



Measurement of $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV with the ATLAS Experiment

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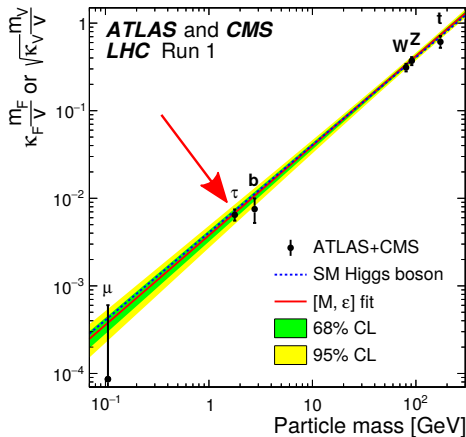
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Measurements in $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$

- $\sigma \times BR$ (Yukawa coupling)
- CP from final state
 - Spin-correlations of tau decay products
- CP from VBF production
 - Event kinematics of final state particles

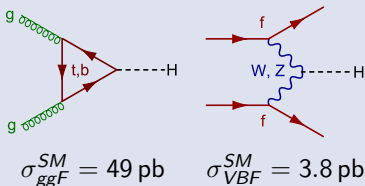
Analysis Overview

- '15 + '16 data (36.1 fb^{-1})
- Cut based analysis
- Focus on boosted and VBF topologies
- 3 sub-channels
 - 4-5 signal regions each
 - Different background models
- Likelihood fit in $m_{\tau\tau}^{MMC}$
 $\Rightarrow \sigma_H \times BR_{H \rightarrow \tau\tau}$

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Dominant Production Modes

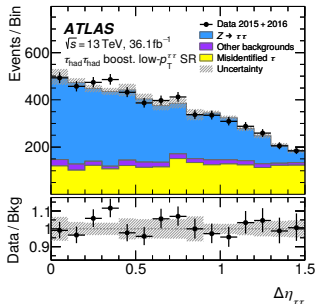


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$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ Sub-Channels

- $\tau_{\text{lep}}\tau_{\text{lep}}$ (12 %)
- $\tau_{\text{lep}}\tau_{\text{had}}$ (46 %)
- $\tau_{\text{had}}\tau_{\text{had}}$ (42 %)

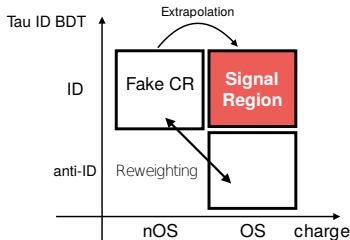
- $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau \Rightarrow$ MC with free normalisation (validated in $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$ VR)
- Misidentified τ (Fakes) \Rightarrow data-driven techniques
- Other Backgrounds \Rightarrow Directly from MC (Top, W +Jets, Diboson)



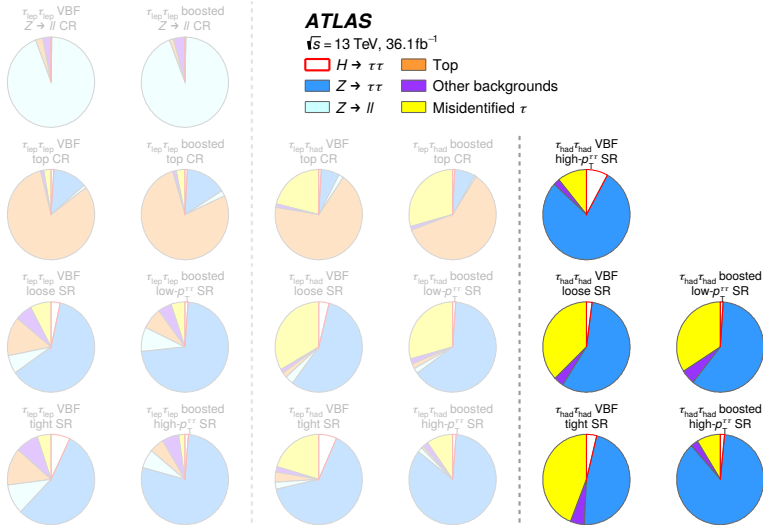
Fakes Estimation for $H \rightarrow \tau_{\text{had}}\tau_{\text{had}}$

- From not-opposite-sign region (nOS)
- Real-tau backgrounds subtracted via MC

	$q(\tau_1) \cdot q(\tau_2)$	nTracks(τ)
SR	$= -1$	$\in \{1, 3\}$
nOS	$\neq -1$	$\in \{1, 2, 3\}$



$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ Fit Regions



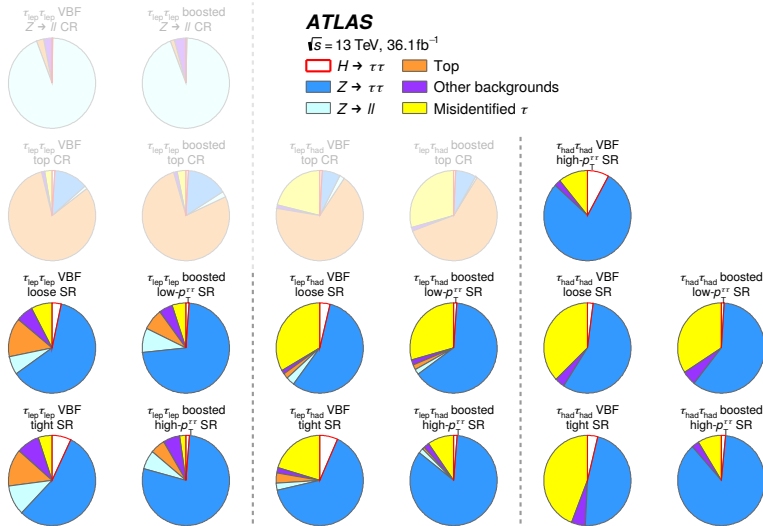
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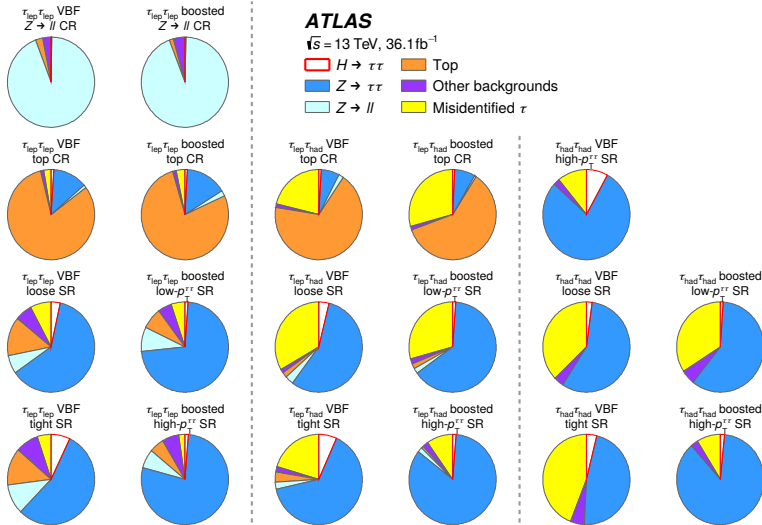


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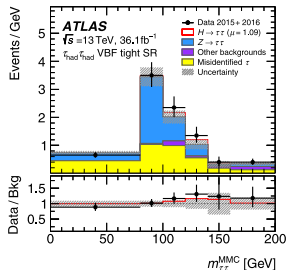
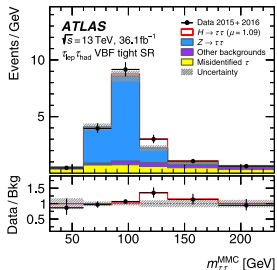
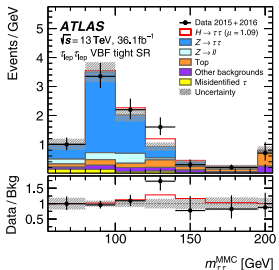
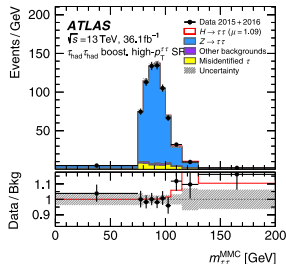
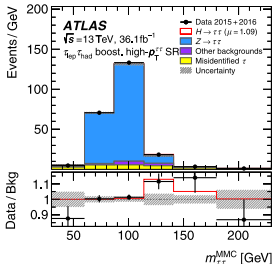
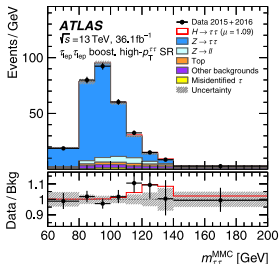
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Final $m_{\tau\tau}^{\text{MMC}}$ Distributions

High- p_T Boosted and Tight VBF SRs



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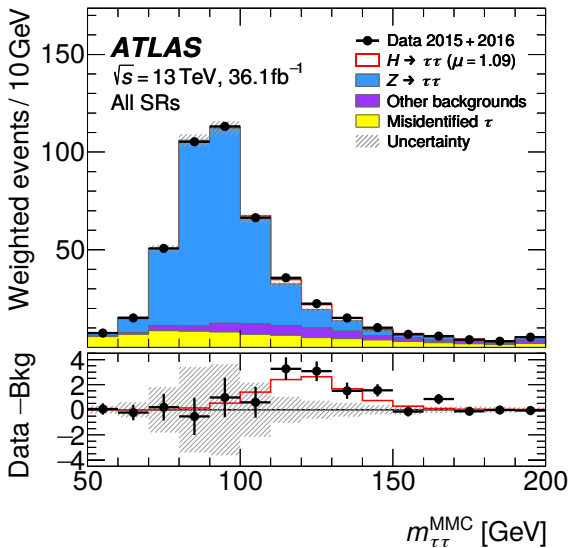
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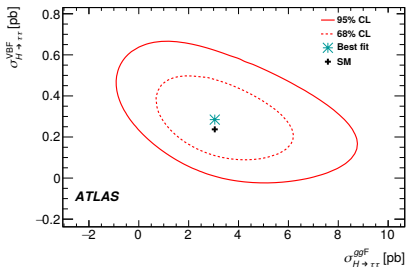
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	Measured	SM
$\sigma_{H \rightarrow \tau\tau}^{tot}$	$3.77^{+0.60}_{-0.59}$ (stat.) $^{+0.87}_{-0.74}$ (syst.) pb	3.46 ± 0.13 pb
$\sigma_{H \rightarrow \tau\tau}^{ggF}$	3.1 ± 1.0 (stat.) $^{+1.6}_{-1.3}$ (syst.) pb	3.05 ± 0.13 pb
$\sigma_{H \rightarrow \tau\tau}^{VBF}$	0.28 ± 0.09 (stat.) $^{+0.11}_{-0.09}$ (syst.) pb	0.237 ± 0.006 pb



Process	Particle-level selection	σ [pb]	σ^{SM} [pb]
ggF	$N_{\text{jets}} \geq 1, 60 < p_T^H < 120 \text{ GeV}, y_H < 2.5$	1.79 ± 0.53 (stat.) ± 0.74 (syst.)	0.40 ± 0.05
ggF	$N_{\text{jets}} \geq 1, p_T^H > 120 \text{ GeV}, y_H < 2.5$	0.12 ± 0.05 (stat.) ± 0.05 (syst.)	0.14 ± 0.03
VBF	$ y_H < 2.5$	0.25 ± 0.08 (stat.) ± 0.08 (syst.)	0.22 ± 0.01

Summary

- ATLAS measurement of $\sigma_{H \rightarrow \tau\tau}$ with $\int \mathcal{L} dt = 36.1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ at $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$
- Measured cross-sections in good agreement with SM

Outlook

- Full Run 2 dataset is about factor 4 larger
- Reduce uncertainties on total cross section
- Explore fiducial measurements with finer granularity



Additional Material

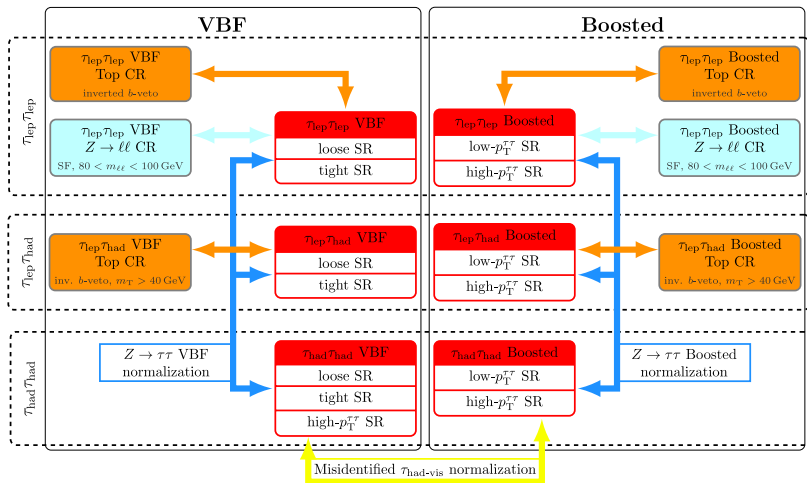
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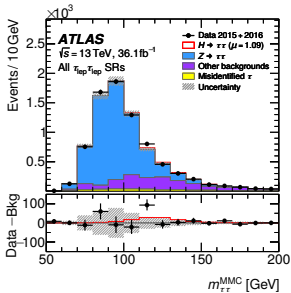
Process	Monte Carlo generator	PDF	UEPS	Cross-section order
ggF	POWHEG-BOX v2	PDF4LHC15 NNLO	PYTHIA 8.212	N^3 LO QCD + NLO EW
VBF	POWHEG-BOX v2	PDF4LHC15 NLO	PYTHIA 8.212	\sim NNLO QCD + NLO EWF
VH	POWHEG-BOX v2	PDF4LHC15 NLO	PYTHIA 8.212	NNLO QCD + NLO EW
$i\bar{i}H$	MG5_aMC@NLO v2.2.2	NNPDF30LO	PYTHIA 8.212	NLO QCD + NLO EW
W/Z + jets	SHERPA 2.2.1	NNPDF30NNLO	SHERPA 2.2.1	NNLO
$VV/V\gamma^*$	SHERPA 2.2.1	NNPDF30NNLO	SHERPA 2.2.1	NLO
$i\bar{i}$	POWHEG-BOX v2	CT10	PYTHIA 6.428	NNLO + NNLL
Wt	POWHEG-BOX v1	CT10F4	PYTHIA 6.428	NLO

Analysis channel	Trigger	Analysis p_T requirement [GeV]	
		2015	2016
$\tau_{\text{lep}}\tau_{\text{lep}}$ & $\tau_{\text{lep}}\tau_{\text{had}}$	Single electron	25	27
	Single muon	21	27
$\tau_{\text{lep}}\tau_{\text{lep}}$	Di-electron	15 / 15	18 / 18
	Di-muon	19 / 10	24 / 10
	Electron+muon	18 / 15	18 / 15
$\tau_{\text{had}}\tau_{\text{had}}$	Di- $\tau_{\text{had-vis}}$	40 / 30	40 / 30

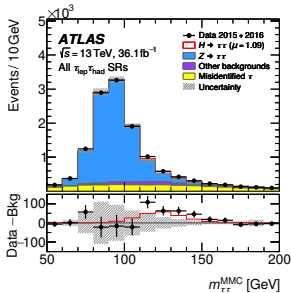
$ee/\mu\mu$	$\tau_{\text{lep}}\tau_{\text{lep}}$	$e\mu$	$\tau_{\text{lep}}\tau_{\text{had}}$	$\tau_{\text{had}}\tau_{\text{had}}$
$N_{e/\mu}^{\text{loose}} = 2, N_{\tau_{\text{had-vis}}}^{\text{loose}} = 0$ e/μ : Medium, gradient iso.			$N_{e/\mu}^{\text{loose}} = 1, N_{\tau_{\text{had-vis}}}^{\text{loose}} = 1$ e/μ : Medium, gradient iso.	$N_{e/\mu}^{\text{loose}} = 0, N_{\tau_{\text{had-vis}}}^{\text{loose}} = 2$
Opposite charge $m_{\tau\tau}^{\text{coll}} > m_Z - 25 \text{ GeV}$			$\tau_{\text{had-vis}}$: Medium Opposite charge $m_T < 70 \text{ GeV}$	$\tau_{\text{had-vis}}$: Tight Opposite charge
$30 < m_{\ell\ell} < 75 \text{ GeV}$	$30 < m_{\ell\ell} < 100 \text{ GeV}$		$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 20 \text{ GeV}$	$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 20 \text{ GeV}$
$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 55 \text{ GeV}$	$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 20 \text{ GeV}$			
$E_T^{\text{miss, hard}} > 55 \text{ GeV}$				
$\Delta R_{\tau\tau} < 2.0$			$\Delta R_{\tau\tau} < 2.5$	$0.8 < \Delta R_{\tau\tau} < 2.5$
$ \Delta\eta_{\tau\tau} < 1.5$			$ \Delta\eta_{\tau\tau} < 1.5$	$ \Delta\eta_{\tau\tau} < 1.5$
$0.1 < x_1 < 1.0$			$0.1 < x_1 < 1.4$	$0.1 < x_1 < 1.4$
$0.1 < x_2 < 1.0$			$0.1 < x_2 < 1.2$	$0.1 < x_2 < 1.4$
$p_T^{j_1} > 40 \text{ GeV}$			$p_T^{j_1} > 40 \text{ GeV}$	$p_T^{j_1} > 70 \text{ GeV}, \eta_{j_1} < 3.2$
$N_{b\text{-jets}} = 0$			$N_{b\text{-jets}} = 0$	

Signal Region		Inclusive	$\tau_{\text{lep}}\tau_{\text{lep}}$	$\tau_{\text{lep}}\tau_{\text{had}}$	$\tau_{\text{had}}\tau_{\text{had}}$
VBF	High- $p_{\text{T}}^{\tau\tau}$	$p_{\text{T}}^{j_2} > 30 \text{ GeV}$ $ \Delta\eta_{jj} > 3$	—		$p_{\text{T}}^{\tau\tau} > 140 \text{ GeV}$ $\Delta R_{\tau\tau} < 1.5$
	Tight	$m_{jj} > 400 \text{ GeV}$ $\eta_{j_1} \cdot \eta_{j_2} < 0$ Central leptons	$m_{jj} > 800 \text{ GeV}$	$m_{jj} > 500 \text{ GeV}$ $p_{\text{T}}^{\tau\tau} > 100 \text{ GeV}$	Not VBF high- p_{T} $m_{jj} > (1550 - 250 \cdot \Delta\eta_{jj}) \text{ GeV}$
	Loose		Otherwise		
Boosted	High- $p_{\text{T}}^{\tau\tau}$	Not VBF $p_{\text{T}}^{\tau\tau} > 100 \text{ GeV}$	$p_{\text{T}}^{\tau\tau} > 140 \text{ GeV}$ $\Delta R_{\tau\tau} < 1.5$		
	Low- $p_{\text{T}}^{\tau\tau}$		Otherwise		

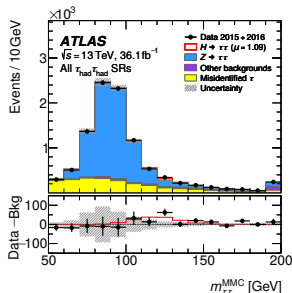




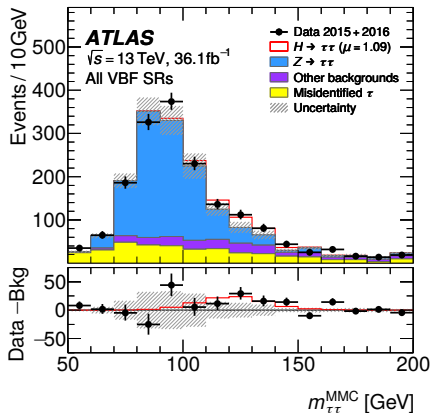
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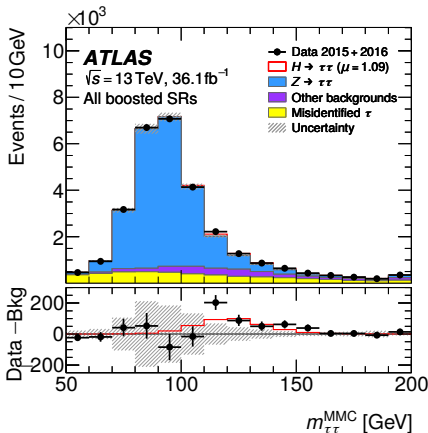
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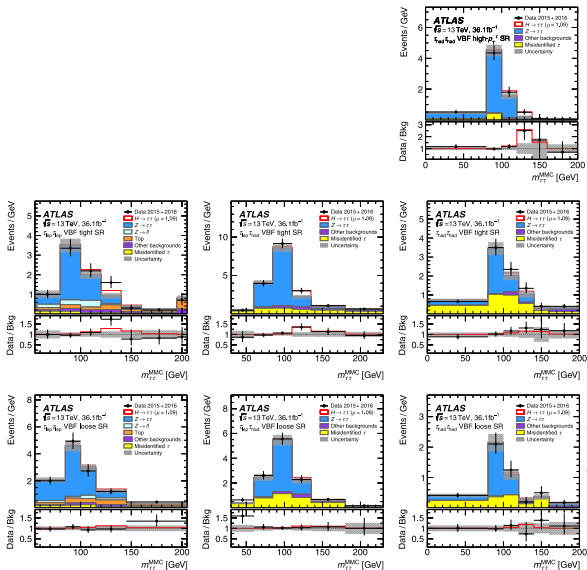
All VBF SRs



All boosted SRs

Final $m_{\tau\tau}^{\text{MMC}}$ Distributions

In the VBF Signal Regions



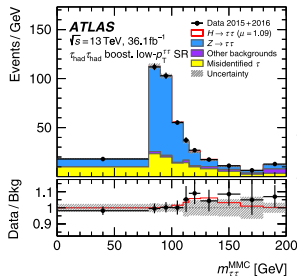
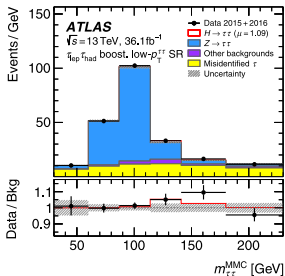
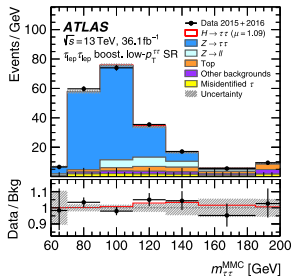
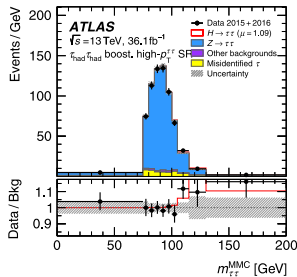
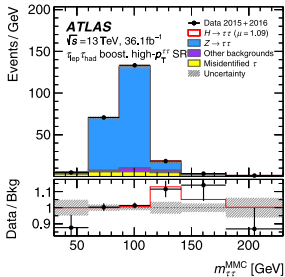
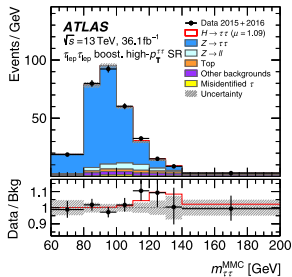
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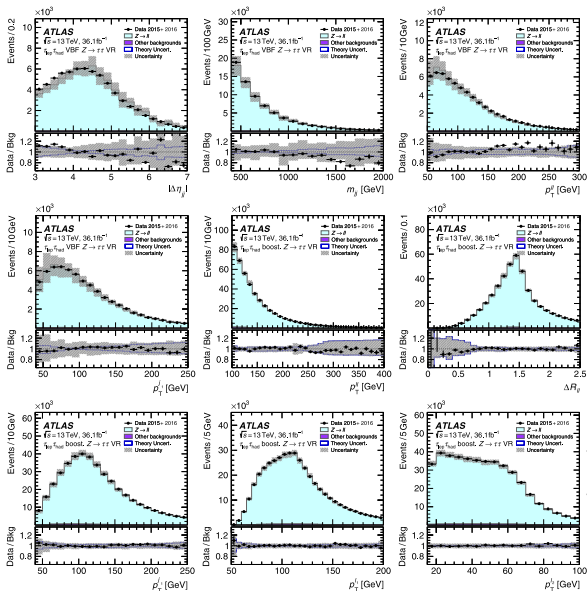
In the Boosted Signal Regions



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Z \rightarrow *ll* Control Regions



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$H \rightarrow \tau_{\text{lep}}\tau_{\text{lep}}$ Yields



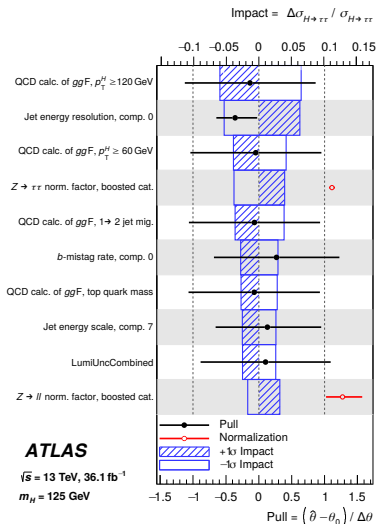
	$\tau_{\text{lep}}\tau_{\text{lep}}$ VBF		$\tau_{\text{lep}}\tau_{\text{lep}}$ boosted	
	Loose	Tight	Low- $p_{\text{T}}^{\tau\tau}$	High- $p_{\text{T}}^{\tau\tau}$
$Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$	151 ± 13	107 ± 12	2977 ± 90	2687 ± 64
$Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$	15.1 ± 4.9	20.3 ± 6.6	360 ± 54	236 ± 31
Top	33.0 ± 6.4	25.1 ± 4.5	321 ± 50	189 ± 29
VV	11.8 ± 2.2	10.7 ± 1.5	194.1 ± 8.5	195.3 ± 8.8
Misidentified τ	18.3 ± 9.6	9.6 ± 4.8	209 ± 92	80 ± 35
ggF, $H \rightarrow WW^*$	1.2 ± 0.2	1.4 ± 0.3	11.8 ± 2.6	16.4 ± 1.7
VBF, $H \rightarrow WW^*$	1.7 ± 0.2	4.1 ± 0.5	2.9 ± 0.3	2.9 ± 0.3
ggF, $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$	2.6 ± 0.9	1.8 ± 0.9	34.4 ± 9.2	33.8 ± 9.5
VBF, $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$	5.3 ± 1.5	11.3 ± 3.0	7.7 ± 2.1	8.2 ± 2.3
WH, $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$	< 0.1	< 0.1	2.5 ± 0.7	3.1 ± 0.9
ZH, $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$	< 0.1	< 0.1	1.3 ± 0.4	1.6 ± 0.4
$t\bar{t}H$, $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$	< 0.1	0.1 ± 0.1	1.5 ± 0.5	1.2 ± 0.4
Total background	232 ± 13	178 ± 12	4075 ± 61	3408 ± 54
Total signal	8.0 ± 2.2	13.2 ± 3.5	47 ± 12	48 ± 12
Data	237	188	4124	3444

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	$\tau_{\text{lep}} \tau_{\text{had}}$ VBF		$\tau_{\text{lep}} \tau_{\text{had}}$ boosted	
	Loose	Tight	Low- $p_T^{\tau\tau}$	High- $p_T^{\tau\tau}$
$Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$	178 ± 18	323 ± 21	4187 ± 92	5347 ± 82
$Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$	10.0 ± 3.0	12.7 ± 3.1	130 ± 37	115 ± 16
Top	5.8 ± 1.6	17.9 ± 4.6	121 ± 20	57 ± 10
Misidentified τ	103 ± 16	101 ± 15	1895 ± 80	605 ± 29
Other backgrounds	4.0 ± 1.6	9.3 ± 1.9	115.0 ± 7.8	129.0 ± 8.8
$ggF, H \rightarrow \tau\tau$	3.8 ± 1.1	7.1 ± 1.9	62 ± 16	66 ± 22
VBF, $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$	7.6 ± 2.2	24.7 ± 6.8	11.9 ± 3.4	14.0 ± 4.0
$WH, H \rightarrow \tau\tau$	< 0.1	0.1 ± 0.0	3.9 ± 1.1	5.4 ± 1.4
$ZH, H \rightarrow \tau\tau$	< 0.1	< 0.1	1.8 ± 0.5	2.8 ± 0.7
$t\bar{t}H, H \rightarrow \tau\tau$	< 0.1	< 0.1	0.1 ± 0.0	0.2 ± 0.1
Total background	301 ± 17	463 ± 21	6448 ± 81	6253 ± 80
Total signal	11.5 ± 3.2	32.0 ± 8.2	80 ± 20	89 ± 26
Data	318	496	6556	6347

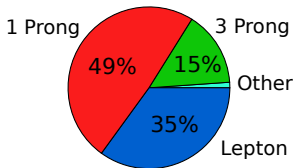
	$\tau_{\text{had}}\tau_{\text{had}}$ VBF			$\tau_{\text{had}}\tau_{\text{had}}$ boosted	
	Loose	Tight	High- $p_T^{\tau\tau}$	Low- $p_T^{\tau\tau}$	High- $p_T^{\tau\tau}$
$Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$	67.3 ± 9.2	100 ± 12	141 ± 12	3250 ± 130	3582 ± 82
Misidentified τ	45.0 ± 5.4	96.4 ± 9.2	20.0 ± 2.9	1870 ± 140	364 ± 53
Other backgrounds	4.4 ± 1.4	11.6 ± 1.7	4.4 ± 0.7	281 ± 21	109.9 ± 9.2
$ggF, H \rightarrow \tau\tau$	1.1 ± 0.4	2.0 ± 0.7	3.5 ± 1.0	41 ± 11	48 ± 14
VBF, $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$	1.4 ± 0.5	6.4 ± 1.8	11.2 ± 3.0	9.0 ± 3.4	10.7 ± 2.9
$WH, H \rightarrow \tau\tau$	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	3.3 ± 0.9	4.4 ± 1.2
$ZH, H \rightarrow \tau\tau$	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	2.4 ± 0.7	2.9 ± 0.8
$t\bar{t}H, H \rightarrow \tau\tau$	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	1.6 ± 0.5	1.9 ± 0.5
Total background	116.7 ± 9.4	208 ± 12	165 ± 12	5401 ± 78	4057 ± 64
Total signal	2.6 ± 0.8	8.6 ± 2.4	14.9 ± 3.8	57 ± 15	68 ± 18
Data	121	220	179	5455	4103

Source of uncertainty	Impact $\Delta\sigma/\sigma_{H\rightarrow\tau\tau}$ [%]	
	Observed	Expected
Theoretical uncert. in signal	+13.4 / -8.7	+12.0 / -7.8
Background statistics	+10.8 / -9.9	+10.1 / -9.7
Jets and E_T^{miss}	+11.2 / -9.1	+10.4 / -8.4
Background normalization	+6.3 / -4.4	+6.3 / -4.4
Misidentified τ	+4.5 / -4.2	+3.4 / -3.2
Theoretical uncert. in background	+4.6 / -3.6	+5.0 / -4.0
Hadronic τ decays	+4.4 / -2.9	+5.5 / -4.0
Flavor tagging	+3.4 / -3.4	+3.0 / -2.3
Luminosity	+3.3 / -2.4	+3.1 / -2.2
Electrons and muons	+1.2 / -0.9	+1.1 / -0.8
Total systematic uncert.	+23 / -20	+22 / -19
Data statistics	± 16	± 15
Total	+28 / -25	+27 / -24

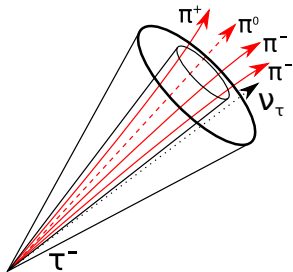


General

- Heaviest lepton in the SM (1.78 GeV)
⇒ Important for Higgs and BSM physics
- Decays either to lighter leptons or hadrons



Decay modes of tau leptons



Scheme for a 3 prong tau decay

Hadronic Decays

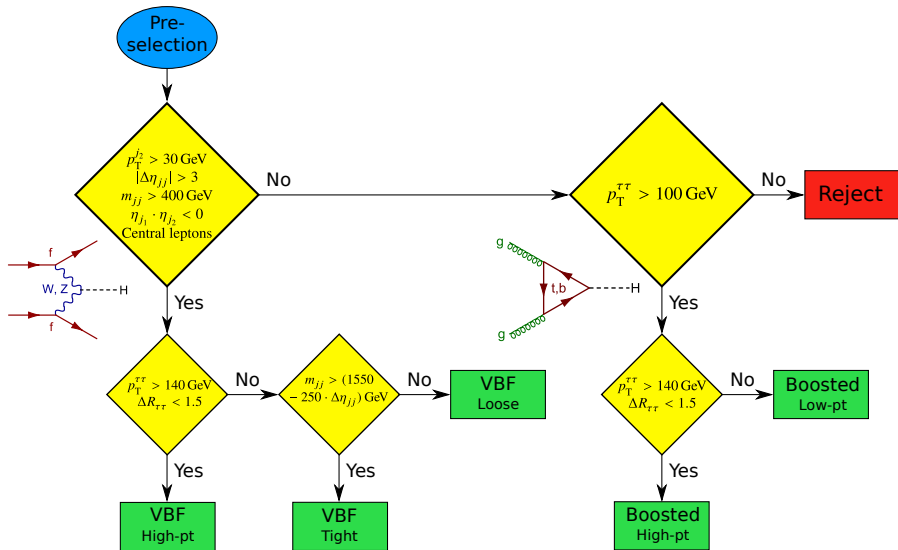
- Categorised by number of charged tracks ("prong")
 - 1 prong: e.g. $\tau^\pm \rightarrow \nu_\tau \pi^\pm (n \pi^0)$
 - 3 prong: e.g. $\tau^\pm \rightarrow \nu_\tau \pi^\pm \pi^\pm \pi^\mp (n \pi^0)$
- Forming narrow jets ($\tau_{\text{had-vis}}$)
- Displaced secondary vertex
- Identified with MVA techniques

Signal Regions

In the $H \rightarrow \tau_{\text{had}}\tau_{\text{had}}$ Channel



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$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ Backgrounds

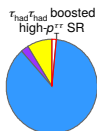
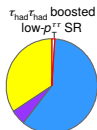
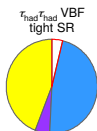
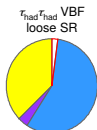
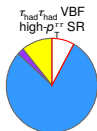
In the $H \rightarrow \tau_{\text{had}}\tau_{\text{had}}$ Channel



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Dominant Backgrounds

- $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$
 \Rightarrow MC with free normalisation
- Misidentified τ (Fakes)
 \Rightarrow Template from control region

Other Backgrounds

At least one real tau:

- Top
- W+Jet
- Diboson

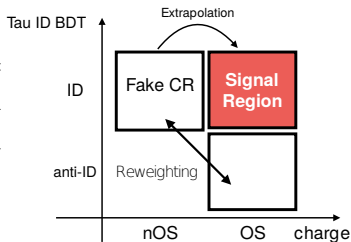
\Rightarrow Estimated by MC

Fake Background

In the $H \rightarrow \tau_{\text{had}}\tau_{\text{had}}$ Channel



	$q(\tau_1) \cdot q(\tau_2)$	nTracks(τ)	τ_2 -ID
SR	$= -1$	$\in \{1, 3\}$	tight
nOS	$\neq -1$	$\in \{1, 2, 3\}$	tight
anti-ID	$= -1$	$\in \{1, 3\}$	medium, not tight

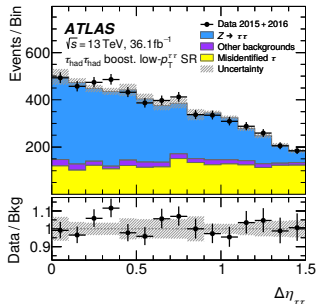


Template

- From not-opposite-sign (nOS)
- Real-tau backgrounds subtracted via MC

$\Delta\Phi_{\tau\tau}$ -Reweighting

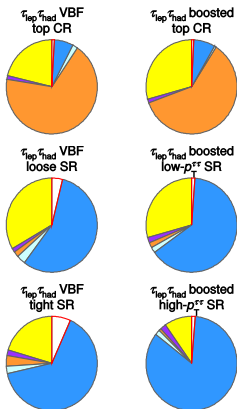
- Anti-ID is kinematically closer to SR
- Reweighting of events in $\Delta\Phi_{\tau\tau}$



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Dominant Backgrounds

- $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$
⇒ MC with free normalisation
- Jet faking τ_{had}
⇒ Fake factor method
- $t\bar{t}$, single-top
⇒ MC with CR for fit

Other Backgrounds

- $Z \rightarrow ll$
 - $W + \text{Jet}$
 - Diboson
- ⇒ Estimated by MC

Idea: Take data from anti- τ region and scale it with fake factor (FF):

$$N_{\text{fakes}}^{\text{SR}} = \left(N_{\text{data}} - N_{\text{MC}}^{\text{not } j \rightarrow \tau} \right)^{\text{anti-}\tau} \cdot \text{FF}$$

Fake factor is combined for all processes with jets faking τ_{had} :

$$\text{FF} = R_W \cdot \text{FF}_W + R_Z \cdot \text{FF}_Z + R_{\text{Top}} \cdot \text{FF}_{\text{Top}} + R_{\text{QCD}} \cdot \text{FF}_{\text{QCD}}, \quad \sum_i R_i = 1$$

Z+jets and Top backgrounds can be merged with W+jets, since

$$R_Z, R_{\text{Top}} \lesssim 1\%, \quad \text{FF}_Z \approx \text{FF}_{\text{Top}} \approx \text{FF}_W \text{ (quark-jet dominated)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{FF} = (1 - R_{\text{QCD}}) \cdot \text{FF}_W + R_{\text{QCD}} \cdot \text{FF}_{\text{QCD}}$$

(for each SR, binned in p_T and N_{tracks})

$$\mathbf{FF} = (1 - \mathbf{R}_{\text{QCD}}) \cdot \mathbf{FF}_W + \mathbf{R}_{\text{QCD}} \cdot \mathbf{FF}_{\text{QCD}}$$

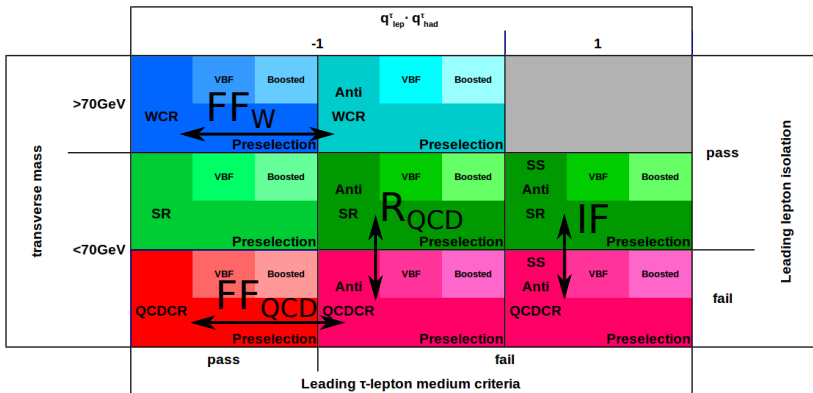
Calculating fake factors and R_{QCD} in anti- τ region:

$$\mathbf{FF}_i = \frac{(N_{\text{data}} - N_{\text{MC}}^{\text{not } j \rightarrow \tau})^{\text{pass-}\tau}}{(N_{\text{data}} - N_{\text{MC}}^{\text{not } j \rightarrow \tau})^{\text{anti-}\tau}}, \text{ in } CR_i \quad \mathbf{R}_{\text{QCD}} = \left(\frac{N_{\text{QCD, data}}}{N_{\text{data}} - N_{\text{MC}}^{\text{not } j \rightarrow \tau}} \right)^{\text{anti-}\tau}$$

$$N_{\text{QCD, data}}^{\text{anti-}\tau} = (N_{\text{data}} - N_{\text{MC, true lepton}})^{\text{anti-}\tau}_{\text{QCD-CR}} \cdot IF$$

With a correction factor for the anti-isolation cut in the QCD CR:

$$IF = \left(\frac{(N_{\text{data}} - N_{\text{MC, true lepton}})^{\text{iso}}}{(N_{\text{data}} - N_{\text{MC, true lepton}})^{\text{non-iso}}} \right)^{\text{same-sign}}$$

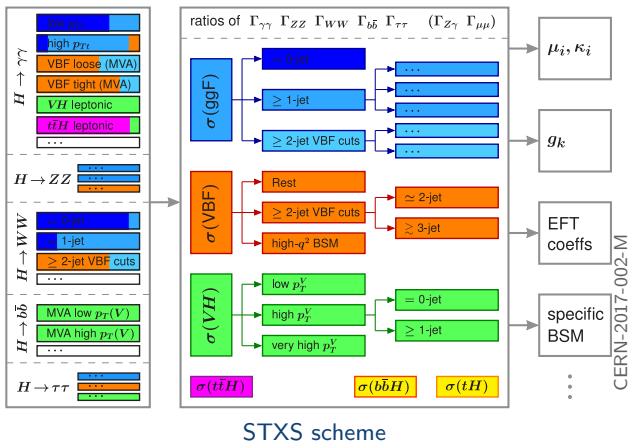


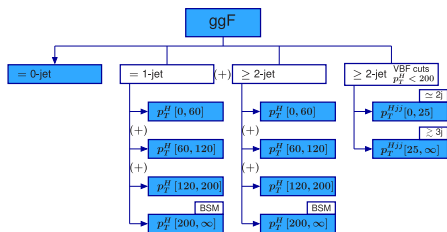
(Caveat: isolation factor derived in "pass- τ ")

In addition, a *simplified template cross-section* (STXS) fit is performed.

Idea

- Step between:
 - total xsec
 - diff. fid. xsec
- Decay channel combination
- Split by production mode
- Exclusive phase space bins
- see also: [CERN-2017-002-M](#)





Fit to Data

- Signal templates from STXS bins
- Fixed cross-section in some ggH bins:
 - 0-jet
 - ≥ 1 -jet $p_T(H) < 60$ GeV
 - VBF like
- VH and ttH Bins fixed to SM

Results

Three STXS bins left free in fit:

Process	Particle-level selection	σ [pb]	σ^{SM} [pb]
ggF	$N_{\text{jets}} \geq 1, 60 < p_T^H < 120$ GeV, $ y_H < 2.5$	1.79 ± 0.53 (stat.) ± 0.74 (syst.)	0.40 ± 0.05
ggF	$N_{\text{jets}} \geq 1, p_T^H > 120$ GeV, $ y_H < 2.5$	0.12 ± 0.05 (stat.) ± 0.05 (syst.)	0.14 ± 0.03
VBF	$ y_H < 2.5$	0.25 ± 0.08 (stat.) ± 0.08 (syst.)	0.22 ± 0.01

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