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Preface

115 This is the preface. It's optional, but it's nice to give some context for the reader and stuff.

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CHAPTER 1

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Introduction

119 The Standard Model (SM)¹ has been remarkably successful...

¹Here's a footnote.

CHAPTER 2

Theoretical Framework

(Some example introductory text for this chapter)...

2.1 Introduction to the Standard Model

Modern particle physics is generally interpreted in terms of the Standard Model (SM). This is a quantum field theory which encapsulates our understanding of the electromagnetic, weak, and strong interactions...

2.2 Electroweak Mixing and the Higgs Field

When the theory of the electroweak interaction was first developed [1, 2], the W and Z bosons were predicted to be massless (a typical mass term in the Lagrangian would violate the $SU(2)$ symmetry). However, these were experimentally observed to have masses...

CHAPTER 3

LHC and the ATLAS Detector

3.1 The Large Hadron Collider

The Large Hadron Collider (LHC) [3] is...

3.2 The ATLAS Detector

ATLAS is a general-purpose particle detector...

3.2.1 The Inner Detector

The Inner Detector serves the primary purpose of measuring the trajectories of charged particles...

3.2.1.1 Pixel Detector

The Pixel detector consists of four cylindrical barrel layers and three disk-shaped endcap layers...

3.2.1.2 Semiconductor Tracker

The Semiconductor Tracker uses the same basic technology as the Pixels, but the fundamental unit of silicon is a larger “strip”...

3.2.1.3 Transition Radiation Tracker

The Transition Radiation Tracker is the outermost component of the ID...

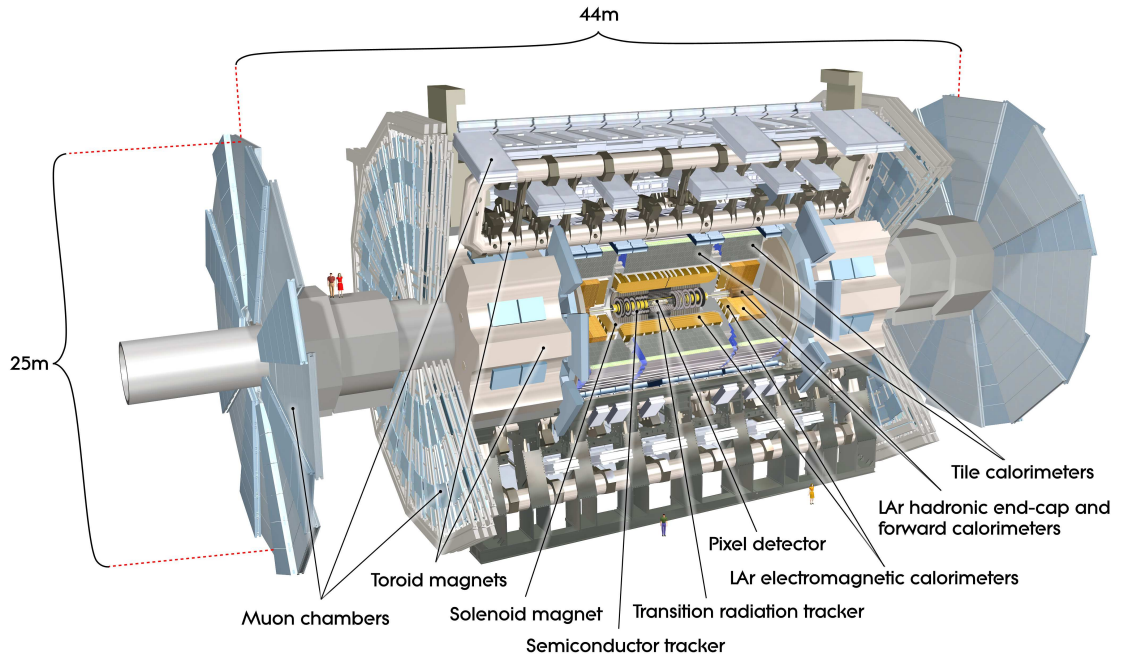


Figure 3.1: General cut-away view of the ATLAS detector [4].

146 3.2.2 The Calorimeters

147 ATLAS includes two types of calorimeter system for measuring electromagnetic and hadronic show-
 148 ers. These are the Liquid Argon (LAr) calorimeters and the Tile calorimeters. Together, these cover
 149 the region with $|\eta| < 4.9...$

150 3.2.2.1 Liquid Argon Calorimeters

151 The Liquid Argon system consists of...

152 3.2.2.2 Tile Calorimeters

153 The Tile calorimeter provides coverage for hadronic showers...

Alignment of the ATLAS Inner Detector

156 In order for the subdetectors of the ID to operate at their designed precisions, it is essential that
157 the locations of the sensors be known as precisely as possible. Differences between the expected and
158 actual positions of a sensor can result in displaced particle hits and degrade track reconstruction
159 quality. These misalignments can occur for any number of reasons, including but not limited to
160 elements shifting during maintenance periods or cycles in ATLAS's magnetic field, or simply small
161 movements during normal detector operations. Since it is not practical to physically realign hundreds
162 of thousands of detector elements to μm precision by hand, an iterative track-based alignment
163 algorithm is used to determine the physical positions and orientations of these elements [5]. The
164 effects of misalignments and the steps taken to correct and monitor them are detailed in this chapter.

165 4.1 Effects of Misalignment

166 Hello world!

167 4.2 The Alignment Method

168 Hello world!

169 4.3 Momentum Bias Corrections

170 Hello world!

171 **4.4 Alignment of the IBL**

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173 **4.5 Alignment Monitoring**

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CHAPTER 5

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WZ production @ $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV

177 5.1 Theoretical motivation

178 Hello world!

179 5.2 Signal definition

180 Hello world!

181 5.3 Background estimations

182 Hello world!

183 5.4 Cross section measurement

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CHAPTER 6

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Same-sign WW @ $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV

187 **6.1 Theoretical motivation**

188 Hello world!

189 **6.2 Signal definition**

190 Hello world!

191 **6.3 Background estimations**

192 Hello world!

193 **6.4 Cross section measurement**

194 Hello world!

CHAPTER 7

Prospects for same-sign WW at the High Luminosity LHC

On December 3, 2018, Run 2 of the LHC officially ended, and the collider was shut down to begin the first of two scheduled extended maintenance periods [6]. During these two long shutdowns, the Phase-I and Phase-II upgrades of the LHC and ATLAS will occur in order to prepare for the High-Luminosity LHC (HL-LHC) which is scheduled to begin operation in 2026 [7].

The HL-LHC is planned to run at an instantaneous luminosity of $\mathcal{L} = 5 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ with an average of 140 collisions per beam-crossing. Over the course of operation, the HL-LHC is expected to collect a total integrated luminosity of $\mathcal{L} = 3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ by 2035 [8].

These run conditions are much harsher than what ATLAS has experienced so far, and as a result there are several planned upgrades to the detector. Most notably, the entire ID will be replaced with an all-silicon tracker which will extend the coverage from $|\eta| \leq 2.7$ up to $|\eta| \leq 4.0$. This will allow for reconstruction of charged particle tracks which can in turn be matched to clusters in the calorimeters for electron identification or forward jet tagging [9].

TODO: Why are we studying ssww at the HL-LHC

7.1 Theoretical motivation

The theoretical motivation for studying the ssWW process is detailed in Section 6.1.

7.2 Signal definition

Hello world!

215 **TODO: Add table for full lepton (pre-)selection, full jet (pre-)selection, and then finally the overall event selection**

Selection requirement	Selection value
Lepton kinematics	$p_T > 25 \text{ GeV}$ $ \eta \leq 4.0$
Jet kinematics	$p_T > 30 \text{ GeV}$ for $ \eta \leq 4.5$ $p_T > 70 \text{ GeV}$ for $ \eta > 3.8$
Dilepton charge	Exactly two signal leptons with same charge
Dilepton separation	$\Delta R_{l,l} \geq 0.3$
Dilepton mass	$m_{ll} > 20 \text{ GeV}$
Z boson veto	$ m_{ee} - m_Z > 10 \text{ GeV}$ (ee -channel only)
E_T^{miss}	$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 40 \text{ GeV}$
Jet selection	At least two jets with $\Delta R_{l,j} > 0.3$
b jet veto	$N_{b\text{-jet}} = 0$
Dijet separation	$\Delta \eta_{j,j} > 2.5$
Trilepton veto	No additional preselected leptons
Dijet mass	$m_{jj} > 500 \text{ GeV}$
Lepton-jet centrality ²	$\zeta > 0$

Table 7.1: derp

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217 7.2.1 Sensitivity to longitudinal polarization

218 7.3 Background estimations

219 Hello world!

220 7.4 Selection optimization

221 As mentioned earlier, the HL-LHC will feature forward tracking, an increase in center of mass energy,
 222 and a higher integrated luminosity. Therefore, this study is an excellent time to see if there are new
 223 optimizations to the signal event selection that can improve the signal to background ratio.

224 7.4.1 Random grid search algorithm

225 The chosen method for optimizing the event selection is a cut-based algorithm known as the Random
 226 Grid Search (RGS) [10]. Consider a simple case of two variables x and y chosen to differentiate the
 227 signal from the background. In order to be considered a signal event, a given event would be required
 228 to pass a *cut point* $c = \{x > x_c, y > y_c\}$. A simple method to choose the optimal cut point (i.e. the

“best” values of the cuts x_c and y_c) would be to construct an $n \times m$ rectangular grid in x and y consisting of points $(x_0, y_0), (x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_n, y_m)$, as in Figure 7.1. One can then choose a cut point $c_k = \{x > x_i, y > y_j\}$ that maximizes the signal significance as measured by a chosen metric. This would be considered a *regular* or *rectangular* grid search.

While effective in principle, this rectangular grid search comes with two major drawbacks:

1. The algorithm does not scale well as the number of variables to be optimized—the dimensionality of the grid—increases. In the case of a square grid with N bins per variable v , the number of cut points to be evaluated grows as N^v .
2. Signal and background samples are rarely evenly distributed over the entire grid, resulting in many cut points being sub-optimal and evaluating them would be a waste of computing resources.

To combat these limitations, the RGS algorithm constructs a grid of cut points directly from the signal sample itself. In the two-dimensional example, this means that the variables x_i and y_j making up the cut point $c_k = \{x > x_i, y > y_j\}$ take their values directly from a given signal event. This has the benefit of creating a *random grid* of cut points that is by construction biased towards regions of high signal concentration. This reduces the need for exponentially increasing numbers of cut points while ensuring that computing resources are not wasted in regions with few to no signal events. An example of the the two-dimensional random grid is shown in Figure 7.2.

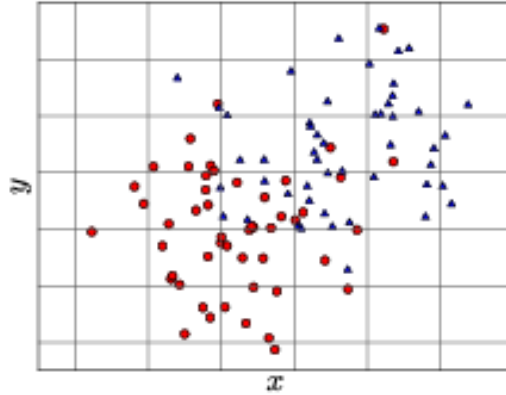


Figure 7.1: A visual representation of a rectangular grid search algorithm. The signal events are the blue triangles, and the red circles are the background events. **TODO: replace with own figure**

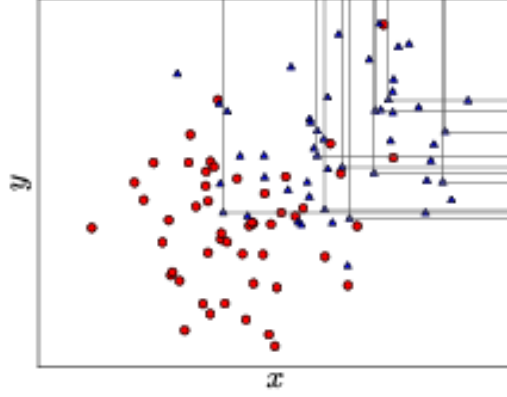


Figure 7.2: A visual representation of a random grid search algorithm. The signal events are the blue triangles, and the red circles are the background events. **TODO: replace with own figure**

247 Once the random grid of cut points is constructed, the optimal cut point can be chosen using
 248 whatever metric the analyzer chooses, such as signal to background ratio. For the purpose of the
 249 $W^\pm W^\pm jj$ upgrade study, the optimal cut point is the one that maximizes the signal significance Z
 250 defined as in Equation 7.1 [11].

$$Z = \sqrt{2 \left[(s+b) \ln \left(\frac{s+b}{b_0} \right) + b_0 - s - b \right] + \frac{(b-b_0)^2}{\sigma_b^2}} \quad (7.1)$$

251 where s and b are the number of signal and background events, respectively, σ_b is the total uncertainty
 252 on the background, and b_0 is defined as:

$$b_0 = \frac{1}{2} \left(b - \sigma_b^2 + \sqrt{(b - \sigma_b^2)^2 + 4(s+b)\sigma_b^2} \right) \quad (7.2)$$

253 In the case where the background is known precisely (i.e. $\sigma_b = 0$), Equation 7.1 simplifies to

$$Z = \sqrt{2 \left(b \left[(1 + s/b) \ln(1 + s/b) - s/b \right] \right)} \quad (7.3)$$

254 which further reduces to the familiar $Z = s/\sqrt{b}$ for the case when $s \ll b$.

255 7.4.2 Inputs to the optimization

256 In order to train the RGS, signal and background samples were prepared from events passing the
 257 event selection outlined in Table 7.1 up through the b -jet veto. The signal sample was chosen to

be the longitudinally polarized $W^\pm W^\pm jj$ EWK events, and the transverse and mixed polarizations were treated as background along with $W^\pm W^\pm jj$ events from QCD interactions and the traditional backgrounds listed in Section 7.3. Splitting the inclusive $W^\pm W^\pm jj$ EWK events by polarization allows the optimization to favor the longitudinally polarized events as much as possible, even though they both contribute to the EWK signal.

The following six variables were chosen for optimization:

- Leading lepton p_T
- Dilepton invariant mass (m_{ll})
- Leading jet p_T
- Subleading jet p_T
- Dijet invariant mass (m_{jj})
- Lepton-jet centrality (ζ)

Subleading lepton p_T is omitted due to the fact that it is particularly sensitive to the longitudinal polarization and thus would like to be kept as low as possible.

TODO: talk about constraints to optimization, statistical limitations from fakes resulting in using simplified Z Two constraints were applied to the optimization in order to

7.4.3 Results of the optimization

Selection requirement	Selection value
Lepton kinematics	$p_T > 28$ GeV (leading lepton only)
Jet kinematics	$p_T > 90$ GeV (leading jet) $p_T > 45$ GeV (subleading jet)
Dilepton mass	$m_{ll} > 28$ GeV
Dijet mass	$m_{jj} > 520$ GeV
Lepton-jet centrality	$\zeta > -0.5$

Table 7.2: Updates to the $W^\pm W^\pm jj$ event selection criteria after optimization. Cuts not listed remain unchanged from the default selection in Table 7.1.

The results of the optimization including the event yields as well as the cross section measurement are detailed alongside those using the default selection in Section 7.5.

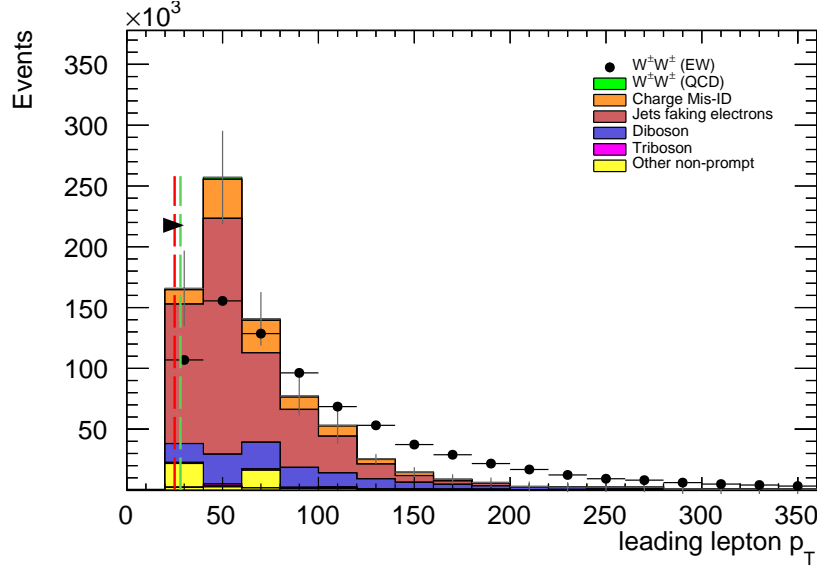


Figure 7.3: Leading lepton p_T distribution. The default and optimized cuts are represented by the red and green dashed lines, respectively. The $W^\pm W^\pm jj$ EWK signal (black points) is normalized to the same area as the sum of the backgrounds (colored histogram).

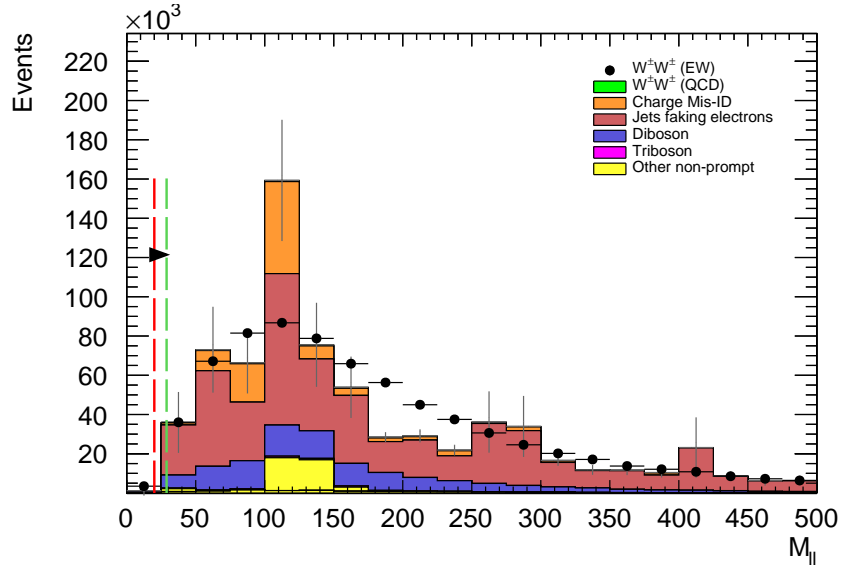


Figure 7.4: Dilepton invariant mass distribution. The default and optimized cuts are represented by the red and green dashed lines, respectively. The $W^\pm W^\pm jj$ EWK signal (black points) is normalized to the same area as the sum of the backgrounds (colored histogram).

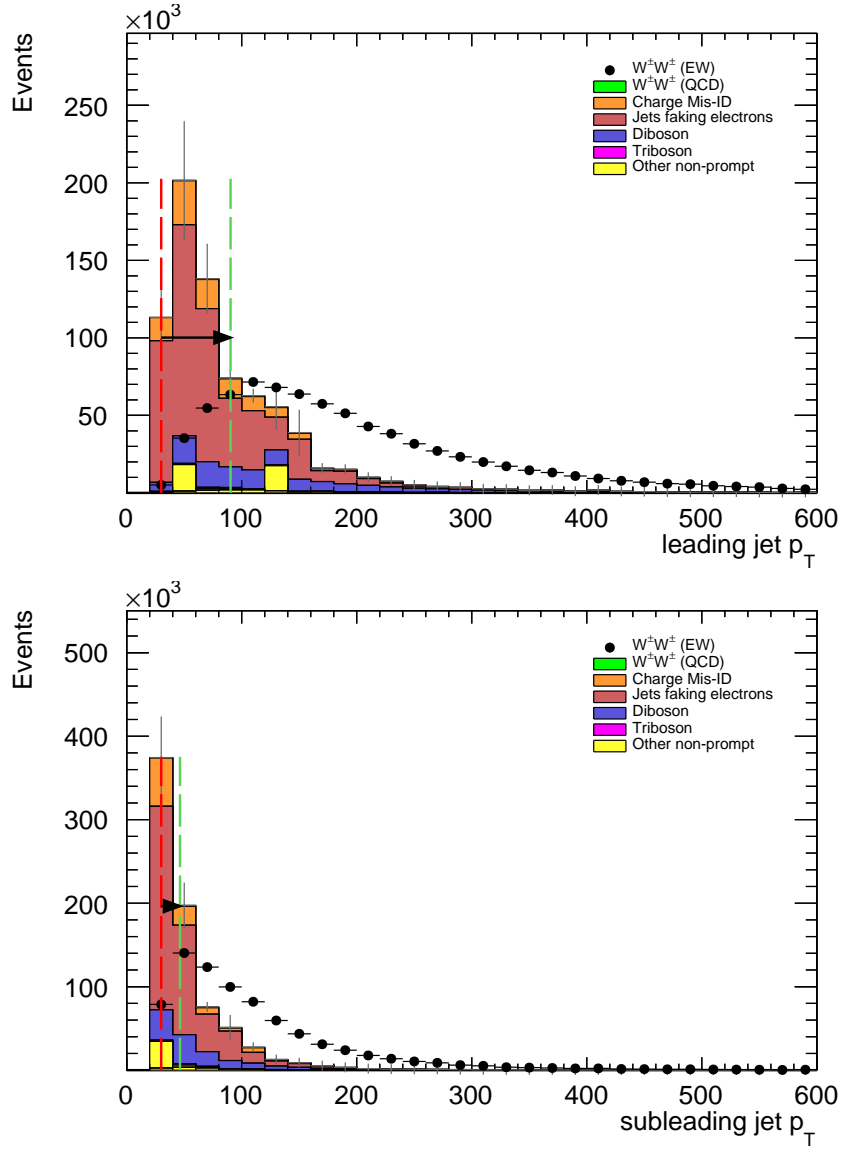


Figure 7.5: Leading (top) and subleading (bottom) jet p_T distributions. The default and optimized cuts are represented by the red and green dashed lines, respectively. The $W^\pm W^\pm jj$ EWK signal (black points) is normalized to the same area as the sum of the backgrounds (colored histogram).

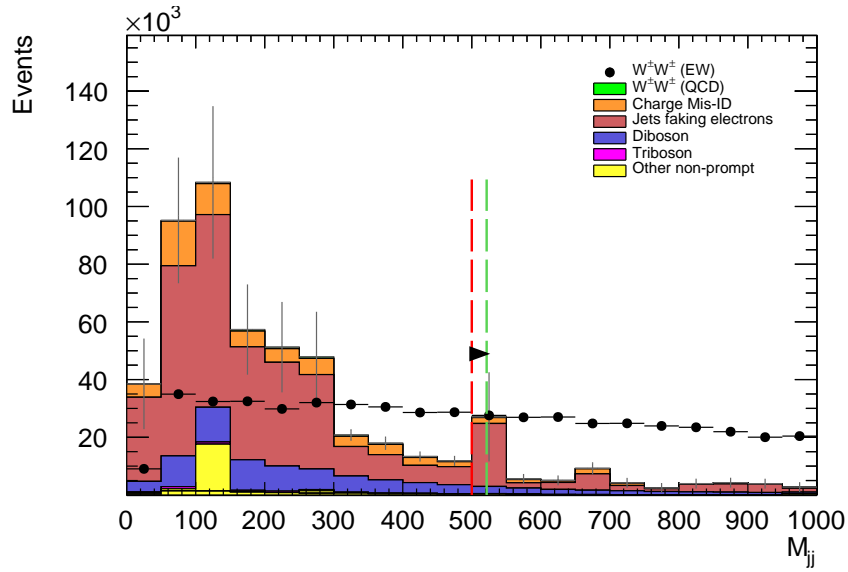


Figure 7.6: Dijet invariant mass distribution. The default and optimized cuts are represented by the red and green dashed lines, respectively. The $W^\pm W^\pm jj$ EWK signal (black points) is normalized to the same area as the sum of the backgrounds (colored histogram).

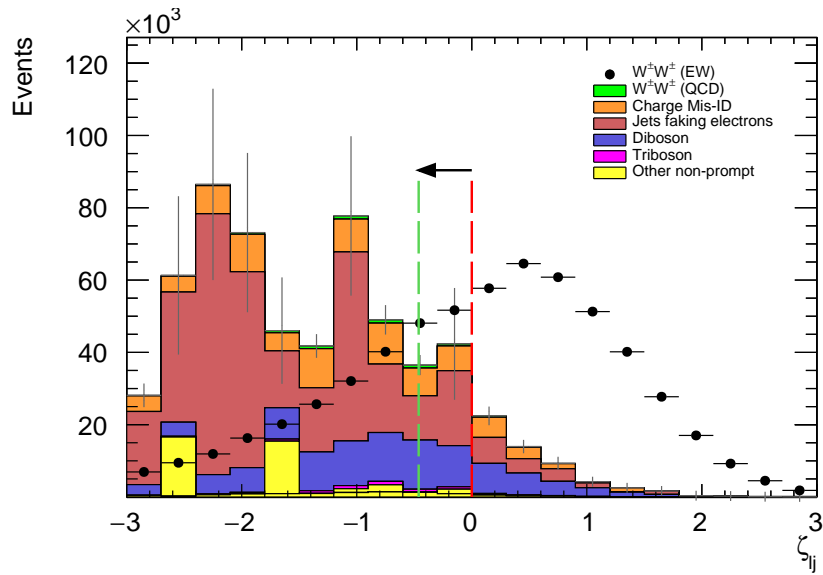


Figure 7.7: Lepton-jet centrality distribution. The default and optimized cuts are represented by the red and green dashed lines, respectively. The $W^\pm W^\pm jj$ EWK signal (black points) is normalized to the same area as the sum of the backgrounds (colored histogram).

277 **7.5 Results**

278 **7.5.1 Event yields**

279 **7.5.2 Uncertainties**

280 **7.5.3 Cross section measurement**

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CHAPTER 8

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Conclusion

283 Here’s where you wrap it up.

284 **Looking Ahead**

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286 Here’s an example of how to have an “informal subsection”.

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