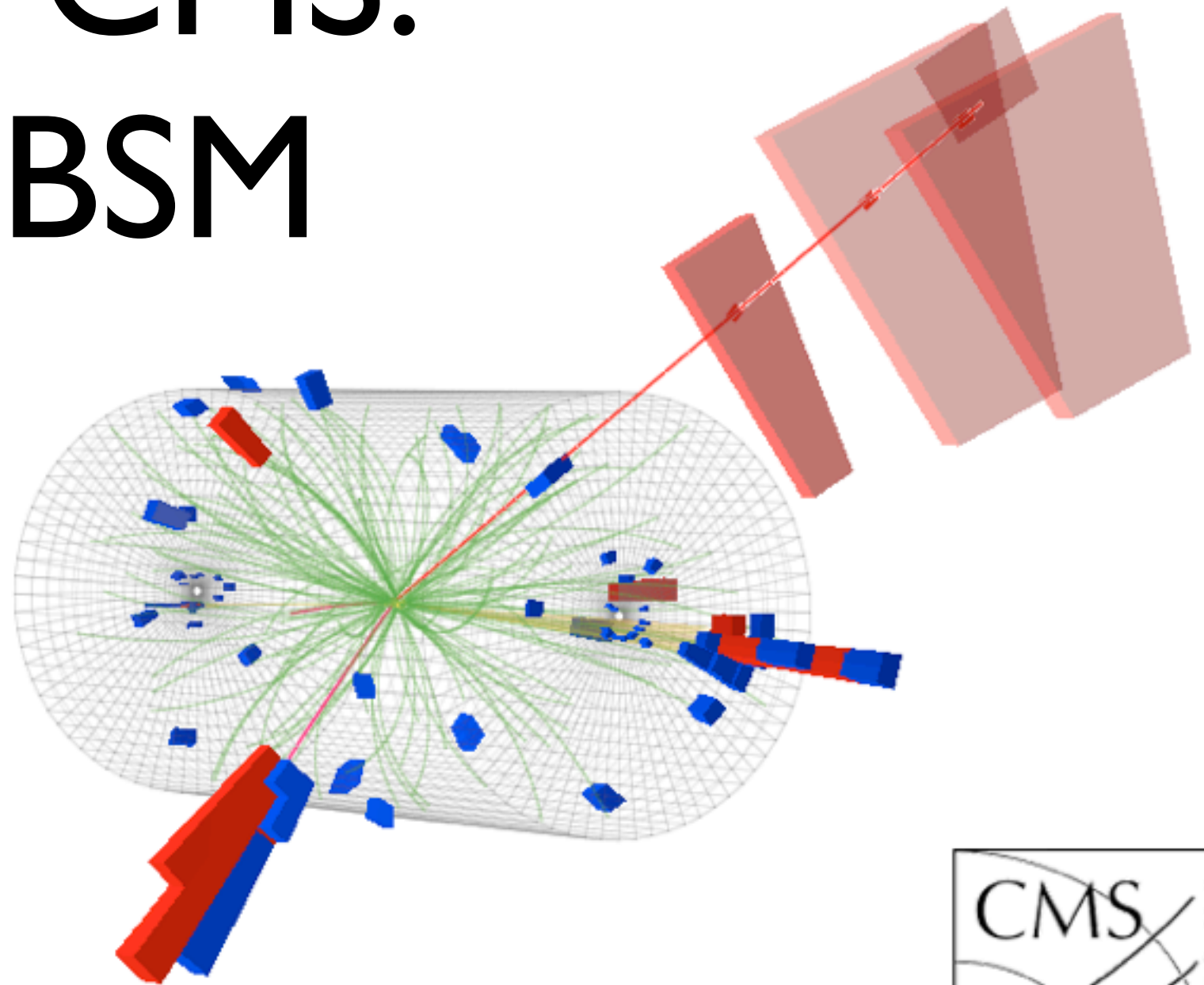


$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ in CMS: SM and BSM

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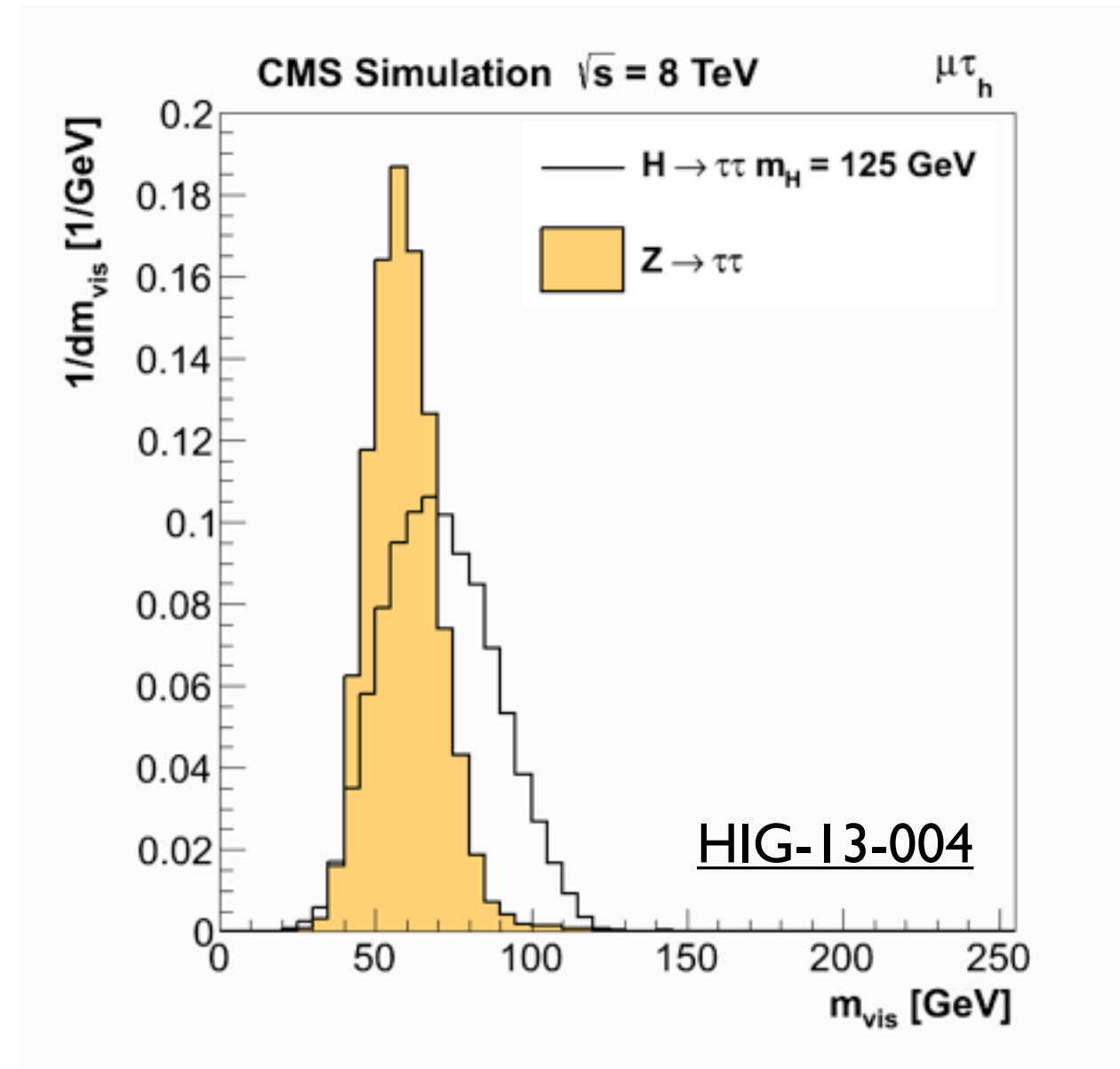
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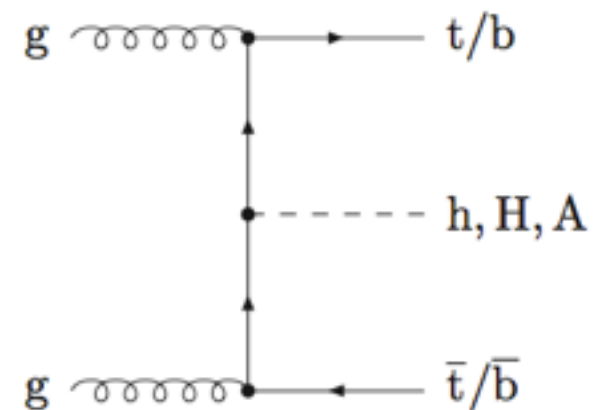
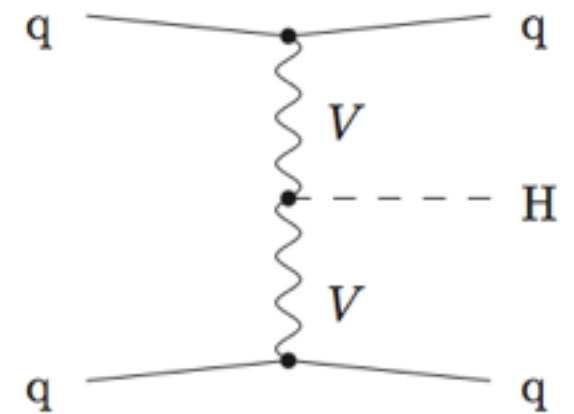
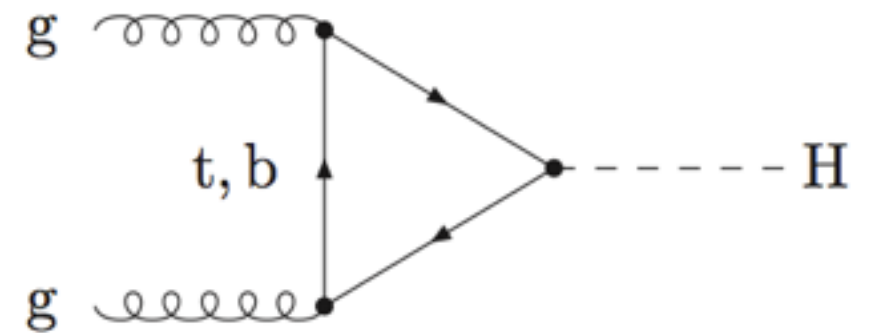
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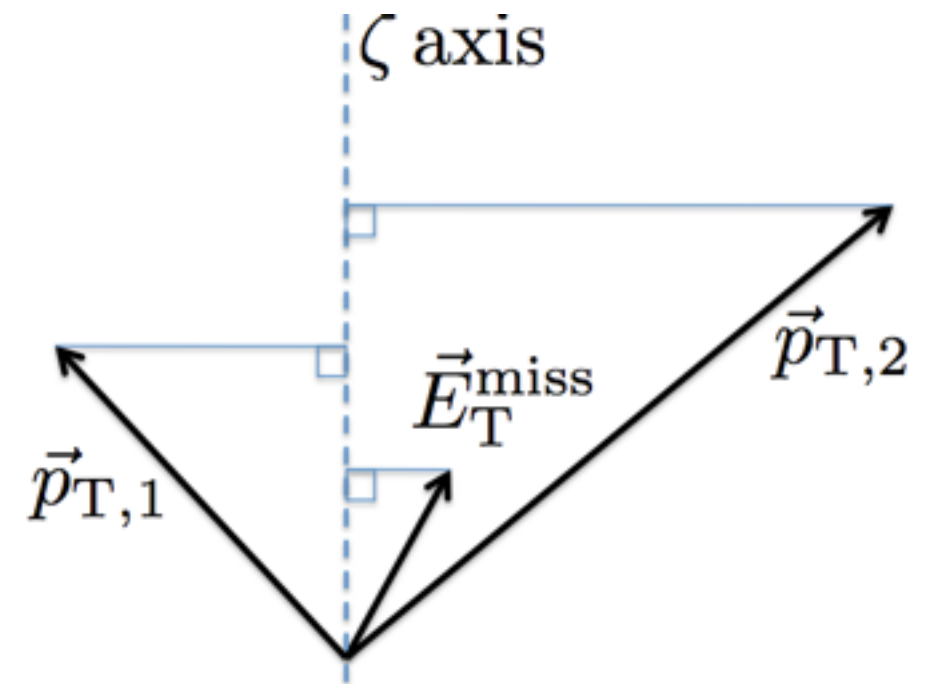
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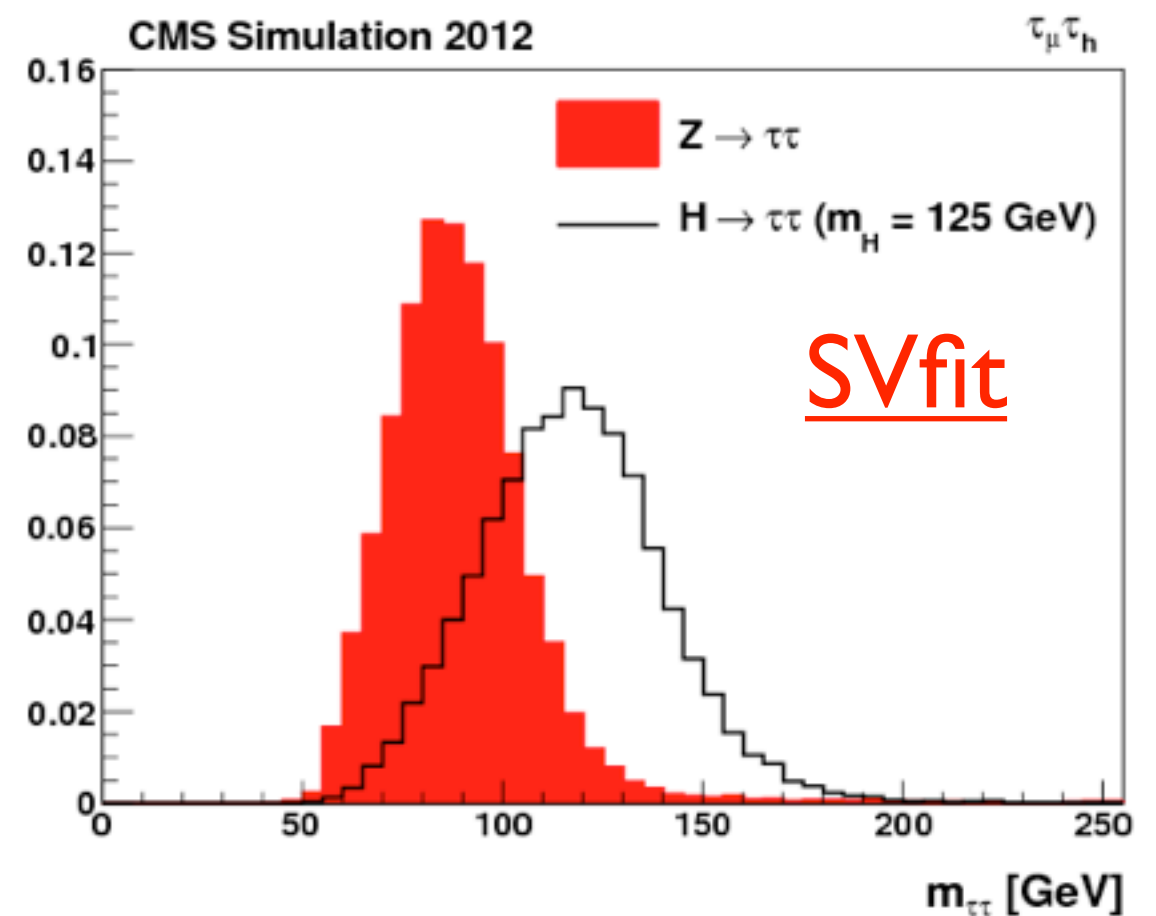
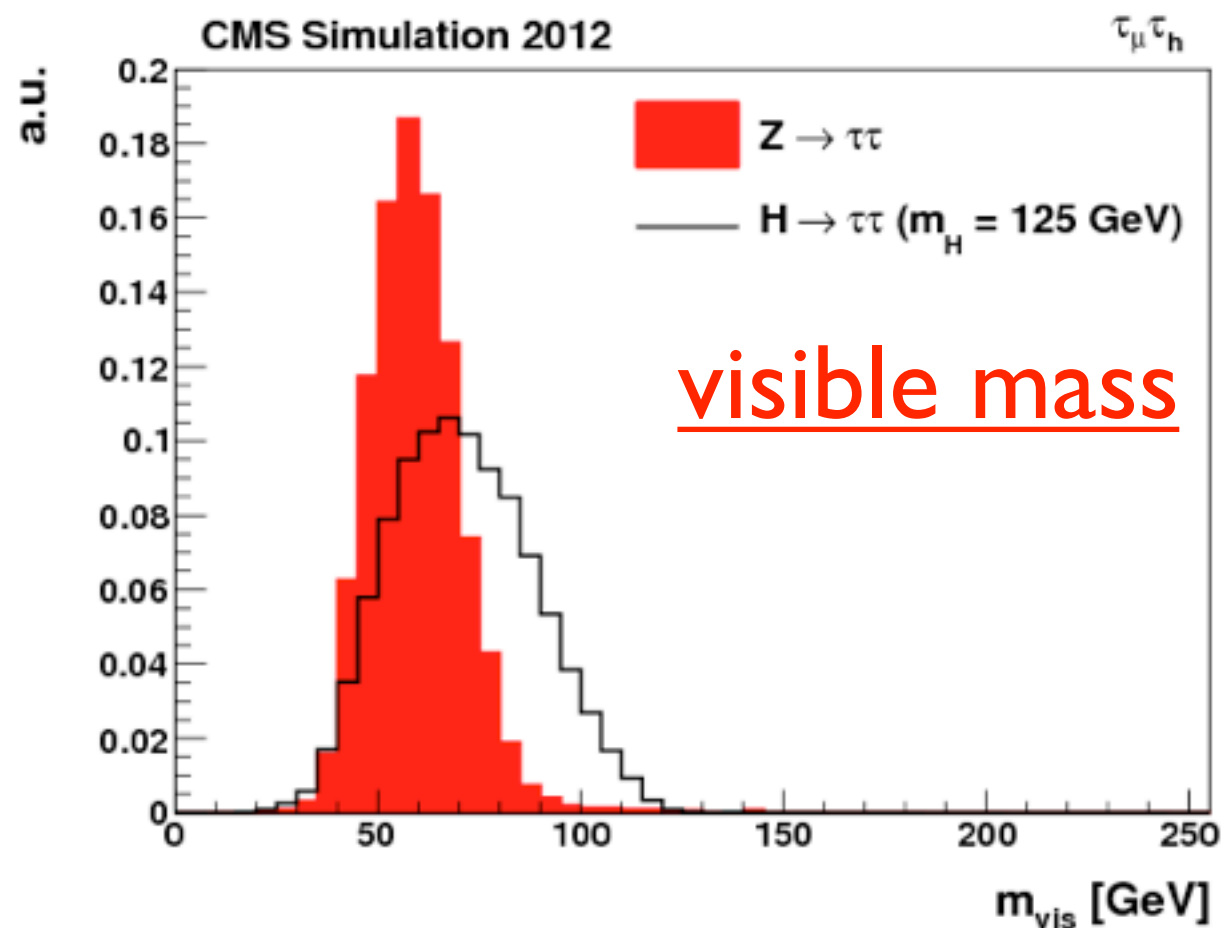


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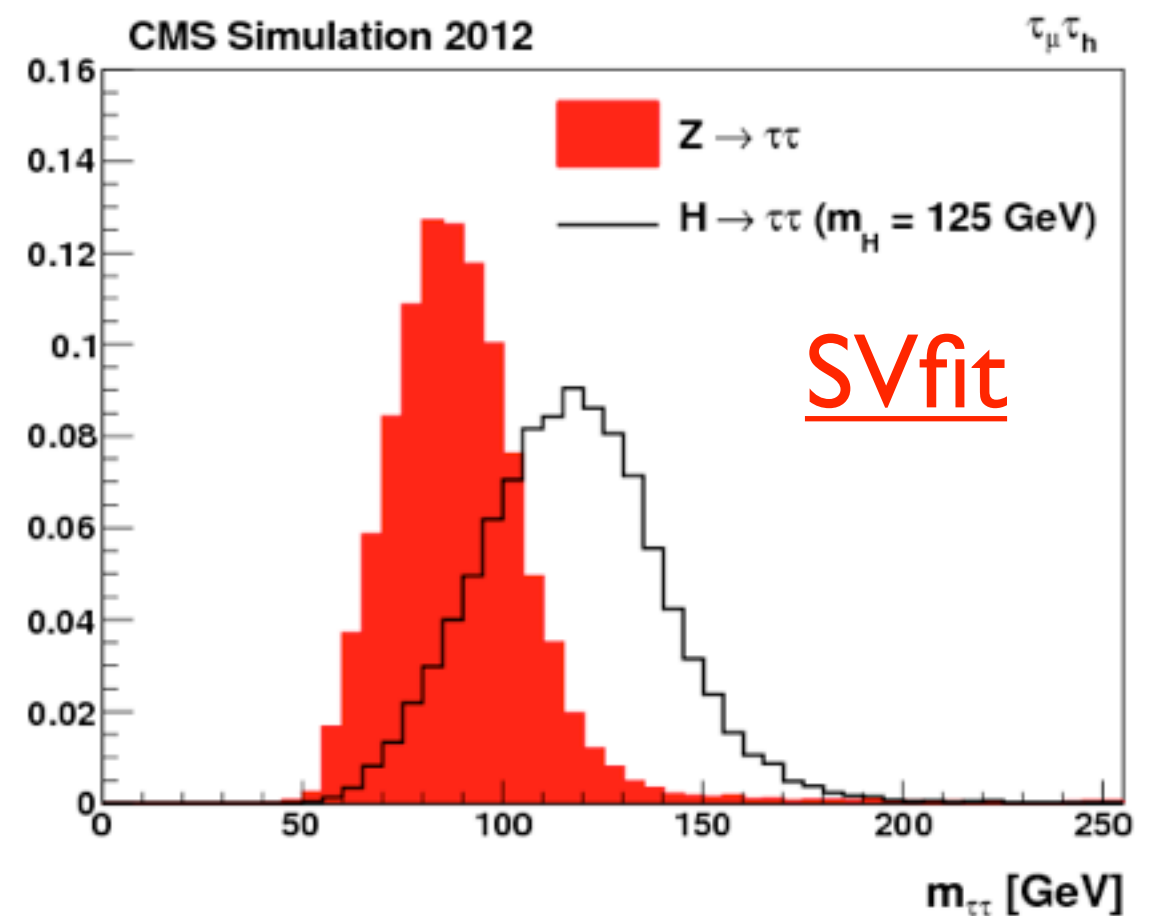
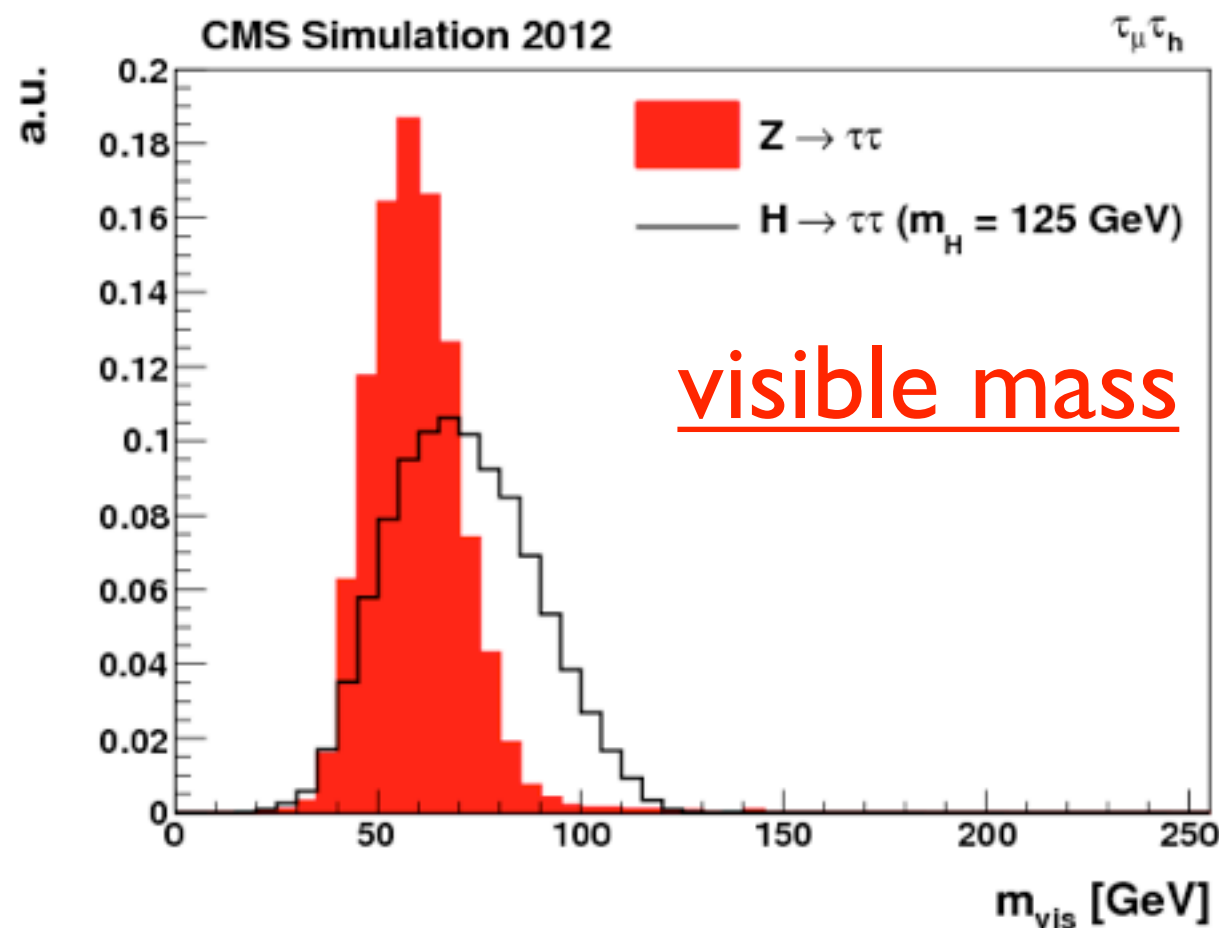
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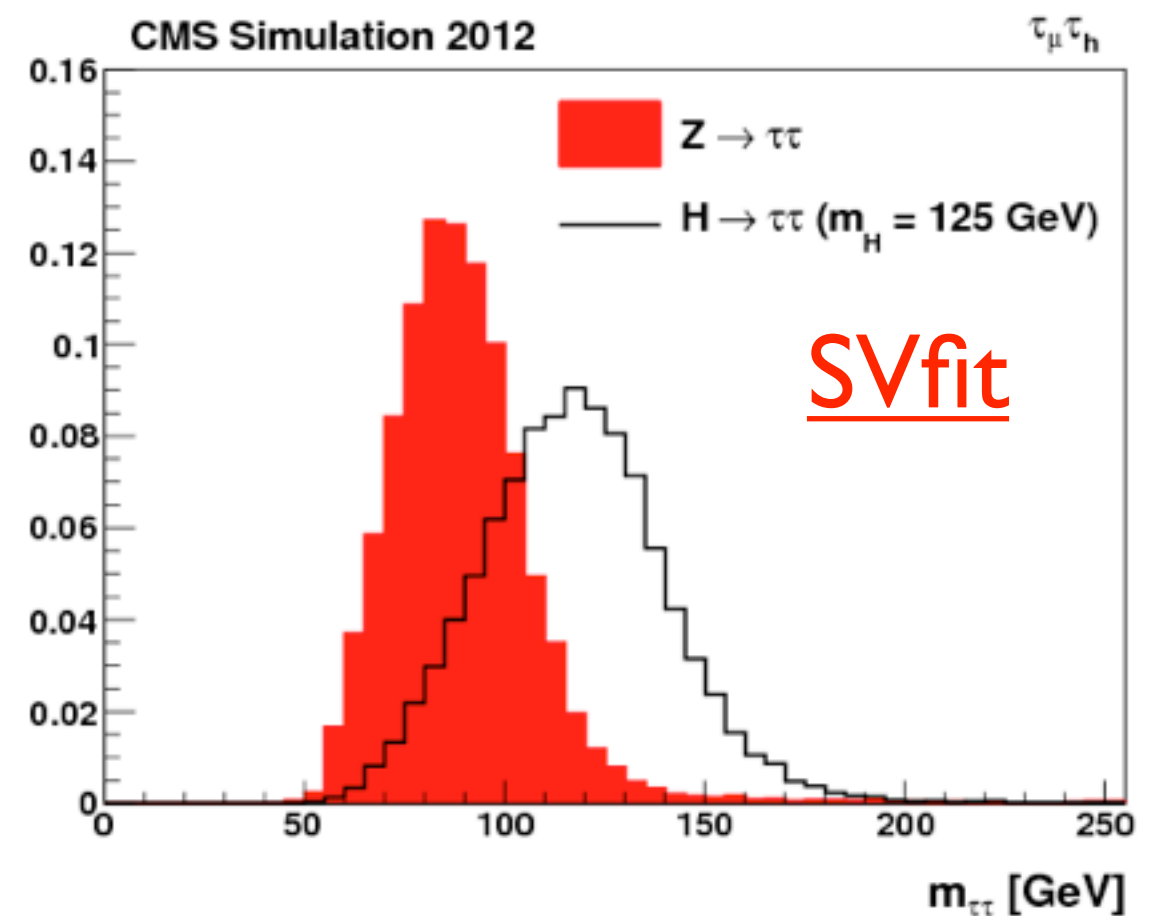
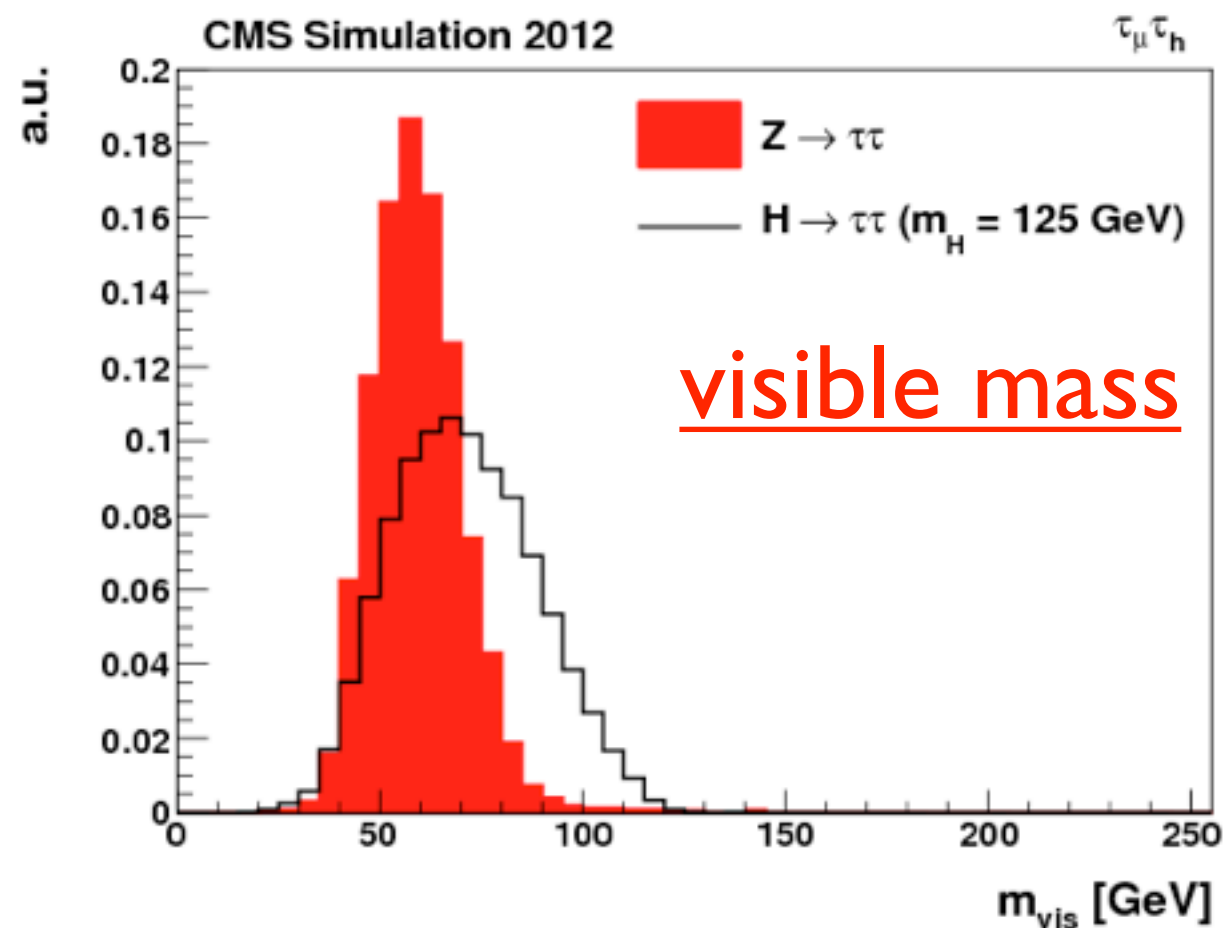
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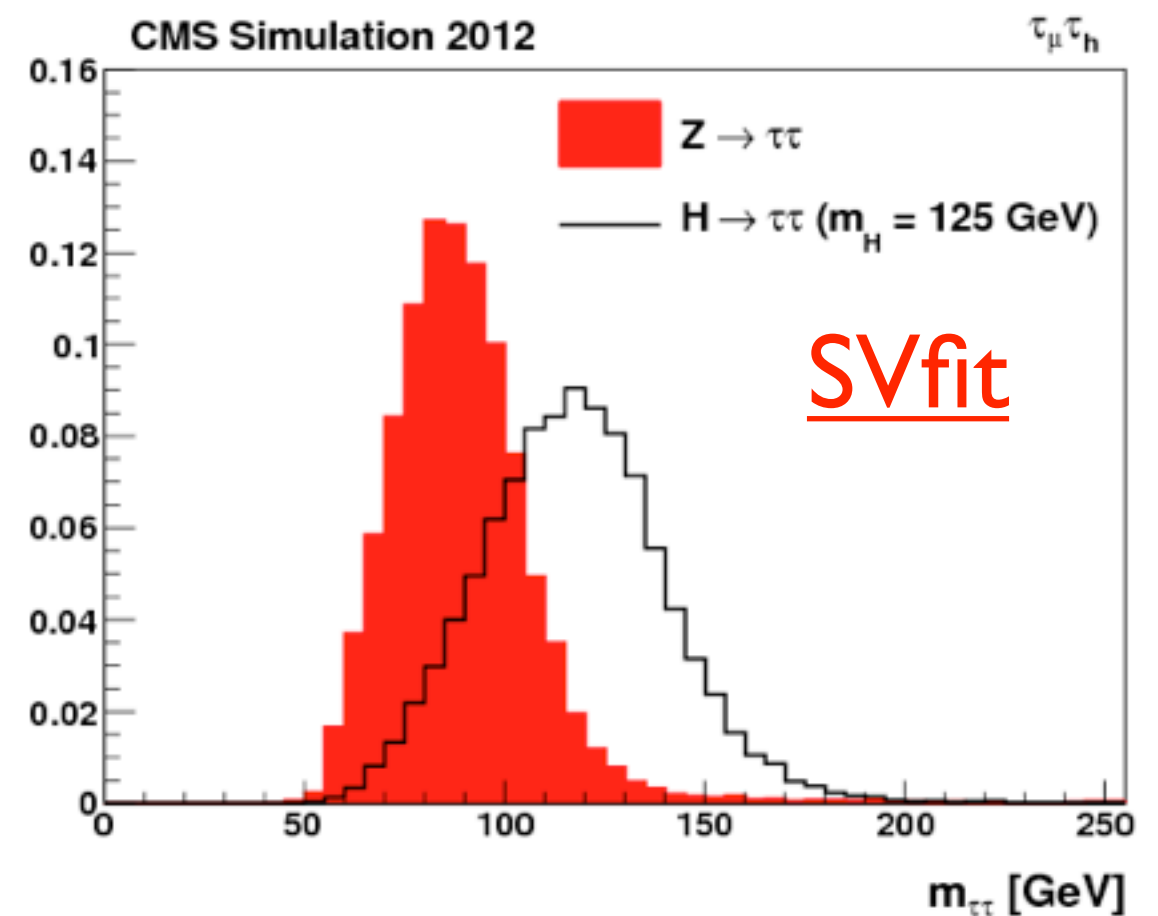
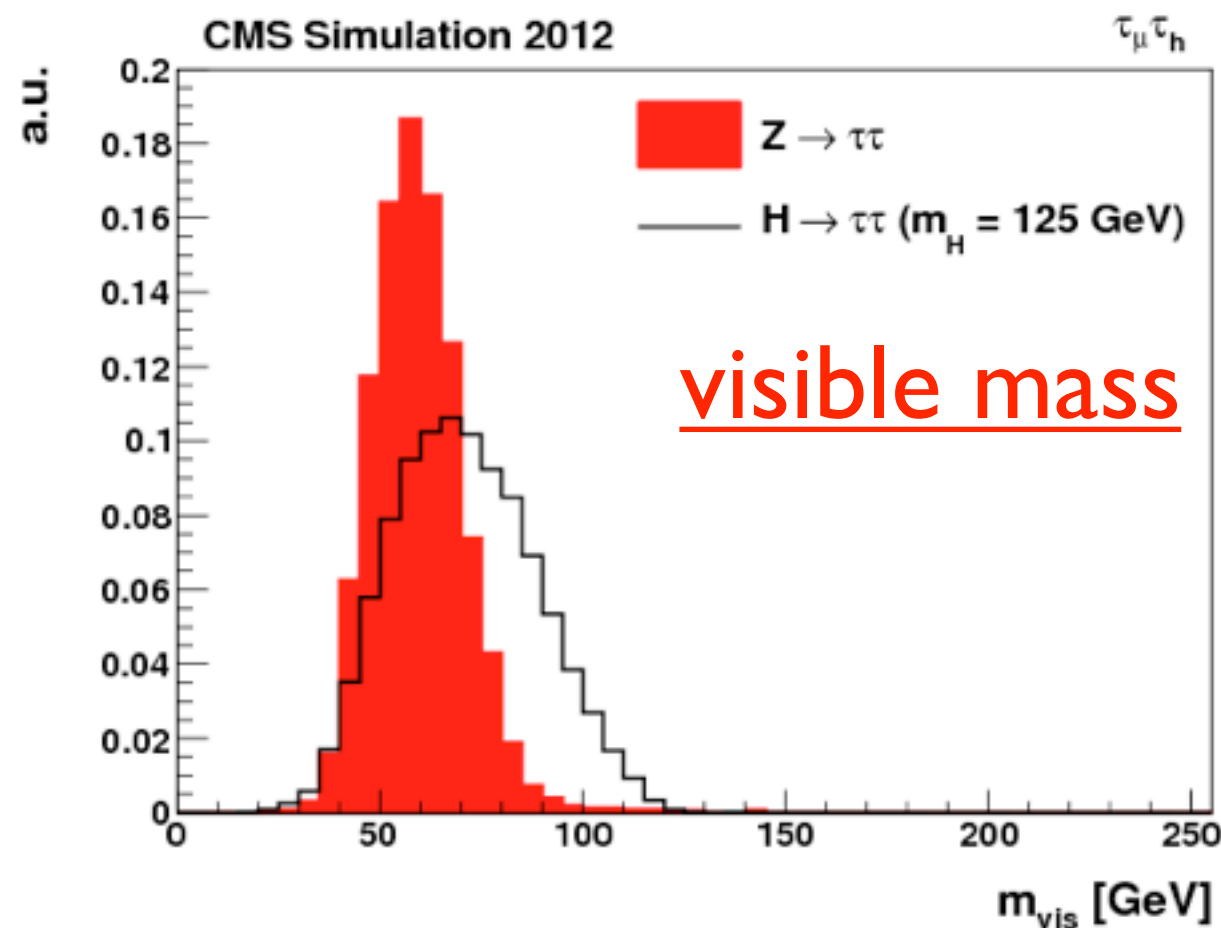


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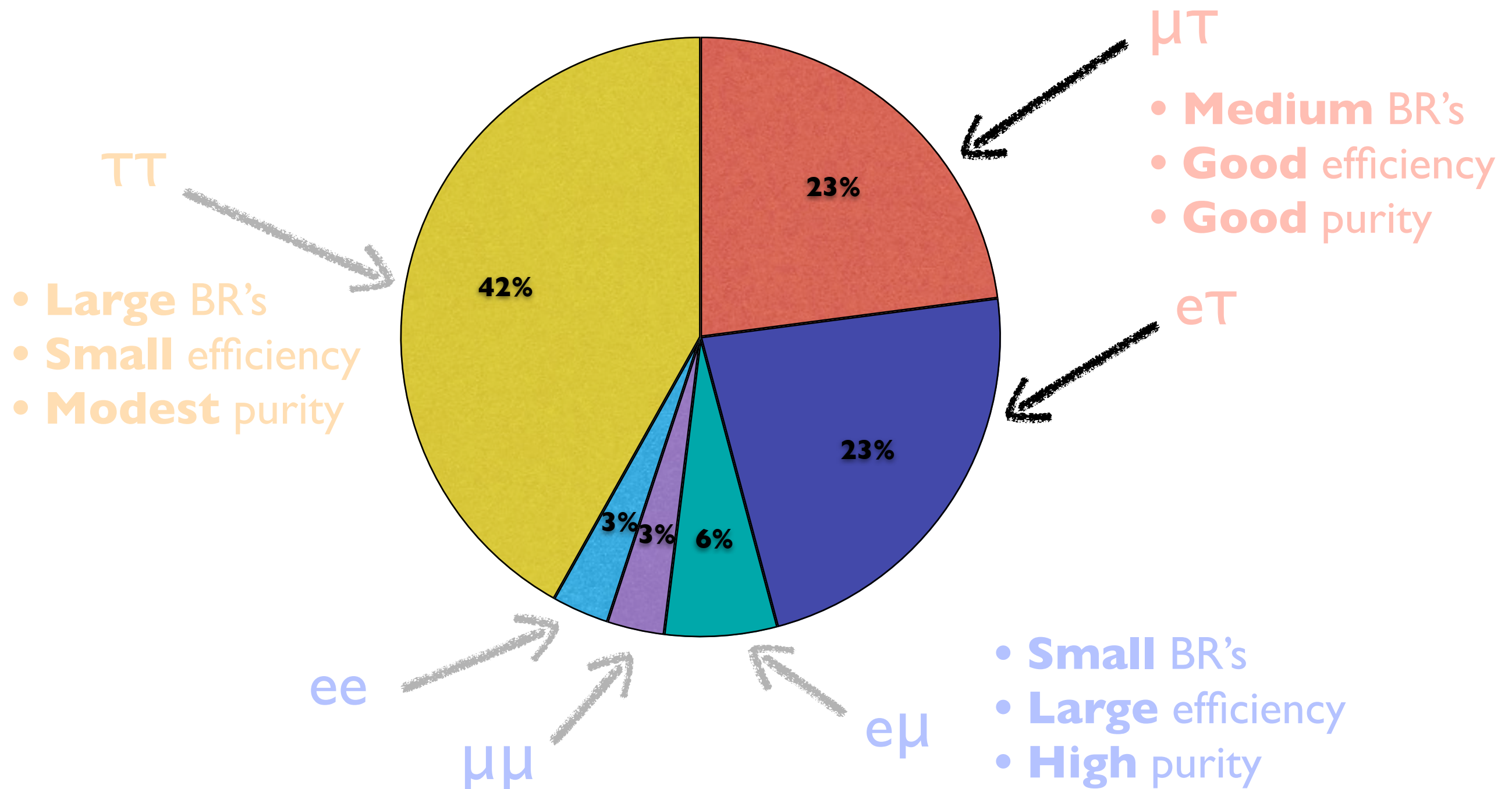
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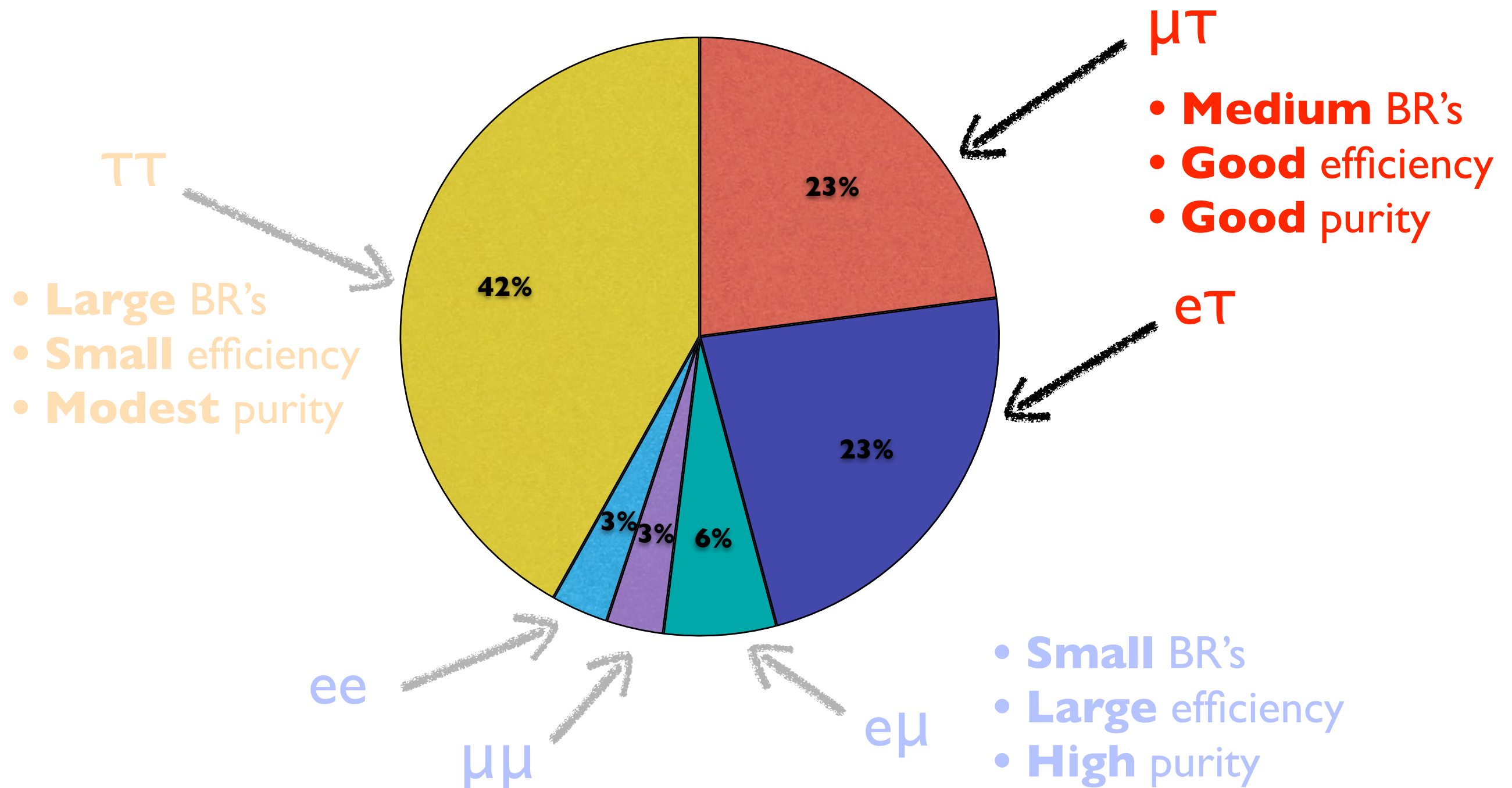
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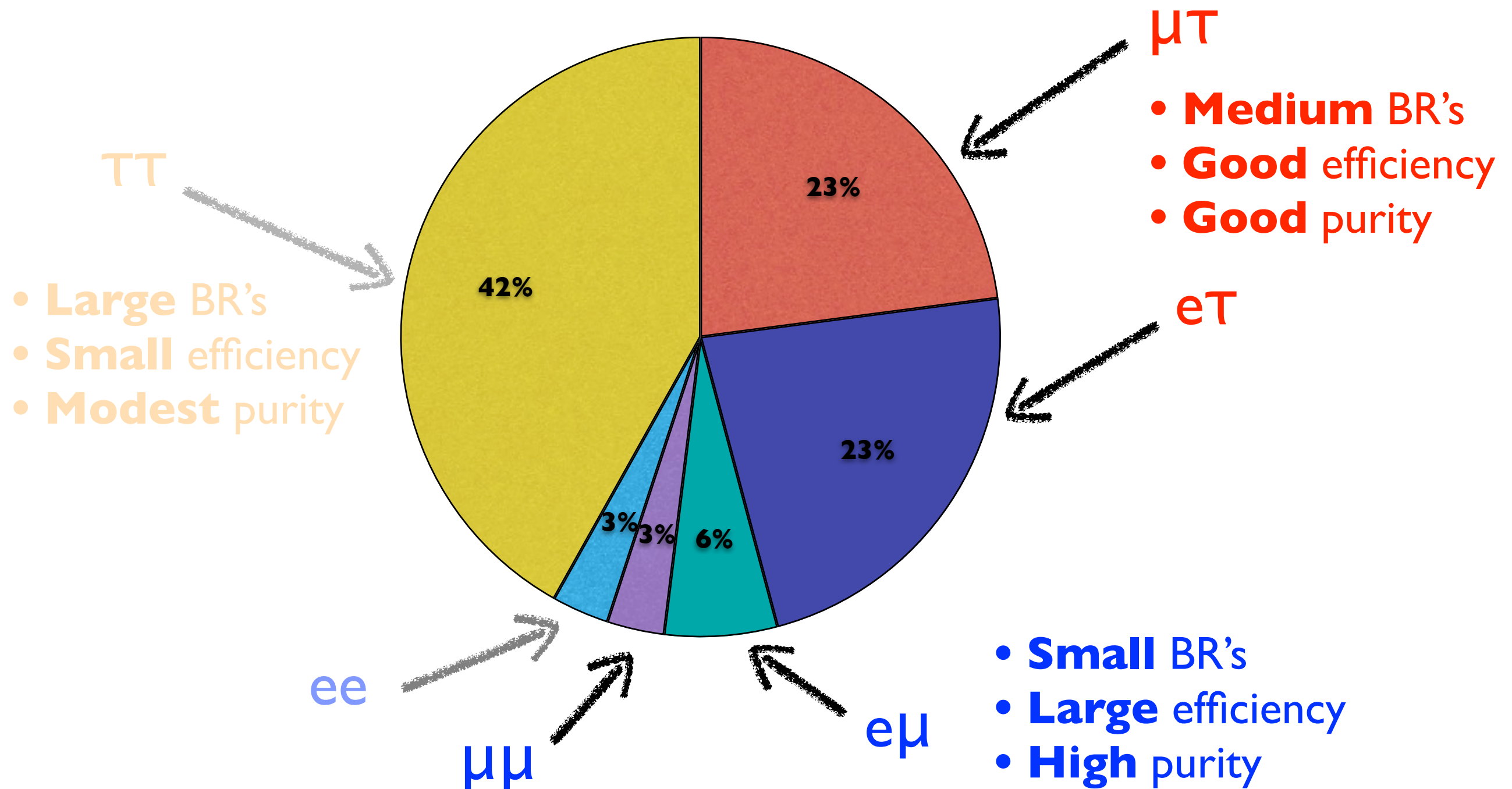
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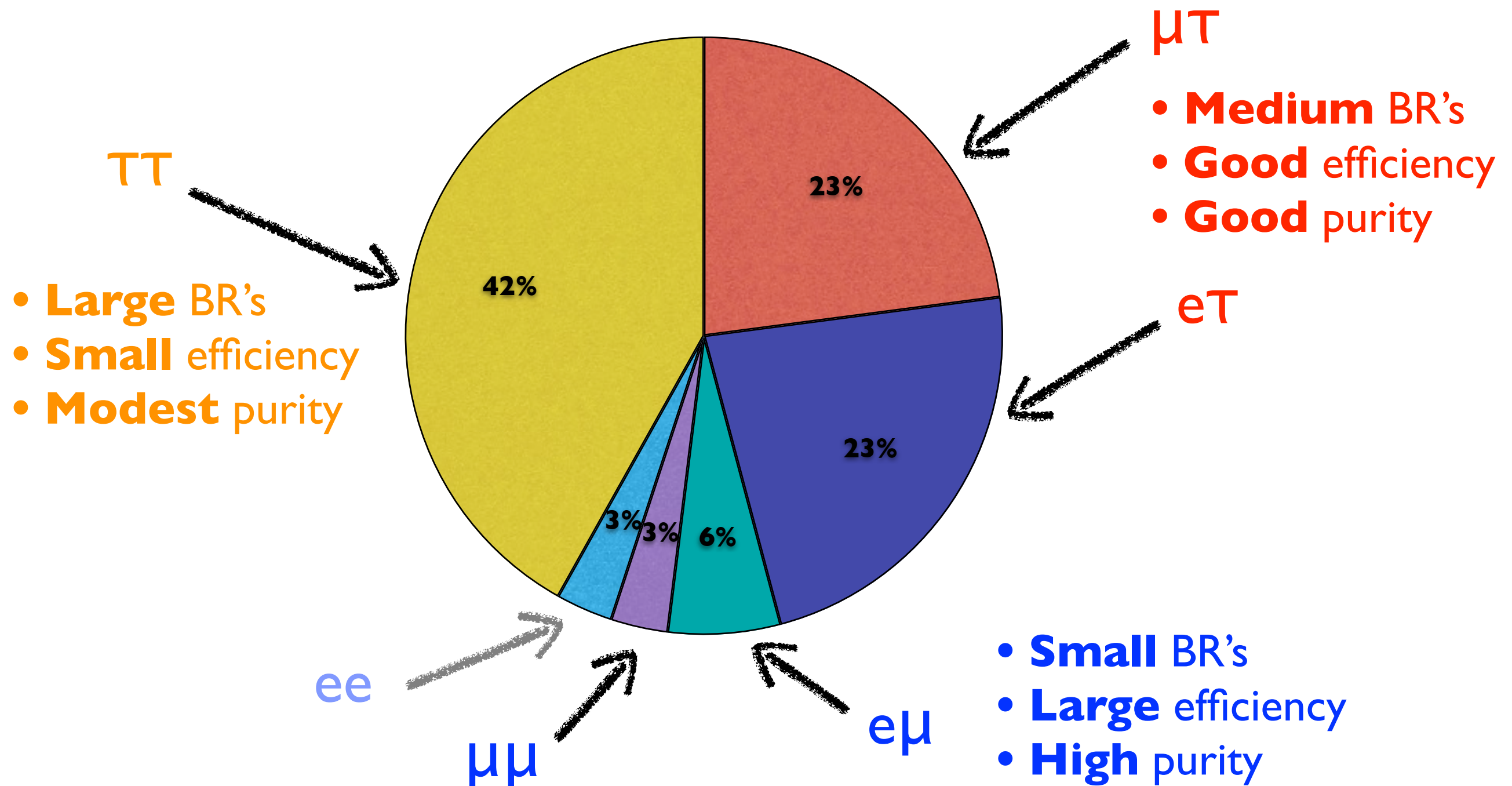
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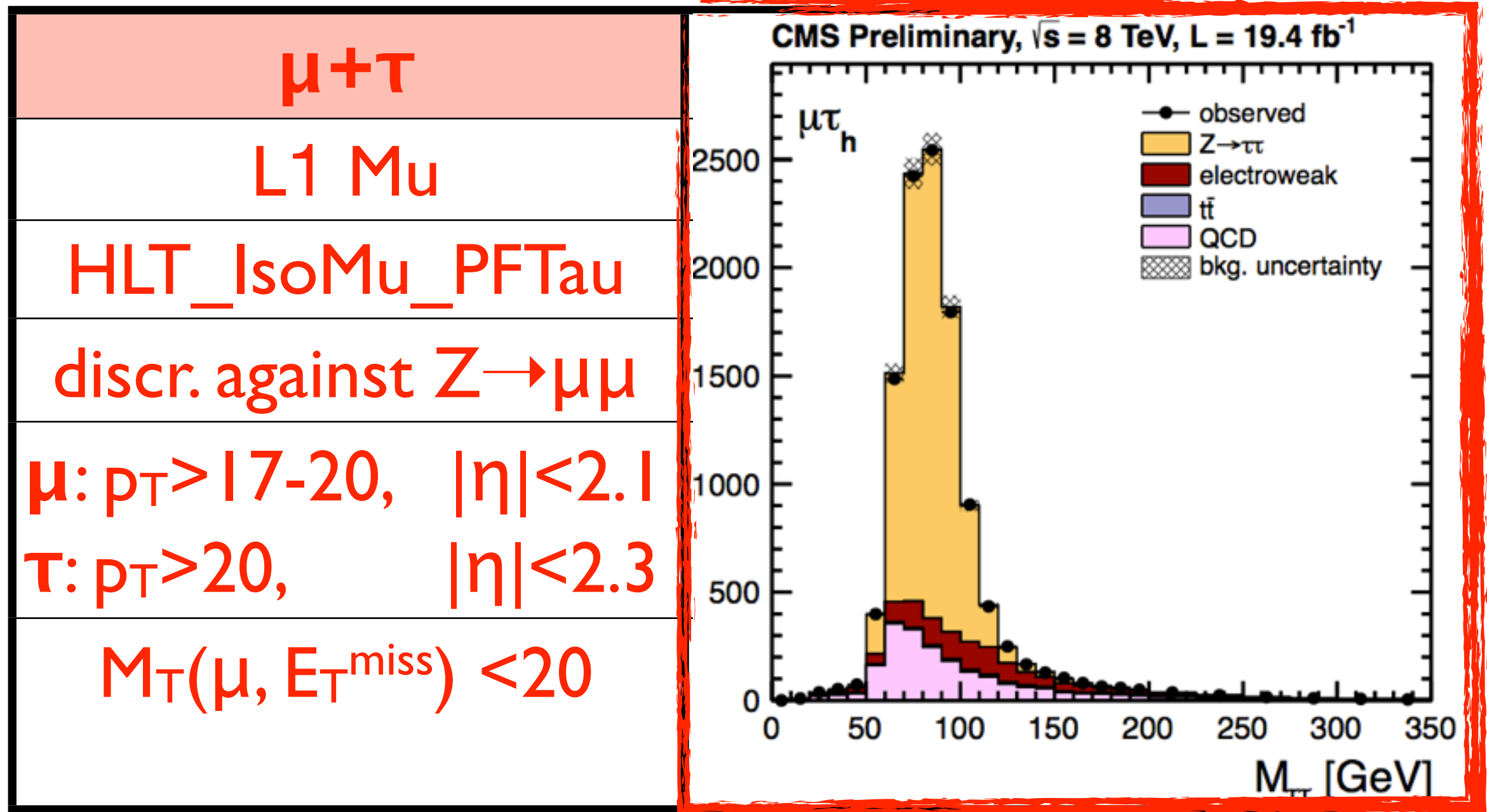
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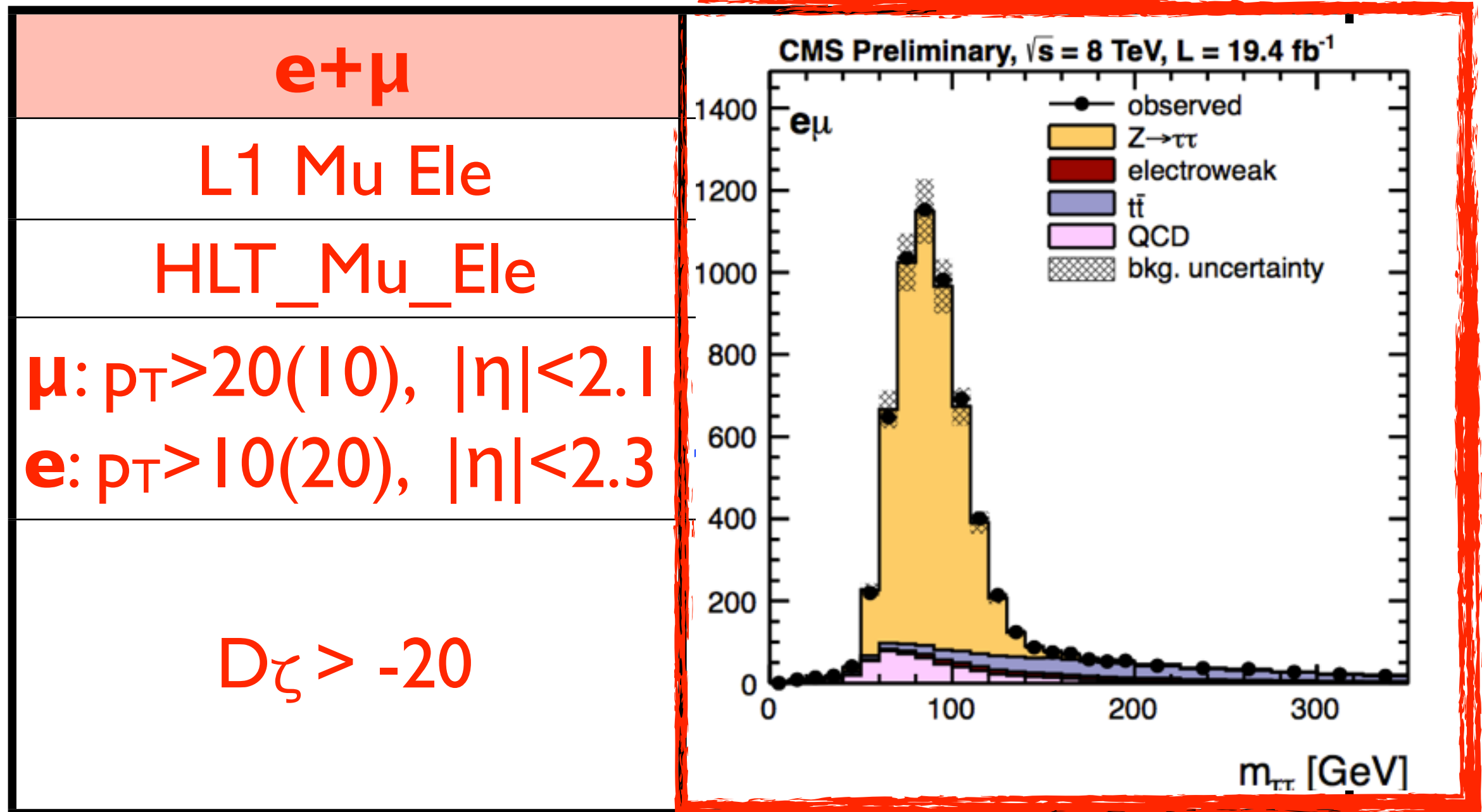


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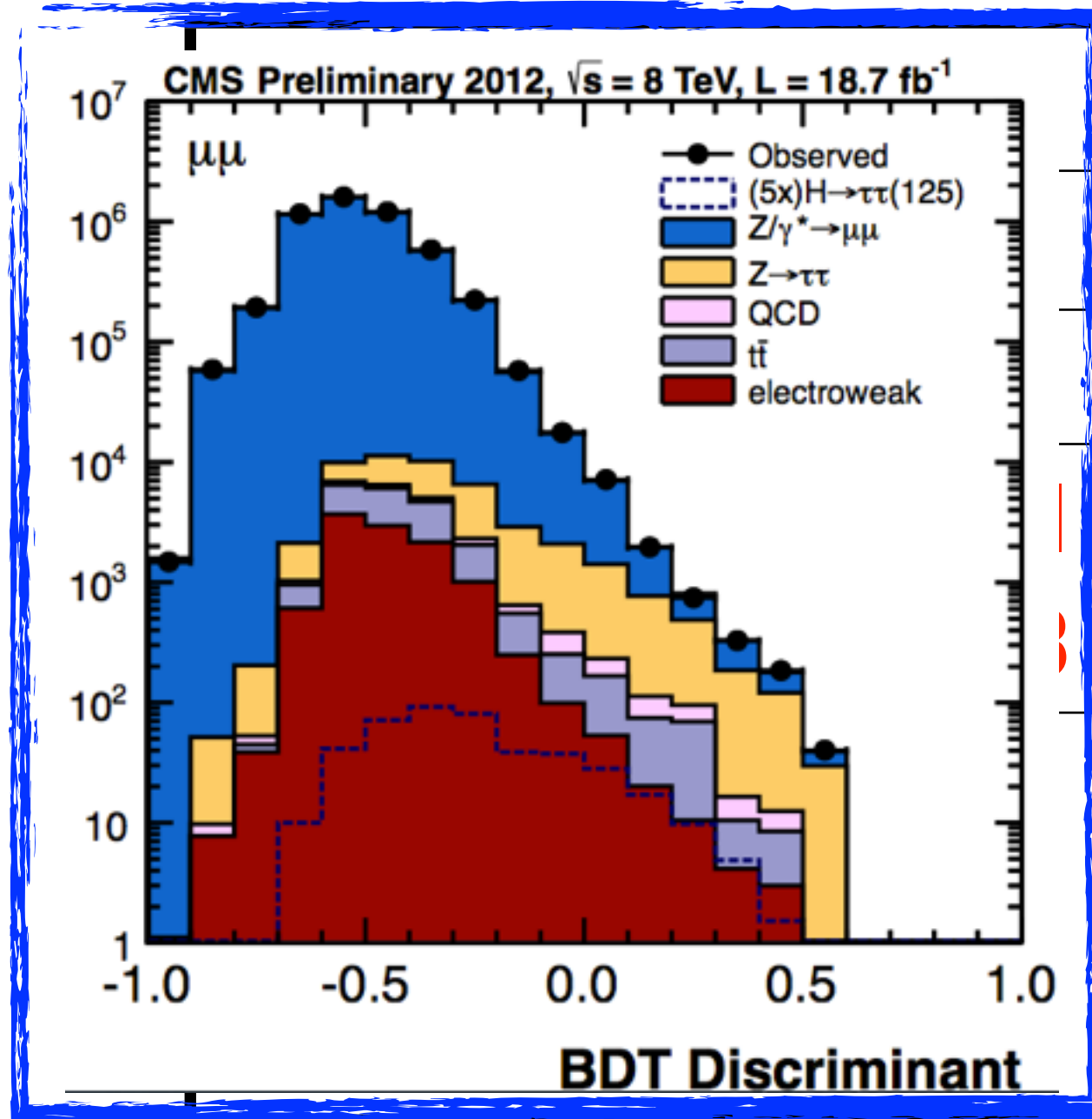
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HLT_DoubleMu

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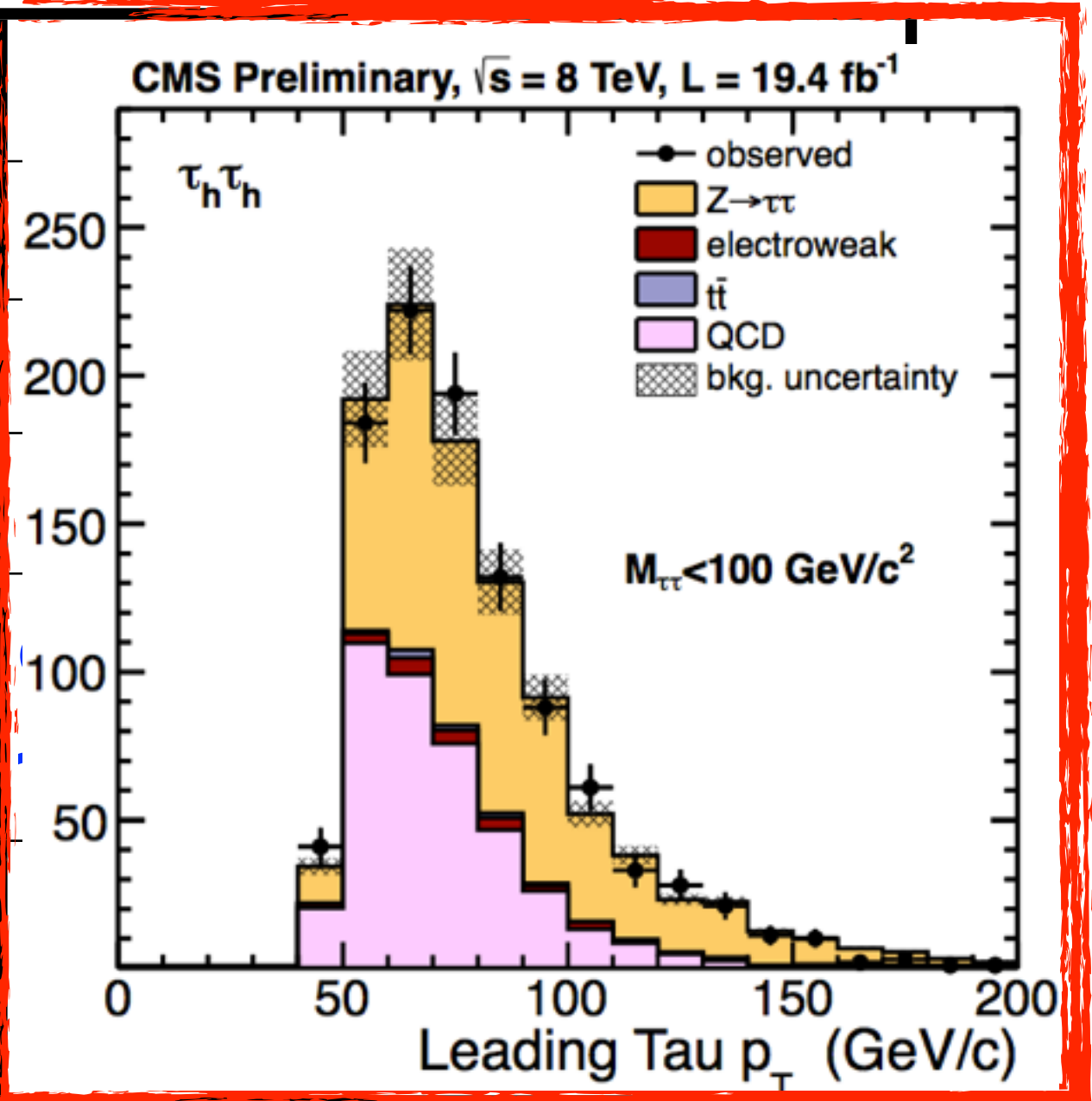
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BDT discriminant
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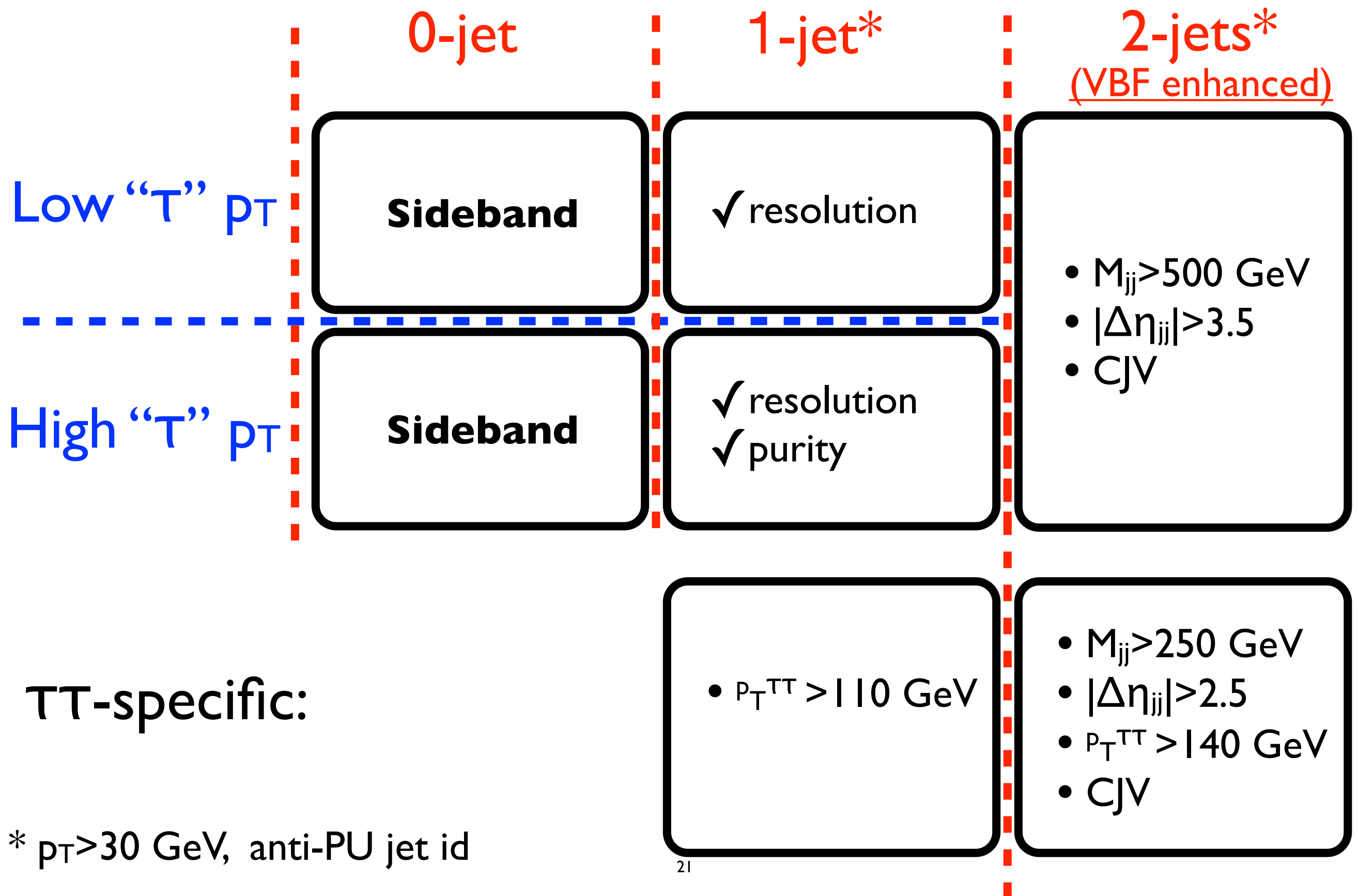
| $\tau+\tau$ | |
|-------------------------|----------------|
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| Transverse Boost* | |
| $p_T^H > 110-140$ | |



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* only in analysis cat. See later

Event Categories



Main backgrounds estimation

$Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$

Kinematics: $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$ **data**
[muons replaced with MC taus]

Normalization: $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$ yield in
same data set

$W + \text{jets}$

Kinematics: MC

Normalization: high- M_T **sideband**

Top

Kinematics: MC

Normalization: **sideband** (b -tags)

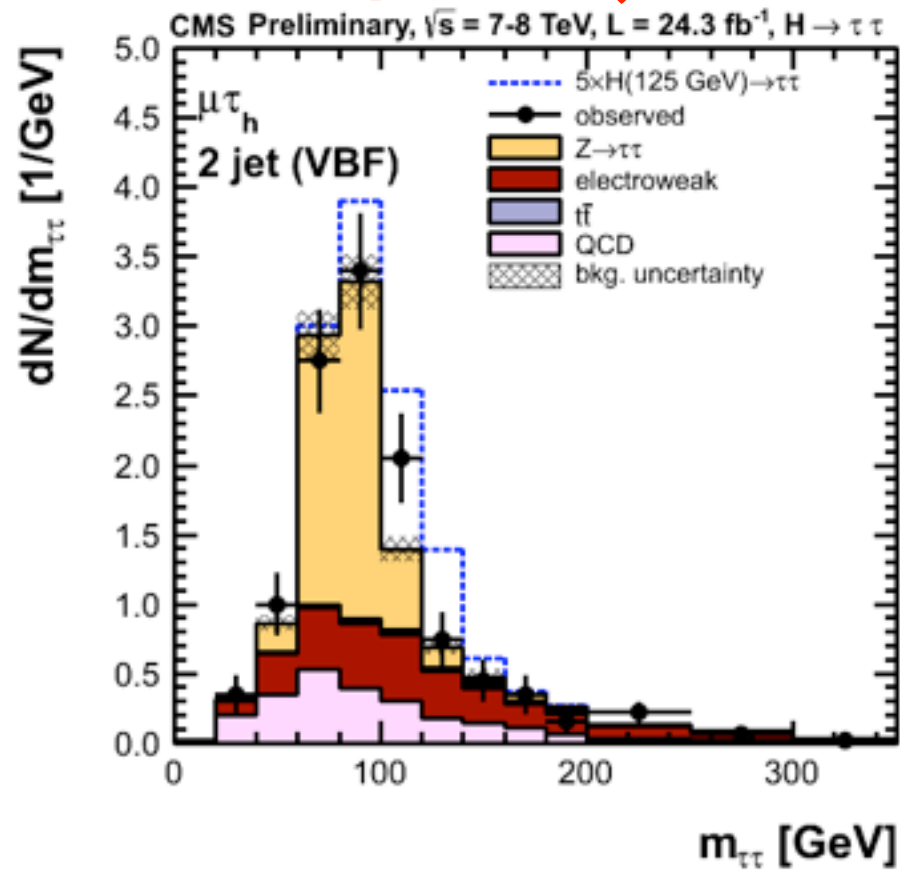
QCD

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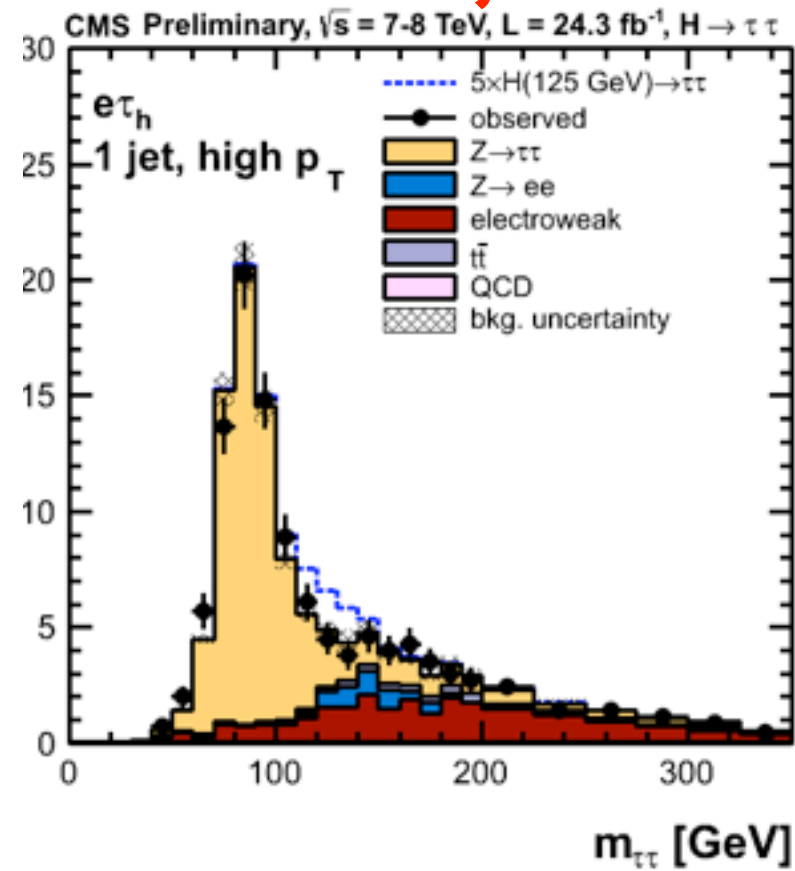
- Same-sign **sideband**, or
- Fake-rate method

Mass spectra

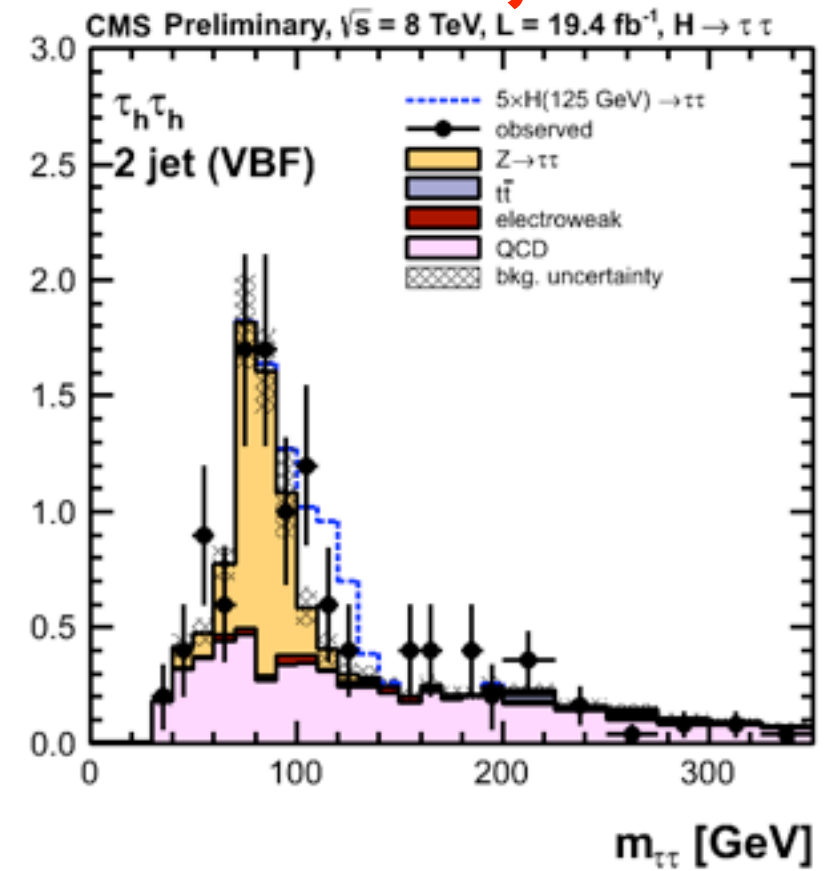
$\mu\tau$, 2-jet



$e\tau$, 1-jet



$\tau\tau$, 1-jet



... and many more!

Systematic uncertainties

| systematics | relative unc. | affects... | ...by... |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| τ ID+trigger | 8% | norm. | $\pm 8\%$ |
| τ energy scale | 3% | norm., shape | $\pm 3\%$ |
| jet energy scale | 2-5% | norm. | $\pm(1-6)\%$ $\pm(5-20)\%$ |
| $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$ in cat. | - | norm. | $\pm(3-13)\%$ |
| QCD | - | norm. | $\pm(6-35)\%$ |
| W +jets/ $l \rightarrow \tau$ fakes | - | norm. | $\pm(10-30)\%$ |
| Th. unc. (scale) | - | norm. | $\pm 4\%$ $\pm(10-30)\%$ |
| Stat. unc. templates | - | bin norm. | $\leq 10\%$ |

● Over-constrained system

- ▶ Mostly from 0-jet category
- ▶ Fit for nuisances. E.g.

τ -ID: $(0.0 \pm 8.0)\% \rightarrow (-5.5 \pm 1.9)\%$

$\mu \rightarrow \tau$: $(0.0 \pm 30)\% \rightarrow (-10 \pm 16)\%$

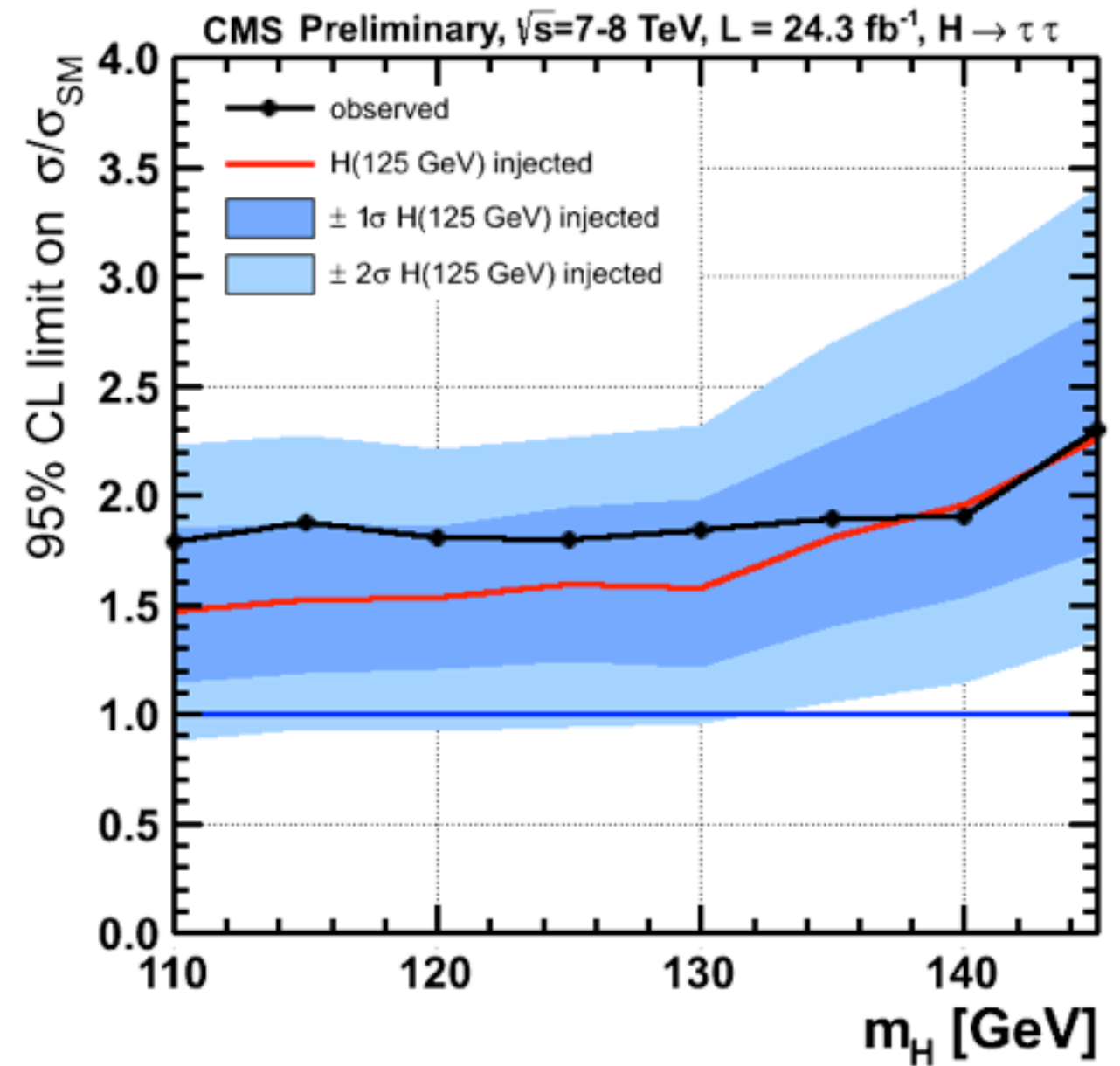
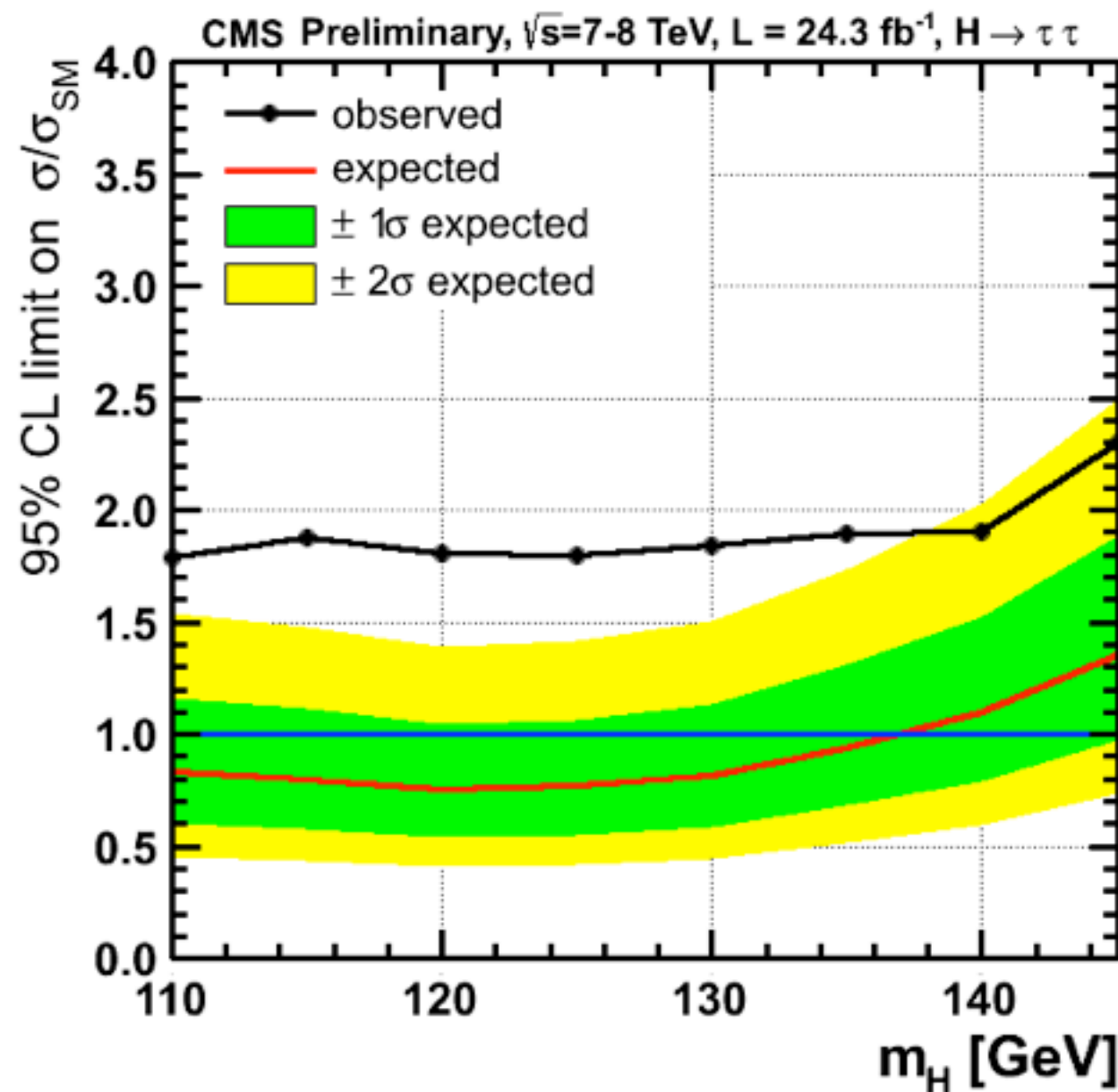
τ -ES: $(0.0 \pm 3.0)\% \rightarrow (-0.8 \pm 0.2)\%$

N.B. can't take them as **real** measurements (large correlations!!!)

Results: CL upper limits

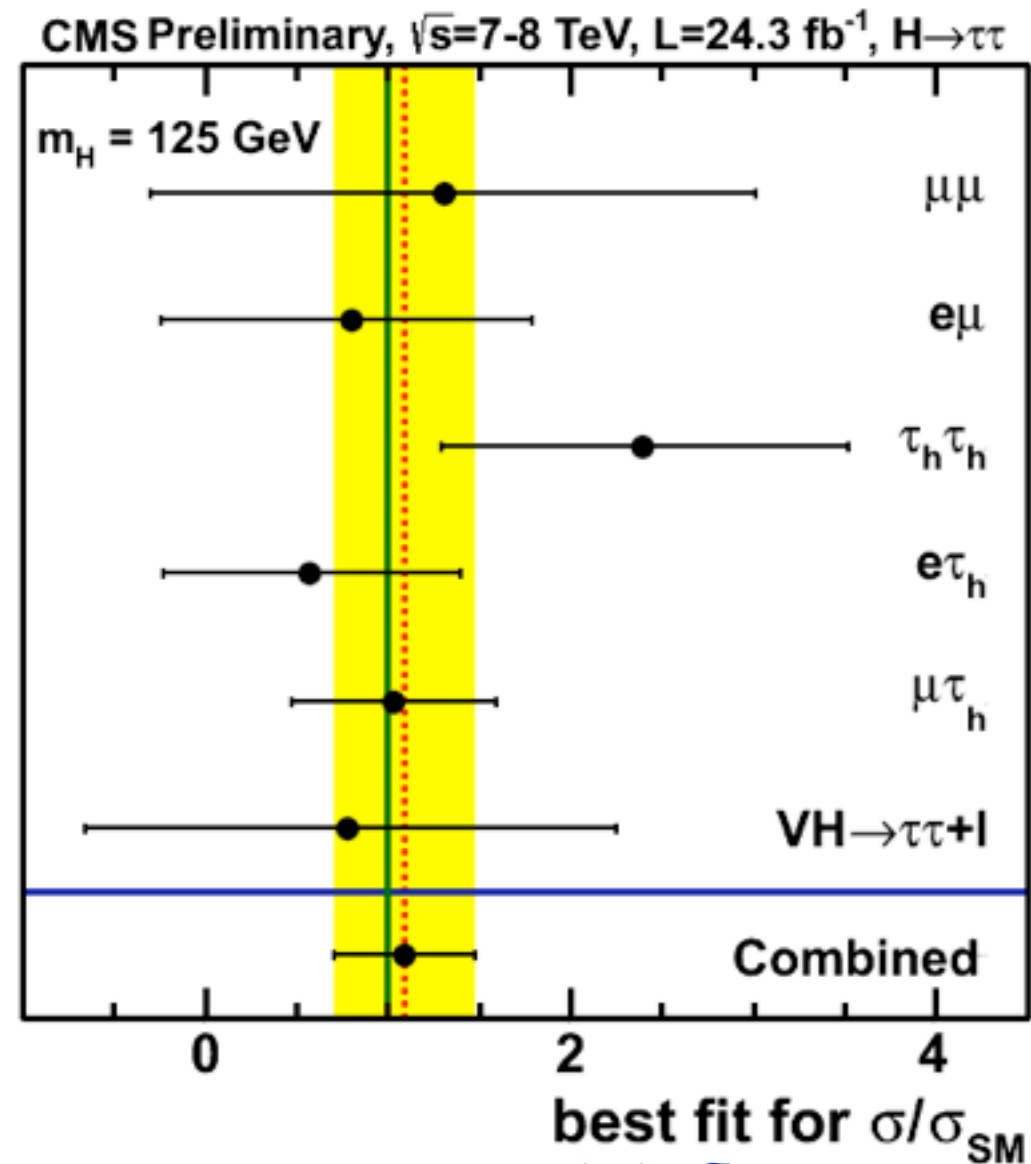
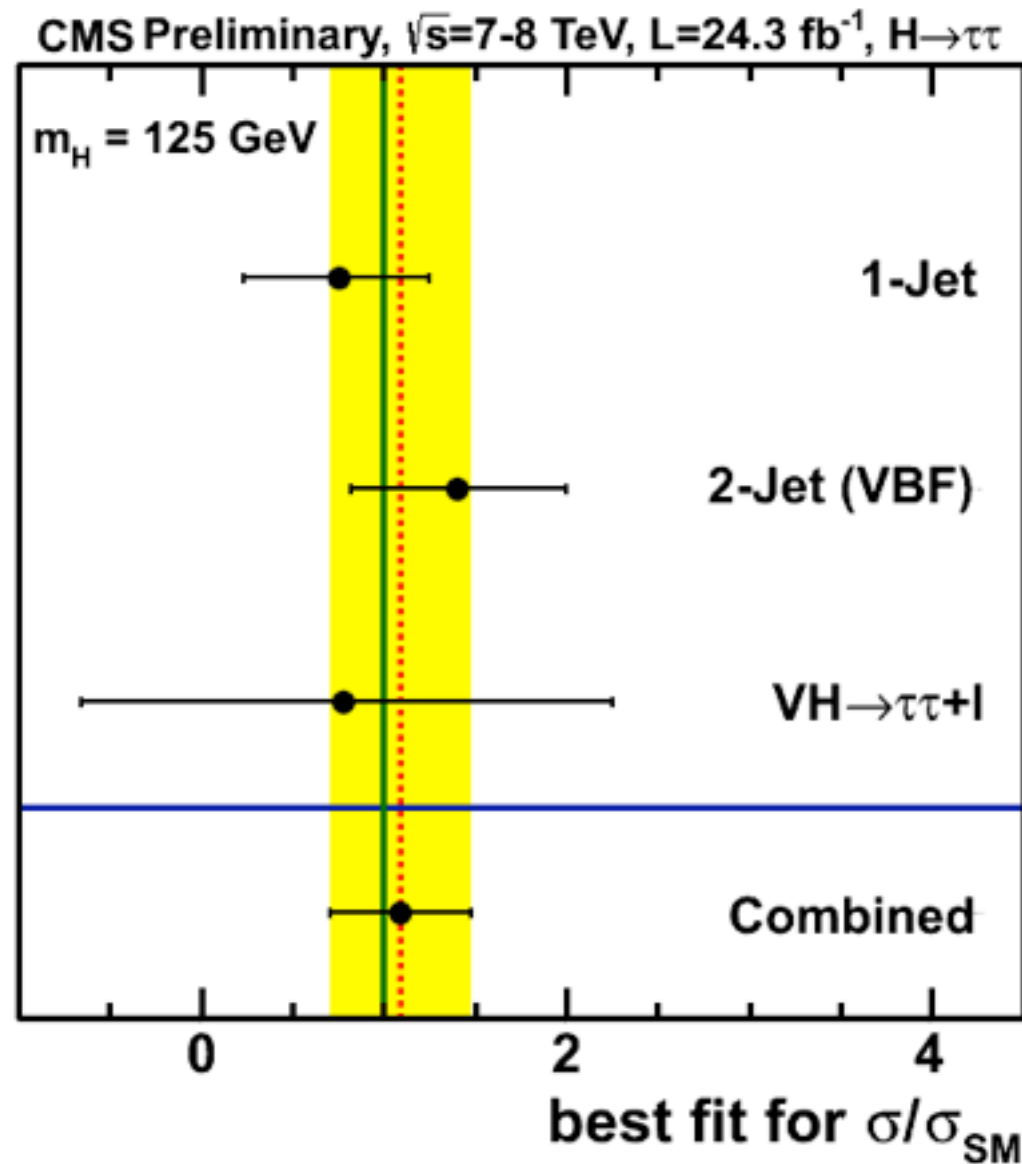
- Exclusion limits

- ▶ Broad **excess** makes the exclusion weaker than expected
- ▶ Consistency improves under **signal+background** hypothesis



Results: ML fit to strength modifier

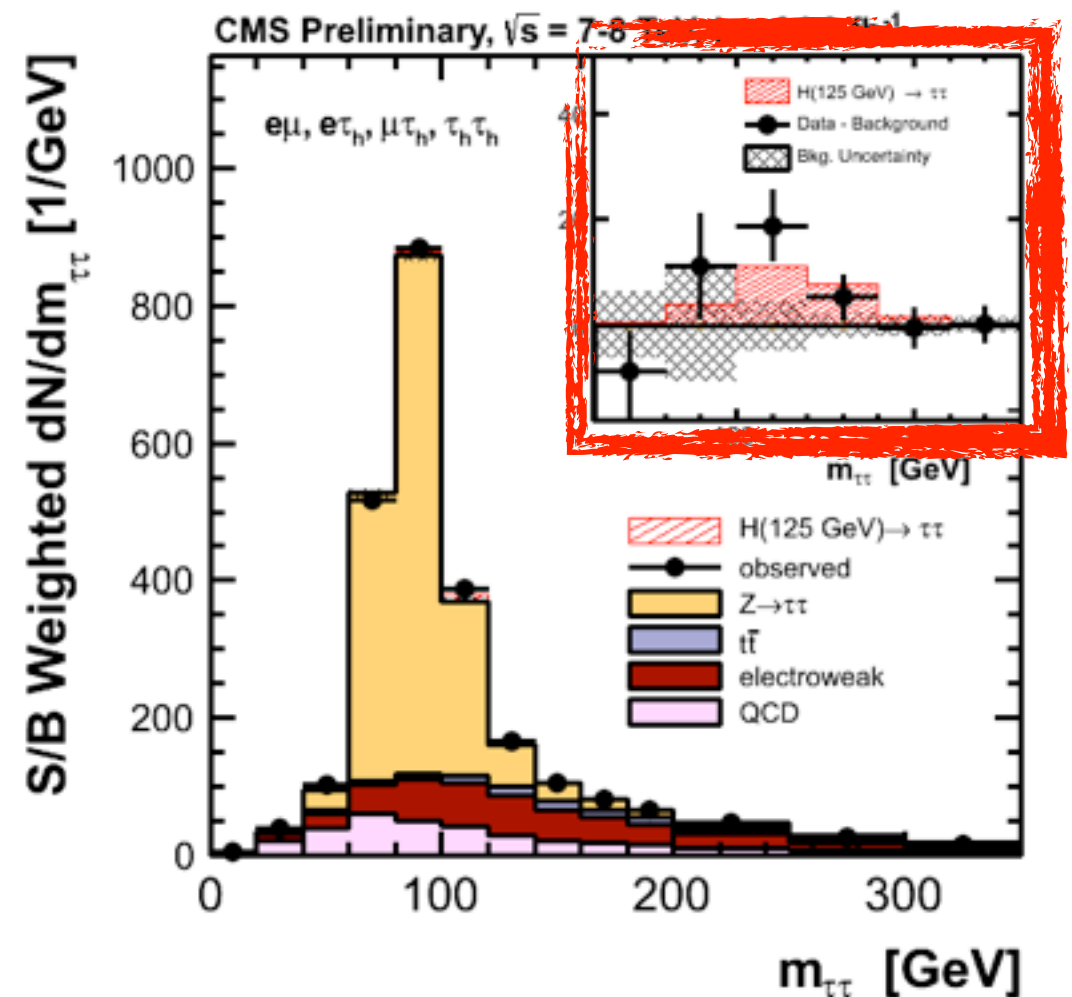
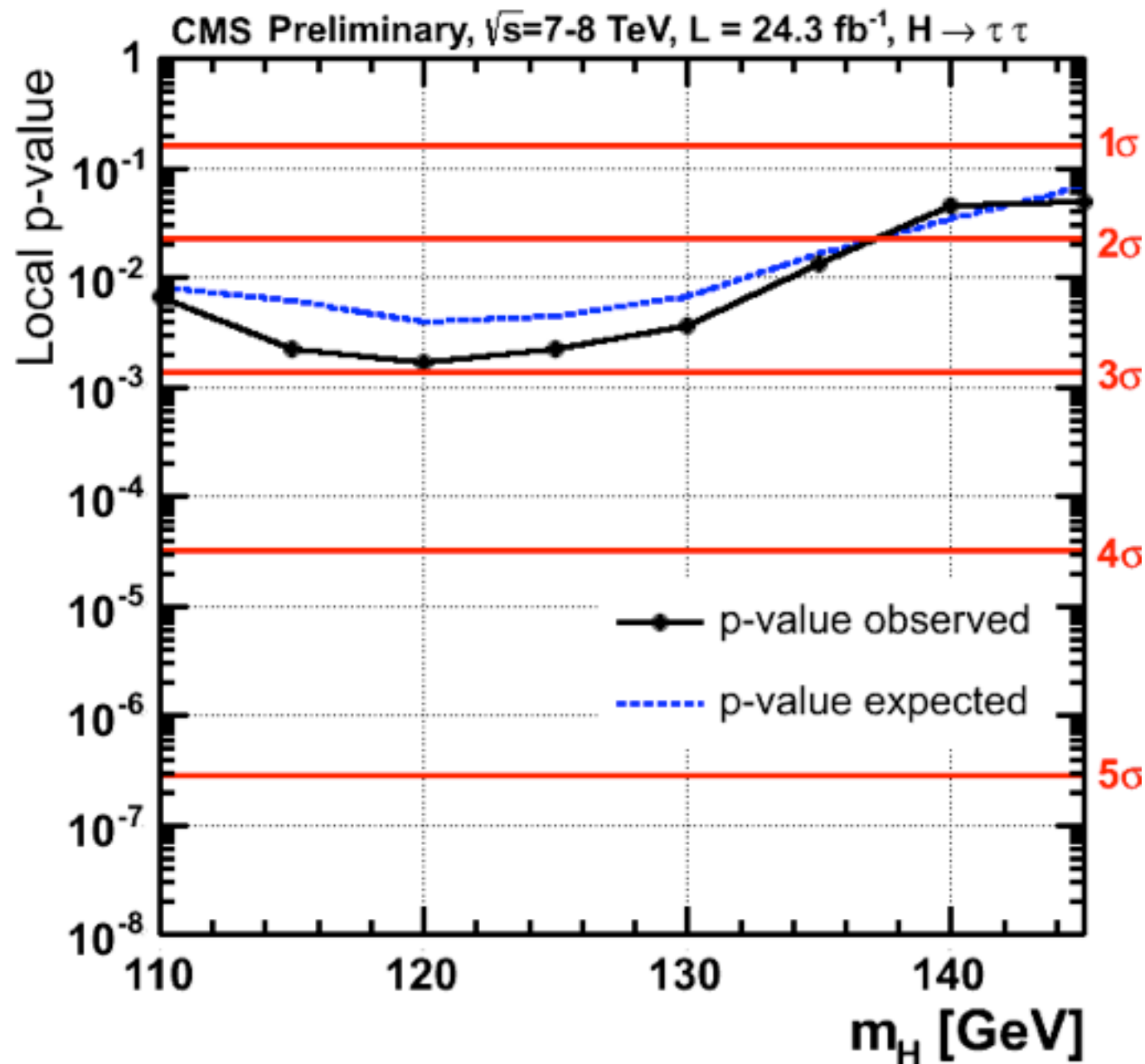
- Anatomy of the excess
 - Consistent among categories / channels



$$\mu(SM) = 1.1 \pm 0.4 \text{ at } M_H = 125 \text{ GeV}$$

Results: significance of the excess

- Probability for a background fluctuation
 - ▶ Minimum p-value of **2.93σ** at **$M_H = 120$ GeV**
 - ▶ Measured p-value of **2.85σ** at **$M_H = 125.8$ GeV** (expected from SM: **2.6σ**)



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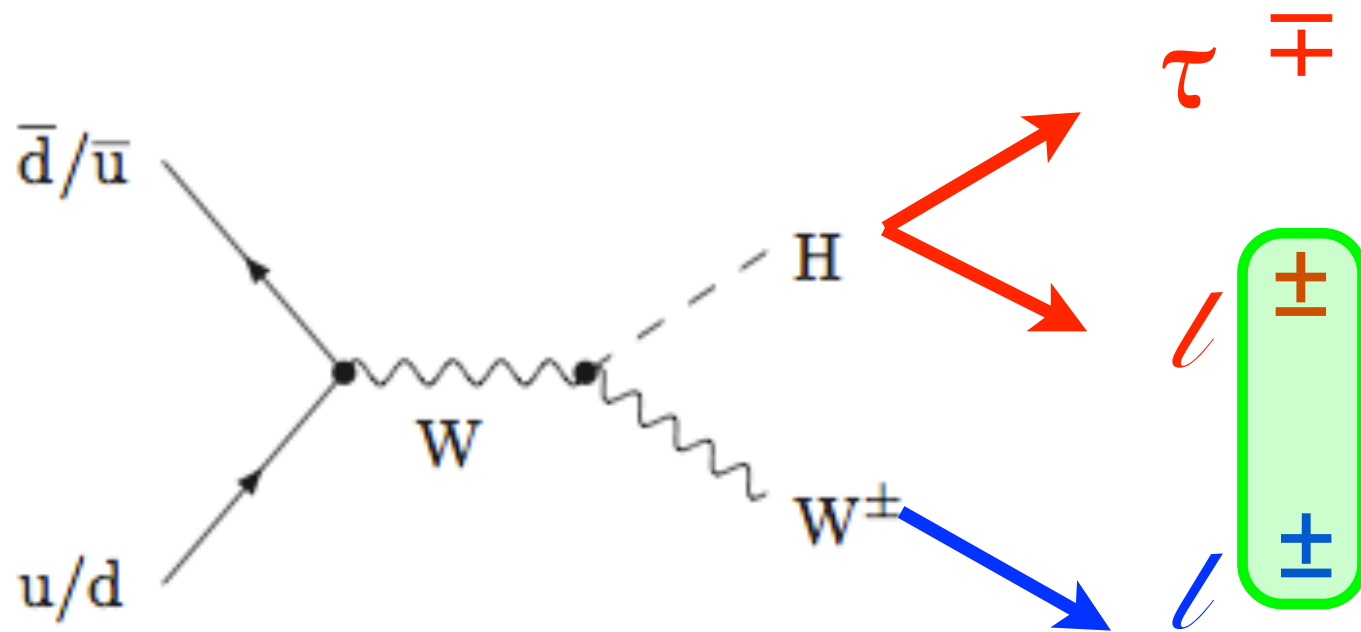
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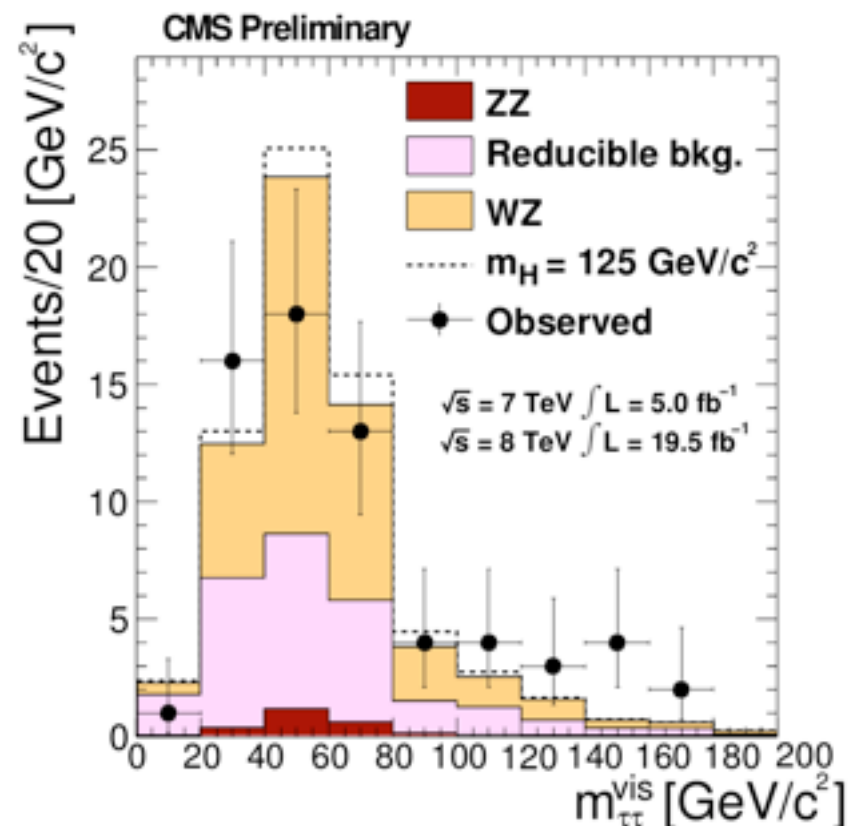
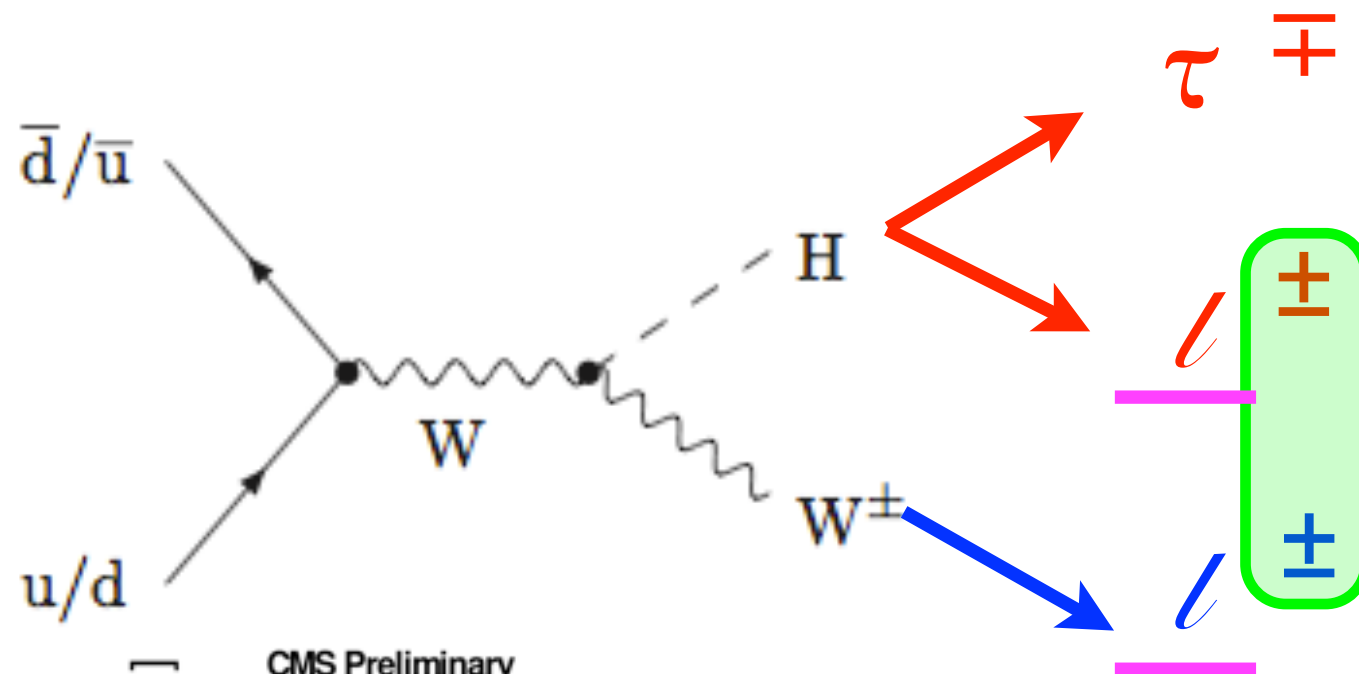
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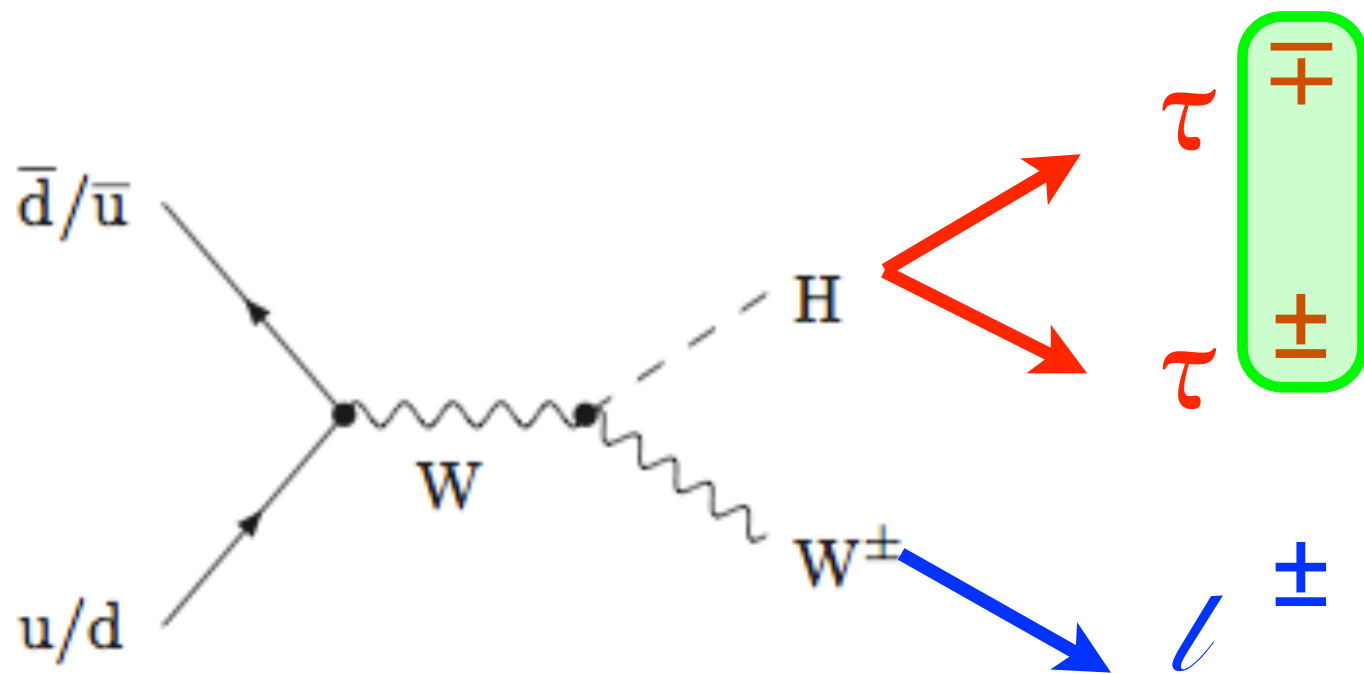
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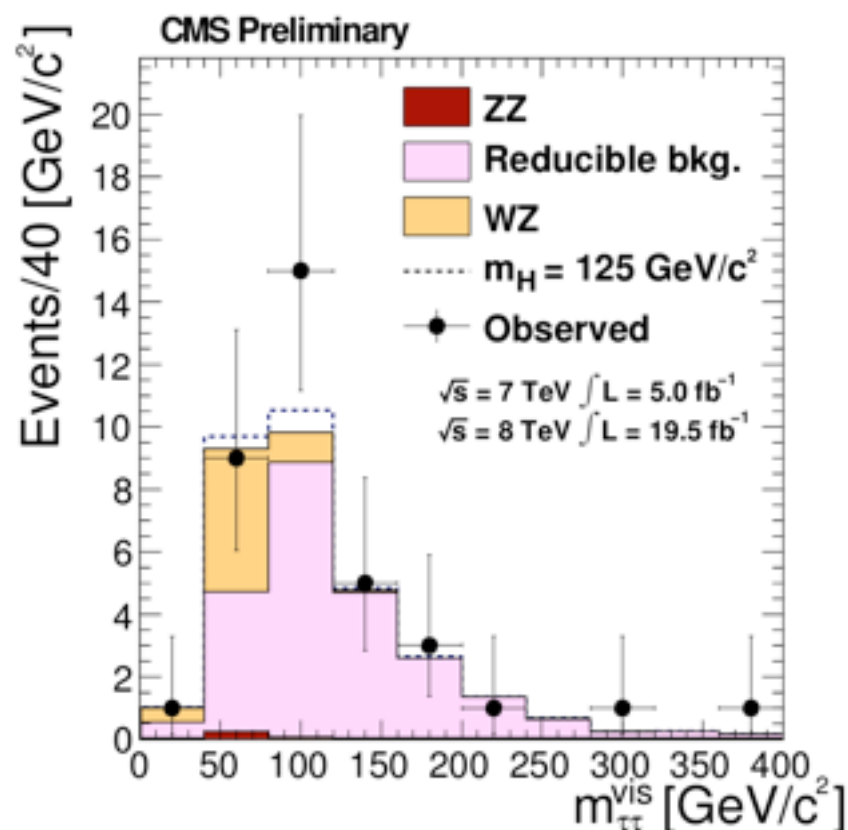
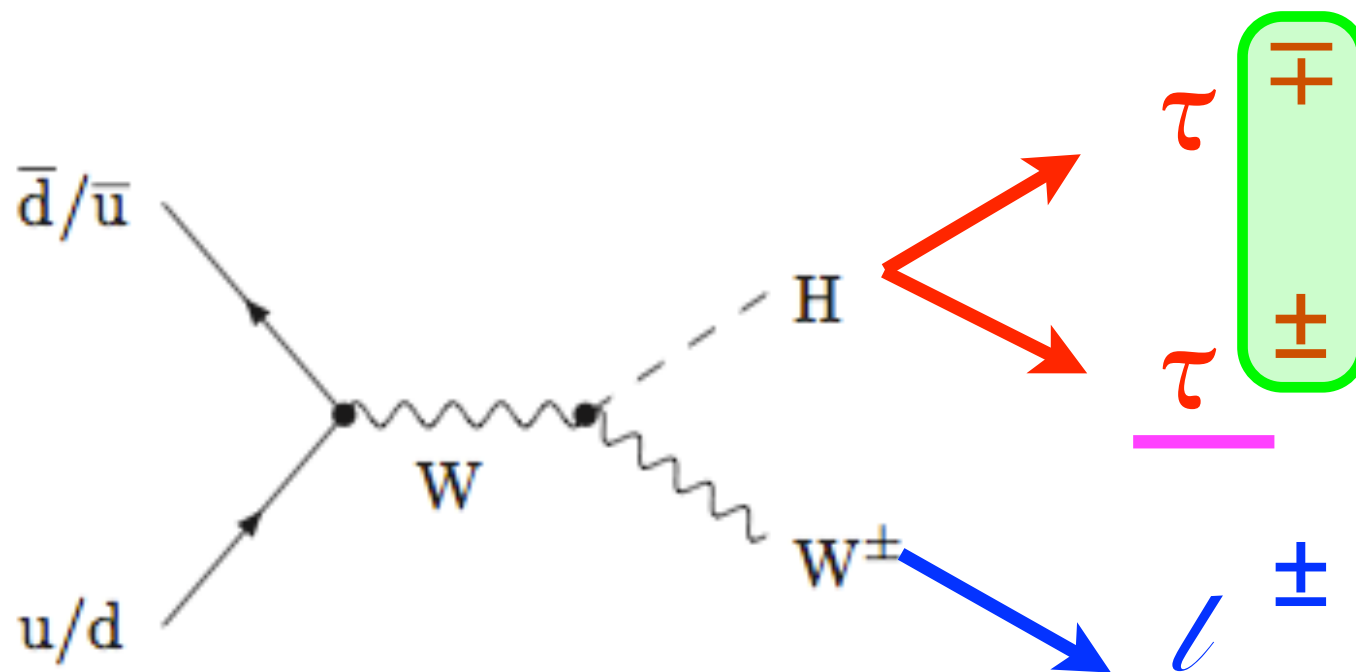
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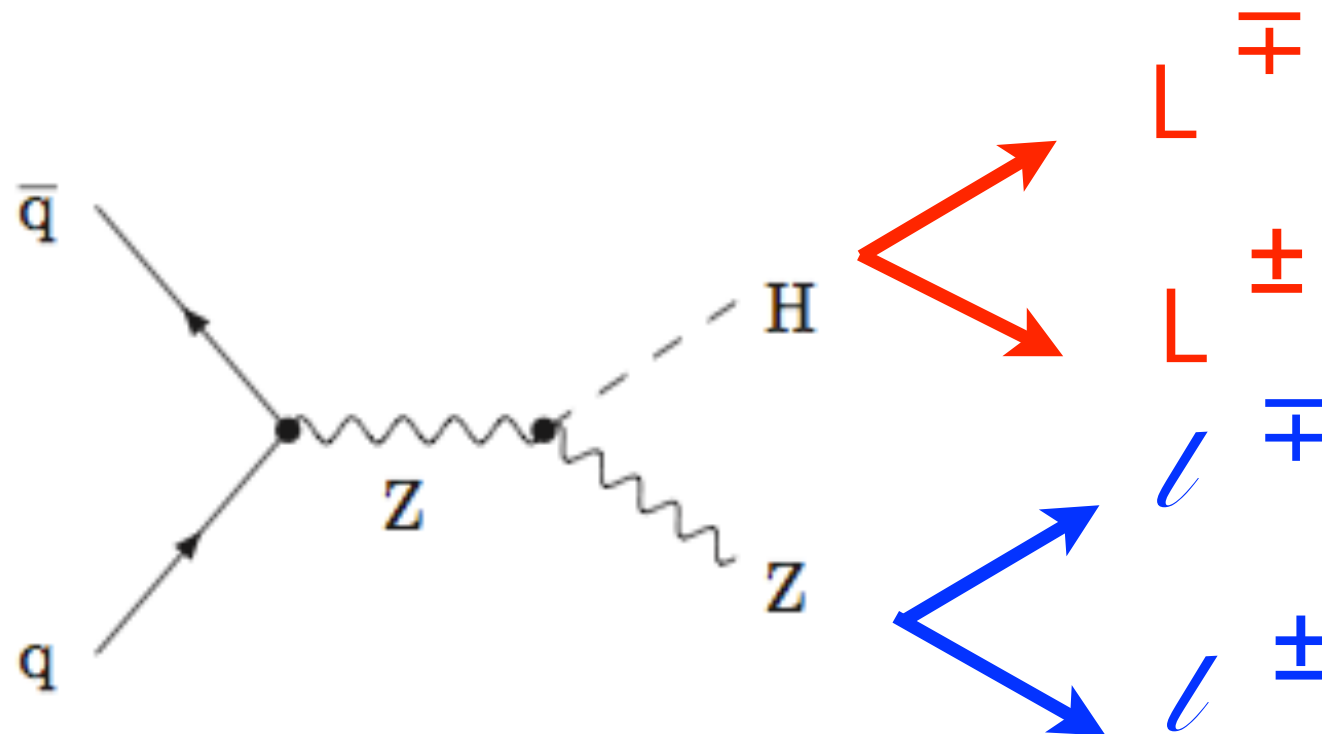
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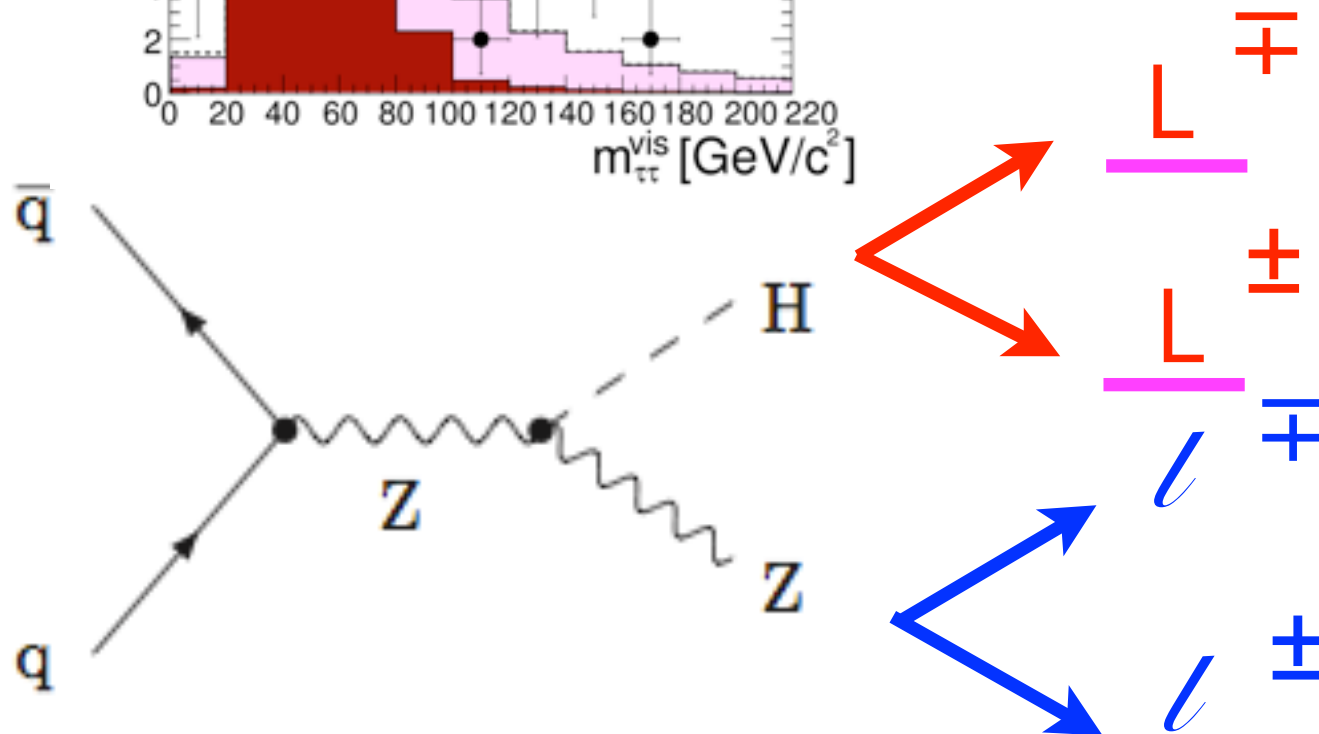
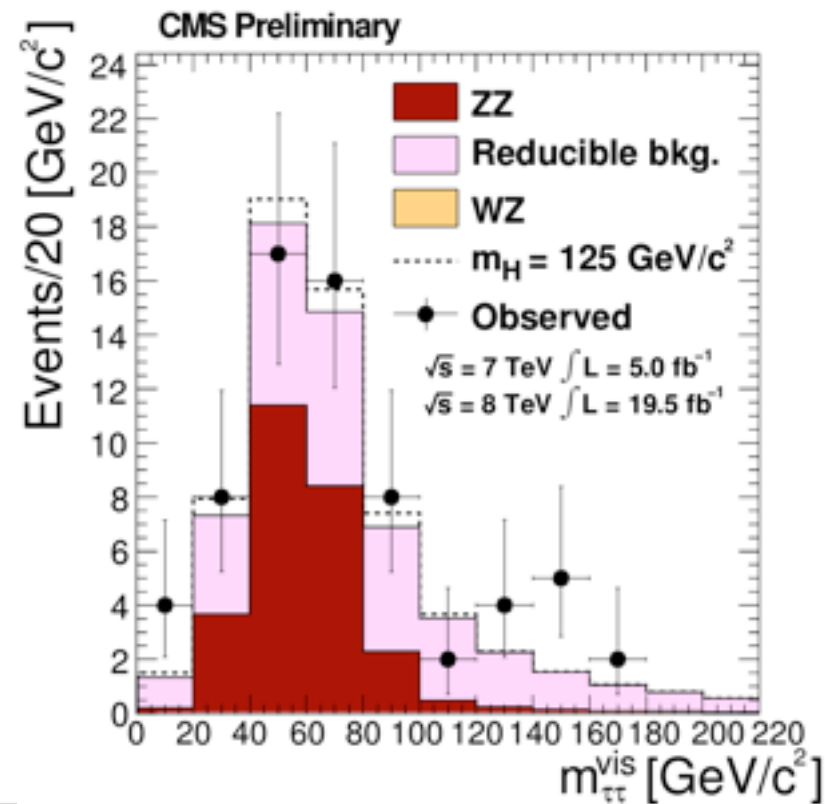


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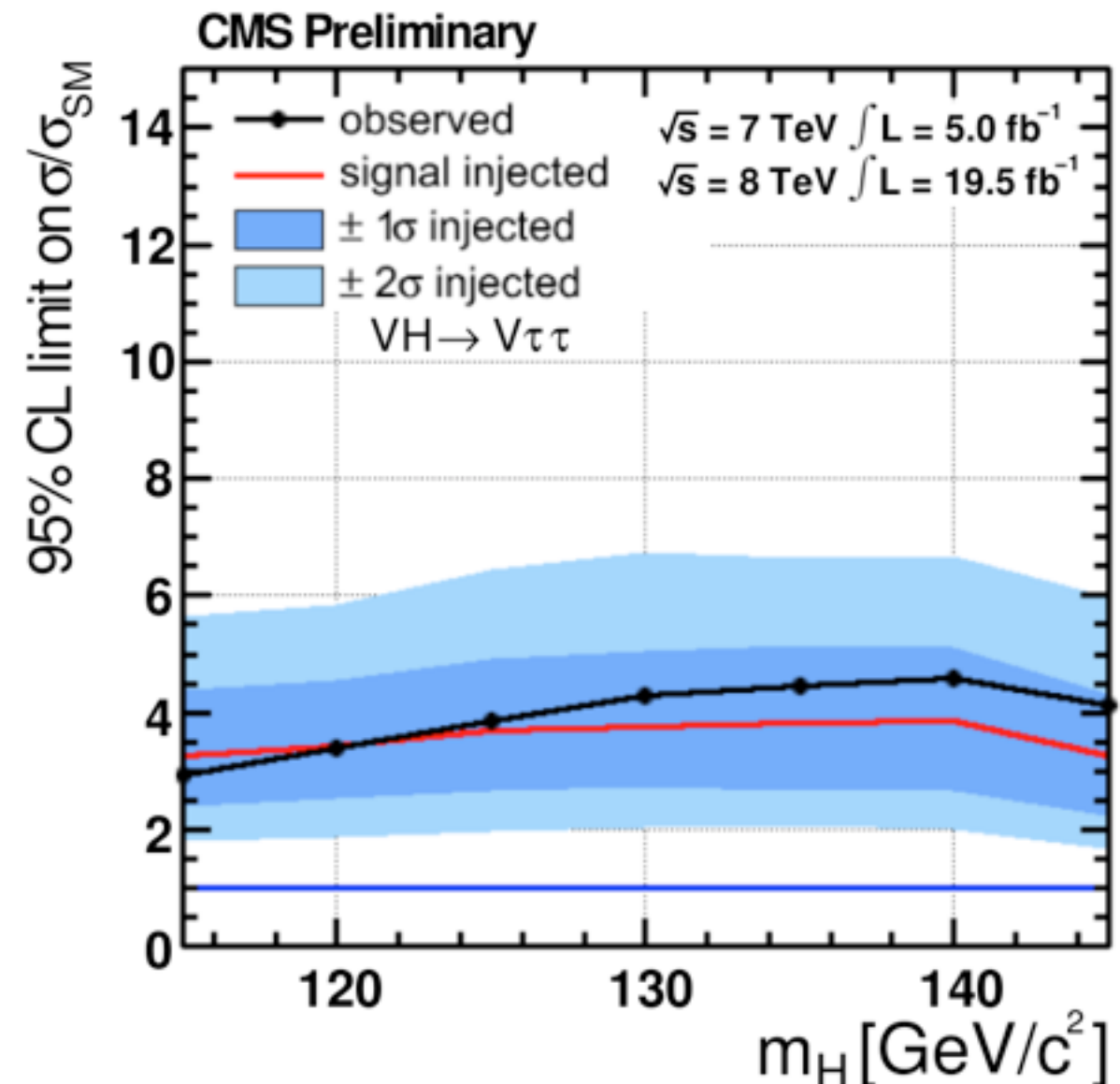
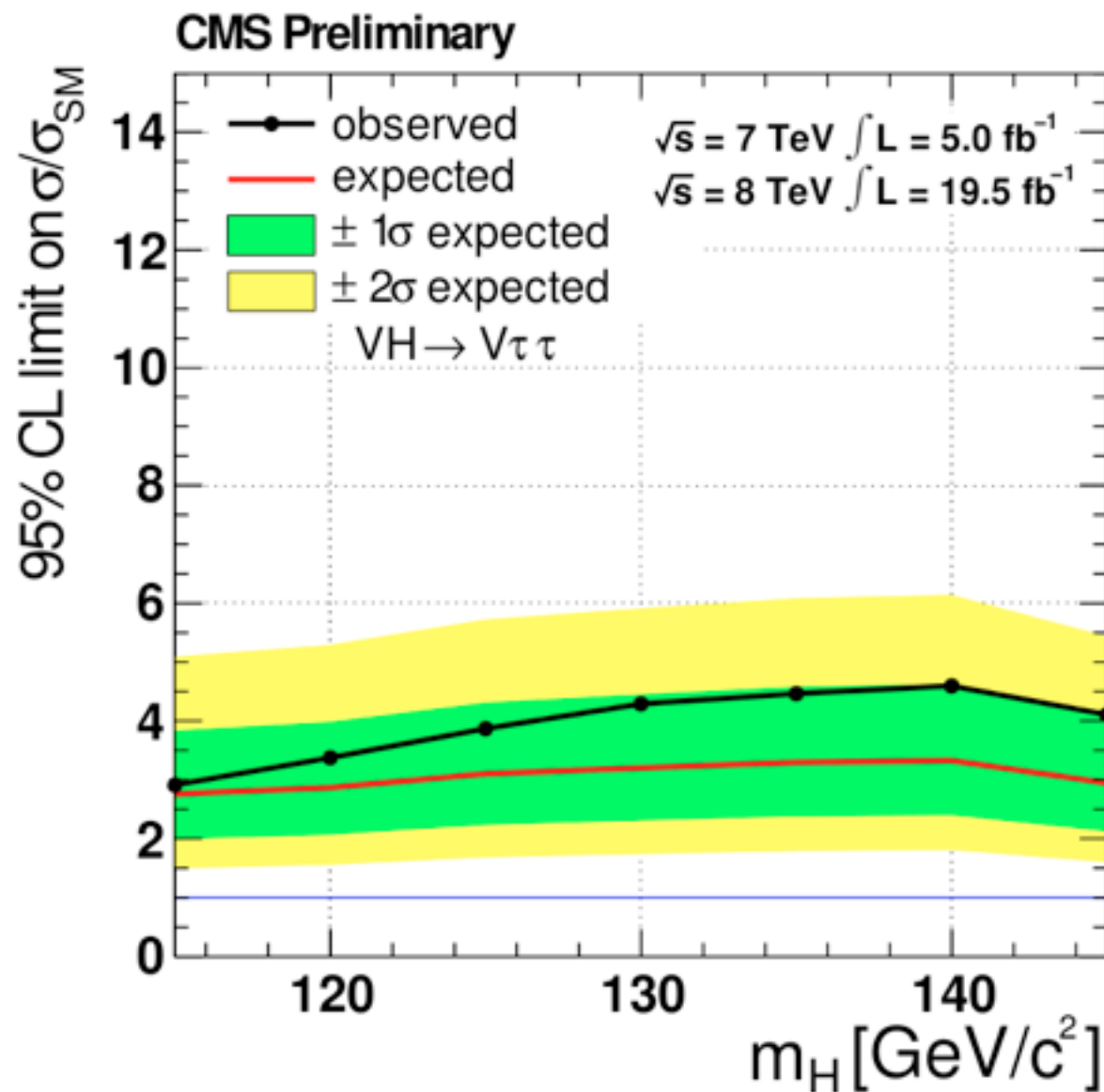


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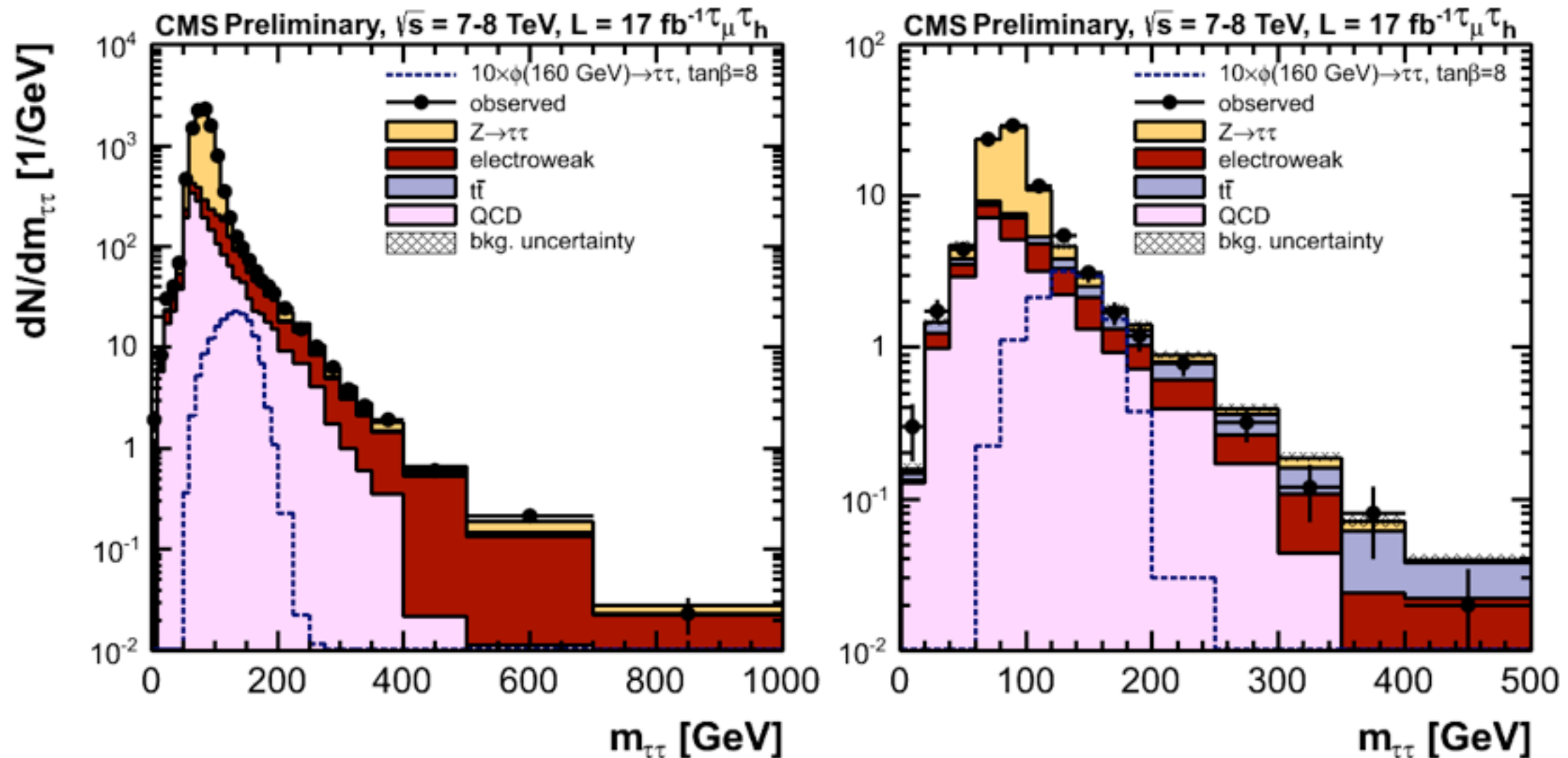
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CMS HIG-12-050

The signature

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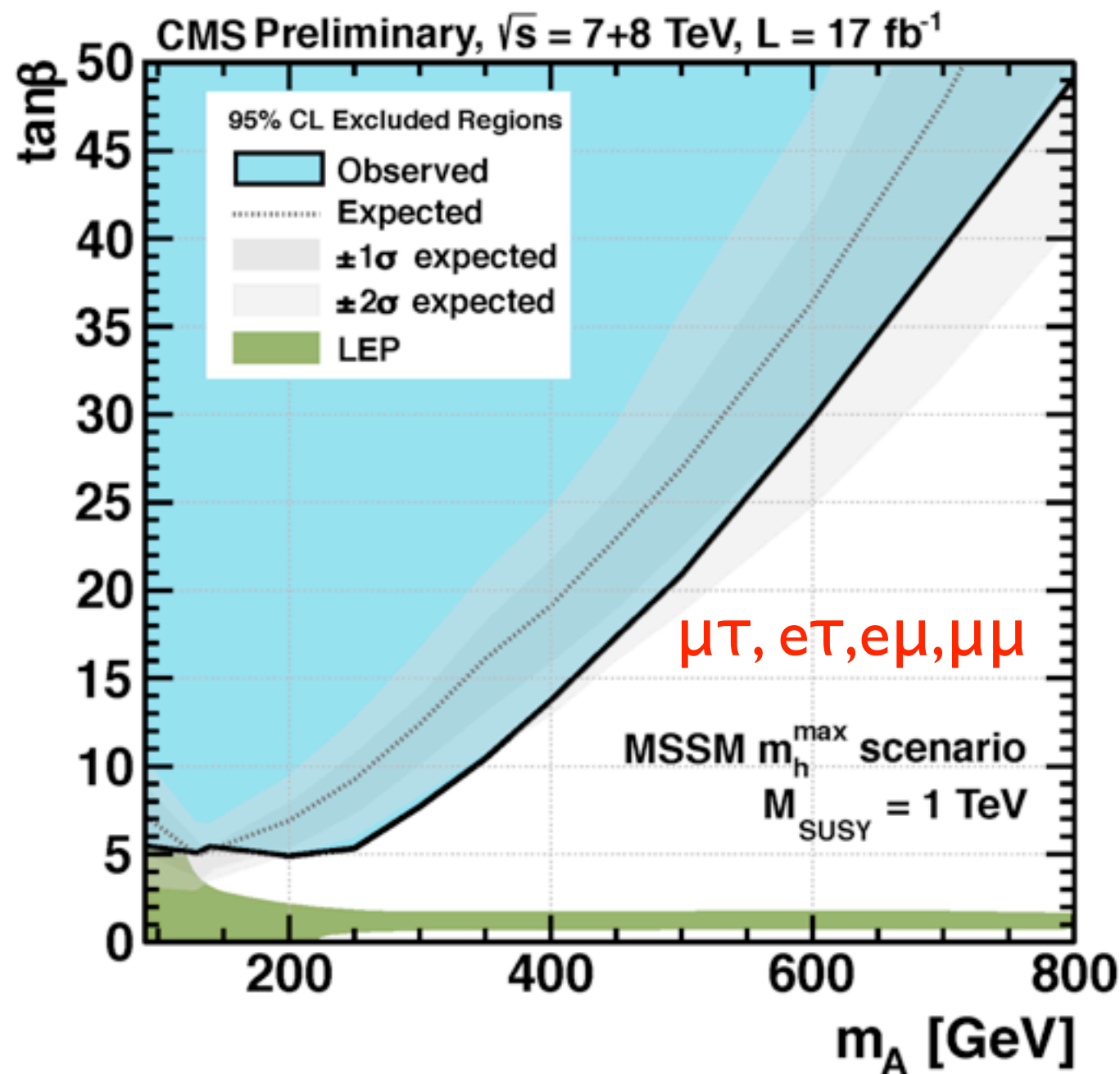
- Depending on model parameters ($\tan\beta$), associated production with b-quarks important

- ▶ **b-tagging**

arXiv:1101.0593

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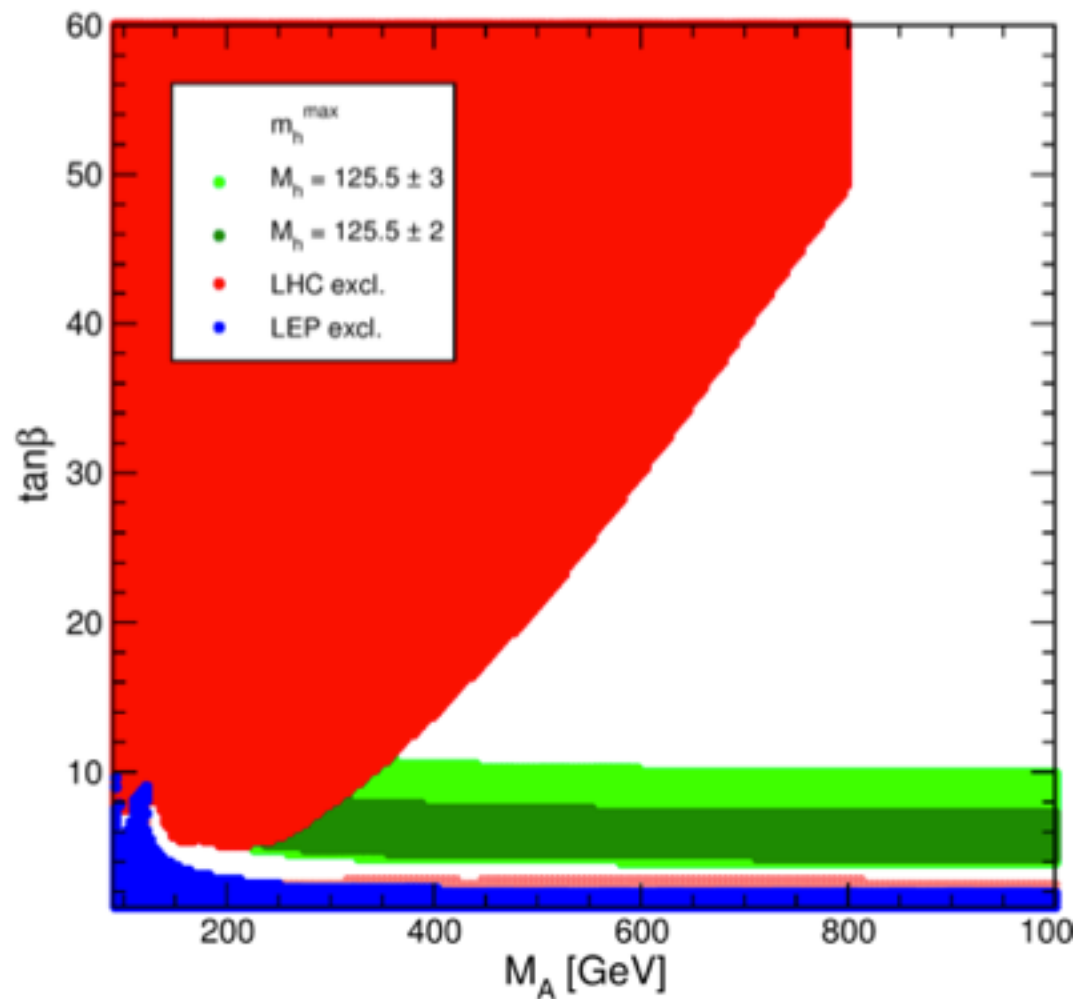
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- As customary, results interpreted in benchmark scenario



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 - ▶ with masses, xsec, and BR functions of $(M_A, \tan\beta)$
- Excluding as low as $\tan\beta \sim 5$

MSSM confronted with present data

- For $M(\Phi=h)=(125\pm 2)$ GeV, not much room left in m_h^{\max}



Carena et al. [arXiv:1302.7033](https://arxiv.org/abs/1302.7033)

- New benchmark scenarios have been proposed
 - ▶ can still accommodate much of the unexplored parameter space
- For the future:
 - ▶ **new decay channels** ($\tau\tau$)
 - ▶ model dependent interpretation in new benchmark models
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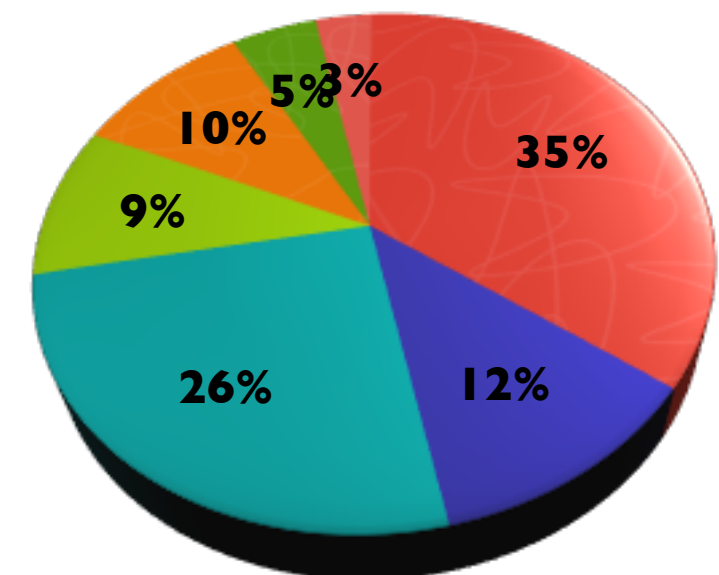
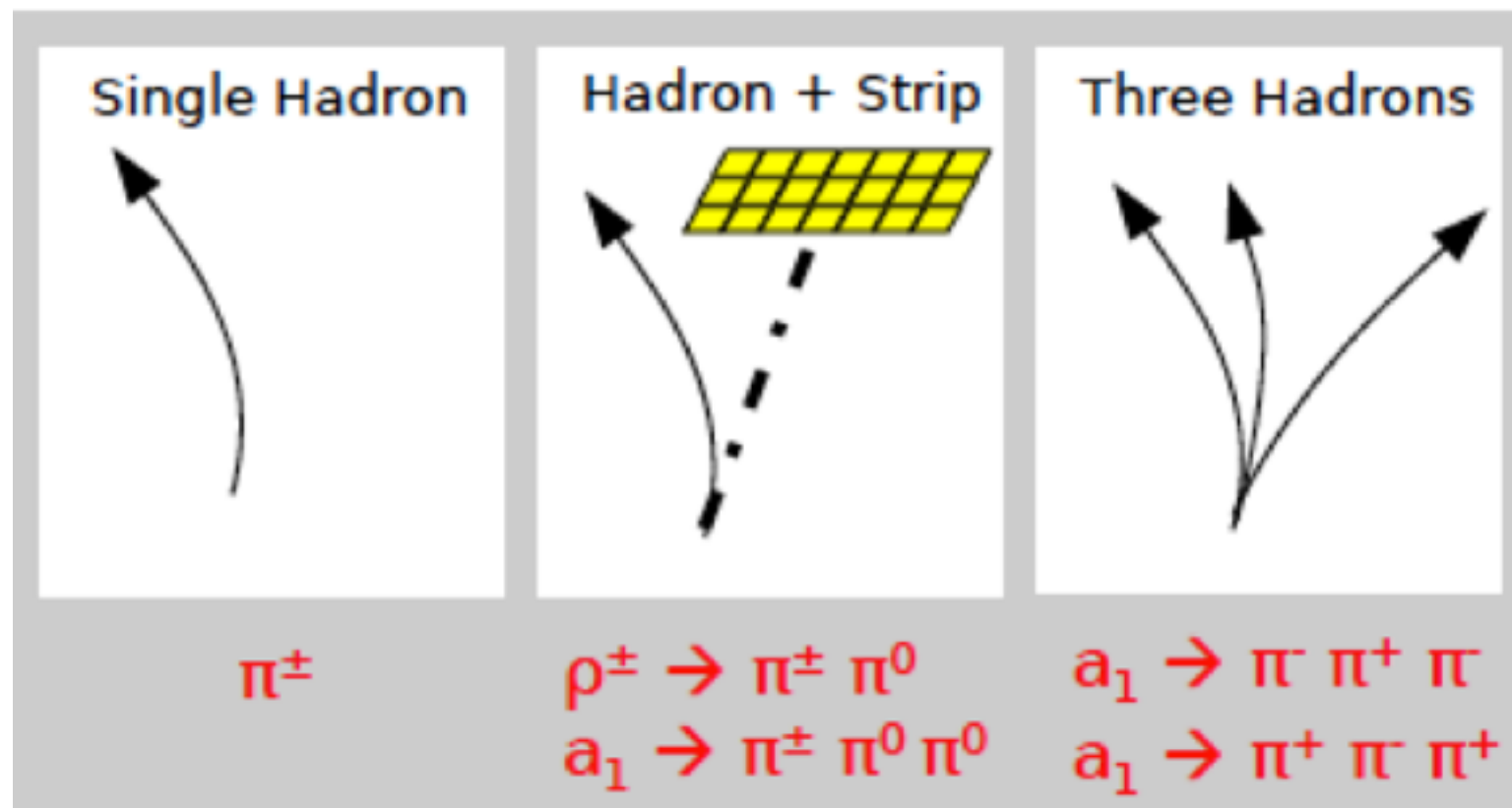
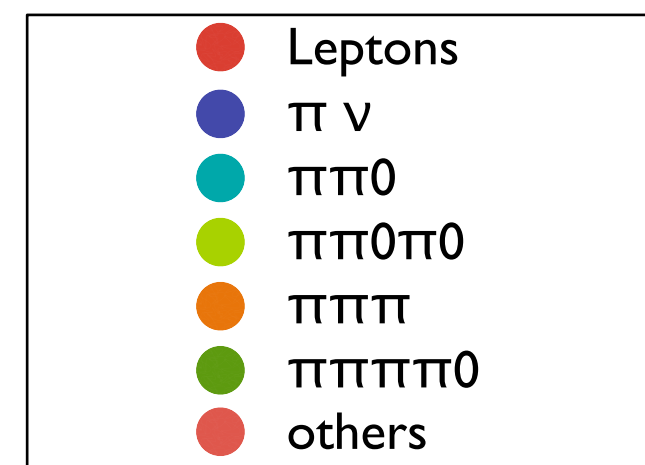


Back up

Taus in CMS

- Hadronic tau reconstruction

- ▶ Seeded by the GED (PFlow)
- ▶ KEY FEATURE: Decay mode reconstruction



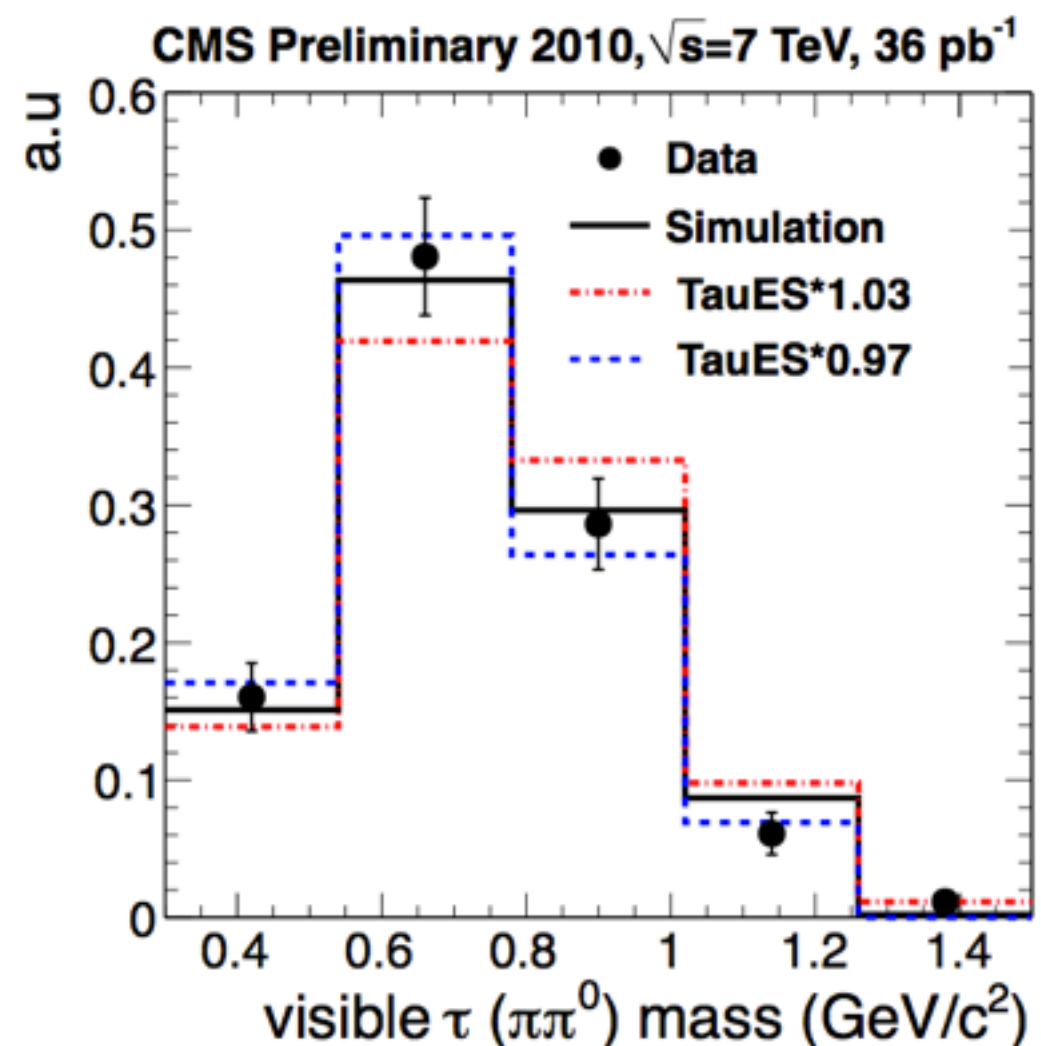
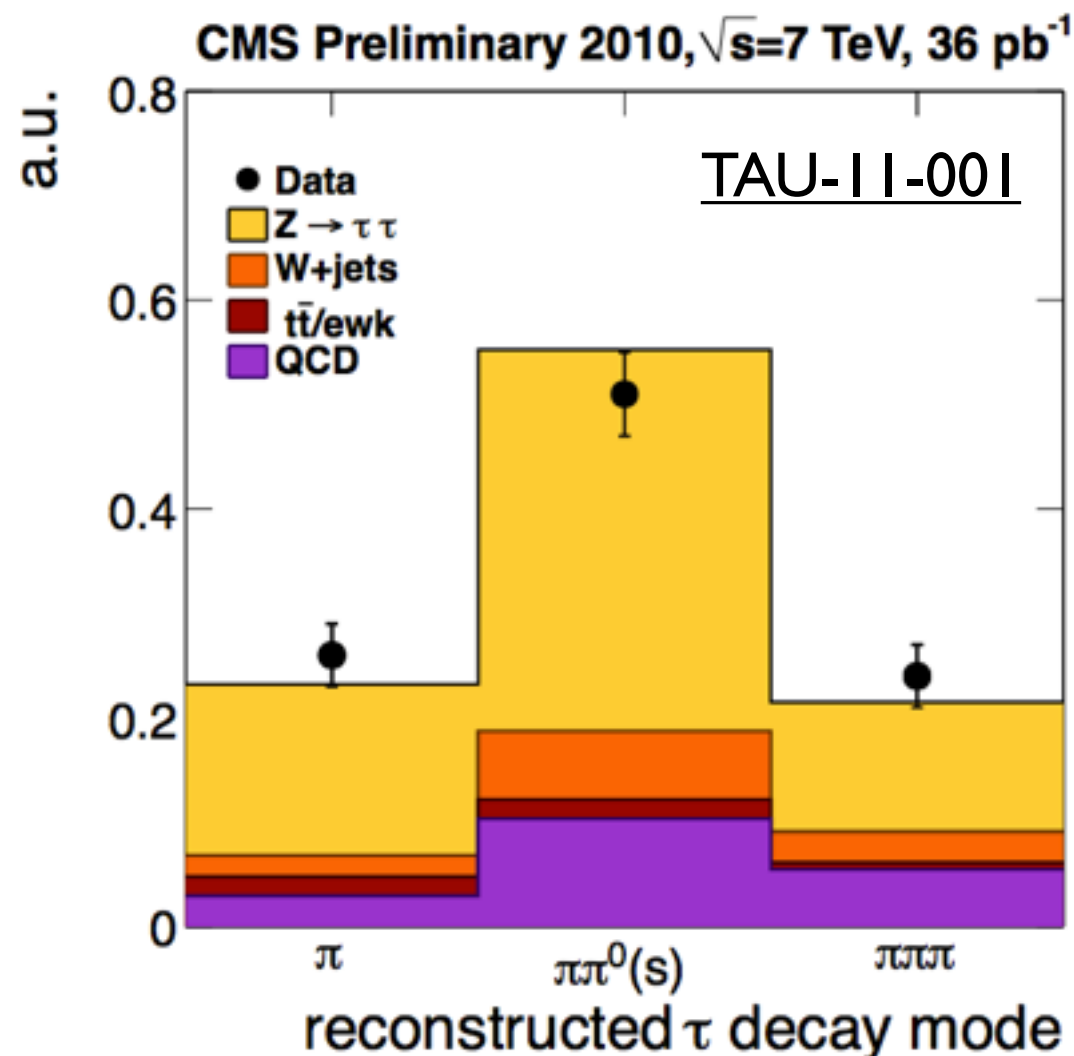
- NB: PFlow Taus also @ HLT

- ▶ Regional PFlow at HLT guarantees
- ✓ higher efficiency and online/offline consistency

Tau key-observables

- Decay mode multiplicity
 - ▶ discrimination against electrons/muons
- Visible tau mass
 - ▶ provides in-situ calibration of tau-ES

“Polarimeters”
observables
not yet deployed
in $\Phi \rightarrow \tau\tau$ searches

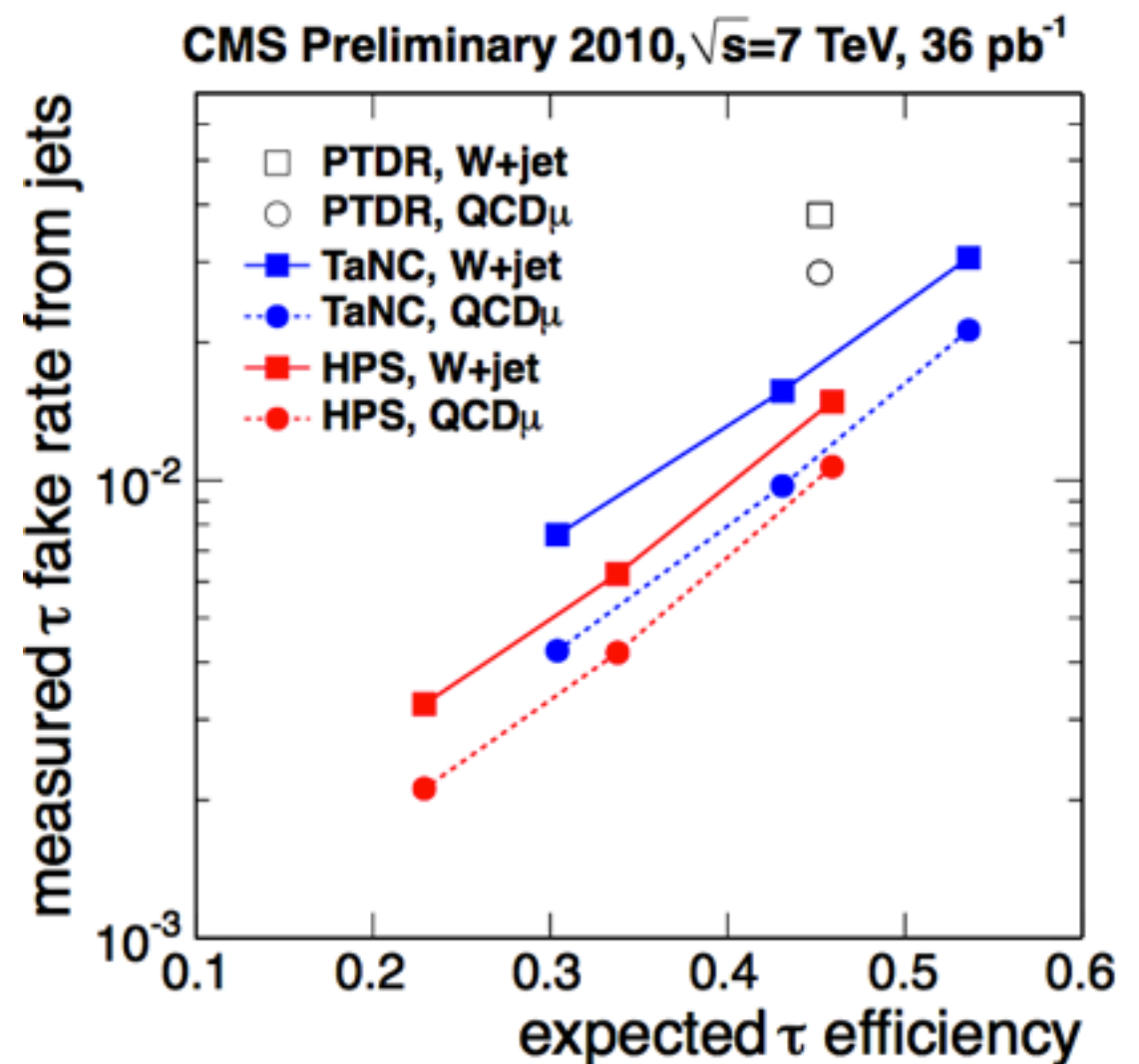
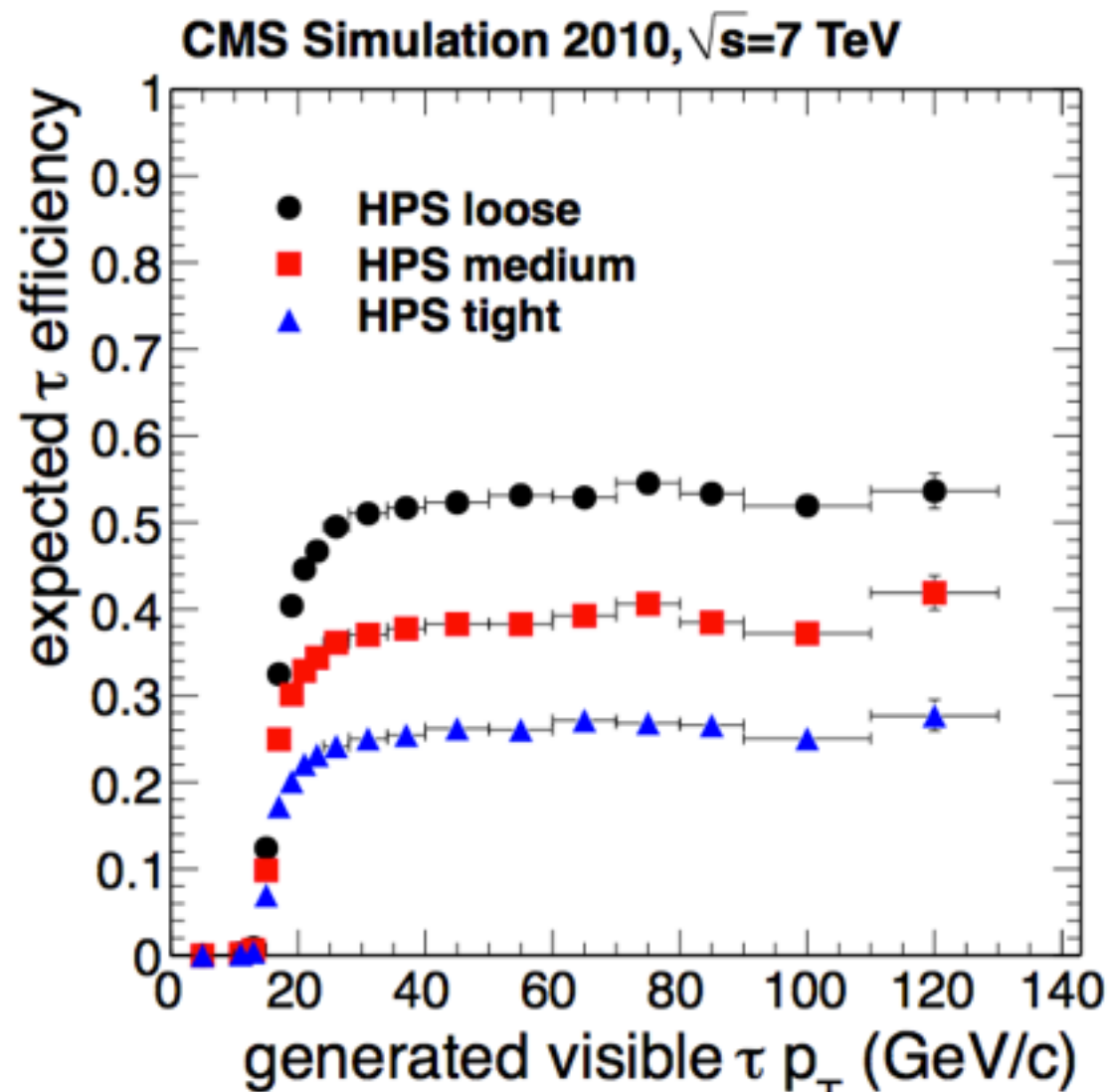


Tau performances

- State-of-the-art performances

- ▶ Tau-ID efficiency: **60-65%** -- measured with T&P
- ▶ Fake rate from jets: **2-3%**
- ▶ Efficiency flat vs pt

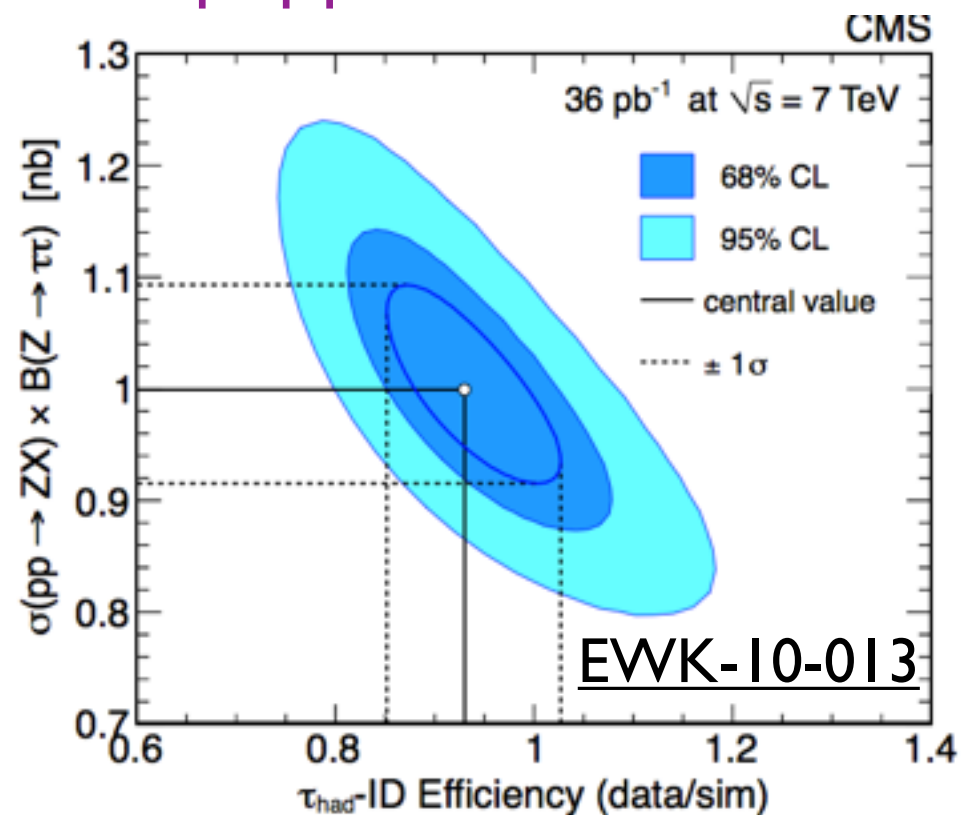
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The candles

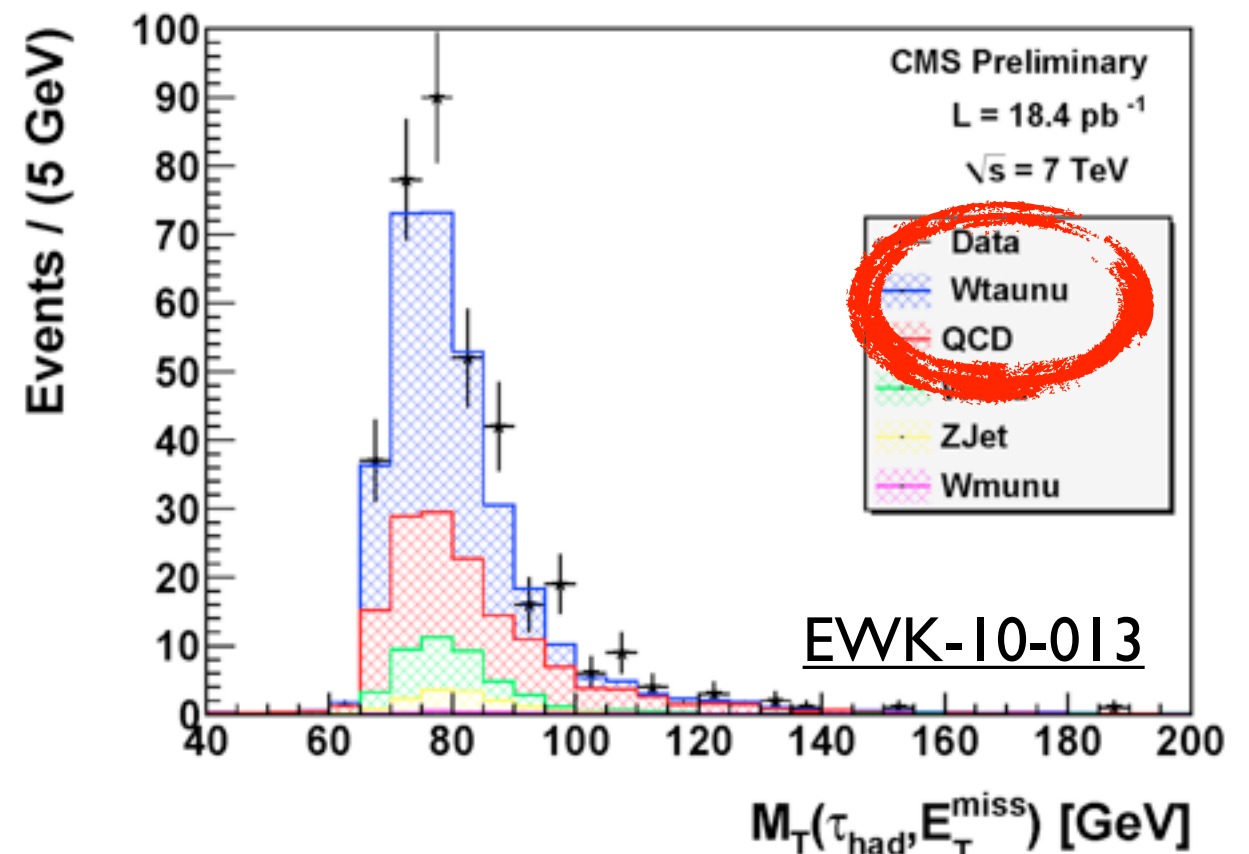
• $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$

- ▶ X-section with 36 pb⁻¹
- ✓ final-states: $\mu\tau$ $e\tau$ $e\mu$ $\mu\mu$
- ◆ $e\mu + \mu\mu \Rightarrow$ insitu calibration of tauID



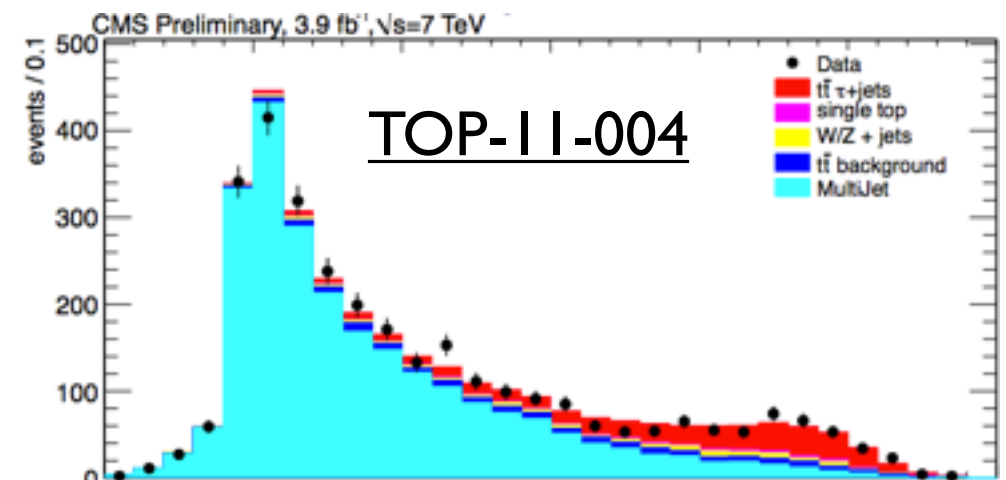
• $W \rightarrow \tau\nu$

- ▶ Evidence of $W \rightarrow \tau\nu$ with early data
- ▶ Limited by trigger since then



• Top

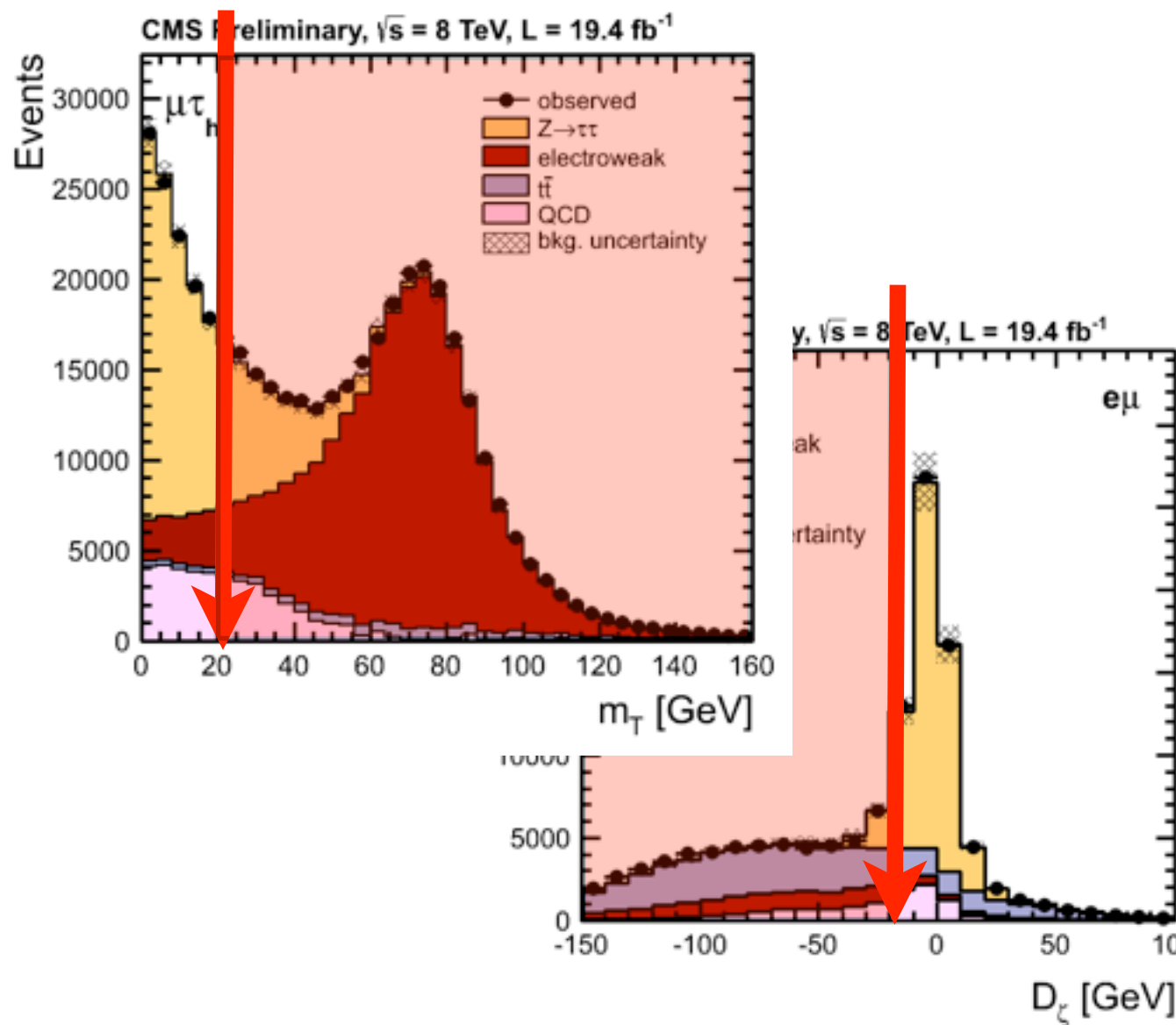
- ▶ Final states with τ 's extensively studied
- ▶ Not yet assessed as τ candle



Common “topological” cuts ($\mu\tau$, $e\tau$, $e\mu$)

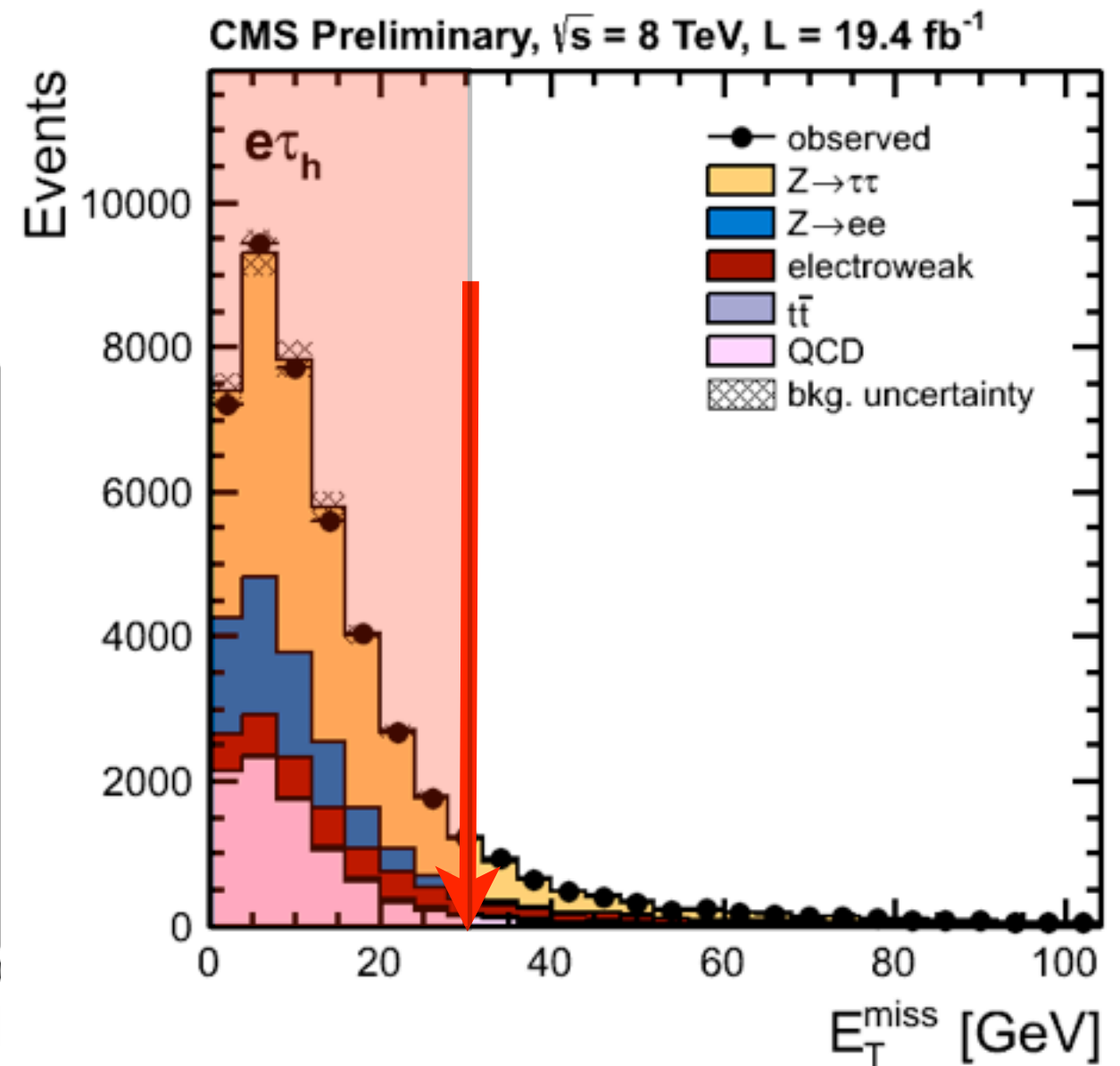
$$M_T(I, E_T^{\text{miss}}), D_\zeta^*$$

reduction of V +jets and top



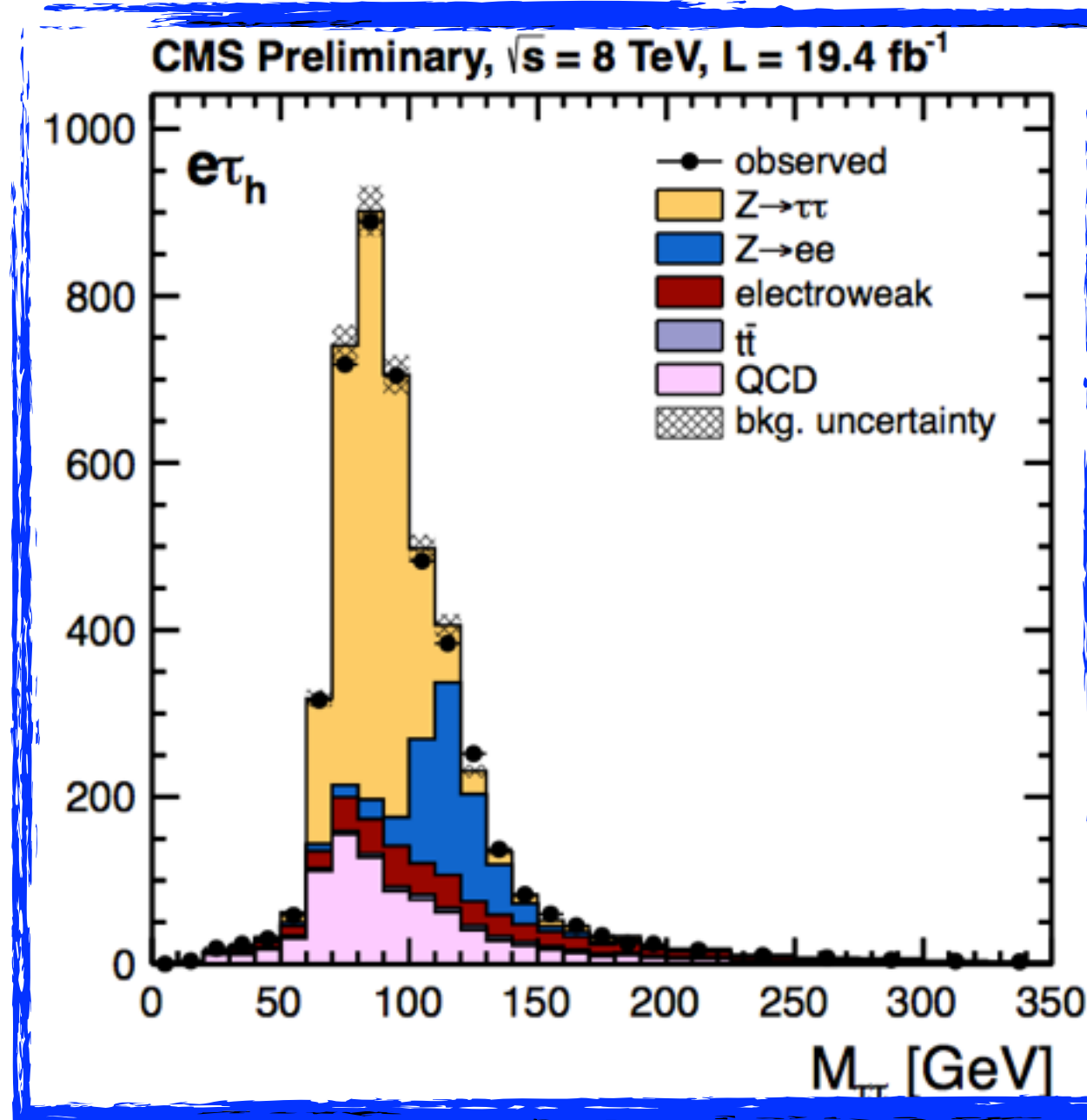
$$E_T^{\text{miss}}$$

reduction of $Z \rightarrow ee/\mu\mu$



* Ref. HIG-13-004

eT: overview



e+ τ

L1 Ele

HLT_IsoEle_PFTau

discr. against $Z \rightarrow ee$

e: $p_T > 20-24$, $|\eta| < 2.1$

τ : $p_T > 20$, $|\eta| < 2.3$

**$M_T(e, E_T^{\text{miss}}) < 20$,
($E_T^{\text{miss}} > 30$)***

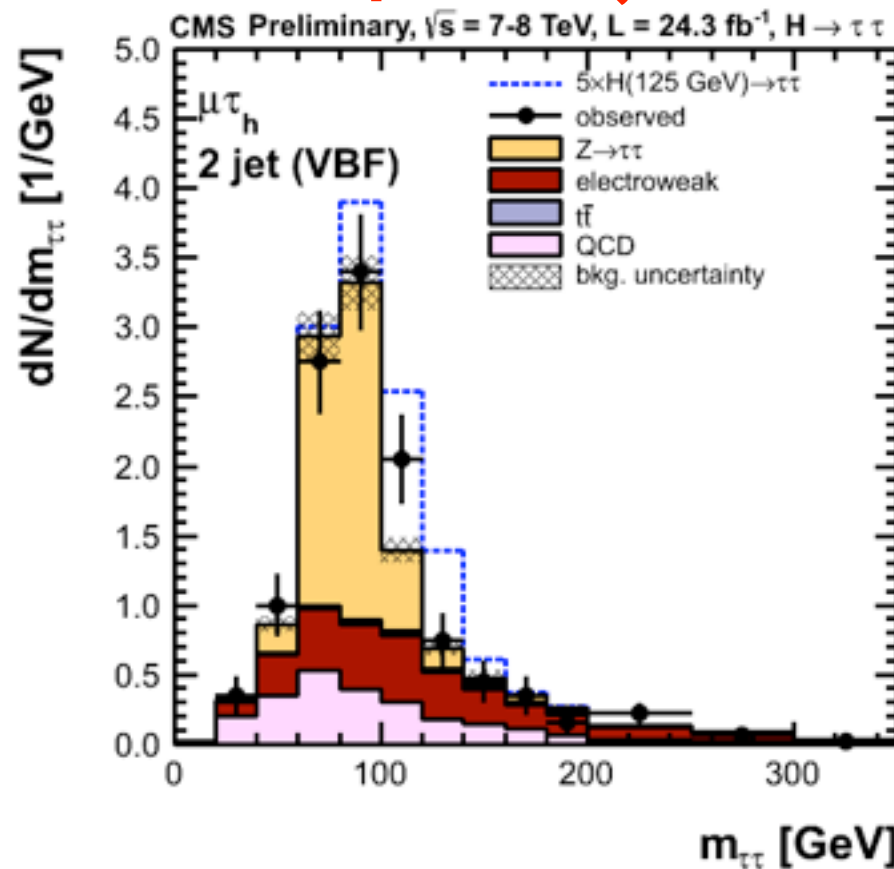
Main backgrounds: **$Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$** **QCD** **W+jets** **$Z \rightarrow ee$**

* only in 1-jet cat.
See later

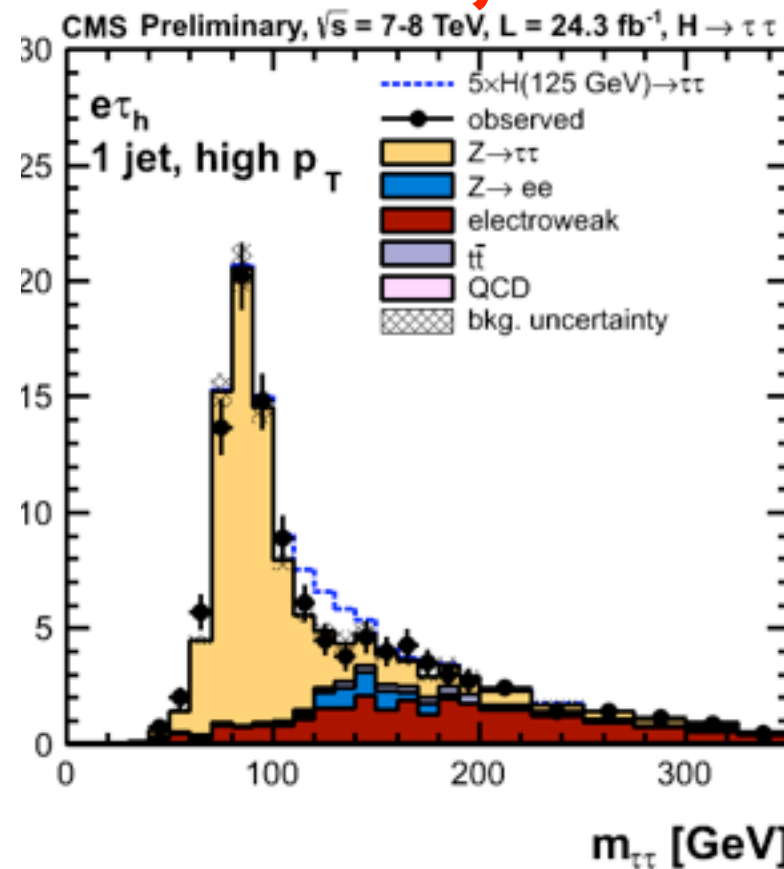
Statistical interpretation

- Test statistic based on profile-likelihood ratio
 - ▶ Likelihood built with SVfit mass histograms
 - ▶ Systematics incorporated as nuisance parameters
- Example of after-fit plots:

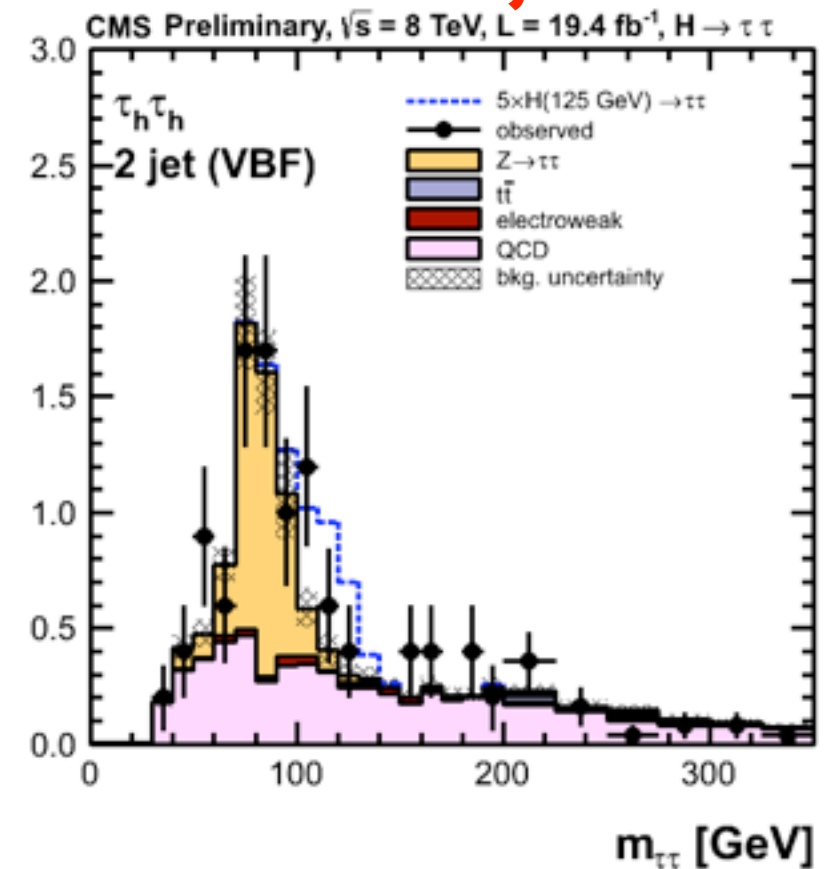
$\mu\tau$, 2-jet



$e\tau$, 1-jet



$\tau\tau$, 1-jet



| Experimental Uncertainties | | Propagation into Event Categories | | |
|---|------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Uncertainty | Uncert. | 0-Jet | 1-Jet | VBF |
| Electron ID & Trigger (\dagger^*) | $\pm 2\%$ | $\pm 2\%$ | $\pm 2\%$ | $\pm 2\%$ |
| Muon ID & Trigger (\dagger^*) | $\pm 2\%$ | $\pm 2\%$ | $\pm 2\%$ | $\pm 2\%$ |
| Tau ID & Trigger (\dagger) | $\pm 8\%$ | $\pm 8\%$ | $\pm 8\%$ | $\pm 8\%$ |
| Tau Energy Scale (\dagger) | $\pm 3\%$ | $\pm 3\%$ | $\pm 3\%$ | $\pm 3\%$ |
| Electron Energy Scale (\dagger) | $\pm 1\%$ | $\pm 1\%$ | $\pm 1\%$ | $\pm 1\%$ |
| JES (Norm.) (\dagger^*) | $\pm 2.5 - 5\%$ | $\mp 3 - 15\%$ | $\pm 1 - 6\%$ | $\pm 5 - 20\%$ |
| MET (Norm.) (\dagger^*) | $\pm 5\%$ | $\pm 5 - 7\%$ | $\pm 2 - 7\%$ | $\pm 5 - 8\%$ |
| b -Tag Efficiency (\dagger^*) | $\pm 10\%$ | $\mp 2\%$ | $\mp 2 - 3\%$ | $\mp 3\%$ |
| Mis-Tagging (\dagger^*) | $\pm 30\%$ | $\mp 2\%$ | $\mp 2\%$ | $\mp 2 - 3\%$ |
| Norm. Z production (\dagger^*) | $\pm 3\%$ | $\pm 3\%$ | $\pm 3\%$ | $\pm 3\%$ |
| $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$ Category | $\pm 3\%$ | $\pm 0 - 5\%$ | $\pm 3 - 5\%$ | $\pm 10 - 13\%$ |
| Norm. $t\bar{t}$ (\dagger^* ex.vbf) | $\pm 10\%$ | $\pm 10\%$ | $\pm 10\%$ | $\pm 12 - 33\%$ |
| Norm. Diboson (\dagger^* ex. vbf) | $\pm 15 - 30\%$ | $\pm 15 - 30\%$ | $\pm 15 - 30\%$ | $\pm 15 - 100\%$ |
| Norm. QCD Multijet | $\pm 6 - 32\%$ | $\pm 6 - 32\%$ | $\pm 9 - 30\%$ | $\pm 19 - 35\%$ |
| Lumi 7 TeV (8 TeV) | $\pm 2.2(4.2)\%$ | $\pm 2.2(4.2)\%$ | $\pm 2.2(4.2)\%$ | $\pm 2.2(4.2)\%$ |
| Norm. W +jets | $\pm 10 - 30\%$ | $\pm 20 - 27\%$ | $\pm 10 - 33\%$ | $\pm 12.4\% - 30\%$ |
| Norm. $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$: e fakes τ_h (\dagger) | $\pm 20\%$ | $\pm 20\%$ | $\pm 36\%$ | $\pm 22\%$ |
| Norm. $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$: μ fakes τ_h (\dagger) | $\pm 30\%$ | $\pm 30\%$ | $\pm 30\%$ | $\pm 30\%$ |
| Norm. $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$: jet fakes τ_h | $\pm 20\%$ | $\pm 20\%$ | $\pm 20\%$ | $\pm 40\%$ |

| Theory Uncertainties (SM) | | Propagation into Limit Calculation | | |
|--|---------|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Uncertainty | Uncert. | 0-Jet | 1-Jet | VBF |
| PDF (\dagger^*) | - | - | $\pm 2 - 8\%$ | $\pm 2 - 8\%$ |
| $\mu_r/\mu_f(gg \rightarrow H)$ (\dagger^*) | - | - | $\pm 10\%$ | $\pm 30\%$ |
| $\mu_r/\mu_f(qq \rightarrow H)$ (\dagger^*) | - | - | $\pm 4\%$ | $\pm 4\%$ |
| $\mu_r/\mu_f(qq \rightarrow VH)$ (\dagger^*) | - | - | $\pm 4\%$ | $\pm 4\%$ |
| UE & PS (\dagger^*) | - | - | $\pm 4\%$ | $\pm 4\%$ |

Results: S/B weighted plot

- The global picture (for visual purposes only)
 - ▶ All channels and categories weighted by **S/B** and combined
 - ▶ Excess around ~ 120 GeV most striking

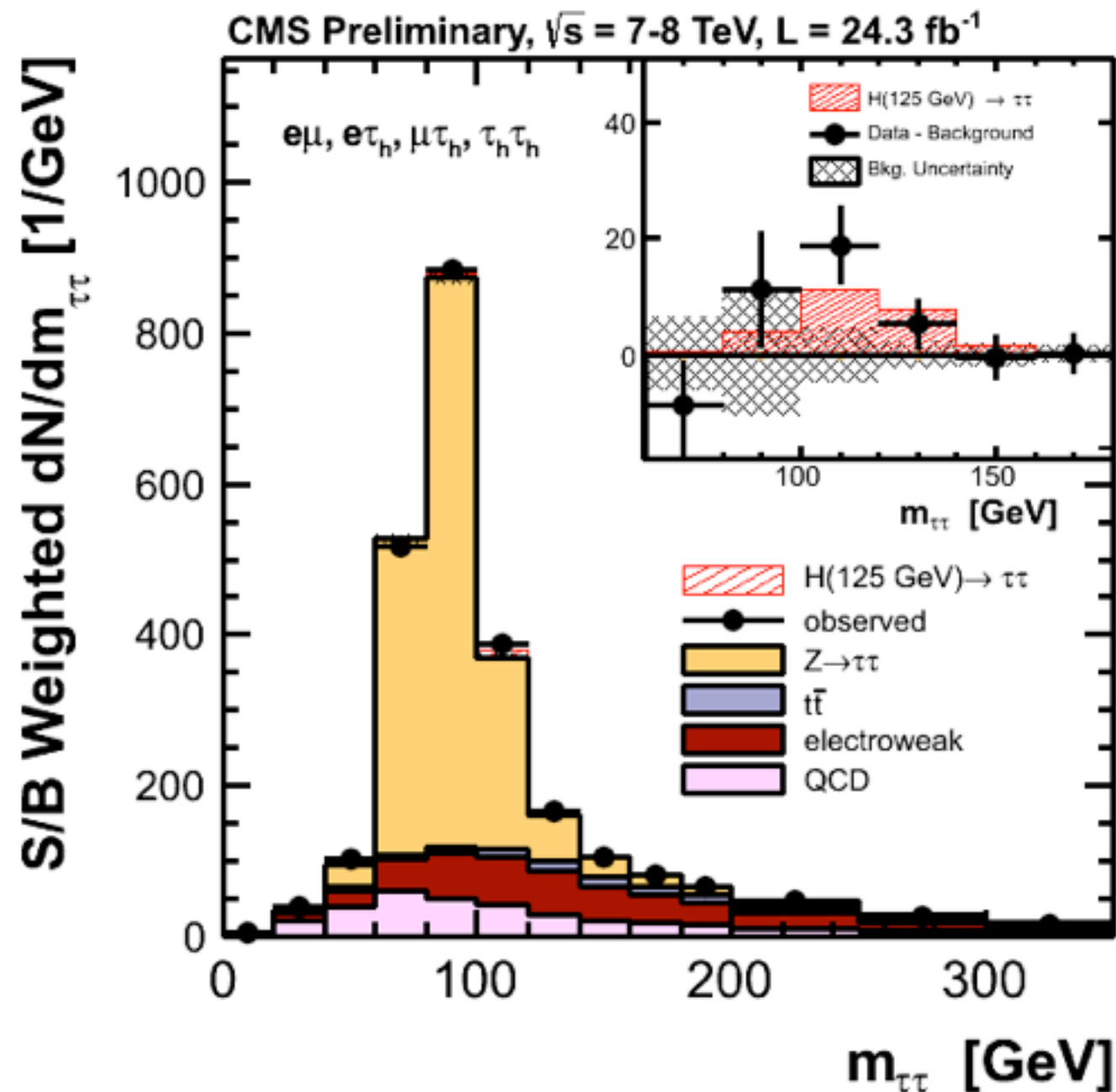


Table 3: Observed and expected event yields, and expected signal efficiency in the $\mu\tau_h$ channel.

| Process | 0-Jet | 1-Jet high p_T | VBF |
|--------------------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------|
| $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$ | 84833 ± 1927 | 4686 ± 232 | 109 ± 11 |
| QCD | 18313 ± 478 | 481 ± 38 | 48 ± 7 |
| EWK | 8841 ± 653 | 1585 ± 153 | 63 ± 9 |
| $t\bar{t}$ | 11 ± 1 | 155 ± 11 | 5 ± 1 |
| Total Background | 111998 ± 2090 | 6908 ± 281 | 225 ± 16 |
| $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ | - \pm - | 73 ± 13 | 11 ± 2 |
| Observed | 112279 | 7011 | 240 |

Signal Eff.

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| $gg \rightarrow H$ | - | $1.99 \cdot 10^{-3}$ | $8.51 \cdot 10^{-5}$ |
| $qq \rightarrow H$ | - | $4.09 \cdot 10^{-3}$ | $3.46 \cdot 10^{-3}$ |
| $qq \rightarrow Ht\bar{t}$ or VH | - | $3.00 \cdot 10^{-3}$ | $1.60 \cdot 10^{-5}$ |

Table 4: Observed and expected event yields, and expected signal efficiency in t

| Process | 0-Jet | 1-Jet high p_T | VBF |
|--------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------|
| $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$ | 25161 ± 708 | 792 ± 62 | 47 ± 6 |
| QCD | 7706 ± 307 | 3 ± 0.3 | 17 ± 4 |
| EWK | 9571 ± 510 | 365 ± 53 | 44 ± 6 |
| $t\bar{t}$ | 4 ± 0.5 | 47 ± 4 | 4 ± 1 |
| Total Background | 42443 ± 924 | 1207 ± 82 | 113 ± 9 |
| $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ | - \pm - | 15 ± 3 | 5 ± 1 |
| Observed | 42481 | 1217 | 117 |

Signal Eff.

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| $gg \rightarrow H$ | - | $3.94 \cdot 10^{-4}$ | $3.33 \cdot 10^{-5}$ |
| $qq \rightarrow H$ | - | $1.10 \cdot 10^{-3}$ | $1.78 \cdot 10^{-3}$ |
| $qq \rightarrow Ht\bar{t}$ or VH | - | $8.30 \cdot 10^{-4}$ | $1.46 \cdot 10^{-6}$ |

| Process | 1-Jet | VBF |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$ | 428 ± 90 | 47 ± 28 |
| QCD | 210 ± 31 | 61 ± 10 |
| EWK | 41 ± 9 | 4 ± 1 |
| $t\bar{t}$ | 29 ± 6 | 2 ± 2 |
| Total Background | 709 ± 95 | 114 ± 30 |
| $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ | 9 ± 4 | 4 ± 2 |
| Observed | 718 | 120 |

Signal Eff.

| | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| $gg \rightarrow H$ | $2.52 \cdot 10^{-4}$ | $4.99 \cdot 10^{-5}$ |
| $qq \rightarrow H$ | $5.93 \cdot 10^{-4}$ | $1.20 \cdot 10^{-3}$ |
| $qq \rightarrow Ht\bar{t}$ or VH | $9.13 \cdot 10^{-4}$ | $3.59 \cdot 10^{-5}$ |

Table 5: Observed and expected event yields, and expected signal efficiency in the $e\mu$ channel.

| Process | 0-Jet | 1-Jet high p_T | VBF |
|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|
| $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$ | 48882 ± 1282 | 1830 ± 105 | 61 ± 6 |
| QCD | 4374 ± 249 | 395 ± 36 | 19 ± 2 |
| EWK | 1185 ± 89 | 461 ± 44 | 7 ± 1 |
| $t\bar{t}$ | 74 ± 5 | 1100 ± 66 | 19 ± 2 |
| Total Background | 54514 ± 1309 | 3785 ± 137 | 105 ± 7 |
| $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ | - \pm - | 23 ± 4 | 5 ± 0.6 |
| Observed | 54694 | 3774 | 118 |

Signal Eff.

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| $gg \rightarrow H$ | - | $6.04 \cdot 10^{-4}$ | $3.27 \cdot 10^{-5}$ |
| $qq \rightarrow H$ | - | $1.37 \cdot 10^{-3}$ | $1.80 \cdot 10^{-3}$ |
| $qq \rightarrow Ht\bar{t}$ or VH | - | $1.38 \cdot 10^{-3}$ | $1.32 \cdot 10^{-5}$ |

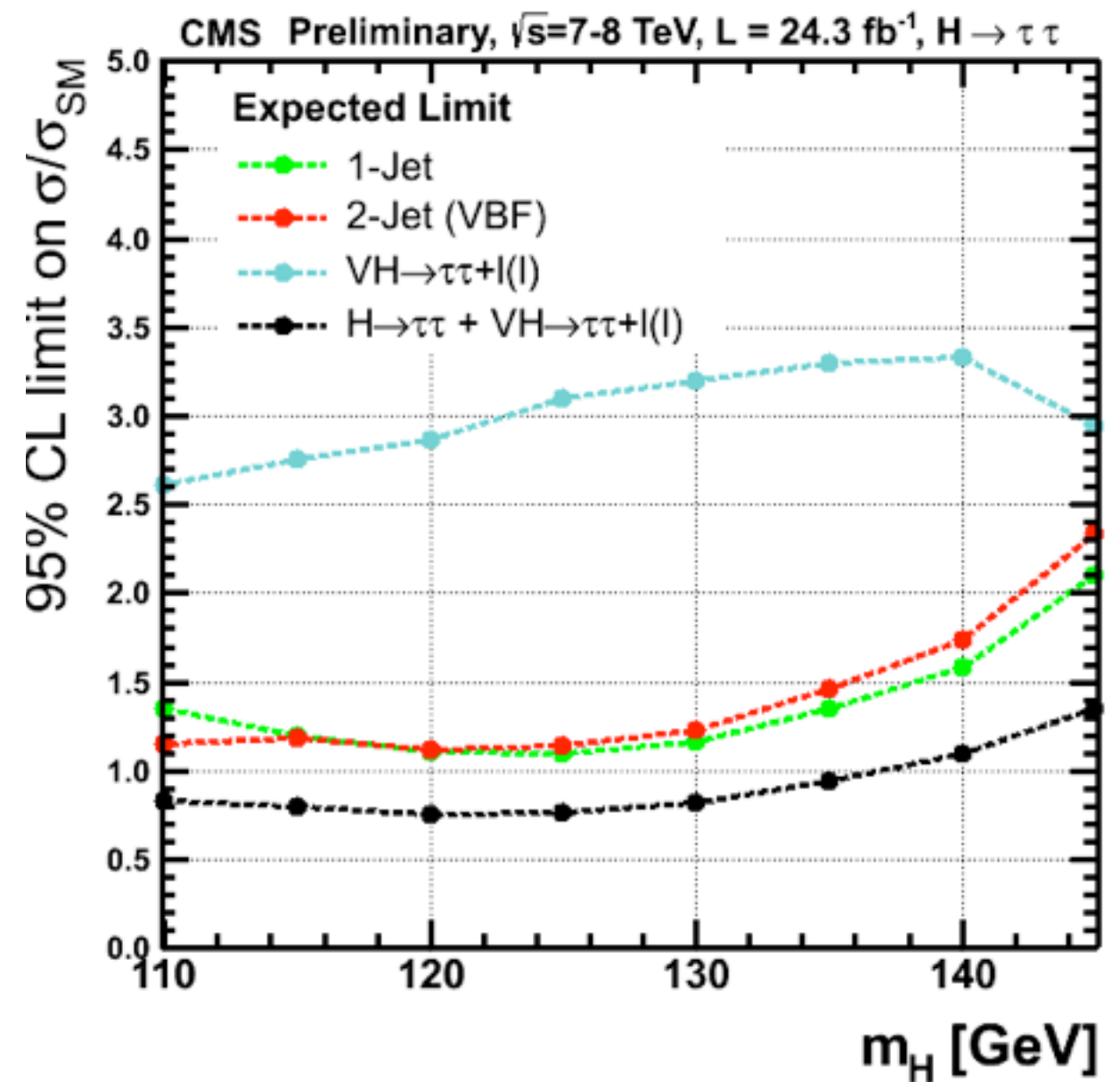
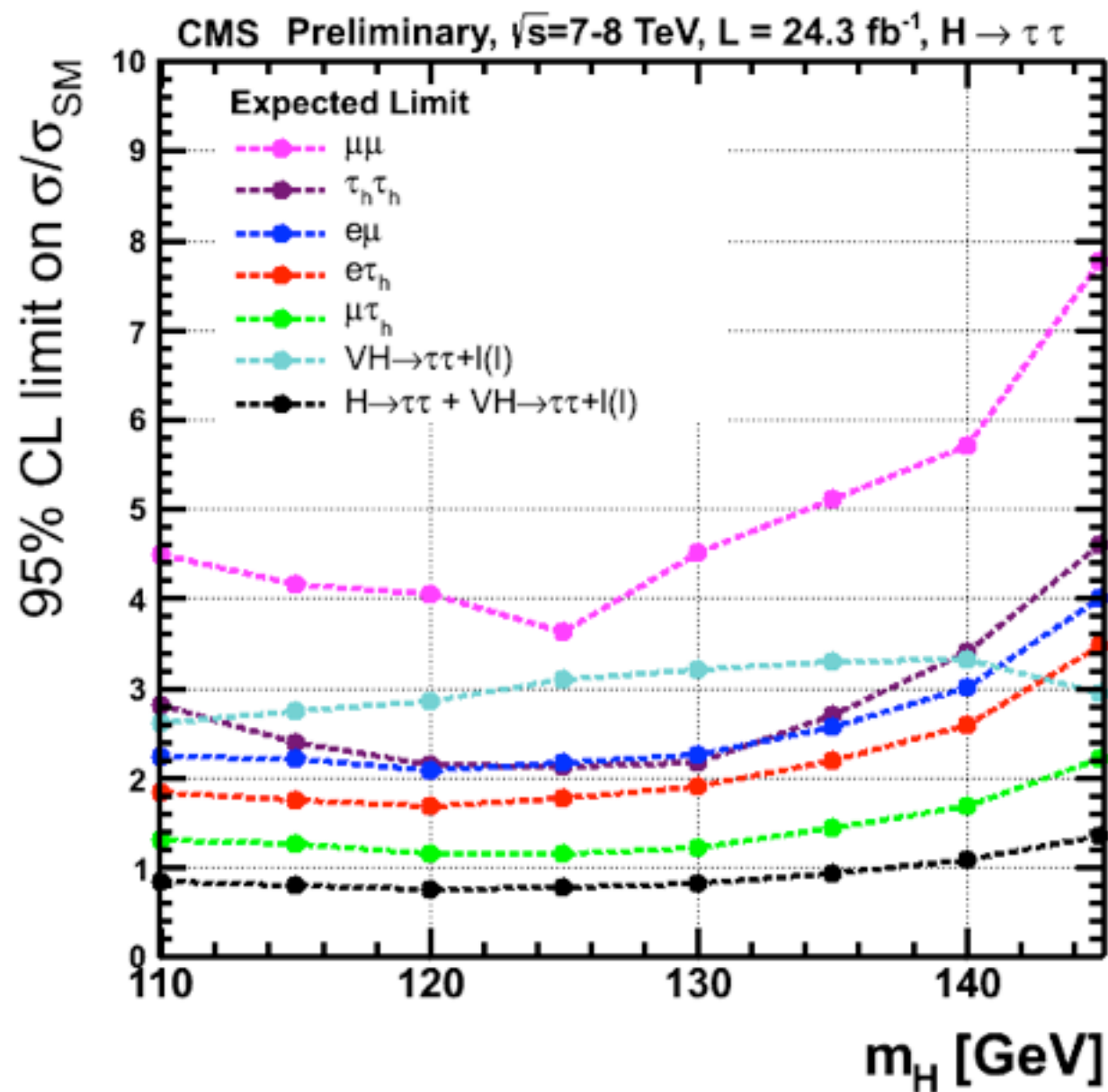
Table 6: Observed and expected event yields, and expected signal efficiency in the $\mu\mu$ channel.

| Process | 0-Jet | 1-Jet high p_T | VBF |
|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$ | 1925174 ± 52051 | 685272 ± 27303 | 380 ± 38 |
| $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$ | 20669 ± 470 | 3888 ± 157 | 116 ± 9 |
| QCD | 1299 ± 226 | 561 ± 161 | 6 ± 11 |
| EWK | 4732 ± 1594 | 7827 ± 1297 | 22 ± 9 |
| $t\bar{t}$ | 4708 ± 2110 | 2168 ± 522 | 15 ± 5 |
| Total Background | 1956582 ± 52120 | 699717 ± 27418 | 539 ± 42 |
| $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ | - \pm - | 37 ± 5 | 5 ± 1 |
| Observed | 1956931 | 700020 | 548 |

Signal Eff.

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| $gg \rightarrow H$ | - | $9.50 \cdot 10^{-4}$ | $7.23 \cdot 10^{-5}$ |
| $qq \rightarrow H$ | - | $1.85 \cdot 10^{-3}$ | $1.03 \cdot 10^{-3}$ |
| $qq \rightarrow Ht\bar{t}$ or VH | - | $2.95 \cdot 10^{-3}$ | $1.39 \cdot 10^{-4}$ |

Expected limits (SM search)



Background estimation

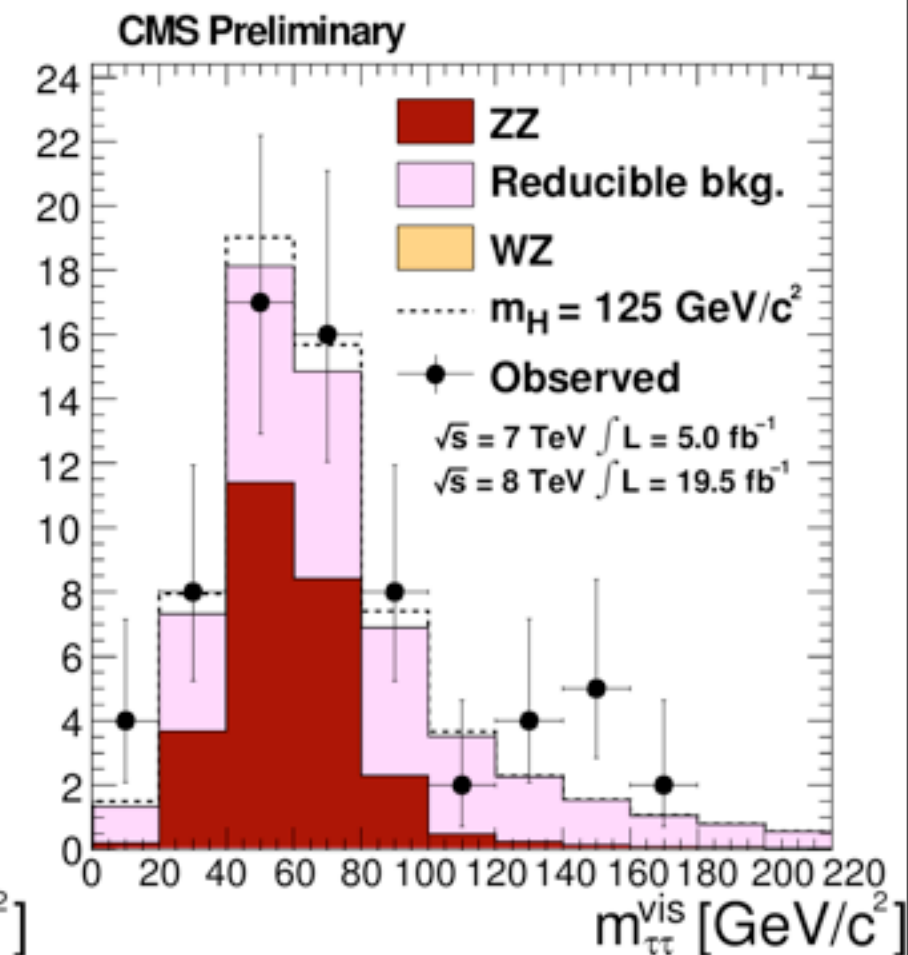
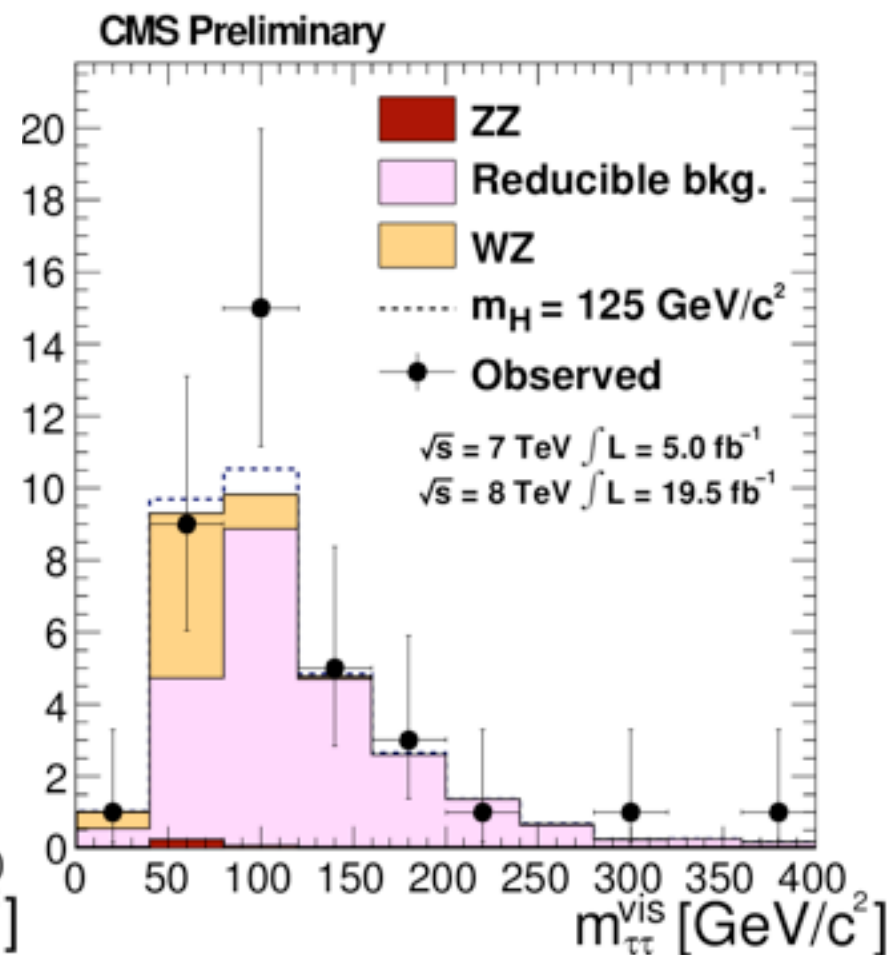
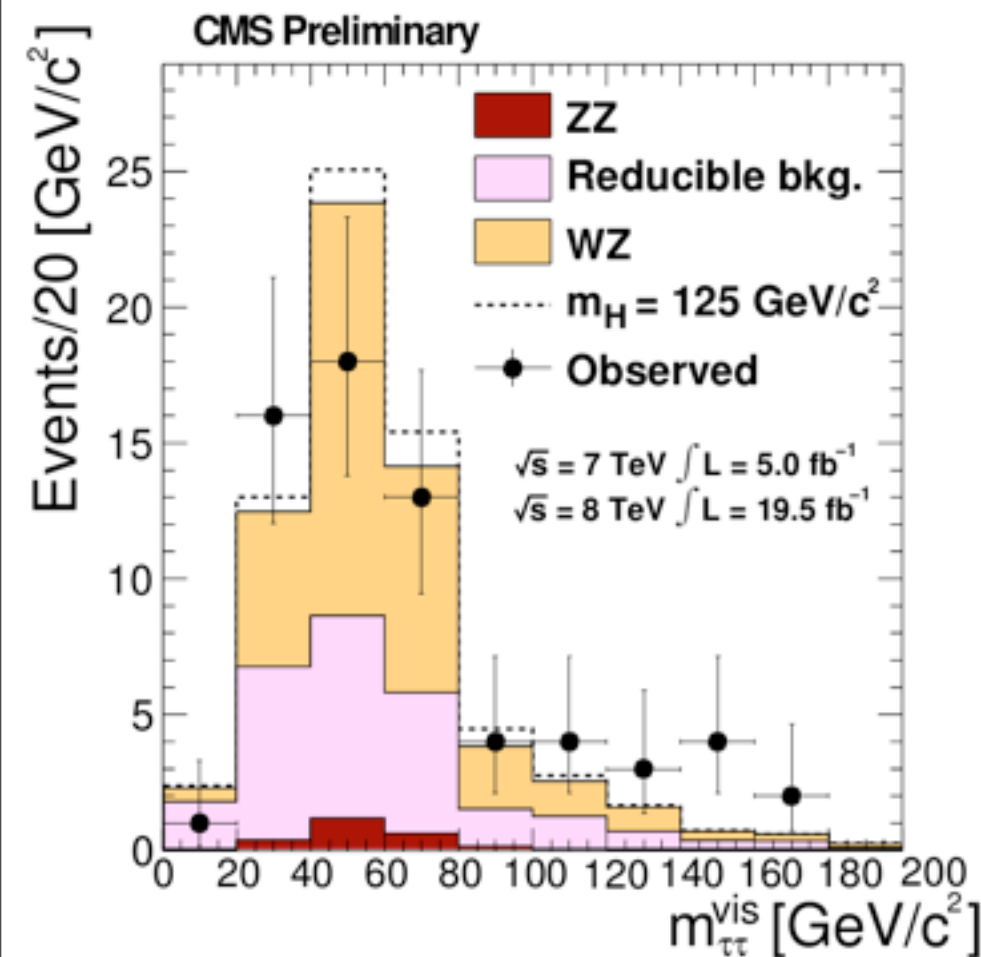
- Irreducible VV bkg from MC
 - ▶ Normalized to meas. xsec or theory
- Reducible bkg: data-driven
 - ▶ Fake-rate measured in sidebands

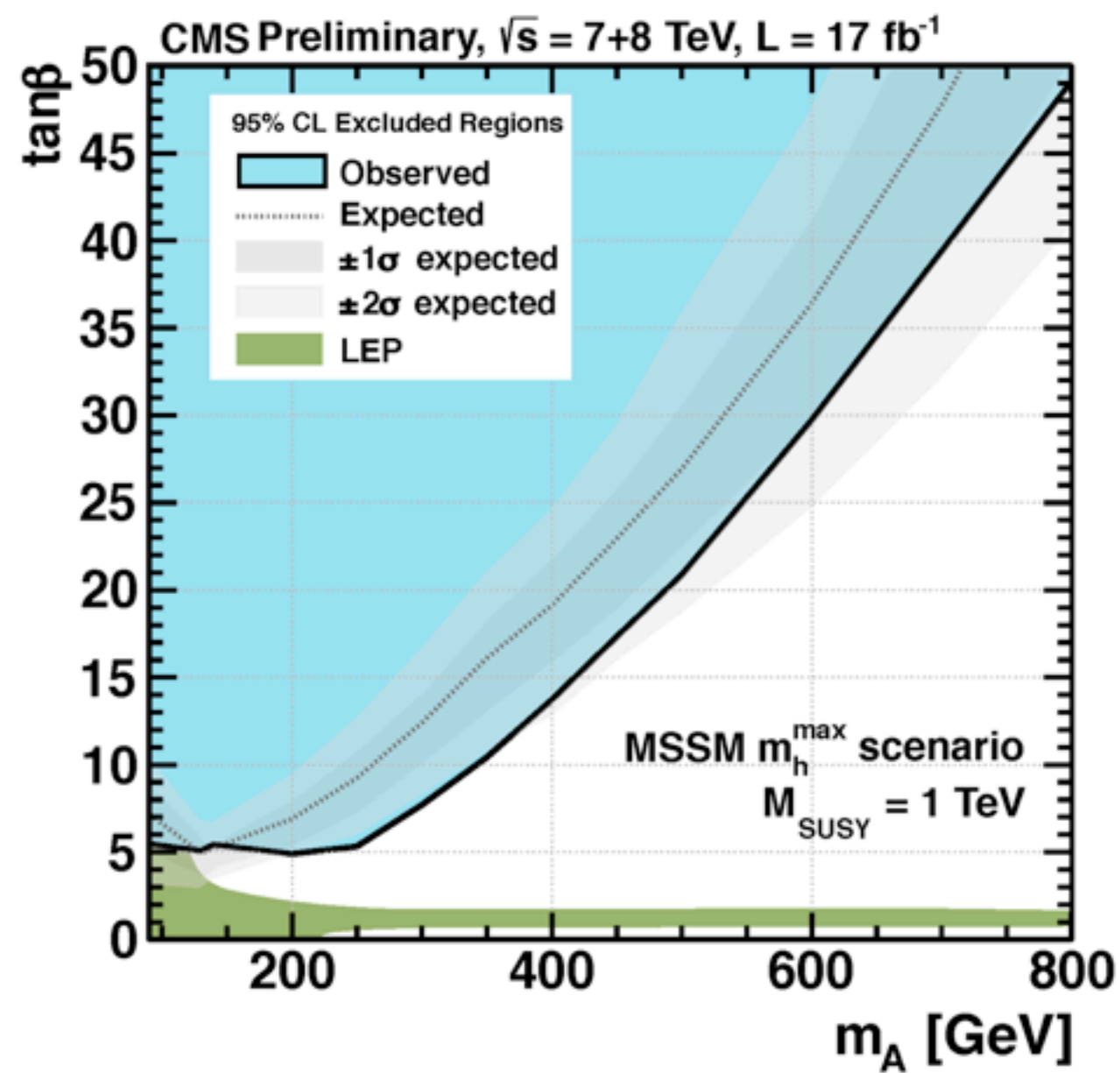
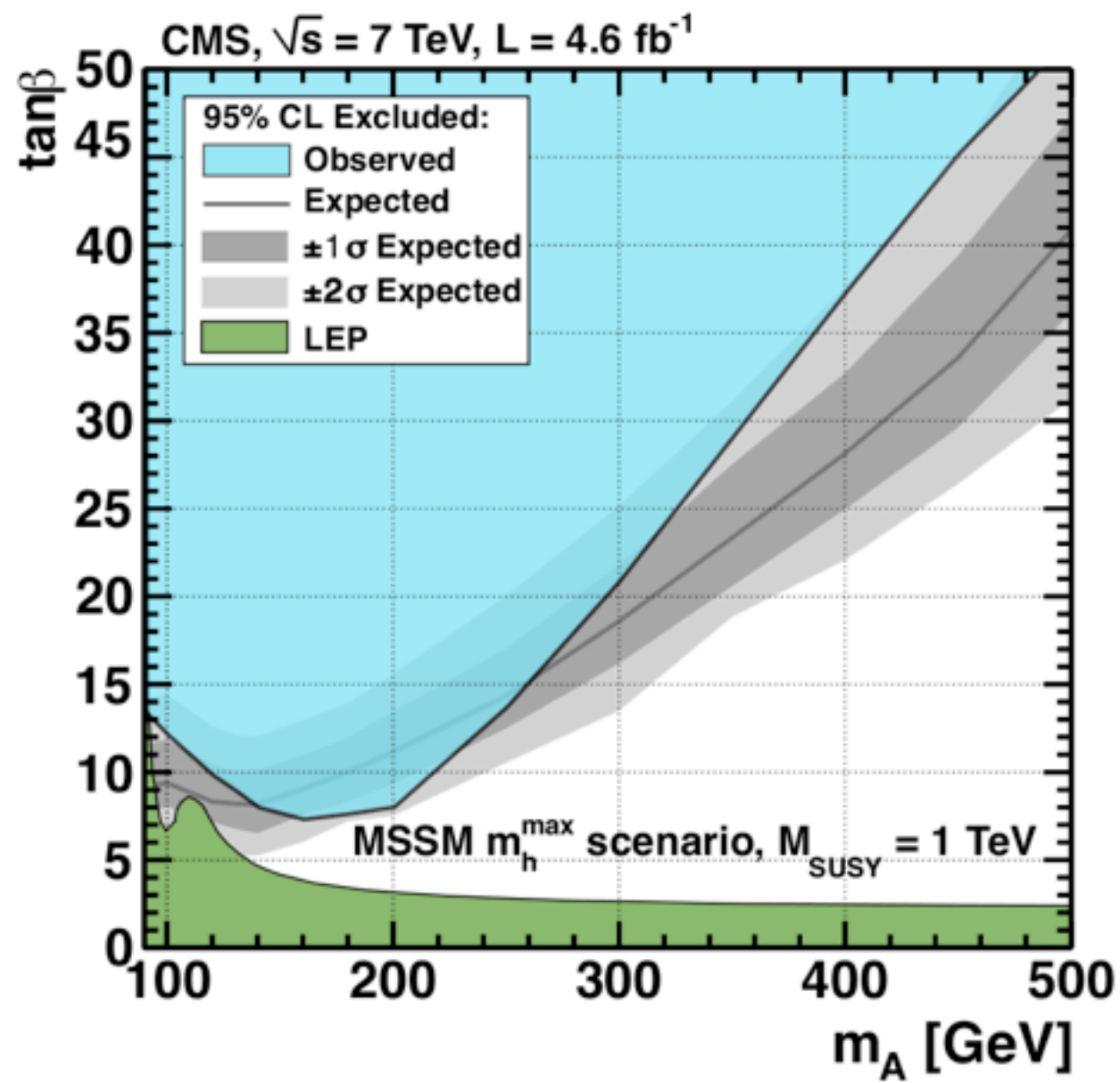
| Process | $\ell\ell\tau_h$ | $\ell\tau_h\tau_h$ | $\ell\ell LL$ |
|--|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Reducible backgrounds | 26.3 ± 4.7 | 20.8 ± 4.2 | 25.2 ± 10.0 |
| WZ | 35.3 ± 3.9 | 6.3 ± 0.9 | |
| ZZ | 2.5 ± 0.3 | 0.39 ± 0.08 | 27.2 ± 3.8 |
| Total bkg. | 64.1 ± 6.2 | 27.5 ± 4.3 | 52 ± 11 |
| $VH \rightarrow V\tau\tau (m_H = 125 \text{ GeV}/c^2)$ | 3.6 ± 0.4 | 1.2 ± 0.2 | 2.1 ± 0.2 |
| $VH \rightarrow VWW (m_H = 125 \text{ GeV}/c^2)$ | 0.50 ± 0.05 | 0 | 1.13 ± 0.09 |
| Observed | 65 | 36 | 66 |

$\ell\ell\tau$

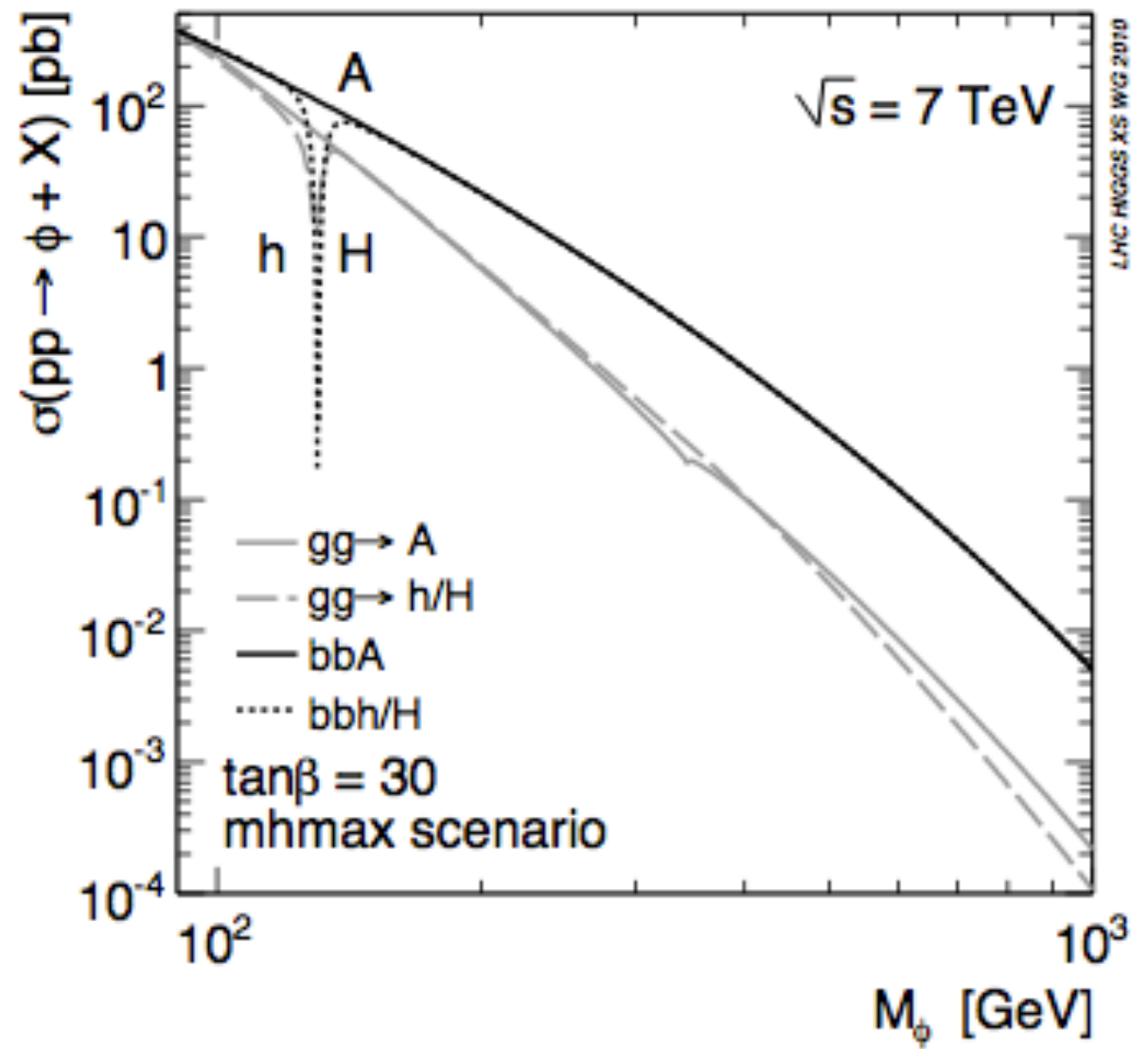
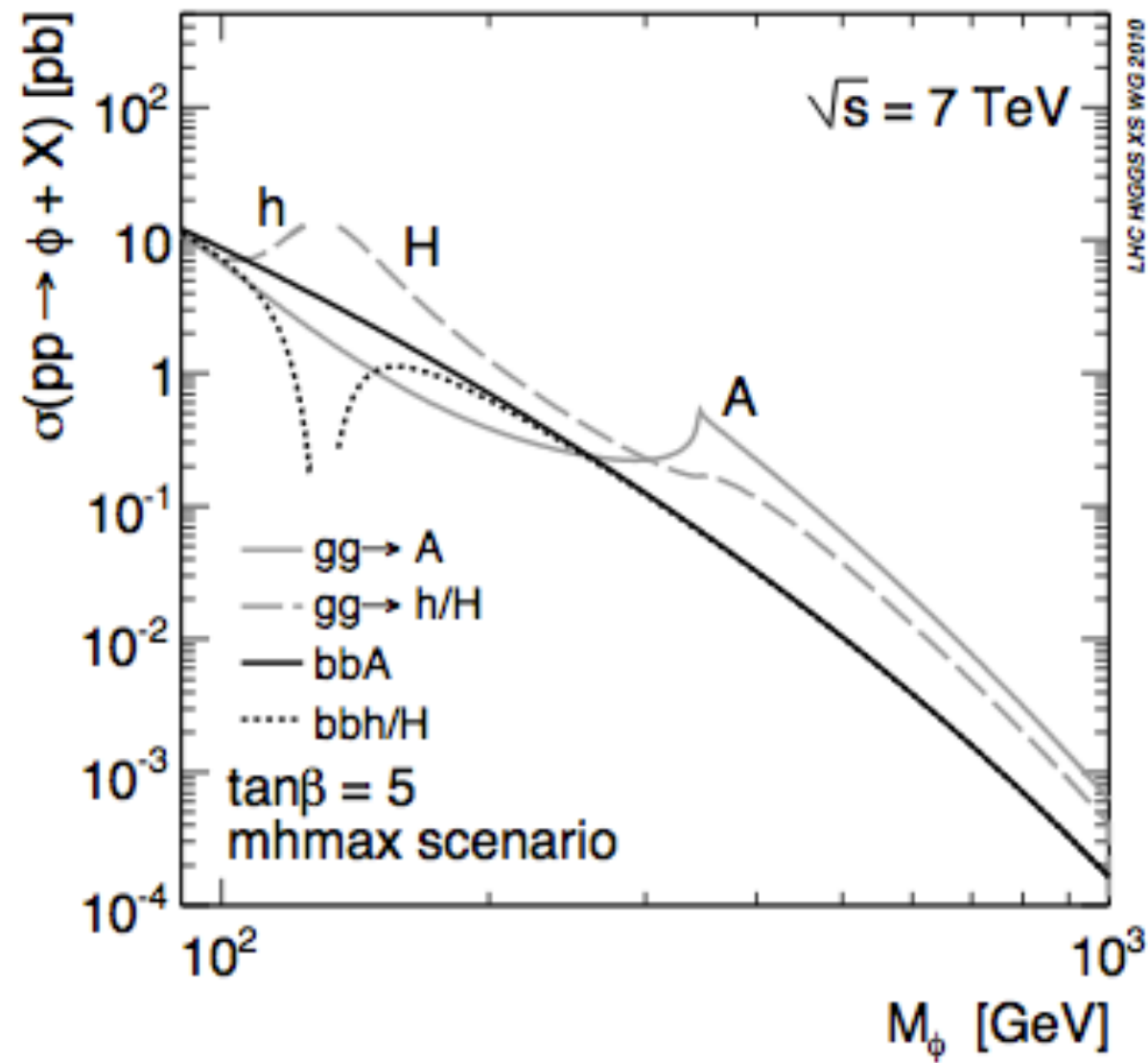
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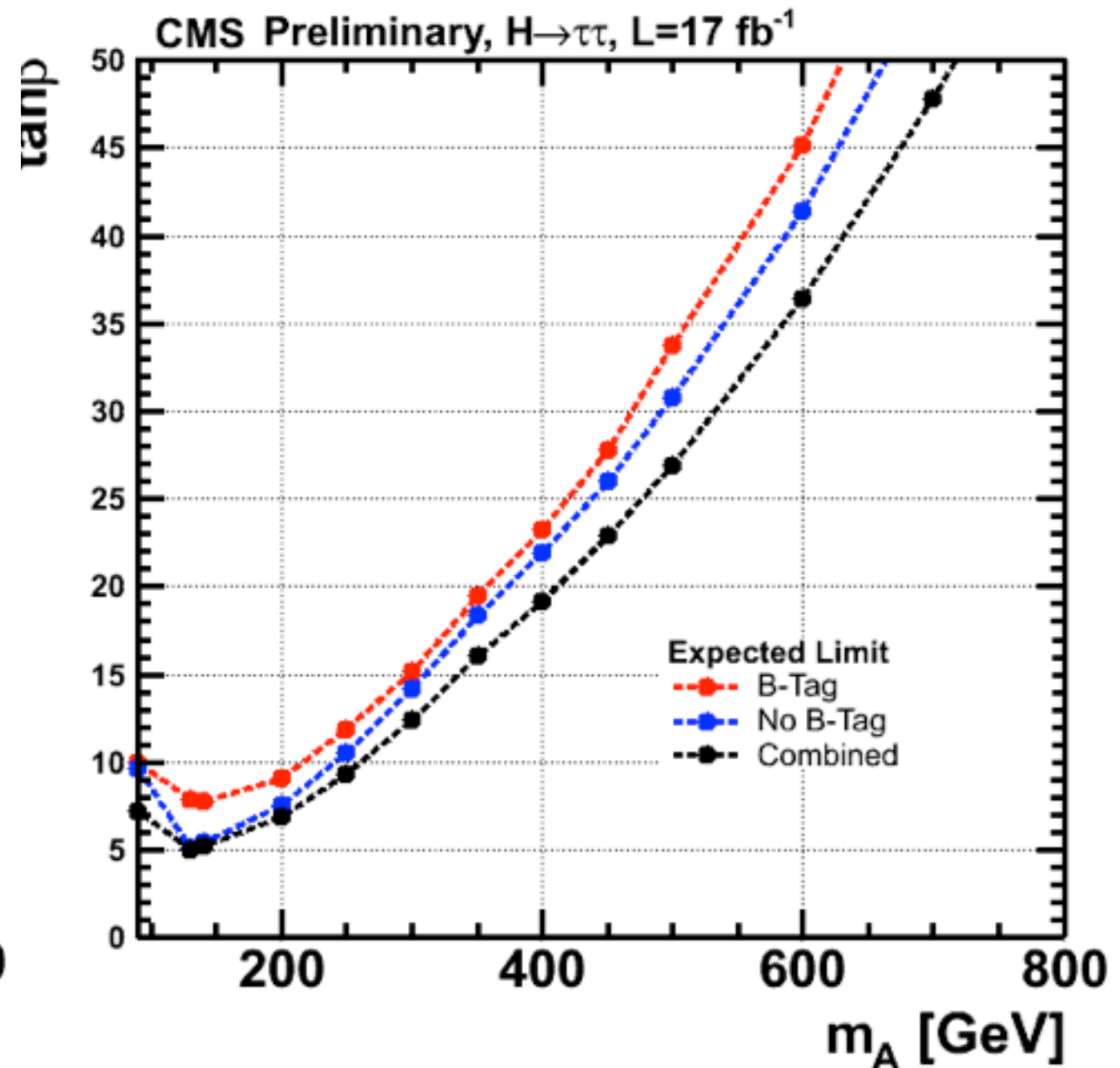
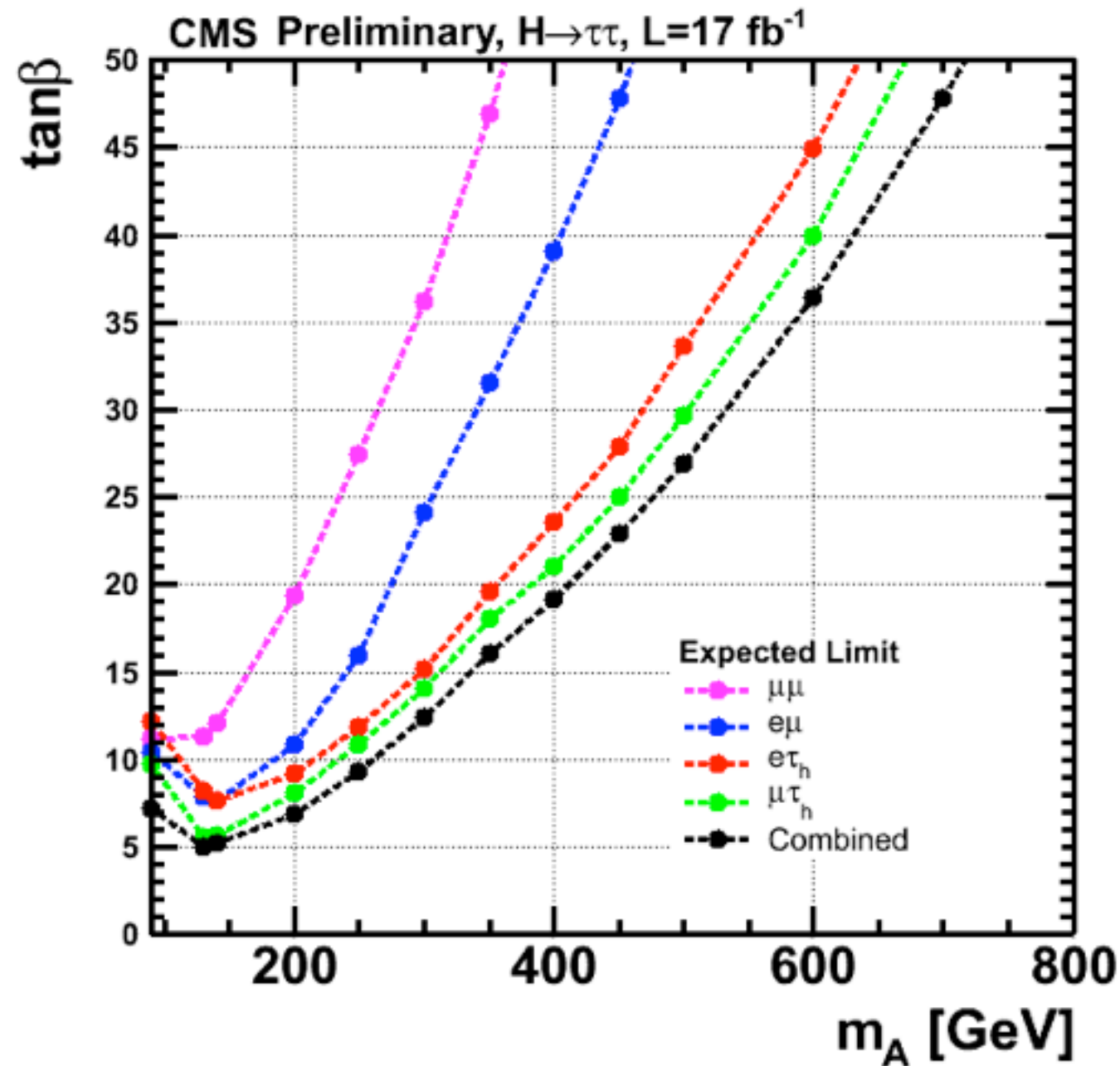




MSSM xsection



Mass Spectra (MSSM search)



CMS Projection

