

**Search for the decay  $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  of the standard model Higgs boson produced in association with hadronically decaying top quarks in  $pp$  collisions at 8 TeV with the ATLAS detector at the LHC**

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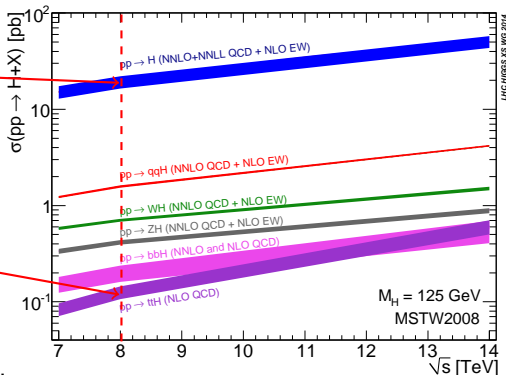
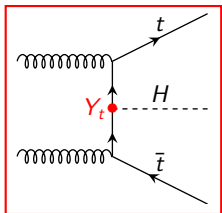
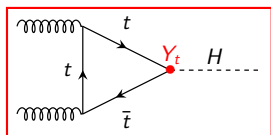


- ▶ Higgs boson phenomenology and top Yukawa coupling
- ▶ Search for  $t\bar{t}H$  ( $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ ) in the full hadronic final state
  - Motivations and main characteristics of the analysis
  - Preselection and event categorisation
  - Data-driven multijet background estimation: “TRF<sub>MJ</sub> method”
  - Systematic uncertainties
  - Results
- ▶ ATLAS Run 1  $t\bar{t}H$  combination
- ▶ Conclusions

# Yukawa coupling and Higgs boson phenomenology

- ▶ New physics could manifest by modifying **top-quark Yukawa coupling**  $Y_{\text{top}}$ 
  - The top-quark is the heaviest SM particle and has the largest coupling  $Y_{\text{top}} \sim 1$
  - It decays before hadronizing, top observables can be computed and measured

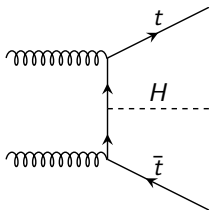
## Higgs production modes



- ▶  $gg \rightarrow H, H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma \Rightarrow$  Constraints on  $Y_t$ , no control if new particles participate to the loops
- ▶  $t\bar{t}H \Rightarrow$  direct access to  $Y_t$

# $t\bar{t}H$ and its backgrounds at LHC $\sqrt{s} = 8$ TeV

## Signal: $t\bar{t}H$



►  $\sigma_{t\bar{t}H}^{\text{NLO}} = 0.129 \pm 0.015$  pb

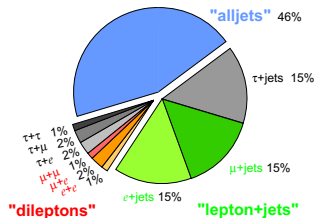
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► Exploit all Higgs decay channels

- $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ : Highest BR, 58%

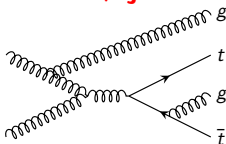
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- $t\bar{t} \rightarrow$  all-jets : Highest BR

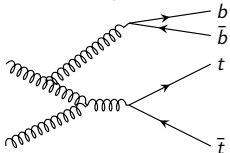


## top + X Backgrounds

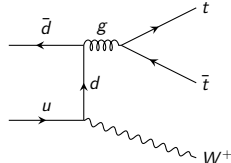
### $t\bar{t} + \text{jets}$



### $t\bar{t} + b\bar{b}$



### $t\bar{t}V$



$\sigma_{t\bar{t}+X}^{\text{NNLO+NNLL}} = 246 \pm 10$  pb  
arXiv:1303.6254

$\sigma_{t\bar{t}+b\bar{b}}^{\text{NLO}} = 2.638 \pm 0.006$  pb  
arXiv:0907.4723

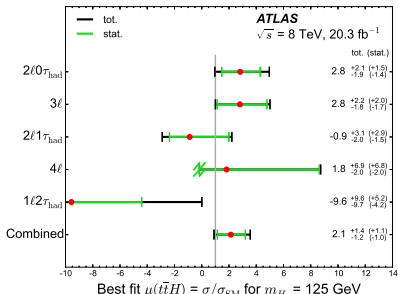
$\sigma_{t\bar{t}+Z}^{\text{NLO}} = 1.121 \pm 0.002$  pb  
arXiv:1111.0610

$\sigma_{t\bar{t}+W^+}^{\text{NLO}} = 0.161 \pm 0.032$  pb  
 $\sigma_{t\bar{t}+W^-}^{\text{NLO}} = 0.071 \pm 0.014$  pb  
arXiv:1204.5678

# Previous $t\bar{t}H$ results in ATLAS

- ▶  $t\bar{t}H$  ( $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ ) in the single-lepton and dilepton  $t\bar{t}$  decay channel

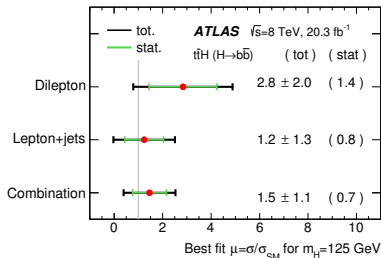
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- ▶  $t\bar{t}H$  ( $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ ) hadronic and leptonic  $t\bar{t}$  decay channels

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$$\text{Signal strength: } \mu = \frac{\sigma_{t\bar{t}H}}{\sigma_{SM}^{t\bar{t}H}}$$



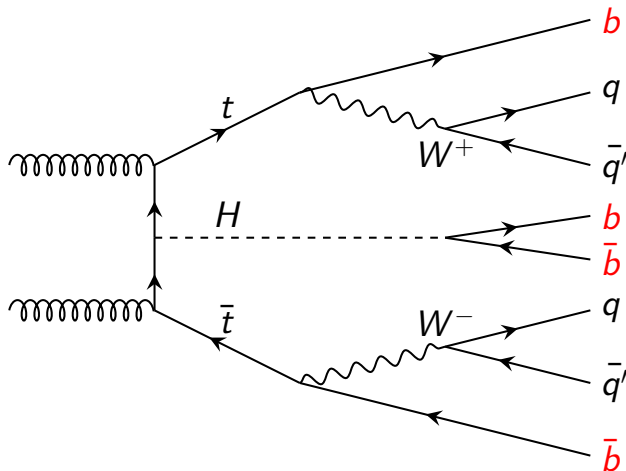
- ▶  $t\bar{t}H$  ( $H \rightarrow WW, H \rightarrow ZZ, H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ ) in multi-leptons final states

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$$\mu = 1.2^{+2.6}_{-1.8}$$

# Full hadronic $t\bar{t}H$ ( $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ )

- Striking signature  $\rightarrow$  High  $p_T$  jets and  $b$ -jets
- Large statistics available from BR and trigger efficiency
- Sensitive to different systematic uncertainties



## Signal

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## Background

### Multijet:

Data driven

### $t\bar{t}$ + jets:

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Reweight applied on top  
and  $t\bar{t}$   $p_T$

### $t\bar{t}$ + $b\bar{b}$ :

POWHEG NLO + PYTHIA  
Reweight to SHERPA  
OPENLOOPS NLO

### $t\bar{t}V$ :

MADGRAPH LO + PYTHIA

### Single top:

$Wt$ -channel:

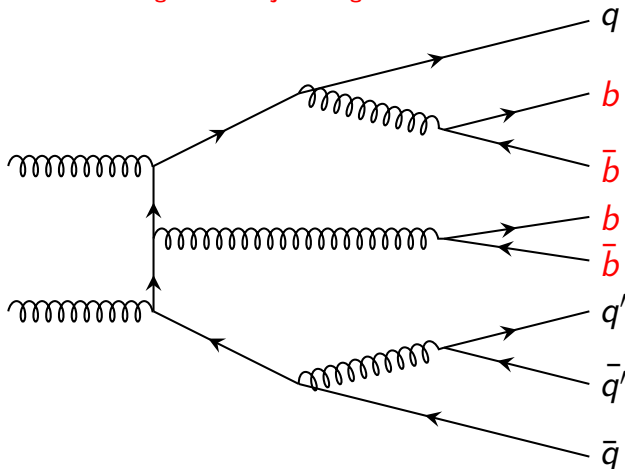
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$t$ -channel:

ACERMC LO + PYTHIA

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- Need to fight vs multijet background



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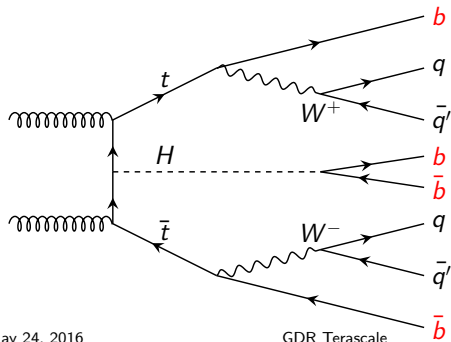
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# Signal regions and event selection

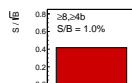
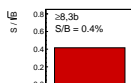
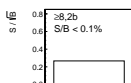
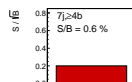
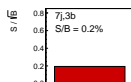
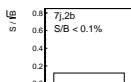
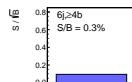
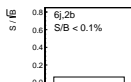
## Preselection:

- ▶ Events selected with a **multi-jet trigger** ( $L = 20.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )
- ▶  $\geq 5$  jets with  $p_T > 55 \text{ GeV}$  and  $\eta < 2.5$
- ▶ Additional jets with  $p_T > 25 \text{ GeV}$  and  $\eta < 2.5$
- ▶ Lepton veto
  - Assure orthogonality with other  $t\bar{t}H$  channels
- ▶  $b$ -tagging: MV1 algorithm
  - 60%  $b$ -tag efficiency,  $c$ -jet rejection  $\sim 10$  and light jet rejection  $\sim 600$

## Events categorised according to jet and $b$ -jet multiplicity to maximise sensitivity



ATLAS,  $\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$ ,  $20.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

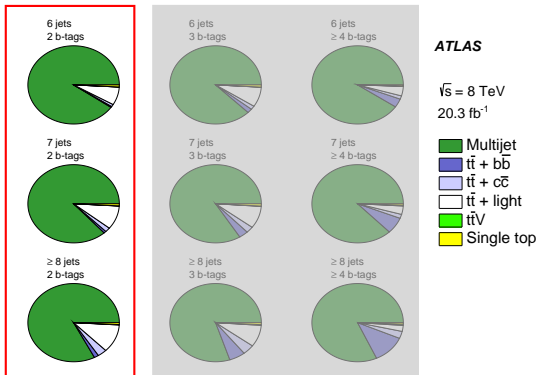


$m_{H1} = 125 \text{ GeV}$



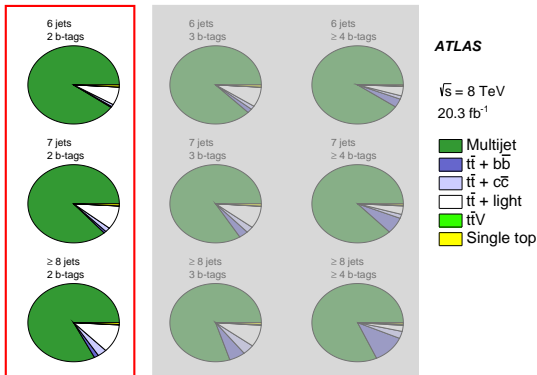
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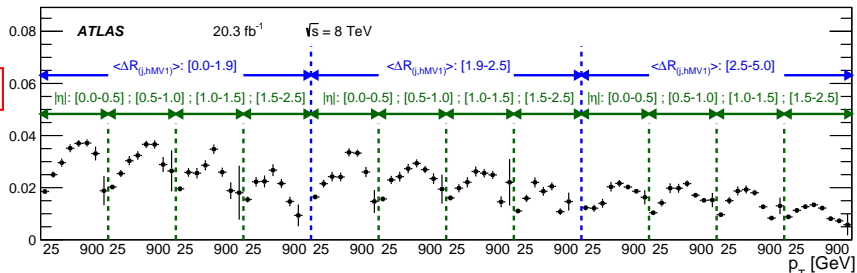
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- ▶ The amount of MJ in higher  $b$ -tag multiplicity regions is estimated using the  $b$ -tagging probability for MJ jets ( $\epsilon_{MJ}$ )

# TRF<sub>MJ</sub> method: $\epsilon_{MJ}$

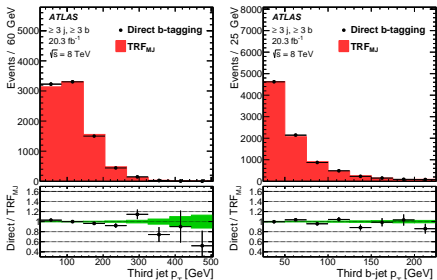
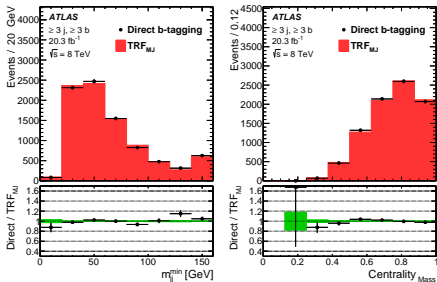
- ▶  $\epsilon_{MJ}$ : probability of tagging a jet once the two jets with the highest MV1 (*b*-tagging) weight are excluded
- ▶ It is evaluated in data collected by a single jet trigger with  $E_T > 360$  GeV
- ▶ Parametrised with respect to:  $p_T$ ,  $\eta$  and  $\langle \Delta R_{(j,hMV1)} \rangle$



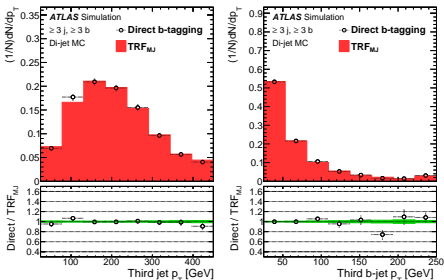
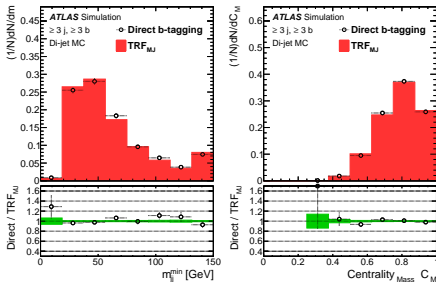
- $\langle \Delta R_{(j,hMV1)} \rangle$ : Average of the distances of the jet from the jets with the highest MV1 weight

# TRF<sub>MJ</sub> validation in data and MC

## ▶ Data: $\varepsilon_{MJ}$ evaluation sample



## ▶ MC: PYTHIA8 di-jet

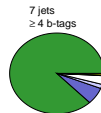
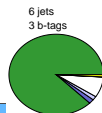


# Event yields in analysis regions

	6j,3b	7j,3b	$\geq 8j,3b$
<b>Multijet</b>	<b>16380 <math>\pm</math> 130</b>	<b>12530 <math>\pm</math> 110</b>	<b>10670 <math>\pm</math> 100</b>
$t\bar{t} + b\bar{b}$	330 $\pm$ 180	490 $\pm$ 270	760 $\pm$ 450
$t\bar{t} + c\bar{c}$	280 $\pm$ 180	390 $\pm$ 240	560 $\pm$ 350
$t\bar{t}$ +light	1530 $\pm$ 390	1370 $\pm$ 430	1200 $\pm$ 520
$t\bar{t} + V$	14.2 $\pm$ 6.3	22.0 $\pm$ 9.0	40 $\pm$ 15
single top	168 $\pm$ 63	139 $\pm$ 55	110 $\pm$ 49
<b>Total bkg.</b>	<b>18700 <math>\pm</math> 480</b>	<b>14940 <math>\pm</math> 580</b>	<b>13330 <math>\pm</math> 780</b>
$t\bar{t}H$ (125)	14.3 $\pm$ 4.6	23.7 $\pm$ 6.4	48 $\pm$ 11
Data	18508	14741	13131

	6j, $\geq 4b$	7j, $\geq 4b$	$\geq 8j,\geq 4b$
<b>Multijet</b>	<b>1112 <math>\pm</math> 33</b>	<b>1123 <math>\pm</math> 34</b>	<b>1324 <math>\pm</math> 36</b>
$t\bar{t} + b\bar{b}$	44 $\pm$ 26	87 $\pm$ 51	190 $\pm$ 110
$t\bar{t} + c\bar{c}$	17 $\pm$ 12	21 $\pm$ 15	48 $\pm$ 33
$t\bar{t}$ +light	48 $\pm$ 18	45 $\pm$ 18	40 $\pm$ 23
$t\bar{t} + V$	1.8 $\pm$ 1.5	3.5 $\pm$ 2.3	8.0 $\pm$ 4.2
single top	6.0 $\pm$ 3.7	8.3 $\pm$ 4.6	10.6 $\pm$ 5.9
<b>Total bkg.</b>	<b>1229 <math>\pm</math> 48</b>	<b>1288 <math>\pm</math> 66</b>	<b>1620 <math>\pm</math> 130</b>
$t\bar{t}H$ (125)	3.3 $\pm$ 2.1	7.2 $\pm$ 3.3	16.8 $\pm$ 6.1
Data	1545	1402	1587



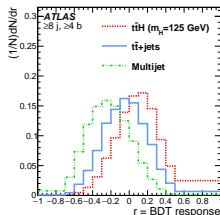
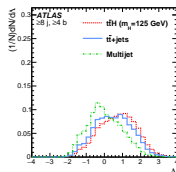
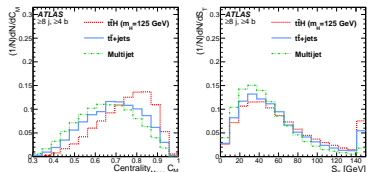
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$\sqrt{s} = 8$  TeV  
20.3 fb<sup>-1</sup>



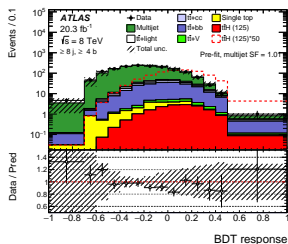
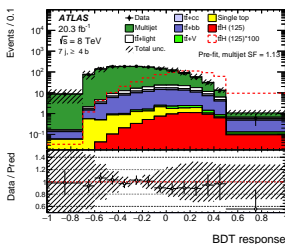
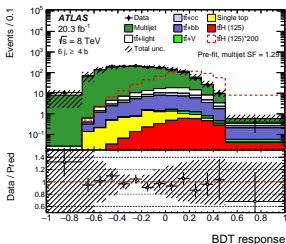
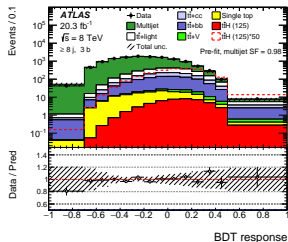
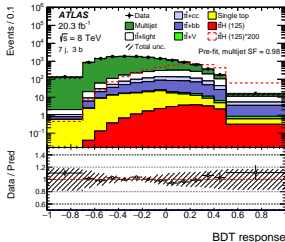
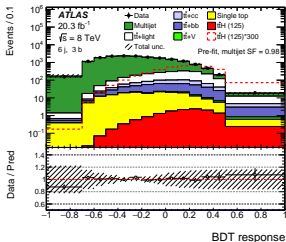
# Boosted Decision Tree

- ▶ Output of a **Boosted Decision Tree (BDT)** is used as **final discriminant**
- ▶ One BDT is trained in each signal region
- ▶ **Signal** :  $t\bar{t}H$ , inclusive in top and Higgs decays
- ▶ **Background** : Multijet + all MC backgrounds
- ▶ Input variables selected with an iterative procedure
- ▶ List of variables entering in each BDT built to optimise performance
  - On average 11 variables per region
  - Event shape: Aplanarity, centrality
  - Kinematic:  $H_T$ ,  $S_T$ , jet  $p_T$
  - Angular correlations:  $\Delta R(b, b)^{p_T^{\max}}$ ,  $\Delta R^{\min}$



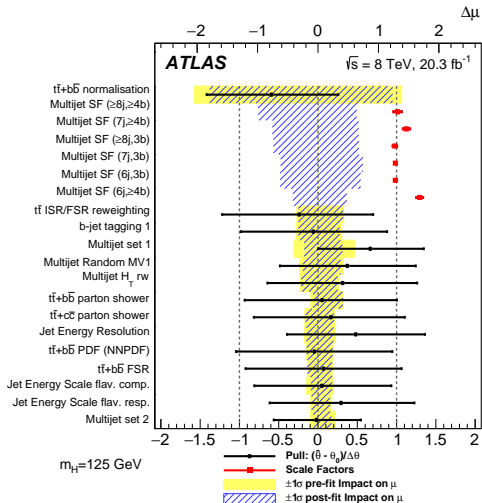
# Fitting procedure

- The distributions of the BDT discriminant from each of the six regions are combined as inputs to a **statistical test** to search for the presence of a signal



# Leading systematic uncertainties – post-fit

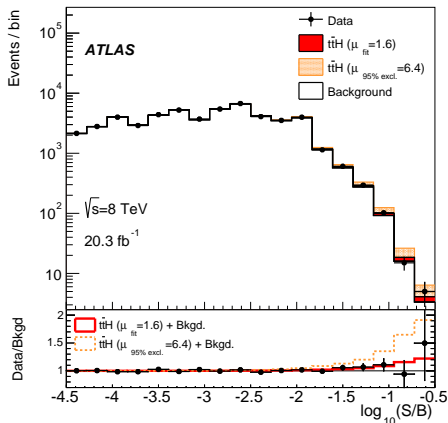
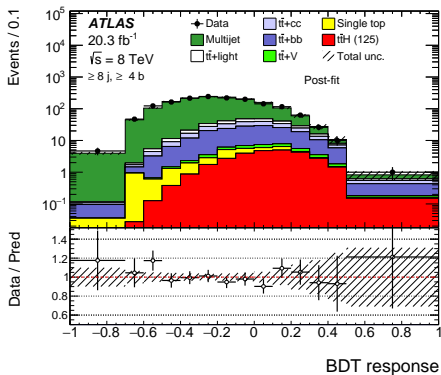
- ▶  $t\bar{t} + b\bar{b}$  normalisation 50%
  - Difference between POWHEG+PYTHIA and SHERPAOL
- ▶ MJ normalization is free floating independently in each region
- ▶ Top and  $t\bar{t}$   $p_T$  modeling
  - 9 leading syst. unc. of the  $t\bar{t}$  differential cross section from where the reweighting is obtained [Phys. Rev. D 90, 072004 \(2014\)](#)
- ▶ Change of showering simulation for  $t\bar{t} + b\bar{b}$  and  $t\bar{t} + c\bar{c}$ 
  - Comparison of POWHEG events interfaced to PYTHIA and HERWIG
- ▶  $t\bar{t} + b\bar{b}$  modeling
  - Scale variation of SHERPAOL
  - Additional syst. on MPI and FSR, not present in SHERPAOL



Signal strength:  $\mu = \frac{\sigma_{t\bar{t}H}}{\sigma_{SM}^{t\bar{t}H}}$

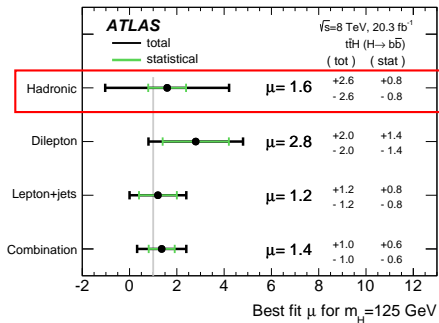
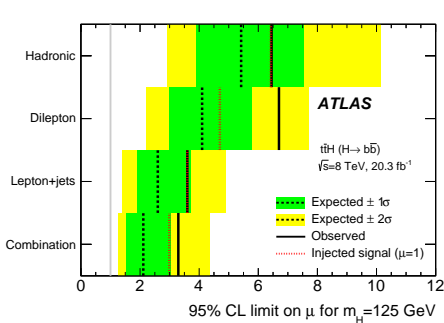


# Full hadronic $t\bar{t}H$ ( $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ ) results



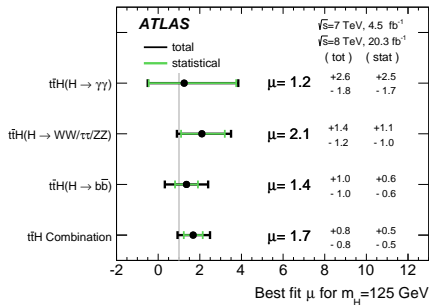
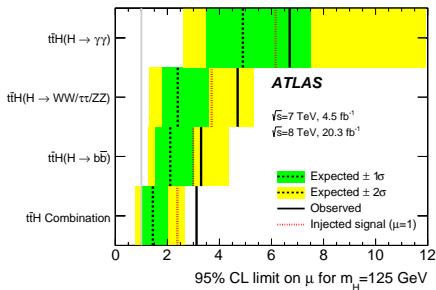
- ▶ 95% CL observed (expected) upper limit on  $\sigma_{t\bar{t}H}$ : 6.4 (5.4)  $\times \sigma_{t\bar{t}H}^{\text{SM}}$
- ▶ Best fit value:  $\mu = 1.6 \pm 2.6$

# $t\bar{t}H$ ( $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ ) combination



- ▶ Fully hadronic channel is actually limited by systematic uncertainties
- ▶ Improvement with  $t\bar{t}H$  fully hadronic channel
  - Upper limit 3.4 (2.2)  $\rightarrow$  **3.3 (2.1)**  $\times \sigma_{t\bar{t}H}^{SM}$
- ▶ Best fit value  $\mu = 1.4 \pm 1$

# Run 1 $t\bar{t}H$ combination



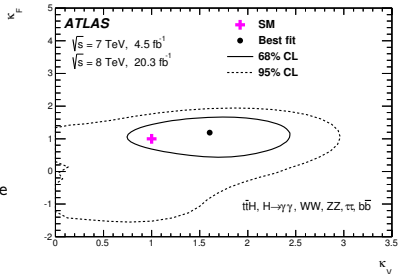
## Signal strength and limit:

- ▶ 95% CL observed (expected) upper limit on  $t\bar{t}H$  cross section  $3.1$  ( $1.4$ )  $\times \sigma_{t\bar{t}H}^{SM}$
- ▶ Best fit value  $\mu = 1.7 \pm 0.8$

## Higgs couplings:

- ▶ Best-fit of couplings modifiers  $\kappa_V$  and  $\kappa_F$  is compatible with SM prediction within  $1\sigma$

$$\kappa_{V/F} = \frac{\sigma_{V/F}}{\sigma_{V/F}^{SM}} \quad \text{or} \quad \kappa_{V/F} = \frac{\Gamma_{V/F}}{\Gamma_{V/F}^{SM}}$$



# Conclusions

## First search of $t\bar{t}H$ ( $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ ) in the fully hadronic channel @ LHC

- ▶ A new method to evaluate  $SF_{\text{trig}}$  made possible to increase signal efficiency
- ▶ Multijet background described by a data-driven method
  - Validation in data and MC
  - Full assessment of systematic uncertainties
- ▶ Fully hadronic  $t\bar{t}H$  ( $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ ) results:
  - Observed (expected) 95% CL UL 6.4 (5.4)  $\times \sigma_{t\bar{t}H}^{\text{SM}}$  ;  $\mu = 1.6 \pm 2.6$
- ▶ Run 1 ATLAS  $t\bar{t}H$  combination including full hadronic contribution
  - Observed (expected) 95% CL UL 3.1 (1.4)  $\times \sigma_{t\bar{t}H}^{\text{SM}}$  ;  $\mu = 1.7 \pm 0.8$

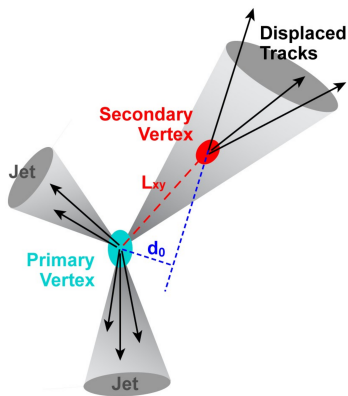
## Prospects for Run 2:

- ▶ Improved performance  $b$ -tagging
  - Improved algorithms and addition of IBL
- ▶ Improved performance of the trigger
  - Level 1 trigger can select jets in  $E_T$  and  $\eta$
  - $b$ -jet trigger can be used to lower the jet threshold
    - ◊ On-line  $b$ -tagging performance close to offline in Run 2

Thanks for your attention

# Back-up

# Identification of $b$ -jets



- ▶  **$b$ -tagging** : identification of jets originating from  $b$ -quarks ( $b$ -jets)
- ▶ Relies on the long life-time of  $b$ -hadrons:  
 $\tau_b \sim 1.5$  ps
  - They travel several millimetres before decaying
- ▶ Presence in the  $b$ -jet of a secondary vertex
- ▶ Tracks in the  $b$ -jet will tend to have an impact parameter  $d_0 \neq 0$

# Jet trigger efficiency and scale factor

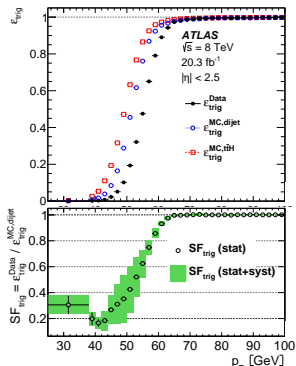
- ▶ Events selected with a **multi-jet trigger** ( $L = 20.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )
    - 4 L1 jets  $E_T > 15 \text{ GeV}$  → 5 L2 jets  $E_T > 15 \text{ GeV}$  → 5 EF jets  $E_T > 55 \text{ GeV}$
- “Single-jet trigger efficiency”  $\epsilon_{\text{trig}}$  with respect to offline jets

$$\epsilon_{\text{trig}}(p_T, \eta) = \frac{N(p_T, \eta)}{N_{\text{Tot}}(p_T, \eta)}$$

- ▶  $N$ : Number of offline jets matched to a trigger chain
  - **Trigger chain** is defined as a sequence of L1, L2 and EF jets within  $\Delta R < 0.4$
- ▶  $N_{\text{Tot}}$ : Total number of offline jets

## $\epsilon_{\text{trig}}$ evaluation

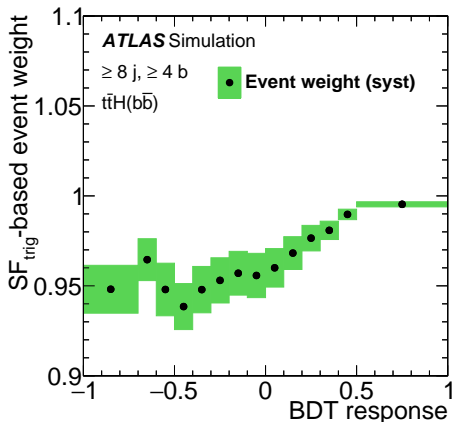
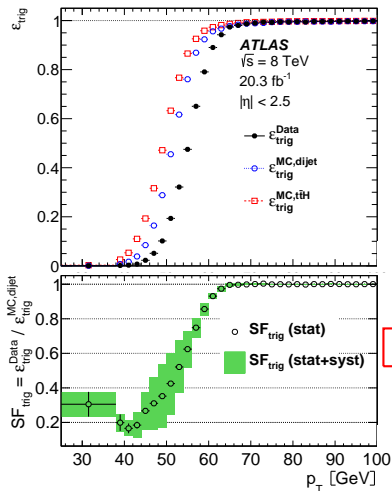
- ▶ Single jet trigger with  $E_T > 110 \text{ GeV}$
- ▶ At least 1 jet with  $p_T > 25 \text{ GeV}$  and  $|\eta| < 3.2$
- ▶ Veto if  $\geq 2$  jets with  $E_T > 110 \text{ GeV}$
- ▶  $\epsilon_{\text{trig}}$  evaluated using jets with  $\Delta\phi > \pi/2$  from jet firing the trigger
  - Avoid trigger bias
- ▶ SF is evaluated comparing **data** and PYTHIA8 **di-jet MC**





# Trigger SF systematic uncertainty

- ▶ **Systematic uncertainty:** SF sample dependence derived in MC
  - It is maximal in the efficiency turn-on region



# Trigger efficiency: algebra

$$P_{\geq 5} = 1 - (P_{=0} + P_{=1} + P_{=2} + P_{=3} + P_{=4})$$

$$P_{=0} = \prod_{i=1} (1 - \varepsilon_i)$$

$$P_{=1} = \sum_{j=1} \left( \varepsilon_j \prod_{i \neq j} (1 - \varepsilon_i) \right)$$




$$P_{=2} = \sum_{j=1} \sum_{l=j+1} \left( \varepsilon_j \varepsilon_l \prod_{i \neq j, l} (1 - \varepsilon_i) \right)$$

$$P_{=3} = \sum_{j=1} \sum_{l=j+1} \sum_{m=l+1} \left( \varepsilon_j \varepsilon_l \varepsilon_m \prod_{i \neq j, l, m} (1 - \varepsilon_i) \right)$$

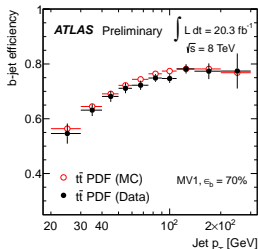
$$P_{=4} = \sum_{j=1} \sum_{l=j+1} \sum_{m=l+1} \sum_{n=m+1} \left( \varepsilon_j \varepsilon_l \varepsilon_m \varepsilon_n \prod_{i \neq j, l, m, n} (1 - \varepsilon_i) \right)$$

$\varepsilon$  stands for  $\varepsilon_{\text{trig}}(p_T, \eta)$  and indexes  $i, j, k, l, m, n$  run over the number of jets in the event

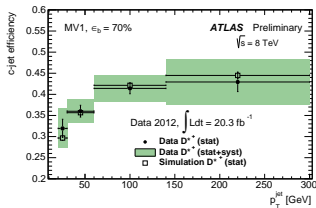
# Analysis strategy

$n_j \backslash n_b$		2	3	$\geq 4$
6	<b>multijet (MJ)</b> background <i>extraction</i> <i>region.</i>		 TRF <sub>MJ</sub>	Fit region
7	<b>MJ</b> defined here as the difference between data and the MC based		 TRF <sub>MJ</sub>	Fit region
$\geq 8$	top-quark background		 TRF <sub>MJ</sub>	Fit region

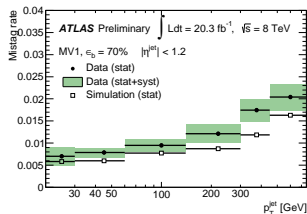
# Treatment of MC: TRF<sub>MC</sub>



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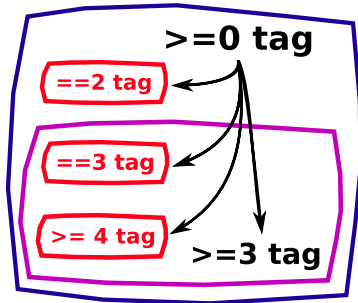


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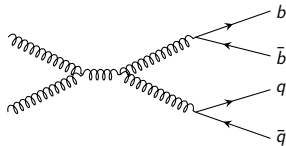
- ▶ Requiring a cut on MV1 weight results in a loss statistics available for MC samples
  - Especially for physics processes with large fraction of light jets
- ▶ Using the  $b$ -tagging efficiency as a probability:  $\varepsilon(p_T, \eta, flavour)$
- ▶ Use full MC data set



# TRF<sub>MJ</sub> method: $\epsilon_{MJ}$ evaluation

## ▶ Event selection for $\epsilon_{MJ}$ evaluation sample

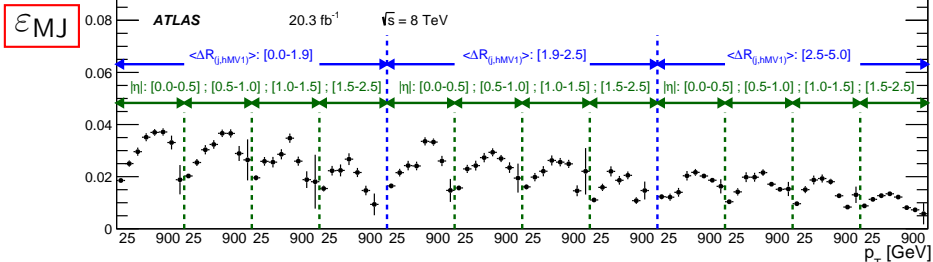
- Single-jet trigger with  $E_T > 360$  GeV
- Low jet multiplicity region **away from signal**
- At least 3 jets with  $p_T > 25$  GeV and  $|\eta| < 2.5$  of which at least 2  $b$ -tagged
- Linked to **MJ extraction region** choice



## ▶ $\epsilon_{MJ}$ is the probability of tagging a jet once the two jets with the highest MV1 ( $b$ -tagging) weight are excluded

▶ Angular correlation are sensitive to gluon splitting to  $b\bar{b}$

## ▶ Parametrised with respect to: $p_T$ , $\eta$ and $\langle \Delta R_{(j,hMV1)} \rangle$



- $\langle \Delta R_{(j,hMV1)} \rangle$ : Average of the distances of the jet from the jets with the highest MV1 weight

# Shape systematic on $\text{TRF}_{\text{MJ}}$

Description of  $\epsilon_{\text{MJ}}$ : **Angular correlations** exist among jets  $\rightarrow$  **Cover all of them**  
 $\Rightarrow$   $\text{TRF}_{\text{MJ}}$  applied using  $\epsilon_{\text{MJ}}$  evaluated with **different criteria and parametrisation**

Five parametrisation of  $\epsilon_{\text{MJ}}$  are considered:

- 1  $p_T$ , Min  $\Delta R_{(j, \text{hMV1})}$ , MV1  $\Delta R$
- 2  $p_T$ , Min  $\Delta R_{(j, j)}$ , MV1  $\Delta R$
- 3  $p_T$ ,  $|\eta|$ , Min  $\Delta R_{(j, \text{hMV1})}$
- 4  $p_T$ ,  $|\eta|$ , Min  $\Delta R_{(j, \text{hMV1})}$ , MV1  $\Delta R$
- 5  $p_T$ ,  $\langle \Delta R_{(j, \text{hMV1})} \rangle$ , MV1  $\Delta R$

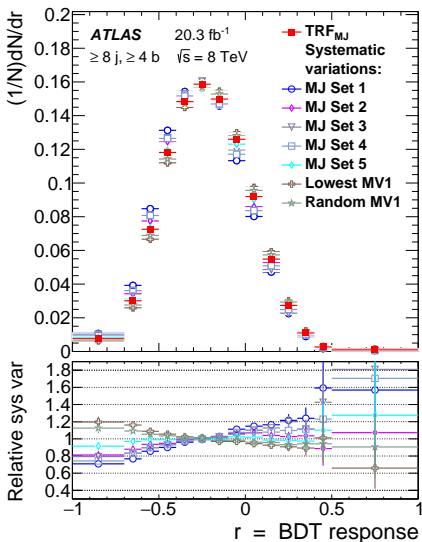
Where:

- Min  $\Delta R_{(j, j)}$ : Minimum  $\Delta R$  between the jet and any other jet in the event
- Min  $\Delta R_{(j, \text{hMV1})}$ : Minimum  $\Delta R$  between the jet and excluded jets
- MV1  $\Delta R$ :  $\Delta R$  between excluded jets

Two criterion for  $b$ -tagged jets exclusion:

- ▶ Two jets with **lowest** MV1 value
- ▶ Two **random**

**Residual mismodeling** of  $H_T$  and  $S_T$  from the  $\epsilon_{\text{MJ}}$  evaluation sample also taken into account



# TRF<sub>MJ</sub> method: mathematics

For any event with  $N(\geq 2b)$ :

$$P_i(\geq 2 \rightarrow 2b + 1b) = \sum_{j \neq b_1, b_2}^{n_i} \varepsilon_j^i \cdot \prod_{k \neq j, b_1, b_2} (1 - \varepsilon_k^i)$$

The number of events with exactly 3  $b$ -jets is given by:

$$N(2b + 1b) = \sum_i^{N(\geq 2b)} P_i(\geq 2 \rightarrow 2b + 1b)$$

The number of events with at least 4  $b$ -jets is given by:

$$N(\geq 2b + 2b) = \sum_i^{N(\geq 2b)} P_i(\geq 2b + 1b \rightarrow \geq 2b + 2b)$$
$$P_i(\geq 2b + 1b \rightarrow \geq 2b + 2b) = 1 - P_i(\geq 2b + 1b \rightarrow 2b + 1b)$$

$\varepsilon_j^i$  depends on the relative position of the jet  $j$  with the already  $b$ -tagged jets in  $i$ th the event

The position of the third  $b$ -jets has to be predicted for each event to predict  $N(2b + mb)$

$$P_i(\geq 2b + 1b \rightarrow \geq 2b + 2b) = \sum_{j \neq b_1, b_2, p}^{n_i} \varepsilon_j^i \cdot \prod_{k \neq j, b_1, b_2, p} (1 - \varepsilon_k^i)$$

**Application to the sample with 2  $b$ -tags:**

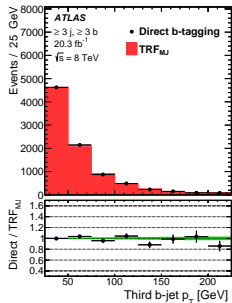
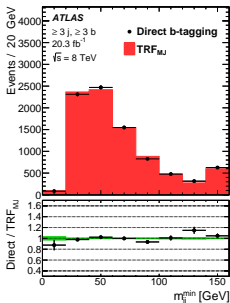
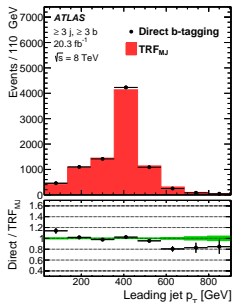
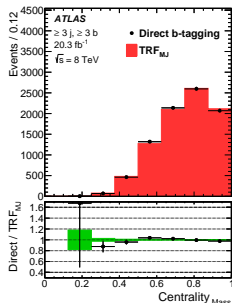
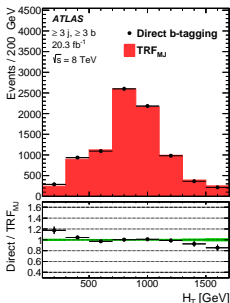
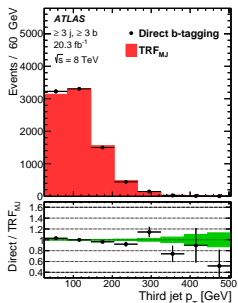
Infer  $N(\geq 2b)$  by weighting each of the  $N(2b)$  events by the inverse of  $P_i(\geq 2b \rightarrow 2b)$ :

$$P_i(\geq 2b \rightarrow 2b) = \prod_{j \neq b_1, b_2}^{n_i} (1 - \varepsilon_j) \quad , \text{ hence } N(\geq 2b) = \sum_{l=1}^{N(2b)} \frac{1}{P_l(\geq 2b \rightarrow 2b)} = \sum_{l=1}^{N(2b)} \frac{1}{\prod_{j \neq b_1, b_2}^{M_l} (1 - \varepsilon_j^l)}$$

$$N(2b + 1b) = \sum_l^{N(2b)} \frac{P_l(\geq 2b \rightarrow 2b + 1b)}{P_l(\geq 2b \rightarrow 2b)} = \sum_l^{N(2b)} \frac{P_l(\geq 2b \rightarrow 2b + 1b)}{P_l(\geq 2b \rightarrow 2b) P_l(\geq 2b + 1b \rightarrow 2b + 1b)}$$

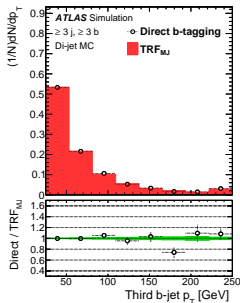
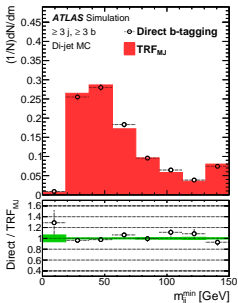
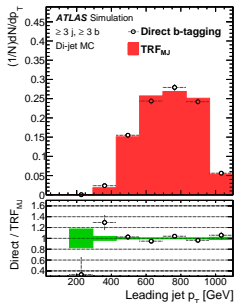
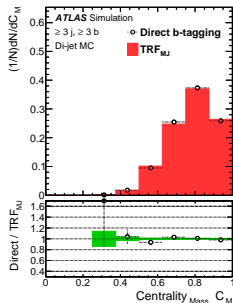
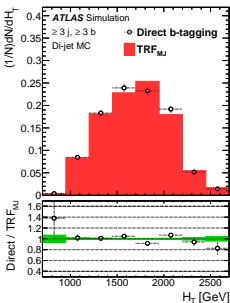
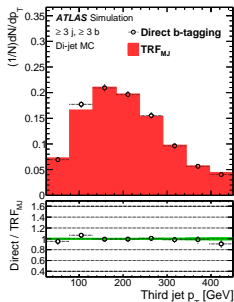
$$N(\geq 2b + 2b) = \sum_l^{N(2b)} \frac{P_l(\geq 2b \rightarrow 2b + 1b) P_l(\geq 2b + 1b \rightarrow \geq 2b + 2b)}{P_l(\geq 2b \rightarrow 2b) P_l(\geq 2b + 1b \rightarrow 2b + 1b)}$$

# TRF<sub>MJ</sub> validation in data: $\epsilon_{MJ}$ evaluation sample





# TRF<sub>MJ</sub> validation in MC: PYTHIA8 di-jet



# Boosted Decision Tree

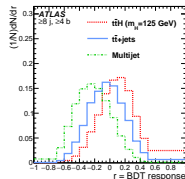
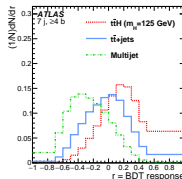
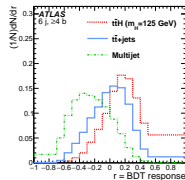
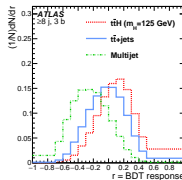
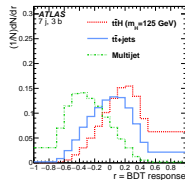
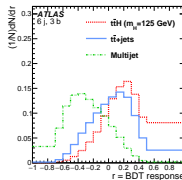
- ▶ Boosted Decision Trees (BDT) are trained **one for each fit region**

**Signal** :  $t\bar{t}H$ , inclusive in top and Higgs decays

**Background** : Multijet + all MC backgrounds

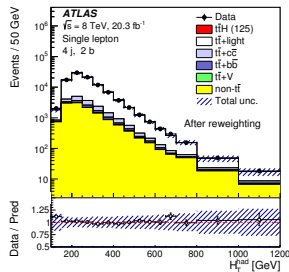
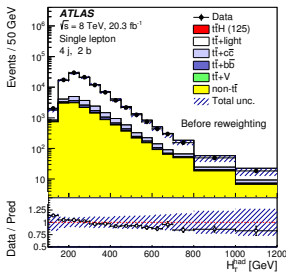
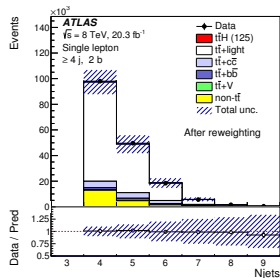
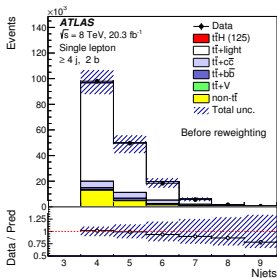
**Input variables selection:**

- ▶ Start with a pool of interesting variables ( $\sim 35$ )
- ▶ Rank the best variables
  - Iteratively add one variable in the BDT training and select the one giving the best improvement in the discrimination
  - Stop when the addition of more variables does not improve the performance anymore
    - i.e. **Reach a plateau in the BDT performance** -
  - Roughly 11 variables per region



# $t\bar{t}$ modeling – $t\bar{t} + c\bar{c}$ and $t\bar{t} + \text{light}$

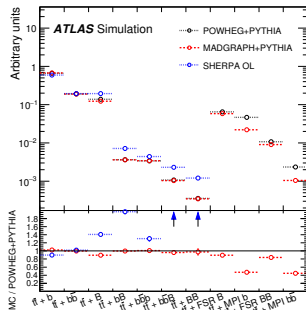
- ▶ Reweighting function of top-quark  $p_T$  and  $t\bar{t}$  system  $p_T$
- ▶ Based on the ratio of differential cross section at  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV in data and simulations
- ▶ Common across all  $t\bar{t}H$  ( $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ ) ATLAS analyses



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# $t\bar{t}$ modeling – $t\bar{t} + b\bar{b}$

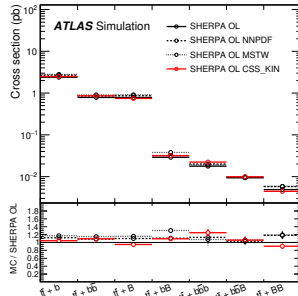
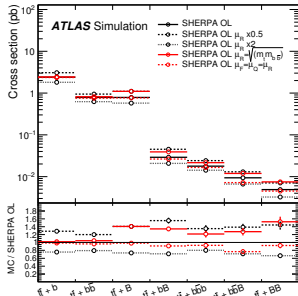
- ▶ Reweighting of POWHEG + PYTHIA to SHERPA + OPENLOOPS
- ▶ Function of several kinematic variables, like top-quark  $p_T$  and  $p_T$  of jets not originating from top
- ▶ Common across all  $t\bar{t}H$  ( $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ ) ATLAS analyses



## Systematic uncertainties:

- ▶ Scale variations
- ▶ PDF and shower recoil model variations
- ▶ Effect of MPI and FSR production mode

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# BDT input variables description

Variable	Definition	BDT rank					
		6j, 3b	6j, $\geq$ 4b	7j, 3b	7j, $\geq$ 4b	$\geq$ 8j, 3b	$\geq$ 8j, $\geq$ 4b
Centrality <sub>Mass</sub>	Scalar sum of the jet $p_T$ divided by the invariant mass of the jets	1	1	1	1	9	6
Aplanarity	$1.5\lambda_2$ , where $\lambda_2$ is the second eigenvalue of the momentum tensor built with all jets	-	11	-	-	6	-
$S_T$	The modulus of the vector sum of jet $p_T$	2	2	2	4	2	2
$H_{T5}$	Scalar sum of jet $p_T$ starting from the fifth jet	8	-	-	7	-	-
$m_{jj}^{\min}$	Smallest invariant mass of any combination of two jets	9	-	6	10	11	12
$\Delta R^{\min}$	Minimum $\Delta R$ between two jets	6	5	9	-	8	4
$p_T^{\text{softest jet}}$	$p_T$ of the softest jet	-	6	10	-	-	10
$\Delta R(b, b)^{p_T^{\max}}$	$\Delta R$ between two $b$ -tagged jets with the largest vector sum $p_T$	11	-	7	5	5	3
$m_{bb}^{\Delta R(b,b)^{\min}}$	Invariant mass of the combination of two $b$ -tagged jets with the smallest $\Delta R$	3	3	8	9	3	9
$\frac{E_{T1} + E_{T2}}{\sum E_{T\alpha}}$	Sum of the $E_T$ of the two jets with leading $E_T$ divided by the sum of the $E_T$ of all jets	5	8	4	2	7	5
$m_{2\text{ jets}}$	The mass of the dijet pair, which, when combined with any $b$ -tagged jet, maximises the magnitude of the vector sum of the $p_T$ of the three-jet system	10	-	-	8	-	-
$m_{2\text{ b-jets}}$	The invariant mass of the two $b$ -tagged jets which are selected by requiring that the invariant mass of all the remaining jets is maximal	12	7	-	6	-	8
$m_{\text{top},1}$	Mass of the reconstructed top quark	13	10	-	-	4	11
$m_{\text{top},2}$	Mass of the reconstructed top quark calculated from the jets not entering $m_{\text{top},1}$	7	9	5	-	10	7
$\Lambda$	The logarithm of the ratio of event probabilities under the signal and background hypotheses	4	4	3	3	1	1

# List of systematic uncertainties

Systematic uncertainty source	Type	Number of components
Luminosity	N	1
Trigger	SN	1
<i>Physics Objects</i>		
Jet energy scale	SN	21
Jet vertex fraction	SN	1
Jet energy resolution	SN	1
$b$ -tagging efficiency	SN	7
$c$ -tagging efficiency	SN	4
Light-jet tagging efficiency	SN	12
<i>Background MC Model</i>		
$t\bar{t}$ cross section	N	1
$t\bar{t}$ modelling: $p_T$ reweighting	SN	9
$t\bar{t}$ modelling: parton shower	SN	3
$t\bar{t}$ +heavy-flavour: normalisation	N	2
$t\bar{t}+c\bar{c}$ : heavy-flavour reweighting	SN	2
$t\bar{t}+c\bar{c}$ : generator	SN	4
$t\bar{t}+b\bar{b}$ : NLO Shape	SN	8
$t\bar{t}V$ cross section	N	1
$t\bar{t}V$ modelling	SN	1
Single top cross section	N	1
<i>Data driven background</i>		
Multijet normalisation	N	6
Multijet TRF <sub>MJ</sub> parameterisation	S	6
Multijet $H_T$ correction	S	1
Multijet $S_T$ correction	S	1
<i>Signal Model</i>		
$t\bar{t}H$ scale	SN	2
$t\bar{t}H$ generator	SN	1
$t\bar{t}H$ hadronisation	SN	1
$t\bar{t}H$ parton shower	SN	1

# Impact of systematic uncertainties on $\mu$

Sources of systematic uncertainty	$\pm 1\sigma$ post-fit impact on $\mu$
$t\bar{t}$ normalisation	108%
Multijet normalisation	71%
Multijet shape	60%
Main contributions from $t\bar{t}$ modelling	34%–41%
Flavour tagging	31%
Jet energy scale	27%
Signal modelling	22%
Luminosity+trigger+JVF+JER	18%

- ▶ Effect of main systematic uncertainties on the fitted value of  $\mu = \frac{\sigma_{t\bar{t}H}}{\sigma_{t\bar{t}H}^{SM}}$

# Pre- and post-fit event yields

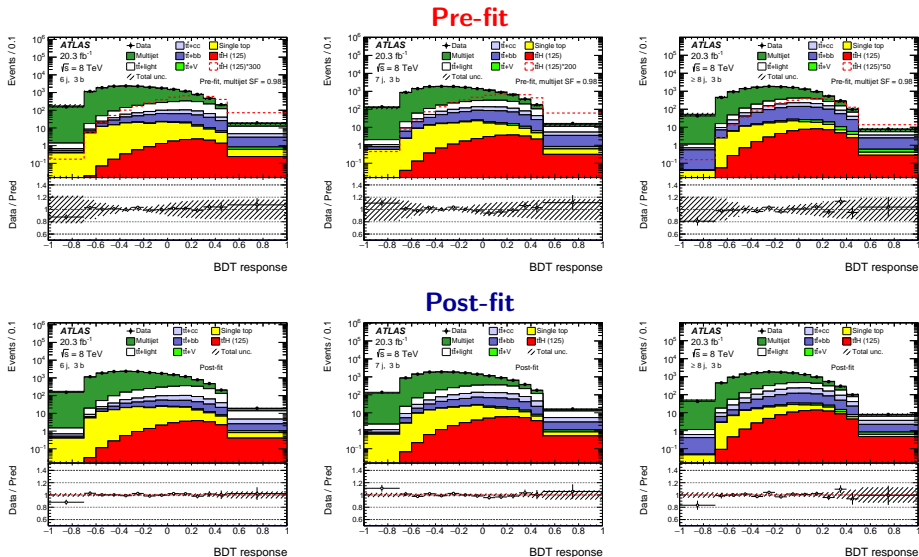
	Pre-fit					
	6j,3b	6j, $\geq$ 4b	7j,3b	7j, $\geq$ 4b	$\geq$ 8j,3b	$\geq$ 8j, $\geq$ 4b
Multijet	16380 $\pm$ 130	1112 $\pm$ 33	12530 $\pm$ 110	1123 $\pm$ 34	10670 $\pm$ 100	1324 $\pm$ 36
$t\bar{t} + b\bar{b}$	330 $\pm$ 180	44 $\pm$ 26	490 $\pm$ 270	87 $\pm$ 51	760 $\pm$ 450	190 $\pm$ 110
$t\bar{t} + c\bar{c}$	280 $\pm$ 180	17 $\pm$ 12	390 $\pm$ 240	21 $\pm$ 15	560 $\pm$ 350	48 $\pm$ 33
$t\bar{t}$ +light	1530 $\pm$ 390	48 $\pm$ 18	1370 $\pm$ 430	45 $\pm$ 18	1200 $\pm$ 520	40 $\pm$ 23
$t\bar{t} + V$	14.2 $\pm$ 6.3	1.8 $\pm$ 1.5	22.0 $\pm$ 9.0	3.5 $\pm$ 2.3	40 $\pm$ 15	8.0 $\pm$ 4.2
single top	168 $\pm$ 63	6.0 $\pm$ 3.7	139 $\pm$ 55	8.3 $\pm$ 4.6	110 $\pm$ 49	10.6 $\pm$ 5.9
Total bkg.	18700 $\pm$ 480	1229 $\pm$ 48	14940 $\pm$ 580	1288 $\pm$ 66	13330 $\pm$ 780	1620 $\pm$ 130
$t\bar{t}H$ (125)	14.3 $\pm$ 4.6	3.3 $\pm$ 2.1	23.7 $\pm$ 6.4	7.2 $\pm$ 3.3	48 $\pm$ 11	16.8 $\pm$ 6.1
Data	18508	1545	14741	1402	13131	1587



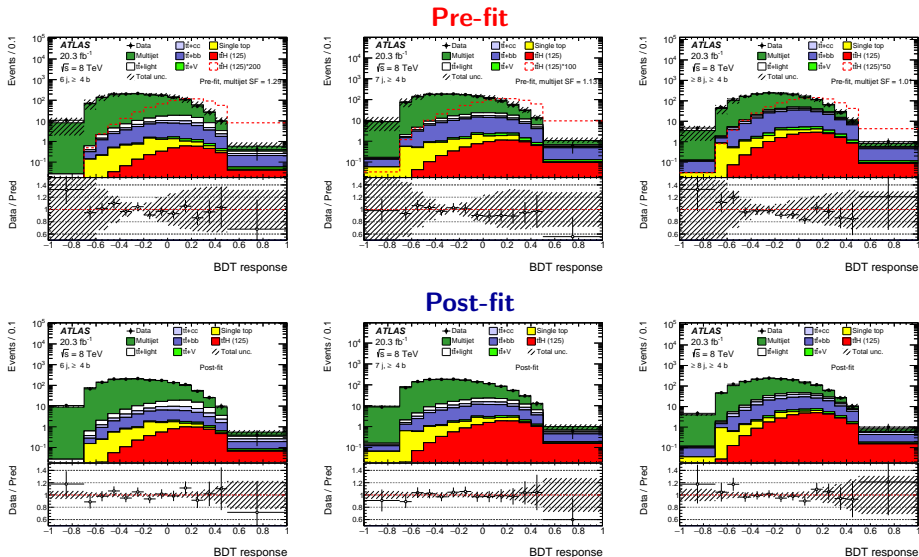
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Multijet	15940 $\pm$ 320	1423 $\pm$ 66	12060 $\pm$ 350	1233 $\pm$ 78	10020 $\pm$ 490	1280 $\pm$ 100
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$t\bar{t} + c\bar{c}$	350 $\pm$ 170	22 $\pm$ 11	490 $\pm$ 240	28 $\pm$ 14	750 $\pm$ 360	66 $\pm$ 33
$t\bar{t}$ +light	1750 $\pm$ 270	55 $\pm$ 13	1650 $\pm$ 340	54 $\pm$ 15	1550 $\pm$ 450	54 $\pm$ 21
$t\bar{t} + V$	15.0 $\pm$ 6.2	1.9 $\pm$ 1.5	23.3 $\pm$ 8.9	3.6 $\pm$ 2.2	43 $\pm$ 15	8.7 $\pm$ 4.2
single top	184 $\pm$ 59	6.7 $\pm$ 3.6	153 $\pm$ 52	9.4 $\pm$ 4.4	123 $\pm$ 48	11.8 $\pm$ 5.8
Total bkg.	18470 $\pm$ 320	1539 $\pm$ 58	14720 $\pm$ 320	1391 $\pm$ 69	13030 $\pm$ 340	1561 $\pm$ 63
$t\bar{t}H$ (125)	23.4 $\pm$ 6.3	5.6 $\pm$ 2.8	39.1 $\pm$ 8.9	11.9 $\pm$ 4.5	71 $\pm$ 15	28.8 $\pm$ 8.5
Data	18508	1545	14741	1402	13131	1587



# Pre- / post-fit data-bkg agreement – BDT

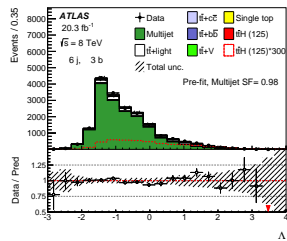
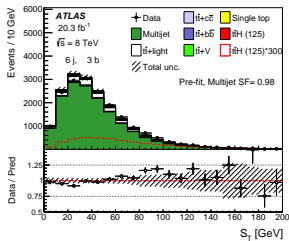
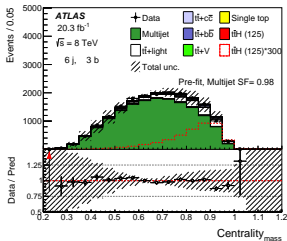


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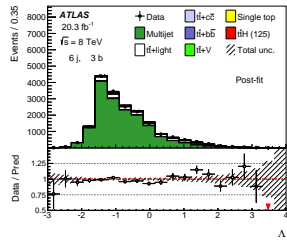
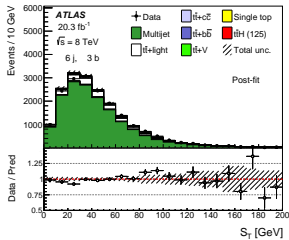
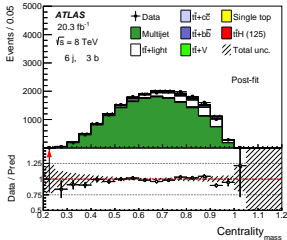


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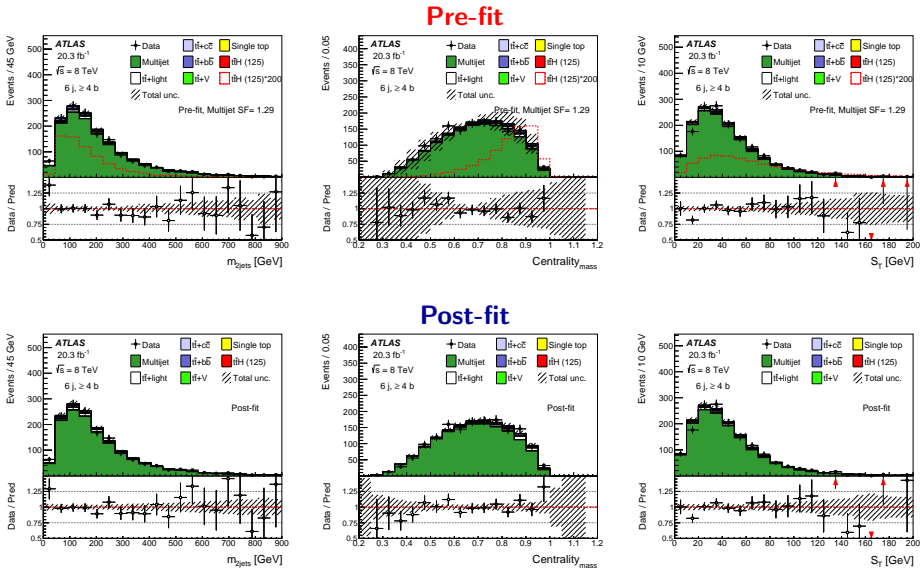
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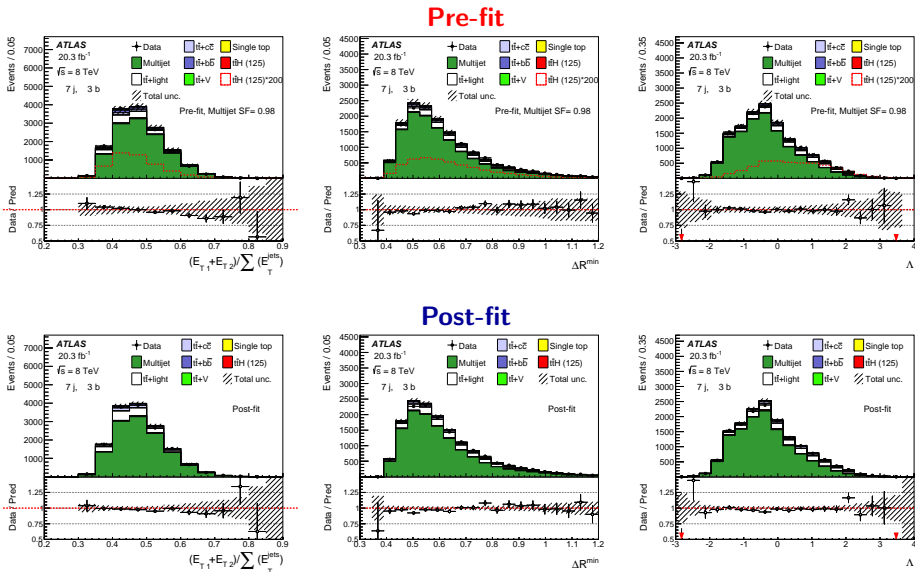
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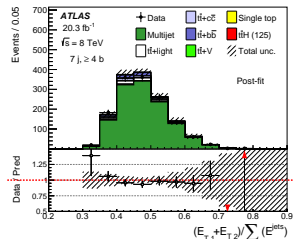
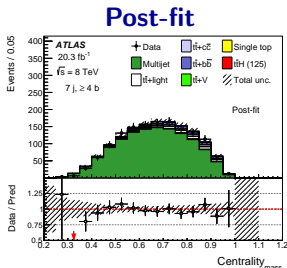
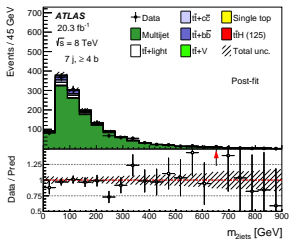
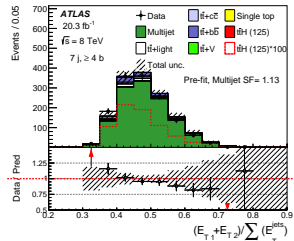
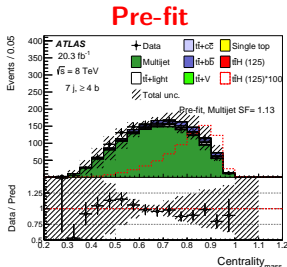
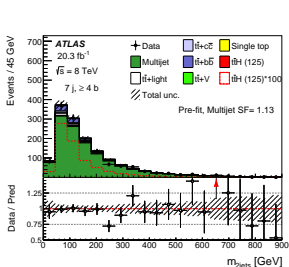
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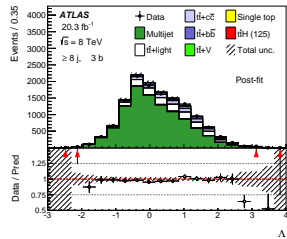
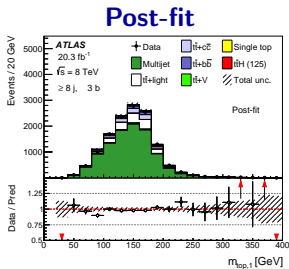
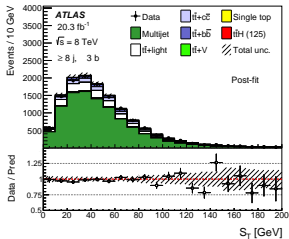
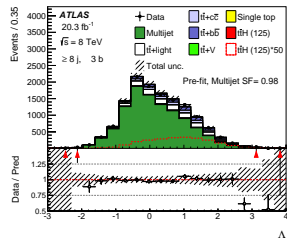
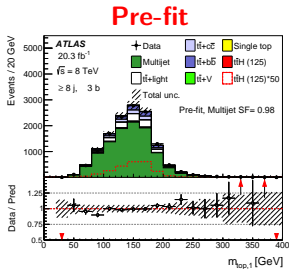
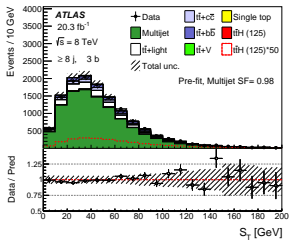
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# Pre- / Post-fit variables comparison: $7j, \geq 4b$



# Pre- / Post-fit variables comparison: $\geq 8j$ , 3b



# Pre- / Post-fit variables comparison: $\geq 8j, \geq 4b$

