

Simultaneous measurement of top quark mass and width with $bb4l$ at CMS

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Introduction

Simultaneous extraction of top mass and width with Run 2 dataset

Why we measure top quark width?

- Poor experimental result from direct measurements: 1.9 ± 0.5 GeV (ATLAS)
- Sensitivity is highly restricted by theoretical uncertainties on $t\bar{t}$ and tW interference treatment
- bb4l generators resolves the interference problem, providing improved sensitivity to decay width

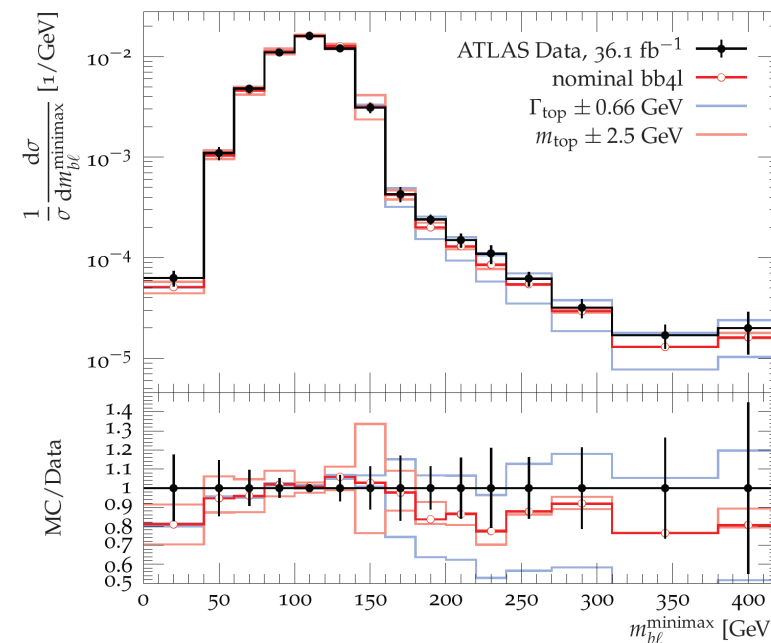
Top quark mass revisited

- Top quark mass is measured in single top or $t\bar{t}$ events
 - One of such processes has been treated as a background
- bb4l generator gives consistent picture of dominant top quark processes

Mass and width extraction from the fit on

$$m_{\ell b}^{\text{minimax}} = \min \left\{ \max(m_{\ell_1 b_1}, m_{\ell_2 b_2}), \max(m_{\ell_2 b_1}, m_{\ell_1 b_2}) \right\}$$

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Samples and object selections

Data samples

- CMS Run 2 dilepton and single lepton datasets

Simulated samples

- bb4l-dl
 - $9 \times (e\mu \text{ channel NLO cross section}) = 9.653 * 9 = 86.877 \text{ pb}$ (Tab. 4 of the bb4l [paper](#))
 - $t\bar{t}$ hvq (l+jets, all jets)
 - Single top (s, t-channel)
 - DY (NLO), W+jets (NLO)
 - $t\bar{t}W$, $t\bar{t}Z$, $t\bar{t}H$, VV

Triggers

- Dilepton + single lepton triggers

Object selections

- Leptons
 - Muon: Cut-based ID tight WP, $\text{Iso}_{\text{rel}} < 0.15$
 - Electron: MVA ID wp80, Ecal gap veto
 - $p_T > 25$ (20) GeV, $|\eta| < 2.4$
- Dilepton pair: OS leptons, $m_{ll} > 20 \text{ GeV}$
 - Use two leptons with highest p_T
 - $ee, \mu\mu$ (SF) channel: veto $76 < m_{ll} < 106 \text{ GeV}$
- MET: $p_T^{\text{miss}} > 40 \text{ GeV}$ for $ee, \mu\mu$ channel
- Jets: AK4Puppi, $p_T > 30 \text{ GeV}$, $|\eta| < 2.4$
 - b-tagging: DeepJet Medium WP
 - Jets are cleaned with respect to the selected leptons

Relevant PU, trigger, lepton, and jet corrections applied

Data / MC comparisons

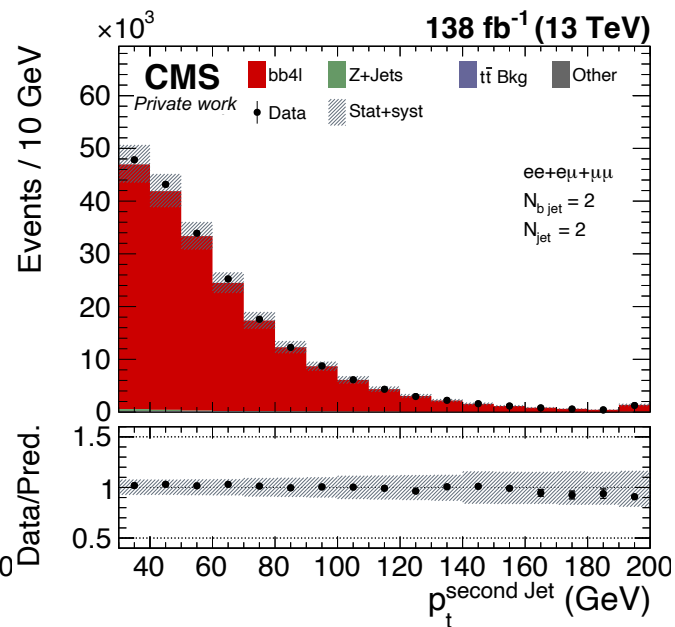
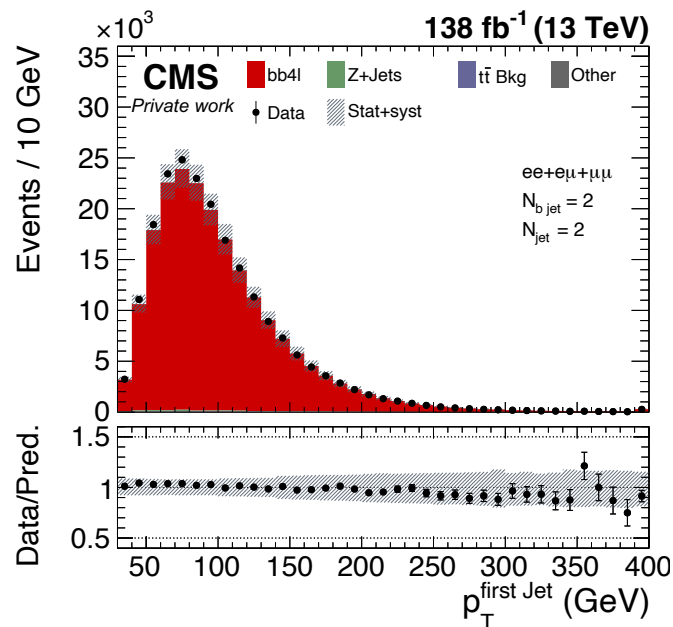
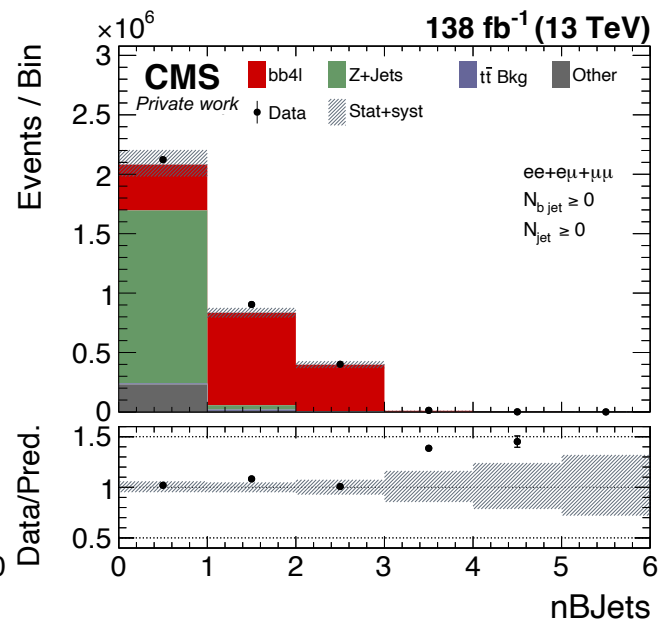
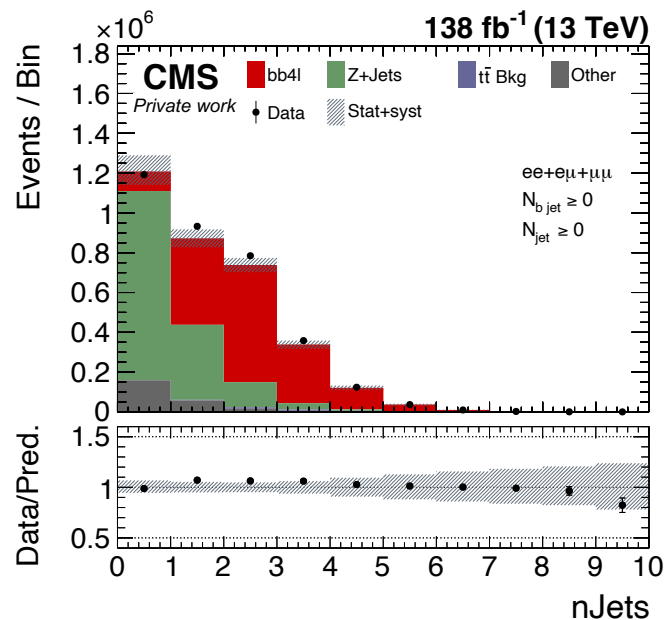
Jets

Jet multiplicities

- CMS uses $p_{T\text{def}} = 1$ for bb4l
- Good agreement up to 2 b-jets

Jet p_T

- Very good agreement



Data / MC comparisons

Leptons and other distributions

Lepton p_T

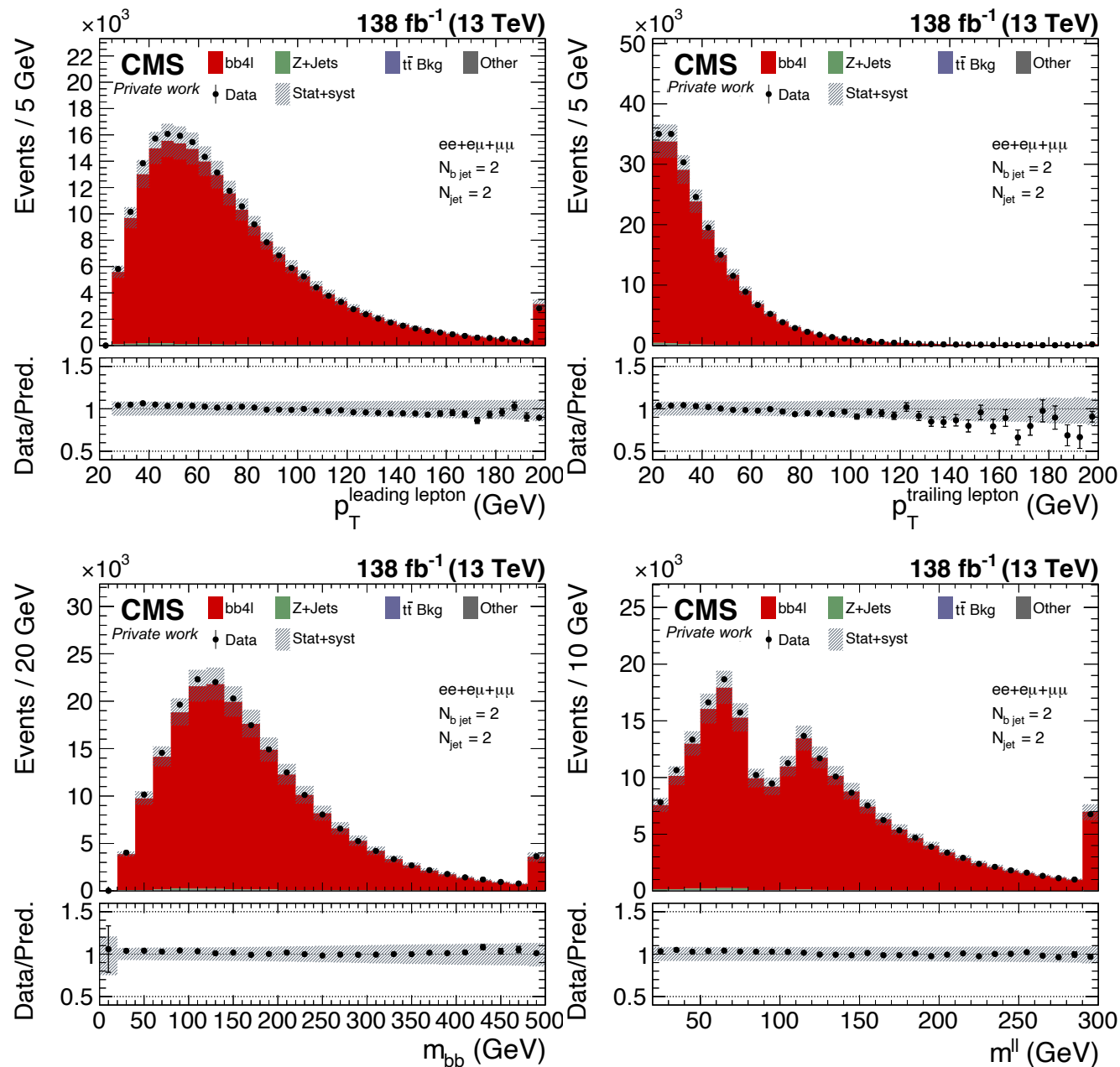
- Agree well with mild slope

m_{bb} and m_{ll}

- Very good agreement

**bb4l-dl describes data very well in
2 jet & 2 b-jet selection**

- $t\bar{t}+tW$ consists over 99% of MC events



Observable: m_{lb}^{minimax}

$$m_{lb}^{\text{minimax}} = \min \{ \max (m_{\ell_1 b_1}, m_{\ell_2 b_2}), \max (m_{\ell_2 b_1}, m_{\ell_1 b_2}) \}$$

- Data is blinded
- Uncertainty band includes all available modeling and experimental uncertainties except for m_t^{mc} and Γ_t
- Top quark width 30% variation is drawn
 - Up: 1.73 GeV / Down: 0.93 GeV
 - Currently, only small samples available for 2018

Systematic uncertainties

Experimental uncertainties

- Pileup, luminosity
- Lepton efficiencies and momentum corrections
- Unclustered energy (MET)
- JES and JER
- b-tagging
- L1 Prefiring for 2016-2017

Background normalization

- tt background: +4.2 -4.84%
- DY: 30%
- Other: 30%
- Limited statistics: Barlow-Beeston-lite approach

Modeling uncertainties

- Missing higher order (μ_F and μ_R)
- PS scale (kernel splitting ISR and FSR)
- ME-PS matching (h_{damp}): tt only, [DCTR](#) method
 - For bb4l, applied to the events with two top quarks
- B fragmentation: tt only, DCTR method
- NNPDF31 PDF α_S + 100 eigenvectors
- top quark mass: ± 3 GeV variation scaled by 1/3
- top quark width: $\pm 30\%$ (1.73 / 0.93 GeV)

All recommended correlations across the years are considered

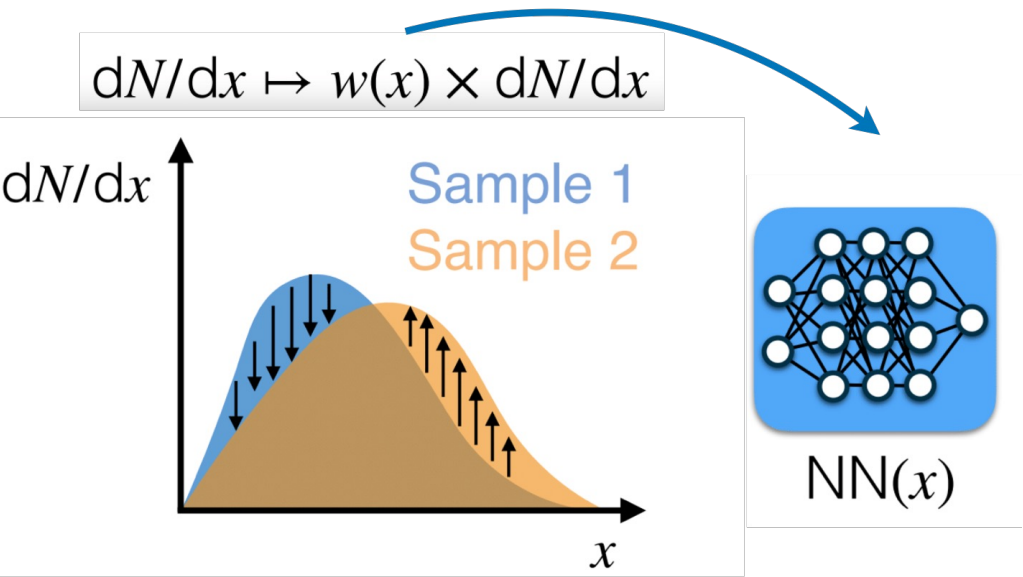
Missing sources

- To be discussed in the later part of the talk

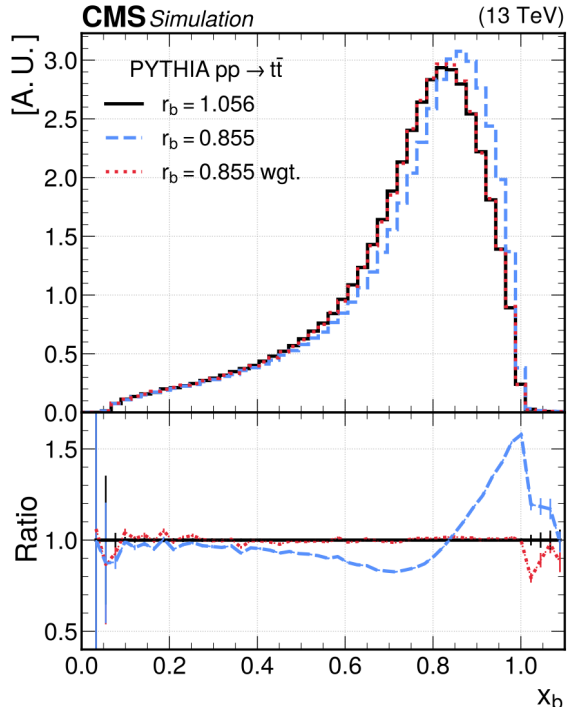
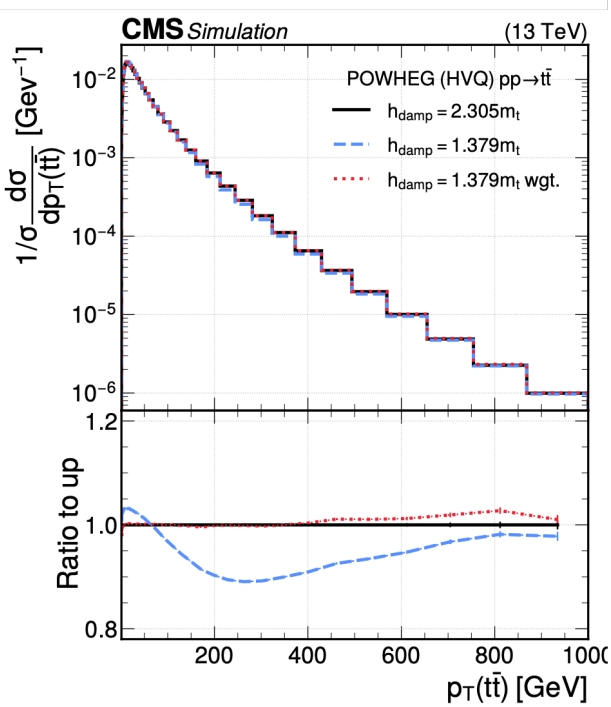
DCTR method for systematic variations

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- MC modelling uncertainties limiting factor of most analyses, especially in Top Physics
- Many MC samples to take into account systematic uncertainties at high computational cost
 - Reweighting



- ML to learn dependence on MC parameters by considering **event particle 4-vectors**
- **Used here for h_{damp} and b fragmentation**



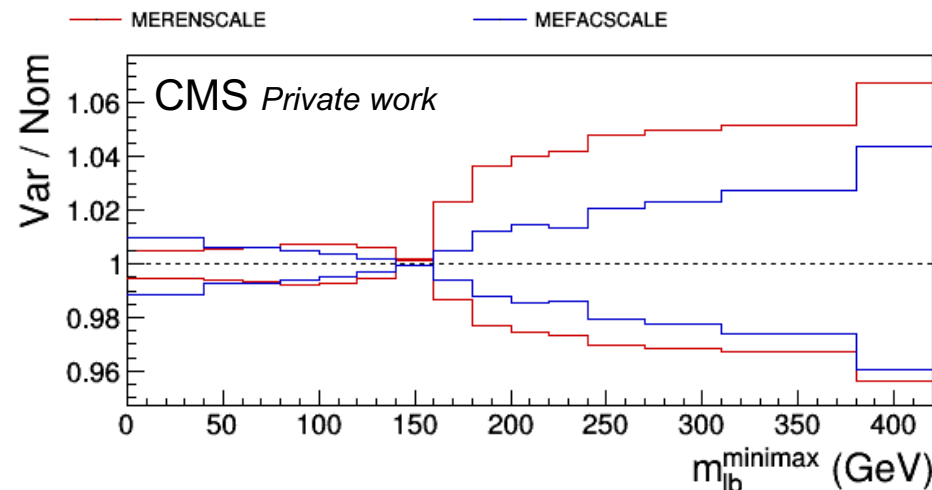
- h_{damp} reweighted in Powheg hvq at parton level (we are retraining with bb4l)
- B-fragmentation (r_b) reweighted in Pythia at particle level

Systematic uncertainties in detector level

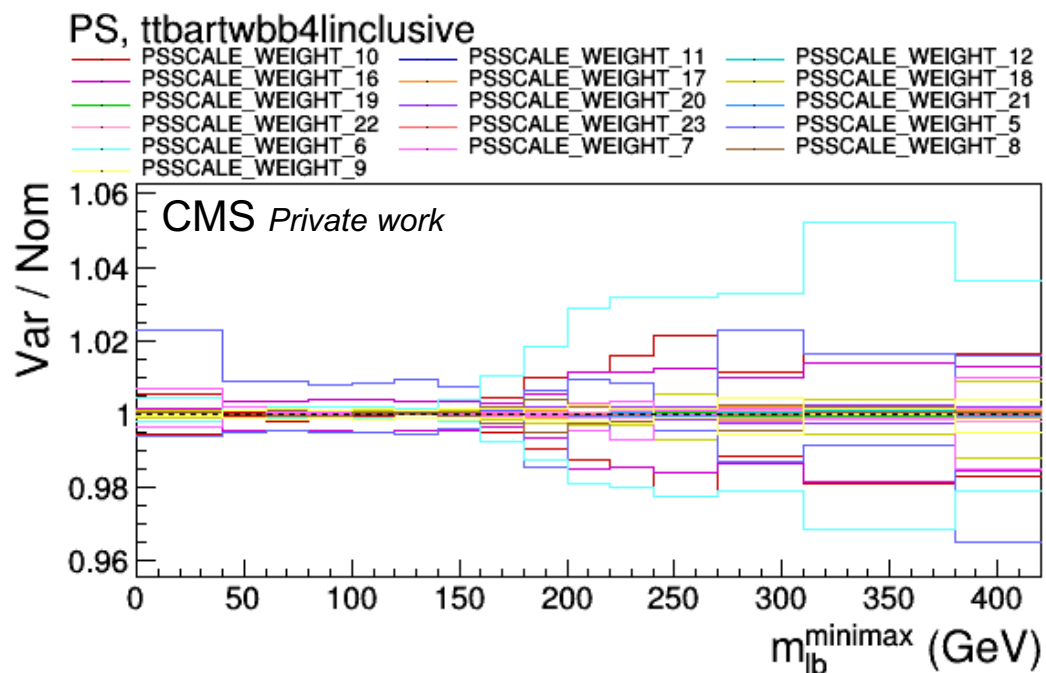
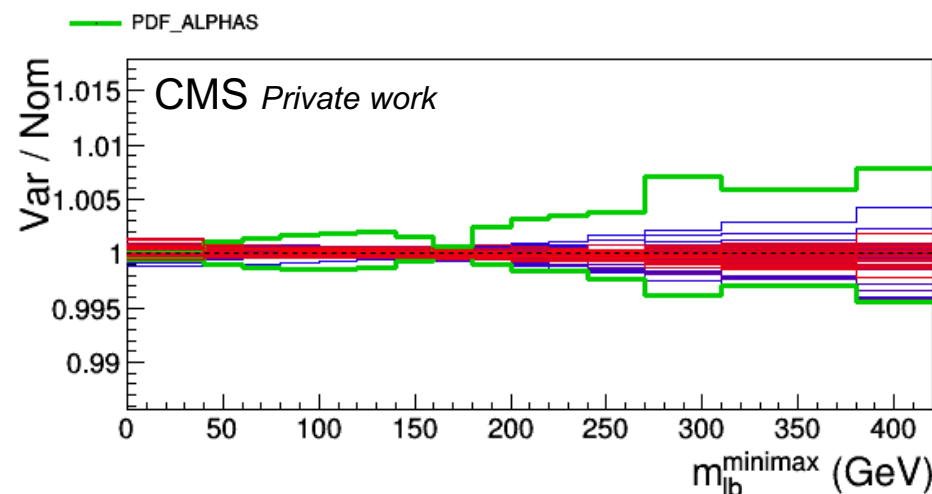
ME scales, PS scales, and PDF

- PS indices
 - 5 – 8: FSR muFrac, $g2gg / g2qq / q2qq / \mathbf{x2xg}$ ($x = t, b$)
 - 9-12: FSR cNS, $g2gg / g2qq / q2qq / x2xg$ ($x = t, b$)
 - 16-19: ISR muFrac, $g2gg / g2qq / q2qq / x2xg$ ($x = t, b$)
 - 20-23: ISR cNS, $g2gg / g2qq / q2qq / x2xg$ ($x = t, b$)

ME, ttbartwbb4inclusive



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Mass and width extraction + impacts and pulls

Run 2 combined fit with Asimov data

Perform Run 2 simultaneous binned maximum likelihood with to m_{lb}^{minimax}

- Mass and width are included in the fit as unconstrained parameters
- Overall normalization of bb4l sample is modified by $\hat{r}$

Modeling unc. from DCTR are top-ranked

- Mostly dominated by experimental sources

Modeling uncertainties for bb4l

List of uncertainties

Powheg hard process

- μ_R and μ_F scale variation
- PDF uncertainties
- h_{damp}
- α_S in bb4l for Powheg Sudakov

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- CP5 tune variation (underlying event)
- Color reconnection
- PS kernel splitting (μ_R and c_{NS})
- Top recoil scheme
- PY8 vs Herwig7

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Covered / preliminary works / missing

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h_{damp} variation

Samples are generated with CMS core software for Run 2

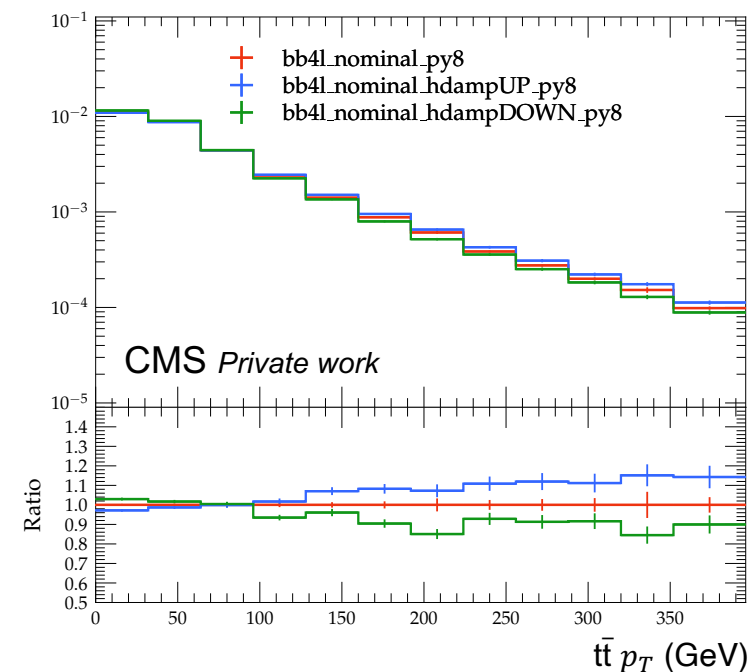
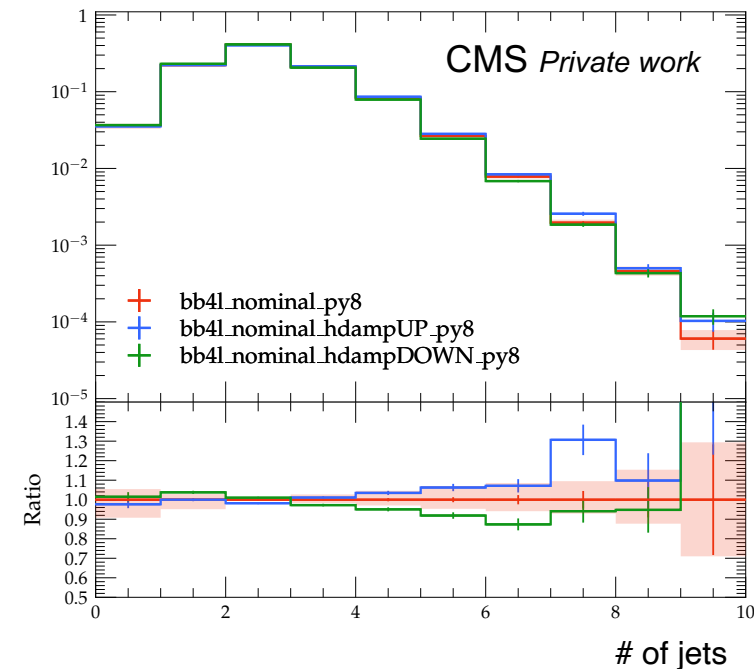
- Generated small **private samples** for MC study
- Pythia 8.240 and CP5 tune, showered with CMS Run 2 fragment
- bb4l user hook in [CMSSW](#)
- 2M for nominal / shower variations, otherwise 1M events tested
- Can be used for central sample production if needed

hdamp variations

- Nominal: $1.379 * m_{\text{top}}$ (CMS central gridpack)
- Up: $2.305 * m_{\text{top}}$ / Down: $0.874 * m_{\text{top}}$

[DCTR](#) method in progress

- ML weights are already available for hvq samples
- Requires very large sample to train for high $t\bar{t} p_T$

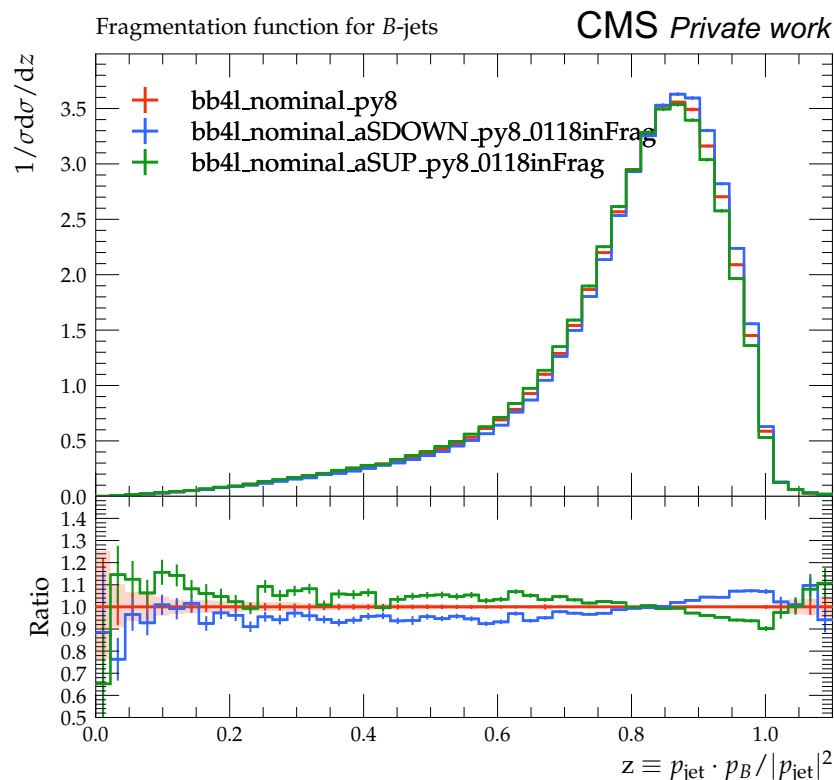


α_S in bb4l for Powheg Sudakov

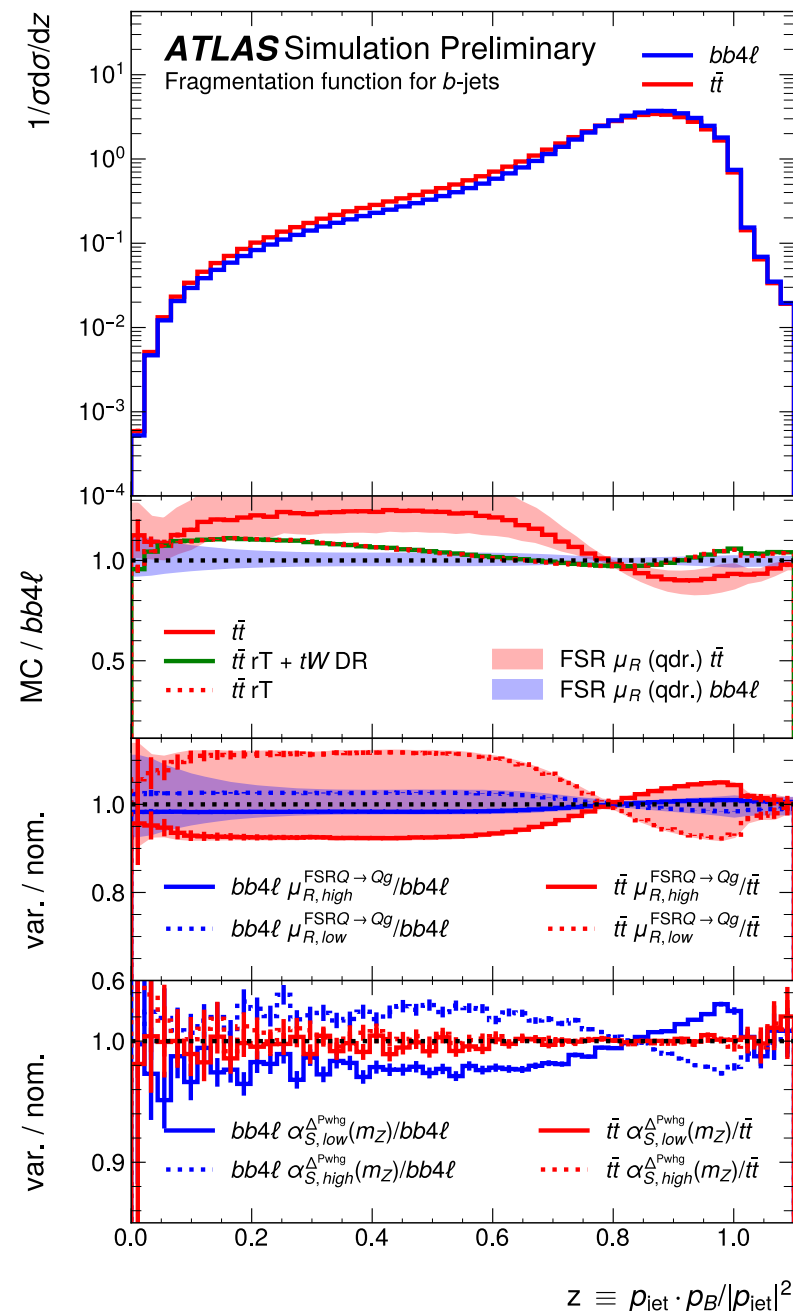
Migration from FSR

Gridpacks are generated with

- NNPDF31_nnlo_as_0112 / NNPDF31_nnlo_as_0124
 - Generated 1M events per each variation
- ATLAS used $\alpha_S = 0.115 / 0.121$



Similar shape effect



Choice of pT_{hard}

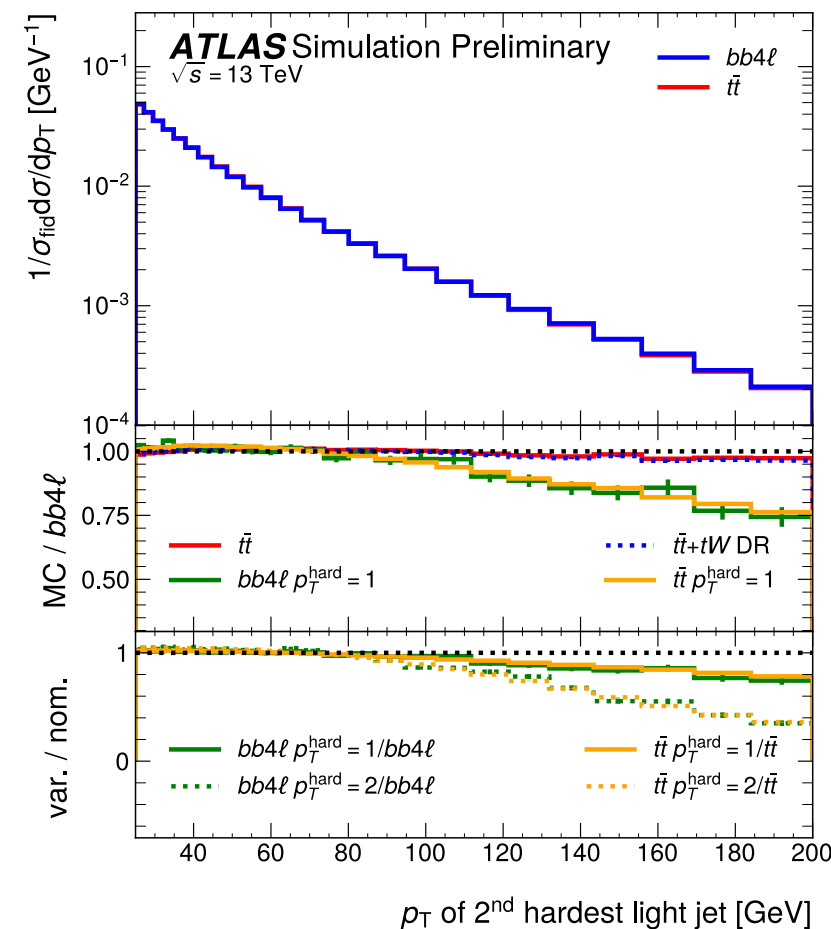
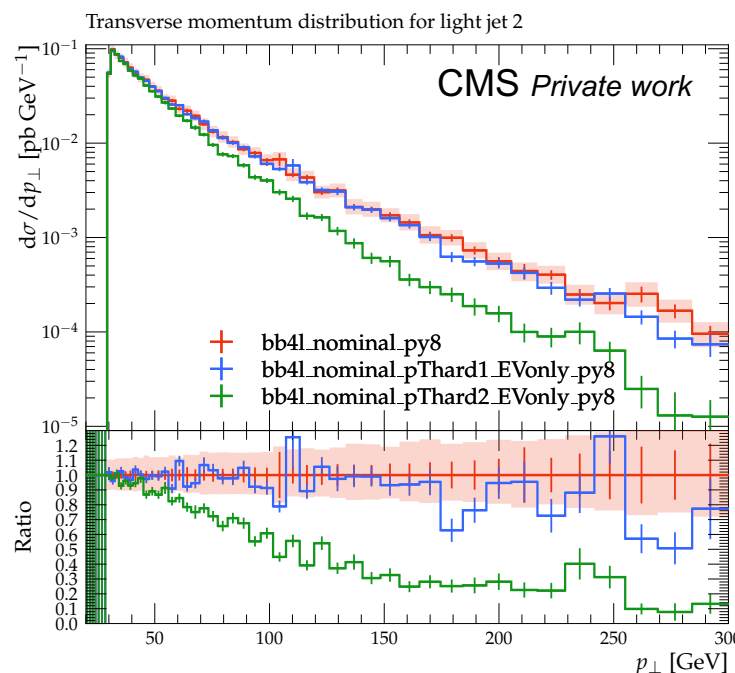
Descriptions taken from
[LHCtopWG meeting](#), K. Voß

Matching uncertainty definition in production

= varying matching scale k_T^{ISR}

- $p_T^{\text{hard}} = 0$ (default): p_T of Powheg emission w.r.t. emitter (SCALUP)
- $p_T^{\text{hard}} = 1$ (uncert. def.): min p_T of Powheg emission w.r.t. all incoming and outgoing partons
- $p_T^{\text{hard}} = 2$: min p_T of all final-state partons w.r.t. all incoming and outgoing partons

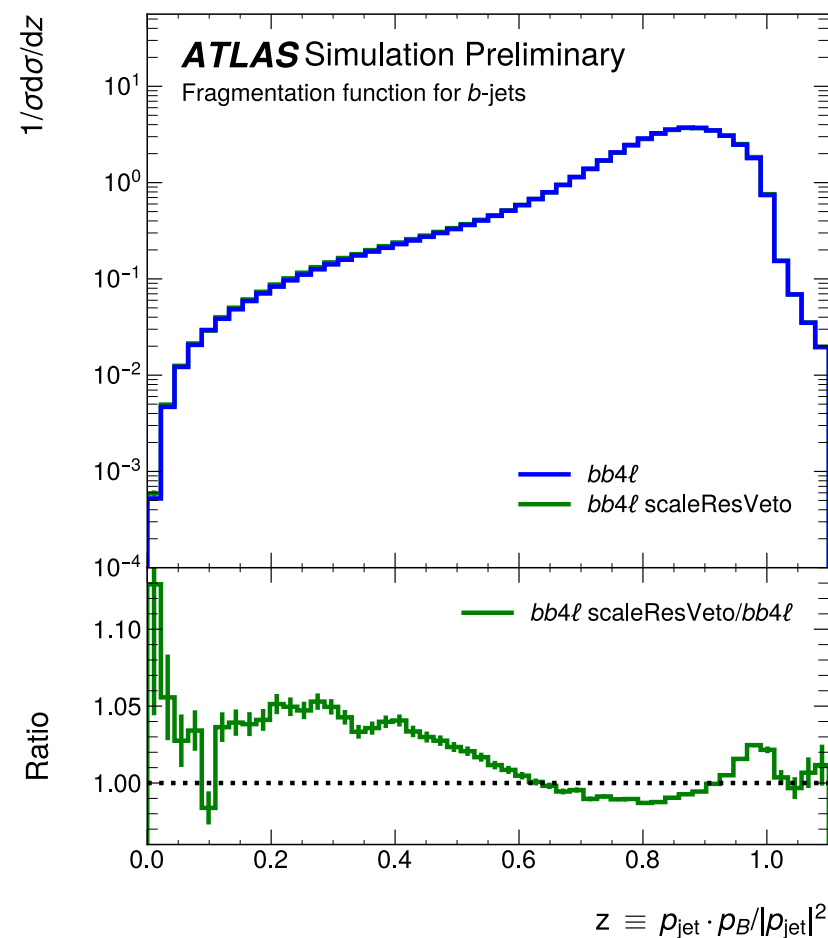
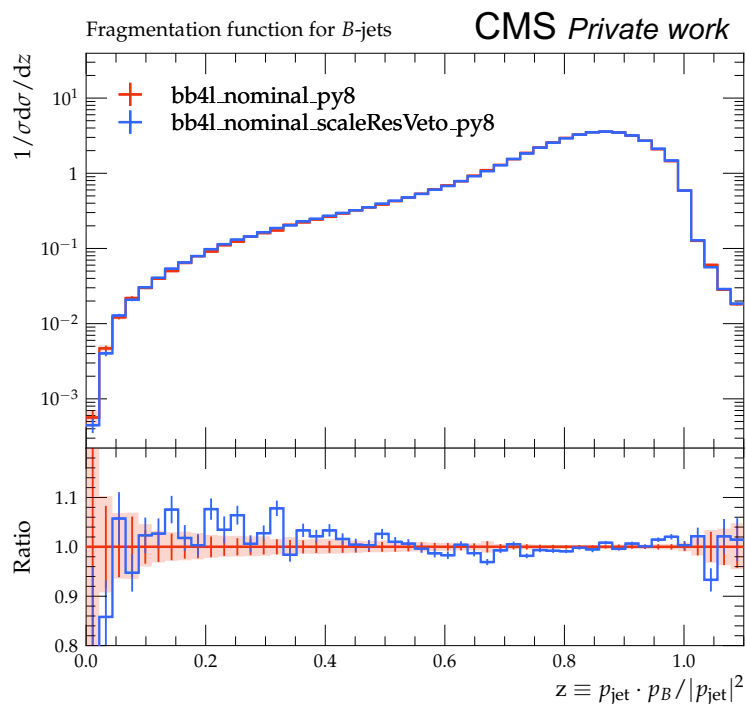
- Implemented in [CMSSW](#)



Scale resonance veto

Switch p_T definition of parton shower emissions

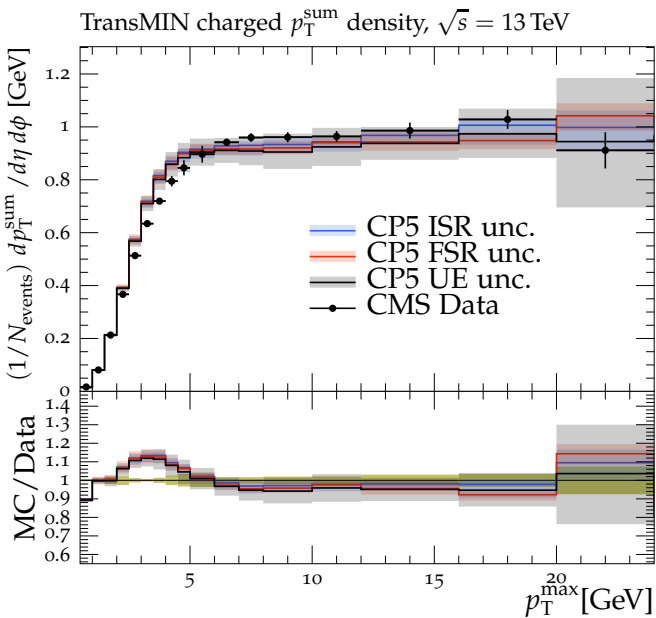
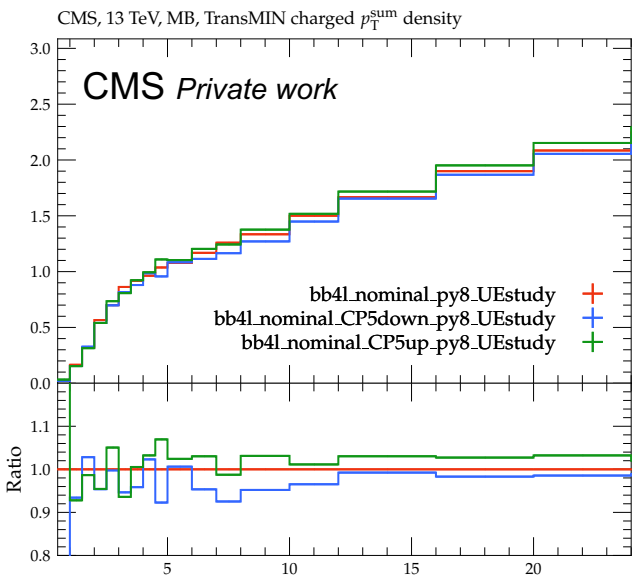
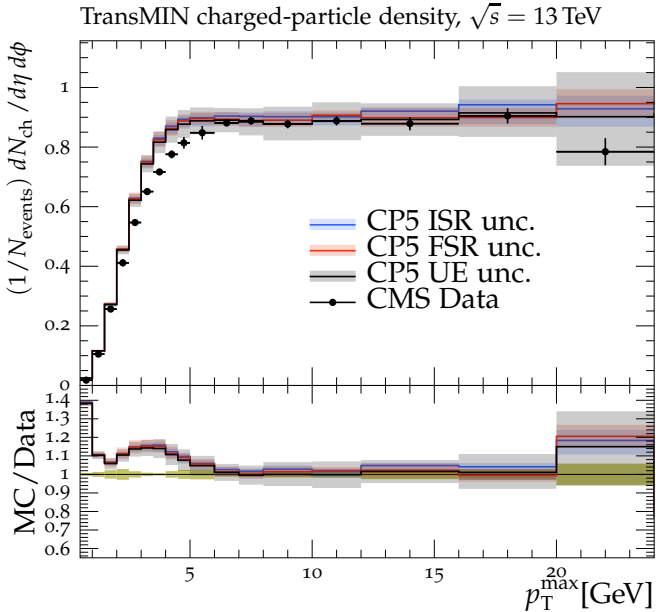
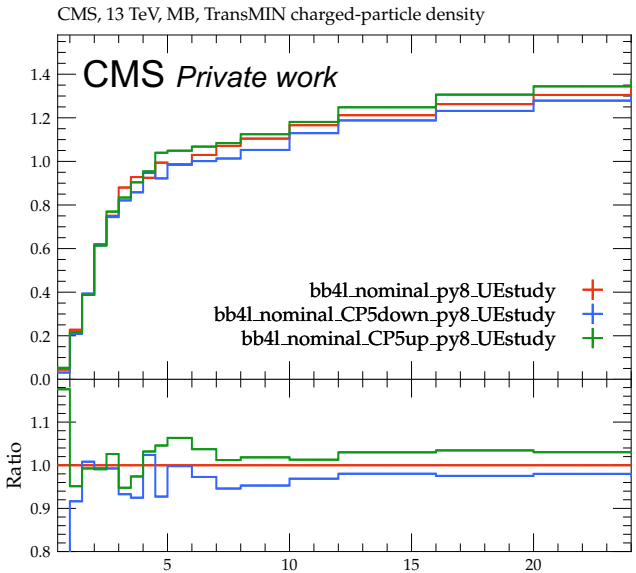
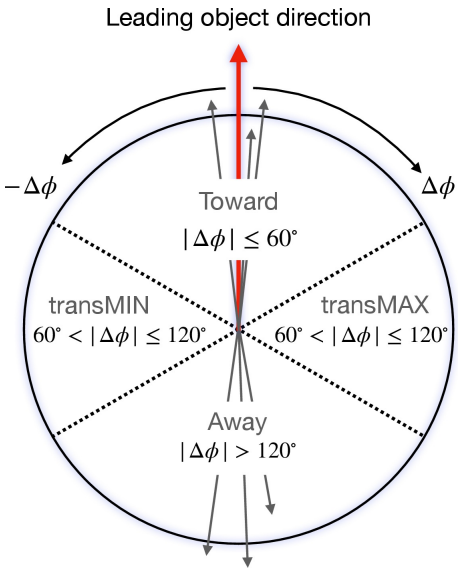
- POWHEG:bb4l:ScaleResonance:veto = 1
POWHEG:bb4l:FSREmission:veto = 0
in CMSSW implementation



Variation of CP5 tune

PYTHIA8 Parameter	CP5 Up	CP5 Down
MultipartonInteractions:pT0Ref [GeV]	1.41	1.46
MultipartonInteractions:ecmPow	0.03	0.03
MultipartonInteractions:coreFraction	0.43	0.73
MultipartonInteractions:coreRadius	0.67	0.69
ColourReconnection:range	4.88	4.69

- Caution: *Not an apple-to-apple comparison*
- hvq + tW samples need to be tested



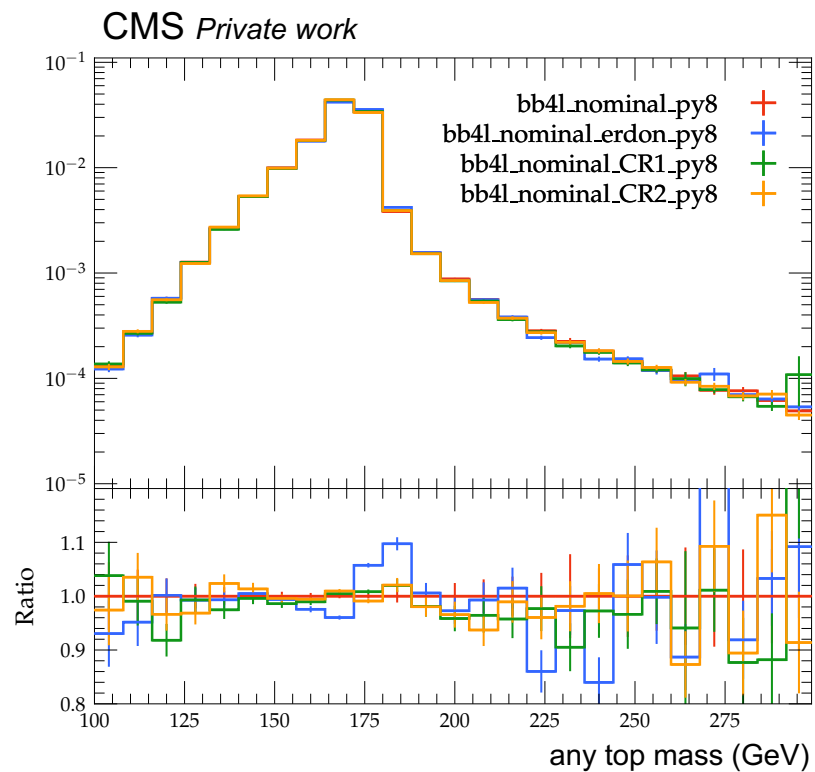
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Different CR tunes for CP5 setting

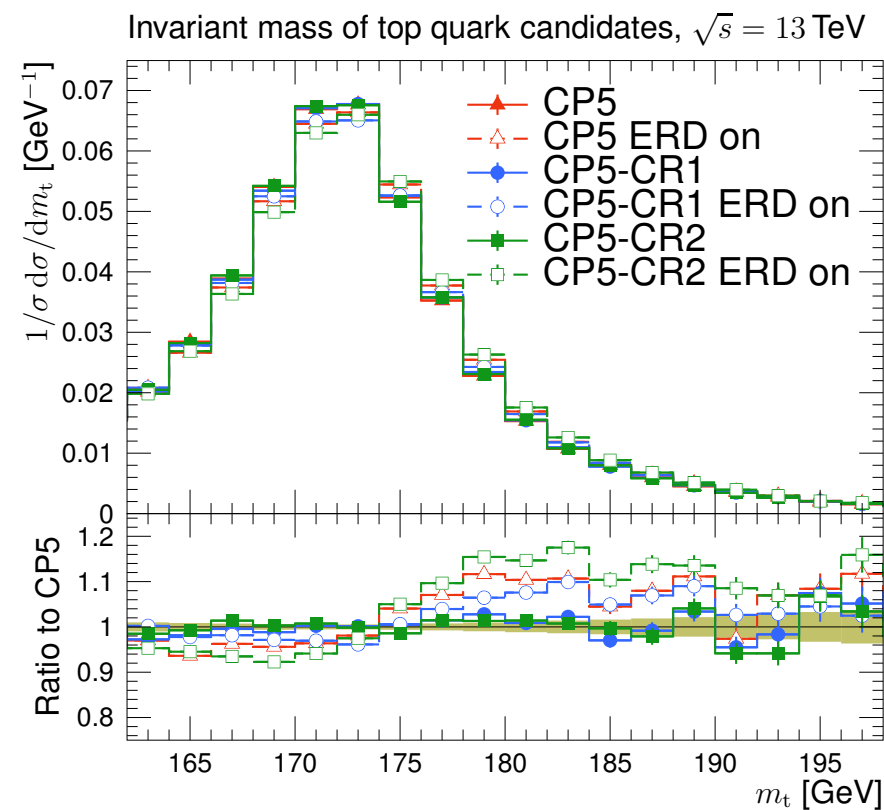
- No sizable effect observed

Early resonance decay

- Shifts top mass peak



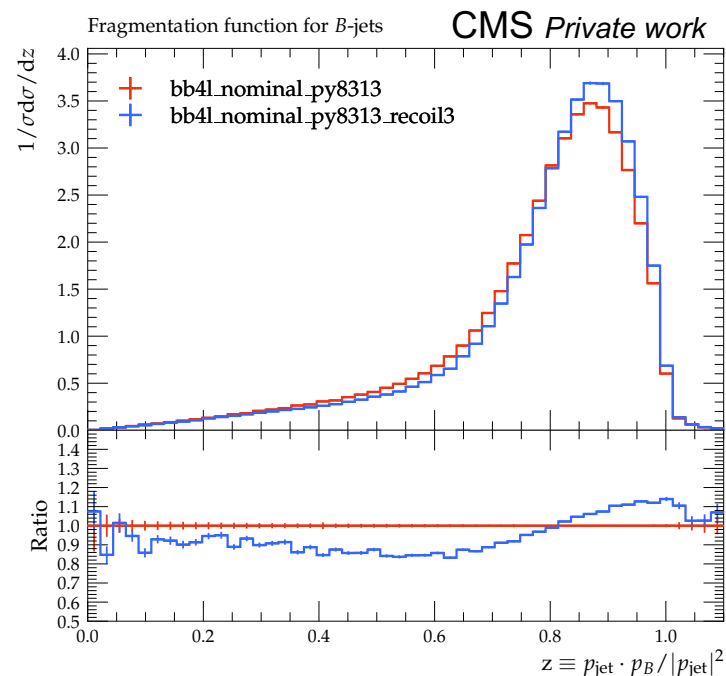
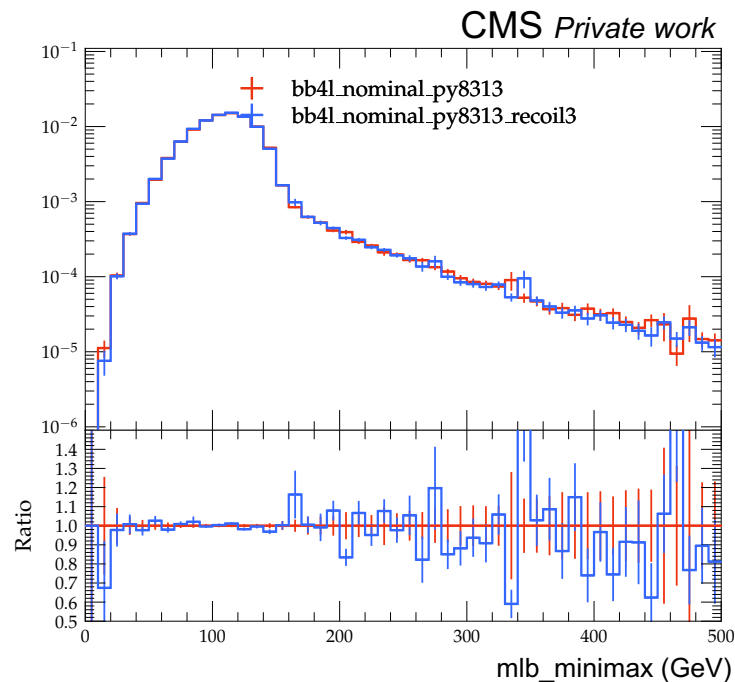
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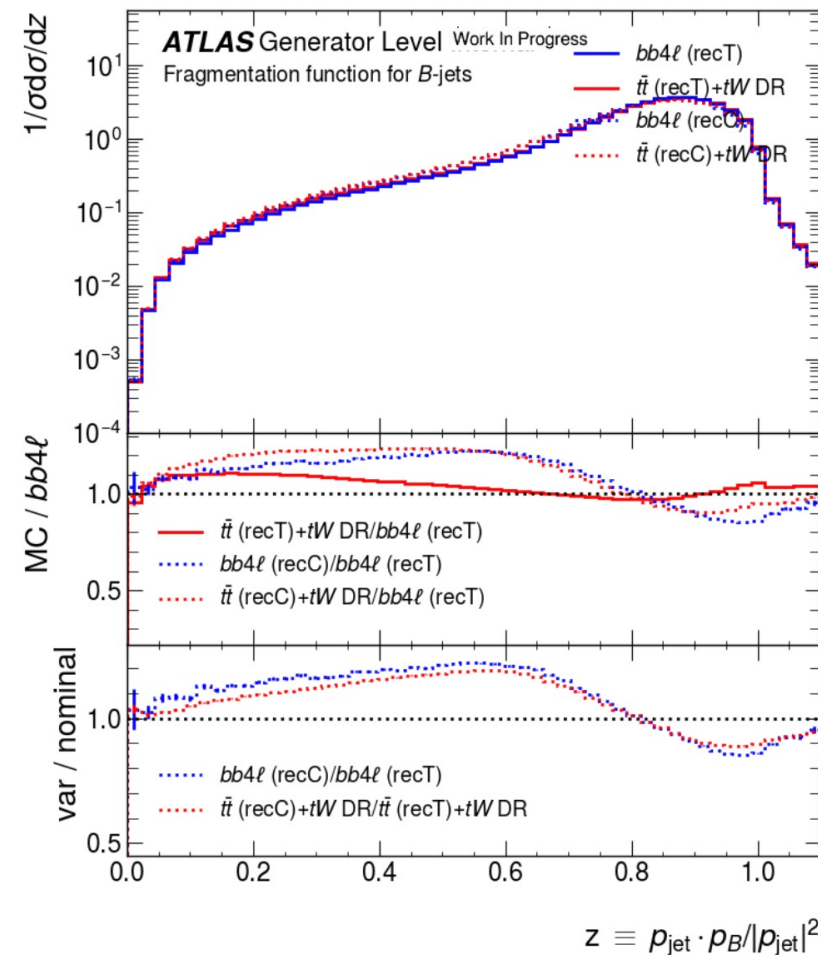
Top recoil scheme

Recoil to color (b) vs recoil to top ('recoil3')

- Showered with Pythia 8.313
- All other environments are remained the same
- Sizable effect in b fragmentation
- No large variation in [150, 250] GeV in mlb_minimax



CMS nominal produced with recoil to color
 -> *Ratio is inverted*



Outlook

Presented developing measurement on top mass & width with bb4l

- Started modeling uncertainty studies for CMS analyses

Remaining questions

- Which uncertainties are necessary for CMS / ATLAS analyses?
- Do the shower settings for hvq also work for bb4l? (e.g. PY8 tune)

Plan

- Harmonize bb4l modeling studies with ATLAS and submit CMS central samples
- Aim for a public result by next spring / summer

Thank you

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