

# Searching for $t\bar{t}H$ ( $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ ) with ATLAS

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## Introduction

- ▶ Aim to give an overview of the search for  $t\bar{t}H$  production with the ATLAS detector
  - ▷ Focus on the  $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  channel
  - ▷ Describe the full analysis strategy
  - ▷ Present the results and current status
- ▶ Analysis presented uses  $32.1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  dataset of  $pp$  collisions
  - ▷ Paper submitted to PRD

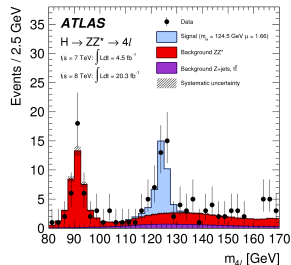
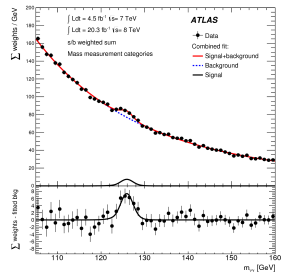
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# Introduction

## Higgs boson

- ▶ Discovered in 2012 by ATLAS and CMS collaborations
  - ▷ The last piece of the SM to be found
  - ▷ Its mass is unconstrained in the SM
- ▶ Want to measure as many properties of the particle as possible
  - ▷ Mass, charge, width, CP-nature...
  - ▷ But also, how it couples to other particles
  - ▷ Coupling strengths predicted by SM given Higgs mass
  - ▷ Currently all measurements are consistent with SM

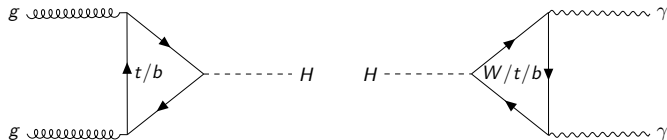


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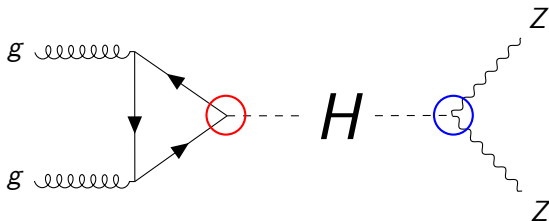
### Fermions

- ▶ Less success with measuring the coupling to fermions
- ▶ Only direct observation of one Higgs-fermion coupling:  $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$
- ▶ Only evidence for  $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  decay from ATLAS and CMS
- ▶ Top-Higgs coupling inferred through loop processes

# Introduction

## Higgs couplings

- ▶ Two areas to probe for Higgs couplings
  - ▷ In Higgs **production** modes and in **decay** channels
  - ▷ Additionally of interest is the Higgs self coupling (di-Higgs searches)



- ▶ Shown here is ggF production with  $H \rightarrow ZZ$  decay
  - ▷ Production dominated by coupling to top  $y_t$  and  $b$ -quarks  $y_b$
  - ▷ Decay has direct coupling to  $Z$  boson



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

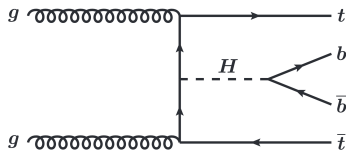
## Direct measurement of the two largest Higgs fermion couplings

### ▶ $t\bar{t}H$ :

- ▶ Direct measurement of  $y_t$
- ▶  $y_t$  can probe scale of new physics
- ▶ One of four main Higgs production mechanisms at LHC

### ▶ $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$

- ▶ Largest Higgs BR (58%)
- ▶ In ggF, dominated by multijet background
- ▶ S/B improved by additional final state objects ( $VH$  and  $t\bar{t}H$  production)
- ▶ Only evidence from  $VH(b\bar{b})$



Search for  $t\bar{t}H$  ( $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ )

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## Analysis Overview

- ▶ Large BR but dominated by background from  $t\bar{t}$ +jets events
  - ▷  $t\bar{t}H$  ( $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ ) has same final state objects as  $t\bar{t} + b\bar{b}$  production
  - ▷ Cross section is  $\sim 2$  orders magnitude larger than signal ( $\sigma_{t\bar{t}H} = 0.5$  pb at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV)
- ▶ Large focus of analysis on separating signal from background
  - ▷ Event selection and categorisation
  - ▷ Multivariate techniques (Reconstruction and Classification)
- ▶ Controlling the background modelling and systematic uncertainties
  - ▷ The dominant  $t\bar{t} + \text{jets}$  background has large systematic uncertainties
  - ▷ Perform a simultaneous profile likelihood fit on signal and control regions
- ▶ Analysis is split into four steps:
  - ▷ Event selection, which split into channels based on lepton number
  - ▷ Event categorisation, performed in each channel
  - ▷ Reconstruction and Classification
  - ▷ Signal strength extraction



# Background Modelling

- ▶ Search is dominated by  $t\bar{t} + \text{jets}$  background
  - ▷ Split into  $t\bar{t} + \geq 1b$ ,  $t\bar{t} + \geq 1c$  and  $t\bar{t} + \text{light}$
  - ▷ Defined by matching of  $b/c$ -hadrons to additional jets at particle level
- ▶  $t\bar{t} + b\bar{b}$  has same final state as  $t\bar{t}H$  ( $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ ) signal
  - ▷  $t\bar{t} + \geq 1b$  and  $t\bar{t} + \geq 1c$  production not well understood
- ▶ Large number of systematic uncertainties cover  $t\bar{t} + \text{HF}$  modelling
  - ▷ Covering choice of generator, parton shower, 3/4 vs 5FS PDFs
  - ▷ Free float normalisation of  $t\bar{t} + \geq 1b$  and  $t\bar{t} + \geq 1c$  in the fit
- ▶ In order to improve the  $t\bar{t} + \geq 1b$  modelling, nominal sample has individual  $t\bar{t} + \geq 1b$  components adjusted to match dedicated  $t\bar{t} + b\bar{b}$  sample produced to NLO precision using 4FS PDF

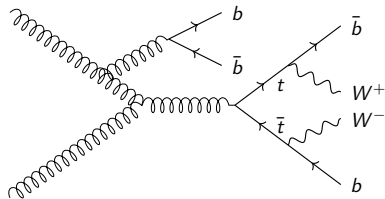
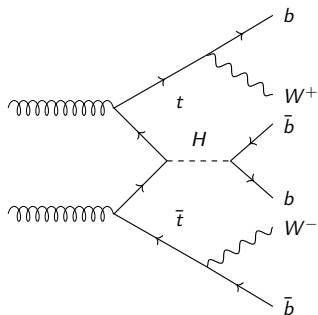


## Event Selection and Categorisation

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## Objects in our Events

- ▶ From our signal/background:
  - ▷ Four  $b$ -quarks
  - ▷ Two  $W$ -bosons
- ▶  $W^\pm$  decays to  $l\nu$  or  $q\bar{q}$ 
  - ▷ Always require at least one lepton
  - ▷ Provides clean trigger signature<sup>1</sup>
  - ▷ Two channels:  $1l$  and  $2l$
- ▶ Detector doesn't see  $b$ -quarks
  - ▷ Hadronisation and parton shower
  - ▷ Collimated shower of particles: Jet reconstruction
  - ▷ Attempt to identify jets originating from  $b$ -quarks ( $b$ -jets)

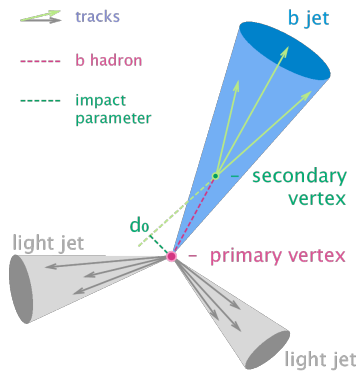
<sup>1</sup> ATLAS cannot save all events from collisions. Require triggers to decide whether to save an interesting event



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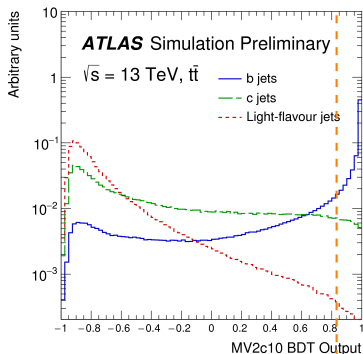
- ▶ Jets constructed by grouping energy deposits in the detector (clusters)
  - ▷ Use anti- $k_t$  algorithm with  $\Delta R = 0.4$
- ▶ Exploiting properties of *B*-hadrons to identify *b*-jets
  - ▷ Long lifetime  $\rightarrow$  flight path in detector
  - ▷ Large impact parameter of tracks matched to a secondary vertex
- ▶ Three types of algorithms to exploit
  - ▷ Impact parameter based
  - ▷ Secondary vertex reconstruction
  - ▷ Topological decay reconstruction
- ▶ Output variables are combined into a single discriminant



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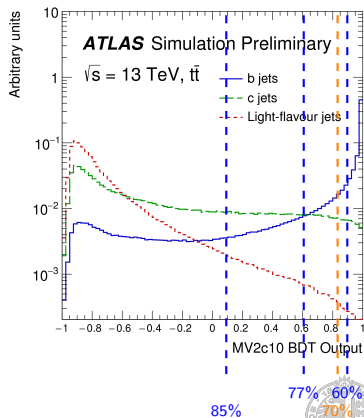
- ▶ Boosted Decision Tree to combine multiple input variables
  - ▷ Separate *b*-jets from *c*- and light-flavour jets
  - ▷ Background is 80% LF, 20% *c*-jet
- ▶ Kinematic properties are also included in the training
  - ▷ Reweight the distributions to have no kinematic differences
  - ▷ But can exploit underlying correlations with other inputs
- ▶ Four *b*-tagging efficiency working points
  - ▷ 60%, 70%, 77% and 85% *b*-efficiency
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  - ▷ OR use **all** working points together



## Event Selection

## Pre-selection

- ▶ In the final state expect six (four)  $b$ -jets in the  $1\ell$  ( $2\ell$ ) channels
  - ▷ Would select four  $b$ -jets at the tightest WP
  - ▷ Open up the acceptance to take into account detector efficiencies
  - ▷ A  $b$ -quark could be out of the acceptance of the detector/mistagged
    - Require  $\geq 5$  ( $\geq 3$ ) jets and reduced  $b$ -tag requirements in preselection
  - ▷ Use jet multiplicity and  $b$ -tag working points to define regions
- ▶ Additionally: consider a “Boosted” topology in  $1\ell$  channel
  - ▷ High  $p_T$  Higgs boson/top quark
  - ▷ Jets from decay products have significant overlap, form one fat jet





# Event Categorisation

## Overview

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- ▶ Two methods used to categorise events
  - i Background based categorisation (resolved events)
  - ii Top and Higgs candidate large jet tagging (boosted events)
- ▶ Regions are used to define control regions and signal regions
  - ▷ Signal regions are enriched in  $t\bar{t}H$  ( $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ ) signal
  - ▷ Control regions are all other regions
  - ▷ Multivariate techniques are used in signal regions to improve sensitivity of the analysis



# Event Categorisation

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### Resolved Categorisation

- ▶ Start with initial loose preselection of events, consistent with  $t\bar{t} + X$
- ▶ Use jet info to define regions enriched in different  $t\bar{t} + \text{jets}$  composition
  - ▶ Split events by jet multiplicity, use  $b$ -tag WPs of up to four jets

### Boosted Categorisation

- ▶ Select events with objects corresponding to  $t\bar{t}H$  ( $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ ) events with a boosted Higgs and top
  - ▶ Require two large jets (anti- $k_t$  with  $\Delta R = 1.0$ )
    - Tag one as a top candidate
    - Tag the other as a Higgs candidate
- ▶ All events go into the boosted region in case of overlap with resolved



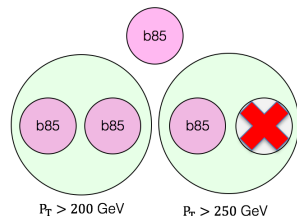
## Event Categorisation

## Boosted

- ▶ Only performed in single lepton channel
- ▶ Reduces combinatorics of final state objects
- ▶ Selection:

- ▶  $\geq 5$  small jets,  $\geq 2$  reclustered<sup>1</sup> large jets
- ▶  $\geq 1$  jet tagged@85% WP outside large je
- ▶  $\geq 1$  top candidate,  $\geq 1$  Higgs candidate

	Top	Higgs
$p_T$ [GeV]	$> 250$	$> 200$
Constituent jets	2	2
Tagged @ 85%	$==1$	2



<sup>1</sup> Reclustered jets are reconstructed using the anti- $k_T$  algorithm but taking smaller radius jets as inputs instead of clusters



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- ▶ Each jet in the event is labelled by the tightest  $b$ -tag WP it passes
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- ▶ Each bin will have a different background composition
  - ▷ Combine bins with similar backgrounds to form regions
  - ▷ Finer  $t\bar{t} + \geq 1b$  categorisation using number of additional  $b$ -hadrons
  - ▷ e.g. Merge all bins with more than 60%  $t\bar{t} + \geq 2b$ 
    - In  $2\ell$  events with  $\geq 4j$ :  $(60,60,60,60)$  and  $(60,60,60,70)$  bins



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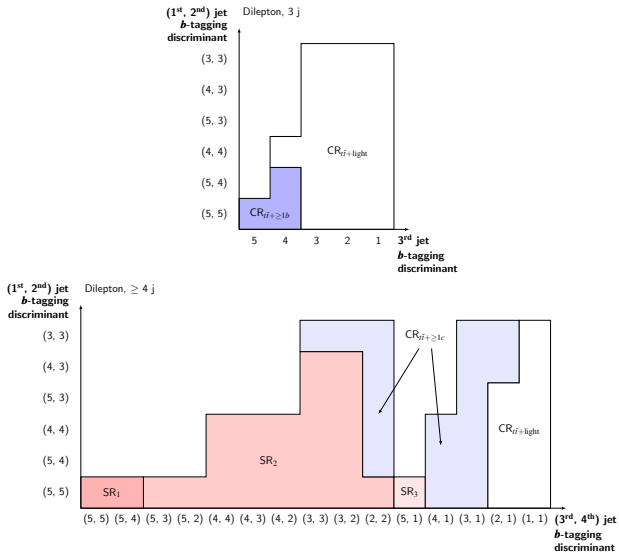
## Resolved

- ▶ Using this method more freedom to have regions enriched in different backgrounds
  - ▷ Help control modelling of individual processes
- ▶ Due to shared final state, enriched  $t\bar{t} + b\bar{b}$  regions are natural signal regions
- ▶ In total have 3 (5) signal regions and 4 (6) control regions in resolved  $2\ell$  ( $1\ell$ )
- ▶ Can represent binning on 2D plot with  $y = (jet_1, jet_2)$  and  $x = (jet_3, jet_4)$ 
  - ▷ Convention uses  $b$ -tag discriminant bin instead of WP
  - ▷ 5=60%, 4=70% ... 1=100% (untagged)

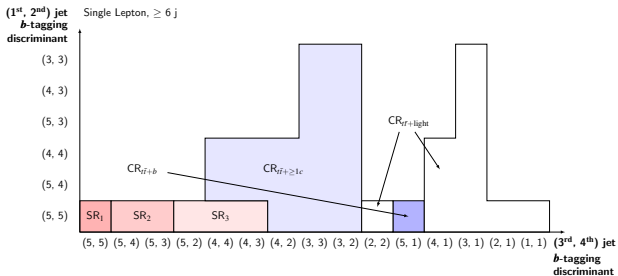
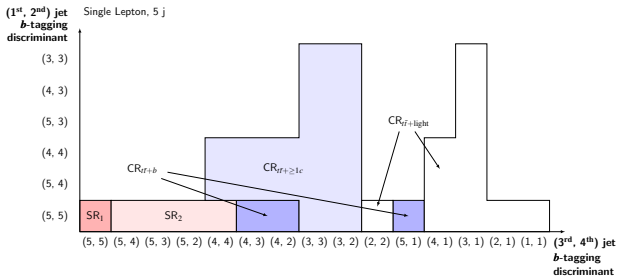




## Event Categorisation

Graphical Representation -  $2\ell$  resolved

## Event Categorisation

Graphical Representation -  $1\ell$  resolved

# Event Selection and Categorisation

## Summary

- ▶ 19 regions in total, of which 9 are **signal regions**
  - ▶ Boosted region is classed as a signal region

### 1 $\ell$ channel

ATLAS

$\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV

Single Lepton

■  $|\tau| + \text{light}$ 
■  $|\tau| + \geq 1c$ 
■  $|\tau| + \geq 1b$   
■  $|\tau| + V$ 
■ Non- $|\tau|$

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SR<sub>boosted</sub><sup>1 $\ell$</sup>

CR <sub>$|\tau| + \text{light}$</sub> <sup>2 $\ell$</sup>

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### 2 $\ell$ channel

ATLAS

$\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV

Dilepton

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■  $|\tau| + V$ 
■ Non- $|\tau|$

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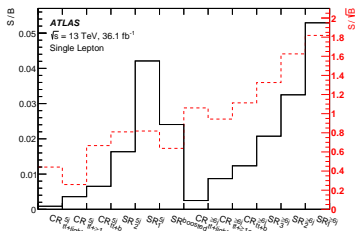


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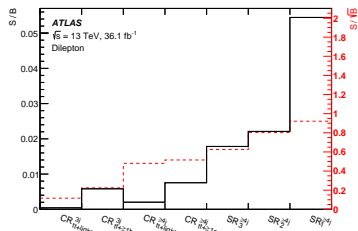
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### 2 $\ell$ channel



# Reconstruction and Classification

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# Analysis Strategy

## Overview

- ▶ Perform a binned profile likelihood fit simultaneously across all regions
  - ▷ In the signal regions want to enhance sensitivity to  $t\bar{t}H$  events
  - ▷ Use the control regions to help handle the  $t\bar{t} + \text{jets}$  background
- ▶ Use an MVA discriminant in all signal regions
  - ▷ Two stage strategy employed - **Reconstruction** → **Classification**
- ▶ In control regions use either a single bin or scalar sum of jet  $p_T$  ( $H_T^{had}$ )
  - ▷  $H_T^{had}$  only used in  $t\bar{t} + c$  CRs in  $1\ell$  regions
  - ▷ Required additional control over  $t\bar{t} + \geq 1c$  modelling



## Two Stage MVA

### 1. Reconstruction

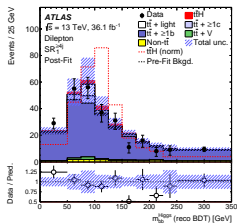
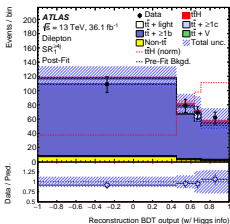
- ▶ Solve object combinatorics to reconstruct event hard scatter
  - ▷ Match jets/leptons to the partons in  $t\bar{t}H (H \rightarrow b\bar{b})/t\bar{t} + b\bar{b}$
- ▶ Three complimentary techniques used
  - i Reconstruction BDT
  - ii Likelihood discriminant
  - iii Matrix Element Method
- ▶ From each can construct variables with strong discrimination power
- ▶ Note: No explicit reconstruction in the Boosted region
  - ▷ Use the tagged Higgs candidate from event selection



## Two Stage MVA

## 1. Reconstruction - Reconstruction BDT

- ▶ Train a BDT to assign jets to the partons in  $t\bar{t}H$  ( $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ ) hard scatter
  - ▷ Discriminates against combinatoric background
  - ▷ Use invariant masses and angular separations of jets/leptons
  - ▷ Evaluate on all events to choose jet matching
- ▶ Get a most  $t\bar{t}H$ -like jet-parton matching per event
  - ▷ Use BDT output score as a discriminant
  - ▷ Signal events more likely to have higher output score
  - ▷ Reconstruct object properties from jet assignment - Higgs mass
- ▶ Method used in all resolved signal regions





## Two Stage MVA

### 1. Reconstruction

#### Likelihood Discriminant

- ▶ Only used in  $1\ell$  resolved signal regions
- ▶ Probability of an event to be signal or background ( $t\bar{t} + b$  or  $t\bar{t} + b\bar{b}$ )
  - ▷ 1D PDFs constructed for inv. masses and angular distributions
  - ▷ Probabilities calculated as weighted product of all 1D PDFs
  - ▷ Weighted average of all possible combinations per event
- ▶ Final discriminant is a likelihood ratio of the sig and bkg probabilities

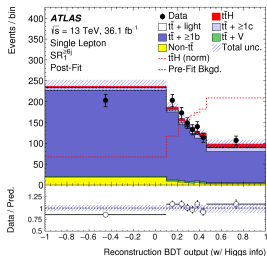
#### Matrix Element Method

- ▶ Only performed in the most signal enriched  $1\ell$  signal region
- ▶ Uses the four vector information of all jets and leptons, and the MET
- ▶ Signal and background hypothesis testing performed at parton level
- ▶ Final discriminant log of sig and bkg likelihood ratio

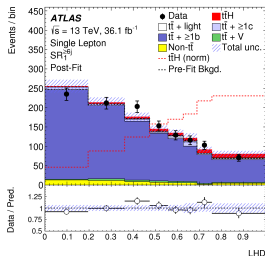
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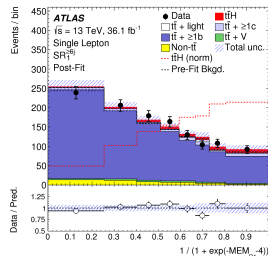
## Reco BDT



## LHD



## MEM



Reco BDT Exploits correlations within each combination

Reco BDT Provides jet assignments based on  $t\bar{t}H$  ( $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ )

LHD Combines all combinations together into one discriminant

LHD+MEM Calculate both signal and background likelihoods

MEM Calculates discriminant at parton level using 4-vectors



## Two Stage MVA

### 2. Classification

- ▶ Construct discriminants in each signal region to separate  $t\bar{t}H$  from  $t\bar{t}$
- ▶ Combine multiple variables with moderate separation power
  - ▷ Most powerful variables come from the reconstruction methods
- ▶ BDT optimised in each signal region
- ▶ Cross-validation performed to mitigate problems from overtraining
- ▶ Binning optimised for final significance in the fit



# Two Stage MVA

## 2. Classification

### Example Input Variables

#### Reconstruction

- ▶ Reco discriminants
- ▶ Object properties (i.e. Higgs mass) from reco BDT
- ▶ Boosted Higgs/top properties

#### General Event

- ▶ nJets above  $p_T$  threshold
- ▶ Large Jet substructure

#### Event Shape

- ▶ From event  $E-\vec{p}$  tensor (Aplanarity, Sphericity)
- ▶ Fox-Wolfram moments

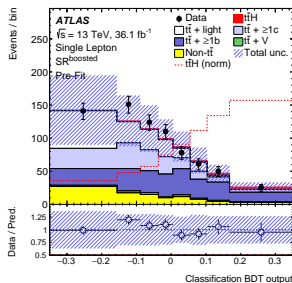
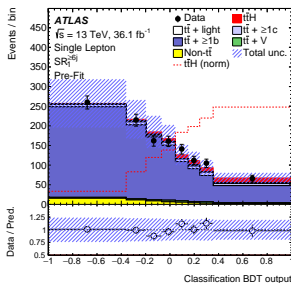
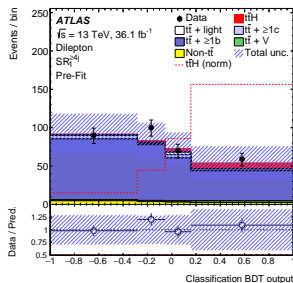
#### Object Pairs

- ▶ Properties of a ( $b$ )-jet pair passing criteria
- ▶  $\Delta\eta_{bb}^{Max}$ ,  $M_{jj}^{Minp_T}$

# Two Stage MVA

## Final Discriminant

- ▶ Most signal enriched region in each selection ( $2\ell$ ,  $1\ell$  resolved/boosted)
- ▶ Regions shown before performing the fit
  - ▷ Red is  $t\bar{t}H$  assuming SM xsec



## Results

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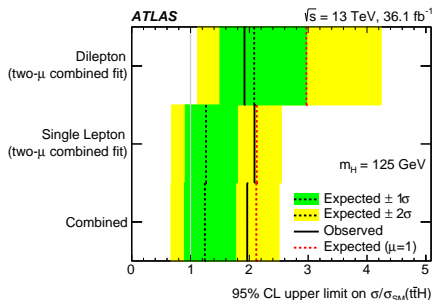
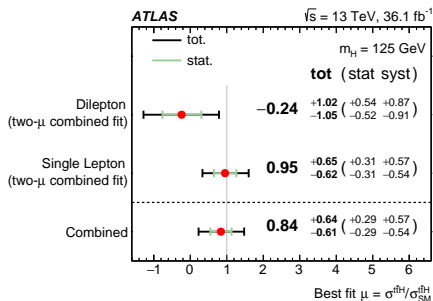
# Results

## Overview

- ▶ Perform binned profile likelihood fit across all bins and regions simultaneously
  - ▷ No distinction made between Signal and Control regions in the fit
- ▶ Parameter of interest is  $t\bar{t}H$  signal strength  $\mu_{t\bar{t}H}$ 
  - ▷ Defined as  $\mu_{t\bar{t}H} = \sigma_{t\bar{t}H}^{obs} / \sigma_{t\bar{t}H}^{SM}$
- ▶ Large number of nuisance parameters covering modelling and detector systematic uncertainties
  - ▷ Free-float  $t\bar{t} + \geq 1b$  and  $t\bar{t} + \geq 1c$  normalisation factors



## Results



- ▶ Individual channel assessed using decorrelated signal strength
  - ▷ Still fit all regions simultaneously
- ▶  $t\bar{t}H$  has an observed (expected) significance of  $1.6\sigma$  ( $1.8\sigma$ )
- ▶ Exclude  $\mu > 2.0$  at 95% CL

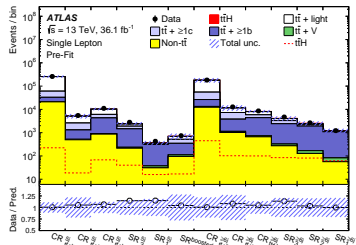
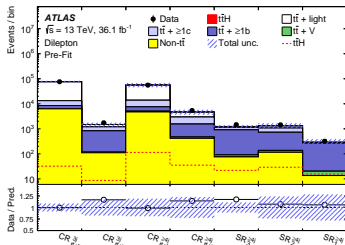




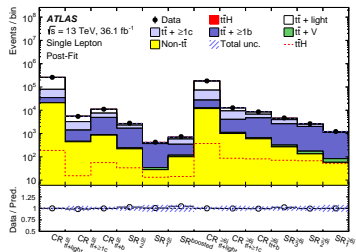
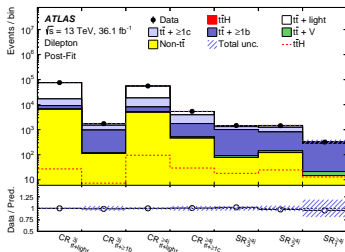
# Results

## Regions Summary

Pre-Fit



Post-Fit

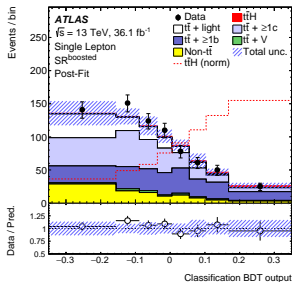
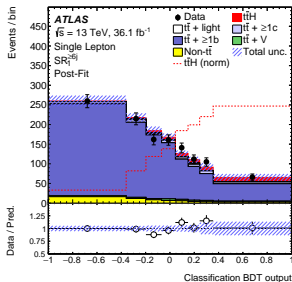
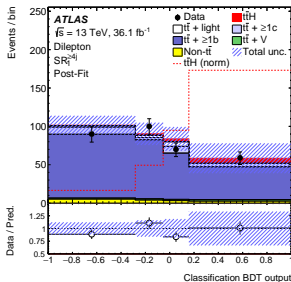


# Results

## Final Discriminant

- ▶ Lets revisit the three regions shown before

- ▷  $t\bar{t}H$  shown for extracted signal strength  $\mu = 0.84^{+0.64}_{-0.61}$



## Results

## Impact of Systematic Uncertainties

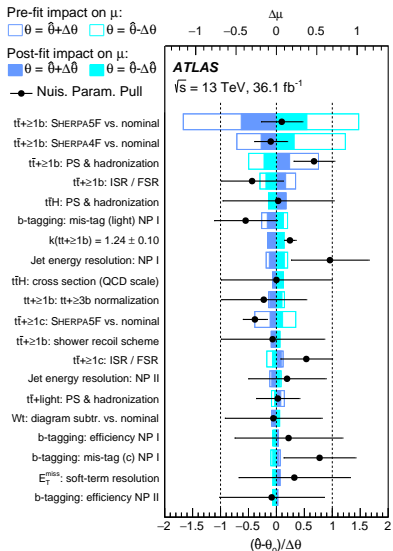
Uncertainty source	$\Delta\mu$	
$t\bar{t} + \geq 1b$ modelling	+0.46	-0.46
Background-model stat. unc.	+0.29	-0.31
$b$ -tagging efficiency and mis-tag rates	+0.16	-0.16
Jet energy scale and resolution	+0.14	-0.14
$t\bar{t}H$ modelling	+0.22	-0.05
$t\bar{t} + \geq 1c$ modelling	+0.09	-0.11
JVT, pileup 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

- ▶ Analysis is currently systematically limited
- ▶ Largest uncertainties from  $t\bar{t} + \text{HF}$  modelling
- ▶ Also notable impact:
  - ▷ Bkg modelling stats.
  - ▷ Flavour tagging
  - ▷ Jet energy scale and resolution



## Results

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- ▶ Also notable impact:
  - ▷ Bkg modelling stats.
  - ▷ Flavour tagging
  - ▷ Jet energy scale and resolution
- ▶ Large number of constrained two-point systematics



## $t\bar{t}H$ Combination

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## Results

 $t\bar{t}H$  Combination

- ▶  $t\bar{t}H (H \rightarrow b\bar{b})$  is just one of several searches in ATLAS for  $t\bar{t}H$
- ▶ Other searches are optimised for other Higgs decay modes
  - ▷  $t\bar{t}H$  multileptons:  $H \rightarrow WW^*/ZZ^*/\tau\tau$
  - ▷  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
  - ▷  $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4\ell$
- ▶ All analyses have been performed using same  $36.1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  dataset
- ▶ A combined fit over all channels has also been performed

▶ ttH ML+comb

▶  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ ▶  $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4\ell$ 

## Results

 $t\bar{t}H$  Combination $t\bar{t}H$  multileptons

- ▶ 8 distinct signal regions targetting different decay modes
- ▶ Dominant backgrounds from  $t\bar{t} + V$ ,  $t\bar{t}$ , fake and non-prompt leptons
  - ▷ Use a BDT to suppress non-prompt leptons
  - ▷ MVA discriminants used in five signal regions
- ▶ Wide range of S/B, from a few percent to >40%

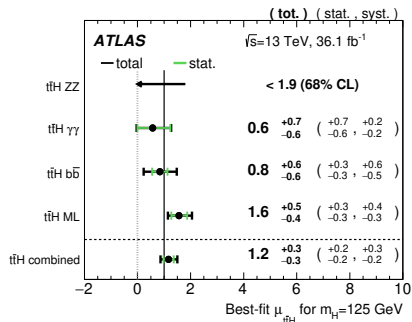
 $t\bar{t}H$  resonant searches

- ▶  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  and  $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4\ell$  are  $t\bar{t}H$  enriched regions in inclusive searches
  - ▷ Only use  $t\bar{t}H$  enriched regions
- ▶  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ : Cut based and BDT selections to separate signal from ggF and multijet backgrounds
- ▶  $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4\ell$ : Very pure cut and count, expected < 0.5 events

## Results

 $t\bar{t}H$  Combination

- ▶ Combining all  $t\bar{t}H$  searches
- ▶ Non- $t\bar{t}H$  production modes set to SM values
- ▶ Almost all detector and signal and background uncertainties treated as correlated
- ▶ Best fit value of
  - ▷  $\mu_{t\bar{t}H} = 1.2 \pm 0.19$  (*stat*) $^{+0.21}_{-0.23}$  (*syst*)
  - ▷  $\sigma_{t\bar{t}H} = 590^{+160}_{-150} \text{ fb}^{-1}$
- ▶ Combined observed (expected) significance of  $4.2 \sigma$  ( $3.8 \sigma$ )



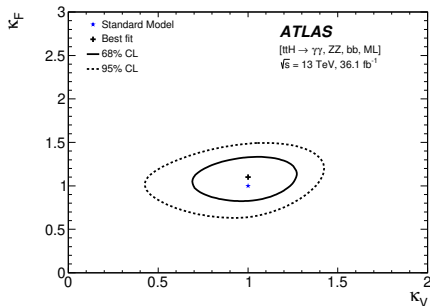
Channel	Best-fit $\mu$		Significance	
	Observed	Expected	Observed	Expected
Multilepton	$1.6^{+0.5}_{-0.4}$	$1.0^{+0.4}_{-0.4}$	$4.1\sigma$	$2.8\sigma$
$H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$	$0.8^{+0.6}_{-0.6}$	$1.0^{+0.6}_{-0.6}$	$1.4\sigma$	$1.6\sigma$
$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	$0.6^{+0.7}_{-0.6}$	$1.0^{+0.8}_{-0.6}$	$0.9\sigma$	$1.7\sigma$
$H \rightarrow 4\ell$	$< 1.9$	$1.0^{+3.2}_{-1.0}$	—	$0.6\sigma$
Combined	$1.2^{+0.3}_{-0.3}$	$1.0^{+0.3}_{-0.3}$	$4.2\sigma$	$3.8\sigma$



## Results

 $t\bar{t}H$  Combination - Interpretations

- ▶ Wide range of Higgs couplings probed in the combination
- ▶ Using the kappa-parameterisation, scale the Higgs-couplings of particles (or groups of particles) by a factor  $\kappa_i$ 
  - ▷ Look at coupling of Higgs boson to fermions  $\kappa_F$  and vector bosons  $\kappa_V$
  - ▷ Couplings to gluons and photons comes from loop processes



- ▶ Consistent with Standard Model



## Conclusion

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## Conclusion

- ▶ Latest results from ATLAS for search for  $t\bar{t}H$  ( $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ ) including combination with other channels
- ▶ Very challenging analysis with heavy use of multivariate techniques to enhance sensitivity
  - ▶ Also makes full use of flavour tagging in region definitions to help control  $t\bar{t} + \text{jets}$  backgrounds
- ▶  $t\bar{t}H$  ( $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ ) is currently systematically dominated
  - ▶ Observed (expected) significance of  $1.6\sigma$  ( $1.8\sigma$ )
  - ▶ Consistent with SM and B-Only hypotheses
- ▶ **Evidence** for  $t\bar{t}H$  with  $36.1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  ATLAS Run 2 data in combination



## Outlook

- ▶ Additional data collected in 2017 could push combination above  $5\sigma$
- ▶ Potential  $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  combination to aim for  $5\sigma$  using 2017 data
  - ▷ Combining  $VH$ ,  $t\bar{t}H$  and VBF searches targeting  $b\bar{b}$
  - ▷ Currently  $3\sigma$  from  $VH(b\bar{b})$  search
- ▶ However, further understanding of background modelling required for  $t\bar{t}H (H \rightarrow b\bar{b})$  search



# Backup

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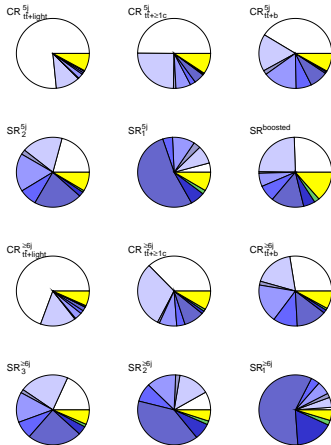
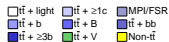


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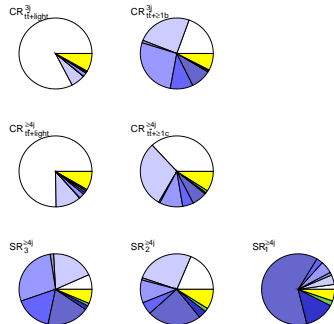
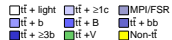
## Detailed

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

Single Lepton


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

Dilepton



## Region Definitions

Semileptonic Regions			
$\geq 6$ jets		5 jets	
Region name	Definition	Region name	Definition
$SR_1^{\geq 6j}$	$> 60\% t\bar{t} + \geq 2b$	$SR_1^{5j}$	$> 60\% t\bar{t} + \geq 2b$
$SR_2^{\geq 6j}$	$> 45\% t\bar{t} + \geq 2b$	$SR_2^{5j}$	$> 20\% t\bar{t} + \geq 2b$
$SR_3^{\geq 6j}$	$> 30\% t\bar{t} + \geq 2b$		
$CR_{t\bar{t}+b}^{\geq 6j}$	$> 30\% t\bar{t} + 1b$	$CR_{t\bar{t}+b}^{5j}$	$> 20\% t\bar{t} + 1b$
$CR_{t\bar{t}+\geq 1c}^{\geq 6j}$	$> 30\% t\bar{t} + \geq 1c$	$CR_{t\bar{t}+\geq 1c}^{5j}$	$> 20\% t\bar{t} + \geq 1c$
$CR_{t\bar{t}+light}^{\geq 6j}$	Remaining events	$CR_{t\bar{t}+light}^{5j}$	Remaining events
Dilepton Regions			
$\geq 4$ jets		3 jets	
Region name	Definition	Region name	Definition
$SR_1^{\geq 4j}$	$> 70\% t\bar{t} + \geq 2b$		
$SR_2^{\geq 4j}$	$> 1.5\% t\bar{t}H$		
$SR_3^{\geq 4j}$	$> 30\% t\bar{t} + 1b$		
$CR_{t\bar{t}+\geq 1c}^{\geq 4j}$	$> 25\% t\bar{t} + \geq 1c$	$CR_{t\bar{t}+\geq 1b}^{3j}$	$> 30\% t\bar{t} + \geq 1b$
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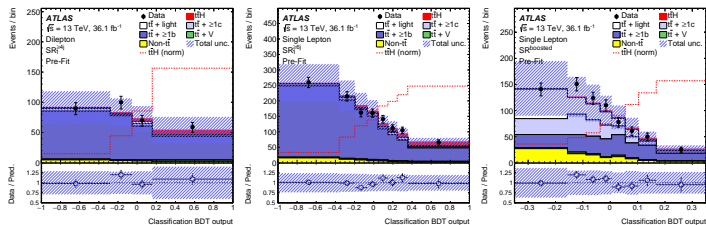
# Two Stage MVA

## Final Discriminant

### ▶ Comparing the three signal regions directly

▷  $t\bar{t}H$  shown post-fit for extracted signal strength  $\mu = 0.84^{+0.64}_{-0.61}$

Pre-Fit



Post-Fit

