

Measurement of the associated production of a Higgs boson and a top-quark pair in multilepton final states in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV with the ATLAS detector

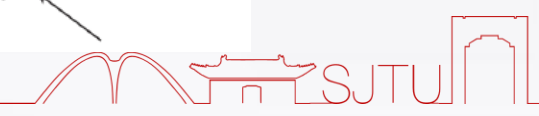
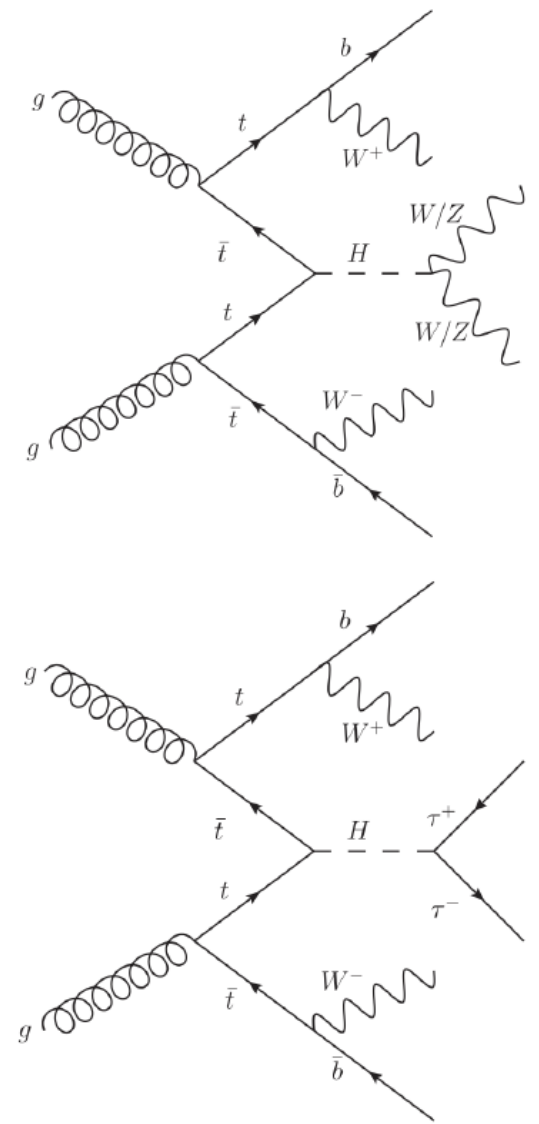
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Motivation



⊗ Probe **top-Higgs** yukawa coupling in direct way

- potential window to BSM

⊗ Sensitivity to Higgs self-coupling (strongest single Higgs sensitivity)

◆ Challenges:

- ttH cross-section at $\sqrt{s}=13$ TeV: 0.507 pb ($\sim 1\%$ of Higgs produced at the LHC)
- Complexed final state (lots of **jets** coming both from the Higgs and from the tops)
- Cannot reconstruct the full process well with the **neutrinos**

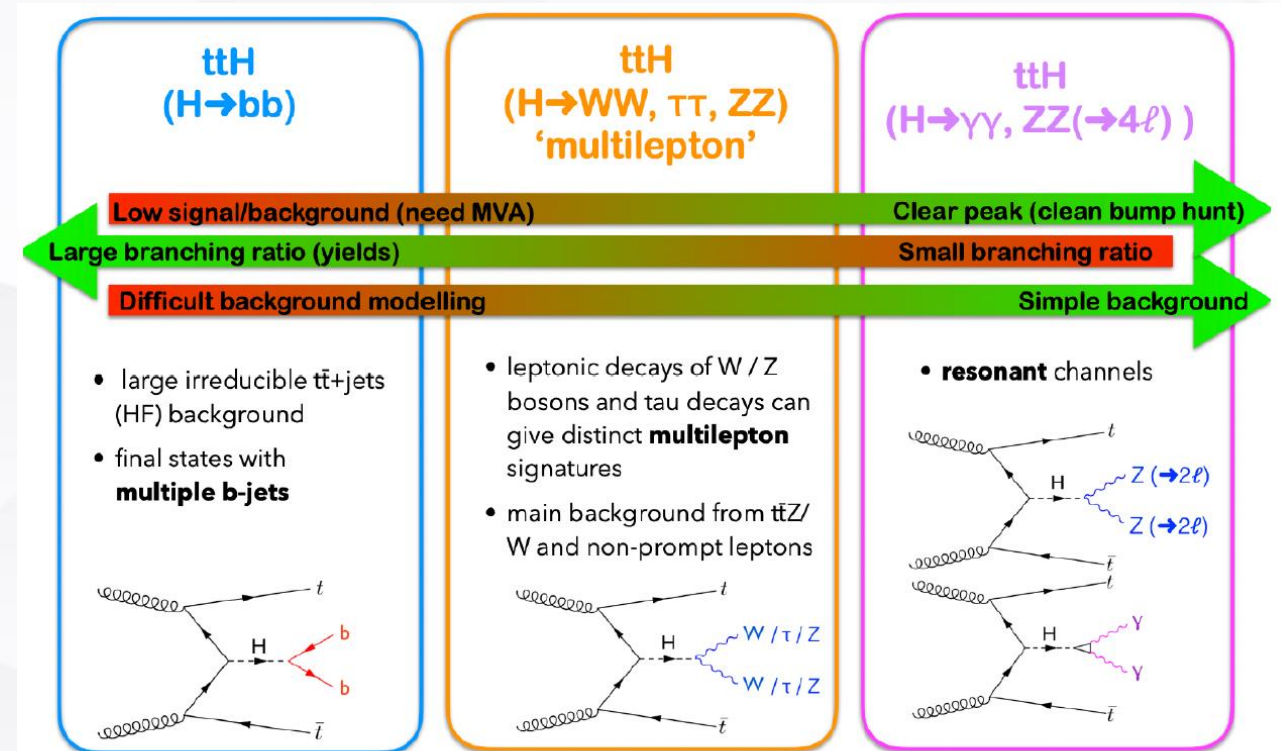


Figure from Tamara Vazquez Schroeder



ttH Ml: previous measurement

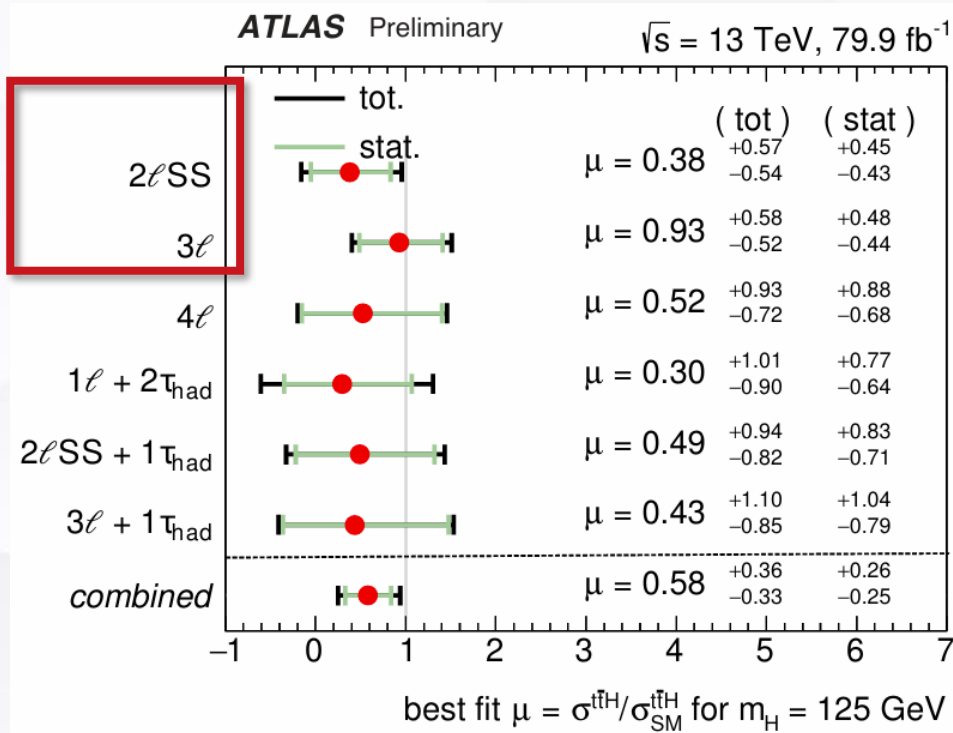


Run 2 inclusive measurement with 80 fb⁻¹ ([ATLAS-CONF-2019-045](#))

Signal strength: $0.58^{+0.36}_{-0.33}$

Observed Significance: 1.8σ (3.1σ exp)

Most sensitive channels: **2lSS, 3l**



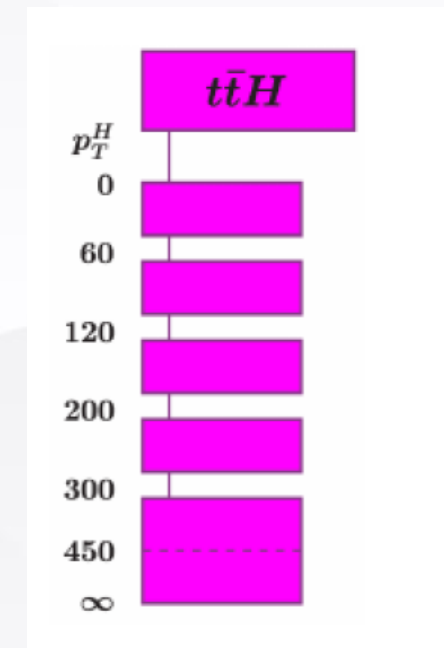


Analysis Strategy



- Full run 2 dataset (140 fb^{-1})
- Split into 6 different channels using $N_{\text{leptons}}, N_{\tau_{\text{had}}}$, lepton charge
- MVA** is used to define the signal regions and MVA-based control regions
- Template fit for fake lepton backgrounds
- Simplified Template Cross Sections (**STXS**) measurement (p_T^H)

Number of τ_{had}	2	$1\ell + 2\tau$	$2\ell + 2\tau$		4
	1		$2\ell_{SS} + 1\tau$		
	0		$2\ell_{SS} + 0\tau$	$3\ell + 0\tau$	
		1	2	3	
		Number of light ℓ			

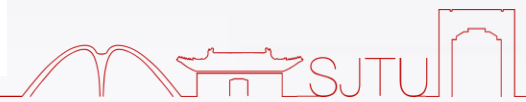
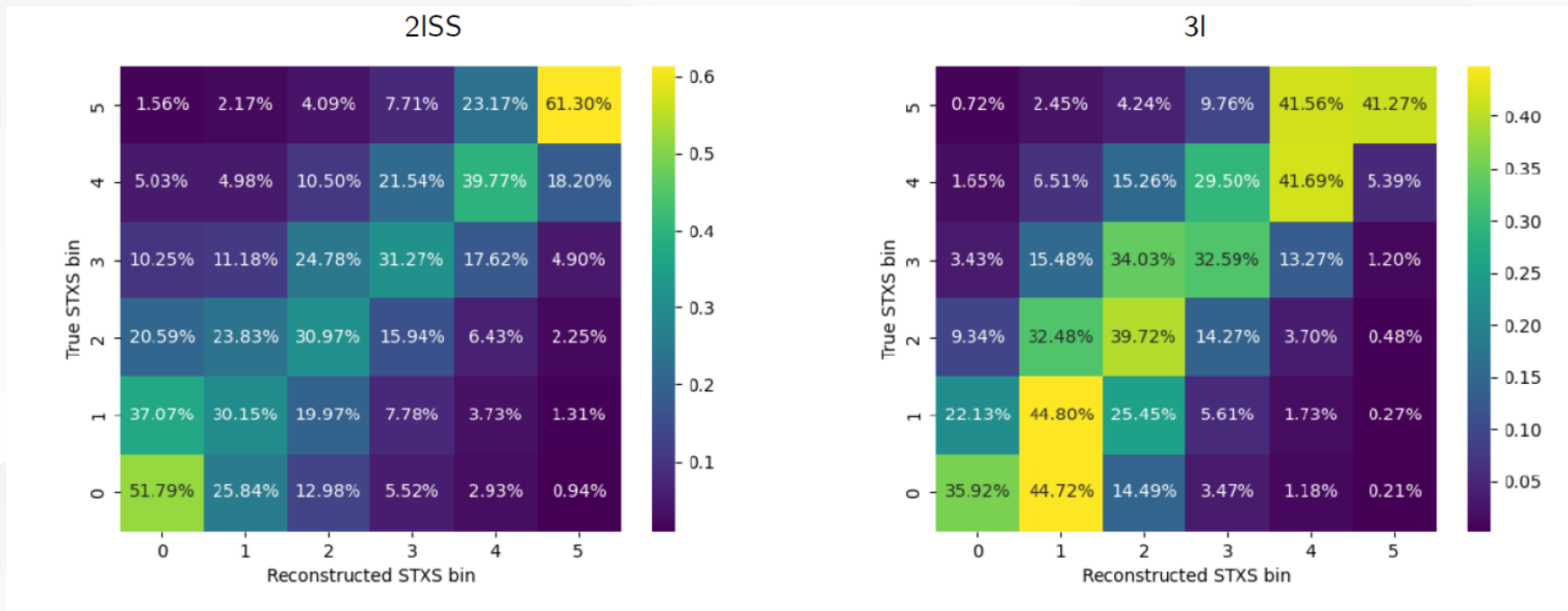
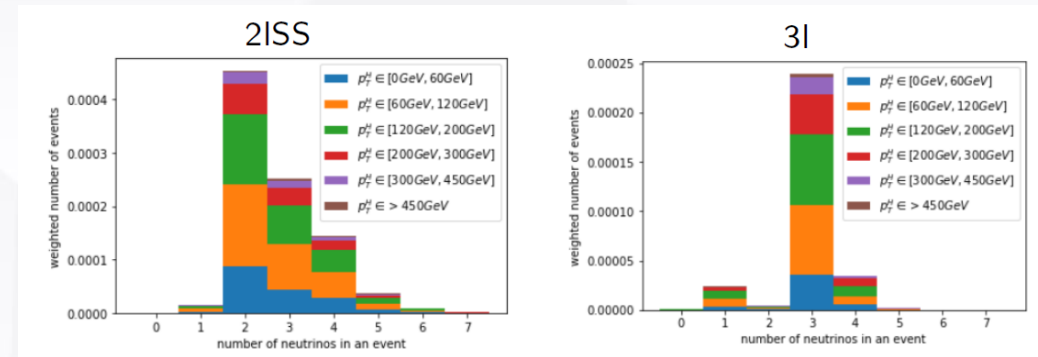




H_pT reconstruction in $\sigma\tau$ channel



- Higgs p_T is difficult to reconstruct (many neutrinos in H decay and not reconstructed soft particles)
- GNN is used to reconstructed H_pT in $\sigma\tau$ channel

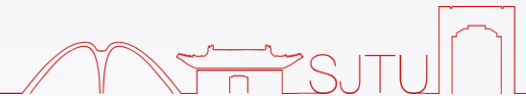
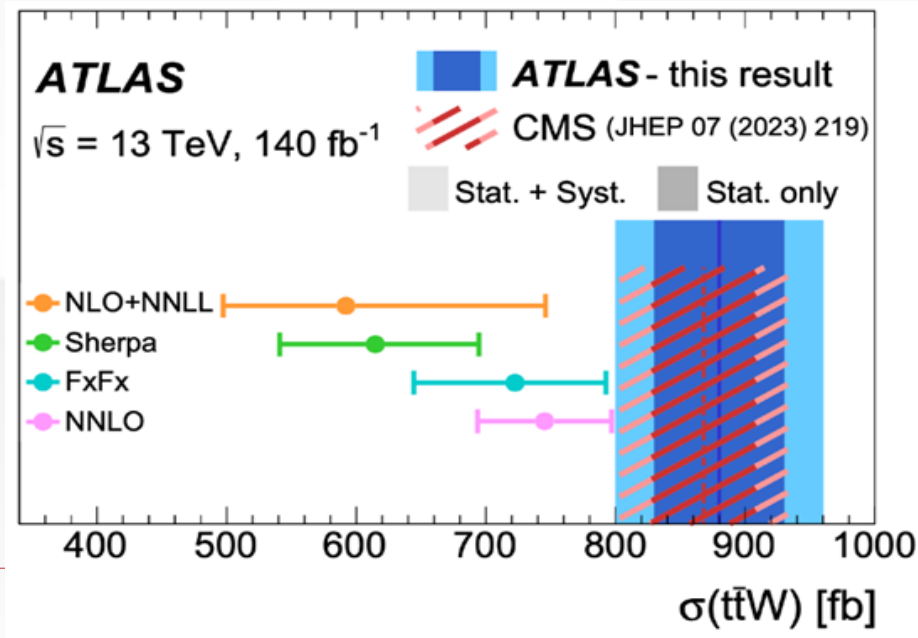




Background Estimation



- ⊗ The latest dedicated ttW background treatments are used for the $0_{\tau_{had}}$ channel ([JHEP05\(2024\)131](#))
- ⊗ **Irreducible** backgrounds: ttW, ttZ, VV
 - Cut based and multiclass BDT
- ⊗ **Reducible** backgrounds: fake or non-prompt leptons, Q mis-ID, fake τ_{had}
 - Fake factor and data-driven for non-prompt lepton
 - Template fit method inherited from ttWML



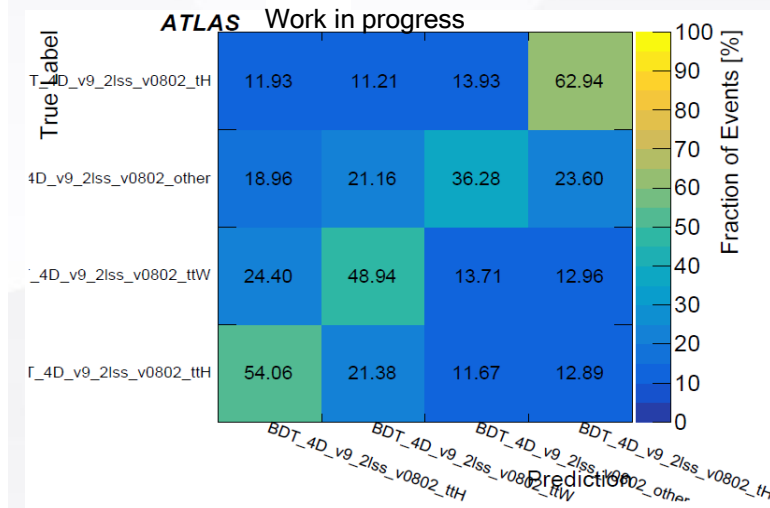
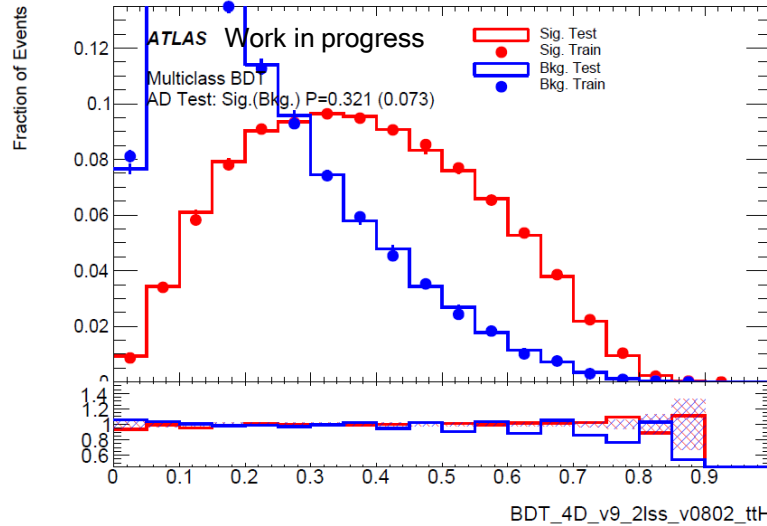


BDT discriminants(2lSS 0τ)



- 20 input variables
- k-folding is used: dataset divided into two subsets for training and testing
- Good prediction power for ttH and tHq, more difficult to distinguish ttH from ttW.

variable	description
N_{jets}	Number of central jets with $p_T > 25$ GeV
$\Delta R(\ell_0, jet)$	Angular distance between leading lepton and its closest jet
$\Delta R(\ell_1, jet)$	Angular distance between sub-leading lepton and its closest jet
$M(\ell_0, \ell_1)$	Invariant mass of leading lepton and sub-leading lepton
LD	Linear discriminant defined as: $0.6 * E_T^{miss} + 0.4 * H_T^{jet7}$
$p_T(jet_0)$	Transverse momentum of the leading jet
$p_T(jet_1)$	Transverse momentum of the sub-leading jet
ΔR_{jets}^{avg}	Average ΔR between jets
$Max(\eta_l)$	Pseudo-rapidity difference between the leading and subleading leptons ($ \eta_{\ell_0} $ and $ \eta_{\ell_1} $)
$p_T(\ell_1)$	Transverse momentum of the subleading lepton
$\eta(\ell_0)$	Pseudo-rapidity of the leading lepton
$M(lep, MET)$	Invariant mass of leptons and missing transverse energy
$M_T^{(\ell_0, MET)}$	Transverse mass of the leading lepton and missing transverse energy
$M_T^{(\ell_1, MET)}$	Transverse mass of the sub-leading lepton and missing transverse energy
$\eta(jet_0)$	Pseudo-rapidity of the leading jet
$\eta(jet_1)$	Pseudo-rapidity of the sub-leading jet
H_T^{jet}	Scalar sum of the transverse momenta of the jets
$\Delta R(\ell_0, \ell_1)$	Angular distance between the two same-sign leptons
M_{b0}	Invariant mass of the leading b-jet
M_{b1}	Invariant mass of the sub-leading b-jet





MVA-based CRs (2lSS otau)

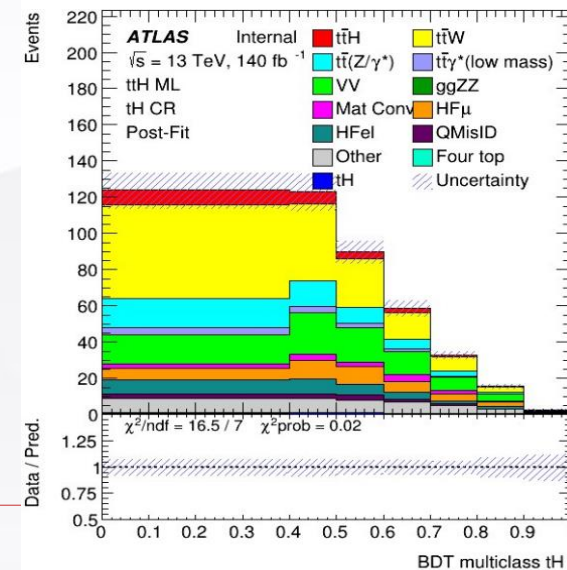
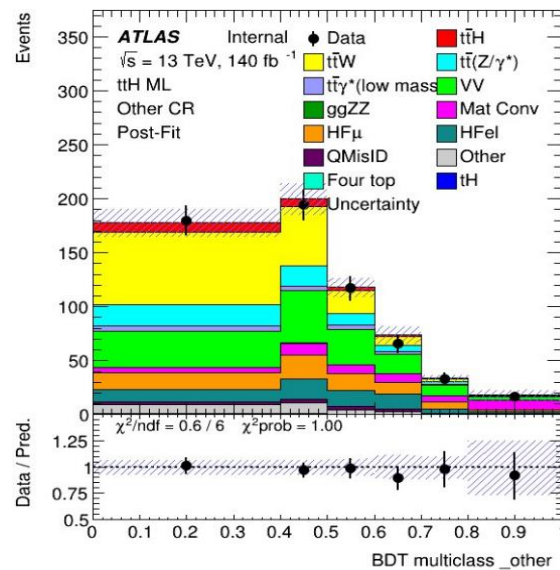
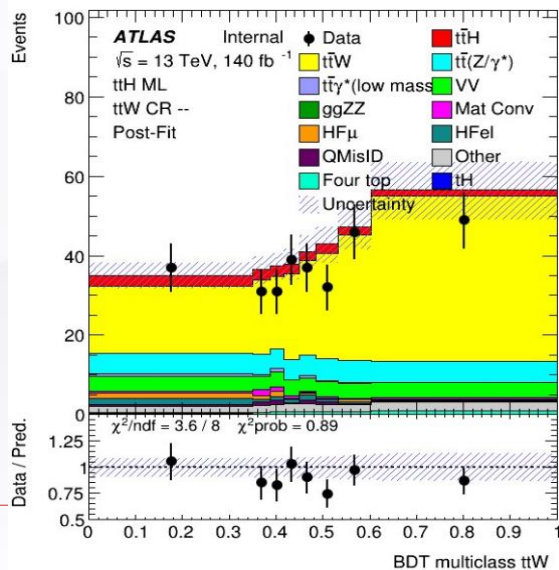
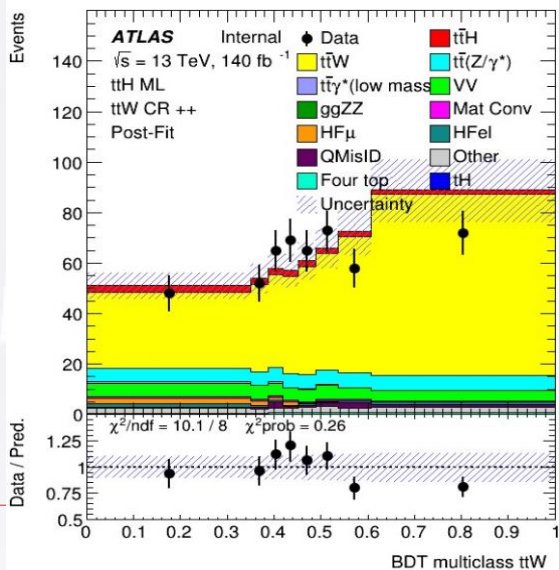


Pre-MVA selection:

- ✓ SLT||DLT
- ✓ VeryTightPLIV
- ✓ $\geq 3j$
- ✓ loose btag: $\geq 1b$ @85%
- ✓ Tau veto
- ✓ $lep_pT > 15$ GeV
- ✓ $!(nJets_OR \geq 6 \ \&\& \ nJets_OR_DL1r_77 \geq 3)(4top \ veto)$

MVA selection: →

Control Regions	
$t\bar{t}W^{++}$	$2\ell SS + 0\tau_{had}$ pre-MVA selection total charge > 0 $Max(BDT_{t\bar{t}H}, BDT_{tH}, BDT_{t\bar{t}W}, BDT_{Other}) = BDT_{t\bar{t}W}$
$t\bar{t}W^{--}$	$2\ell SS + 0\tau_{had}$ pre-MVA selection total charge < 0 $Max(BDT_{t\bar{t}H}, BDT_{tH}, BDT_{t\bar{t}W}, BDT_{Other}) = BDT_{t\bar{t}W}$
Other	$2\ell SS + 0\tau_{had}$ pre-MVA selection $Max(BDT_{t\bar{t}H}, BDT_{tH}, BDT_{t\bar{t}W}, BDT_{Other}) = BDT_{Other}$



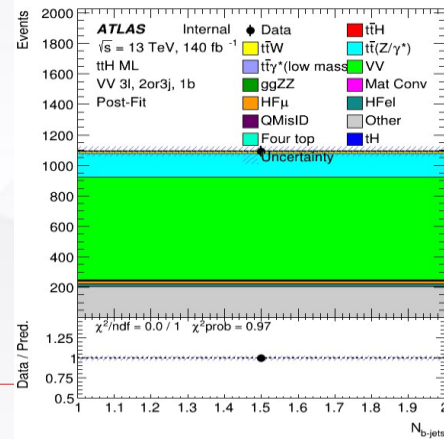
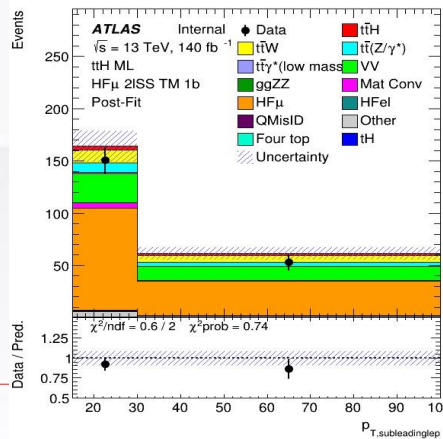
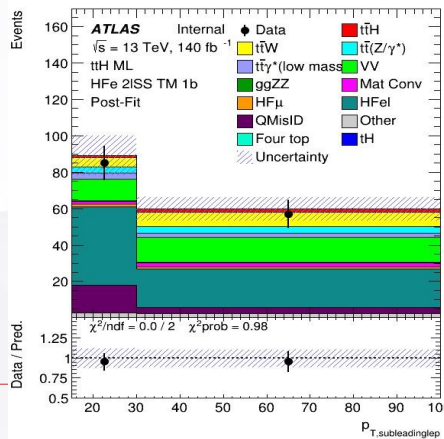
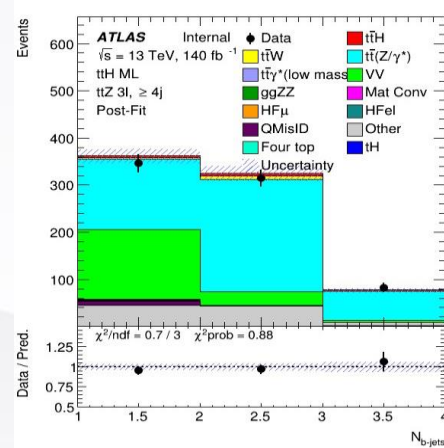
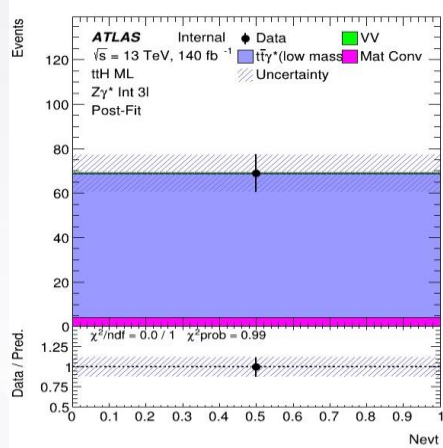
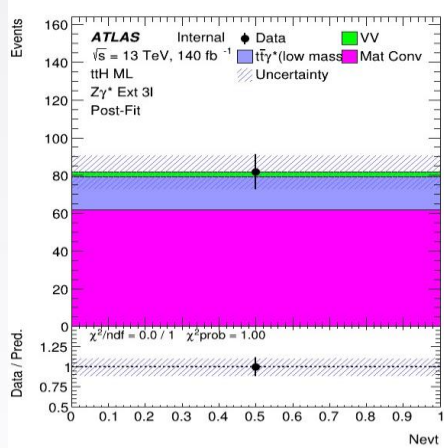
- **Prompt background:**

- 3l VV and 3l $t\bar{t}Z$ CRs
- Conversion: 3l Mat and 3l Int CRs

- **Non-prompt background mainly from $t\bar{t}$: 6 Fake HF CRs**

Regions definition

Control regions for:	Diboson	$t\bar{t}Z$	Conversions	HF non-prompt
N_{jets}	2 or 3	≥ 4	≥ 0	≥ 2
$N_{b\text{-jets}}$	1 $b^{85\%}$		0 $b^{85\%}$	1 $b^{85\%}$
Lepton requirement	3 ℓ		$\mu\mu e^*$	2 ℓ SS
Lepton definition		(L, M, M)		(T, M_{ex}) (M_{ex}, T) ($M_{\text{ex}}, M_{\text{ex}}$)
Lepton p_T [GeV]		(10, 15, 15)		(15, 15)
$ m_{\ell\ell}^{\text{SF}} - m_Z $ [GeV]	< 10		> 10	-
$ m_{\ell\ell\ell} - m_Z $ [GeV]	> 10		< 10	-
$m_T(\ell_0, E_T^{\text{miss}})$ [GeV]				< 250 for TM_{ex} and $M_{\text{ex}}T$ pairs
τ_{had} candidates (Medium)			0	0
Region split	-	-	internal / material	subleading $e/\mu \times (TM_{\text{ex}}, M_{\text{ex}}T, M_{\text{ex}}M_{\text{ex}})$
Region naming	3 ℓ VV	3 ℓ tZ	3 ℓ IntC 3 ℓ MatC	2 ℓ t(e) TM_{ex} , 2 ℓ t(e) $M_{\text{ex}}T$, 2 ℓ t(e) $M_{\text{ex}}M_{\text{ex}}$ 2 ℓ t(μ) TM_{ex} , 2 ℓ t(μ) $M_{\text{ex}}T$, 2 ℓ t(μ) $M_{\text{ex}}M_{\text{ex}}$

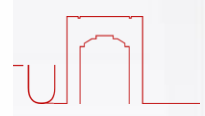
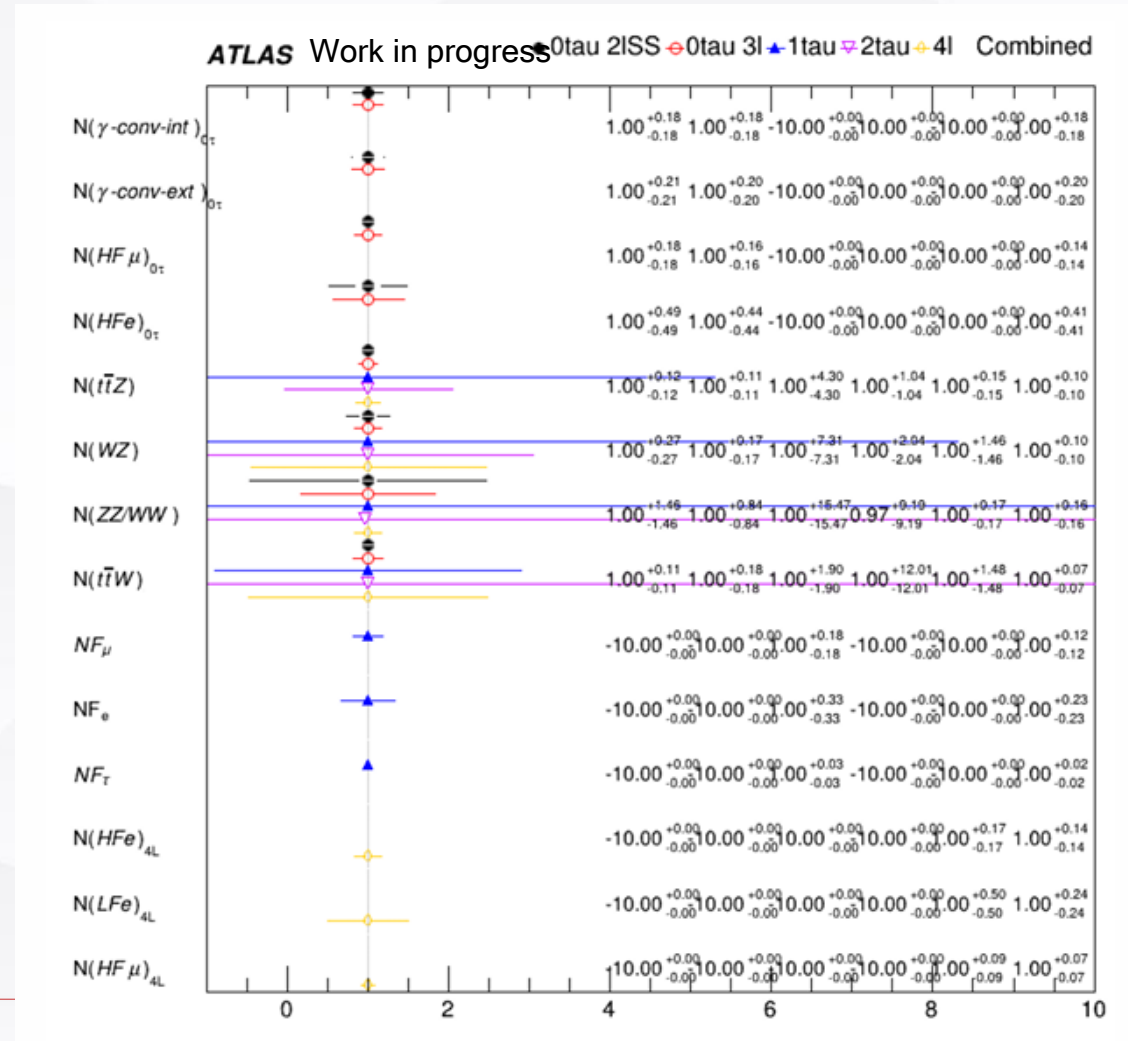
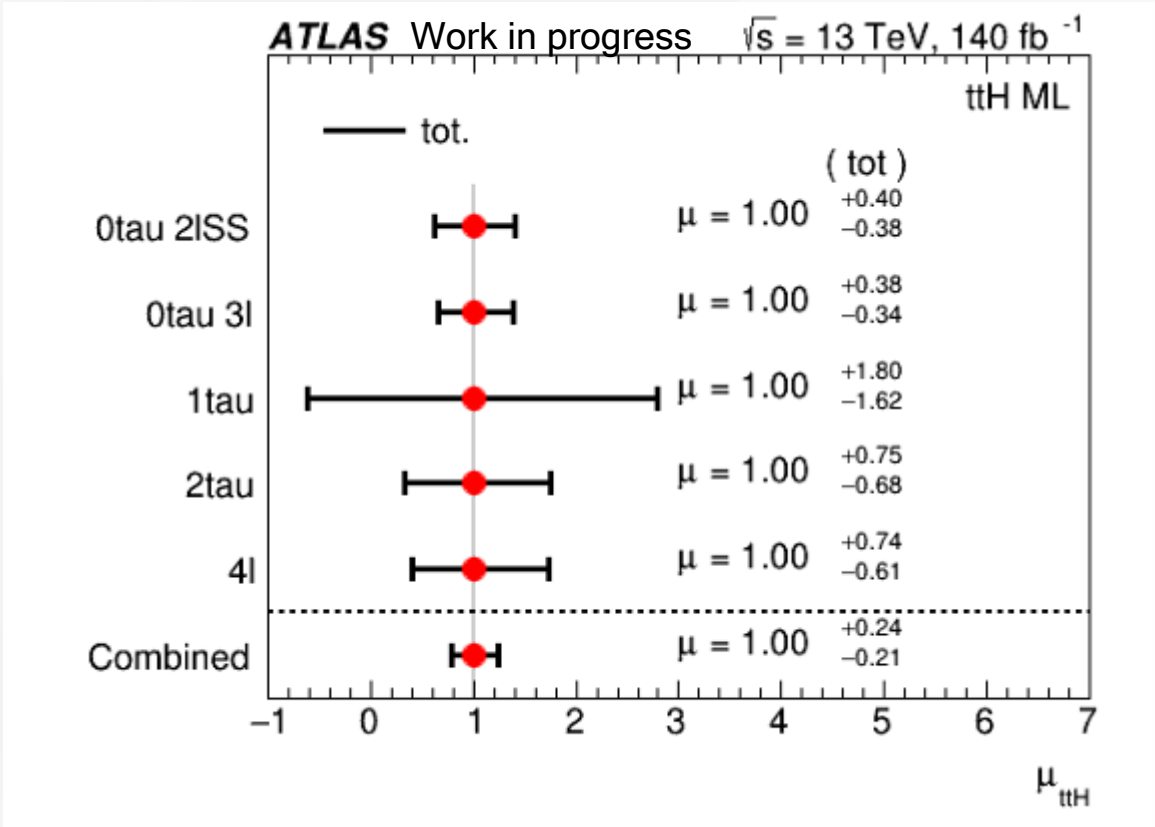




Results: Combine fit(ASIMOV)



- Expected significance 5.5σ (3.1σ in previous 80 fb^{-1} analysis)
- Statistical and systematical uncertainties have similar impact (12% stat and 15% syst)

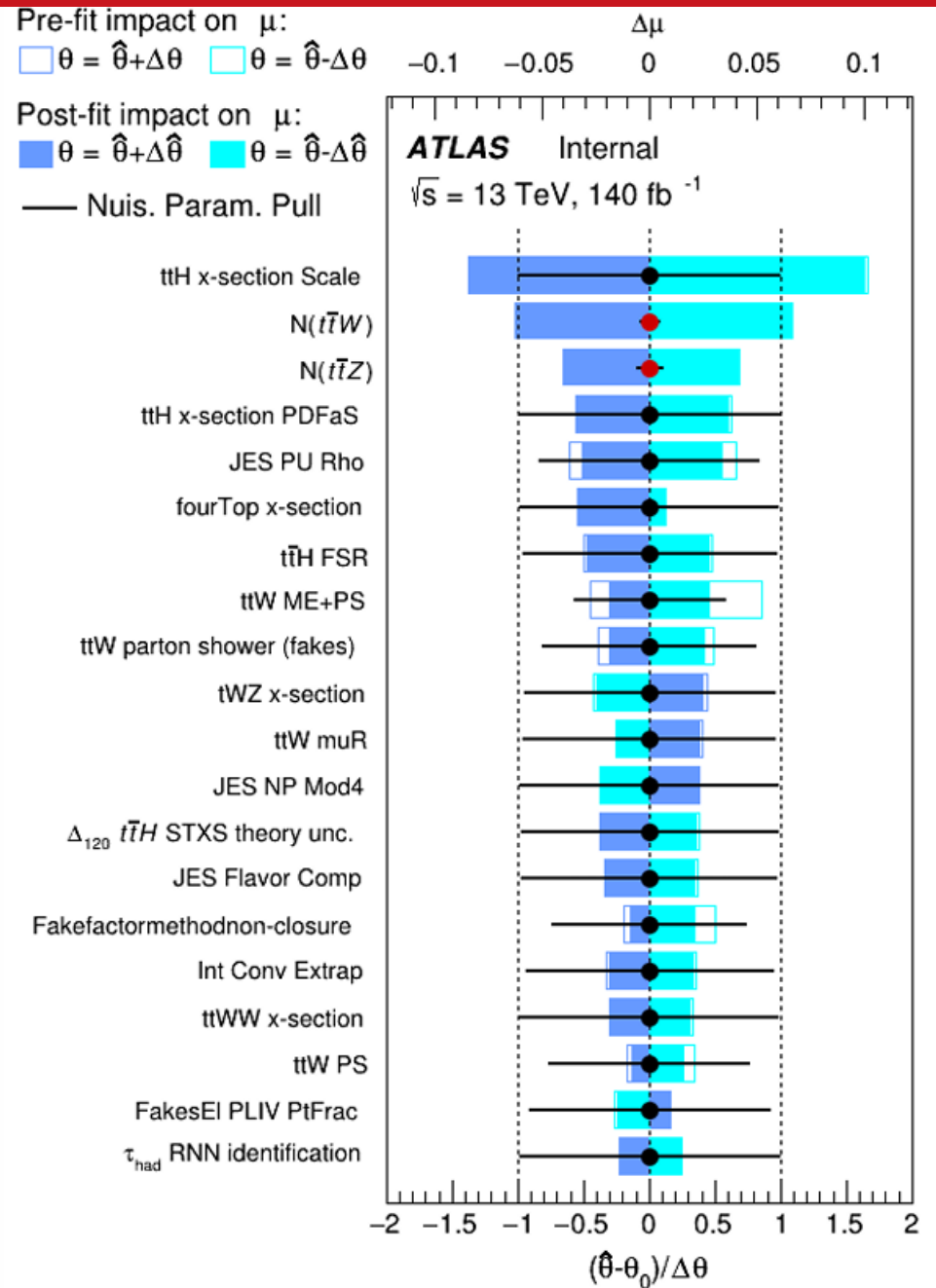




Results: Ranking

Significant impact NPs:

- ttH modeling, ttW and ttZ background
- Jet relevant systematics

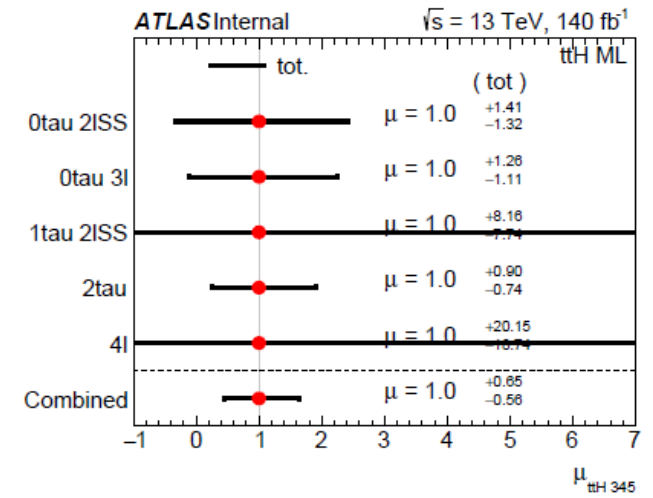
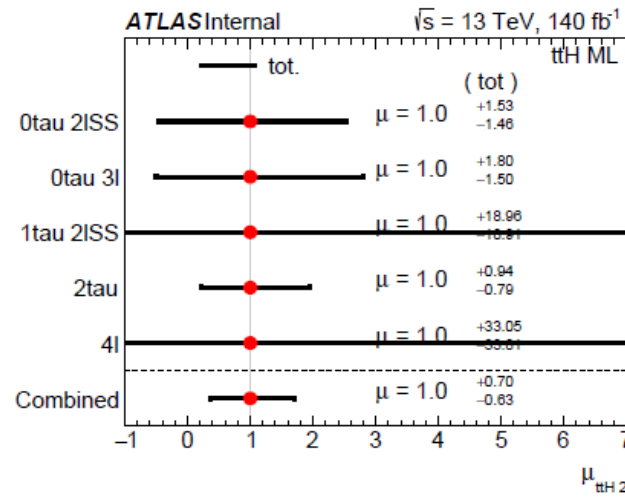
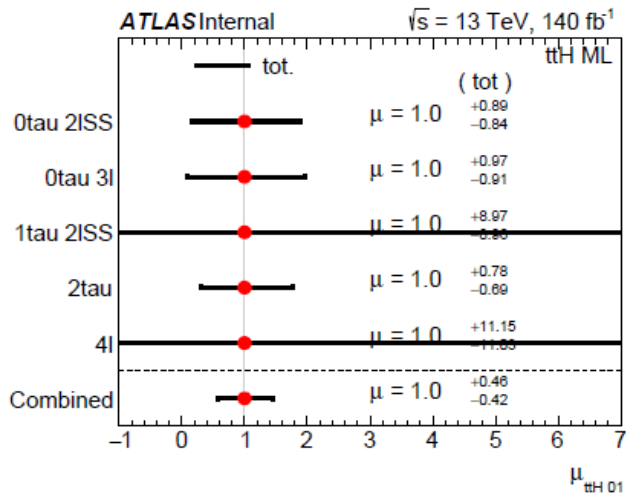




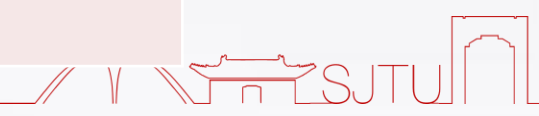
Result: STXS fit(ASIMOV)



- The main STXS sensitivity is obtained in the $0\tau_{\text{had}}$ and $2\tau_{\text{had}}$ channels
- Measure 3 STXS μ_{ttH} bins due to lack of statistics



Exp(obs)	ATLAS-CONF-2019-045	This work
0 τ and 4l channels	2.89 σ (2.12 σ)	4.5 σ
1 τ channel	1.06 σ (0.48 σ)	1.9 σ
2 τ channels	1.02 σ (0.32 σ)	3.2 σ
Combined	3.06 σ (1.80 σ)	5.5σ



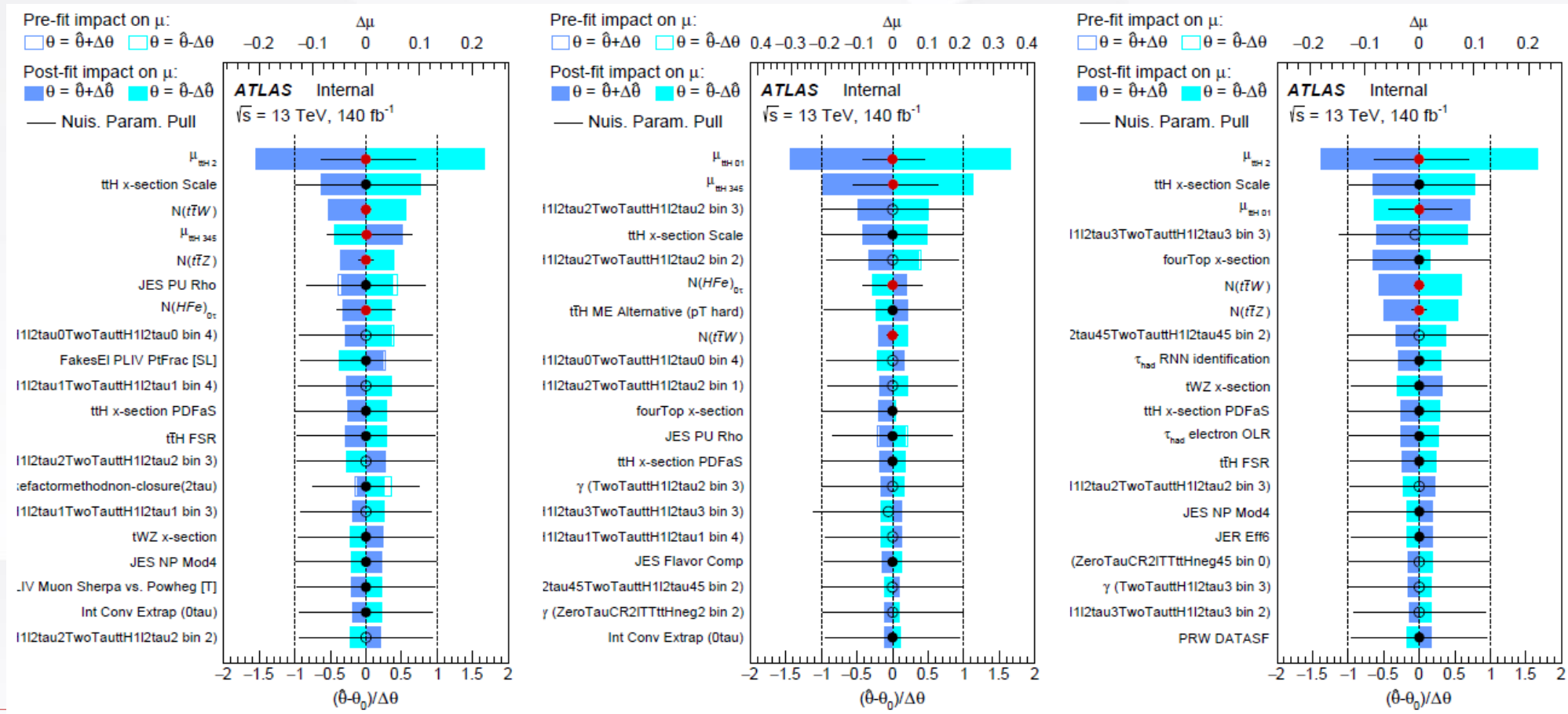


Result: STXS fit(ASIMOV)



ttH cross-section scale uncertainty, ttW and ttZ norm factors are the dominant uncertainties still.

The heavy flavour electron fake normalisation appears higher compared to inclusive fit.





⊗ Challenging final states:

➤ rare cross section, large multiplicity of jets, presence of neutrinos

⊗ Multiclass **BDT** to distinguish signal and backgrounds

⊗ **GNN** to reconstruct the Higgs p_T

⊗ Measure the differential cross section as a function of:

➤ 3 Higgs p_T : $[0, 120)$, $[120, 200)$, $[200, \text{inf})$ GeV

⊗ Analysis provides inclusive and STXS cross-section measurement

⊗ **Significant improvement** in sensitivity compared to partial run 2 analysis (3.1σ to 5.5σ exp)



Backup

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Higgs STXS template



- ⑥ 6 bins in H p_T in STXS framework for ttH
- ⑥ Split ttH template in 6 STXS bins
- ⑥ Additionally split ttH sample by Higgs decay mode (WW, ZZ, $\tau\tau$, other)
- ⑥ Assume that ttH modelling uncertainties are independent on Higgs decay:
derive uncertainties on Higgs decay inclusive template and apply to split templates

Triggers and object definition

- SL or DL trigger for the three channels

Channel	2ℓ SS	3ℓ	4ℓ
Triggers	SL DL	SL DL	SL DL

- PLIV selection on 2ℓ SS and 3ℓ channels
- Looser lepton definition on 4ℓ channel

	2ℓ SS+ $0\tau_{\text{had}}$	$3\ell+0\tau_{\text{had}}$	4ℓ
τ_{had} candidates	==0 M	==0 M	–
Leptons counting	==2 T: $p_{\text{T}} > 15$ GeV	==3 (T,T,L): $p_{\text{T}} > 15, 15, 10$ GeV	==4 L: $p_{\text{T}} > 10$ GeV
Lepton details	SS	OS (to others): L $p_{\text{T}} > 10$ GeV SS pair: T $p_{\text{T}} > 15$ GeV OS pair: $ m(\ell\ell) - m_{\text{Z}} > 10$ GeV and $m(\ell\ell) > 12$ GeV	Sum charge = 0 OS pairs: $m(\ell\ell) > 12$ GeV $ m(\ell\ell\ell) - m_{\text{H}} > 5$ GeV
N_{jets}	≥ 3	≥ 2	≥ 2
$N_{b\text{-jets}}$ (@ 85% WP)	≥ 1	≥ 1	≥ 1



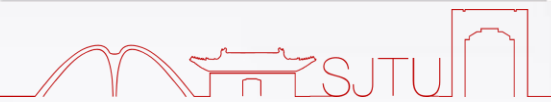
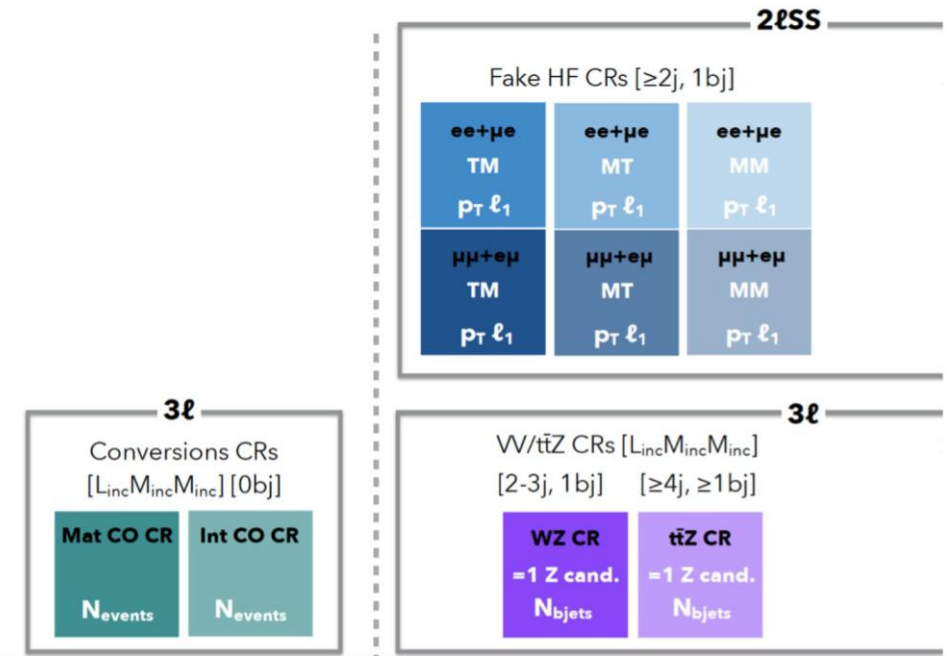
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Region naming	3lVV	3l $t\bar{t}Z$	3lIntC 3lMatC	2l $tt(e)_{TM_{\text{ex}}}$, 2l $tt(e)_{M_{\text{ex}}T}$, 2l $tt(e)_{M_{\text{ex}}M_{\text{ex}}}$ 2l $tt(\mu)_{TM_{\text{ex}}}$, 2l $tt(\mu)_{M_{\text{ex}}T}$, 2l $tt(\mu)_{M_{\text{ex}}M_{\text{ex}}}$

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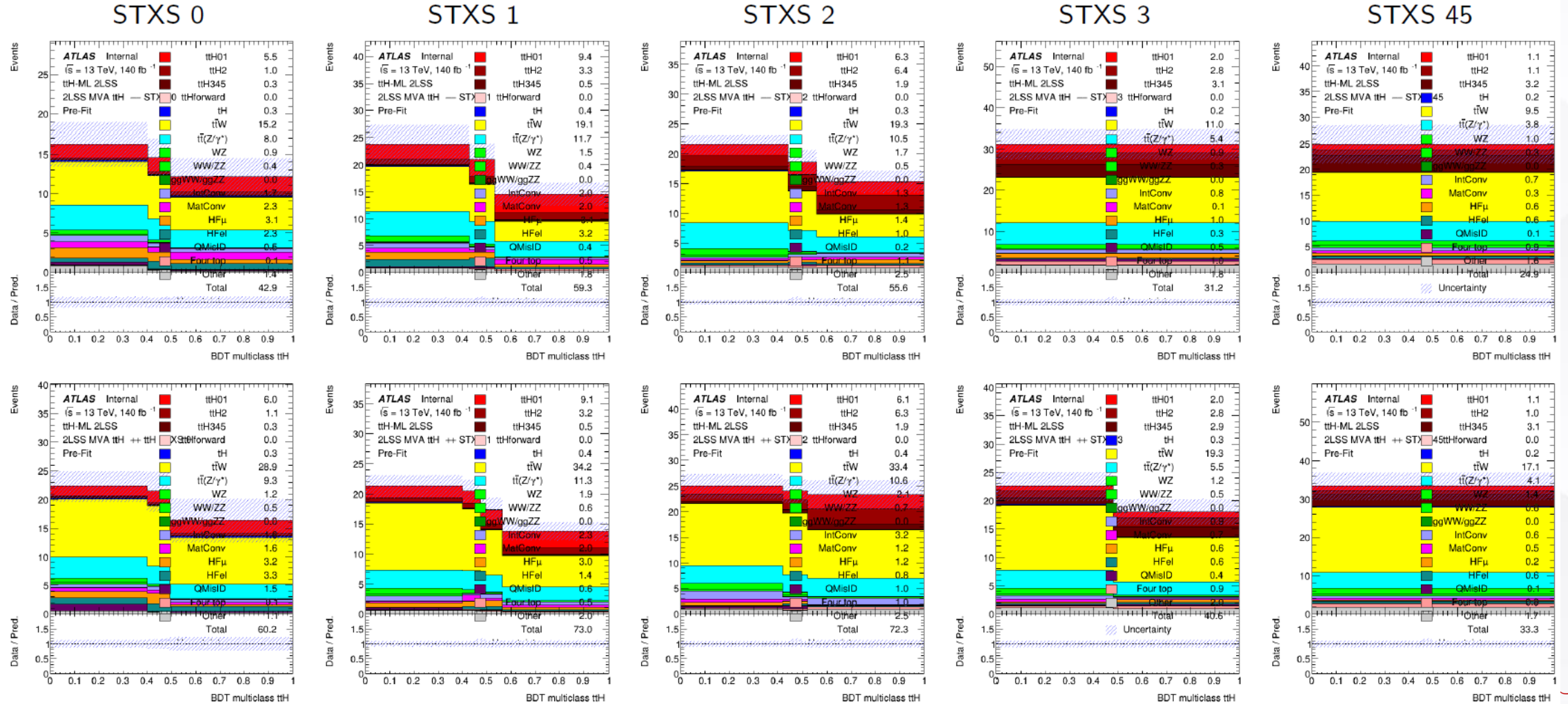




2LSS otau channel

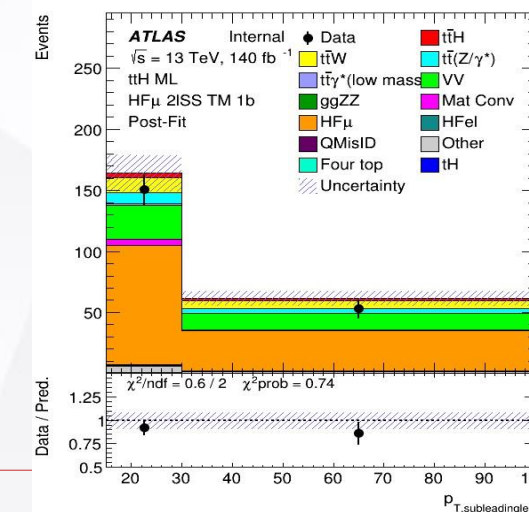
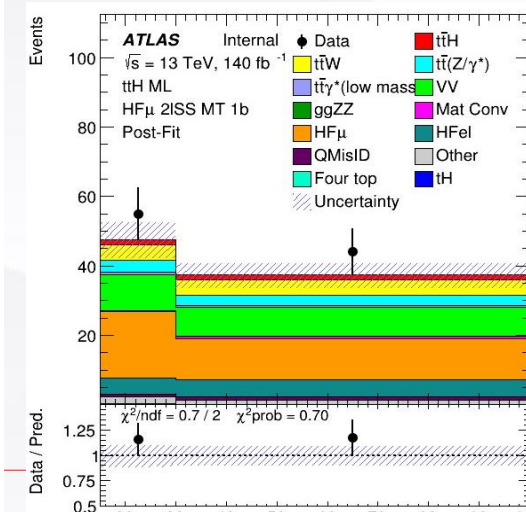
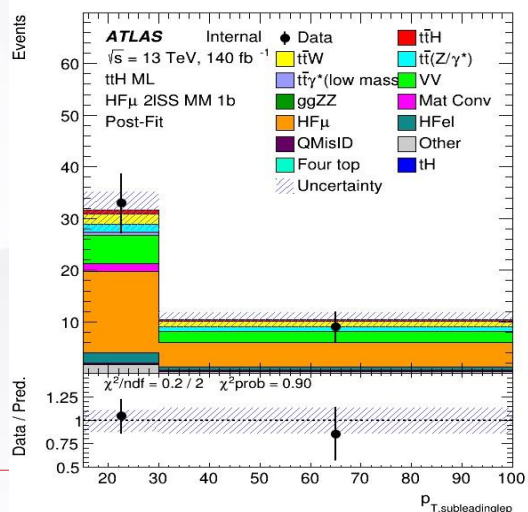
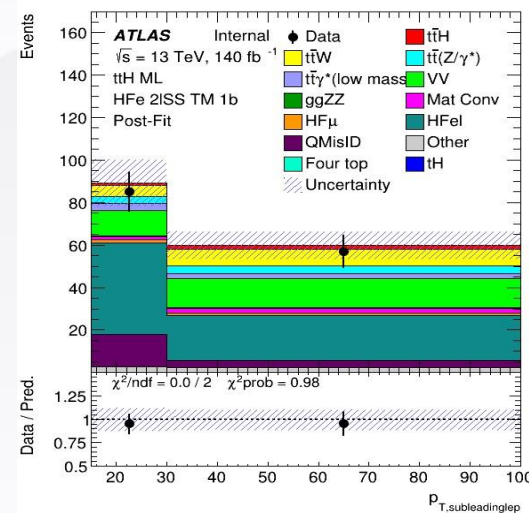
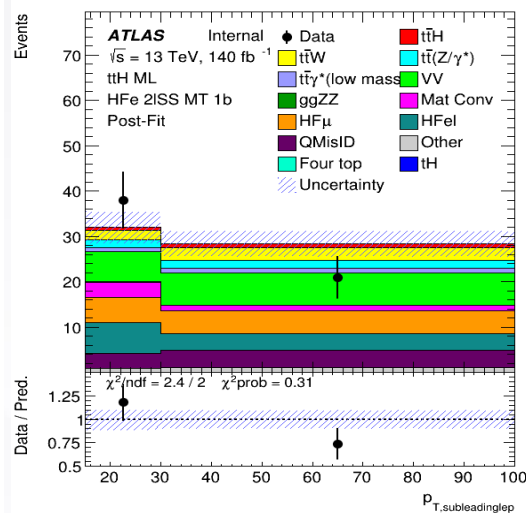
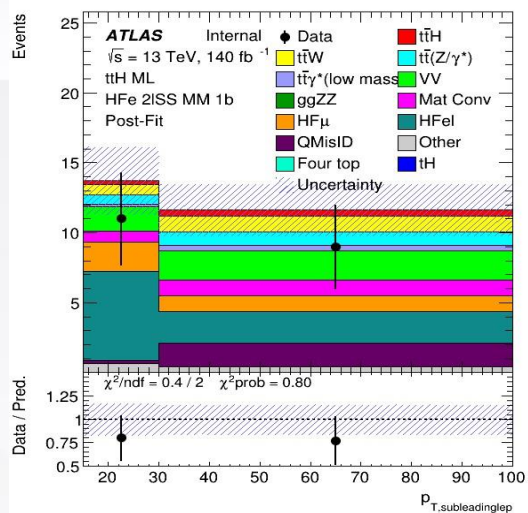


ttH SRs of reconstructed Higgs pT





Post-fit





Experimental systematics



- Follows official recommendations.
- All channels are using harmonised systematics.

Experimental Systematics on Leptons				
Type	Description	Systematics Name	Application	Analysis
Trigger				
Scale Factors	Ele./Muon Trigger Eff	custTrigSF_LooseID_FCLooseIso_SLTorDLT (one NP for electrons, two for muons)	Event Weight	all
	Electron Trigger Eff	PLIV PLIV_EI_Trigger_*	Event Weight	-
Muons				
Efficiencies	Reconstruction and identification	MU_SF_ID_[STAT,SYST]	Event Weight	all
	Reconstruction and Identification (low p_T)	MU_SF_ID_[STAT,SYST]_LOWPT	Event Weight	all
	Isolation	MU_SF_IsoL_[STAT,SYST]	Event Weight	all
	Track To Vertex Association	MU_SF_TTVA_[STAT,SYST]	Event Weight	all
p_T Scale	p_T Scale	MUONS_SCALE	p_T Correction	all
Resolution	Combined Momentum Resol.	MUONS_CB	p_T Correction	all
	Sagitta corr.	MUONS_SAGITTA_RESBIAS	p_T Correction	all
Isolation.	PLIV calibration	PLIV_Mu_*	Event weight	2fSS, 3f, 1Tau

Electrons					
Efficiencies	Reconstruction	EL_SF_Reco	Event Weight	all	
	Identification	EL_SF_ID	Event Weight	all	
	Isolation	EL_SF_IsoL	Event Weight	all	
	PLIV calibration	PLIV_EI_*	Event Weight	2fSS, 3f, 1Tau	
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Resolution	Energy Resolution	EG_RESOLUTION_ALL	Energy Correction	all	
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Efficiencies	Reconstruction	Tau_SF_Reco	Event Weight	1Tau, 2Tau	
	Identification RNN	Tau_SF_RNNID_SYST	Event Weight	1Tau, 2Tau	
	Identification (high p_T)	Tau_SF_RNNID_HighPt	Event Weight	1Tau, 2Tau	
	Electron Veto BDT	Tau_SF_ELEOLR[TOTAL, STAT, SYST]	Event Weight	1Tau, 2Tau	
	1-prong RNN identification	Tau_SF_RNNID_1PRONGPT[20,25,30,40+]	Event Weight	1Tau, 2Tau	
	3-prong RNN identification	Tau_SF_RNNID_3PRONGPT[20,25,30,40+]	Event Weight	1Tau, 2Tau	
	Scale	Energy Scale	Tau_SME_TES_MODEL_CLOSURE	p_T correction	1Tau, 2Tau
		Energy Scale	Tau_SME_TES_DETECTOR	p_T correction	1Tau, 2Tau
		Energy Scale	Tau_SME_TES_INSITU[FIT, EXP]	p_T correction	1Tau, 2Tau
		Energy Scale	Tau_SME_TES_PHYSICS_LIST	p_T correction	1Tau, 2Tau

Experimental Systematics on Jets and MET					
Type	Origin	Systematics Name	Application	Analysis	
Jets					
Jet Vertex Tagger			Event Weight	all	
Energy Scale	Calibration Method	JET_EffectiveNP_Detector[1,2]	p_T Correction	all	
		JET_EffectiveNP_Mixed[1,3]	p_T Correction	all	
		JET_EffectiveNP_Modelling[1,4]	p_T Correction	all	
		JET_EffectiveNP_Statistical[1,6]	p_T Correction	all	
		η inter-calibration	JET_EtaIntercalibration_Modelling	p_T Correction	all
		JET_EtaIntercalibration_NonClosure (x4)	p_T Correction	all	
		JET_EtaIntercalibration_TotalStat	p_T Correction	all	
		High p_T jets	JET_SingleParticle_HighPt	p_T Correction	all
		Pile-Up	JET_Pileup_OffsetNPV	p_T Correction	all
	JET_Pileup_OffsetMu		p_T Correction	all	
JET_Pileup_PtTerm	p_T Correction		all		
	JET_Pileup_RhoTopology	p_T Correction	all		
	Non Closure	JET_PunchThrough_MC16	p_T Correction	all	
	Flavour	JET_Flavor_Response	p_T Correction	all (iW)	
		JET_BJES_Response	p_T Correction	all (iW)	
		JET_Flavor_Composition	p_T Correction	all (iW)	
		JET_Flavor_Composition_Prop	p_T Correction	all (except iW)	
		JET_Flavor_Response_Prop	p_T Correction	all (except iW)	
		JET_Flavour_PerJet_GenShower	p_T Correction	all (except iW)	
		JET_Flavour_PerJet_GenShower_HF	p_T Correction	all (except iW)	
		JET_Flavour_PerJet_Shower	p_T Correction	all (except iW)	
		JET_Flavour_PerJet_Shower_HF	p_T Correction	all (except iW)	
		JET_Flavour_PerJet_Hadronization	p_T Correction	all (except iW)	
	JET_Flavour_PerJet_Hadronization_HF	p_T Correction	all (except iW)		
Resolution		JET_JER_EffectiveNP_[1,11]	p_T Correction	all	
		JET_JER_EffectiveNP_12restTerm	p_T Correction	all	
		JET_JER_DataVsMC_MC16	p_T Correction	all	
		JET_JER_DataVsMC_AFII	p_T Correction	all	
MET					
Soft Tracks Terms	Resolution	MET_SoftTrk_ResoPerp	p_T Correction	all	
		MET_SoftTrk_ResoPara	p_T Correction	all	
		MET_SoftTrk_Scale	p_T Correction	all	

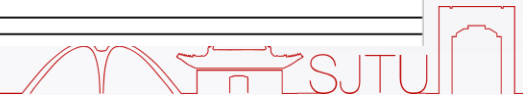


Theory systematics



⊗ Main backgrounds are left free floating: ttW, ttZ, WW/ZZ and WZ

Process	Generator+PS	Norm uncertainty	Alternative ME	Alternative PS	Scale variation
ttH	PhPy8		PhPy8 pThard1	PhH7	Scale, α_S , μ_R/μ_F , ISR/FSR, PDF, BR, STXS
ttW	Sherpa2.2.10	4l: $\pm 50\%$	MGPY8 FxFx (old)	PhPy8-PhH7	μ_R/μ_F , PDF, α_S
ttZ	MGPY8			MGH7	μ_R/μ_F , A14
tHjb	MGPY8				Scale, α_S
tWH	MGPY8				Scale, α_S
tt	PhPy8			PhH7	hdamp 4l: μ_R/μ_F , ISR/FSR, 4FS, eHF pT modelling
tttt	MGPY8	+70% -15%	Sherpa2.2.11	MGH7	μ_R/μ_F
WW/ZZ	Sherpa2.2.2	0 τ : $\pm 20\%$			μ_R/μ_F
WZ	Sherpa2.2.2	4l: $\pm 20\%$			μ_R/μ_F
VH	PhPy8	$\pm 30\%$			
VVV	Sherpa2.2.2	$\pm 30\%$			
ttt	MGPY8	$\pm 35\%$			
ttWW	MGPY8	$\pm 50\%$			
tZ	MGPY8	$\pm 5\%$			
tWZ	MGPY8	$\pm 50\%$			
QmisID	PhPy8	$\pm 20\%$			
Vgamma	Sherpa2.2.8	4l: $\pm 50\%$			





ttW Inclusive Cross-Section



- Simultaneous profile likelihood fit to data using event yields in **48 SRs** and **8 CRs**
- $\sigma(tt\bar{W}) = 880 \pm 50(stat) \pm 70(syst)$ fb is consistent at **1.4 σ** of the SM NNLO cross section

$745 \pm 50(scale) \pm 13(2-loop\ approx.) \pm 19(PDF, \alpha_s)$ fb

