

$ttH(H \rightarrow bb)$ search with the ATLAS detector at the LHC experiment.



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ttH(H->bb) search at ATLAS in Run 2, why ?

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→ ttH gives direct measurement of $H \leftrightarrow t$ coupling:

→ ggF: anything can happen in the loop.

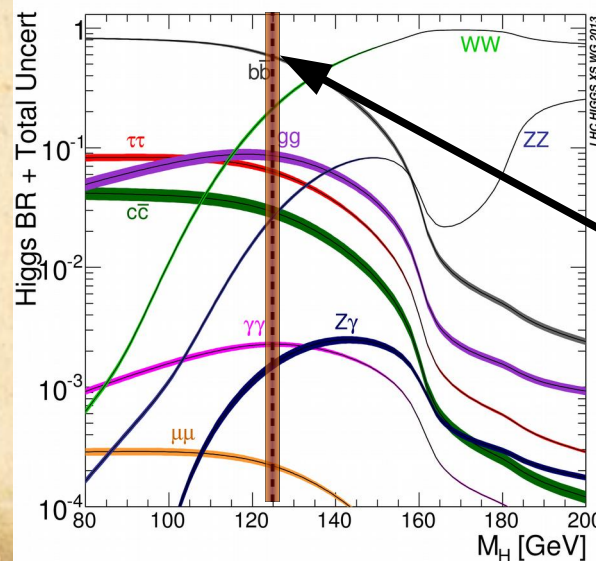
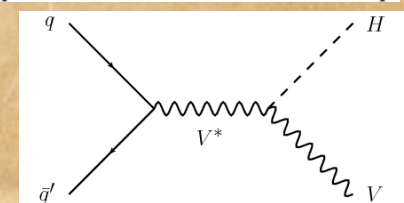
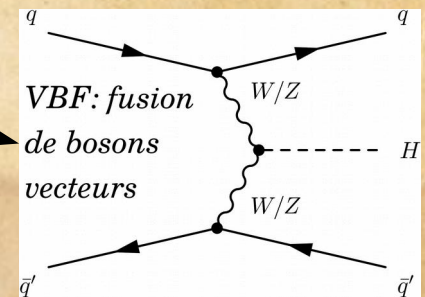
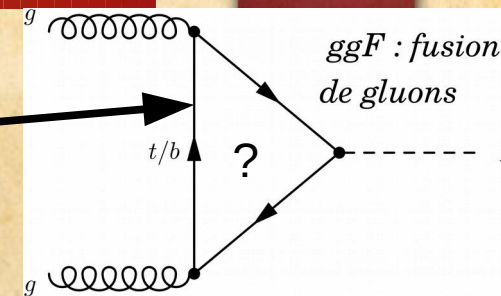
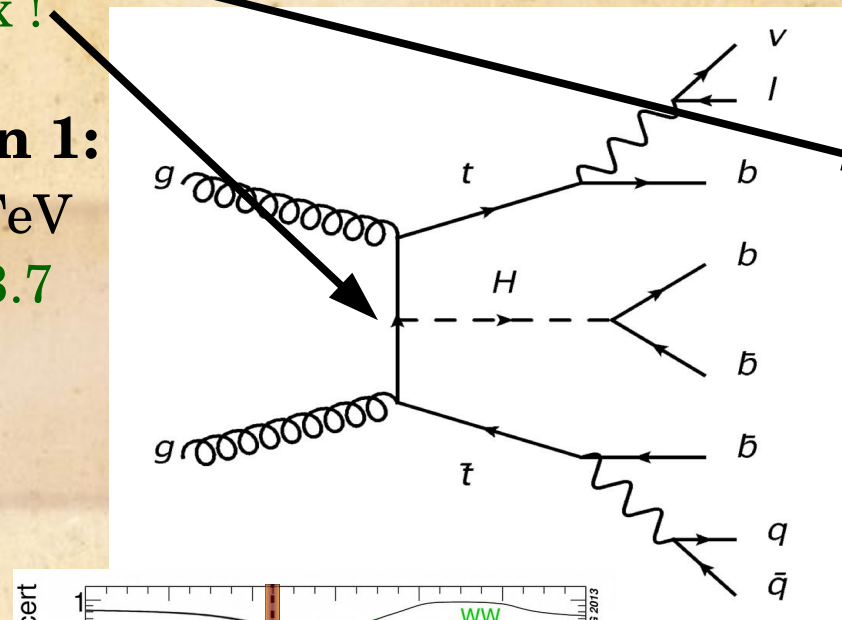
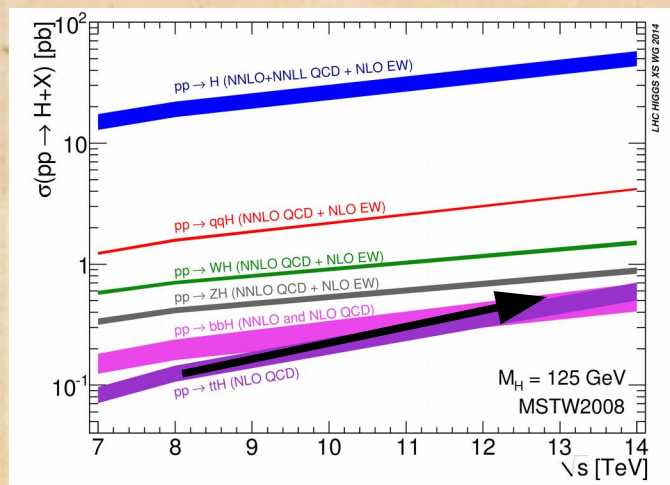
→ VBF, VH: no vertex H-t.

→ ttH: out of loops vertex !

→ Not discovered in Run 1:

→ Run 2: (7,8)TeV → 13TeV

=> ttH cross section x3.7



→ (H→bb):

→ Not yet observed !

→ Highest BR for $M_H = 125$ GeV.

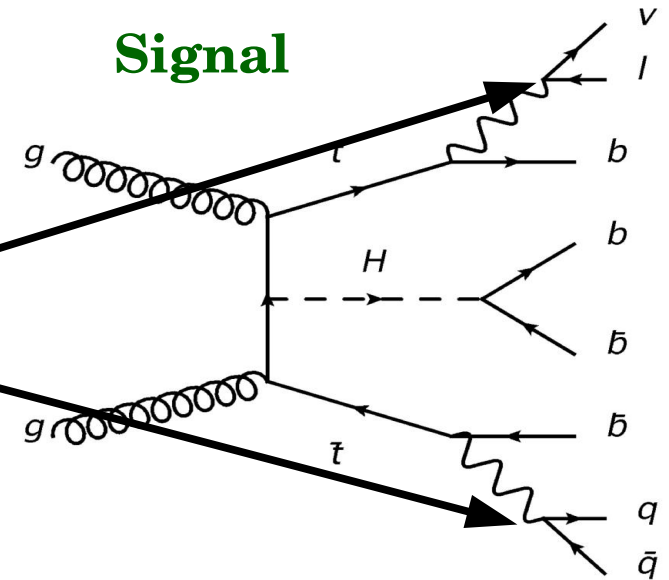
→ Expect more stat :)

$ttH(H \rightarrow bb)$ lepton+jets background

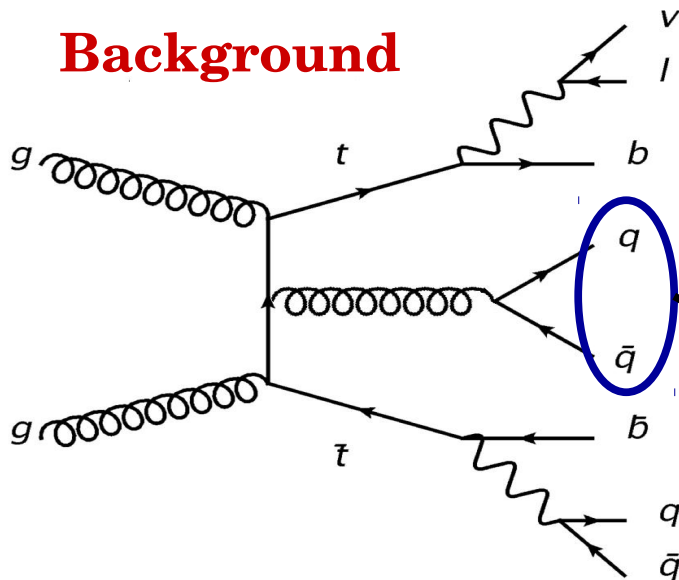
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- $ttH(H \rightarrow bb)$ signal final state:
 - **4b-quarks** and 2W.
 - In this talk, **single lepton channel**.

Signal



Background



- tt +jets background:

- **Main background.**

- $\sigma(tt+jets) \gg \sigma(ttH)$.

- tt +jets cross section increased by a factor 3.2 from Run 1 to Run 2.

- **Splitted according to additional jet flavour:**

- **$tt+bb$: irreducible**

- **$tt+light$ & $tt+cc$: reducible**

$ttH(H \rightarrow bb)$ analysis strategy – Region definition.

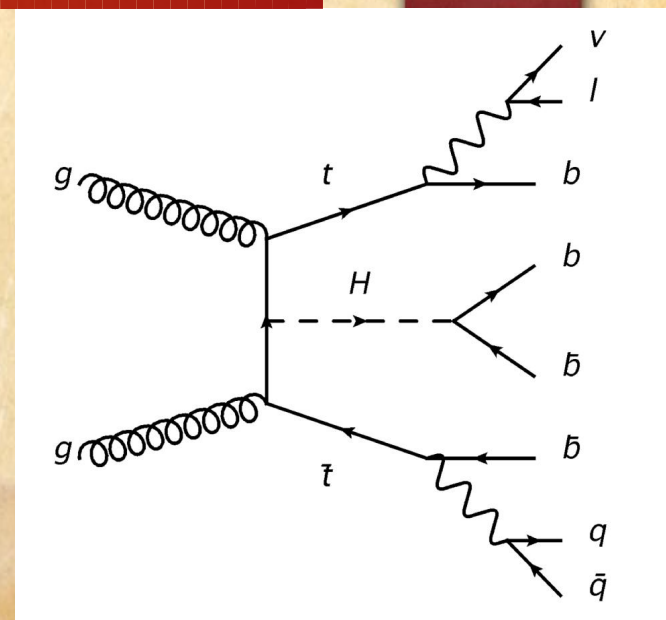
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→ Select $t\bar{t}$ like events:

- **at least 4 jets** out of which **at least 2 b-tags**.
- Exactly **one isolated lepton**.
- At this point much more background than signal :

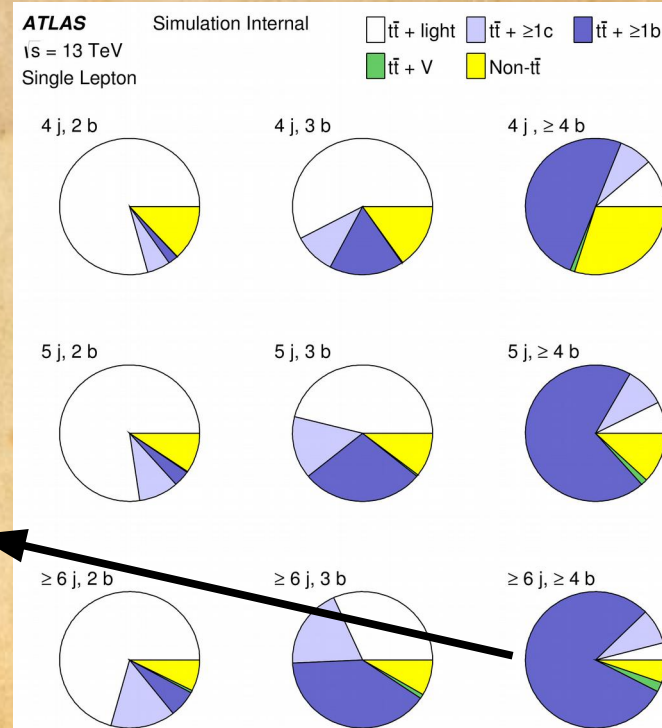
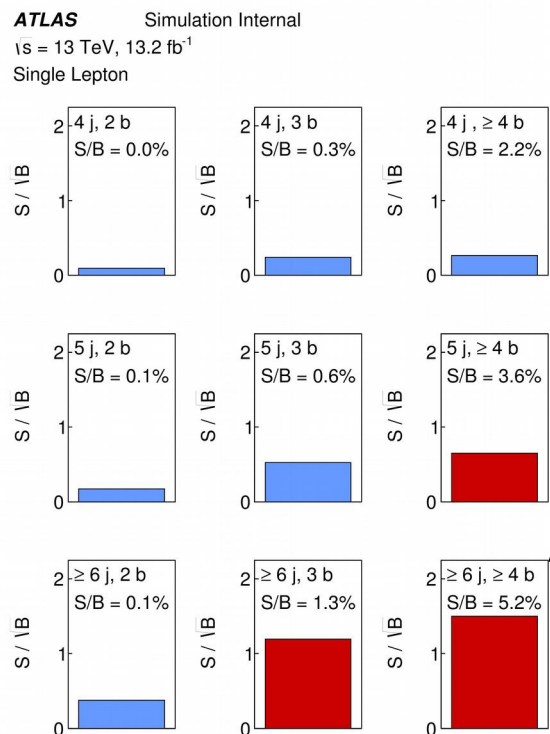
→ **Further split in regions:**

- Increase signal purity.
- Define **Signal Regions** at high $N(\text{jets})/N(\text{b-tags})$ and **Control Regions**.



**Most signal like region
only 5.2% ttH .**

**Completely dominated by
irreducible $tt+bb$.**



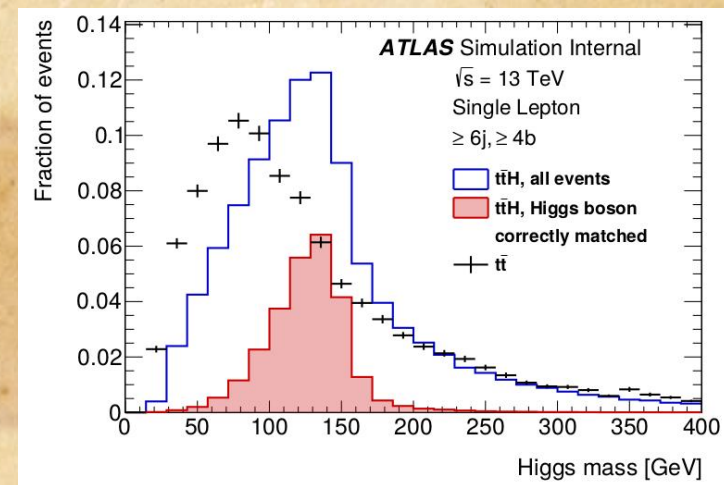
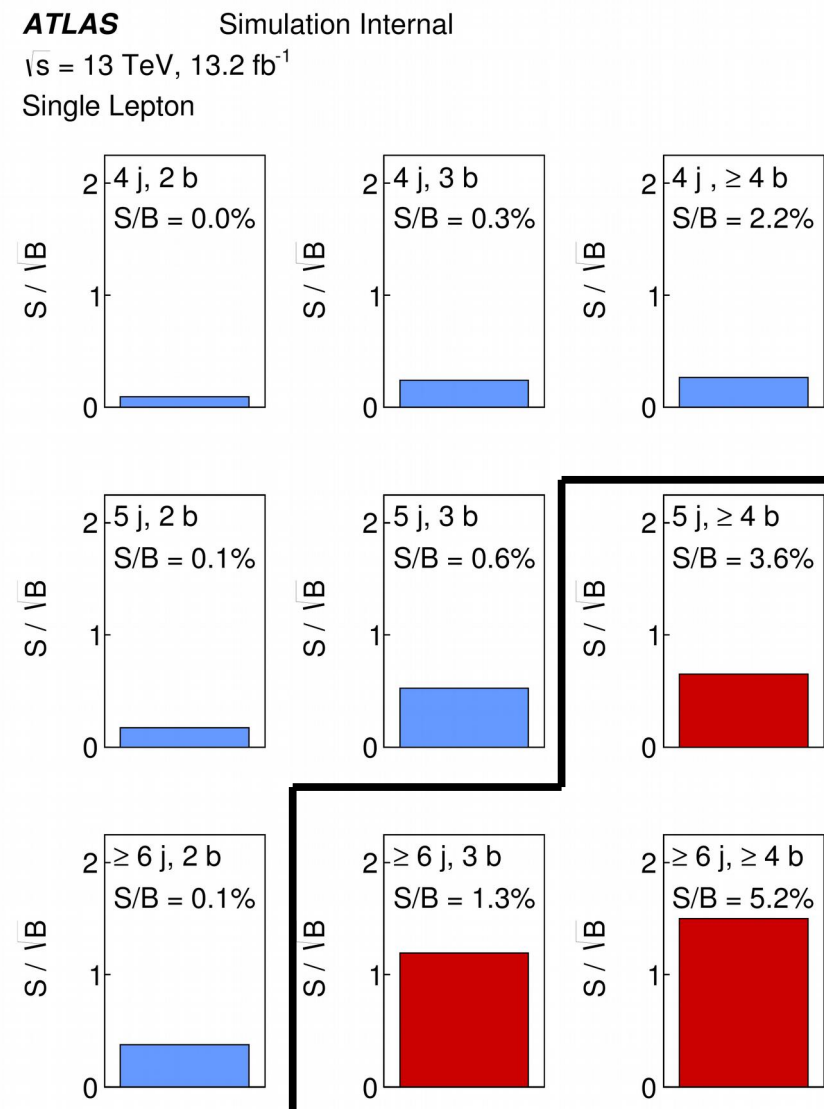
$ttH(H \rightarrow bb)$ analysis strategy – Signal Regions.

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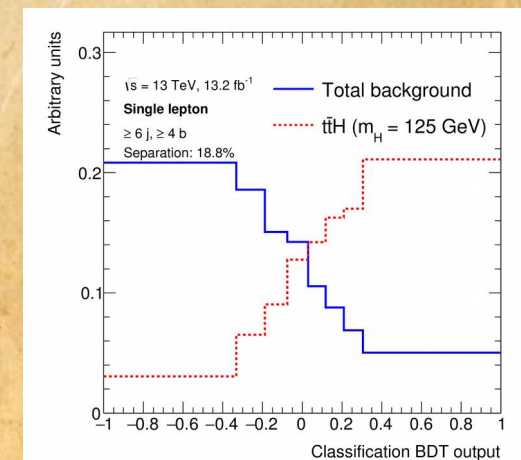
- Select signal like events.
- Further split in regions.

Need to increase sensitivity in SR.

→ Step 1: reconstruct the ttH system with a Boosted Decision Tree.

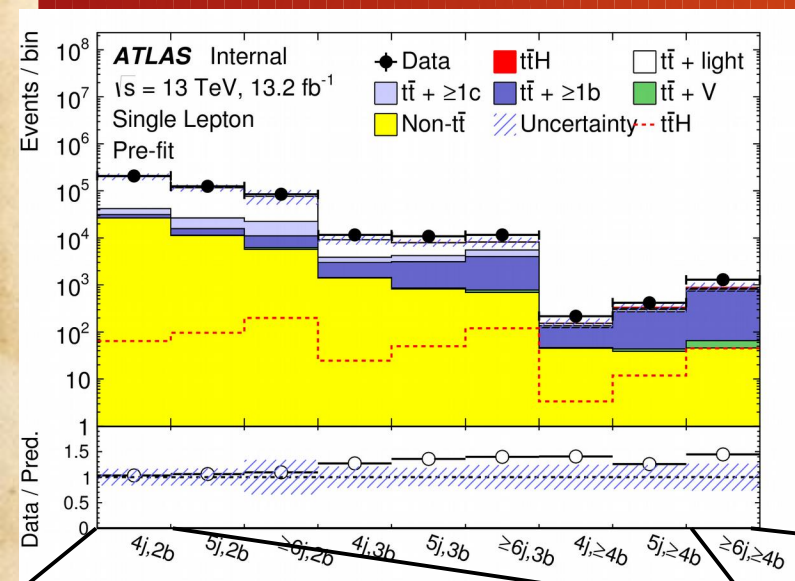


→ Step 2: differentiate $tt\bar{t}$ event from ttH events with a BDT.



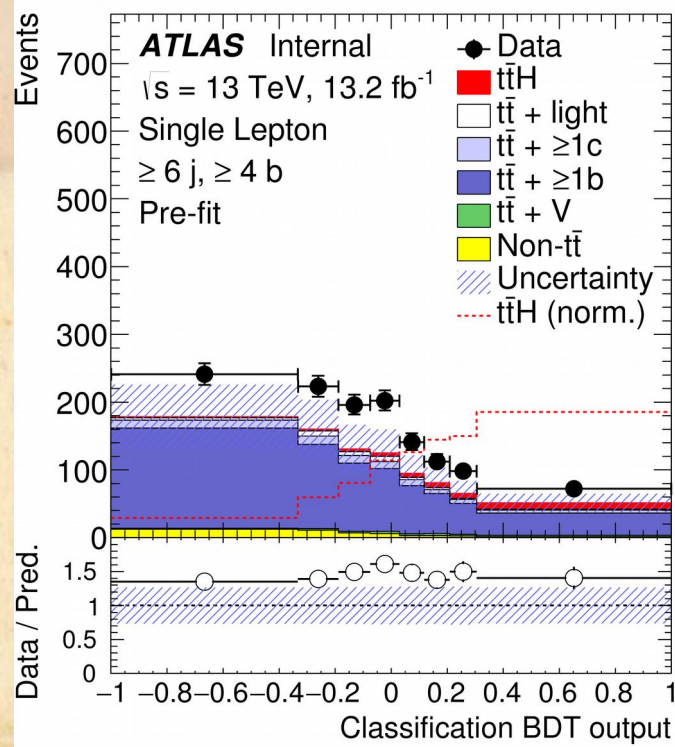
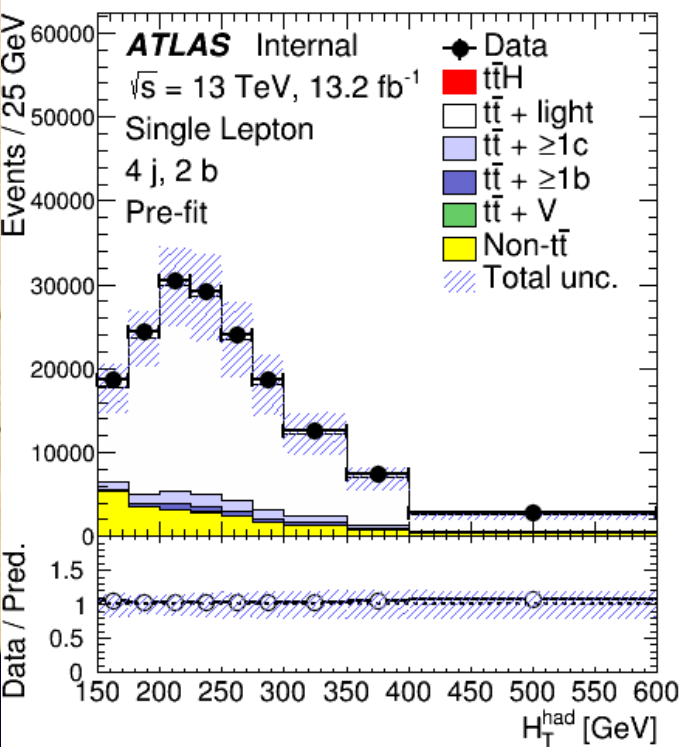
ttH(H->bb) analysis strategy – Fit philosophy.

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ttbar miss-modelling:

- Add **large systematics uncertainties** to cover miss-modelling.
- **Fit also control regions** to constrain ttbar modelling.
- Use simple variable in control region: $H_t^{\text{had}} = \sum p_T(\text{jets})$.



Fit BDT in SR:

- High signal sensitivity

Use several bins in each region:

- **Fit also the shape** of the distributions.
- Binning need also optimization.

ttH(H->bb) systematics.

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→ Systematics dominated analysis.

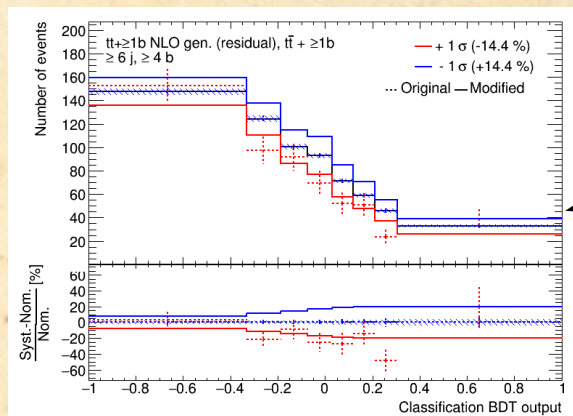
→ **132 systematics !**

→ Reco objects (leptons and jets), **flav-tagging**, **ttbar** and other bkg modelling.

→ Apply tt+HF normalizations as free floating parameters in the fit.

→ Large Data/MC differences.

→ Important slope in N(jets) and N(b-jets).



Systematic uncertainty	Type	Components
Luminosity	N	1
Reconstructed Objects		
Electron trigger+reco+ID+isolation	SN	5
Electron energy scale+resolution	SN	2
Muon trigger+reco+ID+isolation	SN	6
Muon momentum scale+resolution	SN	3
Pileup modelling	SN	1
Jet vertex tagger	SN	1
Jet energy scale	SN	19
Jet energy resolution	SN	1
Missing transverse momentum	SN	3
b-tagging efficiency	SN	5
c-tagging efficiency	SN	4
Light-jet tagging efficiency	SN	14
High- p_T tagging	SN	2
Background and Signal Model		
$t\bar{t}$ cross section	N	1
$t\bar{t}$ +HF: normalisation	N	2
$t\bar{t}+\geq 1b$: NLO Shape	SN	10
$t\bar{t}+\geq 1c$: NLO Shape	SN	1
$t\bar{t}$ modelling: residual Radiation	SN	3
$t\bar{t}$ modelling: residual NLO generator	SN	3
$t\bar{t}$ modelling: residual parton shower+hadronisation	SN	3
$t\bar{t}$ NNLO reweighting	SN	4
W+jets normalisation	N	6
Z+jets normalisation	N	6
Single top cross section	N	2
Single top model	SN	2
Diboson normalisation	N	1
Fakes normalization	SN	7
$t\bar{t}V$ cross section	N	4
$t\bar{t}V$ modelling	SN	2
$t\bar{t}H$ cross section	N	2
$t\bar{t}H$ branching ratios	N	4
$t\bar{t}H$ modelling	SN	2

ttH(H->bb) the fit.

→ Use binned Maximum Likelihood function:

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from 3 to 11 bins (total 68)

$$L_{Pois}(\mu, \kappa, \theta) \approx \prod_{reg}^r \prod_{bin}^r \frac{(N_{r,i}^{exp}(\mu, \kappa, \theta))^{N_{r,i}^{data}}}{N_{r,i}^{data}} e^{-N_{r,i}^{exp}(\mu, \kappa, \theta)}$$

θ = Nuisance Parameters
= Systematics + gammas
gammas= MC stat bin errors

$$N_{exp}(\mu, \kappa, \theta) = \mu \cdot N_{sig}^{MC}(\theta_i) + \sum_k \kappa_k \cdot N_{bkgk}^{MC}(\theta_i) + N_{bkg n, \dots}(\theta_i)$$

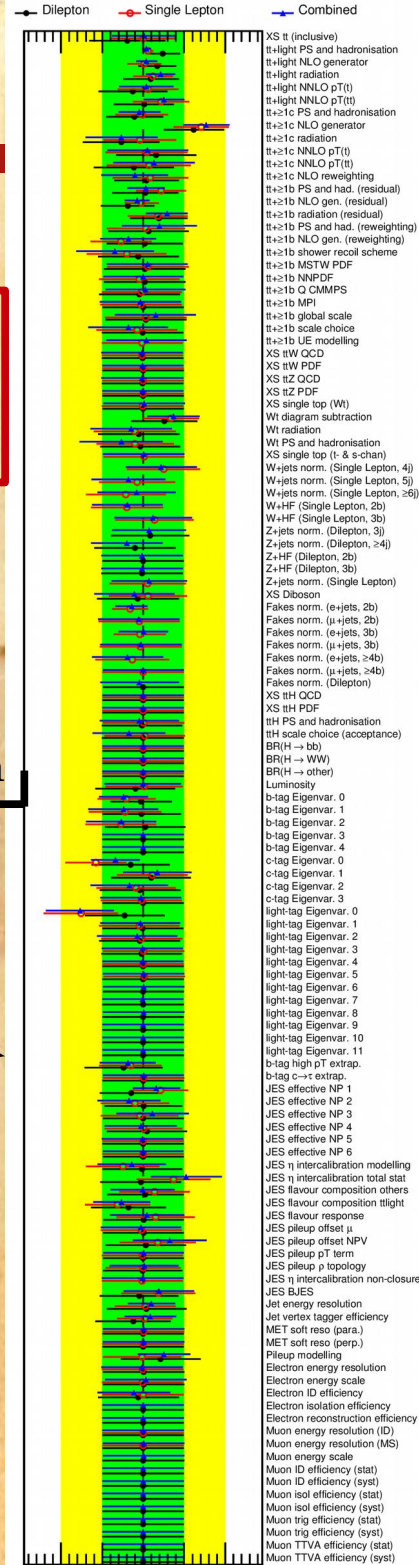
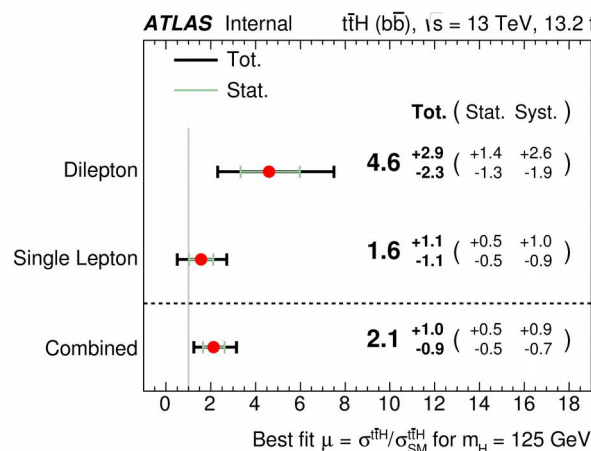
ttH tt+≥1b and tt+≥1c 12 others

$$L(\mu, \kappa, \theta) = L_{Pois}(\mu, \kappa, \theta) \prod_p \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{\theta_p^2}{2}\right)$$

prior or penalty term

TtHFitter

Uncertainty source	$\Delta\mu$	
$t\bar{t} + \geq 1b$ modelling	+0.53	-0.53
Jet flavour tagging	+0.26	-0.26
$t\bar{t}H$ modelling	+0.32	-0.20
Background model statistics	+0.25	-0.25
$t\bar{t} + \geq 1c$ modelling	+0.24	-0.23
Jet energy scale and resolution	+0.19	-0.19
$t\bar{t}$ +light modelling	+0.19	-0.18
Other background modelling	+0.18	-0.18
Jet-vertex association, pileup modelling	+0.12	-0.12
Luminosity	+0.12	-0.12
$t\bar{t}Z$ modelling	+0.06	-0.06
Light lepton (e, μ) ID, isolation, trigger	+0.05	-0.05
Total systematic uncertainty	+0.90	-0.75
$t\bar{t} + \geq 1b$ normalisation	+0.34	-0.34
$t\bar{t} + \geq 1c$ normalisation	+0.14	-0.14
Statistical uncertainty	+0.49	-0.49
Total uncertainty	+1.02	-0.89



ttH(H->bb) Run 2 results.

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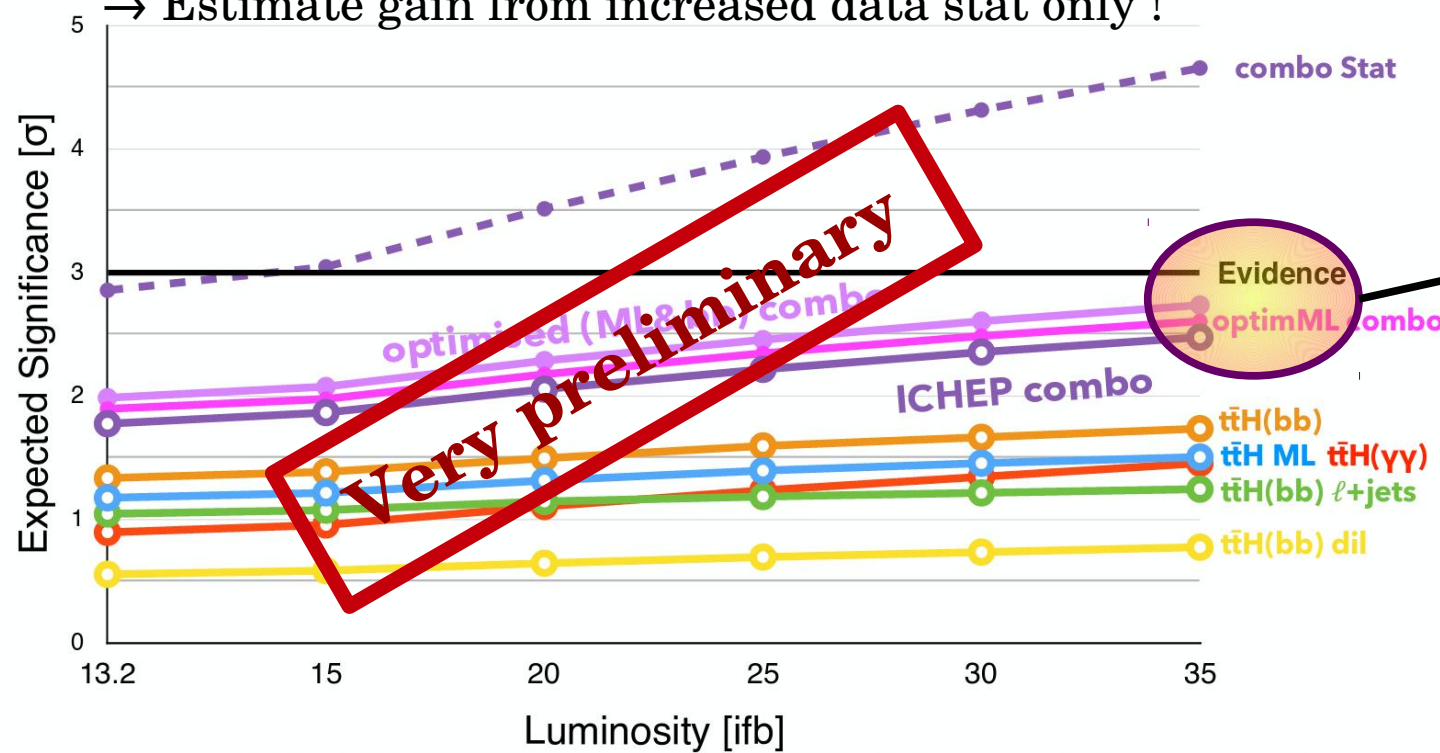
→ Significance improved compared to Run 1:

	$\sqrt{s}$	Luminosity	Observed Significance	Expected Significance
ATLAS Run 1	8 TeV	20.3 fb ⁻¹	1.4 σ	1.1 σ
ATLAS Run 2	13 TeV	13.2 fb ⁻¹	2.4 σ	1.2 σ

→ Expected projections towards paper:

→ Around 35 fb⁻¹ should be available.

→ Estimate gain from increased data stat only !



Evidence is not so far for ttH combination :)

- **ttH(H→bb)** is an important analysis for Higgs boson characterization:
 - Very **challenging** process:
 - **Lots of jets/b-jets** in final state.
 - **Low signal purity** (5.1%) even in the most sensitive region !
 - Apply complicated techniques to **increase sensitivity**:
 - Final state object **reconstruction with BDT**.
 - **ttH/tt+jets separation** with a second layer **BDT**.
- **Statistical analysis of data with binned Maximum Likelihood**:
 - **Many fitted parameters**: 9 regions with their binning, 15 samples, 132 systematics, ...
 - Powerful fitting tool **TtHFitter**.
 - Large **differences** between **expectations and data**.
 - **Fit uses a lot of parameters to correct miss-modelling**.
- **Not yet reached evidence**:
 - Analysis published in a **conf note for ICHEP 2016**.
 - **Better results than Run 1**
 - May have **ttH evidence with 35 fb⁻¹** :)

Backup.