

**Search in the dilepton final state in proton–proton collisions at $\sqrt{s}=13$ TeV
with the ATLAS detector**

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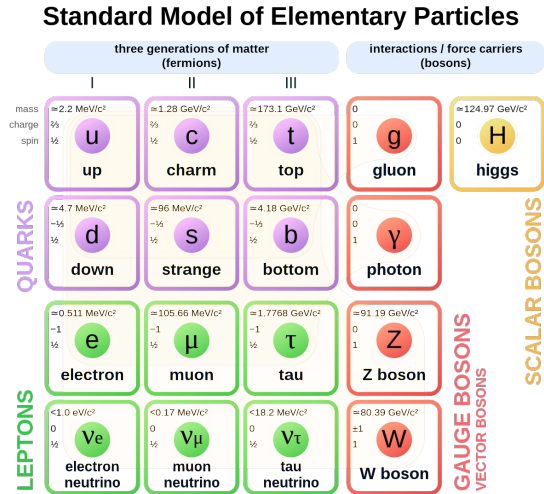
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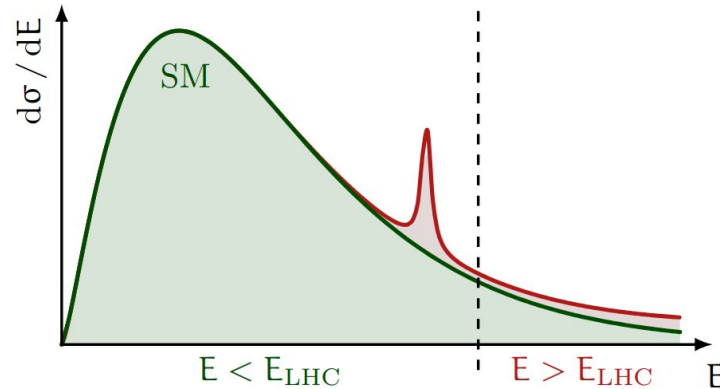
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Standard Model of Elementary Particles

	three generations of matter (fermions)			interactions / force carriers (bosons)	
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spin	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0
QUARKS	u up	c charm	t top	g gluon	H higgs
	$\approx 4.7 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$\approx 96 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$\approx 4.18 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	0	
	$-\frac{1}{3}$	$-\frac{1}{3}$	$-\frac{1}{3}$	1	
	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	
	d down	s strange	b bottom	γ photon	
	$\approx 0.511 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$\approx 105.66 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$\approx 1.7768 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	$\approx 91.19 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	
	-1	-1	-1	0	
	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	
LEPTONS	e electron	μ muon	τ tau	Z Z boson	
	$< 1.0 \text{ eV}/c^2$	$< 0.17 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$< 18.2 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$\approx 80.39 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	
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At LHC : Direct searches



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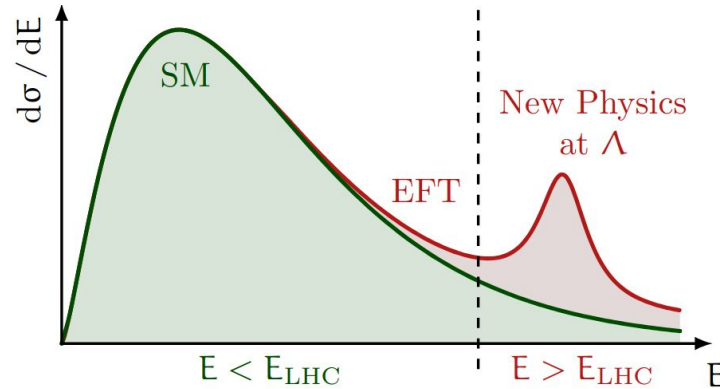
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At LHC : Precision measurement + EFT interpretation



$$\mathcal{L}_{SMEFT} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \sum_{d>4} \sum_i \frac{C_{d,i}}{\Lambda^{d-4}} \mathcal{O}_{d,i}$$

OUTLOOK

- Search for new Z' resonances in the final state with two leptons + X
- High mass Drell-Yan double differential cross-section measurement in an exclusive final state with b-jets.

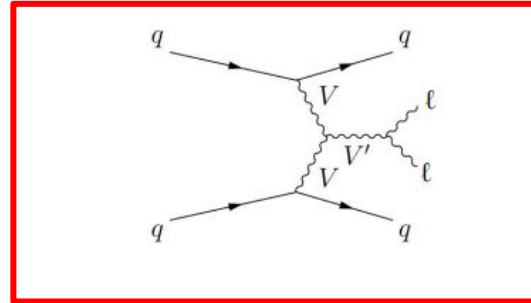
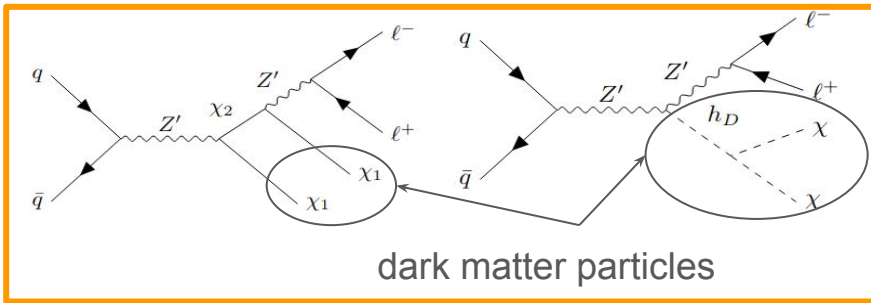
Direct searches

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I contributed to 2 channels :

- $Z'+\text{MET}^*$
- $Z'+\text{VBF}^* \text{ jets}$

MET^* = Missing Transverse Energy
 VBF^* = Vector Boson Fusion



My main task was the development of statistical tools

Results for the $Z' + \text{MET}$ channel were publicly released in August 2023 ([ATLAS-CONF-2023-045](#))!

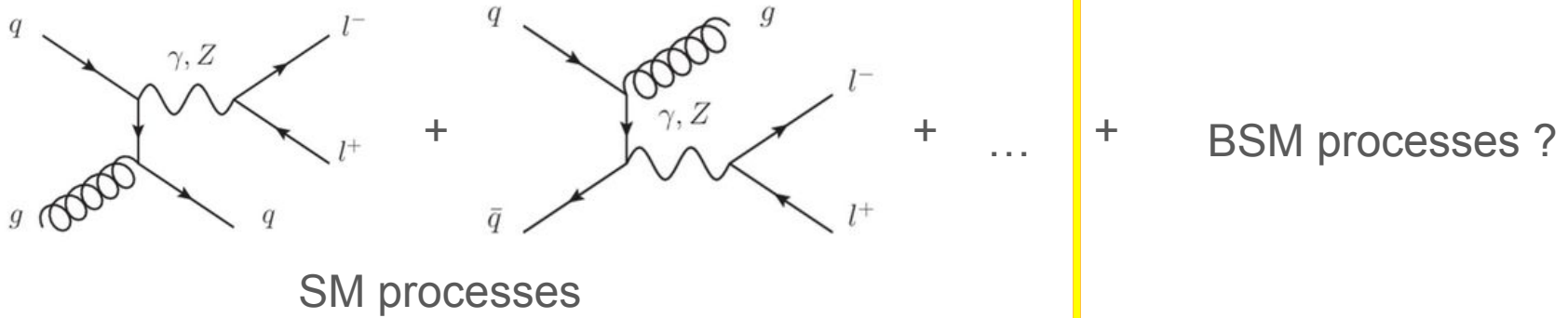
- ★ We set new limits on the Z' cross-section (1 order of magnitude better) and lepton coupling!
- ★ I presented the results at JRJC and wrote a proceeding on it.

Precision measurement

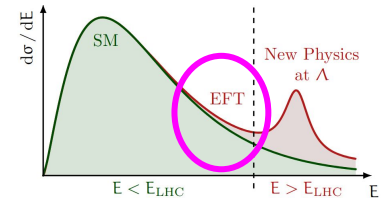
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Precision measurement HMDY+b

- High mass Drell-Yan (DY) process at Next to-Leading Order (NLO)



- The **large cross-section of the Drell-Yan** process facilitates **precision measurements**, while the **high-mass region** is **sensitive to new physics**.
- Looking at final state with additional selection on number of b-jet
 - b-jet add sensitivity to new phenomena
 - Direct connection to b-anomalies (i.e. $bsll$ vertex)



Analysis on-going!

Precision measurement HMDY+b

- Goals :

- ★ Double-differential cross-section measurement as function of dilepton (ee and mumu) mass and b-jet multiplicity

dilepton mass range : 130 GeV - 5 teV

b-jet multiplicity : 0 | 1 | ≥ 2

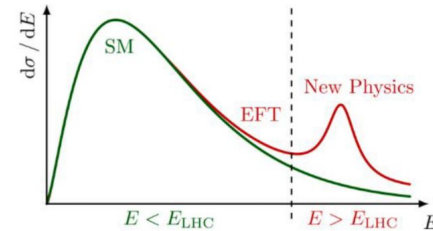
- ★ Lepton Flavor Universality test

Electroweak coupling of the gauge bosons to leptons is independent of the lepton flavour

→ Deviation to 1 of $R = \frac{\sigma(DY \rightarrow ee)}{\sigma(DY \rightarrow \mu\mu)}$ could help probing new physics

- ★ Constraint of new physics effects with Effective Field Theory

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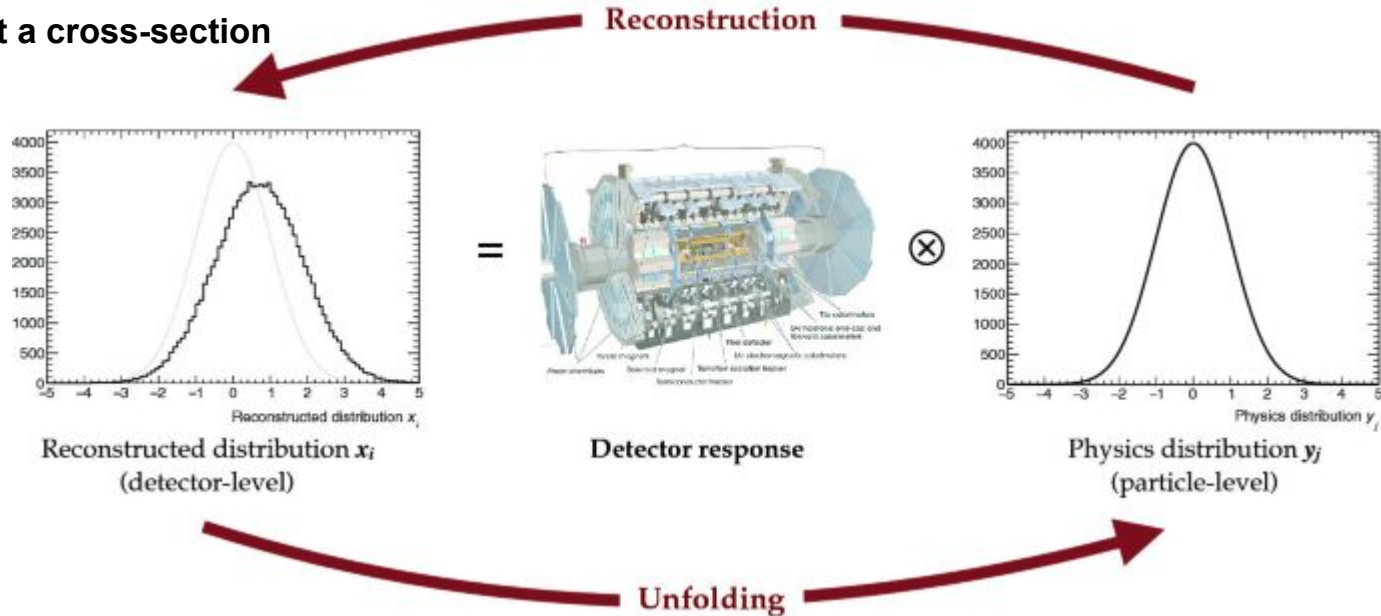


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- Unfolding

Unfolding is used to remove detector resolution effects from observed distribution in order to extract the underlying truth distribution.

→ e.g. extract a cross-section



Precision measurement HMDY+b

- Fiducial phase space to unfold to

Electrons

- $p_{t} > 40, 30 \text{ GeV}$
- $|\eta| < 2.5$

Muons

- $p_{t} > 40, 30 \text{ GeV}$
- $|\eta| < 2.5$

Jet

- $p_{t} > 20 \text{ GeV}$
- B-tagging via ghost association

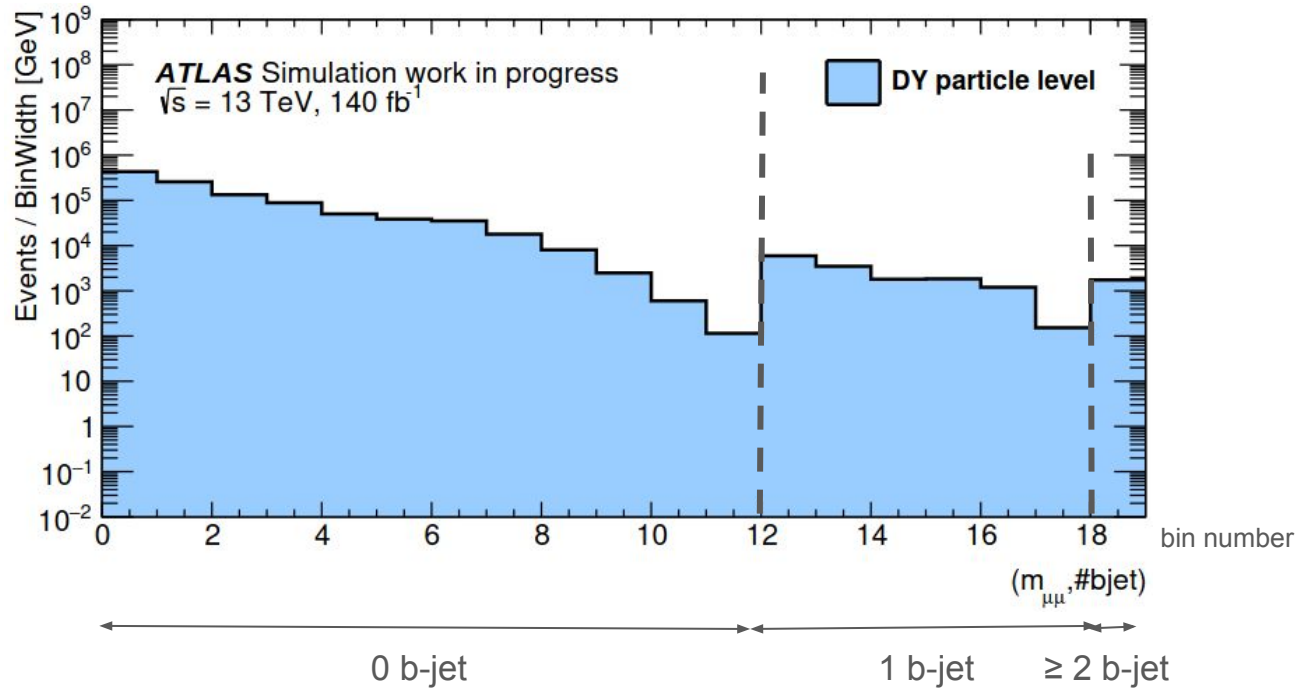
Event

- Exactly two opposite sign, same flavour leptons
- $m_{ll} > 130 \text{ GeV}$
- **$MET < 30 \text{ GeV}^*$**

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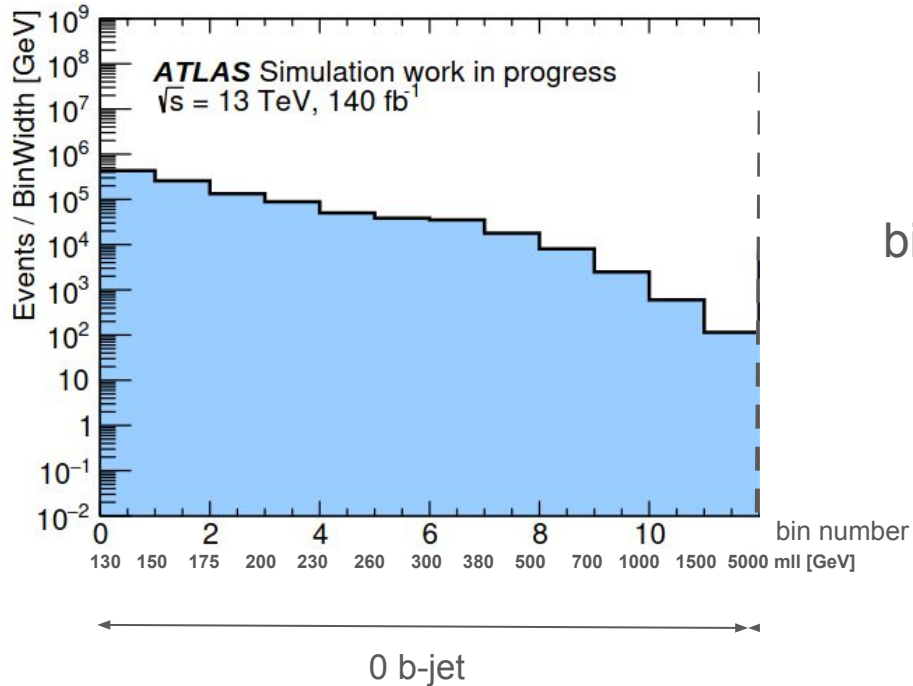
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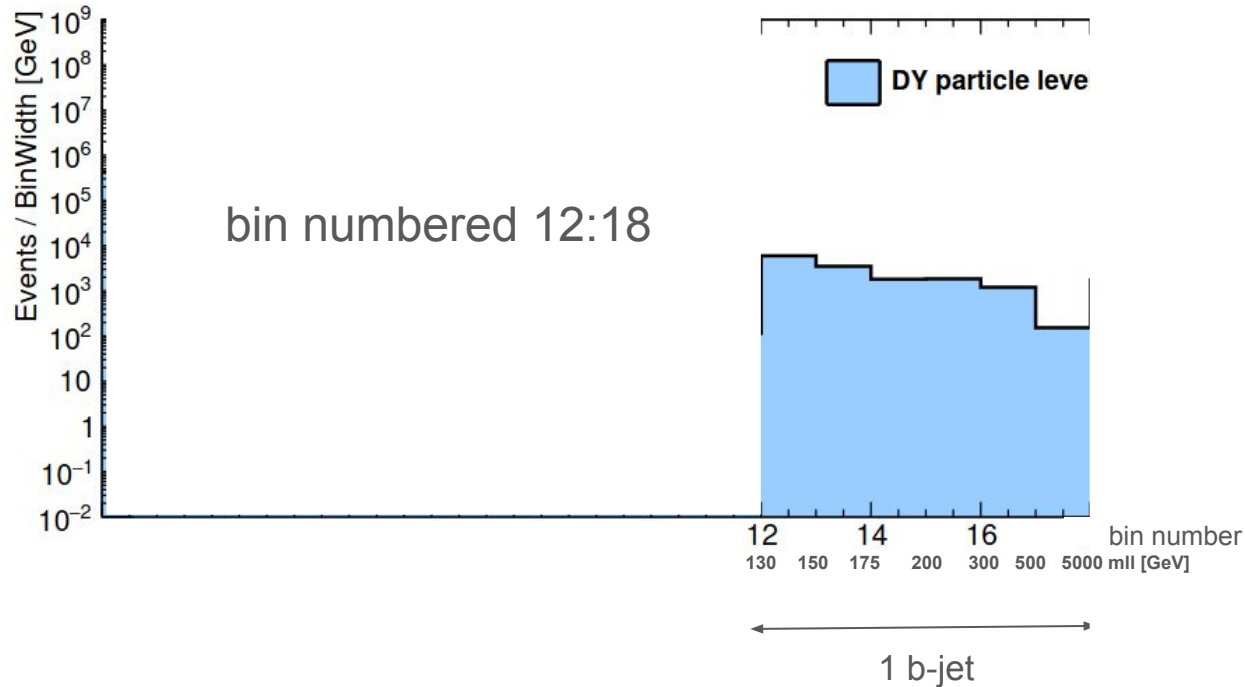
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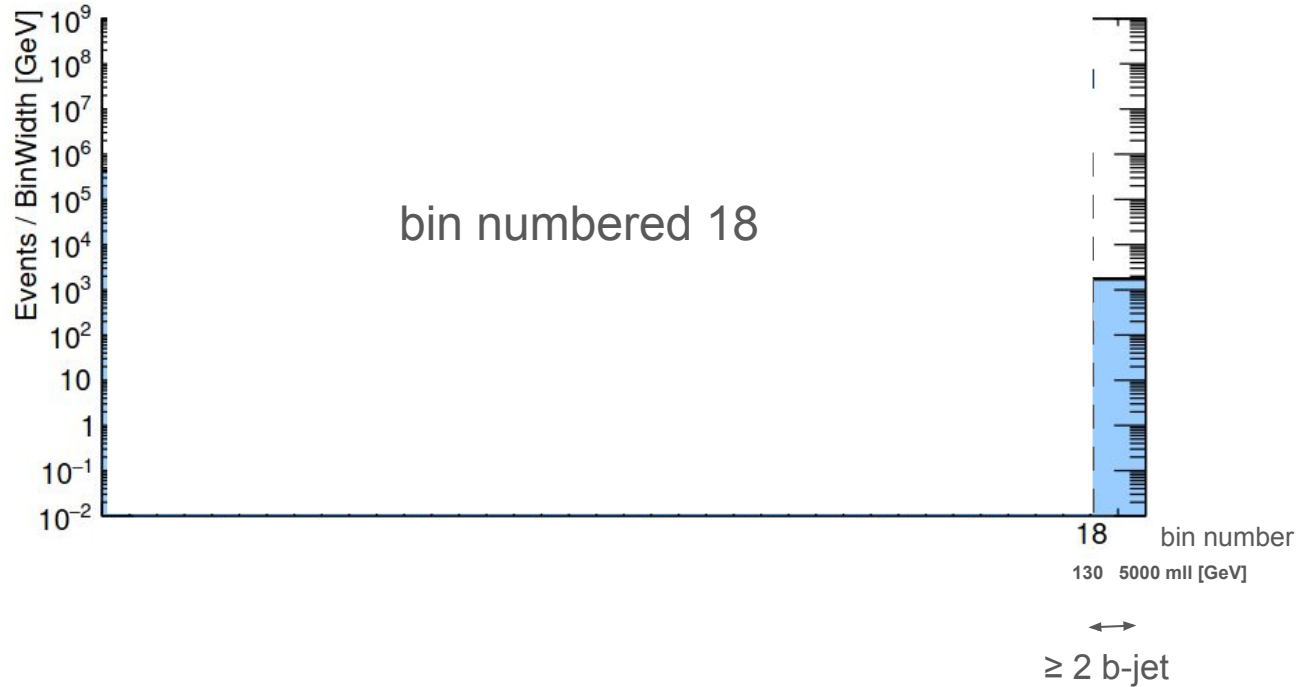
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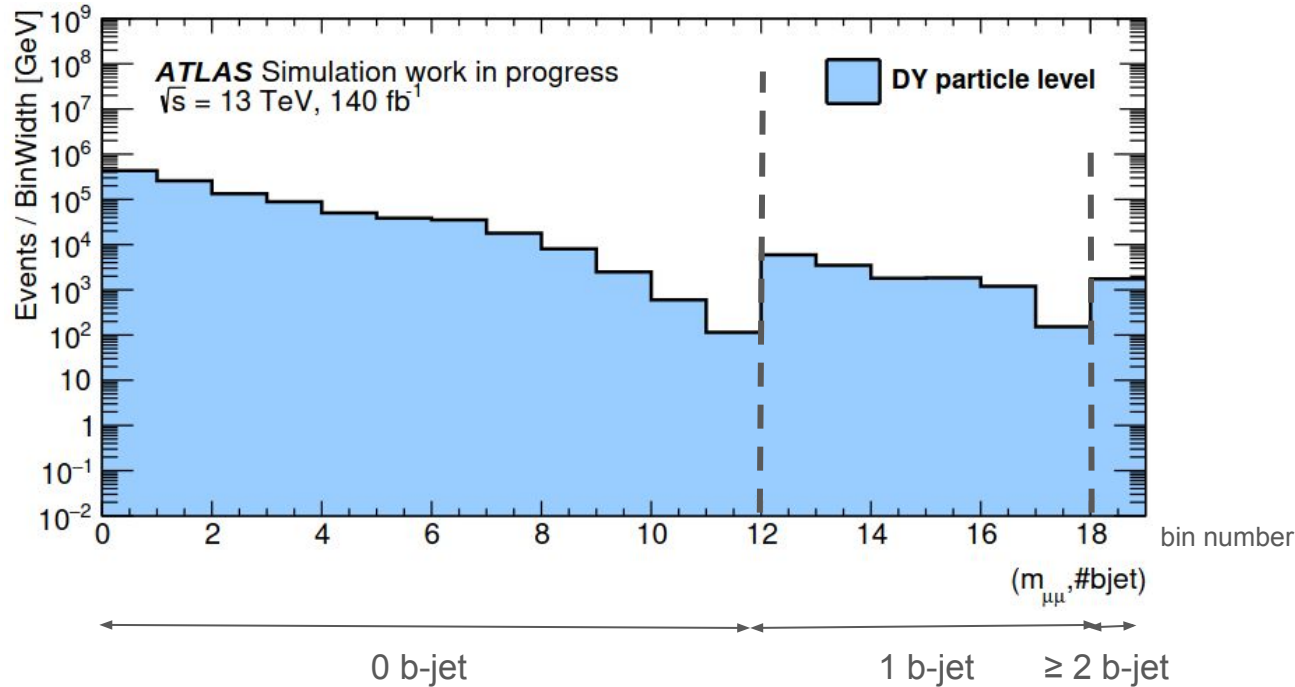
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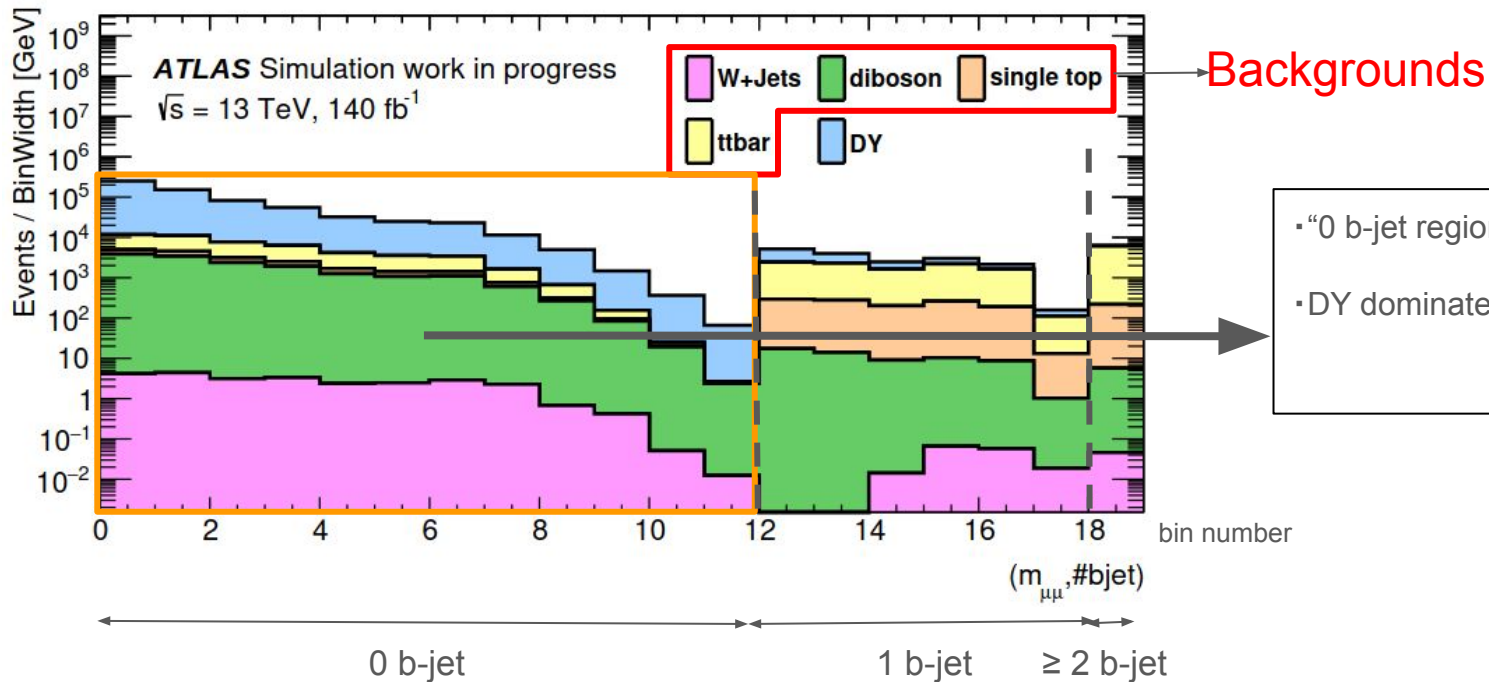
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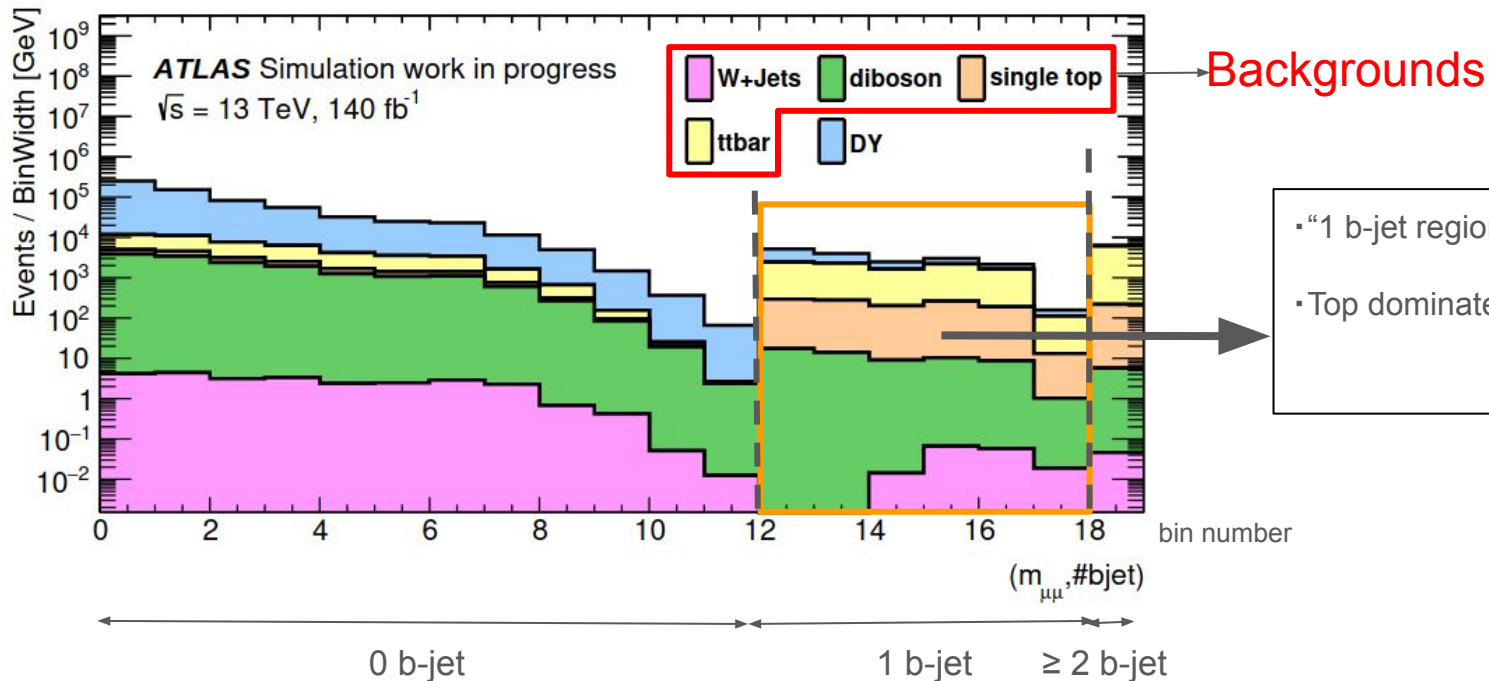
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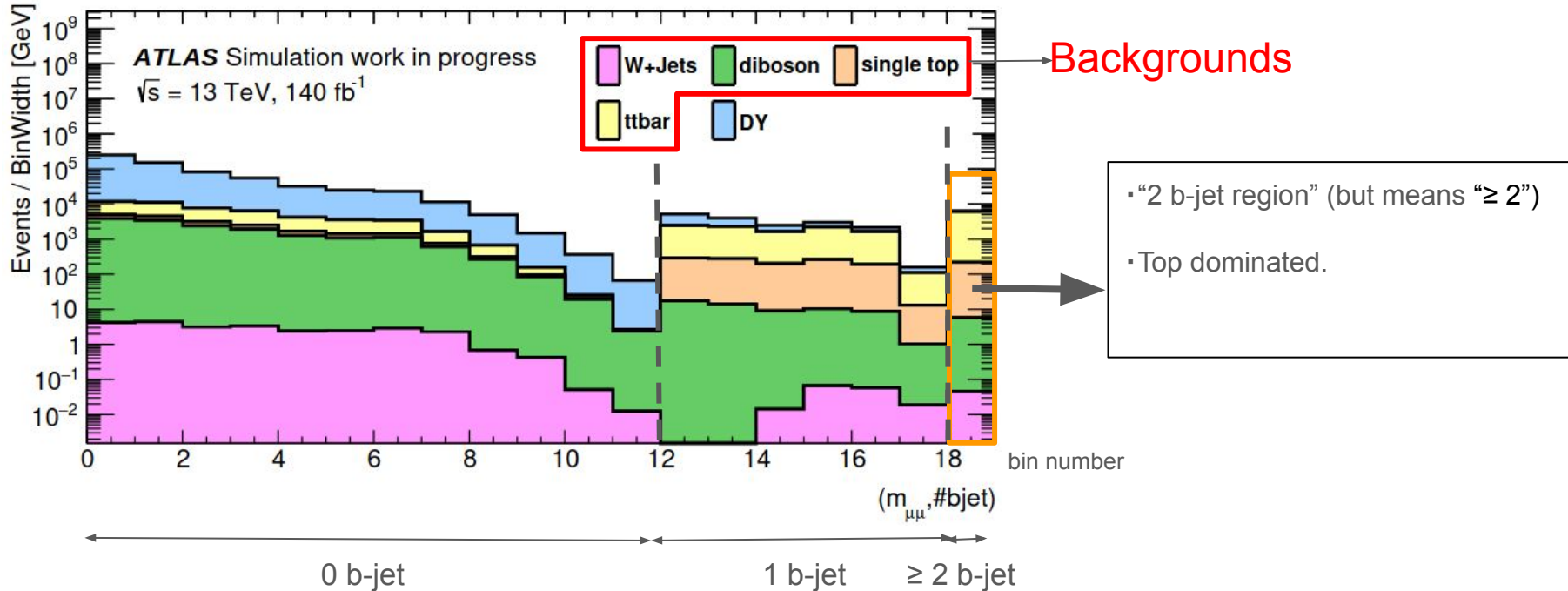
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- Binning optimization

Starting point : Muon channel

- Estimation of **rel. stat. uncertainties** with the formula : $\sqrt{(\text{DY}+\text{ttbar})/\text{DY}}$ for the **muon channel**
- Started with optimized 0 b-jet region binning and merge bins from **right to left** in order to achieve an acceptable rel. stat. uncertainties

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Inclusive	<	<	<	<	<	<	<	<	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.05	0.13
exclusive 1 bjet	0.04	0.06	0.08	0.12	0.17	0.20	0.22	0.29	0.37	0.49	0.72	1.07	
												0.62	
												0.40	
				0.09			0.17			0.29			
			0.10		0.13			0.29					

100% statistical uncertainty !

Chosen one. 6 bins (n12:17)
Allows to keep a correct binning multiplicity to stay sensitive to EFT effects.

rel. stat. uncertainties

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												3.52	
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rel. stat. uncertainties

500% statistical uncertainty !

Chosen one : single bin (n18) top background contamination makes it very challenging in this region.

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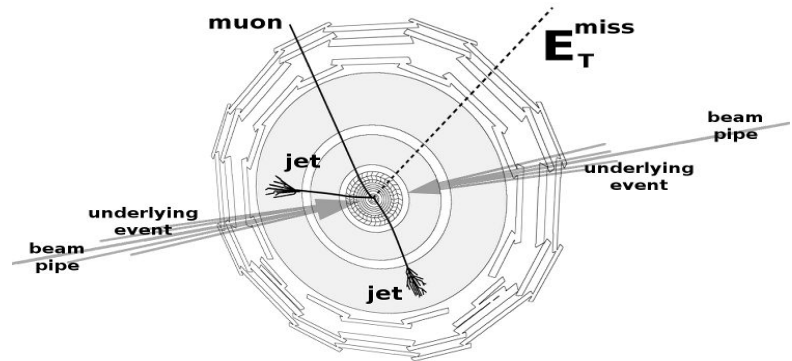
- Selection

Would a cut on missing transverse energy (MET) could improve signal purity in b-jet region dominated by top background ?

In ATLAS, MET primarily arises from neutrinos. In this channel, neutrinos are mainly produced by the decay of W bosons, which themselves originate from the decay of top quarks.

$$t\bar{t} \rightarrow W^+bW^-\bar{b} \rightarrow (\ell^+\nu b)(\ell^-\bar{\nu}\bar{b}) \quad (\ell = e, \mu)$$

No neutrino should be produced at LO by DY process.



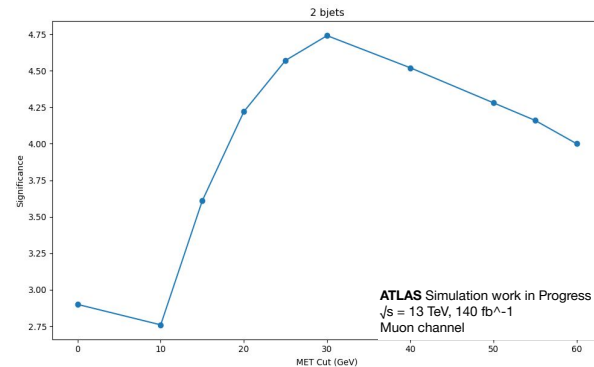
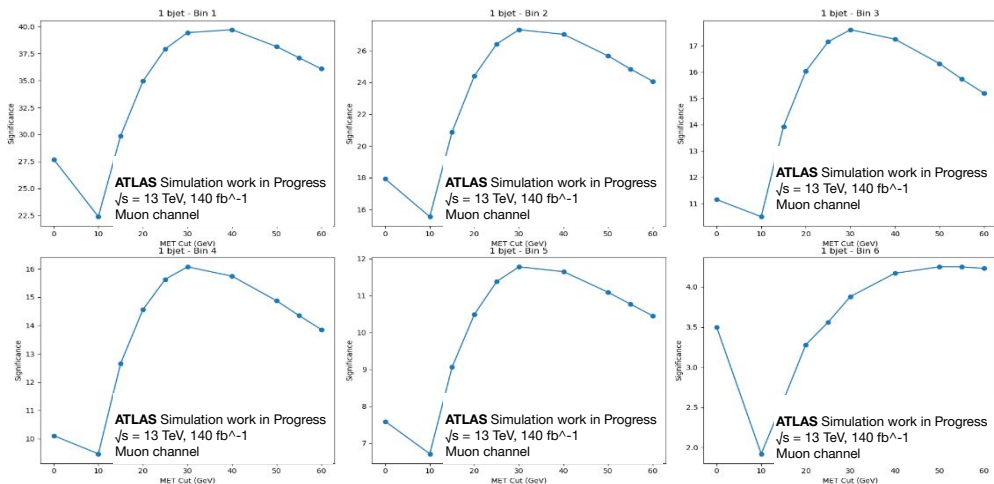
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- Selection
- Study different cutting values : ≥ 10 - ≥ 15 - ≥ 20 - ≥ 25 - ≥ 30 - ≥ 40 - ≥ 50 - ≥ 55 - ≥ 60 GeV
- Stat only - **S=DY** & **B=ttbar**
- Look at **significance & efficiency**

Significance : $S/\sqrt{S+B}$

≥ 2 bjet

1 bjet



→ **30 GeV** cut achieves best performances with better sensitivity across all bins compare to the configuration without any cut on MET

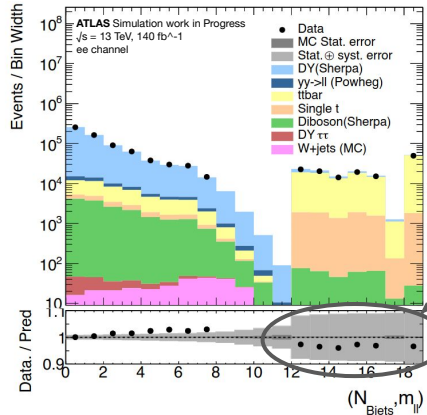
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- **ttbar estimation**

→ (partially) **Data-driven method** using emu region

- ◆ Overall agreement is fine within large modelling uncertainties
- ◆ The goal is to **constraint** the **ttbar** background in the **1 & 2b-jet** region where it is dominant
- ◆ Use **transfer factor** method to address this

$$N_{eel\mu\mu}^{t\bar{t}} = N_{e\mu}^{t\bar{t}} \times R_{e\mu \rightarrow eel\mu\mu} = N_{e\mu}^{t\bar{t}} \times \frac{N_{eel\mu\mu}^{t\bar{t},MC}}{N_{e\mu}^{t\bar{t},MC}}$$

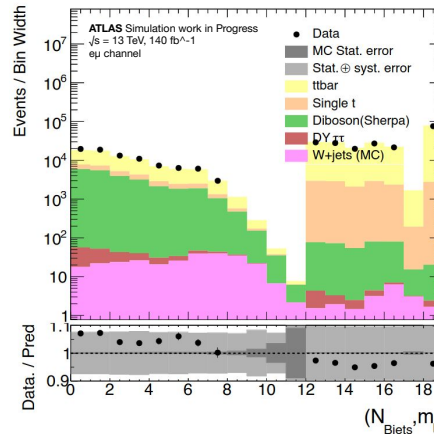


- In ttbar-dominated regions (1b&2b), flat uncertainty of ~10% primarily driven by scale uncertainty

- ttbar yield slightly overestimated in 1b and 2b region

➤ **Uncertainties**

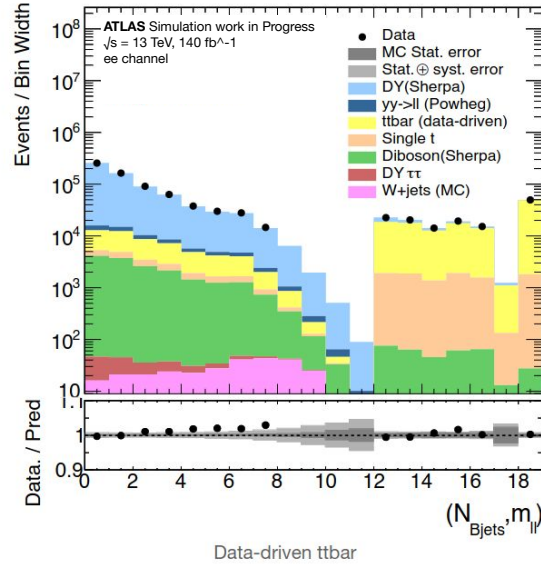
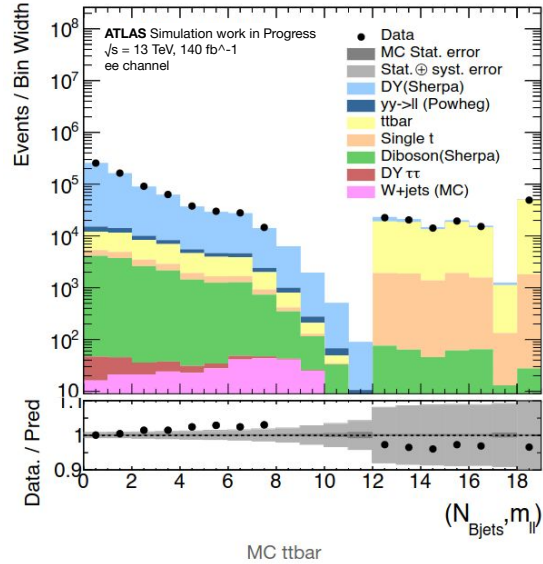
- Huge reduction in experimental and modelling uncertainties in the transfer factors R
- Data statistical uncertainty from the emu CR yields
- MC stat uncertainty from both SR and emu regions



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Precision measurement HMDY+b

- ttbar estimation
 - (partially) Data-driven method results :



- The estimation in the 1 & 2 b-jet regions is much more precise.
 - Significant uncertainties reduction (factor ~ 10)

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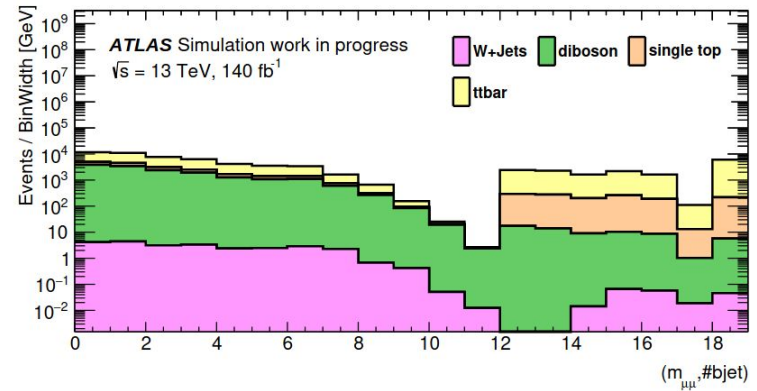
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Systematics uncertainties:

- Electron, Muon, JET (Identification, Energy resolution...)
- Flavor tagging (b-tagging..)
- MET (soft tracks..)
- emu CR (from $t\bar{t}$ estimation)
- theory (PDF..)

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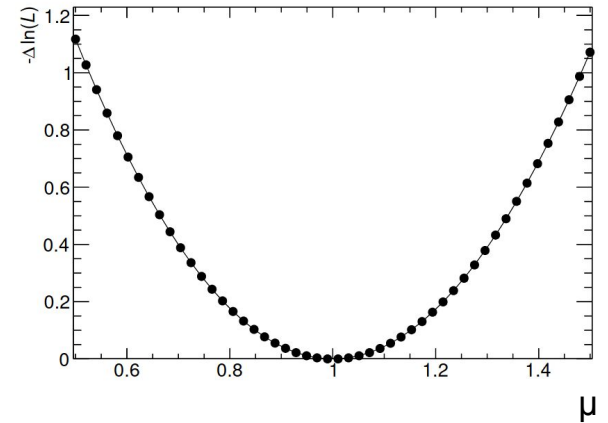
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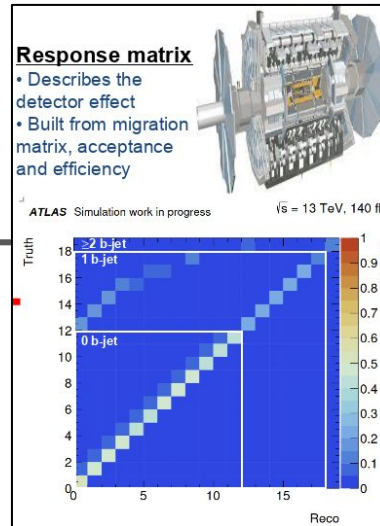


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- Folding of signal inputs

Particle level

Monte-Carlo
DY process

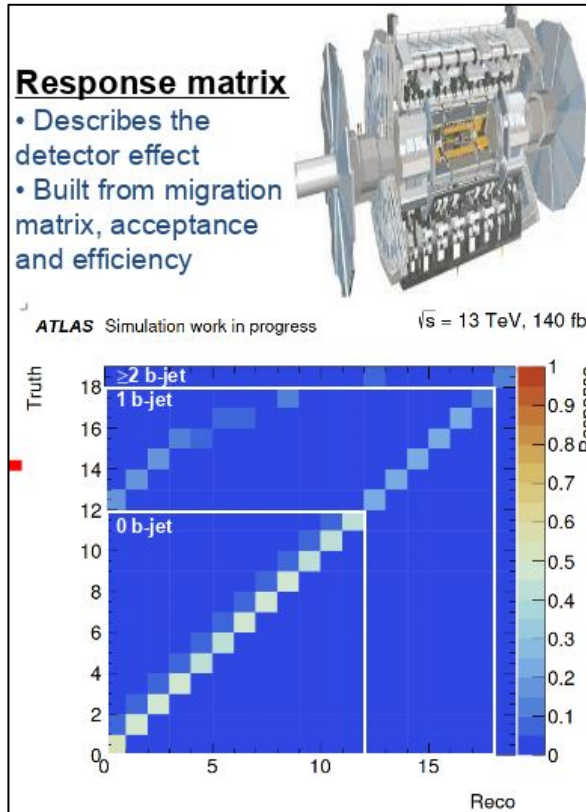


Reconstructed level

Folded
Monte-Carlo
DY process + systematics

Backgrounds + systematics

- Response matrix



- Built from the acceptance (α), efficiency (ϵ) and the migration matrix (M)

$$R = \frac{1}{\bar{\alpha}} \cdot M \cdot \bar{\epsilon}$$

- acceptance (α) : correcting for events that are outside the fiducial region but still selected as part of the detector-level events.

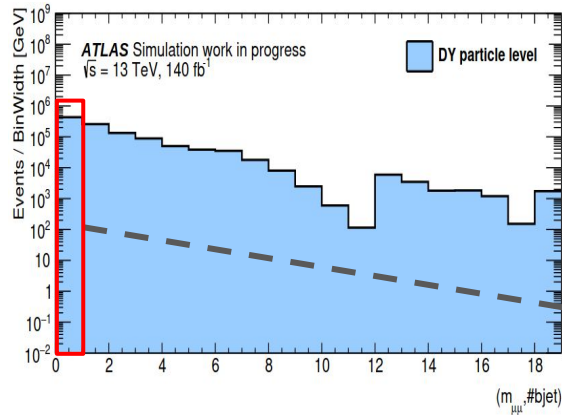
- efficiency (ϵ) : correcting for events that are inside the fiducial region but that are not reconstructed.

- Migration Matrix (M) : Account for events from a truth bin_i reconstructed in a bin_j.

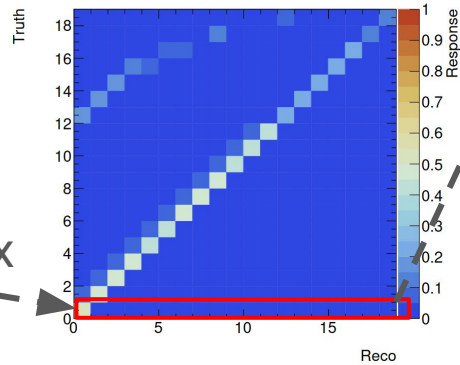
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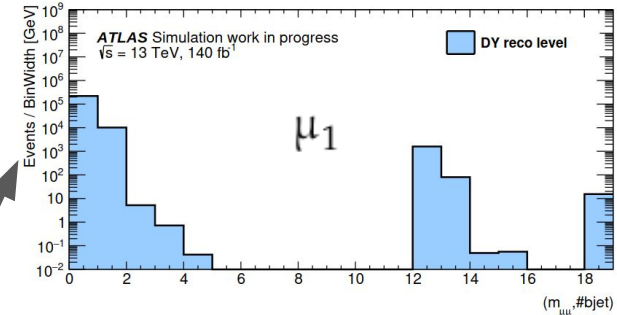
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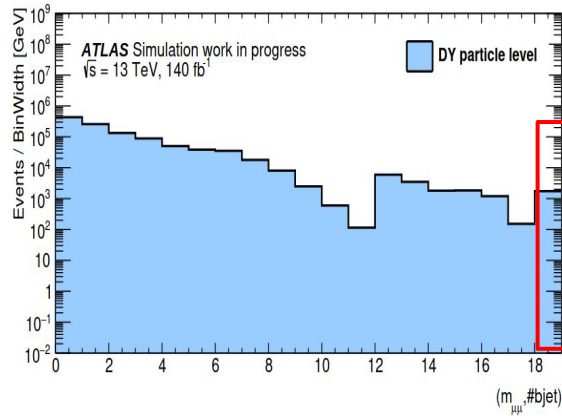


- Ni sub-reco DY distributions are built from the multiplication of each truth bin by each row of the response matrix.

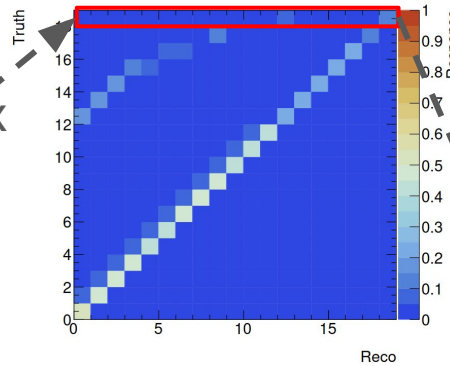
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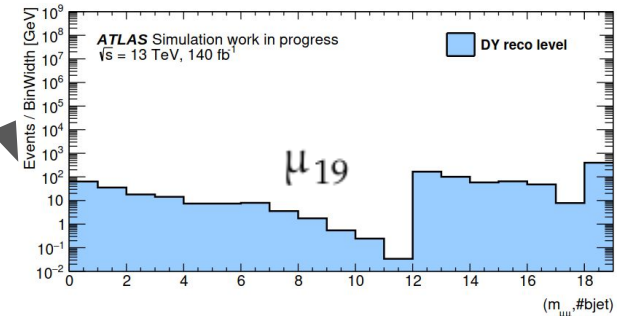
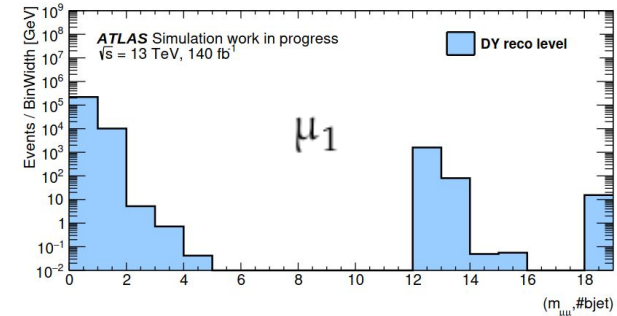
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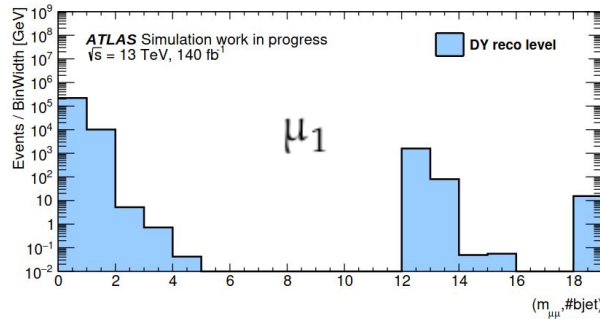
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- Likelihood components

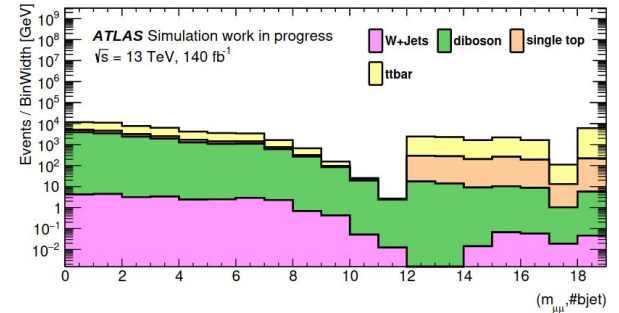
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Asimov Data 1 =



+ Folded systematics distributions

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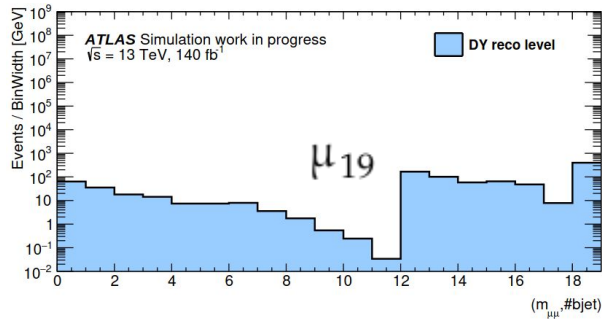
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Precision measurement HMDY+b

- Likelihood components

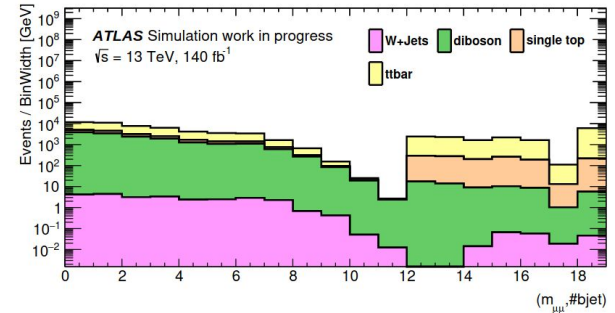
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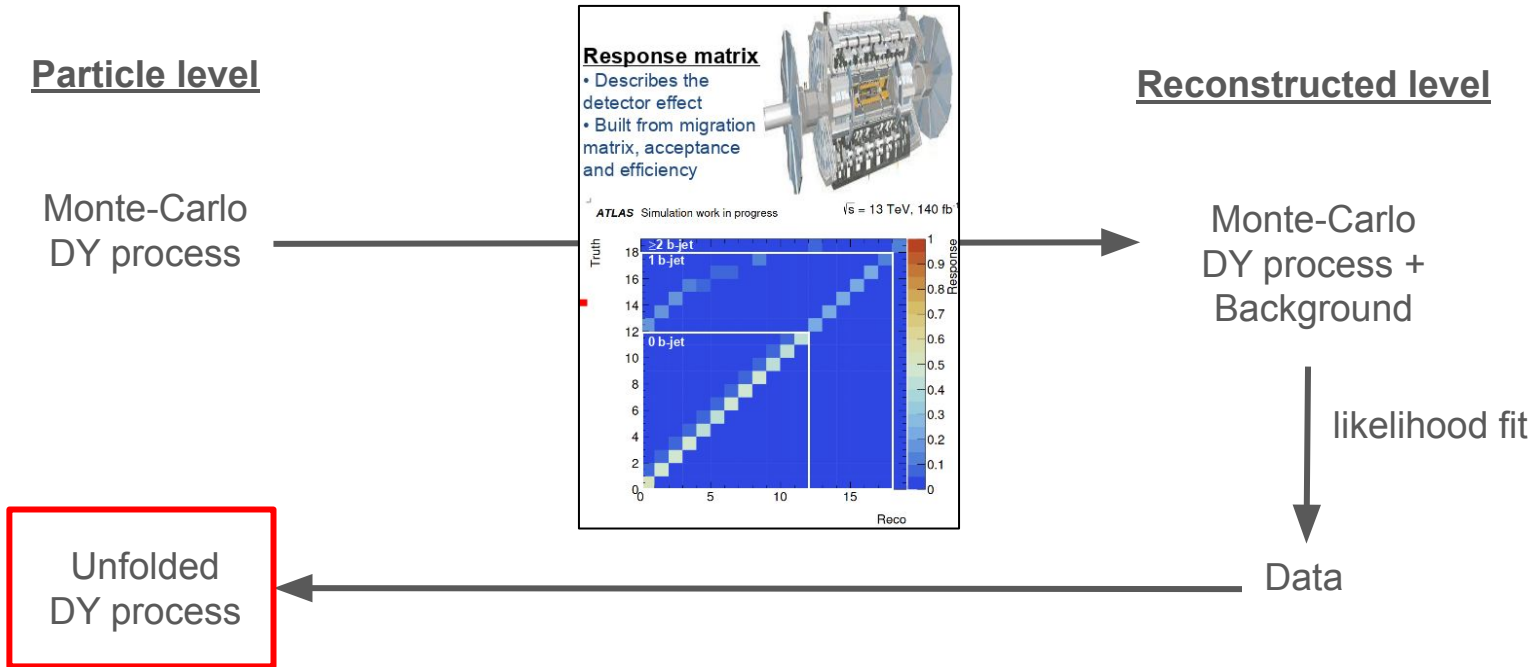
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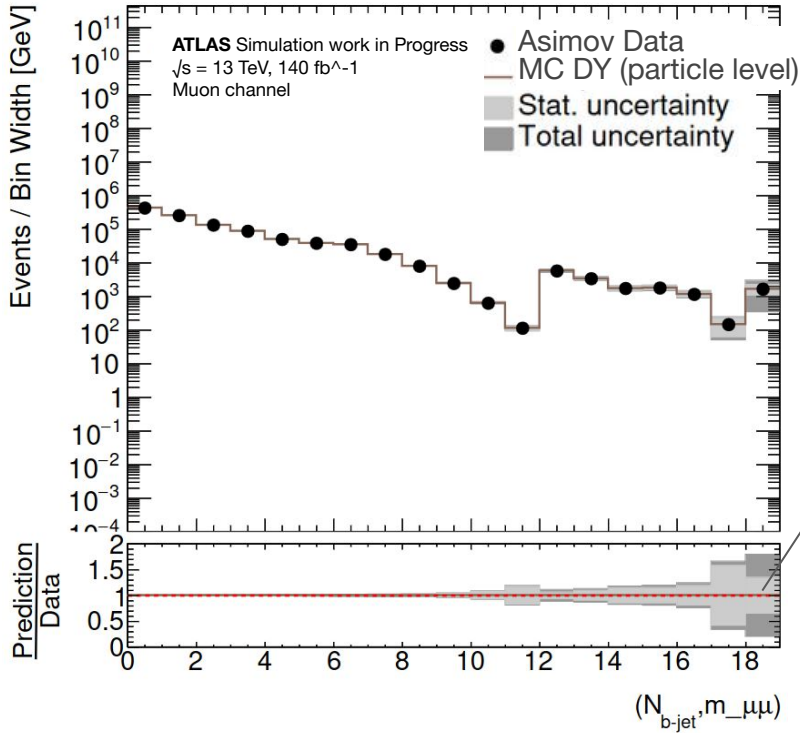
Precision measurement HMDY+b

- Unfolding of DY process



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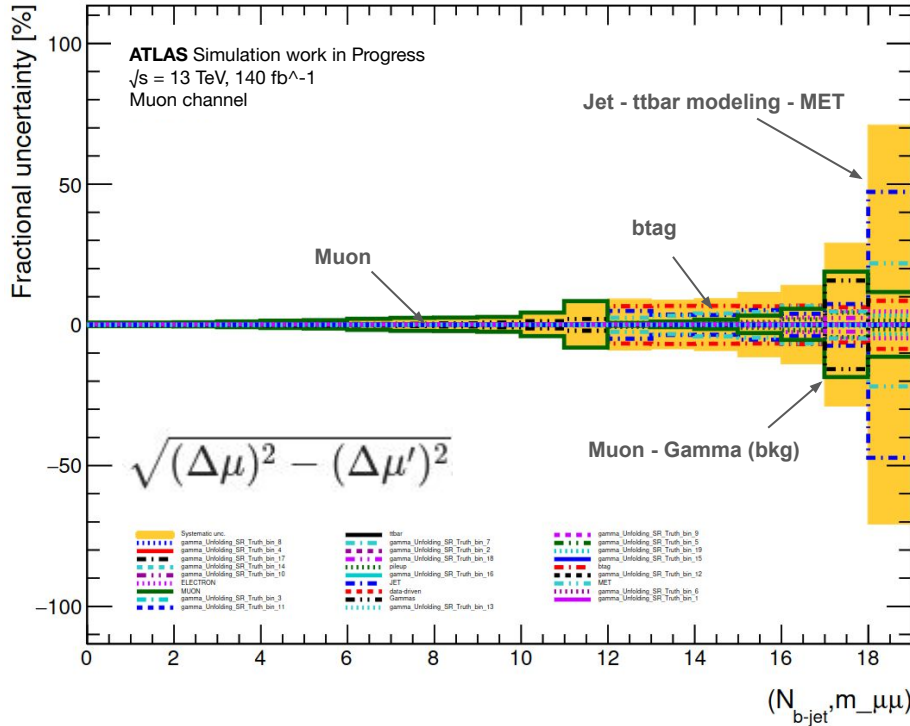
- Unfolded results



- The MC DY (particle level) process is fully retrieved via the PLU method.

- Effects of the statistical and systematics uncertainties can be studied from this results.

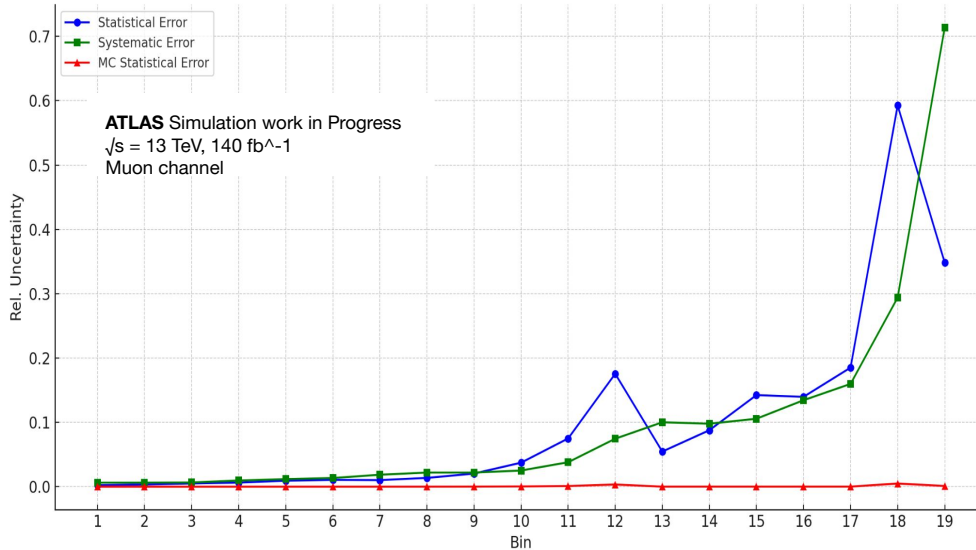
- Systematics study



- Impact of each Nuisance Parameter (NP) on each 19 POI μ_i
- In 0 b-jet region, Muon object systematics are the most impactful
- In 1 bjet region, b-tagging systematics show the highest impact across the first 5 bins, and Muon and MC stat from background in the last bin
- The POI in the 2 b-jet region define by a single bin is most impacted by Jet object, ttbar modeling and MET systematics

Precision measurement HMDY+b

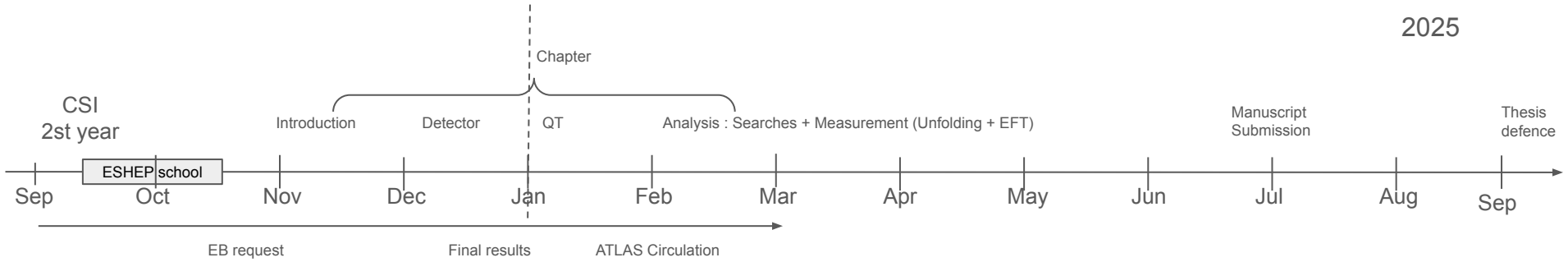
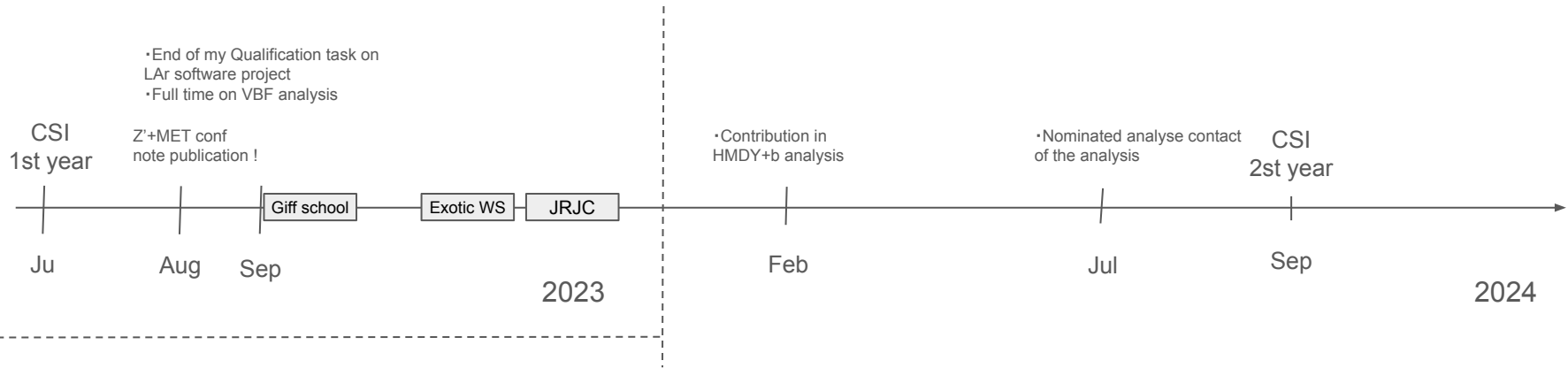
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- Check if the uncertainties of each POI are statistically or systematically dominated.

- Status of the analysis
 - Status report was given early July.
 - A second one is planned next week.
 - Internal note has been written.
 - ATLAS internal review on-going

Conclusion

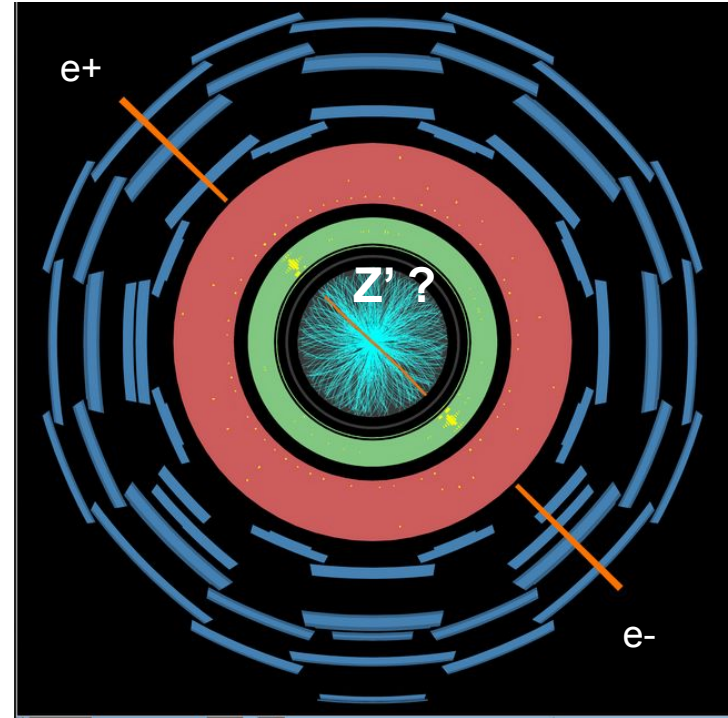


Back-up

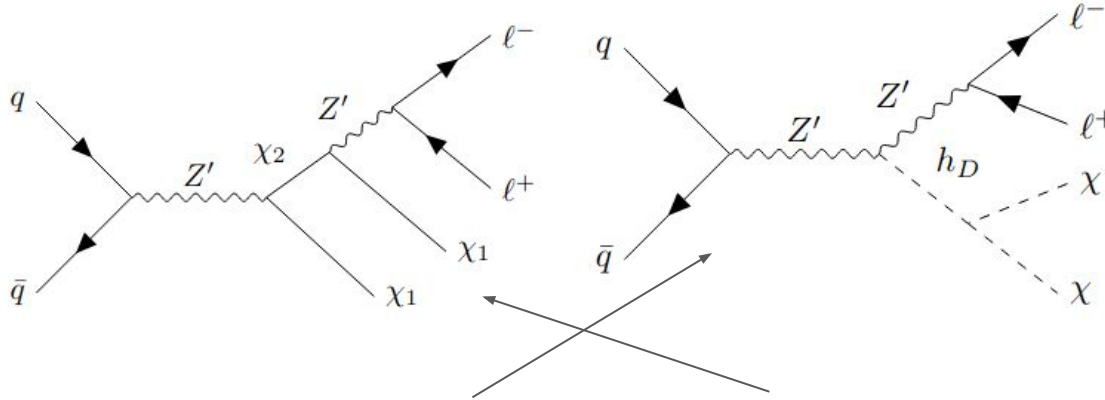
- ★ **Theoretical motivation :**
 - New Z' gauge boson in BSM theories.
 - Additional $SU(2)$ or $U(1)$ gauge symmetry.
 - TeV scale.



$m_{ee} = 4.06$ TeV



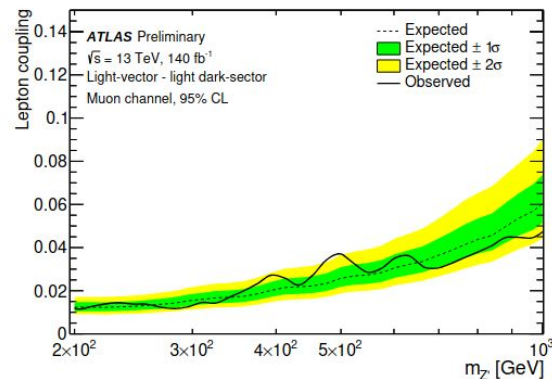
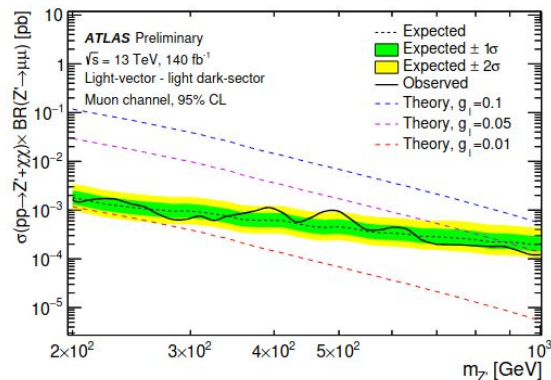
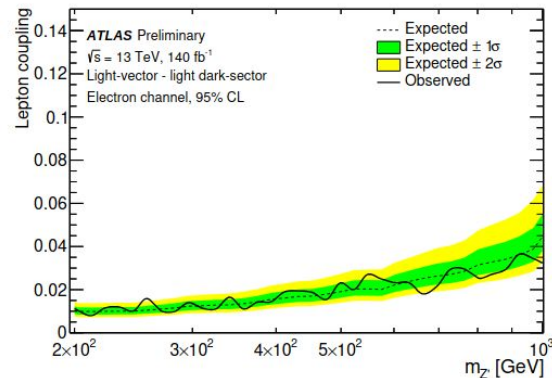
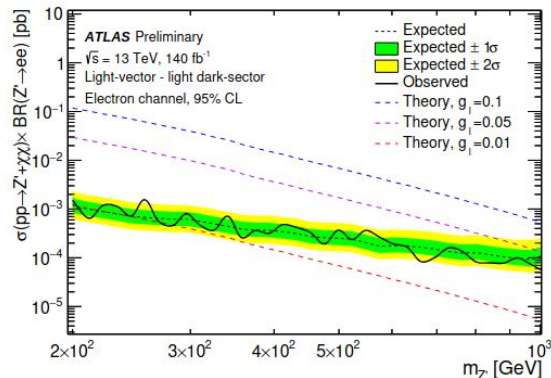
Exclusive Z' +MET search



benchmark

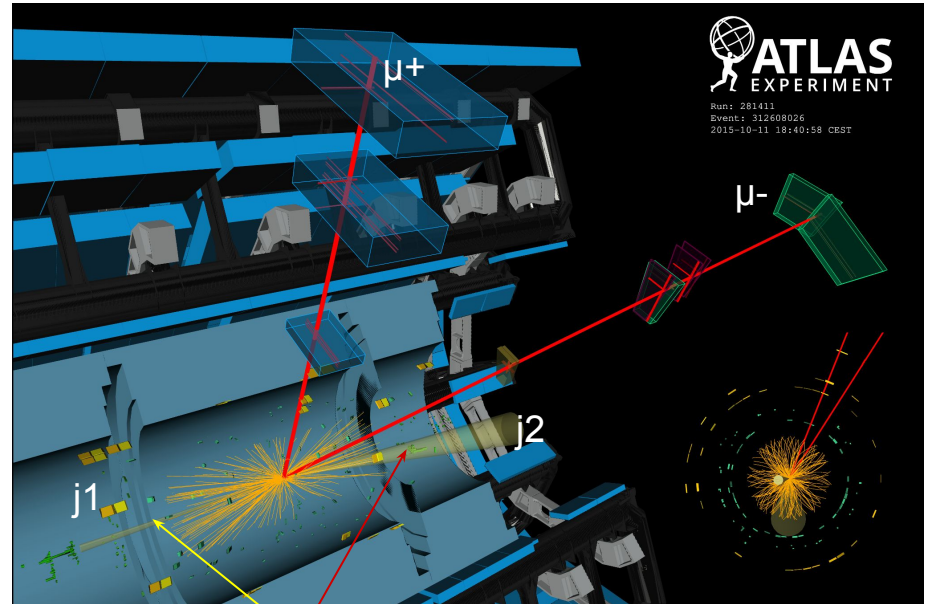
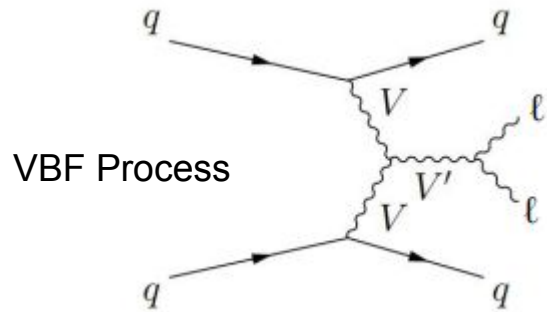
	Dark Higgs	Light Vector
Z'	$m'_{Z'} > 180\text{GeV}$ $g_D = 1, g_q = 0.1, g_l = 0.01$	
Light dark sector	$m_\chi = 5\text{GeV}$ $m_{h_D} = 125\text{GeV}$	$m_{\chi_1} = 5\text{GeV}$ $m_{\chi_2} = m_{\chi_1} + m_{Z'} + 25\text{GeV}$
Heavy dark sector	$m_\chi = 5\text{GeV}$ $m_{h_D} = m_{Z'}$	$m_{\chi_1} = 5\text{GeV}$ $m_{\chi_2} = 2m_{Z'}$

Exclusive Z' +MET public results



Exclusive Z'+VBF jets search

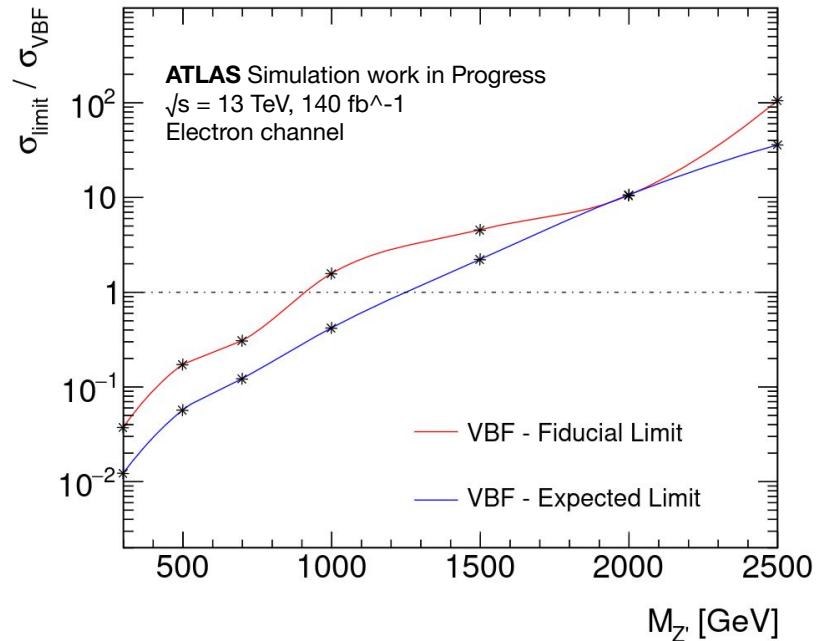
★ VBF topology



forward jets

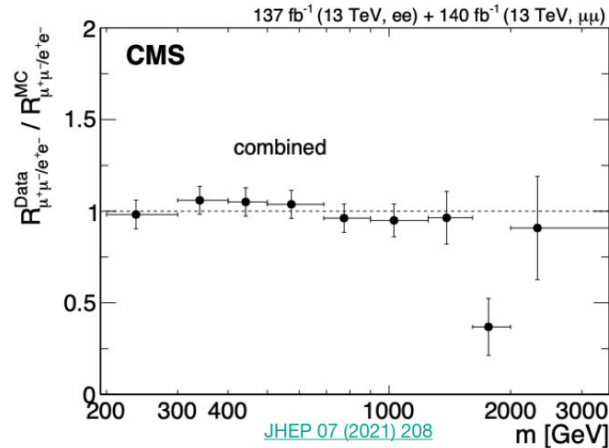
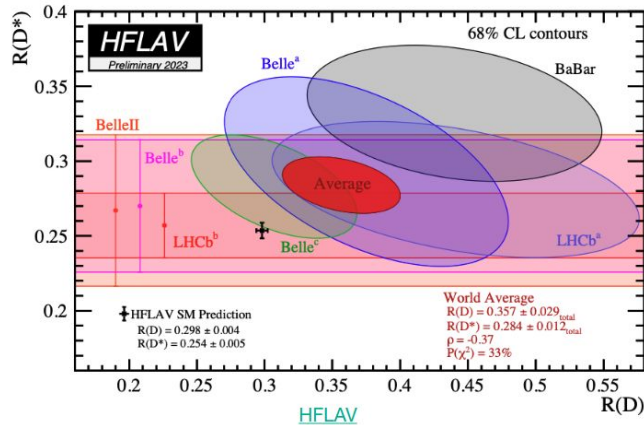
Exclusive Z'+VBF jets preliminary results

- ★ Preliminary **stats-only** expected limits produced for both channels.
 - Increase the sensitivity compared to the inclusive search



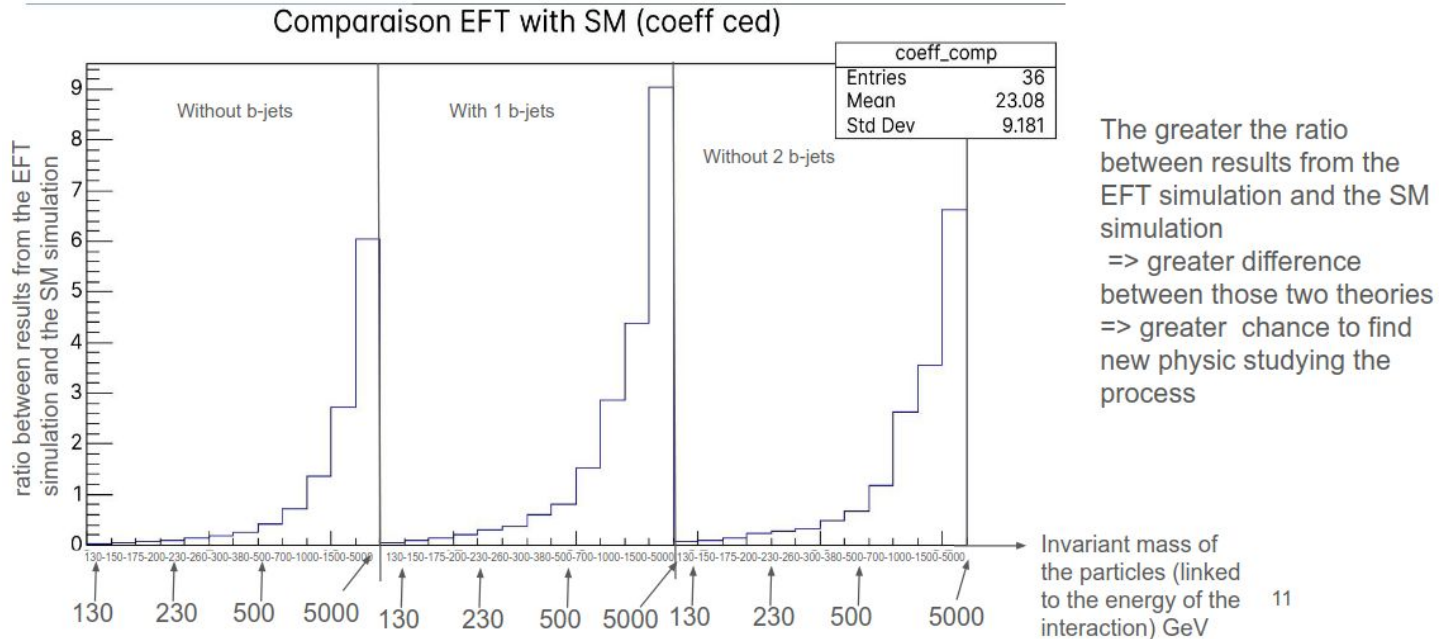
Lepton flavour universality

- Tensions with SM have been observed in LHCb/Belle
- Also in CMS HMDY measurement
- Important to also look with ATLAS



- EFT sensitivity

Study done by **Ariane Arnaud** during her internship this summer

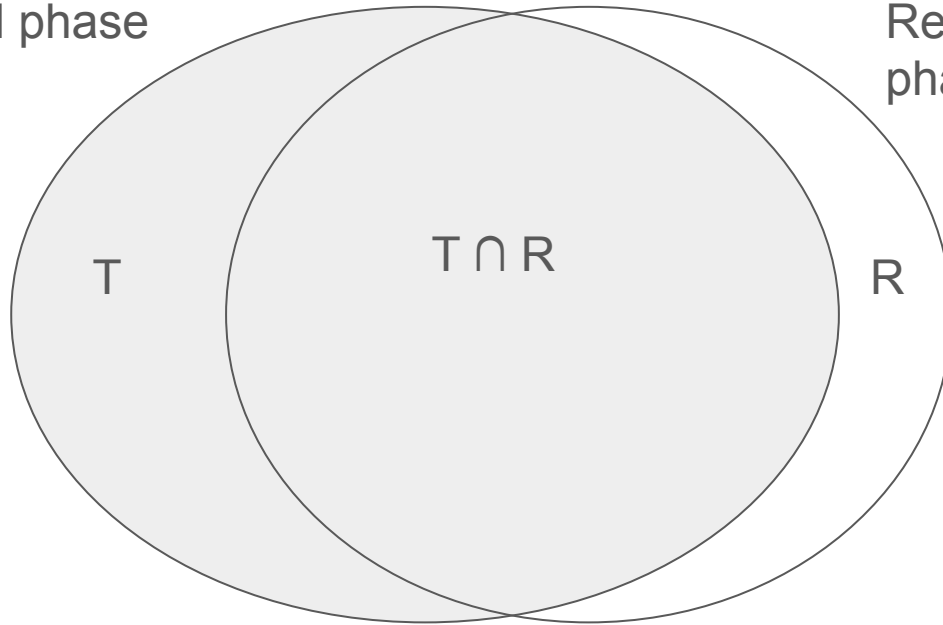


Back-up

- Acceptance & Efficiency

fiducial phase space

Reconstructed phase space



$$\text{Acceptance} = T \cap R / R$$
$$\text{Efficiency} = T \cap R / T$$

Electron Reconstruction

Inner Detector (ID):

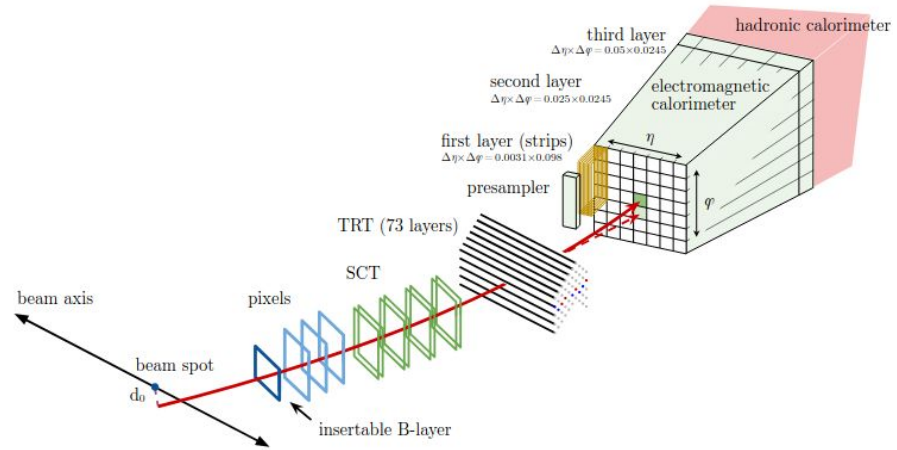
- **Pixel Detector & SCT:** Tracks the electron's trajectory and measures momentum.
- **TRT:** Distinguishes electrons from other particles using transition radiation.

Electromagnetic Calorimeter (ECAL):

- **LAr Calorimeter:** Measures electron energy via electromagnetic showers.

Hadronic Calorimeter (HCAL):

- Confirms minimal energy deposit, verifying the electron ID.



Muon Reconstruction

Inner Detector (ID):

- Tracks the muon's trajectory and measures momentum.

Hadronic Calorimeter (HCAL):

- Muons pass through with minimal energy loss.

Muon Spectrometer (MS):

- Measures the muon's momentum with high precision