

# Evidence for $t\bar{t}H$ production with the ATLAS detector

LIU Kun (*LPNHE-Paris*)

IRN Terascale@Marseille

14/12/2017



# Outline

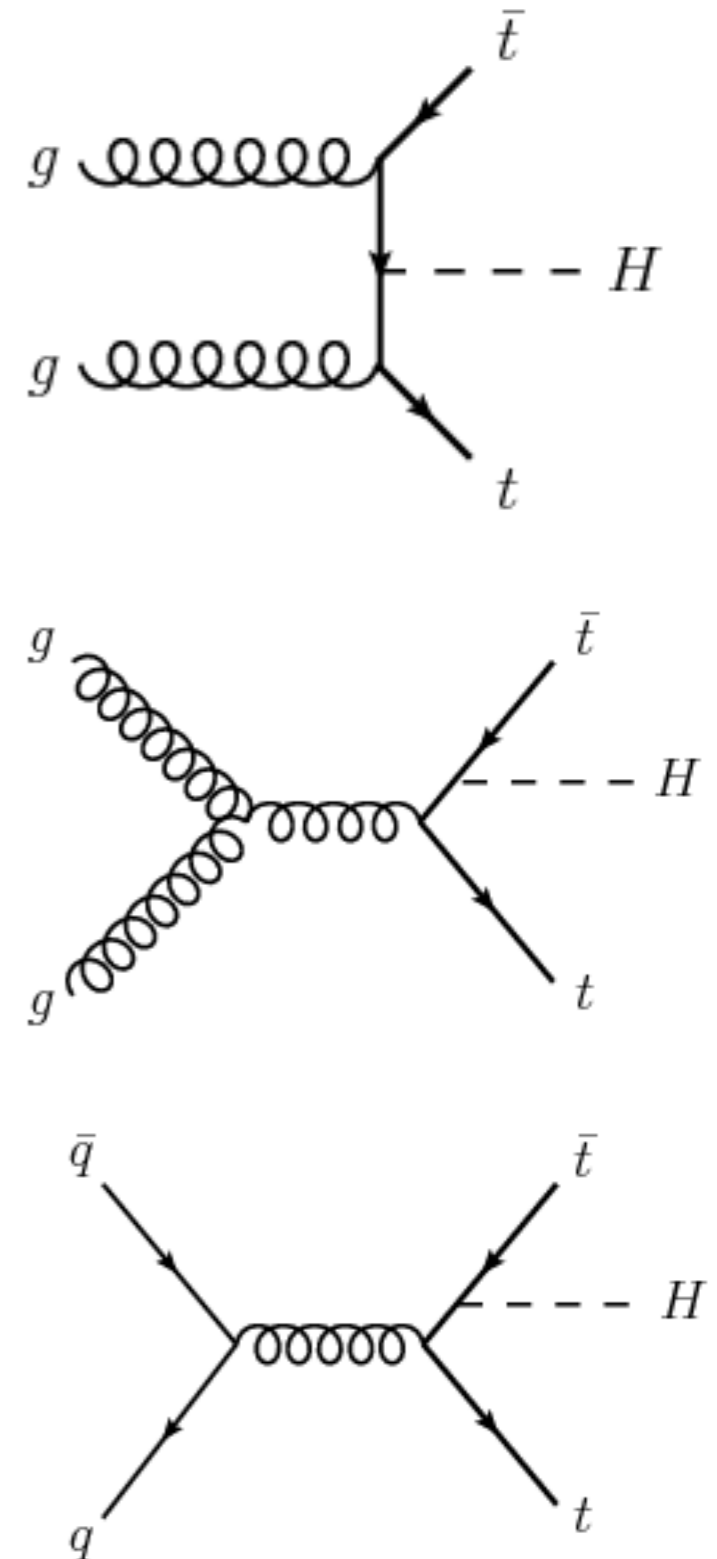
---

- ◆ ttH analysis motivation and ATLAS publications
- ◆ Search for ttH in four channels
  - ❖ with multilepton final states ( $H \rightarrow WW^*$ ,  $\tau\tau$  and partially  $ZZ^*$ )
  - ❖  $H \rightarrow bb$
  - ❖  $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$
  - ❖  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
- ◆ ttH combination using  $36.1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  @13TeV
- ◆ ATLAS ttH prospects
- ◆ Summary

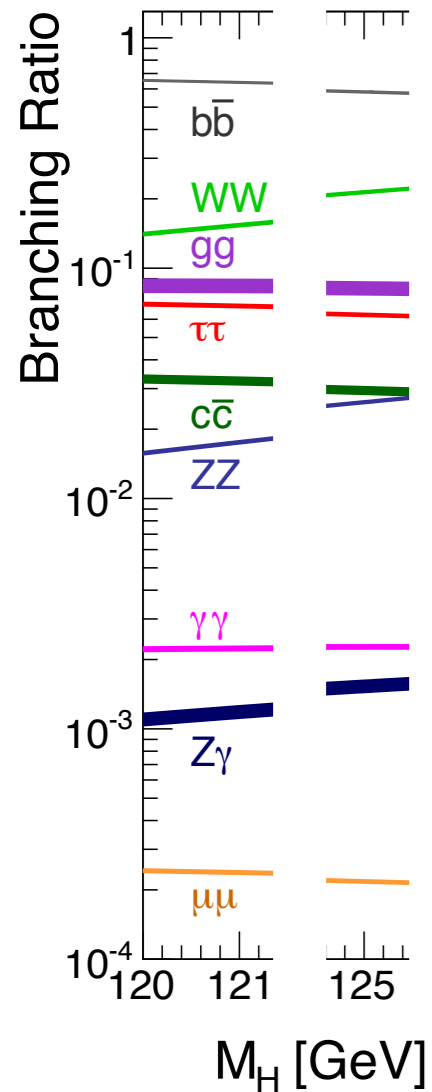
# ttH analysis motivation




- ♦ **ttH allows direct measurement of Higgs-top Yukawa coupling** at tree level. Any deviation might be hint for New Physics !
- ♦ Contrastive analysis to indirect constraints through ggH and  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  loop processes.
- ♦ ttH as the fifth main Higgs production channel has no  $5\sigma$  observation yet  $\rightarrow \sim 1\%$  of Higgs production in LHC.
- ♦ Summary of recent ATLAS and CMS ttH public results:

	Signal strength $\mu_{t\bar{t}H}$	Obs. (exp.) significance
Run1 ATLAS+CMS ( $\sim 25 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )	<b>2.3</b> $^{+0.7}_{-0.6}$	<b>4.4<math>\sigma</math></b> (2.2 $\sigma$ )
Run2 ATLAS preliminary (36.1 $\text{fb}^{-1}$ )	<b>1.2</b> $\pm 0.3$	<b>4.2<math>\sigma</math></b> (3.8 $\sigma$ )
Run2 CMS preliminary (35.9 $\text{fb}^{-1}$ )	<b>1.5</b> $\pm 0.5$	<b>3.3<math>\sigma</math></b> (2.5 $\sigma$ )



# ATLAS ttH analysis channels and publications

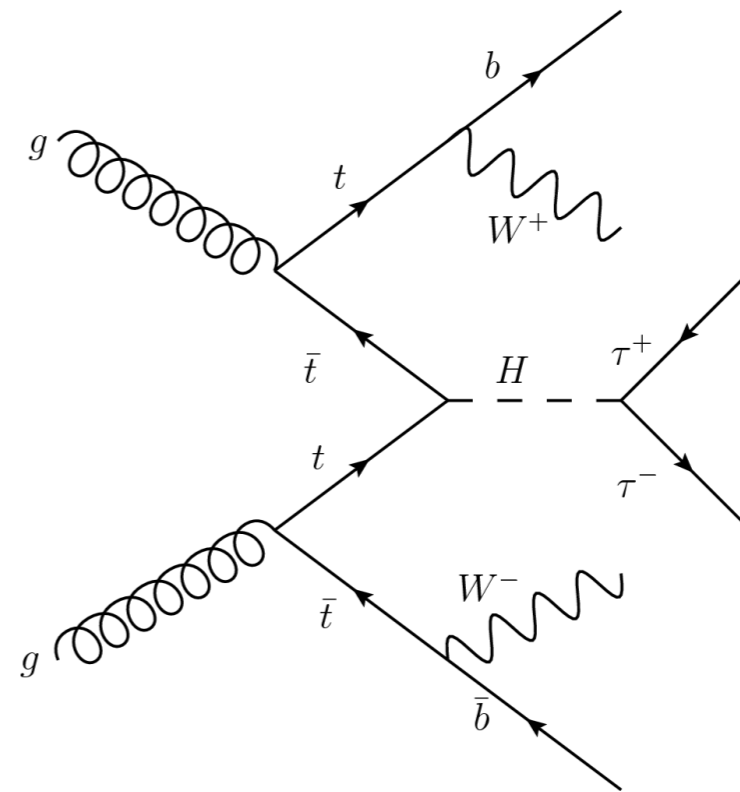
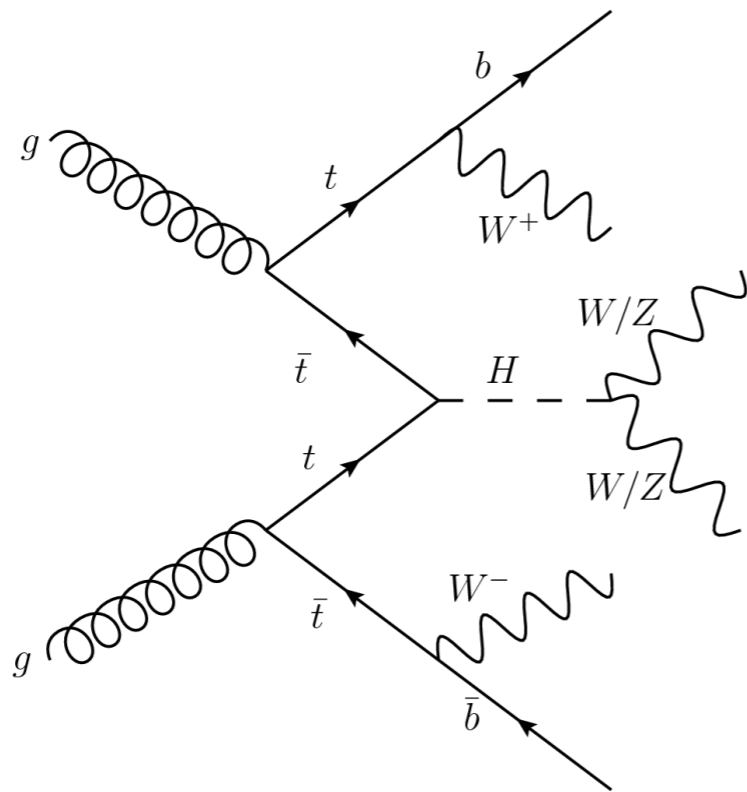


Analysis channels	Run 1 (20.3 fb <sup>-1</sup> / 25 fb <sup>-1</sup> ) (8 TeV / 7&8 TeV)	Run 2 (36.1 fb <sup>-1</sup> ) (13 TeV)
<b><math>H \rightarrow bb</math></b> ( <i>tt</i> leptonic decay)	<a href="#">Eur. Phys. J. C (2015) 75:349</a>	<a href="#">ATLAS-CONF-2017-076</a> 
<b><math>H \rightarrow bb</math></b> ( <i>tt</i> full hadronic decay)	<a href="#">JHEP 05 (2016) 160</a>	
<b>Multileptons</b> ( $H \rightarrow WW^*, \tau\tau, ZZ^*$ )	<a href="#">Phys.Lett. B 749 (2015) 519</a>	<a href="#">ATLAS-CONF-2017-077</a> 
<b><math>H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l</math></b>	<a href="#">Phys. Rev. D 91, 012006 (2015)</a>	<a href="#">ATLAS-CONF-2017-043</a>
<b><math>H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma</math></b>	<a href="#">Phys. Lett. B 740 (2015) 222</a>	<a href="#">ATLAS-CONF-2017-045</a>
<b><i>ttH</i> combination</b>	<a href="#">JHEP 05 (2016) 160</a>	<a href="#">ATLAS-CONF-2017-077</a> 

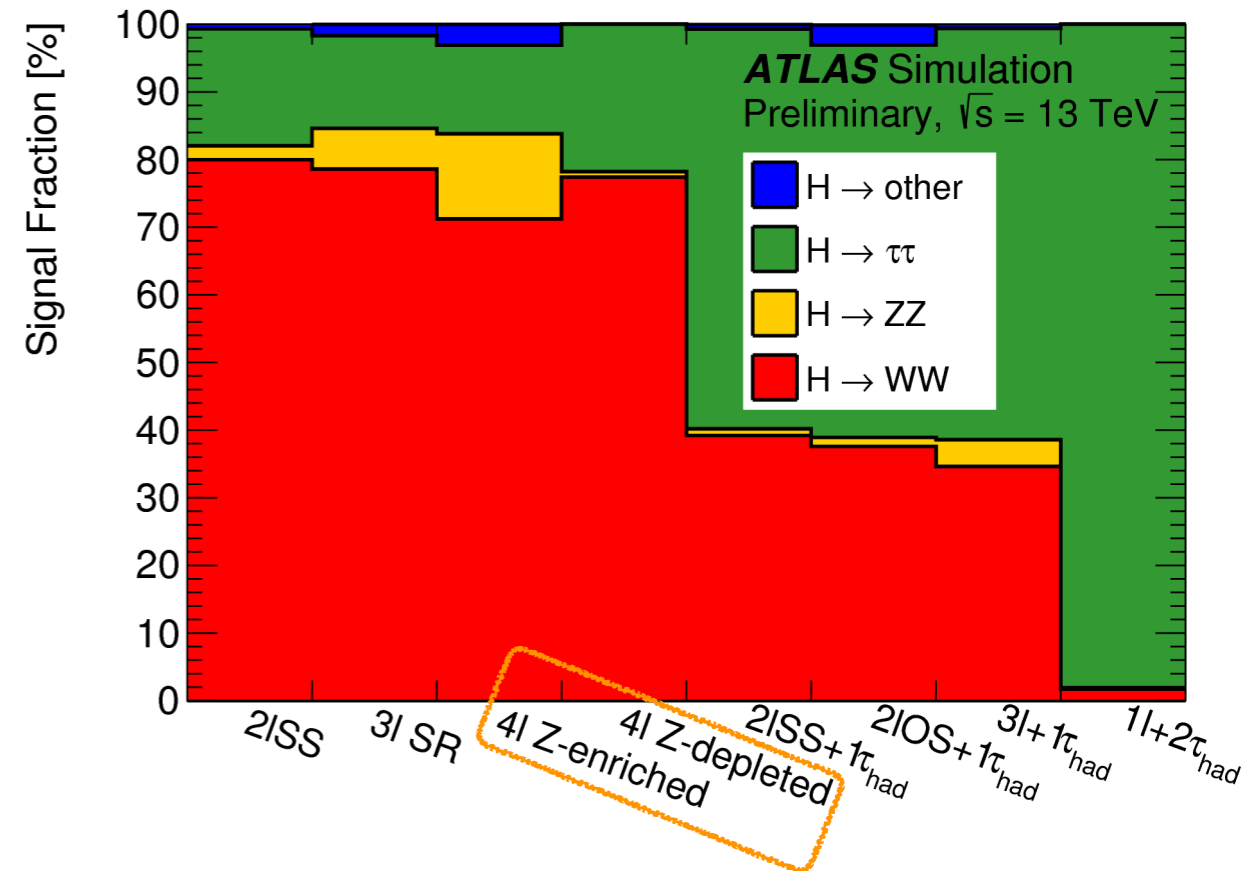
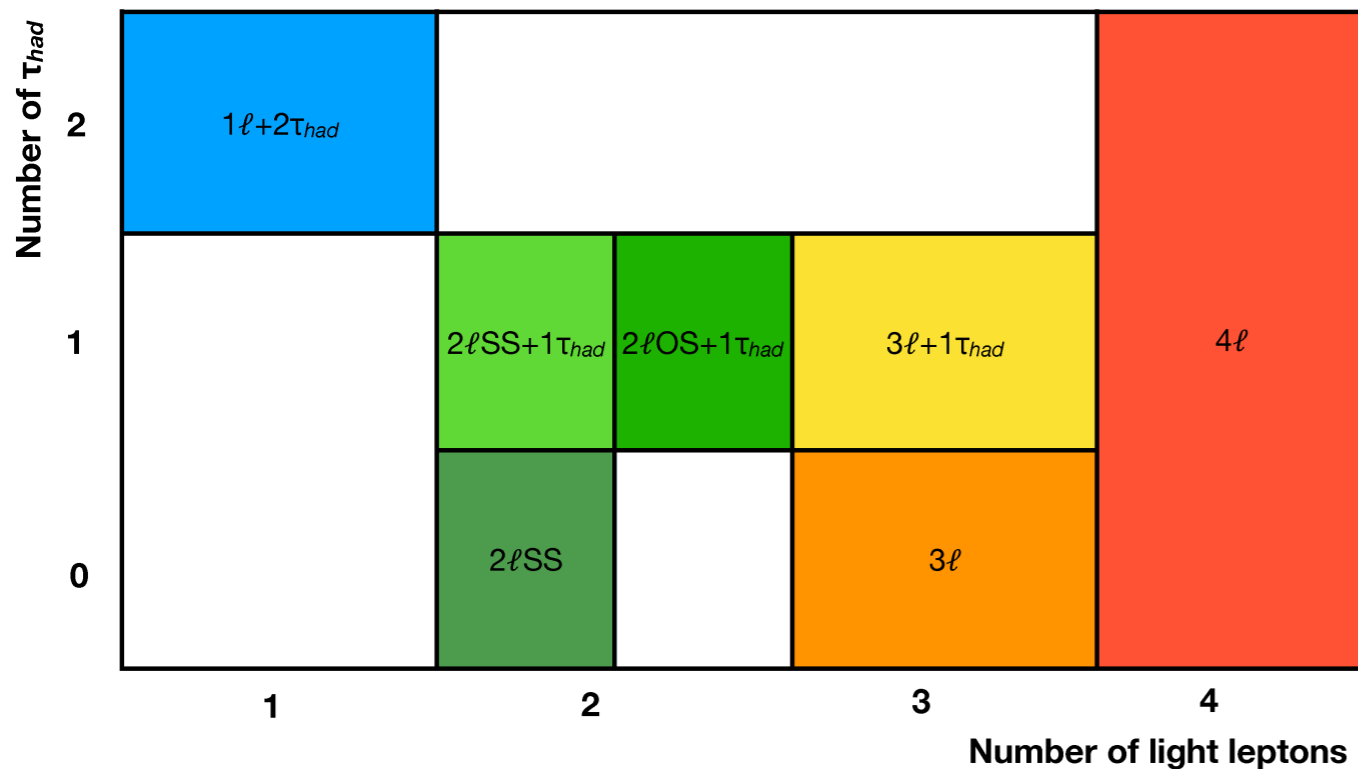
◆ This talk presents very recent results from ATLAS Run 2 analyses.

# Search for $t\bar{t}H$ in multilepton final states

Higgs decays to  $WW^*$ ,  $\tau\tau$  and partially  $ZZ^*$  (veto on  $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$ )



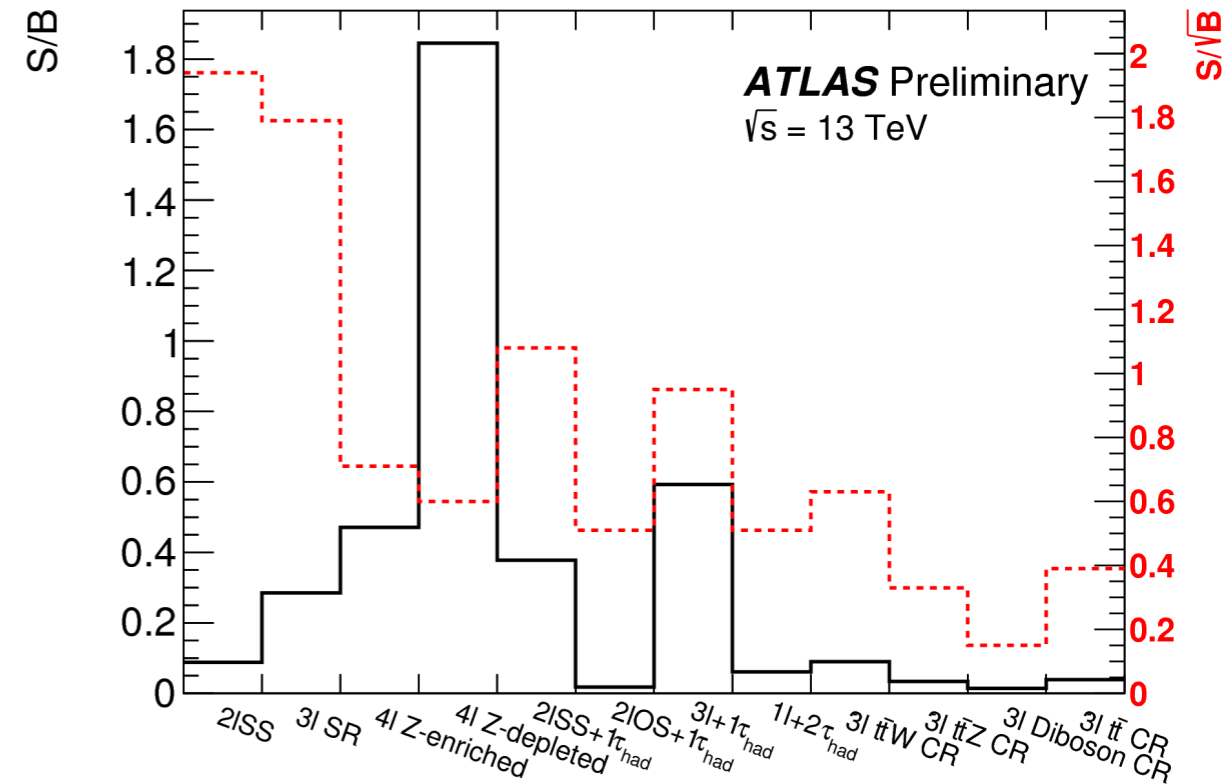
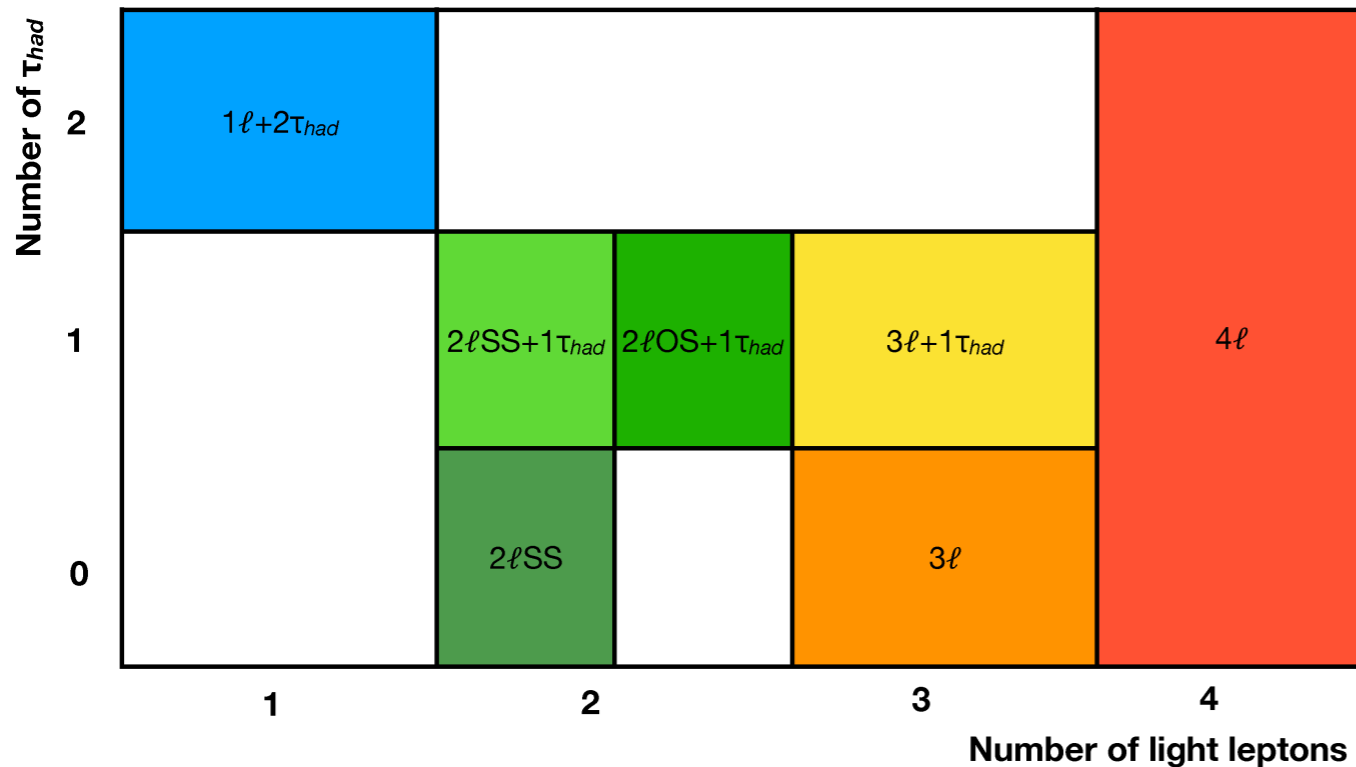
# Event selection and classification



$\geq 2$  jets and  $\geq 1$  of them being b-tagged jet.

- ◆ 7 orthogonal analysis channels (8 signal regions), according to number and flavour of charged leptons, with and without  $\tau_{had}$ .
- ◆ 91 expected ttH events after selection  $\rightarrow$  0.50% of all expected ttH events.
- ◆  $\sim$  300k background events dominated by
  - ❖ ttV ( $V=W,Z$ ) : similar event topologies as ttH signal
  - ❖ tt : “extra” non-prompt lepton mainly from b-hadron decay
- ◆ 4 control regions in 3l are defined for ttW, ttZ, di-boson and tt processes.

# Event selection and classification



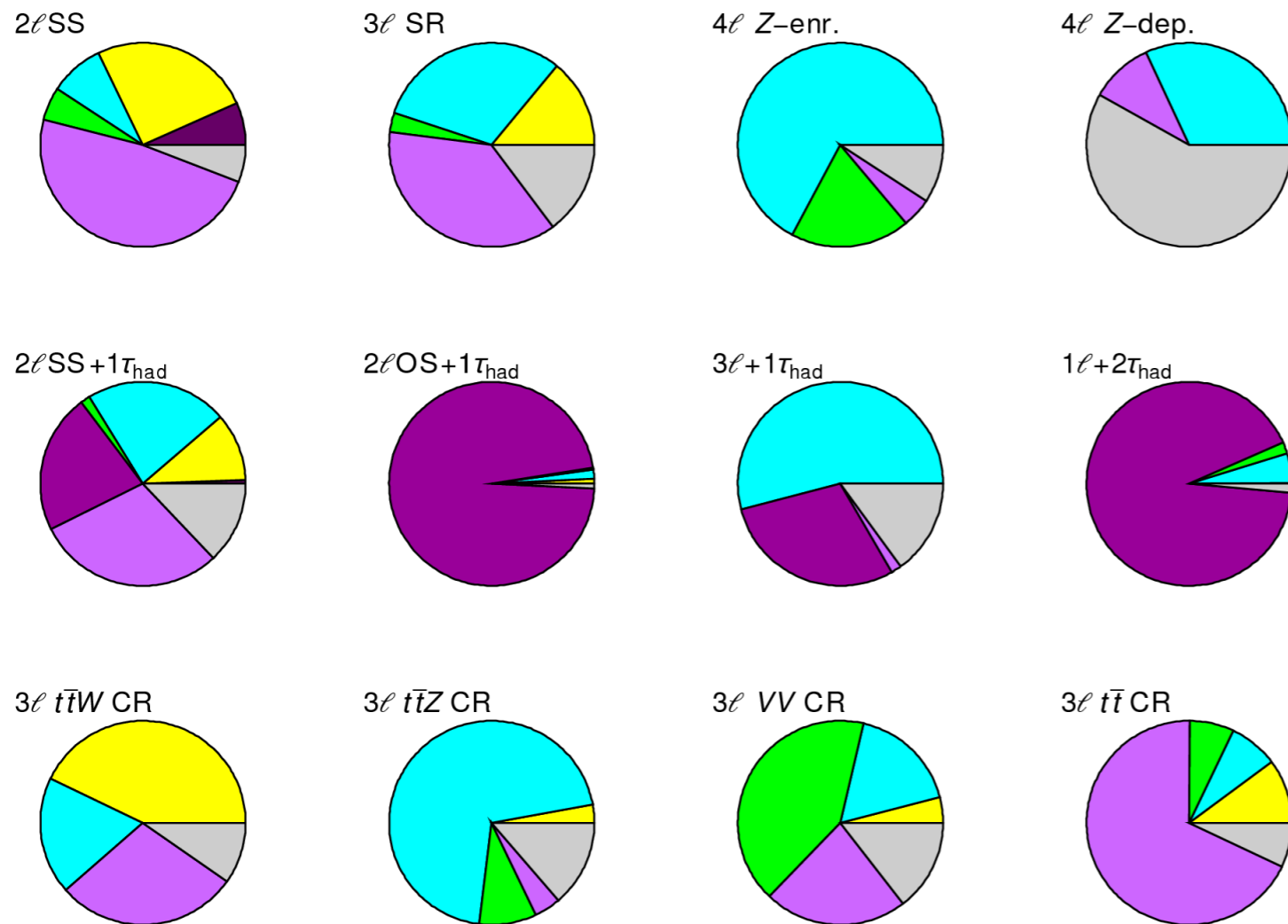
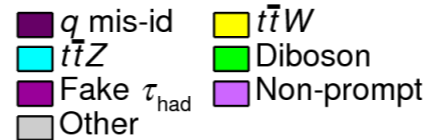
$\geq 2$  jets and  $\geq 1$  of them being b-tagged jet.

- ◆ 7 orthogonal analysis channels (8 signal regions), according to number and flavour of charged leptons, with and without  $\tau_{had}$ .
- ◆ 91 expected ttH events after selection  $\rightarrow$  0.50% of all expected ttH events.
- ◆  $\sim$  300k background events dominated by
  - ❖ ttV ( $V=W,Z$ ) : similar event topologies as ttH signal
  - ❖ tt : “extra” non-prompt lepton mainly from b-hadron decay
- ◆ 4 control regions in 3l are defined for ttW, ttZ, di-boson and tt processes.

# Background compositions

The fractional contributions of each bkg. to the total:

ATLAS Preliminary  
 $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$



SR → signal region ; CR → control region

- ◆ “**Non-prompt**” bkg. arises from  $t\bar{t}$  process with non-prompt lepton mainly from b-hadron decay.
- ◆ “**q mis-id**” bkg. arises from  $t\bar{t}$  and Z+jets with electron charge being mis-assigned → only visible in 2ISS channel.
- ◆ “**Fake  $\tau_{had}$** ” includes any other objects mis-tagged as  $\tau_{had}$ .
- ◆ “**Other**” includes many rare processes, i.e  $tZ$ ,  $tW$ ,  $tWZ$ ,  $tH$ ,  $t\bar{t}W$ , triboson,  $t\bar{t}t$  and  $t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$ .

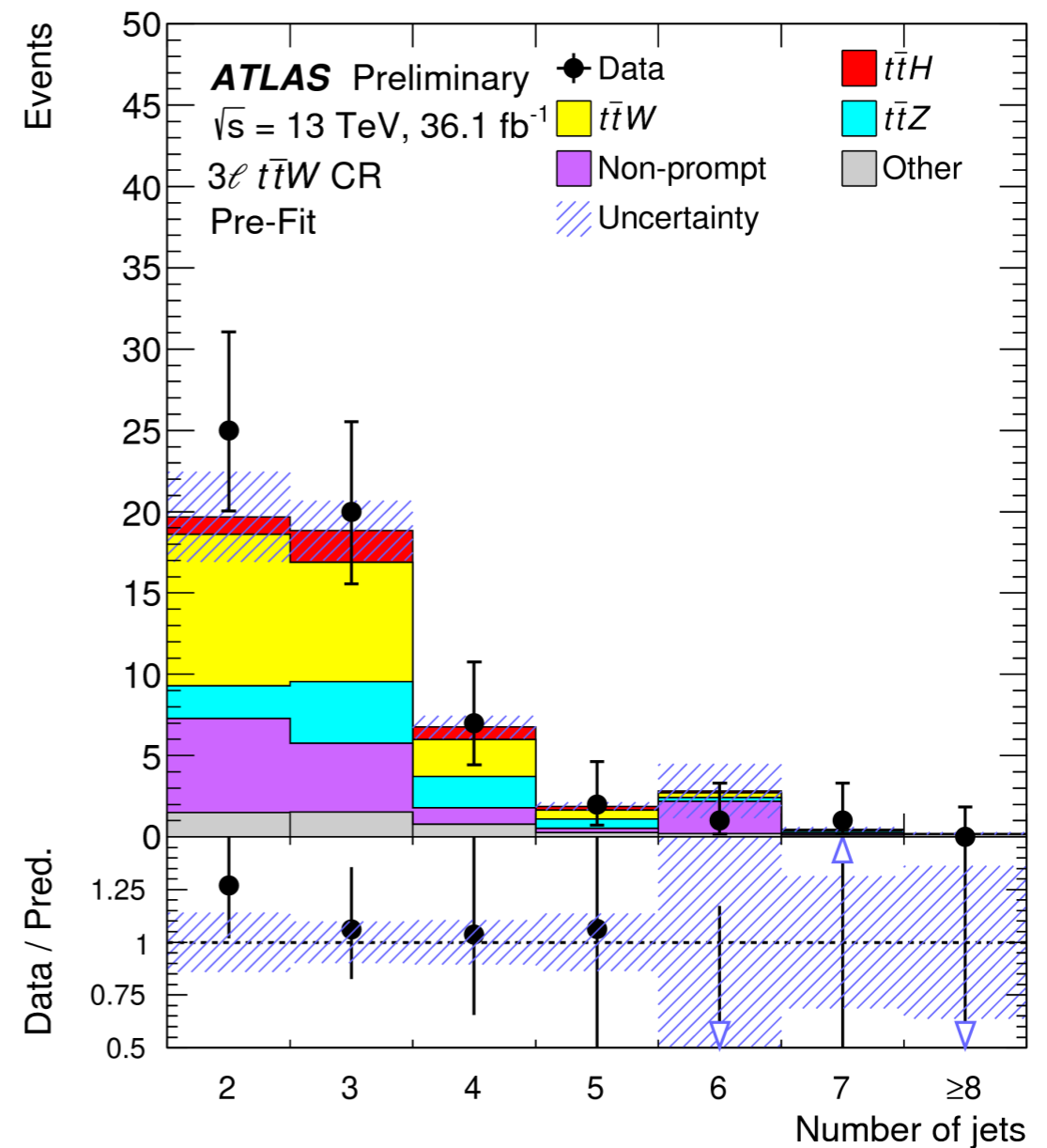
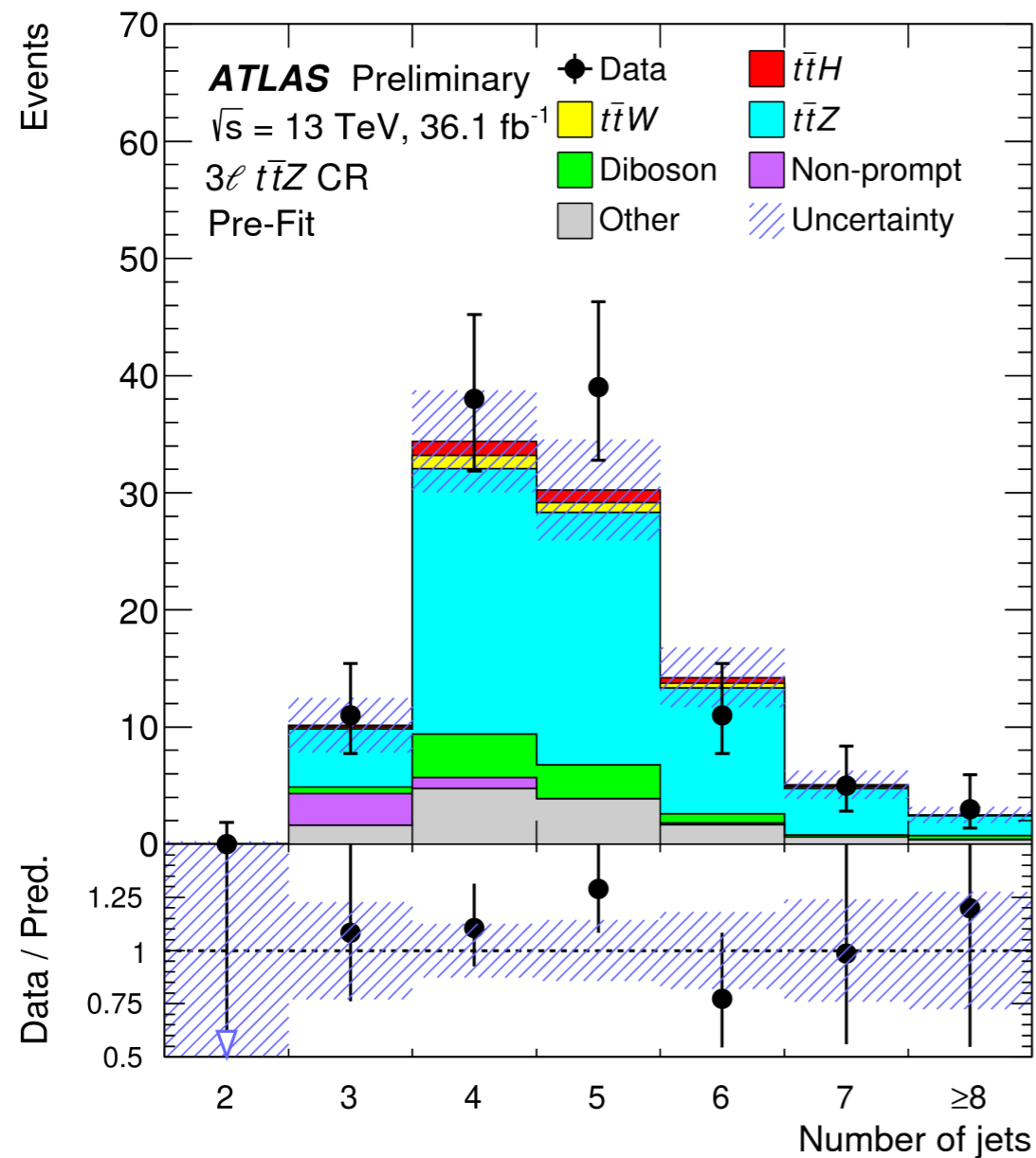
→ **Irruducible bkg.** ( $t\bar{t}W$ ,  $t\bar{t}Z$ ,  $VV$  and rare) estimates rely on simulation, whose modelling are validated in data control regions.

→ **Non-prompt and fake  $\tau_{had}$  bkg.** are estimated from collision data.



# ttW and ttZ backgrounds validation

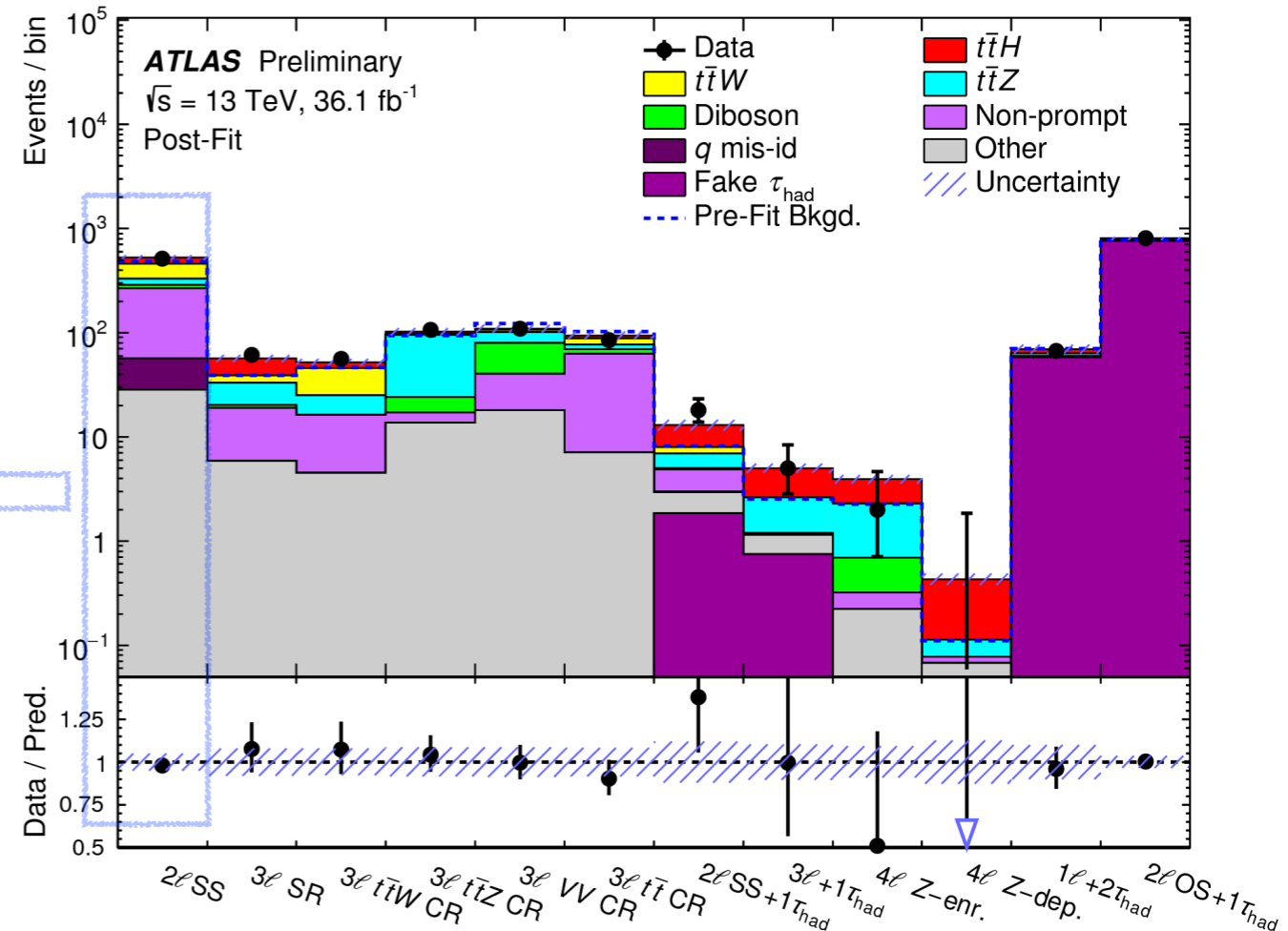
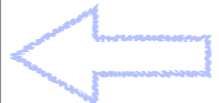
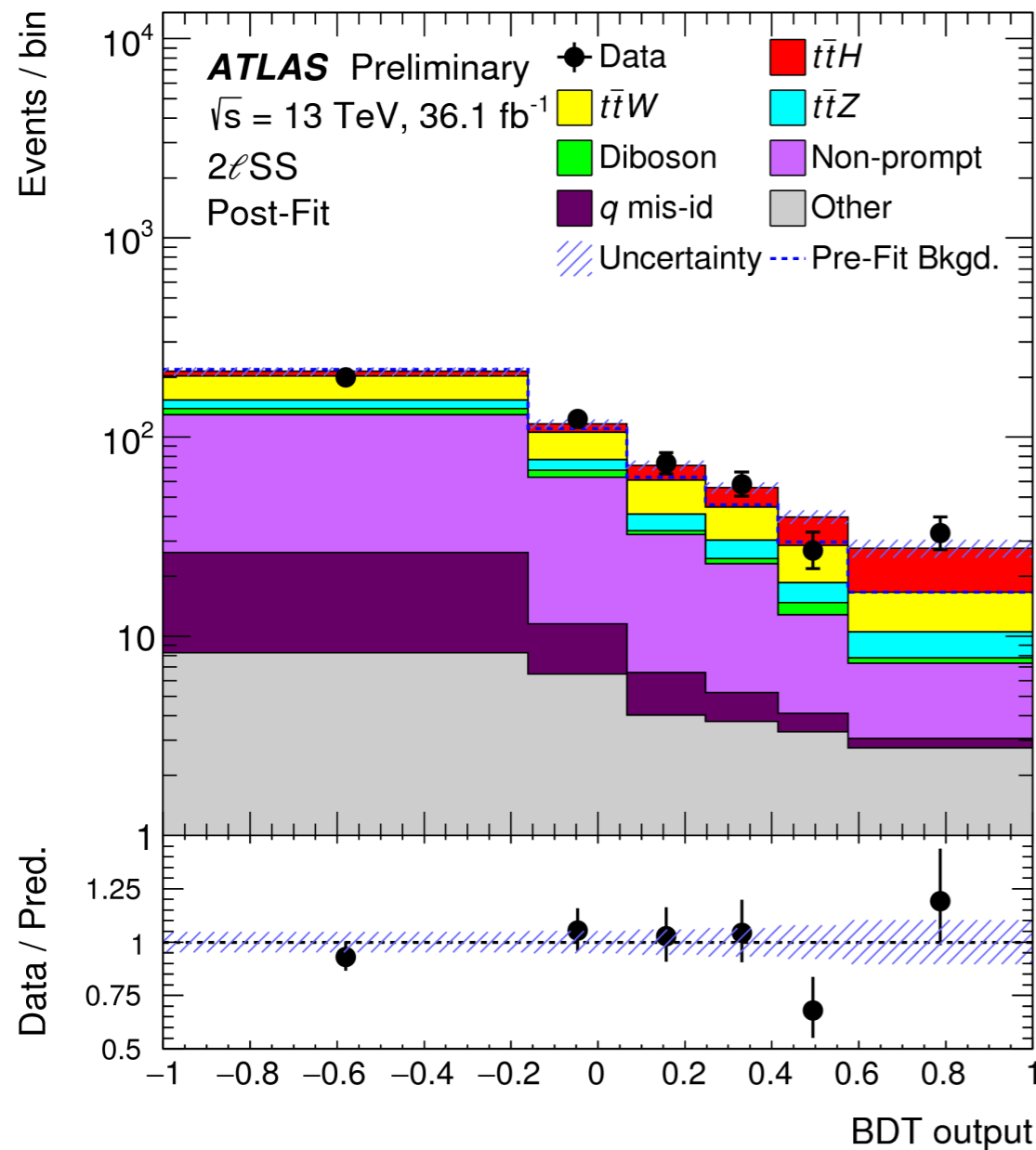
- ◆ Data and predictions in CRs are in good agreements for ttZ (left) and for ttW (right).



- ◆ This analysis can constrain on ttW and ttZ production. The measured cross section modifiers are  $0.92 \pm 0.32$  for ttW and  $1.17 \pm 0.25$  for ttZ.

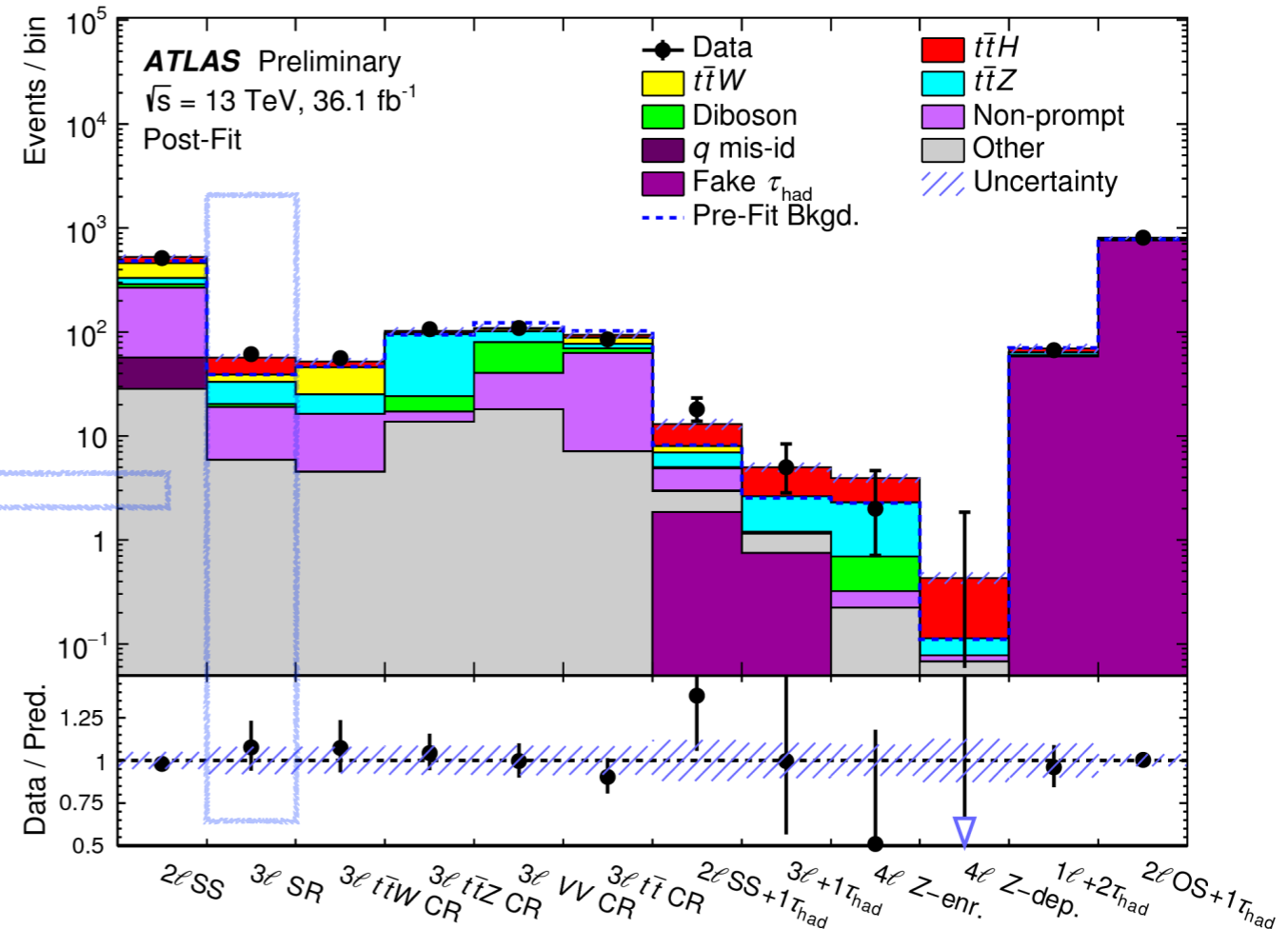
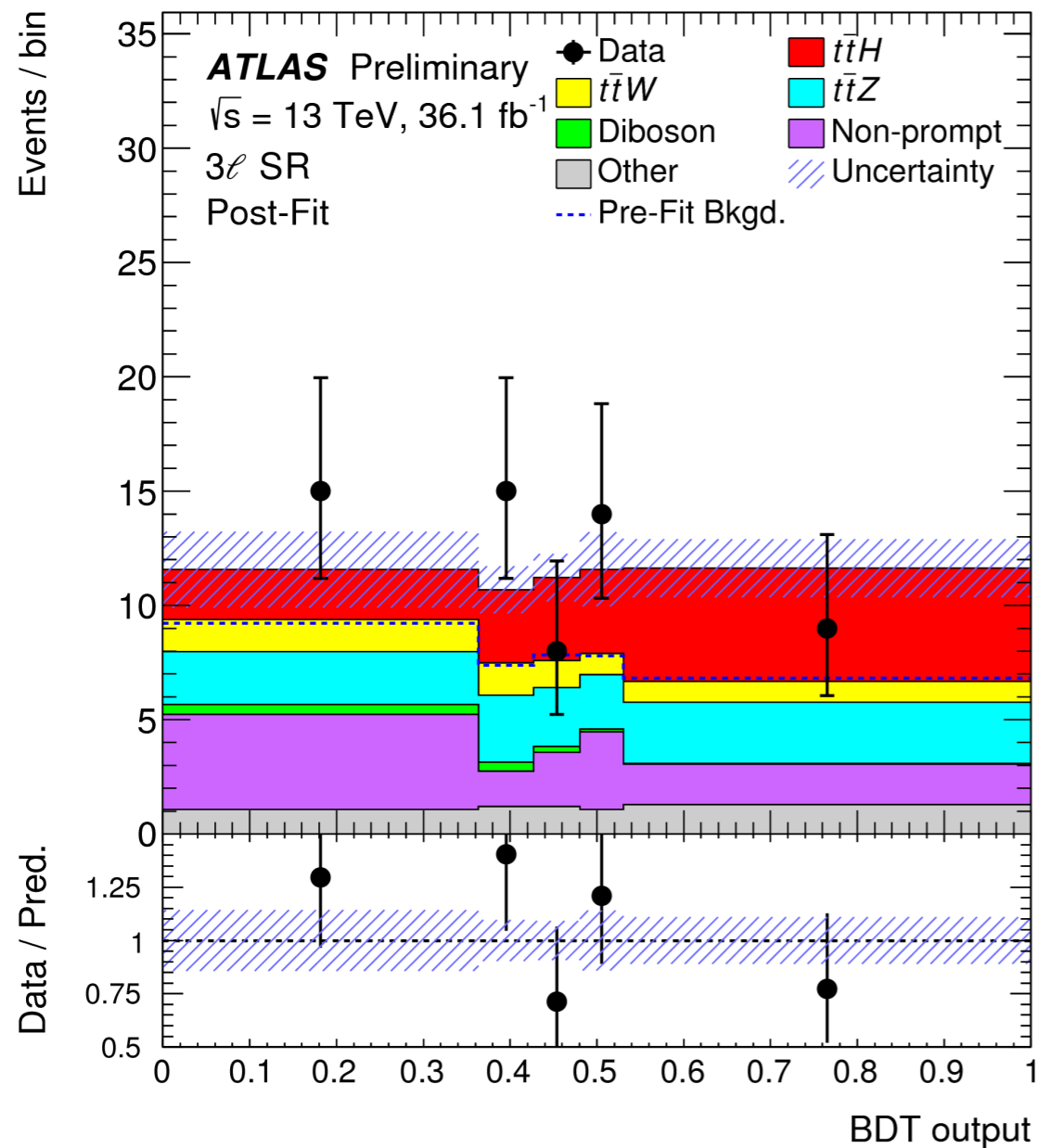
# Comparison between data and estimates - I

- ◆ A fit of predictions to data is performed simultaneously on various discriminants over all 12 regions. The  $t\bar{t}H$  signal strength ( $\mu_{t\bar{t}H}$ ) is the parameter of interest.



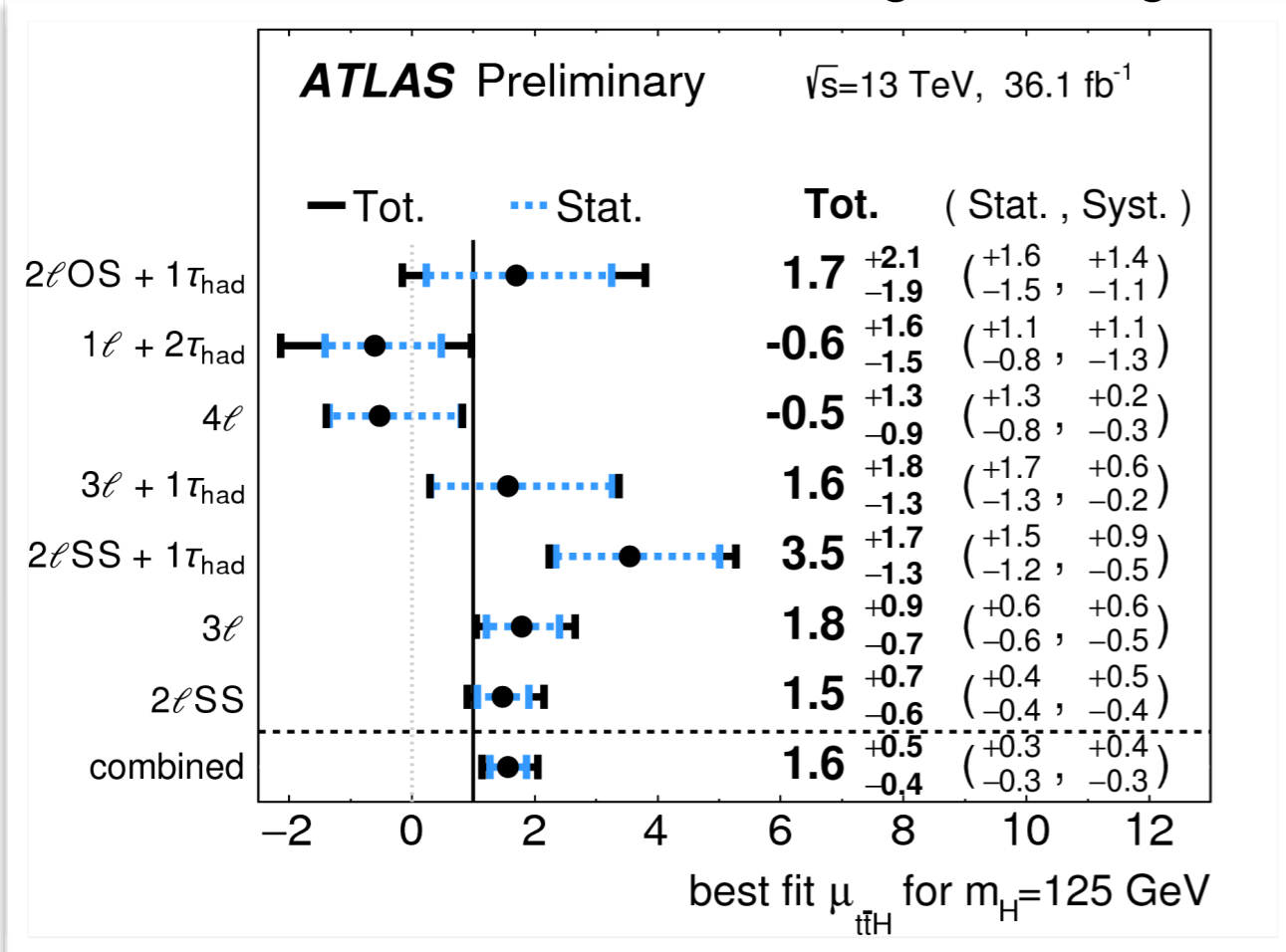
# Comparison between data and estimates - II

- ◆ A fit of predictions to data is performed simultaneously on various discriminants over all 12 regions. The  $t\bar{t}H$  signal strength ( $\mu_{t\bar{t}H}$ ) is the parameter of interest.

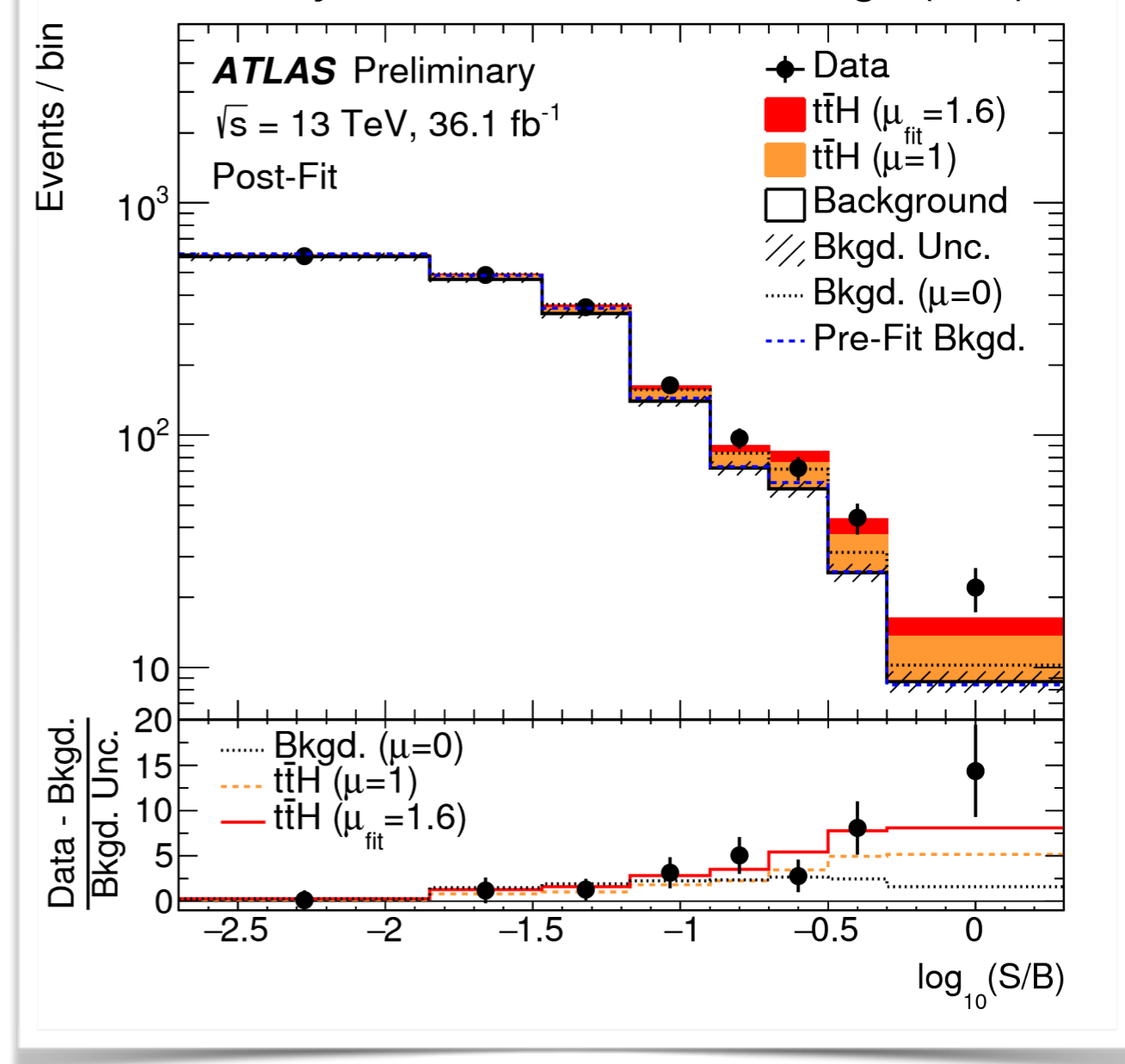


# Results in ttH-multileptons analysis

The best-fit values of the ttH signal strength



Event yields as a function of  $\log_{10}(S/B)$



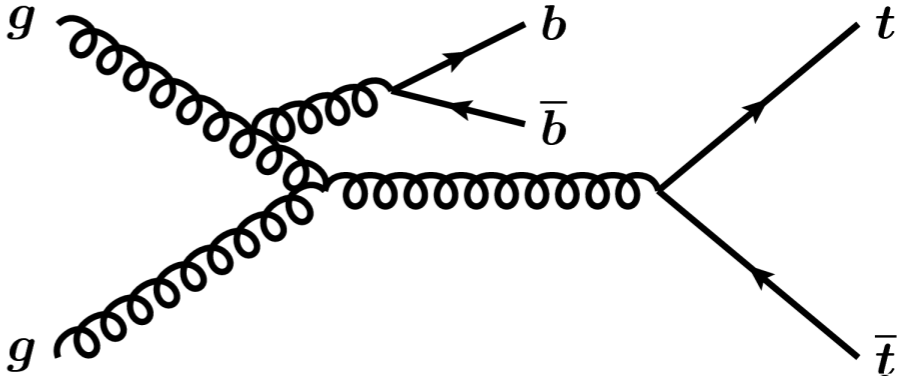
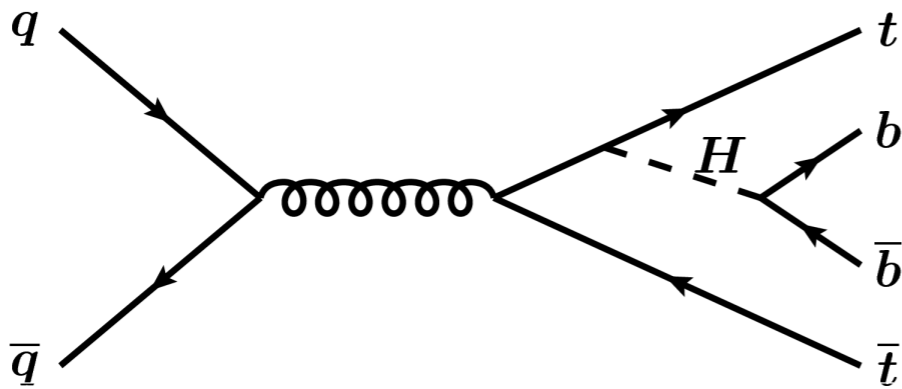
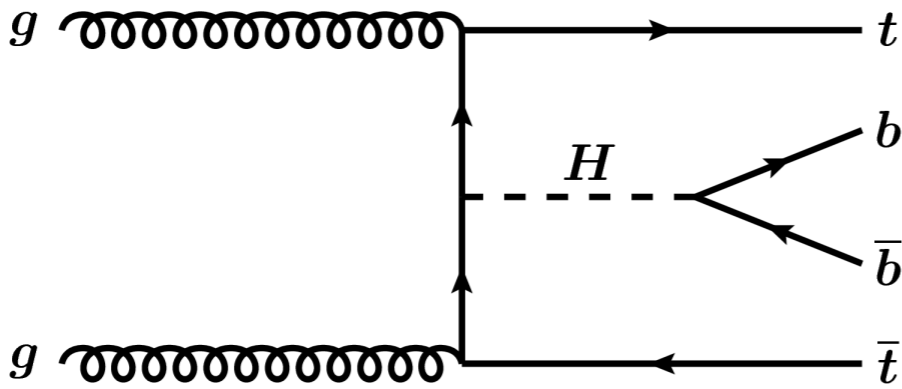
◆ The combined signal strength is  $1.6^{+0.5}_{-0.4}$ , which corresponds to  $4.1\sigma$  ( $2.8\sigma$ ) observed (expected) significance.

◆ The measured ttH cross section is  $\sigma(t\bar{t}H) = 790^{+230}_{-210}$  fb (the SM prediction  $507^{+35}_{-50}$  fb).

◆ Cutting&count analyses in 2ISS, 3l and 2ISS+1 $\tau_{\text{had}}$  observe compatible results.

# Search for $t\bar{t}H$ , Higgs decays to $b\bar{b}$

the  $W$  boson from one or both top quarks decay leptonically

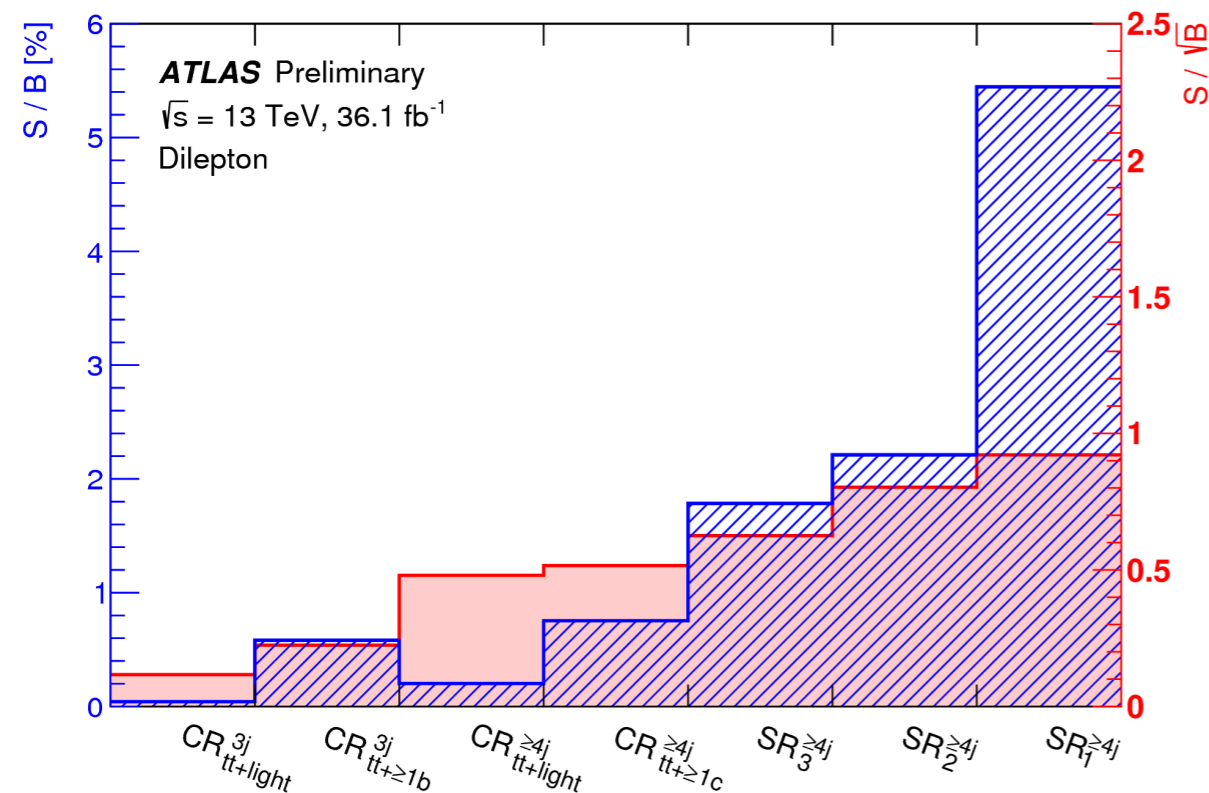


# Event selection and classification - I

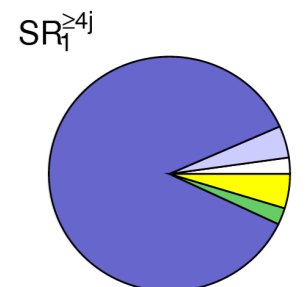
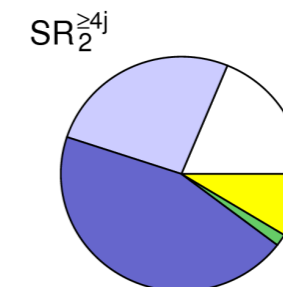
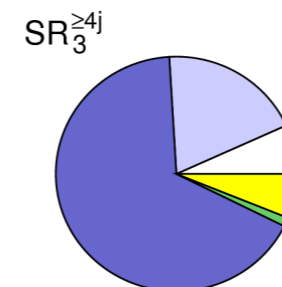
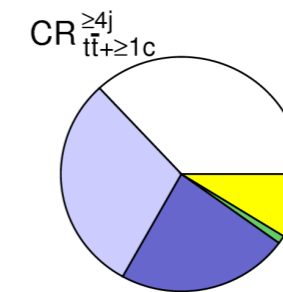
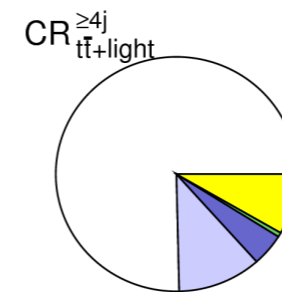
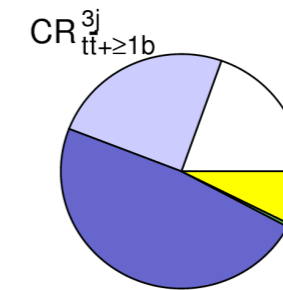
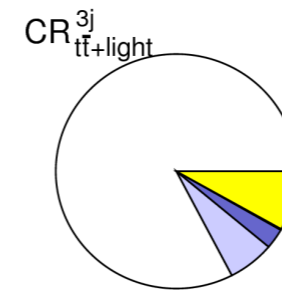
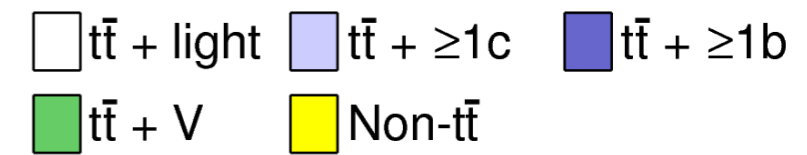
◆ **Di-lepton channel** (tt leptonic decay, categorisation on jets and b-jets multiplicity)

- exactly 3 jets : 2 CRs
- at least 4 jets : 3 SRs + 2 CRs

◆ **Event reconstruction** employs multivariate techniques (BDT, LHD, MEM), achieving **49% (32%)** of ttH signal being correctly reconstructed with (without) Higgs boson kinematics included.



**ATLAS Preliminary**  
 $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$   
 Dilepton

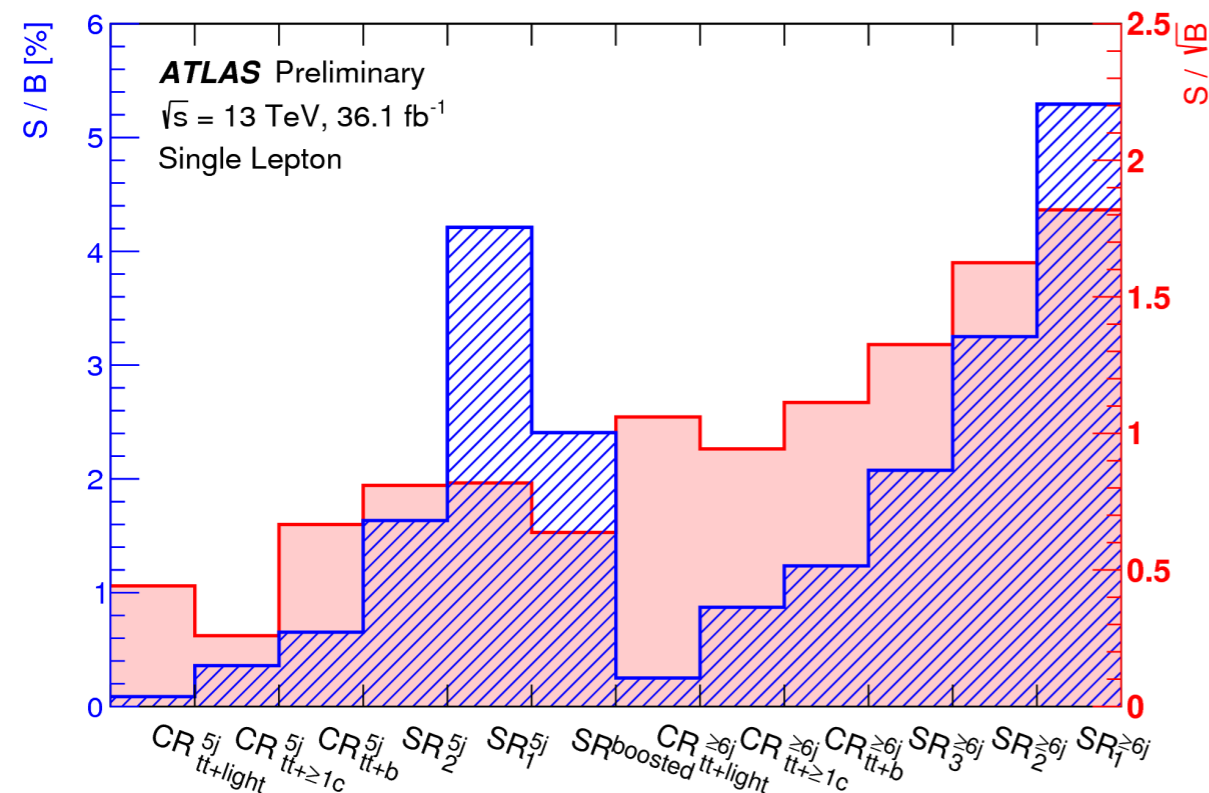


# Event selection and classification - II

## ◆ Single lepton channel

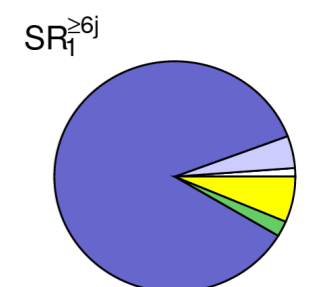
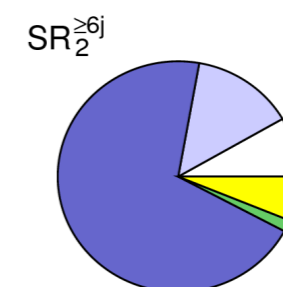
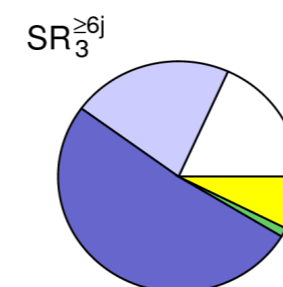
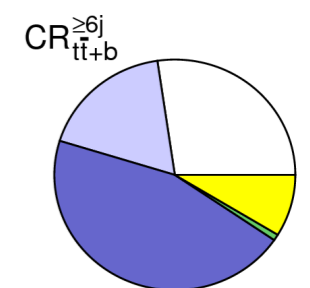
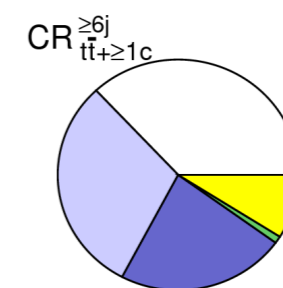
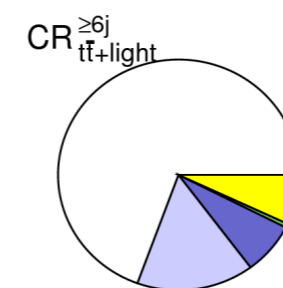
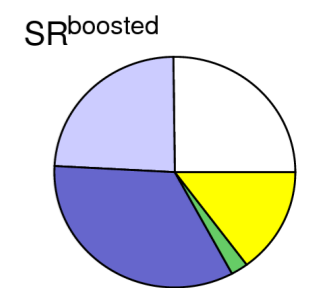
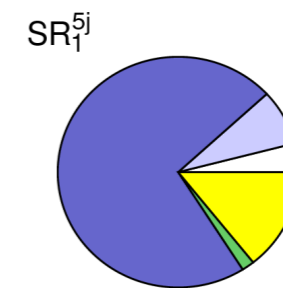
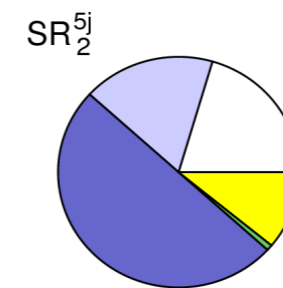
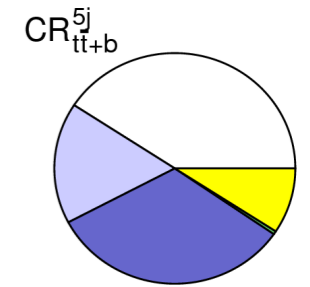
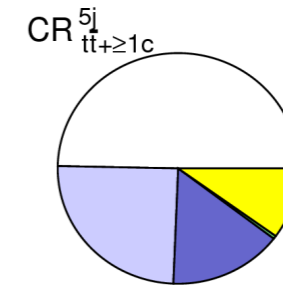
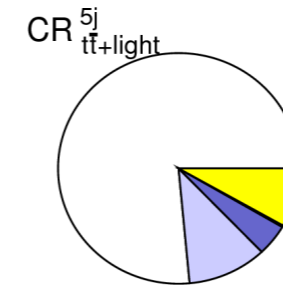
- exactly 5 jets : 2 SRs + 3 CRs
- at least 6 jets : 3 SRs + 3 CRs
- boosted SR: large-R jet with  $p_T > 200$  GeV

- ◆ Event reconstruction achieves 48% (32%) of  $t\bar{t}H$  signal being correctly reconstructed with (without) Higgs boson kinematics included.



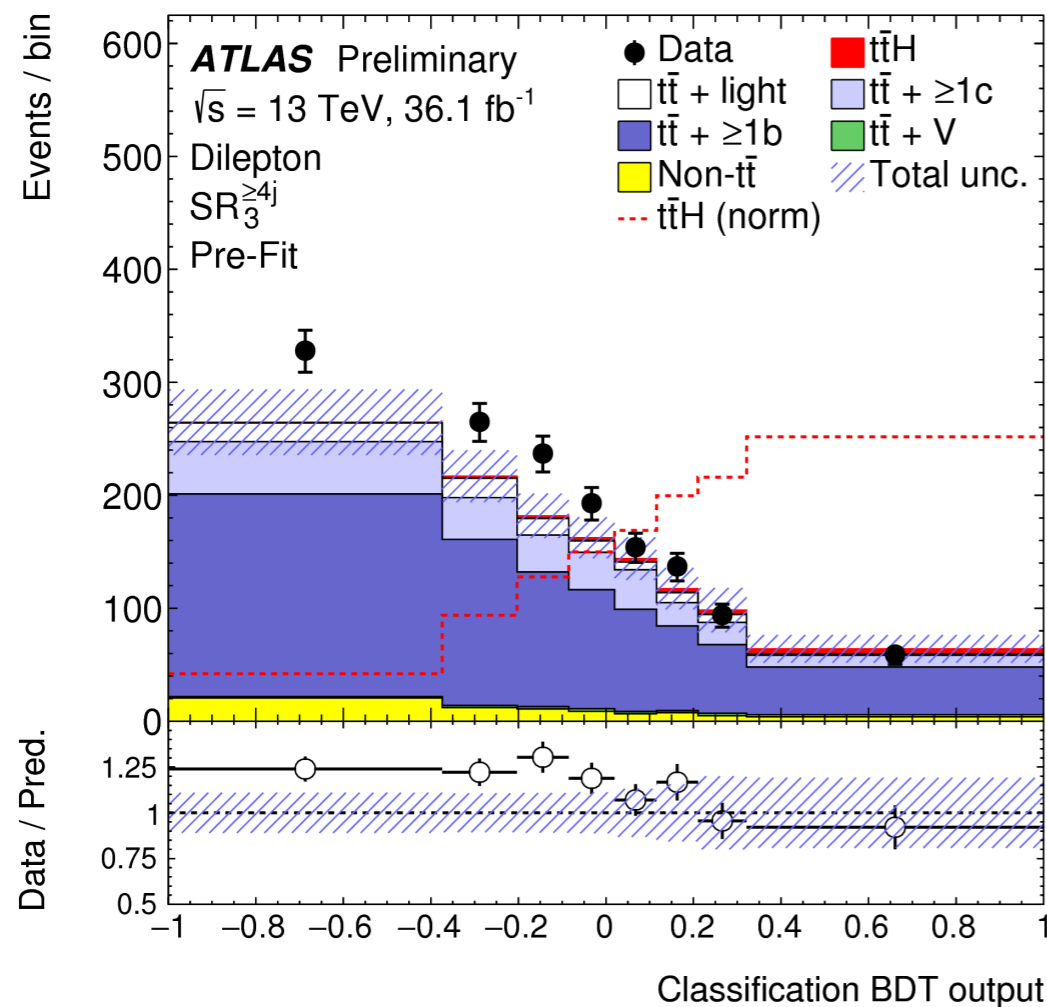
ATLAS Preliminary  
 $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV  
 Single Lepton

$t\bar{t} + \text{light}$ 
  $t\bar{t} + \geq 1c$ 
  $t\bar{t} + \geq 1b$   
  $t\bar{t} + V$ 
 Non- $t\bar{t}$



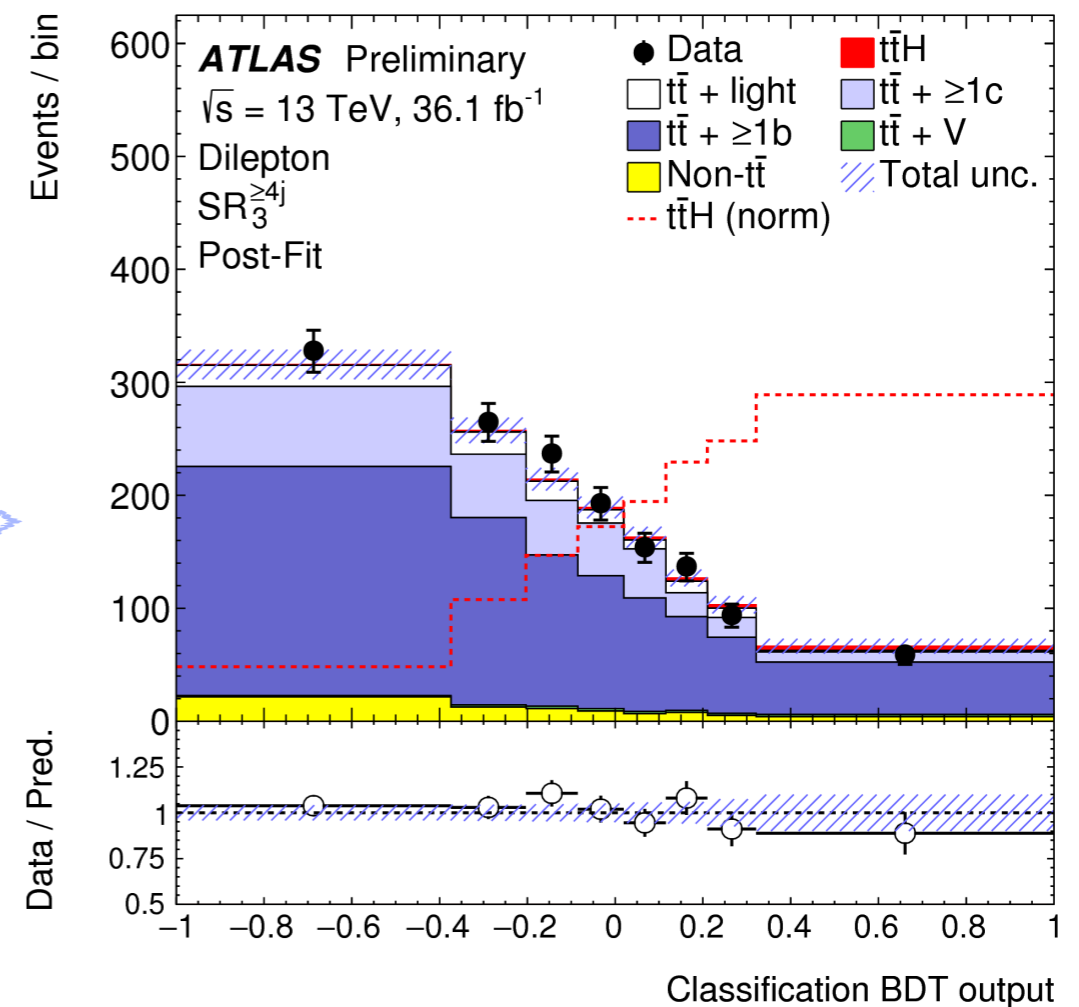
# Discriminants in signal regions

- ◆ **Classification BDT** is built by combining event reconstruction outputs with kinematic variables and b-tagging discriminants.
- ◆ Simultaneous fit is performed in combining all categories.



*fit*

→

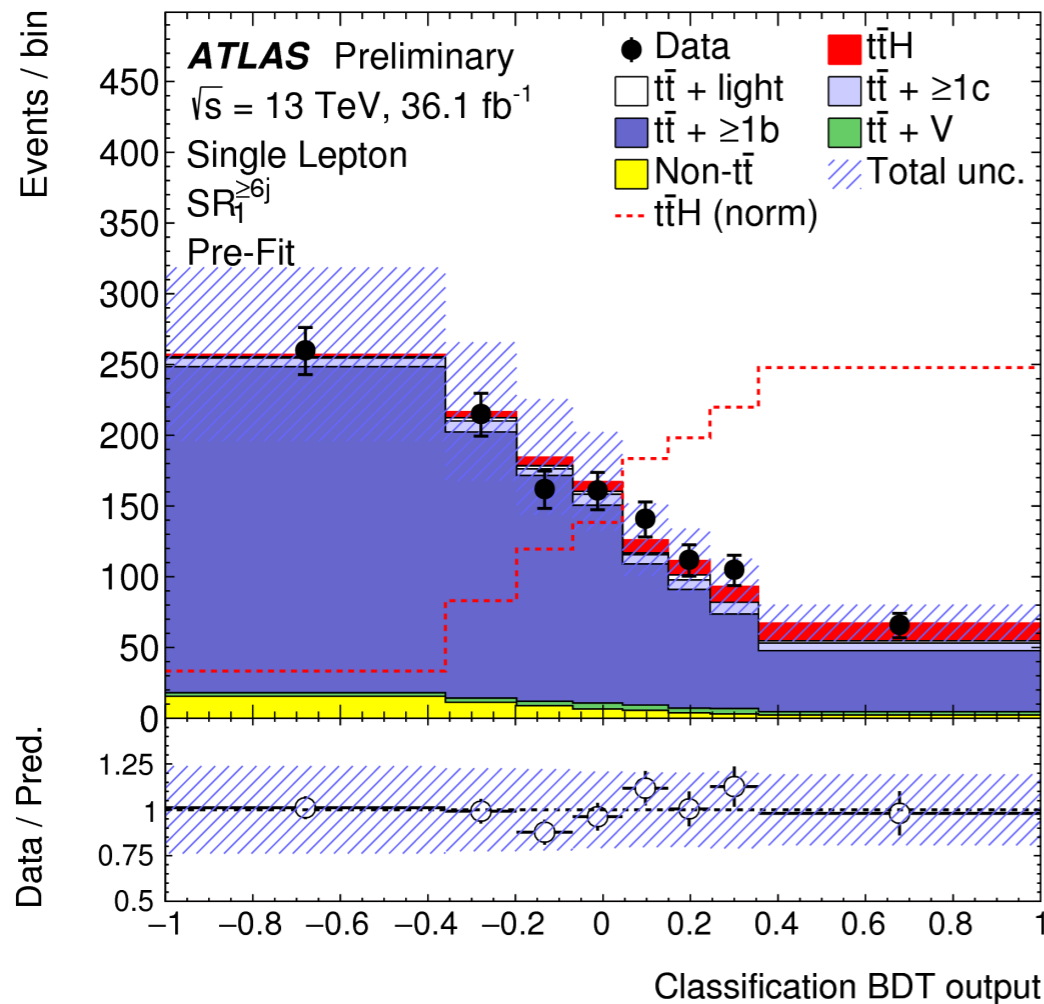


- ◆ The best-fit values of  $t\bar{t} + \geq 1b$ ,  $t\bar{t} + \geq 1c$  normalisation factors are  $1.24 \pm 0.10$  and  $1.63 \pm 0.23$ .

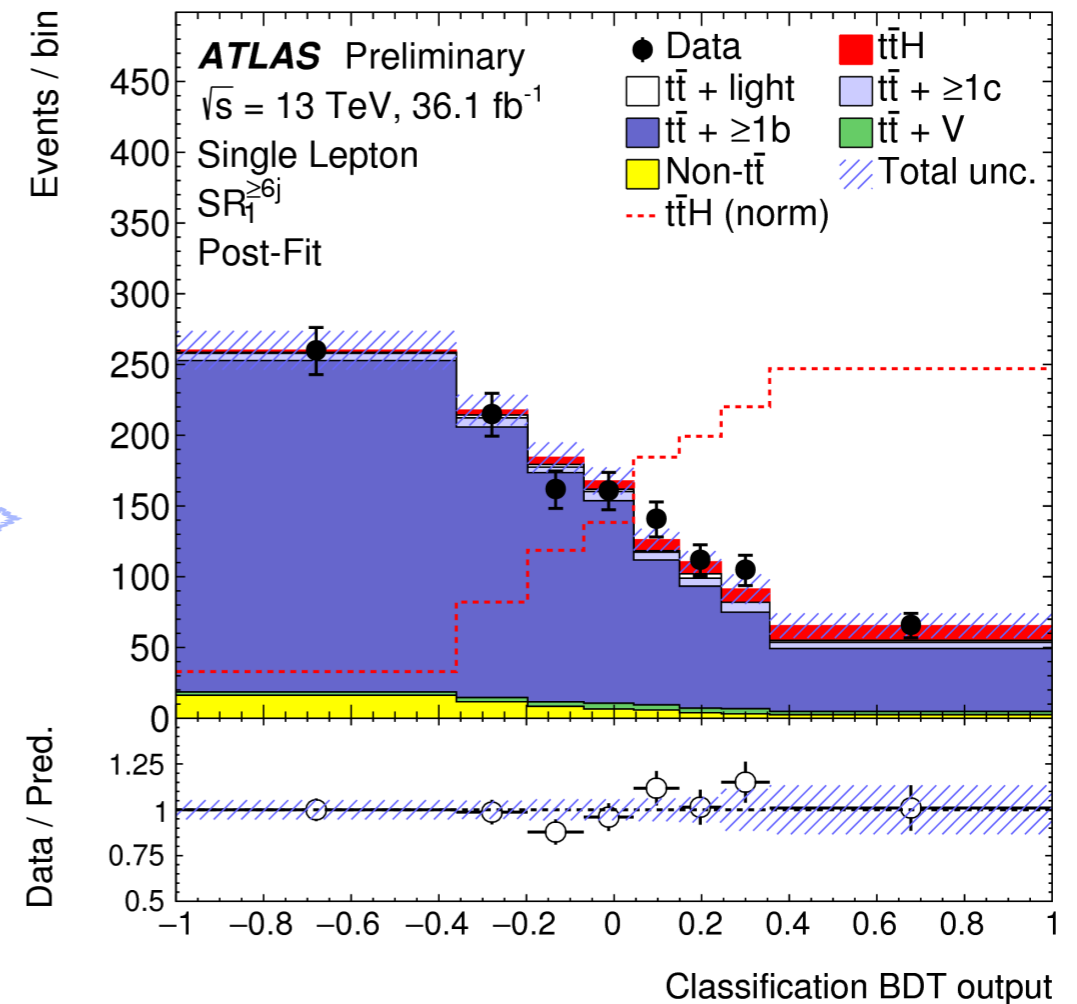


# Discriminants in signal regions

- ◆ **Classification BDT** is built by combining event reconstruction outputs with kinematic variables and b-tagging discriminants.
- ◆ Simultaneous fit is performed in combining all categories.



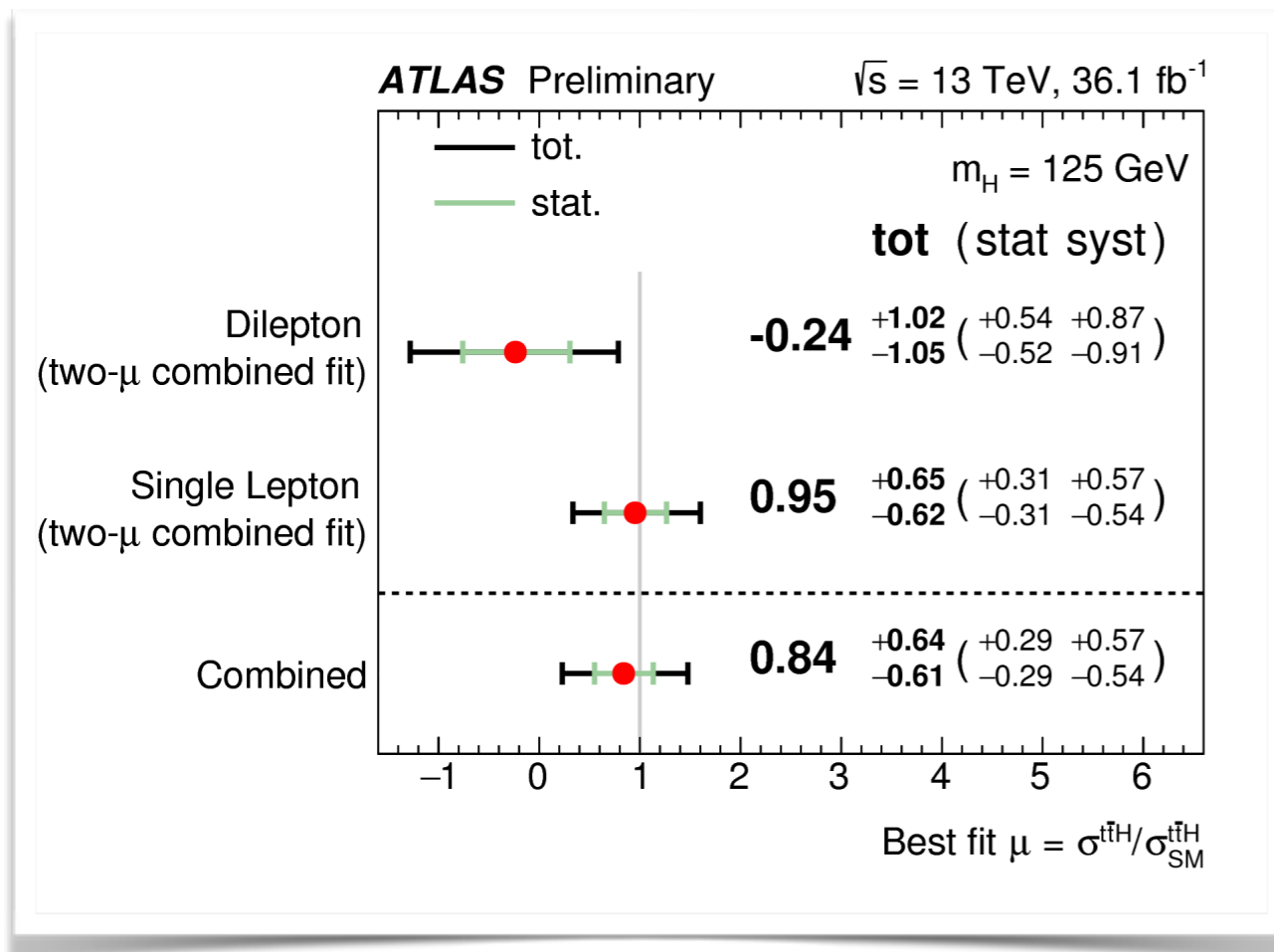
*fit*



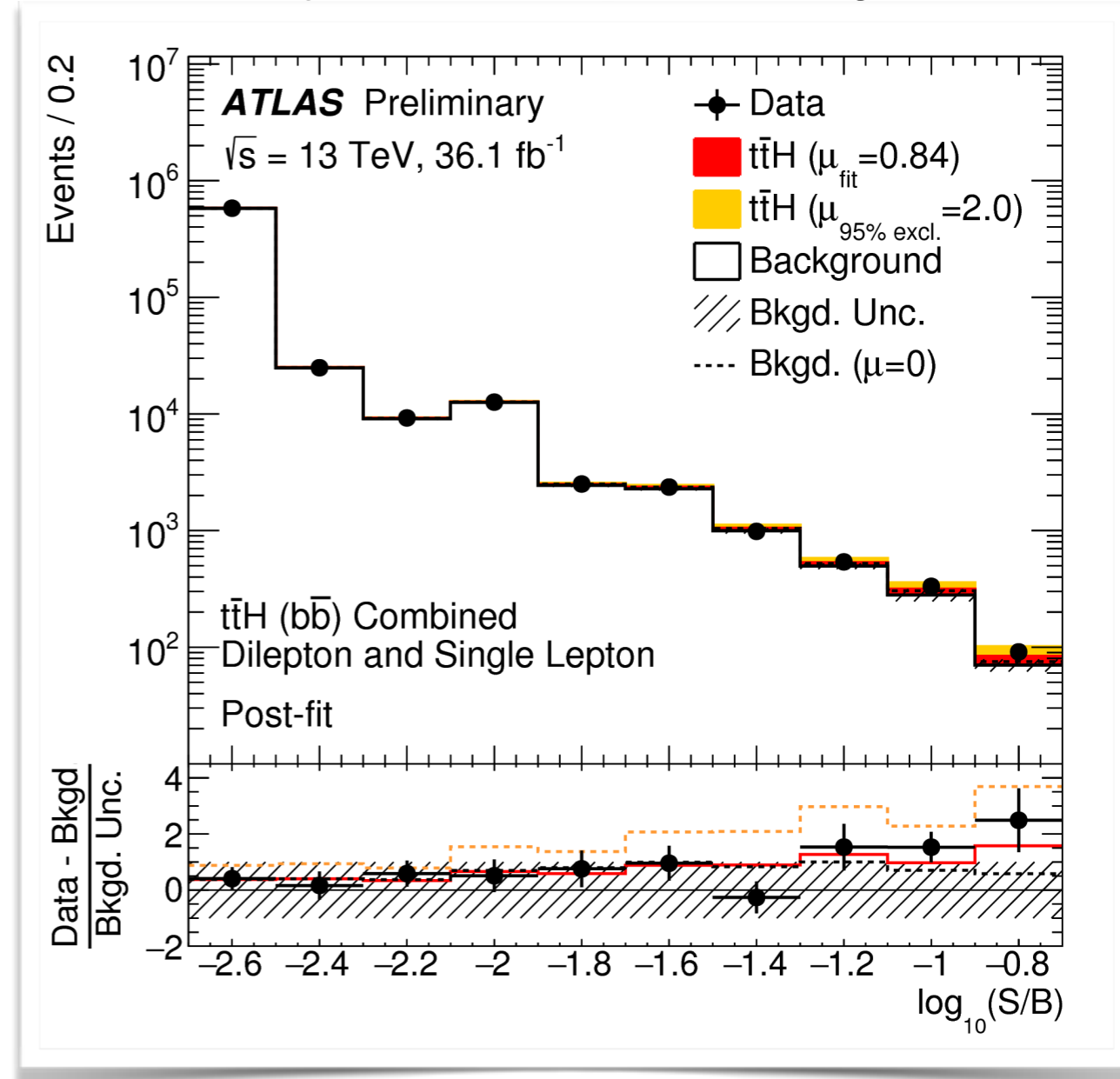
- ◆ The best-fit values of  $t\bar{t} + \geq 1b$ ,  $t\bar{t} + \geq 1c$  normalisation factors are  $1.24 \pm 0.10$  and  $1.63 \pm 0.23$ .

# Results in ttH-bb analysis

The best-fit values of the ttH signal strength

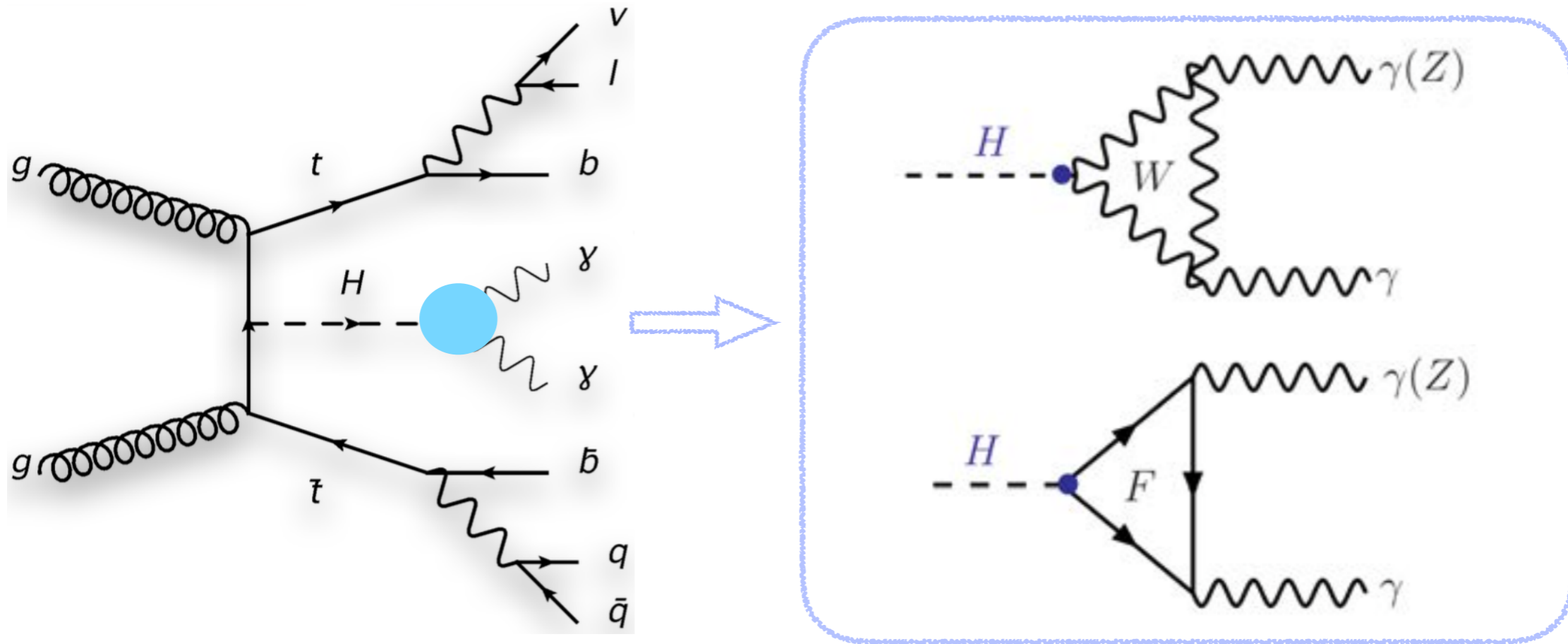


Event yields as a function of  $\log_{10}(S/B)$



- ◆ The combined signal strength is  $0.84^{+0.64}_{-0.61}$ , which corresponds to  $1.4\sigma$  ( $1.6\sigma$ ) observed (expected) significance.

# Search for $t\bar{t}H$ , Higgs decays to photon pair

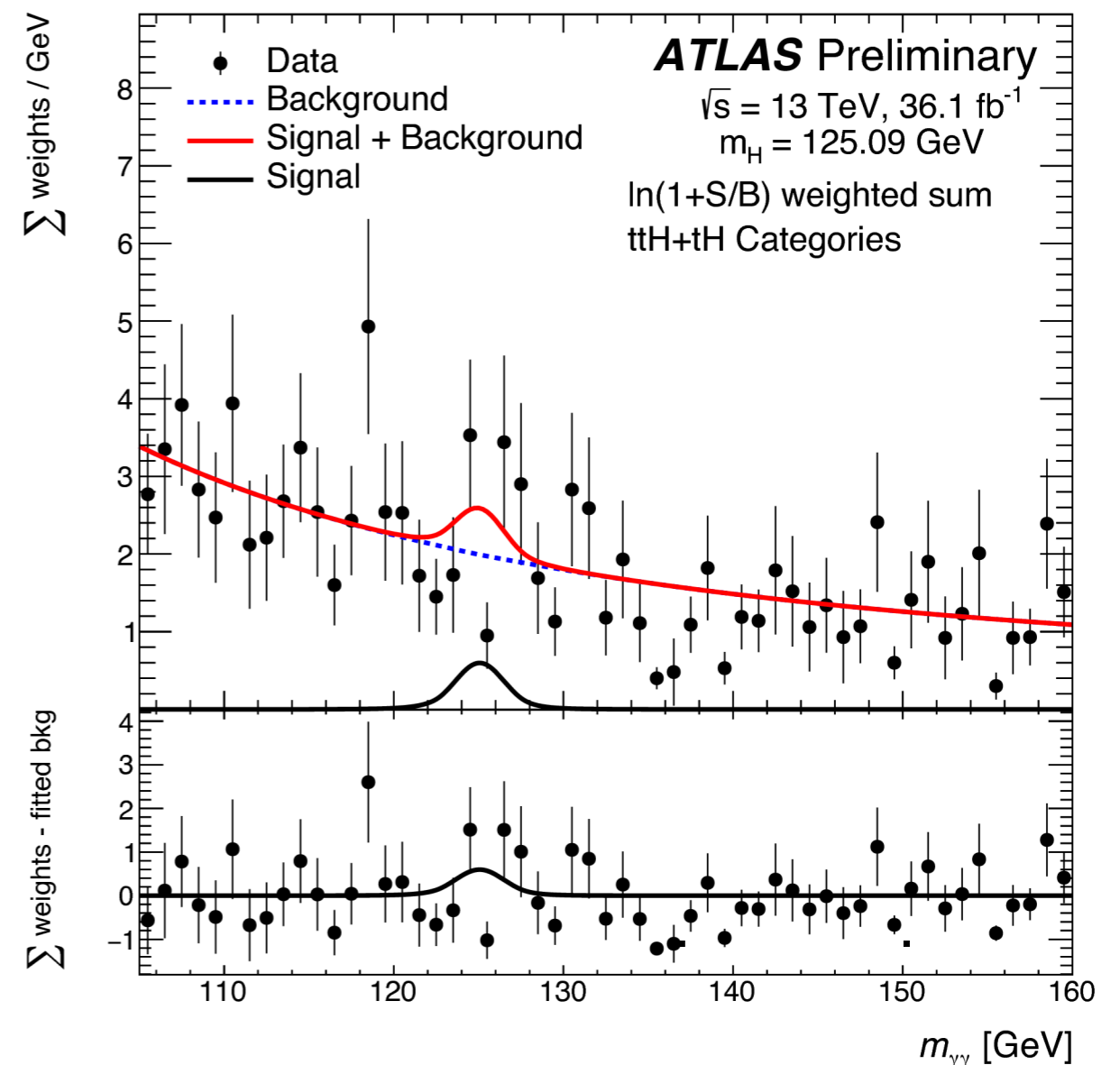


# Signal peaks on top of background spectrum

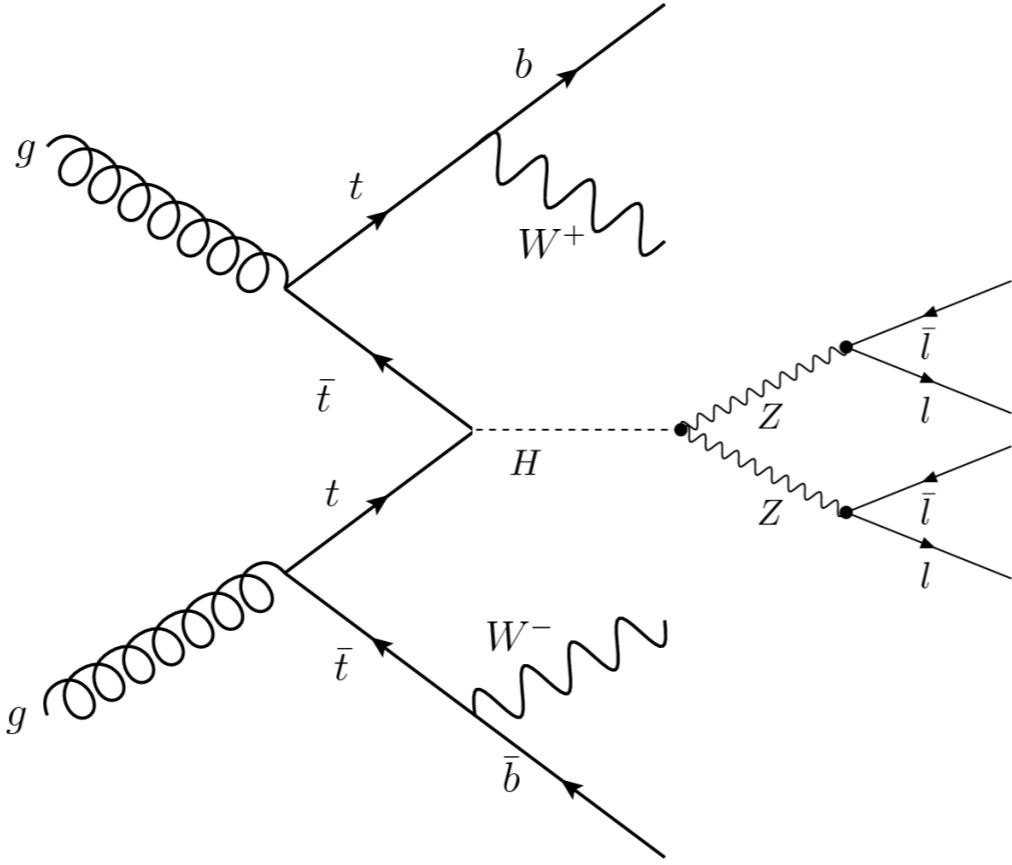
- ◆ Searching for  $m_{\gamma\gamma}$  resonance on falling down background spectrum.
- ◆ 14 ttH events and 95 backgrounds are expected after selection, under  $m_{\gamma\gamma}$  peak.
- ◆ **ttH and tH are classified** in leptonic and hadronic categories according to tt (t) decay:
  - ❖ **leptonic channel** ( $\geq 1$  lepton,  $\geq 1$  b-jet)
    - ❖ ttH category:  $\geq 2$  central jets, veto on Z boson mass window.
    - ❖ tH categories ( $=1$  lepton):
      - $\leq 3$  jets, no forward jet ;
      - $\leq 4$  jets +  $\geq 1$  forward jet
  - ❖ **hadronic channel** ( $\geq 3$  jets,  $\geq 1$  b-jet)
    - ❖ ttH category employs BDT : ttH vs ggH and multi-jets
    - ❖ tH category requires exactly 4 jets with exactly 1 or 2 b-jets
- ◆ **The measured ttH signal strength is**

$$\mu_{\text{top}} = 0.5^{+0.6}_{-0.6} = 0.5^{+0.6}_{-0.5} (\text{stat.})^{+0.1}_{-0.1} (\text{exp.})^{+0.1}_{-0.0} (\text{theory})$$

which corresponds to  $1.0\sigma$  ( $1.8\sigma$ ) observed (expected) significance.

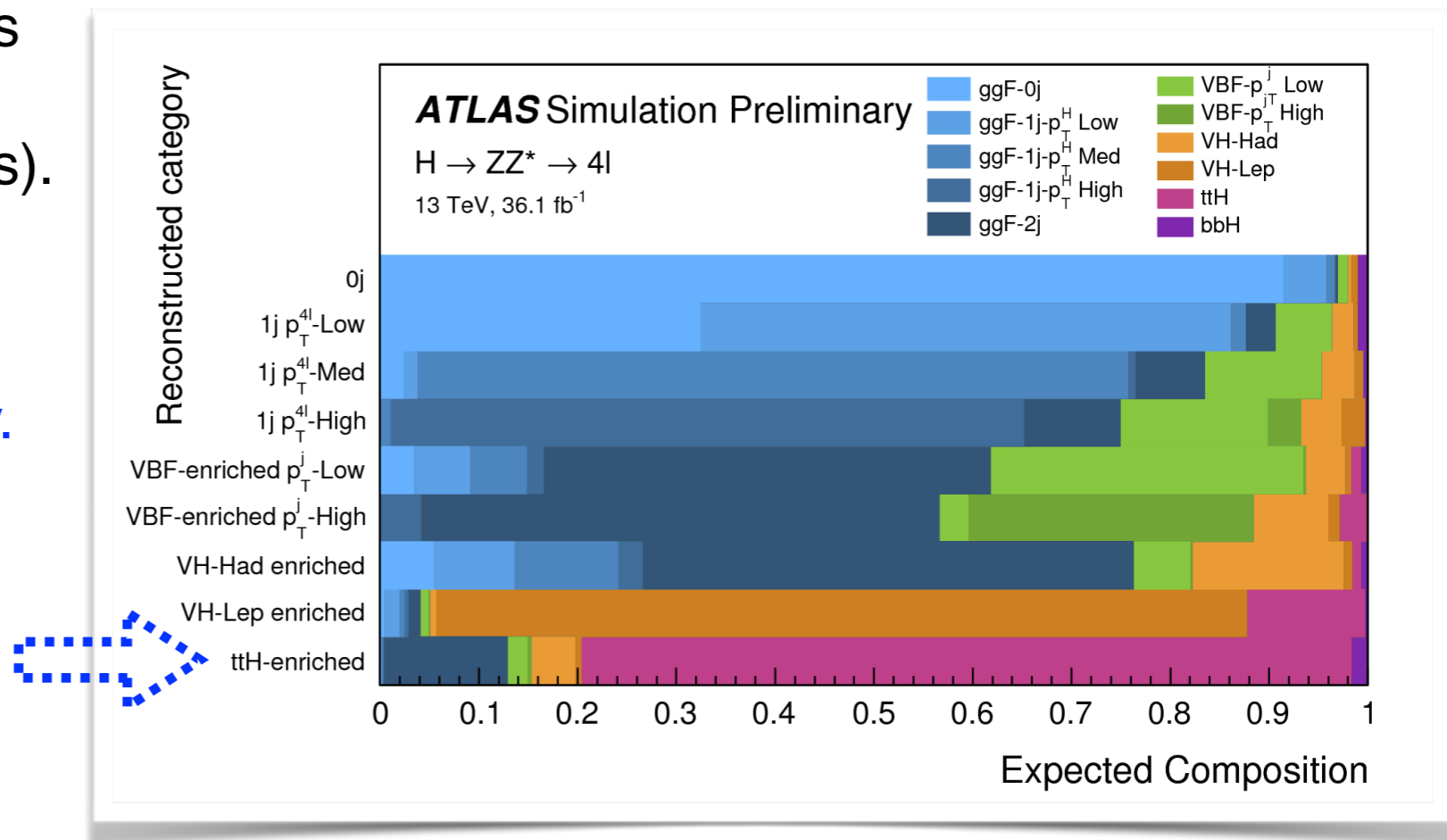


# Search for $t\bar{t}H$ , Higgs decays to $ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$



# Rare decay channel, but very clean

- ◆ Higgs candidate within  $m_{4l}$  mass window [118, 129] GeV, and  $\geq 1$  b-jet and  $\geq 4$  jets (or  $1l + \geq 2$  jets).
- ◆ There are 0.39 ttH (0.08 bkg.) events expected in ttH category.
- ◆ No event is observed in data.



- ◆ 68% C.L. upper limit on the ttH signal strength is 1.9.

# ttH combination in ATLAS Run 2

combining analyses using 36.1 fb<sup>-1</sup> collision data collected in ATLAS Run 2

---

# ttH analyses combination in ATLAS Run 2

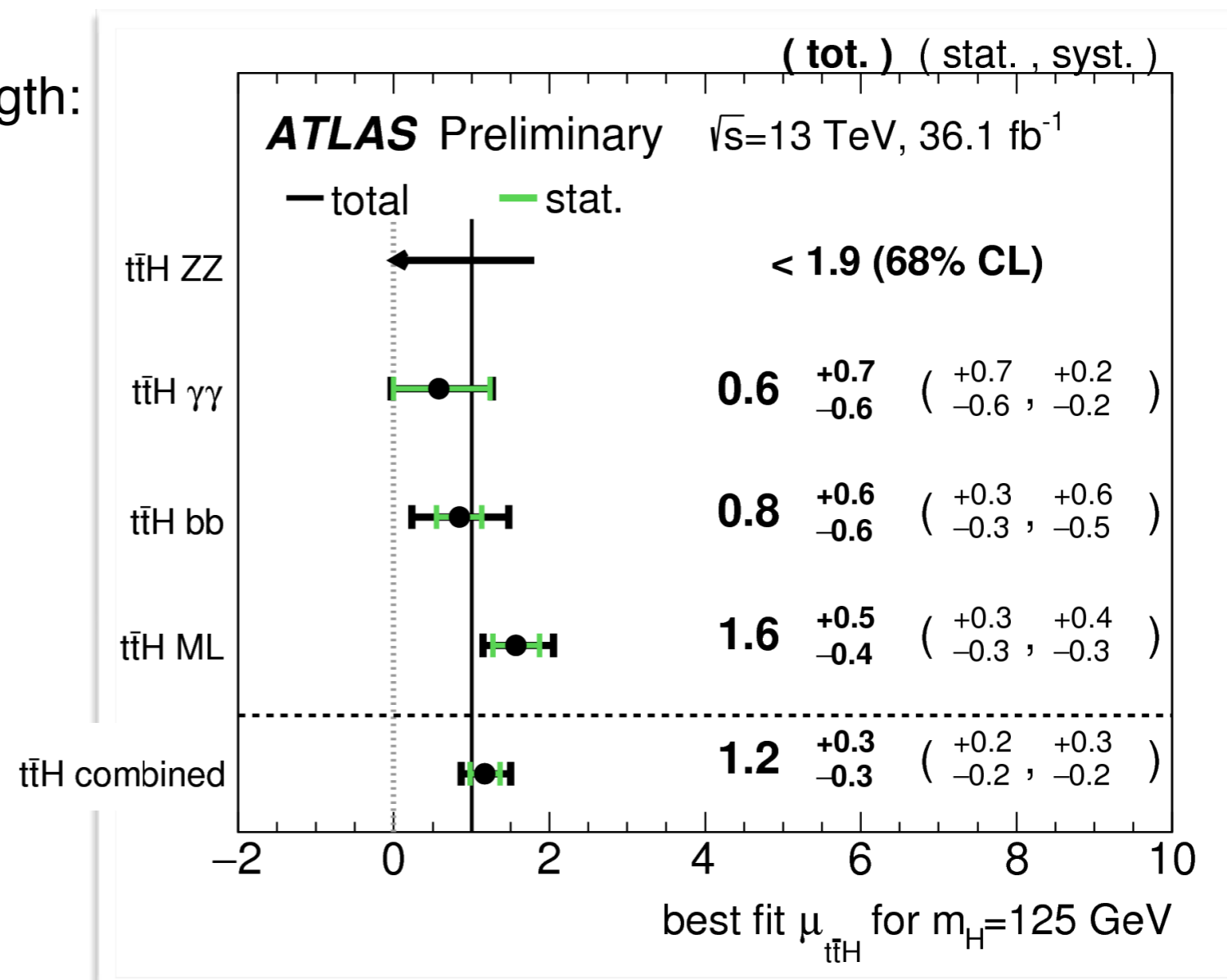
- ◆ Combination of the four ATLAS Run 2 analyses: multileptons, bb,  $\gamma\gamma$  and ZZ $\rightarrow$ 4l
  - ❖ all results are based on 36.1 fb<sup>-1</sup> data collected at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV
  - ❖ ttH signal strength is the only parameter of interest (tH as background)

- ◆ Combination on the ttH signal strength:

$$\mu = 1.17 \pm 0.19 \text{ (stat)}^{+0.27}_{-0.23} \text{ (syst)}$$

- ◆ The background-only hypothesis is excluded at 4.2 $\sigma$ , with an expectation of 3.8 $\sigma$  in the case of a SM signal !

- ◆ The measured ttH cross section is  $590^{+160}_{-150}$  fb, in good agreement with the SM prediction  $507^{+35}_{-50}$  fb.



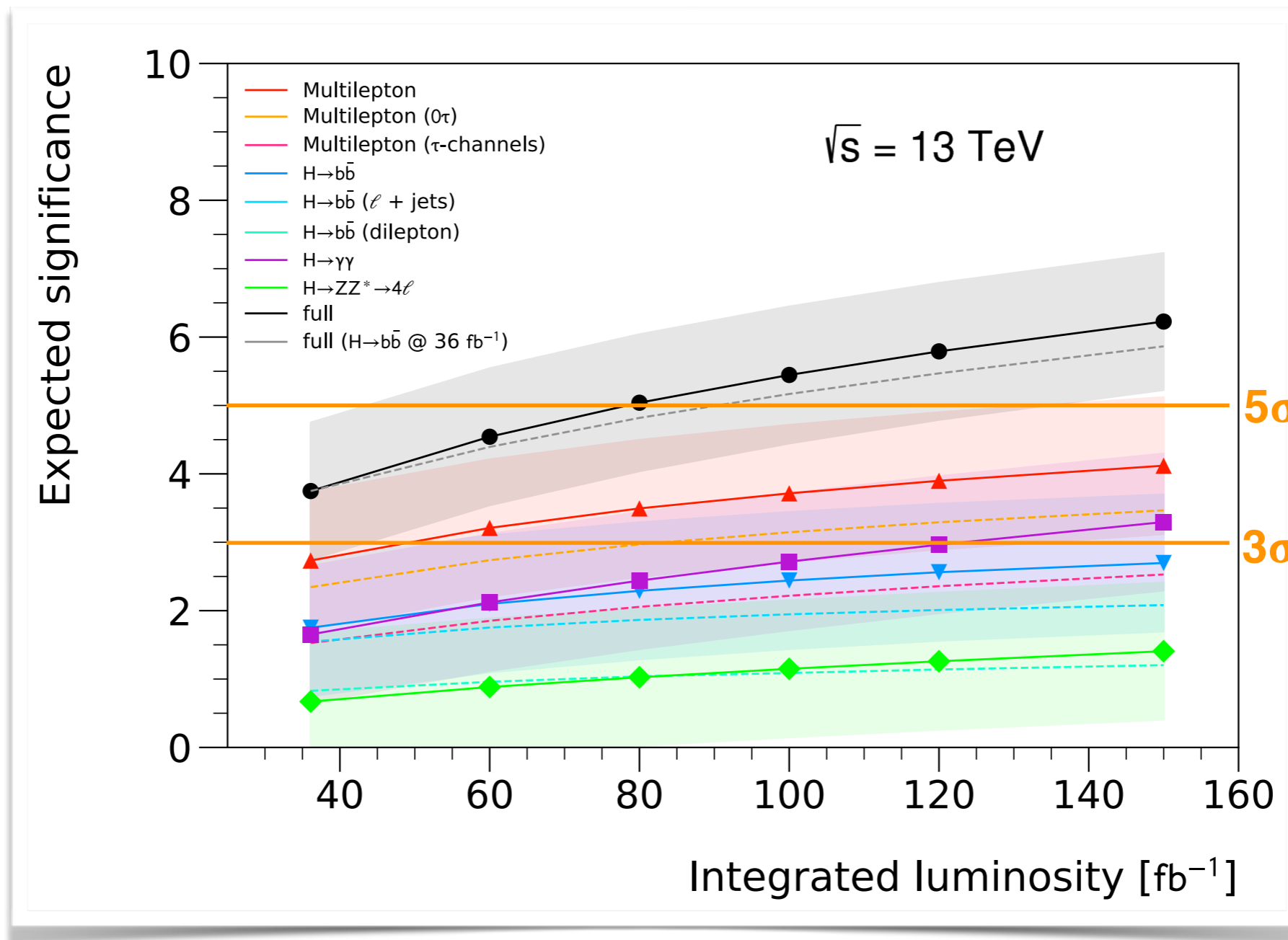


# ttH combination uncertainties

- ◆ The impact of systematic uncertainties in the fitted signal strength.

Uncertainty Source	$\Delta\mu$	
$t\bar{t}$ modelling in $H \rightarrow bb$ analysis	+0.15	-0.14
$t\bar{t}H$ modelling (cross section)	+0.13	-0.06
Non-prompt light-lepton and fake $\tau_{\text{had}}$ estimates	+0.09	-0.09
Simulation statistics	+0.08	-0.08
Jet energy scale and resolution	+0.08	-0.07
$t\bar{t}V$ modelling	+0.07	-0.07
$t\bar{t}H$ modelling (acceptance)	+0.07	-0.04
Other non-Higgs boson backgrounds	+0.06	-0.05
Other experimental uncertainties	+0.05	-0.05
Luminosity	+0.05	-0.04
Jet flavour tagging	+0.03	-0.02
Modelling of other Higgs boson production modes	+0.01	-0.01
Total systematic uncertainty	+0.27	-0.23
Statistical uncertainty	+0.19	-0.19
Total uncertainty	+0.34	-0.30

# Prospects



Keeping current analysis strategy and same level of systematics, all channels combination can reach to  $5\sigma$  ttH discovery with  $\sim 80 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  luminosity.

Of course,  $1\sigma$  error on this projections can lead to  $80 \pm 40 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  variation.

# Summary

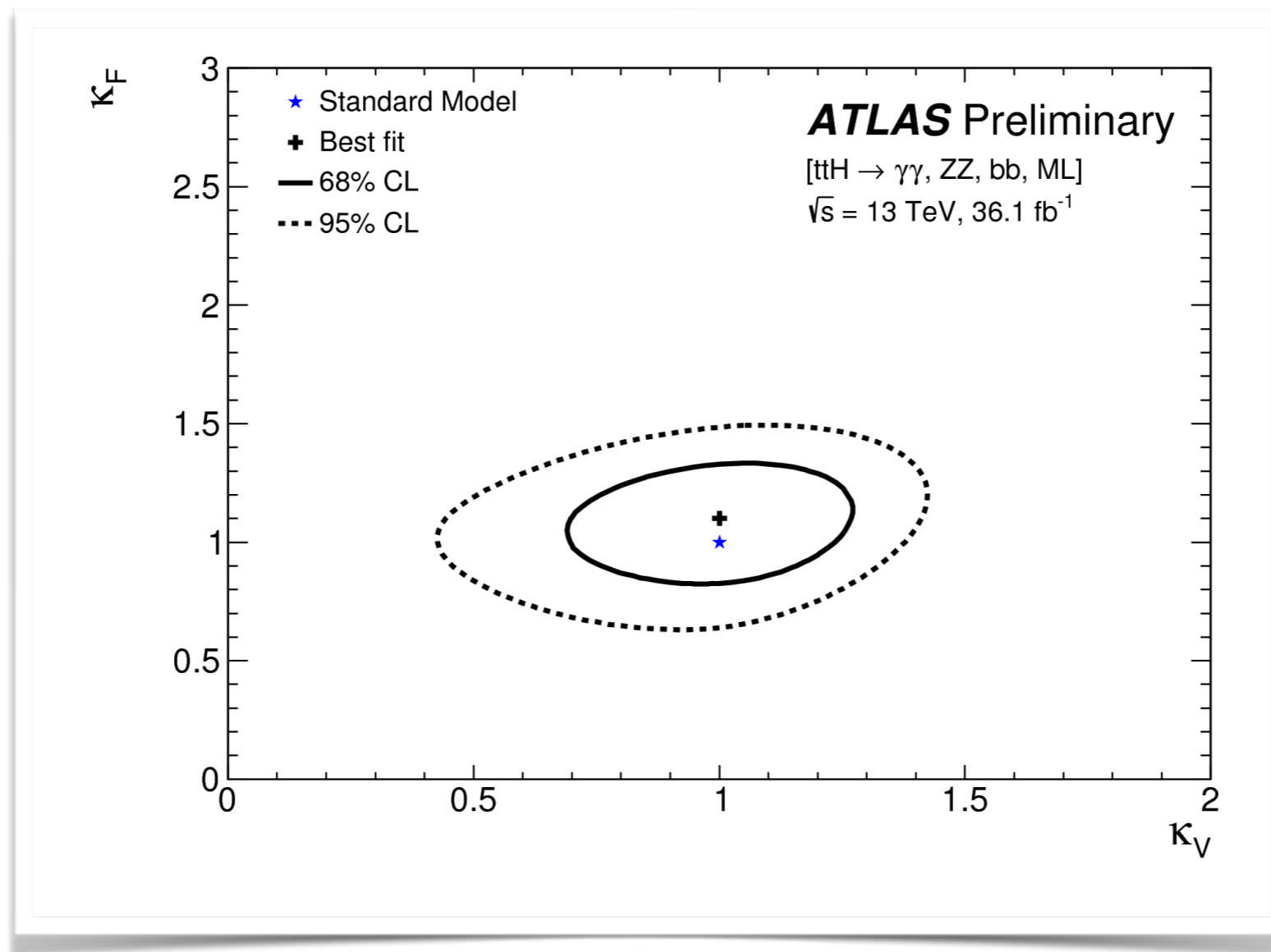
- ◆ Search for ttH production has been performed in ATLAS using 36.1 fb<sup>-1</sup> dataset at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV, in final states of multileptons, bb,  $\gamma\gamma$  and  $ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$ .
- ◆ The background-only hypothesis is excluded at  $4.2\sigma$ , with an expectation of  $3.8\sigma$  in the case of a SM signal. **This constitutes evidence for ttH production !**
- ◆ For a Higgs boson at 125 GeV, the measured signal strength is

$$\mu = 1.17 \pm 0.19 \text{ (stat)} \begin{matrix} +0.27 \\ -0.23 \end{matrix} \text{ (syst)}$$

- ◆ The measured cross section is  $590^{+160}_{-150}$  fb , which is in good agreement with the SM prediction.
- ◆ LHC Run 2 allows for ttH discovery !

# Result interpretation in $\kappa$ -parametrisation

- ◆  $\kappa$  is a linear scale factor to Higgs coupling parameter.
- ◆ ttH analyses are sensitive to Higgs coupling to fermions ( $\kappa_F$ ) and to bosons ( $\kappa_V$ ).



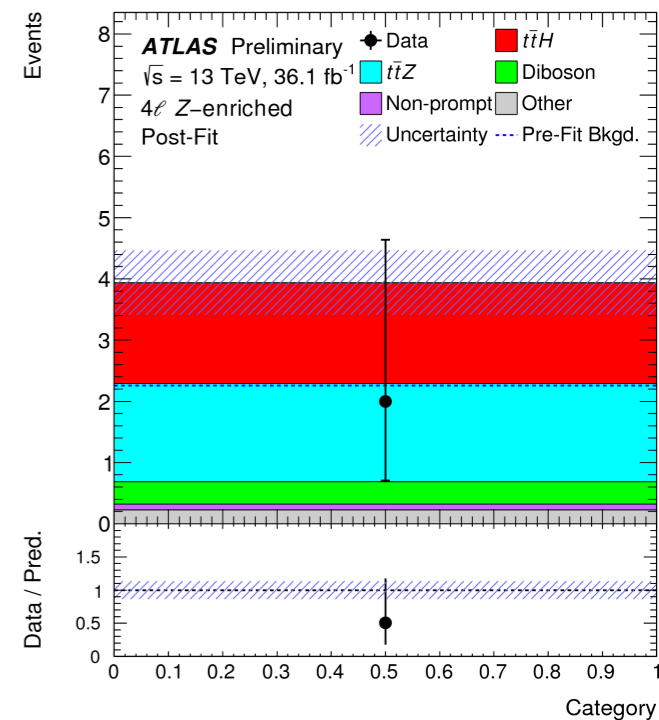
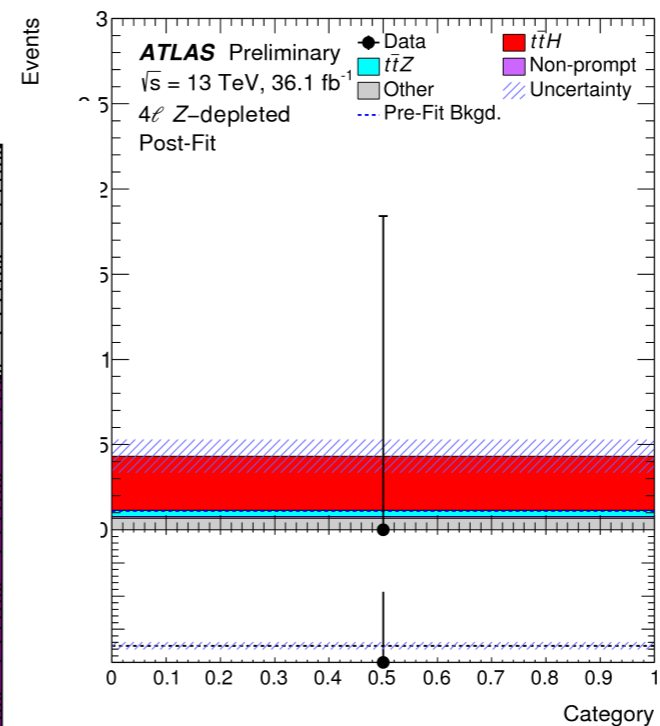
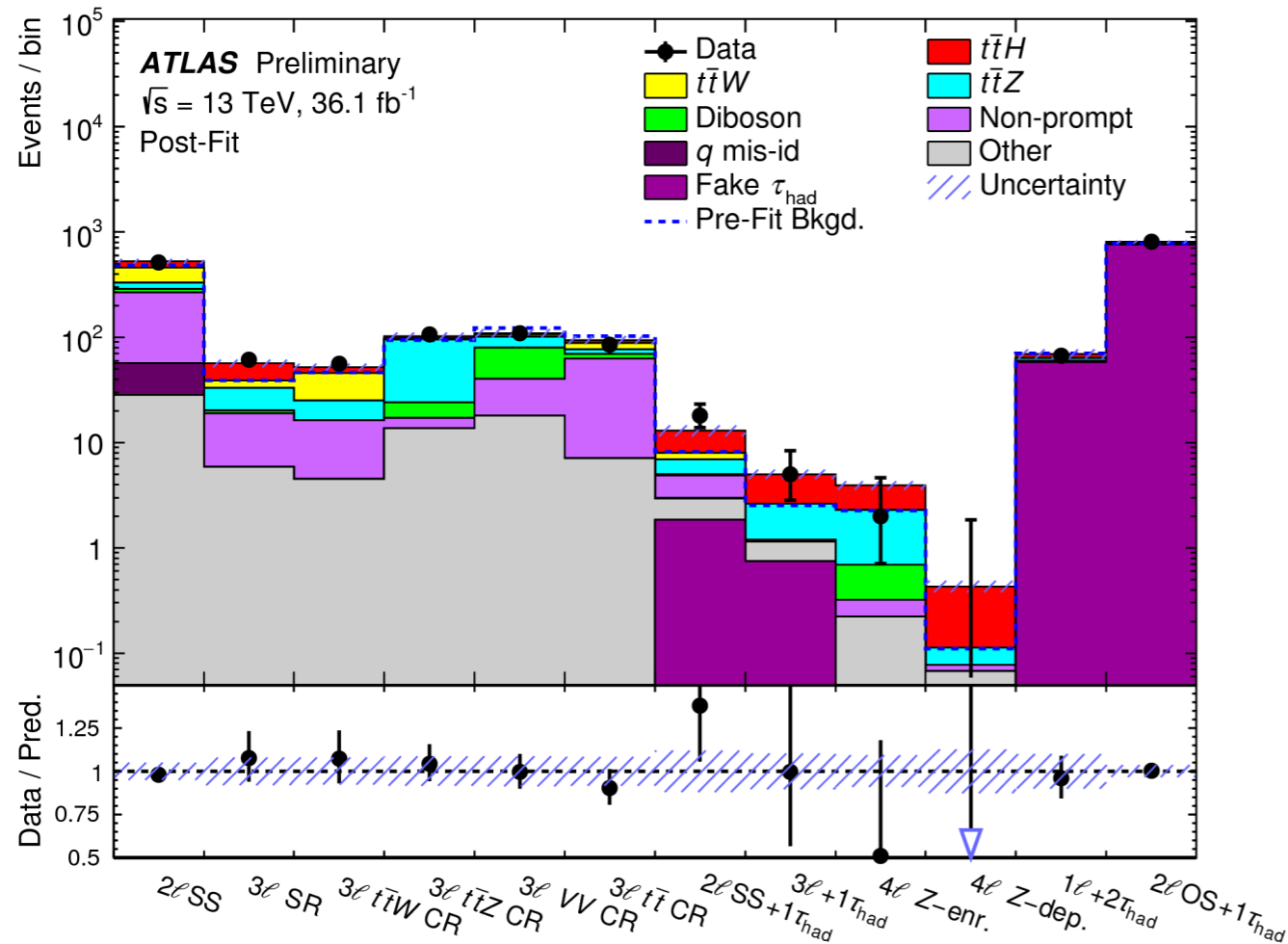
- ◆ The measurement is in good agreement with the SM prediction.

# Backup

---

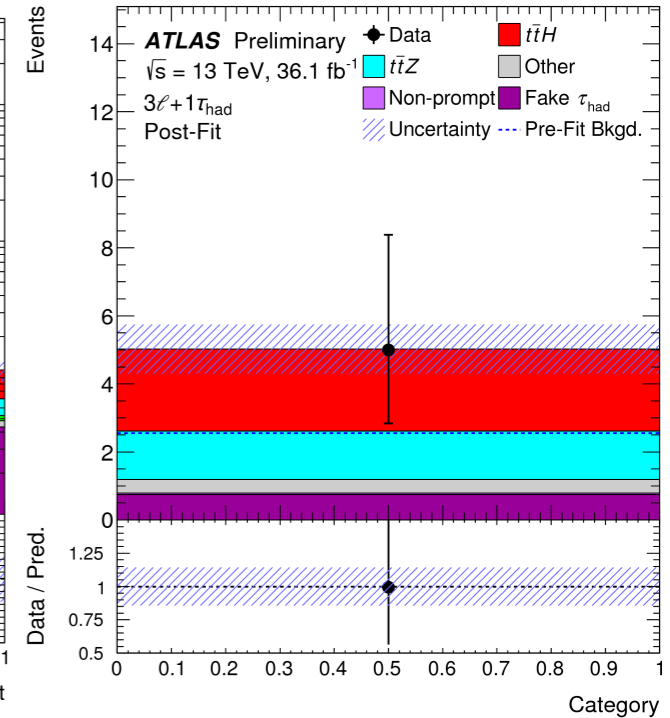
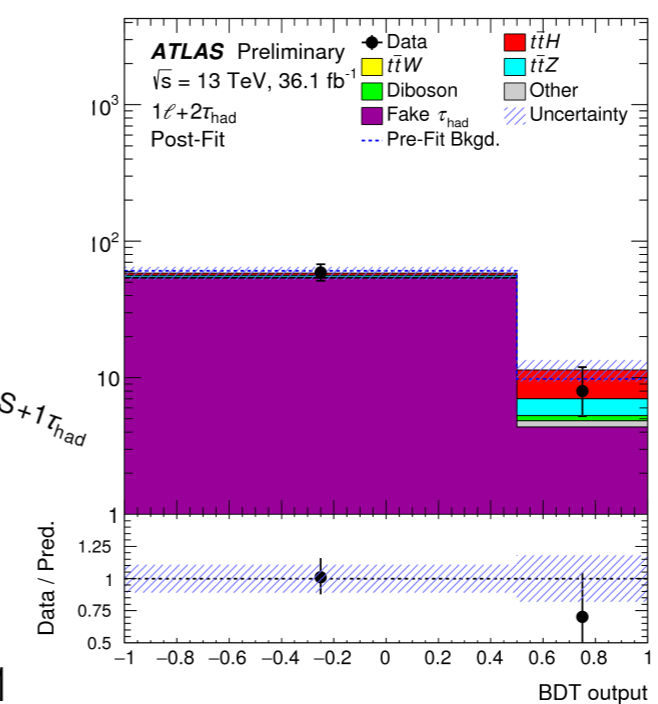
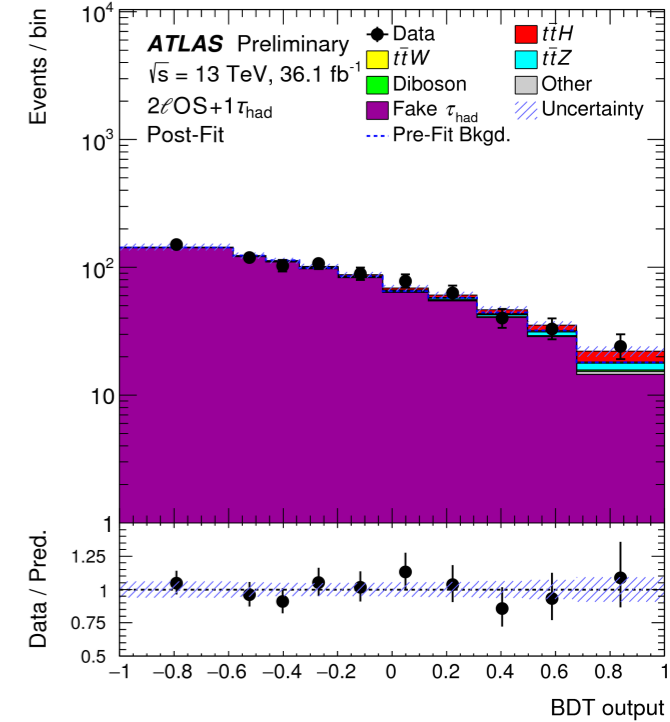
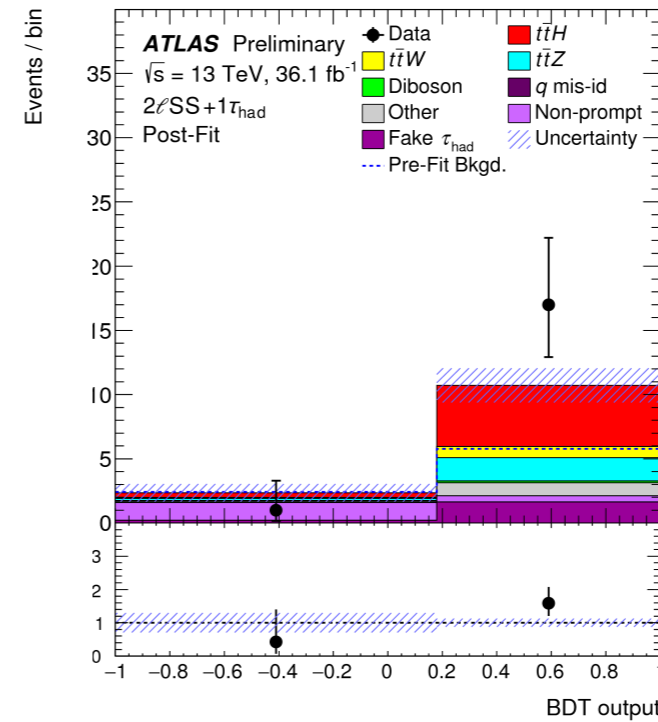
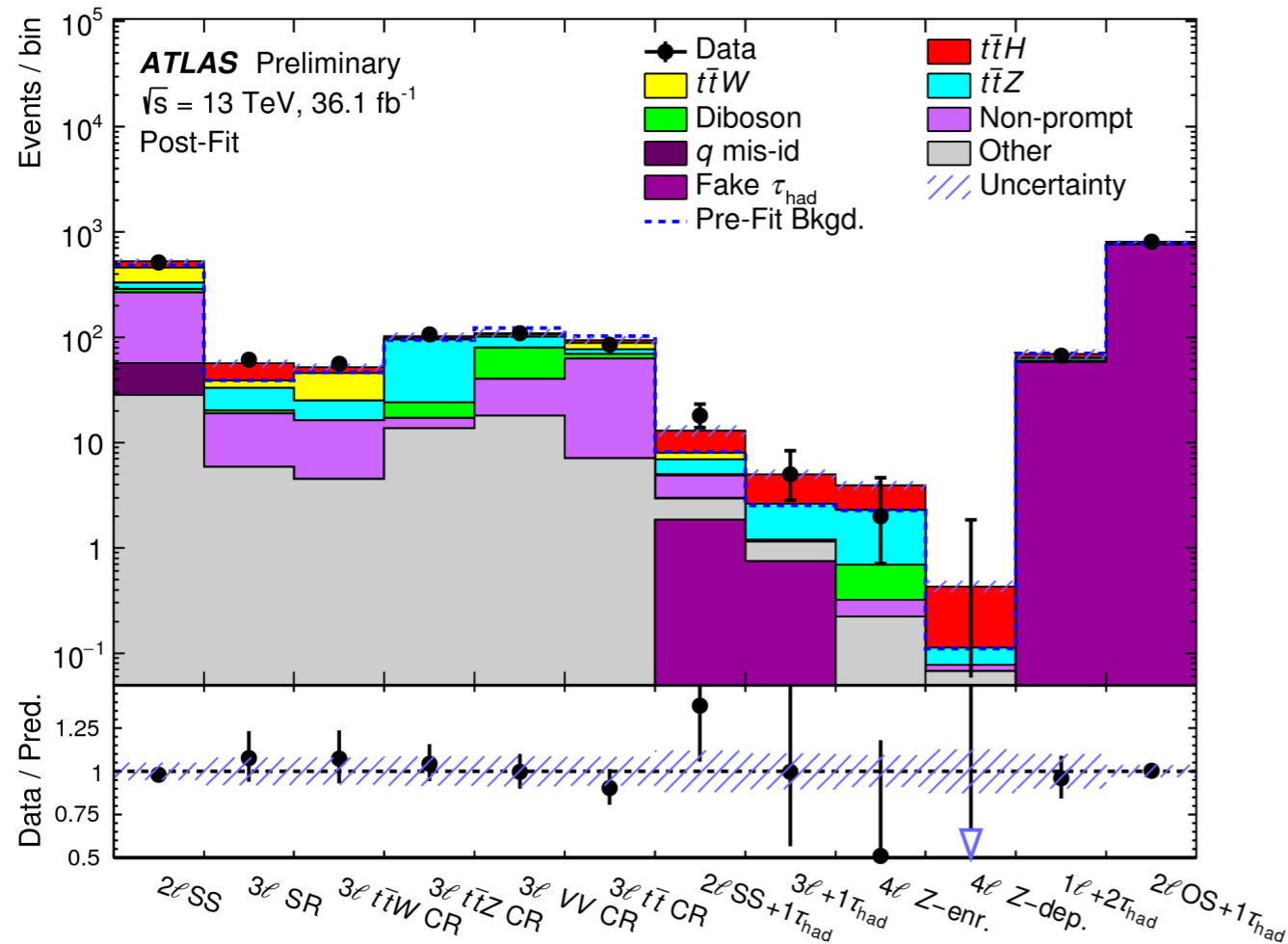
# Comparison between data and estimates - III

- ◆ A fit of predictions to data is performed simultaneously on various discriminants over all 12 regions (in total 32 bins). The  $t\bar{t}H$  signal strength ( $\mu_{t\bar{t}H}$ ) is the parameter of interest.
- ◆ Post-fit predictions are in good agreement with data.



# Comparison between data and estimates - IV

- ◆ A fit of predictions to data is performed simultaneously on various discriminants over all 12 regions (in total 32 bins). The  $t\bar{t}H$  signal strength ( $\mu_{t\bar{t}H}$ ) is the parameter of interest.
- ◆ Post-fit predictions are in good agreement with data.

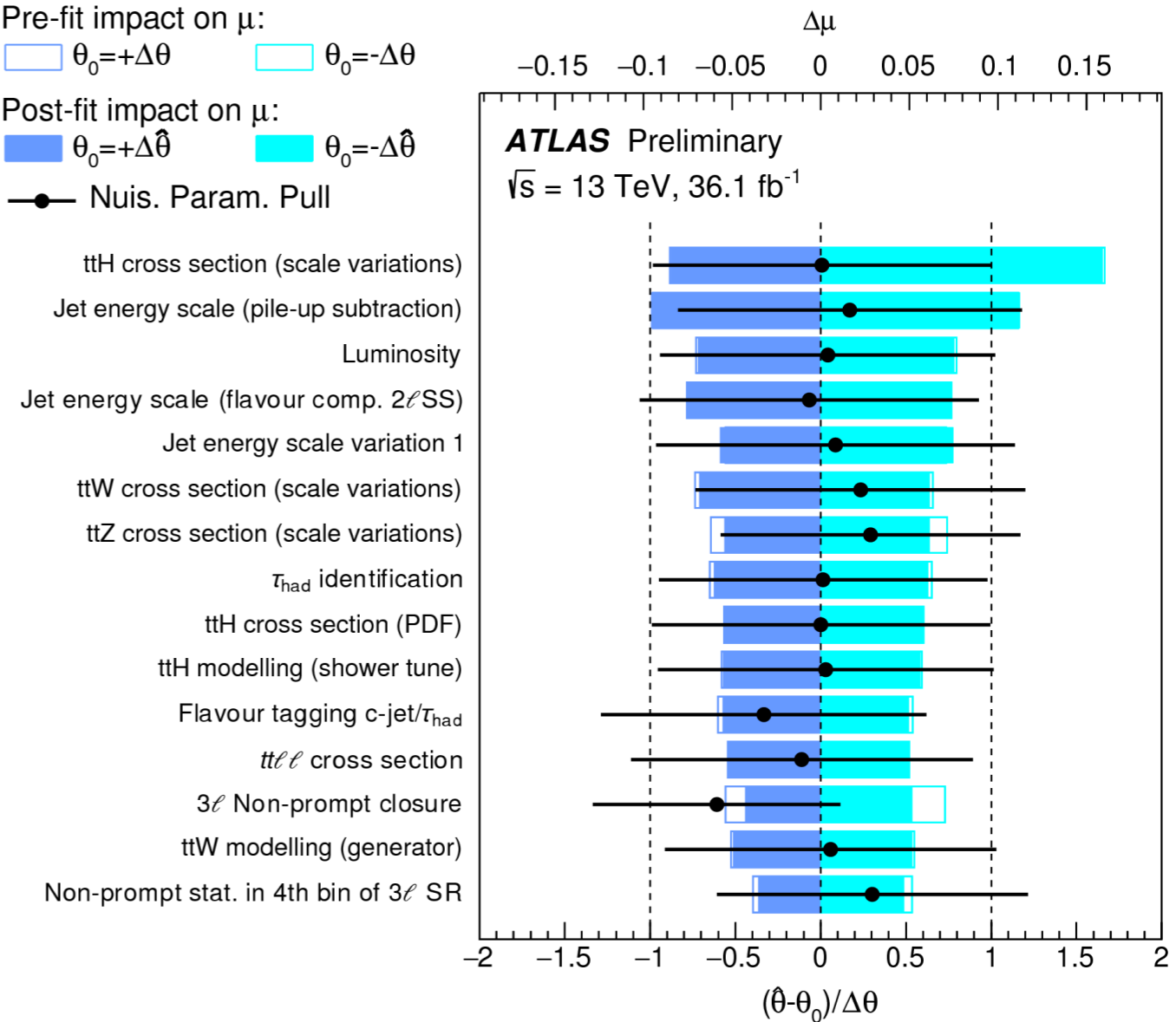


# Summary of systematic uncertainties

- ◆ Left: summary of the effects of the most important groups of systematic uncertainties.
- ◆ Right: the impact of systematic uncertainties in the fitted signal strength.

Uncertainty Source	$\Delta\mu$	
$t\bar{t}H$ modelling (cross section)	+0.20	-0.09
Jet energy scale and resolution	+0.18	-0.15
Non-prompt light-lepton estimates	+0.15	-0.13
Jet flavour tagging and $\tau_{\text{had}}$ identification	+0.11	-0.09
$t\bar{t}W$ modelling	+0.10	-0.09
$t\bar{t}Z$ modelling	+0.08	-0.07
Other background modelling	+0.08	-0.07
Luminosity	+0.08	-0.06
$t\bar{t}H$ modelling (acceptance)	+0.08	-0.04
Fake $\tau_{\text{had}}$ estimates	+0.07	-0.07
Other experimental uncertainties	+0.05	-0.04
Simulation statistics	+0.04	-0.04
Charge misassignment	+0.01	-0.01
<b>Total systematic uncertainty</b>	<b>+0.39</b>	<b>-0.30</b>

Pre-fit impact on  $\mu$ :  
 $\square$   $\theta_0=+\Delta\theta$      $\square$   $\theta_0=-\Delta\theta$   
 Post-fit impact on  $\mu$ :  
 $\blacksquare$   $\theta_0=+\Delta\hat{\theta}$      $\blacksquare$   $\theta_0=-\Delta\hat{\theta}$   
 ● Nuis. Param. Pull





# Summary of systematic uncertainties

- ◆ Left: summary of the effects of the most important groups of systematic uncertainties.
- ◆ Right: the impact of systematic uncertainties in the fitted signal strength.

Uncertainty source	$\Delta\mu$	
$t\bar{t} + \geq 1b$ modelling	+0.46	-0.46
Background model statistics	+0.29	-0.31
$b$ -tagging efficiency and mis-tag rates	+0.16	-0.16
Jet energy scale and resolution	+0.14	-0.14
$t\bar{t}H$ modelling	+0.22	-0.05
$t\bar{t} + \geq 1c$ modelling	+0.09	-0.11
JVT, pileup modelling	+0.03	-0.05
Other background modelling	+0.08	-0.08
$t\bar{t} + \text{light}$ modelling	+0.06	-0.03
Luminosity	+0.03	-0.02
Light lepton ( $e, \mu$ ) id., isolation, trigger	+0.03	-0.04
Total systematic uncertainty	+0.57	-0.54
$t\bar{t} + \geq 1b$ normalisation	+0.09	-0.10
$t\bar{t} + \geq 1c$ normalisation	+0.02	-0.03
Intrinsic statistical uncertainty	+0.21	-0.20
Total statistical uncertainty	+0.29	-0.29
Total uncertainty	+0.64	-0.61

Pre-fit impact on  $\mu$ :

$\square$   $\theta_0 = +\Delta\theta$     $\square$   $\theta_0 = -\Delta\theta$

Post-fit impact on  $\mu$ :

$\blacksquare$   $\theta_0 = +\Delta\hat{\theta}$     $\blacksquare$   $\theta_0 = -\Delta\hat{\theta}$

$\bullet$  Nuis. Param. Pull

$t\bar{t} + \geq 1b$ : SHERPA5F vs. nominal

$t\bar{t} + \geq 1b$ : SHERPA4F vs. nominal

$t\bar{t} + \geq 1b$ : PS & hadronisation

$t\bar{t} + \geq 1b$ : ISR / FSR

$t\bar{t}H$ : PS & hadronisation

$b$ -tagging: mis-tag (light), NP 0

$k(tt + \geq 1b) = 1.24 \pm 0.10$

Jet energy resolution: NP 1

$t\bar{t}H$ : cross section (QCD scale)

$tt + \geq 1b$ :  $tt + \geq 3b$  normalisation

$t\bar{t} + \geq 1c$ : SHERPA5F vs. nominal

$t\bar{t} + \geq 1b$ : shower recoil scheme

$t\bar{t} + \geq 1c$ : ISR / FSR

Jet energy resolution: NP 0

$t\bar{t} + \text{light}$ : PS & hadronisation

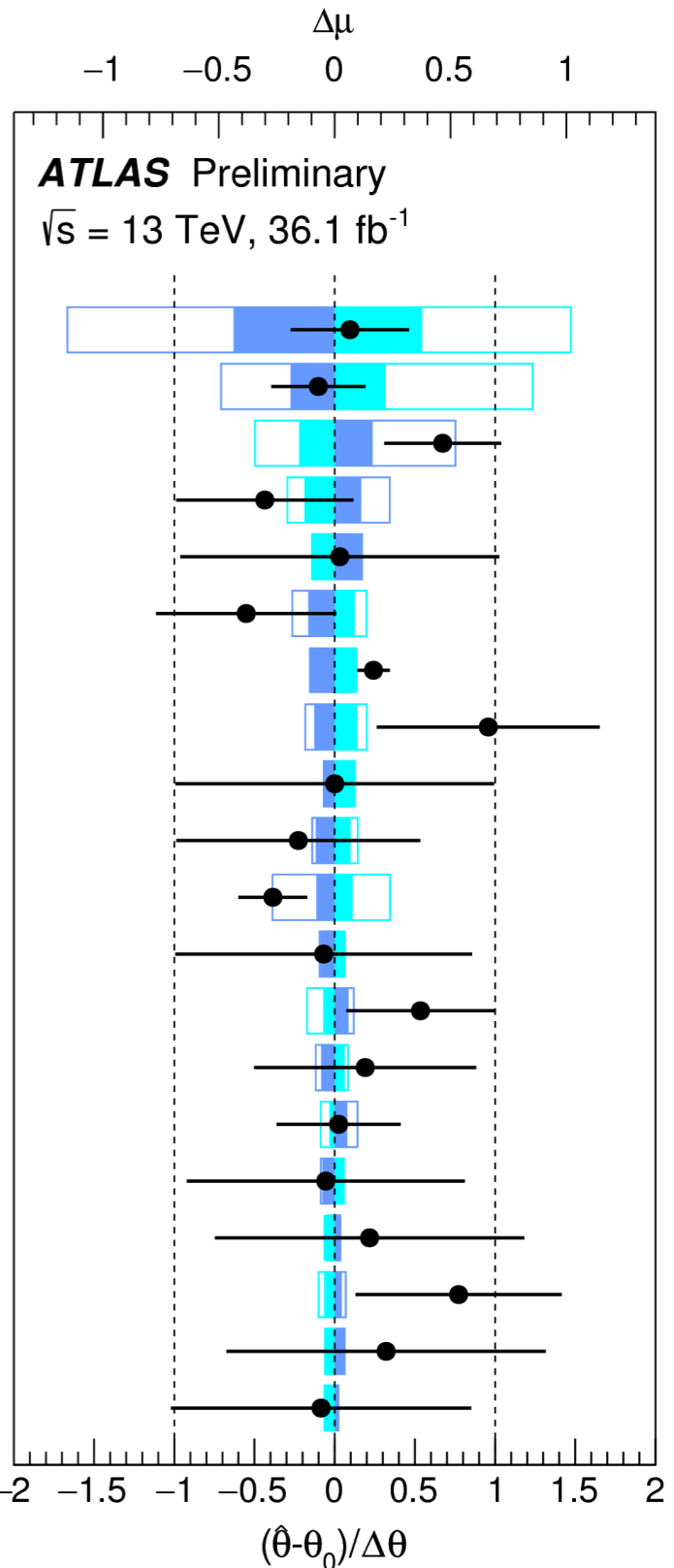
Wt: diagram subtr. vs. nominal

$b$ -tagging: efficiency, NP 1

$b$ -tagging: mis-tag (c), NP 0

$E_T^{\text{miss}}$ : soft-term resolution

$b$ -tagging: efficiency, NP 0



# ttH analyses combination in ATLAS Run 2

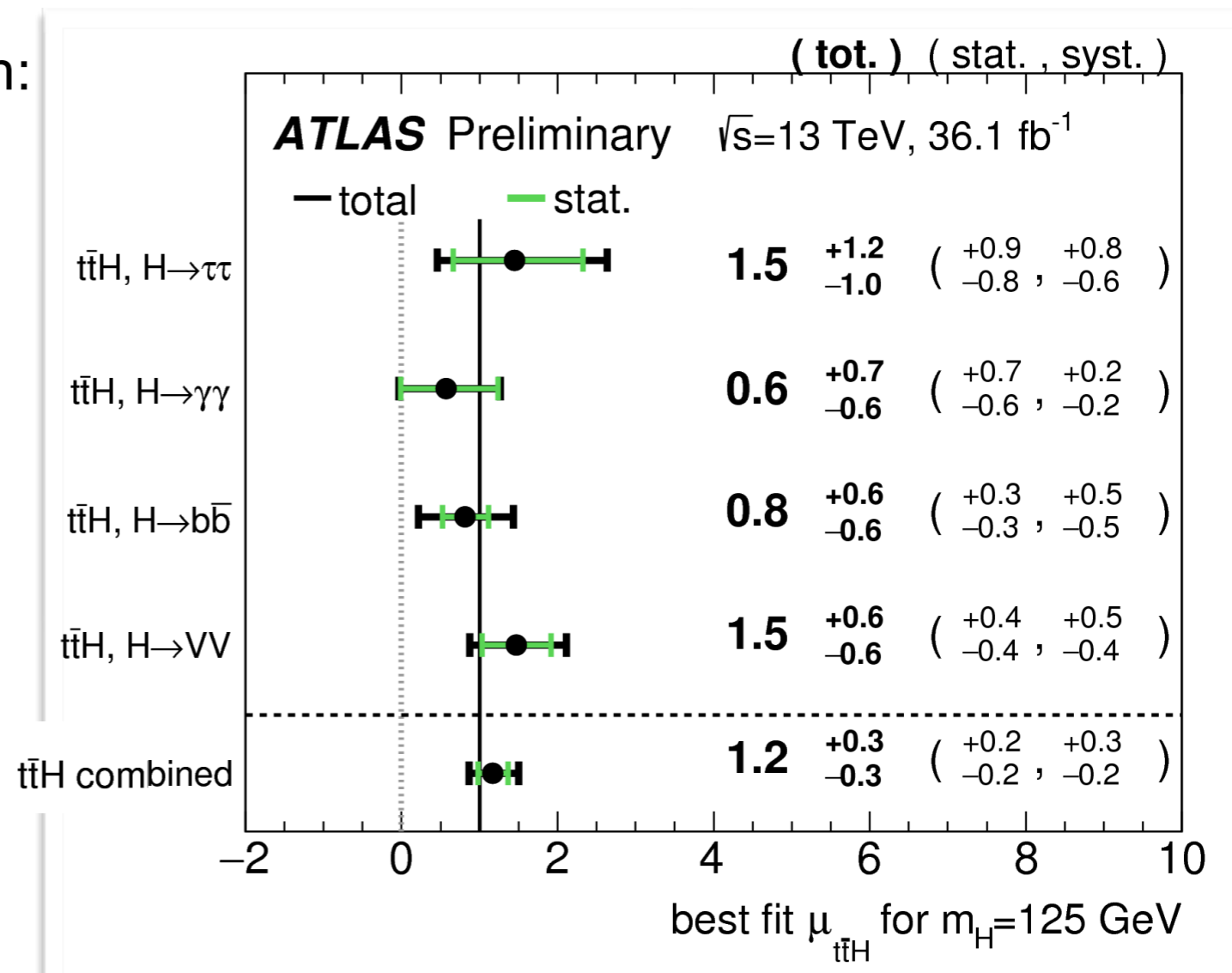
- ◆ Combination of the four ATLAS Run 2 analyses: multileptons, bb,  $\gamma\gamma$  and  $ZZ\rightarrow 4l$ 
  - ❖ all results are based on 36.1 fb<sup>-1</sup> data collected at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV
  - ❖ ttH signal strength is the only parameter of interest (tH as background)

- ◆ Combination on the ttH signal strength:

$$\mu = 1.17 \pm 0.19 \text{ (stat)}^{+0.27}_{-0.23} \text{ (syst)}$$

- ◆ The background-only hypothesis is excluded at 4.2 $\sigma$ , with an expectation of 3.8 $\sigma$  in the case of a SM signal !

- ◆ The measured ttH cross section is 590<sup>+160</sup><sub>-150</sub> fb, in good agreement with the SM prediction 507<sup>+35</sup><sub>-50</sub> fb.



# Selection criteria in multilepton signal regions - I

Channel	Selection criteria
Common	$N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2$ and $N_{b\text{-jets}} \geq 1$
$2\ell\text{SS}$	Two very tight light leptons with $p_{\text{T}} > 20$ GeV Same charge light leptons Zero medium $\tau_{\text{had}}$ candidates $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 4$ ; $N_{b\text{-jets}} < 3$
$3\ell$	Three light leptons with $p_{\text{T}} > 10$ GeV; sum of light lepton charges $\pm 1$ Two same-charge leptons must be very tight and have $p_{\text{T}} > 15$ GeV The opposite-charge lepton must be loose, isolated and pass the non-prompt BDT Zero medium $\tau_{\text{had}}$ candidates $m(\ell^+\ell^-) > 12$ GeV and $ m(\ell^+\ell^-) - 91.2 \text{ GeV}  > 10$ GeV for all SFOC pairs $ m(3\ell) - 91.2 \text{ GeV}  > 10$ GeV
$4\ell$	Four light leptons; sum of light lepton charges 0 Third and fourth leading leptons must be tight $m(\ell^+\ell^-) > 12$ GeV and $ m(\ell^+\ell^-) - 91.2 \text{ GeV}  > 10$ GeV for all SFOC pairs $ m(4\ell) - 125 \text{ GeV}  > 5$ GeV Split 2 categories: $Z$ -depleted (0 SFOC pairs) and $Z$ -enriched (2 or 4 SFOC pairs)

# Selection criteria in multilepton signal regions - II

$1\ell+2\tau_{\text{had}}$	<p>One tight light lepton, with <math>p_{\text{T}} &gt; 27</math> GeV</p> <p>Two medium <math>\tau_{\text{had}}</math> candidates of opposite charge, at least one being tight</p> <p><math>N_{\text{jets}} \geq 3</math></p>
$2\ell_{\text{SS}}+1\tau_{\text{had}}$	<p>Two very tight light leptons with <math>p_{\text{T}} &gt; 15</math> GeV</p> <p>Same charge light leptons</p> <p>One medium <math>\tau_{\text{had}}</math> candidate, of opposite charge to that of the light leptons</p> <p><math>N_{\text{jets}} \geq 4</math></p> <p><math> m(ee) - 91.2 \text{ GeV}  &gt; 10 \text{ GeV}</math> for <math>ee</math> events</p>
$2\ell_{\text{OS}}+1\tau_{\text{had}}$	<p>Two loose and isolated light leptons, with <math>p_{\text{T}} &gt; 25, 15</math> GeV</p> <p>One medium <math>\tau_{\text{had}}</math> candidate</p> <p>Opposite charge light leptons</p> <p>One medium <math>\tau_{\text{had}}</math> candidate</p> <p><math>m(\ell^+\ell^-) &gt; 12 \text{ GeV}</math> and <math> m(\ell^+\ell^-) - 91.2 \text{ GeV}  &gt; 10 \text{ GeV}</math> for all SFOC pairs</p> <p><math>N_{\text{jets}} \geq 3</math></p>
$3\ell+1\tau_{\text{had}}$	<p><math>3\ell</math> selection, except:</p> <p>One medium <math>\tau_{\text{had}}</math> candidate, of opposite charge to the total charge of the light leptons</p> <p>The two same-charge leptons must be tight and have <math>p_{\text{T}} &gt; 10</math> GeV</p> <p>The opposite-charge lepton must be loose and isolated</p>

# Selection criteria in multilepton control regions

Channel	Region	Selection criteria
$2\ell SS$ ( $3\ell$ )		$2 \leq N_{\text{jets}} \leq 3$ and $N_{b\text{-jets}} \geq 1$ One very tight, one loose light lepton with $p_T > 20$ (15) GeV Zero $\tau_{\text{had}}$ candidates
	$\epsilon_{\text{real}}$ $\epsilon_{\text{fake}}$	Opposite charge; opposite flavour Same charge; opposite flavour or $\mu\mu$
$4\ell$		$1 \leq N_{\text{jets}} \leq 2$ Three loose light leptons; sum of light lepton charges $\pm 1$ Subleading same-charge lepton must be tight Veto on $3\ell$ selection
	Either or	One SFOC pair with $ m(\ell^+\ell^-) - 91.2 \text{ GeV}  < 10 \text{ GeV}$ $E_T^{\text{miss}} < 50 \text{ GeV}$ , $m_T < 50 \text{ GeV}$ No SFOC pair Subleading jet $p_T > 30 \text{ GeV}$
$2\ell SS + 1\tau_{\text{had}}$		$2 \leq N_{\text{jets}} \leq 3$ and $N_{b\text{-jets}} \geq 1$ One very tight, one loose light lepton with $p_T > 15 \text{ GeV}$ A SFSC pair $ m(ee) - 91.2 \text{ GeV}  > 10 \text{ GeV}$ Zero or one medium $\tau_{\text{had}}$ candidate, of opposite charge to the light leptons
$1\ell + 2\tau_{\text{had}}$		$N_{\text{jets}} \geq 3$ and $N_{b\text{-jets}} \geq 1$ One tight light lepton, with $p_T > 27 \text{ GeV}$ Two $\tau_{\text{had}}$ candidates of same charge At least one $\tau_{\text{had}}$ candidate has to pass tight identification criteria
$2\ell OS + 1\tau_{\text{had}}$		Two loose and isolated light leptons, with $p_T > 25, 15 \text{ GeV}$ $ m(\ell^+\ell^-) - 91.2 \text{ GeV}  > 10 \text{ GeV}$ and $m(\ell^+\ell^-) > 12 \text{ GeV}$ $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 3$ and $N_{b\text{-jets}} = 0$

# The MC configurations in multileptons analysis

Process	Generator	ME order	Parton Shower	PDF	Tune
$t\bar{t}H$	MG5_AMC (MG5_AMC)	NLO (NLO)	PYTHIA 8 (HERWIG++)	NNPDF 3.0 NLO [71] (CT10 [72])	A14 (UE-EE-5)
$tHqb$	MG5_AMC	LO	PYTHIA 8	CT10	A14
$tHW$	MG5_AMC	NLO	HERWIG++	CT10	UE-EE-5
$t\bar{t}W$	MG5_AMC (SHERPA 2.1.1)	NLO (LO multileg)	PYTHIA 8 (SHERPA)	NNPDF 3.0 NLO (NNPDF 3.0 NLO)	A14 (SHERPA default)
$t\bar{t}(Z/\gamma^* \rightarrow \ell\ell)$	MG5_AMC (SHERPA 2.1.1)	NLO (LO multileg)	PYTHIA 8 (SHERPA)	NNPDF 3.0 NLO (NNPDF 3.0 NLO)	A14 (SHERPA default)
$tZ$	MG5_AMC	LO	PYTHIA 6	CTEQ6L1	Perugia2012
$tWZ$	MG5_AMC	NLO	PYTHIA 8	NNPDF 2.3 LO	A14
$t\bar{t}t, t\bar{t}\bar{t}$	MG5_AMC	LO	PYTHIA 8	NNPDF 2.3 LO	A14
$t\bar{t}W^+W^-$	MG5_AMC	LO	PYTHIA 8	NNPDF 2.3 LO	A14
$t\bar{t}$	POWHEG-BOX v2 [73]	NLO	PYTHIA 8	NNPDF 3.0 NLO	A14
$t\bar{t}\gamma$	MG5_AMC	LO	PYTHIA 8	NNPDF 2.3 LO	A14
$s$ -, $t$ -channel, $Wt$ single top	POWHEG-BOX v1 [74,75]	NLO	PYTHIA 6	CT10	Perugia2012
$VV(\rightarrow \ell\ell XX),$ $qqVV, VVV$	SHERPA 2.1.1	MEPS NLO	SHERPA	CT10	SHERPA default
$Z \rightarrow \ell^+\ell^-$	SHERPA 2.2	MEPS NLO	SHERPA	NNPDF 3.0 NLO	SHERPA default

# The cross sections used in MC samples

Process	Cross section [pb]	QCD scale [%]	PDF+ $\alpha_S$ [%]	Order
$t\bar{t}H$	0.51	+5.8 -9.2	$\pm 3.6$	NLO QCD+EWK
$tHqb$	0.074	+6.5 -14.7	$\pm 3.7$	NLO QCD
$tHW$	0.015	+4.9 -6.7	$\pm 6.3$	NLO QCD
$t\bar{t}W$	0.60	+12.9 -11.5	$\pm 3.4$	NLO QCD+EWK
$t\bar{t}(Z/\gamma^* \rightarrow \ell\ell)$	0.12	+9.6 -11.3	$\pm 4.0$	NLO QCD+EWK
$t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$	0.0092	+30.8 -25.6	+5.5 -5.9	NLO QCD
$t\bar{t}W^+W^-$	0.0099	+10.9 -11.8	$\pm 2.1$	NLO QCD
$t\bar{t}$	832	+2.4 -3.5	$\pm 4.2$	NNLO QCD + NNLL
$t\bar{t}\gamma$	5.7		$\pm 50$	NLO QCD
$tZ$	0.61		$\pm 50$	LO QCD
$tWZ$	0.16		$\pm 50$	NLO QCD
$s$ -, $t$ -channel,	10, 217		$\pm 4$	NLO QCD
$Wt$ single top	72		$\pm 5$	NLO QCD + NNLL
$VV(\rightarrow \ell\ell XX)$	37		$\pm 50$	NLO QCD
$Z \rightarrow \ell^+\ell^-$	2070		$\pm 5$	NNLO QCD

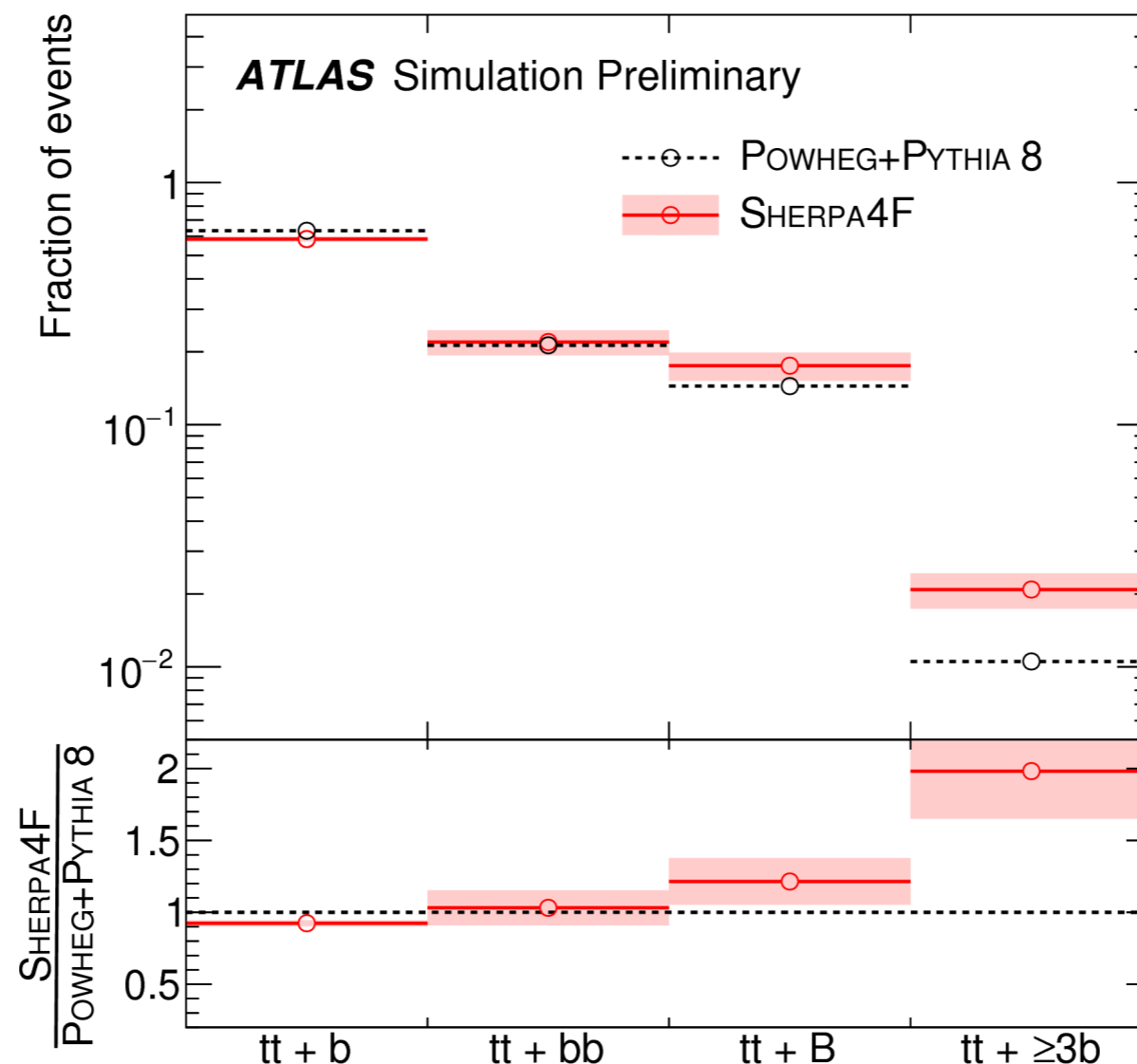
# Background, signal and observed yields in the 12 multileptons analysis channels

Category	Non-prompt	Fake $\tau_{\text{had}}$	$q$ mis-id	$t\bar{t}W$	$t\bar{t}Z$	Diboson	Other	Total Bkgd.	$t\bar{t}H$	Observed
Pre-fit yields										
$2\ell\text{SS}$	$233 \pm 39$	–	$33 \pm 11$	$123 \pm 18$	$41.4 \pm 5.6$	$25 \pm 15$	$28.4 \pm 5.9$	$484 \pm 38$	$42.6 \pm 4.2$	514
$3\ell$ SR	$14.5 \pm 4.3$	–	–	$5.5 \pm 1.2$	$12.0 \pm 1.8$	$1.2 \pm 1.2$	$5.8 \pm 1.4$	$39.1 \pm 5.2$	$11.2 \pm 1.6$	61
$3\ell t\bar{t}W$ CR	$13.3 \pm 4.3$	–	–	$19.9 \pm 3.1$	$8.7 \pm 1.1$	$< 0.2$	$4.53 \pm 0.92$	$46.5 \pm 5.4$	$4.18 \pm 0.46$	56
$3\ell t\bar{t}Z$ CR	$3.9 \pm 2.5$	–	–	$2.71 \pm 0.56$	$66 \pm 11$	$8.4 \pm 5.3$	$12.9 \pm 4.2$	$93 \pm 13$	$3.17 \pm 0.41$	107
$3\ell VV$ CR	$27.7 \pm 8.7$	–	–	$4.9 \pm 1.0$	$21.3 \pm 3.4$	$51 \pm 30$	$17.9 \pm 6.1$	$123 \pm 32$	$1.67 \pm 0.25$	109
$3\ell t\bar{t}$ CR	$70 \pm 17$	–	–	$10.5 \pm 1.5$	$7.9 \pm 1.1$	$7.2 \pm 4.8$	$7.3 \pm 1.9$	$103 \pm 17$	$4.00 \pm 0.49$	85
$4\ell$ Z-enr.	$0.11 \pm 0.07$	–	–	$< 0.01$	$1.52 \pm 0.23$	$0.43 \pm 0.23$	$0.21 \pm 0.09$	$2.26 \pm 0.34$	$1.06 \pm 0.14$	2
$4\ell$ Z-dep.	$0.01 \pm 0.01$	–	–	$< 0.01$	$0.04 \pm 0.02$	$< 0.01$	$0.06 \pm 0.03$	$0.11 \pm 0.03$	$0.20 \pm 0.03$	0
$1\ell+2\tau_{\text{had}}$	–	$65 \pm 21$	–	$0.09 \pm 0.09$	$3.3 \pm 1.0$	$1.3 \pm 1.0$	$0.98 \pm 0.35$	$71 \pm 21$	$4.3 \pm 1.0$	67
$2\ell\text{SS}+1\tau_{\text{had}}$	$2.4 \pm 1.4$	$1.80 \pm 0.30$	$0.05 \pm 0.02$	$0.88 \pm 0.24$	$1.83 \pm 0.37$	$0.12 \pm 0.18$	$1.06 \pm 0.24$	$8.2 \pm 1.6$	$3.09 \pm 0.46$	18
$2\ell\text{OS}+1\tau_{\text{had}}$	–	$756 \pm 80$	–	$6.5 \pm 1.3$	$11.4 \pm 1.9$	$2.0 \pm 1.3$	$5.8 \pm 1.5$	$782 \pm 81$	$14.2 \pm 2.0$	807
$3\ell+1\tau_{\text{had}}$	–	$0.75 \pm 0.15$	–	$0.04 \pm 0.04$	$1.38 \pm 0.24$	$0.002 \pm 0.002$	$0.38 \pm 0.10$	$2.55 \pm 0.32$	$1.51 \pm 0.23$	5
Post-fit yields										
$2\ell\text{SS}$	$211 \pm 26$	–	$28.3 \pm 9.4$	$127 \pm 18$	$42.9 \pm 5.4$	$20.0 \pm 6.3$	$28.5 \pm 5.7$	$459 \pm 24$	$67 \pm 18$	514
$3\ell$ SR	$13.2 \pm 3.1$	–	–	$5.8 \pm 1.2$	$12.9 \pm 1.6$	$1.2 \pm 1.1$	$5.9 \pm 1.3$	$39.0 \pm 4.0$	$17.7 \pm 4.9$	61
$3\ell t\bar{t}W$ CR	$11.7 \pm 3.0$	–	–	$20.4 \pm 3.0$	$8.9 \pm 1.0$	$< 0.2$	$4.54 \pm 0.88$	$45.6 \pm 4.0$	$6.6 \pm 1.9$	56
$3\ell t\bar{t}Z$ CR	$3.5 \pm 2.1$	–	–	$2.82 \pm 0.56$	$70.4 \pm 8.6$	$7.1 \pm 3.0$	$13.6 \pm 4.2$	$97.4 \pm 8.6$	$5.1 \pm 1.4$	107
$3\ell VV$ CR	$22.4 \pm 5.7$	–	–	$5.05 \pm 0.94$	$22.0 \pm 3.0$	$39 \pm 11$	$18.1 \pm 5.9$	$106.8 \pm 9.4$	$2.61 \pm 0.82$	109
$3\ell t\bar{t}$ CR	$56.0 \pm 8.1$	–	–	$10.7 \pm 1.4$	$8.1 \pm 1.0$	$5.9 \pm 2.7$	$7.1 \pm 1.8$	$87.8 \pm 7.9$	$6.3 \pm 1.8$	85
$4\ell$ Z-enr.	$0.10 \pm 0.07$	–	–	$< 0.01$	$1.60 \pm 0.22$	$0.37 \pm 0.15$	$0.22 \pm 0.10$	$2.29 \pm 0.28$	$1.65 \pm 0.47$	2
$4\ell$ Z-dep.	$0.01 \pm 0.01$	–	–	$< 0.01$	$0.04 \pm 0.02$	$< 0.01$	$0.07 \pm 0.03$	$0.11 \pm 0.03$	$0.32 \pm 0.09$	0
$1\ell+2\tau_{\text{had}}$	–	$58.0 \pm 6.8$	–	$0.11 \pm 0.11$	$3.31 \pm 0.90$	$0.98 \pm 0.75$	$0.98 \pm 0.33$	$63.4 \pm 6.7$	$6.5 \pm 2.0$	67
$2\ell\text{SS}+1\tau_{\text{had}}$	$1.86 \pm 0.91$	$1.86 \pm 0.27$	$0.05 \pm 0.02$	$0.97 \pm 0.26$	$1.96 \pm 0.37$	$0.15 \pm 0.20$	$1.09 \pm 0.24$	$7.9 \pm 1.2$	$5.1 \pm 1.3$	18
$2\ell\text{OS}+1\tau_{\text{had}}$	–	$756 \pm 28$	–	$6.6 \pm 1.3$	$11.5 \pm 1.7$	$1.64 \pm 0.92$	$6.1 \pm 1.5$	$782 \pm 27$	$21.7 \pm 5.9$	807
$3\ell+1\tau_{\text{had}}$	–	$0.75 \pm 0.14$	–	$0.04 \pm 0.04$	$1.42 \pm 0.22$	$0.002 \pm 0.002$	$0.40 \pm 0.10$	$2.61 \pm 0.30$	$2.41 \pm 0.68$	5



# $tt + \geq 1b$ backgrounds sub-categories re-weight

- ◆ The relevant contributions of sub-categories,  $tt + \geq 3b$ ,  $tt + bb$ ,  $tt + B$  and  $tt + b$ , in Powheg+Pythia8 are scaled to match the predictions of an NLO  $tt + bb$  sample including Parton shower and hadronisation, generated with Sherpa+OpenLoops. The sample is produced with Sherpa version 2.1 and the CT10 four-flavour scheme PDF set.



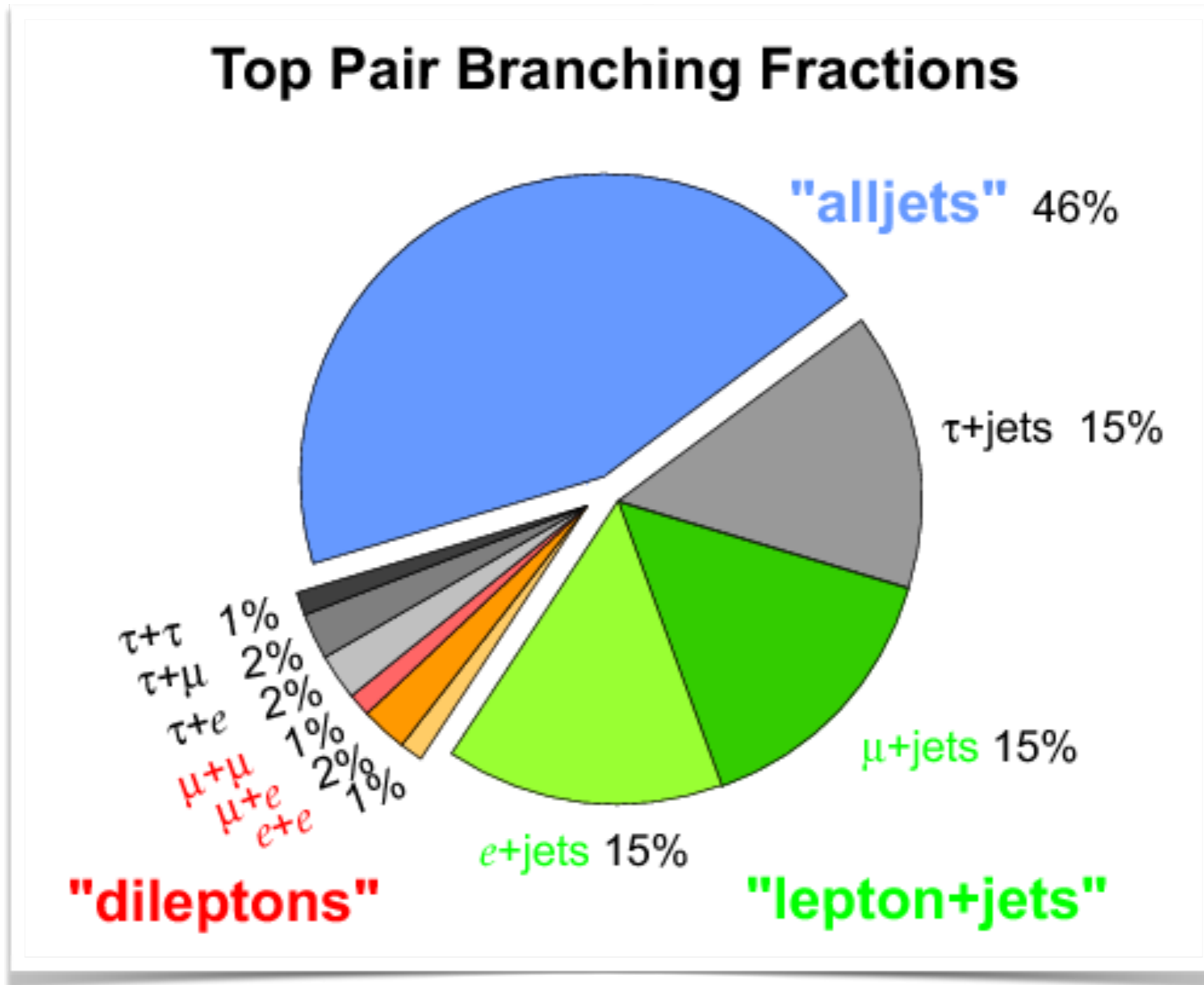
# tt+jets background modelling

- ♦ tt+heavy-flavour jets modelling relies on [Powheg+Pythia8 simulation](#). The cross section is normalised to NNLO+NNLL prediction  $832^{+46}_{-51}$  pb.
- ♦ A set of systematic uncertainties are evaluated, account for various variations.

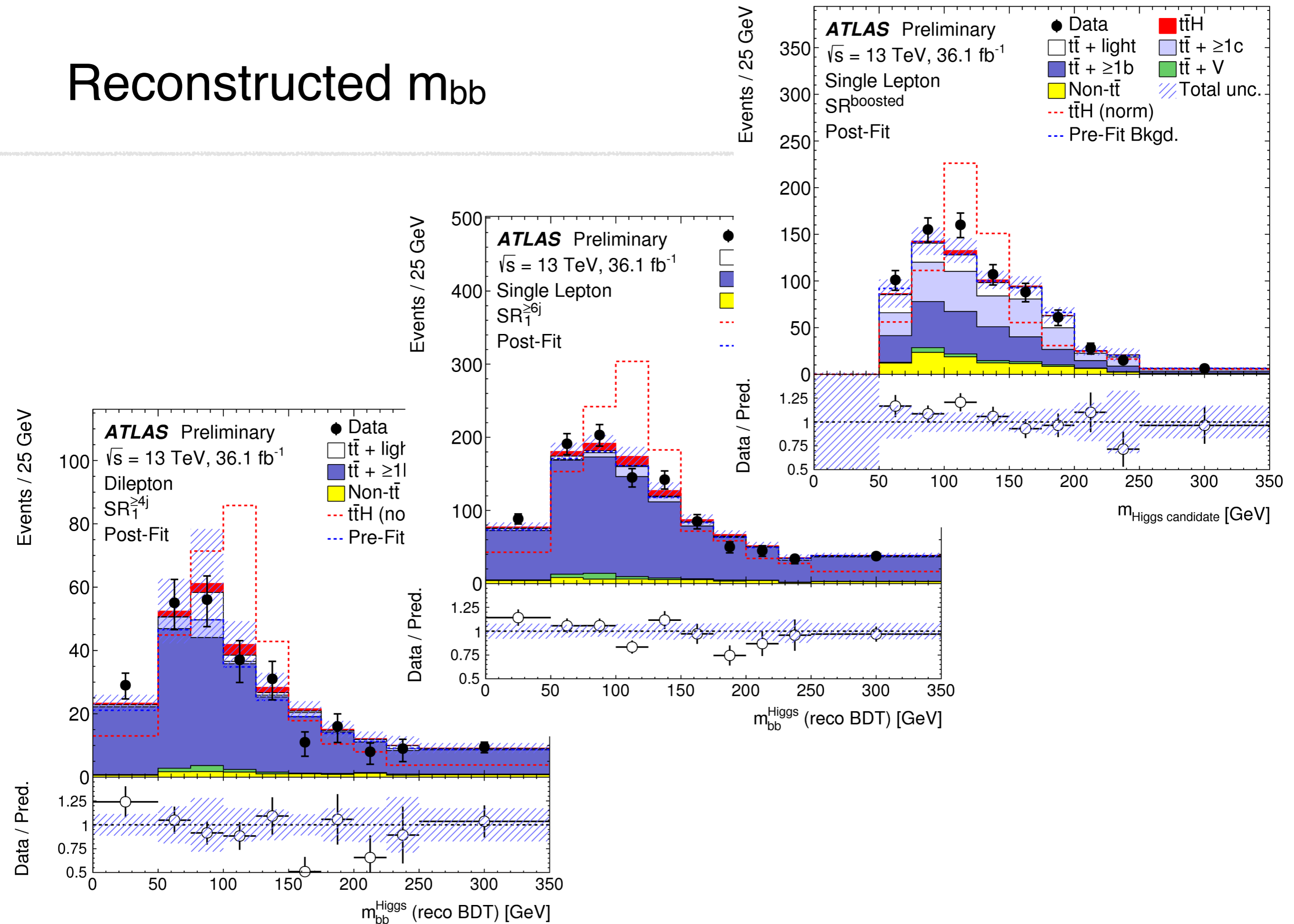
Systematic source	Description	$t\bar{t}$ categories
$t\bar{t}$ cross-section	Up or down by 6%	All, correlated
$k(t\bar{t} + \geq 1c)$	Free-floating $t\bar{t} + \geq 1c$ normalisation	$t\bar{t} + \geq 1c$
$k(t\bar{t} + \geq 1b)$	Free-floating $t\bar{t} + \geq 1b$ normalisation	$t\bar{t} + \geq 1b$
SHERPA5F vs. nominal	Related to the choice of the NLO generator	All, uncorrelated
PS & hadronisation	POWHEG-BOX+HERWIG 7 vs. POWHEG-BOX+PYTHIA 8	All, uncorrelated
ISR / FSR	Variations of $\mu_R$ , $\mu_F$ , $h_{\text{damp}}$ and A14 Var3c parameters	All, uncorrelated
$t\bar{t} + \geq 1c$ ME vs. inclusive	MG5_aMC@NLO+HERWIG++: ME prediction (3F) vs. incl. (5F)	$t\bar{t} + \geq 1c$
$t\bar{t} + \geq 1b$ SHERPA4F vs. nominal	Comparison of $t\bar{t} + b\bar{b}$ NLO (4F) vs. POWHEG-BOX+PYTHIA 8 (5F)	$t\bar{t} + \geq 1b$
$t\bar{t} + \geq 1b$ renorm. scale	Up or down by a factor of two	$t\bar{t} + \geq 1b$
$t\bar{t} + \geq 1b$ resumm. scale	Vary $\mu_Q$ from $H_T/2$ to $\mu_{\text{CMMPS}}$	$t\bar{t} + \geq 1b$
$t\bar{t} + \geq 1b$ global scales	Set $\mu_Q$ , $\mu_R$ , and $\mu_F$ to $\mu_{\text{CMMPS}}$	$t\bar{t} + \geq 1b$
$t\bar{t} + \geq 1b$ shower recoil scheme	Alternative model scheme	$t\bar{t} + \geq 1b$
$t\bar{t} + \geq 1b$ PDF (MSTW)	MSTW vs. CT10	$t\bar{t} + \geq 1b$
$t\bar{t} + \geq 1b$ PDF (NNPDF)	NNPDF vs. CT10	$t\bar{t} + \geq 1b$
$t\bar{t} + \geq 1b$ UE	Alternative set of tunable parameters for the underlying event	$t\bar{t} + \geq 1b$
$t\bar{t} + \geq 1b$ MPI	Up or down by 50%	$t\bar{t} + \geq 1b$
$t\bar{t} + \geq 3b$ normalisation	Up or down by 50%	$t\bar{t} + \geq 1b$

- ♦  $t\bar{t} + \geq 1b$ ,  $t\bar{t} + \geq 1c$  normalisations are determined in data from the fit.

# Top pair decay branching fractions

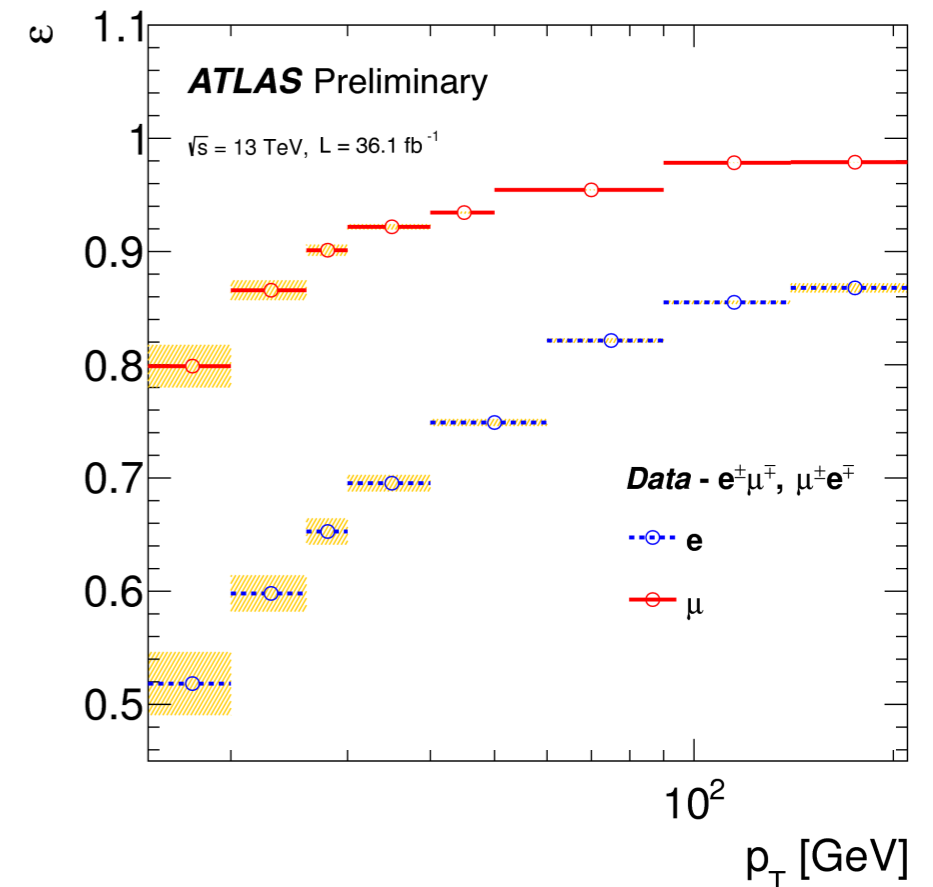
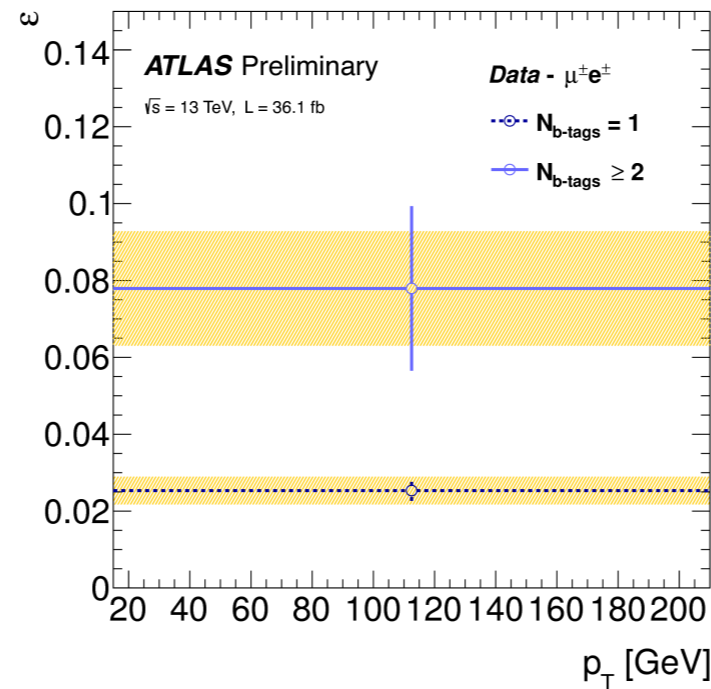
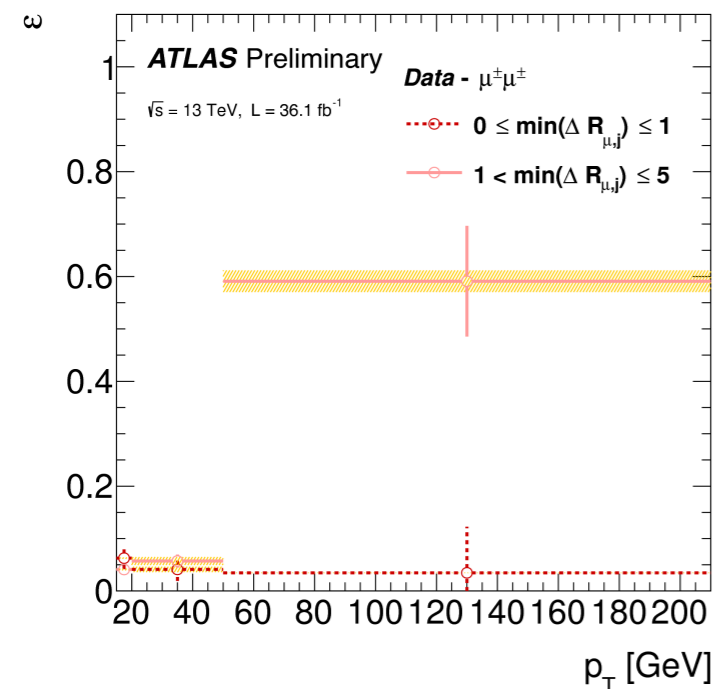
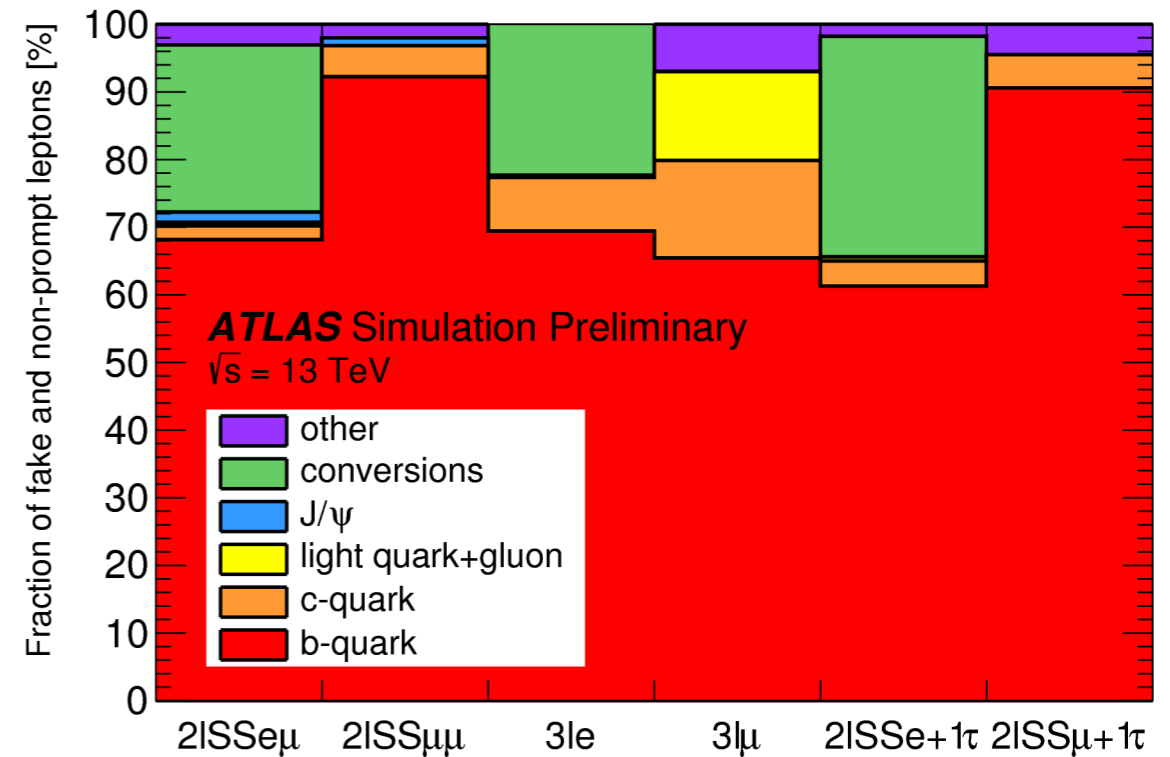


# Reconstructed $m_{bb}$



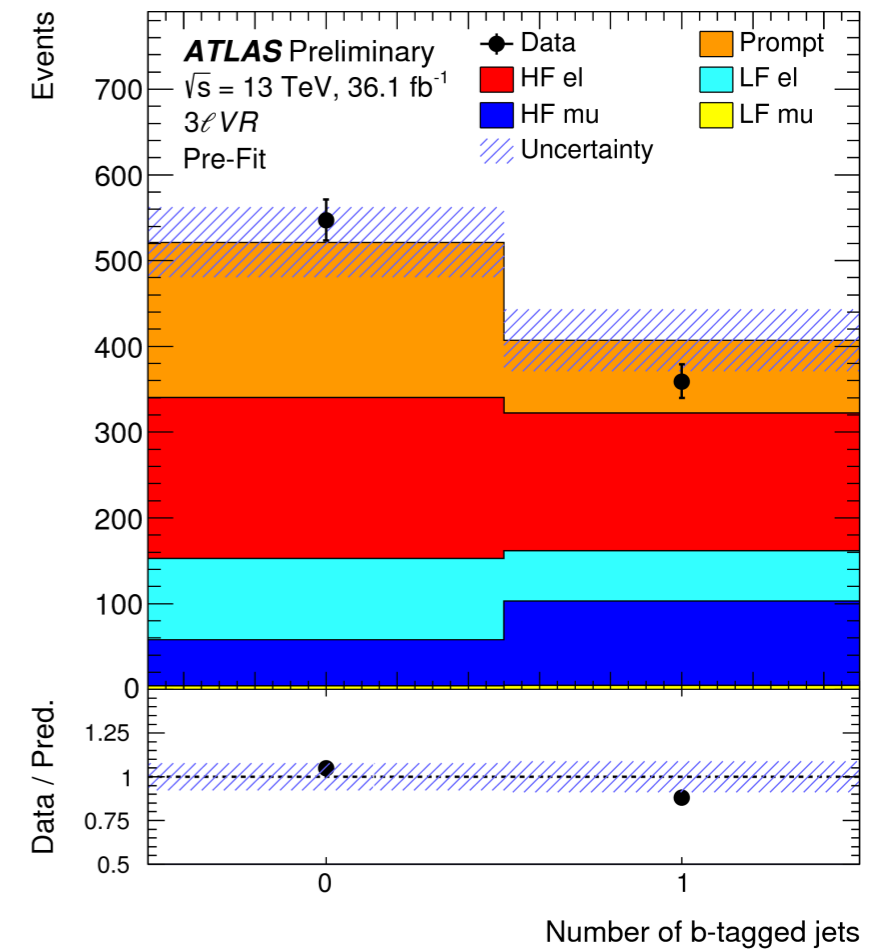
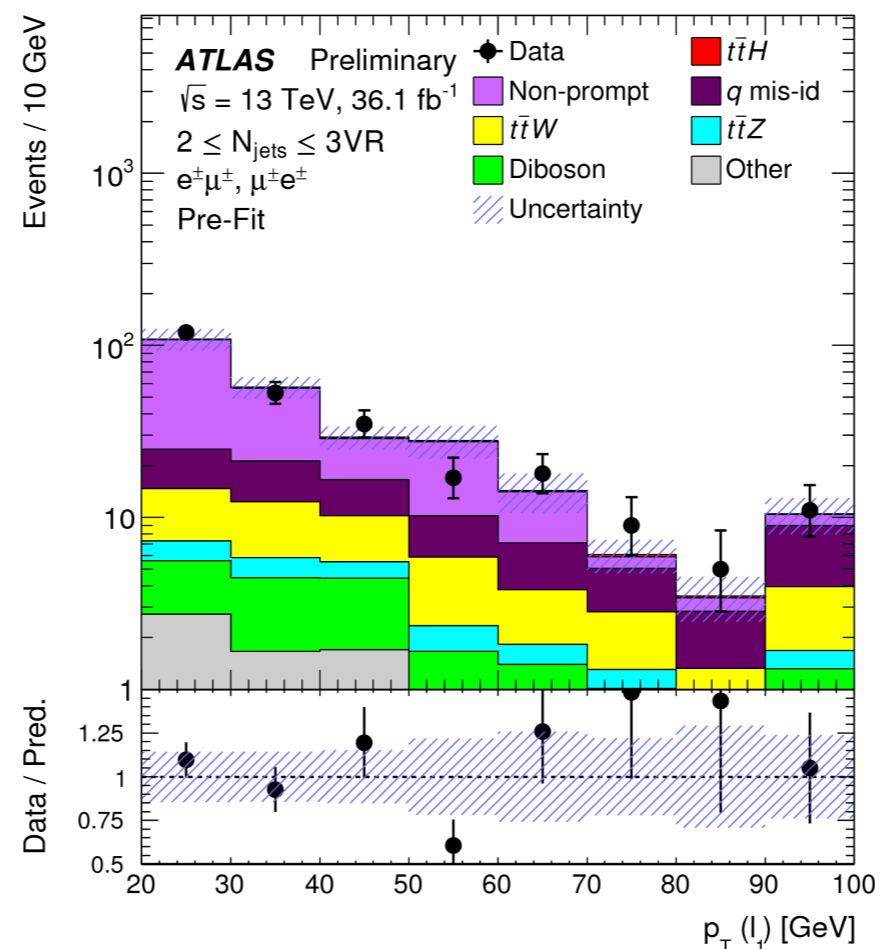
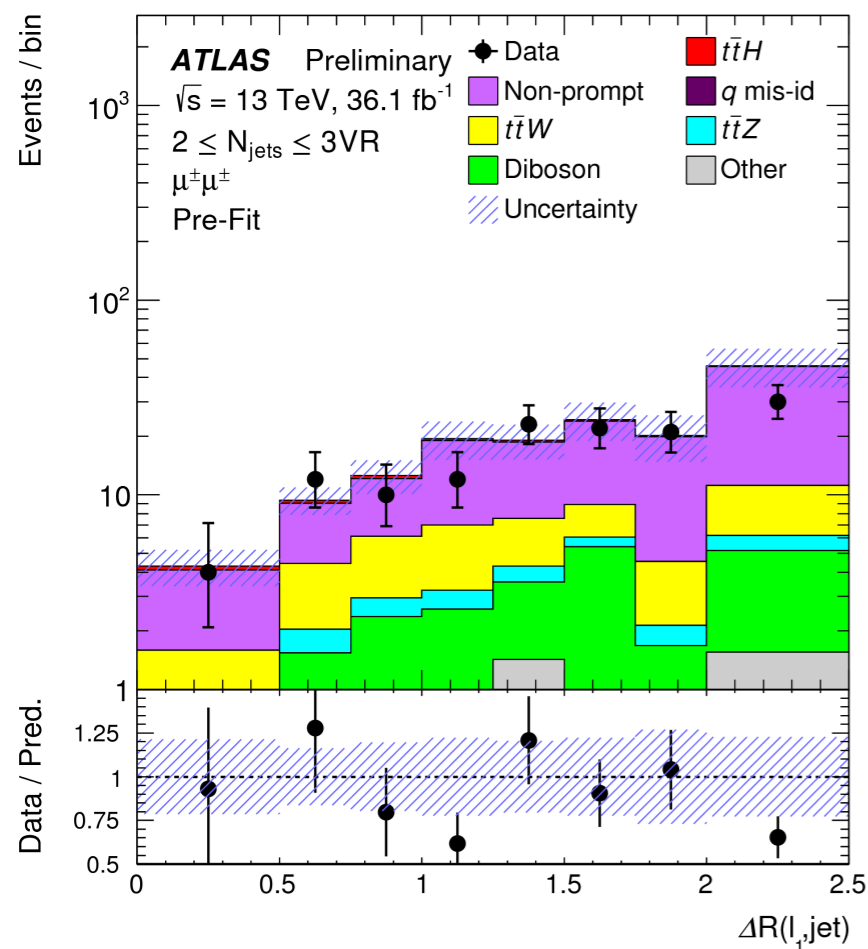
# Non-prompt lepton background estimates - I

- Arising from  $t\bar{t}$  production with **non-prompt leptons mainly from b-hadron decay**, and photon to electron conversions.
- Polluting 2ISS, 3l and 2ISS+  $\tau_{\text{had}}$  channels.
- The estimation counts number of events passing loose selection (loosen lepton's identification and isolation requirements), which is weighted by the **probabilities for loose prompt and non-prompt leptons passing tighter requirements**.
- The probabilities for non-prompt and prompt leptons:



# Non-prompt lepton background estimates - II

- ◆ Closure test is performed using simulated  $t\bar{t}$  events. Non-closure of  $(11 \pm 8)\%$  for 2ISS and  $(9 \pm 18)\%$  for 3l are taken as systematic uncertainties.
- ◆ The estimates procedure is validated in data regions enriched by non-prompt leptons:



- ◆ The total uncertainty of non-prompt background estimation varies from **20% to 30%** in 2ISS and 3l channels, and **about 55%** in 2ISS+1 $\tau_{\text{had}}$  channel.

# Fake $\tau_{\text{had}}$ background estimates in $\tau_{\text{had}}$ channels

- ◆ Arising from  $t\bar{t}$  and  $t\bar{t}V$  production with mis-reconstructed  $\tau_{\text{had}}$  candidate.
- ◆ Fake  $\tau_{\text{had}}$  factor (ratio of fake  $\tau_{\text{had}}$  passing tight to those passing loose but failing tight) are measured in CR (close to  $2\text{IOS}+\tau_{\text{had}}$  SR).
- ◆ In  $2\text{IOS}+\tau_{\text{had}}$  channel, systematic uncertainty of fake  $\tau_{\text{had}}$  background is 11%.
- ◆ In  $3\text{I}+\tau_{\text{had}}$   $2\text{ISS}+\tau_{\text{had}}$  channels, a scale factor  $1.36\pm 0.16$  is used to correct MC prediction for fake  $\tau_{\text{had}}$  component.
- ◆ In  $1\text{I}+2\tau_{\text{had}}$  channel, fake  $\tau_{\text{had}}$  background is estimated in control region identical to the signal region but with same charge  $\tau_{\text{had}}$  pair. In total, 30% systematic uncertainty mainly comes from method non-closure.

