

Uncertainty from b quark masses in Z pT spectrum

Status summary

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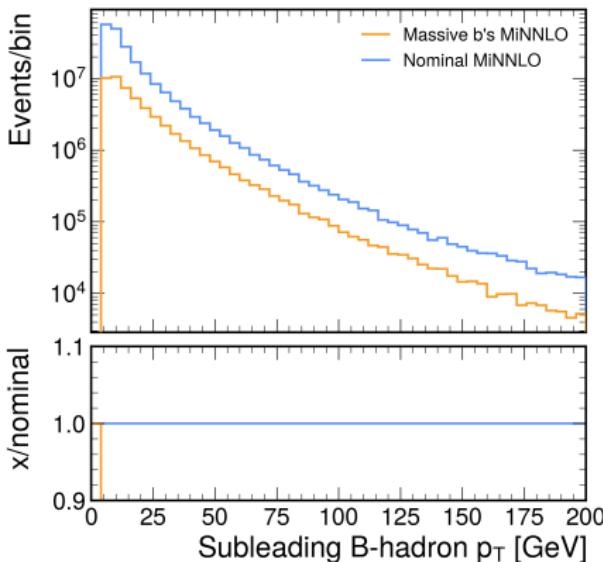
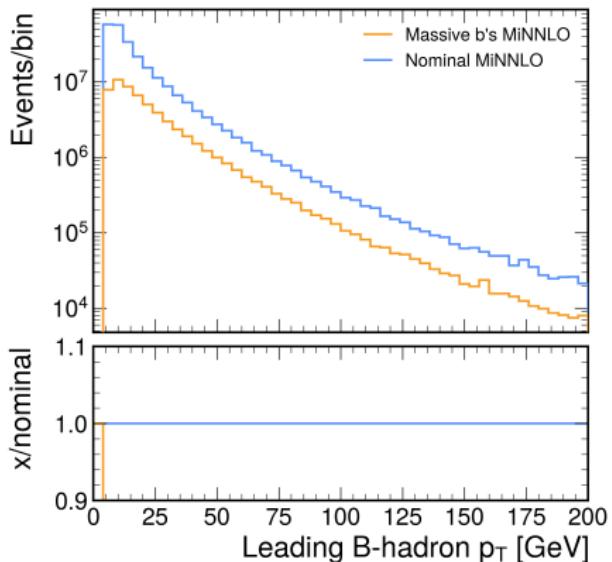
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Overview: Samples, Goal, Methodology

- Samples:
 - nominal MiNNLO: massless b , 5FS
 - dedicated heavy b quark $Z b\bar{b}$ MiNNLO: massive b , 4FS. (From arXiv2404.08598.)
- Using $\sigma = 25.28\text{pb}$ from Table 1 in arXiv2404.08598, but unclear if that is inclusive $\ell = e, \mu$ or for each lepton flavor.
- Goal: build a b -mass uncertainty by replacing selected nominal MiNNLO events with an equivalent massive- b -quark MiNNLO component.
- Method: select events with at least one gen-level B hadron and build the corrected distribution as nominal MiNNLO (unselected) + massive- b MiNNLO (selected).

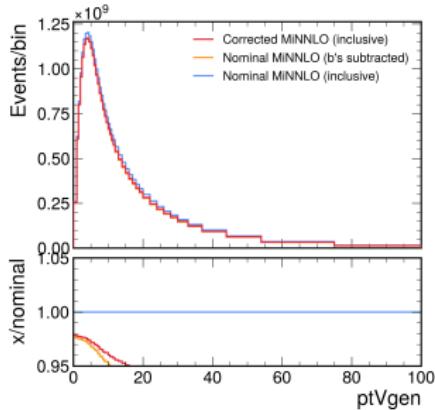
B-Hadron Diagnostics

- B hadrons are identified from GenPart using PDG-ID hadron-content logic (contains bottom flavor) with GenPart status 1 or 2.
- These plots use the $p_T > 5$ B-hadron observables to exclude events with no reconstructed B hadrons in the shown distributions.
- Exact implementation is shown in backup.



Swap Result and Definition

- Swap definition: select events with at least one such B hadron; corrected distribution is built as nominal MiNNLO (unselected) + massive- b MiNNLO (selected).

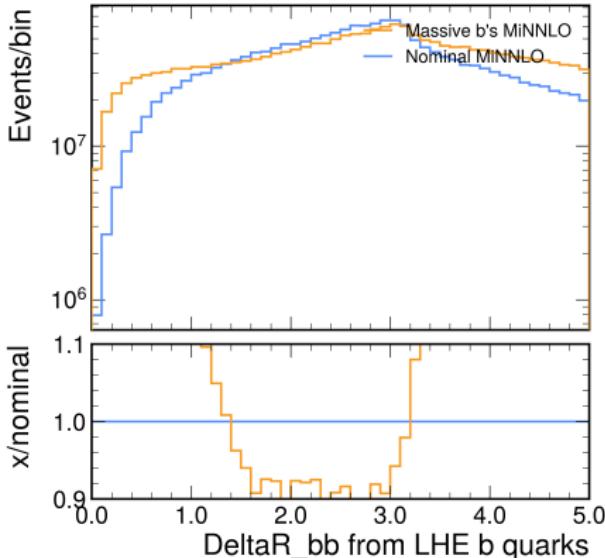
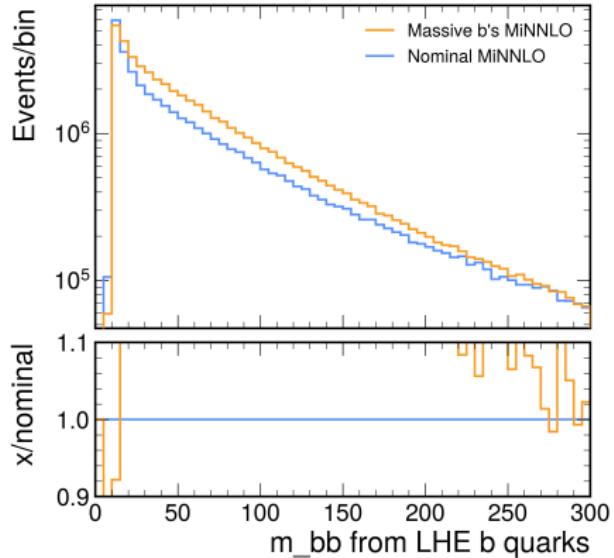


- Result: swapping gives a sizable normalization shift (not shape-only), so it is too aggressive as-is.

Backup

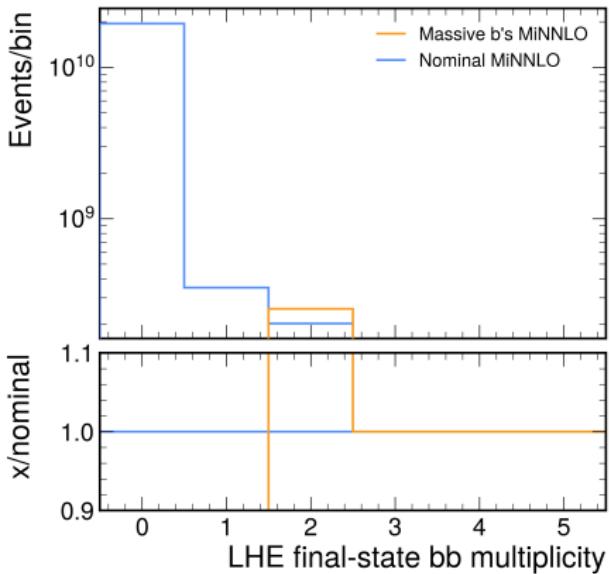
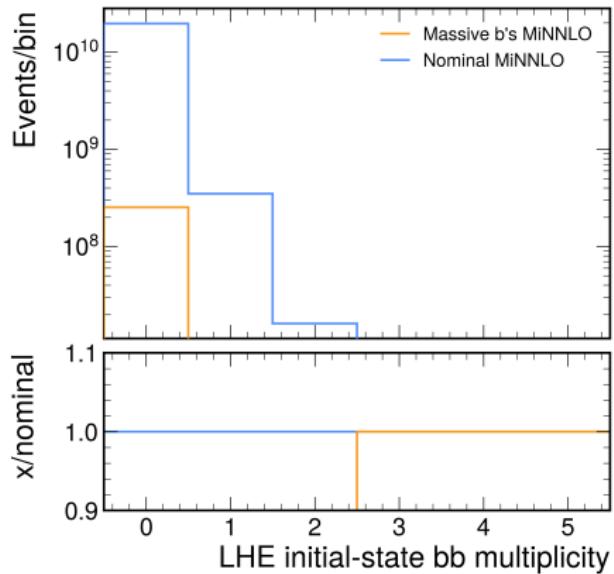
Backup: LHE $b\bar{b}$ Kinematics

- LHE b -quark observables built with $|pdgId| = 5$ and final-state status criteria in the histmaker.



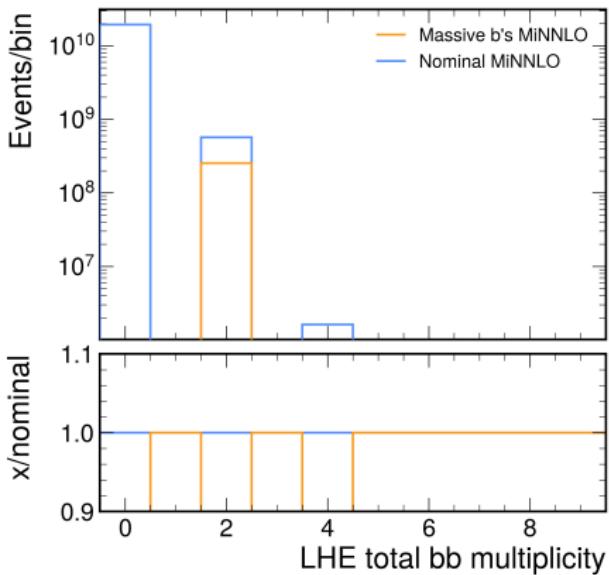
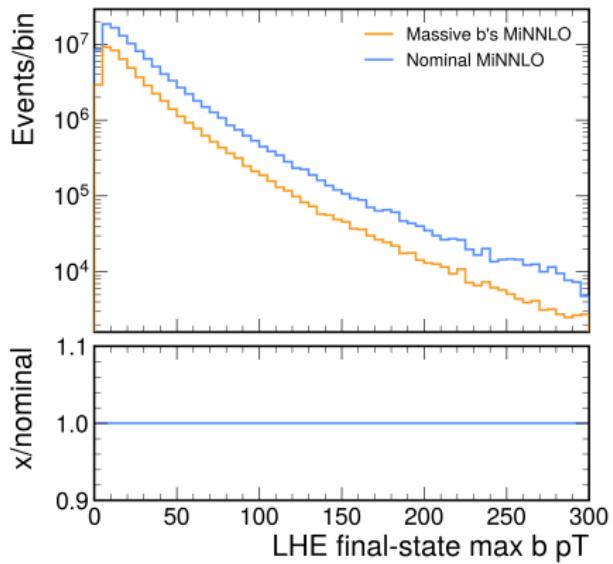
Backup: LHE Multiplicity (Initial vs Final)

- Requested LHE multiplicities: number of b quarks in initial and final state.



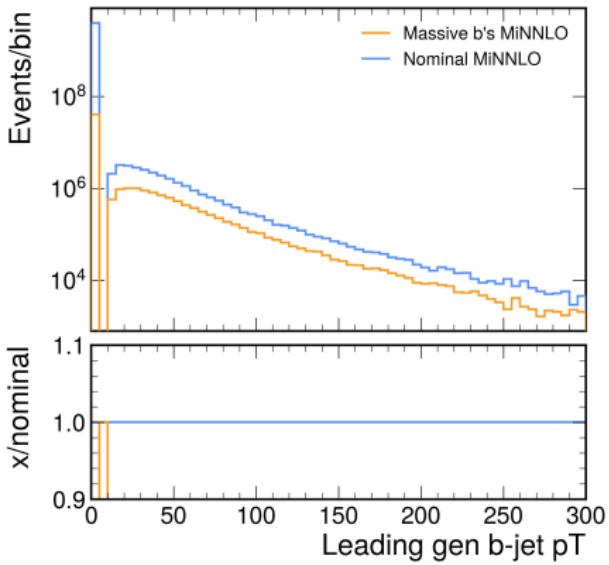
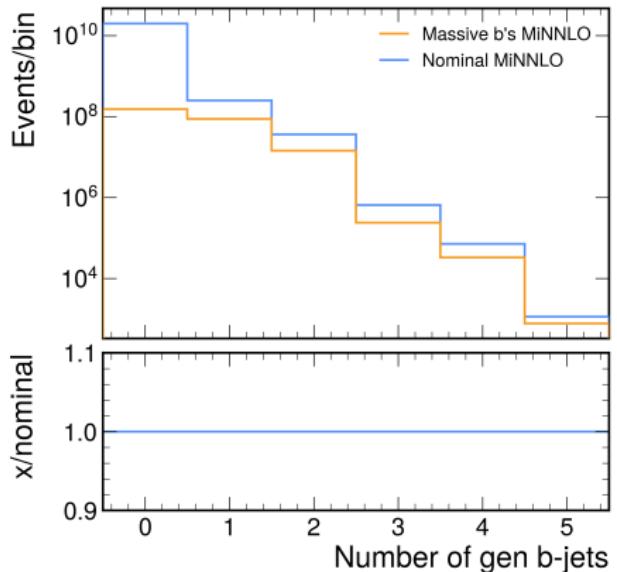
Backup: LHE Leading- b p_T and Total Multiplicity

- Requested LHE leading- b observable: final-state maximum b -quark p_T .



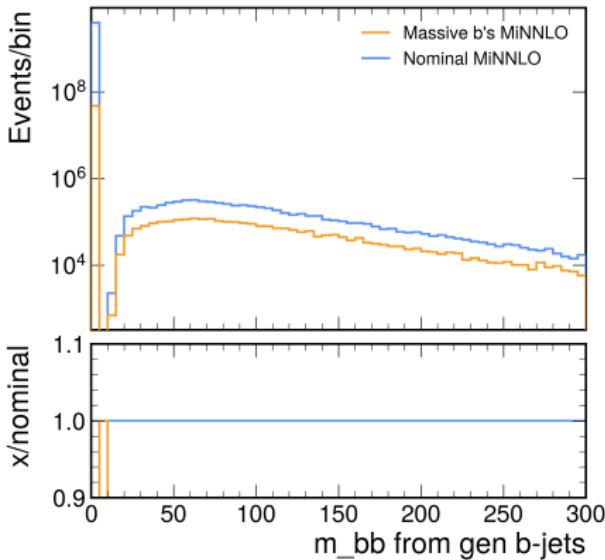
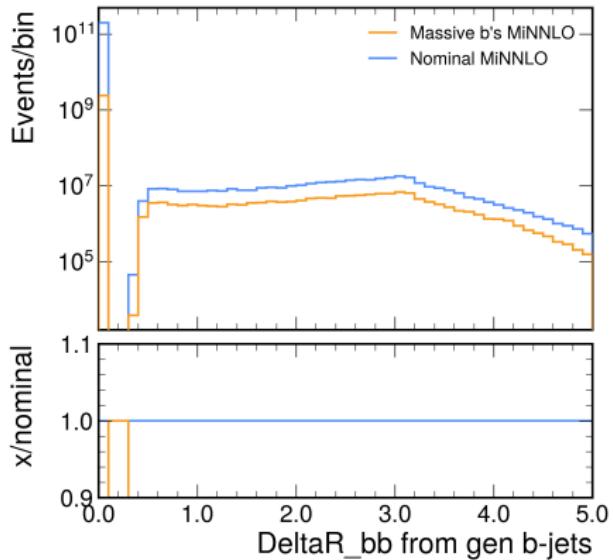
Backup: GenJet b -jet Observables

- Gen b -jets are defined with $\text{hadronFlavour} = 5$; multiplicity uses the standard jet-threshold selection in this study setup.



Backup: GenJet ΔR_{bb} and m_{bb}

- Requested jet-level pair observables from gen b -jets.



Backup: Exact B-hadron Selection Code

Implementation

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// Source of truth: external library helper (ThePEG::PDT, from its
// Treat this external helper as authoritative for B-hadron ID
if (status[i] != 1 && status[i] != 2) continue;
const int apdg = std::abs(pdgId[i]);
if (!ThePEG::PDT::hasBottom(apdg)) continue;
idx.push_back((int)i);

// Histmaker usage
df = df.Define("bHadIdx", "wrem::finalStateBHadronIdx(GenPart_pdgId,
df = df.Define("bHad_pt", "Take(GenPart_pt, bHadIdx)")
df = df.Define("nBhad", "static_cast<int>(bHad_pt.size())")
df = df.Define("bottom_sel", "(bHad_pt.size() >= 1)")
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Backup: Unnormalized Swap with 4FS Scaled by 2

- Same unnormalized swap definition as main slide, but with an extra factor-2 scaling applied to the selected 4FS component before replacement.

