# Search for the Standard Model Higgs boson in the di-tau channel with the ATLAS detector

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#### Introduction

- Several reasons to study SM  $H \rightarrow \tau \tau$ :
  - Higgs coupling to fermions
  - Higgs CP (see talk by D. Zanzi)
- Challenging channel(s):
  - Complex final states (jets, leptons, MET, taus)
  - Numerous backgrounds (both irreducible and fake) to be understood and controlled
  - Low S/B
  - Poor *M<sub>H</sub>* resolution



- Today: Run-1 (2011+2012) results JHEP 04 (2015) 117
- Run-2 results (2015+2016) coming soon.

## Higgs Decay to Fermions



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# SM Higgs Production



# SM Higgs Decay





- Highest BR among the leptons.
- Low overall BR compensated using all production/decay modes.
- Presence of neutrinos in final state makes full kinematic reconstruction impossible.

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## ATLAS Tau Basics



#### Identifying hadronic $\tau$ Decays

- Hadronic decays are a well-collimated collection of charged and neutral pions.
- Large jet background at LHC.
- BDT-based  $\tau_{had}$  ID:
  - 55-60%(40%) efficiency for medium (tight)
  - 1-2% (0.5%) jet acceptance.

For this reason, the tau-tau channel is actually many channels, classified by the decay of the tau:  $\tau_\ell \tau_\ell$ ,  $\tau_\ell \tau_{had}$ ,  $\tau_{had} \tau_{had}$ .

## Analysis Strategy

#### BR for each mode:

- $H \rightarrow \tau \tau \rightarrow \tau_{\ell} \tau_{\ell} + 4\nu$  (12%)
- $H \rightarrow \tau \tau \rightarrow \tau_{\ell} \tau_{had} + 3\nu$  (46%)
- $H \rightarrow \tau \tau \rightarrow \tau_{had} \tau_{had} + 2\nu$  (42%)
- Separate analyses in each decay mode allows optimization for different background compositions.
- Define analysis categories motivated by Higgs production modes:
  - VBF: target VBF topology by requiring 2 forward jets in opposite hemispheres.
  - **Boosted:** target ggF topology with Boosted Higgs to improve mass resolution.

- In all modes, neutrinos limit mass resolution. Use Missing Mass Calculator (MMC) to achieve 30% resolution.
- Use data-driven background models where possible.
- $Z \rightarrow \tau \tau$  is an important background to all decay modes. Use **embedding**:
  - Start with  $Z \rightarrow \mu \mu$  data events, remove muons.
  - Embed MC  $\tau$  in the data events.

Improves modeling of jet/met variables, reduces systematic uncertainties, increases sample sizes!!

#### Important Backgrounds to $\tau_\ell \tau_\ell$

#### • $Z \rightarrow \tau \tau$ : embedding

- Others: MC normalized in data control region.
- **Top:** MC normalized in data control region.
- Fake Leptons: shape from data control (reverse lepton isolation), normalized to data.



## Important Backgrounds to $\tau_\ell au_{ m had}$

#### • $Z \rightarrow \tau \tau$ : embedding

- Fake τ: Includes background with jets faking taus, including W+jets and multi-jets.
- **Top:** MC normalized in data control region.
- Others: W+jets,  $Z \rightarrow \ell \ell$ , di-bosons. From MC.



#### Important Backgrounds to $\tau_{had} \tau_{had}$

#### • $Z \rightarrow \tau \tau$ : embedding

- Fake τ: shape from not-opposite-sign (notOS), not isolated data. Normalized by fitting Δη(ττ) distribution (free in final fit).
- Others: Shape from MC. Fake rate derived from data samples. Dominated by W → τν+ jets.



	VBF	Boost	Rest
$ au_\ell  au_\ell$	$p_T(j) > 40,25 \text{ GeV}$	Fail VBF	
	$\Delta\eta_{jj}>2.2$	$P_T^H > 100 \text{ GeV}$	-
		$P_T^{j1} >$ 40 GeV	
$ au_\ell  au_{ m had}$	$p_T(j) > 50, 30 \text{ GeV}$	Fail VBF	-
	$\Delta\eta_{jj}>$ 3.0	$P_T^H > 100 \text{ GeV}$	
	$m_{ au au}^{ m vis} >$ 40GeV		
$\tau_{\rm had} \tau_{\rm had}$	$p_T(j) > 50, 30 \text{ GeV}$	Fail VBF	Fail VBF, Boost
	$\Delta\eta_{jj}>2.0$	$P_T^H > 100 \mathrm{GeV}$	

- Differing background composition and sample sizes lead to different optimal settings per decay mode.
- Events which fail VBF get passed to the next category...

# Poor S/B, Train 6 BDTs

	VBF	Boost
$ au_\ell  au_\ell$	S/B=0.02	S/B=0.01
$ au_\ell  au_{ m had}$	S/B=0.02	S/B=0.01
$ au_{ m had} au_{ m had}$	S/B=0.02	S/B=0.01

# Poor S/B, Train 6 BDTs

	VBF	Boost
$ au_\ell  au_\ell$		
$ au_\ell  au_{ m had}$		
$ au_{ m had} au_{ m had}$		

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#### **BDT** Variables

Vaniabla	VBF			Boosted			
variable	$\tau_{\rm lep} \tau_{\rm lep}$	$\tau_{\rm lep} \tau_{\rm had}$	$\tau_{\rm had}\tau_{\rm had}$	$\tau_{\rm lep} \tau_{\rm lep}$	$\tau_{\rm lep} \tau_{\rm had}$	$\tau_{\rm had}\tau_{\rm had}$	
$m_{\tau\tau}^{MMC}$	•	٠	٠	•	٠	•	
$\Delta R(\tau_1, \tau_2)$	•	٠	٠		•	•	
$\Delta \eta(j_1, j_2)$	•	٠	٠				
$m_{j_1, j_2}$	•	•	•				
$\eta_{j_1} \times \eta_{j_2}$		•	•				
$p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{Total}}$		•	•				
Sum $p_{\rm T}$					•	•	
$p_{\rm T}^{ au_1}/p_{\rm T}^{ au_2}$					•	•	
$E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss}\phi$ centrality		•	•	•	•	•	
$m_{\ell,\ell,j_1}$				•			
$m_{\ell_1,\ell_2}$				•			
$\Delta \phi(\ell_1, \ell_2)$				•			
Sphericity				•			
$p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\ell_1}$				•			
$p_{\mathrm{T}}^{j_1}$				•			
$E_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{miss}}/p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\ell_2}$				•			
$m_{\mathrm{T}}$		٠			•		
$\min(\Delta \eta_{\ell_1 \ell_2, \text{jets}})$	•						
$C_{\eta_1,\eta_2}(\eta_{\ell_1}) \cdot C_{\eta_1,\eta_2}(\eta_{\ell_2})$	•						
$C_{\eta_1,\eta_2}(\eta_\ell)$		٠					
$C_{\eta_1,\eta_2}(\eta_{j_3})$	•						
$C_{\eta_1,\eta_2}(\eta_{ au_1})$			•				
$C_{\eta_1,\eta_2}(\eta_{ au_2})$			•				

## Final Discriminant: BDT Score



## Combining Channels



#### Extracting Results

- Use combined, binned maximum-likelihood fit
  - Use BDT output in 6 signal categories (separate 7/8TeV)
  - ZII, top, Rest control regions to constrain backgrounds
  - Extract signal strength  $\mu$  (observed/expected SM for  $\sigma imes BR$ )

Source of Uncertainty	Uncertainty on $\mu$
Signal region statistics (data)	$^{+0.27}_{-0.26}$
Jet energy scale	$\pm 0.13$
Tau energy scale	$\pm 0.07$
Tau identification	$\pm 0.06$
Background normalisation	$\pm 0.12$
Background estimate stat.	$\pm 0.10$
BR $(H \to \tau \tau)$	$\pm 0.08$
Parton shower/Underlying event	$\pm 0.04$
PDF	$\pm 0.03$
Total sys.	$^{+0.33}_{-0.26}$
Total	$^{+0.43}_{-0.37}$



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Channel and Category	Expected Significance $(\sigma)$	Observed Significance $(\sigma)$
$\tau_{\rm lep} \tau_{\rm lep}$ VBF	1.15	1.88
$\tau_{\rm lep} \tau_{\rm lep}$ Boosted	0.57	1.72
$ au_{ m lep} au_{ m lep}$ Total	1.25	2.40
$\tau_{\rm lep} \tau_{\rm had}$ VBF	2.11	2.23
$\tau_{\rm lep} \tau_{\rm had}$ Boosted	1.11	1.01
$ au_{ m lep} au_{ m had}$ Total	2.33	2.33
$\tau_{\rm had} \tau_{\rm had}  {\rm VBF}$	1.70	2.23
$\tau_{\rm had} \tau_{\rm had}$ Boosted	0.82	2.56
$\tau_{\rm had} \tau_{\rm had}$ Total	1.99	3.25
Combined	3.43	4.54

#### Results

ATLAS		-σ <b>(</b> \$	statisti	cal)	•	Total uncertainty			nty
m <sub>H</sub> = 125.36 GeV		—σ(syst. excl. theory) —σ(theory)		y)	±1σ on μ				
$\textbf{H} \rightarrow \tau \tau$	$\mu = 1.4^{+0.4}_{-0.4}$	+ 0.3 - 0.3 + 0.3 - 0.2 + 0.1 - 0.1							
Boosted	$\mu=2.1^{+0.9}_{-0.8}$	+ 0.5 - 0.5			-		1		
VBF	$\mu = 1.2^{+0.4}_{-0.4}$	+ 0.3 - 0.3							
7 TeV (Combine	d) $\mu = 0.9^{+1.1}_{-1.1}$	+ 0.8 - 0.8					i		-
8 TeV (Combine	d) $\mu = 1.5^{+0.5}_{-0.4}$	+ 0.3 - 0.3							-
$\textbf{H} \rightarrow \tau_{lep} \tau_{lep}$	$\mu = 2.0^{+1.0}_{-0.9}$	+ 0.7 - 0.7 + 0.6 - 0.5 + 0.1 - 0.1			-				Ì
Boosted	$\mu=3.0^{+2.0}_{-1.7}$	+ 1.4 - 1.3		H			÷		
VBF	$\mu = 1.7^{+1.0}_{-0.9}$	+ 0.8 - 0.8		<u> </u>	-				
$\textbf{H} \rightarrow \tau_{lep} \tau_{had}$	$\mu = 1.0^{+0.5}_{-0.5}$	+ 0.4 - 0.3 + 0.4 - 0.3 + 0.1 - 0.1		+					
Boosted	$\mu = 0.9^{+1.0}_{-0.9}$	+ 0.6 - 0.6	H	-					
VBF	$\mu = 1.0^{+0.6}_{-0.5}$	+ 0.5 - 0.4		<b>H</b>					
$\textbf{H} \rightarrow \tau_{had} \tau_{had}$	$\mu = 2.0^{+0.9}_{-0.7}$	+ 0.5 - 0.5 + 0.8 - 0.5 + 0.1 - 0.1							
Boosted	$\mu=3.6^{+2.0}_{-1.6}$	+ 1.0 - 0.9			. 1			4 <u>.</u>	
VBF	$\mu = 1.4^{+0.9}_{-0.7}$	+ 0.6 - 0.5		H I			1.		
			0	2			4		
\s = 7 TeV, \s = 8 TeV,	4.5 fb <sup>-1</sup> 20.3 fb <sup>-1</sup>			Sig	jna	ıl stı	eng	th (	μ)

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#### Results



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#### Is it at 125 GeV?



## Summary and Conclusions

- Results from di-tau channels with full 2011+2012 datasets presented
- Combination with CMS yields a  $5.5\sigma$  observation with  $\mu = 1.12^{+0.25}_{-0.23}$
- 2016 dataset (13 TeV) now exceeds 25*fb*<sup>-1</sup>. New results coming soon!



#### EXTRA SLIDES

#### MC Generators

Signal $(m_{\rm er} = 125 \text{ CeV})$	MC gaparator	$\sigma \times BR \ [pb]$			
Signal $(m_H = 125 \text{ GeV})$	MC generator	$\sqrt{s} = 8$	TeV		
ggF, $H \to \tau \tau$	Powheg [36–39]	1.22	NNLO+NNLL	[42-47, 78]	
	+ Pythia8 [40]				
VBF, $H \to \tau \tau$	Powheg + Pythia8	0.100	(N)NLO	[51-53, 78]	
$WH, H \rightarrow \tau \tau$	Pythia8	0.0445	NNLO	[56, 78]	
$ZH, H \rightarrow \tau \tau$	Pythia8	0.0262	NNLO	[56, 78]	
Realizmound	MC generator	$\sigma \times BR$	[pb]		
Dackground	MC generator	$\sqrt{s} = 8$	TeV		
$W(\to \ell \nu), \ (\ell = e, \mu, \tau)$	Alpgen [71]+Pythia8	36800	NNLO	[79, 80]	
$Z/\gamma^*(\to \ell\ell),$	ALDCEN   PYTHIAS	3010	NNL O	[70 80]	
$60 \text{ GeV} < m_{\ell\ell} < 2 \text{ TeV}$	ALFGEN TITIAS	5510	INILO	[73, 80]	
$Z/\gamma^*(\to \ell\ell),$	ALPGEN+HERWIG [81]	13000	NNLO	[79 80]	
$10 \text{ GeV} < m_{\ell\ell} < 60 \text{ GeV}$		10000	Mileo	[10,00]	
VBF $Z/\gamma^*(\to \ell\ell)$	Sherpa [82]	1.1	LO	[82]	
$t\bar{t}$	Powheg + Pythia8	$253^{\dagger}$	NNLO+NNLL	[83-88]	
Single top : $Wt$	Powheg + Pythia8	$22^{\dagger}$	NNLO	89	
Single top : s-channel	Powheg + Pythia8	$5.6^{\dagger}$	NNLO	[90]	
Single top : $t$ -channel	AcerMC [74]+Pythia6 [67]	$87.8^{\dagger}$	NNLO	[91]	
$q\bar{q} \rightarrow WW$	Alpgen+Herwig	$54^{\dagger}$	NLO	[92]	
$gg \rightarrow WW$	GG2WW [73]+HERWIG	$1.4^{\dagger}$	NLO	[73]	
WZ, ZZ	HERWIG	$30^{\dagger}$	NLO	[92]	
$H \rightarrow WW$	same as for $H \to \tau \tau$ signal	$4.7^{\dagger}$			

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# Trigger Thresholds

$\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$							
Trigger	Trigger level		Analysis	level t	hresholds [0	GeV]	
Ingger	thresholds, $p_T$ [GeV]		$\tau_{\rm lep}\tau_{\rm lep}$	7	$lep^{T}had$	τ	$had \tau_{had}$
Single electron	20-22	<i>e</i> μ:	$p_T^e > 22 - 24$ $p_T^\mu > 10$	$e\tau$ :	$p_T^e > 25 \\ p_T^{\tau} > 20$		-
Single muon	18	μμ: eμ:	$p_T^{\mu_1} > 20$ $p_T^{\mu_2} > 10$ $p_T^{\mu} > 20$ $p_T^{\mu} > 15$	$\mu \tau$ :	$\begin{array}{l} p_{\rm T}^{\mu} > 22 \\ p_{\rm T}^{\tau} > 20 \end{array}$		_
Di-electron	12/12	ee:	$p_T^{e_1} > 15$ $p_T^{e_2} > 15$		-		-
$\text{Di-}\tau_{\text{had}}$	29/20		_		-	$\tau \tau$ :	$p_T^{\tau_1} > 35 \\ p_T^{\tau_2} > 25$
$\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$							
Trigger	Trigger level		Analysis	level t	hresholds [0	GeV]	
	thresholds, p <sub>T</sub> [GeV]		$\tau_{\rm lep}\tau_{\rm lep}$	7	$lep^{T}had$	τ	had $\tau_{had}$
Single electron	24	еµ: ee:	$p_T^e > 26$ $p_T^\mu > 10$ $p_T^{e_1} > 26$ $p_T^{e_2} > 15$	$e\tau$ :	$\begin{array}{l} p_{\mathrm{T}}^{e} > 26 \\ p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\tau} > 20 \end{array}$		-
Single muon	24		-	$\mu \tau$ :	$p_T^{\mu} > 26$ $p_T^{\tau} > 20$		-
Di-electron	12/12	ee:	$p_T^{e_1} > 15$ $p_T^{e_2} > 15$		-		-
Di-muon	18/8	$\mu\mu$ :	$p_T^{\mu_1} > 20$ $p_T^{\mu_2} > 10$		-		-
Electron+muon	12/8	$e\mu$ :	$p_T^e > 15$ $p_T^\mu > 10$		-		-
$\text{Di-}\tau_{\text{had}}$	29/20		-		-	$\tau \tau$ :	$p_T^{\tau_1} > 35$ $p_T^{\tau_2} > 25$

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#### Preselection

Channel	Preselection cuts
	Exactly two isolated opposite-sign leptons
	Events with $\tau_{had}$ candidates are rejected
	$50 \text{ GeV} < m_{\tau\tau} < 100 (75) \text{ GeV for DF (SF) events}$
	$\Delta \phi_{\ell\ell} \leq 2.5$ $F^{miss} > 20$ (40) GeV for DF (SF) events
$\tau_{\rm lep} \tau_{\rm lep}$	$E_{\rm T} > 20$ (40) GeV for DT (51) events $E^{\rm miss, \rm HPTO} > 40$ GeV for SE events
	$p_T^{\ell_1} + p_T^{\ell_2} > 35 \text{ GeV}$
	Events with a b-tagged jet with $p_T > 25$ GeV are rejected
	$0.1 < x_{\tau_1}, x_{\tau_2} < 1$
	$m_{\tau\tau}^{\text{coll}} > m_Z - 25 \text{ GeV}$
	Exactly one isolated lepton and one medium $\tau_{had}$ candidate with opposite charges
$\tau_{ m lep} \tau_{ m had}$	$m_{\rm T} < 70 {\rm ~GeV}$
	Events with a b-tagged jet with $p_T > 30$ GeV are rejected
	One isolated medium and one isolated tight opposite-sign $\tau_{had}$ -candidate
	Events with leptons are vetoed
	$E_{\rm T}^{\rm mas} > 20 {\rm GeV}$
ThadThad	$E_{\rm T}^{\rm mass}$ points between the two visible taus in $\phi$ , or min $[\Delta \phi(\tau, E_{\rm T}^{\rm mass})] < \pi/4$
	$0.8 < \Delta R(\tau_{\rm had_1}, \tau_{\rm had_2}) < 2.4$
	$\Delta \eta(\tau_{\text{had}_1}, \tau_{\text{had}_2}) < 1.5$
Channel	VBF category selection cuts
	At least two jets with $p_T^{j_1} > 40$ GeV and $p_T^{j_2} > 30$ GeV
7 lep 7 lep	$\Delta \eta(j_1, j_2) > 2.2$
	At least two jets with $p_T^{j_1} > 50 \text{ GeV}$ and $p_T^{j_2} > 30 \text{ GeV}$
$\tau_{\rm lep} \tau_{\rm had}$	$\Delta \eta(j_1, j_2) > 3.0$
	$m_{\tau\tau}^{\rm vis} > 40 \text{ GeV}$
	At least two jets with $p_T^{21} > 50$ GeV and $p_T^{22} > 30$ GeV
$\tau_{had}\tau_{had}$	$p_T^{j_2} > 35$ GeV for jets with $ \eta  > 2.4$
	$\Delta \eta(j_1, j_2) > 2.0$
Channel	Boosted category selection cuts
$\tau_{lep}\tau_{lep}$	At least one jet with $p_T > 40 \text{ GeV}$
Δ11	Failing the VBF selection
	$p_{T}^{H} > 100 \text{ GeV}$

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## **Control Regions**

Process	$\tau_{lep}\tau_{lep}$	$\tau_{lep}\tau_{had}$	$\tau_{had}\tau_{had}$
$Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$ -enriched	$80 < m_{\tau\tau}^{vis} < 100 \ GeV$		
	(same-flavour)		
Top control region	Invert b-jet veto	Invert b-jet veto and $m_T > 40 \text{ GeV}$	
Rest category			Pass preselection,
			Fail VBF and Boosted selections
$Z \rightarrow \tau \tau$ -enriched	$m_{\tau\tau}^{\text{HPTO}} < 100 \text{ GeV}$	$m_{\rm T} < 40 ~GeV$ and $m_{\tau\tau}^{\rm MMC} < 110 ~GeV$	
Fake-enriched	Same sign $\tau$ decay products	Same sign $\tau$ decay products	
W-enriched		$m_T > 70 \ GeV$	
Mass sideband			$m_{\tau\tau}^{\rm MMC} < 110 \ GeV$ or $m_{\tau\tau}^{\rm MMC} > 150 \ GeV$

Channel	Background	Scale factors $(CR)$		
		$\operatorname{VBF}$	Boosted	
$ au_{ m lep} au_{ m lep}$	Тор	$0.99\pm0.07$	$1.01 \pm 0.05$	
	$Z \to ee$	$0.91 \pm 0.16$	$0.98\pm0.10$	
	$Z \to \mu \mu$	$0.97 \pm 0.13$	$0.96\pm0.08$	
$ au_{ m lep} au_{ m had}$	Тор	$0.84 \pm 0.08$	$0.96 \pm 0.04$	

## Systematic Variations

	Relative signal and background variations [%]											
Source	$\tau_{lep}\tau_{lep}$		$\tau_{lep}\tau_{lep}$		$\tau_{\rm lep} \tau_{\rm had}$		$\tau_{lep}\tau_{had}$		$\tau_{\rm had} \tau_{\rm had}$		$\tau_{\rm had} \tau_{\rm had}$	
- Could	VBF		Boosted		VBF		Boosted		VBF		Boosted	
	S	B	S	B	S	B	S	B	S	B	S	B
Experimental												
Luminosity	$\pm 2.8$	$\pm 0.1$	$\pm 2.8$	$\pm 0.1$	$\pm 2.8$	$\pm 0.1$	$\pm 2.8$	$\pm 0.1$	$\pm 2.8$	±0.1	$\pm 2.8$	$\pm 0.1$
Tau trigger <sup>*</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+7.7 -8.8	< 0.1	+7.8 -8.9	< 0.1
Tau identification	-	-	-	-	$\pm 3.3$	$\pm 1.2$	$\pm 3.3$	$\pm 1.8$	$\pm 6.6$	$\pm 3.8$	$\pm 6.6$	$\pm 5.1$
Lepton ident. and trigger <sup>*</sup>	$^{+1.4}_{-2.1}$	+1.3 -1.7	$^{+1.4}_{-2.1}$	$^{+1.1}_{-1.5}$	$\pm 1.8$	$\pm 0.5$	$\pm 1.8$	$\pm 0.8$	-	-	-	-
b-tagging	$\pm 1.3$	$\pm 1.6$	$\pm 1.6$	$\pm 1.6$	< 0.1	$\pm 0.2$	$\pm 0.4$	$\pm 0.2$	-	-	-	-
$\tau$ energy scale <sup>†</sup>	-	-	-	-	$\pm 2.4$	$\pm 1.3$	$\pm 2.4$	±0.9	$\pm 2.9$	$\pm 2.5$	$\pm 2.9$	$\pm 2.5$
Jet energy scale and resolution <sup>†</sup>	$^{+8.5}_{-9.1}$	$\pm 9.2$	$^{+4.7}_{-4.9}$	$^{+3.7}_{-3.0}$	+9.5 -8.7	$\pm 1.0$	$\pm 3.9$	±0.4	$^{+10.1}_{-8.0}$	±0.3	$^{+5.1}_{-6.2}$	$\pm 0.2$
$E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss}$ soft scale & resolution	$^{+0.0}_{-0.2}$	$^{+0.0}_{-1.2}$	$^{+0.0}_{-0.1}$	$^{+0.0}_{-1.2}$	$^{+0.8}_{-0.3}$	$\pm 0.2$	$\pm 0.4$	< 0.1	$\pm 0.5$	±0.2	$\pm 0.1$	< 0.1
Background Model												
Modelling of fake backgrounds <sup>*</sup> <sup>†</sup>	-	$\pm 1.2$	-	$\pm 1.2$	-	±2.6	-	±2.6	-	$\pm 5.2$	-	$\pm 0.6$
Embedding <sup>†</sup>	-	$^{+3.8}_{-4.3}$	-	$^{+6.0}_{-6.5}$	-	$\pm 1.5$	-	$\pm 1.2$	-	$\pm 2.2$	-	$\pm 3.3$
$Z \rightarrow \ell \ell$ normalisation <sup>*</sup>	-	$\pm 2.1$	-	$\pm 0.7$	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Theoretical												
Higher-order QCD corrections †	$^{+11.3}_{-9.1}$	$\pm 0.2$	$^{+19.8}_{-15.3}$	$\pm 0.2$	+9.7 -7.6	$\pm 0.2$	$^{+19.3}_{-14.7}$	$\pm 0.2$	$^{+10.7}_{-8.2}$	< 0.1	$^{+20.3}_{-15.4}$	< 0.1
UE/PS	$\pm 1.8$	< 0.1	$\pm 5.9$	< 0.1	$\pm 3.8$	< 0.1	$\pm 2.9$	< 0.1	$\pm 4.6$	< 0.1	$\pm 3.8$	< 0.1
Generator modelling	$\pm 2.3$	< 0.1	±1.2	< 0.1	$\pm 2.7$	< 0.1	$\pm 1.3$	< 0.1	$\pm 2.4$	< 0.1	$\pm 1.2$	< 0.1
EW corrections	±1.1	< 0.1	$\pm 0.4$	< 0.1	$\pm 1.3$	< 0.1	$\pm 0.4$	< 0.1	±1.1	< 0.1	$\pm 0.4$	< 0.1
PDF †	$^{+4.5}_{-5.8}$	$\pm 0.3$	$^{+6.2}_{-8.0}$	$\pm 0.2$	$+3.9 \\ -3.6$	$\pm 0.2$	+6.6 -6.1	$\pm 0.2$	$^{+4.3}_{-4.0}$	$\pm 0.2$	$^{+6.3}_{-5.8}$	$\pm 0.1$
BR $(H \rightarrow \tau \tau)$	$\pm 5.7$	-	$\pm 5.7$	-	$\pm 5.7$	-	$\pm 5.7$	-	$\pm$ 5.7	-	$\pm 5.7$	-



Process/Category		VBF		Boosted			
BDT output bin	All bins	Second to last bin	Last bin	All bins	Second to last bin	Last bin	
$Z \rightarrow \tau \tau$	$589 \pm 24$	$9.7 \pm 1.0$	$1.99 \pm 0.34$	$2190 \pm 80$	$33.7 \pm 2.3$	$11.3 \pm 1.3$	
Fake background	$57 \pm 12$	$1.2 \pm 0.6$	$0.55 \pm 0.35$	$100 \pm 40$	$2.9 \pm 1.3$	$0.6 \pm 0.4$	
Top	$131 \pm 19$	$0.9 \pm 0.4$	$0.89 \pm 0.33$	$380 \pm 50$	$9.8 \pm 2.1$	$4.3 \pm 1.0$	
Others	$196 \pm 17$	$3.0 \pm 0.4$	$1.7 \pm 0.6$	$400 \pm 40$	$8.3 \pm 1.6$	$2.6 \pm 0.7$	
$ggF: H \rightarrow WW  (m_H = 125 \ GeV)$	$2.9 \pm 0.8$	$0.12 \pm 0.04$	$0.11 \pm 0.04$	$7.7 \pm 2.3$	$0.43 \pm 0.13$	$0.24 \pm 0.08$	
VBF: $H \rightarrow WW$	$3.4 \pm 0.4$	$0.40 \pm 0.06$	$0.38 \pm 0.08$	$1.65 \pm 0.18$	$0.102 \pm 0.017$	< 0.1	
$WH : H \rightarrow WW$	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	$0.90 \pm 0.10$	< 0.1	< 0.1	
$ZH: H \rightarrow WW$	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	$0.59 \pm 0.07$	< 0.1	< 0.1	
ggF: $H \rightarrow \tau \tau \ (m_H = 125 GeV)$	$9.8 \pm 3.4$	$0.73 \pm 0.26$	$0.35 \pm 0.14$	$21 \pm 8$	$2.4 \pm 0.9$	$1.3 \pm 0.5$	
VBF: $H \rightarrow \tau \tau$	$13.3 \pm 4.0$	$2.7 \pm 0.7$	$3.3 \pm 0.9$	$5.5 \pm 1.5$	$0.95 \pm 0.26$	$0.49 \pm 0.13$	
$WH : H \rightarrow \tau \tau$	$0.25 \pm 0.07$	< 0.1	< 0.1	$3.8 \pm 1.0$	$0.44 \pm 0.12$	$0.22 \pm 0.06$	
$ZH: H \rightarrow \tau\tau$	$0.14 \pm 0.04$	< 0.1	< 0.1	$2.0 \pm 0.5$	$0.21 \pm 0.06$	$0.113 \pm 0.031$	
Total background	$980 \pm 22$	$15.4 \pm 1.8$	$5.6 \pm 1.4$	$3080 \pm 50$	$55 \pm 4$	$19.2 \pm 2.1$	
Total signal	$24 \pm 6$	$3.5 \pm 0.9$	$3.6 \pm 1.0$	$33 \pm 10$	$4.0 \pm 1.2$	$2.1 \pm 0.6$	
Data	1014	16	11	3095	61	20	

# $au_\ell au_{ m had}$ Yields

Process/Category		VBF		Boosted			
BDT output bin	All bins	Second to last bin	Last bin	All bins	Second to last bin	Last bin	
Fake background	$1680 \pm 50$	$8.2 \pm 0.9$	$5.2 \pm 0.7$	$5640 \pm 160$	$51.0 \pm 2.5$	$22.3 \pm 1.8$	
$Z \rightarrow \tau \tau$	$877 \pm 29$	$7.6 \pm 0.9$	$4.2 \pm 0.7$	$6210 \pm 170$	$57.5 \pm 2.8$	$41.1 \pm 3.2$	
Top	$82 \pm 15$	$0.3 \pm 0.4$	$0.5 \pm 0.4$	$380 \pm 50$	$12 \pm 4$	$4.8 \pm 1.5$	
$Z \rightarrow \ell \ell (\ell \rightarrow \tau_{had})$	$54 \pm 26$	$1.0 \pm 0.7$	$0.30 \pm 0.28$	$200 \pm 50$	$13 \pm 4$	$8.6 \pm 3.5$	
Diboson	$63 \pm 11$	$1.0 \pm 0.4$	$0.48 \pm 0.20$	$430 \pm 40$	$9.7 \pm 2.2$	$4.7 \pm 1.6$	
ggF: $H \to \tau \tau \ (m_H = 125 GeV)$	$16 \pm 6$	$1.0 \pm 0.4$	$1.2 \pm 0.6$	$60 \pm 20$	$9.2 \pm 3.2$	$10.1 \pm 3.4$	
VBF: $H \rightarrow \tau \tau$	$31 \pm 8$	$4.5 \pm 1.1$	$9.1 \pm 2.2$	$16 \pm 4$	$2.5 \pm 0.6$	$2.9 \pm 0.7$	
$WH: H \rightarrow \tau\tau$	$0.6 \pm 0.4$	< 0.1	< 0.1	$9.1 \pm 2.3$	$1.3 \pm 0.4$	$1.9 \pm 0.5$	
$ZH: H \rightarrow \tau\tau$	$0.16 \pm 0.07$	< 0.1	< 0.1	$4.6 \pm 1.2$	$0.77 \pm 0.20$	$0.93 \pm 0.24$	
Total background	$2760 \pm 40$	$18.1 \pm 2.3$	$10.7 \pm 2.7$	$12860 \pm 110$	$143 \pm 6$	$82 \pm 6$	
Total signal	$48 \pm 12$	$5.5 \pm 1.3$	$10.3 \pm 2.5$	$89 \pm 26$	$14 \pm 4$	$16 \pm 4$	
Data	2830	22	21	12952	170	92	

# $au_{\rm had} au_{ m had}$ Yields

Process/Category		VBF		Boosted			
BDT output bin	All bins	Second to last bin	Last bin	All bins	Second to last bin	Last bin	
Fake background	$370 \pm 18$	$2.3 \pm 0.9$	$0.57 \pm 0.29$	$645 \pm 26$	$35 \pm 4$	$0.65\pm0.33$	
Others	$37 \pm 5$	$0.67 \pm 0.22$	< 0.1	$89 \pm 11$	$15.9 \pm 2.0$	$0.92 \pm 0.22$	
$Z \rightarrow \tau \tau$	$475 \pm 16$	$0.6 \pm 0.7$	$0.6 \pm 0.4$	$2230 \pm 70$	$93 \pm 4$	$5.4 \pm 1.6$	
ggF: $H \to \tau \tau \ (m_H = 125 GeV)$	$8.0 \pm 2.7$	$0.67 \pm 0.23$	$0.53 \pm 0.20$	$21 \pm 8$	$9.1 \pm 3.3$	$1.6 \pm 0.6$	
VBF: $H \rightarrow \tau \tau$	$12.0 \pm 3.1$	$1.8 \pm 0.5$	$3.4 \pm 0.9$	$6.3 \pm 1.6$	$2.8 \pm 0.7$	$0.52\pm0.13$	
$WH: H \rightarrow \tau\tau$	$0.25 \pm 0.07$	< 0.1	< 0.1	$4.0 \pm 1.1$	$1.9 \pm 0.5$	$0.41 \pm 0.11$	
$ZH: H \rightarrow \tau\tau$	$0.16 \pm 0.04$	< 0.1	< 0.1	$2.4 \pm 0.6$	$1.13 \pm 0.30$	$0.23\pm0.06$	
Total background	$883 \pm 18$	$3.6 \pm 1.3$	$1.2 \pm 1.0$	$2960 \pm 50$	$143 \pm 6$	$7.0 \pm 1.8$	
Total signal	$20 \pm 5$	$2.5 \pm 0.6$	$3.9 \pm 1.0$	$34 \pm 10$	$15 \pm 4$	$2.7 \pm 0.8$	
Data	892	5	6	3020	161	10	