

# The measurement of the Boosted $ttZ$ process

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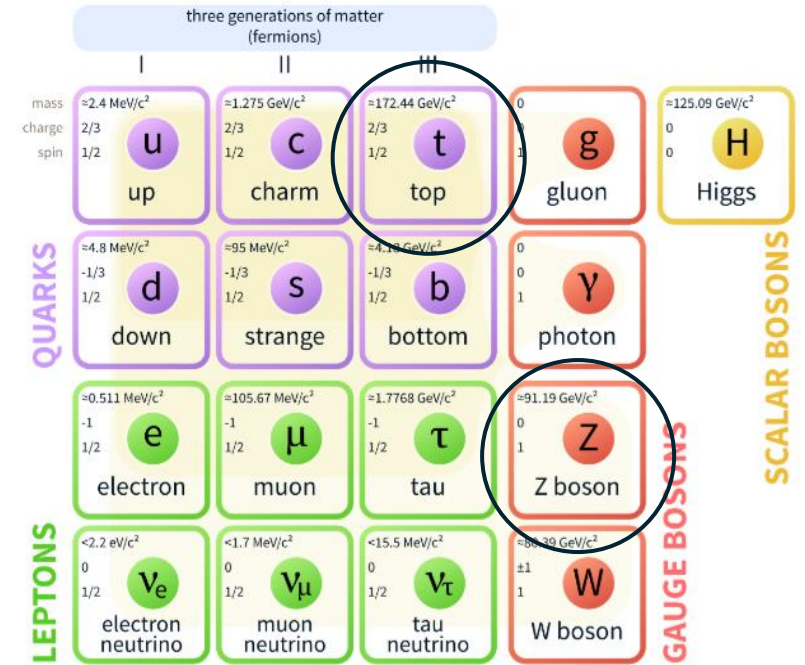
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# The Top Quark in the Standard model

- Heaviest elementary particle, with a mass of  $173 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
- With charge  $+2/3$ .
- Discovered in **1995** by the CDF and  $D\bar{0}$  experiments at Fermilab's Tevatron collider.
- The **LHC** is a top quark factory and produces a large number of top quarks
  - This enables detailed and precise studies of the top quark's properties and interactions

## Standard Model of Elementary Particles

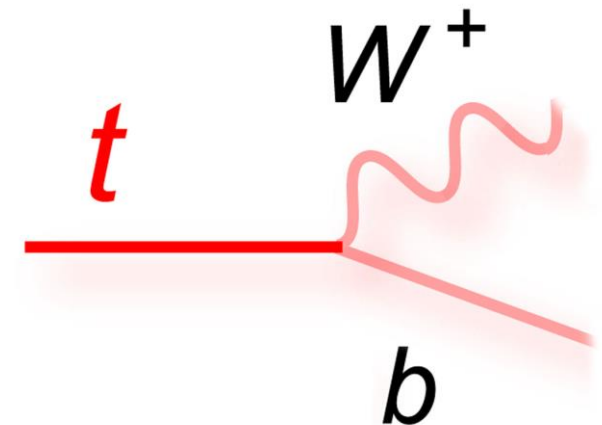


## Yukawa Coupling

- is proportional to the top mass, so it has the largest Yukawa coupling.

## Lifetime of the Top Quark

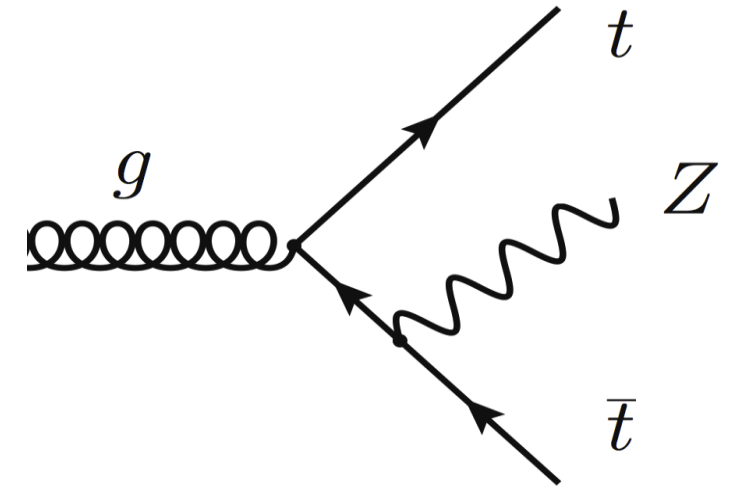
- Top quark has a very short lifetime. It decays before it can hadronize.



# Why do we study $ttZ$ ?

The process  $ttZ$  involves the production of a top-antitop quark pair in association with a Z boson

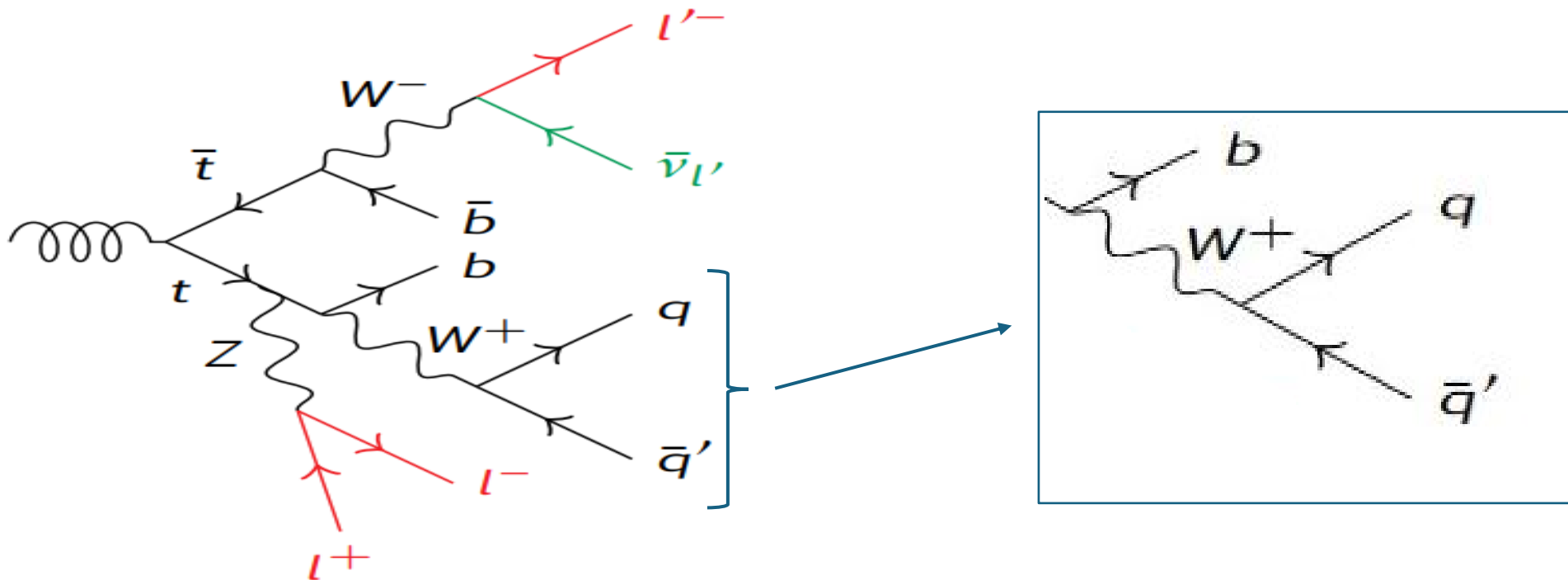
- Unique opportunity to study the electroweak interactions of the top quark.
- **Precise measurements of the  $ttZ$  cross-section and kinematic distributions** can test the Standard Model predictions and probe for potential anomalies or new physics.
- Allows **direct measurement** of the top quark's coupling to the Z boson.
- **Sensitive** to new physics effects parameterized within the Effective Field Theory (EFT) framework.



# Overview of the Boosted ttZ Process 3l channel

## Event :

- **3l**:  $Z \rightarrow ll$  (Same Flavor Opposite Sign) and  $W \rightarrow lv$
- **2 b-jets**: from decays of the top quarks
- **2 light jets**



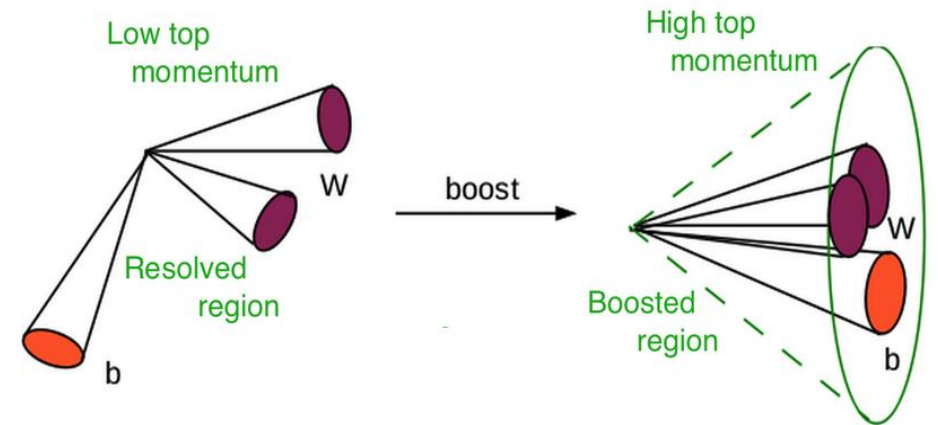
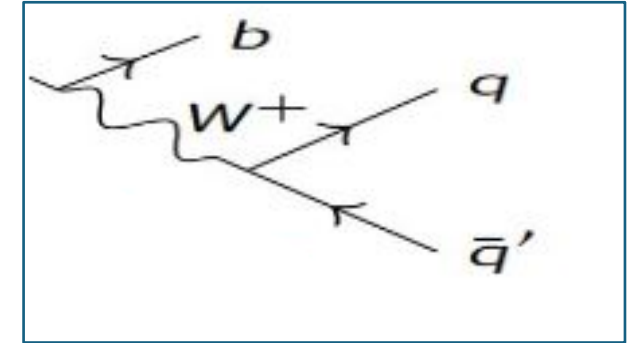
# Overview of the Boosted ttZ Process 3l channel

## Boosting :

- high momentum
  - Decay products are not separated by large angles.
- Large Radius jets
  - Decay products are contained in a single large radius jet

## RC jets:

- Using algorithm that re-combine small sub-jet into larger jets.
- Improve the identification and reconstruction of hadronically decaying boosted particles.



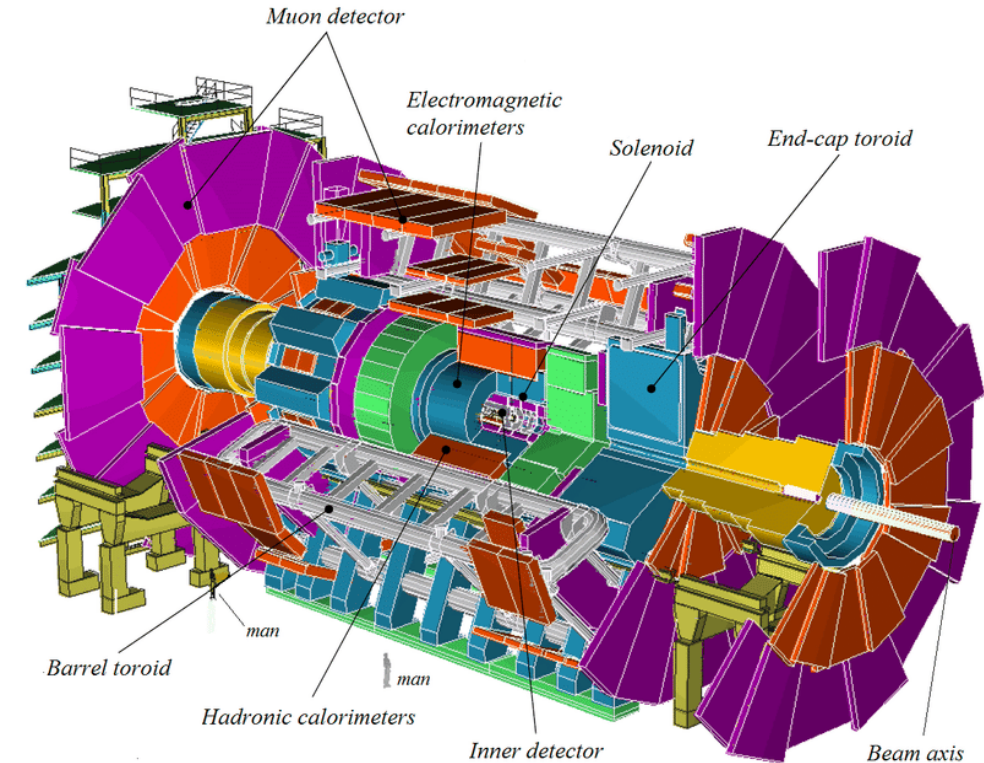
# Full Simulation (FS) and Atlas Fast Simulation (AF3) in the ATLAS Detector

## FS:

- Refers to a detailed simulation approach with high precision.
- Provides accurate data but requires significant computational resources.

## AF3 :

- A parametrized detector response model.
- Significantly speeds up the simulation process by simplifying the modeling of detector responses.



# Comparison of Two Simulations Using PyROOT

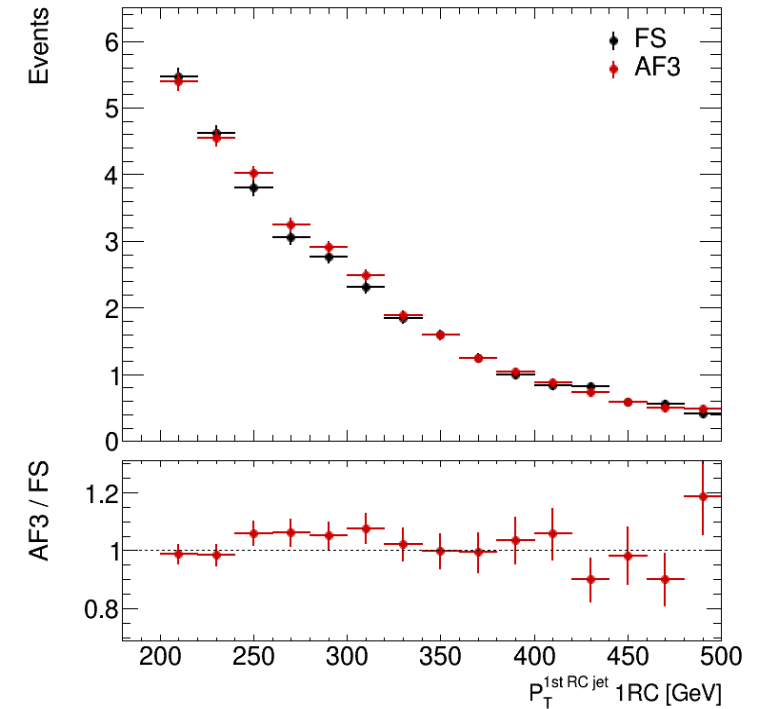
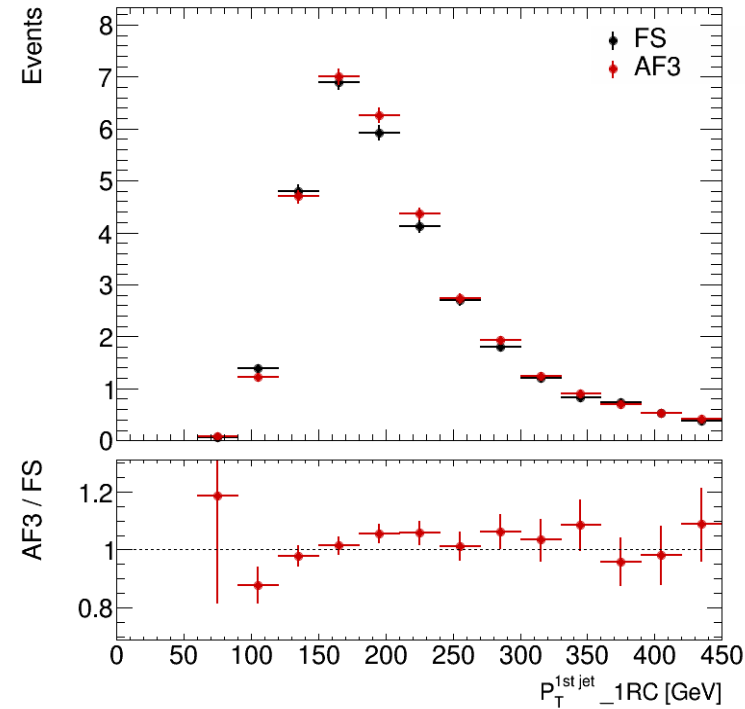
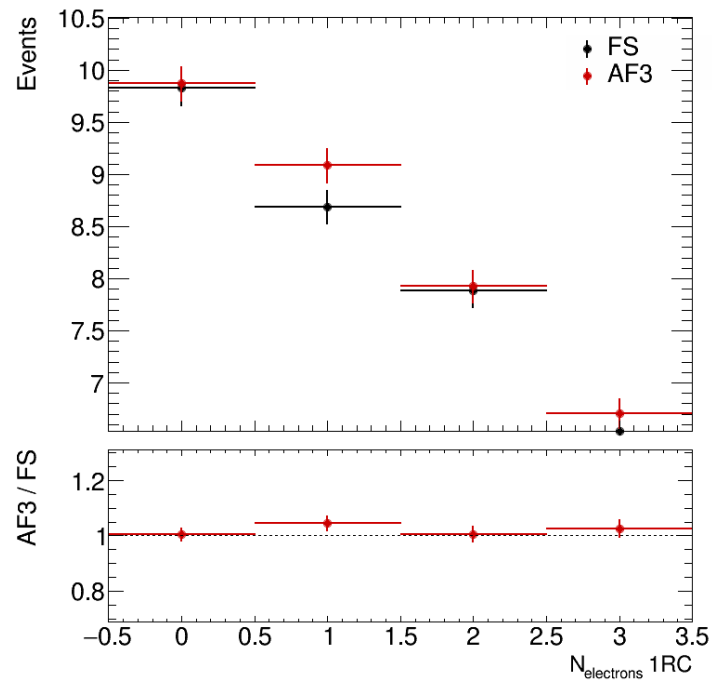


Part of my code



```
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19     # Get the histograms from the files
20     hist1 = file1.Get(f"{folder_name}/subjet_3_pt_region_3L_1RC")
21     hist2 = file2.Get(f"{folder_name}/subjet_3_pt_region_3L_1RC")
22
23     # Draw the histograms on these axes
24     hist2.SetMarkerColor(root.kRed+1)
25     hist2.SetLineColor(root.kRed+1)
26     ax1.plot(hist1, "EP", linecolor= root.kBlack , label="FS", labelfmt="EP ")
27     ax1.plot(hist2, "EP", label="AF3", labelfmt="EP")
28
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30
31     # Calculate and draw the ratio
32     ratio_hist = hist2.Clone("ratio_hist")
33     ratio_hist.Divide(hist1)
34     ratio_hist.SetMarkerColor(root.kRed+1)
35     ratio_hist.SetLineColor(root.kRed+1)
36     ax2.plot(ratio_hist, "EP" )
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39     # Draw line at y=1 in ratio panel
40     line = root.TLine(ax2.get_xlim()[0], 1, ax2.get_xlim()[1], 1)
41     ax2.plot(line, linecolor=root.kBlack , linestyle=2)
42     line.SetLineStyle(2)
43     ax2.plot(line)
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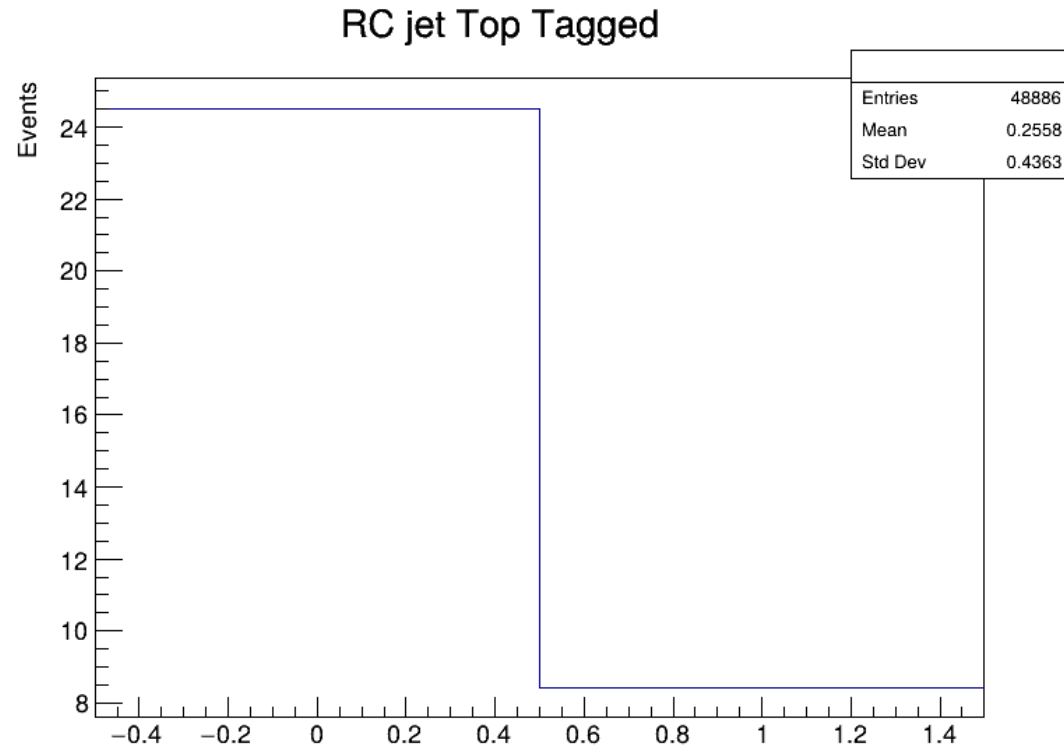
# Some of the results



- Both simulations produce almost similar event counts for the given bins.
- The ratios are very close to 1, indicating that AF3 provides a similar response to FS.
- AF3 should therefore be calibrated.



# Work in progress: add variables like RC Jet is top tagged or not ?



```
ROOT::RDF::RNode ttZBoostedFrame::is_RCjetToptagged(ROOT::RDF::RNode mainNode) {
    auto isRCjetToptaggedLambda = [] (const std::vector<RCJet>& rc_jets) {

        // loop through each RC jet in the vector
        for (const auto& rc_jet : rc_jets) {
            //check if the RC jet has at least 3 subjets
            if (rc_jet.n_subjets() >= 3) {
                //check if the RC jet mass and pt criteria
                if (rc_jet.M() > 20'000 && rc_jet.Pt() > 200'000){
                    //loop through each subjet in the RC jet
                    for (const auto& subjet:rc_jet.subjets()){
                        // check if the subjet is b-tagged
                        if (subjet->is_btagged()){
                            return true;
                        }
                    }
                }
            }
        }
        return false;
    };

    mainNode = systematicDefine(mainNode, "isRCjetToptagged_NOSYS", isRCjetToptaggedLambda, {"rc_jets_NOSYS"});

    return mainNode;
}
```

Thank you

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