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The possibility of using the kinematic properties of the Higgs boson to search for new physics is investigated using $t\bar{t}H$ events with multiple leptons in the final state. Because of the challenges inherent to reconstructing the Higgs in multilepton final states, a deep learning approach is used to reconstruct the momentum spectrum of the Higgs, which would be altered by the presence of new physics without affecting the overall rate of $t\bar{t}H$ production. Simulations representing 139 fb^{-1} at $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$ are used to provide estimates of the sensitivity to variations in the Higgs p_T spectrum.

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⁴⁹ **1 Changes and outstanding items**

⁵⁰ **1.1 Changelog**

⁵¹ This is version 1

52 2 Introduction

53 Since the discovery of a Higgs boson compatible with the Standard Model (SM) in 2012 [1], its
 54 interactions with other particles have been studied using proton-proton collision data produced by
 55 the Large Hadron Collider (LHC). The strongest of these interactions is the coupling of the Higgs
 56 to the top quark, making the Yukawa coupling between these two particles of particular interest
 57 for study.

58 These interactions can be measured directly by studying the production of a Higgs Boson in
 59 association with a pair of Top Quarks ($t\bar{t}H$). While this process has been observed by both the
 60 ATLAS and CMS collaborations, these analyses have focused on measuring the overall rate of $t\bar{t}H$
 61 production. There are several theories of physics Beyond the Standard Model (BSM), however,
 62 that would affect the kinematics of $t\bar{t}H$ production without altering its overall rate [2].

63 An Effective Field Theory approach can be used to model the low energy effects of new, high
 64 energy physics, by parameterizing BSM effects as dimension-six operators. The addition of these
 65 operators can be shown to modify the transverse momentum (p_T) spectrum of the Higgs Boson
 66 [3]. Therefore, reconstructing the momentum spectrum of the Higgs provides a means to observe
 67 new physics in the Higgs sector.

68 This note reports on the feasibility of measuring the impact of dimension-six operators in $t\bar{t}H$
 69 events with multiple leptons in the final state, using Monte Carlo (MC) simulations scaled to
 70 139 fb^{-1} at an energy $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$. Events are separated into channels based on the number
 71 of light leptons (electrons and muons) in the final state - either two same-sign leptons (2lSS),
 72 or three leptons (3l). A deep neural network is used to identify which objects originate from
 73 the decay of the Higgs, and reconstruct the momentum of the Higgs Boson in each event. This
 74 reconstructed momentum spectrum is used to place limits on BSM effects, and on the parameters
 75 of dimension-six operators.

76 This note is organized as follows: The dataset and Monte Carlo (MC) simulations used in the
 77 analysis is outlined in section 3. Section 4 describes the identification and reconstruction of the
 78 various physics objects. The models used to reconstruct the momentum spectrum of the Higgs
 79 is discussed in section 5. The selection and categorisation of events comprises section 6, and
 80 the theoretical and experimental systematic uncertainties considered are described in section 7.
 81 Finally, the results of the study are summarized in section 8.

82 3 Data and Monte Carlo Samples

83 For both data and Monte Carlo (MC) simulations, samples were prepared in the xAOD format,
 84 which was used to produce a xAOD based on the HIGG8D1 derivation framework. This framework
 85 was designed for the main $t\bar{t}H$ multi-lepton analysis. Because this analysis targets events with
 86 multiple light leptons, as well as tau hadrons, this framework skims the dataset of any events that
 87 do not meet at least one of the following requirements:

- 88 • at least two light leptons within a range $|\eta| < 2.6$, with leading lepton $p_T > 15$ GeV and
 89 subleading lepton $p_T > 5$ GeV
- 90 • at least one light lepton with $p_T > 15$ GeV within a range $|\eta| < 2.6$, and at least two hadronic
 91 taus with $p_T > 15$ GeV.

92 Samples were then generated from these HIGG8D1 derivations using AnalysisBase version
 93 21.2.127.

94 **3.1 Data Samples**

95 The study uses proton-proton collision data collected by the ATLAS detector from 2015 through
 96 2018, which represents an integrated luminosity of 139 fb^{-1} and an energy of $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$. All
 97 data used in this analysis was included in one the following Good Run Lists:

- 98 • data15_13TeV.periodAllYear_DetStatus-v79-repro20-02_DQDefects-00-02-02
 99 _PHYS_StandardGRL_All_Good_25ns.xml
- 100 • data16_13TeV.periodAllYear_DetStatus-v88-pro20-21_DQDefects-00-02-04
 101 _PHYS_StandardGRL_All_Good_25ns.xml
- 102 • data17_13TeV.periodAllYear_DetStatus-v97-pro21-13_Unknown_PHYS_StandardGRL
 103 _All_Good_25ns_Triggerno17e33prim.xml
- 104 • data18_13TeV.periodAllYear_DetStatus-v102-pro22-04_Unknown_PHYS_StandardGRL
 105 _All_Good_25ns_Triggerno17e33prim.xml

106 **3.2 Monte Carlo Samples**

107 Several Monte Carlo (MC) generators were used to simulate both signal and background processes.
 108 For all of these, the effects of the ATLAS detector are simulated in Geant4. The specific event
 109 generator used for each of these MC samples is listed in table 1.

Table 1: The configurations used for event generation of signal and background processes, including the event generator, matrix element (ME) order, parton shower algorithm, and parton distribution function (PDF).

Process	Event generator	ME order	Parton Shower	PDF
t̄H	MG5_AMC (MG5_AMC)	NLO (NLO)	PYTHIA 8 (HERWIG++)	NNPDF 3.0 NLO [Ball:2014uwa] (CT10 [ct10])
t̄W	MG5_AMC (SHERPA 2.1.1)	NLO (LO multileg)	PYTHIA 8 (SHERPA)	NNPDF 3.0 NLO (NNPDF 3.0 NLO)
t̄(Z/γ* → ll)	MG5_AMC	NLO	PYTHIA 8	NNPDF 3.0 NLO
VV	SHERPA 2.2.2	MEPS NLO	SHERPA	CT10
t̄t	POWHEG-BOX v2 [powheggtt]	NLO	PYTHIA 8	NNPDF 3.0 NLO
t̄γ	MG5_AMC	LO	PYTHIA 8	NNPDF 2.3 LO
tZ	MG5_AMC	LO	PYTHIA 6	CTEQ6L1
tHqb	MG5_AMC	LO	PYTHIA 8	CT10
tHW	MG5_AMC (SHERPA 2.1.1)	NLO (LO multileg)	HERWIG++ (SHERPA)	CT10 (NNPDF 3.0 NLO)
tWZ	MG5_AMC	NLO	PYTHIA 8	NNPDF 2.3 LO
t̄t, t̄t̄t̄	MG5_AMC	LO	PYTHIA 8	NNPDF 2.3 LO
t̄tW+W-	MG5_AMC	LO	PYTHIA 8	NNPDF 2.3 LO
s-, t-channel, Wt single top	Powheg-Box v1 [powhegstp]	NLO	PYTHIA 6	CT10
qqVV, VVV Z → l+l-	SHERPA 2.2.1	MEPS NLO	SHERPA	NNPDF 3.0 NLO

4 Object Reconstruction

All analysis channels considered in this note share a common object selection for leptons and jets, as well as a shared trigger selection.

4.1 Trigger Requirements

Events are required to be selected by dilepton triggers, as summarized in table 2.

Dilepton triggers (2015)	
$\mu\mu$ (asymm.)	HLT_mu18_mu8noL1
ee (symm.)	HLT_2e12_lhloose_L12EM10VH
$e\mu, \mu e$ (\sim symm.)	HLT_e17_lhloose_mu14
Dilepton triggers (2016)	
$\mu\mu$ (asymm.)	HLT_mu22_mu8noL1
ee (symm.)	HLT_2e17_lhvloose_nod0
$e\mu, \mu e$ (\sim symm.)	HLT_e17_lhloose_nod0_mu14
Dilepton triggers (2017)	
$\mu\mu$ (asymm.)	HLT_mu22_mu8noL1
ee (symm.)	HLT_2e24_lhvloose_nod0
$e\mu, \mu e$ (\sim symm.)	HLT_e17_lhloose_nod0_mu14
Dilepton triggers (2018)	
$\mu\mu$ (asymm.)	HLT_mu22_mu8noL1
ee (symm.)	HLT_2e24_lhvloose_nod0
$e\mu, \mu e$ (\sim symm.)	HLT_e17_lhloose_nod0_mu14

Table 2: List of lowest p_T -threshold, un-prescaled dilepton triggers used for 2015–2018 data taking.

115 4.2 Light Leptons

116 Electron candidates are reconstructed from energy clusters in the electromagnetic calorimeter
 117 that are associated with charged particle tracks reconstructed in the inner detector [4]. Electron
 118 candidates are required to have $p_T > 10$ GeV and $|\eta_{\text{cluster}}| < 2.47$. Candidates in the transition
 119 region between different electromagnetic calorimeter components, $1.37 < |\eta_{\text{cluster}}| < 1.52$, are
 120 rejected. A multivariate likelihood discriminant combining shower shape and track information
 121 is used to distinguish prompt electrons from nonprompt leptons, such as those originating from
 122 hadronic showers.

123 To further reduce the non-prompt contribution, the track of each electron is required to originate
 124 from the primary vertex; requirements are imposed on the transverse impact parameter significance
 125 ($|d_0|/\sigma_{d_0}$) and the longitudinal impact parameter ($|\Delta z_0 \sin \theta_\ell|$).

126 Muon candidates are reconstructed by combining inner detector tracks with track segments or full
 127 tracks in the muon spectrometer [5]. Muon candidates are required to have $p_T > 10$ GeV and
 128 $|\eta| < 2.5$. All leptons are required to be isolated, and pass a non-prompt BDT selection described
 129 in detail in [6].

130 **4.3 Jets**

131 Jets are reconstructed from calibrated topological clusters built from energy deposits in the
132 calorimeters [7], using the anti- k_t algorithm with a radius parameter $R = 0.4$. Jets with energy
133 contributions likely arising from noise or detector effects are removed from consideration [8],
134 and only jets satisfying $p_T > 25$ GeV and $|\eta| < 2.5$ are used in this analysis. For jets with
135 $p_T < 60$ GeV and $|\eta| < 2.4$, a jet-track association algorithm is used to confirm that the jet
136 originates from the selected primary vertex, in order to reject jets arising from pileup collisions
137 [9].

138 **4.4 Missing Transverse Energy**

139 Because all $t\bar{t}H - ML$ channels considered include multiple neutrinos, missing transverse energy
140 (E_T^{miss}) is present in each event. The missing transverse momentum vector is defined as the
141 inverse of the sum of the transverse momenta of all reconstructed physics objects as well as
142 remaining unclustered energy, the latter of which is estimated from low- p_T tracks associated with
143 the primary vertex but not assigned to a hard object [10].

144 **5 Higgs Momentum Reconstruction**

145 Reconstructing the momentum of the Higgs boson is a particular challenge for channels with
146 leptons in the final state: Because all channels include at least two neutrinos in the final state, the
147 Higgs can never be fully reconstructed. However, the momentum spectrum can be well predicted
148 by a neural network when provided with the four-vectors of the Higgs Boson decay products, as
149 shown in section 5.1. With this in mind, several layers of MVAs are used to reconstruction the
150 Higgs momentum.

151 The first layer is a model designed to select which jets are most likely to be the b-jets that came
152 from the top decay, detailed in section 5.2. As described in section 5.3, the kinematics of these
153 jets are fed into the second layer, which is designed to identify the decay products of the Higgs
154 Boson itself. The kinematics of these particles are then fed into yet another neural-network, which
155 predicts the momentum of the Higgs (5.4). MVAs are also used in the analysis to determine the
156 decay of the Higgs boson in the 31 channel (5.5).

157 Models are trained on Monte Carlo simulations of $t\bar{t}H$ events generated using MG5_AMC.
158 Specifically, events DSIDs 346343-5, 345873-5, and 345672-4 are used for training.

159 For all of these models, the Keras neural network framework, with Tensorflow as the backend, is
160 used, and the number of hidden layers and nodes are determined using grid search optimization.
161 Each neural network uses the LeakyReLU activation function, a learning rate of 0.01, and the
162 Adam optimization algorithm, as alternatives are found to either decrease or have no impact on
163 performance. Batch normalization is applied after each layer. For the classification algorithms

164 (b-jet matching, Higgs reconstruction, and 3l decay identification) binary-cross entropy is used as
165 the loss function, while the p_T reconstruction algorithm uses MSE.

166 The specific inputs features used for each model are arrived at through a process of trial and error
167 - features considered potentially useful are tried, and those that are found to increase performance
168 are included. While each model includes a relatively large number of features, some using
169 upwards of 30, this inclusive approach is found to maximize the performance of each model while
170 decreasing the variance compared to a reduced number of inputs. Each input feature is validated
171 by comparing MC simulations to 80 fb^{-1} of data, as shown in the sections below.

172 5.1 Decay Candidate Reconstruction

173 Machine Learning algorithms are trained to identify the decay products of the Higgs Boson using
174 MC simulations of $t\bar{t}H$ events. These include light leptons and jets. Reconstructed physics
175 objects are matched to truth level particles, in order to identify the parents of these reconstructed
176 objects. The kinematics of the decay product candidates as well as event level variables are used
177 as inputs.

178 Leptons considered as possible Higgs and top decay candidates are required to pass the selection
179 described in section 4.2. For jets, however, it is found that a large fraction that originate from either
180 the top decay or the Higgs decay fall outside the selection described in section 4.3. Specifically,
181 jets from the Higgs decay tend to be soft, with 32% having $p_T < 25 \text{ GeV}$. Therefore jets with
182 $p_T < 15 \text{ GeV}$ are considered as possible candidates in the models described below. By contrast,
183 less than 5% of the jets originating from the Higgs fall below this p_T . The jets are found to be
184 well modeled even down to this low p_T threshold, as shown in section 6.1. The impact of using
185 different p_T selection for the jet candidates is considered in detail in section A.5. As they are
186 expected to originate from the primary vertex, jets are also required to pass a JVT cut.

187 5.2 b-jet Identification

188 Including the kinematics of the b-jets that originate from the top decay is found to improve the
189 identification of the Higgs decay products, and improve the accuracy with which the Higgs
190 momentum can be reconstructed. Because these b-jets are reconstructed by the detector with high
191 efficiency (just over 90% of the time), and can be identified relatively consistently, the first step in
192 reconstructing the Higgs is selecting the b-jets from the top decay.

193 Exactly two b-jets are expected in the final state of $t\bar{t}H$ – ML events. However, in both the 3l and
194 2lSS channels, only one or more b-tagged jets are required (where the 70% DL1r b-tag working
195 point is used). Therefore, for events which have exactly one, or more than two, b-tagged jets,
196 deciding which combination of jets correspond to the top decay is non-trivial. Further, events
197 with 1 b-tagged jet represent just over half of all $t\bar{t}H$ – ML events. Of those, both b-jets are
198 reconstructed by the detector 75% of the time. Therefore, rather than adjusting the selection to

199 require exactly 2 b-tagged jets, and losing more than half of the signal events, a neural network is
 200 used to predict which pair of jets is most likely to correspond to truth b-jets.

201 Once the network is trained, all possible pairings of jets are fed into the model, and the pair of jets
 202 with the highest output score are taken to be b-jets in successive steps of the analysis.

203 **5.2.1 2ISS Channel**

204 For the 2ISS channel, the input features shown in table 3 are used for training. Here j_0 and j_1 are
 205 the two jet candidates, while l_0 and l_1 are the two leptons in the event, both ordered by p_T . jet DL1r is an integer corresponding to the calibrated b-tagging working points reached by each jet,
 206 where 5 represents the tightest working point and 1 represents the loosest. The variables $n\text{Jets}$
 207 DL1r 60\% and $n\text{Jets DL1r 85\%}$ represent the number of jets in the event passing the 60% and
 208 85% b-tag working points, respectively.

jet p_T 0	jet p_T 1	Lepton p_T 0
Lepton p_T 1	jet η 0	jet η 1
$\Delta R(j_0)(j_1)$	$M(j_0 j_1)$	$\Delta R(l_0)(j_0)$
$\Delta R(l_0)(j_1)$	$\Delta R(l_1)(j_0)$	$\Delta R(l_1)(j_1)$
$M(l_0 j_0)$	$M(l_0 j_1)$	$M(l_1 j_0)$
$M(l_1 j_1)$	jet DL1r 0	jet DL1r 1
$n\text{Jets OR DL1r 85}$	$n\text{Jets OR DL1r 60}$	$\Delta R(j_0 l_0)(j_1 l_1)$
$\Delta R(j_0 l_1)(j_1 l_0)$	$p_T(j_0 j_1 l_0 l_1 E_T^{\text{miss}})$	$M(j_0 j_1 l_0 l_1 E_T^{\text{miss}})$
$\Delta\phi(j_0)(E_T^{\text{miss}})$	$\Delta\phi(j_1)(E_T^{\text{miss}})$	HT jets
$n\text{Jets}$	E_T^{miss}	

Table 3: Input features used in the b-jet identification algorithm for the 2ISS channel

210 As there are far more incorrect combinations than correct ones, by a factor of more than 20:1, the
 211 training set is resampled to reduce the fraction of incorrect combinations. A random sample of 5
 212 million incorrect entries are used for training, along with close 1 million correct entries. 10% of
 213 the dataset is set aside for testing, leaving around 5 million datapoints for training.

214 The difference between the distributions for a few of these features for the correct(i.e. both jets
 215 are truth b-jets), and incorrectcombinations are shown in figure 5.1. The correct and incorrect
 216 contributions are scaled to the same integral, so as to better demonstrate the differences in the
 217 distributions.

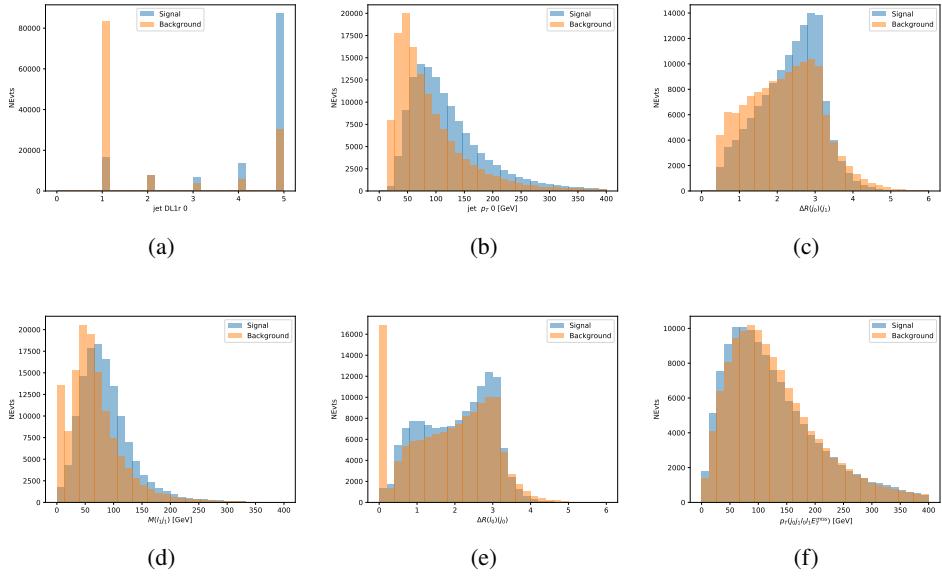


Figure 5.1: Input features for top2ISS training. The signal in blue represents events where both jet candidates are truth b-jets from top decays, and the orange is all other combinations. Each are scaled to the same number of events. (a) shows the DL1r working point of leading jet, (b) shows the p_T of the leading jet, (c) shows the ΔR of the two jets, (d) the invariant mass of lepton 1 and jet 1, (e) the ΔR of lepton 0 and jet 0, and (f) the p_T of both jets, both leptons, and the E_T^{miss} .

218 The modeling of these inputs is validated against data, with figure 5.2 showing good general
 219 agreement between data and MC. Plots for the complete list of features can found in section A.

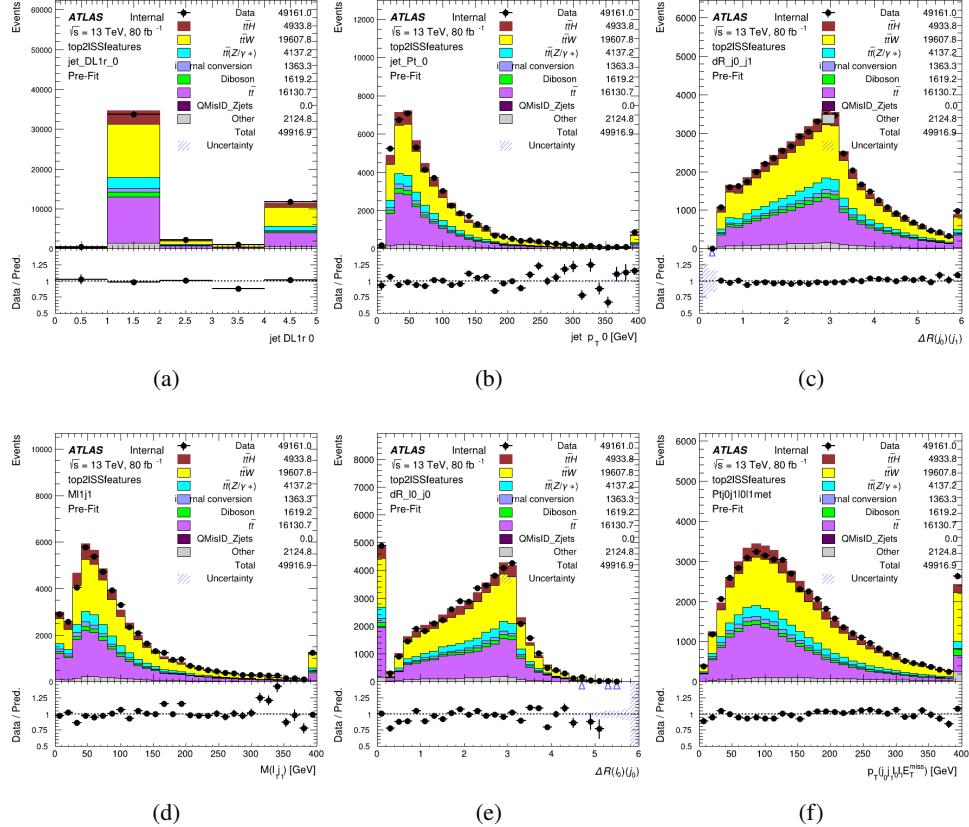


Figure 5.2: Data/MC comparisons of input features for top2lSS training for 80 fb^{-1} of data. (a) shows the DL1r working point of leading jet, (b) shows the p_T of the leading jet, (c) shows the ΔR of the two jets, (d) the invariant mass of lepton 1 and jet 1, (e) the ΔR of lepton 0 and jet 0, and (f) the p_T of both jets, both leptons, and the E_T^{miss} .

220 Based on the results of grid search evaluation, the optimal architecture is found to include 5
 221 hidden layers with 40 nodes each. No regularizer or dropout is added to the network, as overfitting
 222 is found to not be an issue. The output score distribution as well as the ROC curve for the trained
 223 model are shown in figure 5.2.1. The model is found to identify the correct pairing of jets for
 224 73% of 2lSS signal events on test data.

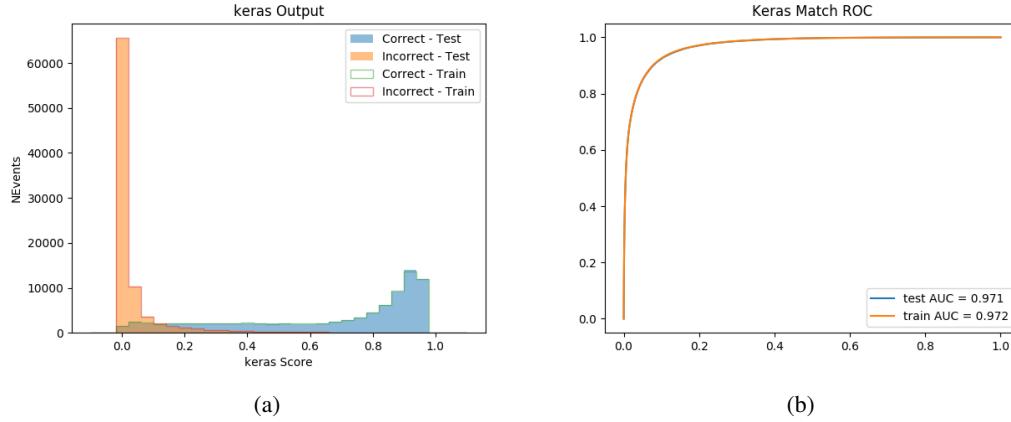


Figure 5.3: Results of the b-jet identification algorithm for the 2lSS channel, showing (a) the output score of the NN for correct and incorrect combinations of jets. (b) the ROC curve of the output, showing background rejection as a function of signal efficiency

225 For point of comparison, a naïve approach to identify b-jets is used as well: The two jets which
 226 pass the highest DL1r b-tag working point are assumed to be the b-jets from the top decay. In the
 227 case that multiple jets meet the same b-tag working point, the jet with higher p_T is used. This
 228 method identifies the correct jet pair 65% of the time.

229 The accuracy of the model for different values of n-bjets, compared to this naive approach, is
 230 shown in table 4.

b-jet Selection	Neural Network	Naive
1 b-jet	58.6%	42.1%
2 b-jets	88.4%	87.1%
≥ 3 b-jets	61.7%	53.3%
Overall	73.9%	67.2%

Table 4: Accuracy of the NN in identifying b-jets from tops in 2lSS events for, compared to the accuracy of taking the two highest b-tagged jets.

231 5.2.2 3l Channel

232 The input features used in the 3l channel are listed in table 5, with the same naming convention as
 233 the 2lSS channel.

jet p_T 0	jet p_T 1	jet η 0
jet η 1	Lepton p_T 0	Lepton p_T 1
Lepton p_T 2	$\Delta R(j_0)(j_1)$	$M(j_0 j_1)$
$\Delta R(l_0)(j_0)$	$\Delta R(l_1)(j_0)$	$\Delta R(l_2)(j_0)$
$\Delta R(l_0)(j_1)$	$\Delta R(l_1)(j_1)$	$\Delta R(l_2)(j_1)$
$M(l_0 j_0)$	$M(l_1 j_0)$	$M(l_2 j_0)$
$M(l_0 j_1)$	$M(l_1 j_1)$	$M(l_2 j_1)$
$\Delta R(j_0 l_0)(j_1 l_1)$	$\Delta R(j_0 l_0)(j_1 l_2)$	$\Delta R(j_0 l_1)(j_1 l_0)$
$\Delta R(j_0 l_2)(j_1 l_0)$	jet DL1r 0	jet DL1r 1
$p_T(j_0 j_1 l_0 l_1 l_2 E_T^{\text{miss}})$	$M(t j_0 j_1 l_0 l_1 l_2 E_T^{\text{miss}})$	$\Delta\phi(j_0)(E_T^{\text{miss}})$
$\Delta\phi(j_1)(E_T^{\text{miss}})$	HT Lepton	HT jets
nJets	E_T^{miss}	nJets OR DL1r 85
nJets OR DL1r 60		

Table 5: Input features for the b-jet identification algorithm in the 3l channel.

234 A few of these features are shown in figure 5.4, comparing the distributions for correct and incorrect
 235 combinations of jets.

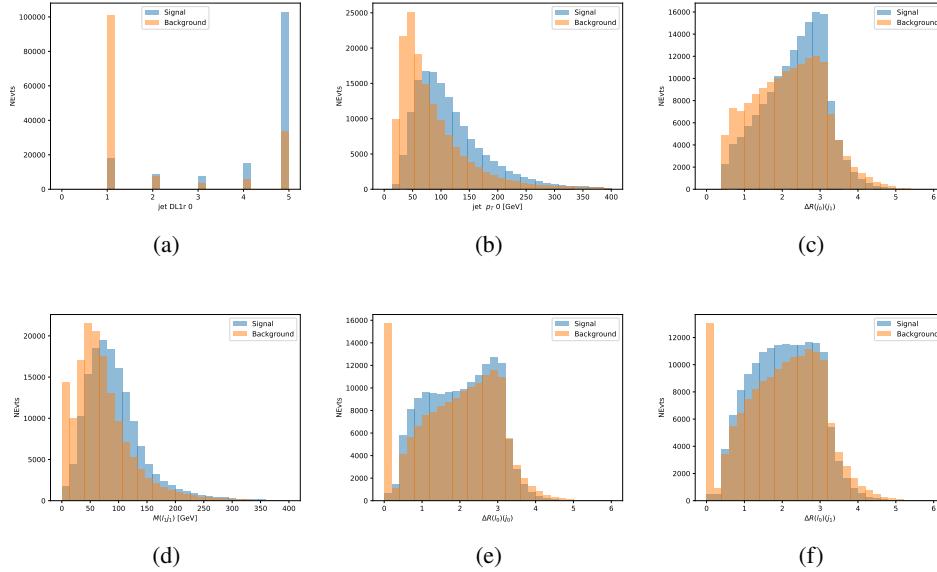


Figure 5.4: Input features for top3l training. The signal in blue represents events where both jet candidates are truth b-jets from top decays, and the orange is all other combinations. Scaled to the same number of events. (a) show the DL1r WP of jet 0, (b) the p_T of jet 0, (c) ΔR between jet 0 and jet 1, (d) the invariant mass of lepton 1 and jet 1, (e) ΔR between lepton 0 and jet 0, and (f) ΔR between lepton 0 and jet 1

236 The modeling of these inputs is validated against data, with figure 5.5 showing good general
 237 agreement between data and MC. Plots for the complete list of features can found in section A.

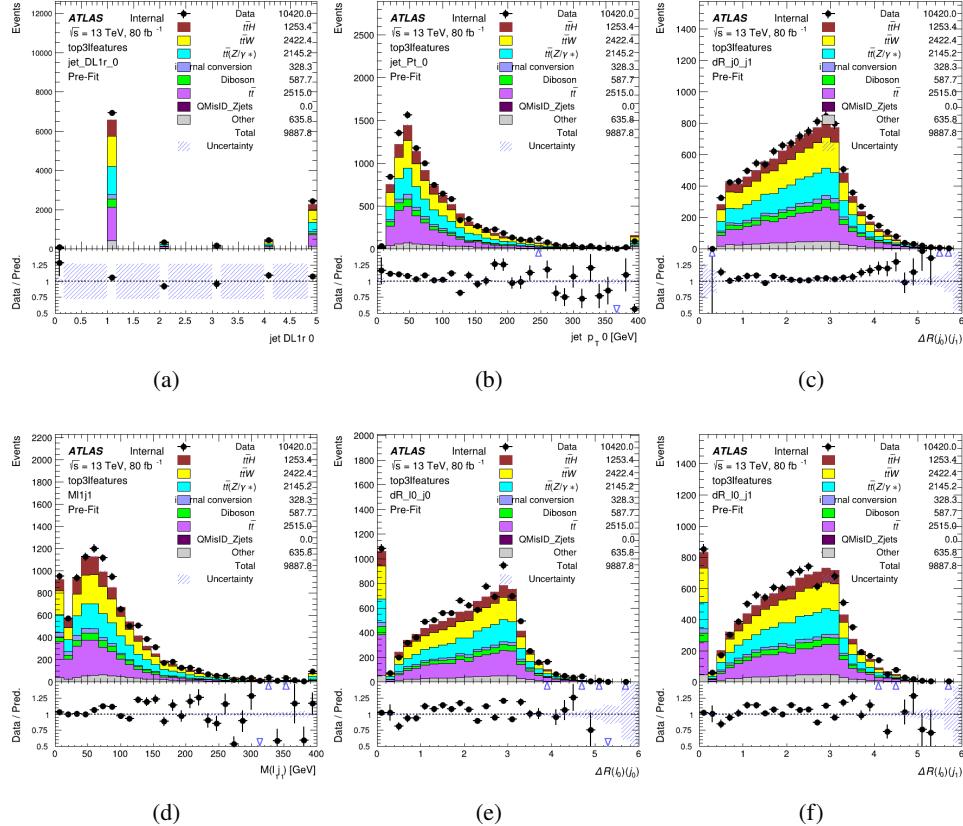


Figure 5.5: Data/MC comparisons of input features for top31 training for 80 fb^{-1} of data. (a) show the DL1r WP of jet 0, (b) the p_T of jet 0, (c) ΔR between jet 0 and jet 1, (d) the invariant mass of lepton 1 and jet 1, (e) ΔR between lepton 0 and jet 0, and (f) ΔR between lepton 0 and jet 1

238 Again, the dataset is downsized to reduce the ratio of correct and incorrect combination from 20:1,
 239 to 5:1. Around 7 million events are used for training, with 10% set aside for testing. Based on the
 240 results of grid search evaluation, the optimal architecture is found to include 5 hidden layers with
 241 60 nodes each. The output score distribution as well as the ROC curve for the trained model are
 242 shown in figure 5.2.2.

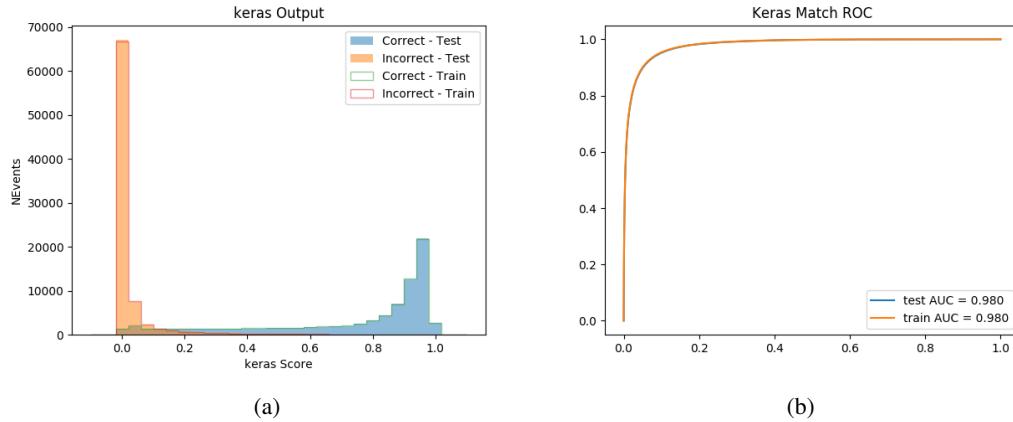


Figure 5.6: Results of the b-jet identification algorithm for the 3l channel, showing (a) the output score of the NN for correct and incorrect combinations of jets. (b) the ROC curve of the output, showing background rejection as a function of signal efficiency

243 This procedure is found to identify the correct pairing of jets for nearly 80% of 3l signal events.
 244 The accuracy of the model is summarized in table 6.

Table 6: Accuracy of the NN in identifying b-jets from tops, compared to the naive method of taking the highest b-tagged jets.

	NN	Naive
1 b-jet	69.0%	48.9%
2 b-jets	89.6%	88.3%
≥ 3 b-jets	55.7%	52.3%
Overall	79.8%	70.2%

245 5.3 Higgs Reconstruction

246 Techniques similar to the b-jet identification algorithms are employed to select the decay products
 247 of the Higgs: kinematics of all possible combinations of reconstructed objects are fed into a neural
 248 network to determine which of those is most mostly to be the decay products of the Higgs.

249 Again separate models are used for the 2lSS and 3l channels, while the 3l channel has now been
 250 split into two: $t\bar{t}H$ events with three leptons in the final state include both instances where the
 251 Higgs decays into a lepton (and a neutrino) and a pair of jets, and instances where the Higgs
 252 decays to two leptons.

253 3l events are therefore categorized as either semi-leptonic (3lS) or fully-leptonic (3lF). In the
 254 semi-leptonic case the reconstructed decay products consist of two jets and a single leptons. For

255 the fully-leptonic case, the decay products include 2 of the three leptons associated with the
256 event. For training the models, events are separated into these two categories using truth level
257 information. A separate MVA, described in section 5.5, is used to make this distinction at reco
258 level and determine which model to use.

259 For all channels, the models described in section 5.2 are used to identify b-jet candidates, whose
260 kinematics are used to identify the Higgs decay products. These jets are not considered as possible
261 candidates for the Higgs decay, justified by the fact that these models are found to misidentify jets
262 from the Higgs decay as jets from the top decay less than 1% of the time.

263 **5.3.1 2lSS Channel**

264 For the 2lSS channel, the Higgs decay products include one light lepton and two jets. The neural
265 network is trained on the kinematics of different combinations of leptons and jets, as well as the
266 b-jets identified in section 5.2, with the specific input features listed in table 7.

Lepton p_T H	Lepton p_T T	jet p_T 0
jet p_T 1	top p_T 0	top p_T 1
top η 0	top η 1	jet η 0
jet η 1	jet Phi 0	jet Phi 1
Lepton η H	Lepton η T	$\Delta R(j_0)(j_1)$
$\Delta R(l_H)(j_0)$	$\Delta R(l_H)(j_1)$	$M(j_0 j_1)$
$M(l_H j_0)$	$M(l_H j_1)$	$\Delta R(l_H)(b_0)$
$\Delta R(l_H)(b_1)$	$\Delta R(l_T)(b_0)$	$\Delta R(l_T)(b_1)$
$\Delta R(j_0 j_1)(l_H)$	$\Delta R(j_0 j_1)(l_T)$	$\Delta R(j_0 j_1)(b_0)$
$\Delta R(j_0 j_1)(b_1)$	$\Delta R(j_0)(b_0)$	$\Delta R(j_0)(b_1)$
$\Delta R(j_1)(b_0)$	$\Delta R(j_1)(b_1)$	$M(j_0 j_1 l_H)$
$p_T(j_0 j_1 l_H l_T b_0 b_1 E_T^{\text{miss}})$	topScore	E_T^{miss}
nJets	HT jets	

Table 7: Input features used to identify the Higgs decay products in 2lSS events

267 Here j_0 and j_1 , and l_H are the jet and lepton decay candidates, respectively. The other lepton in
 268 the event is labeled l_T , as it is assumed to have come from the decay of one of the top quarks. b_0
 269 and b_1 are the two b-jets identified by the b-jet identification algorithm. The b-jet Reco Score is
 270 the output of the b-jet reconstruction algorithm.

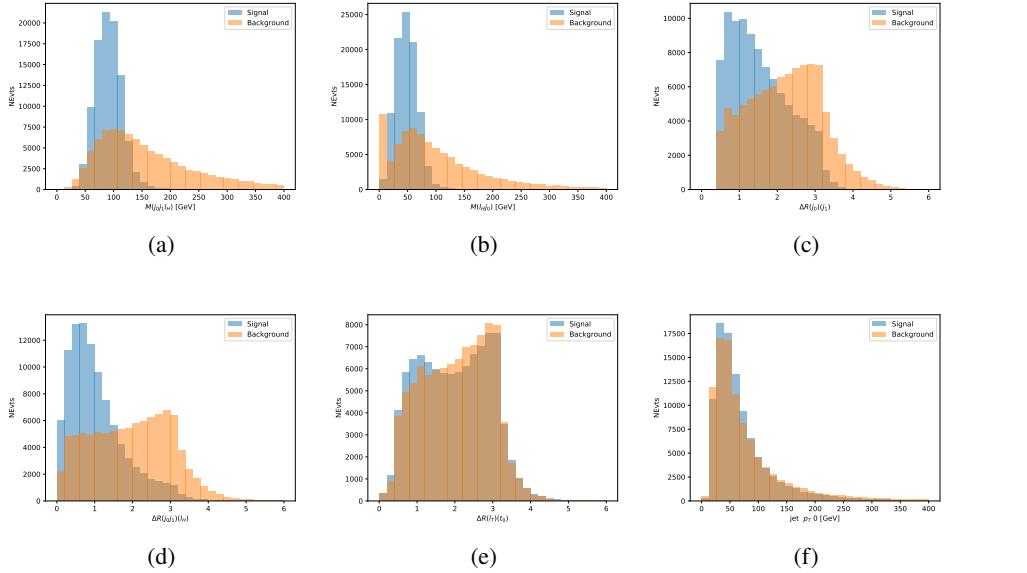


Figure 5.7: Input features for higgs2lSS training. The signal in blue represents events where both jet candidates are truth b-jets from top decays, and the orange is all other combinations. Scaled to the same number of events. (a) shows the invariant mass of the two jet candidates and the lepton candidate, (b) the invariant mass of jet 0 and the lepton candidate, (c) ΔR between the jet candidates, (d) ΔR between jet 0 + jet 1 and the lepton candidate, (e) ΔR between the lepton from the top and the leading b-jet, (f) the p_T of jet 0.

271 The modeling of these inputs is validated against data, with figure 5.2 showing good general
 272 agreement between data and MC. Plots for the complete list of features can found in section A.

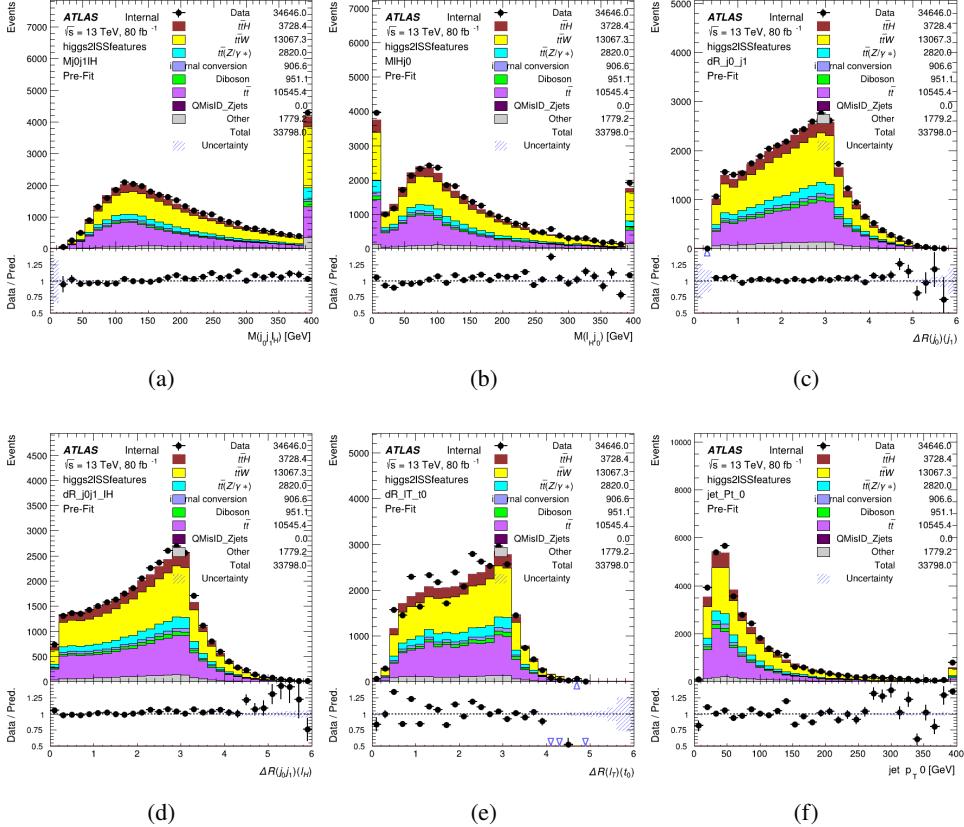


Figure 5.8: Data/MC comparisons of input features for higgs2ISS training for 80 fb^{-1} of data. (a) shows the invariant mass of the two jet candidates and the lepton candidate, (b) the invariant mass of jet 0 and the lepton candidate, (c) ΔR between the jet candidates, (d) ΔR between jet 0 + jet 1 and the lepton candidate, (e) ΔR between the lepton from the top and the leading b-jet, (f) the p_T of jet 0.

273 A neural network consisting of 7 hidden layers with 60 nodes each is trained on around 2 million
 274 events, with an additional 200,000 reserved for testing the model. In order to compensate for
 275 large number of incorrect combinations, these have been downsampled such that the correct
 276 combinations represent over 10% of the training set. The output of the NN is summarized in
 277 figure 5.3.1.

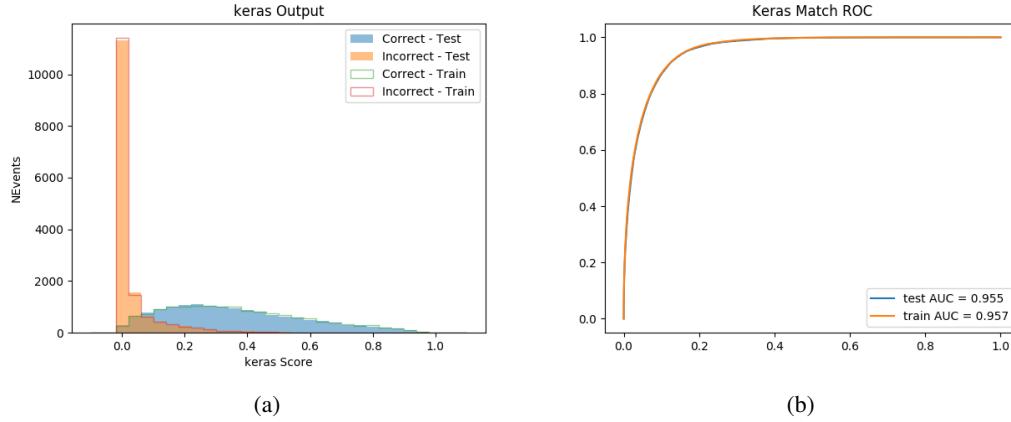


Figure 5.9: Result of the Higgs reconstruction algorithm in the 2lSS channel, showing (a) the output score of the NN for correct and incorrect combinations of jets scaled to an equal number of events, and (b) the ROC curve of the output, showing background rejection as a function of signal efficiency

278 The neural network identifies the correct combination 55% of the time. It identifies the correct
 279 lepton 85% of the time, and selects the correct lepton and at least one of the correct jets 81% of
 280 the time.

281 5.3.2 3l Semi-leptonic Channel

282 For 3l $t\bar{t}H$ where the Higgs decay semi-leptonically, the decay products include one of the three
 283 leptons and two jets. In this case, the other two leptons originated from the decay of the tops,
 284 meaning the opposite-sign (OS) lepton cannot have come from the Higgs. This leaves only the two
 285 same-sign (SS) leptons as possible Higgs decay products.

Lepton p_T H	Lepton p_T T_0	Lepton p_T T_1
jet p_T 0	jet p_T 1	top p_T 0
top p_T 1	jet η 0	jet η 1
jet ϕ 0	jet ϕ 1	$\Delta R(j_0)(j_1)$
$M(j_0j_1)$	$\Delta R(l_H)(j_0)$	$\Delta R(l_H)(j_1)$
$\Delta R(j_0j_1)(l_H)$	$\Delta R(j_0j_1)(l_{T_1})$	$\Delta R(l_{T_0})(l_{T_1})$
$\Delta R(l_H)(l_{T_1})$	$M(j_0j_1l_{T_0})$	$M(j_0j_1l_{T_1})$
$M(j_0j_1l_H)$	$\Delta R(j_0j_1l_H)(l_{T_0})$	$\Delta R(j_0j_1l_H)(l_{T_1})$
$\Delta\phi(j_0j_1l_H)(E_T^{\text{miss}})$	$p_T(j_0j_1l_Hl_{T_0}l_{T_1}b_0b_1E_T^{\text{miss}})$	$M(j_0j_1b_0)$
$M(j_0j_1b_1)$	$\Delta R(l_{T_0})(b_0)$	$\Delta R(l_{T_0})(b_1)$
$\Delta R(l_{T_1})(b_0)$	$\Delta R(l_{T_1})(b_1)$	$\Delta R(j_0)(b_0)$
$\Delta R(j_0)(b_1)$	$\Delta R(j_1)(b_0)$	$\Delta R(j_1)(b_1)$
topScore	MET	HT jets
nJets		

Table 8: Input features used to identify the Higgs decay products in 3lS events

286 Here j_0 and j_1 , and l_H are the jet and lepton decay candidates, respectively. The other two
 287 leptons in the event are labeled as l_{T0} and l_{T1} . b_0 and b_1 are the two b-jets identified by the
 288 b-jet identification algorithm. The b-jet Reco Score is the output of the Higgs reconstruction
 289 algorithm.

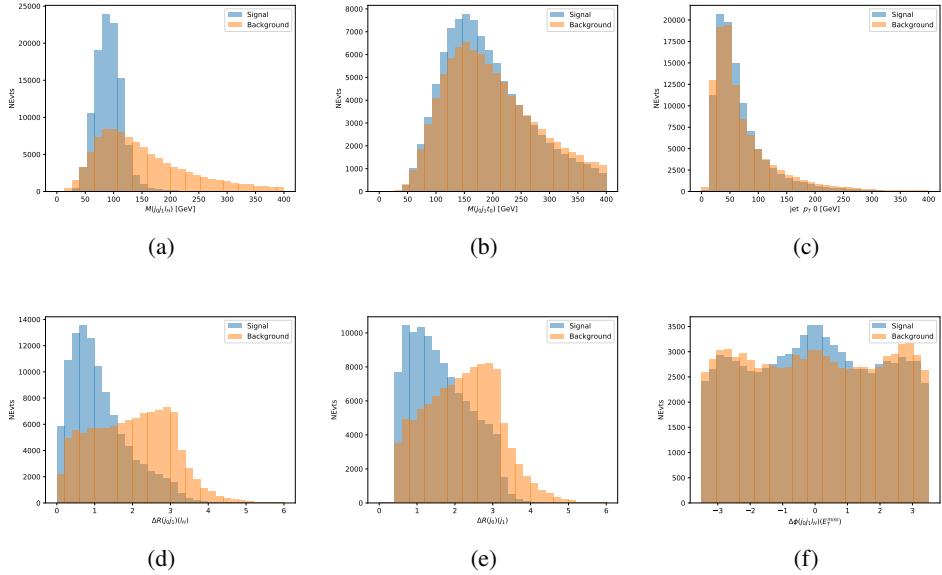


Figure 5.10: Input features for higgs3lS training. The signal in blue represents events where both jet candidates are truth b-jets from top decays, and the orange is all other combinations. Scaled to the same number of events.

290 The modeling of these inputs is validated against data, with figure 5.11 showing good general
 291 agreement between data and MC. Plots for the complete list of features can found in appendix
 292 [A.1](#).

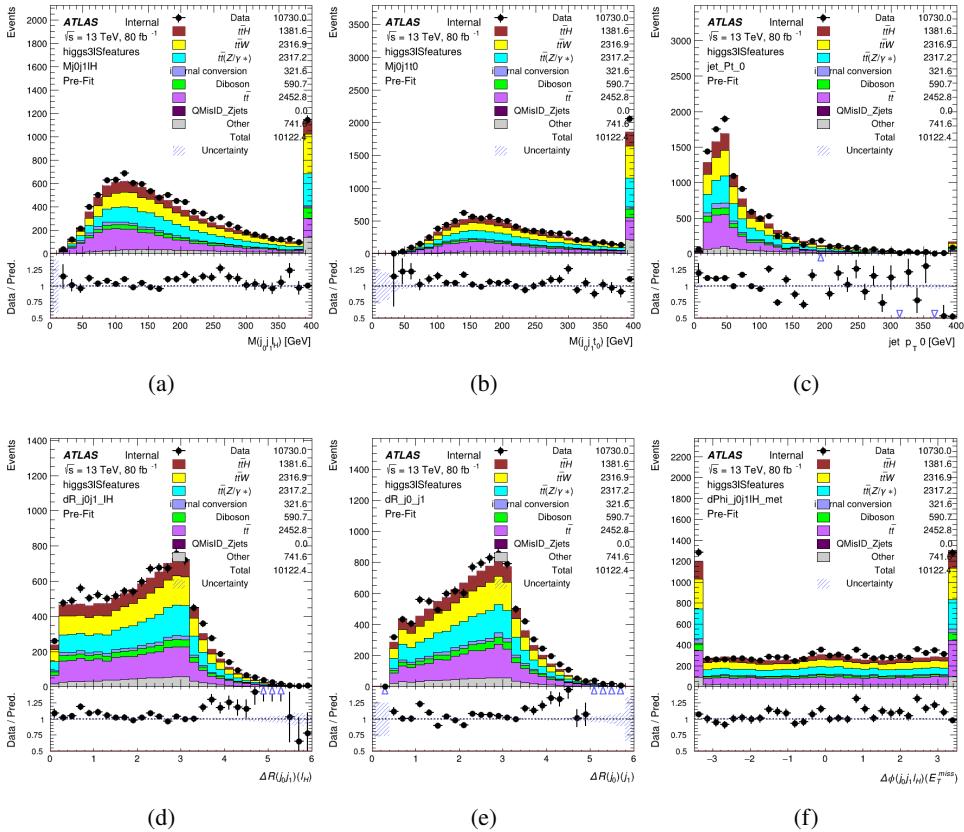


Figure 5.11: Data/MC comparisons of input features for higgs3IS training for 80 fb^{-1} of data.

293 A neural network of 7 hidden layers with 70 nodes each is trained on 1.8 million events. Once
 294 again, incorrect combinations are downsampled, such that the correct combinations are around
 295 10% of the training set. 10% of the dataset is reserved for testing. The output of the NN is
 296 summarized in figure 5.3.2.

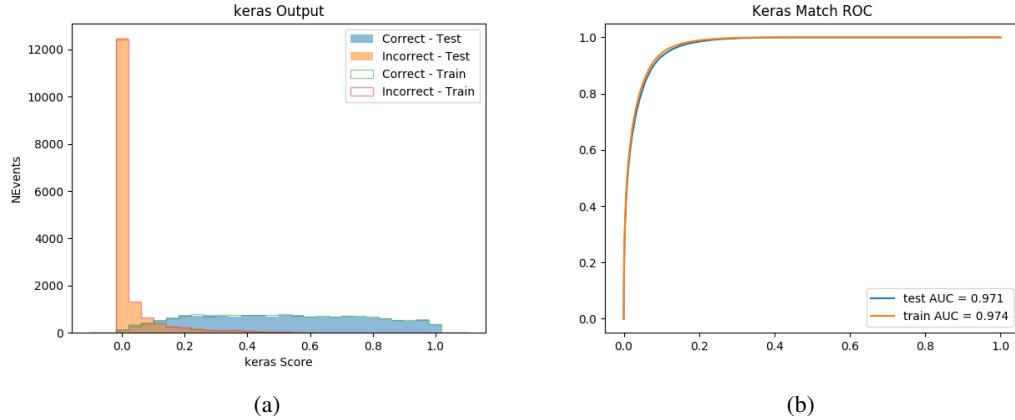


Figure 5.12: Results of the Higgs reconstruction algorithm in the 3lS channel, showing (a) the output score of the NN for correct and incorrect combinations of jets, scaled to an equal number of entries.,. (b) the ROC curve of the output, showing background rejection as a function of signal efficiency

297 The neural network identifies the correct combination 64% of the time. It identifies the correct
 298 lepton 85% of the time, and selects the correct lepton and at least one of the correct jets 83% of
 299 the time.

300 **5.3.3 3l Fully-leptonic Channel**

301 In the fully-leptonic 3l case, the goal is identify which two of the three leptons originated from
 302 the Higgs decay. Since one of these two must be the OS lepton, this problem is reduced to
 303 determining which of the two SS leptons originated from the Higgs. The kinematics of both
 304 possibilities are used for training, one where the SS lepton from the Higgs is correctly labeled,
 305 and one where it is not.

Lepton $p_T H_1$	Lepton $p_T H_0$	Lepton $p_T T$
top $p_T 0$	top $p_T 1$	$\Delta\phi(l_{H_1})(E_T^{\text{miss}})$
$\Delta\phi(l_T)(E_T^{\text{miss}})$	$M(l_{H_0}l_{H_1})$	$M(l_{H_1}l_T)$
$M(l_{H_0}l_T)$	$\Delta R(l_{H_0})(l_{H_1})$	$\Delta R(l_{H_1})(l_T)$
$\Delta R(l_{H_0})(l_T)$	$\Delta R(l_{H_0}l_{H_1})(l_T)$	$\Delta R(l_{H_0}l_T)(l_{H_1})$
$\Delta R(l_{H_0}l_{H_1})(b_0)$	$\Delta R(l_{H_0}l_{H_1})(b_1)$	$\Delta R(l_{H_0}b_0)$
$M(l_{H_0}b_0)$	$\Delta R(l_{H_0}b_1)$	$M(l_{H_0}b_1)$
$\Delta R(l_{H_1}b_0)$	$M(l_{H_1}b_0)$	$\Delta R(l_{H_1}b_1)$
$M(l_{H_1}b_1)$	E_T^{miss}	topScore

Table 9: Input features used to identify the Higgs decay products in 3IF events

306 Here l_{H0} and l_{H1} are the Higgs decay candidates. The other lepton in the event is labeled l_T . b_0
 307 and b_1 are the two b-jets identified by the b-jet identification algorithm. The b-jet Reco Score is
 308 the output of the Higgs reconstruction algorithm.

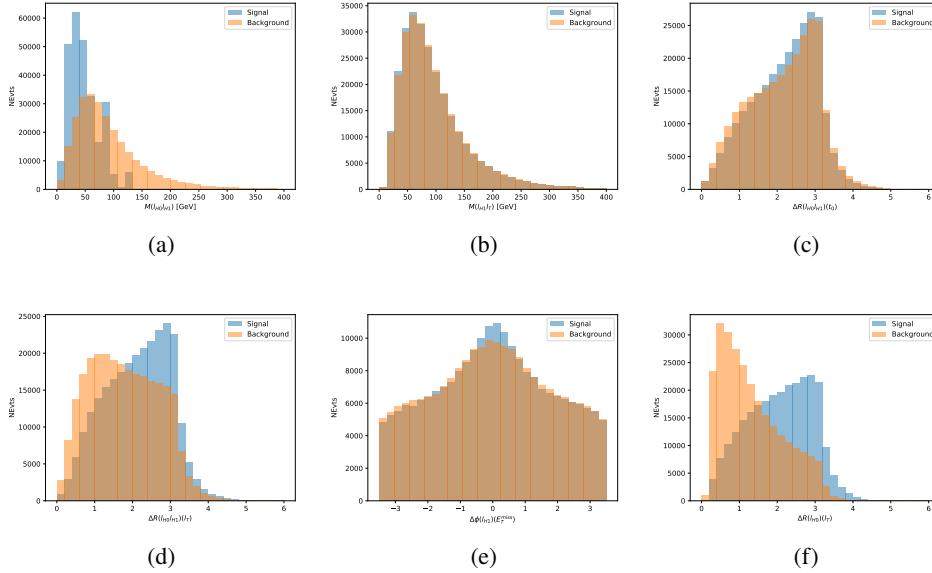


Figure 5.13: Input features for higgs3lF training. The signal in blue represents events where both jet candidates are truth b-jets from top decays, and the orange is all other combinations. Scaled to the same number of events.

309 The modeling of these inputs is validated against data, with figure 5.14 showing good general
 310 agreement between data and MC. Plots for the complete list of features can found in section A.

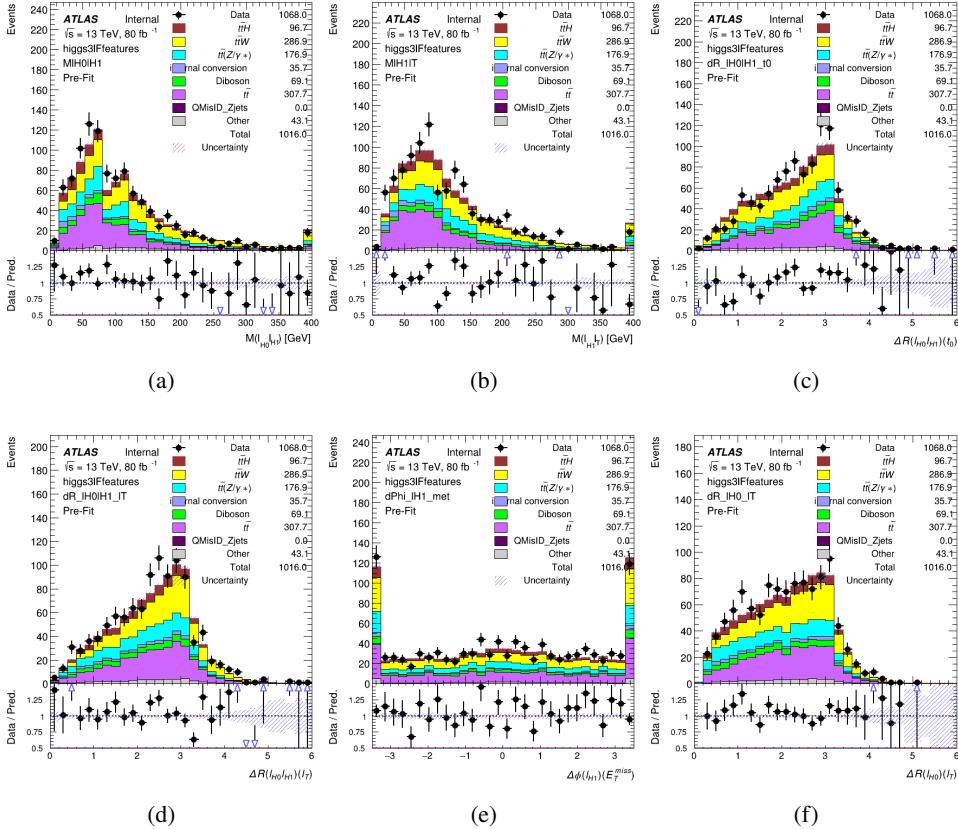


Figure 5.14: Data/MC comparisons of input features for higgs3IF training for 80 fb^{-1} of data.

311 A neural network consisting of 5 nodes and 60 hidden units is trained on 800,000 events, with
 312 10% of the dataset reserved for testing. The output of the model is summarized in figure 5.3.3.

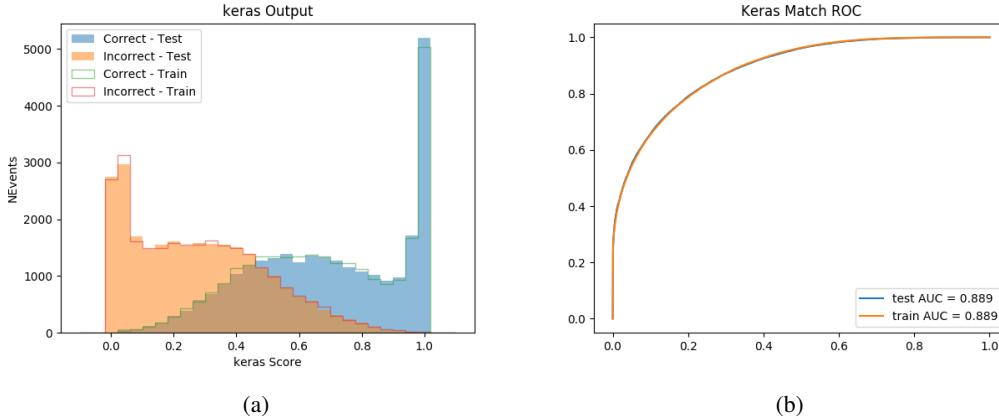


Figure 5.15: (a) the output score of the NN for correct and incorrect combinations of jets. (a) the ROC curve of the output, showing background rejection as a function of signal efficiency

313 The correct lepton is identified by the model for 80% of events in the testing data set.

5.4 p_T Prediction

315 Once the most probable decay products have been identified, their kinematics are used as inputs
 316 to a regression model which attempts to predict the momentum of the Higgs Boson. Once again,
 317 a DNN is used. Input variables representing the b-jets and leptons not from the Higgs decay
 318 are included as well, as these are found to improve performance. The truth p_T of the Higgs,
 319 as predicted by MC, are used as labels. Separate models are built for each channel - 31
 320 Semi-leptonic and 31 Fully-leptonic.

321 As a two-bin fit is targeted for the final result, some metrics evaluating the performance of the
 322 models aim to show how well it distinguishes between "high p_T " and "low p_T " events. A cutoff
 323 point of 150 GeV is used to define these two categories.

324 Because the analysis uses a two bin fit of the Higgs p_T , the momentum reconstruction could be
 325 treated as a binary classification problem, rather than a regression problem. This approach is
 326 explored in detail in section A.4, and is found not to provide any significant increase in sensitivity.
 327 The regression approach is used because it provides more flexibility for future analyses, as it is
 328 independent of the cutoff between high and low p_T , as well as the number of bins. Further, a
 329 regression allows the output of the neural network to be more clearly understood, as it can be
 330 directly compared to a physics observable.

331 **5.4.1 2ISS Channel**

332 The input variables listed in table 10 are used to predict the Higgs p_T in the 2ISS channel. Here j_0
333 and j_1 are the two jets identified as Higgs decay products. The lepton identified as originating
334 from the Higgs is labeled l_H , while the other lepton is labeled l_T , as it is assumed to have come
335 from the decay of one of the top quarks. b_0 and b_1 are the two b-jets identified by the b-jet
336 identification algorithm. The Higgs Reco Score and b-jet Reco Score are the outputs of the Higgs
337 reconstruction algorithm, and the b-jet identification algorithm, respectively.

HT	$M(j_0 j_1)$	$M(j_0 j_1 l_H)$
$M(l_H j_0)$	$M(l_H j_1)$	$p_T(b_0 b_1)$
$p_T(j_0 j_1 l_H)$	$\Delta\phi(j_0 j_1 l_H)(E_T^{\text{miss}})$	$\Delta R(j_0)(j_1)$
$\Delta R(j_0 j_1)(l_H)$	$\Delta R(j_0 j_1 l_H)(l_T)$	$\Delta R(j_0 j_1 l_H)(b_0)$
$\Delta R(j_0 j_1 l_H)(b_1)$	$\Delta R(l_H)(j_0)$	$\Delta R(l_H)(b_0)$
$\Delta R(l_H)(b_1)$	$\Delta R(l_T)(b_0)$	$\Delta R(l_T)(b_1)$
$\Delta R(b_0)(b_1)$	Higgs Reco Score	jet η 0
jet η 1	jet Phi 0	jet Phi 1
jet p_T 0	jet p_T 1	Lepton η H
Lepton ϕ H	Lepton p_T H	Lepton p_T T
E_T^{miss}	nJets	b-jet Reco Score
b-jet p_T 0	b-jet p_T 1	

Table 10: Input features for reconstructing the Higgs p_T spectrum for 2lSS events

338 The optimal neural network architecture for this channel is found to consist of 7 hidden layers with
 339 60 nodes each. The input data set includes 1.2 million events, 10% of which is used for testing,
 340 the other 90% for training. Training is found to converge after around 150 epochs.

341 To evaluate the performance of the model, the predicted p_T spectrum is compared to the truth
 342 Higgs p_T in figure 5.16. In order to visualize the model performance more clearly, in (a) of that
 343 figure, the color of each point is determined by Kernel Density Estimation (KDE). The color
 344 shown represents the logarithm of the output from KDE, to counteract the large number of low
 345 p_T events. For that same reason, each column of the histogram shown in (b) of figure 5.16 is
 346 normalized to unity. This plot therefore demonstrates what the model predicts for each slice of
 347 truth p_T .

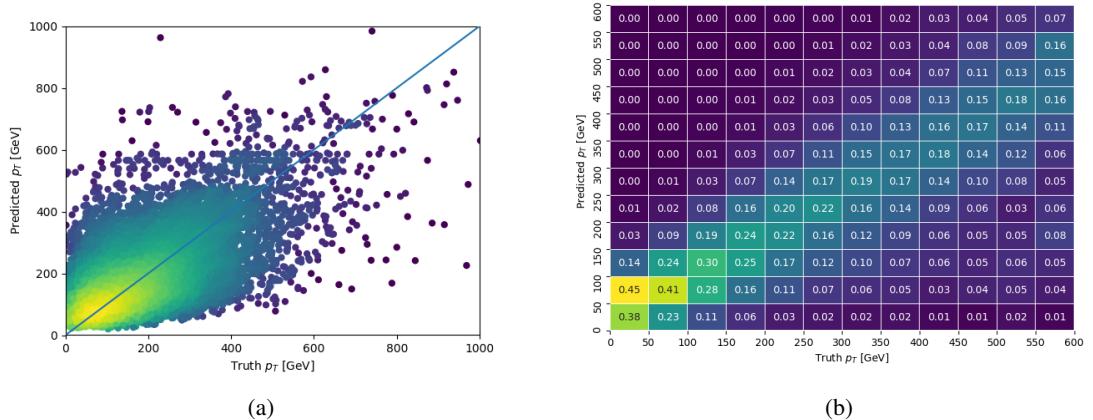


Figure 5.16: The regressed Higgs momentum spectrum as a function of the truth p_T for 2lSS $t\bar{t}H$ events in (a) a scatterplot, where the color of each point represents the log of the point density, based on Gaussian Kernel Density Estimation, and (b) a histogram where each column has been normalized to one.

348 We are also interested in how well the model distinguishes between events with $p_T < 150$ GeV
 349 and > 150 GeV. Figure 5.17 demonstrates the NN output for high and low p_T events based on this
 350 cutoff.

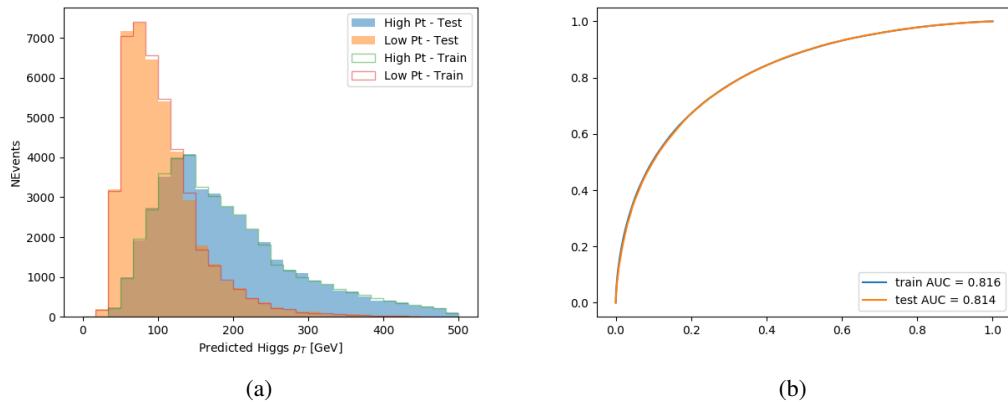


Figure 5.17: (a) shows the reconstructed Higgs p_T for 2lSS events with truth $p_T > 150$ GeV and < 150 GeV, while (b) shows the ROC curve for those two sets of events.

5.4.2 3l Semi-leptonic Channel

The following input features are used to predict the Higgs p_T for events in the 3lS channel:

HT jets	MET	$M(j_0 j_1)$
$M(j_0 j_1 l_H)$	$M(j_0 j_1 l_{T0})$	$M(j_0 j_1 l_{T1})$
$M(j_0 j_1 b_0)$	$M(j_0 j_1 b_1)$	$M(b_0 l_{T0})$
$M(b_0 l_{T1})$	$M(b_1 l_{T0})$	$M(b_1 l_{T1})$
$\Delta\phi(j_0 j_1 l_H)(E_T^{\text{miss}})$	$\Delta R(j_0)(j_1)$	$\Delta R(j_0 j_1)(l_H)$
$\Delta R(j_0 j_1)(l_{T1})$	$\Delta R(j_0 j_1)(b_0)$	$\Delta R(j_0 j_1)(b_1)$
$\Delta R(j_0 j_1 l_H)(l_{T0})$	$\Delta R(j_0 j_1 l_H)(l_{T1})$	$\Delta R(j_0 j_1 l_H)(b_0)$
$\Delta R(j_0 j_1 l_H)(b_1)$	$\Delta R(l_H)(j_0)$	$\Delta R(l_H)(j_1)$
$\Delta R(l_H)(l_{T1})$	$\Delta R(l_{T0})(l_{T1})$	$\Delta R(l_{T0})(b_0)$
$\Delta R(l_{T0})(b_1)$	$\Delta R(l_{T1})(b_0)$	$\Delta R(l_{T1})(b_1)$
higgsScore	jet η 0	jet η 1
jet ϕ 0	jet ϕ 1	jet p_T 0
jet p_T 1	Lepton η H	Lepton ϕ H
Lepton p_T H	Lepton p_T T0	Lepton p_T T1
nJets	topScore	b-jet p_T 0
b-jet p_T 1		

Table 11: Input features for reconstructing the Higgs p_T spectrum for 3lS events

353 Again, j_0 and j_1 are the two jets identified as Higgs decay products, ordered by p_T . The lepton
 354 identified as originating from the Higgs is labeled l_H , while the other two leptons are labeled l_{T0}
 355 and l_{T1} . b_0 and b_1 are the two b-jets identified by the b-jet identification algorithm. The Higgs
 356 Reco Score and b-jet Reco Score are the outputs of the Higgs reconstruction algorithm, and the
 357 b-jet identification algorithm, respectively.

358 The optimal neural network architecture for this channel is found to consist of 7 hidden layers
 359 with 80 nodes each. The input data set includes one million events, 10% of which is used for
 360 testing, the other 90% for training. Training is found to converge after around 150 epochs.

361 To evaluate the performance of the model, the predicted p_T spectrum is compared to the truth
 362 Higgs p_T in figure 5.18. Once again, (a) of 5.18 shows a scatterplot of predicted vs truth p_T ,
 363 where the color of each point corresponds to the log of the relative KDE at that point. Each
 364 column of the histogram in (b) is normalized to unity, to better demonstrate the output of the
 365 NN for each slice of truth p_T .

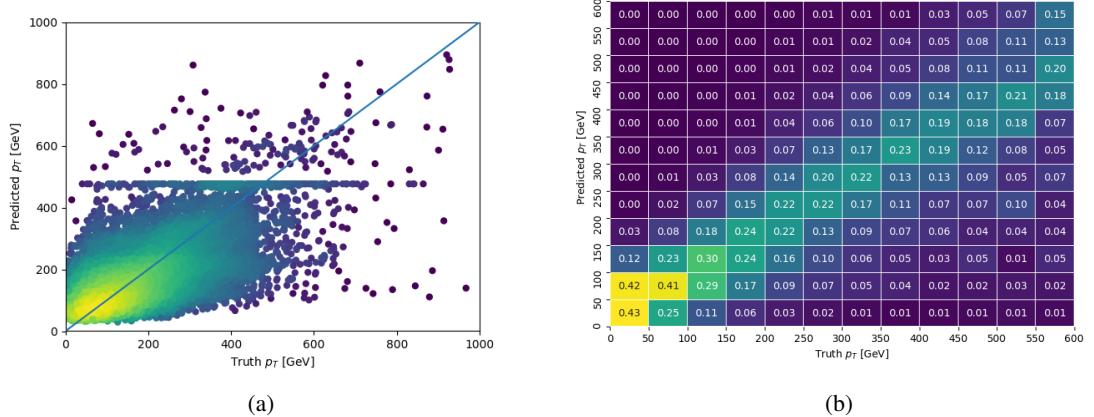


Figure 5.18: The regressed Higgs momentum spectrum as a function of the truth p_T for 3lS $t\bar{t}H$ events in
 (a) a scatterplot, where the color of each point represents the log of the point density, based on Gaussian
 Kernel Density Estimation, and (b) a histogram where each column has been normalized to one.

366 Figure 5.19 shows (a) the output of the NN for events with truth p_T less than and greater than
 367 150 GeV and (b) the ROC curve demonstrating how well the NN distinguishes high and low p_T
 368 events.

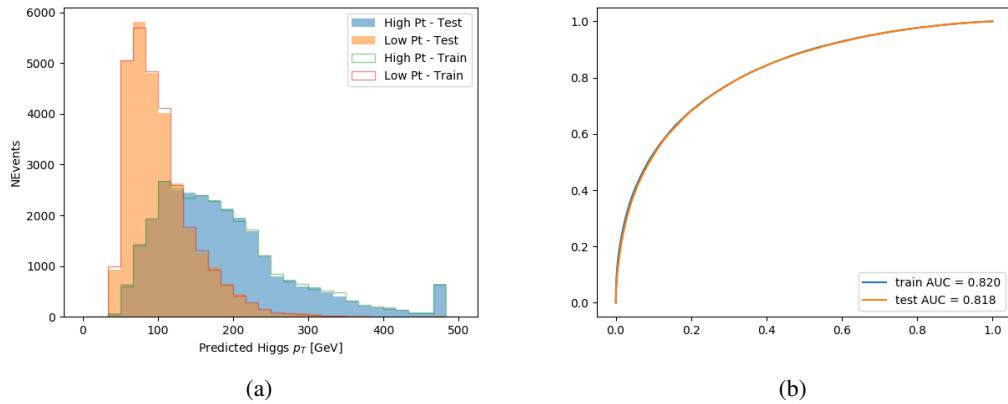


Figure 5.19: (

a) shows the reconstructed Higgs p_T for 3lS events with truth $p_T > 150$ GeV and < 150 GeV, while (b) shows the ROC curve for those two sets of events.

369 5.4.3 3l Fully-leptonic Channel

370 The features listed in 12 are used to construct a model for predictin the Higgs p_T for 3lF events.

HT	$M(l_{H0}l_{H1})$	$M(l_{H0}l_T)$
$M(l_{H0}b_0)$	$M(l_{H0}b_1)$	$M(l_{H1}l_T)$
$M(l_{H1}b_0)$	$M(l_{H1}b_1)$	$\Delta R(l_{H0})(l_{H1})$
$\Delta R(l_{H0})(l_T)$	$\Delta R(l_{H0}l_{H1})(l_T)$	$\Delta R(l_{H0}l_T)(l_{H1})$
$\Delta R(l_{H1})(l_T)$	$\Delta R(l_{H0}b_0)$	$\Delta R(l_{H0}b_1)$
$\Delta R(l_{H1}b_1)$	$\Delta R(l_{H1}b_0)$	higgsScore
Lepton η H_0	Lepton η H_1	Lepton η T
Lepton p_T H_0	Lepton p_T H_1	Lepton p_T T
E_T^{miss}	topScore	b-jet p_T 0
b-jet p_T 1		

Table 12: Input features for reconstructing the Higgs p_T spectrum for 3lF events

³⁷¹ l_{H0} and l_{H1} represent the two leptons identified by the Higgs reconstruction model as originating
³⁷² from the Higgs, while l_T is the other lepton in the event. The Higgs Reco Score and b-jet Reco
³⁷³ Score are the outputs of the Higgs reconstruction algorithm, and b-jet identification algorithm,
³⁷⁴ respectively.

³⁷⁵ The optimal neural network architecture for this channel is found to consist of 5 hidden layers
³⁷⁶ with 40 nodes each. The input data set includes 400,000 events, 10% of which is used for testing,
³⁷⁷ the other 90% for training. Training is found to converge after around 150 epochs.

³⁷⁸ The predicted transverse momentum, as a function of the truth p_T , is shown in figure 5.20.

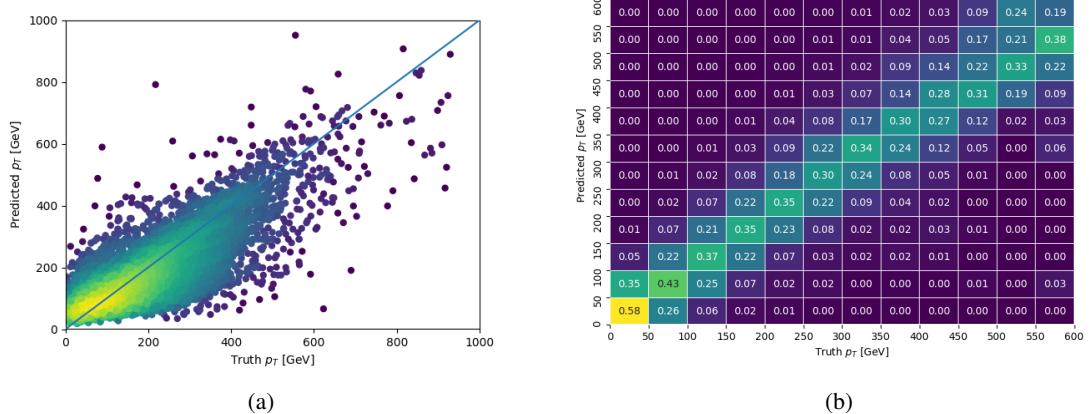


Figure 5.20: The regressed Higgs momentum spectrum as a function of the truth p_T for 3lF $t\bar{t}H$ events in
 (a) a scatterplot, where the color of each point represents the log of the point density, based on Gaussian
 Kernel Density Estimation, and (b) a histogram where each column has been normalized to one.

³⁷⁹ When split into high and low p_T , based on a cutoff of 150 GeV, the

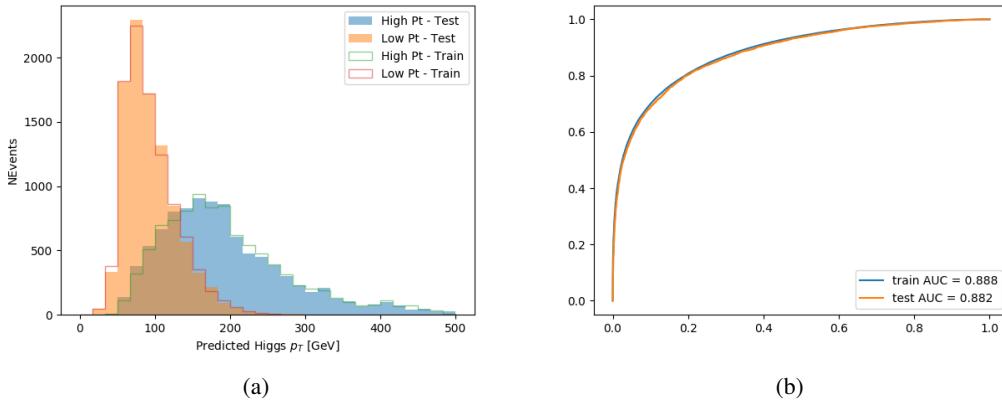


Figure 5.21: (a) shows the reconstructed Higgs p_T for 3lF events with truth $p_T > 150$ GeV and < 150 GeV, while (b) shows the ROC curve for those two sets of events.

5.5 3l Decay Mode

In the 3l channel, there are two possible ways for the Higgs to decay, both involving intermediate W boson pairs: Either both W bosons decay leptonically, in which case the reconstructed decay consists of two leptons (referred as the fully-leptonic 3l channel), or one W decays leptonically and the other hadronically, giving two jets and one lepton in the final state (referred to as the semi-leptonic 3l channel). In order to accurately reconstruct the Higgs, it is necessary to identify which of these decays took place for each 3l event.

The kinematics of each event, along with the output scores of the Higgs and top reconstruction algorithms, are used to distinguish these two possible decay modes. The particular inputs used are listed in table 13.

HT jets	$M(l_0 t_0)$	$M(l_0 t_1)$
$M(l_1 t_0)$	$M(l_1 t_1)$	$M(l_0 l_1)$
$M(l_0 l_2)$	$M(l_1 l_2)$	$\Delta R(l_0 t_0)$
$\Delta R(l_0 t_1)$	$\Delta R(l_1 t_0)$	$\Delta R(l_1 t_1)$
$\Delta R(l l_0 1)$	$\Delta R(l l_0 2)$	$\Delta R(l l_1 2)$
Lepton η 0	Lepton η 1	Lepton η 2
Lepton ϕ 0	Lepton ϕ 1	Lepton ϕ 2
Lepton p_T 0	Lepton p_T 1	Lepton p_T 2
E_T^{miss}	nJets	nJets OR DL1r 60
nJets OR DL1r 85	score3lF	score3lS
topScore	total charge	

Table 13: Input features used to distinguish semi-leptonic and fully-leptonic Higgs decays in the 3l channel.

390 Here l_0 is the opposite charge lepton, l_1 and l_2 are the two SS leptons order by ΔR from lepton 0.
 391 score3lF and score3lS are the outputs of the 3lS and 3lF Higgs reconstruction algorithms, while
 392 topScore is the output of the b-jet identification algorithm.

393 A neural network with 5 hidden layers, each with 50 nodes, is trained to distinguish these two
 394 decay modes. The output of the model is summarized in figure 5.22.

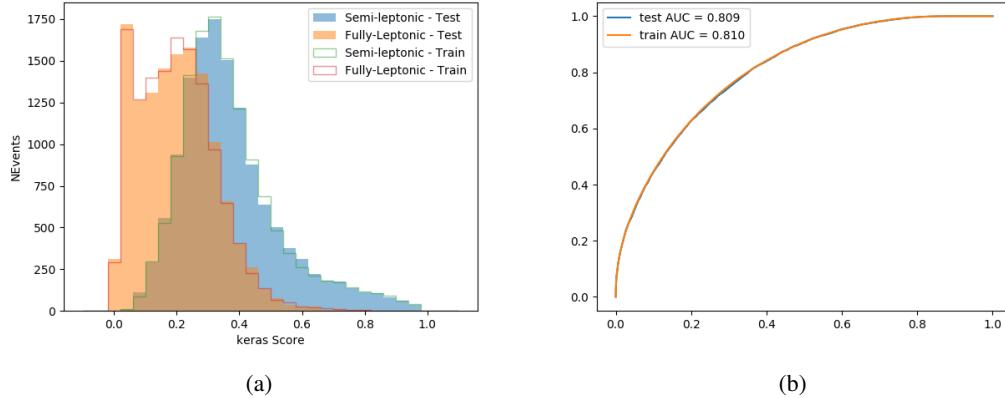


Figure 5.22: (a) shows the output of the decay separation NN for Semi-leptonic (blue) and Fully-leptonic (orange) 3l events, scaled to equal area. (b) shows the ROC curve for those two sets of events.

395 A cutoff of 0.23 is determined to be optimal for separating 3lS and 3lF in the fit.

396 6 Signal Region Definitions

397 Events are divided into two channels based on the number of leptons in the final state: one with
 398 two same-sign leptons, the other with three leptons. The 3l channel includes events where both
 399 leptons originated from the Higgs boson as well as events where only one of the leptons

400 6.1 Pre-MVA Event Selection

401 A preselection is applied to define orthogonal analysis channels based on the number of leptons
 402 in each event. For the 2lSS channel, the following preselection is used:

- 403 • Two very tight, same-charge, light leptons with $p_T > 20$ GeV
- 404 • ≥ 4 reconstructed jets, ≥ 1 b-tagged jets
- 405 • No reconstructed tau candidates

406 The event yield after the 2lSS preselection has been applied, for MC and data at 80 fb^{-1} , is shown
407 in table 14.

	Yields
t̄H high p _T	36.19 ± 0.23
t̄H low p _T	63.58 ± 0.31
t̄W	440.64 ± 2.32
t̄Z/γ	91.84 ± 0.79
t̄lllowmass	8.47 ± 0.28
rareTop	24.2099 ± 0.40
VV	38.7927 ± 0.55
tZ	3e-05 ± 5.47-06
QMISID t̄	39.90 ± 2.36
QMISID Zjets	5.49 ± 0.67
t̄ int. conv.	12.74 ± 1.40
t̄ + γ int. conv.	12.09 ± 0.58
t̄ Conv.	13.55 ± 1.43
t̄ + γ Conv.	5.35 ± 0.38
t̄ HF e	59.92 ± 2.89
t̄ + γ HF e	0.51 ± 0.15
t̄ HF μ	224.57 ± 5.62
t̄ + γ HF μ	1.60 ± 0.23
Z + jets internal conv	3e-05 ± 5.47e-06
Z + jets conv	0.62 ± 0.21
Z + jets HF e	0.14 ± 0.13
Z + jets HF μ	0.82 ± 0.26
Single top Conv	2.27 ± 0.53
Single top HF e	2.33 ± 0.50
Single top HF μ	11.12 ± 1.07
Three top	2.22 ± 0.02
Four top	13.09 ± 0.16
t̄WW	10.985 ± 0.30
tW	3e-05 ± 5.47-06
WtZ	9.07 ± 0.44
VVV	0.30 ± 0.04
VH	0.59 ± 1.55
Total	1133.11 ± 7.69
Data	1108

Table 14: Event yield in the 2lSS preselection region.

408 figure 6.1. Good general agreement is found.

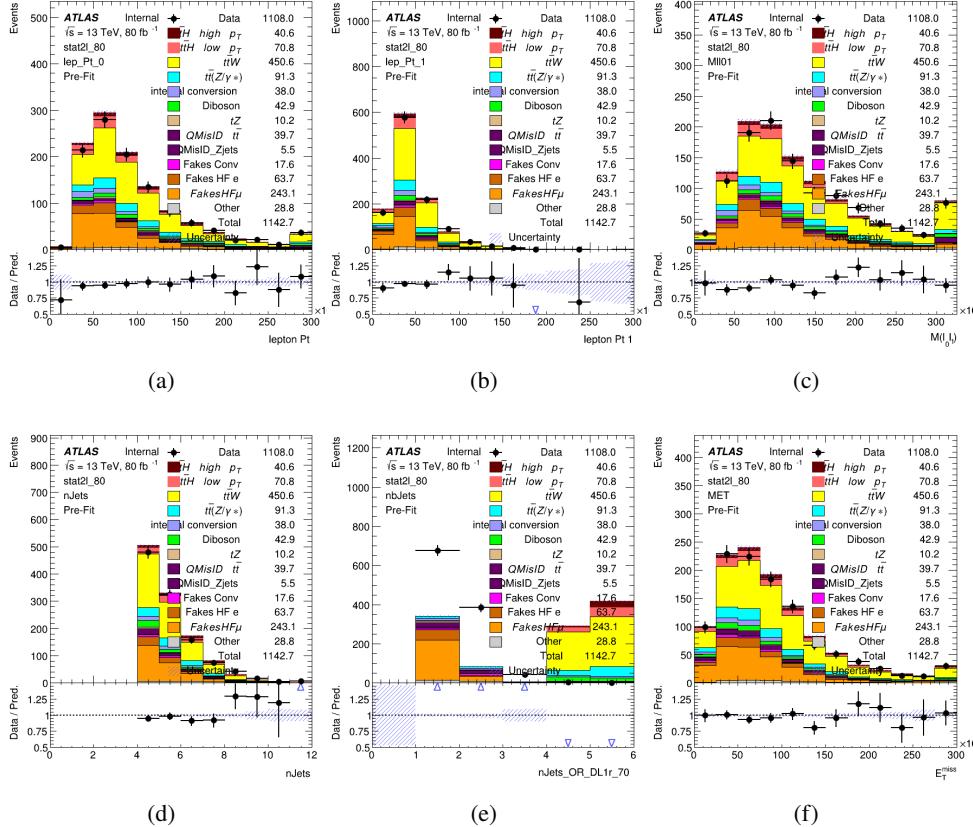


Figure 6.1: Data/MC comparisons of the 2lSS pre-selection region. (a) and (b) show the p_T of leptons 0 and 1, (c) shows the invariant mass of lepton 0 and 1, (d) shows the jet multiplicity, (e) the b-tagged jet multiplicity, and (f) the missing transverse energy.

409 For the 3l channel, the following selection is applied:

- Three light leptons with total charge ± 1
- Same charge leptons are required to be very tight, with $p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$
- Opposite charge lepton must be loose, with $p_T > 10 \text{ GeV}$
- ≥ 2 reconstructed jets, ≥ 1 b-tagged jets
- No reconstructed tau candidates
- $|M(l^+l^-) - 91.2 \text{ GeV}| > 10 \text{ GeV}$ for all opposite-charge, same-flavor lepton pairs

416 The event yield after the 3l preselection has been applied, for MC and data at 80 fb^{-1} , is shown
417 in table 6.1.

	Yields
t̄H high p _T	18.40 ± 0.13
t̄H low p _T	29.91 ± 0.16
t̄W	134.22 ± 1.25
t̄Z/γ	88.47 ± 0.73
t̄lllowmass	2.77 ± 0.16
rareTop	15.05 ± 0.32
VV	34.54 ± 0.54
tZ	2e-05 ± 4.47-06
QMisID t̄t	1.80 ± 0.59
QMisID Zjets	0.02 ± 0.02
t̄t internal conversion	4.34 ± 0.43
t̄t + γ internal conversion	5.83 ± 0.42
t̄t Conv.	4.71 ± 0.45
t̄t + γ Conv.	2.64 ± 0.27
t̄t HF e	27.44 ± 1.05
t̄t + γ HF e	0.27 ± 0.11
t̄t HF μ	89.21 ± 1.92
t̄t + γ HF μ	0.94 ± 0.16
Z + jets conv	0.09 ± 0.19
Z + jets HF e	0.25 ± 0.15
Z + jets HF μ	2.41 ± 0.95
Single top Conv	0.58 ± 0.61
Single top HF e	1.50 ± 0.43
Single top HF μ	4.62 ± 0.85
Three top	0.96 ± 0.02
Four top	5.58 ± 0.10
t̄WW	5.45 ± 0.21
WtZ	8.71 ± 0.42
VVV	0.81 ± 0.02
Total	492.14 ± 3.22
Data	535

Table 15: Yields of the analysis

418 Comparisons of kinematic distributions for data and MC in this region are shown in figure 6.2.

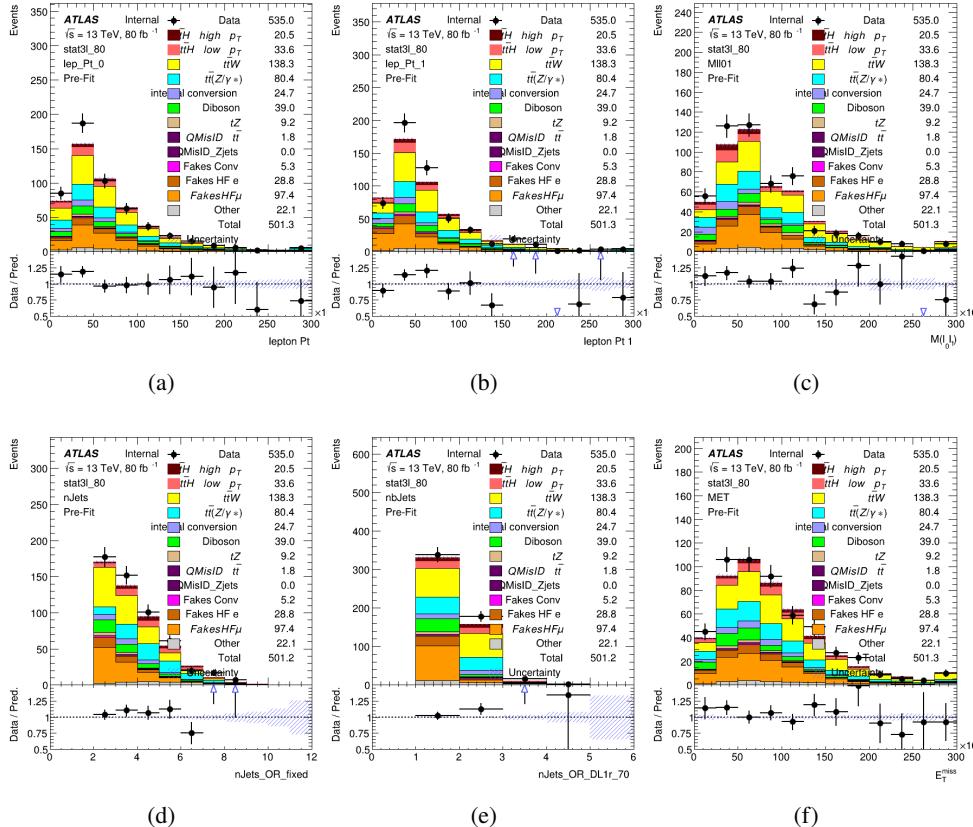


Figure 6.2: Data/MC comparisons of the 31 pre-selection region. (a) and (b) show the p_T of leptons 0 and 1, (c) shows the invariant mass of lepton 0 and 1, (d) shows the jet multiplicity, (e) the b-tagged jet multiplicity, and (f) the missing transverse energy.

419 6.2 Event MVA

420 Separate multi-variate analysis techniques (MVAs) are used in order to distinguish signal events
 421 from background for each analysis channel - 2lSS, 3l semi-leptonic (3lS), and 3l fully leptonic (3lF).
 422 In particular, Boosted Decision Tree (BDT) algorithms are produced with XGBoost [xgboost]
 423 are trained using the kinematics of signal and background events derived from Monte Carlo
 424 simulations. Events are weighted in the BDT training by the weight of each Monte Carlo event.

425 Because the background composition differs for events with a high reconstructed Higgs p_T
 426 compared to events with low reconstructed Higgs p_T , separate MVAs are produced for high and
 427 low p_T regions. This is found to provide better significance than attempting to build an inclusive
 428 model, as demonstrated in appendix A.2. A cutoff of 150 GeV is used. This gives a total of 6

429 background rejection MVAs - explicitly, 2lSS high p_T , 2lSS low p_T , 3lS high p_T , 3lS low p_T ,
430 3lF high p_T , and 3lF low p_T .

431 The following features are used in both the high and low p_T 2lSS BDTs:

HT	$M(\text{lep}, E_T^{\text{miss}})$	$M(l_0 l_1)$
binHiggs p_T 2lSS	$\Delta R(l_0)(l_1)$	diLepton type
higgsRecoScore	jet η 0	jet η 1
jet ϕ 0	jet ϕ 1	jet p_T 0
jet p_T 1	Lepton η 0	Lepton η 1
Lepton ϕ 0	Lepton ϕ 1	Lepton p_T 0
Lepton p_T 1	E_T^{miss}	$\min \Delta R(l_0)(\text{jet})$
$\min \Delta R(l_1)(\text{jet})$	$\min \Delta R(\text{Lepton})(\text{bjet})$	mjjMax frwdJet
nJets	nJets OR DL1r 60	nJets OR DL1r 70
nJets OR DL1r 85	topRecoScore	

Table 16: Input features used to distinguish signal and background events in the 2lSS channel.

⁴³² While for each of the 31 BDTs, the features listed below are used for training:

$M(\text{lep}, E_T^{\text{miss}})$	$M(l_0 l_1)$	$M(l_0 l_1 l_2)$
$M(l_0 l_2)$	$M(l_1 l_2)$	$\text{binHiggs } p_T \text{ 3lF}$
$\text{binHiggs } p_T \text{ 3lS}$	$\Delta R(l_0)(l_1)$	$\Delta R(l_0)(l_2)$
$\Delta R(l_1)(l_2)$	decayScore	higgsRecoScore3lF
higgsRecoScore3lS	$\text{jet } \eta \text{ 0}$	$\text{jet } \eta \text{ 1}$
$\text{jet } \phi \text{ 0}$	$\text{jet } \phi \text{ 1}$	$\text{jet } p_T \text{ 0}$
$\text{jet } p_T \text{ 1}$	$\text{Lepton } \eta \text{ 0}$	$\text{Lepton } \eta \text{ 1}$
$\text{Lepton } \eta \text{ 2}$	$\text{Lepton } \phi \text{ 0}$	$\text{Lepton } \phi \text{ 1}$
$\text{Lepton } \phi \text{ 2}$	$\text{Lepton } p_T \text{ 0}$	$\text{Lepton } p_T \text{ 1}$
$\text{Lepton } p_T \text{ 2}$	E_T^{miss}	$\min \Delta R(l_0)(\text{jet})$
$\min \Delta R(l_1)(\text{jet})$	$\min \Delta R(l_2)(\text{jet})$	$\min \Delta R(\text{Lepton})(\text{bjet})$
$mjj\text{Max frwdJet}$	$n\text{Jets}$	$n\text{Jets OR DL1r 60}$
$n\text{Jets OR DL1r 70}$	$n\text{Jets OR DL1r 85}$	topScore

Table 17: Input features used to distinguish signal and background events in the 3l channel.

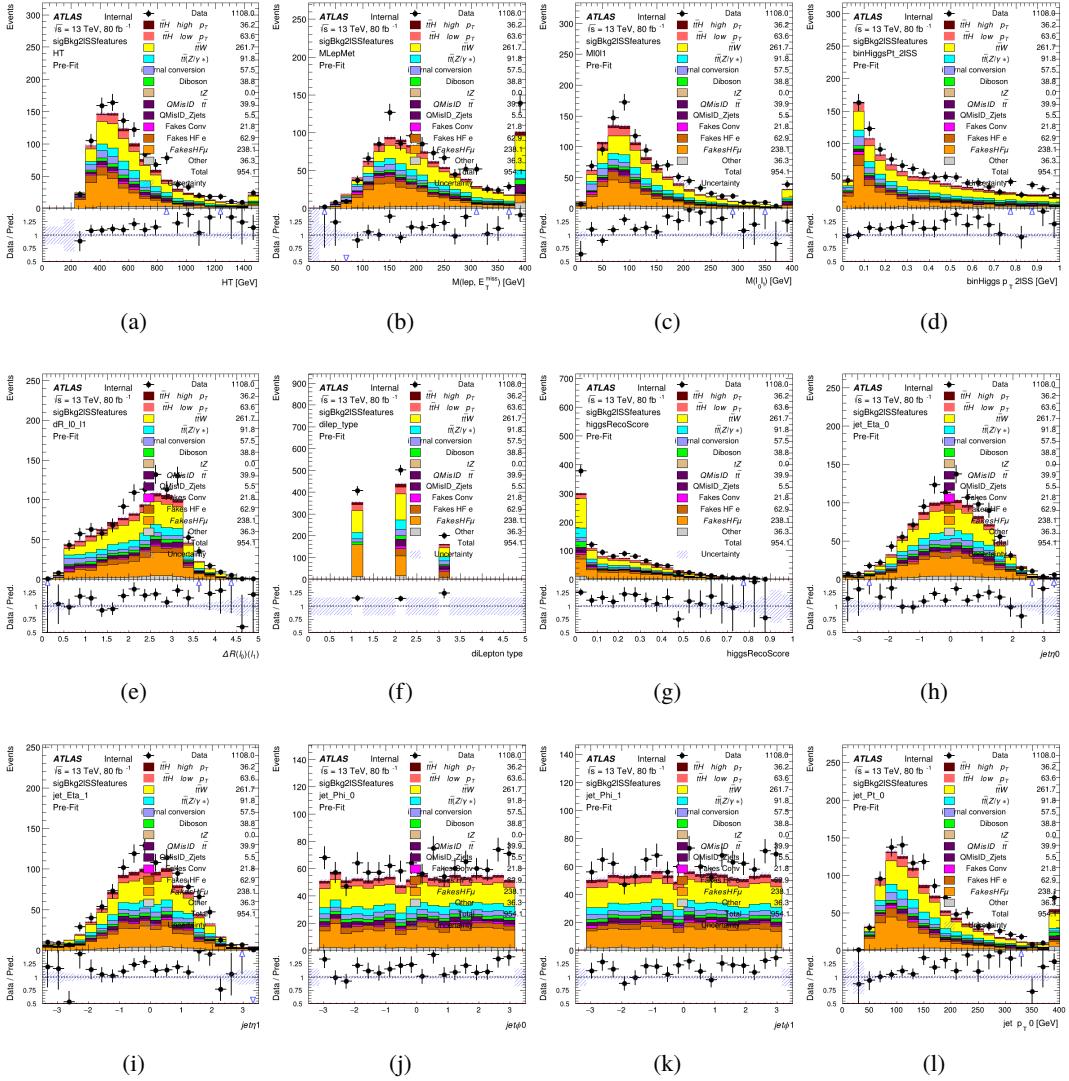


Figure 6.3:

433 The BDTs are produced with a maximum tree depth of 6, using AUC as the target loss function.

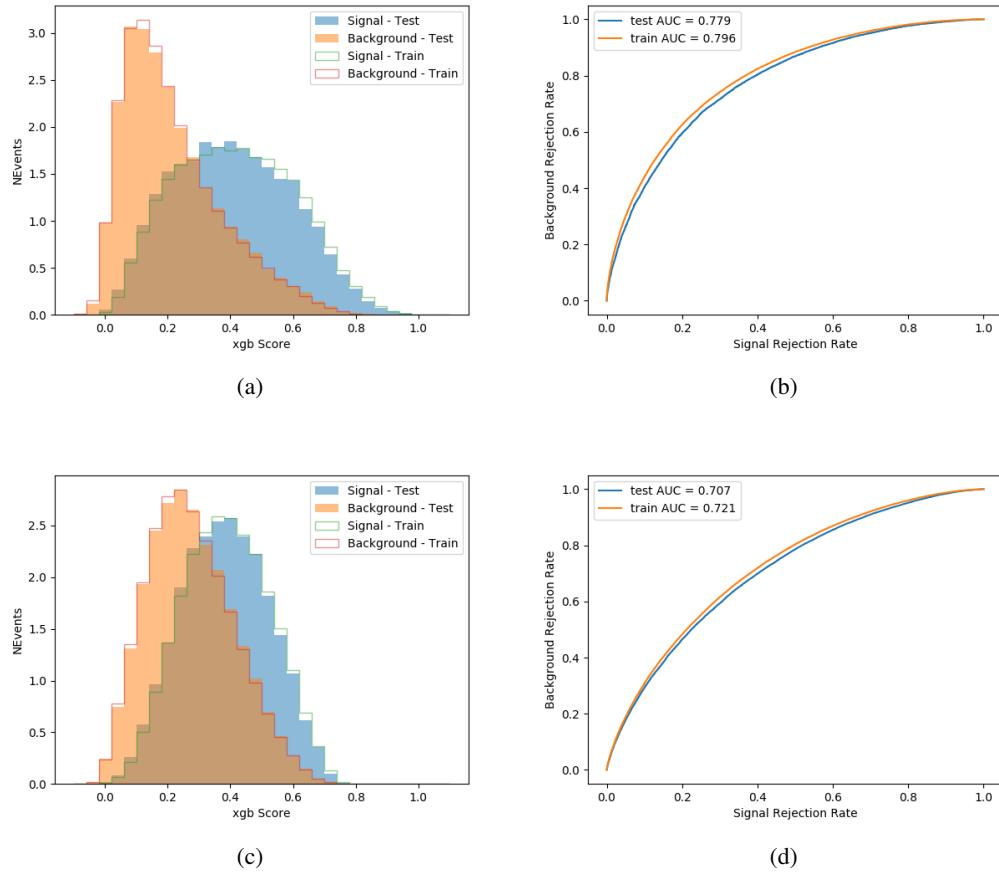


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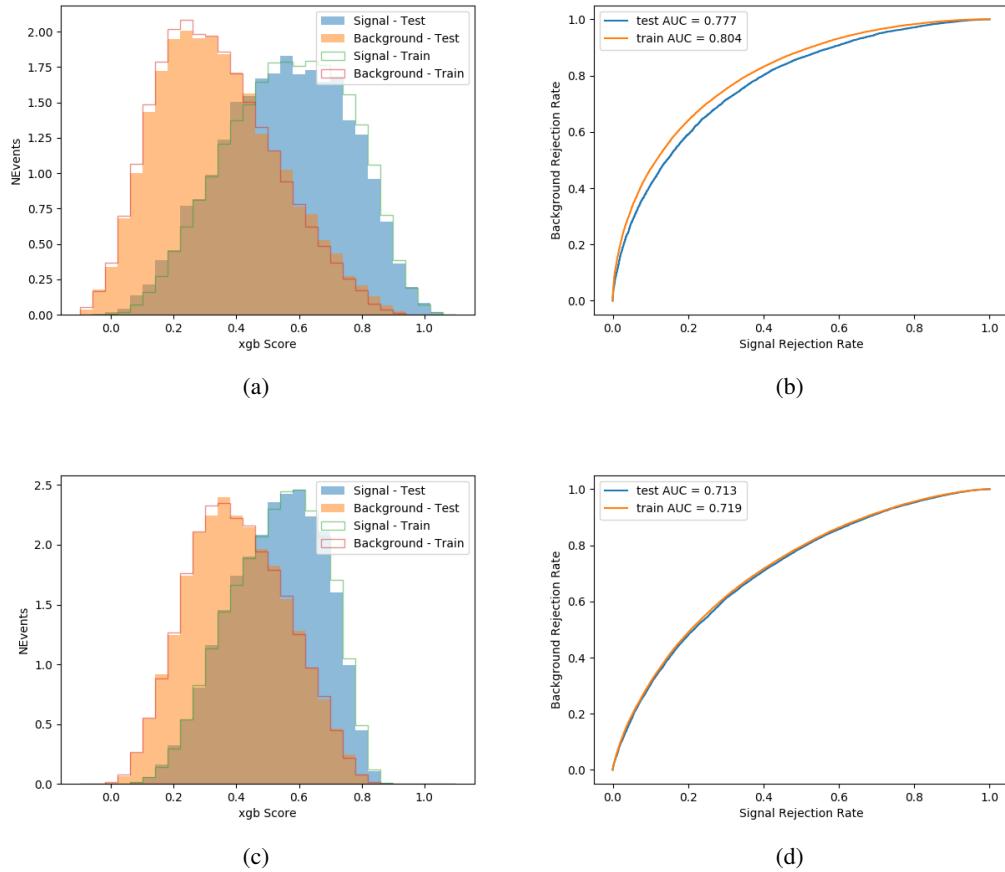


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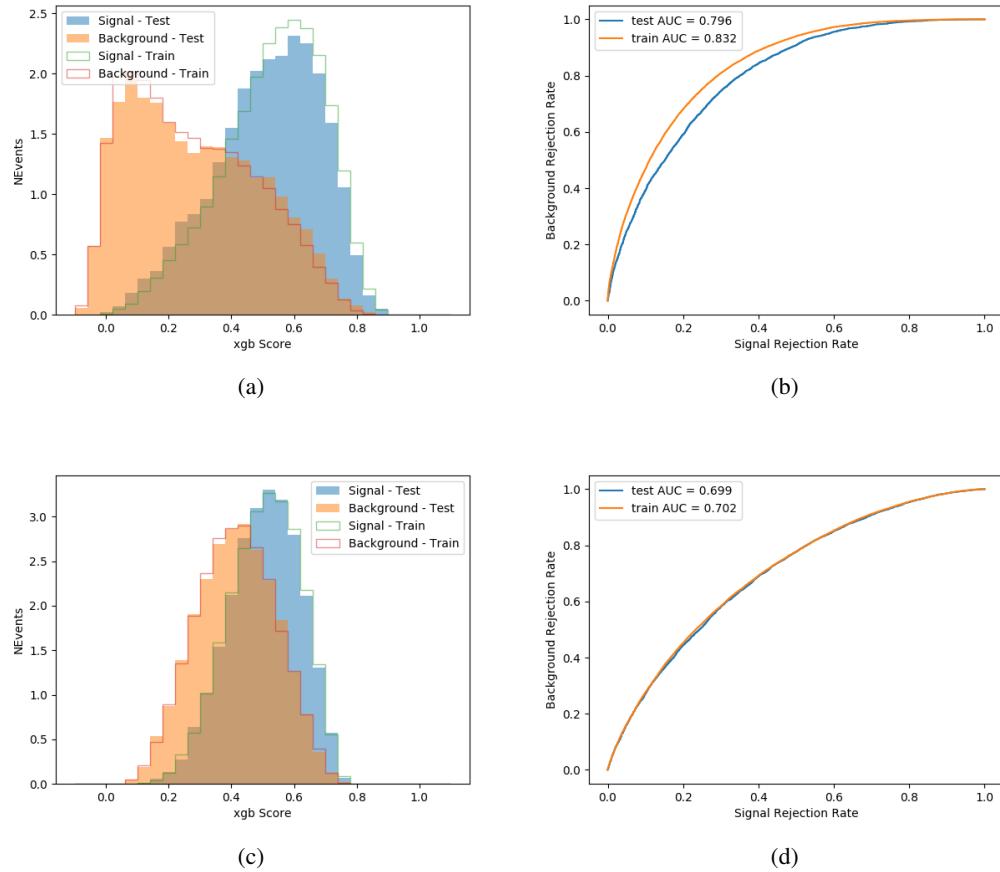


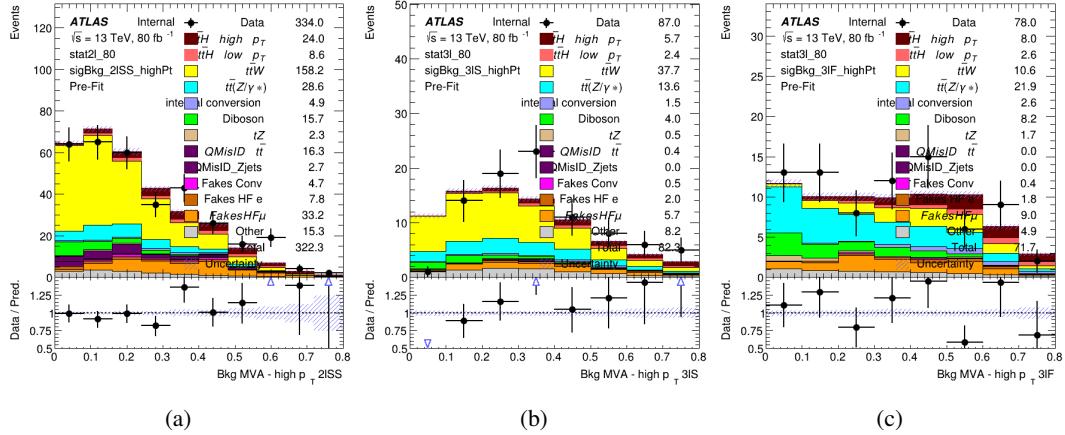
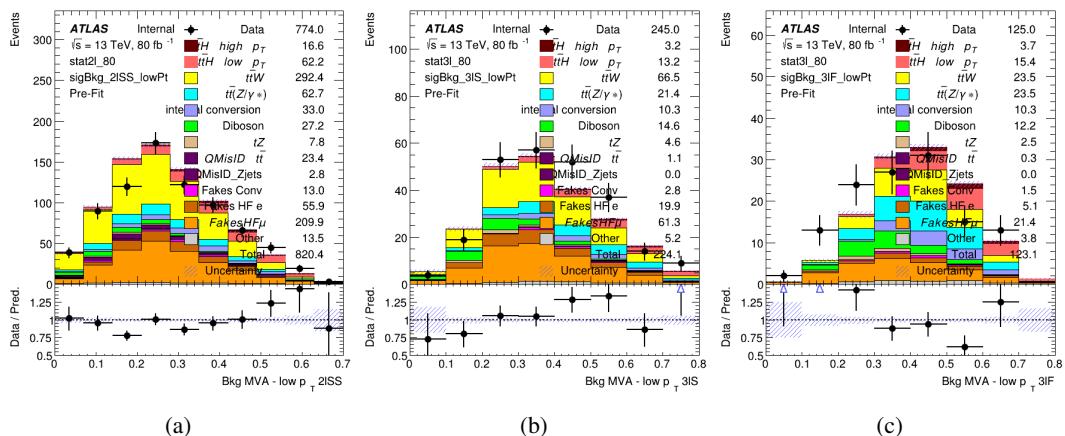
Figure 6.6:

434 Output distributions of each MVA comparing MC prediction to data at 80 fb^{-1} are shown in
 435 figures 6.7-6.2.

436 6.3 Signal Region Definitions

437 Once pre-selection has been applied, channels are further refined based on the MVAs described
 438 above. The output of the model described in section 5.5 is used to separate the three channel into
 439 two - Semi-leptonic and Fully-leptonic - based on the predicted decay mode of the Higgs boson.
 440 This leaves three orthogonal signal regions - 2ISS, 3IS, and 3IF.

441 For each event, depending on the number of leptons as well as whether the p_T of the Higgs is
 442 predicted to be high ($> 150 \text{ GeV}$) or low ($< 150 \text{ GeV}$), a cut on the appropriate background
 443 rejection MVA is applied. The particular cut values, listed in table 18, are determined by
 444 maximizing S/\sqrt{B} in each region.

Figure 6.7: Output score of the high p_T BDTs in the (a) 2ISS, (b) 3IS, and (c) 3IF channelsFigure 6.8: Output score of the low p_T BDTs in the (a) 2ISS, (b) 3IS, and (c) 3IF channels

Channel	BDT Score
2IS high p_T	0.36
2IS low p_T	0.34
3IS high p_T	0.51
3IS low p_T	0.43
3IF high p_T	0.33
3IF low p_T	0.41

Table 18: Cutoff values on background rejection MVA score applied to signal regions.

The event preselection and MVA selection define the three signal regions. These signal region definitions are summarized in table 19.

Region	Selection
2IS	Two same charge tight leptons with $p_T > 20$ GeV $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 4$, $N_{\text{b-jets}} \geq 1$ b-tagged jets Zero τ_{had} $H_{p_T}^{\text{pred}} > 150$ GeV and BDT score > 0.36 or $H_{p_T}^{\text{pred}} < 150$ GeV and BDT score > 0.34
3IS	Three light leptons with total charge ± 1 Two tight SS leptons, $p_T > 20$ GeV One loose OS lepton, $p_T > 10$ GeV $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2$, $N_{\text{b-jets}} \geq 1$ b-tagged jets Zero τ_{had} $ M(l^+l^-) - 91.2 \text{ GeV} > 10 \text{ GeV}$ for all OSSF lepton pairs Decay NN Score < 0.23 $H_{p_T}^{\text{pred}} > 150$ GeV and BDT score > 0.51 or $H_{p_T}^{\text{pred}} > 150$ GeV and BDT score > 0.43
3IF	Three light leptons with total charge ± 1 Two tight SS leptons, $p_T > 20$ GeV One loose OS lepton, $p_T > 10$ GeV $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2$, $N_{\text{b-jets}} \geq 1$ b-tagged jets Zero τ_{had} $ M(l^+l^-) - 91.2 \text{ GeV} > 10 \text{ GeV}$ for all OSSF lepton pairs Decay NN Score > 0.23 $H_{p_T}^{\text{pred}} > 150$ GeV and BDT score > 0.33 or $H_{p_T}^{\text{pred}} > 150$ GeV and BDT score > 0.41

Table 19: Selection applied to define the three signal regions used in the fit.

447 7 Systematic Uncertainties

448 The systematic uncertainties that are considered are summarized in table 20. These are imple-
 449 mented in the fit either as a normalization factors or as a shape variation or both in the signal
 450 and background estimations. The numerical impact of each of these uncertainties is outlined in
 451 section 8.

Table 20: Sources of systematic uncertainty considered in the analysis. Some of the systematic uncertainties are split into several components, as indicated by the number in the rightmost column.

Systematic uncertainty	Components
Luminosity	1
Pileup reweighting	1
Physics Objects	
Electron	6
Muon	15
Jet energy scale and resolution	28
Jet vertex fraction	1
Jet flavor tagging	131
E_T^{miss}	3
Total (Experimental)	186
Background Modeling	
Cross section	24
Renormalization and factorization scales	10
Parton shower and hadronization model	2
Shower tune	4
Total (Signal and background modeling)	40
Background Modeling	
Cross section	24
Renormalization and factorization scales	10
Parton shower and hadronization model	2
Shower tune	4
Total (Signal and background modeling)	40
Total (Overall)	226

452 The uncertainty in the combined 2015+2016 integrated luminosity is derived from a calibration
 453 of the luminosity scale using x-y beam-separation scans performed in August 2015 and May 2016
 454 [11].

455 The experimental uncertainties are related to the reconstruction and identification of light leptons
 456 and b-tagging of jets, and to the reconstruction of E_T^{miss} . The sources which contribute to the

457 uncertainty in the jet energy scale [12] are decomposed into uncorrelated components and treated
 458 as independent sources in the analysis.

459 The uncertainties in the b-tagging efficiencies measured in dedicated calibration analyses [13] are
 460 also decomposed into uncorrelated components. The large number of components for b-tagging
 461 is due to the calibration of the distribution of the BDT discriminant.

462 The systematic uncertainties associated with the signal and background processes are accounted
 463 for by varying the cross-section of each process within its uncertainty.

464 8 Results

465 Unblinded results are shown for the 80 fb^{-1} data set, as well as MC only projections of results
 466 using the full Run-2, 140 fb^{-1} dataset.

467 8.1 Results - 80 fb^{-1}

468 A maximum likelihood fit is performed simultaneously over the reconstructed Higgs p_T spectrum
 469 in the three signal regions, 2I Σ , 3I Σ , and 3I Γ , shown in figure 8.1. The $t\bar{t}H$ MC is split into
 470 high and low p_T , based on whether the truth p_T of the Higgs is above or below 150 GeV. The
 471 parameters $\mu_{t\bar{t}H\text{high}p_T}$ and $\mu_{t\bar{t}H\text{low}p_T}$, where $\mu = \sigma_{\text{observed}}/\sigma_{\text{SM}}$, are extracted from the fit.

472 As the data collected from 2015-2017 has been unblinded for $t\bar{t}H$ – ML channels, representing
 473 80 fb^{-1} , those events are unblinded.

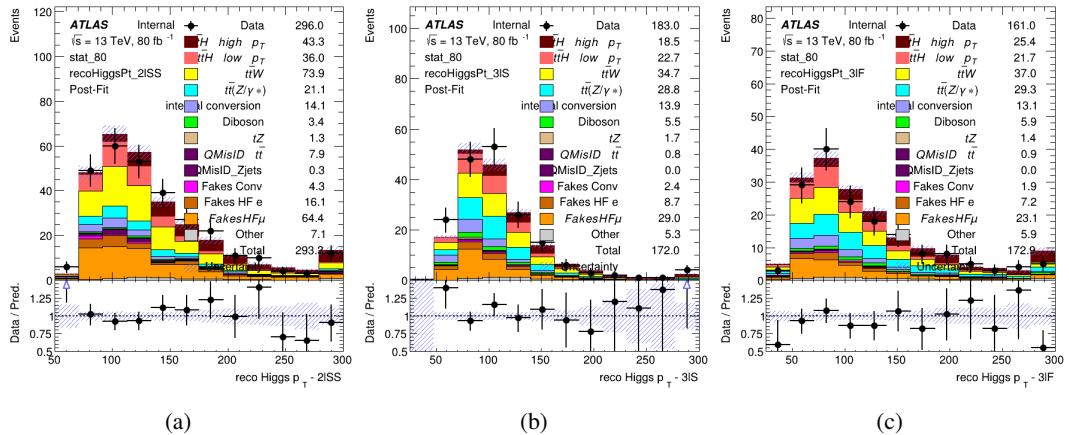


Figure 8.1: Post-fit distributions of the reconstructed Higgs p_T in the three signal regions, (a) 2I Σ , (b) 3I Σ , and (c) 3I Γ , for 80 fb^{-1} of MC

474 A post-fit summary of the fitted regions is shown in figure 8.2.

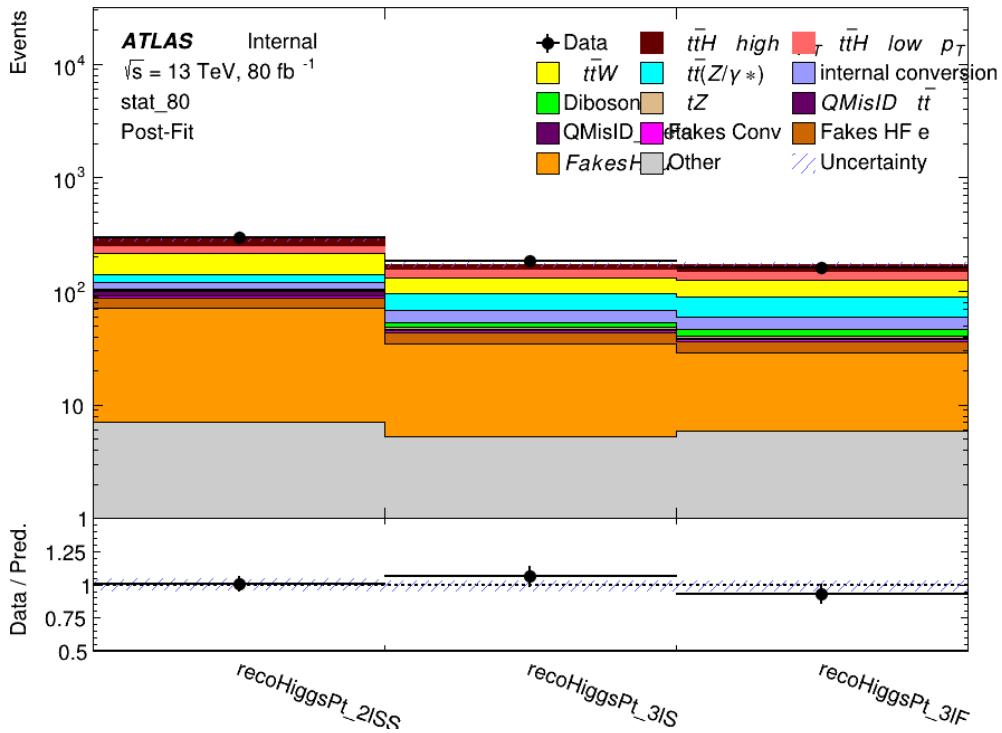


Figure 8.2: Post-fit summary of the yields in each signal region.

⁴⁷⁵ The μ values for high and low p_T Higgs are shown in 21.

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_{t\bar{t}H \text{ high } p_T} &= 1.0^{+0.0}_{-0.0} (\text{stat})^{+0.0}_{-0.0} (\text{sys}) \\ \mu_{t\bar{t}H \text{ low } p_T} &= 1.0^{+0.0}_{-0.0} (\text{stat})^{+0.0}_{-0.0} (\text{sys})\end{aligned}$$

Table 21: Best fit μ values for $t\bar{t}H$ high p_T and $t\bar{t}H$ low p_T , where $\mu = \sigma_{\text{obs}}/\sigma_{\text{pred}}$

⁴⁷⁶ Need to add something about systematics here

⁴⁷⁷ The background composition of each of the fit regions is shown in figure 8.3.

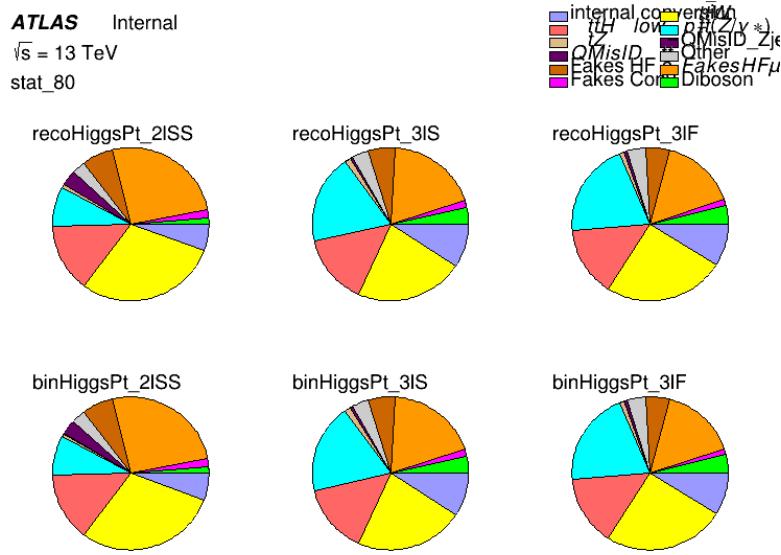
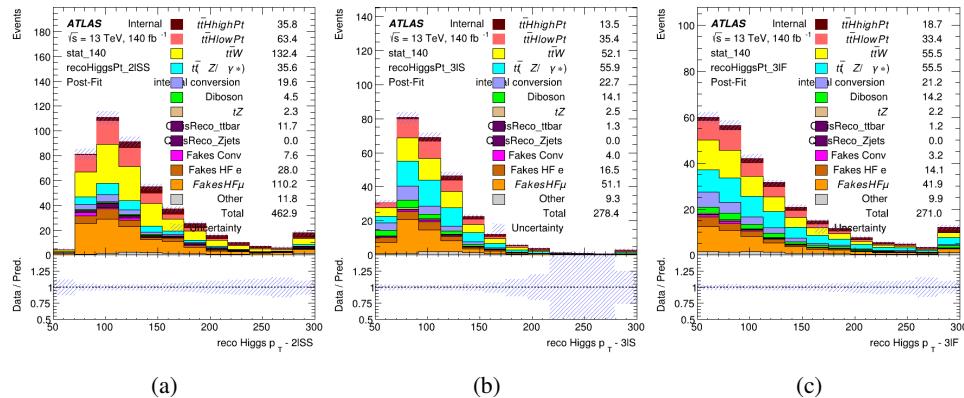


Figure 8.3: Background composition of the fit regions.

478 8.2 Projected Results - 140 fb^{-1}

479 As data collected in 2018 has not yet been unblinded for $t\bar{t}H$ – ML at the time of this note, data
480 from that year remains blinded. Instead, an Asimov fit is performed - with the MC prediction
481 being used both as the SM prediction as well as the data in the fit - in order to give expected
482 results.

Figure 8.4: Blinded post-fit distributions of the reconstructed Higgs p_T in the three signal regions, (a) 2lSS, (b) 3lS, and (c) 3lF, for 140 fb^{-1} of data

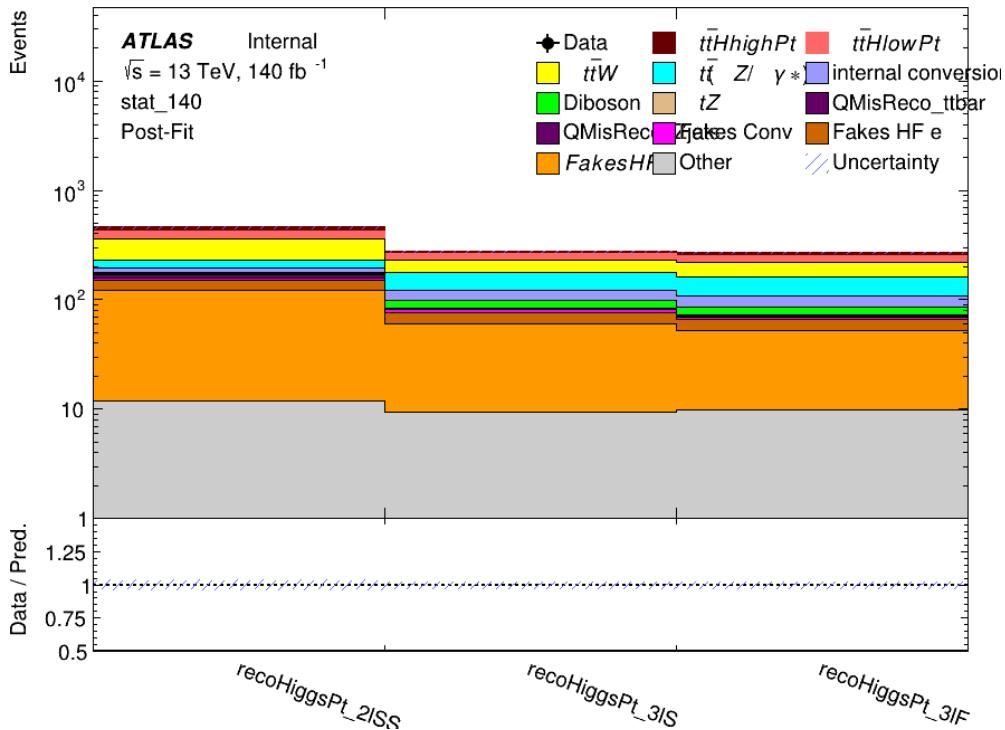


Figure 8.5: Post-fit summary of fit.

⁴⁸³ The μ values for high and low p_T Higgs are shown in 22.

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_{\text{t}\bar{\text{t}}\text{H} \text{high} p_T} &= 1.0^{+0.0}_{-0.0} (\text{stat})^{+0.0}_{-0.0} (\text{sys}) \\ \mu_{\text{t}\bar{\text{t}}\text{H} \text{low} p_T} &= 1.0^{+0.0}_{-0.0} (\text{stat})^{+0.0}_{-0.0} (\text{sys})\end{aligned}$$

Table 22: Best fit μ values for $\text{t}\bar{\text{t}}\text{H}$ high p_T and $\text{t}\bar{\text{t}}\text{H}$ low p_T , where $\mu = \sigma_{\text{obs}}/\sigma_{\text{pred}}$

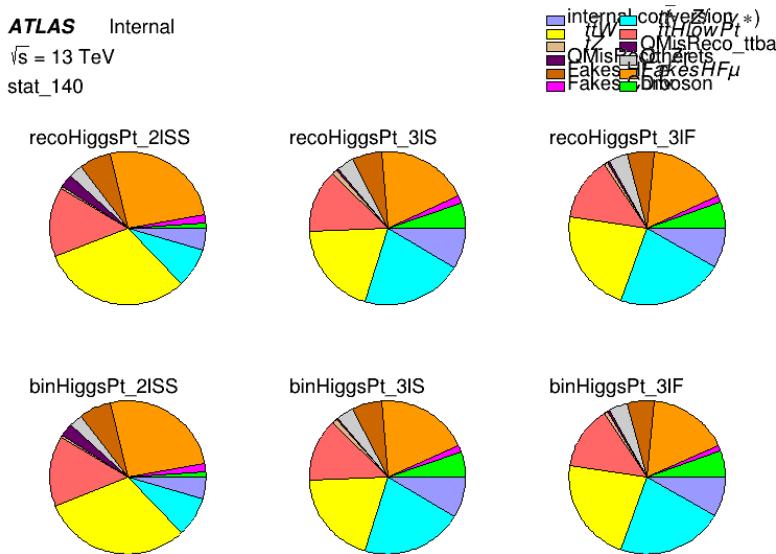


Figure 8.6: Background composition of the fit regions.

9 Conclusion

As search for the effects of dimension-six operators on $t\bar{t}H$ production is performed. An effective field theory approached is used to parameratize the effects of high energy physics on the Higgs momentum spectrum. The momentum spectrum is reconstructed using various MVA techniques, and the limits on dimension-six operators are limited to X.

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531 List of contributions

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⁵³³ **Appendices**

⁵³⁴ **A Machine Learning Models**

⁵³⁵ The following section provides details of the various MVAs as well as a few studies performed in
⁵³⁶ support of this analysis, exploring alternate decisions and strategies.

⁵³⁷ **A.1 Higgs Reconstruction Models**

⁵³⁸ **A.1.1 b-jet Identification Features - 2lSS**

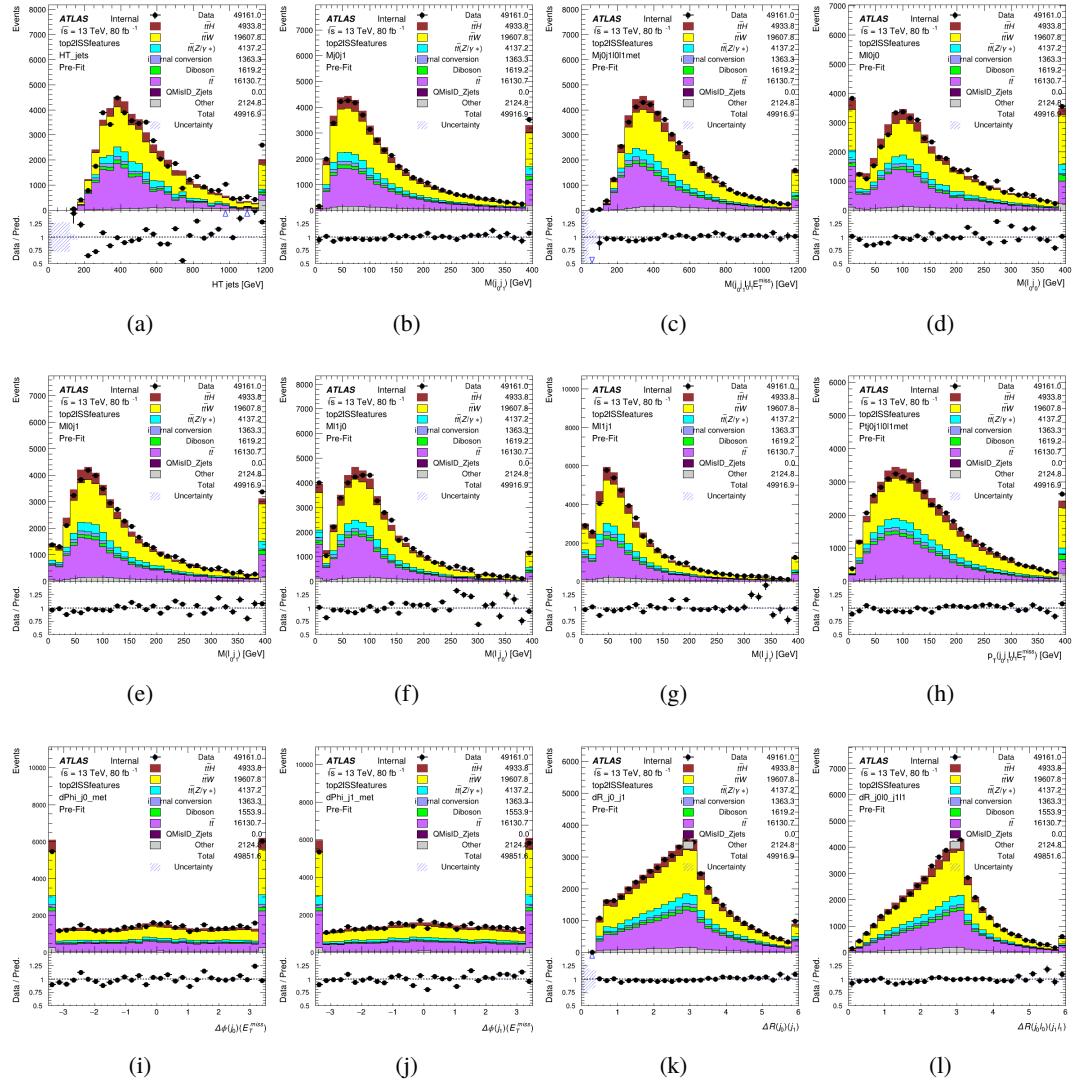


Figure A.1: Input features for top2lSS

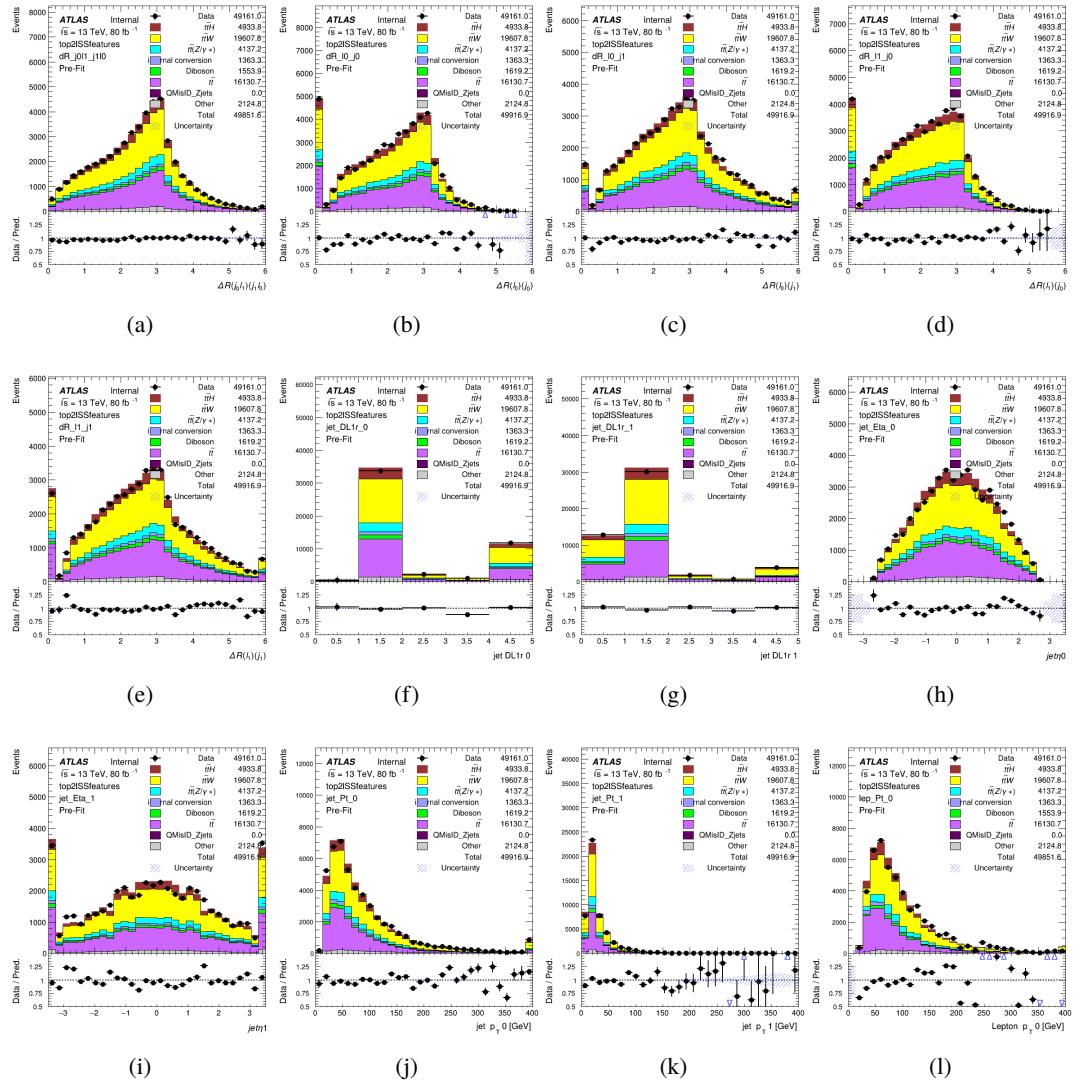


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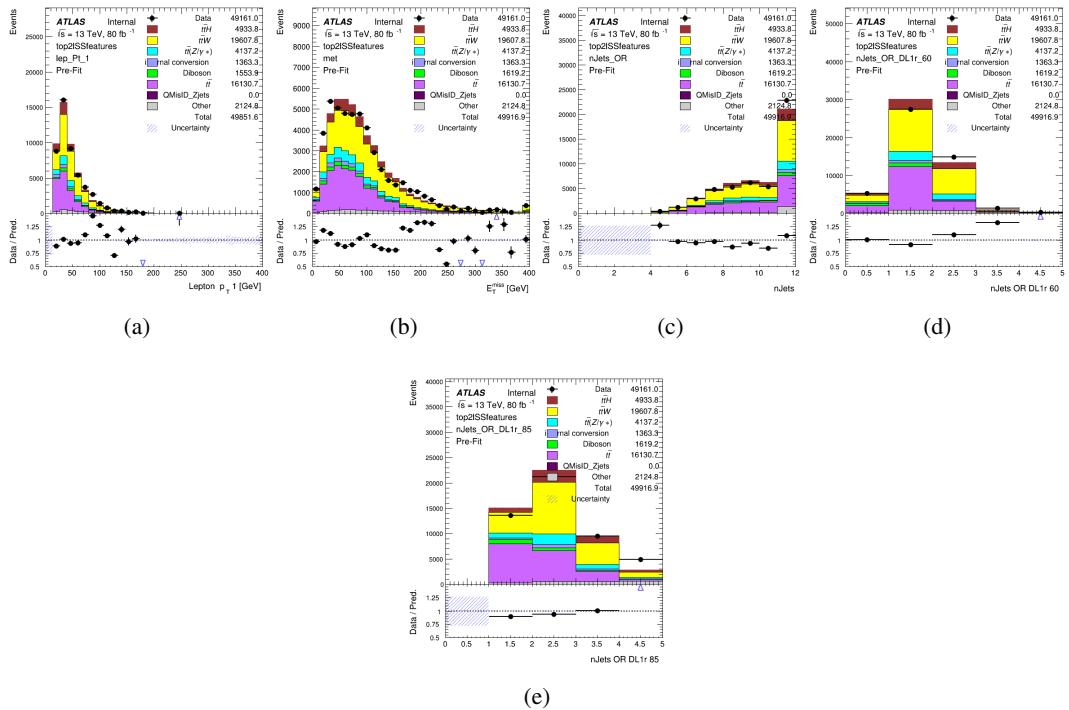


Figure A.3: Input features for top2lSS

539 **A.1.2 b-jet Identification Features - 3l**

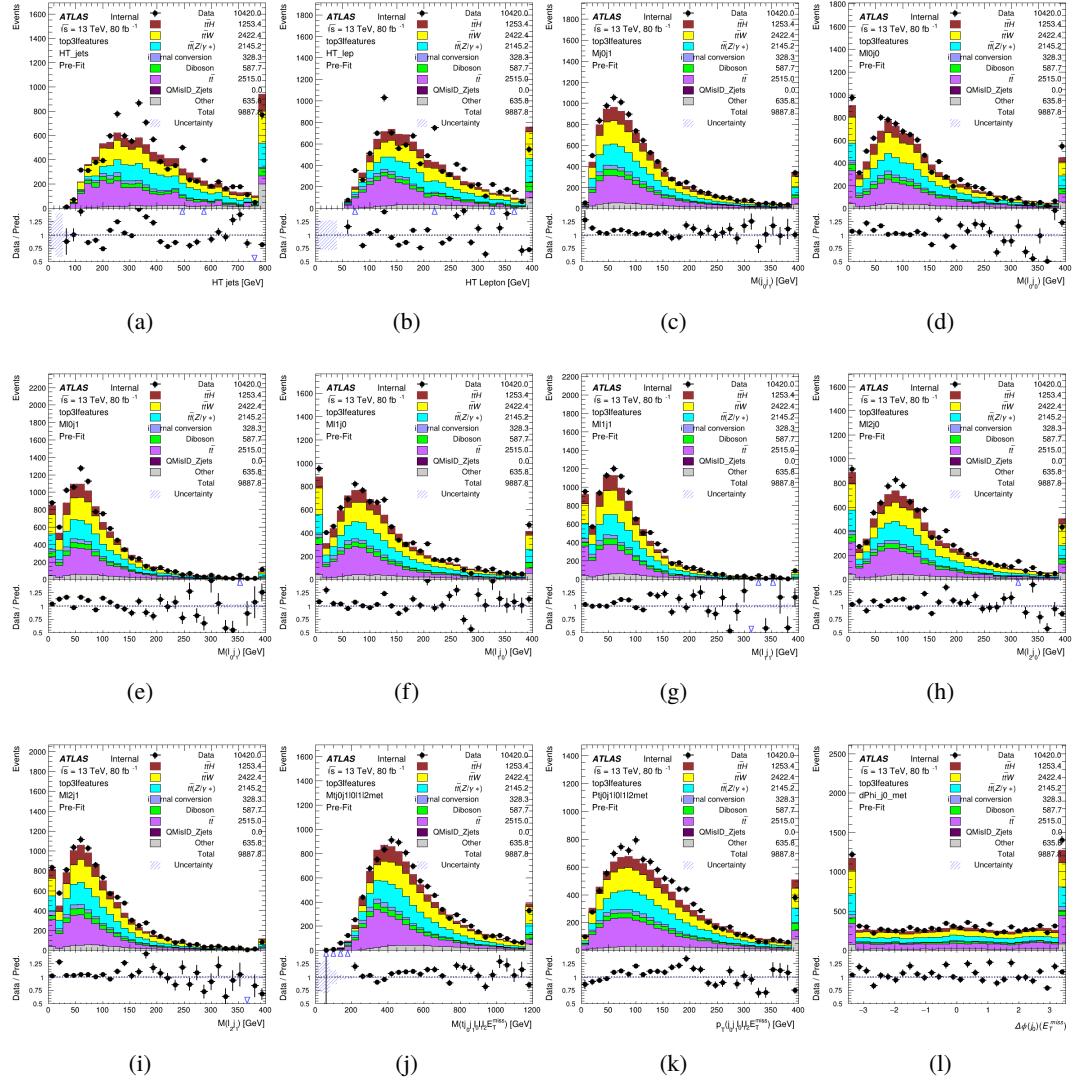


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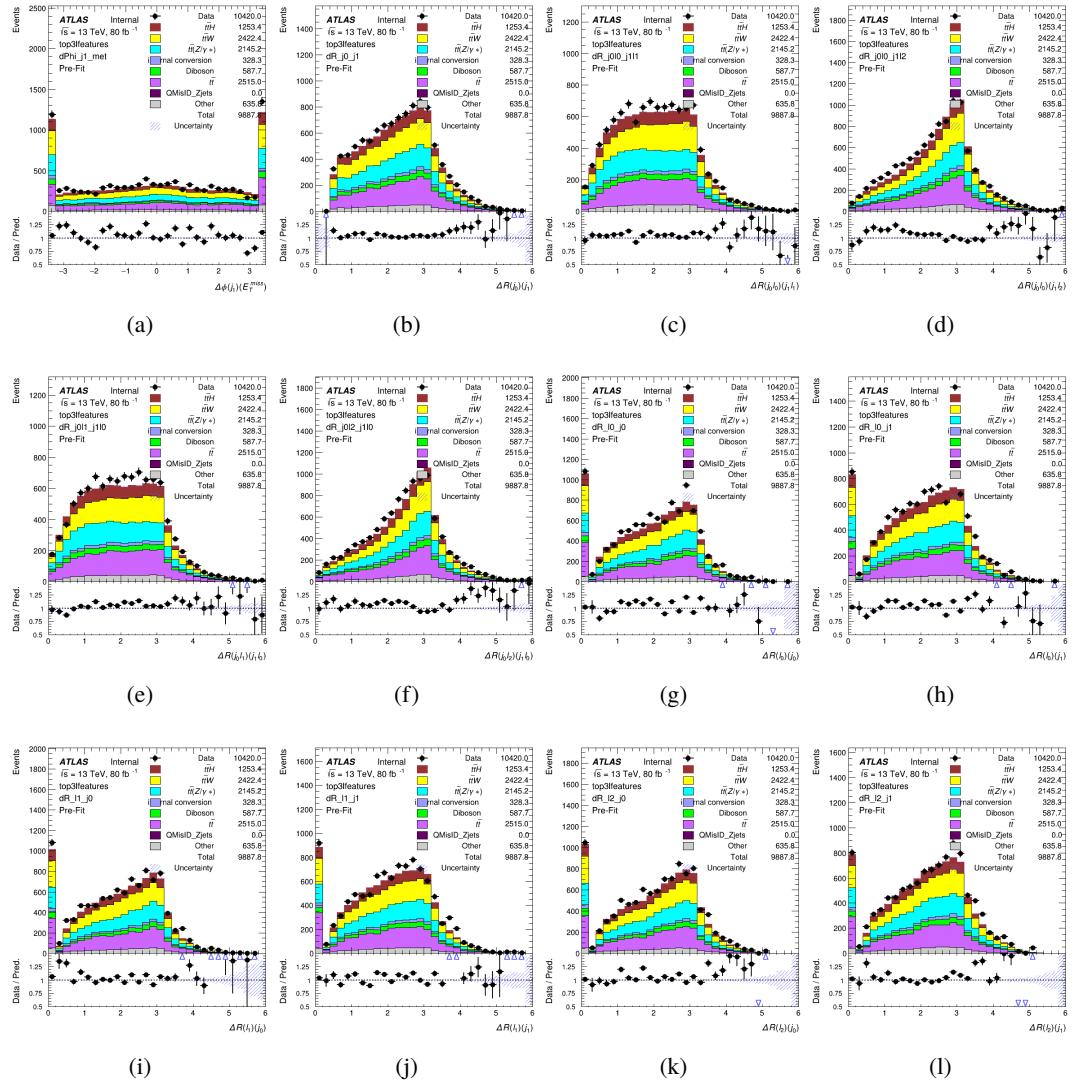


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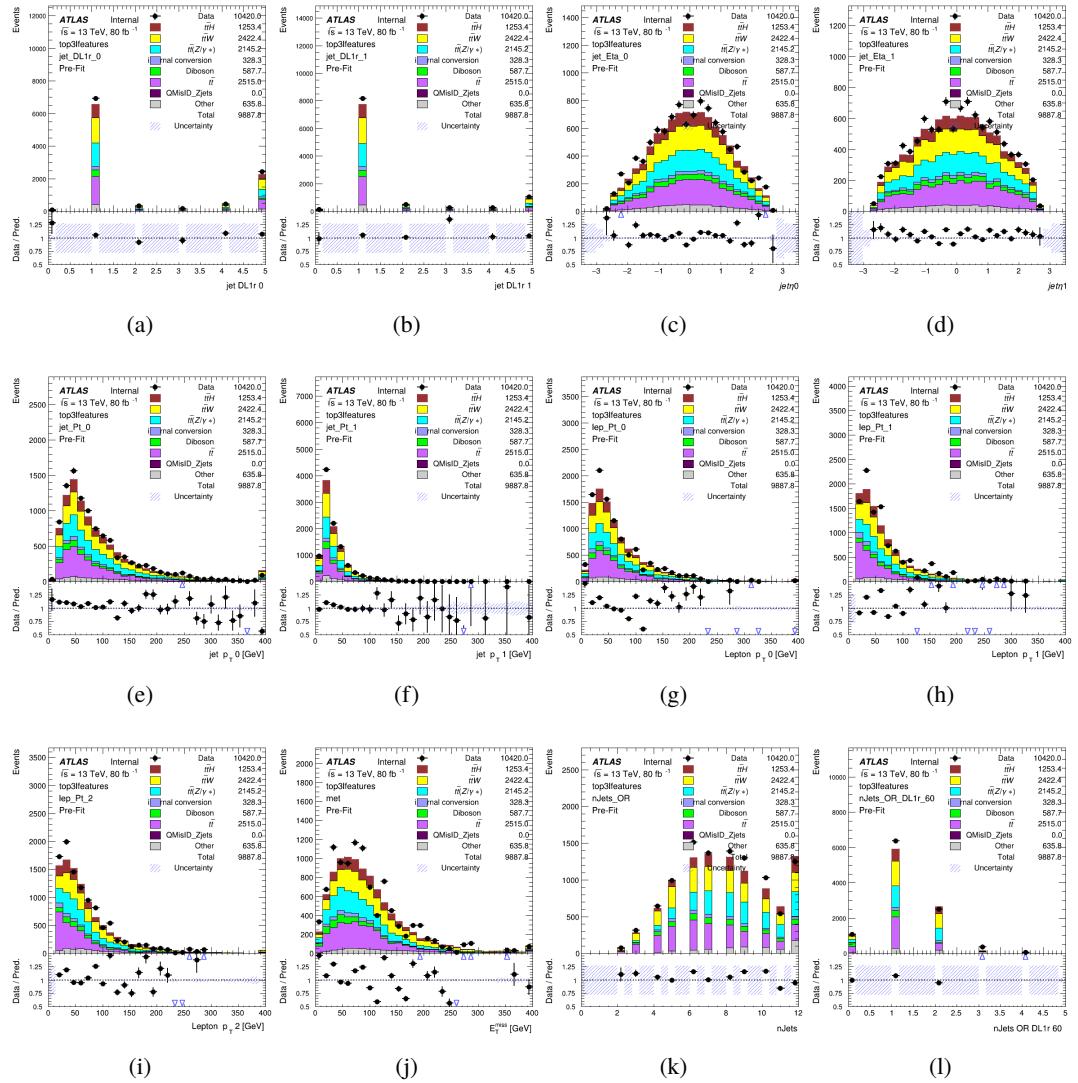
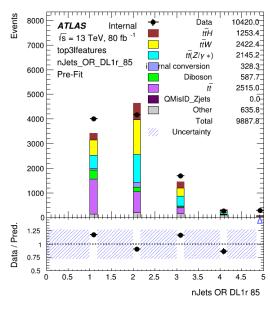


Figure A.6: Input features for top31



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Figure A.7: Input features for top3l

540 **A.1.3 Higgs Reconstruction Features - 2lSS**

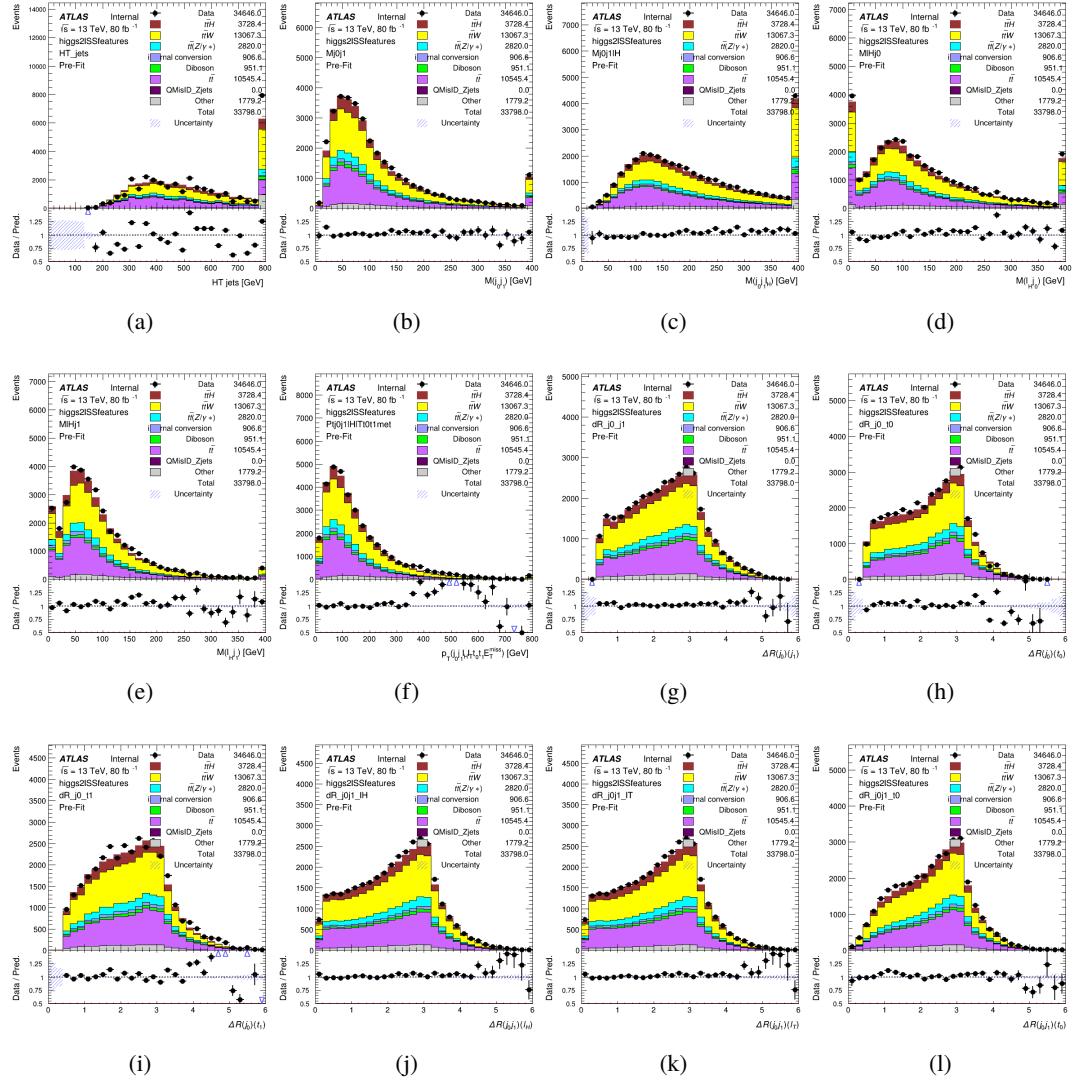


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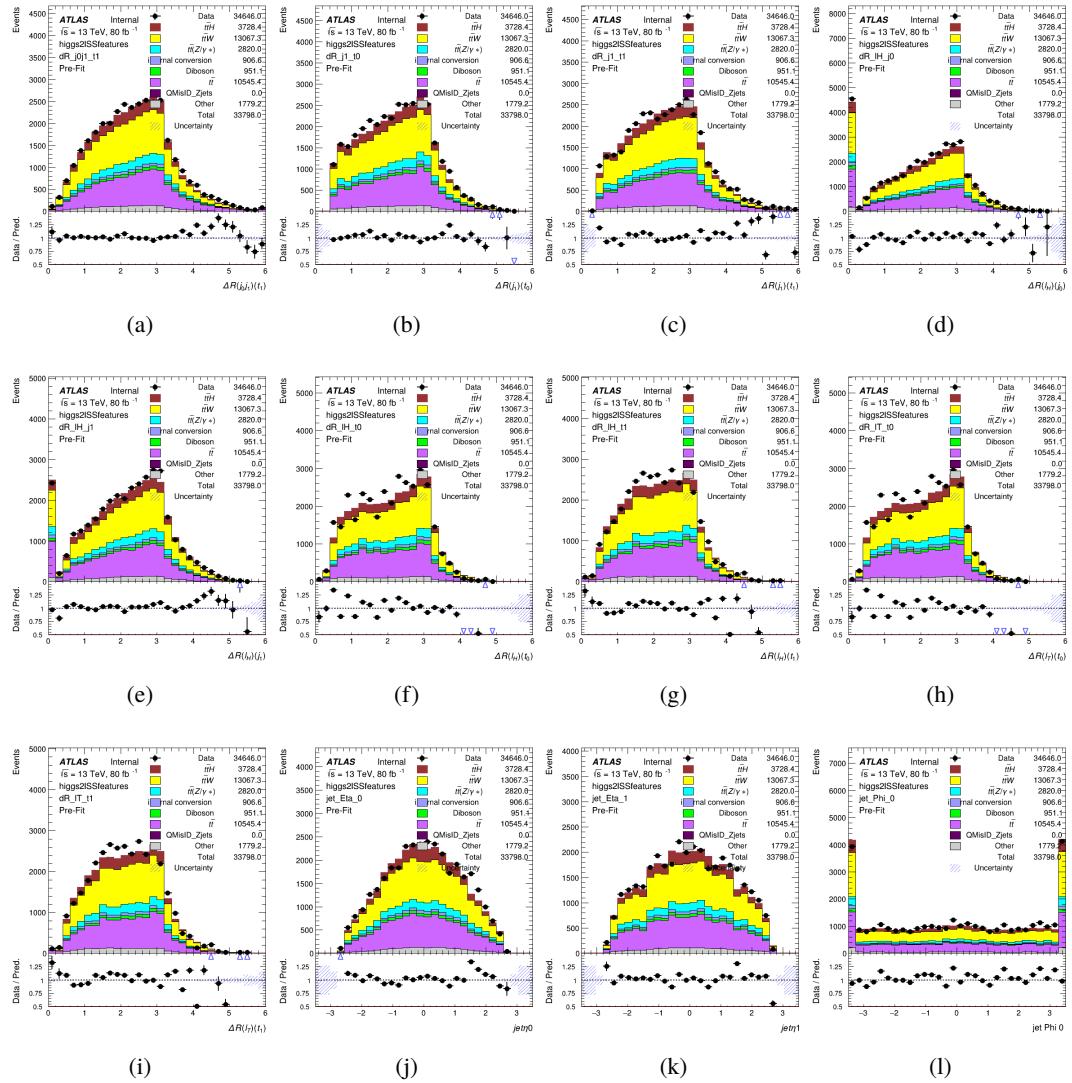


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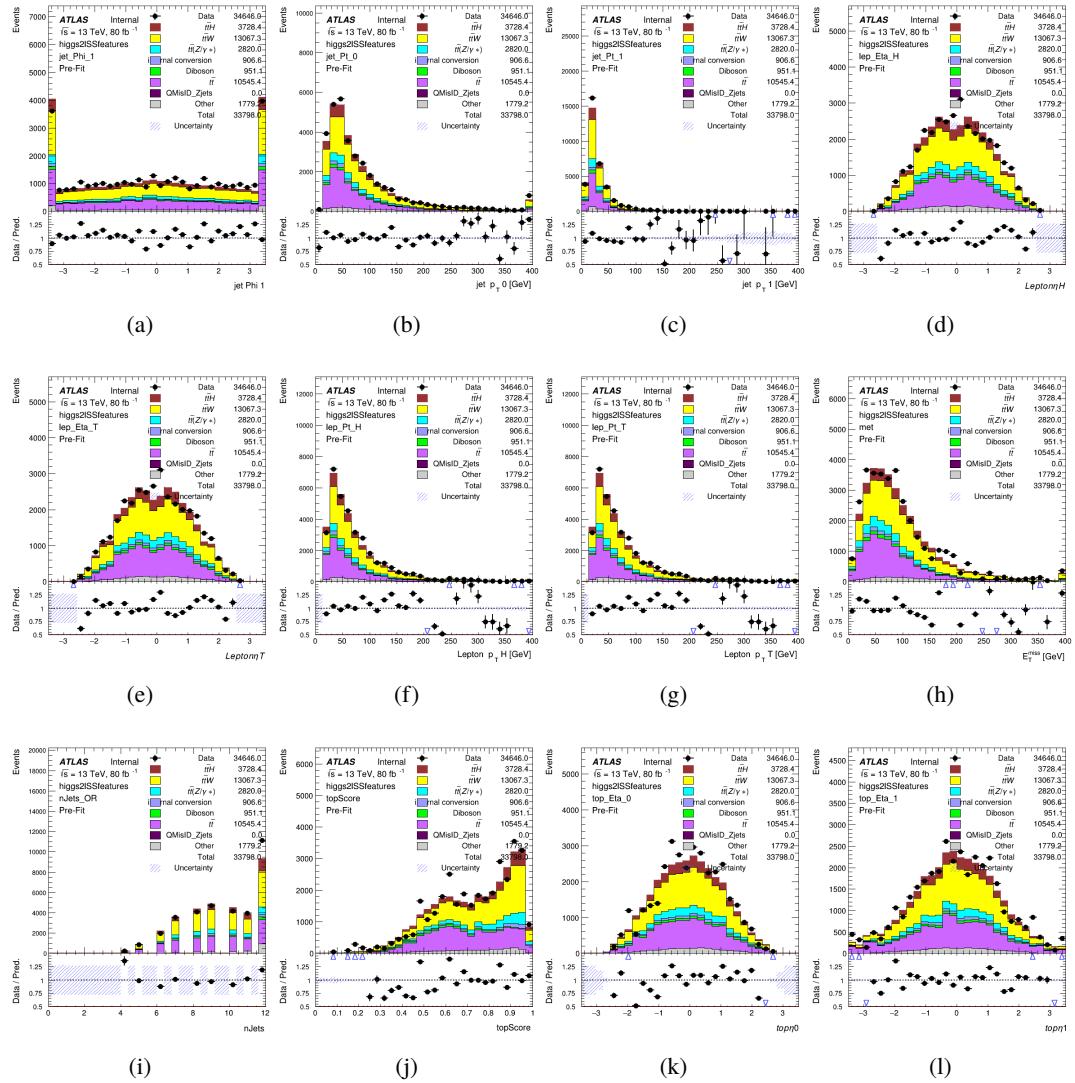


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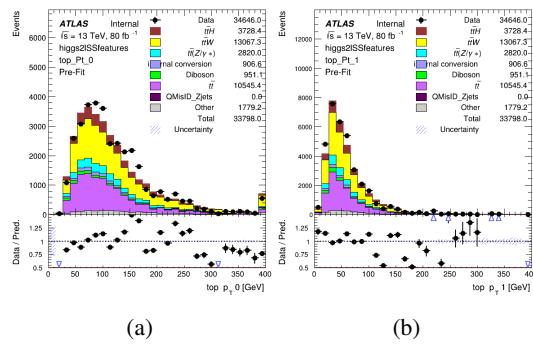


Figure A.11: Input features for higgs2ISS

541 **A.1.4 Higgs Reconstruction Features - 3lS**

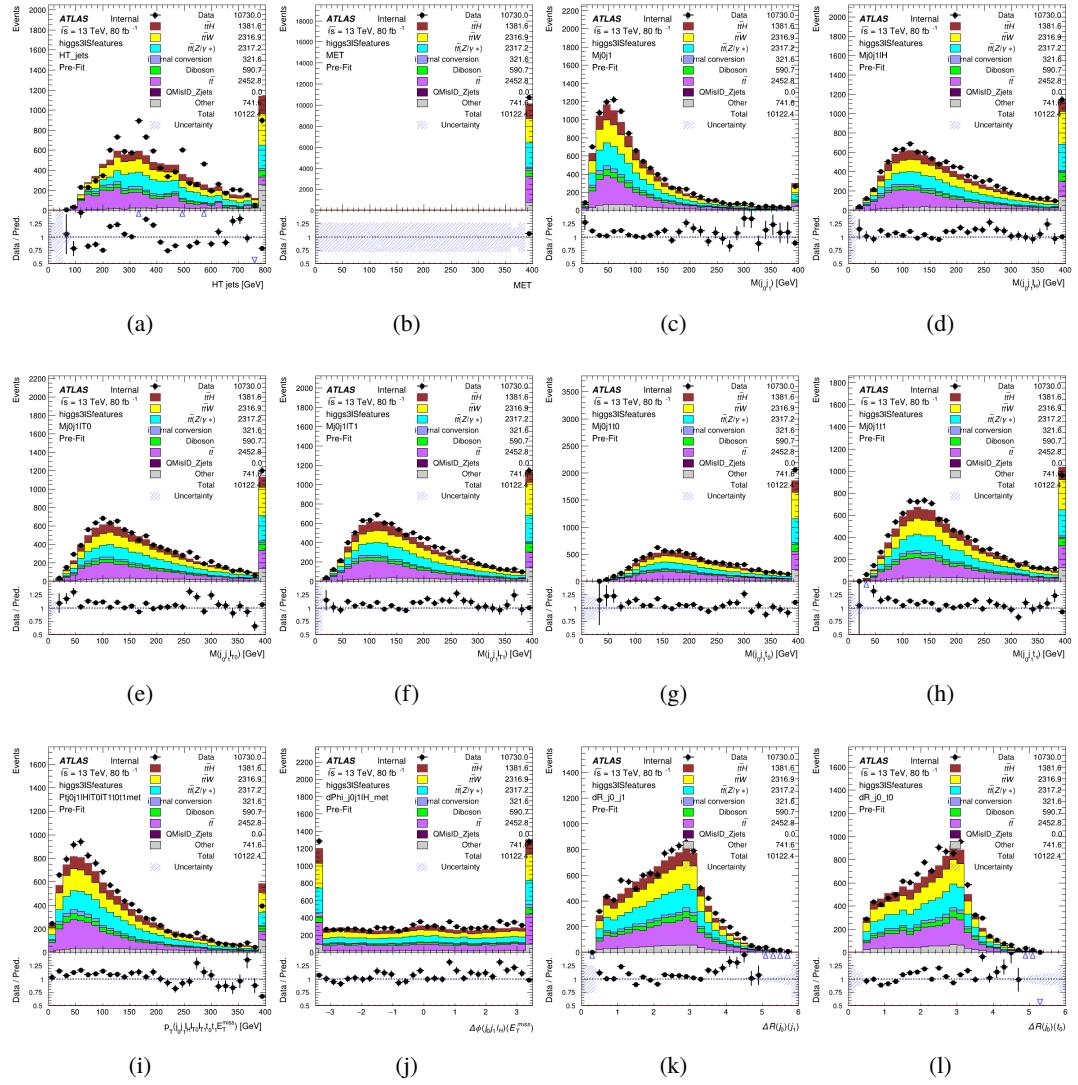


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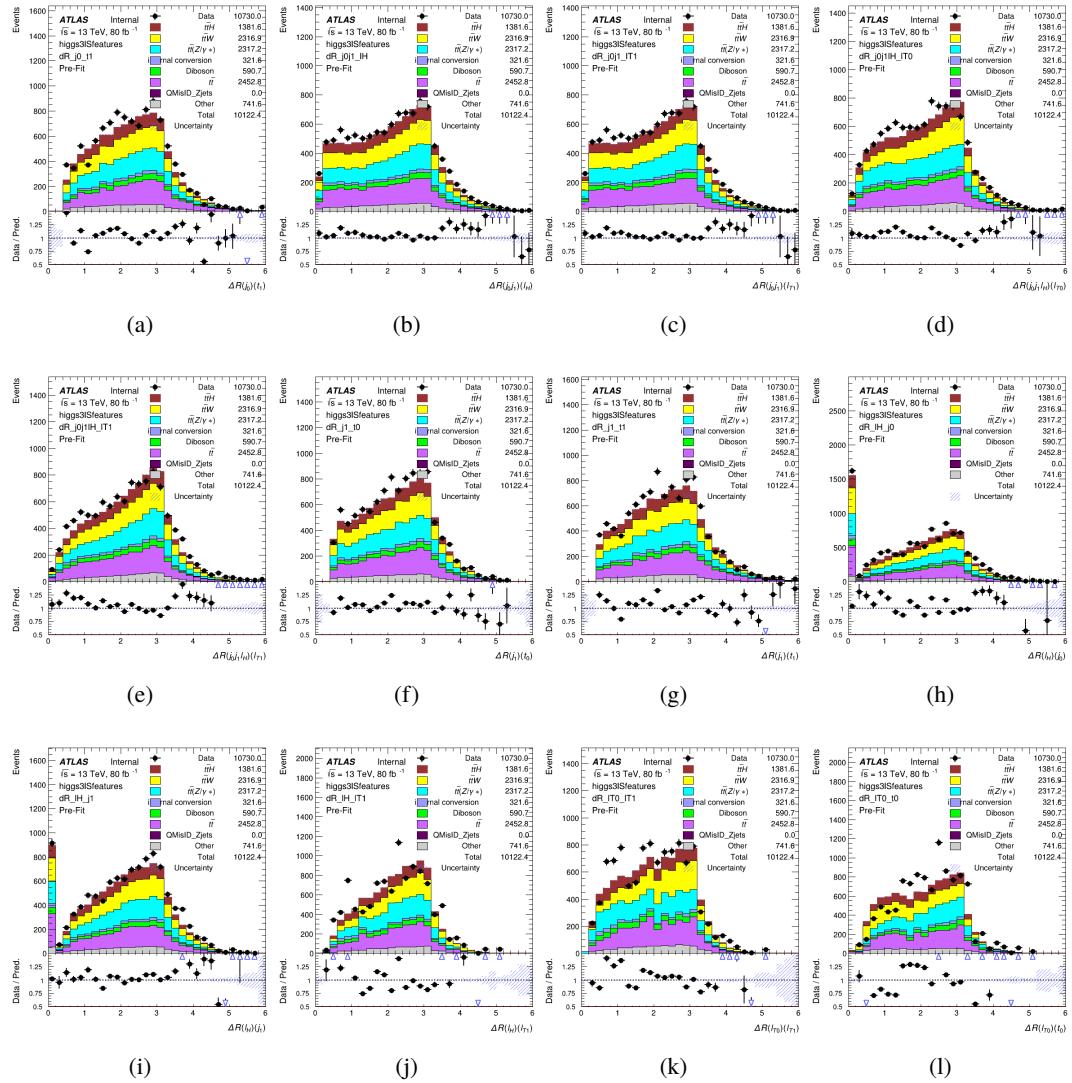


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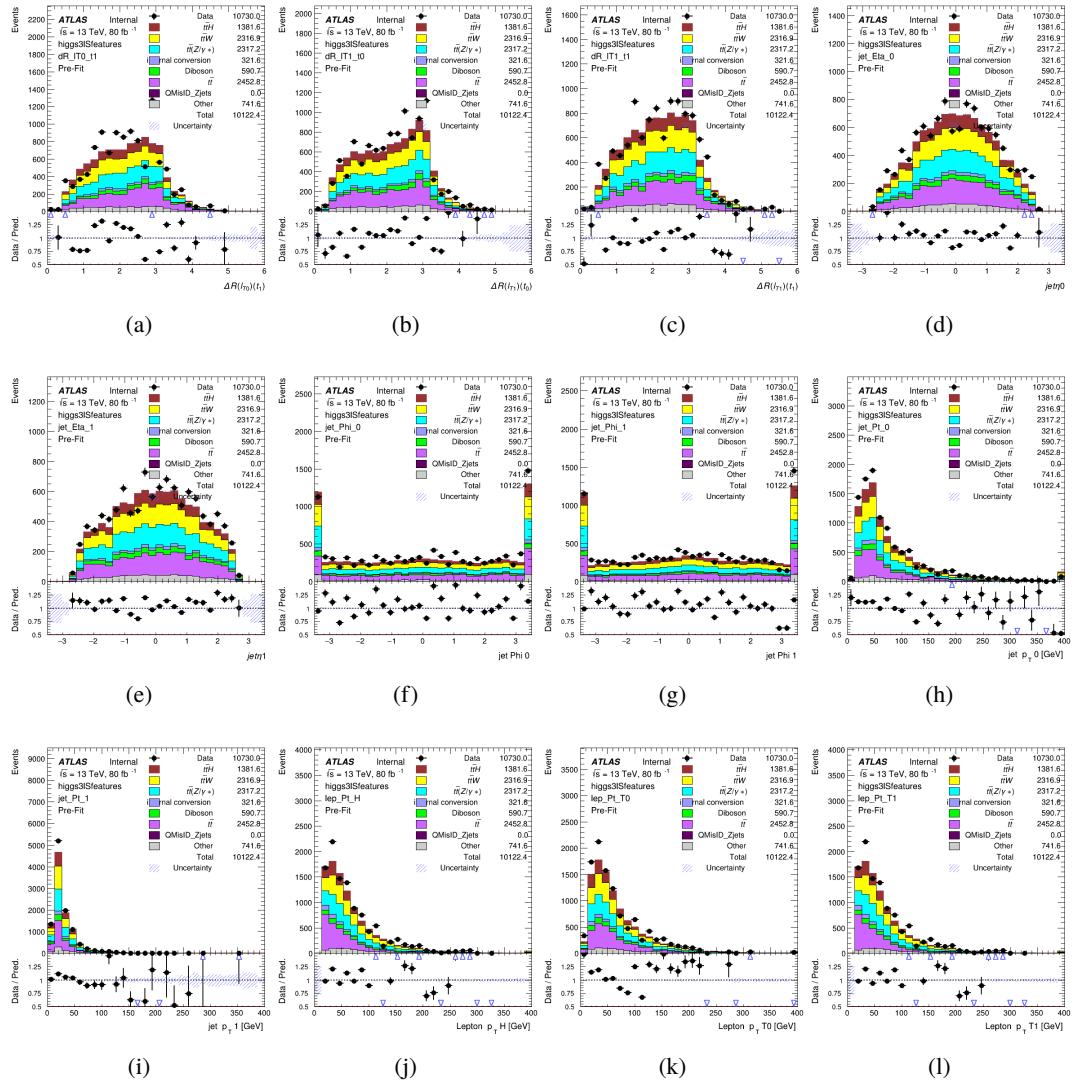


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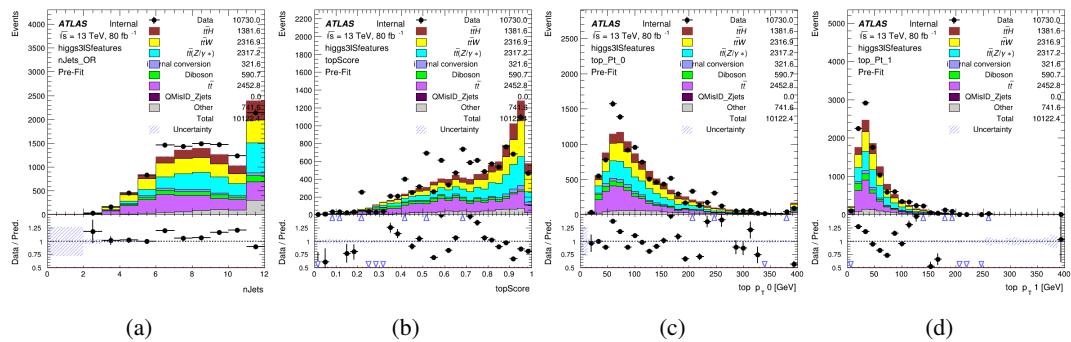


Figure A.15: Input features for higgs31S

542 **A.1.5 Higgs Reconstruction Features - 3lF**

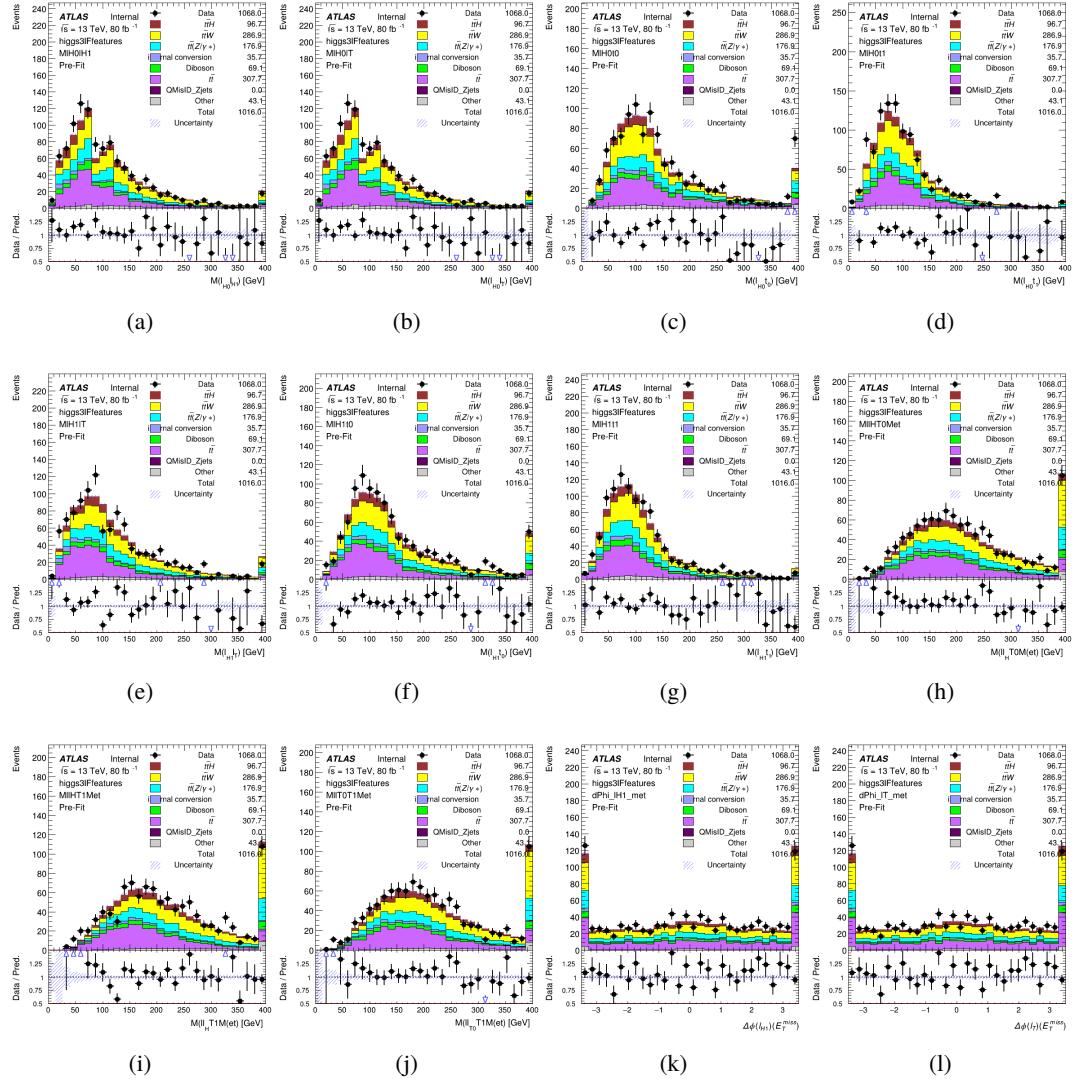


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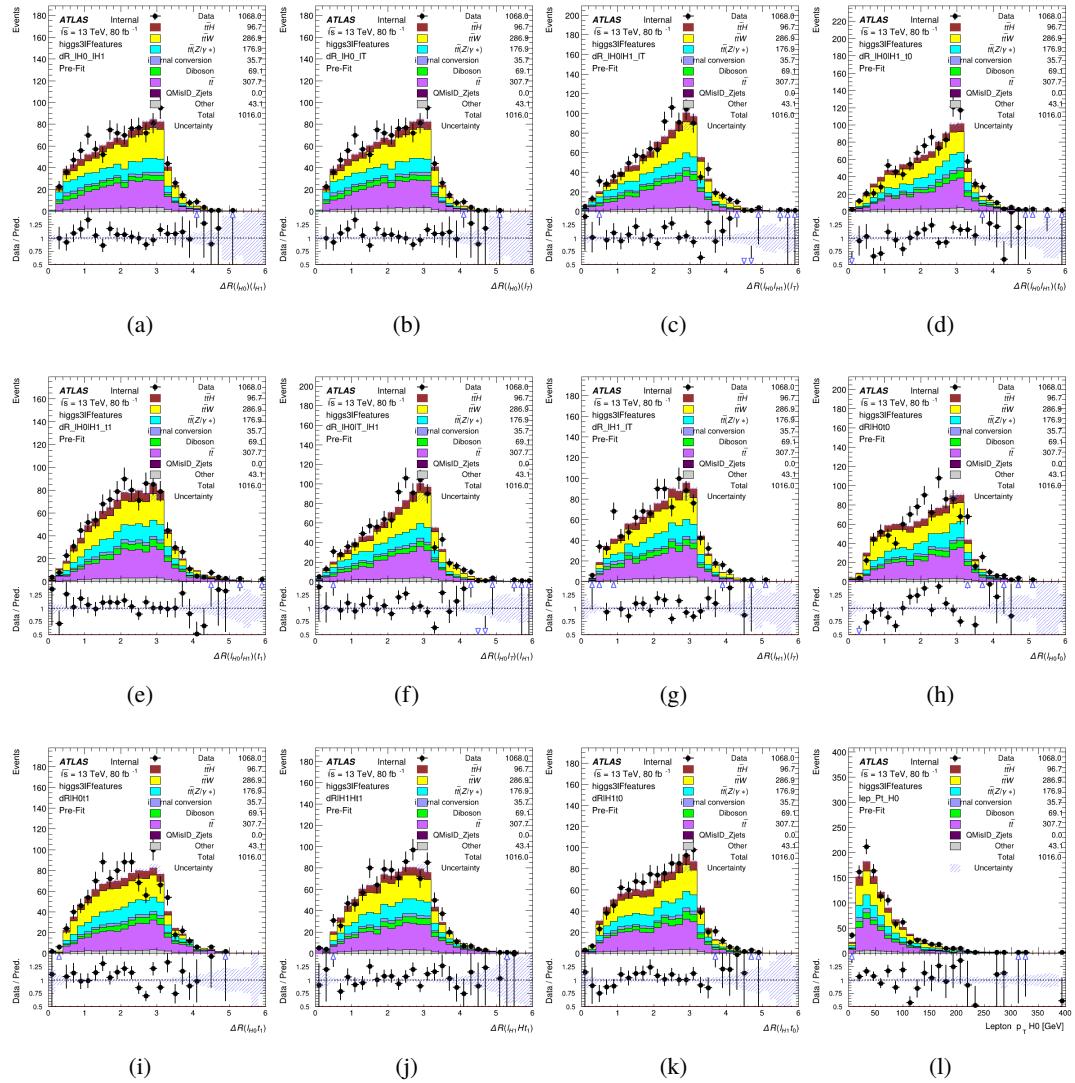


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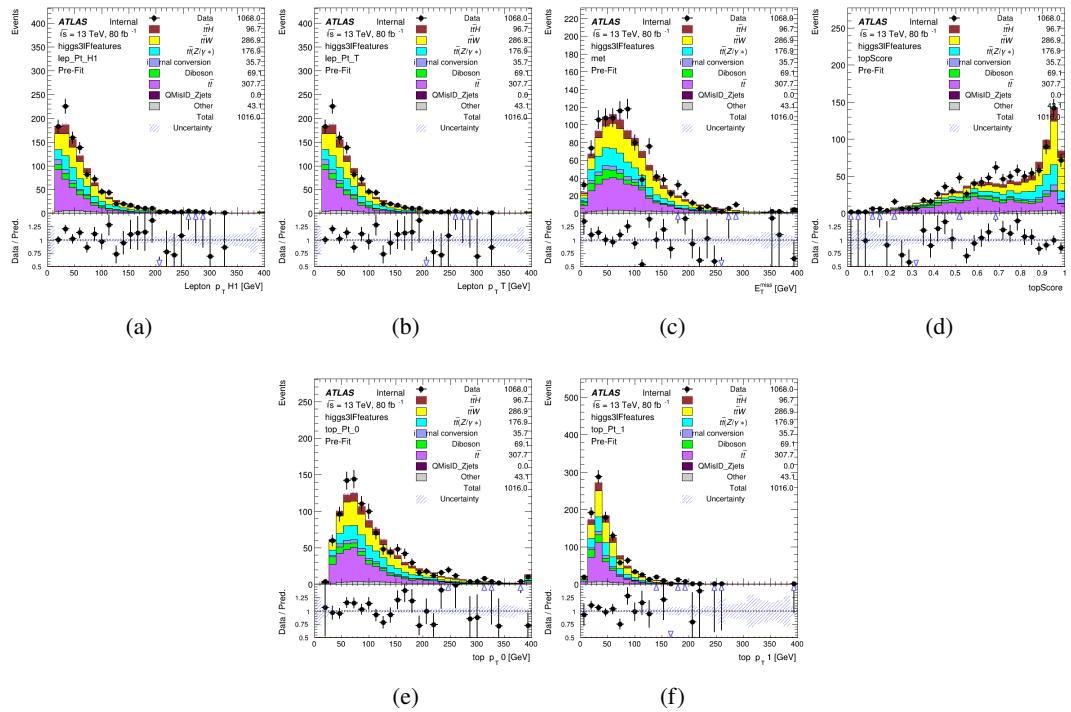


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⁵⁴³ **A.2 Background Rejection MVAs**

⁵⁴⁴ **A.2.1 Background Rejection MVA Features - 2lSS**

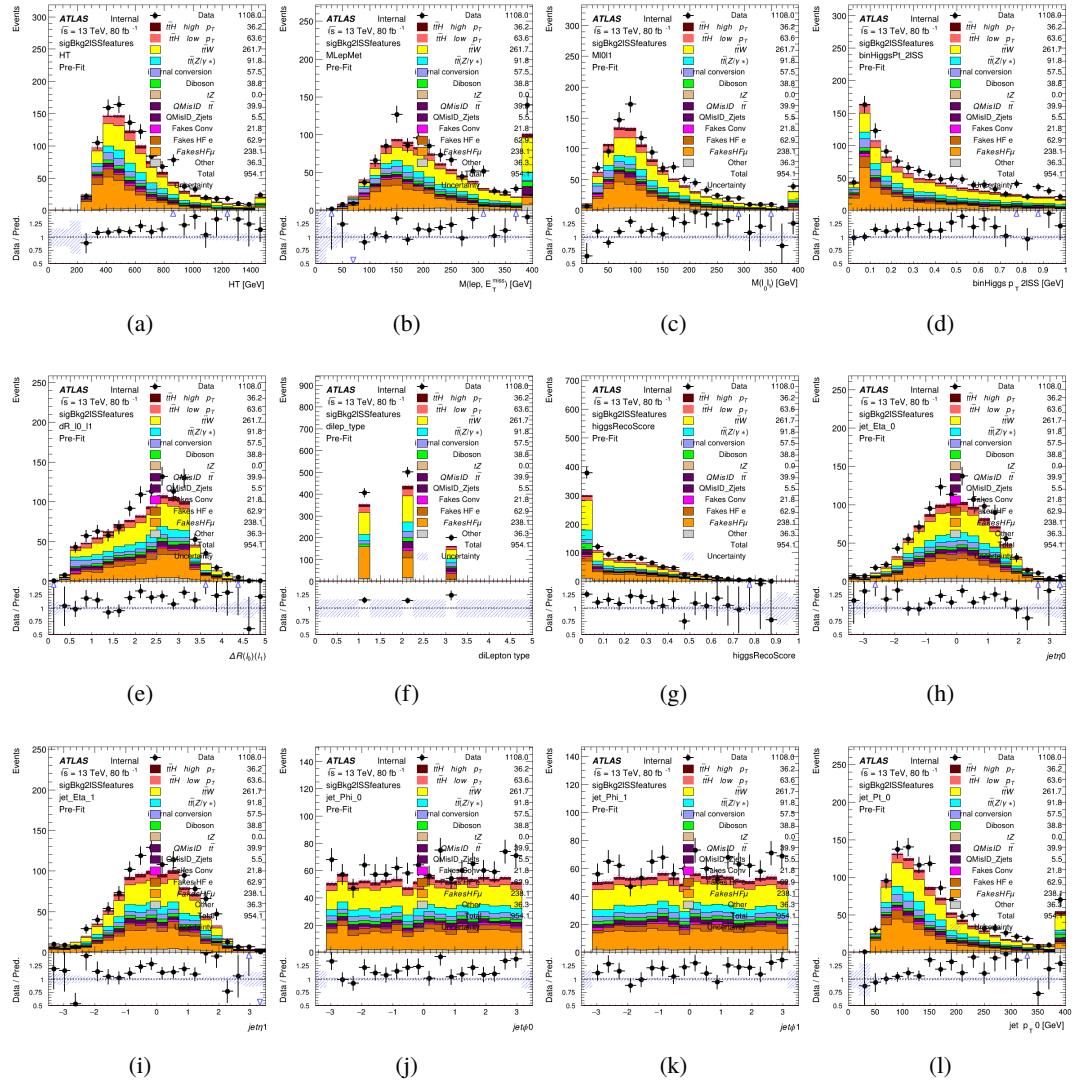
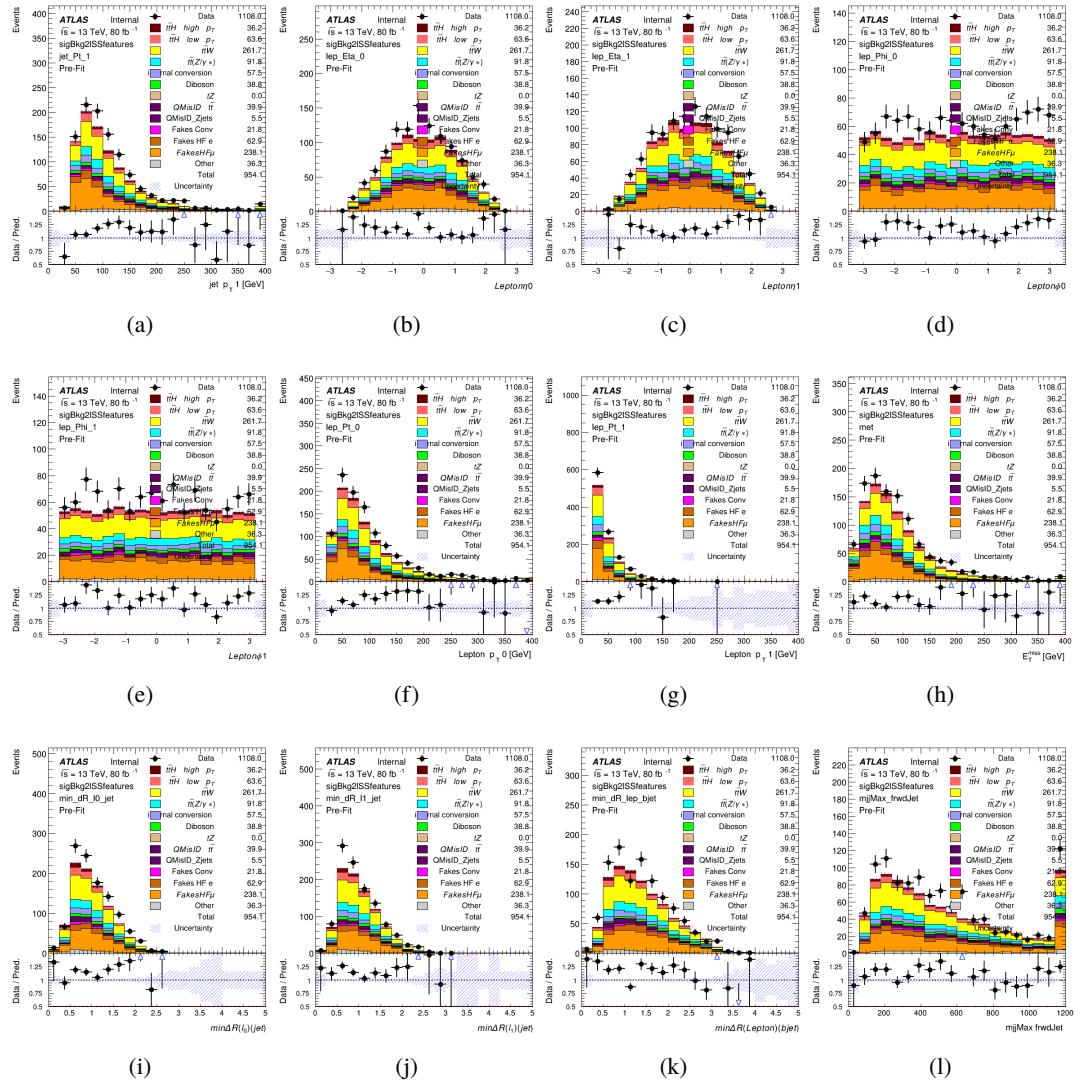


Figure A.19: Input features for sigBkg2lSS

Figure A.20: Input features for `sigBkg2lSS`

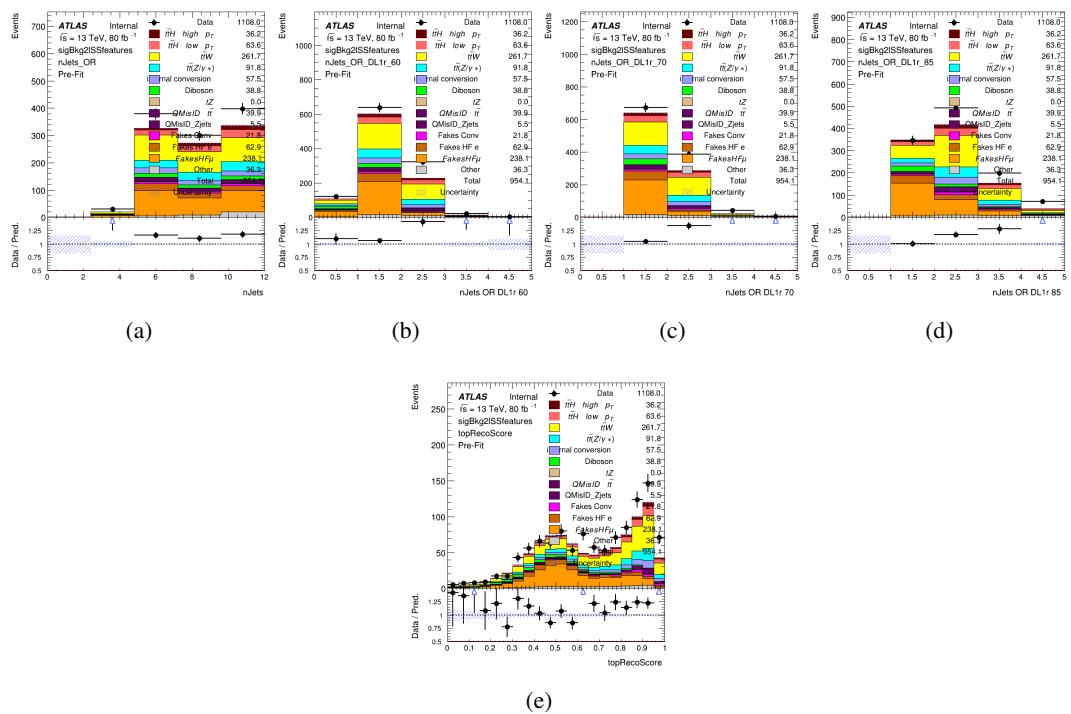


Figure A.21: Input features for sigBkg2ISS

545 **A.2.2 Background Rejection MVA Features - 3l**

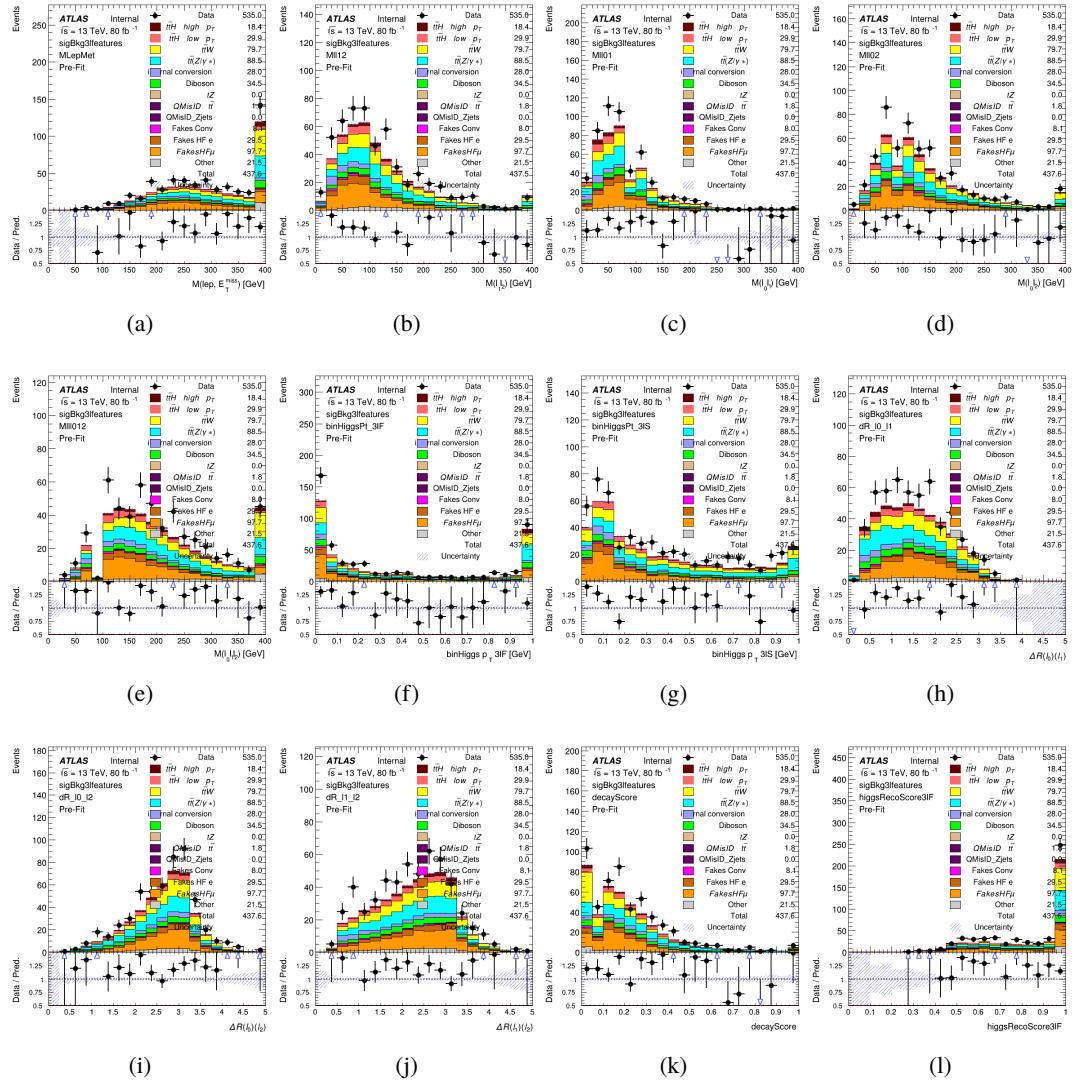


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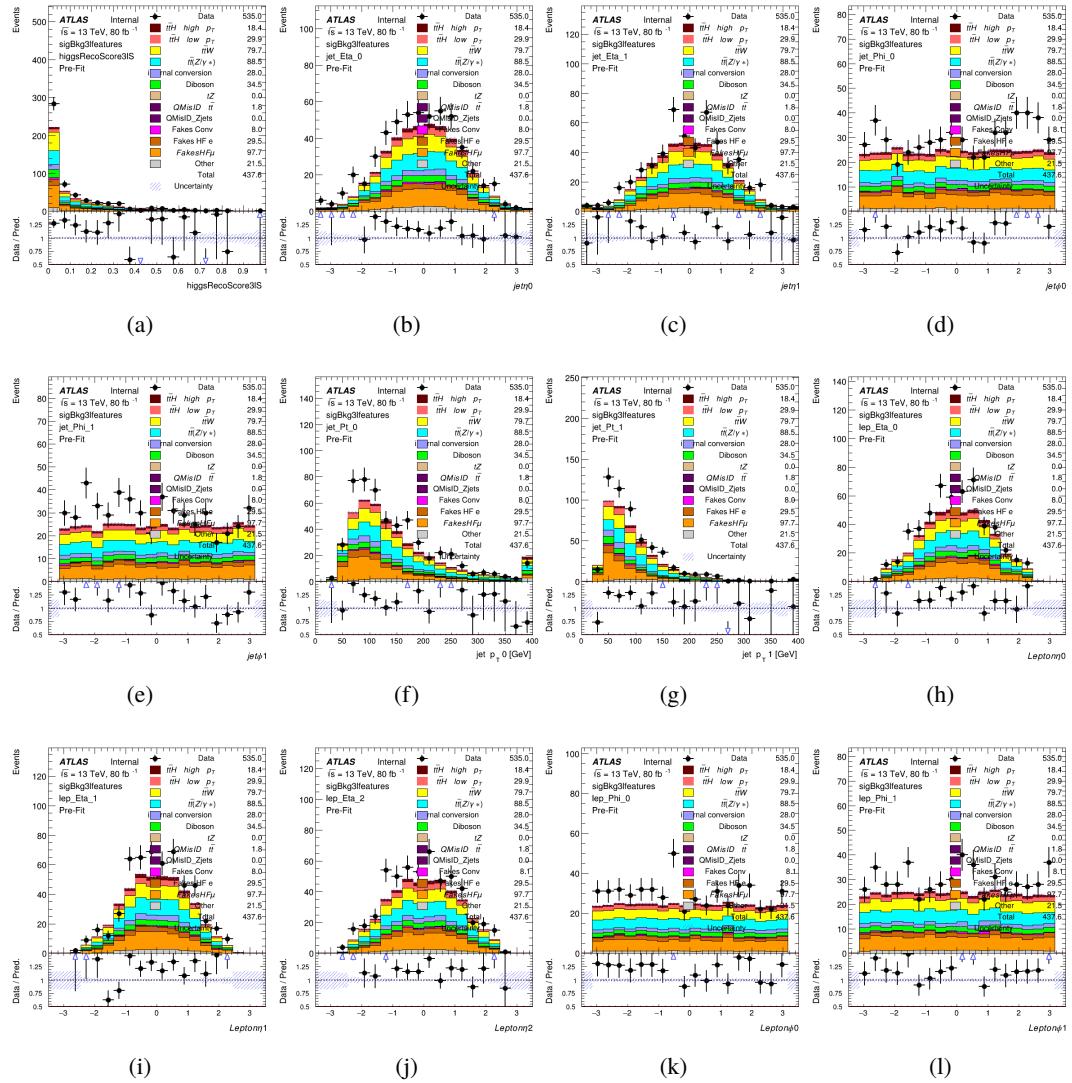


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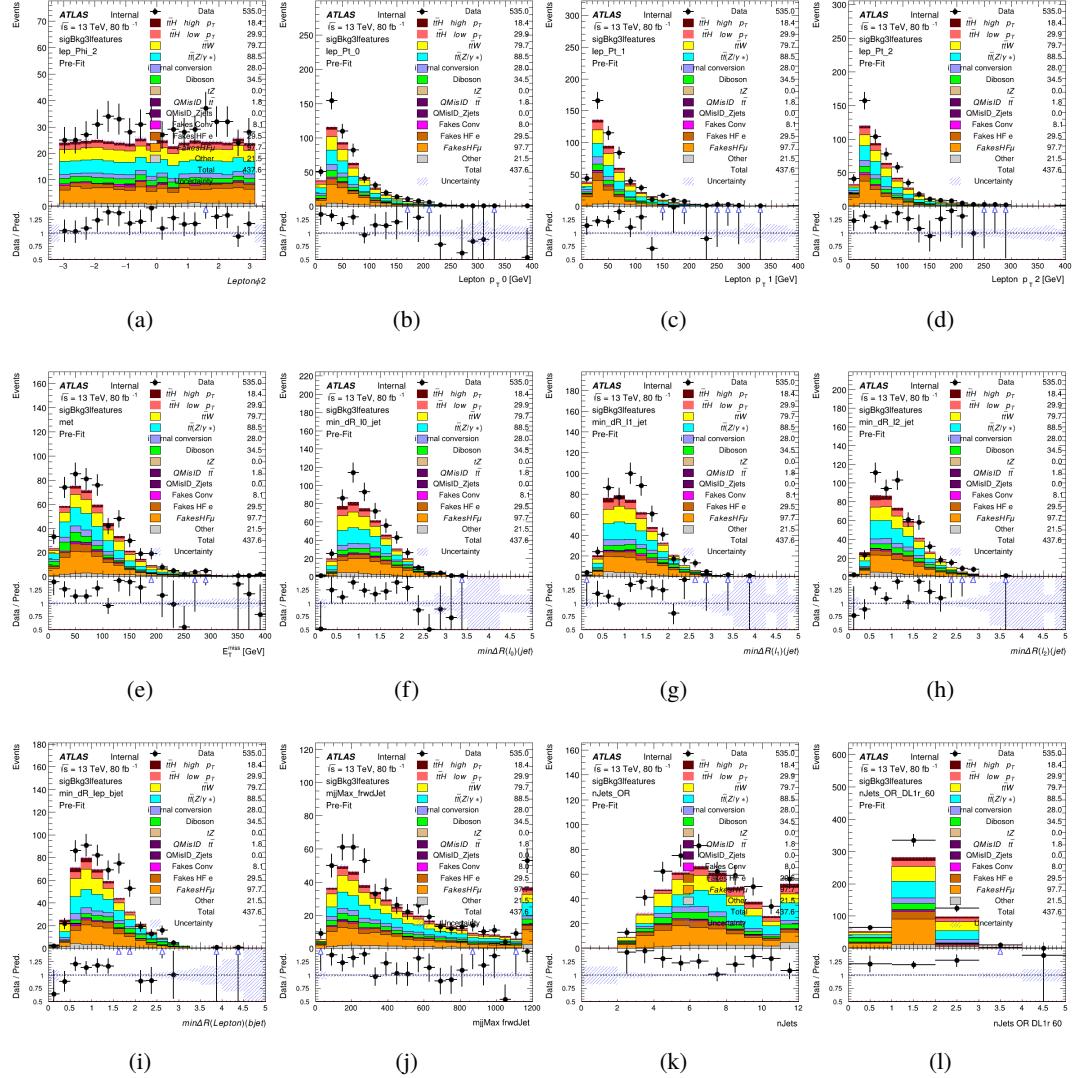


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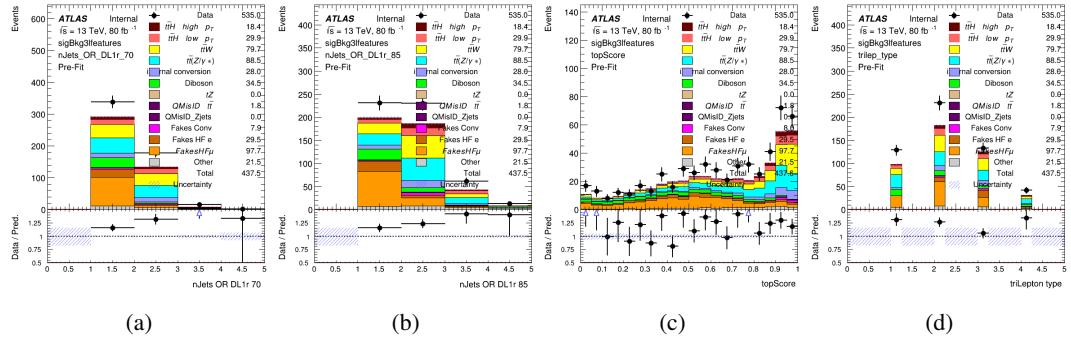


Figure A.25: Input features for sigBkg3l

546 **A.3 Alternate b-jet Identification Algorithm**

547 The nominal analysis reconstructs the b-jets by considering different combinations of jets, and
 548 asking a neural network to determine whether each combination consists of b-jets from top quark
 549 decays. An alternate approach would be to give the neural network about all of the jets in an event
 550 at once, and train it to select which two are most likely to be the b-jets from top decay. It was
 551 hypothesized that this could perform better than considering each combination independently, as
 552 the neural network could consider the event as a whole. While this is not found to be the case,
 553 these studies are documented here as a point of interest and comparison.

554 For these studies, the kinematics of the 10 highest p_T jets in each event are used for training. This
 555 includes the vast majority of truth b-jets. Specifically the p_T , η , ϕ , E , and DL1r score of each jet
 556 are used. For events with fewer than 10 jets, these values are substituted with 0. The p_T , η , ϕ ,
 557 and E of the leptons and E_T^{miss} are included as well. Categorical cross entropy is used as the loss
 558 function.

Table 23: Accuracy of the NN in identifying b-jets from tops in 2lSS events for the alternate categorical method compared to the nominal method.

Channel	Categorical	Nominal
2lSS	70.6%	73.9%
3l	76.1%	79.8%

559 **A.4 Binary Classification of the Higgs p_T**

560 A two bin fit of the Higgs momentum is used because statistics are insufficient for any finer
 561 resolution. This means separating high and low p_T events is sufficient for this analysis. As such,
 562 rather than attempting the reconstruct the full Higgs p_T spectrum, a binary classification approach
 563 is explored.

564 A model is built to determine whether $t\bar{t}H$ events include a high p_T (>150 GeV) or low p_T (<150
 565 GeV) Higgs Boson. While this is now a classification model, it uses the same input features
 566 described in section 5.4. Binary crossentropy is used as the loss function.

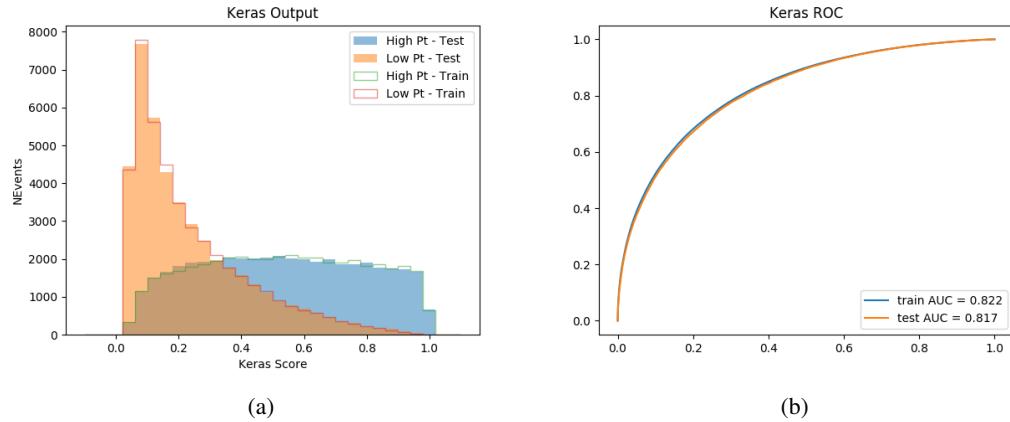


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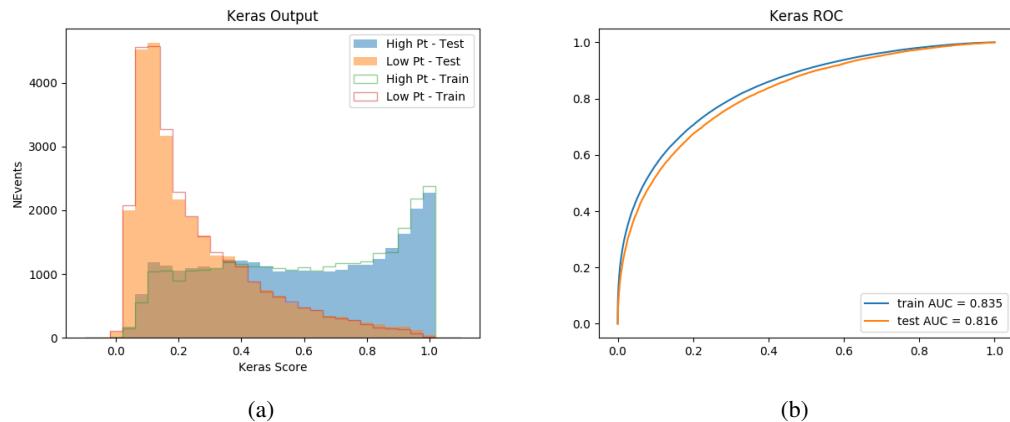


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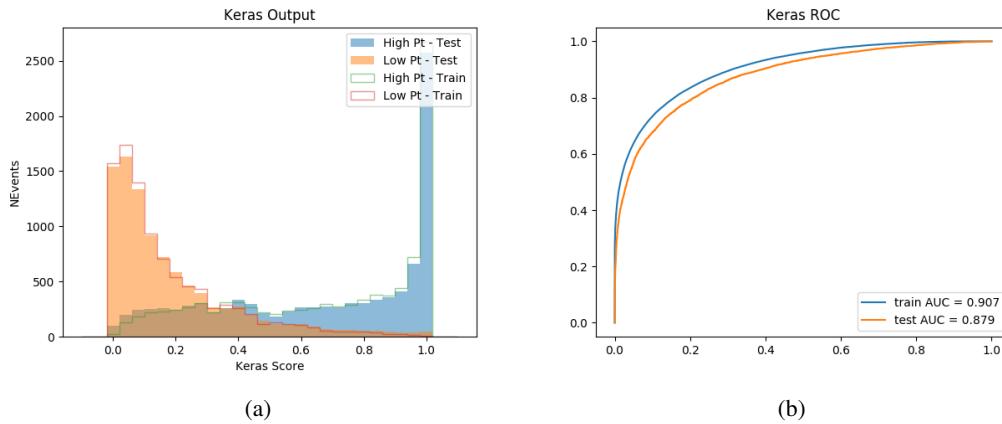


Figure A.28:

A.5 Impact of Alternative Jet Selection

568 A relatively low p_T threshold of 15 GeV is used to determine jet candidates, as the jets originating
 569 from the Higgs decay are found to fall between 15 and 25 GeV a large fraction of the time. The
 570 impact of different jet p_T cuts on our ability to reconstruct the Higgs p_T is explored here. The
 571 performance of the Higgs p_T prediction models is evaluated for jet p_T cuts of 10, 15, 20, and 25
 572 GeV.

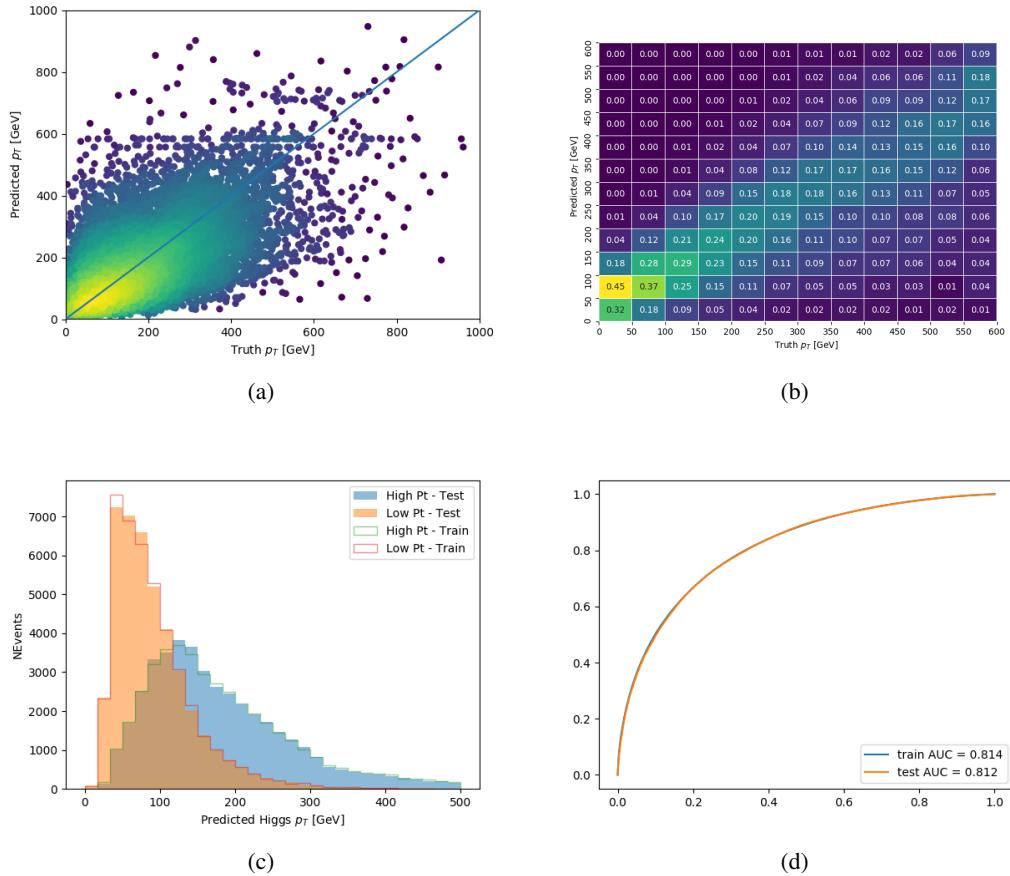


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