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# Search HH with $b\bar{b}\mu\mu$

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# Physics Motivation

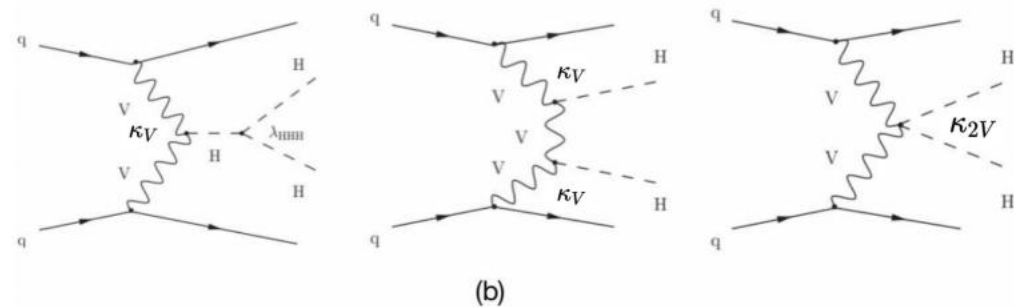
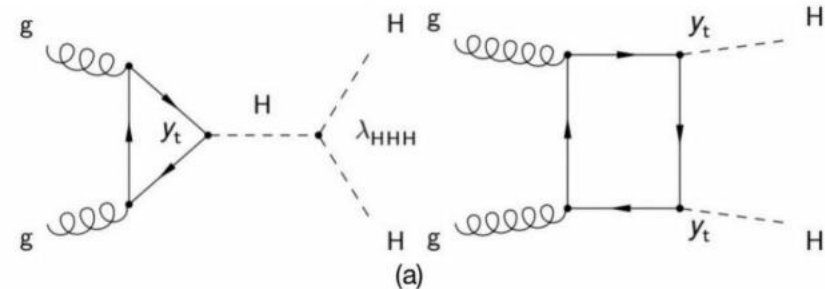
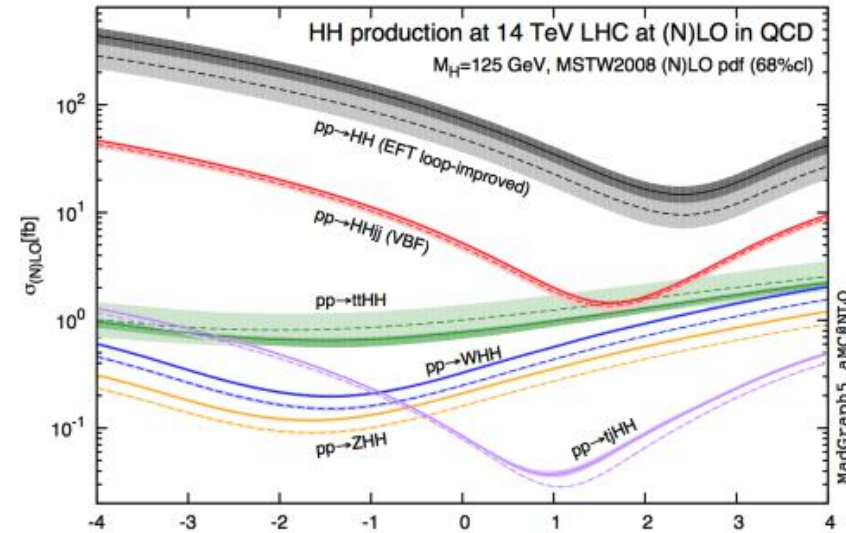
- The trilinear self-coupling of the Higgs boson  $\lambda_{HHH}$  is only directly accessible via HH production
- Contains information about the shape of the Higgs potential
- $bb\mu\mu$  is a brand new di-Higgs decay channel currently

$H \rightarrow bb$  : The largest BR

$H \rightarrow \mu\mu$  : The excellent resolution of  $m_{\mu\mu}$

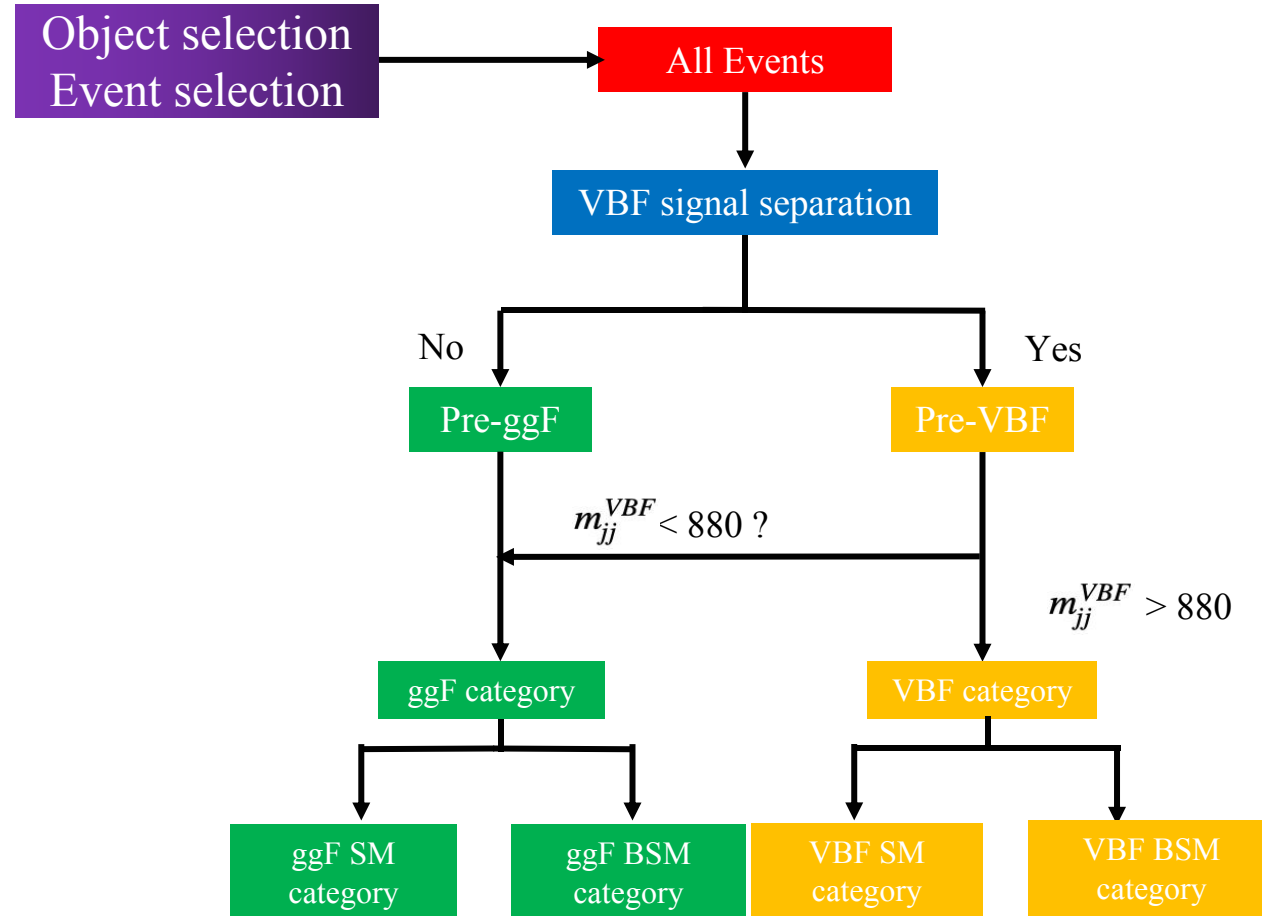
The dominant bkg of this process is DY + jets.

Other bkg, such as tt, single Higgs, which contains ggH, VBFH, ttH, ZH and bbH are also considered.

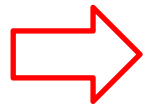




# Analysis Strategy



In addition, in the two ggF categories, also used BDT approach (XGBoost) to suppress the bkg



In each signal category, do the bkg rejection to optimize the signal sensitivity vs bkg



# Object selection and event selection

## Object selection

For muon candidates:

- $p_T > 20$  GeV
- $|\eta| < 2.4$

For jet candidates:

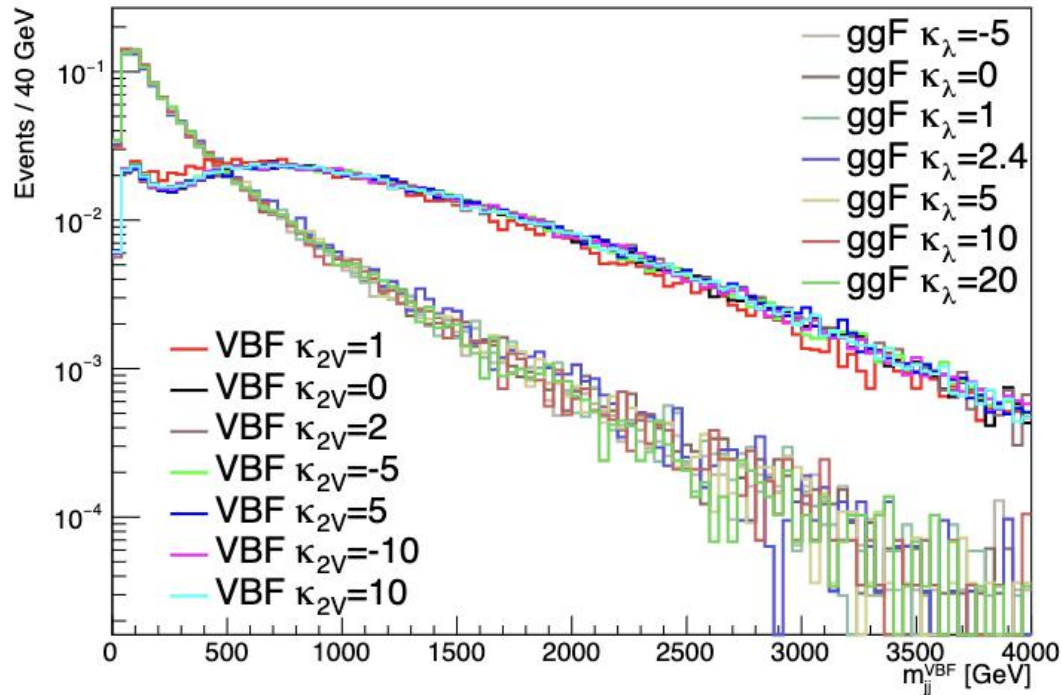
- $p_T > 20$  GeV
- $|\eta| < 4.7$  (2.4) for jet (b-tagged jet)

## Event selection

- at least two oppositely charged muons
- $100 \text{ GeV} < m_{\mu\mu} < 180 \text{ GeV}$
- at least two bjets
- $70 \text{ GeV} < m_{bb} < 190 \text{ GeV}$



# VBF and ggF categorization

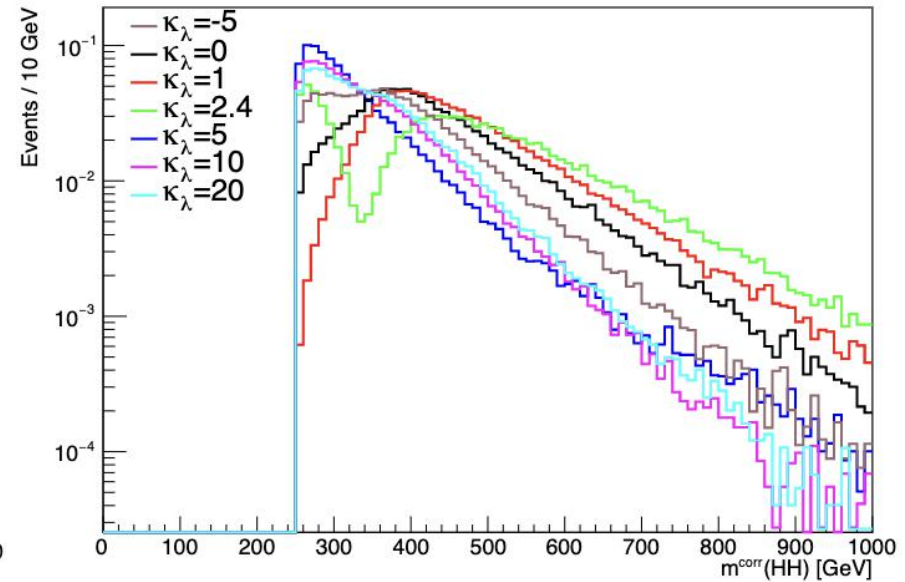
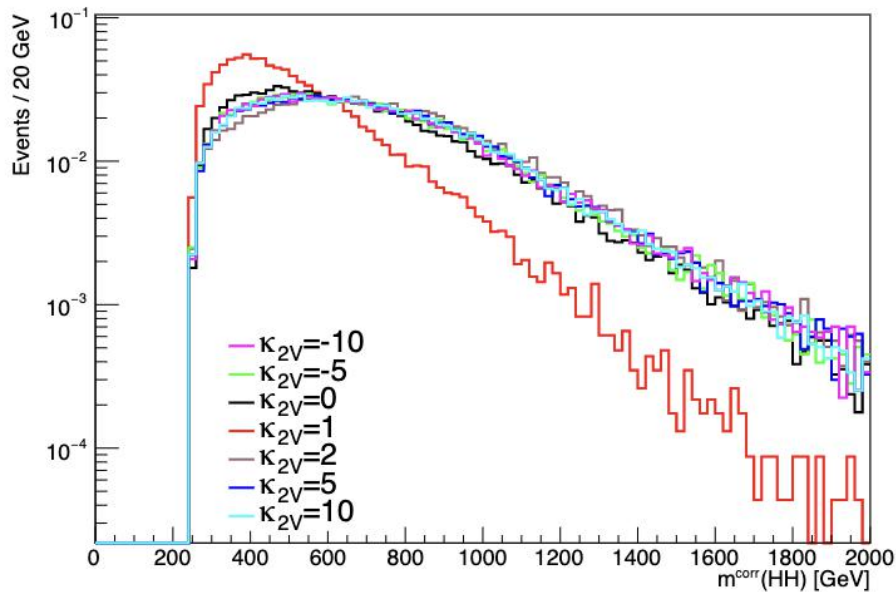


VBF as signal, ggF as bkg, use  $m_{jj}^{VBF}$  var to do optimization in order to maximize the separation of VBF and ggF signal (SM VBF and SM ggF as benchmark)

$$m_{jj}^{VBF} > 880 \text{ GeV as VBF category}$$



# Categorization in each VBF and ggF category



In VBF category

split the signal into 2 categories:

< 680 GeV : VBF SM category

> 680 GeV : VBF BSM category

In ggF category

split the signal into 2 categories:

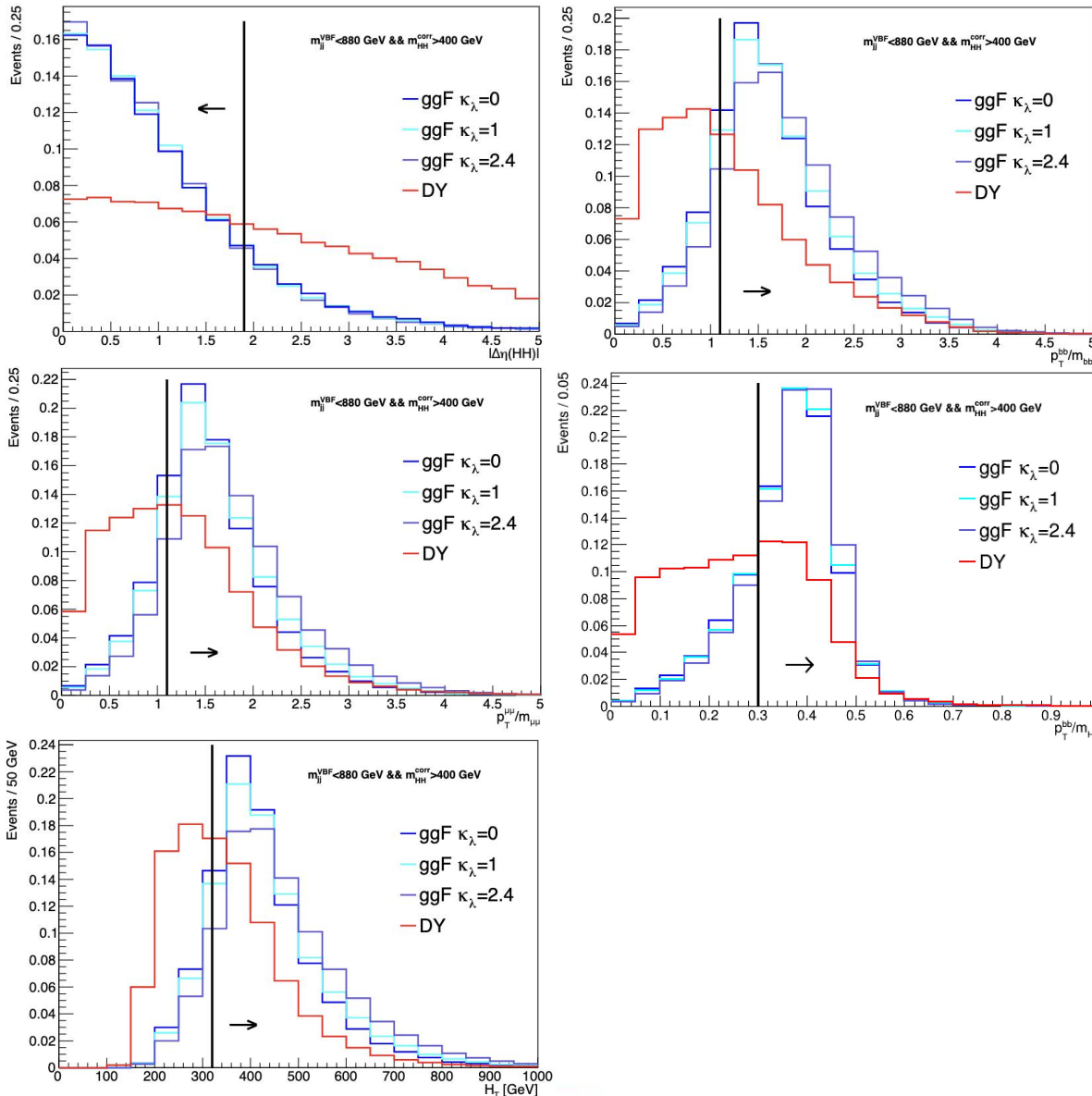
< 400 GeV : ggF BSM category

> 400 GeV : ggF SM category

$$m_{\text{HH}}^{\text{corr}} = m_{\text{HH}} - (m_{\mu\mu} - 125) - (m_{bb} - 125)$$



# Bkg rejection in ggF SM category (cutbased analysis)



$$|\Delta\eta_{HH}| < 1.9$$

$$p_T^{bb}/m_{bb} > 1.1$$

$$p_T^{\mu\mu}/m_{\mu\mu} > 1.1$$

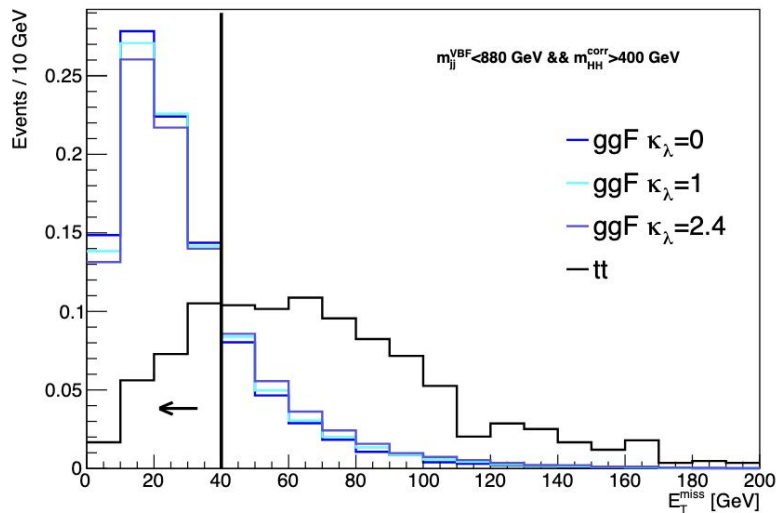
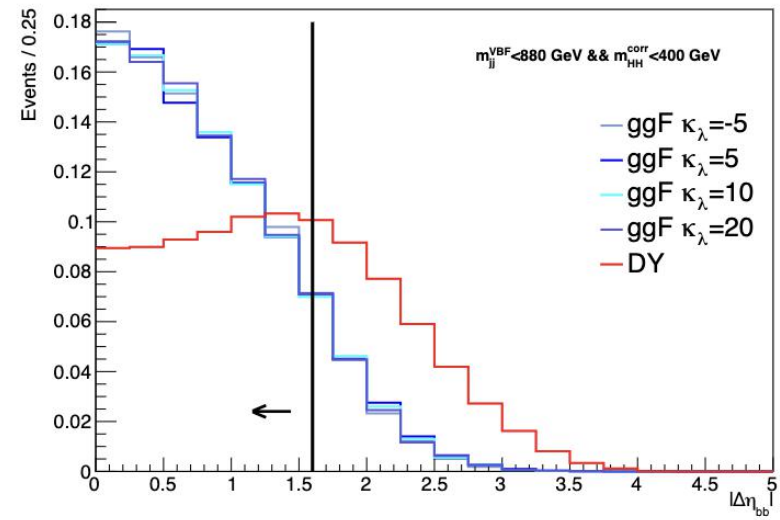
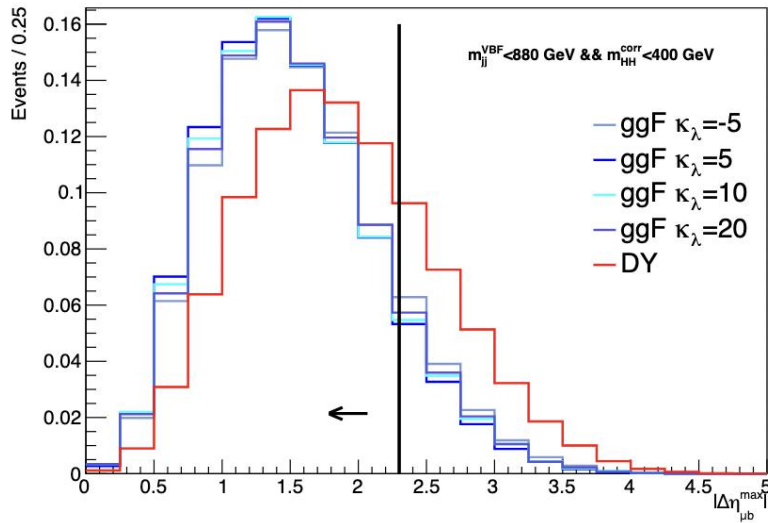
$$p_T^{bb}/m_{HH} > 0.3$$

$$H_T > 320 \text{ GeV}$$





# Bkg rejection in ggF BSM category (cutbased analysis)



$$|\Delta\eta_{\mu b}^{max}| < 2.3$$

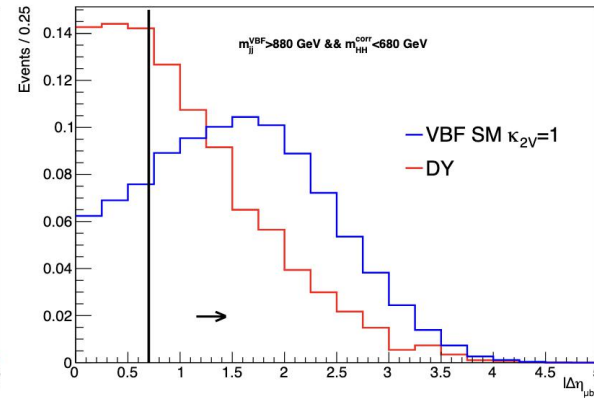
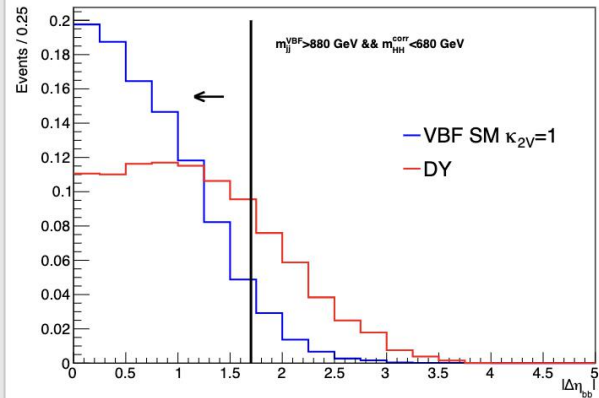
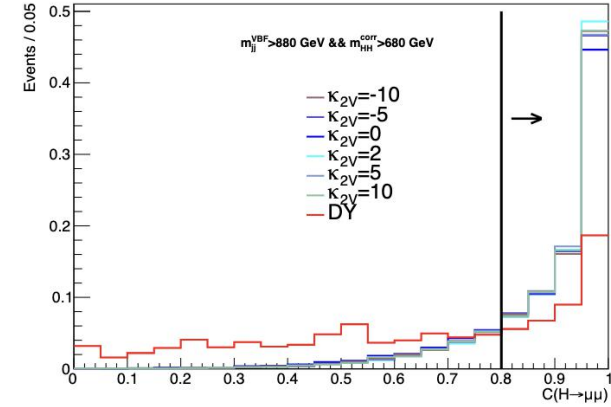
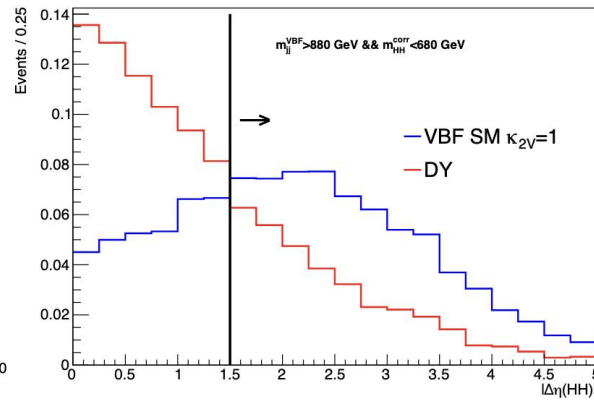
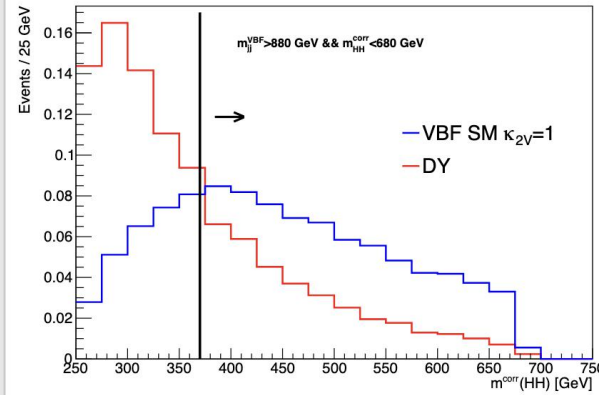
$$|\Delta\eta_{bb}| < 1.6$$

$$E_T^{miss} < 40 \text{ GeV}$$





# Bkg rejection in VBF SM, BSM category (cutbased analysis)



VBF SM category

VBF BSM category

$$m_{HH}^{corr} > 370 \text{ GeV}$$

$$|\Delta\eta_{HH}| > 1.5$$

$$|\Delta\eta_{bb}| < 1.7$$

$$|\Delta\eta_{\mu b}| > 0.7$$

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$$C_{(H \rightarrow \mu\mu)} > 0.8$$

$$C_{(H \rightarrow \mu\mu)} = e^{-\frac{4}{(\eta_1^{VBF} - \eta_2^{VBF})^2} (\eta^{\mu\mu} - \frac{\eta_1^{VBF} + \eta_2^{VBF}}{2})^2}$$



# Bkg rejection(cutbased analysis)

Category	Variable Cut	Signal $\epsilon$	DY $\epsilon$
ggF SM	$ \Delta\eta_{HH}  < 1.9$	53% ( $\kappa_\lambda = 1$ )	11%
	$p_T^{bb}/m_{bb} > 1.1$		
	$p_T^{\mu\mu}/m_{\mu\mu} > 1.1$		
	$p_T^{bb}/m_{HH} > 0.3$		
	$H_T > 320$ GeV		
ggF BSM	$ \Delta\eta_{\mu b}^{max}  < 2.3$	55% ( $\kappa_\lambda = 5$ )	21%
	$ \Delta\eta_{bb}  < 1.6$		
	$E_T^{miss} < 40$ GeV		
VBF SM	$m_{HH}^{corr} > 370$ GeV	39% ( $\kappa_{2V} = 1$ )	6%
	$ \Delta\eta_{HH}  > 1.5$		
	$ \Delta\eta_{bb}  < 1.7$		
VBF BSM	$ \Delta\eta_{\mu b}  > 0.7$	69% ( $\kappa_{2V} = 10$ )	16%
	$C_{(H \rightarrow \mu\mu)} > 0.8$		

Category	$m_{jj}^{VBF}$ (GeV)	$m_{HH}^{corr}$ (GeV)
ggF SM	$< 880$	$> 400$
ggF BSM	$< 880$	$< 400$
VBF SM	$> 880$	$< 680$
VBF BSM	$> 880$	$> 680$

Summary of the event categorization

Summary of the optimized cuts for background suppression and the corresponding efficiencies in all the four categories.



# Bkg rejection(BDT analysis)

Input Variable	ggF SM	ggF BSM
$p_T^{\mu 1}, p_T^{\mu 2}, p_T^{b1}, p_T^{b2}$	✓	✓
$E_{\mu 1}, E_{\mu 2}, E_{b1}, E_{b2}$	✓	
$\eta^{\mu 1}, \eta^{\mu 2}$	✓	
$\eta^{b1}, \eta^{b2}$	✓	✓
$\eta_{j1}^{\text{VBF}}$		✓
$E_{\mu\mu}, E_{bb}, \eta_{\mu\mu}, \eta_{bb}, \cos \theta_{\mu\mu}, \cos \theta_{bb}$	✓	
$p_T^{\mu\mu}, p_T^{bb}, m_{\mu\mu}, m_{bb}$	✓	✓
$m_{HH}, m_{HH}^{\text{corr}}$	✓	
$p_T^{b1}/m_{bb}, p_T^{b2}/m_{bb}, p_T^{bb}/m_{bb}, p_T^{\mu 1}/m_{\mu\mu}, p_T^{\mu 2}/m_{\mu\mu}$	✓	
$p_T^{bb}/m_{bb}, p_T^{bb}/m_{HH}, p_T^{\mu\mu}/m_{\mu\mu}, p_T^{\mu\mu}/m_{HH}$	✓	✓
$H_T, p_T^{\text{HH}}, p_T^{\mu\mu}/p_T^{bb}$	✓	✓
$E_T^{\text{miss}}, \eta^{\text{miss}}$	✓	✓
$ \Delta\eta_{HH} ,  \Delta\eta_{\mu b} ,  \Delta\eta_{\mu b}^{\text{max}} ,  \Delta\eta_{\mu b}^{\text{other}} $	✓	✓
$ \Delta\eta_{bb} ,  \Delta\eta_{\mu\mu} $	✓	✓
$ \Delta R_{HH} ,  \Delta R_{\mu b} ,  \Delta R_{bb} ,  \Delta R_{\mu\mu} $	✓	✓
$ \Delta R_{\mu b}^{\text{min}} ,  \Delta R_{\mu b}^{\text{other}} ,  \Delta R_{jj}^{\text{VBF}} $	✓	
$ \Delta\phi_{HH} ,  \Delta\phi_{\mu b} ,  \Delta\phi_{bb} ,  \Delta\phi_{jj}^{\text{VBF}} $	✓	✓
$ \Delta\phi_{\mu\mu} $	✓	

The training setup includes 2500 trees, the tree depth of 3 and a learning rate of 0.08 (0.1) for ggF SM category (ggF BSM category). The MC samples are splitted into 64%, 16% and 20% for training, testing and application.

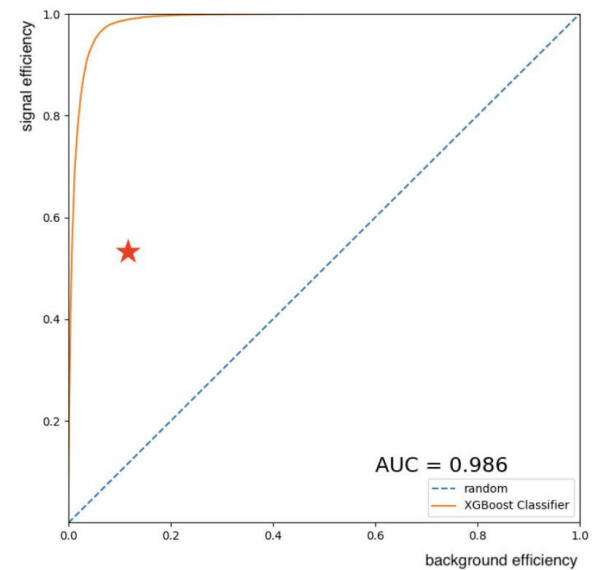
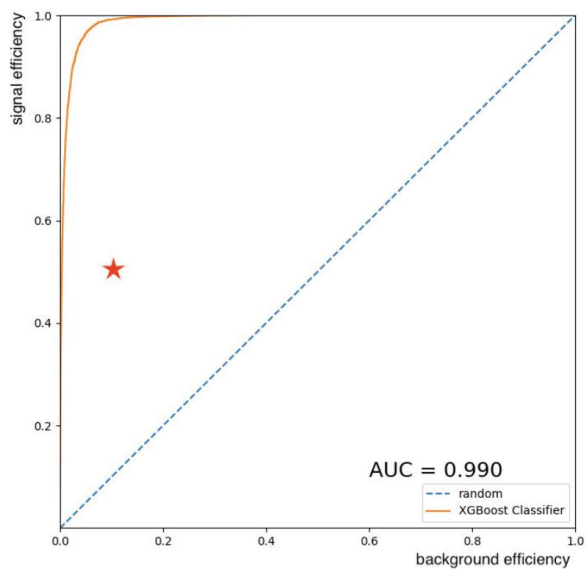
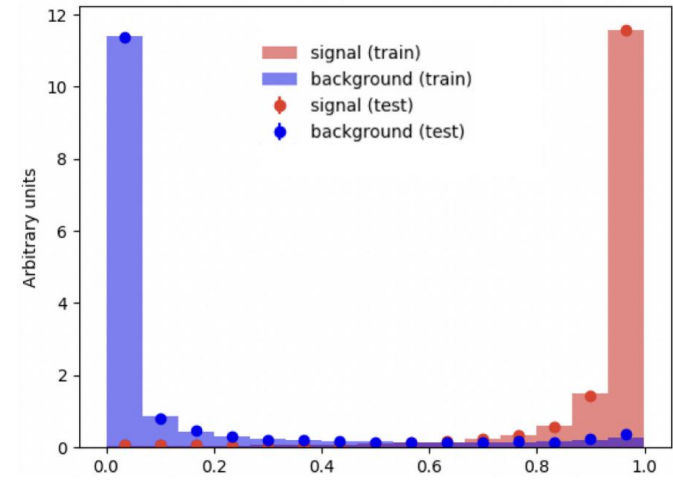
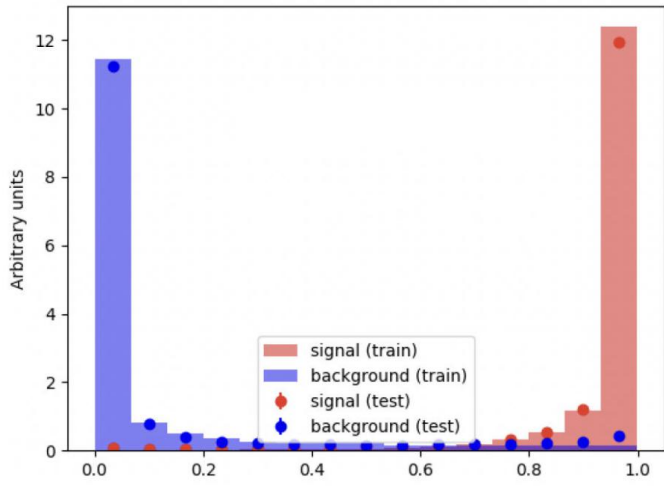
Summary of input variables for the BDT training in the two ggF categories.

$|\Delta\eta_{\mu b}^{\text{max}}|$  is the maximal  $|\Delta\eta|$  between muons and bjets, while  $|\Delta\eta_{\mu b}^{\text{other}}|$  is for the left muon and bjet.

$|\Delta R_{\mu b}^{\text{min}}|$  and  $|\Delta R_{\mu b}^{\text{other}}|$  are defined accordingly.



# Bkg rejection(BDT analysis)

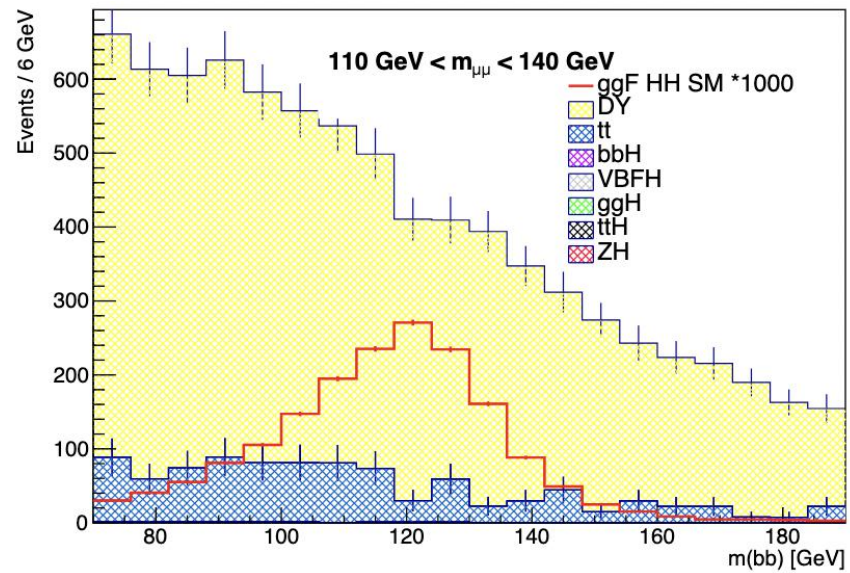
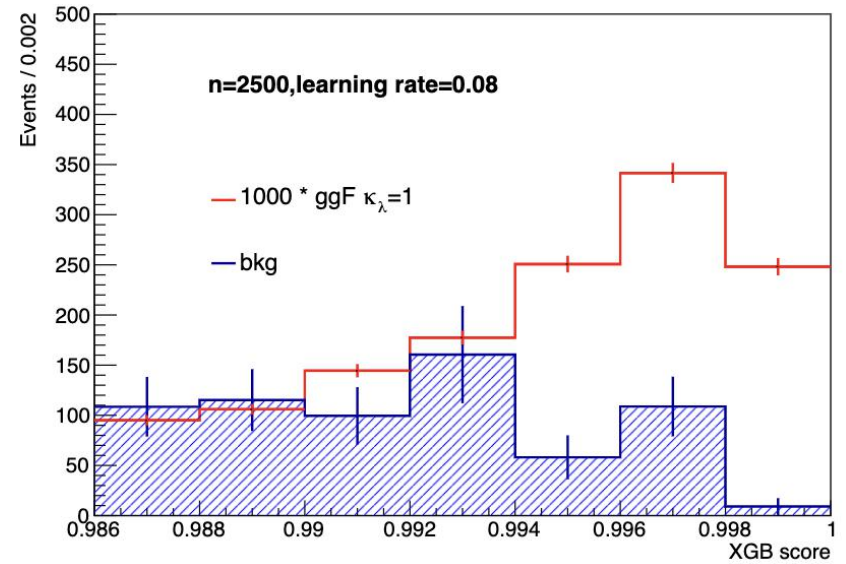
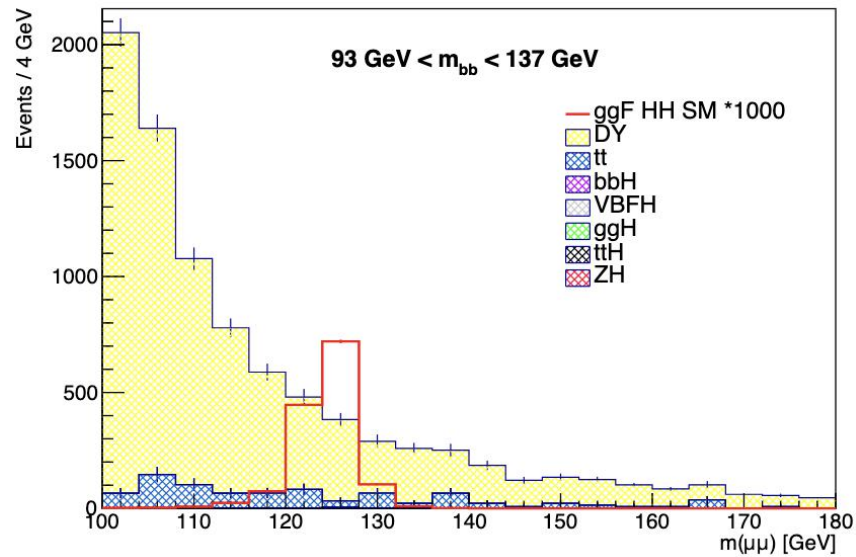


ggF SM category

ggF BSM category



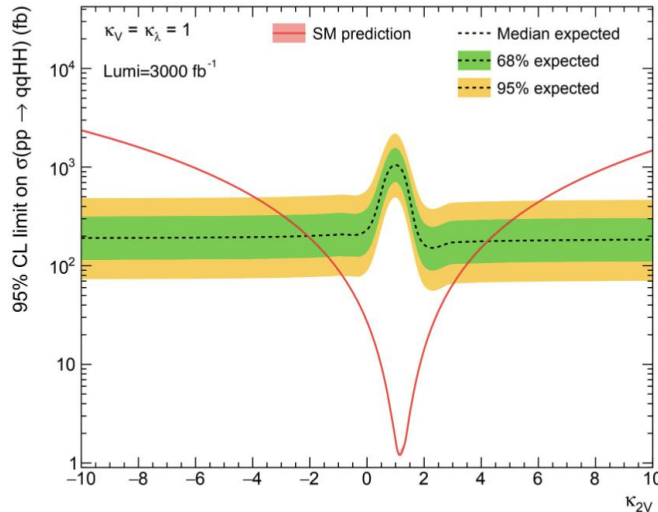
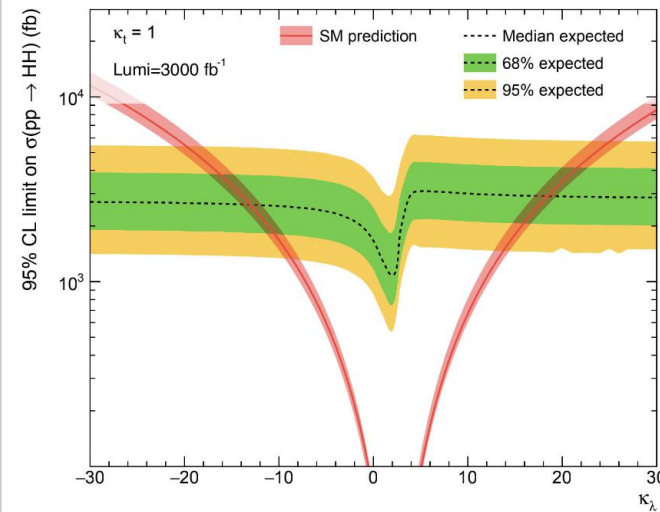
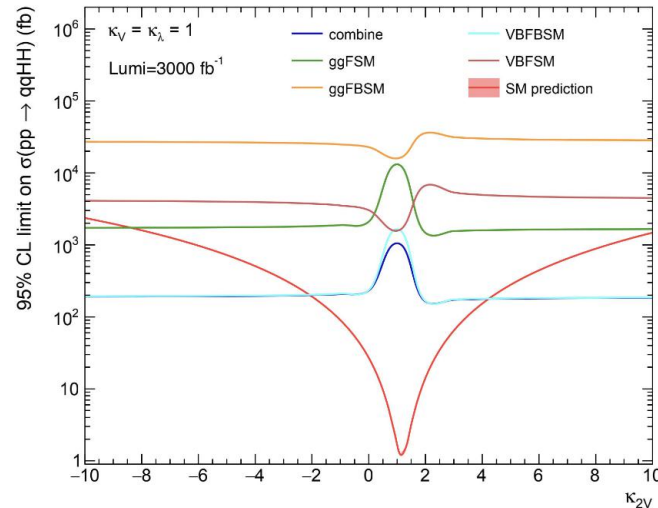
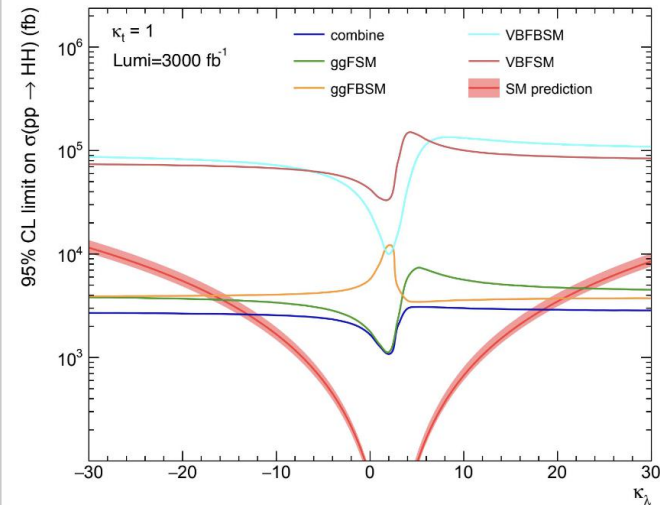
# Fitting template







# Result (cutbased analysis)



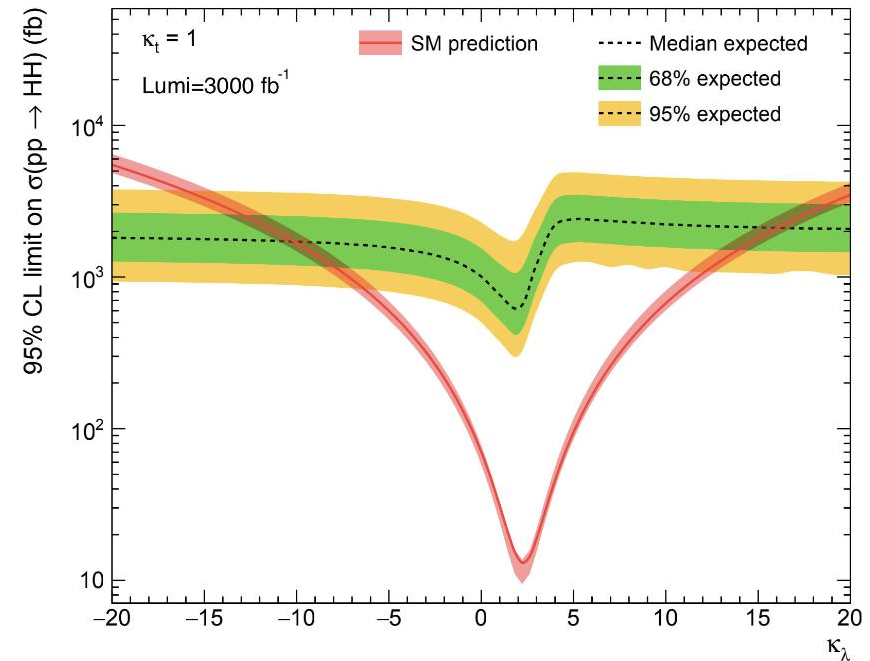
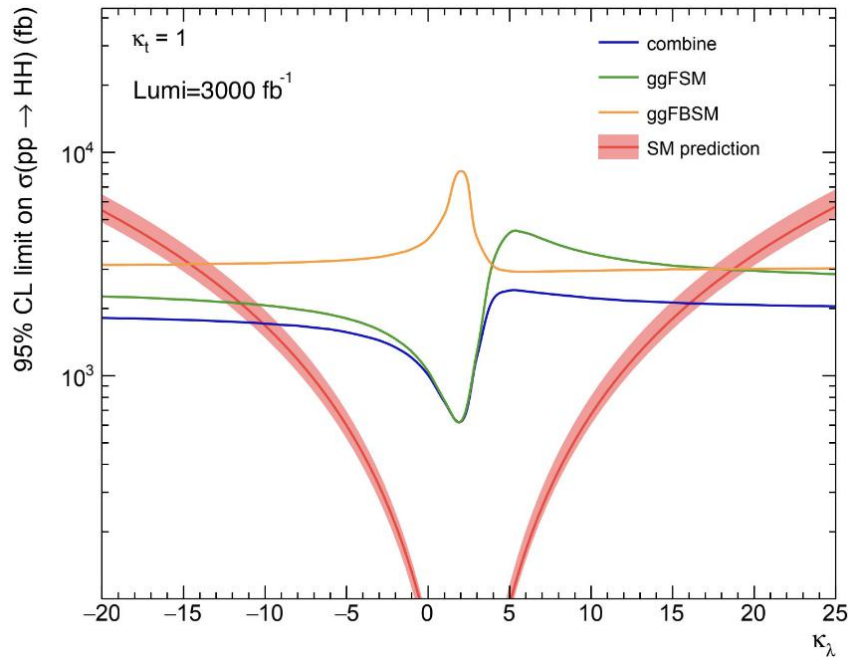
The expected exclusion is  $\kappa_\lambda < -13.1$  and  $\kappa_\lambda > 18.4$

The expected exclusion is  $\kappa_{2V} < -2.1$  and  $\kappa_{2V} > 4.2$

The expected upper limit is corresponds to 42 times the standard model prediction(Lumi=3000  $\text{fb}^{-1}$ ).



# Result (BDT analysis)



The expected exclusion is  
 $\kappa_\lambda < -10.1$  and  $\kappa_\lambda > 16.1$

The expected upper limit is corresponds to **25** times the standard model prediction(Lumi=3000 fb<sup>-1</sup>).





# Conclusion

- We present a comprehensive study of the Higgs boson pair production in the rare decay of  $HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}\mu^+\mu^-$  with both the ggF and VBF production modes included for the first time.
- With a luminosity up to  $3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ , the channel  $HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}\mu^+\mu^-$  can not lead to the observation of HH with the cut-based or the BDT approach.
- It is still able to contribute in a sizeable way to the HH search combination and can be sensitive to BSM enhancement given its small rate and excellent di-muon peak.

Analysis Type	$300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	$450 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	$3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
ggF HH ( $\sigma/\sigma_{\text{SM}}$ )			
Cut-based	138	111	42
BDT	92	73	25
VBF HH ( $\sigma/\sigma_{\text{SM}}$ )			
Cut-based	2440	1915	618

Analysis Type	$300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	$450 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	$3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
$\kappa_\lambda$ scan			
Cut-based	(-25.7,31.1)	(-22.9,28.3)	(-13.1,18.4)
BDT	(-21.6,27.2)	(-19.0,24.7)	(-10.1,16.1)
$\kappa_{2V}$ scan			
Cut-based	(-6.4,8.6)	(-5.4,7.5)	(-2.1,4.2)



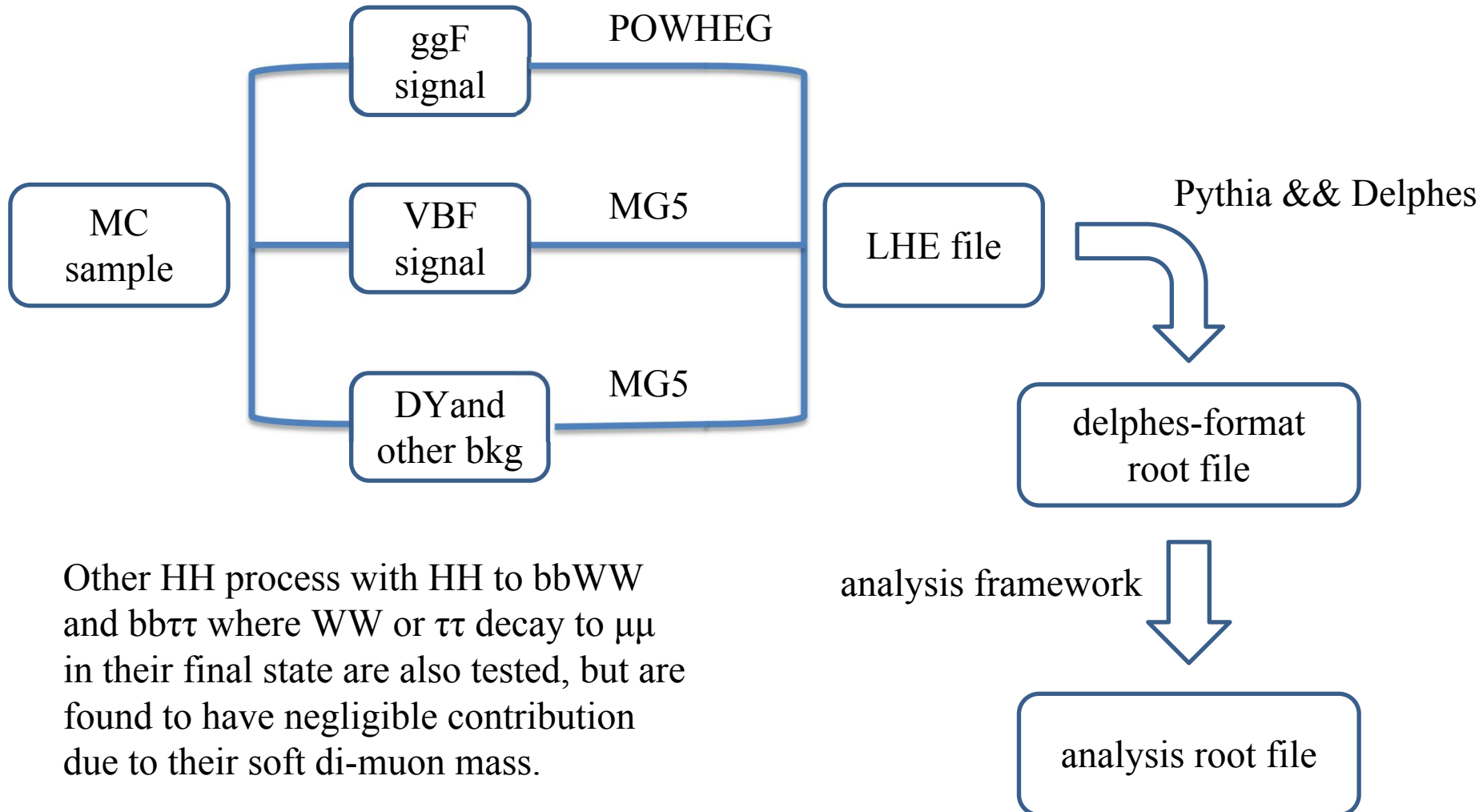
Thank you !



# Back Up



# MC sample





Process	$m_{l+l-}$ [GeV]	$\sigma$ [fb]	$N_{\text{events}}^{\text{gen}} (\times 10^6)$
Drell-Yan	[100, 150]	5481	9.98
Drell-Yan	[150, 200]	384	10.0
Drell-Yan	[200, $+\infty$ ]	201	1.0
$t\bar{t}$	—	4864	2.0
ggH	—	82836	1.0
VBFH	—	4058	1.0
ZH	—	1775	1.0
ttH	—	836	1.0
bbH	—	638	1.0
ggF signal			
$\kappa_\lambda = -5$	—	599	0.55
$\kappa_\lambda = 0$	—	70	0.55
$\kappa_\lambda = 1$	—	31	0.55
$\kappa_\lambda = 2.4$	—	13	0.55
$\kappa_\lambda = 5$	—	95	0.55
$\kappa_\lambda = 10$	—	672	0.55
$\kappa_\lambda = 20$	—	3486	0.55
VBF signal			
$\kappa_{2V} = -10$	—	2365	0.50
$\kappa_{2V} = -5$	—	722	0.50
$\kappa_{2V} = 0$	—	27	0.50
$\kappa_{2V} = 1$	—	1.73	0.50
$\kappa_{2V} = 2$	—	14.2	0.50
$\kappa_{2V} = 5$	—	279	0.50
$\kappa_{2V} = 10$	—	1479	0.50

TABLE I. Summary of Monte Carlo samples.

HL-LHC is expected to have  
23 events that HH to  $bb\mu\mu$ .