Early Physics Measurements at the LHC with ATLAS







for the ATLAS Collaboration







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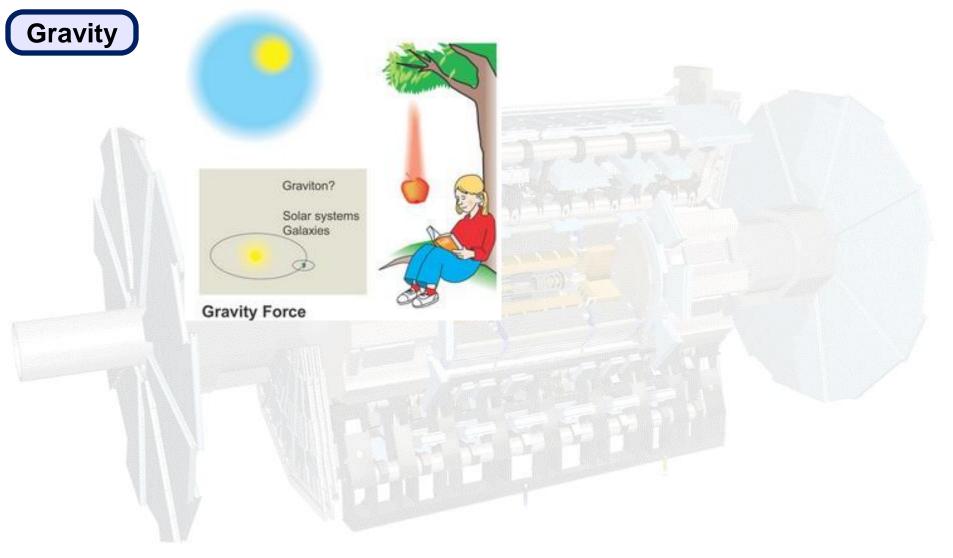
"Prediction is very difficult, especially if it is about the future."

Niels Bohr



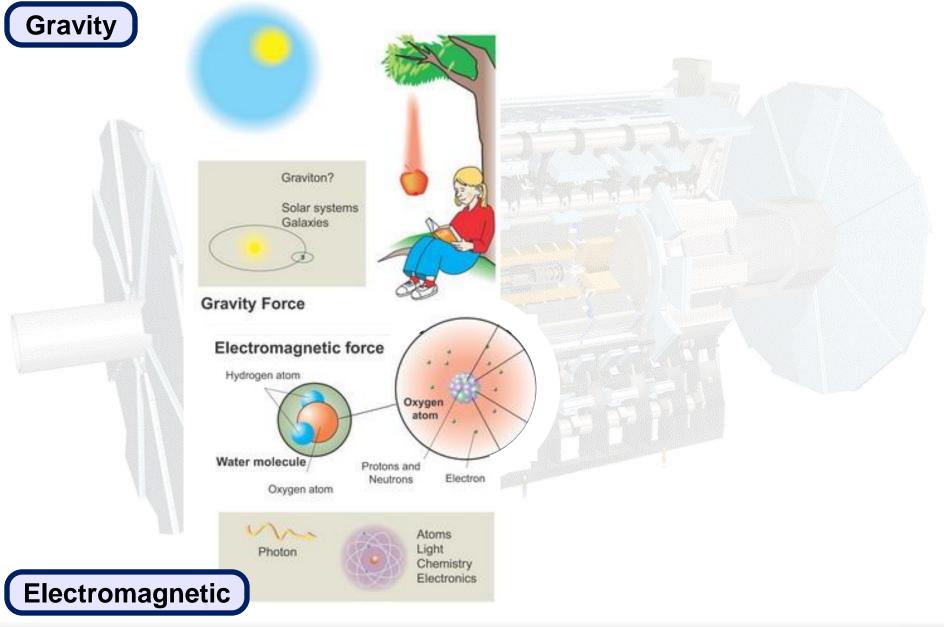








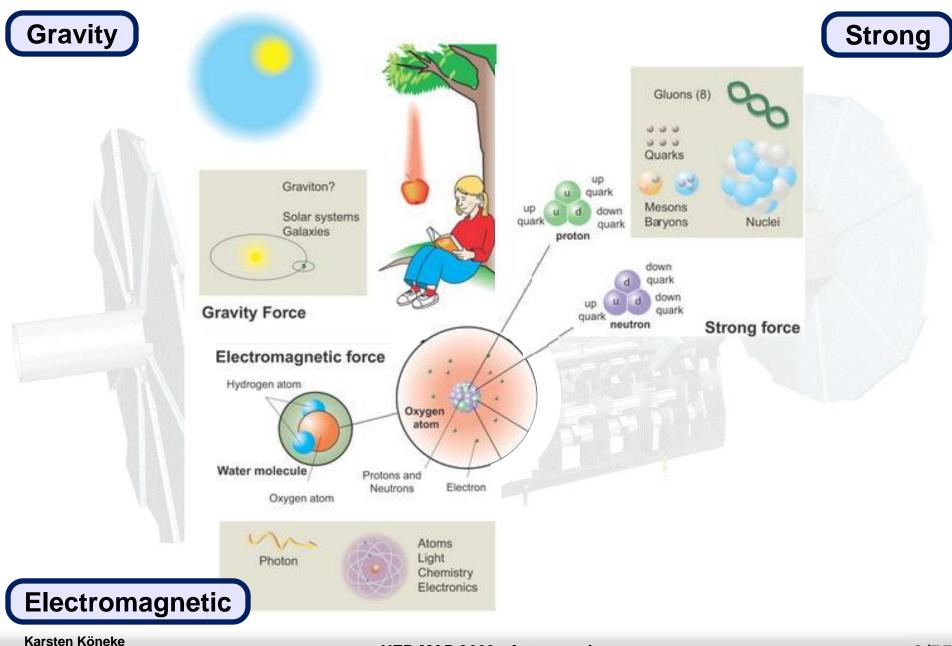




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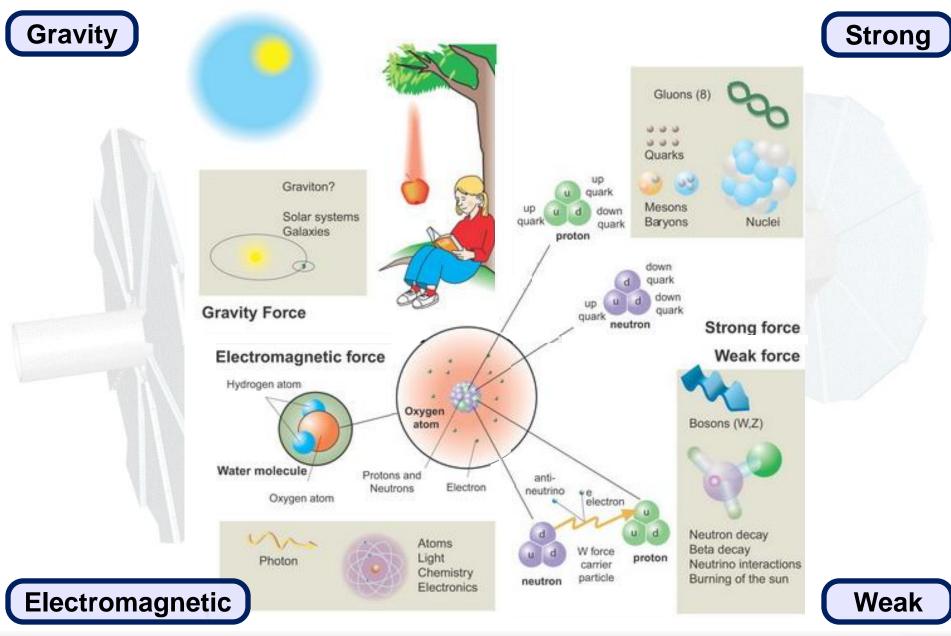




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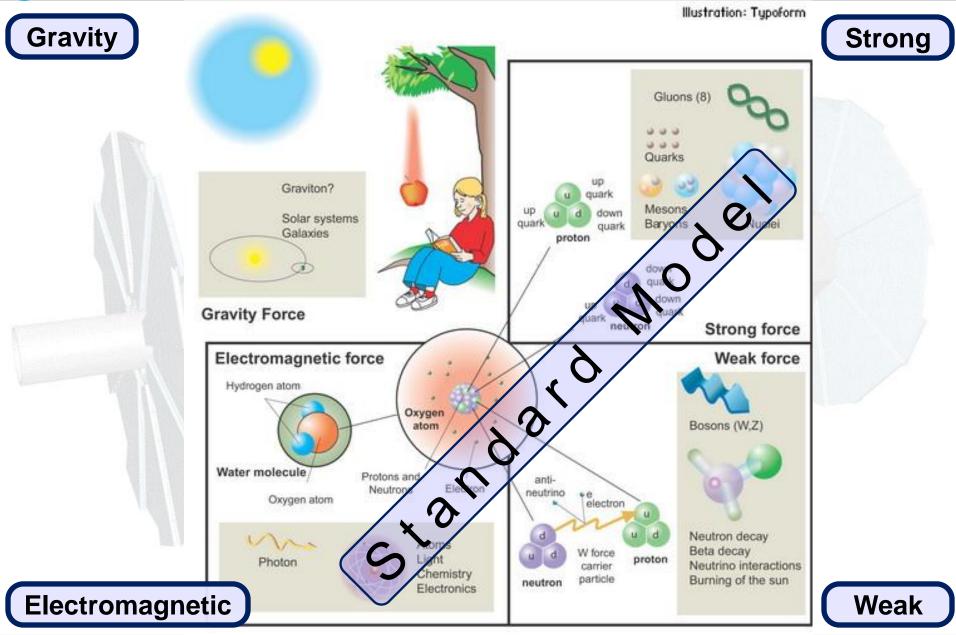




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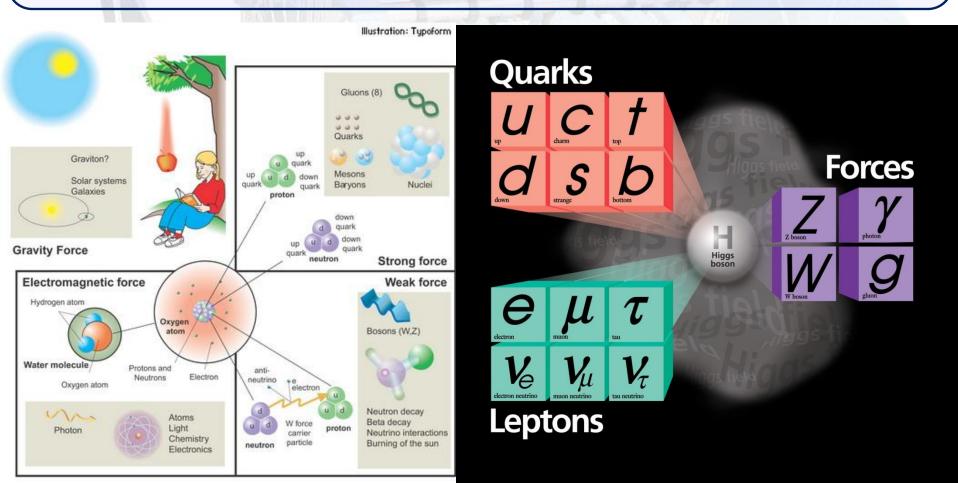


Standard Model of Particle Physics



Probably the best tested theory:

- Describes 3 out of 4 known forces in nature.
- Tested in numerous experiments and sometimes incredible precission!

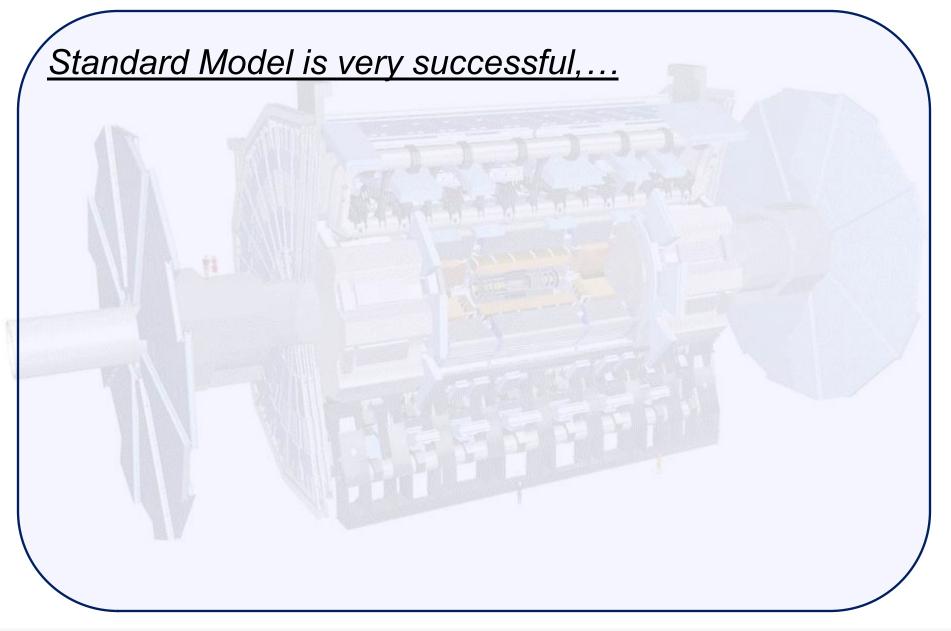


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What is the LHC and ATLAS build for?









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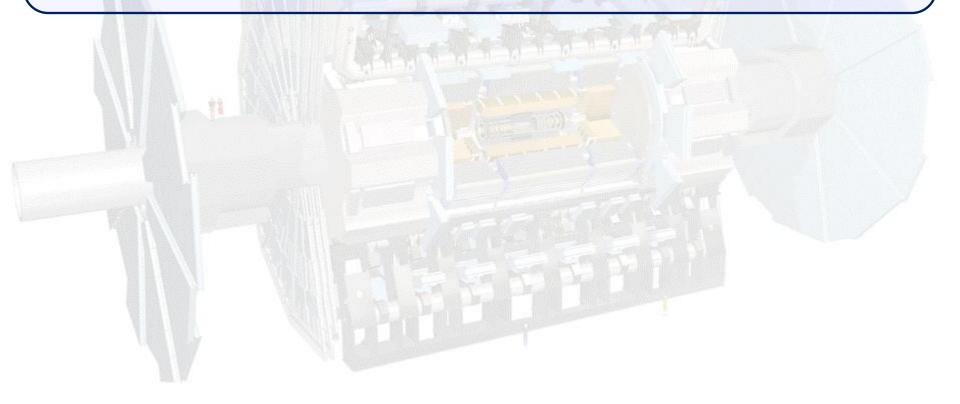






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Or in other words:

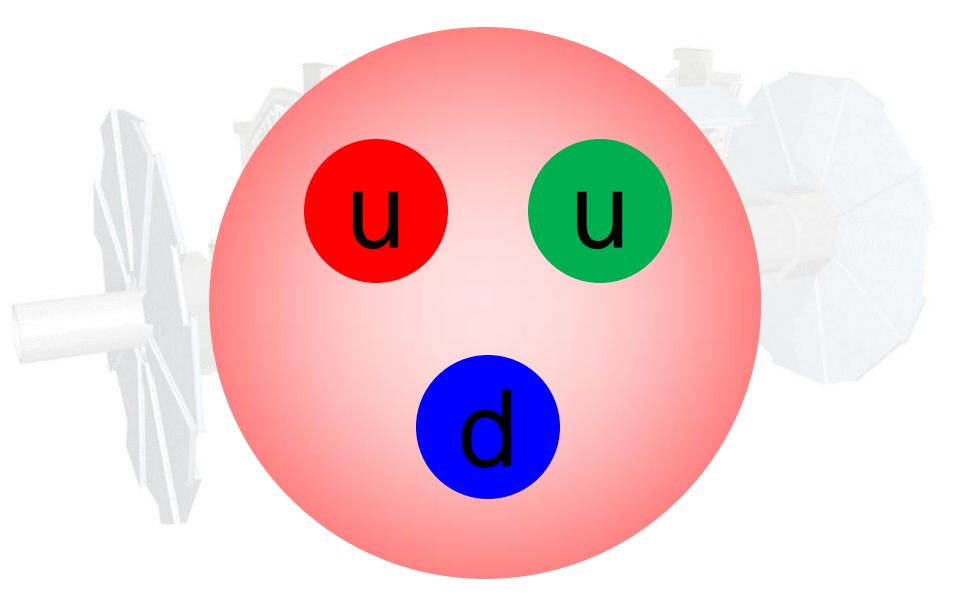
Yesterday's signal is today's control sample and tomorrow's background

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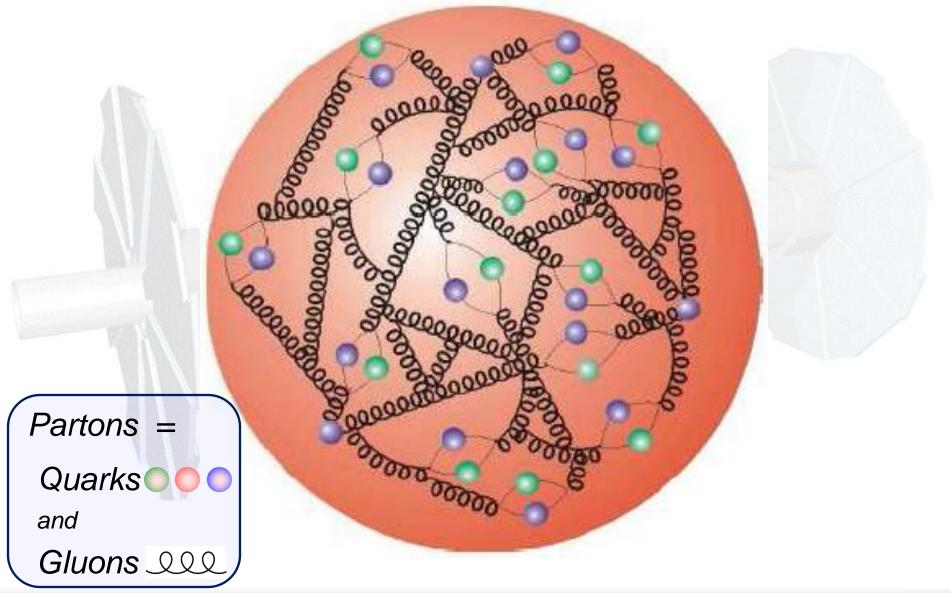


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Parton Densities



MSTW 2008 NLO PDFs (68% C.L.)

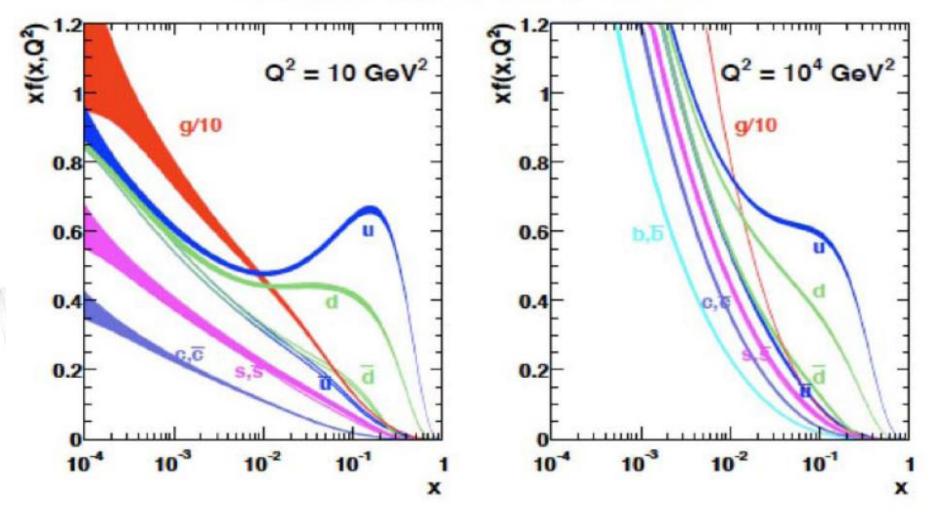


Figure 1: MSTW 2008 NLO PDFs at $Q^2 = 10 \text{ GeV}^2$ and $Q^2 = 10^4 \text{ GeV}^2$.

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two high-energetic hadrons

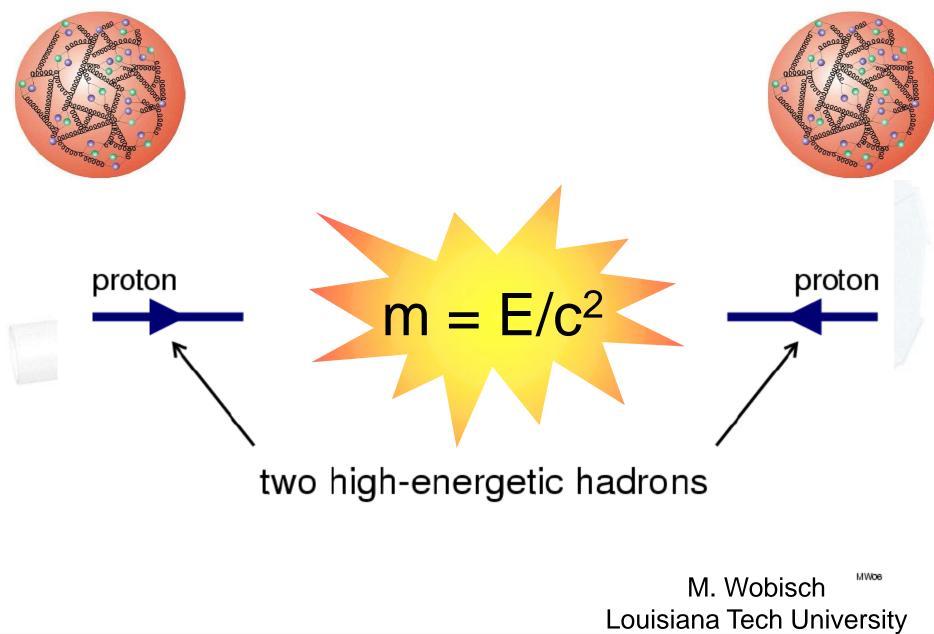
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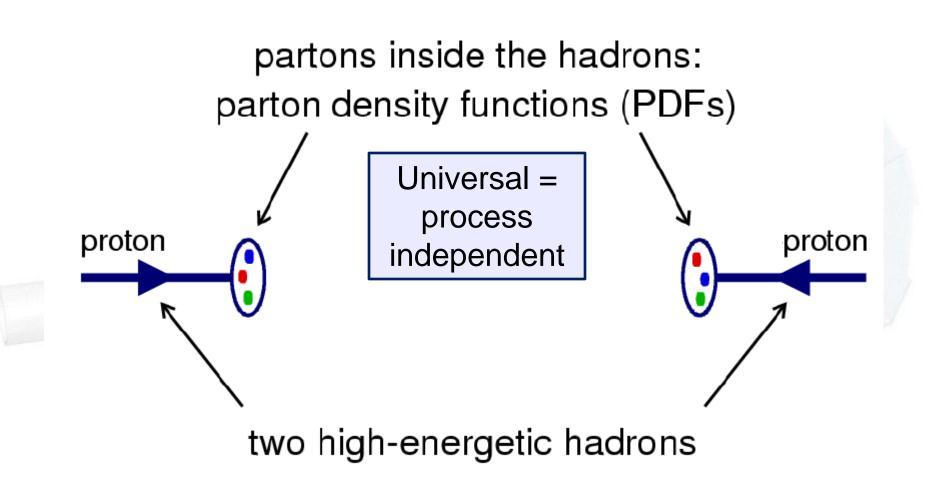




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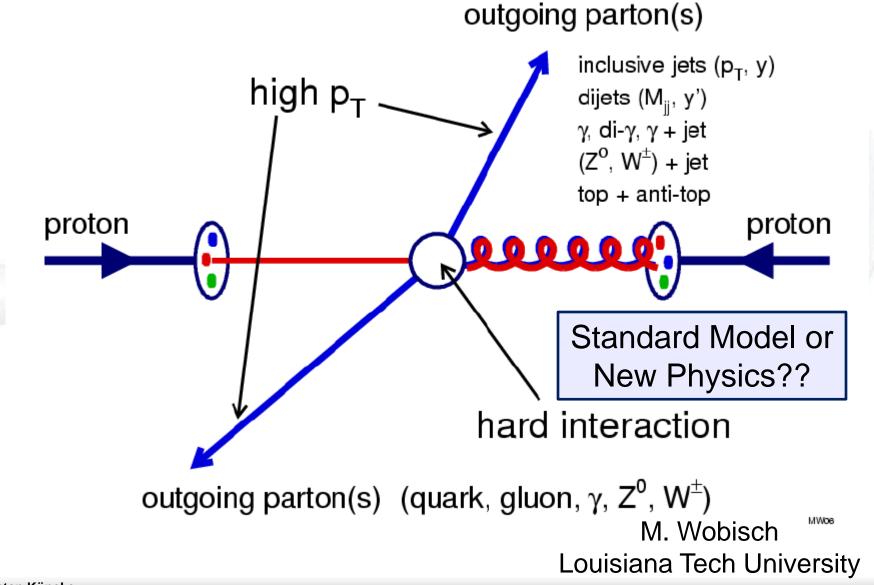
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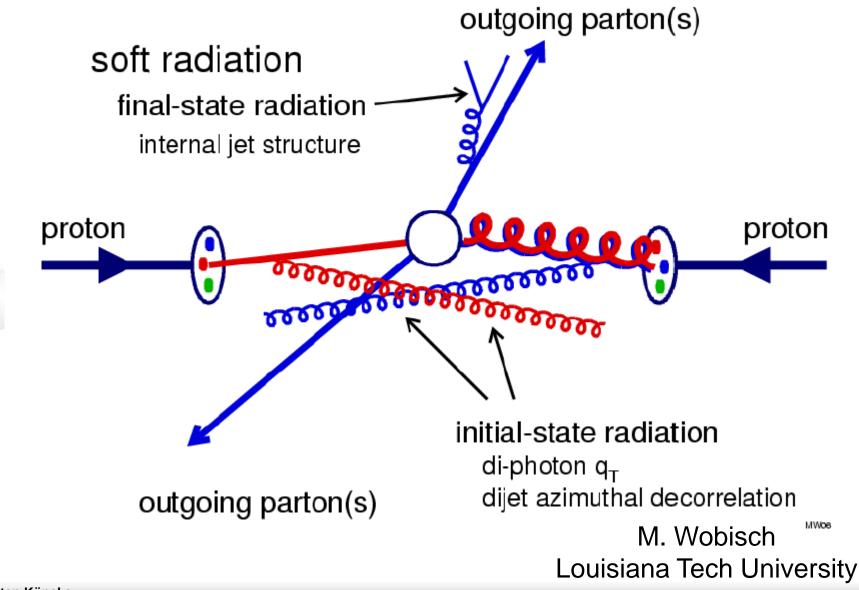


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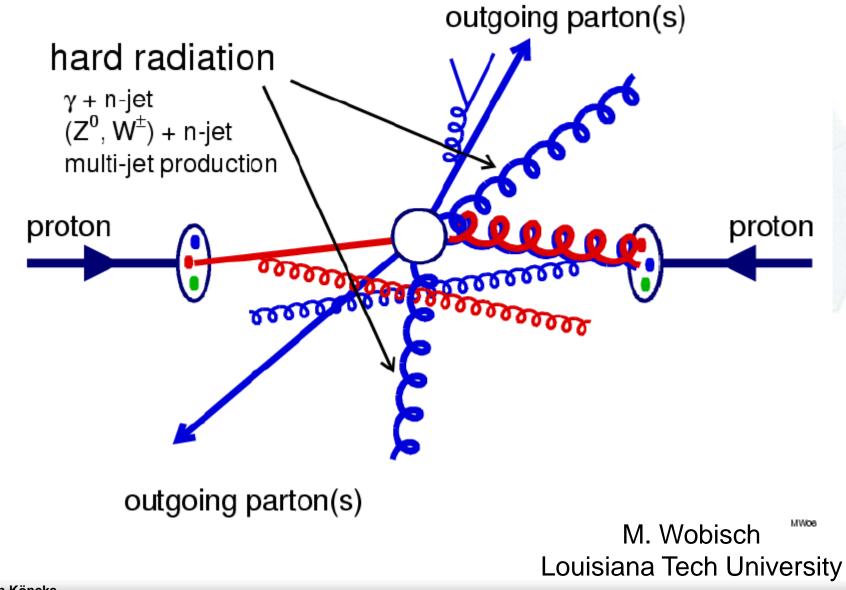




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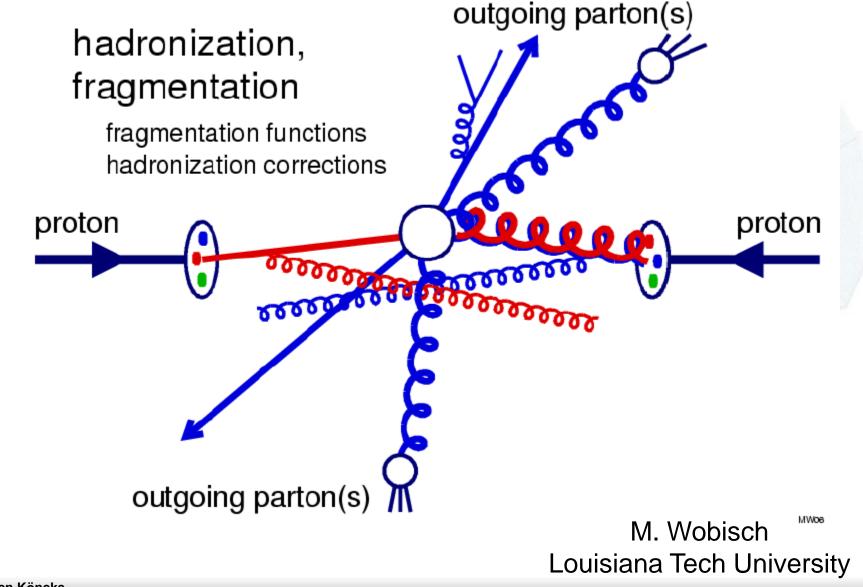










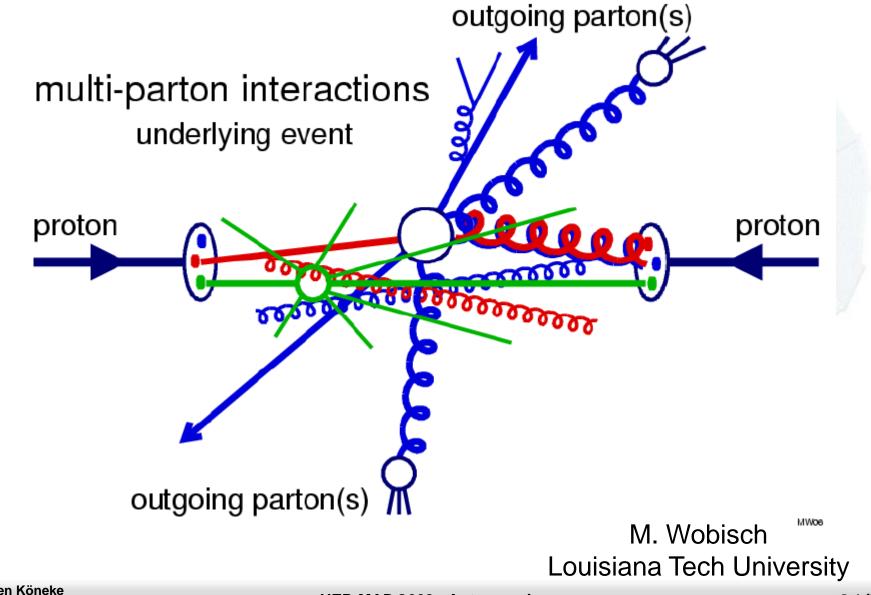


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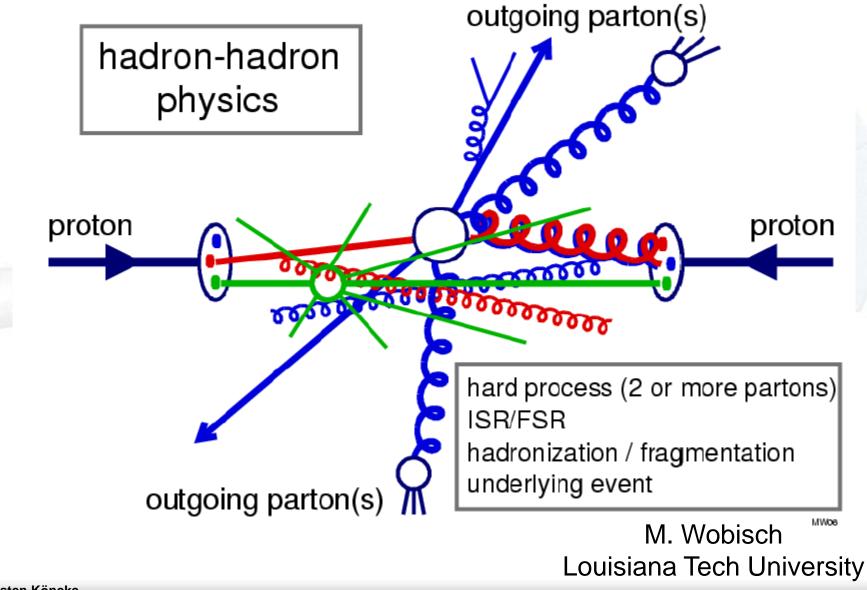


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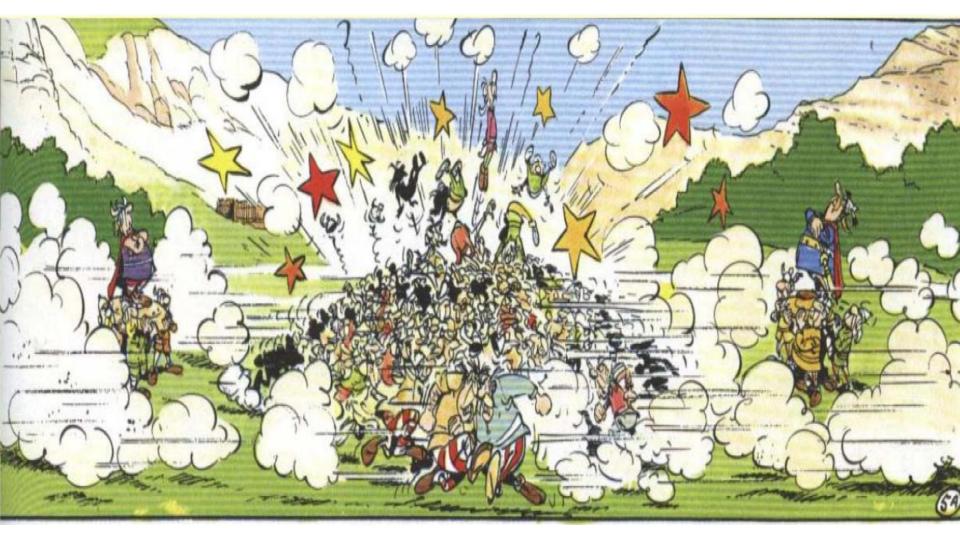






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It is really a big mess!!

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<u>First beam:</u>

Mid/end of November 2009

First collissions:

- At injection energy, i.e., 900 GeV center-of-mass energy
- For a short time (few days?)

First high-energy collissions:

- 7 TeV center-of-mass energy, i.e., 3.5 TeV per beam
- For a few months, to take a good amount of data for

First high-energy collissions:

- 10 TeV center-of-mass energy, i.e., 5 TeV per beam
- For another <u>few months</u>.
- Total integrated luminosity is planned to be around 200 pb-1

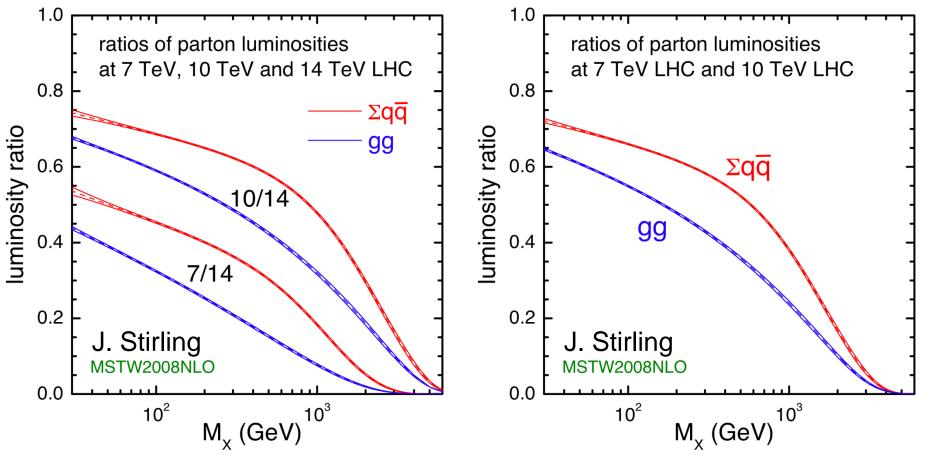
1 Month of heavy ion running towards the end of the running period (November 2010)

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7 TeV vs. 10 TeV vs. 14 TeV





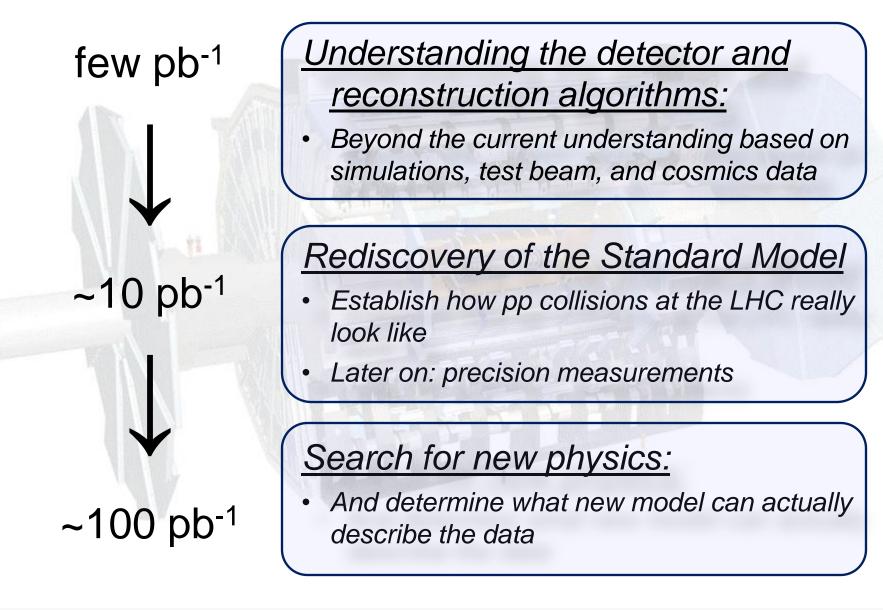
Examples of cross section suppression in going from 14 TeV to 7 TeV:

- *W, Z* ~ 45%
- H (120 GeV) ~ 30%
- Z'(1 TeV) ~ 18%

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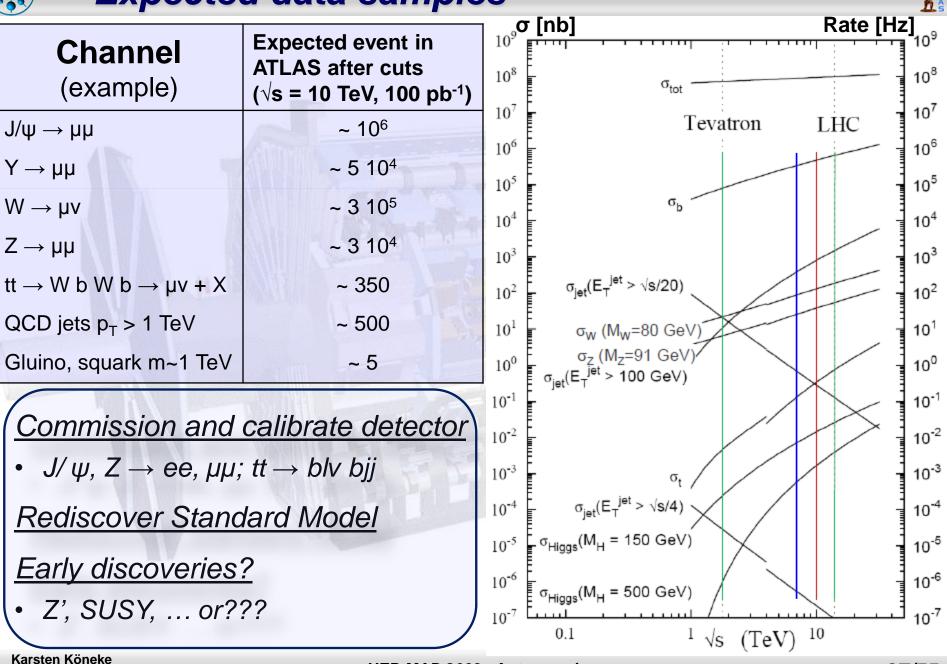








Expected data samples

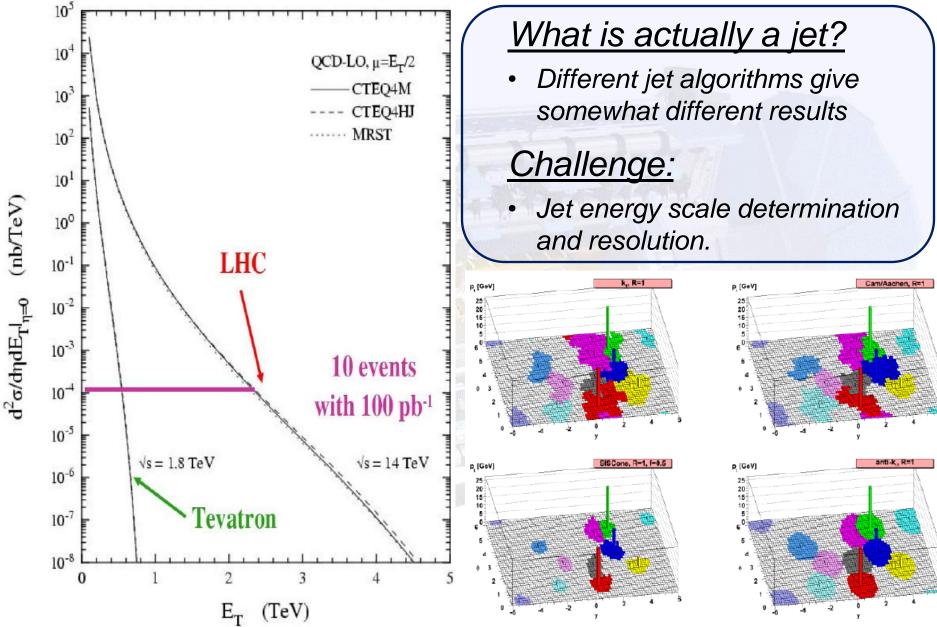


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Jet measurements

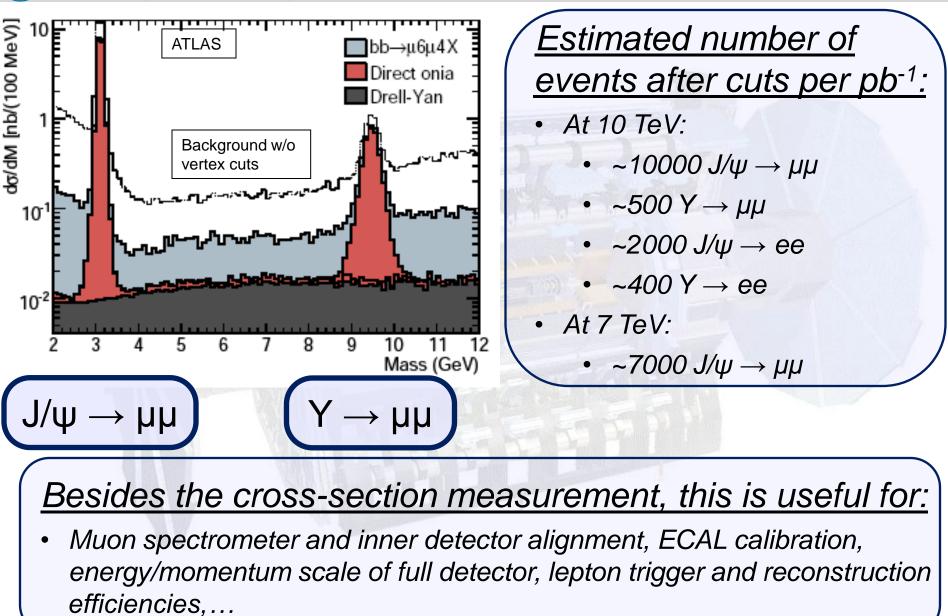


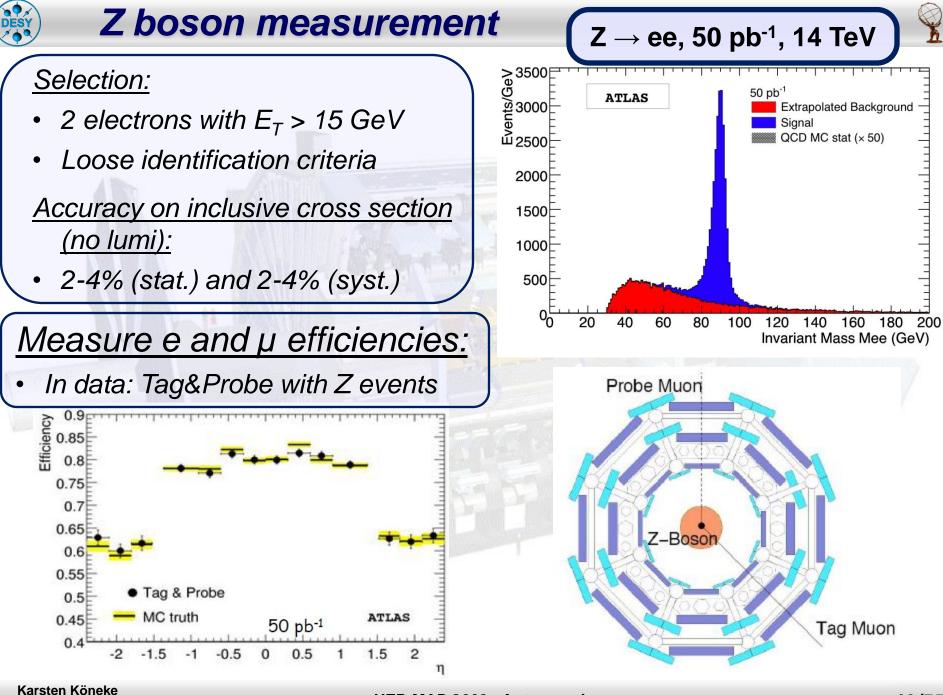


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J/ψ and Upsilon measurements







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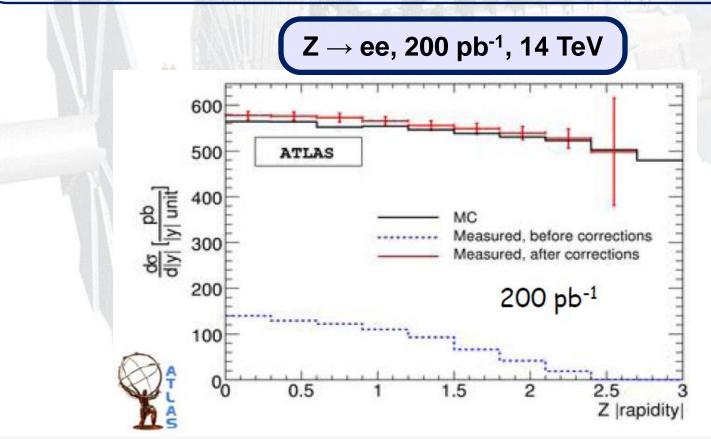
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<u>Measure differential $pp \rightarrow Z$ cross-section:</u>

- As a function of Z rapidity and of $Z p_T$
- More data needed. ~ 200 pb⁻¹
- Interesting for constraining the parton density functions



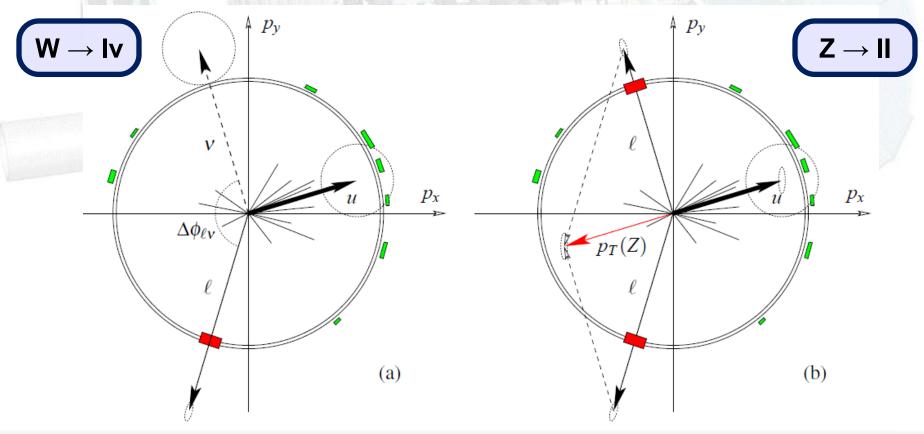
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<u>Measure missing E_T efficiency:</u>

- Not easy to determine, lots of event cleaning needed (e.g. cosmic muons, hot cells in calorimeters,...)
- Use Z events and replace one lepton to measure missing E_T with data

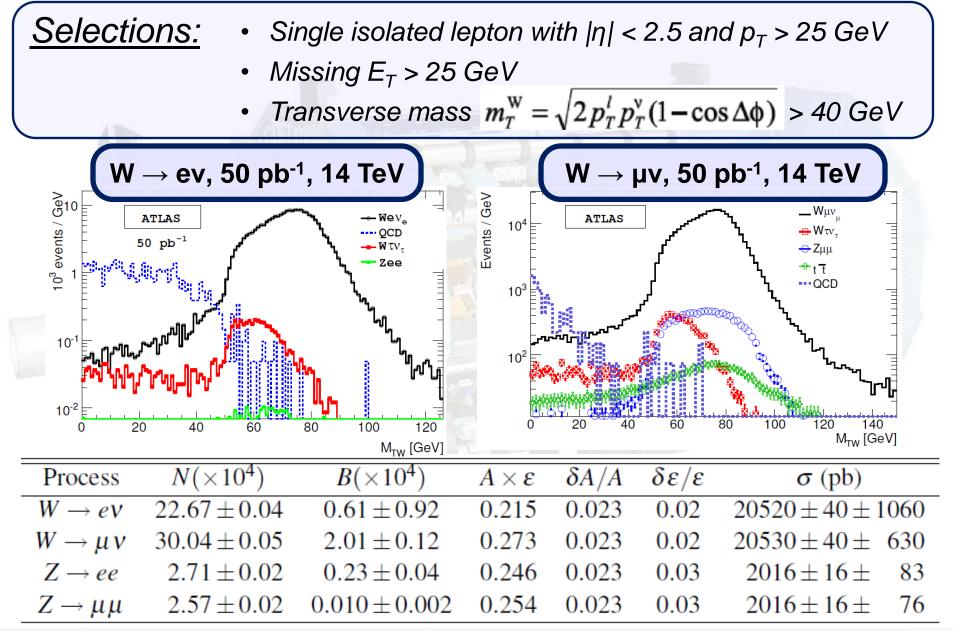


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W boson measurement – cross section



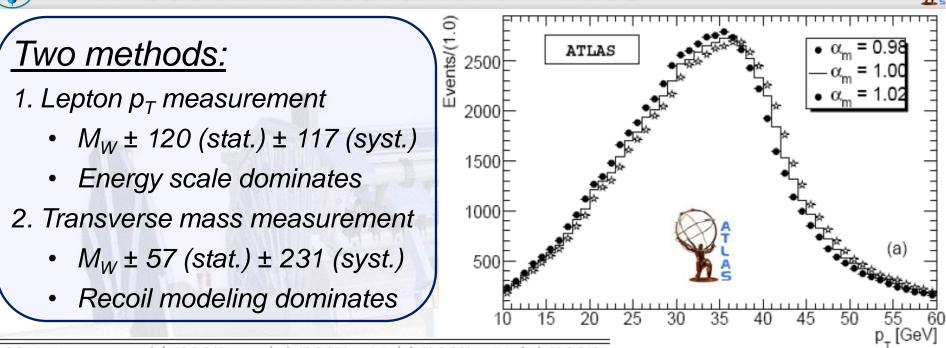


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W boson measurement – mass



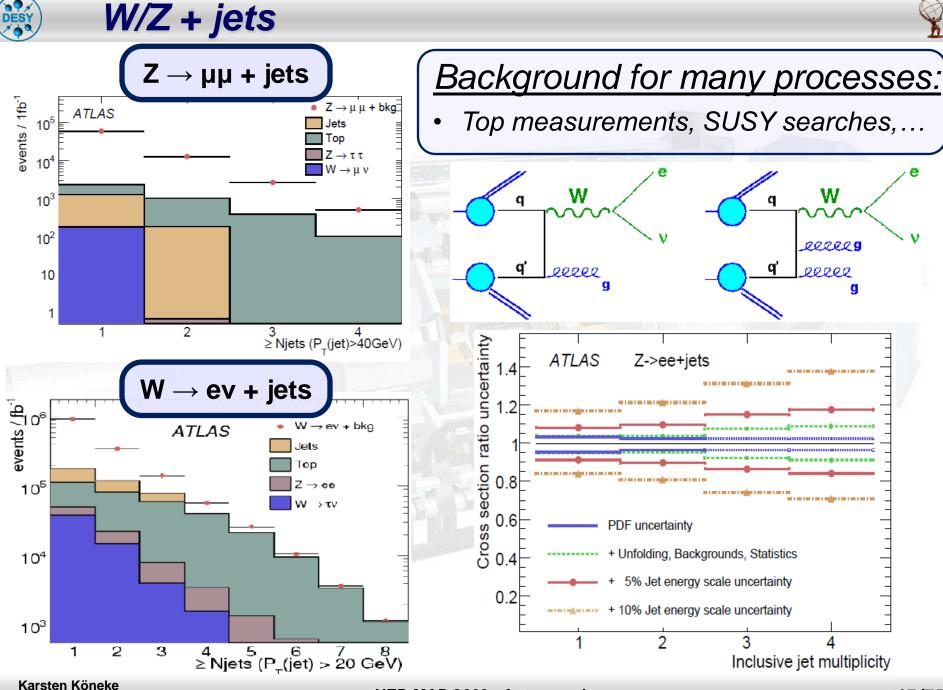


Method	$p_T(e)$ [MeV]	$p_T(\mu)$ [MeV]	$M_T(e)$ [MeV]	$M_T(\mu)$ [MeV]	
δm_W (stat)	120	106	61	57	1
$\delta m_W(\alpha_E)$	110	110	110	110	
$\delta m_W(\sigma_E)$	5	5	5	5	
δm_W (tails)	28	< 28	28	< 28	
$\delta m_W(\varepsilon)$	14	_	14	_	
δm_W (recoil)	_	_	200	200	
δm_W (bkg)	3	3	3	3	
δm_W (exp)	114	114	230	230	-
δm_W (PDF)	25	25	25	25	_
Total	167	158	239	238	-
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With 15 pb ⁻¹ :

- Use of template fits
- Shown is a W mass change of 2%

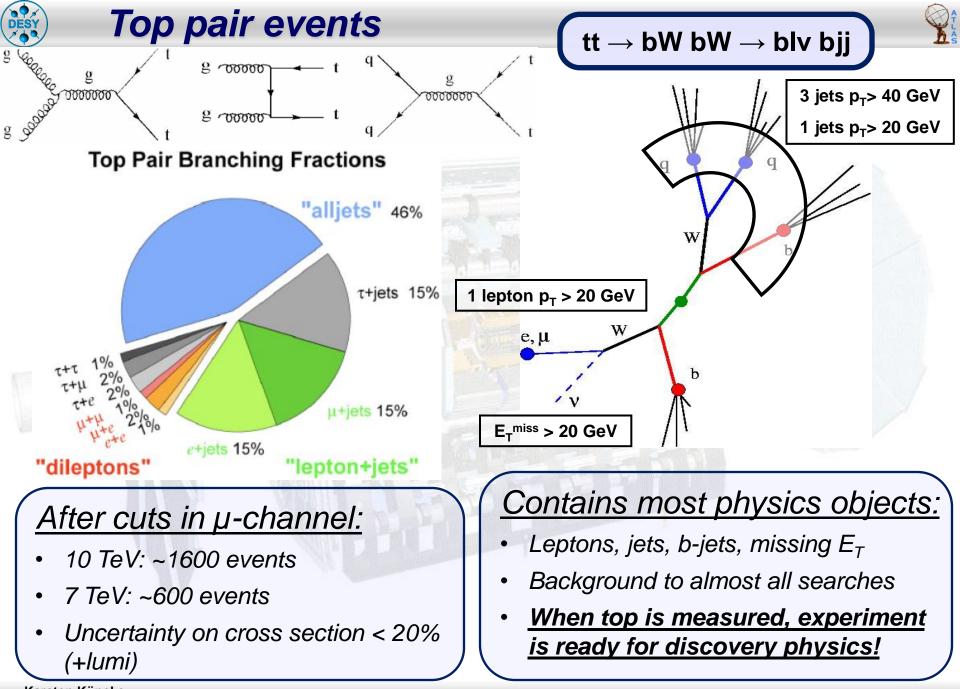
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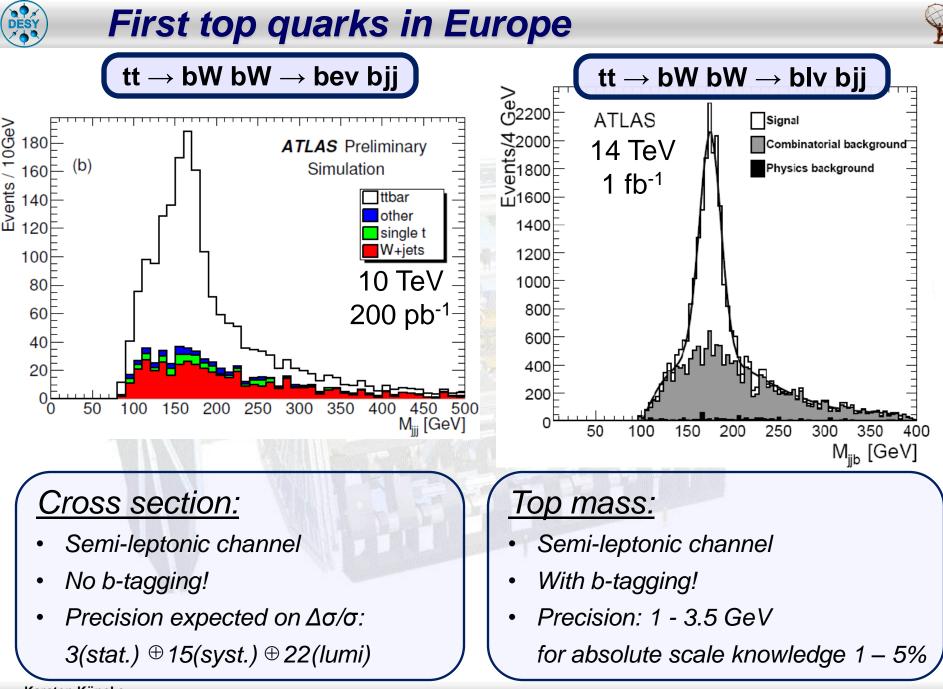


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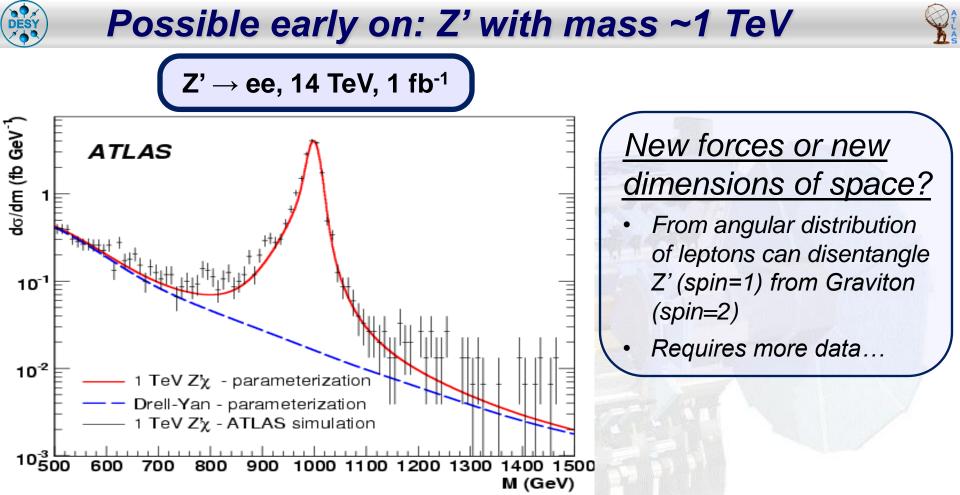


To find a deviation is easy...

- To prove that is comes from new physics is much harder!
- Simple-minded recipe:
 - Find variable(s) discriminating between signal and background
 - Cut away most background (maximize signal significance)
 - Estimate remaining background events and look at event yield in data

Need to worry and care about:

- Is the detector behavior really understood?
 - Efficiencies, fake rates, energy and momentum scales, non-gaussian resolutions,...
 - Try to obtain as much information as possible from data
- Is the Standard Model prediction really understood?
 - Cross sections, kinematic distributions, underlying event,...
 - Must know sources of uncertainties on these!



- Signal is (narrow) mass peak above small and smooth SM background
- Does not require ultimate EM calorimeter performance
- Sensitivity beyond Tevatron limits with 200 pb⁻¹ at 7 TeV (100 pb⁻¹ at 10 TeV)
- Perhaps sometime in 2010, if we are lucky???



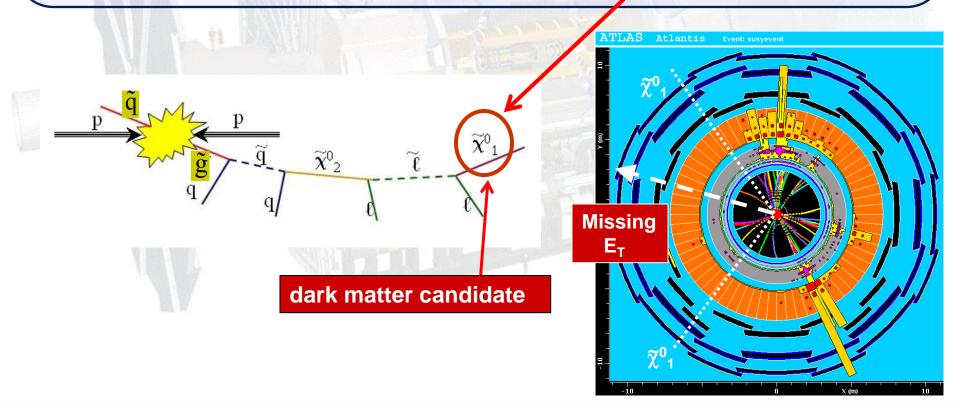
Supersymmetry

If it is at TeV scale, it could be found "quickly"... due to:

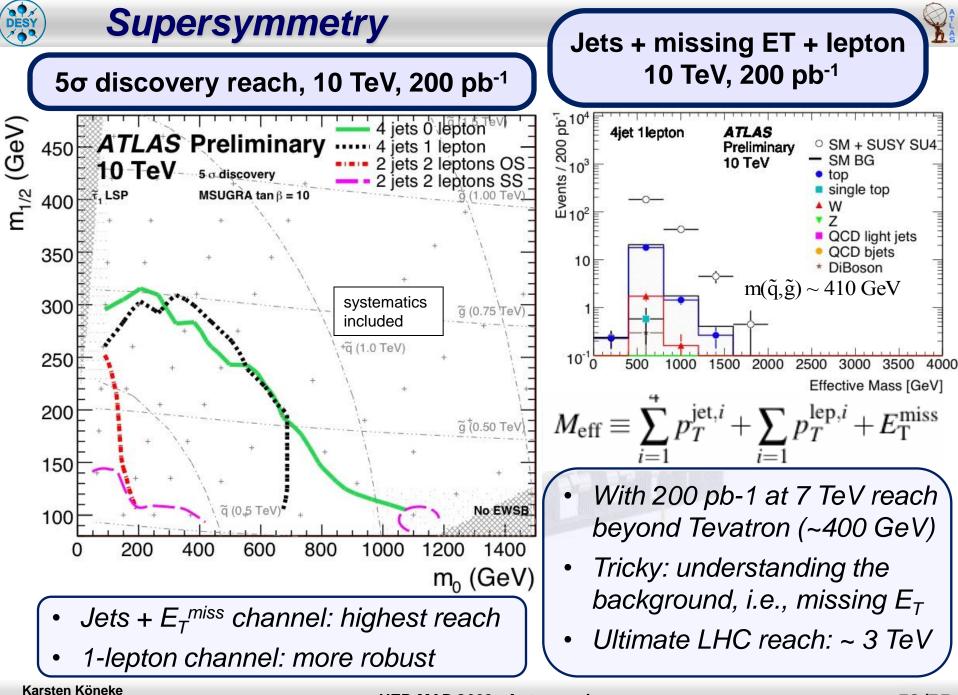
- Huge production cross section for $\widetilde{q}\widetilde{q},\widetilde{g}\widetilde{q},\widetilde{g}\widetilde{g}$
- If $m(\tilde{q}, \tilde{g}) \sim 1$ TeV:

expect 1 event every 5 days at $L = 10^{31}$ cm⁻² s⁻¹

Spectacular final states (many jets, leptons, missing transverse energy)

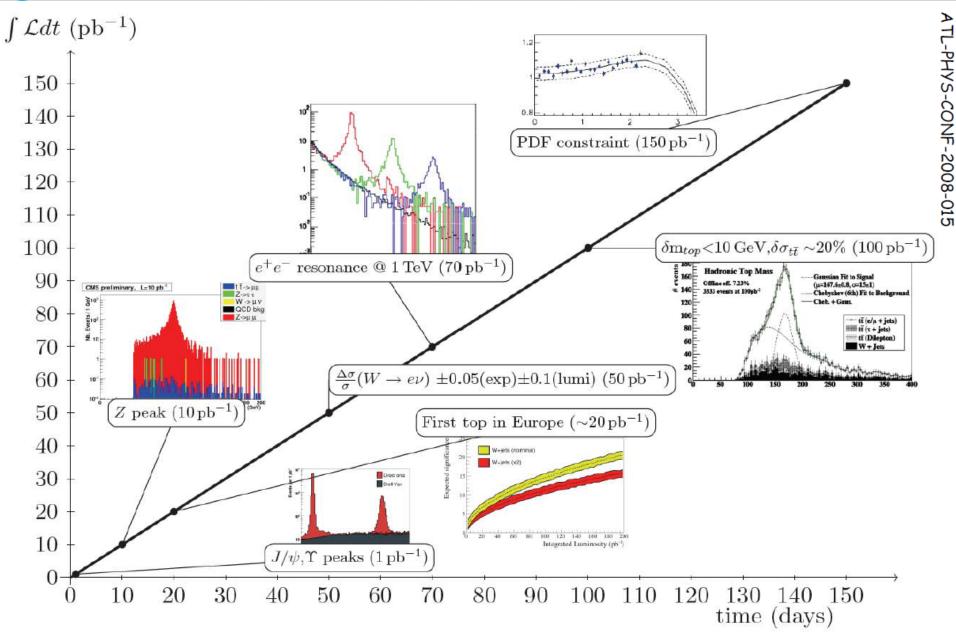


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Summary – Early physics potential at ATLAS



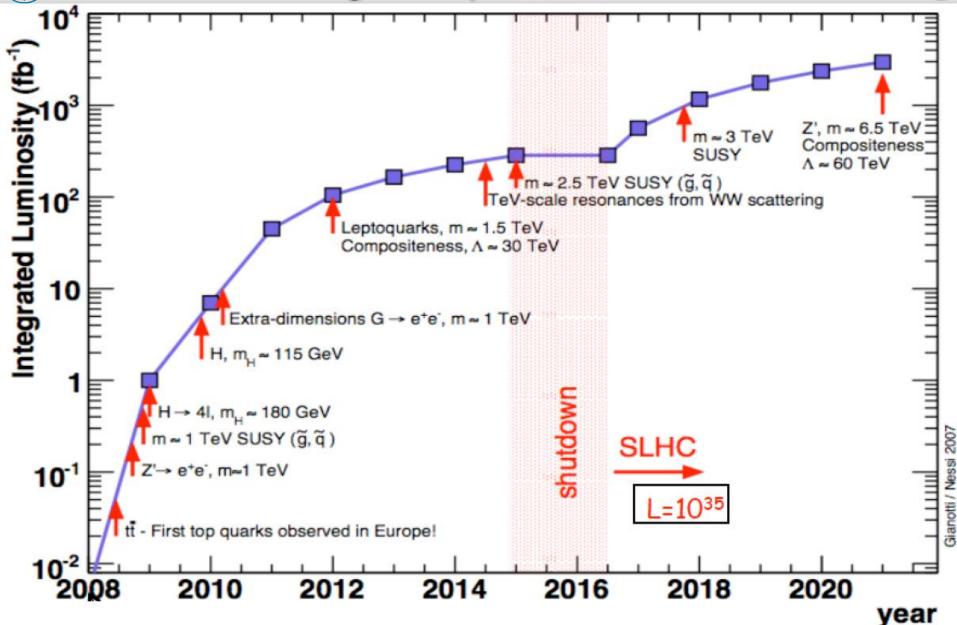
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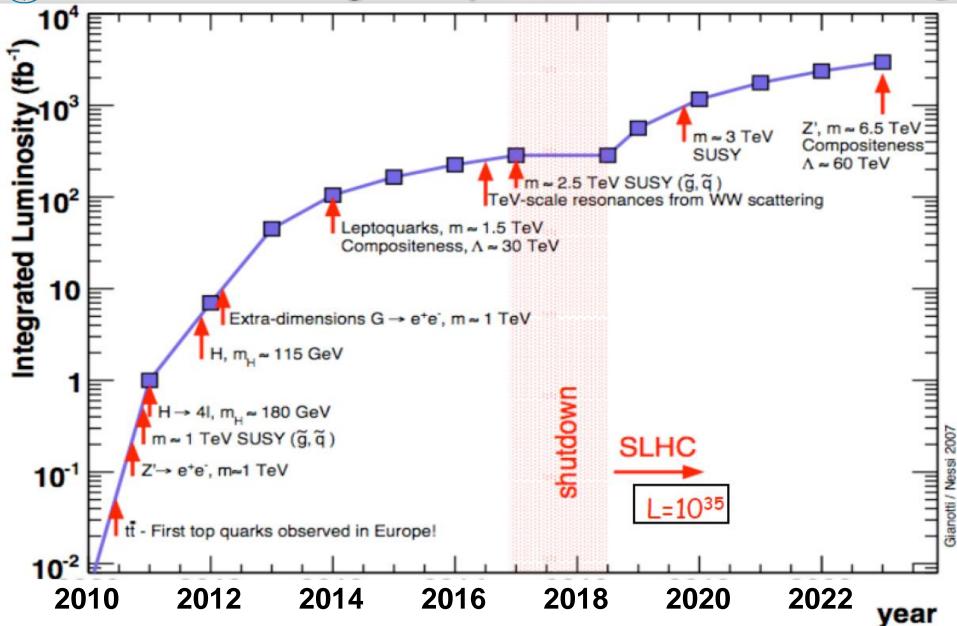
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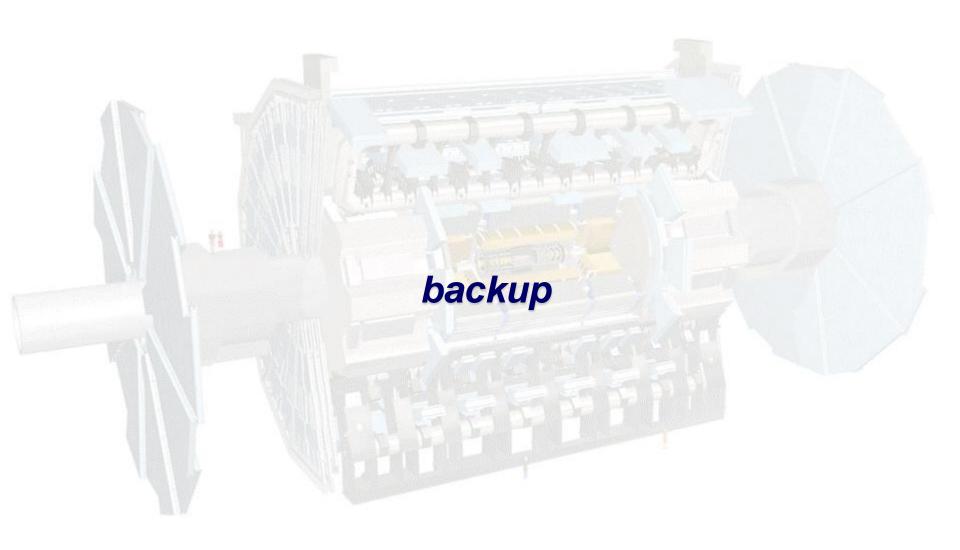
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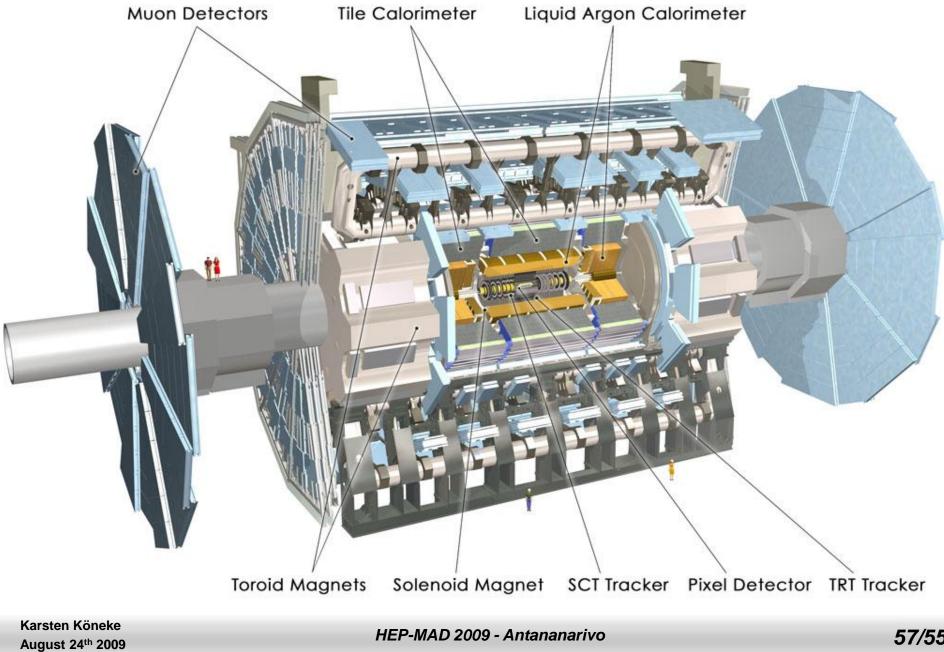




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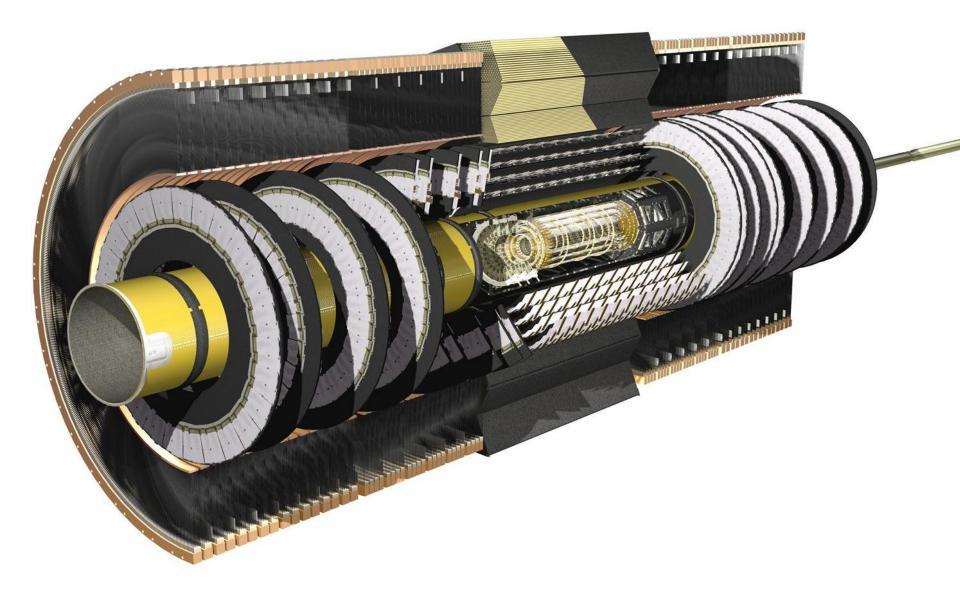






The ATLAS Inner Detector Tracking

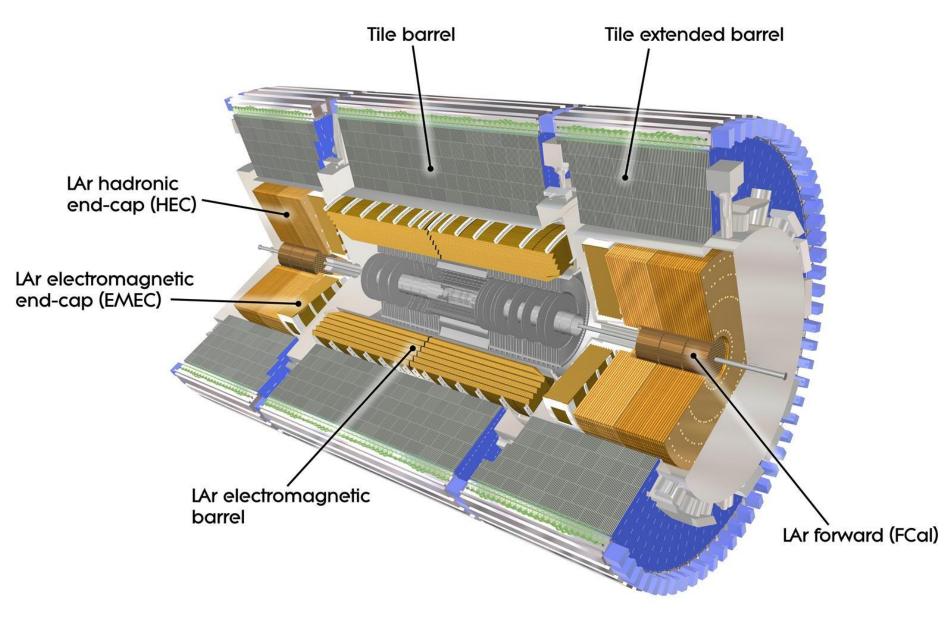






The ATLAS Calorimeters



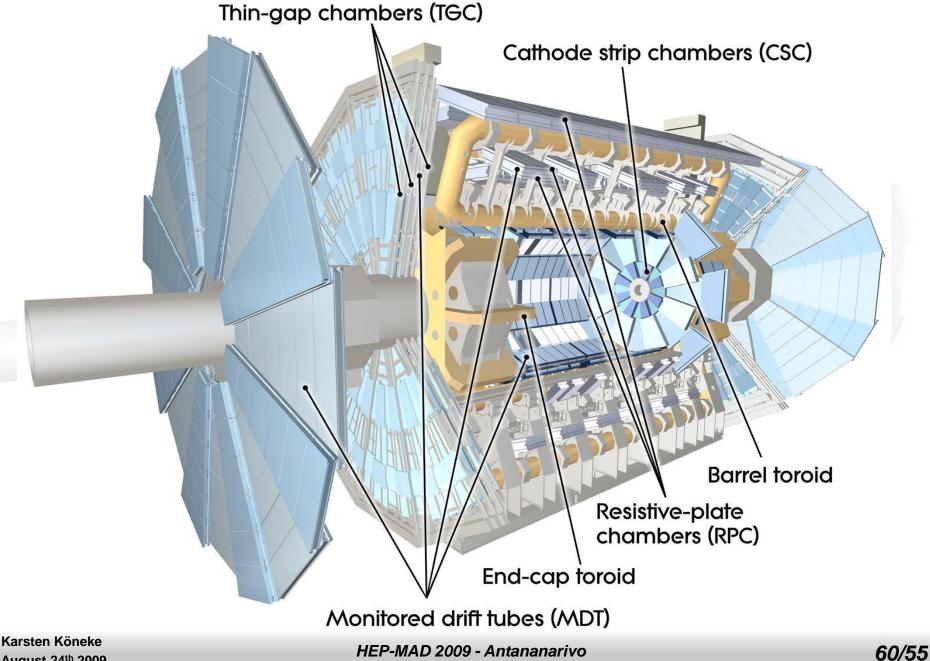




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The ATLAS Muon System

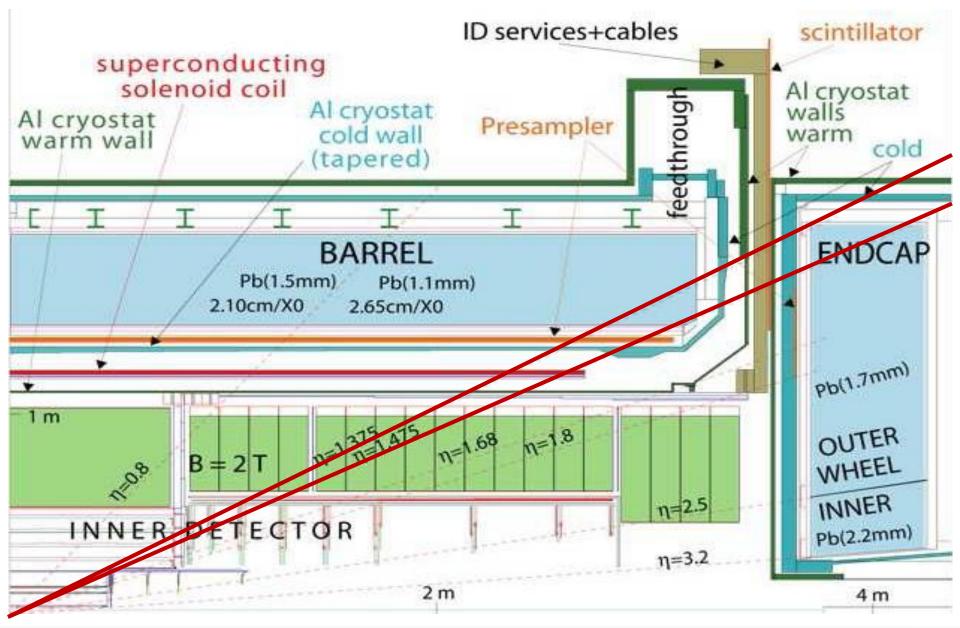






Inner Detector Cross-Section





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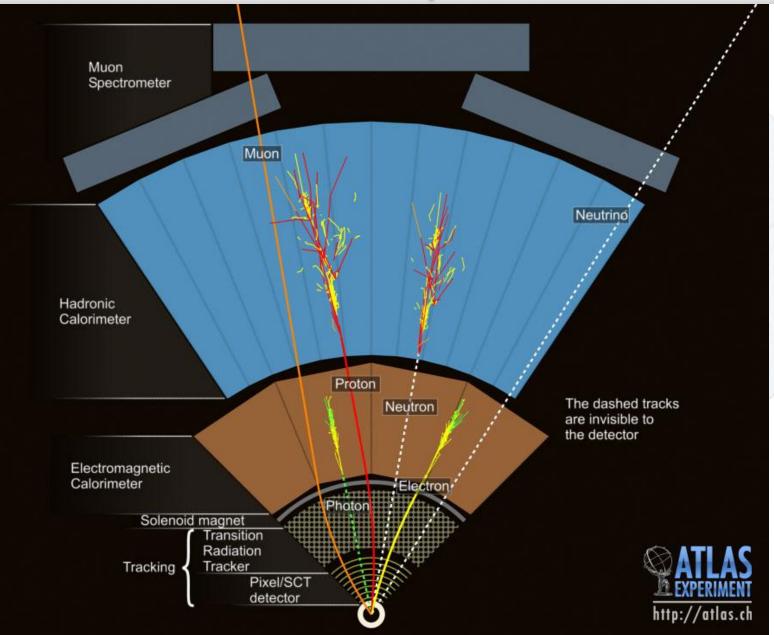
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Interaction of different particles in ATLAS

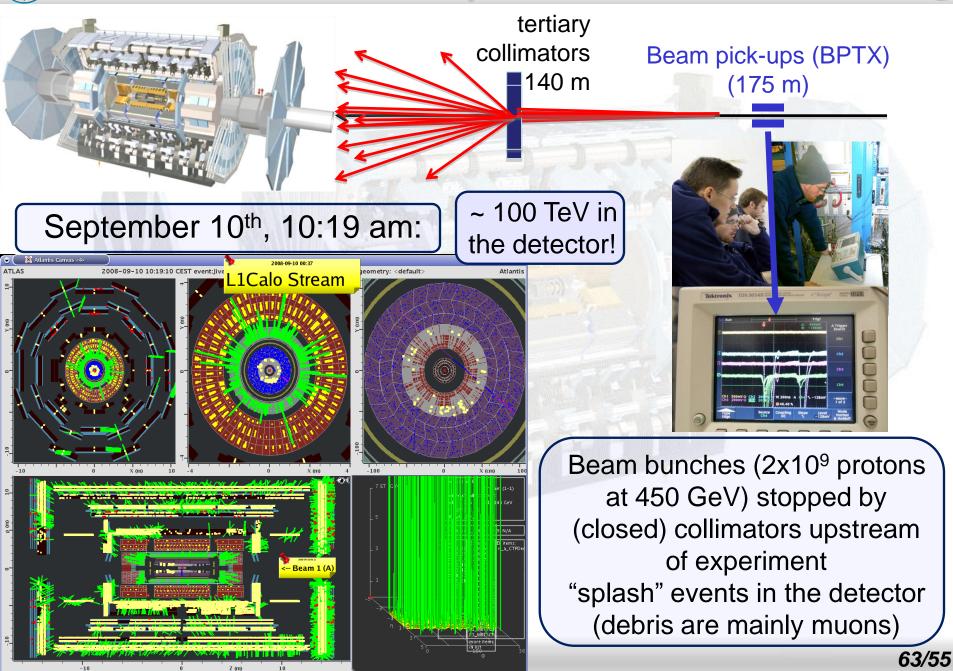


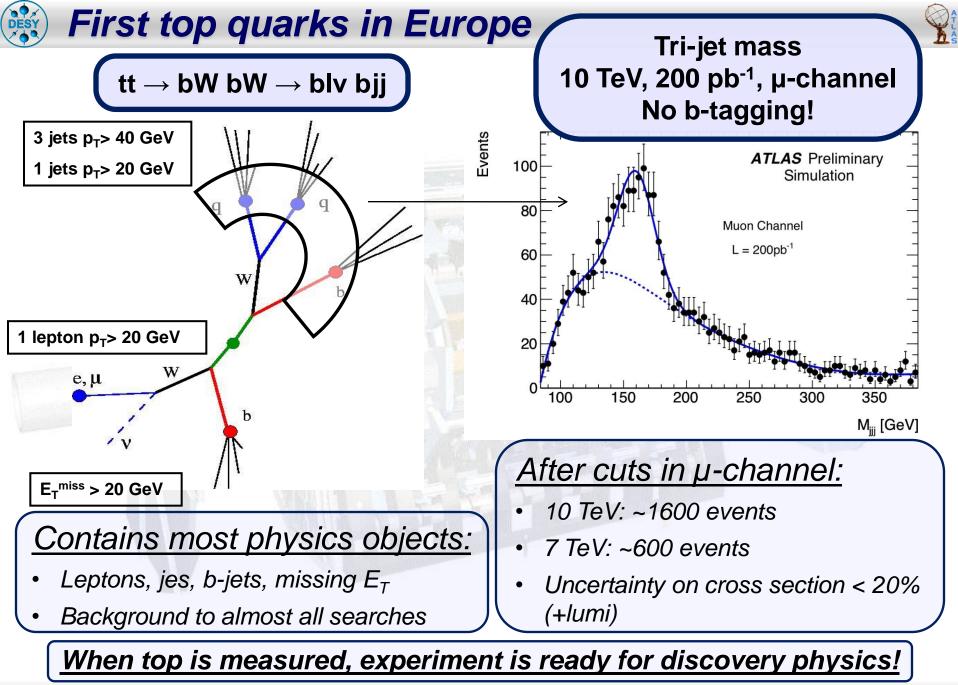


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First ATLAS "beam splash event" recorded







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