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$E_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{miss}}$ Templates Results and Additional Cross-checks for the Opposite-sign Same-flavor ("Edge") Dilepton Analysis

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Abstract

The Aachen and ETH groups have reported an excess of events with low mass, opposite-sign same-flavor lepton pairs, commonly referred to as the "edge analysis." In this note, we use the $E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss}$ templates technique to estimate the Z background in the Z mass region for the two signal regions used in this analysis. This prediction is extrapolated to low mass to estimate the γ^*/Z contribution. Additional cross-checks are also presented.

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1 Changes since previous version

• AN v2: Update the selection. For the high- E_T^{miss} signal region require both leptons to satisfy $p_T > 20$ GeV (previously the trailing lepton p_T threshold was 10 GeV). For both the low- E_T^{miss} and high- E_T^{miss} signal regions, we now quote the results in the "central region" and "inclusive region" defined by requiring both leptons to satisfy $|\eta| < 1.4$ and $|\eta| < 2.4$, respectively (4 total signal regions).

6 2 Introduction

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- 7 The Aachen and ETH groups have reported an excess of events with low mass, opposite-sign same-flavor (OSSF)
- 8 lepton pairs, as described in AN-2012/200 (Aachen) and AN-2012/231 (ETH). In Sec. 3 we define the signal
- 9 regions used in the analysis and demonstrate the level of synchronization with the ETH and Aachen authors. In
- Sec. 4 of this note, we use the E_T^{miss} templates technique [1] to estimate the Z background in the Z mass region
- for the two signal regions used in this analysis. This prediction is extrapolated to low mass to estimate the γ^*/Z
- contribution. In Sec. C we cross-check the results of the nominal analysis based on dilepton triggers using single
- lepton triggers. All results presented here are based on 9.2 fb $^{-1}$.

3 Signal Regions and Synchronization Exercise

We begin by defining the signal regions used in the edge analysis, and demonstrating the level of synchronization with the results from the ETH and Aachen authors.

17 3.1 Signal Regions

- The signal regions of the OSSF analysis are defined as:
- Low-E^{miss} signal region (ETH)
 - At least 3 jets ($p_T > 40 \text{ GeV}, |\eta| < 3$)
 - $E_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{miss}} > 100 \, \mathrm{GeV}$
 - 2 $p_T >$ 20 GeV leptons with $|\eta| < 1.4$ (central signal region) or $|\eta| < 2.4$ (inclusive signal region)
- High-E^{miss} signal region (Aachen)
 - At least 2 jets ($p_T > 40$ GeV, $|\eta| < 3$) with scalar sum $H_T > 100$ GeV
 - $E_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{miss}} > 150 \, \mathrm{GeV}$
 - 2 $p_T >$ 20 GeV leptons with $|\eta| < 1.4$ (central signal region) or $|\eta| < 2.4$ (inclusive signal region)
- This gives a total of four signal regions: low- E_T^{miss} central, low- E_T^{miss} inclusive, high- E_T^{miss} central, and high-
- $_{28}$ $\rm E_T^{miss}$ inclusive. The edge signal regions are defined by requiring the lepton pair to have $20 < m_{\ell\ell} < 70~{
 m GeV}$
- $_{\rm 29}$ $\,$ ("low-mass"), in this note we also examine the results in the $81 < m_{\ell\ell} < 101$ GeV ("on-Z") region.

30 3.2 Synchronization Exercise

- We perform a synchronization exercise to make sure that we can reproduce the ETH/Aachen results. In Table 1 we
- compare our on-Z yields with those from the Aachen and ETH groups. In Table 2 we compare our low-mass yields
- with those from the Aachen and ETH groups. In general we are synchronized to within a few% in all channels.

Table 1: Summary of the synchronization exercise for the on-Z yields, obtained from the ETH/Aachen authors via private communication. The yields in the on-Z region are displayed for the low $E_T^{\rm miss}$ central and high $E_T^{\rm miss}$ inclusive signal regions.

low E _T ^{miss} signal region (central)	UCSB-UCSD-FNAL	ETH Authors
ee	91	89
$\mu\mu$	102	102
$e\mu$	130	130
high E _T ^{miss} signal region (inclusive)	UCSB-UCSD-FNAL	Aachen
ee	61	60
$\mu\mu$	73	78
$e\mu$	95	94

Table 2: Summary of the synchronization exercise comparing with Table 4 of SUS-12-019 v9. The yields in the low-mass region are displayed for the low $E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss}$ and high $E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss}$ signal regions, in the central and inclusive regions. The opposite-flavor prediction (OF) is the number of e μ events scaled by $R_{SF/OF}=1.02$.

low E _T ^{miss} signal region (central)	UCSB-UCSD-FNAL	SUS-12-019 v9 Table 4
SF	364	364
OF	265	264
low E _T ^{miss} signal region (inclusive)	UCSB-UCSD-FNAL	SUS-12-019 v9 Table 4
SF	453	452
OF	368	367
high E _T ^{miss} signal region (central)	UCSB-UCSD-FNAL	SUS-12-019 v9 Table 4
SF	168	174
OF	114	119
high E_{T}^{miss} signal region (inclusive)	UCSB-UCSD-FNAL	SUS-12-019 v9 Table 4
SF	217	222
OF	149	154

$_{^{34}}$ 4 Results of the $\mathrm{E_{T}^{miss}}$ Templates Analysis

In this section, we use the E_T^{miss} templates technique to derive predictions for the background in the on-Z region for the four signal regions used for the edge analysis. The background estimation methodology used in the E_T^{miss} templates analysis is described in AN-2012/254; this AN presents only details which differ from that reference. We then use the predicted Z background to derive an estimate of the low-mass γ^* /Z contribution, using an extrapolation technique commonly referred to as the " $R_{out/in}$ " technique [2].

4.1 Background Estimation Methodology

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The strategy is to select $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$ candidates (81 < $m_{\ell\ell}$ < 101 GeV) with jet requirements corresponding to the low- E_T^{miss} and high- E_T^{miss} signal regions, and compare the observed E_T^{miss} distribution to the sum of the predictions from the four background categories:

- Z+jets background: the E_T^{miss} in Z+jets events is modeled using a data control sample of $\gamma+jets$ events. These events are reweighted to account for different jet kinematics in Z+jets vs. $\gamma+jets$ events using the " E_T^{miss} templates" technique.
- Flavor-symmetric (FS) background: this background category is dominated by $t\bar{t}$, and consists of processes with equal rates for same-flavor (ee and $\mu\mu$) vs. opposite-flavor (e μ) events. The FS background is predicted from the e μ data sample. The on-Z dilepton mass requirement is not applied to the e μ sample, and the predictions are scaled by K, the MC efficiency for e μ background events to satisfy the on-Z dilepton mass requirement.
- WZ/ZZ background: this background is predicted from MC, after validation in 3-lepton (WZ) and 4-lepton (ZZ) data control samples. The contributions from WZ and ZZ to the FS background estimate are negligible.
- Rare background: this background consists of processes with Z bosons ($t\bar{t}Z$ and ZZZ, ZZW, ZWW) that have small cross sections, and is estimated from MC.

In order to adapt the $\rm E_T^{miss}$ templates method to predict the Z background in these regions, we make minor modifications to the procedure used in AN-2012/254. Specifically, we re-calculate the FS scaling factor K and change the binning used for the $\rm E_T^{miss}$ templates. The details of the extraction of K are presented in App. A; to summarize, we use $K=0.14\pm0.02$ for signal regions with inclusive leptons and $K=0.15\pm0.02$ for signal regions with central leptons. In addition, we change the jet p_T threshold for the $\rm E_T^{miss}$ templates jet multiplicity binning from 30 to 40 GeV, and change the H_T bins to (0.80,100,150,200,250,300,5000) GeV.

4.2 Results in Z Mass Window

The results of the for the signal regions with inclusive leptons are displayed in Fig. 1 and summarized in Table 3. The results of the for the signal regions with central leptons are displayed in Fig. 2 and summarized in Table 4. For all four signal regions, the observed $E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss}$ distributions agree with the expected $E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss}$ distributions for the sum of the backgrounds. The observed yields for the $E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss} > 100$ GeV (low- $E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss}$) and $E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss} > 150$ GeV (high- $E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss}$) requirements are consistent with the expected background yields within $\pm 1\sigma$. No evidence of a signal-like excess is observed in any region.

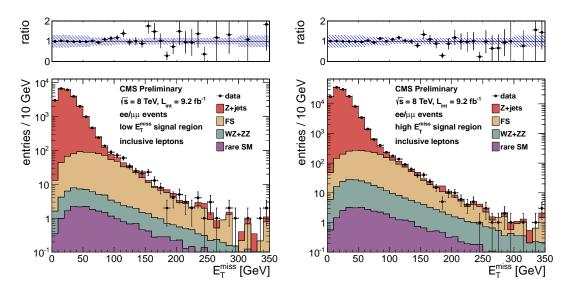


Figure 1: Results of for the low $E_T^{\rm miss}$ (left) and high $E_T^{\rm miss}$ (right) signal regions with the inclusive lepton selection. The observed $E_T^{\rm miss}$ distribution (black points) is compared with the sum of the predicted $E_T^{\rm miss}$ distributions from $Z+{\rm jets}$, flavor-symmetric backgrounds, WZ+ZZ backgrounds, and rare SM backgrounds. The ratio of observed to predicted yields in each bin is indicated. The error bars indicate the statistical uncertainty in the data and the shaded band indicates the total background uncertainty.

Table 3: Results for the low E_T^{miss} signal region (top table) and high E_T^{miss} signal region (bottom table) with the inclusive lepton selection. The total background is the sum of the Z+jets background predicted from the E_T^{miss} templates method (Z+jets bkg), the flavor-symmetric background predicted from $e\mu$ events (FS bkg), the WZ and ZZ backgrounds predicted from MC (WZ bkg and ZZ bkg) and the rare SM backgrounds. All uncertainties include both the statistical and systematic components. The Gaussian significance of the deviation between the data and total background is indicated for signal regions with at least 20 observed events.

	$E_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{miss}} > 0 \mathrm{GeV}$	$\rm E_T^{miss} > 30~GeV$	$\rm E_T^{miss} > 60~GeV$	$\rm E_T^{miss} > 100~GeV$	$\rm E_{T}^{miss} > 150~GeV$	$\rm E_T^{miss} > 300~GeV$
Z + jets bkg	23071 ± 6922	7456 ± 2238	673 ± 203	49.9 ± 16.4	10.4 ± 3.6	1.0 ± 0.6
FS bkg	807 ± 126	695 ± 108	457 ± 71	184 ± 29	45.6 ± 7.5	1.5 ± 0.5
WZ bkg	43.5 ± 30.5	35.1 ± 24.6	21.3 ± 14.9	10.0 ± 7.1	4.4 ± 3.2	0.4 ± 0.4
ZZ bkg	7.8 ± 3.9	7.0 ± 3.6	5.4 ± 2.8	3.3 ± 1.8	1.7 ± 1.1	0.2 ± 0.2
rare SM bkg	22.0 ± 11.0	19.0 ± 9.6	12.4 ± 6.3	6.3 ± 3.3	2.8 ± 1.6	0.3 ± 0.3
total bkg	23951 ± 6924	8213 ± 2241	1169 ± 216	253 ± 34	64.8 ± 9.1	3.5 ± 1.0
data	23999	8134	1217	288	76	4
significance	0.0σ	-0.0σ	0.2σ	0.9σ	0.9σ	
	$\rm E_{T}^{miss} > 0~GeV$	$\rm E_T^{miss} > 30~GeV$	$\rm E_T^{miss} > 60~GeV$	$\rm E_T^{miss} > 100~GeV$	$\rm E_T^{miss} > 150~GeV$	$E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss} > 300 {\rm GeV}$
Z + jets bkg	$\rm E_{T}^{miss} > 0~GeV$ 114401 ± 34322	$\rm E_{T}^{miss} > 30~GeV$ $\rm 30966 \pm 9291$	$\rm E_{T}^{miss} > 60~GeV$ 1905 ± 573	$\frac{\rm E_T^{miss} > 100~GeV}{120 \pm 38}$	$\rm E_{T}^{miss} > 150~GeV$ 26.2 ± 8.9	$\frac{\rm E_T^{miss} > 300~GeV}{1.4 \pm 0.7}$
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	114401 ± 34322	30966 ± 9291	1905 ± 573	120 ± 38	26.2 ± 8.9	1.4 ± 0.7
FS bkg	$ \begin{array}{c} 114401 \pm 34322 \\ 2255 \pm 350 \end{array} $	30966 ± 9291 1908 ± 296	$ \begin{array}{c} 1905 \pm 573 \\ 1201 \pm 187 \end{array} $	120 ± 38 436 ± 68	$26.2 \pm 8.9 \\ 90.0 \pm 14.4$	$ \begin{array}{c} 1.4 \pm 0.7 \\ 2.9 \pm 0.8 \end{array} $
FS bkg WZ bkg	$ \begin{array}{r} 114401 \pm 34322 \\ 2255 \pm 350 \\ 182.7 \pm 127.9 \end{array} $	30966 ± 9291 1908 ± 296 144.7 ± 101.3	$ \begin{array}{c} 1905 \pm 573 \\ 1201 \pm 187 \\ 81.8 \pm 57.3 \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{c} 120 \pm 38 \\ 436 \pm 68 \\ 35.2 \pm 24.7 \end{array} $	$26.2 \pm 8.9 \\ 90.0 \pm 14.4 \\ 13.9 \pm 9.9$	$ \begin{array}{c} 1.4 \pm 0.7 \\ 2.9 \pm 0.8 \\ 1.3 \pm 1.3 \end{array} $
FS bkg WZ bkg ZZ bkg	114401 ± 34322 2255 ± 350 182.7 ± 127.9 35.9 ± 18.0	30966 ± 9291 1908 ± 296 144.7 ± 101.3 32.3 ± 16.2	1905 ± 573 1201 ± 187 81.8 ± 57.3 23.9 ± 12.0	$ \begin{array}{c} 120 \pm 38 \\ 436 \pm 68 \\ 35.2 \pm 24.7 \\ 14.0 \pm 7.1 \end{array} $	26.2 ± 8.9 90.0 ± 14.4 13.9 ± 9.9 6.7 ± 3.6	1.4 ± 0.7 2.9 ± 0.8 1.3 ± 1.3 0.8 ± 0.8
FS bkg WZ bkg ZZ bkg rare SM bkg	114401 ± 34322 2255 ± 350 182.7 ± 127.9 35.9 ± 18.0 33.5 ± 16.8	30966 ± 9291 1908 ± 296 144.7 ± 101.3 32.3 ± 16.2 29.0 ± 14.6	1905 ± 573 1201 ± 187 81.8 ± 57.3 23.9 ± 12.0 19.5 ± 9.8	120 ± 38 436 ± 68 35.2 ± 24.7 14.0 ± 7.1 10.2 ± 5.2	26.2 ± 8.9 90.0 ± 14.4 13.9 ± 9.9 6.7 ± 3.6 4.5 ± 2.5	1.4 ± 0.7 2.9 ± 0.8 1.3 ± 1.3 0.8 ± 0.8 0.5 ± 0.5

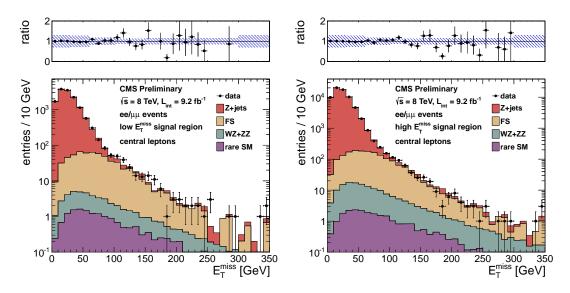


Figure 2: Results of for the low $E_T^{\rm miss}$ (left) and high $E_T^{\rm miss}$ (right) signal regions with the central lepton selection. The observed $E_T^{\rm miss}$ distribution (black points) is compared with the sum of the predicted $E_T^{\rm miss}$ distributions from $Z+{\rm jets}$, flavor-symmetric backgrounds, WZ+ZZ backgrounds, and rare SM backgrounds. The ratio of observed to predicted yields in each bin is indicated. The error bars indicate the statistical uncertainty in the data and the shaded band indicates the total background uncertainty.

Table 4: Results for the low E_T^{miss} signal region (top table) and high E_T^{miss} signal region (bottom table) with the central lepton selection. The total background is the sum of the Z+ jets background predicted from the E_T^{miss} templates method (Z+ jets bkg), the flavor-symmetric background predicted from e μ events (FS bkg), the WZ and ZZ backgrounds predicted from MC (WZ bkg and ZZ bkg) and the rare SM backgrounds. All uncertainties include both the statistical and systematic components. The Gaussian significance of the deviation between the data and total background is indicated for signal regions with at least 20 observed events.

	$\rm E_{T}^{miss} > 0~GeV$	$\rm E_T^{miss} > 30~GeV$	$\rm E_T^{miss} > 60~GeV$	$\rm E_{T}^{miss} > 100~GeV$	$\rm E_T^{miss} > 150~GeV$	$\rm E_T^{miss} > 300~GeV$
Z + jets bkg	12984 ± 3896	4242 ± 1273	391 ± 118	29.6 ± 9.7	6.3 ± 2.2	0.6 ± 0.4
FS bkg	565 ± 83	487 ± 72	323 ± 48	129 ± 19	32.5 ± 5.2	1.2 ± 0.5
WZ bkg	28.1 ± 19.7	22.7 ± 15.9	13.9 ± 9.8	6.8 ± 4.9	3.1 ± 2.4	0.4 ± 0.4
ZZ bkg	4.8 ± 2.5	4.4 ± 2.3	3.3 ± 1.8	2.1 ± 1.2	1.1 ± 0.8	0.1 ± 0.1
rare SM bkg	15.8 ± 8.0	13.7 ± 6.9	9.0 ± 4.6	4.8 ± 2.5	2.3 ± 1.4	0.3 ± 0.3
total bkg	13598 ± 3897	4770 ± 1275	740 ± 128	173 ± 22	45.2 ± 6.3	2.6 ± 0.7
data	13631	4688	773	192	53	3
significance	0.0σ	-0.1σ	0.3σ	0.7σ	0.8σ	
	$\rm E_{T}^{miss} > 0~GeV$	$\rm E_T^{miss} > 30~GeV$	$\rm E_T^{miss} > 60~GeV$	$\rm E_T^{miss} > 100~GeV$	$\rm E_T^{miss} > 150~GeV$	$\rm E_T^{miss} > 300~GeV$
Z + jets bkg	64775 ± 19433	17697 ± 5310	1118 ± 336	71.8 ± 22.3	15.8 ± 5.3	0.8 ± 0.4
FS bkg	1573 ± 231	1341 ± 197	850 ± 125	313 ± 46	66.5 ± 10.2	2.2 ± 0.7
WZ bkg	115.0 ± 80.5	91.3 ± 64.0	52.4 ± 36.7	23.3 ± 16.4	9.4 ± 6.7	1.0 ± 1.0
ZZ bkg	21.7 ± 10.9	19.7 ± 9.9	14.8 ± 7.5	8.8 ± 4.5	4.3 ± 2.4	0.5 ± 0.5
rare SM bkg	23.9 ± 12.0	20.8 ± 10.4	14.1 ± 7.1	7.5 ± 3.9	3.6 ± 2.1	0.5 ± 0.5
total bkg	66508 ± 19435	19170 ± 5314	2049 ± 360	424 ± 54	99.6 ± 13.7	5.1 ± 1.4
data	66521	18841	2062	421	92	4
significance	0.0σ	-0.1σ	0.0σ	-0.1σ	-0.5 σ	

4.3 Extrapolation to Low Mass to Estimate the γ^*/Z Contribution

Given a prediction for the Z background in the Z mass window, we can extrapolate to estimate the low mass γ^*/Z contribution. We extract the ratio $R_{low/in}$ of low-mass to on-shell Z events from data, correcting for the contribution from flavor-symmetric backgrounds, according to:

$$R_{low/in} = (N_{SF}^{low} - N_{OF}^{low}) / (N_{SF}^{in} - N_{OF}^{in}).$$
(1)

Here SF and OF refer to the same-flavor and opposite-flavor data yields in the "low" ($20 < m_{\ell\ell} < 70~{\rm GeV}$) and "in" ($81 < m_{\ell\ell} < 101~{\rm GeV}$) dilepton mass regions. To predict the low-mass $\gamma^*/{\rm Z}$ contribution, we scale the total predicted Z background by this quantity. The measurement of ${\rm R_{low/in}}$ is summarized in App. B; to summarize, we find ${\rm R_{low/in}} = 0.07 \pm 0.02$.

To predict the low-mass $\gamma*/Z$ background, we start with the prediction for the total Z background in the on-Z regions for the four signal regions (see the bold numbers from Tables 3 and 4). Here the total Z background is the sum of Z + jets , WZ, ZZ, and rare SM backgrounds. This background is then scaled by $R_{low/in}$ to predict the $\gamma*/Z$ contribution to the low-mass region of the four signal regions. The results are summarized in Table 5.

5 Summary of Results

As summary of the results in presented in Table 5. The observed data yields in the on-Z regions for the four signal regions (low- E_T^{miss} and high- E_T^{miss} , inclusive and central leptons) are in good agreement with the predicted backgrounds.

Table 5: Summary of results in the four signal regions. The total observed yields in the on-Z regions (Total On-Z Yield) is compared to the total predicted background in the on-Z region (Total On-Z Bkg). The total Z background (sum of Z + jets , WZ, ZZ, and rare SM backgrounds) in the on-Z region is indicated (On-Z Z Bkg). This Z background is scaled by $R_{\rm low/in} = 0.07 \pm 0.02$ to predict the $\gamma*/Z$ contribution to the low-mass region ($\gamma*/Z$ Bkg).

	Low-E _T ^{miss} (inclusive)	High-E _T ^{miss} (inclusive)	Low-E _T ^{miss} (central)	High-E _T (central)
Total On-Z Yield	288	133	192	92
Total On-Z Bkg	253 ± 34	141 ± 20	173 ± 22	100 ± 14
On-Z Z Bkg	70 ± 18	51 ± 14	43 ± 11	33 ± 9.1
$\gamma*/\mathbb{Z}$ Bkg	4.9 ± X	$3.6 \pm X$	$3.0 \pm X$	2.3 ± X

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A Measurement of K

- To measure the flavor-symmetric background (mostly $t\bar{t}$) in the Z mass window, we take the e μ yield without the on-Z mass requirement and scale this by the quantity K, which is the MC efficiency for the flavor-symmetric
- $_{92}$ background to fall in the Z mass window. In this section we measure K from MC for the high- $\mathrm{E_{T}^{miss}}$ and low-
- E_T^{miss} signal regions, for central and inclusive leptons. The measurement is made in various E_T^{miss} regions, and the
- $E_{\rm T}$ signal regions, for central and inclusive reptons. The measurement is made in various $E_{\rm T}$ regions, and the uncertainty is assessed based on comparison of K with the corresponding value extracted from data.
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- The values of K for the high- E_T^{miss} signal region are in Fig. 3 (inclusive leptons) and Fig. 4 (central leptons). The values of K for the low- E_T^{miss} signal region are in Fig. 5 (inclusive leptons) and Fig. 6 (central leptons).
- For the inclusive leptons, we find that $K=0.14\pm0.02$ for all $\rm E_T^{miss}$ regions up to $\rm E_T^{miss}>150$ GeV (the largest
- $_{98}$ E_{T}^{miss} requirement used in the edge analysis) For the central leptons, we find $K=0.15\pm0.02$.

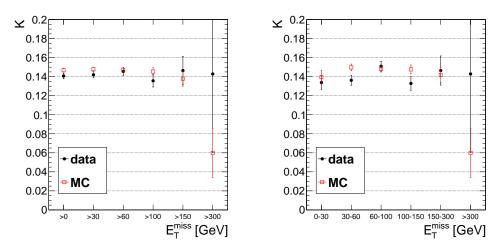


Figure 3: The efficiency for $e\mu$ events to satisfy the dilepton mass requirement, K, in data and simulation for inclusive E_T^{miss} intervals (left) and exclusive E_T^{miss} intervals (right) for the **high-** E_T^{miss} **signal region requirements** and inclusive leptons.

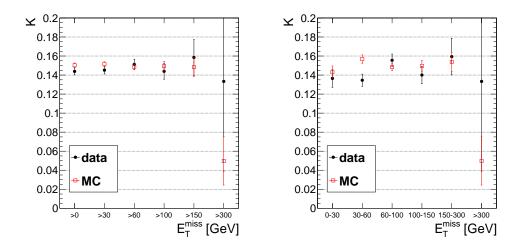


Figure 4: The efficiency for $e\mu$ events to satisfy the dilepton mass requirement, K, in data and simulation for inclusive E_T^{miss} intervals (left) and exclusive E_T^{miss} intervals (right) for the **high-** E_T^{miss} **signal region requirements** and central leptons.

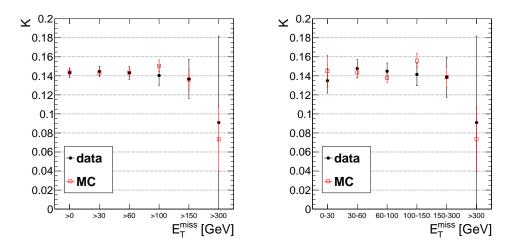


Figure 5: The efficiency for $e\mu$ events to satisfy the dilepton mass requirement, K, in data and simulation for inclusive E_T^{miss} intervals (left) and exclusive E_T^{miss} intervals (right) for the **low-** E_T^{miss} **signal region requirements and inclusive leptons**.

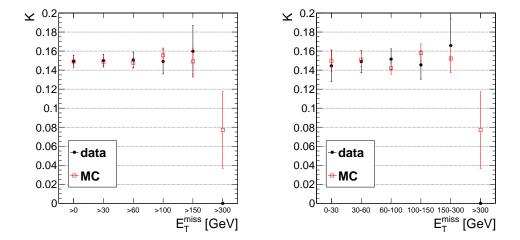


Figure 6: The efficiency for $e\mu$ events to satisfy the dilepton mass requirement, K, in data and simulation for inclusive E_T^{miss} intervals (left) and exclusive E_T^{miss} intervals (right) for the **low-** E_T^{miss} **signal region requirements and central leptons**.

$_{99}$ B Measurement of $m R_{low/in}$

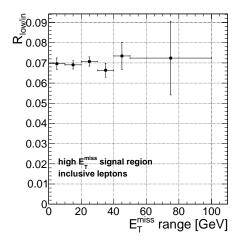
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The Z background in the on-Z region is extrapolated to predict the $\gamma*/Z$ background in the low-mass background using the extrapolation factor $R_{\rm low/in}$ discussed in Sec. 4. In this section we measure $R_{\rm low/in}$, as a function of $E_T^{\rm miss}$, for the jet and lepton requirements corresponding to the low- $E_T^{\rm miss}$ and high- $E_T^{\rm miss}$ signal regions, with inclusive and central leptons.

The values of $R_{\rm low/in}$ for the high- $E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss}$ signal region are in Fig. 7. The values of $R_{\rm low/in}$ for the low- $E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss}$ signal region are in Fig. 8. For all signal regions, we find $R_{\rm low/in}=0.07\pm0.02$.



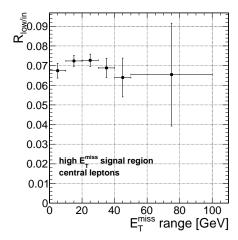
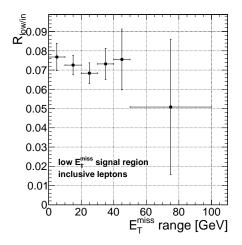


Figure 7: The quantity $R_{\rm low/in}$ for the high- $E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss}$ signal region with inclusive leptons (left) and central leptons (right).



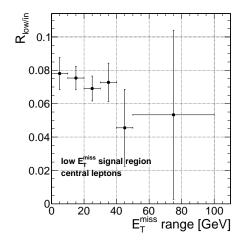


Figure 8: The quantity $R_{\rm low/in}$ for the low- $E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss}$ signal region with inclusive leptons (left) and central leptons (right).

C Cross-check with single lepton triggers

The results in this section are based on the old definitions of the high- $E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss}$ and low- $E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss}$ signal regions. The high- $E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss}$ signal region has $p_T >$ (20,10) GeV leptons. The low- $E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss}$ signal region has inclusive leptons. The nominal "edge analysis" is performed with dilepton triggers. An excess of SF vs. OF events may thus be observed if there were some inefficiency for the $e\mu$ triggers used in this analysis. In this section we provide a cross-check of the nominal analysis by including events collected with single lepton triggers. The relevant triggers are:

ee channel

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- dilepton: HLT_Ele17_CaloIdT_CaloIsoVL_TrkIdVL_TrkIsoVL_Ele8_CaloIdT_CaloIsoVL_TrkIdVL_TrkIsoVL
- single lepton: HLT_Ele27_WP80
- $\mu\mu$ channel
 - dilepton: HLT Mu17 Mu8 OR HLT Mu17 TkMu8
 - single lepton: HLT_IsoMu24 OR HLT_IsoMu24_eta2p1
- $e\mu$ channel
 - dilepton: HLT MuX EleY CaloIdT CaloIsoVL TrkIdVL TrkIsoVL (X,Y=17,8 OR 8,17)
 - single lepton: HLT_Ele27_WP80 OR HLT_IsoMu24 OR HLT_IsoMu24_eta2p1

In the nominal analysis based on dilepton triggers only, an ee event is required to satisfy the ee dilepton trigger, a $\mu\mu$ event is required to satisfy one of the two $\mu\mu$ dilepton triggers, and an $e\mu$ event is required to satisfy one of the two $e\mu$ dilepton triggers. Here we compare the results obtained from the nominal dilepton triggers with those obtained by requiring an OR of the dilepton and single lepton triggers. In this cross-check, an ee event is required to satisfy the ee dilepton trigger OR single electron trigger, a $\mu\mu$ event is required to satisfy one of the two $e\mu$ dilepton triggers OR one of the two single muon triggers, and an $e\mu$ event is required to satisfy one of the two $e\mu$ dilepton triggers OR the single electron trigger OR the single muon trigger. The results are summarized in Table 6. Including the single lepton triggers increases the yields in the ee, $e\mu$ and $e\mu$ final states by (1–7)%, and does not significantly alter the excess of SF vs. OF data yields.

Table 6: Summary of results comparing dilepton vs. dilepton OR single lepton triggers, for 5.1 fb⁻¹, in the low E_T^{miss} and high E_T^{miss} signal regions (SR). The ratio of the dilepton OR single lepton yield to the dilepton only yield is indicated, along with the excess of SF w.r.t. OF events.

Region	$N_{\rm ee}$	$N_{\mu\mu}$	$N_{\mathrm{e}\mu}$	$N_{\rm ee} + N_{\mu\mu} - N_{\rm e\mu}$
Low $\rm E_T^{miss}$ SR and $20 < m_{\ell\ell} < 70~{\rm GeV}$				
dilepton (nominal)	106	153	189	$70 \pm 21.2 (stat)$
dilepton OR single lepton	112	155	199	$68 \pm 21.6 (stat)$
ratio	1.06	1.01	1.05	
Low E_T^{miss} SR and $m_{\ell\ell} > 20$ GeV				
dilepton (nominal)	357	517	693	$181 \pm 39.6 (stat)$
dilepton OR single lepton	368	534	739	$163 \pm 40.5 (stat)$
ratio	1.03	1.03	1.07	
High E_{T}^{miss} SR and $15 < m_{\ell\ell} < 70 \text{ GeV}$				
dilepton (nominal)	89	157	187	$59 \pm 20.8 (stat)$
dilepton OR single lepton	93	160	197	$56 \pm 21.2 (stat)$
ratio	1.04	1.02	1.05	
High E_{T}^{miss} SR and $m_{\ell\ell} > 15$ GeV				
dilepton (nominal)	258	380	527	$111 \pm 34.1 \text{ (stat)}$
dilepton OR single lepton	271	386	553	$104 \pm 34.8 (stat)$
ratio	1.05	1.02	1.05	

Next, we compare the results obtained with the dilepton triggers to results obtained with single lepton triggers only. Since the single electron (single muon) triggers have p_T thresholds of 27 (24) GeV, we use a dilepton $p_T > (30,20)$ selection. The results are summarized in Table 7. Switching from dilepton to single lepton triggers alters the yields by (-2–5)%, and does not significantly alter the excess of SF vs. OF data yields.

Table 7: Summary of results comparing dilepton vs. single lepton triggers (with a dilepton $p_T > (30,20)$ GeV selection, for 5.1 fb⁻¹, in the low E_T^{miss} and high E_T^{miss} signal regions (SR). The ratio of the single lepton trigger yield to the dilepton trigger yield is indicated, along with the excess of SF w.r.t. OF events.

Region	$N_{\rm ee}$	$N_{\mu\mu}$	$N_{\mathrm{e}\mu}$	$N_{\rm ee} + N_{\mu\mu} - N_{\rm e\mu}$
Low $\rm E_T^{miss}$ SR and $20 < m_{\ell\ell} < 70~{\rm GeV}$				
dilepton	95	135	169	$61 \pm 20.0 (stat)$
single lepton	93	134	172	$55 \pm 20.0 (stat)$
ratio	0.98	0.99	1.02	
Low E_T^{miss} SR and $m_{\ell\ell} > 20$ GeV				
dilepton	345	497	669	$173 \pm 38.9 (stat)$
single lepton	346	499	700	$145 \pm 39.3 (stat)$
ratio	1.00	1.00	1.05	
High $\mathrm{E_T^{miss}}$ SR and $15 < m_{\ell\ell} < 70~\mathrm{GeV}$				
dilepton	48	72	79	$41 \pm 14.1 (stat)$
single lepton	47	72	81	$38 \pm 14.1 (stat)$
ratio	0.98	1.00	1.03	
High $\mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{miss}}$ SR and $m_{\ell\ell} > 15~\mathrm{GeV}$				
dilepton	197	270	367	$100 \pm 28.9 (stat)$
single lepton	200	269	377	$92 \pm 29.1 (stat)$
ratio	1.02	1.00	1.03	