

X->Zγ high mass search

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Introduction

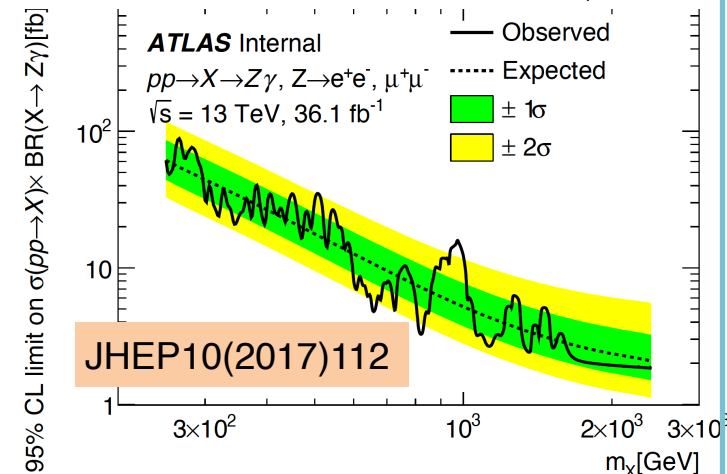
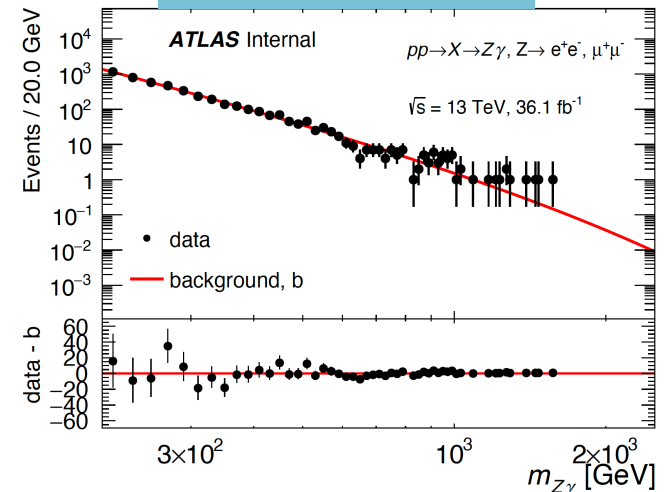
High mass search $X \rightarrow Z\gamma$:

- aims to find BSM physics, can occur through either an extension of the Higgs sector or additional gauge fields
- Similar final state to Higgs $\rightarrow Z\gamma \Rightarrow$ similar selection procedure:
 - we consider Z boson decays only to di-electron or di-muon:
good mass resolution and background rejection

Full Run2 update:

- extended range: **200 GeV - 5 TeV**
- major improvement for electron channels is required to the **boosting effect**, causing the electrons to be collimated (merged) and hard to reconstruct individually

Previous results:



- search range: 250 GeV - 2.4 TeV
- No excess found, upper limits on $\sigma \times BR$ (between 88 fb and 2.8 fb)

Event selection & samples

- GRL, PV and Event quality selection
- Triggers: leptonic ones + high photon pT triggers to the high mass (> 1 TeV):
 - HLT_g120_loose, HLT_g140_loose, HLT_g200_etcut and HLT_g300_etcut, HLT_g200_loose
- Overlap removal (ee, γe , $\gamma \mu$ and jet-e/ γ/μ)
- ≥ 2 good leptons and opposite sign
- $m_{ll} > 45$ GeV
- Trigger Matching
- $76.18 \text{ GeV} < m_{ll} < 106.18 \text{ GeV}$
- photon selection: $p_T > 15$ GeV; Tight ID and FixedCutLoose isolation
- $m_{ll\gamma} > 200$ GeV
- ph. rel. p_T ($m_{ll\gamma}/p_T$) > 0.2 (previously was 0.3)

Samples:

- fun Run2 data
- MC16 signal ggH 200 GeV - 5 TeV
- MC16 bkg Zgamma

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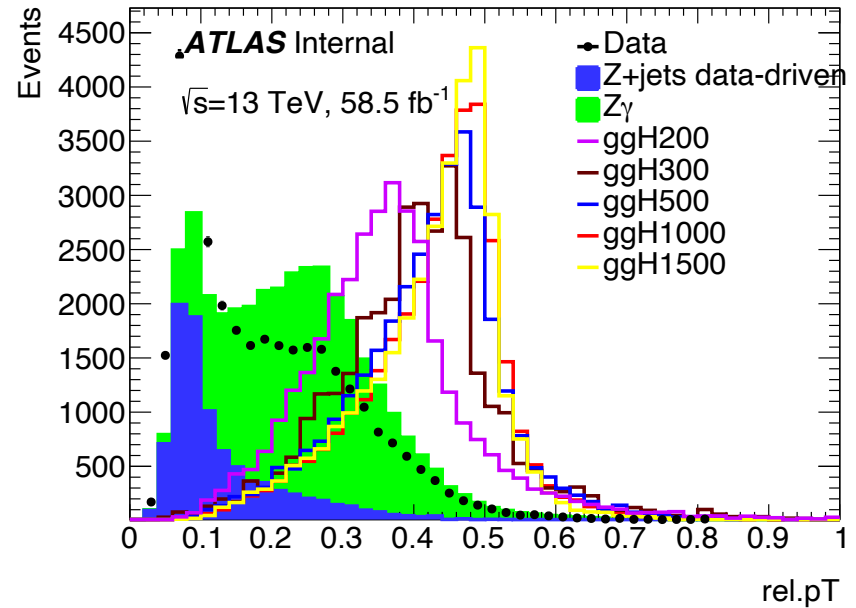
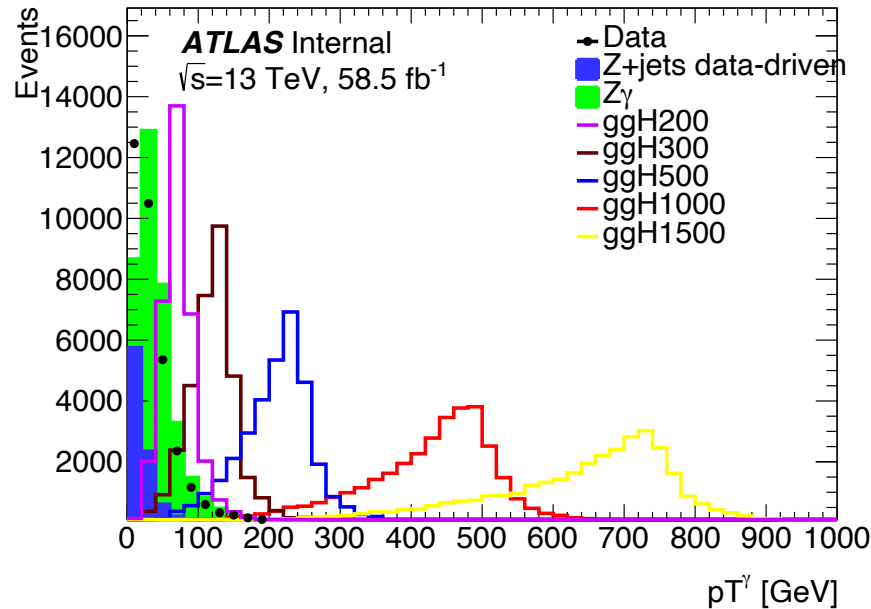
candidates	channel	single/di-lepton	trigger name
2015 data	Z($\rightarrow ee$) γ	single electron	HLT_e24_lhmedium_L1EM20VH HLT_e60_lhmedium, HLT_e120_lhloose
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Lepton and Photon Preselection (before overlap removal)			
Cut	Electrons	Muons	Photons
p_T	> 10 GeV	> 10 GeV	> 10 GeV
$ \eta $	$ \eta < 2.47$	$ \eta < 2.7$	$ \eta < 2.37$
	exclude $1.37 < \eta < 1.52$	-	exclude $1.37 < \eta < 1.52$
$ d_0 /\sigma_{d_0}$	< 5	< 3	-
$z_0 \sin \theta$	< 0.5 mm	< 0.5 mm	-
Identification	Loose	Medium	Loose
Isolation	FCLoose	FCLoose	-

instead: Loose_VarRad for $M_x < 1$ TeV
TightTrackOnly_VarRad for $M_x > 1$ TeV

Low mass signal efficiencies

Check of Data18, bkg Zgamma MC16e + DD bkg Z+jets, signal ggH Mx samples

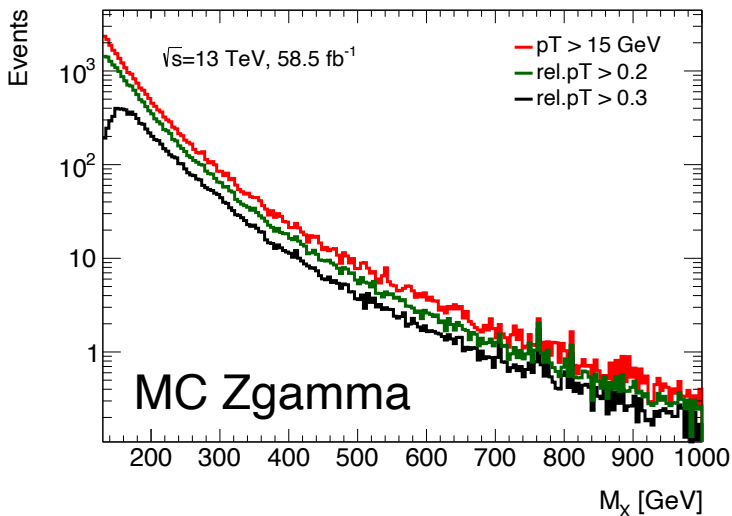
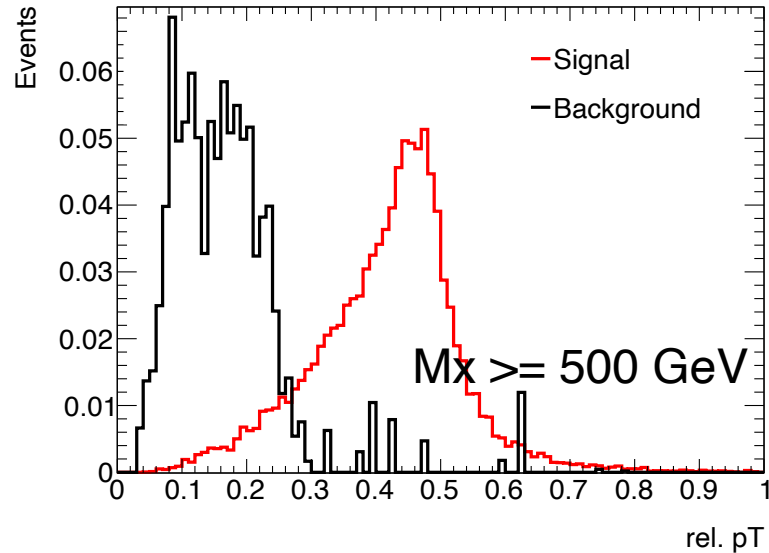
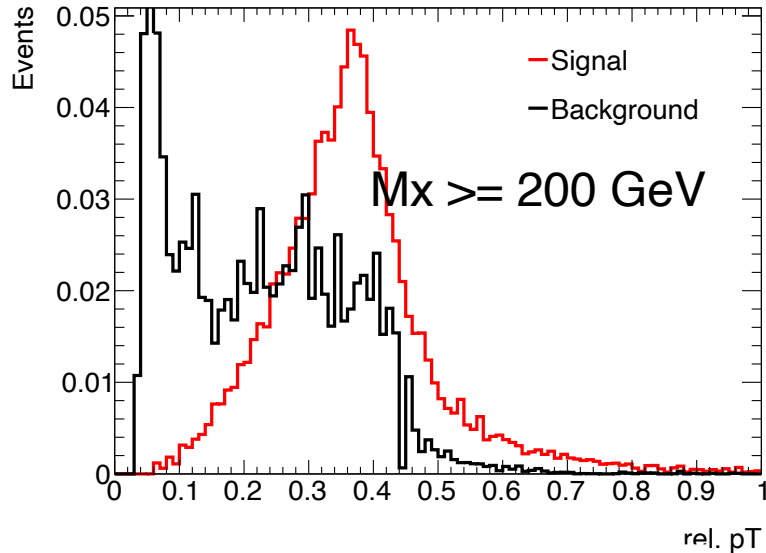


Revisiting photon pT vs rel.pT cuts:

- Checking possibility to use photon pT: as expected photon pT distribution varies significantly with Mx range, hard to choose universal cut point
- Use of rel. pT cut: similar shapes for different Mx ranges, signal distributions move slightly to the right with higher Mx, still possible to choose ~ 1 cut point to suppress background

rel.pT cut optimisation

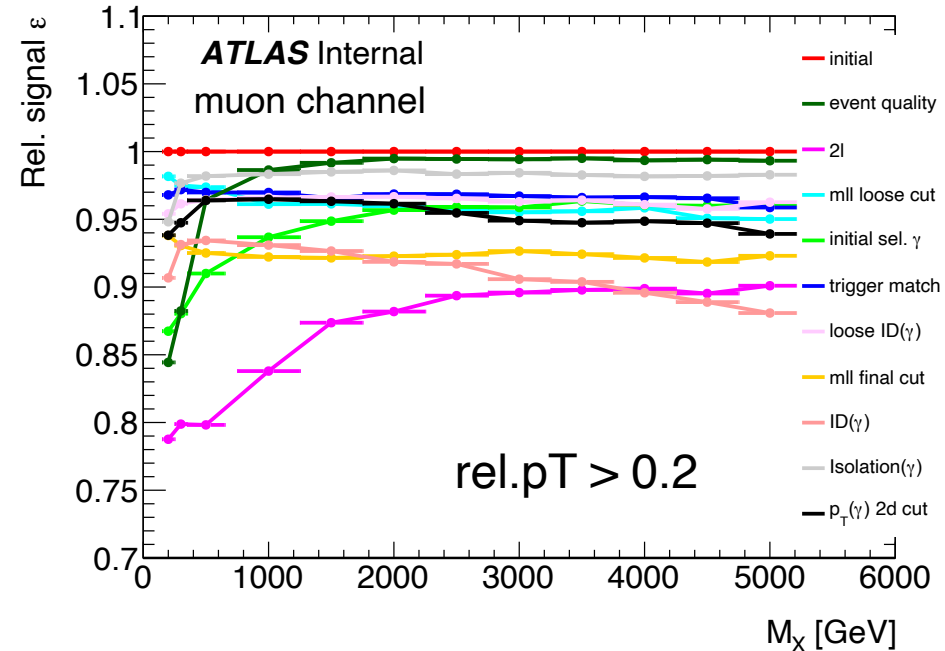
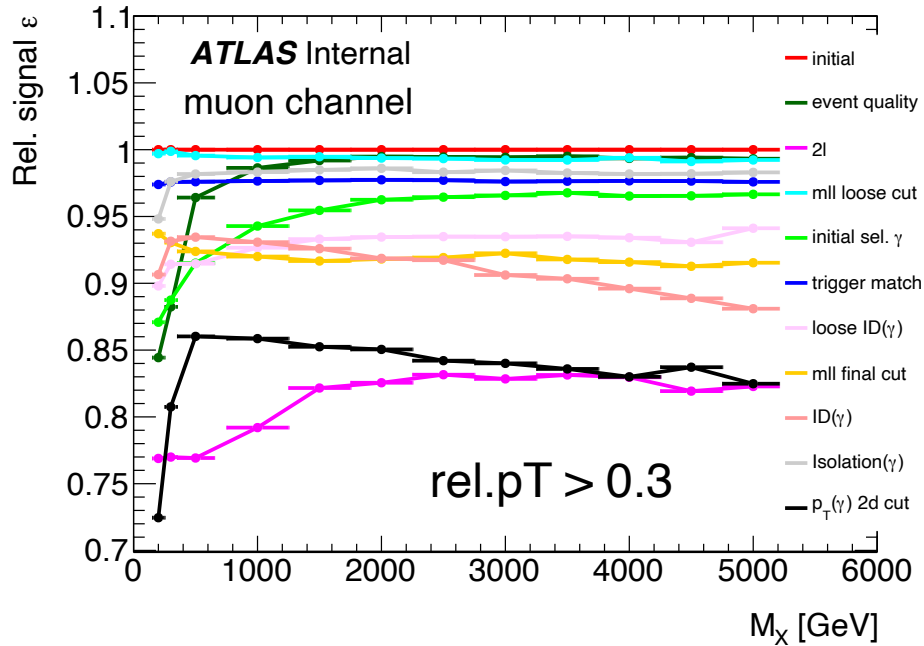
Check of Data18, bkg Zgamma MC16e + data-driven background Z+jets samples



peak of signal distribution is moving with higher mass, while for background is \sim same \Rightarrow cut at 0.3 cuts more events at low masses than at high masses

Turn-on effect is seen for $\text{rel.}p_T > 0.3$ for $M_x < 200 \text{ GeV}$ but not seen for $\text{rel.}p_T > 0.2$

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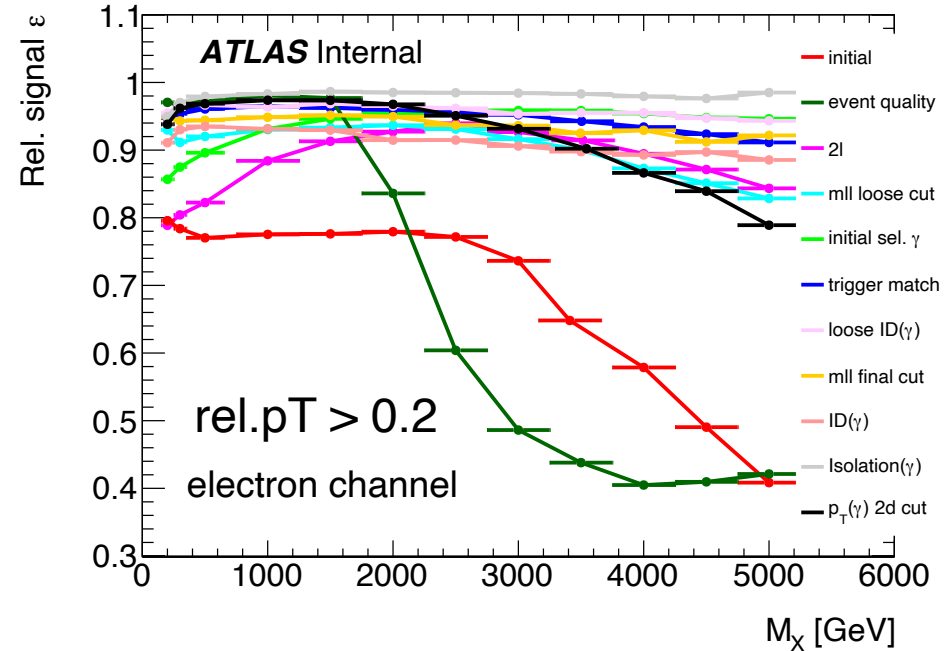
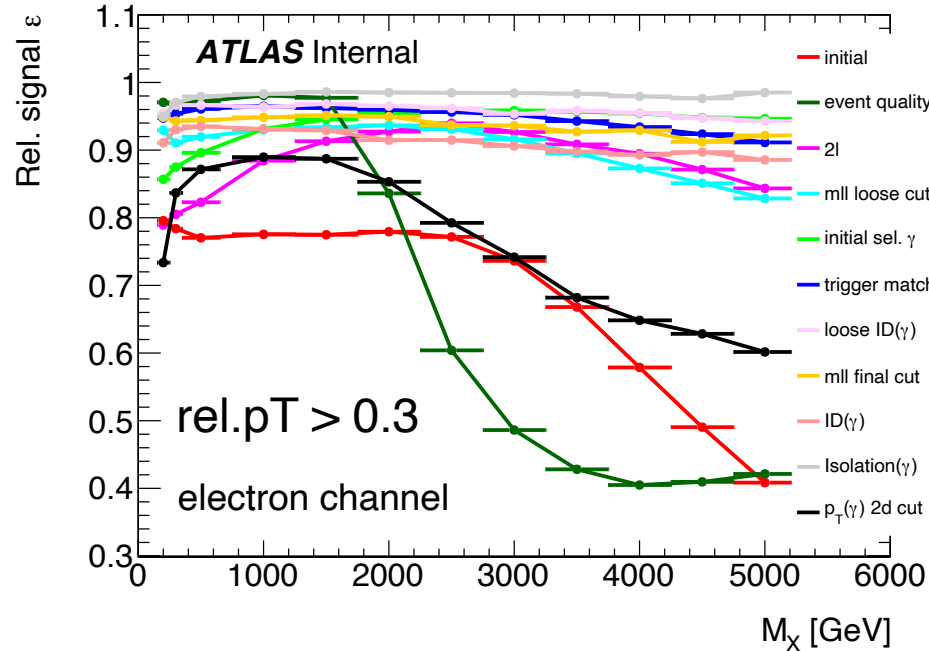


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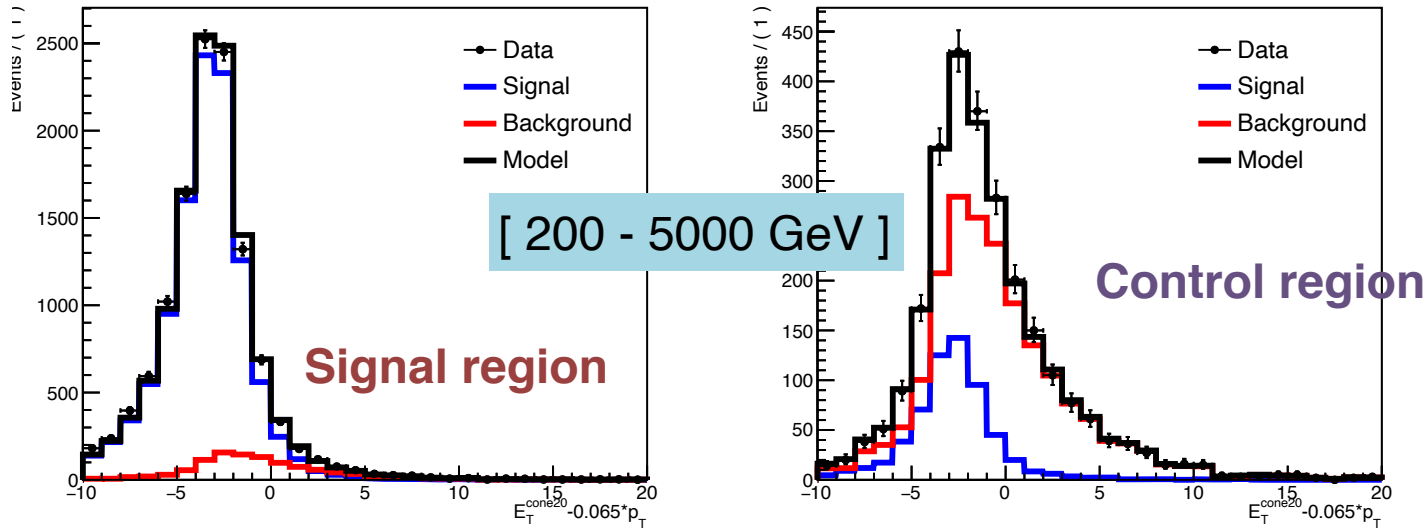
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Background composition

Check of full Run2 Data, bkg Zgamma MC16 + data-driven bkg Z+jets samples

- **Template fit method**: fraction of Z+jets events is estimated from binned fit to calorimeter isolation

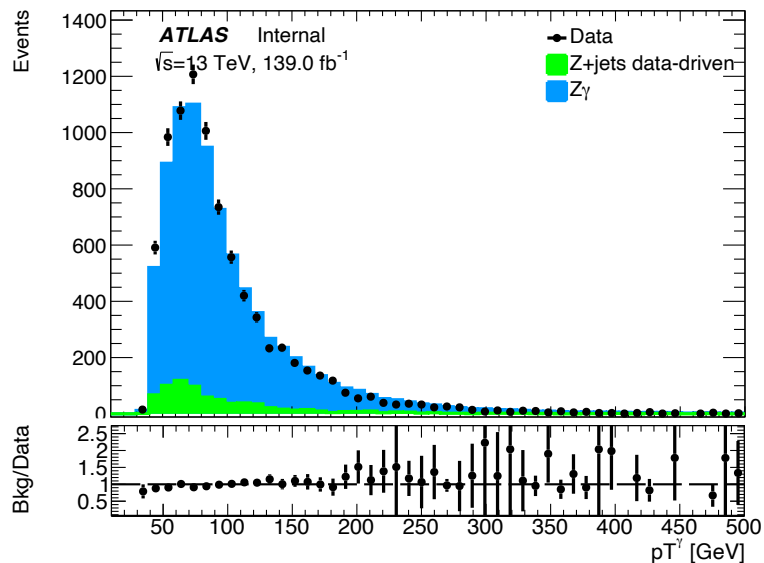
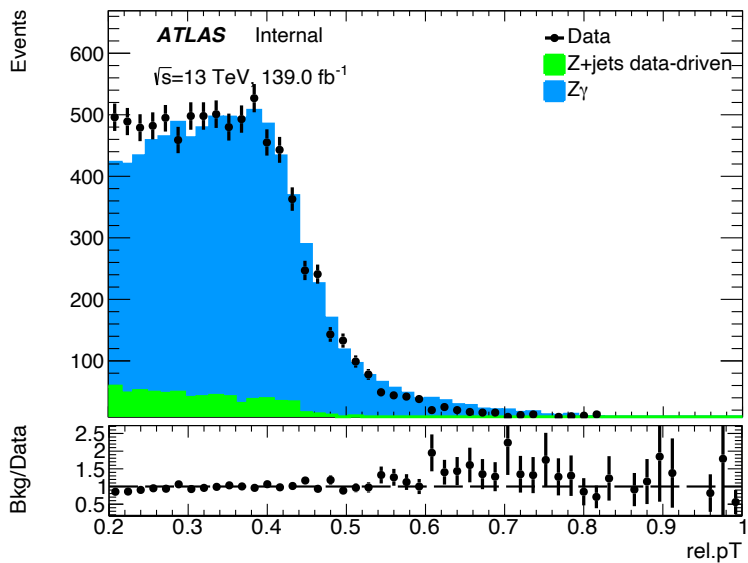
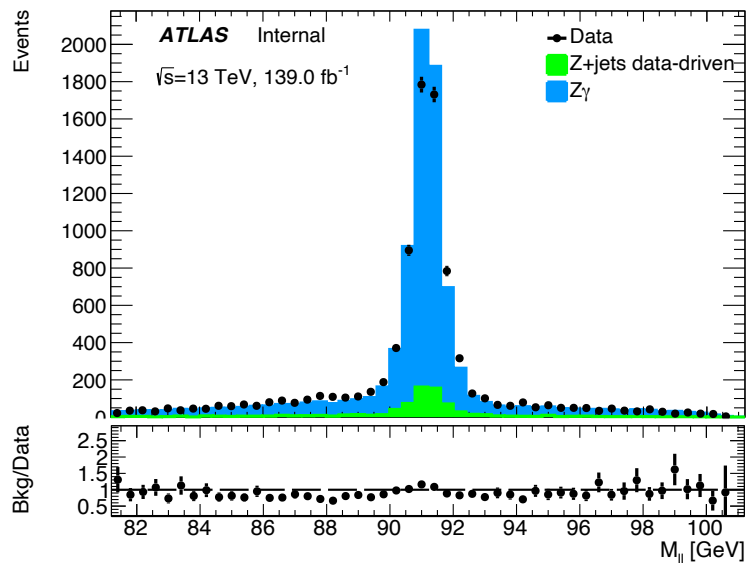
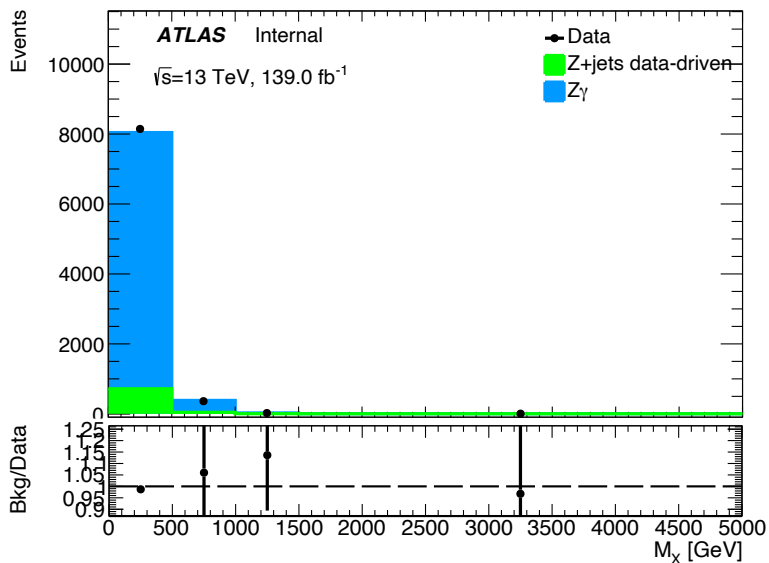
- fit is performed to signal & control regions: **signal region** is defined as photons passing Tight ID; **control region** is defined as photons failing Tight ID but passing Loose'4
- fit extracts Zgamma yield and shape (and same for Z+jets) from 2 regions



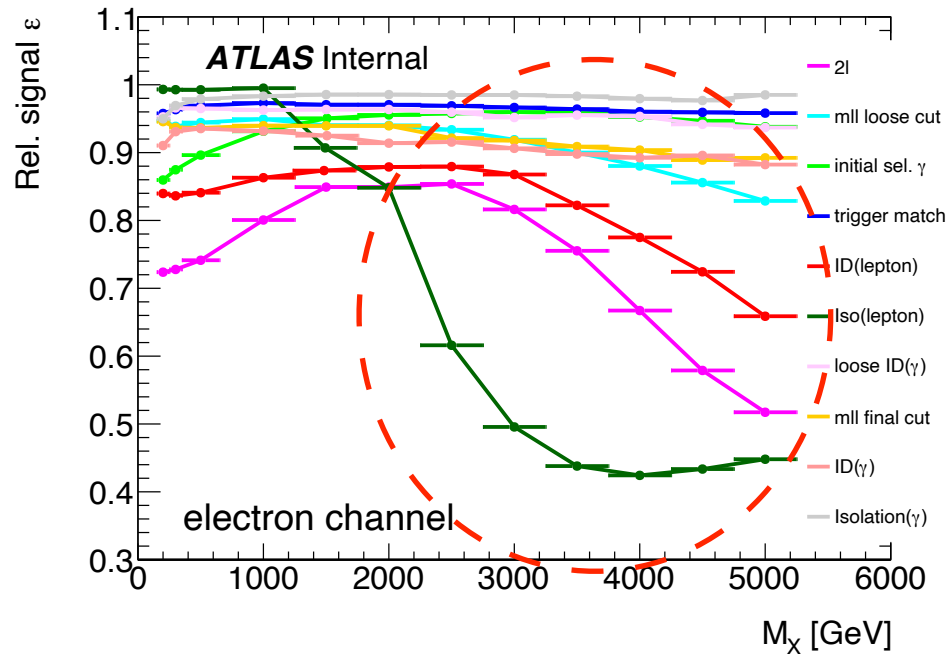
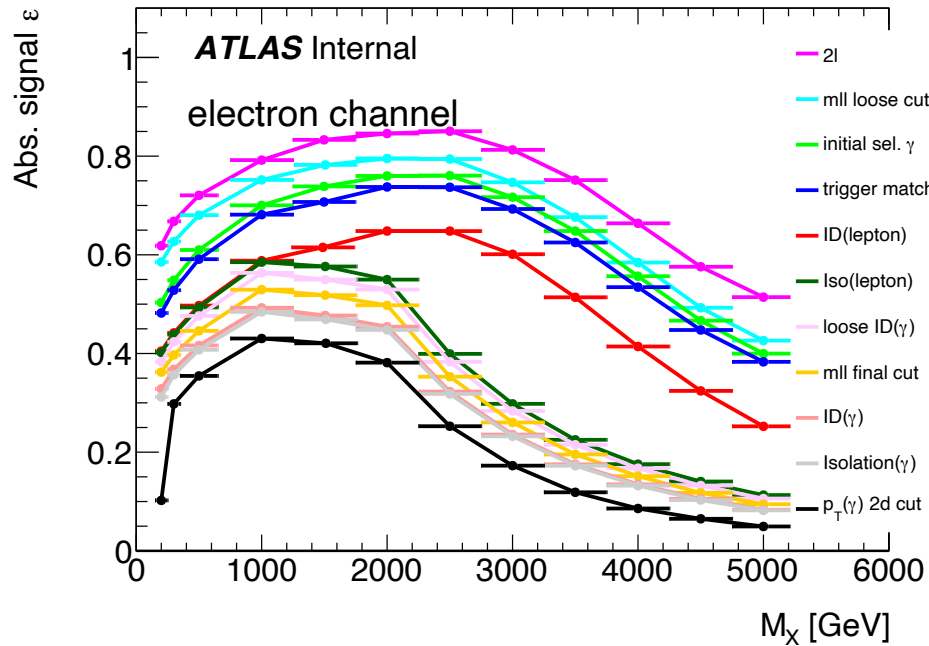
	Nominal Purity	Range	Ns	Nb
Inclusive: Mx in [200, 5000]	0.91 ± 0.01	[0.90, 0.96]	6010.30 ± 97.697	585.58 ± 61.95

Data/Background plots

Fraction of Zgamma/Zjets events is estimated with template fit method



Electron signal efficiencies



Drop of signal efficiency at high mass (> 1 TeV) due to electron being highly collimated (boost effect):

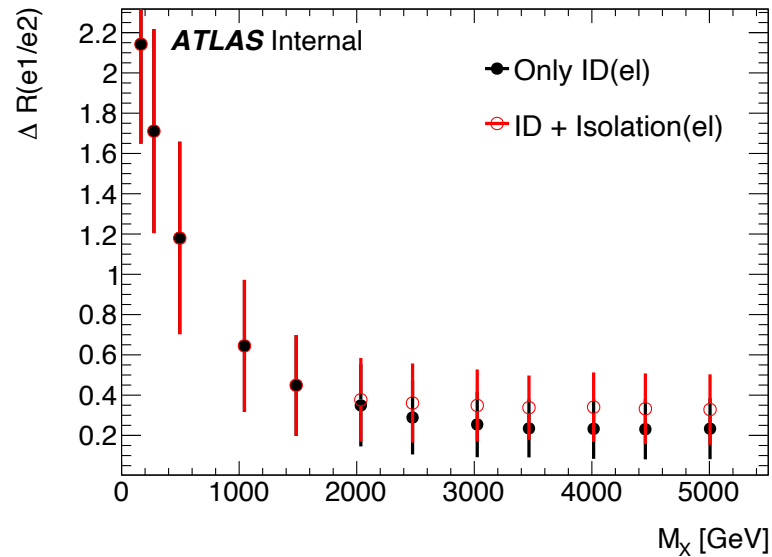
- two cluster of energies are merged as one and only one electron is reconstructed
 - we can't do much about ID, but maybe **isolation** can be improved?
 - or do we need isolation applied at all since there might be no significant background at these energies?
 - Current choice of electron isolation: **FCLoose**
- no problem is seen for muons as since Run 2 muon reconstruction can resolve close by muons within an angular resolution of the order of 0.01-0.02

Electron signal efficiencies

- Signal efficiency for electrons show large drop for leptons for high masses
- Several proposals concerning electron isolation:
 - 1) **check separately impact of electron ID and isolation**
 - 2) **check dR vs M_X :**
 - A) events with $\Delta R > 0.31$ (mostly low M_X)
 - B) events with the two electrons explicitly reconstructed as two electron objects with $\Delta R < 0.31$ (up to intermediate M_X)
 - C) events where the two electrons are so collimated that only a single electron is reconstructed (very high M_X signals)

Isolation closeBy correction tool can help only with **B)** case

Electron signal efficiencies

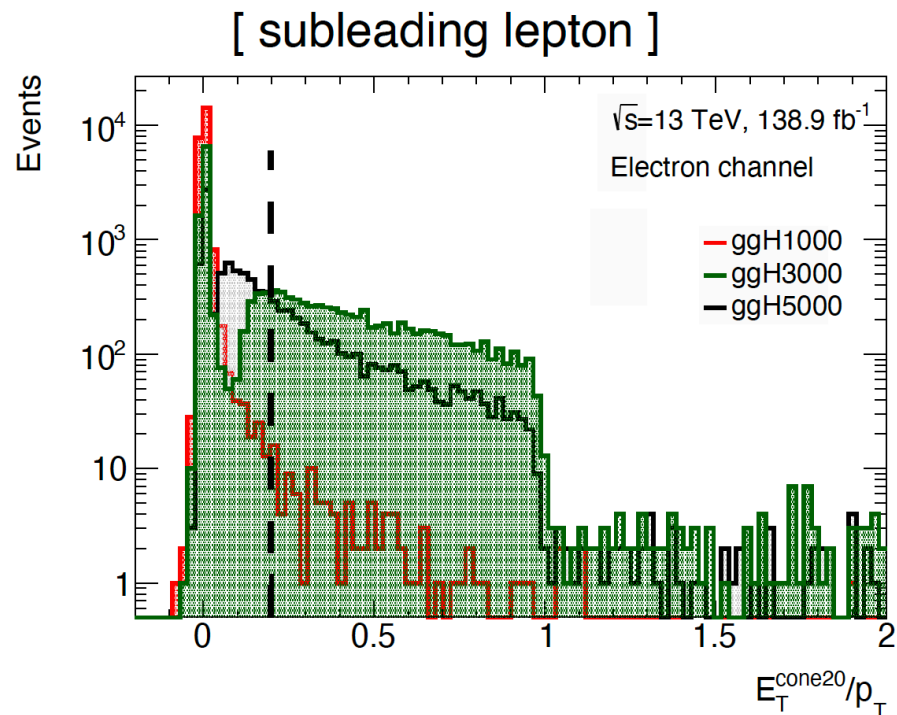
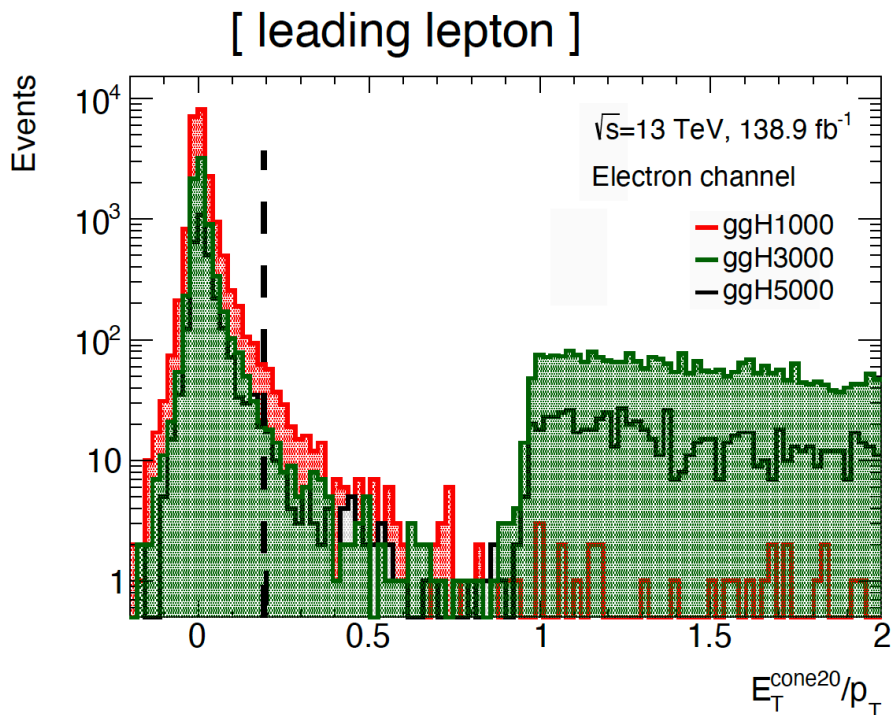


dR between two electrons as function of resonant mass:

- small improvement with applied isolation + closeBy correction tool at high mass
- $dR \sim 0.2$ with no isolation, ~ 0.3 with isolation

Electron signal efficiencies

Check of topoetcone20/pT with **NO** isolation closeBy correction applied

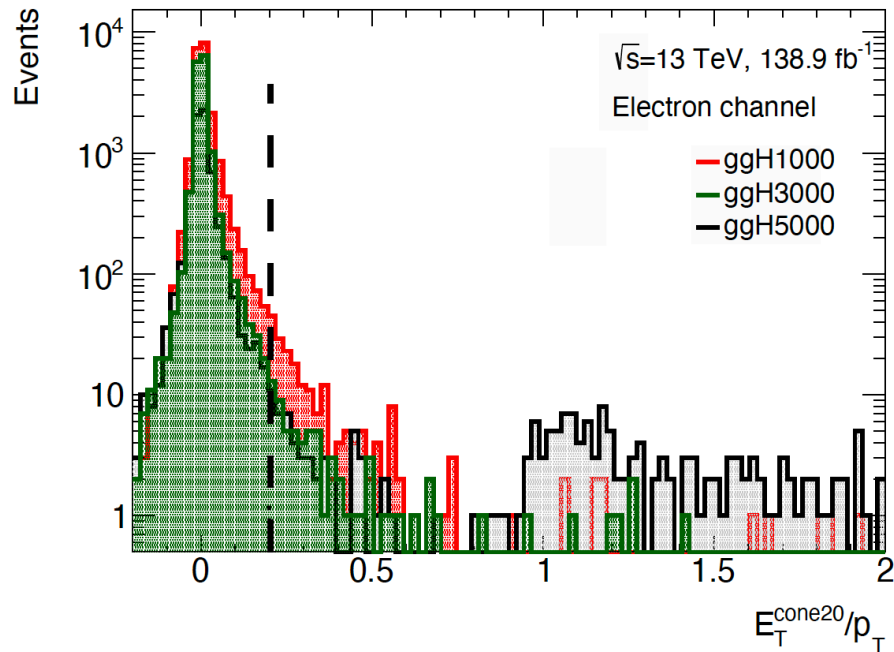


- previous version - distribution was up to 0.4 only (in backup)
 - Feedback from IFF - check wider distribution
- large number of events is cut off after isolation is applied for higher mass samples (> 3 TeV)
- isolation seems to show distribution for two collimated electrons

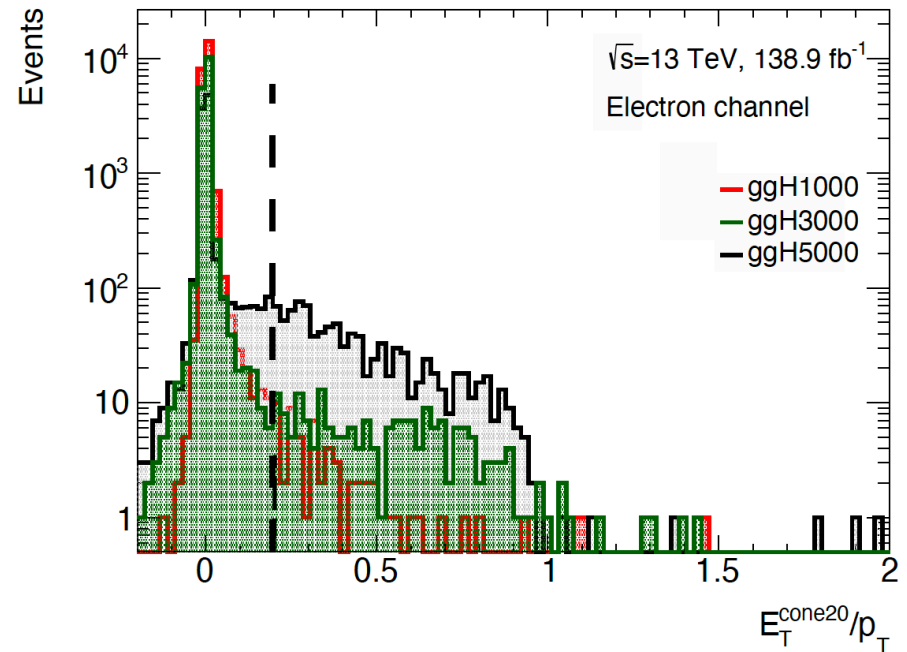
Electron signal efficiencies

Check of topoetcone20/pT with isolation closeBy correction applied

[leading lepton]



[subleading lepton]



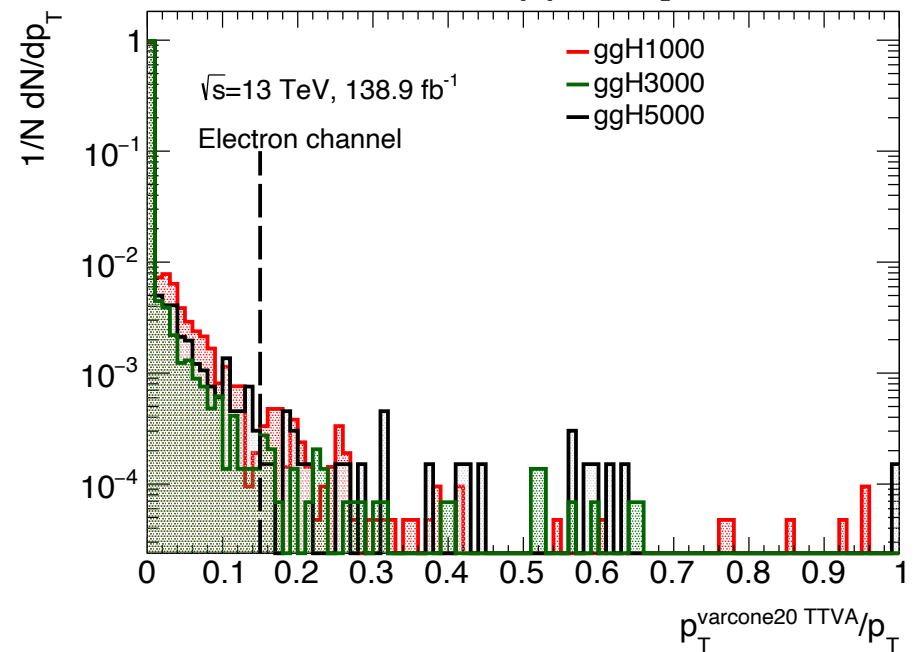
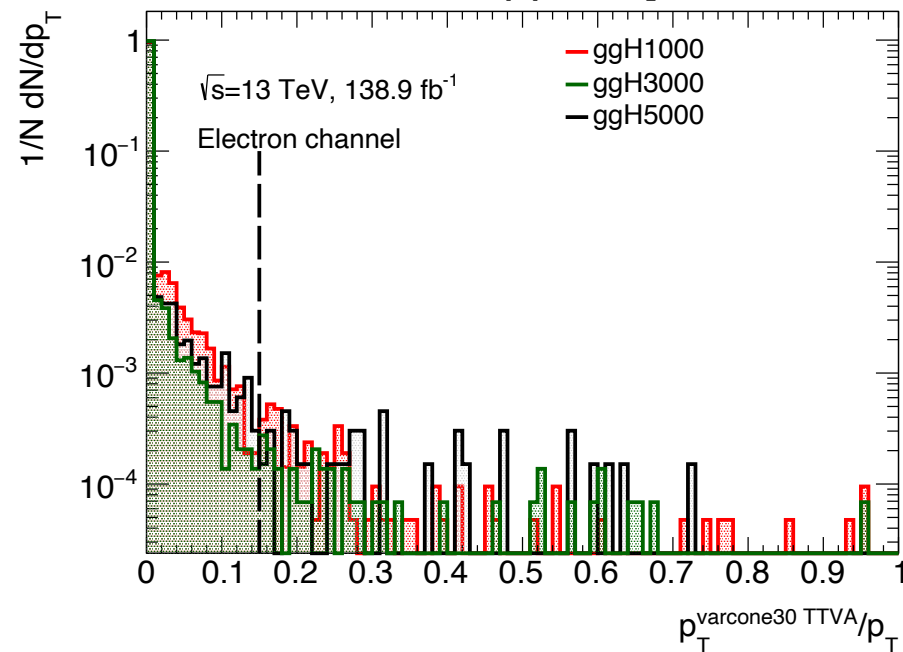
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- more events are now in the peak of the distribution after closeBy correction tool
- distributions of the two leptons are corrected to the resolved shape
 - Decision is to not apply isolation on masses > 2.5 TeV

Electron signal efficiencies

Check of isolation variables entering FCLoose isolation:
 $p_T^{\text{varcone20_TightTTVA}}/p_T$

[No isolation closeBy
 correction applied]

[With isolation closeBy
 correction applied]

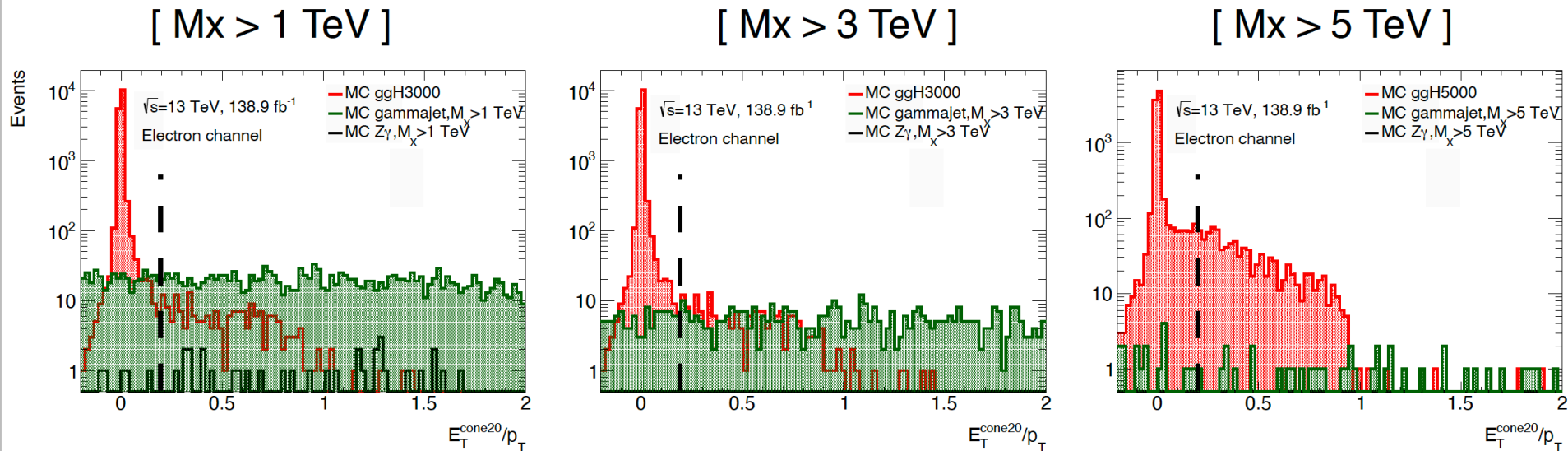


- Distribution for subleading lepton
- larger number of events is cut off for higher mass samples
- possibility that due to varied cone size $\min(10 \text{ GeV}/\text{particle} \rightarrow p_T(), 0.2)$ at high mass (for 1 TeV electron the cone size is 0.1) second track is missed?
- Decision is to not apply isolation on masses $> 2.5 \text{ TeV}$

Background studies

Extra set of MC background samples:

- MC16e Pythia8 gammajet (800000-800013)
- Distributions are shown only for leading lepton



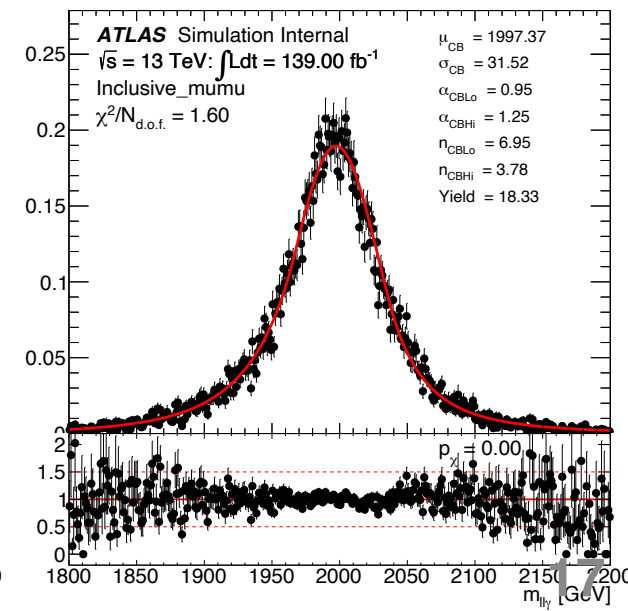
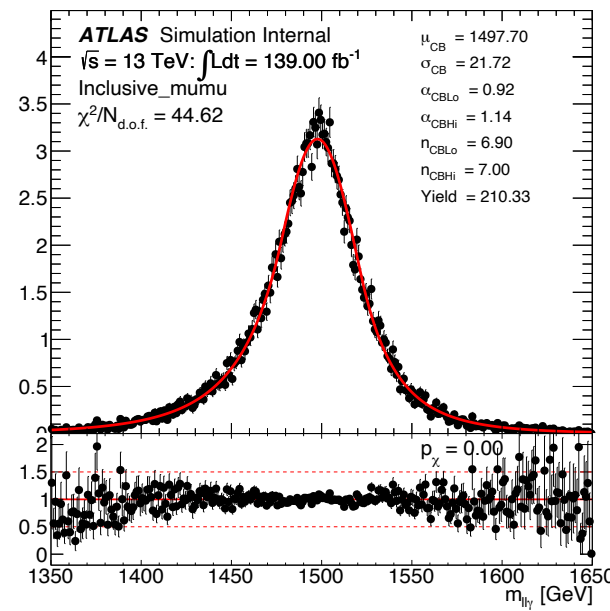
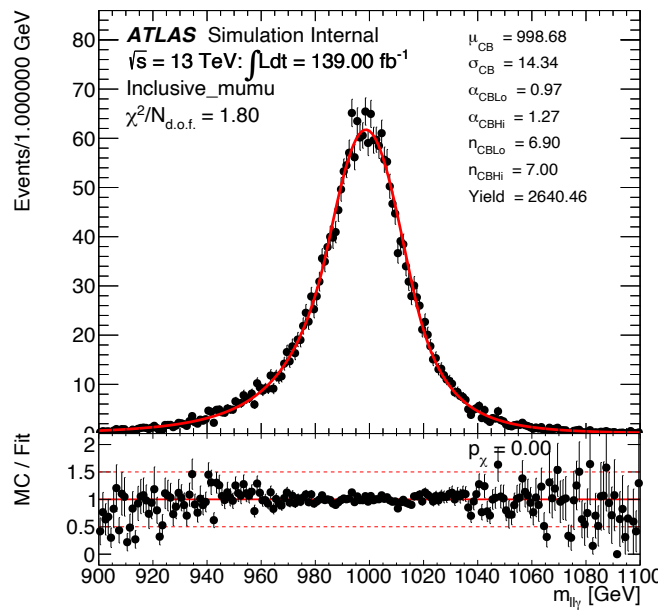
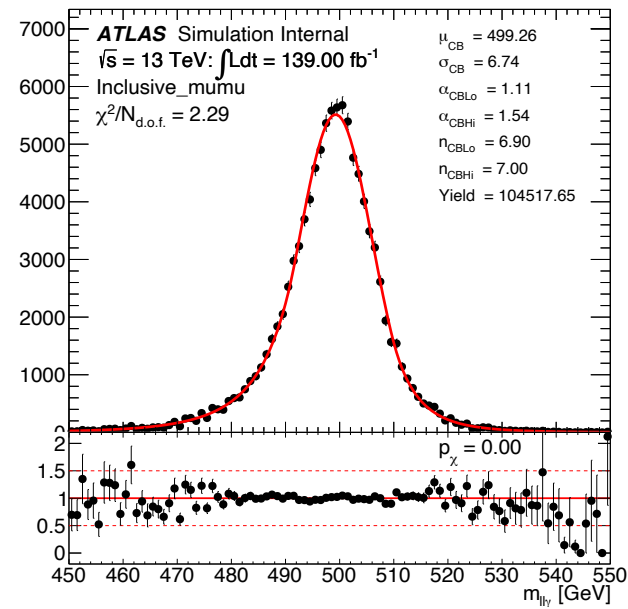
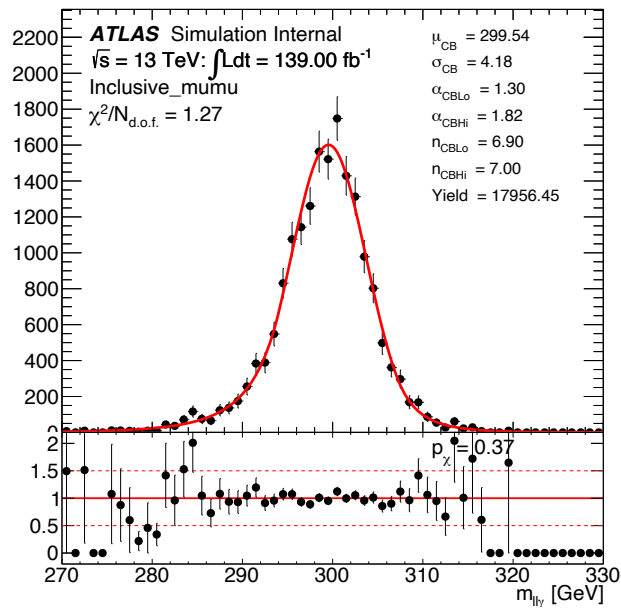
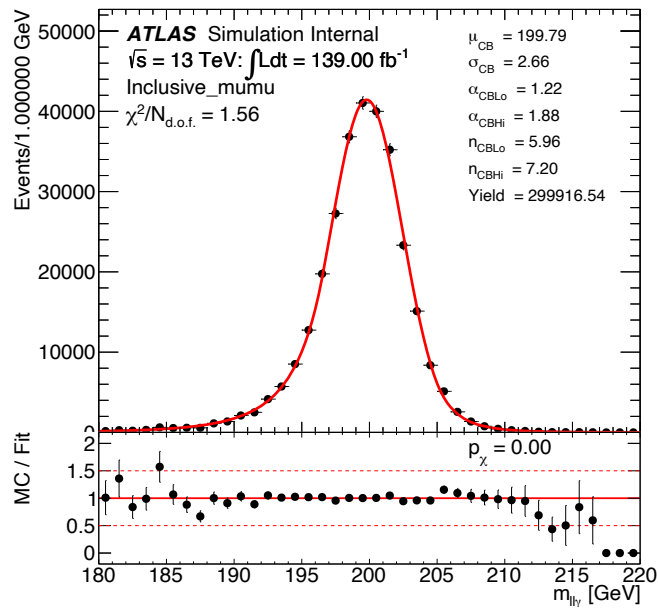
calorimeter & track isolation for subleading lepton is in backup

Should we treat this background for our studies as well?

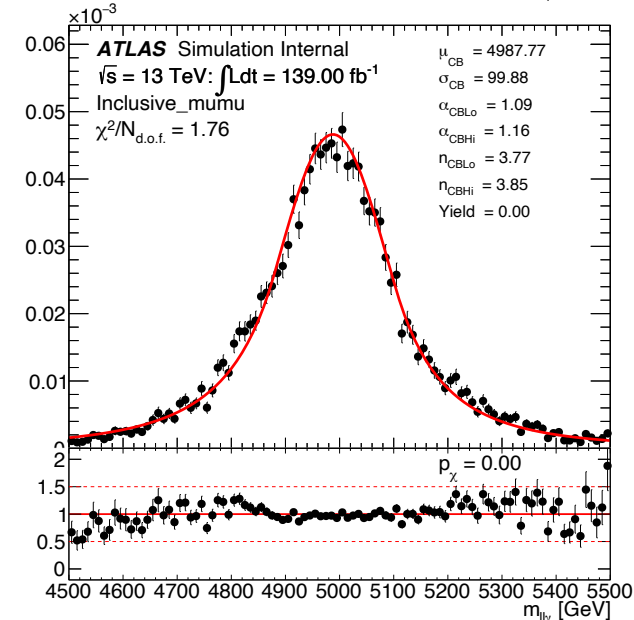
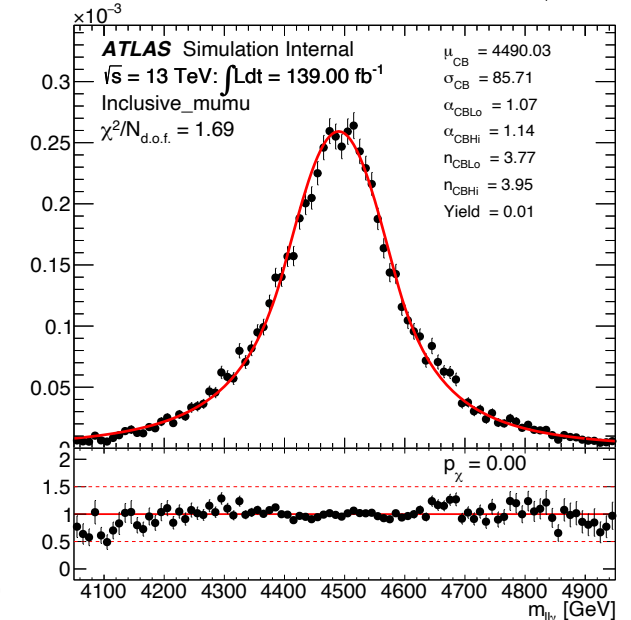
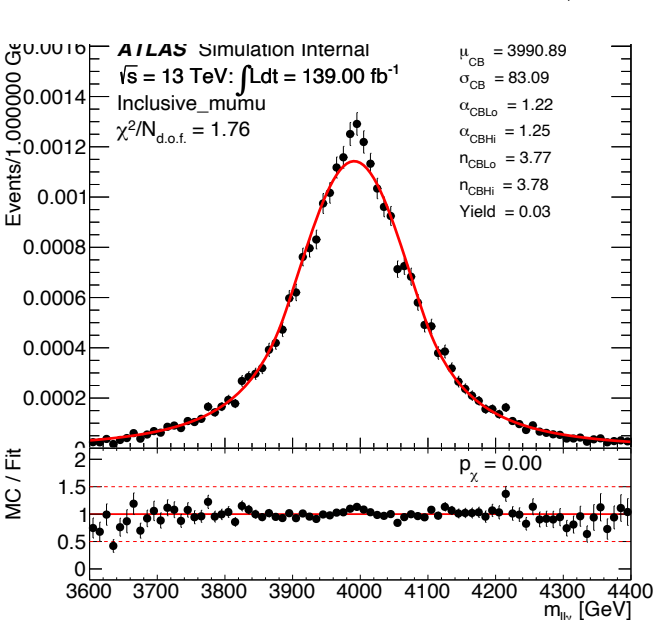
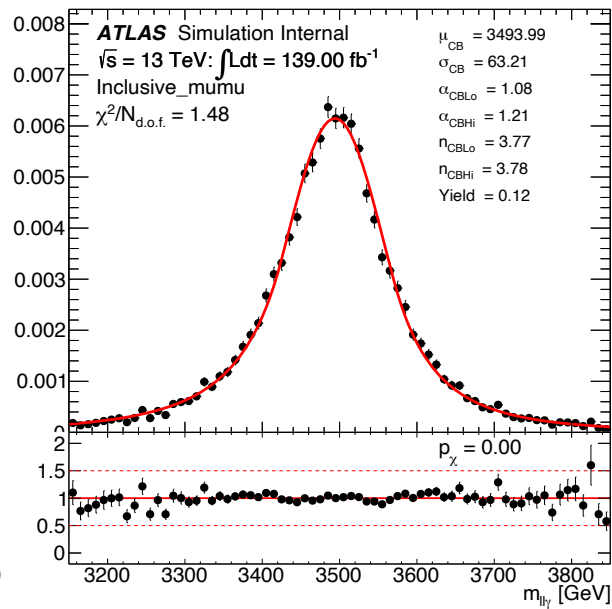
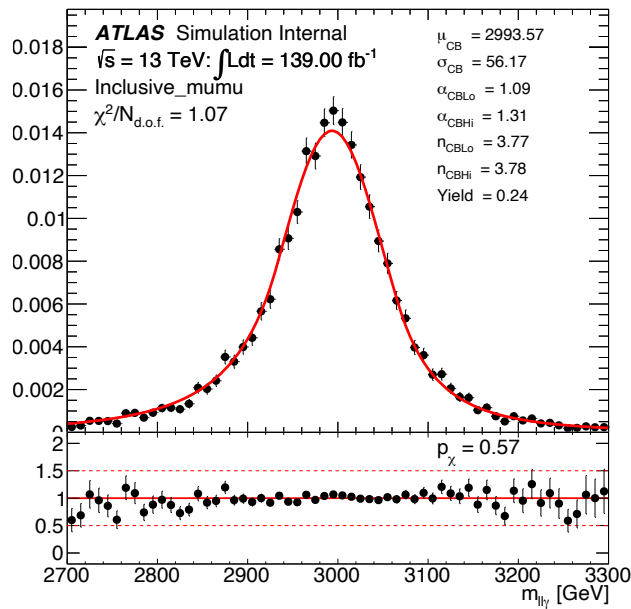
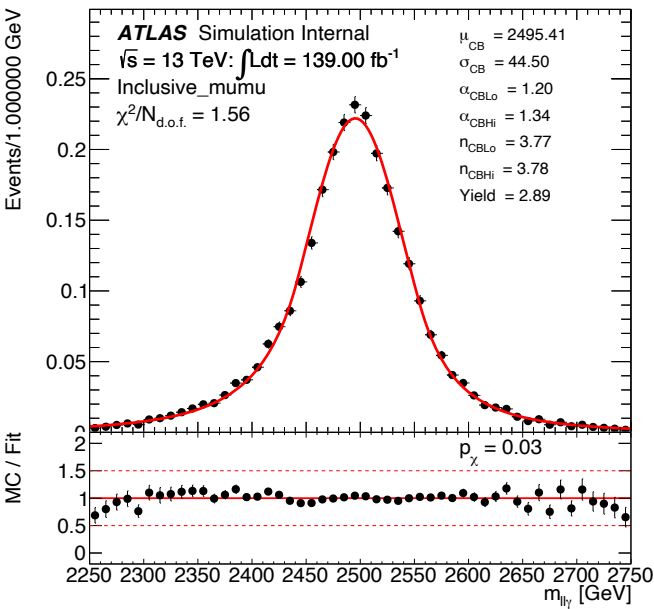
Negligible background for $M_x > 3 \text{ TeV}$ - we can drop lepton isolation for that region

Muon channel: Signal modelling

Trying to model signal shape with DSCB for the range from 140 GeV - 5 TeV

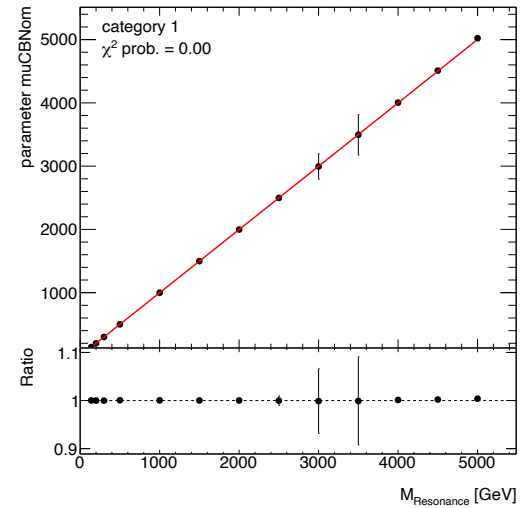
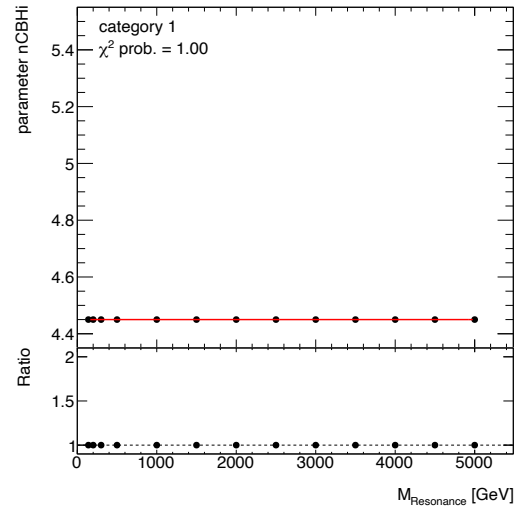
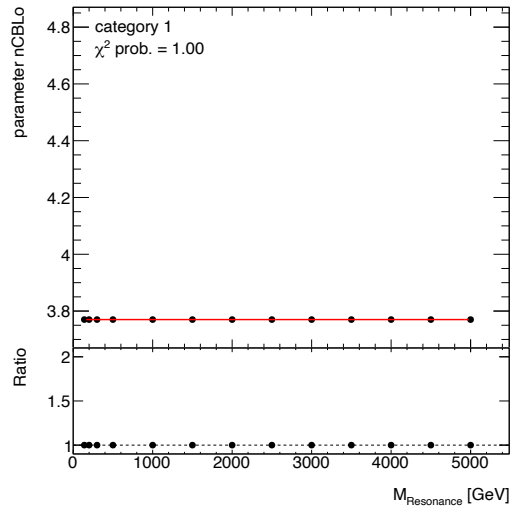
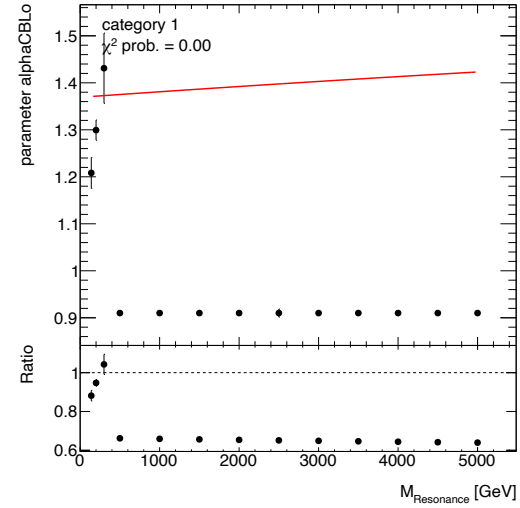
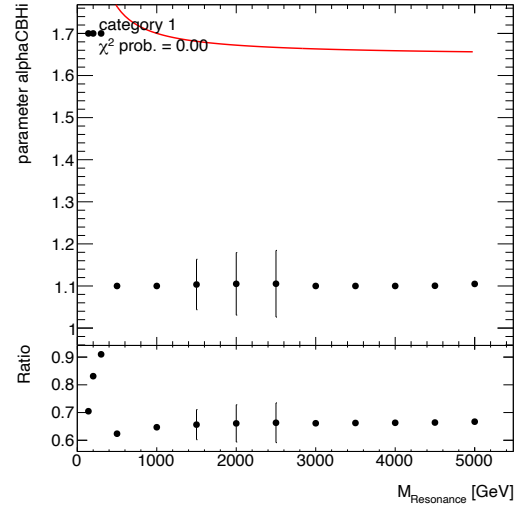
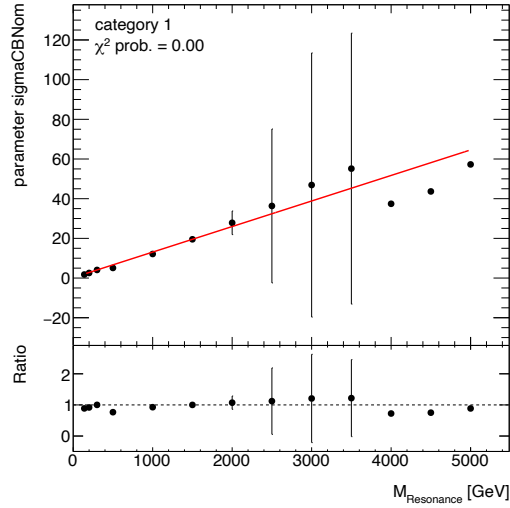


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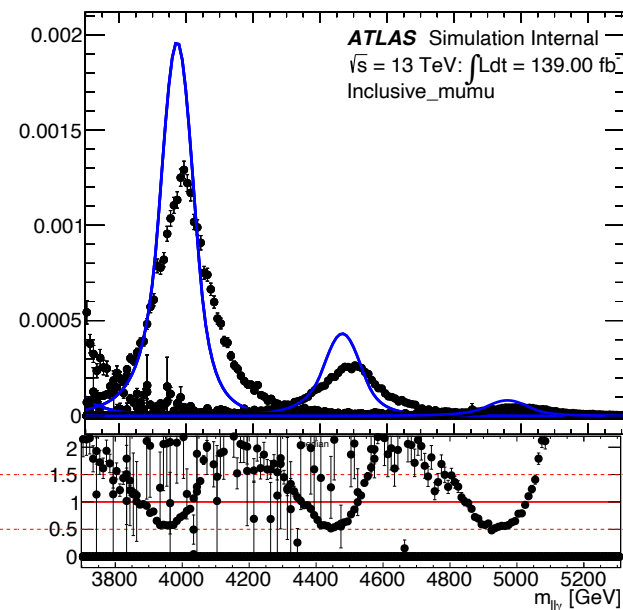
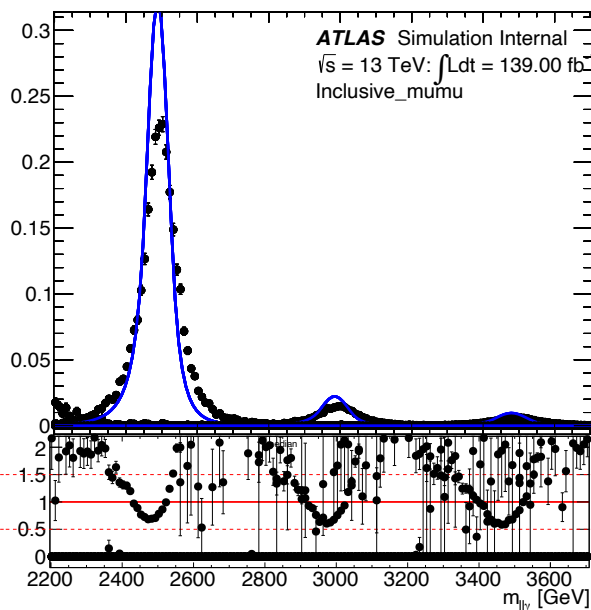
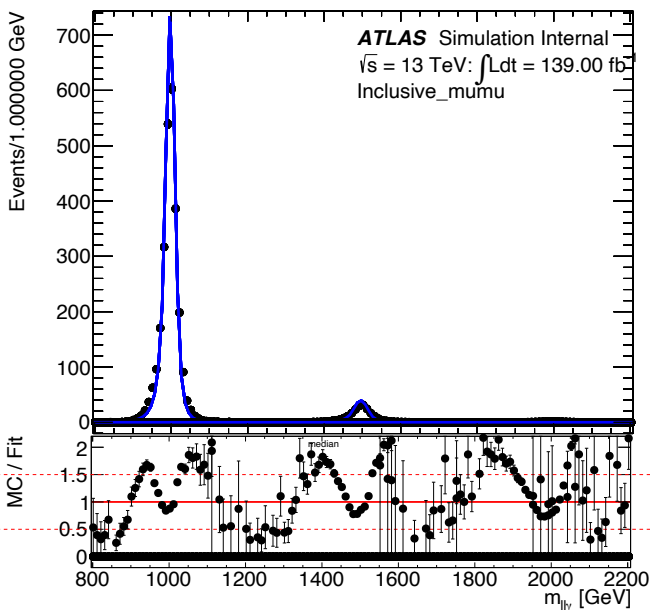
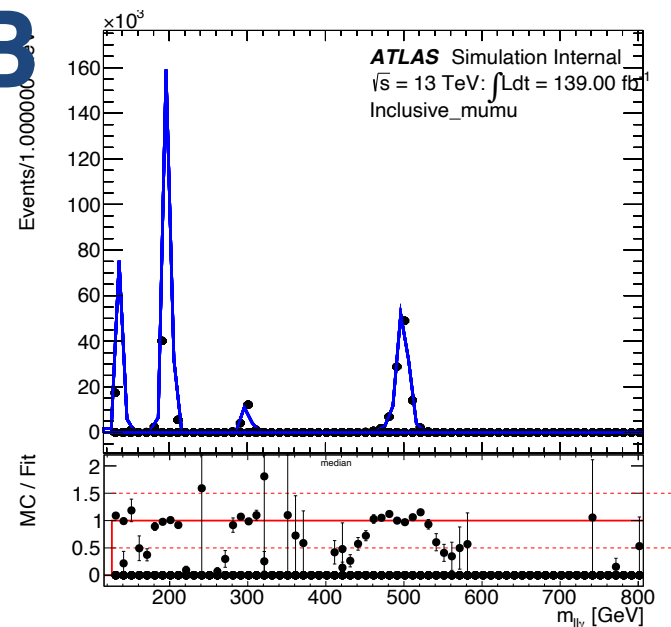
for $M_x > 2.5 \text{ GeV}$ Nbins are divided by 10 to have correct chi2 computation

Signal modelling with DSCB

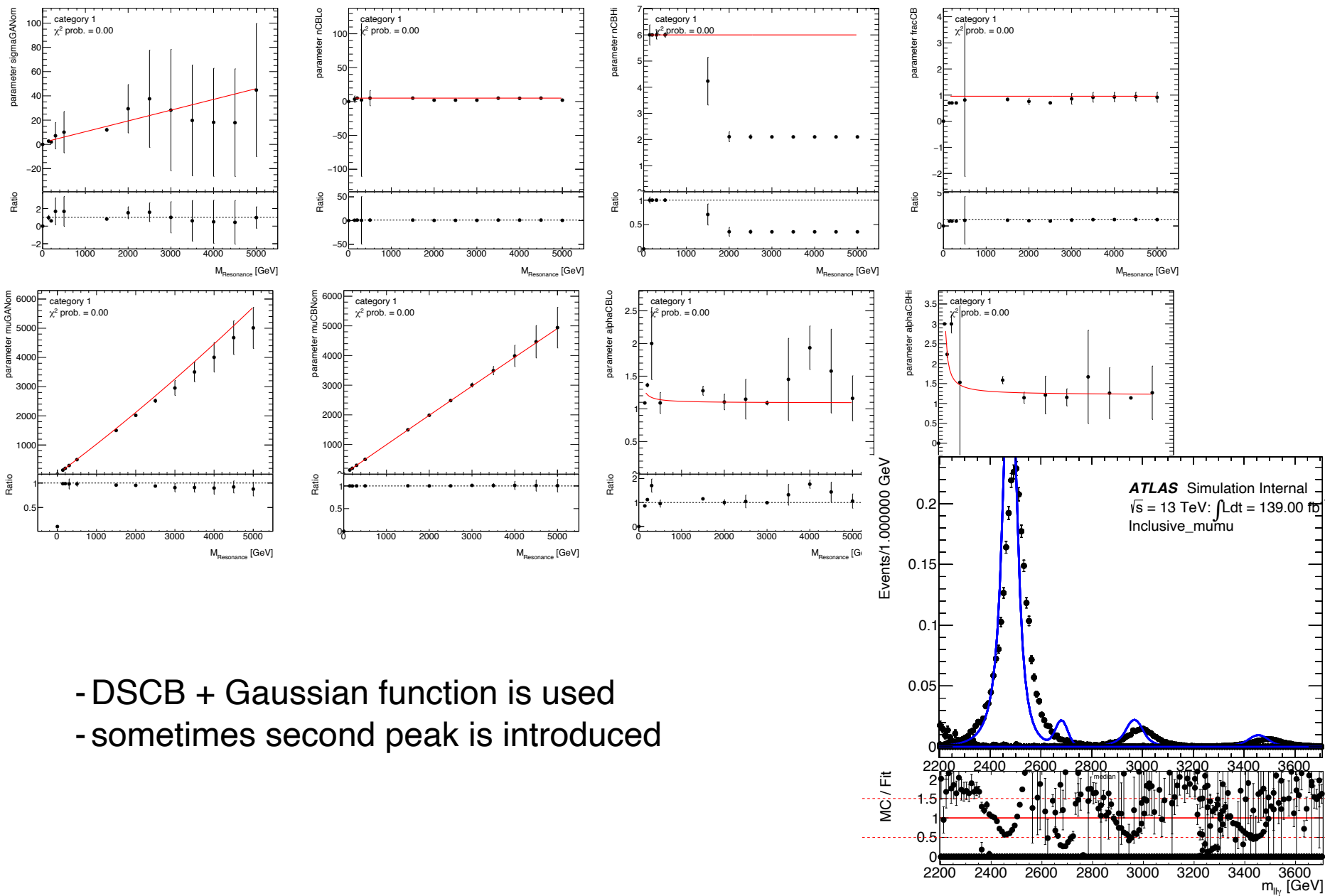


Signal modelling, DSCCB

- parameters are taken the same as for individual fits
- simultaneous fit is done for the whole range
- higher mass fits need improvement - not very clear why there's such difference wrt individual fits



Signal modelling with DSCB + Gaus



- DSCB + Gaussian function is used
- sometimes second peak is introduced

Categorisation & Electron channel

There's ongoing effort on categorising events in three categories:

- muon channel, electron channel & merged channel

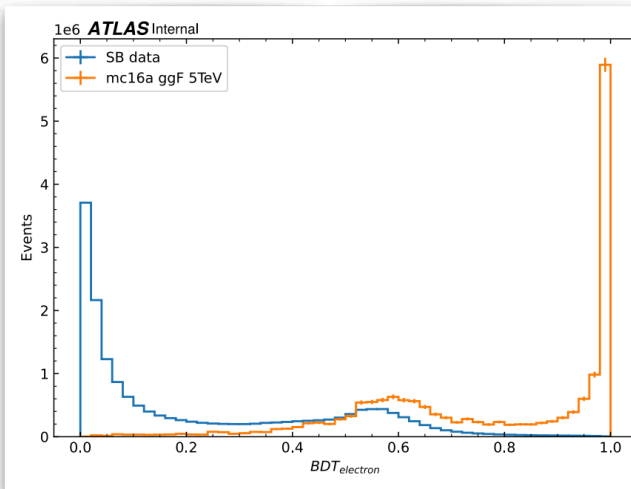
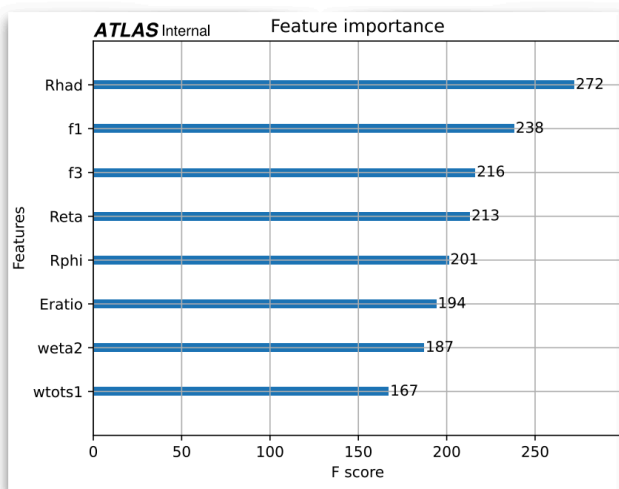
Electron channel:

- development of new electron identification menu

▶ **Input variables:** $R_{had}, f_3, R_{\eta}, w_{\eta 2}, R_{\phi}, w_{s1 tot}, E_{ratio}, f_1$

▶ **Sig:** mc16a ggF 5 TeV

▶ **Bkg:** Side-band data 2015-2016 (Non-Z bkg: Exclude $76.2 \text{ GeV} < m_{ll} < 106.2 \text{ GeV}$ events)



▶ **Next**

▶ Scan the BDT to find the optimal cut point

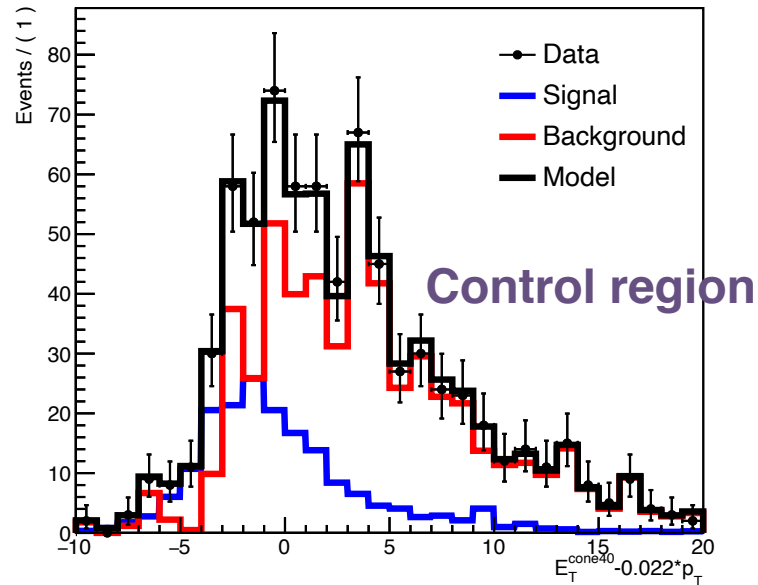
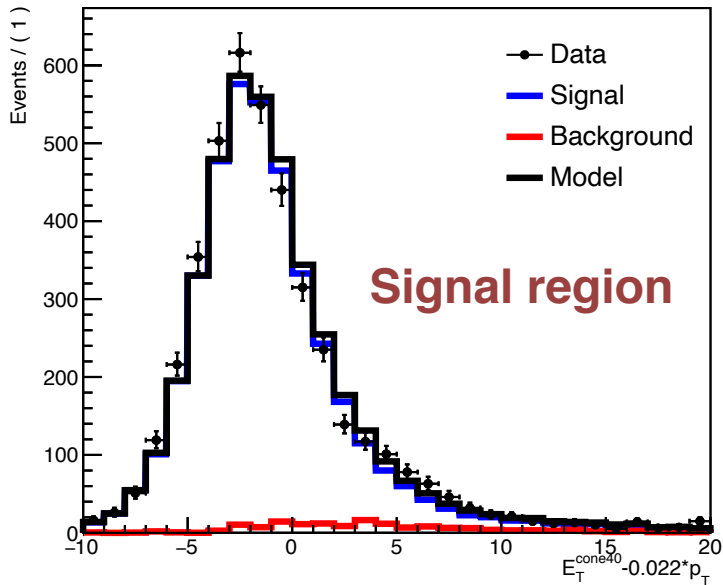
▶ **Criterial?** (High **sig** eff x high **bkg** rejection fraction?)

Backup slides

Background composition

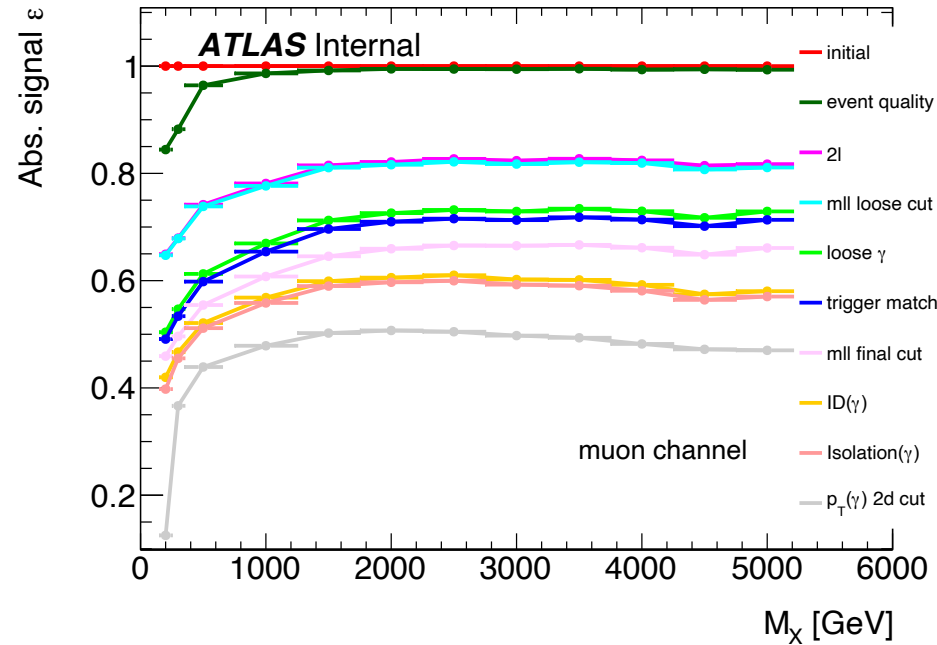
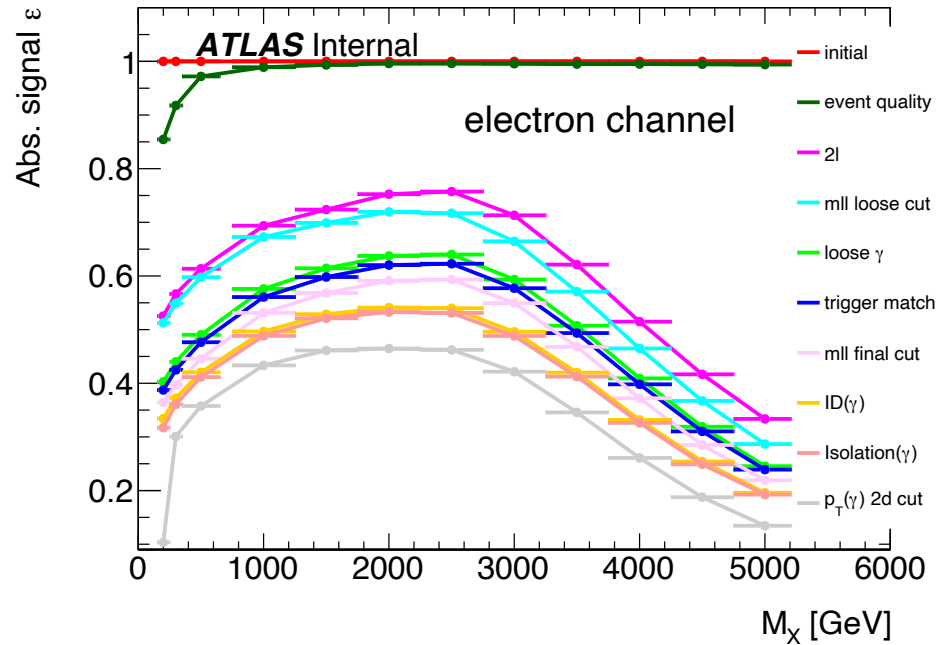
Variation of nominal parameters: Loose'2/3/5 and topoetcone40
(instead of Loose'4 and topoetcone20)

[topoetcone40]



Results are tested for $\text{rel.}p_T > 0.2$. Similar results obtained for $\text{rel.}p_T > 0.3$ with purity higher $\sim 2\%$

Absolute signal efficiencies



Muon signal efficiencies

