Observation of VBF Higgs with the ATLAS Detector

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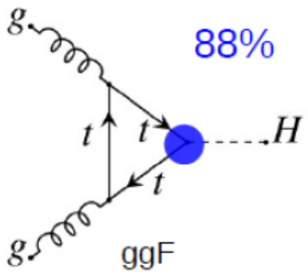
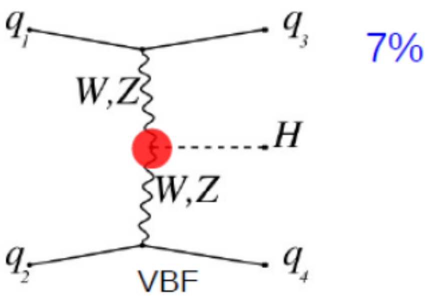
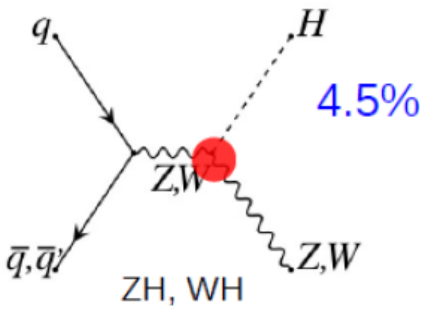
Introduction



Gluon-gluon fusion



Vector Boson Fusion (VBF)



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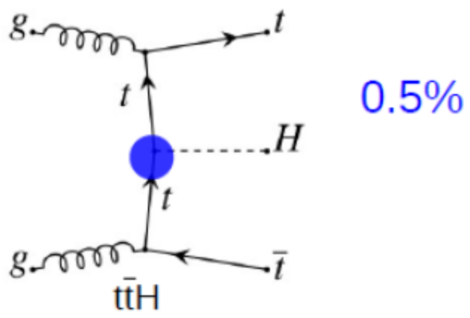

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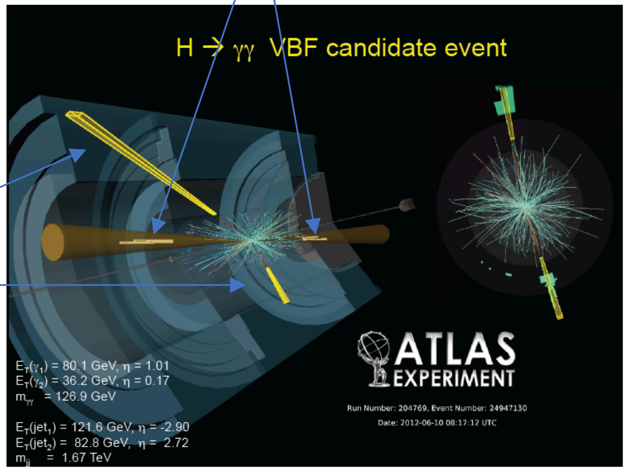
- After the Higgs discovery, it is important to study the Higgs property according to its production, decays, coupling, spin
- VBF provides us an opportunity to understand:
  - Higgs production mode
  - Electro-weak production
  - Search for new physics

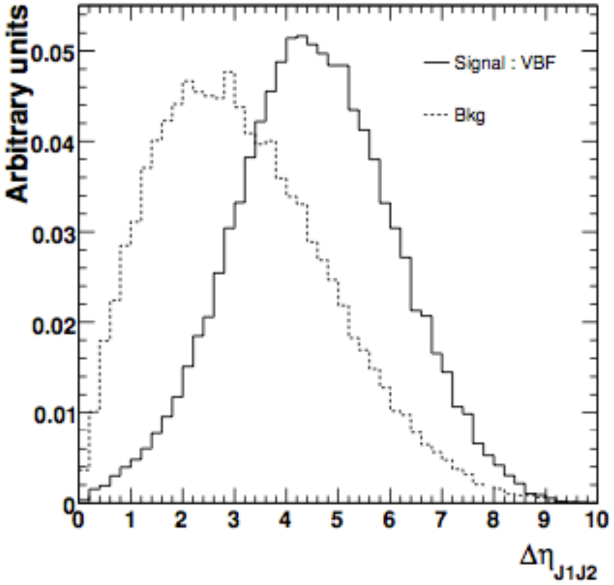
Event signature of VBF Higgs

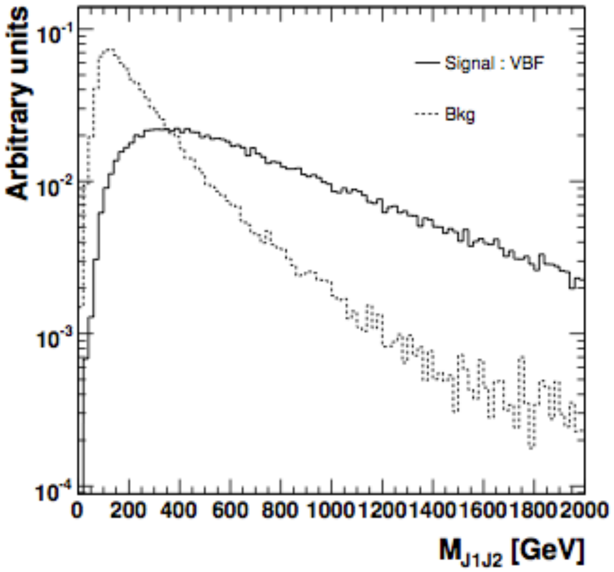
Wisconsin Pheno. Group:
T. Han, D.L. Rainwater, D. Zeppenfeld et al.

- Two forward highly boosted jets.
  - High invariant mass of the di-jet (M_{jj}) and rapidity gap between the two jets ($\Delta\eta_{jj}$)
- The jet activities are suppressed between two VBF jets.
  - Central jet veto
- Multivariate analyses (MVA) to improve the sensitivities.

Central jet veto initially suggested in PRD 42 3052 (1990)





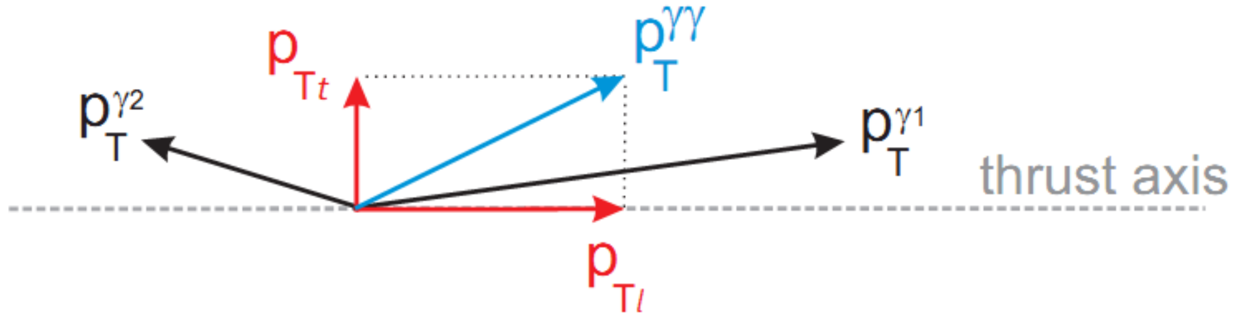


Example: discriminating variables used in ATLAS for $H\to\gamma\gamma$ analysis

- 6 variables below used to separate signal from background

Variables	Definition	Separation power
m_{jj}	Invariant mass of dijet	0.256
$\Delta\eta_{jj}$	Pseudo-rapidity separation of dijet	0.130
$\Delta\Phi_{\gamma\gamma,jj}$	Azimuthal angle between diphoton and dijet system	0.199
p_{Tt}	Diphoton p_T projected perpendicular to the diphoton thrust axis	0.235
$\Delta R^{min}_{\gamma,j}$	Minimum ΔR between one of the two leading photons and the corresponding leading jets	0.185
$\eta^{Zeppenfeld}$	$\lvert\eta_{\gamma\gamma} - 0.5 * (\eta_{j1} + \eta_{j2})\rvert$	0.126

- Separation power: $$< S^2 >= \frac{1}{2}\int \frac{(\hat{y}_s(y) - \hat{y}_b(y))^2}{\hat{y}_s(y) + \hat{y}_b(y)} dy$$
  - two forward jet → large $\Delta\eta_{jj}$
  - high p_T and large $\Delta\eta_{jj}$ jets → large m_{jj}
  - central diphoton and forward dijet → large $\Delta R^{min}_{\gamma,j}$, low η^{Zepp}
  - two photons balancing high p_T jets → high p_{Tt}



Distributions of the discriminating variables

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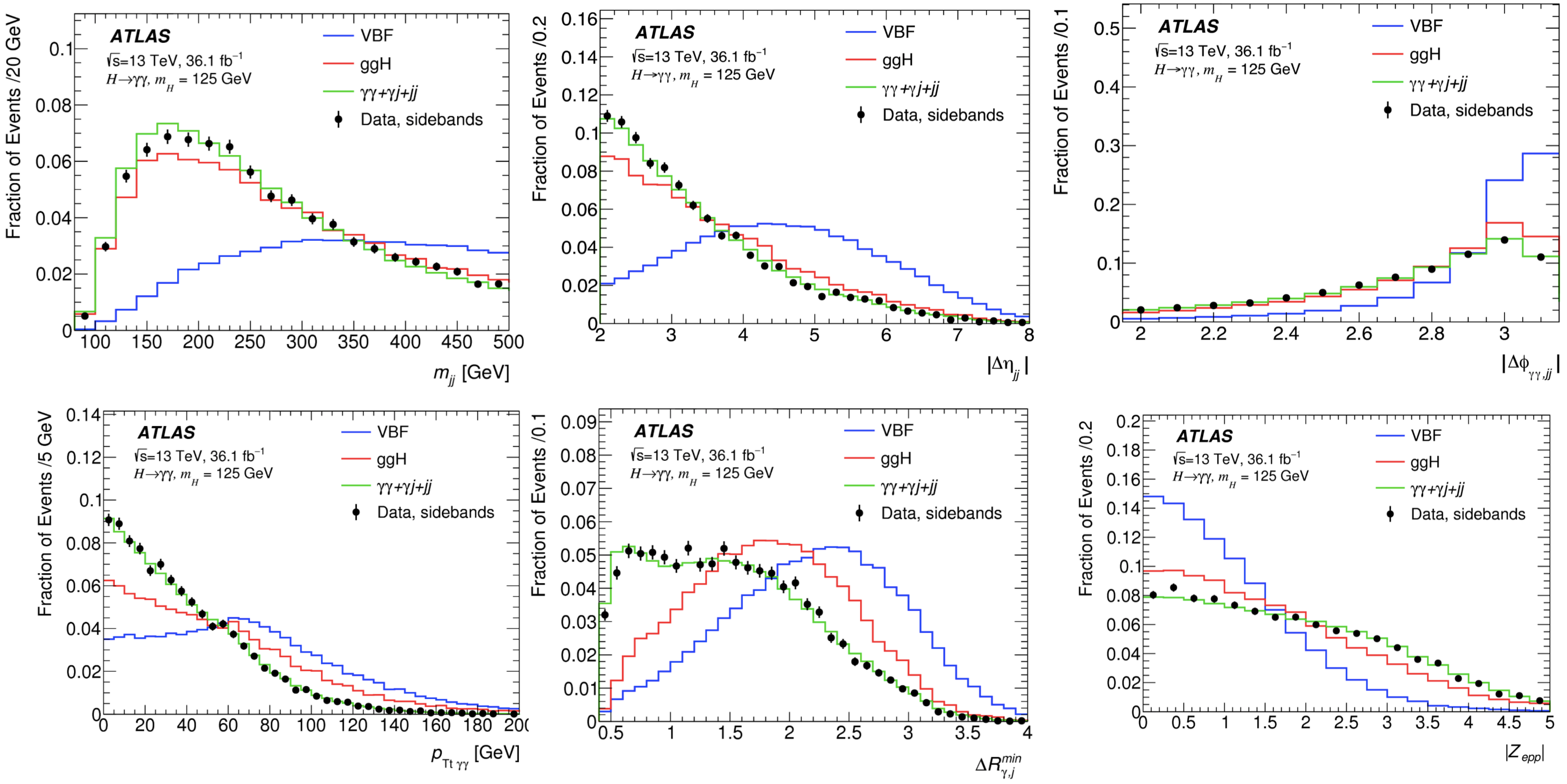
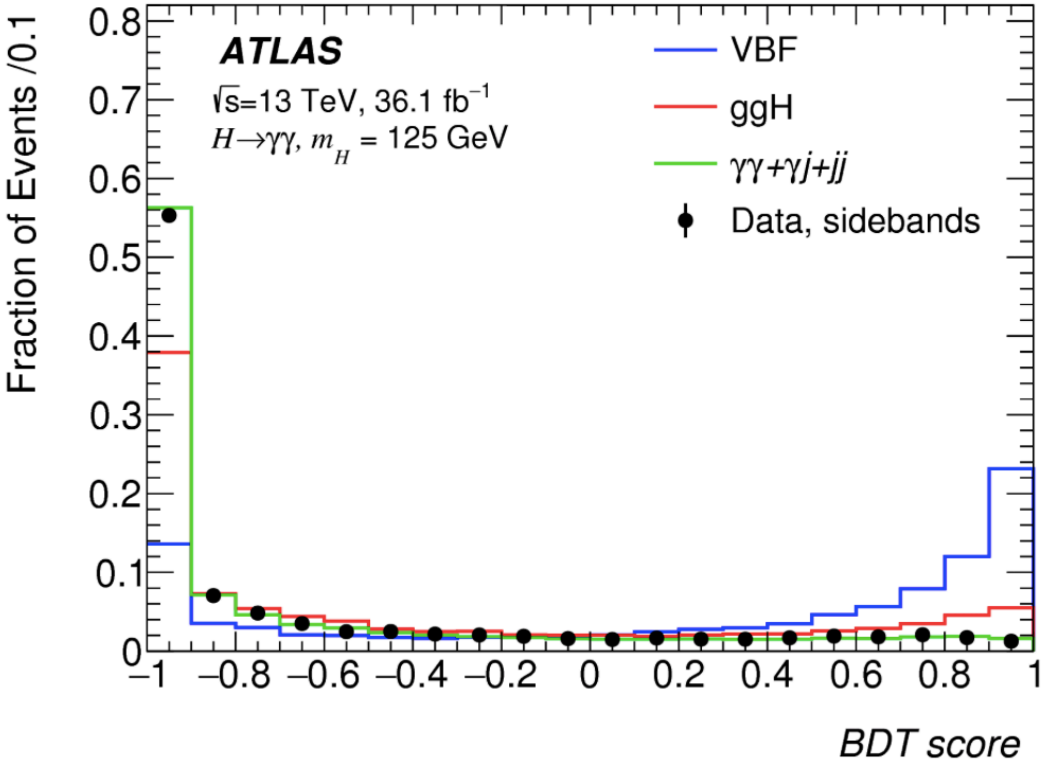
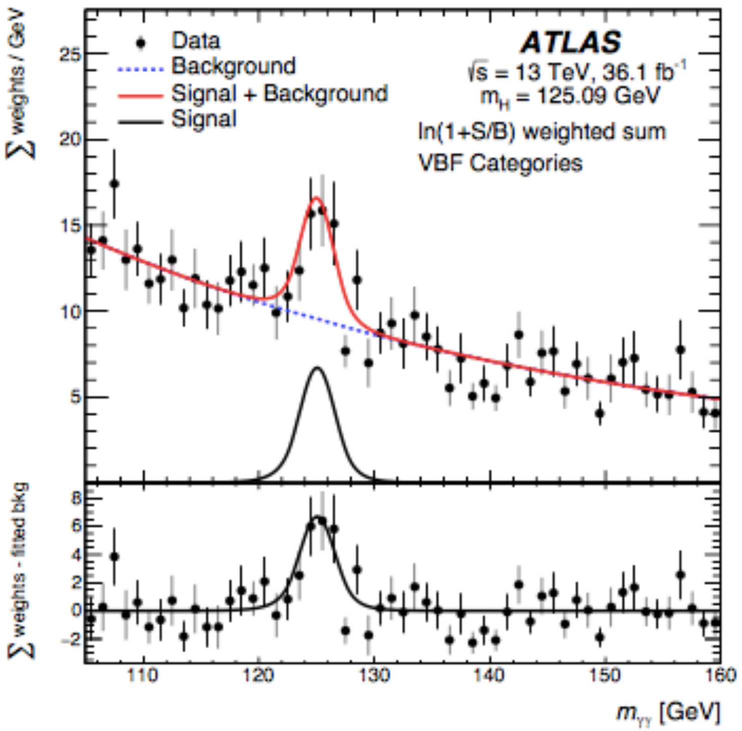


MVA method: Training/optimization

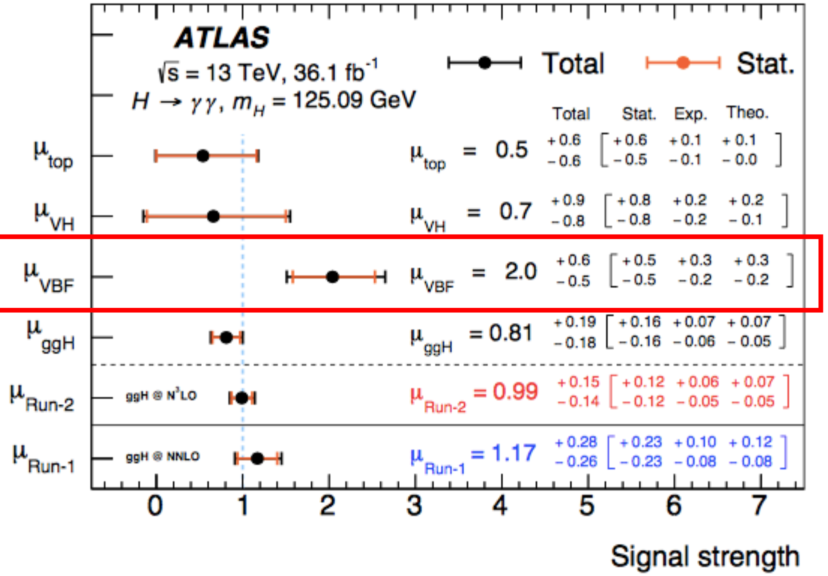
- [120,130] GeV $m_{\gamma\gamma}$ window for data is blinded for training and optimization.
- Signal : VBF 125 GeV.
- Background :
  - $\gamma\gamma$: SHERPA Monte-Carlo .
  - γjet+jets : data with at least one not isolated photon (revIso).
  - The fraction of the two components above are obtained from data-driven method.
  - Overall contribution is normalized to the data.
- For the optimization, both sideband fit from data and MC+revIso are tested
- Divide events into 1-2 categories according to BDT scores; The improvement is above 10-20% w.r.t cut based one.



ATLAS RUN2 VBF H→γγ results (36.1 fb^{-1})



Measurement	Exp. Z_0	Obs. Z_0
μ_{VBF}	$2.6\ \sigma$	$4.9\ \sigma$
μ_{VH}	$1.4\ \sigma$	$0.8\ \sigma$
μ_{top}	$1.8\ \sigma$	$1.0\ \sigma$



- 4.9σ observed with 2.6σ expected from single experiment.
- The signal strength is ~2xSM, which is still consistent with SM prediction within uncertainties.
- Published at Phys. Rev. D 98, 052005 (2018)

RUN2 VBF $H\to\gamma\gamma$ results (79.8 fb^{-1})

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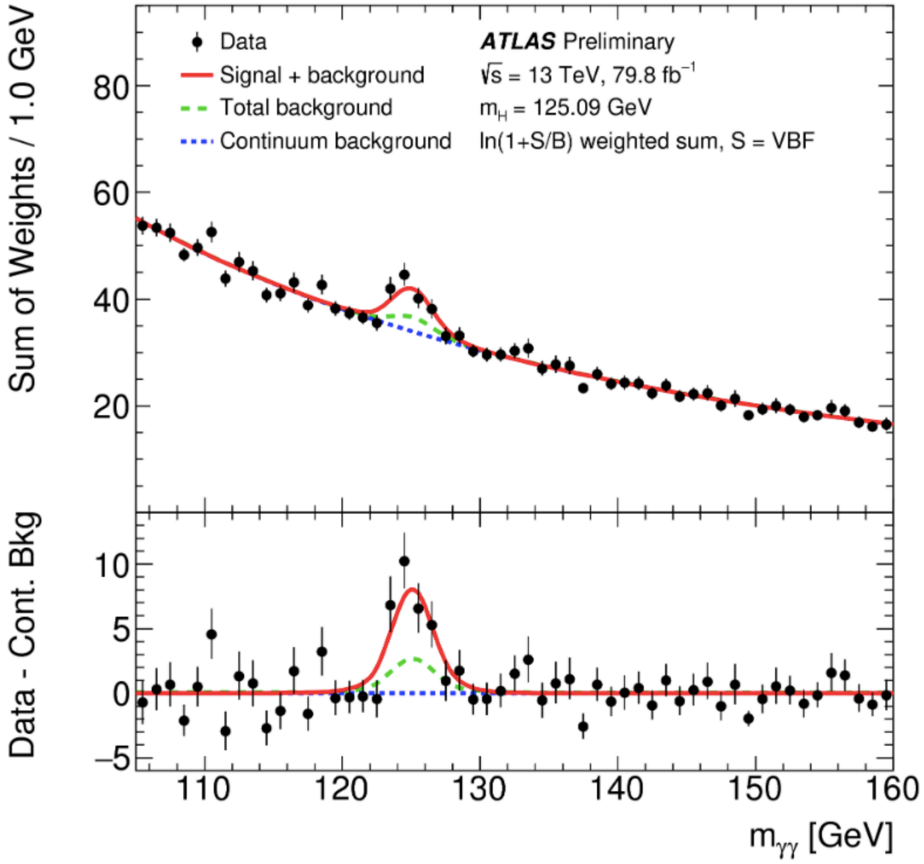
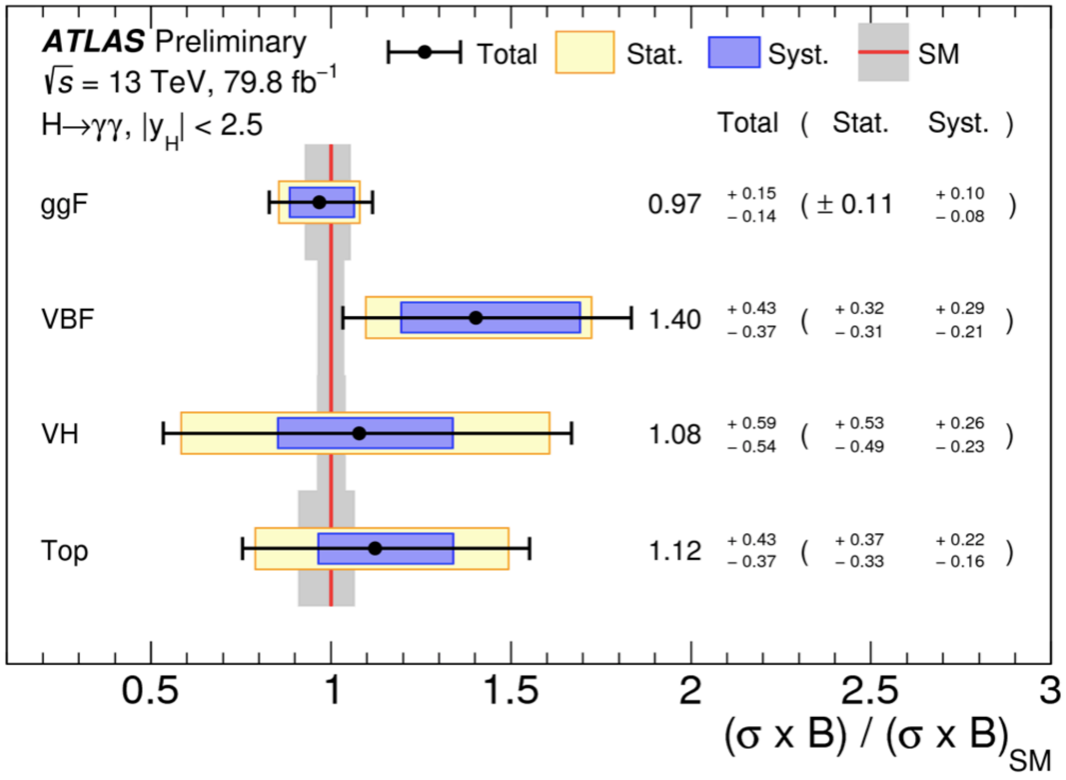
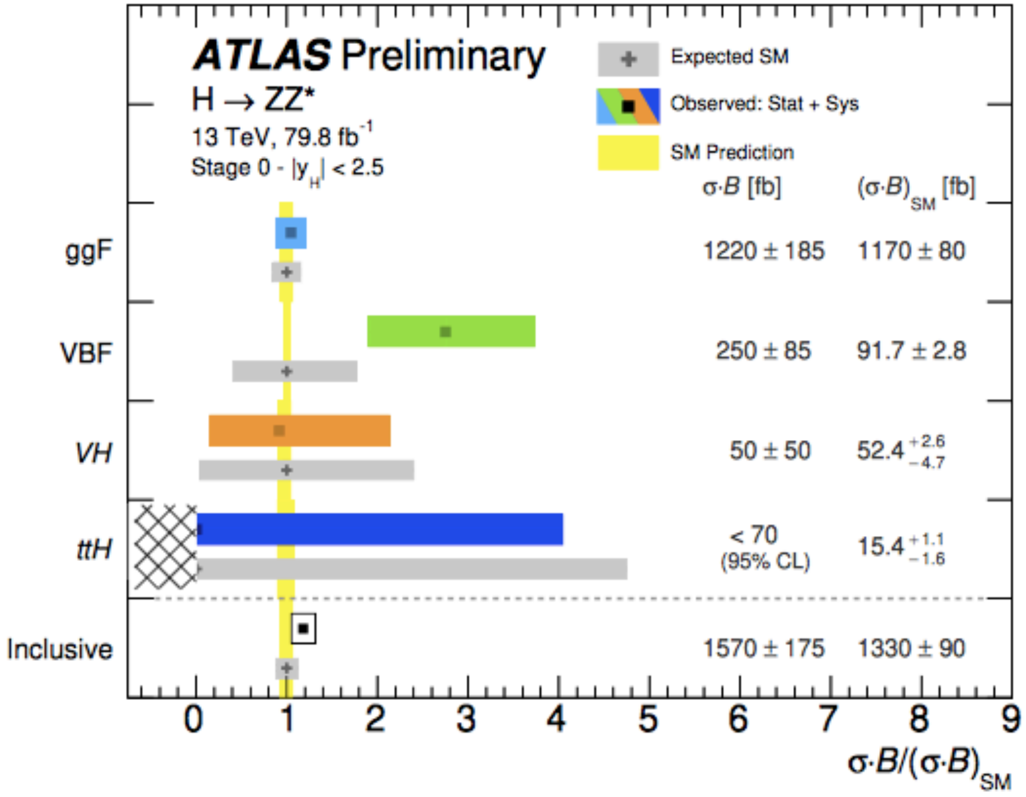




- The signal strength is well consistent with SM prediction within uncertainties

VBF H→ZZ*



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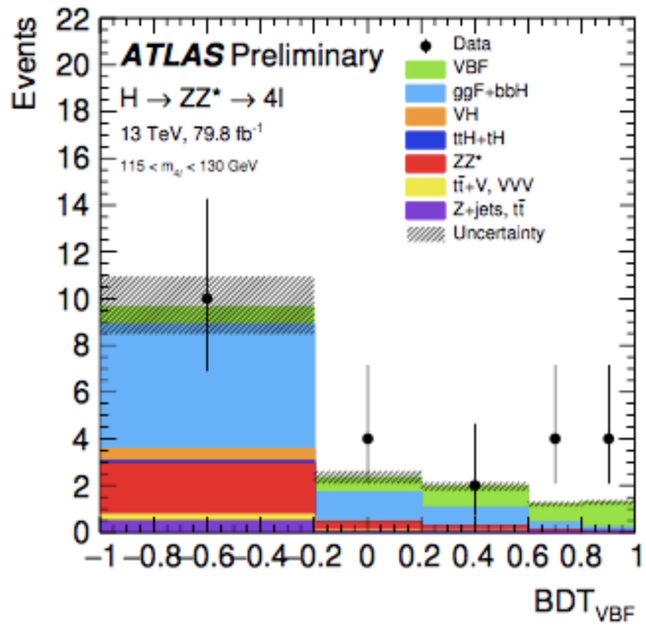

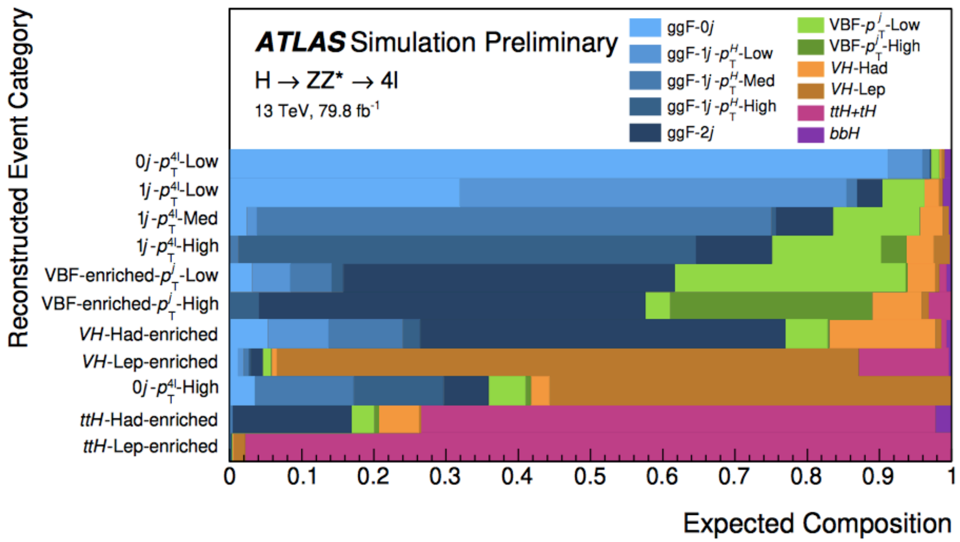

- ATLAS VBF H→*ZZ** is around 2.5xSM prediction which is still consistent with SM prediction considering the large statistical uncertainty
- Statistical uncertainty is the dominant one (can contribute 90% of total uncertainty).

VBF H→$\tau\tau$

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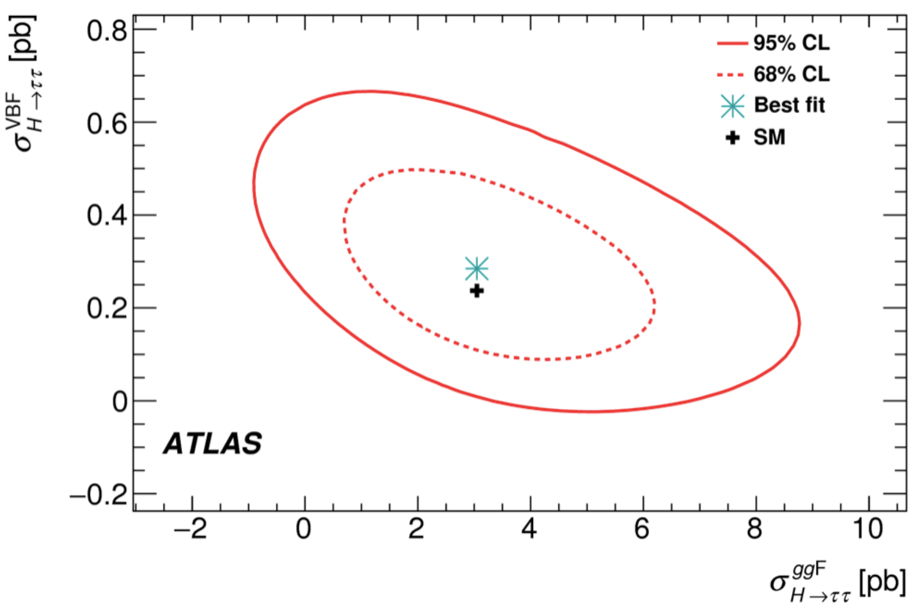
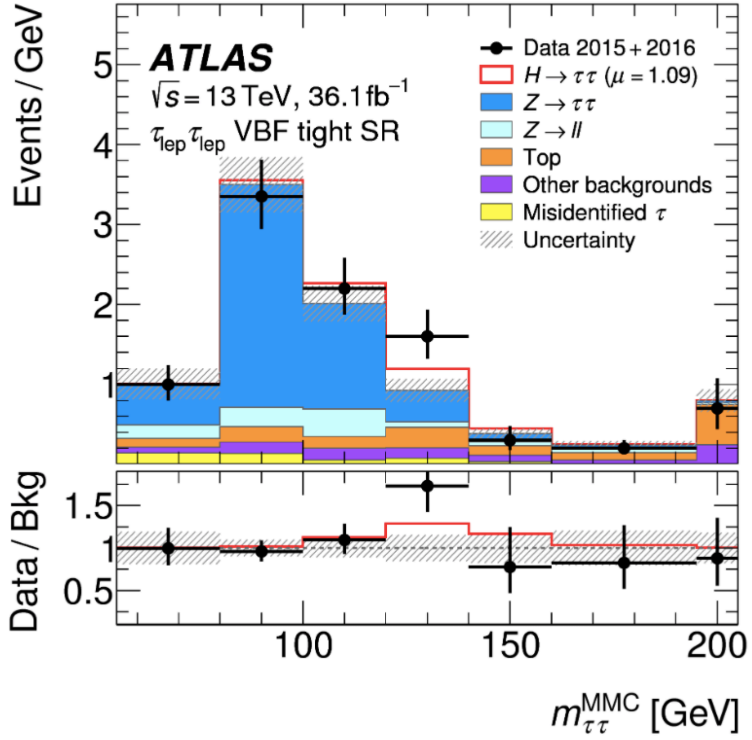


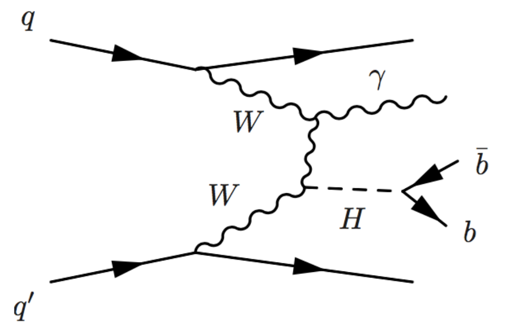


Process	Particle-level selection	σ [pb]	σ^{SM} [pb]
ggF	$N_{jets} \geq 1$, $60 < p_T^H < 120$ GeV, $\lvert y_H\rvert < 2.5$	1.79 ± 0.53 (stat.) ± 0.74 (syst.)	0.40 ± 0.05
ggF	$N_{jets} \geq 1$, $p_T^H > 120$ GeV, $\lvert y_H\rvert < 2.5$	0.12 ± 0.05 (stat.) ± 0.05 (syst.)	0.14 ± 0.03
VBF	$\lvert y_H\rvert < 2.5$	0.25 ± 0.08 (stat.) ± 0.08 (syst.)	0.22 ± 0.01

- For the VBF H→$\tau\tau$, the observed signal strength is slightly higher than the SM prediction.

VBF H→*bb*

- VBF H→*bb* analysis is divided into two categories (tagging or non-tagging photon)
- The tagging of one photon is efficient to suppress QCD background.



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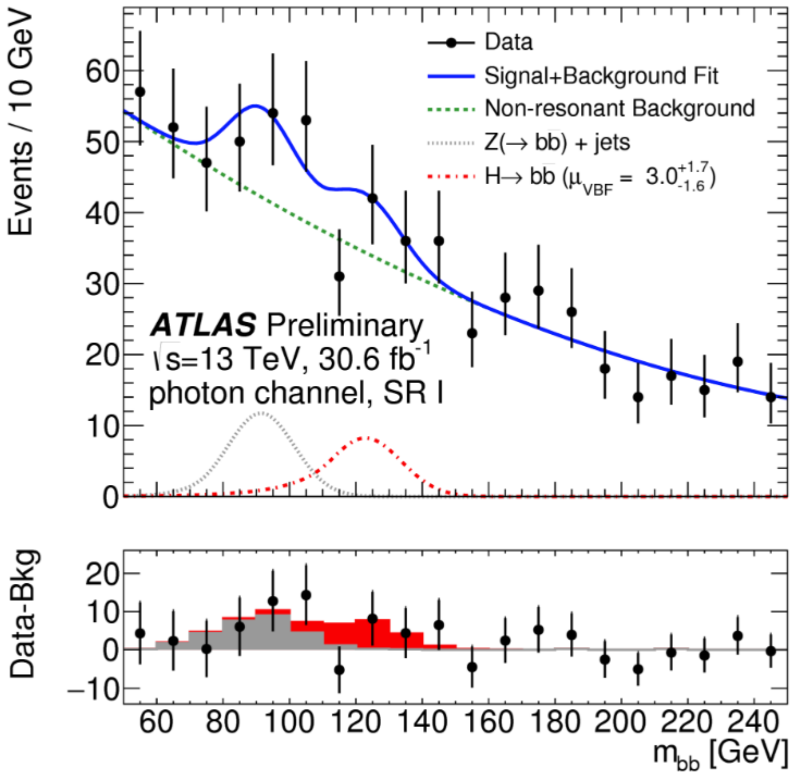
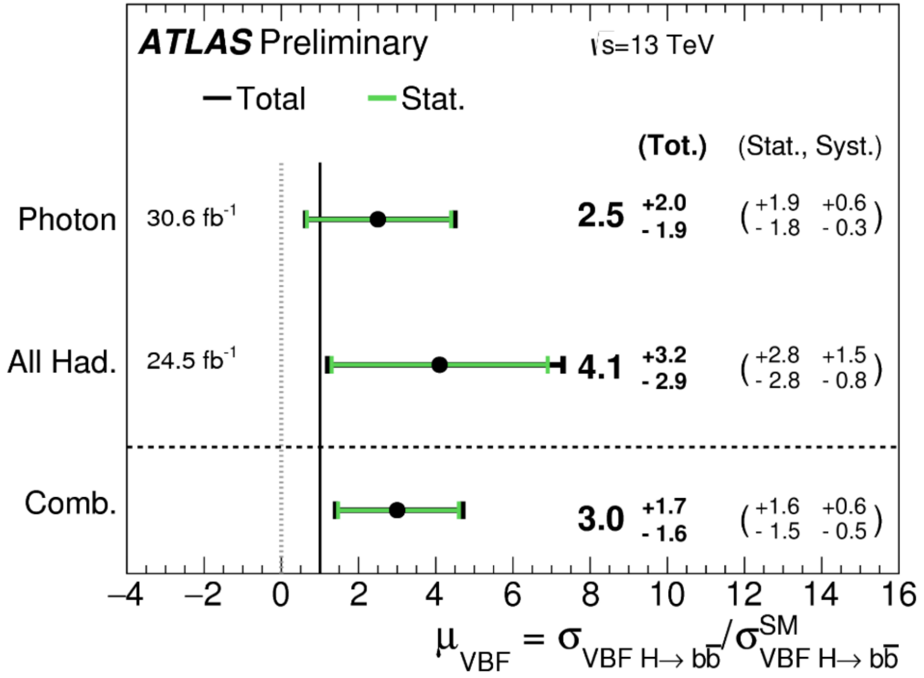
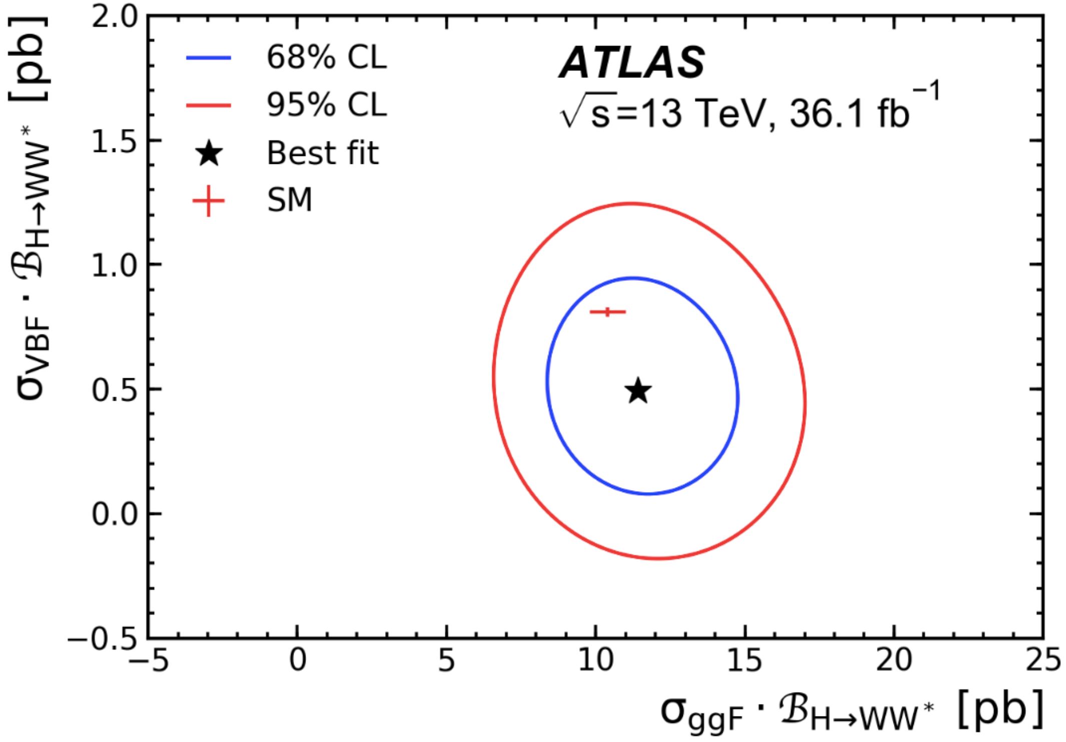




➢ **The observed signal strength for VBF H→*bb* is ~3xSM, which is still consistent with SM within the error bar.**

ATLAS VBF H→*WW**



Source	$\Delta\sigma_{ggF} \cdot \mathcal{B}_{H\to WW^*}$ [%]	$\Delta\sigma_{VBF} \cdot \mathcal{B}_{H\to WW^*}$ [%]
Data statistics	10	46
CR statistics	7	9
MC statistics	6	21
Theoretical uncertainties	10	19
ggF signal	5	13
VBF signal	<1	4
WW	6	12
Top-quark	5	5
Experimental uncertainties	8	9
b-tagging	4	6
Modelling of pile-up	5	2
Jet	2	2
Lepton	3	<1
Misidentified leptons	6	9
Luminosity	3	3
TOTAL	18	57

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$$\mu_{ggF} = 1.10^{+0.10}_{-0.09}(\text{stat.})^{+0.13}_{-0.11}(\text{theo syst.})^{+0.14}_{-0.13}(\text{exp syst.}) = 1.10^{+0.21}_{-0.20}$$

$$\mu_{VBF} = 0.62^{+0.29}_{-0.27}(\text{stat.})^{+0.12}_{-0.13}(\text{theo syst.}) \pm 0.15(\text{exp syst.}) = 0.62^{+0.36}_{-0.35}$$

VBF is around 0.6xSM prediction which is still consistent with SM prediction considering the large statistical uncertainty.

Combination of different channels

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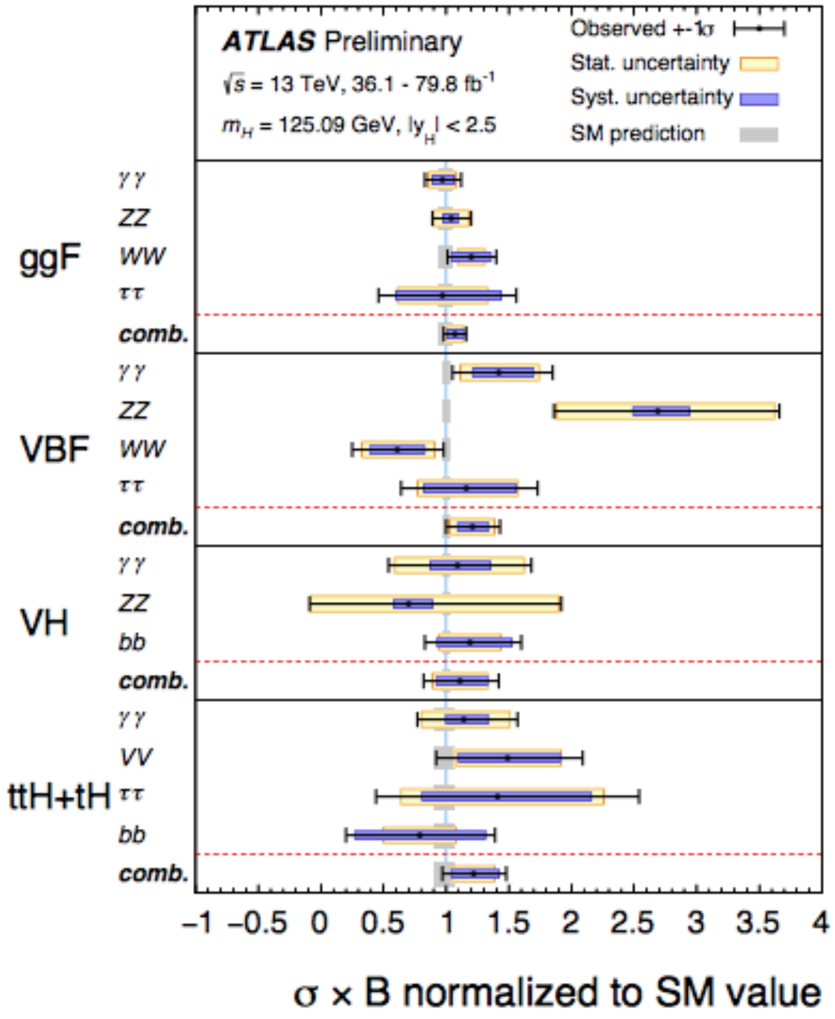

Process ($\|y_H\| < 2.5$)	Value [pb]	Uncertainty [pb] Total	Stat.	Exp.	Sig. th.	Bkg. th.	SM pred. [pb]	Significance obs. (exp.)
ggF	47.8	± 4.0	± 3.1	$^{+2.7}_{-2.2}$	± 0.9	± 1.3	44.7 ± 2.2	-
VBF	4.25	$^{+0.77}_{-0.74}$	± 0.63	$^{+0.39}_{-0.35}$	$^{+0.25}_{-0.21}$	$^{+0.14}_{-0.11}$	3.515 ± 0.075	6.5 (5.3)
WH	1.89	$^{+0.63}_{-0.58}$	$^{+0.45}_{-0.42}$	$^{+0.29}_{-0.28}$	$^{+0.25}_{-0.16}$	$^{+0.23}_{-0.22}$	1.204 ± 0.024	4.1 (3.7) (WH and ZH)
ZH	0.59	$^{+0.33}_{-0.32}$	$^{+0.27}_{-0.25}$	± 0.14	$^{+0.08}_{-0.02}$	± 0.11	$0.794^{+0.033}_{-0.027}$	
$t\bar{t}H + tH$	0.71	± 0.15	± 0.10	± 0.07	$^{+0.05}_{-0.04}$	$^{+0.08}_{-0.07}$	$0.586^{+0.034}_{-0.050}$	5.8 (5.3)

- Combining H→γγ, *ZZ*,WW**, one can achieve 6.5σ (5.3σ) observed (expected) for VBF Higgs.
- The dominant contribution is from H→γγ.
- The result is well consistent with SM prediction.

Conclusion

- VBF Higgs production has a unique event signature and can be studied with MVA method.
- Results from the channels ($H\rightarrow ZZ^*, WW^*, \tau\tau, bb$) have been shown with 36.1-79.8 fb^{-1} data:
  - The combined result achieves $6.5\sigma/5.3\sigma$ (observed/expected), which is the first observation of VBF Higgs from single experiment.
  - $H\rightarrow\gamma\gamma$ makes a leading contribution.
- The analyses with full RUN2 data are ongoing.

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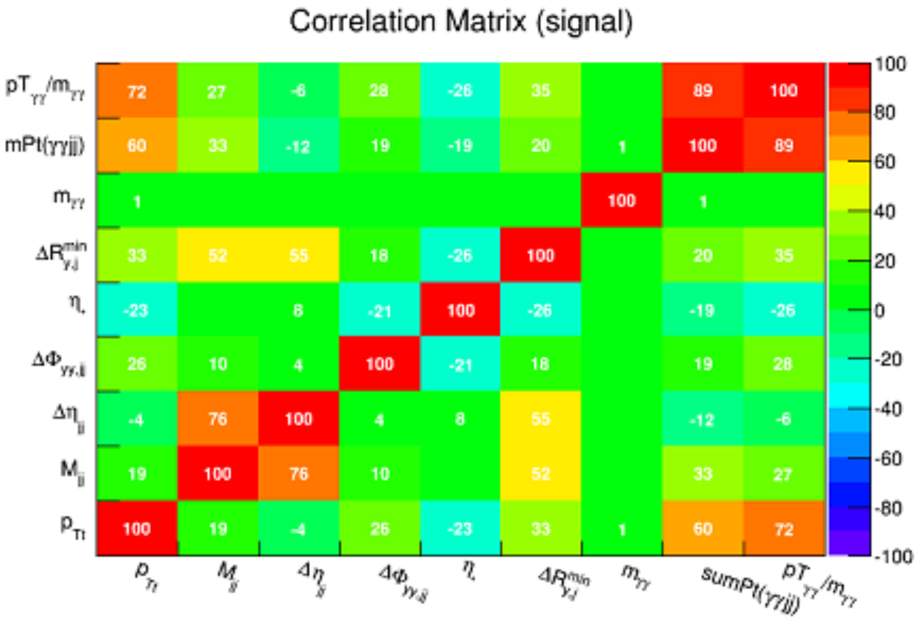
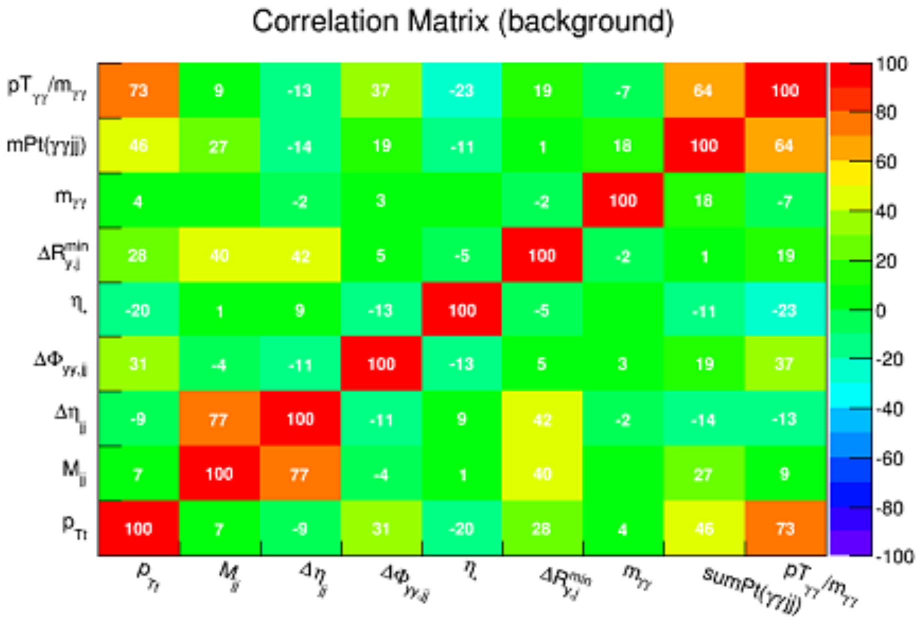
correlation to m_H

- the used variables should not be correlated to $m_{\gamma\gamma}$





CMS VBF H->γγ strategy

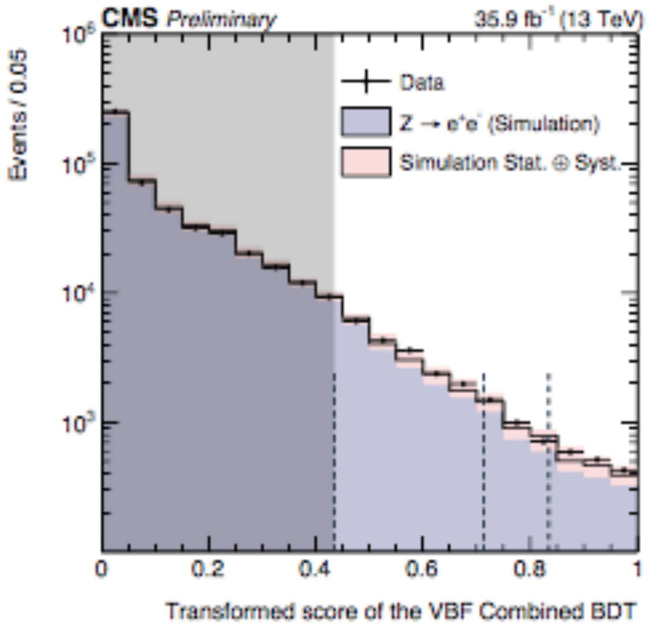
Events produced via the VBF mechanism features two jets in the final state separated by a large rapidity gap. A multivariate discriminant is trained to tag the VBF jets kinematics, considering as background the production process of ggH + jets, and is given as input to an additional "combined" multivariate classifier along with the score of the photon identification MVA, the diphoton BDT score, and the ratio $p_{T\gamma\gamma}/m_{\gamma\gamma}$. Figure 7 (left) shows the transformed score of the combined multivariate classifier for data in the mass side-band region 105-115 GeV and 135-145 GeV, along with the predicted VBF and ggH distributions. The classifier score has been transformed such that the signal events from the VBF production mode has a uniform, flat, distribution. A validation of the score of the combined multivariate classifier obtained in $Z \to e^+e^-$ + jets events, where the electrons are reconstructed as photons and at least two jets satisfy the requirements listed below to enter the VBF category, is shown in Fig. 7 (right) for data and simulation.

Selections:

- one jet with $p_T > 40$ GeV and one with $p_T > 30$ GeV, both with $|\eta| < 4.7$ and width a tight requirement on the pileup jet identification;
- the invariant mass of the two jets $m_{jj} > 250$ GeV;
- the combined multivariate discriminant greater than 0.43.

- leading photon $p_T > m_{\gamma\gamma}/3$, sub-leading photon $p_T > m_{\gamma\gamma}/4$;
- photon ID BDT score greater than -0.2, in order to provide additional rejection against background events whose kinematics yield a high diphoton BDT score despite one reconstructed photon with a relatively low ID score;

- BDT training :
  - VBF Higgs vs ggH+jets
  - Divided into 3 cats.
- Validated with Z->ee events



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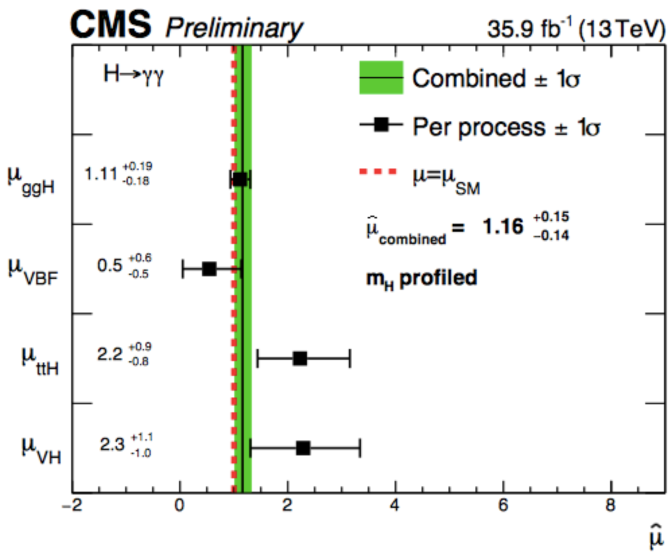
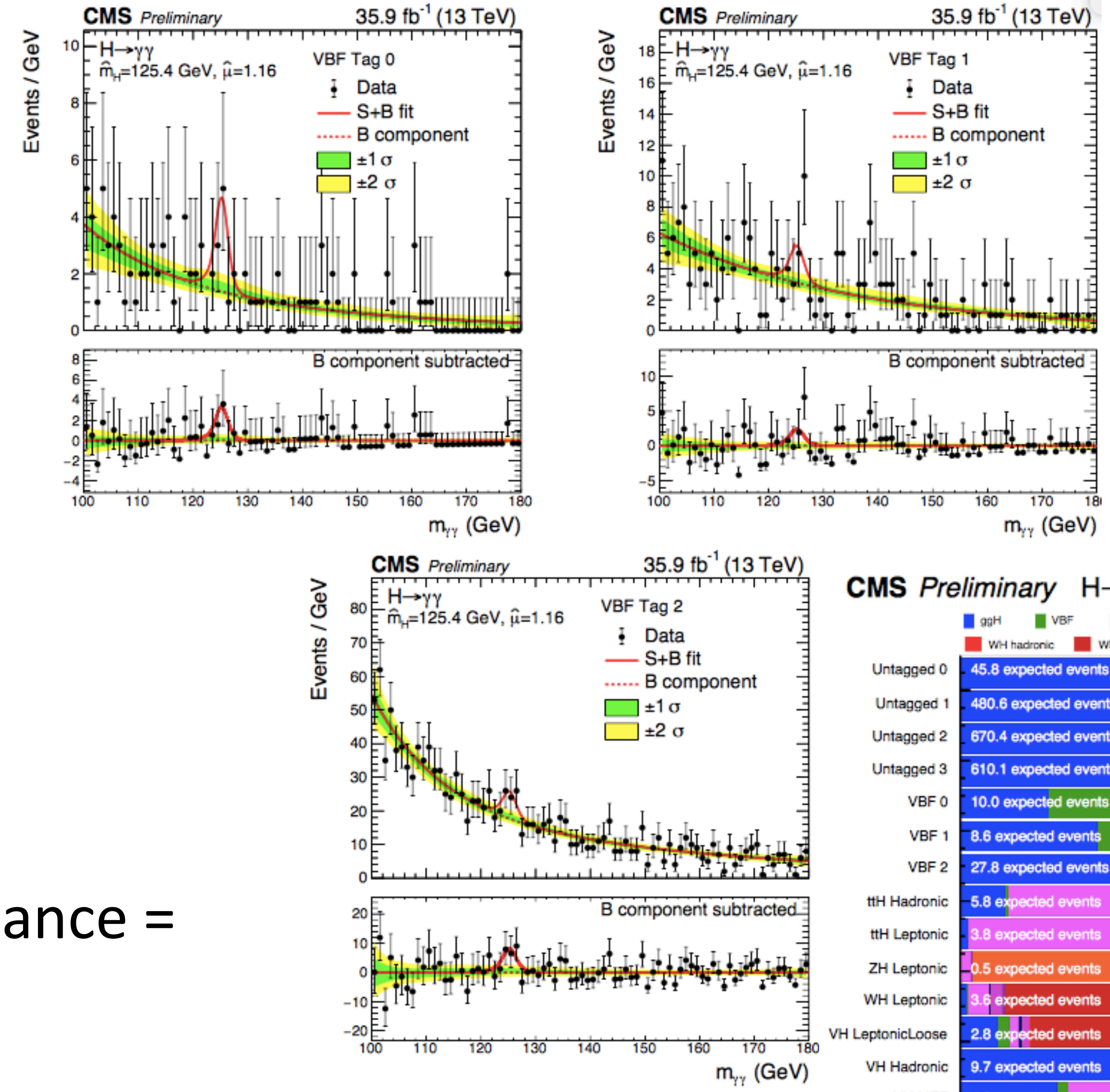
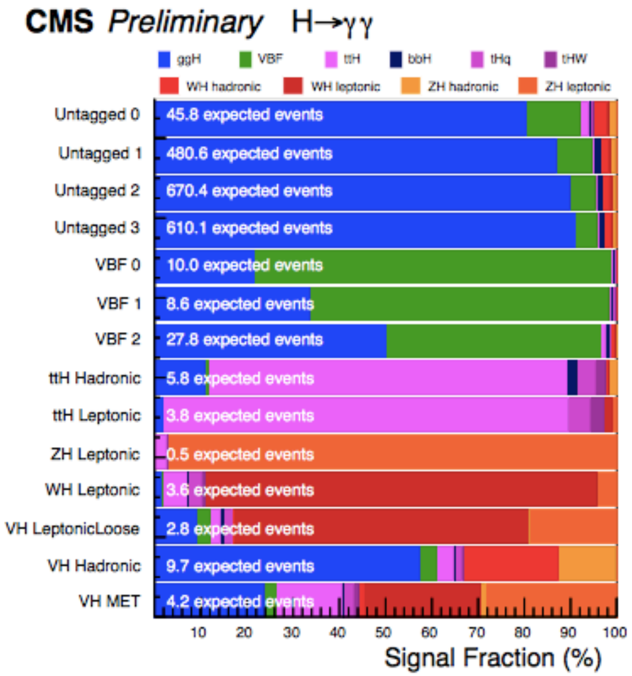
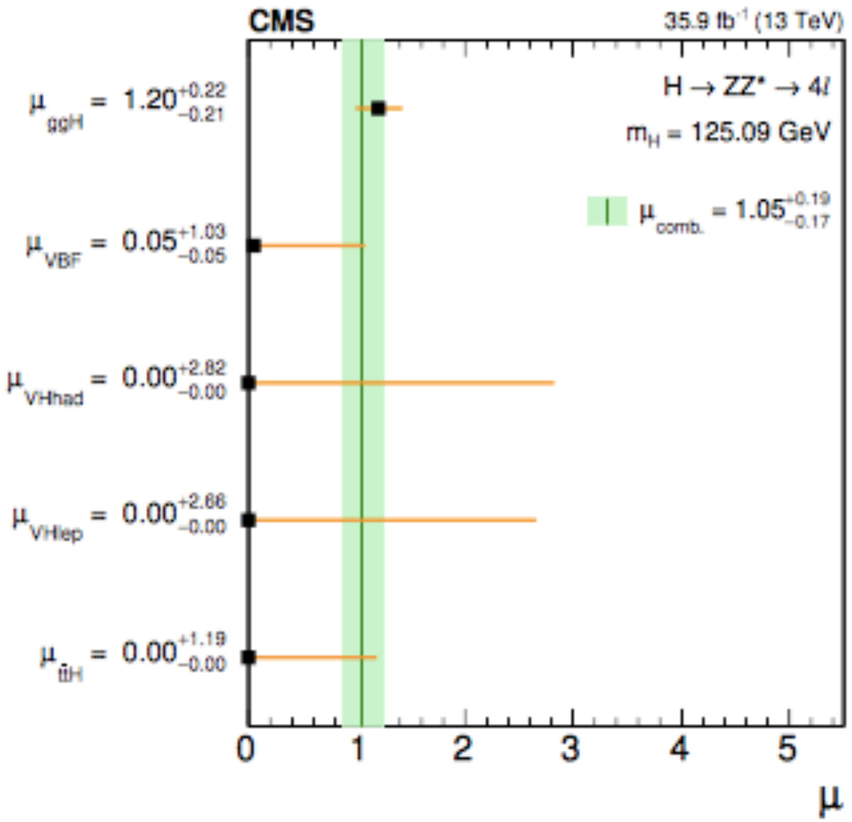


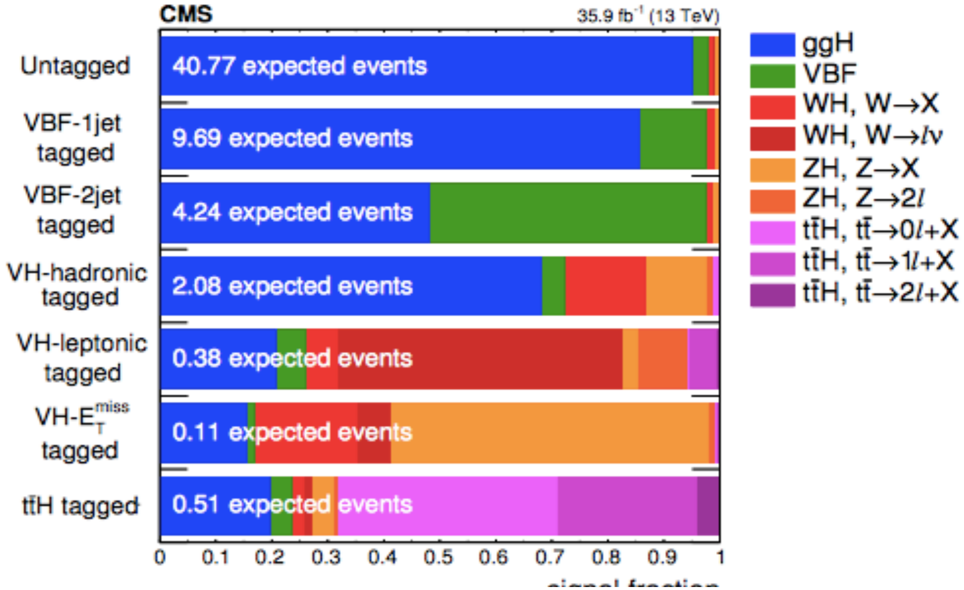




Observed (expected) Significance = 1.1σ/1.9σ

CMS VBF H->ZZ





	Event category							
	Untagged	VBF-1j	VBF-2j	VH-hadr.	VH-lept.	VH-E_T^{miss}	tt̄H	Inclusive
qq̄ → ZZ	19.18	2.00	0.25	0.30	0.27	0.01	0.01	22.01
gg → ZZ	1.67	0.31	0.05	0.02	0.04	0.01	<0.0	2.09
Z+X	10.79	0.88	0.78	0.31	0.17	0.30	0.27	13.52
Sum of backgrounds	31.64	3.18	1.08	0.63	0.49	0.32	0.28	37.62
uncertainties	$^{+4.30}_{-3.42}$	$^{+0.37}_{-0.32}$	$^{+0.29}_{-0.21}$	$^{+0.13}_{-0.09}$	$^{+0.07}_{-0.07}$	$^{+0.14}_{-0.11}$	$^{+0.09}_{-0.07}$	$^{+5.19}_{-4.18}$
gg → H	38.78	8.31	2.04	1.41	0.08	0.02	0.10	50.74
VBF	1.08	1.14	2.09	0.09	0.02	<0.01	0.02	4.44
WH	0.43	0.14	0.05	0.30	0.21	0.03	0.02	1.18
ZH	0.41	0.11	0.04	0.24	0.04	0.07	0.02	0.93
tt̄H	0.08	<0.01	0.02	0.03	0.02	<0.01	0.35	0.50
Signal	40.77	9.69	4.24	2.08	0.38	0.11	0.51	57.79
uncertainties	$^{+3.69}_{-3.62}$	$^{+1.13}_{-1.17}$	$^{+0.55}_{-0.55}$	$^{+0.23}_{-0.23}$	$^{+0.03}_{-0.03}$	$^{+0.01}_{-0.02}$	$^{+0.06}_{-0.06}$	$^{+4.89}_{-4.80}$
Total expected	72.41	12.88	5.32	2.71	0.86	0.43	0.79	95.41
uncertainties	$^{+7.35}_{-6.27}$	$^{+1.25}_{-1.21}$	$^{+0.78}_{-0.65}$	$^{+0.34}_{-0.28}$	$^{+0.10}_{-0.09}$	$^{+0.15}_{-0.12}$	$^{+0.14}_{-0.12}$	$^{+9.86}_{-8.32}$
Observed	73	13	4	2	1	1	0	94

Table 2. The numbers of expected background and signal events and the number of observed candidate events after the full selection, for each event category, for the mass range $118 < m_{4\ell} < 130$ GeV. The yields are given for the different production modes. The signal and ZZ backgrounds yields are estimated from simulation, while the Z+X yield is estimated from data.