

Searches for lepton-flavor-violating decays of the Higgs boson into $e\tau$ and $\mu\tau$ in $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV pp collisions with the ATLAS detector

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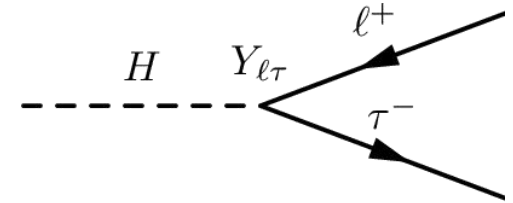


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Motivation

- **Lepton flavour conservation** is accidental in the **SM**. Neutrino oscillations exhibit that Lepton Flavour Violating (LFV) processes do occur in nature. LFV processes also in charged lepton sector?
- LFV decays of the Higgs boson expected in several SM extensions (SUSY, 2HDM, composite Higgs...). **Low energy results provide constraints.**

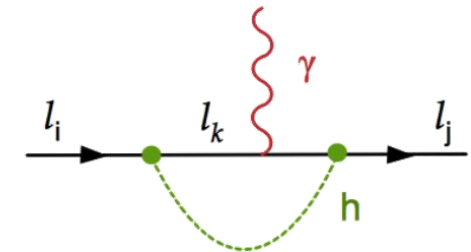


| H decay | Indirect | | | Direct | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---|
| | Upper Limit | Process | Reference | Upper Limit | Reference |
| $H \rightarrow e\mu$ | $\mathcal{O}(10^{-13})$ | $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ | [1303.0754] | 0.061 % | ATLAS 139 fb ⁻¹ [1909.10235] |
| $H \rightarrow e\tau$ | $\mathcal{O}(10\%)$ | $\tau \rightarrow e\gamma$ | [0908.2381] | 0.22 % | CMS 137 fb ⁻¹ [2105.03007] |
| $H \rightarrow \mu\tau$ | $\mathcal{O}(10\%)$ | $\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma$ | [0908.2381] | 0.15% | CMS 137 fb ⁻¹ [2105.03007] |

- Information from $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ and $\mu \rightarrow e$ conversion in nuclei correlate $H \rightarrow e\tau$ and $H \rightarrow \mu\tau$ decays [[JHEP 06 \(2015\) 108](#)].

$$\mathcal{B}(h \rightarrow \tau\mu) \times \mathcal{B}(h \rightarrow \tau e) = \left[\frac{m_h}{8\pi\Gamma_h} \right]^2 \left(\frac{\mathcal{B}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma)}{\mathcal{B}_0^{\mu \rightarrow e\gamma}} + \frac{\mathcal{B}(\mu \rightarrow e)_{\text{Au}}}{\mathcal{B}_0^{\mu e}} \right)$$

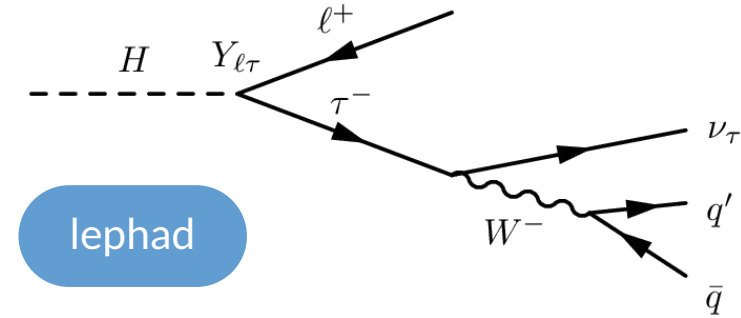
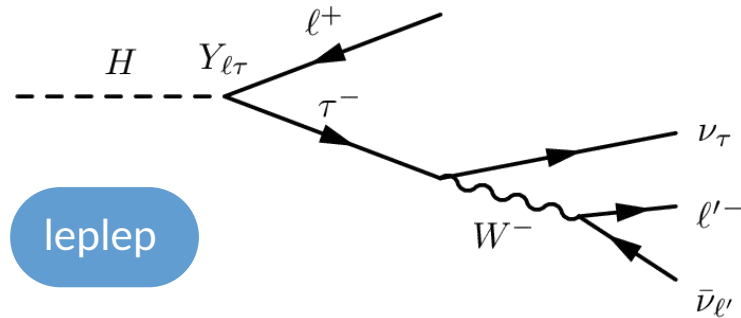
$$= 7.95 \times 10^{-10} \left[\frac{\mathcal{B}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma)}{10^{-13}} \right] + 3.15 \times 10^{-4} \left[\frac{\mathcal{B}(\mu \rightarrow e)_{\text{Au}}}{10^{-13}} \right]$$



Dominant term, since $\mathcal{B}(\mu \rightarrow e)_{\text{Au}} < 7 \times 10^{-13}$ [[Eur.Phys.J. C47, 337 \(2006\)](#)]

Analysis introduction

- $H \rightarrow e\tau$ and $H \rightarrow \mu\tau$ are **independent signals** (two searches).
- Two analyses targeting **leptonic τ decays** (different background estimation) and one for **hadronic τ decays**.



- Different analyses based on background estimation and final state:

Symmetry based lelep

Fake background data-driven. Other backgrounds estimated mainly via data-driven symmetry method.

MC-template lelep

Fake background data-driven. Other backgrounds estimated with Monte Carlo (MC) templates. Normalization of main backgrounds estimated data-driven.

MC-template lephad

Fake background data-driven. Other backgrounds estimated through MC. Normalization of main background data-driven.

Event selection and categorization

- **Main Higgs boson production modes** considered for LFV signal: gluon fusion, vector boson fusion (VBF), vector boson associated production.
- General strategy: **loose preselection**, further cut-based **categorization** into **VBF** and **Non VBF** regions. Simplified description below.

| Selection | lelep | lephad |
|-----------|---|--|
| Baseline | 1 e and 1 μ with opposite sign. No hadronic τ | 1 e or 1 μ and 1 hadronic τ with opposite sign |
| VBF | b -tagged jet veto | |
| Non VBF | $N_{\text{jets}} > 2$ | |
| | Fail VBF selection | |

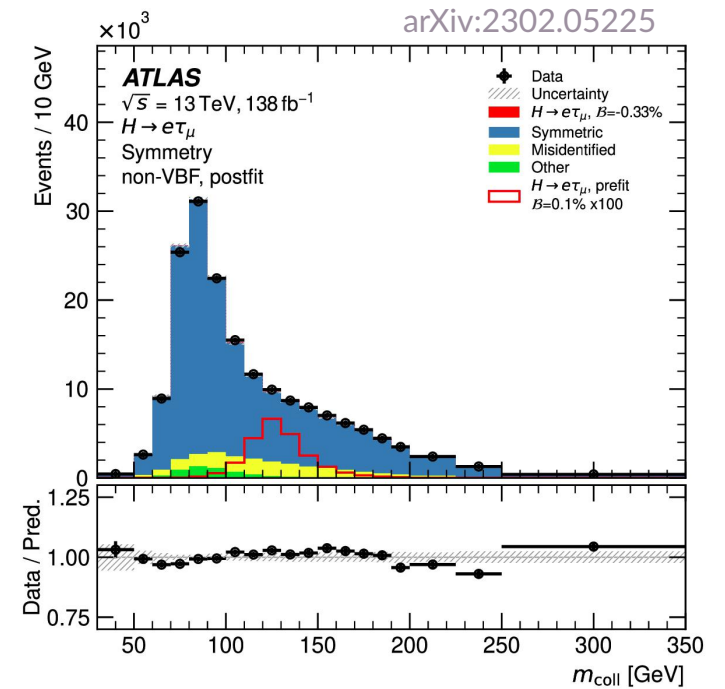
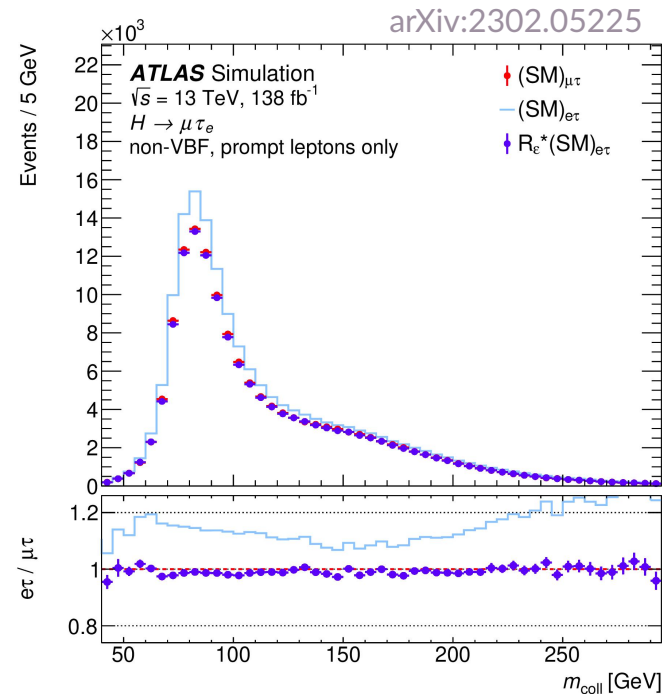
- lelep final state with one electron and one muon ($e\tau_\mu$ or $\mu\tau_e$). **Channel classification** based on **p_T ordering** in **approximate Higgs boson rest frame** ($p_T(\ell_H) > p_T(\ell_\tau)$).
- Additional **control regions** dependent on the analysis to extract **normalization of main backgrounds**.
- **Multivariate analyses (MVA)** used to **enhance sensitivity**. Final discriminants for fit built from MVA outputs.

Background estimation with the symmetry method

Symmetry based lelep

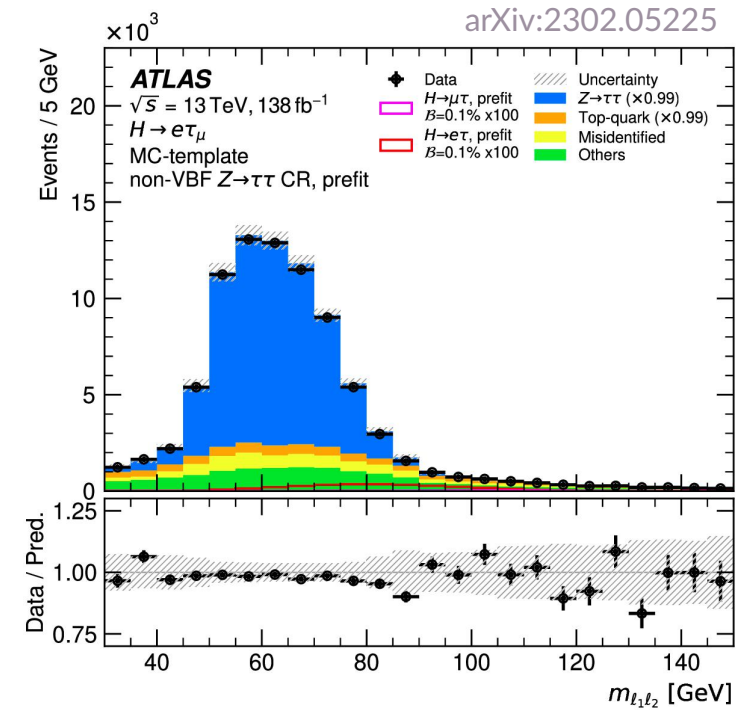
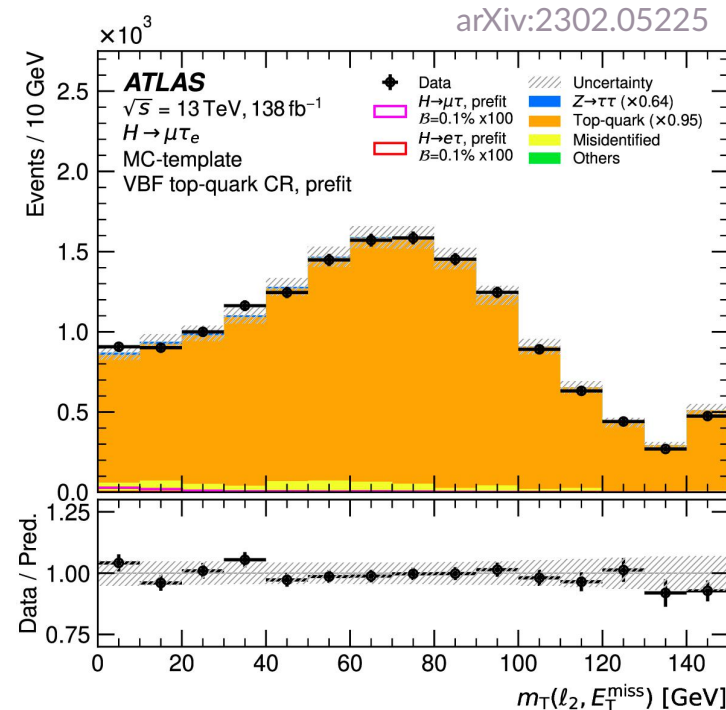
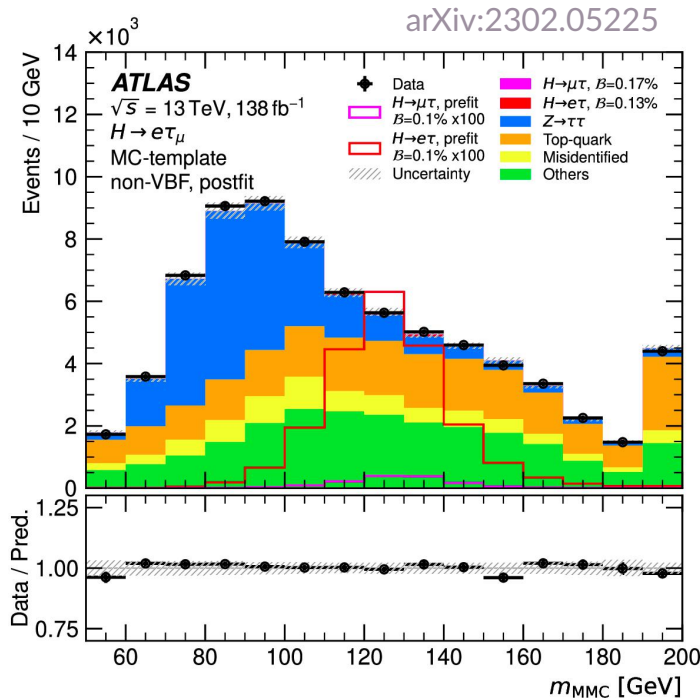
- Data-driven search: background in one channel estimated using the data yields in the other channel [[Phys.Rev.D 90, 015025 \(2014\)](#)].
 - Standard Model processes are symmetric with respect $e \leftrightarrow \mu$ exchange.
 - LFV decays of the Higgs boson where $\mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow e\tau) \neq \mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow \mu\tau)$ break this symmetry.
 - Split data in two samples ($e\tau$, $\mu\tau$). Correct induced asymmetries (experimental efficiencies and different rates for misidentified objects). Use **one sample as background estimation of the other**.

- Misidentified objects estimated through fake factor method based on lepton identification.
- If **signal** is present in **one channel**, a **deficit** should be observed in the **other**.
- If no assumption on the branching ratios, method **sensitive to branching ratio difference**.



Background estimation with MC-templates

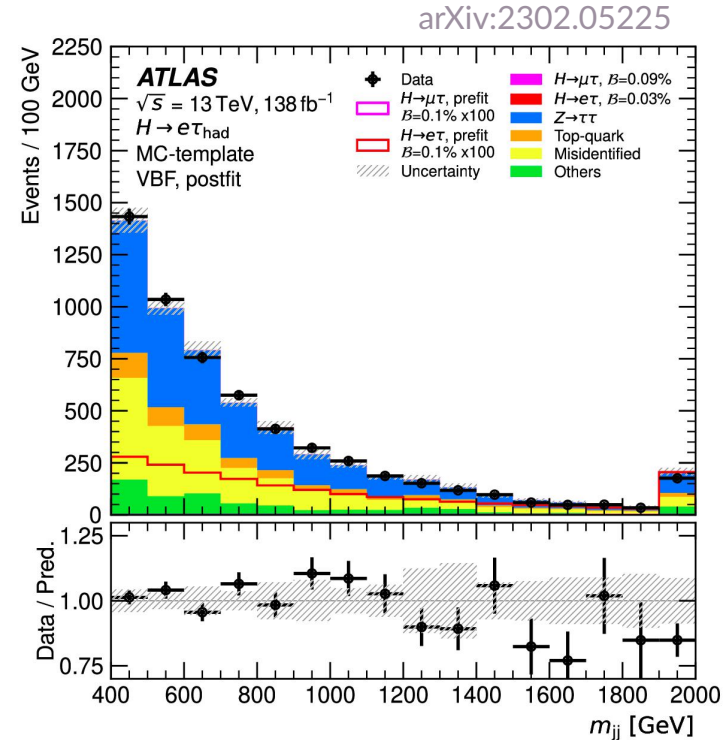
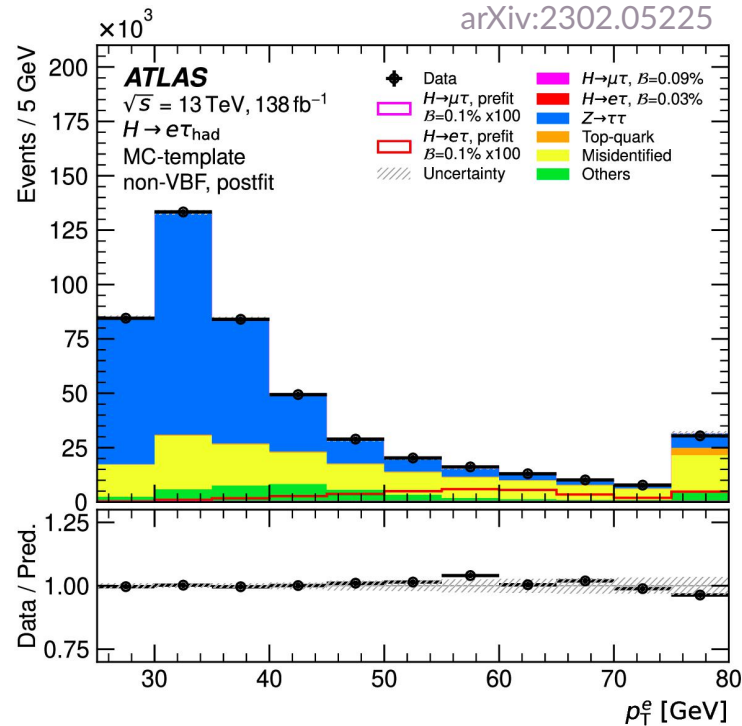
- $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$ and top-quark background. Estimated through MC templates. Normalization extracted from data in control regions (separately for VBF and Non VBF).
- Diboson. From MC templates. Modelling checked in validation region.
- $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$. From MC templates. Normalization (and uncertainty) from dedicated control region.
- Other minor backgrounds estimated from MC.
- Misidentified background. Data-driven ABCD method using lepton charge and isolation.



Background estimation with MC-templates

MC-template lephad

- $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$. Extracted from MC templates. Different data-driven normalization factors for VBF and Non VBF.
- **Top-quark**. Extracted from MC templates. Shared data-driven normalization factors with MC-template lelep.
- $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$. Normalization uncertainty extracted from validation region.
- Other minor backgrounds estimated from MC templates.
- **Misidentified background**. Data-driven fake factor method based on hadronic τ identification.



MVA strategy

- Different MVA strategies for the different analyses. Separate trainings for VBF and Non VBF to profit from different kinematic properties.
- Two main strategies:

1. **Multiclassifier algorithms based on NNs.** Use signal node as final discriminant.

Symmetry based lelep Non VBF

2. **Multiple classifiers,** each devoted to separate signal from specific backgrounds. Combine score of each classifier to obtain final discriminant.

- For example, MC-template lelep uses three BDTs that separate signal from:
 - $Z/H \rightarrow \tau\tau + Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$.
 - Top-quark + Diboson + $H \rightarrow WW$.
 - Misidentified background.

Symmetry based lelep VBF

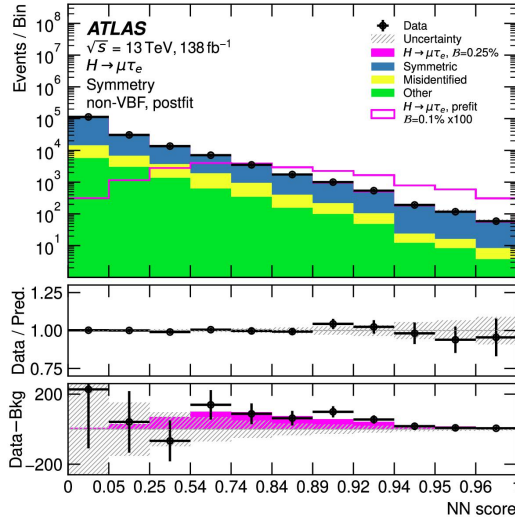
MC-template lelep

MC-template lephad

MVA output distributions for the fit

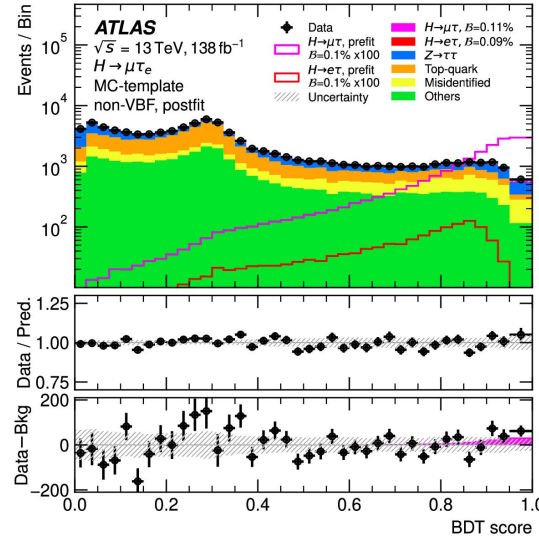
- In this slide, distributions from $\mu\tau$. For MC-template, showing post-fit yields from the combined fit of the MC-template analyses. For Symmetry, post-fit yields from Symmetry standalone fit.

Symm leplep



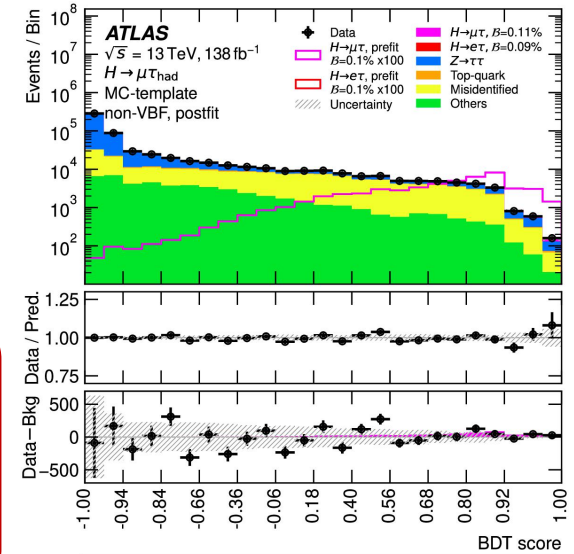
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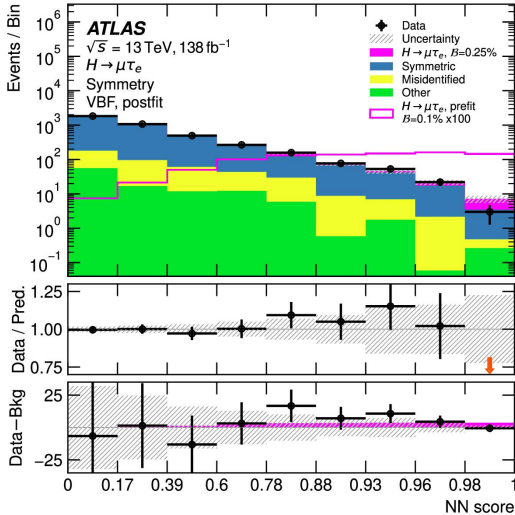


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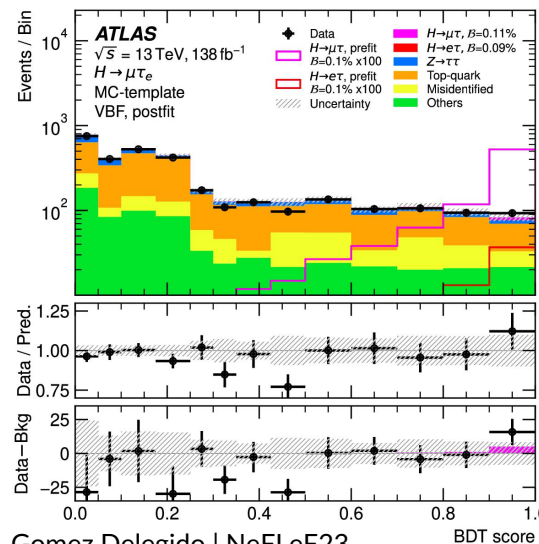
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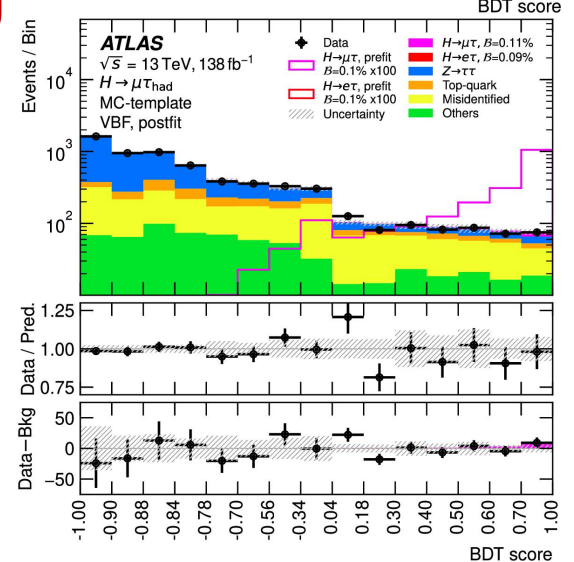
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Statistical analysis overview

- The **parameters of interest (POIs)** of the analyses are the **branching ratios** of the **LFV decays**.
- $\mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow \ell\tau)$ extraction with **Maximum Binned Likelihood fit** and combining VBF and Non VBF regions. Two signal parametrizations:

1 POI

Fits in $e\tau$ and $\mu\tau$ channels are independent (e.g. assume $\mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow e\tau)=0$ when extracting $\mu = \mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow \mu\tau)$)

MC lelep Non VBF

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Symm lelep VBF

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MC lephad

2 POI

Simultaneous fit of $H \rightarrow e\tau$ and $H \rightarrow \mu\tau$ signals.

1. No assumption needed on branching ratios.
2. Stronger constraints in background nuisance parameters.

MC lelep

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MC lephad

- When combining with **Symm.** based only **1 POI fit is possible** (one of the channels is required for the background estimate of the other)

1 POI fit

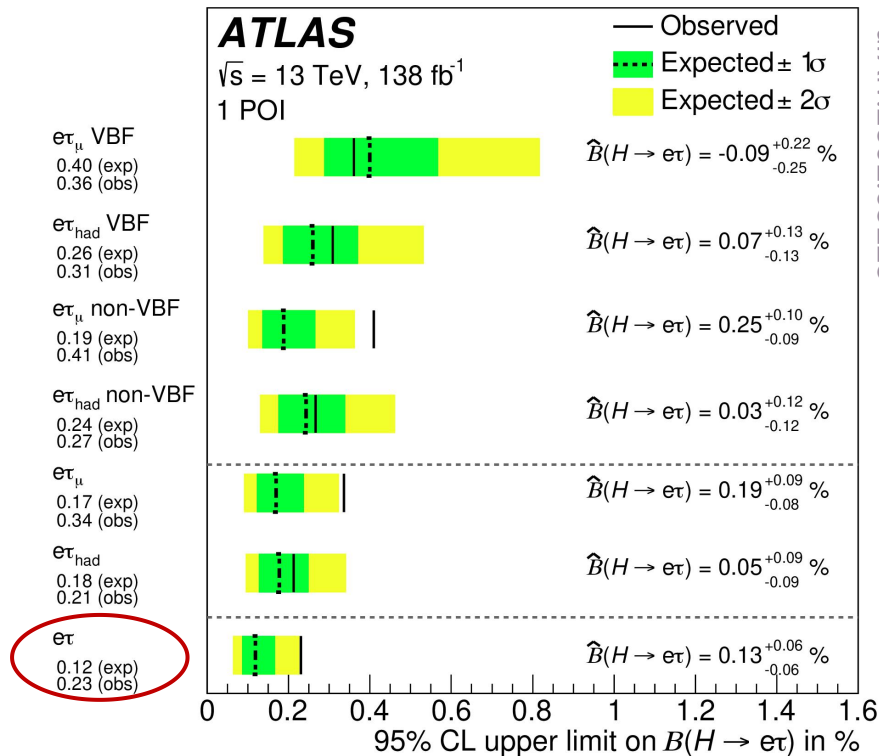
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Symm lelep

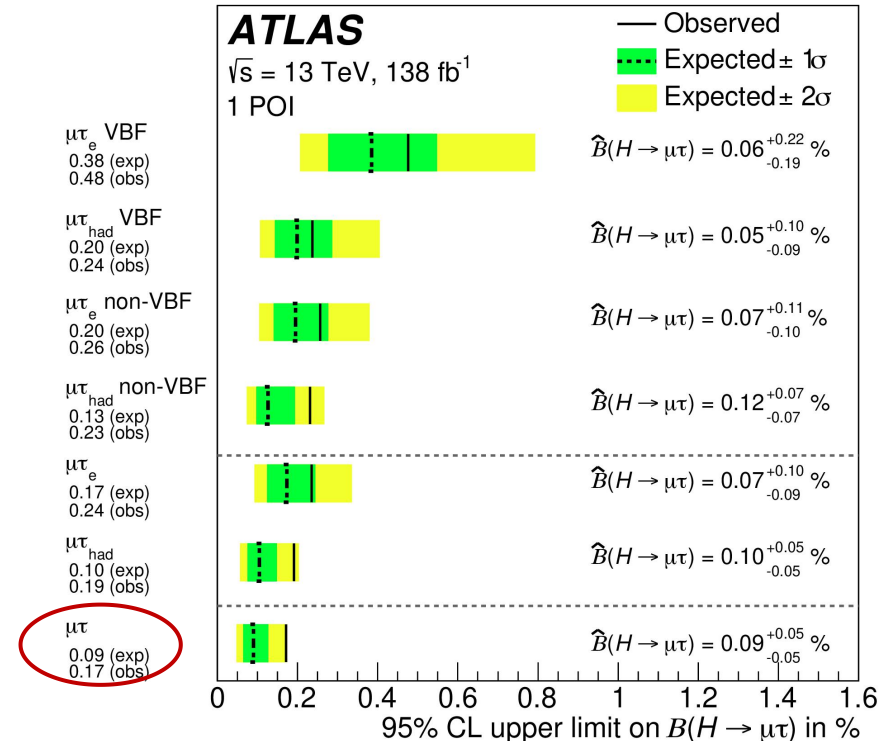
MC lephad

- Combination of the three analyses with a 1 POI fit setup:
 - Observed limits are above expected ones for both signals.
 - 2.2σ excess seen for $\mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow e\tau)$ and 1.9σ for $\mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow \mu\tau)$.
- 1 POI setup also used to extract branching ratio difference with Symmetry analysis:

$$\mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow \mu\tau) - \mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow e\tau) = (0.25 \pm 0.10)\%$$



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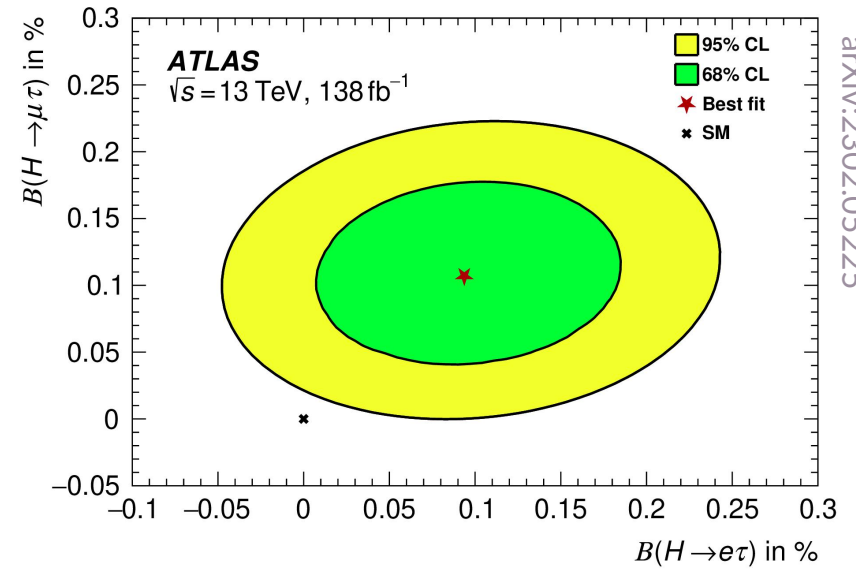
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2 POI fit

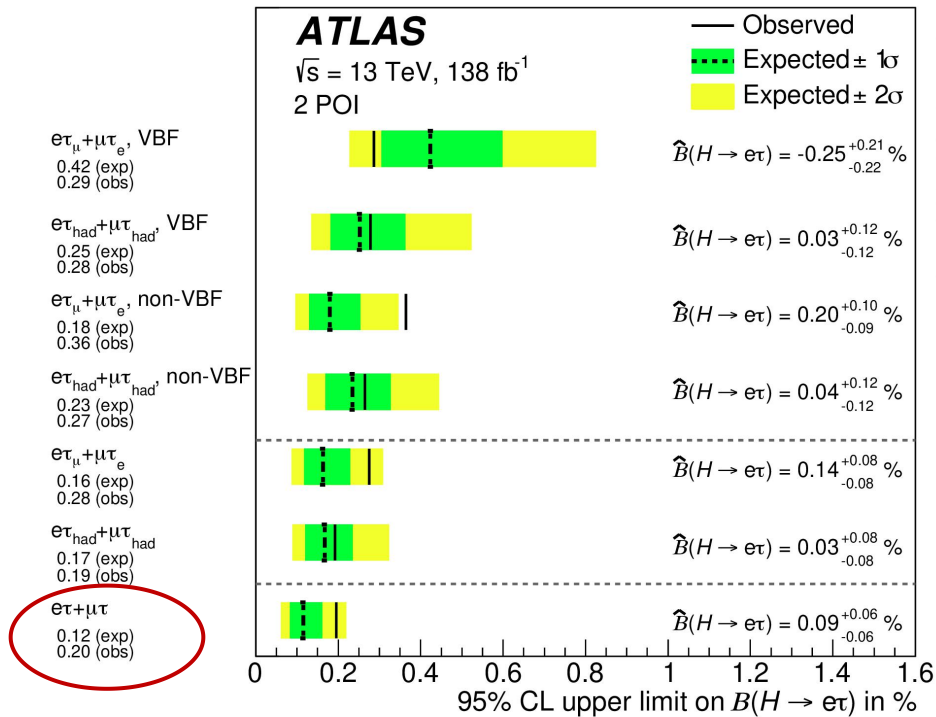
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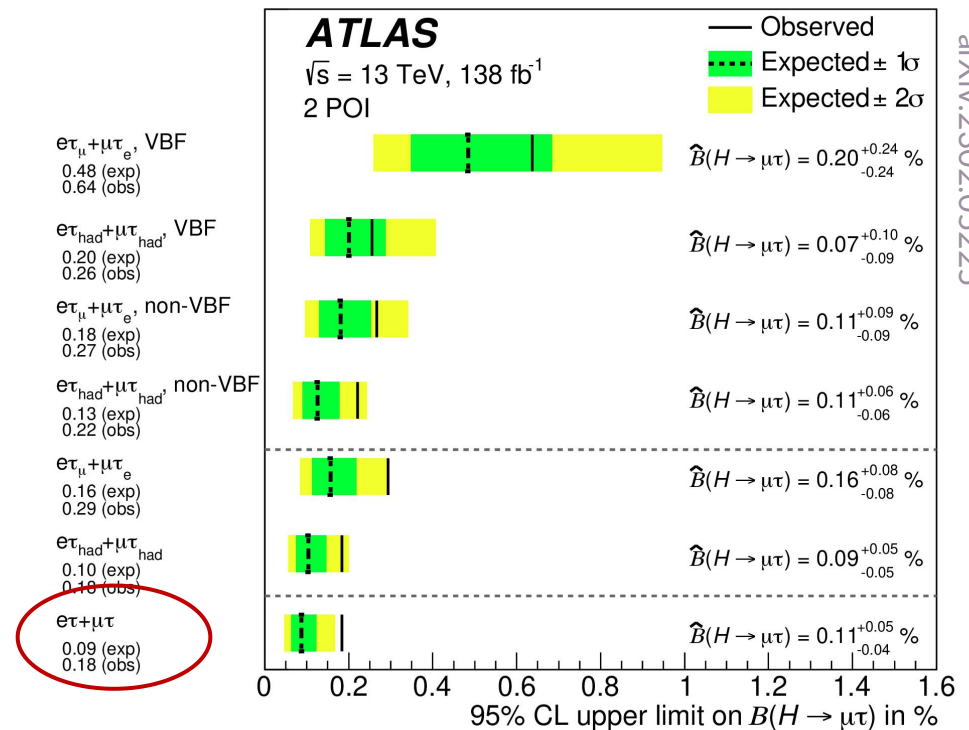
- Observed limits are above expected ones, in line with 1 POI fits.
- 1.6σ excess seen for $\mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow e\tau)$ and 2.5σ for $\mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow \mu\tau)$.
- Not significant. 95% CL limits shown in figures.
- Global compatibility with SM within 2.1σ .



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Non-diagonal Yukawa coupling matrix elements

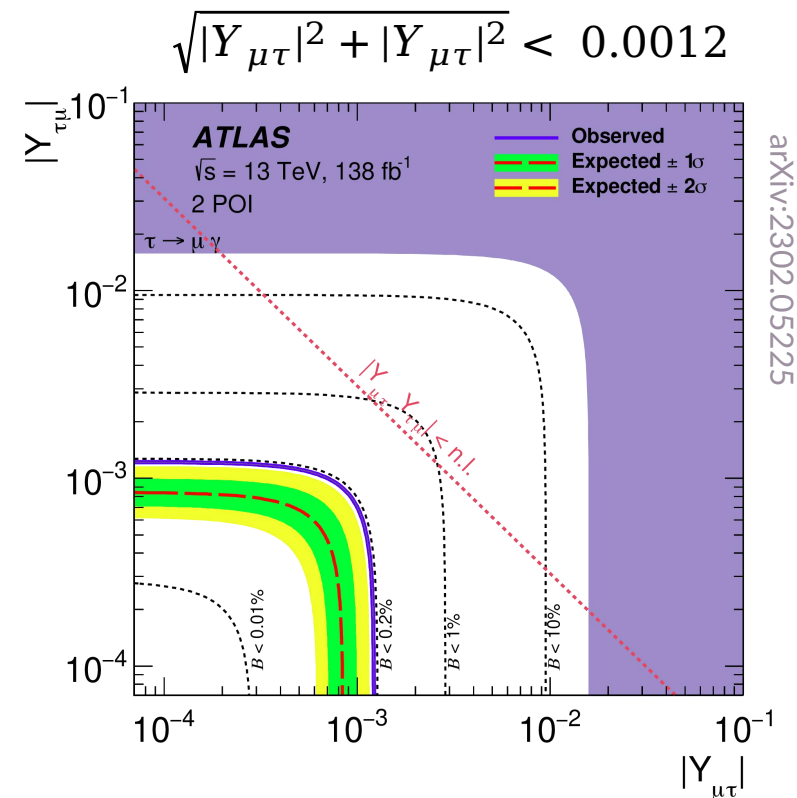
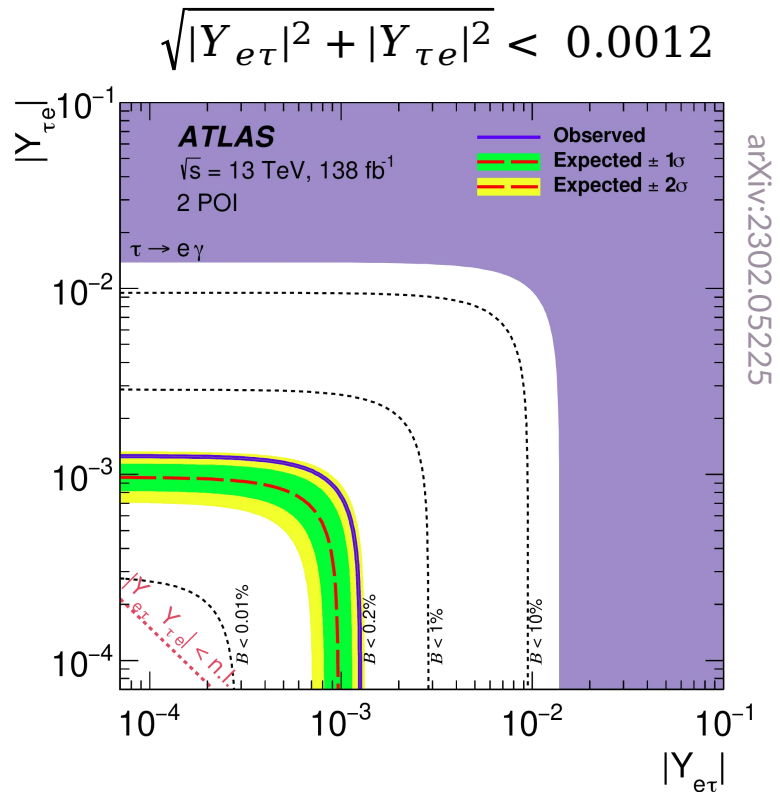
MC lelep

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- Branching ratio values can be related to non-diagonal Yukawa coupling matrix elements:

$$|Y_{\ell\tau}|^2 + |Y_{\tau\ell}|^2 = \frac{8\pi}{m_H} \frac{\mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow \ell\tau)}{1 - \mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow \ell\tau)} \Gamma_H^{\text{SM}}$$

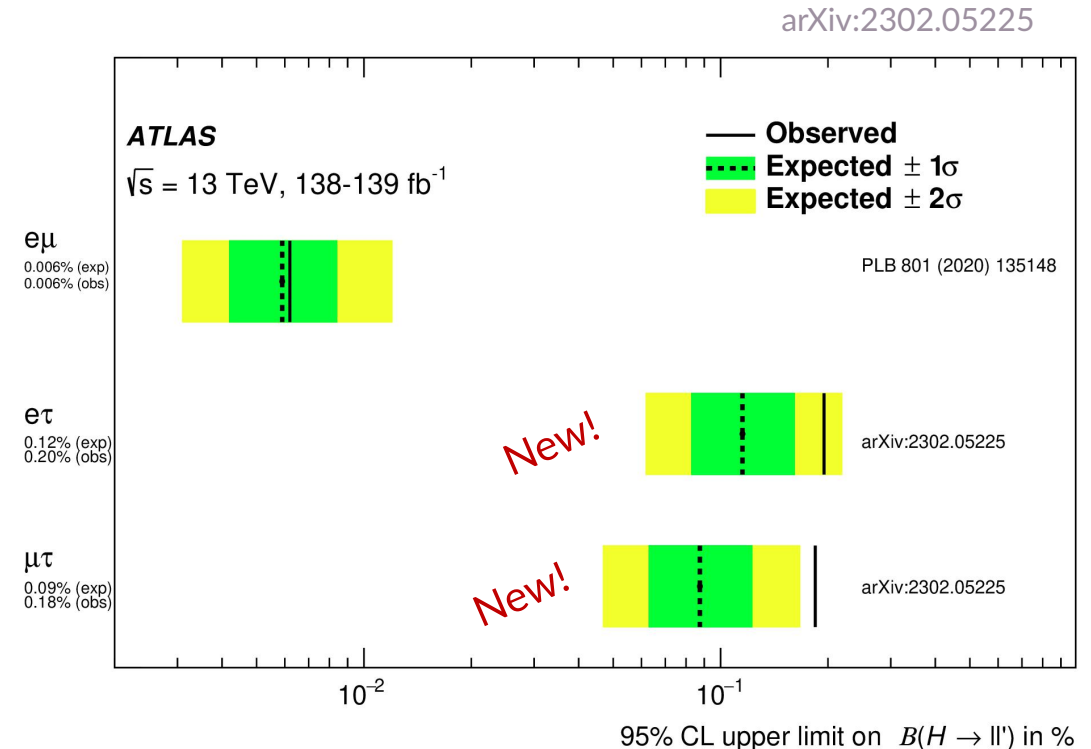
- For the 2 POI results:



Conclusions

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- Presented **ATLAS** searches for $H \rightarrow e\tau$ and $H \rightarrow \mu\tau$ with **138 fb⁻¹**.
- From the simultaneous fit of the two signals, observed (expected) **upper limits at 95% CL** on the branching ratios are:
 - $\mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow e\tau) < 0.20\%$ (0.11%).
 - $\mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow \mu\tau) < 0.18\%$ (0.09%).
 - **Compatibility with SM within 2.1 σ** .
 - Results complete a full set of ATLAS searches for LFV Higgs boson decays into leptons with the Run 2 dataset.
- Obtained a **branching ratio difference** of $\mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow \mu\tau) - \mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow e\tau) = (0.25 \pm 0.10)\%$. **Non-significant excess**.
- Prospects of the searches at the HL-LHC estimated for the two analysis methods extrapolating the Run 2 results. See Naman's talk.



Additional material

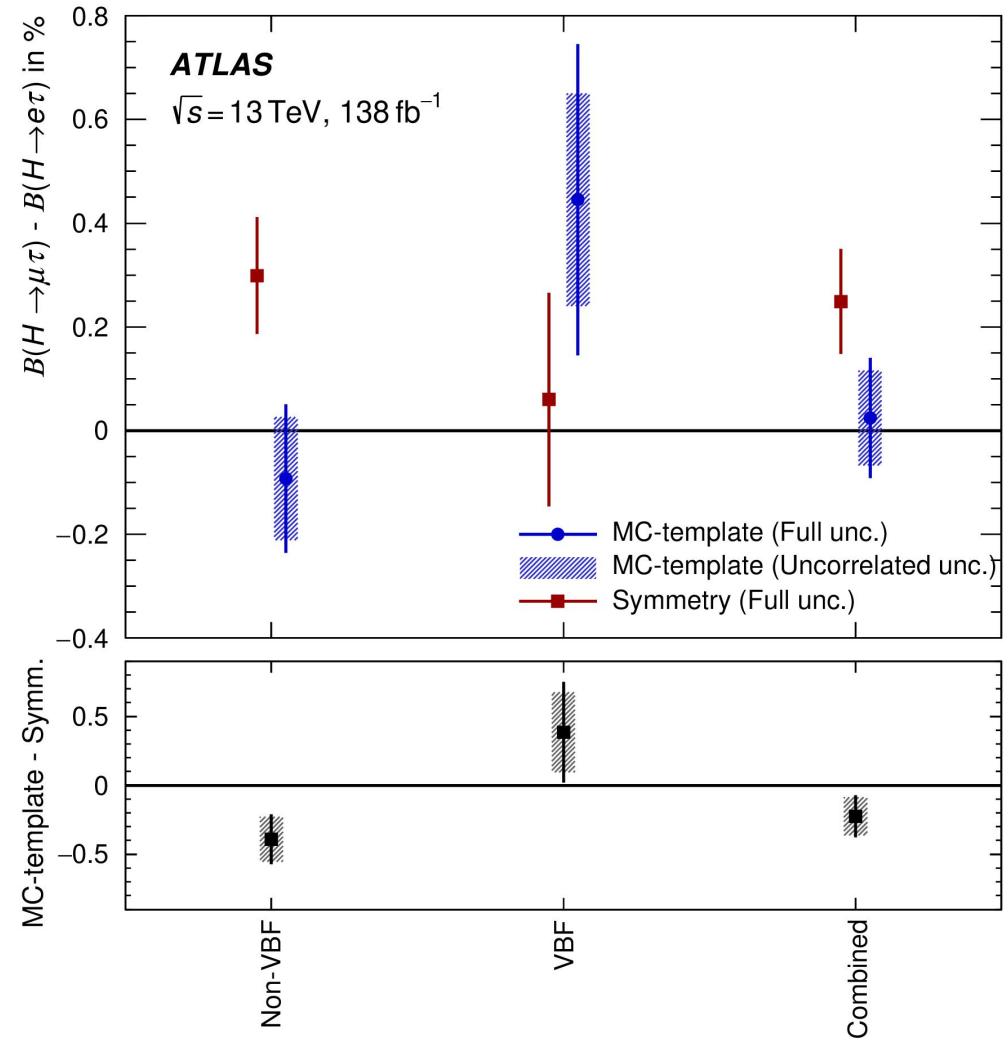
Systematic uncertainties

- Impact of systematic uncertainties similar between the 1 POI and 2 POI fit setups.
- Analysis results **limited by systematic uncertainties**. Mainly from:
 - Background sample statistical** uncertainties.
 - Misidentified background** estimation related uncertainties (especially from lelep).

| 2 POI Source of uncertainty | Impact on observed [10^{-4}] | |
|--|--|--|
| | $\hat{\mathcal{B}}(H \rightarrow e\tau)$ | $\hat{\mathcal{B}}(H \rightarrow \mu\tau)$ |
| Flavour tagging | 0.7 | 0.2 |
| Misidentified background ($e\tau_{\text{had}}$) | 2.1 | 0.3 |
| Misidentified background ($e\tau_{\mu}$) | 2.7 | 0.3 |
| Misidentified background ($\mu\tau_{\text{had}}$) | 0.6 | 1.4 |
| Misidentified background ($\mu\tau_e$) | 0.9 | 1.0 |
| Jet and $E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}$ | 1.2 | 0.9 |
| Electrons and muons | 1.4 | 0.5 |
| Luminosity | 0.6 | 0.4 |
| Hadronic τ decays | 0.9 | 0.9 |
| Theory (signal) | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| Theory (Z + jets processes) | 0.8 | 1.0 |
| $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$ normalisation ($e\tau$) | <0.1 | <0.1 |
| $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$ normalisation ($\mu\tau$) | 0.2 | 0.9 |
| Background sample size | 3.7 | 2.3 |
| Total systematic uncertainty | 5.1 | 3.6 |
| Data sample size | 3.0 | 2.7 |
| Total | 5.9 | 4.5 |

Measurement of branching ratio difference

- Symmetry method is **sensitive** to the **difference of branching ratios** $\mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow \mu\tau) - \mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow e\tau)$.
- Without assumption of one of the $\mathcal{B} = 0$, then the measurement should be interpreted as a branching ratio difference.
- Symmetry results are compared with results from 2 POI fit of the MC-template lelep channel.
- Due to overlap in data, data statistical uncertainties as well as signal uncertainties are correlated between MC-template and Symmetry based analyses.
- Other uncertainties are considered uncorrelated.
- Compatibility found to be within 2.3σ .



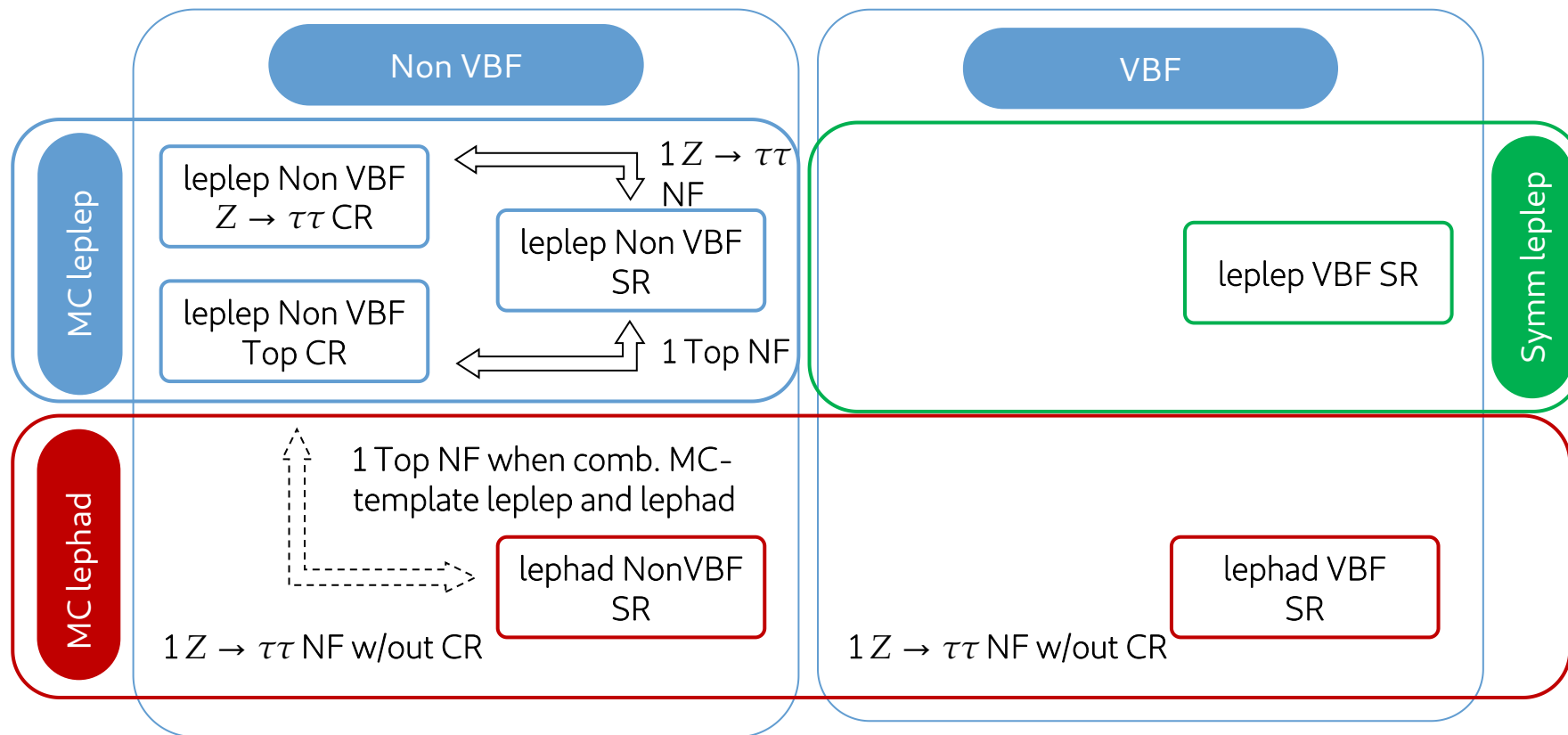
Selection

| Selection | $\ell\tau_{\ell'}$ | $\ell\tau_{\text{had}}$ |
|-----------------|--|---|
| <i>Baseline</i> | exactly 1 e and 1 μ , OS $\tau_{\text{had-veto}}$ b -veto $p_{\text{T}}^{\ell_1} > 45$ (35) GeV MC-template (Symmetry method) $p_{\text{T}}^{\ell_2} > 15$ GeV $30 \text{ GeV} < m_{\ell_1\ell_2} < 150 \text{ GeV}$ $0.2 < p_{\text{T}}^{\text{track}}(\ell_2 = e) / p_{\text{T}}^{\text{cluster}}(\ell_2 = e) < 1.25$ (MC-template) track d_0 significance requirement (see text) $ z_0 \sin \theta < 0.5 \text{ mm}$ | exactly 1 ℓ and 1 $\tau_{\text{had-vis}}$, OS τ_{had} Tight ID Medium eBDT ($e\tau_{\text{had}}$) b -veto $p_{\text{T}}^{\ell} > 27.3 \text{ GeV}$ $p_{\text{T}}^{\tau_{\text{had-vis}}} > 25 \text{ GeV}, \eta^{\tau_{\text{had-vis}}} < 2.4$ $\sum_{i=\ell, \tau_{\text{had-vis}}} \cos \Delta\phi(i, E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}) > -0.35$ $ \Delta\eta(\ell, \tau_{\text{had-vis}}) < 2$ |
| <i>VBF</i> | <i>Baseline</i> ≥ 2 jets, $p_{\text{T}}^{j_1} > 40 \text{ GeV}, p_{\text{T}}^{j_2} > 30 \text{ GeV}$ $ \Delta\eta_{jj} > 3, m_{jj} > 400 \text{ GeV}$ | |
| <i>non-VBF</i> | <i>Baseline</i> plus fail <i>VBF</i> categorisation – – | veto events if $90 < m_{\text{vis}}(e, \tau_{\text{had-vis}}) < 100 \text{ GeV}$ |

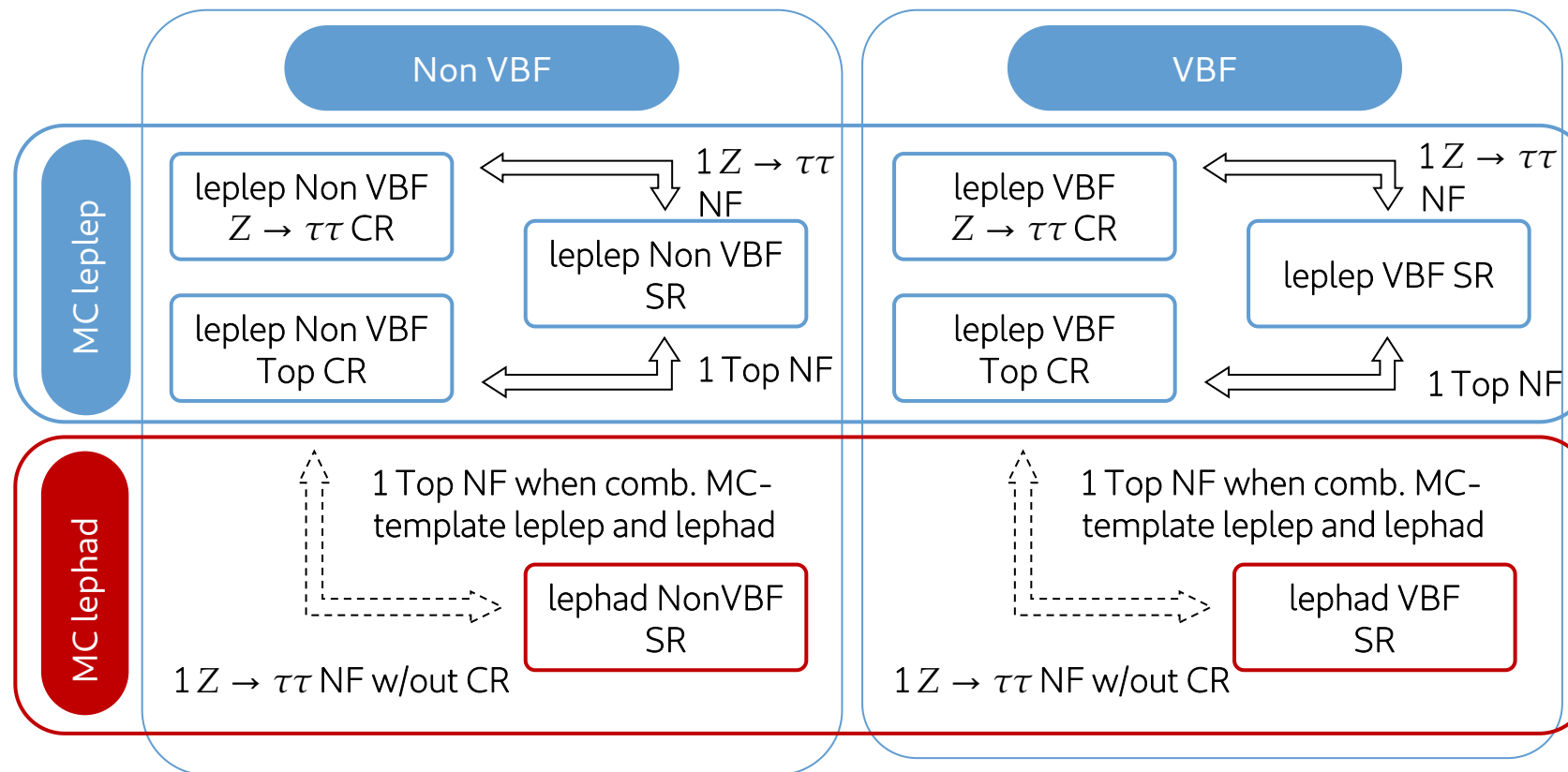
Selection

| Selection | $\ell\tau_{\ell'}$ | $\ell\tau_{\text{had}}$ |
|---|---|--|
| misidentified background CR | <i>non-VBF</i> (or <i>VBF</i>) category with statistically independent lepton (ℓ or $\tau_{\text{had-vis}}$) selection, see text | |
| $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$ CR/VR ($\ell\tau_{\ell'}/\ell\tau_{\text{had}}$) | <i>Baseline</i> with $35 \text{ GeV} < p_{\text{T}}^{\ell_1} < 45 \text{ GeV}$ $75 \text{ GeV} < m_{\ell_1\ell_2} < 100 \text{ GeV}$ $ \Delta\phi(\ell_2, E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}) < 1.5$ $1.25 < p_{\text{T}}^{\text{track}}(\ell_2)/p_{\text{T}}^{\text{cluster}}(\ell_2) < 3$ | <i>Baseline</i> $ \eta(\tau) < 0.1$ $90 \text{ GeV} < m_{\text{coll}}(\mu, \tau) < 110 \text{ GeV}$ |
| top-quark CR | <i>non-VBF</i> (or <i>VBF</i>) selection with inverted <i>b</i> -veto requirement | – |
| $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$ CR | <i>non-VBF</i> (or <i>VBF</i>) selection with $35 \text{ GeV} < p_{\text{T}}^{\ell_1} < 45 \text{ GeV}$ | – |
| Diboson VR | <i>Baseline</i> $p_{\text{T}}^{\ell_2} > 30 \text{ GeV}$ $100 \text{ GeV} < m_{\ell_1\ell_2} < 150 \text{ GeV}$ $m_{\text{T}} > 30 \text{ GeV}$ veto events with jets with $p_{\text{T}} > 30 \text{ GeV}$ | – |

Combined 1 POI fit



Combined 2 POI fit



Fake estimation

1. Fake Factor method computed in Z+jets CR (2 leptons tagged to Z, 3rd is fake candidate) for $j \rightarrow \ell$.
 2. $\gamma \rightarrow e, \mu \rightarrow e$ and $\tau_{\text{had}} \rightarrow \ell$ via MC truth info. Mainly from $V\gamma, Z \rightarrow \mu\mu, Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$
- See dedicated talk by Hao on Monday for all the details.

Fake factor method

- FF computed in Z+jets CR:

$$FF = \frac{N_{(\text{ID},\text{iso})}^{\text{data}} - N_{(\text{ID},\text{iso})}^{\text{promptMC}}}{N_{\text{anti}-(\text{ID},\text{iso})}^{\text{data}} - N_{\text{anti}-(\text{ID},\text{iso})}^{\text{promptMC}}}$$

- (ID, iso): pass medium id. and isolation
- anti-(ID,iso):
 - For muon: fail iso and pass medium id.
 - For electron: pass loose id. Fail medium id or iso.
- FF binned in lepton flavor, p_T and $\Delta\phi(\ell, E_T^{\text{miss}})$
- CFs to correct flavour composition differences between SR and CR. Binned in flavour and p_T

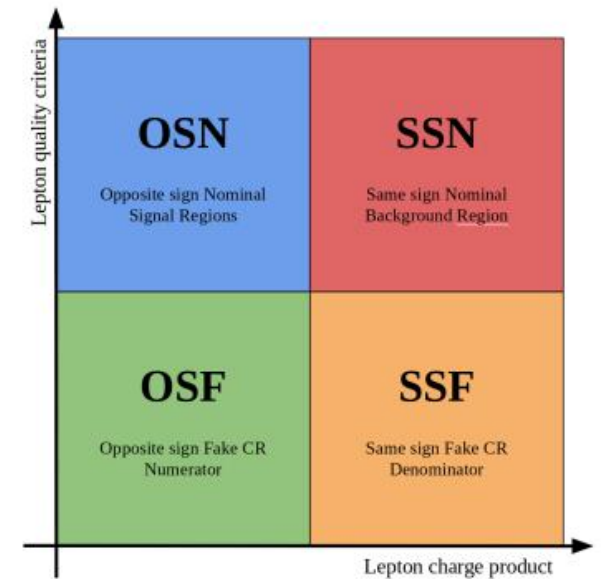
$$CF = \frac{FF_{\text{SR}}^{\text{MC}}}{FF_{\text{Z+jets}}^{\text{MC}}} \quad N_{\text{SR}}^{\text{fakes}} = FF \times CF \times (N_{\text{SR}; \text{anti}-(\text{ID},\text{iso})}^{\text{data}} - N_{\text{SR}, \text{anti}-(\text{ID},\text{iso})}^{\text{promptMC}})$$

Fake background estimation

MC-template lelep

ABCD method

- OSN: SR. SSN: SR sselection but SS charges of light leptons.
- OSF and SSF. Fake enriched regions (Fake CRs). anti-ID and anti-iso + other lepton quality criteria:
 - For muon: fail iso and pass medium id.
 - For electron: either fail isolation or medium id. but pass loose id.
- Assume $OSN = SSN \times \frac{OSF}{SSF} = SSN \times TF$
- Transfer factor parametrized in terms of trigger and b-veto/tag



- Estimate of $j \rightarrow \tau_{\text{had}}$ with W+jets and QCD multijets as main sources (two dedicated CRs). Data-driven fake factor method.

Fake Factor Method

- $N_{\text{fakes}}^{\text{SR}} = (N_{\text{data}}^{\text{anti-}\tau} - N_{\text{MC, no } j \rightarrow \tau}^{\text{anti-}\tau}) \times \mathcal{F}$
- **anti- τ** : pass VeryLoose ID but fail Tight ID
- Two main sources: QCD multijets and W+jets. Two dedicated CRs.
$$\mathcal{F} = R_{\text{QCD}} F_{\text{QCD}} + (1 - R_{\text{QCD}}) F_{\text{W}}$$
- Derive FF for each source and apply to **anti- τ** events in SR
$$F_i = \frac{N_{\text{data}}^{\text{CR}_i} - N_{\text{MC, no } j \rightarrow \tau}^{\text{CR}_i}}{N_{\text{data}}^{\text{anti-}\tau, \text{CR}_i} - N_{\text{MC, no } j \rightarrow \tau}^{\text{anti-}\tau, \text{CR}_i}}$$
- FF binned in p_{T} and 1/3 prong.

MVA strategy

Symmetry based lelep

NNs trained with Keras

Separate training for Non VBF and VBF. Shared between $e\tau_\mu$ and $\mu\tau_e$

Non VBF

1 Multiclassifier NN with 3 output nodes. Signal output node used for fit.

VBF

3 BDTs. Scores combined linearly.

- LFV vs. $Z\tau\tau+H\tau\tau+MCfakes$
- LFV vs. $Top+VV+HWW$
- LFV vs. Fakes

MC-template lelep

BDTs with TMVA

Separate training for Non VBF and VBF. Shared between $e\tau_\mu$ and $\mu\tau_e$

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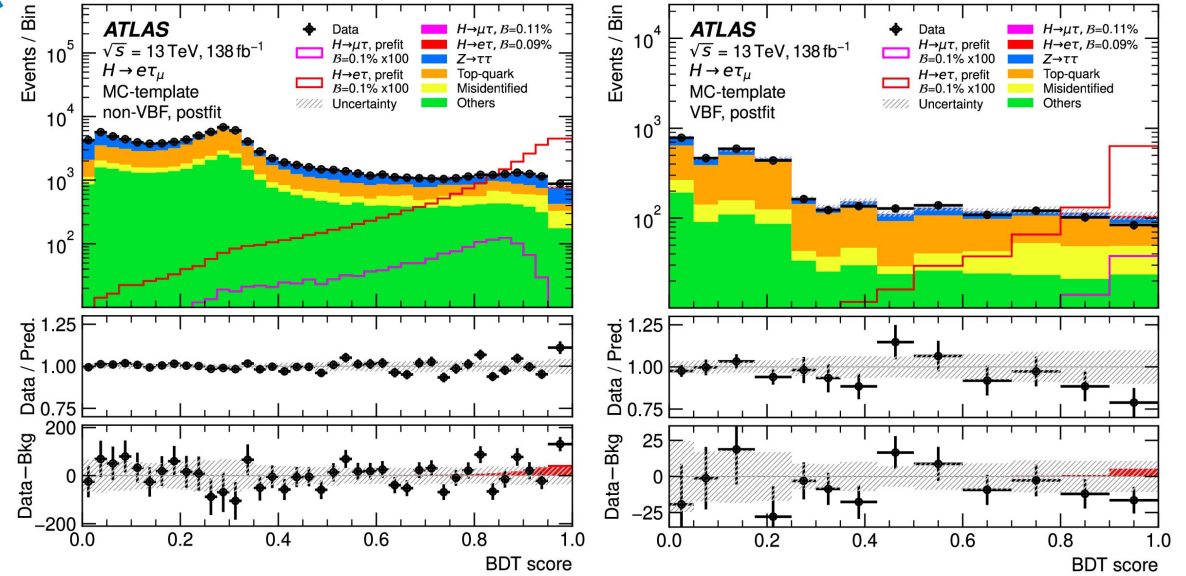
2 BDTs. Scores combined linearly (NonVBF $\mu\tau$) or quadratically (VBF).

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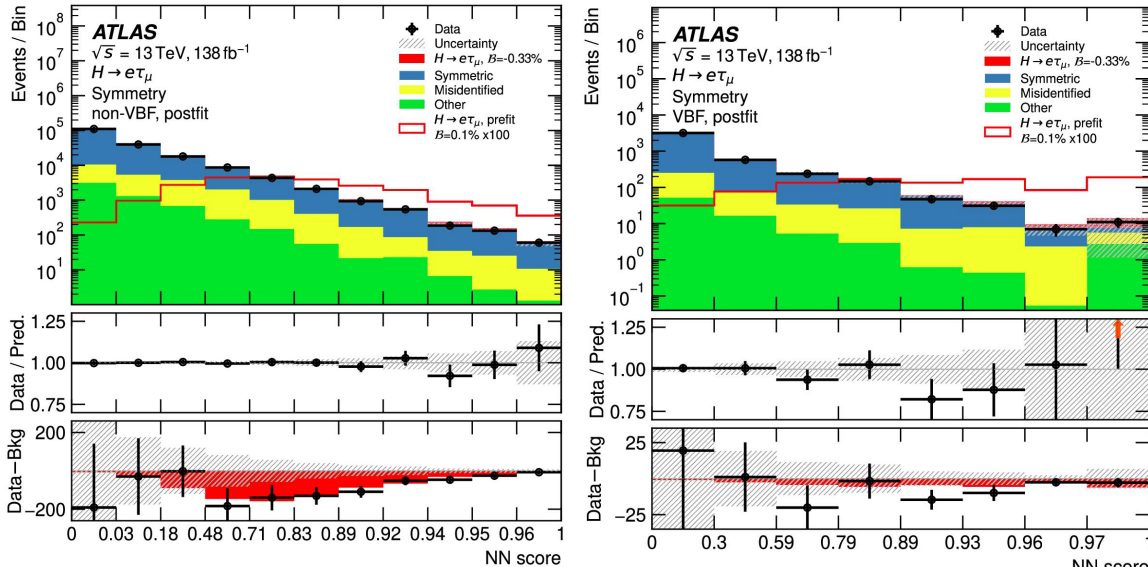
MVA output distributions for fit

- In this slide, distributions from $e\tau$.
- For MC-template, postfit signal contributions from the 2 POI fit.
- For Symmetry, postfit signals coming from 1POI Symmetry standalone fit.

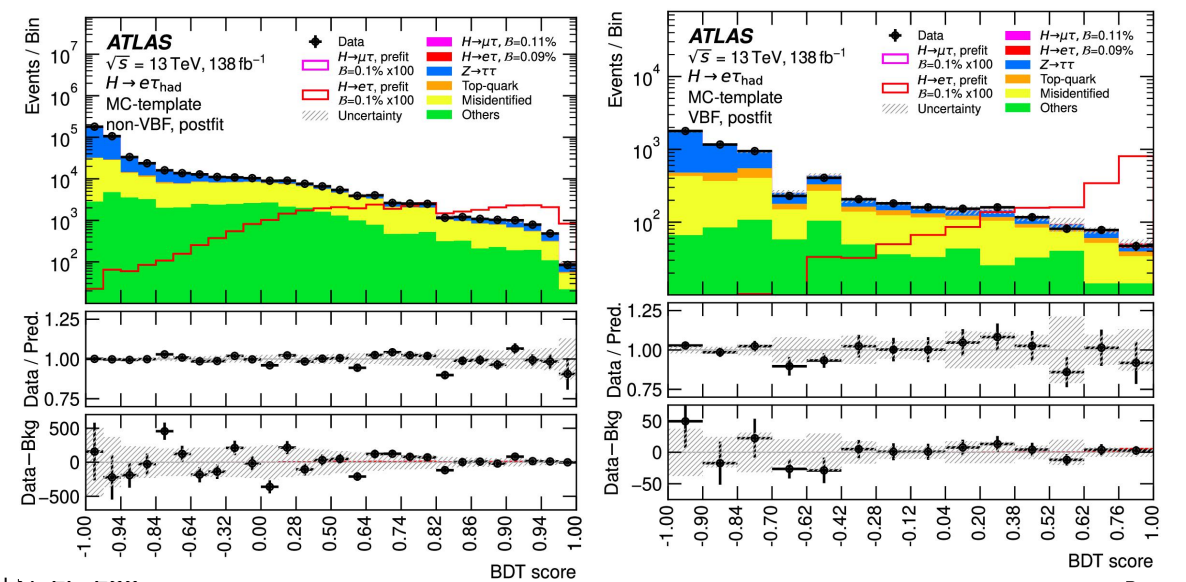
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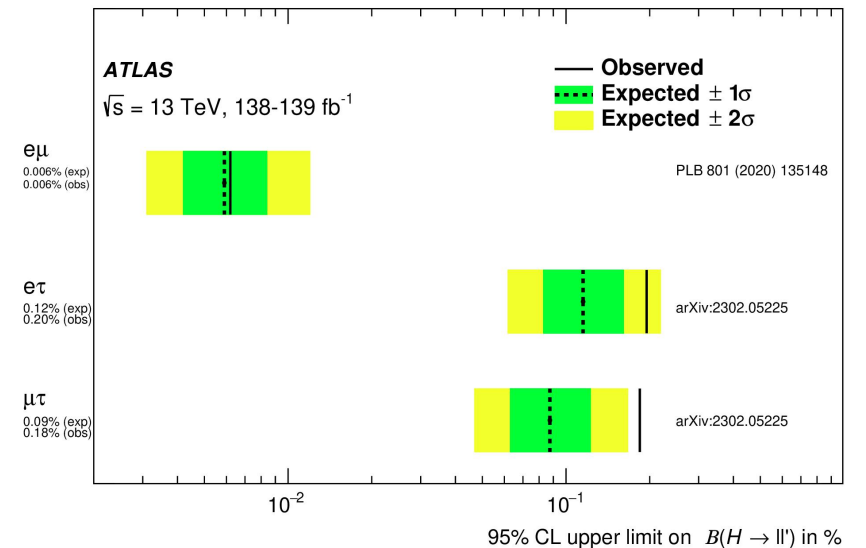
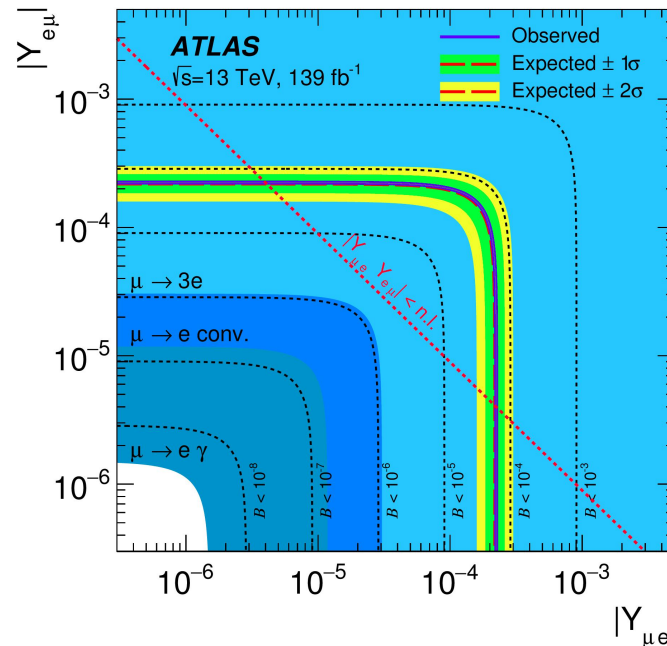
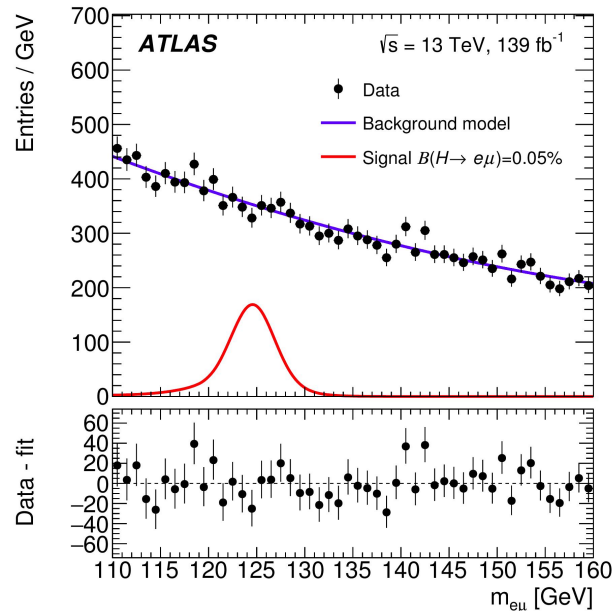


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Searches for LFV $H \rightarrow e\mu$

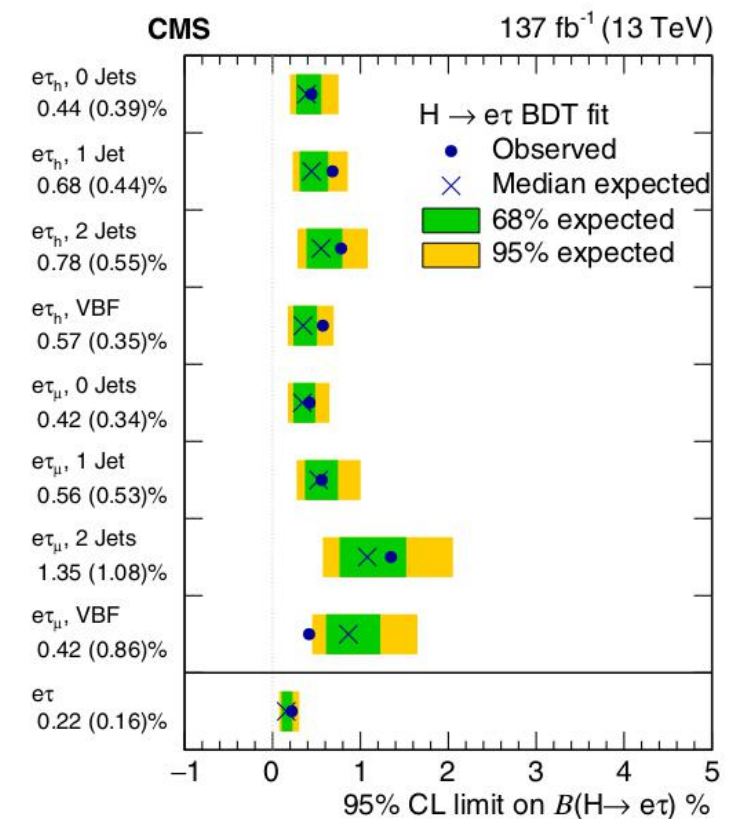
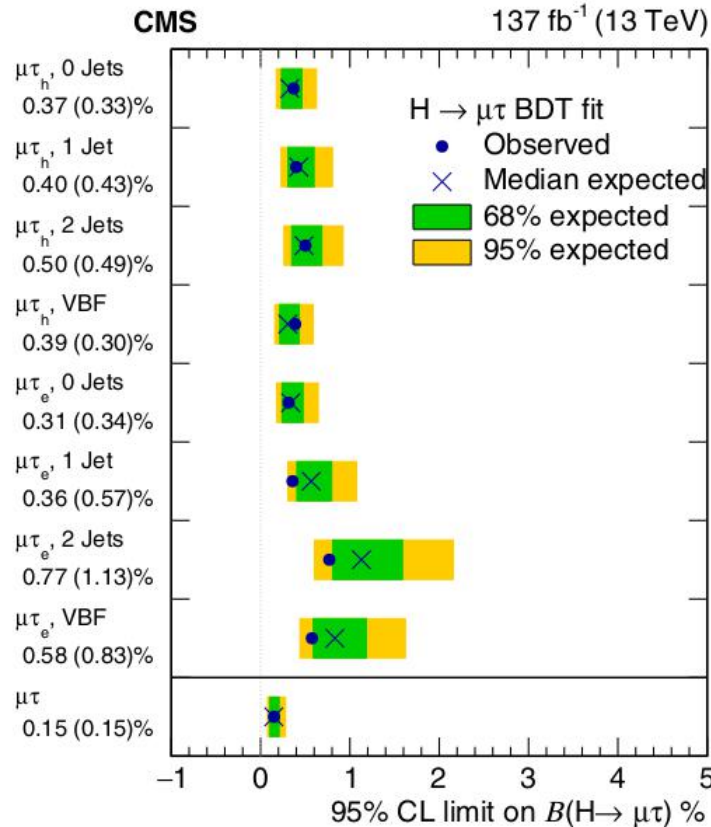
- Unbinned fit of the dilepton mass spectrum, similar to $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$ and $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ analyses.
- Events are speared in 8 categories (low p_T , VBF, 3 central and 3 non-central).
- Background modeled by a Bernstein polynomial of degree two, with parameters uncorrelated between categories. Signal modeled by convolution of Crystal Ball and Gaussian functions.
- No excess observed. 95% CL observed (expected) limit on the branching ratio in % is 6.1×10^{-5} (5.8×10^{-5})



Comparison with CMS

- Main differences with respect to ATLAS search:

- Leplep background estimation is MC-template.
- Using embedding for $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$.
- New TauID based on DNN (70% eff, 1% mis-id).
- 1 POI fit for branching ratio extraction.
- Lepton assignment based on p_T ordering in lab frame.
- MVA based on BDT. Trained only with part of the background.
- Finer categorization of Non VBF regions depending on number of jets.



CMS 137 fb⁻¹ [arXiv:2105.03007]

Combined 1 POI fit

| 1 POI Source of uncertainty | Impact on observed [10^{-4}] | |
|--|--|--|
| | $\hat{\mathcal{B}}(H \rightarrow e\tau)$ | $\hat{\mathcal{B}}(H \rightarrow \mu\tau)$ |
| Flavour tagging | 0.6 | 0.4 |
| Misidentified background ($\ell\tau_{\text{had}}$) | 2.1 | 1.5 |
| Misidentified background ($\ell\tau\ell'$) | 2.9 | 1.6 |
| Jet and $E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}$ | 1.1 | 1.1 |
| Electrons and muons | 0.2 | 0.5 |
| Luminosity | 0.6 | 0.5 |
| Hadronic τ decays | 0.9 | 1.0 |
| Theory (signal) | 0.9 | 0.7 |
| Theory (Z + jets processes) | 1.0 | 1.2 |
| Theory (top-quark processes) | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Theory (diboson processes) | 0.4 | 0.7 |
| $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$ normalisation | 0.2 | 0.7 |
| Symmetric background estimate | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Background sample size | 4.2 | 2.4 |
| Total systematic uncertainty | 5.3 | 3.9 |
| Data sample size | 2.9 | 2.7 |
| Total | 6.1 | 4.7 |