

# Analysis of $t\bar{t}H(b\bar{b})$ channel with run II data

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Introduction

ICHEP result for  $t\bar{t}H(b\bar{b})$

b-tagging ICHEP and beyond

Conclusion

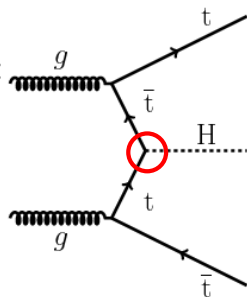
Higgs discovery big success for the Standard Model (SM)

Open question now:

- ▶ Is the found boson the SM-Higgs boson?
- ▶ How compatible are its features with the SM-Higgs boson?

Stepping stones toward an answer are measurements of:

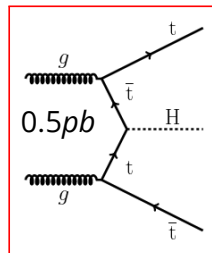
- ▶ spin properties
- ▶  $CP$ -properties
- ▶ coupling to fermions/bosons



$t\bar{t}H$  provides access to the **top Yukawa coupling**  $Y_t$

$Y_t$  is sensitive to new physics  $\rightarrow$  deviations of SM value might have dramatic consequences for vacuum stability of the universe

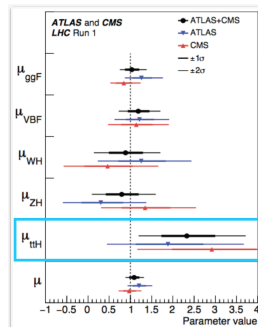
- ▶ Measurement of  $t\bar{t}H$ -signal strength ( $\mu_{t\bar{t}H}$ ) in LHC run I:  
4.4 sigma combined significance, cross-section above SM value but consistent within large uncertainty.
- ▶ Why  $t\bar{t}H$  in run II?  
→ *large increase* of the  $t\bar{t}H$  cross-section!  
though backgrounds increase at a comparable rate in the signal regions...



Cross section (fb)

@NLO	$t\bar{t}H$	$t\bar{t}W$	$t\bar{t}Z$	$t\bar{t}(\text{NNLO})$
8 TeV	133	232	206	2,53E+05
13 TeV	507	566	760	8,32E+05
13 TeV / 8TeV	3.8	2.4	3.7	3.3

→  $t\bar{t}H$ -production cross-section is < 1% of ggF production x-section



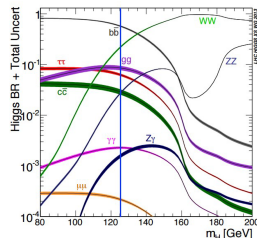
Higgs decay mode	Branching ratio [%]
$H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$	58.1
$H \rightarrow WW$	21.5
$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$	6.3
$H \rightarrow ZZ$	2.6
$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	0.23

Dedicated analysis for all channels but:

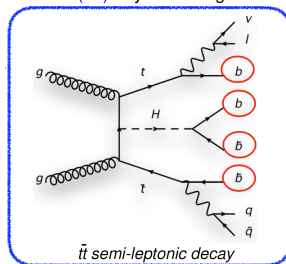
→ focus on  $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  decay!

It has:

- ▶ largest branching ratio
- ▶ offers sensitivity to bottom Yukawa coupling



$t\bar{t}H(bb)$  Feynman diagram



Goal of this talk: summarize public material by Atlas in  $t\bar{t}H(b\bar{b})$ , a.k.a. ICHEP result.

## Event selection:

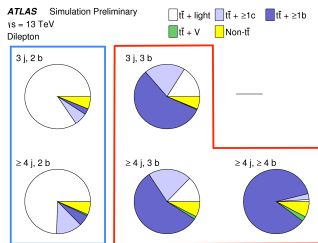
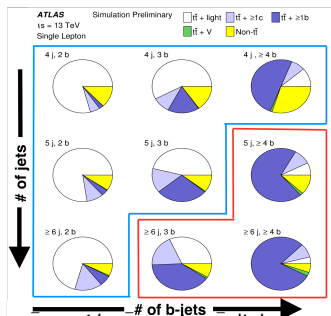
### Single Lepton

- ▶ one electron or muon
- ▶ at least 4 jets
- ▶ at least 2 b-tagged jets

### Dilepton

- ▶ 2 opposite charge light leptons
- ▶ at least 3 jets
- ▶ at least 2 b-tagged jets

→ Categorize according to # of jets and # of b-jets



**Signal region**  
**Control region**

- ▶  $tt + \geq 1b, tt + \geq 1c, tt + \text{light}$  are main backgrounds
- ▶ target different background composition in fit to reduce uncertainties

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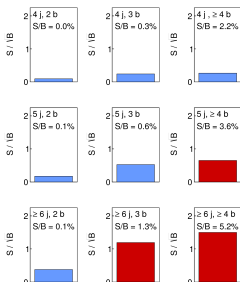
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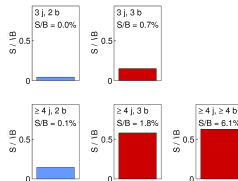
- ▶ 2 opposite charge light ( $e, \mu$ ) leptons
- ▶ at least 3 jets
- ▶ at least 2 b-tagged jets

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ATLAS Simulation Preliminary  
 $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}, 13.2 \text{ fb}^{-1}$   
 Single Lepton



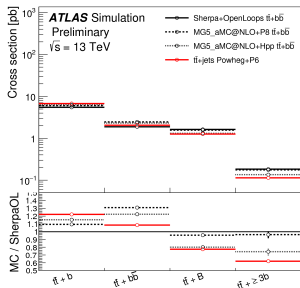
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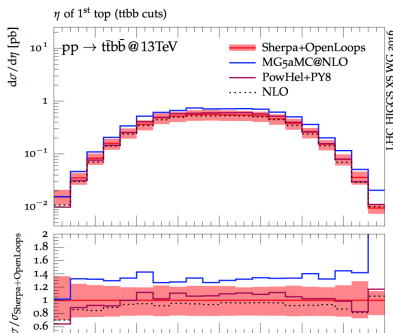
- ▶ Using MC prediction for  $t\bar{t}$ +jets from Powheg+Pythia6 at NLO
- ▶ Correcting top and  $t\bar{t}$ - $p_T$  to NNLO calculation
- ▶ Reweight the  $t\bar{t} + \geq 1b$ -category in PP6 to 4-flavor Sherpa+OpenLoops calculation
- ▶ Systematic uncertainties of different kinds considered, e.g. generator, parton shower, PDF, ...



Uncertainty source	$\Delta\mu$	
$t\bar{t} + \geq 1b$ modelling	+0.53	-0.53
Jet flavour tagging	+0.26	-0.26
$t\bar{t}H$ modelling	+0.32	-0.20
Background model statistics	+0.25	-0.25
$t\bar{t} + \geq 1c$ modelling	+0.24	-0.23
Jet energy scale and resolution	+0.19	-0.19
$t\bar{t}$ +light modelling	+0.19	-0.18
Other background modelling	+0.18	-0.18
Jet-vertex association, pileup modelling	+0.12	-0.12
Luminosity	+0.12	-0.12
$t\bar{t}Z$ modelling	+0.06	-0.06
Light lepton ( $e, \mu$ ) ID, isolation, trigger	+0.05	-0.05
Total systematic uncertainty	+0.90	-0.75
$t\bar{t} + \geq 1b$ normalisation	+0.34	-0.34
$t\bar{t} + \geq 1c$ normalisation	+0.14	-0.14
Statistical uncertainty	+0.49	-0.49
Total uncertainty	+1.02	-0.89



- ▶ study of different generators for prediction of the irreducible background  $t\bar{t}b\bar{b}$  in LHC yellow report 4 [arXiv:1610.07922v1](https://arxiv.org/abs/1610.07922v1)



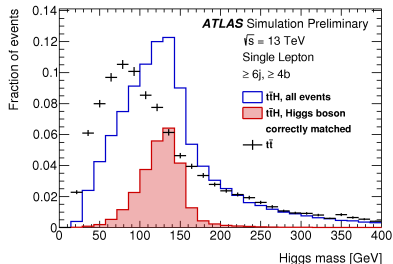
→ ongoing discussion how to treat  $t\bar{t}b\bar{b}$

→ bottleneck for measurement of  $t\bar{t}H$ , theo. uncertainty  $\mathcal{O}(40\%)$  at NLO

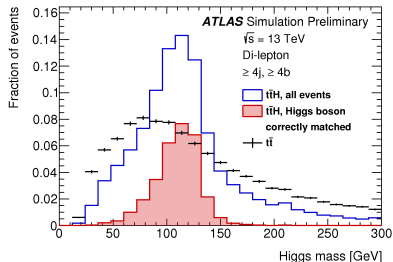
Multiscale problem: What scale to use in simulation?

## 2-step BDT approach

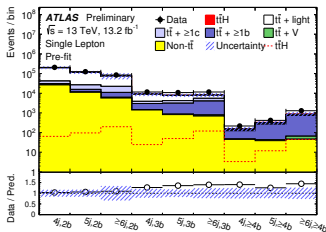
- ▶ ambiguities in the assignment of b-jets to Higgs or top
- ▶ target to overcome this ambiguity with a BDT (boosted decision tree)



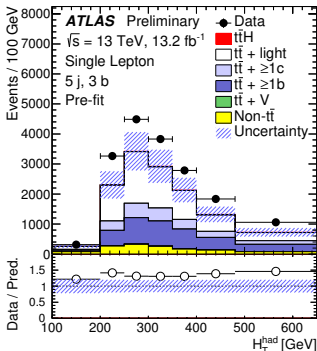
12% correctly assigned jets  
8% without Higgs information



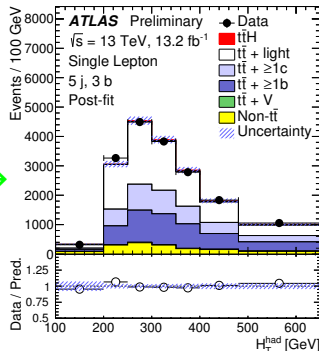
42% correctly assigned jets  
29% without Higgs information

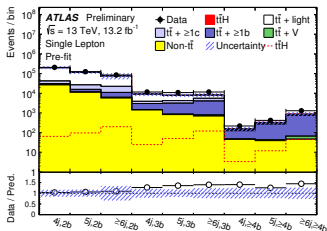


- ▶ fit in 14 regions
- ▶  $t\bar{t} + \geq 1b$  and  $t\bar{t} + \geq 1c$  normalisation taken as free parameters from the fit
- ▶ variable in SR: BDT
- ▶ variable in CR:  $H_T$  (scalar sum of all jets)

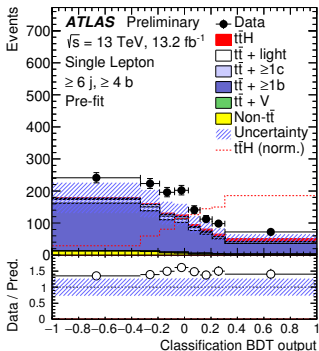


Fit  
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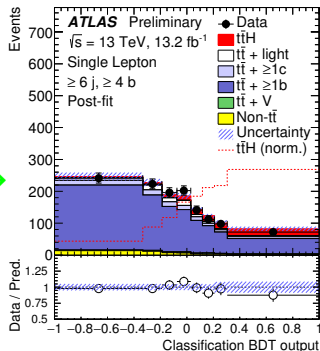


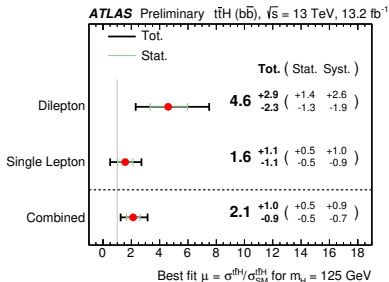
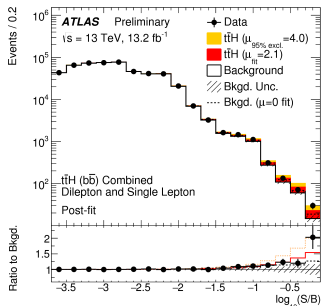
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Fit

→





data vs MC prediction ranked in  $S/B$  for all analysis bins (left)  
 summary of measurement (right)

result is:

- ▶ compatible with SM expectation
- ▶ systematically dominated  
 →  $t\bar{t}+ \geq 1b$  and  $t\bar{t}+ \geq 1c$  normalisation and modeling are main systematics

→ adding just more data does not help

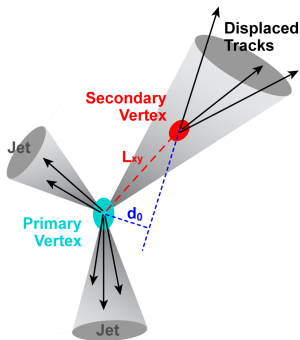
Measurement would benefit from:

- ▶ regions enriched in  $t\bar{t}+ \geq 1b$ ,  $t\bar{t}+ \geq 1c$  and  $t\bar{t}H$   
→ more accurate measurement of normalisation factors
- ▶ more accurate  $t\bar{t}b\bar{b}$ -prediction, better  $t\bar{t}$ +jets modeling
- ▶ clear(er) prescription how to use 4-flavor prediction in experiment  
→ embedding in 5-flavor? reweighting?  
→ Do we have something beyond cook-book solutions?  
(theo. accuracy?)
- ▶ better  $b$ -tagging performance

b-tagging: identification of jets originating from b-quarks

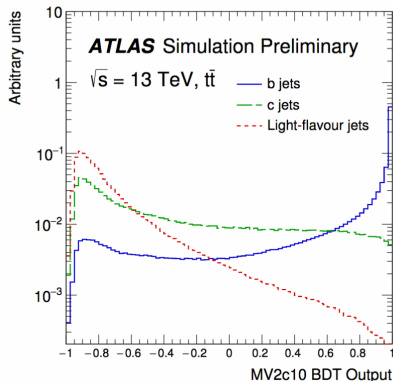
Mainly 3 different ideas:

1. Secondary vertices
2. Impact parameter of tracks
3. Decay chain of a B-hadron



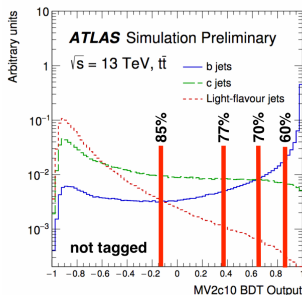
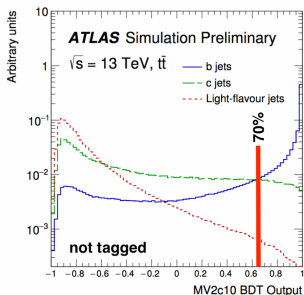
## Main algorithm

(combination of these ideas):



→ Result is a powerful variable to separate b-jets from other jets

## Traditional b-tagging vs continuous b-tagging



### Traditional b-tagging:

uses 2 bins of the distribution

- ▶ Need to convert fixed-cut calibration into (pseudo-)continuous calibration
- ▶ Underlying calibrations need to be present

### Continuous b-tagging:

attempt to use more bins and gain more information



$t\bar{t}H(b\bar{b})$ -ICHEP analysis is systematics dominated

→ The time for improvements of the analysis is now  
(maybe not too late from now...)

Complicated analysis with many different objects

possible improvements in:

- ▶ MC prediction
- ▶ b-tagging
- ▶ analysis strategy which exploits improvements in b-tagging

Stay tuned for more news!

BACKUP

Simulation of  $t\bar{t}$ +jets:

ME gen. PS/UE gen.	Powheg-Box Pythia 6.428	Powheg-Box Herwig++ 2.7.1	MG5_aMC Herwig++ 2.7.1	Powheg-Box Pythia 6.428	Powheg-Box Pythia 6.428
Ren. scale	$\sqrt{m_t^2 + p_{T,t}^2}$	$\sqrt{m_t^2 + p_{T,t}^2}$	$\sqrt{m_t^2 + \frac{1}{2}(p_{T,t}^2 + p_{T,t}^2)}$	$\frac{1}{2} \cdot \sqrt{m_t^2 + p_{T,t}^2}$	$2 \cdot \sqrt{m_t^2 + p_{T,t}^2}$
Fact. scale	$\sqrt{m_t^2 + p_{T,t}^2}$	$\sqrt{m_t^2 + p_{T,t}^2}$	$\sqrt{m_t^2 + \frac{1}{2}(p_{T,t}^2 + p_{T,t}^2)}$	$\frac{1}{2} \cdot \sqrt{m_t^2 + p_{T,t}^2}$	$2 \cdot \sqrt{m_t^2 + p_{T,t}^2}$
<i>hdamp</i>	$m_t$	$m_t$	-	$2 \cdot m_t$	$m_t$
ME PDF	CT10	CT10	CT10	CT10	CT10
PS/UE PDF	CTEQ6L1	CTEQ6L1	CTEQ6L1	CTEQ6L1	CTEQ6L1
Tune	P2012	UE-EE5	UE-EE5	P2012 radHi	P2012 radLo

Simulation details for  $t\bar{t}b\bar{b}$ :

ME gen. PS/UE gen.	MG5_aMC Herwig++ 2.7.1	MG5_aMC Pythia 8.210	SherpaOL Sherpa
Renorm. scale	$\mu_{\text{CMMPS}}$	$\mu_{\text{CMMPS}}$	$\mu_{\text{CMMPS}}$
Fact. scale	$H_T/2$	$H_T/2$	$H_T/2$
Resumm. scale	$f_Q \sqrt{\hat{s}}$	$f_Q \sqrt{\hat{s}}$	$H_T/2$
ME PDF	NNPDF3.0 4F	NNPDF3.0 4F	CT10 4F
PS/UE PDF	CTEQ6L1	NNPDF2.3	
Tune	UE-EE-5	A14	Author's tune

Variable	$\geq 6j, \geq 4b$	$\geq 6j, =3b$	$=5j, \geq 4b$
Topological information from $t\bar{t}$ :			
$t_{lep}$ mass	✓	✓	✓
$t_{had}$ mass	✓	✓	-
Incomplete $t_{had}$ mass	-	-	✓
$W_{had}$ mass	✓	✓	-
Mass of $W_{had}$ and $b$ from $t_{lep}$	✓	✓	-
Mass of $q$ from $W_{had}$ and $b$ from $t_{lep}$	-	-	✓
Mass of $W_{lep}$ and $b$ from $t_{had}$	✓	✓	✓
$\Delta R(W_{had}, b$ from $t_{had})$	✓	✓	-
$\Delta R(q$ from $W_{had}, b$ from $t_{had})$	-	-	✓
$\Delta R(W_{had}, b$ from $t_{lep})$	✓	✓	-
$\Delta R(q$ from $W_{had}, b$ from $t_{lep})$	-	-	✓
$\Delta R(lep, b$ from $t_{lep})$	✓	✓	✓
$\Delta R(lep, b$ from $t_{had})$	✓	✓	✓
$\Delta R(b$ from $t_{lep}, b$ from $t_{had})$	✓	✓	✓
$\Delta R(q_1$ from $W_{had}, q_2$ from $W_{had})$	✓	✓	-
$\Delta R(b$ from $t_{had}, q_1$ from $W_{had})$	✓	✓	-
$\Delta R(b$ from $t_{had}, q_2$ from $W_{had})$	✓	✓	-
min. $\Delta R(b$ from $t_{had}, q$ from $W_{had})$	✓	✓	-
$\Delta R(lep, b$ from $t_{lep})$ - min. $\Delta R(b$ from $t_{had}, q$ from $W_{had})$	✓	✓	-
$\Delta R(lep, b$ from $t_{lep})$ - $\Delta R(b$ from $t_{had}, q$ from $W_{had})$	-	-	✓
Topological information from Higgs :			
Higgs mass	✓	✓	✓
Mass of Higgs and $q_1$ from $W_{had}$	✓	✓	✓
$\Delta R(b_1$ from Higgs, $b_2$ from Higgs)	✓	✓	✓
$\Delta R(b_1$ from Higgs, lep)	✓	✓	✓
$\Delta R(b_1$ from Higgs, $b$ from $t_{lep})$	-	✓	✓
$\Delta R(b_1$ from Higgs, $b$ from $t_{had})$	-	✓	✓

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 Variable
 

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 Topological information from  $t\bar{t}$  :
 

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 $\Delta R(b \text{ from } t, \text{lep from } t)$  $\Delta R(b \text{ from } \bar{t}, \text{lep from } \bar{t})$ Mass of  $b$  from  $t$  and lep from  $t$ Mass of  $b$  from  $\bar{t}$  and lep from  $\bar{t}$  $p_T(b \text{ from } t, \text{lep from } t)$  $p_T(b \text{ from } \bar{t}, \text{lep from } \bar{t})$  $\Delta R(b \text{ from } t, b \text{ from } \bar{t})$  $|\Delta R(b \text{ from } t, \text{lep from } t) - \Delta R(b \text{ from } \bar{t}, \text{lep from } \bar{t})|$ Min.  $\Delta R(b \text{ from } t\bar{t}, \text{lep})$ Max.  $\Delta R(b \text{ from } t\bar{t}, \text{lep})$ 


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 Topological information from Higgs :
 

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Higgs Mass

 $\Delta R(b_1 \text{ from Higgs}, b_2 \text{ from Higgs})$  $\Delta R(\text{Higgs}, t\bar{t})$  $|\Delta R(b_1 \text{ from Higgs}, b_2 \text{ from Higgs}) - \Delta R(b \text{ from } t, b \text{ from } \bar{t})|$ Min.  $\Delta R(\text{Higgs}, \text{lep})$ Max.  $\Delta R(\text{Higgs}, \text{lep})$ Min.  $\Delta R(\text{Higgs}, b \text{ from } t\bar{t})$ Max.  $\Delta R(\text{Higgs}, b \text{ from } t\bar{t})$ 


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Variable	Definition	Region		
		$\geq 4j, \geq 4b$	$\geq 4j, 3b$	$3j, 3b$
General kinematic variables				
$\Delta\eta_{bb}^{avg}$	Average $ \Delta\eta $ among pairs of $b$ -jets	✓	–	–
$\Delta\eta_{bb}^{max}$	Maximum $\Delta\eta$ between any two $b$ -jets	–	–	✓
$\Delta\eta_{jj}^{avg}$	Average $\Delta\eta$ among jet pairs	–	✓	–
$\Delta R_{bb}^{max, p_T}$	$\Delta R$ between the two $b$ -tagged jets with the largest vector sum $p_T$	✓	✓	✓
$\Delta R_{bb}^{Higgs}$	$\Delta R$ between the two $b$ -tagged jets with mass closest to the Higgs boson mass	✓	–	–
$\Delta R_{bb}^{max, m}$	$\Delta R$ between the two $b$ -jets with the largest invariant mass	✓	✓	✓
$m_{bb}^{max, p_T}$	Mass of the two $b$ -tagged jets with the largest vector sum $p_T$	–	–	✓
$m_{bb}^{Higgs}$	Mass of the two $b$ -tagged jets closest to the Higgs boson mass	✓	✓	✓
$m_{bb}^{min}$	Minimum mass of two $b$ -tagged jets	–	–	✓
$m_{bb}^{min, \Delta R}$	Mass of the combination of the two $b$ -tagged jets with the smallest $\Delta R$	✓	✓	✓
$p_{T,b}^{min}$	Minimum $b$ -tagged jet $p_T$	–	–	✓
$H_T^{all}$	Scalar $p_T$ sum of all leptons and jets	–	✓	✓
$N_{bb}^{Higgs, 30}$	Number of $b$ -jet pairs with invariant mass within 30 GeV of the Higgs boson mass	✓	–	✓
$N_{jj}^{Higgs, 30}$	Number of jet pairs with invariant mass within 30 GeV of the Higgs boson mass	–	✓	–
Aplanarity	$1.5\lambda_2$ , where $\lambda_2$ is the second eigenvalue of the momentum tensor [42] built with all jets	✓	✓	✓
Centrality	Sum of the $p_T$ divided by sum of the $E$ for all jets and both leptons	✓	–	✓
$H2_{jets}$	Third Fox–Wolfram moment computed using all jets	–	✓	–
$H4_{all}$	Fifth Fox–Wolfram moment computed using all jets and leptons	–	–	✓
Variables from reconstruction BDT output				
BDT output		✓*	✓*	–
$m_H$	Higgs boson mass	✓(*)	✓(*)	–
$\Delta\eta_{H,l}^{min}$	Minimum $\Delta\eta$ between the Higgs boson and a lepton	✓*	✓	–
$\Delta\eta_{H,l}^{max}$	Maximum $\Delta\eta$ between the Higgs boson and a lepton	✓*	–	–
$\Delta\eta_{H,b}^{min}$	Minimum $\Delta\eta$ between the Higgs boson and a $b$ -jet	✓*	–	–

Variable	Definition	Region		
		$\geq 6j, \geq 4b$	$\geq 6j, 3b$	$5j, \geq 4b$
General kinematic variables				
$\Delta R_{bb}^{avg}$	Average $\Delta R$ for all $b$ -tagged jet pairs	✓	✓	✓
$\Delta R_{bb}^{max p_T}$	$\Delta R$ 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 the two $b$ -tagged jets with the smallest $\Delta R$	✓	✓	-
$m_{jj}^{min \Delta R}$	Mass of the combination of any two jets with the smallest $\Delta R$	-	-	✓
$m_{bj}^{max p_T}$	Mass of the combination of a $b$ -tagged jet and any jet with the largest vector sum $p_T$	-	✓	-
$p_T^{jet5}$	$p_T$ of the fifth leading jet	✓	✓	✓
$N_{bb}^{Higgs 30}$	Number of $b$ -jet pairs with invariant mass within 30 GeV of the Higgs boson mass	✓	-	✓
$N_{40}^{jet}$	Number of jets with $p_T \geq 40 GeV$	-	✓	-
$H_T^{had}$	Scalar sum of jet $p_T$	-	✓	✓
$\Delta R_{lep-bb}^{min \Delta R}$	$\Delta R$ between the lepton and the combination of the two $b$ -tagged jets with the smallest $\Delta R$	-	-	✓
Aplanarity	$1.5\lambda_2$ , where $\lambda_2$ is the second eigenvalue of the momentum tensor [42] built with all jets	✓	✓	✓
Centrality	Scalar sum of the $p_T$ divided by sum of the $E$ for all jets and the lepton	✓	✓	✓
$H1$	Second Fox-Wolfman moment computed using all jets and the lepton	✓	✓	✓
Variables from reconstruction BDT output				
BDT output		✓*	✓*	✓*
$m_H$	Higgs boson mass	✓	✓	✓
$m_{H,b_{lep top}}$	Mass of Higgs boson and $b$ -jet from leptonic top	✓	-	-
$\Delta R_{Higgs bb}$	$\Delta R$ between $b$ -jets from the Higgs boson	✓	✓	✓
$\Delta R_{H,t\bar{t}}$	$\Delta R$ between Higgs boson and $t\bar{t}$ system	✓*	✓*	✓*
$\Delta R_{H,lep top}$	$\Delta R$ between Higgs boson and leptonic top	✓	-	-
$\Delta R_{H,b_{had top}}$	$\Delta R$ between Higgs boson and $b$ -jet from hadronic top	-	✓*	✓*