

$t\bar{t}H$ in the multilepton channel

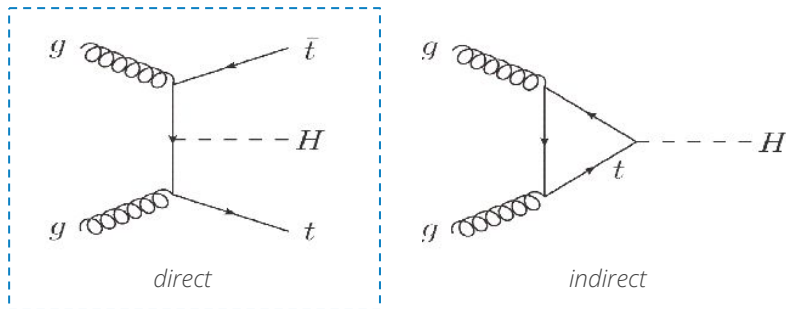
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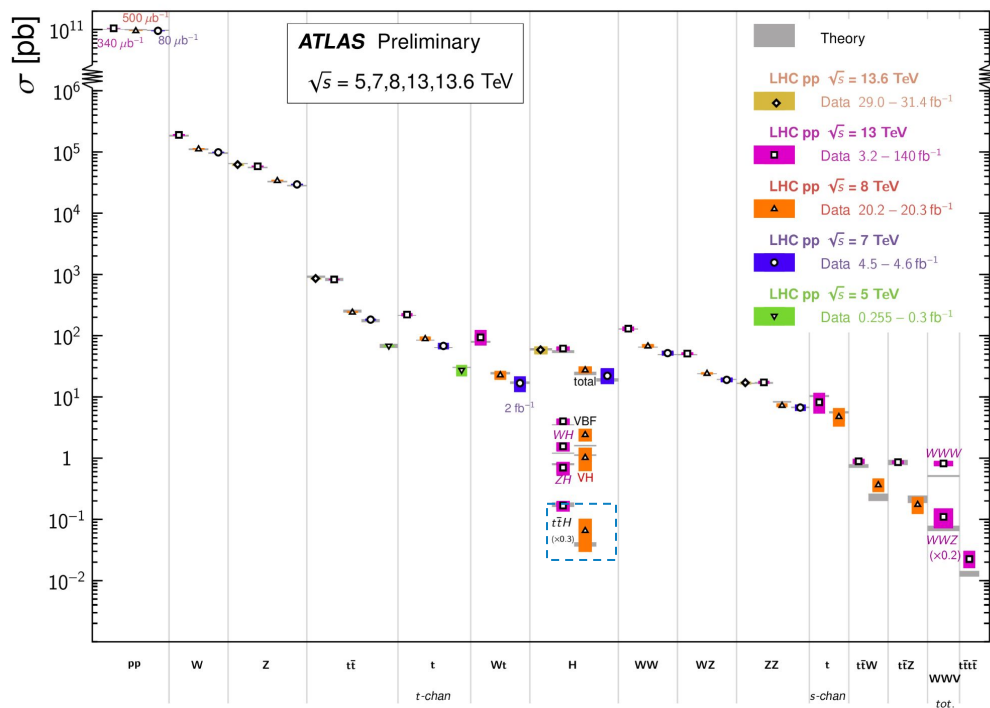
Top Yukawa-coupling via $t\bar{t}H$

- Top Yukawa coupling (y_t) is expected to be of order one
→ idea about the scale of New Physics
- $t\bar{t}H/tH$ production cross-section measurement is the only **direct** way to measure y_t
- $t\bar{t}H$ allows to probe the **CP** structure of the top-Higgs coupling (talk by Alberto Carnelli)



Standard Model Total Production Cross Section Measurements

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- Production of $t\bar{t}H$ accounts for about 1% of the total rate
- Covering as many decay channels as possible:

$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	ATLAS , CMS
$H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$	ATLAS , CMS
$H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4\ell$	ATLAS , CMS
$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$	ATLAS

- $t\bar{t}H$ in multilepton final state: clean final state with leptons, moderate irreducible background

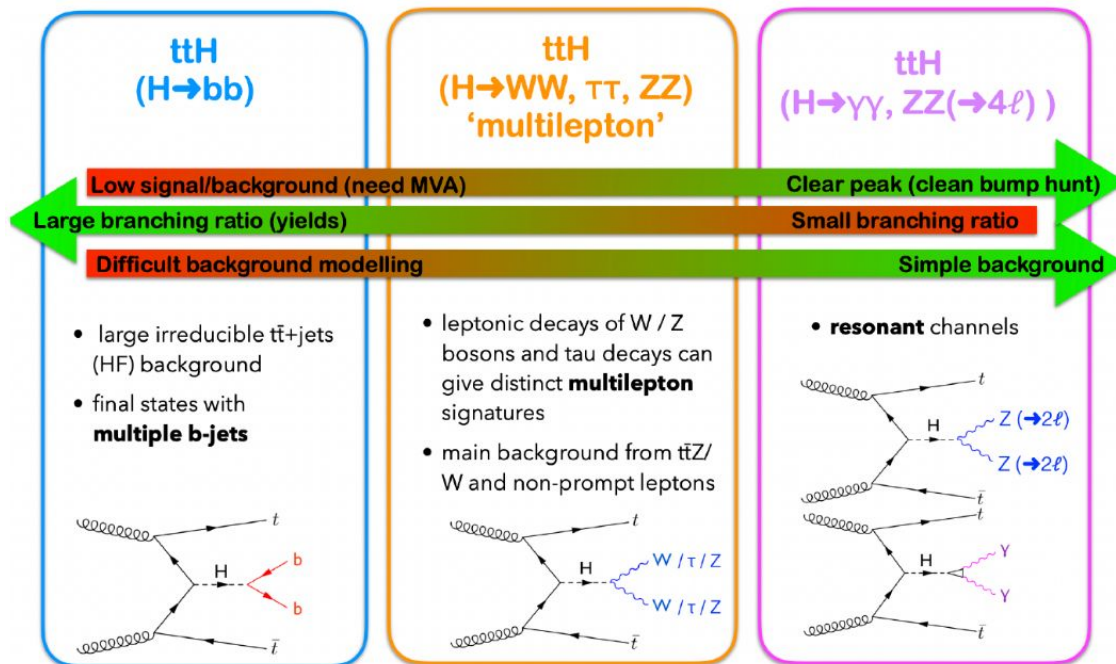
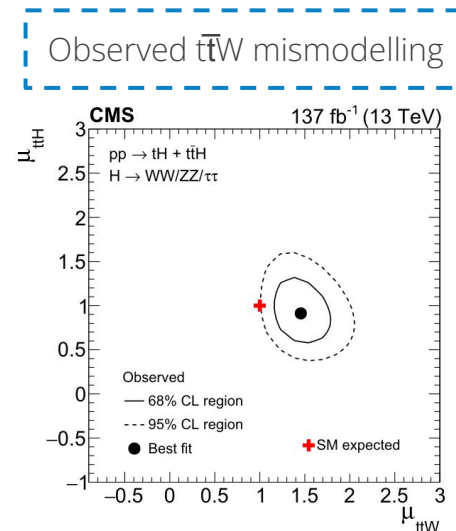
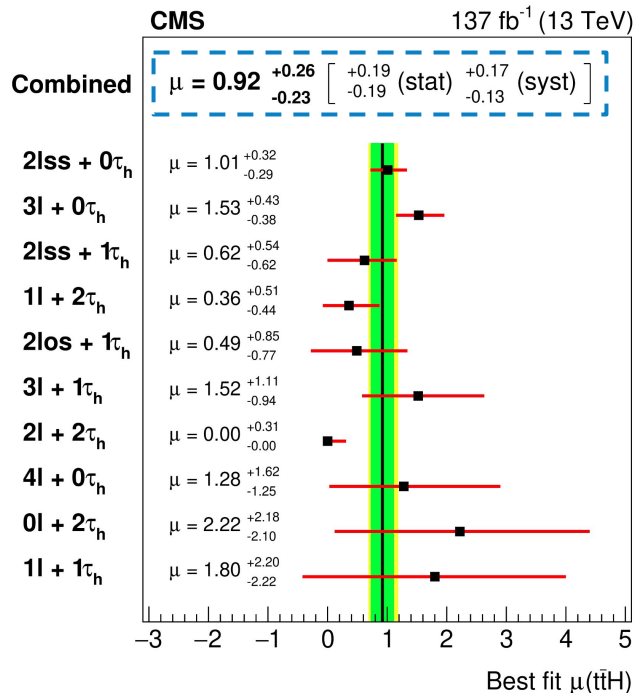
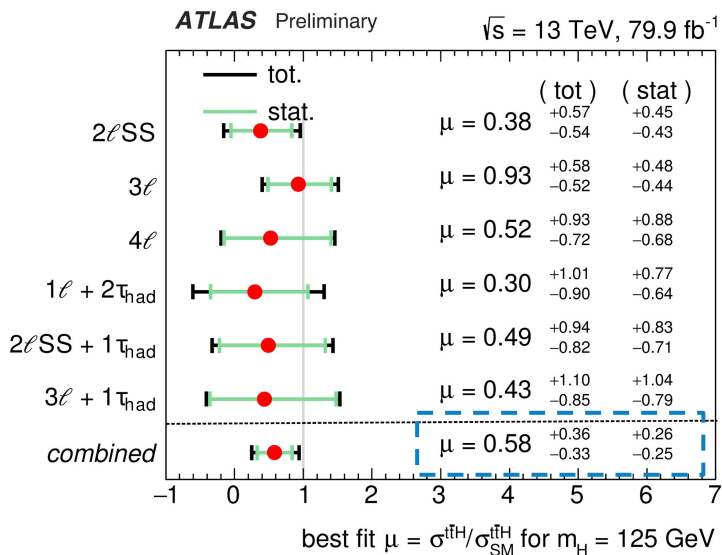


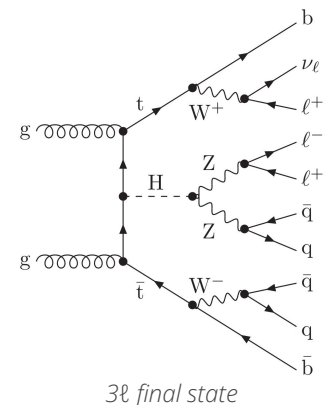
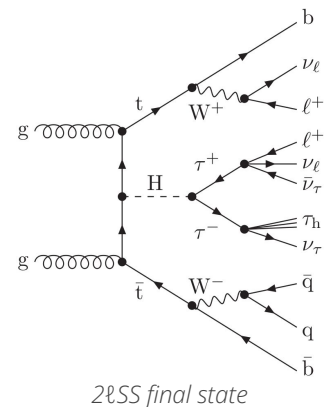
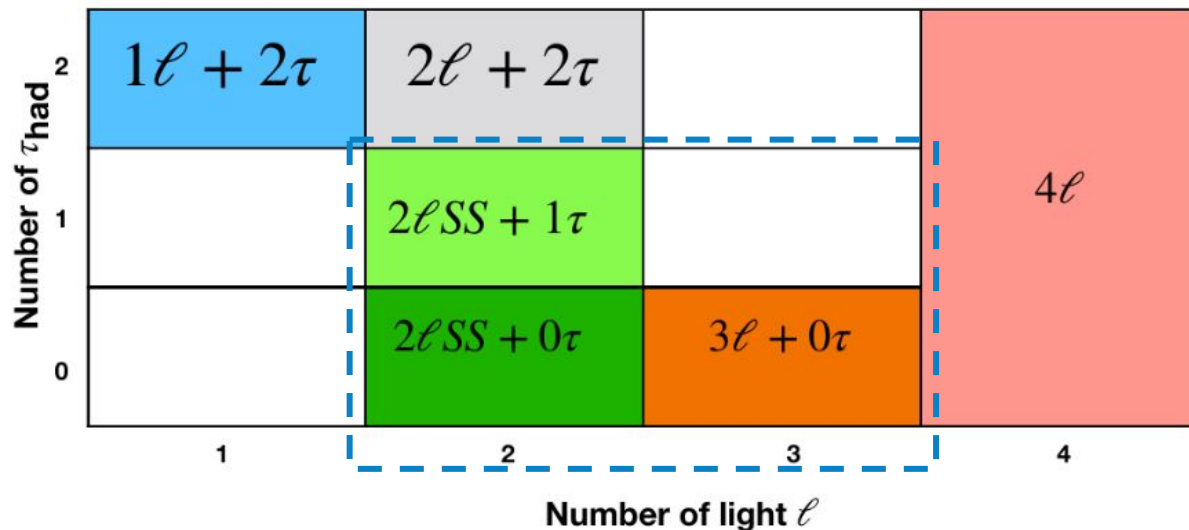
Figure from Tamara Vazquez Schroeder

- $t\bar{t}H$ observation by [ATLAS](#) and [CMS](#) in 2018 with partial Run 2 dataset
- $t\bar{t}H$ in multilepton by [ATLAS](#) (80 fb⁻¹) and [CMS](#) (137 fb⁻¹)
ATLAS measured $\mu(t\bar{t}H) \approx 0.58$ with an observed significance of 1.8 σ

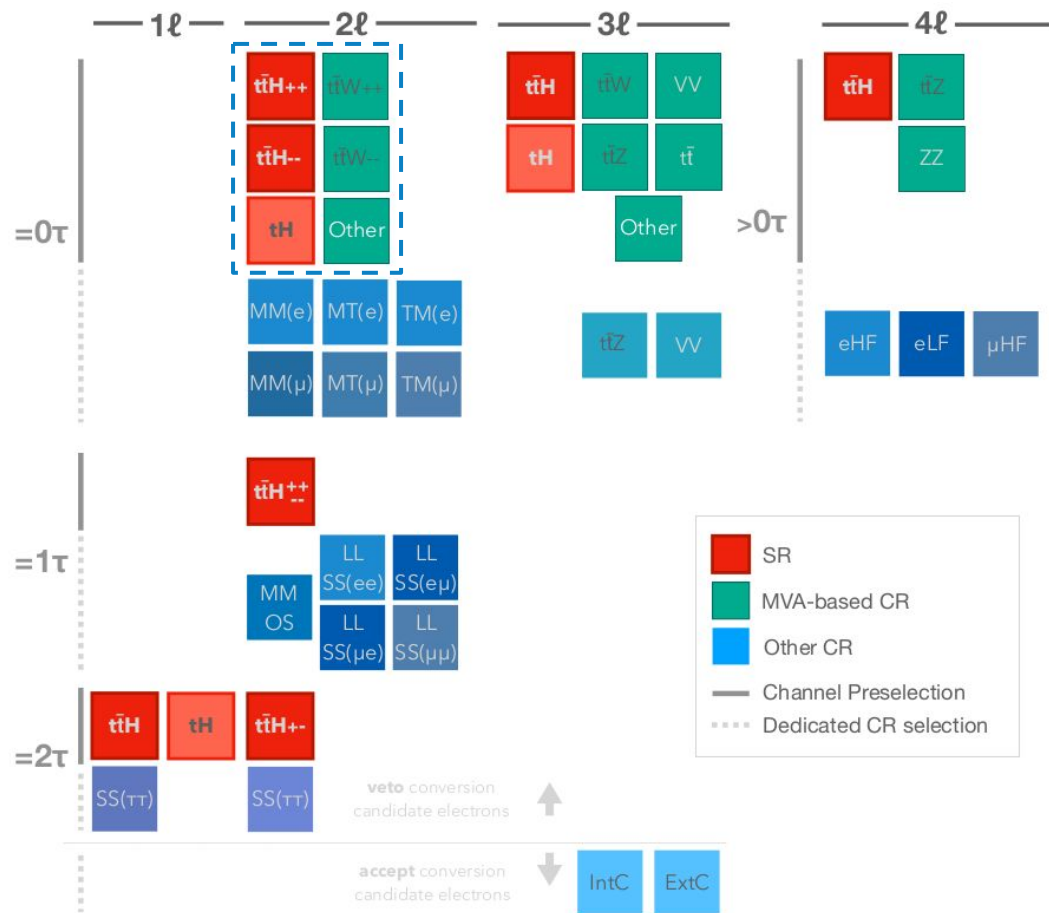


Analysis setup and strategy

- Full run 2 dataset (140 fb^{-1})
- $t\bar{t}H$ ML inclusive cross-section measurement including 6 different channels
- Simplified template cross-section (STXS) measurement
- Higgs CP interpretation



Regions: 2ℓ SS + 0τ



Regions: $2\ell SS + 0\tau$

- Signal and MVA-based control regions definition

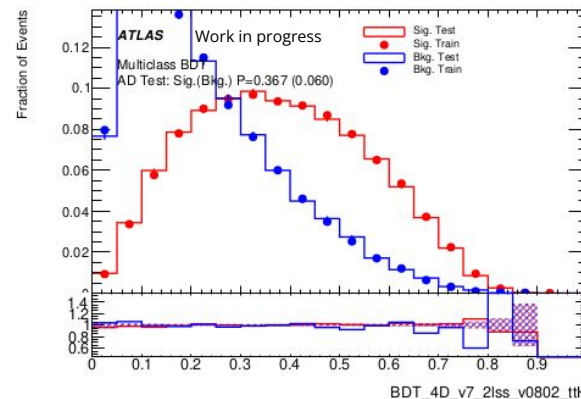
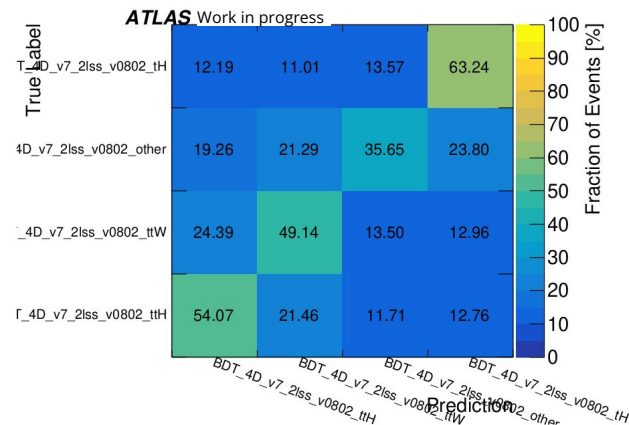
- Pre-MVA selection:

	$2\ell SS + 0\tau_{had}$
τ candidates	$== 0$ M
Leptons counting	$== 2$ T: $p_T > 15$ GeV
Lepton details	SS
njets	≥ 3
nbjets (at 85% WP)	≥ 1

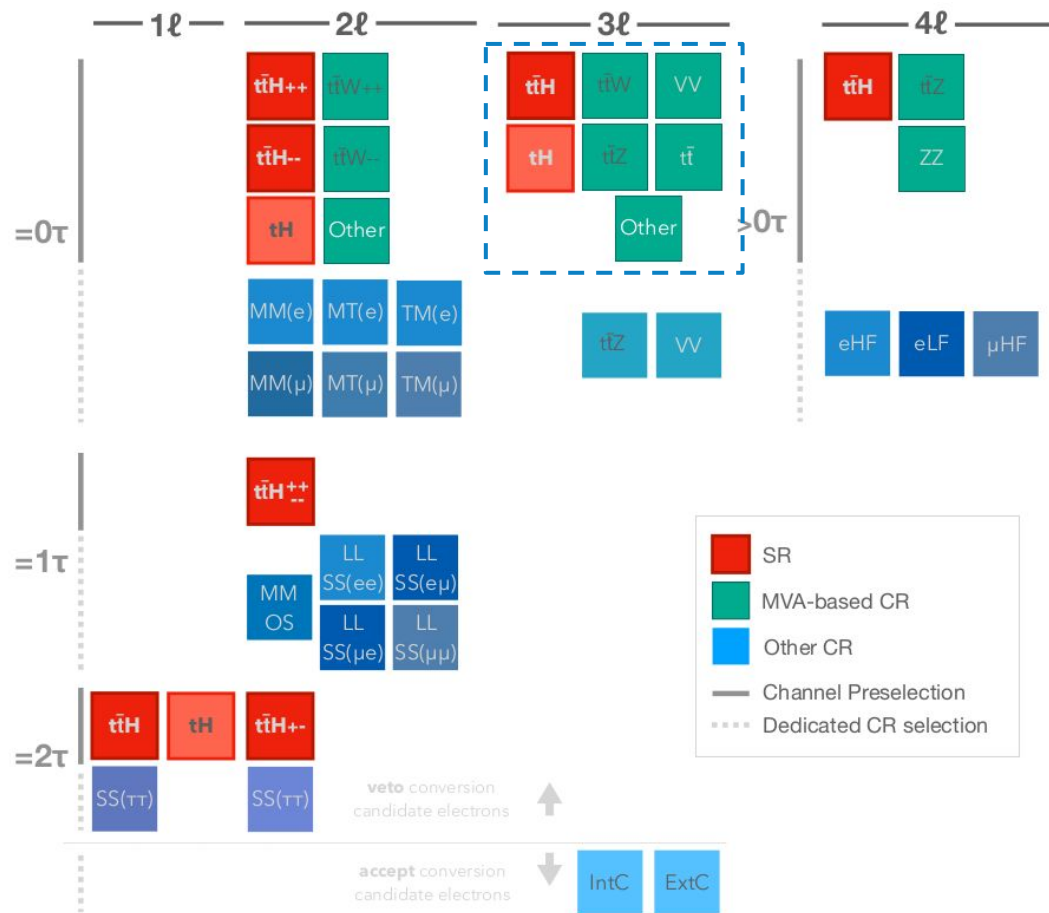
- MVA selection:

- Multi-class BDT: $t\bar{t}H$, tH , $t\bar{t}W$ and *Other* as output nodes
 - 20 variables to train: Njets, m_{ll} , $dR(l, jet)$, etc.
 - Regions are defined based on the highest BDT score

- Dominant prompt backgrounds: $t\bar{t}W$, $t\bar{t}Z$



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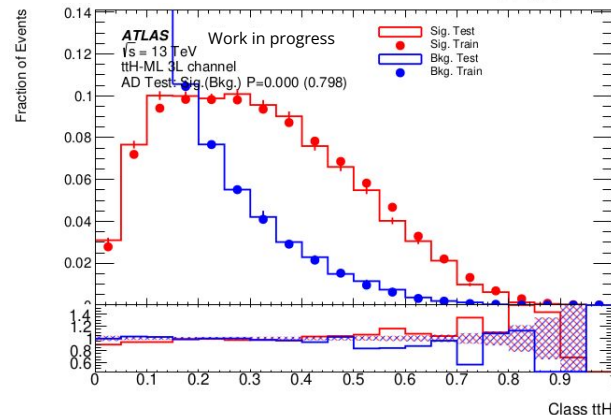
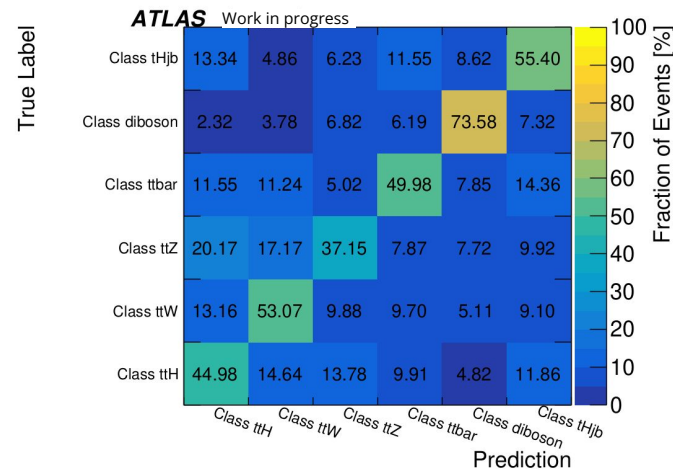
- Pre-MVA selection:

	$3\ell + 0\tau_{had}$
τ candidates	$==0$ M
Leptons counting	$==3$ (T,T,L): $p_T > 15, 15, 10$ GeV
Lepton details	OS (to others): L $p_T > 10$ GeV SS pair: T $p_T > 15$ GeV OS pair: $ m(l\bar{l}) - m_Z > 10$ GeV and $m(l\bar{l}) > 12$ GeV
njets	≥ 2
nbjets (at 85% WP)	≥ 1

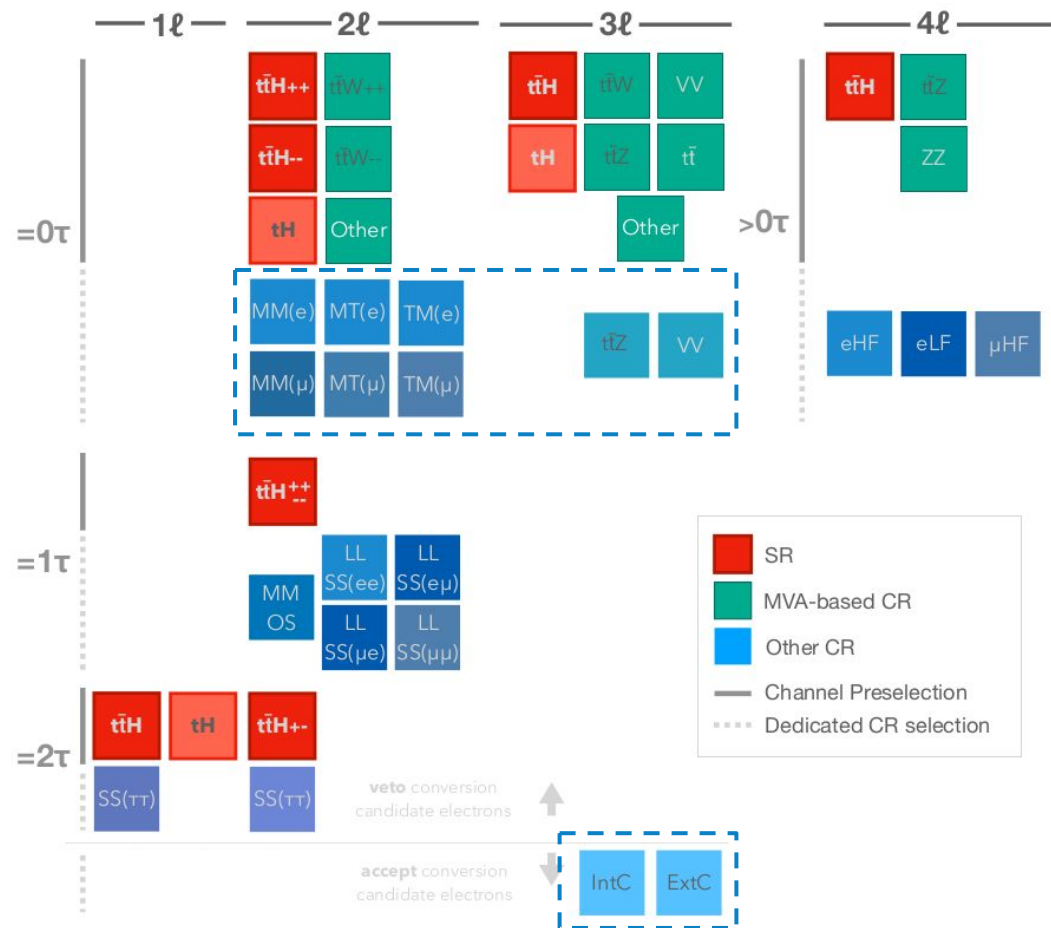
- MVA selection:

- Multi-class BDT: $t\bar{t}H$, tH , $t\bar{t}W$, $t\bar{t}Z$, W and $t\bar{t}$ as output nodes
 - 25 variables to train: Njets, m_{ll} , $dR(l, jet)$, etc.
 - Regions are defined by optimized cuts on BDT scores

- Dominant prompt backgrounds: $t\bar{t}W$, $t\bar{t}Z$

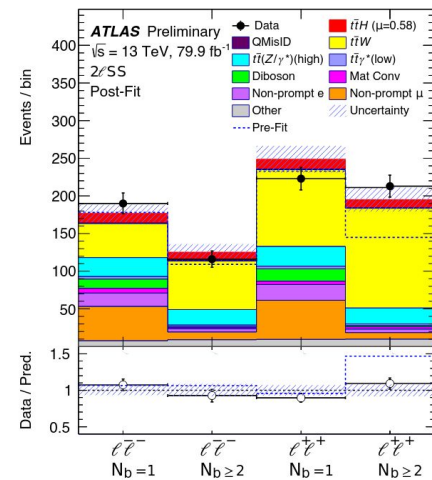
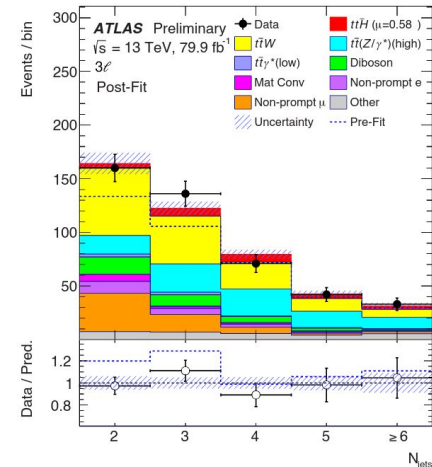
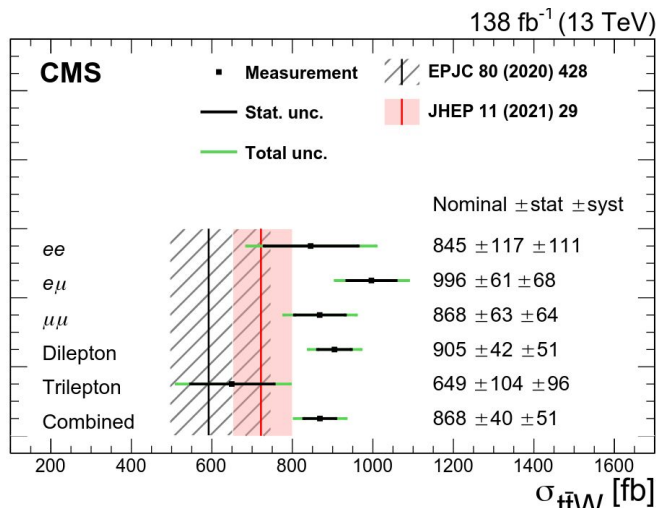
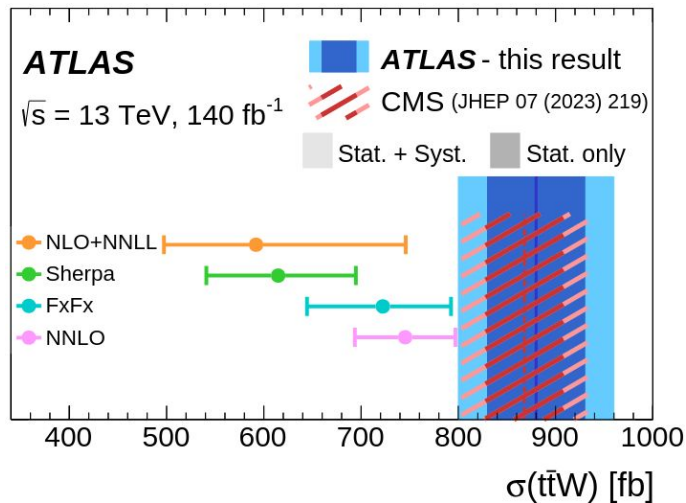


Control regions definitions: $2\ell SS + 0\tau$ and $3\ell + 0\tau$

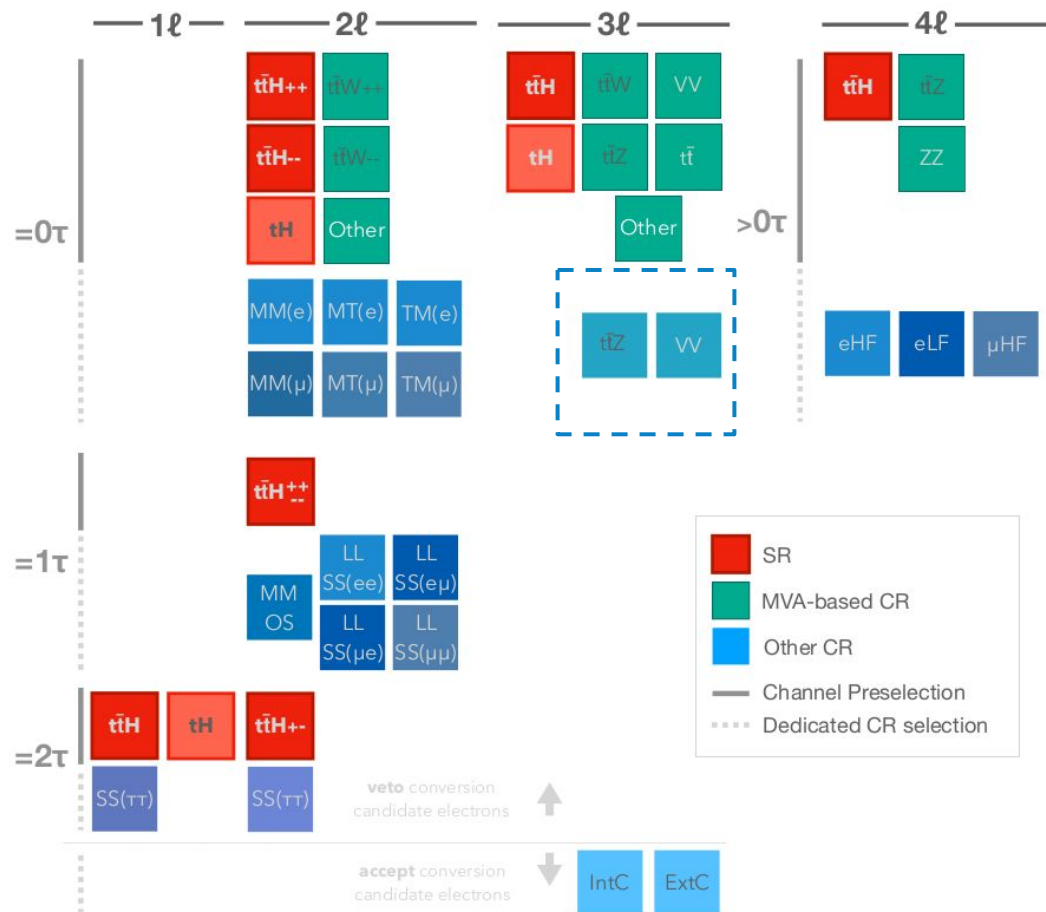


Mismodelled main background: $t\bar{t}W$

- $t\bar{t}W$ is the main background for $t\bar{t}H$ multilepton
- Observed $t\bar{t}W$ mismodelling is **20-50% larger** cross section than predicted
 - Theory:
 - [NLO + NNLL](#): $606 \text{ fb} \pm 7\%$
 - [NLO + FxFx](#): $722 \text{ fb} \pm 10\%$
 - Experiment:
 - [ATLAS](#): $880 \text{ fb} \pm 6\% \text{ (stat)} \pm 8\% \text{ (syst)}$
 - [CMS](#): $868 \text{ fb} \pm 5\% \text{ (stat)} \pm 6\% \text{ (syst)}$



Control regions definitions: $3\ell + 0\tau$

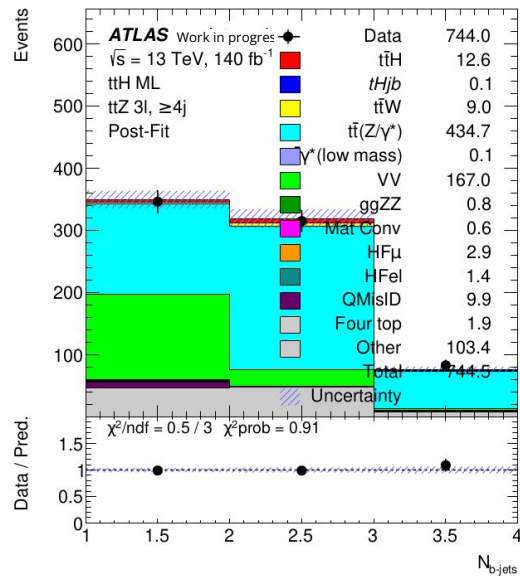
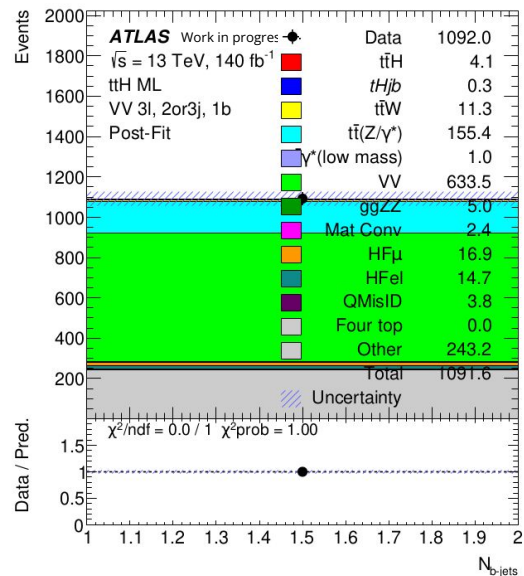


Irreducible background:

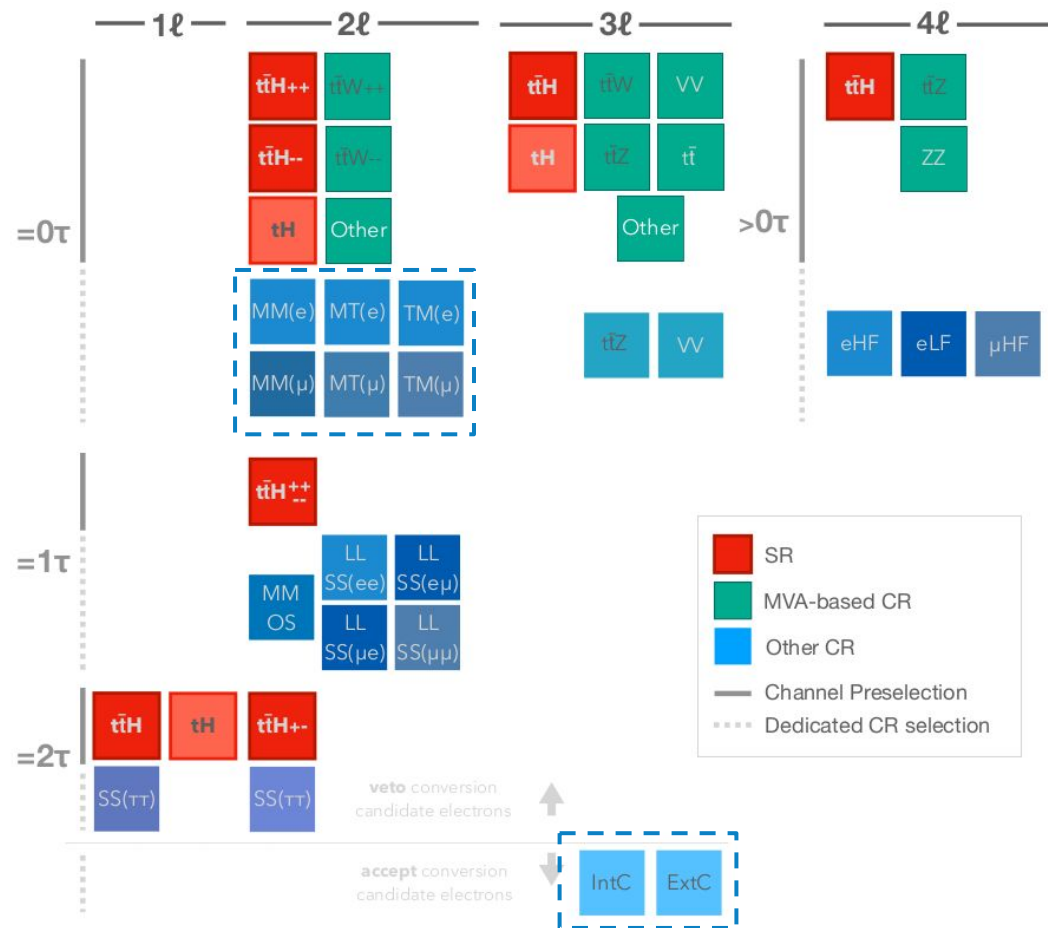
- Events with **prompt leptons** produced in
 - W/Z boson decays
 - leptonic τ -lepton decays
 - internal conversions
- Source:
 - Main: $t\bar{t}W$, $t\bar{t}Z/\gamma^*$ and VV
 - Smaller: tZ , tW , tWZ , $t\bar{t}WW$, VVV , $t\bar{t}t$, $t\bar{t}t$
- Estimated from **simulation**

Examples:

- Jet multiplicity not well modelled in VV sample: N_{jets} -dependent data-driven corrections (derived in $t\bar{t}W$)
- Cut-based $3l/VV$ and $t\bar{t}Z$ CRs taken from $t\bar{t}W$ analysis

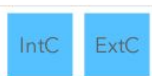
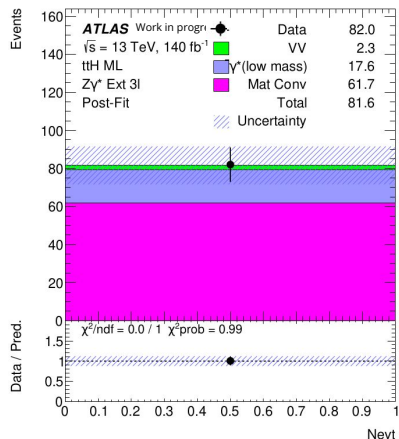


Control regions definitions: 2ℓ SS + 0τ



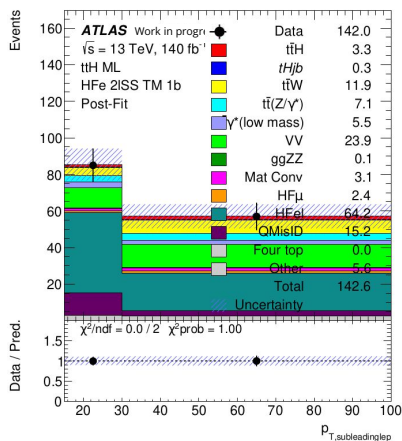
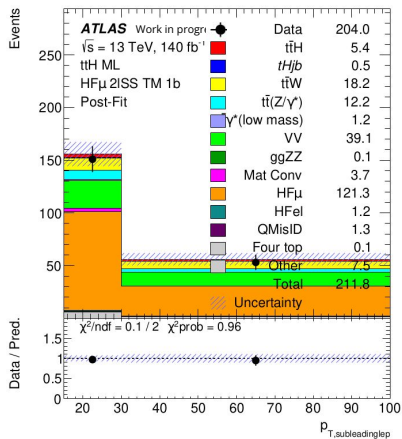
Reducible background:

- Events with at least
 - one prompt charge-flip electron
 - one fake lepton
- Source:
 - material conversions
 - hadron decays
 - improper reconstruction of other particles
- Estimated from **simulation** mainly using template method

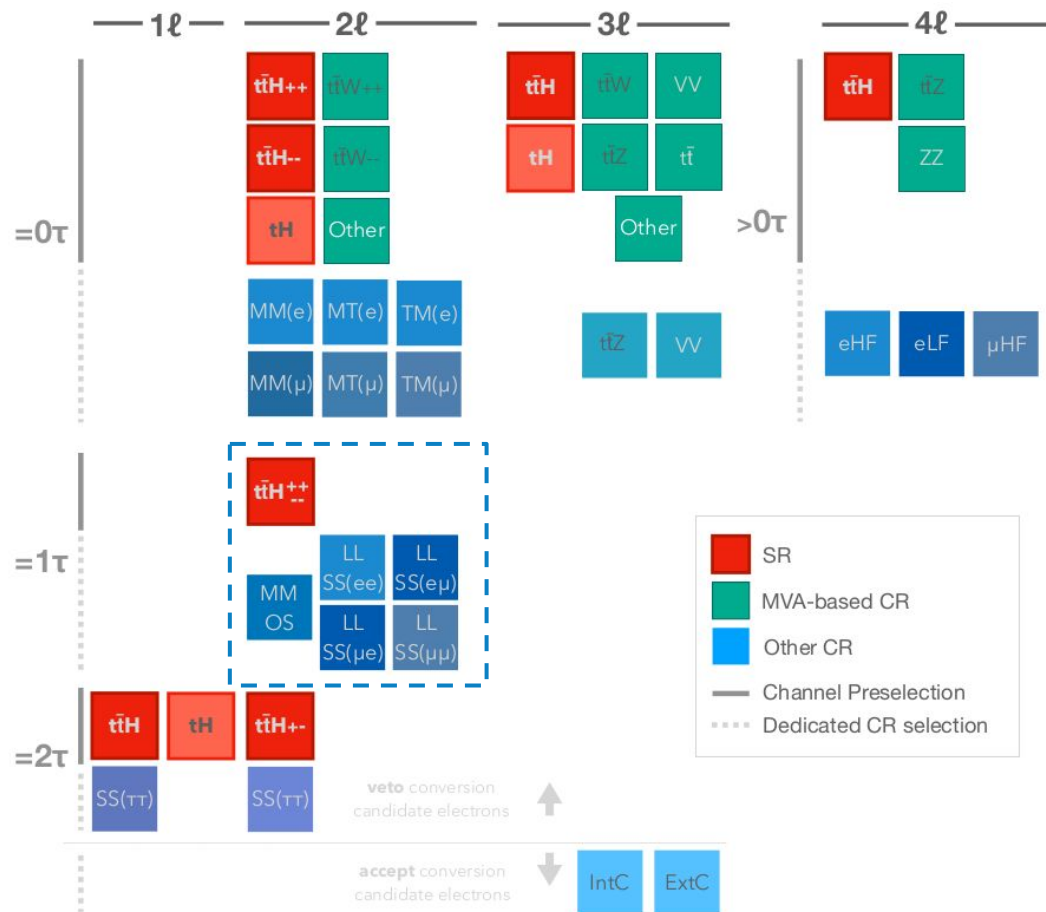


Examples:

- Fake/non-prompt lepton: estimated from simulation, with the normalisation determined by the likelihood fit.
 - 2 conversion CRs (internal and external): $Z(\rightarrow \mu\mu)\gamma$
 - 6 2ISS CRs enriched in contributions from HF fakes in $t\bar{t}$ events
 - split by flavour of subleading lepton
 - split by prompt leptons veto working points
 - 4 NFs: HF e and HF μ fakes, material and internal conversion

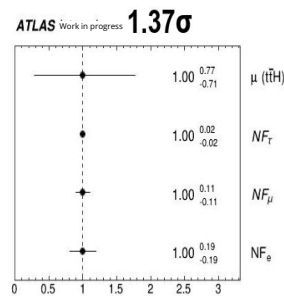
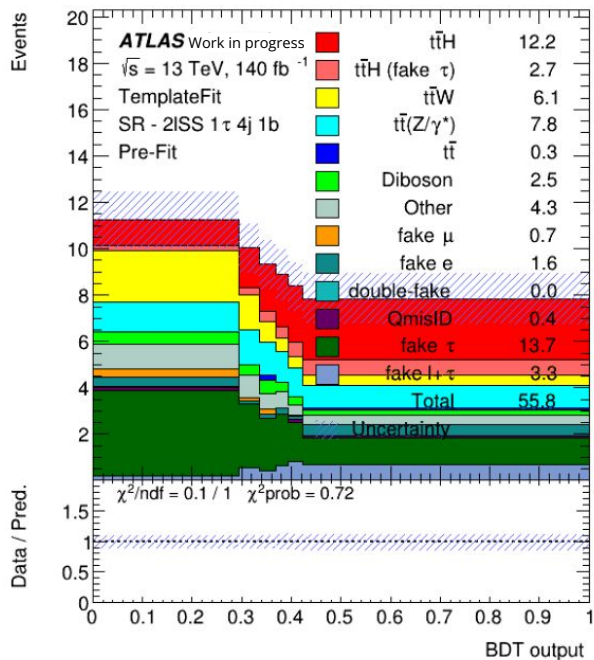


Regions definition: 2ℓ SS + 1τ

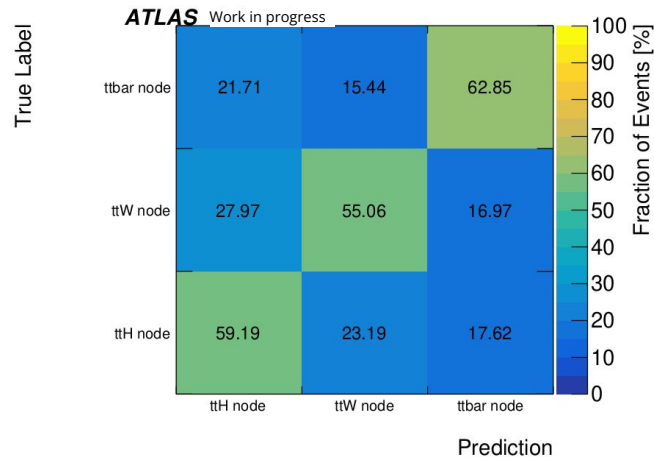


Regions definition: 2ℓ SS + 1τ

- Similar BDT-based procedure, but used to define the SR only
- Dominant background from fakes, no ttW or ttZ CRs

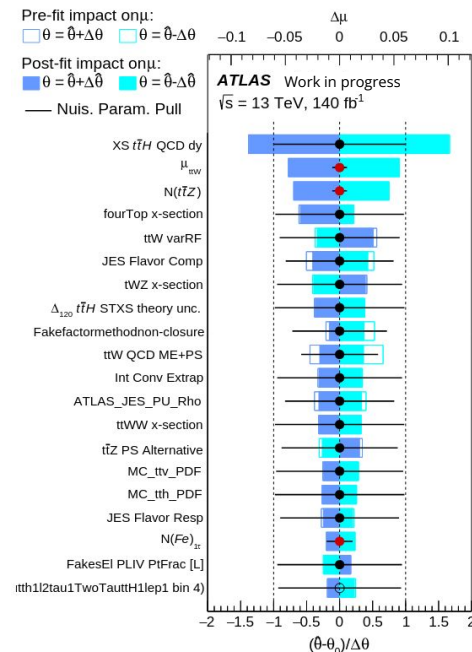
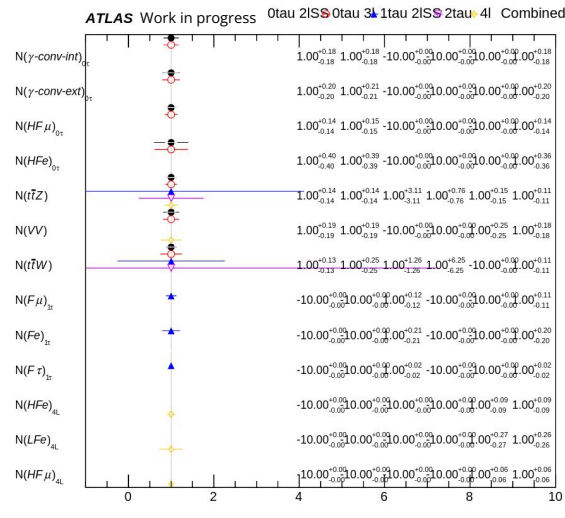
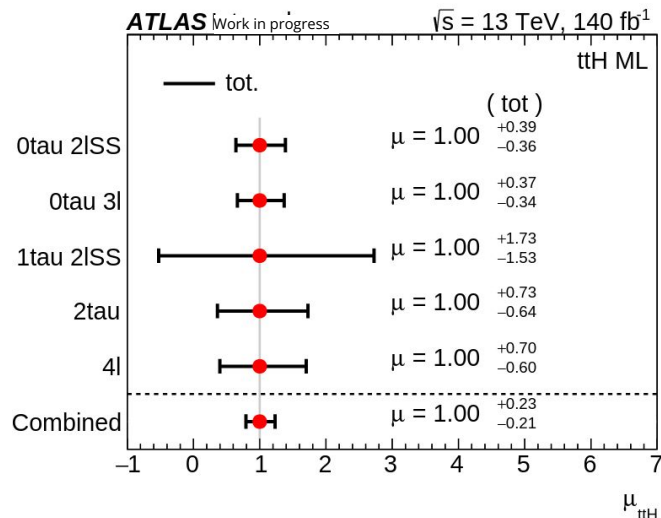


No ttW or ttZ N_F in $2ISS+1\tau$ channel

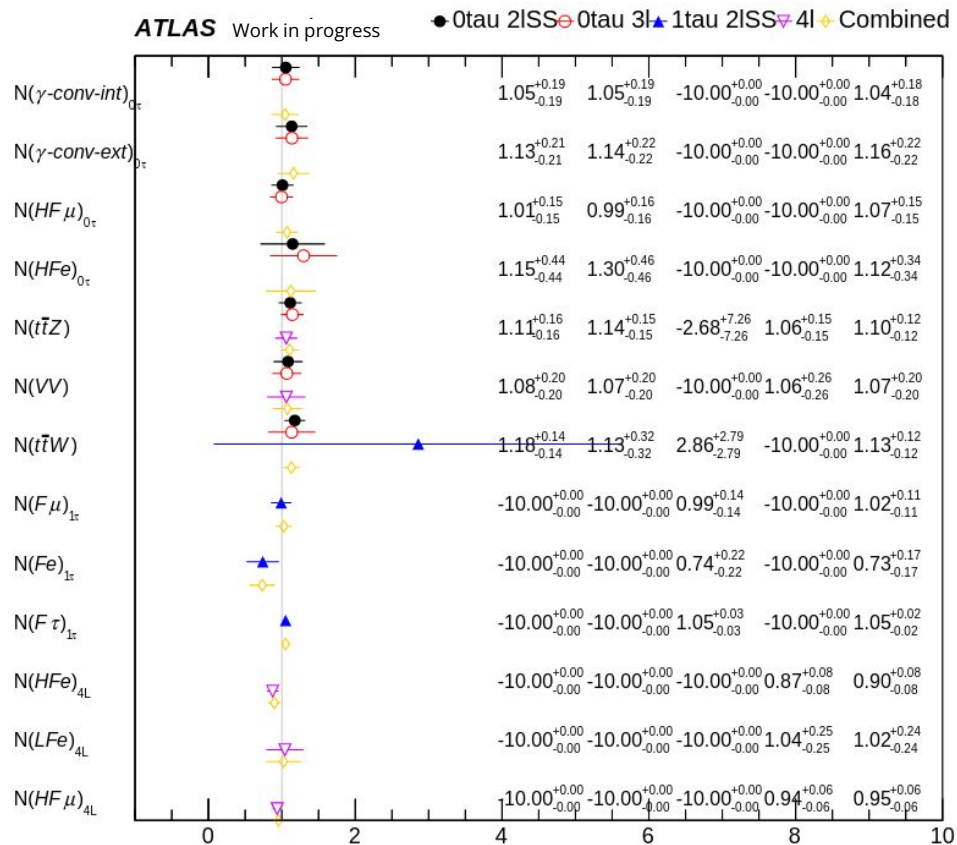


Results combined: Asimov

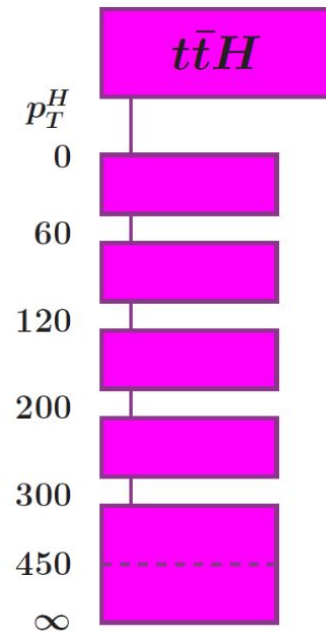
- Expected significance is 5.7σ (3.1σ in previous analysis)
- Measure ttH ML with significance of 5.4σ (not all systematics are included yet)
- Main systematics: ttH cross-section uncertainty, ttW and ttZ NFs



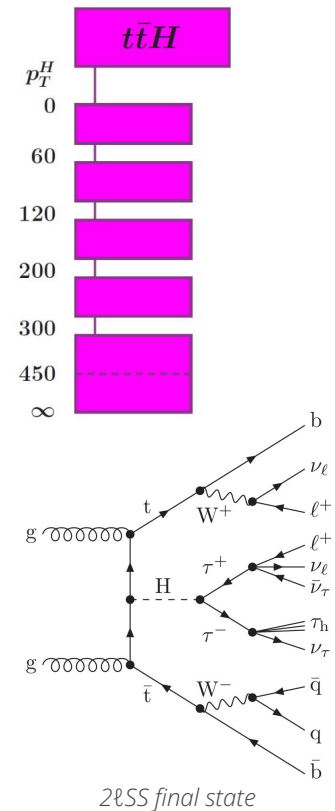
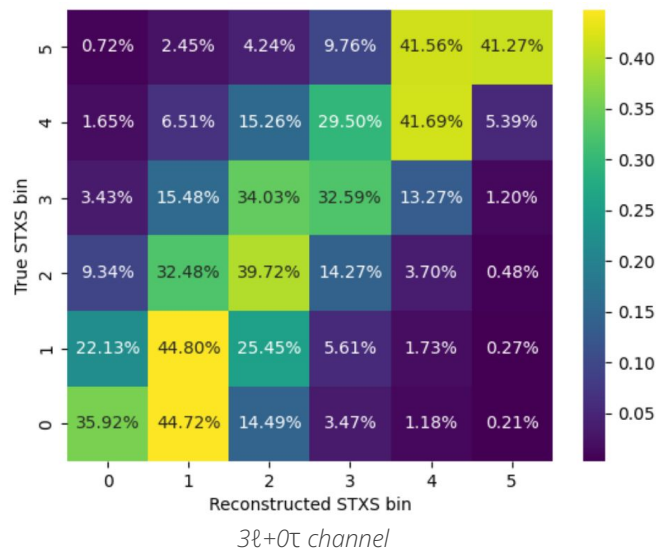
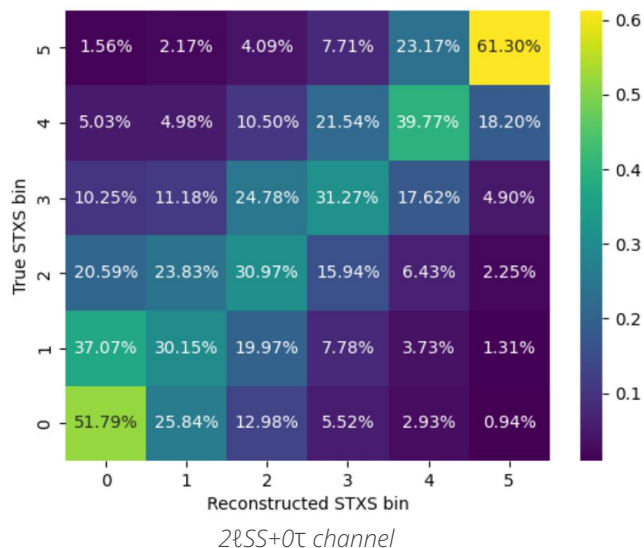
Results combined: CR only with data



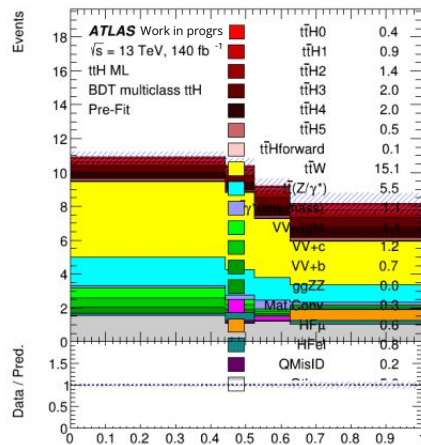
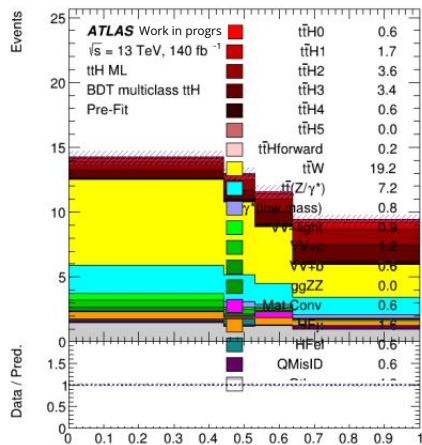
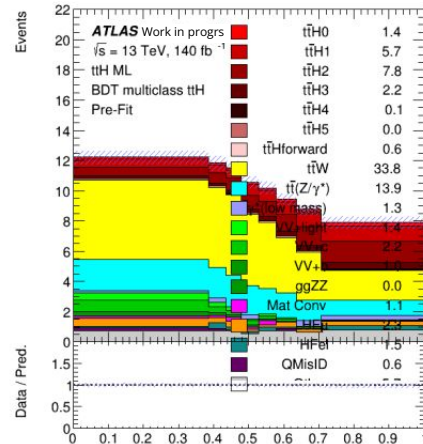
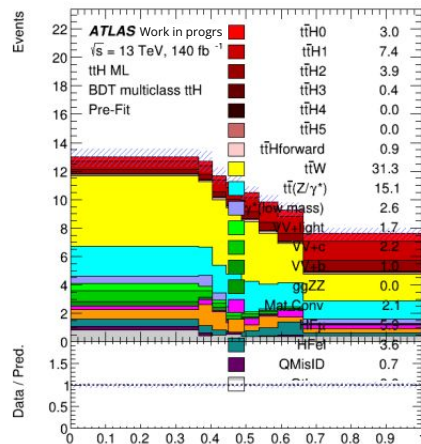
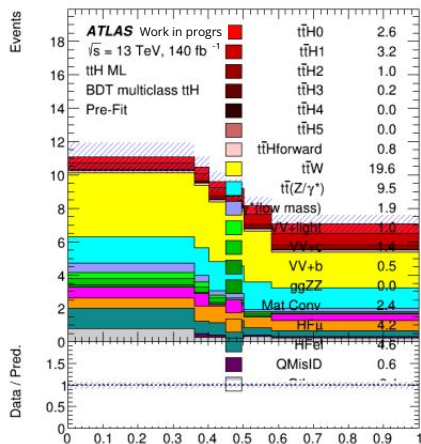
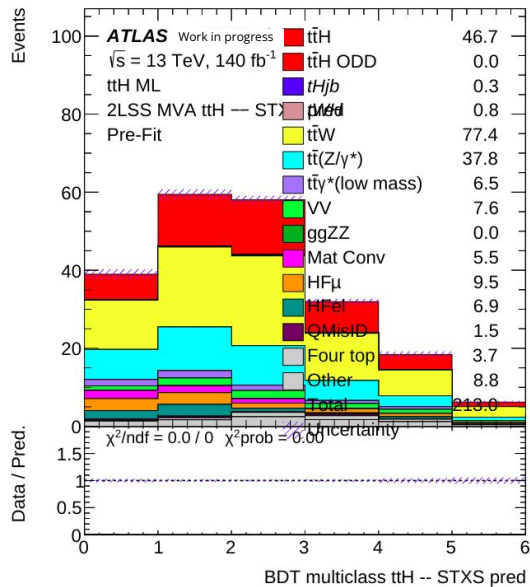
- Simplified template cross-section (STXS)
 - SR splitting of Higgs production processes on Higgs p_T
 - Simplify combination between channels/measurements
 - Isolate possible BSM effects, minimize the dependency on theory uncertainties
- 6 bins in H_{p_T} in STXS framework for $t\bar{t}H$



- 6 bins in H_{pT} in STXS framework for $t\bar{t}H$
- H_{pT} difficult to reconstruct:
many neutrinos in H decay and not reconstructed soft particles
- Use GNN for H_{pT} reconstruction



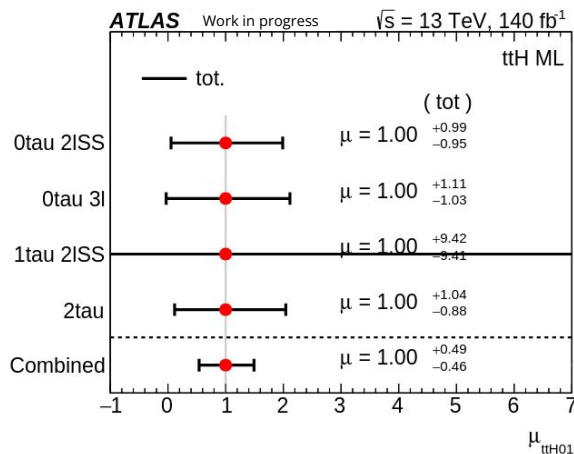
STXS 2LSS + 0 τ - - for the STXS fit setup



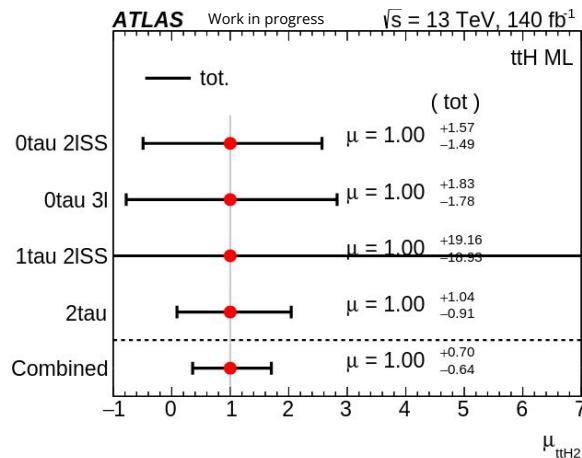
STXS results combined Asimov

- Sensitivity to STXS bins not strong enough to measure all 6 bins
- Significant improvement in combined fit compared to single channels

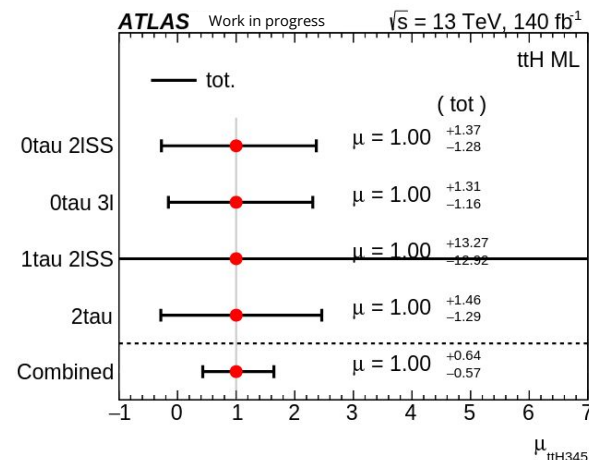
$$p_T^H < 120 \text{ GeV}$$



$$120 \text{ GeV} \leq p_T^H < 200 \text{ GeV}$$



$$200 \text{ GeV} \leq p_T^H$$



- Still some work on harmonization and including all systematics is to be done
- Wait for the unblinded results

Thanks for the attention

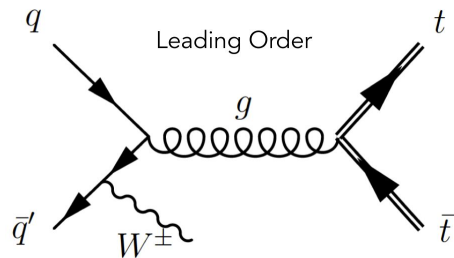
Monte Carlo samples

The configurations used for event generation of signal and background processes.

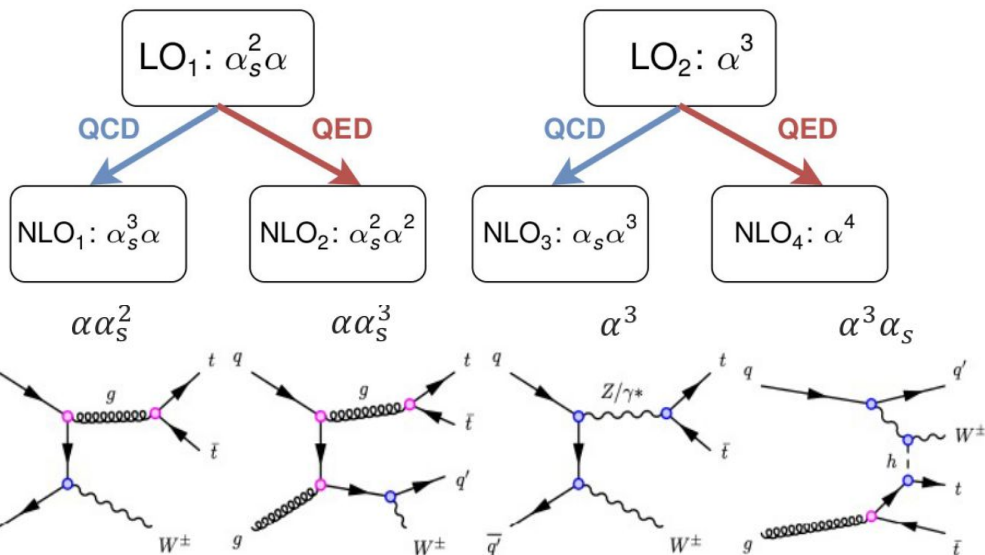
Systematics samples are in grey.

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$t\bar{t}H$	POWHEG-BOX (POWHEG-BOX) (MG5_aMC)	NLO (NLO) (NLO)	PYTHIA 8 (HERWIG7.0.4) (PYTHIA 8)	NNPDF3.0_{NLO} (NNPDF3.0 _{NLO}) (NNPDF3.0 _{NLO})	A14 (H7-UE-MMHT) (A14)
$t\bar{t}W$	SHERPA 2.2.10 (MG5_aMC)	MEPs@NLO (FxFx NLO)	SHERPA (PYTHIA 8)	NNPDF3.0_{NNLO} (NNPDF3.0 _{NLO})	SHERPA default (A14)
$t\bar{t}W$ (EW)	SHERPA 2.2.10 (MG5_aMC)	LO (LO)	SHERPA (PYTHIA 8)	NNPDF3.0_{NNLO} (NNPDF3.0 _{NLO})	SHERPA default (A14)
$t\bar{t}\ell\ell$	MG5_aMC (MG5_aMC) (MG5_aMC)	NLO (NLO) (NLO)	PYTHIA 8 (HERWIG 7) (PYTHIA 8)	NNPDF3.0_{NLO} (NNPDF3.0 _{NLO}) (NNPDF3.0 _{NLO})	A14 (H7-UE-MMHT) (A14 Var3C)
$t\bar{t} \rightarrow W^+bW^-\bar{b}\ell^+\ell^-$	MG5_aMC	LO	PYTHIA 8	NNPDF3.0_{LO}	A14
$t\bar{t}\bar{t}\bar{t}$	MG5_aMC	NLO	PYTHIA 8	NNPDF3.1_{NLO}	A14
$t\bar{t}$	POWHEG-BOX (POWHEG-BOX)	NLO (NLO)	PYTHIA 8 (HERWIG7.1.3)	NNPDF3.0_{NLO} (NNPDF3.0 _{NLO})	A14 (H7-UE-MMHT)
$t\bar{t}t$	MG5_aMC	LO	PYTHIA 8	NNPDF2.3_{LO}	A14
Single top (t -, Wt -, s -channel)	POWHEG-Box	NLO	PYTHIA 8	NNPDF3.0_{NLO}	A14
$VV, qqVV, VVV$	SHERPA 2.2.2(1)	MEPs@NLO	SHERPA	NNPDF3.0_{NNLO}	SHERPA default
$Z \rightarrow \ell^+\ell^-$	SHERPA 2.2.1	MEPs@NLO	SHERPA	NNPDF3.0_{NNLO}	SHERPA default
$Z \rightarrow \ell^+\ell^- (\gamma \rightarrow e^+e^-)$	POWHEG-BOX	NLO	PYTHIA 8	CTEQ6L1_{NLO}	A14
$Z \rightarrow \ell^+\ell^- (\gamma^* \rightarrow e^+e^-)$	POWHEG-BOX	NLO	PYTHIA 8	CTEQ6L1_{NLO}	A14

Monte Carlo samples: ttW



Process	Generator	ME order	Parton shower	PDF	Tune
$t\bar{t}H$	POWHEG-BOX	NLO	PYTHIA 8	NNPDF3.0 _{NLO}	A14
	(POWHEG-BOX)	(NLO)	(HERWIG7.0.4)	(NNPDF3.0 _{NLO})	(H7-UE-MMHT)
	(MG5_aMC)	(NLO)	(PYTHIA 8)	(NNPDF3.0 _{NLO})	(A14)
$t\bar{t}W$	SHERPA 2.2.10	MEPs@NLO	SHERPA	NNPDF3.0 _{NNLO}	SHERPA default
	(MG5_aMC)	(FxFx NLO)	(PYTHIA 8)	(NNPDF3.0 _{NLO})	(A14)
	(POWHEG)	(NLO)	(PYTHIA 8)	(NNPDF3.0 _{NLO})	(A14)
	(POWHEG)	(NLO)	(HERWIG 7)	(NNPDF3.0 _{NLO})	(H7-UE-MMHT)



Nominal MC sample: Sherpa

Alternative samples: MG5_aMC, Powhcg

Selection criteria applied for the pre-selection regions

	$2\ell\text{SS}+0\tau_{\text{had}}$	$3\ell+0\tau_{\text{had}}$	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

	$2\ell\text{SS}+1\tau_{\text{had}}$	$1\ell+2\tau_{\text{had}}$	$2\ell\text{OS}+2\tau_{\text{had}}$
τ_{had} candidates	$==1$ M: $p_{\text{T}} > 20$ GeV	$==2$ OS M $p_{\text{T}} > 20$ GeV	$==2$ OS M $p_{\text{T}} > 20$ GeV
Leptons counting	$==2$ M: $p_{\text{T}} > 15$ GeV	$==1$ L $p_{\text{T}} > 27$ GeV	$==2$ OS L $p_{\text{T}} > 10$ GeV
Lepton details	SS $ m(\ell\ell) - m_{\text{Z}} > 10$		OS pair: $ m(\ell\ell) - m_{\text{Z}} > 10$ GeV and $m(\ell\ell) > 12$ GeV
N_{jets}	≥ 3	≥ 3	–
$N_{b\text{-jets}}$	≥ 1 (@ 85% WP)	≥ 1 (@ 77% WP)	> 0 (@ 77% WP)

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	L	L'	M	M _{ex}	T	L	M	M _{ex}	T
LooseVar_Rad isolation	Yes					Yes			
Non-prompt lepton BDT (PLIV)	No		<i>Tight</i>	<i>Tight-not-VeryTight</i>	<i>VeryTight</i>	No	<i>Tight</i>	<i>Tight-not-VeryTight</i>	<i>VeryTight</i>
Identification	Loose		Tight			Loose	Medium		
Charge mis-assignment veto (ECIDS)	No		Yes			N/A			
Conversion rejection	No		Yes			N/A			
Transverse impact parameter significance $ d_0 /\sigma_{d_0}$	< 5					< 3			
Longitudinal impact parameter $ z_0 \sin \theta $	< 0.5 mm								

Channel	Cut-based Control Regions	Signal and MVA-based Control regions
$2\ell SS$	$TM_{ex}, M_{ex}T, M_{ex}M_{ex}$	TT
3ℓ	L'MM/LMM (L' for μ and L for e)	LTT (L for ℓ_0)
4ℓ	LLLL	
$2\ell SS + 1\tau_{had}$	L'L' and MM (for fake τ_{had} CR)	MM
$1\ell + 2\tau_{had}$ and $2\ell + 2\tau_{had}$	L	

Variables used for training the BDT in the 2ISS channel

variable	description
N_{jets}	Number of central jets with $p_T > 25$ GeV
$\Delta R(\ell_0, \text{jet})$	Angular distance between leading lepton and its closest jet
$\Delta R(\ell_1, \text{jet})$	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: $0.6 * E_T^{\text{miss}} + 0.4 * H_T^{\text{jet7}}$
$p_T(\text{jet}_0)$	Transverse momentum of the leading jet
$p_T(\text{jet}_1)$	Transverse momentum of the sub-leading jet
$\Delta R_{\text{jets}}^{\text{avg}}$	Average ΔR between jets
$\text{Max}(\eta_l)$	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
$M(\text{lep}, \text{MET})$	Invariant mass of leptons and missing transverse energy
$M_T^{(\ell_0, \text{MET})}$	Transverse mass of the leading lepton and missing transverse energy
$M_T^{(\ell_1, \text{MET})}$	Transverse mass of the sub-leading lepton and missing transverse energy
$\eta(\text{jet}_0)$	Pseudo-rapidity of the leading jet
$\eta(\text{jet}_1)$	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

Regions	Selections
Signal Regions	
$t\bar{t}H$ ++	$2\ell SS + 0\tau_{\text{had}}$ pre-MVA selection (cf. Table 7) total charge > 0 $\text{Max}(\text{BDT}_{t\bar{t}H}, \text{BDT}_{tH}, \text{BDT}_{t\bar{t}W}, \text{BDT}_{\text{Other}}) = \text{BDT}_{t\bar{t}H}$
$t\bar{t}H$ --	$2\ell SS + 0\tau_{\text{had}}$ pre-MVA selection total charge < 0 $\text{Max}(\text{BDT}_{t\bar{t}H}, \text{BDT}_{tH}, \text{BDT}_{t\bar{t}W}, \text{BDT}_{\text{Other}}) = \text{BDT}_{t\bar{t}H}$
tH	$2\ell SS + 0\tau_{\text{had}}$ pre-MVA selection $\text{Max}(\text{BDT}_{t\bar{t}H}, \text{BDT}_{tH}, \text{BDT}_{t\bar{t}W}, \text{BDT}_{\text{Other}}) = \text{BDT}_{tH}$
Control Regions	
$t\bar{t}W$ ++	$2\ell SS + 0\tau_{\text{had}}$ pre-MVA selection total charge > 0 $\text{Max}(\text{BDT}_{t\bar{t}H}, \text{BDT}_{tH}, \text{BDT}_{t\bar{t}W}, \text{BDT}_{\text{Other}}) = \text{BDT}_{t\bar{t}W}$
$t\bar{t}W$ --	$2\ell SS + 0\tau_{\text{had}}$ pre-MVA selection total charge < 0 $\text{Max}(\text{BDT}_{t\bar{t}H}, \text{BDT}_{tH}, \text{BDT}_{t\bar{t}W}, \text{BDT}_{\text{Other}}) = \text{BDT}_{t\bar{t}W}$
Other	$2\ell SS + 0\tau_{\text{had}}$ pre-MVA selection $\text{Max}(\text{BDT}_{t\bar{t}H}, \text{BDT}_{tH}, \text{BDT}_{t\bar{t}W}, \text{BDT}_{\text{Other}}) = \text{BDT}_{\text{Other}}$

Definitions of the 3l MVA regions

Regions	Selections
$t\bar{t}H$ SR	$t\bar{t}H > 0.2$.
tH SR	$tHjb > 0.25, t\bar{t}H < 0.2$.
$t\bar{t}W$ CR	$t\bar{t}W > 0.3, t\bar{t}H < 0.2, tHjb < 0.25$.
$t\bar{t}Z$ CR	$t\bar{t}Z > 0.45, t\bar{t}H < 0.2, tHjb < 0.25, t\bar{t}W < 0.3$.
VV CR	$VV > 0.65, t\bar{t}H < 0.2, tHjb < 0.25, t\bar{t}W < 0.3, t\bar{t}Z < 0.45$.
$t\bar{t}$ Region	$t\bar{t} > 0.25, t\bar{t}H < 0.2, tHjb < 0.25, t\bar{t}W < 0.3, t\bar{t}Z < 0.45, VV < 0.65$.
Other Region	$t\bar{t} < 0.25, t\bar{t}H < 0.2, tHjb < 0.25, t\bar{t}W < 0.3, t\bar{t}Z < 0.45, VV < 0.65$.

Event selection summary in the background control regions

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	3ℓ		$\mu\mu e^*$	$2\ell\text{SS}$
Lepton definition		(L, M, M)		$(T, M_{\text{ex}}) \text{ --- } (M_{\text{ex}}, T) \text{ --- } (M_{\text{ex}}, M_{\text{ex}})$
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	$3\ell\text{VV}$	$3\ell\text{tt}Z$	$3\ell\text{IntC}$ $3\ell\text{MatC}$	$2\ell\text{tt}(e)_{TM_{\text{ex}}}, 2\ell\text{tt}(e)_{M_{\text{ex}}T}, 2\ell\text{tt}(e)_{M_{\text{ex}}M_{\text{ex}}}$ $2\ell\text{tt}(\mu)_{TM_{\text{ex}}}, 2\ell\text{tt}(\mu)_{M_{\text{ex}}T}, 2\ell\text{tt}(\mu)_{M_{\text{ex}}M_{\text{ex}}}$