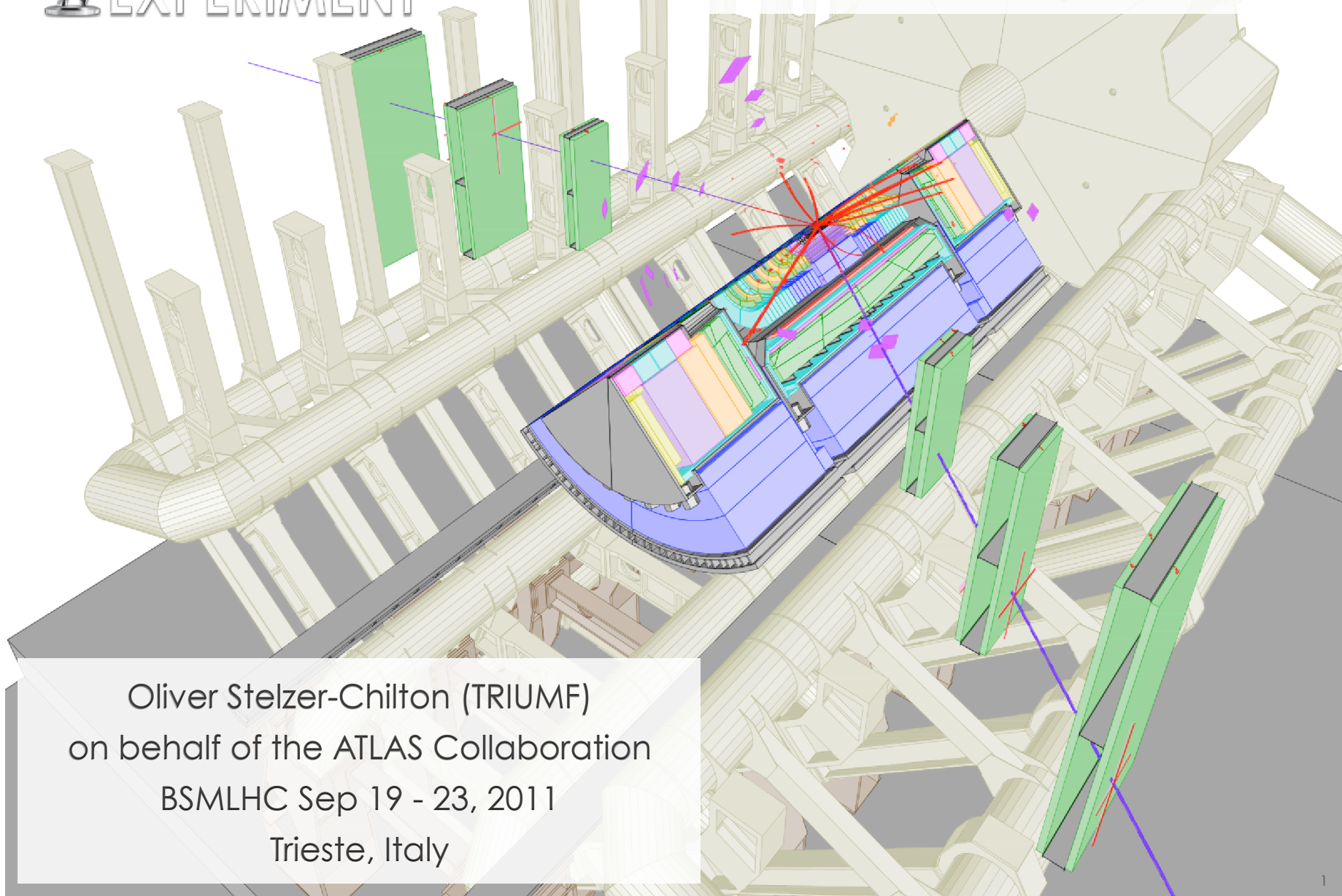


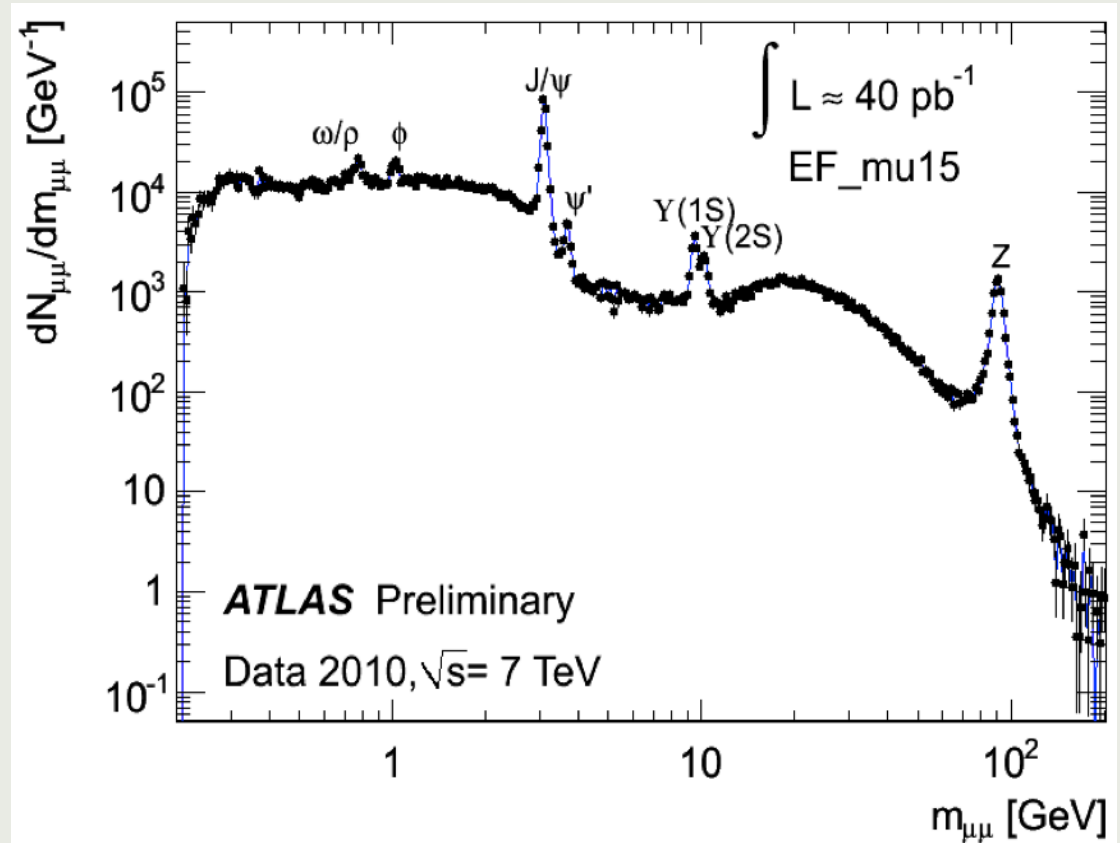
## Searches for Di-Lepton Resonances at ATLAS



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# Outline

- Motivation
- High- $p_T$  Leptons
- Selection
- Backgrounds
- Fitting Strategy
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- Discovery Statistics
- Limits
- Outlook



# Search for Narrow Resonances

A resonance decaying to dileptons can have spin 0, 1, or 2

## □ Spin 0

- No fundamental scalar particle yet observed
- Higgs branching ratio to dileptons  $\mathcal{O}(10^{-4})$
- Sneutrino resonance possible if  $R$ -parity violated

## □ Spin 1

- Many models predict new  $U(1)$  with neutral gauge boson  $Z'$

## □ Spin 2

- Excited graviton resonances  $G^*$  predicted by Randall-Sundrum model of warped extra dimensions

# Z' Production (spin 1)

- Benchmark model: Sequential Standard Model
  - But not motivated

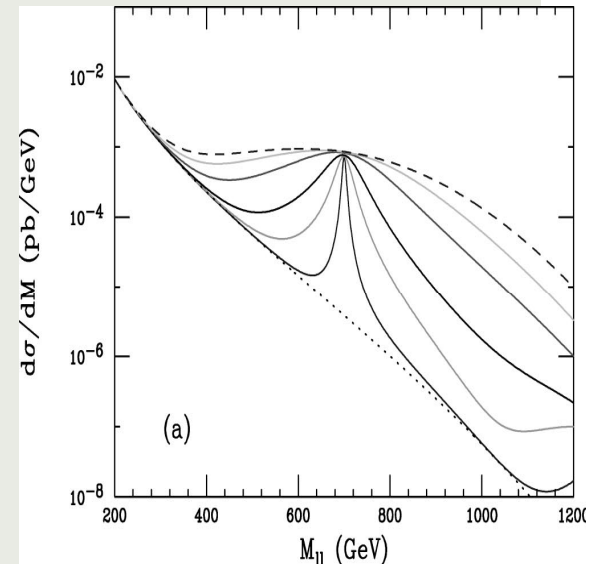
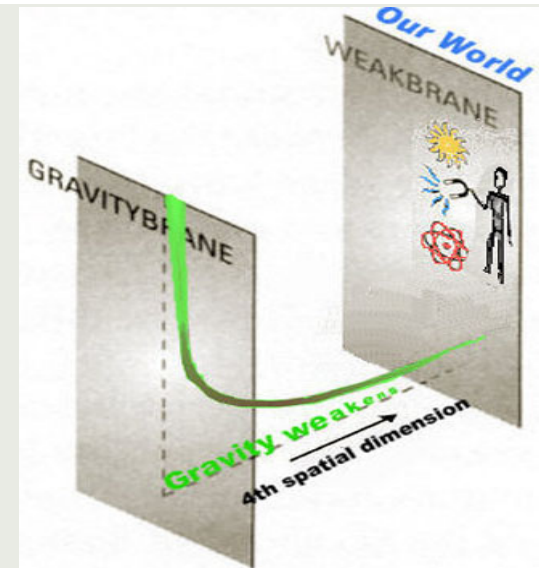
- GUT inspired E6 model

$$\begin{aligned} E_6 &\rightarrow SO(10) \times U(1)_\psi \\ &\rightarrow SU(5) \times U(1)_\chi \times U(1)_\psi \\ &\rightarrow SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y \times U(1)_\chi \times U(1)_\psi \\ &\rightarrow SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y \times U(1)' \\ &\rightarrow SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y \end{aligned}$$

- Assume EWK-scale  $U(1)'$  is a linear combination of  $U(1)_\chi \times U(1)_\psi$ 
  - Generic  $U(1)'$  can be expressed in terms of  $\theta$
  - $Z'(\theta) = Z_\psi' \cos(\theta) + Z_\chi' \sin(\theta)$
  - $Z_\psi', Z_N', Z_\chi', Z_\eta', Z_I', Z_S'$

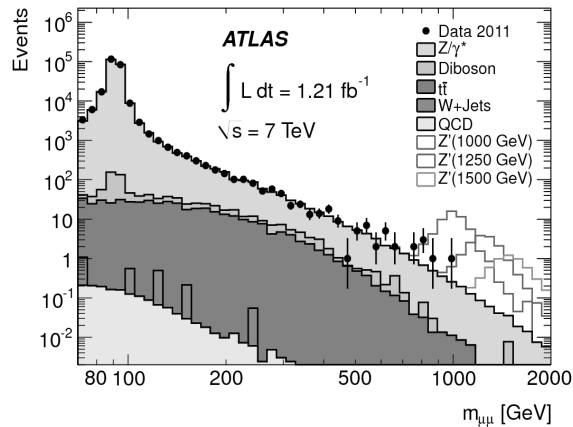
# Graviton $G^*$ Production (spin 2)

- Randall-Sundrum
  - Warped extra dimension, exponential warp factor solves hierarchy problem
  - Two branes, TeV and Planck
  - Gravitons live everywhere
  - SM confined to TeV brane
- Excited states of graviton wave function has big overlaps
  - Massive gravitons with EWK-strength couplings to SM particles on our brane
- Expect first excitation to be TeV scale
  - Width proportional to  $(k / M_{Pl})^2$
  - Narrow resonance for  $k / M_{Pl} \lesssim 0.1$



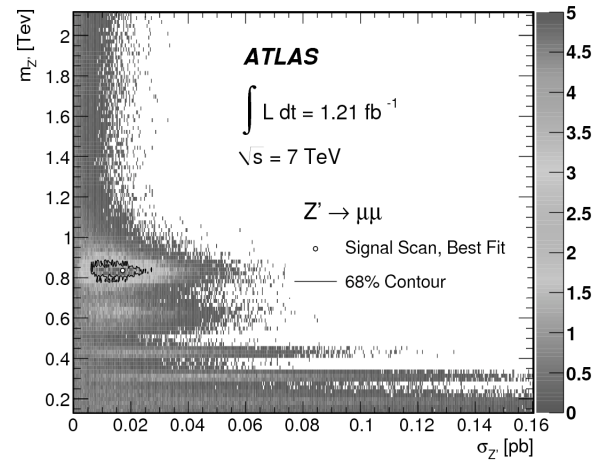
# General Strategy

Calibrate detector resolution and scale

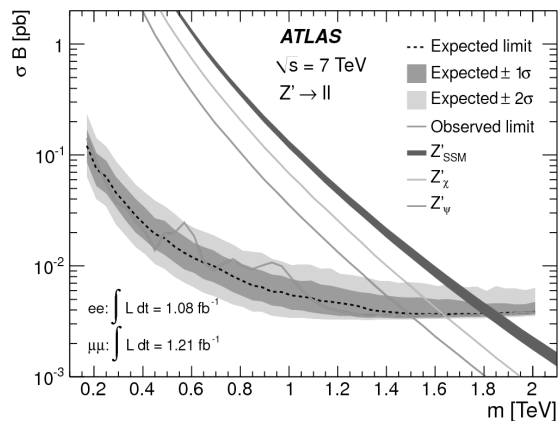


Understand background  
 evaluate systematics

Determine scanning procedure,  
 evaluate p-value



Interpret results from data



# High $p_T$ Lepton Resolutions

Electrons:

- Isolated energy deposition in the EM calorimeter

$$\frac{\sigma(E)}{E} = \frac{k_1}{\sqrt{E}} + k_2$$

- For high energy electrons, resolution dominated by constant term  $k_2$  which is 1.2% in the barrel and 1.8% in the endcap

Muons:

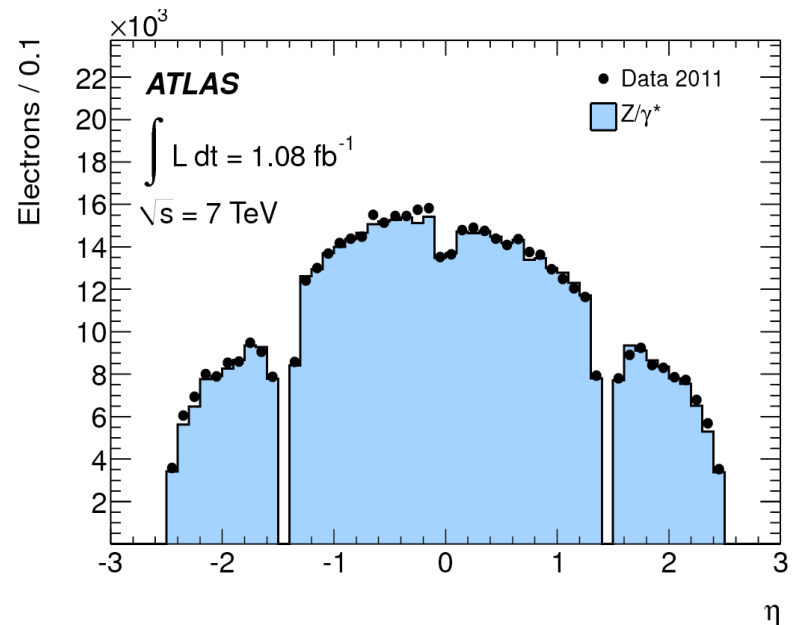
- Use combined tracks from Inner Detector and Muon Spectrometer
- At high  $p_T$ , curvature resolution dominated by intrinsic/misalignment term  $S_2$  which ranges from 0.15 TeV<sup>-1</sup> to 0.44 TeV<sup>-1</sup> (for  $\eta > 2$ )

$$q/p_T \rightarrow (q/p_T)_{ini} + S_1 (q/p_T)_{ini} + S_2$$

# Electron Selection

- ❑ EM clusters with  $E_T > 25 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $|\eta| < 2.47$
- ❑ Criteria on the transverse shower shape, the longitudinal leakage into the hadronic calorimeter
- ❑ Removal of transition region between barrel and endcap  $1.37 < |\eta| < 1.52$
- ❑ Association to an inner detector track
- ❑ Calorimeter isolation for leading electron  $< 0.2$  in cone  $\Delta R$  of 0.2

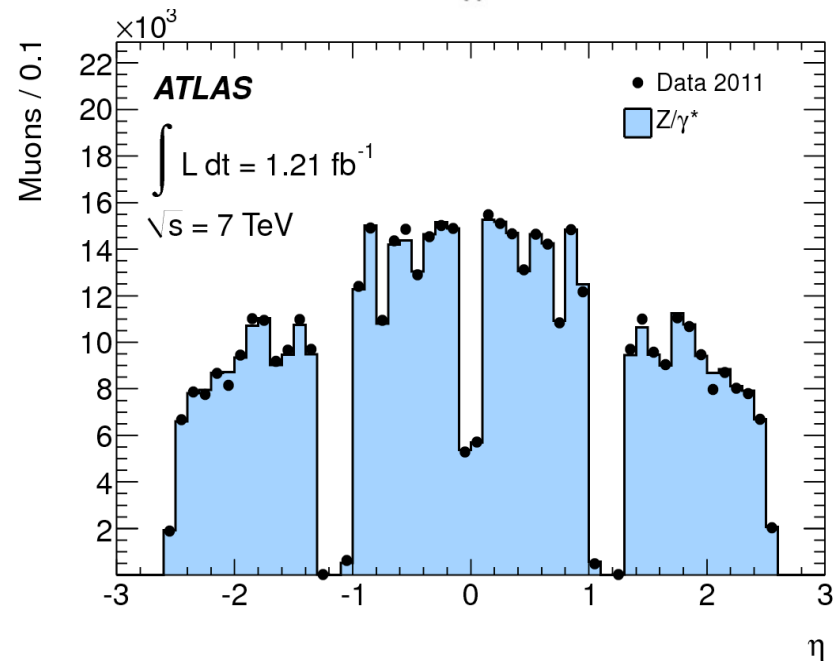
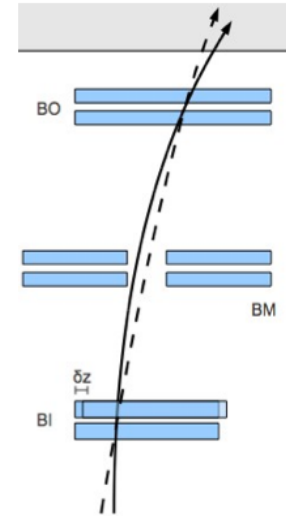
Signal efficiency for 1.5 TeV  
 $Z'$  (Randall-Sundrum  $G^*$ ) 65% (69%)





# Muon Selection

- ❑ Hit requirements in ID and MS  
Require 3 hits in all 3 muon stations to ensure optimal momentum resolution
- ❑ Combined muons with  $p_T > 25$  GeV
- ❑ Impact parameter cut:  $|d_0| < 0.2$  mm and  $z_0$  wrt PV  $< 1.0$  mm
- ❑ Relative track isolation  $< 0.05$  in cone  $\Delta R$  of 0.3
- ❑ Muons of opposite charge



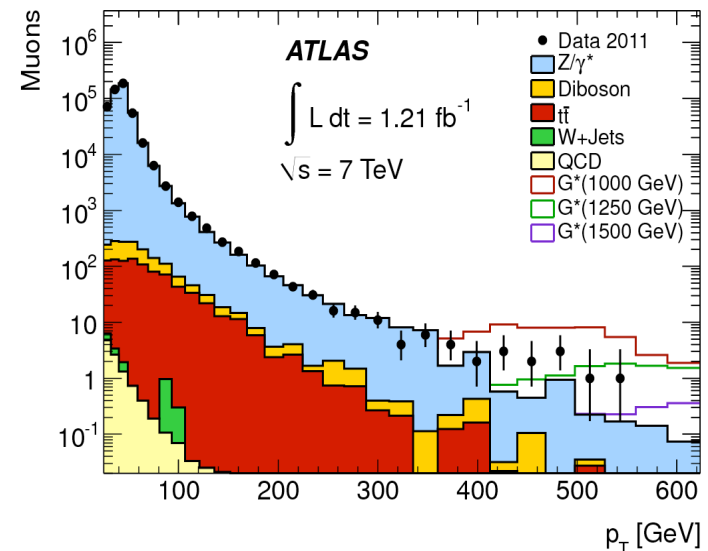
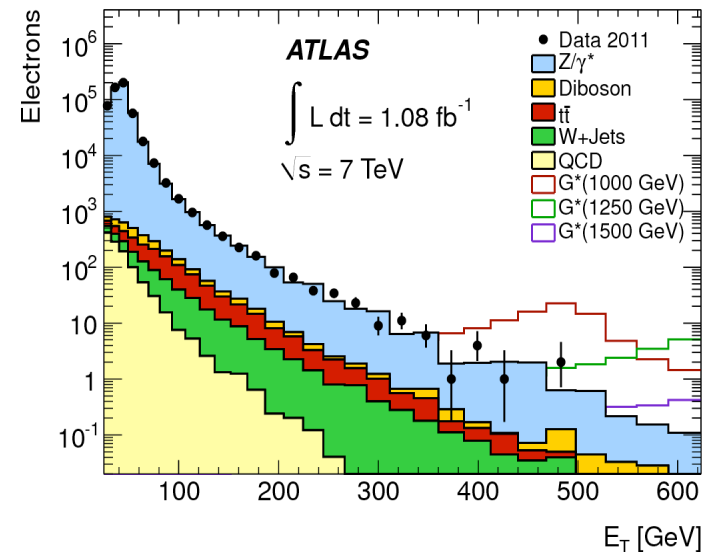
Signal efficiency for 1.5 TeV  
 $Z'$  (Randall-Sundrum  $G^*$ ) 40% (44%)

# Signal and Backgrounds

- ❑ Z' and G\* signal simulated using Pythia
- ❑ Backgrounds simulated using:
  - ❑ Pythia (Z/  $\gamma^*$ )
  - ❑ Alpgen (W+Jets)
  - ❑ Herwig (WW, WZ, ZZ)
  - ❑ MC@NLO (ttbar)
- ❑ Apply k-factors to MC cross-sections
- ❑ Data-driven backgrounds for QCD

$m_{e^+e^-}$ [GeV]	70-110	110-200	200-400	400-800	800-3000
DY	258482 ± 410	5449 ± 180	613 ± 26	53.8 ± 3.1	2.8 ± 0.1
$t\bar{t}$	218 ± 36	253 ± 10	82 ± 3	5.4 ± 0.3	0.1 ± 0.0
Diboson	368 ± 19	85 ± 5	29 ± 2	3.1 ± 0.5	0.3 ± 0.1
W+jets	150 ± 100	150 ± 26	43 ± 10	4.6 ± 1.8	0.2 ± 0.4
QCD	332 ± 59	191 ± 75	36 ± 29	1.8 ± 1.4	< 0.05
Total	259550 ± 510	6128 ± 200	803 ± 40	68.8 ± 3.9	3.4 ± 0.4
Data	259550	6117	808	65	3

$m_{\mu^+\mu^-}$ [GeV]	70-110	110-200	200-400	400-800	800-3000
DY	236319 ± 320	5171 ± 150	483 ± 22	40.3 ± 2.5	2.0 ± 0.3
$t\bar{t}$	193 ± 21	193 ± 20	63 ± 6	4.2 ± 0.4	0.1 ± 0.0
Diboson	307 ± 16	69 ± 5	25 ± 2	1.7 ± 0.5	< 0.05
W+jets	1 ± 1	1 ± 1	< 0.5	< 0.05	< 0.05
QCD	1 ± 1	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.05	< 0.05
Total	236821 ± 487	5434 ± 150	571 ± 23	46.1 ± 2.6	2.1 ± 0.3
Data	236821	5406	557	51	5



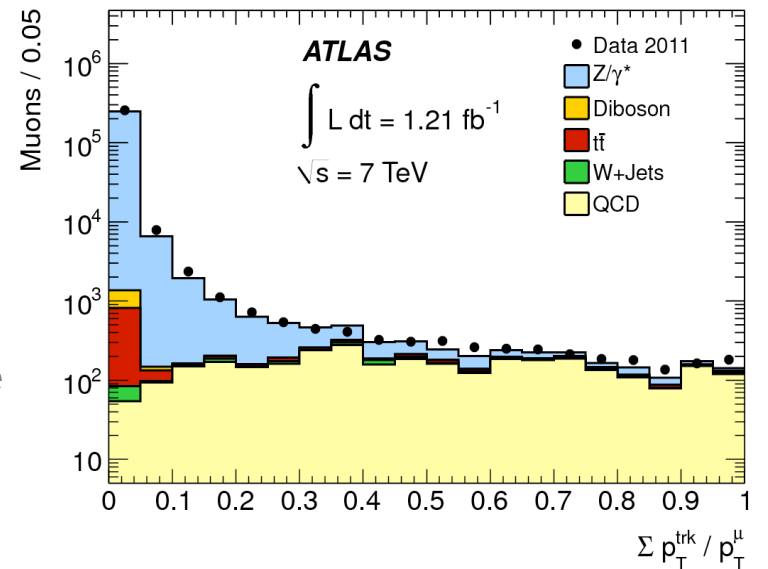
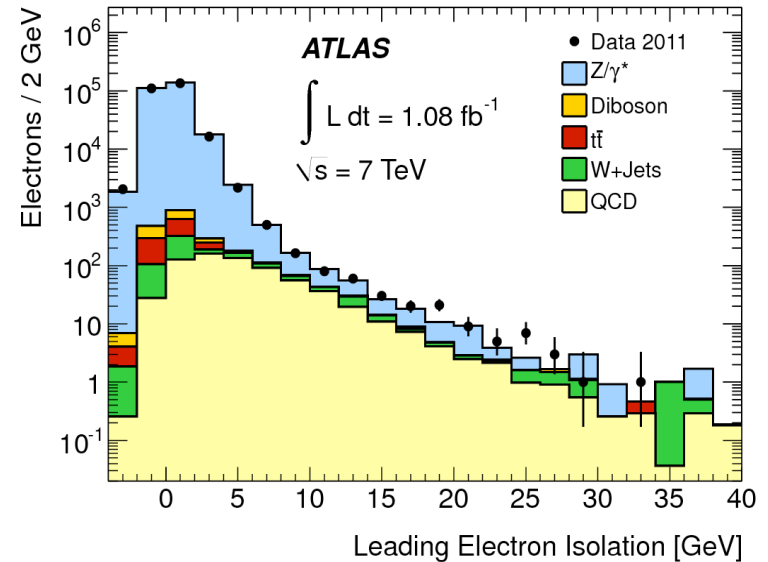
# QCD Background

- ❑ Sources for electron channel
  - ❑ Photon conversions
  - ❑ Semi-leptonic heavy quark decays
  - ❑ Hadrons faking electrons

- ❑ Estimates from three methods
  - ❑ Reversed electron identification
  - ❑ Isolation fit techniques
  - ❑ Fake rates from jet samples

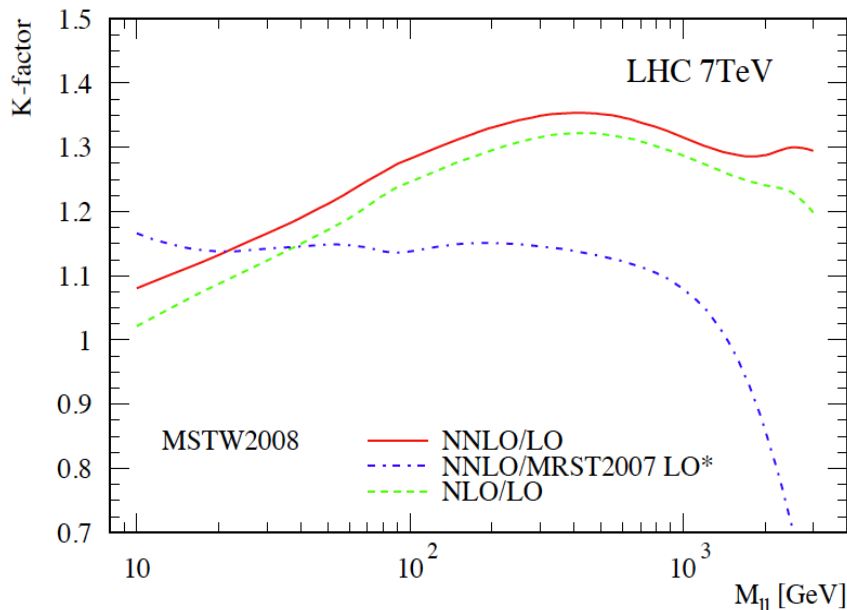
- ❑ Source for muon channel
  - ❑ Semi-leptonic decays of b and c quarks
  - ❑ Kaons and Pions decays In flight

- ❑ Estimate from muon isolation variable
  - ❑ Found to be negligible



# Drell-Yan Background

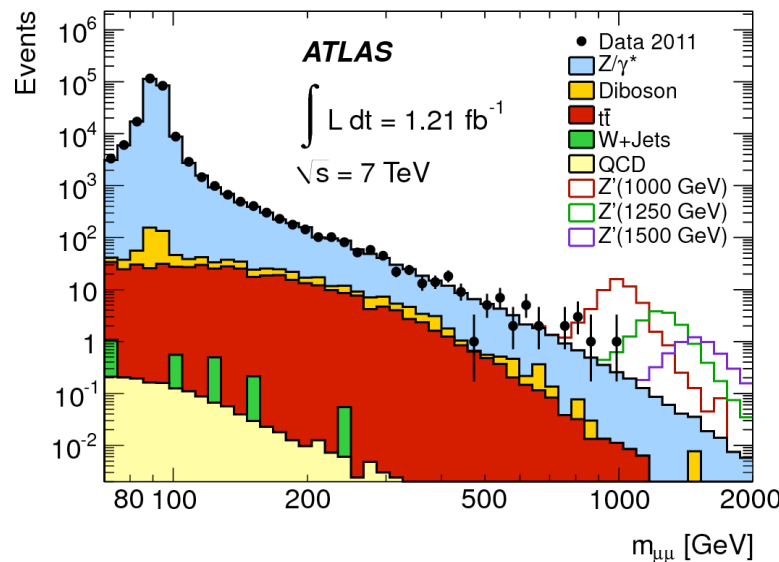
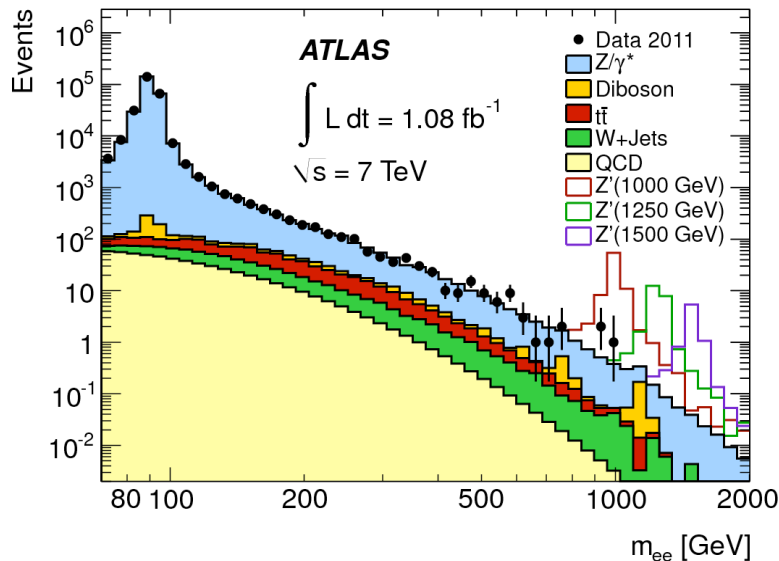
- Cut on reducible backgrounds so that  $Z/\gamma^*$  dominates SM expectation in entire search region
- Predicted using PYTHIA with a mass dependent NNLO multiplicative k-factor correction from PHOZPR
- Apply same k-factor  $Z'$  signal



Smooth background shape

Dominant uncertainties due to PDFs and higher-order corrections

# Fitting Strategy



- Normalization to the Z peak  

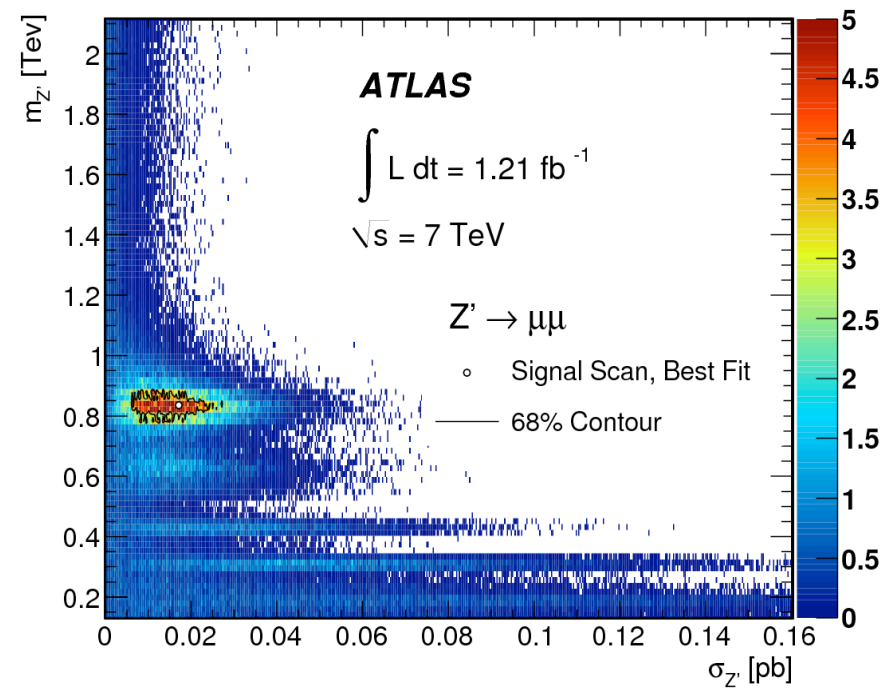
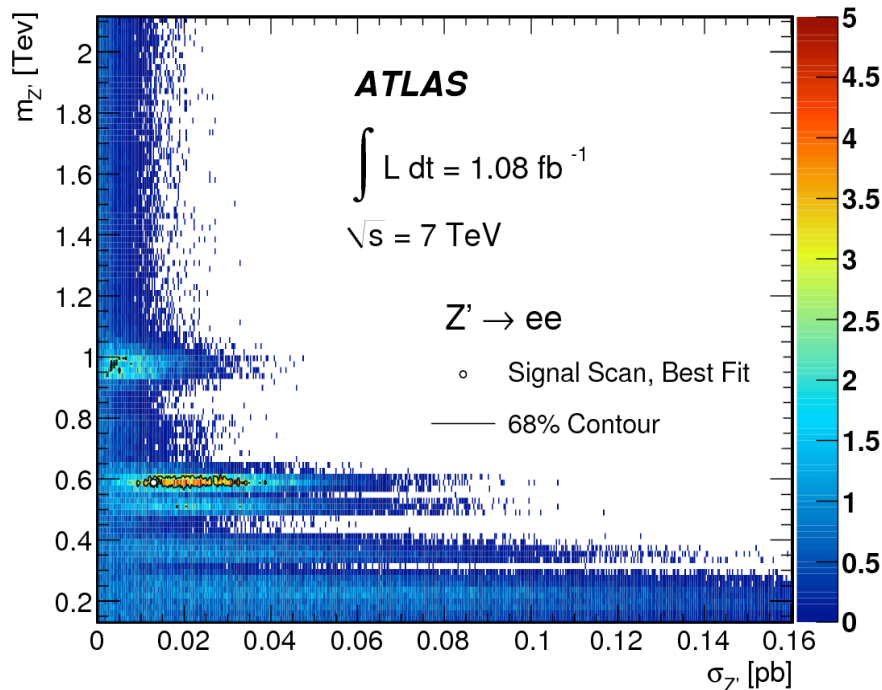
$$\sigma_{Z'} = \sigma_Z * N_{Z'}/N_Z * A_Z/A_{Z'}$$
- Removes mass-independent systematics
- Remaining dominant systematics

Source	dielectrons		dimuons	
	signal	background	signal	background
Normalization	5%	NA	5%	NA
PDFs/ $\alpha_S$	NA	10%	NA	10%
QCD K-factor	NA	3%	NA	3%
Weak K-factor	NA	4.5%	NA	4.5%
Trigger/Reconstruction	negligible	negligible	4.5%	4.5%
Total	5%	11%	7%	12%


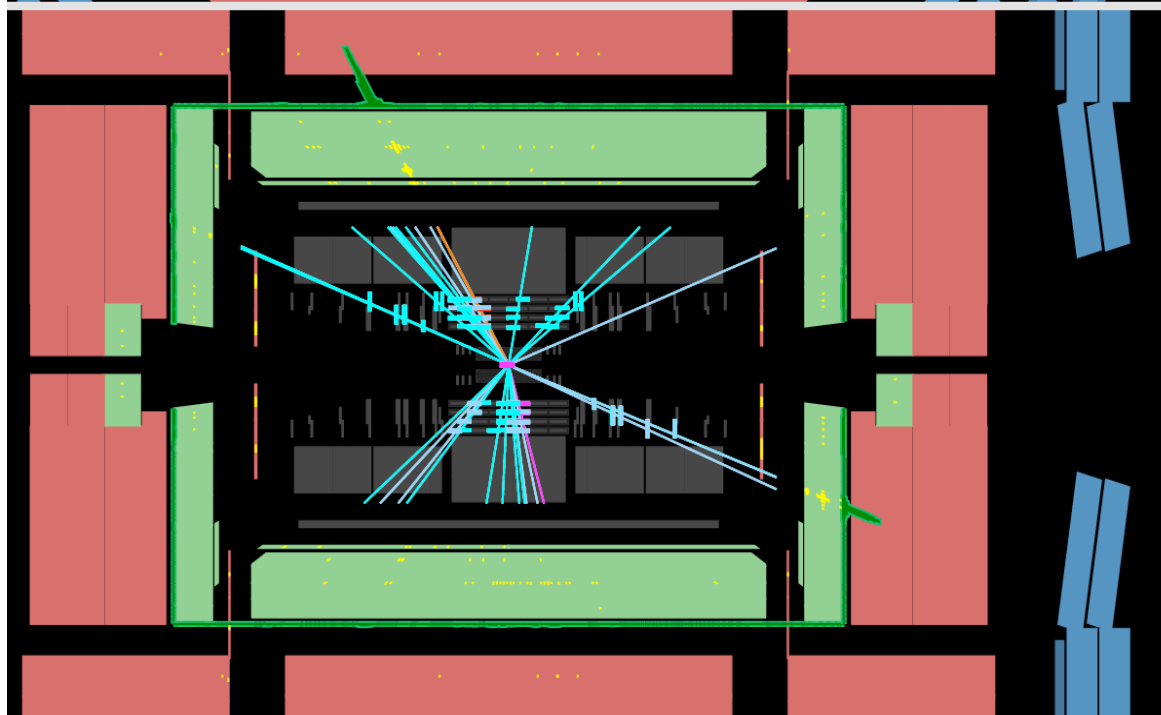
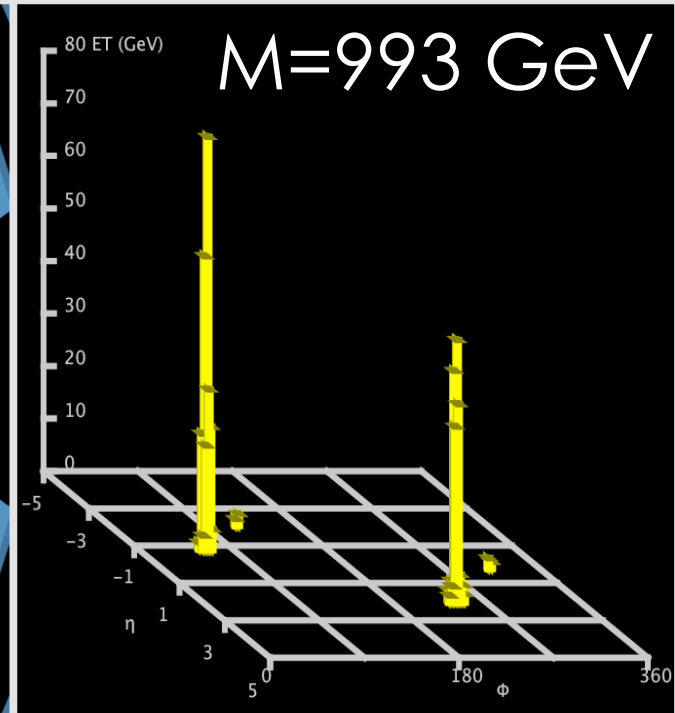
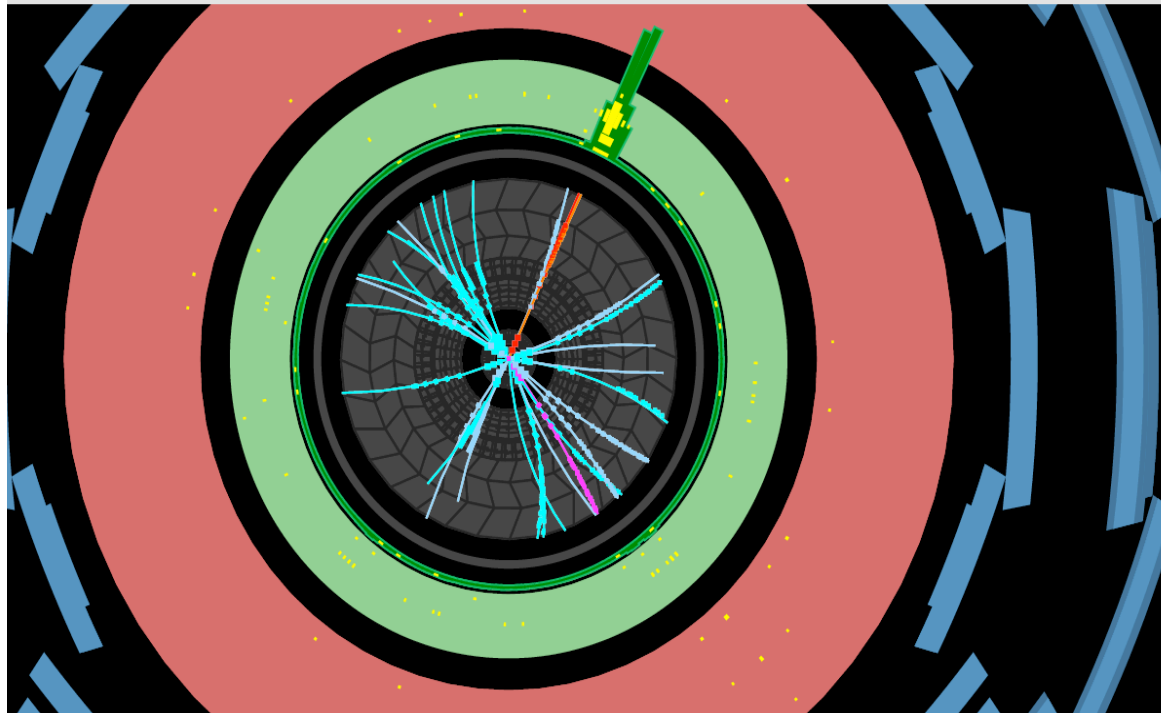
- No systematics applied to signal

# Discovery Statistics

- 2D fit for  $M_{Z'}$  and  $\sigma_{Z'}$ , using finely binned fully simulated signal lineshapes and naturally includes trials factor



- Outcome is ranked using a likelihood ratio
- Resulting p-values: 54% (ee) and 24% ( $\mu\mu$ )



**ATLAS**  
**EXPERIMENT**

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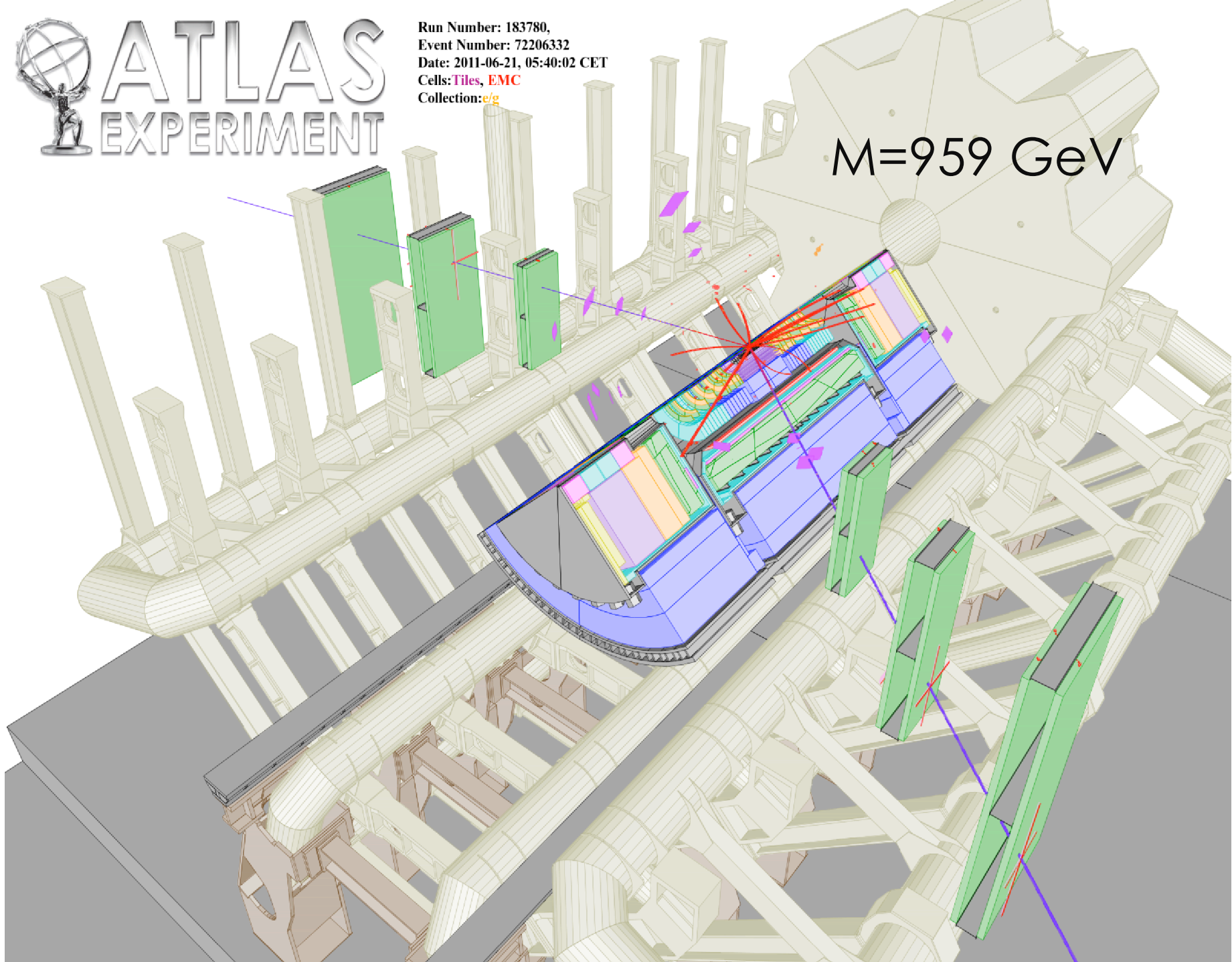
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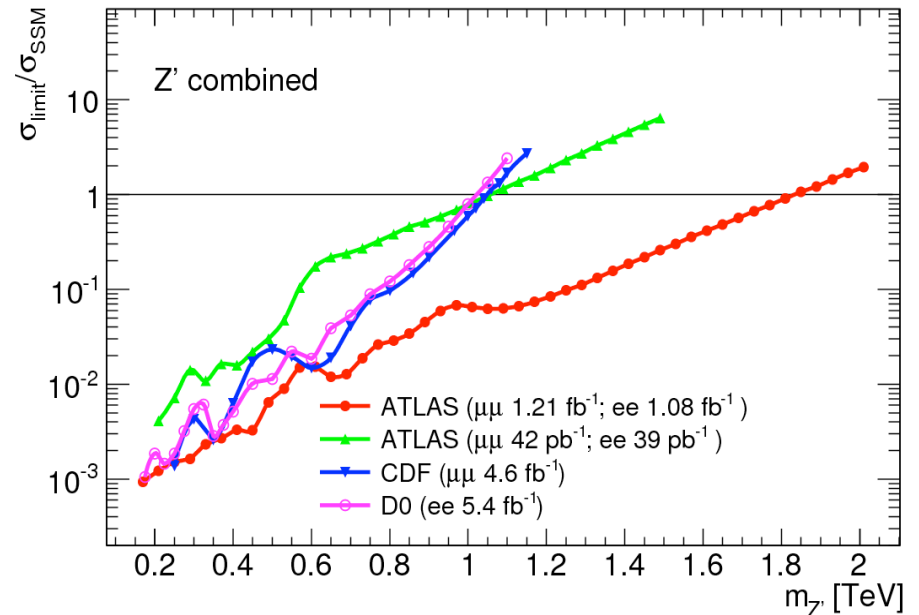
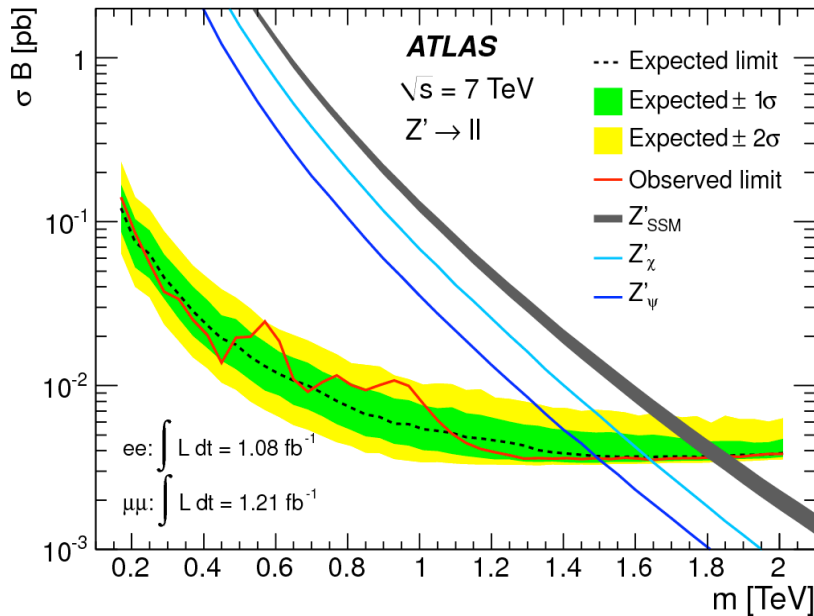
$M=959$  GeV





# Z' Limits

- 95% CL intervals on fitted  $\sigma(Z')$  converted into limits on  $\sigma \cdot B(Z' \rightarrow \ell\ell)$  using the cross-section ratio between  $Z/Z'$



- Resulting mass limits

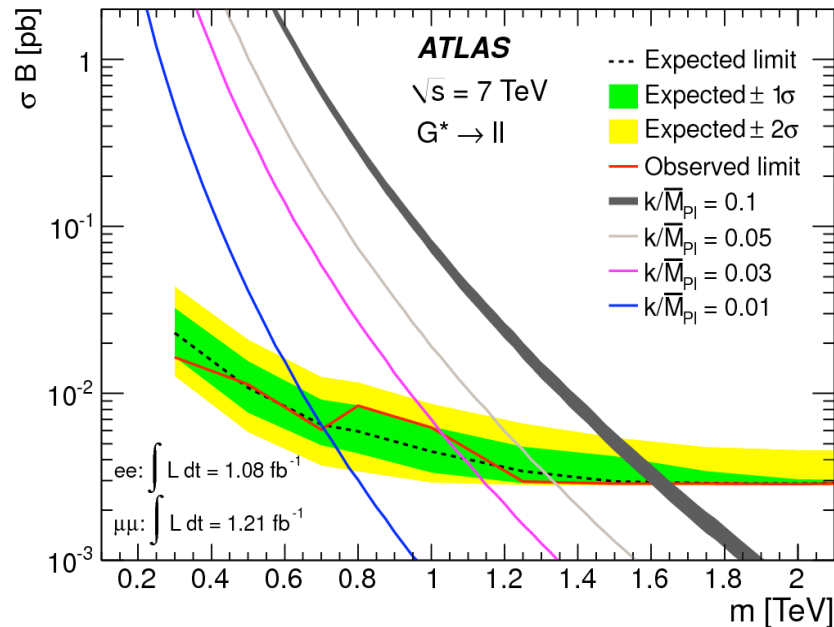
Model/Coupling	$E_6$ $Z'$ Models					
	$Z'_{\psi}$	$Z'_{\text{N}}$	$Z'_{\eta}$	$Z'_{\text{I}}$	$Z'_{\text{S}}$	$Z'_{\chi}$
Mass limit [TeV]	1.49	1.52	1.54	1.56	1.60	1.64

Model	$e^+e^-$	$\mu^+\mu^-$	$l^+l^-$
$Z'_{\text{SSM}}$	1.70 (1.70)	1.61 (1.61)	1.83 (1.83)

values in brackets indicated the expected limits

# Randall-Sundrum Graviton Limits

- Signal acceptance is larger for spin-2 RS Graviton, also parton luminosity effect is slightly smaller



- Resulting mass limits

	RS Graviton			
Model/Coupling	0.01	0.03	0.05	0.1
Mass limit [TeV]	0.71	1.03	1.33	1.63

Model	$e^+e^-$	$\mu^+\mu^-$	$l^+l^-$
$G^*$	1.51 (1.50)	1.45 (1.44)	1.63 (1.63)

values in brackets indicated the expected limits

# Outlook

- Motivation to search for high mass resonances continues
  - Field changing discoveries in the past
- During first year, LHC has entered new territory in resonance search
- Cross section limits at 95% C.L. are converted into mass limits
  - $M_{Z'SSM} > 1.83 \text{ TeV}$
  - $M_{Z', \chi} > 1.64 \text{ TeV}$
  - $M_{G^*(k/M_{pl}=0.1)} > 1.63 \text{ TeV}$
  - $M_{G^*(k/M_{pl}=0.01)} > 0.71 \text{ TeV}$

arXiv:1108.1582 submitted to PRL

- Will double dataset at least four more times before shutdown
- Discovery might be around the corner!

