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# tt threshold update

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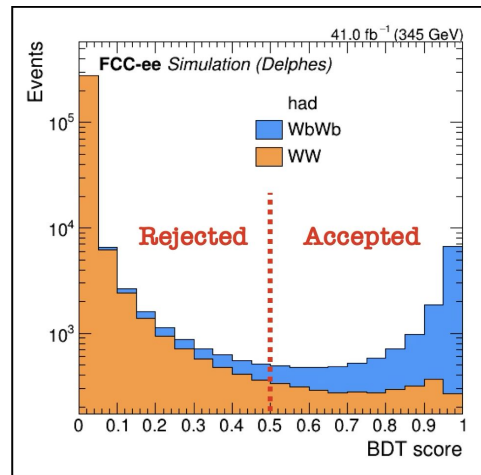
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# Brief recap: goals of this work

- Measurement of top quark properties (mass, width, Yukawa) using  $t\bar{t}$  threshold scan in  $ee$  collisions
- Measurement of  $WbWb$  total rate using detector-level FCC simulation
- Phenomenological analysis of threshold scan
- Comprehensive assessment of systematic uncertainties
  - Experimental (b-tagging, integrated luminosity)
  - Machine-related (beam energy spread & calibration)
  - Theoretical (QCD scale variations)
- Today: update on experimental strategy and machine-related uncertainties

# Brief recap: detector-level studies (from Paris workshop)

- Focus on (semi-) hadronic WbWb (~80% BR)
- BDT-based signal selection
  - Only kinematic variables (leptons, jets, missing momentum)
  - Jet flavour information used as an additional handle

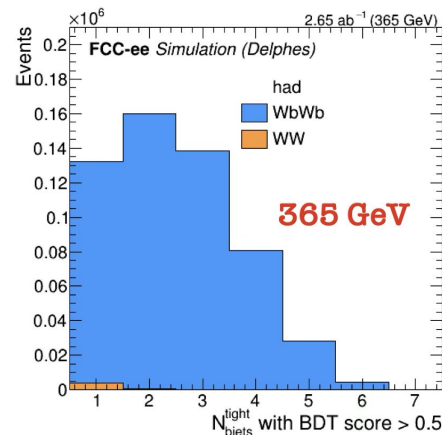
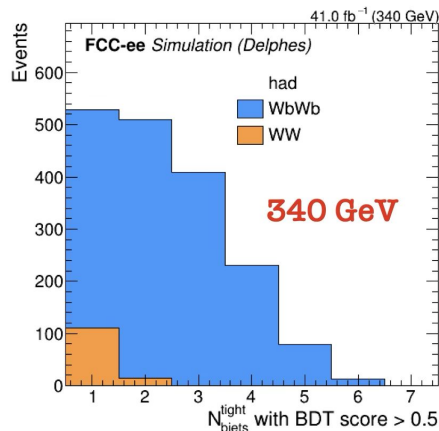


Unexpected b-tagged jet multiplicity,  
independently of WP

- Tagger optimised for Higgs studies
- May fail due to higher jet multiplicity

**New approach:** use parameterised b-tagging  
efficiency with inclusive jet clustering

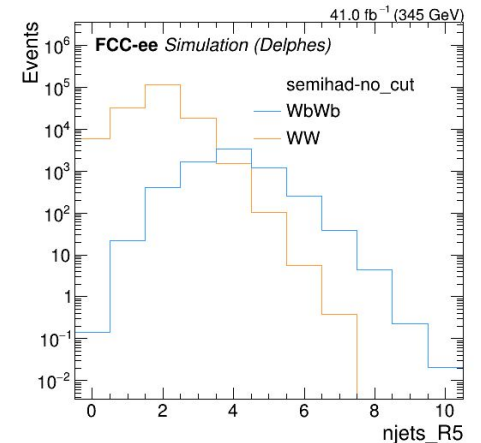
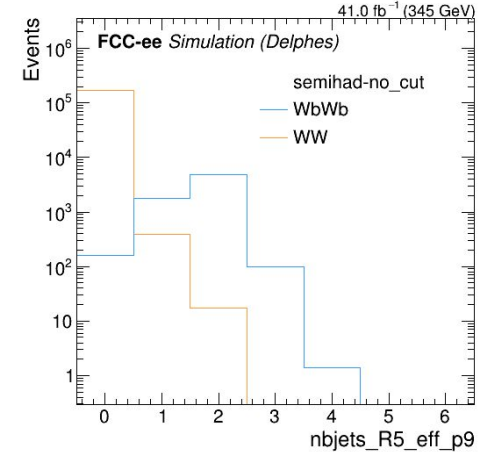
- Conservatively assume  
90% efficiency, 1% uncertainty



# Multiplicities and new fit strategy

- With this approach we obtain meaningful jet and b-tagged jet distributions for WbWb and WW
- Neglecting mistag rate for now
- Jet and b-tagged jet multiplicities provide good handle on leading WW background

**New approach:** replace BDT cut with simpler (and more robust) categorisation in number of jets and b-jets

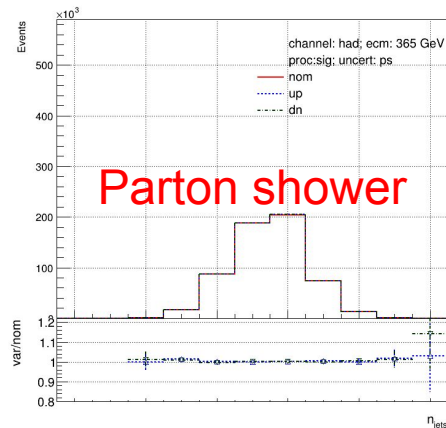
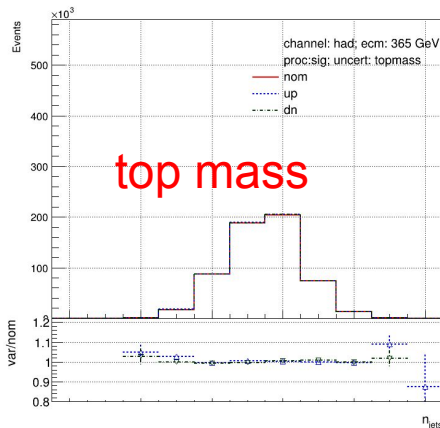
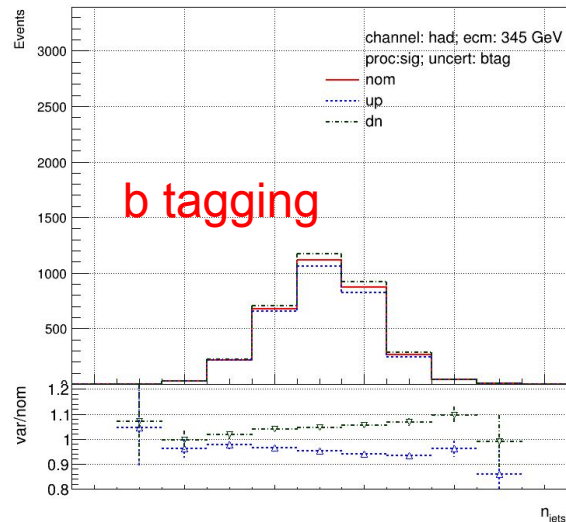


# Systematic uncertainties

We consider leading effects on

- Normalisation
  - Integrated luminosity: 0.1%
- Shape
  - b-tagging efficiency: 1%
  - Top quark mass: 1 GeV
  - Parton shower: scale variation x2

Only b tagging has significant shape effect -> will exclude others for now

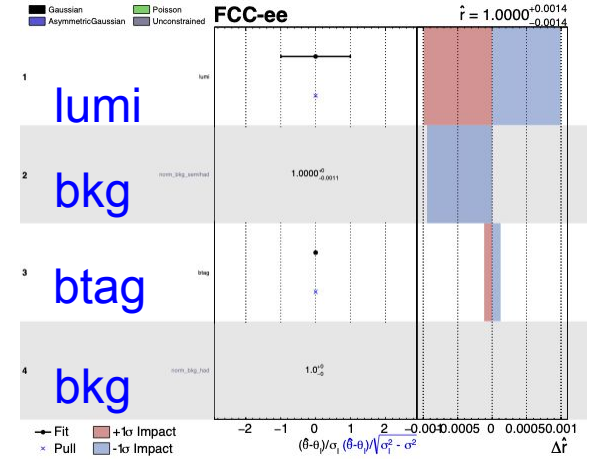
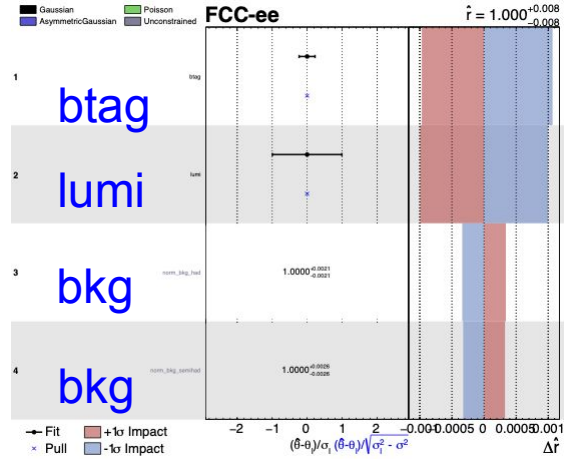
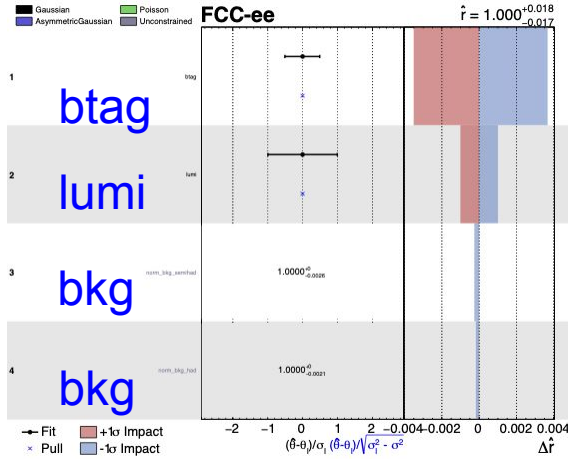


# Fit of WbWb total rate

340 GeV, 41/fb

345 GeV, 41/fb

365 GeV, 2.65/ab

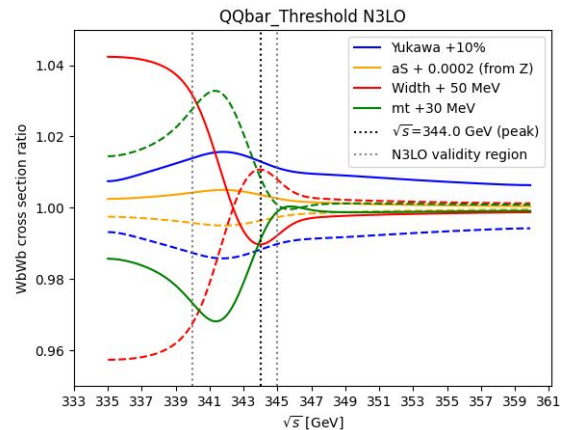
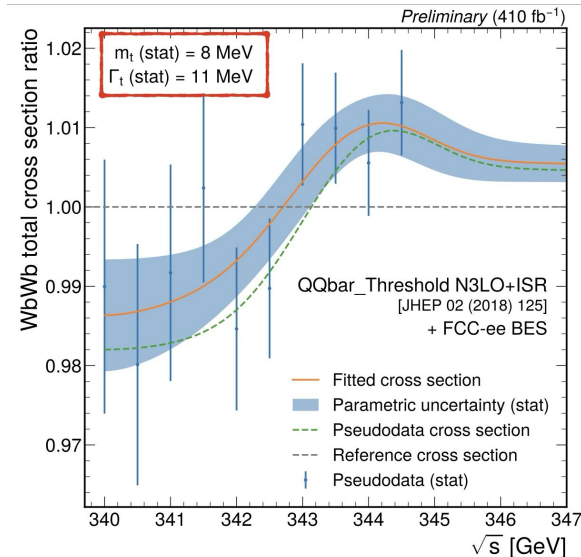


- 340-345: stat dominated. 365: careful assessment of systematics needed
- Strong constraining power on b-tagging efficiency (can be improved with DY)
- Backgrounds well under control even without external constraints
- Luminosity uncertainty to be assessed in more detail

# Measurement of top properties via fit of N3LO calculation

# Quick recap: threshold scan analysis

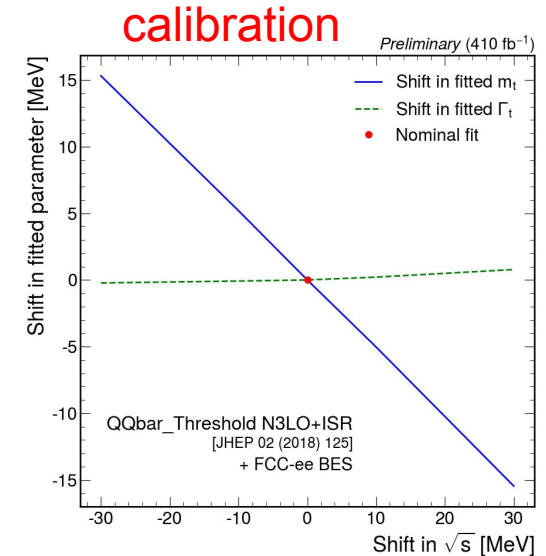
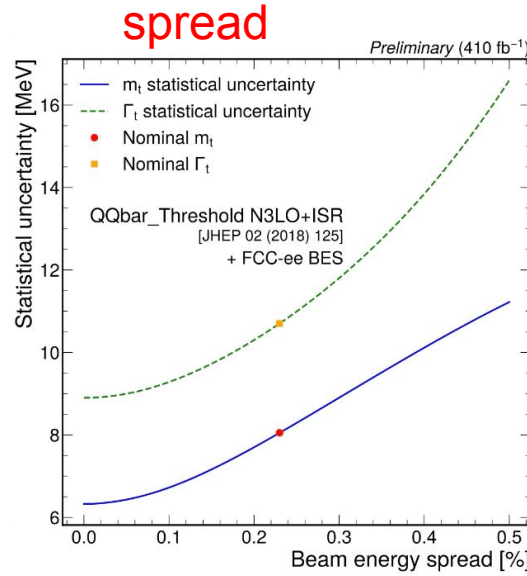
- 10 equally-spaced points with equal integrated luminosity
- Simultaneous measurement of mass, width, yukawa, with parameterised  $\alpha_S$
- N3LO prediction convoluted with FCC beam energy spectrum
- 1.7% (stat) determination of top Yukawa using 365 GeV point





# Beam related uncertainties

- Assess uncertainty in top mass and width as a function of the beam energy spread and calibration



- Spread: affects width more strongly than the mass
- Calibration: correlated component across energies only affects the mass (trivial relation with  $2 \cdot m_t$ )
- TODO: assess uncorrelated component of calibration

# Integrated luminosity

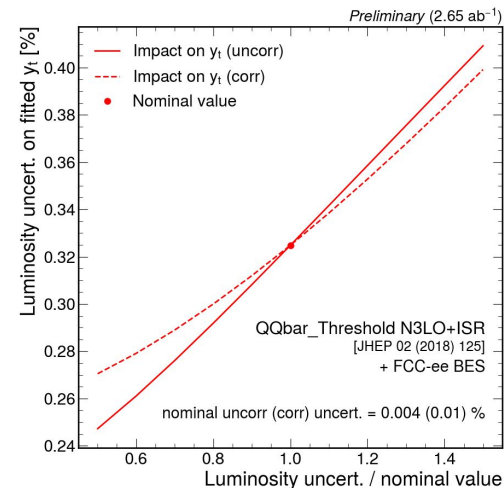
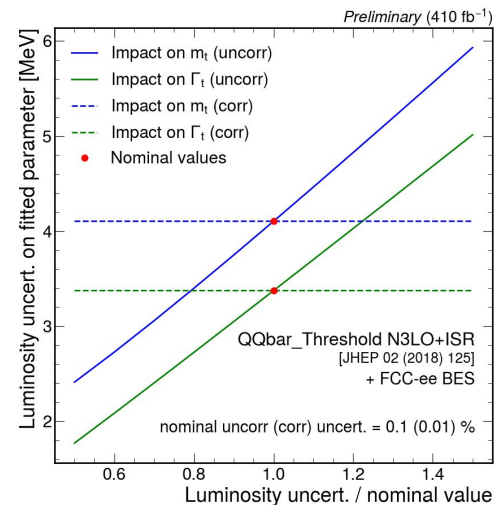
Separate assessment for correlated and uncorrelated components

- uncorr: 0.1% for 410/fb, scaled accordingly to 41/fb and 2.65/ab
- correlated: 1E-5

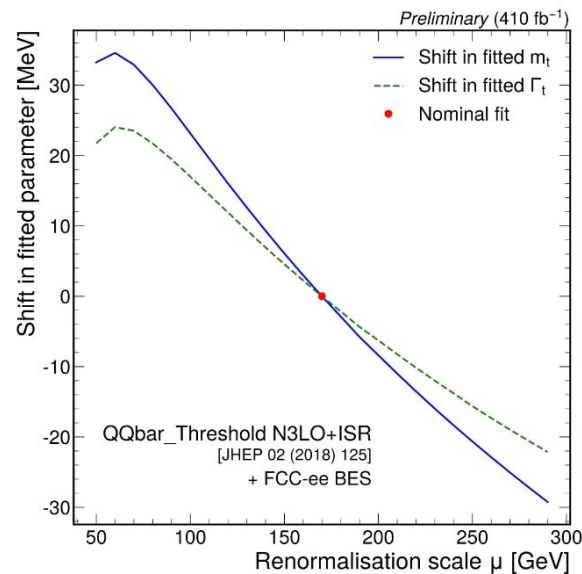
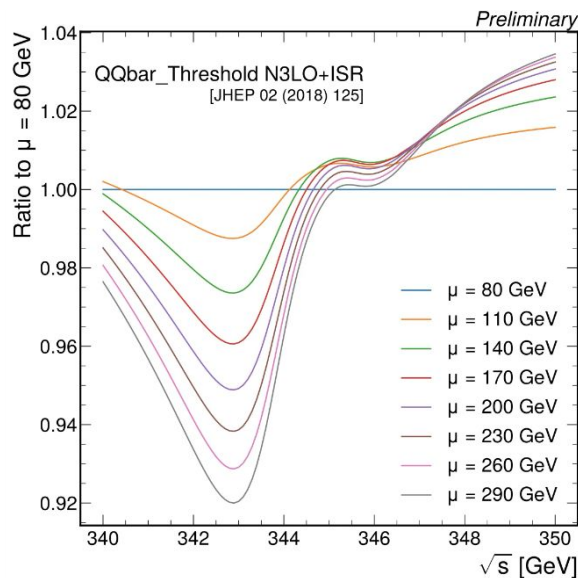
N.B. all numbers are placeholders!

- Effect of varying above assumptions assessed for mass, width, and yukawa

TODO: more accurate assessment of the nominal value of the uncertainty



# The elephant in the room: QCD uncertainties



- 30 (20) MeV on top mass (width)
- Even with N3LO corrections, theory is the dominant uncertainty

# Summary and outlook

- Significant progress towards a comprehensive assessment of uncertainties in the  $t\bar{t}$  threshold scan (experimental, machine-related, theoretical)
- Some numbers are placeholders, but tools are in place for final estimate
  - Uncorrelated component of beam energy calibration still to be assessed
- Aim at finalising the result by the end of the year
- Journal publication in preparation