

DØ Search for $HZ \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- b\bar{b}$ using p17 Data with NN Event Selection

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Abstract

The production of the Standard Model (SM) Higgs boson (H) in association with a Z boson is searched for, where the Z decays to $\mu^+ \mu^-$ and the H to $b\bar{b}$. The full Run IIa p17 data set is used, with an integrated luminosity of about 1.1 fb^{-1} . The certified p17 Neural-Network (NN) b-tagger is used to separate the data into two orthogonal selected sets: single-tight and not double-loose b-tagged (1T), and double-loose b-tagged (2L). Neural-net's are trained to distinguish between signal and background events and used to optimize the expected signal significance in the 1T and 2L channels separately, for each of six candidate Higgs masses (as well as for ZZ and $t\bar{t}$ signals, for fun and as a cross-check, respectively). No Higgs signal is observed, and limits are set on the ZH cross-section $\times \text{BR}(H \rightarrow b\bar{b})$ as a function of the Higgs mass, from 105 to 155 GeV.



1 Introduction and Theory

The SM requires at least one Higgs boson in order to consistently give masses to the W and Z bosons as well as to the quarks and charged leptons. Extensions of the SM, such as Supersymmetry, demand at least 3 neutral Higgs bosons, at least one of which must be less than about 200 GeV in general models, and less than 135 GeV in the Minimal Supersymmetric SM [1]. Recent global electro-weak fits prefer a light Higgs, <166 GeV at 95% C.L., and LEP has excluded the SM Higgs with a mass below 114.4 GeV [2].

Given this very strong experimental evidence and theoretical preference for a Higgs boson in the mass range of 114 to about 200 GeV, both the CDF and D0 experiments have embarked on an ambitious program to maximize their chances of observing the Higgs boson - and thus making a rough measurement of its mass, the last unmeasured parameter of the SM. At the Tevatron, the two most important production mechanisms are through gluon-fusion with a virtual top quark loop ($gg \rightarrow H$), and associated-production with a W or Z ($q\bar{q} \rightarrow WH$ or ZH) [3]. The dominant decay of the Higgs below about 135 GeV is to $b\bar{b}$, with about a 90% BR. Above this mass, the dominant decay is to a pair of (oppositely charged) W's. Searches for low-mass Higgs (<135 GeV) are forced to use associated production, due to the overwhelming $b\bar{b}$ background present to gluon-fusion followed by the Higgs decay to $b\bar{b}$. Searches for a heavier Higgs can also take advantage of the gluon-fusion production followed by the Higgs decay to W's.

This analysis searches in the ZH associated production channel where the Higgs decays to $b\bar{b}$ and the Z decays to muons. A very similar analysis has also been done for the electron channel. Another analysis searches for the more prevalent, but background-rich, ZH associated production where the Z decays to neutrinos. The associated Higgs production cross-sections are known at NNLO in the QCD expansion and at NLO in the electro-weak expansion. The residual theoretical uncertainty is rather small, less than 5% [3].

The full Run IIa data set is used (including "cable-swap" data), corresponding to an integrated luminosity (using the new luminosity constants) of about 1.1 fb^{-1} . The signal signature is two high p_T muons from the Z decay, and two b-jets from the Higgs decay. After requiring a reconstructed Z boson, b-tagging is used to select the signal from the dominant Z + (light) jets background. The data is divided into two orthogonal channels, those events with a single tight b-tag and not two loose b-tags, and those events with two loose b-tags. The major remaining backgrounds (in each channel) are Z + b-jets, Z + light jets (where a light jet has been misidentified as a b-jet), $t\bar{t}$, QCD (where jets fake a Z boson), and di-boson (WZ, ZZ) production. QCD is measured in data, whereas other backgrounds are estimated from MC simulation.

A NN is trained, using simulated events (except for QCD which is taken from non-isolated muon data), to distinguish between background and signal events, in the 1T and 2L channels separately, for each of six candidate Higgs masses (105-155 GeV, in 10 GeV steps). The NN output distributions are used to search for evidence of a signal [Wade]. No excesses are observed, and limits are set on the ZH production cross-section $\times \text{BR}(H \rightarrow b\bar{b})$ as a function of the Higgs mass, from 105 to 155 GeV. NN's are also trained (in the 1T and 2L channels) against ZZ as a signal, whose production

$\times \text{BR}(\rightarrow b\bar{b})$ is about 5 times larger than ZH (at 115 GeV). No excess is observed, and an upper limit is set on the ZZ production cross-section. Also, as a cross-check, NN's are trained again $t\bar{t}$ as a signal, and the presence of $t\bar{t}$ is verified in both the 1T and 2L channels.

2 Data

Re-fixed p17 data in CAF format from the 2MUhighpt skim, which requires at least 2 Loose muons with central $p_T > 10$ GeV, was processed using CAFe. The SAM data set definitions were:

- CSG_CAF_2MUhighpt_PASS3_p17.09.06
- CSG_CAF_2MUhighpt_PASS3_p17.09.06b
- CSG_CAF_2MUhighpt_PASS3_p17.09.03

No trigger requirements were made, in order to retain the highest possible efficiency for signal. The data was filtered by the CafeDataQualityProcessor [4] using definition 2007-01-08.CALO.CFT.MUON.SMT.dqdef, which removes bad runs and luminosity blocks as defined by the SMT, CFT, Calorimeter, and Muon groups. The integrated luminosity of the data sample *after the data quality selection* was measured using the standard luminosity tools (dq_util/util/lumitool.py) [4], and found to be 1060 pb^{-1} , using the *new* luminosity constants. It is expected that the new constants have increased the measured integrated luminosity by about 15%.

3 MC Samples

The various MC samples that were used can be seen in Table 1. Release p17.09.01 was used for generating the samples, except for ZH signals of mass 105, 115, 125, and 135 GeV (req-id 28575-28578), which were generated with p17.06.02. The main difference was slightly different track momentum resolution due to a bug in the Lorentz drift angle in p17.06.02. No difference in b-tagging efficiency is present for these samples since TRF's are used, and the muon resolution is corrected specially for these samples using the smearing constants derived for p17.06 MC. The SAM definitions were of the form CSG_CAF_MCv3-reqid, meaning that the CAF trees were produced with p18.05.00 with smearing. All samples were generated with Pythia, except for the Z+jets background which used ALPGEN interfaced with Pythia. A Pythia-only Z+jets sample was also used as a cross-check for the simulated $(Z+\text{Drell-Yan}) \rightarrow \mu\mu$ invariant mass shape. Finally, the samples were run through the full GEANT 3 detector simulation, digitization, and reconstruction.

The ZH signal cross-sections, as well as those for $t\bar{t}$, WZ, and ZZ are taken from MCFM, using the CAPS settings [5]. These cross-sections are NLO, and use CTEQ5M PDF's. For the ALPGEN+Pythia samples, a matching procedure (MLM) was used so as to not double count the radiation of additional jets between ALPGEN and Pythia

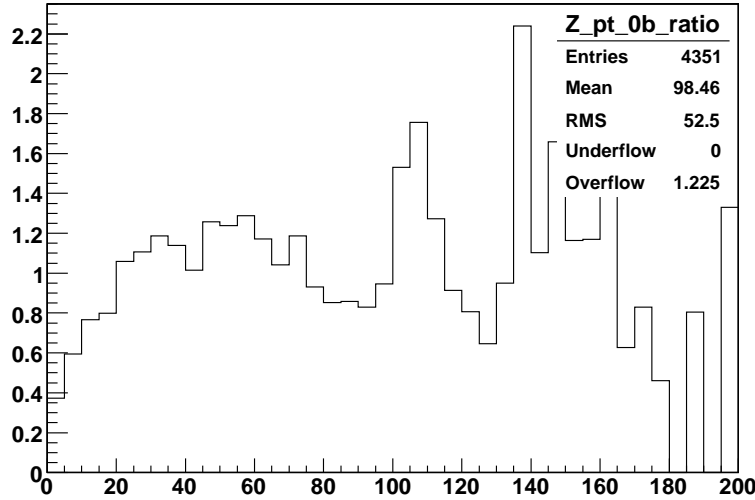


Figure 1: The ratio of data/MC $Z+\geq 2$ jet event rates as a function of the $Z p_T$. This ratio is used to weight each event in the $Z +$ (light) jets MC samples.

[6]. The matching algorithm calculates a sample weight for each parton multiplicity, which is stored in the CAF trees, and this weight was measured (using `getXsection.py`) and applied to each sample. To correct for a bug in ALPGEN production, the `3lp_incl` cross-sections were divided by a factor of 1.5. And to correct for another ALPGEN bug, the $m_Z=60-130$ `0lp` events were weighted by $\exp(4.07-0.05113*M_Z)$ with $60 < M_Z < 79.6$ GeV, and the `1lp` events by $2.247-0.0166*M_Z$ with $60 < M_Z < 75.1$ GeV.

NLO k-factors of 1.3 and 1.5 were applied to the $Z+\text{light}$ and $Z+b\bar{b}$ samples, respectively, to account for the NLO cross-sections of these process (as calculated with MCFM) as compared to the LO cross-sections from ALPGEN. This scale factor is considered to be a rough approximation, good to $\pm 50\%$, while a much more thorough correction or solution is currently being evaluated [7]. The $Z +$ charm jet production is included by ALPGEN in the $Z +$ light jets samples, so a similar 1.5 NLO k-factor should be applied to the charm events, but has not been for technical reasons. However, since charm jets will anyways make up less than 10% of the total background, and the uncertainty on the k-factor is already large, this omission adds negligible additional background systematic uncertainty.

The $Z p_T$ distribution is poorly modeled by both the Pythia and ALPGEN MC generators, for events with $Z p_T < \sim 100$ GeV. It is corrected for by measuring the distribution of $Z p_T$ in $Z+\geq 2$ jet data and weighting each event in the $Z +$ (light) jets MC with $Z p_T < \sim 100$ GeV such that the total distribution in MC then matches that in data. Figure 1 shows the ratio of event rates vs. $Z p_T$ in data / ALPGEN MC.

All $Z +$ light jets MC is scaled to match the Z peak in data, after requiring a good reconstructed Z and at least two jets (see detailed event selection criteria below). Given the measured integrated luminosity of 1.06 fb^{-1} , the Z peak in $Z + \geq 2$ jet data is found to have a cross-section which is 86% of that expected from simulation at NNLO.

This scale factor (0.86) is then applied to all other MC samples as well.

4 Event Selection

The following criteria are used to select events. The cuts and were not optimized in any systematic way. Instead, the philosophy was to keep selections as loose as possible, with the expectation that the neural net event selection will make optimal use of the information.

- Events are required to have at least two Loose quality muons with Loose track matches, and $p_T > 10$ GeV, defined by the standard MuonSelector in CAFe [9]. The muon p_T in data is corrected using the beam spot info for each run, if the muon track has no associated SMT hits.

A good Z candidate is required, reconstructed from some pair of empposite sign selected muons. The reconstructed Z mass must be >70 and <110 GeV. The standard Z selection from wz_cafreco [10] is used, which includes a pseudo-acoplanarity of >0.05 (anti-cosmic).

The two muons which form the Z are together required to have *product scaled isolation* <0.01 . The product scaled isolation is the product of the scaled isolation variables for each of the two muons which form the Z. Scaled isolation is defined as $(\text{track } p_T + \text{cal. } p_T) / \text{muon } p_T$. The track p_T is the sum of all other tracks in a cone of $\Delta R < 0.5$ around the muon track (and not including the muon track). The cal. p_T is the sum of all calorimeter energy in a hollow cone around the muon from $0.1 < \Delta R < 0.4$ [9].

- At least 2 ‘good’ JCCB (0.5 cone) [11] jets are required in each event, with *corrected* $p_T > 15$ GeV and $|\eta| < 2.5$. Jet energies are corrected using the standard JES with no muon corrections [12]. In MC, jets are also smeared and removed (to account for data/MC efficiency differences), with the standard JetSSR processor [13] using the p17 parameters (with no shifting). MET is recomputed using the JES corrected jets (and after smearing and removal for MC) and correcting for the escaping p_T of all muons.
- Jets are b-tagged using the certified NN b-tagging algorithm [14]. The tagging is applied *after* the JetSSR processor in MC so that the jet $p_T > 15$ GeV cut required for taggability is applied to the smeared jet p_T . Standard taggability was applied using the Top group’s EMTaggability parametrization, from the pre-selected W+jets data in the electron channel. In MC, the tag-rate-function (TRF) for data was used to predict the probability that a jet of a given flavor would be tagged. The L4 and VERYTIGHT operating points were used to separate the data and weight the MC into two orthogonal samples: the events with (exactly) 1 VERYTIGHT tag and not 2 (or more) L4 tags, and events with 2 (or more) L4 tags.

Sample	Cross section x BR	SAM req-id's	N. Events
ZH($\rightarrow\mu^+\mu^-b\bar{b}$), $m_H=105$ GeV	4.0 fb	28575	50000
ZH($\rightarrow\mu^+\mu^-b\bar{b}$), $m_H=115$ GeV	2.8 fb	28576	50000
ZH($\rightarrow\mu^+\mu^-b\bar{b}$), $m_H=125$ GeV	1.8 fb	28577	50000
ZH($\rightarrow\mu^+\mu^-b\bar{b}$), $m_H=135$ GeV	1.1 fb	28578	52250
ZH($\rightarrow\mu^+\mu^-b\bar{b}$), $m_H=145$ GeV	0.50 fb	32426	49750
ZH($\rightarrow\mu^+\mu^-b\bar{b}$), $m_H=155$ GeV	0.20 fb	32427	50000
Z($\rightarrow\mu^+\mu^-$)+0lp excl. (mZ=15-60 GeV)	335 * 1.3 fb	32900, 32901, 32902	650250
Z($\rightarrow\mu^+\mu^-$)+1lp excl. (mZ=15-60 GeV)	38.5 * 1.3 fb	32903, 32904, 32905	512500
Z($\rightarrow\mu^+\mu^-$)+2lp excl. (mZ=15-60 GeV)	10.1 * 1.3 fb	32906, 32907	205000
Z($\rightarrow\mu^+\mu^-$)+3lp incl. (mZ=15-60 GeV)	4.2/1.5 * 1.3 fb	32908, 32909	100500
Z($\rightarrow\mu^+\mu^-$)+0lp excl. (mZ=60-130 GeV)	139 * 1.3 fb	28762, 28884, 38410, 38409, 38408, 38364, 37409, 37408, 37407, 37004, 37003, 29279, 29278, 29273, 29272	1469750
Z($\rightarrow\mu^+\mu^-$)+1lp excl. (mZ=60-130 GeV)	41.6 * 1.3 fb	28763, 28885, 38362, 37416, 37005	874116
Z($\rightarrow\mu^+\mu^-$)+2lp excl. (mZ=60-130 GeV)	10.3 * 1.3 fb	28764, 38368, 37006	413500
Z($\rightarrow\mu^+\mu^-$)+3lp incl. (mZ=60-130 GeV)	5.3/1.5 * 1.3 fb	28767, 38372, 37007	317000
Z($\rightarrow\mu^+\mu^-$)+0lp excl. (mZ=130-250 GeV)	0.90 * 1.3 fb	32621	108000
Z($\rightarrow\mu^+\mu^-$)+1lp excl. (mZ=130-250 GeV)	0.36 * 1.3 fb	32623	100250
Z($\rightarrow\mu^+\mu^-$)+2lp excl. (mZ=130-250 GeV)	0.097 * 1.3 fb	32624	100750
Z($\rightarrow\mu^+\mu^-$)+3lp incl. (mZ=130-250 GeV)	0.053/1.5 * 1.3 fb	32648	99750
Z($\rightarrow\mu^+\mu^-$)+0lp excl. (mZ>>=250 GeV)	0.072 * 1.3 fb	33738	106250
Z($\rightarrow\mu^+\mu^-$)+1lp excl. (mZ>=250 GeV)	0.036 * 1.3 fb	33739	105750
Z($\rightarrow\mu^+\mu^-$)+2lp excl. (mZ>=250 GeV)	0.011 * 1.3 fb	33740	102250
Z($\rightarrow\mu^+\mu^-$)+3lp incl. (mZ>=250 GeV)	0.0066/1.5 * 1.3 fb	33741	105750
Z($\rightarrow\mu^+\mu^-$)+2b+0lp excl.	0.97 * 1.5 fb	32356, 32806, 32807	342000
Z($\rightarrow\mu^+\mu^-$)+2b+1lp excl.	0.36 * 1.5 fb	32357	52750
Z($\rightarrow\mu^+\mu^-$)+2b+2lp incl.	0.21/1.5 * 1.5 fb	32257	25000
$t\bar{t}$ inclusive ($M_{top}=170-175$ GeV)	7.0 fb	35833, 35834, 35835, 35437, 35438, 35439, 34873, 34874, 33810, 33811	1615030
WZ inclusive	3.6 fb	30488, 30489, 33685, 33684, 42212, 38491	724250
ZZ inclusive	1.423 fb	30486, 30487, 33687, 33686, 42213, 38492	711000
Pythia Z($\rightarrow\mu^+\mu^-$) (mZ=15-60 GeV)	479139.25 fb	40687 40686 40685 40684 40683, 40682 40681 40680 40679 40678, 36595 36594 36593 36592 36591	3107250
Pythia Z($\rightarrow\mu^+\mu^-$) (mZ=60-130 GeV)	255203.33 fb	38912 38911 38910 38909 38908, 38907 38906 38905 38904 38903, 38902 38901 38900 38899 38898	2821282
Pythia Z($\rightarrow\mu^+\mu^-$) (mZ=130-250 GeV)	1875.78 fb	41252 41251	413521
Pythia Z($\rightarrow\mu^+\mu^-$) (mZ=250-500 GeV)	476. fb	41256	102750
Pythia Z($\rightarrow\mu^+\mu^-$) (mZ>=500 GeV)	24.7 fb	41259	51500

Table 1: The MC samples used, and their cross-sections (corrected with NLO k-factors, where noted), SAM request ID's, and number of events generated. "lp" stands for "light-parton" in ALPGEN, and indicates the number of hard jets at the parton level for each ALPGEN+Pythia sub-sample. "excl." means that the sub-sample is exclusive and requires exactly the number of light partons indicated, whereas "incl." denotes that all higher parton multiplicity states were also allowed. The Pythia Z($\rightarrow\mu^+\mu^-$) samples were only used as a cross-check for the Z + Drell Yan (DY) $\mu\mu$ invariant mass distribution.

5 QCD

A sample of QCD events is selected by reversing the muon isolation criteria, i.e. requiring that the product scaled isolation of the two muons forming the Z candidate is >0.01 . In addition, no isolated Z candidate (of any di-muon invariant mass) can be present in the event.

The QCD event fraction is determined by fitting a combination of the QCD and MC di-muon invariant mass distributions (in the range 40–500 GeV) to the data. Fits are performed to the data in events with at least two jets (since the QCD fraction was observed to depend on the jet multiplicity). A separate fit is performed for events with at least 0, 1, 2 L4 b-tagged jets, and at least 0 or 1 VERYTIGHT b-tagged jets (but not two or more L4 b-tagged jets) as seen in Figures 2 – 6. The QCD fractions in the 0, 1, 2 L4 b-tagged, and 0, 1 VERYTIGHT b-tagged categories are found to be 0.8%, 0.7%, 2.6%, 1.3%, and 0.3% respectively. The uncertainty on the size of the QCD background is taken from the error on the background fit, about 50% (relative) in the double L4 and single VERYTIGHT b-tagged channels. A cross-check with the Pythia $Z(\rightarrow\mu\mu)$ samples gives very similar fits and QCD fractions for all channels, well within the systematic uncertainties quoted. The Pythia fits are shown in the bottom half of Figures 2 – 6 for comparison.

The rise in the QCD fraction in b-tagged data is assumed to be due to the presence of $b\bar{b}$ events, which can often (10%) of the time decay to a leading muon which may pass isolation cuts. Also note the presence of $t\bar{t}$ (shown as the magenta line), particularly in the b-tagged channels, which must be properly accounted for during the fit.

6 Results Using M_{jj} Selection

Before investigating the more complicated NN-based search, we first perform a simple M_{jj} -based selection as a sanity check and to compare with earlier results. Since the Higgs is decaying to $b\bar{b}$, we attempt to isolate the signal by selecting events where the two leading p_T jets form an invariant mass close to that expected for a given Higgs mass. Invariant mass is calculated using the 4-vector formula, which accounts for the non-zero mass of each individual jet¹. The actual value of the invariant mass reconstructed in full MC is always less, by about 20% on average, than the actual Higgs mass in each sample. This lowering of the reconstructed mass is due to final-state radiation of particles and jets outside the reconstructed jet cones. The leading- p_T di-jet mass distribution in each Higgs MC sample is fit to a Gaussian, in the 1T and 2L b-tagged channels, separately. The search window then extends from mean-1.5*width to mean+1.5*width. The final fit values are shown in Table 2.

Systematics are identical to the p17 $ZH\rightarrow ee$ analysis [15]. The total background uncertainty is 20%, and the signal efficiency uncertainty is 8%.

The total amount of data, various backgrounds, and expected signal are shown for a representative di-jet mass range of interest (70-110 GeV), after 0, 1, and at least 2 L4

¹In ROOT notation, where ‘jet’ is an array of p_T -sorted TMBJet objects: $m_{j_0,j_1} = (\text{jet}[0]+\text{jet}[1]).\text{Mag}()$

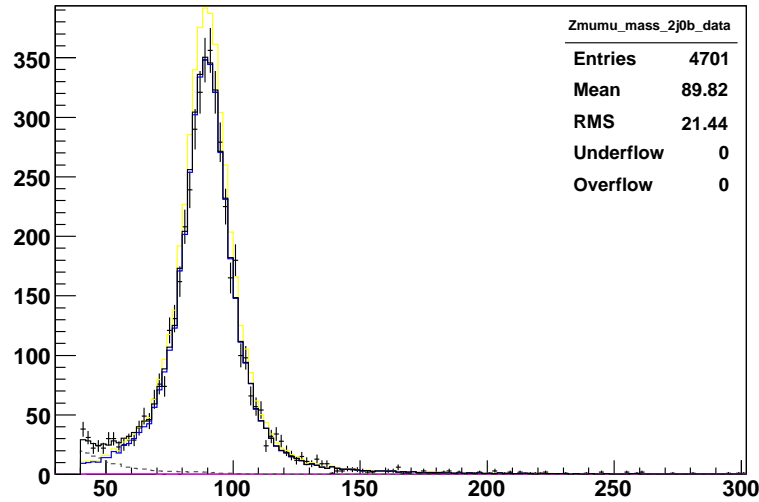
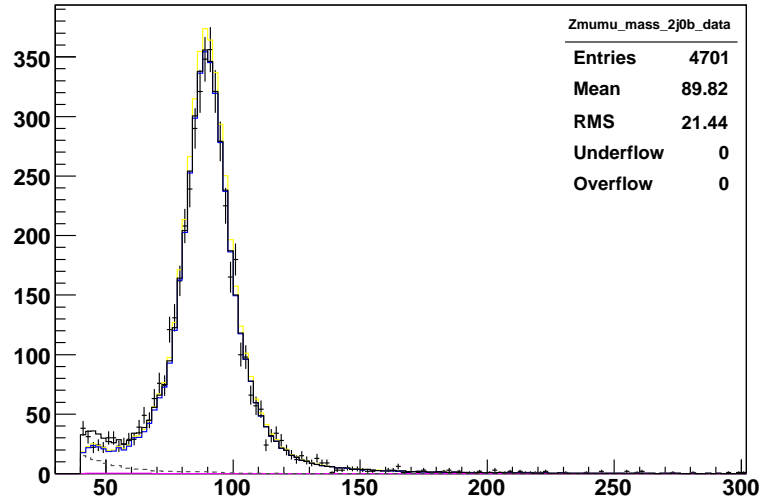


Figure 2: A fit of the di-mu mass spectrum (after requiring at least two jets) and 0 L4 b-tagged jets. Data are the points. The dashed line is QCD, solid yellow is the Z+DY shape from MC before scaling to data in the range $70 < M_{\mu\mu} < 110$ GeV, solid magenta is $t\bar{t}$, solid blue is total MC, and solid black is total MC plus QCD. The upper plot is the ALPGEN simulation and the lower is Pythia.

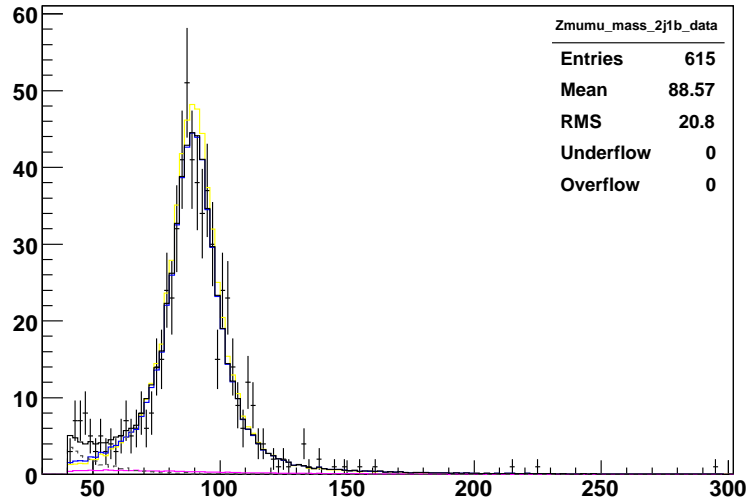
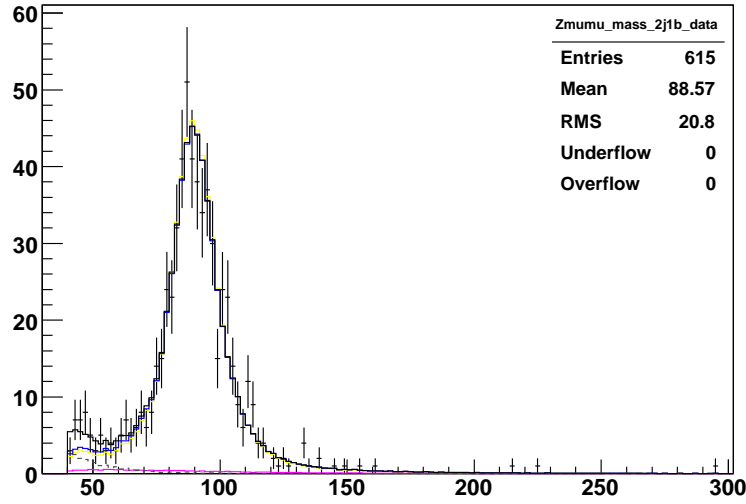


Figure 3: A fit of the di-mu mass spectrum (after requiring at least two jets) and 1 L4 b-tagged jets. Data are the points. The dashed line is QCD, solid yellow is the Z+DY shape from MC before scaling to data in the range $70 < M_{\mu\mu} < 110$ GeV, solid magenta is $t\bar{t}$, solid blue is total MC, and solid black is total MC plus QCD. The upper plot is the ALPGEN simulation and the lower is Pythia.

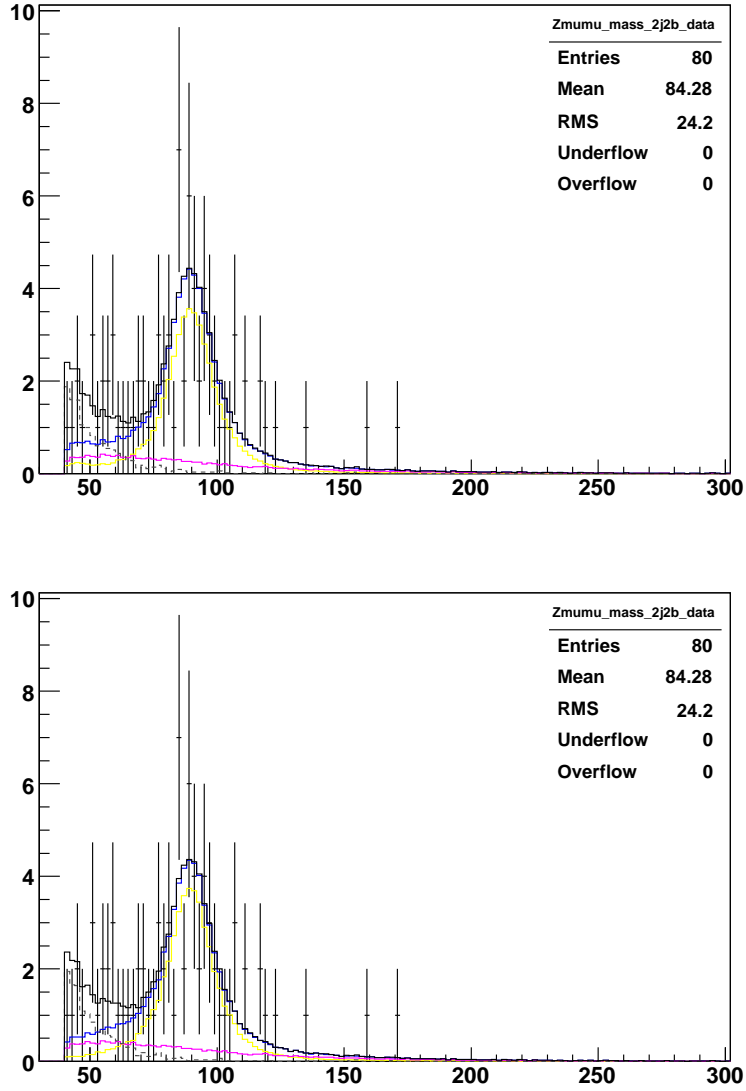


Figure 4: A fit of the di-muon mass spectrum (after requiring at least two jets) and at least 2 L4 b-tagged jets. Data are the points. The dashed line is QCD, solid yellow is the Z+DY shape from MC before scaling to data in the range $70 < M_{\mu\mu} < 110$ GeV, solid magenta is $t\bar{t}$, solid blue is total MC, and solid black is total MC plus QCD. The upper plot is the ALPGEN simulation and the lower is Pythia.

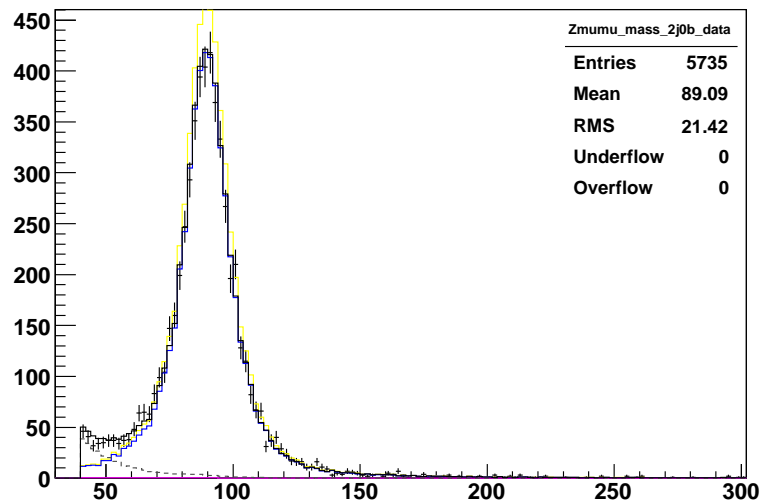
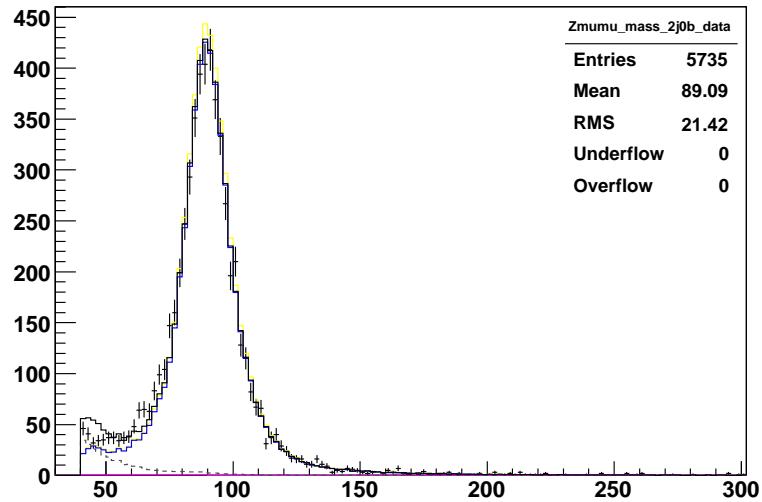


Figure 5: A fit of the di-mu mass spectrum (after requiring at least two jets) and 0 VERYTIGHT b-tagged jets, and not 2 or more L4 b-tagged jets. Data are the points. The dashed line is QCD, solid yellow is the Z+DY shape from MC before scaling to data in the range $70 < M_{\mu\mu} < 110$ GeV, solid magenta is $t\bar{t}$, solid blue is total MC, and solid black is total MC plus QCD. The upper plot is the ALPGEN simulation and the lower is Pythia.

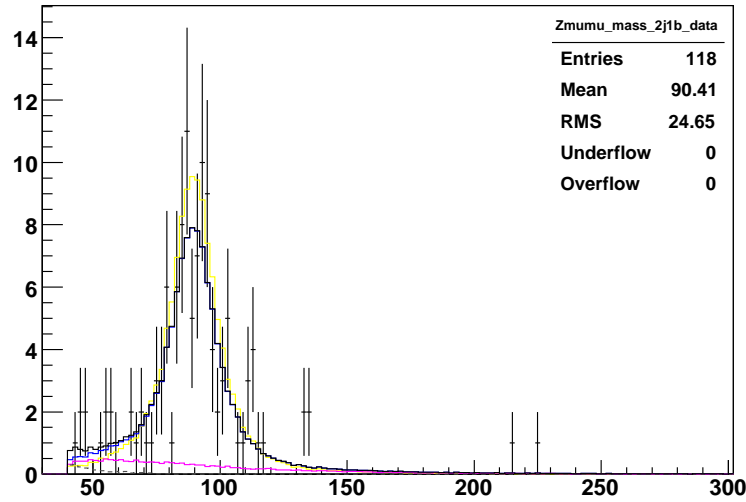
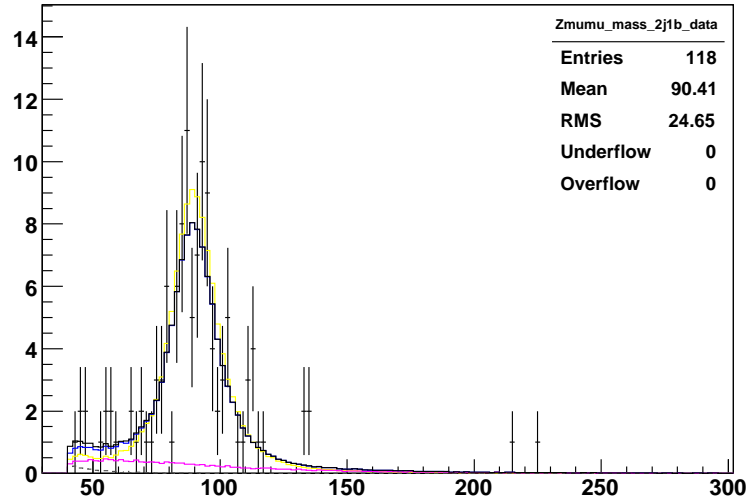


Figure 6: A fit of the di-mu mass spectrum (after requiring at least two jets) and 1 VERYTIGHT b-tagged jets, and not 2 or more L4 b-tagged jets. Data are the points. The dashed line is QCD, solid yellow is the Z+DY shape from MC before scaling to data in the range $70 < M_{\mu\mu} < 110$ GeV, solid magenta is $t\bar{t}$, solid blue is total MC, and solid black is total MC plus QCD. The upper plot is the ALPGEN simulation and the lower is Pythia.

m_H (GeV)	Mean (GeV)	Width (GeV)	Search Window (GeV)
ZZ	77.0	19.3	48.1-105.9
105	84.1	22.6	50.2-118.0
115	91.9	24.6	55.0-128.9
125	98.7	27.1	58.1-139.4
135	106.0	29.3	62.0-149.9
145	113.9	31.4	66.8-161.0
155	121.5	32.9	72.1-170.9
ZZ	79.0	18.1	51.8-106.2
105	88.0	19.8	58.3-117.7
115	96.2	21.9	63.3-129.0
125	103.5	24.0	67.4-139.5
135	111.3	26.1	72.1-150.5
145	119.7	27.7	78.2-161.3
155	127.1	29.6	82.7-171.6

Table 2: The mean, width, and $-1.5,+1.5$ sigma search window for each signal mass tested in the 1T (top) and 2L (bottom) channels.

b-tagged jets are required in Table 3. The same for 0, 1, and at least 2 VERYTIGHT b-tagged jets and not 2 or more L4 b-tagged jets is shown in Table 4. Figures 7–9 show the invariant mass distributions of the two leading- p_T jets, after requiring at least 0, 1, 2 L4 b-tagged jets in the events. Figures 11 and 12 show the invariant mass distribution after requiring at least 0 and 1 VERYTIGHT b-tagged jets and not 2 or more L4 b-tagged jets.

Limits are set using the "limit_calculators" Bayesian package [16], by counting the number of events of data, total expected background (from MC and QCD), and expected signal in each invariant mass search window derived above. Table 5 and Figure 13 show the expected and observed limits on the ZH cross-section, accounting for the BR of $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$ of 0.03366 [17].

The ZH cross-section limits derived are about a factor of 2.6 more restrictive than those from the DØ p14 analysis, which used only 317 pb^{-1} (using the old luminosity constants) of data [18]. For instance, there was an expected limit of 10.5 pb for a Higgs mass of 115 GeV, compared to 4.0 pb in this analysis. Assuming that results would simply scale by the square-root of integrated luminosity, a factor of ~ 1.7 would be expected. The extra factor of $2.6/1.7 = 1.5$ of added sensitivity is most likely due to the improved b-tagging, which now uses the NN algorithm.

Sample	0 tag	1 tag	2 tag
Data	846	127	13
Total background	915.536	130.728	13.071
QCD	6.652	0.716	0.206
ZH(115)	0.135	0.284	0.200
ZZ	9.943	2.829	0.947
WZ	10.038	2.124	0.116
$t\bar{t}$	1.198	2.423	1.694
Z+(light)	867.755	103.028	5.098
Z+2b	19.949	19.608	5.009

Table 3: The data, backgrounds, and expected SM signal for a representative di-jet mass range (70-100 GeV), after exactly 0, 1, and at least 2 L4 b-tagged jets are required.

Sample	0 tag	1 tag	2 tag
Data	1028	26	0
Total background	1105.327	28.708	0.000
QCD	12.578	0.060	0.000
ZH(115)	0.218	0.234	0.000
ZZ	12.564	1.222	0.000
WZ	12.687	0.442	0.000
$t\bar{t}$	1.943	1.966	0.000
Z+(light)	1035.845	12.030	0.000
Z+2b	29.710	12.989	0.000

Table 4: The data, backgrounds, and expected SM signal for a representative di-jet mass range (70-100 GeV), after exactly 0, 1, and at least 2 VERYTIGHT b-tagged jets are required, and not 2 or more L4 b-tagged jets.

m_H (GeV)	Data	QCD	Total Bgnd.	Sig.	Eff(%)	Exp.(pb) (Exp./SM)	Obs.(pb)
ZZ	47	0.10	53.22	1.76	0.11	21.885 (15.38)	18.420
105	50	0.11	57.86	0.47	10.66	7.215 (60.71)	5.988
115	47	0.11	55.33	0.35	11.24	6.693 (80.46)	5.360
125	44	0.11	52.44	0.23	11.55	6.214 (116.21)	4.925
135	44	0.12	52.19	0.15	12.02	5.997 (183.50)	4.744
145	46	0.12	47.14	0.06	11.56	5.759 (387.70)	5.581
155	41	0.12	42.16	0.03	11.71	5.215 (877.69)	5.034
ZZ	22	0.32	20.72	1.28	0.08	14.795 (10.40)	16.711
105	21	0.32	20.06	0.37	8.63	4.406 (37.08)	4.689
115	20	0.34	20.28	0.28	9.50	3.975 (47.78)	3.975
125	16	0.34	19.86	0.19	10.01	3.589 (67.11)	2.955
135	17	0.36	18.70	0.12	10.53	3.313 (101.38)	3.099
145	16	0.35	17.21	0.06	10.39	3.296 (221.87)	3.072
155	15	0.36	16.43	0.02	10.75	3.051 (513.43)	2.837

Table 5: The quantities used for setting limits, and the derived expected and observed limits for each Higgs mass, using only a simple M_{jj} event selection, in the 1T (top) and 2L (bottom) channels. The limits account for the BR of $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$ of 0.03366.

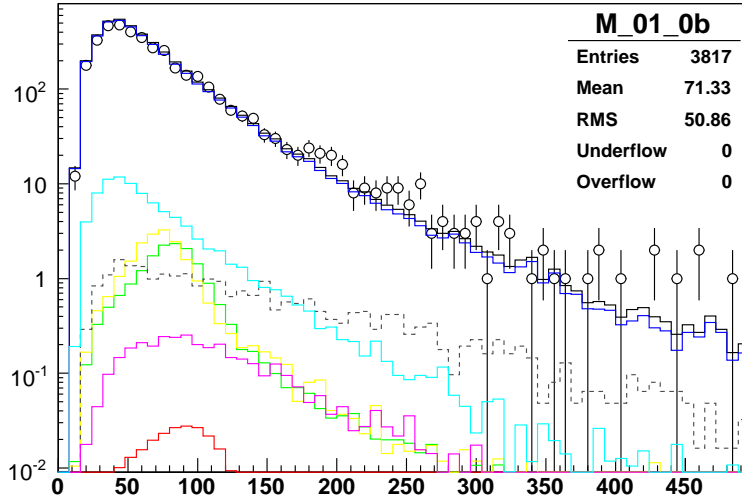


Figure 7: The leading p_T di-jet invariant mass distribution in the events with 0 or more L4 b-tagged jets. For the backgrounds from MC: blue is $Z+Xlp$, light blue is $Z+2b$, light green is ZZ , yellow is WZ , magenta is $t\bar{t}$, and red is Higgs signal for $m_h=115$ GeV. The data are shown as circles. The total MC background is the black histogram.

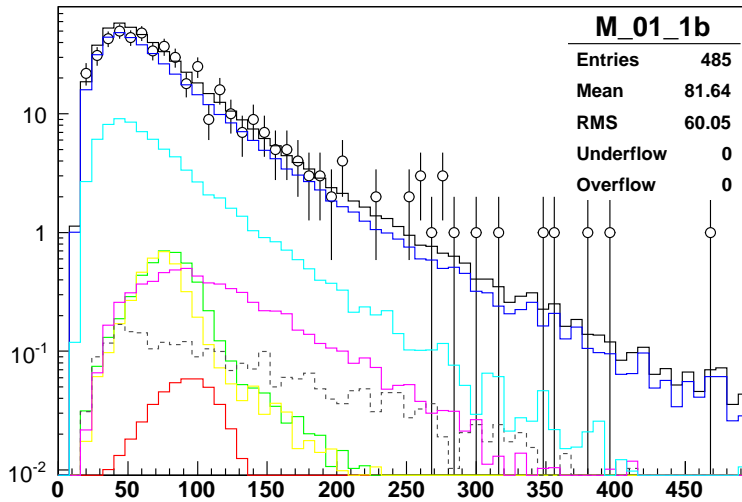


Figure 8: The leading p_T di-jet invariant mass distribution in the events with 1 or more L4 b-tagged jets. For the backgrounds from MC: blue is $Z+Xlp$, light blue is $Z+2b$, light green is ZZ , yellow is WZ , magenta is $t\bar{t}$, and red is Higgs signal for $m_h=115$ GeV. QCD, from non-isolated muon data, is shown as a dashed grey line. The data are shown as circles, with Poisson uncertainties. The total background (including QCD) is the black histogram.

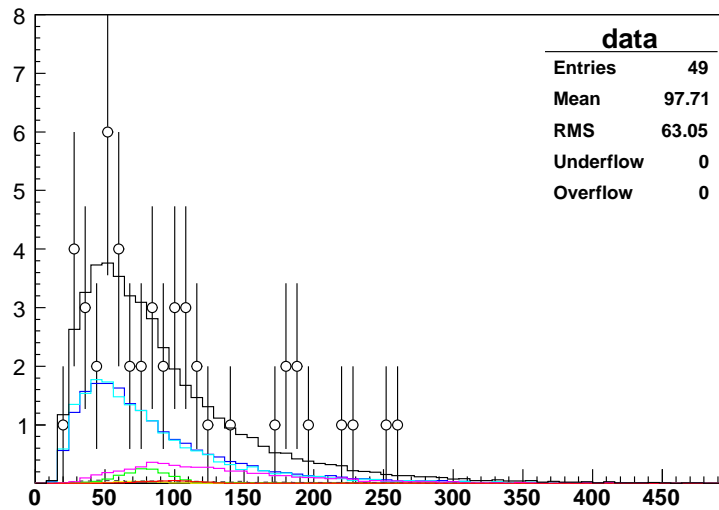
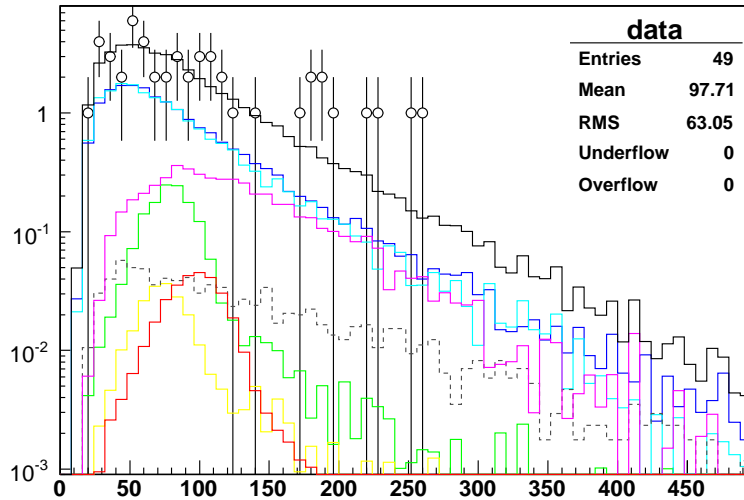


Figure 9: The leading p_T di-jet invariant mass distribution in the events with 2 or more L4 b-tagged jets (the 2L channel). For the backgrounds from MC: blue is Z+Xlp, light blue is Z+2b, light green is ZZ, yellow is WZ, magenta is $t\bar{t}$, and red is Higgs signal for $m_h=115$ GeV. QCD, from non-isolated muon data, is shown as a dashed grey line. The data are shown as circles, with Poisson uncertainties. The total background (including QCD) is the black histogram. (The top is a log plot, and the bottom is not.)

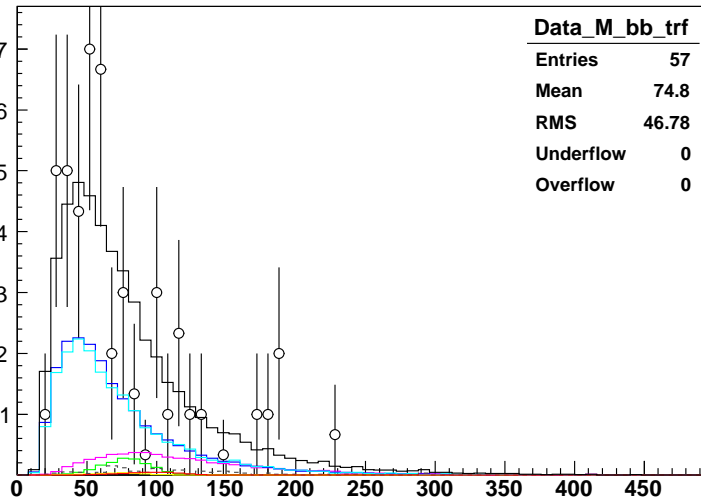
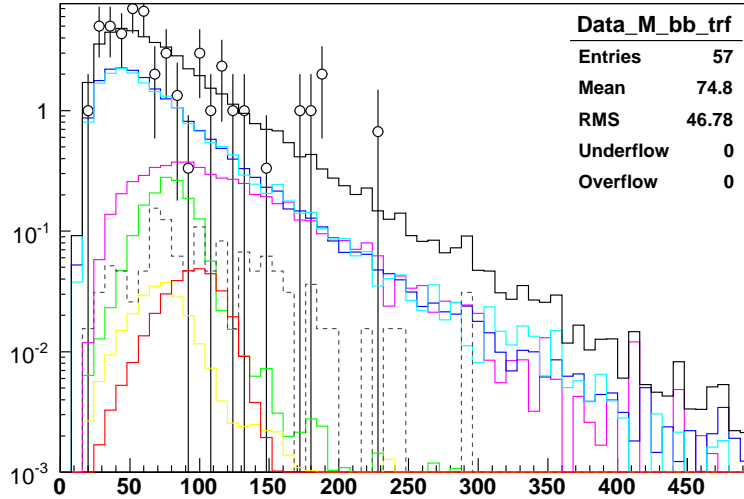


Figure 10: The di-jet invariant mass of all L4 b-tagged jet pairs in the events with 2 or more L4 b-tagged jets (the 2L channel). For the backgrounds from MC: blue is Z+Xlp, light blue is Z+2b, light green is ZZ, yellow is WZ, magenta is $t\bar{t}$, and red is Higgs signal for $m_h=115$ GeV. QCD, from non-isolated muon data, is shown as a dashed grey line. The data are shown as circles, with Poisson uncertainties. The total background (including QCD) is the black histogram. (The top is a log plot, and the bottom is not.)

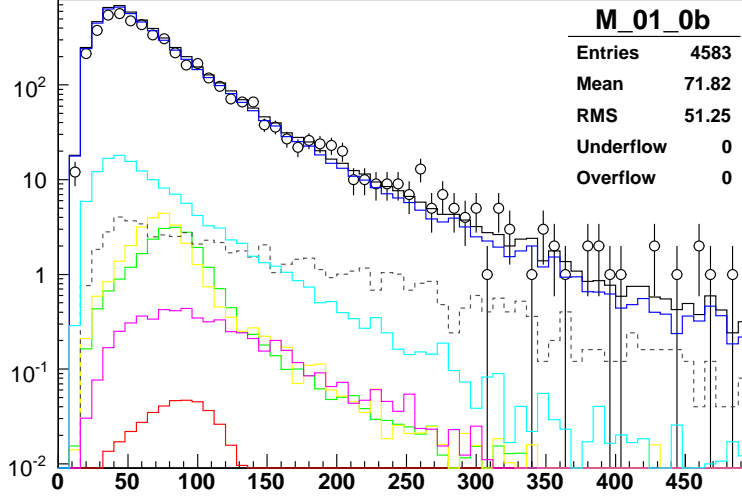


Figure 11: The leading p_T di-jet invariant mass distribution in the events with 0 or more VERYTIGHT b-tagged jets and not 2 or more L4 b-tagged jets. For the backgrounds from MC: blue is Z+Xlp, light blue is Z+2b, light green is ZZ, yellow is WZ, magenta is $t\bar{t}$, and red is Higgs signal for $m_h=115$ GeV. QCD, from non-isolated muon data, is shown as a dashed grey line. The data are shown as circles, with Poisson uncertainties. The total background (including QCD) is the black histogram.

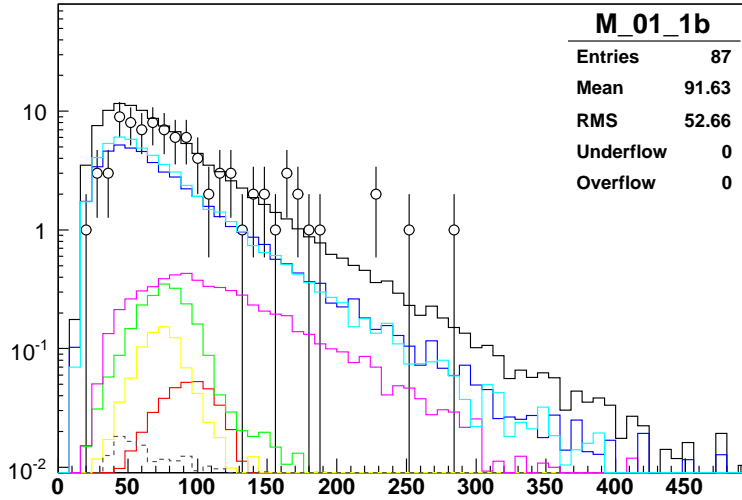


Figure 12: The leading p_T di-jet invariant mass distribution in the events with 1 or more VERYTIGHT b-tagged jets and not 2 or more L4 b-tagged jets (the 1T channel). For the backgrounds from MC: blue is Z+Xlp, light blue is Z+2b, light green is ZZ, yellow is WZ, magenta is $t\bar{t}$, and red is Higgs signal for $m_h=115$ GeV. QCD, from non-isolated muon data, is shown as a dashed grey line. The data are shown as circles, with Poisson uncertainties. The total background (including QCD) is the black histogram.

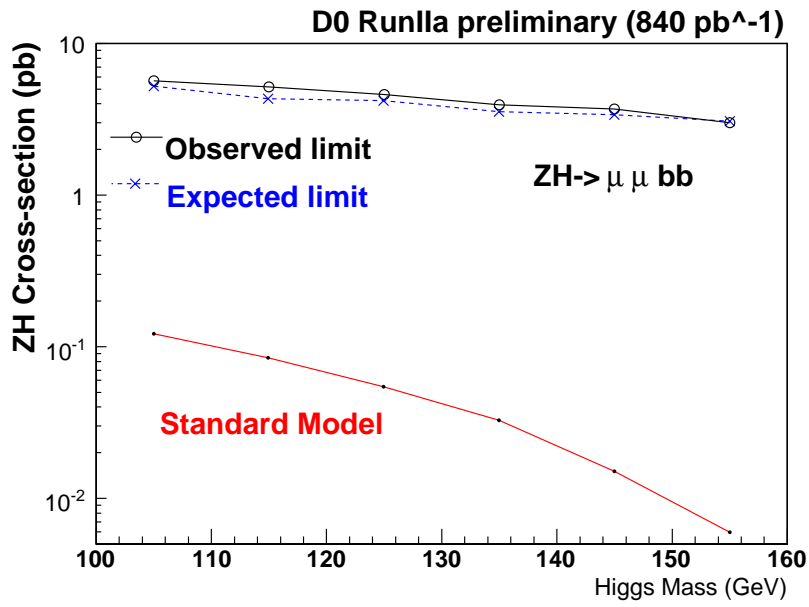


Figure 13: The expected and observed ZH cross-section limits, using only a simple M_{jj} event selection, compared to the SM expectations.

7 NN Event Selection

To improve the separation of signal from backgrounds, an artificial neural network was used, based on the `TMultiLayerPerceptron` class in ROOT. The network was trained using approximately half of the background events, the rest being used to test the network performance and derive limits. The background events come from MC simulation for all backgrounds, except for QCD which comes from non-isolated muon data, as in the standard M_{jj} -based analysis. Separate NN's were trained for the 1T and 2L channels.

Background events were weighted such that the total contribution of each sample made up that expected from it in either the 1T or 2L channel. During NN training, signal events were weighted such that it's integral equaled that of the background events. This technique provided for better significance and NN output values that ranged nicely from 0–1. For testing and limit setting, of course, signal events were weighted such that the integral made up that expected from it in either the 1T or 2L channel. For testing, events could also be weighted such that each sample contributed the amount expected from it in before b-tagging. And again, signal events could also be weighted such that their integral equaled that expected from backgrounds, in order to see the difference in shapes of signal and background.

The parameters of the NN were roughly optimized to give the best signal significance, defined as S/\sqrt{B} , by counting the number of signal (S) and background (B) events which pass the optimal NN output cut. Sensitive variables were hypothesized based on physical reasoning of the signal vs. background processes, and then added, in order of their ability to improve the NN significance, until the NN significance failed to improve further. The final set of NN input variables are (in order of separation power):

1. M_{bb} : The invariant mass of a randomly chosen b-tagged jet pair. For the 1T channel, this variable was set to the invariant mass of the b-tagged jet and the highest p_T non-b-tagged jet. Note that the 4-vector invariant mass calculation was used throughout this analysis, which takes into account the mass of each individual jet.
2. $p_T(1)$: The p_T of the leading p_T jet.
3. $p_T(2)$: The p_T of the second-leading p_T jet.
4. $Z\Delta R$: ΔR between the two muons in the Z candidate.
5. $|\Delta\eta|$: The absolute value of the difference in η between the two highest p_T jets.
6. $|\Delta\phi|$: The absolute value of the difference in ϕ between the two highest p_T jets.
7. $\Delta R(Z, jet1)$: The ΔR between the Z candidate and the highest p_T jet.
8. $|\eta_Z|$: The $|\eta|$ of the Z candidate.
9. \cancel{E}_T : The missing E_T of the event (useful against $t\bar{t}$).
10. SE_T : The scalar E_T of the event.

Each NN was trained using the BFGS technique, for 150 epochs. 6 hidden neurons were used, in a single layer, and one output neuron. A separate NN was trained against each candidate signal Higgs mass, as well as for ZZ , and for $t\bar{t}$ as a test. When a sample which is normally a background, such as ZZ or $t\bar{t}$, was used as a signal, it was not considered as a background sample. For $t\bar{t}$, an additional test was performed where the $M_{\mu\mu}$ window was opened from the usual 70–110 GeV to 40–500 GeV, in order to accept more $t\bar{t}$ ‘signal’. The NN outputs for each NN trained are shown in Figures 14–22. Additional plots of each NN input variable and some other variables (for $M_H = 115$ GeV) are shown in Figures 23–37.

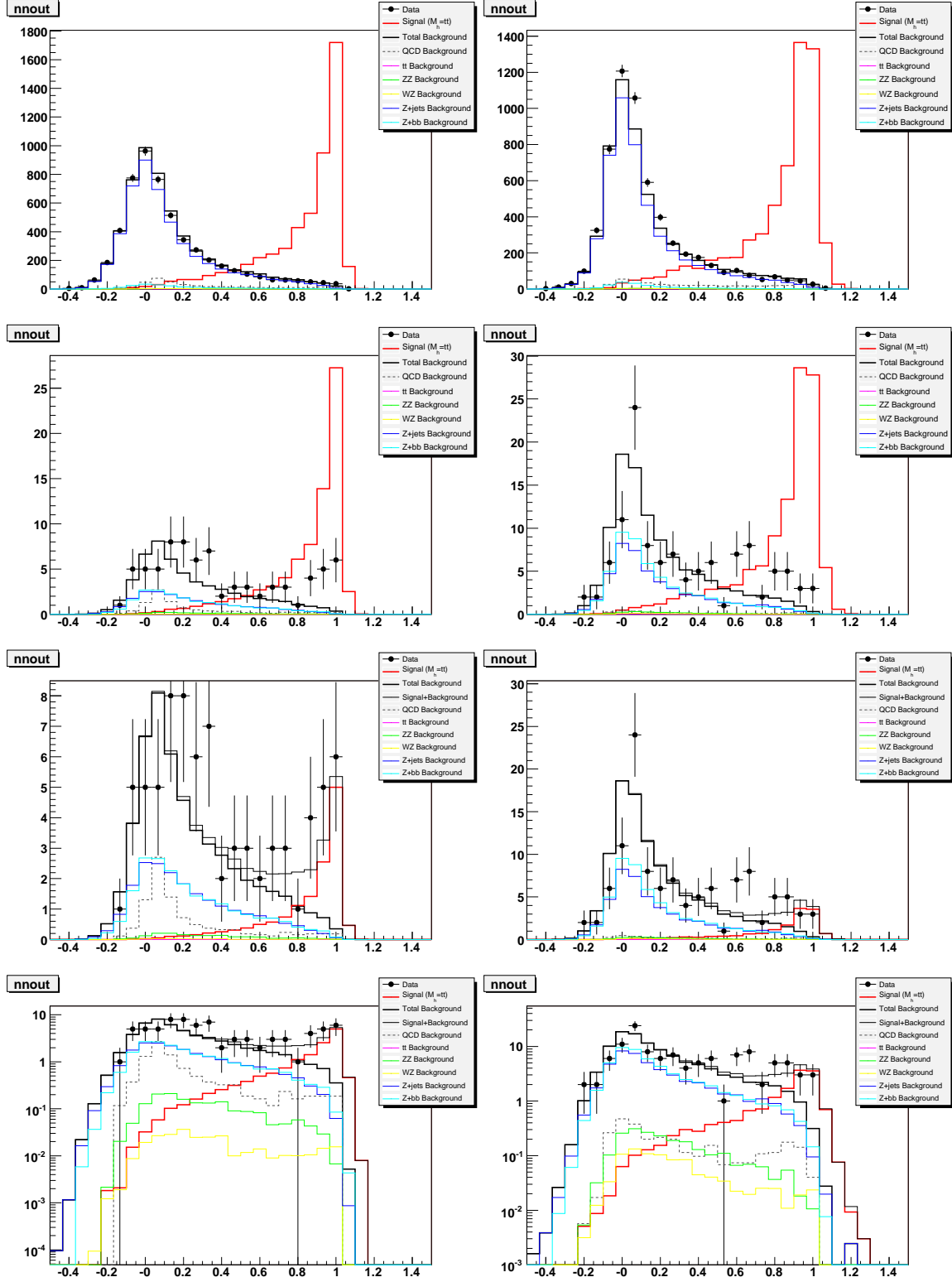


Figure 14: The NN output for $t\bar{t}$ (with wide $M_{\mu\mu}$ selection cuts from 40–500 GeV) in the 2L (left) and 1T (right) channels: before b-tagging with signal scaled to background (top), after b-tagging with signal scaled to background (middle), and after b-tagging with signal scaled according to its expected cross section (bottom).

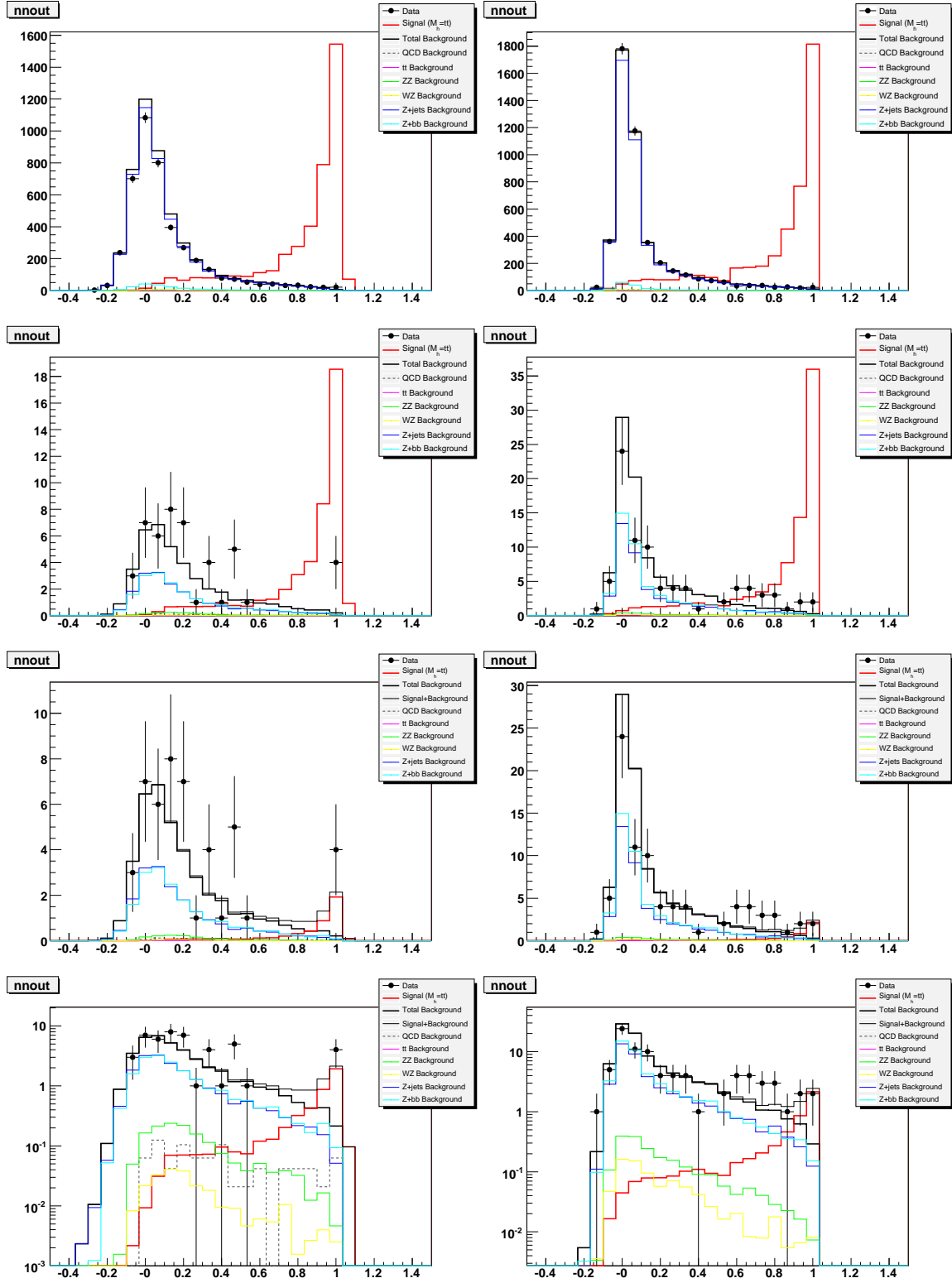


Figure 15: The NN output for $t\bar{t}$ in the 2L (left) and 1T (right) channels: before b-tagging with signal scaled to background (top), after b-tagging with signal scaled to background (middle), and after b-tagging with signal scaled according to its expected cross section (bottom).

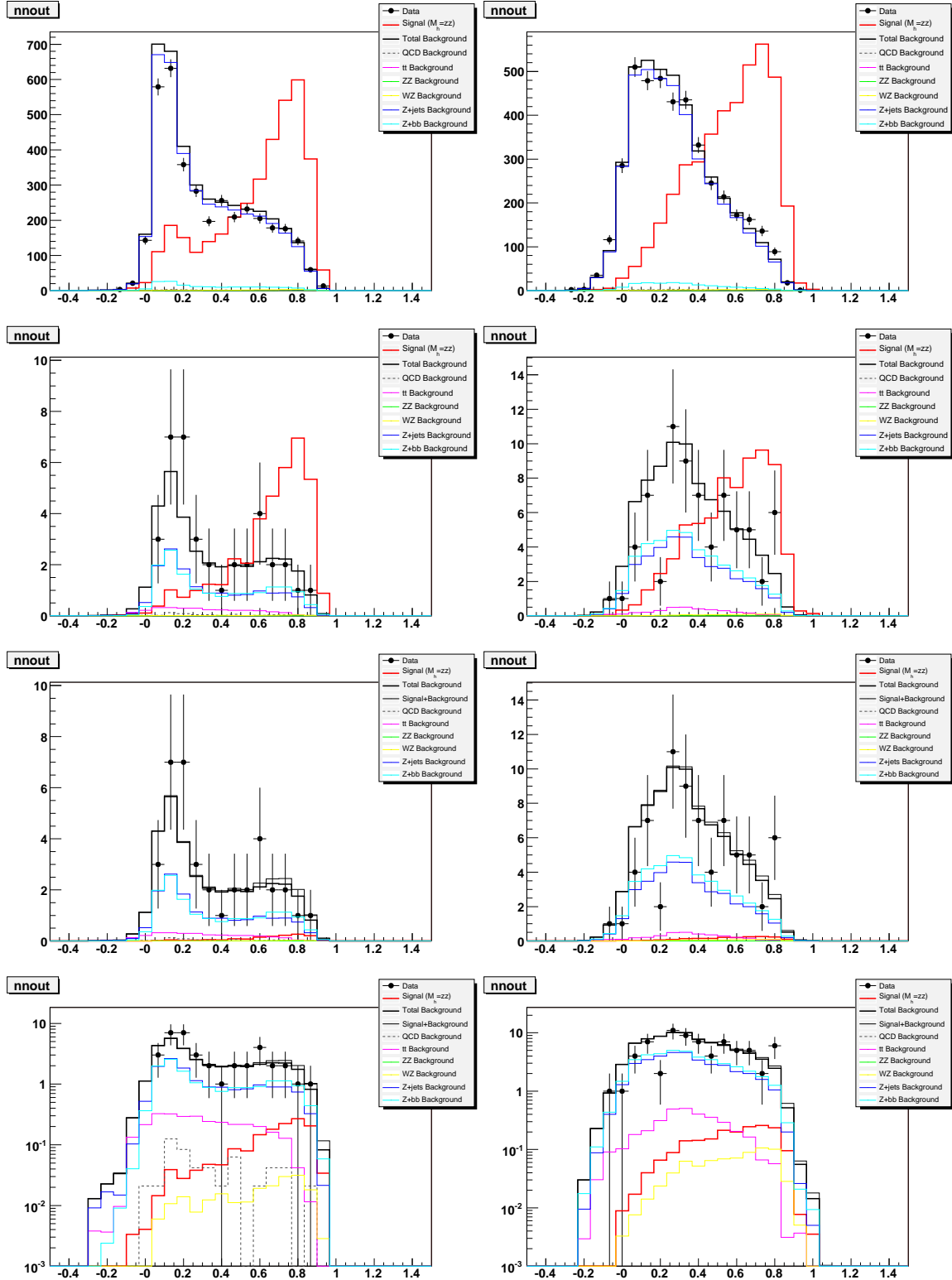


Figure 16: The NN output for ZZ in the 2L (left) and 1T (right) channels: before b-tagging with signal scaled to background (top), after b-tagging with signal scaled to background (middle), and after b-tagging with signal scaled according to its expected cross section (bottom).

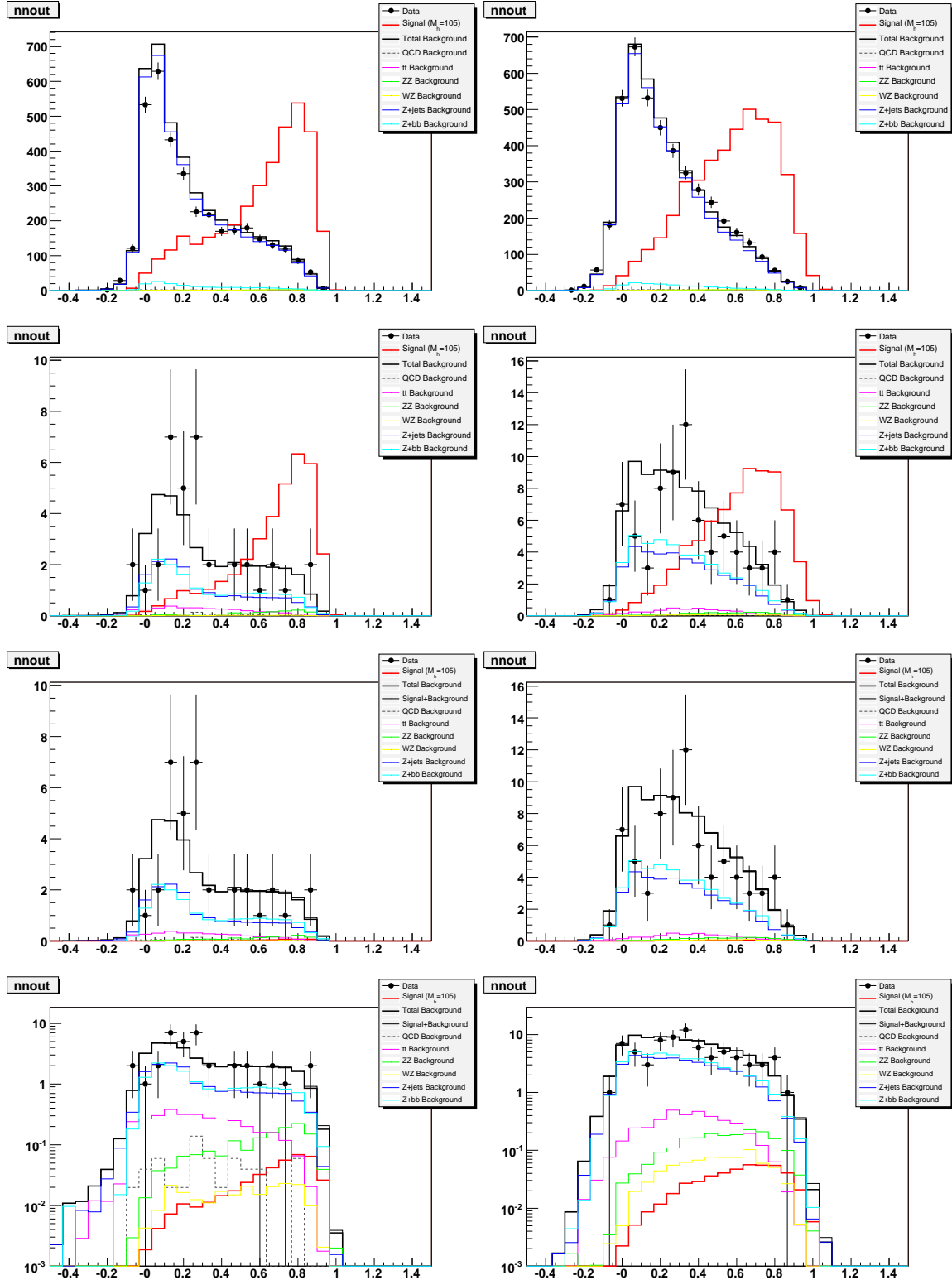


Figure 17: The NN output for ZH(105) in the 2L (left) and 1T (right) channels: before b-tagging with signal scaled to background (top), after b-tagging with signal scaled to background (middle), and after b-tagging with signal scaled according to its expected cross section (bottom).

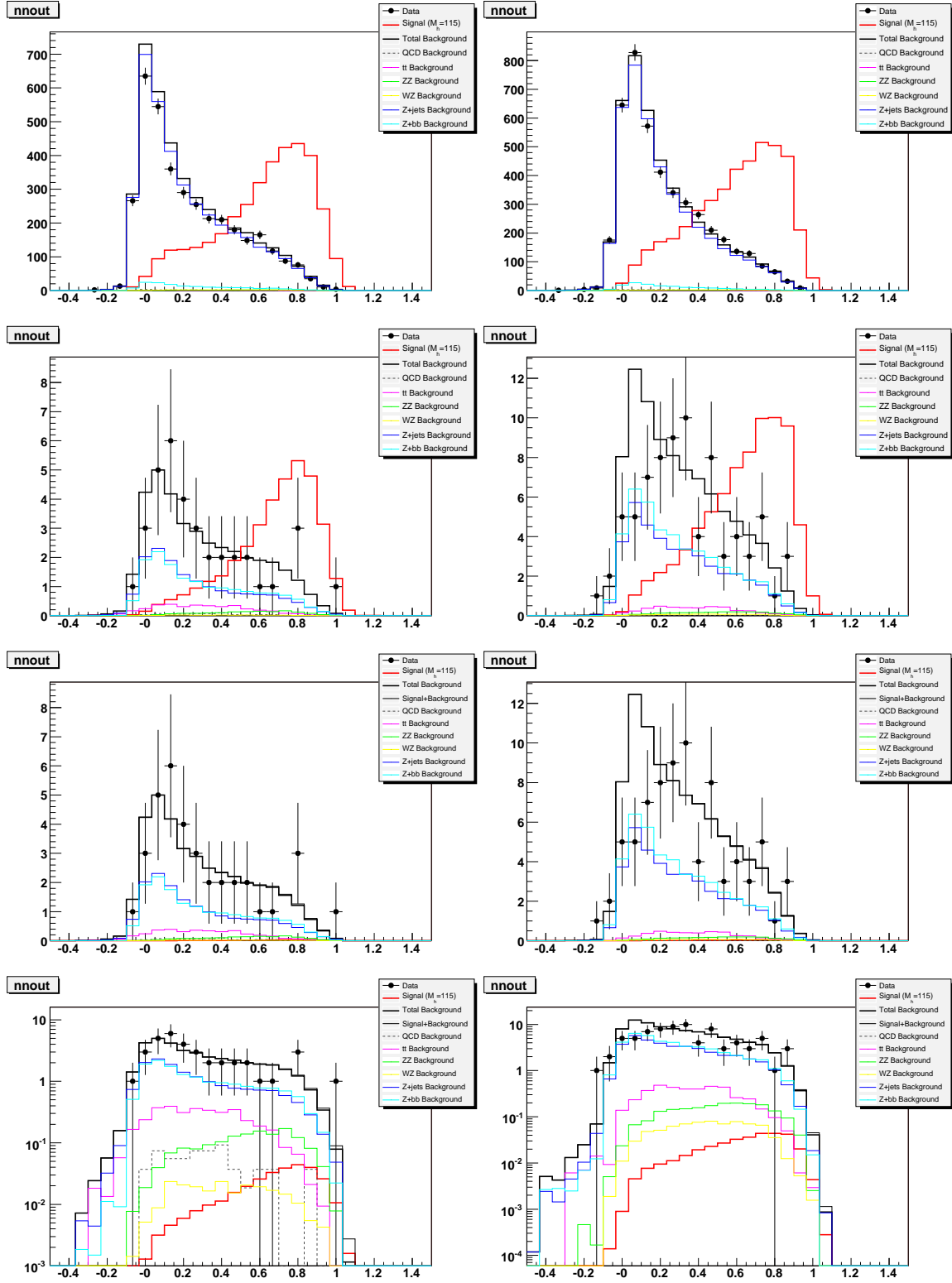


Figure 18: The NN output for ZH(115) in the 2L (left) and 1T (right) channels: before b-tagging with signal scaled to background (top), after b-tagging with signal scaled to background (middle), and after b-tagging with signal scaled according to its expected cross section (bottom).

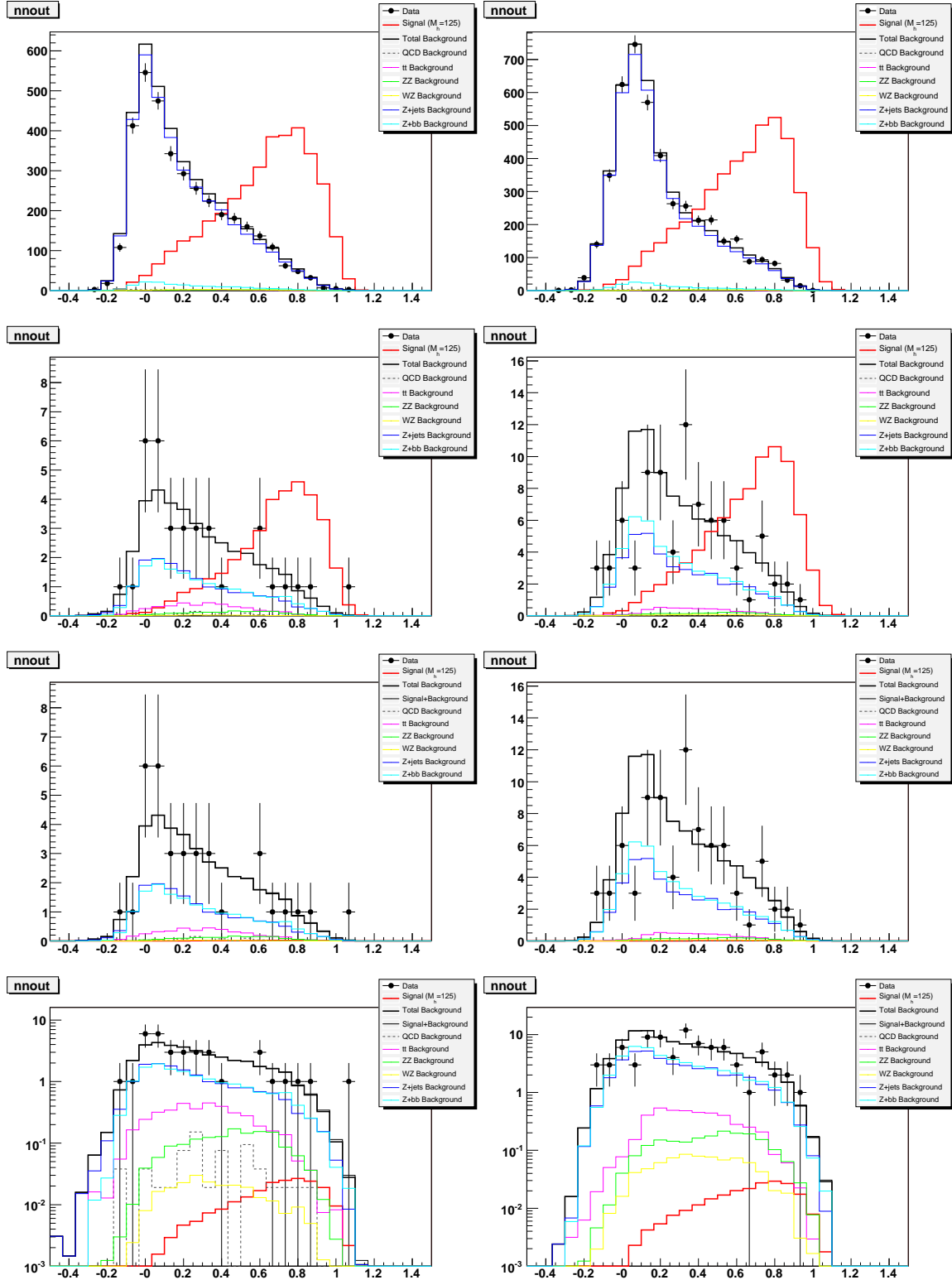


Figure 19: The NN output for ZH(125) in the 2L (left) and 1T (right) channels: before b-tagging with signal scaled to background (top), after b-tagging with signal scaled to background (middle), and after b-tagging with signal scaled according to its expected cross section (bottom).

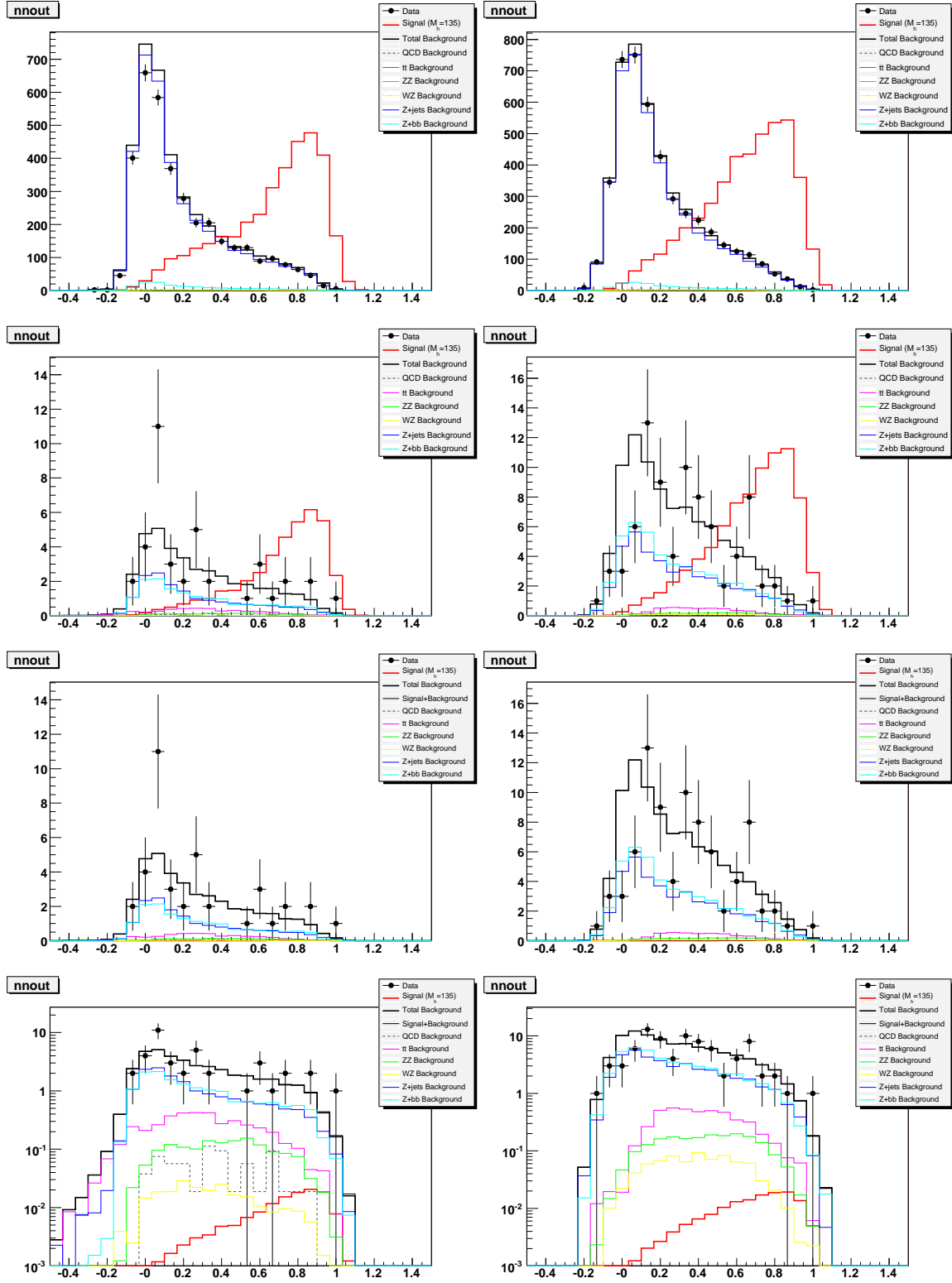


Figure 20: The NN output for ZH(135) in the 2L (left) and 1T (right) channels: before b-tagging with signal scaled to background (top), after b-tagging with signal scaled to background (middle), and after b-tagging with signal scaled according to its expected cross section (bottom).

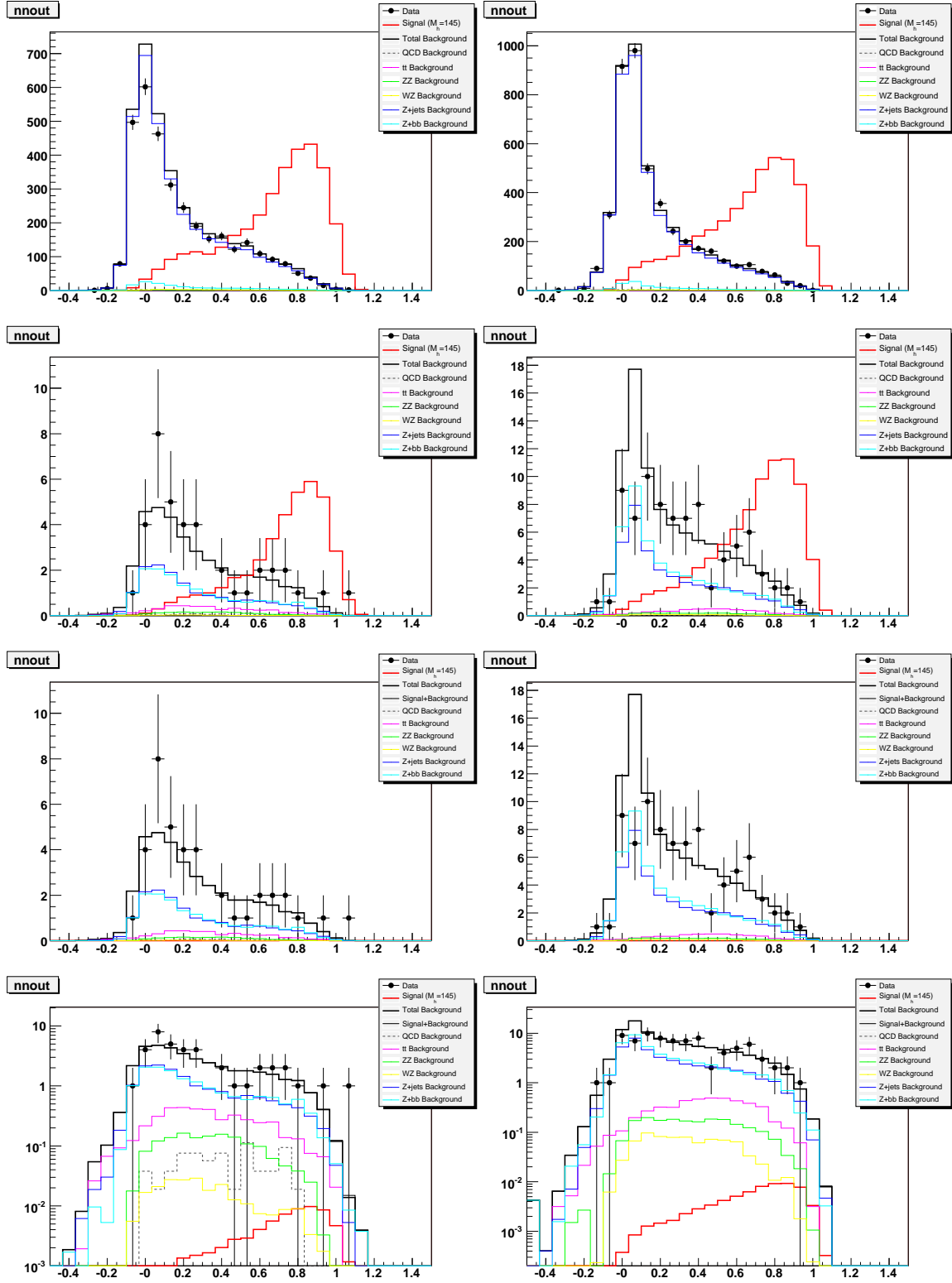


Figure 21: The NN output for ZH(145) in the 2L (left) and 1T (right) channels: before b-tagging with signal scaled to background (top), after b-tagging with signal scaled to background (middle), and after b-tagging with signal scaled according to its expected cross section (bottom).

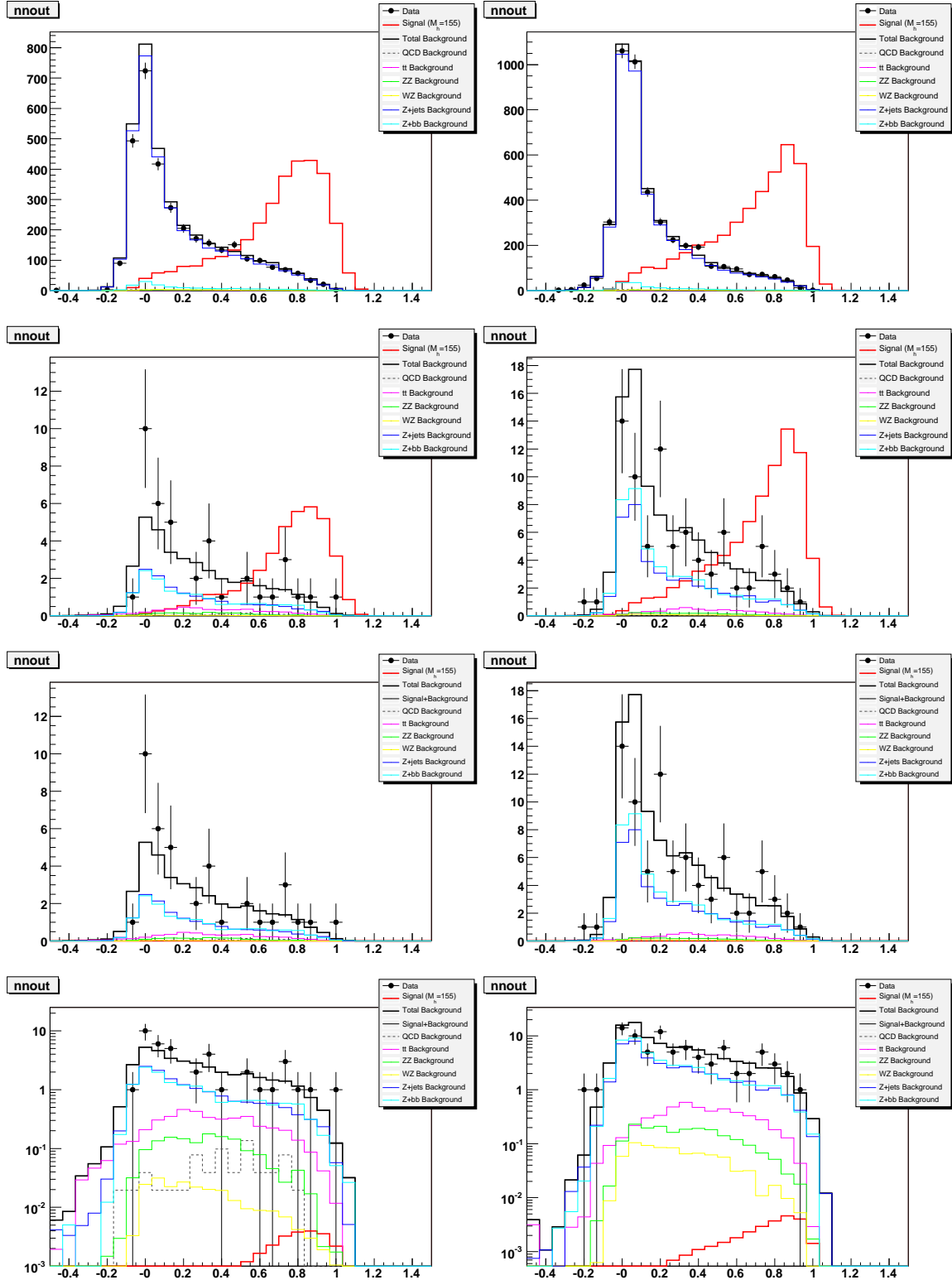


Figure 22: The NN output for ZH(155) in the 2L (left) and 1T (right) channels: before b-tagging with signal scaled to background (top), after b-tagging with signal scaled to background (middle), and after b-tagging with signal scaled according to its expected cross section (bottom).

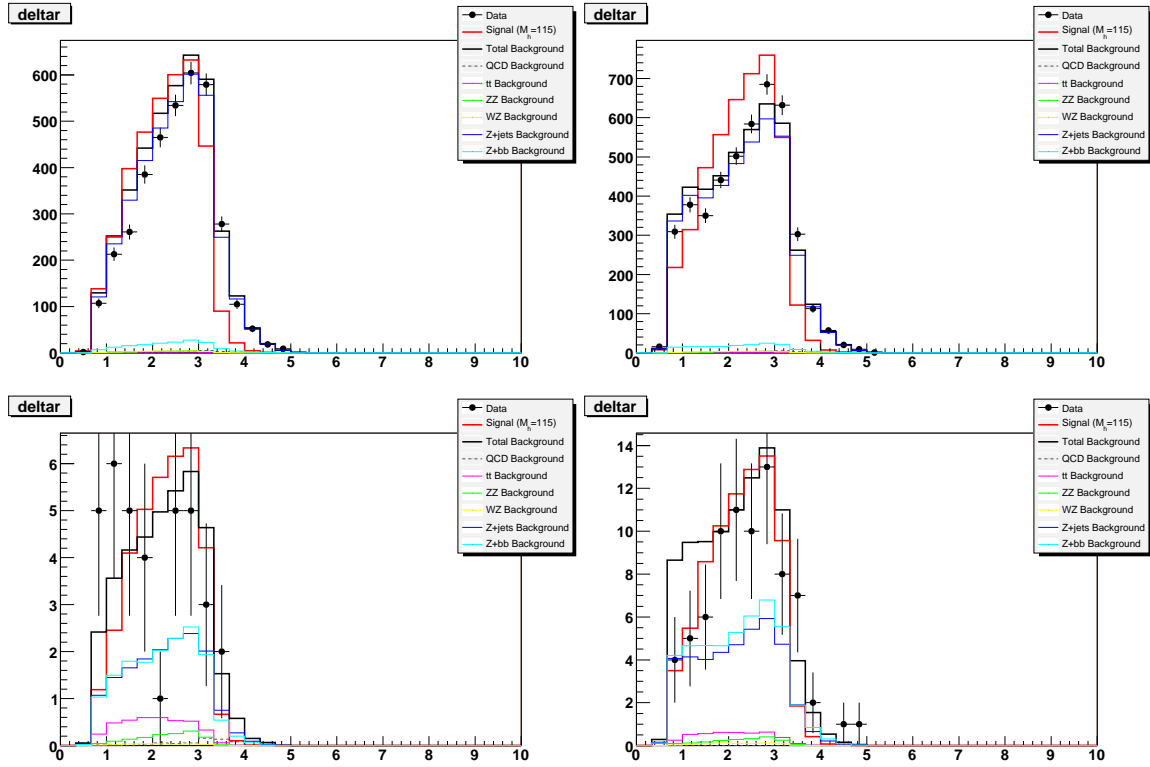


Figure 23: The ΔR between the two leading p_T jets for ZH(115) in the 2L (left) and 1T (right) channels: before b-tagging with signal scaled to background (top) and after b-tagging with signal scaled to background (bottom).

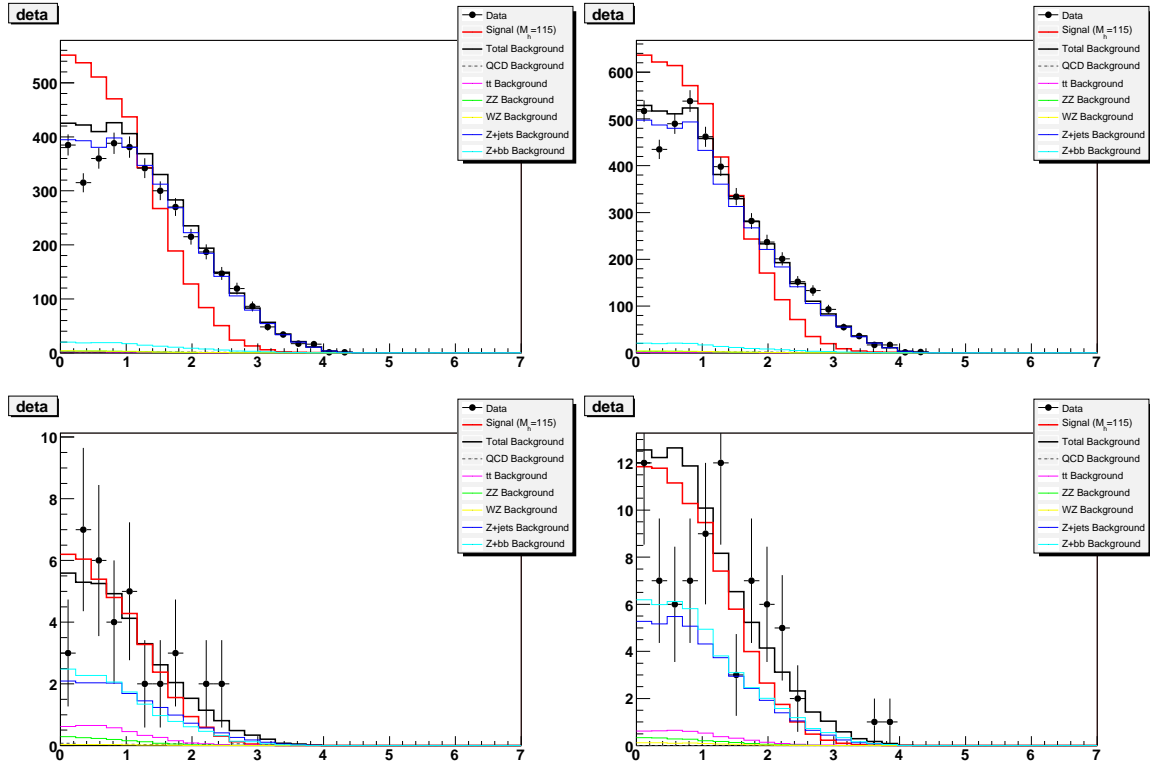


Figure 24: The absolute value of the $\Delta\eta$ between the two leading p_T jets for $ZH(115)$ in the 2L (left) and 1T (right) channels: before b-tagging with signal scaled to background (top) and after b-tagging with signal scaled to background (bottom).

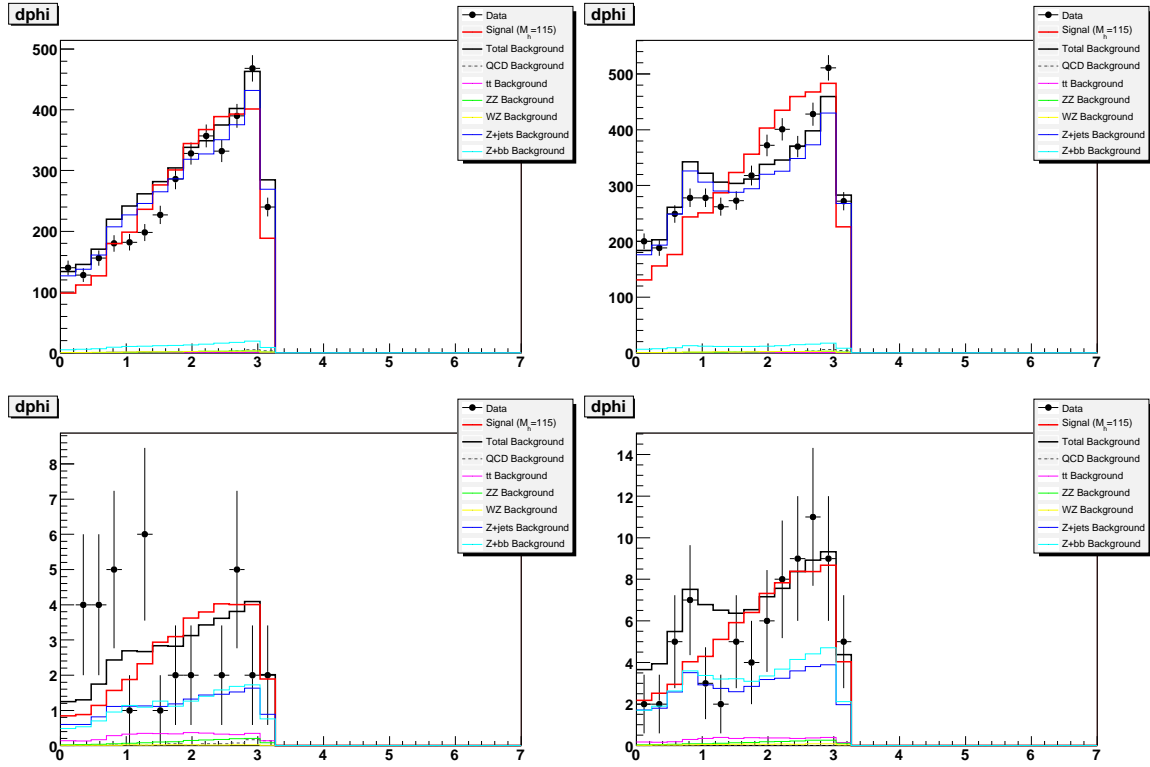


Figure 25: The absolute value of the $\Delta\phi$ between the two leading p_T jets for $ZH(115)$ in the 2L (left) and 1T (right) channels: before b-tagging with signal scaled to background (top) and after b-tagging with signal scaled to background (bottom).

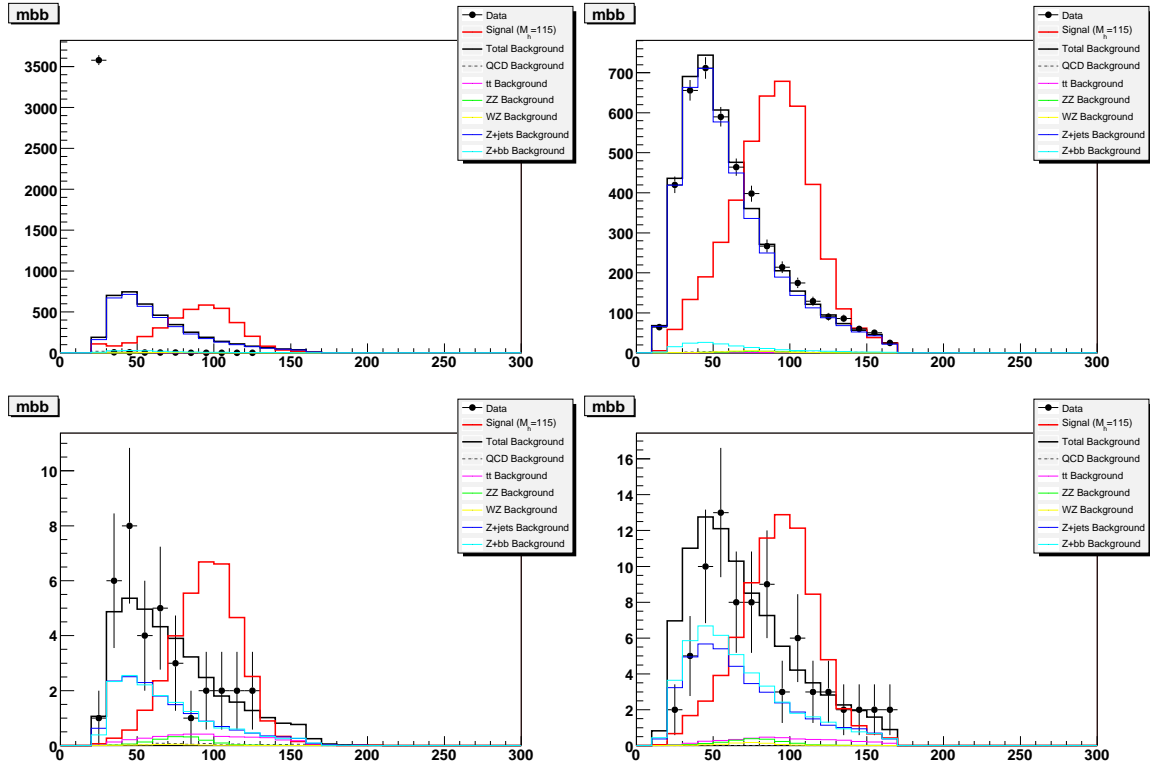


Figure 26: The invariant mass of two b-tagged jets for $ZH(115)$ in the 2L (left) and 1T (right) channels: before b-tagging with signal scaled to background (top) and after b-tagging with signal scaled to background (bottom).

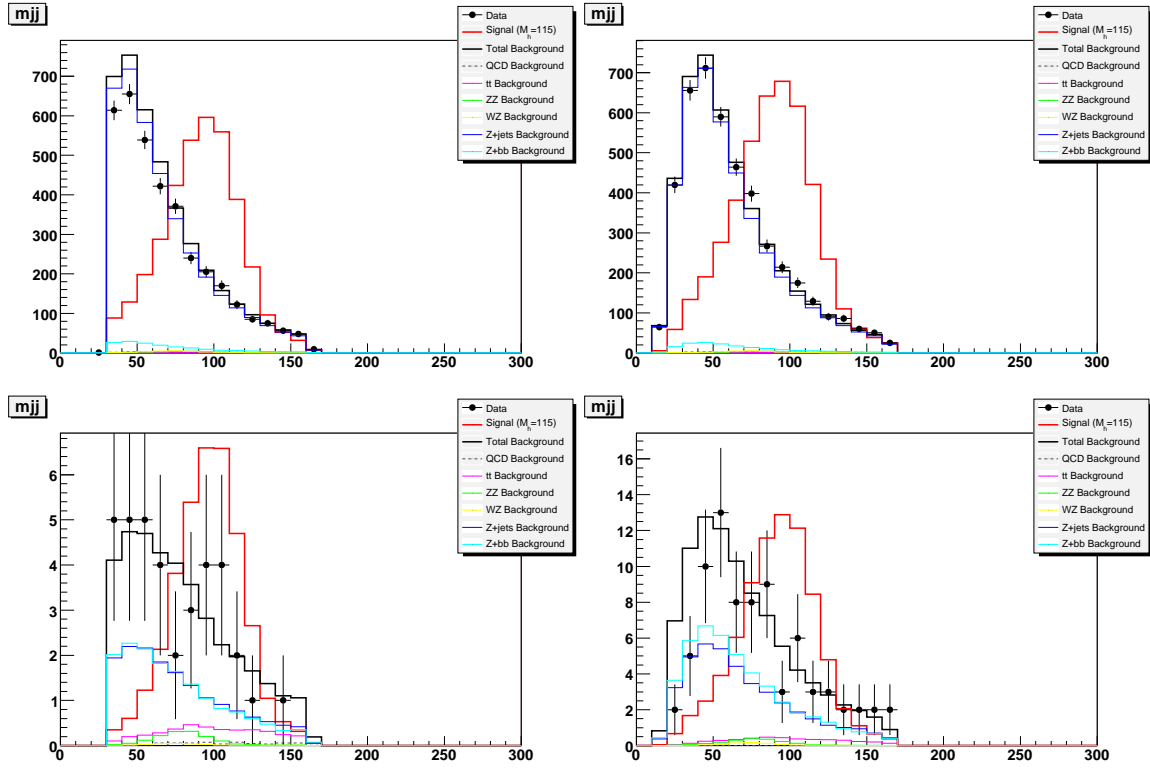


Figure 27: The invariant mass of the two leading p_T jets for $ZH(115)$ in the 2L (left) and 1T (right) channels: before b-tagging with signal scaled to background (top) and after b-tagging with signal scaled to background (bottom).

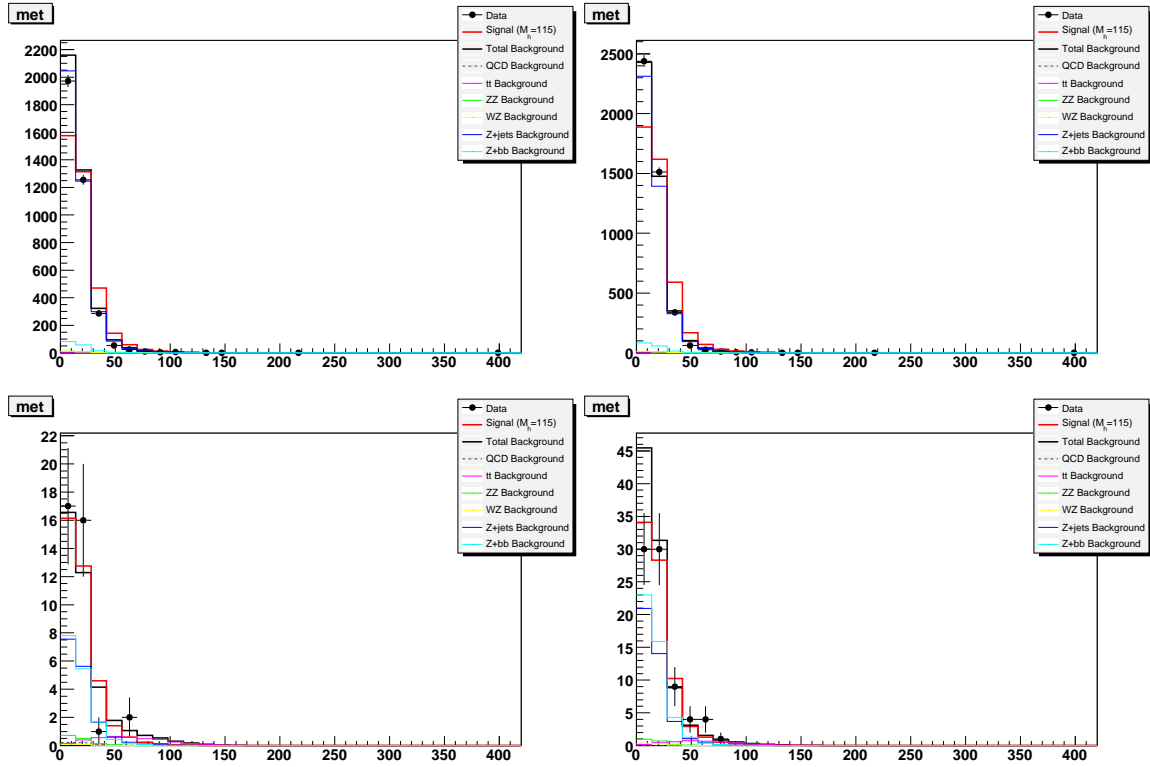


Figure 28: The E_T^{miss} for ZH(115) in the 2L (left) and 1T (right) channels: before b-tagging with signal scaled to background (top) and after b-tagging with signal scaled to background (bottom).

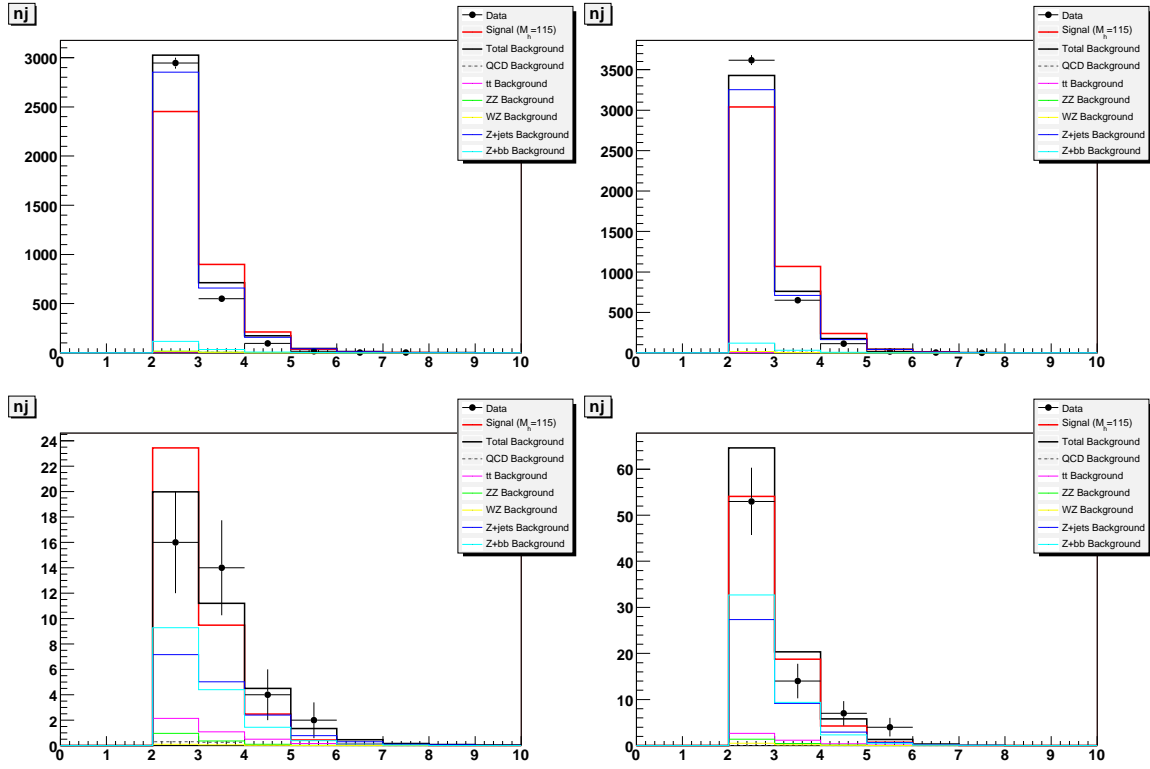


Figure 29: The number of jets (with $p_T > 15$ GeV) for ZH(115) in the 2L (left) and 1T (right) channels: before b-tagging with signal scaled to background (top) and after b-tagging with signal scaled to background (bottom).

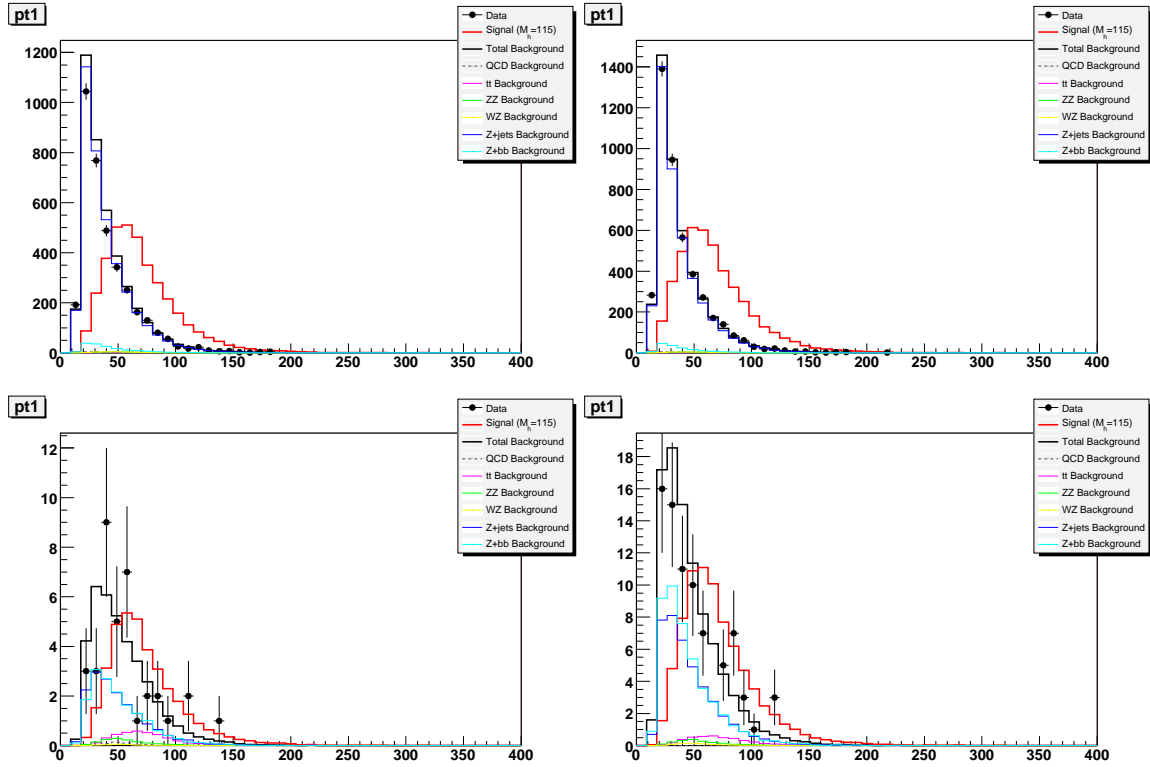


Figure 30: The p_T of the leading p_T jet for ZH(115) in the 2L (left) and 1T (right) channels: before b-tagging with signal scaled to background (top) and after b-tagging with signal scaled to background (bottom).

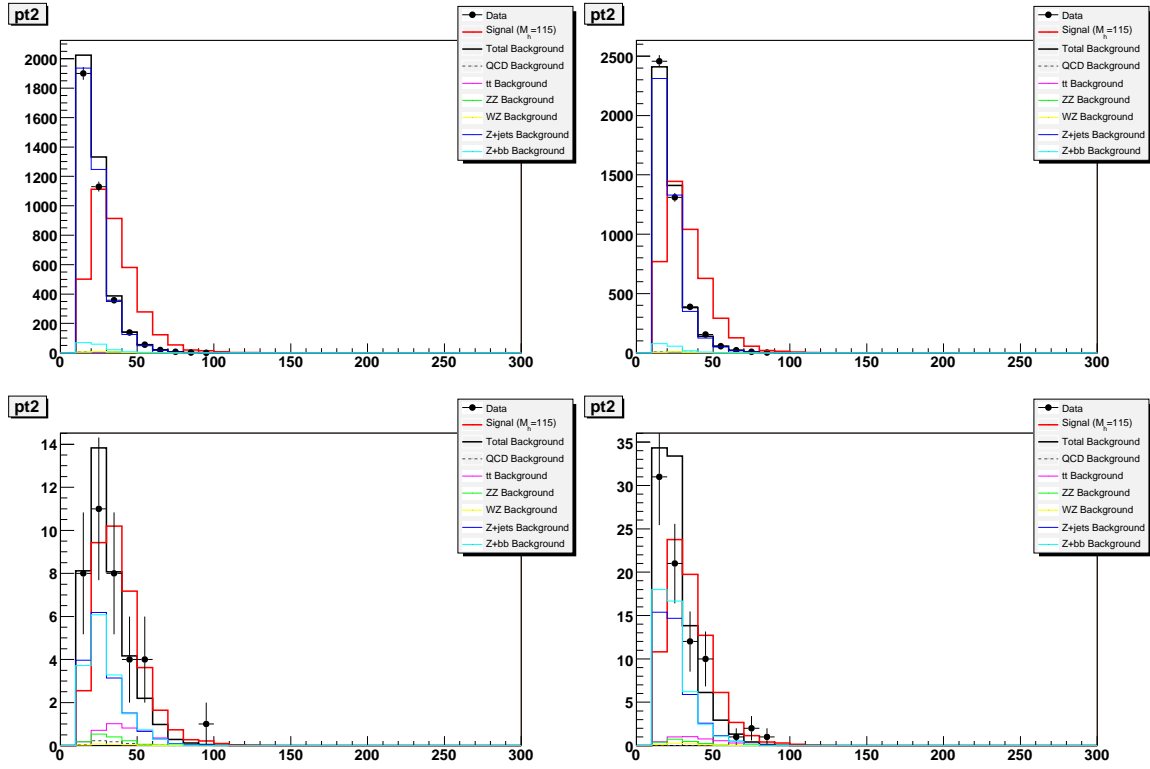


Figure 31: The p_T of the second-leading p_T jet for ZH(115) in the 2L (left) and 1T (right) channels: before b-tagging with signal scaled to background (top) and after b-tagging with signal scaled to background (bottom).

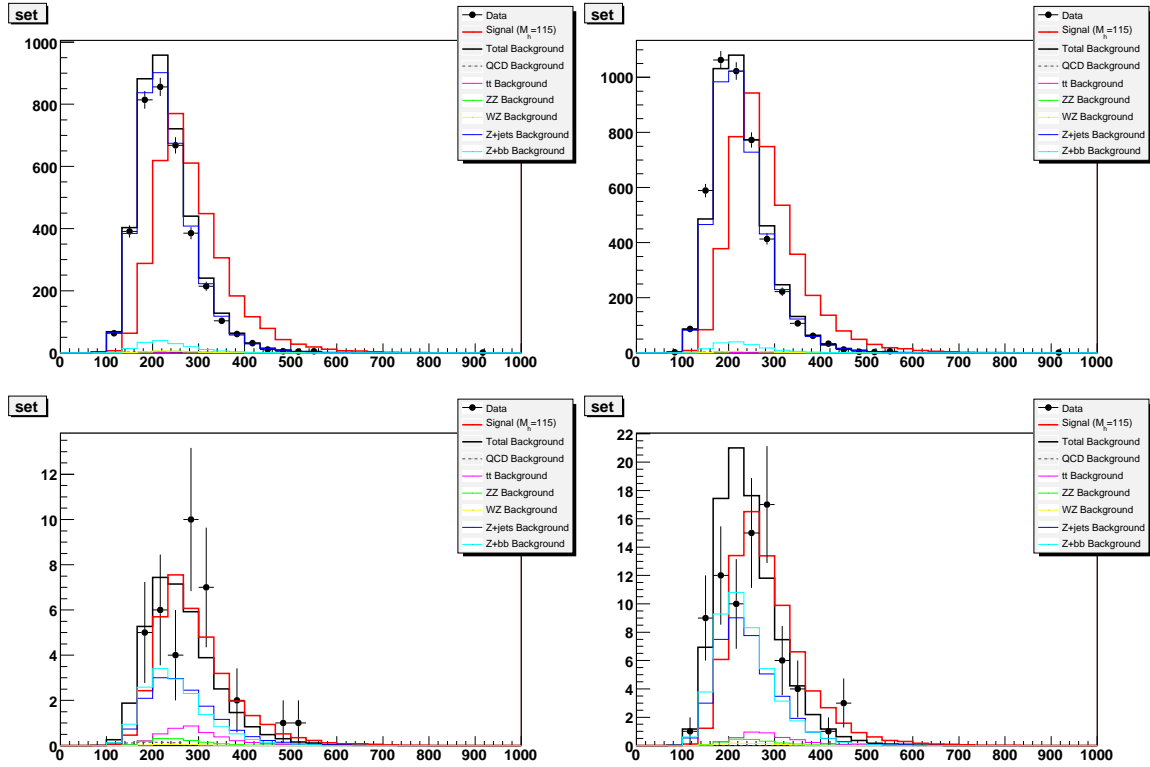


Figure 32: The scalar E_T for ZH(115) in the 2L (left) and 1T (right) channels: before b-tagging with signal scaled to background (top) and after b-tagging with signal scaled to background (bottom).

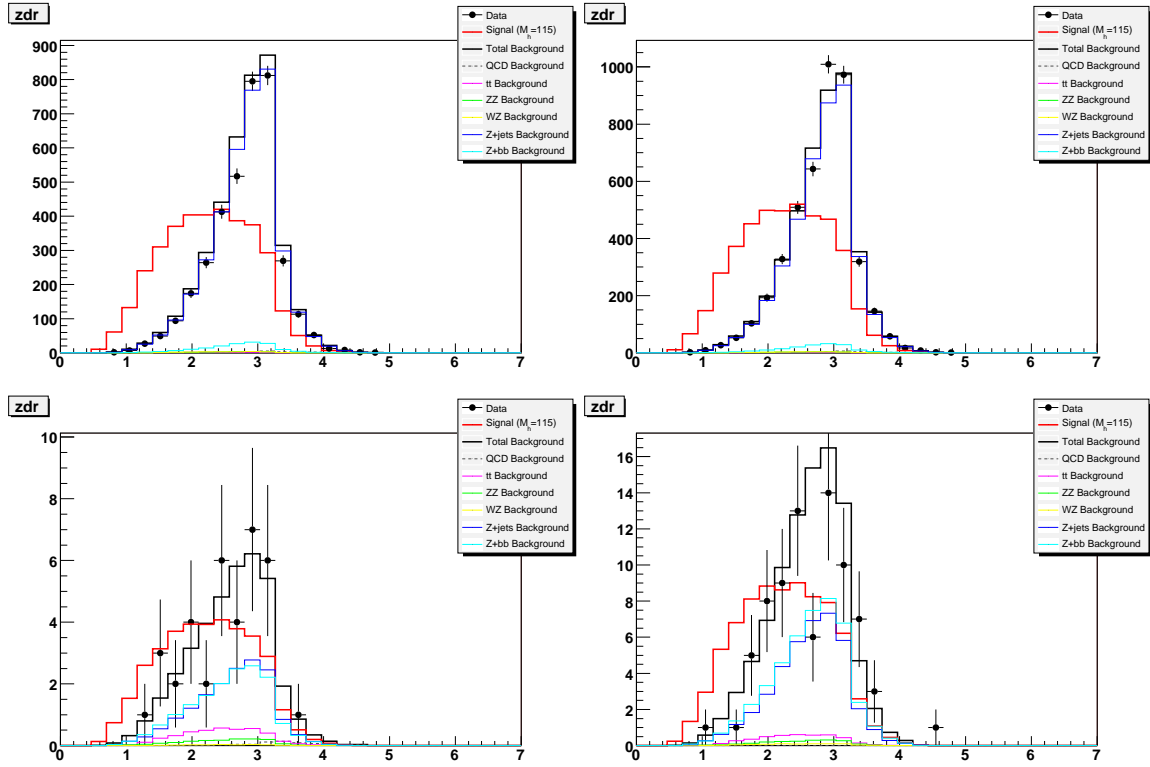


Figure 33: The ΔR between the two muons of the Z candidate for ZH(115) in the 2L (left) and 1T (right) channels: before b-tagging with signal scaled to background (top) and after b-tagging with signal scaled to background (bottom).

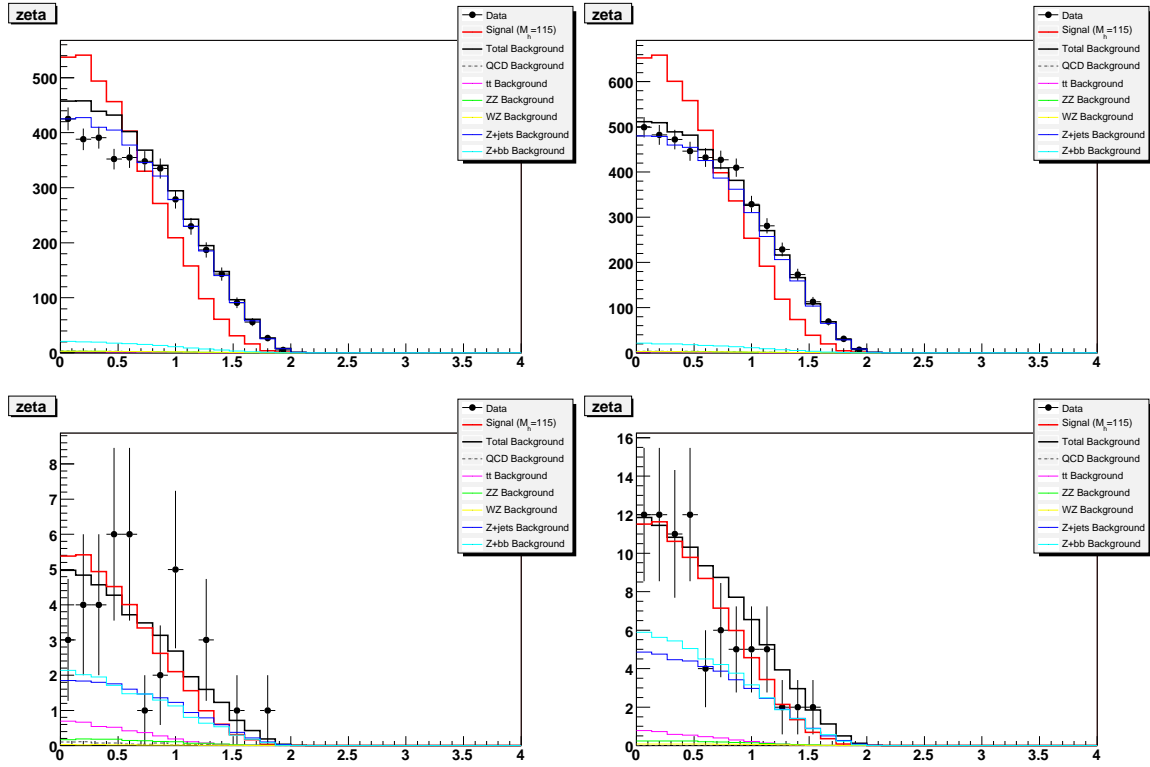


Figure 34: The $|\eta|$ of the Z candidate for ZH(115) in the 2L (left) and 1T (right) channels: before b-tagging with signal scaled to background (top) and after b-tagging with signal scaled to background (bottom).

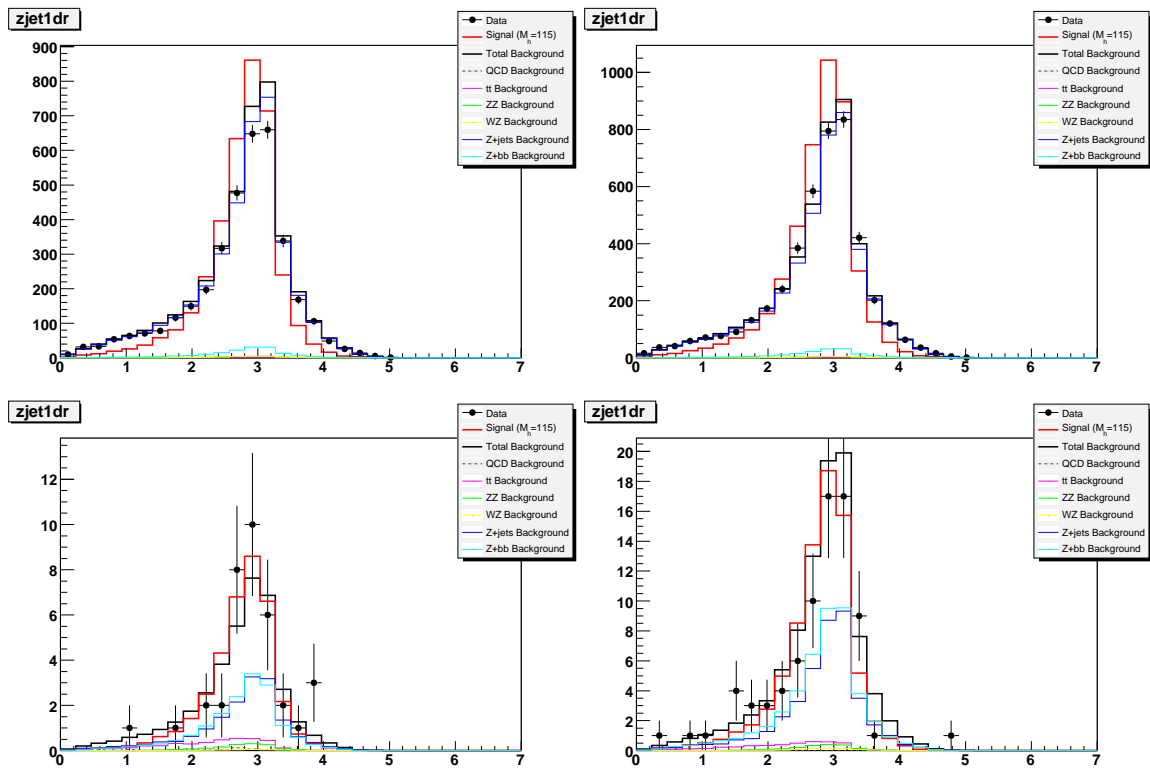


Figure 35: The ΔR between the Z candidate and the leading p_T jet for $ZH(115)$ in the 2L (left) and 1T (right) channels: before b-tagging with signal scaled to background (top) and after b-tagging with signal scaled to background (bottom).

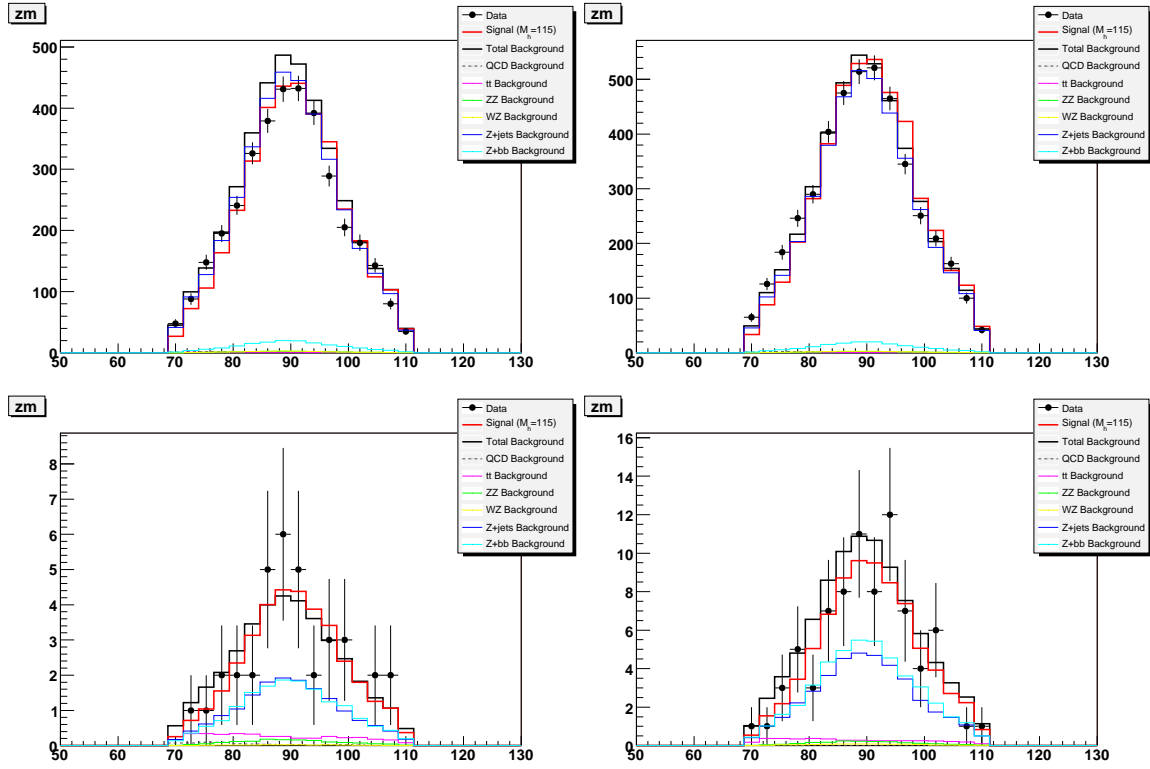


Figure 36: The mass of the Z candidate for $ZH(115)$ in the 2L (left) and 1T (right) channels: before b-tagging with signal scaled to background (top) and after b-tagging with signal scaled to background (bottom).

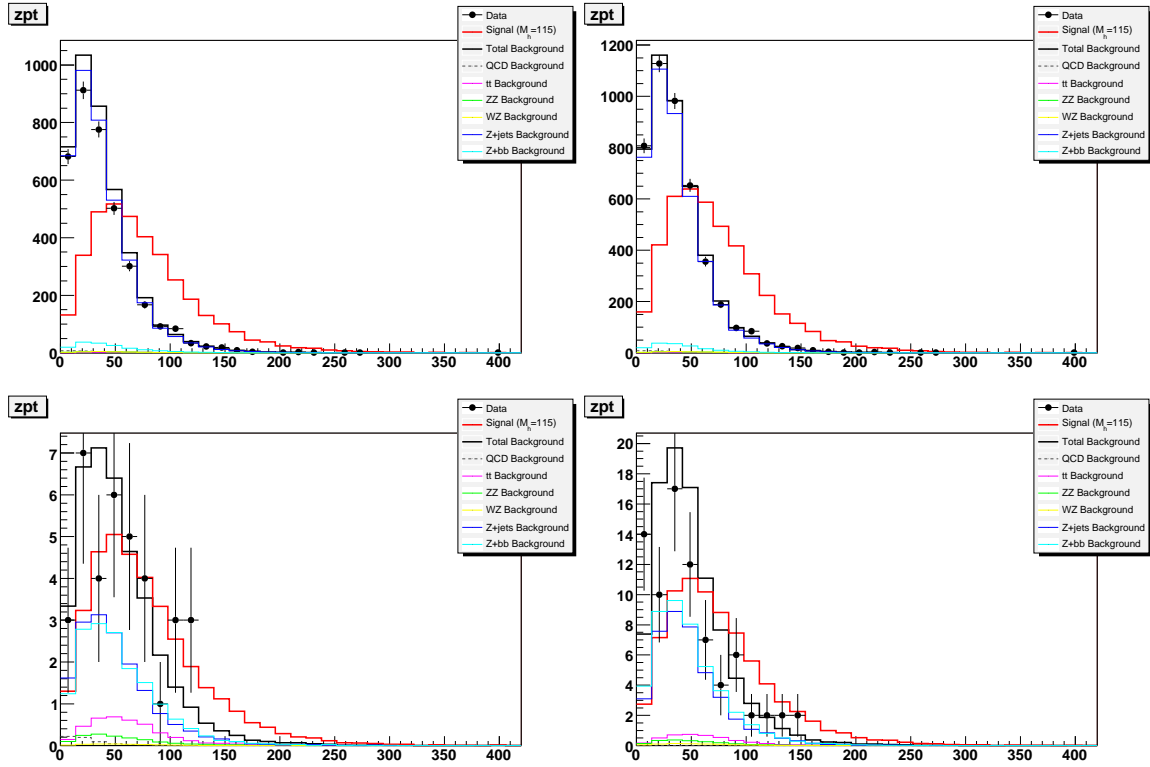


Figure 37: The ΔR between the two leading p_T jets for ZH(115) in the 2L (left) and 1T (right) channels: before b-tagging with signal scaled to background (top) and after b-tagging with signal scaled to background (bottom).

8 Results Using NN Event Selection

These limits are still a factor of about 50 larger than the SM cross-section, at a Higgs mass of 115 GeV. However, this is just one channel, from one experiment, with about 10% of the final Run II integrated luminosity. And many further analysis improvements are still to be included, such as improved di-jet mass resolution, and optimization of b-tagging including the new silicon layer 0. We're still hopeful to discover a light SM Higgs boson by the end of Run II.

9 Extra Plots

Here are lots of extra plots showing the comparison between data and MC. As in previous plots, colors for the backgrounds from MC: blue is Z+Xlp, light blue is Z+2b, light green is ZZ, yellow is WZ, magenta is $t\bar{t}$, and red is Higgs signal for $m_h=115$ GeV. QCD, from non-isolated muon data, is shown as a dashed grey line. The data are shown as circles, with Poisson uncertainties. The total background (including QCD) is the black histogram.

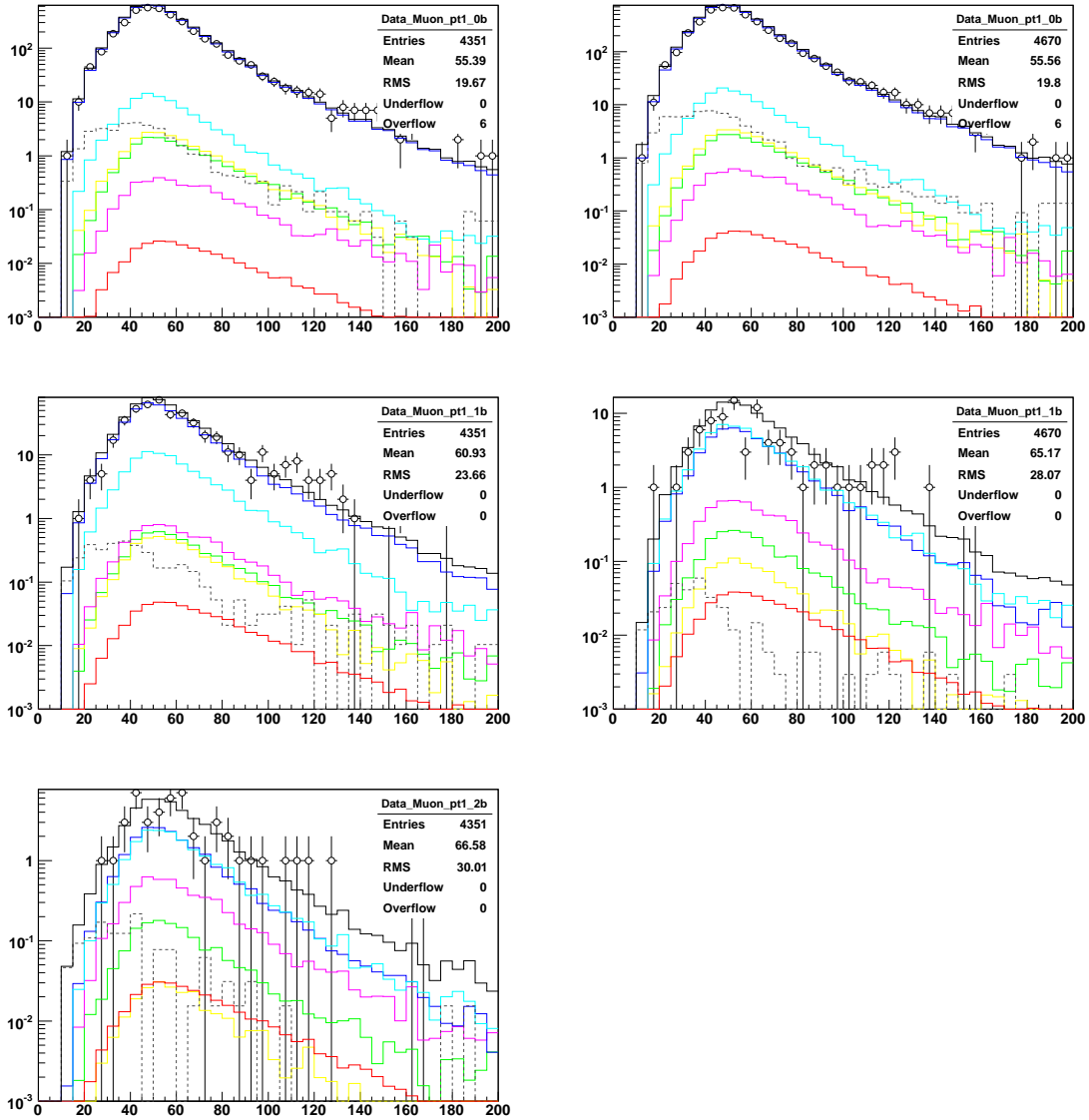


Figure 38: The leading muon p_T in events with 0, 1, and ≥ 2 L4 b-tags (left) and 0, 1 VERYTIGHT b-tags but not 2 or more L4 b-tags (right).

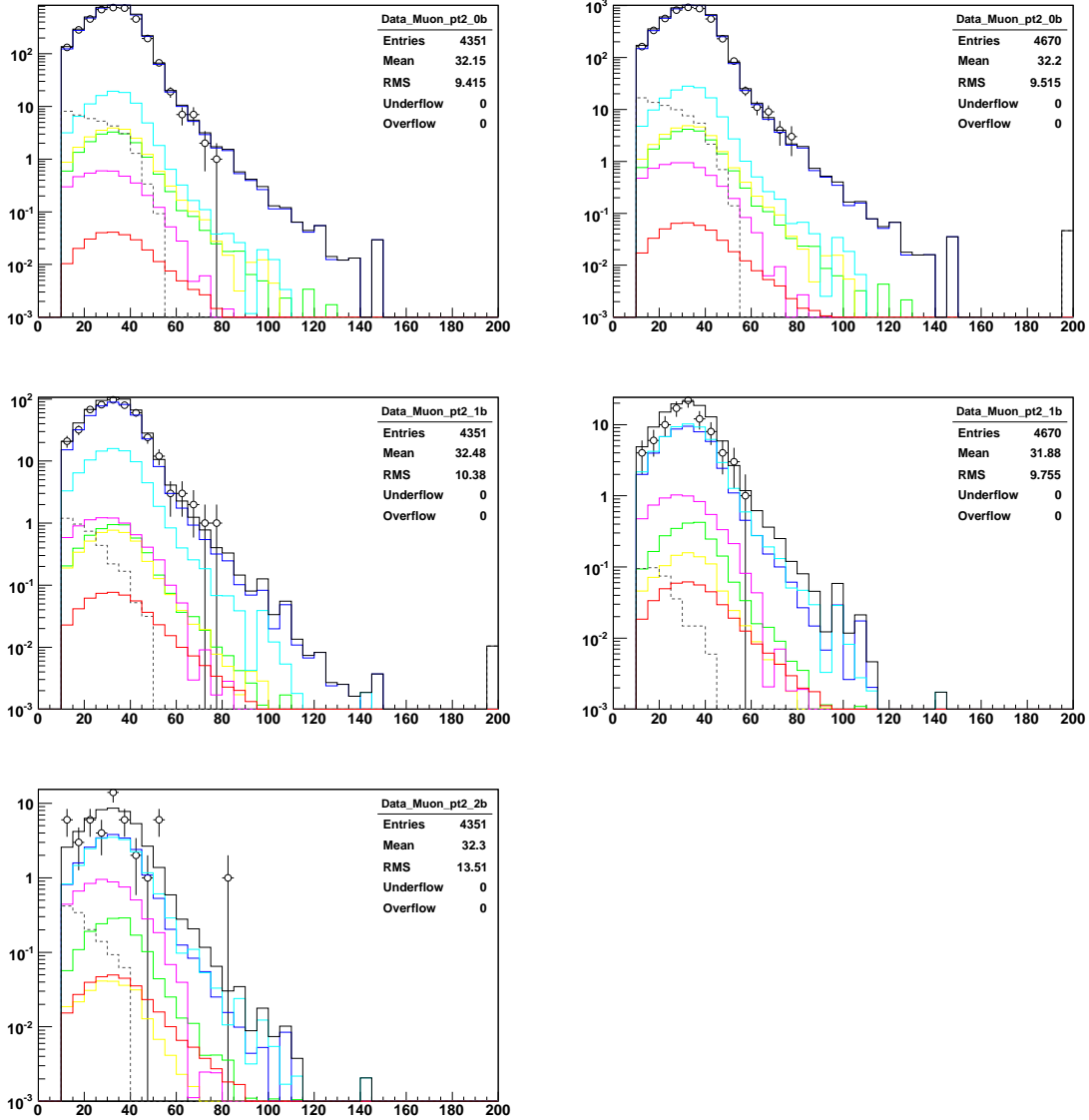


Figure 39: The second-leading muon p_T in events with 0, 1, and ≥ 2 L4 b-tags (left) and 0, 1 VERYTIGHT b-tags but not 2 or more L4 b-tags (right).

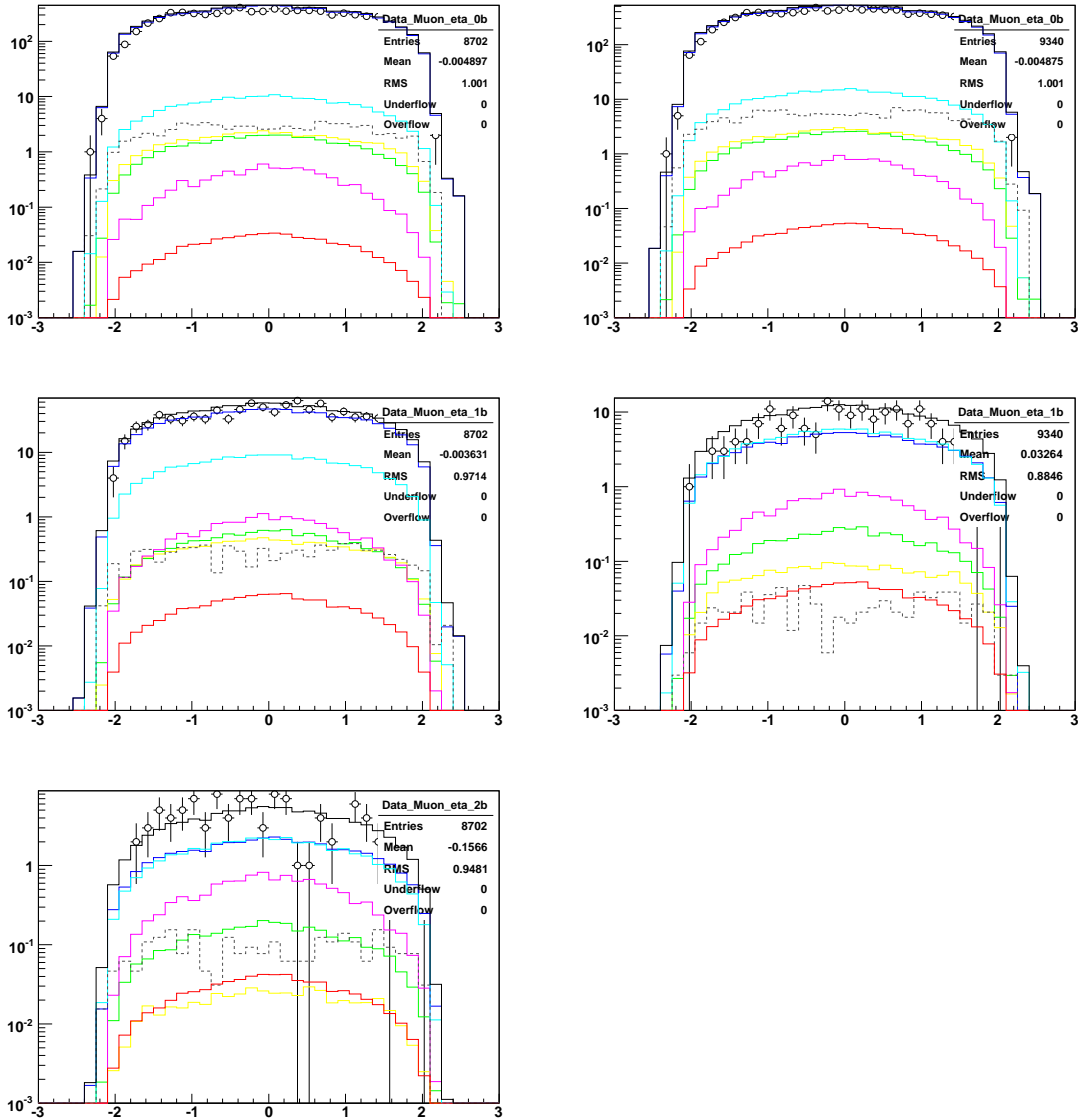


Figure 40: The η of the leading two p_T muons in events with 0, 1, and ≥ 2 L4 b-tags (left) and 0, 1 VERYTIGHT b-tags but not 2 or more L4 b-tags (right).

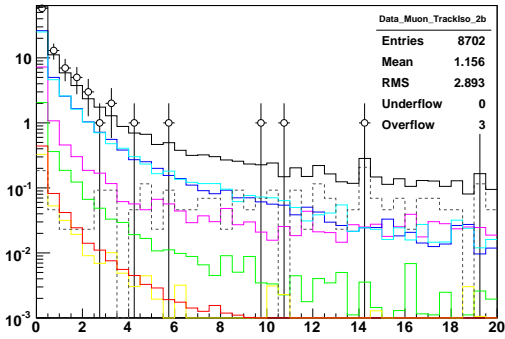
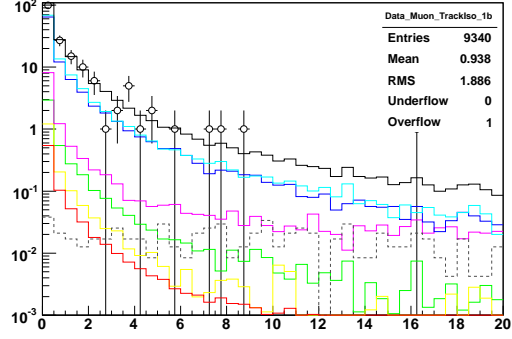
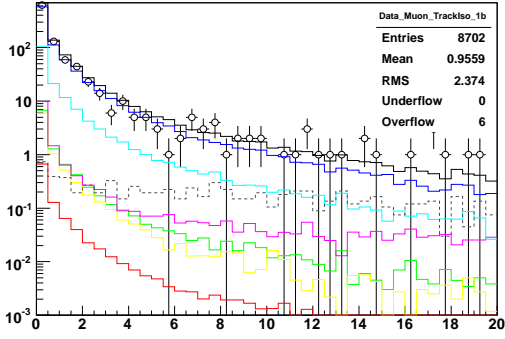
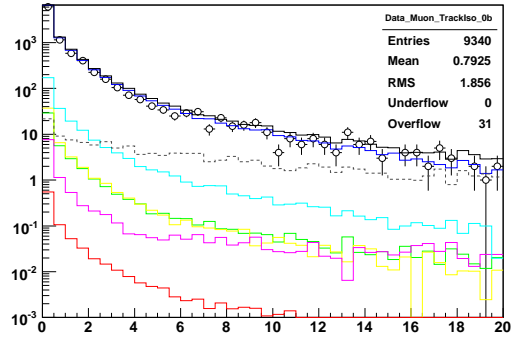
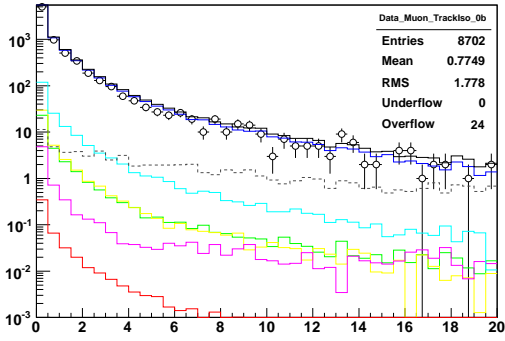


Figure 41: The Track isolation variable of the leading two p_T muons in events with 0, 1, and ≥ 2 L4 b-tags (left) and 0, 1 VERYTIGHT b-tags but not 2 or more L4 b-tags (right).

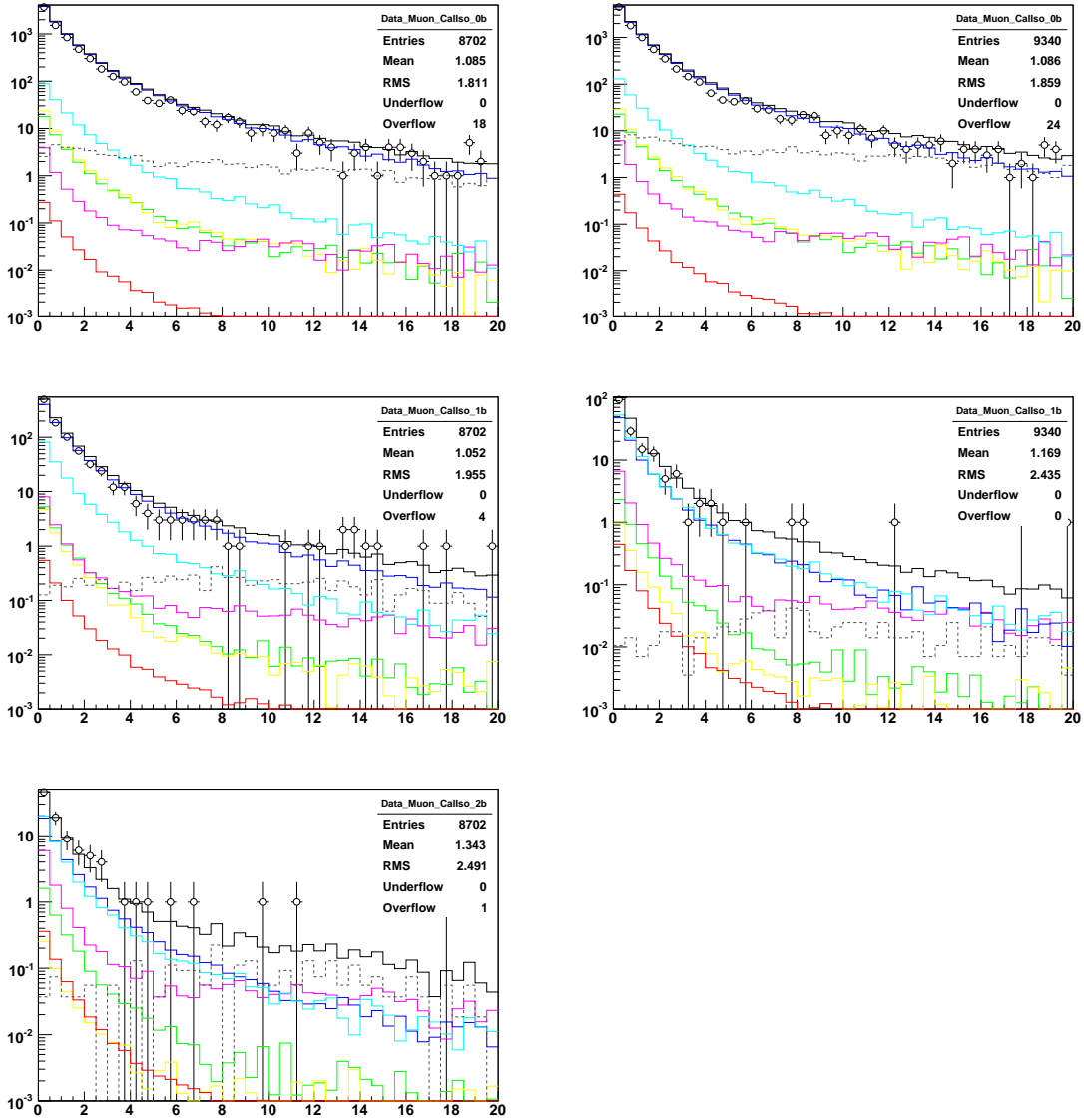


Figure 42: The Cal isolation variable of the leading two p_T muons in events with 0, 1, and ≥ 2 L4 b-tags (left) and 0, 1 VERYTIGHT b-tags but not 2 or more L4 b-tags (right).

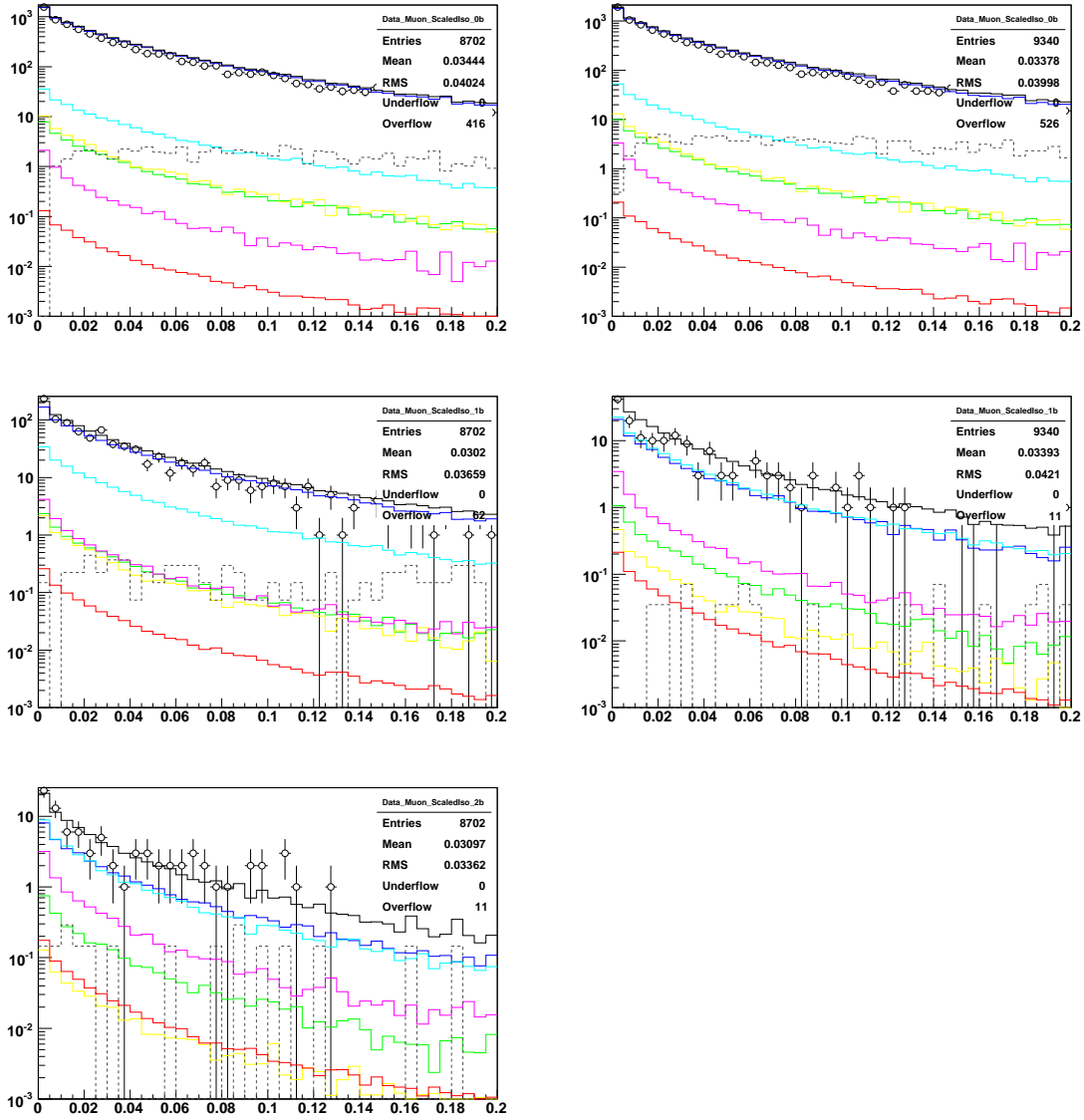


Figure 43: The Scaled isolation variable of the leading two p_T muons in events with 0, 1, and ≥ 2 L4 b-tags (left) and 0, 1 VERYTIGHT b-tags but not 2 or more L4 b-tags (right).

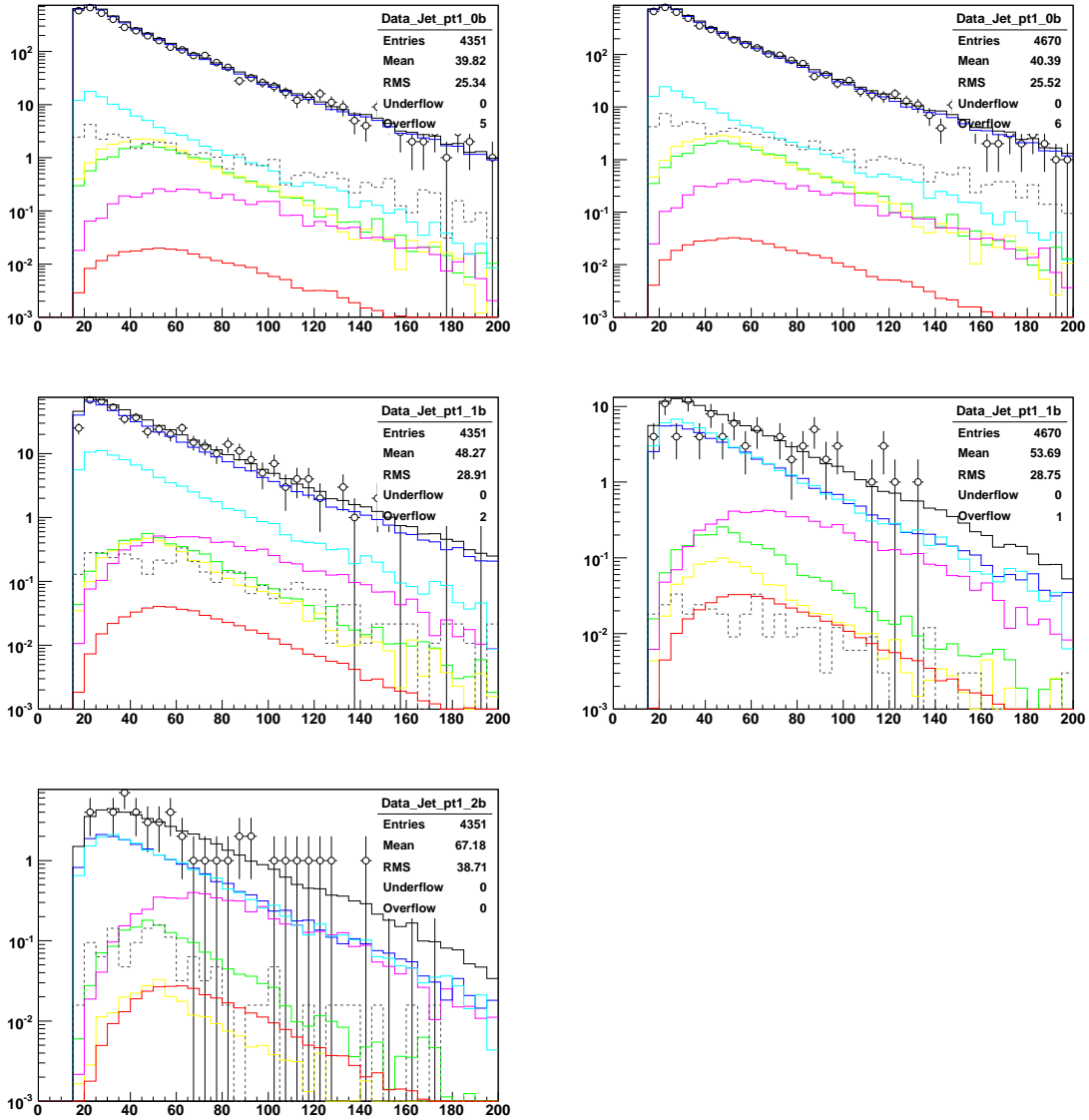


Figure 44: The leading jet p_T in events with 0, 1, and ≥ 2 L4 b-tags (left) and 0, 1 VERYTIGHT b-tags but not 2 or more L4 b-tags (right).

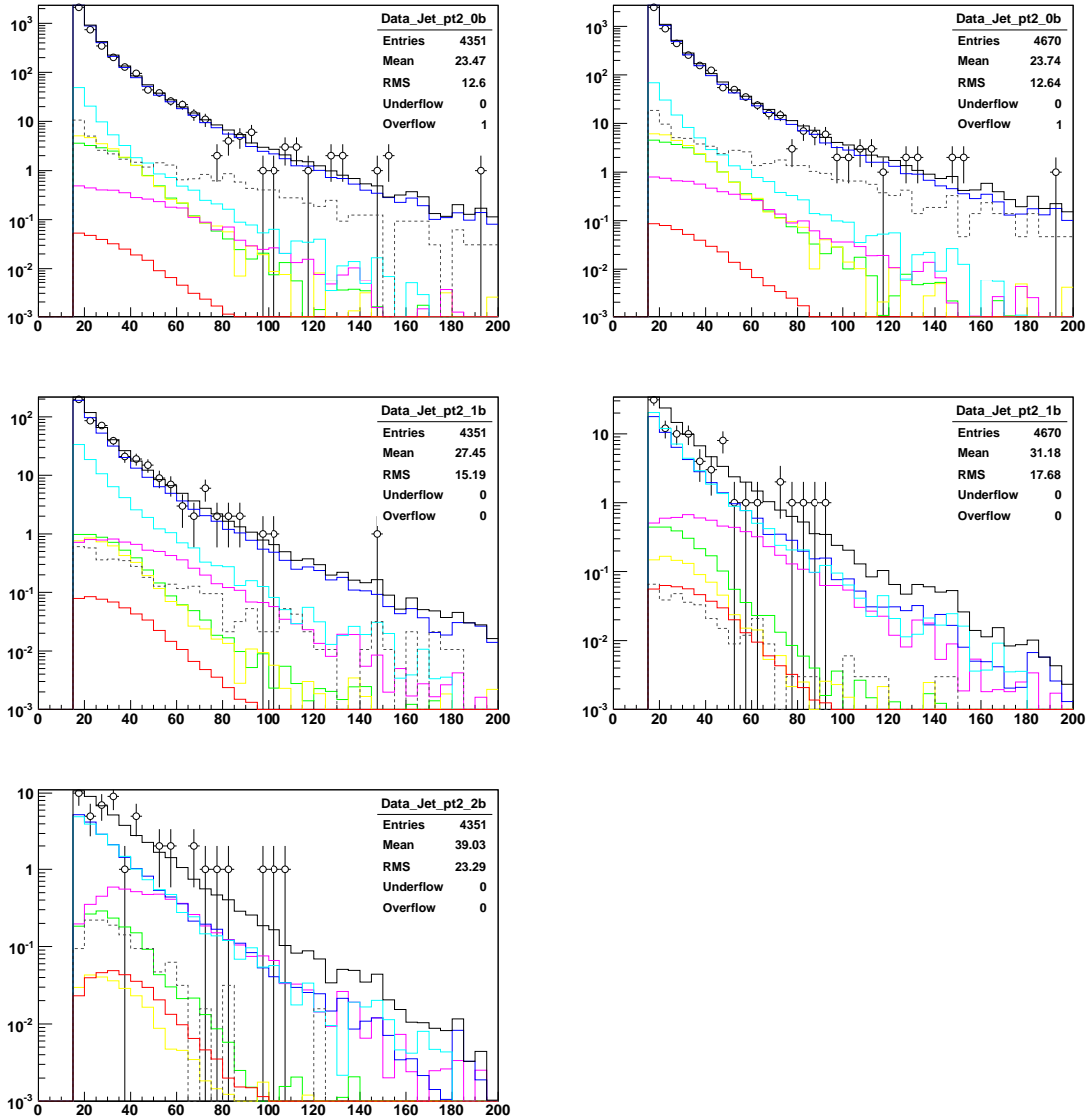


Figure 45: The second-leading jet p_T in events with 0, 1, and ≥ 2 L4 b-tags (left) and 0, 1 VERYTIGHT b-tags but not 2 or more L4 b-tags (right).

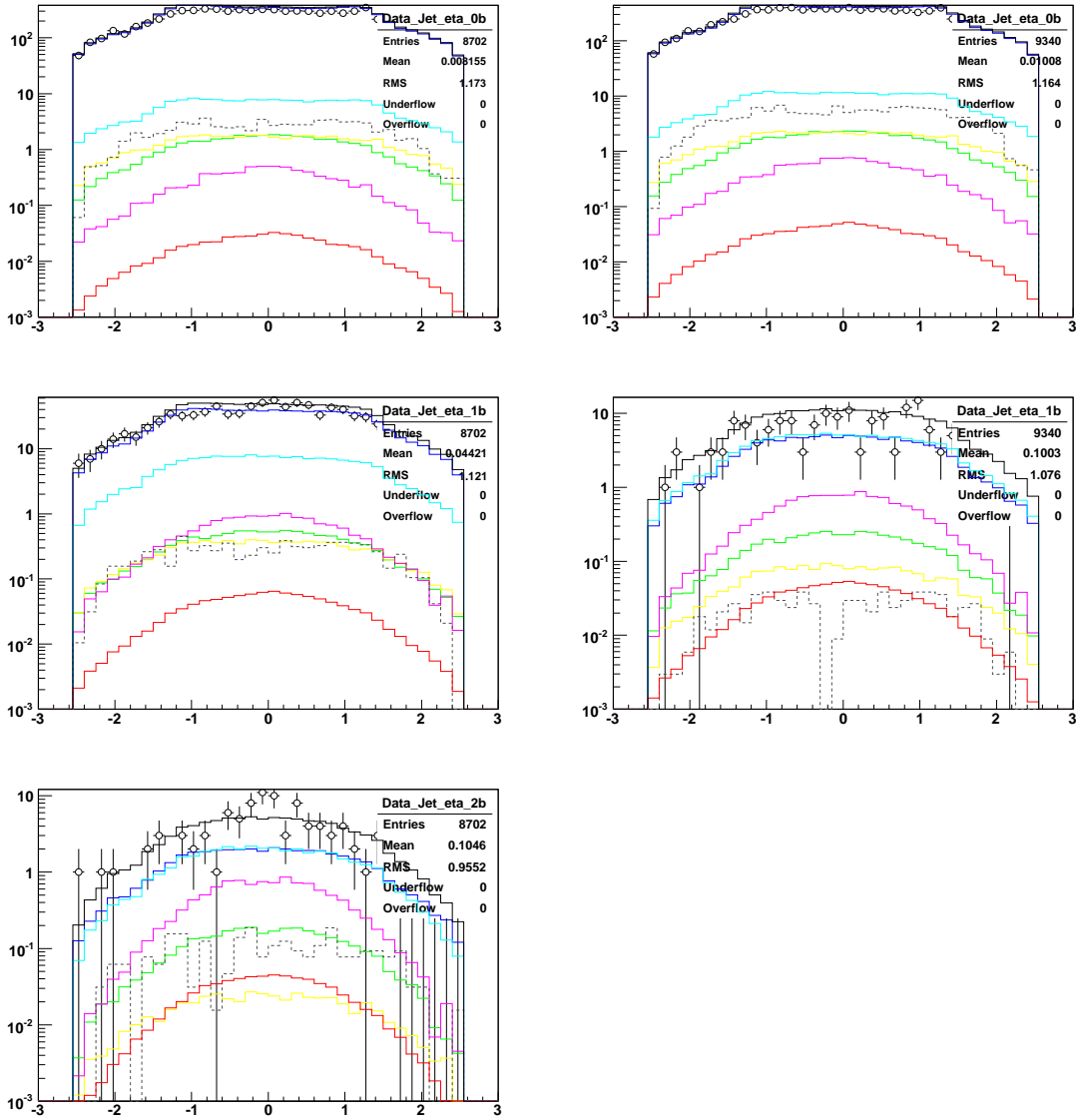


Figure 46: The η of the leading two p_T jets in events with 0, 1, and ≥ 2 L4 b-tags (left) and 0, 1 VERYTIGHT b-tags but not 2 or more L4 b-tags (right).

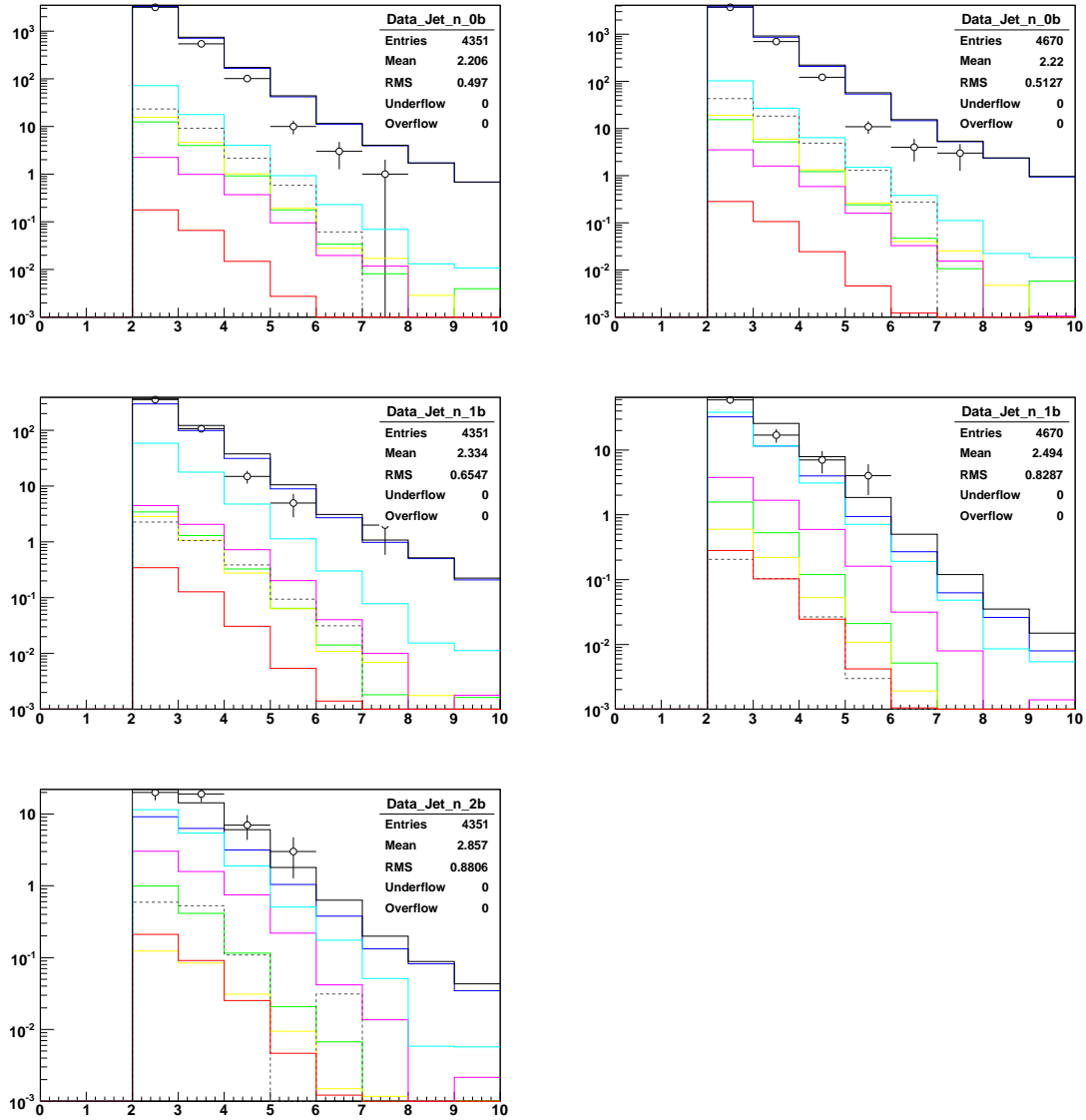


Figure 47: The jet multiplicity in events with 0, 1, and ≥ 2 L4 b-tags (left) and 0, 1 VERYTIGHT b-tags but not 2 or more L4 b-tags (right).

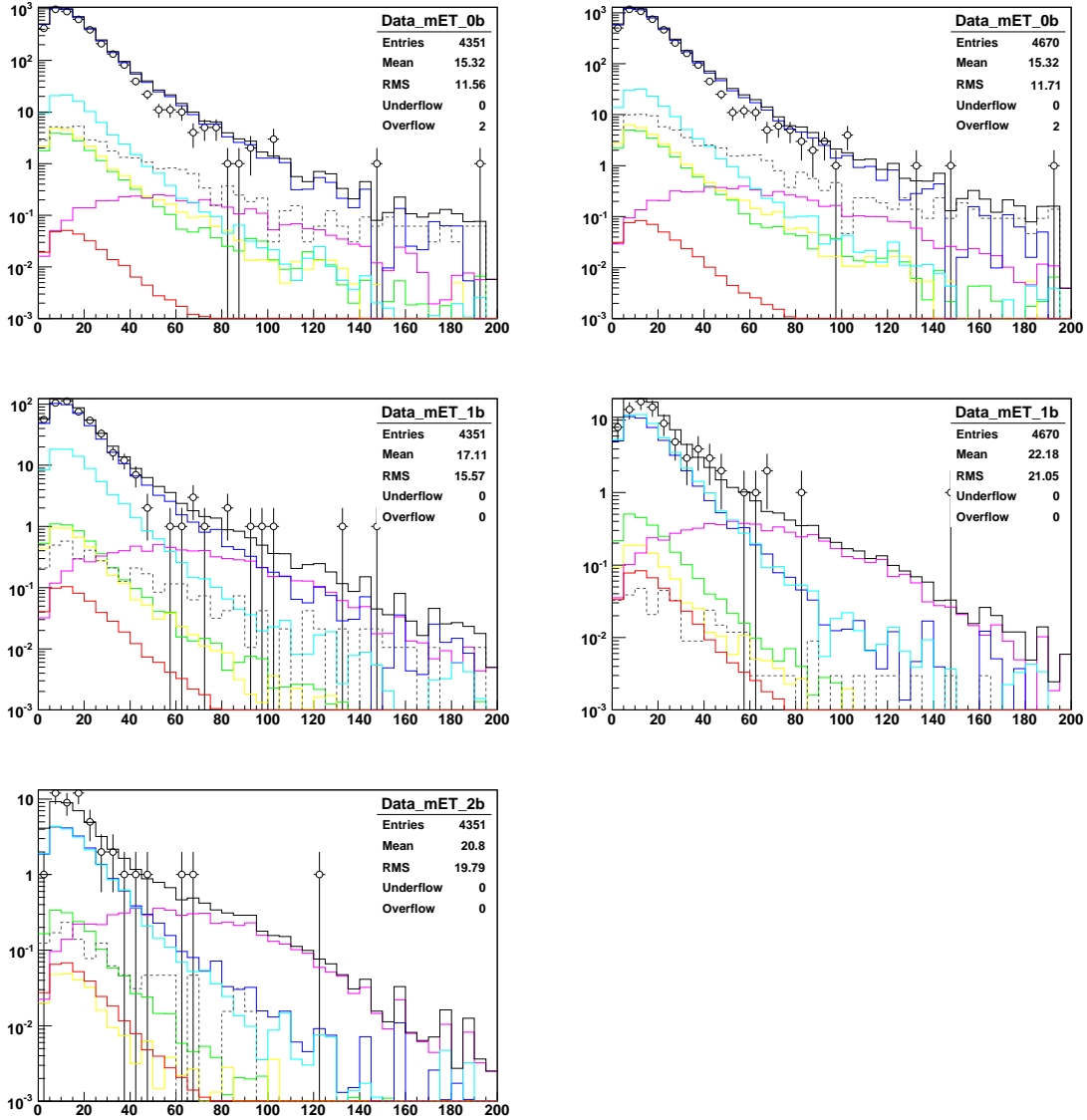


Figure 48: The missing E_T in events with 0, 1, and ≥ 2 L4 b-tags (left) and 0, 1 VERYTIGHT b-tags but not 2 or more L4 b-tags (right).

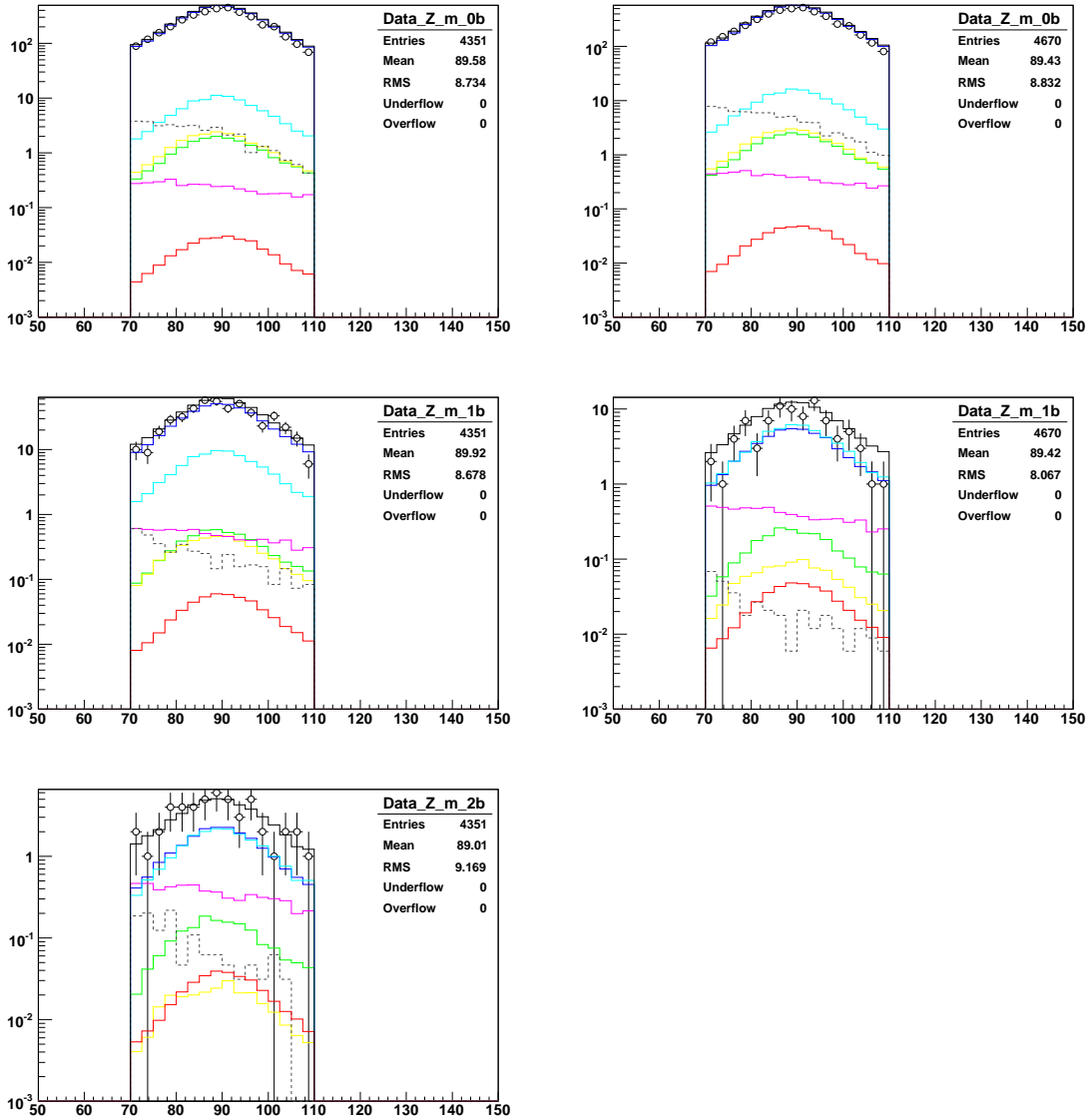


Figure 49: The Z-candidate invariant mass in events with 0, 1, and ≥ 2 L4 b-tags (left) and 0, 1 VERYTIGHT b-tags but not 2 or more L4 b-tags (right).

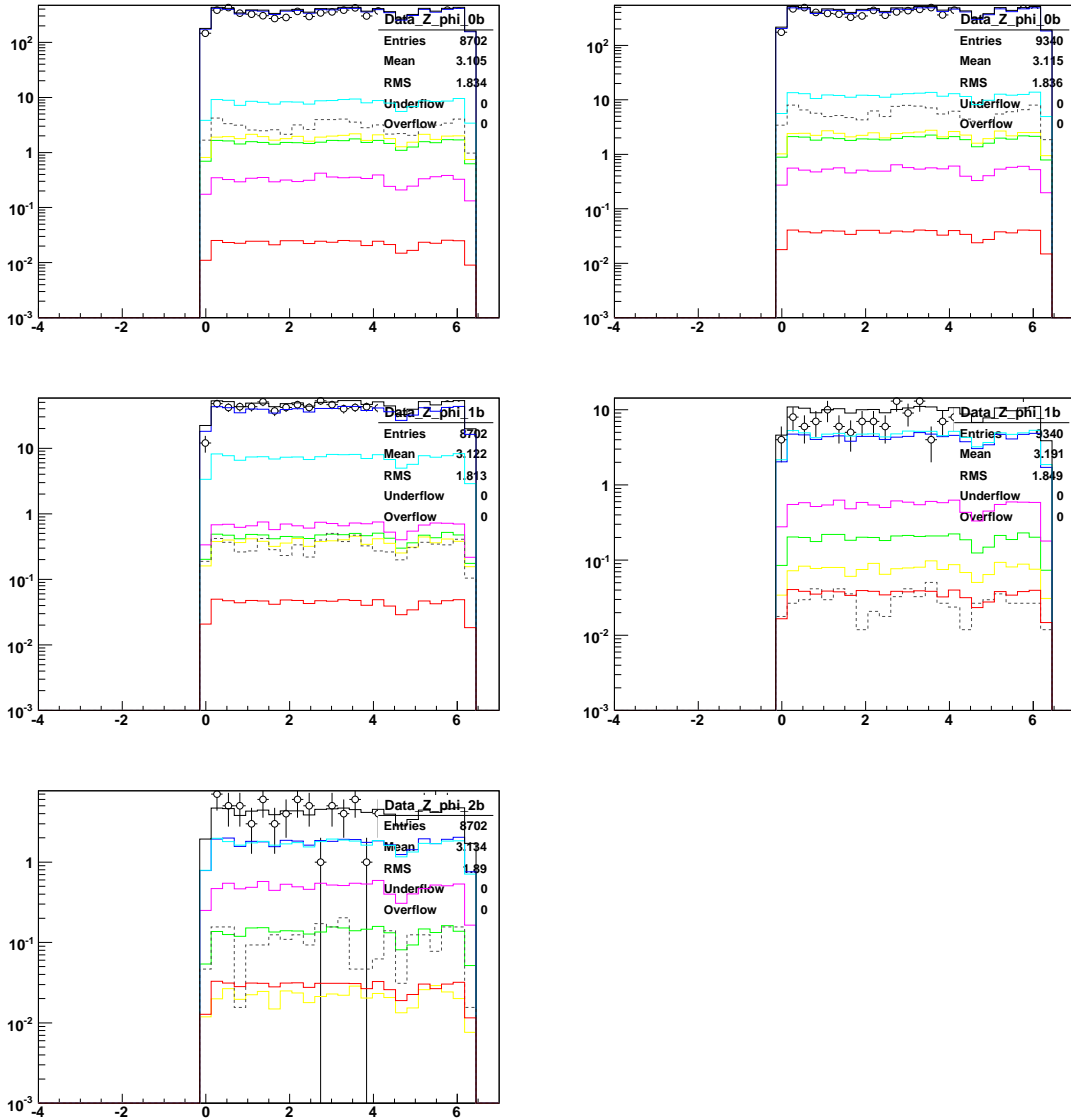


Figure 50: The Z-candidate ϕ in events with 0, 1, and ≥ 2 L4 b-tags (left) and 0, 1 VERYTIGHT b-tags but not 2 or more L4 b-tags (right).

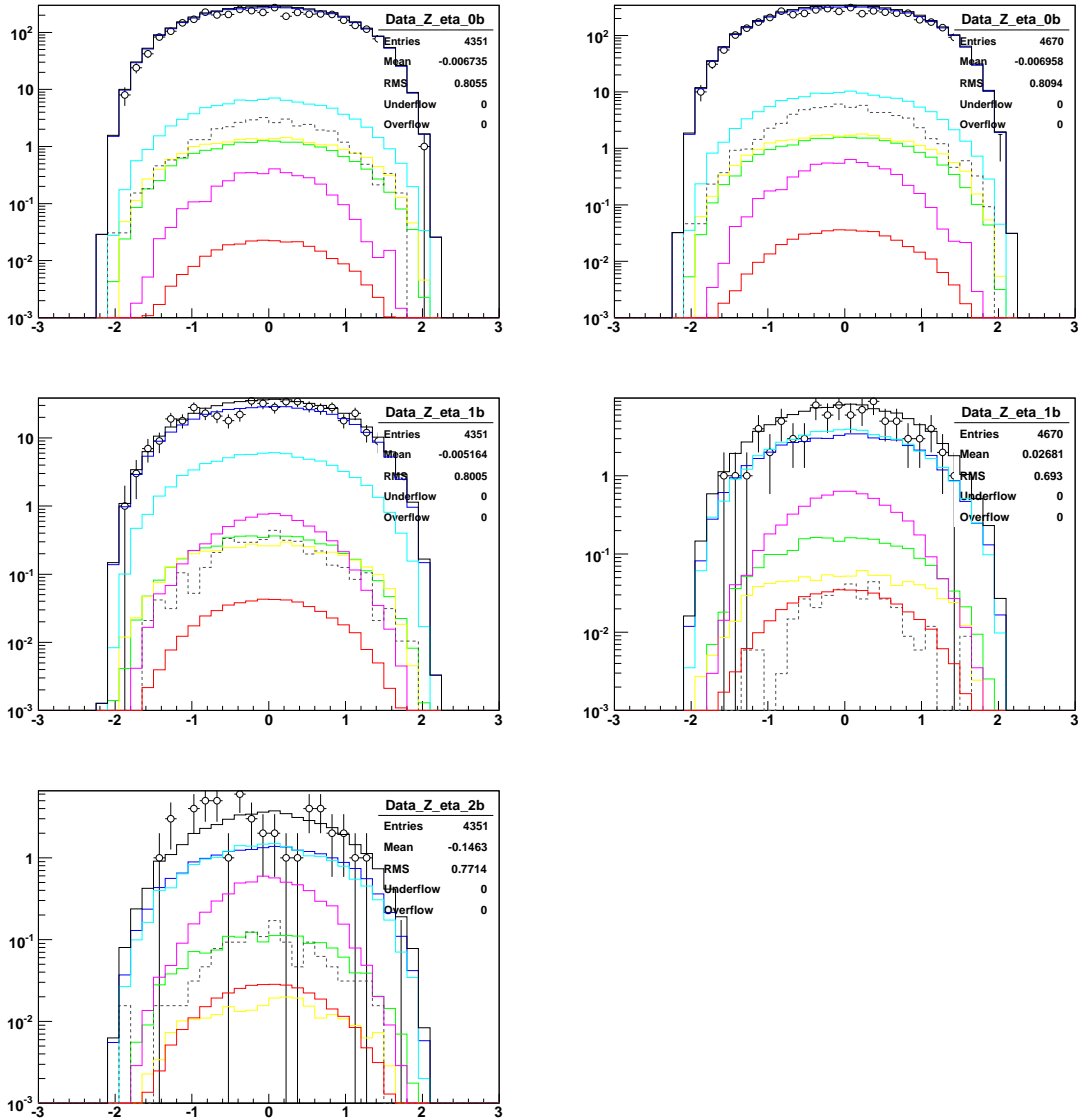


Figure 51: The Z-candidate η in events with 0, 1, and ≥ 2 L4 b-tags (left) and 0, 1 VERYTIGHT b-tags but not 2 or more L4 b-tags (right).

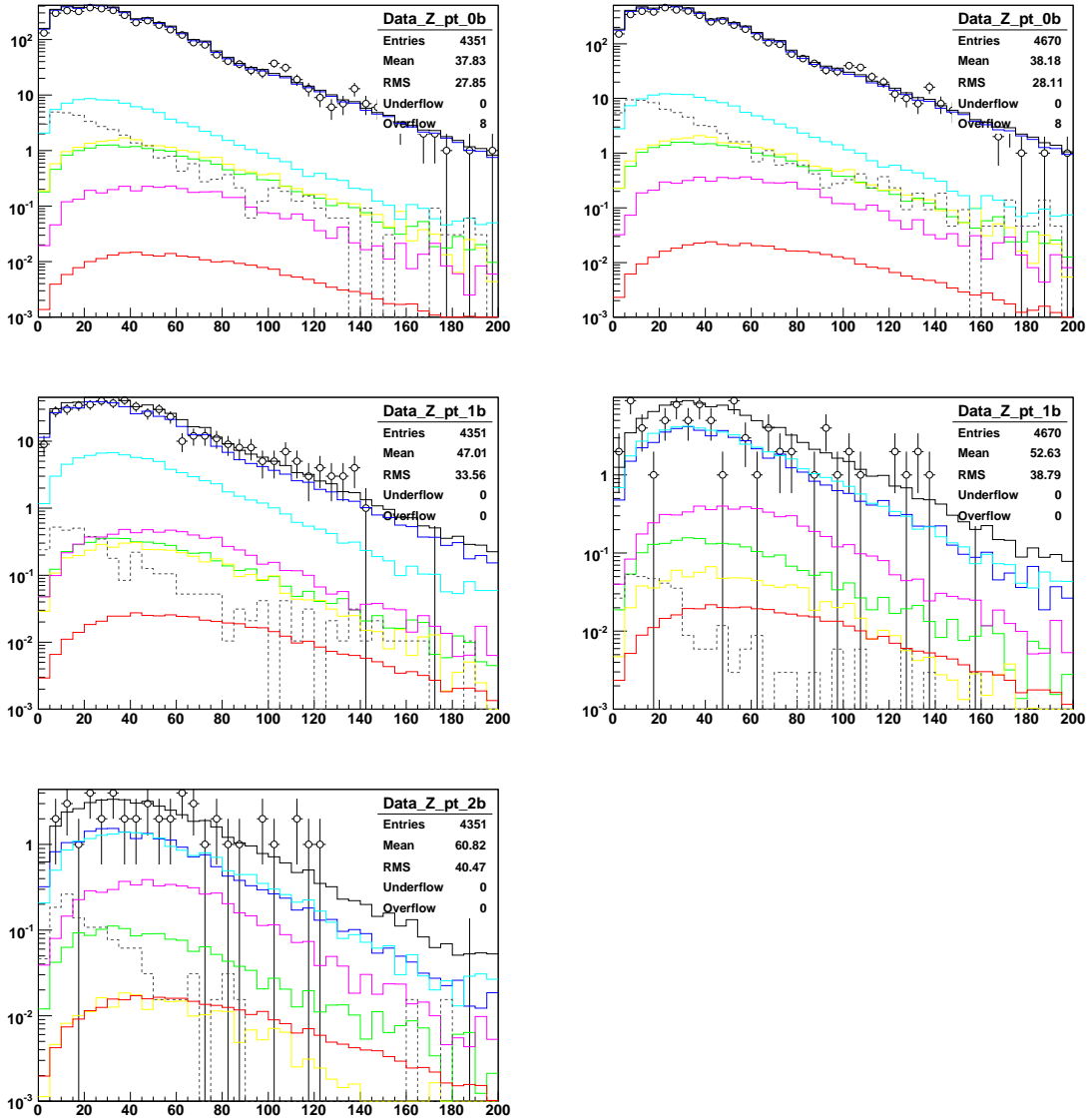


Figure 52: The Z-candidate p_T in events with 0, 1, and ≥ 2 L4 b-tags (left) and 0, 1 VERYTIGHT b-tags but not 2 or more L4 b-tags (right).

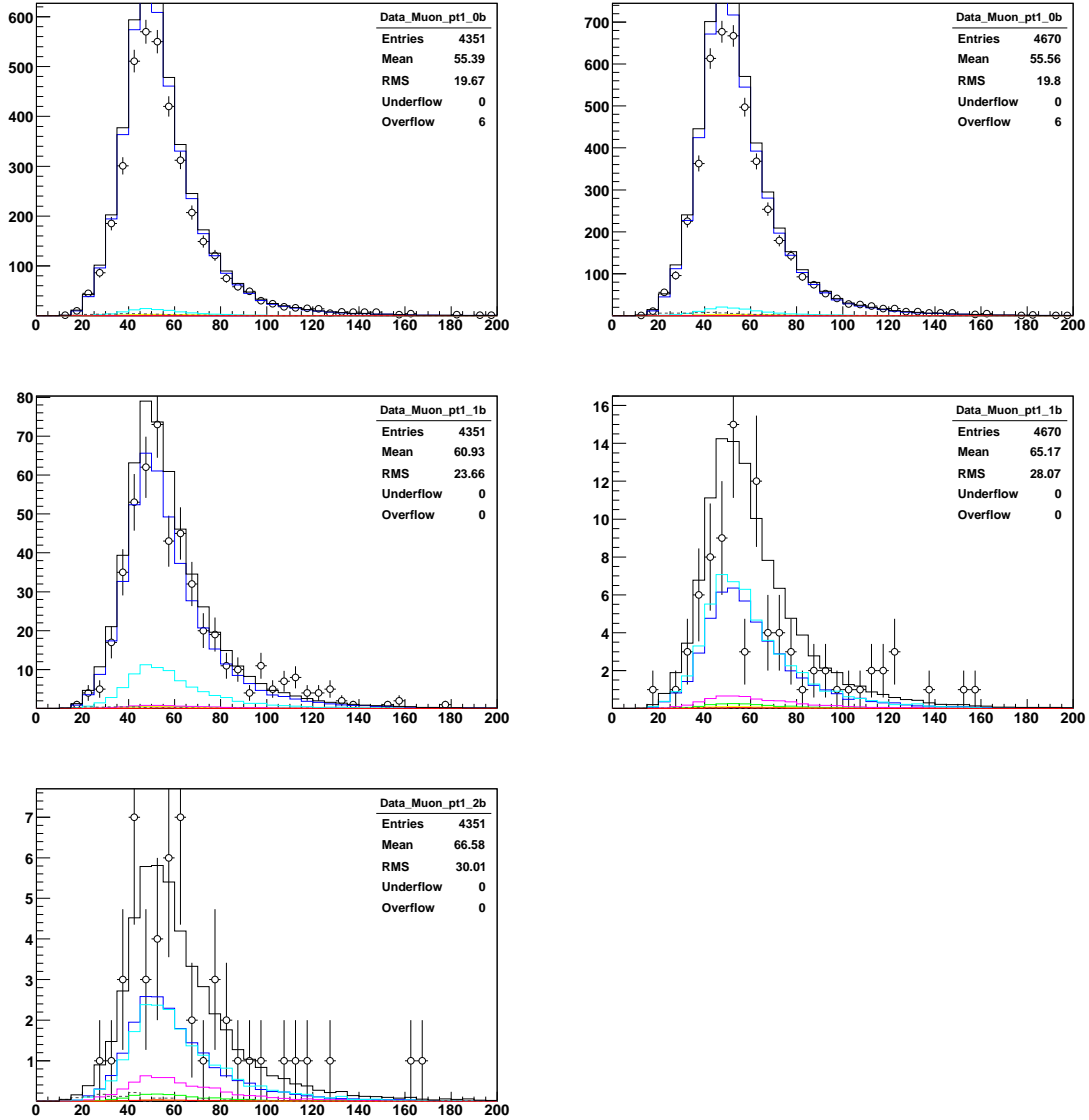


Figure 53: The leading muon p_T in events with 0, 1, and ≥ 2 L4 b-tags (left) and 0, 1 VERYTIGHT b-tags but not 2 or more L4 b-tags (right), with no log scale.

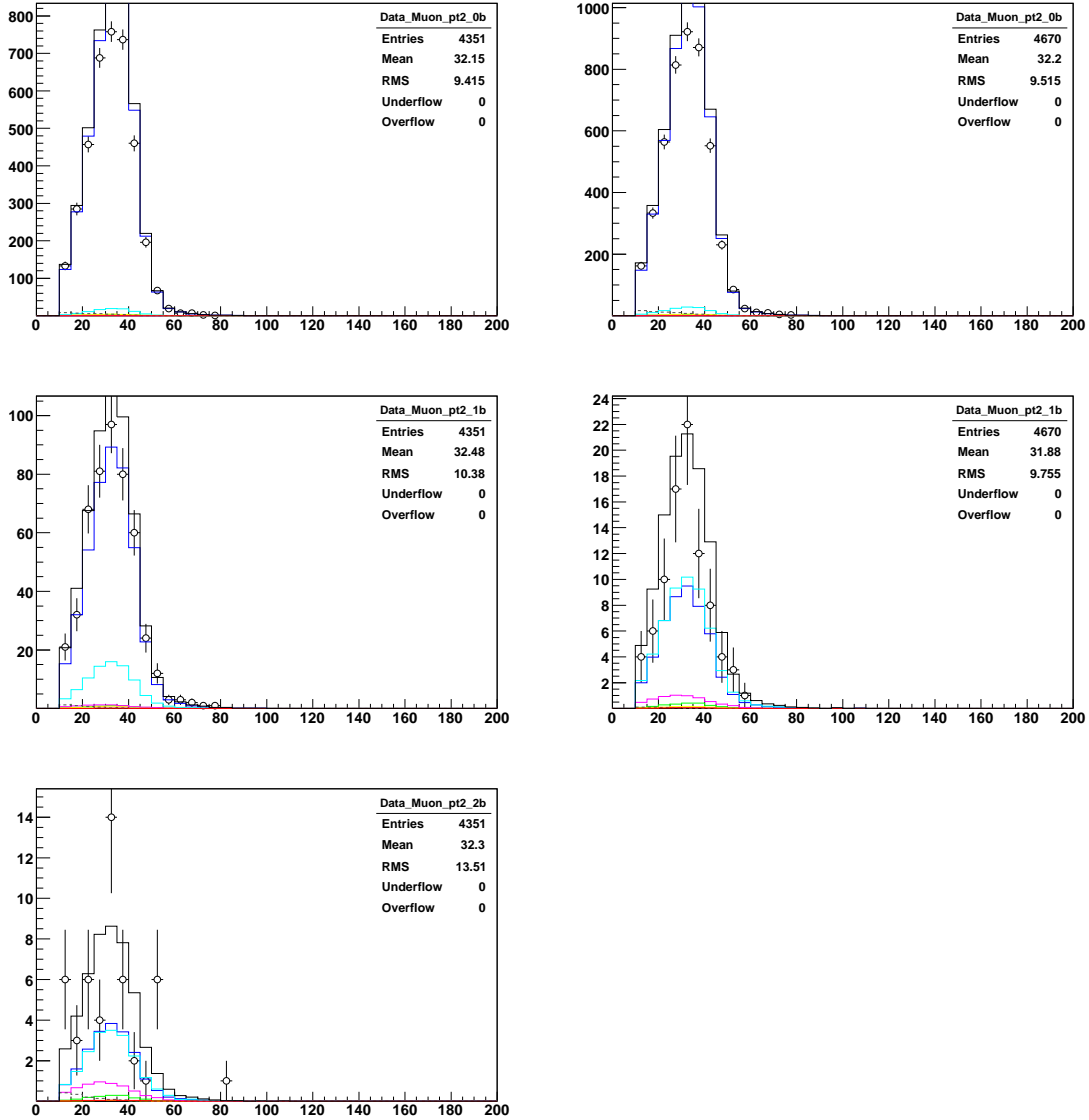


Figure 54: The second-leading muon p_T in events with 0, 1, and ≥ 2 L4 b-tags (left) and 0, 1 VERYTIGHT b-tags but not 2 or more L4 b-tags (right), with no log scale.

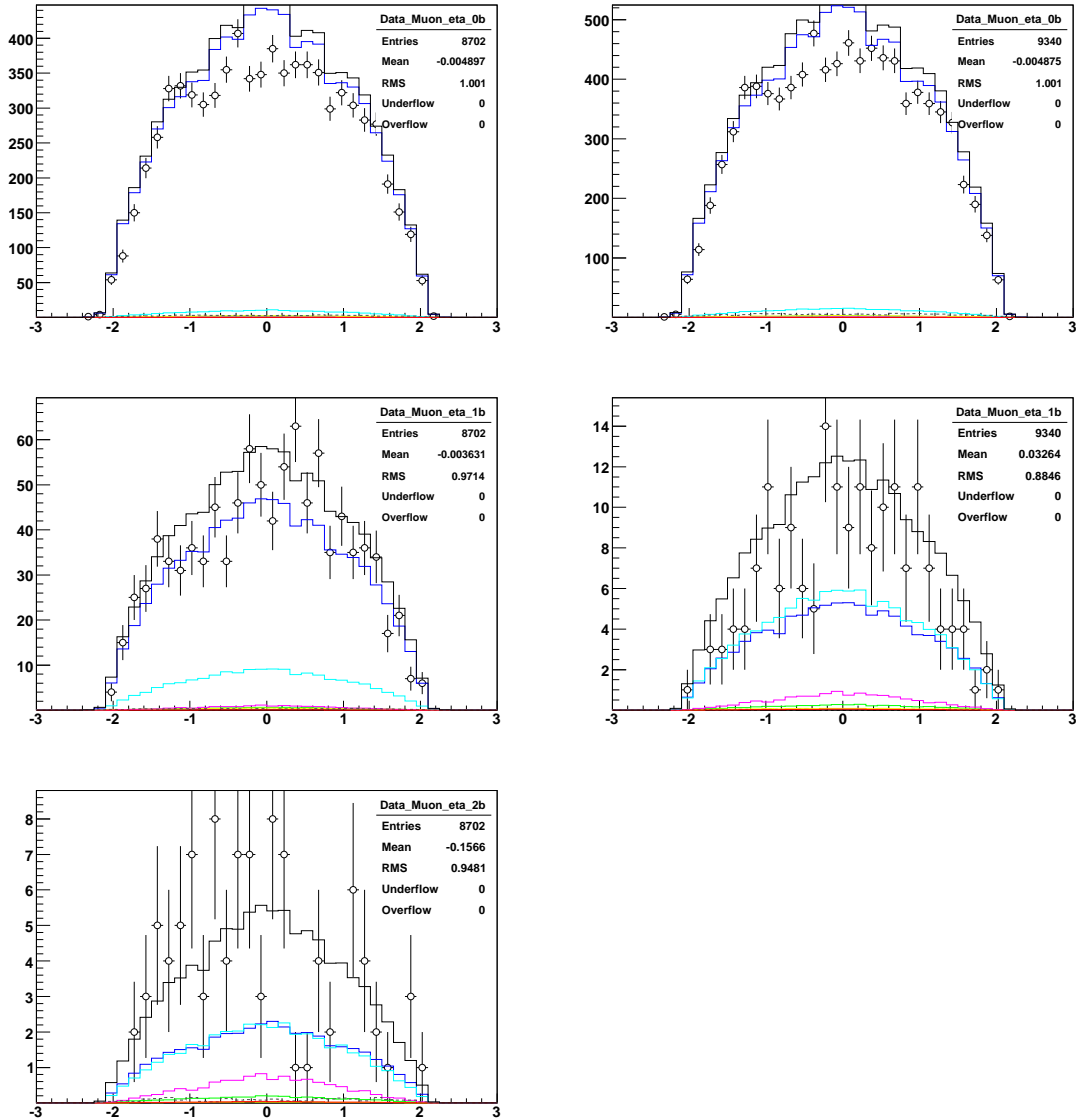


Figure 55: The η of the leading two p_T muons in events with 0, 1, and ≥ 2 L4 b-tags (left) and 0, 1 VERYTIGHT b-tags but not 2 or more L4 b-tags (right), with no log scale.

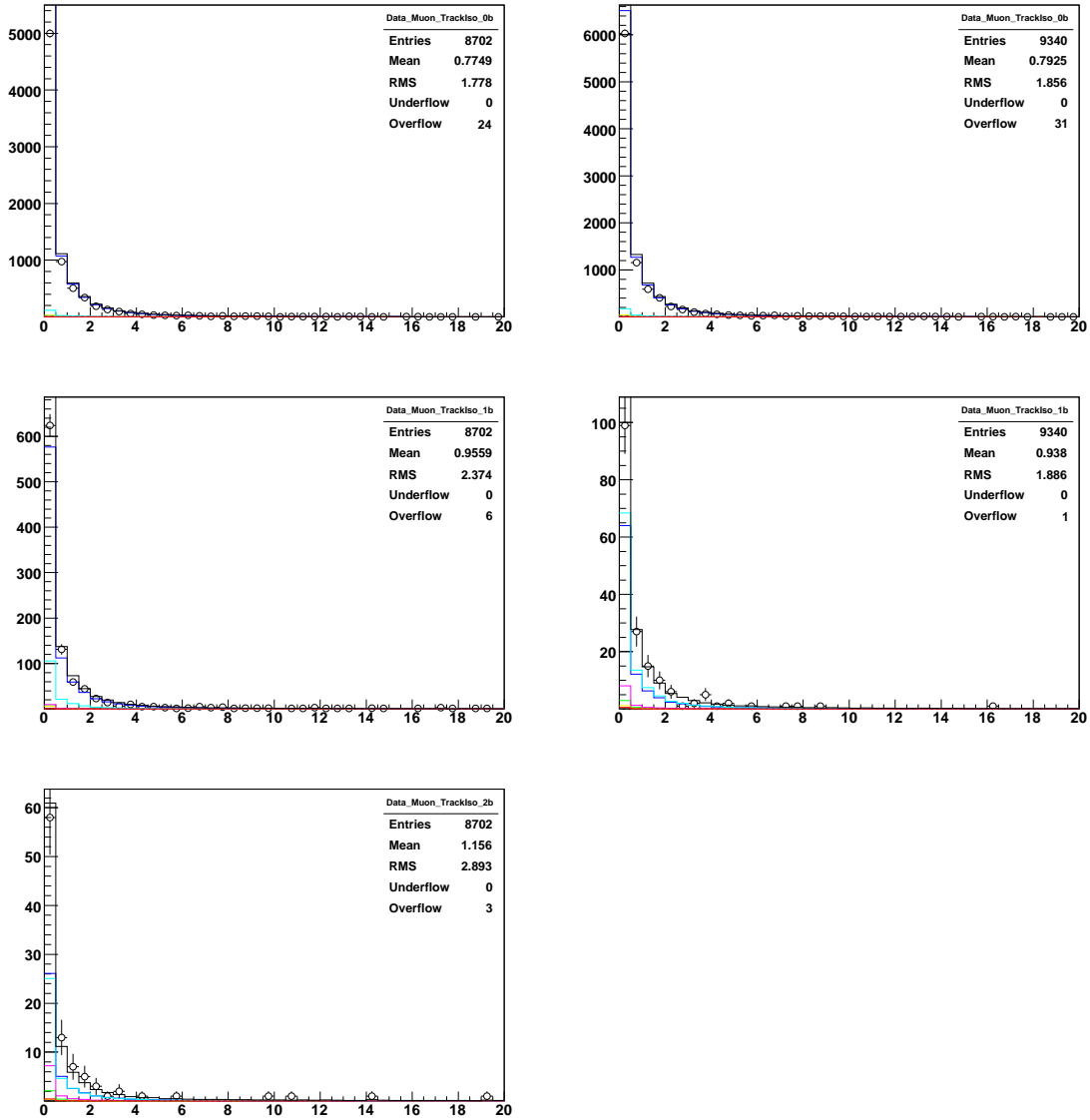


Figure 56: The Track isolation variable of the leading two p_T muons in events with 0, 1, and ≥ 2 L4 b-tags (left) and 0, 1 VERYTIGHT b-tags but not 2 or more L4 b-tags (right), with no log scale.

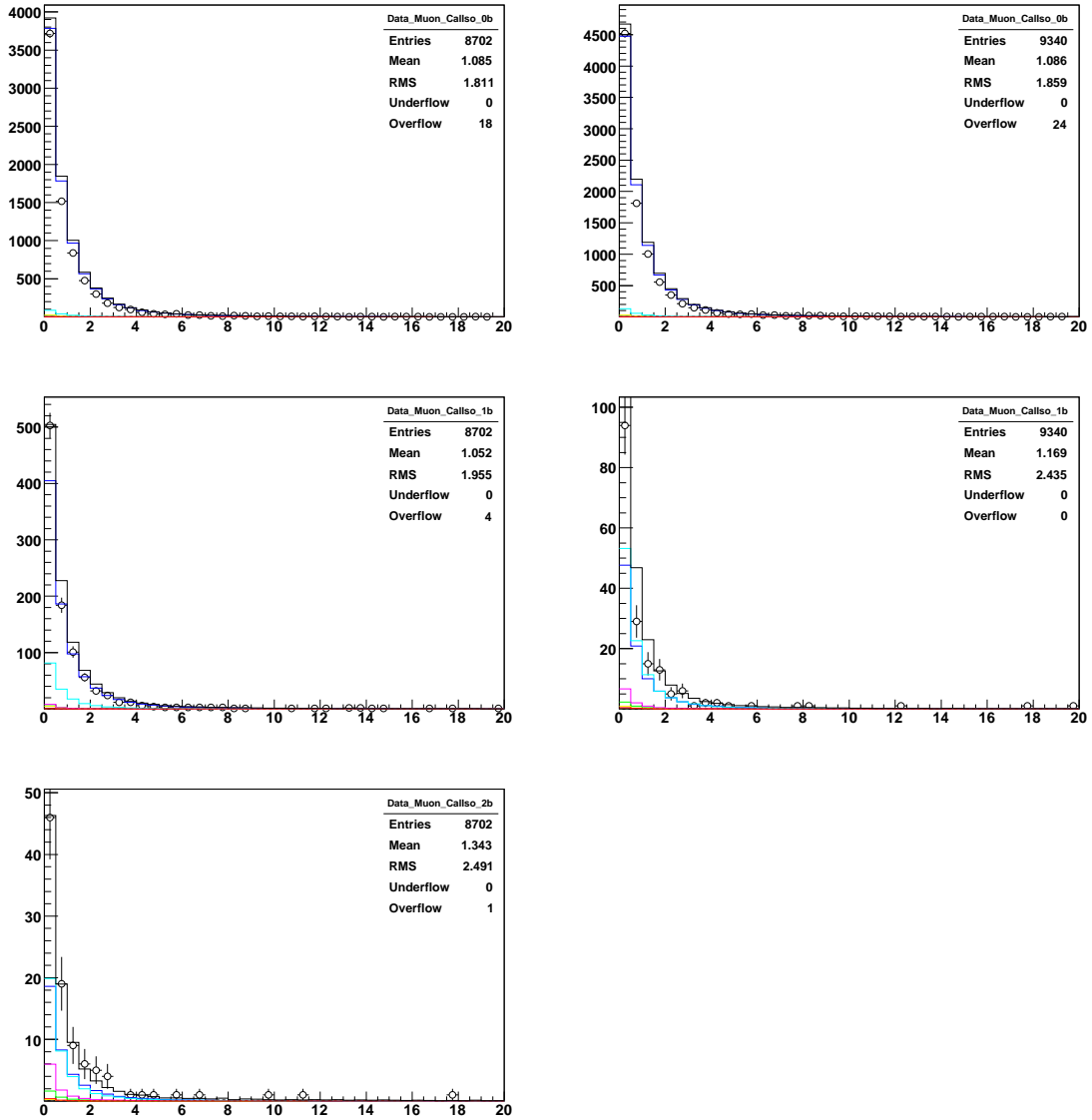


Figure 57: The calorimeter isolation variable of the leading two p_T muons in events with 0, 1, and ≥ 2 L4 b-tags (left) and 0, 1 VERYTIGHT b-tags but not 2 or more L4 b-tags (right), with no log scale.

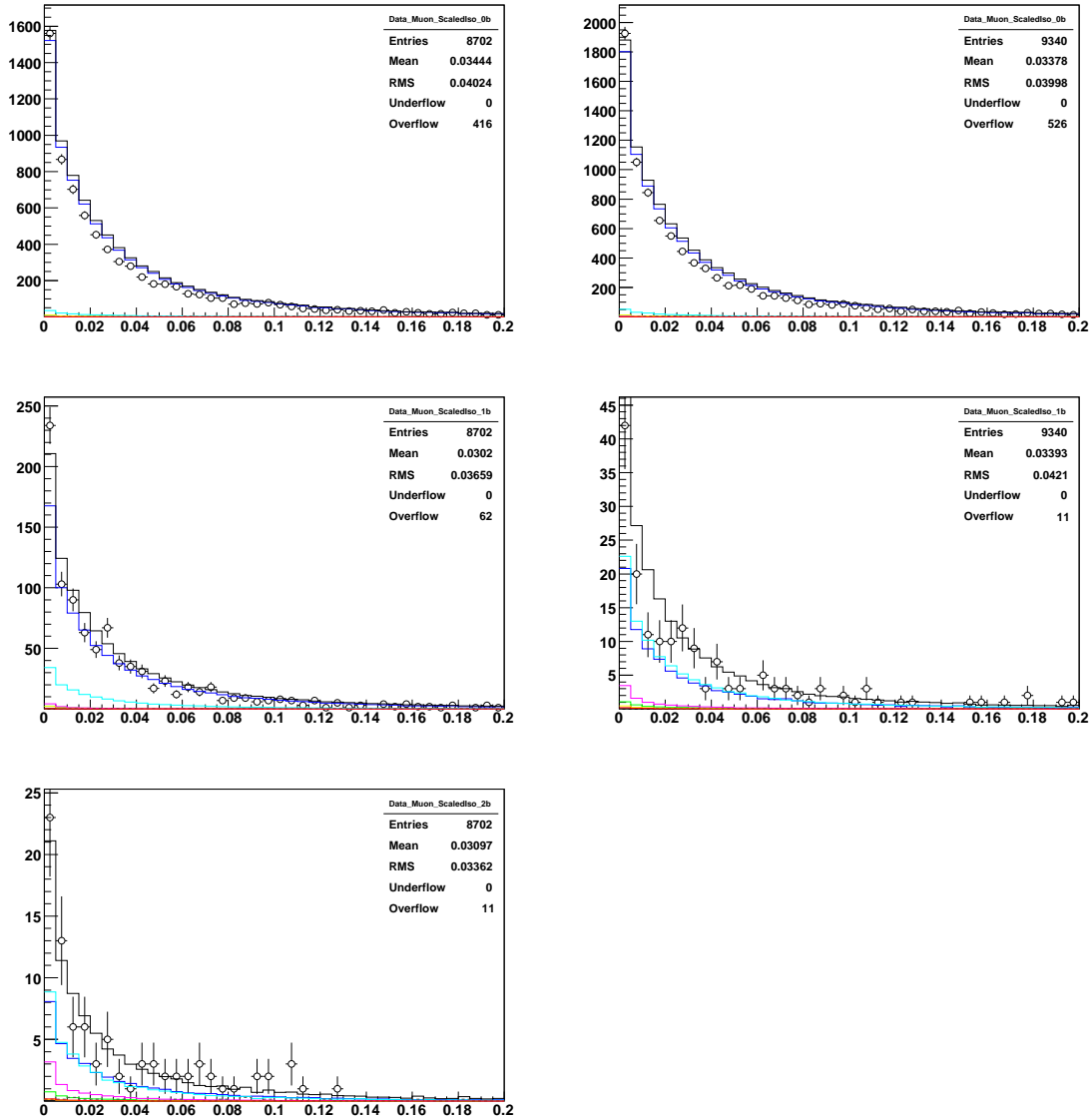


Figure 58: The Scaled isolation variable of the leading two p_T muons in events with 0, 1, and ≥ 2 L4 b-tags (left) and 0, 1 VERYTIGHT b-tags but not 2 or more L4 b-tags (right), with no log scale.

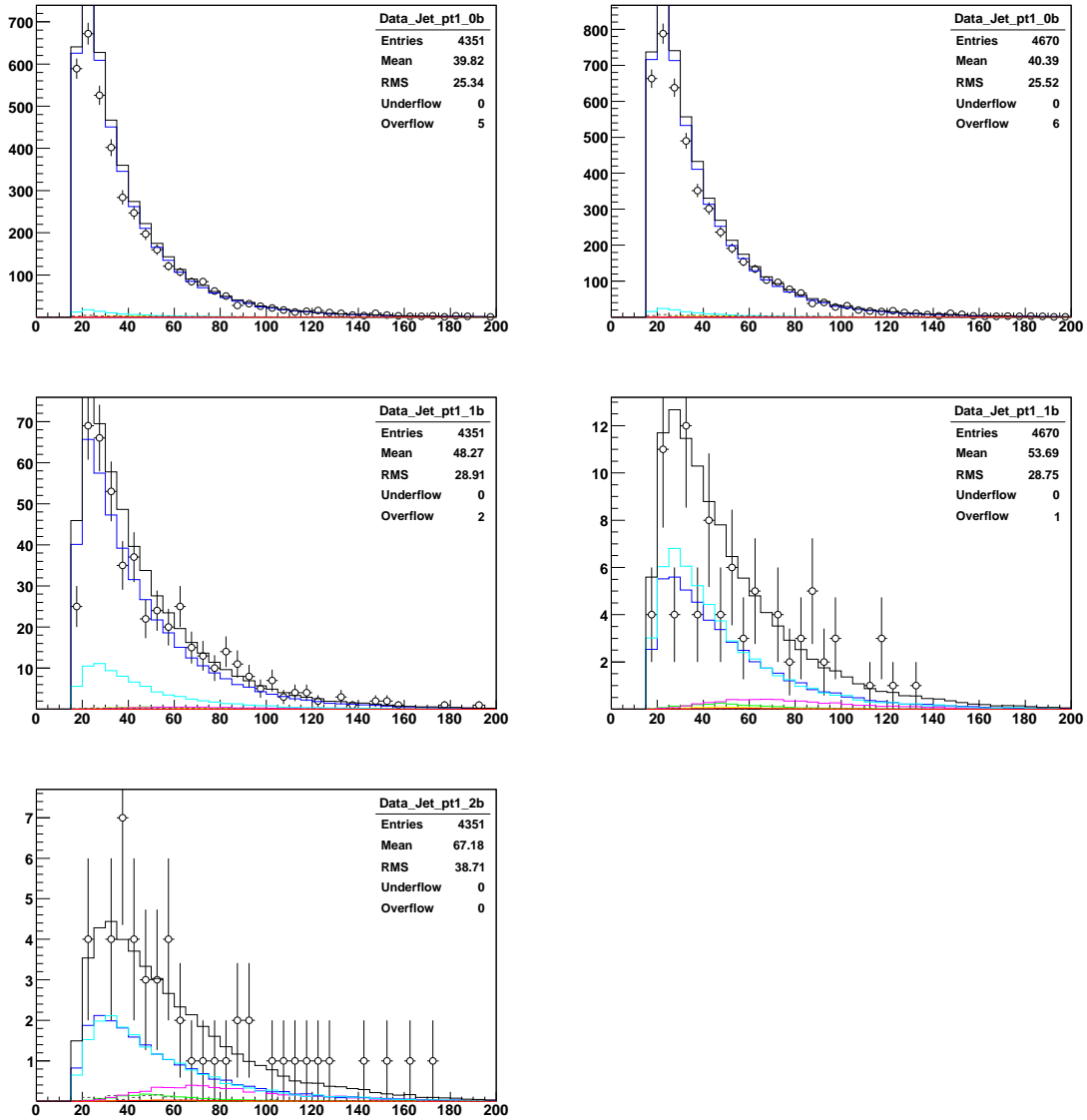


Figure 59: The leading jet p_T in events with 0, 1, and ≥ 2 L4 b-tags (left) and 0, 1 VERYTIGHT b-tags but not 2 or more L4 b-tags (right), with no log scale.

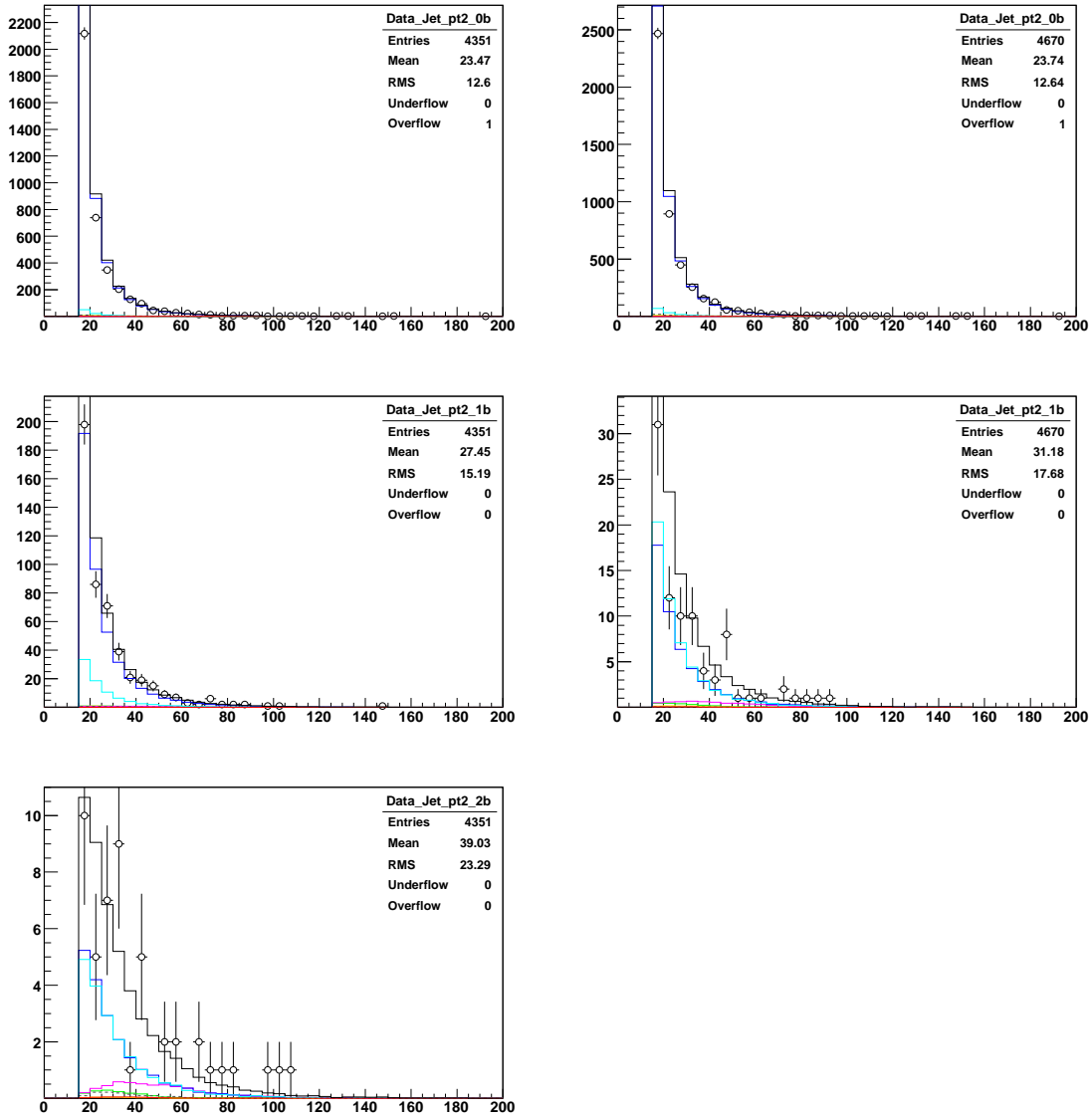


Figure 60: The second-leading jet p_T in events with 0, 1, and ≥ 2 L4 b-tags (left) and 0, 1 VERYTIGHT b-tags but not 2 or more L4 b-tags (right), with no log scale.

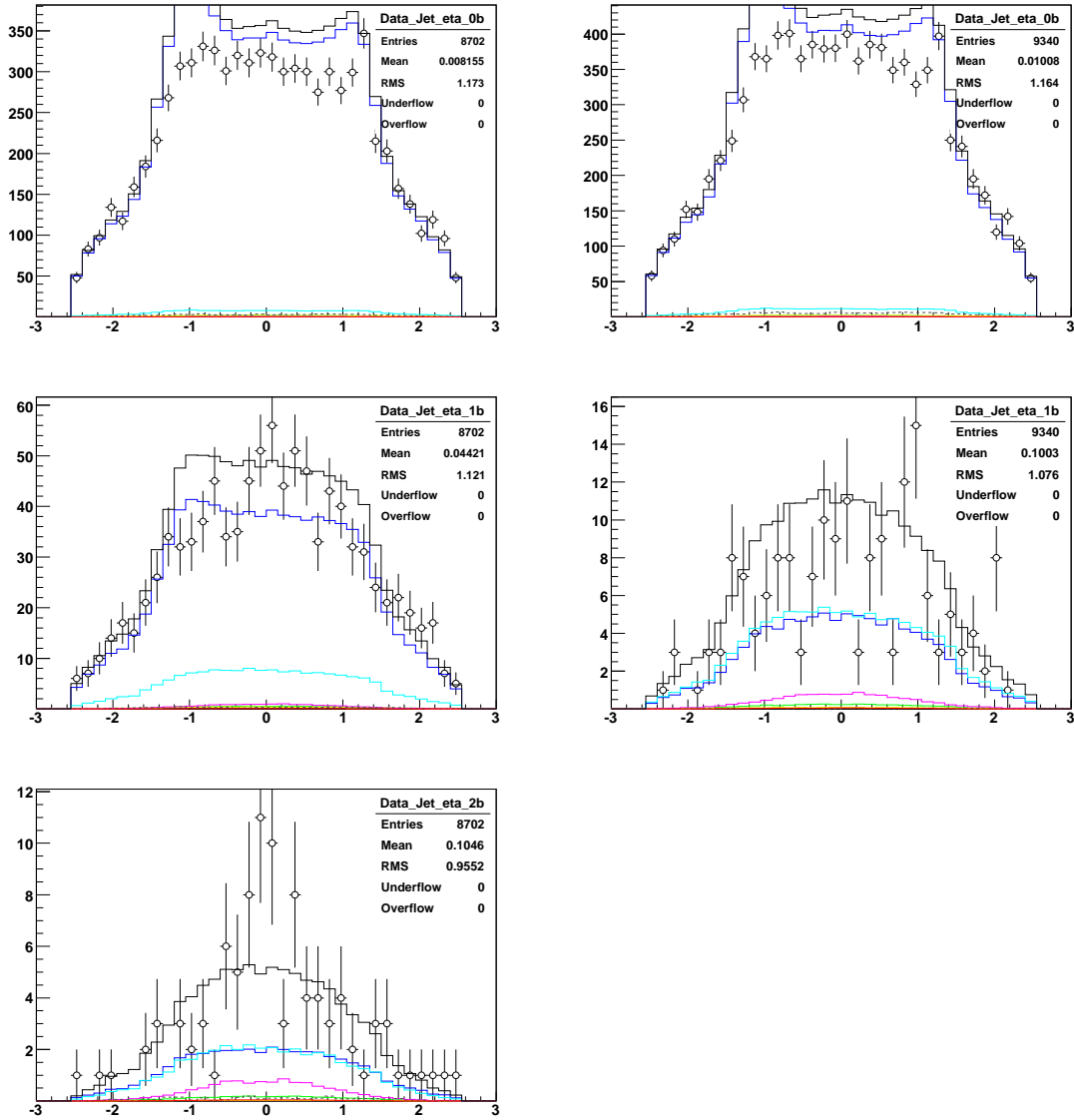


Figure 61: The η of the leading two p_T jets in events with 0, 1, and ≥ 2 L4 b-tags (left) and 0, 1 VERYTIGHT b-tags but not 2 or more L4 b-tags (right), with no log scale.

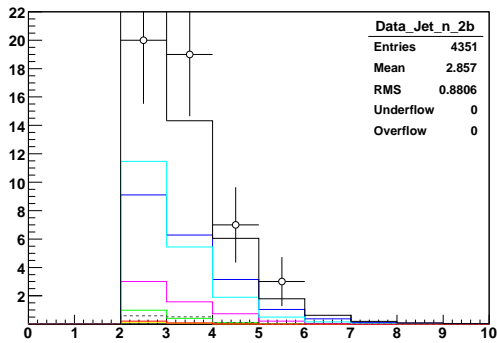
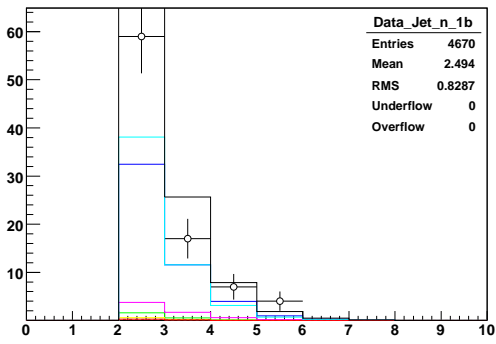
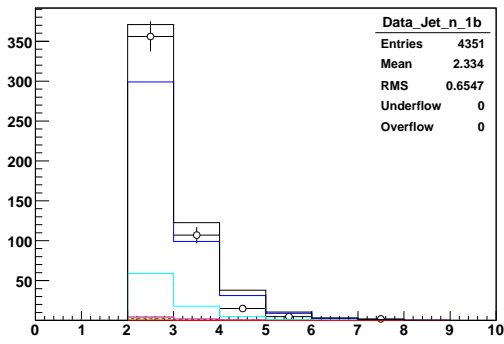
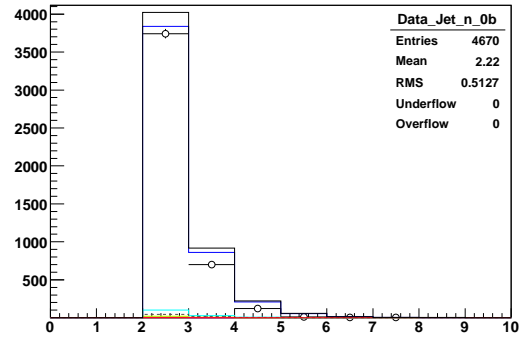
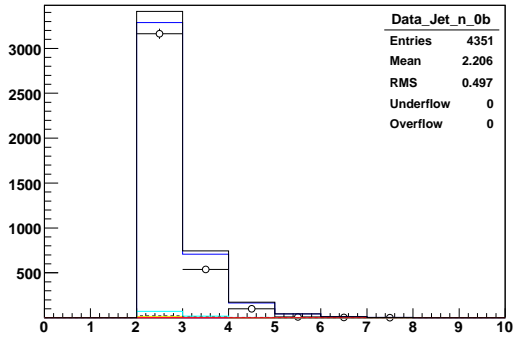


Figure 62: The jet multiplicity in events with 0, 1, and ≥ 2 L4 b-tags (left) and 0, 1 VERYTIGHT b-tags but not 2 or more L4 b-tags (right), with no log scale.

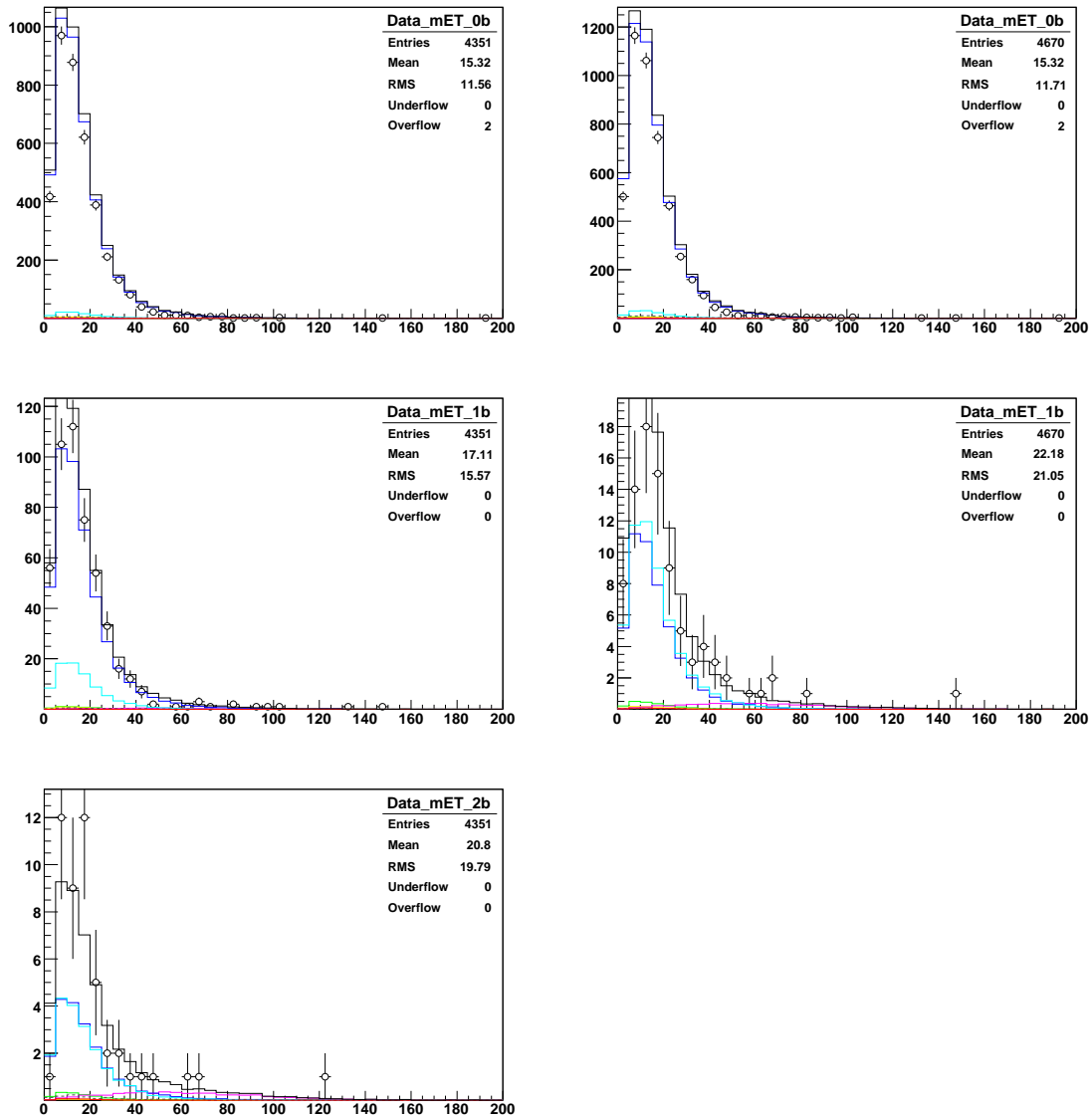


Figure 63: The missing E_T in events with 0, 1, and ≥ 2 L4 b-tags (left) and 0, 1 VERYTIGHT b-tags but not 2 or more L4 b-tags (right), with no log scale.

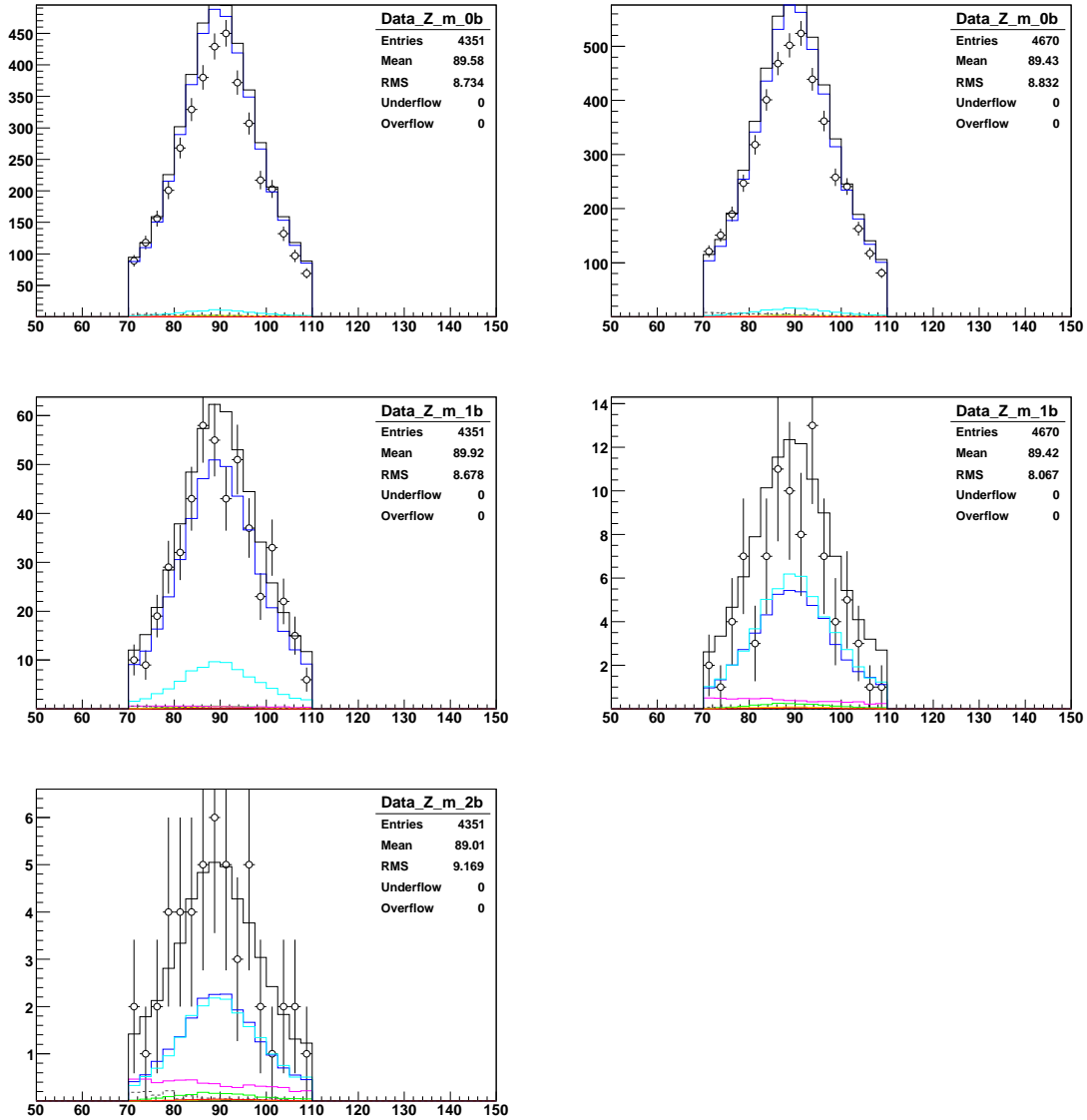


Figure 64: The Z-candidate invariant mass in events with 0, 1, and ≥ 2 L4 b-tags (left) and 0, 1 VERYTIGHT b-tags but not 2 or more L4 b-tags (right), with no log scale.

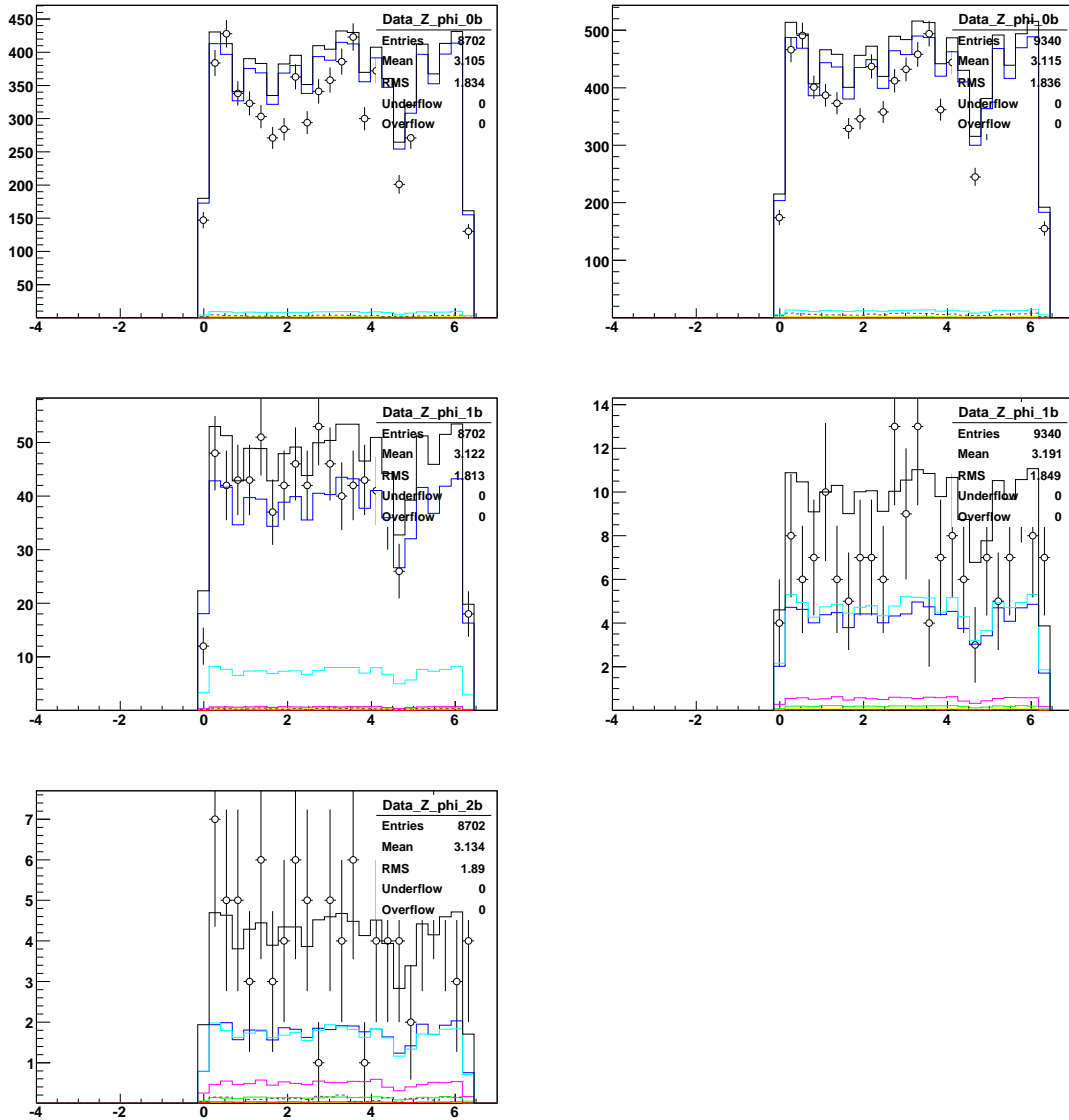


Figure 65: The Z-candidate ϕ in events with 0, 1, and ≥ 2 L4 b-tags (left) and 0, 1 VERYTIGHT b-tags but not 2 or more L4 b-tags (right), with no log scale.

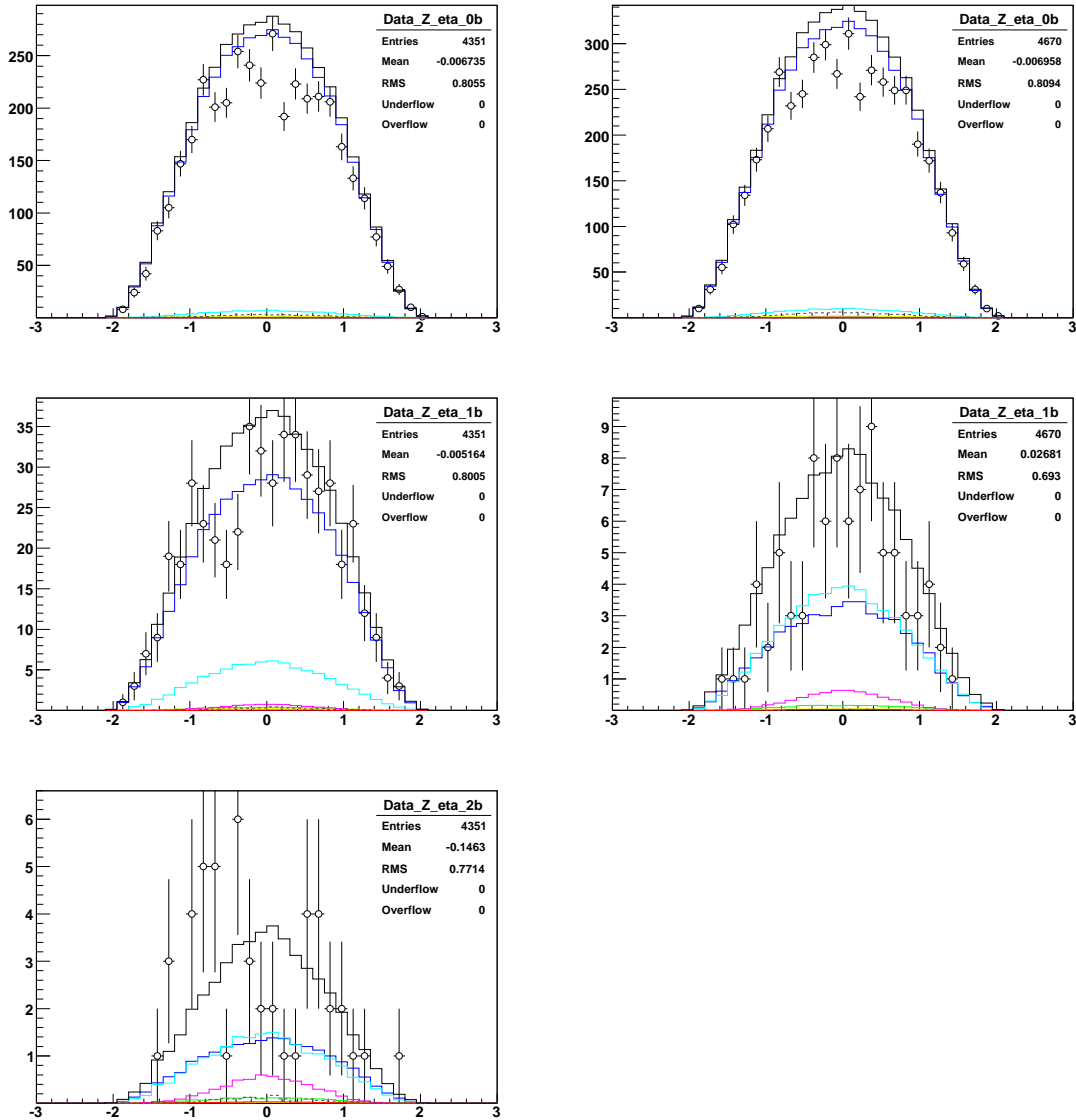


Figure 66: The Z-candidate η in events with 0, 1, and ≥ 2 L4 b-tags (left) and 0, 1 VERYTIGHT b-tags but not 2 or more L4 b-tags (right), with no log scale.

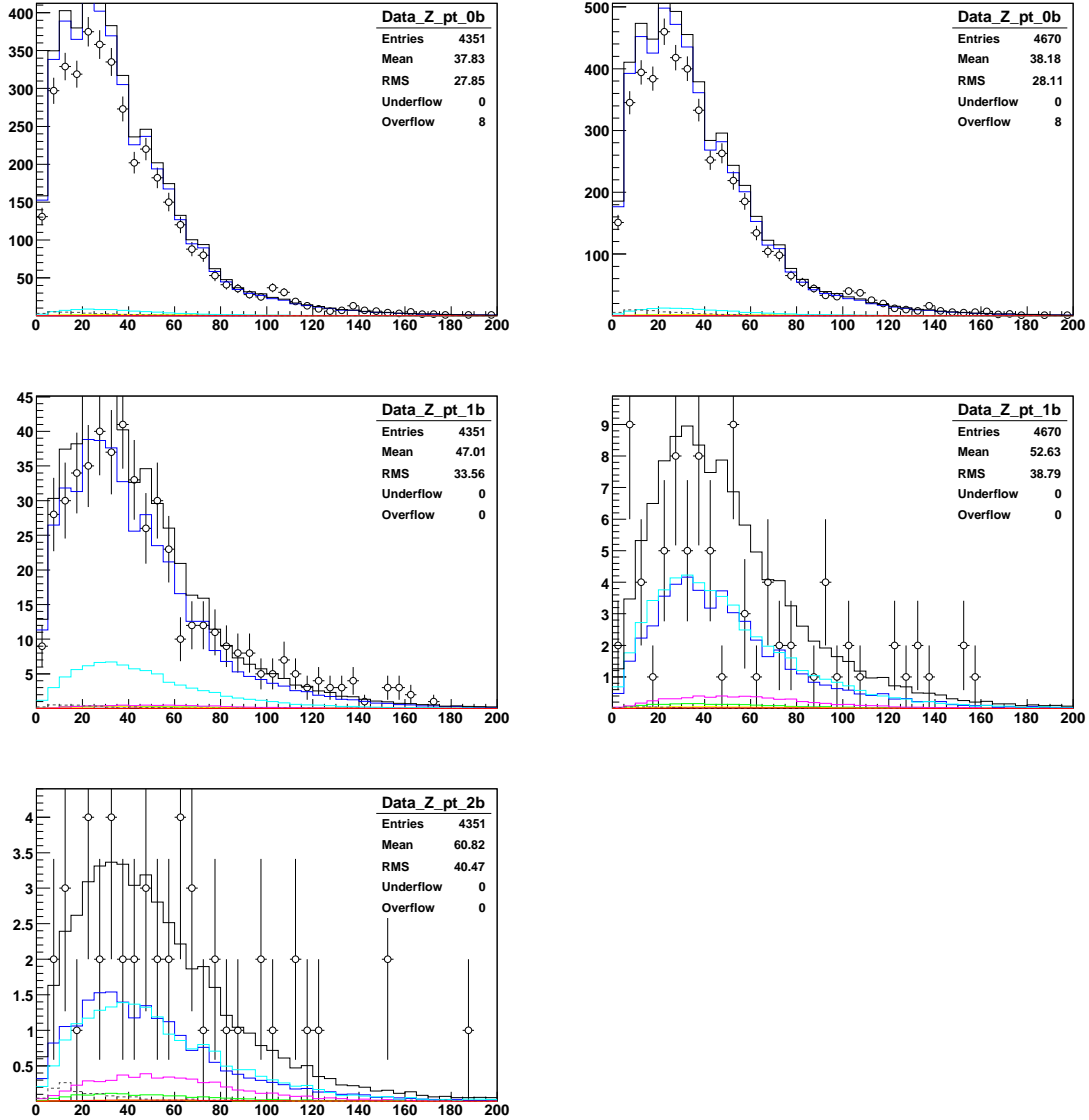


Figure 67: The Z-candidate p_T in events with 0, 1, and ≥ 2 L4 b-tags (left) and 0, 1 VERYTIGHT b-tags but not 2 or more L4 b-tags (right), with no log scale.

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