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# Searches for beyond-the-standard model physics in events with a Z boson, jets and missing transverse energy

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## Abstract

This note describes a search for beyond-the-standard model (BSM) physics in events with a leptonically-decaying Z boson, jets, and missing transverse energy ( $E_T^{\text{miss}}$ ). This signature is predicted to occur in several BSM scenarios, for example supersymmetric (SUSY) models. Two search strategies are pursued. The first is an inclusive approach which selects events with at least two jets and large  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$ , produced in association with the  $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$  candidate. The second is a targeted search which focuses on a more exclusive signature topology that is motivated by SUSY models dominated by the electroweak charginos and neutralinos. The main backgrounds of SM  $Z + \text{jets}$  and  $t\bar{t}$  production are estimated with the data-driven  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  templates technique and the opposite-flavor subtraction technique, respectively. No excesses above the SM expectations are observed. The results are interpreted in the context of simplified model spectra.

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# 1 Introduction

This note presents two searches for beyond-the-standard model (BSM) physics in events containing a leptonically-decaying Z boson, jets, and missing transverse energy. This is an update of previous searches performed with 2011 data [1, 2]. The search is based on a data sample of pp collisions collected at  $\sqrt{s} = 8$  TeV in 2012, corresponding to an integrated luminosity of  $5.1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ .

The production of Z bosons is expected in many BSM scenarios, for example supersymmetric (SUSY) models. For example, Z bosons may be produced in the decays  $\chi_2^0 \rightarrow Z\chi_1^0$ ,  $\chi_1^0 \rightarrow Z\tilde{G}$ , where  $\chi_2^0$  is the second lightest neutralino,  $\chi_1^0$  is the lightest neutralino, and  $\tilde{G}$  is the gravitino. Such decays may occur in the cascade decays of the strongly-produced squarks and gluinos, or via direct production of the electroweak charginos and neutralino. Examples of such processes (see Fig. 1) are:

- strong production:  $pp \rightarrow \tilde{g}\tilde{g} \rightarrow (q\bar{q}\chi_2^0)(q\bar{q}\chi_2^0) \rightarrow (q\bar{q}Z\chi_1^0)(q\bar{q}Z\chi_1^0) \rightarrow ZZ + 4 \text{ jets} + E_T^{\text{miss}}$
- electroweak production:  $pp \rightarrow \chi_1^\pm \chi_2^0 \rightarrow (W\chi_1^0)(Z\chi_1^0) \rightarrow WZ + E_T^{\text{miss}}$

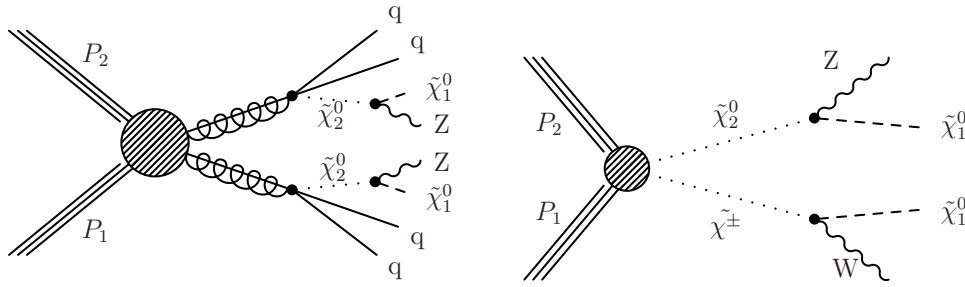


Figure 1: Examples of BSM physics signatures targeted in this search. In the left diagram, Z bosons are produced in the cascade decays of the strongly-interacting gluinos. In the right diagram, a Z boson is produced via direct production of the weakly-coupled charginos and neutralinos.

We thus pursue two strategies. The first is an inclusive strategy which selects events with a  $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$  candidate, at least two jets, and large  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$ . This strategy is useful for targeting, e.g., the production of Z bosons in the cascade decays of strongly-interacting particles as depicted in Fig. 1 (left). In the second strategy, we impose additional requirements which strongly suppress the backgrounds while retaining high efficiency for events with Z bosons produced via direct production of the weakly-coupled charginos and neutralinos. These two strategies are referred to as the “inclusive search” and the “targeted search,” respectively.

After selecting events with jets and a  $Z \rightarrow \ell^+\ell^-$  ( $\ell = e, \mu$ ) candidate, the dominant background consists of SM Z production accompanied by jets from initial-state radiation ( $Z + \text{jets}$ ). The  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  in  $Z + \text{jets}$  events arises primarily when jet energies are mismeasured. The  $Z + \text{jets}$  cross section is several orders of magnitude larger than our signal, and the artificial  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  is not necessarily well reproduced in simulation. Therefore, the critical prerequisite to a discovery of BSM physics in the  $Z + \text{jets} + E_T^{\text{miss}}$  final state is to establish that a potential excess is not due to SM  $Z + \text{jets}$  production accompanied by artificial  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  from jet mismeasurements. In this note, the  $Z + \text{jets}$  background is estimated with the  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  templates technique, in which the artificial  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  in  $Z + \text{jets}$  events is modeled using a  $\gamma + \text{jets}$  control sample. The second background category consists of processes which produce leptons with uncorrelated flavor. These “flavor-symmetric” (FS) backgrounds, which are dominated by  $t\bar{t}$  but also contain  $WW$ ,  $DY \rightarrow \tau\tau$  and single top processes, are estimated using a data control sample of  $e\mu$  events. Additional backgrounds from  $WZ$  and  $ZZ$  production are estimated from MC, after validation of the MC modeling of these processes using 3-lepton and 4-lepton data control samples.

## 2 Datasets and Triggers

In this section we list the datasets, triggers, and MC samples used in the analysis. For selecting signal events, we use dilepton triggers in the DoubleElectron, DoubleMu, and MuEG datasets. An event in the  $ee$  final state is required to pass the dielectron trigger, a  $\mu\mu$  event is required to pass the dimuon trigger, while an  $e\mu$  event is required to pass at least one of the two  $e - \mu$  cross triggers. The efficiencies of the  $ee$ ,  $\mu\mu$  and  $e\mu$  triggers with respect to the offline selection have been measured as  $0.95 \pm 0.03$ ,  $0.88 \pm 0.03$ , and  $0.92 \pm 0.03$ , respectively [6]. A sample of  $\gamma + \text{jets}$  events, used as a control sample to estimate the  $Z + \text{jets}$  background, is selected using a set of single photon triggers. The golden json of June 24th, corresponding to an integrated luminosity of  $5.1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ , is used.

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#### • Datasets

- /DoubleElectron/Run2021A-PromptReco-v1/AOD
- /DoubleMu/Run2021A-PromptReco-v1/AOD
- /MuEG/Run2021A-PromptReco-v1/AOD
- /DoubleElectron/Run2021B-PromptReco-v1/AOD
- /DoubleMu/Run2021B-PromptReco-v1/AOD
- /MuEG/Run2021B-PromptReco-v1/AOD

#### • Triggers

- HLT\_Mu17\_Mu8\_v\*
- HLT\_Mu17\_Ele8\_CaloIdT\_CaloIsoVL\_TrkIdVL\_TrkIsoVL\_v\*
- HLT\_Mu8\_Ele17\_CaloIdT\_CaloIsoVL\_TrkIdVL\_TrkIsoVL\*
- HLT\_Ele17\_CaloIdT\_CaloIsoVL\_TrkIdVL\_TrkIsoVL\_Ele8\_CaloIdT\_CaloIsoVL\_TrkIdVL\_TrkIsoVL\_v\*
- HLT\_Photon22\_R9Id90\_HE10\_Iso40\_EBOnly\_v\*
- HLT\_Photon36\_R9Id90\_HE10\_Iso40\_EBOnly\_v\*
- HLT\_Photon50\_R9Id90\_HE10\_Iso40\_EBOnly\_v\*
- HLT\_Photon75\_R9Id90\_HE10\_Iso40\_EBOnly\_v\*
- HLT\_Photon90\_R9Id90\_HE10\_Iso40\_EBOnly\_v\*

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#### • MC samples

- /DYJetsToLL\_TuneD6T\_M-50\_7TeV-madgraph-tauola/Spring11-PU\_S1\_START311\_V1G1-v1/AODSIM

### 3 Selection

In this section, we list the event selection, electron and muon objects selections, jets,  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$ , and b-tagging selections used in this analysis. These selections are based on those recommended by the relevant POG's.

#### 3.1 Event Selection

We require the presence of at least one primary vertex satisfying the standard quality criteria; namely, vertex is not fake,  $\text{ndf} \geq 4$ ,  $\rho < 2$  cm, and  $|z| < 24$  cm.

#### 3.2 Lepton Selection

Because  $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$  ( $\ell = e, \mu$ ) is a final state with very little background after a Z mass requirement is applied to the leptons, we restrict ourselves to events in which the Z boson decays to electrons or muons only. Therefore two same flavor, opposite sign leptons passing the ID described below are required in each event.

- $p_T > 20$  GeV and  $|\eta| < 2.4$ ;
- Opposite-sign SF lepton pairs (OF  $e\mu$  events are retained in a control sample used to estimate the FS contribution);
- For SF events, the dilepton invariant mass is required to be consistent with the Z mass; namely  $81 < m_{\ell\ell} < 101$  GeV.

##### 3.2.1 Electron Selection

The electron selection is the loose working point recommended by the E/gamma POG, as documented at [3]. We use PF-based isolation with a cone size of  $\Delta R < 0.3$ , using the effective area rho corrections documented at [4], and we require a relative isolation  $< 0.15$ . Electrons in the transition region defined by  $1.4442 < |\eta_{SC}| < 1.566$  are rejected. The electron selection requirements are listed in Table 1 for completeness.

Table 1: Summary of the electron selection requirements.

Quantity	Barrel	Endcap
$\delta\eta$	$< 0.007$	$< 0.009$
$\delta\phi$	$< 0.15$	$< 0.10$
$\sigma_{i\eta i\eta}$	$< 0.01$	$< 0.03$
H/E	$< 0.12$	$< 0.10$
$d_0$ (w.r.t. 1st good PV)	$< 0.02$ cm	$< 0.02$ cm
$d_z$ (w.r.t. 1st good PV)	$< 0.2$ cm	$< 0.2$ cm
$ 1/E - 1/P $	$< 0.05 \text{ GeV}^{-1}$	$< 0.05 \text{ GeV}^{-1}$
PF isolation / $p_T$	$< 0.15$	$< 0.15$
conversion rejection: fit probability	$< 10^{-6}$	$< 10^{-6}$
conversion rejection: missing hits	$\leq 1$	$\leq 1$

##### 3.2.2 Muon Selection

We use the tight muon selection recommended by the muon POG, as documented at [5]. We use PF-based isolation with a cone size of  $\Delta R < 0.3$ , using the  $\Delta\beta$  PU correction scheme, and we require a relative isolation of  $< 0.15$ . The muon selection requirements are listed in Table 2 for completeness.

#### 3.3 Photons

As will be explained later, it is not essential that we select real photons. What is needed are jets that are predominantly electromagnetic, well measured in the ECAL, and hence less likely to contribute to fake MET. We select photons with:

- $p_T > 22$  GeV

Table 2: Summary of the muons selection requirements.

Quantity	Requirement
muon type	global muon and PF muon
$\chi^2/\text{ndf}$	$< 10$
muon chamber hits	$\geq 1$
matched stations	$\geq 2$
$d_0$ (w.r.t. 1st good PV)	$< 0.02 \text{ cm}$
$d_z$ (w.r.t. 1st good PV)	$< 0.5 \text{ cm}$
pixel hits	$\geq 1$
tracker layers	$\geq 5$

- $|\eta| < 2$
- $H/E < 0.1$
- No matching pixel track (pixel veto)
- There must be a pfjet of  $p_T > 10 \text{ GeV}$  matched to the photon within  $dR < 0.3$ . The matched jet is required to have a neutral electromagnetic energy fraction of at least 70%.
- We require that the pfjet  $p_T$  matched to the photon satisfy  $(\text{pfjet } p_T - \text{photon } p_T) > -5 \text{ GeV}$ . This removes a few rare cases in which “overcleaning” of a pfjet generated fake MET.
- We also match photons to calojets and require  $(\text{calojet } p_T - \text{photon } p_T) > -5 \text{ GeV}$  (the same requirement used for pfjets). This is to remove other rare cases in which fake energy is added to the photon object but not the calojet.
- We reject photons which have an electron of at least  $p_T > 10 \text{ GeV}$  within  $dR < 0.2$  in order to reject conversions from electrons from W decays which are accompanied by real MET.
- We reject photons which are aligned with the MET to within 0.14 radians in phi.

### 3.4 MET

We use pfmet, henceforth referred to simply as  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$ .

### 3.5 Jets

- PF jets with L1FastL2L3 corrections (MC), L1FastL2L3residual corrections (data)
- $|\eta| < 2.5$
- Passes loose PFJet ID
- $p_T > 30 \text{ GeV}$  for determining the jet multiplicity,  $p_T > 15 \text{ GeV}$  for calculation of  $H_T$
- For the creation of photon templates, the jet matched to the photon passing the photon selection described above is vetoed
- For the dilepton sample, jets are vetoed if they are within  $\Delta R < 0.4$  from any lepton  $p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$  passing analysis selection

## 4 Data vs. MC Comparison in Preselection Region

In this section we compare the data and MC samples passing the selection described in Sec. 3. In the following, the MC is reweighted to match the data distribution of number of reconstructed primary vertices **FIXME: UPDATE TO 5.1/fb VTX-REWEIGHTING, CURRENTLY USING OUTDATED FUNCTION**. The trigger efficiencies of Sec. 2 are applied. In all plots, the last bin contains the overflow.

We begin by counting the inclusive Z yields. Here we require the presence of two selected leptons without any additional requirements on jets or  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$ . In Fig. 2 the distribution of dilepton invariant mass in the ee and  $\mu\mu$  channels is displayed. In Table 3 the yields for selected dilepton events in the Z mass window are indicated. Good data vs. MC agreement is observed, within the systematic uncertainties of integrated luminosity (4.5%), trigger efficiency (3%), Z + jets and  $t\bar{t}$  cross sections.

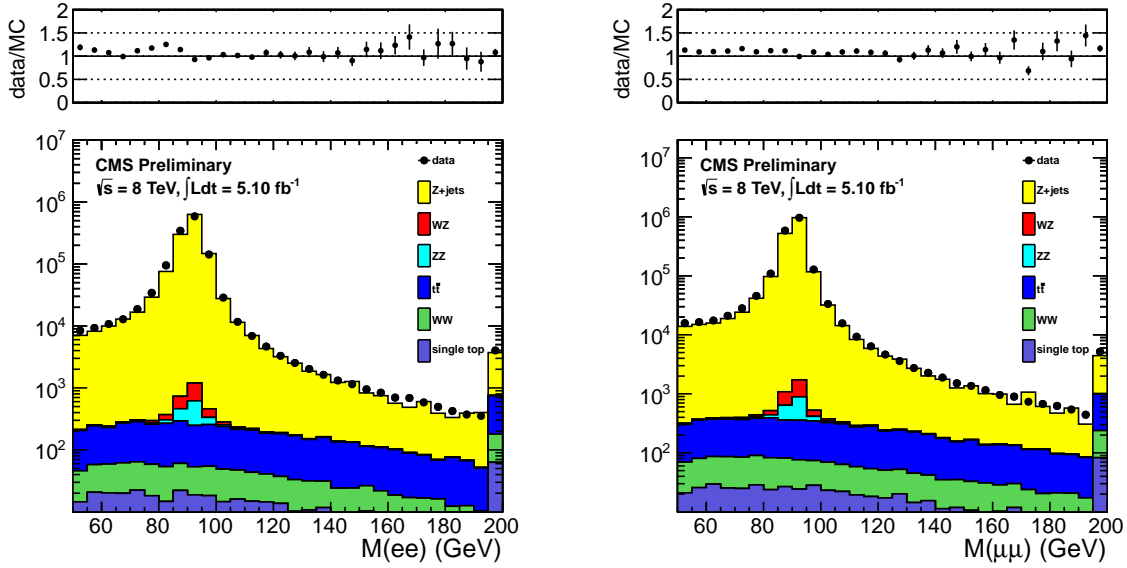


Figure 2: Dilepton mass distribution for events with two selected leptons in the ee (left) and  $\mu\mu$  (right) final states.

Table 3: Data and Monte Carlo yields for events with two selected leptons in the Z mass window.

Sample	ee	$\mu\mu$	$e\mu$	total
Z + jets	$1150211.5 \pm 4886.0$	$1697568.1 \pm 5680.2$	$281.5 \pm 63.7$	$2848061.2 \pm 7492.8$
$t\bar{t}$	$829.1 \pm 20.0$	$1120.7 \pm 22.6$	$1910.9 \pm 29.7$	$3860.7 \pm 42.4$
WZ	$1038.2 \pm 3.6$	$1465.5 \pm 4.1$	$29.5 \pm 0.5$	$2533.2 \pm 5.5$
ZZ	$658.0 \pm 2.4$	$933.0 \pm 2.7$	$2.7 \pm 0.1$	$1593.7 \pm 3.6$
WW	$146.7 \pm 2.6$	$209.0 \pm 2.9$	$358.9 \pm 3.9$	$714.6 \pm 5.5$
single top	$70.9 \pm 4.9$	$103.3 \pm 5.7$	$172.5 \pm 7.4$	$346.7 \pm 10.5$
total SM MC	$1152954.5 \pm 4886.1$	$1701399.6 \pm 5680.3$	$2756.1 \pm 70.8$	$2857110.2 \pm 7493.0$
data	1162229	1774353	3077	2939659

We next define the preselection region for the inclusive search using the following requirements:

- Number of jets  $\geq 2$ ;
- Same flavor dileptons (opposite flavor yields will be shown since they are used in data for the FS background estimation);
- Dilepton invariant mass  $81 < m_{\ell\ell} < 101$  GeV.

The dilepton mass distributions in the preselection region of the inclusive search (without the dilepton mass requirement applied) for the  $ee$  and  $\mu\mu$  final states are shown in Figure 3. In Table 4 the data and MC yields in the preselection region are indicated. Good data vs. MC agreement is observed.

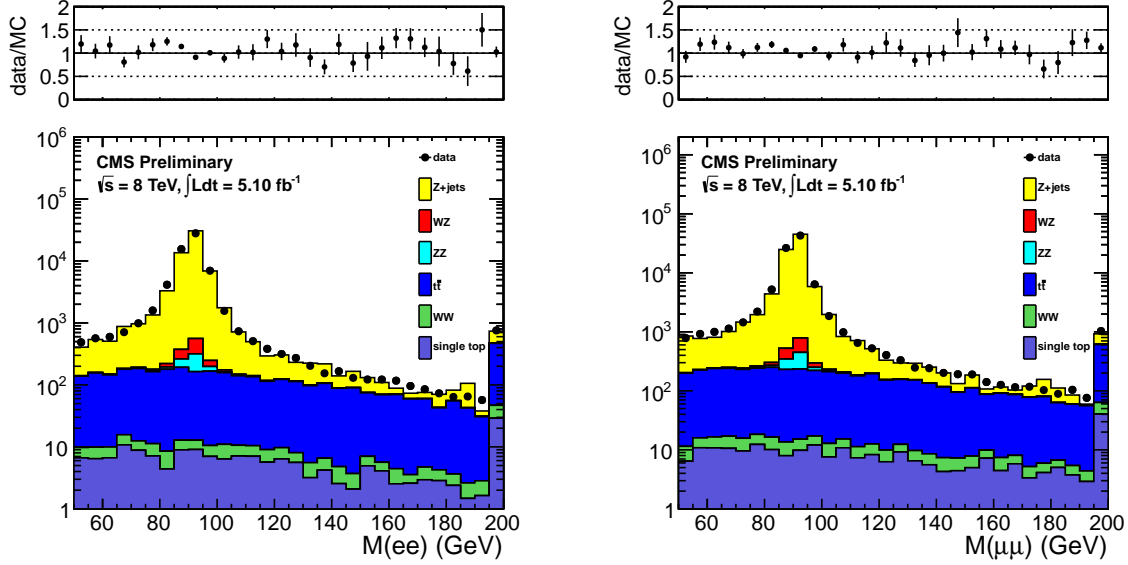


Figure 3: Dilepton mass distribution for events in the preselection region of the inclusive search in the  $ee$  (left) and  $\mu\mu$  (right) final states.

Table 4: Data and MC yields in the preselection region of the inclusive search.

Sample	$ee$	$\mu\mu$	$e\mu$	total
$Z + \text{jets}$	$53187.8 \pm 988.5$	$78070.5 \pm 1165.7$	$5.6 \pm 3.6$	$131264.0 \pm 1528.4$
$t\bar{t}$	$645.3 \pm 17.7$	$865.1 \pm 19.7$	$1470.4 \pm 25.8$	$2980.8 \pm 37.0$
$WZ$	$431.2 \pm 2.4$	$594.6 \pm 2.7$	$5.8 \pm 0.2$	$1031.6 \pm 3.6$
$ZZ$	$269.9 \pm 1.6$	$377.7 \pm 1.8$	$0.5 \pm 0.0$	$648.1 \pm 2.4$
$WW$	$15.2 \pm 0.8$	$22.2 \pm 0.9$	$38.9 \pm 1.3$	$76.4 \pm 1.7$
single top	$28.8 \pm 3.2$	$38.0 \pm 3.4$	$72.0 \pm 4.9$	$138.8 \pm 6.7$
total SM MC	$54578.1 \pm 988.7$	$79968.3 \pm 1165.9$	$1593.3 \pm 26.5$	$136139.7 \pm 1528.9$
data	54426	80367	1565	136358



We next define the preselection region for the targeted search by adding the following requirements:

- Veto events containing a b-tagged jet;
- Dijet invariant mass  $70 < m_{jj} < 110$  GeV;
- Veto events containing a third selected lepton (electron or muon) with  $p_T > 20$  GeV **FIXME: lower third lepton  $p_T$  threshold to 10 GeV.**

The rejection of events with a b-tagged jet strongly suppresses the  $t\bar{t}$  background, which is the dominant background in the inclusive search after requiring large  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$ . The requirement that the jet pair is consistent with originating from W/Z decay is motivated by the fact that we are searching for signatures producing  $V(jj)Z(\ell\ell)+E_T^{\text{miss}}$ ; this requirement suppresses the  $Z + \text{jets}$  and  $t\bar{t}$  backgrounds. The veto of events containing a third electron or muon suppresses the WZ background, and also serves to make this analysis exclusive with respect to searches in the trilepton final state.

The dilepton mass distributions in the preselection region of the targeted search (without the dilepton mass requirement applied) for the ee and  $\mu\mu$  final states are shown in Figure 4. In Table 5 the data and MC yields in the preselection region are indicated. Good data vs. MC agreement is observed.

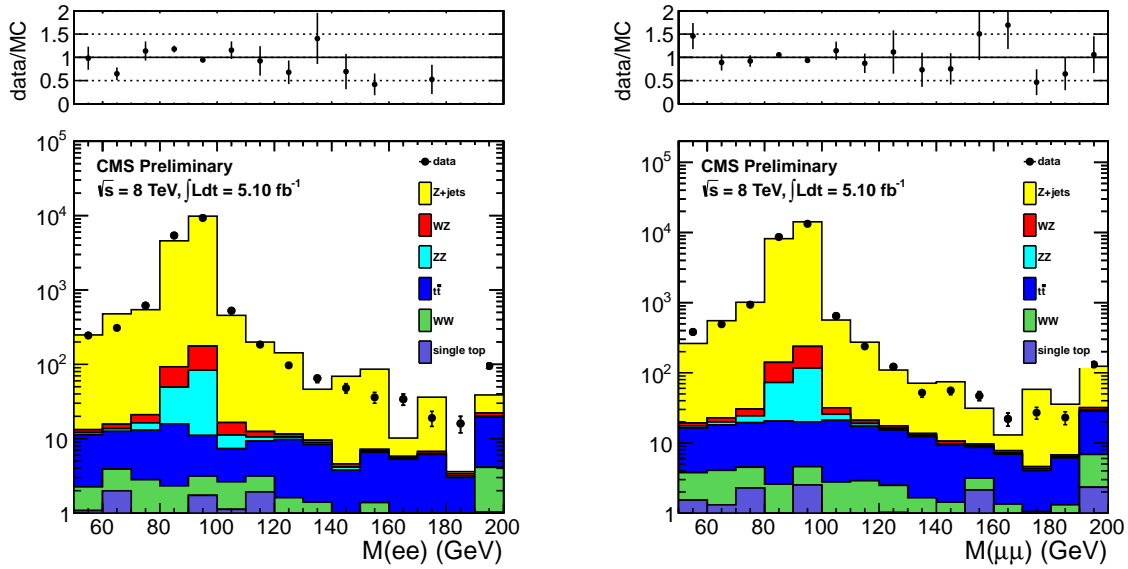


Figure 4: Dilepton mass distribution for events in the preselection region of the targeted search in the ee (left) and  $\mu\mu$  (right) final states.

Table 5: Data and MC yields in the preselection region of the inclusive search.

Sample	ee	$\mu\mu$	$e\mu$	total
$Z + \text{jets}$	$14108.9 \pm 486.3$	$21927.1 \pm 606.4$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$36036.0 \pm 777.4$
$t\bar{t}$	$21.0 \pm 2.9$	$33.4 \pm 3.9$	$53.7 \pm 5.0$	$108.0 \pm 6.9$
WZ	$135.6 \pm 1.4$	$188.5 \pm 1.6$	$1.0 \pm 0.1$	$325.1 \pm 2.1$
ZZ	$106.0 \pm 1.0$	$148.8 \pm 1.2$	$0.1 \pm 0.0$	$254.9 \pm 1.5$
WW	$3.4 \pm 0.4$	$4.1 \pm 0.4$	$7.8 \pm 0.5$	$15.2 \pm 0.7$
single top	$2.0 \pm 0.8$	$2.8 \pm 1.1$	$5.5 \pm 1.4$	$10.3 \pm 1.9$
total SM MC	$14376.9 \pm 486.3$	$22304.7 \pm 606.5$	$68.0 \pm 5.2$	$36749.6 \pm 777.4$
data	14647	21840	74	36561

## 5 Background Estimation Techniques

In this section we describe the techniques used to estimate the SM backgrounds in our signal regions defined by requirements of large  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$ . The SM backgrounds fall into 3 categories:

- $Z + \text{jets}$  : this is the dominant background after performing the preselection. The  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  in  $Z + \text{jets}$  events is estimated with the “ $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  templates” technique described in Sec. 5.1;
- Flavor-symmetric (FS) backgrounds: this category includes processes which produces 2 leptons of uncorrelated flavor. It is dominated by  $t\bar{t}$  but also contains  $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$ , WW, and single top processes. This is the dominant contribution in the signal regions, and it is estimated using a data control sample of  $e\mu$  events;
- WZ and ZZ backgrounds: this background is estimated from MC, after validating the MC modeling of these processes using data control samples with jets and exactly 3 leptons (WZ control sample) and exactly 4 leptons (ZZ control sample).
- Rare SM backgrounds: this background contains rare processes such as  $t\bar{t}V$  and triple vector boson processes VVV ( $V=W,Z$ ). This background is estimated from MC. **TODO: add rare MC**

### 5.1 Estimating the $Z + \text{jets}$ Background with $E_T^{\text{miss}}$ Templates

The premise of this data driven technique is that  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  in  $Z + \text{jets}$  events is produced by the hadronic recoil system and *not* by the leptons making up the Z. Therefore, the basic idea of the  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  template method is to measure the  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  distribution in a control sample which has no true MET and the same general attributes regarding fake MET as in  $Z + \text{jets}$  events. We thus use a sample of  $\gamma + \text{jets}$  events, since both  $Z + \text{jets}$  and  $\gamma + \text{jets}$  events consist of a well-measured object recoiling against hadronic jets.

For selecting photon-like objects, the very loose photon selection described in Sec. 3.3 is used. It is not essential for the photon sample to have high purity. For our purposes, selecting jets with predominantly electromagnetic energy deposition in a good fiducial volume suffices to ensure that they are well measured and do not contribute to fake  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$ . The  $\gamma + \text{jets}$  events are selected with a suite of single photon triggers with  $p_T$  thresholds varying from 22–90 GeV. The events are weighted by the trigger prescale such that  $\gamma + \text{jets}$  events evenly sample the conditions over the full period of data taking. There remains a small difference in the PU conditions in the  $\gamma + \text{jets}$  vs.  $Z + \text{jets}$  samples due to the different dependencies of the  $\gamma$  vs. Z isolation efficiencies on PU. To account for this, we reweight the  $\gamma + \text{jets}$  samples to match the distribution of reconstructed primary vertices in the  $Z + \text{jets}$  sample.

To account for kinematic differences between the hadronic systems in the control vs. signal samples, we measure the  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  distributions in the  $\gamma + \text{jets}$  sample in bins of the number of jets and the scalar sum of jet transverse energies ( $H_T$ ). These  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  distributions are normalized to unit area to form “MET templates”. The prediction of the MET in each Z event is the template which corresponds to the  $N_{\text{jets}}$  and  $H_T$  in the  $Z + \text{jets}$  event. The prediction for the Z sample is simply the sum of all such templates. These templates are displayed in App. B.

While there is in principle a small contribution from backgrounds other than  $Z + \text{jets}$  in the preselection regions, this contribution is only  $\approx 3\%$  ( $\approx 2\%$ ) of the total sample in the inclusive search (targeted search), as shown in Table 4 (Table 5, and is therefore negligible compared to the total background uncertainty.

### 5.2 Estimating the Flavor-Symmetric Background with $e\mu$ Events

In this subsection we describe the background estimate for the FS background. Since this background produces equal rates of same-flavor (SF)  $ee$  and  $\mu\mu$  lepton pairs as opposite-flavor (OF)  $e\mu$  lepton pairs, the OF yield can be used to estimate the SF yield, after correcting for the different electron vs. muon offline selection efficiencies and the different efficiencies for the  $ee$ ,  $\mu\mu$ , and  $e\mu$  triggers.

An important quantity needed to translate from the OF yield to a prediction for the background in the SF final state is the ratio  $R_{\mu e} = \epsilon_\mu / \epsilon_e$ , where  $\epsilon_\mu$  ( $\epsilon_e$ ) indicates the offline muon (electron) selection efficiency. This quantity can be extracted from data using the observed  $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$  and  $Z \rightarrow ee$  yields in the preselection region, after correcting for the different trigger efficiencies.

Hence we define:

- $N_{ee}^{\text{trig}} = \epsilon_{ee}^{\text{trig}} N_{ee}^{\text{offline}}$ ,
- $N_{\mu\mu}^{\text{trig}} = \epsilon_{\mu\mu}^{\text{trig}} N_{\mu\mu}^{\text{offline}}$ ,
- $N_{e\mu}^{\text{trig}} = \epsilon_{e\mu}^{\text{trig}} N_{e\mu}^{\text{offline}}$ .

Here  $N_{\ell\ell}^{\text{trig}}$  denotes the number of selected events in the  $\ell\ell$  channel passing the offline and trigger selection (in other words, the number of recorded events),  $\epsilon_{\ell\ell}^{\text{trig}}$  is the trigger efficiency, and  $N_{e\mu}^{\text{offline}}$  is the number of events that would have passed the offline selection if the trigger had an efficiency of 100%. Thus we calculate the quantity:

$$R_{\mu e} = \sqrt{\frac{N_{\mu\mu}^{\text{offline}}}{N_{ee}^{\text{offline}}}} = \sqrt{\frac{N_{\mu\mu}^{\text{trig}}/\epsilon_{\mu\mu}^{\text{trig}}}{N_{ee}^{\text{trig}}/\epsilon_{ee}^{\text{trig}}}} = \sqrt{\frac{80367/0.88}{54426/0.95}} = 1.26 \pm 0.07. \quad (1)$$

Here we have used the  $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$  and  $Z \rightarrow ee$  yields from Table 4 and the trigger efficiencies quoted in Sec. 2. The indicated uncertainty is due to the 3% uncertainties in the trigger efficiencies. **TODO: check for variation w.r.t. lepton  $p_T$ .** The predicted yields in the ee and  $\mu\mu$  final states are calculated from the observed  $e\mu$  yield as

- $N_{ee}^{\text{predicted}} = \frac{N_{e\mu}^{\text{trig}} \epsilon_{ee}^{\text{trig}}}{\epsilon_{e\mu}^{\text{trig}} 2R_{\mu e}} = \frac{N_{e\mu}^{\text{trig}}}{0.92} \frac{0.95}{2 \times 1.26} = (0.41 \pm 0.04) \times N_{e\mu}^{\text{trig}}$ ,
- $N_{\mu\mu}^{\text{predicted}} = \frac{N_{e\mu}^{\text{trig}} \epsilon_{\mu\mu}^{\text{trig}} R_{\mu e}}{\epsilon_{e\mu}^{\text{trig}} 2} = \frac{N_{e\mu}^{\text{trig}}}{0.95} \frac{0.88 \times 1.26}{2} = (0.58 \pm 0.06) \times N_{e\mu}^{\text{trig}}$ ,

and the predicted yield in the combined ee and  $\mu\mu$  channel is simply the sum of these two predictions:

- $N_{ee+\mu\mu}^{\text{predicted}} = (0.99 \pm 0.06) \times N_{e\mu}^{\text{trig}}$ .

Note that the relative uncertainty in the combined ee and  $\mu\mu$  prediction is smaller than the those for the individual ee and  $\mu\mu$  predictions because the uncertainty in  $R_{\mu e}$  cancels when summing the ee and  $\mu\mu$  predictions. **N.B. these uncertainties are preliminary.**

To improve the statistical precision of the FS background estimate, we remove the requirement that the  $e\mu$  lepton pair falls in the  $Z$  mass window. Instead we scale the  $e\mu$  yield by  $K$ , the efficiency for  $e\mu$  events to satisfy the  $Z$  mass requirement, extracted from simulation. In Fig. 5 we display the value of  $K$  in data and simulation, for a variety of  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  requirements, for the inclusive analysis. Based on this we chose  $K = 0.14 \pm 0.02$  for all  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  regions except for  $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 300$  GeV. For this region the statistical precision is reduced, so that we inflate the uncertainty and chose  $K = 0.14 \pm 0.08$ . The corresponding plot for the targeted analysis, including the b-veto, is displayed in Fig. 6. Based on this we chose  $K = 0.13 \pm 0.02$  for all  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  regions up to  $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 100$  GeV. For higher  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  regions ( $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 150$  GeV and above) the statistical precision is reduced, so that we inflate the uncertainty and chose  $K = 0.13 \pm 0.07$ .

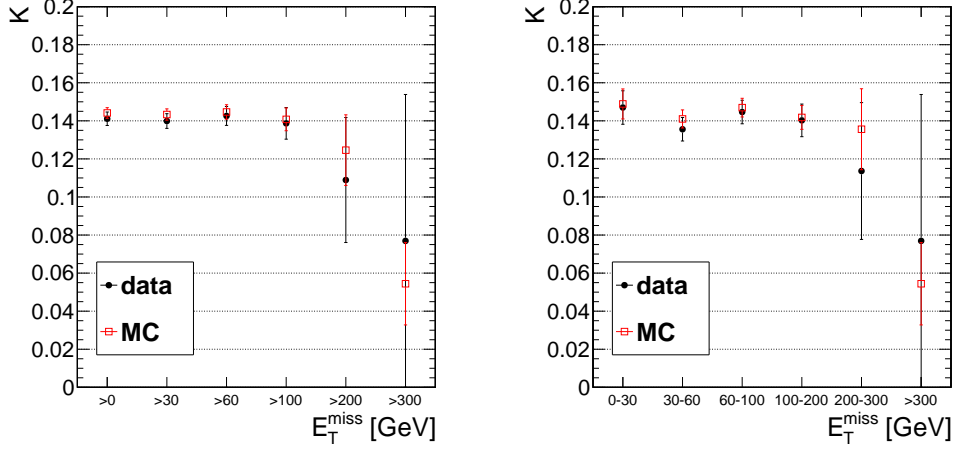


Figure 5: The efficiency for  $e\mu$  events to satisfy the dilepton mass requirement,  $K$ , in data and simulation for inclusive  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  intervals (left) and exclusive  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  intervals (right) for the inclusive analysis. Based on this we chose  $K = 0.14 \pm 0.02$  for all  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  regions except  $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 300$  GeV, where we chose  $K = 0.14 \pm 0.08$ . **plots made with 10% of  $Z + \text{jets}$  MC statistics, to be remade with full statistics**

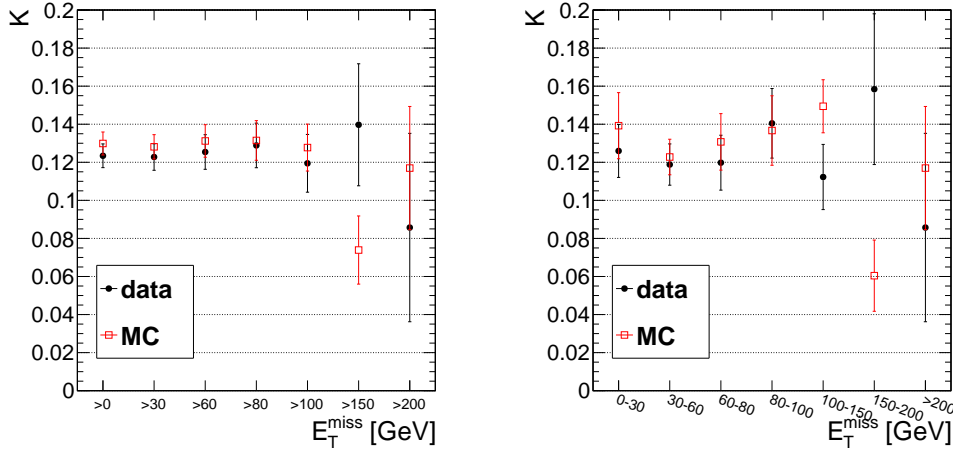


Figure 6: The efficiency for  $e\mu$  events to satisfy the dilepton mass requirement,  $K$ , in data and simulation for inclusive  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  intervals (left) and exclusive  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  intervals (right) for the targeted analysis, including the b-veto. Based on this we chose  $K = 0.13 \pm 0.02$  for the  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  regions up to  $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 100$  GeV. For higher  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  regions we chose  $K = 0.13 \pm 0.07$ . **plots made with 10% of  $Z + \text{jets}$  MC statistics, to be remade with full statistics**

## 5.3 Estimating the WZ and ZZ Background with MC

Backgrounds from  $W(\ell\nu)Z(\ell\ell)$  where the W lepton is not identified or is outside acceptance, and  $Z(\nu\nu)Z(\ell\ell)$ , are estimated from simulation. The MC modeling of these processes is validated by comparing the MC predictions with data in control samples with exactly 3 leptons (WZ control sample) and exactly 4 leptons (ZZ control sample). The relevant WZ and ZZ MC samples are:

- /WZJetsTo3LNu\_TuneZ2\_8TeV-madgraph-tauola/Summer12-PU\_S7\_START52\_V9-v2/AODSIM ( $\sigma = 1.058$  pb),
- /ZZJetsTo4L\_TuneZ2star\_8TeV-madgraph-tauola/Summer12-PU\_S7\_START52\_V9-v3/AODSIM ( $\sigma = 0.093$  pb),

The WZJetsTo2L2Q, ZZJetsTo2L2Q, and ZZJetsTo2L2Nu samples are also used in this analysis but their contribution to the 3-lepton and 4-lepton control samples is negligible.

### 5.3.1 WZ Validation Studies

A pure WZ sample can be selected in data with the requirements:

- Exactly 3  $p_T > 20$  GeV leptons passing analysis identification and isolation requirements,
- 2 of the 3 leptons must fall in the Z window 81-101 GeV,
- $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 50$  GeV (to suppress DY).

The data and MC yields passing the above selection are in Table 6. The inclusive yields (without any jet requirements) agree within 17%, which is approximately equal to the uncertainty in the measured WZ cross section. A data vs. MC comparison of kinematic distributions (jet multiplicity,  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$ ,  $Z p_T$ ) is given in Fig. 7. High  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  values in WZ and ZZ events arise from highly boosted W or Z bosons that decay leptonically, and we therefore check that the MC does a reasonable job of reproducing the  $p_T$  distributions of the leptonically decaying Z. While the inclusive WZ yields are in reasonable agreement, we observe an excess in data in events with at least 2 jets, corresponding to the jet multiplicity requirement in our preselection. We observe 60 events in data while the MC predicts  $34 \pm 5.2$  (stat), representing an excess of 78%, as indicated in Table 7. We note some possible causes for this discrepancy:

- The  $Z + \text{jets}$  contribution is under-estimated here, for 2 reasons: first, because the  $Z + \text{jets}$  yield passing a  $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 50$  GeV requirement is under-estimated in MC and second, because the fake rate is typically under-estimated in the MC. To get a rough idea for how much the excess depends on the  $Z + \text{jets}$  yield, if the  $Z + \text{jets}$  yield is doubled then the excess is reduced from 78% to 55%. **currently using 10% of  $Z + \text{jets}$  MC, and there is 1 event with a weight of about 5, plots and tables to be remade with full  $Z + \text{jets}$  stats.**
- The  $t\bar{t}$  contribution is under-estimated here because the fake rate is typically under-estimated in the MC. To get a rough idea for how much the excess depends on the  $t\bar{t}$  yield, if the  $t\bar{t}$  yield is doubled then the excess is reduced from 78% to 57%.
- Currently no attempt is made to reject jets from pile-up interactions, which may be responsible for some of this excess. To check this, we increase the jet  $p_T$  requirement to 40 GeV which helps to suppress PU jets and observe 39 events in data vs. an MC prediction of  $25 \pm 5.2$  (stat), decreasing the excess from 78% to 58%. In the future this may be improved by explicitly requiring the jets to be consistent with originating from the signal primary vertex.

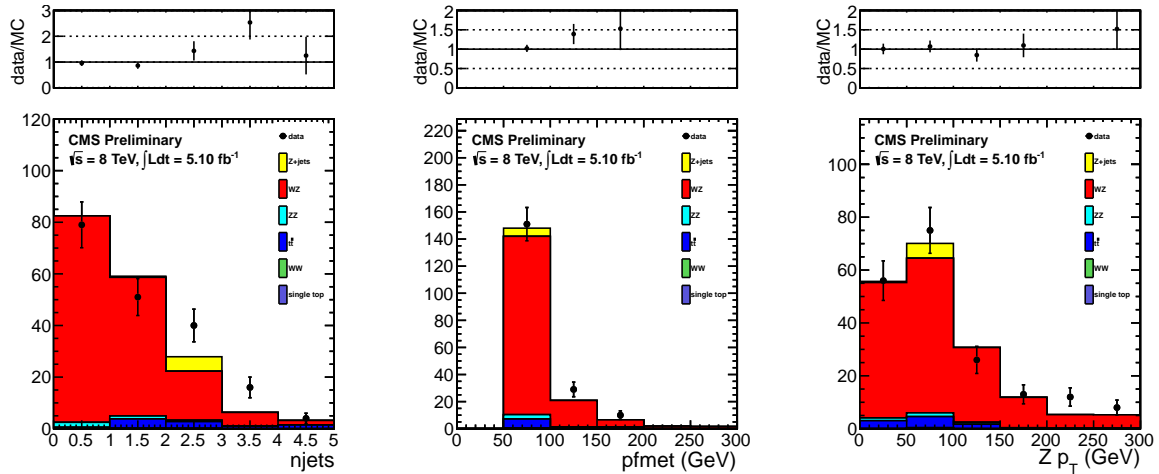
Based on these studies we currently assess an uncertainty of 80% on the WZ yield.

Table 6: Data and Monte Carlo yields passing the WZ preselection.

Sample	ee	$\mu\mu$	$e\mu$	total
WZ	$58.9 \pm 0.7$	$82.2 \pm 0.8$	$4.0 \pm 0.2$	$145.1 \pm 1.0$
$t\bar{t}$	$0.6 \pm 0.5$	$4.3 \pm 1.5$	$3.0 \pm 1.2$	$8.0 \pm 2.0$
$Z + \text{jets}$	$0.4 \pm 0.4$	$4.9 \pm 4.9$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$5.3 \pm 4.9$
ZZ	$1.4 \pm 0.0$	$2.0 \pm 0.0$	$0.1 \pm 0.0$	$3.5 \pm 0.0$
WW	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$0.2 \pm 0.1$	$0.2 \pm 0.1$	$0.3 \pm 0.1$
single top	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$0.1 \pm 0.1$
total SM MC	$61.3 \pm 0.9$	$93.7 \pm 5.2$	$7.3 \pm 1.3$	$162.3 \pm 5.4$
data	68	108	14	190

 Table 7: Data and Monte Carlo yields passing the WZ preselection and  $N_{\text{jets}} > 2$ .

Sample	ee	$\mu\mu$	$e\mu$	total
WZ	$9.8 \pm 0.3$	$13.3 \pm 0.3$	$0.6 \pm 0.1$	$23.6 \pm 0.4$
$t\bar{t}$	$0.2 \pm 0.2$	$2.0 \pm 0.9$	$2.2 \pm 1.2$	$4.4 \pm 1.5$
$Z + \text{jets}$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$4.9 \pm 4.9$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$4.9 \pm 4.9$
ZZ	$0.3 \pm 0.0$	$0.4 \pm 0.0$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$0.7 \pm 0.0$
WW	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$0.1 \pm 0.0$
single top	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$
tot SM MC	$10.3 \pm 0.3$	$20.8 \pm 5.0$	$2.8 \pm 1.2$	$33.8 \pm 5.2$
data	23	32	5	60


 Figure 7: Data vs. MC comparisons for the WZ selection discussed in the text for  $5.1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ . The number of jets, missing transverse energy, and Z boson transverse momentum are displayed.

### 5.3.2 ZZ Validation Studies

A pure ZZ sample can be selected in data with the requirements:

- Exactly 4  $p_T > 20$  GeV leptons passing analysis identification and isolation requirements,
- 2 of the 4 leptons must fall in the  $Z$  window 81-101 GeV.

The data and MC yields passing the above selection are in Table 8. Again we observe an excess in data with respect to the MC prediction (29 observed vs.  $17.3 \pm 0.1$  (stat) MC predicted). After requiring at least 2 jets, we observe 2 events and the MC predicts  $1.5 \pm 0.1$  (stat). Based on this we apply an uncertainty of 80% to the ZZ background.

Table 8: Data and Monte Carlo yields for the ZZ preselection.

Sample	ee	$\mu\mu$	$e\mu$	total
ZZ	$6.6 \pm 0.0$	$9.9 \pm 0.0$	$0.4 \pm 0.0$	$17.0 \pm 0.1$
WZ	$0.1 \pm 0.0$	$0.2 \pm 0.0$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$0.3 \pm 0.0$
$Z + \text{jets}$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$
$t\bar{t}$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$
WW	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$
single top	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$
total SM MC	$6.7 \pm 0.0$	$10.1 \pm 0.1$	$0.5 \pm 0.0$	$17.3 \pm 0.1$
data	13	16	0	29

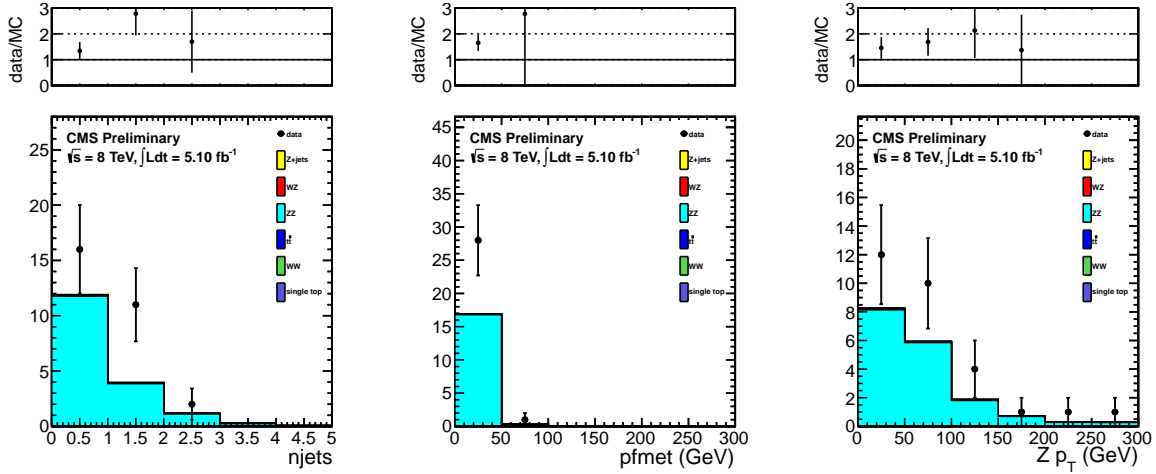


Figure 8: Data vs. MC comparisons for the ZZ selection discussed in the text for  $5.1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ . The number of jets, missing transverse energy, and  $Z$  boson transverse momentum are displayed.

### 5.4 Estimating the Rare SM Backgrounds with MC

**TODO:** list samples, yields in preselection region, and  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  distribution

## 6 Results

In this section we provide the results of the inclusive and targeted searches. The observed and predicted  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  distributions for the inclusive analysis are indicated in Fig. 9. A summary of the results in the signal regions is provided in Table 9. In the low  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  region ( $E_T^{\text{miss}} < 100$  GeV) which is dominated by the  $Z + \text{jets}$  background, the observed yields are in good agreement with the predicted background. This is also the case in the high  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  tail ( $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 200$  GeV). In the moderate  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  region ( $100 < E_T^{\text{miss}} < 200$  GeV) we observe a slight excess in the data with respect to the predicted background. Taking into account the full uncertainty on the background prediction, the significance of the excess is about  $1.3\sigma$ . The separate results for the  $ee$  and  $\mu\mu$  channels are presented in App. A. For this  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  region, we find an excess of  $1.4\sigma$  in the  $ee$  channel and  $0.7\sigma$  in the  $\mu\mu$  channel.

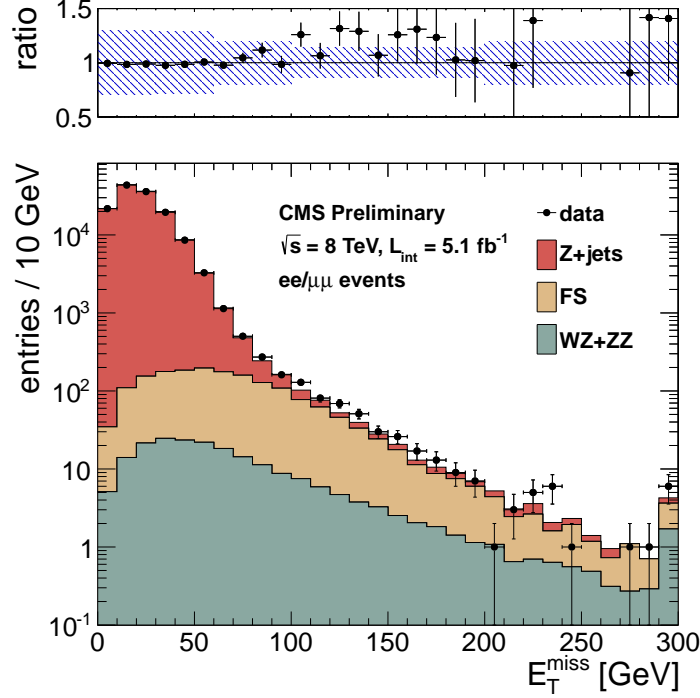


Figure 9: Results of the inclusive analysis. The observed  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  distribution (black points) is compared with the sum of the predicted  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  distributions from  $Z + \text{jets}$ , flavor-symmetric backgrounds, and  $WZ+ZZ$  backgrounds. The ratio of observed to predicted 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 9: Summary of results in the inclusive analysis. The total background is the sum of the  $Z + \text{jets}$  background predicted from the  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  templates method ( $Z + \text{jets}$  bkg), the flavor-symmetric background predicted from  $e\mu$  events (FS bkg), and the  $WZ$  and  $ZZ$  backgrounds predicted from MC ( $WZ$  bkg and  $ZZ$  bkg). 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.

	$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 0$ GeV	$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 30$ GeV	$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 60$ GeV	$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 100$ GeV	$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 200$ GeV	$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 300$ GeV
$Z + \text{jets}$ bkg	$134792 \pm 40438$	$32856 \pm 9858$	$1546 \pm 464$	$68.6 \pm 20.8$	$4.3 \pm 1.4$	$0.6 \pm 0.2$
FS bkg	$1539 \pm 239$	$1281 \pm 199$	$793 \pm 123$	$274 \pm 43$	$13.7 \pm 2.5$	$1.9 \pm 1.2$
$WZ$ bkg	$168.6 \pm 134.9$	$132.5 \pm 106.0$	$71.6 \pm 57.3$	$28.9 \pm 23.1$	$4.2 \pm 3.4$	$1.1 \pm 0.9$
$ZZ$ bkg	$35.6 \pm 28.5$	$31.1 \pm 24.9$	$21.8 \pm 17.5$	$11.9 \pm 9.5$	$2.5 \pm 2.0$	$0.6 \pm 0.5$
total bkg	$136535 \pm 40439$	$34300 \pm 9860$	$2432 \pm 484$	$383 \pm 54$	$24.7 \pm 4.9$	$4.3 \pm 1.6$
data	134793	33810	2526	456	24	6
significance	-0.0	-0.0	0.2	1.3	-0.1	



274 The observed and predicted  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  distributions for the inclusive analysis are indicated in Fig. 10. A summary  
 275 of the results in the signal regions is provided in Table 10. The observed yields are in good agreement with the  
 276 predicted background in all signal regions.

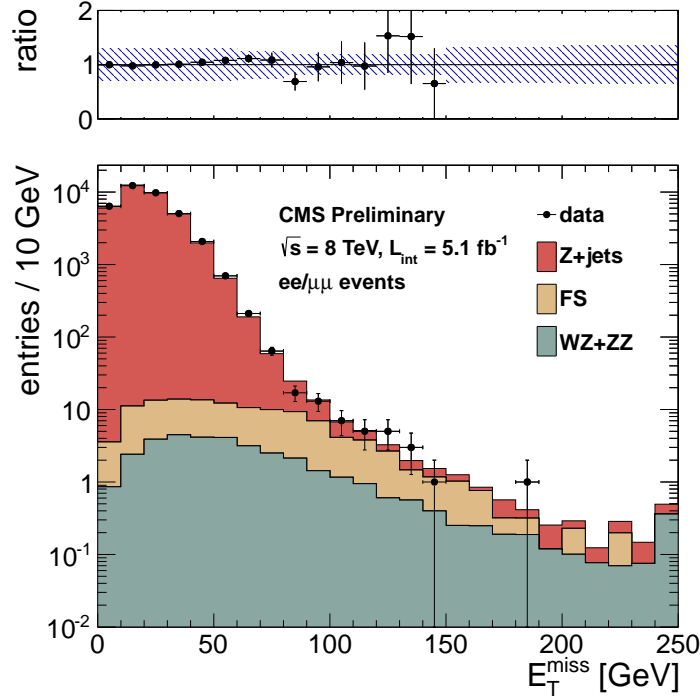


Figure 10: Results of the targeted analysis. The observed  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  distribution (black points) is compared with the sum of the predicted  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  distributions from  $Z + \text{jets}$ , flavor-symmetric backgrounds, and  $WZ+ZZ$  backgrounds. The ratio of observed to predicted 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 10: Summary of results in the targeted analysis. The total background is the sum of the  $Z + \text{jets}$  background predicted from the  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  templates method ( $Z + \text{jets}$  bkg), the flavor-symmetric background predicted from  $e\mu$  events (FS bkg), and the  $WZ$  and  $ZZ$  backgrounds predicted from MC ( $WZ$  bkg and  $ZZ$  bkg). 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.

	$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 0 \text{ GeV}$	$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 30 \text{ GeV}$	$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 60 \text{ GeV}$	$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 80 \text{ GeV}$	$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 100 \text{ GeV}$	$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 150 \text{ GeV}$	$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 200 \text{ GeV}$
$Z + \text{jets}$ bkg	$36487 \pm 10947$	$7856 \pm 2357$	$257 \pm 77$	$28.6 \pm 8.7$	$6.6 \pm 2.0$	$1.2 \pm 0.4$	$0.4 \pm 0.1$
FS bkg	$86.9 \pm 14.7$	$65.9 \pm 11.3$	$39.0 \pm 6.8$	$24.1 \pm 4.3$	$11.3 \pm 2.2$	$1.8 \pm 1.1$	$0.3 \pm 0.2$
$WZ$ bkg	$26.8668 \pm 21.5$	$20.9115 \pm 16.7$	$10.4841 \pm 8.4$	$5.9989 \pm 4.8$	$3.4156 \pm 2.7$	$0.9200 \pm 0.7$	$0.3493 \pm 0.3$
$ZZ$ bkg	$7.5885 \pm 6.1$	$6.3885 \pm 5.1$	$4.0827 \pm 3.3$	$2.9152 \pm 2.3$	$1.9381 \pm 1.6$	$0.7597 \pm 0.6$	$0.3339 \pm 0.3$
total bkg	$36608 \pm 10947$	$7949 \pm 2357$	$310 \pm 78$	$61.6 \pm 11.1$	$23.3 \pm 4.4$	$4.7 \pm 1.5$	$1.3 \pm 0.5$
data	36487	8144	327	52	22	1	0
significance	-0.0	0.1	0.2	-0.7	-0.2	-2.0	-2.8

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## A Results in the ee and $\mu\mu$ Channels

In this section we provide the results of the inclusive and targeted searches, separately in the ee and  $\mu\mu$  channels. The  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  distributions in the inclusive analysis for the ee channel are displayed in Fig. 11 and the signal region yields are presented in Table 11. The  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  distributions in the inclusive analysis for the  $\mu\mu$  channel are displayed in Fig. 12 and the signal region yields are presented in Table 12.

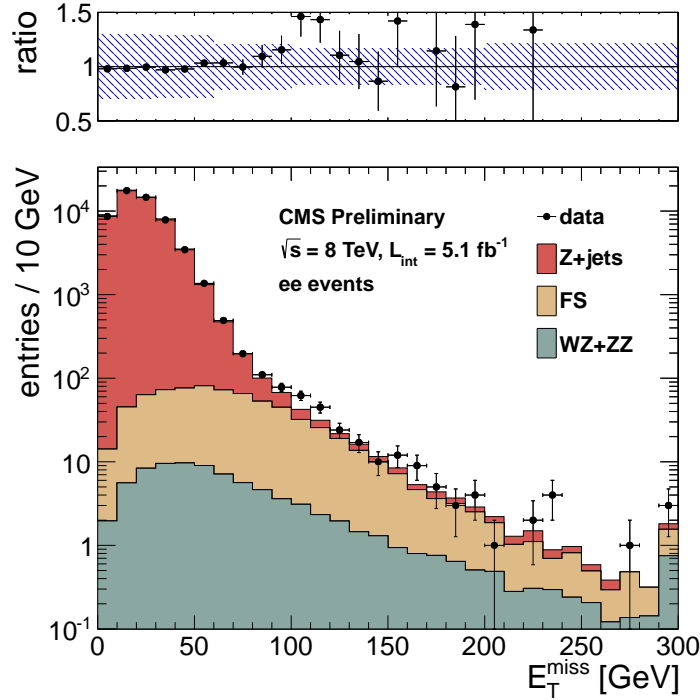


Figure 11: Results of the inclusive analysis in the ee channel. The observed  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  distribution (black points) is compared with the sum of the predicted  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  distributions from  $Z + \text{jets}$ , flavor-symmetric backgrounds, and  $WZ+ZZ$  backgrounds. The ratio of 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 11: Summary of results in the inclusive analysis in the ee channel. The total background is the sum of the  $Z + \text{jets}$  background predicted from the  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  templates method ( $Z + \text{jets}$  bkg), the flavor-symmetric background predicted from  $e\mu$  events (FS bkg), and the  $WZ$  and  $ZZ$  backgrounds predicted from MC ( $WZ$  bkg and  $ZZ$  bkg). 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.

	$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 0 \text{ GeV}$	$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 30 \text{ GeV}$	$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 60 \text{ GeV}$	$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 100 \text{ GeV}$	$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 200 \text{ GeV}$	$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 300 \text{ GeV}$
$Z + \text{jets}$ bkg	$54427 \pm 16334$	$13306 \pm 4000$	$631 \pm 197$	$28.2 \pm 12.7$	$1.8 \pm 0.6$	$0.3 \pm 0.1$
FS bkg	$637 \pm 119$	$530 \pm 99$	$328 \pm 61$	$113 \pm 21$	$5.7 \pm 1.2$	$0.8 \pm 0.5$
$WZ$ bkg	$67.6 \pm 54.1$	$53.4 \pm 42.7$	$28.9 \pm 23.1$	$11.8 \pm 9.4$	$1.9 \pm 1.5$	$0.5 \pm 0.4$
$ZZ$ bkg	$14.3 \pm 11.5$	$12.6 \pm 10.1$	$8.9 \pm 7.1$	$5.0 \pm 4.0$	$1.1 \pm 0.9$	$0.3 \pm 0.2$
total bkg	$55147 \pm 16334$	$13902 \pm 4002$	$997 \pm 208$	$158 \pm 27$	$10.4 \pm 2.2$	$1.8 \pm 0.7$
data	54426	13707	1076	202	11	3
significance	-0.0	-0.0	0.4	1.4		

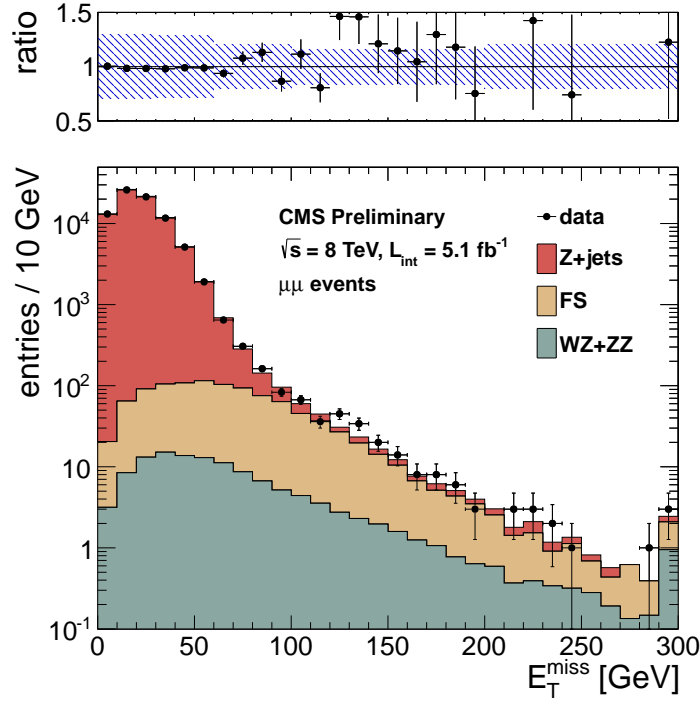


Figure 12: Results of the inclusive analysis in the  $\mu\mu$  channel. The observed  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  distribution (black points) is compared with the sum of the predicted  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  distributions from  $Z + \text{jets}$ , flavor-symmetric backgrounds, and  $WZ+ZZ$  backgrounds. The ratio 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 12: Summary of results in the inclusive analysis in the  $\mu\mu$  channel. The total background is the sum of the  $Z + \text{jets}$  background predicted from the  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  templates method ( $Z + \text{jets}$  bkg), the flavor-symmetric background predicted from  $e\mu$  events (FS bkg), and the  $WZ$  and  $ZZ$  backgrounds predicted from MC ( $WZ$  bkg and  $ZZ$  bkg). 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.

	$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 0 \text{ GeV}$	$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 30 \text{ GeV}$	$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 60 \text{ GeV}$	$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 100 \text{ GeV}$	$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 200 \text{ GeV}$	$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 300 \text{ GeV}$
$Z + \text{jets}$ bkg	$80370 \pm 24112$	$19551 \pm 5867$	$915 \pm 276$	$40.3 \pm 13.0$	$2.6 \pm 0.8$	$0.4 \pm 0.1$
FS bkg	$902 \pm 168$	$750 \pm 140$	$465 \pm 87$	$160 \pm 30$	$8.0 \pm 1.7$	$1.1 \pm 0.7$
$WZ$ bkg	$101.0 \pm 80.8$	$79.0 \pm 63.2$	$42.8 \pm 34.2$	$17.1 \pm 13.7$	$2.3 \pm 1.9$	$0.6 \pm 0.5$
$ZZ$ bkg	$21.3 \pm 17.0$	$18.5 \pm 14.8$	$12.9 \pm 10.3$	$6.9 \pm 5.5$	$1.4 \pm 1.1$	$0.4 \pm 0.3$
total bkg	$81394 \pm 24113$	$20399 \pm 5869$	$1435 \pm 292$	$225 \pm 36$	$14.3 \pm 2.9$	$2.4 \pm 0.9$
data	80367	20103	1450	254	13	3
significance	-0.0	-0.1	0.1	0.7		

290 The  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  distributions in the targeted analysis for the ee channel are displayed in Fig. 13 and the signal region  
 291 yields are presented in Table 13. The  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  distributions in the inclusive analysis for the  $\mu\mu$  channel are displayed  
 292 in Fig. 14 and the signal region yields are presented in Table 14.

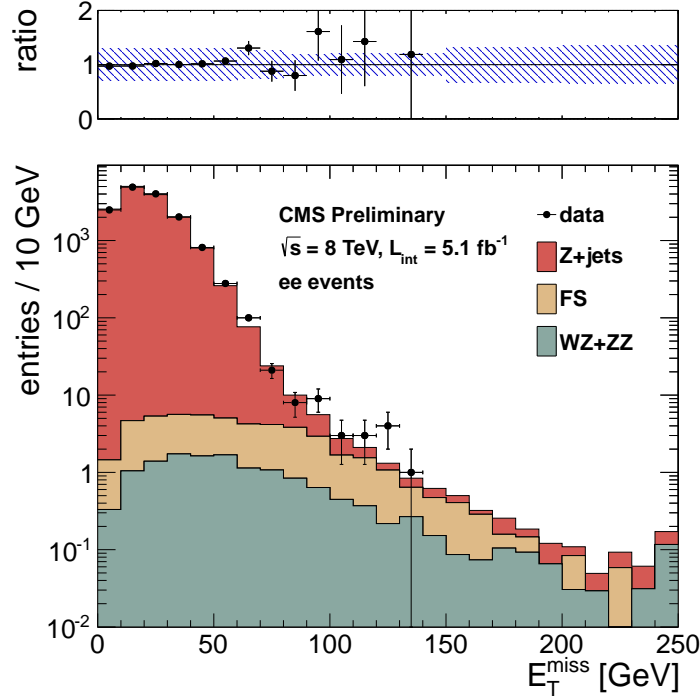


Figure 13: Results of the targeted analysis in the ee channel. The observed  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  distribution (black points) is compared with the sum of the predicted  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  distributions from  $Z + \text{jets}$ , flavor-symmetric backgrounds, and  $WZ+ZZ$  backgrounds. The ratio of observed 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 13: Summary of results in the targeted analysis in the ee channel. The total background is the sum of the  $Z + \text{jets}$  background predicted from the  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  templates method ( $Z + \text{jets}$  bkg), the flavor-symmetric background predicted from  $e\mu$  events (FS bkg), and the WZ and ZZ backgrounds predicted from MC (WZ bkg and ZZ bkg). 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.

	$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 0 \text{ GeV}$	$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 30 \text{ GeV}$	$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 60 \text{ GeV}$	$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 80 \text{ GeV}$	$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 100 \text{ GeV}$	$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 150 \text{ GeV}$	$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 200 \text{ GeV}$
$Z + \text{jets}$ bkg	$14647 \pm 4395$	$3159 \pm 948$	$104 \pm 32$	$11.5 \pm 3.9$	$2.7 \pm 1.1$	$0.5 \pm 0.2$	$0.2 \pm 0.1$
FS bkg	$36.0 \pm 7.2$	$27.3 \pm 5.5$	$16.1 \pm 3.3$	$10.0 \pm 2.1$	$4.7 \pm 1.0$	$0.7 \pm 0.5$	$0.1 \pm 0.1$
WZ bkg	$10.5921 \pm 8.5$	$8.2498 \pm 6.6$	$4.1990 \pm 3.4$	$2.4049 \pm 1.9$	$1.3614 \pm 1.1$	$0.3405 \pm 0.3$	$0.0911 \pm 0.1$
ZZ bkg	$2.9968 \pm 2.4$	$2.5697 \pm 2.1$	$1.5760 \pm 1.3$	$1.1616 \pm 0.9$	$0.7280 \pm 0.6$	$0.2953 \pm 0.2$	$0.1219 \pm 0.1$
total bkg	$14697 \pm 4395$	$3197 \pm 948$	$126 \pm 32$	$25.1 \pm 4.9$	$9.5 \pm 1.9$	$1.9 \pm 0.6$	$0.5 \pm 0.2$
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significance	-0.0	0.1	0.7	0.4			

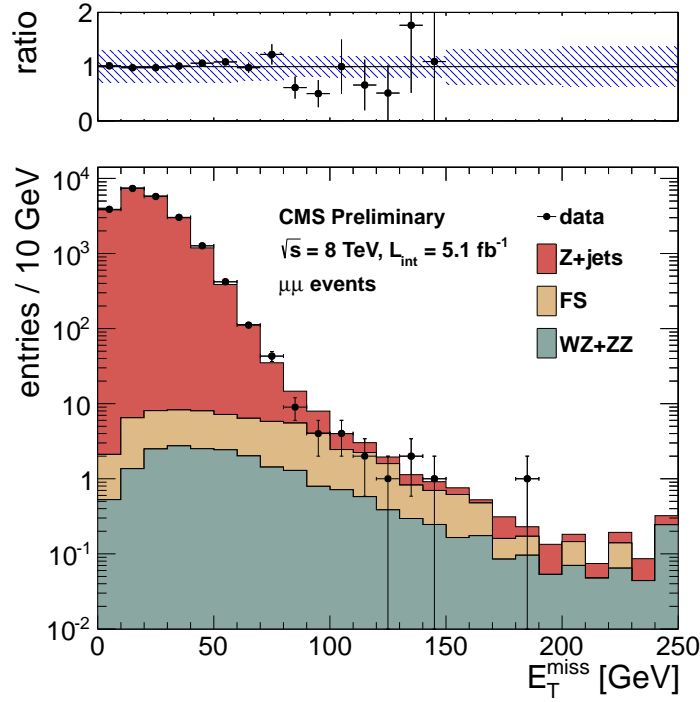


Figure 14: Results of the targeted analysis in the  $\mu\mu$  channel. The observed  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  distribution (black points) is compared with the sum of the predicted  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  distributions from  $Z + \text{jets}$ , flavor-symmetric backgrounds, and  $WZ+ZZ$  backgrounds. The ratio 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 14: Summary of results in the targeted analysis in the  $\mu\mu$  channel. The total background is the sum of the  $Z + \text{jets}$  background predicted from the  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  templates method ( $Z + \text{jets}$  bkg), the flavor-symmetric background predicted from  $e\mu$  events (FS bkg), and the  $WZ$  and  $ZZ$  backgrounds predicted from MC ( $WZ$  bkg and  $ZZ$  bkg). 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.

	$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 0 \text{ GeV}$	$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 30 \text{ GeV}$	$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 60 \text{ GeV}$	$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 80 \text{ GeV}$	$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 100 \text{ GeV}$	$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 150 \text{ GeV}$	$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 200 \text{ GeV}$
$Z + \text{jets}$ bkg	$21840 \pm 6552$	$4697 \pm 1409$	$153 \pm 46$	$17.0 \pm 5.3$	$3.9 \pm 1.2$	$0.7 \pm 0.2$	$0.2 \pm 0.1$
FS bkg	$50.9 \pm 10.1$	$38.6 \pm 7.7$	$22.8 \pm 4.6$	$14.1 \pm 2.9$	$6.6 \pm 1.5$	$1.1 \pm 0.6$	$0.2 \pm 0.1$
$WZ$ bkg	$16.2747 \pm 13.0$	$12.6617 \pm 10.1$	$6.2852 \pm 5.0$	$3.5940 \pm 2.9$	$2.0542 \pm 1.6$	$0.5794 \pm 0.5$	$0.2582 \pm 0.2$
$ZZ$ bkg	$4.5916 \pm 3.7$	$3.8188 \pm 3.1$	$2.5067 \pm 2.0$	$1.7536 \pm 1.4$	$1.2101 \pm 1.0$	$0.4644 \pm 0.4$	$0.2120 \pm 0.2$
total bkg	$21912 \pm 6552$	$4752 \pm 1409$	$185 \pm 47$	$36.5 \pm 6.8$	$13.8 \pm 2.7$	$2.8 \pm 0.9$	$0.9 \pm 0.3$
data	21840	4889	178	24	11	1	0
significance	-0.0	0.1	-0.1	-1.5	-0.7	-1.3	-2.7

293 **B**  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  Templates from  $\gamma + \text{jets}$  Sample

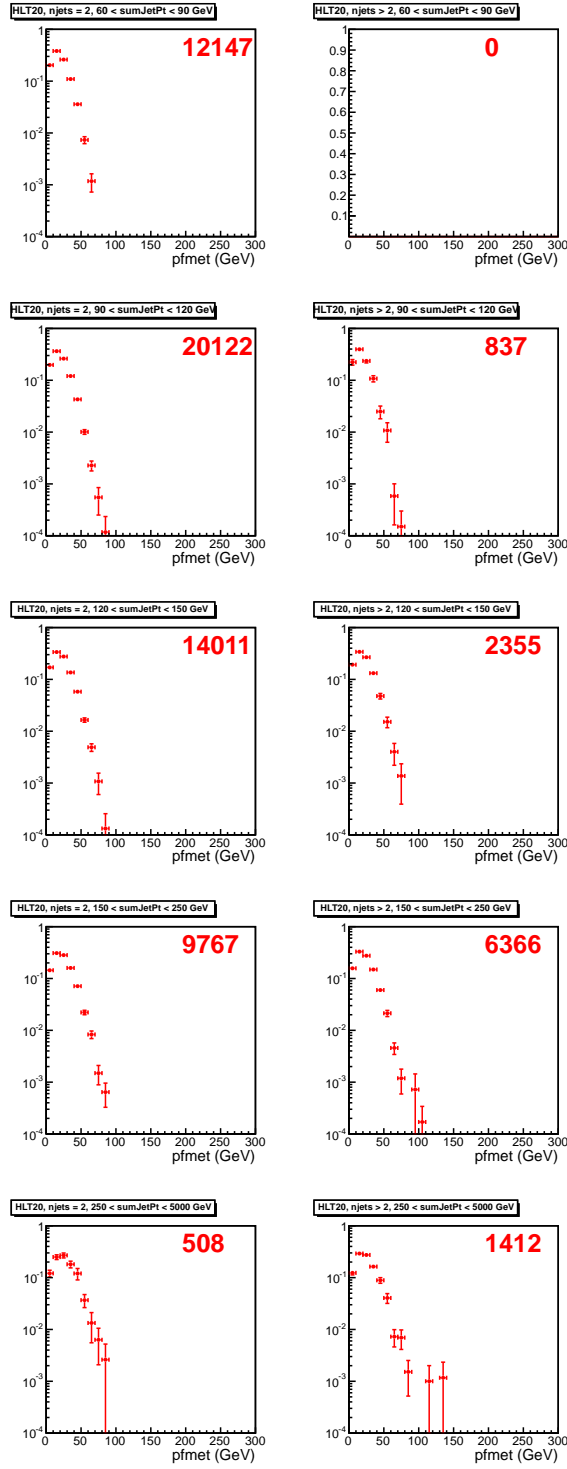


Figure 15:  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  templates for the inclusive analysis collected with the  $p_T > 22$  GeV single photon trigger. The number in red indicates the number of entries in the template.

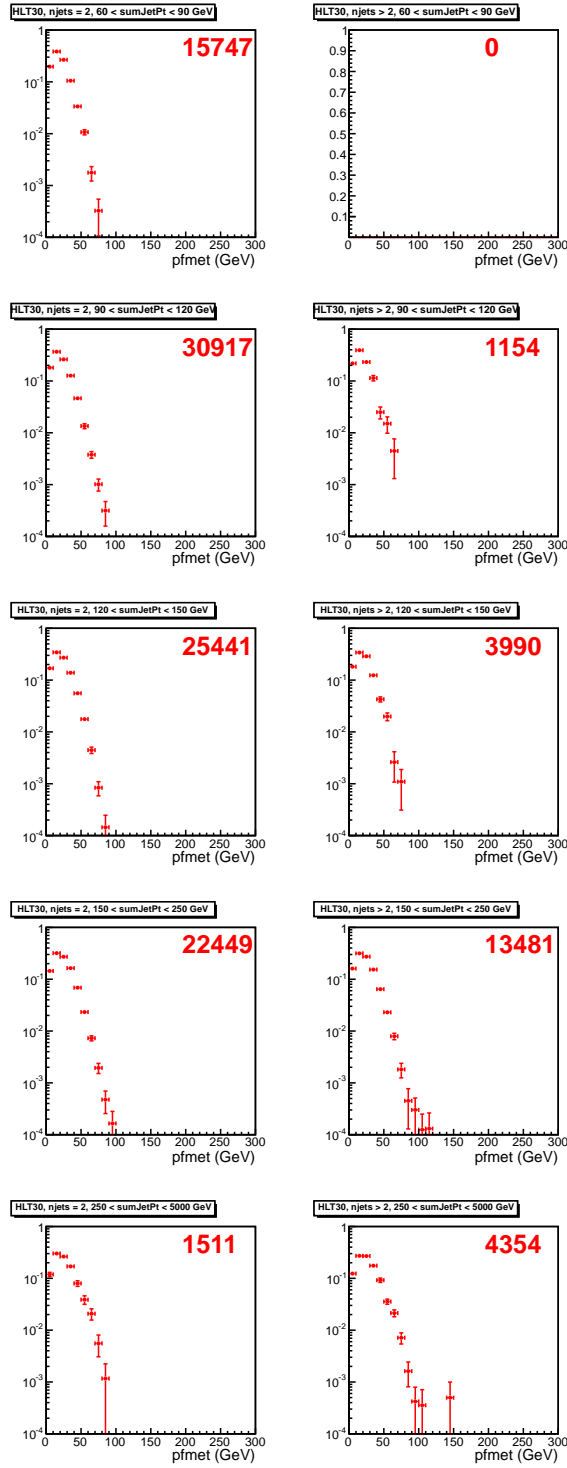


Figure 16:  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  templates for the inclusive analysis collected with the  $p_T > 36$  GeV single photon trigger. The number in red indicates the number of entries in the template.



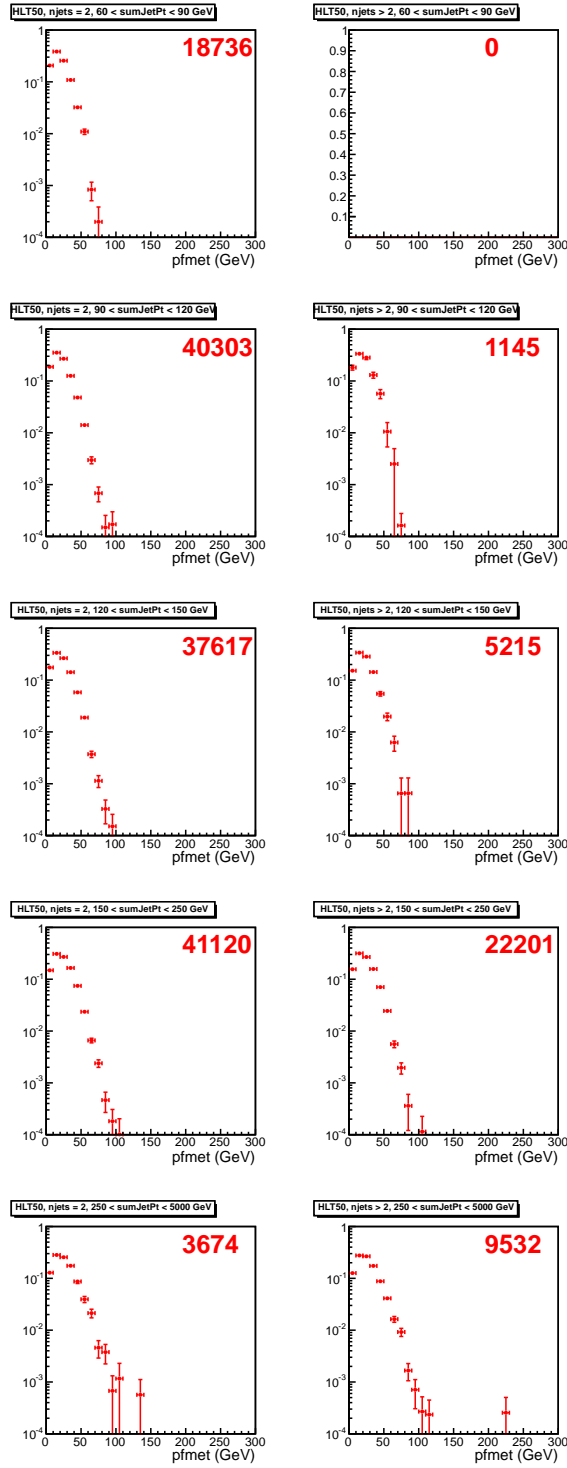


Figure 17:  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  templates for the inclusive analysis collected with the  $p_T > 50$  GeV single photon trigger. The number in red indicates the number of entries in the template.

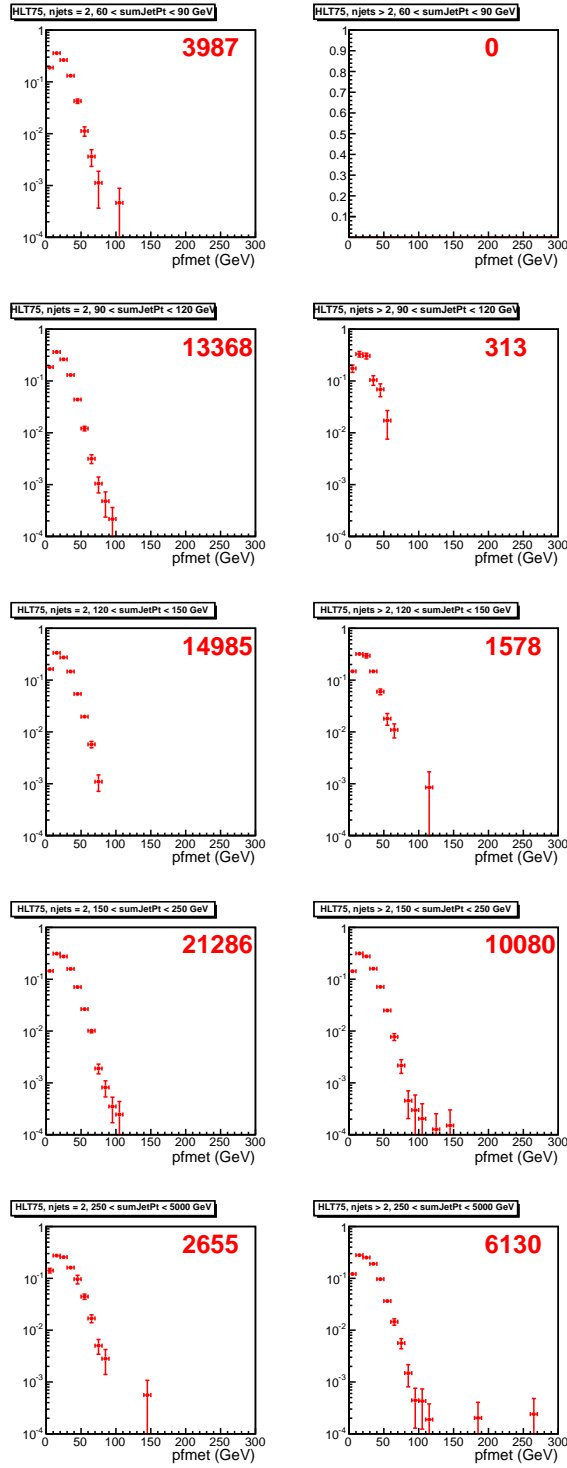


Figure 18:  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  templates for the inclusive analysis collected with the  $p_T > 75$  GeV single photon trigger. The number in red indicates the number of entries in the template.

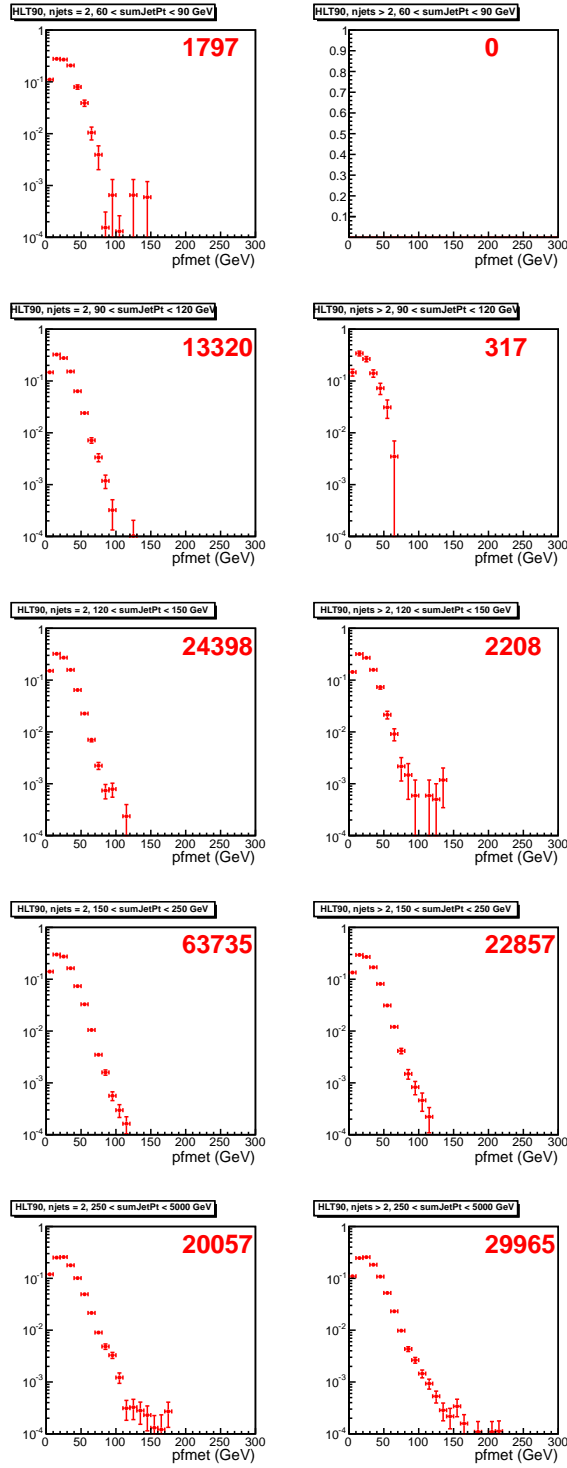


Figure 19:  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  templates for the inclusive analysis collected with the  $p_T > 90$  GeV single photon trigger. The number in red indicates the number of entries in the template.

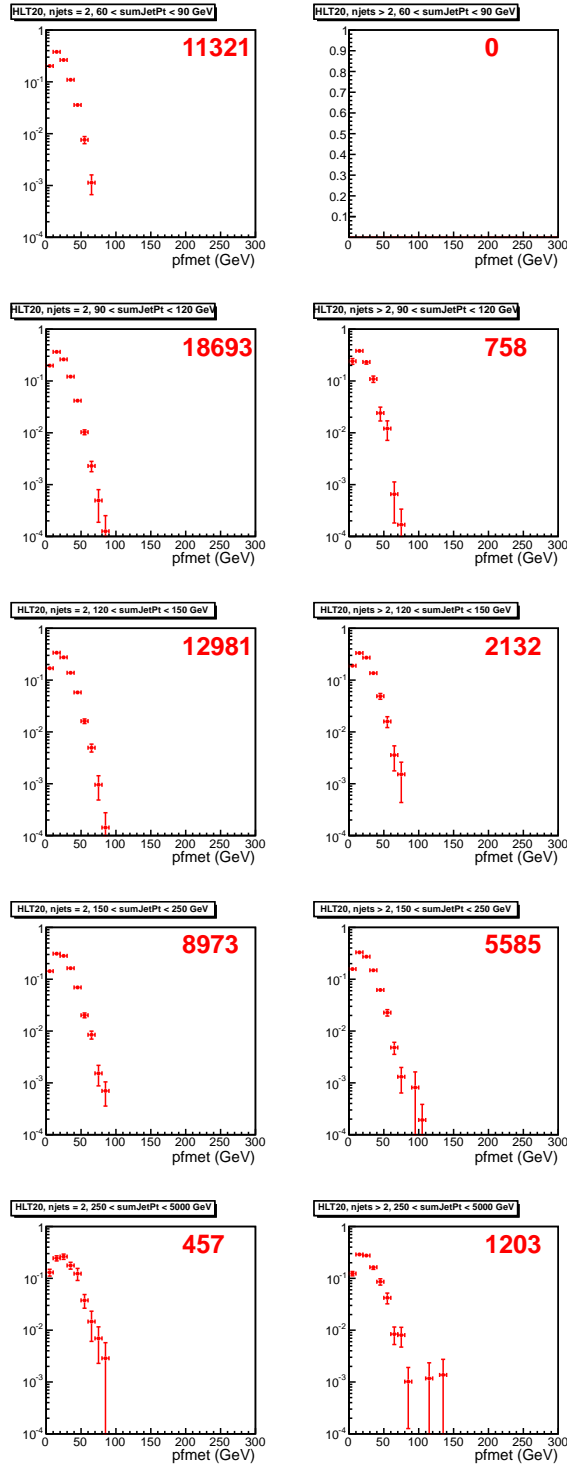


Figure 20:  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  templates for the targeted analysis collected with the  $p_T > 22$  GeV single photon trigger. The number in red indicates the number of entries in the template.

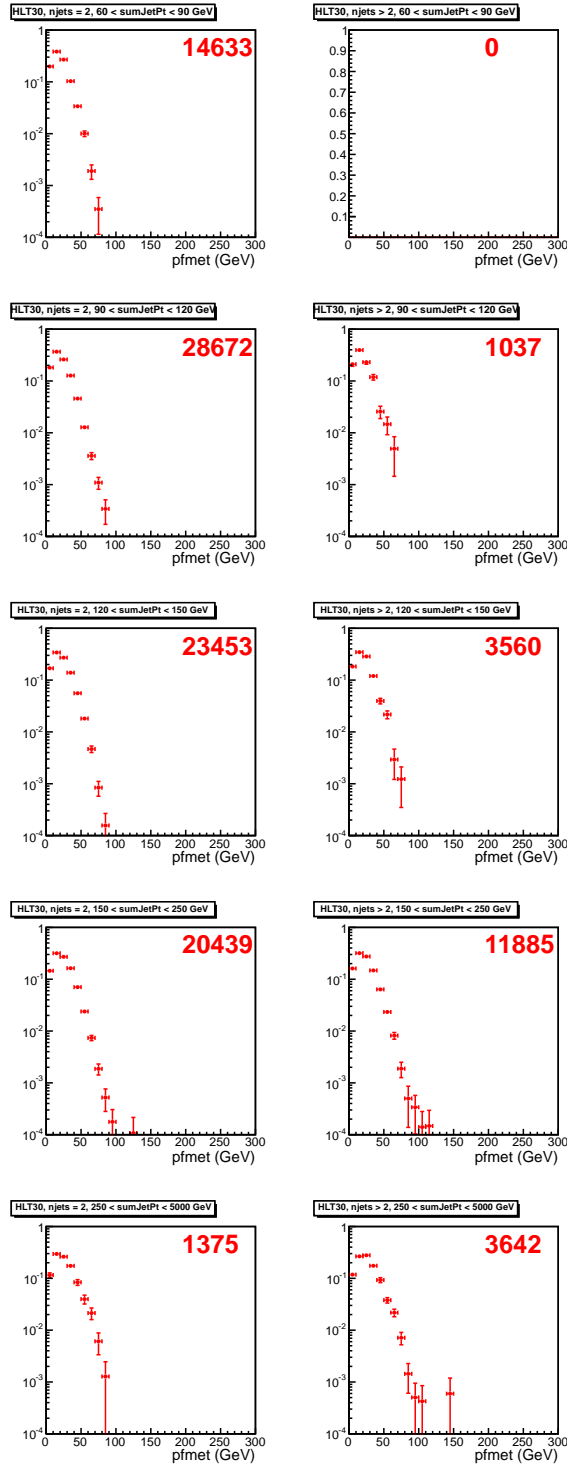


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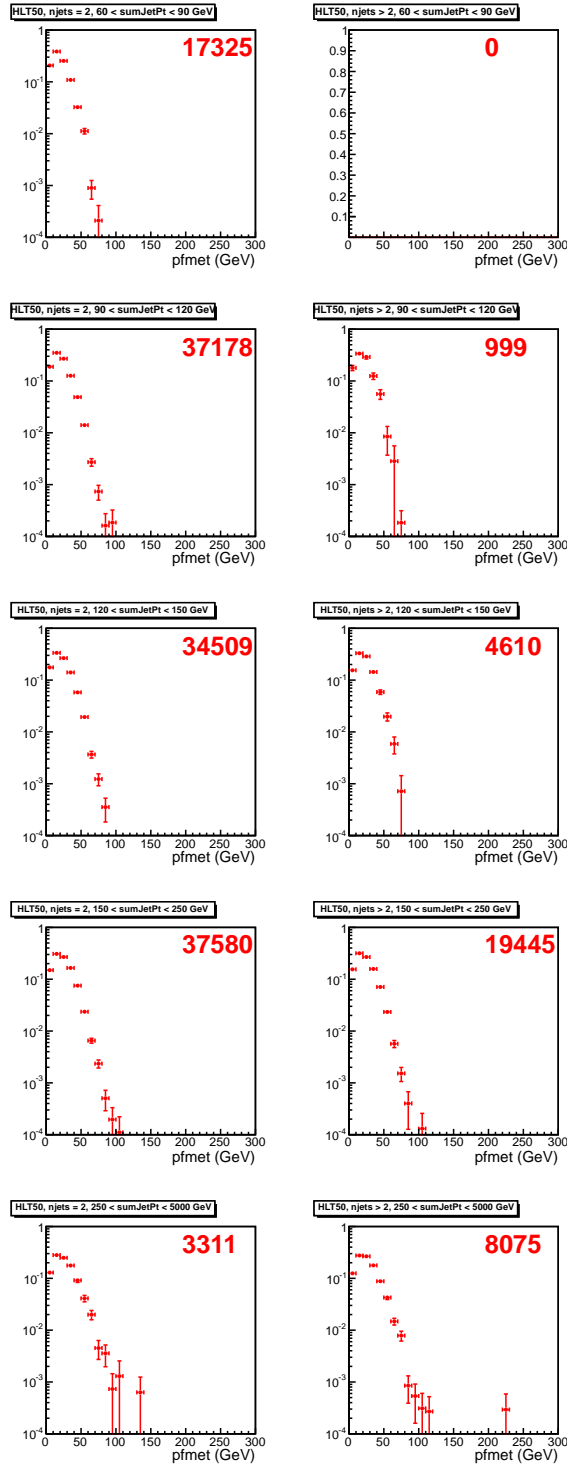


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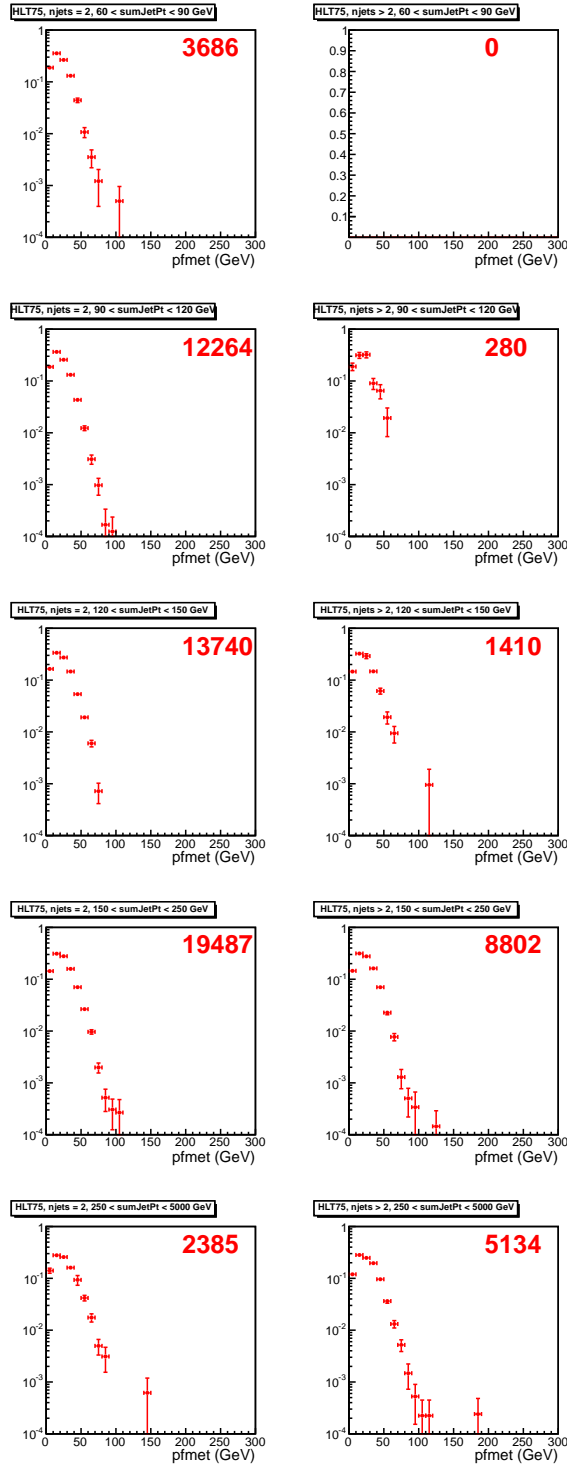


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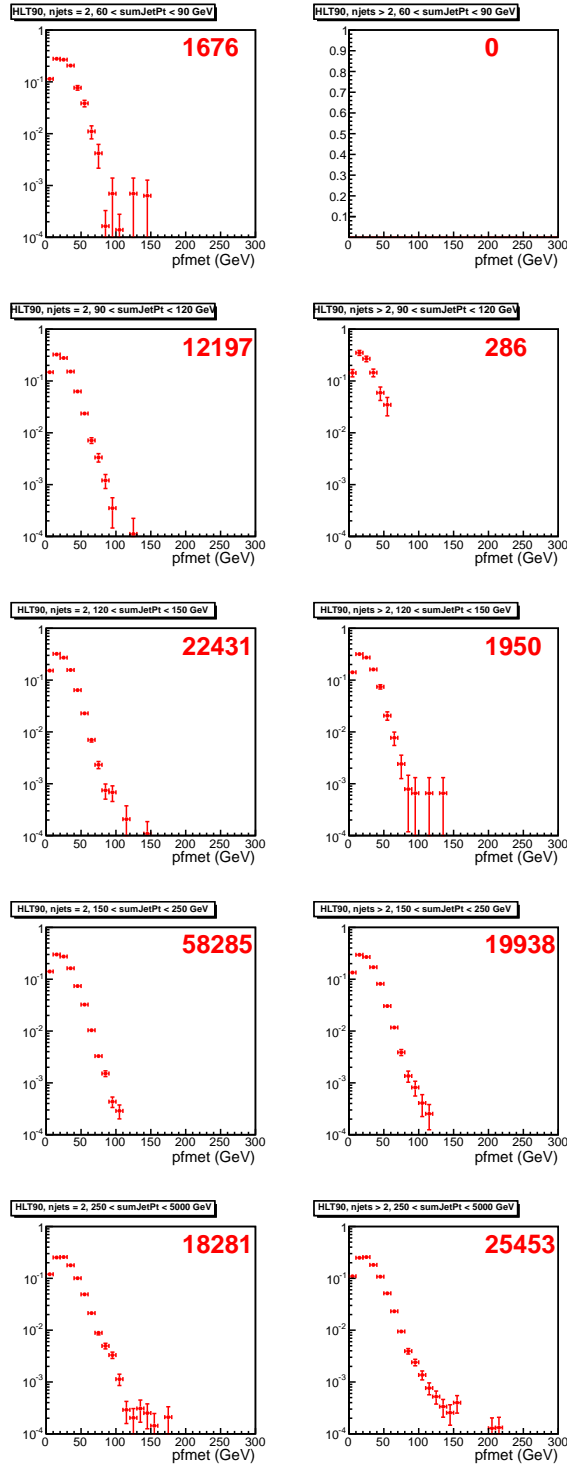


Figure 24:  $E_T^{miss}$  templates for the targeted analysis collected with the  $p_T > 90$  GeV single photon trigger. The number in red indicates the number of entries in the template.