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# *Search for heavy right-handed $W$ bosons & neutrinos*

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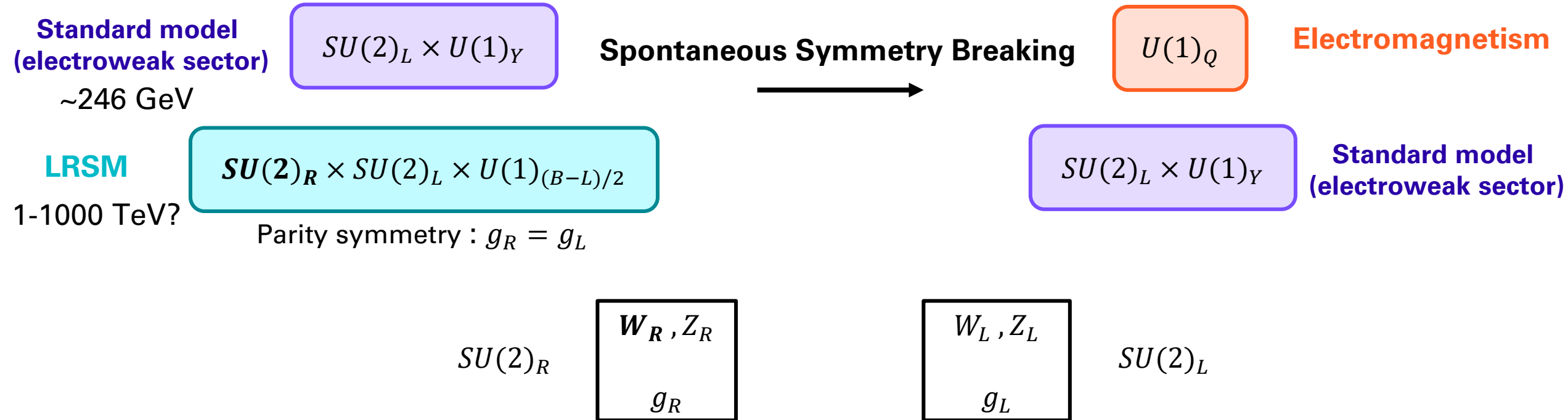


# Introduction

- I will review the two most recent papers from **CMS** and **ATLAS** concerned with the search of heavy right-handed W gauge bosons and neutrinos in final states  $lljj, l = e, \mu, j = jet$  :
  - **CMS** (2018) :  $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}, L = 35.9 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  (2016)
  - **ATLAS** (2019) :  $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}, L = 36.1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  (2015+2016)
- The right-handed W gauge bosons ( $W_R$ ) and neutrinos ( $N_R$ ) appear in **left-right symmetric models (LRSM)** containing a **see-saw mechanism**
- LRSMs try to answer the question:

**Why is the weak interaction left-handed ?**

# Left-right symmetric model (LRSM)



- The left-handedness of the weak interaction arises as the result of **spontaneous symmetry breaking (SSB)**
- The standard model (SM) is the low-energy approximation of a more fundamental theory that possesses extra heavier gauge bosons ( $W_R, Z_R$ )

# See-saw mechanism

→ Attempt to explain the origin of the neutrino masses

## Type-I see-saw

→ Adds right-handed neutrinos  $N_{iR}$

**Physical states (mass eigenvalues):**  $O(m) \gg O(d)$

- Light neutrinos  $m_\nu \sim \frac{O(d^2)}{O(m)}$
- Heavy **Majorana** neutrinos w/ mass  $\sim O(m)$

**Majorana:** particles which are their own antiparticles

Majorana mass term violates lepton number by 2 units

Lepton-number violating processes **can** occur

## Inverted see-saw

→ Adds right-handed neutrinos  $N_{iR}$  and  $SU(2)_L$  singlets neutral (sterile) fermions  $S_{iL}$

**Physical states (mass eigenvalues):**

- Light neutrinos  $m_\nu \sim O(\mu) \frac{O(d)}{O(n)}$
- Light sterile states w/ mass  $\sim O(\mu)$
- **Pseudo-Dirac** heavy neutrinos w/ mass  $\sim O(n) + O(d)$

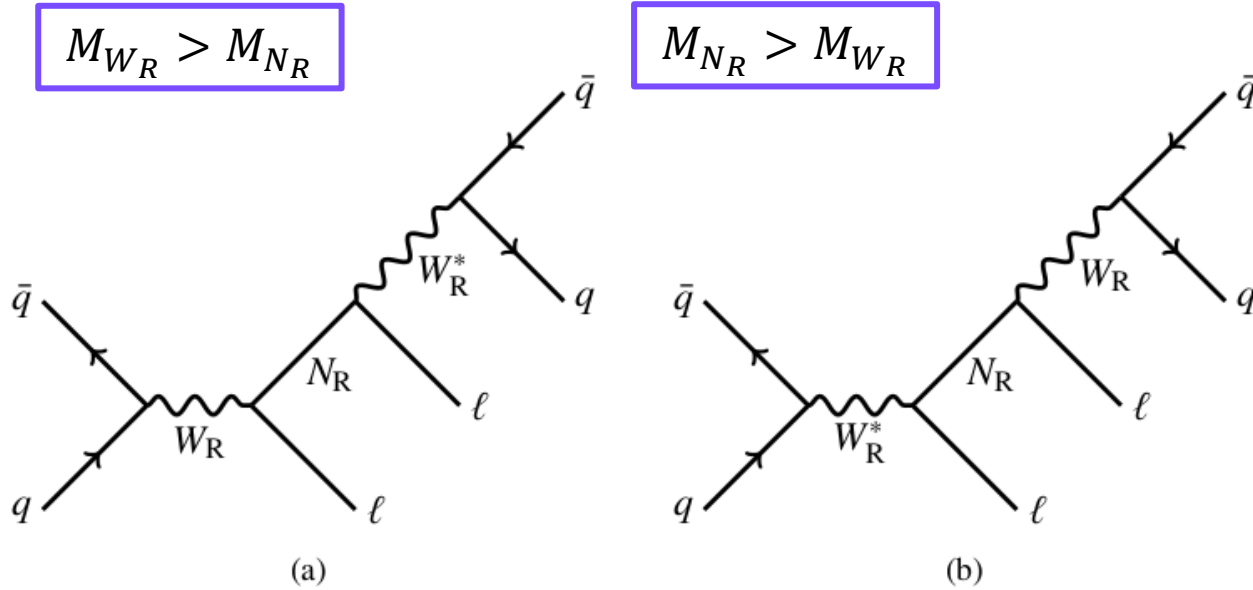
$$O(d), O(n) \gg O(m), O(\mu)$$

**Pseudo-Dirac:** formed by a pair of degenerate Majorana particles

Lepton-number violating processes **cannot** occur

# The KS process : $q\bar{q} \rightarrow llq\bar{q}$

Experimental signature (final state) :  $lljj$  (2 charged leptons  $l = e, \mu$  + 2 jets  $j$ )



## Majorana vs Dirac

Charges of the dileptons in the final state:

- $N_R$  are **Dirac**: dileptons in the final state have **opposite-sign (OS)** charges
- $N_R$  are **Majorana**: mixture between dileptons with opposite-sign and **same-sign (SS)** charges

$M_{W_R} > M_{N_R}$  :  $W_R$  mass is reconstructed from  $m_{lljj}$

$M_{N_R} > M_{W_R}$  :  $W_R$  mass is reconstructed from  $m_{jj}$

Explored by ATLAS for the 1st time!

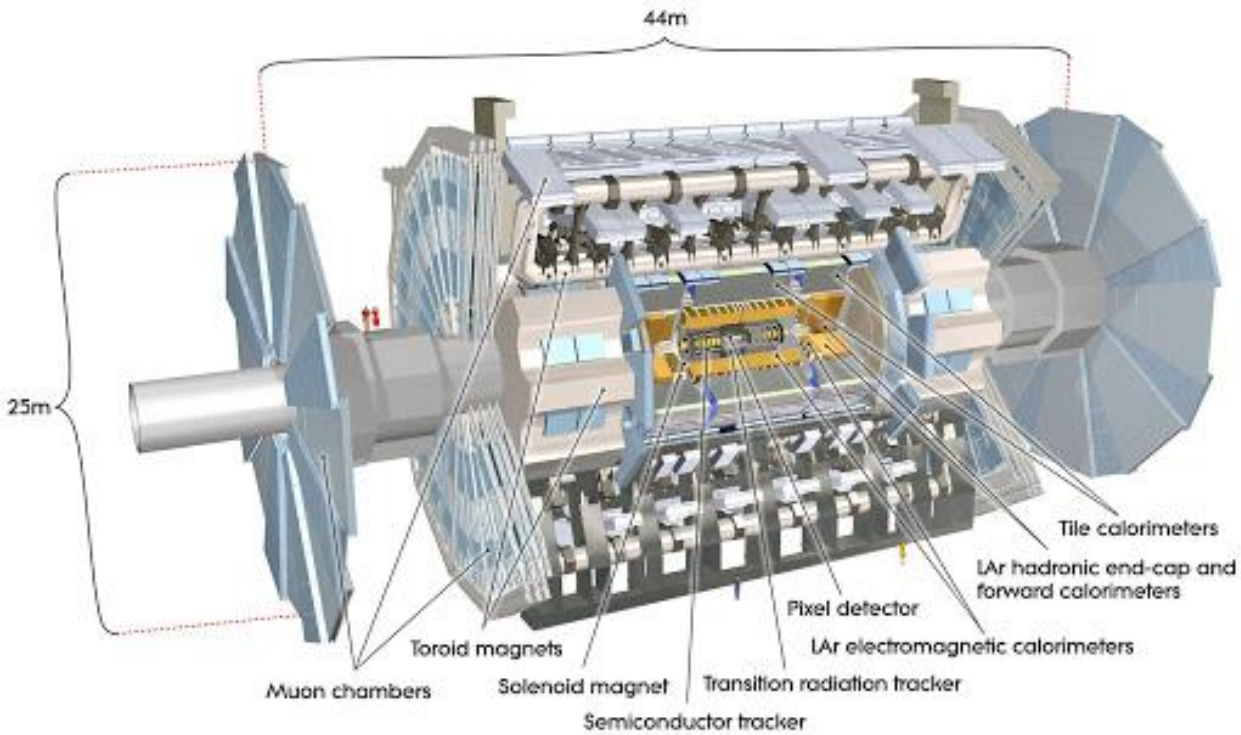
# *State of the art*

- The KS process has been studied by both CMS and ATLAS collaborations at  $\sqrt{s} = 7, 8, 13$  TeV with  $l = e, \mu$
- CMS also studied the final state  $\tau\tau jj$  at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV
- **No significant deviations** from the SM predictions were observed
- Prior to the reviewed articles, CMS detected a  **$2.8\sigma$  excess** over the SM background in the electron channel at  $m_{eejj} \sim 2.1$  TeV

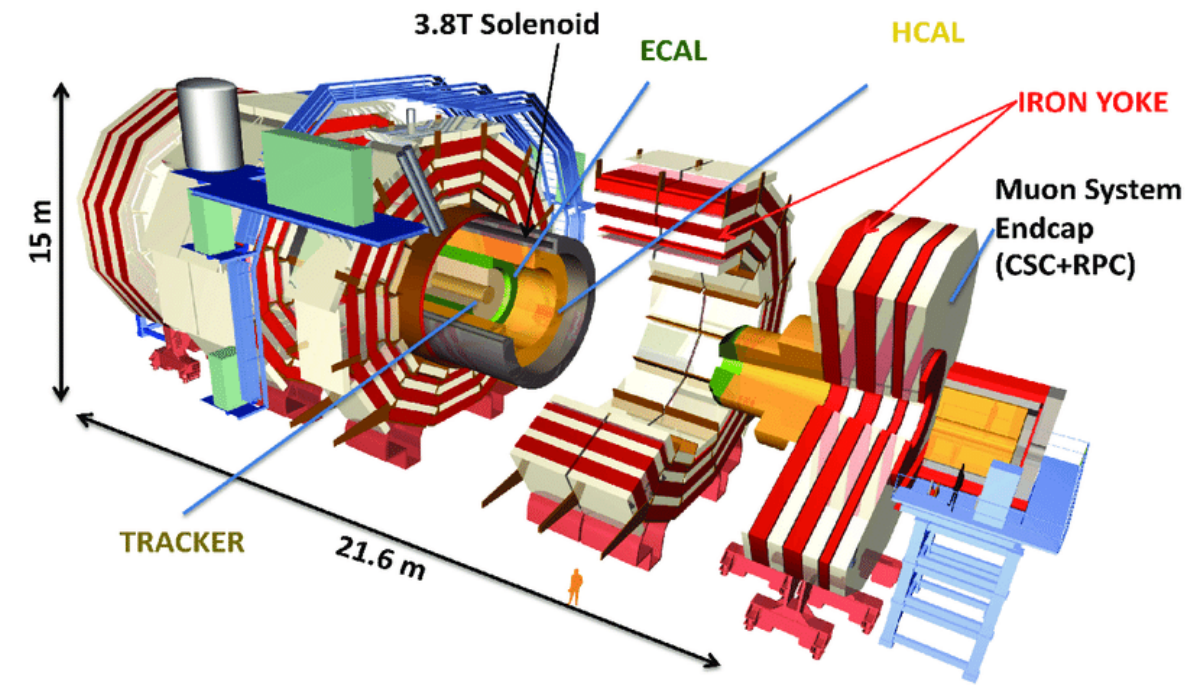
# *Detectors*

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# ATLAS detector



# CMS detector



**ATLAS**

Inner tracker	Solenoid (2T)	EM calorimeter	Hadron calorimeter	Muon spectrometer
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- 3 toroids (0.5-1T)
- Tracking chambers
- Detectors for trigger

**CMS**

Inner tracker	EM calorimeter	Hadron calorimeter	Solenoid (3.8T)	Muon system
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- 3 gaseous detectors
- Iron return yoke



# *Datasets & simulations*

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# Signal model

**Datasets** : 2016 pp data (35.9 fb<sup>-1</sup>) (CMS) ; 2015+2016 pp data (36.1fb<sup>-1</sup>) (ATLAS) at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV

**Simulations** are performed in order to optimise the event selection and to estimate background contamination

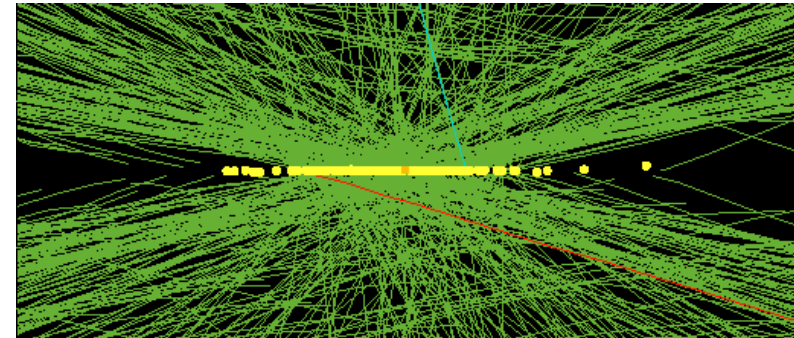
In the case of **ATLAS**:

- Events are generated containing only Majorana  $N_R$  neutrinos
- For Dirac neutrinos, only OS events are used in the analysis
- Signal samples are generated for different  $W_R$  and  $N_R$  mass hypotheses (  $m_{N_R} < 2 m_{W_R}$  )

In the case of **CMS**, signal events are generated assuming  $m_{N_R} < \frac{1}{2} m_{W_R}$

Single event = hard scattering pp collision + pp interaction vertices (**pileup**)

Detector response is simulated with Geant4

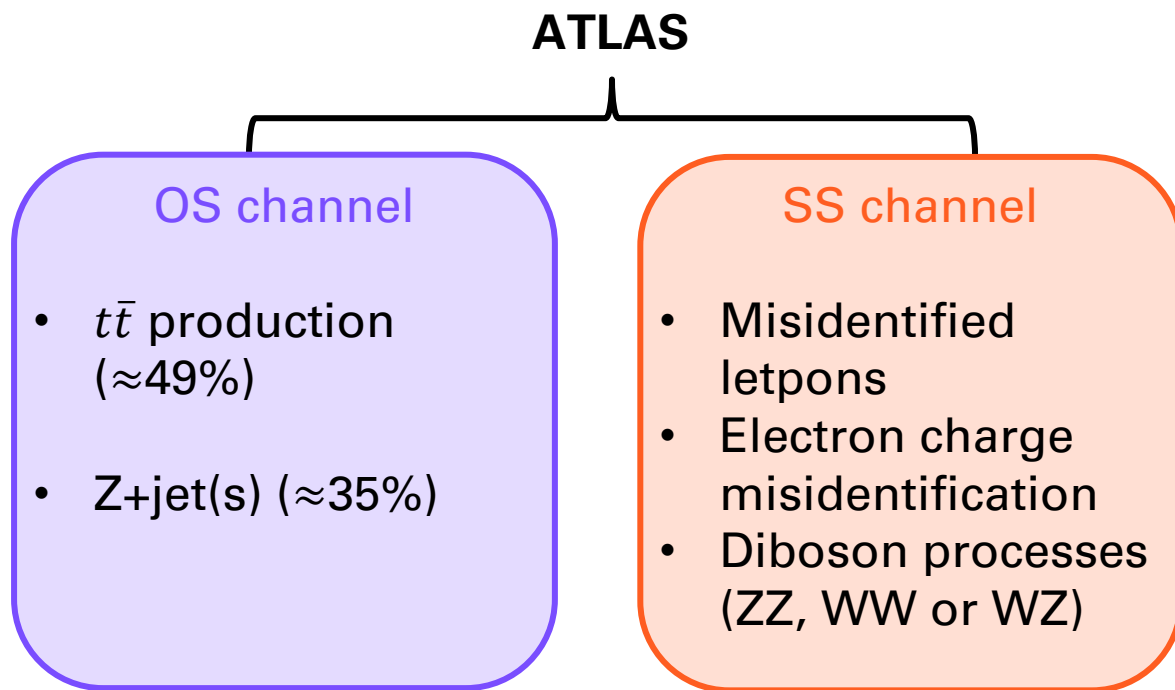


# Background model

**Background** : SM processes that produce events with the same final-state as the signal model

**Signal** would appear as excess over the SM background expectation in the kinematic distributions

Sources of background are similar in the two analyses:



**Other:**  $t\bar{t}V$  ( $V = W, Z, H$ ) & single top production

## CMS

- Drell-Yan+jets **Main**
- $t\bar{t}$  production
- Diboson production ( $\approx 1.5\%$ )
- W+jets ( $\approx 0.5\%$ )
- Single top production ( $\approx 5\%$ )
- QCD multijet events ( $\approx 0.1\%$ )

**Prompt lepton:** lepton originating from a W,Z or H boson decay or from a  $\tau$  –lepton if the  $\tau$  originates from a prompt decay

# *Selections*

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# Object reconstruction

- **Electrons**
  - Association of a charged particle track with energy deposits in the EM calorimeter (ECAL)
  - Electrons in the transition region between the barrel and endcap of ECAL are rejected
  - Must be isolated
- **Muons**
  - Association of a charged particle track with a track in the muon system
  - Must be isolated
- **Jets**
  - Reconstructed with anti- $k_T$  algorithm
  - Jets originating from pileup interactions are removed
- **Additional selections**
  - To avoid overlap between different particle types
  - Electrons are removed if they share track with a muon

# ATLAS selections

**Primary vertex (PV)** : the vertex with the largest value of summed  $p_T^2$  in the event

An **event** needs to have at least 1 reconstructed PV with at least 2 associated tracks w/  $p_T > 400$  MeV

- Events containing b-quarks are rejected (reduce contamination from top-quark production)
- Events need to have at least two leptons with the same flavour ( $ee$  or  $\mu\mu$ ) and two jets w/  $p_T > 100$  GeV and  $|\eta| < 2.0$

After these selections the **main SM background contributions** are:

- Z+jet(s) in OS and electron SS channel
  - Diboson production in muon SS channel
- $m_{jj} > 110$  GeV,  $m_{ll} > 400$  GeV  
 $p_T$  sum of two leptons and two most energetic jets ( $H_T$ )  $> 400$  GeV

## Analysis regions

**Signal regions (SR)** : designed to contain majority of signal events & extract signal yields

**Control regions (CR)** : constrain background predictions

**Validation regions (VR)** : validate background predictions

# *CMS selections*

**Primary vertex (PV)** : the vertex with the largest value of summed  $p_T^2$  in the event

An **event** is formed with the two jets and two leptons with the largest  $p_T$

- Leading (subleading) leptons must have  $p_T > 60$  (53) GeV and  $|\eta| < 2.4$
- Events need to have at least two leptons with the same flavour ( $ee$  or  $\mu\mu$ ) and two jets w/  $p_T > 100$  GeV and  $|\eta| < 2.0$

After these selections the **main SM background contribution** comes from Z production

- $m_{ll} > 200$  GeV to avoid contamination from Z production
- $m_{lljj} > 600$  GeV to ensure all kinematic requirements are fully efficient

## **Analysis regions**

**Signal regions (SR)** : region of phase-space where signal is expected to appear

**Control regions (CR)** : estimate contribution of different SM backgrounds:

- *Low dilepton mass control regions* : study DY+jets
- *Flavour control region*: study  $t\bar{t}$  production

# *Efficiency × acceptance*

- Fraction of events that pass the selection criteria
- Evaluated using simulated signal events

## **ATLAS:**

- varies from **54%** in  $(W_R, N_R)$  high-mass region to  $\approx$  **30%** in low-mass region

## **CMS :**

- varies from **57%** at  $m_{W_R} > 3000$  GeV to **30%** at  $m_{W_R} > 1000$  GeV (electron channel)
- varies from **75%** at  $m_{W_R} > 3000$  GeV to **40%** at  $m_{W_R} > 1000$  GeV (muon channel)



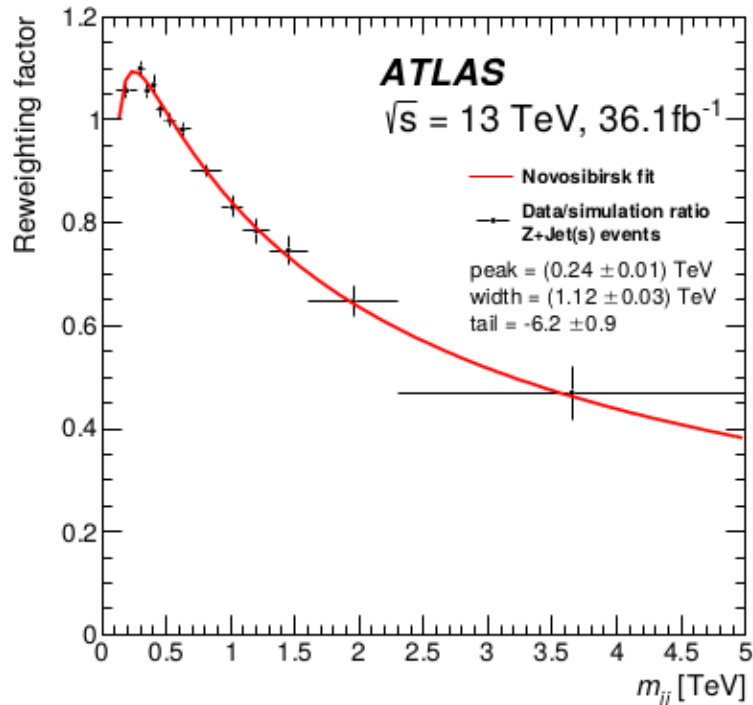
# *Background estimation*

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# ATLAS estimation

## Reweighting factor

$m_{jj}$  spectrum of simulated Z+jet(s) events not correctly modeled by simulation samples in CRs (OS channel)



## “Fake-factor” method

Method used to estimate background contribution from misidentified leptons (“fakes”) (SS channel)

### Fake-factor

$$F = \frac{N_T}{N_L}$$

$N_T = \# \text{ tight leptons}$   
 $N_L = \# \text{ loose leptons}$

Number of events with at least 1 misidentified lepton in the analysis region:

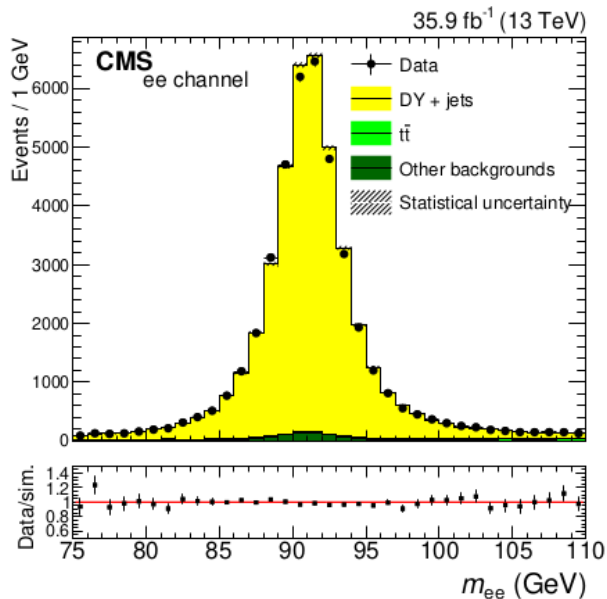
$$N^{fake} = [F(N_{TL}^{data} + N_{LT}^{data} - F^2 N_{LL}^{data}) - [F(N_{TL}^{MC} + N_{LT}^{MC} - F^2 N_{LL}^{MC})]]^{\text{prompt only}}$$

# CMS estimation

## Scale factor (SF)

Used to adjust the normalization of DY+jets background in simulation to match the event counts in data

Scale factor = ratio of data and simulation events under the Z resonance peak  $80 < m_{ll} < 100$  GeV



$$SF = 1.07 \pm 0.01 \text{ (stat)}$$

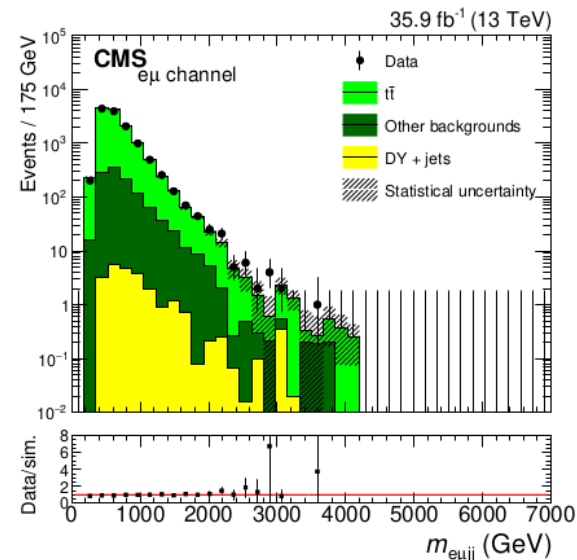
*Low dilepton control region*

## Transfer factors ( $R_{ll/e\mu}$ )

Used to estimate the number of events from  $t\bar{t}$  production in the SR

$$R_{ll/e\mu} = \frac{\# \text{simulated } t\bar{t} \text{ events in } m_{lljj} \text{ distribution in SR}}{\# \text{events in } m_{e\mu jj} \text{ distribution in flavour control region}}$$

Number of events in SR:  $N_{t\bar{t}}(SR) = N_{t\bar{t}}(FCV) \times R_{ll/e\mu}$



$$R_{ee/e\mu} = 0.42 \pm 0.01 \pm 0.07$$

$$R_{\mu\mu/e\mu} = 0.72 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.14$$

*Flavour control region*

# *Systematic uncertainties*

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Have experimental and theoretical sources and affect both signal and background distributions

# *Experimental sources*

- Candidate reconstruction (CMS & ATLAS)
- $m_{jj}$  reweighting (ATLAS)
- Electron charge misidentification probability (ATLAS)
- Fake-factor estimation (ATLAS)
- Transfer factor (CMS)

# *Theoretical sources*

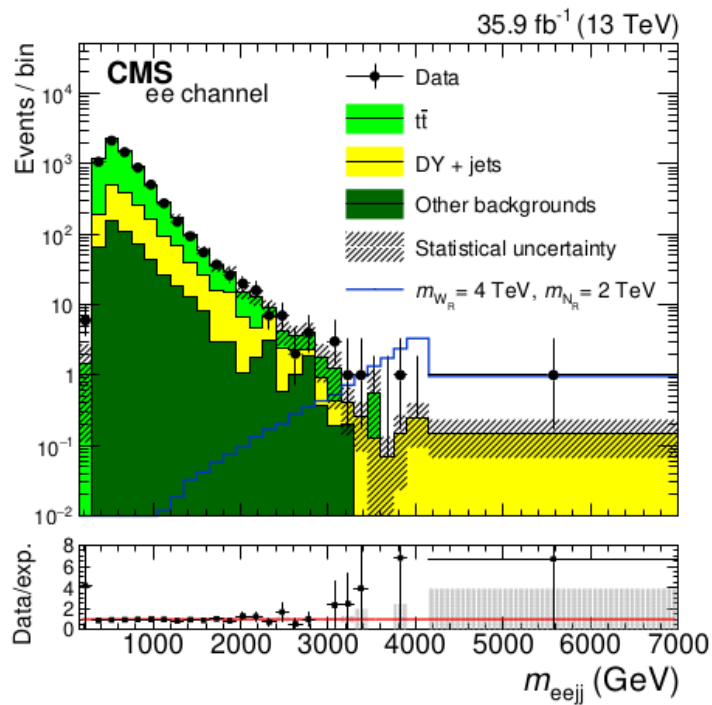
- Choices / models used in the simulations:
  - QCD factorisation/renormalisation scales
  - PDF set choice & uncertainty
  - $\alpha_s$  uncertainty
  - Hard-scatter generation
  - Amount of initial- and final-state radiation
- Efficiency  $\times$  acceptance

# *Results & conclusions*

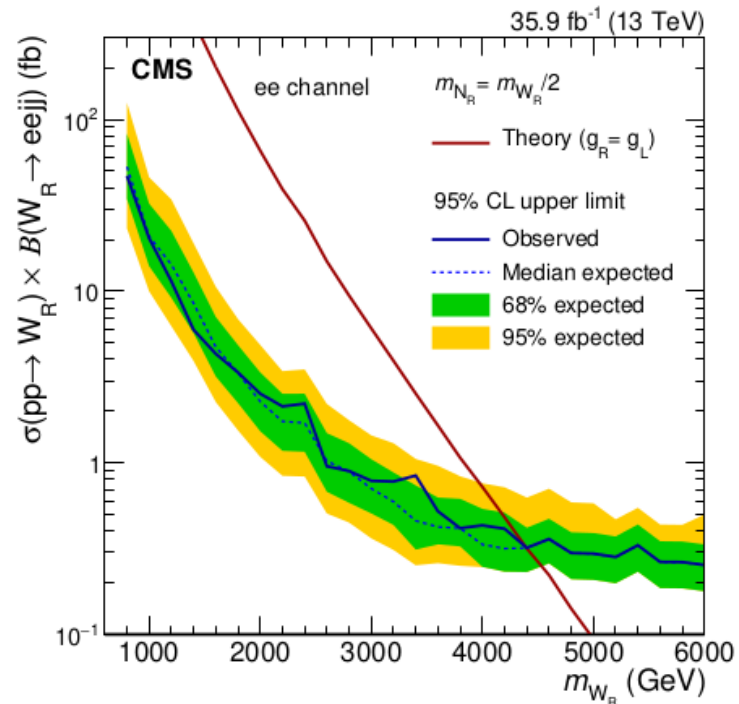
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# CMS results

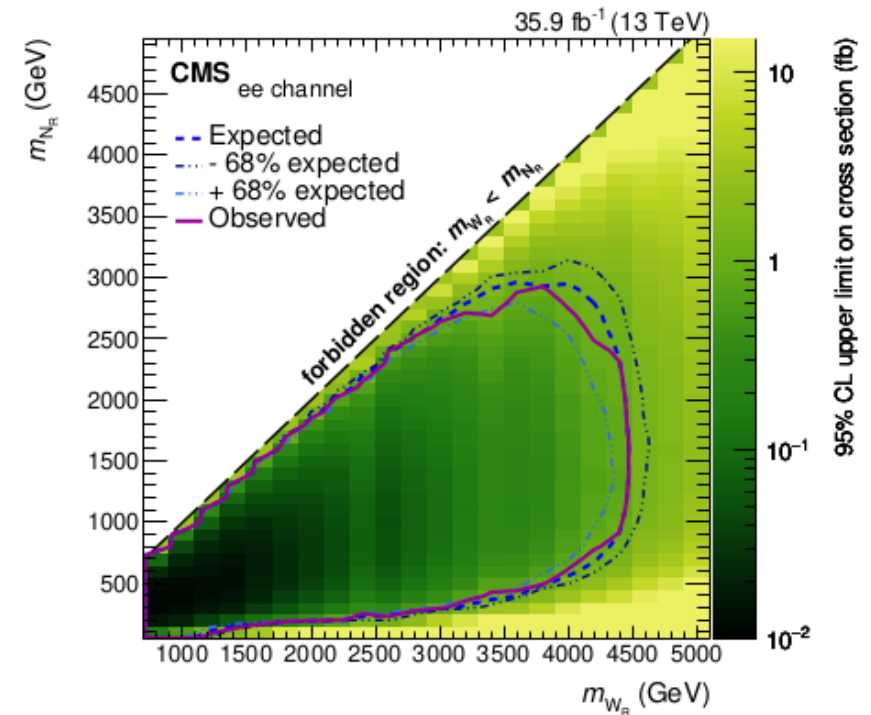
$m_{eejj}$  distribution in SR



Expected & observed 95% CL on  $\sigma(pp \rightarrow W_R) \times B(W_R \rightarrow eejj)$



95% exclusion limit on  $W_R$  cross section for different  $m_{W_R}$  and  $m_{N_R}$

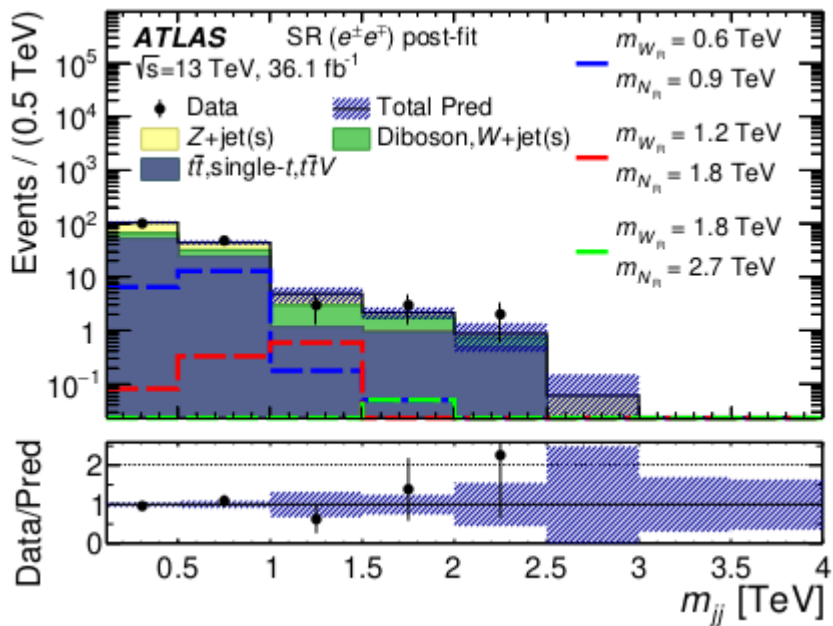


- No significant deviations from the SM expectations are seen
- **Lower limit** at 95% CL: 4.4 TeV (electron), 4.5 TeV (muon)
- Most significant excess of  $\approx 1.5\sigma$  at  $m_{eejj} \approx 3.4$  TeV

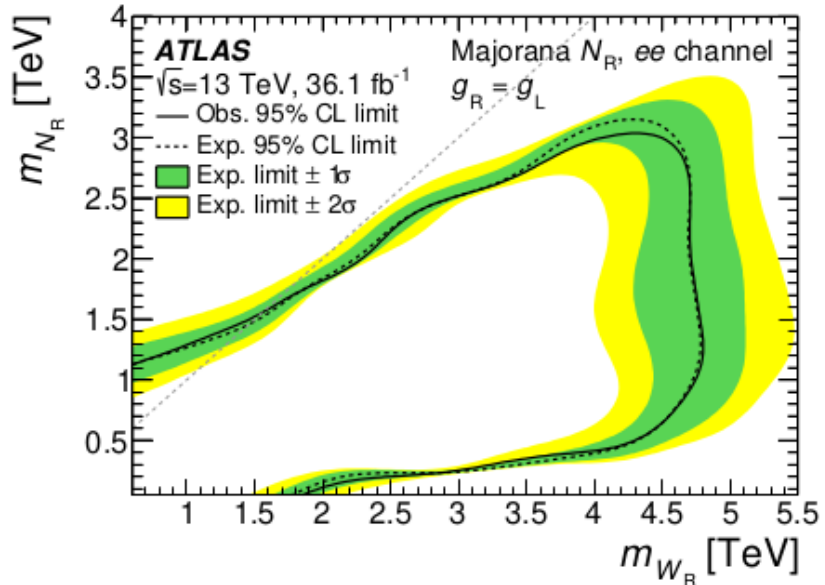


# ATLAS results

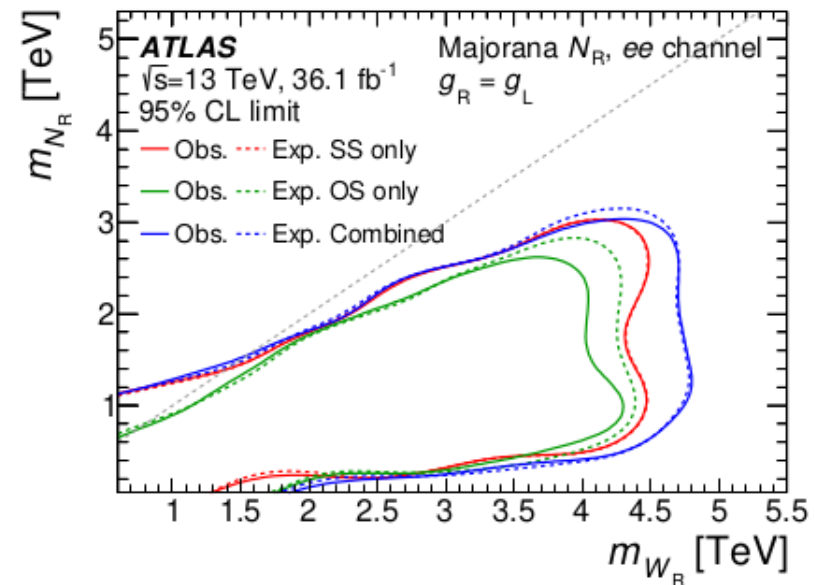
$m_{jj}$  distribution for data & background after the CR+SR fit



Expected & observed 95% CL on  $m_{W_R} - m_{N_R}$  plane



Expected & observed 95% CL on  $m_{W_R} - m_{N_R}$  plane w/ separation between OS & SS channels



- No significant deviation from SM predictions is observed in any of the SRs
- Most significant local excess of  $\approx 2\sigma$  at  $m_{eejj} = 3.5 - 4$  TeV
- **Lower limit** at 95% CL: 4.7 TeV for  $0.5 < m_{N_R} < 3.0$  TeV

# Conclusions

- I presented a review of the two most recent papers from CMS and ATLAS concerned with the search of heavy right-handed  $W$  gauge bosons and neutrinos in final states:  $lljj$  with  $l = e, \mu$
- These particles are predicted by LRSMs including a see-saw mechanism
- They can be manifest as excesses over the SM background in distributions of several kinematic variables
- CMS uses 2016 pp data ( $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV,  $L = 35.9$  fb $^{-1}$ ) & ATLAS uses 2015-2016 pp data ( $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV,  $L = 36.1$  fb $^{-1}$ ) and explores the  $m_{N_R} > m_{W_R}$  scenario for the 1st time
- No significant deviations from SM expectations are found
- In CMS, a  $W_R$  boson with mass up to 4.4 TeV is excluded at 95% CL
- In ATLAS, the excluded region extends to  $m_{W_R} = 4.7$  TeV for both Majorana and Dirac neutrinos

An aerial photograph of a city with a prominent hexagonal grid overlay, resembling a honeycomb or cellular structure. The grid is semi-transparent and covers the entire image. The colors of the city below are muted, with various shades of red, blue, and green. The text 'Thank you! Questions?' is written in a white, cursive font on the left side of the image.

*Thank you!*  
*Questions?*

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# *Backup*

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# Comparison

	ATLAS	CMS
<b>Inner detector</b>	Silicon strip + pixel detectors + transition radiation detector	Silicon strip + pixel detectors
<b>Magnetic field strength and positioning</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2T solenoid between ID &amp; ECAL</li> <li>• 3 toroids (0.5-1T) outside MS</li> </ul>	4T solenoid between HCAL and muon chambers
<b>Calorimeter material</b>	Liquid argon (Lar)	Tungstate crystals
<b>Muon system</b>	Independent muon spectrometer	Gaseous detectors + iron return yoke

- CMS has better resolution for charged particles, photons and electrons
- ATLAS has better background rejection



Different systematic uncertainties in the results which make the LHC physics exploration more robust

# Electrons

Association of a charged particle track with energy deposits in the EM calorimeter (ECAL)

Electrons falling in the transition region between the barrel and endcap sections of the ECAL are rejected ( $1.444 < |\eta| < 1.566$  for CMS and  $1.37 < |\eta| < 1.52$  for ATLAS)

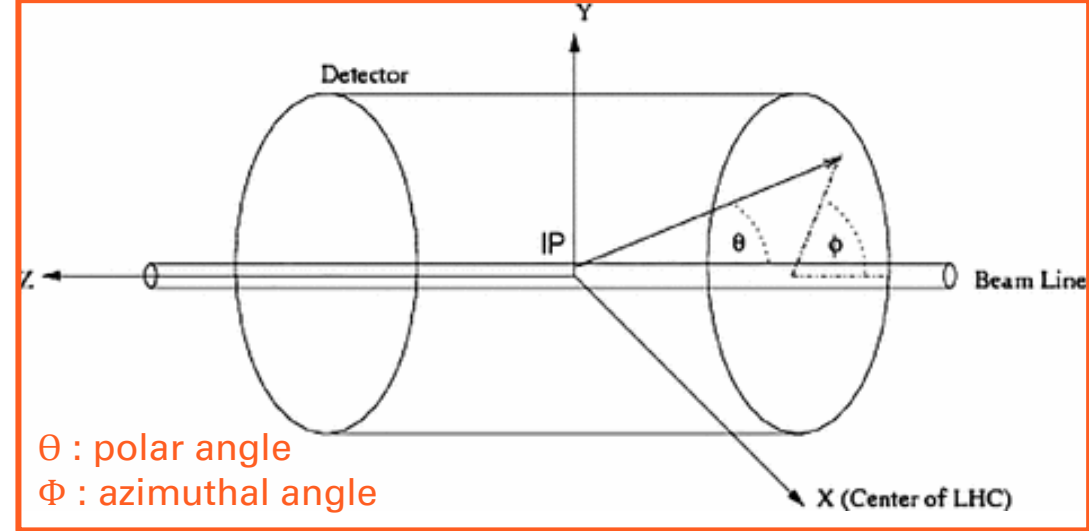
## CMS:

- Electrons must be isolated :  $p_T$  sum of all tracks inside cone centered in electron, with  $R < 0.3$  must be below 5 GeV

$$R = \sqrt{(\Delta\eta)^2 + (\Delta\phi)^2}$$

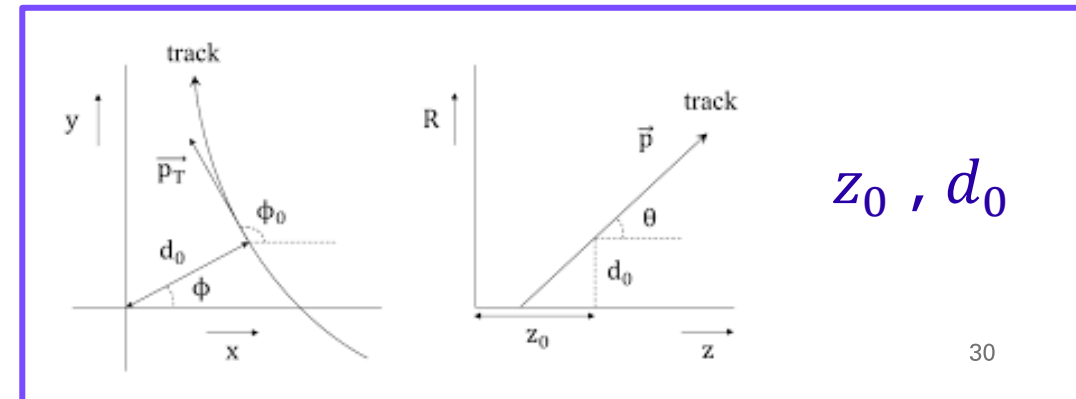
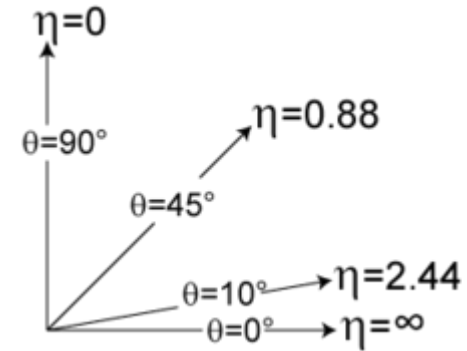
## ATLAS:

- $E_T > 25$  (30) GeV in OS (SS) channel
- $|\eta| < 2.47$
- Satisfy *LHMedium* identification criterion
- $|d_0|/\sigma(d_0) < 5$  nm
- $|z_0 \sin \theta| < 5$   $p_T > 400$  MeV)
- Satisfy track-based isolation criteria



## Pseudorapidity

$$\eta = \frac{1}{2} \log \left( \frac{1 + \cos \theta}{1 - \cos \theta} \right)$$



# Muons

Association of a charged particle track with a track in the muon system

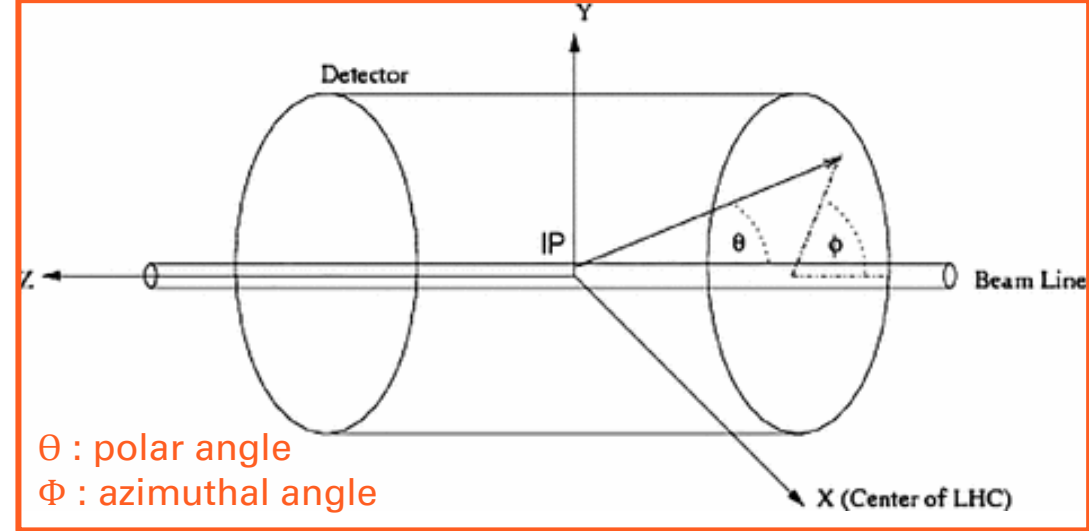
## CMS:

- At least 1 hit in pixel detector, 6 tracker layer hits and segments in 2 or more muon detector stations
- $|\eta| < 2.4$
- Muons for which  $p_T$  sum of tracks originating in a cone around the muon  $R < 0.3$  are removed

$$R = \sqrt{(\Delta\eta)^2 + (\Delta\phi)^2}$$

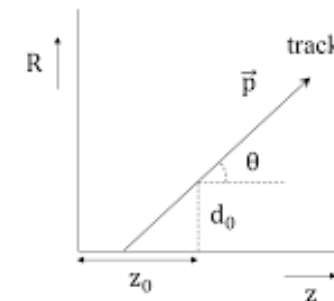
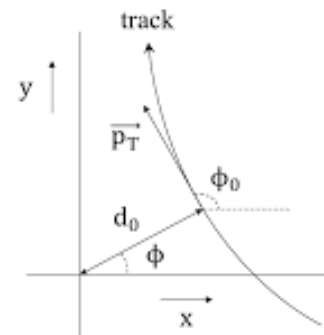
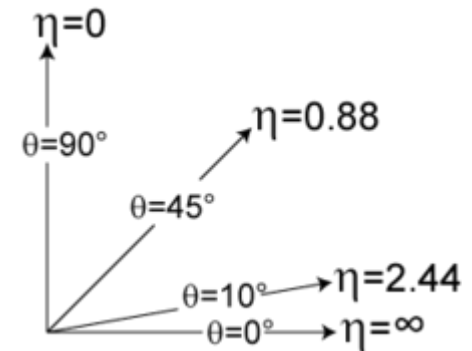
## ATLAS:

- $p_T > 25$  (30) GeV in the OS (SS) channel
- $|\eta| < 2.5$
- $|d_0|/\sigma(d_0) < 3$
- $|z_0 \sin \theta| < 5$  nm
- Satisfy *Medium* quality criterion



## Pseudorapidity

$$\eta = \frac{1}{2} \log \left( \frac{1 + \cos \theta}{1 - \cos \theta} \right)$$



$z_0, d_0$

# Jets

Reconstructed with anti- $k_T$  algorithm with radius parameter  $R = 0.4$  from energy deposits in clusters of the calorimeter

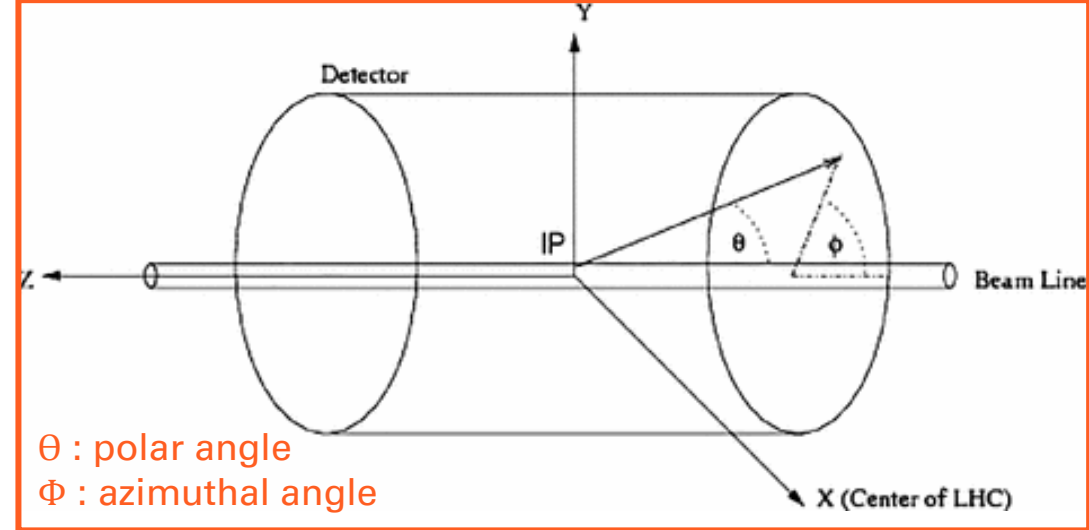
$$R = \sqrt{(\Delta\eta)^2 + (\Delta\phi)^2}$$

## CMS:

- Two jets must have  $p_T > 40$  GeV,  $|\eta| < 2.4$
- Charged hadrons originating from pileup interactions removed w/ charged hadron subtraction algorithm
- Neutral hadrons from pileup interactions removed w/ average-area based correction

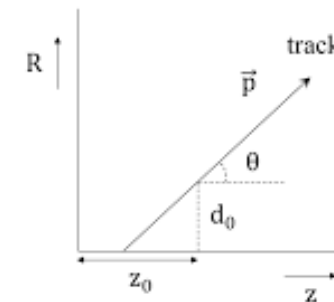
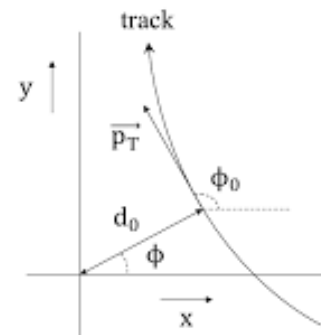
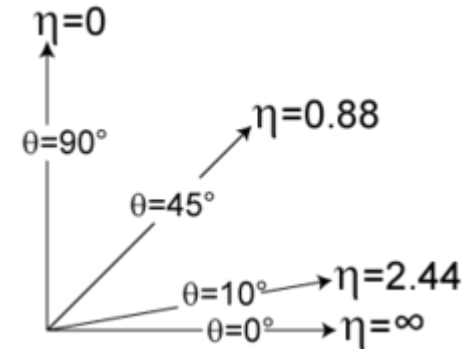
## ATLAS:

- Two jets must have  $p_T > 20$  GeV,  $|\eta| < 2.5$
- Jets with b-hadrons are identified with multivariate tagging algorithm
- Pileup jets removed w/ jet-vertex tagger ( $p_T < 60$  GeV,  $|\eta| < 2.4$ )



## Pseudorapidity

$$\eta = \frac{1}{2} \log \left( \frac{1 + \cos \theta}{1 - \cos \theta} \right)$$



$z_0, d_0$



# Additional selections

To avoid overlap between different particle types

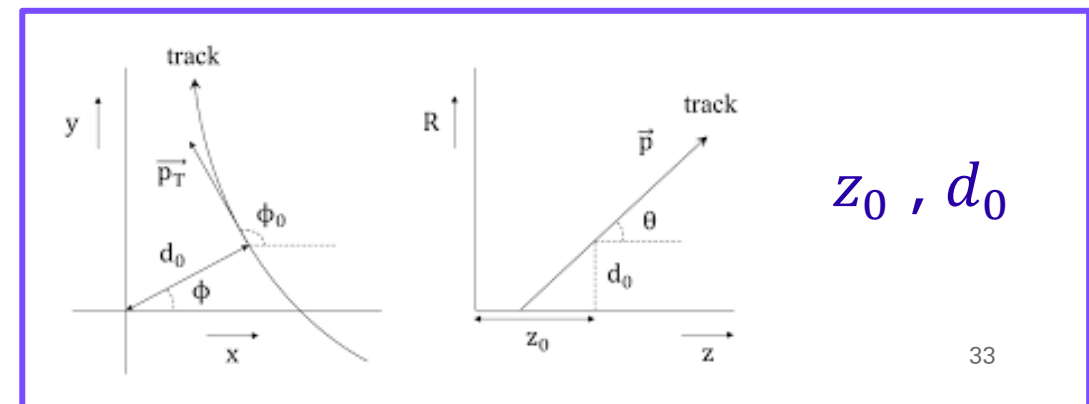
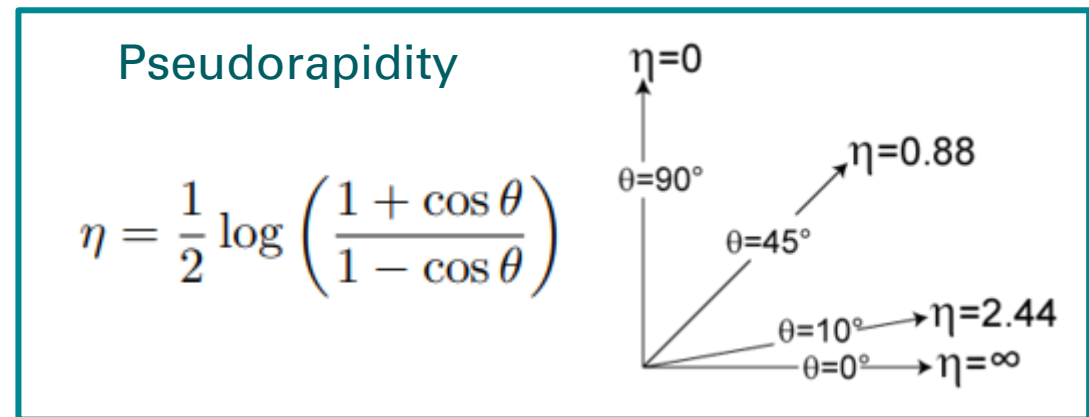
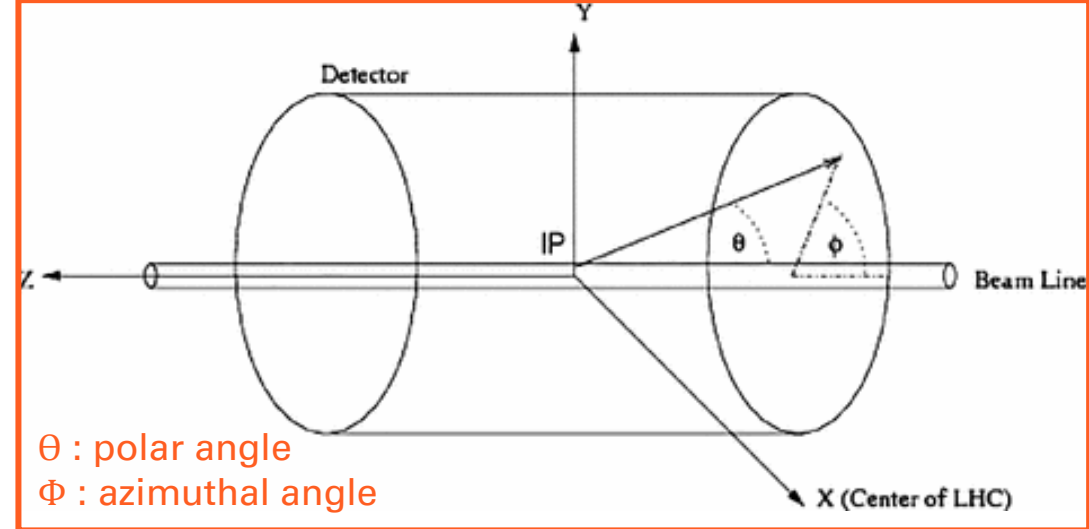
$$R = \sqrt{(\Delta\eta)^2 + (\Delta\phi)^2}$$

## CMS:

- $\Delta R > 0.4$  between all leptons and jets

## ATLAS:

- Electrons are removed if they share track with a muon
- Ambiguities between **electrons** and **jets**:
  - If  $\Delta R < 0.2$ , jet is removed
  - If  $0.2 < \Delta R < 0.4$ , electron is removed
- Ambiguities between **muons** and **jets**:
  - If  $\Delta R < 0.4$  + less than 3 associated tracks, jet is removed
  - Otherwise, muon is removed



# Experimental sources - ATLAS

OS channel

0.4-10%

**Candidate reconstruction**

1. Jet & lepton energy and momentum calibration
2. Lepton detection & isolation efficiencies
3. Trigger efficiency

5-20%

**$m_{jj}$  reweighting**

Estimated by comparing shape difference between simulated & reweighted distribution and that found on data

SS channel

**Fake-factor estimation**

**Unkown composition of fakes**

Estimated by varying criteria used to select sample for fake-factor measurement

**Yield of prompt leptons**

Estimated by varying SM prediction of simulated samples by  $\pm 10\%$  (muon),  $\pm 30\%$  (electron)

10-20%

**Charge misidentification probability of electrons**

Statistical uncertainty of data & and simulation samples used to calculate the probability

# *Experimental sources - CMS*

0.2-29%

**Candidate reconstruction**

1. Jet & lepton energy and momentum calibration
2. Lepton detection & isolation efficiencies
3. Trigger efficiency

**Transfer factor**

Estimated by fitting it to a linear function and taking the difference between the values of this function at the high and low  $m_{jj}$

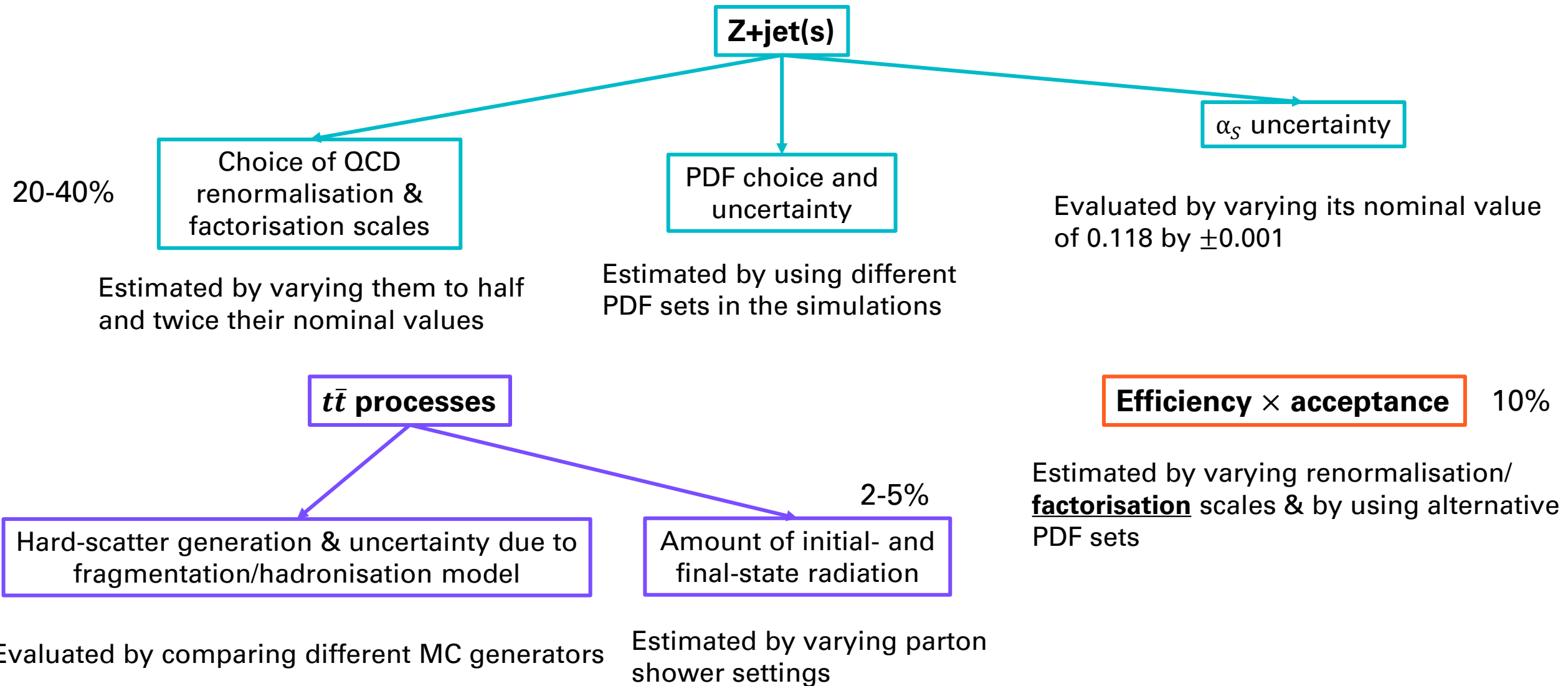
Systematic uncertainties associated with the momentum dependence of the **scale factors** are negligible

# *Theoretical sources - CMS*

DY+jets estimation

Implemented as a function of  $m_{lljj}$  using the PDF4LHC prescription

# Theoretical sources - ATLAS



# *Bayesian estimator*

**Bayes theorem:** 
$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A)P(A)}{P(B)}$$

A : theoretical parameter  
B : observed data

$$\underbrace{P(\text{param}|\text{data})}_{\text{Posterior probability density}} \propto \underbrace{P(\text{data}|\text{param})}_{\text{Likelihood function}} \times \underbrace{P(\text{param})}_{\text{Prior density}}$$

**Flat prior** : independent of the parameter

# Bayesian estimator

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To deal w/ systematic uncertainties, **nuisance parameters** are introduced in the likelihood function:

$$L(s, b | n_0, m_0) = \frac{e^{-(s+b)} (s+b)^{n_0}}{n_0!} \times \frac{e^{-b} b^{m_0}}{m_0!}$$

Event rate  $n$  follows Poisson distribution with mean  $b + s$

$s$  : signal rate

$b$  : **nuisance parameter** (expected background)

$m_0$  :  $b$  estimation

$n_0$  : result of the measurement of  $b + s$

Probability density of parameter of interest (signal rate):

$$p(s) = \int p(s, b) db$$



Parameter range can be extracted (68%, 95%)

The result of the Bayesian estimation is a **probability density** for the parameter

# CMS analysis

## Bayesian estimator

- Probability of the observed # events being produced by a combination of signal & background w/ cross section  $\sigma$ , using a **flat prior** on the signal
- **Nuisance parameters** w/ log-normal priors
- Cross section **exclusion limit**: upper bound of 95% range of determined posterior density for signal  $\sigma$

Expected # signal & background events : counting events falling in a particular  $m_{ljj}$  window  
(limits are function of  $m_{WR}$  )

Pseudo-experiments are performed, varying all systematic uncertainty sources, each according to a Gaussian distribution (mean = nominal value, width = uncertainty):

- **Limit values** = mean of pseudo-experiment distribution
- **Propagated systematic uncertainty** = standard deviation of pseudo-experiment distribution
- **Statistical uncertainty** = Gamma distribution

$$\rho(n) = \frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{(n/\alpha)^N}{N!} e^{-n/\alpha}$$

$n$  : event rate;  $n = \alpha N$   
 $N$ : # pseudo-experiments



# Maximum likelihood estimator

- Used to extract parameters of interest by means of a fit performed on data distribution in SRs and CRs
- ATLAS uses **binned** MLE implemented with HistFitter

$$\begin{aligned} L(\vec{n}, \vec{\Theta}_0 | \mu_{sig}, \vec{b}, \vec{\Theta}) &= P_{SR} \times P_{CR} \times C_{syst} \\ &= P(n_S | \lambda_S(\mu_{sig}, \vec{b}, \vec{\Theta})) \times \prod_{i \in CR} P(n_i | \lambda_i(\mu_{sig}, \vec{b}, \vec{\Theta})) \times C_{syst}(\vec{\Theta}_0, \vec{\Theta}) \end{aligned}$$

$C_{syst}$  is the probability density function including the systematic uncertainties:

$$C_{syst}(\vec{\Theta}_0, \vec{\Theta}) = \prod_{j \in S} Gauss(\theta_0^j - \theta^j)$$

Number of events in SR ( $n_S$ ) and CRs ( $n_i$ ) are obtained from the maximisation of the likelihood function

The result of the MLE estimation is a **value** for the parameters

# ATLAS analysis

$N_R$  neutrinos

Discriminant variables

**Majorana:** OS and SS channels are fitted simultaneously

**Dirac:** only the OS channel is used

<b>OS channel</b>	$m_{lljj}$	if $m_{W_R} > m_{N_R}$
	$m_{jj}$	if $m_{W_R} < m_{N_R}$
<b>SS channel</b>	$m_{jj}$	in CR
	$H_T$	in SR

$C_{syst}$  : Gaussian functions whose widths give the magnitudes of the respective uncertainties

# ATLAS analysis

To evaluate the **exclusion limits**, the profile-likelihood ratio is used to test a hypothesized value of  $\mu_{sig}$ :

$$\lambda(\mu_{sig}) = \frac{L(\mu_{sig}, \hat{\hat{\theta}})}{L(\hat{\mu}_{sig}, \hat{\theta})}$$

Defining  $q_{\mu_{sig}} = -2 \ln(\lambda(\mu_{sig}))$  for  $\hat{\mu}_{sig} \leq \mu_{sig}$ , the **p-value**:

$$p_{\mu_{sig}} = \int_{q_{\mu_{sig}, obs}}^{\infty} f(q_{\mu_{sig}} | \mu_{sig}) dq_{\mu_{sig}}$$

$p = 0.05 \rightarrow 95\%$  confidence level (CL)