A photograph of the ATLAS particle detector at the Large Hadron Collider. The image shows the complex, multi-layered structure of the detector, with various components like the central barrel and the outer endcap visible. The colors are mostly metallic greys and blues, with some orange and yellow structural elements.

# Searches for Squarks and Gluinos in the Jets + MET + 0- Lepton Channel at ATLAS

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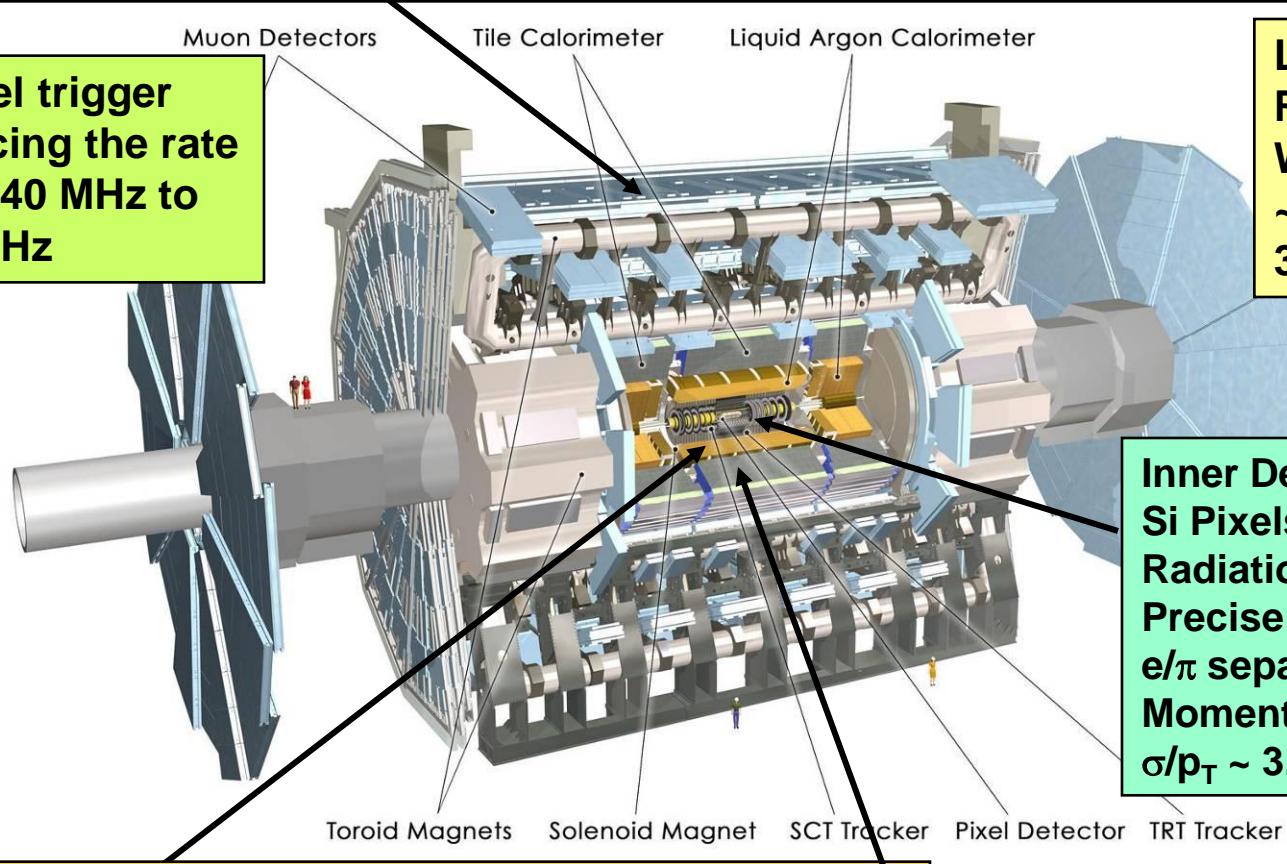
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# The ATLAS Detector

**Muon Spectrometer ( $|\eta|<2.7$ ): air-core toroids with gas-based muon chambers**

**Muon trigger and measurement with momentum resolution  $< 10\%$  up to  $\sqrt{E_\mu} \sim 1 \text{ TeV}$**



**3-level trigger  
reducing the rate  
from 40 MHz to  
 $\sim 200 \text{ Hz}$**

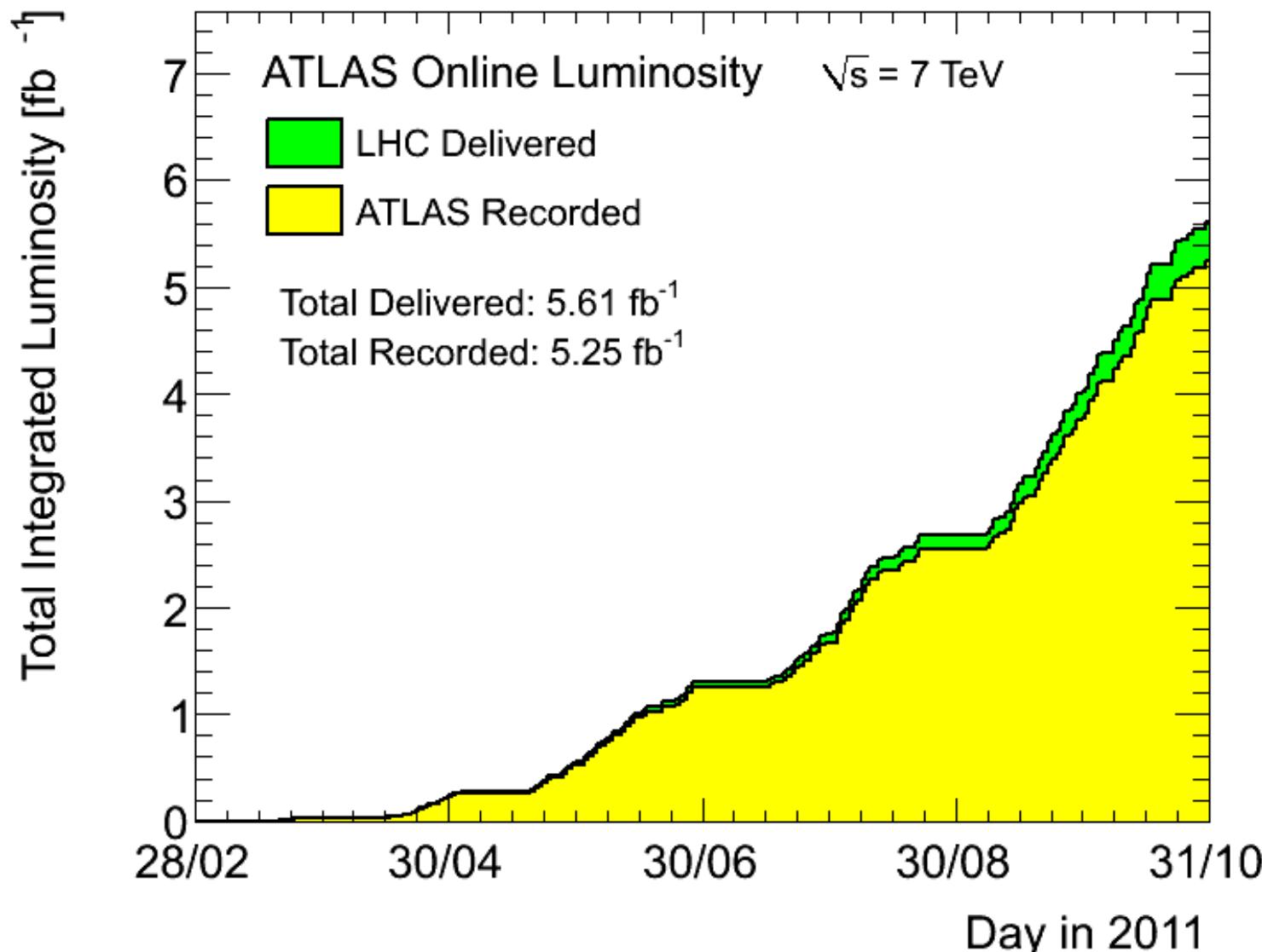
**Length :  $\sim 46 \text{ m}$   
Radius :  $\sim 12 \text{ m}$   
Weight :  $\sim 7000 \text{ tons}$   
 $\sim 10^8$  electronic channels  
3000 km of cables**

**Inner Detector ( $|\eta|<2.5, B=2\text{T}$ ):**  
**Si Pixels, Si strips, Transition  
Radiation detector (straws)**  
**Precise tracking and vertexing,  
 $e/\pi$  separation**  
**Momentum resolution ( $\eta=0$ ):**  
 $\sigma/p_T \sim 3.8 \times 10^{-4} p_T (\text{GeV}) \oplus 0.015$

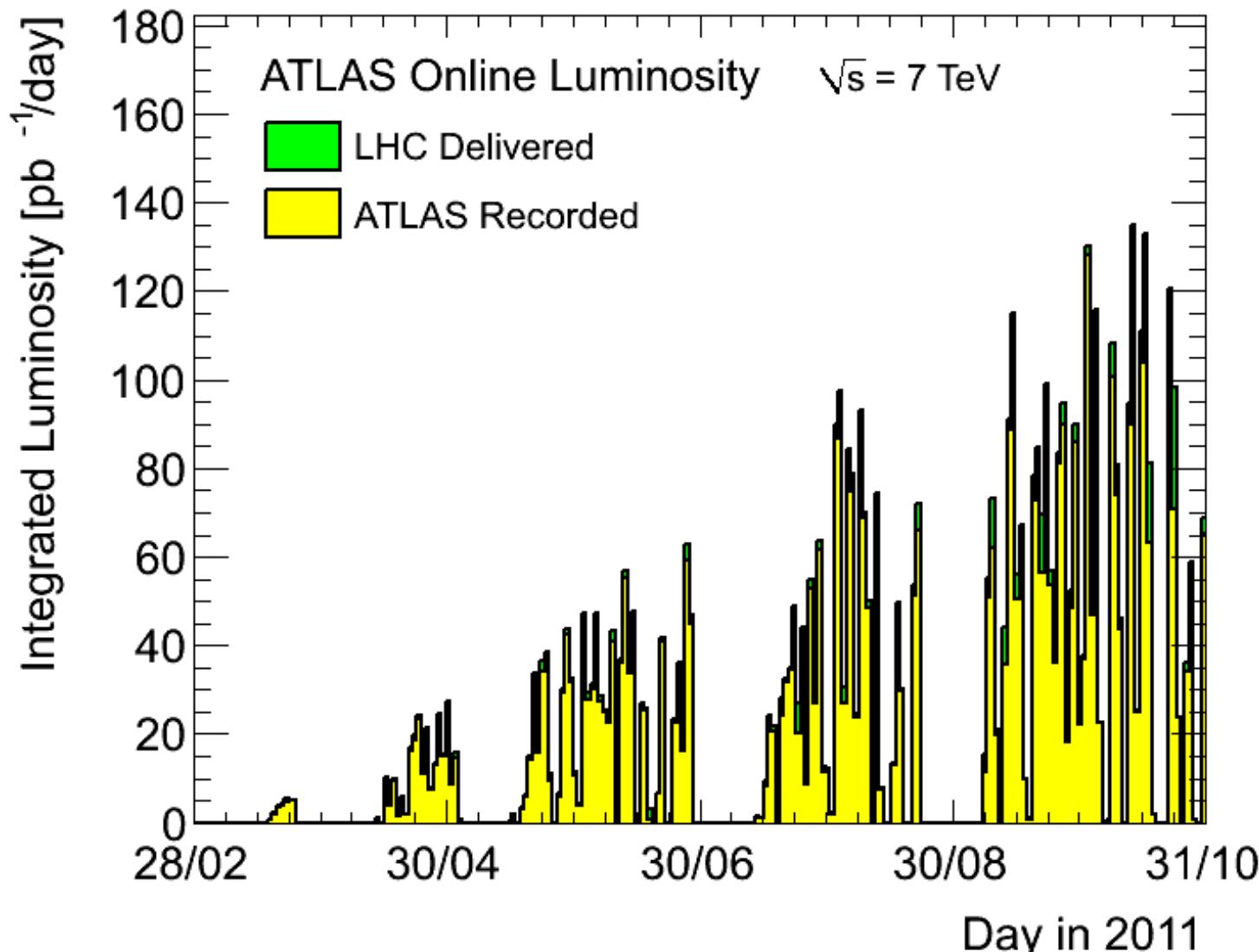
**EM calorimeter: Pb-LAr Accordion**  
 **$e/\gamma$  trigger, identification and measurement**  
**E-resolution:  $\sigma/E \sim 10\%/\sqrt{E}$**

**HAD calorimetry ( $|\eta|<5$ )**  
**Fe/scintillator Tiles (central), Cu/W-LAr (fwd)**  
**Trigger and measurement of jets and missing  $E_T$**   
**E-resolution:  $\sigma/E \sim 50\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus 0.03$**

# Luminosity

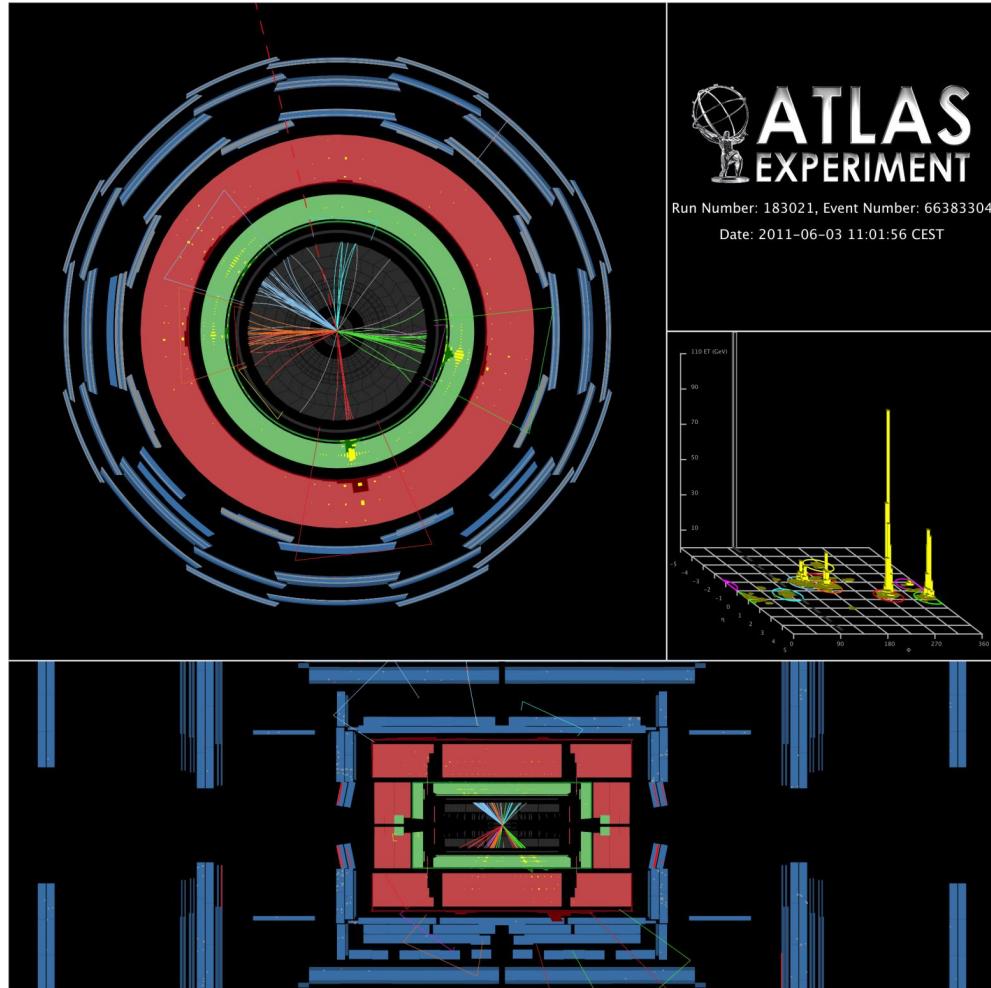


# Luminosity



# Motivation

- **Strong production (squarks, gluinos) dominates SUSY cross-section unless large mass hierarchy (1)**
- **LSP/DM production generates MET even without leptons (2)**
- **SM real MET signature usually accompanied by leptons (except  $Z \rightarrow \nu\nu$ ) (3)**
- **Implies require jets (1), MET (2) and veto leptonic events (3)**
- **Remaining: QCD fake/real MET events, fake-jets/missed leptons, and  $Z \rightarrow \nu\nu$ .**



# Strategy

- **Search for production of strongly interacting sparticles (squarks/gluinos) decaying to jets and invisible LSPs**
- **Analysis of  $1.04 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of data from early 2011 presented at EPS**
- **Similar strategy to that used with 2010 data (presented at Moriond 2011)**
- **Select events with jets + MET and no identified leptons**
- **Main backgrounds:**
  - QCD jets (fake MET and HF decays),
  - Top pairs (semi/fully-leptonic) with lepton missed or faking jet ( $\tau$ )
  - $W(\rightarrow l\nu) + \text{jets}$  with lepton missed or faking jet ( $\tau$ )
  - $Z(\rightarrow \nu\nu) + \text{jets}$  (irreducible)
- **Lepton veto ( $p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$ ) suppresses top and  $W + \text{jets}$  backgrounds**

# Signal Regions

- Signal Region selections designed for sensitivity to specific topologies / classes of models
- Large  $n_{\text{jet}}$  focuses on gluino-dominated / high  $m_0$  (CMSSM/MSUGRA) models
- Low  $n_{\text{jet}}$  sensitive to squark-dominated / low  $m_0$  models
- 4-jet  $M_{\text{eff}} > 500$  GeV SR targets low mass-splitting models

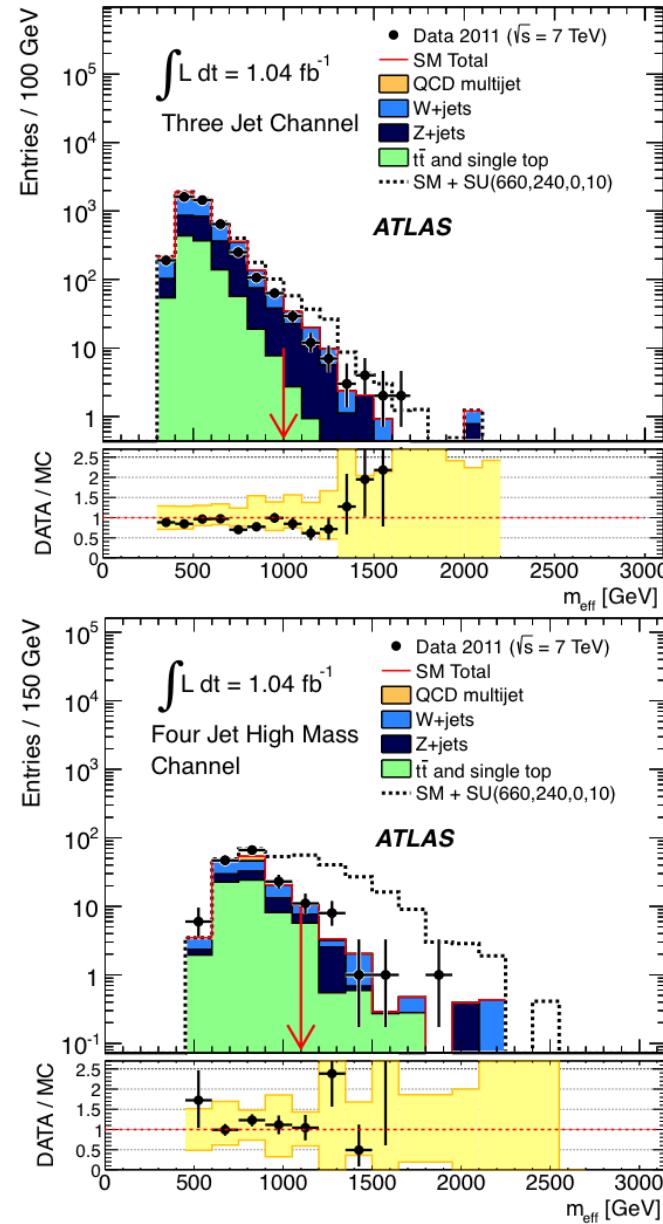
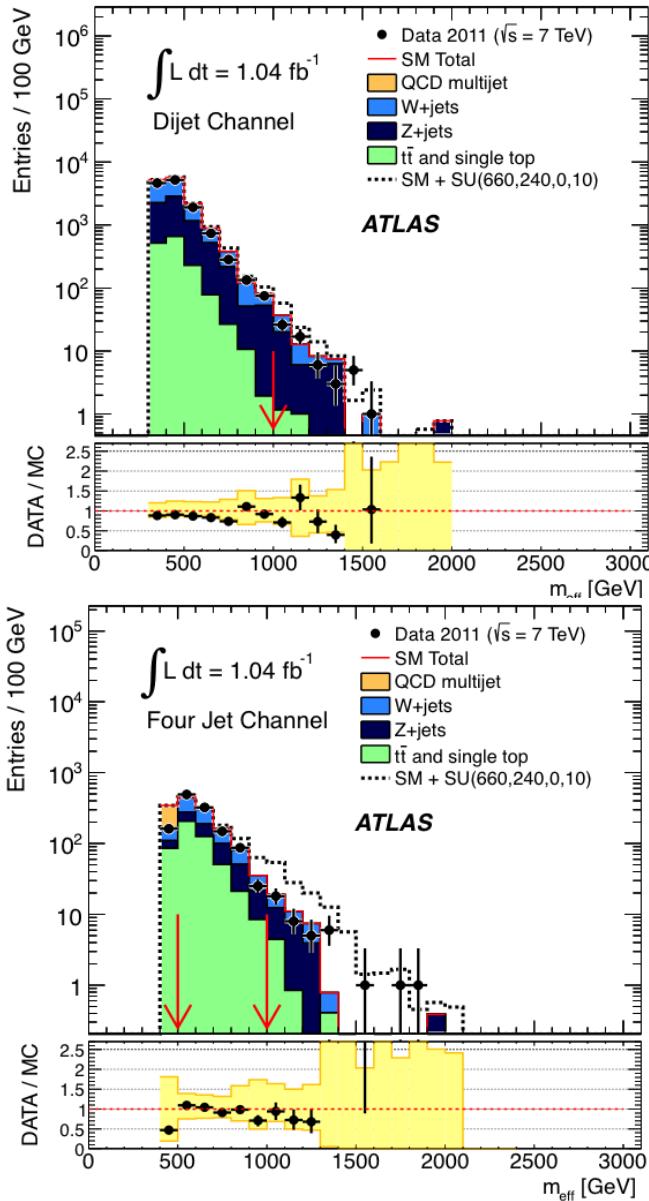
Signal Region	$\geq 2\text{-jet}$	$\geq 3\text{-jet}$	$\geq 4\text{-jet}$	High mass
$E_T^{\text{miss}}$	$> 130$	$> 130$	$> 130$	$> 130$
Leading jet $p_T$	$> 130$	$> 130$	$> 130$	$> 130$
Second jet $p_T$	$> 40$	$> 40$	$> 40$	$> 80$
Third jet $p_T$	–	$> 40$	$> 40$	$> 80$
Fourth jet $p_T$	–	–	$> 40$	$> 80$
$\Delta\phi(\text{jet}, \vec{P}_T^{\text{miss}})_{\text{min}}$	$> 0.4$	$> 0.4$	$> 0.4$	$> 0.4$
$E_T^{\text{miss}}/m_{\text{eff}}$	$> 0.3$	$> 0.25$	$> 0.25$	$> 0.2$
$m_{\text{eff}}$	$> 1000$	$> 1000$	$> 500/1000$	$> 1100$

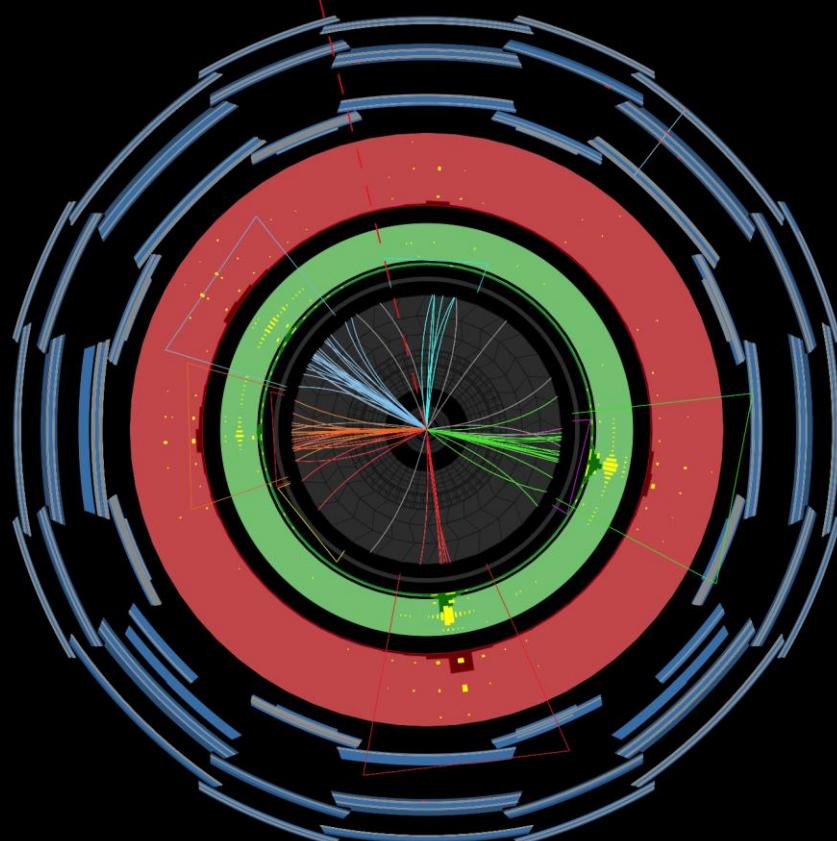
# Signal Regions

- MET and leading jet  $p_T$  cuts protect against trigger turn-on
- 'Effective mass' scalar sum of jet  $p_T$  and MET
  - Number of jets used differs between SRs
- $\Delta\phi(j, \text{MET})$  cuts (leading 3 jets) reject QCD jet background where MET produced in association with a single jet
- MET/ $M_{\text{eff}}$  cuts select topology where jets point away from MET

Signal Region	$\geq 2\text{-jet}$	$\geq 3\text{-jet}$	$\geq 4\text{-jet}$	High mass
$E_T^{\text{miss}}$	> 130	> 130	> 130	> 130
Leading jet $p_T$	> 130	> 130	> 130	> 130
Second jet $p_T$	> 40	> 40	> 40	> 80
Third jet $p_T$	–	> 40	> 40	> 80
Fourth jet $p_T$	–	–	> 40	> 80
$\Delta\phi(\text{jet}, \vec{P}_T^{\text{miss}})_{\text{min}}$	> 0.4	> 0.4	> 0.4	> 0.4
$E_T^{\text{miss}}/m_{\text{eff}}$	> 0.3	> 0.25	> 0.25	> 0.2
$m_{\text{eff}}$	> 1000	> 1000	> 500/1000	> 1100

# Signal Region Meff Distributions

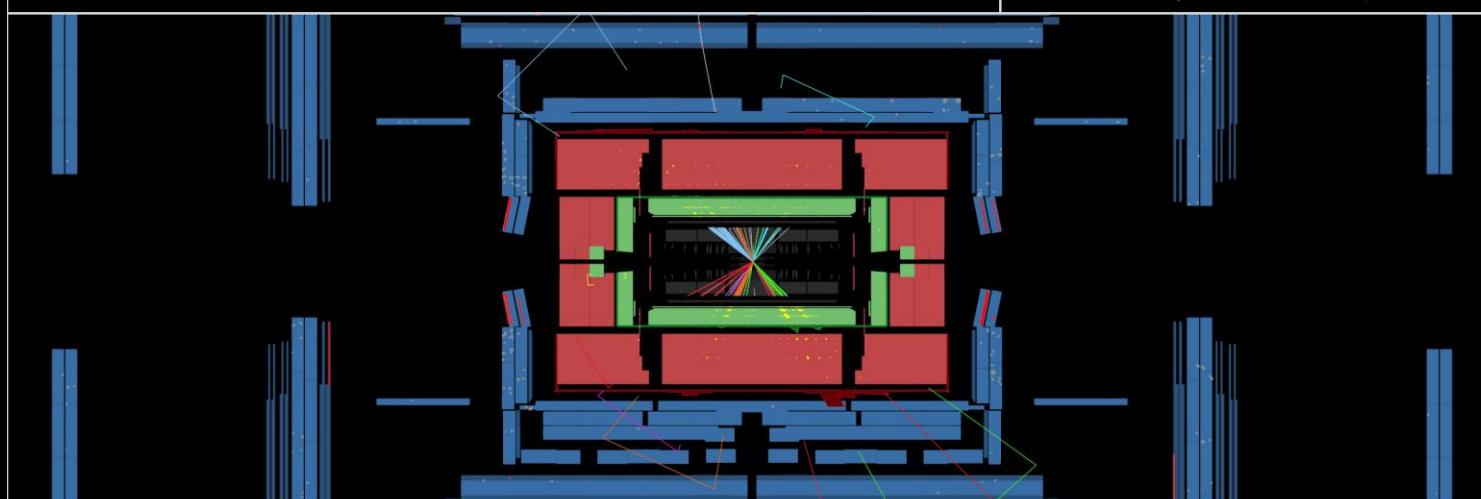
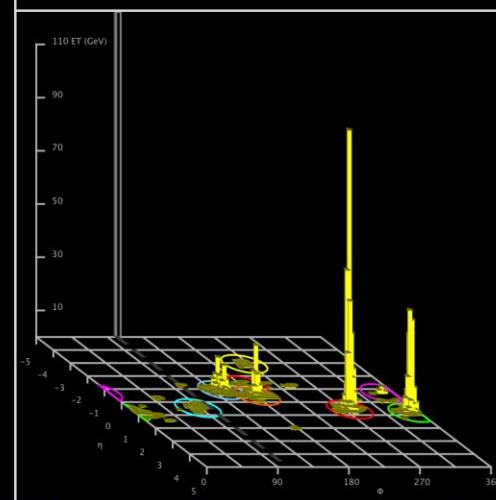




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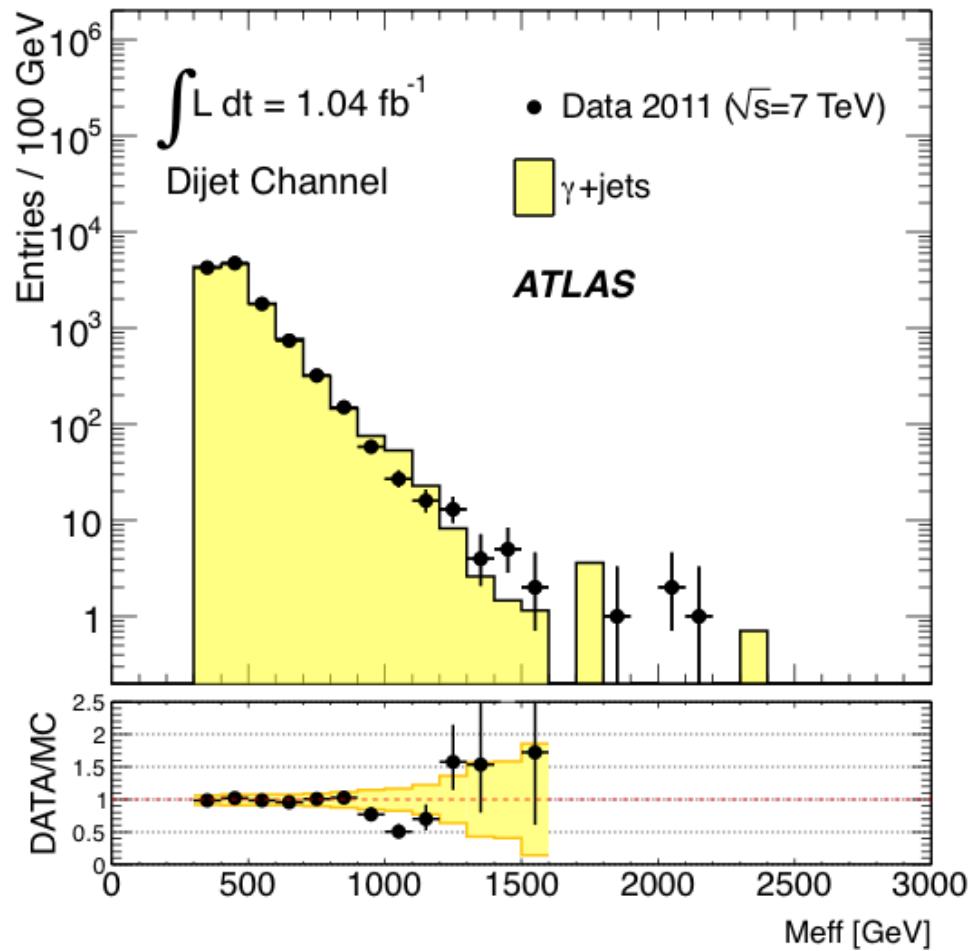


# Background Estimation

- SM backgrounds estimated using background-enriched data control regions (CR), with MC (ALPGEN or MC@NLO) or data-driven ‘transfer factors’ (TF) used to translate to signal regions (SR)
- Correlations between CR’s from cross-contamination of backgrounds taken into account with CR-SR TFs.
- Backgrounds in SR obtained from coherent likelihood fit to CR observations, taking into account correlated (e.g. JES) and uncorrelated (e.g. MC stats) TF uncertainties
- Many correlated uncertainties largely cancel through use of CR/SR TF ratio (e.g. JES, PDF etc.)

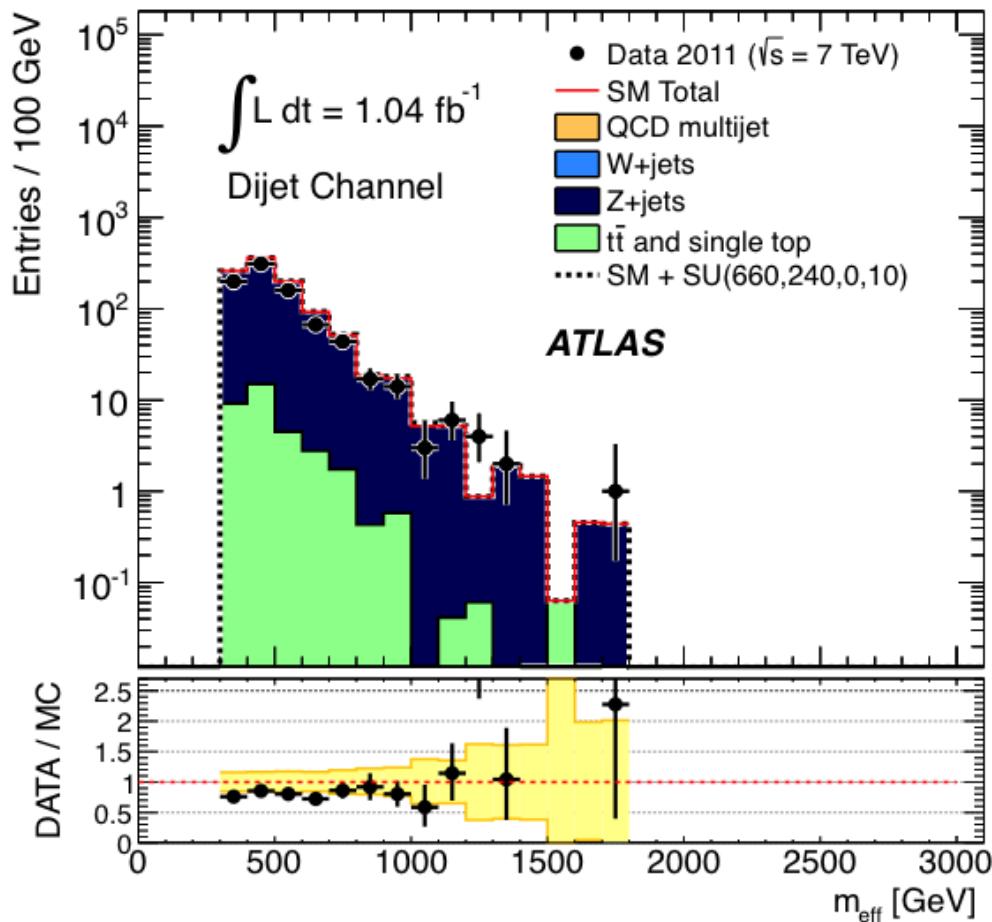
# CR1a: Z+Jets Background

- Estimated with two independent CRs
- CR1a selects  $\gamma$ +jets events and adds  $\gamma p_T$  to MET to simulate  $Z(\rightarrow uu)$  + jets events
- TF obtained from first principles using corrections for photon acceptance, efficiency etc.



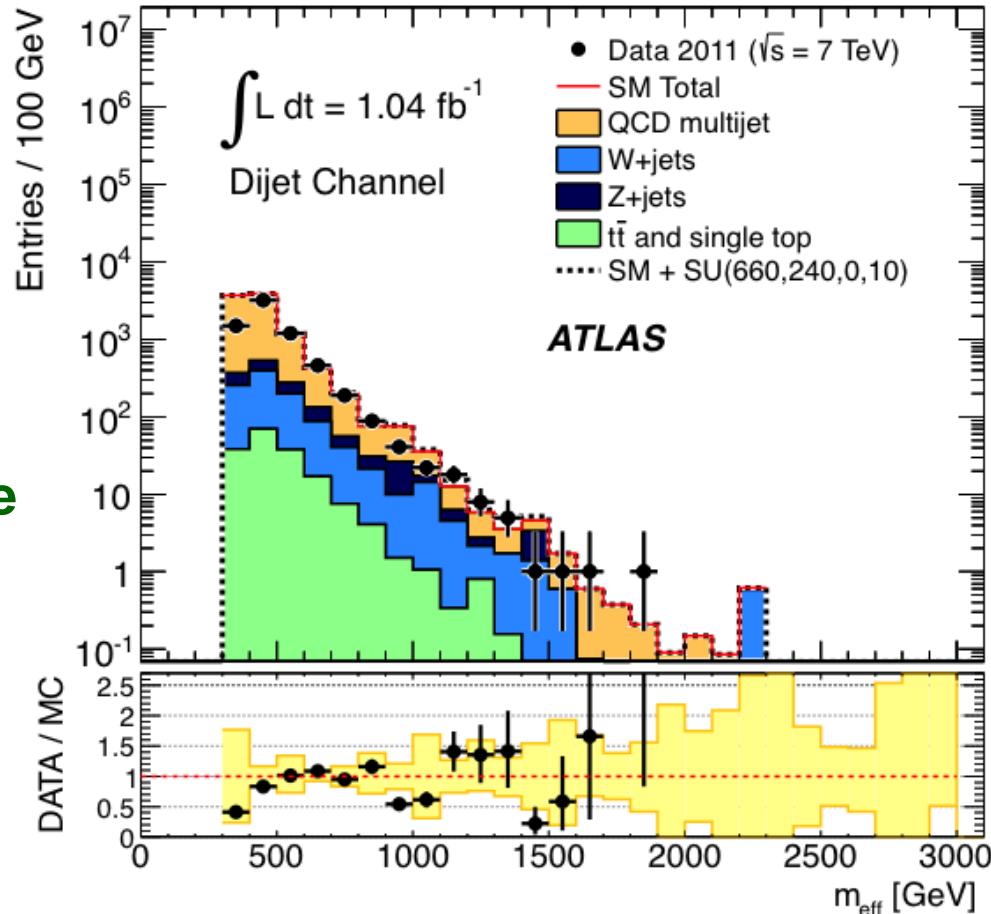
# CR1b: Z+Jets Background

- CR1b selects  $Z(\rightarrow ee/\mu\mu) + \text{jets}$  events and adds leptons to MET to model  $Z(\rightarrow \nu\nu) + \text{jets}$
- SR MET/M<sub>eff</sub>,  $\Delta\phi(j, \text{MET})$  cuts and M<sub>eff</sub> cuts relaxed to increase acceptance (except for 4-jet  $M_{\text{eff}} > 500$  GeV SR)
- TF calculated using ALPGEN with theoretical and experimental systematics estimates
- $Z(\rightarrow \nu\nu) + \text{jets}$  SR background also taken into account in TF
- Both CR1a and CR1b constraints used in likelihood function



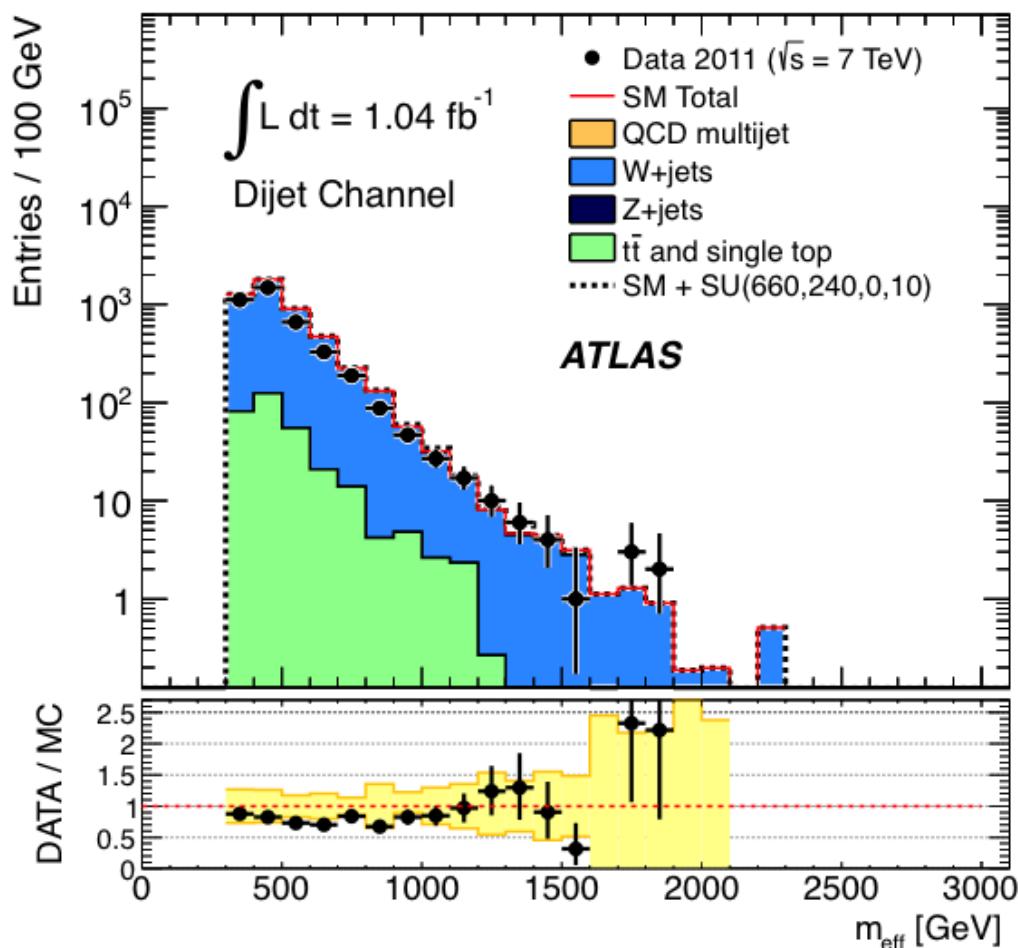
# CR2: QCD Jet Background

- **Require  $\Delta\phi(j, \text{MET}) < 0.2$  to create QCD jet dominated region**
- **TFs obtained by smearing  $p_T$  of jets in low MET ‘seed’ events using jet response function**
- **Jet response function baseline obtained from MC jet truth/reco comparison**
- **Gaussian part modified to match data jet  $p_T$  asymmetry distribution in dijet events**
- **Tail modified to match MET distribution in data 3-jet ‘Mercedes’ events**



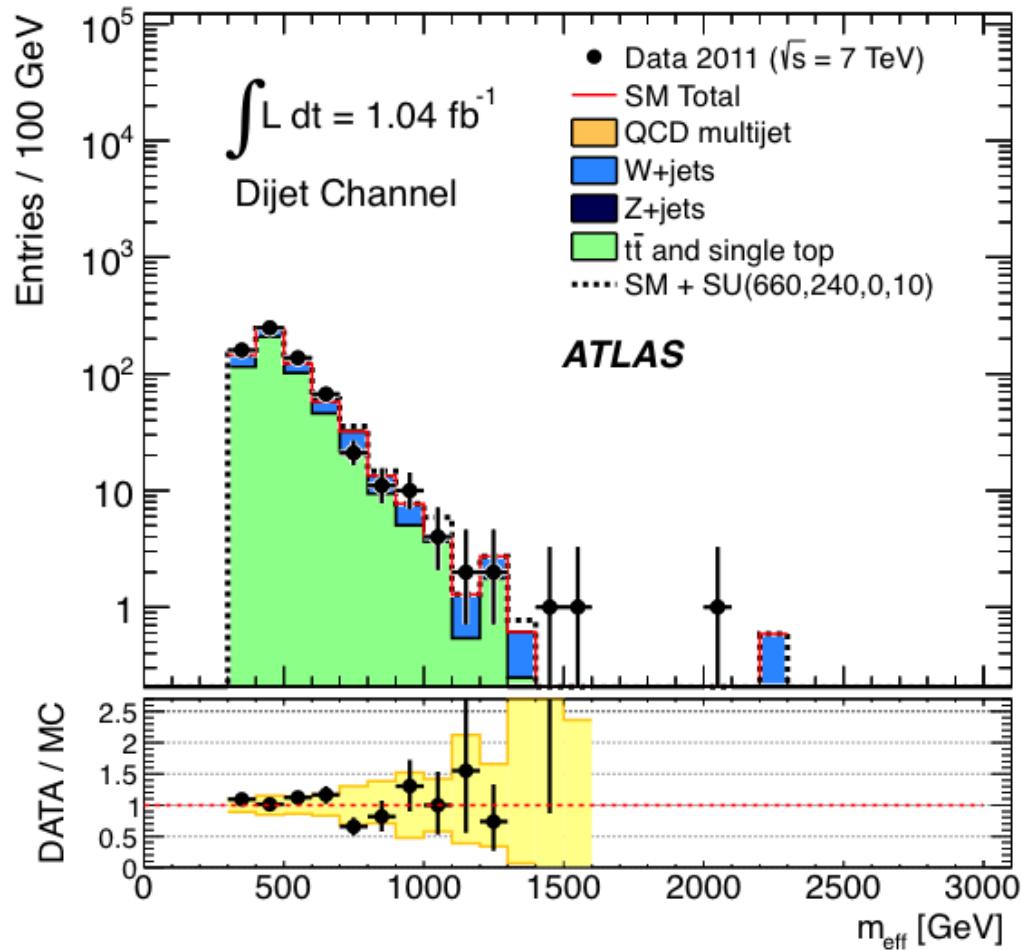
# CR3: W+Jets Background

- 1-lepton + MET sample selected with  $30 \text{ GeV} < M_T(l, \nu) < 80 \text{ GeV}$  requirement
- b-jet veto applied to separate from top control regions
- Lepton treated as jet (i.e. not added to MET): models approximately hadronic tau faking jet
- TFs calculated using ALPGEN with theoretical and systematic uncertainties estimates



# CR4: Top Background

- **1-lepton + MET sample selected with  $30 \text{ GeV} < M_T(l, \nu) < 80 \text{ GeV}$  requirement**
- **b-jet requirement applied to separate from W+jet control regions**
- Lepton treated as jet (i.e. not added to MET): models approximately hadronic tau faking jet
- **TFs calculated using ALPGEN with theoretical and systematic uncertainties estimates**



# Transfer Factors

- Example for ‘high mass’ signal region

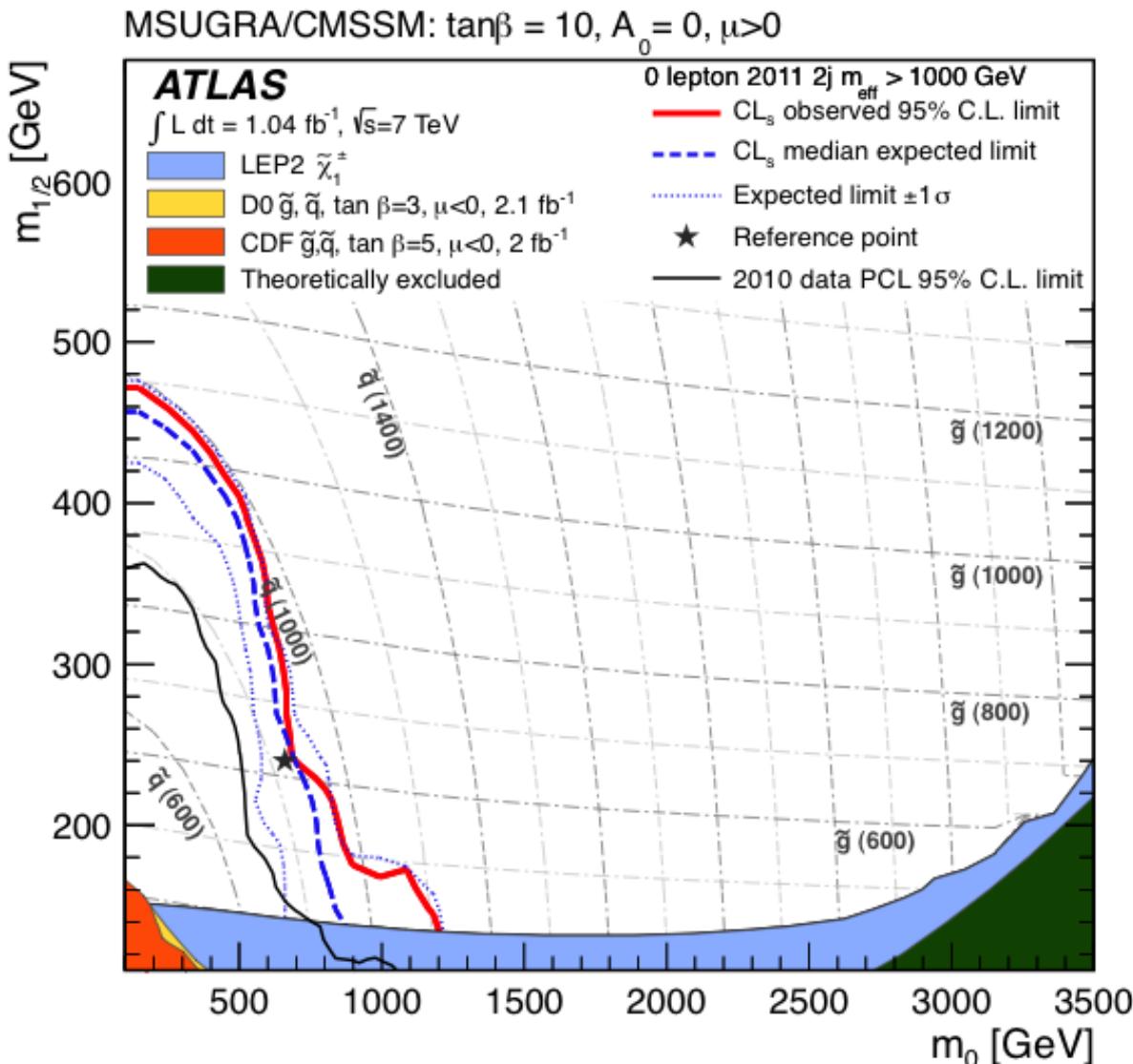
	Signal / Control Region					
	CR1a	CR1b	CR2	CR3	CR4	SR
Data	8	7	34	15	12	18
Targeted background	$Z/\gamma$ +jets	$Z/\gamma$ +jets	QCD multi-jet	$W$ +jets	$t\bar{t}$ + single top	–
Transfer factor	0.374	0.812	0.063	0.196	0.372	–
Fitted $Z/\gamma$ +jets	8.3	5.8	0.7	0.5	0.0	3.3
Fitted QCD multi-jet	–	–	29.8	0.8	0.6	2.1
Fitted $W$ +jets	–	–	0.5	10.0	0.4	2.1
Fitted $t\bar{t}$ + single top	–	0.0	3.0	3.7	11.0	5.7
Fitted total background	8.3	5.9	34.0	15.0	12.0	13.1
Statistical uncertainty	$\pm 2.7$	$\pm 1.2$	$\pm 5.8$	$\pm 3.9$	$\pm 3.5$	$\pm 1.9$
Systematic uncertainty	$\pm 0.6$	$\pm 1.7$	$\pm 0.1$	$\pm 0.1$	$\pm 0.2$	$\pm 2.5$

# Results

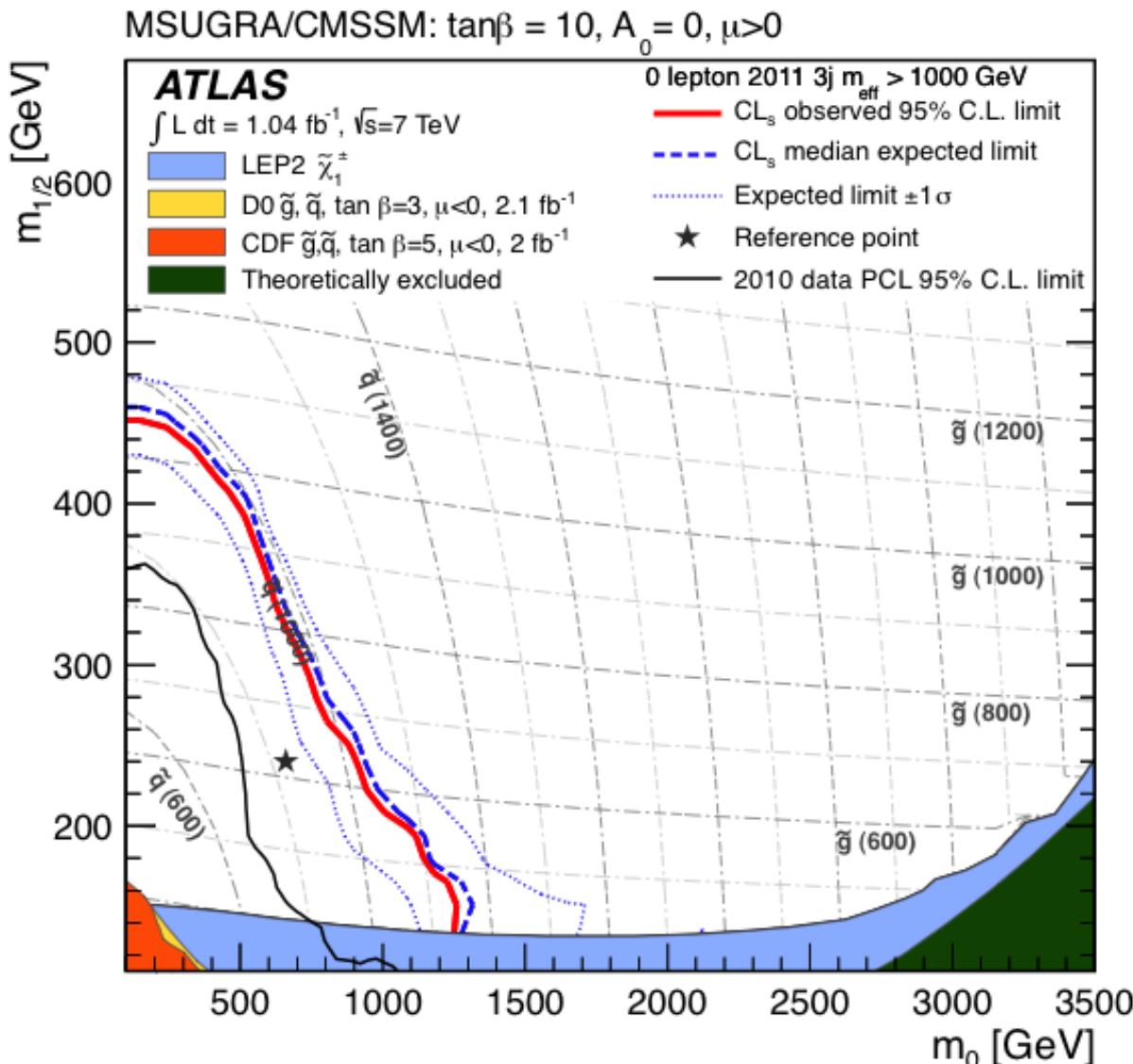
Process	Signal Region				
	$\geq 2$ -jet	$\geq 3$ -jet	$\geq 4$ -jet, $m_{\text{eff}} > 500$ GeV	$\geq 4$ -jet, $m_{\text{eff}} > 1000$ GeV	High mass
Z/ $\gamma$ +jets	$32.3 \pm 2.6 \pm 6.9$	$25.5 \pm 2.6 \pm 4.9$	$209 \pm 9 \pm 38$	$16.2 \pm 2.2 \pm 3.7$	$3.3 \pm 1.0 \pm 1.3$
W+jets	$26.4 \pm 4.0 \pm 6.7$	$22.6 \pm 3.5 \pm 5.6$	$349 \pm 30 \pm 122$	$13.0 \pm 2.2 \pm 4.7$	$2.1 \pm 0.8 \pm 1.1$
t $\bar{t}$ + single top	$3.4 \pm 1.6 \pm 1.6$	$5.9 \pm 2.0 \pm 2.2$	$425 \pm 39 \pm 84$	$4.0 \pm 1.3 \pm 2.0$	$5.7 \pm 1.8 \pm 1.9$
QCD multi-jet	$0.22 \pm 0.06 \pm 0.24$	$0.92 \pm 0.12 \pm 0.46$	$34 \pm 2 \pm 29$	$0.73 \pm 0.14 \pm 0.50$	$2.10 \pm 0.37 \pm 0.82$
Total	$62.4 \pm 4.4 \pm 9.3$	$54.9 \pm 3.9 \pm 7.1$	$1015 \pm 41 \pm 144$	$33.9 \pm 2.9 \pm 6.2$	$13.1 \pm 1.9 \pm 2.5$
Data	58	59	1118	40	18

- **No evidence of excess**
- **Set limits in model planes, taking into account background and signal systematics**

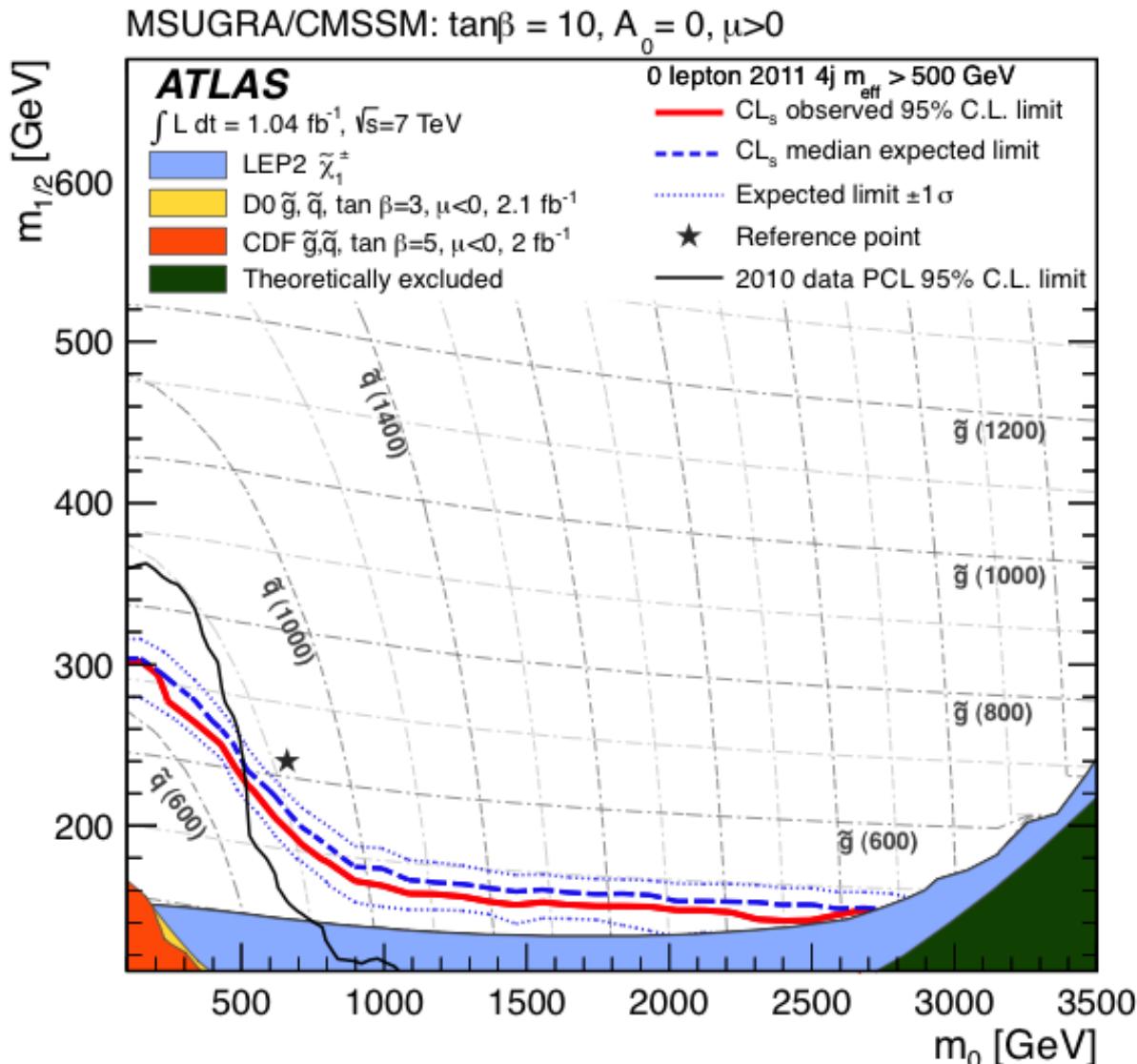
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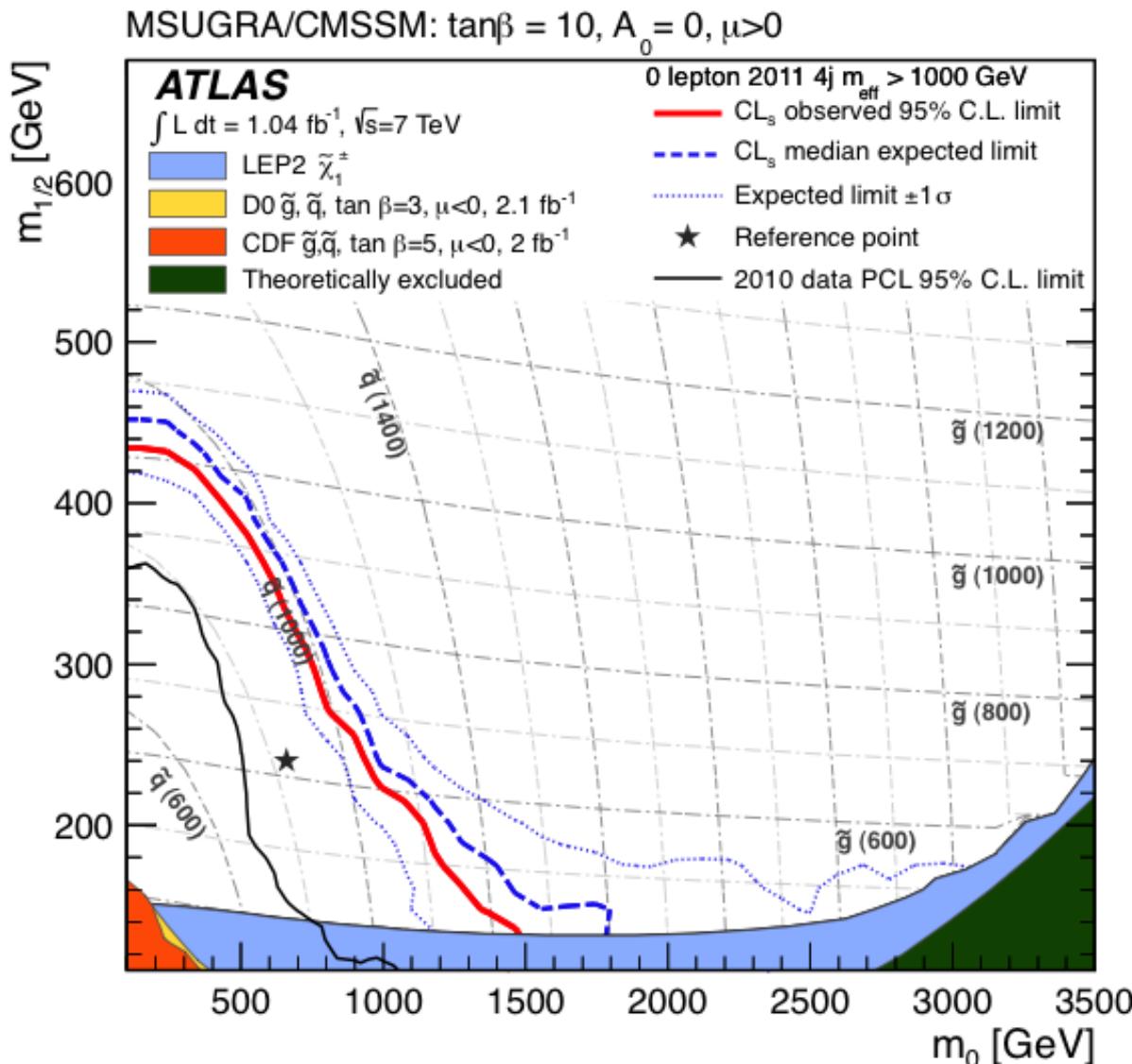
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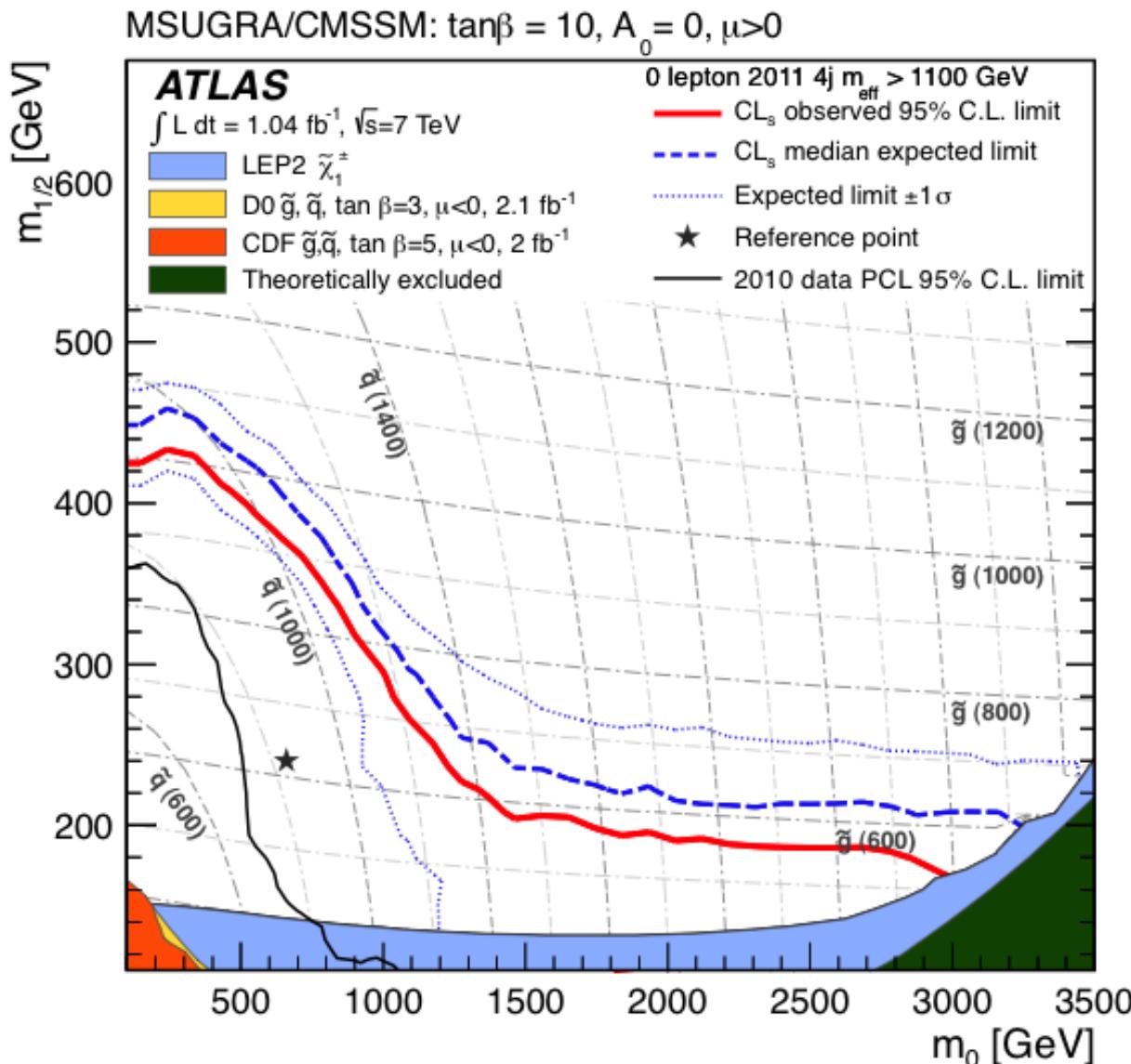
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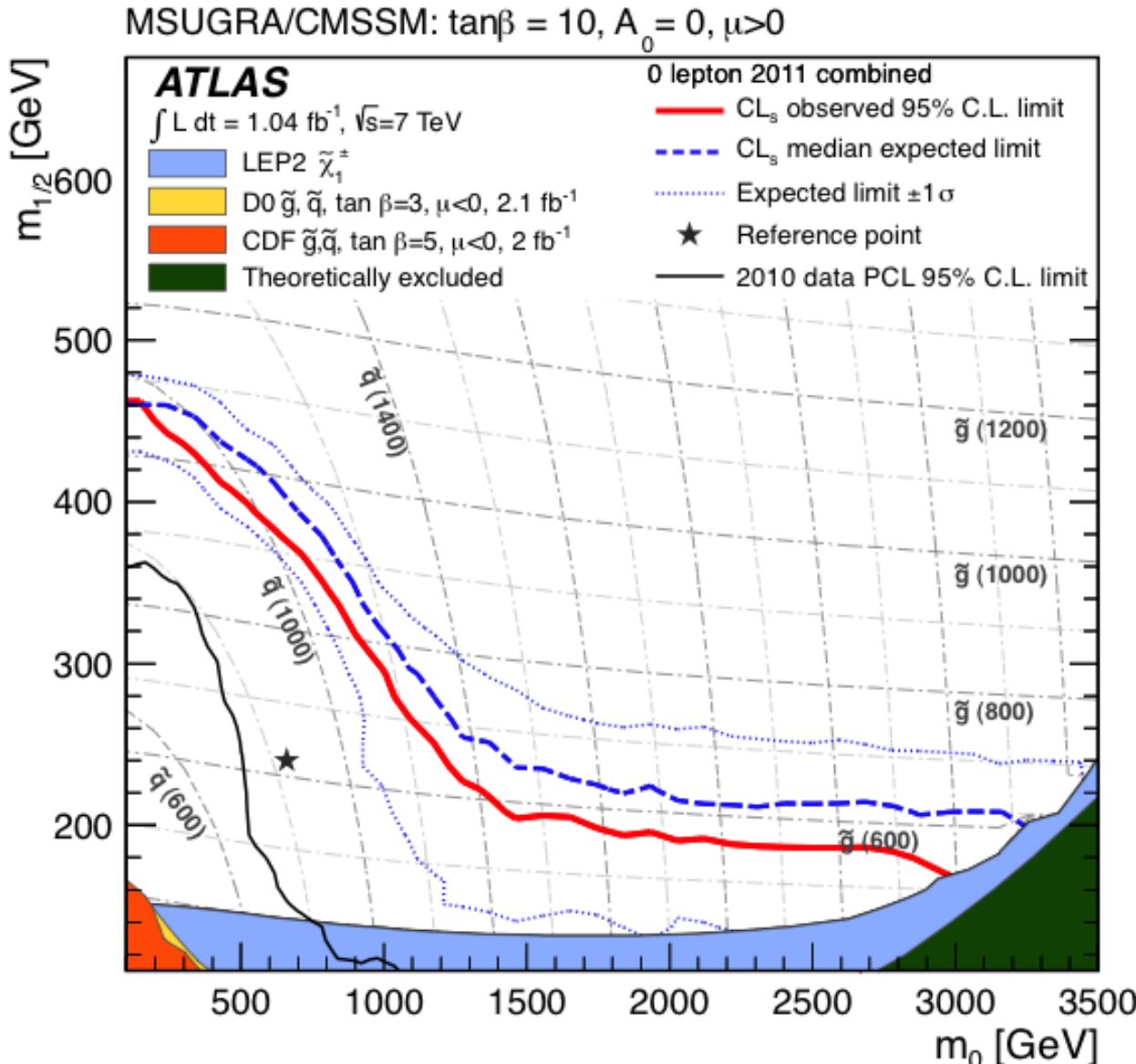
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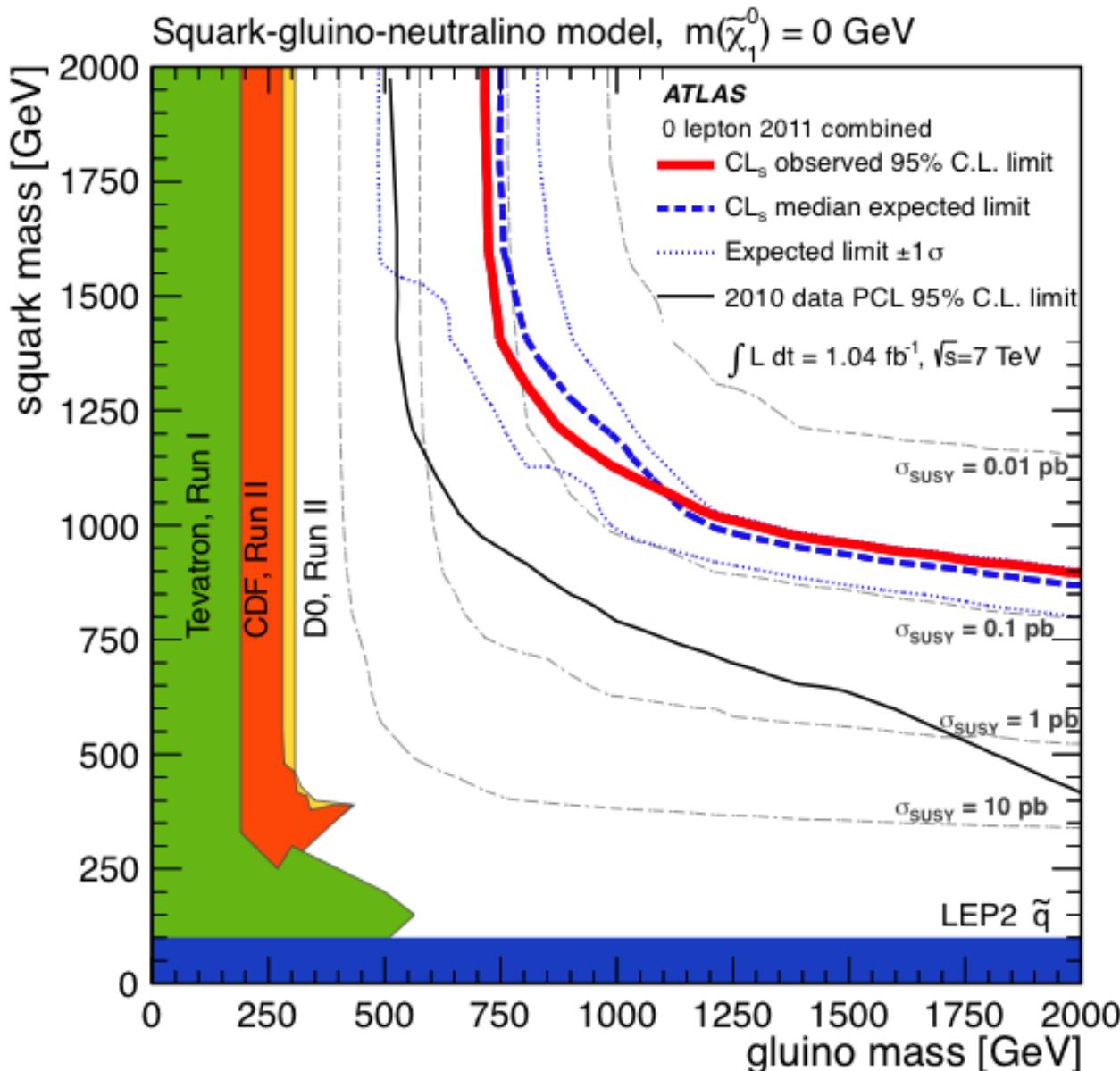
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# Simplified Model Limits



# Cross-Section & Mass Limits

- Additional interpretation in terms of upper limits on  $\sigma \times \epsilon \times A$  for each channel
  - 22, 25, 429, 27 and 17 fb
- Alternative models can be checked by reproducing analysis applied to signal model
- Gluino (squark) masses below 700 (875) GeV excluded for squark (gluino) masses below 2 TeV and light LSP ( $m < 200$  GeV)
- Gluino/squark masses below 1075 GeV excluded for equal masses and light LSP( $m < 200$  GeV)
- In mSUGRA / CMSSM degenerate mass limit  $\sim 950$  GeV

- Dutta: “Discovering SUSY should not be a problem!”

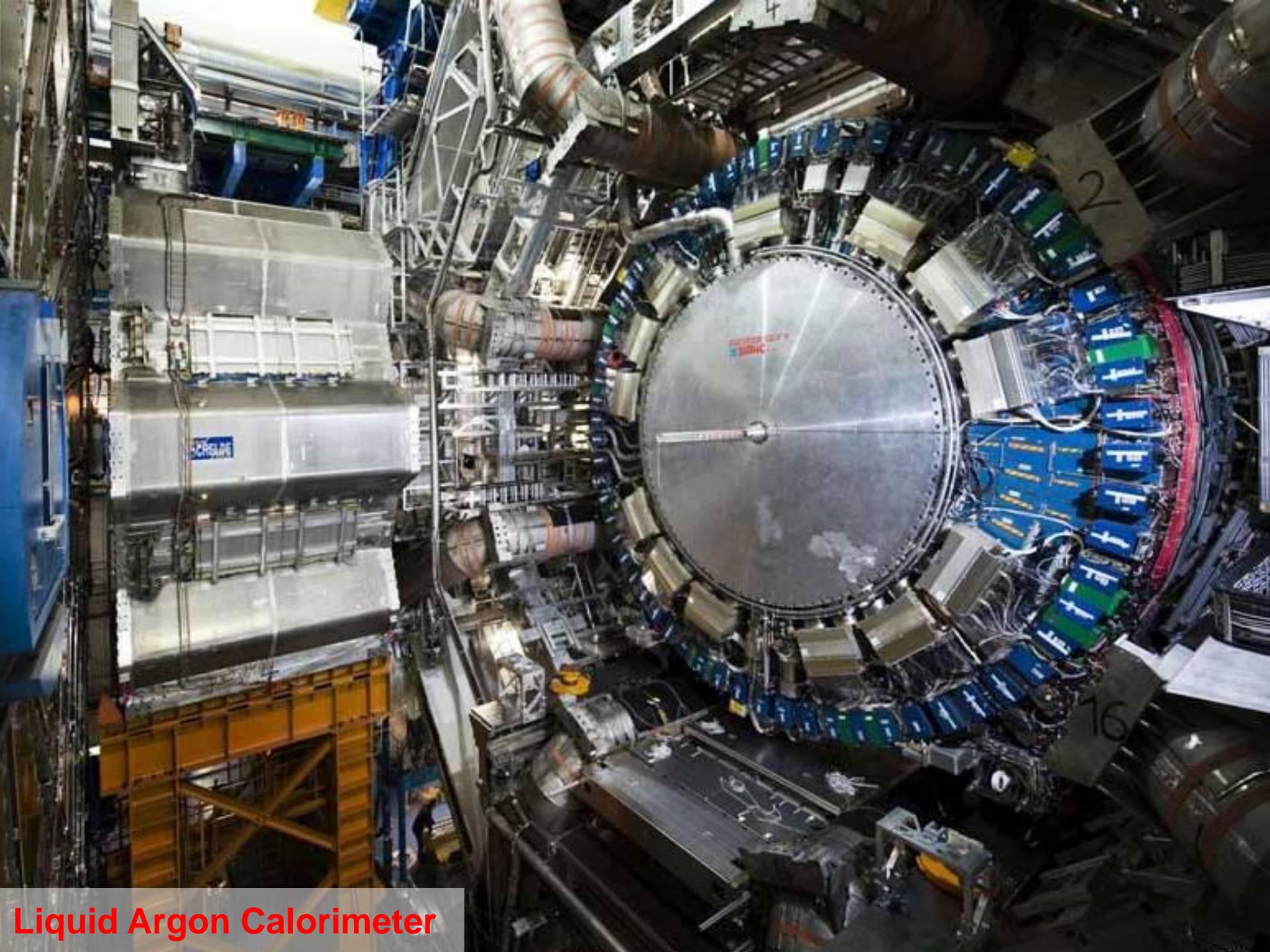
# Back-up



>3000 physicists  
38 countries  
175 institutes

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Liquid Argon Calorimeter

