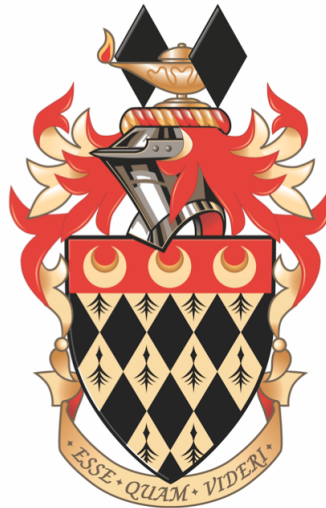


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Chapter 2

The Standard Model of Particle Physics

Particle physics, or high-energy physics, is the study of the most fundamental constituents of matter and their interactions. The best current description of these interactions is known as The Standard Model of Particle Physics (SM); a group of theories that cover all currently known particles and their interactions. The SM was developed through-out the latter half of the 20th century and has seen tremendous success in predicting the behaviour of our universe at the most fundamental level. The SM has stood the test of time and rigorous examination by numerous experiments. Additionally many of its parameters have been measured with tremendous precision e.g.the electron magnetic moment g is known to 10^{-13} [2]. The last piece to be confirmed was the existence of the Higgs boson, which in turn points to the existence of the so-called Higgs field. Evidence of the elusive Higgs were observed by the ATLAS and CMS experiments at CERN [3,4]. Despite its tremendous success, the SM cannot account and explain for all observed phenomenon in the universe. Firstly, the theory requires many of its parameters to be measured empirically. The theory does not a priori provide a value for these parameters such as the number of particle generations. Additionally the theory does not describe the most familiar of the forces, gravity. Furthermore, the SM does not provide a candidate for dark matter, which is believed to make up more than 80% of the total matter in the universe. The asymmetry between matter and antimatter is also not fully explained

by the SM. As such there is a strong focus on developing theories which go beyond the standard model (BSM) to provide an answer to these open questions. The discussion in this chapter is largely based on [5] and [6].

The SM describes the nature of the interactions of the fundamental constituents of our universe in terms of the three different fundamental forces: strong, weak and electromagnetic each described by a specific theory. As mentioned before, the most familiar of the forces, gravity, is not described by the SM. The SM classifies particles into several categories depending on their properties and allowed interactions. Particles which have a half-integer spins (e.g. $S = \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, \dots$) are known as *fermions*, these are the basic constituents of matter. Particles with integer spins (e.g. $S = 0, 1, \dots$) are known as *bosons*, these mediate interactions between fermions and other bosons.

Fermions can be divided into two subgroups: quarks, which can interact via the strong, weak and electromagnetic forces and leptons which can only interact by the weak and electromagnetic forces. There are six known leptons: electron e , muon μ and tau τ , which all have electric charge¹ $Q = 1$, and the corresponding electrically neutral neutrino ν_e , ν_μ and ν_τ . Analogously, six quark *flavours* are known: u , c and t , with electric charge $Q = +2/3$ and d , s and b , with electric charge $Q = -1/3$.

Quarks and leptons are divided into three generations, which differ only by the mass and flavour of their constituent fermions, each generation being heavier than the previous. A summary of all elementary particles described by the SM can be found in Table 2.1.

For every matter fermion (f) there is an equivalent antimatter partner (\bar{f}) which possesses the same characteristics as its matter companion but is opposite in electric charge. Thus 12 matter particles are combined with 12 antimatter partners for a total of 24 elementary particles which form all visible matter in the universe.

The interaction between fermions occur via the exchange of spin one particles known as bosons. Each force is mediated by one or more bosons (Table 2.2). The strong force is mediated by a set of massless bosons known as the gluons. The weak force is mediated by a neutral massive boson known as the Z boson and a pair of charged massive bosons known as the W bosons. Finally, the electromagnetic force is mediated by a massless

¹The electric charge is always state in units of elementary charge e

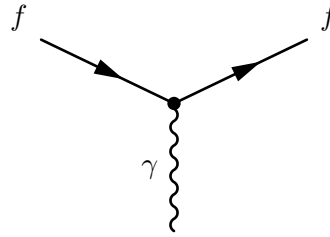


Figure 2.1: The interaction vertex described by QED. One can obtain all possible vertex shapes by rotating this basic vertex and assigning the appropriate electric charge and making sure to conserve lepton number across the vertex.

245 boson known as the photon. Note that each boson has an antimatter partner however
 246 some are indistinguishable from their matter partner. A summary of their properties is
 247 shown in Table 2.1.

248 Each fermion has a set of so-called quantum numbers which dictate the type of
 249 interactions that can occur. For example each lepton has a lepton number associated
 250 with it, electrons have an electron lepton number (L_e) of +1, while the positron has
 251 $L_e = -1$. Muons and taus have their own respective lepton number (L_μ and L_τ). Each
 252 neutrino has lepton number $L_f = 1$ and their anti-matter counterpart have $L_f = -1$.
 253 Each of these lepton numbers is conserved separately across interaction vertices. Another
 254 example of a quantum number is baryon number (B), each quark has $B = \frac{1}{3}$ and anti-
 255 quarks have $B = -\frac{1}{3}$.

256 2.1 Quantum Electrodynamics

257 The interaction of particles via the electromagnetic force is described by Quantum Elec-
 258 trodynamics or QED. These interactions are mediated by the massless neutral boson
 259 known as the photon and the strenght of the interaction is characterized by the fine-
 260 structure constant α . All electrically charged fermions are allowed to interact, since the
 261 photon itself is not charged, no self-interaction is allowed within QED. Figure 2.1 shows
 262 the single vertex described by QED, where two fermions interact via a photon. Note
 263 that the electric charge is conserved across the vertex, so for example $\gamma \rightarrow e^+e^+$ is not
 264 allowed within QED.

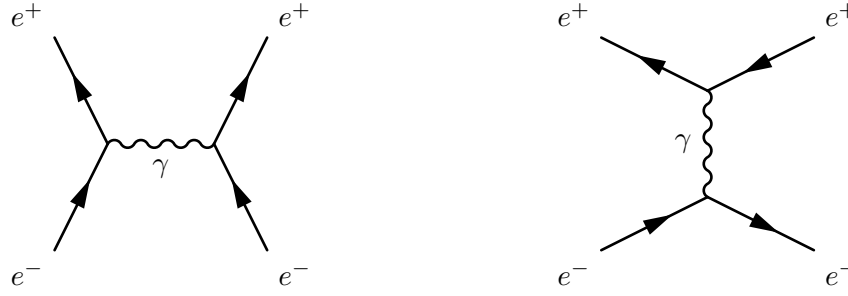
265 By combining different forms of this vertex one can build every possible QED in-
 266 teraction. For example an e^+e^- pair can annihilate to create energy in the form of a

		Fermions ($s = \frac{1}{2}$)			Bosons ($s = 0$)	Higgs ($s = 1$)
		I	II	III		
Quarks		$+\frac{2}{3}$ 2.3 MeV u Up	$+\frac{2}{3}$ 1.275 GeV c Charm	$+\frac{2}{3}$ 173.07 GeV t Top	0 0 MeV γ Photon (EM)	0 126.07 GeV H^0 Higgs boson
		$-\frac{1}{3}$ 4.8 MeV d Down	$-\frac{1}{3}$ 95 MeV s Strange	$-\frac{1}{3}$ 4.18 GeV b Bottom	± 1 80.4 GeV W^\pm W boson (Weak)	
Leptons		-1 0.511 MeV e Electron	-1 105.7 MeV μ Muon	-1 1.777 GeV τ Tau	0 91.2 GeV Z Z boson (Weak)	
		0 < 2.2 eV ν_e Electron Neutrino	0 < 0.17 MeV ν_μ Muon Neutrino	0 15.5 MeV ν_τ Tau Neutrino	0 0 MeV g Gluon (Strong)	q mass symbol name (force)

Table 2.1: A summary of all elementary particles described by the SM [1]. Note the various groupings and divisions including by spin, generation and particle type. Within the fermion sector the quarks are shown in yellow and the leptons are shown in green. These are grouped into three different generations traditionally denoted by roman numerals. The force mediators known as gauge bosons are shown in blue and finally the recently discovered Higgs boson with a spin of zero.

Name	Relative Strength	Boson
Strong	10^{38}	Gluons
Electromagnetic	10^{36}	Photon
Weak	10^{25}	W^\pm and Z^0
Gravity	1	Graviton*

Table 2.2: A summary of the four fundamental forces ordered by relative strength. These are approximate relative strengths for the purpose of demonstrating the hierarchy of forces as a function of their strength. A more accurate determination of the interaction strength depends on the details of the interaction itself. Note however the order-of-magnitude differences in the relative strengths of these forces. Note that the graviton is the theoretical boson responsible for mediating gravitational interactions, it is not part of the SM.



(a) Electron-Positron pair annihilation mediated by a photon.

(b) Electron-Positron pair scattering via the emission of a photon.

Figure 2.2: Feynman diagrams of the process $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-$ allowed in QED. Note that these are the simplest diagrams, also known as tree level diagrams, and additional vertices can be added to produce higher-order diagrams of the same process.

267 photon as shown in Fig. 2.2a and then subsequently decay into an additional e^+e^- pair.
 268 Electrons can scatter by emitting a photon which is then absorbed by a positron as
 269 shown in Fig. 2.2b this process is known as Bhabha scattering.

2.2 Quantum Chromodynamics

271 Interactions via the strong force are described in the theory of Quantum Chromodynam-
 272 ics or QCD. These interactions are mediated by a set of massless neutral bosons known
 273 as gluons. QCD introduces the concept of colour, which similarly to electrical charge,
 274 determines the possible interactions that can occur via the strong force. Colour can take
 275 three states: red (antired), blue (antiblue), green (antigreen):

For example both quarks and gluons possess colour and as a result gluons, unlike photons, can self-interact in a three gluon vertex (Figure 2.3c) or a four gluon vertex (Figure 2.3b). As with electrical charge, colour-charge must also be conserved. Thus in the scattering process $q \rightarrow q + g$ shown in Figure 2.3a the flavour of the quark may not change but the colour-charge does and the gluon carries away the difference in colour. Thus each gluon has two color charges associated it. Naively one would expect nine different types of gluon that participate in interaction, owing to the nine possible combinations of colour and anticolour, however the SU(3) symmetry on which QCD is

based results in a colour octet:

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 (r\bar{b} + b\bar{r})/\sqrt{2} & -i(r\bar{g} - g\bar{r})/\sqrt{2} \\
 -i(r\bar{b} - b\bar{r})/\sqrt{2} & (b\bar{g} + g\bar{b})/\sqrt{2} \\
 (r\bar{r} + b\bar{b})/\sqrt{2} & -i(b\bar{g} - g\bar{b})/\sqrt{2} \\
 (r\bar{g} + g\bar{r})/\sqrt{2} & (r\bar{r} + b\bar{b} - 2g\bar{g})/\sqrt{6}
 \end{array}$$

276 and a “colour singlet”:

$$(r\bar{r} + g\bar{g} + b\bar{b})/\sqrt{3} \quad (2.1)$$

277 which is overall colourless.

278 There are then eight different gluons that can participate in QCD interactions each
 279 with a different colour-charge combination. Additionally there is a ninth combination
 280 which is overall colorless so it cannot take part in interactions.

281 In an analogous fashion to screening which occurs with electric charges, quark-
 282 antiquark pairs act like dipoles which screen the true colour charge of the central quark.
 283 However since gluons also carry colour, they cause the opposite effect (anti-screening) to
 284 amplify and change the observed colour of the quark. Which effect wins out depends on
 285 the number of colours in the theory and the number of quark flavours. As it is with three
 286 colour states and six different quark flavours, anti-screening is the overall dominant ef-
 287 fect. As a result the colour potential decreases with distance and quarks experience very
 288 little potential when very near to each other. This effect is known as asymptotic freedom
 289 and results in quarks only existing within colorless bound states known as *hadrons*.

290 Hadrons can be divided into two categories: *mesons*, which contain a quark and an
 291 antiquark ($q\bar{q}$); and *baryons* which are made of three quarks (or antiquarks) each with
 292 a different (anti)colour-charge to result in a colourless composite particle. Common
 293 examples of baryons are protons (uud) and neutrons (udd) which are the building blocks
 294 of atomic nuclei. While π^0 ($u\bar{u}/d\bar{d}$) is a commonly produced meson in hadron colliders.
 295 Note that due to the quark configuration, baryons have baryon number $B = +1$ while
 296 mesons have $B = 0$.

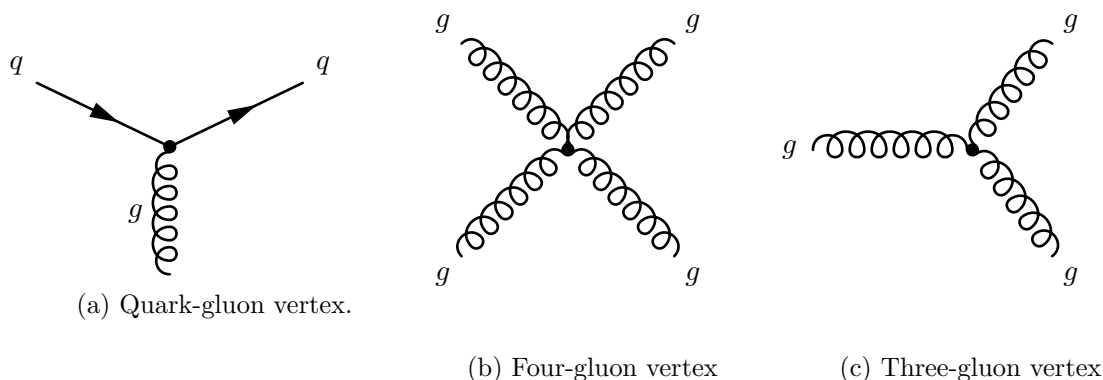


Figure 2.3: Diagrams of the fundamental interaction vertices described by quantum chromodynamics.

2.3 Weak Interactions

The final type of interaction involves the so-called weak force. The weak force is responsible for β^- decay ($n \rightarrow p + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$) and β^+ decay. Interactions via the weak force are mediated by a single neutral massive boson and two charged massive bosons. Since the bosons responsible for weak interactions are massive, the range of interaction is very short, unlike electromagnetic interactions via a massless photon.

All fermions can take part in interactions via the weak force. Let us consider weak interactions involving only leptons. The weak neutral vertex is very similar to the basic vertex seen in QED (2.1). A valid interaction via the weak force is then formed by combining these simple vertices (Figure 2.4) while taking care to conserve electric charge and lepton flavour. An example of a leptonic weak interaction is muon decay ($\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu W^- \rightarrow \nu_\mu e^- \bar{\nu}_e$) shown in Figure 2.5.

Let us consider weak interactions involving quarks. The neutral vertex is similar to that of the leptonic version, a quark can emit a Z boson or a Z boson can decay forming a quark-antiquark pair. The charged current then changes the flavour of an up-type quark into a down-type quark (or vice-versa) with a W boson of the appropriate charge (Figure 2.4c). It is possible for a weak interaction to change the flavour of a quark across families. A well known example of such an interaction is Kaon decay ($K^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu_\mu$). In order to account for this interaction and preserve the universality of weak interactions, Nicola Cabibbo postulated [7] that the states that couple to the charged

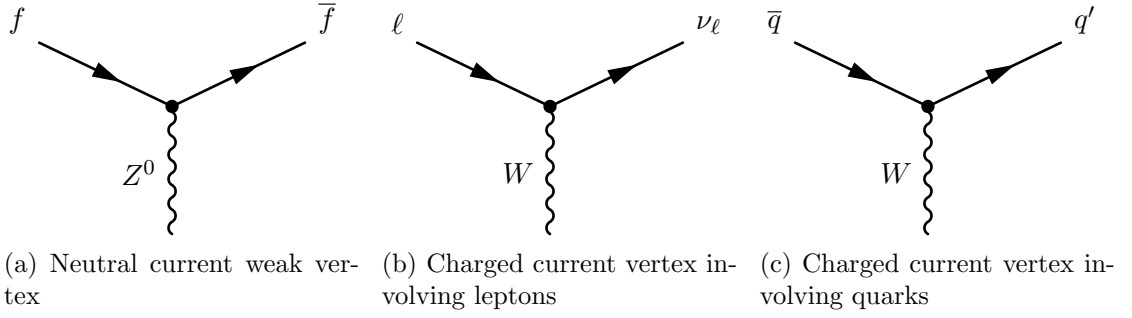


Figure 2.4: The neutral current and charged current vertices allowed via the weak force. Where f can be an e , μ or τ and ν_ℓ is the corresponding lepton neutrino of the same flavour. One can obtain all possible interaction vertices by rotating these basic vertices and assigning the appropriate electric charge and making sure to conserve lepton flavour across the vertex.

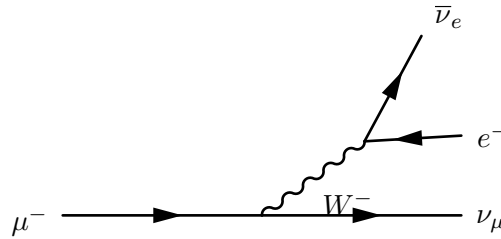


Figure 2.5: Neutral current weak scattering vertex

current are really a mixture of 'rotated' quark states:

$$\begin{pmatrix} u \\ d' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c \\ s' \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.2)$$

where

$$d' = d \cos \theta_c + s \sin \theta_c \quad (2.3a)$$

$$s' = -d \sin \theta_c + s \cos \theta_c \quad (2.3b)$$

This introduces an arbitrary parameter into the theory known as the quark mixing angle or the Cabibbo angle, named after Nicola Cabibbo who developed the phenomenon of quark mixing. The introduction of quark mixing has the effect of attenuating the interaction strength at vertices involving multiple quark generations. Interactions which cross one generation are said to be Cabibbo Suppressed while those that cross two generations are Doubly Cabibbo suppressed.

326 Taking into account the three quark generations, quark mixing can be expressed
 327 in matrix notation as shown in Equation 2.4. This unitary matrix is known as the
 328 Cabibbo-Kobayashi-Maskawa Matrix (CKM Matrix) after Cabibbo which initially pos-
 329 tulated quark mixing and Makoto Kobayashi and Toshihide Maskawa who later added
 330 an additional generation, containing the top and bottom quarks, to the matrix [8].

$$\begin{pmatrix} d' \\ s' \\ b' \end{pmatrix} = V_{CKM} \begin{pmatrix} d \\ s \\ b \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} V_{ud} & V_{us} & V_{ub} \\ V_{cd} & V_{cs} & V_{cb} \\ V_{td} & V_{ts} & V_{tb} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} d \\ s \\ b \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.4)$$

331 Several parameterizations of the CKM matrix exist, the “standard” parametrization
 332 uses angles θ_{12} , θ_{23} , θ_{13} and a phase δ_{13} :

$$V_{CKM} = \begin{pmatrix} c_{12}c_{13} & s_{12}c_{13} & s_{13}\exp(-i\delta) \\ -s_{12}c_{23} - c_{12}s_{23}s_{13}\exp(i\delta) & c_{12}c_{23} - s_{12}s_{23}s_{13}\exp(i\delta) & s_{23}c_{13} \\ s_{12}s_{23} - c_{12}c_{23}s_{13}\exp(i\delta) & -c_{12}s_{23} - s_{12}c_{23}s_{13}\exp(i\delta) & c_{23}c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.5)$$

333 where $c_{ij} = \cos \theta_{ij}$ and $s_{ij} = \sin \theta_{ij}$ for $i=1,2,3$. This parametrization has the advan-
 334 tage that each angle θ_{ij} relates to a specific transition from one generation to the other.
 335 If $\theta_{13} = \theta_{23} = 0$ the third generation is not coupled to the other two and the matrix
 336 reduces to the original matrix postulated by Cabibbo. Note that θ_{12} is the Cabibbo
 337 angle, θ_c , described earlier.

338 Another parameterization due to Wolfenstein [9] expresses all elements in terms of
 339 the Cabibbo angle by defining $\lambda \equiv s_{12} = \sin \theta_{12}$ and then expressing the other elements
 340 in terms of powers of λ :

$$V_{CKM} \approx \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \lambda^2/2 & \lambda & A\lambda^3(\rho - i\eta) \\ -\lambda & 1 - \lambda^2/2 & A\lambda^2 \\ A\lambda^3(1 - \rho - i\eta) & -A\lambda^2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.6)$$

341 where A , ρ and η are all real numbers intended to express the order of magnitude
 342 differences between s_{12} and the other elements in the matrix. Of course, all the elements
 343 should be the same irrespective of which parametrization is used.

344 The elements of the CKM matrix have been measured and the latest accepted re-
 345 sults are summarized in 2.8 [1]. The interaction strength is then proportional to $|V_{ij}|^2$.
 346 Including all three generations the sum of all possible transitions from a given quark, q ,
 347 is unity:

$$\sum |V_{qi}|^2 = 1 \quad (2.7)$$

348 Note that the term V_{tb} is approximately unity and by far dominates over the other
 349 V_{tj} terms. This means that the top-quark transitions almost exclusively into a b -quark
 350 ($t \rightarrow Wb$) with transitions $t \rightarrow Ws$ and $t \rightarrow Wd$ being exceedingly rare. The soft muon
 351 tagger which is the focus of this thesis relies on weak semileptonic decays of b -quarks.
 352 From 2.8 one can see that the transition $b \rightarrow c$ dominates over $b \rightarrow u$. Additionally the
 353 focus of this theses is on semileptonic $t\bar{t}$ events, where one of the W bosons in the event
 354 decays to quarks as per the magnitude of V_{ij} .

$$V_{CKM} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.97427 \pm 0.00015 & 0.22534 \pm 0.00065 & 0.00351^{+0.00015}_{-0.00014} \\ 0.22520 \pm 0.00065 & 0.97344 \pm 0.00016 & 0.0412^{+0.0011}_{-0.0005} \\ 0.00867^{+0.00029}_{-0.00031} & 0.0404^{+0.0011}_{-0.0005} & 0.999146^{+0.000021}_{-0.000046} \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.8)$$

355 An additional unique feature of weak interactions is that the charge conjugation-
 356 parity (CP) symmetry is violated. The operator C denotes the change of a particle
 357 by its antiparticle partner and P denotes a reversal of helicity (the projection of spin
 358 onto the momentum of a particle). A clear violation of C and P was observed in the
 359 radioactive decay of Cobalt-60, where the resulting electrons were preferentially emitted
 360 in the opposite direction of the nuclear spin of the Cobalt. Thus weak currents only
 361 couple to left-handed neutrinos (or right-handed antineutrinos) this is then a violation
 362 of parity. Additionally charge symmetry is also violated since a left-handed neutrino is
 363 preferentially picked over a left-handed antineutrino. Finally in 1964 CP violation was
 364 observed in the decay of neutral kaon.

365 Thus the probability of $\bar{a} \rightarrow \bar{b}$ is not equal to that of $a \rightarrow b$. The existence of
 366 CP violation has interesting consequences for the formation of the early universe. The

preferential production of matter over antimatter in CP violating interactions would shift the balance in favour of matter resulting in a universe similar to our own. Finally as with QCD, weak interactions couple weak bosons to each other. Thus the vertex $Z \rightarrow W^-W^+$ is allowed via the weak force.

2.3.1 Electroweak Unification and the Higgs mechanism

The unification of the electromagnetic and weak theories was first proposed by Glashow and later developed by Weinberg and Salam into the electroweak theory. The theory postulates that while at low energies the two forces are to be treated separately, at higher the two can be seen as a single force. Thus the two forces are different manifestation of the same “electroweak” interaction. There were several stumbling blocks to the unification of the forces. Firstly, the boson which drives the electromagnetic interaction, the photon, is massless while the weak bosons are both massive. Evidence for the massive nature of these bosons has been established by experimental results from at CERN.

Thus the symmetry of the theory must be spontaneously broken in some way. A mechanism for ElectroWeak Symmetry Breaking (EWSB) was postulated by Higgs, Brout, Englert and others which introduces mass to the weak bosons and posits the existence of an additional scalar (spin $S = 0$) boson known as the Higgs boson.

Gauge Theories

Gauge invariance is one of the underlying invariances which underpins the Standard Model. Given the so-called Dirac lagrangian²

$$\mathcal{L} = i\hbar c \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu \psi - mc^2 \bar{\psi} \psi \quad (2.9)$$

which describes a free particle of spin- $\frac{1}{2}$ with mass m . Note that it is invariant under the transformation

$$\psi \rightarrow e^{i\theta} \psi, \text{ where } \theta \text{ is a real number} \quad (2.10)$$

²A Lagrangian is a mathematical function that describes the underlying dynamics of a system as a function of time and space coordinates (x^μ) and their time derivatives.

389 since the adjoint $\bar{\psi} \rightarrow e^{-i\theta}\bar{\psi}$ and the two terms cancel out. This is known as a (*global*)
 390 *gauge transformation*. This is essentially a phase transformation which is constant every-
 391 where. Meaning the phase change is the same in all points of space-time. A “local” gauge
 392 transformation occurs when the phase is different for different points in space-time:

$$\psi \rightarrow e^{i\theta(x)}\psi \quad (2.11)$$

393 Note that the Dirac lagrangian (Equation 2.9) is then not invariant under a local
 394 gauge transformation since extra terms are created by the derivative. This then implies
 395 that the underlying physics of such a theory depends on position in space-time. Thus
 396 local gauge invariance must be imposed. In the case of the Dirac lagrangian, this is
 397 done by introducing additional terms to the Dirac lagrangian which will cancel the extra
 398 terms introduced by the local gauge transformation. As it turns out this results in the
 399 introduction of a new massless vector field that couples to ψ .

400 The new lagrangian then describes a spin- $\frac{1}{2}$ particle with mass m that interacts with
 401 a free massless field. This new field can be identified as the electromagnetic field and
 402 the spin- $\frac{1}{2}$ particles are electrons and positrons. Thus the resulting lagrangian describes
 403 all interactions that form part of quantum electrodynamics.

404 A similar procedure can be applied to the color quark model and obtain a description
 405 of all QCD interactions. However requiring that the weak theory be a gauge theory
 406 (invariant under local gauge transformation) encounters a problem since the weak bosons
 407 are known to be massive. There must be some mechanism via which the W^\pm and Z^0
 408 obtain mass.

409 The Higgs mechanism posits the existence of a complex scalar field doublet that
 410 when introduced into the electroweak Lagrangian results in the weak fields acquiring a
 411 mass term. In other words the W^\pm and Z^0 interact with the Higgs field and obtain
 412 a mass. An additional consequence of introducing the Higgs field is the inclusion of
 413 a scalar boson particle, the so-called “Higgs boson”. Finally the Higgs field also
 414 couples to fermions via the Yukawa coupling generating gauge invariant mass terms for
 415 the fermions as well.³

³For a more complete description of the mathematical procedure see [6].

416 The SM Lagrangian in its current form including the Higgs potential is shown in
 417 Equation 2.12. This expression describes all possible particle interactions that form part
 418 of the SM, of particular interest are the fermion mass term which couples the fermion
 419 field (ψ) to the scalar Higgs field (ϕ) and the Higgs kinetic and potential terms.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L} = & - \underbrace{\frac{1}{4} W_{\mu\nu}^a W^{\mu\nu a}}_{\text{Weak Field}} - \underbrace{\frac{1}{4} B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}}_{\text{EM Field}} - \underbrace{\frac{1}{4} G_{\mu\nu}^a G^{\mu\nu a}}_{\text{Strong Field}} \\
 & + \underbrace{\bar{\psi} \not{D}_\mu \psi}_{\text{Fermion Kinetic}} + \underbrace{\lambda \bar{\psi} \psi \phi}_{\text{Fermion Mass}} \\
 & + \underbrace{|D_\mu \phi|^2}_{\text{Higgs Kinetic}} - \underbrace{V(\phi)}_{\text{Higgs Potential}}
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.12}$$

Chapter 3

Top-quark physics

The third generation of quarks was first proposed by Kobayashi and Maskawa in a paper published in 1973 [8] as a way to explain the CP violation observed in Kaon decays. The existence of the third generation was confirmed when the lighter of the two constituents, the b quark, was discovered in 1977 [10].

Due to its large mass, direct confirmation of the existence of the top quark required the construction of very powerful accelerators. The top quark was discovered by the CDF and D0 experiments at Fermilab in 1995 [11, 12].

Its large mass makes the top quark a very interesting object of study. The current world average for the mass of the top is $m_t = 173.07 \pm 0.52 \pm 0.72$ GeV based on results from Tevatron and the LHC [1]. Due to its mass the top quark has an extremely short lifetime $\tau \approx 0.5 \times 10^{-24}$ s, too short to interact via the strong force and hadronize into a bound state [13]. Instead the top quark decays weakly producing a W boson and a b quark almost exclusively. This allows experimentalist to directly study the properties of a bare quark. An impossibility with the other quarks which bind with other quarks to form hadrons. Measurement of top quark properties (mass, charge, forward-backward asymmetry, couplings, etc...) forms a large part of high energy physics research. Measurement of these properties provide rigorous tests of the SM, point towards the existence of new physics or exclude some BSM theories.

From an experimental perspective, top quark decays can produce a very interesting signature which includes leptons, jets and missing energy due to the escaping neutrino¹.

¹Neutrinos do not interact with the detector material and thus escape without being detected

442 The study of top quark decays relies on all parts of a general purpose detector such as
 443 ATLAS or CMS. In addition $t\bar{t}$ pair production constitutes a background for many
 444 other SM and BSM searches, as such understanding this process well is fundamental for
 445 almost all areas of HEP research.

446 3.1 Top quark production

447 Top quarks can be produced in two manners, single top production and $t\bar{t}$ pair produc-
 448 tion. In hadron colliders production dominantly takes place via the strong force through
 449 $q\bar{q} \rightarrow t\bar{t}$ and $gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}$ at leading order. The feynman diagrams for these interactions are
 450 shown in Figure 3.1.

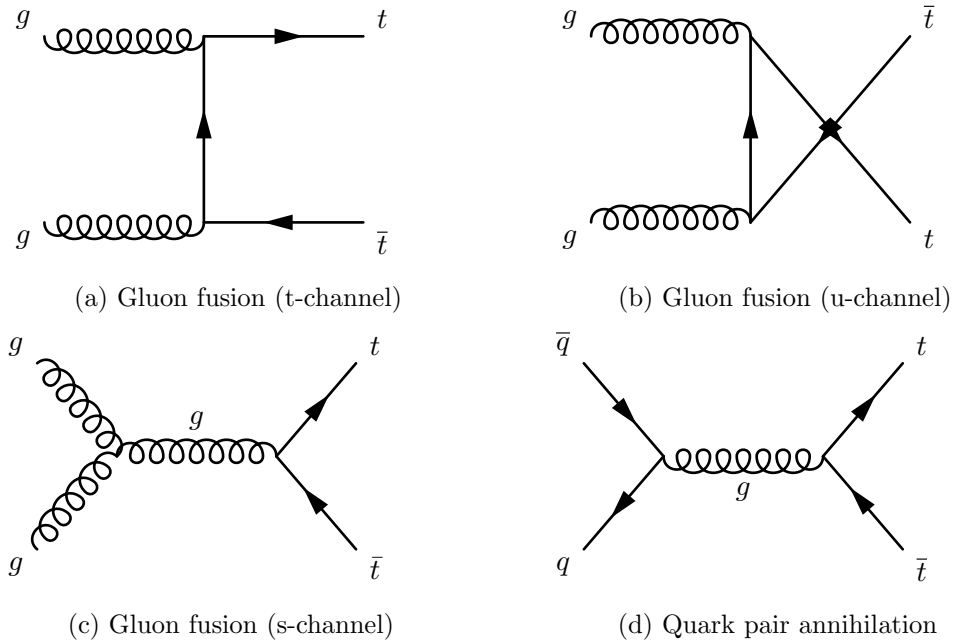


Figure 3.1: The leading order Feynman diagrams for $t\bar{t}$ production.

451 Single top production occurs via the weak force almost exclusively through the Wtb
 452 vertex. The leading order weak interactions are shown in Figure 3.2. As top quark pair
 453 production can proceed via the strong force it occurs overwhelmingly more often than
 454 single top production.

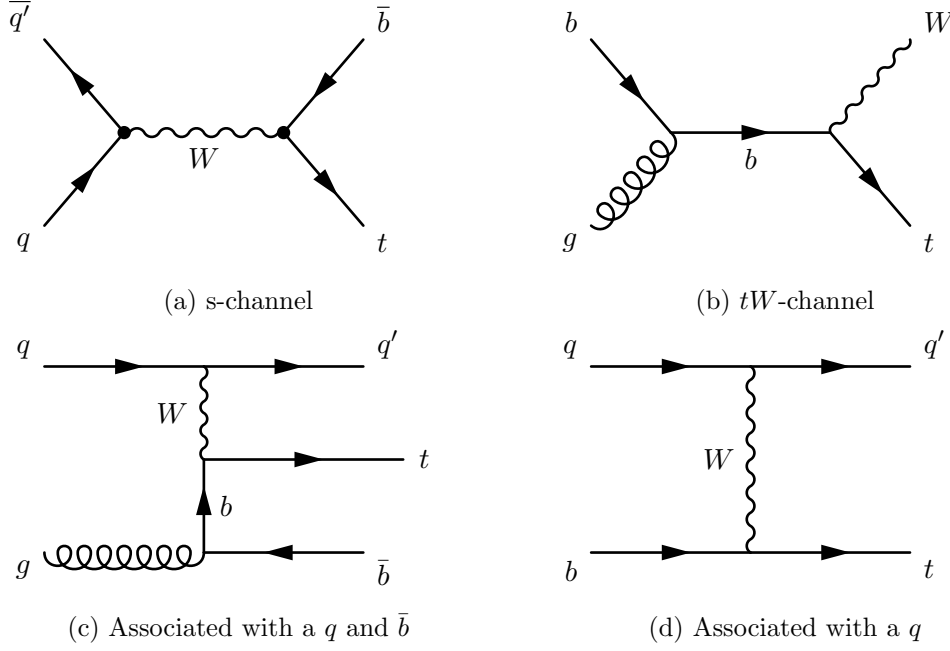


Figure 3.2: Example Feynman diagrams for single top quark at leading order.

3.2 Top quark decay modes

The top quark decays almost exclusively into a W boson and a b -quark. The ratio of branching ratios $\Gamma(t \rightarrow Wb)/\Gamma(t \rightarrow Wq (q = b, s, d))$ is 0.91 ± 0.04 [1].

As the LHC collides proton-proton beams, the overwhelming majority of events produced will feature multiple hadronic *jets*, a stream of particles resulting from the hadronization of quarks in the detector, most of which will originate from “light” quarks². Unlike these light quarks, b quarks leave a distinct signature in the detector as they travel a certain distance within a B hadron before producing a jet. Additional features such as the semi-leptonic decay of b quarks can be exploited to determine the presence of such a quark in the detector. Collectively analysis techniques that permit the detection of b -jets are known as *b-tagging*. Top quark events will produce two b quarks, making b -tagging techniques a central part of any $t\bar{t}$ analysis.

The other part of the top decay, the W boson is used to classify $t\bar{t}$ events. As discussed in Section 2, W bosons can decay leptonically ($\ell\nu_\ell$) or hadronically ($W \rightarrow q\bar{q}'$) driven by the CKM vertex element, since $\Gamma \propto |V_{ij}|^2$. The various branching ratios of W

²The term light quarks usually refers to quarks in the first two generations. Light jets are those originating from those quarks

Decay	Branching ratio
$W \rightarrow e + \nu$	$(10.75 \pm 0.13)\%$
$W \rightarrow \mu + \nu$	$(10.57 \pm 0.15)\%$
$W \rightarrow \tau + \nu$	$(11.25 \pm 0.20)\%$
hadrons	$(67.60 \pm 0.27)\%$

Table 3.1: Branching ratios for the decay of W boson. Note that the “hadrons” refers to a possible combination of $q\bar{q}'$ where \bar{q}' denotes the antiquark of a flavour different to that of the first quark.

470 decays are presented in Table 3.1.

471 Thus $t\bar{t}$ events are labelled as “dilepton”, “all-hadronic” or “lepton + jets” depending
 472 on the combination of W decays present. The probability for $t\bar{t}$ event to be of a given type
 473 is dependent on the branching-ratios of W decays shown a priori. As can be seen from
 474 Figure 3.3 the all-hadronic events dominate, followed by the lepton plus jets and dilepton.
 475 Each of these types requires a very different analysis approach due to their distinct
 476 backgrounds, branching-ratio, detector signature and reconstruction requirements.

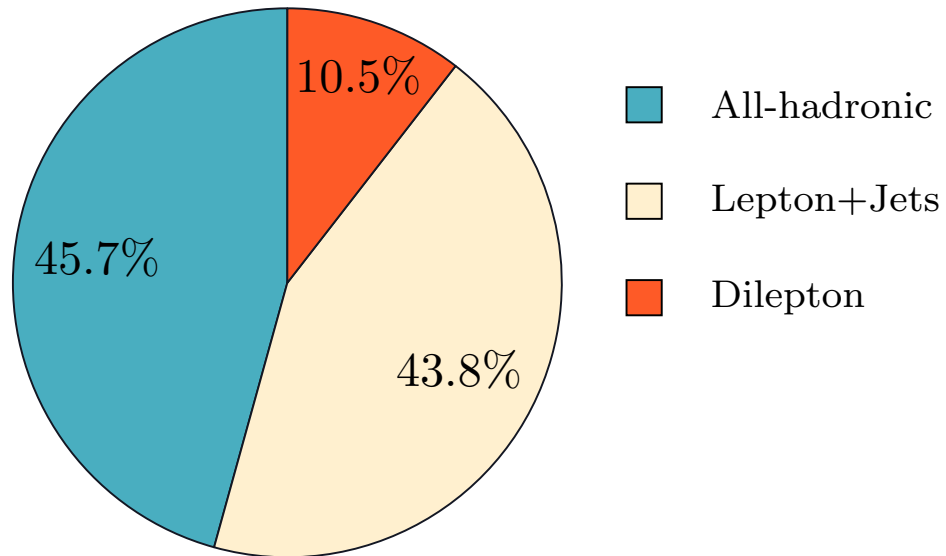


Figure 3.3: Branching ratios of all possible $t\bar{t}$ decays. These probabilities are based on the branching-ratios of W decay shown in Table 3.1.

477 The all-hadronic final state includes four light quarks which will hadronize to form
 478 four Light Flavour (LF) jets and two b quarks leading to two b jets. Due to the large

479 hadronic activity the all-hadronic channel is very challenging. As mentioned before,
 480 hadronic collisions produce events with a large number of quarks – and thus jets – in
 481 the final state. The background to the all-hadronic channel are therefore very high. As
 482 shown in Figure 3.3, the all-hadronic channel has the largest branching ratio of the three.

483 The dilepton final state includes two leptons, large missing energy from two neutrinos
 484 which escape the detector and two b jets. In contrast to the all-hadronic channel,
 485 dilepton events are very clean due to the presence of leptons and missing energy, however
 486 the branching ratio is very small and reconstruction of the top is challenging due to the
 487 presence of two neutrinos which escape the detector without interacting.

488 Finally, the lepton plus jets channel has a large branching ratio while having a distinct
 489 signature with an isolated lepton³ and missing energy as well as LF and b jets. Typical
 490 lepton plus jets are shown in Note that leptons in this case refers to e and μ and excludes
 491 the τ . The τ lepton is unstable and sufficiently heavy to decay hadronically via the weak
 492 force producing two quarks, losing the advantageous distinct signature of a lepton plus
 493 jets event. An example of the full lepton plus jets chain is shown in Figure 3.5.

494 3.2.1 Motivations for selecting the ℓ +jets channel

495 Due to its distinct signature and high branching ratio the lepton plus jets channel was
 496 chosen as the focus for the analyses presented in this thesis. Additionally the presence
 497 of only one neutrino allows for a reconstruction of the mass of the leptonic top (the
 498 top whose associated W decays leptonically) in the transverse plane and a full mass
 499 reconstruction of the top mass on the hadronic side⁴.

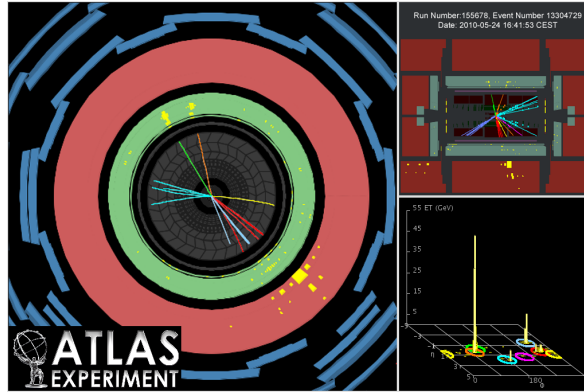
500 3.3 Latest developments in top physics

501 *This section discusses a few of the latest measurements in the area of top quark pair*
 502 *production with a focus on LHC results.*

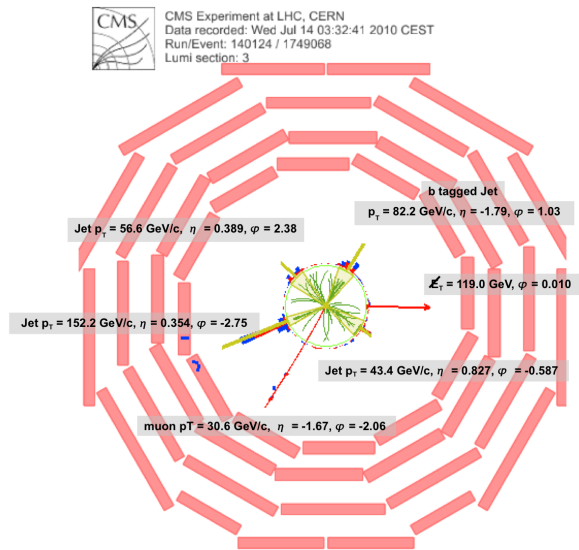
503 As discussed top quark decays provide the only probe to study the properties of a
 504 bare quark. Measurements of its properties provide a stringent test of the SM and could
 505 show hints of new physics from BSM theories. Moreover due to its final state signature,

³A lepton produced far from other physics objects (jets, leptons, etc...)

⁴The methods used for this mass reconstruction is complex and not discussed in this thesis



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Figure 3.4: Transverse event displays of ℓ +jets events at (a) ATLAS and (b).

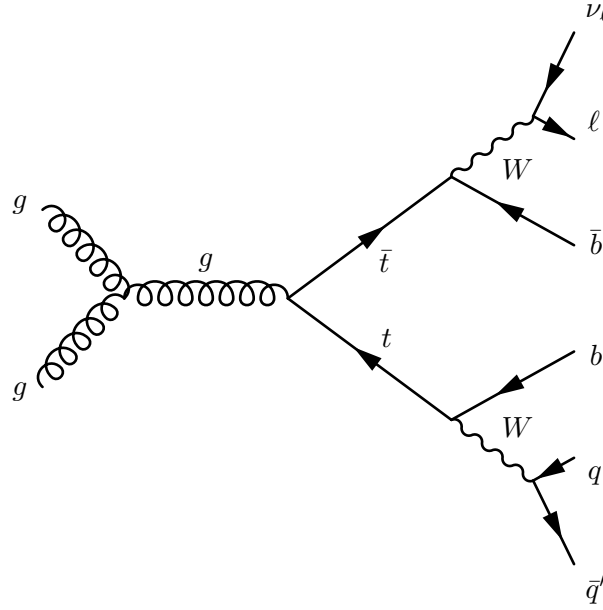


Figure 3.5: The feynman diagram of lepton plus jets channel including $t\bar{t}$ production via gluon fusion and decay with a leptonically decaying W^+ . Note that all other production mechanisms are also considered and the final state where the W^- is decayed leptonically is also taken into account.

506 top quark pair production particularly in the lepton + jets channel, form the background
 507 to many searches for new physics. Additionally all parts of the detector are utilized in
 508 the reconstruction of ℓ +jets events and as such it is possible to use these events to tune
 509 or *calibrate* many analysis and reconstruction techniques.

510 Cross-section measurement

511 Measurement of the cross-section of the top quark is a benchmark test of the SM. Any
 512 statistically significant deviation from the predicted value could point to the presence of
 513 new physics. Some BSM theories posit the existence of particles which could decay to
 514 produce a $t\bar{t}$ pair. If such theory is correct this would be observed in an increase in the
 515 cross section measured away from the predicted SM value.

516 Experimentally measurement of the cross-section is vital when attempting to reduce
 517 and estimate the amount of top quark background present in other analyses. Searches
 518 for the Higgs boson, exploit many different channels, many of which include $t\bar{t}$ events as
 519 a background. The type of events predicted by the BSM theory, Supersymmetry (SUSY)

include a large amount of missing energy, leptons and jets in the final state. Top quark pair events mimick these processes and constitute a large background.

A summary of all $t\bar{t}$ cross section measurements from the LHC is shown in Figure 3.6 and a comparison against the Tevatron measurement at $\sqrt{s} = 1.96$ TeV is shown in Figure 3.7.

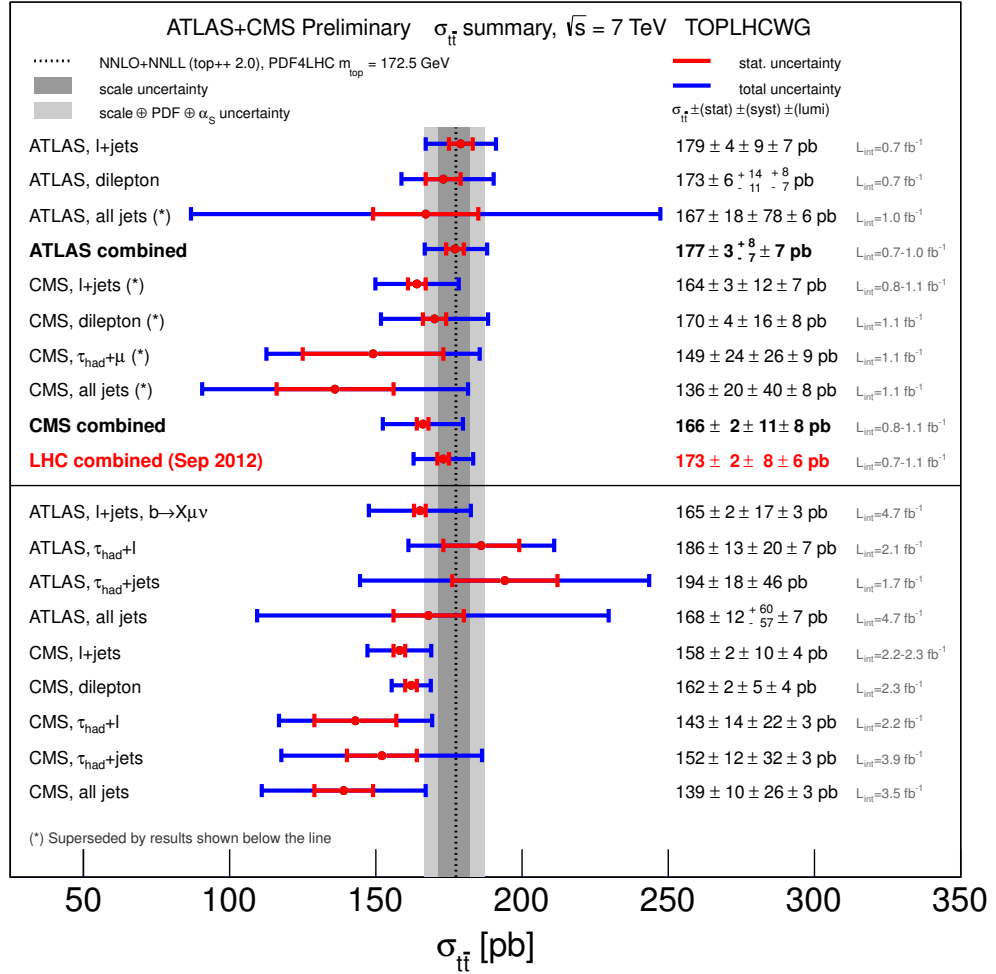


Figure 3.6: A summary of all $t\bar{t}$ production cross section measurements performed at the LHC at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV. Note the theory prediction shown as a dotted black line with its associated uncertainties as grey bands. The results shown above the black line have been statistically combined, producing the results labelled as **combined**. Many of these analyses have been superseded and the results are shown below the line. Other analyses performed but not included in the combination are also shown below the line.

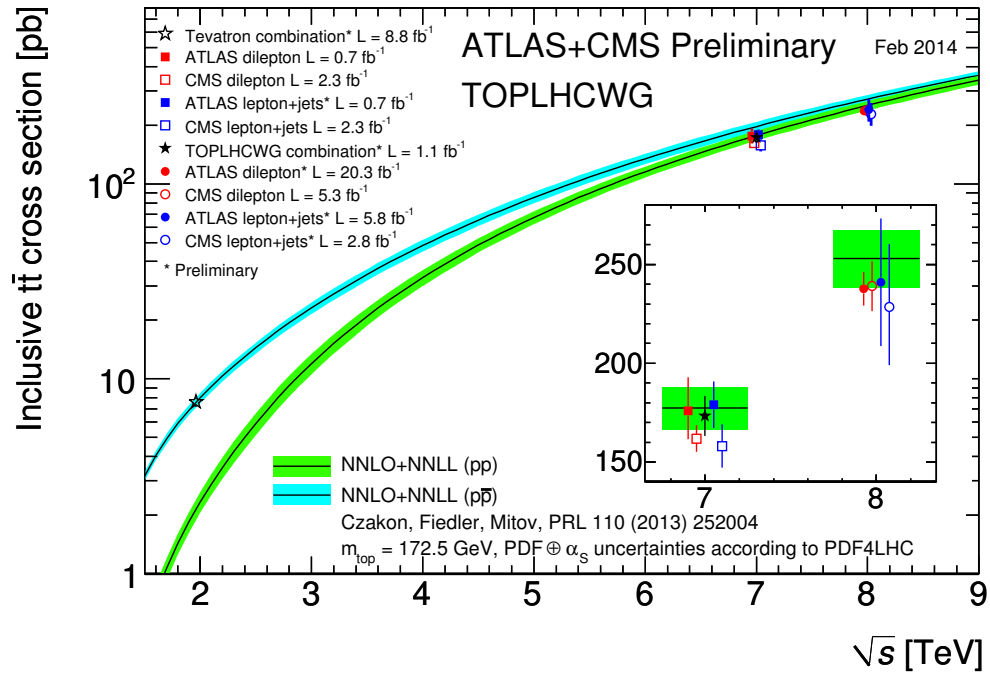


Figure 3.7: A summary of the most precise $t\bar{t}$ production cross section measurements performed at the LHC at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ and 8 TeV and the Tevatron at $\sqrt{s} = 1.96$ TeV compared to the theoretical prediction. Note that the Tevatron results should be compared against the prediction for $p\bar{p}$ collisions while the LHC against the pp collision predictions.

525 **Mass asymmetry measurement**

526 As mentioned in Section 2.3, the charge (C) and parity (P) symmetries are both violated
 527 in weak interactions. The CPT symmetry which includes time reversal (T) is the last
 528 remaining symmetry which no interaction appears to violate. Any deviations from this
 529 symmetry would have major implications on particles physics [14] and could manifest
 530 itself as differences between matter and antimatter particles. As the only quark which
 531 can be studied directly, measurement of $\Delta m \equiv m_t - m_{\bar{t}}$ could hint at any such deviation
 532 produced by new physics. Such a measurement was conducted by the ATLAS [15]
 533 experiment yielding the result:

$$\Delta m_t = -0.44 \pm 0.46 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.27 \text{ (stat)} \text{ GeV} \quad (3.1)$$

534 and by the CMS [16] experiment yielding the result:

$$\Delta m_t = 0.67 \pm 0.61 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.41 \text{ (stat)} \text{ GeV} \quad (3.2)$$

535 which are both consistent with the SM prediction and imply CPT invariance.

536 **Charge asymmetry**

537 Many BSM theories can affect the charge symmetry between top and antitop quarks.
 538 Once again any deviations from the SM prediction would point to the existence of new
 539 BSM physics. The charge asymmetry as measured by the ATLAS experiment [17] is
 540 $A_C = 0.006 \pm 0.010$ and $A_c = -0.010 \pm 0.017 \pm 0.008$ for CMS [18], which once again
 541 are consistent with the SM prediction.

542 Chapter 4

543 The LHC and the ATLAS 544 Detector

545 This section will include a description of the Large Hadron Collider and the ATLAS
546 detector technology with particular emphasis on those aspects that allow for precision
547 measurement of muons and top quark physics studies.

548 4.1 The Large Hadron Collider

549 4.2 The ATLAS detector

550 Chapter 5

551 Identifying b -jet, and the Match 552 χ^2 based Soft Muon Tagger

553 This section will include a description of several current methodologies for b -jet tagging
554 and a detailed description of the Match- χ^2 Soft Muon Tagger.

555 5.1 b -jet tagging methodology

556 5.2 The Match- χ^2 Soft Muon Tagger

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Chapter 6

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Calibration of the Soft Muon

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Tagger for 2012 ATLAS Data

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High-energy physics relies heavily on the use of simulated data to inform the development of analysis techniques. It is thus paramount that the simulation reflect nature as closely as possible. However the simulation does not accurately predict conditions within the detector and the effects on the muon reconstruction and the quality of the fit between the inner detector tracks and muon spectrometer tracks which is represented in the χ^2_{match} . Instead the difference between simulation and data is quantified and taken into account. This process is known as calibration. In the case of the muon reconstruction method and the χ^2_{match} tagger it is important that the difference in efficiency between MC and data be accounted for. This is done by constructing a scale factor, defined in this case by:

$$\kappa_{\chi^2_{\text{match}}} = \frac{\epsilon_{\chi^2_{\text{match}}}^{\text{Data}}}{\epsilon_{\chi^2_{\text{match}}}^{\text{MC}}} \quad (6.1)$$

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One of the advantages of using the χ^2_{match} tagger over other forms of tagging is that the presence of a jet is not required to measure the χ^2_{match} of a muon. This means that the calibration can be performed on a isolated muons such as those from $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu\mu$ or $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$ using the so called tag and probe method. This calibration relies on muons with low p_T from J/ψ decays. As the χ^2_{match} is a characteristic of combined and therefore

575 reconstructed muons,

576 The tag and probe method used in this calibration is defined as follows. One recon-
 577 structed combined muon is designated as the Tag, this muon must pass a stringent set
 578 of cuts implying that this is indeed a muon from a J/ψ . The second muon which is des-
 579 ignated as the Probe is constructed from an inner detector (ID) only. To ensure that the
 580 Probe is the second muon from the J/ψ decay, the invariant mass of the combined tag
 581 and probe system is required to be within a mass window centered around the true J/ψ
 582 mass. The complete selection used in the calibration is detailed in Section 6.1. These
 583 Probes are then used to measure the reconstruction efficiency and the χ^2_{match} tagger
 584 efficiency as described in Sections 6.2 and 6.3.

585 The tag and probe method used here is based on a previous calibration of the χ^2_{match}
 586 tagger performed on 2011 ATLAS collision data outlined in This analysis differs from
 587 the 2011 calibration in several ways these will be highlighted and explained.

588 **6.0.1 Software, Collision Data and Simulated samples**

589 The tag and probe method used here was implemented using the ROOT analysis frame-
 590 work.

591 The calibration was performed on a dataset made of those luminosity blocks selected
 592 by the recommended standard Good Runs List (GRL) which corresponds to all pp col-
 593 lision periods in 2012. The GRL selects only those luminosity blocks where detector
 594 conditions are appropriate for physics data-taking. This includes all relevant detector
 595 components being operational and that stable beam conditions have been achieved. The
 596 datasets are part of the 2013 summer reprocessing (processing tag p1328) corresponding
 597 to data taken in periods A through to L, excluding periods F and J.

598 The efficiency scale factor is measured against a sample containing almost 10 million
 599 $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu\mu$ events. At event generation filters are applied so the sample only contains
 600 events where both muons have a transverse momentum of at least 4 GeV and they
 601 must lie within the pseudo-rapidity range $|\eta| < 2.5$. This selection matches the object
 602 selection used by most analyses as recommended by the Muon Combined Performance
 603 (MCP) group.

6.1 Tag and Probe Selection

A tag and probe method was chosen to measure the efficiency of muon reconstruction and the χ^2_{match} tagger. The tag and probe method allows for the measurement of the performance of selection criteria or algorithms by exploiting well known decays. By creating a sample of objects, in this case muons, on which to apply the aforementioned selection criteria, it is possible to study these algorithms.

The muon reconstruction algorithm examines various Inner Detector (ID) tracks and Muon Spectrometer (MS) tracks and makes a determination as to whether said track is produced by muon or not. To measure the performance of the muon reconstruction algorithm a sample of ID tracks which originate from the J/ψ decay and are thus very likely to be a real muon is constructed. This is done in the following way:

First, require the presence of a combined **STACO** muon which passes a very stringent selection. This strongly implies that this is a real muon and thus is labelled as the Tag. Additionally a very loose selection is applied to all ID tracks. These are known as candidate Probes. Pairs of tag and probes are then formed by requiring that the combined invariant mass lie within a J/ψ mass window and the pair pass additional pairing cuts. This then implies that the Probe is likely the other muon from the J/ψ decay and as such is a suitable test-bed to measure the performance of the muon reconstruction algorithm. Note that all selection criteria are detailed and explained in Section 6.1.2

After selecting a sample of probes the performance of the algorithm is estimated by measuring the proportion of probe candidates which are selected by the algorithm. In other words the performance is estimated by counting the number of muons which are reconstructed given that the ID track is very likely to be a real muon. Probes which are reconstructed into combined **STACO** muons are labelled as muon probes. The performance of the χ^2_{match} tagger is estimated in a similar manner, by measuring the proportion of combined muon probes which pass the SMT selection.

6.1.1 Trigger requirements

In order for an event to be included in the analysis it must pass at least one of the trigger chains listed in Appendix A. For the sake of brevity only the primary trigger (EF_mu6_Trk_Jpsi_loose) which contributes the majority of events is described here.

As stated in the trigger name this is an Event Filter trigger which requires the presence of a muon with a momentum of at least 6 GeV and an ID track whos combined invariant mass lies within a J/ψ mass window of $2.6 \text{ GeV} < m_{\text{inv}} < 3.6 \text{ GeV}$. This loose mass window contains the entirety of the J/ψ peak in all examined p_T and η ranges as well as additional side bands to allow for background removal. Note the omission of double muon triggers to avoid introducing a bias by specifically selecting events with two good muons.

Also note that while all triggers are operational in all periods, most are heavily prescaled and the prescale is period dependent. This does not have a first-order effect on the measurement since only ratios are compared between collision data and MC.

6.1.2 Selection Cuts

The selection criteria for tags, probes, muon probes and SMT muons are listed and detailed below. Note that all cuts are applied on the kinematic properties measured in the ID due to its improved resolution unless it is not possible as in the case of the χ_{DoF}^2 which is a combined MS and ID property. Also note that all objects must pass a selection criteria collectively refered to as MCP cuts. These are tracking quality cuts which require a certain number of detector elements be active to ensure good tracking. These cuts are listed in

The muon tag selection criteria are defined in the list below:

- MCP cuts
- STACO collection
- Combined muon
- $p_T > 4 \text{ GeV}$
- $|\eta| < 2.5$

- 659 • $|d_0| < 0.3$ mm and $|z_0| < 1.5$ mm
- 660 • $|d_0/\sigma_{d_0}| < 3$ and $|z_0/\sigma_{z_0}| < 3$
- 661 • Fired at least one of the relevant triggers (see Appendix A)

662 Included are cuts on the muon impact parameter (IP) d_0 and z_0 . These are defined
 663 as the distance of closest approach of the ID track to the primary interaction vertex in
 664 the transverse and longitudinal planes, respectively. Additionally cuts on the absolute
 665 values of IP significances are also implemented. The significance of the impact parameter
 666 is defined as d_0/σ_{d_0} where σ_{IP} is the standard deviation of the impact parameter. These
 667 cuts are designed to ensure that the muon selected originates near the primary vertex
 668 and thus from a prompt J/ψ from the primary collision. Note that non-prompt J/ψ can
 669 be produced in the decay of b hadrons. Finally note that the tag muon must match the
 670 trigger object which selected this event.

671 The probe selection is a subset of the tag selection and only requires an ID track
 672 with $|\eta| < 2.5$ and $p_T < 4$ GeV. The pairing cuts are shown below:

- 673 • $2 \text{ GeV} \leq m_{\text{inv}} \leq 4 \text{ GeV}$
- 674 • Probe charge is opposite the tag charge
- 675 • $0.4 < \Delta R(\text{tag}, \text{probe}) < 3.5$
- 676 • $\Delta z_0(\text{tag}, \text{probe}) < 0.2$ mm

677 The probe and the tag are required to be fairly well separated to avoid the momentum
 678 of the tag from entering the isolation cone of the probe. In the 2011 calibration analysis
 679 the track of the tag and the probe are refit to a common vertex and the quality of
 680 the refit, expressed by the χ^2 is a part of the pairing criteria. This criteria is present
 681 to reduce the effects of pile-up on the measurement, by ensuring both objects have a
 682 common origin. Since the data format used for this analysis is a derived form of that
 683 used in 2011 it is not possible to perform such a refit. Instead the difference between
 684 the z_0 of the tag and the probe is used.

685 The **STACO** reconstruction efficiency is not measured by applying the algorithm on
 686 the probe collection but rather a probe is said to be a muon probe if it matches a com-
 687 bined muon from the **STACO** collection. This is done by requiring the angular separation
 688 between the probe and the **STACO** muon be less than 0.001. Probes which are matched
 689 become the numerator of the reconstruction efficiency and the denominator is defined
 690 as the number of probes:

$$\epsilon = \frac{N_{\text{muon probe}}}{N_{\text{probe}}}$$

691 A muon probe is said to be an SMT muon if it passes the following selection, which
 692 matches the muon cuts defined in Chapter 5. Note in particular the main component
 693 of the soft muon tagger, the cut on $\chi^2_{\text{match}}/N_{\text{dof}} < 3.2$, the distribution of the χ^2_{DoF} is
 694 shown in Fig. 6.1

- 695 • $|d_0| < 3 \text{ mm}$
- 696 • $|z_0 \sin(\theta)| < 3$
- 697 • $\chi^2_{\text{match}}/N_{\text{dof}} < 3.2$

698 Those muon probes which pass the SMT selection are the numerator of the SMT
 699 efficiency and the denominator is defined as the number of muon probes:

$$\epsilon = \frac{N_{\text{SMT}}}{N_{\text{muon probe}}}$$

700 6.2 Invariant mass fitting

701 The pairing criteria are very effective at selecting J/ψ events, however non- J/ψ back-
 702 ground events are also pass the selection. These include combinatorial background
 703 where the wrong tag and probe pair is constructed and Drell-Yan which appears as a
 704 continuum below the J/ψ peak.

705 The number of probes is extracted from a fit to the invariant mass of the dimuon
 706 system using a composite function to accomodate for the background and the gaussian-
 707 like J/ψ peak.

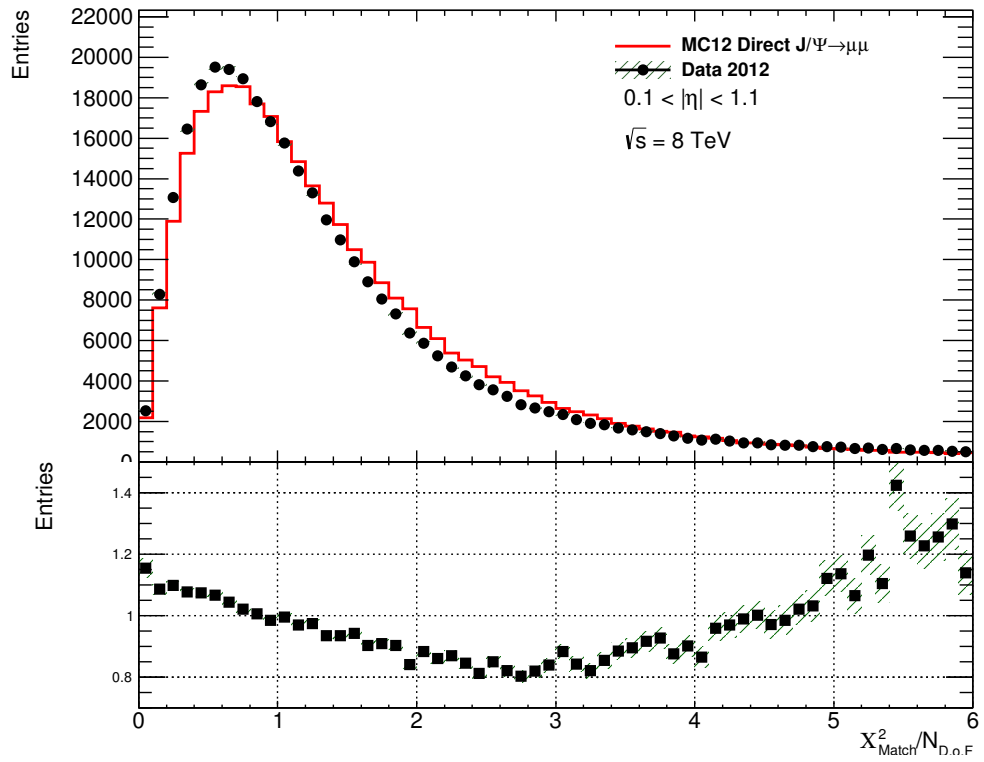


Figure 6.1: The distribution of $\chi^2_{\text{match}}/N_{\text{dof}}$ for all muon probes for ATLAS collision data and prompt J/ψ Monte Carlo simulation.

708 The invariant mass peak of the J/ψ is modelled by a gaussian distribution while the
 709 background distribution is modelled by a quadratic. The invariant mass distribution is
 710 fit by a sum of the two functions.

711 To avoid the first-order effects of signal mis-modelling from the fit of the J/ψ peak,
 712 the yield is obtained from the integral of the measured invariant mass distribution sub-
 713 tracting the background contribution from the integral of the fit to the background.
 714 The integration is performed in a window with a width based on the width of the fitted
 715 J/ψ peak. The integration window marked in Fig. 6.2 corresponds to three times the
 716 width of the peak or simply 3σ . Additionally note the composite fit line as well as the
 717 background-only distribution and the implied signal gaussian peak.

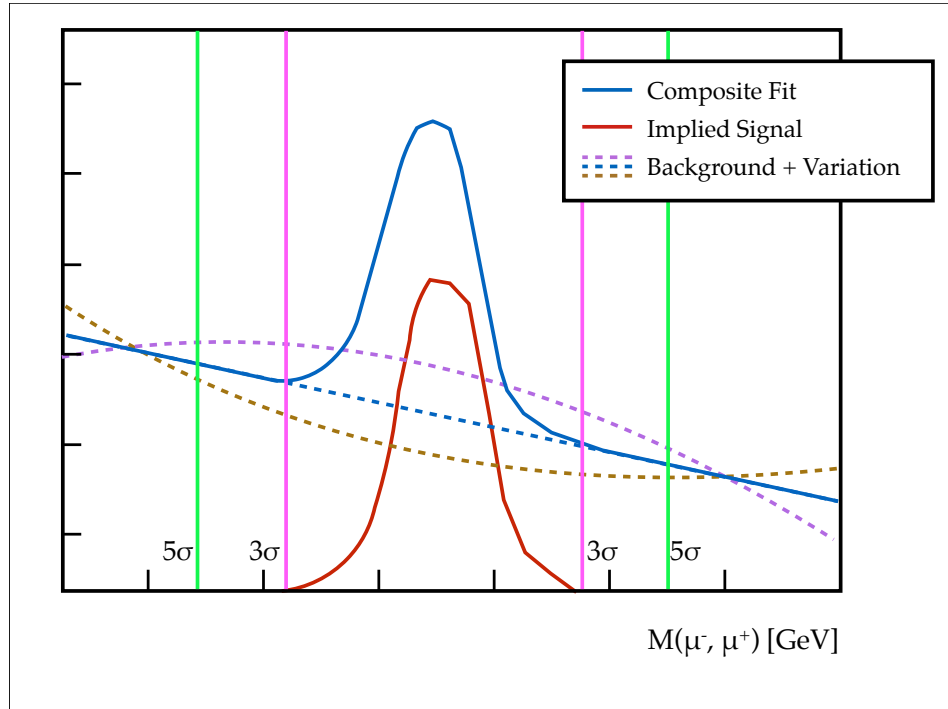


Figure 6.2: A diagram of the various components of the fit procedure. The composite fit is shown along with the corresponding implied signal and background. The two variations of the background shape are also shown.

718 6.2.1 Uncertainty Measurement

719 The uncertainty on the efficiency is made of three components. First, the statistical
 720 uncertainty on the efficiency is estimated as a Binomial error:

$$\delta\epsilon = \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon \times (1 - \epsilon)}{N}} \quad (6.2)$$

Where ϵ is the measured efficiency and N is, in this case the denominator of the efficiency measured.

Secondly, an uncertainty is associated with the fit to the background. This is done by taking the largest upward and downward fluctuations of the background by the uncertainty on the fit parameters of the background, and obtaining the maximum upward and downward effects on the efficiency. After the fit of the composite function is carried out, a downward variation of the background is defined as:

$$f(x) = a_{\min}x^2 + b_{\max}x + c_{\min}, \text{ where } p_{\max/\min} = p_{\text{central}} \pm \sigma_p \quad (6.3)$$

Here the maximum and minimum of a parameter is obtained by varying the central value by the uncertainty obtained from the fit. The upward variation of the background fit is thus the opposite, defined as:

$$f(x) = a_{\max}x^2 + b_{\min}x + c_{\max} \quad (6.4)$$

These background variation then result in the maximum deviation from the nominal integral. Again Fig. 6.2 shows these two variations¹. The uncertainty on the efficiency is then determined by obtaining the maximum efficiency in both directions. If the nominal efficiency is defined as:

$$\epsilon_{\text{nominal}} = \frac{N_{\text{numerator}}}{N_{\text{denominator}}} \quad (6.5)$$

Then the variations are defined as follows:

$$\epsilon_{\text{up}} = \frac{N_{\text{numerator}}^{\text{down}}}{N_{\text{denominator}}^{\text{nominal}}}, \quad \epsilon_{\text{down}} = \frac{N_{\text{numerator}}^{\text{nominal}}}{N_{\text{denominator}}^{\text{up}}} \quad (6.6)$$

Finally the uncertainty on the background is given by adding the differences between ϵ_{up} and ϵ_{down} and the nominal efficiency, in quadrature:

¹The variation shown in the diagram is very exaggerated and meant for illustration purposes

$$\sigma_{\text{bkg}} = \sqrt{|\epsilon_{\text{up}} - \epsilon|^2 + |\epsilon_{\text{down}} - \epsilon|^2} \quad (6.7)$$

738 The final component of the uncertainty is constructed by varying the integration
 739 window. The nominal value is defined as 3σ away from the center of the fitted gaussian,
 740 where again σ is the FWHM of the same fitted gaussian. An uncertainty is constructed
 741 by measuring the efficiency with a wide integration window corresponding to 5σ . The
 742 integration window uncertainty is defined as:

$$\sigma_{\text{window}} = |\epsilon_{5\sigma} - \epsilon_{3\sigma}| \quad (6.8)$$

743 Finally, the total uncertainty on the efficiency is given by the sum in quadrature of
 744 the all uncertainty components. The uncertainty on the efficiency is then carried over
 745 to the scale factor determination.

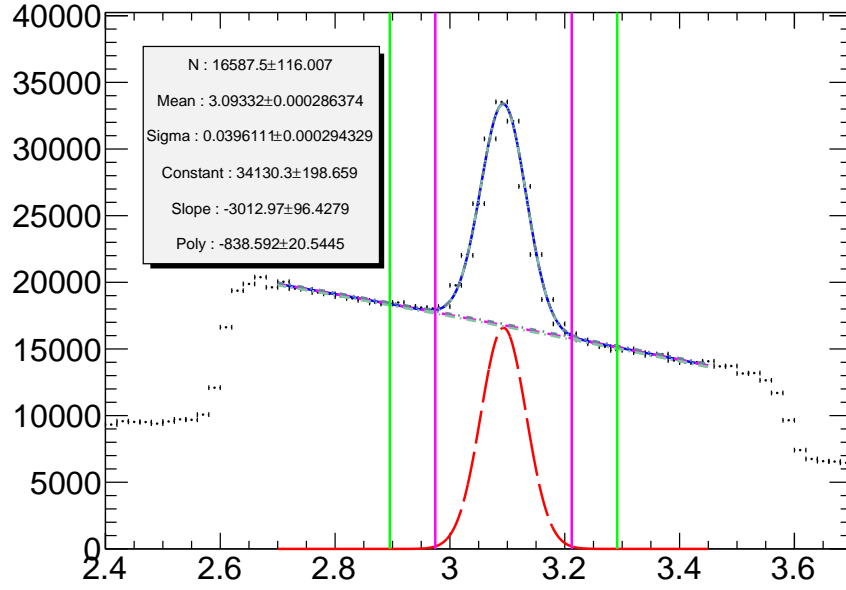
746 An example of the fitting procedure applied is shown in Fig. 6.3 for both tag and
 747 probes at probe level and at muon probe level. Note that as expected the muon probe
 748 contains far less background.

749 6.3 Efficiencies

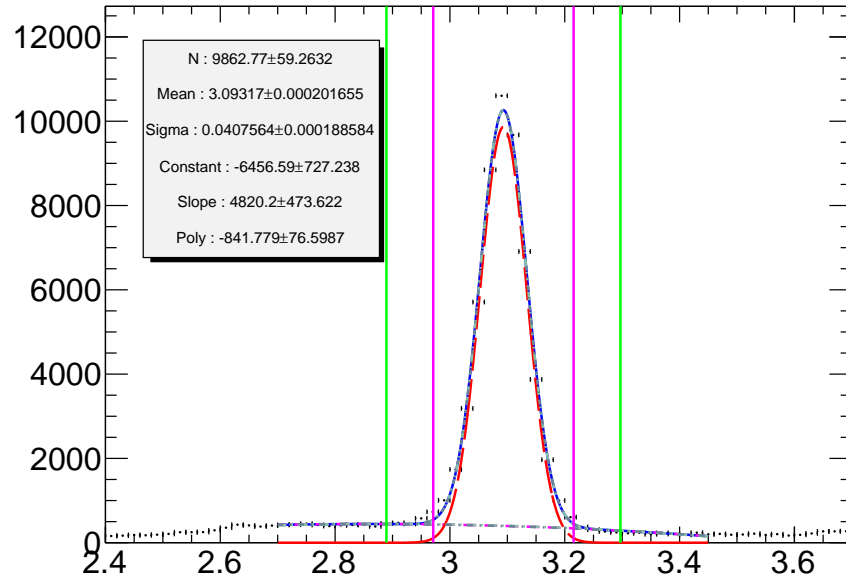
750 The efficiency is monitored as a function of a variety of kinematic variables, including
 751 isolation variables, transverse momentum and angular position of the probe.

752 6.3.1 Isolation dependence

753 The muons from J/ψ used in this calibration are produced in isolation, there is very little
 754 energetic activity surrounding them in the detector. In contrast muons from semileptonic
 755 decay of b -quarks in $t\bar{t}$ events are produced amongst the numerous components of the
 756 b -jets. Thus it is important to ensure that the performance of the χ^2_{match} tagger is not
 757 affected by the isolation of the muon for a calibration on J/ψ events to be applicable.
 758 In this calibration as, in the 2011 analysis nine isolation variables are considered. The
 759 so-called etcone20, 30 and 40 correspond to the transverse energy surrounding the muon
 760 in a cone of size $\Delta R = 0.2, 0.3, 0.4$ respectively. Additionally ptcone20, 30 and 40



(a) Probe level



(b) Muon probe level

Figure 6.3: Invariant mass distributions of tag and probe pairs at a) probe level and at b) muon probe level in collision data. Note the various components of the fit as well as the variations on the background fits and the 3σ and 5σ integration windows used for systematics. Note the fit parameters and their respective uncertainties

and nucone20, 30, 40 correspond to the sum of transverse momentum and the number of tracks surrounding the muon, respectively. All nine isolation variables exclude the muon itself in a cone of size 0.1 and include various corrections for known energy losses, momentum leakages between adjacent clusters in the detector and the effects of pile-up.

As in the 2011 analysis there appears to be no dependence of the scale factor on any of the isolation variables examined as can be seen from Figures 6.4, 6.5 and 6.6.

The dependence on each isolation variable is measured in a range dictated by the available statistics. Given the isolated nature of muons in J/ψ events limits the number of muons available at higher pt/et/nucone values.

6.3.2 2011 Calibration

6.3.3 Efficiency Binning

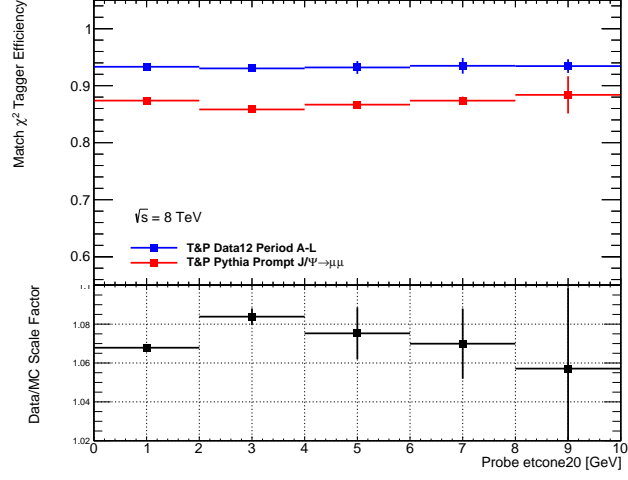
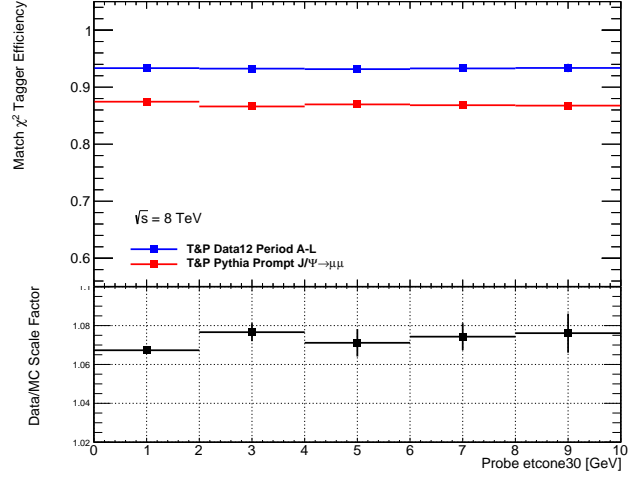
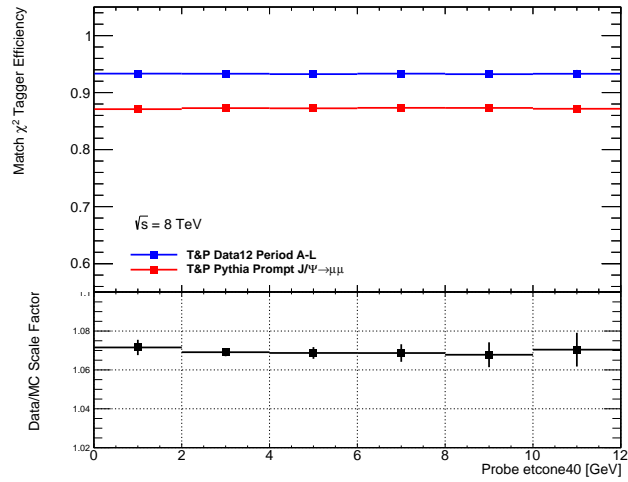
The efficiencies are measured with respect to pseudorapidity and across the $|\eta|$ range of the ATLAS detector in regions defined in Table 6.1. Note that the η regions are labeled as A and C to denote the positive and negative η sections of the detector. The binning in other variables is determined by the amount of statistics available to allow for the fitting procedure to produce good and stable results. The binning in p_T was chosen as: 4-5, 5-6, 6-7, 7-8, 8-10, 10-12, 12-14, 14-16 and 16-20 GeV.

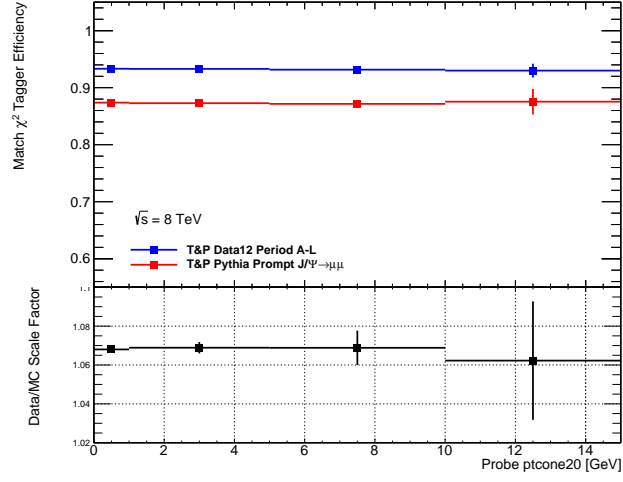
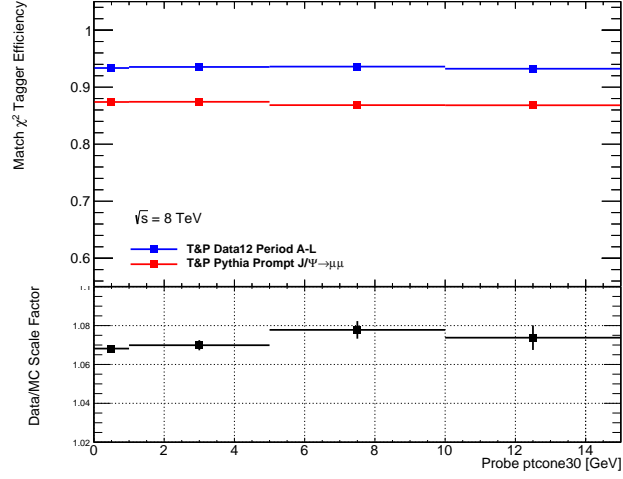
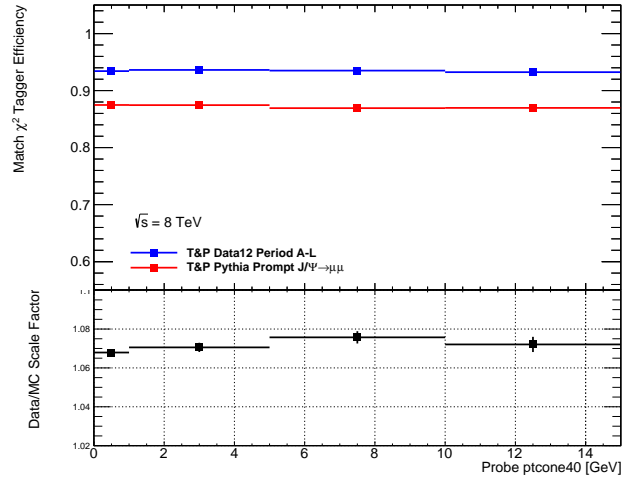
Table 6.1: Pseudorapidity regions of the ATLAS detector

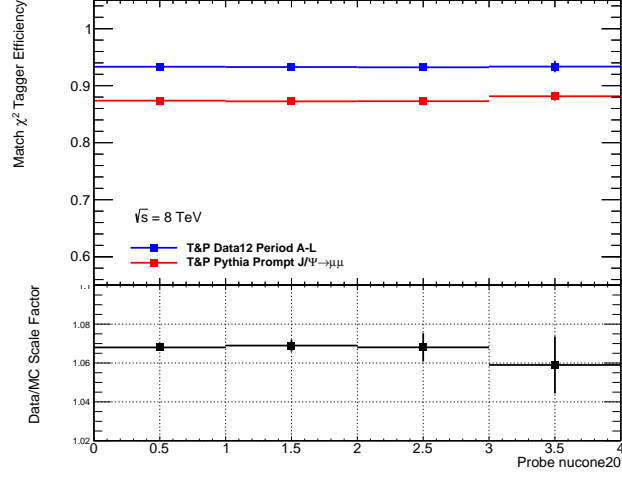
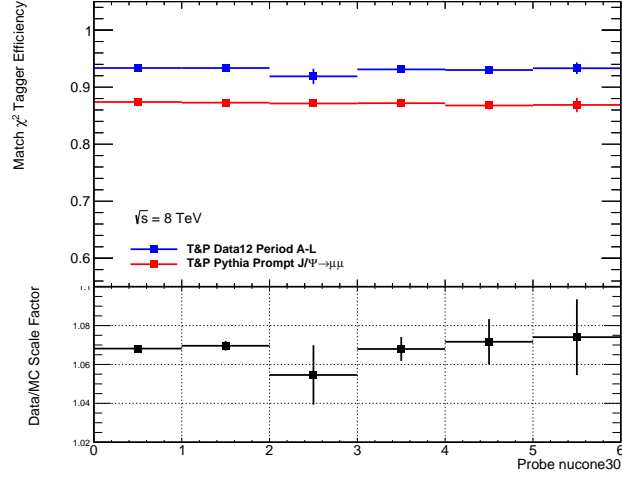
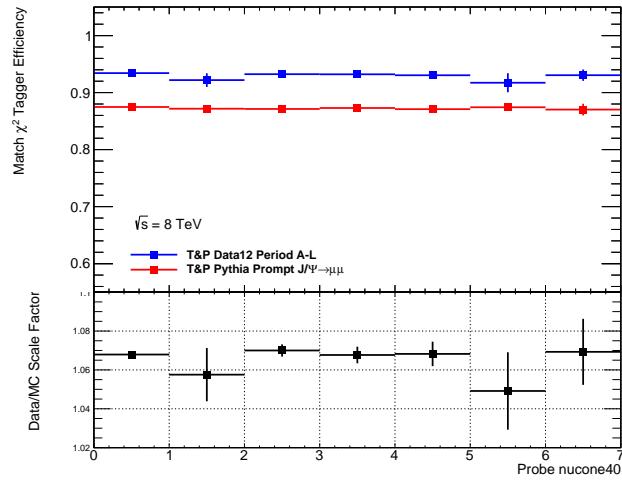
$ \eta $ range	Name
$0.0 < \eta < 0.1$	Crack
$0.1 < \eta < 1.1$	Barrel
$1.1 < \eta < 1.3$	Transition
$1.3 < \eta < 2.0$	Endcap
$2.0 < \eta < 2.5$	Forward

6.3.4 Results

The efficiency is presented as a function of η , ϕ and p_T . Figure 6.7 shows the χ^2_{match} efficiency with respect to the spatial variables of the probe. Note that as with the 2011 analysis the efficiency exhibits no dependence on ϕ and an asymmetric dependence on η particularly in the Forward regions of the detector. Note that as expected there is a

(a) $\sum E_T$ in cone $\Delta R = 0.2$ (b) $\sum E_T$ in cone $\Delta R = 0.3$ (c) $\sum E_T$ in cone $\Delta R = 0.4$ Figure 6.4: χ^2_{DoF} efficiencies and scale factor with respect to $\sum E_T$.

(a) $\sum p_T$ in cone $\Delta R = 0.2$ (b) $\sum p_T$ in cone $\Delta R = 0.3$ (c) $\sum p_T$ in cone $\Delta R = 0.4$ Figure 6.5: χ^2_{Dof} efficiencies and scale factor with respect to $\sum p_T$.

(a) N_{trk} in cone $\Delta R = 0.2$ (b) N_{trk} in cone $\Delta R = 0.3$ (c) N_{trk} in cone $\Delta R = 0.4$ Figure 6.6: χ^2_{DoF} efficiencies and scale factor with respect various isolation variables.

strong dependence on the transverse momentum of the muon probe as shown in Fig.6.8.
 As in the 2011 analysis it was decided to bin the scale factor as a function of η and p_T .
 The scale factors and efficiencies are presented in the next pages. The scale factors and
 their uncertainties are summarized in Table

Table 6.2: Data/MC Scale Factors for 2012 Data in all five regions of the detector as a function of p_T . The uncertainties include systematic and statistical components as described in Section 6.2.1

Side A (Positive η)					
p_T range	Crack A	Barrel A	Transition A	Endcap A	Forward A
4-5 GeV	1.051 ± 0.016	1.053 ± 0.005	1.046 ± 0.019	1.061 ± 0.011	1.090 ± 0.018
5-6 GeV	1.050 ± 0.007	1.058 ± 0.004	1.057 ± 0.019	1.062 ± 0.011	1.103 ± 0.020
6-7 GeV	1.068 ± 0.008	1.065 ± 0.003	1.070 ± 0.015	1.065 ± 0.008	1.134 ± 0.019
7-8 GeV	1.061 ± 0.018	1.063 ± 0.006	1.064 ± 0.017	1.061 ± 0.010	1.140 ± 0.024
8-10 GeV	1.061 ± 0.014	1.063 ± 0.007	1.068 ± 0.016	1.052 ± 0.014	1.167 ± 0.023
10-12 GeV	1.060 ± 0.042	1.070 ± 0.006	1.064 ± 0.026	1.058 ± 0.016	1.175 ± 0.038
12-14 GeV	1.061 ± 0.050	1.064 ± 0.010	1.067 ± 0.037	1.057 ± 0.021	1.190 ± 0.057
14-16 GeV	1.062 ± 0.087	1.068 ± 0.015	1.078 ± 0.054	1.067 ± 0.031	1.218 ± 0.064
16-20 GeV	1.062 ± 0.087	1.068 ± 0.015	1.078 ± 0.054	1.067 ± 0.031	1.218 ± 0.064

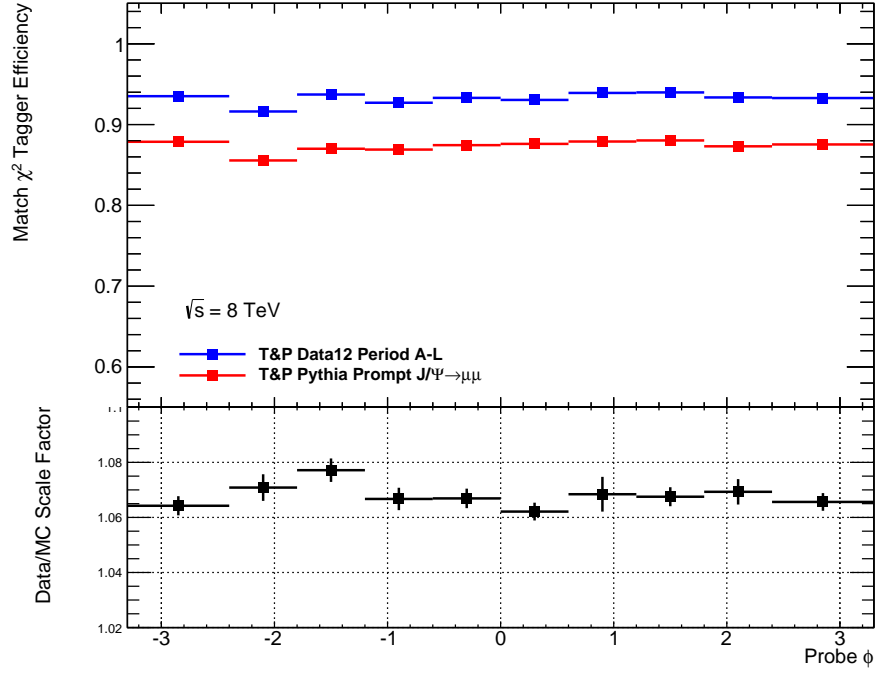
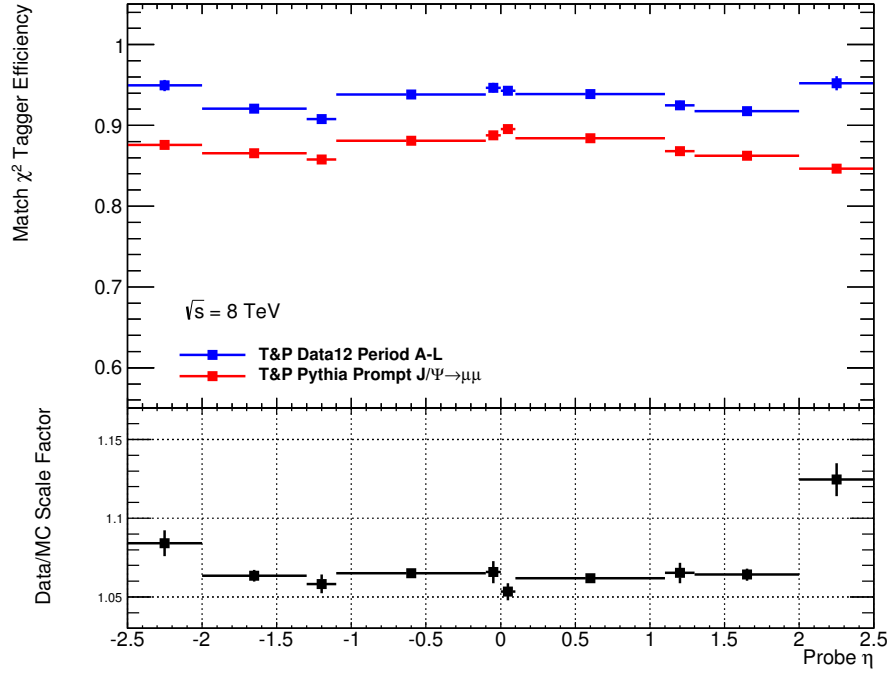
(a) For the positive η regions

Side C (Negative η)					
p_T range	Crack	Barrel	Transition	Endcap	Forward
4-5 GeV	1.044 ± 0.016	1.055 ± 0.005	1.054 ± 0.017	1.056 ± 0.009	1.068 ± 0.018
5-6 GeV	1.069 ± 0.013	1.057 ± 0.004	1.050 ± 0.016	1.062 ± 0.010	1.084 ± 0.020
6-7 GeV	1.080 ± 0.016	1.068 ± 0.004	1.065 ± 0.008	1.066 ± 0.008	1.089 ± 0.018
7-8 GeV	1.064 ± 0.021	1.068 ± 0.004	1.063 ± 0.016	1.066 ± 0.010	1.095 ± 0.022
8-10 GeV	1.071 ± 0.015	1.067 ± 0.005	1.045 ± 0.015	1.061 ± 0.009	1.107 ± 0.022
10-12 GeV	1.084 ± 0.030	1.073 ± 0.007	1.085 ± 0.022	1.061 ± 0.015	1.113 ± 0.036
12-14 GeV	1.098 ± 0.067	1.069 ± 0.010	1.059 ± 0.031	1.040 ± 0.024	1.108 ± 0.055
14-16 GeV	1.063 ± 0.101	1.073 ± 0.015	1.076 ± 0.046	1.061 ± 0.030	1.099 ± 0.057
16-20 GeV	1.073 ± 0.149	1.088 ± 0.006	1.099 ± 0.028	1.054 ± 0.012	1.117 ± 0.043

(b) For the negative η region

Dependence on d_0

The dependence on the impact parameter d_0 was examined and no direct dependence is observed. From Fig. 6.14 the scale factor shows no structure with respect to d_0 when binned in p_T . Since the scale factors are already binned in η and p_T the correlation of d_0 and p_T is already taken into account.

(a) χ^2_{match} efficiency and scale factor as a function ϕ of the probe muon(b) χ^2_{match} efficiency and scale factor as a function η of the probe muonFigure 6.7: χ^2_{match} efficiencies and scale factor with respect to the (a) ϕ and (b) η

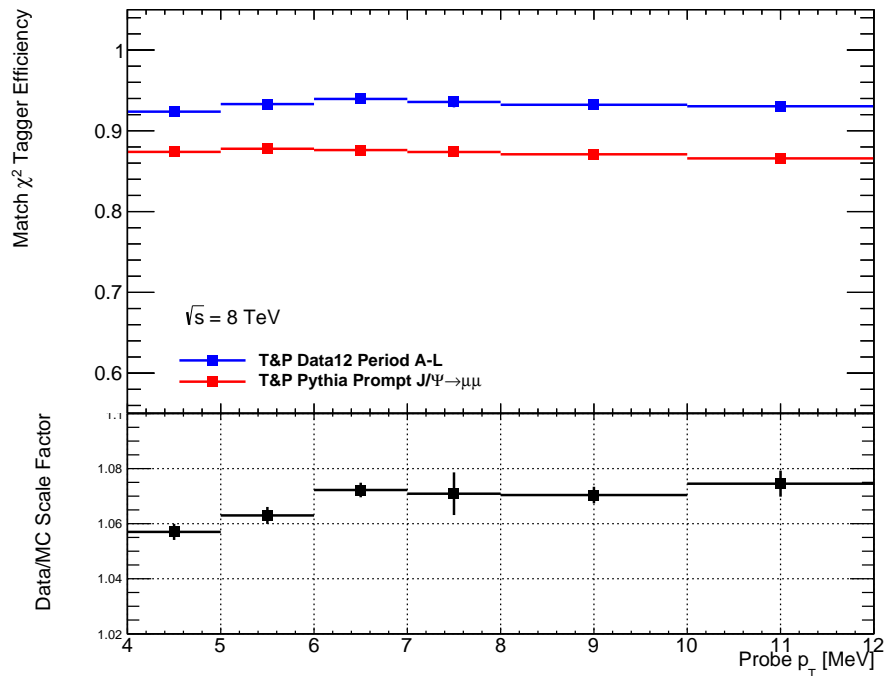
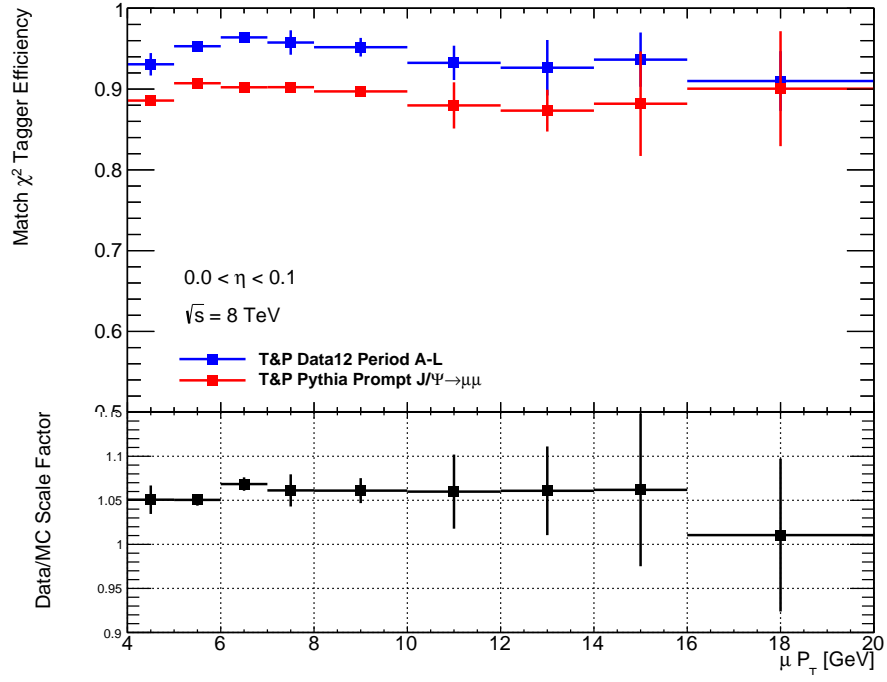
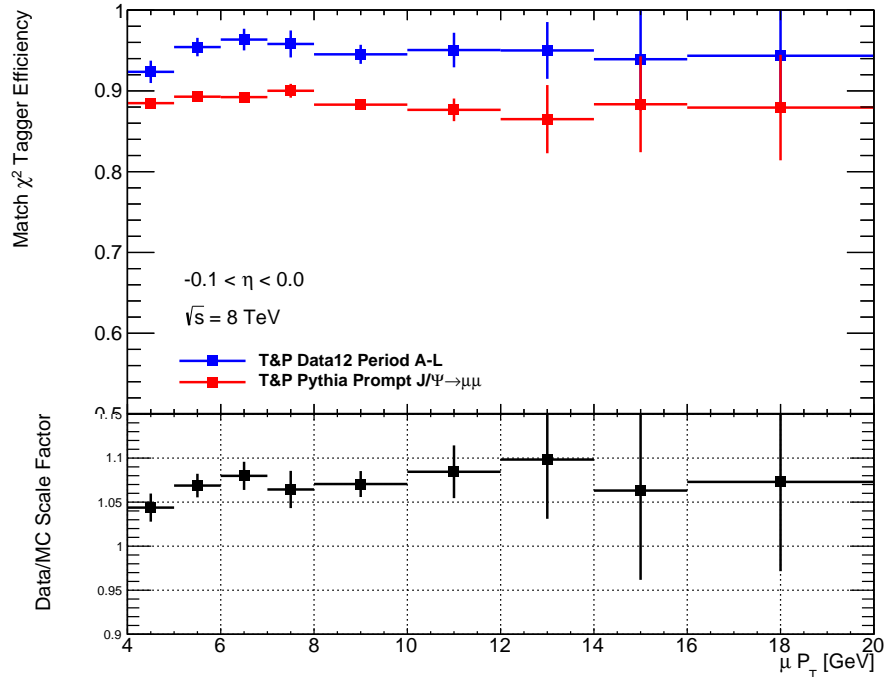


Figure 6.8: χ^2_{match} efficiencies and scale factor with respect to the transverse momentum of the muon probe

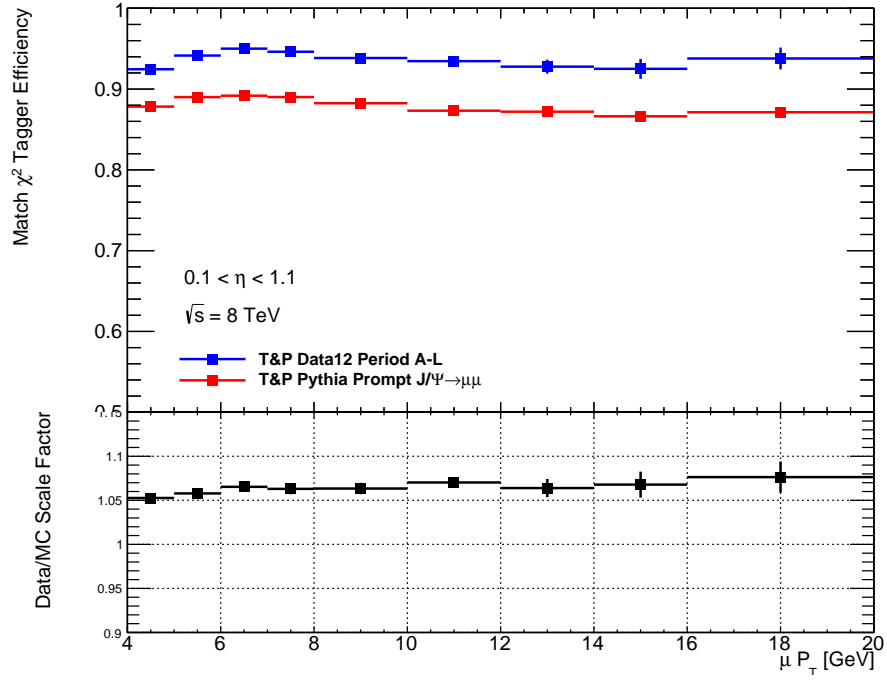


(a) Crack A Region

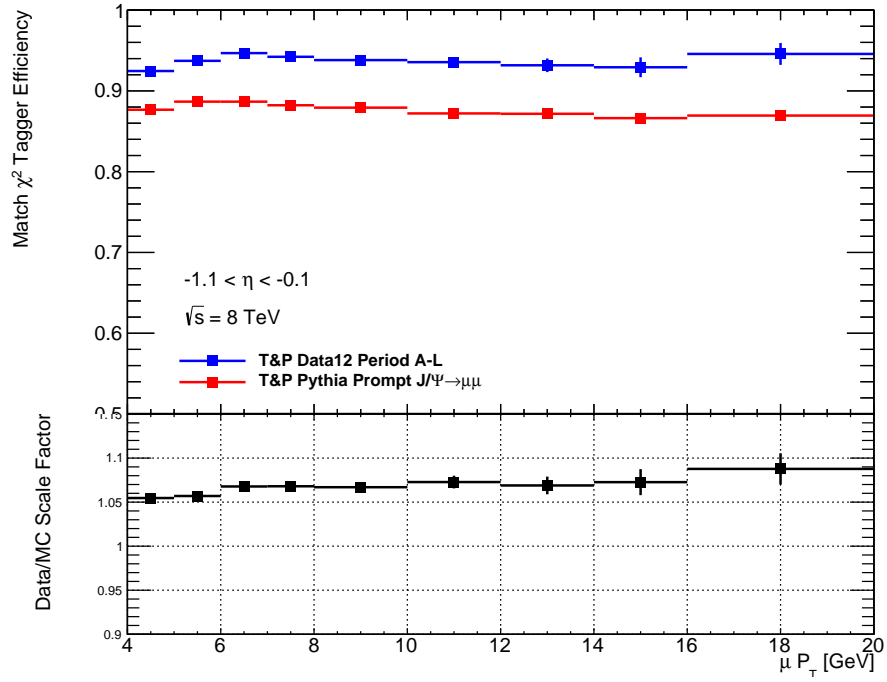


(b) Crack C Region

Figure 6.9: χ^2_{match} efficiencies and scale factors in the crack region of the detector for side (a) A and (b) C

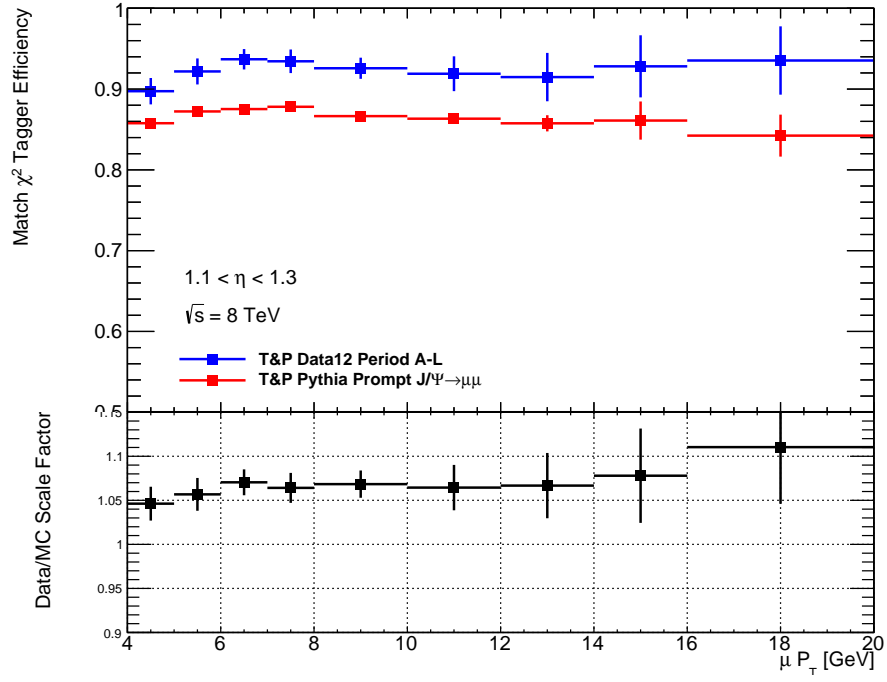


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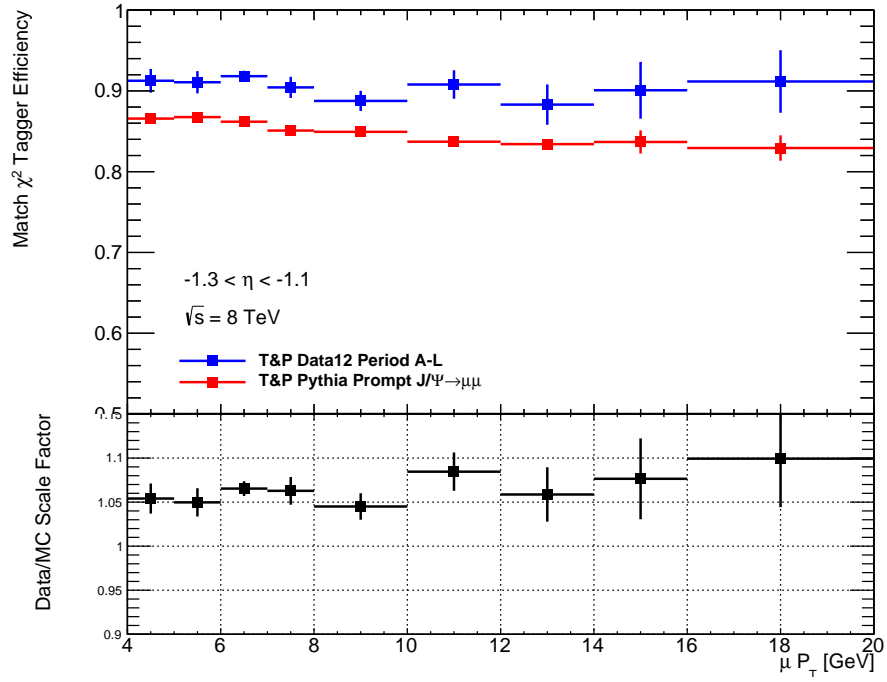


(b) Barrel C Region

Figure 6.10: χ^2_{match} efficiencies and scale factors in the barrel region of the detector for side (a) A and (b) C

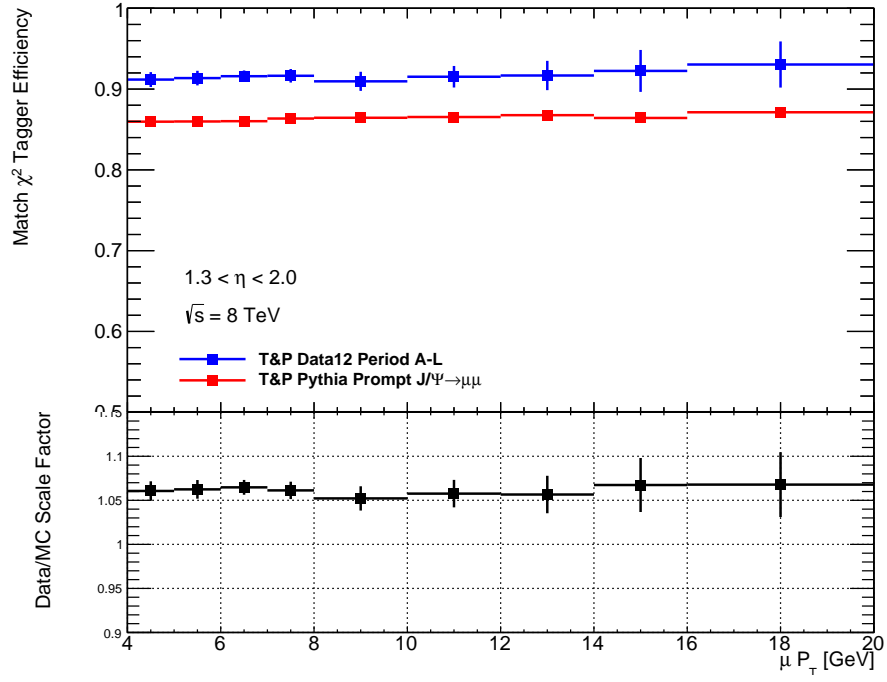


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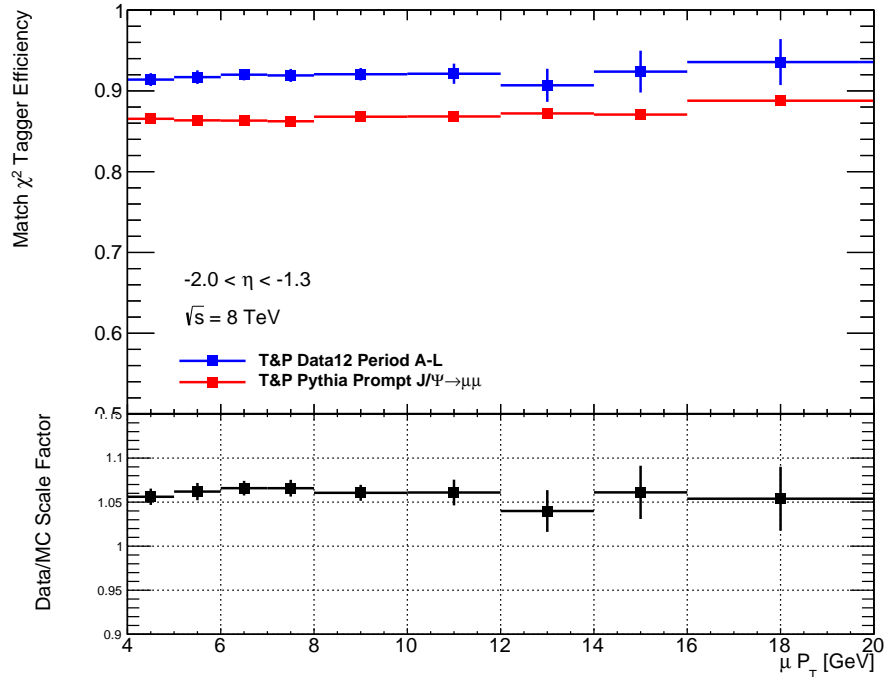


(b) Transition C Region

Figure 6.11: χ^2_{match} efficiencies and scale factors in the transition region of the detector for side (a) A and (b) C

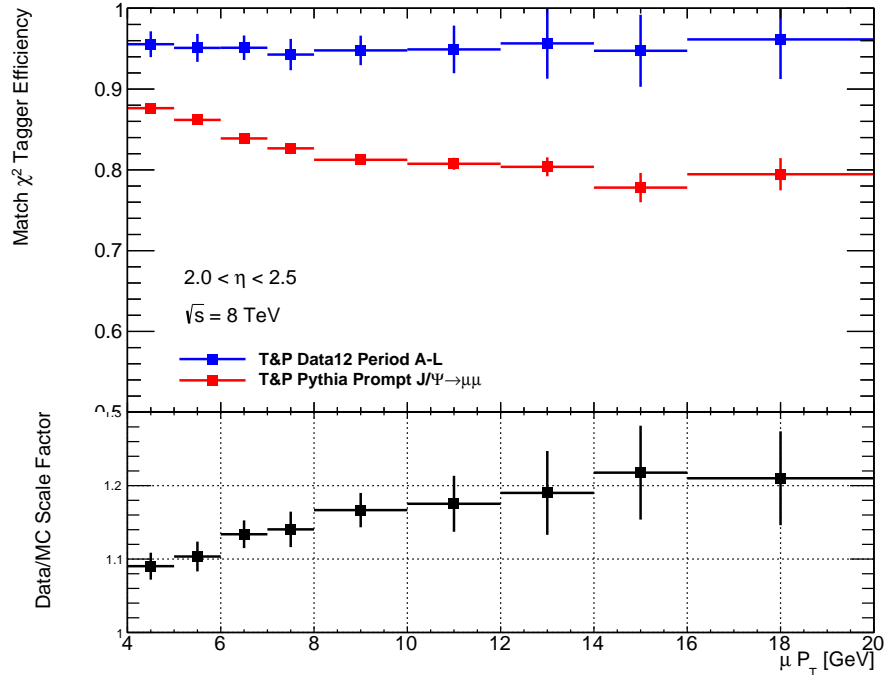


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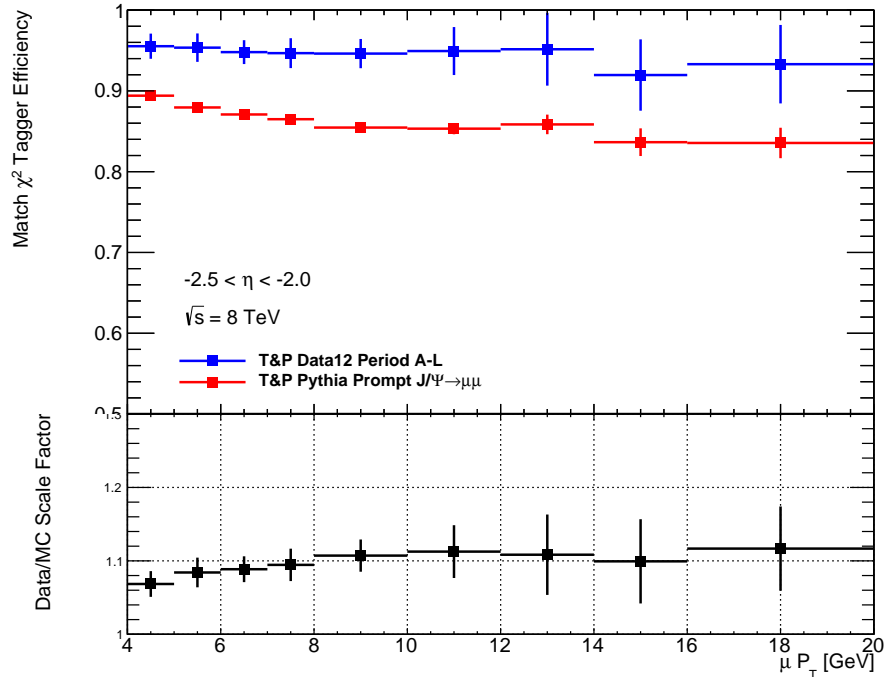


(b) Endcap C Region

Figure 6.12: χ^2_{match} efficiencies and scale factors in the endcap region of the detector for side (a) A and (b) C



(a) Forward A Region



(b) Forward C Region

Figure 6.13: χ^2_{match} efficiencies and scale factors in the forward region of the detector for side (a) A and (b) C

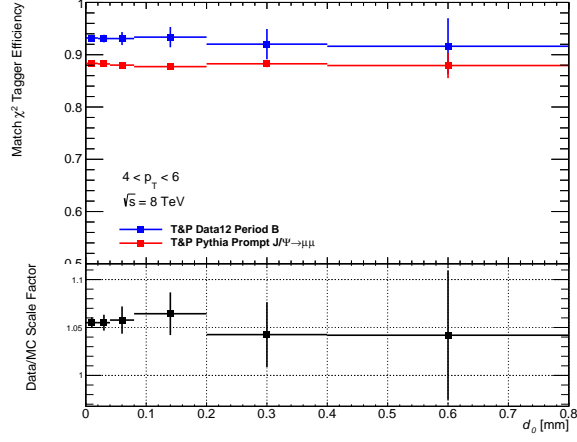
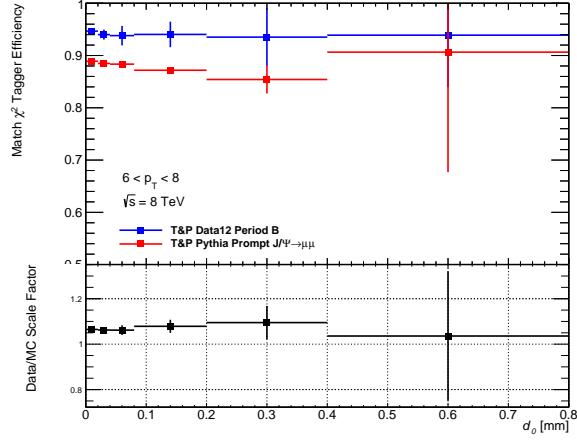
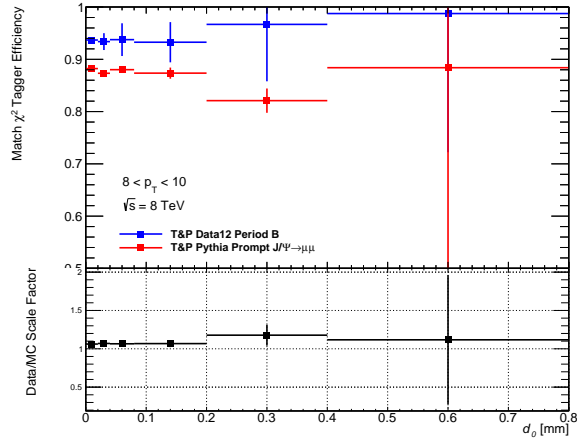
(a) $4 \text{ GeV} < p_T < 6 \text{ GeV}$ (b) $6 \text{ GeV} < p_T < 8 \text{ GeV}$ (c) $8 \text{ GeV} < p_T < 10 \text{ GeV}$

Figure 6.14: χ^2_{match} efficiencies and scale factor with respect to impact parameter d_0 for muon probes with p_T in the range (a) 4-6 GeV, (b) 6-8 GeV and (c) 8-10 GeV. The measurement was carried out only on Period B of 2012 ATLAS collision data.

792 Chapter 7

793 Measurement of the $t\bar{t}$ 794 cross-section in the single-lepton 795 channel using SMT

796 This section will discuss the measurement of the $t\bar{t}$ cross-section in the single-lepton
797 channel with an emphasis on the electron multijet background estimation conducted.

798 7.1 Data and Monte Carlo samples

799 This section will

800 7.2 Object selection and event selection

801 7.3 Re-weighting of the b-quark to muon transition BR

802 7.4 Data-driven background selection

803 7.5 Systematics uncertainties

804 7.6 Results and conclusion

Chapter 8

Muon Tagging in a boosted $t\bar{t}$ environment

The large center-of-mass energies at which collisions occur at the LHC allows for the production of very high mass particles. Several Beyond the SM (BSM) theories predict the existence of high mass particles which decay primarily top quark pairs. An example of hypothetical model which predict high mass $t\bar{t}$ resonances is the topcolor assisted technicolor model (TC2), which predicts the existence of a leptophobic Z' boson. The resultant top quark pair provides a well understood probe to search for such hypothetical particles.

The Z' could potentially have a mass on the order of several TeV. As a result their decay product would be produced in the detector with very large momentum. These top quarks are said to be boosted. In terms of the subsequent top decay, the resultant bottom quark and W boson are expected to emerge in a collimated cone. The events thus appear as two large back-to-back jets. If the W decays leptonically, the W lepton is expected to lie very close to or within the b -jet. If the W decays hadronically all three jets will appear to merge into a single 'fat' jet.

In this chapter the results of a feasibility study conducted to determine the viability of using the χ_{match}^2 tagger to tag W muons from boosted top-quark decays is presented and discussed. Note that this is in contrast to the cross-section analysis detailed in a previous chapter where the muon tagged came from the semileptonic decay of b -quarks.

826 The boost is expected to be related to the mass of the Z' produced, so a higher mass Z'
 827 would decay into more collimated jets. The environment that results is thus very similar
 828 to that of a semileptonic b -decay, a muon buried inside of a b -jet.

829 No evidence for such a resonance has been observed and limits have been placed on
 830 the production rate of these resonance for various benchmark models. A leptophobic
 831 topcolor Z' of mass less than 1.74 TeV has been excluded using 4.7 fb^{-1} of pp collision
 832 data collected by ATLAS with a center-of-mass energy $\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$ [19]. Additionally a
 833 more recent analysis using 14.3 fb^{-1} of $\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$ data collected at ATLAS excluded
 834 a Z' with a mass less than 1.8 TeV at 95% confidence level [20]. The analysis detailed
 835 here is based on the 7 TeV analysis. Similar analyses performed with data collected by
 836 CMS have excluded Z' candidates for similar benchmark models [21–23].

837 The performance of SMT is compared to the contemporary method for selecting
 838 muons known as mini-isolation. In addition a short performance study to determine the
 839 viability of using SMT to tag b -jets in boosted top events is also presented. Firstly, a
 840 short examination of the topology of a boosted event is presented.

841 8.1 Boosted event topology

842 In order to perform an effective feasibility study, it is important to understand the
 843 signature left by boosted events in the detector. There are certain expectations regarding
 844 the momentum distribution of the various product particles from the decay of the top
 845 as well as their angular separation. As with the cross-section analysis presented in
 846 Chapter 7, this study focuses on the semileptonic decays of top quark pairs

847 It is expected for events where the momentum of the top quarks higher to exhibit
 848 stronger collimation between the W muon and the b -quark. This results in a situation
 849 very similar to that exploited for muon tagging in Section 7 where a muon from the
 850 semileptonic decay of a b -quark emerges from within the b -jet. Fig. 8.1 illustrates the
 851 similarity of both scenarios. It is thus possible to use the χ_{match}^2 -tagger¹ to tag W muons
 852 in boosted events. As the tagger is designed to work in energetically "busy" sectors of
 853 the detector, it is ideally suited to probe highly boosted events where the decay products

¹As signal muons are very hard, the tagger is now referred to as the χ_{match}^2 tagger not soft muon tagger to reflect this difference

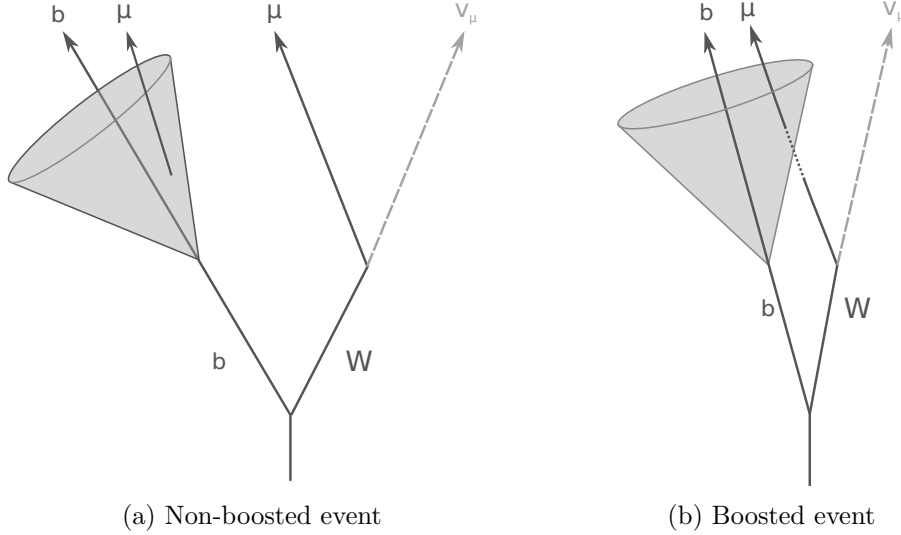


Figure 8.1: This figure shows a simple diagram for the possible configuration of final-state objects in a (a) boosted and (b) non-boosted events. Note that in both cases a muon is embedded within the b -jet

are collimated.

As can be seen from Fig. 8.2 the increase in boost does result in the W muon and b -quark emerging closer. Note that the fraction of events below the SMT requirement of $\Delta R(\mu, jet) < 0.5$ increases with increased top-quark p_T . Additionally Fig. 8.3 shows that the top p_T distribution peaks at just below half of the mass of the Z' boson, thus the large portion of the candidate muons in the sample will pass the aforementioned separation requirement. The decay products of the top quark appear to emerge primarily back to back as seen in Fig. 8.4.

8.2 Samples and muon selection

This measurement is based on simulated data generated for a Z' with a mass of 1.0, 1.3, 1.6, 2.0, 2.5 and 3.0 TeV. All Monte Carlo (MC) samples were generated using PYTHIA with CTEQ6LI PDFs. The width of the generated Z' is 3% of the mass.

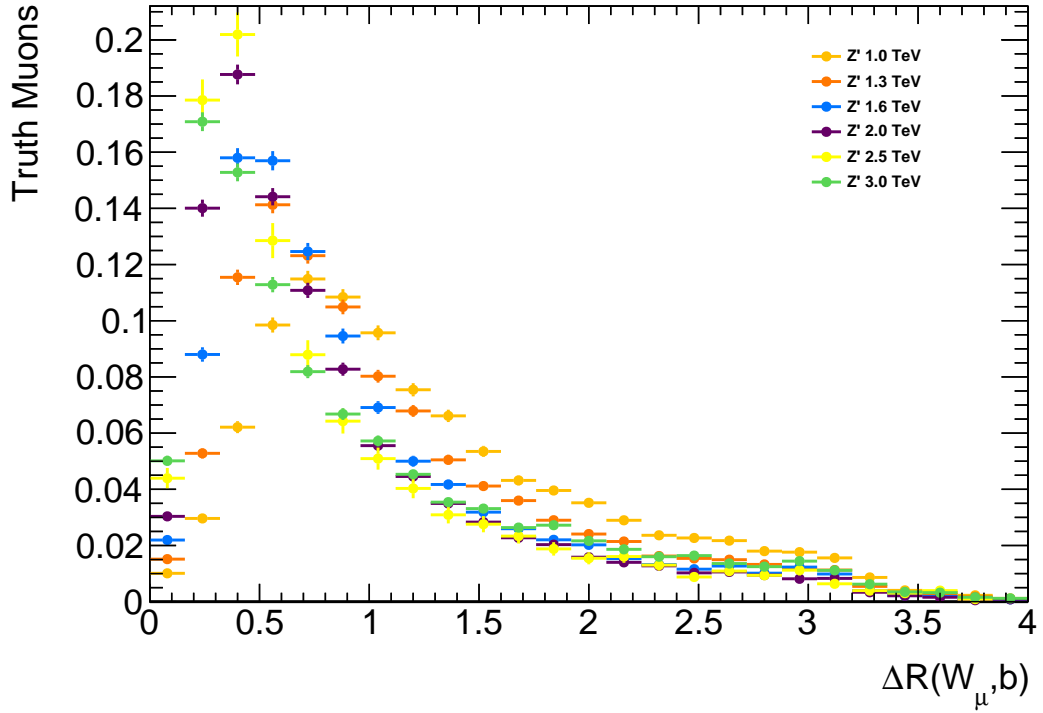


Figure 8.2: The angular separation (ΔR) between the truth W muon and the corresponding b -quark for all examined Z' mass points.

8.3 Signal muon selection

8.3.1 Muon selection

The nominal muon object selection includes an isolation requirement, which normally removes events where the signal lepton is found in a region of the calorimeter with large amounts of activity. Cutting on the amount of energy deposited in the calorimeter around the lepton is an example of one such requirement. Such a cut forms part of the object selection used in the top cross-section measurement described in Part 6.

However, as described a priori, boosted top events result in large collimated jets which include the products of the two top quarks. Thus the signal lepton can emerge within the cone of the reconstructed jet from the b -quark.

Note that the muon is not required to be isolated, instead the muon is tagged by the χ^2_{match} tagger. Selecting isolated muons would reduce significantly the number of muons available for tagging. Additionally, as explained a priori, events which exhibit stronger

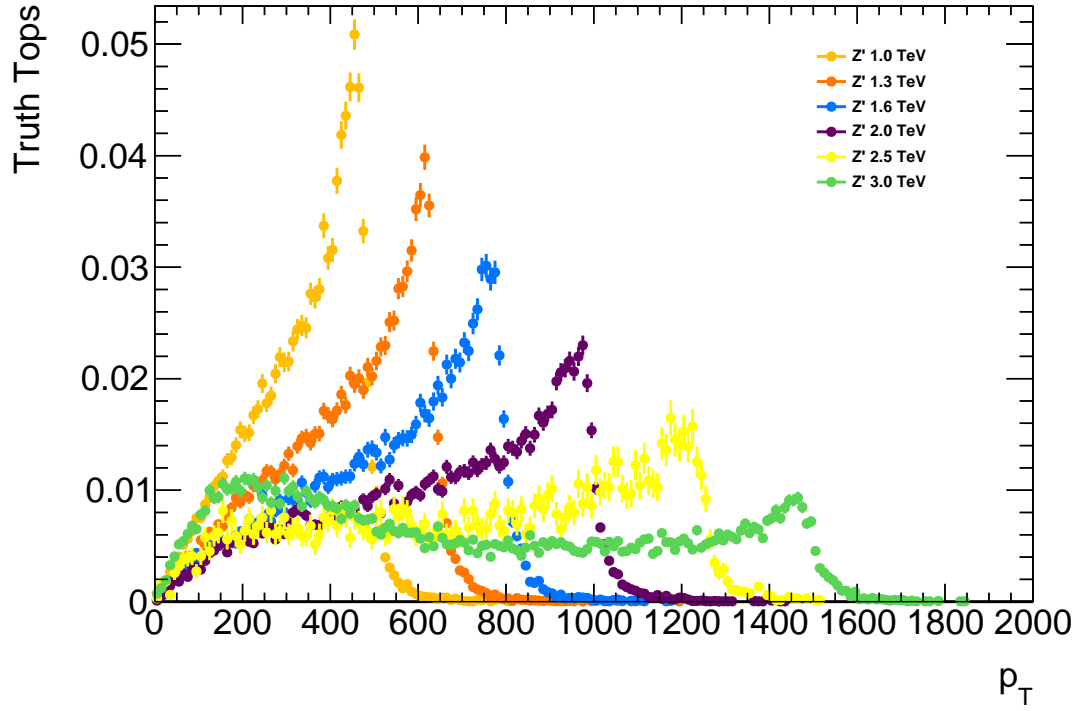


Figure 8.3: The transverse momentum of the top/anti-top quarks in the event for all examined Z' mass points.

879 collimation are more likely to emerge from particles with higher masses. By requesting
 880 the muons be isolated, the ability to probe those higher mass events is diminished.

881 Another candidate to replace the traditional isolation selection is the so-called mini-
 882 isolation. This variable takes into account the strong collimation of the top products
 883 with increasing boost. Mini-isolation is defined as the sum of the measured transverse
 884 momenta of all tracks in a cone of size $\Delta R = k_T/p_T^\ell$ around the lepton, where
 885 k_T is an adjustable scale and p_T^ℓ is the momentum of the lepton in question. This is
 886 known as the absolute mini-isolation. This study uses the relative mini-isolation where
 887 the absolute value is scaled by the momentum of the lepton (MI/p_T^ℓ).

888 In this analysis the performance of the χ_{match}^2 tagger is measured against mini-
 889 isolation using a $k_T = 10$ and a lepton is deemed isolated if the p_T in the MI cone
 890 is less than 5% that of the lepton. The Muon Tagger operates with the same selection
 891 as used in Part 6, the cuts are $|z_0| < 3.0$ mm, $|d_0| < 3.0$ mm and finally $\chi_{\text{DoF}}^2 < 3.2$.

892 Thus two separate selections are applied, one for mini-isolation and one for SMT.

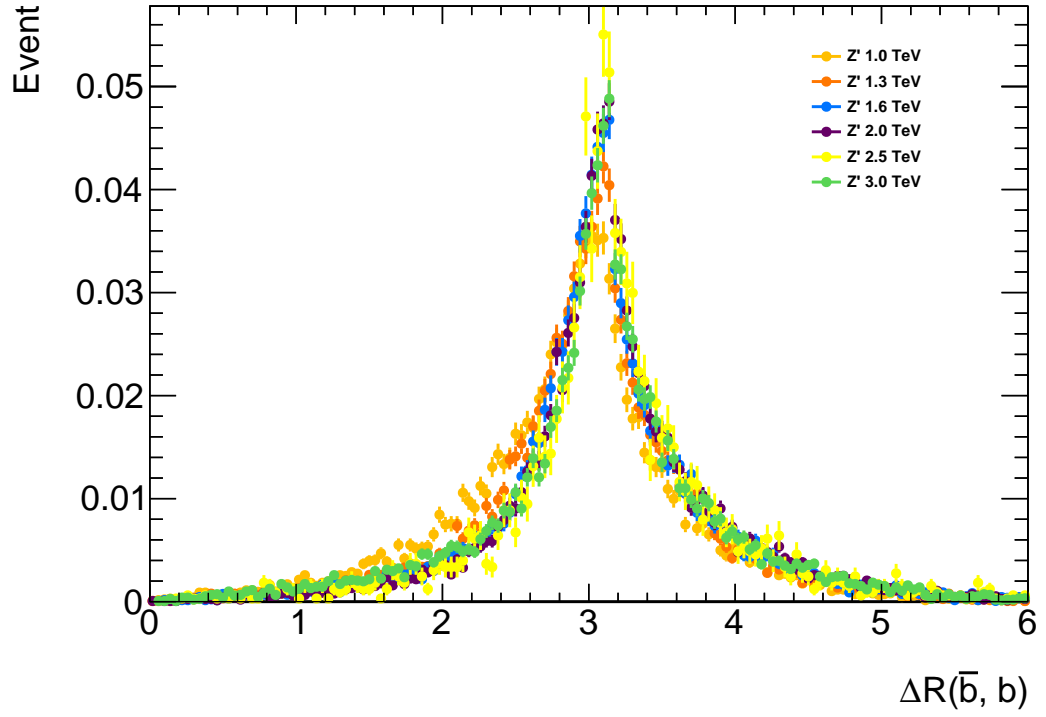


Figure 8.4: The angular separation (ΔR) between the b and \bar{b} in the event for all examined Z' mass points.

893 Note that both methodologies have different muon reconstruction criteria, these are
 894 detailed in Table 8.1.

Table 8.1: Muon reconstruction selection used by Mini-Isolation and by Muon Tagging

Mini-Isolation	Muon-Tagging
MCP Cuts	
$p_T > 20$ GeV	
$ \eta < 2.5$	
MUID	STACO
$z_0 < 3.0$ mm	Is Combined Muon
IsEM Tight	

895 The performance of both methodologies are then compared by measuring their effi-
 896 ciency.

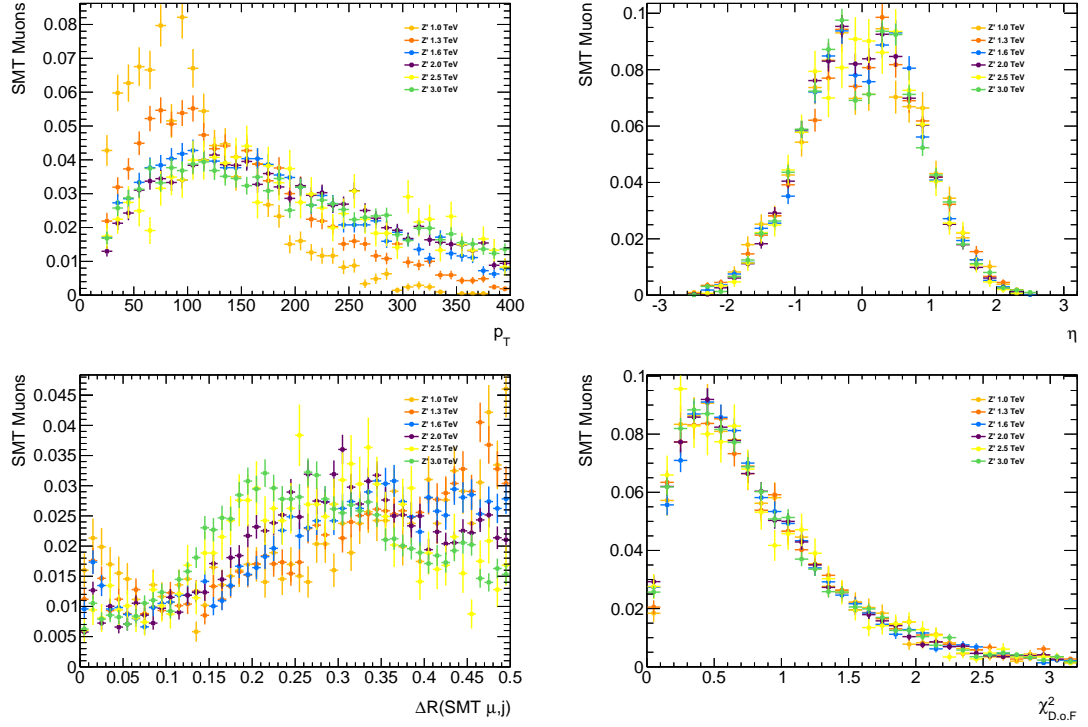


Figure 8.5: This figure shows the distribution of (a) transverse momentum and (b) pseudo-rapidity of muons which pass the SMT selection, the (c) angular separation between those muons and the nearest jet in the event and (d) the χ^2_{match} used in the selection for all tested Z' mass points.

8.4 Efficiency definition

The efficiency measurement was designed to provide an accurate representation of the performance of the soft muon tagger and a valid comparison with mini-isolation. Additional sources of inefficiency such as muon reconstruction are separated out into an additional efficiency which is also quoted. See Fig. 8.7 for a summary of the efficiency measurement.

Firstly, events where a W decays into a muon are selected, this becomes the pool of events from which the efficiency is measured. The selections then diverge and the two sets of reconstruction cuts described in Table 8.1 are applied independently. The efficiency of each set of reconstruction cuts are measured as:

$$\epsilon_{\text{reco}} = \frac{\text{Muons which pass selection}}{\text{All reconstructed muons}}$$

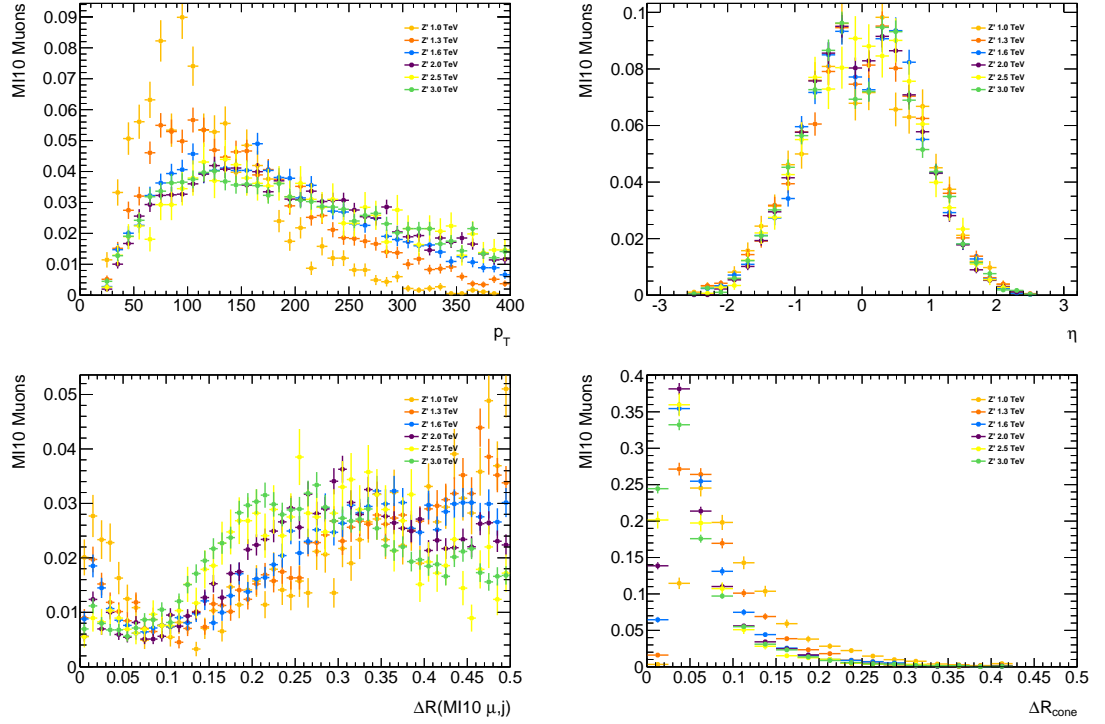


Figure 8.6: This figure shows the (a) transverse momentum and (b) pseudo-rapidity of muons which pass the MI10 selection, the (c) angular separation between those muons and the nearest jet in the event and (d) the cone size used in the selection for all tested Z' mass points.

907 These good reconstructed muons are then truth-matched to the truth μ from the
 908 W if the angular separation (ΔR) between them is less than 0.01. This has an efficiency
 909 associated with it, defined as:

$$\epsilon_{\text{match}} = \frac{\text{Muons matched to truth } W \text{ muon}}{\text{Muons which pass selection}}$$

910 Note that at each stage the denominator is the numerator of the previous efficiency.
 911 This allows for a combination of all the efficiencies to obtain an inclusive measure which
 912 can be used to approximate the number of W muons which would be selected from collision
 913 data assuming that the simulation describes the data well.

914 Next the muons are required to be within $\Delta R < 0.5$ from a jet. The Muon Tagger
 915 requires that jets be near a jet, in addition the impetus behind the analysis is to probe
 916 highly boosted events exploiting the capabilities of χ^2_{match} tagging. This selection ensures
 917 that the muons available for χ^2_{match} tagging are indeed close to a jet. This selection also

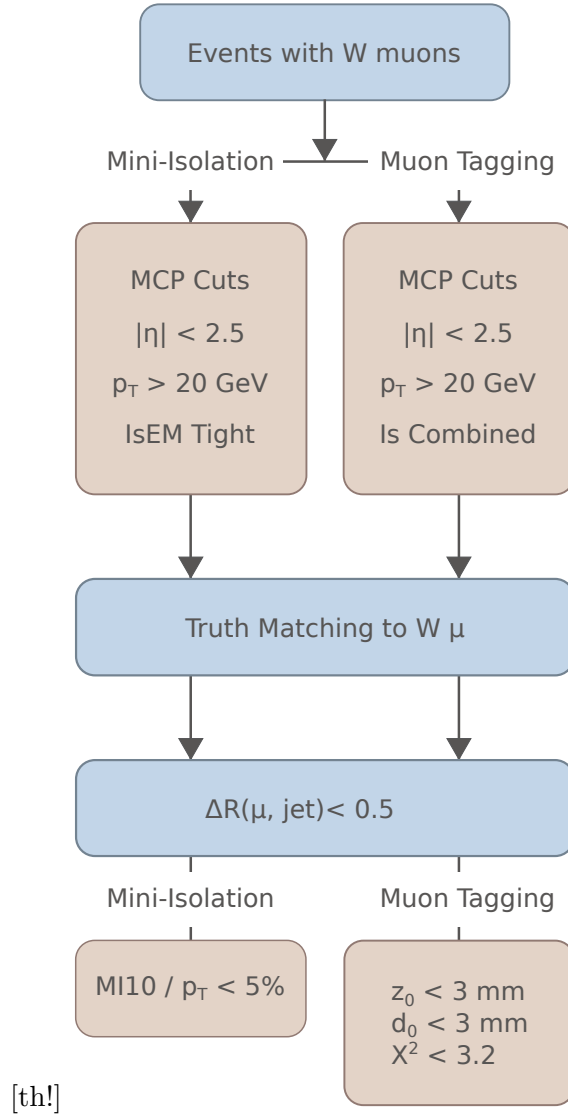


Figure 8.7: Structure of the efficiency measurement.

918 has an efficiency associated with it defined as:

$$\epsilon_{\text{non-iso}} = \frac{\text{Muons with } \Delta R(\mu, \text{jet}) < 0.5}{\text{Muons matched to truth } W \text{ muon}}$$

919 The final step is the application of both the mini-isolation selection and the muon
 920 tagging selection discussed a priori. These selections are associated with the final and
 921 most interesting sets of efficiencies, defined as:

$$\epsilon_{\text{MT/MI10}} = \frac{\text{Muons which pass MT/MI10 selection}}{\text{Muons with } \Delta R(\mu, \text{jet}) < 0.5}$$

Please note that the denominator in every efficiency is a subset of the previous denominator. In other words each selection is applied in sequence and the efficiencies are calculated out of the remaining muons which passed the previous selection criteria.

Note that in the nominal analysis described in [19] muons which are within ΔR of 0.1 of the jet would be removed. The impetus behind the analysis is to exploit the χ^2_{match} tagger to accept additional events where the signal muon emerges very close to the jet axis, thus overlap removal is not part of the χ^2_{match} tagging selection. In order to provide an accurate performance comparison between the χ^2_{match} tagger and mini-isolation, the overlap removal is applied only for the mini-isolation selection at the end of the chain. The additional acceptance gained by using χ^2_{match} tagger is compared to the mini-isolation selection with overlap included:

$$\epsilon = \frac{\text{Muons that pass } \chi^2_{\text{match}} \text{ tagger} - \text{MI muons } \Delta R < 0.1}{\text{Total } W \mu} \quad (8.1)$$

8.5 Results

Mini-isolation is a very efficient method for selecting muons. Table 8.2 shows the efficiency for the χ^2_{match} tagger, mini-isolation and mini-isolation including overlap removal. Across the used mass range, the efficiency of selection remains above 80% and in fact increases with a increased Z' mass. When the Z' has a mass of 3 TeV the efficiency of selection with mini-isolation is 92.5% with no overlap removal. In contrast the efficiency of the χ^2_{match} tagger is more consistent across the used mass range and higher than mini-isolation for a given mass. For a Z' with a mass of 3 TeV the measured efficiency of the χ^2_{match} tagger is 96.2%. When applying the overlap removal the efficiency of mini-isolation falls to 85.0%. As can be seen from Fig. 8.8 the efficiency of mini-isolation dips for muons which are close to a jet however this occurs below the threshold of the overlap removal. Finally the additional acceptance gained as defined in 8.1 is 4.03%. The additional acceptance gained in all mass points is also included in Table 8.2.

Z' Mass [TeV]	χ^2_{match}	MI10	MI10 + Overlap
1.0	94.9%	83.1%	67.0%
1.3	95.8%	89.0%	79.2%
1.6	95.9%	90.4%	81.9%
2.0	96.0%	92.4%	85.7%
2.5	95.8%	92.8%	85.1%
3.0	96.2%	92.5%	85.0%

Table 8.2: Efficiency of selecting a muon by using the χ^2_{match} tagger against mini-isolation. Note that ‘MI10 + Overlap’ is the efficiency of applying both the mini-isolation cut and overlap removal.

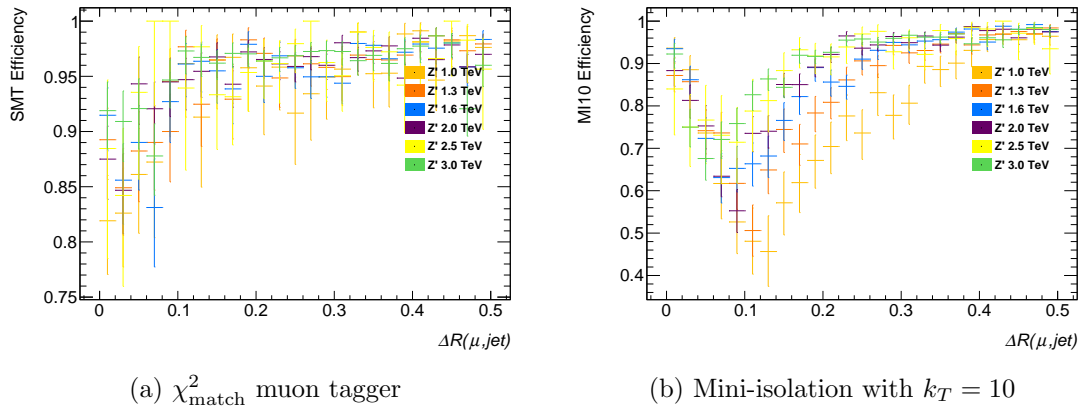


Figure 8.8: Efficiency of mini-isolation ($k_T = 10$) and χ^2_{match} muon tagger as a function of the angular separation between the reconstructed muon and the nearest reconstructed jet. Note the dip in the mini-isolation efficiency at low ΔR . In the nominal analysis an overlap removal between the jet and the muon is applied.

8.5.1 Background

A preliminary examination of the amount of background was performed. This was done on the same sample of events but instead of selecting semileptonic events, the all-hadronic events are used as background. While these events do not perfectly mimic the true background, namely $b\bar{b}$, the lack of any real signal muons can provide a suitable preliminary substitute.

The lack of an isolation requirement is expected to result in a substantial increase in the amount of background selected. Additionally the semileptonic b -decays in $b\bar{b}$ would result in muons that the χ^2_{match} tagger will select. The analysis chain described in Section 8.4 is repeated on the same sample used a priori however the truth level selection of events with a W muon is reversed, thus at truth level both W bosons decay

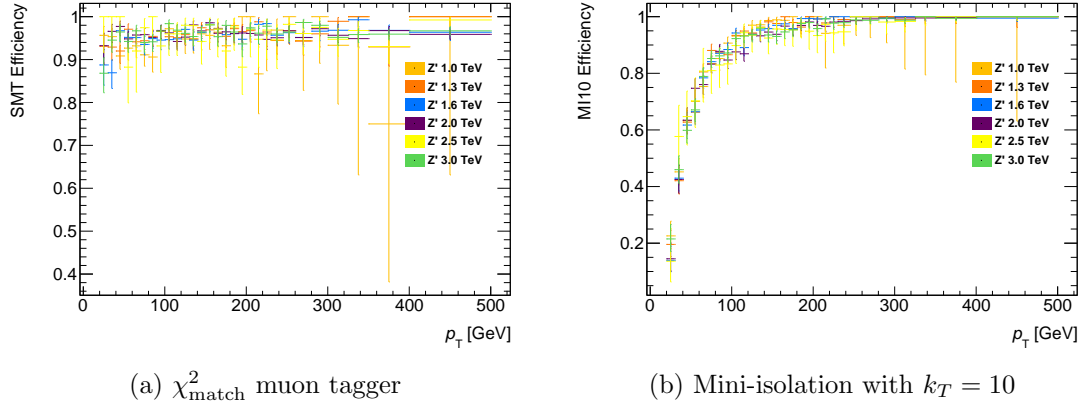


Figure 8.9: Efficiency of mini-isolation ($k_T = 10$) and χ^2_{match} muon tagger as a function of the transverse momentum of the muon.

957 hadronically.

958 The results of this selection are presented in Table 8.3. As expected mini-isolation re-
 959 moves a substantial amount of background while maintaining very high signal efficiency.
 960 In comparison, removing the isolation requirement greatly increases the background ac-
 961 ceptance when using the χ^2_{match} tagger. A full treatment of the background would be
 962 required to account for the background present.

963 The increase in signal acceptance does not make this methodology sufficiently ad-
 964 vantageous particularly when considering the increase in fake rate. An examination of
 965 the b -tagging potential of the χ^2_{match} tagger is presented in the next section.

Table 8.3: Fake rate of χ^2_{match} tagger, mini-isolation and mini-isolation including overlap removal as measured using all Z' mass points.

Z' Mass [TeV]	χ^2_{match}	MI10	MI10 + Overlap
1.0	92.8%	4.10%	2.39%
1.3	92.4%	4.77%	3.66%
1.6	91.8%	5.46%	4.55%
2.0	91.1%	7.07%	6.09%
2.5	90.0%	6.40%	5.57%
3.0	90.1%	6.59%	5.68%

966 8.6 B-tagging potential in boosted events

Table 8.4: caption

Z' Mass [TeV]	Good Muons	Matched Muons	$\Delta R(\mu, jet) < 0.5$	χ^2_{match} -tagged
1.0	16382	9807 (59.8%)	8722 (88.9%)	8237 (94.4%)
1.3	21099	13344 (63.2%)	12083 (90.6%)	11402 (94.4%)
1.6	19947	13012 (65.2%)	11929 (91.7%)	11240 (94.2%)
2.0	23391	15235 (65.1%)	14177 (93.1%)	13276 (93.6%)
2.5	5152	3347 (64.9%)	3137 (93.7%)	2922 (93.1%)
3.0	21766	13835 (63.5%)	13032 (94.2%)	12145 (93.2%)

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Appendices

970 Appendix A

971 List of triggers used in calibration

972 The calibration analysis makes use of an OR of the triggers listed below. The triggers fire
973 based on a set of criteria summarized in the trigger name following the ATLAS trigger
974 naming convention. The list includes generic single low- p_T muon triggers such as EF_mu6
975 and EF_mu15, single high- p_T muons & jets triggers such as EF_mu24_j65_a4tchad and
976 the specialized J/ψ trigger EF_mu6_Trk_Jpsi_loose.

- 977 • EF_mu24_j65_a4tchad_EFxe40_tclcw
- 978 • EF_mu4T_j65_a4tchad_xe60_tclcw_loose
- 979 • EF_mu24_j65_a4tchad
- 980 • EF_mu18_tight_e7_medium1
- 981 • EF_mu4T_j65_a4tchad_xe70_tclcw_veryloose
- 982 • EF_mu24_j65_a4tchad_EFxe60_tclcw
- 983 • EF_mu24_tight_b35_mediumEF_j35_a4tchad
- 984 • EF_mu20i_tight_g5_loose_TauMass
- 985 • EF_mu6_Trk_Jpsi_loose
- 986 • EF_mu24i_tight
- 987 • EF_mu24i_tight_MuonEF

- 988 • EF_mu24i_tight_MG
- 989 • EF_mu24i_tight_l2muonSA
- 990 • EF_mu24_tight_3j35_a4tchad
- 991 • EF_mu24_g20vh_loose
- 992 • EF_mu40_MSonly_barrel_tight
- 993 • EF_mu50_MSonly_barrel_tight
- 994 • EF_mu24_tight_EFxe40
- 995 • EF_mu24_tight_L2StarB
- 996 • EF_mu18_medium
- 997 • EF_mu24_medium
- 998 • EF_mu24_tight
- 999 • EF_mu24_tight_MuonEF
- 1000 • EF_mu24_tight_MG
- 1001 • EF_mu24_tight_L2StarC
- 1002 • EF_mu36_tight
- 1003 • EF_mu40_tight
- 1004 • EF_mu20it_tight
- 1005 • EF_mu24_g20vh_medium
- 1006 • EF_mu18_2g10_medium
- 1007 • EF_mu24_muCombTag_NoEF_tight
- 1008 • EF_mu10i_loose_g12Tvh_medium
- 1009 • EF_mu10i_loose_g12Tvh_medium_TauMass

- 1010 • EF_mu18_2g10_loose
- 1011 • EF_mu10i_g10_medium_TauMass
- 1012 • EF_mu20i_tight_g5_medium_TauMass
- 1013 • EF_mu24_tight_3j45_a4tchad
- 1014 • EF_mu24_tight_4j45_a4tchad
- 1015 • EF_mu24_tight_4j35_a4tchad
- 1016 • EF_mu4T
- 1017 • EF_mu6
- 1018 • EF_mu15
- 1019 • EF_mu40_slow_tight
- 1020 • EF_mu60_slow_tight1
- 1021 • EF_mu22_IDTrkNoCut_tight
- 1022 • EF_mu8_4j45_a4tchad_L2FS
- 1023 • EF_mu6_Trk_Jpsi_loose_L2StarB
- 1024 • EF_mu6_Trk_Jpsi_loose_L2StarA
- 1025 • EF_mu24_j65_a4tchad_EFxe40wMu_tclcw
- 1026 • EF_mu24_j65_a4tchad_EFxe60wMu_tclcw
- 1027 • EF_mu6T_2b55_medium_2j55_a4tchad_L1J20_matched
- 1028 • EF_mu24i_tight_muFast
- 1029 • EF_mu4T_L2StarB
- 1030 • EF_mu6_L2StarB
- 1031 • EF_mu15_vbf_L1TAU8_MU10

1032 **Appendix B**

1033 **List of combined muon**

1034 **performance (MCP) cuts**

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