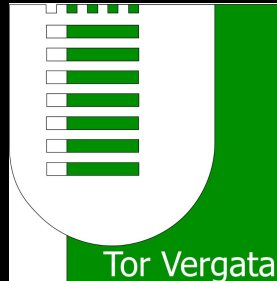


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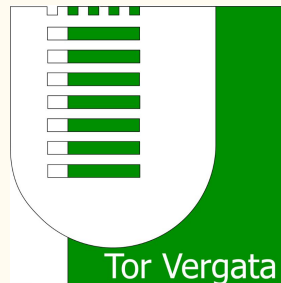
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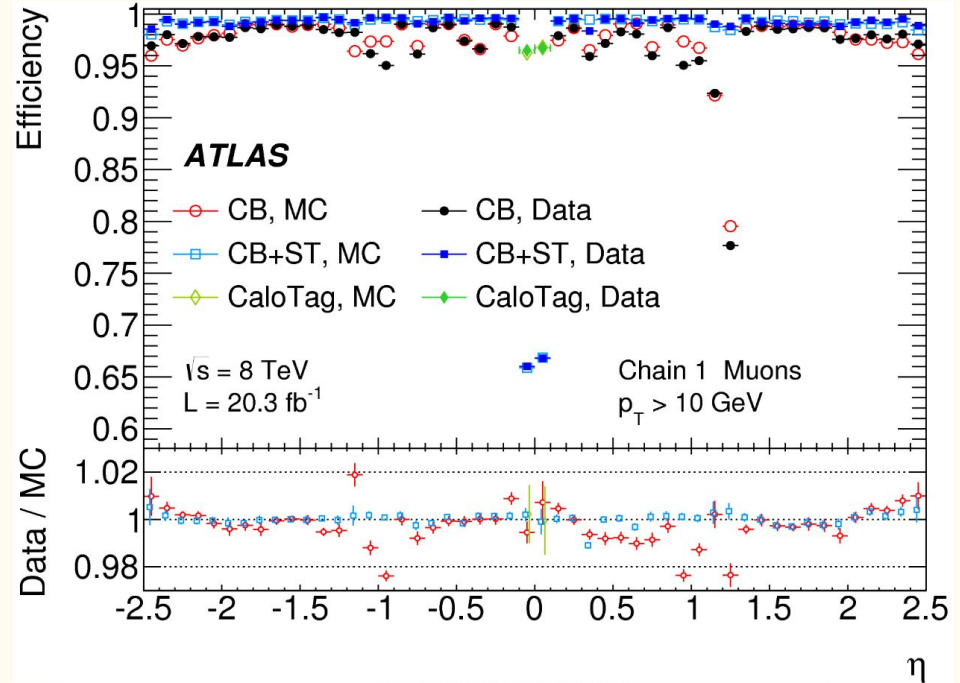
- Born in Rome, 25/12/1985 (yes, I know)
- 2007: Bachelor Degree @ Sapienza
- 2010: Master Degree @ Sapienza. Thesis: Calibration and Data Quality of Monitored Drift Tube chambers in ATLAS
- 2010-2013: Ph.D. project in Max-Planck-Institut, Munich, ATLAS group
- June 2013: Ph.D. from Technische Universität München + MPI
- 2013-2015: postdoc @ Sapienza (ATLAS)
- 2015-2016: postdoc @ Sapienza (ATLAS)

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ATLAS muon spectrometer

- During **master thesis**, worked on data quality of the **ATLAS muon spectrometer**
- During **Ph.D.**, efficiency measurements for the identification and reconstruction of **muons** in the **ATLAS spectrometer**
- **Z boson** decaying to two muons provide very clean events for measuring the muon efficiency!
- Several millions **Z**→**μμ** decays reconstructed in LHC run1

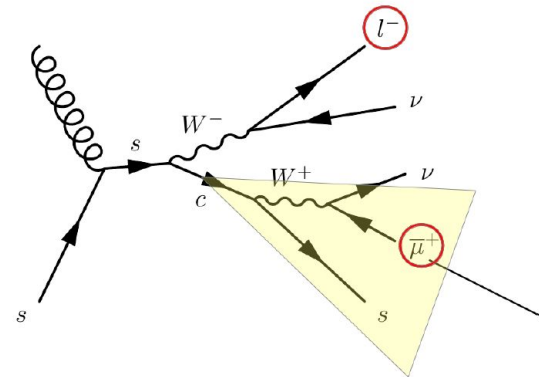
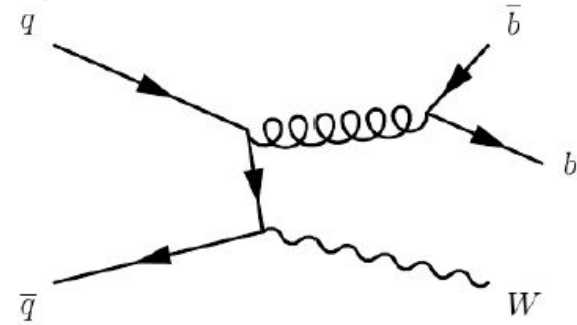


Example of **efficiency** measurement for muon reconstruction in **different regions** of the ATLAS detector

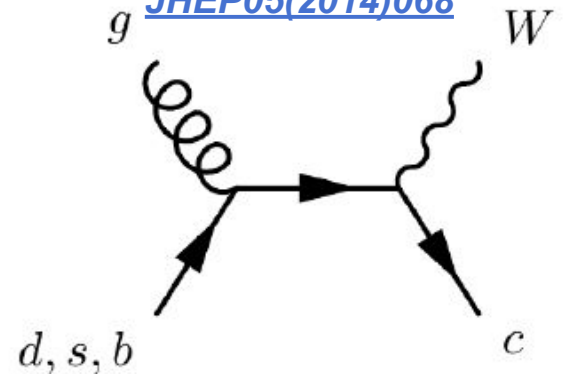
Ph.D. - $W + b$ -jets and $W + c$ -jets

- Measurement of **cross section** for the production of a **W** boson + **b** or **c** quarks
- Test for perturbative **QCD** predictions
- Important **background** for **Higgs** and **Beyond Standard Model** physics
- Input to **Parton Density Function** measurement
- **W** identified thanks to **e/ μ decay**
- **b/c** measured as a **jet** of particles in the detector and identified e.g. thanks to semileptonic decays -> see later

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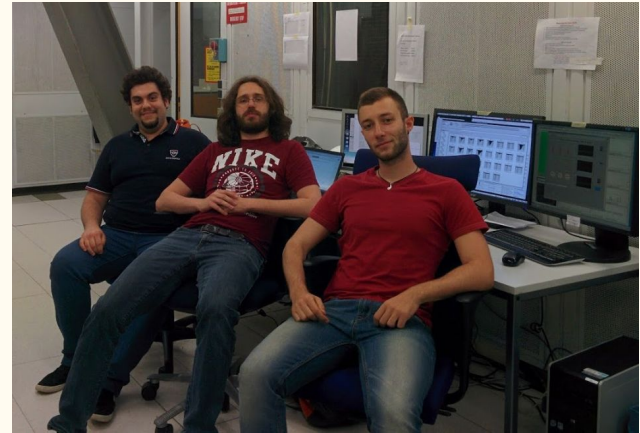
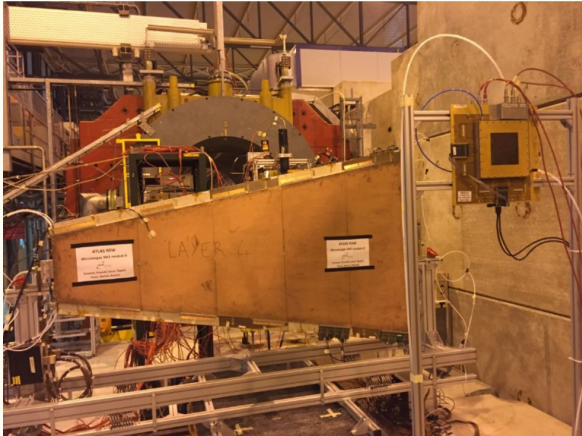
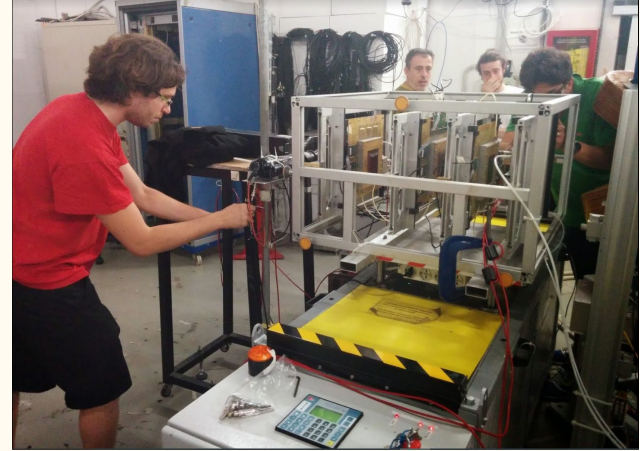


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Postdoc - Micromegas chambers

- **Gas detector** with a novel design for the upgrade of the **ATLAS spectrometer** in 2019
- Work on prototype **construction**, test on beam, **performance** measurement and development of the **reconstruction**



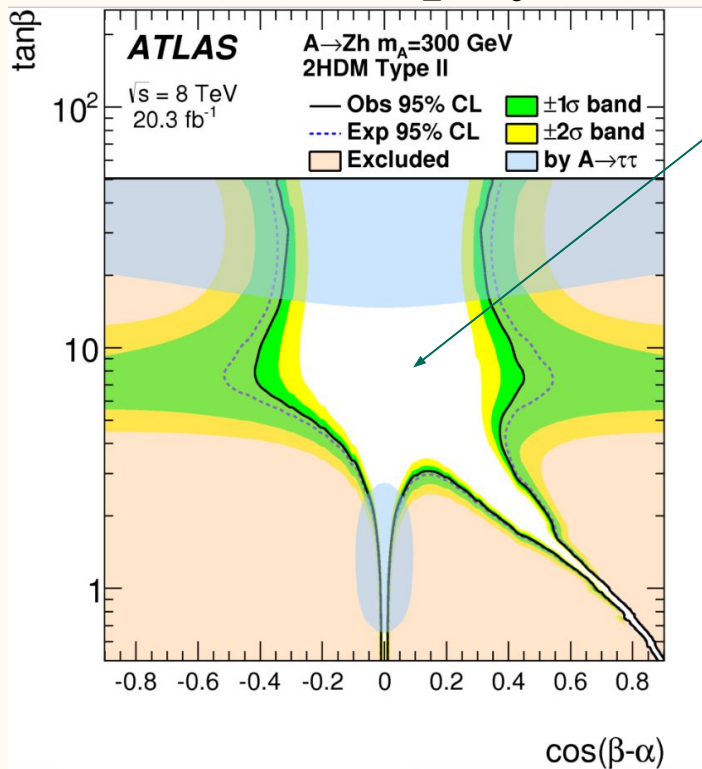
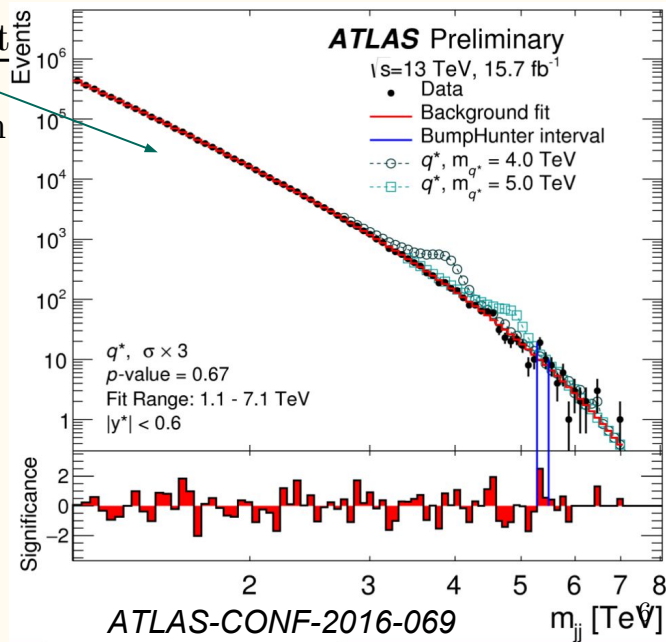
Postdoc - physics beyond the Standard Model

Search for new, pseudoscalar Higgs boson *PLB 744 (2015) 163*

- predicted by several models (e.g. supersymmetry)
- it can decay to a Z boson and a “standard” higgs!
- we did not find it: we’re reducing the living space for new physics

Search for new physics in dijet events

- LHC 8 TeV- >15 TeV in 2015
- Production of heavy resonances or high scale new physics greatly enhanced!
- If it comes from partons, it can go to partons...
- No new physics found yet, previous limits (e.g. W') improved up to 50%



2 jets with invariant mass of 7.5 TeV!!!



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Teaching

- **Assistant** for “Nuclear and subnuclear particle physics 1” on relativistic kinematics, particle interactions with matter, particle detectors, SM reactions and decays, ... **for >100 students per year (2 years)**



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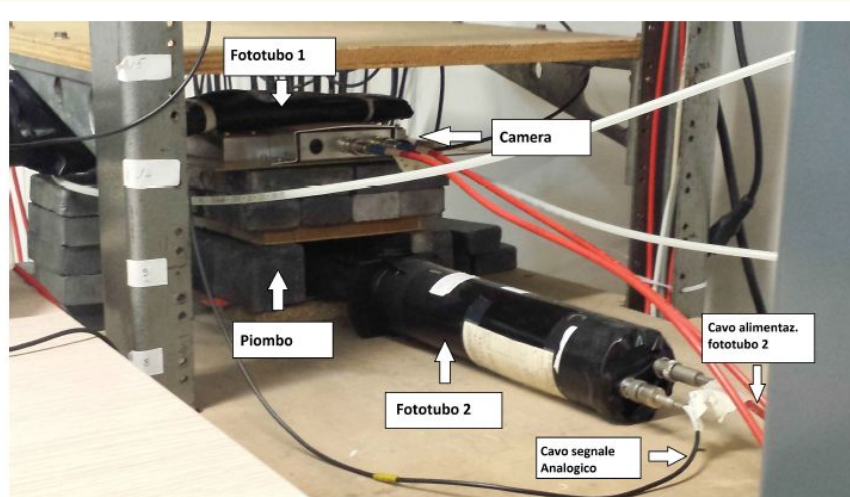
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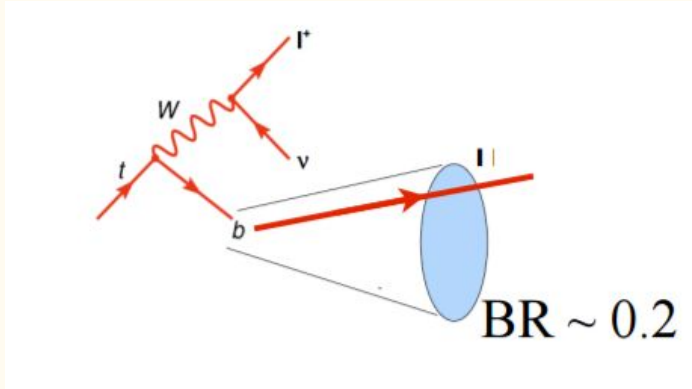


- **Responsible** for three years for an experiment for master students (4-6 months) with a MicroMegas chambers on cosmic muons.

What am I doing now?

- Based @ CERN thanks to INFN grant until next 30/6
- Convenor of the **Hadronic Jets and Dark Matter** subgroup of ATLAS-Exotics
 - we search for new physics in events with **jets** and/or **invisible objects** (e.g. dark matter!)
 - quite large group, **>10 analyses**, **>140 people** involved
 - started on 1/11/2016
- And, of course, **Top Physics!** NPTEV-TQP
 - top is the **heaviest** quark
 - it's so heavy it decays before forming any bounded state!
 - we want to measure its **mass**, to use it as a laboratory for **Standard Model physics**, and as a probe for **new physics!** -> see next talks
 - the top quark decays $\sim 100\%$ in W boson + b quark
 - we want to exploit **b** decays to **muons** (+X) for most of these measurements

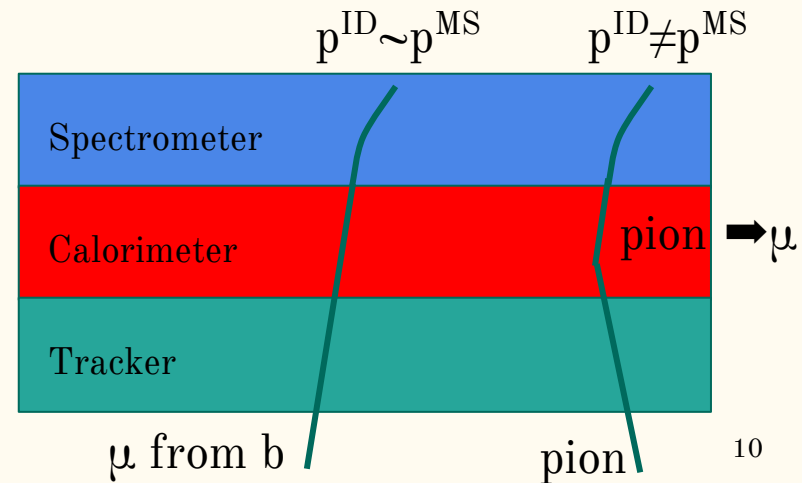
The Soft Muon Tagger



- less statistics ($b \rightarrow \mu + X \sim 20\%$) but **cleaner signature**
- **complementary** to other tagging strategies, different systematics \Rightarrow helps combination!
- muon in jets not coming from heavy hadrons have different properties \Rightarrow we can use that to **reject the background!**
- **optimization and measurement of muon reconstruction performance is the key!**

see [2016 JINST 11 P04008](#)

- a standard strategy to **identify a jet originated from a b quark** is to identify tracks from a b-hadron decay in a tracker
- with the soft muon tagger we instead **tag b-jets** by identifying a muon coming from a b-hadron



Outlook

- 7 years in ATLAS and counting
- Worked on ATLAS muon spectrometer, detector R&D, Standard Model measurements, beyond Standard Model searches
- The present and the future is the top quark physics
- My first goal will now be the development the Soft Muon Tagger for LHC Run-2
- I already worked on that during LHC Run-1 for $W+c$ cross section measurement during the Ph.D.
- The performance of muon reconstruction, identification and of the tagger must be optimised and precisely measured in data: we are doing precision physics!
- This is challenging at very low momentum, which is most relevant for us
- But we need to do that in order to be at the **TOP**





New Phenomena at the TeV Scale With Top Quarks

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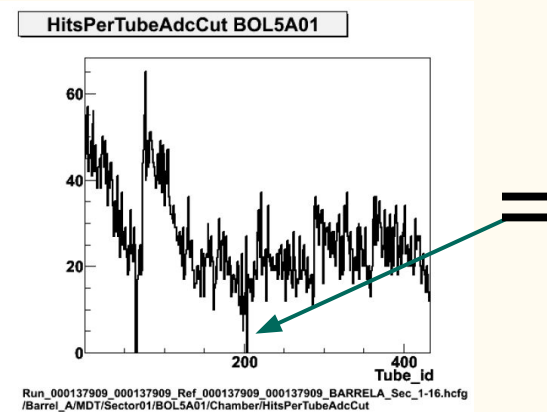
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BACKUP



The walking dead tubes

- Master thesis: data quality assessment for the ATLAS muon drift tube chambers
- Web interface to an automatized system to understand if everything's ok or not for the ATLAS spectrometer
- Analysis performed on high-stat calibration-dedicated stream



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