

tt̄H DILEPTONIC PRODUCTION

√s = 8 TeV @ ATLAS

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OBJECTIVE

Search of the tt̄H dileptonic production and determination of a 95% CL upper limit on its cross-section using $L_{int} = 20.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ of pp collision data at $\sqrt{s}=8\text{TeV}$, collected with ATLAS experiment.

EVENT SELECTION

- Exactly 2 opposite charged leptons (e or μ) leading l^\pm with $p_T > 25 \text{ GeV}$ & $|\eta| < 2.5$ subleading l^\pm with $p_T > 15 \text{ GeV}$ [1]
- $N_{jets} \geq 2$ and $N_{b-jets} \geq 2$
- For e μ events: $H_T > 130 \text{ GeV}$
- For ee & $\mu\mu$ events: $M_{ll} > 15 \text{ GeV}$ & $|M_{ll} - m_Z| \geq 8 \text{ GeV}$ (with $m_Z = 91 \text{ GeV}$)
- For ee & $\mu\mu$ events: $M_{ll} > 60 \text{ GeV}$ for events with exactly 2 b-jets

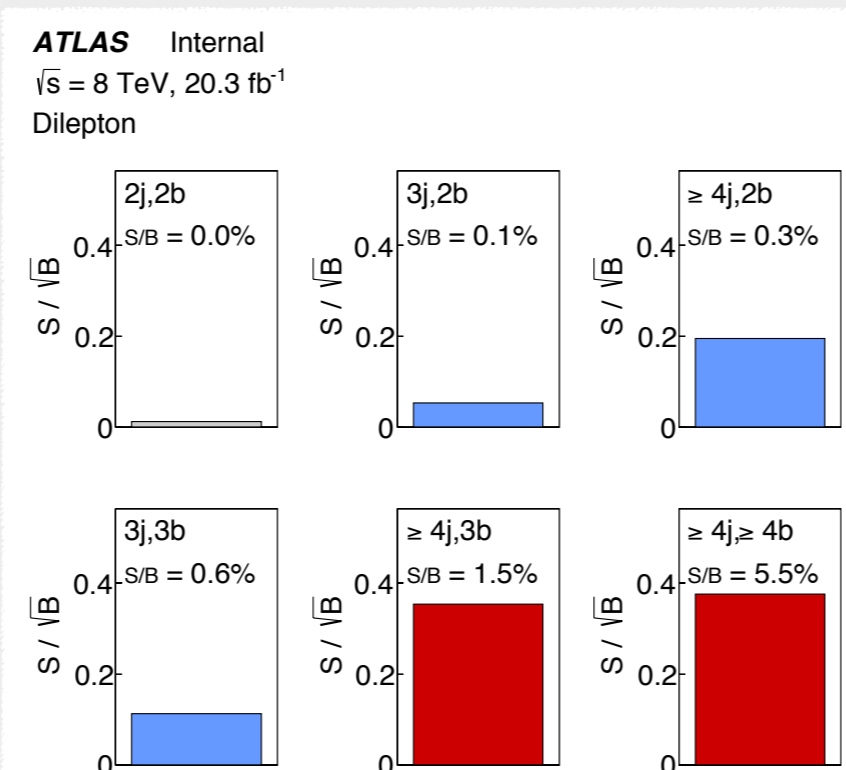
B-tag Information

- 70% b-tagging efficiency
- 1% of light-jets mistag rate
- Jet flavour separation
- Use T.R.F. to minimise stat. errors.

ANALYSIS METHOD

Divide the events according to jet and b-tag multiplicity in order to improve sensitivity and maximise statistical power.

	2 b	3 b	>= 4 b
2 jets	H _T		
3 jets	H _T	NN	
>=4 j	H _T	NN	NN



Choose suitable discriminant variable in each channel:

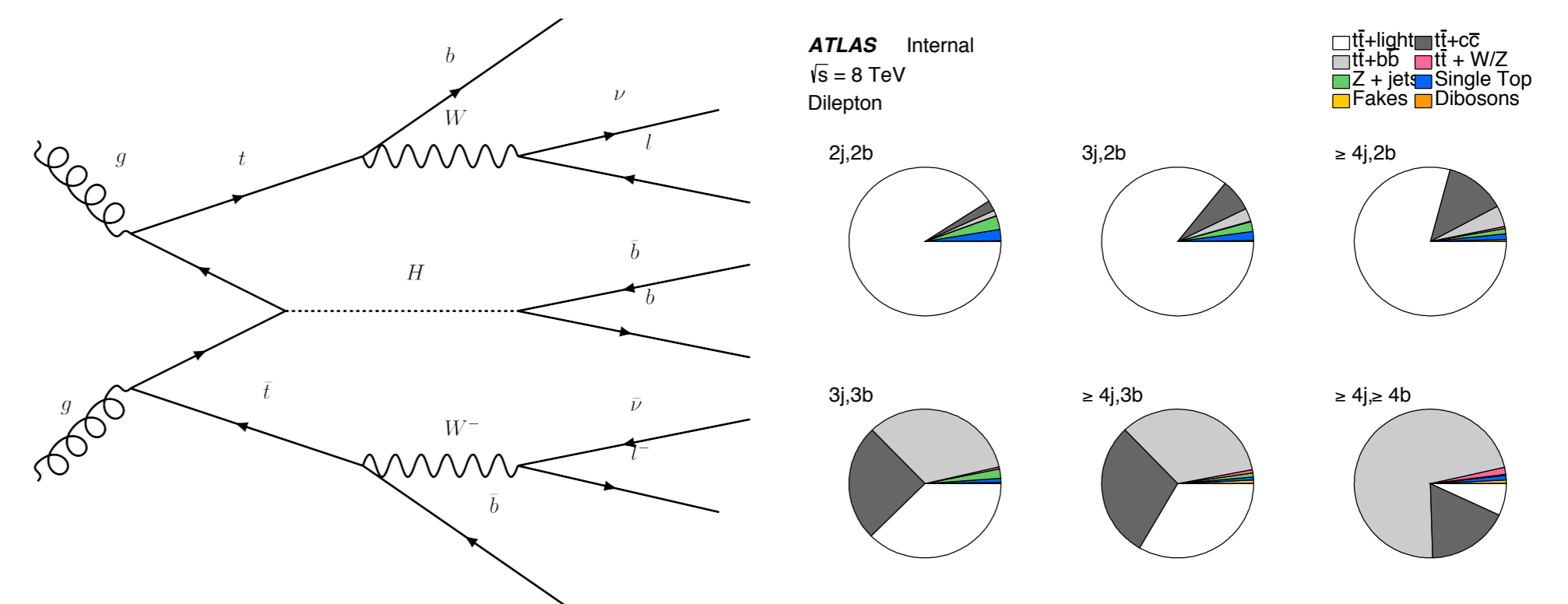
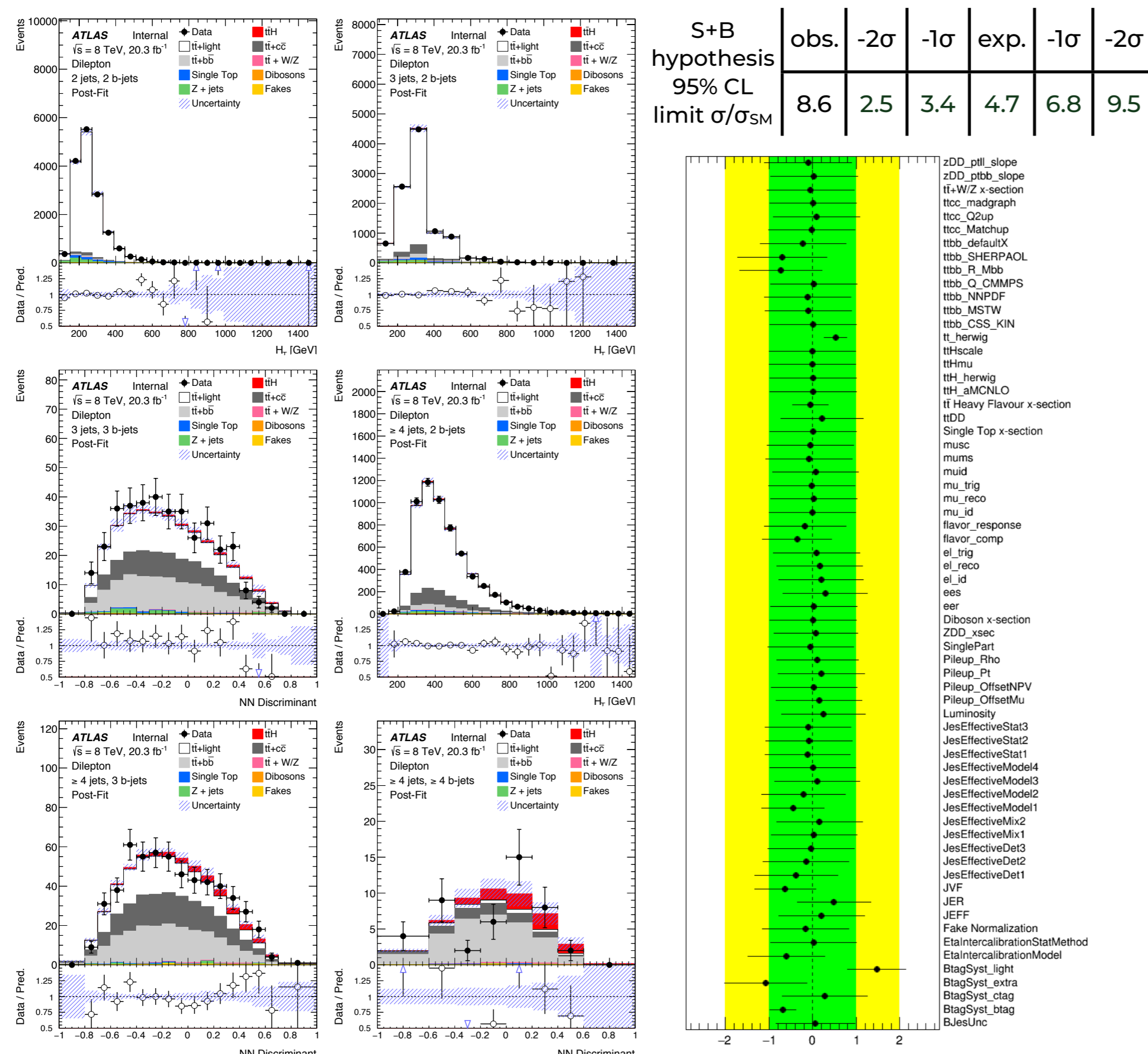
VALIDATION: H_T

CONTROL REGION: H_T

SIGNAL REGION: Neural Network [2]

RESULTS

Perform hypothesis testing including constraining of systematic uncertainties [3]



DATA DRIVEN BACKGROUNDS

✓ FAKE LEPTON ESTIMATION

Estimate the contribution of non-isolated leptons or misidentified photons or jets in the analysis.

CONTROL REGION

Same Sign (SS)

Exactly 2 same charge leptons

$$\text{Fakes}_{jb} = [N_{data}^{SS} - N_{MC}^{SS}]_{j \text{ All btag Inc.}} \cdot \frac{N_{MCjb}^{SS}}{N_{MCj \text{ All btag Inc.}}^{SS}}$$

✓ Z+JETS MODELLING

[Only for ee & $\mu\mu$ events.]

Correctly estimate the Z+jets production, modelling it to data.

CONTROL REGION

Z boson Mass Peak

Events with $|M_{ll} - m_Z| \leq 8 \text{ GeV}$

CROSS-SECTION NORMALISATION

$$\text{Scale Factor}_{jb} = \frac{N_{data}^{CR} - N_{other MC}^{CR}}{N_{Z+jets MC}^{CR}} \Big|_{jb}$$

TRANSVERSE MOMENTUM CORRECTIONS

Linear fits performed on data/MC ratio of:

- Average Lepton $\langle p_T^{l1+l2} \rangle$
- Average Jet $\langle p_T^{j1+j2} \rangle$

Maintains the previous cross-section normalisation.

✓ tt̄+JETS MODELLING

Estimate the tt̄ production (including extra light, b or c jets) from e μ data, in low b-tag regions not included in the nominal analysis.

CONTROL REGION

e μ events with exactly 0 and 1 b-jets

CROSS-SECTION NORMALISATION

Events in a jet bin $N_j = L \sigma_{tt} \epsilon_j$

Direct k-factor to normalise MC to data: $k_{jb} = N_{jb}^D / N_{jb}^{MC}$
This cannot be directly use in SR.

Ratios of k_{jb} for consecutive b-tag regions are constant:

$$R_{[jb+1, jb]} = \frac{k_{jb+1}}{k_{jb}} = \frac{\epsilon_b^D (1 - \epsilon_b^{MC})}{\epsilon_b^{MC} (1 - \epsilon_b^D)}$$

Thus, a scale factor can be applied, using only information from signal depleted bins (CR):

$$\text{Scale Factor}_{jb+1} = R_{[jb+1, jb]} \cdot k_{jb}$$

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