Background Suppression Strategy

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1 DY+Jets

DY Signature

- Two opposite-sign, same-flavor leptons (electrons, muons, or hadronic taus)
- For e^+e^- or $\mu^+\mu^-$: invariant mass consistent with Z boson, $70 < M_{ll} < 110$ GeV
- For $\tau^+\tau^-$ (with hadronic decays): visible mass in range $30 < M_{vis} < 80$ GeV
- Low MET: < 25 GeV for $e^+e^-/\mu^+\mu^-$; < 50 GeV for $\tau^+\tau^-$
- Minimal hadronic activity: jet multiplicity ≤ 2
- Third lepton candidate (if present) is likely fake (from jets or photon conversions)
- Ref: CMS DY $\rightarrow \tau\tau$ Measurement, arXiv:1801.03535

Suppression of Other Backgrounds

• W+Jets

- Apply Z mass window: $70 < M_{ll} < 110 \text{ GeV (for } e^+e^-/\mu^+\mu^-)$
- Require exactly two tightly isolated leptons
- Require MET < 25 GeV
- MT of any extra lepton < 30 GeV
- **Ref:** CMS W+Jets, arXiv:1610.04222

• TTbar

- Veto events with b-tagged jets
- Require low jet multiplicity (≤ 1 jet)
- MET < 25 GeV
- Ref: CMS $t\bar{t}$ Dilepton, arXiv:1603.02555

• WZ and ZZ

- Require exactly two leptons
- Veto third lepton with $p_T > 10 \text{ GeV}$
- Ref: CMS WZ/ZZ, arXiv:1406.0113, CMS WZ Study (Indico)

• QCD Multijet

- Require dilepton mass near Z peak to reduce fake lepton combinatorics
- MET < 25 GeV suppresses fake MET from jet mismeasurement
- **Ref:** CMS AN-2016/242 (Fake Lepton Strategy)

2 W+Jets

W+Jets Signature

- One isolated high- p_T lepton (muon or electron)
- High MET due to neutrino from W decay
- At least one energetic jet

Suppression of Other Backgrounds

• DY+Jets

- Veto second lepton with $p_T > 10 \text{ GeV}$
- Dilepton mass veto: M_{ll} not in [70, 110] GeV
- Ref: CMS Opposite-sign Dileptons, arXiv:1210.2422

• TTbar

- Veto b-tagged jets
- Restrict jet multiplicity to 1 or 2
- Ref: CMS Top Cross Section, arXiv:1701.06228

• WZ/ZZ

- Veto additional leptons with $p_T > 10 \text{ GeV}$
- MET < 100 GeV to suppress multi-lepton SUSY/ZZ-like events
- Ref: CMS Same-sign Dileptons, arXiv:1611.06594, CMS WZ Study (Indico)

• QCD Multijet

- Apply tight lepton isolation to reject fake leptons
- Require $M_T > 50$ GeV to reduce mismeasured low-MET backgrounds
- Require MET in range 30 < MET < 100 GeV to avoid fake MET tails
- QCD estimated via inverted isolation regions in data
- Ref: CMS AN-2016/242 (Fake Lepton Strategy)