



Displaced
Vertex

Reconstruction techniques in SUSY searches in the ATLAS experiment

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Simulated Signal Event
Top Squark Pair Production

$$m(\tilde{t}) = 1.5 \text{ TeV}, \tau(\tilde{t}) = 1 \text{ ns}$$
$$t \rightarrow \mu j$$

Muon

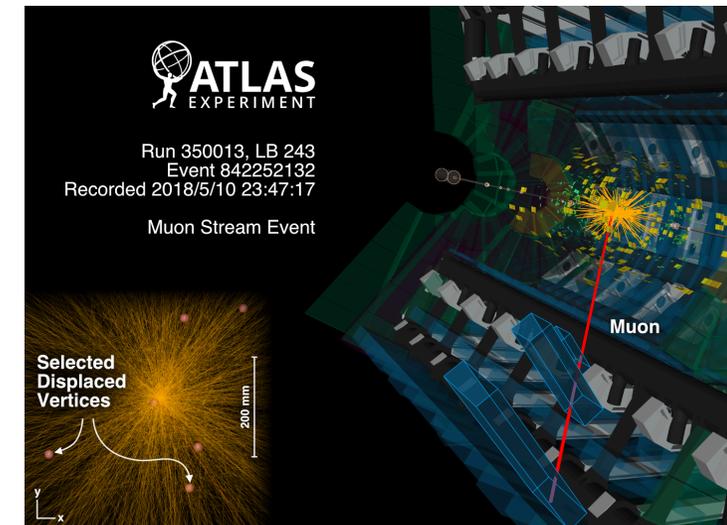
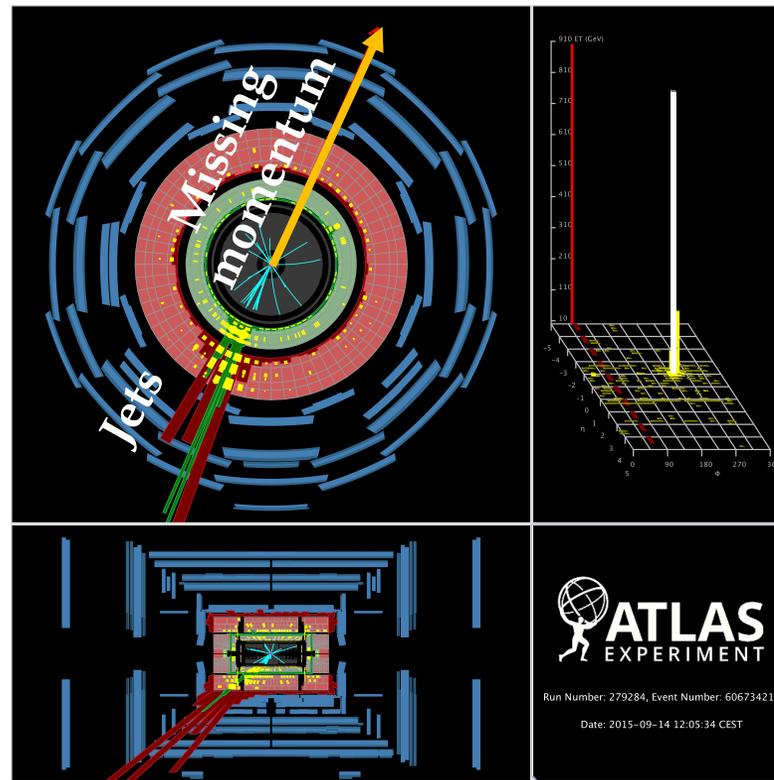
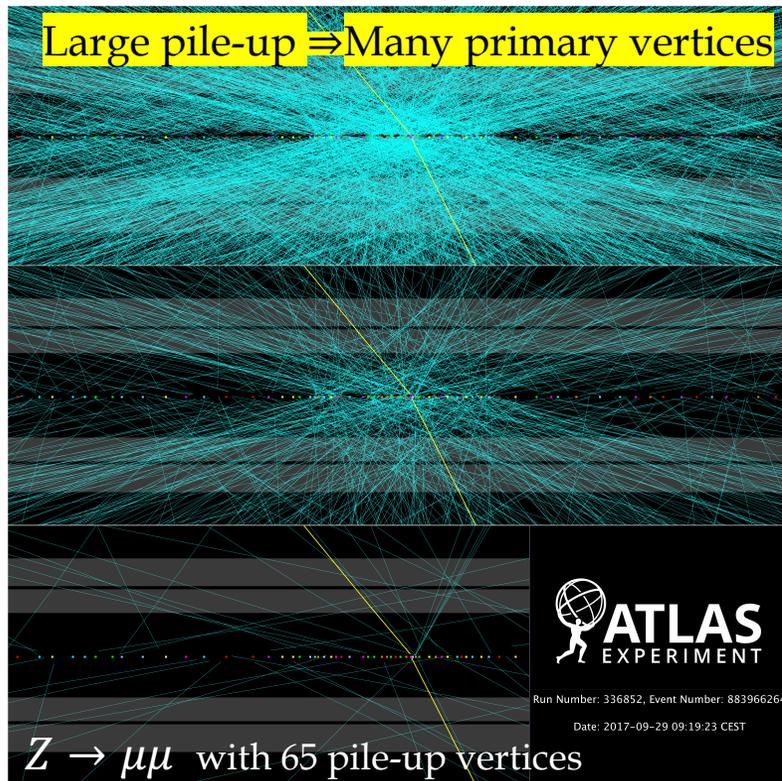
Jet



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Signatures of SUSY

- Experimentally requires all classical collider signatures: leptons, jets, missing momentum, heavy flavor, ...
- Also large variety of less classical but very interesting & challenging signatures
- Compressed, boosted, R-parity violating scenarios
- Soft leptons, Missing momentum in presence of many objects, absence of jets, displaced vertices, boosted particles...



[ATLAS Public event displays](#)

Compressed Spectra SUSY and Very Low p_T Leptons

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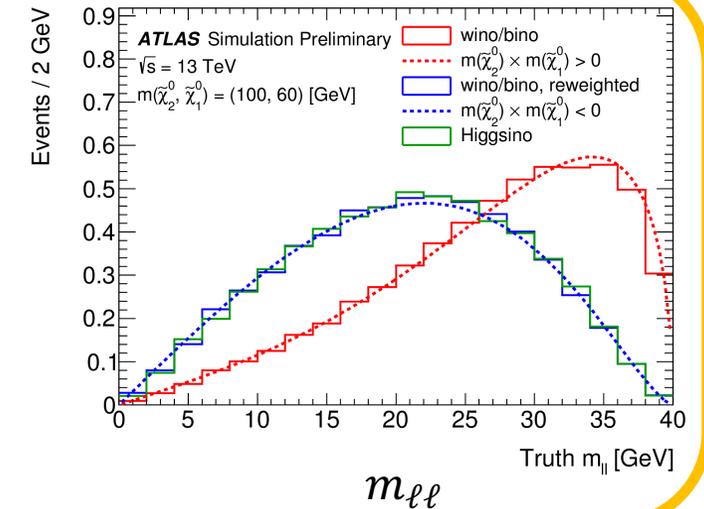
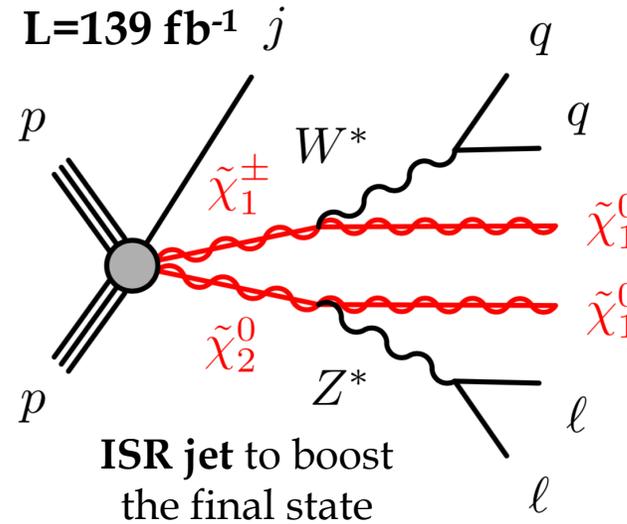
Lighest sparticles $\tilde{\chi}_1^0, \tilde{\chi}_1^\pm, \tilde{\chi}_2^0$

Scenario I "Higgsino" $\mu \ll |M1|, |M2|$

Triplet of Higgsino like gauginos

Scenario II "Wino" $|M1| < |M2| \ll \mu$

Key discriminating variable $m_{\ell\ell} < m_{\tilde{\chi}_2^0} - m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0}$

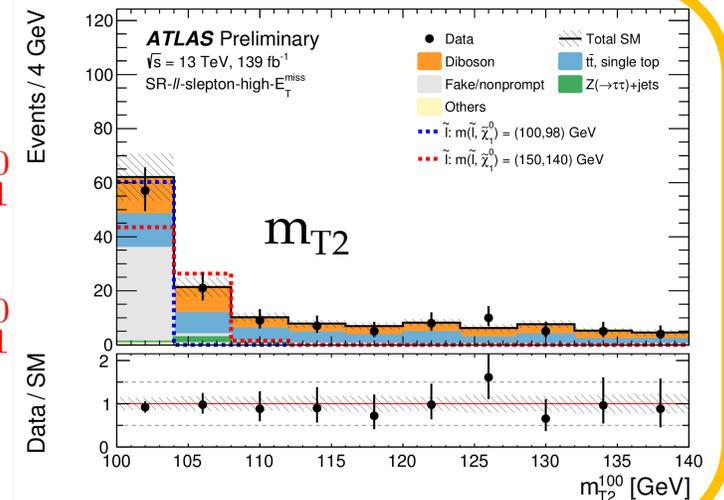
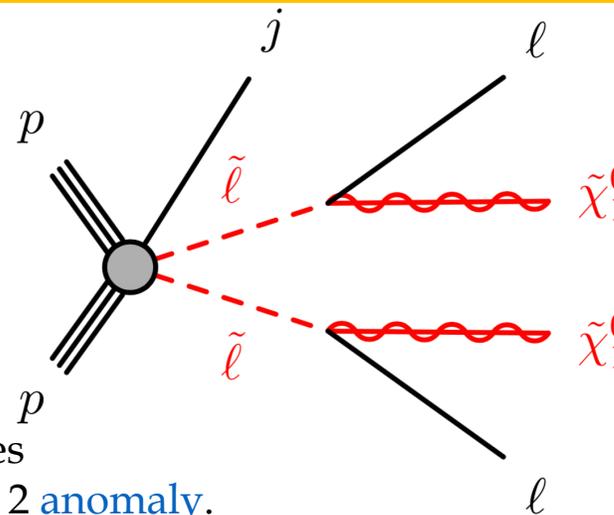


Scenario III "Slepton" Lighest sparticles $\tilde{\chi}_1^0, \tilde{\ell}$

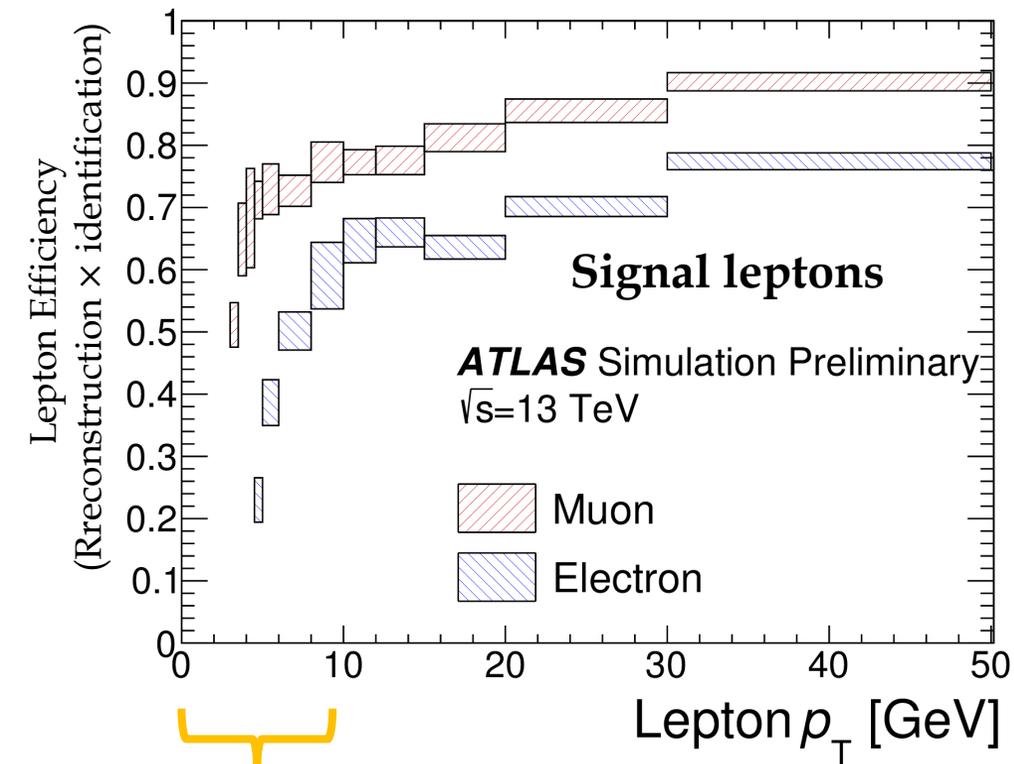
Slepton slightly heavier than a bino-like LSP

Key discriminating variable m_{T2}

[Model](#) can explain both dark matter thermal relic densities through coannihilation channels, as well as the muon $g - 2$ [anomaly](#).



Extends sensitivity down to $\Delta m \sim 2.6$ GeV (Higgsino) ~ 2 GeV (Wino) and ~ 670 MeV (Slepton).



Signal leptons have very low efficiency at low lepton p_T
 \Rightarrow Define complementary signal region **SR1 ℓ 1T = 1 signal lepton+1 signal track**

Signal tracks

$p_T > 1$ GeV, $|\eta| < 2.5$, *Tight-Primary* [working point](#).

Within $\Delta R < 0.01$ of e or μ failing [signal lepton cuts](#).

Track and e/ μ candidate p_T matching within 20%

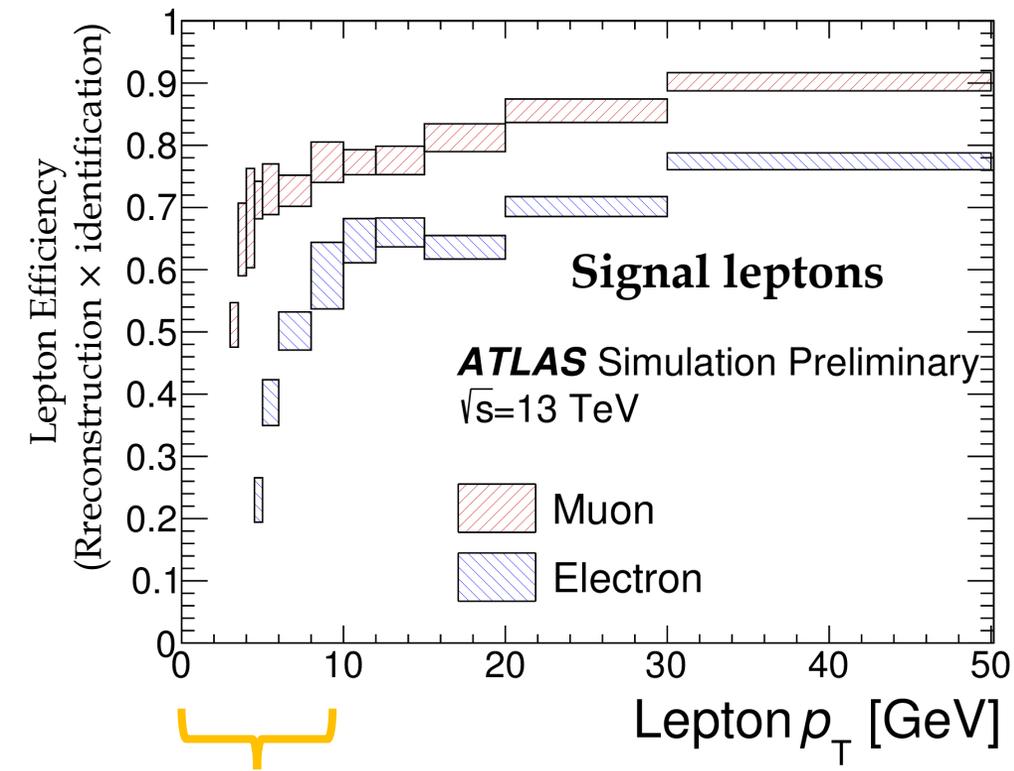
Isolation from jets and other activity:

$$\Delta R(track, jets) > 0.5$$

$$\sum_{\Delta R < 0.3} p_T \text{ (preselected track)} < 0.5$$

Track from Hard Scatter (HS) primary vertex:

$$d_0 \text{ significance} < 3 \ \& \ |z_0 \sin \theta| < 0.5 \text{ mm}$$



Signal tracks provide

- +20% efficiency for e with $3 < p_T < 4$ GeV
- +35% efficiency for μ with $2 < p_T < 3$ GeV

Monte Carlo to Data Corrections rederived specifically for the signal tracks

Track-lepton matching efficiency measured in data with J/ψ events decaying to signal lepton + preselected track.

Track isolation corrections measured using Z events decaying to signal lepton+track matched to a reconstructed lepton candidate.

Track corrections compatible with 1.

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Background in SR1 ℓ 1T

Events with one prompt lepton + one track from hadrons, reconstructed from spurious hits...

Control sample

Same selections as SR1 ℓ 1T SR but **Same Sign**. Data in SS sample used directly as the estimate of background.

Signal region 1 ℓ 1T

Variable	1 ℓ 1T
E_T^{miss} [GeV]	> 200
$E_T^{\text{miss}}/H_T^{\text{lep}}$	> 30
$\Delta\phi(\text{lep}, \mathbf{p}_T^{\text{miss}})$	< 1.0
Lepton or track p_T [GeV]	$p_T^{\text{track}} < 5$

Validation region 1 ℓ 1T

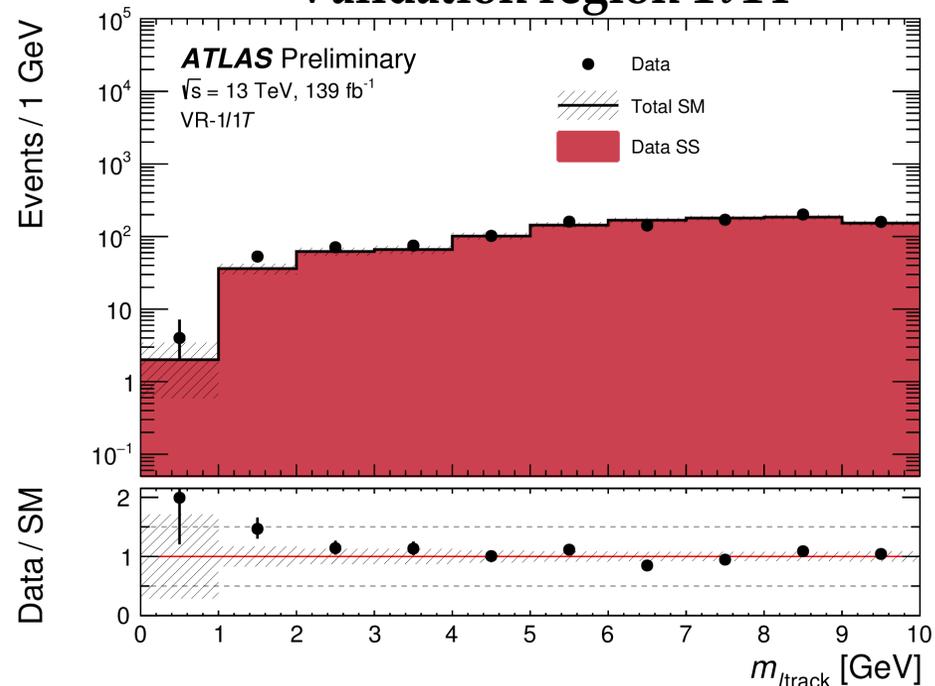
Derived from Signal region but

$$E_T^{\text{miss}}/H_T^{\text{lep}} > 15$$

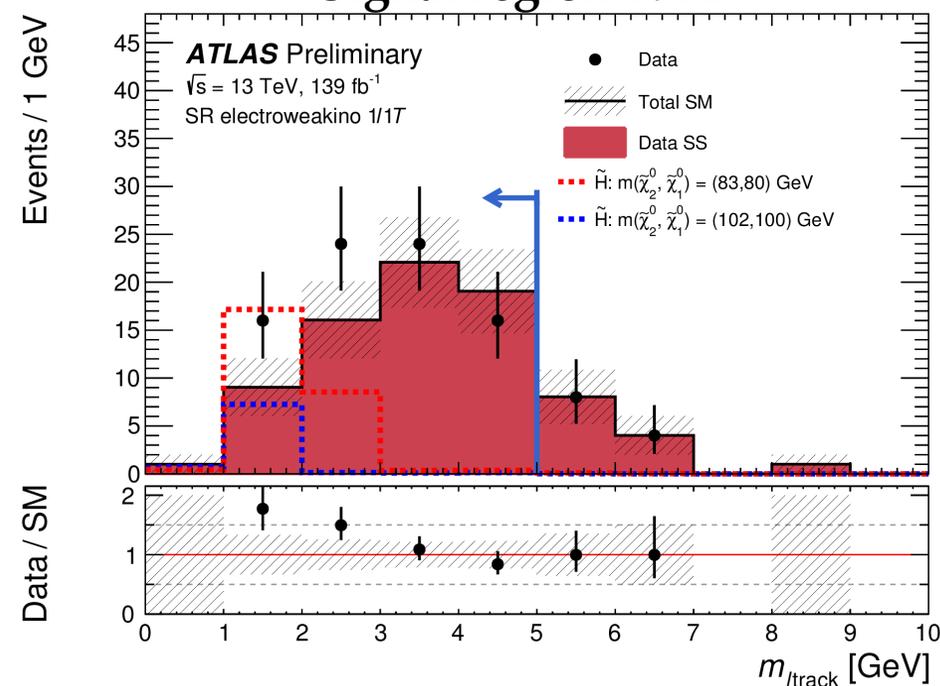
$$\Delta\phi(\ell, \mathbf{p}_T^{\text{miss}}) > 1.5$$

No upper bound on $\Delta R_{\ell, \text{trk}}$

Validation region 1 ℓ 1T



Signal region 1 ℓ 1T



See also Sezen Sekmen's [talk tomorrow](#)

Object-Based Missing Momentum Significance

$$\mathbf{p}_T^{miss} = - \left(\underbrace{\sum_{i \in \text{muons}} \mathbf{p}_T^i + \sum_{i \in \text{electrons}} \mathbf{p}_T^i + \sum_{i \in \text{photons}} \mathbf{p}_T^i + \sum_{i \in \text{hadronic } \tau} \mathbf{p}_T^i + \sum_{i \in \text{jets}} \mathbf{p}_T^i}_{\text{Hard objects}} + \underbrace{\sum_{i \in \text{Soft Term}} \mathbf{p}_T^i}_{\text{In ATLAS computed from Tracks not assigned to a hard object}} \right)$$

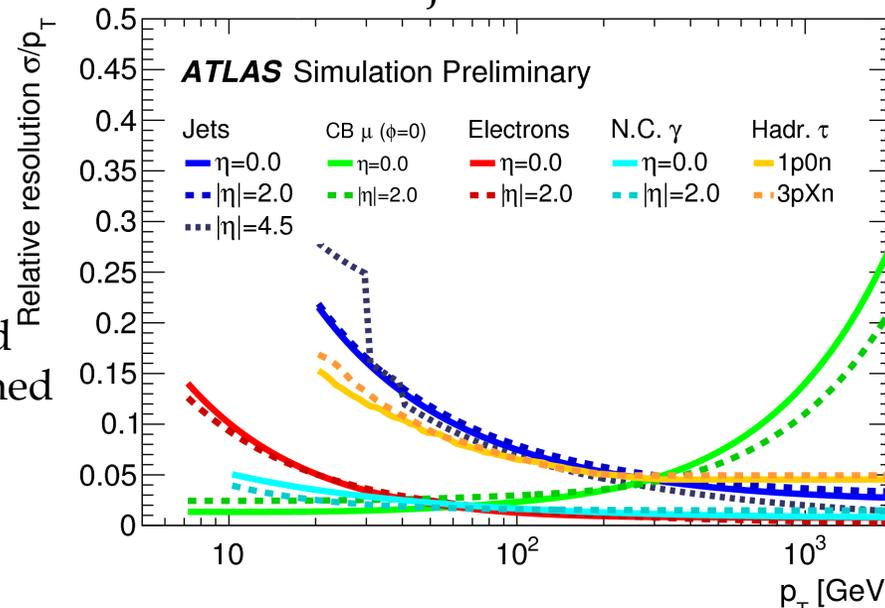
Each object has its own p_T - and η -dependent resolution.
 \Rightarrow how significant is the missing momentum wrt. all known object resolutions in the particular topology of a given event?

Object-based Missing Momentum Significance, can be derived from first principles

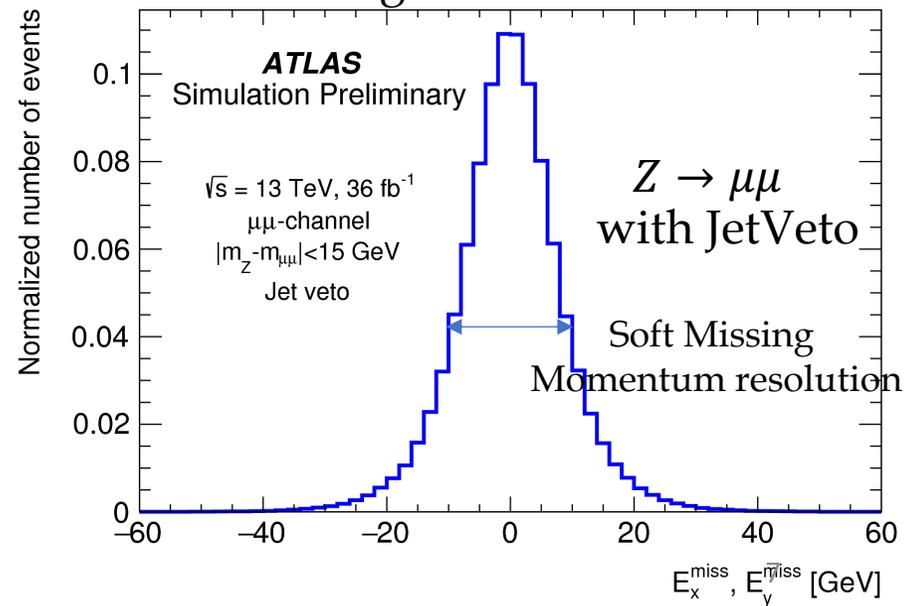
$$\sigma_L^2 \quad \text{total object resolution along the direction of } \mathbf{p}_T^{miss} \quad \mathcal{S} = \sqrt{\frac{|\mathbf{p}_T^{miss}|^2}{\sigma_L^2(1 - \rho_{LT}^2)}}$$

ρ_{LT}^2 correlation between the longitudinal and transverse direction resolutions

Hard object resolutions

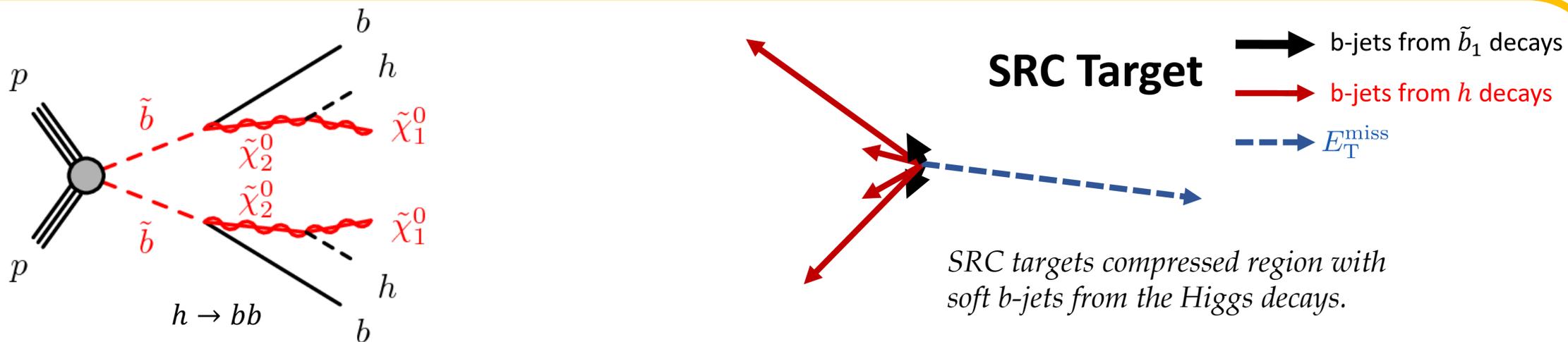


Soft Missing Momentum resolution



Missing Momentum Significance & Sbottom Search

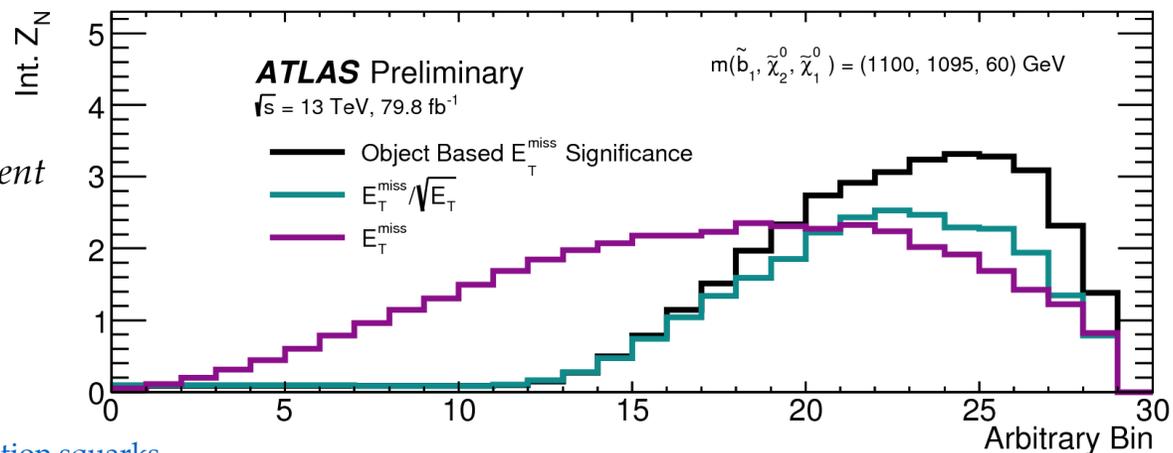
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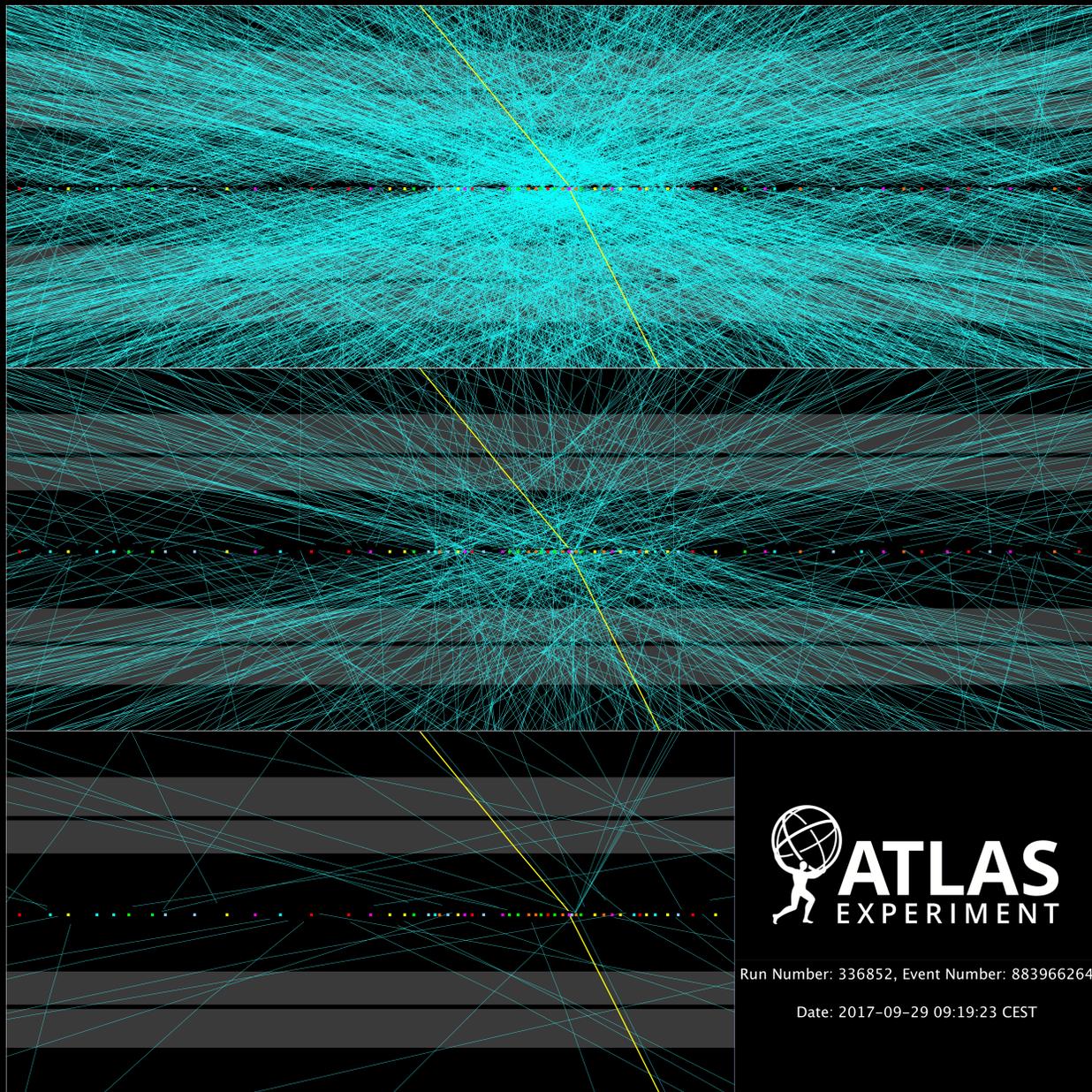
Higgs-pole annihilation scenarios with $m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0} \sim m_h/2$ - Here work with $m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0} = 60$ GeV (Dark Matter relic density motivated)

[ATLAS-CONF-2018-040](#)

Significant discrimination improvement with the object-based significance



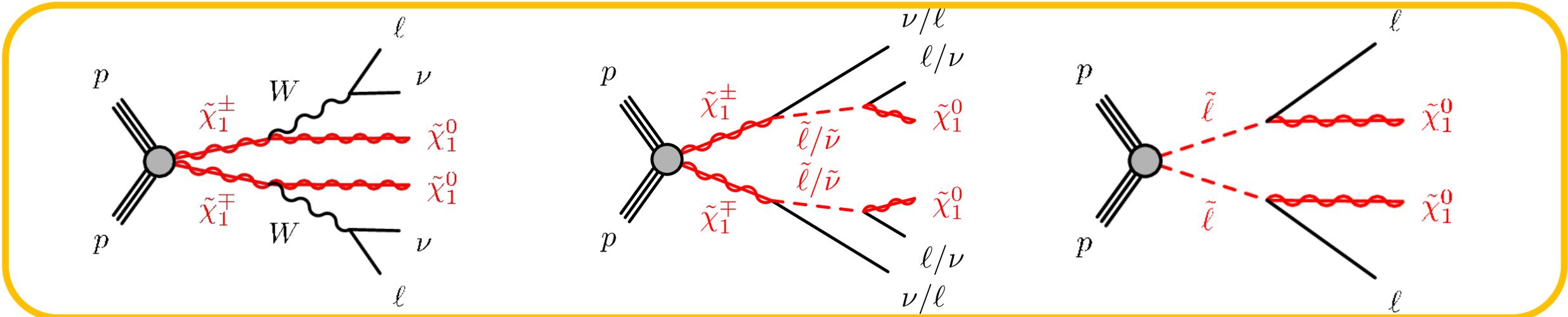
Pile-up Jet Suppression or "*knowing your hard scatter jets*" ...



Many p-p collisions...

Hard Scatter "HS" PV defined by
PV with highest Σp_T^2 of the tracks

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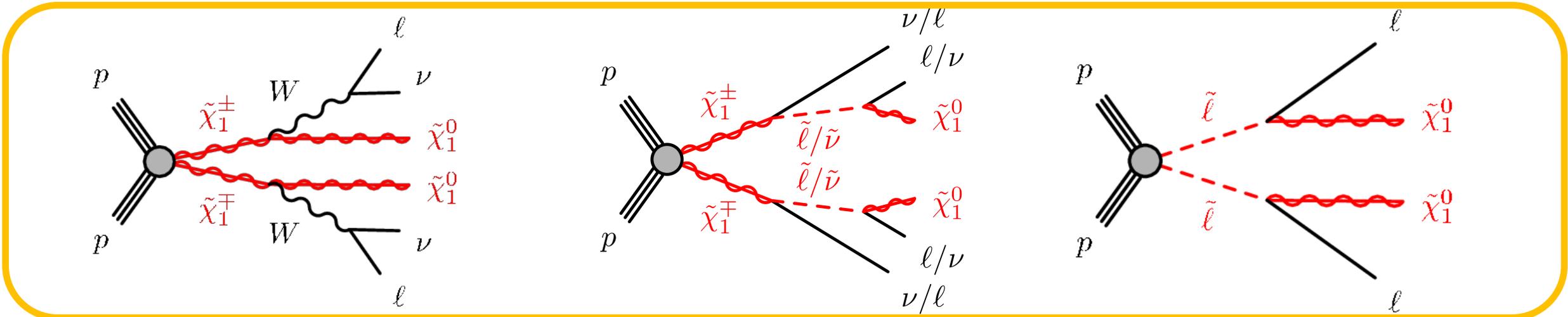
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Until recently all analyses applied pile-up removal up to p_T of 60 GeV.

\Rightarrow Now extend to 120 GeV in **139 fb⁻¹** SUSY analyses, eg. in [sbottom+higgs](#)

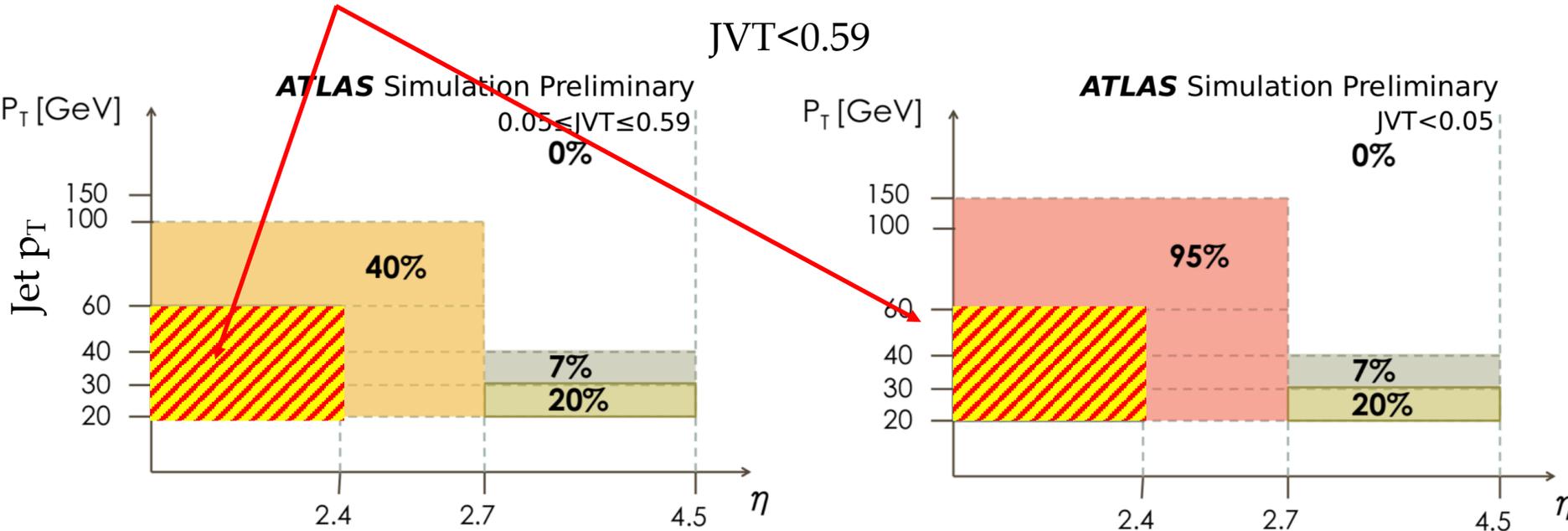
Central pile-up jets removal: use Tracking

Compute fraction of total track momentum inside jet that is associated to the HS $PV^1 = \text{"corrJVF}^2 \text{"}$.

Compute total HS track momentum inside jet over calibrated jet $p_T (R_{pT})$

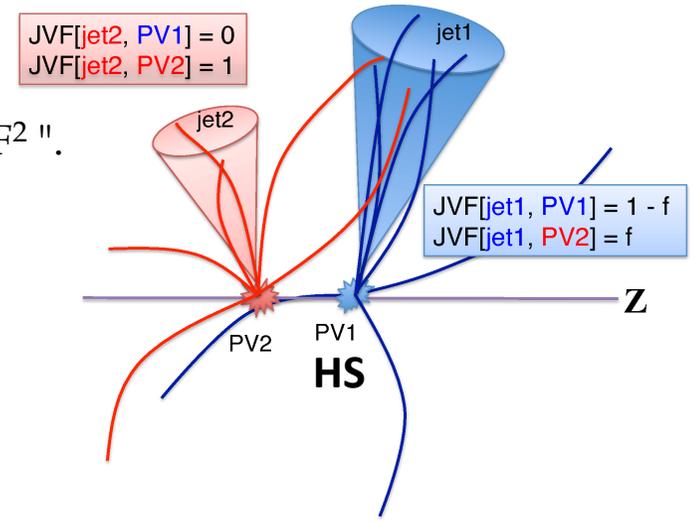
Jet Vertex Tagger = 2D-likelihood with R_{pT} and corrJVF

Old Standard: remove jets with $p_T < 60$ GeV and $JVT < 0.59$ and $|\eta| < 2.4$



Percents indicate fraction of pile-up jets in Z+1 jet Monte Carlo

[ATLAS-CONF-2018-038](https://arxiv.org/abs/1510.03823)

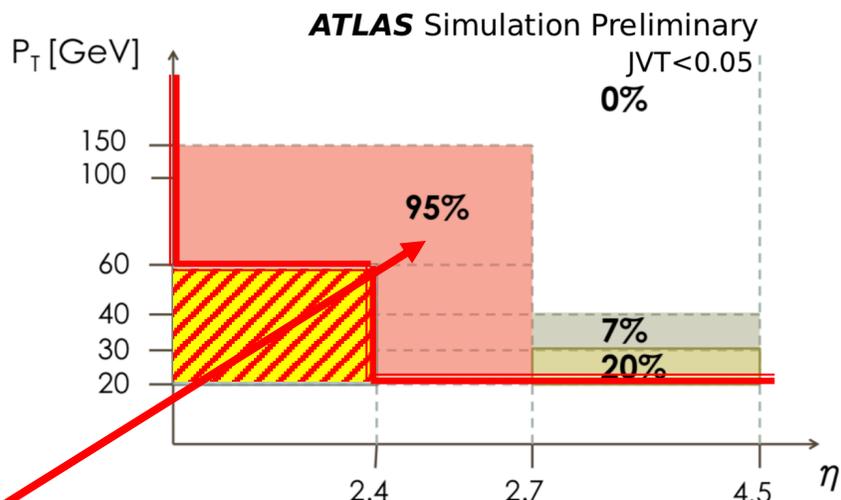
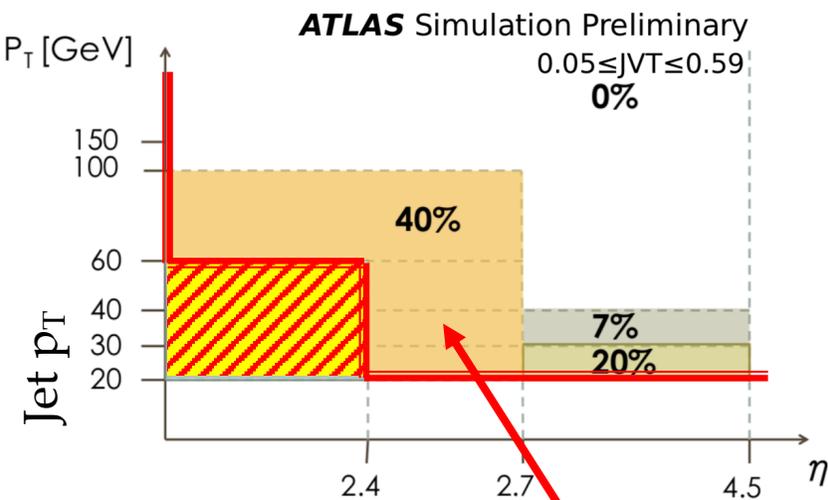


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¹⁾ Hard Scatter PV defined by highest Σp_T^2

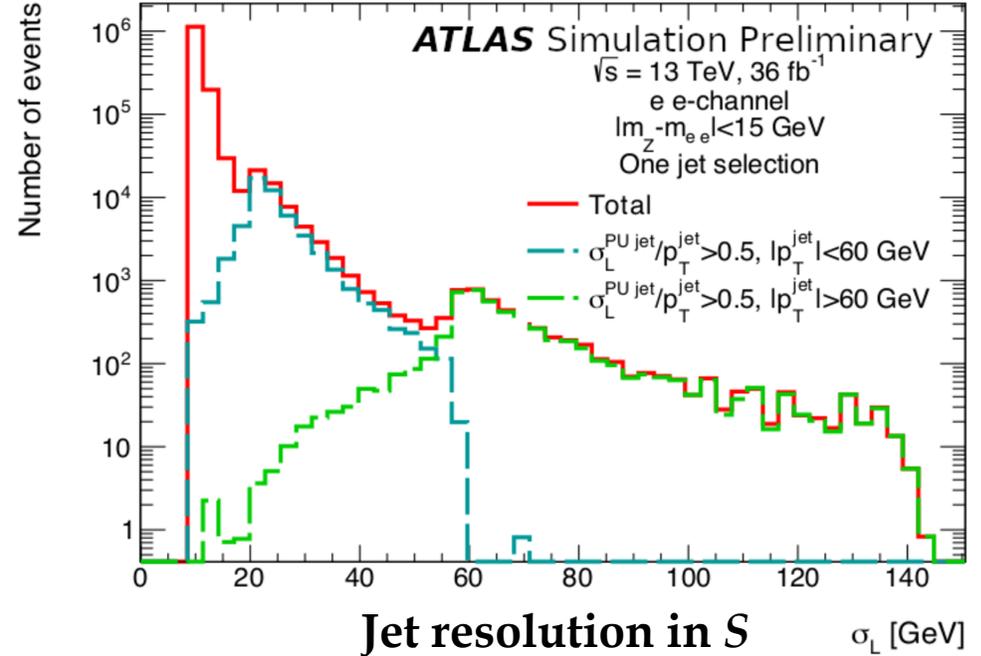
²⁾ Corrected Jet Vertex Fraction

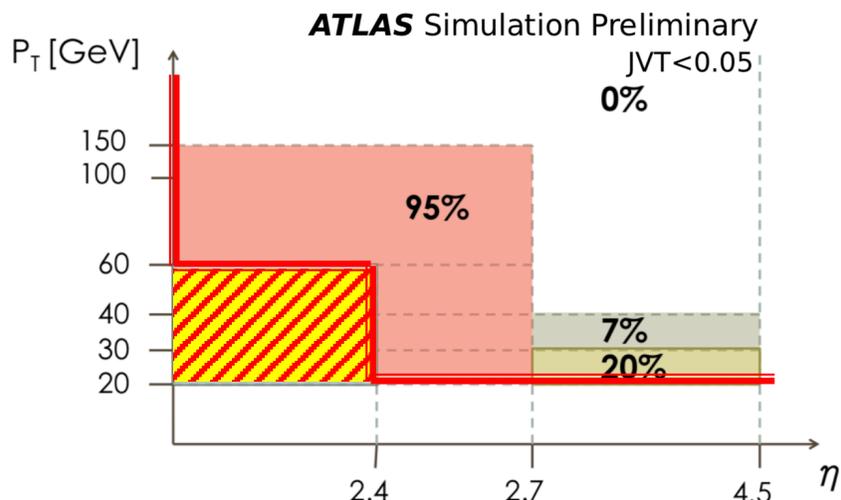
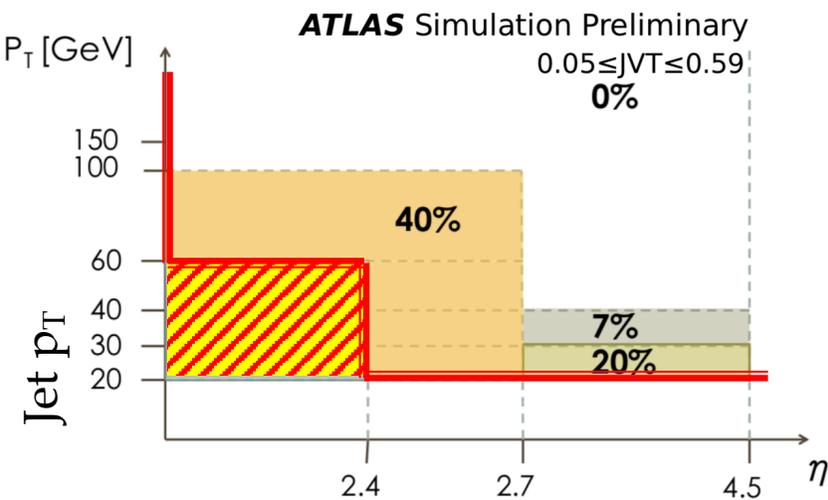
$$\text{corrJVF} = \frac{\sum_m p_{T,m}^{\text{track}}(\text{PV}_0)}{\sum_l p_{T,l}^{\text{track}}(\text{PV}_0) + \frac{\sum_{n \geq 1} \sum_l p_{T,l}^{\text{track}}(\text{PV}_n)}{(k \cdot n_{\text{track}}^{\text{PU}})}}$$



Jet resolution used in Missing Momentum Significance for jets.

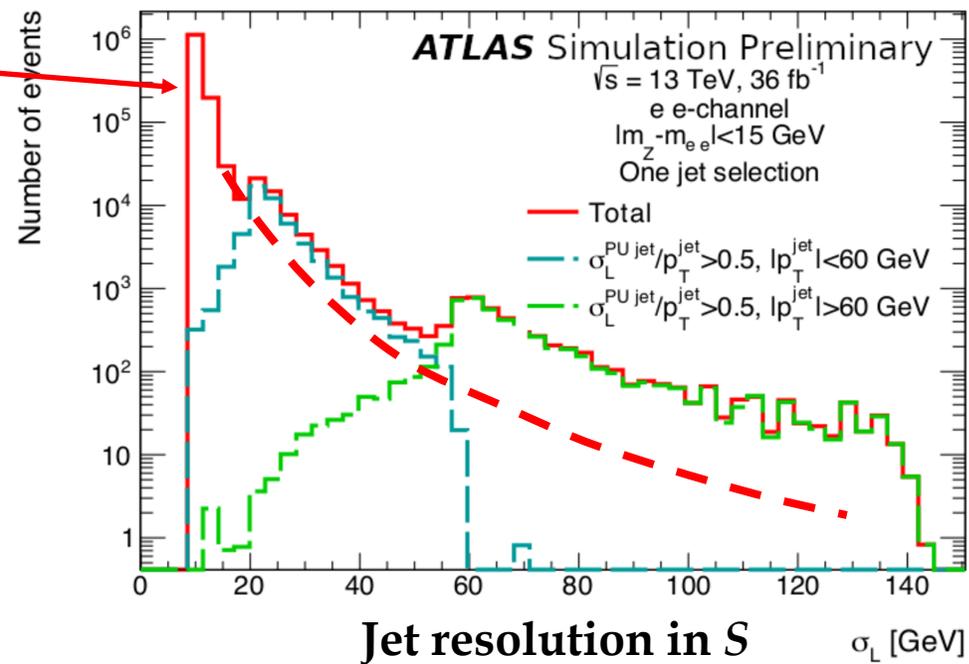
Now studied in more details jets surviving standard cut:
 Can have significant probability to arise from pile-up.

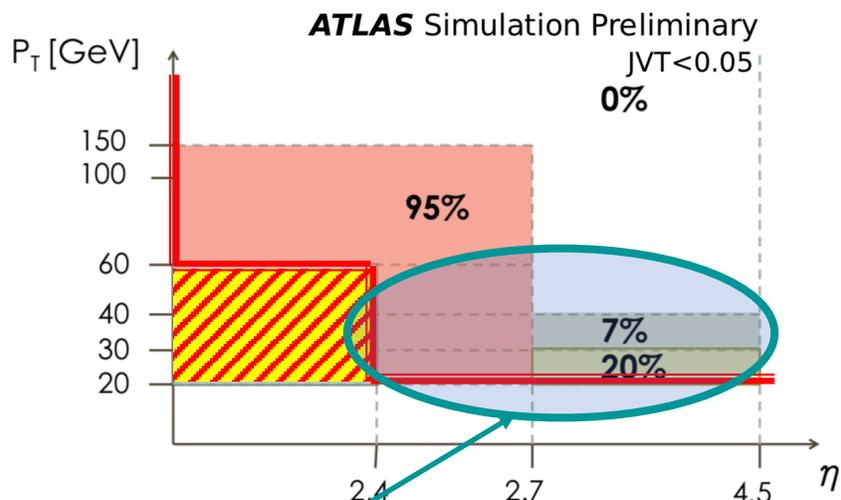
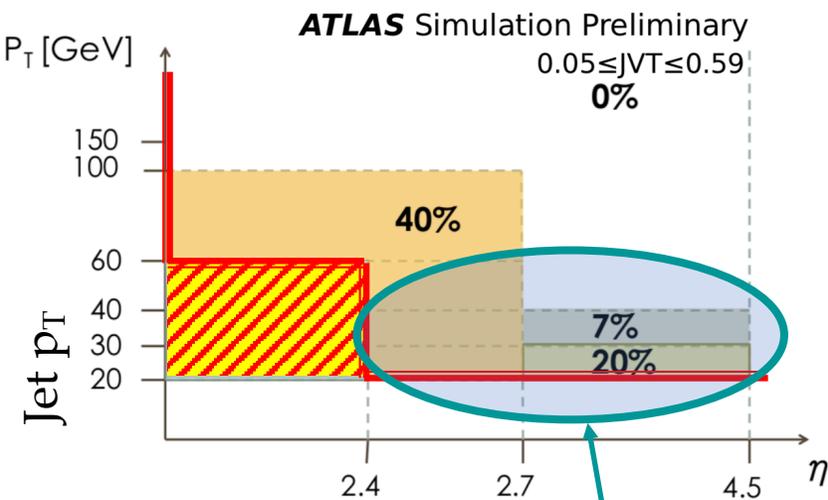




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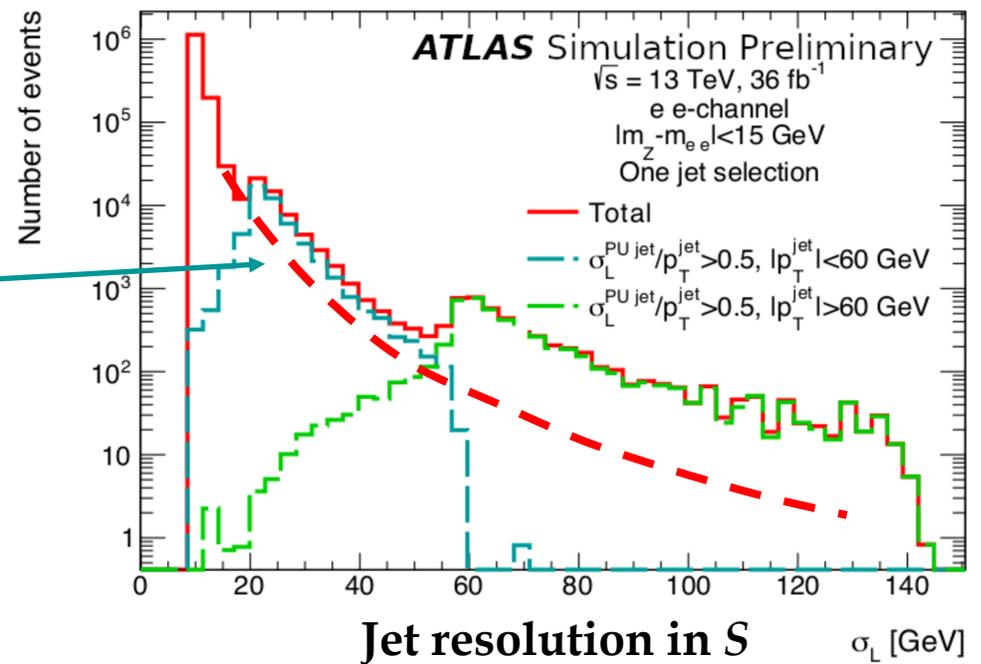
Bulk of the jets, from HS PV, have resolution scaling as standard $1/\sqrt{E}$

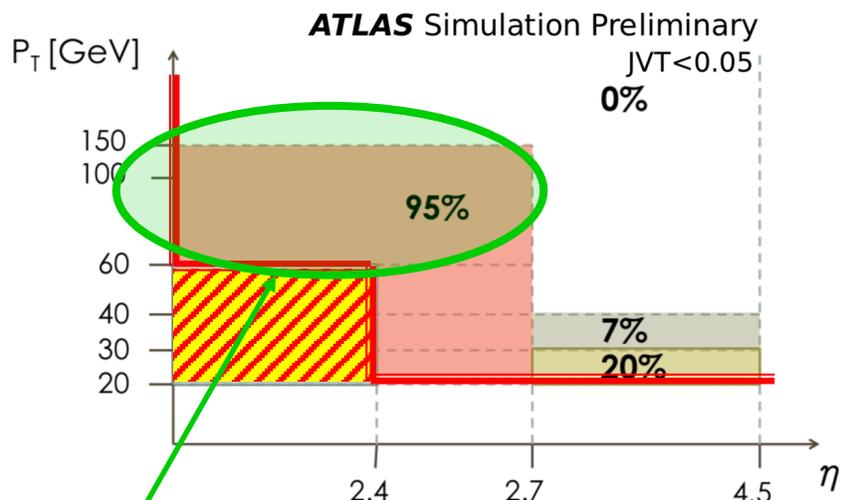
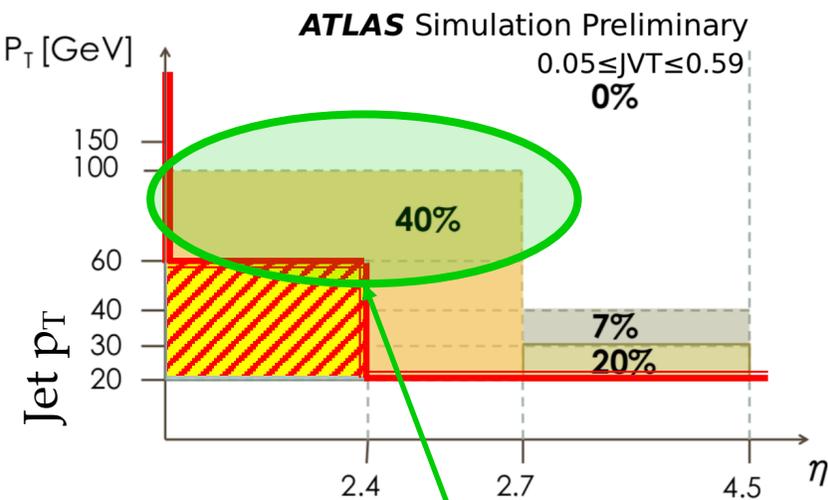




Intermediate resolution term in Object based missing momentum significance: pile-up jets at $20 < p_T < 60$ GeV but $|\eta| > 2.4$.

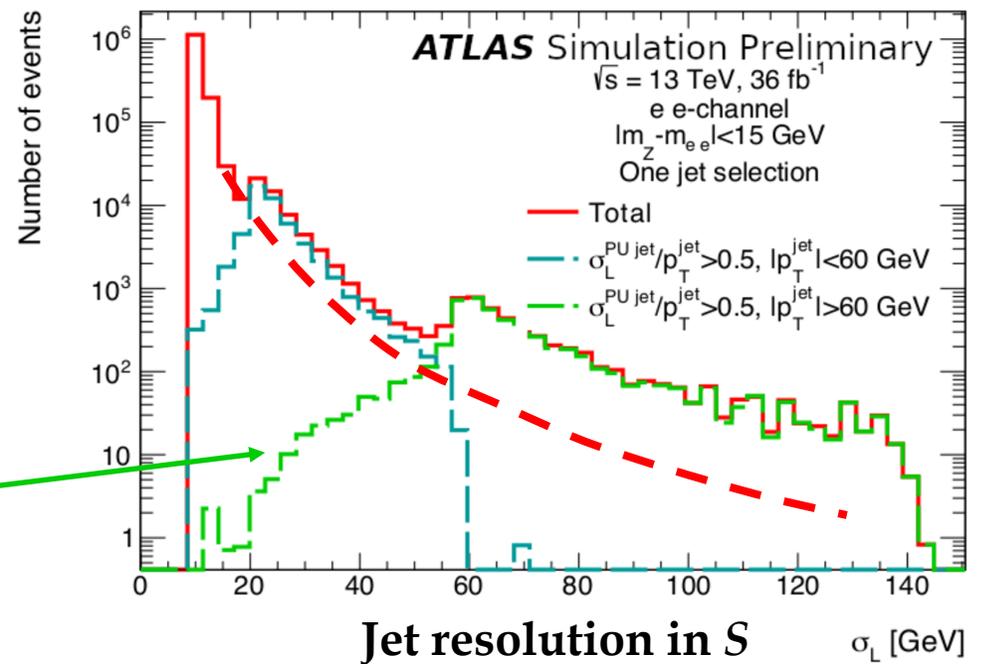
Jet resolution used in Missing Momentum Significance for jets.





Jet resolution used in Missing Momentum Significance (S) for jets.

In the worst resolution region: large contribution from pile-up jets with $p_T > 60$ GeV at all η .



\Rightarrow Apply additional loose JVT selection for jets between 60 and 120 GeV
 Reduces pile-up jet contamination to $< 1\%$, at 90% efficiency for HS jets.

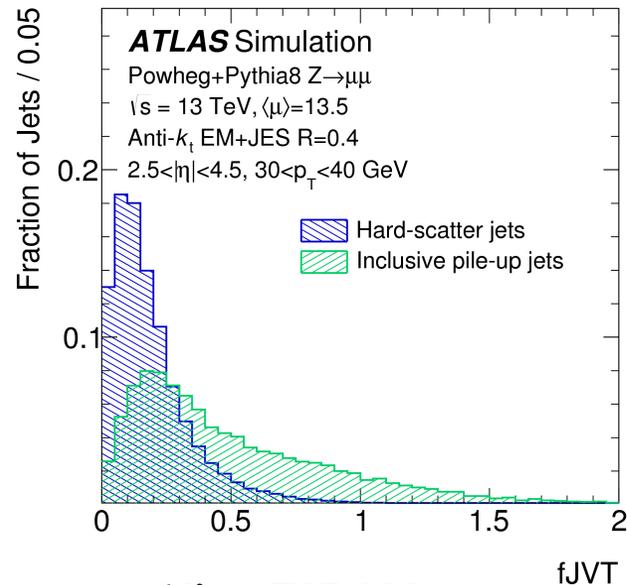
How to suppress forward pileup jets without tracking?

For Central jets the tracking is able to confirm that jets come from the HS PV.

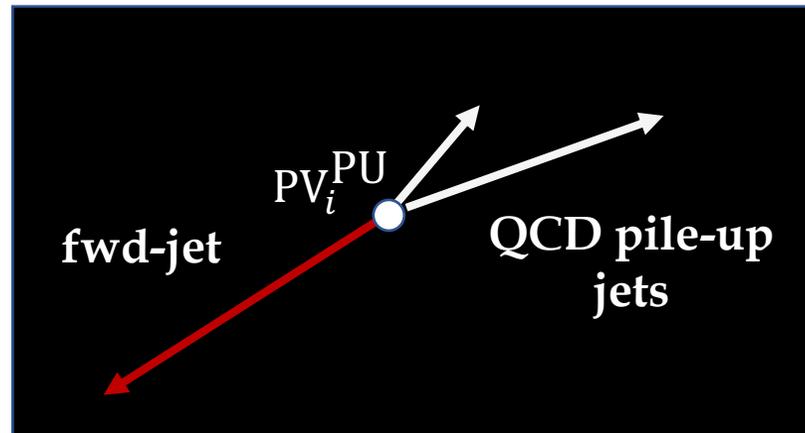
Forward region does not have precision tracking

Particularly important for physics channels involving forward jets, VBF signatures...

- 1) Assign central pile-up jet to their respective pile-up PV_i^{PU} using tracks.
- 2) Determine the missing momentum per pile-up PV.
- 3) Define a metric **fJVT** that quantities how well a forward jet matches the missing momentum from a pile-up vertex.



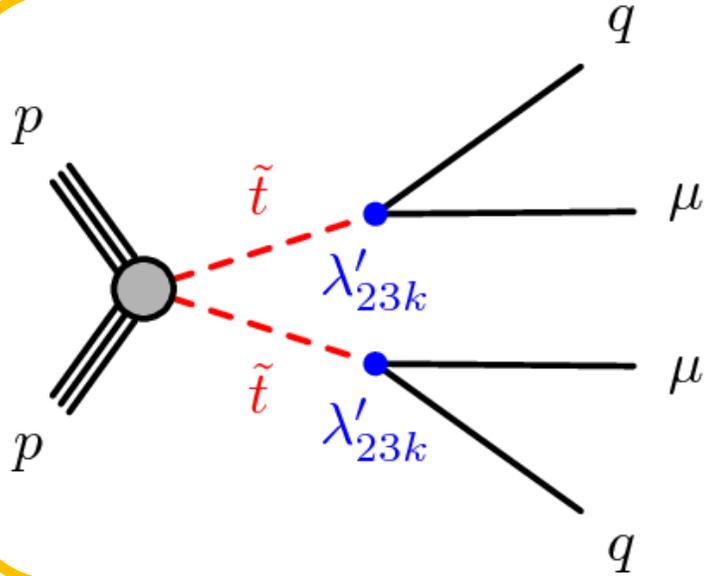
arXiv:1705.02211



Forward pile-up jets can be identified if they balance the momentum associated to a PV_i^{PU}

Remove jets with high values of fJVT from the Missing Momentum calculation
(tight Missing Momentum Working Point)

Special Reconstruction for Long-Lived Particles



Long lived – stop quark decaying via RPV coupling λ'_{23k} can yield Displaced Dertex (DV) with a muon and a jet.

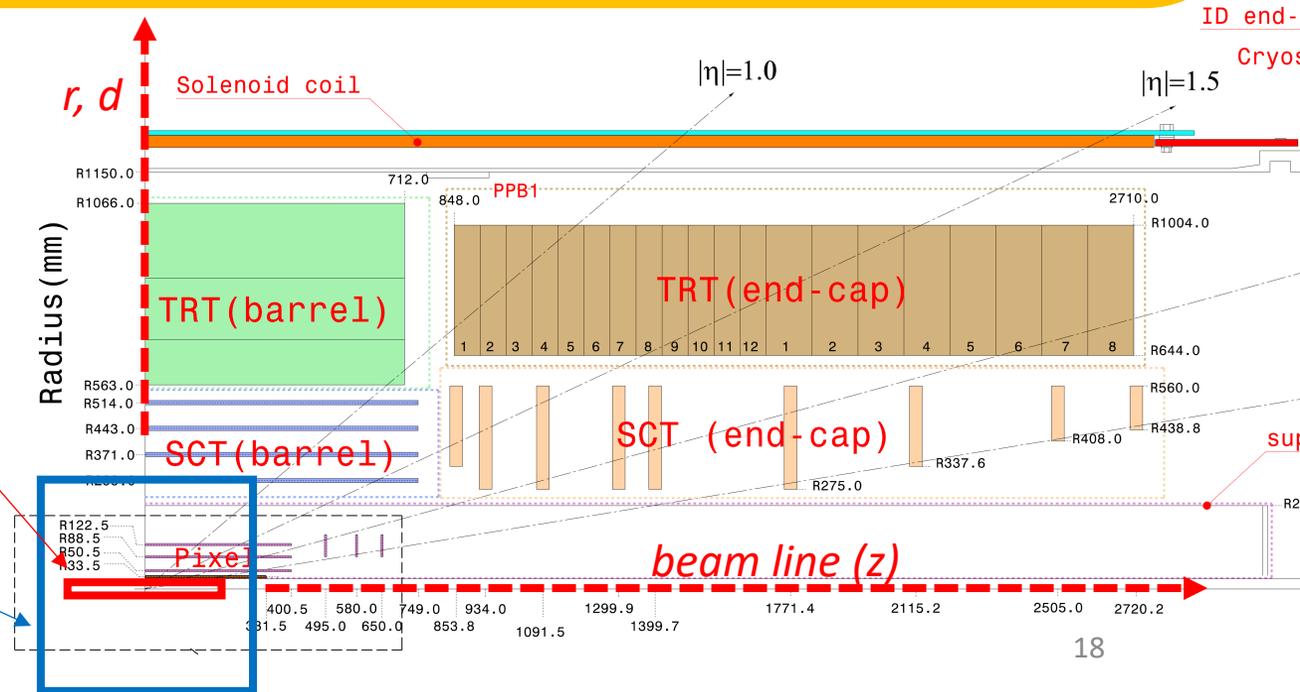
Other BSM models with this type of signature [ATLAS-CONF-2019-006](#)
 Long-lived lepto-quarks, BSM particles in Higgs decays, right-handed neutrinos, long-lived electroweakino LSP...

Standard track reconstruction optimized for charged particles from beam interaction region or short-lived particles (b -hadrons,...)
 \Rightarrow Tracks with $|d_0| < 10$ mm and $|z_0| < 250$ mm

Need to look for DV with r_{DV} and $|z_{DV}| < 300$ mm

Long-lived stop quarks search exploits

\Rightarrow Dedicated Large Radius Tracking [\[ATL-PHYS-PUB-2017-014\]](#)



Long-Lived Particles and Large Radius Tracking

Large Radius Tracking ATL-PHYS-PUB-2017-014

Uses hits not already used by the standard tracking algorithm.

Track impact parameter selections are relaxed to $|d_0| < 10 \text{ mm} \rightarrow 300 \text{ mm}$ and $|z_0| < 250 \text{ mm} \rightarrow 1500 \text{ mm}$.

Requirements on the number of shared hits also relaxed.

Dedicated secondary-vertex reconstruction for LLP decays

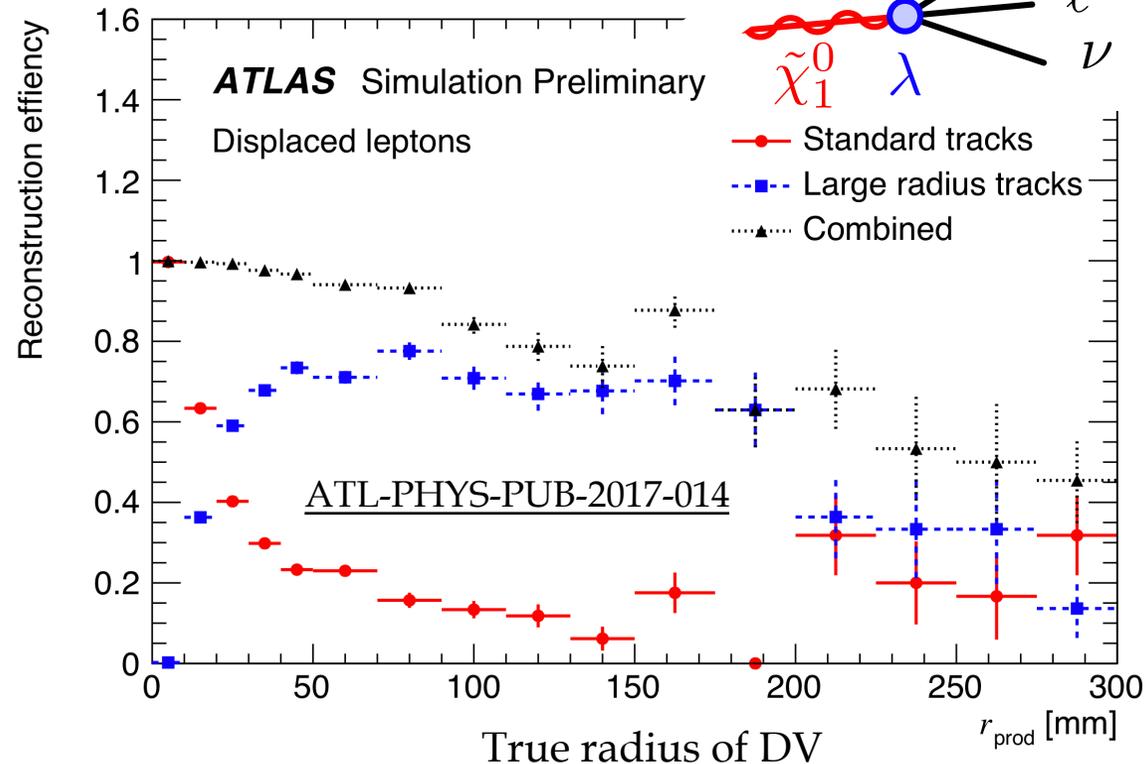
Tracks $p_T > 1 \text{ GeV}$ and $|d_0| > 2 \text{ mm}$ (\Rightarrow tracks from PV ignored).

Avoid contamination from fake tracks¹ by requiring:

\Rightarrow Tracks with at least ≥ 6 SCT hits OR ≥ 1 Pixel hit.

\Rightarrow Tracks rejected if (it has < 2 pixel hits AND zero TRT hits)

Additional requirements for tracks with $p_T < 25 \text{ GeV}$



¹ Reconstructed from spurious combinations of hits

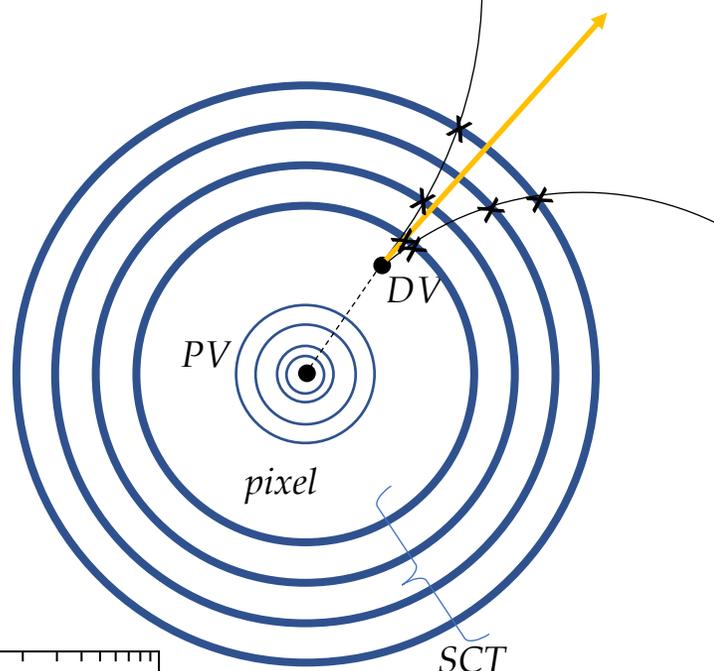
Displaced Vertex (DV) Reconstruction

Start from Seed vertices made from pairs of tracks

No track hits at radii smaller than the DV.

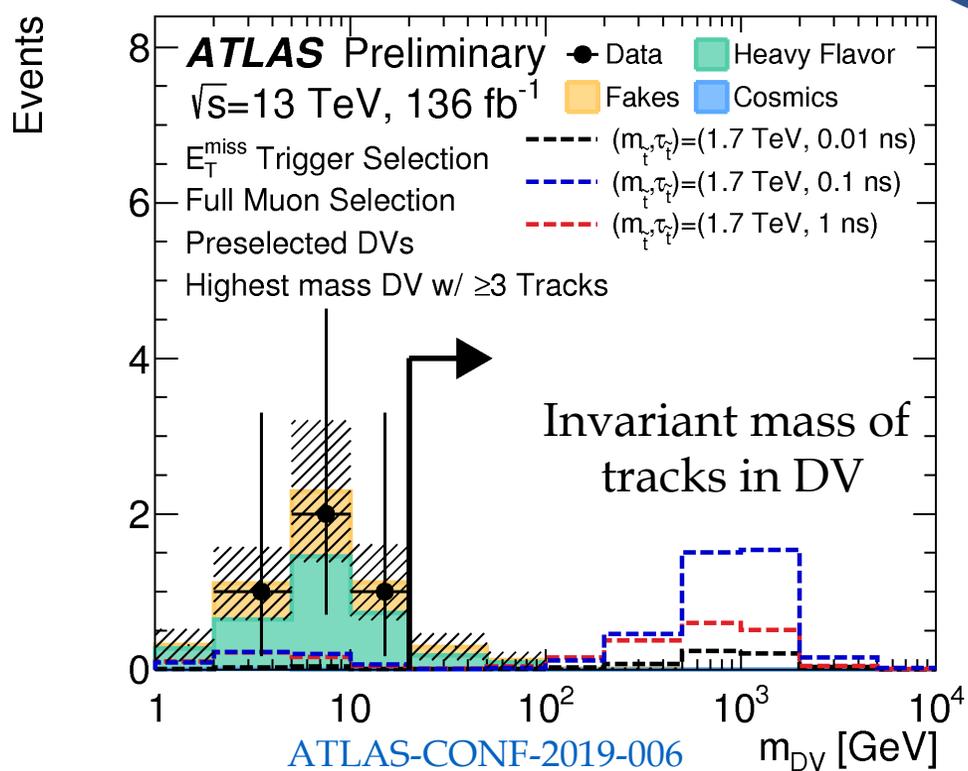
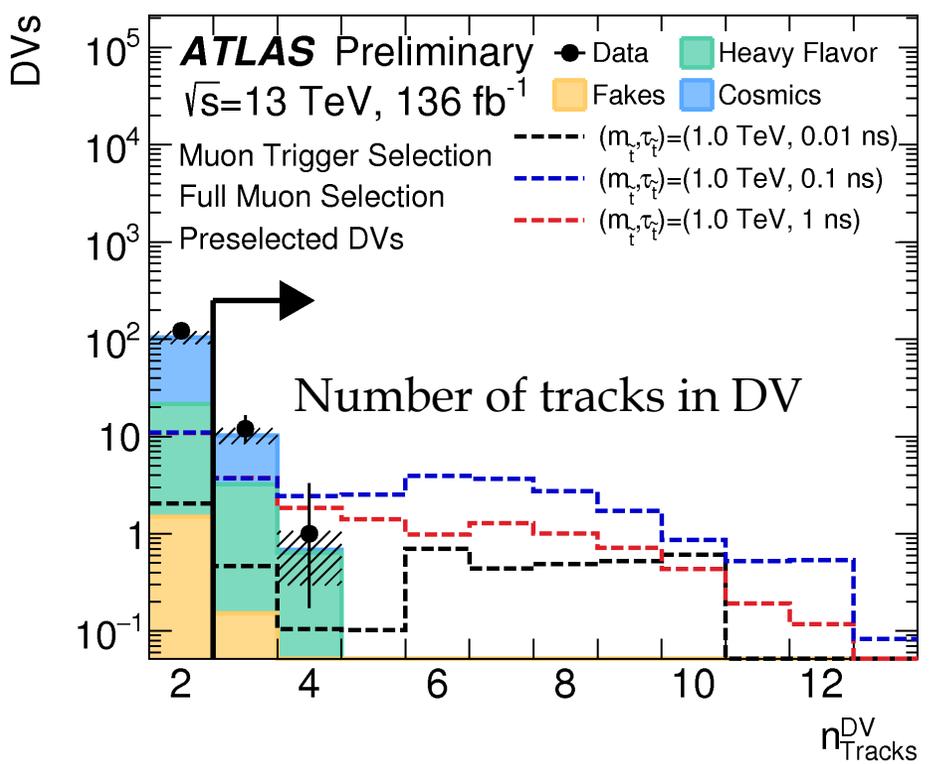
With silicon hits at larger radius

Direction of the **vector sum of the momenta of the tracks** consistent with the vector from the PV to the DV.



2) Iterative merging of seed vertices into n -track vertices

Do not consider DVs overlapping with detector elements (background from h-interactions)



Boosted hadronic tops in stop searches and jet reclustering

Top decay products may be identified with separated standard Anti- k_t $R=0.4$ jets but top \rightarrow daughter correspondance difficult (6 jets).
 \Rightarrow **Reclustered jets Anti- k_t jets $R=1.2$**

Input constituents

Already calibrated standard Anti- k_t jets $R=0.4$.

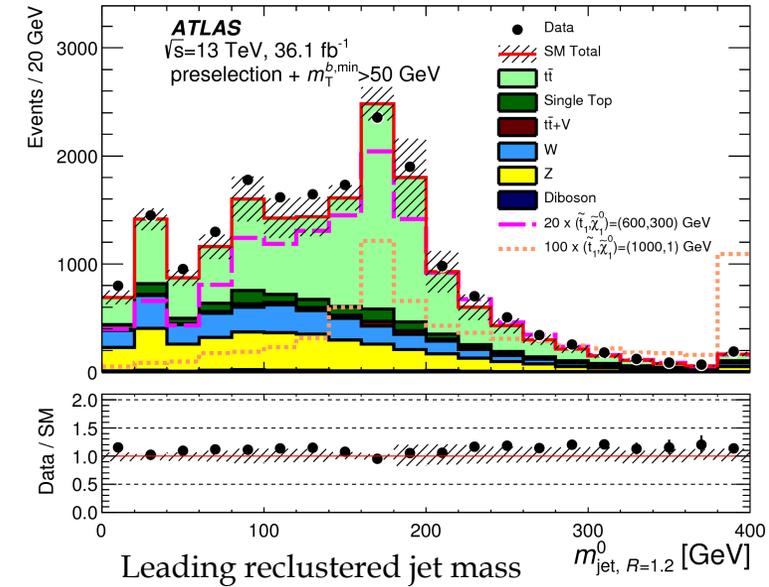
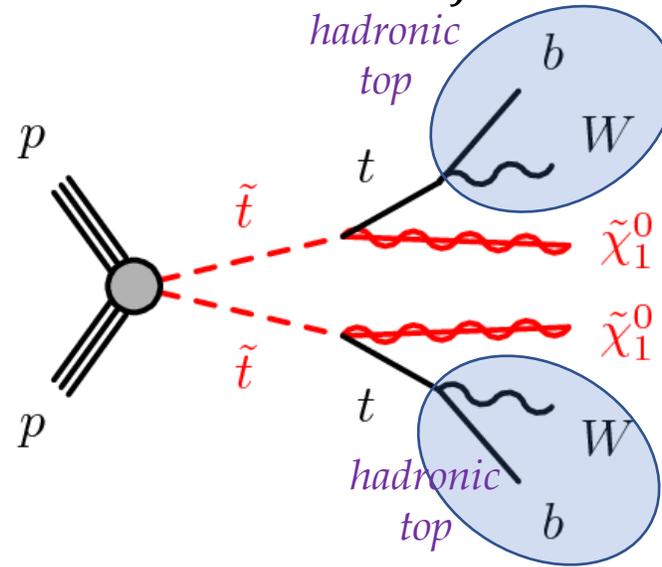
Cons

- Does not use the fine granularity of the calorimeter
- Does not allow use of fine substructure variable
- Loss of performance at very high p_T when the daughter jets start to merge

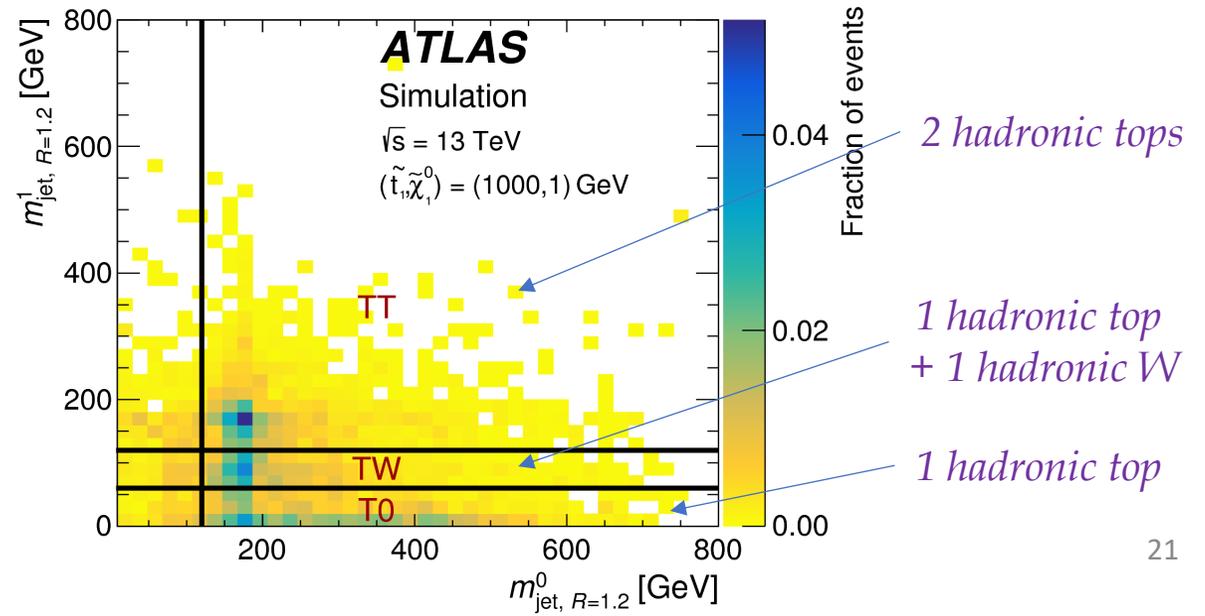
$$\Delta R \sim 2m/p_T$$

Pros

- Relies on already calibrated standard $R=0.4$ jets.
- Propagate uncertainties from $R=0.4$ jets to reclustered jets
- Correlation between the reclustered jet and $R=0.4$ jets.



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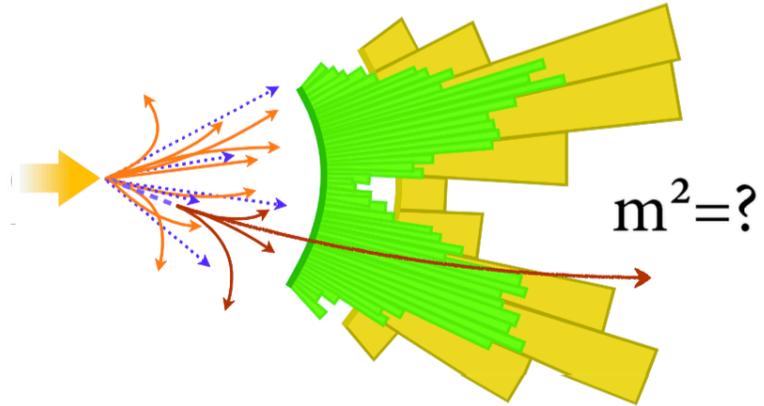
Large-R jet reconstruction

At high boost decay products not in well separated $R=0.4$ jets

$$t \rightarrow bq\bar{q}' \quad W \rightarrow q\bar{q}' \quad \Delta R \sim 2m/p_T$$

$$t \rightarrow bq\bar{q}'$$

$$W \rightarrow q\bar{q}'$$



Use single large Anti- k_t $R=1.0$ jets

Inputs constituents = locally calibrated calo clusters.

Suppress pile-up with trimming¹

Pros

Capture substructure eg. $q\bar{q}'$ even at very high p_T
 Access finest granularity of calorimeter since inputs are clusters.

⇒ Substructure variables eg. D_2 looking for 2 hard core substructure.

Cons

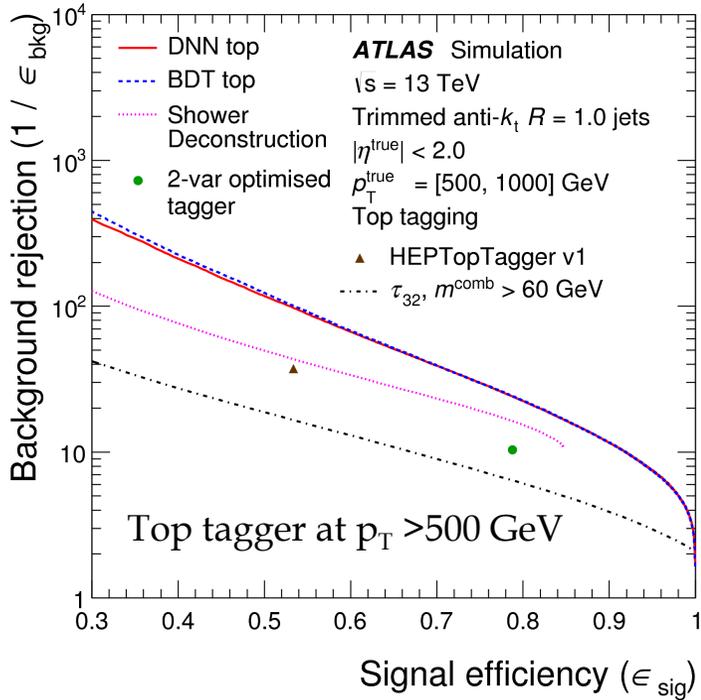
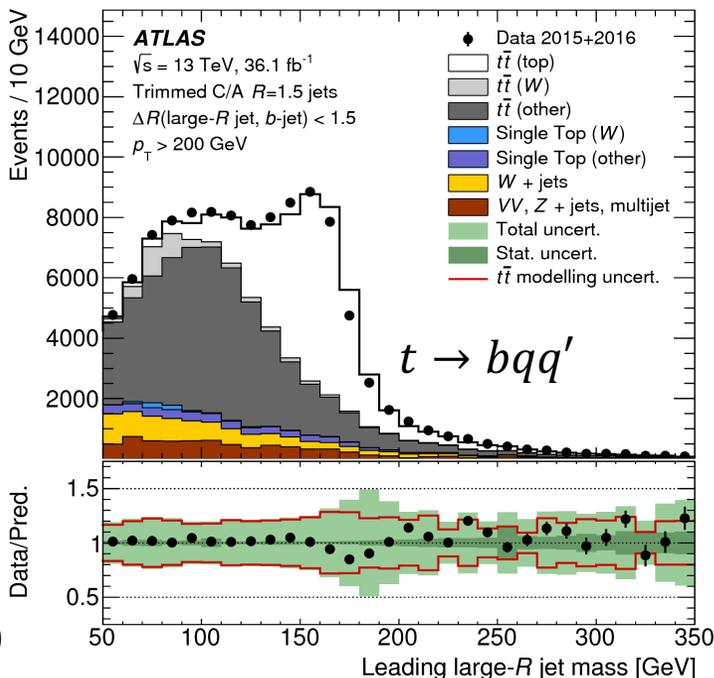
Requires dedicated large-R jet calibration

Difficult to correlate systematics with standard jets

Current SUSY search regime still have $p_T(\text{top})$ and $p_T(W)$ only moderately boosted.

See also [D. Miller's talk](#)

[Eur. Phys. J. C 79 \(2019\) 375](#)



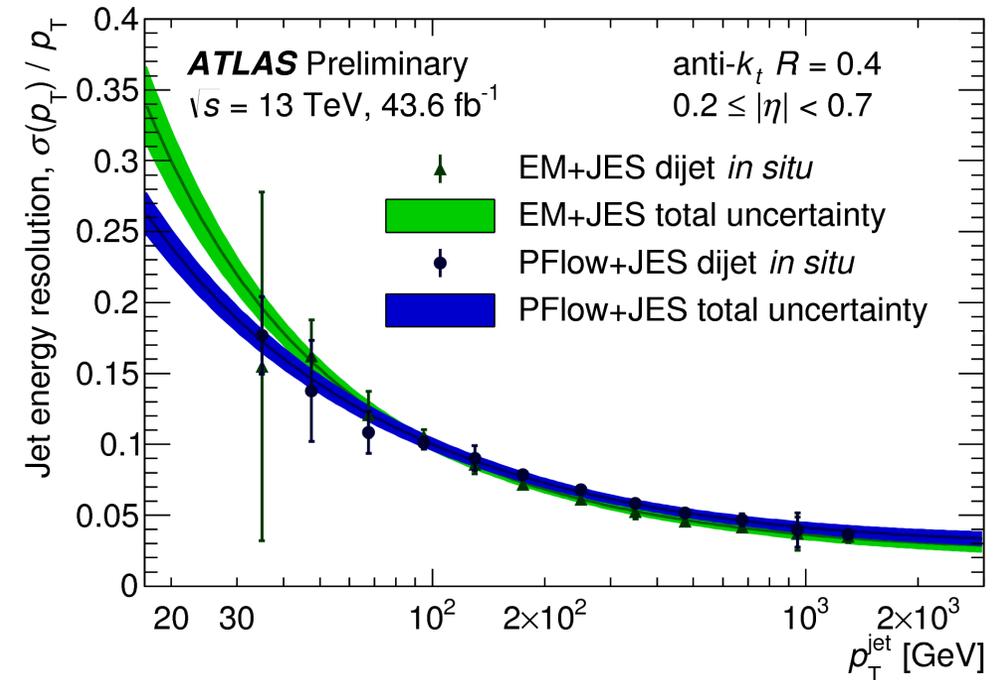
Top and W-taggers calibrated with top, W decays in data.

¹ Cluster the large jet constituents into k_t $R=0.2$ sub-jets, then remove sub-jets with $p_T < 20\%$ of large jet.

Conclusions & Outlook

- Large variety of signatures provided by SUSY
- Still coming up with new ways of using our ATLAS detector
- Continuous development of techniques to:
 - Mitigate effects of pile-up
 - Improve Missing Momentum resolution
 - Improve jet reconstruction and jet energy resolution
 - Identify very boosted hadronically decaying top and W/Z
 - ATLAS particle flow jets available, not yet applied to SUSY analyses
- Stay tuned!

[Jet energy resolution in 2017 data and simulation](#)



Backup

- Definition of soft Missing Momentum Term
- Definition of signal leptons
- Inner Tracker Layout
- Additional information on forward pile-up jet tagger

Definition of Soft Missing Momentum Term

The soft term introduced in Section 3.1 is a significant contribution to the E_T^{miss} reconstruction, in particular in events with low jet activity. The track-based soft term is exclusively reconstructed from ID tracks that are not associated with the hard objects [9]. Only those tracks associated with hard scatter primary vertex are included, and these are required to have:

- $p_T > 400 \text{ MeV}$;
- $|d_0|/\sigma(d_0) < 2$ and $|z_0 \sin(\theta)| < 3.0 \text{ mm}$, where d_0 ($z_0 \sin(\theta)$) is the transverse (longitudinal) impact parameter;
- $\Delta\phi(\text{track}, e/\gamma) > 0.05$ or $\Delta\eta(\text{track}, e/\gamma) > 0.2$;
- $\Delta R(\text{track}, \tau) > 0.2$.

Mismeasured tracks are removed following the strategy described in Reference [9].

Signal Leptons

Not public yet
<https://cds.cern.ch/record/2673601>

Preselected electrons

$p_T > 4.5 \text{ GeV}, |\eta| < 2.47$
Calo+tracking-based *VeryLoose* [likelihood](#)
 $|z_0 \sin \theta| < 0.5 \text{ mm}$

Signal electrons

Preselected and
[Medium](#) identification criterion (88% efficiency)
 $d_0 \text{ significance} < 5$
[Gradient](#) isolation WP, uses both tracking & calo

Preselected muons

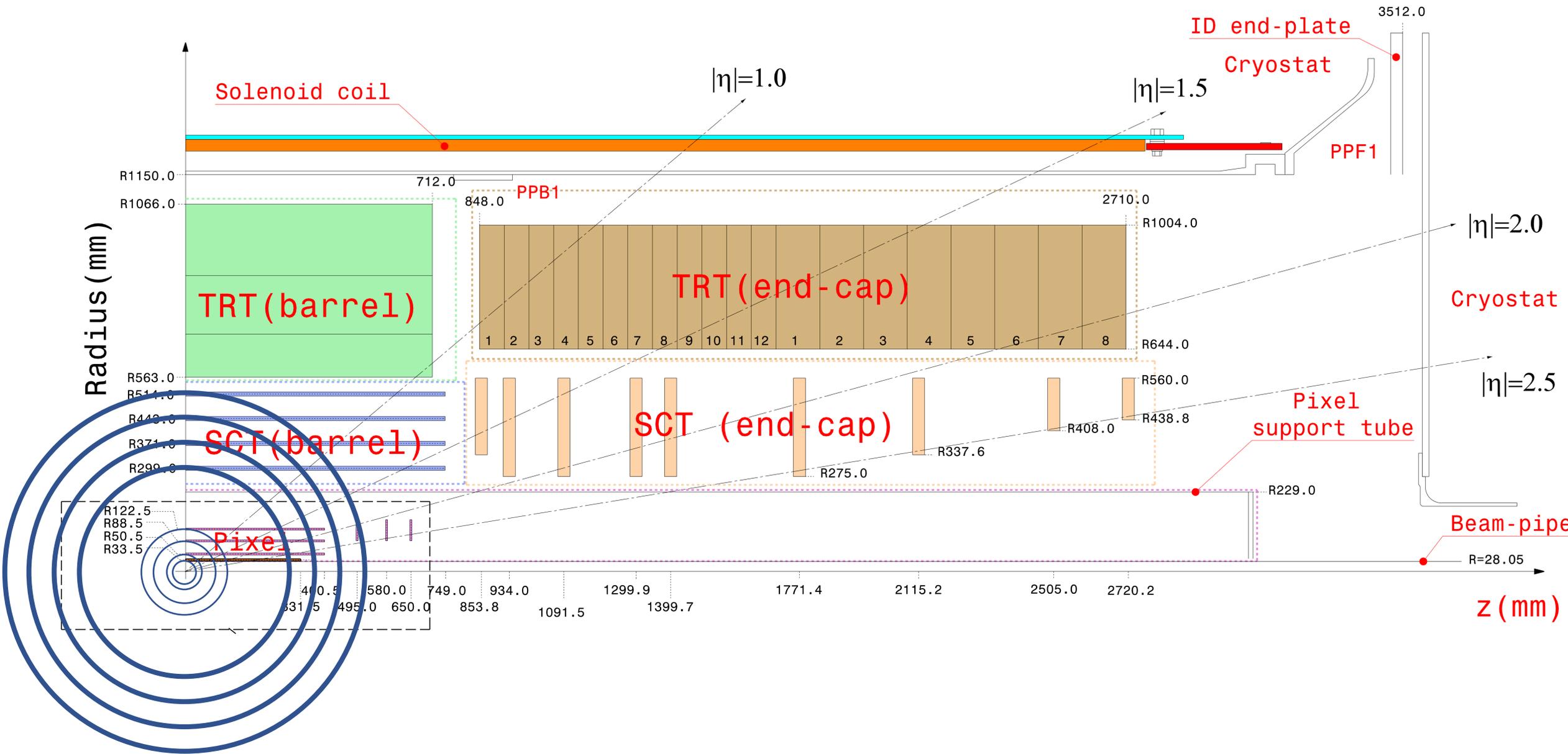
$p_T > 3 \text{ GeV}, |\eta| < 2.5$
LowPt criterion, a re-optimized selection similar to those defined in Ref. [83] but with improved efficiency and background rejection for $p_T < 10 \text{ GeV}$ muon candidates.
 $|z_0 \sin \theta| < 0.5 \text{ mm}$

Signal muons

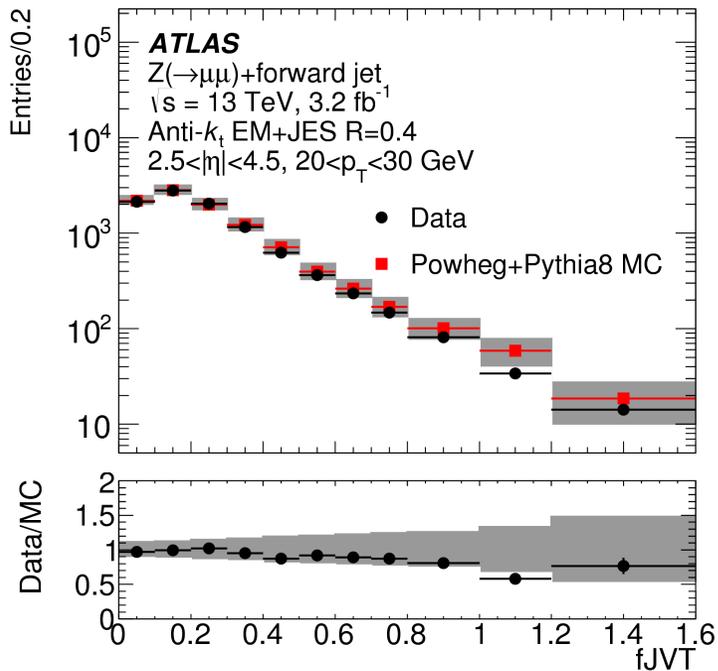
Preselected and
 $d_0 \text{ significance} < 3$
FCTightTrackOnly isolation working point, which uses only tracking information

Very low or zero efficiency at low lepton p_T

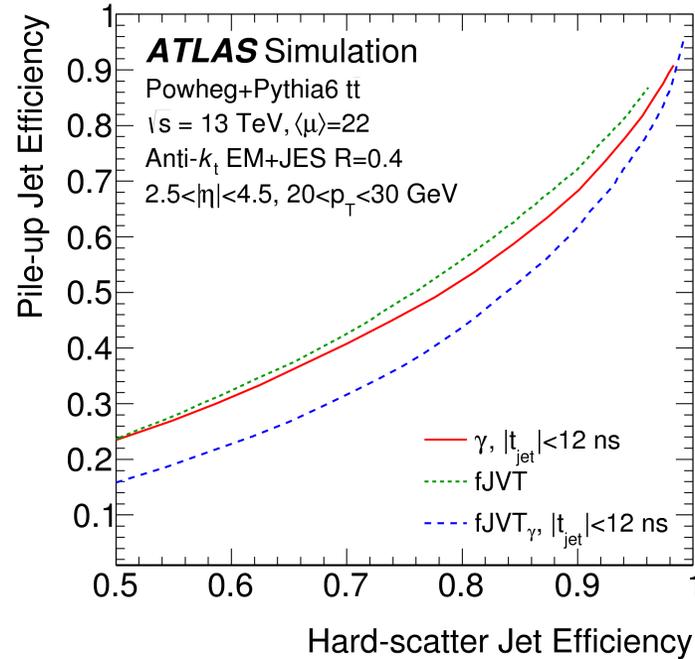
⇒ Define a complementary signal region **SR1 ℓ 1T**



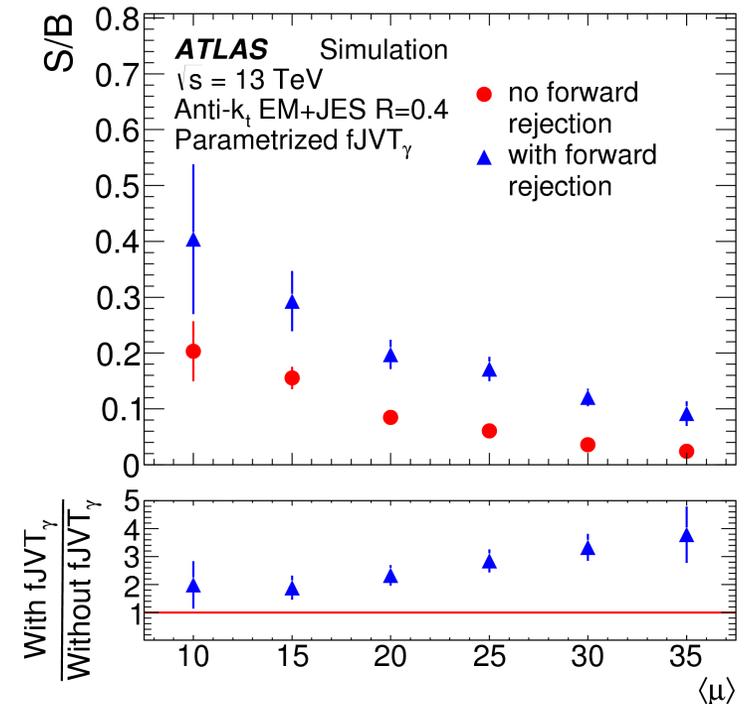
Improved performance with fJVT



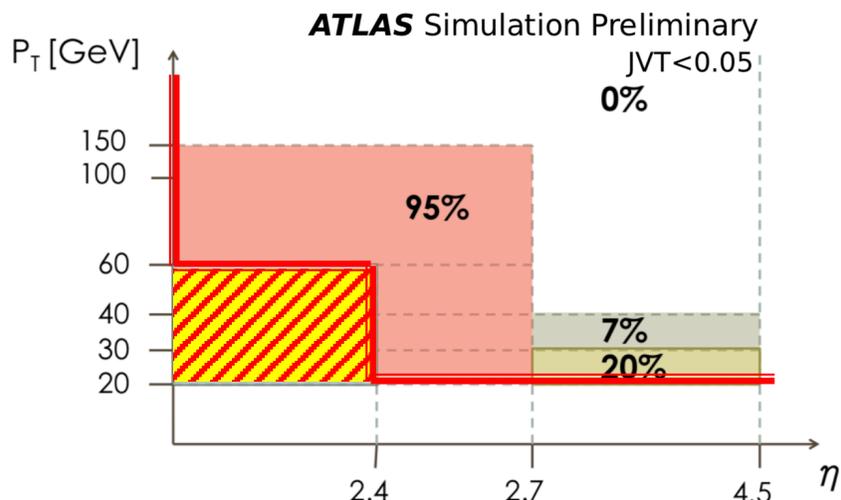
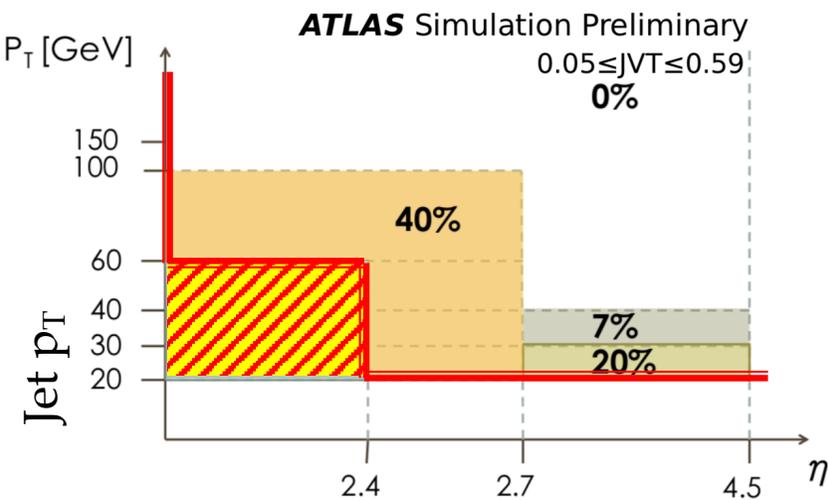
*evaluation
in data*



57% of forward pile-up jets are rejected @ hard-scatter efficiency of 85%



Evaluation in a simplified VBF $H \rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow l l$ analysis background from $Z \rightarrow l l$
Significant improvement of S/B

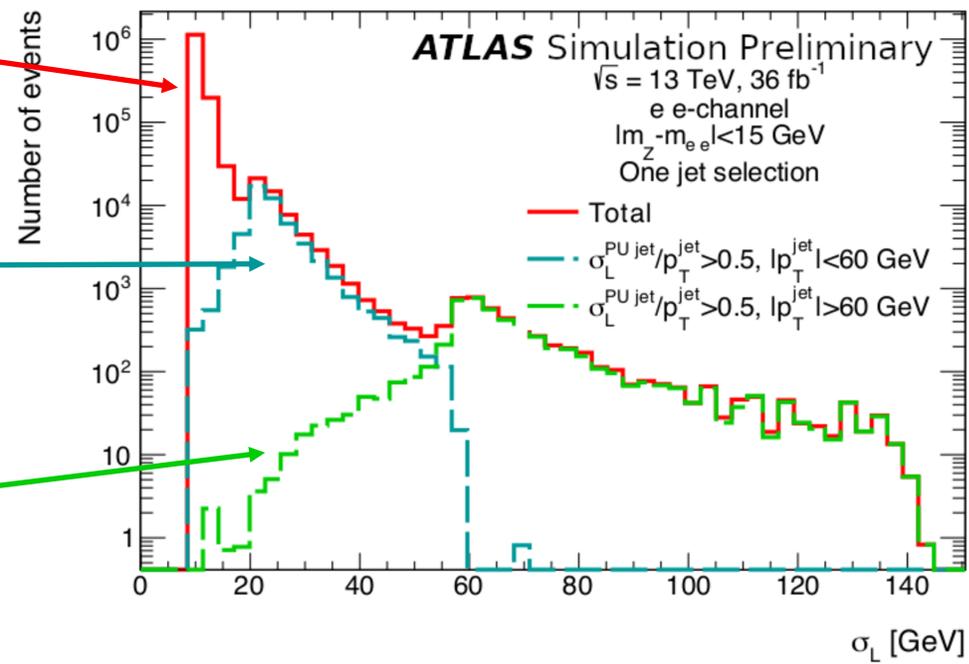


Jets resolution in Missing Momentum Significance.

Bulk of the jets have resolution scaling as $1/\sqrt{E}$

Higher resolution term in Object based missing momentum significance: pile-up jets at $20 < p_T < 60$ GeV but $|\eta| > 2.4$.

Higher resolution term in Object based missing momentum due to pile-up jets with $p_T > 60$ GeV at all η .



\Rightarrow Apply additional JVT selection of > 0.11 for jets up to 120 GeV
 Reduces pile-up jet contamination to $< 1\%$, at 90% efficiency for HS jets.