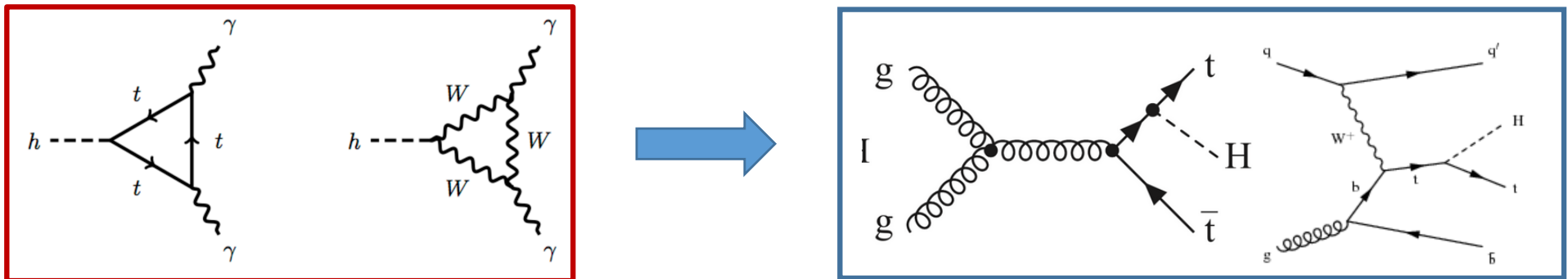




# Top-Higgs associated production at CMS

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- **Top-Higgs coupling** measurements as a tool to probe the SM-EWK symmetry breaking.
- **Top-Higgs coupling** measured indirectly through the  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  production, via loops effects.



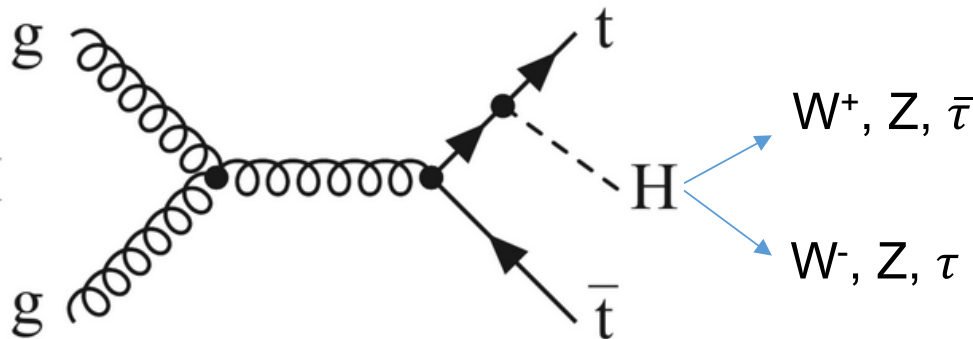
- **Direct measurement of top-Higgs coupling through the Higgs associated production**
  - **with a  $t\bar{t}$  pair** : QCD production, largest cross section, sensitive to  $|y_t|^2$ .
  - **with a  $t$ -channel single top** : EWK production, lower cross section, sensitive to the sign of  $y_t$ .
- With the high luminosity at the LHC => direct measurements of top-Higgs couplings possible.
- Combinations of channels are presented here, with more emphasis put on multi-leptons.



# Observation of $t\bar{t}H$ at CMS

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- **ttH multi-leptons** :
  - At least 1 electron or muon + hadronic taus,
  - At least 2 electrons or muons + no hadronic taus.
- **Trigger selections** :
  - One electron/muon (+ hadronic tau),
  - Presence of one, two or three electrons/muons.
- **B-tagging** :  $\geq 1$  tight bjet or  $\geq 2$  loose bjets.

- **Signal categorisation based on jet multiplicities** :

- **2lss** :  $\geq 4$  jets,
- **2lss + 1  $\tau_h$**  :  $\geq 3$  jets,
- **3l**, **3l + 1  $\tau_h$**  :  $\geq 2$  jets,
- **2l + 1  $\tau_h$**  :  $\geq 3$  jets,
- **4l** :  $\geq 2$  jets.

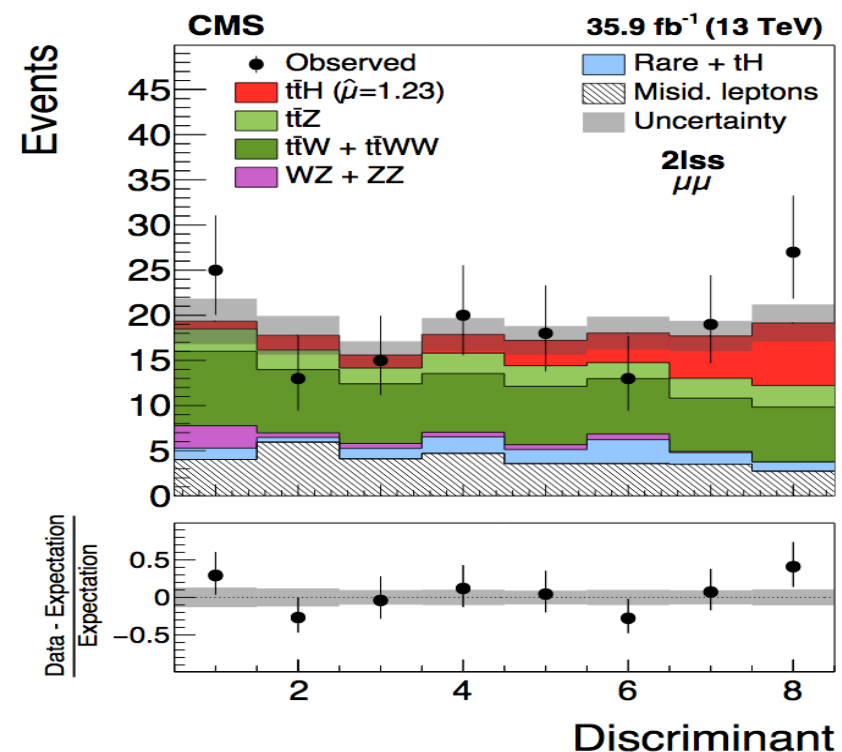
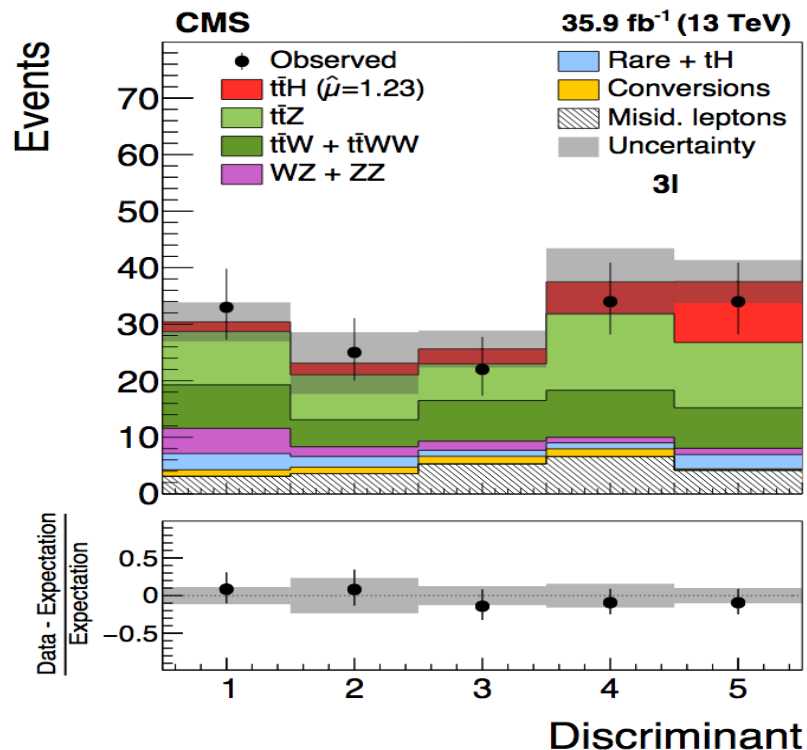
**Lepton+ $\tau$  channels already discussed yesterday**  
**See Cristina's talk**

- **Z-mass veto on lepton pairs**, low dilepton resonance veto.
- **Minimum MET cut for some channels.**

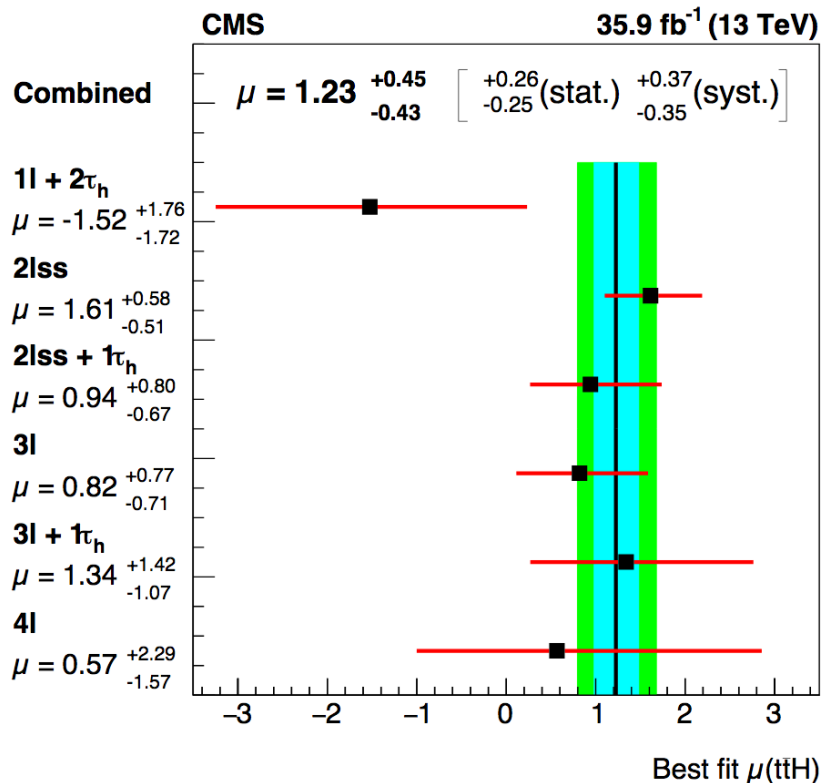
- **Irreducible** (non instrumental) backgrounds **estimated from simulation**, validated with Control Regions (CR).
- **Instrumental backgrounds estimated from data.**
- **Photons conversion**, minor, estimated from MC and validated in CR.
- **Misidentified leptons** : based on the Fake Factor method.
  - Estimations of fake rate in data (QCD multijet) and applied on a side band sample (tight lepton veto).
- **Lepton charge mis-reconstruction**: only relevant for  $2\ell_{ss}$ . Similar technic, rate of charge mis-identification estimated from  $Z/\gamma^* \rightarrow ll$  events.

Process	$1\ell + 2\tau_h$	$2\ell_{ss}$	$2\ell_{ss} + 1\tau_h$
$t\bar{t}H$	$7.1 \pm 2.4$	$66.3 \pm 21.0$	$11.6 \pm 3.5$
$t\bar{t}Z/\gamma^*$	$6.3 \pm 1.1$	$80.9 \pm 10.4$	$9.2 \pm 1.2$
$t\bar{t}W + t\bar{t}WW$	$0.5 \pm 0.1$	$150.0 \pm 16.9$	$9.1 \pm 1.0$
$WZ + ZZ$	$2.1 \pm 1.6$	$16.5 \pm 13.1$	$3.9 \pm 3.0$
$tH$	$0.4 \pm 0.1$	$2.7 \pm 0.2$	$0.5 \pm 0.04$
Conversions	$< 0.02$	$12.1 \pm 5.8$	$1.4 \pm 0.5$
Sign flip	—	$27.5 \pm 8.0$	$0.5 \pm 0.1$
Misidentified leptons	$195.7 \pm 13.6$	$94.2 \pm 21.2$	$8.6 \pm 2.1$
Rare backgrounds	$1.4 \pm 0.7$	$39.0 \pm 21.2$	$3.1 \pm 1.5$
Total expected background	$206.3 \pm 14.0$	$423.0 \pm 38.0$	$36.1 \pm 4.2$
Observed	212	507	49
Process	$3\ell$	$3\ell + 1\tau_h$	$4\ell$
$t\bar{t}H$	$22.8 \pm 7.4$	$2.6 \pm 0.9$	$1.1 \pm 0.4$
$t\bar{t}Z/\gamma^*$	$49.0 \pm 6.9$	$3.4 \pm 0.5$	$2.1 \pm 0.4$
$t\bar{t}W + t\bar{t}WW$	$35.2 \pm 4.2$	$0.4 \pm 0.04$	$< 2 \times 10^{-3}$
$WZ + ZZ$	$9.9 \pm 2.4$	$0.3 \pm 0.05$	$0.1 \pm 0.1$
$tH$	$1.2 \pm 0.2$	$0.1 \pm 0.01$	$< 4 \times 10^{-4}$
Conversions	$5.3 \pm 2.9$	$< 0.02$	$< 0.02$
Misidentified leptons	$22.7 \pm 6.7$	$0.9 \pm 0.2$	$< 0.04$
Rare backgrounds	$8.2 \pm 13.8$	$0.2 \pm 0.1$	$0.1 \pm 0.2$
Total expected background	$131.4 \pm 18.2$	$5.3 \pm 0.5$	$2.4 \pm 0.4$
Observed	148	7	3

- Signal extraction from ML of all the signal regions, systematics as nuisance parameters,
- Discriminating variables :
  - 2 BDTs for discriminating against  $ttV$  and  $t\bar{t}$ ,
  - Variables :  $\Delta R(l, j)$ ,  $N(b)\text{Jets}$ , jet-top association, leptons  $p_T$ ...
  - BDTs joined into a single variable ( $\sim$ categorization based on S/B).



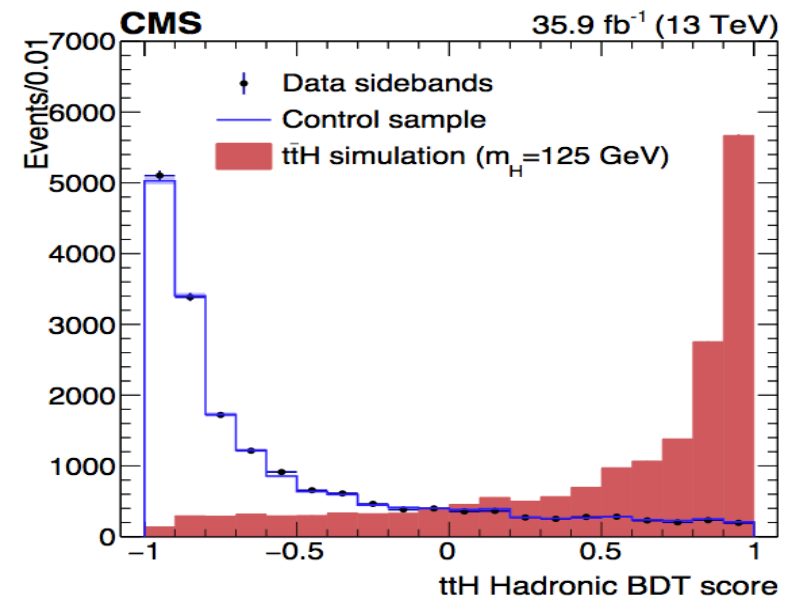
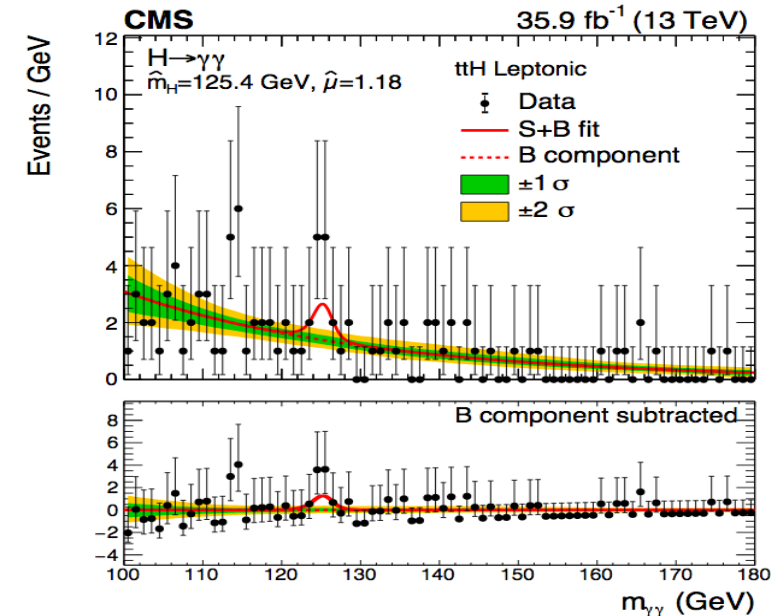
- Observed (expected) **significance** of  $3.2\sigma$  ( $2.8\sigma$ ),
- **Signal strength**  $\mu = 1.23^{+0.45}_{-0.43}$ ,
- **Dominant systematics** : Theory (ttV), same-sign/fakes, lepton ID.



Source	Uncertainty [%]	$\Delta\mu/\mu$ [%]
e, $\mu$ selection efficiency	2–4	11
$\tau_h$ selection efficiency	5	4.5
b tagging efficiency	2–15 [57]	6
Reducible background estimate	10–40	11
Jet energy calibration	2–15 [65]	5
$\tau_h$ energy calibration	3	1
Theoretical sources	$\approx 10$	12
Integrated luminosity	2.5	5

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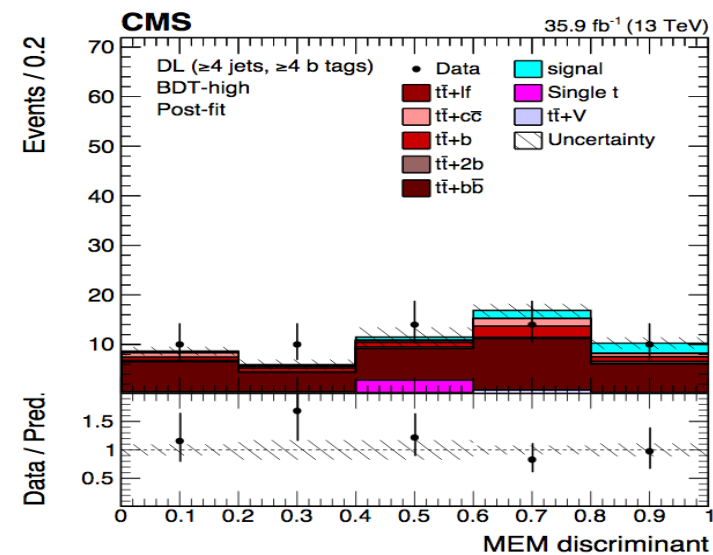
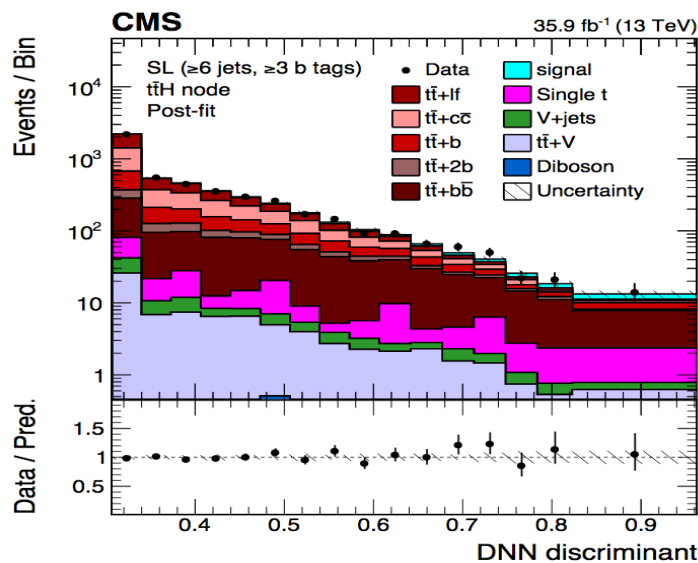
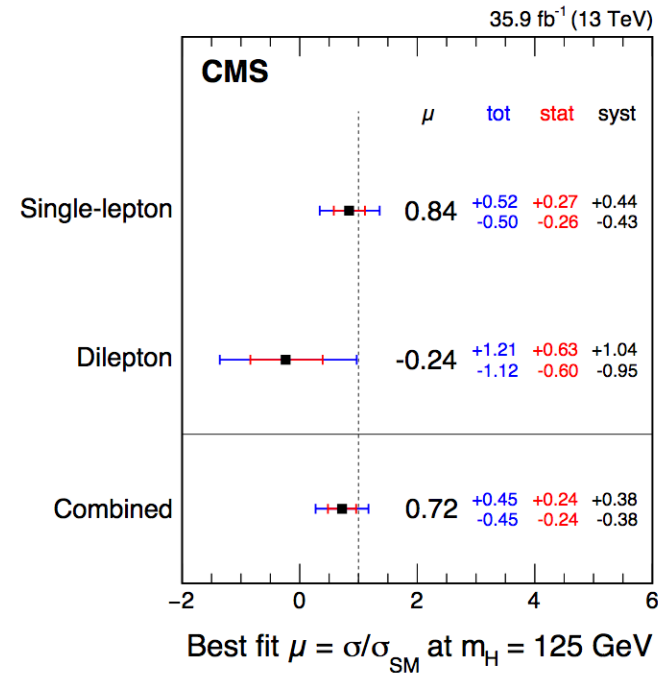
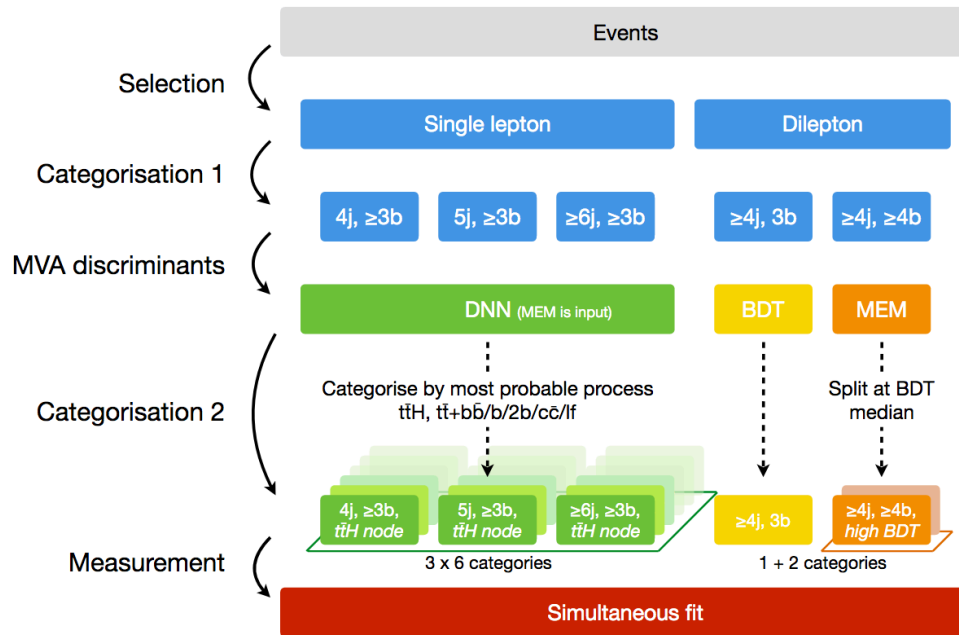
- $ttH$ ,  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ , part of the  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  “grand” analysis (several different production modes).
- Semi-leptonic and fully hadronic channels accounted.
- “Usual”  $l$ +jet selection for single lepton channel.
- Full hadronic channels, signal event selection based on BDT.
- Fit of the di-photon invariant mass.





# Other channels, $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$

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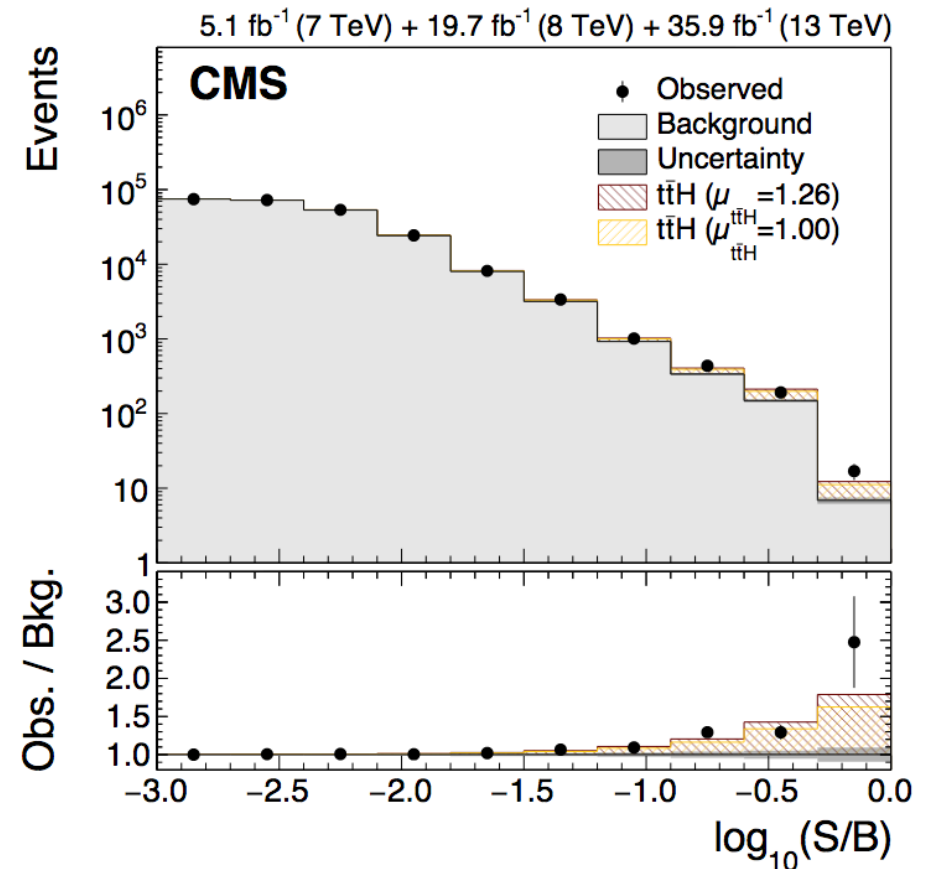
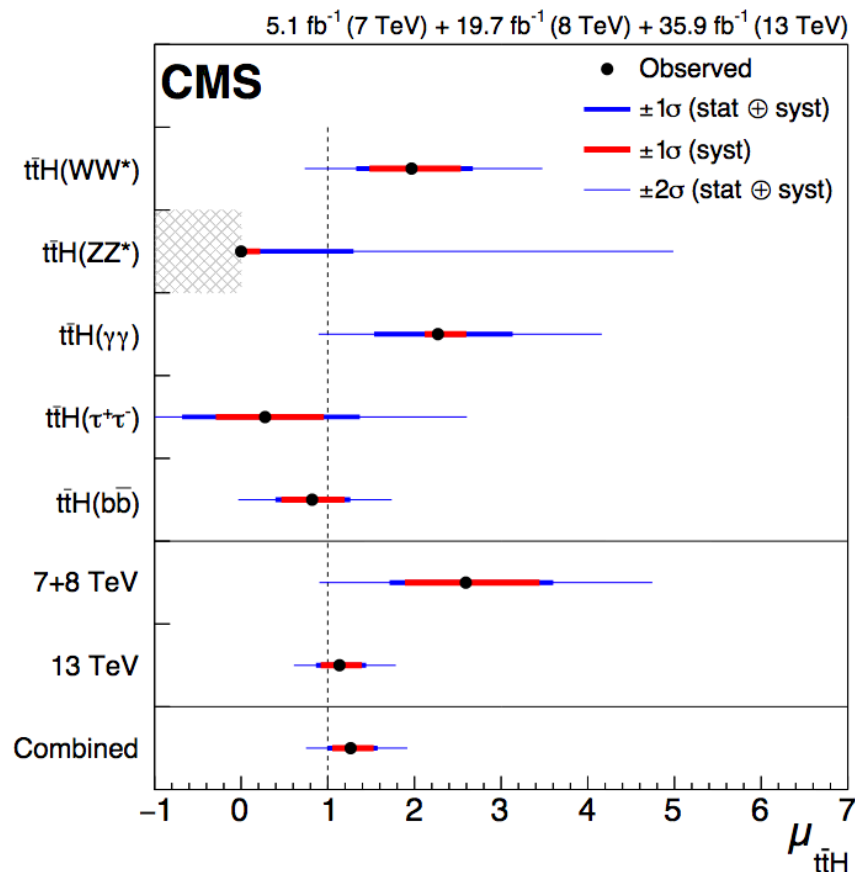




# $t\bar{t}H$ combination



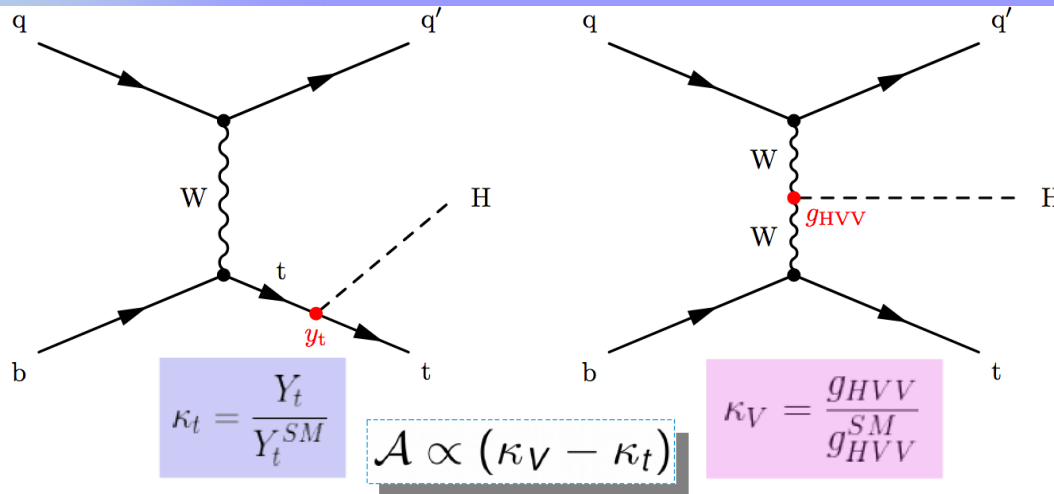
- Combination of multi-leptons,  $\tau\tau$ ,  $\gamma\gamma$  and  $b\bar{b}$ , for various samples, taken at different energies.
- Observed (expected) significance of 5.2 (4.2).
- Signal strength :  $1.26^{+0.31}_{-0.26}$ .



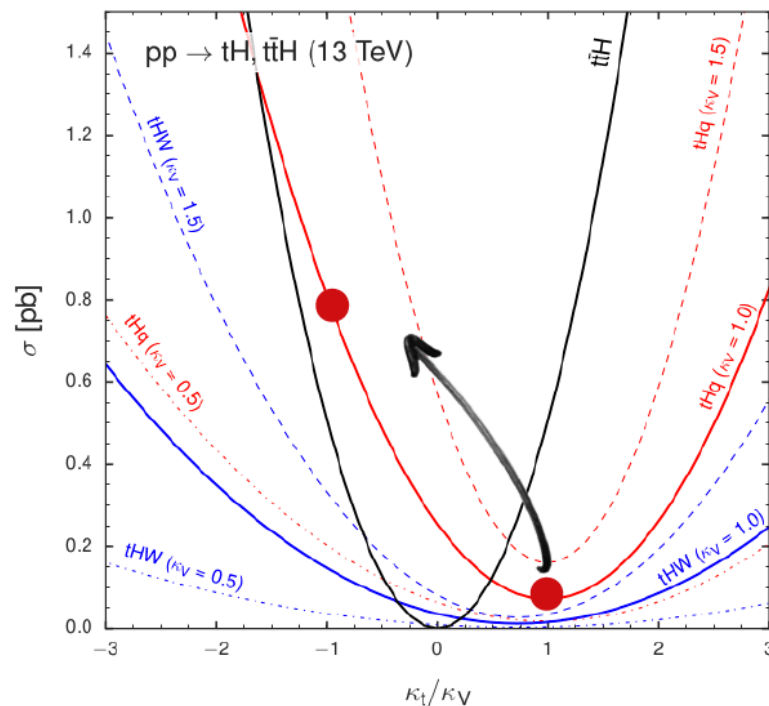


# Search for $tHq$

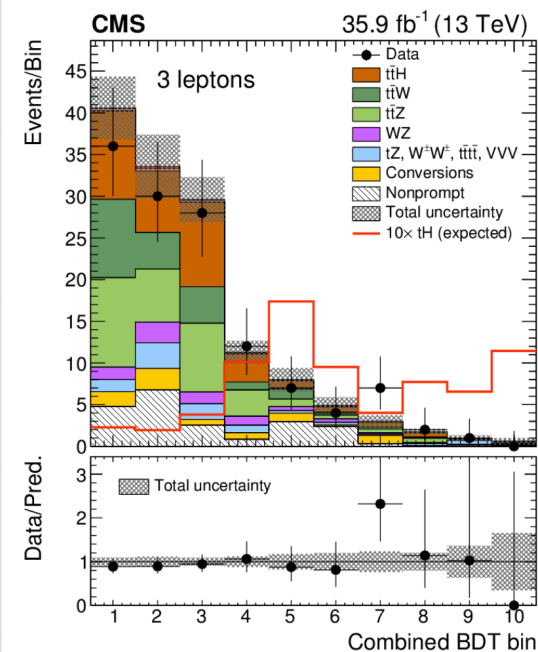
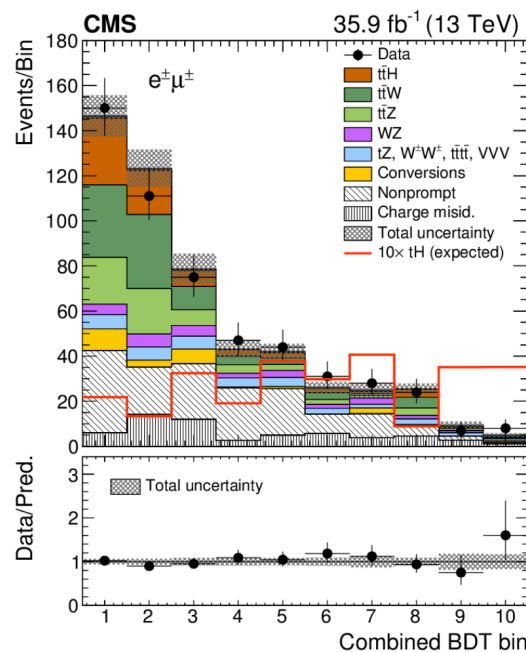
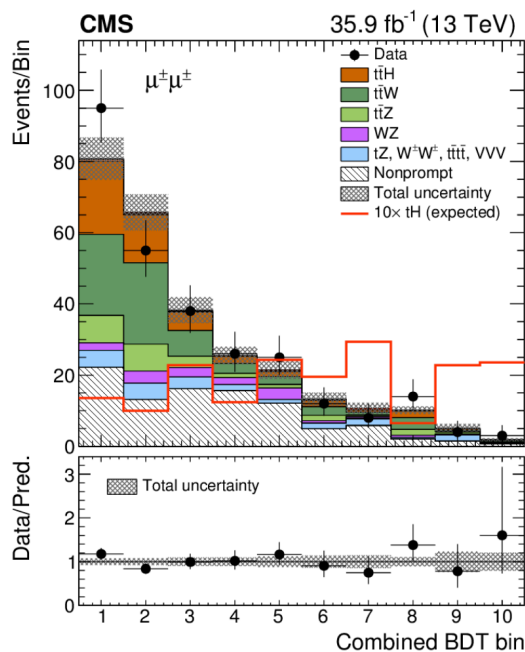
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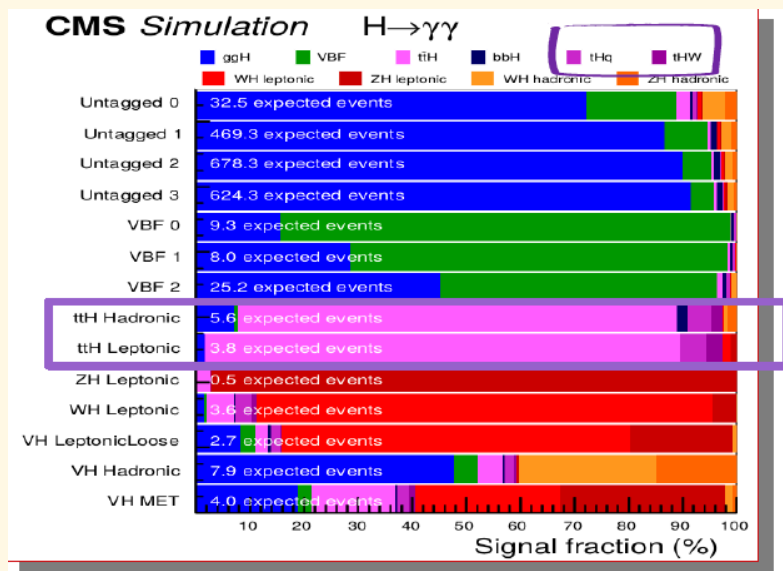
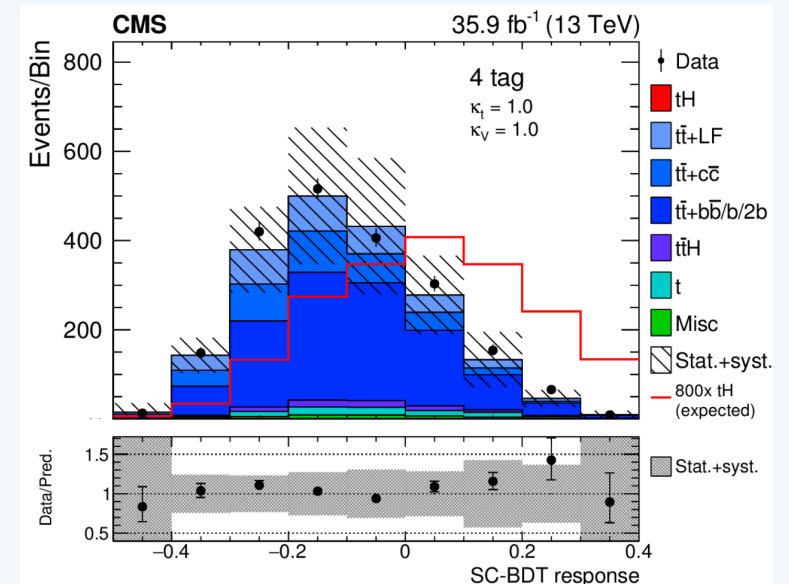
- ttH cross section proportional to  $|y_t|^2$ .
- tHq cross section sensitive to the sign of  $y_t$ .
- In SM, destructive interferences between top Higgs-Strahlung and W boson “fusion” diagrams.
- Large increase of tHq cross section in case  $y_t < 0$ .



- Extension of the ttH multilepton analysis.
  - Same object selections,
  - Similar data-driven techniques for fake lepton and charge mis-reconstruction backgrounds.
- Adapted signal event selection :
  - $\geq 1$  b-tag jet,  $\geq 1$  untagged jet, potentially forward ( $|\eta| < 4.5$ ),
  - Channels : same sign dileptons  $\mu^{\pm}\mu^{\pm}$ ,  $e^{\pm}\mu^{\pm}$  and tri-leptons (di-electron neglected).
- 2 different BDT for discriminations against  $ttW/Z$  and  $t\bar{t}$ .

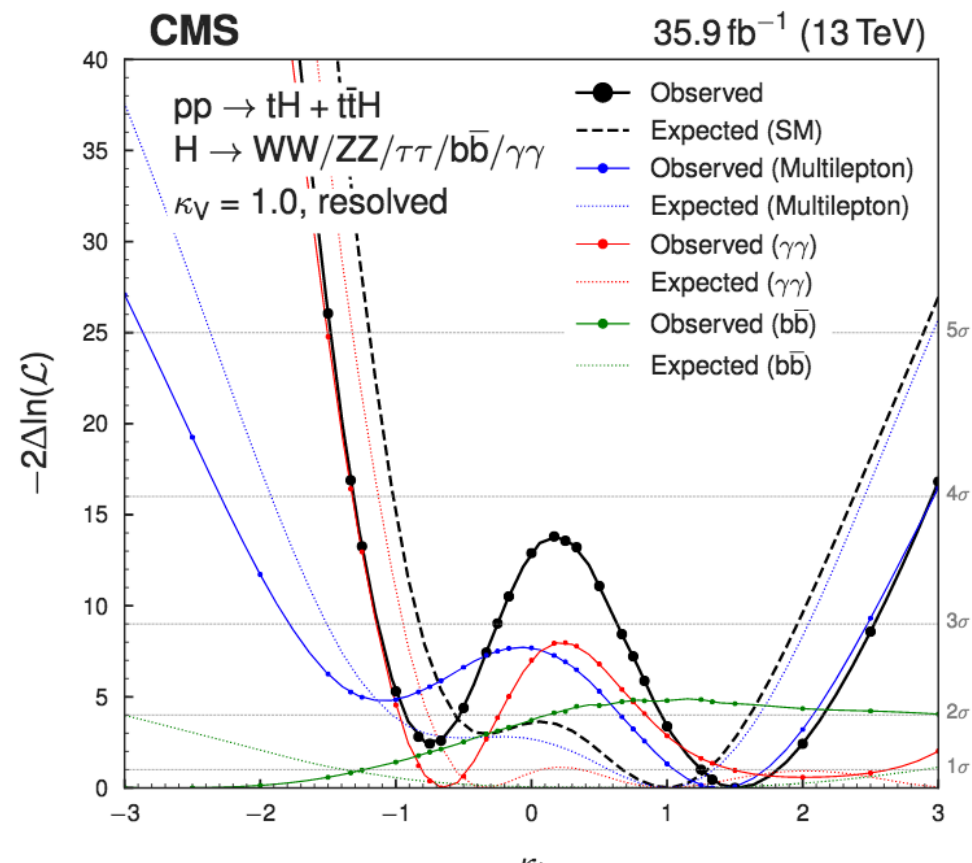


- $H \rightarrow bb$  channel:
  - Largest stat,
  - Large  $t\bar{t}$ +jets backgrounds,
  - Large b-to-top/higgs combinatorics.
- Analysis strategy :
  - 1 CR to constrain  $t\bar{t}$ +light w.r.t.  $t\bar{t}$ +jets,
  - Jets assignments from a BDT score,
  - 1 BDT to separate signal from  $t\bar{t}$  in SR.



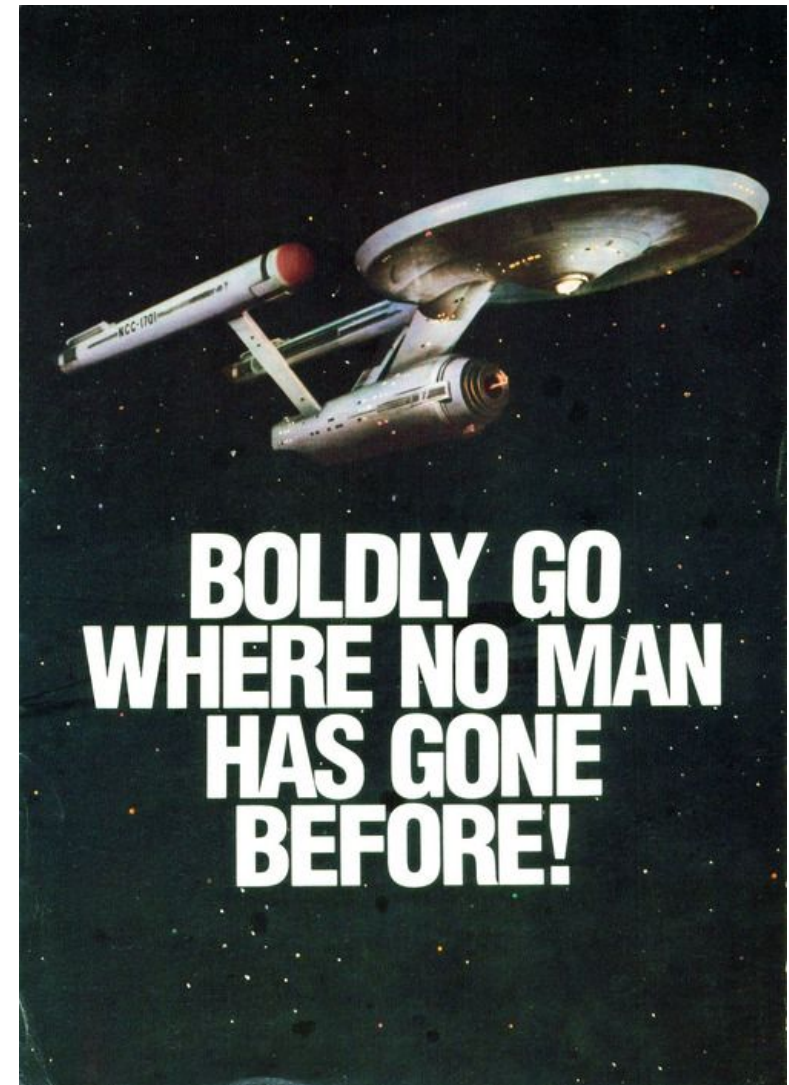
- $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  channel.
  - Based on a re-interpretation of  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  combination, using  $\gamma\gamma$  invariant mass distribution.
  - tHq yields extracted from ttH categories.
- Acceptance corrected to account for different  $\kappa_t$ .

- Combinations of multi-leptons,  $\gamma\gamma$  and  $b\bar{b}$  channels.
- Data favour a positive value of  $\kappa_t$ .
- Exclude  $\kappa_t$  values outside the ranges  $[-0.9, -0.5]$  and  $[1.0, 2.1]$  at 95% CL.





- With the high luminosity available at the LHC, we can start exploring direct top-Higgs couplings.
- Observation of  $t\bar{t}H$  process preformed by combining 7+8+13 TeV data and using several decay channels.
- Sensitivity on  $tHq$  is not yet enough to reach the SM predictions, **but limits on BSM models can be set !**  
Promising channel for searching for new physics.





# Backup

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# Categories definition



Selection	$2\ell ss$	$2\ell ss + 1\tau_h$
Targeted $t\bar{t}H$ decay	$t \rightarrow b\ell\nu, t \rightarrow bqq,$ $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow \ell\nu qq$	$t \rightarrow b\ell\nu, t \rightarrow bqq,$ $H \rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow \ell\tau_h + \nu's$
Trigger	Single- and double-lepton triggers	
Lepton $p_T$	$p_T > 25 / 15 \text{ GeV}$	$p_T > 25 / 15 \text{ (e) or } 10 \text{ GeV } (\mu)$
Lepton $\eta$	$ \eta  < 2.5 \text{ (e) or } 2.4 (\mu)$	
$\tau_h p_T$	—	$p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$
$\tau_h \eta$	—	$ \eta  < 2.3$
Charge requirements	2 same-sign leptons and charge quality requirements	2 same-sign leptons and charge quality requirements $\sum_{\ell, \tau_h} q = \pm 1$
Jet multiplicity	$\geq 4$ jets	$\geq 3$ jets
b tagging requirements	$\geq 1$ tight b-tagged jet or $\geq 2$ loose b-tagged jets	
Missing transverse momentum	$L_D > 30 \text{ GeV}$	$L_D > 30 \text{ GeV}^*$
Dilepton mass	$m_{\ell\ell} > 12 \text{ GeV}$ and $ m_{ee} - m_Z  > 10 \text{ GeV}^*$	



# Categories definition



Selection	$3\ell$	$3\ell + 1\tau_h$
Targeted $t\bar{t}H$ decays	$t \rightarrow b\ell\nu, t \rightarrow b\ell\nu,$ $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow \ell\nu qq$ $t \rightarrow b\ell\nu, t \rightarrow bqq,$ $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow \ell\nu\ell\nu$ $t \rightarrow b\ell\nu, t \rightarrow bqq,$ $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow \ell\ell qq \text{ or } \ell\ell\nu\nu$	$t \rightarrow b\ell\nu, t \rightarrow b\ell\nu,$ $H \rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow \ell\tau_h + \nu's$
Trigger	Single-, double- and triple-lepton triggers	
Lepton $p_T$	$p_T > 25 / 15 / 15 \text{ GeV}$	$p_T > 20 / 10 / 10 \text{ GeV}$
Lepton $\eta$	$ \eta  < 2.5 \text{ (e) or } 2.4 \text{ (}\mu\text{)}$	
$\tau_h p_T$	—	$p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$
$\tau_h \eta$	—	$ \eta  < 2.3$
Charge requirements	$\sum_{\ell} q = \pm 1$	$\sum_{\ell, \tau_h} q = 0$
Jet multiplicity	$\geq 2$ jets	
b tagging requirements	$\geq 1$ tight b-tagged jet or $\geq 2$ loose b-tagged jets	
Missing transverse momentum	No requirement if $N_j \geq 4$ $L_D > 45 \text{ GeV}^\dagger$ $L_D > 30 \text{ GeV}$ otherwise	
Dilepton mass	$m_{\ell\ell} > 12 \text{ GeV}$ and $ m_{\ell\ell} - m_Z  > 10 \text{ GeV}^\ddagger$	
Four-lepton mass	$m_{4\ell} > 140 \text{ GeV}^\S$	—



# Categories definition



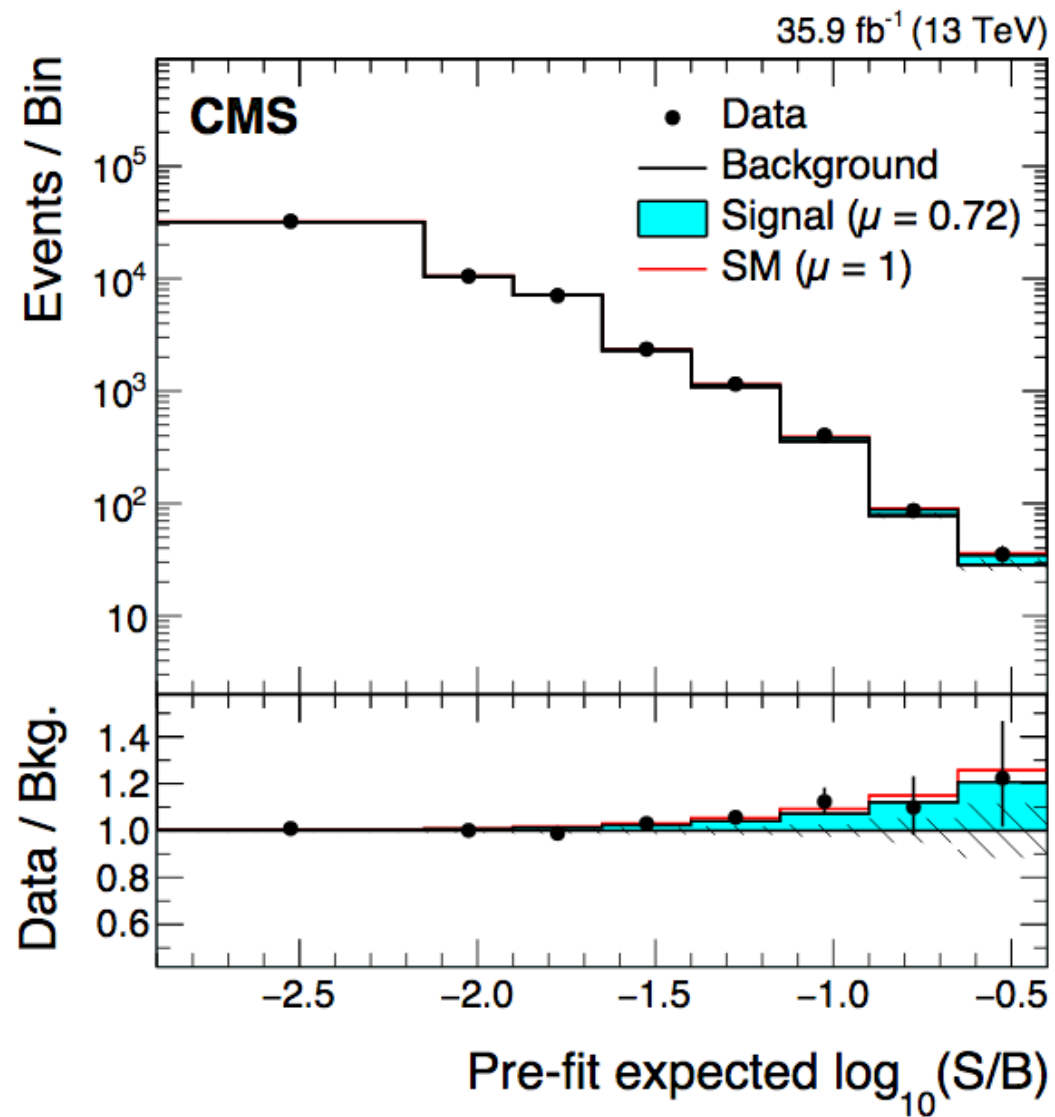
Selection	$1\ell + 2\tau_h$	$4\ell$
Targeted $t\bar{t}H$ decays	$t \rightarrow b\ell\nu, t \rightarrow bq\bar{q},$ $H \rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow \tau_h\tau_h + \nu's$	$t \rightarrow b\ell\nu, t \rightarrow b\ell\nu,$ $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow \ell\nu\ell\nu$ $t \rightarrow b\ell\nu, t \rightarrow b\ell\nu,$ $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow \ell\ell q\bar{q} \text{ or } \ell\ell\nu\nu$
Trigger	Single=lepton and lepton+ $\tau_h$ triggers	Single-, double- and triple-lepton triggers
Lepton $p_T$	$p_T > 25$ (e) or 20 GeV ( $\mu$ )	$p_T > 25 / 15 / 15 / 10$ GeV
Lepton $\eta$	$ \eta  < 2.1$	$ \eta  < 2.5$ (e) or 2.4 ( $\mu$ )
$\tau_h$ $p_T$	$p_T > 30 / 20$ GeV	—
$\tau_h$ $\eta$	$ \eta  < 2.3$	—
Charge requirements	$\sum_{\tau_h} q = 0$ and $\sum_{\ell, \tau_h} q = \pm 1$	—
Jet multiplicity	$\geq 3$ jets	$\geq 2$ jets
b tagging requirements	$\geq 1$ tight b-tagged jet or $\geq 2$ loose b-tagged jets	
Dilepton mass	$m_{\ell\ell} > 12$ GeV	$m_{\ell\ell} > 12$ GeV and $ m_{\ell\ell} - m_Z  > 10$ GeV <sup>‡</sup>
Four-lepton mass	—	$m_{4\ell} > 140$ GeV <sup>§</sup>

Table 3: Observables used as input to the BDTs that separate the  $t\bar{t}H$  signal from the  $t\bar{t}V$  and  $t\bar{t}+\text{jets}$  backgrounds in the  $1\ell + 2\tau_h$ ,  $2\ell_{ss}$ ,  $3\ell$ , and  $3\ell + 1\tau_h$  categories.

Observable	$1\ell + 2\tau_h$	$2\ell_{ss}$	$3\ell$	$3\ell + 1\tau_h$
$\Delta R(\ell_1, j)$	—	✓	✓	✓
$\Delta R(\ell_2, j)$	—	✓	✓	✓
$\langle \Delta R_{jj} \rangle$	✓	—	—	$\sqrt{2}$
$\Delta R_{\tau\tau}$	✓	—	—	—
$\max( \eta^{\ell_1} ,  \eta^{\ell_2} )$	—	✓	✓	✓
$H_T^{\text{miss}}$	✓	—	—	$\sqrt{2}$
$N_j$	✓	✓	✓	✓
$N_b$	✓	—	—	—
$m_{\tau\tau}^{\text{vis}}$	✓	—	—	—
$m_T^{\ell_1}$	—	✓	✓	✓
$p_T^{\ell_1}$	—	$\sqrt{1}$	$\sqrt{1}$	$\sqrt{1}$
$p_T^{\ell_2}$	—	$\sqrt{1}$	—	—
$p_T^{\ell_3}$	—	—	$\sqrt{1}$	$\sqrt{1}$
$p_T^{\tau_1}$	✓	—	—	—
$p_T^{\tau_2}$	✓	—	—	—
$\text{LR}(3\ell)$	—	—	$\sqrt{1}$	—
$\text{MVA}_{\text{thad}}^{\text{max}}$	—	$\sqrt{2}$	—	—
$\text{MVA}_{Hj}^{\text{max}}$	—	$\sqrt{1}$	—	—

<sup>1</sup> Used only in BDT that separates  $t\bar{t}H$  signal from  $t\bar{t}V$  background.

<sup>2</sup> Used only in BDT that separates  $t\bar{t}H$  signal from  $t\bar{t}+\text{jets}$  background.



Source	Uncertainty [%]	$\Delta\mu/\mu$ [%]
$e, \mu$ selection efficiency	2–4	17
b tagging efficiency	2–15	6
Jet energy calibration	2–15	3
Forward jet modeling	10–35	3
Integrated luminosity	2.5	10
Reducible background estimate	10–40	14
Theoretical sources	$\approx 10$	14
$t\bar{t}$ +HF normalization	$\approx 50$	7
PDFs	2–6	8