

Electron efficiencies at the ATLAS detector.  
Search for flavor-changing neutral currents in  $t \rightarrow Hq$   
( $q=u,c$ ) decays with the ATLAS detector

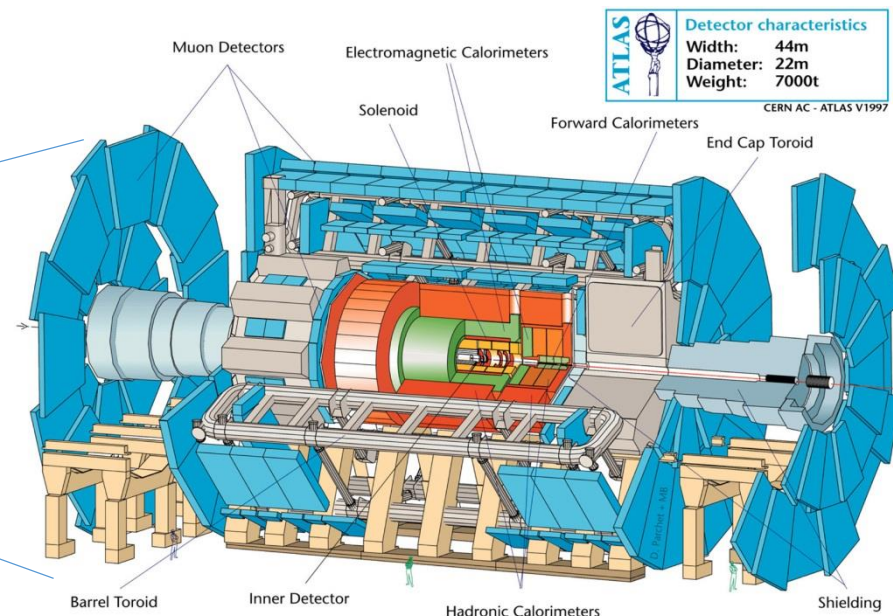
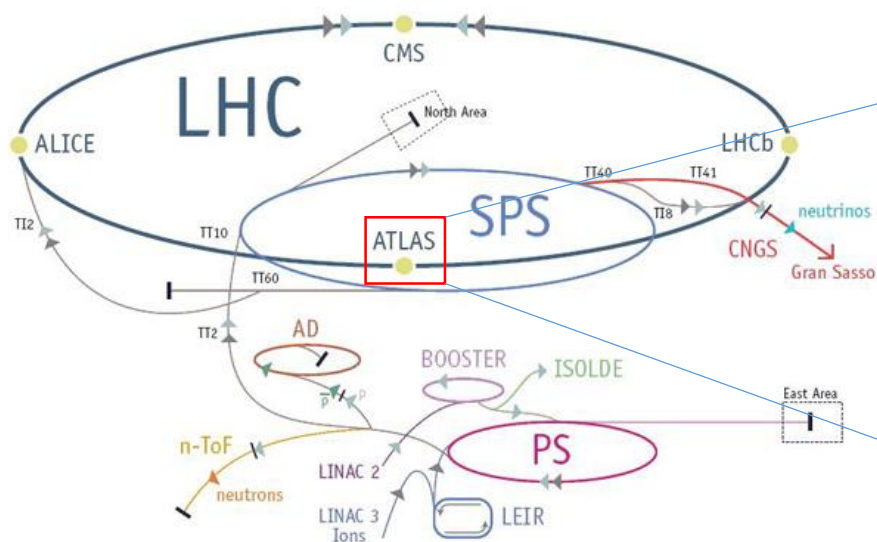
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# Introduction

- Joint PhD 2016-2019 : University of Bucharest and Aix-Marseille University
  - Labs: IFIN-HH (DFPE) and CPPM
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- *ATLAS* collaboration (~3000 physicists, 183 institutions, 38 countries)
  - Become *ATLAS* author -> authorship qualification task:  
“Electron reconstruction efficiency measurement with  $Z \rightarrow ee$  Tag and Probe method”
  - Physics analysis for the thesis :  
“Search for flavor-changing neutral currents in  $t \rightarrow Hq$  ( $q=u,c$ ) decays with the ATLAS detector”

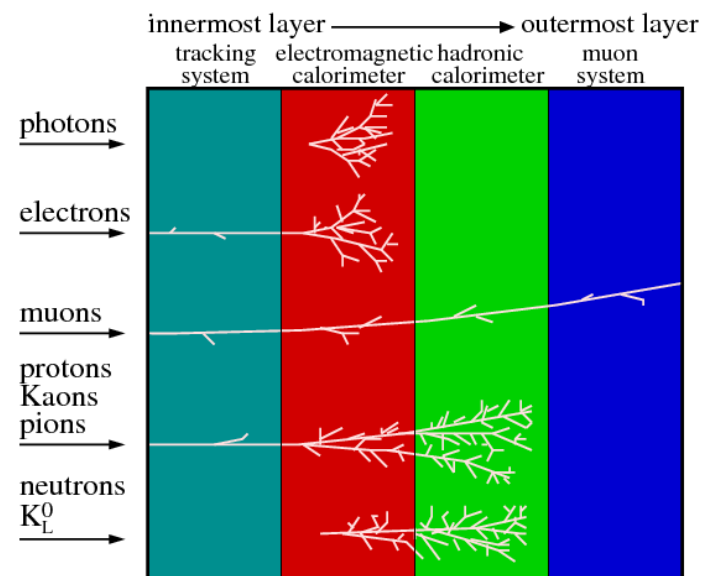
# LHC and ATLAS



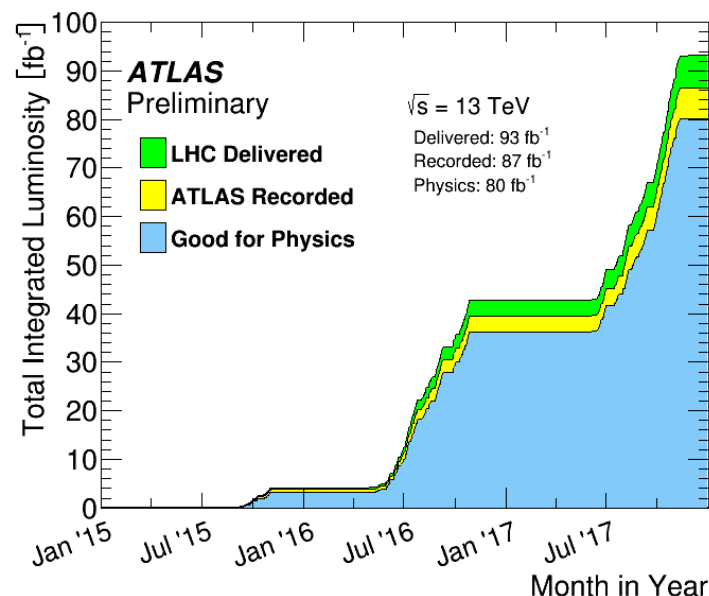
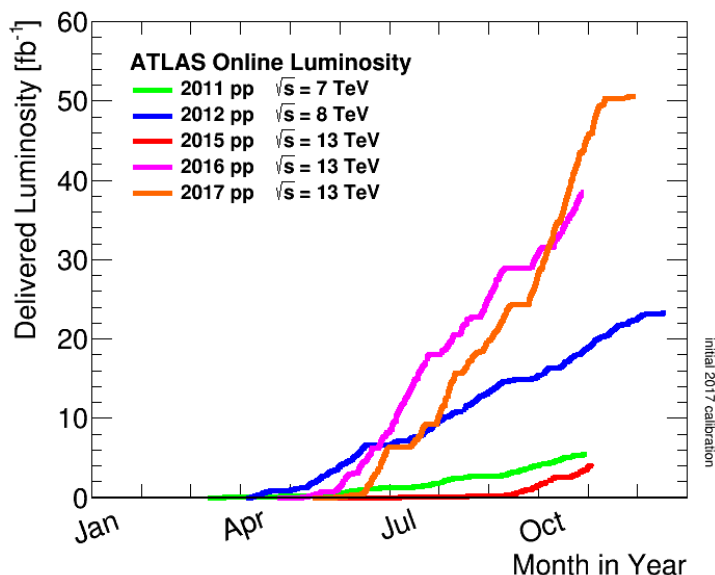
- The Large Hadron Collider (LHC):
  - proton-proton accelerator,  $\sqrt{s} = 14^{**}$  TeV
- $Linac2 \rightarrow Booster \rightarrow PS \rightarrow SPS \rightarrow LHC$

Run #	Period	$\sqrt{s}$ [TeV]	integrated luminosity [ $fb^{-1}$ ]
Run 1	2010-2011	7	6.1
	2012-2013	8	23.3
Run 2*	2015	13	4.22
	2016	13	38.9
	2017	13	50.4

\*2015-2018, integrated luminosity  $\sim 100 fb^{-1}$  \*\*designed



# LHC and ATLAS: Data taking in 2017



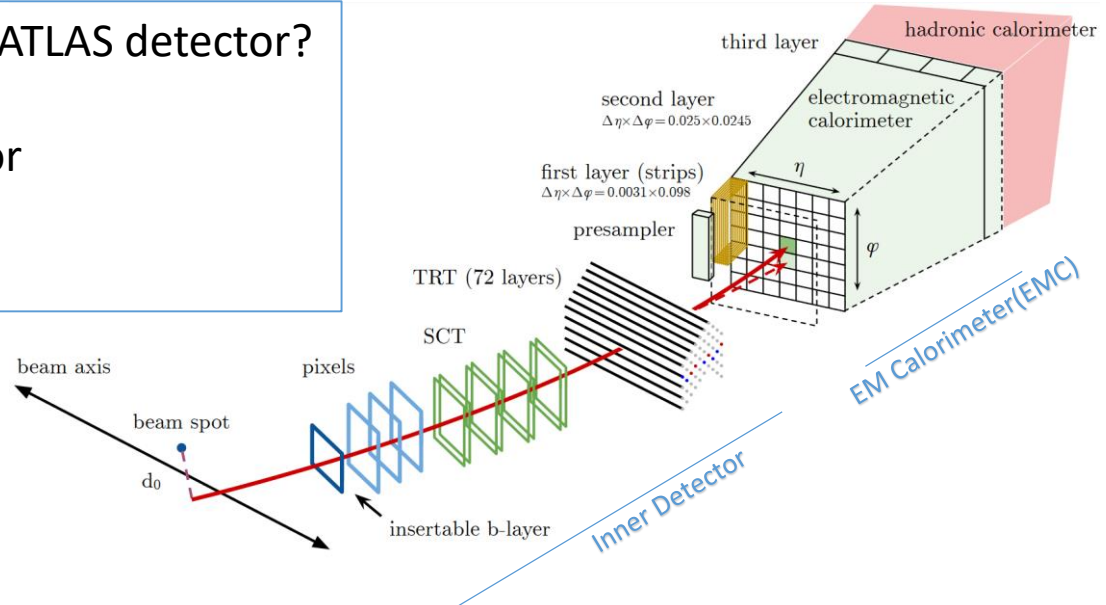
- A great year for the LHC:
  - Expected  $45 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ , delivered  $>50 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
  - Reached x2 designed luminosity
- My contribution to detector operation and Data Quality(DQ):  
**7 weeks of LAr DQ shifts**
  - after a run ends, 48h for DQ assessment (calibration loop)
  - mask noise before the bulk of data is processed

# Electron reconstruction efficiency

## Intro

- What is an electron in the ATLAS detector?  
(*reconstruction level*)
  - Track in Inner Detector
  - +
    - Shower in EMC

How well are  
electrons reconstructed?



- We want our simulations to reproduce detector performance as well as possible
- Electron reconstruction efficiency is measured in both Data and MC:  $\epsilon_{reco}^{Data}$ ,  $\epsilon_{reco}^{MC}$
- To take into account the differences a scale factor is introduced

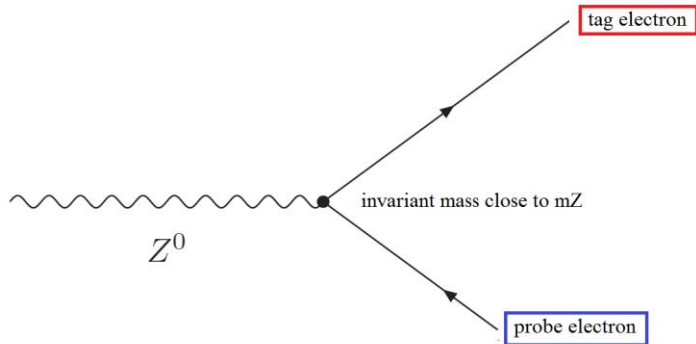
$$sf = \frac{\epsilon_{reco}^{Data}}{\epsilon_{reco}^{MC}}, \quad \text{such that } MC_{scaled} = sf \cdot MC$$

- $\epsilon_{reco}$  uncertainty for precision measurements has non negligible impact  
(Ex: W/Z cross-section, W mass)

# Electron reconstruction efficiency

## *Tag and Probe Method*

- Need an enriched, clean sample of electrons:  $Z \rightarrow ee$ 
  - Signal:  $Z \rightarrow ee$
  - Background: jets faking  $e$ , photon conversion,  $e$  from heavy flavor decay ...



- Tight cuts
- $p_T > 25$  GeV
- Out of “crack” region  
( $1.37 < |\eta| < 1.52$ )

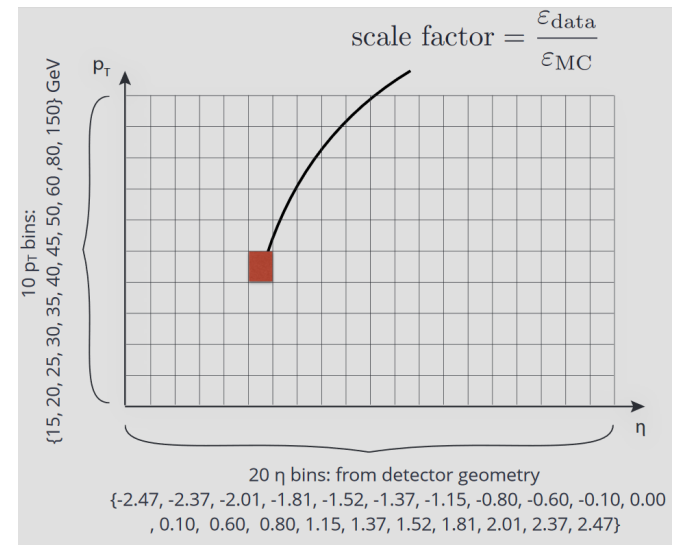
- $M_{ee}$  in Z mass window
- $p_T > 15$  GeV

- Only the “probes” used in the measurement
- Reco efficiency

$$\epsilon_{reco} = \frac{N_{passTrackQ}}{N_{passTrackQ} + N_{failTrackQ} + N_{noTrack}}$$

- SFs are provided to physics analysis as “recommendations” by the Egamma CP group

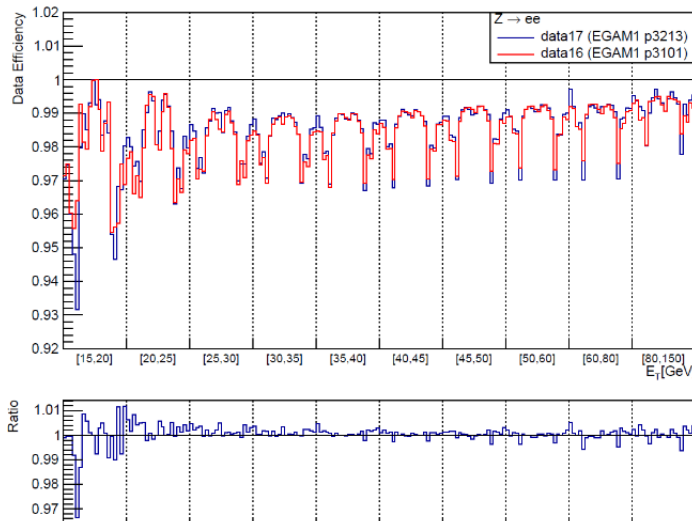
The recommendations are used by almost all physics analyses!



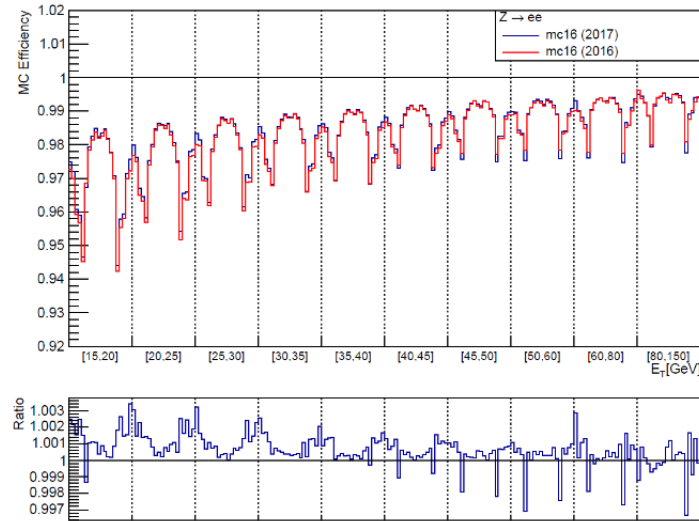
# Electron reconstruction efficiency

## *Results: dependency on $E_T \times \eta$*

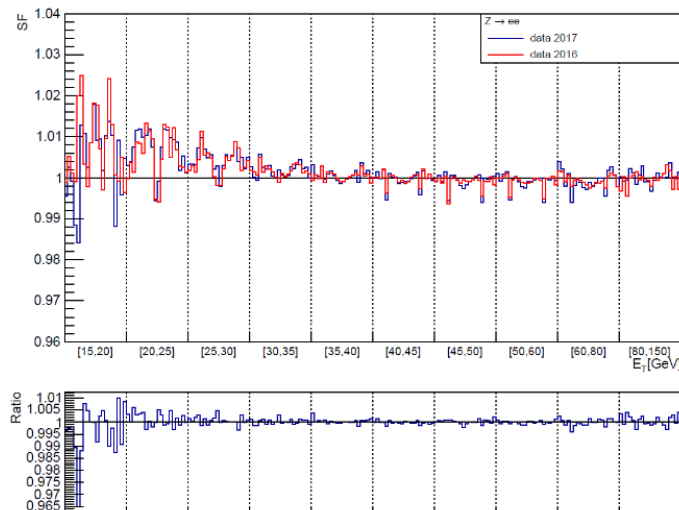
Data16(red) vs Data17(blue)



MC16(red) vs MC17(blue)



SF16(red) vs SF17(blue)



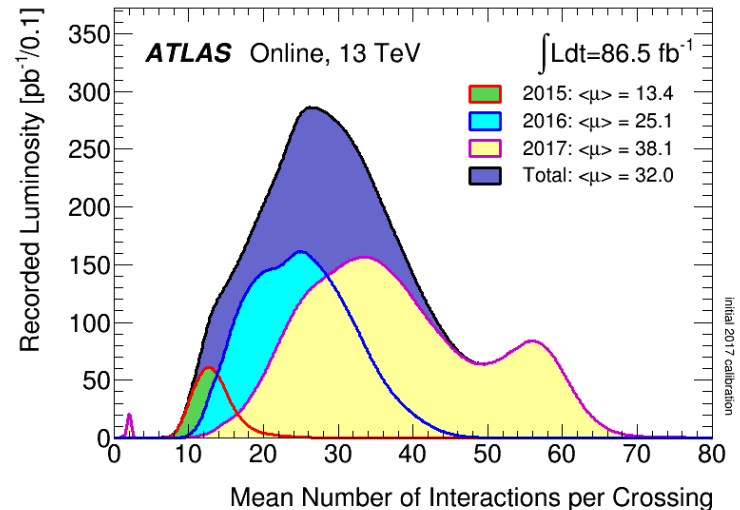
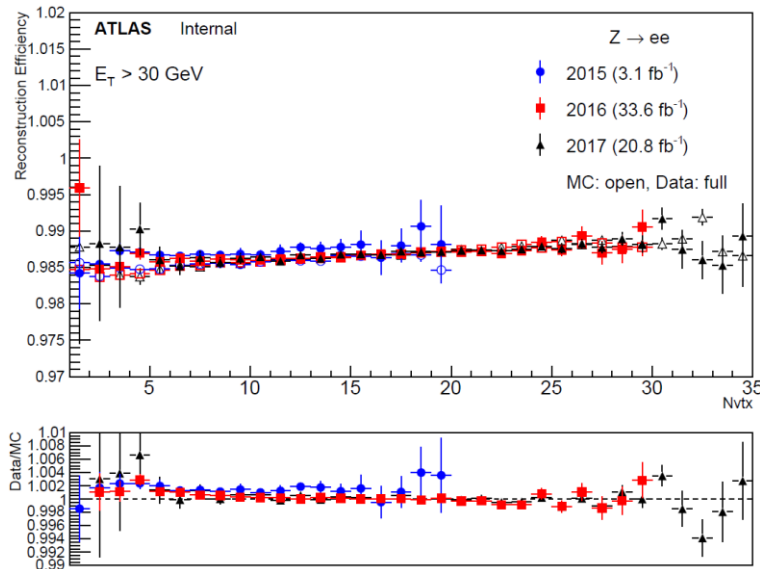
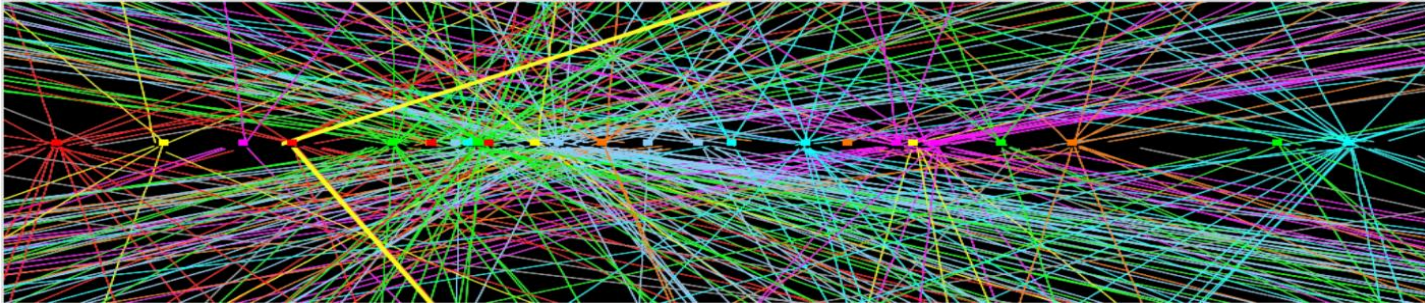
- Each  $E_T$  bin contains 20  $\eta$  bins  $[-2.47, 2.47]$
- High efficiency for both Data and MC
- Drop in efficiency in the “crack” region
- SFs generally close to 1 (within 2% for extreme cases)
- SF uncertainty typically at per-mille level ( $\sim 2\%$  at low  $E_T$ )



# Electron reconstruction efficiency

## *Results: dependency on pileup*

- More than one p-p collision happens in the same bunch crossing  $\rightarrow$  pileup



- Slight increase in efficiency with pileup (higher chance of random track-cluster match)
- Minimal dependency on pileup for the SFs



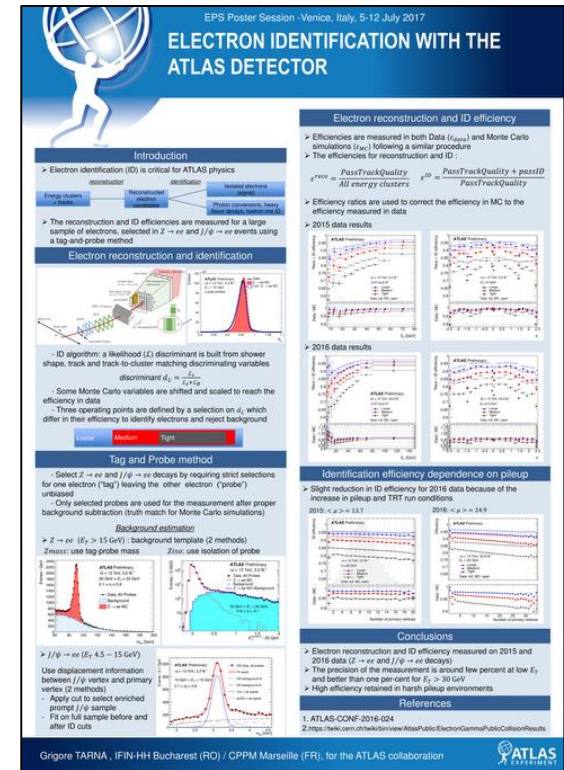
# Electron reconstruction efficiency

## Results:

- Poster at EPS-HEP 2017 on “Electron identification with the ATLAS detector” (with proceedings)
- All previous results were presented at the Egamma workshop (5-9 Nov 2017)
- I am editor of Internal Note for the electron reconstruction efficiency part
  - **paper** in preparation
- important efforts were dedicated to a software transition (Athena rel20.7->rel21)

Qualified as ATLAS author as of 10 sept 2017!

- Will continue to work on the topic



# Isolation efficiency

- Some physics analysis with low cross-section suffer of significant non-prompt lepton background (ex.  $t\bar{t}H \rightarrow \text{multileptons}$ )
- Cut based isolation not efficient enough  $\rightarrow$  multivariate analysis (MVA)

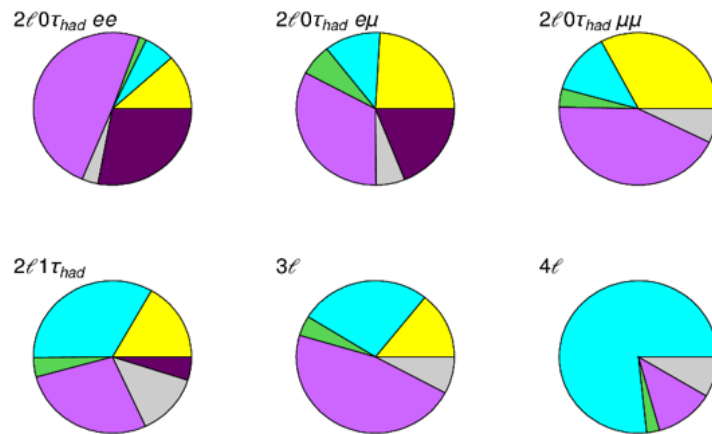
$$\varepsilon_{\text{total}} = \varepsilon_{\text{reconstruction}} \times \varepsilon_{\text{identification}} \times \varepsilon_{\text{isolation}} \times \varepsilon_{\text{trigger}}$$

- I adapted the official framework for efficiencies measurements to measure the efficiency of this non-standard isolation working point
- Detailed talk given in the Egamma workshop
- CONF note already public and **paper** draft is in the final stage of approval inside ATLAS

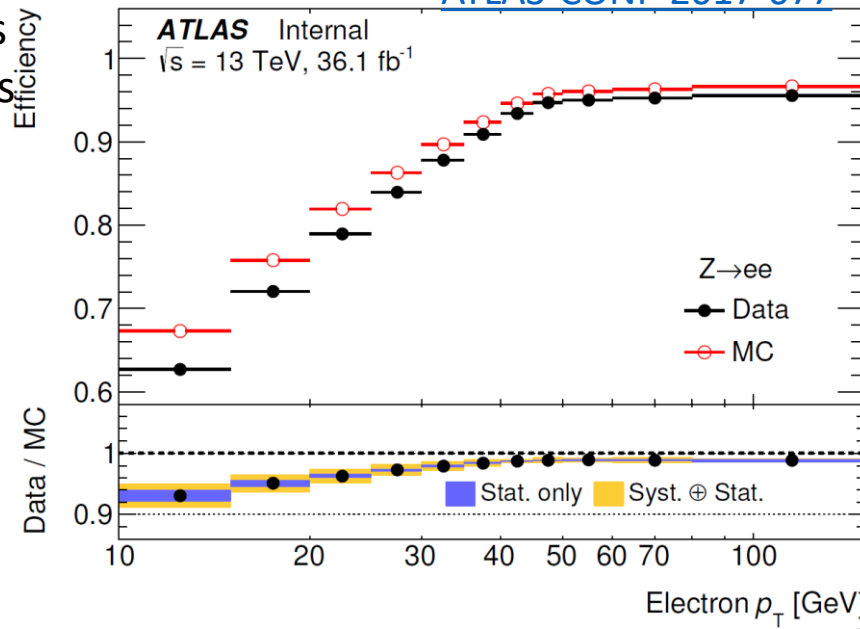
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ATLAS Simulation Preliminary  
 $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$   
 Background composition

QMisReco Other  
 Non-prompt Diboson  
 $t\bar{t}(Z/\gamma^*)$   $t\bar{t}W$



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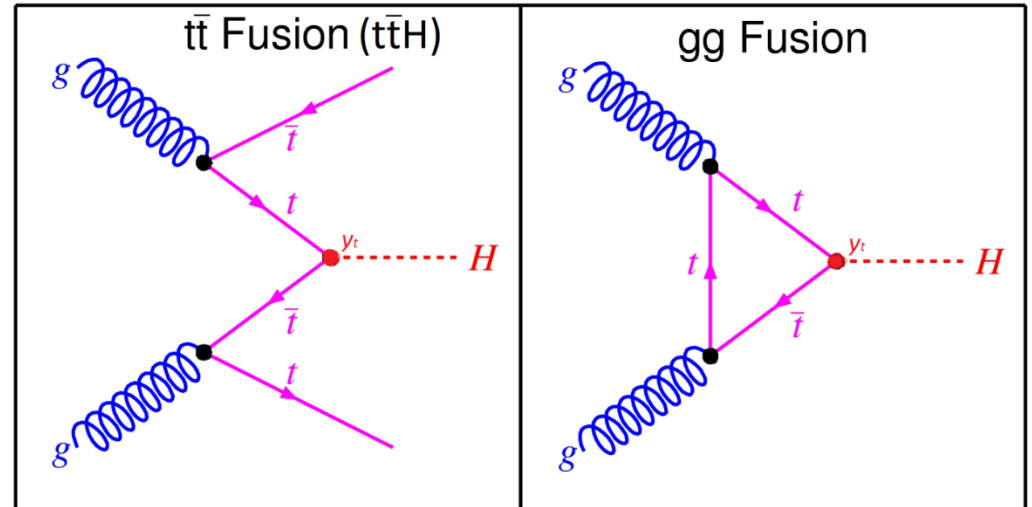
# $t\bar{t}H$ production

## Important(!):

- precision measurement of Top Yukawa coupling ( $y_t$ ) will allow to check if the Higgs particle is the SM one
- comparison with indirect measurements can give hints about New Physics

Process	ttH	ggF
$\sigma(8 \text{ TeV})$ [pb]	0.13	19.3
$\sigma(13 \text{ TeV})$ [pb]	0.51	43.9

- $\sigma(\text{ttH}) \ll \sigma(\text{ggF})$
- ggF ~90% H production



The *signal strength* is measured:

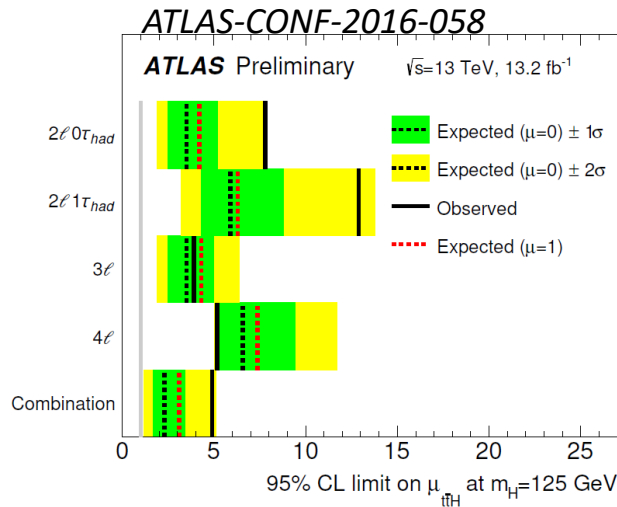
$$\mu_{t\bar{t}H} = \frac{\sigma_m(pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}H)}{\sigma_{SM}(pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}H)}$$

The **fit** is performed on:

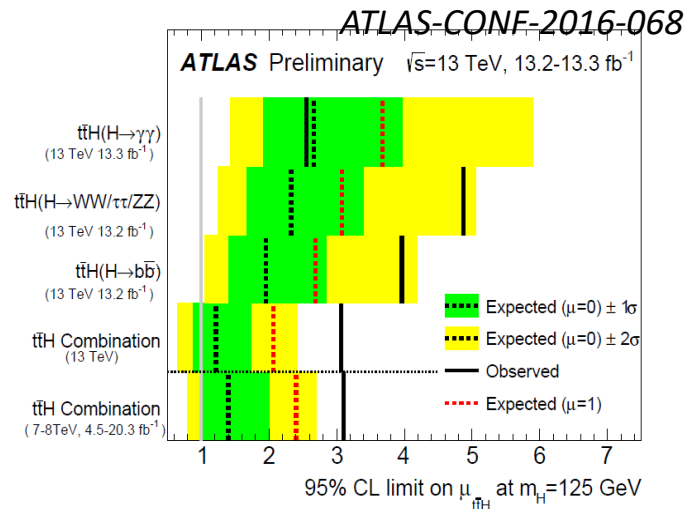
$$data = \mu \cdot signal + background$$

$$y_t^2 \sim \mu_{t\bar{t}H}$$

# Latest ttH results



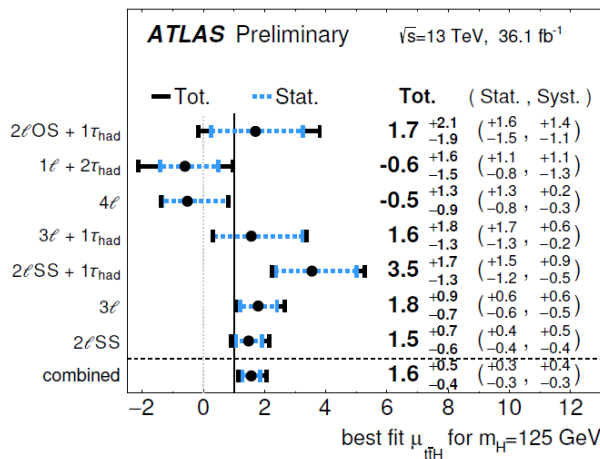
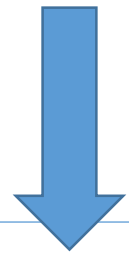
Statistical significance: **1.6  $\sigma$**



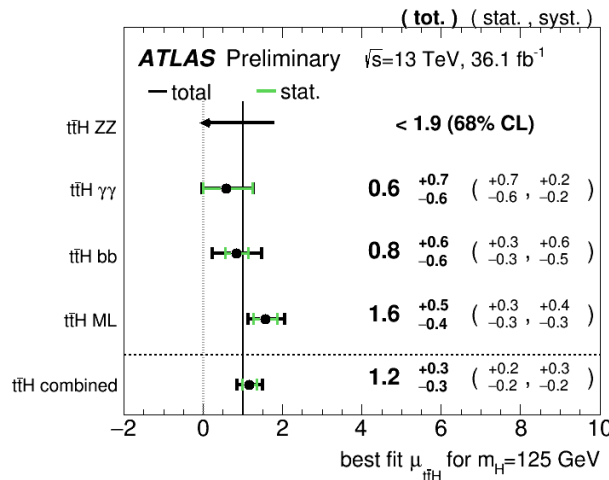
Statistical significance: **2.9  $\sigma$**

2016 :

- Cut and count
- 13.2 fb



Statistical significance: **4.1  $\sigma$**



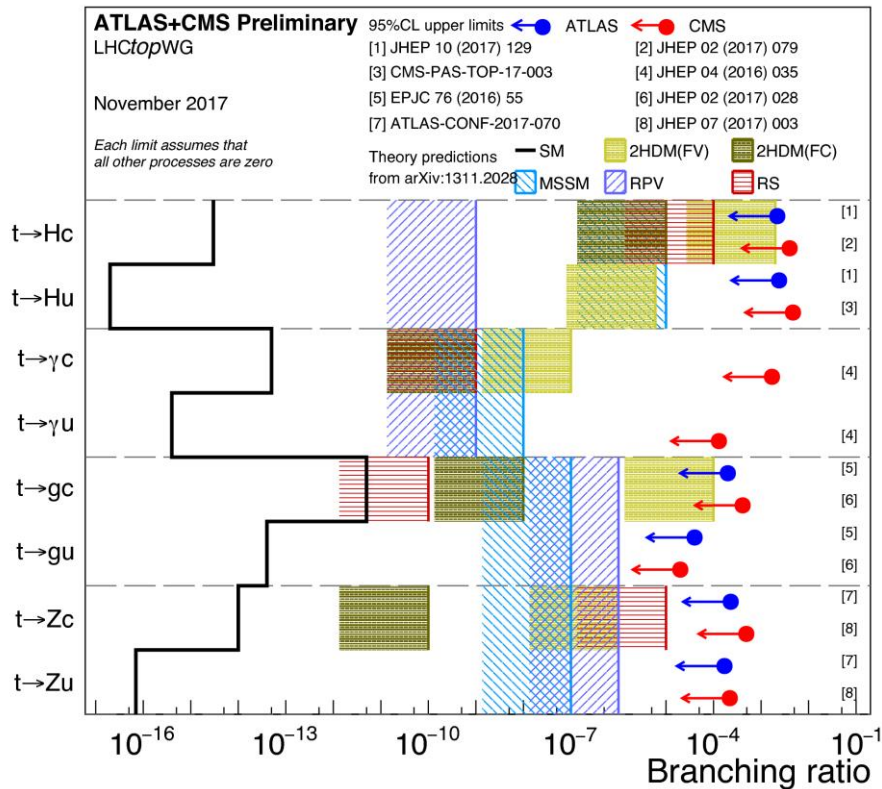
Statistical significance: **4.2  $\sigma$**

2017:

- MVAs based
- More channels
- 36.1 fb (x2.7)
- **Evidence!**

Hope to reach **5 $\sigma$**   
by end of Run 2

# Flavor-changing neutral currents (FCNC)



- FCNC forbidden at tree level and strongly suppressed at higher order in SM

$$t \rightarrow Xq, q=u,c \text{ and } X \text{ neutral boson}$$

- Some beyond standard model (BSM) predict non-negligible branching ratios for top FCNC that could be probed at LHC

- In this analysis ( $t \rightarrow Hq$ ) we exploit the similarity of the final states with the  $t\bar{t}H$  (multilepton) process and use the complex developments fully validated and approved for the  $t\bar{t}H$  analysis

# Flavor-changing neutral currents (FCNC)

- Signal ttH vs top FCNC

$$t\bar{t}H \rightarrow 4W + 2b \rightarrow 6j \text{ (inc. } 2b) + 2\ell\text{SS} + E_T^{\text{miss}} \text{ or } 4j \text{ (inc. } 2b) + 3\ell + E_T^{\text{miss}}$$

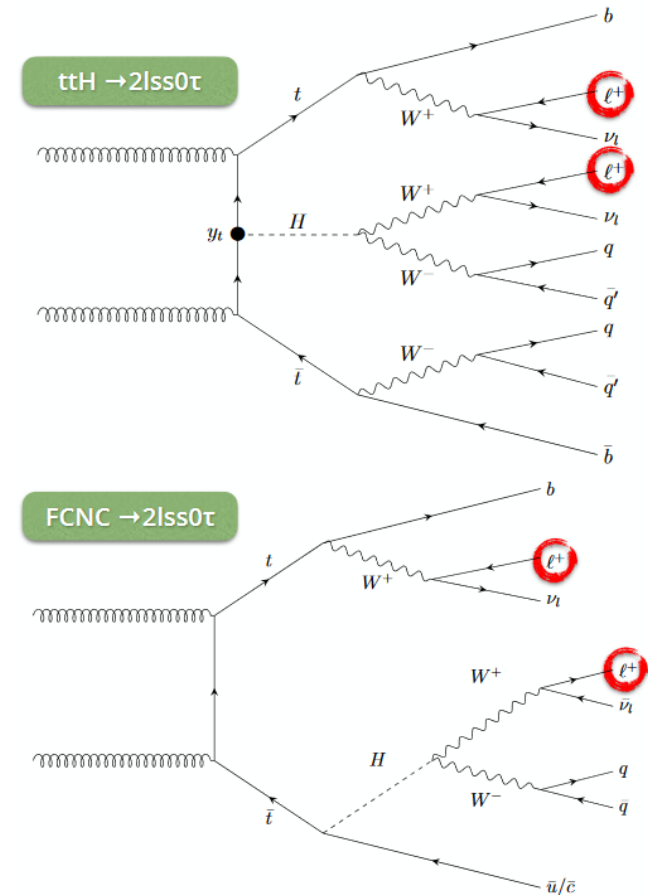
$$t\bar{t} \rightarrow WbHq \rightarrow 3W + b + q \rightarrow 4j \text{ (inc. } 1b) + 2\ell\text{SS} + E_T^{\text{miss}} \text{ or } 2j \text{ (inc. } 1b) + 3\ell + E_T^{\text{miss}}$$

- Backgrounds are the same
  - ttH becomes background for top FCNC search
- 95% CL Upper Limit on  $B(t \rightarrow H u)$

Run 1 ttHML	Simple ttHML reinterpretation	H-> yy	tHu*
0.54%	0.29%	0.20%	~0.15%

\* Preliminary results. Work in progress

- Pre-approval presentation for  $t \rightarrow Hq$  FCNC analysis this Thursday
- Aim for **publication** with 36.1 fb (2015+2016 data)



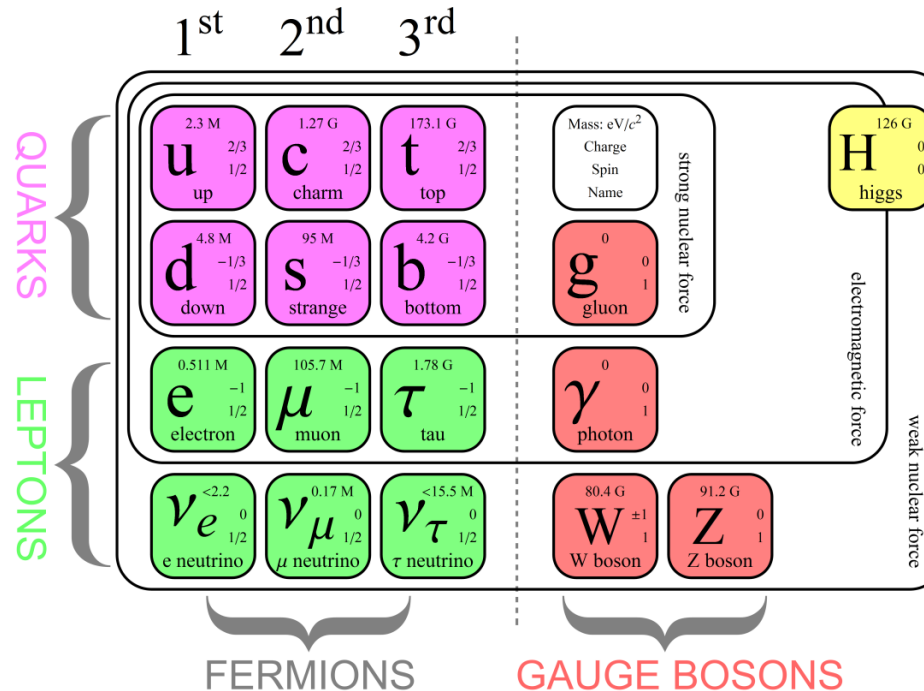


# Results summary

- Authorship qualification task completed successfully
- **Paper** for electron efficiencies in preparation
- CONF note publicly available and **paper** draft in final stage of final approval for  $t\bar{t}H$  analysis
- Top FCNC analysis in good shape, aim for a **paper** until spring
- Poster at EPS-HEP2017 and talk at Egamma workshop
- More than 20 internal presentation in CERN groups

backup

# SM



- The Standard Model – the best theory for particle physics up to date

- Yukawa coupling:  $\mathcal{L}_{Yukawa}(\phi, \psi) = -\mathbf{y} \bar{\psi} \phi \psi$
- $t$  quark (heaviest fermion) → largest coupling
- $\mathbf{y}_t$  direct measurement possible via ttH production

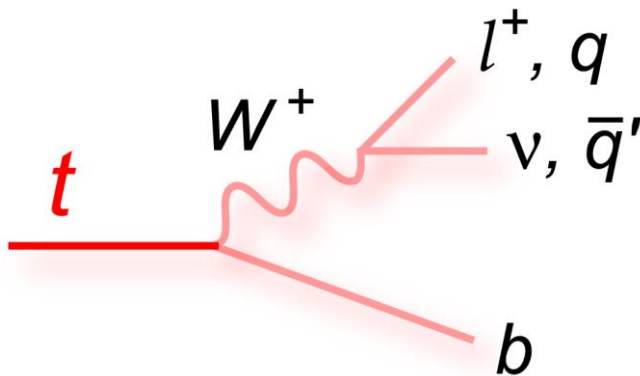


$$\mathbf{y}_t = \frac{\sqrt{2}m_t}{v} \sim 1$$

# Top and Higgs

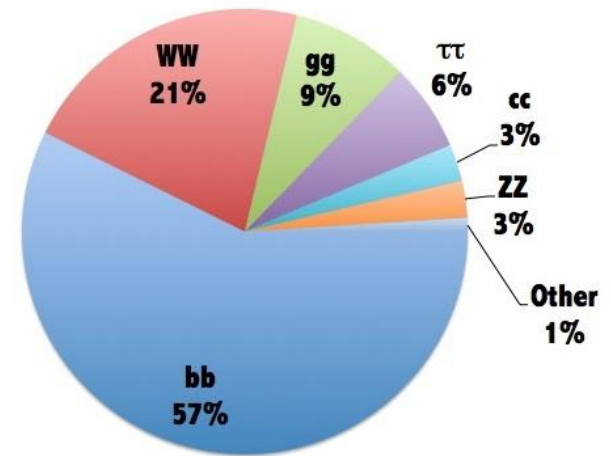
## Top quark:

- Discovered: 1995 (Tevatron)
- Mass: 173 GeV
- $\tau \approx 5 \cdot 10^{-25} \text{ s}$
- Does not hadronize
- Decays to W+b (99.8%)



## Higgs boson:

- Discovered: 2012 (CERN)
- Mass: 125 GeV
- $\tau \approx 1.6 \cdot 10^{-22} \text{ s}$
- Decays directly to pairs of massive particle-antiparticle



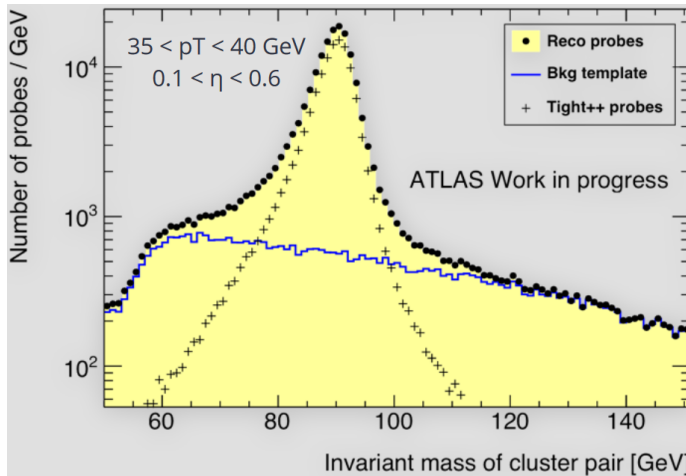
# Electron reconstruction efficiency

## *Tag and Probe Method: Backgrounds*

$$\varepsilon_{reco} = \frac{N_{pass}^{sig}}{N_{pass}^{sig} + N_{fail}^{sig}} = \frac{N^{QT} - B^{QT}}{(N^{QT} - B^{QT}) + (N^{NoQ} - B^{NoQ}) + (N^{NoT} - B^{NoT})}$$

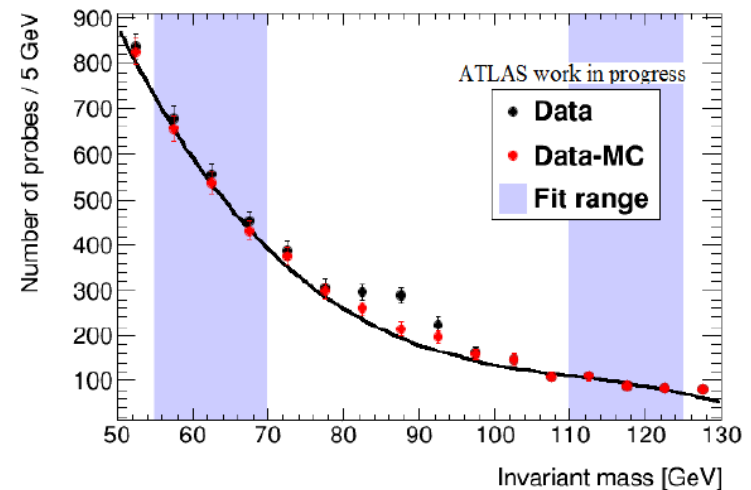
Background  $e$  with track:

1. Build template by inverting cuts and Iso
2. Normalize template in signal free region



Background  $e$  with no track:

1. Fit the tag-probe invariant mass with a 3<sup>rd</sup> order polynomial
2. Fit only in side bands



No nominal measurement! 72 variations for Data and 9 for MC

# Tag and Probe Method: systematic uncertainties

## -Statistical uncertainty

Statistical uncertainty is calculated by error propagation

## -Systematical uncertainty

Sources of systematic uncertainties:

- Background shape
- Background origin
- Signal contamination
- ...



systematic variations :

- Tag identifications: 3
- Z mass window: 3
- Electron background template: 2
- Sideband for  $e\gamma$  mass fit: 4

Total:  $3 \times 3 \times 2 \times 4 = 72$  variations (for MC only 9)

Tag identification variations	Z mass peak windows	Electron background template	Sideband for $e\gamma$ mass fit
Tight LH	]80, 100[ GeV	Variation 1	]70, 80[ U ]100, 110[ GeV
Tight LH & $\text{TopoE}_T^{\text{cone40}} < 5$ GeV	]75, 105[ GeV	Variation 2	]60, 80[ U ]100, 120[ GeV
Medium LH & $\text{TopoE}_T^{\text{cone40}} < 5$ GeV	]85, 95[ GeV		]50, 80[ U ]100, 130[ GeV
			]55, 70[ U ]110, 125[ GeV



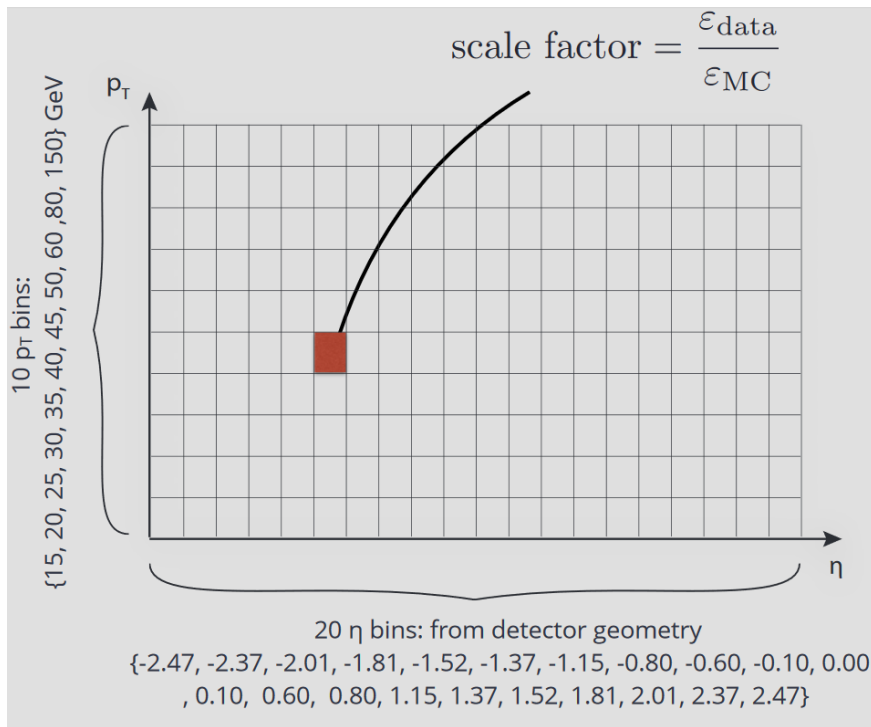
Template	Cuts	$p_T < 30$ GeV	$p_T \geq 30$ GeV
Variation 1	fail at least 2 loose+ + cuts	$\text{topoE}_T^{\text{cone30}}/p_T > 0.02$ $120 < m_{ee} < 250$ GeV	$\text{topoE}_T^{\text{cone40}}/p_T > 0.05$ $120 < m_{ee} < 250$ GeV
Variation 2		$\text{topoE}_T^{\text{cone30}}/p_T > 0.02$ $60 < m_{ee} < 70$ GeV	$\text{topoE}_T^{\text{cone40}}/p_T > 0.20$ $120 < m_{ee} < 250$ GeV



# Electron reconstruction efficiency

## *Tag and Probe Method: Deliverables*

- 2D maps with scale factors are delivered to the physics analyses (+ stat and syst uncertainties) (*recommendations*)



For each bin:

$$\epsilon^{\text{centrVal}} = \frac{\sum_i^N \epsilon_i^{\text{centrVal}}}{N}$$

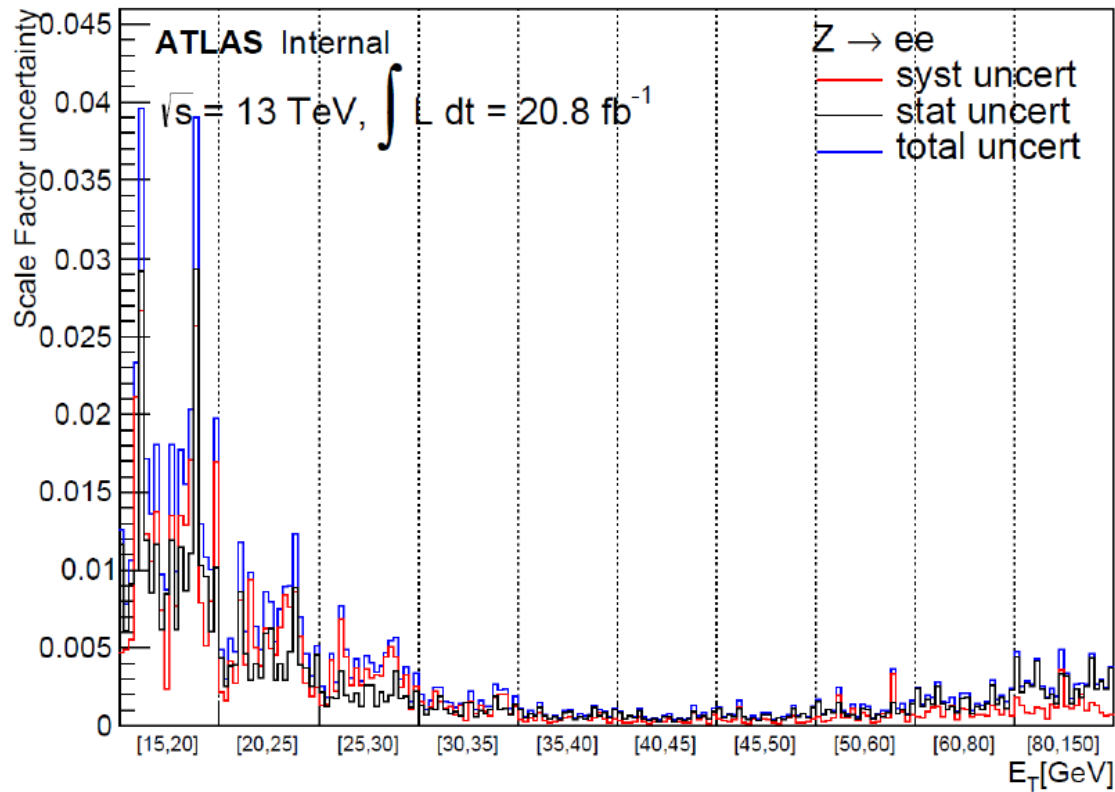
$$\Delta\epsilon^{\text{stat}} = \frac{\sum_i^N \epsilon_i^{\text{stat}}}{N}$$

$$\Delta\epsilon^{\text{syst}} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_i^N (\epsilon_i^{\text{stat}} - \epsilon^{\text{centrVal}})^2}{N}}$$

*In parallel, I am working on bringing improvements to the current methodology*

**The recommendations are used by almost all physics analyses!**

# Reco SF uncertainty (2017)



# Two lepton same sign channel

- $t\bar{t}H$  final states depends on  $H$  decay

Higgs boson decay mode				
Category	$WW^*$	$\tau\tau$	$ZZ^*$	Other
$2\ell ss$	77%	17%	3%	3%

- $t\bar{t}H \rightarrow 2$  leptons same sign ( $2\ell ss$ )



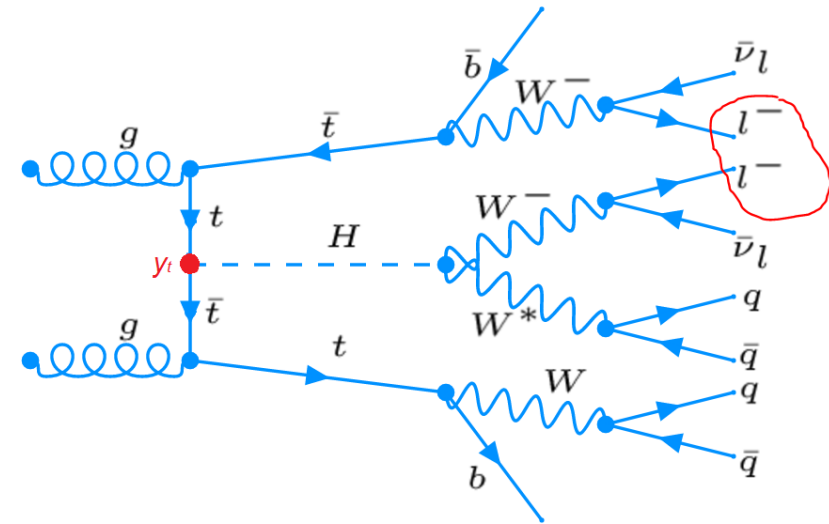
➤ low backgrounds and relatively well controlled



➤ high efficiency lepton triggering



➤ low production  
(1 % of  $t\bar{t}H$ ,  $\sim 5$  events/ $fb^{-1}$ )



Signal signature:

- 2 leptons of same sign
- 6 jets in total
  - 2 b-jets
  - 4 non b-jets
- missing transverse energy (neutrinos are not detected)

$$N_{ev}^x = \sigma_x \int \underbrace{\mathcal{L} dt}_{\text{integrated luminosity}} \overset{\text{luminosity}}{\uparrow}$$

# up to date results: *ICHEP 2016*

The *signal strength* is measured:

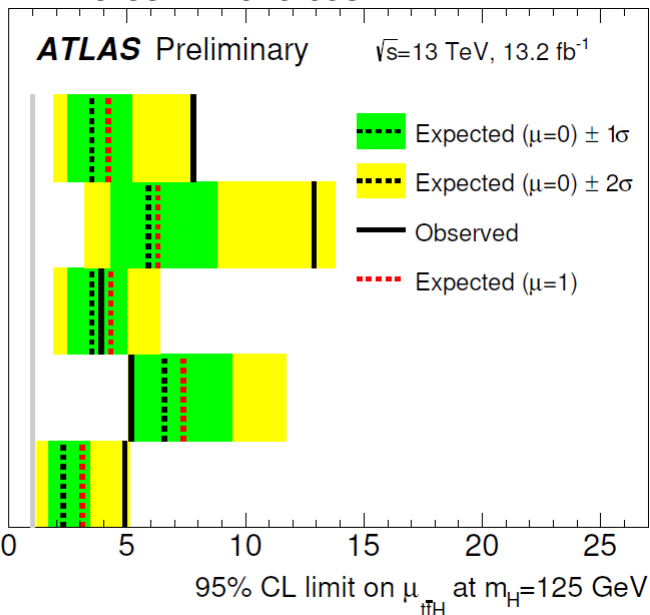
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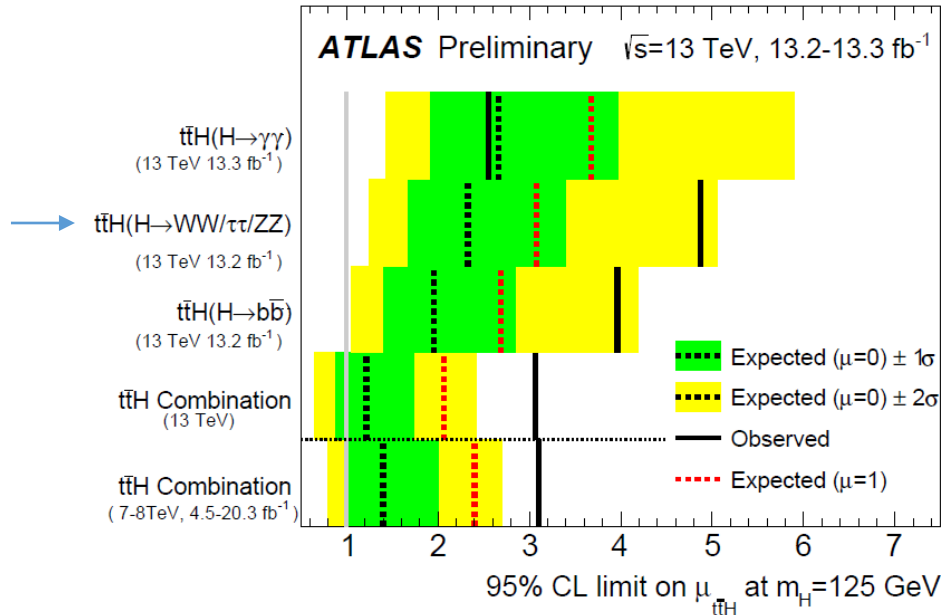
$$y_t^2 \sim \mu_{t\bar{t}H}$$

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Statistical significance: **1.6  $\sigma$**

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Statistical significance(13TeV): **2.9  $\sigma$**

More data is expected (x 7-8)!