Fake electron estimates for top physics at ATLAS

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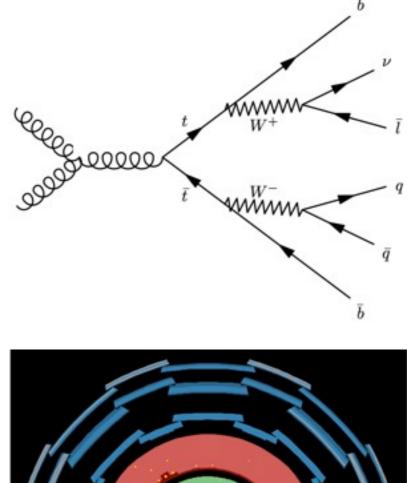


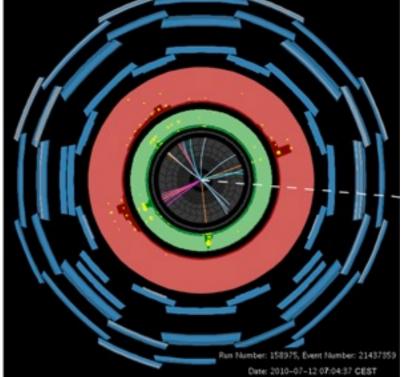


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Motivation

- LHC is a top factory: about 80 million top quark pairs produced per year, and 34 million single tops (at design luminosity).
- Top-Antitop event with semi-leptonic decay (2 b-jets, $W \rightarrow \ell \nu$, $W \rightarrow qq$).
- Important background: QCD multi-jet events where one jet is misidentified as an electron.
- Difficult to describe with $MC \rightarrow$ use a data-driven approach.

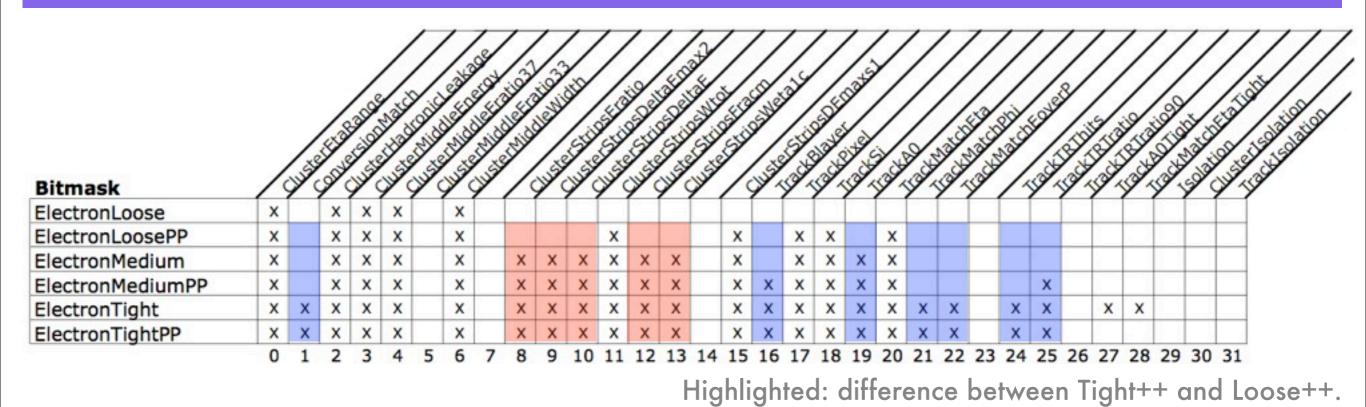




Anti-Electron method and event selection

- Obtain model for QCD background by modifying the electron selection → "Anti-Electrons"
- Apply **nominal ttbar** → **e+jets** selection, but with anti-electrons:
 - Event-level cuts: GRL, sub-detector quality flags, 1 good primary vertex.
 - Trigger: One loose electron, energy threshold is period-dependent.
 - Exactly 1 anti-electron, no other "good" lepton (p_T>25 GeV).
 - At least 4 good jets (p_T>25 GeV), at least 1-btag (MV1 tagger, 70% WP).
 - Missing transverse energy (MET)>30 GeV.
 - Transverse W mass (from MET and lepton)>30 GeV.
- Anti-Electron selection, providing QCD model.

Modification of electron selection



- **"isEM" bitset**: Each bit describes one quality check an electron has to pass.
 - Few checks for loose electrons, several for tight electrons.
- Nominal ttbar \rightarrow e+jets selection requires tight electrons.
- Idea: Revert some of the bits required for tight electrons, but do not move outside of loose definition.

Some results...

- 1. Confirm **validity** of QCD model with **data/MC comparison** control plots.
- 2. Confirm **usefulness** of QCD model by applying Anti-Electron selection to MC samples (**ttbar**, W / Z+jets, **singletop**) to see how many **real electrons** are reported as fake electrons.
- Try many possible bit-reversals, bitcombinations, also play with isolation.
- No perfect solution so far, keep trying ☺

