

Search for chargino and neutralino production in final states with two same-sign leptons, jets and missing transverse momentum at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV with the ATLAS detector

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Introduction

Standard Model : Fundamental Particles

- Standard Model(SM) is the current mainstream theory to describe the electromagnetic force, weak force and strong force.

Standard Model of Elementary Particles

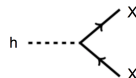
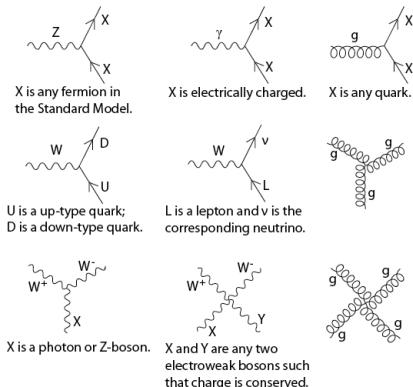
three generations of matter (fermions)

	I	II	III		
mass charge spin	$\approx 2.4 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ 2/3 1/2	$\approx 1.275 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ 2/3 1/2	$\approx 172.44 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ 2/3 1/2	0 0 1	$\approx 125.09 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ 0 0
	u up	c charm	t top	g gluon	H Higgs
QUARKS	$\approx 4.8 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ -1/3 1/2	$\approx 95 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ -1/3 1/2	$\approx 4.18 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ -1/3 1/2	0 0 1	
	d down	s strange	b bottom	γ photon	
	$\approx 0.511 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ -1 1/2	$\approx 105.67 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ -1 1/2	$\approx 1.7768 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ -1 1/2	0 1	
	e electron	μ muon	τ tau	Z Z boson	
LEPTONS	$< 2.2 \text{ eV}/c^2$ 0 1/2	$< 1.7 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ 1/2 1/2	$< 15.5 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ 1/2 1/2	$\approx 80.39 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ ± 1 1	
	ν_e electron neutrino	ν_μ muon neutrino	ν_τ tau neutrino	W W boson	
				GAUGE BOSONS	SCALAR BOSONS

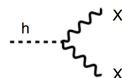
Figure: The “periodic” table for all fundamental particles in SM.

Standard Model : Fundamental Interaction

Standard Model Interactions (Forces Mediated by Gauge Bosons)



X is any fermion in the SM



X is a W^- or a Z-boson

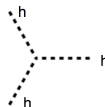
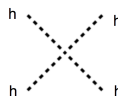


Figure: All allowed fundamental higgs-related Feynman vertices in SM.

Figure: All allowed fundamental Feynman vertices in SM, except higgs-related vertices.

Standard Model : Limitation

- ▶ SM cannot explain gravity.
- ▶ SM cannot explain the nature of dark matter.
- ▶ The hierarchy problem
 - ▶ Why the weak force is stronger than the gravity by 10^{24} .
 - ▶ Why the Higgs mass is much lighter than the Planck mass.
 - ▶ At very high energy scale, the Higgs boson mass is strongly sensitive to quantum corrections.

Supersymmetry

- ▶ Supersymmetry(SUSY) is a theoretical extension of the Standard Model.
- ▶ It is one of the most promising theory.
- ▶ It can solve the hierarchy problem of Higgs mass.
- ▶ It can explain the nature of dark matter.

Supersymmetry : MSSM

- ▶ Minimal Supersymmetric Standard Model(MSSM) is the simplest realization of the supersymmetry.
- ▶ It predicts that each particle in the Standard Model has its own partner particle, called the superpartner.
- ▶ The spin of the superpartner will differ from the Standard Model particle by $1/2$.
- ▶ A symmetry between the fermions and bosons.

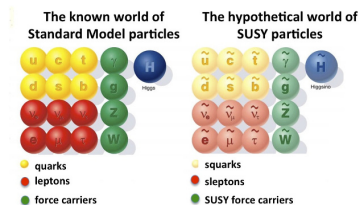


Figure: The particles in Standard Model and their corresponding superpartners and their names.

Supersymmetry : Superpartners

- ▶ In the MSSM, one more neutral Higgs field H and two more charged Higgs fields H^+ , H^- needed to be introduced.
- ▶ In SM electro-weak bosons, there are in total 4 neutral bosons: γ , Z , h and H , and 4 charged bosons: W^+ , W^- , H^+ and H^- .
- ▶ The superpartners of the 4 neutral bosons together form 4 mass eigenstates, called neutralinos: $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$, $\tilde{\chi}_2^0$, $\tilde{\chi}_3^0$ and $\tilde{\chi}_4^0$.
- ▶ The superpartners of the 4 charged bosons together form two mass eigenstates with electric charge ± 1 , called charginos: $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm$ and $\tilde{\chi}_2^\pm$.

Type	SM particle	Symbol	Spin	R-parity	Superpartner	Symbol	Spin	R-parity
Fermions	Quark	q	$\frac{1}{2}$	+1	Squark	\tilde{q}	0	-1
	Lepton	l	$\frac{1}{2}$	+1	Slepton	\tilde{l}	0	-1
Gluon	Gluon	g	1	+1	Gluino	\tilde{g}	$\frac{1}{2}$	-1
Neutral EW Bosons	Photon	γ	1	+1	Neutralinos	$\tilde{\chi}_1^0, \tilde{\chi}_2^0, \tilde{\chi}_3^0, \tilde{\chi}_4^0$	$\frac{1}{2}$	-1
	Z Boson	Z	1	+1				
	Neutral Higgs	h, H	0	+1				
Charged EW Bosons	W Boson	W^+, W^-	1	+1	Charginos	$\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm, \tilde{\chi}_2^\pm$	$\frac{1}{2}$	-1
	Charged Higgs	H^+, H^-	0	+1				

Table: The spin and R-parity for the Standard Model particles and their superpartners.

Supersymmetry : R-parity

- ▶ The baryon number B is defined by $\frac{1}{3}(n_q - n_{\bar{q}})$, where n_q is the number of quarks and $n_{\bar{q}}$ is the number of anti-quarks.
- ▶ The lepton number L is defined by $n_l - n_{\bar{l}}$, where n_l is the number of leptons and $n_{\bar{l}}$ is the number of anti-leptons.
- ▶ In SM, $(B - L)$ is conserved. But in MSSM, it is no longer conserved.
- ▶ To keep $(B - L)$ conservation and prevent the proton decay, the R-parity P_R is introduced.

$$P_R = (-1)^{3(B-L)-2s}$$

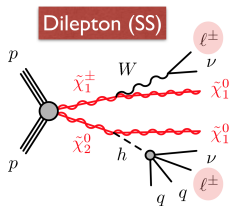
where s is the spin.

Supersymmetry : R-parity

- ▶ All SM particles have R-parity $+1$, while all SUSY particles have R-parity -1 .
- ▶ If the R-parity is conserved, the lightest supersymmetric particle (LSP) cannot decay and is stable.
- ▶ If the LSP is electrically neutral and interacts with matter only by the weak interaction and gravity, it could be a candidate for dark matter, for example the lightest neutralinos $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$.
- ▶ In this thesis, the R-parity is assumed to be conserved, and the lightest neutralino $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$ is assumed to be the LSP.
- ▶ Due to the conservation of R-parity, the supersymmetric particles can only be pair-produced, and will eventually decay into SM particles and the lightest neutralino $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$ (i.e. LSP).

Our Signal Scenario : Motivation

- ▶ In the recent searches for the squarks (\tilde{q}) and gluinos (\tilde{g}), the masses of gluinos and the first and second generation squarks are suggested to be larger than 1 TeV, while the masses of the third generation squarks are still allowed to be below 1 TeV.
- ▶ In this case, the direct pair production of $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm$ and $\tilde{\chi}_2^0$ may be the dominant SUSY production process at the LHC, if the masses of them are below 1 TeV.
- ▶ In this thesis, their masses are assumed to be the same, and denoted by $m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm, \tilde{\chi}_2^0}$.



Our Signal Scenario : Decay Processes

- If all the slepton (\tilde{l}) are heavier than $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm$ and $\tilde{\chi}_2^0$:
1. $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm$ will decay to W boson and $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$:
 $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm \rightarrow W^\pm + \tilde{\chi}_1^0$
 2. $\tilde{\chi}_2^0$ will decay to the lightest MSSM Higgs boson h and $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$:
 $\tilde{\chi}_2^0 \rightarrow h + \tilde{\chi}_1^0$

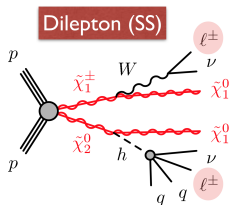
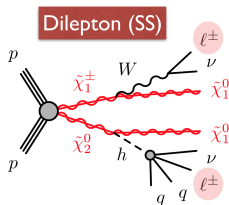


Figure: The Feynman diagram for our Wh same-sign signal scenario.

Our Signal Scenario : Decay Processes

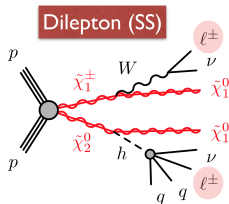
- ▶ The W boson will further to one lepton (electron or muon) and one neutrino with the SM branching ratio :

$$W^\pm \rightarrow \ell^\pm + \nu$$
- ▶ The Higgs boson h will eventually decay to one lepton (electron or muon), quarks (i.e. jets) and neutrino(s) by various decay modes with the SM branching ratios. (For example, $h \rightarrow W^+W^-$ and $h \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$)
- ▶ From now on, a lepton ℓ^\pm only refer to an electron or muon, but not τ lepton or neutrino.



Our Signal Scenario : Signal Signature in the Final State

- ▶ In this thesis, we only search for two same-sign(SS) leptons, in order to suppress the SM backgrounds.
- ▶ A large missing energy is expected, due to the undetected neutralinos $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$ and neutrinos ν .
- ▶ Each quark will eventually become a particle shower within a narrow cone, called a jet, by the process of hadronization.
- ▶ The mass difference between the two lightest neutralinos ($m_{\tilde{\chi}_2^0} - m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0}$) should be larger than the Higgs mass (~ 125 GeV).



Our Signal Scenario : Sensitive Region

- ▶ If the mass difference ($m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm, \tilde{\chi}_2^0} - m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0}$) is slightly larger than the Higgs mass, it is called the compressed region.
- ▶ In the compressed region, one of the lepton may have low energy, due to the low momentum of the Higgs boson, and hence it may not be detected.
- ▶ In this case, there may be originally 3 leptons, but only 2 leptons are detected.
- ▶ This allows more decay modes for Higgs boson, which produce two leptons. (For example, $h \rightarrow ZZ$)
- ▶ Hence, the signal will be more sensitive in the compressed region.

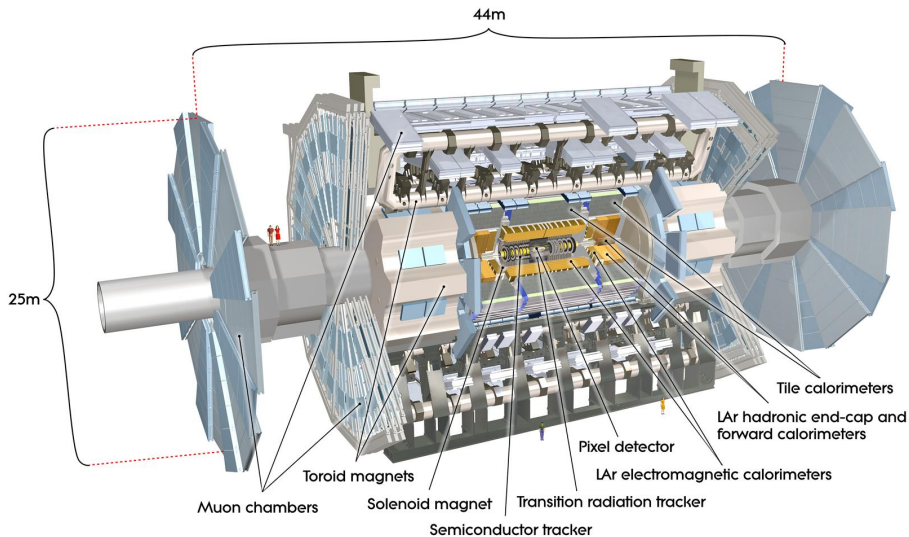
Experimental Setup

Experimental Setup : LHC

- ▶ The Large Hadron Collider (LHC) is the most powerful circular particle accelerator in the world.
- ▶ Its circumference is 27 km.
- ▶ Two beams of protons will be accelerated in opposite direction to centre-of-mass energy 13 TeV.
- ▶ They will be finally collided at the ATLAS detector.

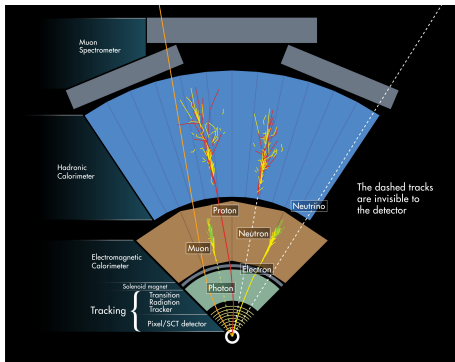


Experimental Setup : ATLAS detector



Experimental Setup : ATLAS detector

- ▶ The ATLAS detector consists of 3 main components:
 1. Inner detector: It is a particle tracker. It measures the tracks of charged particles.
 2. Calorimeter: It measures the energy of the particle and stops the particle. It consists of electromagnetic and hadronic calorimeters.
 3. Muon spectrometer: It is a particle tracker for muons.



Challenges

Challenges

Estimation of the signal sensitivity

- ▶ Cross section for our signal ~ 0.1 pb
- ▶ Total luminosity in one year $\sim 10^4$ pb $^{-1}$
- ▶ Expected number of signal events in one year $\sim 10^3$
- ▶ Time interval between each collision = 25 ns
- ▶ Total number of events in one year $\sim 10^{15}$
- ▶ The probability to have a signal event $\sim 10^{-12}$
- ▶ Conclusion: the SUSY signal is very rare.

Strategy

In order to extract the signal, the following strategies are used.

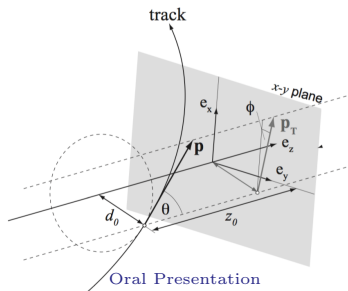
- ▶ A hardware trigger system are used when taking the data (online), to only store the interested events in the disk.
(40 MHz \rightarrow 100 kHz \rightarrow 1 kHz)
- ▶ Some discriminant variables (based on the kinematic variables) are defined, to help distinguish the signal and the background (i.e. noise).
- ▶ Two dedicated signal regions are defined based on the discriminant variables, to maximize signal sensitivity (like the signal-to-noise ratio).

Signal Region

Signal Region : Basic kinematic variables

- ▶ The z-axis is in the proton beam direction.
- ▶ The direction of the momentum \mathbf{p} of the particle can be specified by the azimuthal angle ϕ and the polar angle θ , as usual in the spherical coordinate system.
- ▶ The transverse momentum $\mathbf{p_T}$ is the projection of \mathbf{p} onto the x-y plane. The magnitude of $\mathbf{p_T}$ is denoted by p_T

$$p_T = \sqrt{p_x^2 + p_y^2}$$



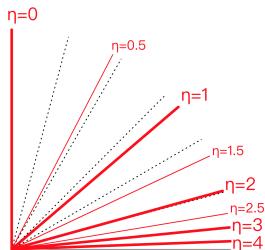
Signal Region : Basic kinematic variables

- ▶ The pseudorapidity η is defined by

$$\eta = -\ln \left(\tan \frac{\theta}{2} \right)$$

- ▶ The values of pseudorapidity η have reflective symmetry about the x-y plane. (Negative value for $90^\circ < \theta < 180^\circ$)
- ▶ The angle separation ΔR of two particles is defined as:

$$\Delta R = \sqrt{(\Delta\phi)^2 + (\Delta\eta)^2} = \sqrt{(\phi_2 - \phi_1)^2 + (\eta_2 - \eta_1)^2}$$



Signal Region : discriminant variable

- ▶ The missing momentum \mathbf{p}^{miss} due to undetected particle is defined by

$$\mathbf{p}^{\text{miss}} = - \sum_{\text{All detected particles}} \mathbf{p}$$

- ▶ The transverse missing energy, denoted by E_T^{miss} or MET, is defined by

$$E_T^{\text{miss}} = |\mathbf{p}_T^{\text{miss}}| = \sqrt{(p_x^{\text{miss}})^2 + (p_y^{\text{miss}})^2}$$

- ▶ p_T^1 and p_T^2 are p_T of the two leptons, with $p_T^1 \geq p_T^2$. The lepton with larger p_T is called the leading lepton, while the lepton with smaller p_T is called the sub-leading lepton.

Signal Region : discriminant variable

- ▶ n_{jets} : Number of signal jets:
- ▶ $n_{b\text{-jets}}$: Number of b -jets (jet from b quark).

$$\Delta\eta_{ll} = |\eta_1 - \eta_2|$$

▶

$$m_{\text{eff}} = p_T^1 + p_T^2 + E_T^{\text{miss}} + \sum_{\text{signal jets}} p_T$$

- ▶ m_{ll} : The invariant mass of the 4-momentum sum of the two leptons

$$(m_{ll})^2 = (p_1 + p_2)^2$$

Signal Region : discriminant variable

- m_T : It is designed to reconstruct the mass of the W boson.

$$m_T = \sqrt{2p_T^1 E_T^{\text{miss}} (1 - \cos \Delta\phi)}$$

where $\Delta\phi$ is the azimuthal angle between the leading lepton and the missing transverse momentum.

- m_{T2} : It is designed to set a lower bound on the masses of the unseen pair of charginos $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm$ and neutralinos $\tilde{\chi}_2^0$.

$$m_{T2} = \min_{\mathbf{q}_T} \left[\max \left(m_T(\mathbf{p}_T^1, \mathbf{q}_T), m_T(\mathbf{p}_T^2, \mathbf{p}_T^{\text{miss}} - \mathbf{q}_T) \right) \right]$$

$$m_T(\mathbf{p}_T, \mathbf{q}_T) = \sqrt{2p_T q_T (1 - \cos \Delta\phi)}$$

Signal Region : discriminant variable

- m_{lj} or m_{ljj} : It is designed to reconstruct the mass of the Higgs boson.

$$p_{\text{jet-system}} = \begin{cases} p_{\text{jet1}} & \text{for SRjet1} \\ p_{\text{jet1}} + p_{\text{jet2}} & \text{for SRjet23} \end{cases}$$

$$p_{\text{closest-lepton}} = \begin{cases} p_{\ell 1} & \text{if } \Delta R(p_{\ell 1}, p_{\text{jet-system}}) \leq \Delta R(p_{\ell 2}, p_{\text{jet-system}}) \\ p_{\ell 2} & \text{if } \Delta R(p_{\ell 1}, p_{\text{jet-system}}) > \Delta R(p_{\ell 2}, p_{\text{jet-system}}) \end{cases}$$

$$(m_{lj(j)})^2 = (p_{\text{closest-lepton}} + p_{\text{jet-system}})^2$$

Signal Region : Pre-selection

- ▶ Signal Region(SR) is a set of cuts of the discriminant variables, such that the signal sensitivity is high.
- ▶ By trying different sets of cuts, the signal region with the highest signal sensitivity can be found. This process is called the signal region optimization. The following cuts are the pre-selection, before the signal region optimization.

Pre-selection:

- ▶ Exactly 2 leptons with $p_T > 25$ GeV.
- ▶ The two leptons are same-sign in electric charge (SS).
- ▶ $n_{\text{b-jets}} = 0$, to reduce the SM background from top quark.
- ▶ Two signal regions: SRjet1 with $n_{\text{jets}} = 1$, SRjet23 with $n_{\text{jets}} = 2$ or 3.

Signal Region : cut result

	SRjet1	SRjet23
n_{jets}	1	2 or 3
Leading lepton p_T [GeV]	≥ 25	≥ 25
Sub-leading lepton p_T [GeV]	≥ 25	≥ 25
$ \Delta\eta_{ll} $	< 1.5	-
E_T^{miss} [GeV]	≥ 100	≥ 100
m_{eff} [GeV]	≥ 260	≥ 240
m_T^{l1} [GeV]	≥ 140	≥ 120
m_{lj}/m_{ljj} [GeV]	< 180	< 130
m_{T2} [GeV]	≥ 80	≥ 70

Backup

Pre-selection plots

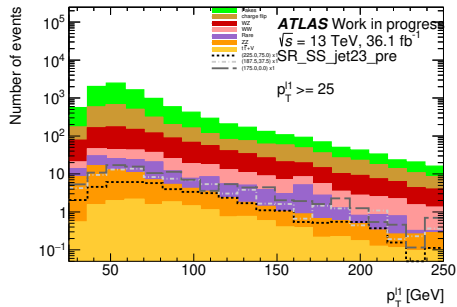
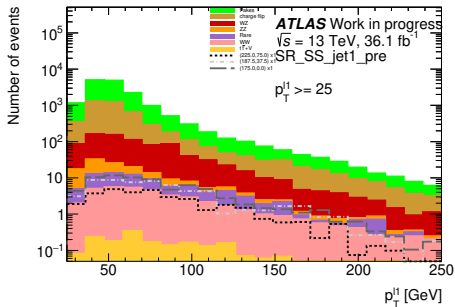
Yields in pre-selection

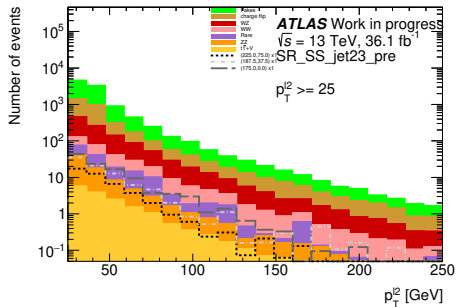
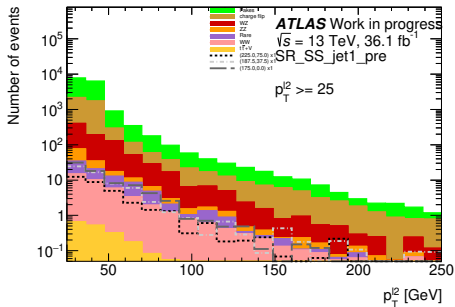
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Fakes	$11580.965417 \pm 45.775452$ (107219)
charge flip	3622.756937 ± 2.810481 (3375964)
WZ	691.333566 ± 34.238864 (68626)
ZZ	66.945860 ± 1.049840 (21749)
Rare	47.371873 ± 4.082859 (1662)
WW	38.128141 ± 0.388221 (15666)
$t\bar{t} + V$	1.971267 ± 0.138488 (671)
Total BG	$16049.473060 \pm 57.389305$ (3591557)
(225.0,75.0)	33.08 ± 1.57 (676)
(187.5,37.5)	62.09 ± 3.13 (568)
(175.0,0.0)	74.30 ± 3.57 (556)

Table: Yields in SRjet1

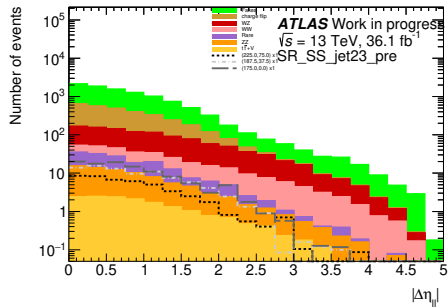
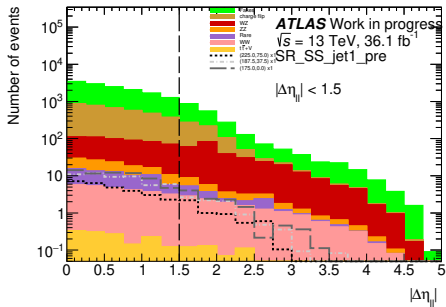
	Number of events
Fakes	$6848.284248 \pm 36.074557$ (66096)
charge flip	2074.427691 ± 2.680118 (1679673)
WZ	776.282836 ± 5.978666 (147413)
WW	153.455294 ± 0.679752 (72175)
Rare	92.181843 ± 6.338615 (3011)
ZZ	62.932966 ± 1.198123 (35945)
$t\bar{t} + V$	16.375388 ± 0.359456 (6082)
Total BG	$10023.940266 \pm 37.235816$ (2010395)
(225.0,75.0)	45.01 ± 1.76 (937)
(187.5,37.5)	86.02 ± 3.84 (754)
(175.0,0.0)	107.96 ± 5.14 (743)

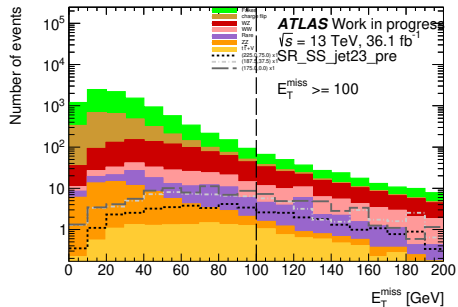
Table: Yields in SRjet23

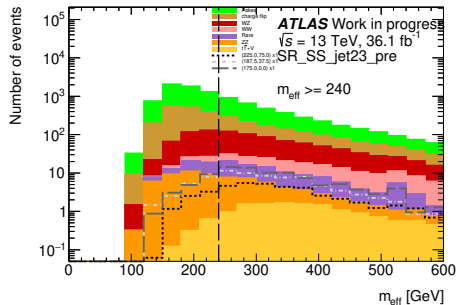
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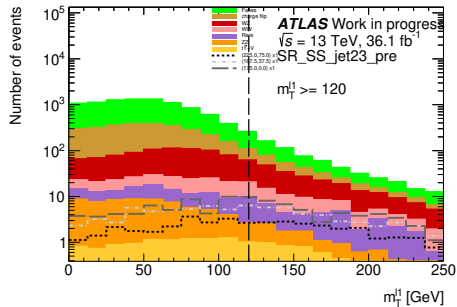
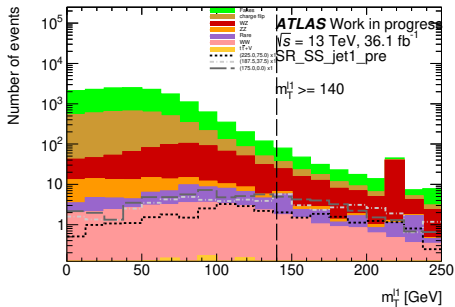
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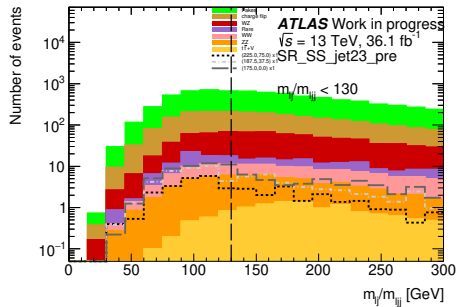
$$|\Delta\eta_l|$$

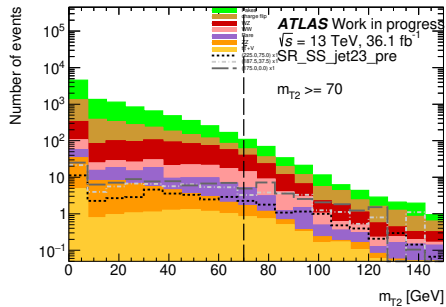






m_T^{l1}






N-1 plots

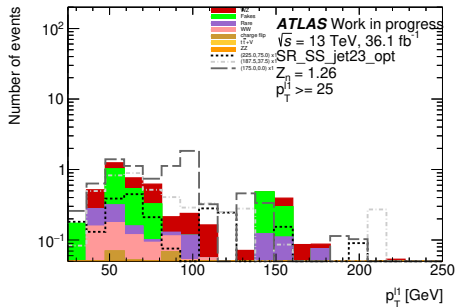
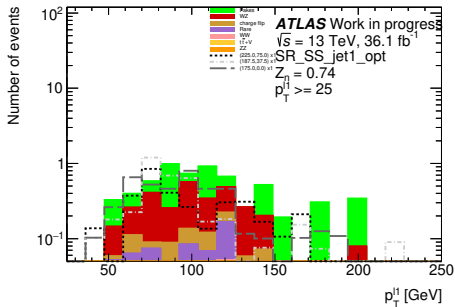
Yields in SR

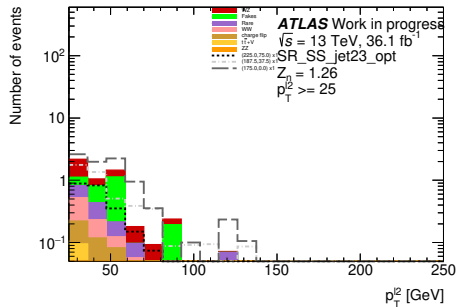
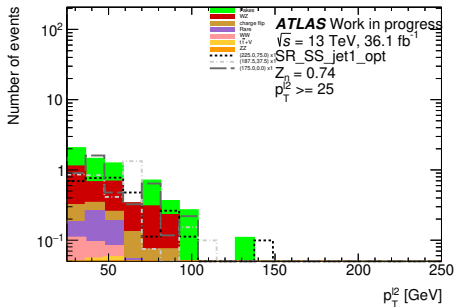
	Number of events	Significance
Fakes	3.295434 ± 0.819175 (24)	
WZ	2.176292 ± 0.397871 (257)	
charge flip	0.472185 ± 0.052737 (265)	
Rare	0.443536 ± 0.111301 (56)	
WW	0.165504 ± 0.023455 (67)	
$tt + V$	0.124898 ± 0.046227 (36)	
ZZ	0.055330 ± 0.027713 (31)	
Total BG	6.733178 ± 0.920855 (736)	
(225.0,75.0)	3.33 ± 0.60 (60)	0.74
(187.5,37.5)	3.77 ± 0.95 (31)	0.86
(175.0,0.0)	4.29 ± 0.73 (36)	0.98

Table: Yields in SRjet1

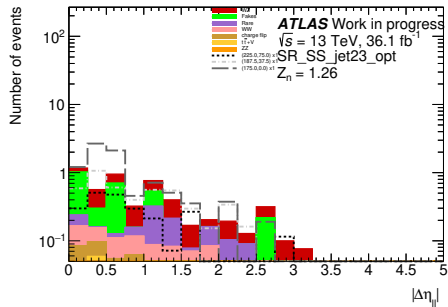
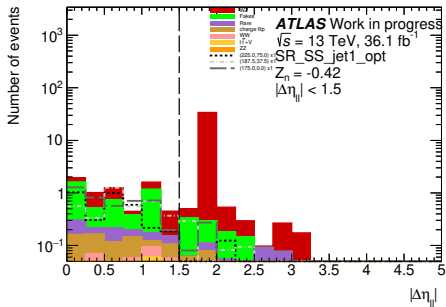
	Number of events	Significance
WZ	1.848838 ± 0.273025 (319)	
Fakes	1.764693 ± 0.709215 (20)	
Rare	0.731015 ± 0.195114 (48)	
WW	0.514488 ± 0.036878 (235)	
charge flip	0.267485 ± 0.029086 (274)	
$tt + V$	0.141679 ± 0.030772 (67)	
ZZ	0.067226 ± 0.024995 (24)	
Total BG	5.335425 ± 0.787005 (987)	
(225.0,75.0)	2.35 ± 0.34 (58)	0.57
(187.5,37.5)	4.72 ± 0.74 (47)	1.26
(175.0,0.0)	8.60 ± 1.51 (58)	2.24

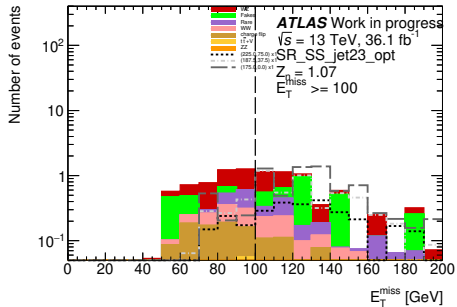
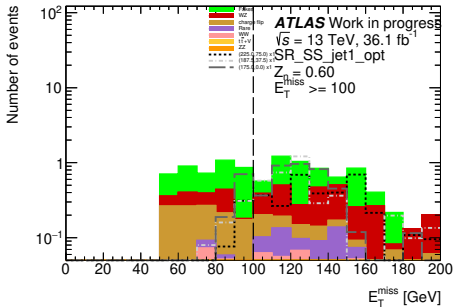
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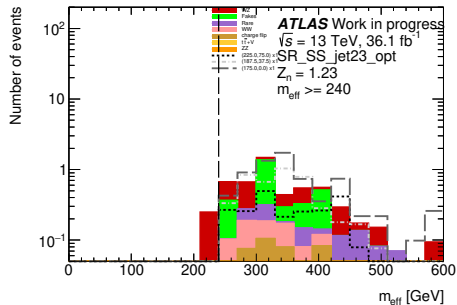
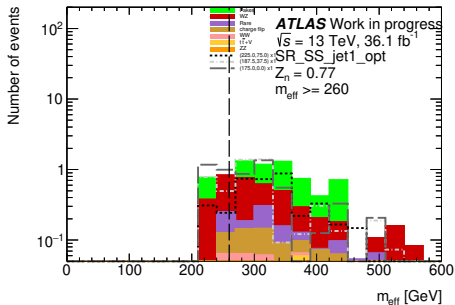
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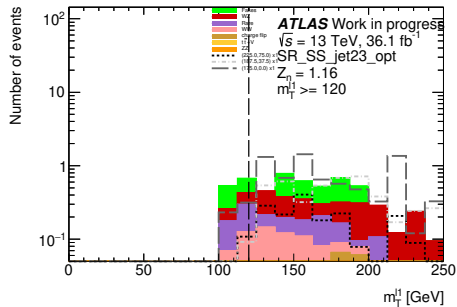
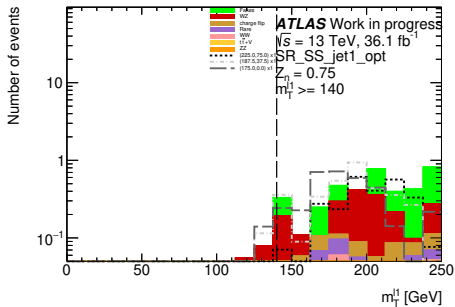
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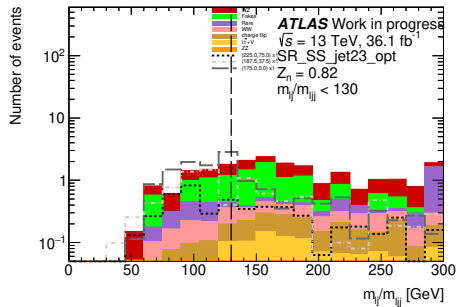
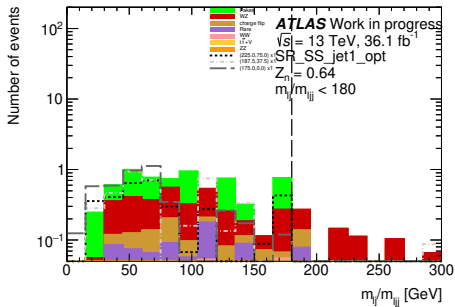


$E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}$ 

m_{eff} 

m_T^{l1} 

$$m_{lj}/m_{ljj}$$



m_{T2} 