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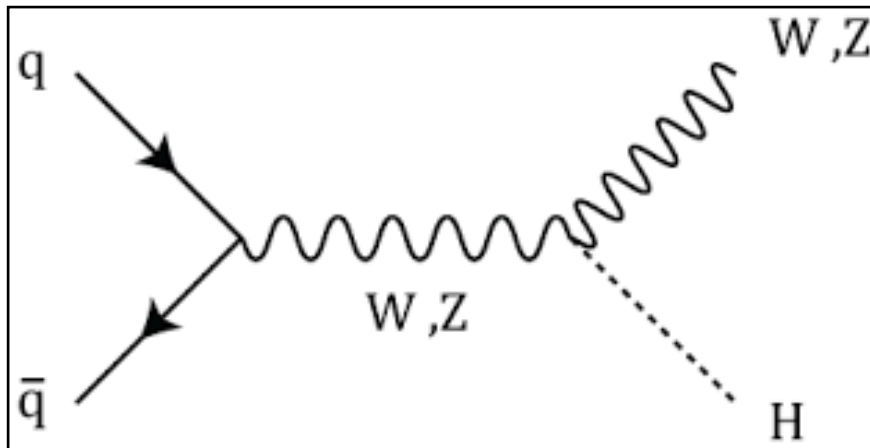
# Measurements of associate VH production

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**Higgs 2020**

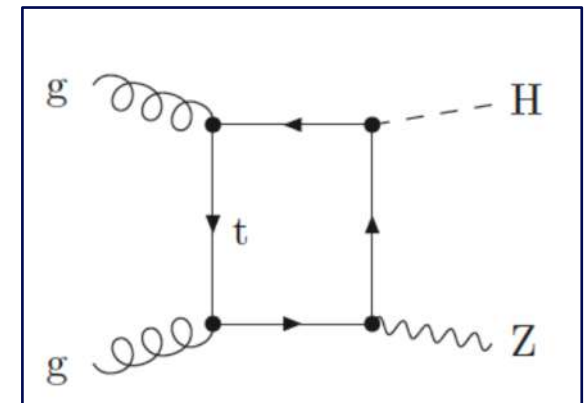
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### Higgs-Strahlung (associated production)

- 4% of Higgs production mechanism
- Full EW corrections known: they decrease the cross section by 5-10%

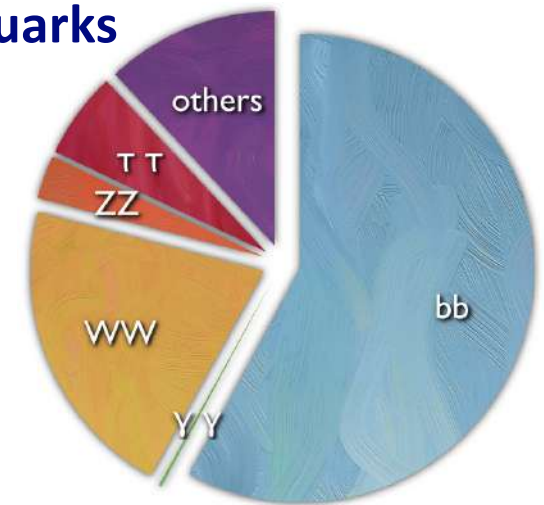
- For ZH at NNLO, further diagrams from gg initial state
- Important at the LHC (+2-6% effect up to +14% at high- $p_T$ )



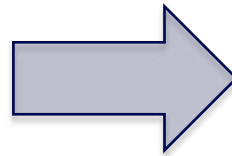
### Experimental advantages:

- **Vector boson (V) decay leptonically:** → Benefit from lepton triggers
- **V-Boost:** Further reduce background requiring high vector- $p_T$

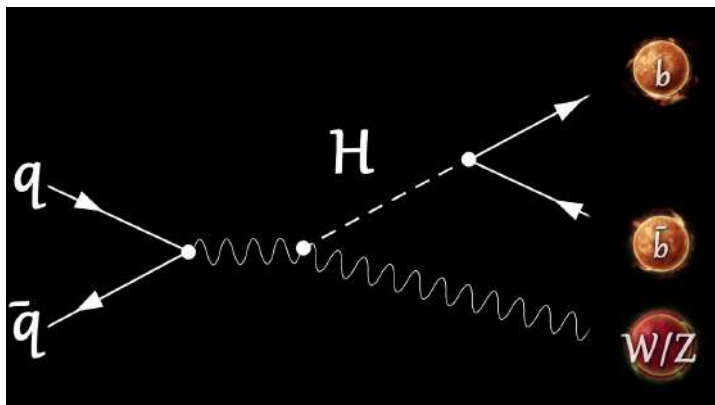
- Unique final state to measure **coupling with down-type quarks**
- **H → bb has the largest BR (58%) for  $m_H = 125$  GeV**
- **Drives the uncertainty on the total Higgs boson width**
  - Constraints potential BSM contributions
- **Only recently observed by both ATLAS and CMS**



- High BR
- Low mass resolution
- Low S/B



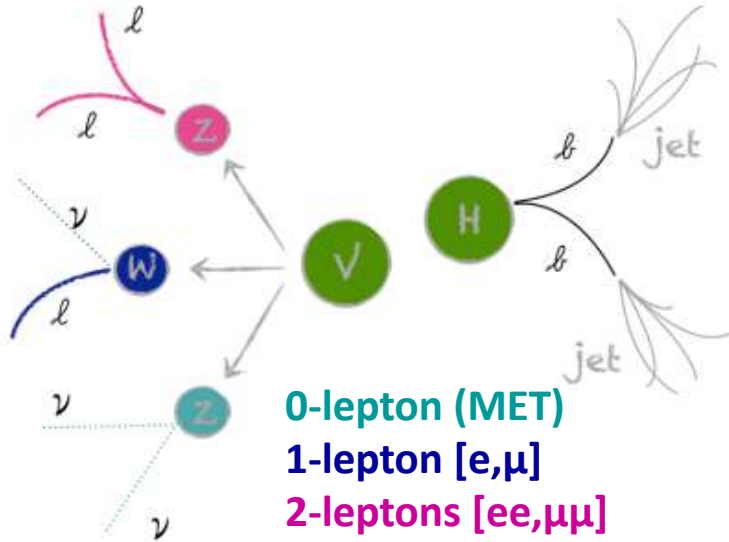
- Highly efficient b-jets identification
- Improved resolution on  $m(bb)$
- Full event information to increase S/B



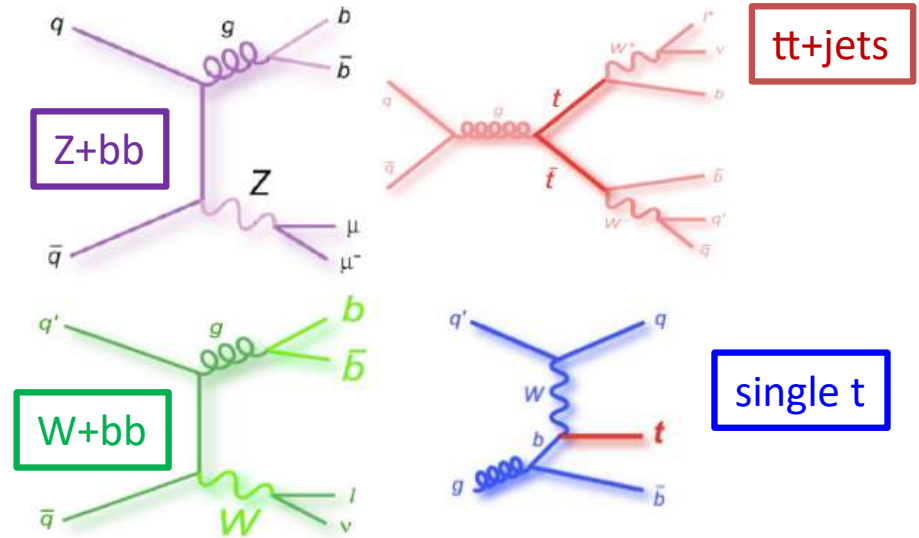
## VH production plays a crucial role

- W/Z decays leptonically
- W/Z produced generally back-to-back wrt Higgs
- Possible to exploit the W/Z transverse boost
- ➔ **Provides the highest sensitivity to H → bb**

## SIGNAL PROCESSES



## IRREDUCIBLE BACKGROUNDS



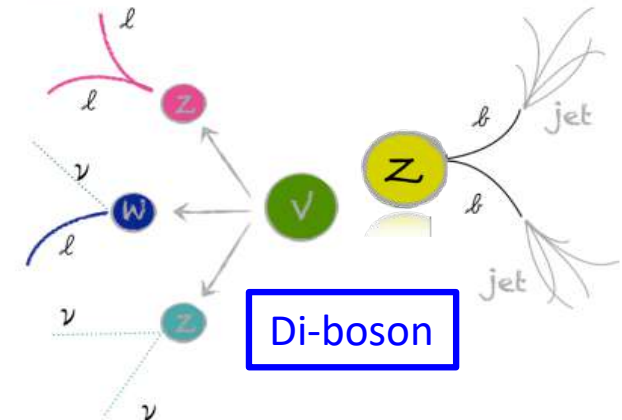
- **3 channels** with 0, 1, and 2 leptons and 2 b-tagged jets
  - Target  $Z(\nu\nu)H(bb)$ ,  $W(l\nu)H(bb)$  and  $Z(ll)H(bb)$

- **Signal region designed to increase S/B**

- **Large boost** for vector boson
- **Multivariate analysis**
- Exploiting the most discriminating variables ( $m_{b\bar{b}}$ ,  $\Delta R_{b\bar{b}}$ , b-tag)

- **Control regions to validate backgrounds and constrain normalizations**

- **Signal extraction:** binned maximum likelihood fit of final MVA/mass distribution



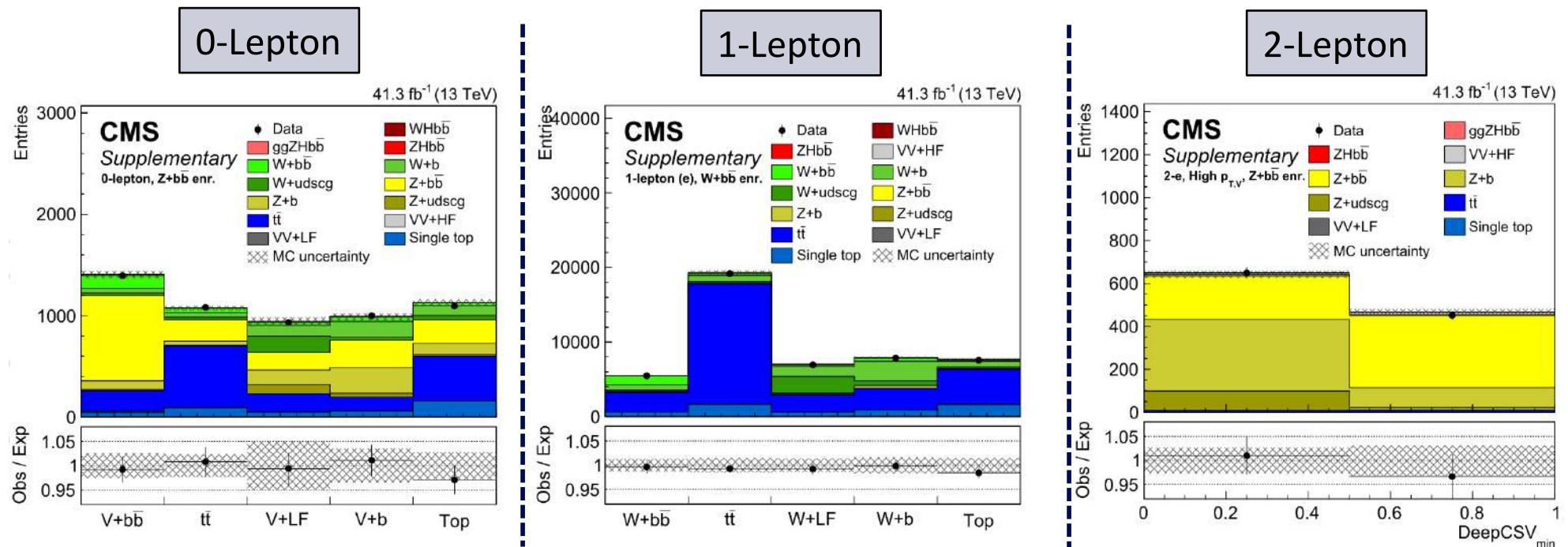
- **Selections (jets, leptons, b-tagging) optimized separately by channel**

- 4 analysis categories:

- 0-lepton:  $p_T(Z) > 170$  GeV
    - 1-lepton:  $p_T(W) > 150$  GeV
    - 2-lepton High- $Vp_T$ :  $p_T(Z) > 150$  GeV
    - 2-lepton Low- $Vp_T$ :  $50 \text{ GeV} < p_T(Z) < 150$  GeV

- **Control regions designed to map closely each signal region**

- Inverted selections to **enhance purity in targeted backgrounds:  $t\bar{t}$ , V+light flavor, and V+heavy flavor**

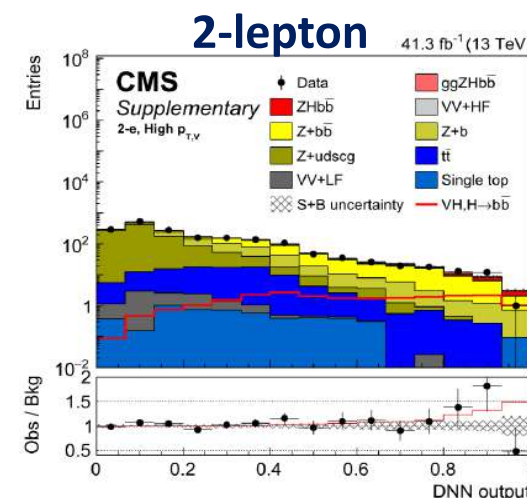
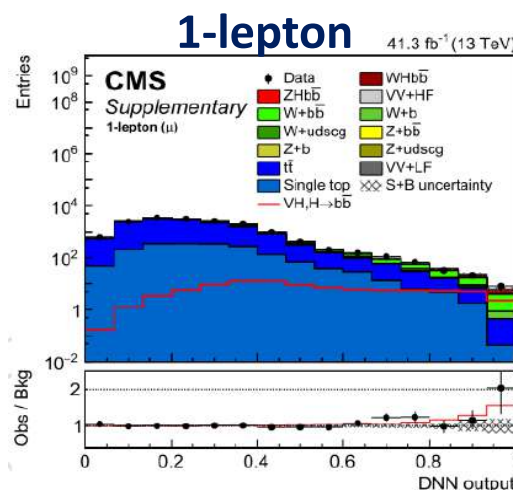
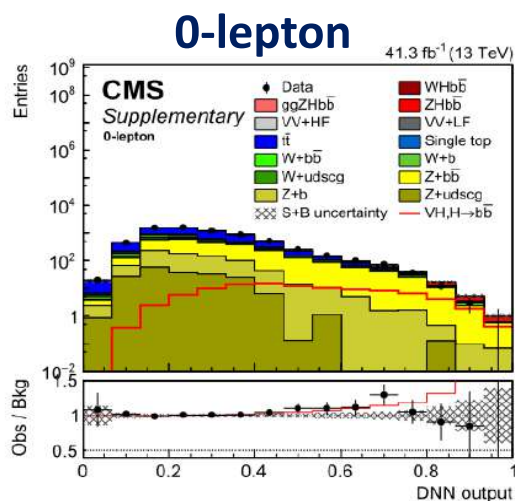
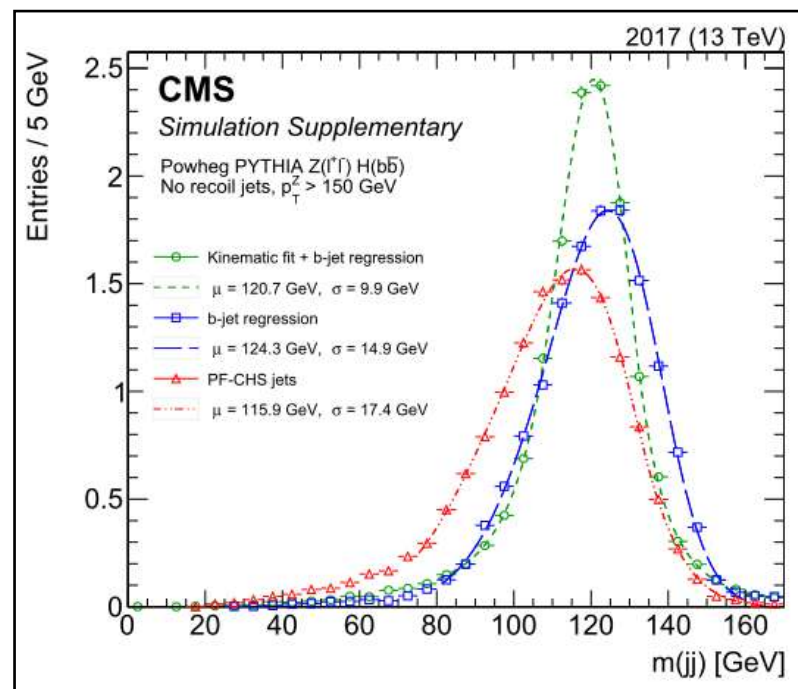


## Improvements in di-jet mass resolution:

- Better b-jet identification vs 2016
  - ➔ Improved b-tagger (2017)
  - ➔ + new pixel detector (2017)
- b-jet energy regression + FSR
- Kinematic fit in 2-lepton channel

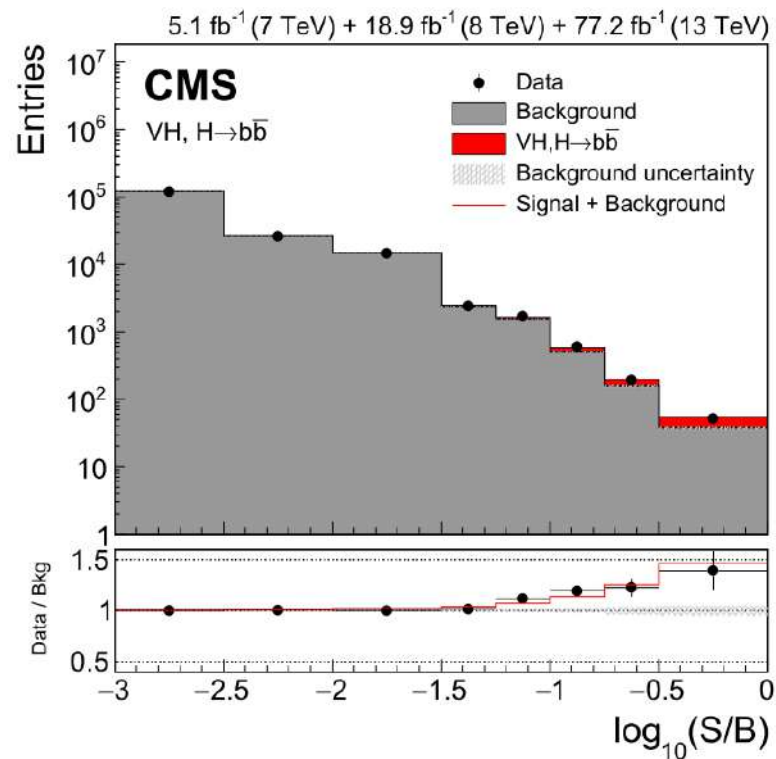
## Signal extraction:

- Use of (DNN) to discriminate sig. from bkg. in SR + various bkg in CRs

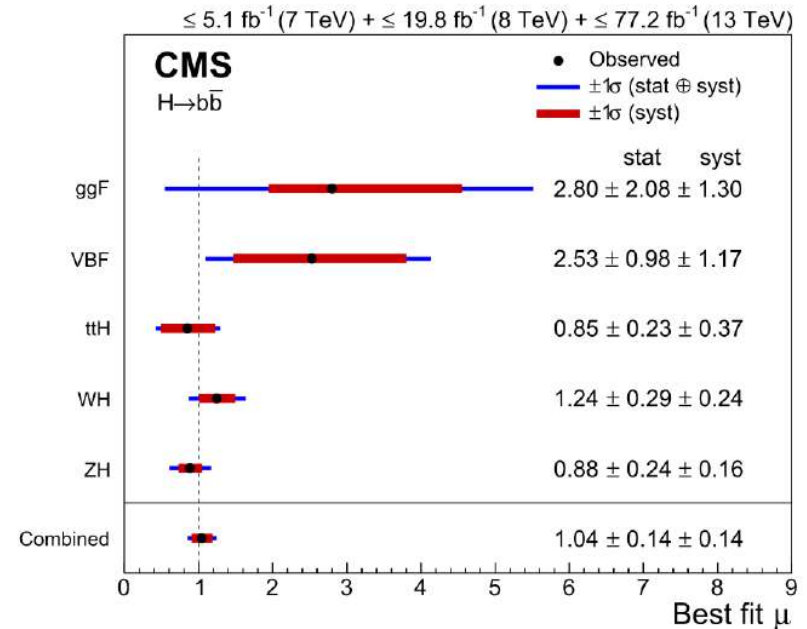


## Combination of VH(H→bb) measurement

Data set	Significance ( $\sigma$ )		Signal strength
	Expected	Observed	
2017	3.1	3.3	$1.08 \pm 0.34$
Run 2	4.2	4.4	$1.06 \pm 0.26$
Run 1 + Run 2	4.9	4.8	$1.01 \pm 0.23$



## Combination of VH(H→bb) with other H→bb measurement



Significance:  
**5.5σ expected**  
**5.6σ observed**

Measured signal strength:  
 **$\mu = 1.04 \pm 0.20$**

[Phys.Rev.Lett. 121 \(2018\) no.12, 121801](https://arxiv.org/abs/1712.07534)

- **Physics case:**

- $VH(bb)$  analysis with full run-2 dataset, provides best constraint to Higgs boson width
- Provides best sensitivity to  $WH(bb)$  and  $ZH(bb)$  decays
- Interpretation within the STXS framework and EFT

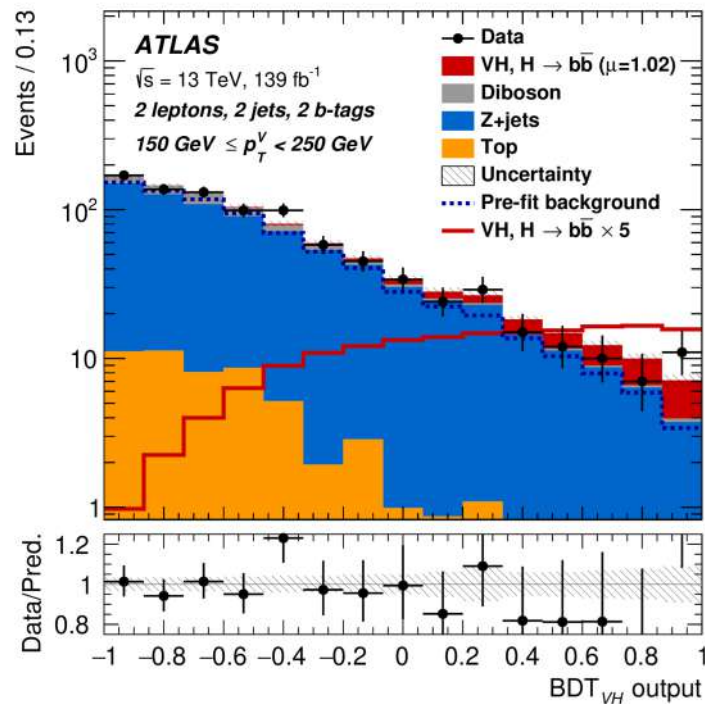
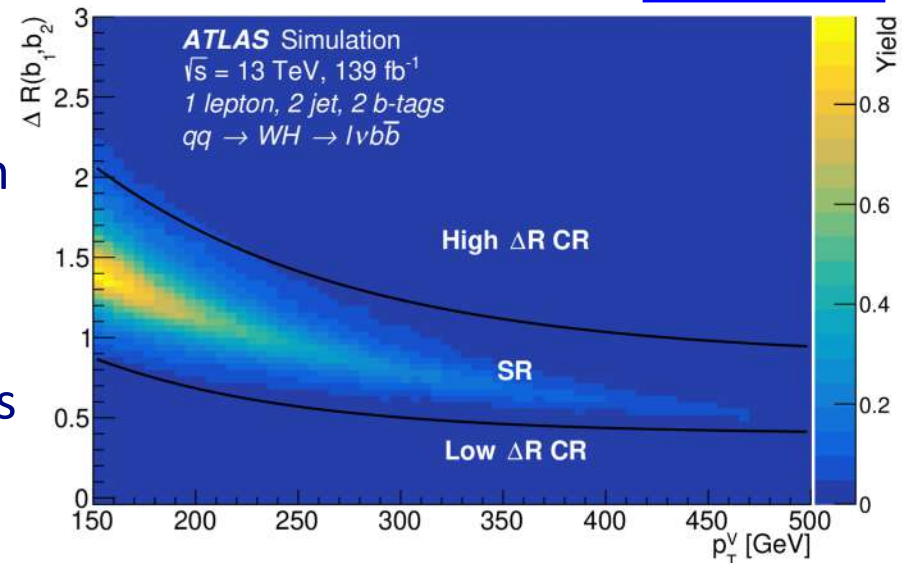
- **$H \rightarrow bb$  analysis strategy**

- Full Run-2 dataset ( $\sim 139 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )  
→ MET and single-lepton triggers
- Categorization based on lepton multiplicity (targeting  $Z(\ell\ell)$ ,  $Z(\text{nn})$ ,  $W(\ell n)$ )
- MV2c10 tagger, based on BDT, receiving as inputs the tracks  $d_0$ , displaced vertex collection, and the topological decay chain reconstruction to identify b-jets
- Higgs boson reconstructed via 2 AK4 jets



## Improvements

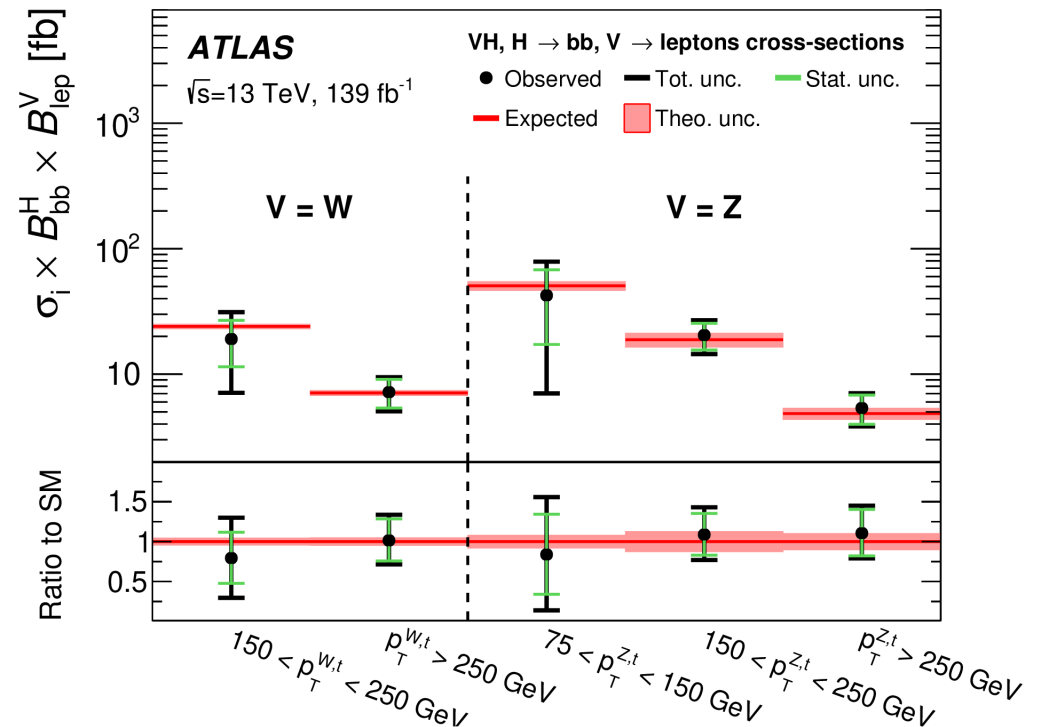
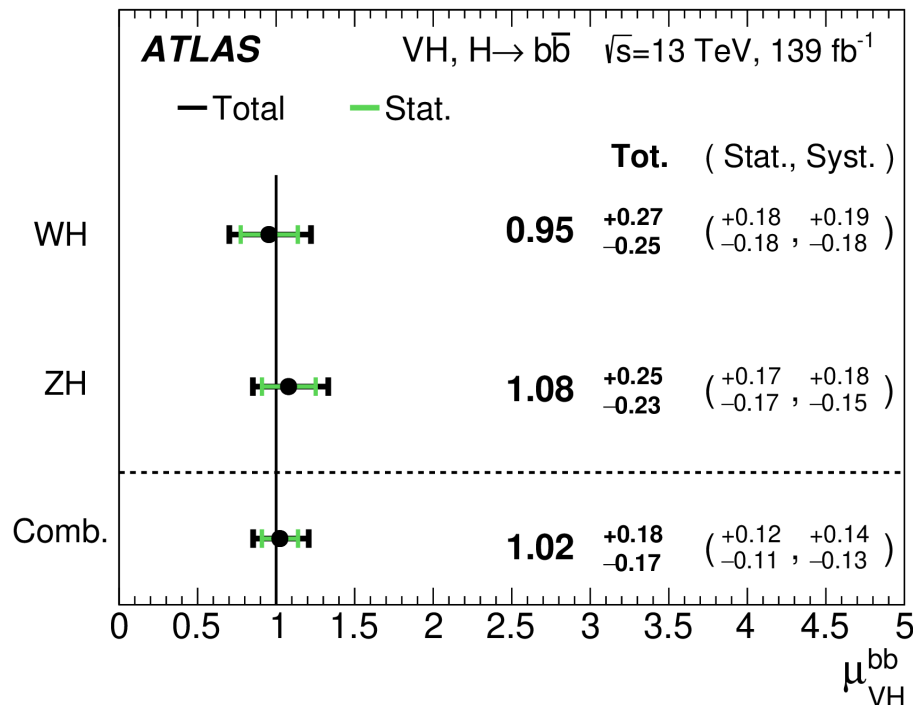
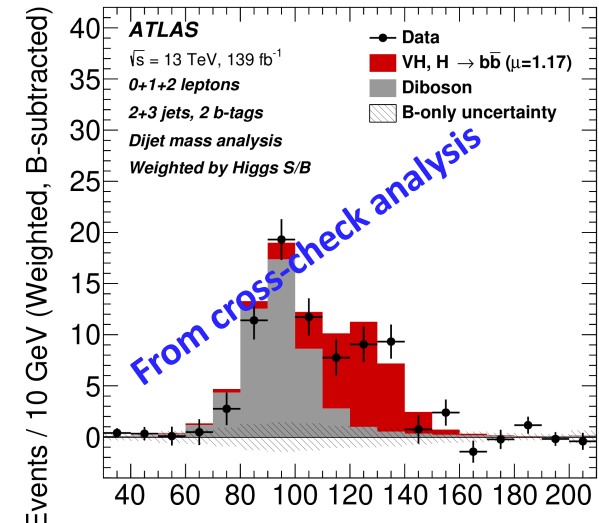
- Enhanced object calibrations
- More coherent categorisation (selection vs STXS binning)
- Re-optimised multivariate discriminants
- Redefinition of signal and control regions
- Significant increase in MC stats



ATLAS Simulation		$\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$			Signal fraction [%]	
2 lep, $\geq 3$ jets, $p_T^V > 250 \text{ GeV}$				3.3	96.6	
2 lep, 2 jets, $p_T^V > 250 \text{ GeV}$				3.2	96.7	
2 lep, $\geq 3$ jets, $150 < p_T^V < 250 \text{ GeV}$			2.0	96.3	1.6	
2 lep, 2 jets, $150 < p_T^V < 250 \text{ GeV}$			2.4	96.2	1.4	
2 lep, $\geq 3$ jets, $75 < p_T^V < 150 \text{ GeV}$			1.0	96.7	2.2	
2 lep, 2 jets, $75 < p_T^V < 150 \text{ GeV}$			1.1	97.2	1.7	
0 lep, 3 jets, $p_T^V > 250 \text{ GeV}$		1.1	16.1	9.0	73.8	
0 lep, 2 jets, $p_T^V > 250 \text{ GeV}$		0.8	17.5	6.5	75.2	
0 lep, 3 jets, $150 < p_T^V < 250 \text{ GeV}$	1.9	15.2	5.0	8.5	62.7	6.7
0 lep, 2 jets, $150 < p_T^V < 250 \text{ GeV}$	1.4	15.1	5.3	7.4	63.4	7.4
1 lep, 3 jets, $p_T^V > 250 \text{ GeV}$	0.1	9.2	88.8	0.1	1.7	
1 lep, 2 jets, $p_T^V > 250 \text{ GeV}$		7.1	91.7	0.1	1.1	
1 lep, 3 jets, $150 < p_T^V < 250 \text{ GeV}$	11.1	76.0	9.3	0.5	2.4	0.8
1 lep, 2 jets, $150 < p_T^V < 250 \text{ GeV}$	8.4	79.1	10.2	0.3	1.6	0.4

## Results:

- Signal extraction: Likelihood fit to MVA discriminant in signal regions + normalization taken from fit in control regions.
- Inclusive analysis dominated by systematics
- Reached  $>5\sigma$  in ZH channel and  $>4\sigma$  in WH



## ■ Physics case:

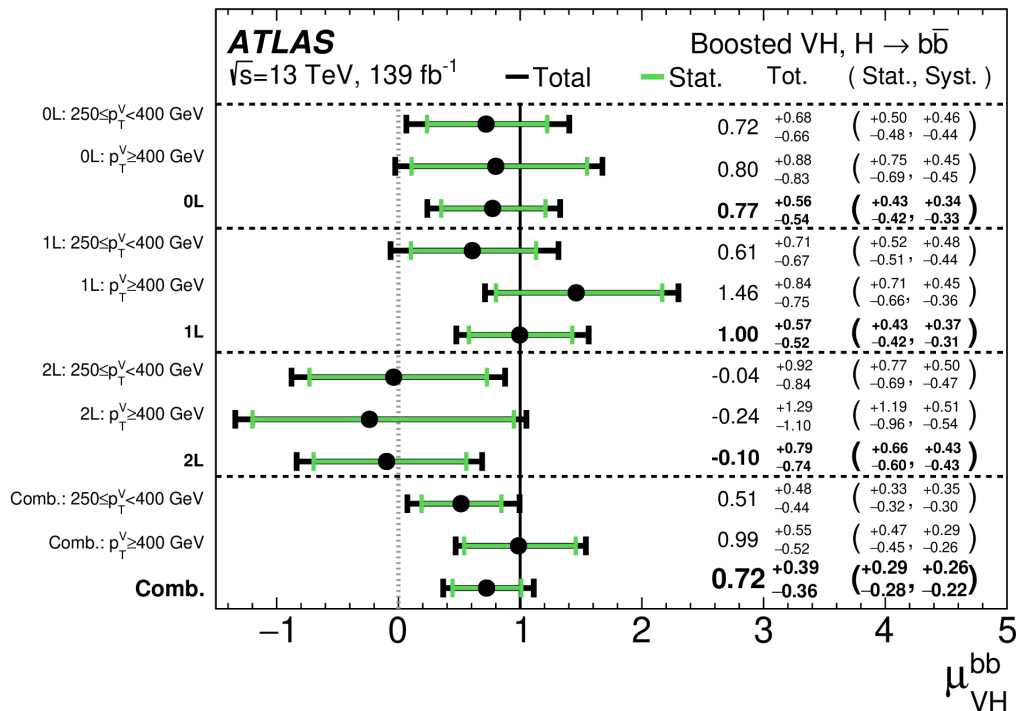
- The previous ATLAS analyses were mainly sensitive to Higgs boson with a  $100 < p_T < 300 \text{ GeV}$
- For higher Higgs boson  $p_T$ , the Higgs decay product can be so close that it results difficult to reconstruct them as two distinct jets

## ■ $H \rightarrow bb$ boosted analysis strategy

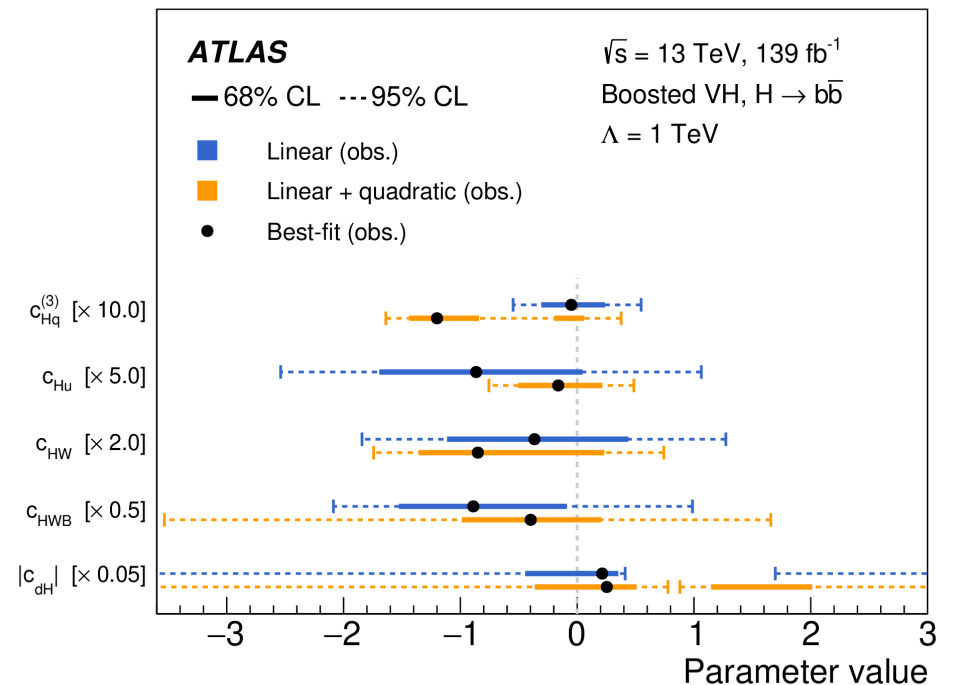
- Full Run-2 dataset ( $\sim 139 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )  $\rightarrow$  selected by MET and single-lepton triggers
- Categorization based on lepton multiplicity (targeting  $Z(\ell\ell)$ ,  $Z(\text{nn})$ ,  $W(\ell n)$ )
- Higgs boson reconstructed in a single large calorimeter jet ( $R=1.0$ ) with  $\geq 2$  constituents and a  $p_T > 250 \text{ GeV}$  (same threshold also for vector  $p_T$ )
- The b-tagging algorithm used to identify b-jet is the same as in the resolved analysis
- Dominant background:  $V$ +jets,  $tt$ +jets, single-top, di-bosons

## Results:

- Signal extraction: Likelihood fit to large-jet mass, combined in signal and control regions
- Measurement of the signal strength  $\mu_{VH}^{bb} = 0.72^{+0.39}_{-0.36} = 0.72^{+0.29}_{-0.28}(\text{stat.})^{+0.26}_{-0.22}(\text{syst.})$
- STXS analysis + constraints on anomalous Higgs boson interactions
- Significant overlap with the “resolved”  $H(bb)$  analysis, difficult to combine
- The analysis still dominated by statistical uncertainties



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1<sup>st</sup> CMS analysis with full Run-2 data!

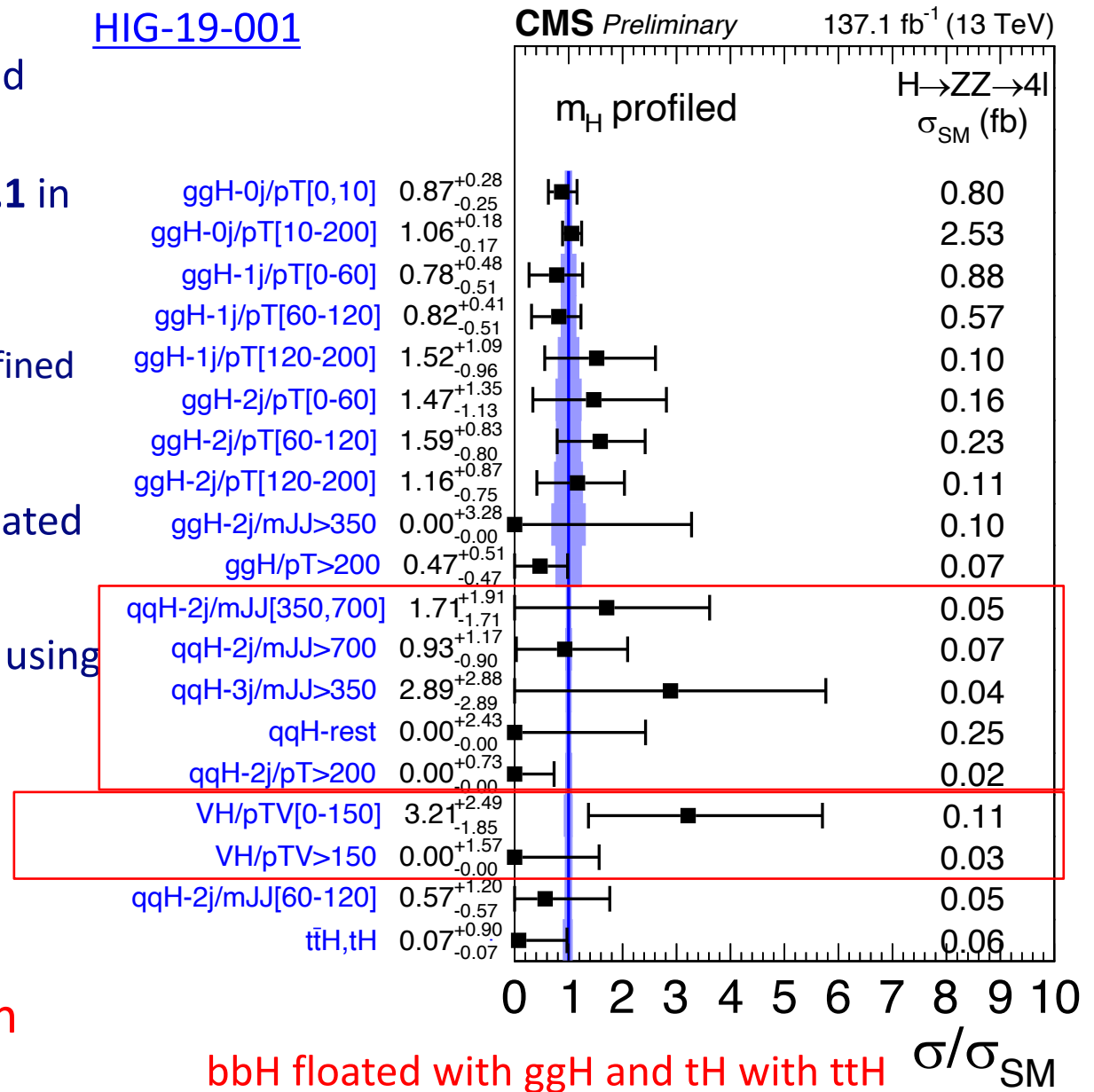
## Analysis strategy:

- Measurements of inclusive and differential cross-sections
- Measurements of the **stage 1.1** in **STXS** framework:
  - 22 sub-categories
  - Different production bins defined by LHCXSWG
- Requiring 4 identified and isolated leptons:  $4e, 4\mu, 2e2\mu$
- **Kinematic discriminants** built using the **matrix element**
- Exploiting the full kinematic information of H decay and production



All results consistent with the SM expectations!

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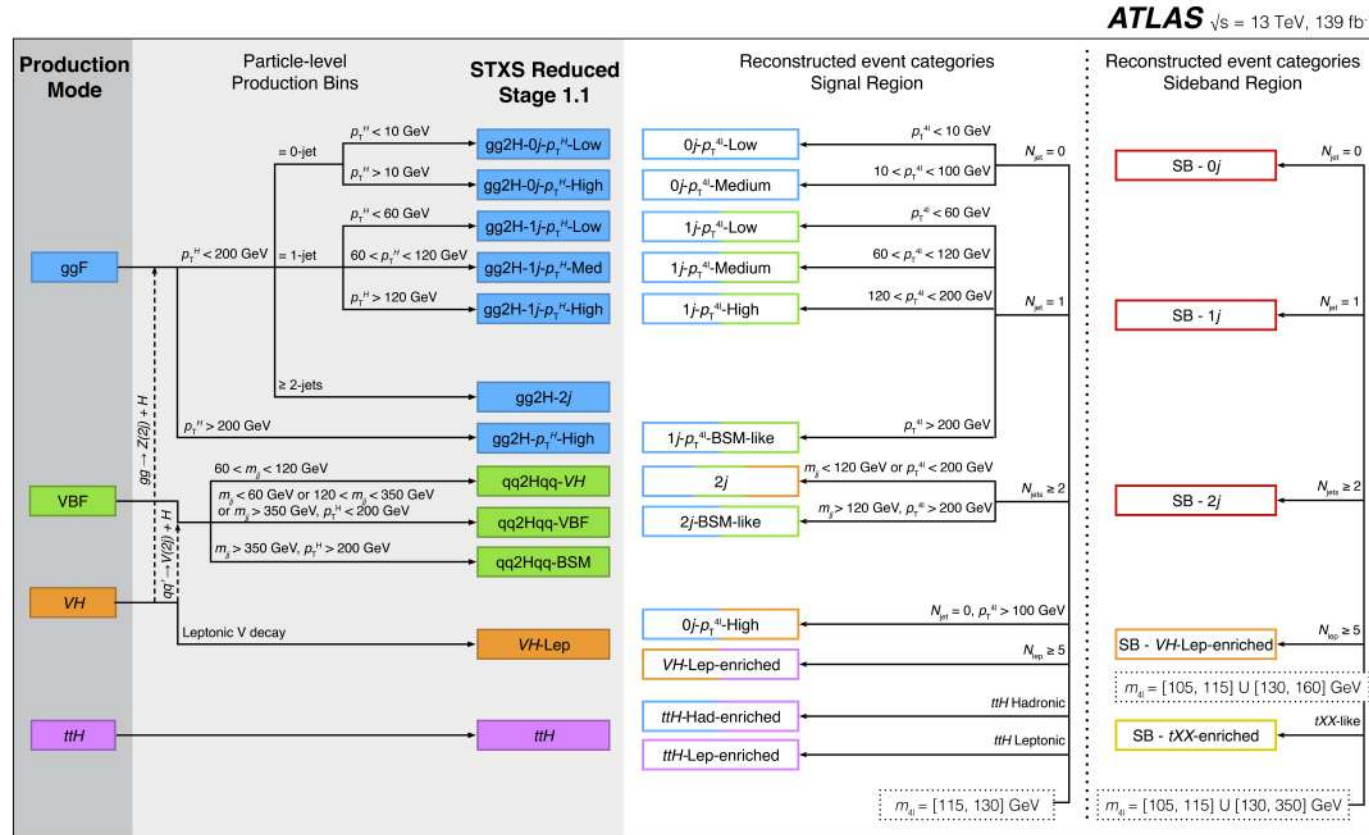


bbH floated with ggH and tH with t $\bar{t}$ H

## ■ Higgs boson properties

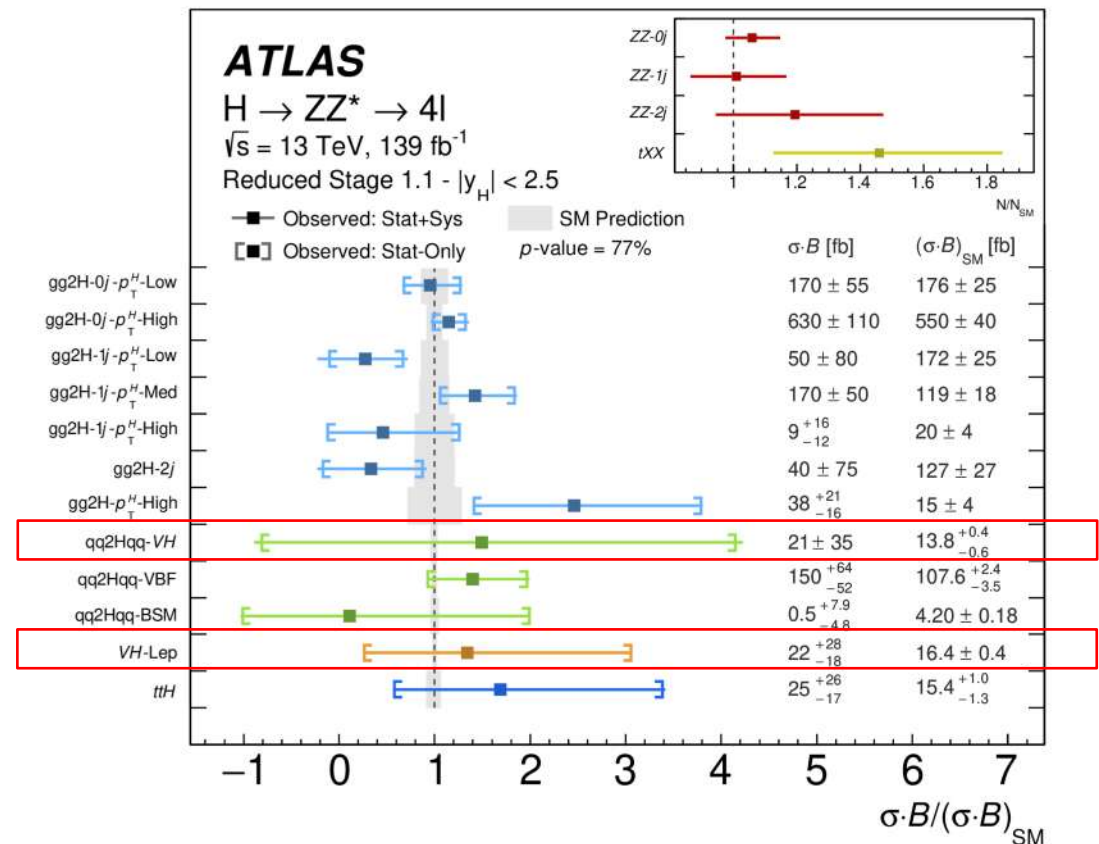
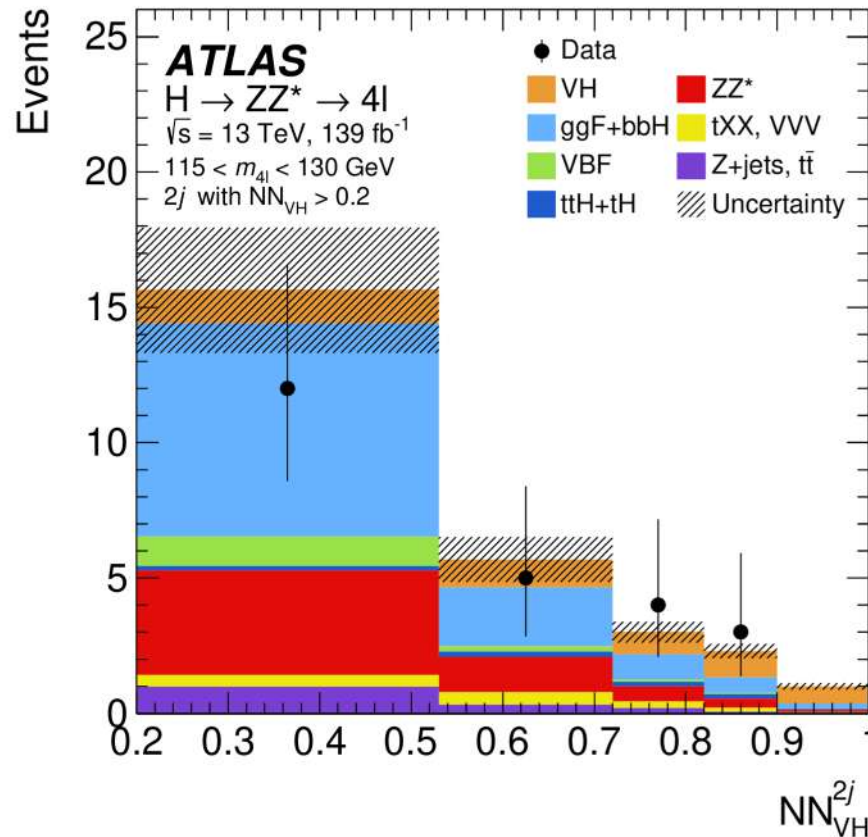
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- Inclusive cross section measurement
- Cross section measurements for different production mode (STXS)
- Interpretation of coupling modifier and tensor structure within EFT theory
- Re-analysis with full run-2 data to increase the sensitivity



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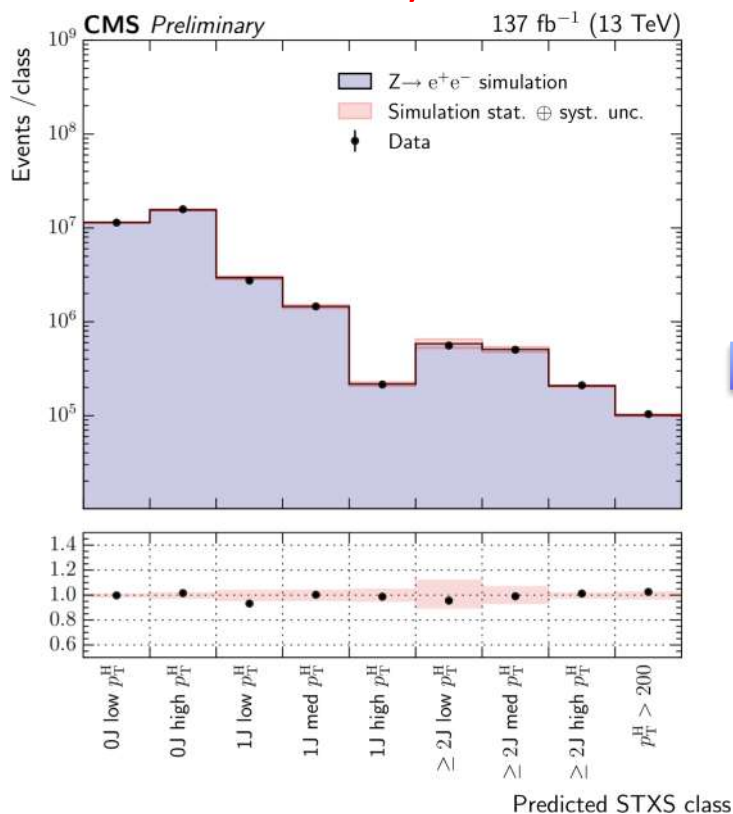
- Extensive categorization used to target different production mode
- Categorization based on decay of Ws in ttH mode, lepton multiplicity (VH) and number of jets (ggH, VBF)
- MLP and RNN used to separate signal from background in final fit



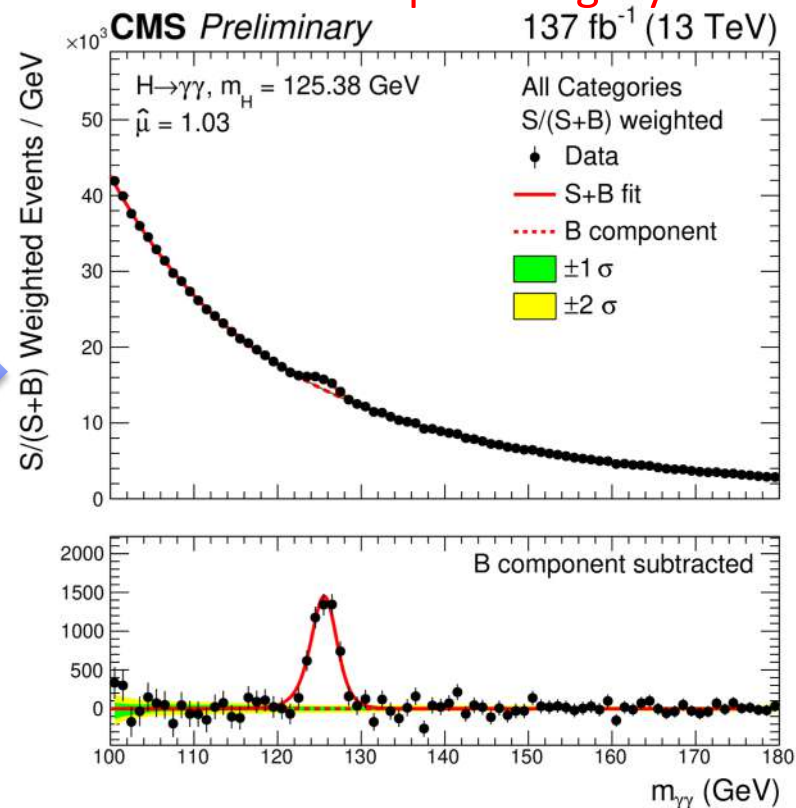
## ■ Analysis strategy

- The di-photon signal is very well reconstructed thanks to the excellent energy resolution of the CMS ECAL
- Select events with 2 isolated photons from full Run-2 dataset ( $137 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )
- Categorization to tag ggH, VBF, VH and ttH production mechanisms

Classify



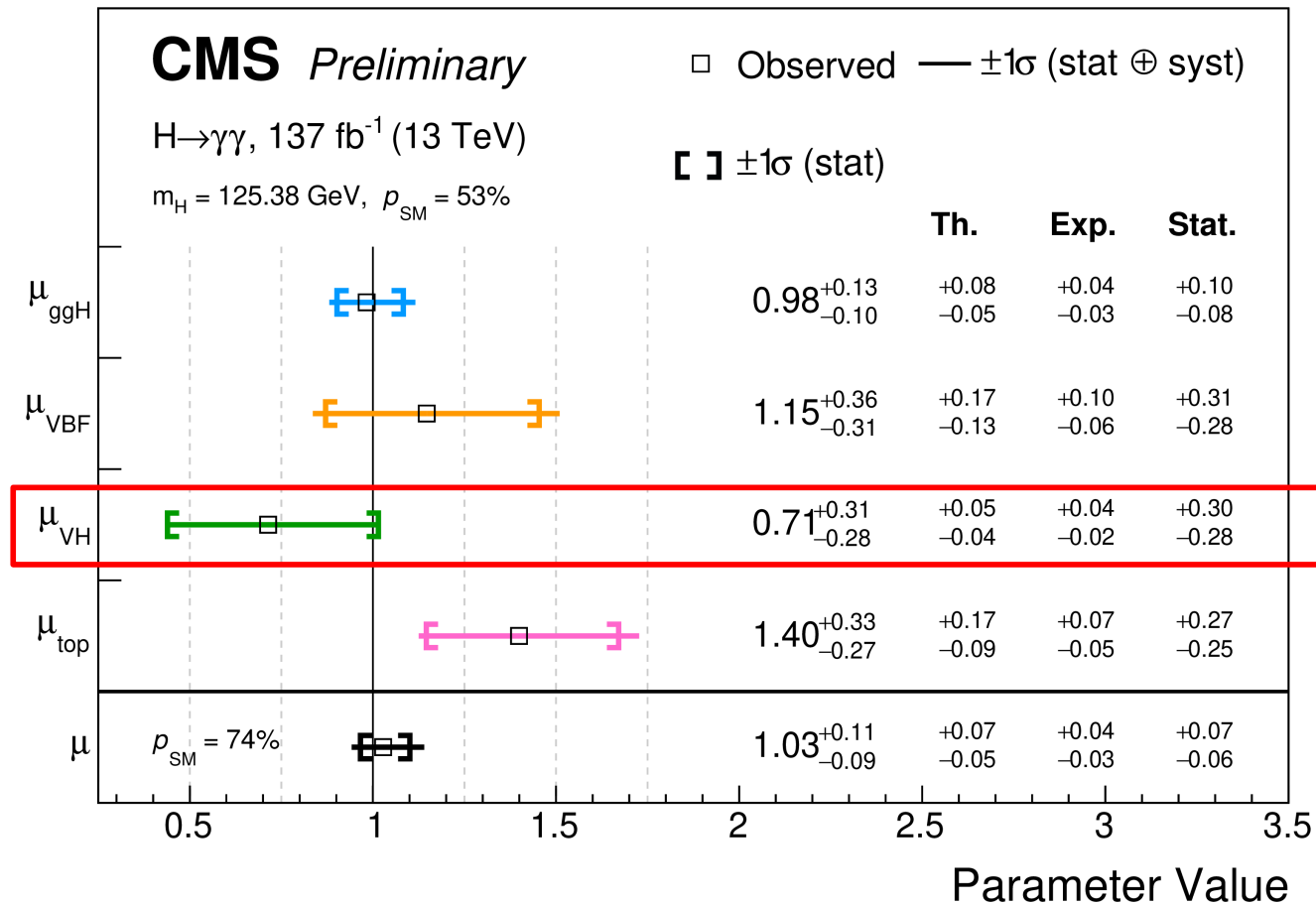
Fit data per category





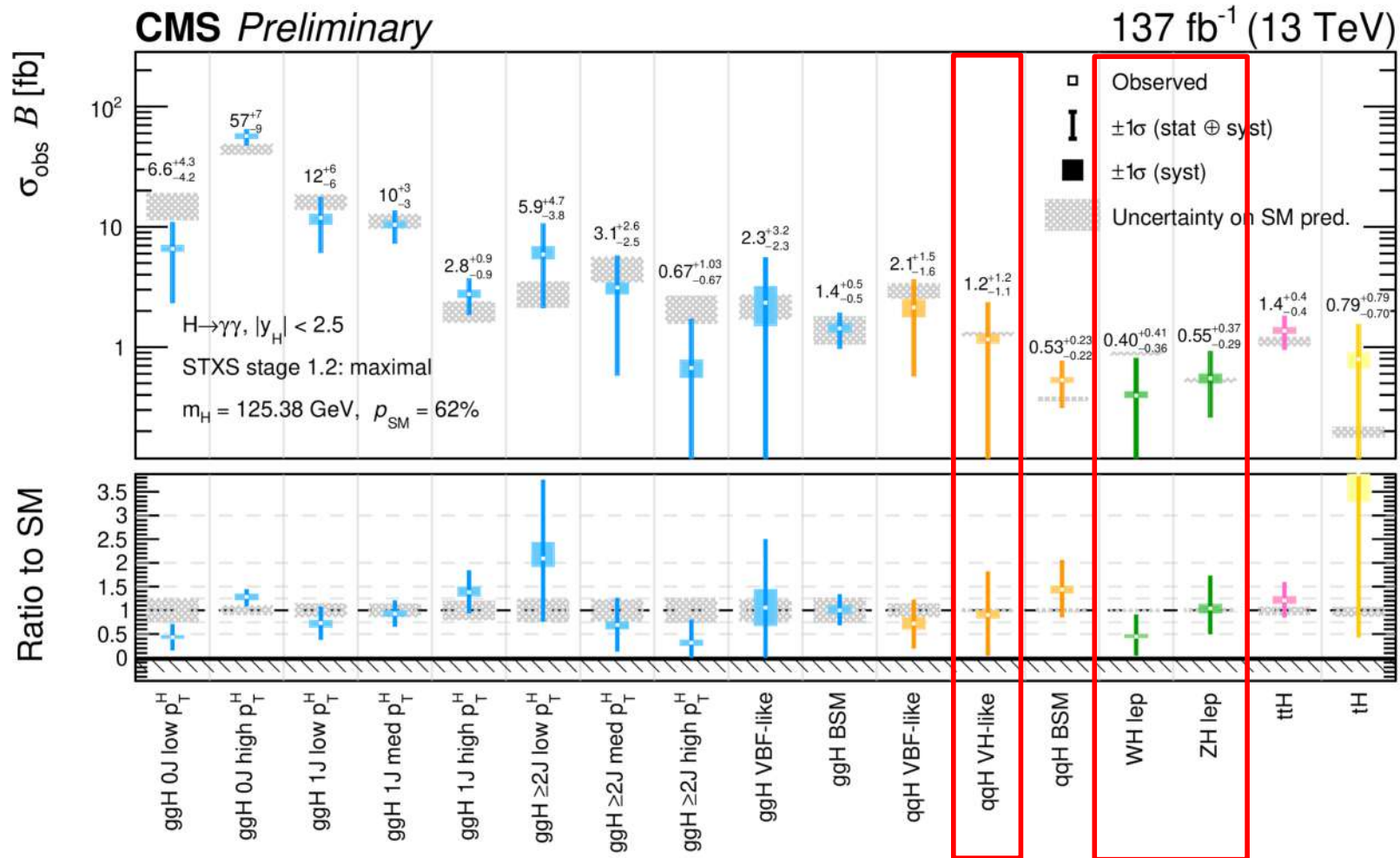
## Results

- Assuming SM couplings, an 8% uncertainty on the signal strength is achieved (neglecting theory uncertainties)  $\mu = 1.03^{+0.11}_{-0.09} = 1.03^{+0.07}_{-0.05} (\text{theo})^{+0.04}_{-0.03} (\text{syst})^{+0.07}_{-0.06} (\text{stat})$
- All  $\mu$ 's targeting specific production modes are in agreement with the SM
- Analysis start be limited by theory uncertainties



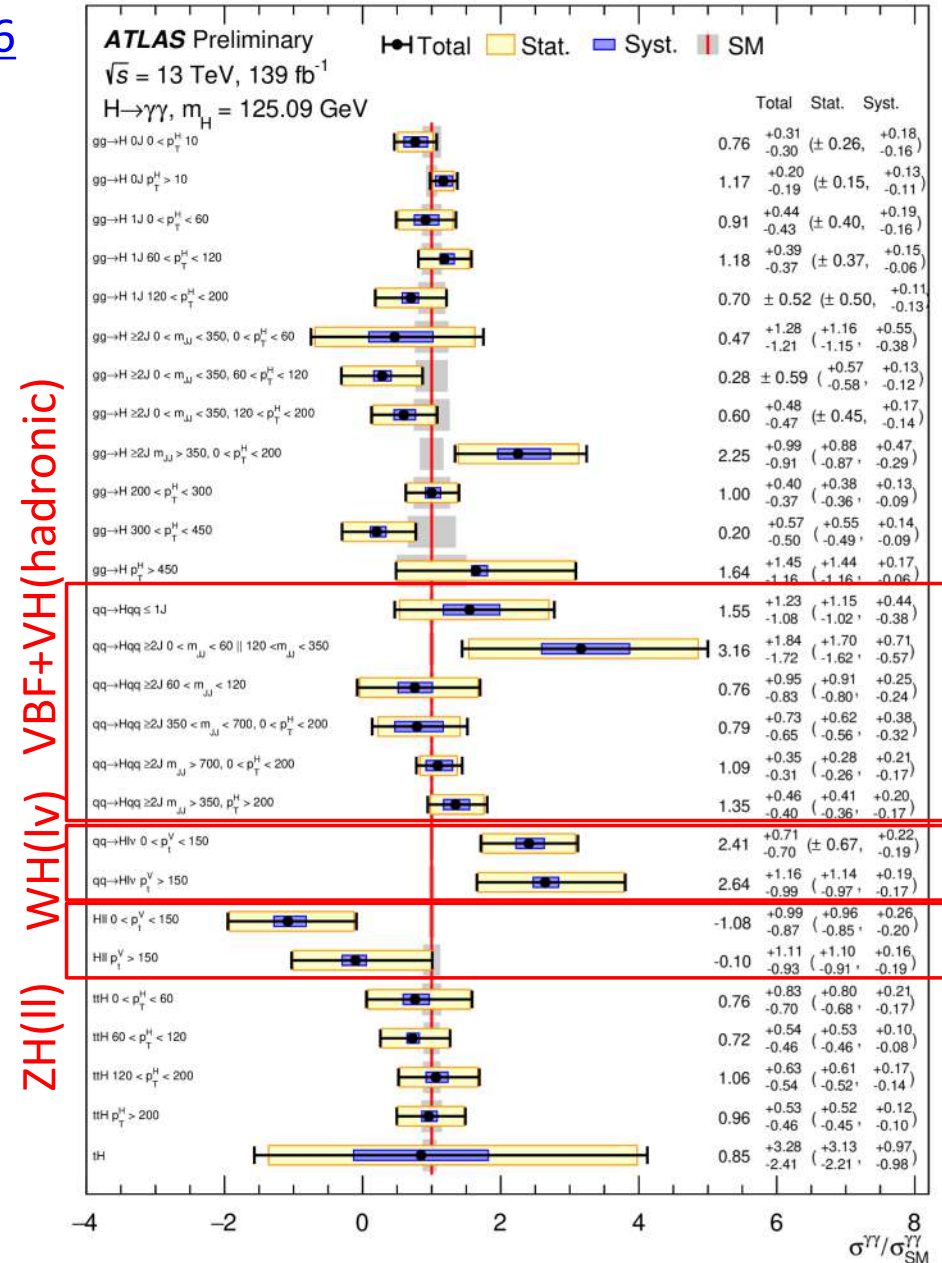
## Results

- Analysis designed to enable measurements within STXS framework (stage 1.2)
- All results are found to be in agreement with the SM expectations



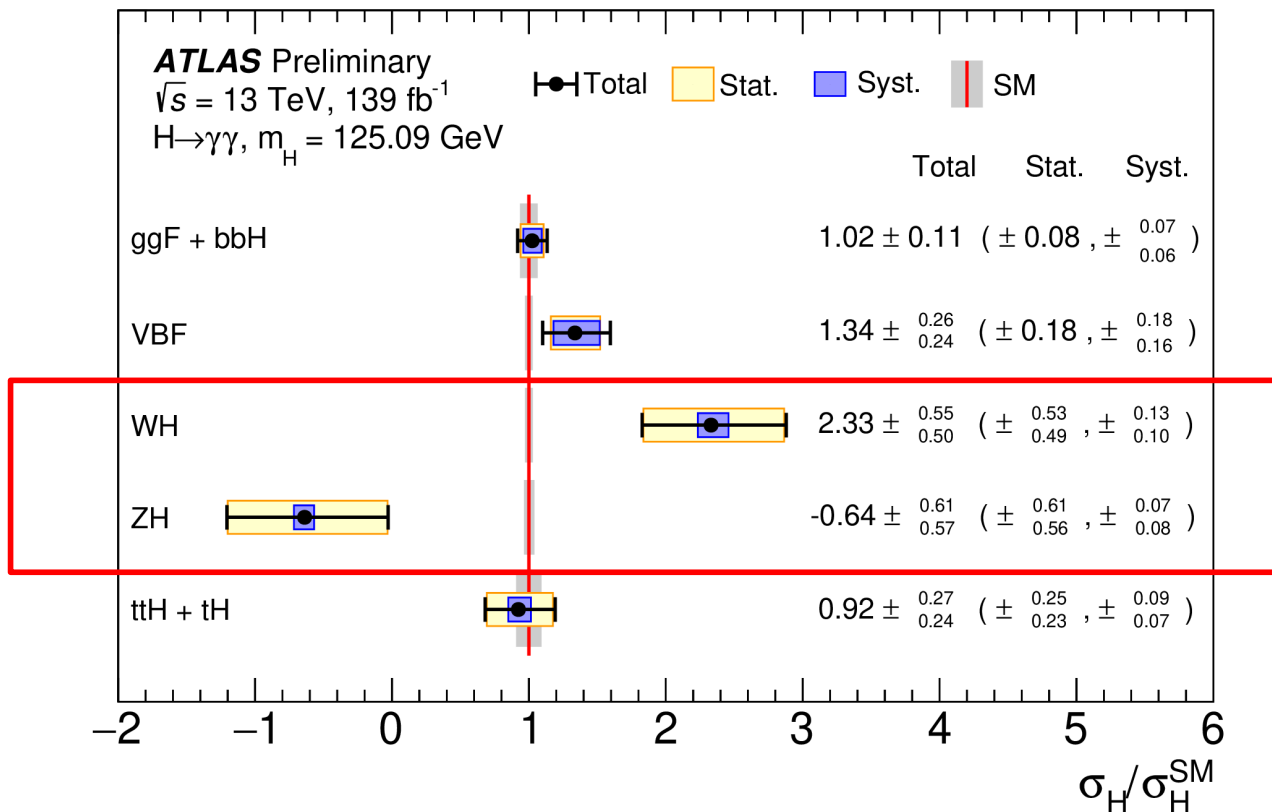
## Analysis strategy [ATLAS-CONF-2020-026](#)

- Analysis optimized to measure x-sec in STXS-1.2 framework (in  $|y_H| < 2.5$ )
- Each class is divided into multiple categories via binary BDT classifier
- The analysis is sensitive to the x-sec of the different production modes
- Signal modelled with DSCB and the continuous background with function that fit template build out of MC and data in control regions



## Results

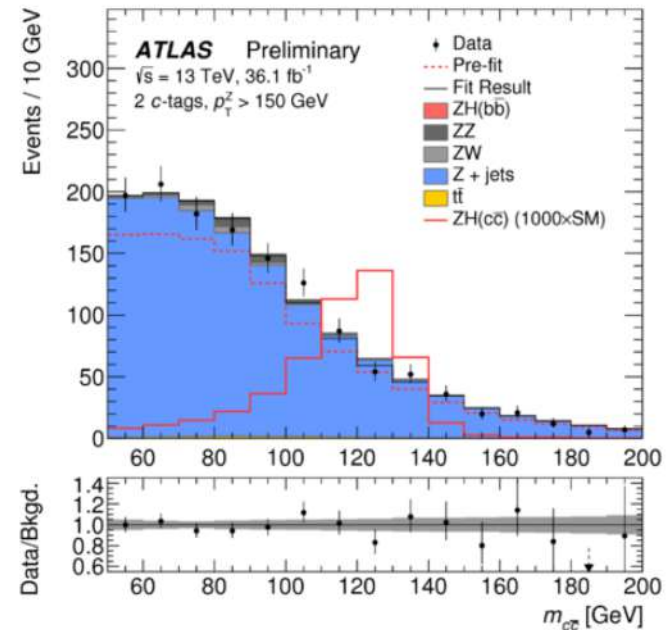
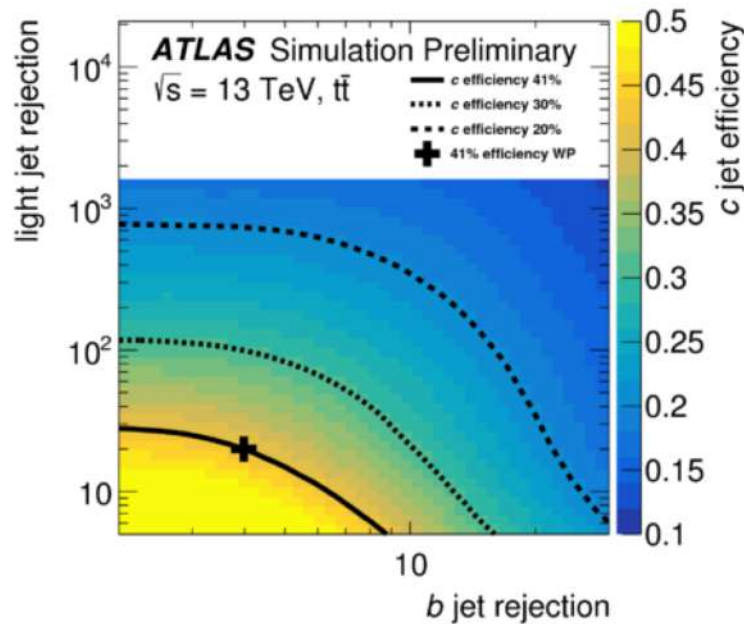
- Inclusive cross section measurement:  $(\sigma \times B_{\gamma\gamma})_{\text{obs}} = 127 \pm 10 \text{ fb} = 127 \pm 7 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 7 \text{ (syst.) fb}$
- ZH and WH:  $\swarrow$  SM expected:  $(\sigma \times B_{\gamma\gamma})_{\text{exp}} = 116 \pm 5 \text{ fb.}$ 
  - Higher uncertainties
  - Small tension if compared to SM, but still compatible within 2 sigma



- If VH is considered, the compatibility with SM 50% (p-value)
- High correlation between ZH and WH = 41%

## ■ VH(cc) search:

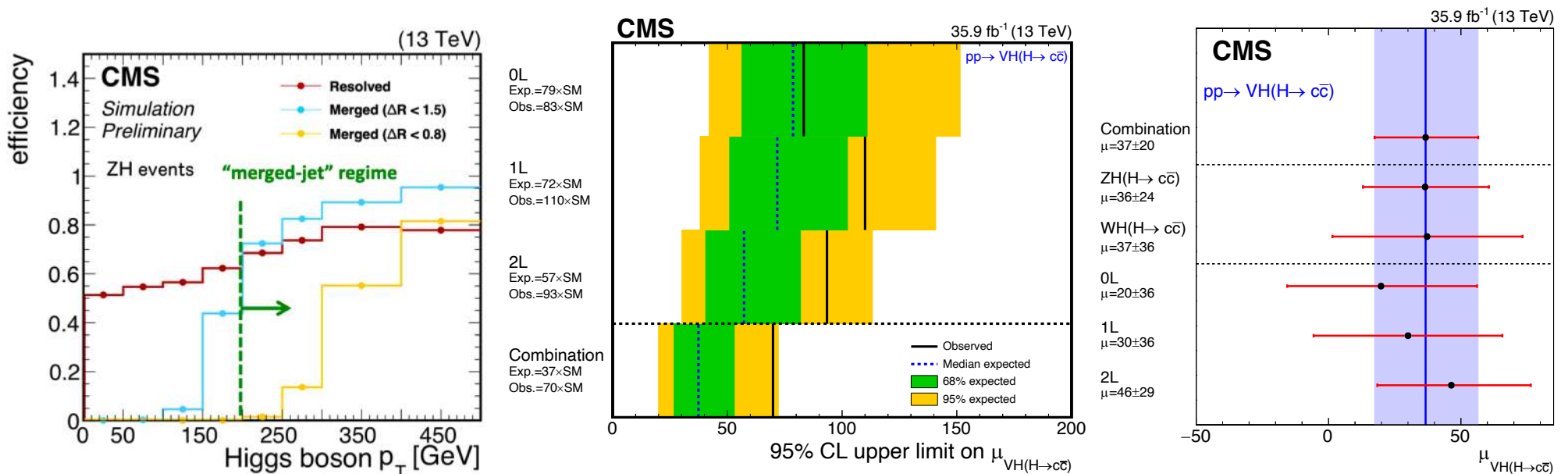
- Targeting VH(cc) process in the di-lepton Z final state
- Exploit lepton trigger + boost of Z boson to reduce background
- Categorization in number of c-tagged jets



- New search for ZH(cc) production exploiting new c-tagging techniques provides 95% C.L exclusion limit of  $(pp \rightarrow ZH) \times BR(H \rightarrow cc) < 2.7 \text{ pb}$
- Excluded 110xSM prediction with  $36.1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of data collected

- Combination: resolved-jet:  $p_T(V) < 300$  GeV / merged-jet:  $p_T(V) > 300$  GeV
  - Systematics: correlated, but: c/cc-tagging efficiency & PDF,  $\mu_R$ ,  $\mu_F$  for V+jets
- Validation with  $VZ(Z \rightarrow cc)$  :  $\mu_{VZ(Z \rightarrow cc)} = 0.55^{+0.86}_{-0.84}$  with 0.7 $\sigma$  obs. (1.3 $\sigma$  exp.)

95% C.L. Exclusion Limits						
	Resolved-jet	Boosted-jet	Combination			
	$p_T(V) < 300$ GeV	$p_T(V) > 300$ GeV	0L	1L	2L	All. Ch.
Exp.	$45^{+18}_{-13}$	$73^{+34}_{-22}$	$79^{+32}_{-22}$	$72^{+31}_{-21}$	$57^{+25}_{-17}$	$37^{+16 (+35)}_{-11 (-17)}$
Obs.	86	75	83	110	93	70

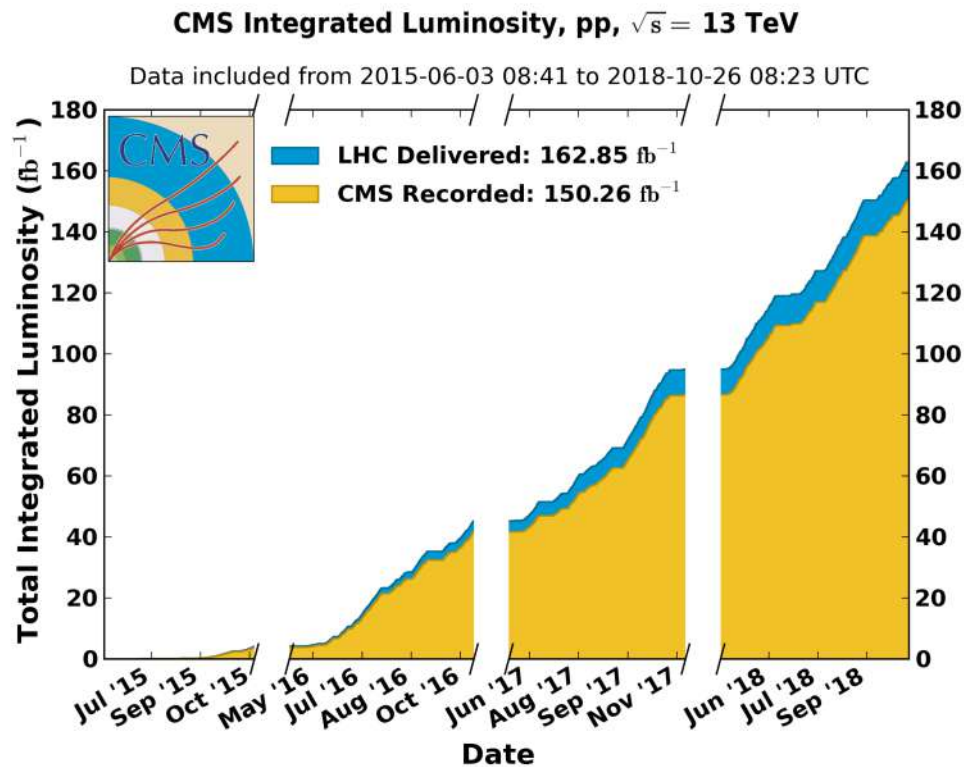


- The excellent LHC performance has delivered an enormous dataset:
  - With full Run-2 dataset, we are measuring precise features of the Higgs boson, with particular focus on its couplings and CP properties
- During Run-2, ATLAS and CMS have both achieved a  $>5\sigma$  observation of the  $H \rightarrow bb$  decay
  - Combination of several channels: sensitivity dominated by  $VH(bb)$
- Exploring more detailed kinematic regions sensitive to BSM effects through STXS and differential distributions
  - $VH$  production mode has been investigated by ATLAS and CMS in  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  and  $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4\ell$
  - ATLAS carried out the measurements of the  $VH(bb)$  process with full Run-2 data, targeting the resolved and boosted regimes of the Higgs boson
  - ATLAS observed  $ZH$  production mode and reached a strong evidence of  $WH$  with the full Run-2 analysis
  - CMS  $VH(bb)$  full Run-2 will be out soon as well

# Back Up



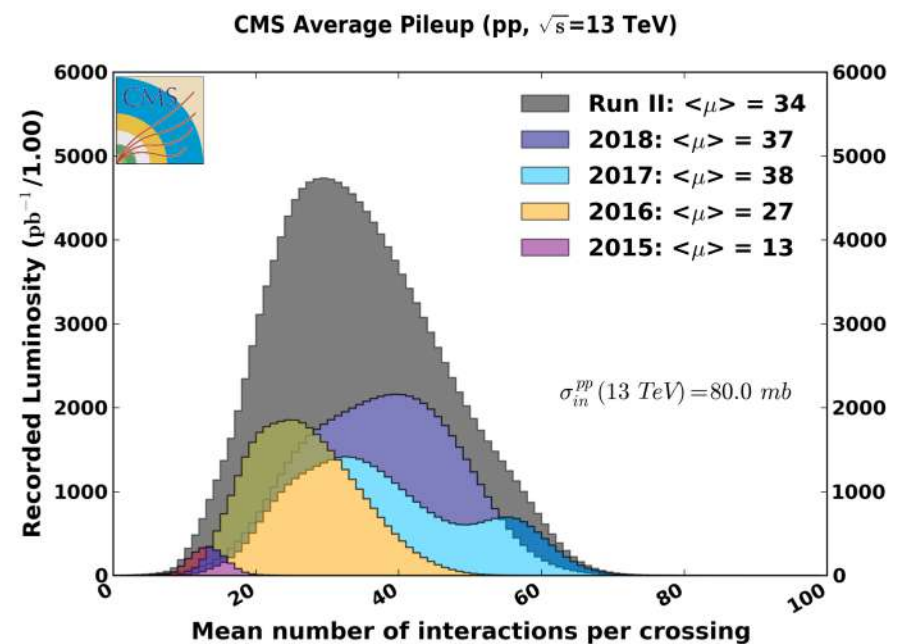
# Introduction



- Average of 34 pile-up interaction per bunch crossing
- During 2017, max pile-up in data-taking, reaching >60
- Great challenge for CMS event reconstruction

## ■ Data-taking in Run-2

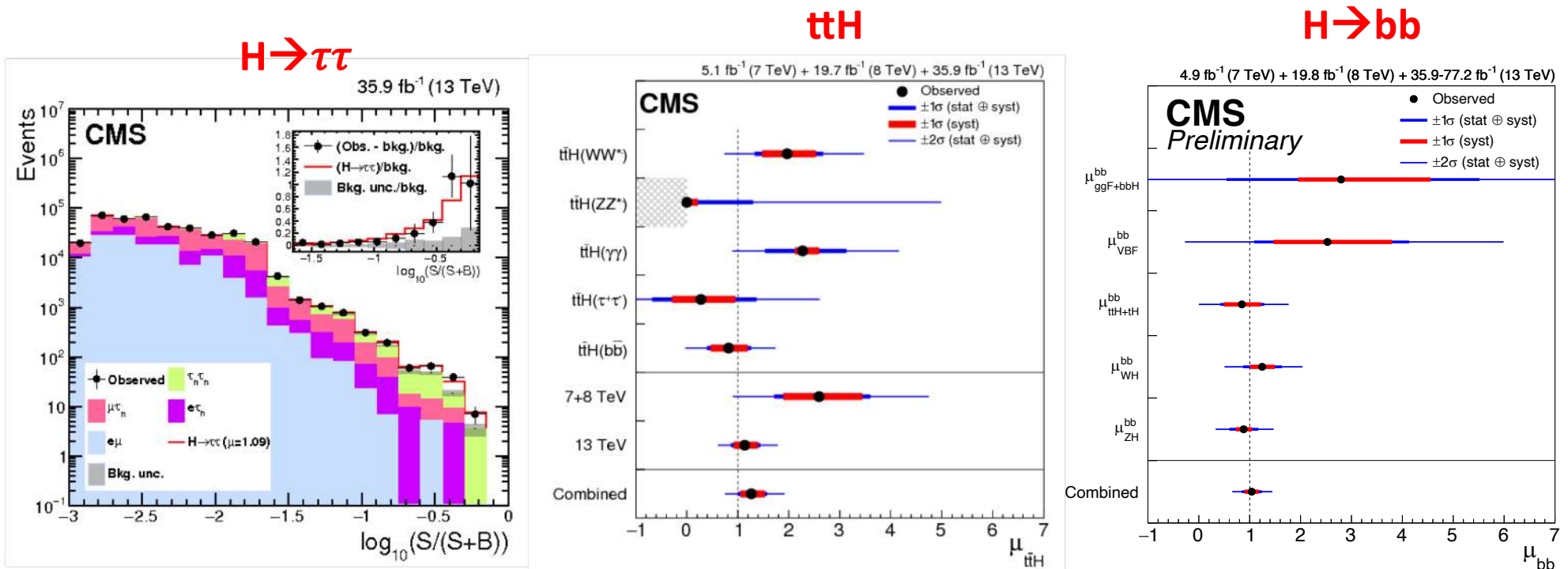
- LHC outperformed expectation, delivering 163 fb<sup>-1</sup> (>8x10<sup>6</sup> Higgs boson produced!)
- CMS recorded more than 92% of the delivered luminosity
- Thanks LHC!



# Biggest achievement during Run-2

## ■ Couplings to 3<sup>rd</sup> generation fermions

- In 2016, CMS observed  $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ . It was the first evidence of such decay by a single experiment (previously observed in 2015 by ATLAS+CMS)
- In 2018, observation of  $t\bar{t}H$
- In 2018, observation of  $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$



# Biggest achievement during Run-2

## ■ Couplings to 2<sup>rd</sup> generation fermions

➤ CMS evidence for  $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$  decay

➤ Searches for  $H \rightarrow cc$  decay

## ■ Non-universal coupling

➤ Function of the particle mass

➤ Run-1 assessed for vectors

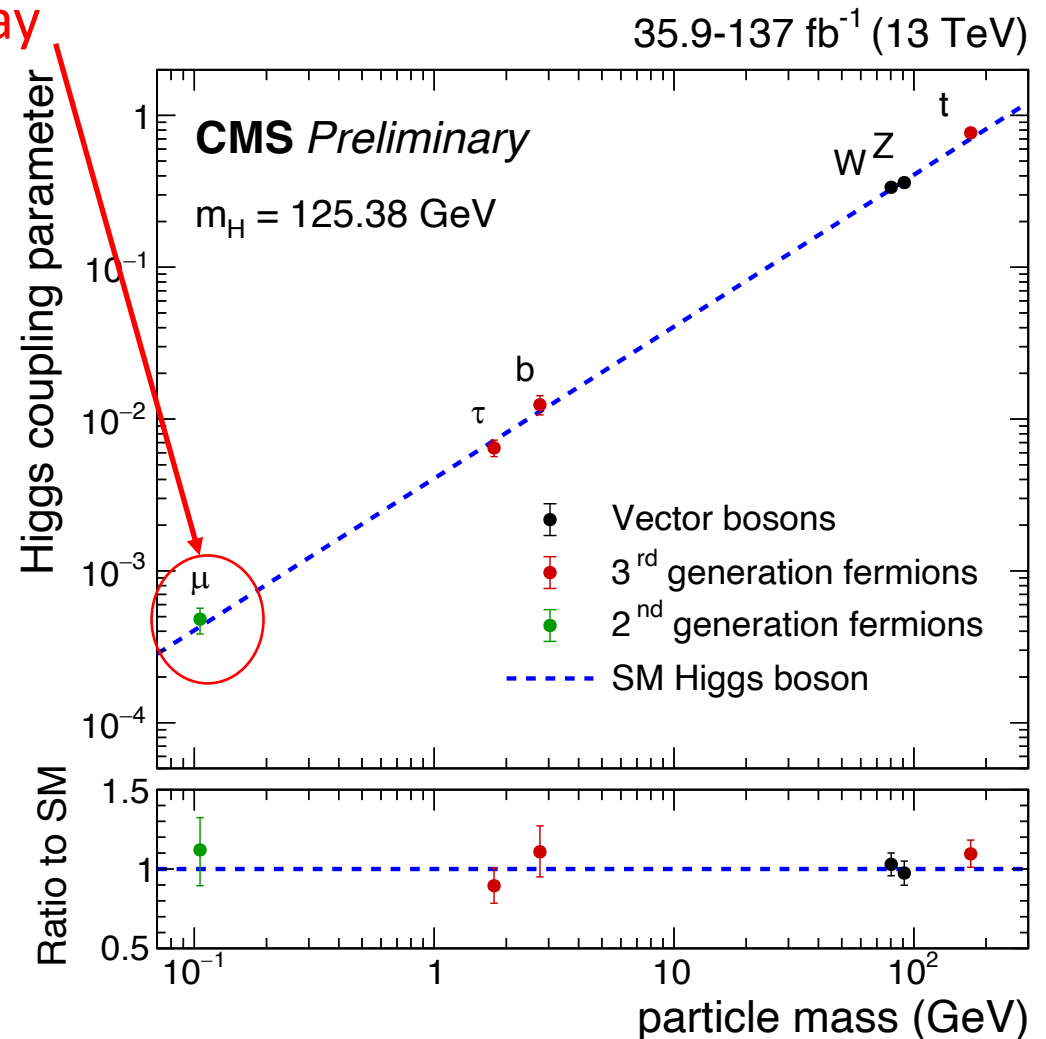
➤ Run-2: assessed for fermions

## ■ Last frontier:

➤ Higgs self-coupling

➤ Production mechanism

➤ Differential distributions



# Event Selection+Categorization - ATLAS

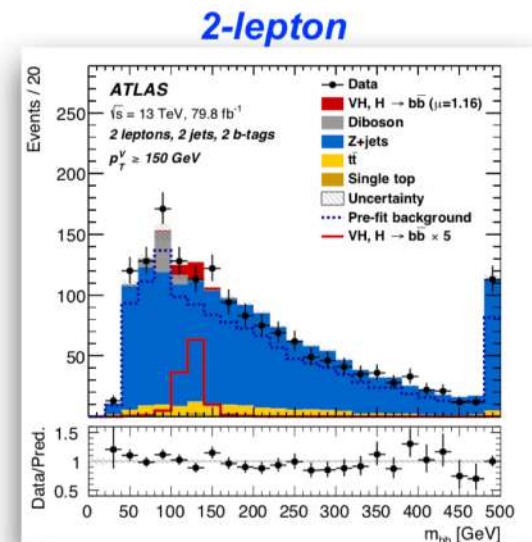
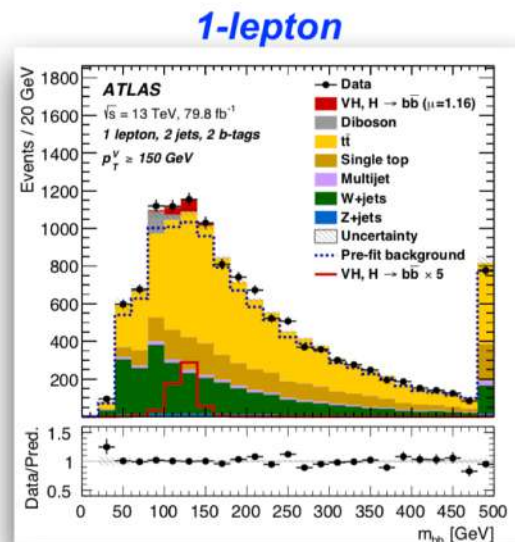
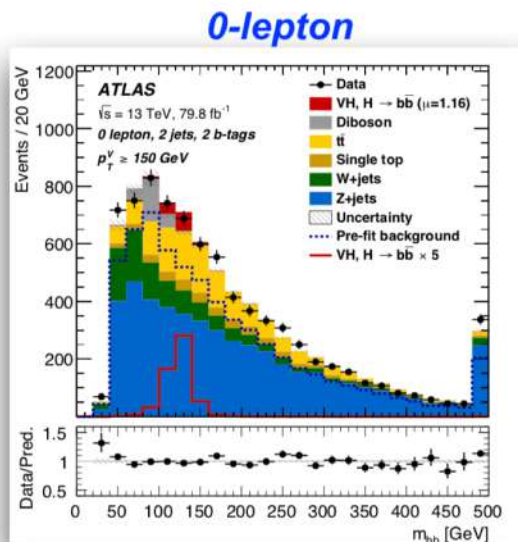
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- 2-lepton High- $V p_T$ :  $p_T(\mathbf{Z}) > 150 \text{ GeV}$
- 2-lepton Low- $V p_T$ :  $75 \text{ GeV} < p_T(\mathbf{Z}) < 150 \text{ GeV}$

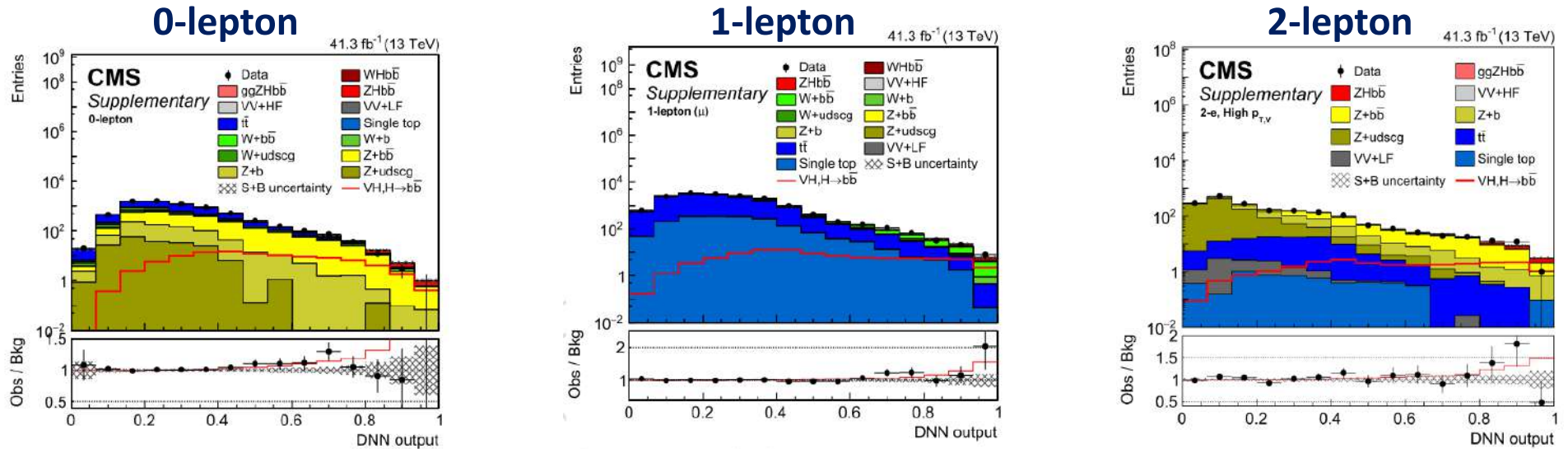
- 6 Control regions:

- 2 W+HF CRs
- 4 top CRs

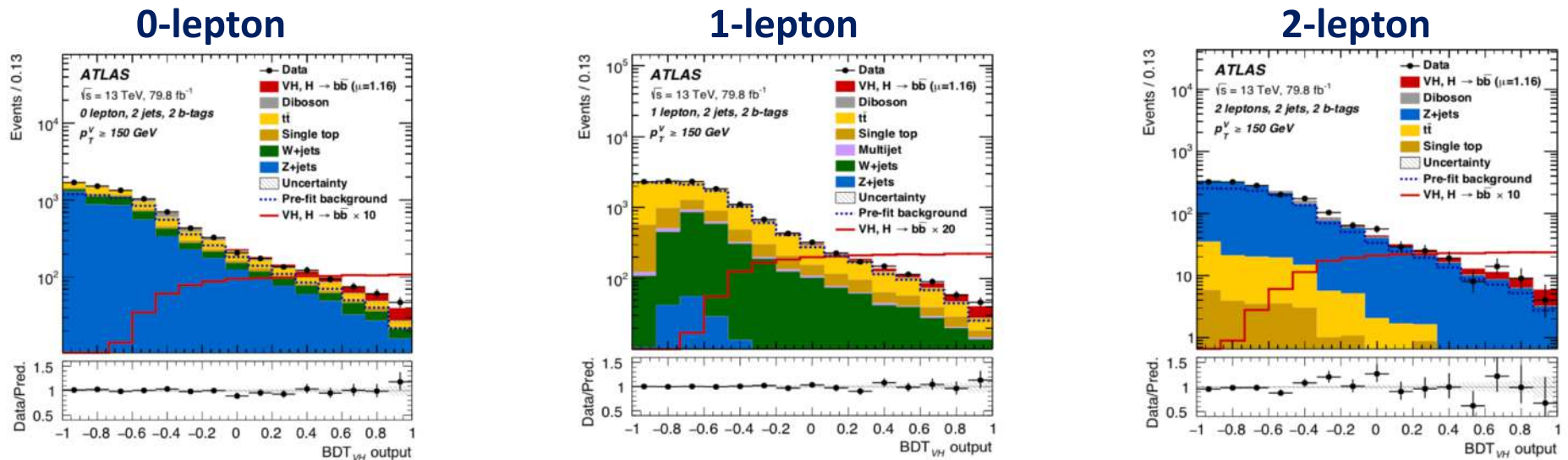


# Signal extraction – CMS

## ■ CMS

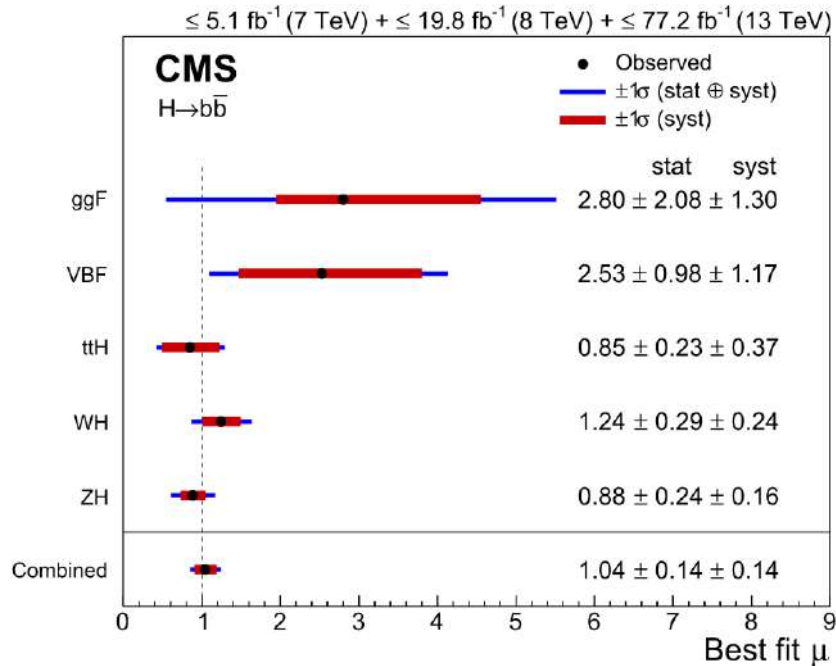


## ■ ATLAS



# Observation of $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ decay mode

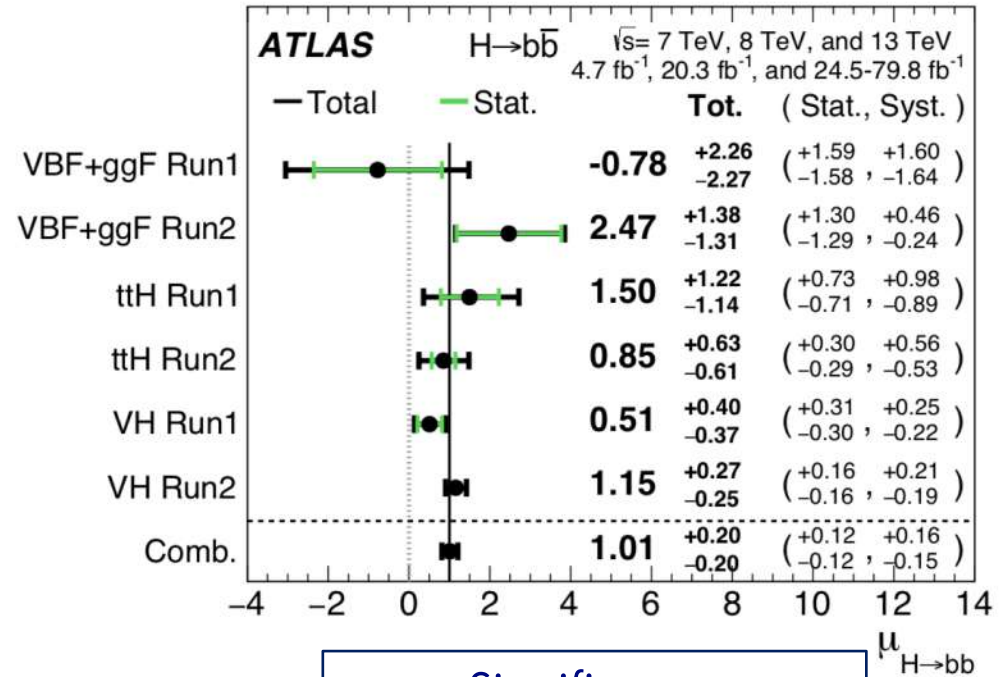
## Combination of $VH(H \rightarrow b\bar{b})$ with other $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ measurement



Significance:  
**5.5 $\sigma$  expected**  
**5.6 $\sigma$  observed**

Measured signal strength:  
 **$\mu = 1.04 \pm 0.20$**

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Significance:  
**5.5 $\sigma$  expected**  
**5.4 $\sigma$  observed**

Measured signal strength:  
 **$\mu = 1.01 \pm 0.20$**

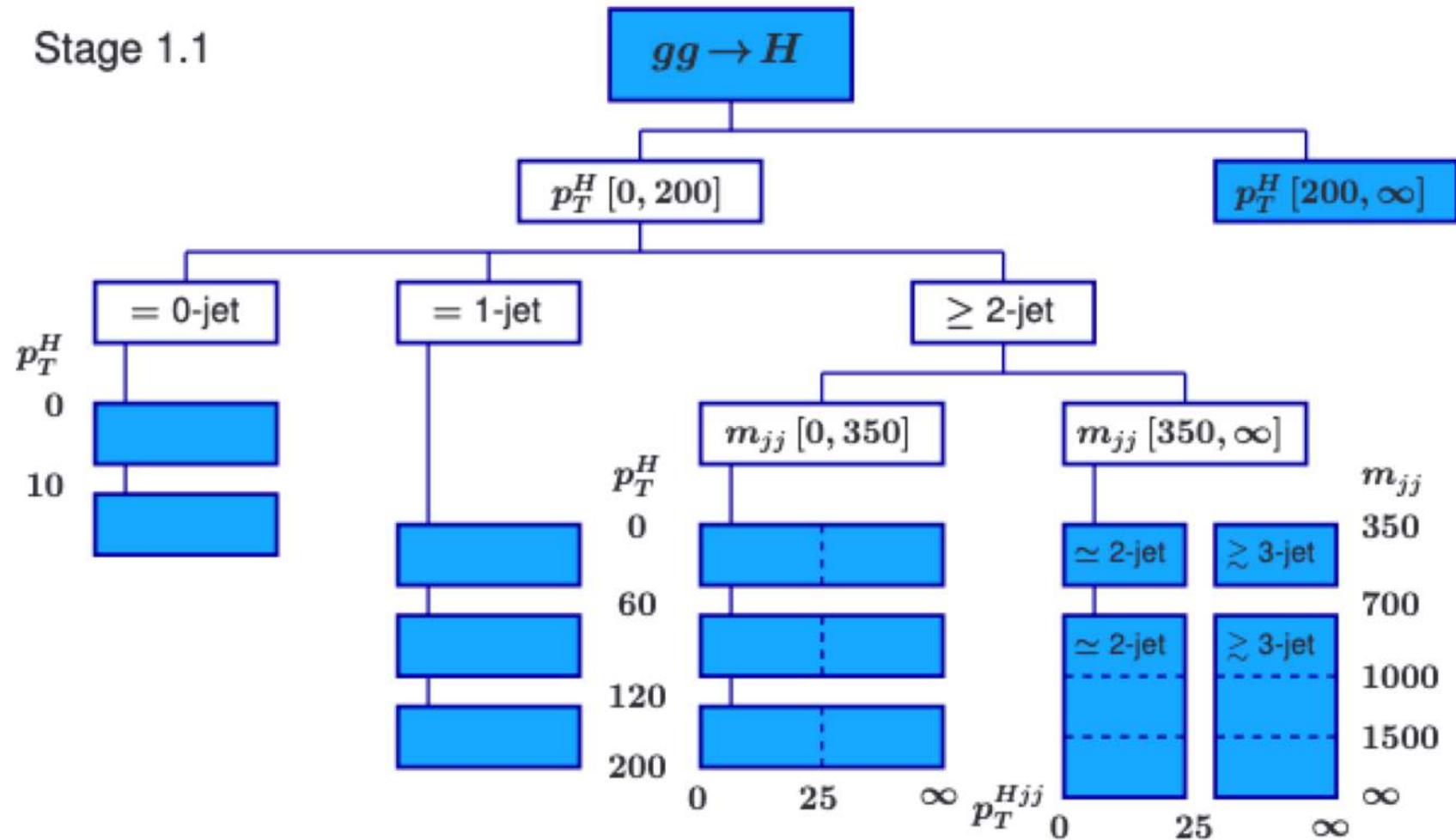
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# Simplified Template Cross Section

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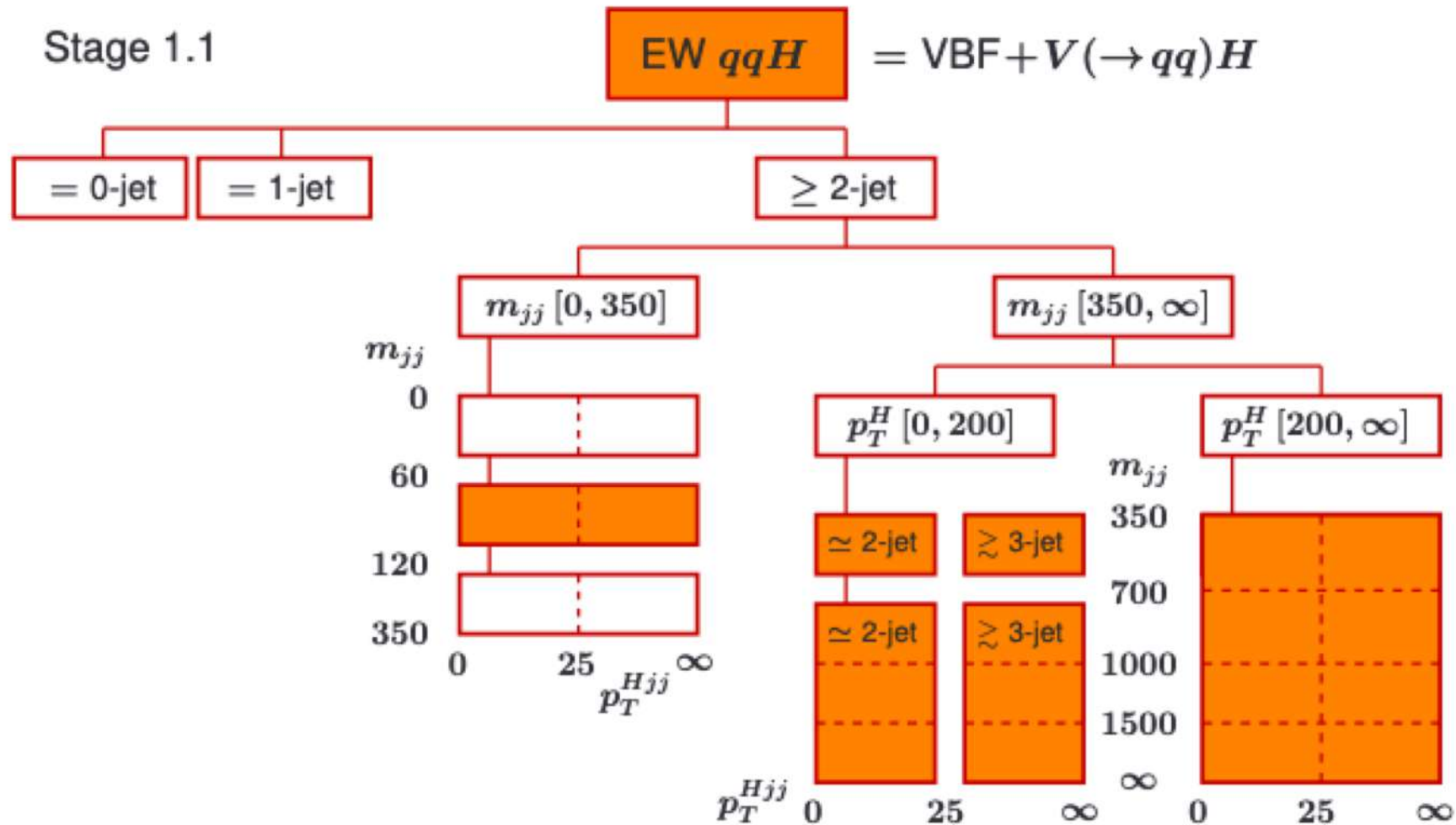
- Adopted by the LHC experiments as a common framework for Higgs measurements
- Purpose: reduce the theoretical uncertainties that are directly folded into the measurements as much as possible
- Allowing for the combination of the measurements between different decay channels as well as between experiments
- When combining measurements in different decay channels, one can either assume the SM branching ratios or consider the ratios of the branching ratios as additional free parameters.

# Simplified Template Cross Section





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**Figure 2.** Stage 1.1 bins for electroweak  $qqH$  production, VBF+ $V(\rightarrow qq)H$ .

# Simplified Template Cross Section

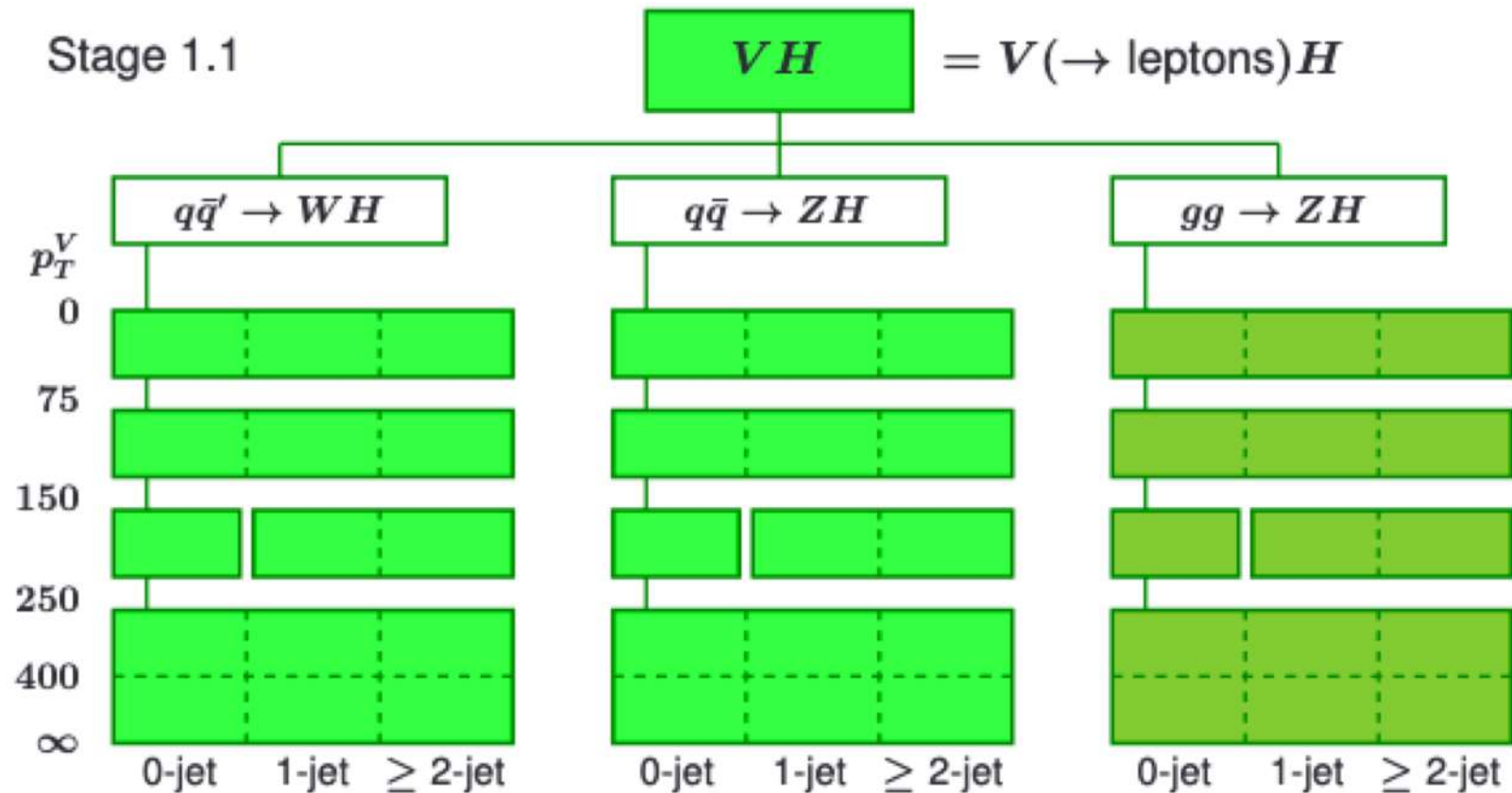
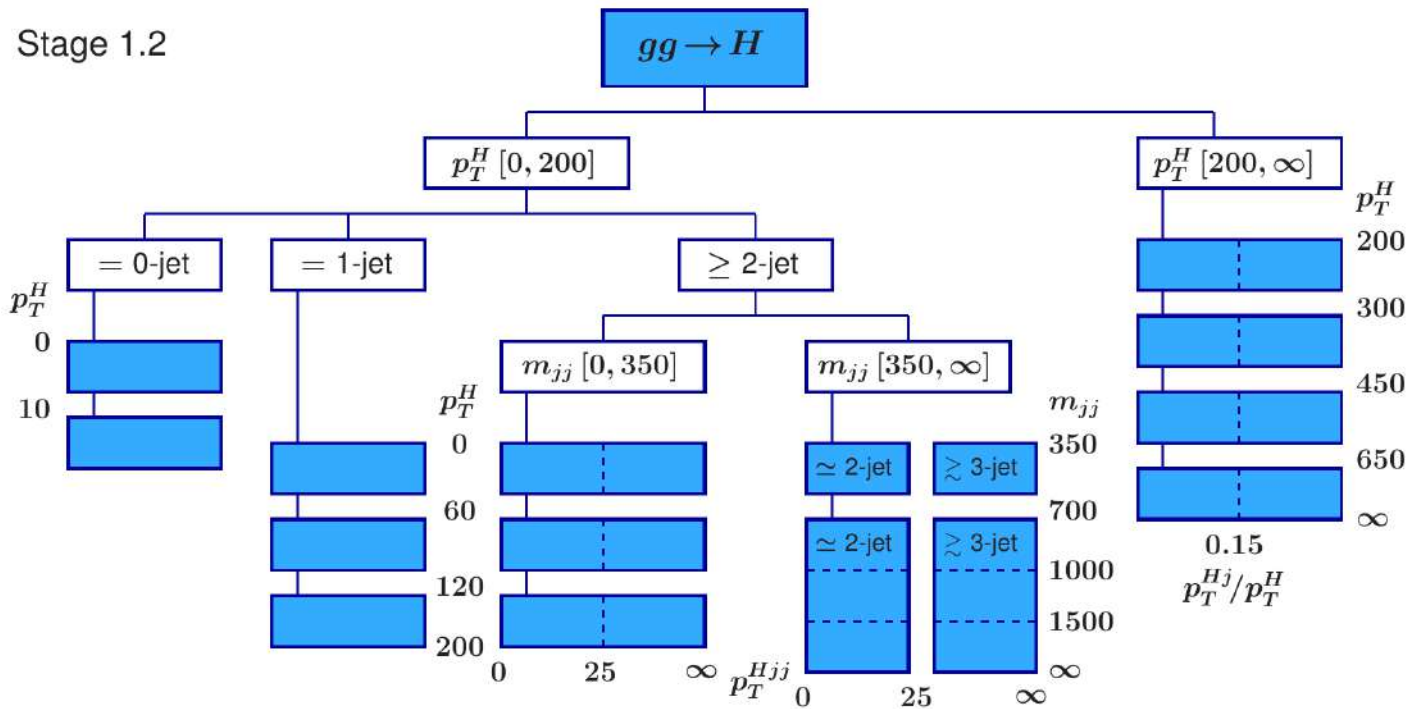
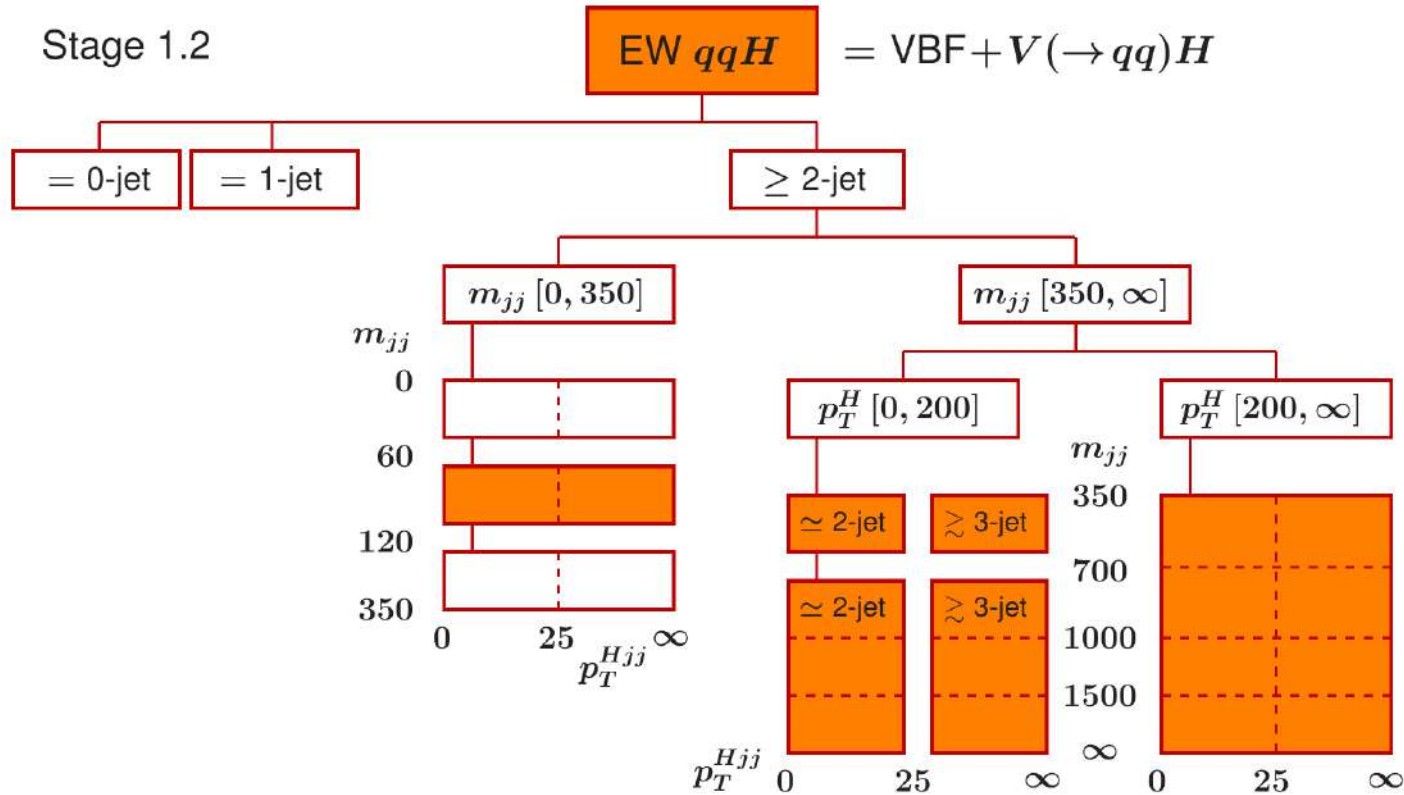


Figure 3. Stage 1.1 bins for  $VH$  production,  $V(\rightarrow \text{leptons})H$ .

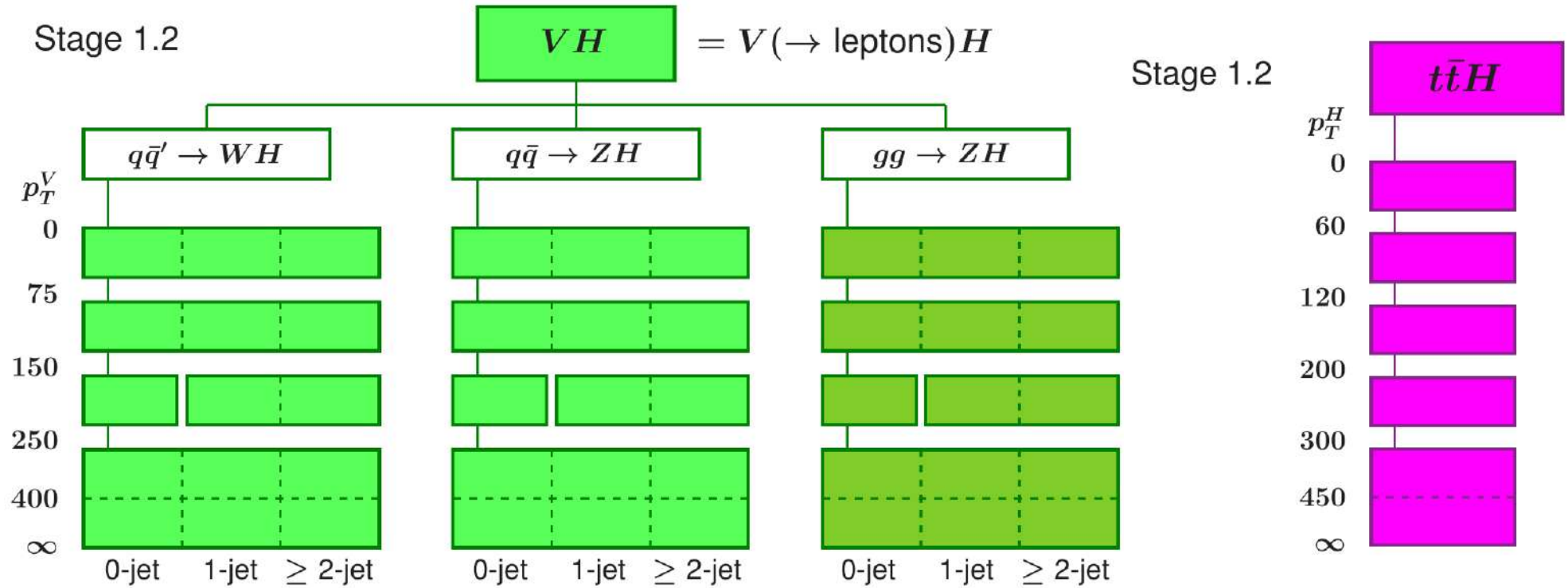
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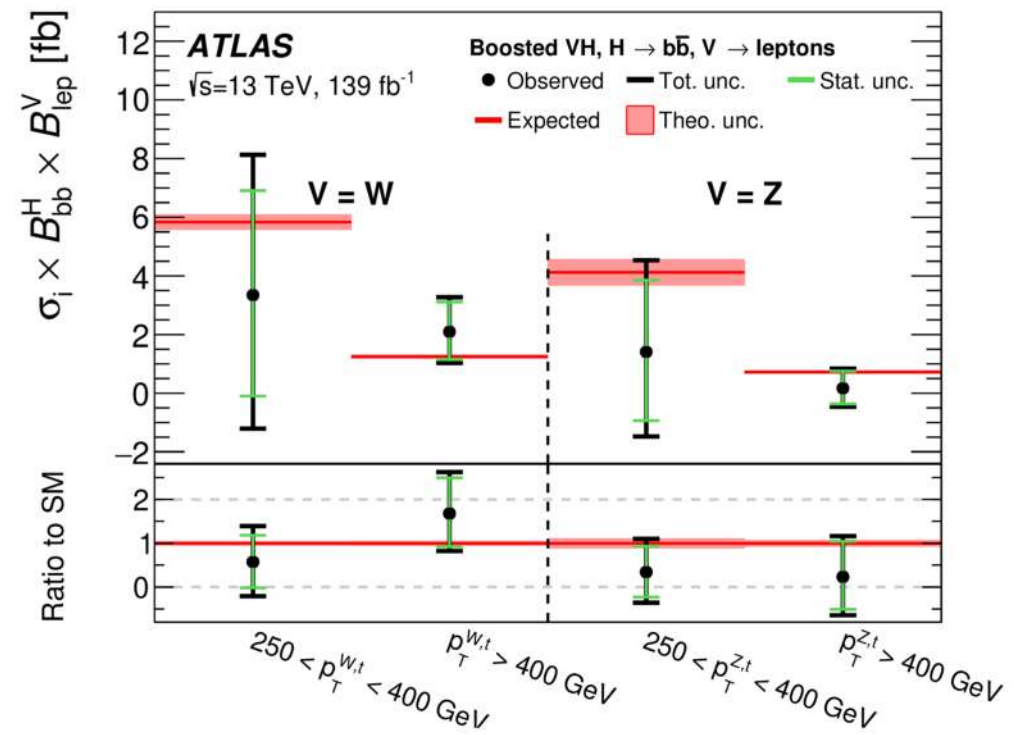
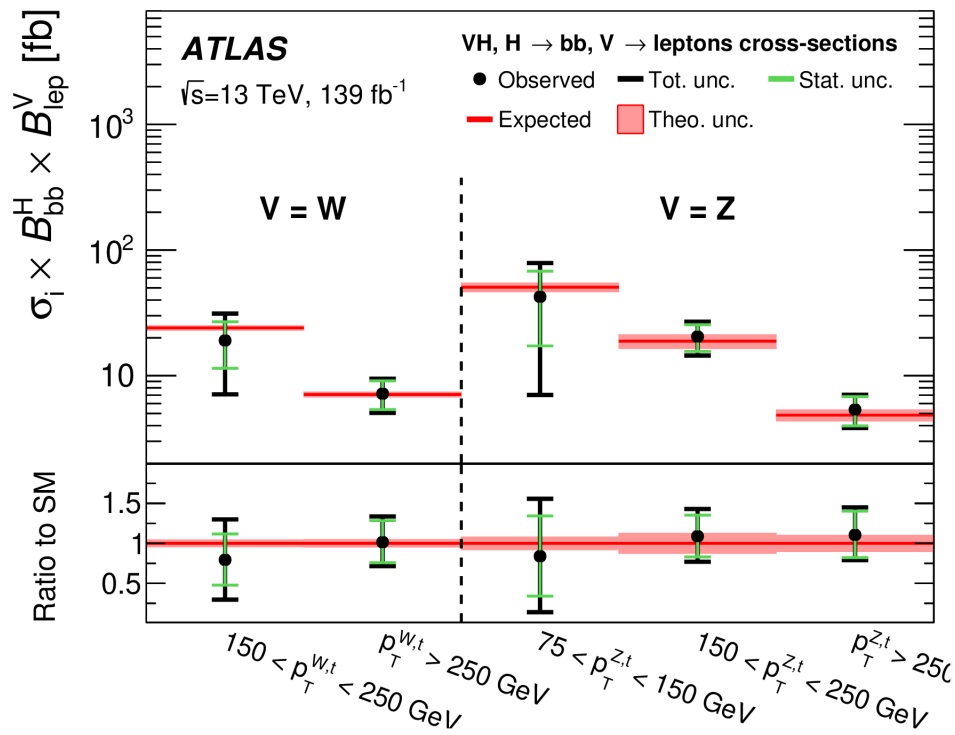
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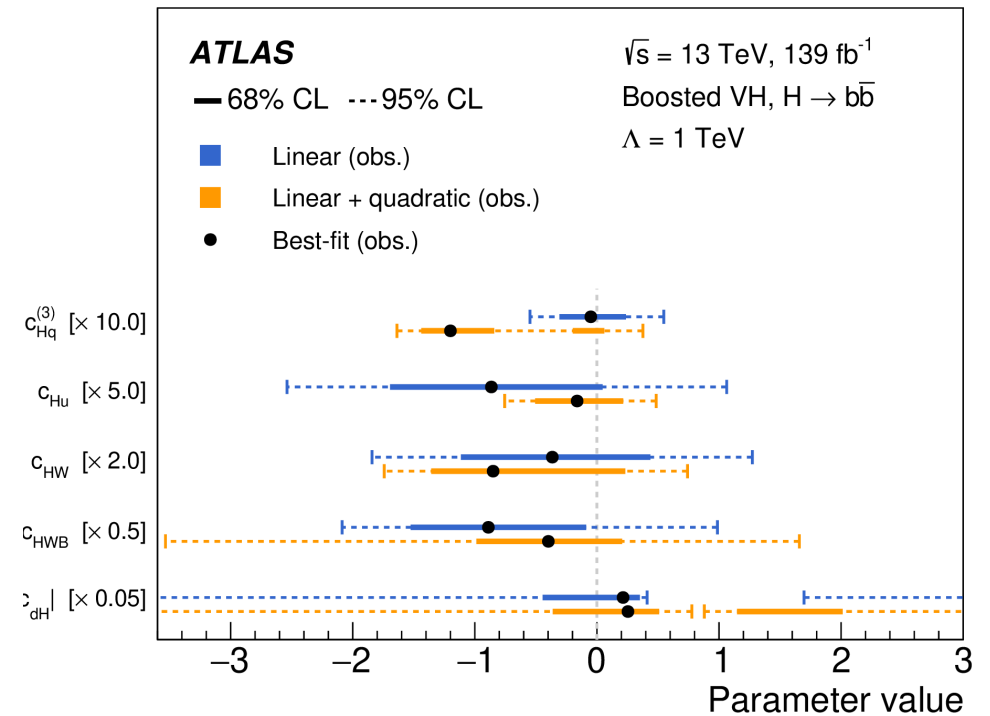
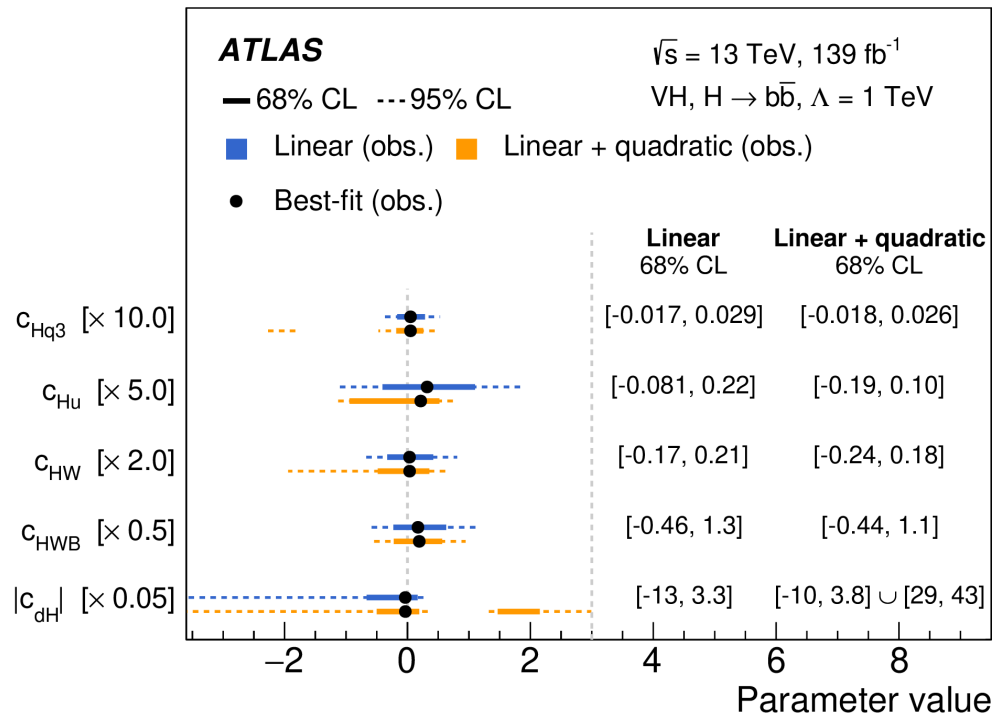
# Simplified Template Cross Section



## STXS results



## ■ EFT interpretation



# H $\rightarrow$ ZZ $\rightarrow$ 4 $\ell$ Full Run-2 (STXS)

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## HIG-19-001

- News:

STXS stage 1.2;

rare signal included: bbH, tHW, tqH (then bbH merged con ggH e tH con ttH);

electroweak bkg included (VVV e tt+V(V) e VBS);

signal strength  $\mu_{WH}$  and  $\mu_{ZH}$  splitted (always VH merged).

- Kinematic discriminants: combining information of production and decay;
- Objects and event selections common between HIG-19-001 and HIG-19-009;
- Background estimation: qqZZ/ggZZ/EWK =>MC, reducible ZX => Data-driven.

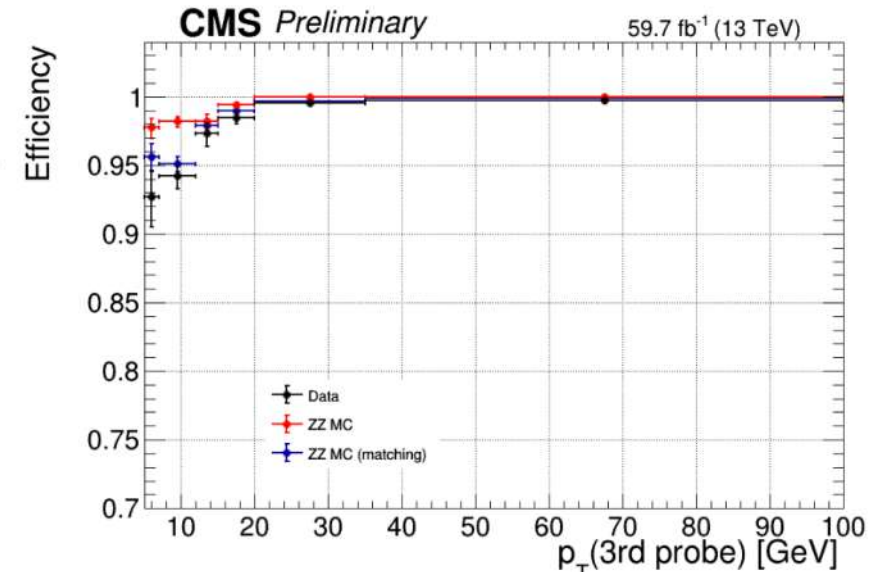


# H→ZZ→4ℓ Full Run-2 (STXS)

HLT path	prescale	primary dataset
HLT_Ele23_Ele12_CaloIdL_TrackIdL_IsoVL_v*	1	DoubleEG
HLT_DoubleEle25_CaloIdL_MW_v*	1	DoubleEG
HLT_Mu17_TrkIsoVVL_Mu8_TrkIsoVVL_DZ_Mass3p8_v*	1	DoubleMuon
HLT_Mu23_TrkIsoVVL_Ele12_CaloIdL_TrackIdL_IsoVL_v*	1	MuonEG
HLT_Mu8_TrkIsoVVL_Ele23_CaloIdL_TrackIdL_IsoVL_DZ_v*	1	MuonEG
HLT_Mu12_TrkIsoVVL_Ele23_CaloIdL_TrackIdL_IsoVL_DZ_v*	1	MuonEG
HLT_DiMu9_Ele9_CaloIdL_TrackIdL_DZ_v*	1	MuonEG
HLT_Ele32_WPTight_Gsf_v*	1	SingleElectron
HLT_IsoMu24_v*	1	SingleMuon

Event is required to trigger on at least one of listed HLT paths

- Trigger eff. measured using TnP approach on events triggering single lepton HLT paths.
- Propagated to systematic uncertainty.



# H → ZZ → 4ℓ Full Run-2 (STXS)

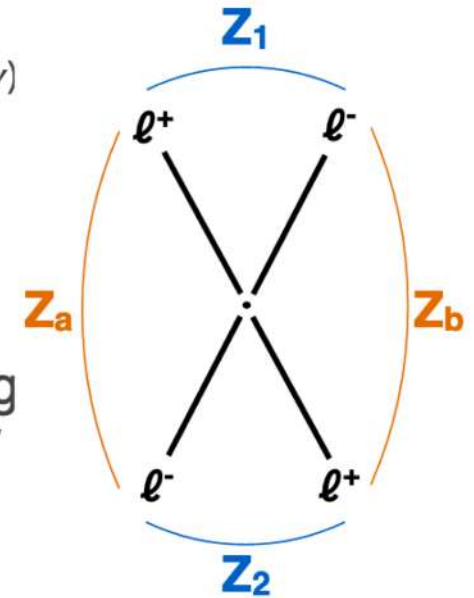
## ZZ CANDIDATE SELECTION

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**Z candidate** = any OS-SF pair that satisfy  $12 < m_{l\ell(\gamma)} < 120$  GeV

Build all possible **ZZ candidates**, define **Z<sub>1</sub>** candidate with  $m_{l\ell(\gamma)}$  closest to the PDG  $m(Z)$  mass

- $m_{Z_1} > 40$  GeV,  $p_T(l_1) > 20$  GeV,  $p_T(l_2) > 10$  GeV
- $\Delta R > 0.02$  between each of the four leptons
- $m_{ll} > 4$  GeV for OS pairs (regardless of flavour)
- reject 4μ and 4e candidates where the alternate pairing **Z<sub>a</sub>Z<sub>b</sub>** satisfies  $|m(Z_a) - m(Z)| < |m(Z_1) - m(Z)|$  and  $m(Z_b) < 12$  GeV
- $m_{4l} > 70$  GeV



If more than one **ZZ candidate** is left, choose the one of highest  $\mathcal{D}_{\text{bkg}}^{\text{kin}}$   
If  $\mathcal{D}_{\text{bkg}}^{\text{kin}}$  is the same, take the one with **Z<sub>1</sub>** mass closest to  $m(Z)$ \*

\*For fiducial measurements take the one with **Z<sub>1</sub>** mass closest to  $m(Z)$

# H → ZZ → 4ℓ Full Run-2 (STXS)

## PRODUCTION DISCRIMINANTS

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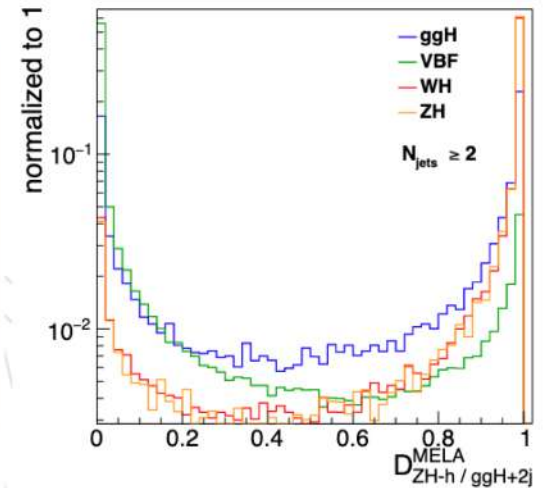
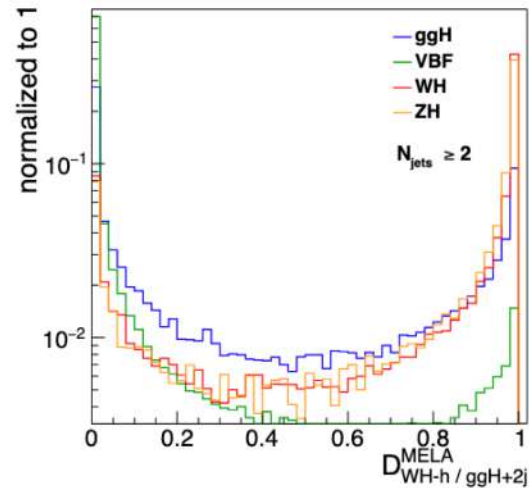
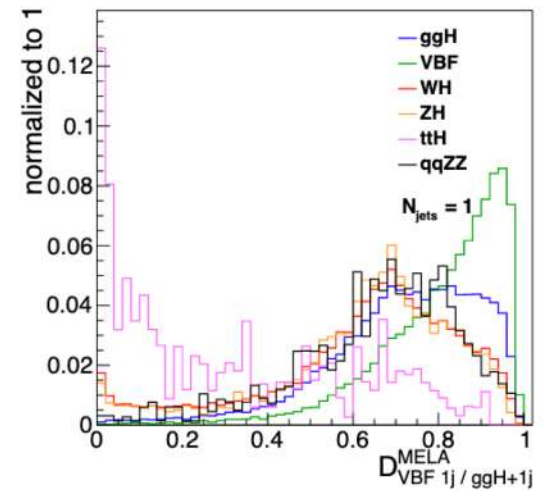
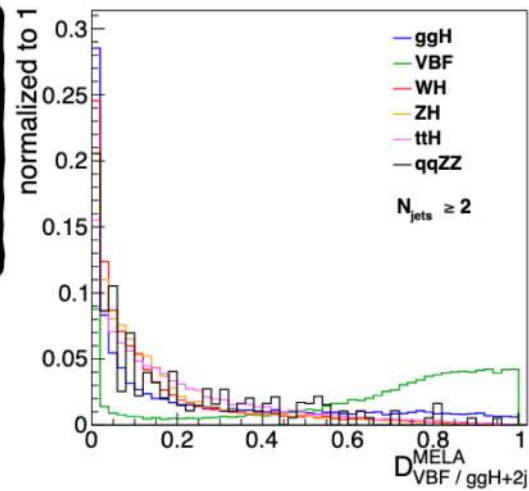
Used in categorisation of events to provide discrimination between different production mode

$$D_{2\text{jet}} = \left[ 1 + \frac{\mathcal{P}_{\text{HJJ}}(\vec{\Omega}^{\text{H+JJ}} | m_{4\ell})}{\mathcal{P}_{\text{VBF}}(\vec{\Omega}^{\text{H+JJ}} | m_{4\ell})} \right]^{-1}$$

$$D_{1\text{jet}} = \left[ 1 + \frac{\mathcal{P}_{\text{HJ}}(\vec{\Omega}^{\text{H+J}} | m_{4\ell})}{\int d\eta_J \mathcal{P}_{\text{VBF}}(\vec{\Omega}^{\text{H+JJ}} | m_{4\ell})} \right]^{-1}$$

$$D_{\text{WH}} = \left[ 1 + \frac{\mathcal{P}_{\text{HJJ}}(\vec{\Omega}^{\text{H+JJ}} | m_{4\ell})}{\mathcal{P}_{\text{WH}}(\vec{\Omega}^{\text{H+JJ}} | m_{4\ell})} \right]^{-1}$$

$$D_{\text{ZH}} = \left[ 1 + \frac{\mathcal{P}_{\text{HJJ}}(\vec{\Omega}^{\text{H+JJ}} | m_{4\ell})}{\mathcal{P}_{\text{ZH}}(\vec{\Omega}^{\text{H+JJ}} | m_{4\ell})} \right]^{-1}$$



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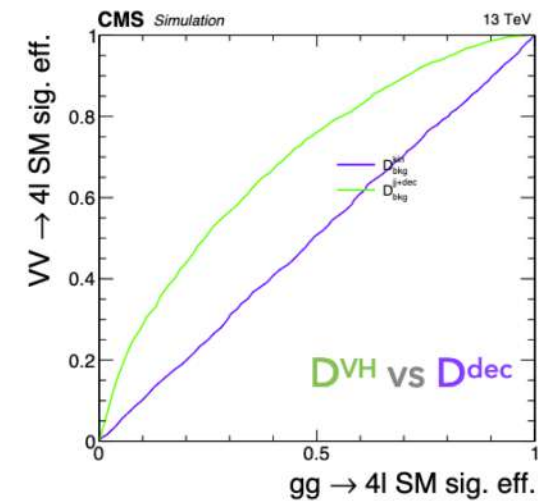
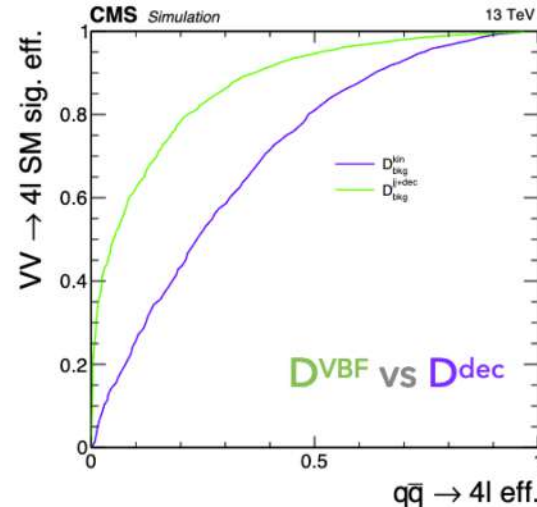
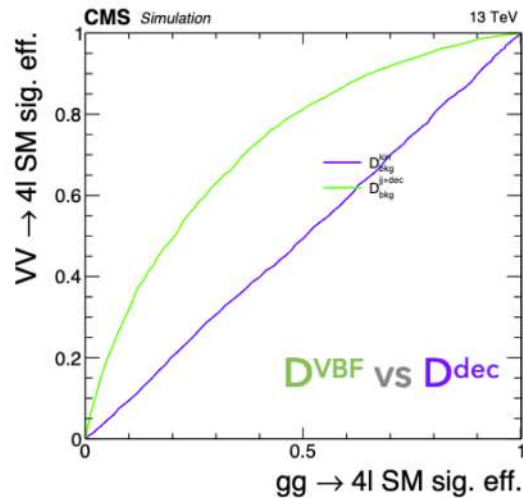
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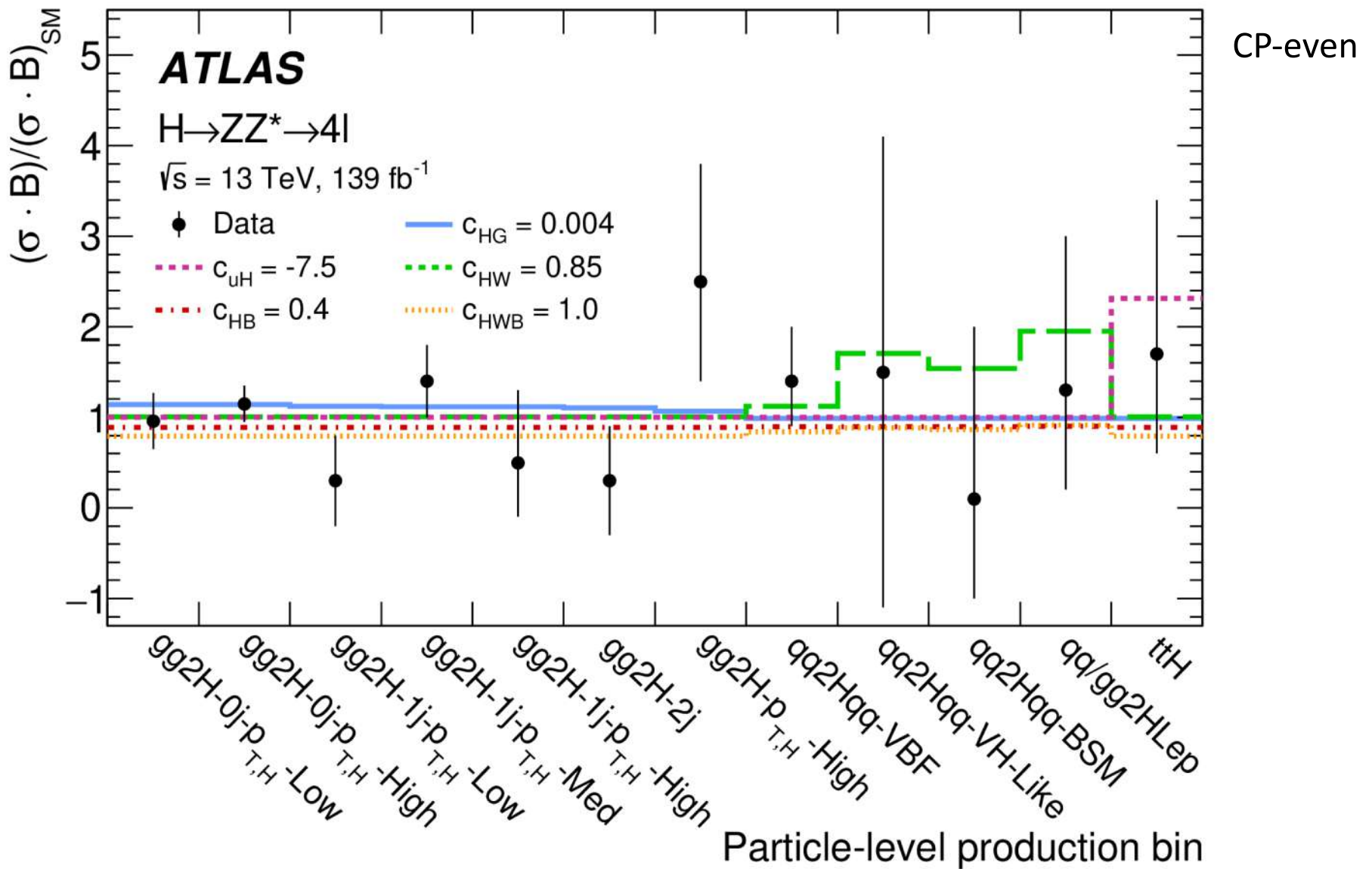
- Production + decay discriminants used in VBF-2jet and VH-hadronic categories and their sub-categories exploit jet information to provide separation between different signal production modes

$$2) \mathcal{D}_{\text{bkg}}^{\text{VBF+dec}} = \frac{\mathcal{P}_{\text{sig}}^{\text{VBF+VH+dec}}(\vec{\Omega})}{\mathcal{P}_{\text{sig}}^{\text{VBF+VH+dec}}(\vec{\Omega}) + c^{\text{VBF2jet}}(m_{4\ell}) \times (\mathcal{P}_{\text{bkg}}^{\text{VBS+VVV}}(\vec{\Omega}) + \mathcal{P}_{\text{bkg}}^{\text{QCD+dec}}(\vec{\Omega}))}$$

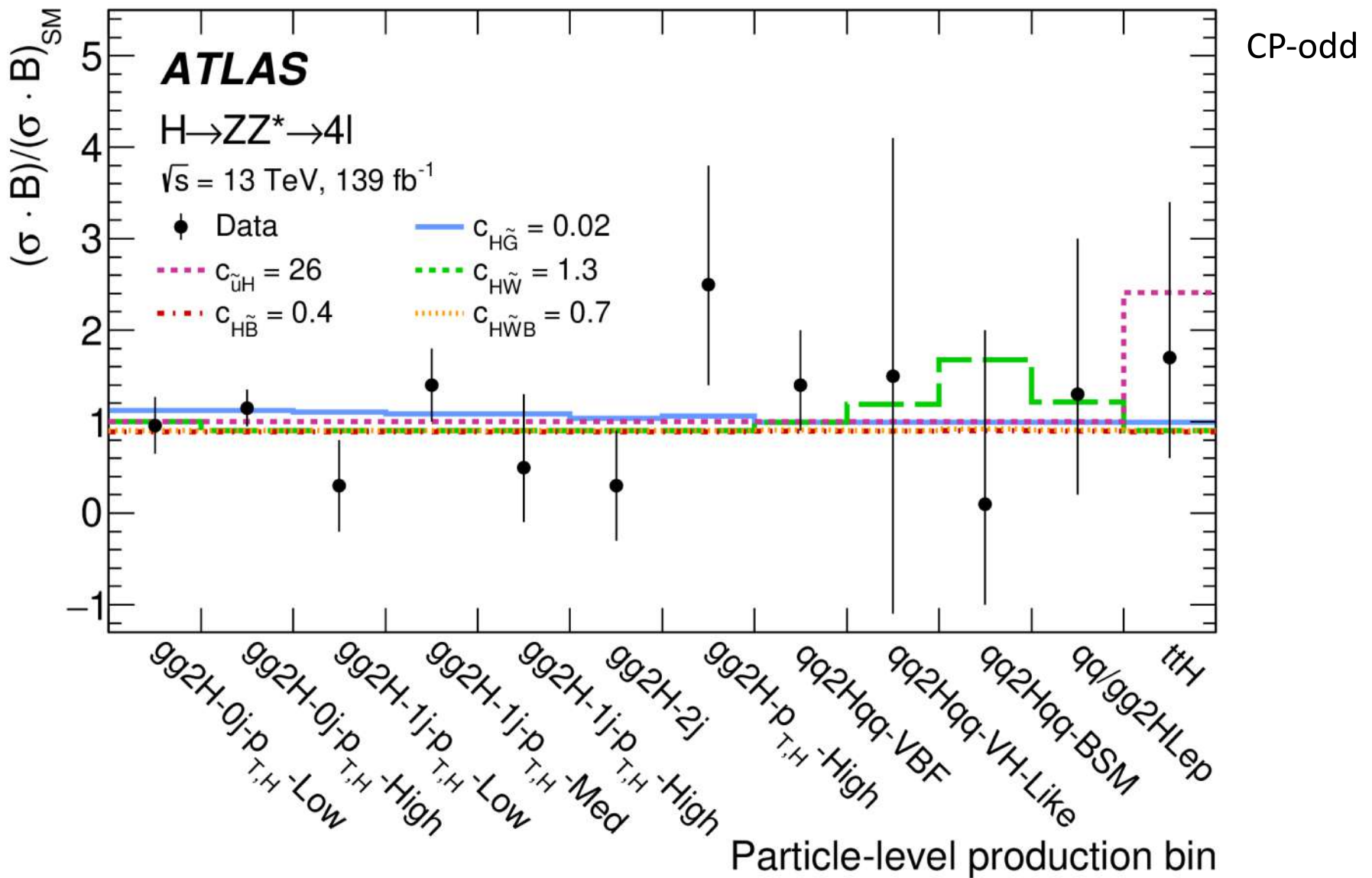
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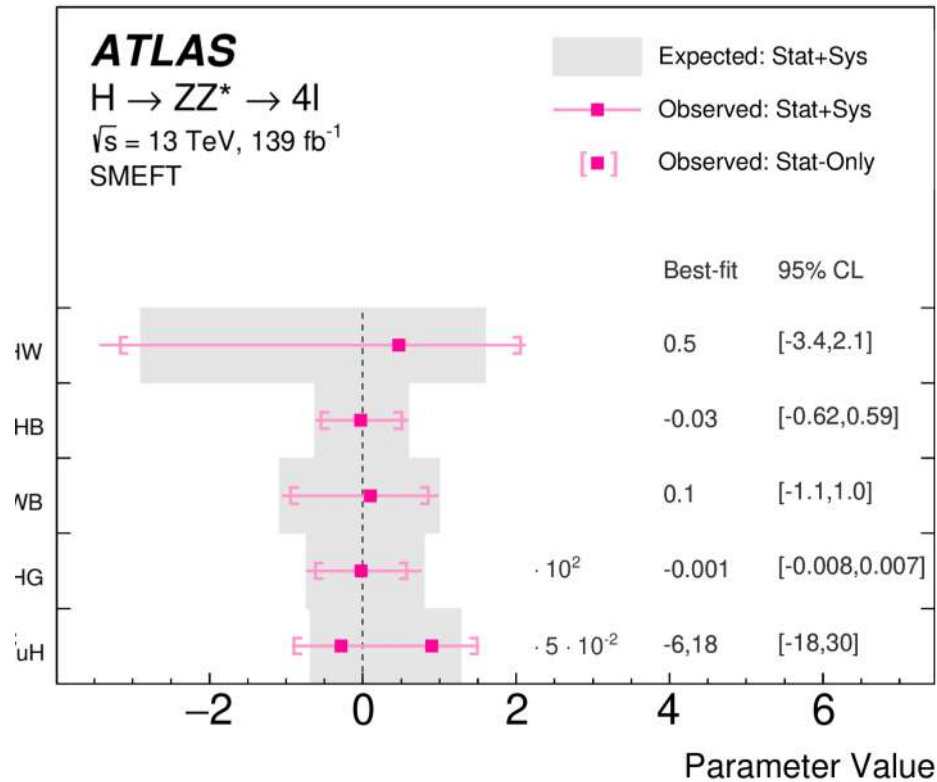


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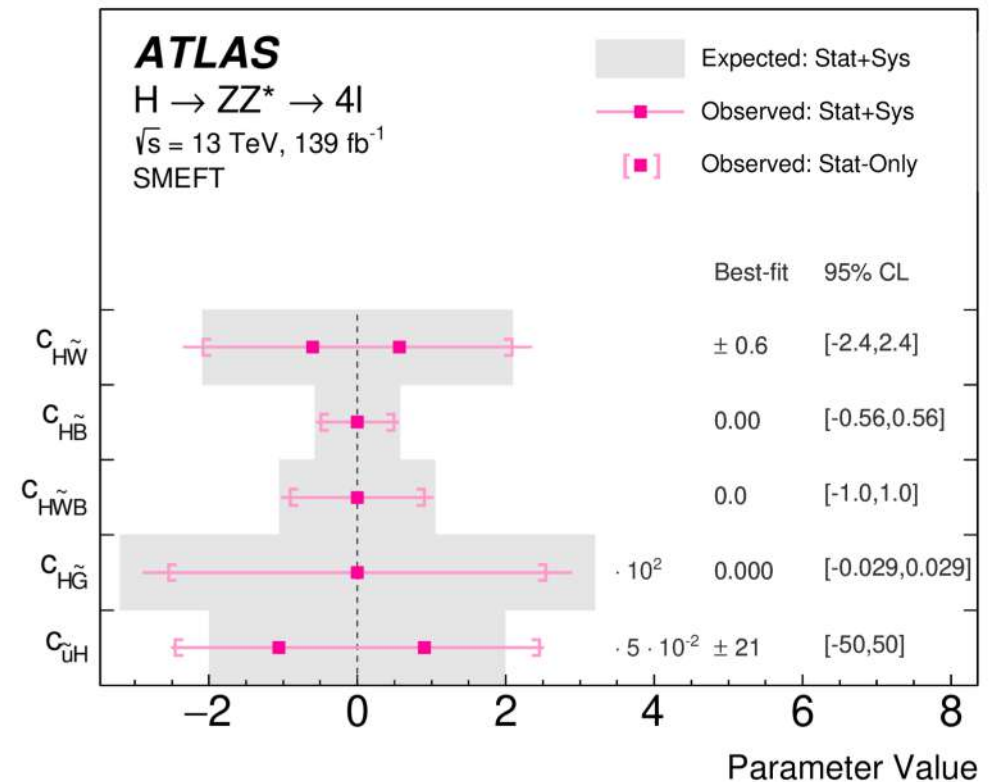


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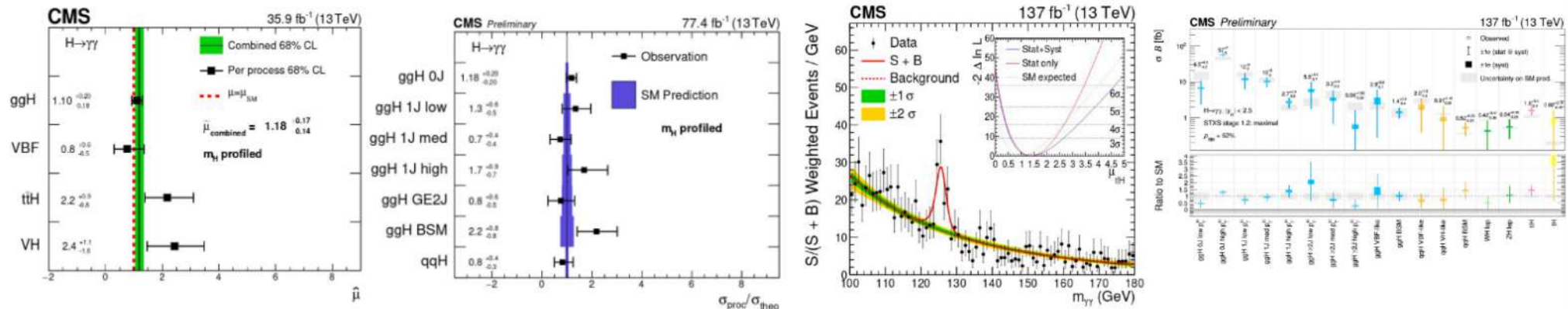
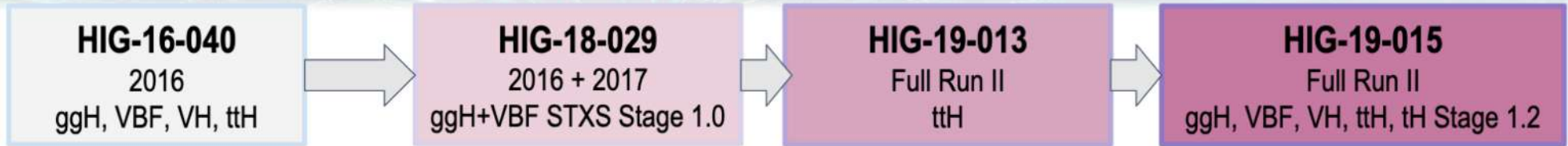


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# H $\rightarrow\gamma\gamma$ Full Run2 – Higgs boson properties

## H $\rightarrow\gamma\gamma$ signal strength analyses



- evolving from measuring 4 signal strengths ( $\mu$ ) in HIG-16-040 to over 20 parameters in HIG-19-015
- Not covered in this analysis:
  - Higgs boson mass measurement ( $m_H$ )
  - differential cross-section measurements

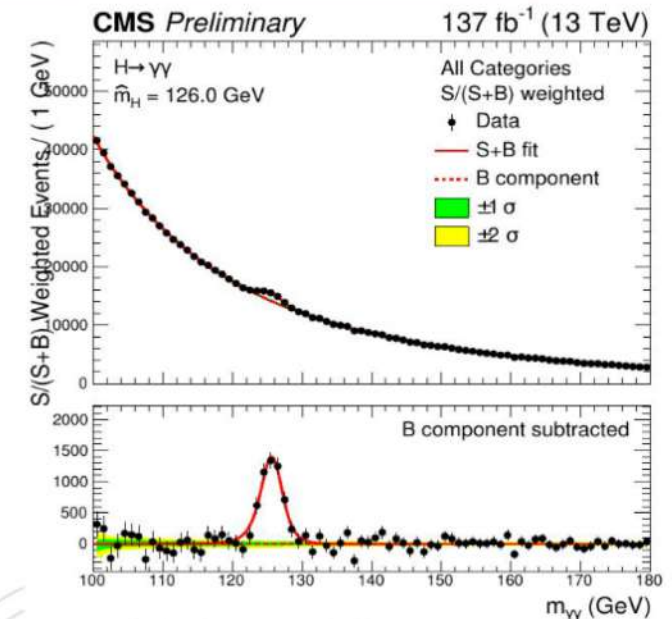


# H $\rightarrow\gamma\gamma$ Full Run2 – Higgs boson properties

## Analysis strategy



- Aim: to have a pure sample of diphoton events, fit the invariant mass distribution, exploiting the narrow H peak
- Analysis targets ggH, qqH (VBF and VH hadronic), ttH and tH, VH leptonic Stage 1.2 STXS bins
- Categories defined to **target as many STXS bins as possible in each production mode**, category splits made depending on available statistics
- Background reduction, and contamination from other H production modes reduced through the **use of MVAs**
- **Data from all years is merged together**
- Simultaneous fit to the diphoton invariant mass distributions in all categories, with the background determined from data



# H $\rightarrow\gamma\gamma$ Full Run2 – Higgs boson properties

## Trigger details

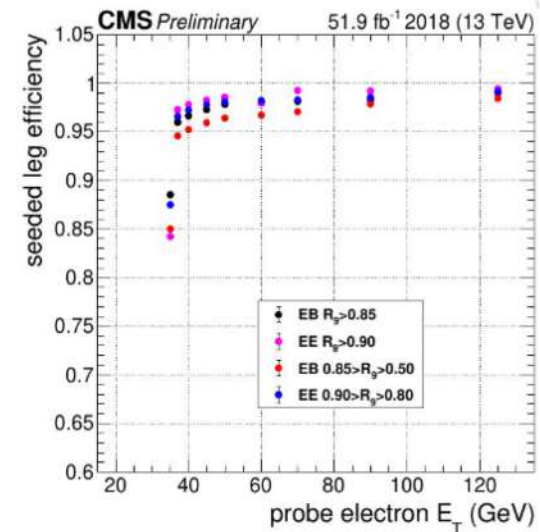
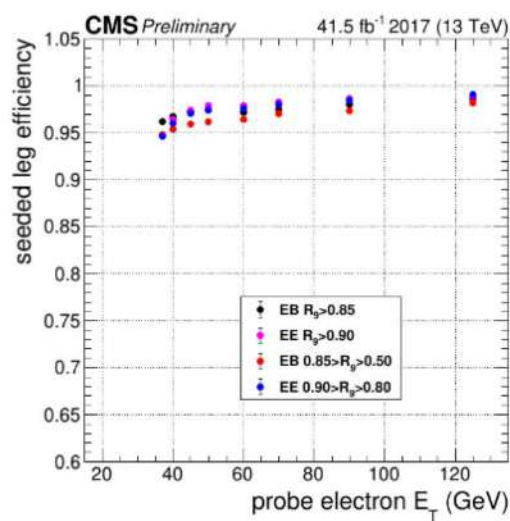
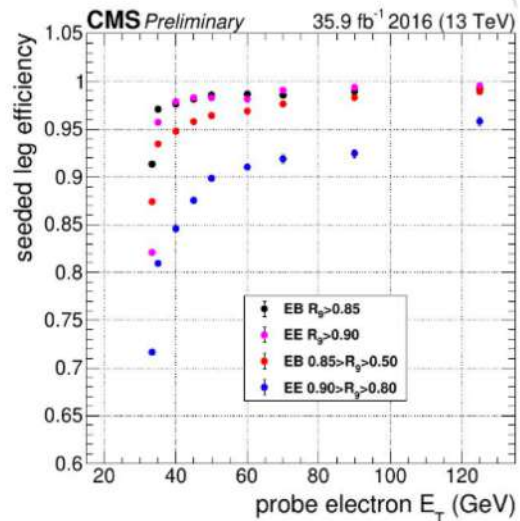


- **Triggers**

- 2016: HLT\_Diphoton30\_18\_R9Id\_OR\_IsoCaloId\_ANDHE\_R9Id\_Mass90 ( $p_T^{\gamma^1} > 30$  GeV,  $p_T^{\gamma^2} > 18$  GeV)
- 2017+2018: HLT\_Diphoton30\_22R9Id\_OR\_IsoCaloId\_ANDHE\_R9Id\_Mass90 ( $p_T^{\gamma^1} > 30$  GeV,  $p_T^{\gamma^2} > 22$  GeV)

- **Trigger efficiency**

- measured using the [tag-and-probe](#) method on DY events (less than 1% uncertainty)
- weights from the trigger efficiency are applied to simulated events in bins of  $\eta$  and  $R_9$



# H $\rightarrow\gamma\gamma$ Full Run2 – Higgs boson properties

## ggH categorisation



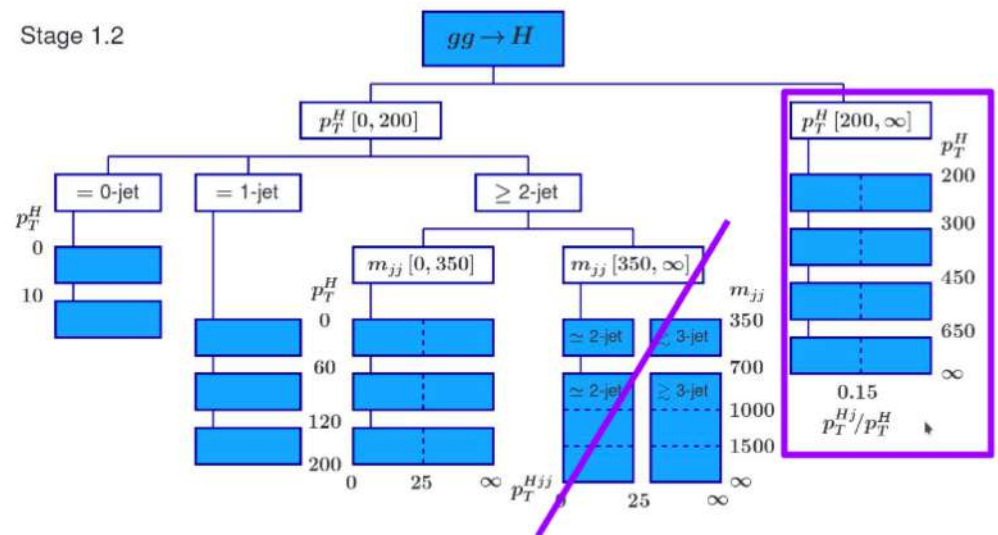
**Ingredients: diphoton BDT score + ggH multiclassifier**

**generator-level** bins defined with  $p_T^H$ ,  $N_{\text{jets}}$ ,  $m_{jj}$

- dedicated BSM region with  $p_T^H > 200$  GeV
- VBF-like ggH region with  $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2$ ,  $m_{jj} > 350$  GeV

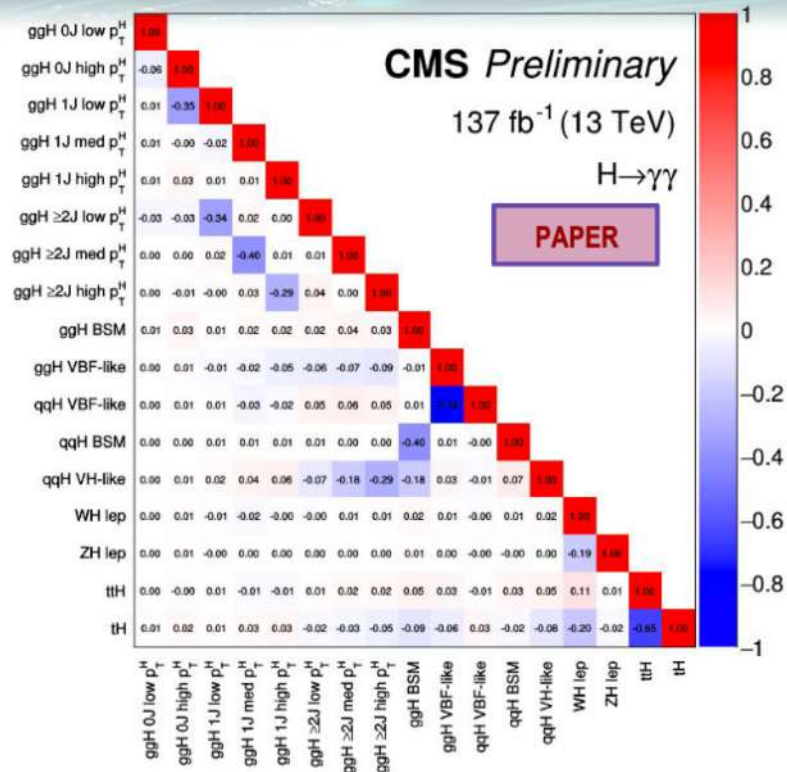
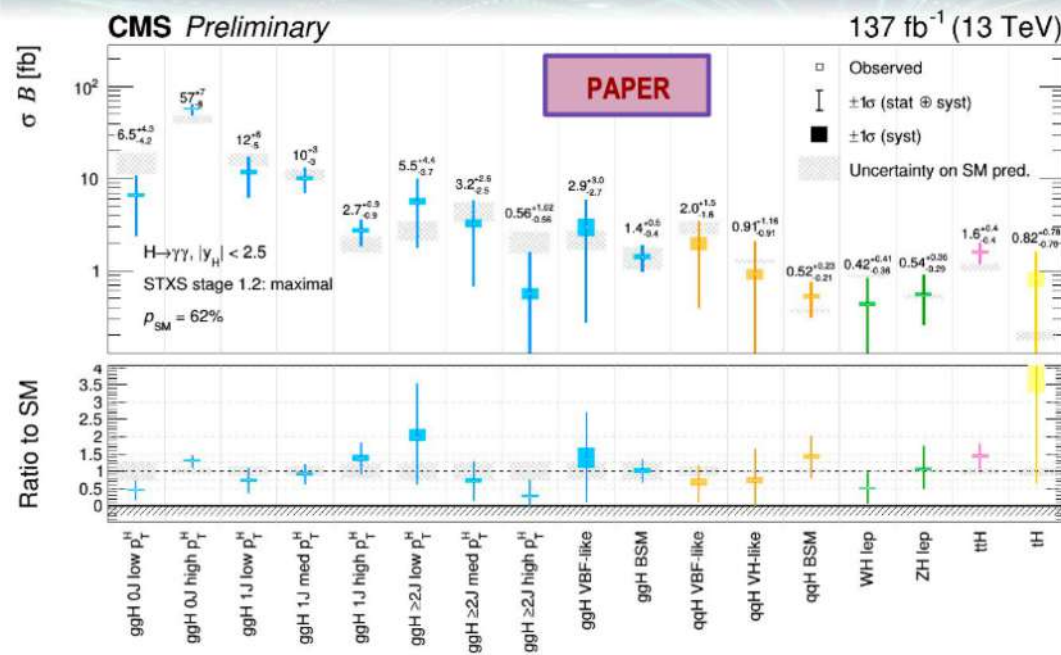
### reconstructed STXS 1.2 categories

- events assigned using a multiclass BDT: predicts probability that an event belongs to a given STXS bin
- inputs: jet, photon and diphoton kinematics
- training: ggH simulated events with standard pre-selection and  $m_{jj} < 350$  GeV cut  
(VBF-like region considered in VBF categorisation instead)
- $p_T^H > 200$  GeV events treated as a **single class** in multiclassifier  
(further splits made using reco  $p_T^{\gamma\gamma}$  value)



# H $\rightarrow\gamma\gamma$ Full Run2 – Higgs boson properties

## Maximal merging scenario



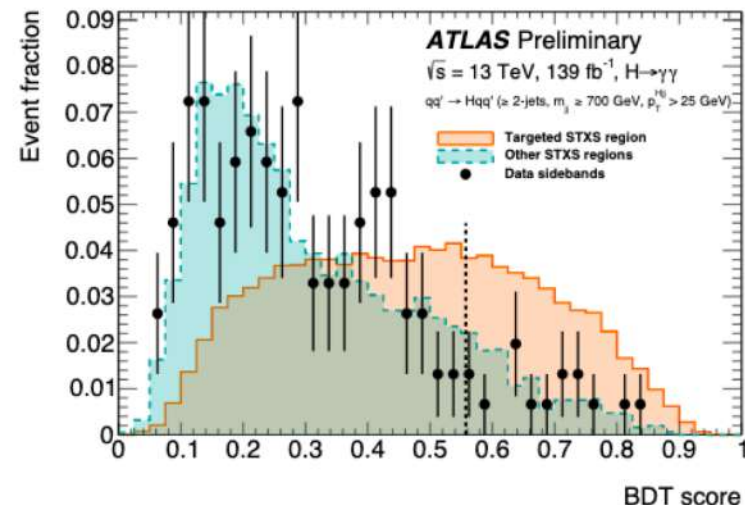
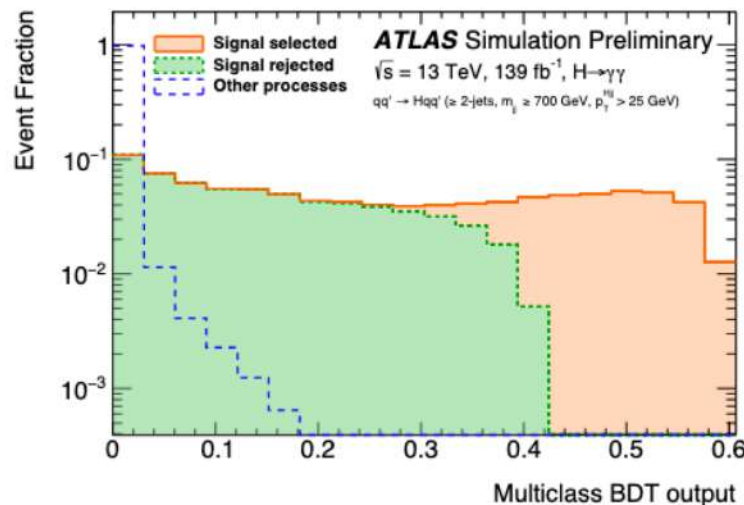
- simultaneous measurement of ttH and tH
- best tH measurement to date
- observed (expected) 95% CL limit is 12 (9) x SM value
- two pairs of parameters highly correlated (2D fits in backup-S56)
- BSM bins (in qqH and ggH) : in agreement with SM

# ATLAS - $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ Full Run2

## $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ : Categorization

All processes considered simultaneously, maximising global STXS sensitivity. Replaces sequential categorization.

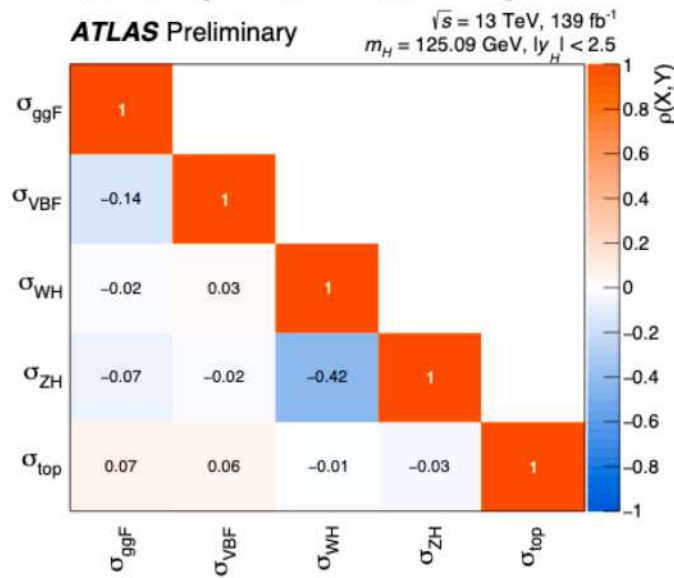
- Step1: **signal: Multi-class BDT** with output discriminant for each STXS bin splits signal into classes, aiming to **minimise determinant of the covariance matrix**.
- Step2: **signal vs continuum background**: binary BDT in each class.



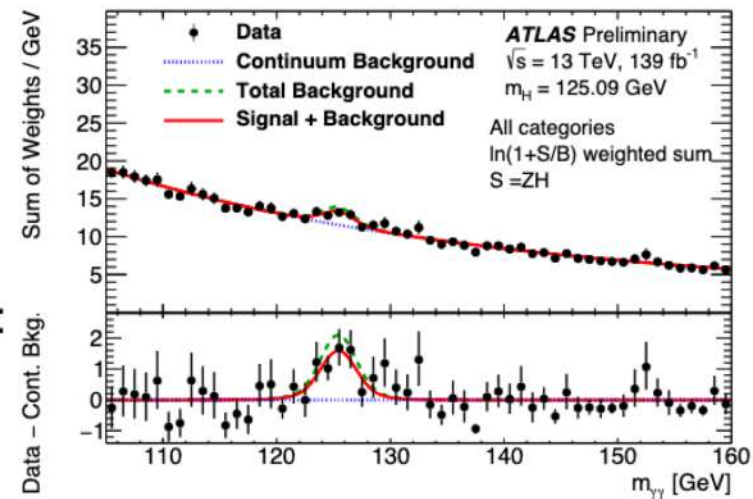
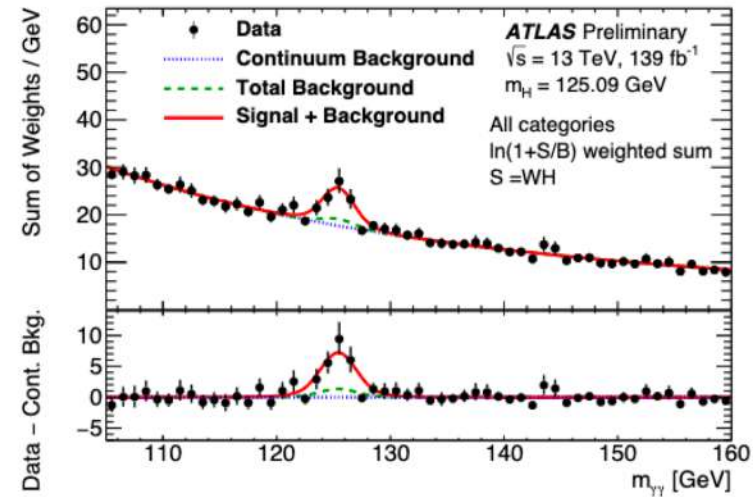
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## $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma : VH$

$WH$  and  $ZH$  anti-correlated  
main source:  $WH$  events  
populating 0 charged lepton  
category (targeting  $ZH$ ).



Measured  $WH+ZH$  cross-section:  
 $\sigma_{VH} = 5.9 \pm 1.4 \text{ fb}$   
 $\sigma_{VH, \text{expected}} = 4.53 \pm 0.12 \text{ fb}$   
(p-value: 50%)



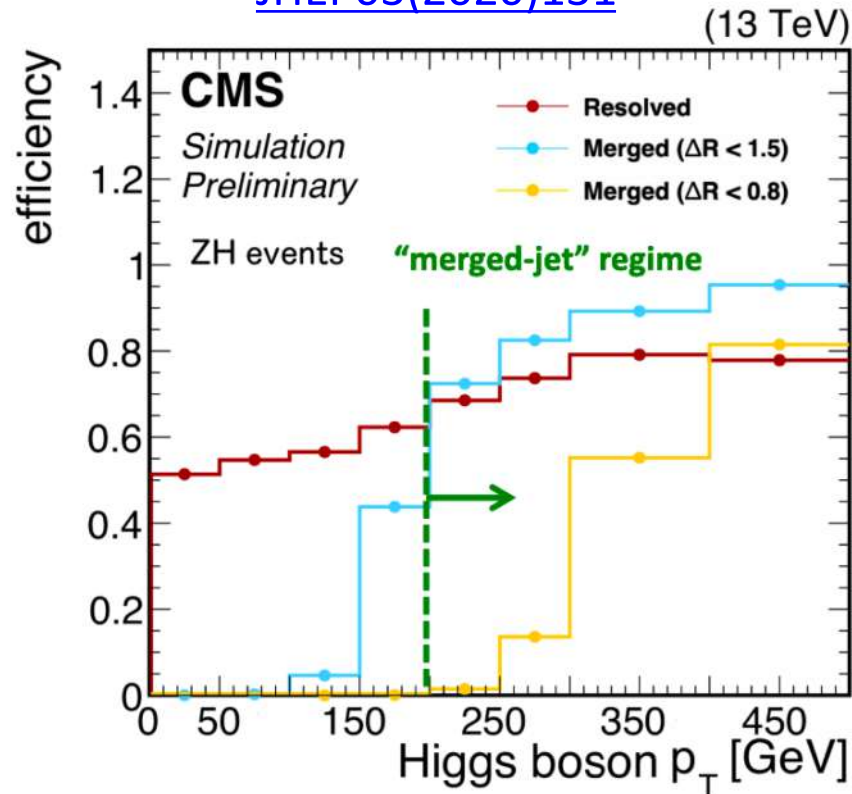
# ATLAS - $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ Full Run2

## ■ Uncertainties

Uncertainty source	ggF+ $bbH$	VBF	$WH$	$ZH$	$t\bar{t}H + tH$
	$\Delta\sigma$ [%]	$\Delta\sigma$ [%]	$\Delta\sigma$ [%]	$\Delta\sigma$ [%]	$\Delta\sigma$ [%]
Underlying Event and Parton Shower (UEPS)	$\pm 2.3$	$\pm 10$	$< \pm 1$	$\pm 9.6$	$\pm 3.5$
Modeling of Heavy Flavor Jets in non- $t\bar{t}H$ Processes	$< \pm 1$	$< \pm 1$	$< \pm 1$	$< \pm 1$	$\pm 1.3$
Higher-Order QCD Terms (QCD)	$\pm 1.6$	$< \pm 1$	$< \pm 1$	$\pm 1.9$	$< \pm 1$
Parton Distribution Function and $\alpha_S$ Scale (PDF+ $\alpha_S$ )	$< \pm 1$	$\pm 1.1$	$< \pm 1$	$\pm 1.9$	$< \pm 1$
Photon Energy Resolution (PER)	$\pm 2.9$	$\pm 2.4$	$\pm 2.0$	$\pm 1.3$	$\pm 4.9$
Photon Energy Scale (PES)	$< \pm 1$	$< \pm 1$	$< \pm 1$	$\pm 3.4$	$\pm 2.2$
Jet/ $E_T^{\text{miss}}$	$\pm 1.6$	$\pm 5.5$	$\pm 1.2$	$\pm 4.0$	$\pm 3.0$
Photon Efficiency	$\pm 2.5$	$\pm 2.3$	$\pm 2.4$	$\pm 1.4$	$\pm 2.4$
Background Modeling	$\pm 4.1$	$\pm 4.7$	$\pm 2.8$	$\pm 18$	$\pm 2.4$
Flavor Tagging	$< \pm 1$	$< \pm 1$	$< \pm 1$	$< \pm 1$	$< \pm 1$
Leptons	$< \pm 1$	$< \pm 1$	$< \pm 1$	$< \pm 1$	$< \pm 1$
Pileup	$\pm 1.8$	$\pm 2.7$	$\pm 2.1$	$\pm 3.8$	$\pm 1.1$
Luminosity and Trigger	$\pm 2.1$	$\pm 2.1$	$\pm 2.3$	$\pm 1.1$	$\pm 2.3$
Higgs Boson Mass	$< \pm 1$	$< \pm 1$	$< \pm 1$	$\pm 3.7$	$\pm 1.9$

# Searches: VH(cc) (2016)

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## Resolved-jet topology

- Higgs decay products resolved in two AK4 ( $R=0.4$ ) jets (di-jet)
- Probe larger fraction of the available signal cross-section (95% of events have  $p_T(V) < 200$  GeV)
- DeepCSV tagger (CvsL, CvsB)

## Merged-jet topology

- A single AK15 ( $R=1.5$ ) jet to reconstruct the  $H \rightarrow cc$  decay
- Allows to better exploit the correlations between the two charms
- DeepAK15 tagger



**Final results: combination of the two topologies to maximise the sensitivity**

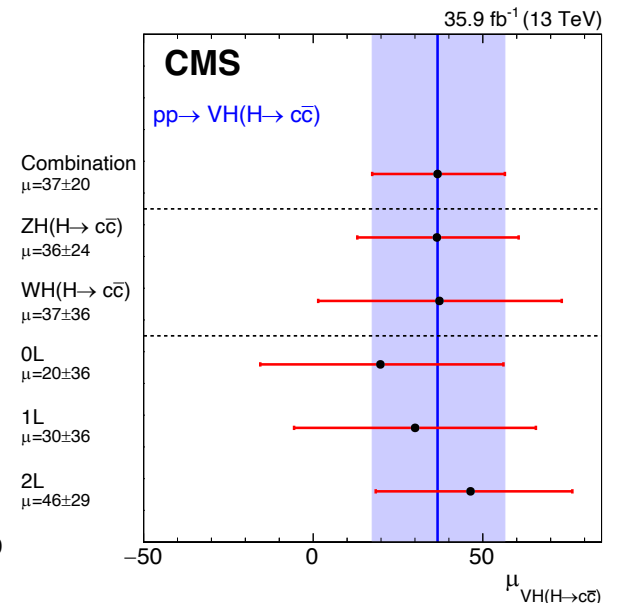
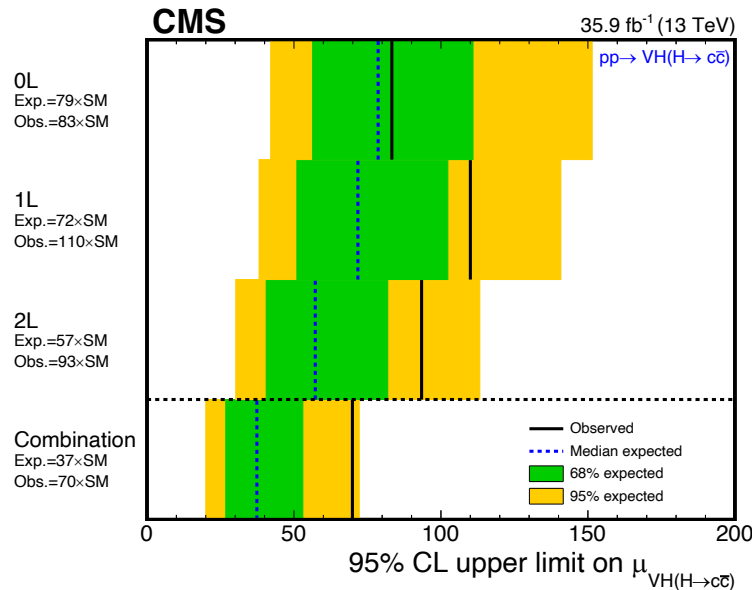
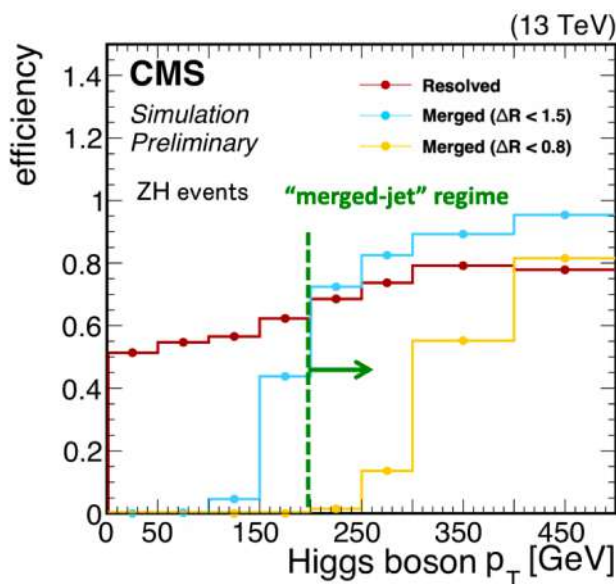
Channel	Resolved-jet	Merged-jet
$Z(\nu\nu)H(cc): 0L$	$p_T(Z) > 170$ GeV	$p_T(V) > 200$ GeV
$W(\ell\nu)H(cc): 1L$	$p_T(W) > 100$ GeV	
$Z(\ell\ell)H(cc): 2L$	$p_T(Z) > 50$ GeV	



# Searches: VH(cc) (2016)

- Combination: resolved-jet:  $p_T(V) < 300$  GeV / merged-jet:  $p_T(V) > 300$  GeV
  - Systematics: correlated, but: c/cc-tagging efficiency & PDF,  $\mu_R$ ,  $\mu_F$  for V+jets
- Validation with  $VZ(Z \rightarrow cc)$  :  $\mu_{VZ(Z \rightarrow cc)} = 0.55^{+0.86}_{-0.84}$  with 0.7 $\sigma$  obs. (1.3 $\sigma$  exp.)

95% C.L. Exclusion Limits						
	Resolved-jet	Boosted-jet	Combination			
	$p_T(V) < 300$ GeV	$p_T(V) > 300$ GeV	0L	1L	2L	All. Ch.
Exp.	$45^{+18}_{-13}$	$73^{+34}_{-22}$	$79^{+32}_{-22}$	$72^{+31}_{-21}$	$57^{+25}_{-17}$	$37^{+16 (+35)}_{-11 (-17)}$
Obs.	86	75	83	110	93	70



# Heavy flavour tagger for AK15: DeepAK15

- **DeepAK15 tagger – cornerstone of the boosted VHcc analysis**

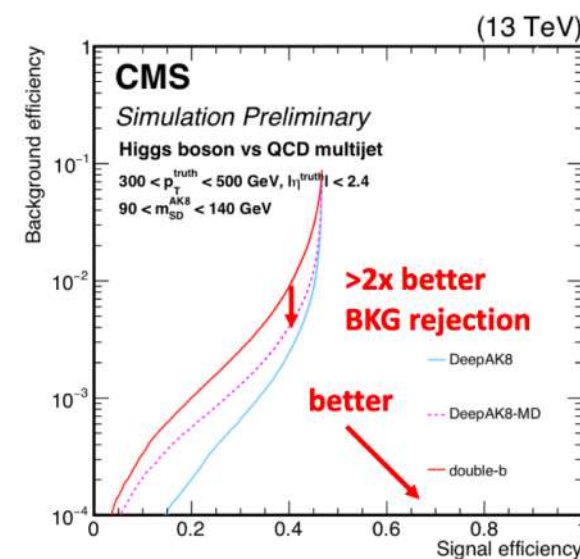
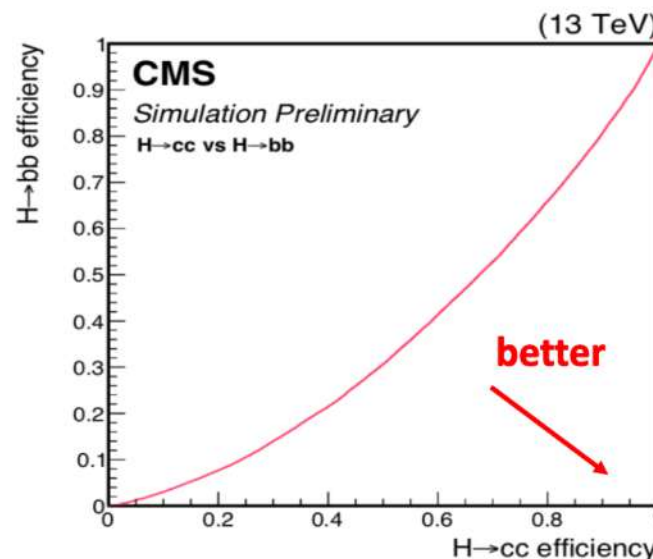
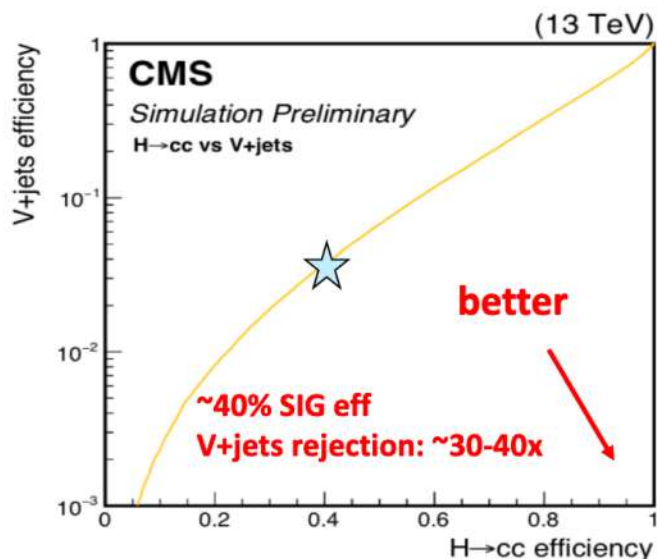
- Reconstruction of moderately to largely boosted Higgs
- DeepAK15: good compromise between signal purity and acceptance  $p_T > 200$  GeV

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- **Boosted jet tagger “DeepAK8” adapted on AK15 jets**

- DNN multiclassifier for top, W, Z, Higgs, and QCD jets
- Mass decorrelation techniques to mitigate mass sculpting
- Validation in data using proxy jets from  $g \rightarrow cc$

[CMS-DP-2017-049](#)  
[NIPS 2017 paper,](#)  
[CMS-JME-18-002](#)



$$\frac{\text{score}(Z \rightarrow c\bar{c}) + \text{score}(H \rightarrow c\bar{c})}{\text{score}(Z \rightarrow c\bar{c}) + \text{score}(H \rightarrow c\bar{c}) + \text{score}(\text{QCD})}$$

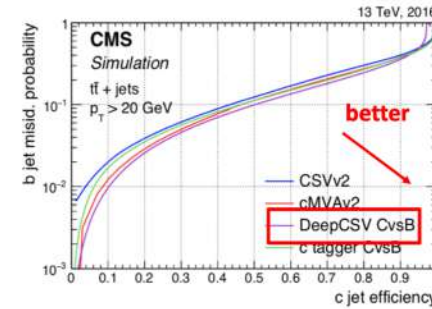
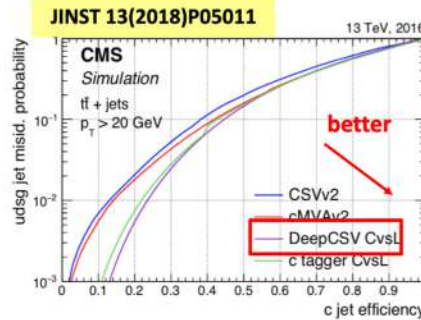
Significant gain in performance  
[Even larger @high  $p_T$ ]

# Heavy flavour tagger for AK4: DeepCSV

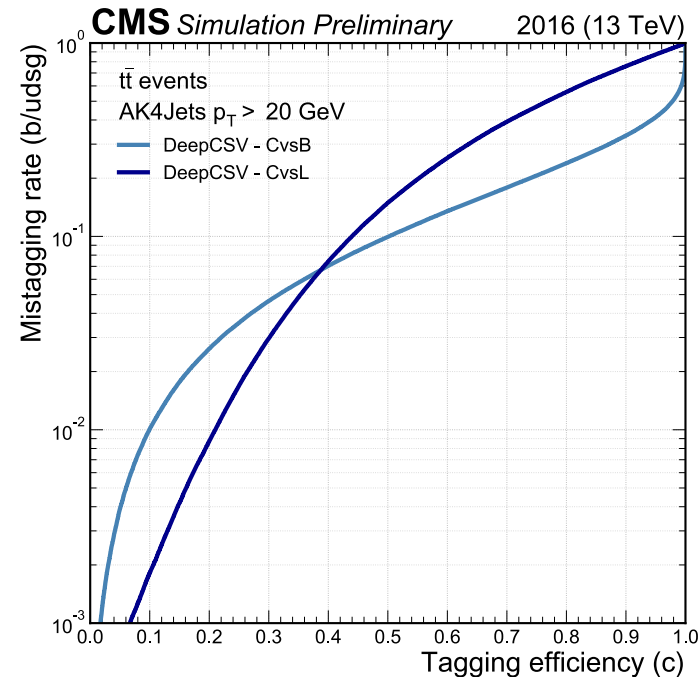
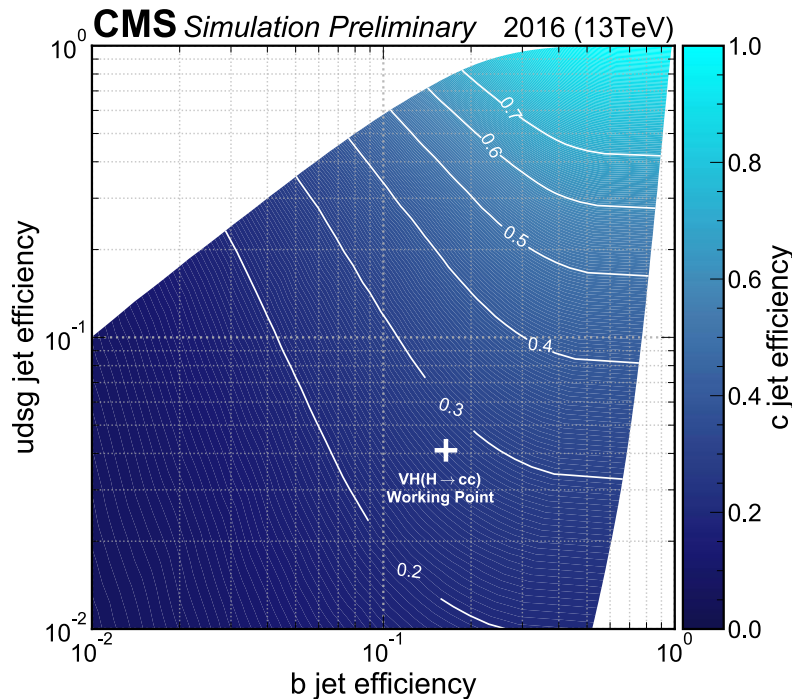
- Define two discriminants to separate c-jets from light and b-jets

$$CvsL = \frac{p(c)}{p(c) + p(light)}$$

$$CvsB = \frac{p(c)}{p(c) + p(b)}$$



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- Taggers working point used in the analysis allow for **~28%** efficiency for **charm** jet while keeping the rate from **b-jet ~15%** and from **light ~4%**

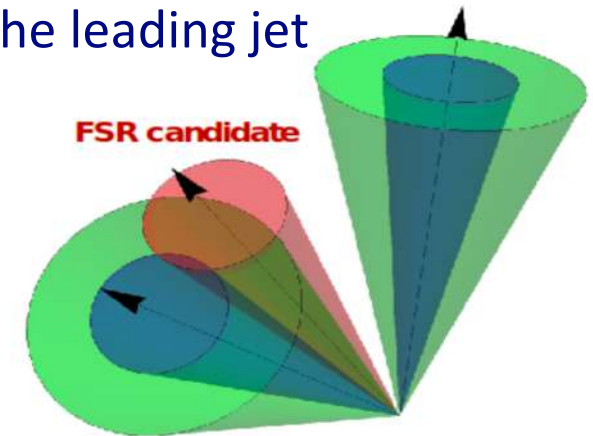
# Resolved-jet: Search Strategy

## ■ Higgs boson reconstruction

- Pair of jets with the **highest CvsL-score** → build Higgs candidate 4-vector
- Further require: **CvsL(max) > 0.4 & CvsB(min) > 0.2** for the leading jet

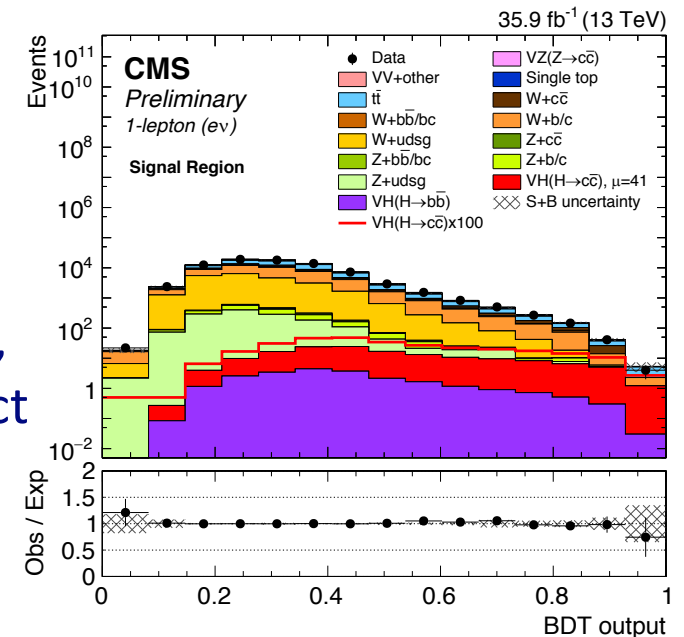
## ■ Final State Radiation (FSR) recovery

- Improve dijet invariant mass resolution by a few %

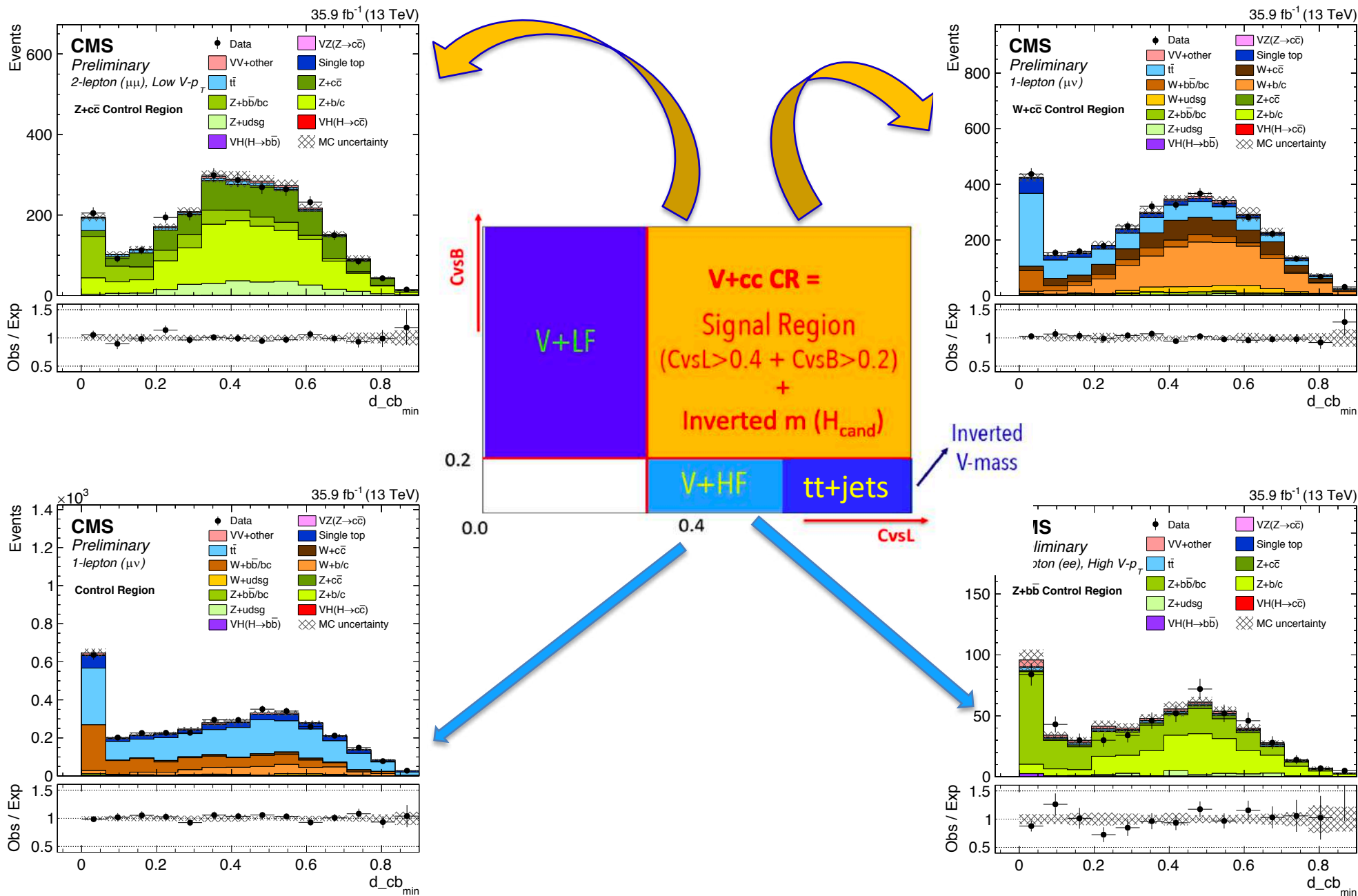


## ■ Multivariate analysis for final signal extraction

- BDT to further discriminate signal from backgrounds
- Dedicated training in each channel
- Input variables: H properties, V boson properties, c-tagging discriminants, event kinematics & object correlations



# Resolved-jet: Background estimation (II)



# Resolved-jet: Background estimation (II)

Combination: <https://cds.cern.ch/record/2725733>

## Results Included in Combination

- ✓ Included, will full Run 2 dataset (139 fb<sup>-1</sup>)
- ✓ Included with 2015-2016 data only

	ZZ→4l	γγ	bb	μμ	ττ	WW	multi-lep	inv
ggF	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		
VBF	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
WH	✓	✓	✓	✓				
ZH	✓	✓	✓	✓				
ttH	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
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