



Towards the observation of $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$:
Search for VH , $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ decays with 80 fb^{-1}
of 13 TeV ATLAS data

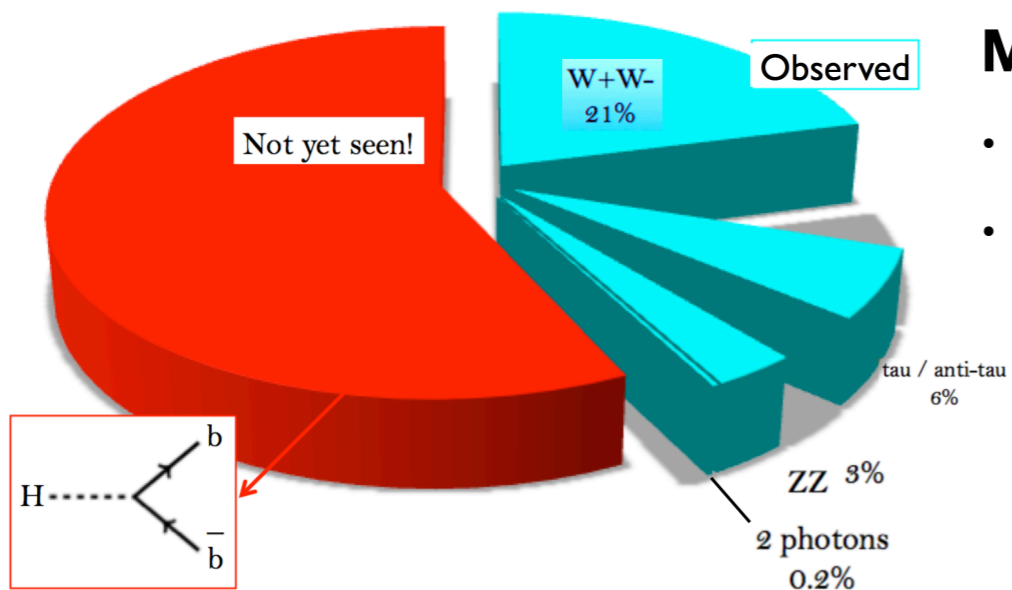


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Introduction



Motivation: Why $H \rightarrow bb$?

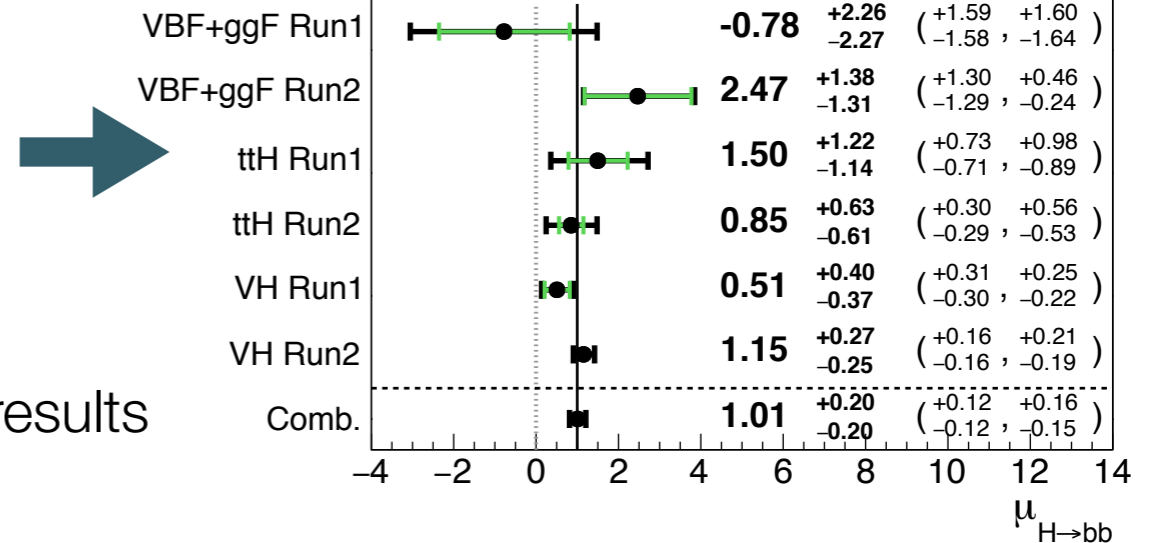
- Direct measure of the **Yukawa coupling** to down type quarks
- **Highest Branching Ratio (58%) in SM:**
 - Fill the gap left for possible new physics
 - Reduce uncertainties on Higgs width and couplings

Summary:

- Very nice results presented in Laurent's talk today:
 - **VH observation!**
 - **$H \rightarrow bb$ observation!**
- **$VH, H \rightarrow bb$ is leading the sensitivity** in these two results

This talk: focus on Run2 VH, $H \rightarrow bb$ measurement

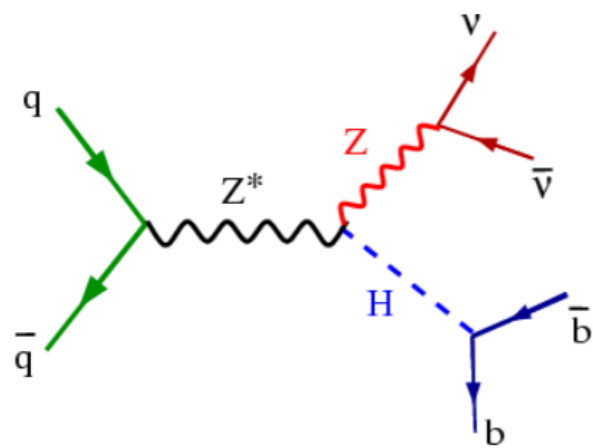
- Analysis strategy + Signal&Bkg modeling
- Results @ 80 fb⁻¹
- **di-jet mass** analysis and **VZ, Z → bb** crosschecks



Channel	Significance	
	Exp.	Obs.
VBF+ggF	0.9	1.5
$t\bar{t}H$	1.9	1.9
VH	5.1	4.9
$H \rightarrow bb$ Combination	5.5	5.4

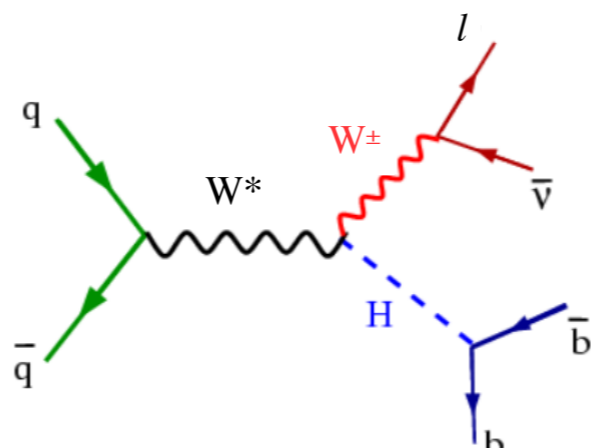
Event Selection

- **Exploit leptonic signatures** for trigger, and suppression of multi-jet background.
- **3 channels** (0, 1, 2 charged leptons)
- **Exactly 2 b-tagged jets (70% eff. WP)**. Consider only 2-jet and 3-jet events (in 2-lepton \geq 3-jets).



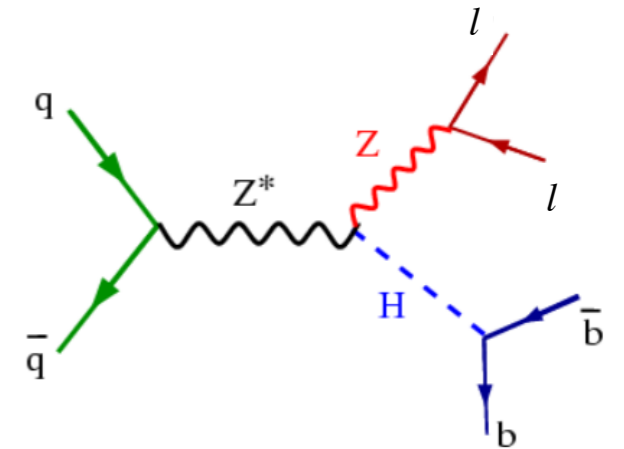
0-lepton:

- Mainly $Z \rightarrow \nu\nu$ but also $W \rightarrow l\nu$
- $p_T^V = MET$. $p_T^V > 150 \text{ GeV}$



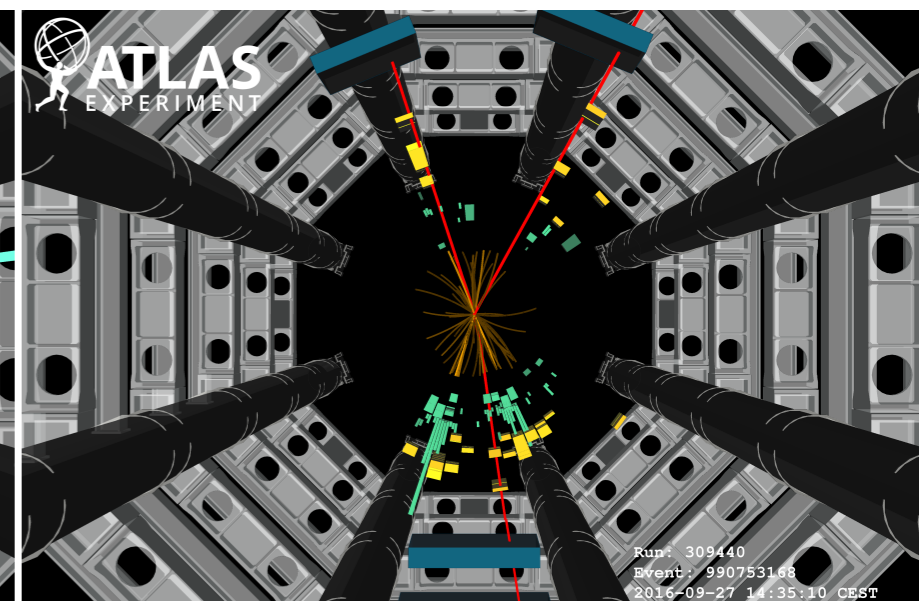
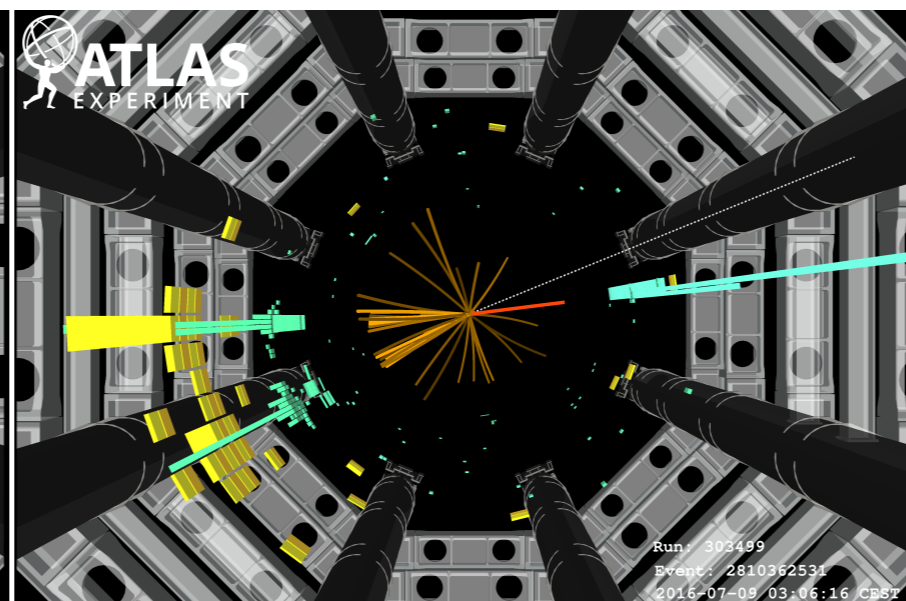
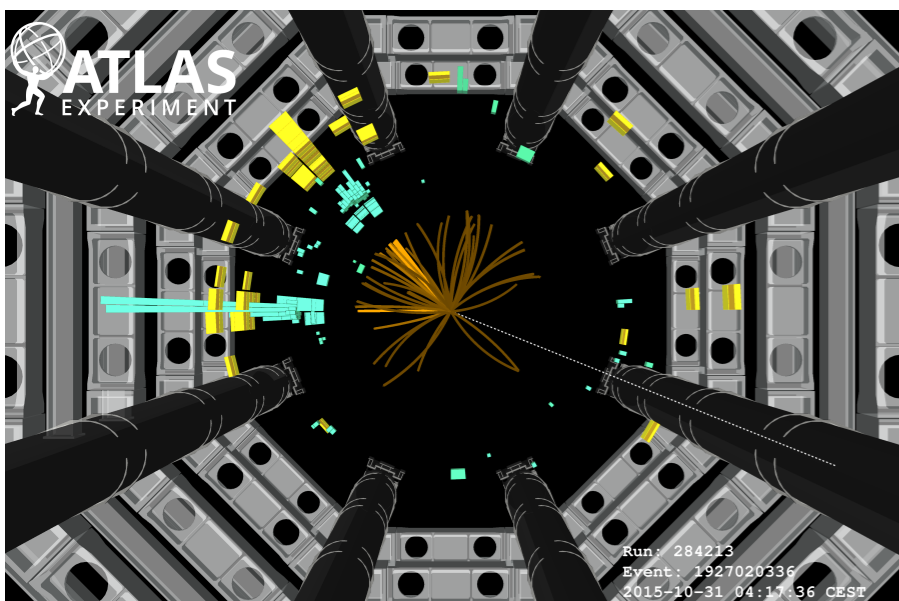
1-lepton ($l=e, \mu$):

- Mainly $W \rightarrow l\nu$ but also $Z \rightarrow ll$
- $p_T^V = p_T(l, MET)$. $p_T^V > 150 \text{ GeV}$



2-lepton ($l=e, \mu$):

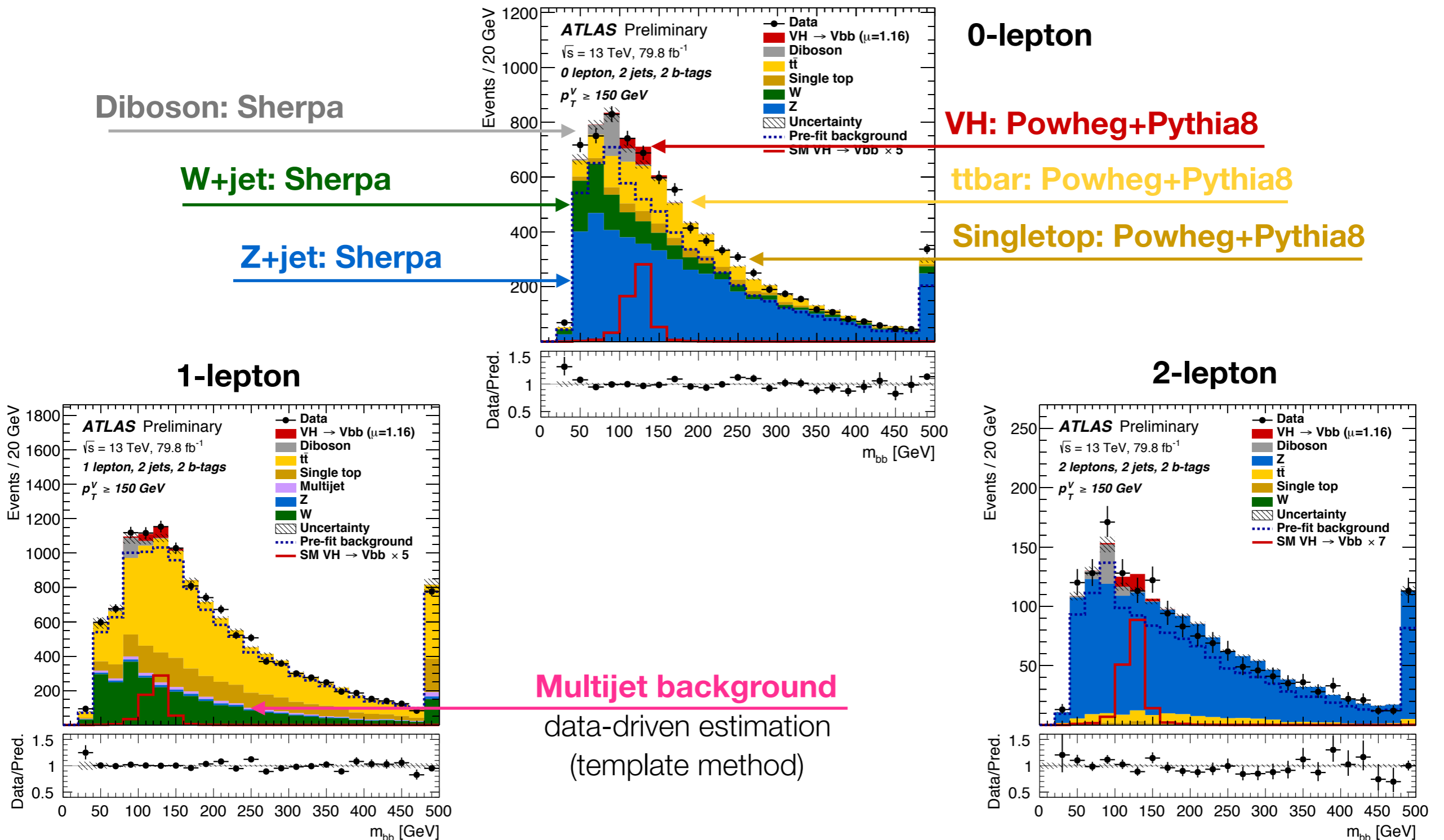
- Same flavor, mainly $Z \rightarrow ll$
- $p_T^V = p_T(ll)$ $[75, 150] \text{ GeV}$, $> 150 \text{ GeV}$



Signal and Background Modeling

Use of NLO generators
for all samples

- Very different background composition in the three channels:



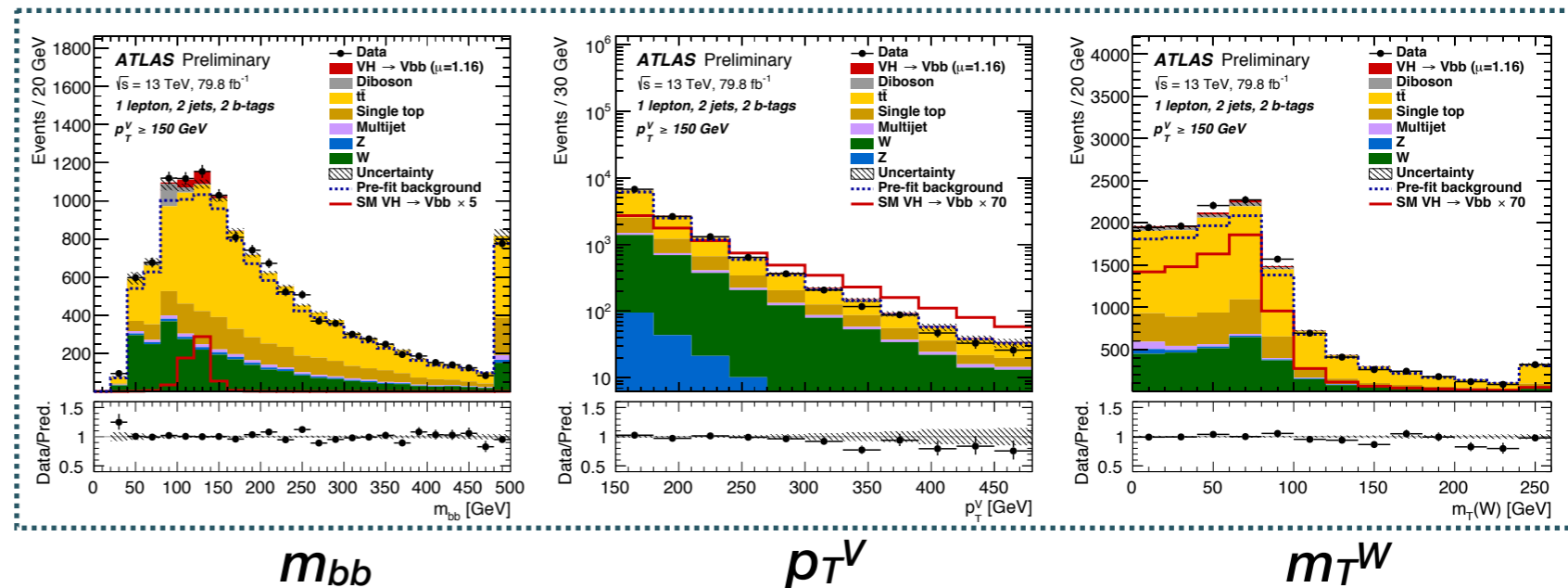
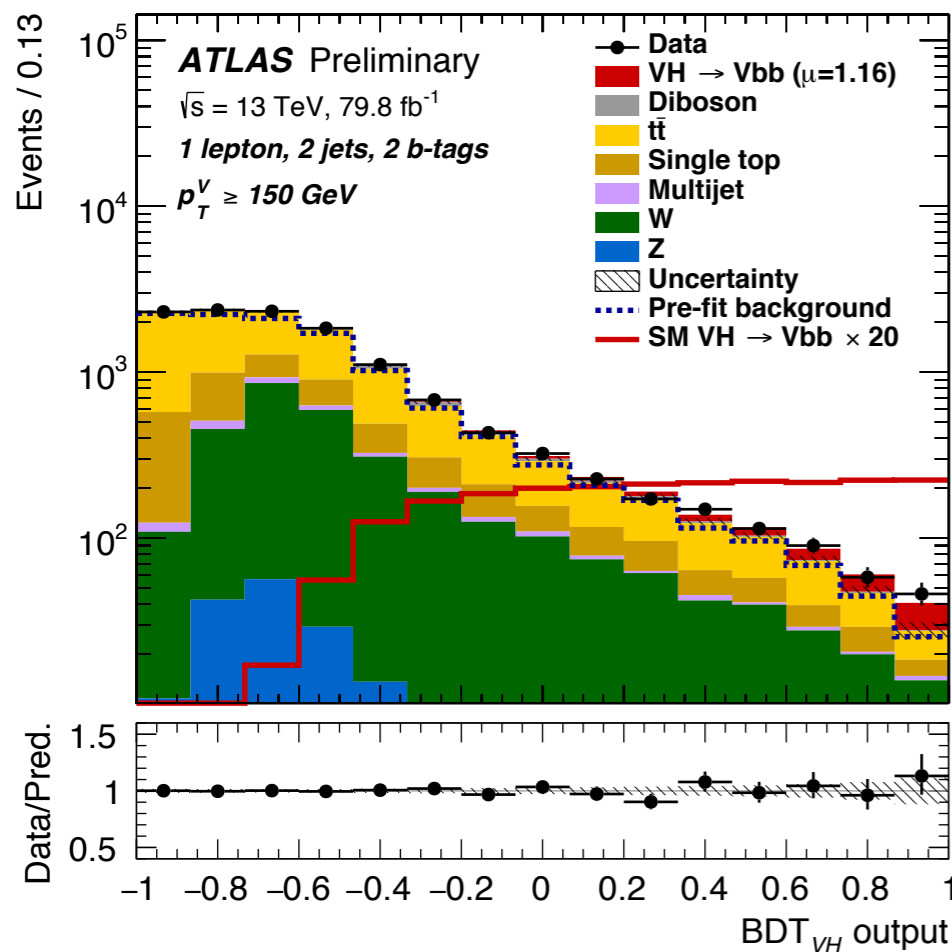
Multivariate Analysis

m_{bb} is the most discriminating variable for VHbb signal:

- Construct Boosted Decision Tree (BDT) of **several variables** to have better discrimination.
- m_{bb} , ΔR_{bb} and p_T^V are in order the most important variables. full table in backup
- **Separate trainings for each channel and jet category.**

Table: variables used in BDT training

Variable	0-lepton	1-lepton	2-lepton
m_{jj}	✓	✓	✓
$\Delta R(jet_1, jet_2)$	✓	✓	✓
p_T^{jet1}	✓	✓	✓
p_T^{jet2}	✓	✓	✓
p_T^V	✓	✓	✓
$\Delta\phi(V, H)$	✓	✓	✓
$ \Delta\eta(jet_1, jet_2) $	✓		
$M_{eff}(M_{eff3})$	✓		
E_T^{miss}	$\equiv p_T^V$	✓	
$\min(\Delta\phi(\ell, jet))$		✓	
m_T^W		✓	
$\Delta Y(W, H)$		✓	
m_{top}		✓	
E_T^{miss} significance			✓
$\Delta\eta(V, H)$			✓
$m_{\ell\ell}$			✓
Only in 3 Jet Events			
p_T^{jet3}	✓	✓	✓
m_{jjj}	✓	✓	✓



Signal extraction method

Binned maximum likelihood fit to extract signal strength and normalization of main backgrounds:

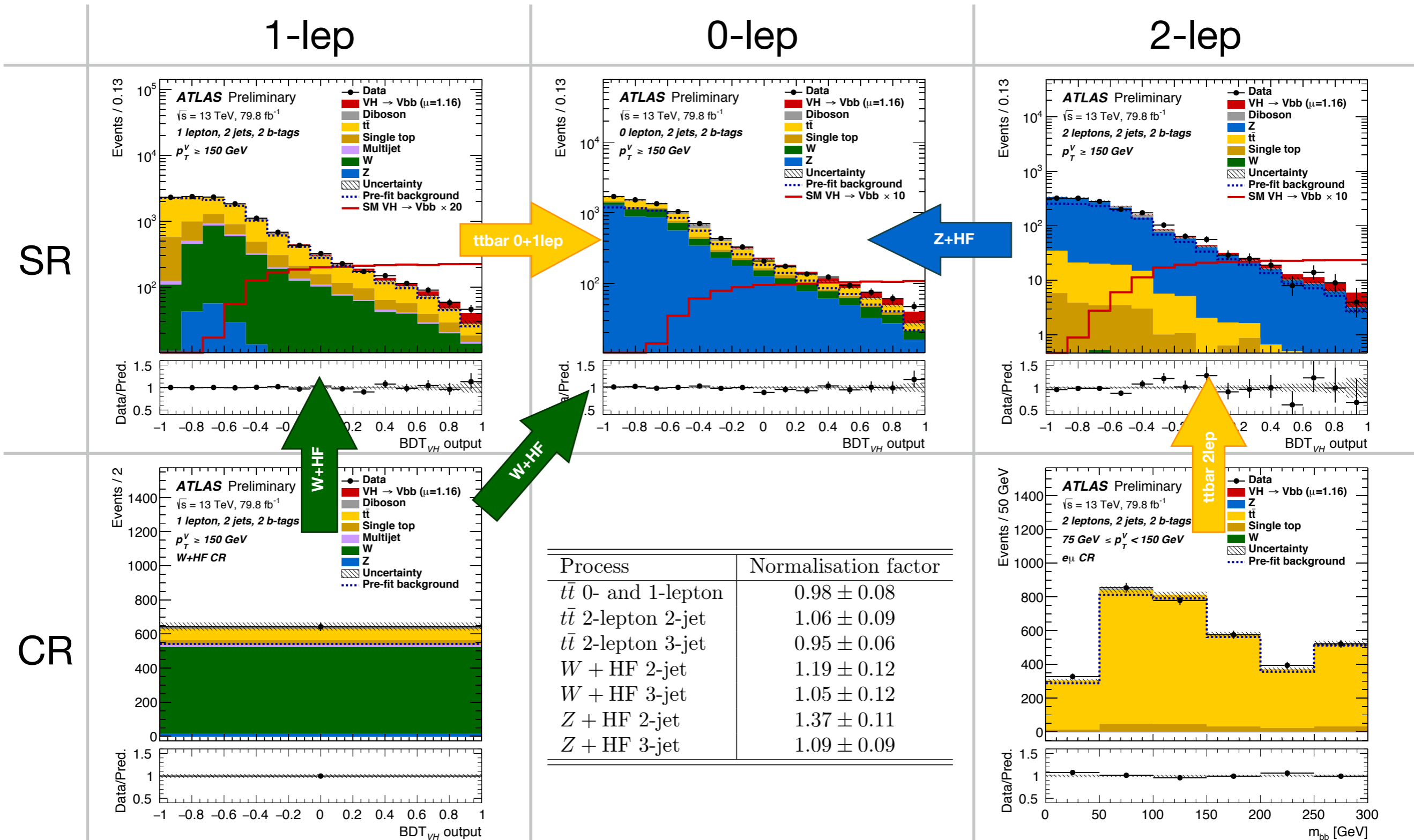
- Fit the final BDT output for each SR
- **8 Signal Regions (SR):** (0,1,2-lepton high p_{T^V} + low p_{T^V} in 2-lepton) \times 2/3jet event
- **2 W+HF CRs in 1-lepton:** (high p_{T^V}) \times 2/3jet event
- **4 top $e\mu$ CRs in 2-lepton:** (high p_{T^V} + low p_{T^V}) \times 2/3jet event

Control Region	W+HF	ttbar
Channel	1-lepton	2-lepton
Definition of the region	$m_{top^*} > 225\text{GeV} \ \&\&$ $m_{bb} < 75\text{GeV}$	Require $e\mu$ final state
Purity	75%	99%
Fit observable	Yield only	m_{bb}
Purpose	Extract W+HF norm in 0+1 lep	Constrain m_{bb} shape systematics in 2-lep

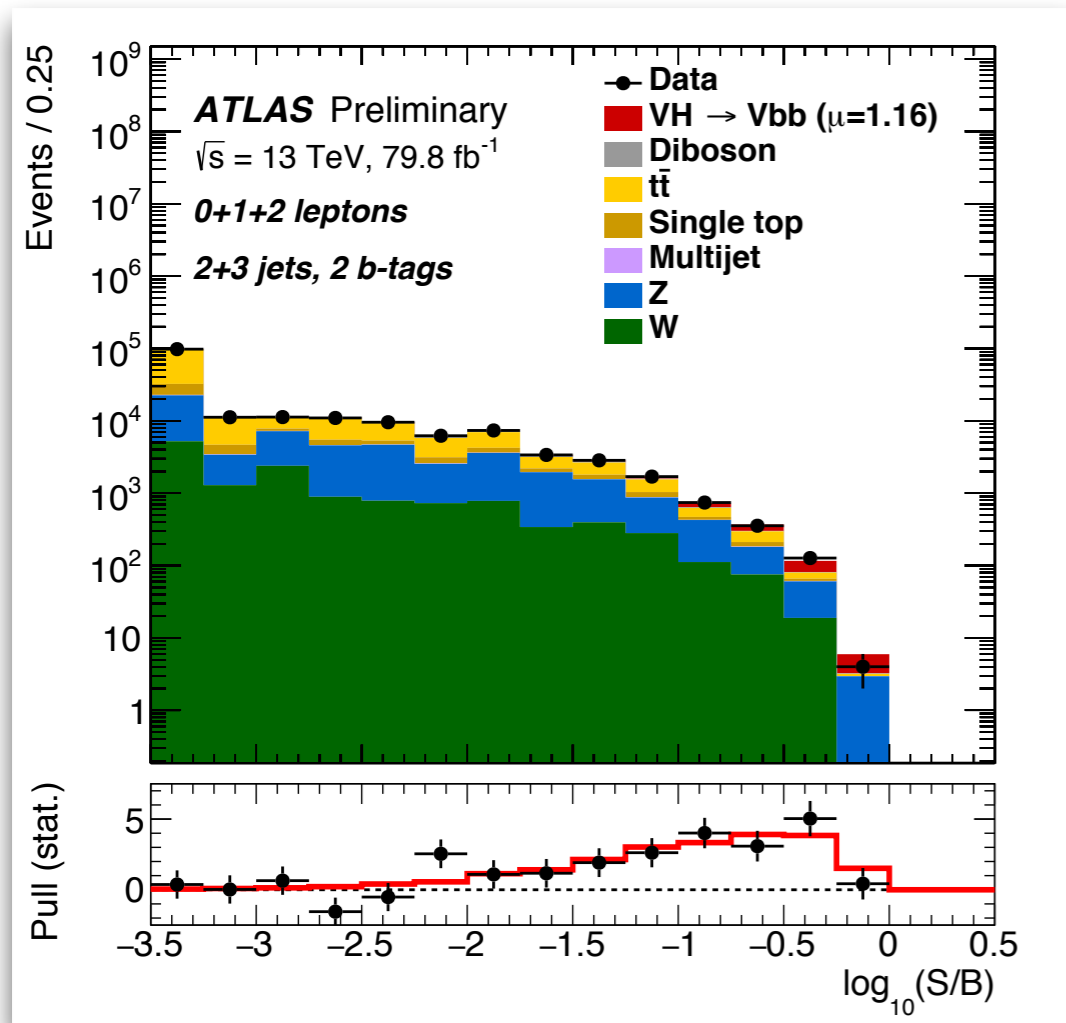
- Systematic uncertainties on **shapes** and **relative normalizations** are parametrized by **nuisance parameters (NPs)**, constrained with priors (mostly from generator comparison).

* $m_{top} = (\text{jet}_b + \text{lepton} + \nu_{t\bar{t}}).M()$

The fit model: floating normalizations



VH, H → bb fit results @ 80 fb⁻¹



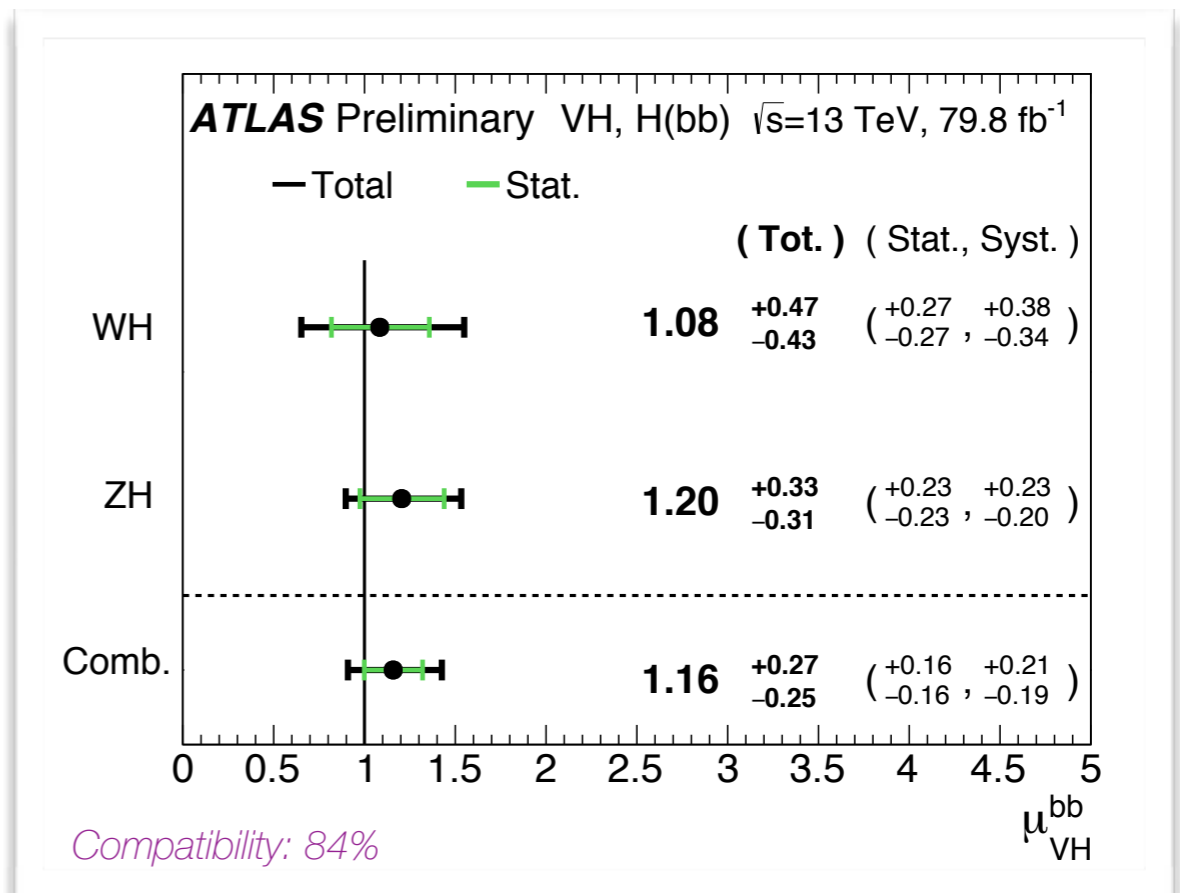
4.9 σ (4.3 σ exp.)

$$\mu_{VH}^{bb} = 1.16^{+0.27}_{-0.25}$$

Run 2 results (2015+2016+2017):

Signal strength parameter	Signal strength	Significance	
		Exp.	Obs.
0-lepton	$1.04^{+0.34}_{-0.32}$	3.1	3.3
1-lepton	$1.09^{+0.46}_{-0.42}$	2.4	2.6
2-lepton	$1.38^{+0.46}_{-0.42}$	2.6	3.4
VH, H → bb combination	$1.16^{+0.27}_{-0.25}$	4.3	4.9

*Single channel: Combined fit with 3 signal strength



*VH and WH: Combined fit with 2 signal strength

Systematic uncertainties

Source of uncertainty	σ_μ	
Total	0.259	
Statistical	0.161	
Systematic	0.203	
Experimental uncertainties		
Jets	0.035	
E_T^{miss}	0.014	
Leptons	0.009	
b -tagging	b -jets	0.061
	c -jets	0.042
	light jets	0.009
	extrapolation	0.008
Pile-up	0.007	
Luminosity	0.023	
Theoretical and modelling uncertainties		
Signal	0.094	
Floating normalisations	0.035	
Z + jets	0.055	
W + jets	0.060	
$t\bar{t}$	0.050	
Single top quark	0.028	
Diboson	0.054	
Multijet	0.005	
MC statistical	0.070	

Great effort to reduce the main systematic uncertainties.

	EPS17 (36 fb ⁻¹)	ICHEP 18 (80 fb ⁻¹)
Total	0.39	0.26
Stat	0.24	0.16
Syst	0.31	0.20

b -tagging dominant experimental uncertainty

This has a limited effect on the significance, but it is important for Xsection measurements.

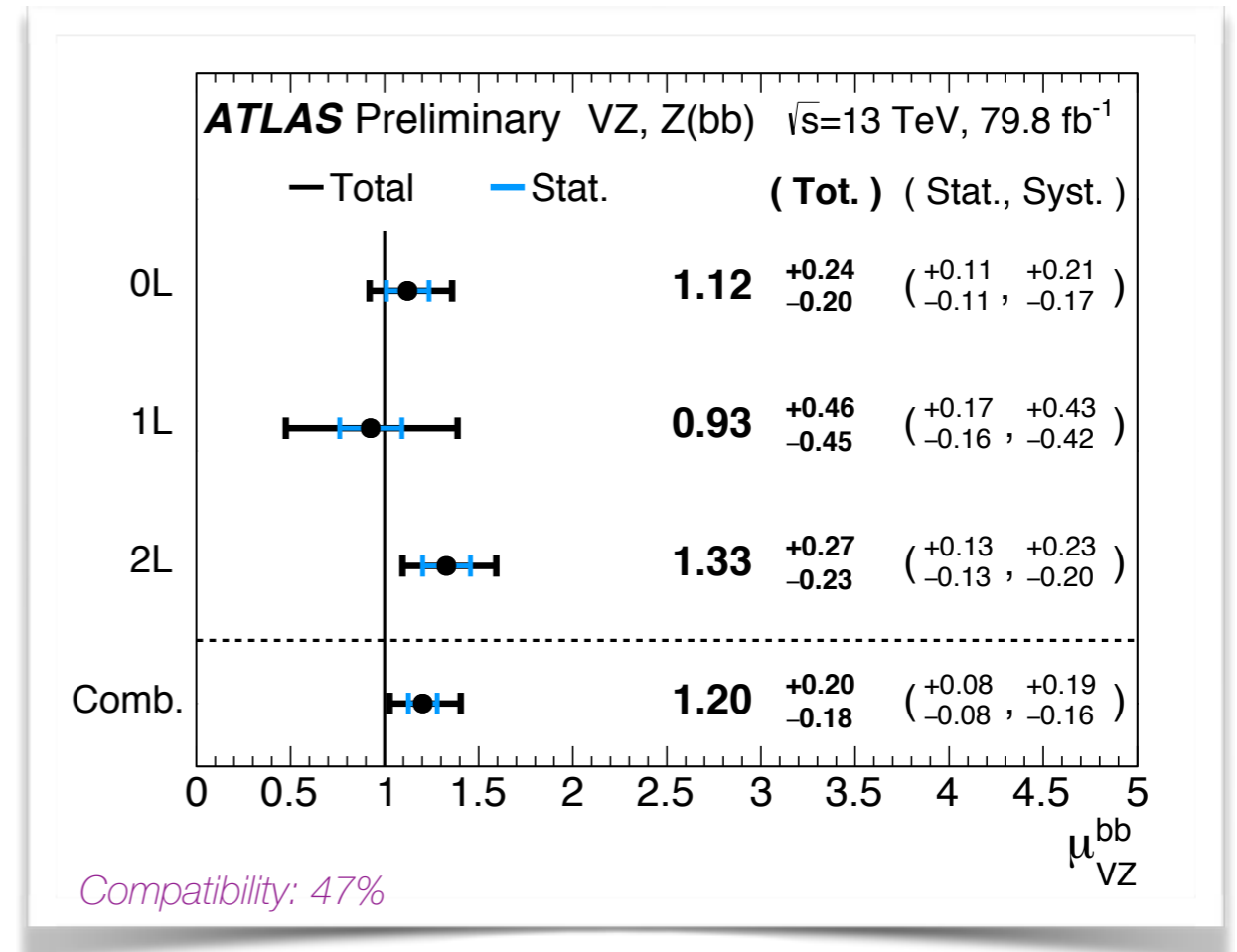
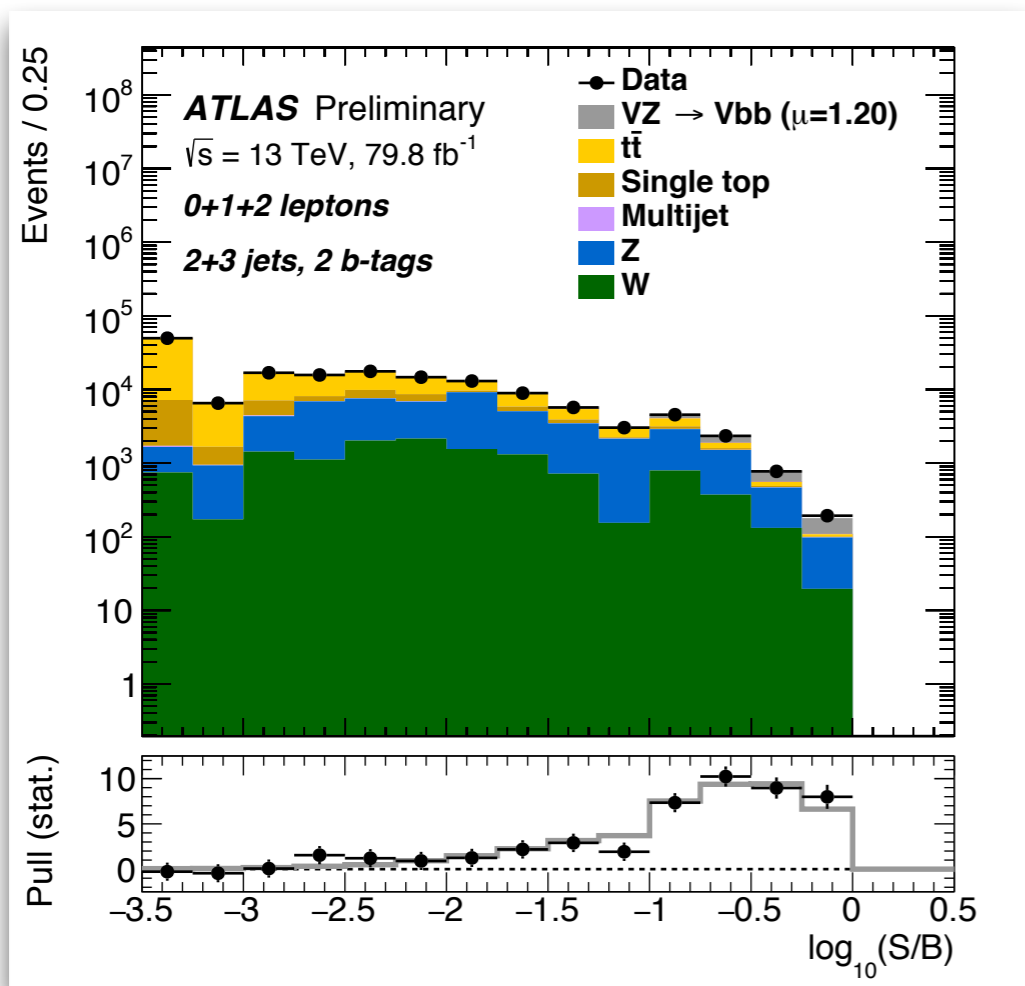
modeling uncertainties (shapes and norm)
compare different generators at truth level

Can limit BDT sensitivity and induce fit instabilities

Validation: the VZ, Z→bb analysis @ 80 fb⁻¹

Validate the BDT analysis:

- Same selection as VH
- Retrain the BDT (same hyper-param.) using:
 - Same backgrounds (+VH)
 - **VZ, Z→bb as signal**
- Repeat the fit on BDT_VZ to extract VZ, Z→bb μ .



Fit to diboson VZ, Z → bb ($\gg 5\sigma$):

$$\mu_{VZ}^{bb} = 1.20^{+0.20}_{-0.18}$$

Signal strength compatible with SM as expected.

analysis procedure is validated!

Crosscheck: di-jet mass analysis

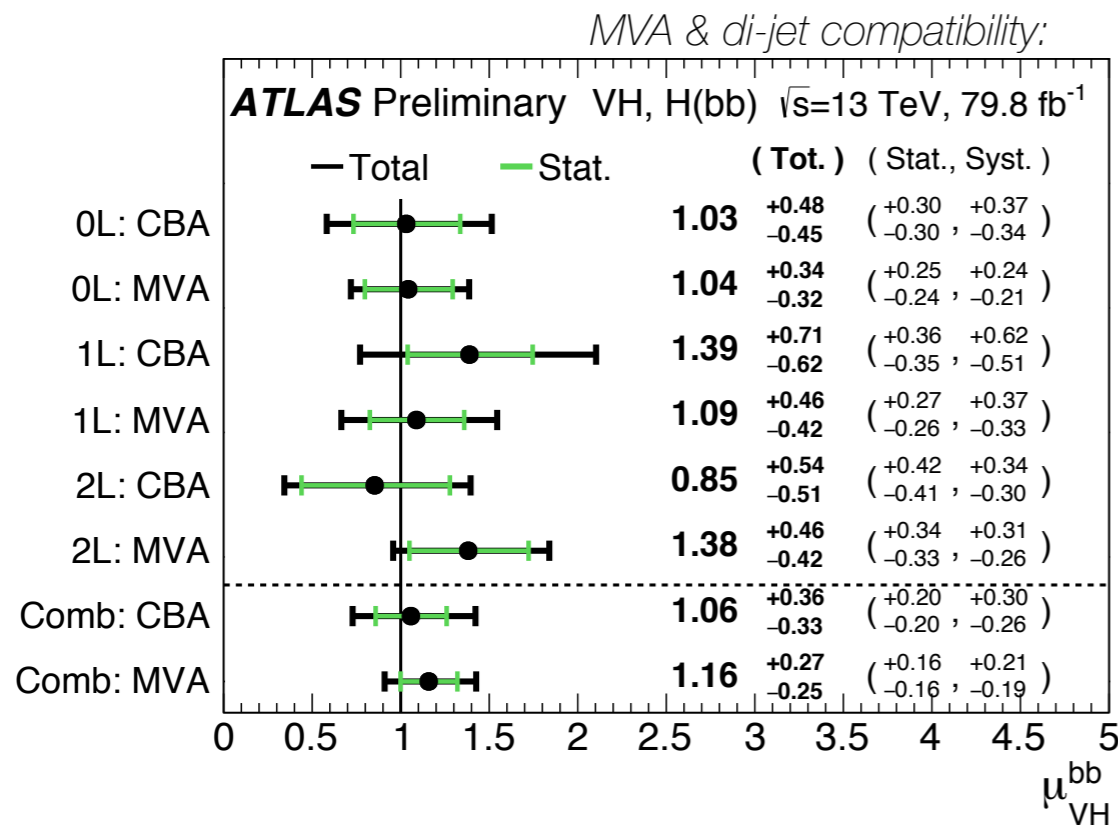
Analysis strategy:

- Fit the $m(bb)$ *spectrum* of the *two jets system*.
- More regions: split in *more p_T^V bins*.
- **Add extra cuts** to suppress V +jets and $t\bar{t}$.



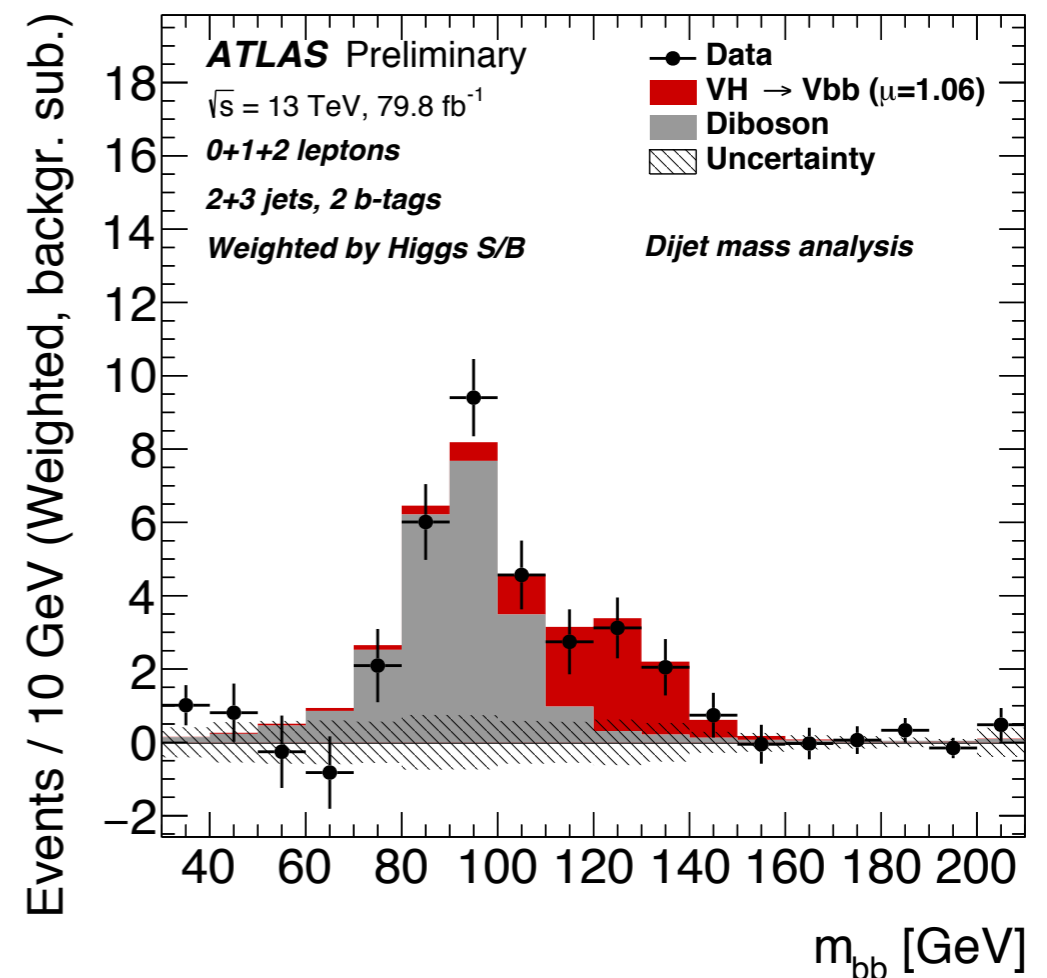
Channel			
Selection	0-lepton	1-lepton	2-lepton
m_T^W	-	< 120 GeV	-
$E_T^{\text{miss}} / \sqrt{S_T}$	-	-	< $3.5\sqrt{\text{GeV}}$

p_T^V regions			
p_T^V	(75, 150] GeV (2-lepton only)	(150, 200] GeV	> 200 GeV
$\Delta R(\vec{b}_1, \vec{b}_2)$	< 3.0	< 1.8	< 1.2



3.6 σ (3.5 σ exp.)

$$\mu_{VH}^{bb} = 1.06^{+0.36}_{-0.33}$$



The di-jet analysis is 27% (19% for exp.) less sensitive than the MVA analysis.

Conclusions & Run1+Run2 Combination

Run2 VH, H→bb:

- MVA analysis: apply fit on BDT discriminant (14 regions in the fit: 8 SRs + 6 CRs)
- **Signal strength compatible with SM expectation:**

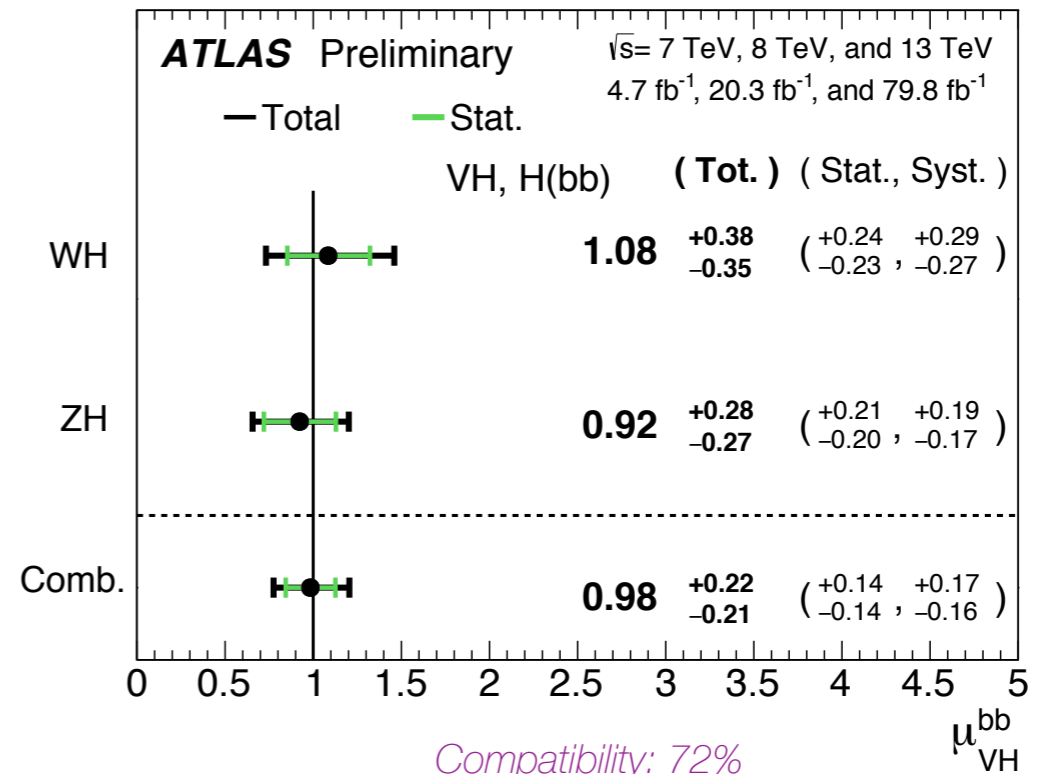
$$\mu_{VH}^{bb} = 1.16_{-0.25}^{+0.27} \quad \mathbf{4.9\sigma} \quad (\mathbf{4.3\sigma} \text{ exp.})$$

- Successful **validation with VZ, Z→bb** analysis
- **Independent crosscheck** with di-jet analysis compatible with MVA: $\mu_{VH}^{bb} = 1.06_{-0.33}^{+0.36}$ [**3.6σ** obs.]
- **Combination with Run1 results (20.3+4.7 fb⁻¹):**

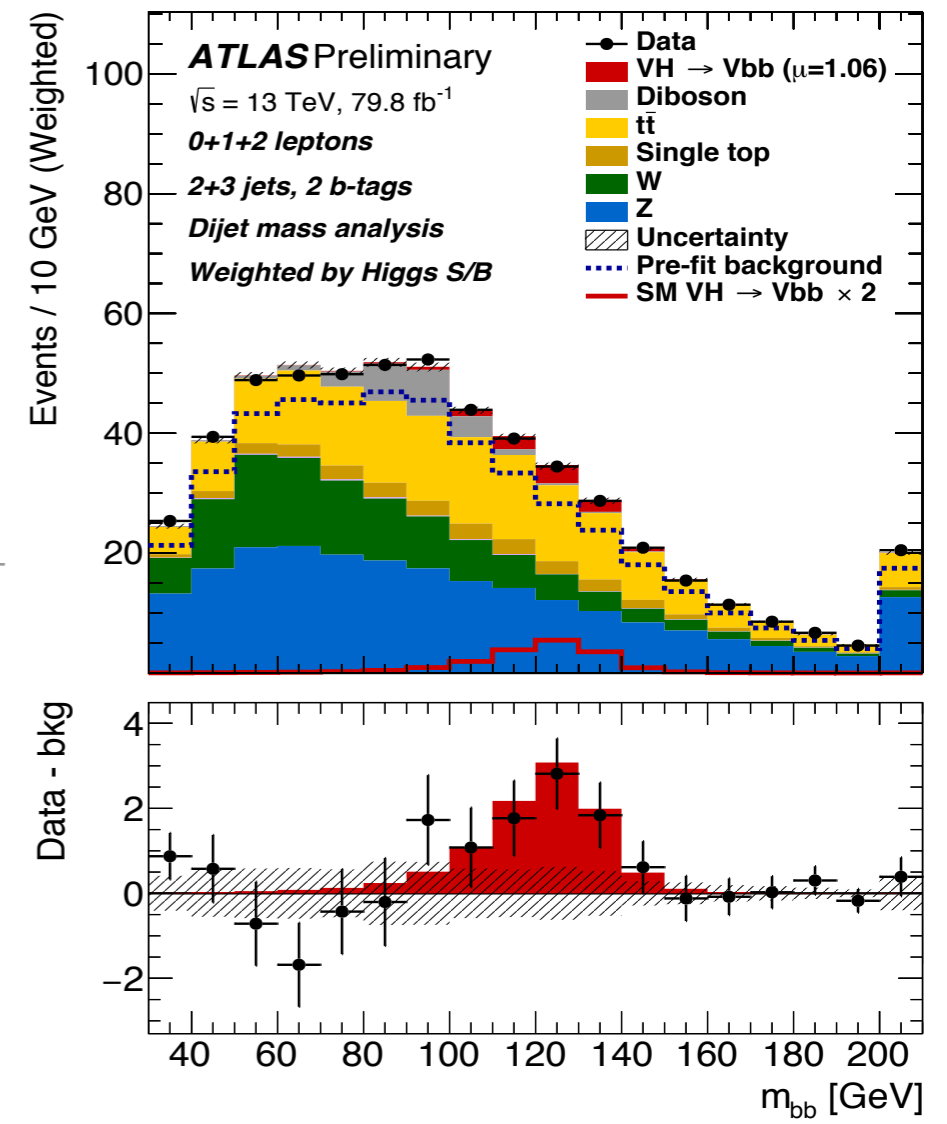
VH, H→bb
Run1+Run2 combination:
fit results @ 20.3 fb⁻¹+4.7 fb⁻¹+79.8 fb⁻¹

$$\mu_{VH}^{bb} = 0.98_{-0.21}^{+0.22}$$

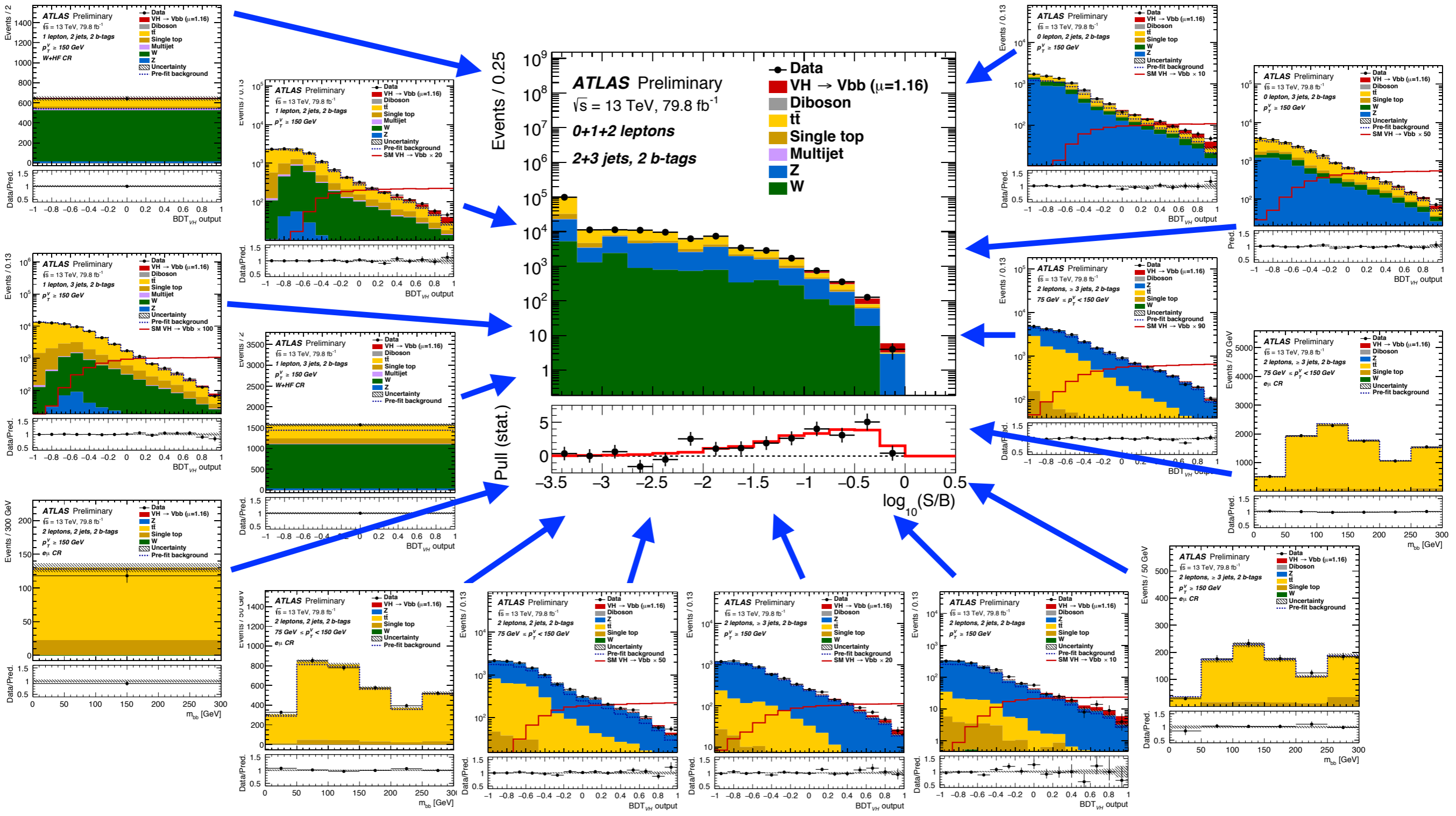
4.9σ (5.1σ exp.)



Backup

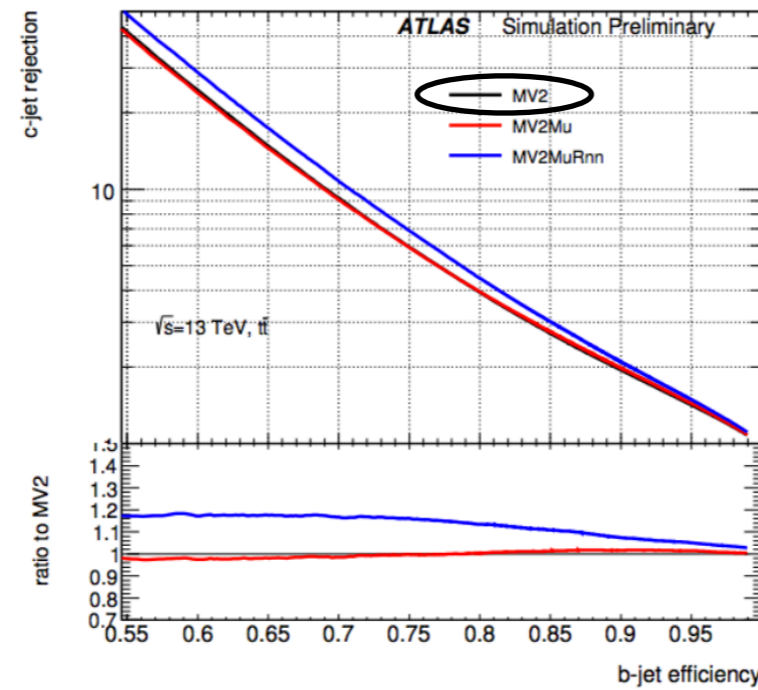
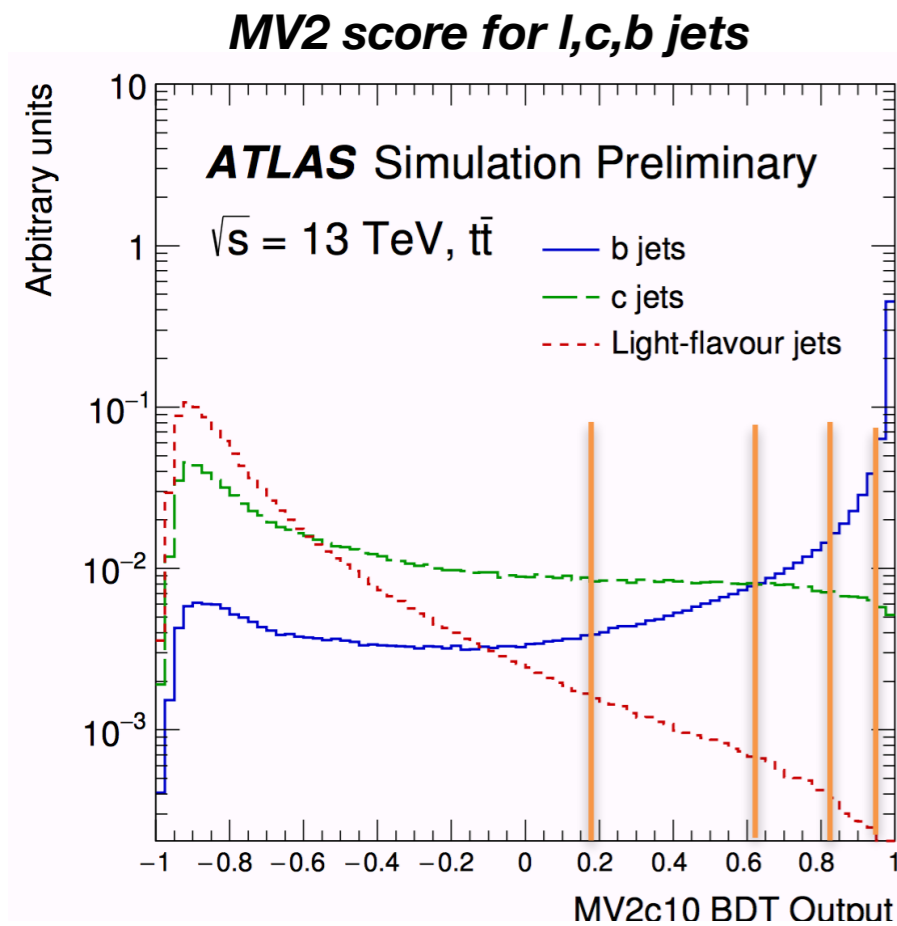


Full picture of the simultaneous fit:

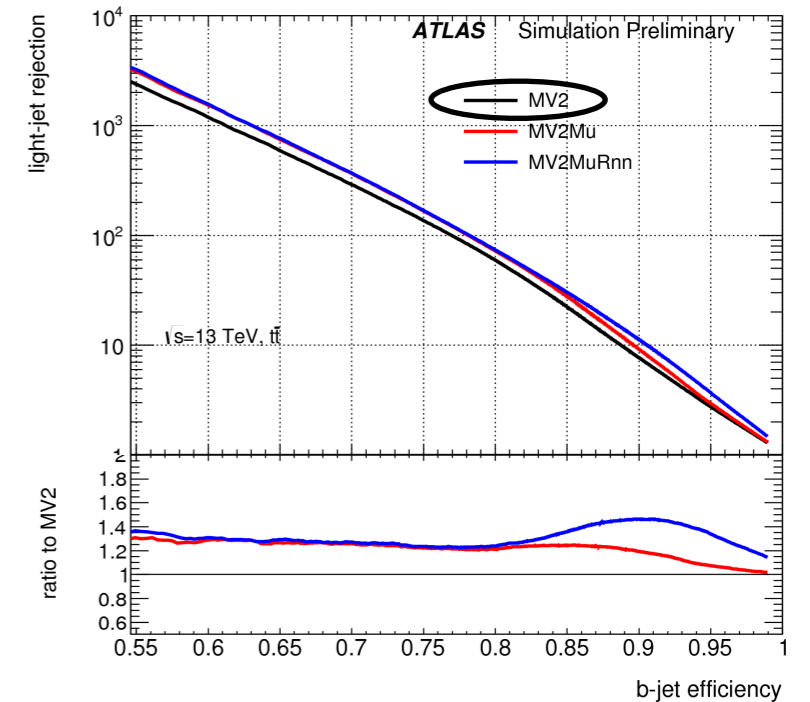
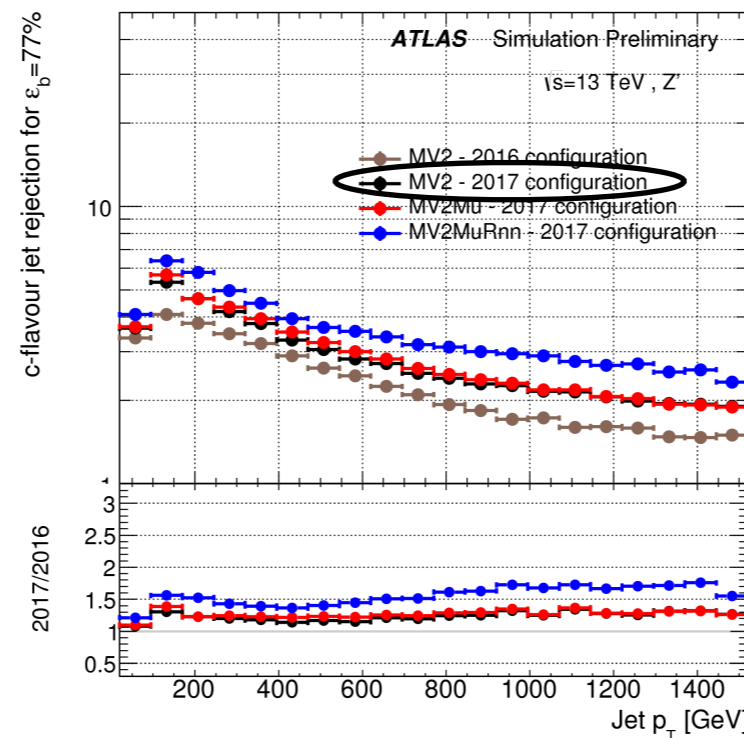


BTagging in ATLAS

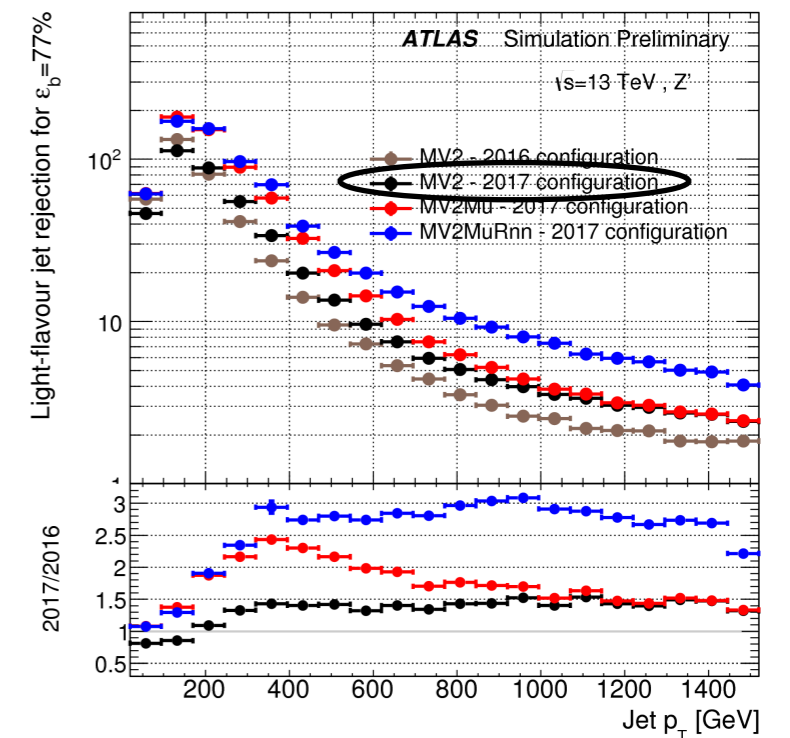
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C-jet rejection



Light-jet rejection



Event Selection

Table: same event selection as EPS 2017

Selection	0-lepton	1-lepton		2-lepton
		e sub-channel	μ sub-channel	
Trigger	E_T^{miss}	Single lepton	E_T^{miss}	Single lepton
Leptons	0 <i>loose</i> leptons with $p_T > 7$ GeV	1 <i>tight</i> electron $p_T > 27$ GeV	1 <i>tight</i> muon $p_T > 25$ GeV	2 <i>loose</i> leptons with $p_T > 7$ GeV ≥ 1 lepton with $p_T > 27$ GeV
E_T^{miss}	> 150 GeV	> 30 GeV	–	–
$m_{\ell\ell}$	–	–	–	$81 \text{ GeV} < m_{\ell\ell} < 101 \text{ GeV}$
Jets	Exactly 2 / Exactly 3 jets			Exactly 2 / ≥ 3 jets
Jet p_T	> 20 GeV for $ \eta < 2.5$ and > 30 GeV for $2.5 < \eta < 4.5$			
b -jets	Exactly 2 b -tagged jets			
Leading b -tagged jet p_T	> 45 GeV			
H_T	> 120 (2 jets), > 150 GeV (3 jets)	–	–	–
$\min[\Delta\phi(\vec{E}_T^{\text{miss}}, \vec{\text{jets}})]$	$> 20^\circ$ (2 jets), $> 30^\circ$ (3 jets)	–	–	–
$\Delta\phi(\vec{E}_T^{\text{miss}}, \vec{bb})$	$> 120^\circ$	–	–	–
$\Delta\phi(\vec{b}_1, \vec{b}_2)$	$< 140^\circ$	–	–	–
$\Delta\phi(\vec{E}_T^{\text{miss}}, \vec{E}_{T,\text{trk}}^{\text{miss}})$	$< 90^\circ$	–	–	–
p_T^V regions	> 150 GeV			$75 \text{ GeV} < p_T^V < 150 \text{ GeV}, > 150 \text{ GeV}$
Signal regions	–	$m_{bb} \geq 75$ GeV or $m_{\text{top}} \leq 225$ GeV		Same-flavour leptons Opposite-sign charges ($\mu\mu$ sub-channel)
Control regions	–	$m_{bb} < 75$ GeV and $m_{\text{top}} > 225$ GeV		Different-flavour leptons Opposite-sign charges

Generators:

Process	ME generator	ME PDF	PS and Hadronisation	UE model tune	Cross-section order	ace2.5cm
Signal, mass set to 125 GeV and $b\bar{b}$ branching fraction to 58%						
$qq \rightarrow WH$ $\rightarrow \ell\nu b\bar{b}$	POWHEG-Box v2 [55] + GoSAM [58] + MINLO [59,60]	NNPDF3.0NLO ^(*) [56]	PYTHIA8.212 [47]	AZNLO [57]	NNLO(QCD)+ NLO(EW) [61,62,63,64,65,66,67]	
$qq \rightarrow ZH$ $\rightarrow \nu\nu b\bar{b}/\ell\ell b\bar{b}$	POWHEG-Box v2 + GoSAM + MINLO	NNPDF3.0NLO ^(*)	PYTHIA8.212	AZNLO	NNLO(QCD) ^(†) + NLO(EW)	
$gg \rightarrow ZH$ $\rightarrow \nu\nu b\bar{b}/\ell\ell b\bar{b}$	POWHEG-Box v2	NNPDF3.0NLO ^(*)	PYTHIA8.212	AZNLO	NLO+ NLL [68,69,70,71,72]	
Top quark, mass set to 172.5 GeV						
$t\bar{t}$	POWHEG-Box v2 [73]	NNPDF3.0NLO	PYTHIA8.230	A14 [74]	NNLO+NNLL [75]	
s -channel	POWHEG-Box v2 [76]	NNPDF3.0NLO	PYTHIA8.230	A14	NLO [77]	
t -channel	POWHEG-Box v2 [76]	NNPDF3.0NLO	PYTHIA8.230	A14	NLO [78]	
Wt	POWHEG-Box v2 [79]	NNPDF3.0NLO	PYTHIA8.230	A14	Approximate NNLO [80]	
Vector boson + jets						
$W \rightarrow \ell\nu$	SHERPA 2.2.1 [50,81,82]	NNPDF3.0NNLO	SHERPA 2.2.1 [83,84]	Default	NNLO [85]	
$Z/\gamma^* \rightarrow \ell\ell$	SHERPA 2.2.1	NNPDF3.0NNLO	SHERPA 2.2.1	Default	NNLO	
$Z \rightarrow \nu\nu$	SHERPA 2.2.1	NNPDF3.0NNLO	SHERPA 2.2.1	Default	NNLO	
Diboson						
$qq \rightarrow WW$	SHERPA 2.2.1	NNPDF3.0NNLO	SHERPA 2.2.1	Default	NLO	
$qq \rightarrow WZ$	SHERPA 2.2.1	NNPDF3.0NNLO	SHERPA 2.2.1	Default	NLO	
$qq \rightarrow ZZ$	SHERPA 2.2.1	NNPDF3.0NNLO	SHERPA 2.2.1	Default	NLO	
$gg \rightarrow VV$	SHERPA 2.2.2	NNPDF3.0NNLO	SHERPA 2.2.2	Default	NLO	

Systematic uncertainties:

Main sources of systematics:

- Experimental systematics:
 - B-tagging
 - jet energy calibration
- Modeling of simulated background:
 - Normalization and shape mismodels in MC.
 - Obtained from comparison at truth level between different generators
- Higgs theory related uncertainties:
 - Xsection and BR uncertainties
 - follow the recommendations of the LHC Higgs Cross Section working group

Signal systs:

Signal	
Cross section (scale)	0.7% (qq), 27% (gg)
Cross section (PDF)	1.9% ($qq \rightarrow WH$), 1.6% ($qq \rightarrow ZH$), 5% (gg)
$H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ branching ratio	1.7 %
Acceptance from scale variations (var.)	2.5 – 8.8%
Acceptance from PS/UE var. for 2 or more jets	2.9 – 6.2% (depending on lepton channel)
Acceptance from PS/UE var. for 3 jets	1.8 – 11%
Acceptance from PDF+ α_S var.	0.5 – 1.3%
m_{bb}, p_T^V , from scale var.	S
m_{bb}, p_T^V , from PS/UE var.	S
m_{bb}, p_T^V , from PDF+ α_S var.	S
p_T^V from NLO EW correction	S

Background systs:

$Z + \text{jets}$	
$Z + ll$ normalisation	18%
$Z + cl$ normalisation	23%
$Z + \text{HF}$ normalisation	Floating (2-jet, 3-jet)
$Z + bc\text{-to-}Z + bb$ ratio	30 – 40%
$Z + cc\text{-to-}Z + bb$ ratio	13 – 15%
$Z + bl\text{-to-}Z + bb$ ratio	20 – 25%
0-to-2 lepton ratio	7%
m_{bb}, p_T^V	S
$W + \text{jets}$	
$W + ll$ normalisation	32%
$W + cl$ normalisation	37%
$W + \text{HF}$ normalisation	Floating (2-jet, 3-jet)
$W + bl\text{-to-}W + bb$ ratio	26% (0-lepton) and 23% (1-lepton)
$W + bc\text{-to-}W + bb$ ratio	15% (0-lepton) and 30% (1-lepton)
$W + cc\text{-to-}W + bb$ ratio	10% (0-lepton) and 30% (1-lepton)
0-to-1 lepton ratio	5%
$W + \text{HF}$ CR to SR ratio	10% (1-lepton)
m_{bb}, p_T^V	S
$t\bar{t}$ (all are uncorrelated between the 0+1 and 2-lepton channels)	
$t\bar{t}$ normalisation	Floating (0+1 lepton, 2-lepton 2-jet, 2-lepton 3-jet)
0-to-1 lepton ratio	8%
2-to-3-jet ratio	9% (0+1 lepton only)
$W + \text{HF}$ CR to SR ratio	25%
m_{bb}, p_T^V	S
Single top-quark	
Cross section	4.6% (s -channel), 4.4% (t -channel), 6.2% (Wt)
Acceptance 2-jet	17% (t -channel), 55% ($Wt \rightarrow bb$), 24% ($Wt \rightarrow oth$)
Acceptance 3-jet	20% (t -channel), 51% ($Wt \rightarrow bb$), 21% ($Wt \rightarrow oth$)
m_{bb}, p_T^V	S (t -channel, $Wt \rightarrow bb$, $Wt \rightarrow oth$)
Multi-jet (1-lepton)	
Normalisation	60 – 100% (2-jet), 90 – 140% (3-jet)
BDT template	S

S = shape only syst

PS/UE = parton shower/ underlying event.

Diboson Systematic uncertainties:

Extra systematics uncertainties for Diboson Validation analysis only:

<i>ZZ</i>	
Normalisation	20%
0-to-2 lepton ratio	6%
Acceptance from scale variations (var.)	10 – 18%
Acceptance from PS/UE var. for 2 or more jets	6%
Acceptance from PS/UE var. for 3 jets	7% (0-lepton), 3% (2-lepton)
m_{bb}, p_T^V , from scale var.	S (correlated with <i>WZ</i> uncertainties)
m_{bb}, p_T^V , from PS/UE var.	S (correlated with <i>WZ</i> uncertainties)
m_{bb} , from matrix-element var.	S (correlated with <i>WZ</i> uncertainties)
<i>WZ</i>	
Normalisation	26%
0-to-1 lepton ratio	11%
Acceptance from scale var.	13 – 21%
Acceptance from PS/UE var. for 2 or more jets	4%
Acceptance from PS/UE var. for 3 jets	11%
m_{bb}, p_T^V , from scale var.	S (correlated with <i>ZZ</i> uncertainties)
m_{bb}, p_T^V , from PS/UE var.	S (correlated with <i>ZZ</i> uncertainties)
m_{bb} , from matrix-element var.	S (correlated with <i>ZZ</i> uncertainties)
<i>WW</i>	
Normalisation	25%

BDT variables

Table: from internal note

Variable	Name	0-lepton	1-lepton	2-lepton
m_{jj}	mBB	✓	✓	✓
$\Delta R(jet_1, jet_2)$	dRBB	✓	✓	✓
p_T^{jet1}	pTB1	✓	✓	✓
p_T^{jet2}	pTB2	✓	✓	✓
p_T^V	pTV	✓	✓	✓
$\Delta\phi(V, H)$	dPhiVBB	✓	✓	✓
$ \Delta\eta(jet_1, jet_2) $	dEtaBB	✓		
$M_{eff}(M_{eff3})$	HT	✓		
E_T^{miss}	MET	$\equiv p_T^V$	✓	
$\min(\Delta\phi(\ell, jet))$	dPhiLBmin		✓	
m_T^W	mTW		✓	
$\Delta Y(W, H)$	dYWH		✓	
m_{top}	mTop		✓	
E_T^{miss} significance	METSig			✓
$\Delta\eta(V, H)$	dEtaVBB			✓
$m_{\ell\ell}$	mLL			✓
Only in 3 Jet Events				
p_T^{jet3}	pTJ3	✓	✓	✓
m_{jjj}	mBBJ	✓	✓	✓

Ranking plot

