

Observation of $t\bar{t}H$ Production at ATLAS

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Motivations

Top quark Yukawa coupling $\lambda_t = \sqrt{2} m_t/v \approx 1$:

2 complementary measurements of λ_t :

➤ Indirect constraints: ggF , $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ decay.

● Contributions enter from top quark loops by λ_t^2 .

● Run1 ATLAS+CMS combination measured:

$$\kappa_t = \lambda_t/\lambda_t^{SM} = 0.87 \pm 0.15$$

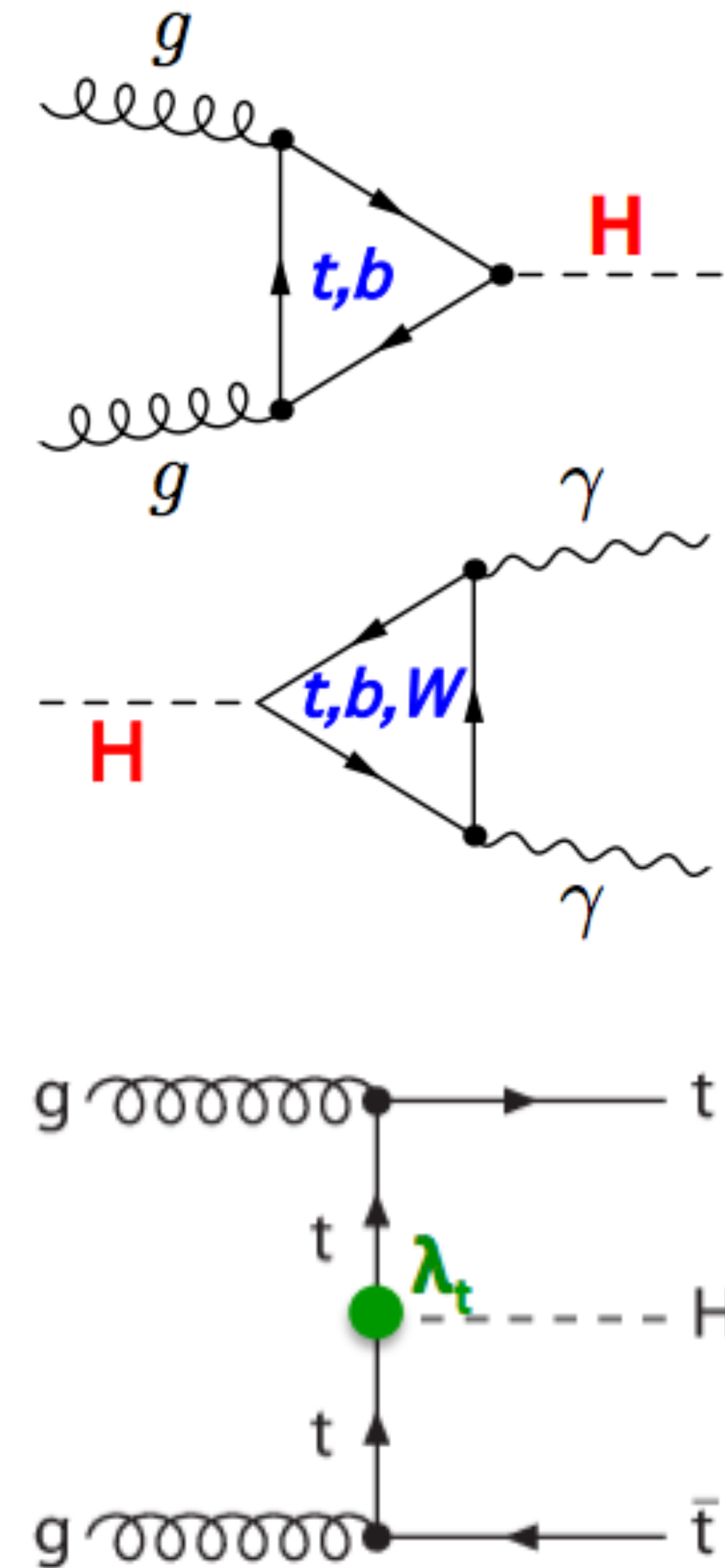
➤ $t\bar{t}H$ production, best direct way to measure top quark Yukawa coupling:

● Tree-level process, cross-section proportional to λ_t^2 .

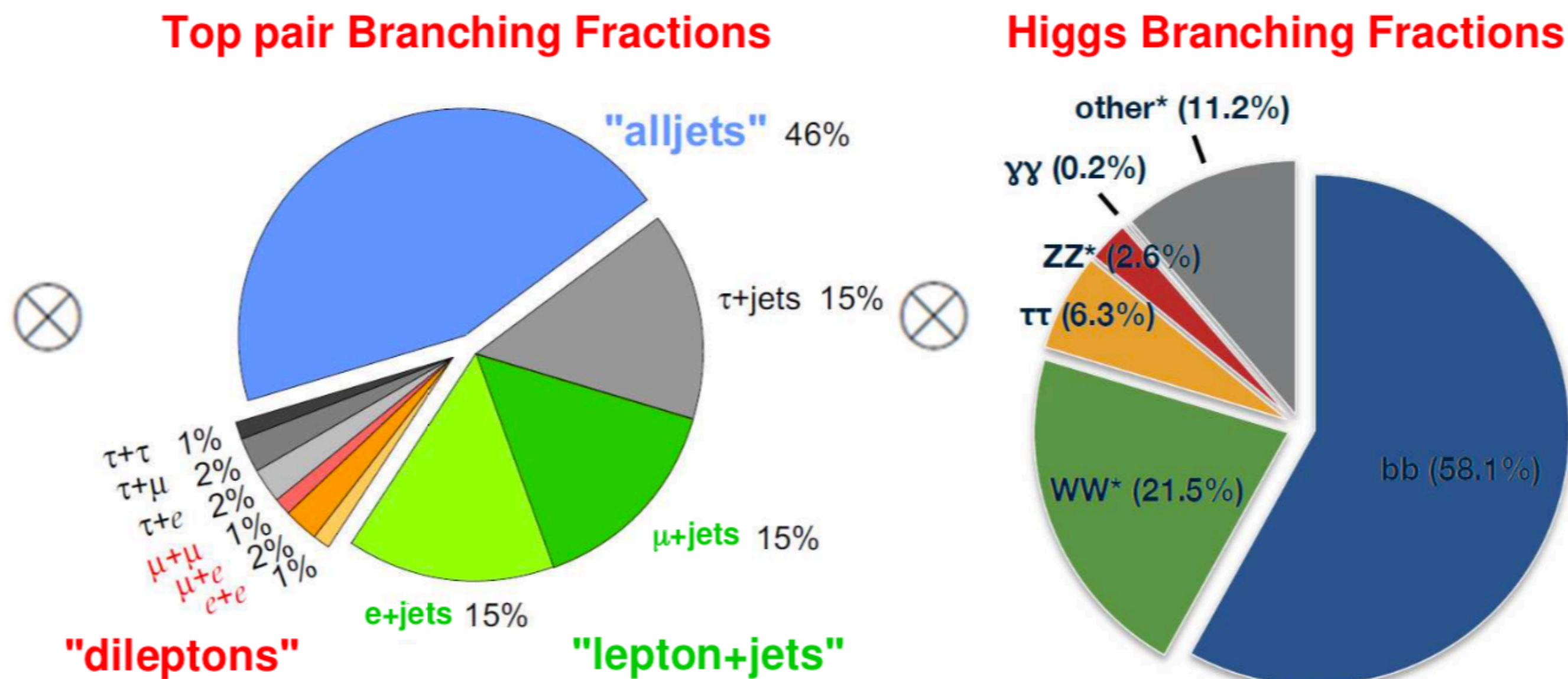
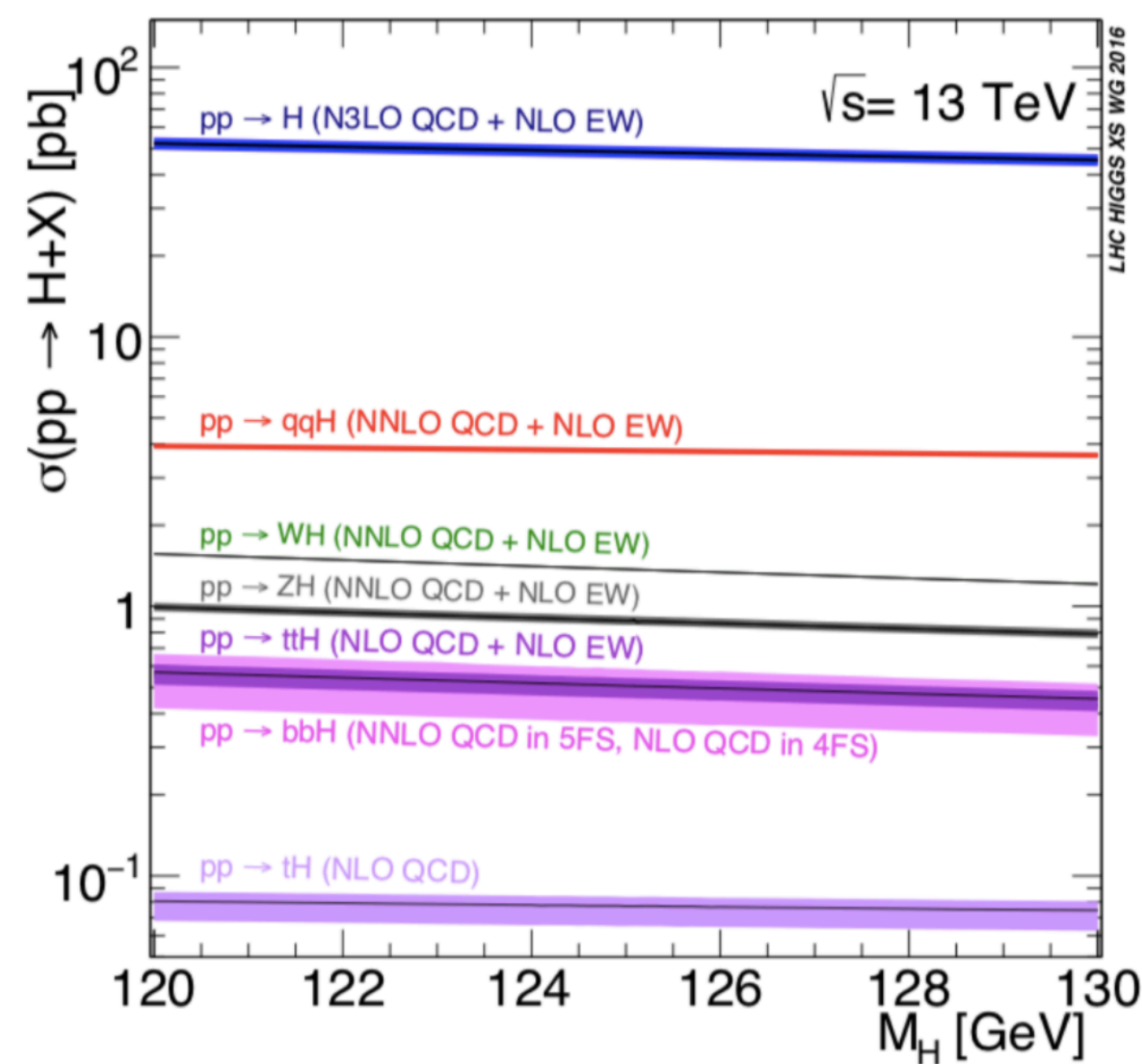
● Run 1 ATLAS+CMS result on signal strength:

$$\mu_{t\bar{t}H} = \sigma_{t\bar{t}H}/\sigma_{t\bar{t}H}^{SM} = 2.3^{+0.7}_{-0.6},$$

Obs. (exp.) significance of 4.4σ (2.0σ).



ttH Cross-Section and Branching Fractions



- $t\bar{t}H$ cross-section at $\sqrt{s}=13$ TeV: 0.507 pb ($\sim 1/100$ to H_{total} cross-section).
- Complex final states:
 - Good understanding of all reconstructed objects.
 - Combination of all these analyses to optimize sensitivity.

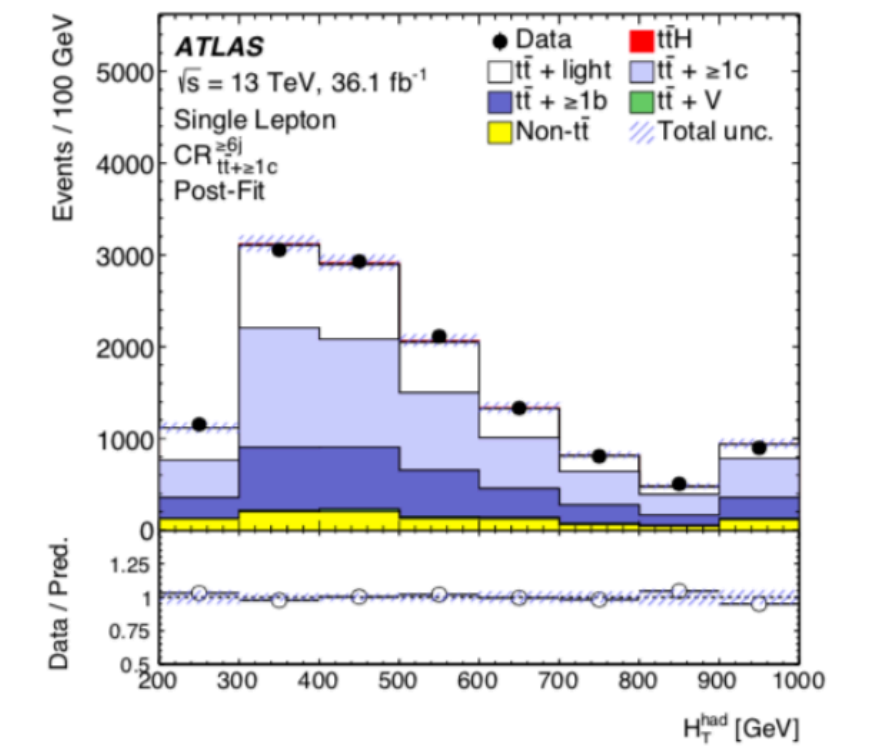
At $\sqrt{s}=13$ TeV:

$t\bar{t}H$, $H \rightarrow bb$, 36.1 /fb BR~58%, S/B~1-5%	$t\bar{t}H$, Multi-lepton, 36.1 /fb BR~30%, S/B~2-60%	$t\bar{t}H$, $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$, 79.8 /fb BR~0.23%, S/B~5-200%	$t\bar{t}H$, $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$, 79.8 /fb BR~0.01%, S/B~50-500%
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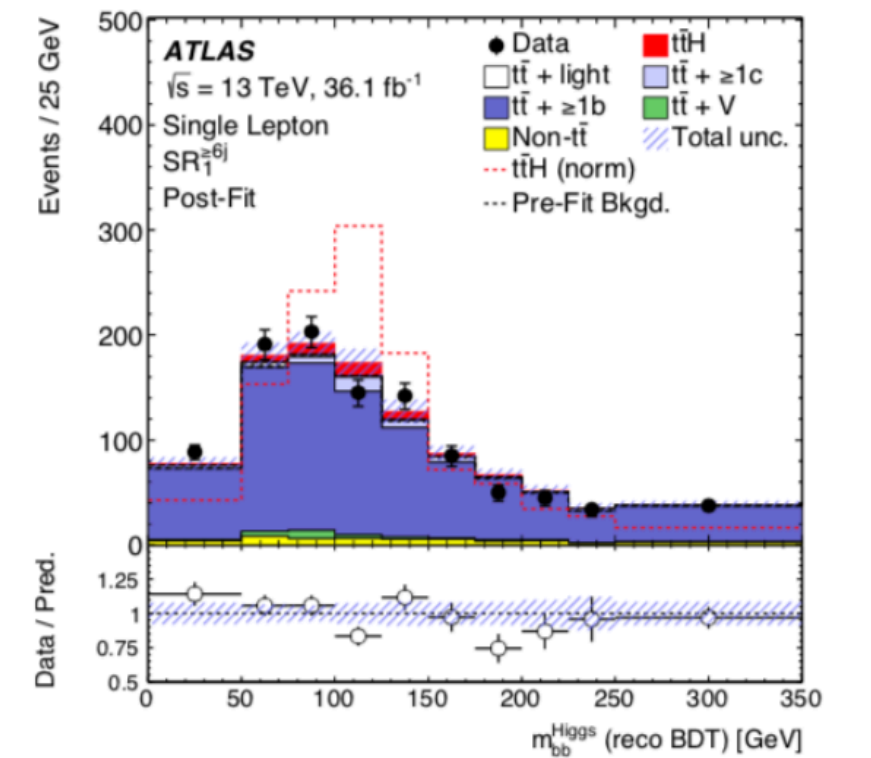
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ttH, $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$

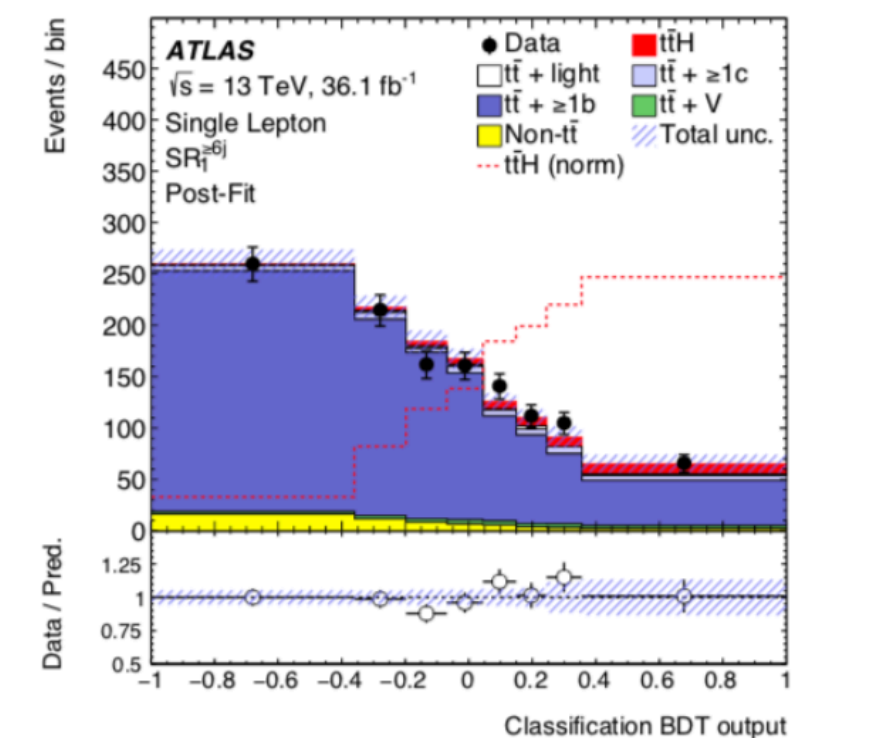
- Use 36.1 fb^{-1} of p-p collision data from ATLAS experiment in 2015-2016.
- Benefit from large $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ branching ratio ($\sim 58\%$).
- Main background: $t\bar{t}$ + heavy flavor production.
- Categorization:
 - 2 separated channels by $t\bar{t}$ decay: 1-lepton and 2-lepton.
(Fully hadronic channel from Run-1 at 8 TeV still at work)
 - Further categorization based on jet multiplicity and b-tag score of jets (4 working points, $\varepsilon_b = 85\% \rightarrow 60\%$).
 - 9 SRs + 10 CRs with very different signal purity (best at $\sim 5\%$) and background fractions ($t\bar{t}$ +light, $t\bar{t} + \geq 1c$, $t\bar{t} + \geq 1b$), with a “boosted” category targeting high p_T top/Higgs.
- Cascade of MVA classifiers in Signal Regions to enhance signal sensitivity.
 - Reconstruction: Identify best jet-parton assignment and reconstruct final state.
 - Classification: BDT for ttH vs background in each SR.



(a) CRs: H_T distribution.



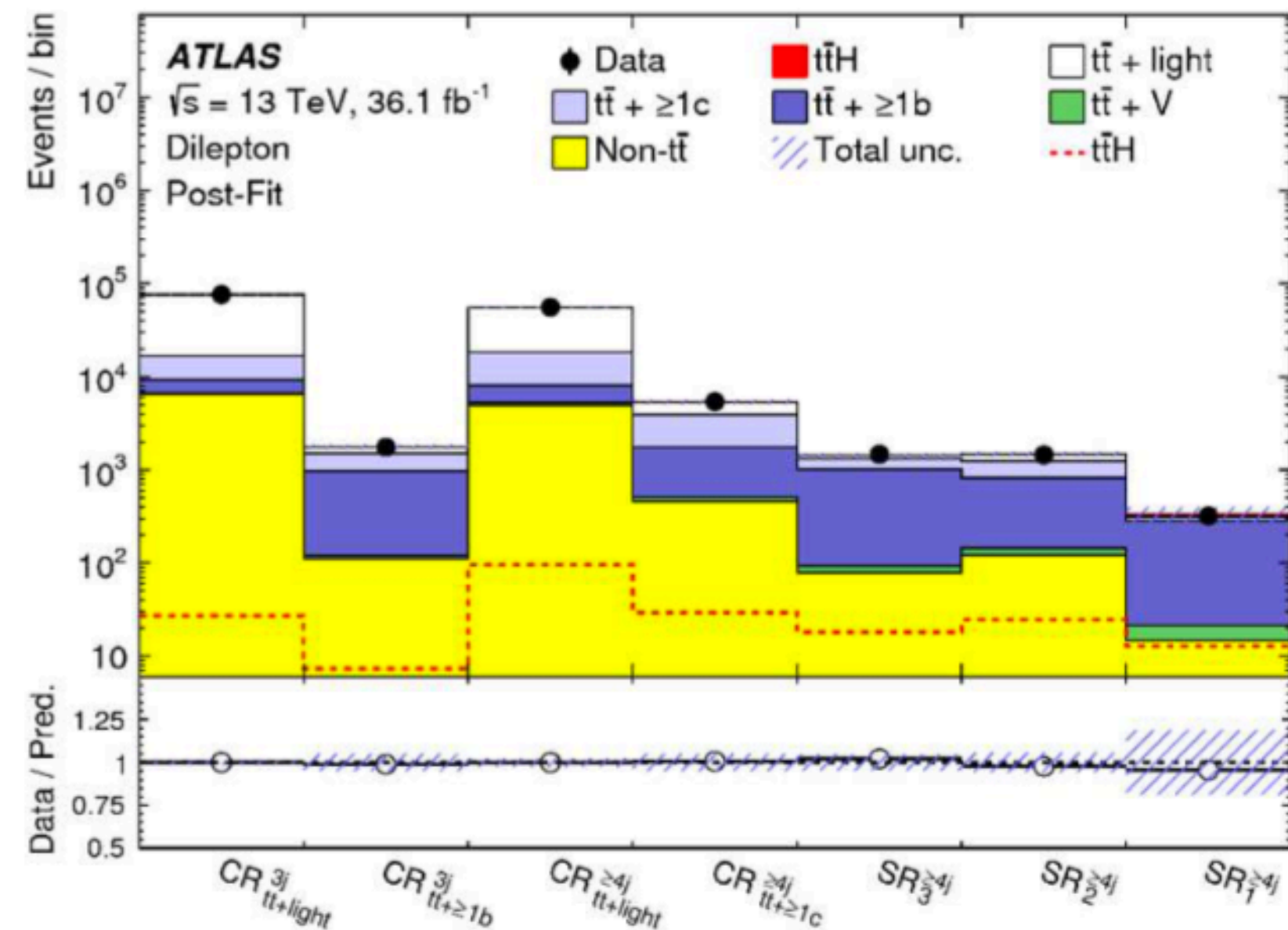
(b) SRs: reconstruction BDT.



(c) Classification BDT to separate signal from background.

ttH, H→bb

- *Simultaneous fit to all SRs and CRs.*
- *Classification BDT output in SRs.*
- *Event yields in most CRs.*
- *Normalization of $t\bar{t} + \geq 1b$ & $t\bar{t} + \geq 1c$ free-floating.*
- *Leading systematics: modeling of $t\bar{t} + \geq 1b$ [PowhegPy8 vs Sherpa 5FS].*

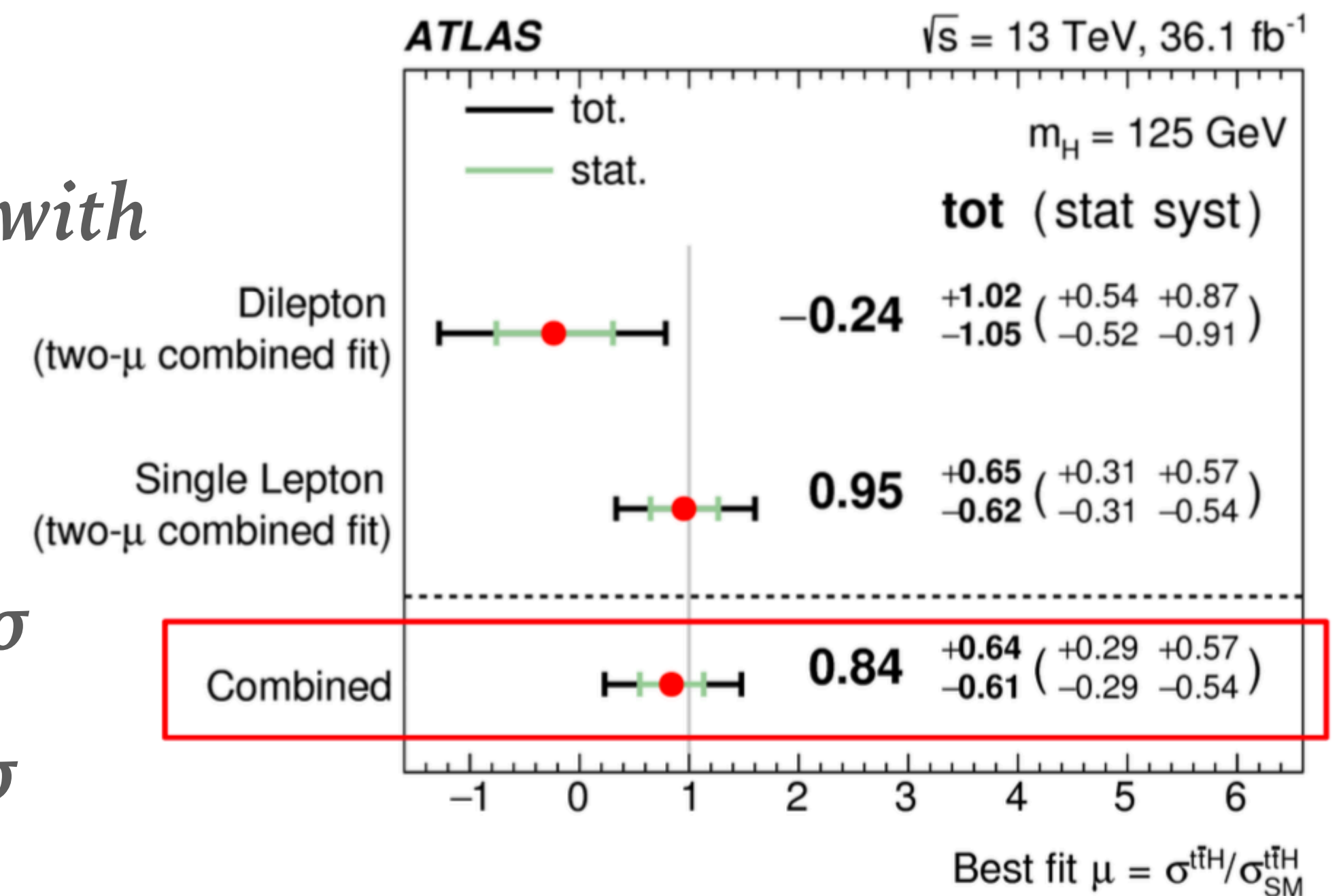
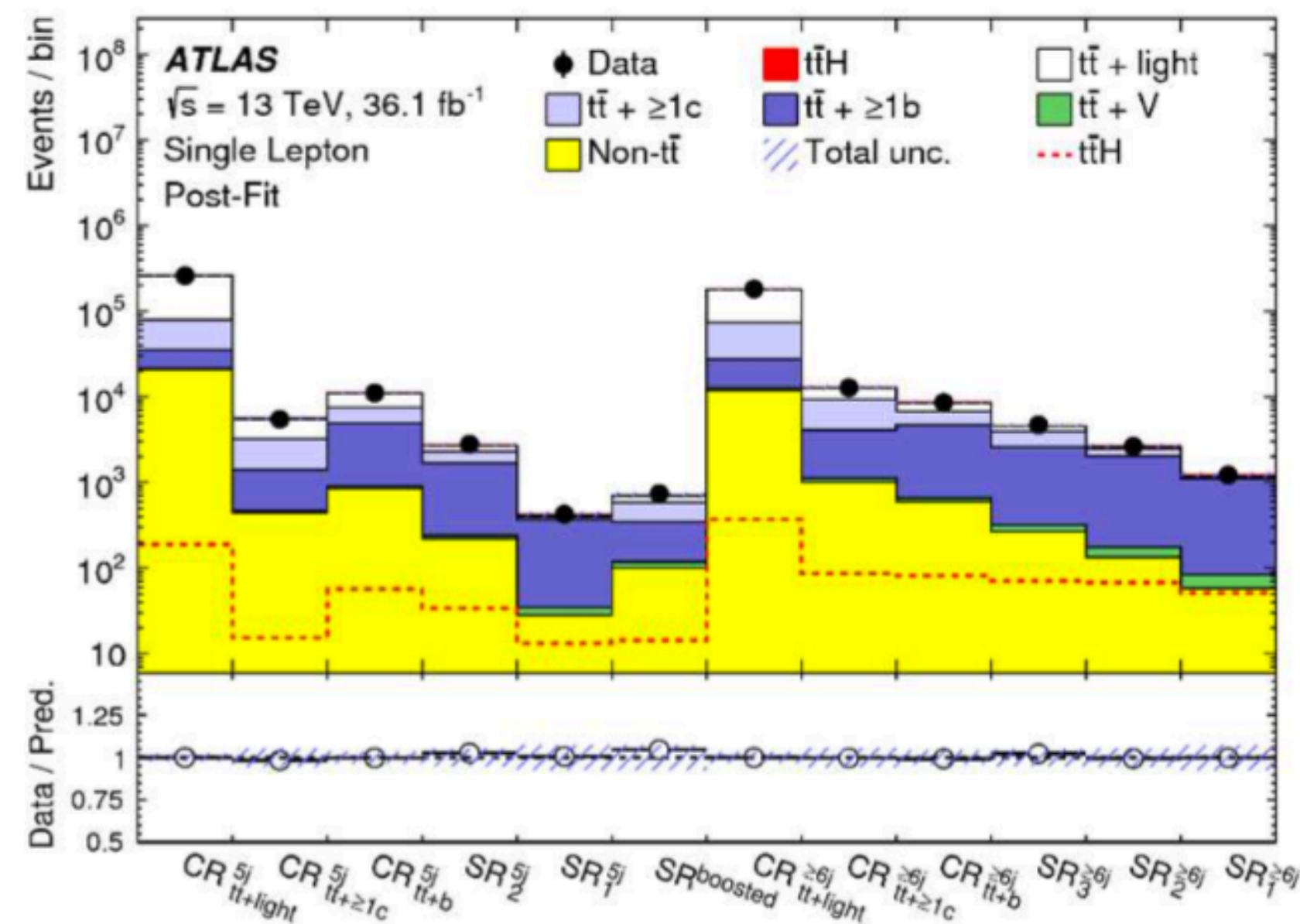


- *Good agreement with SM predictions.*

- *Significance:*

● *Observed: 1.4σ*

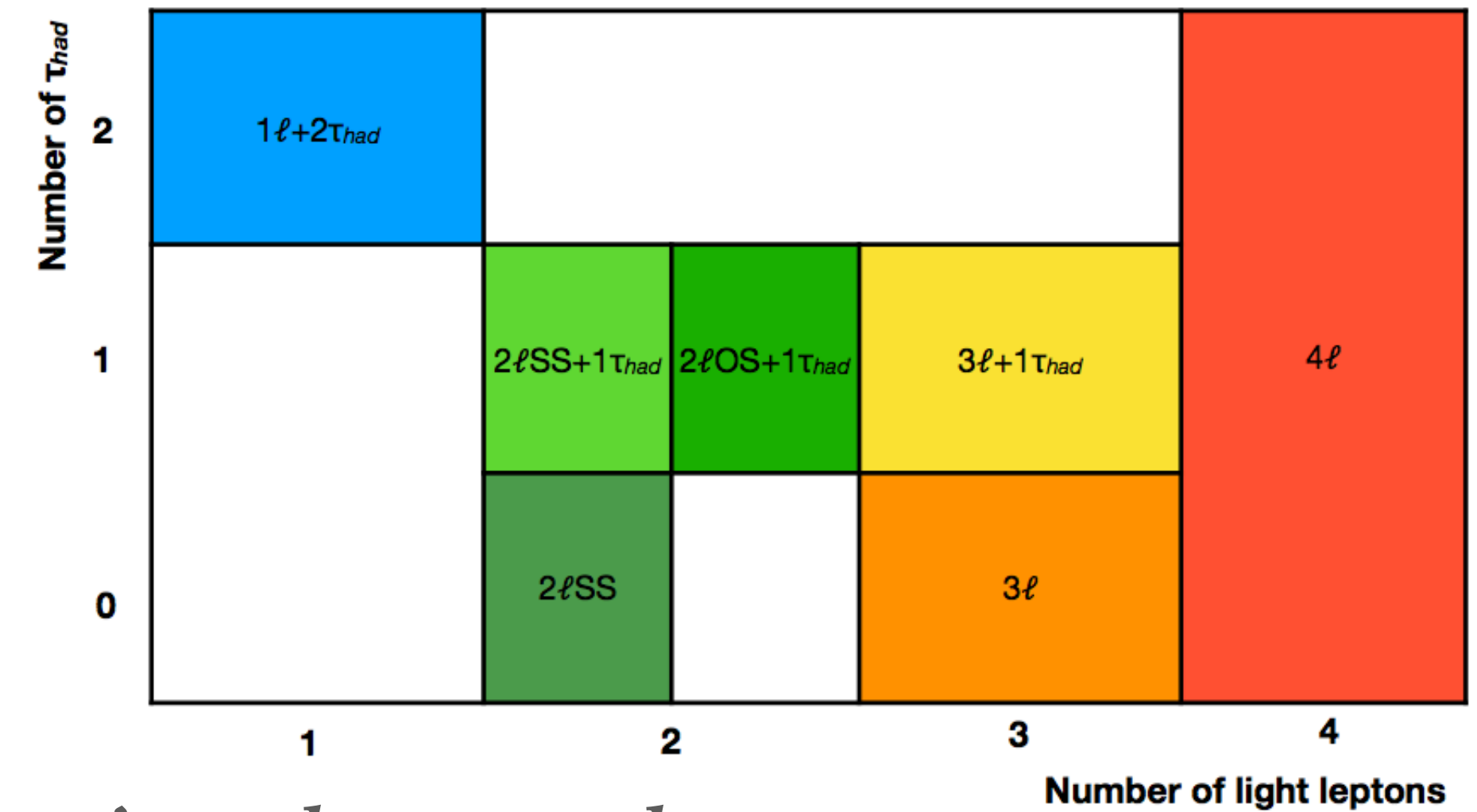
● *Expected: 1.6σ*



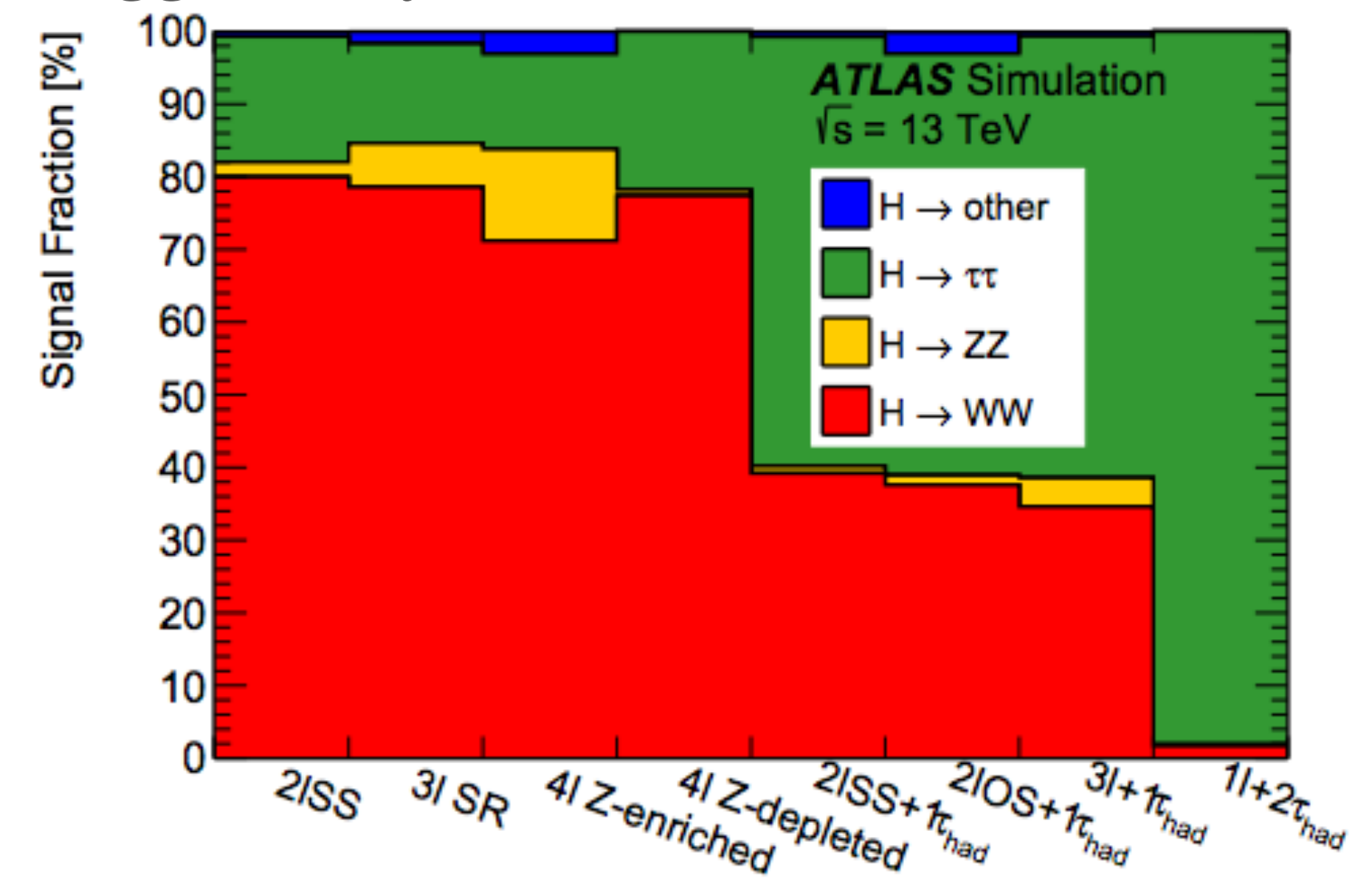
ttH, multi-lepton

- Use 36.1 fb^{-1} of p-p collision data from ATLAS experiment in 2015-2016.
- Analysis targeting at $t\bar{t}H$, $H \rightarrow WW^*$, $\tau\tau$, ZZ^* with ≥ 2 (1 light) leptons in their final states.
- 7 Channels orthogonal in light leptons ($\ell = e, \mu$) and hadronic tau (τ_{had}) multiplicity.
 - High lepton multiplicity requirement reduces background.
 - Jet requirements: $N_{\text{jet}} \geq 2$, $N_{b\text{-tag}} \geq 1$:
 - $2l\text{SS}$, $2l\text{SS} + 1\tau_{\text{had}}$: $N_{\text{jet}} \geq 4$
 - $2l\text{OS} + 1\tau_{\text{had}}$, $1l + 2\tau_{\text{had}}$: $N_{\text{jet}} \geq 3$
- ML + 0τ : primary sensitive to $H \rightarrow WW$.
- ML + $\geq 1\tau$: primary sensitive to $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$.

Analysis organized channels:



Higgs decay modes:

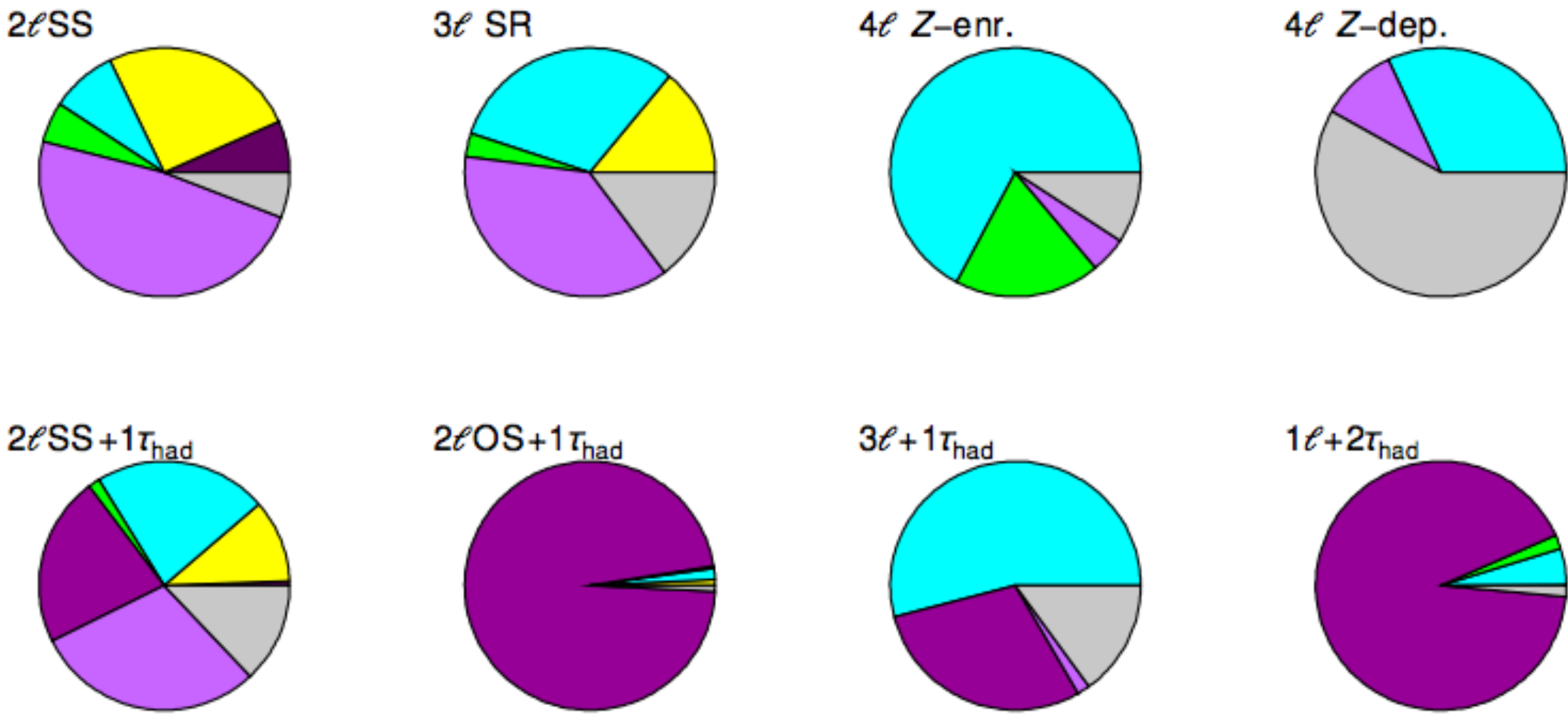
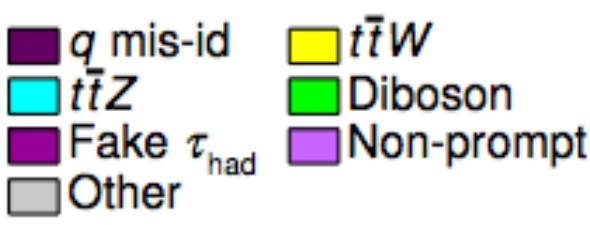


ttH, multi-lepton

Signal region background compositions:

- Irreducible backgrounds: $t\bar{t}W$, $t\bar{t}Z$, VV .
 - Estimated from MC.
 - Validated in 3ℓ CRs.
- Reducible backgrounds:
 - estimated from data-driven.
 - Non-prompt light leptons: from b -hadron decays ($t\bar{t}$) and photon conversions.
 - Electron charge mis-identification (q mis-id): from 2ℓ OS $t\bar{t}$ events.
 - Fake τ_{had} : from light flavor jets and mis-identified electrons.

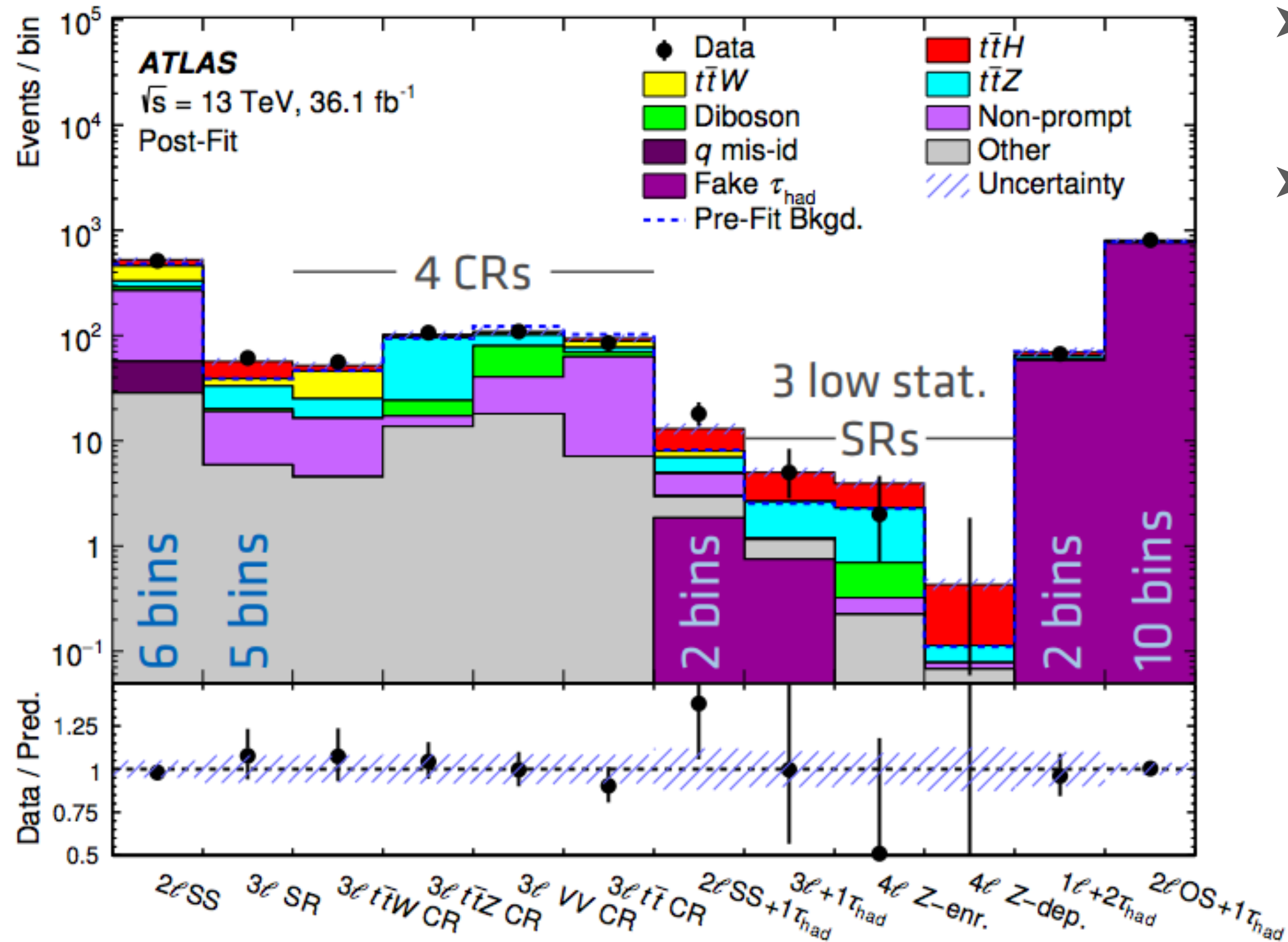
ATLAS
 $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV



- Backgrounds are reduced with cut-and-count and boosted decision trees (BDTs) using lepton isolation, track variables, (b -tagged) jet multiplicity as well as some other variables on MET/τ_{had} . (list of input variables)
- Cut-and-count cross checks for 3 most powerful channels (2ℓ SS , 3ℓ and 2ℓ SS+ $1\tau_{had}$) compatible.

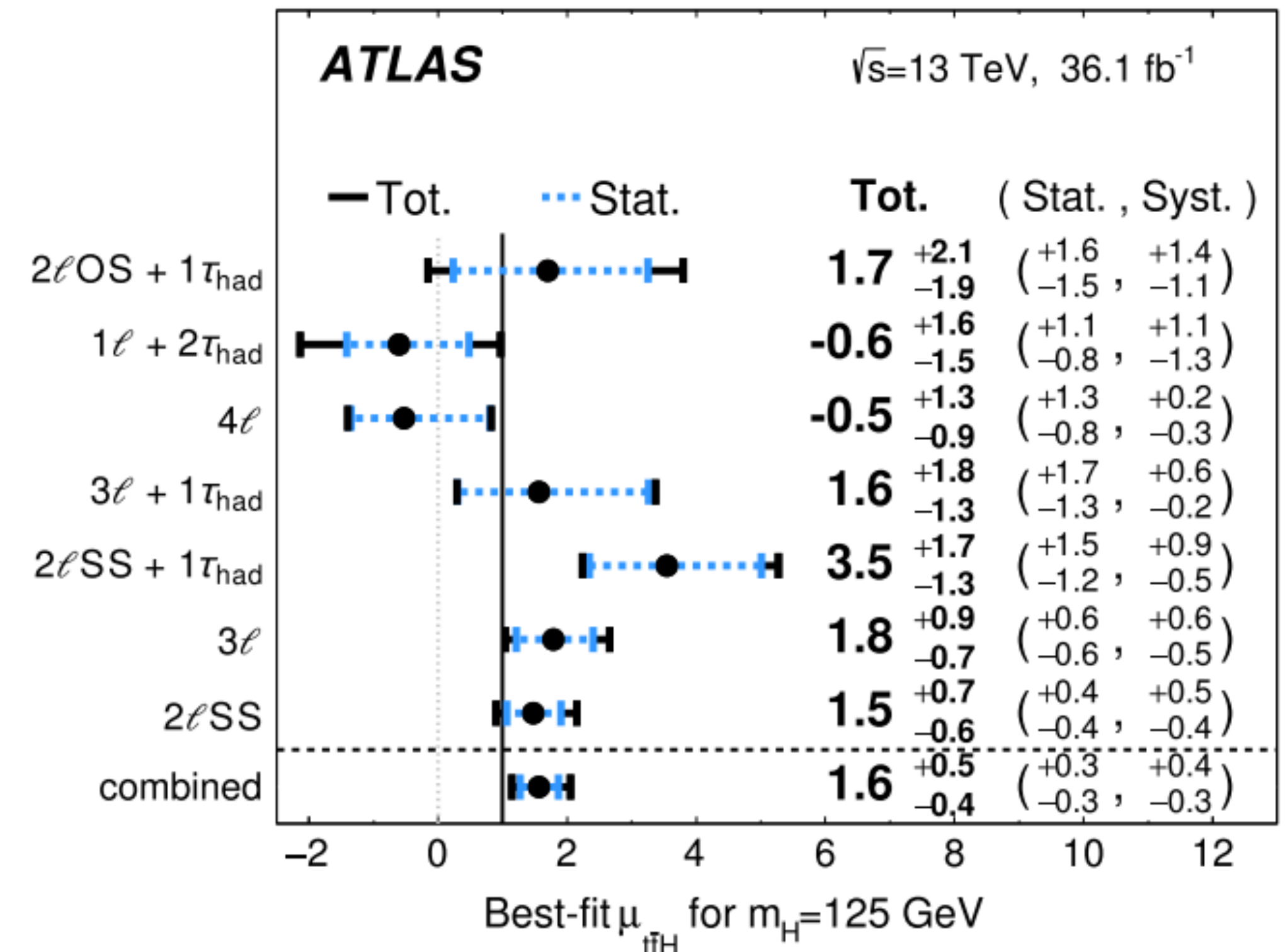
	2ℓ SS	3ℓ	4ℓ	$1\ell + 2\tau_{had}$	2ℓ SS + $1\tau_{had}$	2ℓ OS + $1\tau_{had}$	$3\ell + 1\tau_{had}$
BDT trained against	Fakes and $t\bar{t}V$	$t\bar{t}$, $t\bar{t}W$, $t\bar{t}Z$, VV	$t\bar{t}Z$ /-	$t\bar{t}$	all	$t\bar{t}$...
Discriminant	$2 \times 1D$ BDT	$5D$ BDT	Event count	BDT	BDT	BDT	Event count
Number of bins	6	5	1/1	2	2	10	1
Control regions	...	4

ttH, multi-lepton



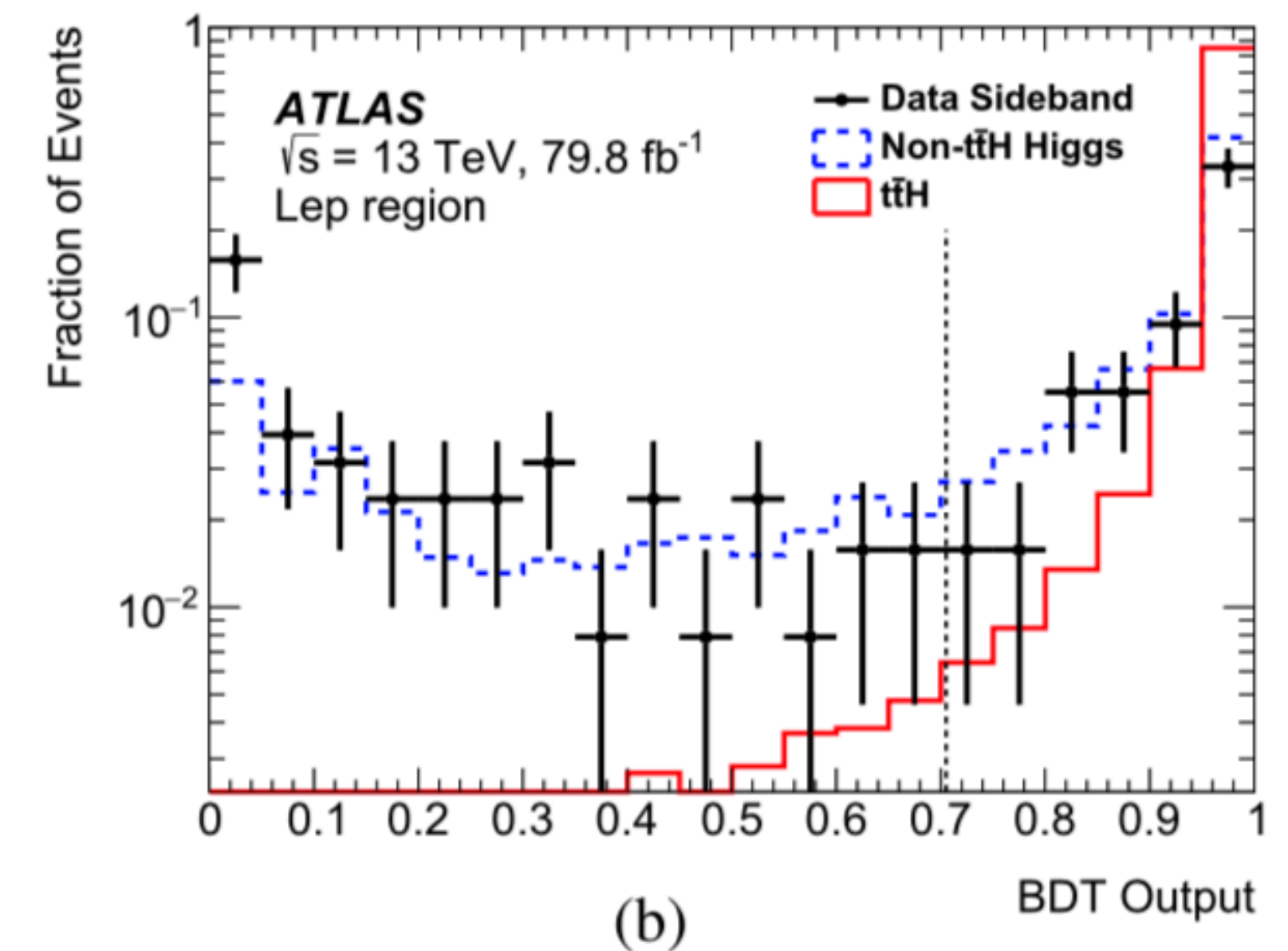
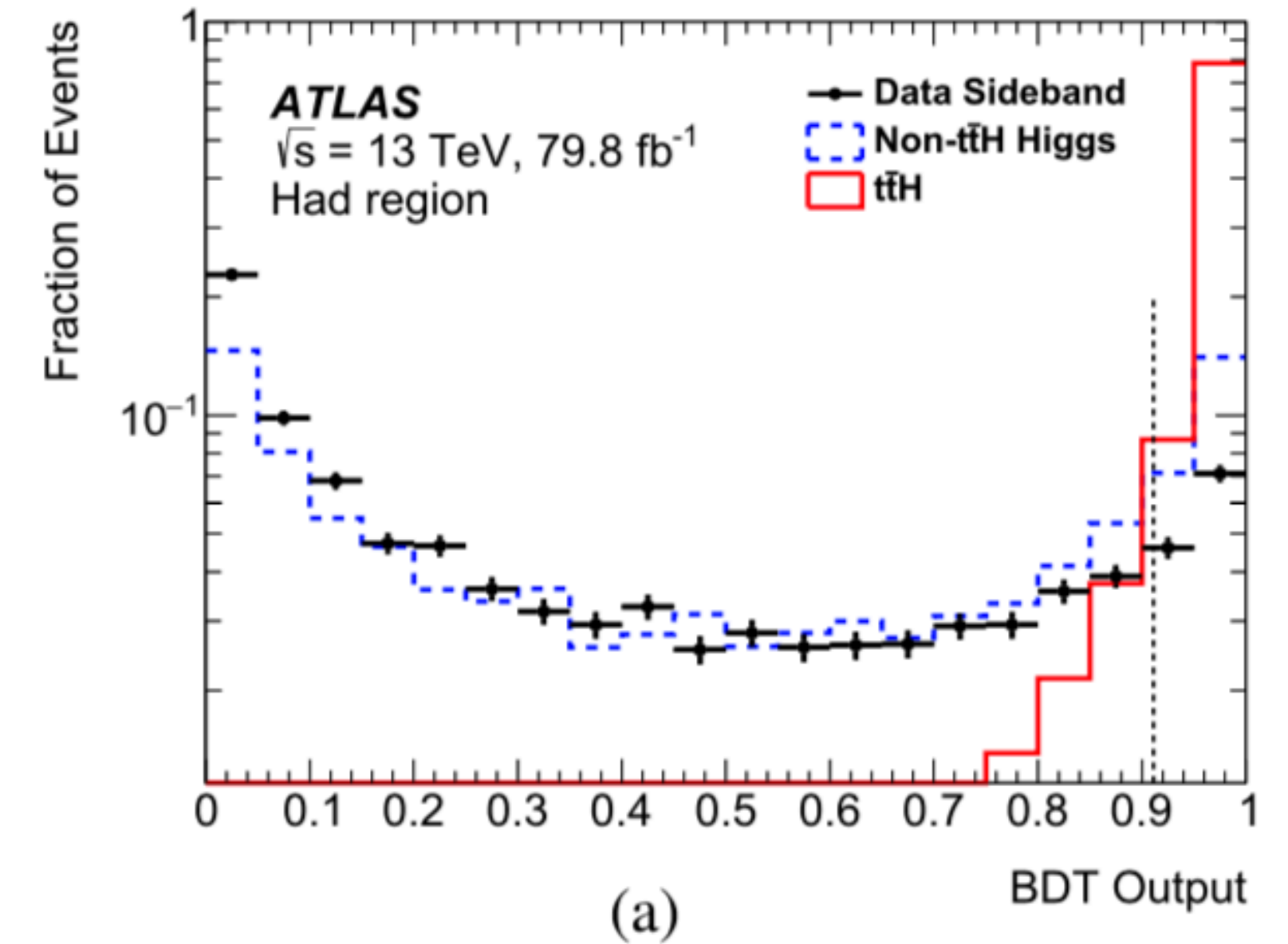
- Binned maximum-likelihood fit is performed in 8 SRs + 4 CRs simultaneously (32 bins).
- Systematic uncertainties with largest impact on errors on μ_{ttH} are: $t\bar{t}H$ cross section uncertainty (theory), jet energy scale and resolution and non-prompt light lepton estimates (large contribution of $t\bar{t}/t\bar{t}\gamma$ CR statistics for DD Fakes estimation).

- Best-fit signal strength $\mu_{ttH} = 1.6^{+0.5}_{-0.4}$, obs. (exp.) significance: 4.1σ (2.8σ).
- Good agreement with SM predictions
- Evidence of $t\bar{t}H$ production.

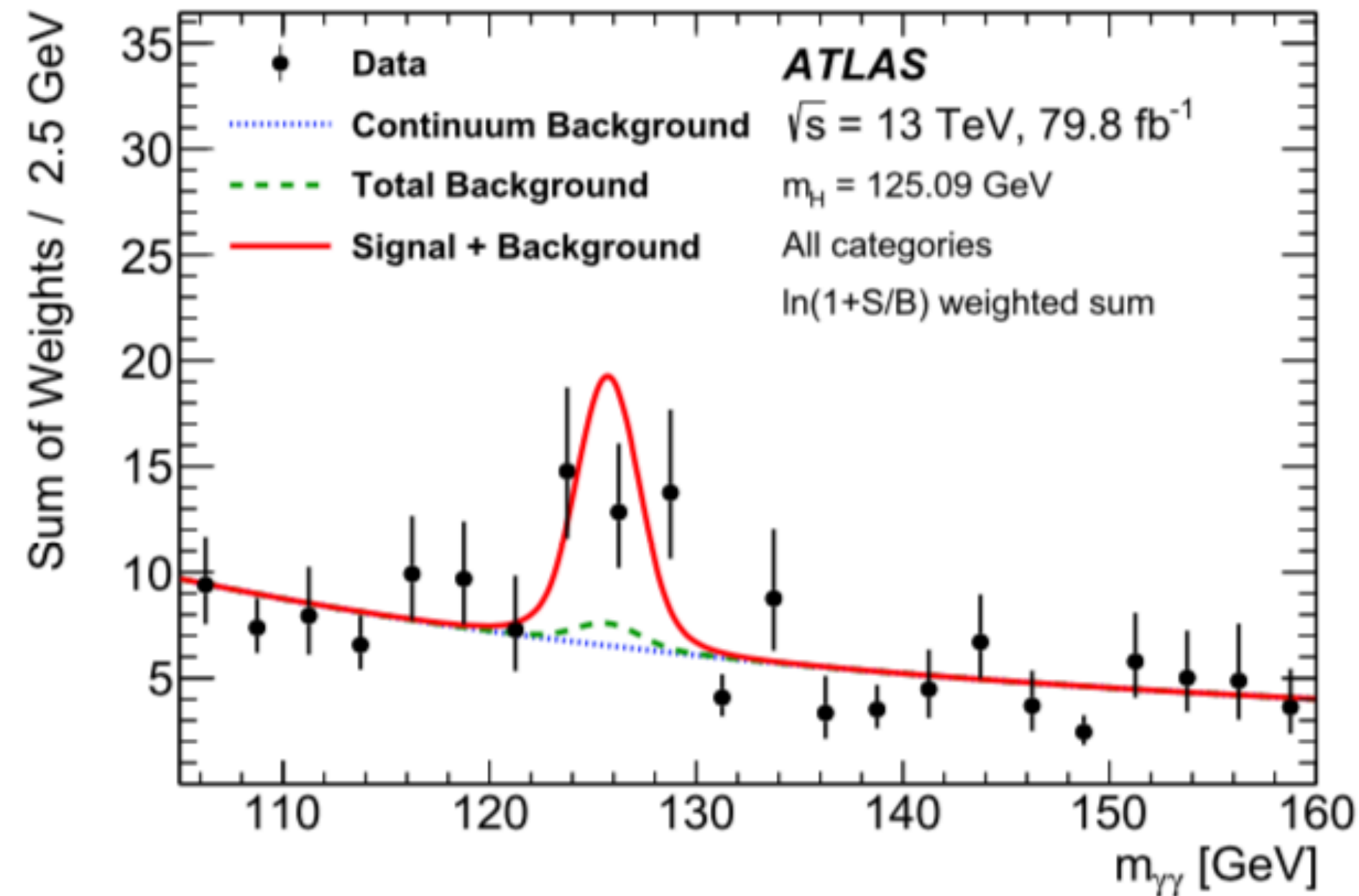


$t\bar{t}H, H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

- Use 79.8 fb^{-1} of p - p collision data from ATLAS experiment in 2015-2017.
- Small rate but narrow peak in $m_{\gamma\gamma}$ over smooth continuum background, extrapolated from side-bands in data.
- Standard $H\gamma\gamma$ selection: 2 high- E_T isolated photons $p_T/m_{\gamma\gamma} > 0.35$ (0.25), $105 < m_{\gamma\gamma} < 160 \text{ GeV}$.
- Categorization based on $t\bar{t}$ decay:
 - Lep ($\geq 1l, \geq 1j, \geq 1b$) and Had ($0l, \geq 3j, \geq 1b$).
 - Further into 4 hadronic and 3 leptonic categories separated by XGBoost BDT, events with low BDT score are rejected. Low level variables are used in the MVA. (Input variables)
- Main background:
 - Had regions: continuum bkg. ($\gamma\gamma$, etc.) and non- $t\bar{t}H$ Higgs (ggH, etc.).
 - Lep regions: continuum bkg. ($t\bar{t}\gamma\gamma$, etc) and resonant bkg. (tH , etc.).

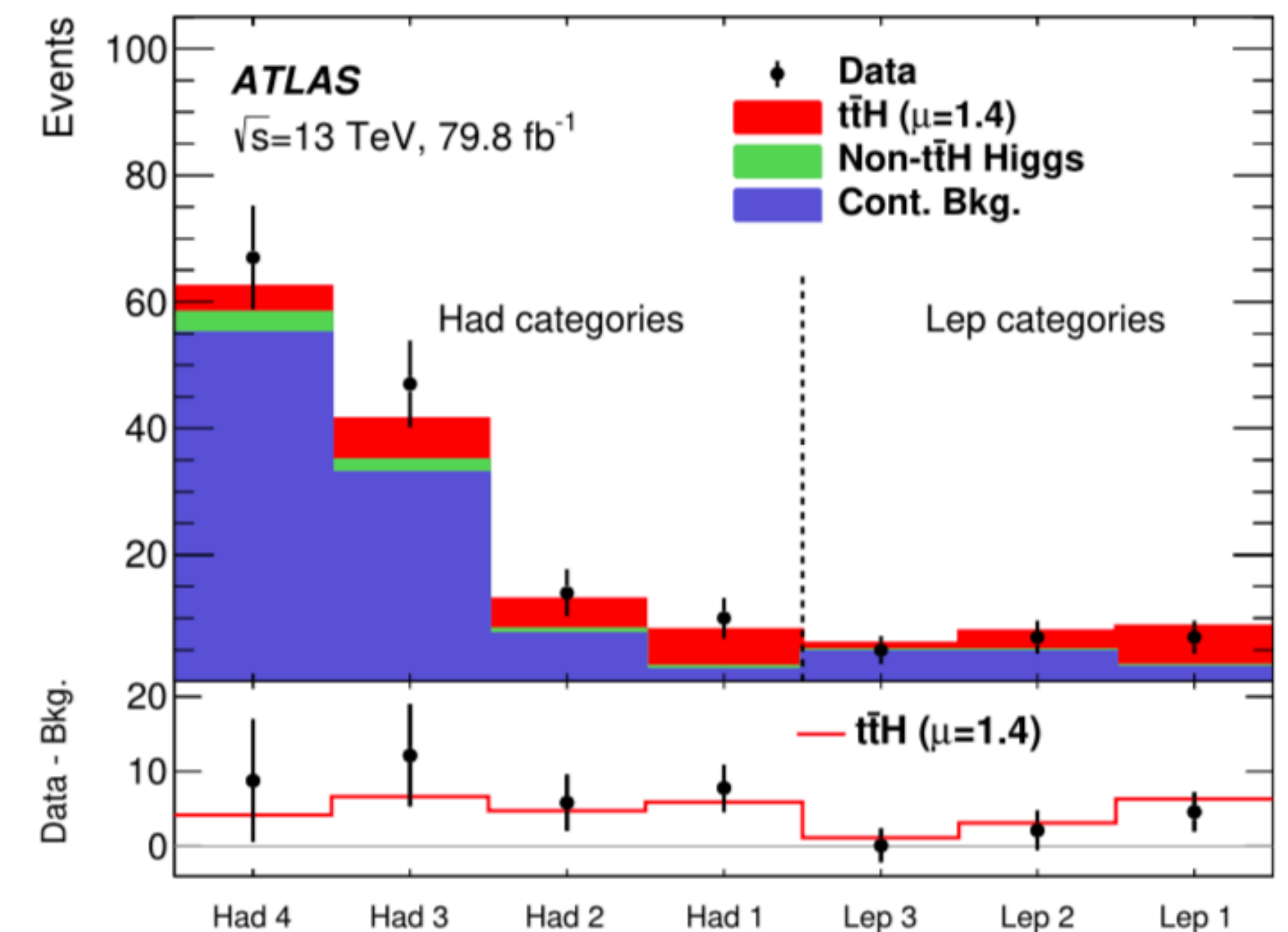


$t\bar{t}H, H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$



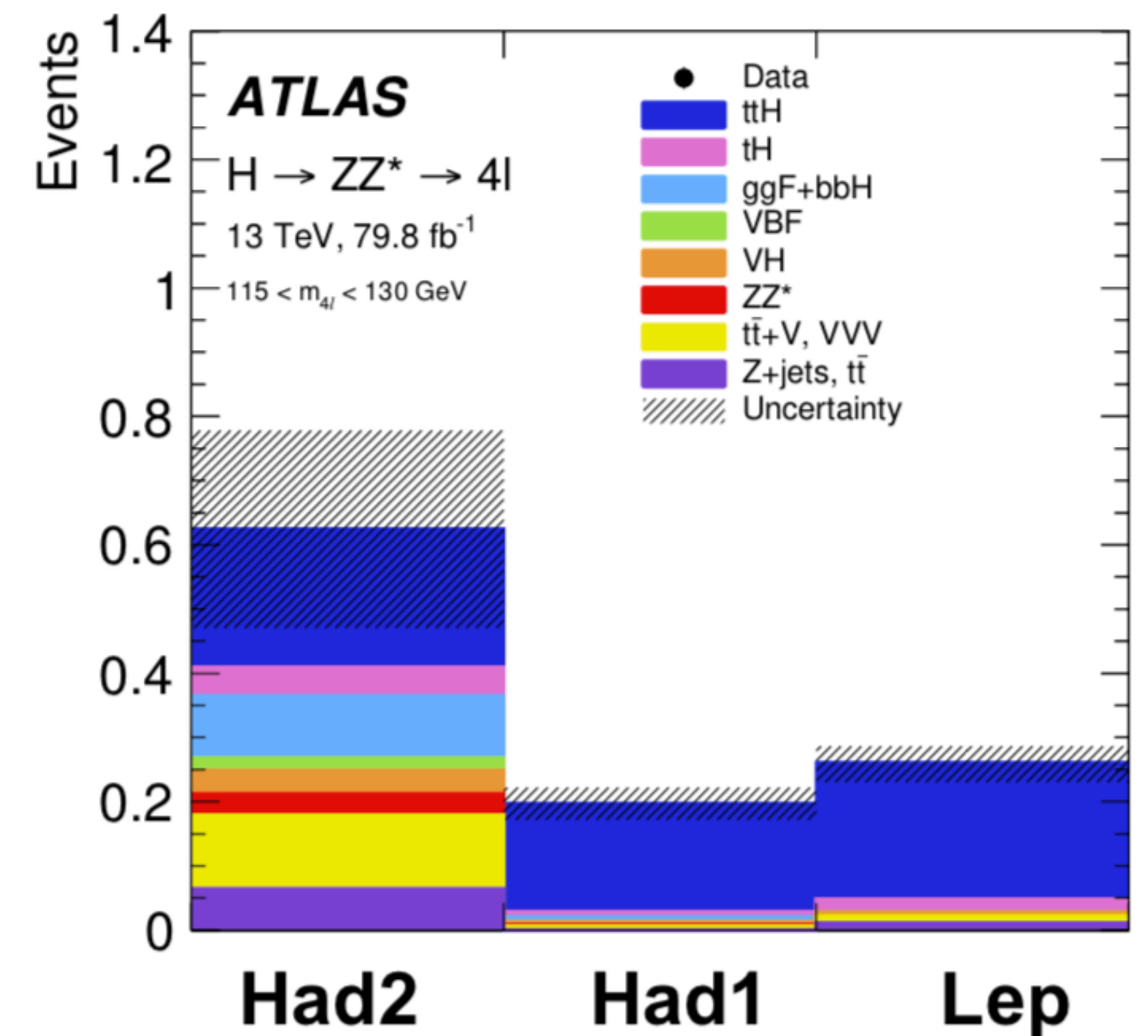
- The expected and observed event yields are in good agreement (Event count in mass window containing 90% of $t\bar{t}H$ signal).
- Signal significance: 4.1σ observed, 3.7σ expected.
- Still statistically limited!
- Dominant systematics: $t\bar{t}H$ parton shower model (8%), photon energy resolution (6%).
- Good agreement with SM predictions.

- Combined unbinned fit to $m_{\gamma\gamma}$ distributions in the 7 categories.
- Signal modeling: Parameterize MC with double-sided crystal ball functions, normalized to 80 fb^{-1} .
- Background modeling: Analytical functions fitted on data. Functional forms and associated uncertainties are studied from dedicated background-only samples.



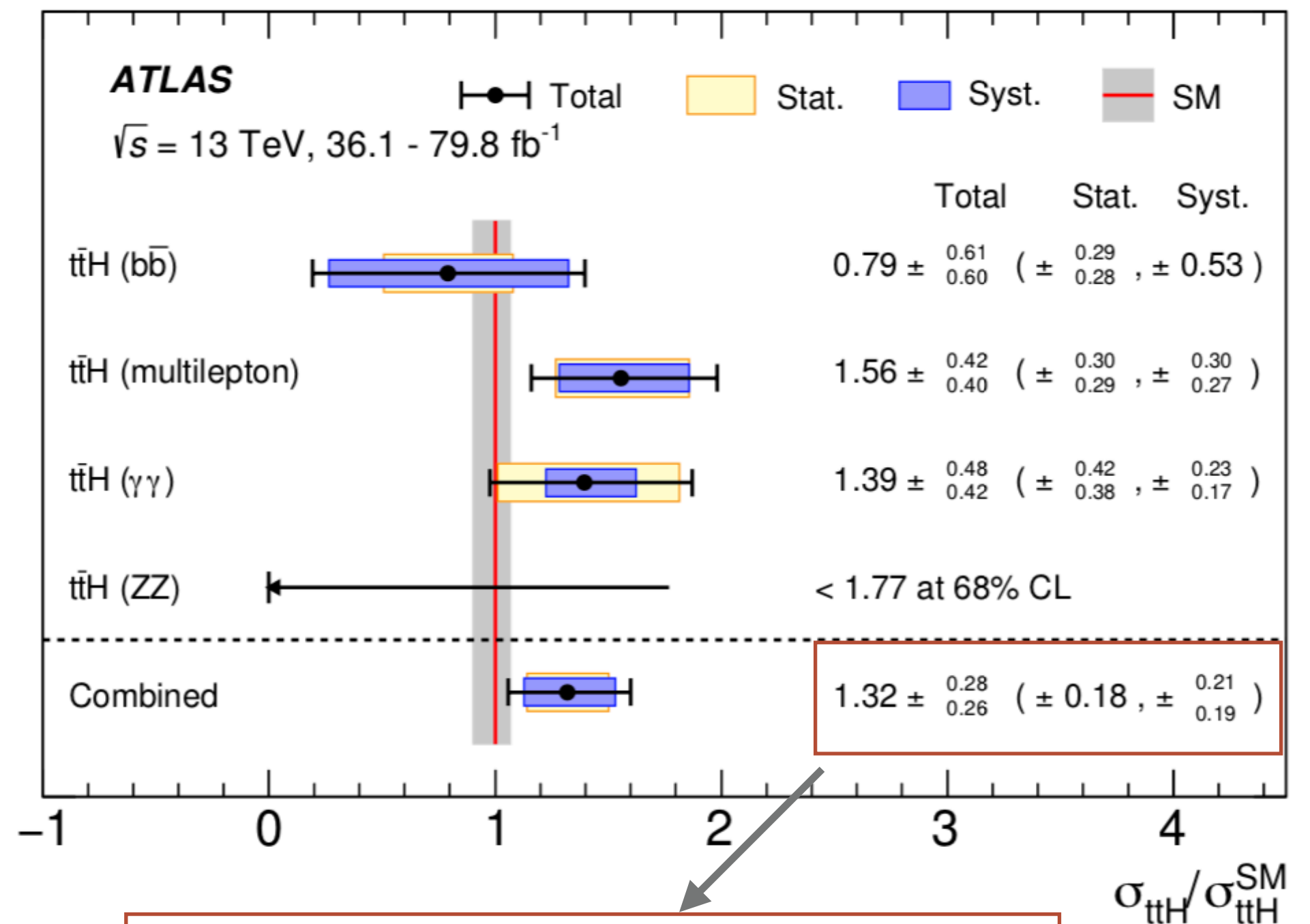
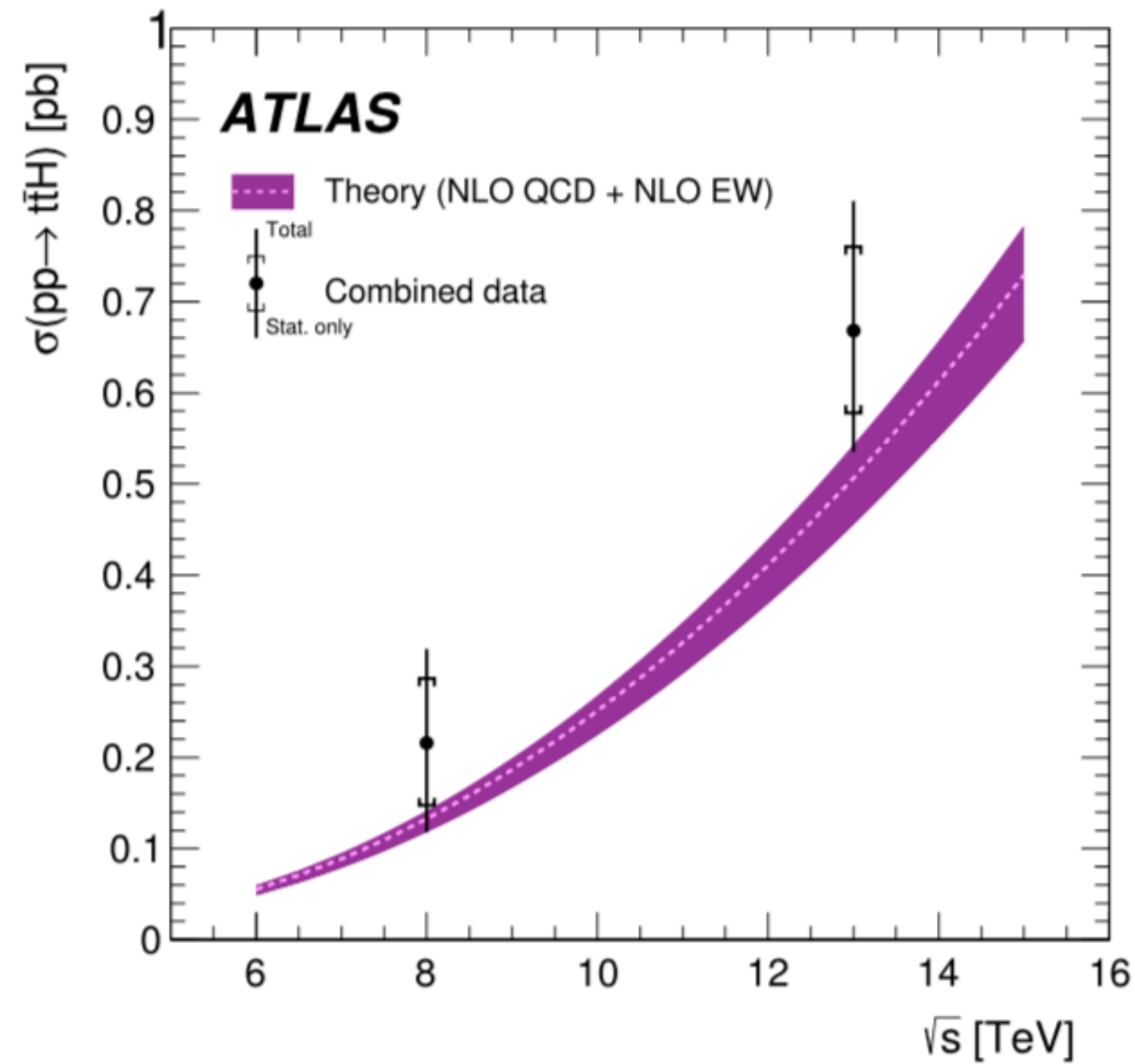
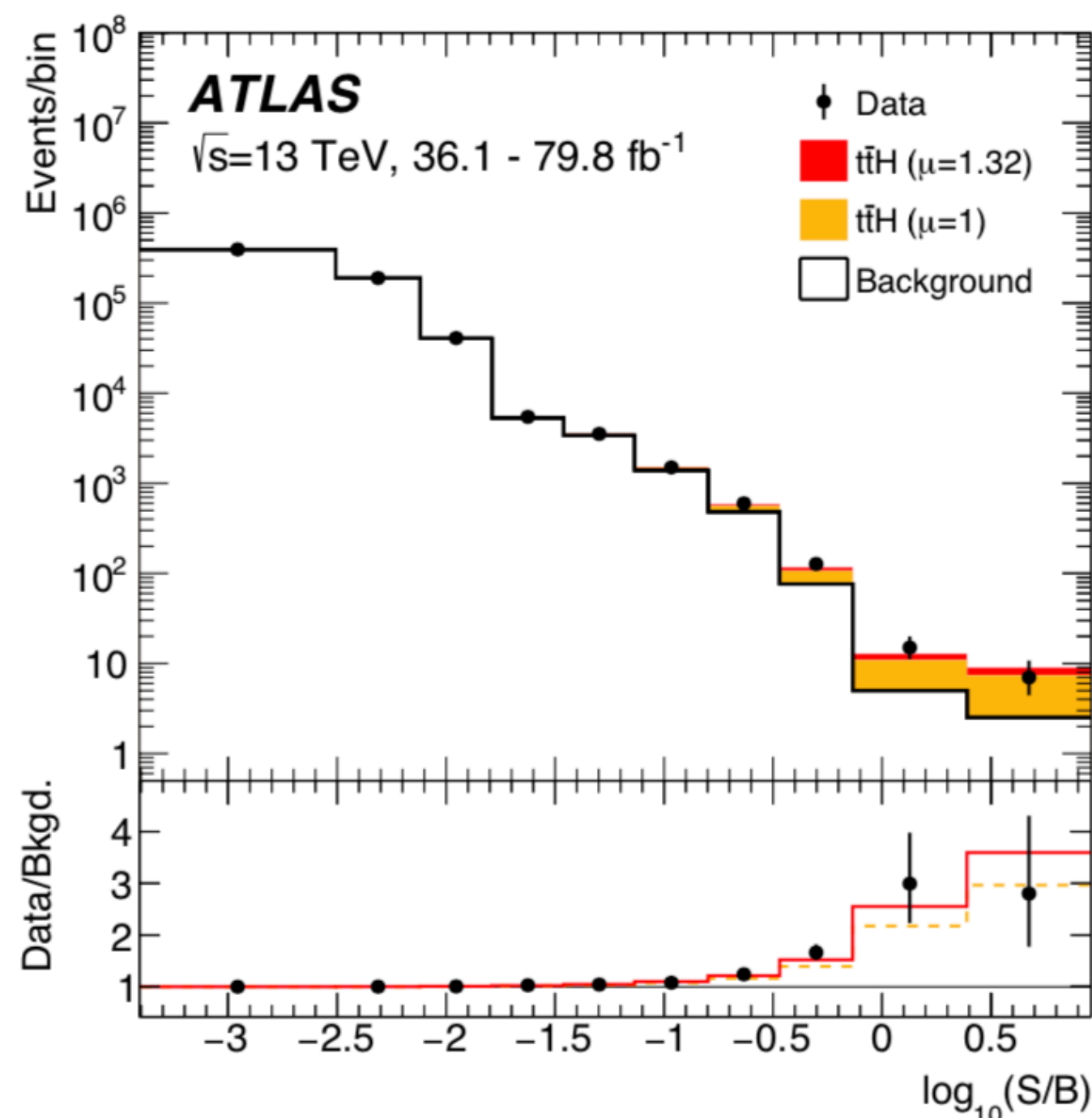
$ttH, H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$

- Use 79.8 fb^{-1} of p - p collision data from ATLAS experiment in 2015-2017.
- Very low statistics but large S/B .
- Selected as 4 isolated leptons formed into 2 same-flavor opposite-charge lepton pairs with $115 < m_{4l} < 130 \text{ GeV}$ and at least one b -tagged jet.
 - Lep region: $\geq 1l, \geq 2j, \geq 1b$.
 - Had regions: $0l, \geq 4j, \geq 1b$, further separated into 2 BDT discriminant.
- Background: ttV and non- $t\bar{t}H$ Higgs productions to SM).
- Expected significance 1.2σ (0.6 $t\bar{t}H$ events).
- Observed significance 0σ (0 $t\bar{t}H + \text{Bkg}$ events).
- Largely statistically limited!



Combination

- Combine the four 13 TeV $t\bar{t}H$ analyses based on simultaneous fits to the signal regions and control regions of the individual analyses.
 - $t\bar{t}H, H \rightarrow bb, t\bar{t}H, \text{Multi-lepton}$ 36.1 fb^{-1} ,
 - $t\bar{t}H, H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, t\bar{t}H, H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$ 79.8 fb^{-1} .
- Correlation scheme of all systematics has been studied.
- Non- $t\bar{t}H$ Higgs production are fixed to SM predictions.



$$1.32 \pm 0.28 \quad (\pm 0.18, \pm 0.21)$$

- Observed event yields in all analysis categories, ranked by $\log_{10}(S/B)$.
- $t\bar{t}H$ cross sections in pp collisions at centre-of-mass energies of 8 TeV and 13 TeV are in agreement with SM prediction.

Combination

- *Total cross-section at $\sqrt{s}=13$ TeV measured with 20% precision.*
- *The observed (expected) signal significance is 5.8σ (4.9σ) in the Run 2 $t\bar{t}H$ combination.*
- *The observed (expected) signal significance is 6.3σ (5.1σ) in the Run 1 + Run 2 $t\bar{t}H$ combination.*
- *Observation of $t\bar{t}H$ process: major milestone in LHC Run-2 already reached!*

Analysis	Integrated luminosity [fb^{-1}]	$t\bar{t}H$ cross section [fb]	Obs. sign.	Exp. sign.
$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	79.8	710^{+210}_{-190} (stat.) $^{+120}_{-90}$ (syst.)	4.1σ	3.7σ
$H \rightarrow \text{multilepton}$	36.1	790 ± 150 (stat.) $^{+150}_{-140}$ (syst.)	4.1σ	2.8σ
$H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$	36.1	400^{+150}_{-140} (stat.) ± 270 (syst.)	1.4σ	1.6σ
$H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4\ell$	79.8	<900 (68% CL)	0σ	1.2σ
Combined (13 TeV)	36.1–79.8	670 ± 90 (stat.) $^{+110}_{-100}$ (syst.)	5.8σ	4.9σ
Combined (7, 8, 13 TeV)	4.5, 20.3, 36.1–79.8	–	6.3σ	5.1σ

Conclusion

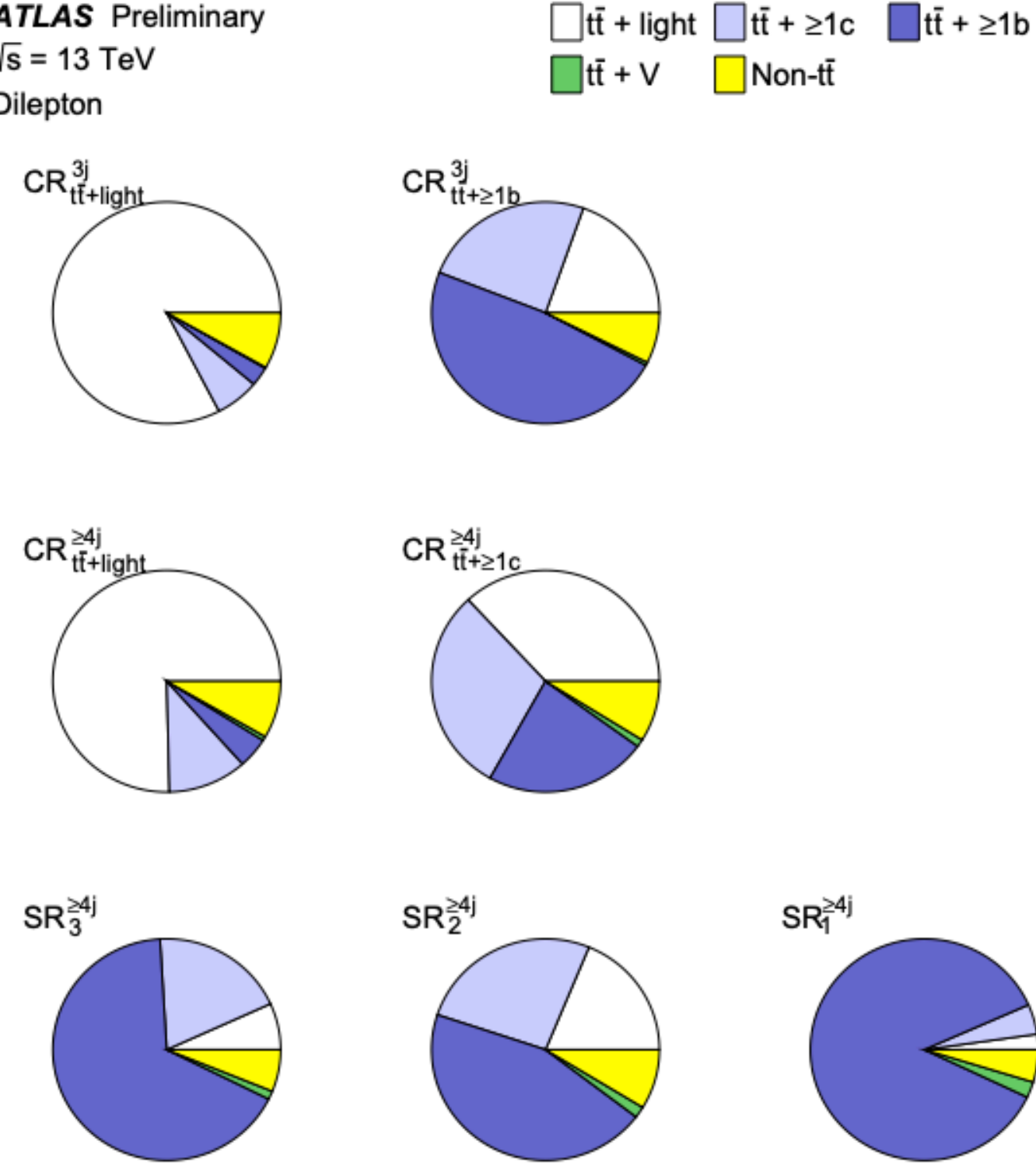
- *The production of the $t\bar{t}H$ is observed (expected) with a significance of 6.3σ (5.1σ) combining 7, 8 and 13 TeV data.*
- *The $t\bar{t}H$ production cross section at 13 TeV is measured to be 670 ± 90 (stat.) $^{+110}_{-100}$ (syst.), in agreement with the Standard Model prediction (507^{+35}_{-50} fb).*
- *This constitutes a direct observation of the Yukawa coupling between the Higgs boson and the top quark.*

Thank you for your attention!

2e event with 3 b-tagged & 6 non-b-tagged jets.

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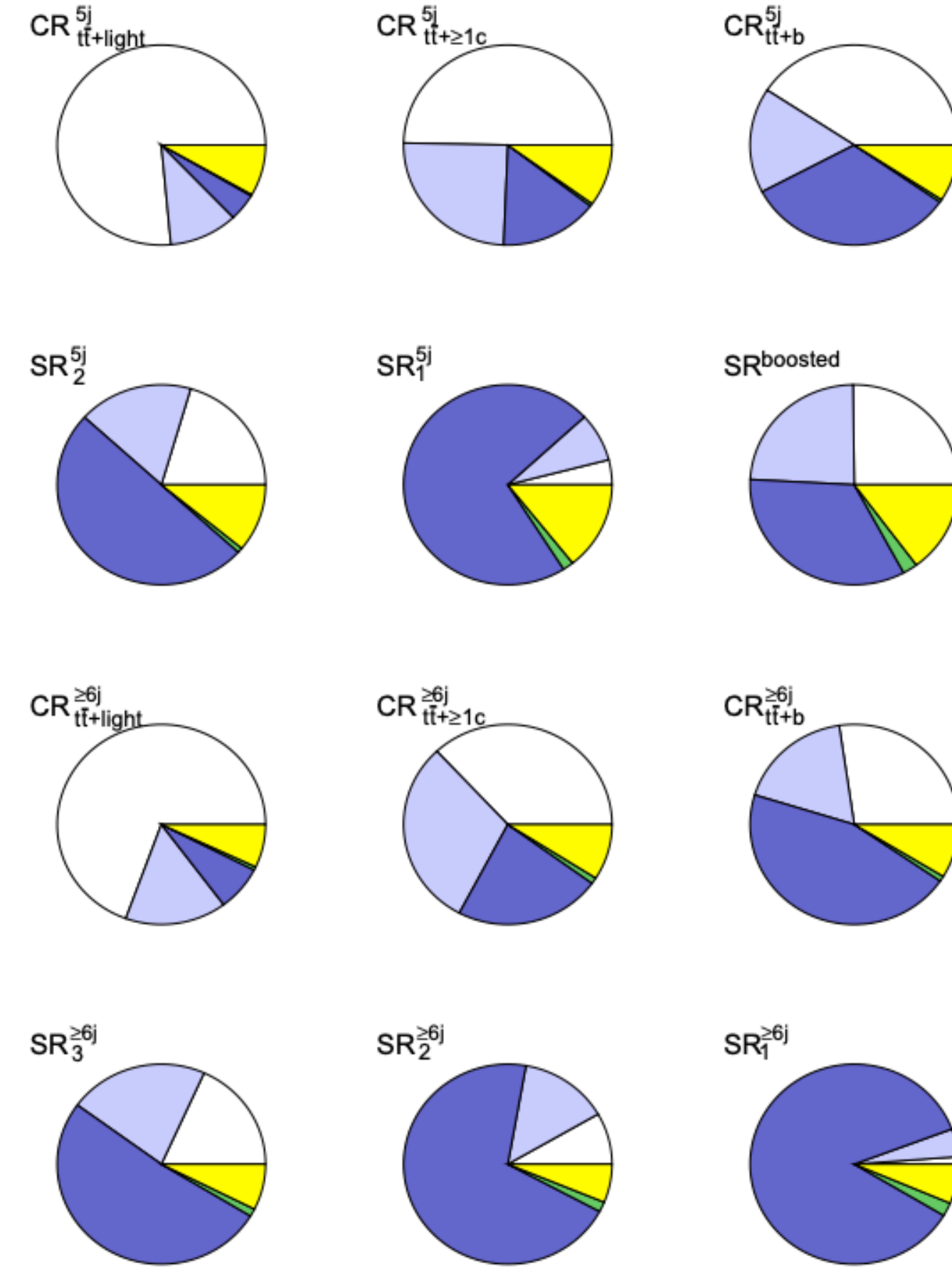
ATLAS Preliminary
 $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$
Dilepton



(a)

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

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



(b)

Figure 5: Fractional contributions of the various backgrounds to the total background prediction in each analysis category (a) in the dilepton channel and (b) in the single-lepton channel. The $t\bar{t}$ background is divided as described in Section 4. Figure 26 in Appendix E shows these contributions with a finer classification for the $t\bar{t} + \ge 1b$ background component.

Reconstruction BDT in dilepton channel

Variables	BDT with Higgs info.		BDT w/o Higgs info.	
	$\text{SR}_{1,2}^{\geq 4j}$	$\text{SR}_3^{\geq 4j}$	$\text{SR}_{1,2}^{\geq 4j}$	$\text{SR}_3^{\geq 4j}$
Topological information from $t\bar{t}$				
Mass of top	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mass of anti-top	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mass difference between top and anti-top	✓	✓	✓	✓
$\Delta R(\ell, b)$ from top	✓	✓	✓	✓
$\Delta R(\ell, b)$ from anti-top	✓	✓	✓	✓
— $\Delta R(\ell, b)$ from top - $\Delta R(\ell, b)$ from anti-top—	-	-	✓	✓
$\Delta\phi(b \text{ from top}, b \text{ from anti-top})$	-	✓	✓	✓
$\Delta R(b \text{ from top}, b \text{ from anti-top})$	✓	-	-	-
p_T b from top	-	-	✓	✓
p_T b from anti-top	-	-	✓	✓
Min. $\Delta\eta(\ell, b \text{ from top or anti-top})$	-	-	✓	✓
Topological information from the Higgs-boson candidate				
Min. $\Delta R(b \text{ from Higgs}, \ell)$	-	✓	-	-
Max. $\Delta R(\text{Higgs}, b \text{ from top or anti-top})$	✓	-	-	-
Mass of Higgs	✓	✓	-	-
$\Delta\phi(\text{Higgs}, t\bar{t})$	-	✓	-	-
$\Delta R(\text{Higgs}, t\bar{t})$	✓	-	-	-
p_T b from Higgs with lowest b -tagging discriminant	-	✓	-	-
$\Delta R(b_1 \text{ from Higgs}, b_2 \text{ from Higgs})$	✓	✓	-	-

$H \rightarrow bb$

Reconstruction BDT in 1-lepton channel

Variable	$SR_{1,2,3}^{\geq 6j}$	$SR_{1,2}^{5j}$
Topological information from $t\bar{t}$		
Mass of top_{lep}	✓	✓
Mass of top_{had}	✓	—
Mass of q_1 from W_{had} and b from top_{had}	—	✓
Mass of W_{had}	✓	—
Mass of W_{had} and b from top_{lep}	✓	—
Mass of q_1 from W_{had} and b from top_{lep}	—	✓
Mass of W_{lep} and b from top_{had}	✓	✓
$\Delta R(W_{had}, b \text{ from } top_{had})$	✓	—
$\Delta R(q_1 \text{ from } W_{had}, b \text{ from } top_{had})$	—	✓
$\Delta R(W_{had}, b \text{ from } top_{lep})$	✓	—
$\Delta R(q_1 \text{ from } W_{had}, b \text{ from } top_{lep})$	—	✓
$\Delta R(\ell, b \text{ from } top_{lep})$	✓	✓
$\Delta R(\ell, b \text{ from } top_{had})$	✓	✓
$\Delta R(b \text{ from } top_{lep}, b \text{ from } top_{had})$	✓	✓
$\Delta R(q_1 \text{ from } W_{had}, q_2 \text{ from } W_{had})$	✓	—
$\Delta R(b \text{ from } t_{had}, q_1 \text{ from } W_{had})$	✓	—
$\Delta R(b \text{ from } t_{had}, q_2 \text{ from } W_{had})$	✓	—
Min. $\Delta R(b \text{ from } top_{had}, q_i \text{ from } W_{had})$	✓	—
$\Delta R(lep, b \text{ from } top_{lep}) - \min. \Delta R(b \text{ from } top_{had}, q_i \text{ from } W_{had})$	✓	✓
Topological information from the Higgs-boson candidate		
Mass of Higgs	✓	✓
Mass of Higgs and q_1 from W_{had}	✓	✓
$\Delta R(b_1 \text{ from Higgs}, b_2 \text{ from Higgs})$	✓	✓
$\Delta R(b_1 \text{ from Higgs}, lepton)$	✓	✓
$\Delta R(b_1 \text{ from Higgs}, b \text{ from } top_{lep})$	—	✓
$\Delta R(b_1 \text{ from Higgs}, b \text{ from } top_{had})$	—	✓

$$H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$$

pdfs used in calculation of signal and background probabilities for likelihood discriminant variables

$SR_{1,2,3}^{\geq 6j}$	$SR_{1,2}^{5j}$
$M_H(b_1, b_2)$	$M_H(b_1, b_2)$
$M_{t_l}(l, \nu, b_l)$	$M_{t_l}(l, \nu, b_l)$
$M_{W_h}(q_1, q_2)$	–
$[M_{t_h} - M_{W_h}](b_h, q_1, q_2)$	$M_{t_h}(b_h, q_1)$
$[M_{t_h t_l} - M_{t_h} - M_{t_l}](l, \nu, b_l, b_h, q_1, q_2)$	$[M_{t_h t_l} - M_{t_h} - M_{t_l}](l, \nu, b_l, b_h, q_1)$
$[M_{t_h t_l b_1 b_2} - M_{t_l t_h} - M_H](l, \nu, b_l, b_h, q_1, q_2, b_1, b_2)$	$[M_{t_h t_l b_1 b_2} - M_{t_l t_h} - M_H](l, \nu, b_l, b_h, q_1, b_1, b_2)$
$\cos \theta_{b_{1/2}, H}^*(b_1, b_2)$	$\cos \theta_{b, H}^*(b_1, b_2)$
$\cos \theta_{b_1 b_2, t_h t_l b_1 b_2}^*(l, \nu, b_l, b_h, q_1, q_2, b_1, b_2)$	$\cos \theta_{b_1 b_2, t_h t_l b_1 b_2}^*(l, \nu, b_l, b_h, q_1, b_1, b_2)$

Classification BDT in boosted channel

Variable	Definition
Variables from jet reclustering	
$\Delta R_{H,t}$	ΔR between the Higgs-boson and top-quark candidates
$\Delta R_{t,b^{\text{add}}}$	ΔR between the top-quark candidate and additional b -jet
$\Delta R_{H,b^{\text{add}}}$	ΔR between the Higgs-boson candidate and additional b -jet
$\Delta R_{H,\ell}$	ΔR between the Higgs-boson candidate and lepton
$m_{\text{Higgs candidate}}$	Higgs-boson candidate mass
$\sqrt{d_{12}}$	Top-quark candidate first splitting scale [101]
Variables from b -tagging	
$w_{b\text{-tag}}$	Sum of b -tagging discriminants of all b -jets
$w_{b\text{-tag}}^{\text{add}}/w_{b\text{-tag}}$	Ratio of sum of b -tagging discriminants of additional b -jets to all b -jets

$H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$

Classification BDT in dilepton channel

Variable	Definition	$SR_1^{\geq 4j}$	$SR_2^{\geq 4j}$	$SR_3^{\geq 4j}$
General kinematic variables				
m_{bb}^{\min}	Minimum invariant mass of a b -tagged jet pair	✓	✓	-
m_{bb}^{\max}	Maximum invariant mass of a b -tagged jet pair	-	-	✓
$m_{bb}^{\min \Delta R}$	Invariant mass of the b -tagged jet pair with minimum ΔR	✓	-	✓
$m_{jj}^{\max p_T}$	Invariant mass of the jet pair with maximum p_T	✓	-	-
$m_{bb}^{\max p_T}$	Invariant mass of the b -tagged jet pair with maximum p_T	✓	-	✓
$\Delta\eta_{bb}^{\text{avg}}$	Average $\Delta\eta$ for all b -tagged jet pairs	✓	✓	✓
$\Delta\eta_{\ell,j}^{\max}$	Maximum $\Delta\eta$ between a jet and a lepton	-	✓	✓
$\Delta R_{bb}^{\max p_T}$	ΔR between the b -tagged jet pair with maximum p_T	-	✓	✓
$N_{bb}^{\text{Higgs } 30}$	Number of b -tagged jet pairs with invariant mass within 30 GeV of the Higgs-boson mass	✓	✓	-
$n_{\text{jets}}^{p_T > 40}$	Number of jets with $p_T > 40$ GeV	-	✓	✓
Aplanarity $_{b\text{-jet}}$	$1.5\lambda_2$, where λ_2 is the second eigenvalue of the momentum tensor [100] built with all b -tagged jets	-	✓	-
H_T^{all}	Scalar sum of p_T of all jets and leptons	-	-	✓
Variables from reconstruction BDT				
BDT output	Output of the reconstruction BDT	✓ ^{**}	✓ ^{**}	✓
m_{bb}^{Higgs}	Higgs candidate mass	✓	-	✓
$\Delta R_{H,t\bar{t}}$	ΔR between Higgs candidate and $t\bar{t}$ candidate system	✓ [*]	-	-
$\Delta R_{H,\ell}^{\min}$	Minimum ΔR between Higgs candidate and lepton	✓	✓	✓
$\Delta R_{H,b}^{\min}$	Minimum ΔR between Higgs candidate and b -jet from top	✓	✓	-
$\Delta R_{H,b}^{\max}$	Maximum ΔR between Higgs candidate and b -jet from top	-	✓	-
$\Delta R_{bb}^{\text{Higgs}}$	ΔR between the two jets matched to the Higgs candidate	-	✓	-
Variables from b -tagging				
$w_{b\text{-tag}}^{\text{Higgs}}$	Sum of b -tagging discriminants of jets from best Higgs candidate from the reconstruction BDT	-	✓	-

$H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$

Classification BDT
in single lepton
channel

Variable	Definition	$SR_{1,2,3}^{\geq 6j}$	$SR_{1,2}^{5j}$
General kinematic variables			
ΔR_{bb}^{avg}	Average ΔR for all b -tagged jet pairs	✓	✓
$\Delta R_{bb}^{max\ p_T}$	ΔR between the two b -tagged jets with the largest vector sum p_T	✓	–
$\Delta \eta_{jj}^{max}$	Maximum $\Delta \eta$ between any two jets	✓	✓
$m_{bb}^{min\ \Delta R}$	Mass of the combination of two b -tagged jets with the smallest ΔR	✓	–
$m_{jj}^{min\ \Delta R}$	Mass of the combination of any two jets with the smallest ΔR	–	✓
$N_{bb}^{Higgs\ 30}$	Number of b -tagged jet pairs with invariant mass within 30 GeV of the Higgs-boson mass	✓	✓
H_T^{had}	Scalar sum of jet p_T	–	✓
$\Delta R_{\ell,bb}^{min}$	ΔR between the lepton and the combination of the two b -tagged jets with the smallest ΔR	–	✓
Aplanarity	$1.5\lambda_2$, where λ_2 is the second eigenvalue of the momentum tensor [100] built with all jets	✓	✓
H_1	Second Fox–Wolfram moment computed using all jets and the lepton	✓	✓
Variables from reconstruction BDT			
BDT output	Output of the reconstruction BDT	✓*	✓*
m_{bb}^{Higgs}	Higgs candidate mass	✓	✓
$m_{H,b_{lep\ top}}$	Mass of Higgs candidate and b -jet from leptonic top candidate	✓	–
ΔR_{bb}^{Higgs}	ΔR between b -jets from the Higgs candidate	✓	✓
$\Delta R_{H,t\bar{t}}$	ΔR between Higgs candidate and $t\bar{t}$ candidate system	✓*	✓*
$\Delta R_{H,lep\ top}$	ΔR between Higgs candidate and leptonic top candidate	✓	–
$\Delta R_{H,b_{had\ top}}$	ΔR between Higgs candidate and b -jet from hadronic top candidate	–	✓*
Variables from likelihood and matrix element method calculations			
LHD	Likelihood discriminant	✓	✓
MEM_{D1}	Matrix element discriminant (in $SR_1^{\geq 6j}$ only)	✓	–
Variables from b -tagging (not in $SR_1^{\geq 6j}$)			
w_{b-tag}^{Higgs}	Sum of b -tagging discriminants of jets from best Higgs candidate from the reconstruction BDT	✓	✓
B_{jet}^3	3 rd largest jet b -tagging discriminant	✓	✓
B_{jet}^4	4 th largest jet b -tagging discriminant	✓	✓
B_{jet}^5	5 th largest jet b -tagging discriminant	✓	✓

Pre-fit impact on μ :

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

Post-fit impact on μ :

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

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$t\bar{t} + \geq 1b$: 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

$k(t\bar{t} + \geq 1b) = 1.24 \pm 0.10$

Jet energy resolution: NP 1

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

$t\bar{t} + \geq 1b$: $t\bar{t} + \geq 3b$ 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

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

Wt: diagram subtr. vs. nominal

b-tagging: efficiency, NP 1

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

E_T^{miss} : soft-term resolution

b-tagging: efficiency, NP 0

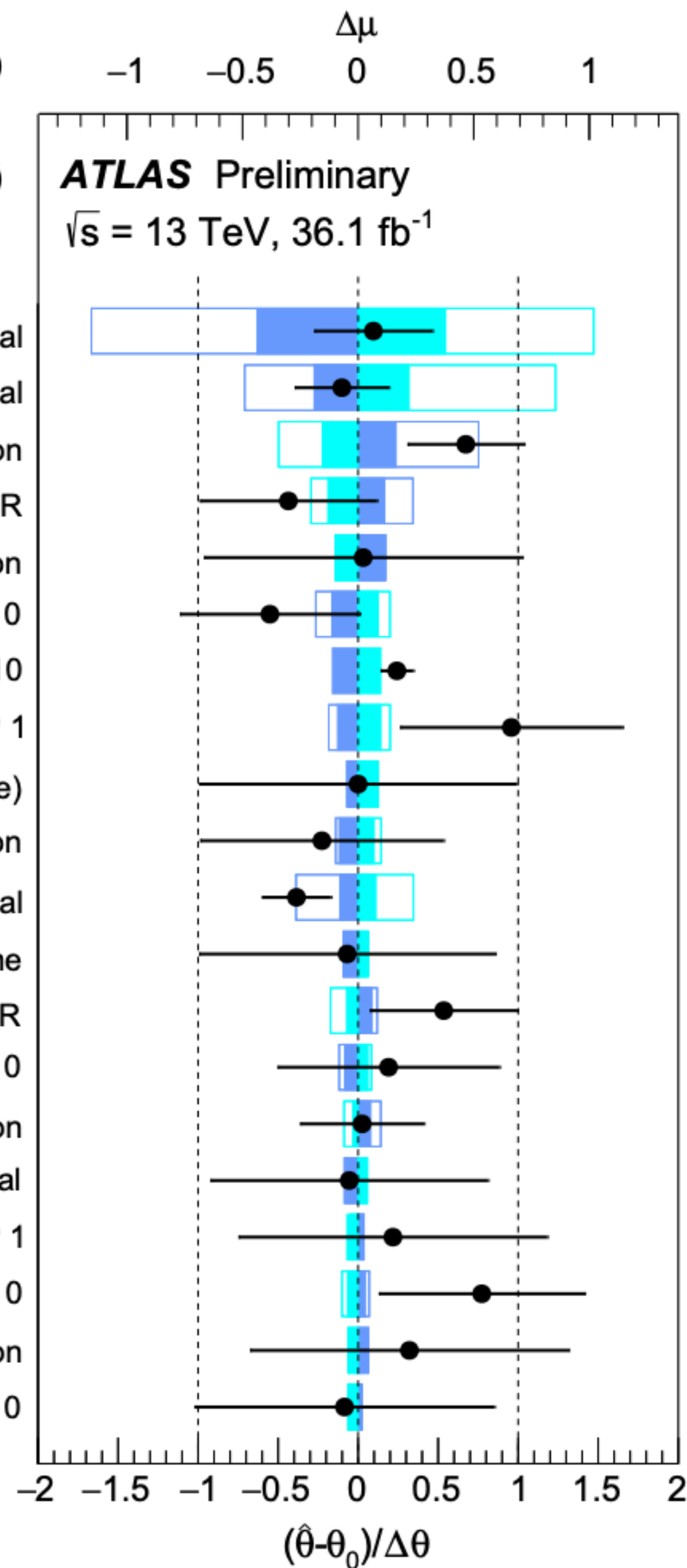


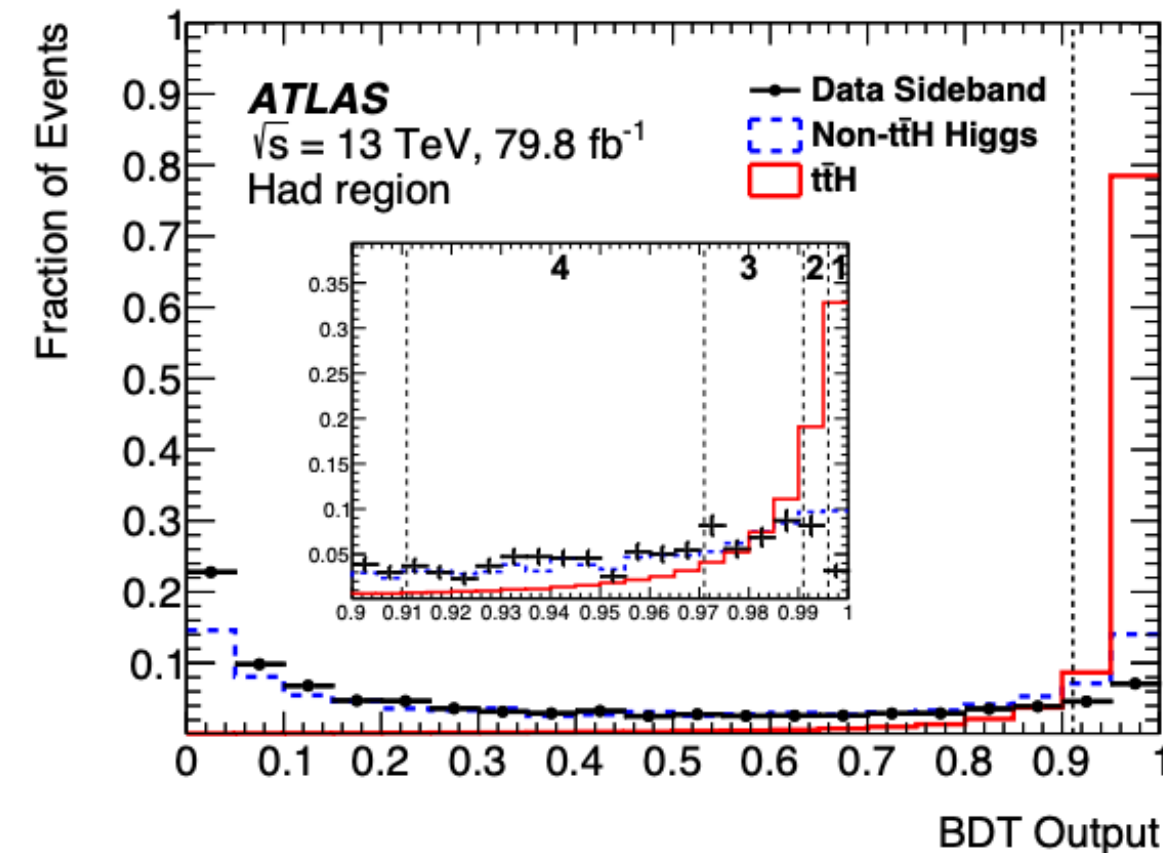
Table 10: Variables used in the multivariate analysis (denoted by \times) for the 2ℓ SS, 3ℓ , 4ℓ (Z-enriched category), $1\ell+2\tau_{\text{had}}$, 2ℓ SS+ $1\tau_{\text{had}}$ and 2ℓ OS+ $1\tau_{\text{had}}$ channels. For 2ℓ SS and 2ℓ SS+ $1\tau_{\text{had}}$, lepton 0 and lepton 1 are the leading and subleading leptons, respectively. For 3ℓ , lepton 0 is the lepton of opposite charge to the same-charge pair, while the same-charge leptons are labelled with increasing index as the distance from the opposite-charge lepton increases. The best Z-candidate dilepton invariant mass is the mass of the dilepton pair closest to the Z boson mass. The variables also used in the cross-check analyses are indicated by a $*$.

	Variable	2ℓ SS	3ℓ	4ℓ	$1\ell+2\tau_{\text{had}}$	2ℓ SS+ $1\tau_{\text{had}}$	2ℓ OS+ $1\tau_{\text{had}}$
Lepton properties	Leading lepton p_{T}		\times				
	Second leading lepton p_{T}	\times	\times			\times	
	Third lepton p_{T}		\times				
	Dilepton invariant mass (all combinations)	\times	$\times*$				\times
	Three-lepton invariant mass		\times				
	Four-lepton invariant mass			\times			
	Best Z-candidate dilepton invariant mass			\times			
	Other Z-candidate dilepton invariant mass			\times			
	Scalar sum of all leptons p_{T}			\times			\times
	Second leading lepton track isolation					\times	
	Maximum $ \eta $ between two leptons	\times				$\times*$	
	Lepton flavour	$\times*$	$\times*$				
	Lepton charge		\times				
Jet properties	Number of jets	$\times*$	$\times*$		\times	\times	\times
	Number of b -tagged jets	$\times*$	$\times*$		\times	\times	\times
	Leading jet p_{T}						\times
	Second leading jet p_{T}		\times			$\times*$	
	Leading b -tagged jet p_{T}		\times				
	Scalar sum of all jets p_{T}		\times		\times	\times	\times
	Scalar sum of all b -tagged jets p_{T}						\times
	Has leading jet highest b -tagging weight?		\times				
	b -tagging weight of leading jet		\times				
	b -tagging weight of second leading jet		\times			\times	
	b -tagging weight of third leading jet					\times	
	Pseudo-rapidity of fourth leading jet					\times	
τ_{had}	Leading τ_{had} p_{T}				\times		\times
	Second leading τ_{had} p_{T}				\times		
	Di-tau invariant mass				\times		
	Invariant mass τ_{had} –furthest lepton					\times	
Angular distances	ΔR lepton 0–lepton 1		\times				
	ΔR lepton 0–lepton 2		\times				
	ΔR lepton 0–closest jet	\times	\times				
	ΔR lepton 0–leading jet		\times			\times	
	ΔR lepton 0–closest b -jet		\times				
	ΔR lepton 1–closest jet	\times	\times				
	ΔR lepton 2–closest jet		\times				
	Smallest ΔR lepton–jet		\times				\times
	Smallest ΔR lepton– b -tagged jet						\times
	Smallest ΔR non-tagged jet– b -tagged jet						\times
	ΔR lepton 0– τ_{had}						\times
	ΔR lepton 1– τ_{had}						\times
	Minimum ΔR between all jets				\times		
	ΔR between two leading jets					\times	
$\vec{p}_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}$	Missing transverse energy $E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}$	\times		\times			
	Azimuthal separation leading jet– $\vec{p}_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}$		\times				
	Transverse mass leptons (H/Z decay) – $\vec{p}_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}$			\times			
	Pseudo-Matrix-Element			\times			

Hadronic channel

 $t\bar{t}H (H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$

- Target: all-hadronic top-quark pair decays, or semi-leptonic top-quark pair decays with leptons not identified
- BDT trained with $t\bar{t}H$ simulation and data control region, using:
 - p_T, η, ϕ , and b-tag status of first 6 jets (sorted by p_T)
 - MET and $\phi(\text{MET})$
 - $p_T/m_{\gamma\gamma}, \eta$, and ϕ of 2 photons

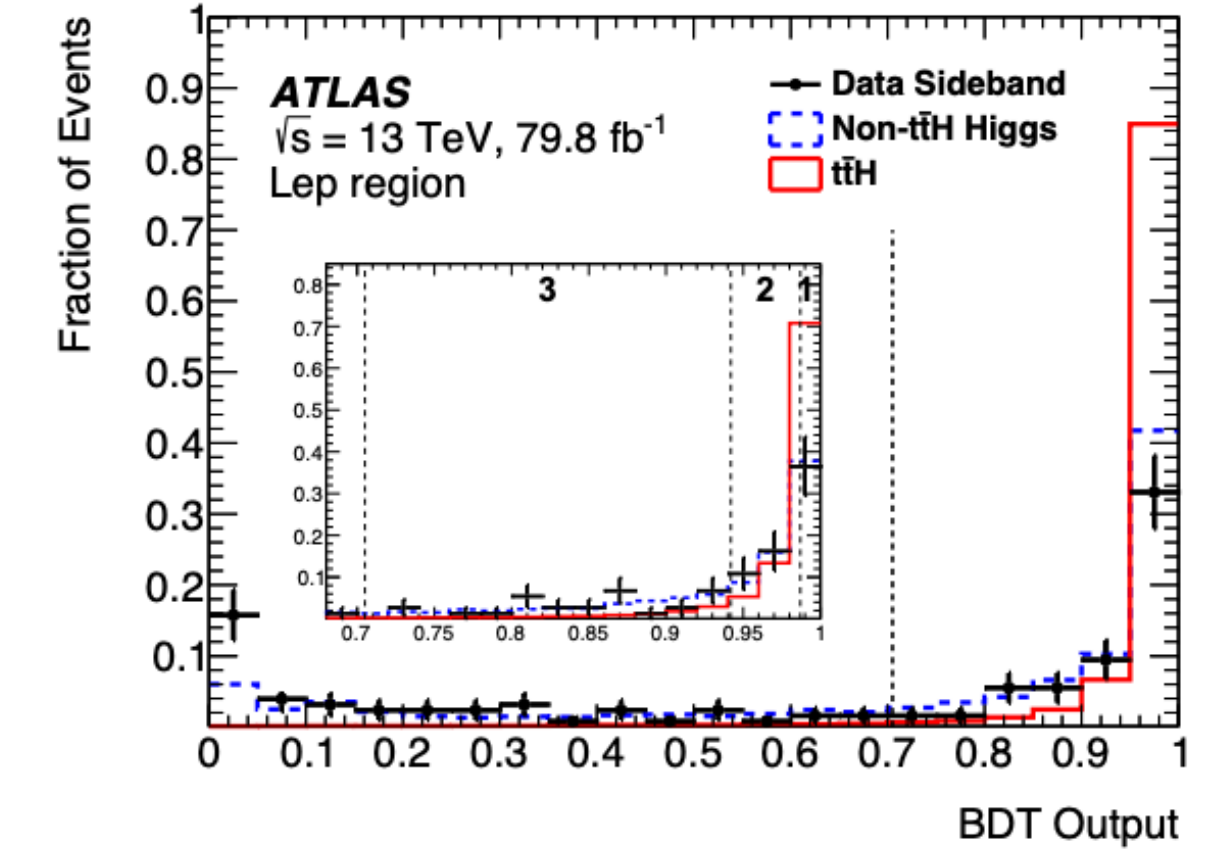


- Define 4 categories in hadronic channel based on BDT output, to exploit its good separation power

Leptonic channel

 $t\bar{t}H (H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$

- Target: semi-leptonic top-quark pair decays
- BDT trained with $t\bar{t}H$ simulation and data control region, using:
 - p_T, η, ϕ of first 4 jets, first 2 leptons (sorted by p_T)
 - MET and $\phi(\text{MET})$
 - $p_T/m_{\gamma\gamma}, \eta$, and ϕ of 2 photons



- Define 3 categories in leptonic channel based on BDT output, to exploit its good separation power