The ATLAS Electron and Photon Trigger Performance in Run 2

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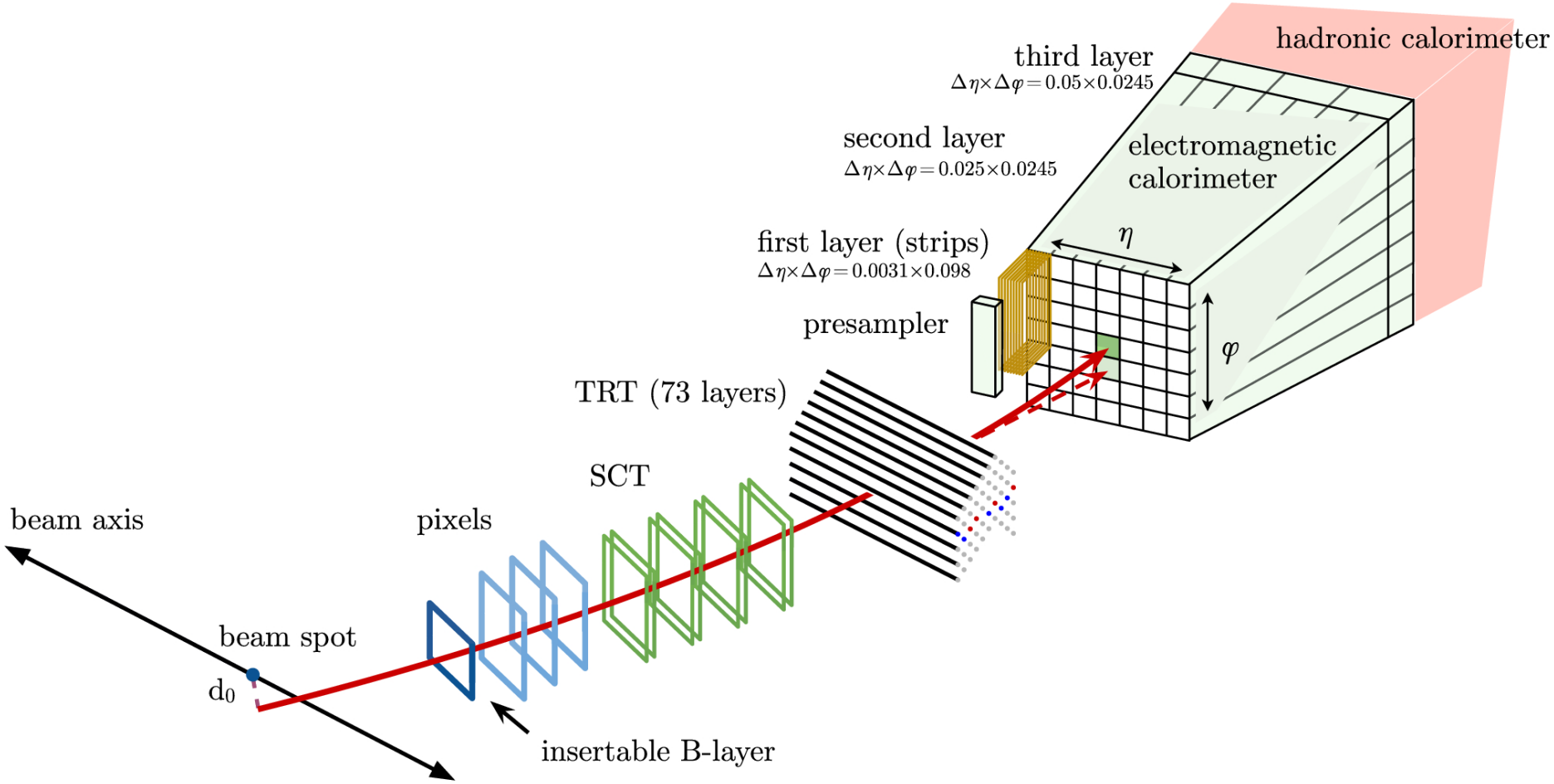
The ATLAS detector scheme



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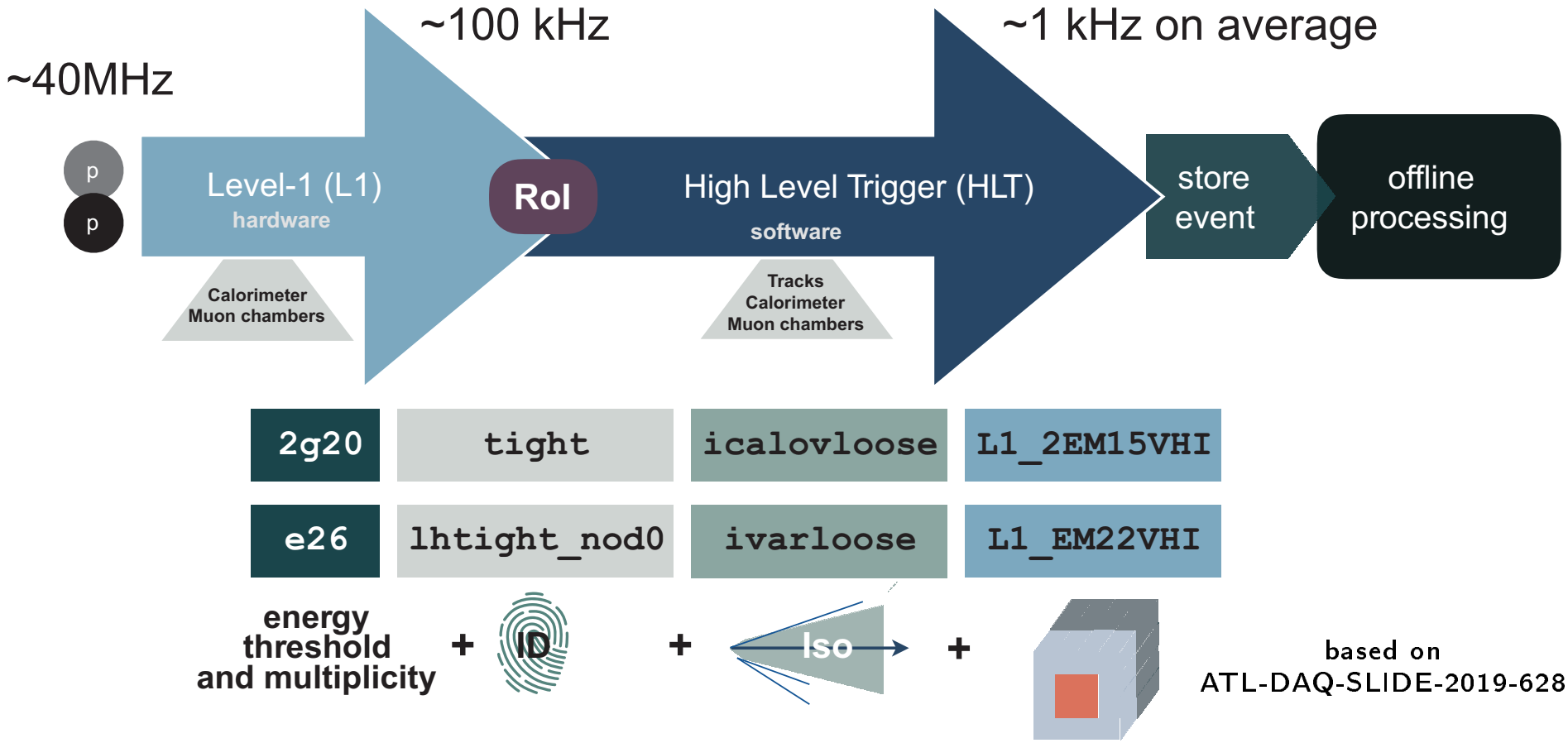


L1 Trigger

2x2 trigger tower cluster as RoI in EM calo

V: varying E_T threshold within -2 and $+3$ GeV of nominal threshold

H: E_T dependent veto on hadronic leakage

I: E_T dependent isolation of cluster in EM calorimeter

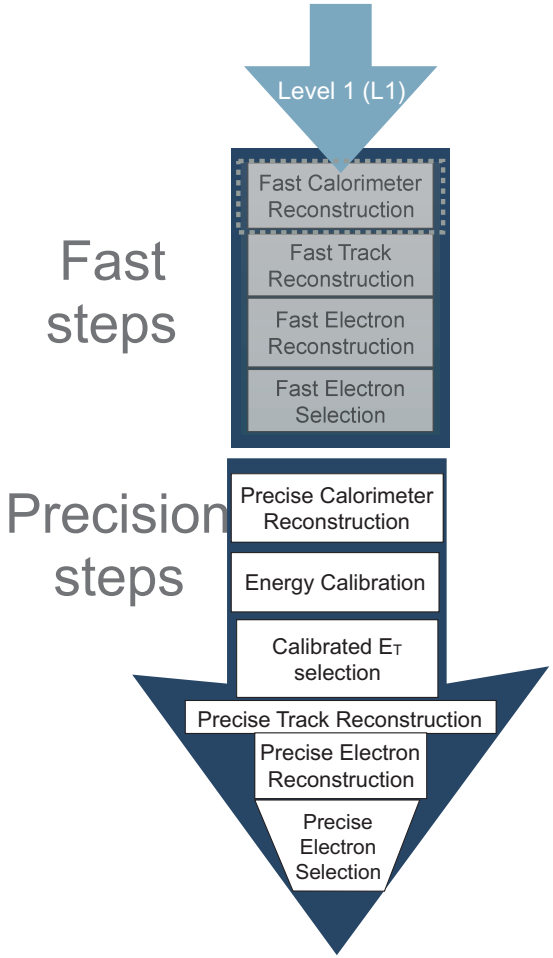
Trigger reconstruction of photons and electrons

Fast step — on each EM RoI by L1

- Use calorimeter and inner detector information within the RoI only
- Initial selection of the photons and electrons
- Achieve early background rejection

Precision step

- Precision online algorithms are similar to offline, with exceptions:
  - No bremsstrahlung-aware re-fit of electron tracks (GSF)
  - No electron and photon topo-clusters
  - Online algorithms use $<\mu>$ for pile-up, number of primary vertices — offline



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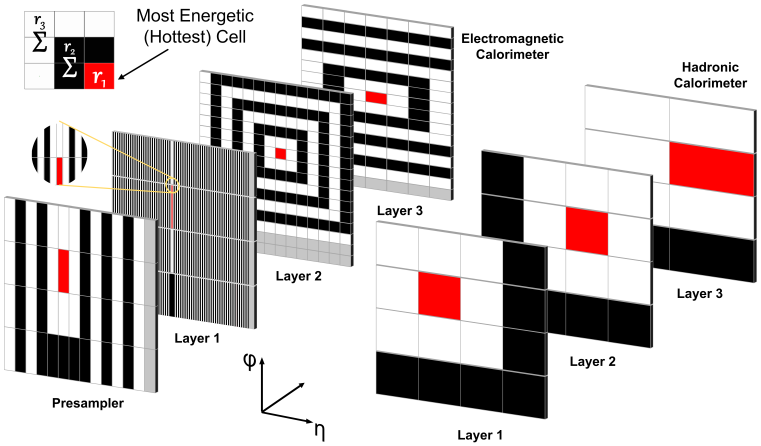
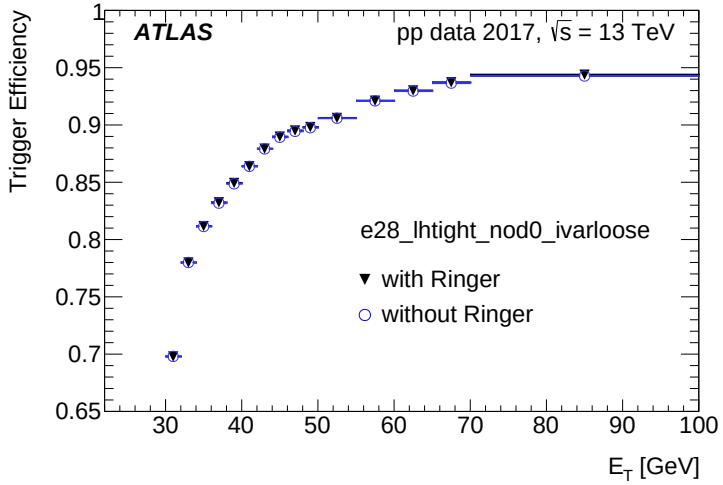
Ringer algorithm

- used from 2017 on to trigger electrons (Fast Calorimeter step) with $E_T > 15 GeV$
- uses lateral shower development
- calculates concentric ring energy sums in each calorimeter layer
- normalized ring energies fed into multilayer perceptron neutral networks

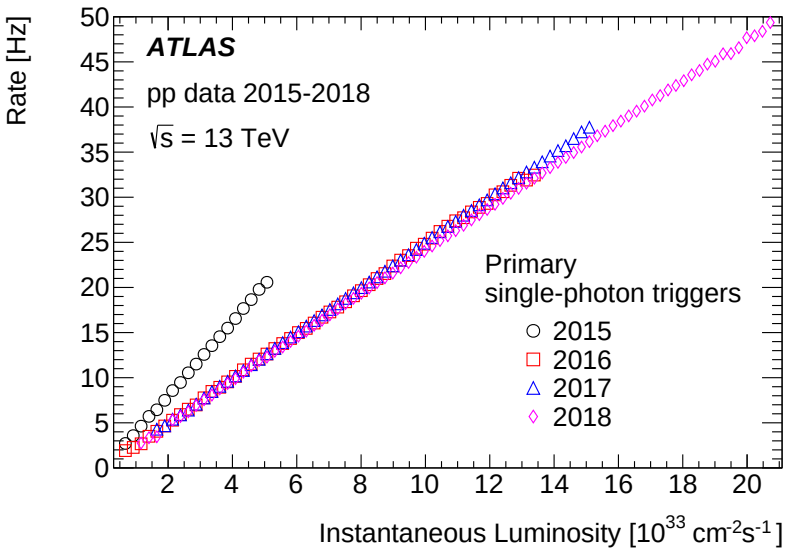


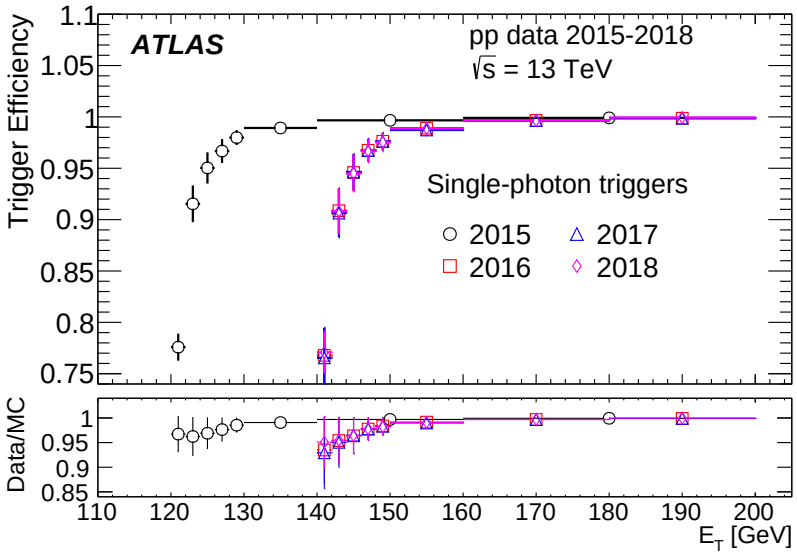


- event selection efficiency kept at the same level
- Reduces input candidates to the tracking: significantly reduces CPU demand
- 50% CPU reduction for the lowest p_T unprescaled single electron trigger

Photon trigger evolution and performance

- Single photon trigger had a threshold of 120 GeV (2015) and 140 GeV (2016–2018), more details in the backup





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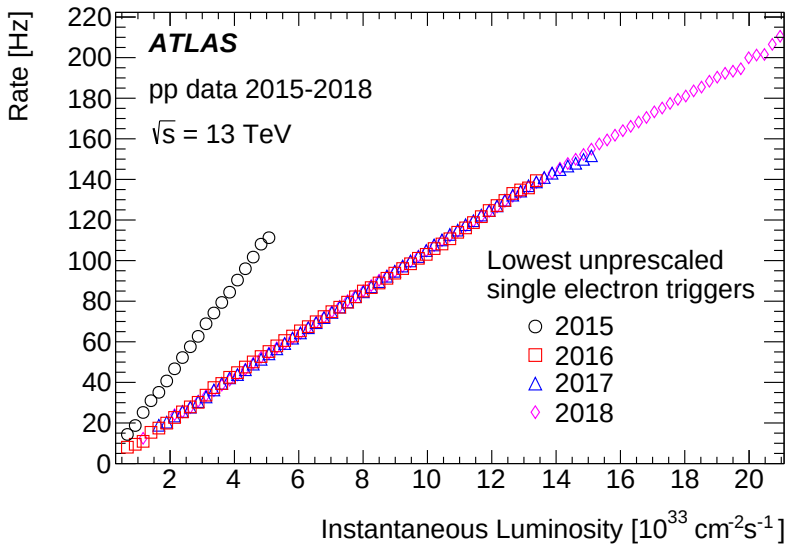
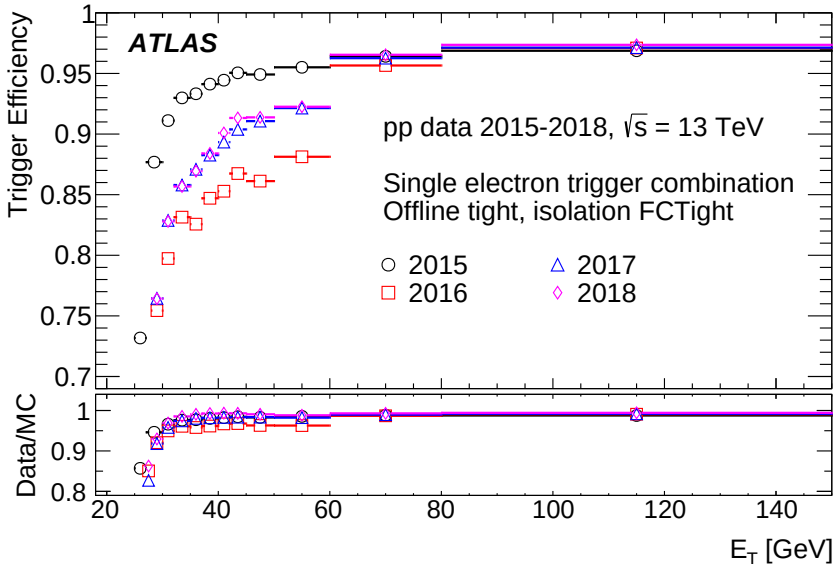
Performance evolution of single electron trigger



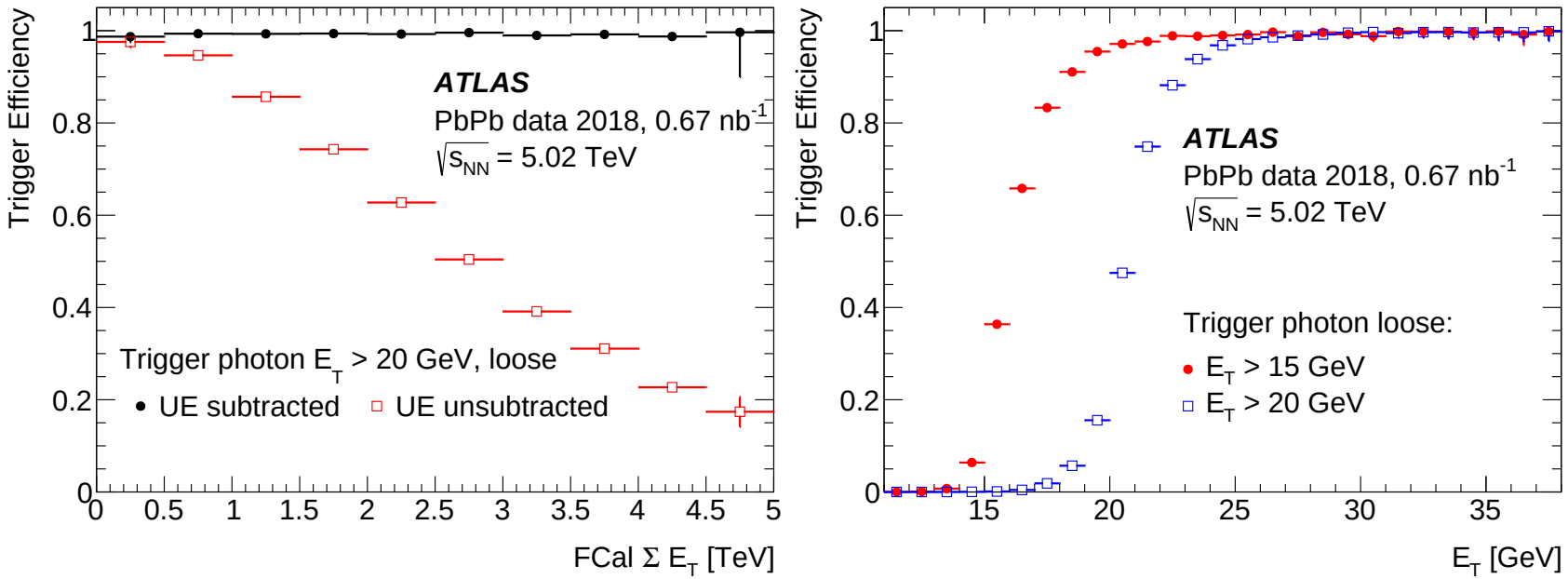


- efficiency is calculated wrt offline tight and isolated electrons, measured with "Z tag and probe" method
- sharper turn on in 2015
  lower E_T threshold, no isolation at L1, looser identification
- inefficiencies in 2016 below 60 GeV observed
  due to likelihood calorimeter only selection in precision calorimeter step
- 2017 data driven likelihood selection, introduction of Ringer algorithm

Heavy ion collisions

- Events have a busy environment
- Event is charaterised collision centrality, accounted by $FCal \sum E_T$, affects trigger efficiency
- Introduced underlying event (UE) subtraction into egamma trigger to minimize efficiency depedence on centrality, allows to use standard identification variables

Photon trigger in heavy ion data taking



- photon trigger efficiency evaluated with respect to offline-reconstructed photons measured by bootstrap method
- efficiency shown with and without subtraction of the underlying event

Conclusions

- Electron and photon trigger performed well during Run-2
- Significant complication of experimental environment from 2015 to 2018 requires trigger chains modification and development/adoption of new algorithms (Ringer)
- Using of adopted offline reconstruction algorithms (GSF, Superclusters) for future data-taking is expected to improve energy and momentum resolution at trigger stage

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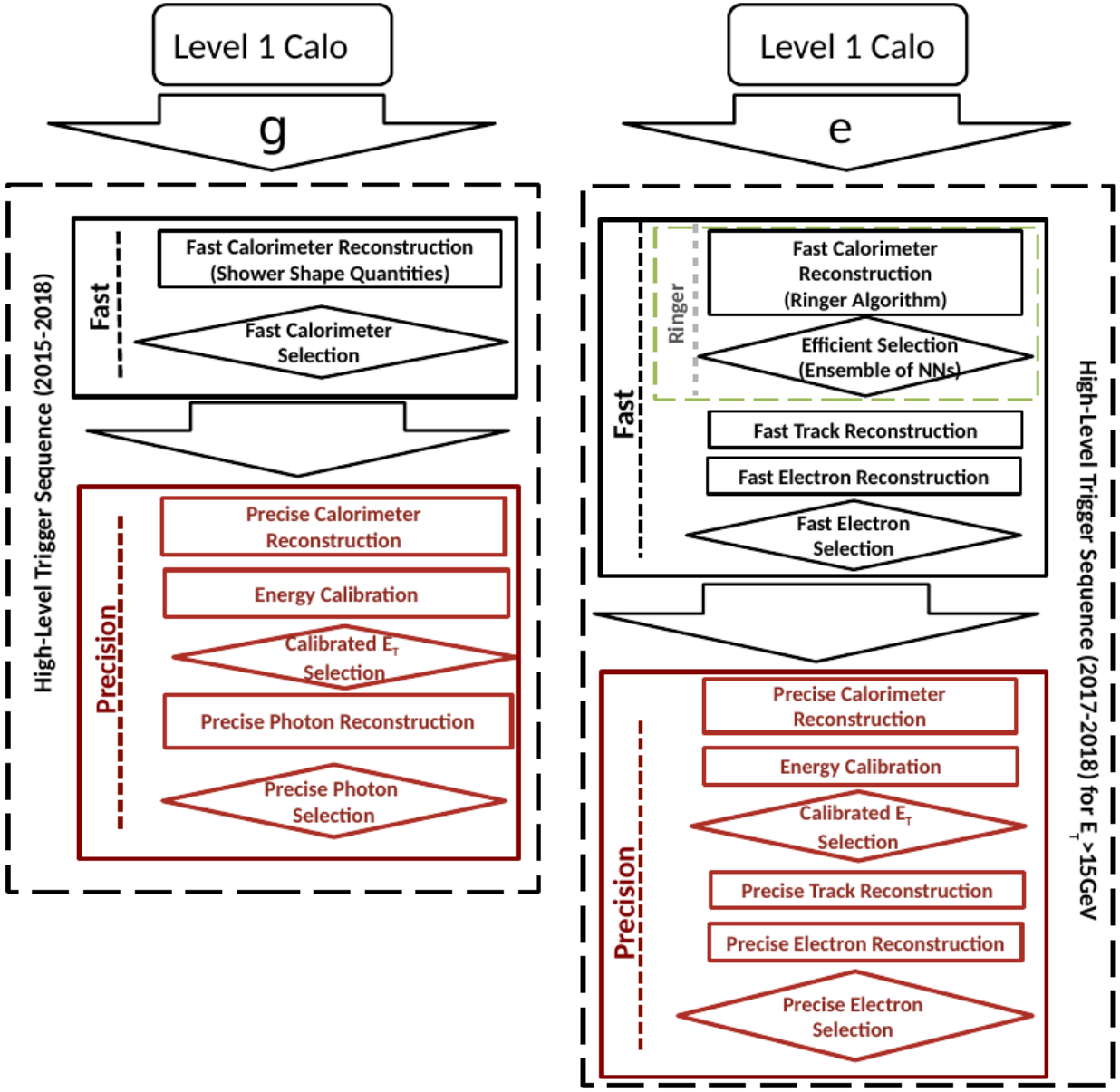
Backup

High Level Trigger sequence



'Offline' Electron and photon reconstruction and identification

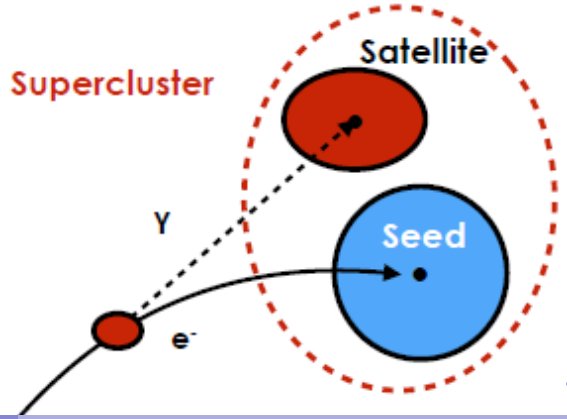
Electrons

- Identification based on a likelihood discriminator
- 'loose', 'medium' and 'tight' working points considered
- using GSF (Gaussian-Sum Filter) as a generalisation of the Kalman fitter, better account for energy loss in Inner Detector

Photons

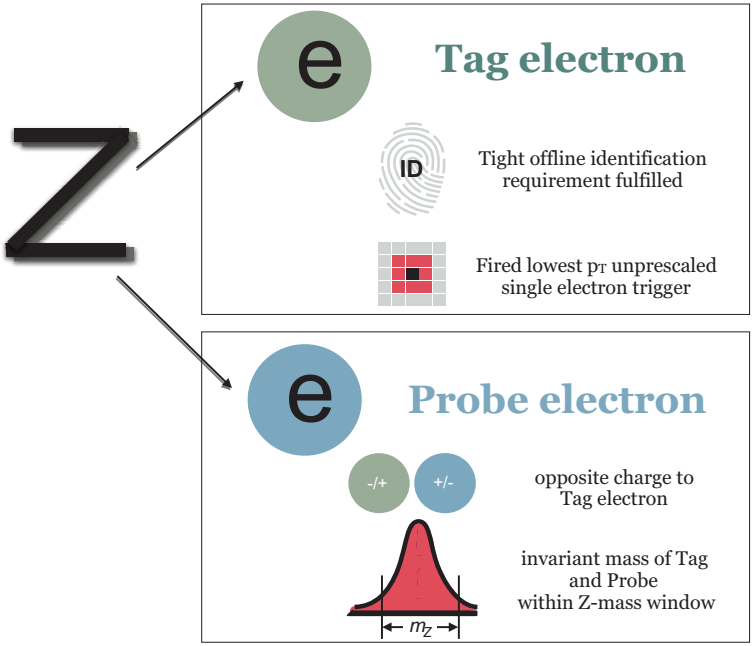
- identification based on calorimetric variables
- two identification working points: 'loose' and 'tight'
- 'loose': second EM layer + Hadronic calorimeters
- 'tight': 'loose' + first EM calo layer

Using Supercluster to improve electron and photon energy reconstruction in cases with Bremsstrahlung or pair production



Performance measurement techniques — electrons

Z tag-and-probe method



$$\epsilon_{total} = \epsilon_{offline} \times \epsilon_{trig} = \left(\frac{N_{offline}}{N_{all}}\right) \times \left(\frac{N_{trig}}{N_{offline}}\right)$$

- N_{all} — number of produced electrons,
- N_{trig} — number of triggered electron candidates,
- $N_{offline}$ — number of isolated, identified and reconstructed offline electron candidates
- $\epsilon_{offline}$ — offline efficiency

Trigger efficiency computed with respect to offline electron definitions

Performance measurement techniques — photons

Bootstrap method

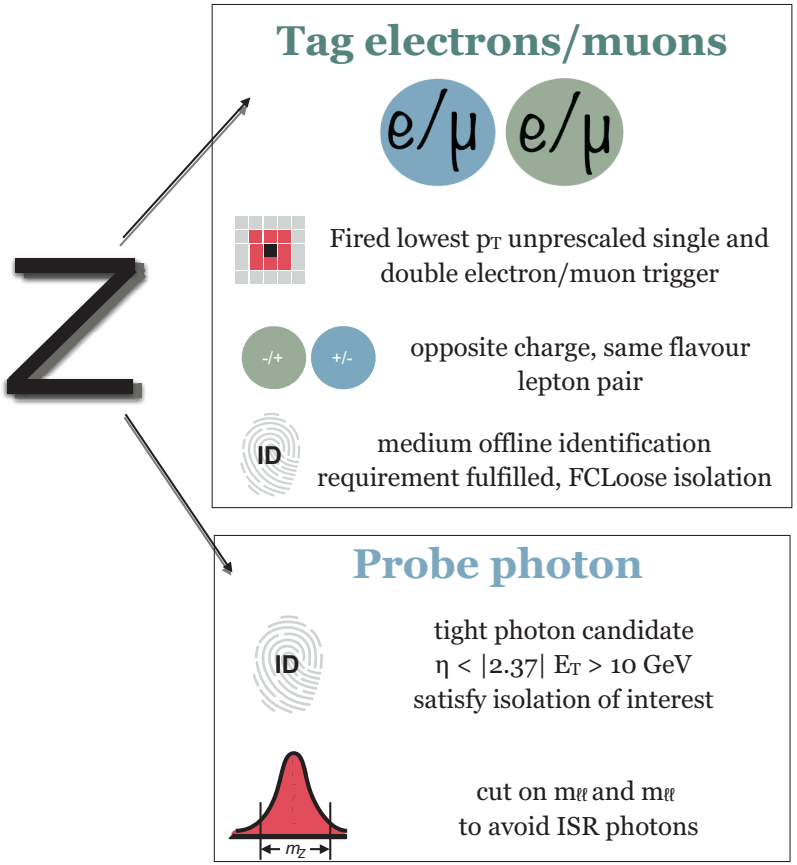
$$\epsilon^{\gamma}_{trig} = \epsilon_{HLT|BS} \times \epsilon_{BS}$$

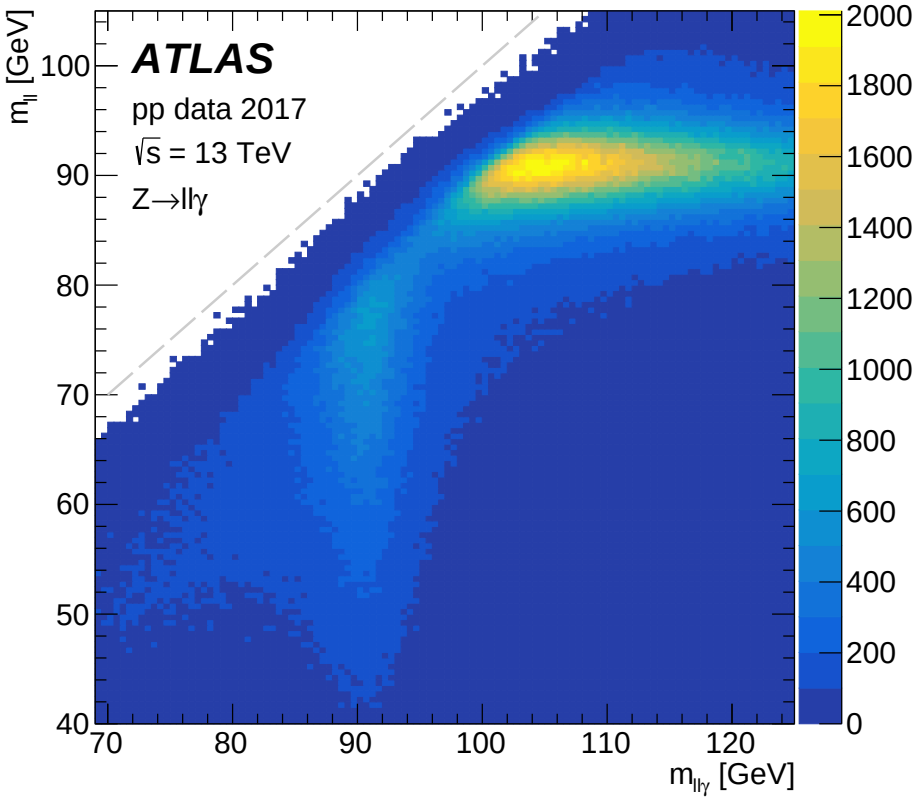
- ϵ^{γ}_{trig} — **HLT efficiency with respect to offline selection**
- $\epsilon_{HLT|BS}$ — **HLT efficiency on bootstrap sample**
  bootstrap sample collected by L1-only triggers or by loose, low-E_T photon triggers.
- ϵ_{BS} — **Bootstrap sample efficiency with respect to offline selection**
  computed on events selected by special 'random' trigger

Performance measurement techniques — photons

Z radiative decay method

used for diphoton triggers





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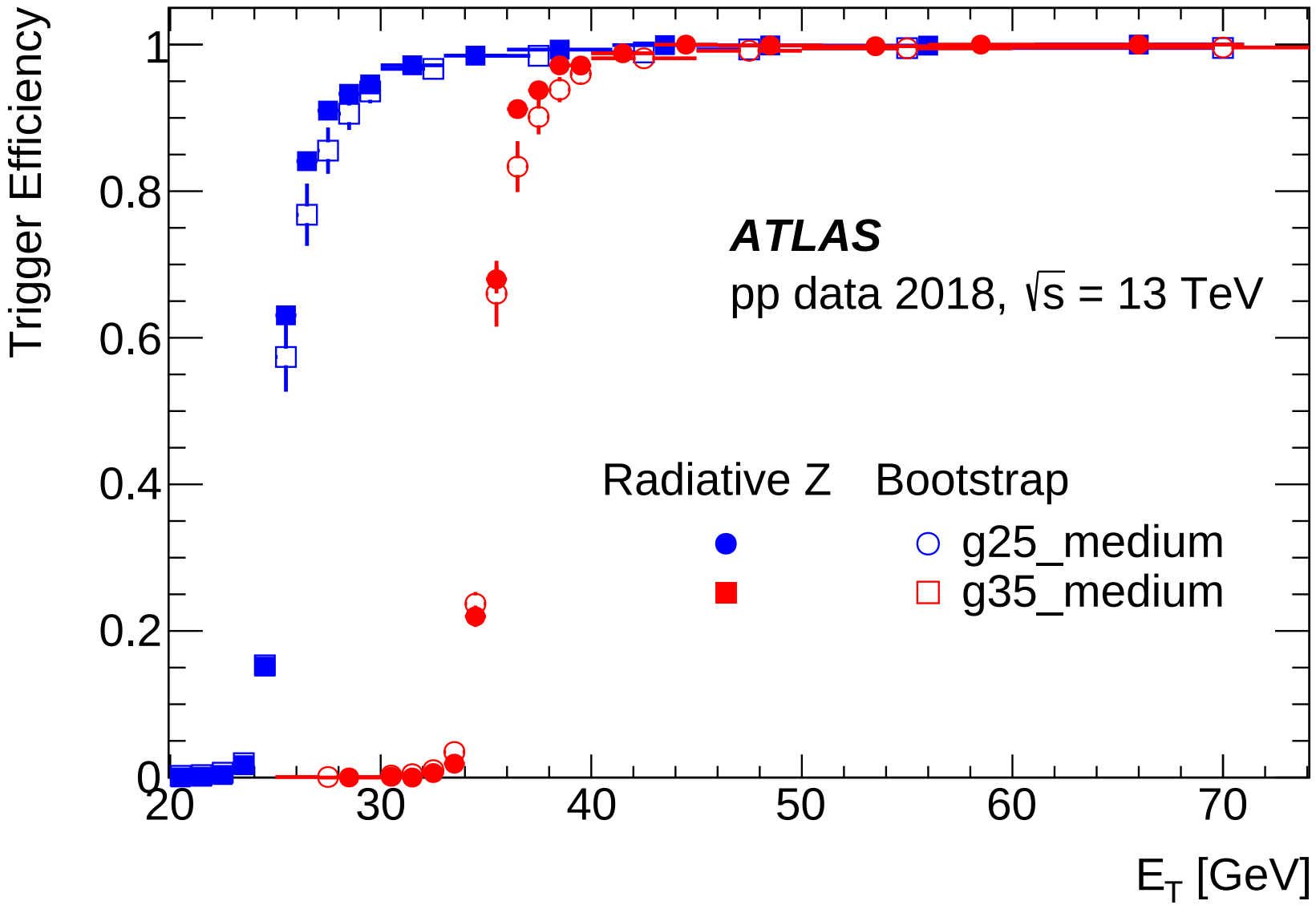
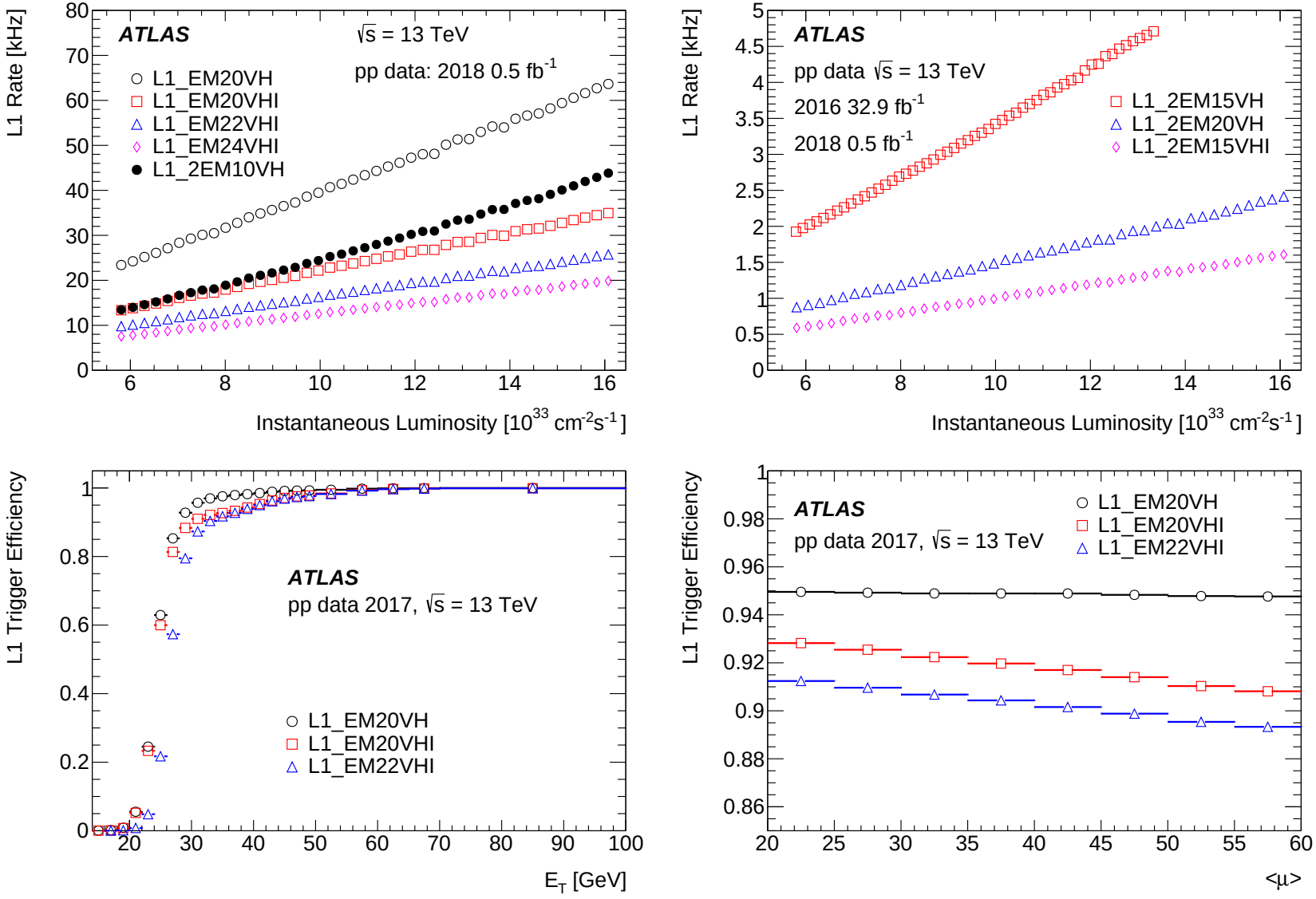
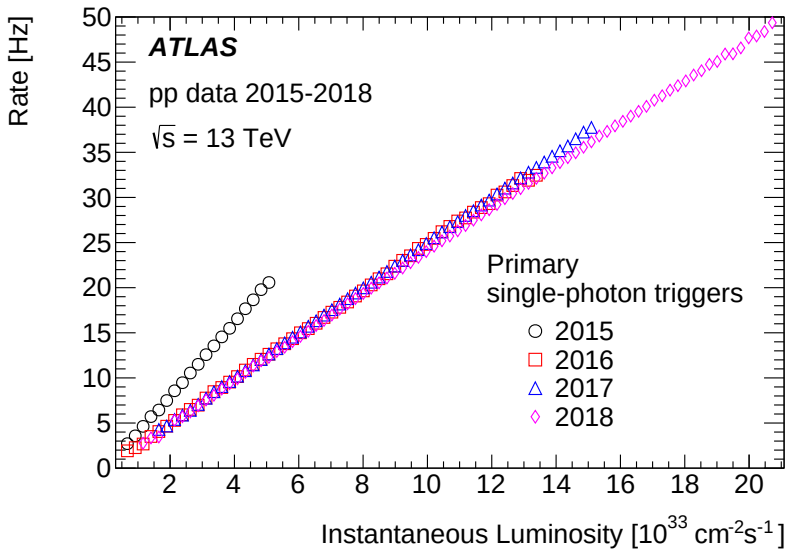


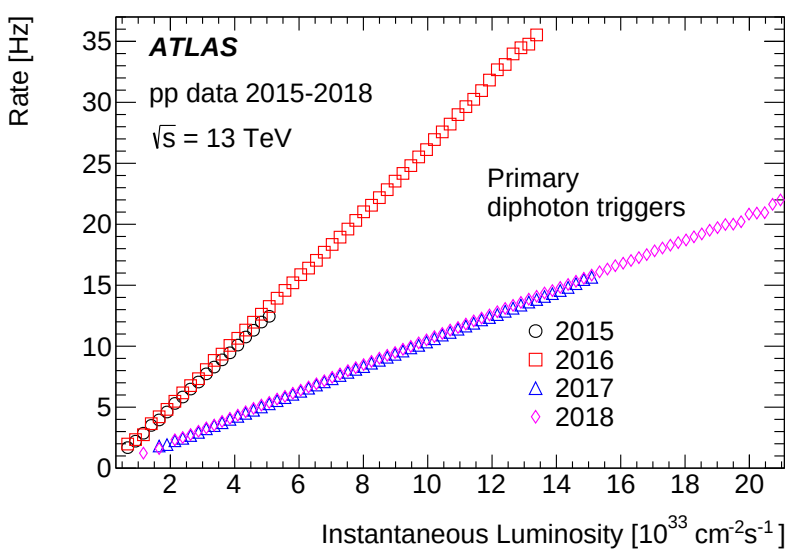
Level-1 trigger performance



Photon trigger evolution and performance

Trigger type	2015	2016	2017–2018
Single photon	g120_loose (EM22VHI)	g140_loose (EM22VHI)	
Primary diphoton	g35_loose_g25_loose (2EM15VH)		g35_medium_g25_medium (2EM20VH)
Loose diphoton			2g50_loose (2EM20VH)
Tight diphoton	2g20_tight (2EM15VH)	2g22_tight (2EM15VH)	2g20_tight_icalovloose (2EM15VHI)





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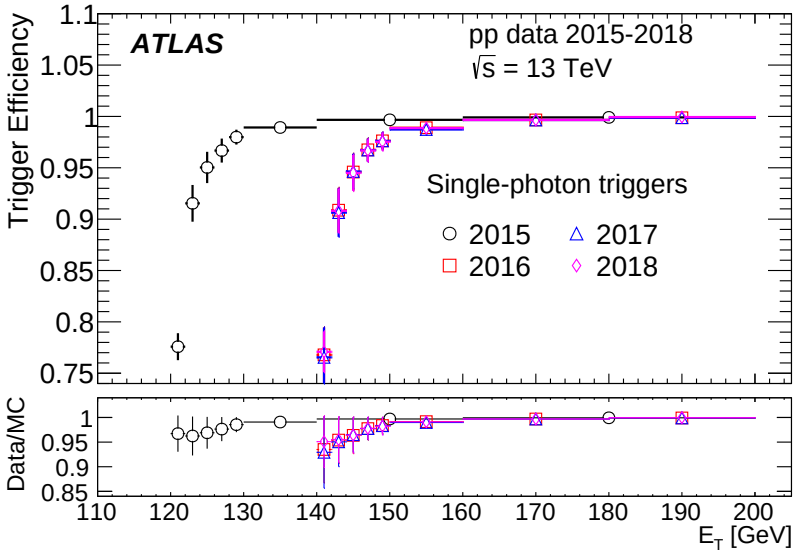

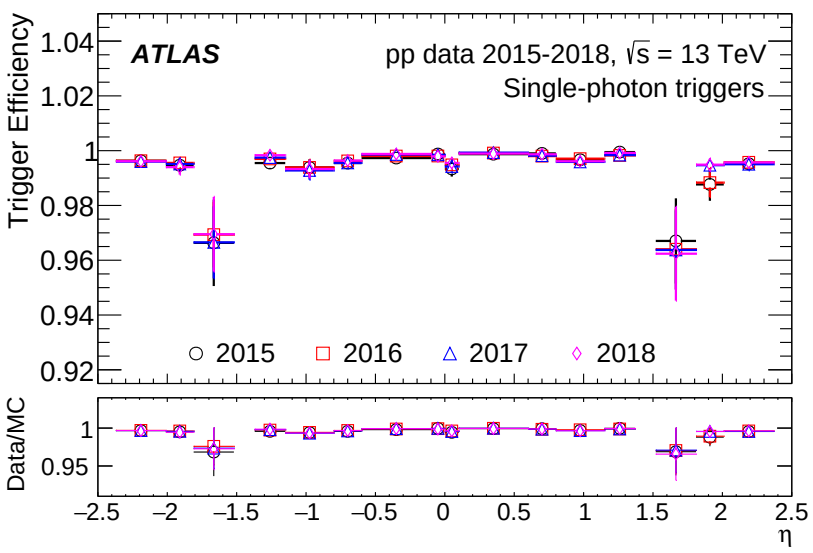

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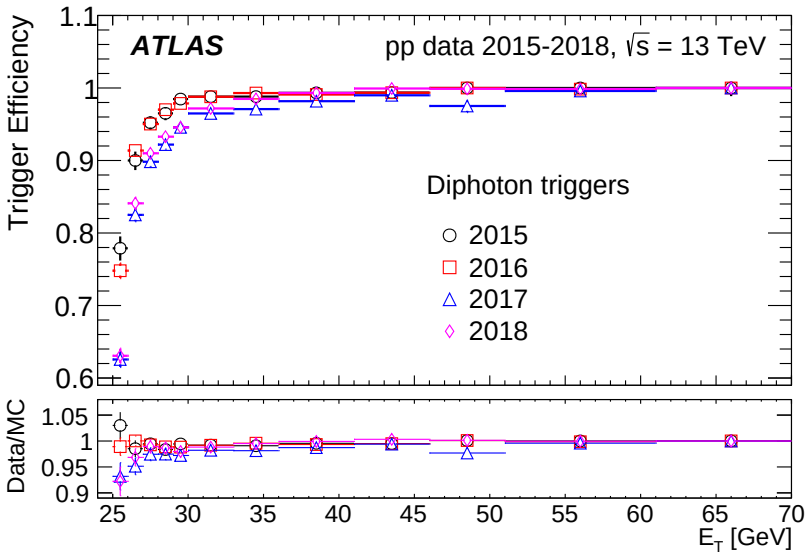
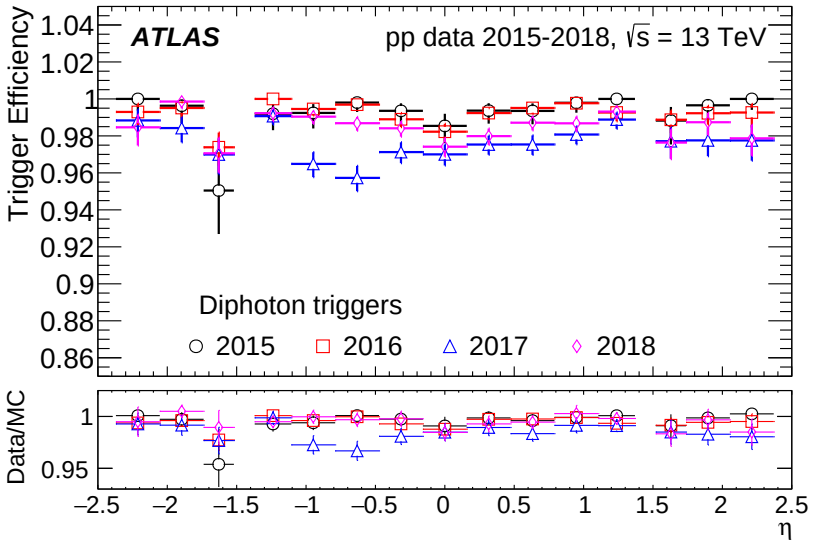
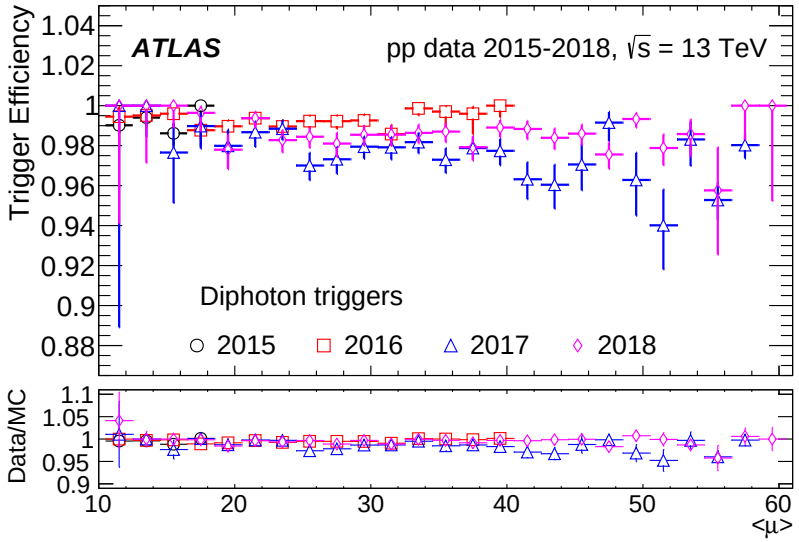
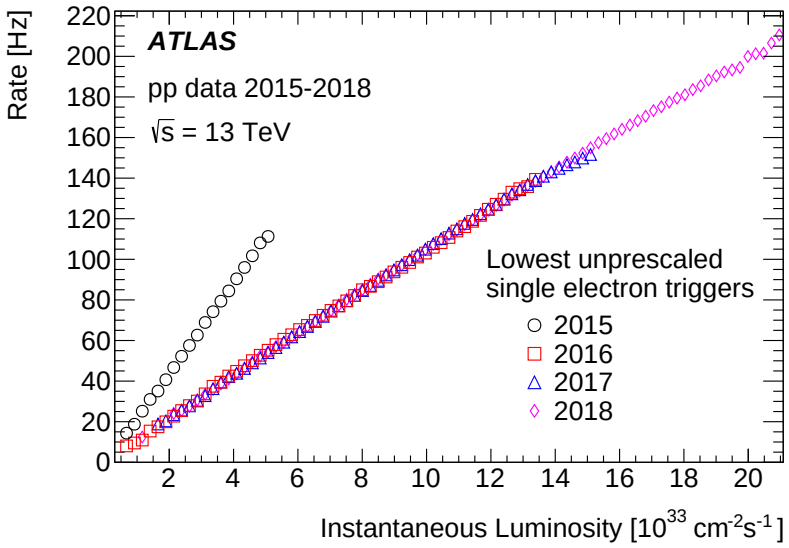






Electron trigger evolution and performance

Trigger type	2015	2016	2017–2018
Single electron	e24_lhmedium (EM20VH) e120_lhloose e200_etcut	e26_lhtight_nod0_ivarloose (EM22VHI) e60_lhmedium_nod0 e140_lhloose_nod0 e300_etcut	
Dielectron	2e12_lhloose (2EM10VH)	2e17_lhvloose_nod0 (2EM15VH)	2e17_lhvloose_nod0 (2EM15VHI) 2e24_lhvloose_nod0 (2EM20VH)



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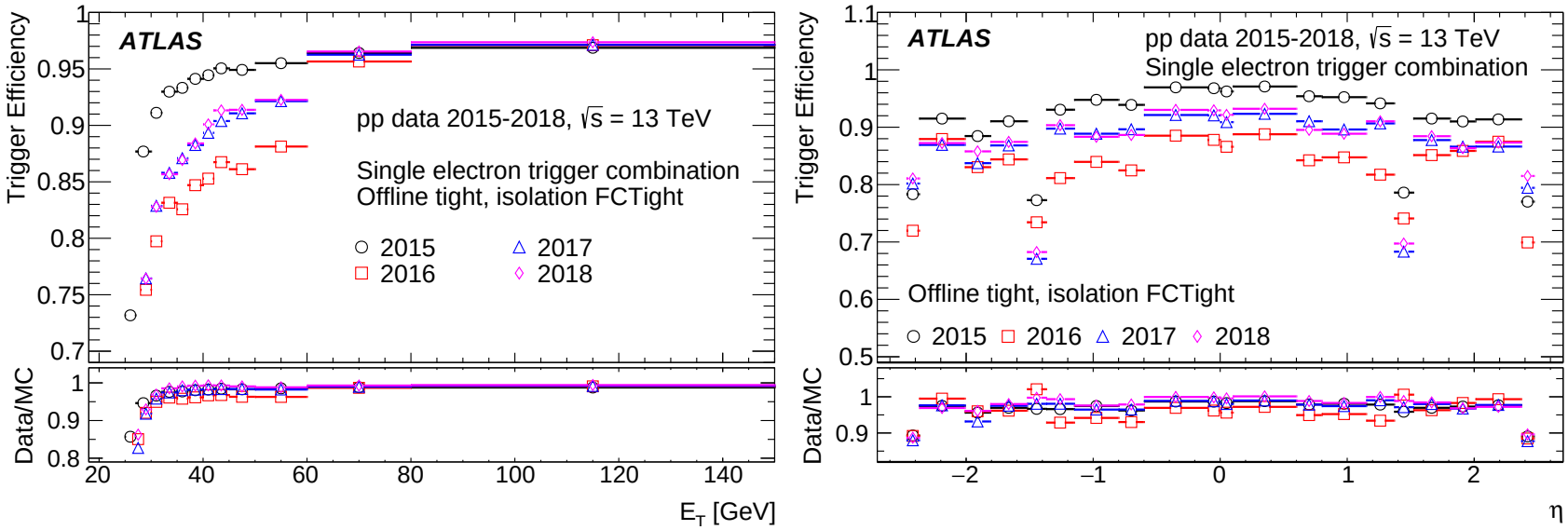

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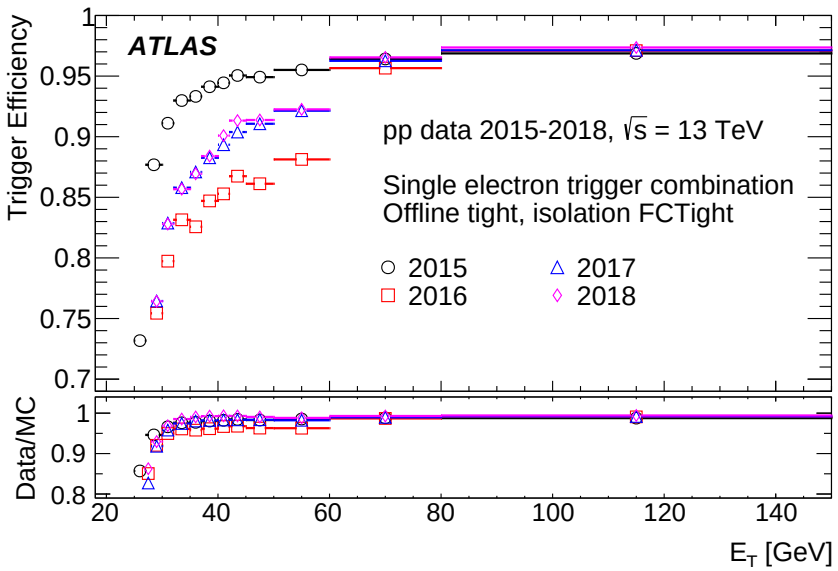

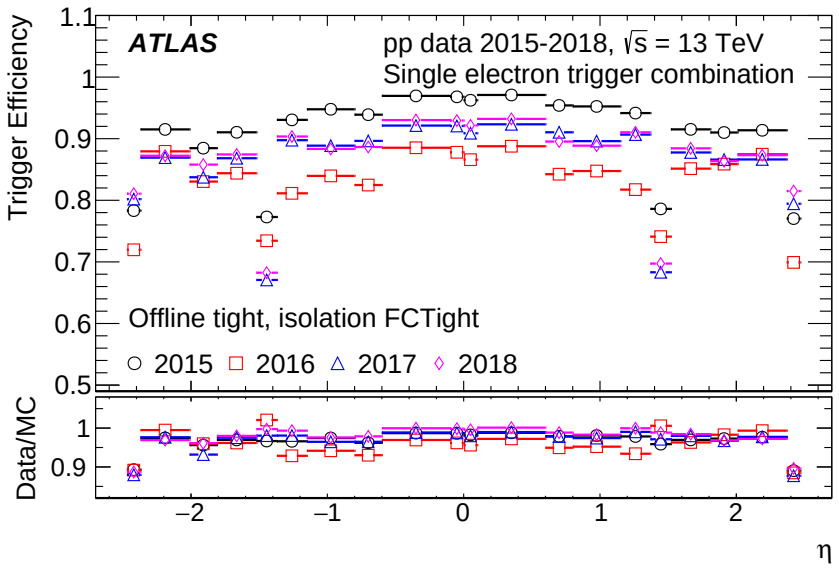

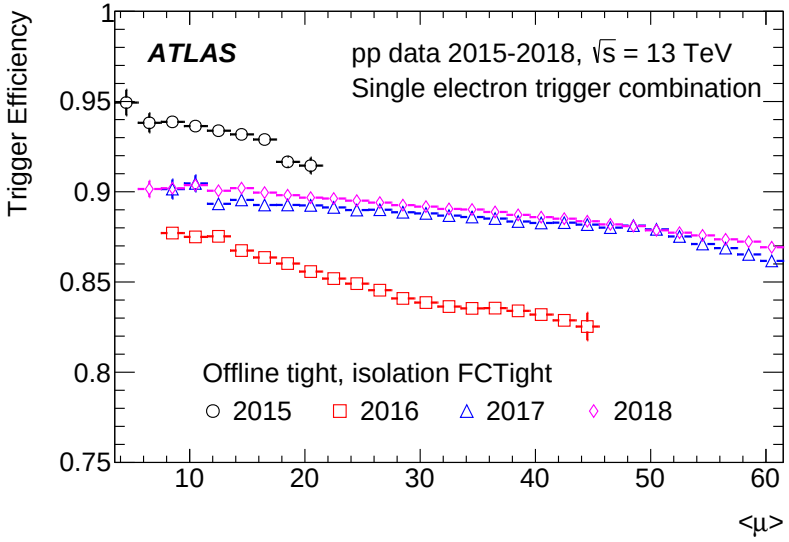

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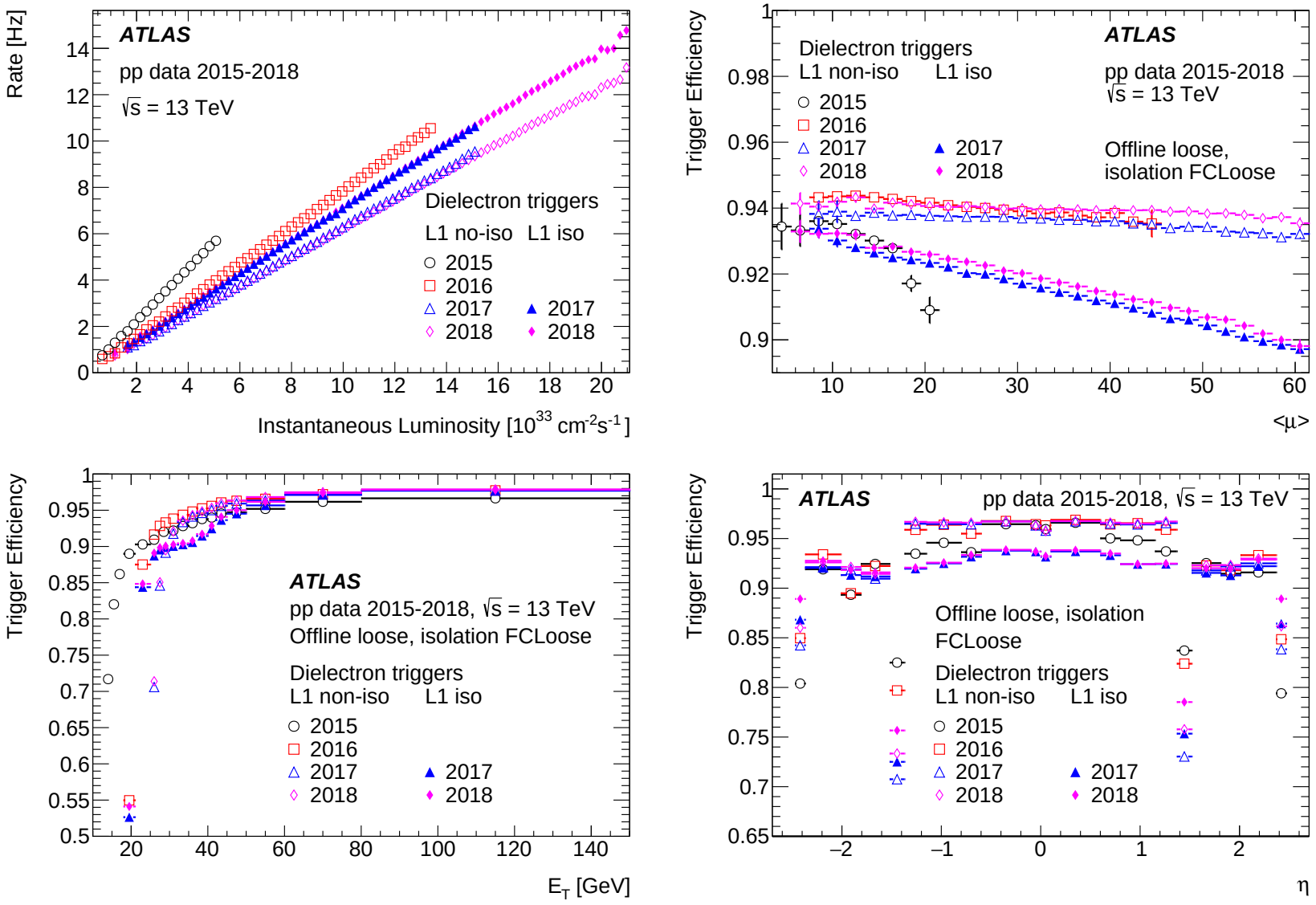

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