(\ell) \neq \text{charge}(\tau_h)$
- Veto opposite sign μ (e)
- Veto opposite sign loose e (μ)
[loose ID/iso, $p_T > 20$ GeV]
- $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2$
- $dR(j, \ell) > 0.5$, $dR(j, \tau_h) > 0.5$

Main Selection

- $N_{b\text{-jet}} \geq 1$
- $p_T(\tau_h) > 50$ GeV

LQ Final Selection

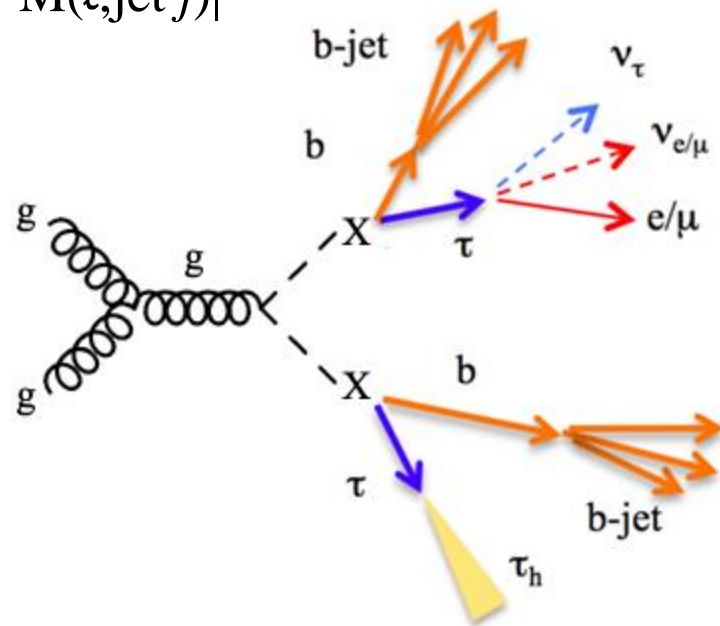
- $M(\tau_h, \text{jet}) > 250$ GeV

\tilde{t} Final Selection

- $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 5$

Key Variables

- $M(\tau_h, \text{jet})$: invariant mass of the τ_h paired with a selected jet
Pairing is chosen that minimizes $|M(\tau_h, \text{jet } i) - M(\ell, \text{jet } j)|$

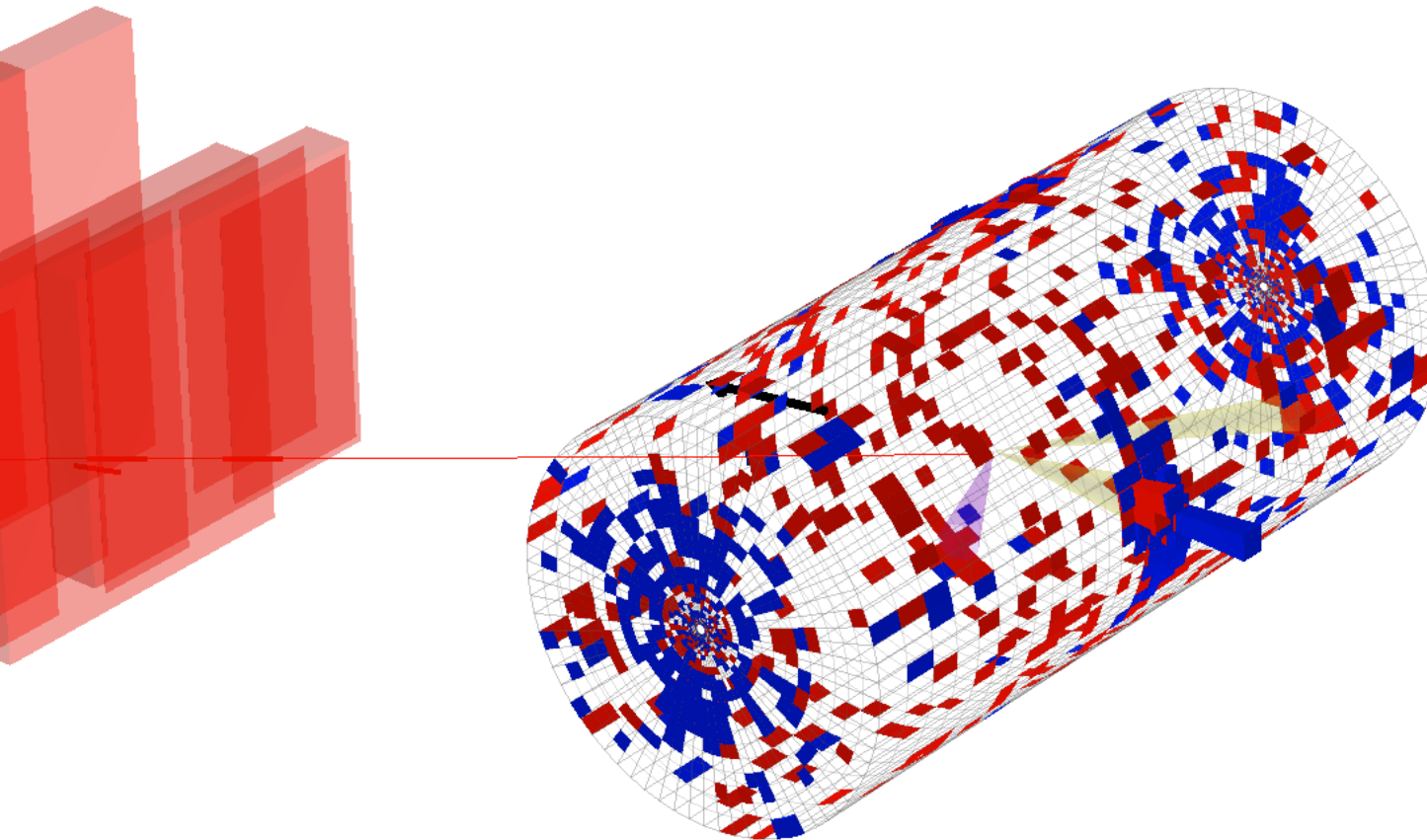
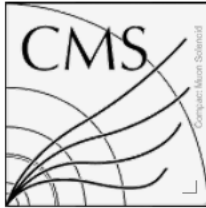


- S_T : scalar sum of p_T of all final state objects
Distribution is used to set CL_s limits

$$S_T^{(LQ)} = p_T(\ell) + p_T(\tau) + p_T(\text{b-jet}) + p_T(\text{jet})$$

$$S_T^{(\tilde{t})} = p_T(\ell) + p_T(\tau) + p_T(\text{b-jet}) + \sum_{i=1}^4 p_T(\text{jet } i)$$

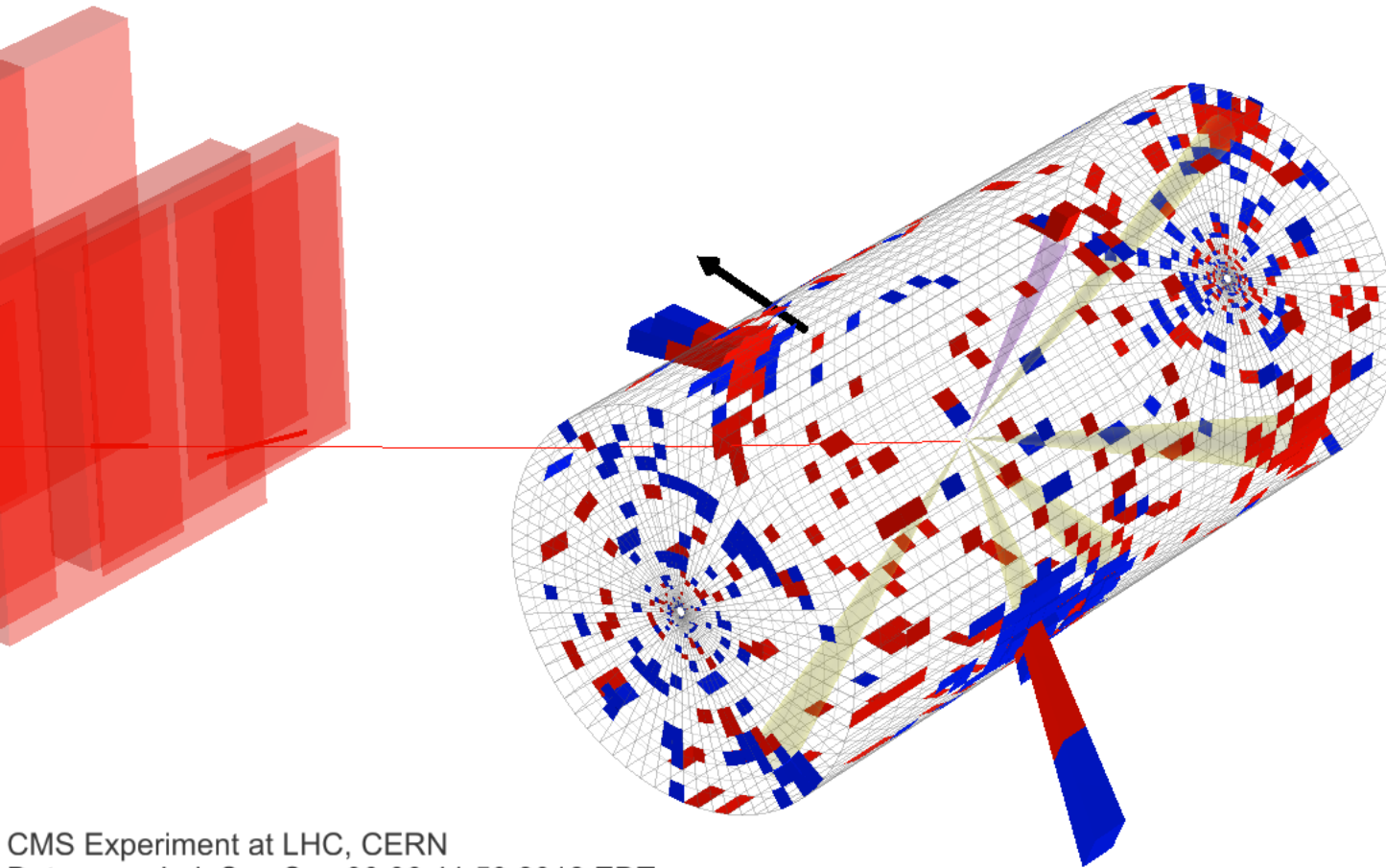
Leptoquark Candidate Event



CMS Experiment at LHC, CERN
Data recorded: Wed Oct 31 17:20:04 2012 EDT
Run/Event: 206446 / 228735874
Lumi section: 185

Muon
Hadronic Tau
Jets
 $S_T = 1012.1 \text{ GeV}$

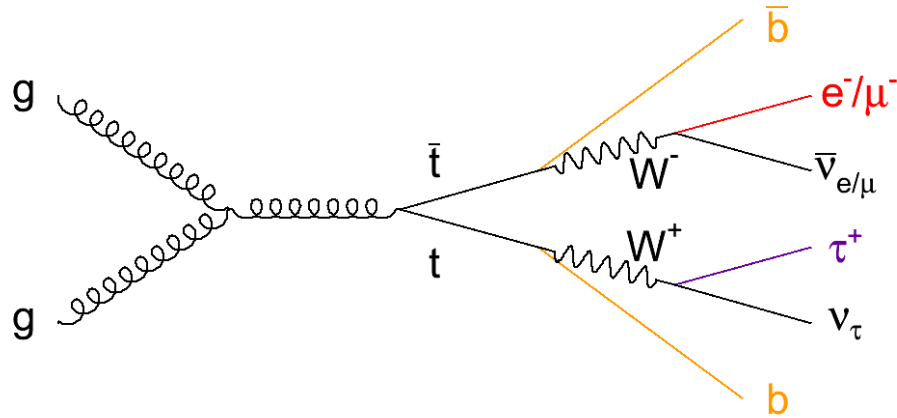
Top Squark Candidate Event



Muon
Hadronic Tau
Jets
 $S_T = 1586.2 \text{ GeV}$

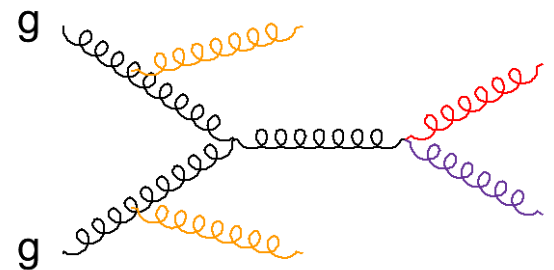
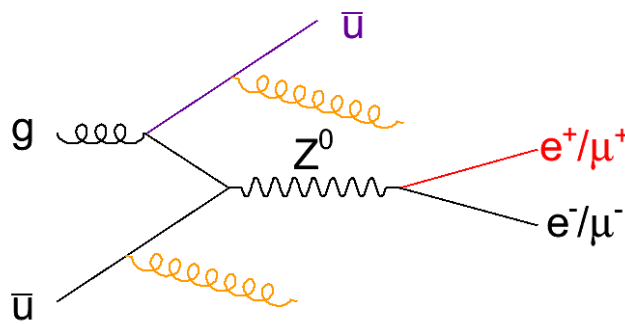
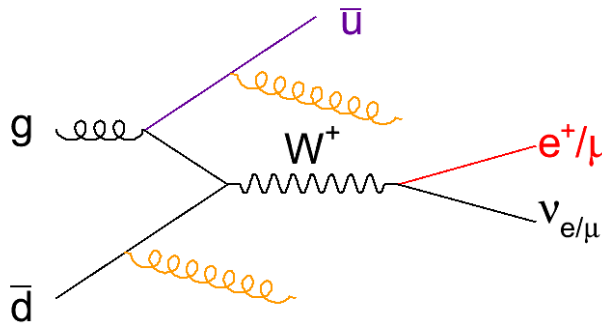
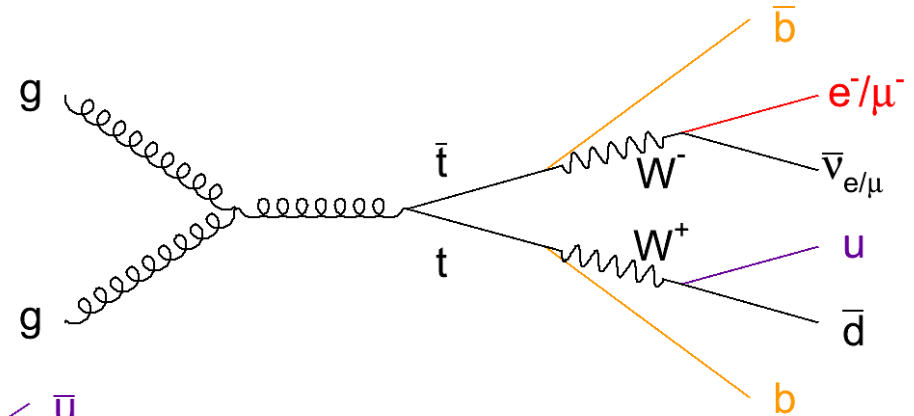
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Major Backgrounds



Major irreducible background:
 $t\bar{t}$ with genuine τ_h (purple)

Major reducible background from jets
 misidentified as τ_h :
 $t\bar{t}$, W + jets, Z + jets, QCD multijets

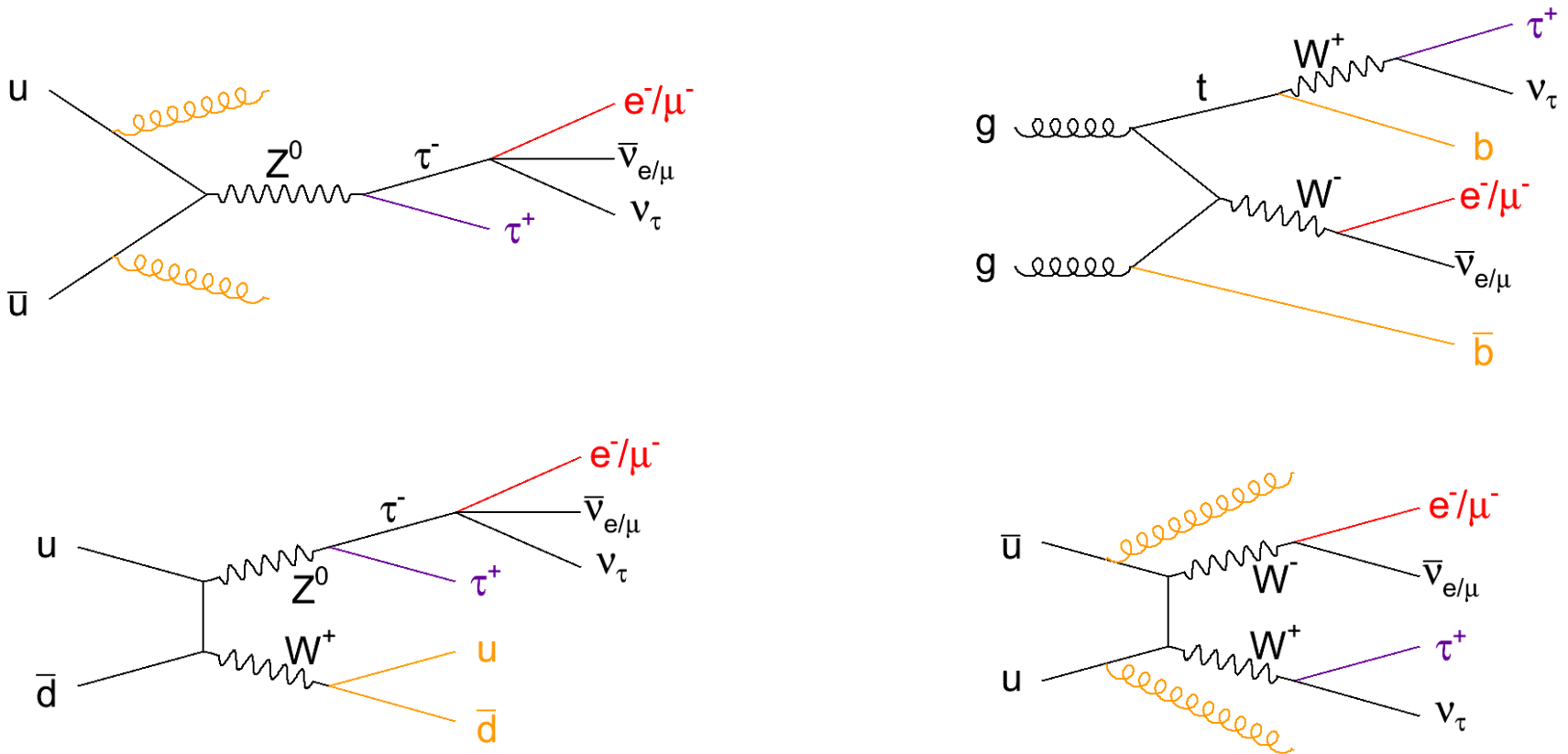


Minor Backgrounds

Minor backgrounds:

$Z \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^- + \text{jets}$, single top, diboson

and processes where a lepton is misidentified as a τ_h ($t\bar{t}$, $Z + \text{jets}$)



Background Estimations

- Major backgrounds estimated using observed data
- Minor backgrounds estimated using MC simulation

MC simulation details:

- *PYTHIA6*: leptoquark, top squark, diboson
- *MADGRAPH*: $t\bar{t}$, $W + \text{jets}$, $Z + \text{jets}$
- *POWHEG*: single top
- *TAUOLA* is used for processes containing genuine tau leptons

Irreducible $t\bar{t}$ Bkg. Estimation

The $e\mu$ control region can be used to estimate the irreducible $t\bar{t}$ background (containing genuine taus) from data for the $\ell\tau$ channels.

$e\mu$ channel → $t\bar{t}$ simulation (w/ scale factors)

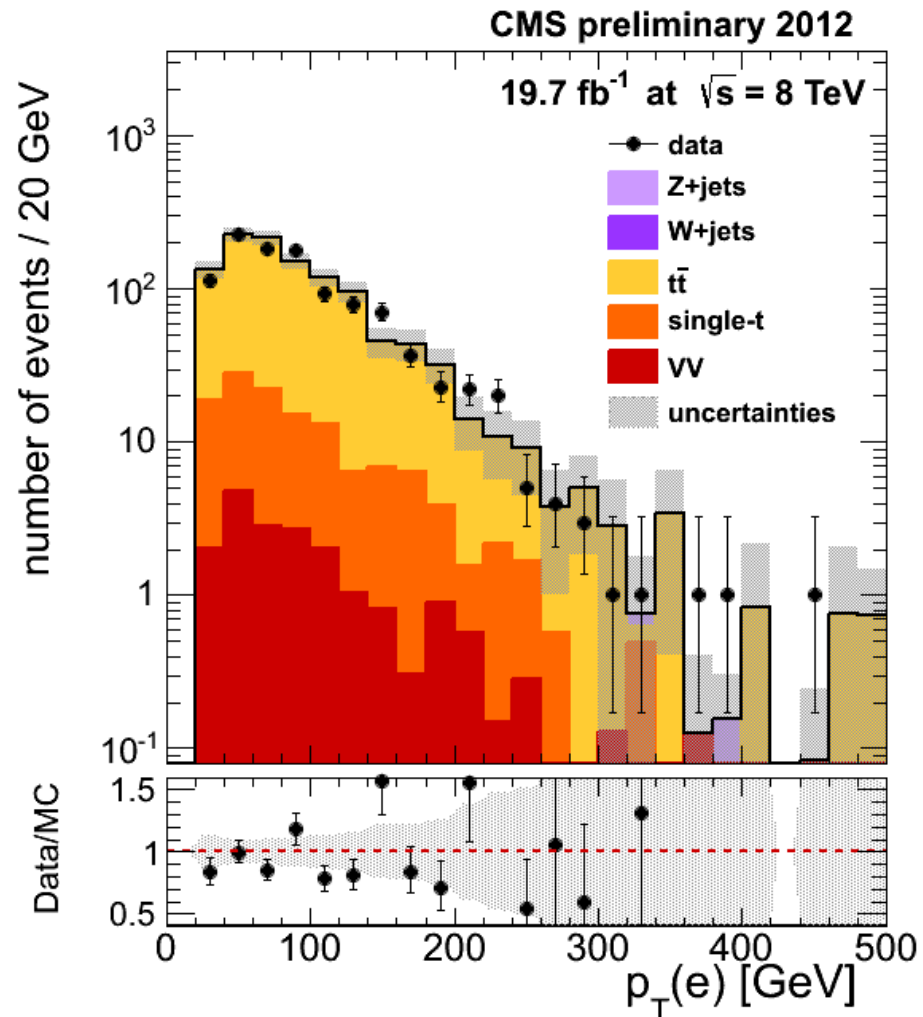
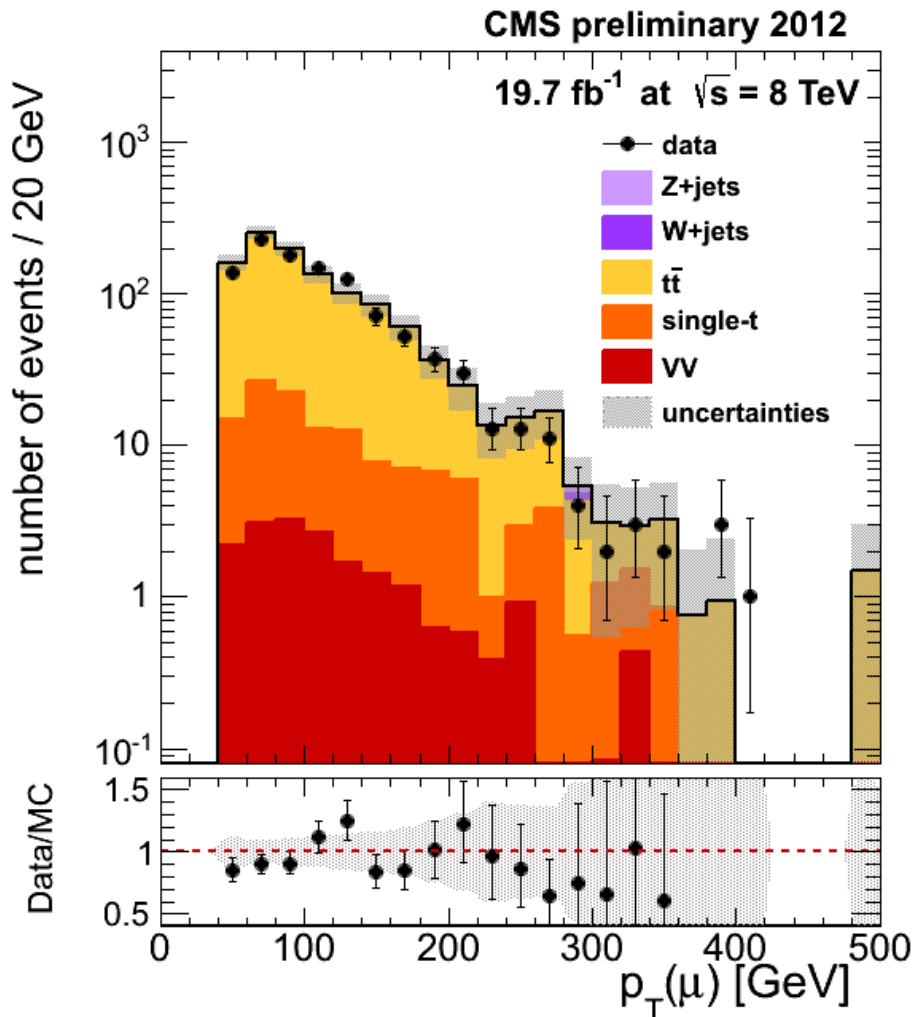
$$N_{\ell\tau_h} = N_{e\mu} \times \frac{\epsilon_{\ell\tau_h}^{\text{sel}} \rho_{\ell\tau_h}^{\text{sel}}}{\epsilon_{e\mu}^{\text{sel}} \rho_{e\mu}^{\text{sel}}} \times \frac{\epsilon_{\ell}^{\text{ID}} \epsilon_{\tau_h}^{\text{ID}}}{\epsilon_e^{\text{ID}} \epsilon_{\mu}^{\text{ID}}} \times \frac{\mathcal{A}_{\ell\tau_h} B_{W\ell} B_{W\tau_h} + \mathcal{A}_{\tau\ell\tau_h} B_{W\tau_\ell} B_{W\tau_h}}{\mathcal{A}_{e\mu} B_{We} B_{W\mu} + \mathcal{A}_{\mu\tau_e} B_{W\mu} B_{W\tau_e} + \mathcal{A}_{e\tau_\mu} B_{We} B_{W\tau_\mu} + \mathcal{A}_{\tau_e\tau_\mu} B_{W\tau_e} B_{W\tau_\mu}}$$

→ Madgraph, PDG

The yield from the $e\mu$ channel is multiplied by a combination of selection efficiencies, data/MC scale factors, identification efficiencies, acceptances, and branching ratios. This relates the $e\mu$ channel to the $\ell\tau$ channels for $\ell = e, \mu$.

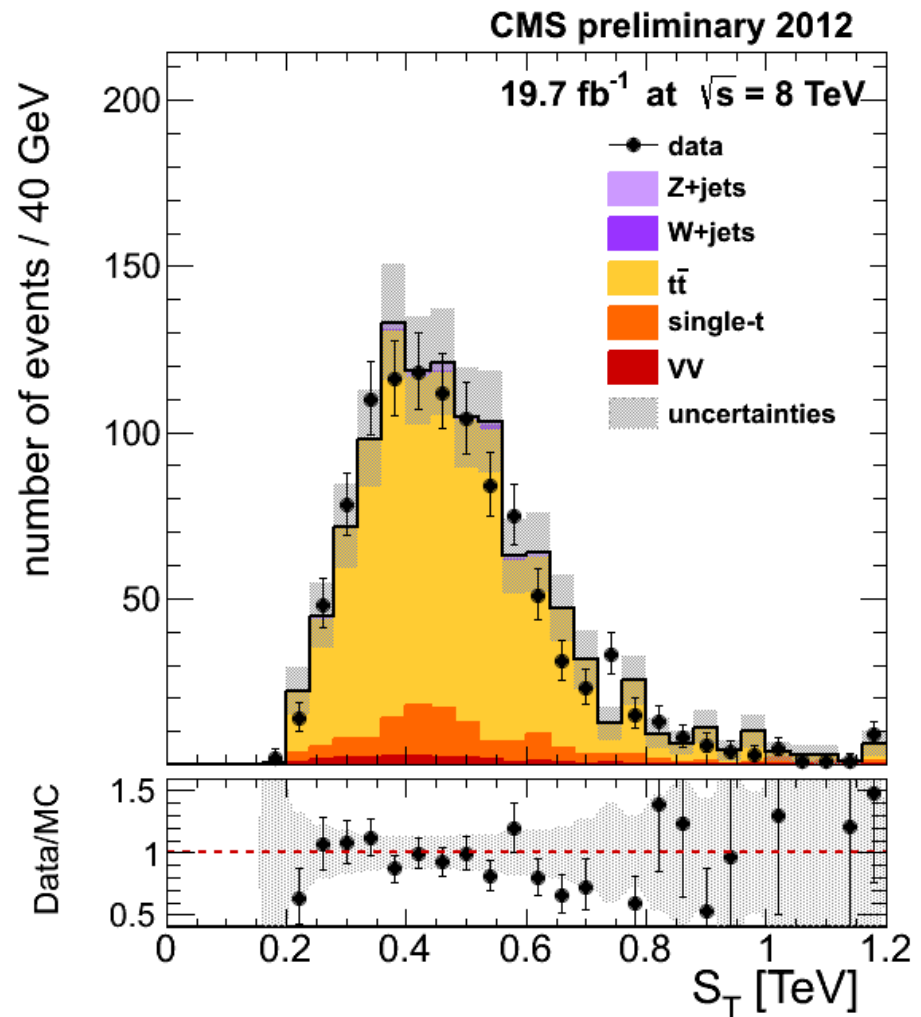
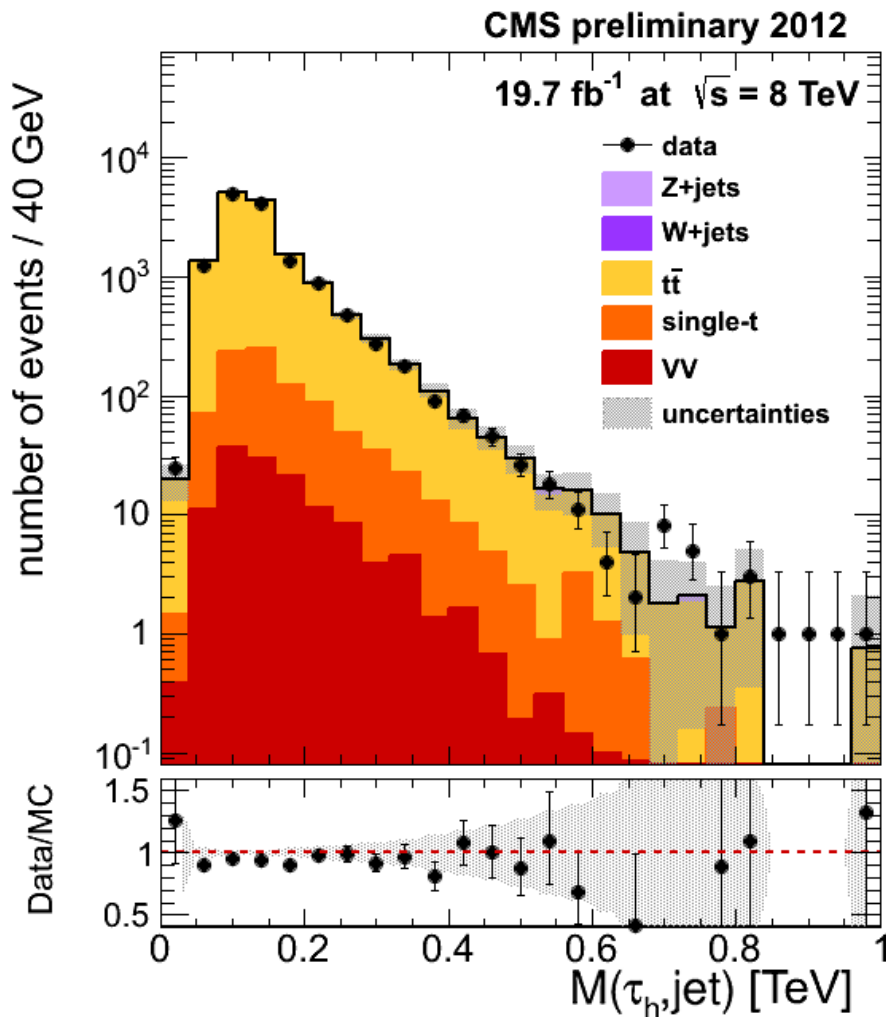
Systematic uncertainties are assigned based on statistical uncertainty in the $e\mu$ control region and the propagation of uncertainties in the acceptances and efficiencies. The total systematic uncertainty on the yield is 19–22%, depending on the channel and the search.

$e\mu$ Control Region Plots (1)



Excellent agreement between data and MC in the $e\mu$ channel, after the LQ final selection.

$e\mu$ Control Region Plots (2)



Excellent agreement between data and MC in the $e\mu$ channel, after the LQ final selection.

Major Reducible Bkg. Estimation

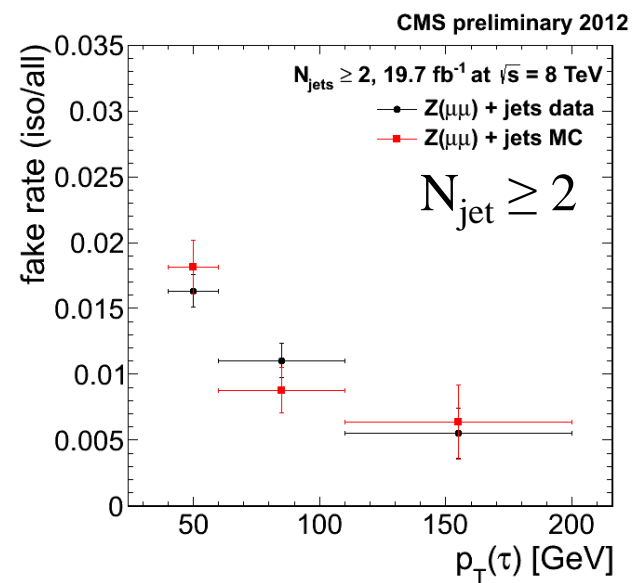
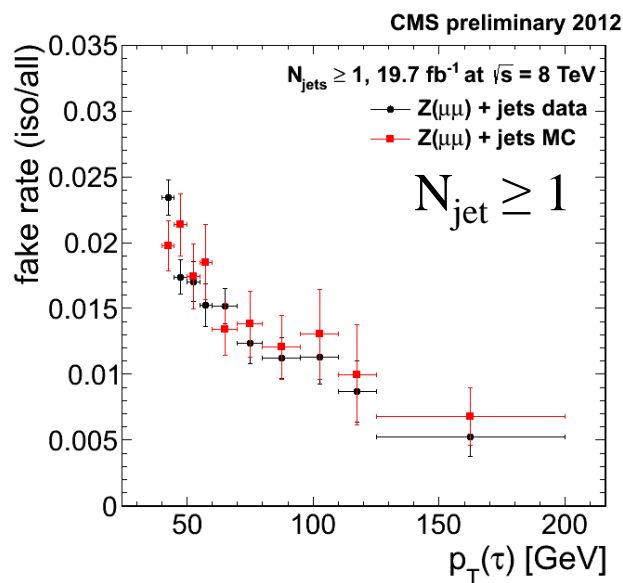
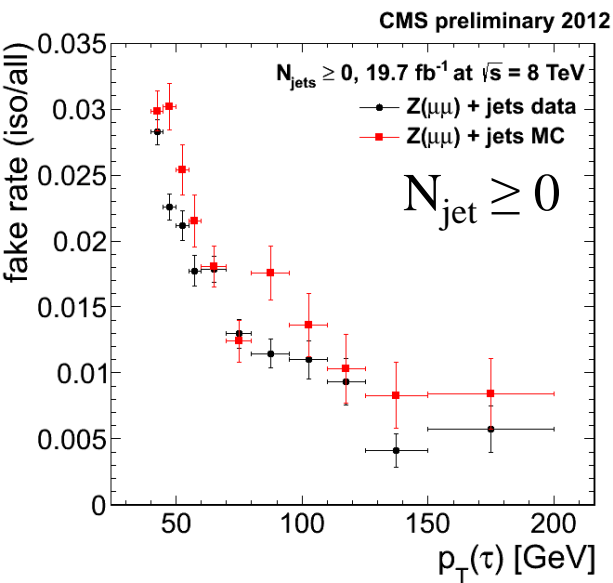
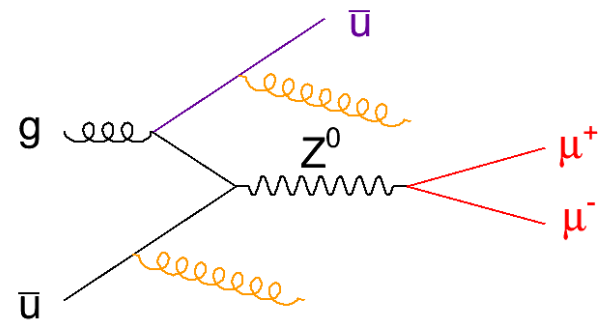
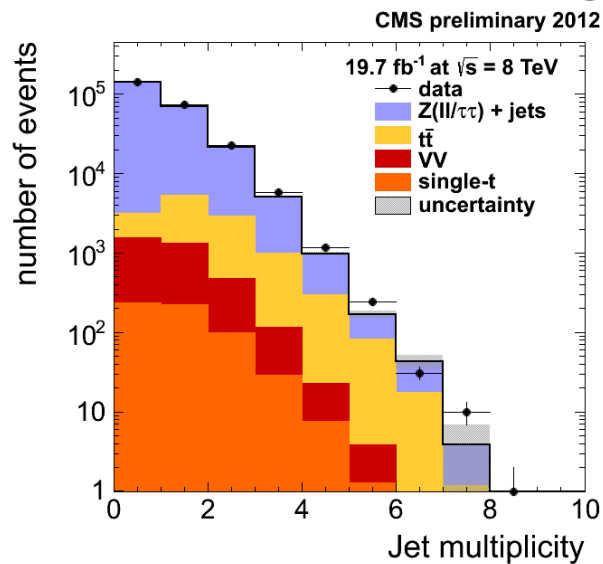
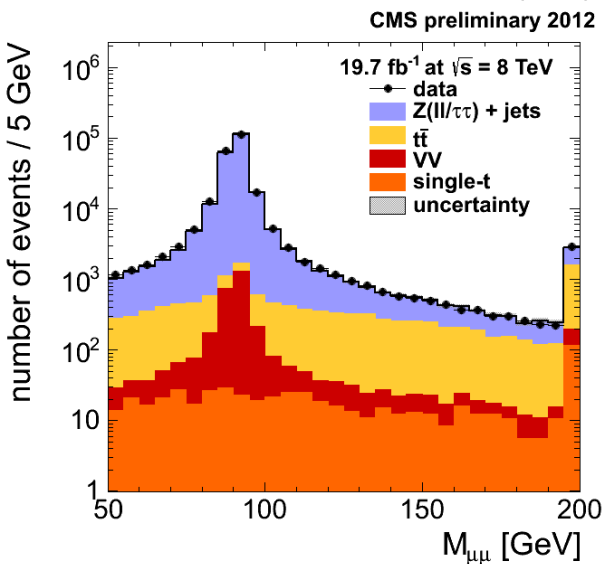
The major reducible background from the misidentification of jets as taus (“fake tau” background) can be estimated from data using two control regions: $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu + \text{jets}$ and anti-isolated taus.

$$f(p_T) = \frac{N_{\text{iso } \tau}^{(Z \rightarrow \mu\mu)}(p_T)}{N_{\text{all } \tau}^{(Z \rightarrow \mu\mu)}(p_T)} \quad \xrightarrow{\text{from } Z \rightarrow \mu\mu + \text{jets control region}}$$

$$N_{\text{misID } \tau} = \sum_{\text{events}}^{(\text{anti-iso})} \frac{1 - \prod_{\tau} [1 - f(p_T(\tau))]}{\prod_{\tau} [1 - f(p_T(\tau))]} \quad \xrightarrow{\text{from anti-isolated control region (in each } \ell\tau \text{ channel)}}$$

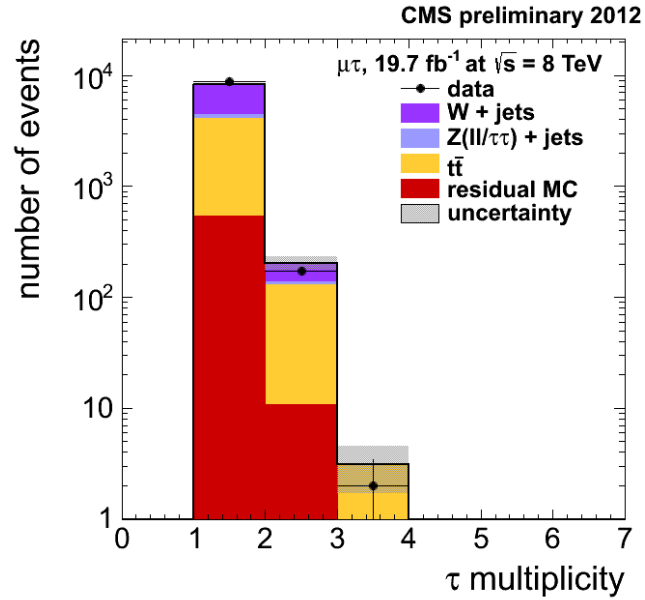
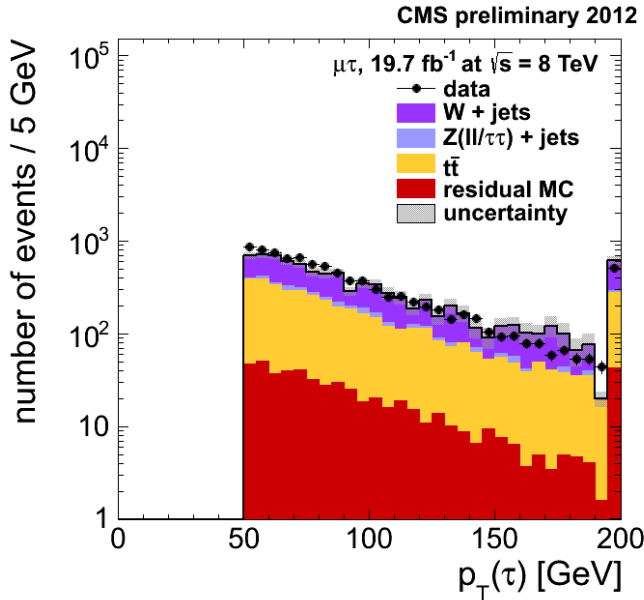
Systematic uncertainty is derived from varying the misidentification probability (based on statistical uncertainty, N_{jets} requirement, and type of process) and the residual MC in the anti-iso region. Statistical uncertainty from the anti-iso region is negligible. The total systematic uncertainty on the yield is 16–24%, depending on the channel and the search.

$Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$ Control Region Plots

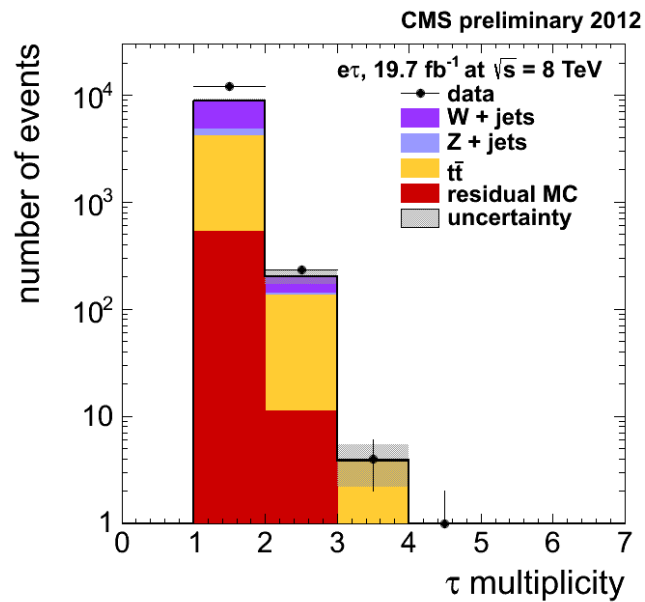
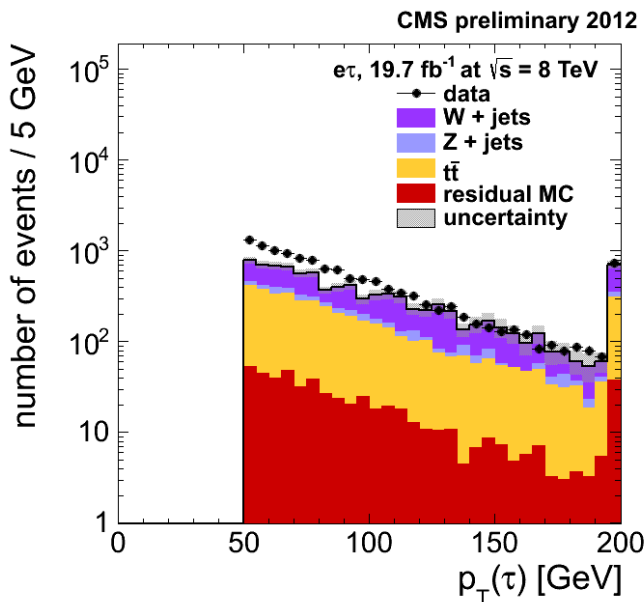


Anti-iso Control Region Plots (LQ)

$\mu\tau$
channel

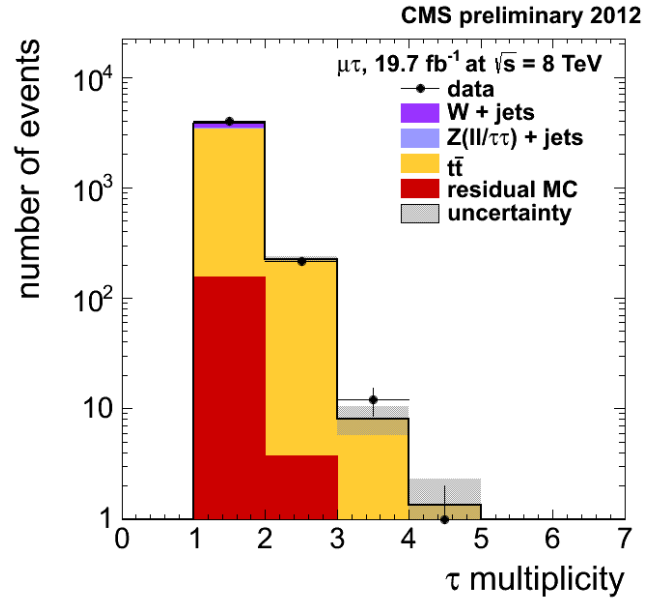
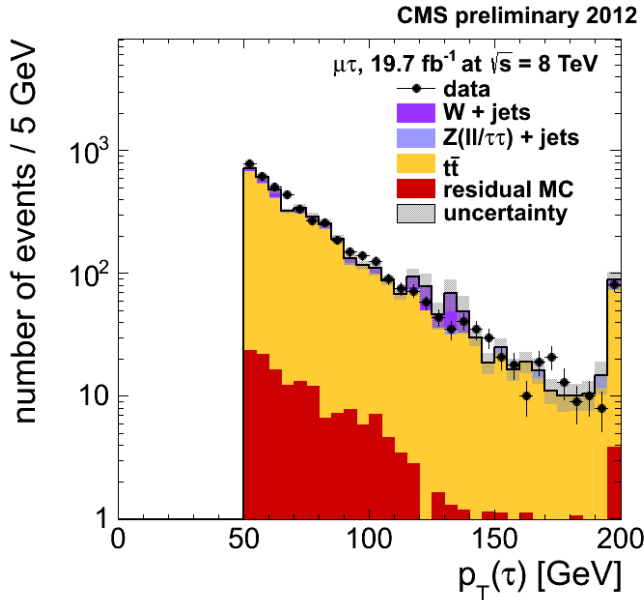


$e\tau$
channel

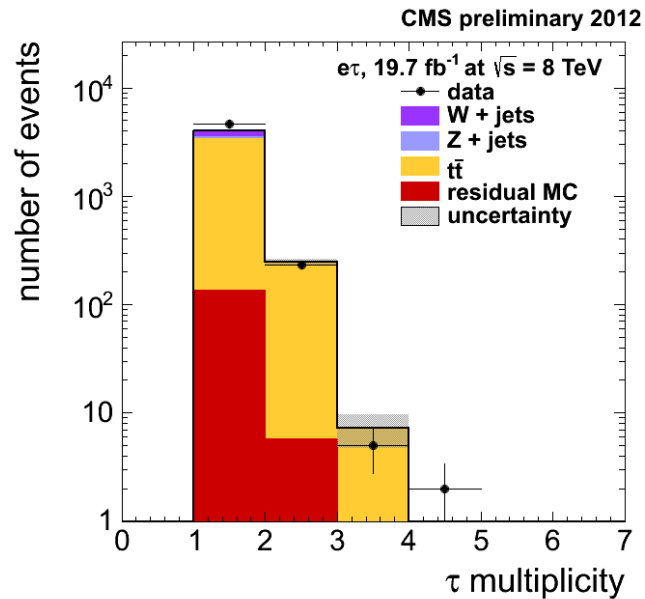
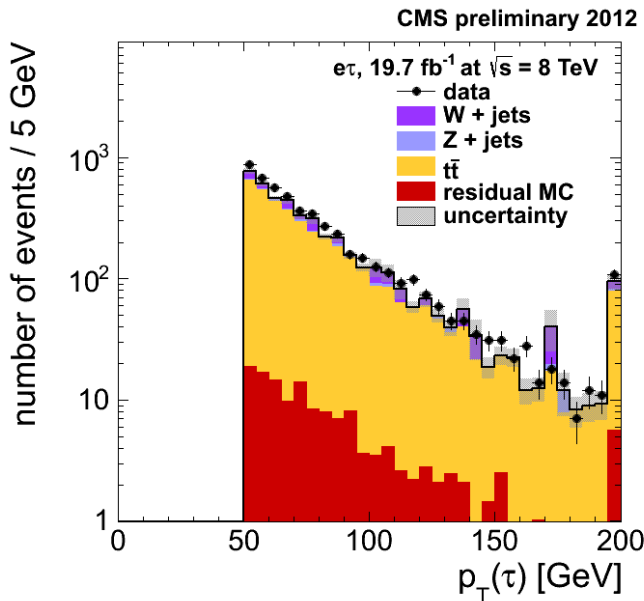


Anti-iso Control Region Plots (\tilde{t})

$\mu\tau$
channel



$e\tau$
channel



QCD Multijets Bkg. Estimation (1)

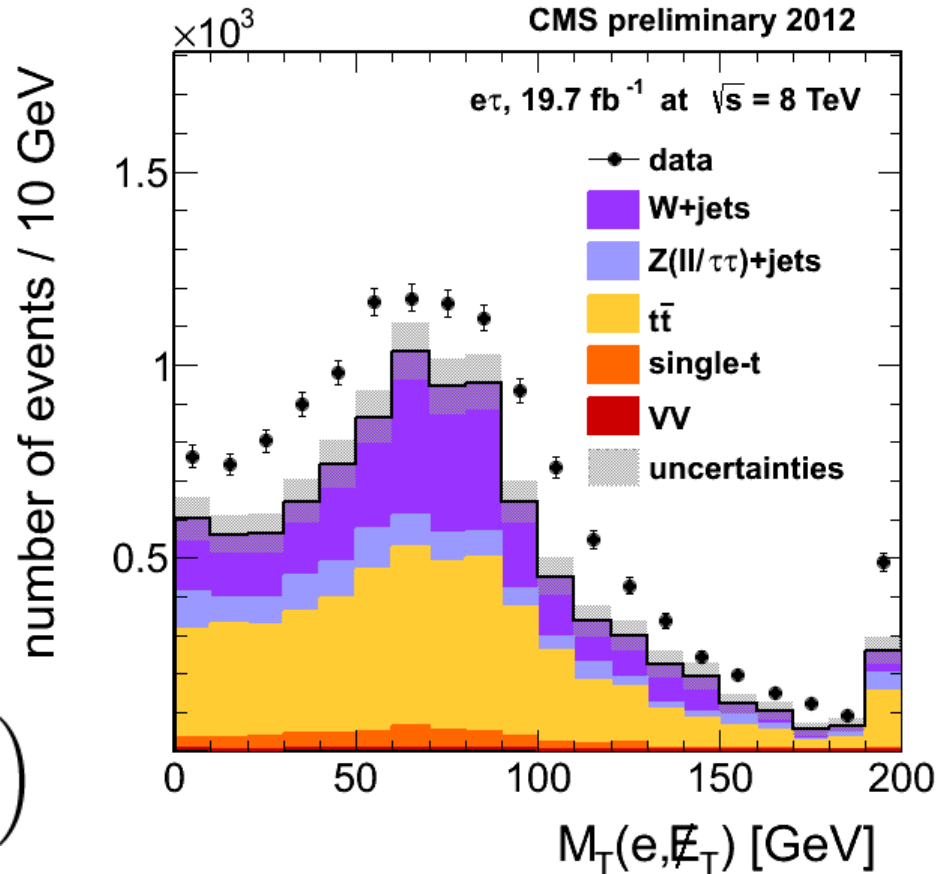
MisID probability from V+jets events:
mostly quark jets
QCD: mostly gluon jets, so V+jets
misID probability is not appropriate

(This background only contributes to
the $e\tau_h$ channel in the LQ search)

1. Same sign/opposite sign (SS/OS)
method to estimate # of QCD
events:

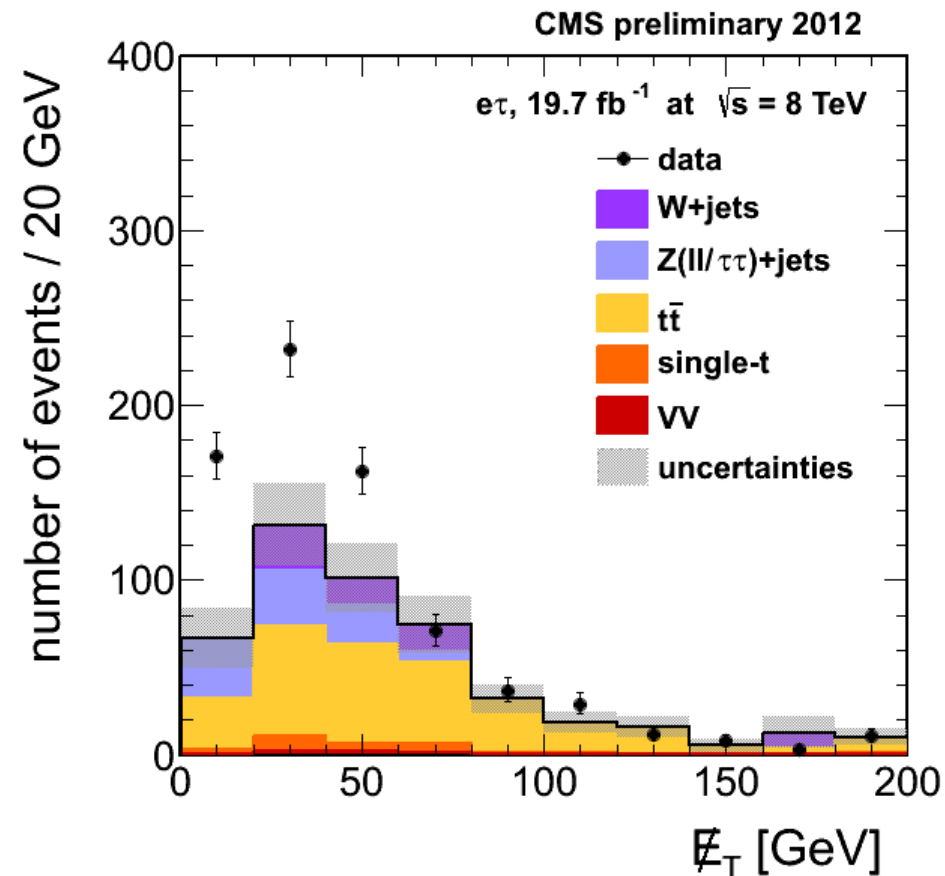
$$N_{\text{QCD}}^{\text{OS}} = 1.06 \left(N_{\text{data}}^{\text{SS}} - N_{\text{MC}}^{\text{SS}} \right)$$

2. Subtract contribution from QCD
in anti-iso control region:
 38.5 ± 2.7 events



Transverse mass in the same-sign
anti-iso region (used for QCD
subtraction). The overall excess in
data indicates the presence of QCD.

QCD Multijets Bkg. Estimation (2)

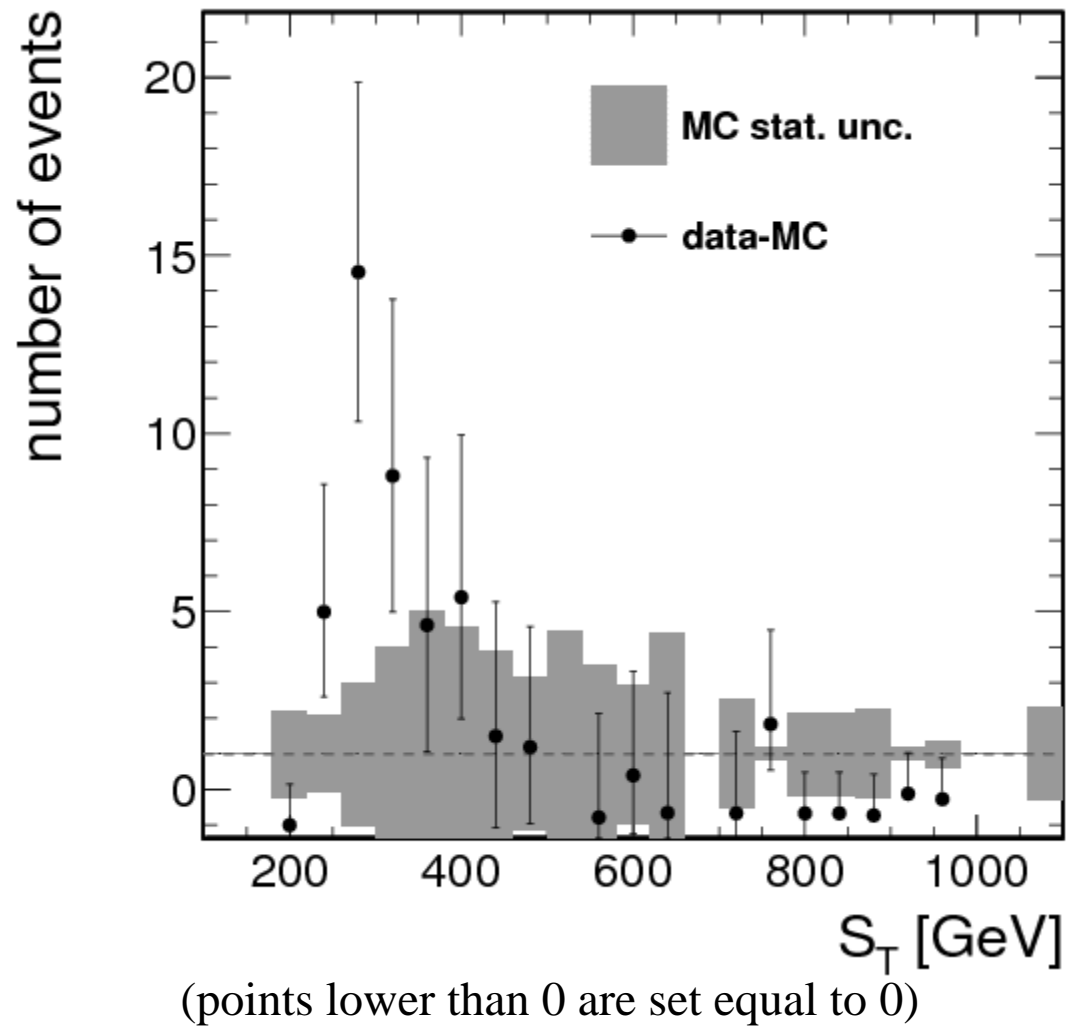


MET in the same-sign control region (used for QCD estimation).
The excess at low MET indicates the presence of QCD.

3. Estimate contribution from QCD before the $M(\tau_h, \text{jet})$ cut
4. Extrapolate to final selection by applying efficiency of the $M(\tau_h, \text{jet})$ cut (estimated in same-sign control region with a b-tag veto)
5. Compute S_T distribution by subtracting MC from data in same-sign control region (next slide)

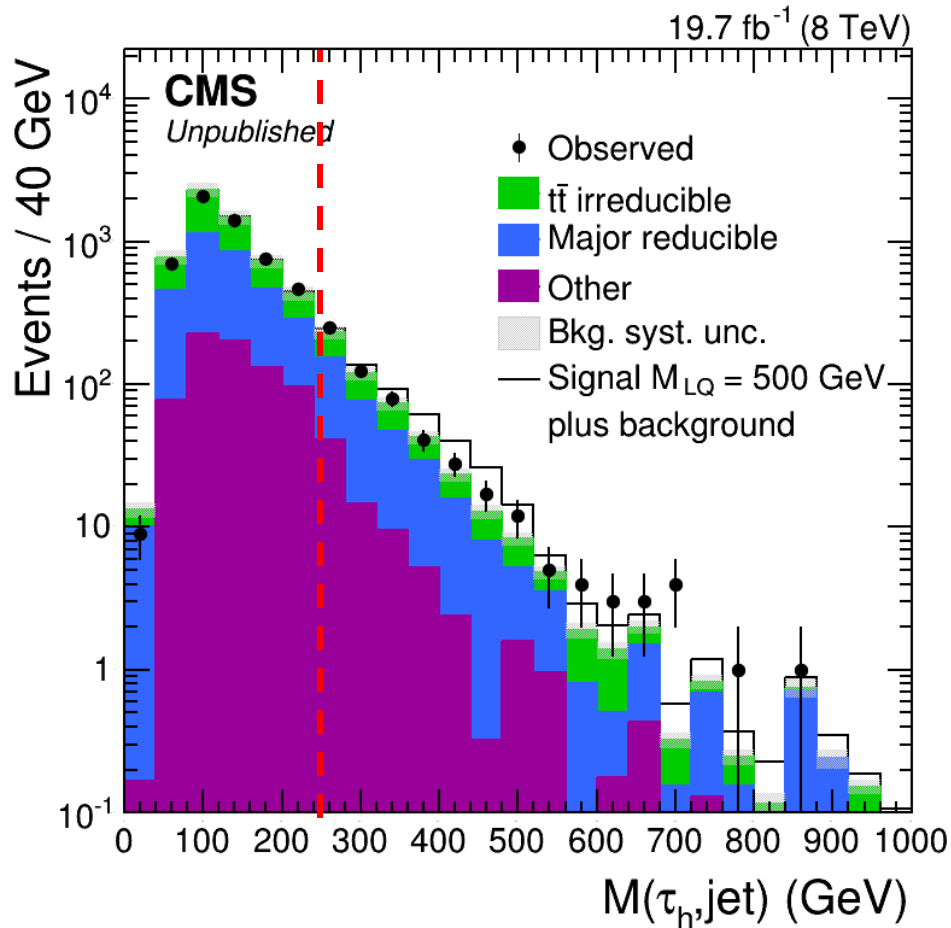
The contribution from QCD (23.6 ± 12.0 events) is added to the major reducible background

QCD Multijets S_T Distribution

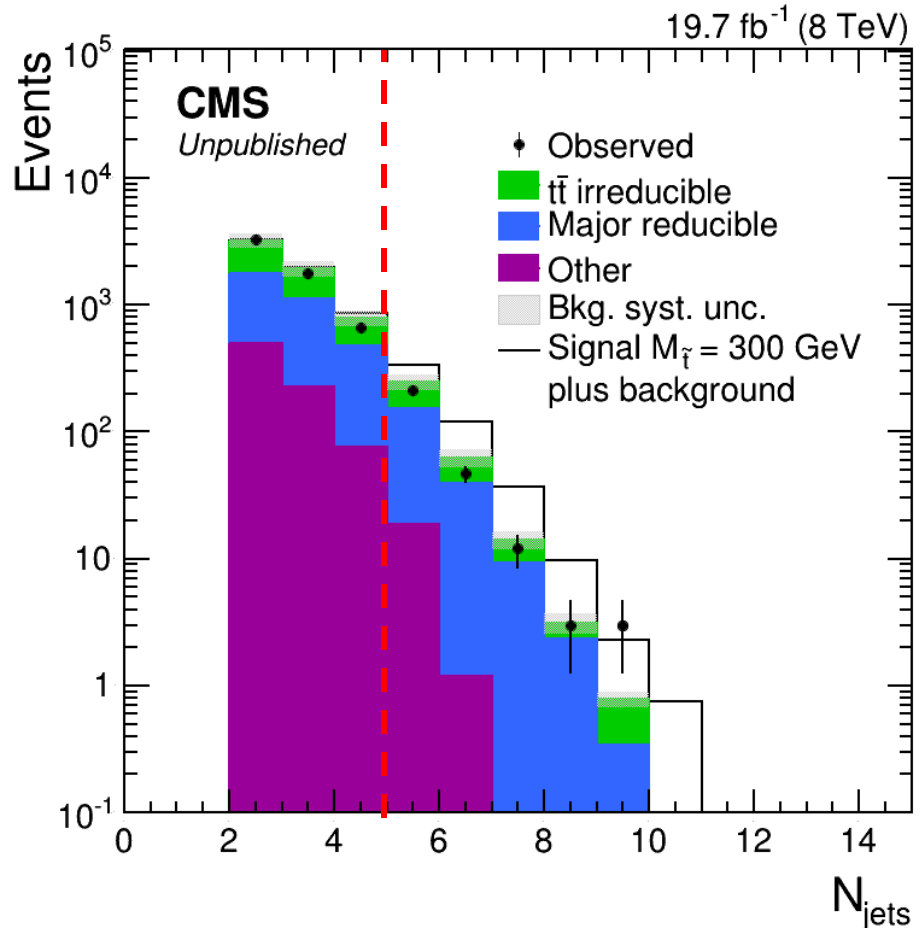


Final Selection Cuts

LQ search



\tilde{t} search



(plots show $e\tau_h$ and $\mu\tau_h$ channels combined,
with data-driven background estimations used)

Systematic Uncertainties

Data-driven background uncertainties

Channel		$t\bar{t}$ irreducible	Major reducible
LQ	$e\tau_h$	17%	16%
	$\mu\tau_h$	19%	16%
\tilde{t}	$e\tau_h$	16%	24%
	$\mu\tau_h$	17%	23%

Simulated background & signal uncertainties

Source	Uncertainty	Effect on:			
		Signal	Z + jets	Single t	VV
(e, μ) ID, iso, HLT	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
τ_h ID, iso	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%
b-tagging	$\sim 4\%$	3%	1%	3%	1%
mistagging	$\sim 10\%$	1%	4%	1%	2%
pileup	6%	3%	3%	3%	3%
luminosity	2.6%	2.6%	2.6%	2.6%	2.6%
cross section	—	—	2%	14%	5–15%
statistical	—	—	20–40%	20–40%	20–40%
ISR/FSR	—	4%	—	—	—
τ_h energy scale	3%	0–5%	5–19%	5–19%	5–19%
τ_h energy resolution	10%	1–9%	20%	20%	20%
jet energy scale	$\sim 4\%$	1%	0–7%	0–7%	0–7%
jet energy resolution	5–10%	1%	0–5%	0–5%	0–5%

Also affect S_T distributions

Final Yield Tables

LQ search

\tilde{t} search

	$e\tau_h$		$\mu\tau_h$			$e\tau_h$		$\mu\tau_h$	
$t\bar{t}$ irreducible	105.6	± 18.1	66.7	± 12.6	$t\bar{t}$ irreducible	88.3	± 13.7	55.0	± 9.5
Major reducible	147.8	± 33.0	117.3	± 18.9	Major reducible	65.7	± 16.4	59.8	± 13.8
$Z(\ell\ell/\tau\tau) + \text{jets}$	$21.4 \pm 7.4 \pm 4.9$		$7.5 \pm 4.6 \pm 0.2$		$Z(\ell\ell/\tau\tau) + \text{jets}$	$4.9 \pm 2.5 \pm 1.1$		$11.6 \pm 5.5 \pm 2.7$	
Single t	$16.0 \pm 2.8 \pm 4.4$		$17.3 \pm 2.8 \pm 4.7$		Single t	$3.9 \pm 1.5 \pm 1.1$		$3.5 \pm 1.3 \pm 0.9$	
VV	$4.1 \pm 0.6 \pm 1.3$		$2.6 \pm 0.5 \pm 0.8$		VV	$0.6 \pm 0.2 \pm 0.2$		$0.4 \pm 0.2 \pm 0.1$	
Total exp. bkg.	$294.9 \pm 7.9 \pm 39.1$		$211.4 \pm 5.4 \pm 23.4$		Total exp. bkg.	$163.4 \pm 2.9 \pm 21.5$		$130.3 \pm 5.6 \pm 17.1$	
Observed	289		216		Observed	156		123	
$M_{LQ} = 500 \text{ GeV}$	$57.7 \pm 1.4 \pm 5.9$		$51.6 \pm 1.3 \pm 5.3$		$M_{\tilde{t}} = 300 \text{ GeV}$	$94.3 \pm 8.5 \pm 13.2$		$82.8 \pm 8.0 \pm 11.7$	
$M_{LQ} = 600 \text{ GeV}$	$20.1 \pm 0.5 \pm 1.9$		$17.7 \pm 0.4 \pm 1.6$		$M_{\tilde{t}} = 400 \text{ GeV}$	$43.9 \pm 2.6 \pm 4.3$		$38.3 \pm 2.3 \pm 3.8$	
$M_{LQ} = 700 \text{ GeV}$	$7.1 \pm 0.2 \pm 6.3$		$6.2 \pm 0.1 \pm 5.5$		$M_{\tilde{t}} = 500 \text{ GeV}$	$19.4 \pm 0.8 \pm 1.8$		$15.4 \pm 0.7 \pm 1.5$	
$M_{LQ} = 800 \text{ GeV}$	$2.7 \pm 0.1 \pm 0.2$		$2.3 \pm 0.1 \pm 0.2$		$M_{\tilde{t}} = 600 \text{ GeV}$	$6.9 \pm 0.9 \pm 0.7$		$5.7 \pm 0.3 \pm 0.5$	

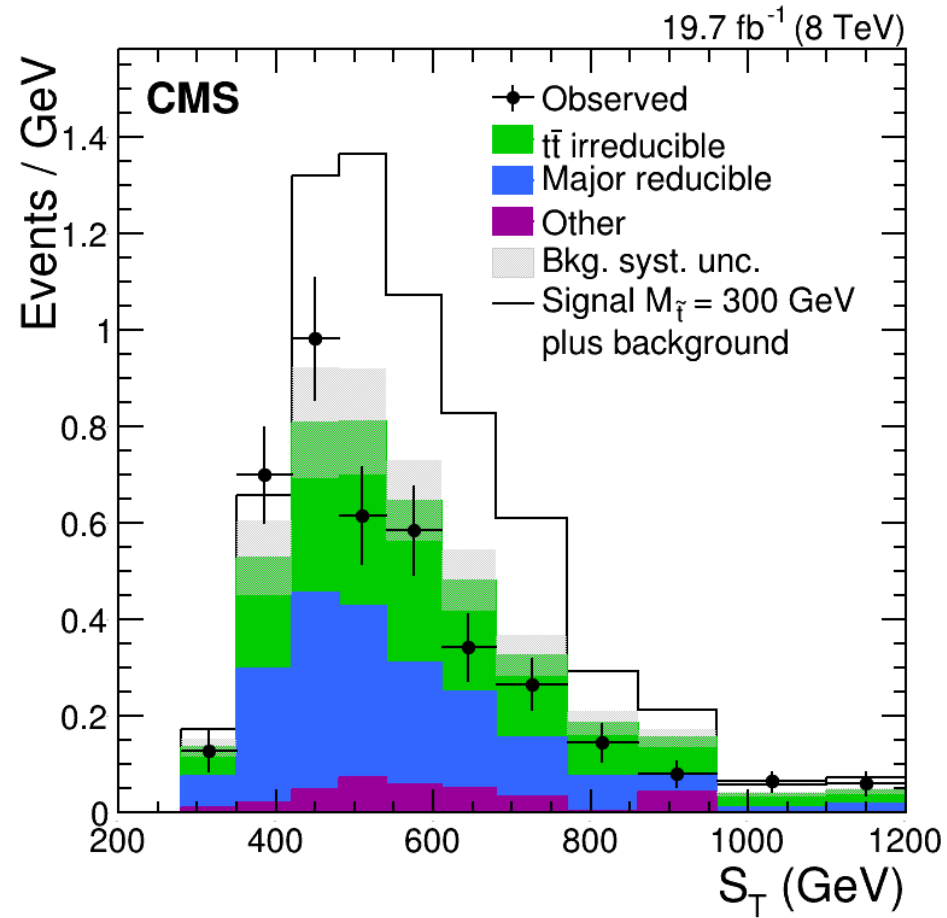
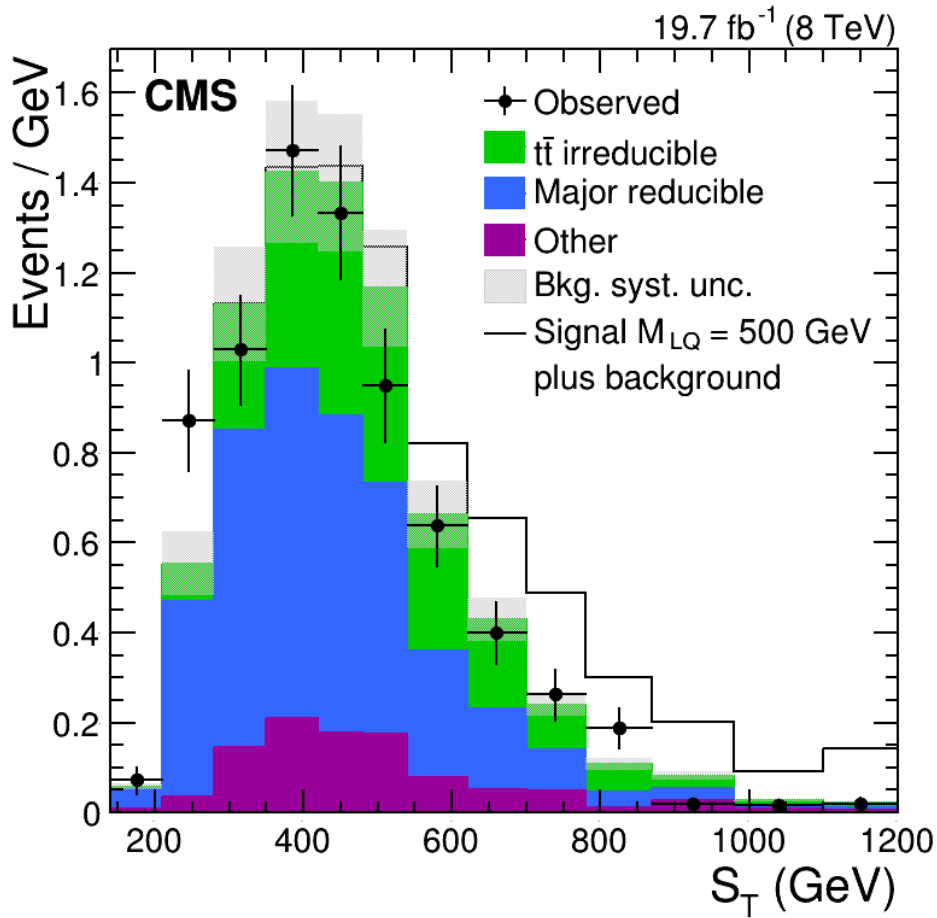
Data-driven estimation uncertainty: \pm (syst)

Simulation-based estimation uncertainty: \pm (stat) \pm (syst)

Final S_T Distributions

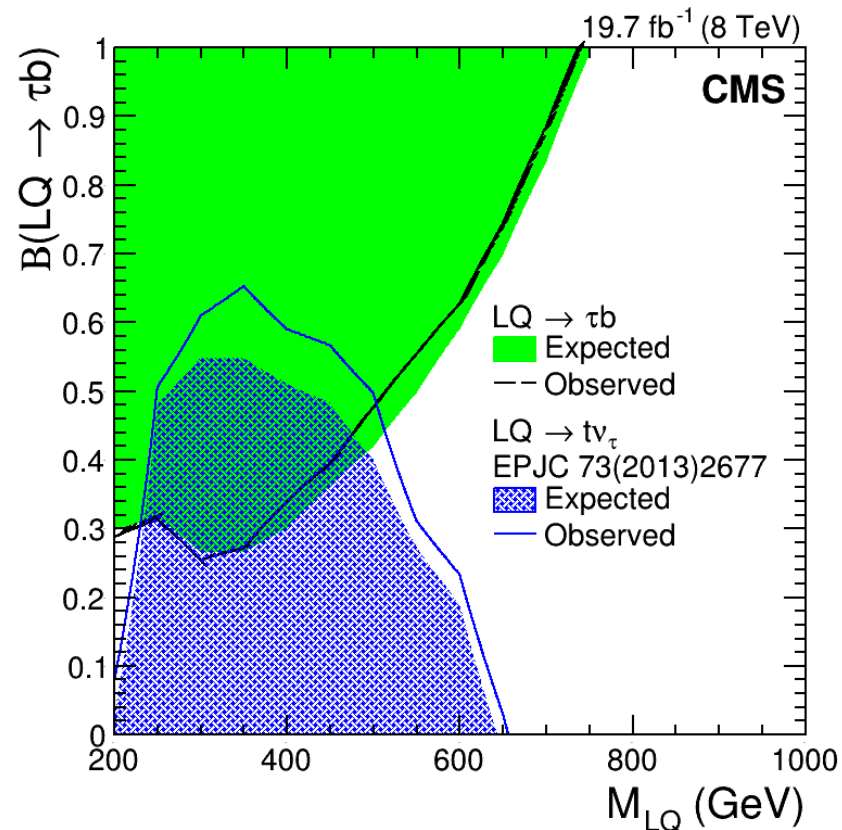
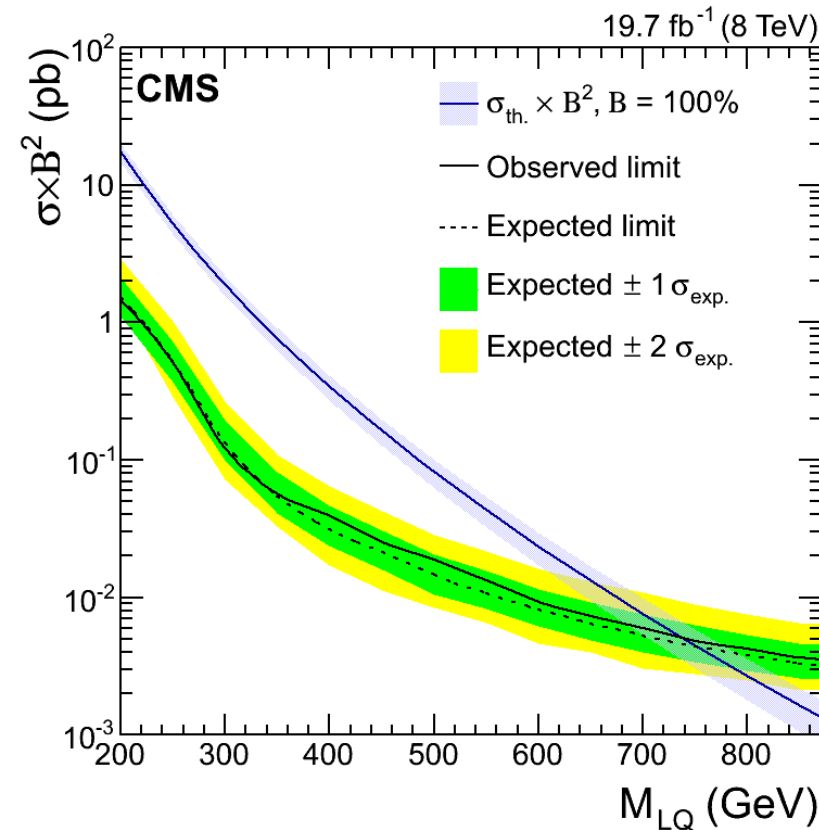
LQ search

\tilde{t} search



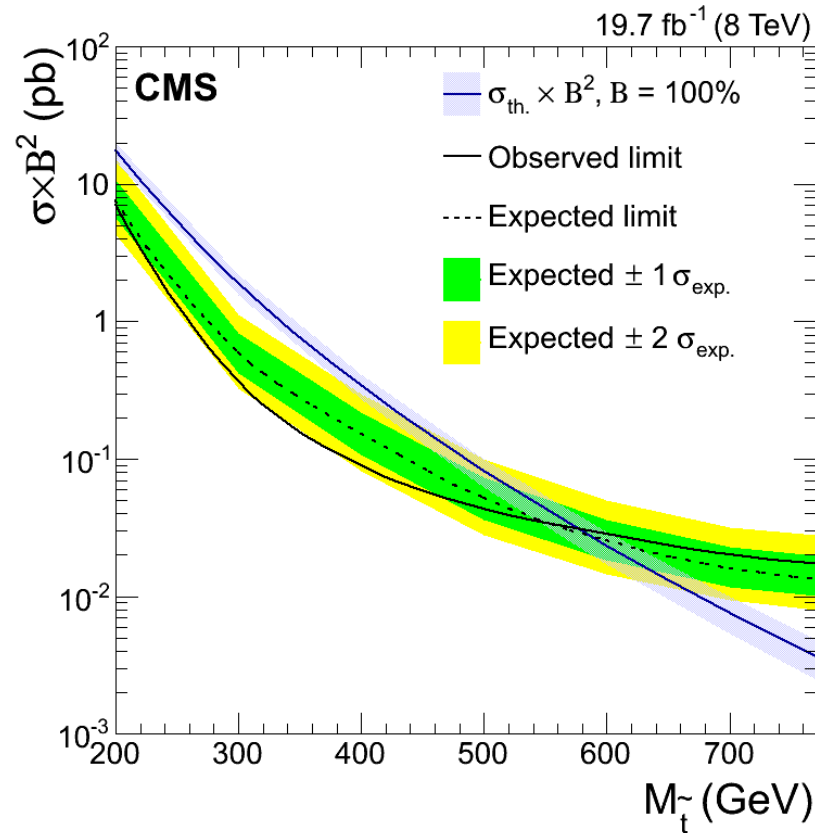
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LQ Search Results



- Assuming $B(LQ_3 \rightarrow b + \tau) = 1$, pair production of third-generation scalar LQs excluded at 95% CL for masses up to **740 GeV** (754 GeV expected)
- Limit applies to top squarks decaying via λ'_{333}
 - Previous limit: 530 GeV, from CMS and ATLAS using 7 TeV data
- 95% CL limits also calculated for varying branching fraction (right)

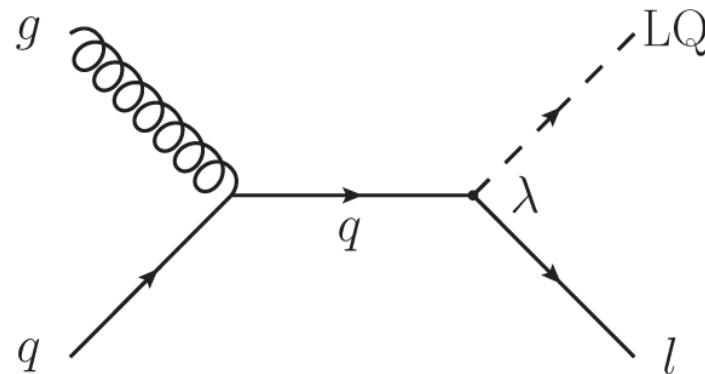
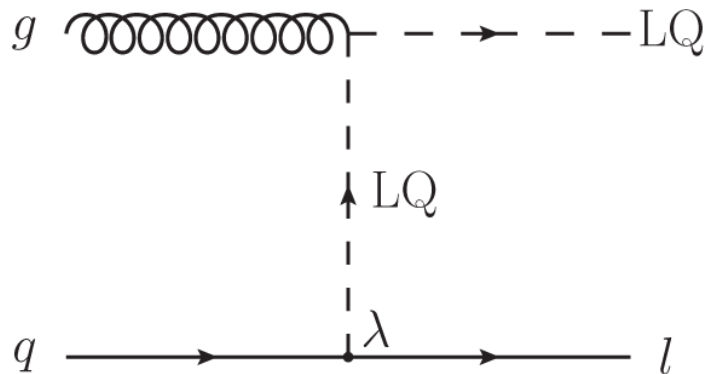
\tilde{t} Search Results



- Assuming 100% branching fraction for the chargino-mediated decay of the top squark involving the λ'_{3jk} coupling, pair production of top squarks excluded at 95% CL for masses up to **576 GeV** (588 GeV expected)
- The first direct search for this decay of the top squark

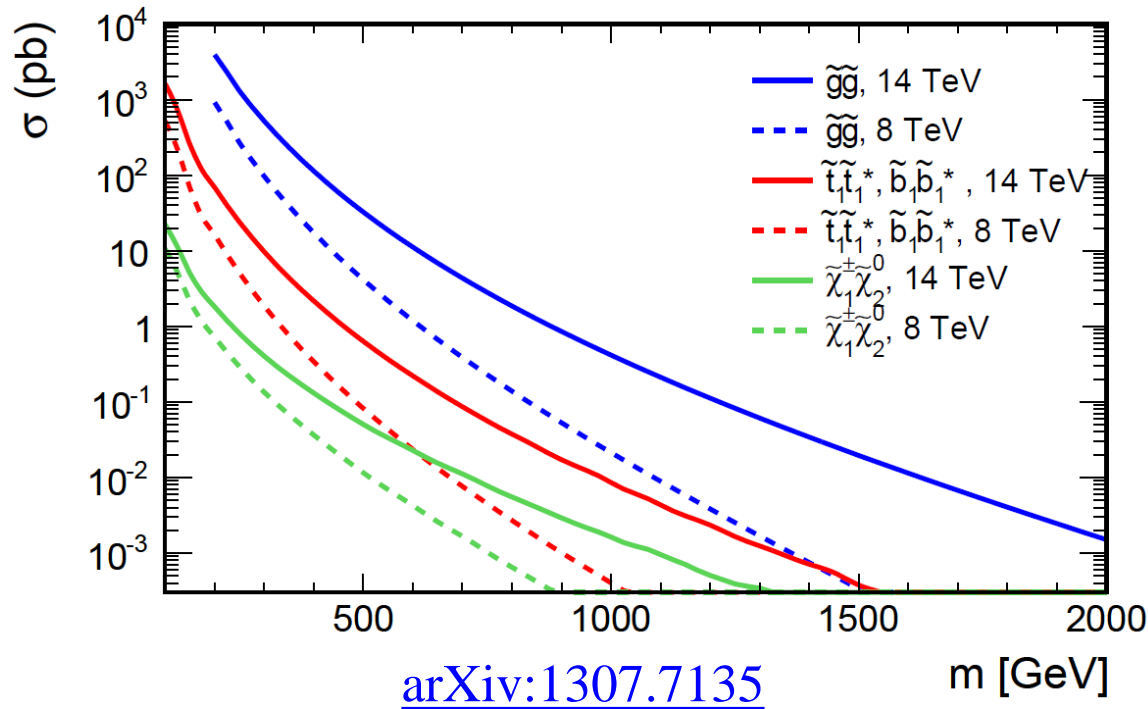
Leptoquark Prospects

- 2015: Run 2 of the LHC, $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV
- Cross section for $M_{LQ} = 1000$ GeV:
 4.01×10^{-4} pb at $\sqrt{s} = 8$ TeV
 8.36×10^{-3} pb at $\sqrt{s} = 14$ TeV
- Possible exclusion of scalar leptoquarks for masses up to 900 – 1200 GeV
- Single production of leptoquarks becomes feasible
 (limits on λ only extend to TeV scale)



Supersymmetry Prospects

- Similar cross section increases for SUSY particles at $\sqrt{s} = 13\text{--}14\text{ TeV}$



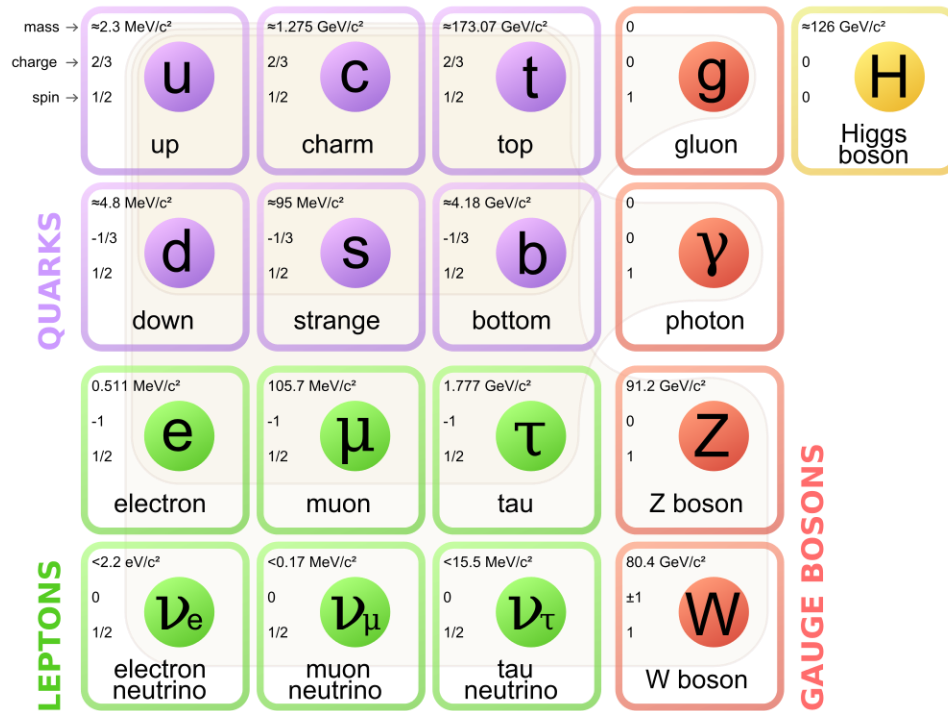
- High discovery potential for gluinos, top squarks, bottom squarks
- Expand R-parity violating search program to cover more signatures
- Otherwise, more complete exclusion of natural SUSY

Conclusions

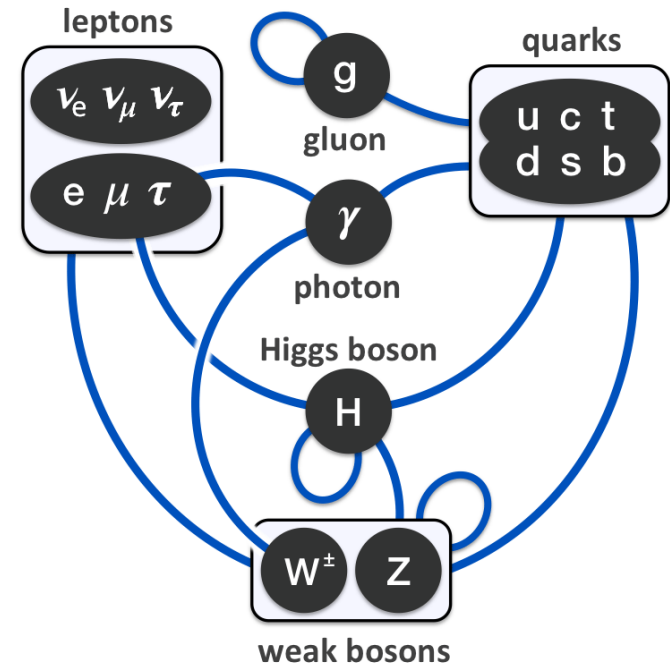
- Search was performed using the full **8 TeV** CMS 2012 dataset, **19.7 fb⁻¹**
 - Pair production of third generation scalar leptoquarks has been excluded for masses up to **740 GeV**, assuming $B(LQ \rightarrow b + \tau) = 1$
 - These limits apply to top squarks decaying via λ'_{333}
 - Limits for $LQ \rightarrow b + \tau$ are also set for varying branching fraction
- These limits are the most stringent to date
- Pair production of RPV top squarks with a chargino-mediated decay involving λ'_{3jk} has been excluded for masses up to **576 GeV**, assuming a branching fraction of 100%
- This is the first direct search for top squarks decaying to such a final state
- Published in [*Phys. Lett. B* 739 \(2014\) 229](#) ([arXiv:1408.0806](#), [twiki](#))

Backup

The Standard Model



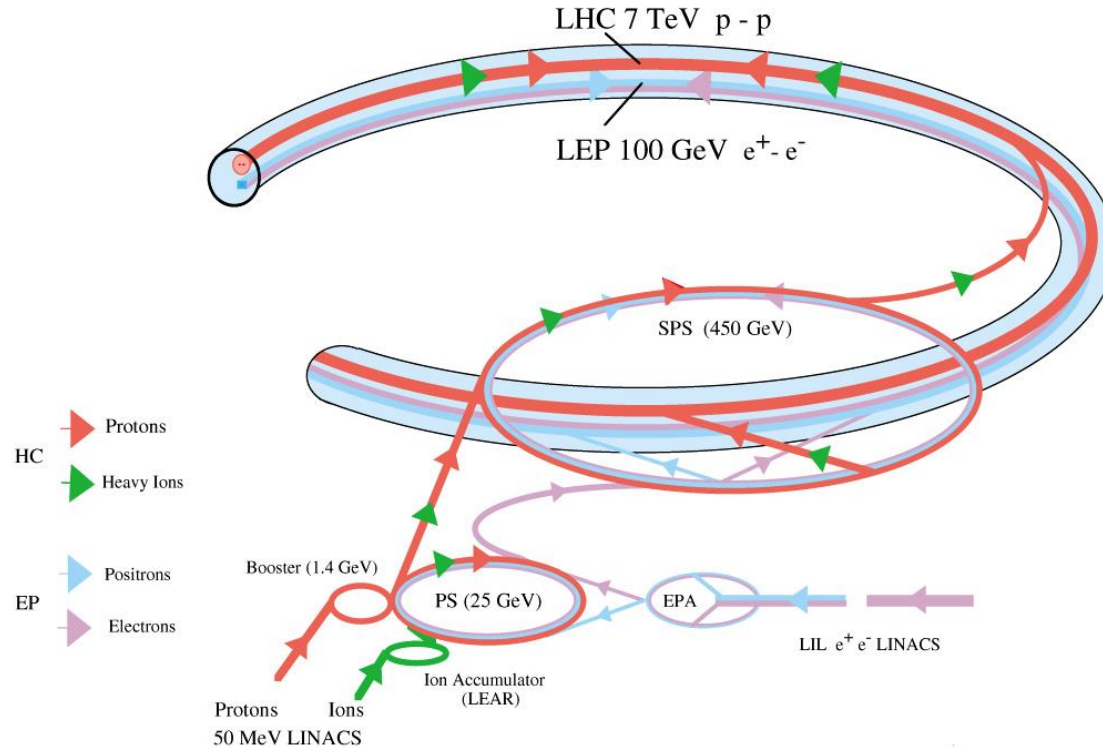
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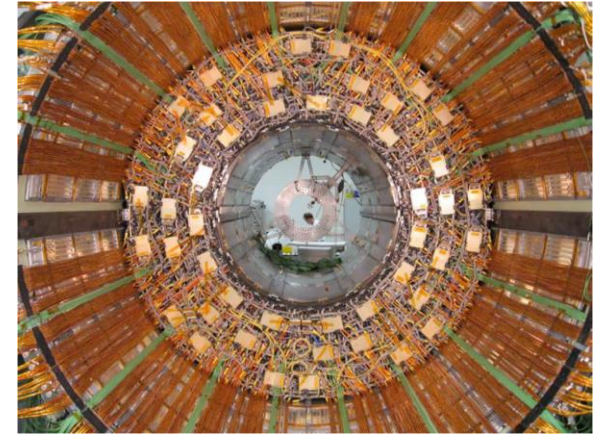
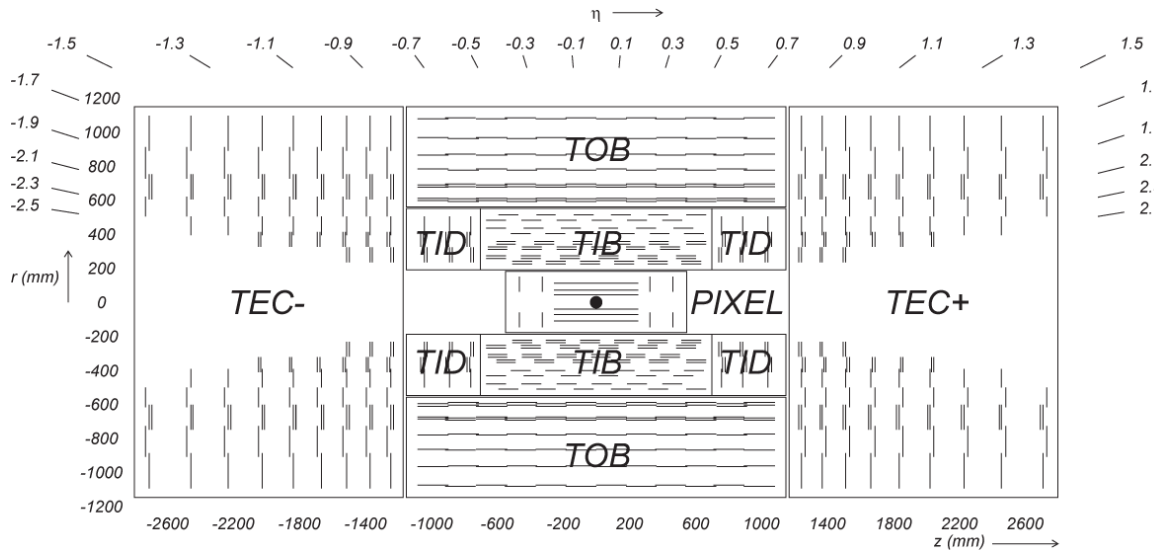
- Three generations of matter
- Three fundamental forces: electromagnetism, weak, strong
- Higgs mechanism for electroweak symmetry breaking and fermion masses
- Confirmed by decades of precise experimental tests

The Large Hadron Collider



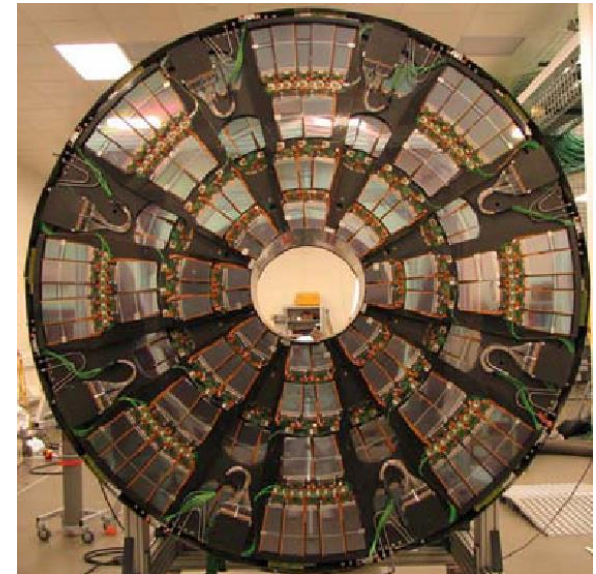
- Circumference of 26.7 km
- 1232 dipole magnets, NbTi superconductors cooled to 1.9 K
- Design parameters: $\sqrt{s} = 14 \text{ TeV}$, $\mathcal{L} = 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$, 25 ns bunch spacing
- 2012 run: $\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$, $\mathcal{L} = 7.67 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ (peak), 50 ns bunch spacing

Tracker



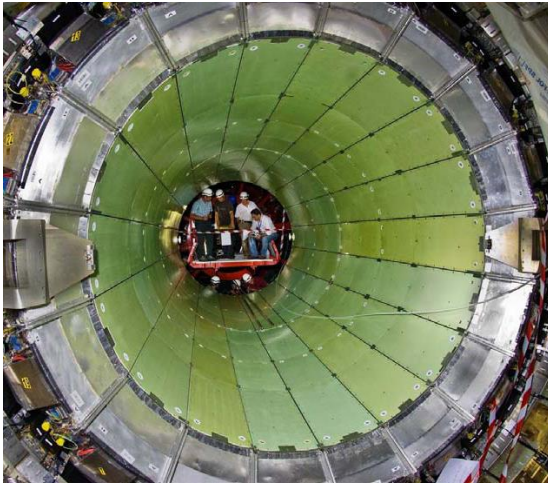
Tracker Outer Barrel

- Pixel: hybrid silicon detector, resolution $10 \mu\text{m} \times 20 \mu\text{m}$ ($r \times z$)
 - BPIX: Barrel Pixel, 3 layers, 48 million pixels
 - FPIX: Forward Pixel, 2 layers, 18 million pixels
- Silicon Strip Detector:
 - Tracker Inner Barrel (TIB), Tracker Inner Disks (TID), Tracker Outer Barrel (TOB), Tracker EndCaps (TEC) \rightarrow 9.3 million total strips
- Charged particles create tracks



Tracker EndCap

Electromagnetic Calorimeter (ECAL)



ECAL Barrel



ECAL Endcap

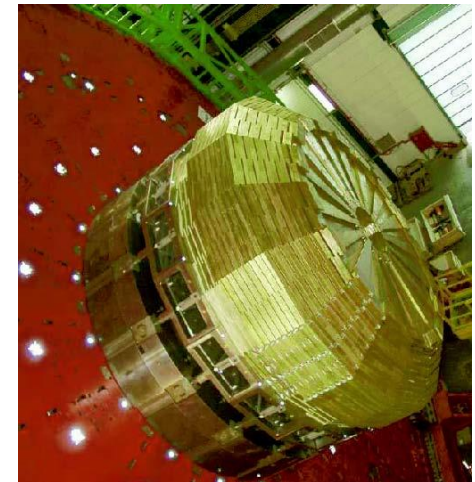
- PbWO_4 crystals have short radiation length (0.89 cm) and small Molière radius (2.2 cm)
- ECAL Barrel (EB, $0 < |\eta| < 1.479$):
 PbWO_4 crystals, avalanche photodiodes
- ECAL Endcap (EE, $1.479 < |\eta| < 3.0$):
 PbWO_4 crystals, vacuum phototriodes
- Preshower (ES, $1.653 < |\eta| < 2.6$):
Lead absorber, silicon sensor, 2 layers
- Measures photons and charged particles

Hadron Calorimeter (HCAL)

- HCAL Barrel (HB, $0 < |\eta| < 1.3$):
Brass absorber, plastic scintillator, HPDs
16+1 layers
- HCAL Endcap (HE, $1.3 < |\eta| < 3.0$):
Brass absorber, plastic scintillator, HPDs
16+1 layers
- HCAL Outer (HO, $0 < |\eta| < 1.3$):
Brass absorber, plastic scintillator, HPDs
1+1 layers
- HCAL Forward (HF, $3.0 < |\eta| < 5.0$):
Steel absorber, quartz fibers, PMTs
- Measures charged and neutral hadrons



HCAL Barrel



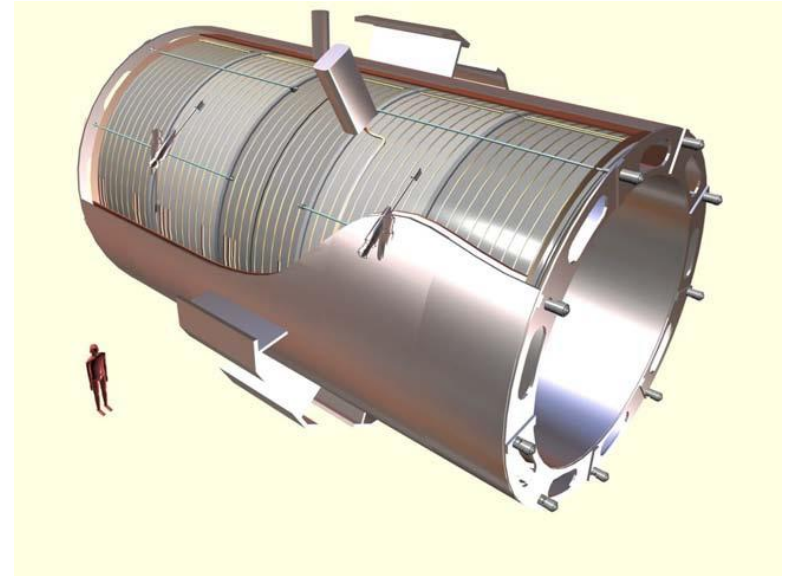
HCAL Endcap

Superconducting Solenoid



Solenoid mounted vertically,
before installation

Artistic rendering

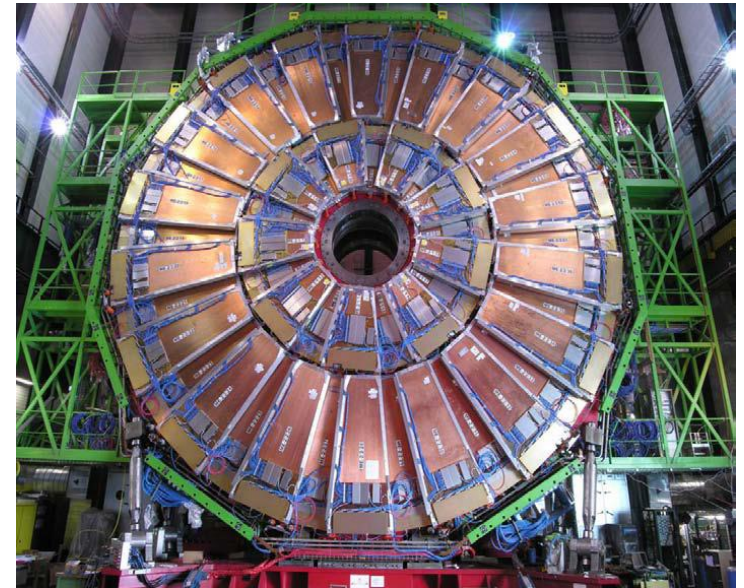
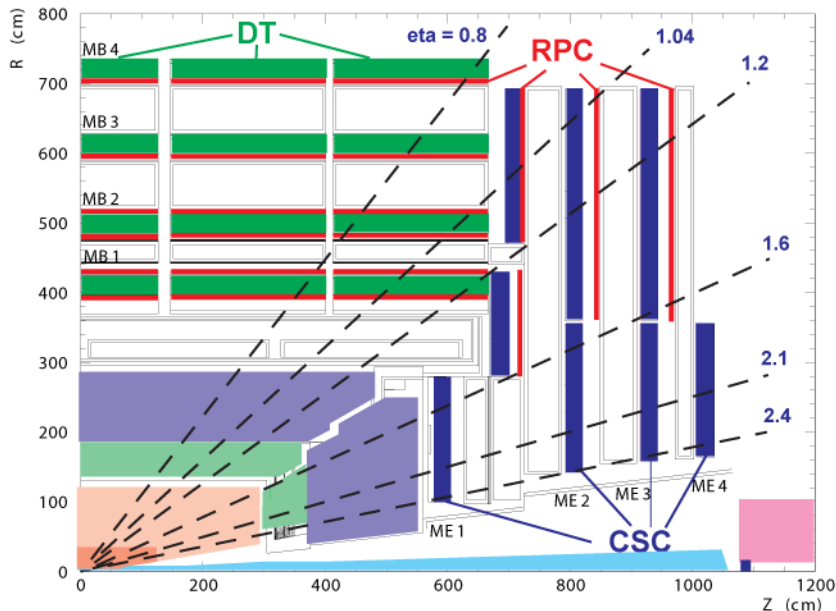


- NbTi conductor, cooled to 4.5 K
- Magnetic field of 3.8 T
- Stored energy of 2.35 GJ

Muon System

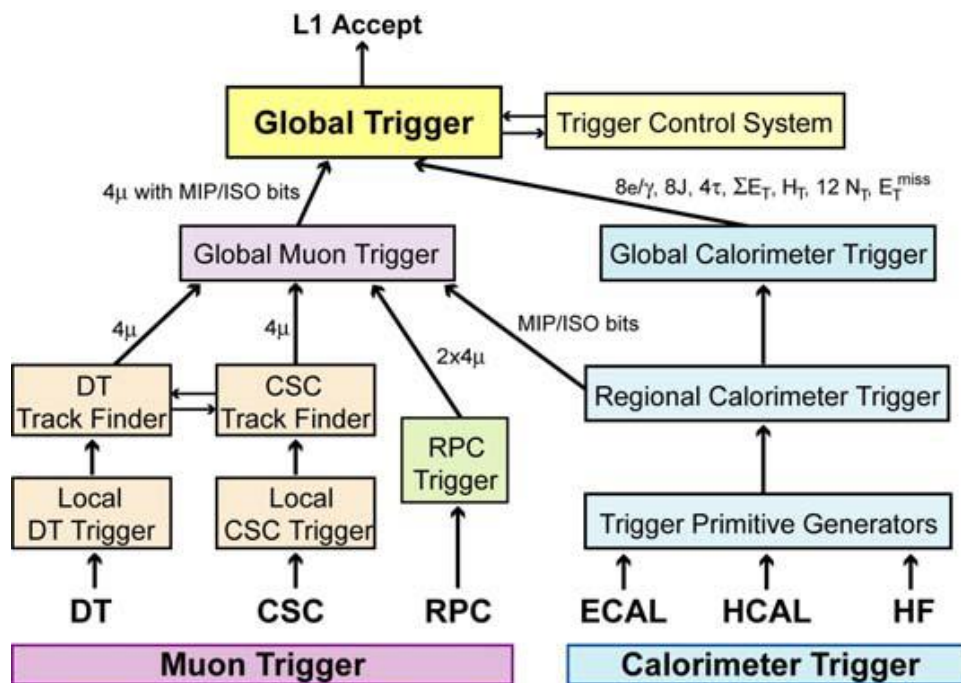
- Drift Tubes (DTs): Muon Barrel (MB)
85% Ar, 15% CO₂; drift time 400 ns
- Cathode Strip Chambers (CSCs): Muon Endcap (ME)
40% Ar, 50% CO₂, 10% CF₄; drift time 60 ns
- Resistive Plate Chambers (RPCs): MB & ME
96.2% C₂H₂F₄, 3.5% iC₄H₁₀, and 0.3% SF₆
Drift time < 3 ns: fast, used for triggering

Compare to 50 ns
bunch crossing



CSCs (Muon Endcap)

Trigger



- LHC produces 20 million collision events per second
- At ~1 MB per event, this becomes 20 TB per second
- Far too much data to process and store
- Plus, most events are not interesting

- Level 1 (L1): 3.2 μs/event, 100 kHz rate → selects 1 out of 200 events
- High Level Trigger (HLT): 200 ms/event, O(100 Hz) rate → selects 1 out of 1000 L1 events
- In total, keep only 1 out of 200,000 events → 100 MB per second (~100 petabytes over the course of the 2012 run)

Electrons

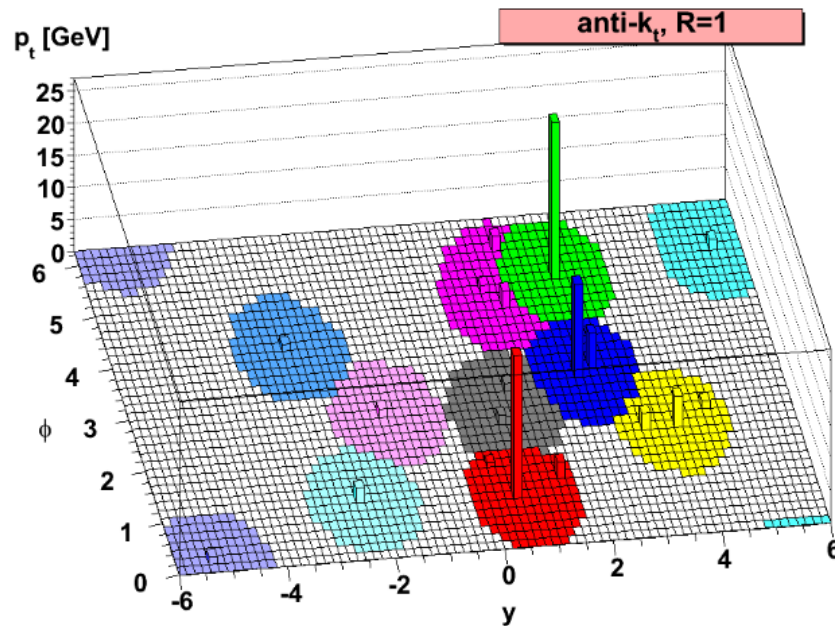
- Electrons lose energy via bremsstrahlung as they traverse the tracker
→ track curvature increases with radial distance in the tracker
- Gaussian Sum Filter (GSF):
use a mixture of Gaussians to select the electron track
match to ECAL clusters (or superclusters)
- Various requirements for shower shape variables, energy variables, relative Particle Flow isolation (w/ area-based pileup correction)

Muons

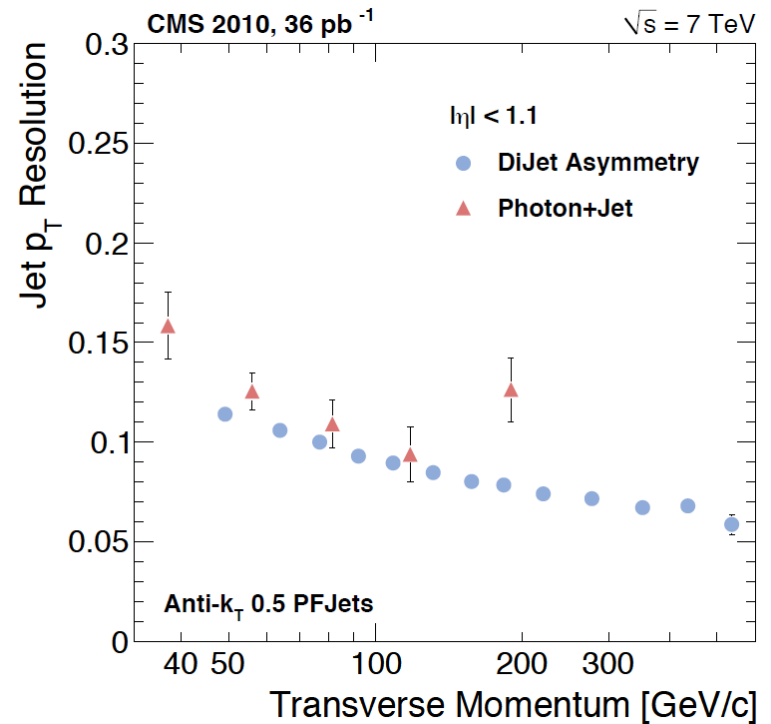
- Match trajectories and momenta of charged-particle tracks with muon tracks
- Various requirements for tracker hits, muon system hits, global track fit, relative Particle Flow isolation (w/ $\Delta\beta$ pileup correction)

Jets

- Particle Flow candidates clustered together using anti- k_t algorithm, $R = 0.5$
- 65% charged (tracker), 25% photons (ECAL), 10% neutral hadrons (HCAL)
- Offset correction from minimum bias, relative (η) correction from dijets, absolute (p_T) correction from γ/Z + jets



[arXiv:0802.1189](https://arxiv.org/abs/0802.1189)



[arXiv:1107.4277](https://arxiv.org/abs/1107.4277)

b-tagging

- Combined Secondary Vertex (CSV) algorithm
- Use the adaptive vertex fitter to identify vertices near the jet and far from the primary vertex
- Combine these vertices with high-quality tracks from the jet
- Calculate a likelihood-based discriminator

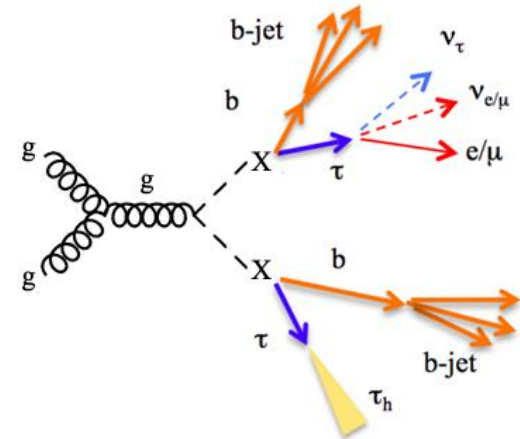
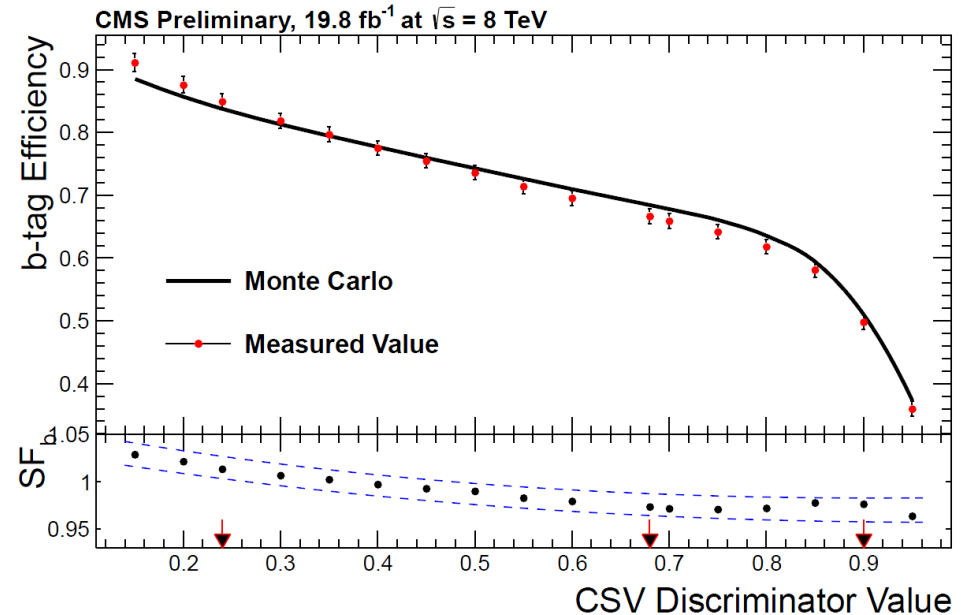
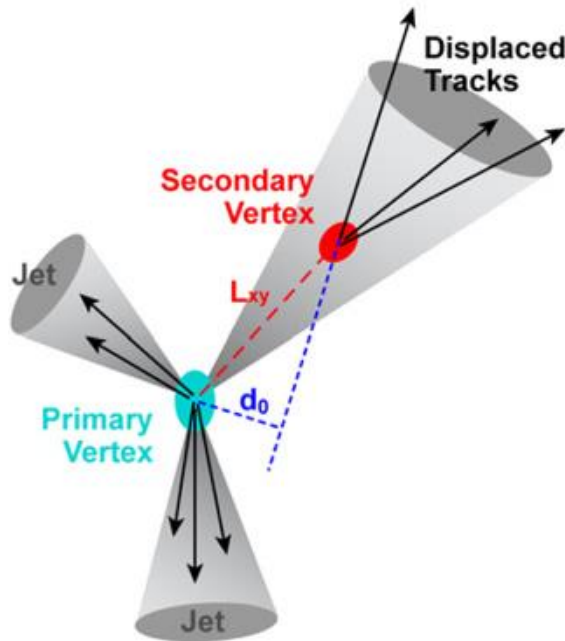


Figure 11 from Angela Barbaro Galtieri et al
2012 Rep. Prog. Phys. 75 056201



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Object Identification (Full)

Muon

$p_T > 30 \text{ GeV}$, $|\eta| < 2.1$
Tight ID, relative isolation
Vertex quality check

Electron

$p_T > 30 \text{ GeV}$, $|\eta|$ in ECAL fiducial
Medium ID, relative isolation
Vertex quality check

Tau

$p_T > 30 \text{ GeV}$, $|\eta| < 2.3$
Decay mode finding (HPS)
Loose combined isolation (3 hits)
Discriminators:
e- τ loose MVA3, μ - τ tight/loose v2

Jets

$p_T > 30 \text{ GeV}$, $|\eta| < 2.4$
Loose PF Jet ID
b-tagging: loose, CSV > 0.244

HLT

HLT_IsoMu24
HLT_Ele27_WP80

Corrections

Pileup reweighting
Lepton data/MC efficiency
b-tag & mistag scale factors

Object ID Working Points

Muon ID

Working Point	
Tight	Loose
PF muon Global muon $I_{\mu}^{\text{PF}}/p_{\text{T}} < 0.12$ $d_0 < 0.2 \text{ cm}$ $d_z < 0.5 \text{ cm}$ Global track fit $\chi^2/n_{\text{dof}} < 10$ Global track fit $n_{\text{muon segment}} > 0$ $n_{\text{hits}}(\text{pixel}) > 0$ $n_{\text{layers}}(\text{tracker}) > 5$ $n_{\text{stations}}(\text{muon}) > 1$	PF muon Global muon OR tracker muon $I_{\mu}^{\text{PF}}/p_{\text{T}} < 0.3$

Electron ID

Cut Variable	Cut Value			
	Medium		Loose	
	Barrel	Endcap	Barrel	Endcap
$I_{\text{e}}^{\text{PF}}/p_{\text{T}} <$	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15
$\sigma_{i\eta i\eta} <$	0.01	0.03	0.01	0.03
$ \Delta\phi_{\text{in}} <$	0.06	0.03	0.15	0.10
$ \Delta\eta_{\text{in}} <$	0.004	0.007	0.007	0.009
$H/E <$	0.12	0.10	0.12	0.10
$ d_0^{\text{vtx}} <$	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
$ d_z^{\text{vtx}} <$	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
$ 1/E - 1/p <$	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05

Jet ID

Cut Variable	Cut Value
	Loose
$f_{\text{CH}} >$	0.0
$f_{\text{NH}} <$	0.99
$f_{\gamma} <$	0.99
$f_{\text{EM}} <$	0.99
$n_{\text{charged}} >$	0
$n_{\text{constituents}} >$	1

CL_s Limits from S_T Distribution

- Null hypothesis H₀: b, background-only
Signal hypothesis H₁: s + b, signal + background
- P(θ; N_H): Poisson probability to observe θ events in data given the hypothesis H which predicts N_H events, accounting for nuisance parameters
- Define the test statistic Q using the binned S_T distribution, split into eτ_h and μτ_h channels:

$$Q = \prod_{i=e\tau_h, \mu\tau_h} \prod_{j=0}^{n_{\text{bin}}} \frac{\mathcal{P}_{i,j}(\theta; N_{H_1})}{\mathcal{P}_{i,j}(\theta; N_{H_0})}$$

- Perform numerous pseudo-experiments, varying θ, to compute a distribution of Q values for each hypothesis; compute Q with θ = N_{obs} to get Q_{obs}
- Calculate CL_s as follows:

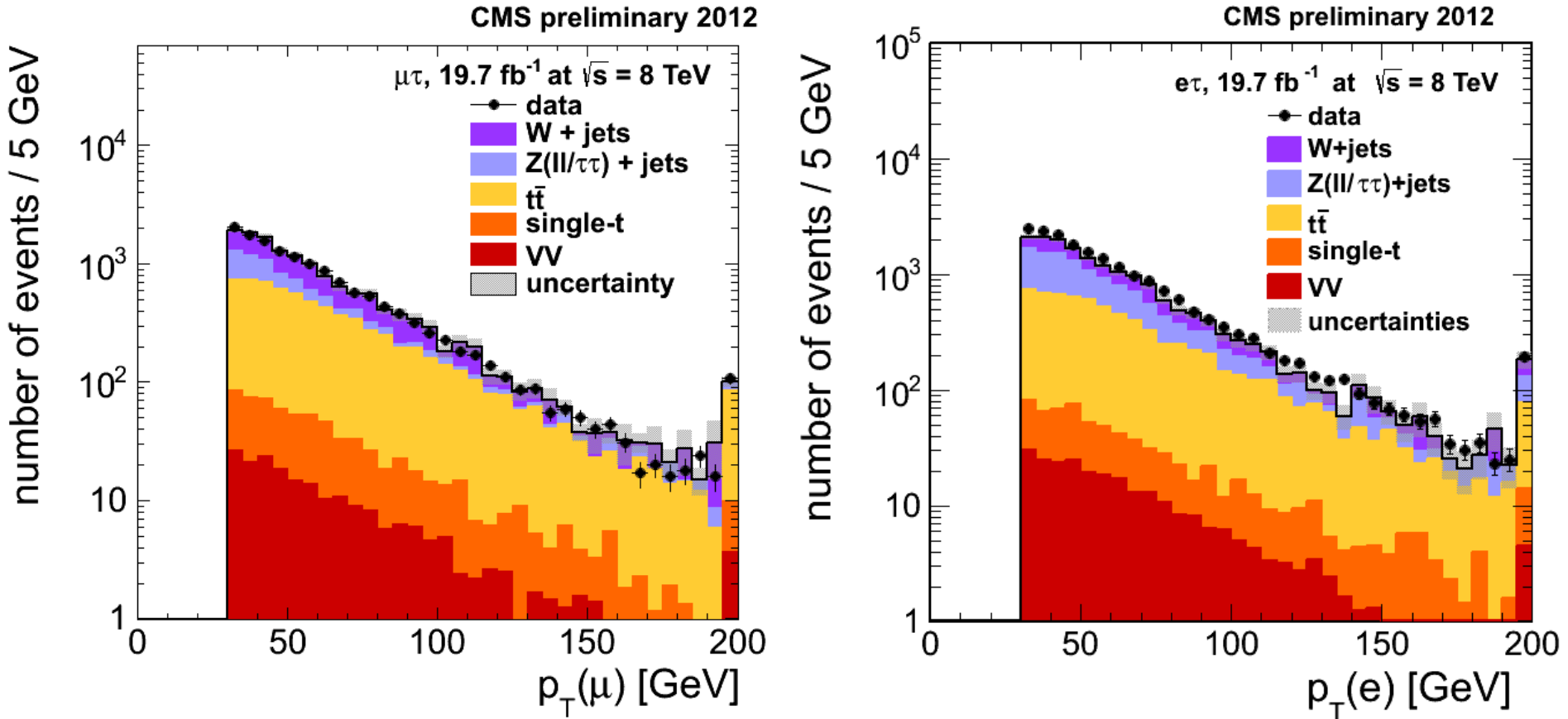
$$\text{CL}_{s+b} = \mathcal{P}(Q_{H_1} \leq Q_{\text{obs}})$$

$$\text{CL}_b = \mathcal{P}(Q_{H_0} \leq Q_{\text{obs}})$$

$$\text{CL}_s = \text{CL}_{s+b} / \text{CL}_b$$

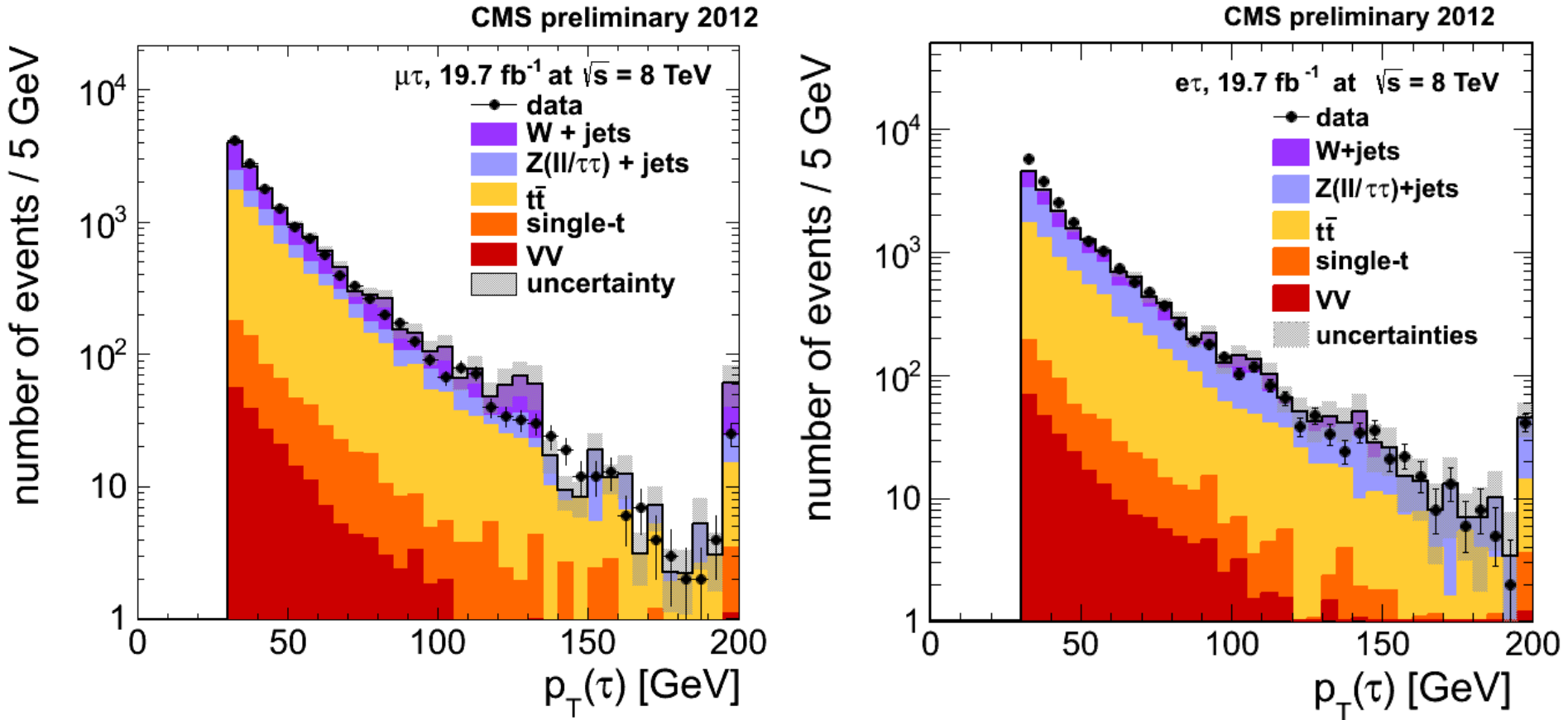
- Repeat the calculation of CL_s for different signal mass hypotheses
- Masses with CL_s ≤ 1 − α are excluded at the α confidence level (95%)

Lepton p_T (preselection)



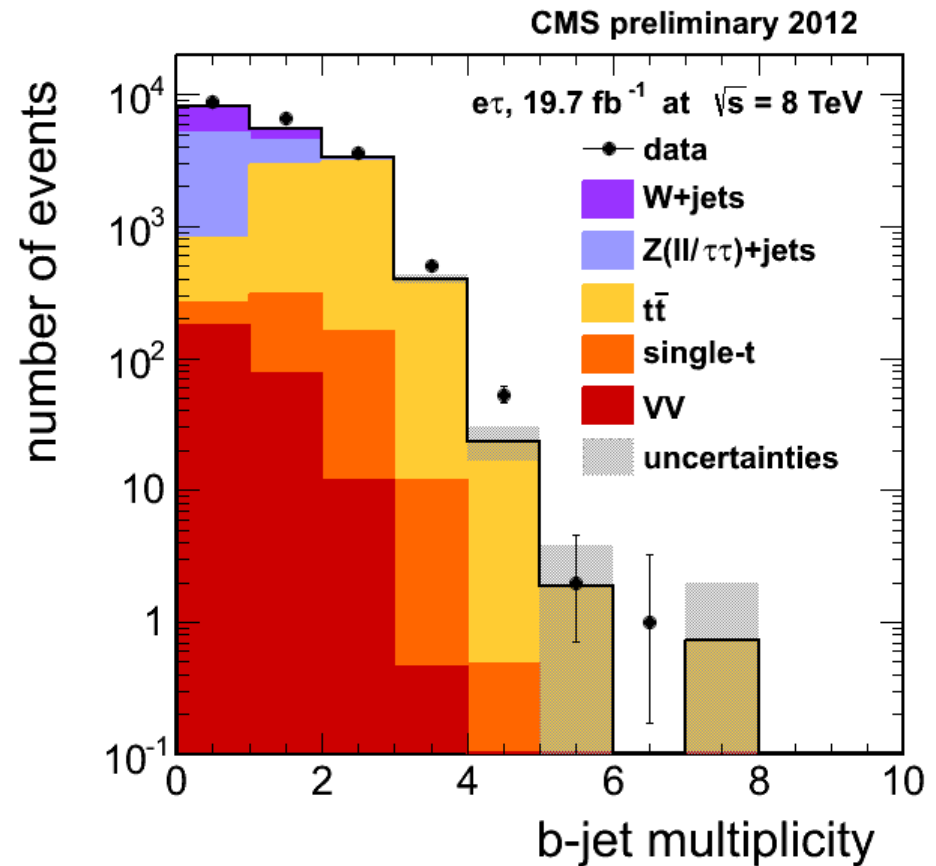
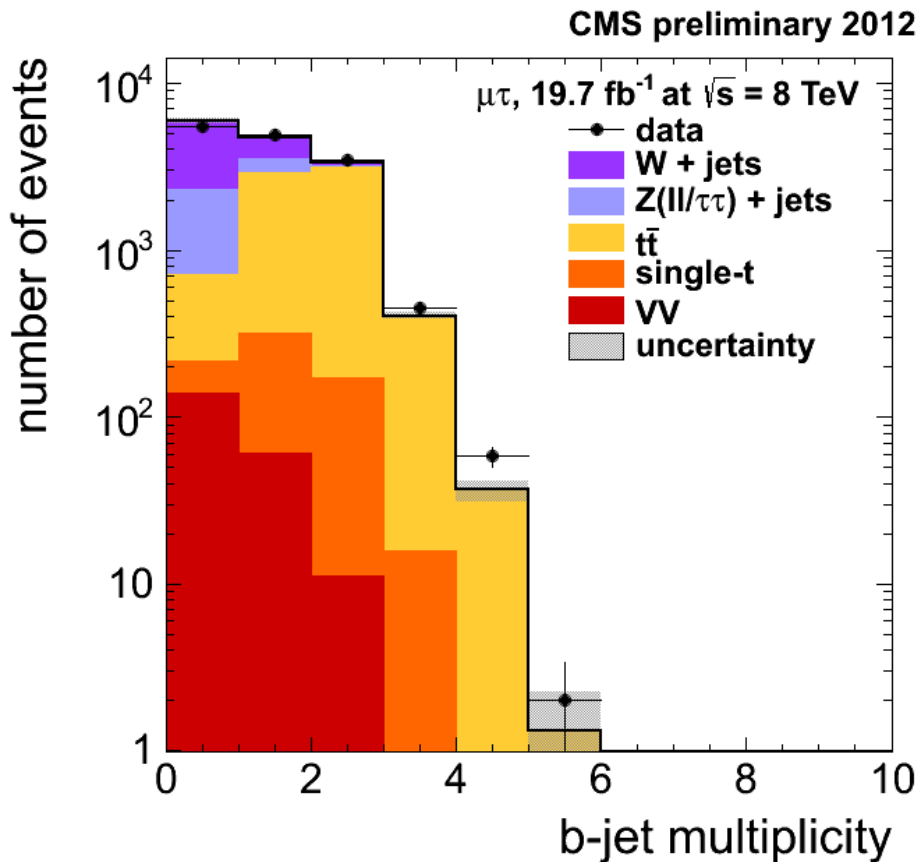
Good data/MC agreement for both channels

Tau p_T (preselection)



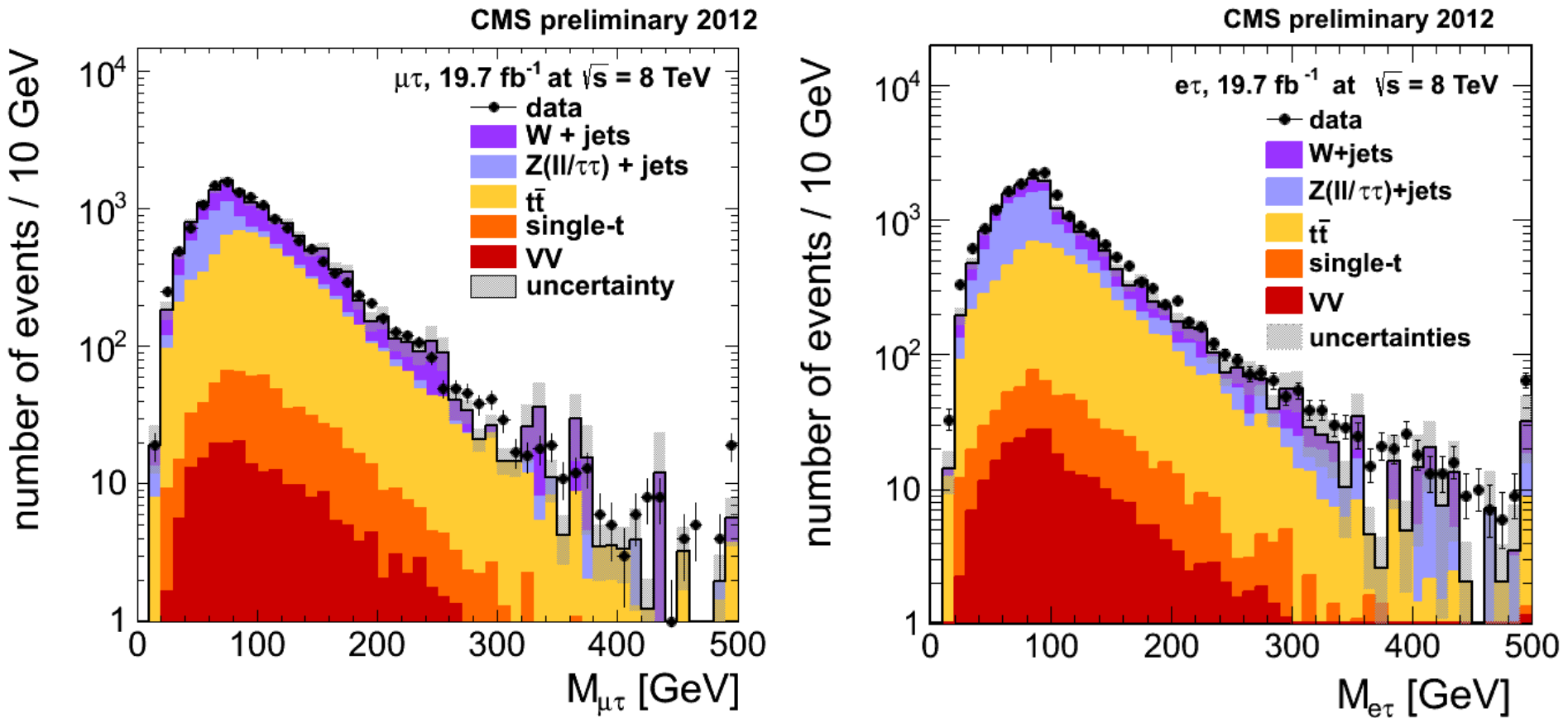
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b-jet Multiplicity (preselection)



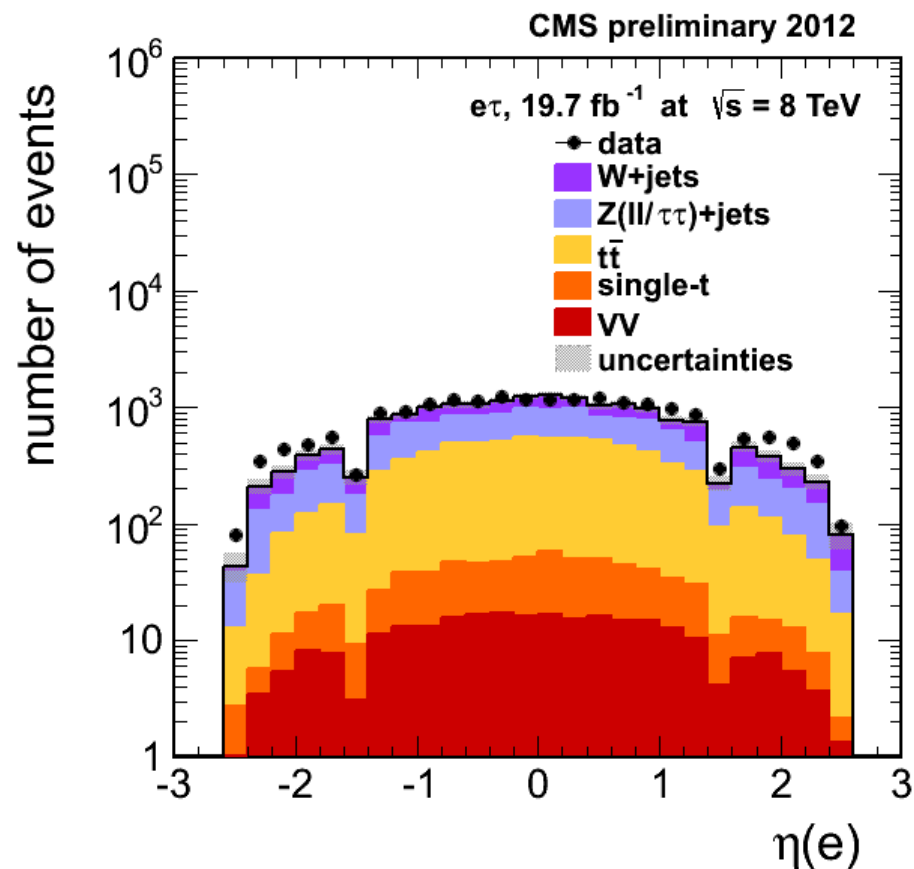
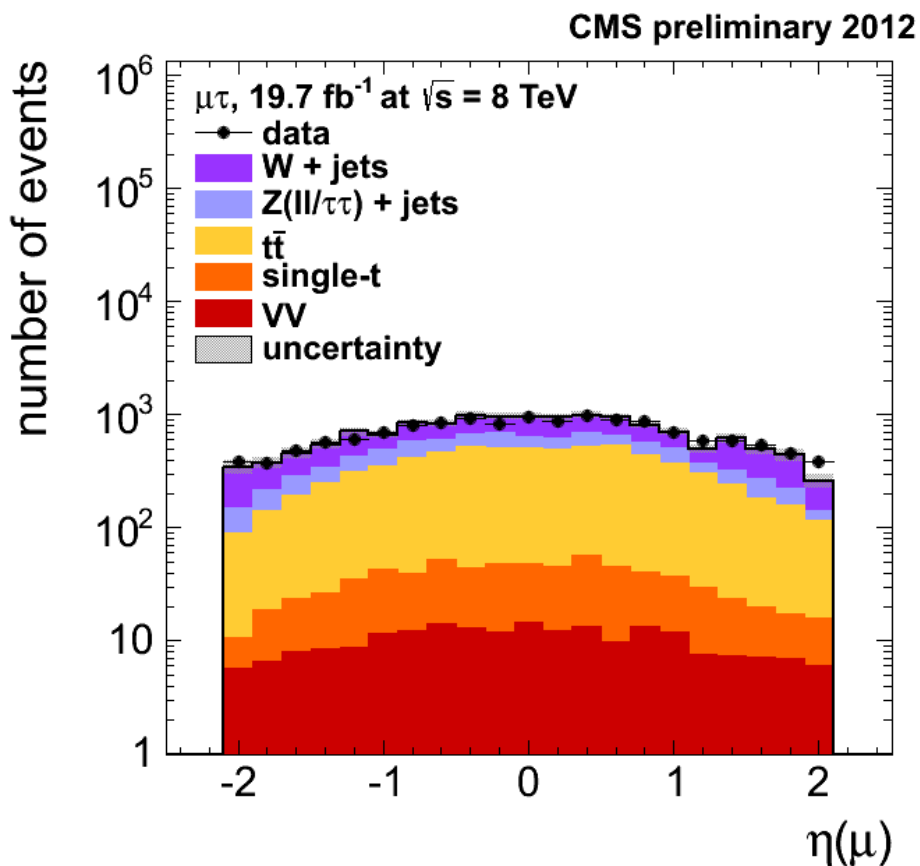
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Mass of $\ell + \tau$ (preselection)



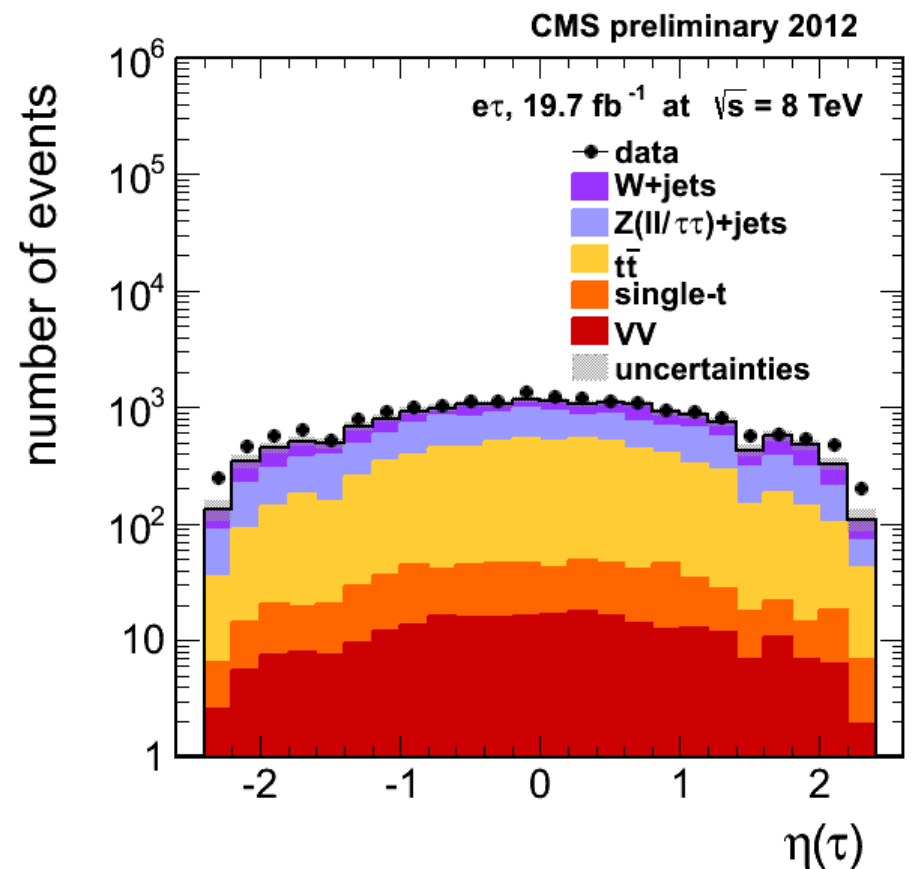
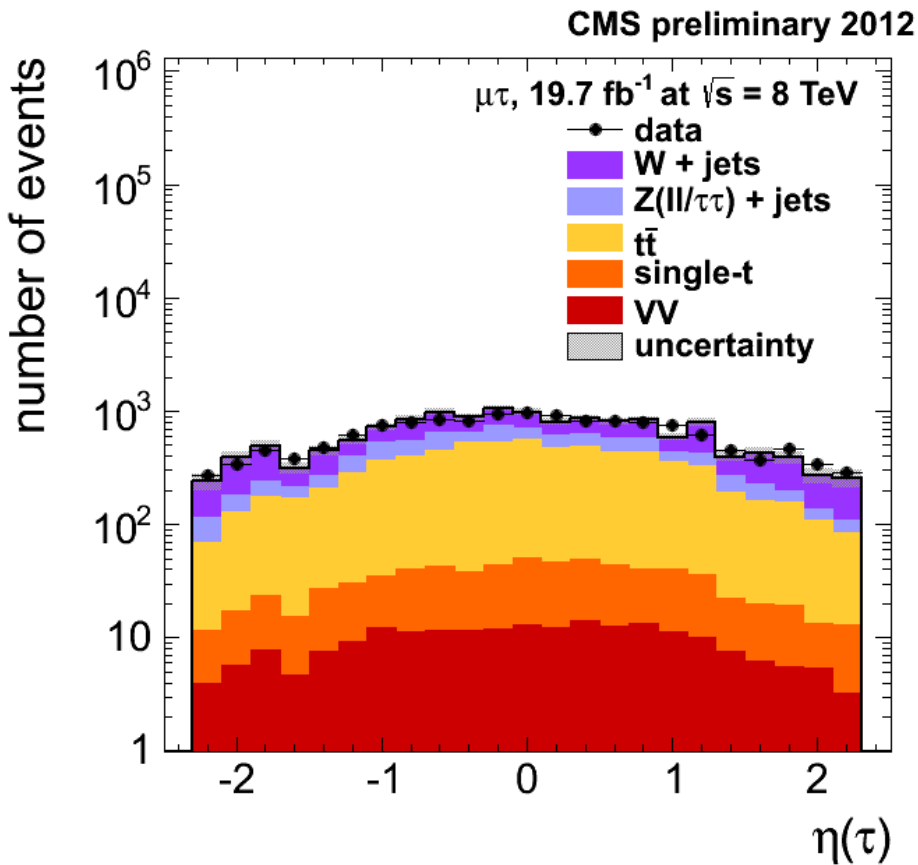
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Lepton η (preselection)



Good data/MC agreement for both channels

Tau η (preselection)



Good data/MC agreement for both channels

Preselection Yields

	$e\tau_h$ channel	$\mu\tau_h$ channel
W + jets	4221.6 ± 188.1	4846.3 ± 233.6
Z + jets	4766.7 ± 85.1	2369.1 ± 80.7
$t\bar{t}$	6272.2 ± 65.5	6430.5 ± 69.8
Single t	462.9 ± 14.4	512.3 ± 16.0
VV	223.4 ± 4.4	212.5 ± 4.6
QCD multijets	(2452.6 ± 512.1)	—
Total Bkg. (no QCD)	15946.8 ± 232.9	14370.8 ± 257.3
Data	18177	14351