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How to add UserData to the output D3PD: adding new branches and filling them with user-defined custom formulas

Introduction

We provide below two examples of how to include UsedData, i.e. user-defined quantities, in the output D3PD.

Adding UserData to the D3PD means defining two new branches and filling them with user-defined formulas.

⚠ It does not mean dumping information from AOD, for example. For that you should refer to [ATLASWatchManHowToDumpInfoFromContainers](#)

How to add UserData: examples

In our example we define two new branches, to store `meff` (Effective Mass) and `sphericity`.

The first one is filled with a user-defined custom formula, while the latter is filled with a built-in formula. (You can find the formula in `ATLASWatchMan/python/ATLASWatchMan_CutsLib.py`).

```
userD3PDBranchesToFill = {
    'meffCSC4j0lep' : {'label': 'meff4j', 'type': 'float', 'formula': 'meff
    'sphericityCSC' : {'label': 'sphCSC', 'type': 'float', 'formula': 'spheri
}
```

In `userD3PDBranchesToFill` we set our definitions for the new branches. In `'formula'` we specify the name of the formula. That name will be searched first in the `userFormula` dictionary (details below) and then, if not found, in the built-in library of pre-defined formulas (you can find the formulas in `ATLASWatchMan/python/ATLASWatchMan_CutsLib.py`).

So the branch `'sphericityCSC'` will be filled with the formula `'sphericity'` from the built-in library, while `'meffCSC4j0lep'` in this example is a user-defined formula and it has been defined like here below, in the `userFormula` dictionary:

```
userFormula = {
    'meff':
    """
meff = 0.
for i,jet in enumerate(candidates['jet']):
    meff += candidates['jet'][i].pt()
meff += candidates['met'].et()
return meff
    """,
```

The triple quotes `"""` `"""` are the Python character to declare an indented multi-lines string.

So you can actually write your own formula in a very simple way, and you can use the `candidates` dict to access particles, or everything you put in `collections` dictionary setting them as `'select': True` (for details see).

For example to access the `jet.Pt()` of the 3rd jet, in your formula you can use `candidates['jet'][2].pt()`, and the same for `met.Phi(): candidates['met'].phi()`.

Every branch you specify here in `userD3PDBranchesToFill` will be written in the output D3PD as two branches, in our example:

- `meffCSC4j0lepValues`
- `meffCSC4j0lepChannels`

The first one storing the actual values from your computation, and the latter storing a vector of strings which say to you, for each value, which sets of candidates have been used to compute that value.

This because each channel and/or analysis you define in your *steering file* can have a custom **object selection** and/or **overlap removal**, and so each channel with custom selection cuts "owns" a different set of candidates, depending of those having passed the custom cuts.

And so the quantity you define as `UserData` is computed with all these sets of candidates, the different values are stored in `Values` branch, and the actual channels name whose set of candidates was used to compute that

value is stored in `Channels` branch.

So in the end you have only to plot `meffCSC4j0lepValues` branch, asking if `'myChannel'` is in `meffCSC4j0lepChannels[i]` as we explain here: [ATLASWatchManReadD3PD](#)

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