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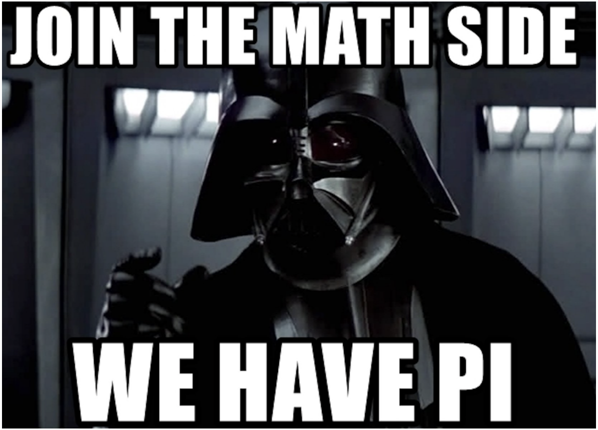

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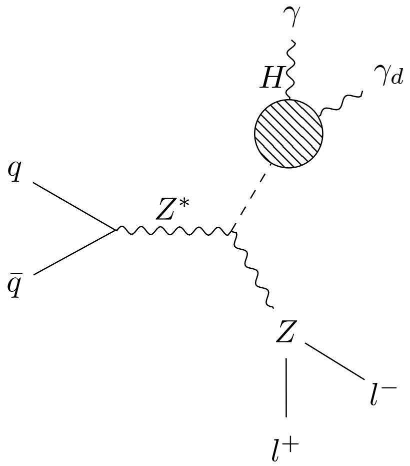

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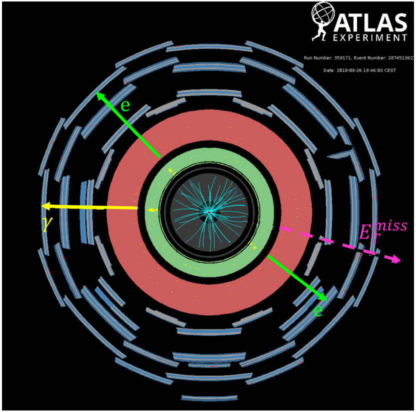

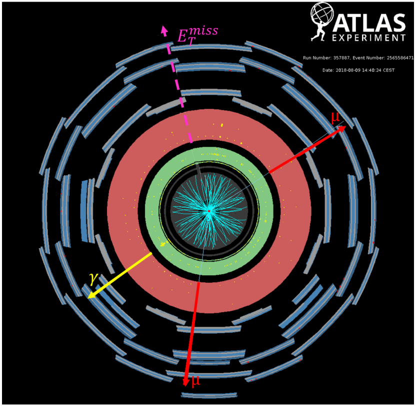

$$\vec{E}_T^{miss} = -\left[\sum_e \vec{p}_T^{(e)} + \sum_\mu \vec{p}_T^{(\mu)} + \sum_\gamma \vec{p}_T^{(\gamma)} + \sum_\tau \vec{p}_T^{(\tau)} + \sum_{jet} \vec{p}_T^{(jet)} + \sum_x \vec{p}_T^{(x)}\right]$$

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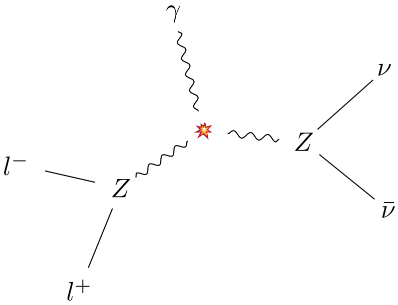

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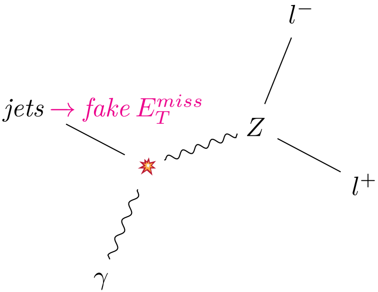

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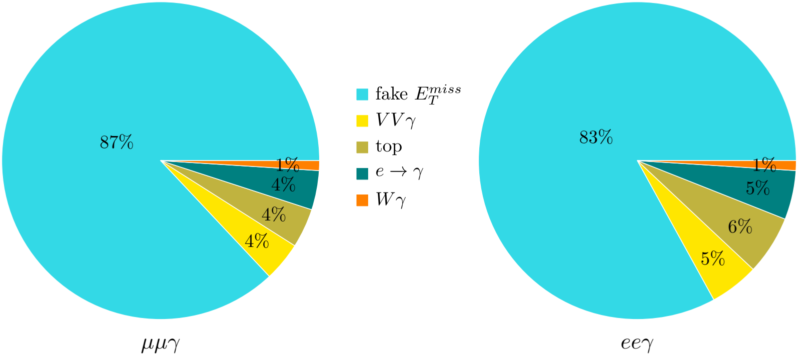

MultiVariate Analysis

Different variables distributions can be exploited to separate signal from backgrounds
$\Longrightarrow$ MultiVariate Analysis
$\Longrightarrow$ Boosted Decision Trees

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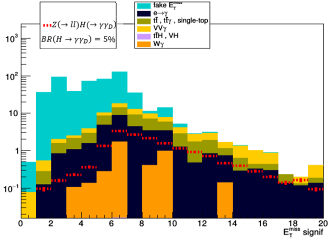
MultiVariate Analysis

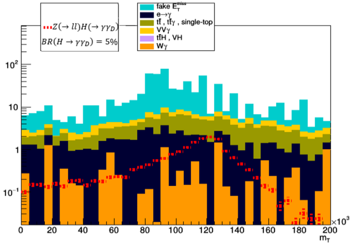
E_T^{miss} **significance** $S = \frac{|\vec{E}_T^{miss}|}{\sigma_{E_T^{miss}}}$

Transverse mass

$$m_T = \sqrt{2p_T^{\gamma} E_T^{miss}(1 - \cos(\Phi^{\gamma} - \Phi^{E_T^{miss}}))}$$

eeγ channel





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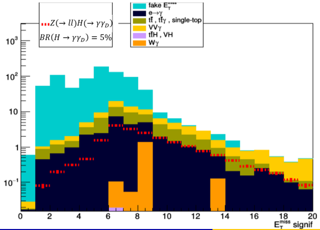
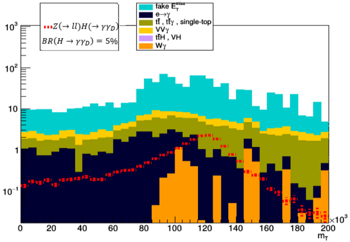
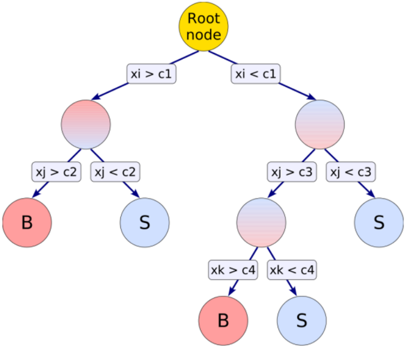




Decision Tree

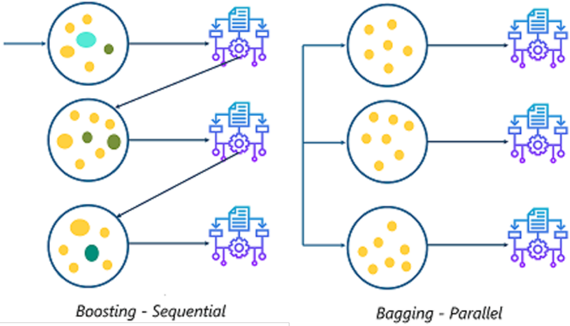
- is a binary tree structured **classifier**
- can distinguish data of two or more **different types**
- uses **one** discriminating variable at each node
- ends with **leaves** when a **stopping criterion** is fulfilled
- needs to be **trained** on a known dataset
- needs a known dataset to **test** the performance
- suffers from **instability** due to statistical fluctuations in the training sample



Boosted Decision Tree

The sum of weak learners results in a stronger and more stable learner $\Longrightarrow$ Boosting procedure

- generates a **forest** from one single tree
- subsequently modifies the events **weights** in the sample
- can be done with different **algorithms** (AdaBoost, Gradient Boost + Bagging)



BDTs have been implemented in TMVA environment

BDT optimization

Optimized parameters:

- BoostType
- Bagging
- Learning rate
- Number of folds
- Number of trees
- Separation Index
- Max Depth
- Min Node Size
- Number of cut values

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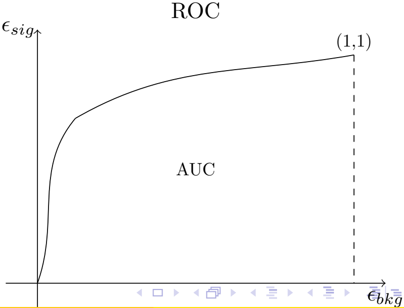

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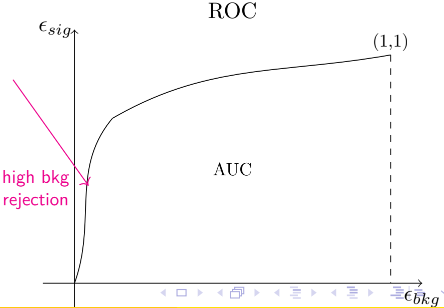
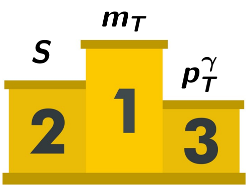


Variable Ranking

Variables have been deleted one at a time to see their contribution to AMS; the least discriminant has been removed at each step.

1. Transverse mass $m_T \equiv \sqrt{2p^T_\gamma E^{miss}_T(1-\cos\Delta\Phi(\vec{p}^\gamma_T,\vec{E}^{miss}_T))}$
2. E^{miss}_T significance $S \equiv \frac{E^{miss}_T}{\sigma_{E^{miss}_T}}$
3. Photon transverse momentum p^γ_T
4. $p^{balance}_T \equiv \frac{p^{\gamma+E^{miss}_T}_T}{p^{ll}_T}$

variable	*AMS*	ΔAMS
all	3.36141	
m_T	2.26116	−1.10025
S	2.26925	−1.09216
p^γ_T	2.69211	−0.66930
$p^{balance}_T$	3.15523	−0.20618



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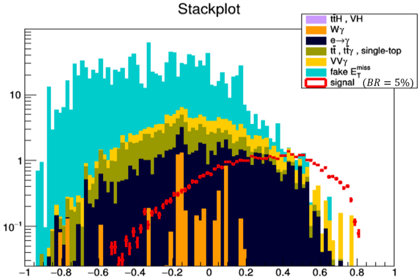

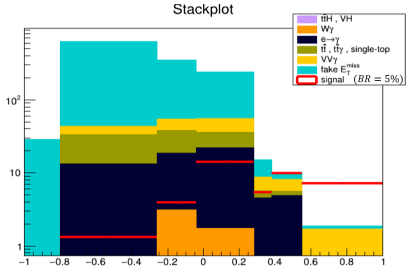

The MC simulations provide weighted events samples and suffer by large statistical fluctuations $\Longrightarrow$ rebinning to 7 bins to optimize the signal sensitivity

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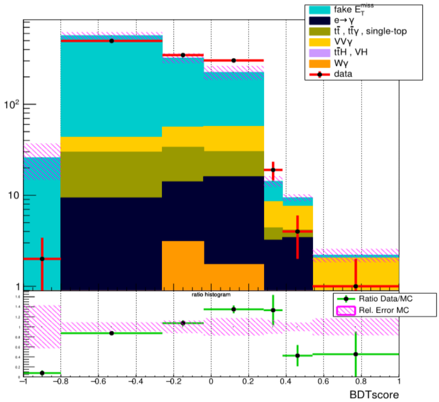

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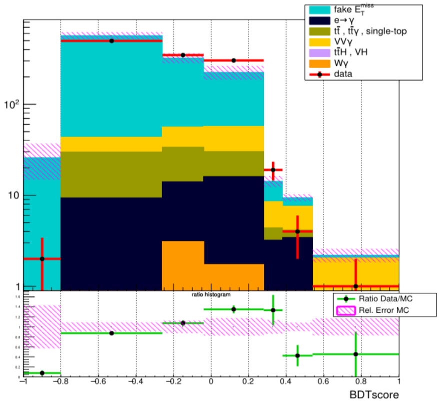

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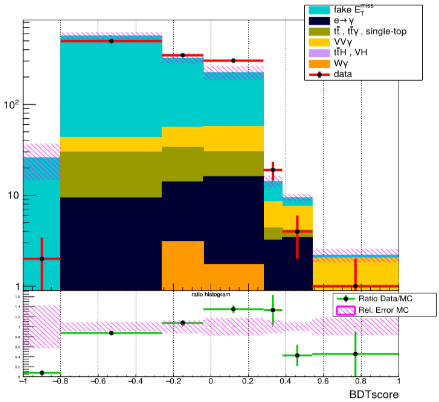

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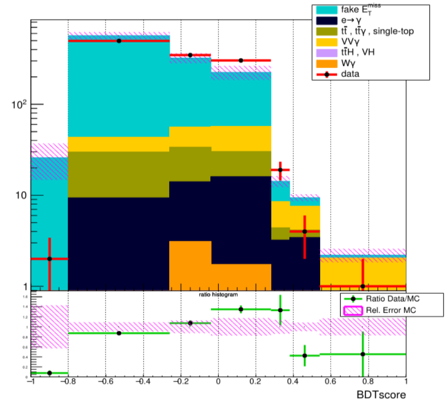

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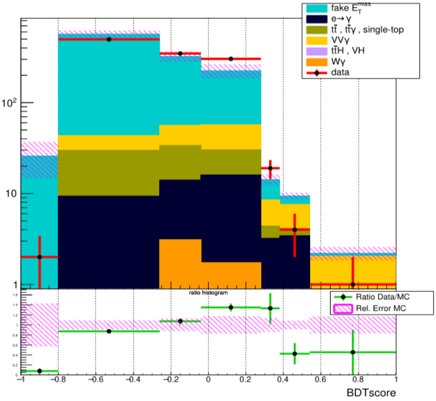

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[1] https://atlas.web.cern.ch/Atlas/GROUPS/PHYSICS/CONFNOTES/ATLAS-CONF-2022-064/

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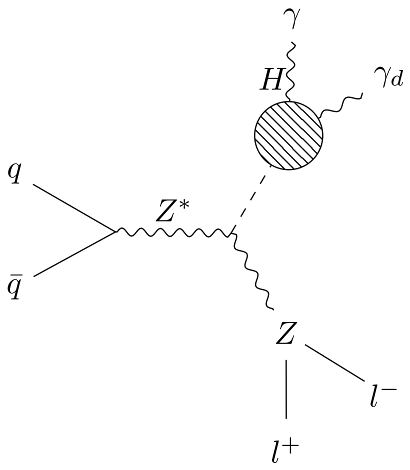

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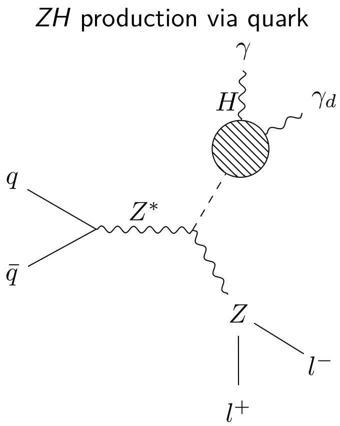
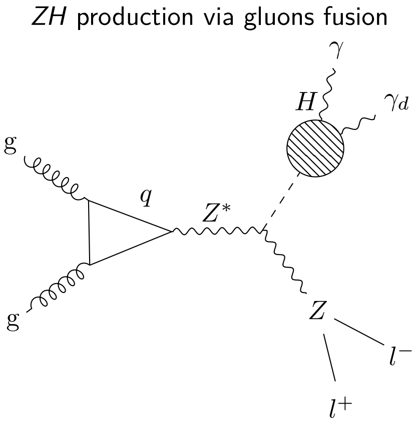
- 2 leptons, $N_e = 2$ or $N_\mu = 2$
  - one leading lepton with $p_T^{l_1} > 27$ GeV
  - one subleading lepton with $p_T^{l_2} > 20$ GeV
- $60 \text{ GeV} \leq m_{ll} \leq 116$ GeV
- $m_{ll\gamma} > 100$ GeV
- missing transverse momentum $E_T^{miss} > 60$ GeV
- $\Delta\Phi(\vec{E}_T^{miss}, \vec{p}_T^{\gamma ll}) > 2.4$
- $N_{jets} \leq 2$
- $N_{bjets} = 0$

Signal production





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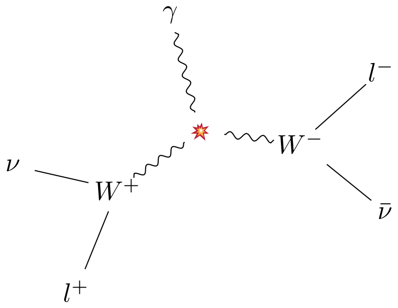

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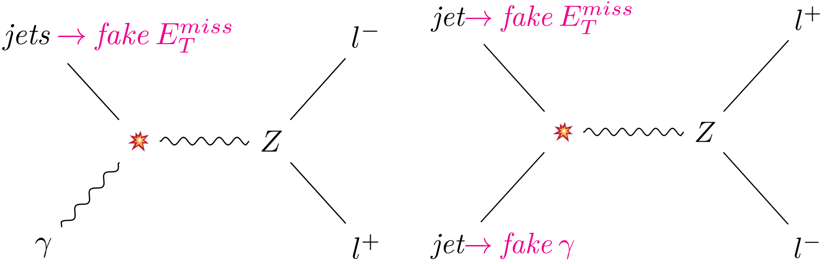

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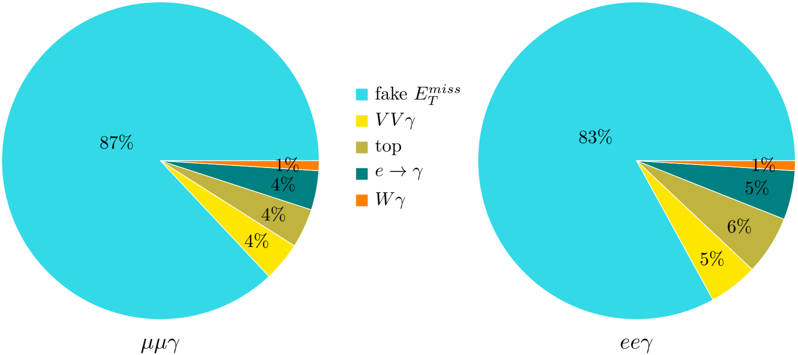

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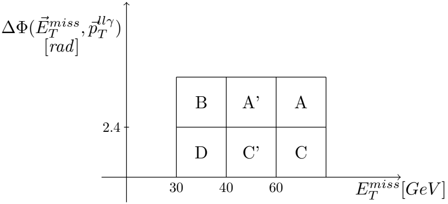
- $VV\gamma$, $V \in \{Z, W\}$: shape from MC and normalization data-driven estimated
- fake E_T^{miss}: shape from MC and normalization data-driven estimated $\Longrightarrow$ ABCD method
- $e \to \gamma$: pure data-driven estimates $\Longrightarrow$ $f_{e \to \gamma}$ applied to $eee/\mu\mu e$ CRs
- top backgrounds: MC + 20% uncertainty
- Higgs, $W\gamma$: pure MC

ABCD method

1. $\vec{E}_T^{miss}$ and $\Delta\Phi(\vec{E}_T^{miss}, \vec{p}_T^{ll\gamma})$ used to define 6 regions;
2. Signal will be mostly located in A; fake $\vec{E}_T^{miss}$ be located between A and B as between C and D;
3. Fake $\vec{E}_T^{miss}$ events can be estimated and used to rescale events in Signal Region



$$\frac{N_A}{N_B} = \frac{N_C}{N_D}$$

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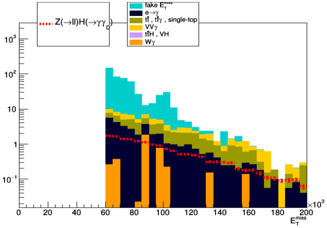
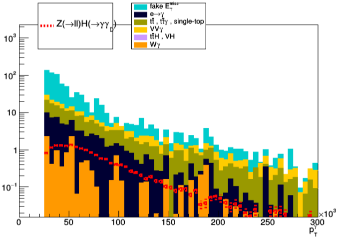
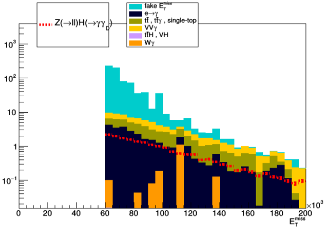
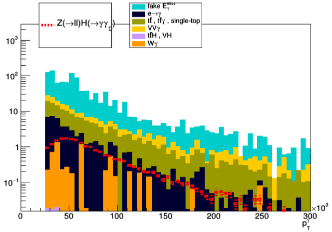
$ee\gamma$ channel		
$\mu\mu\gamma$ channel		

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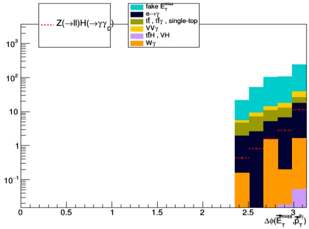

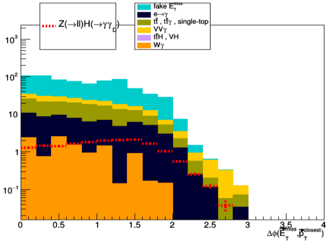

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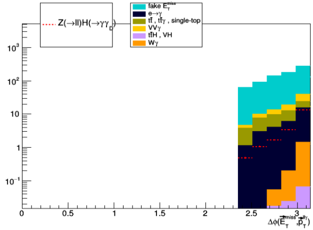

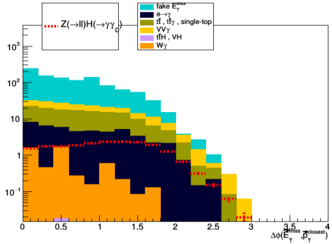

Invariant mass

$$m_{ll} = \sqrt{2p_T^{l_1} p_T^{l_2}[\cosh \Delta\eta - \cos \Delta\Phi]}$$

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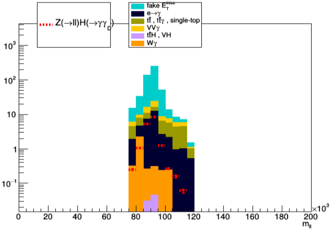

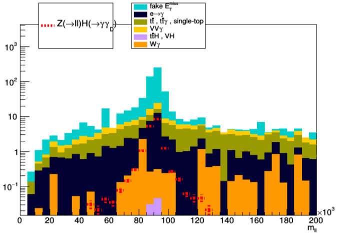

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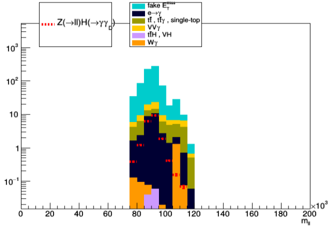
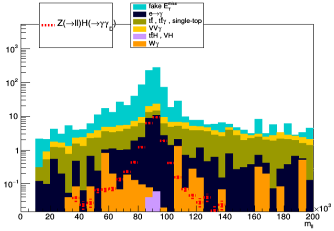


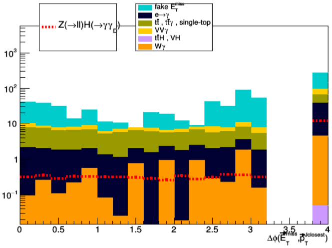


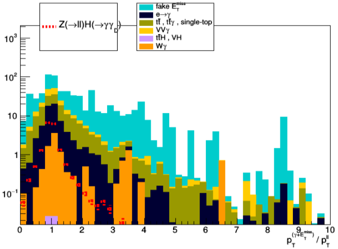
Variables distributions

$\Delta\Phi(\vec{E}_T^{miss}, \vec{p}_T^{closest\ jet})$

$p_T^{balance} = p_T^{\gamma + E_T^{miss}} / p_T^{ll}$

$ee\gamma$ channel





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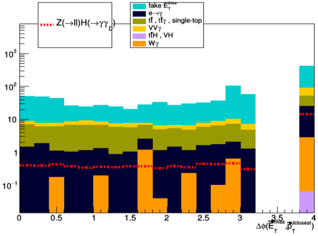
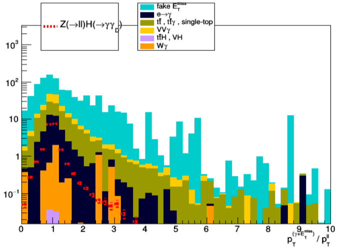




TMVA Analysis

BDTs have been implemented in TMVA (a Toolkit for MultiVariate Analysis) environment

1. Pre-Analysis
2. Training
   1. root node
   2. one single variable and cut
   3. stopping criterion
   4. leaf nodes
   5. classification according to purity $p = \frac{s}{s+b}$
3. Applying

⚠ Overtraining

truly is: \ accepted as:	Sig	Bkg
Sig	☺	Type-2 error
Bkg	Type-1 error	☺

AdaBoost and Gradient Boost

AdaBoost

- A boost weight α is assigned to each new tree:

$$\alpha = \frac{1 - E}{E}$$

- The new added tree will focus on events mis-classified by the previous tree
- The boost weight can be given a power β, the learning rate
- The output of the classifier is a weighted sum of DTs votes:

$$y(\vec{x}) = \frac{1}{\sum_i^{N_{trees}} \ln(\alpha_i)} \sum_i^{N_{trees}} \ln(\alpha_i) h_i(\vec{x})$$

Gradient Boost

- The idea is to approximate the final output as a expansion series of DTs output:

$$F(\vec{x}, P) = \sum_{m=0}^{M} \gamma_m f(x; \alpha_m)$$

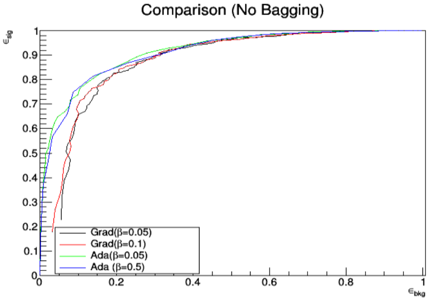
$$P \in \{\gamma_m; \alpha_m\}_0^M$$

- The weights P are chosen such that $F(\vec{x}, P)$ minimizes the loss function:

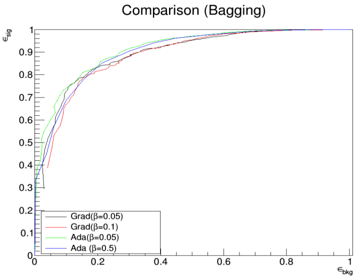
$$L(F, y) = \log\left(1 + e^{-2yF(\vec{x})}\right)$$

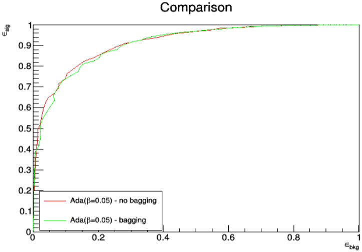
BDT optimization

BoostType



Bagging





BDT optimization

Number of folds

	AMS	
N_{trees}	$N_{folds} = 2$	$N_{folds} = 5$
150	3.76654	3.69253
850	3.66992	3.64944

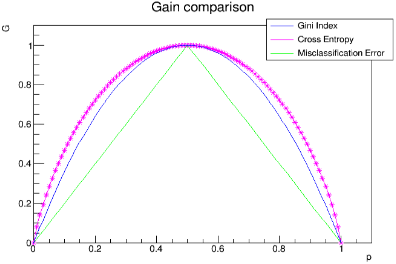
Number of trees

N_{trees}	*AMS*
50	3.31854
100	3.53190
150	3.76654
350	3.65642
450	3.60072
850	3.66992
1550	3.57516

BDT optimization

Separation Index

Gain definition	*AMS*
Gini Index	3.76654
Cross Entropy	3.63069
Misclassification Error	3.61978



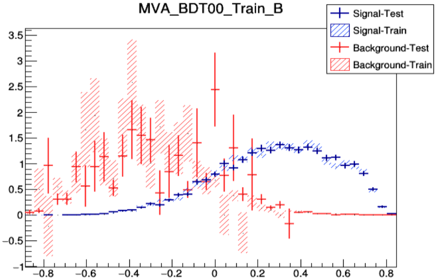
$$G_{Gini} = p(1-p)$$

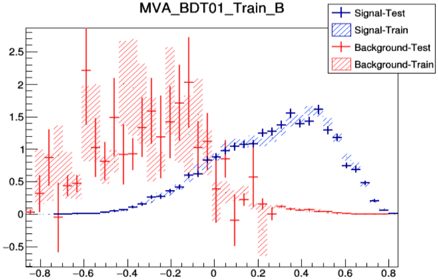
$$G_{entropy} = -[p\log p + (1-p)\log(1-p)]$$

$$G_{mis} = 1 - \max\{p, (1-p)\}$$

Check overtraining

BDT score distributions for the final configuration (AdaBoost, No Bagging, $\beta = 0.2$, 2 folds, 150 trees, Gini Index)

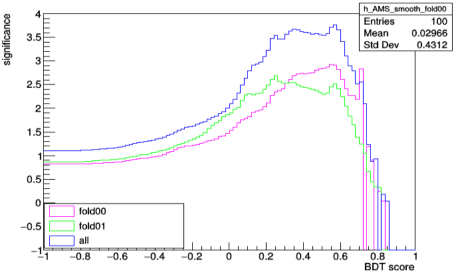




	χ^2	Ndf	$p-value$
sig	39.4	37	0.36
bkg	50.5	39	0.10

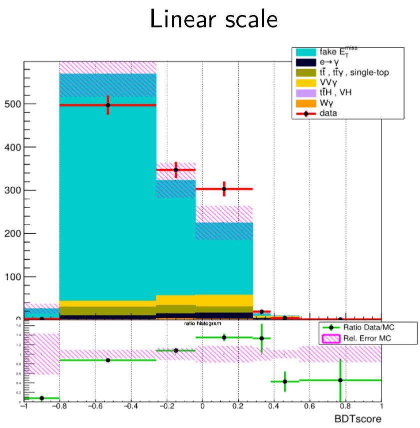
	χ^2	Ndf	$p-value$
sig	36.6	38	0.53
bkg	30.7	38	0.79

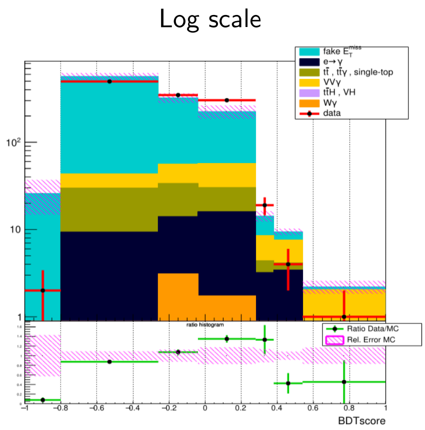
AMS distributions



The curve is built moving from left to right, cutting step by step the BDT score and taking only the integrals of signal and background distributions at the right of the cut.
It starts from 1 at the left (all signal and all background included) and ends at 0 at the right (no signal included).

BDT score distributions - Data





only statistical uncertainties included