

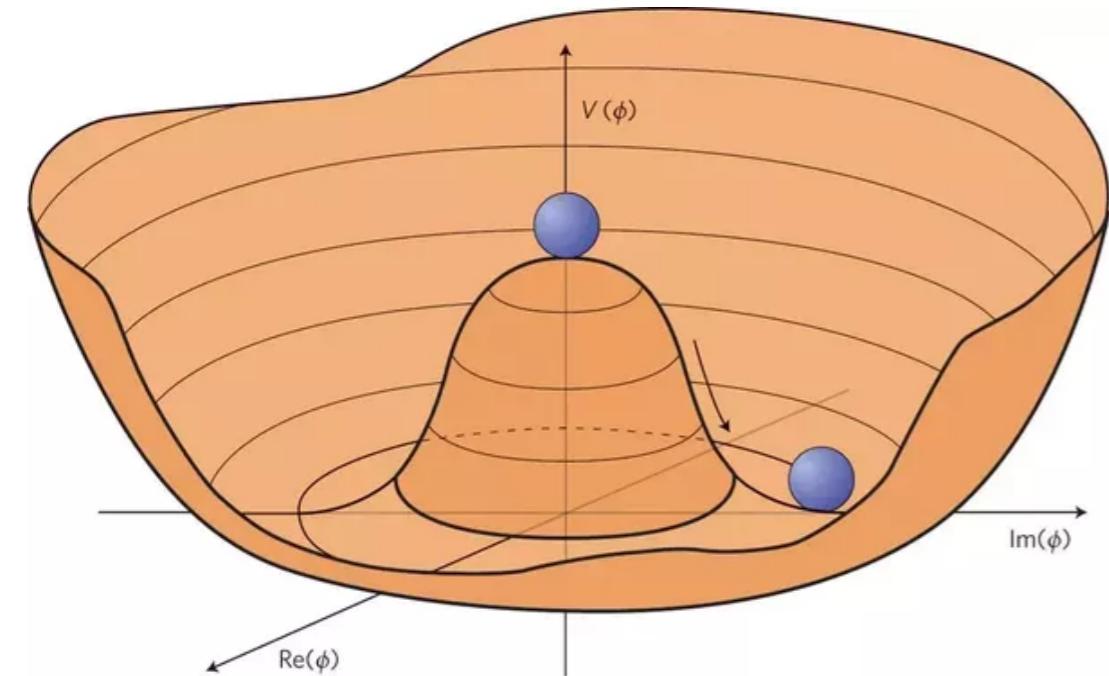
# Higgs boson decays to fermions with the ATLAS detector

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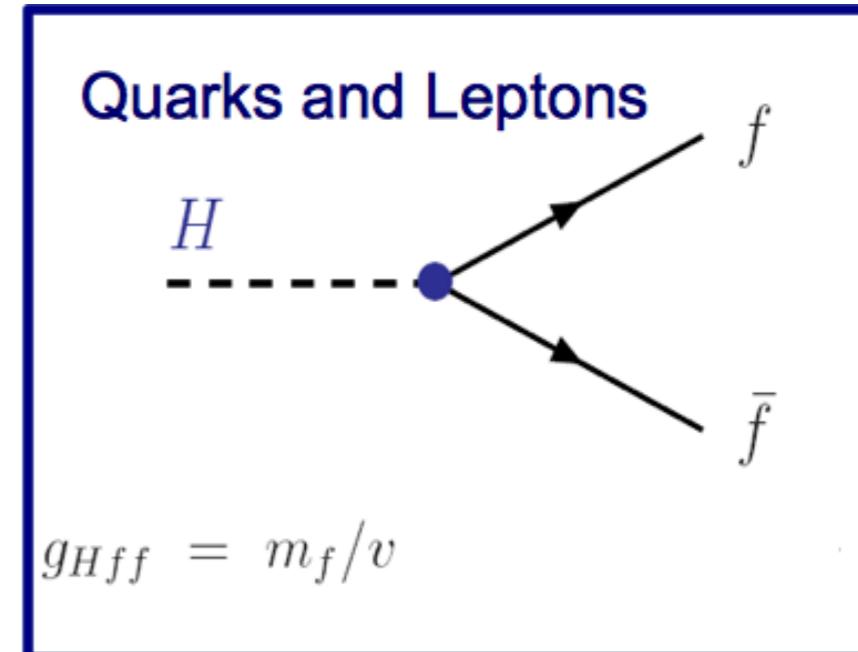
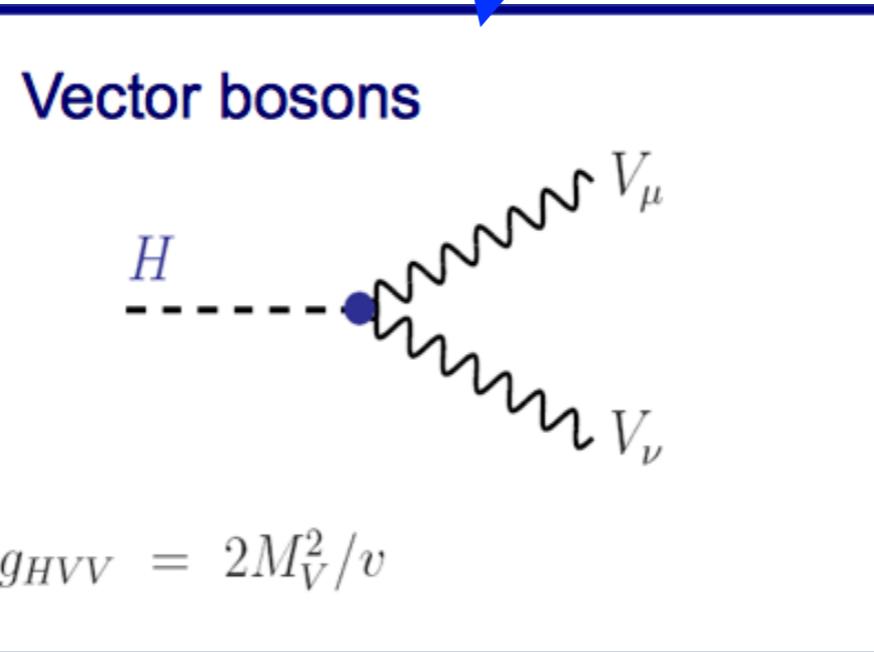
# The Higgs Mechanism



$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Higgs}} = |D_\mu \varphi|^2 - V(\varphi)$$
$$- (g_f \bar{\Psi}_L \varphi \Psi_R + h.c.)$$
$$- (g_f \bar{\Psi}_L \varphi_c \Psi_R + h.c.)$$

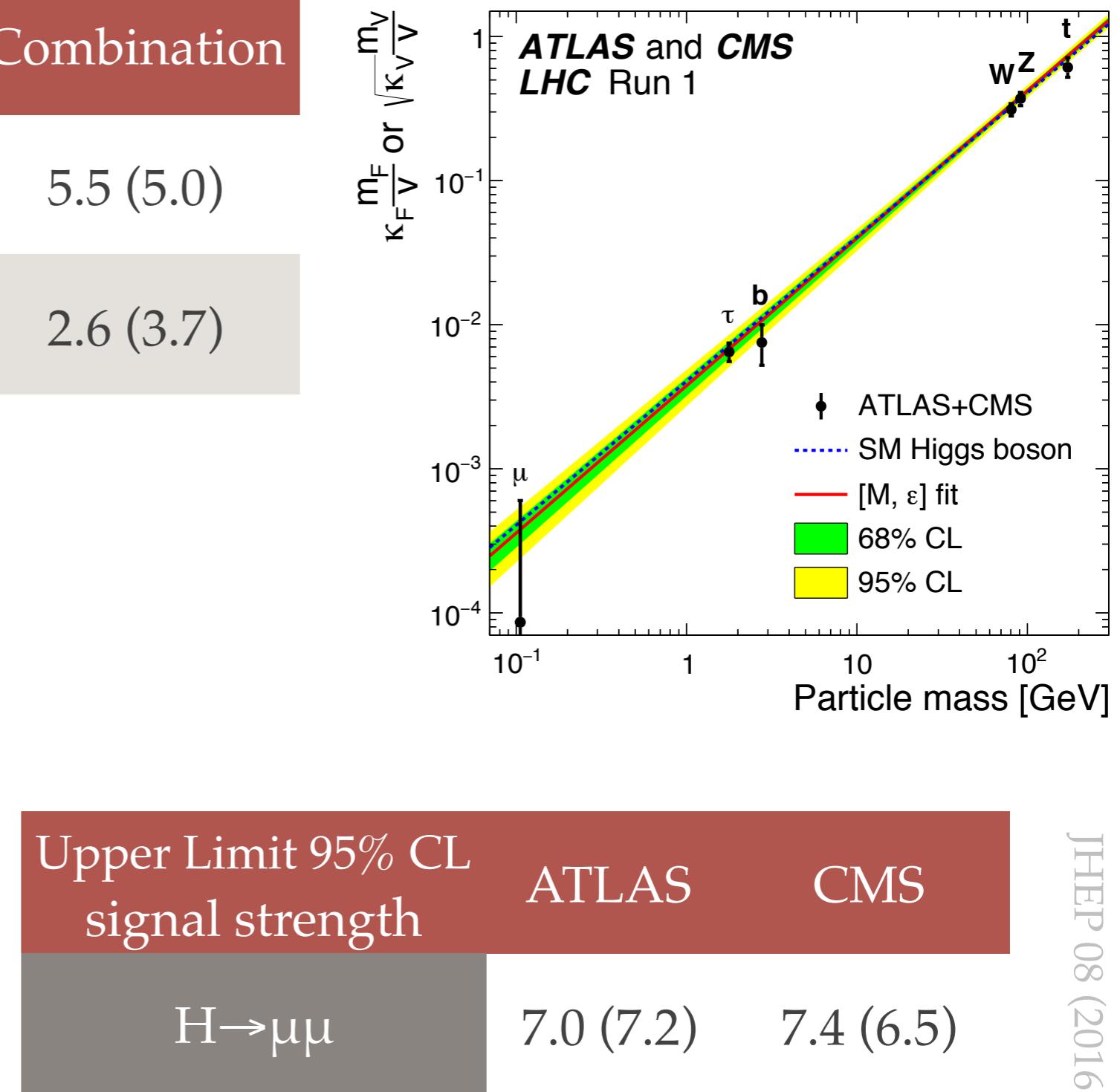
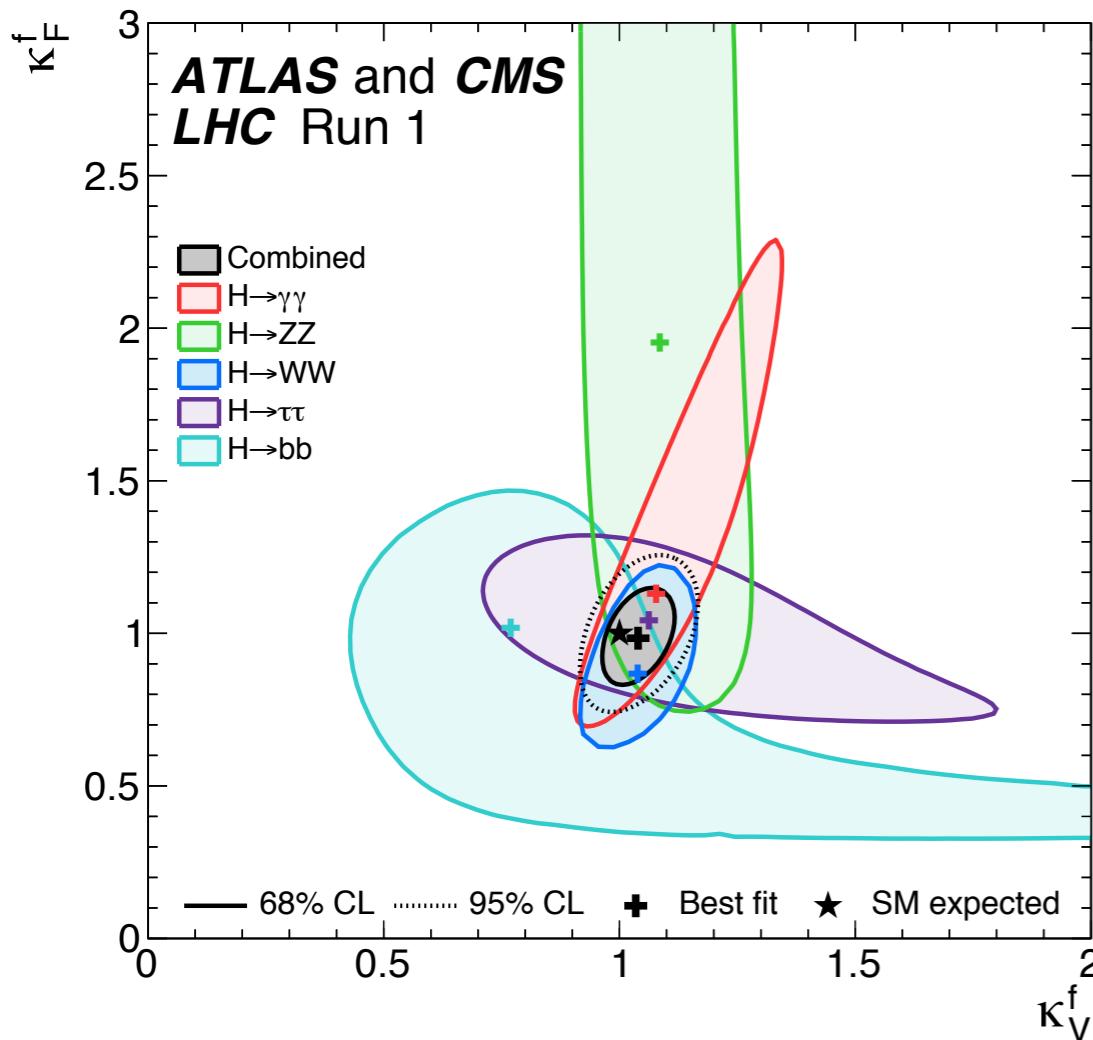
Higgs discovery in 2012  
based upon bosonic decays

Fermionic couplings based  
upon different terms in  
Lagrangian



# Run-1 Legacy for $H \rightarrow ff$

Significance [ $\sigma$ ] obs. (exp.)	ATLAS	CMS	Combination
$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$	4.5 (3.4)	3.4 (3.7)	5.5 (5.0)
$H \rightarrow bb$	1.7 (2.7)	2.0 (2.5)	2.6 (3.7)



# Updated Run-2 Analyses ( $H \rightarrow ff$ )

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$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$

- **verify Higgs-lepton couplings**

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$H \rightarrow \mu\mu$

- verify Higgs couplings to 2nd generation fermions

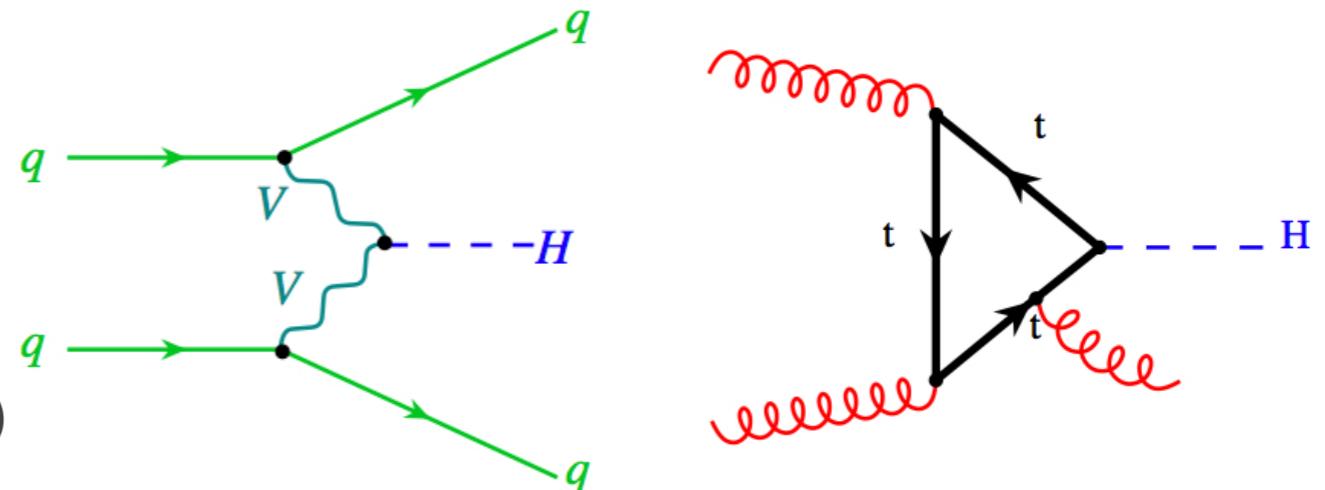
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# The $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ Channel

Exploit:

- Higgs production properties  
i.e. VBF and boosted kinematics
- All tau decay combinations  
 $\tau_{\text{lep}}\tau_{\text{lep}}$  (12%),  $\tau_{\text{lep}}\tau_{\text{had}}$  (46%),  $\tau_{\text{had}}\tau_{\text{had}}$  (42%)



Cut-based analysis with 13 signal regions using  $m_{\tau\tau}^{\text{MMC}}$  as final discriminating variable  
( $m_{\tau\tau}^{\text{MMC}}$  based on likelihood technique from visible products and  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$ )

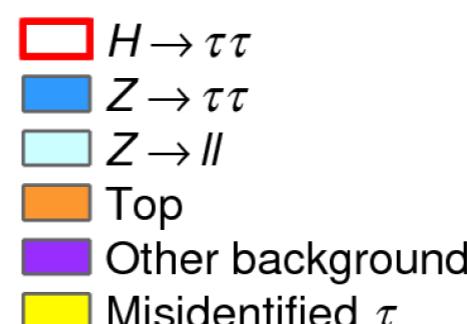
## Fake $\tau$ backgrounds (data-driven)

- measurements of tau misidentification probability
- templates from inverted charge/track requirements

## Top, $Z \rightarrow ll$ , other backgrounds (MC-based)

- dedicated control regions to normalize MC

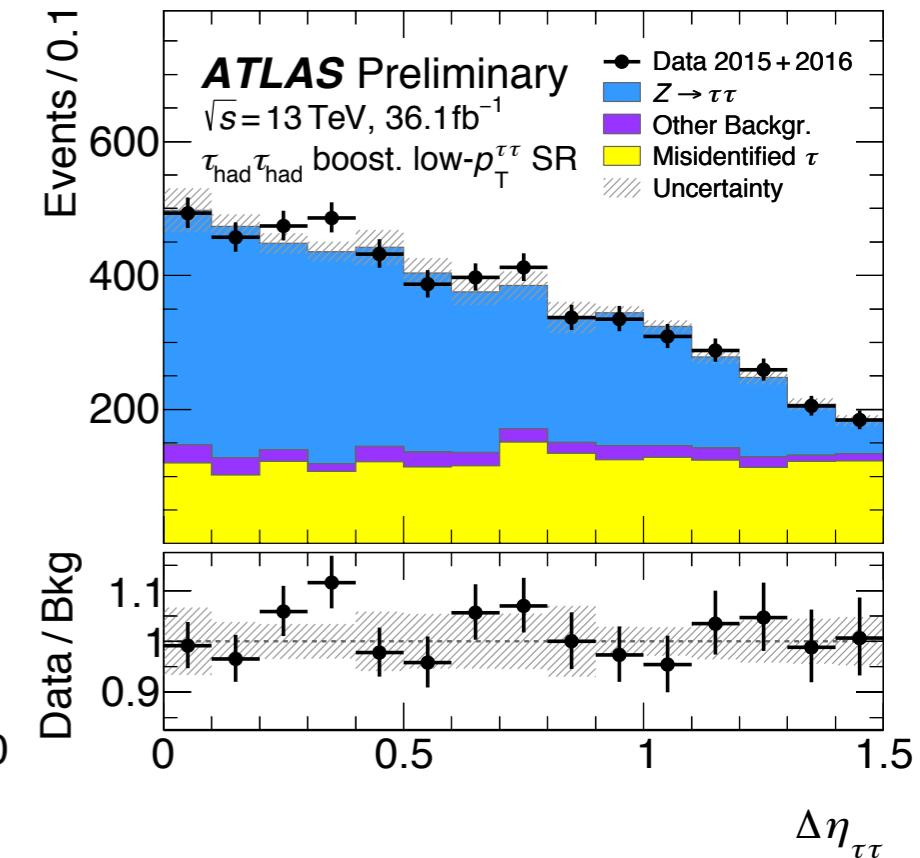
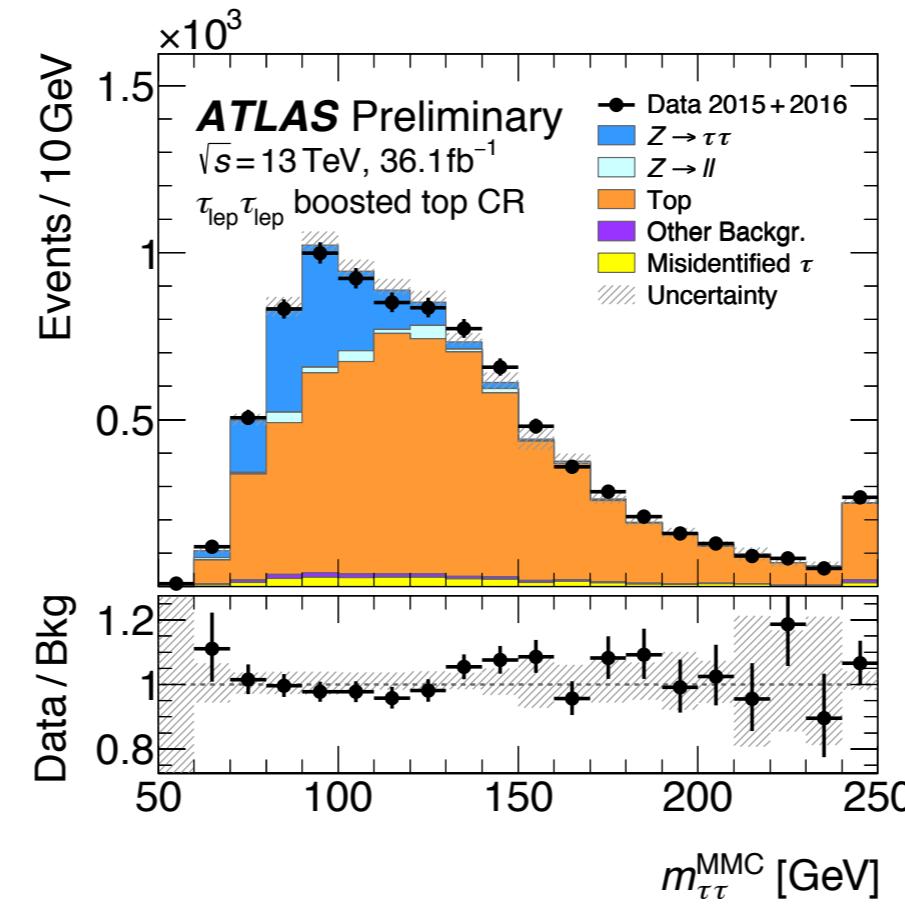
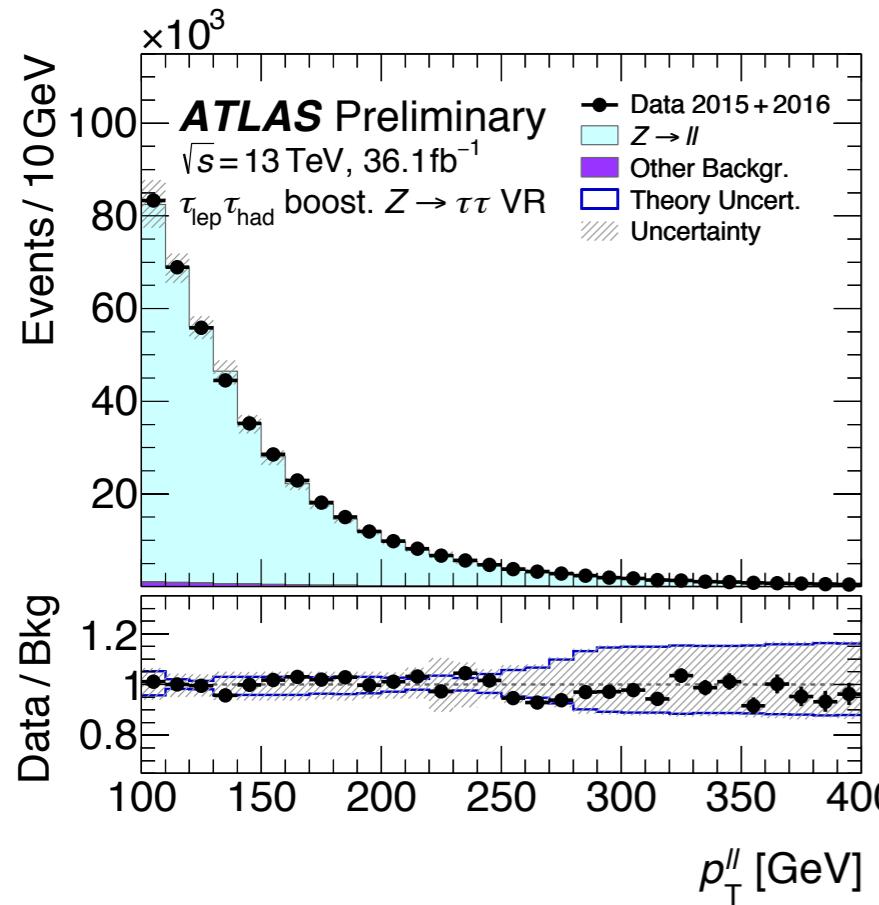
$\tau_{\text{lep}}\tau_{\text{had}}$  VBF  
tight SR



## Irreducible $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$ (MC-based)

- extensive validation of Z modelling in  $Z \rightarrow ll$  control region

# H $\rightarrow$ $\tau\tau$ : Background Estimation



Validation of  $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$  kinematics ensures reliable MC prediction of  $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$  background

- Sherpa NLO ( $Z + \text{jets}$ ) used
- $m_{jj}$ ,  $\Delta\eta_{jj}$ ,  $\Delta R_{\ell\ell}$  distributions also checked

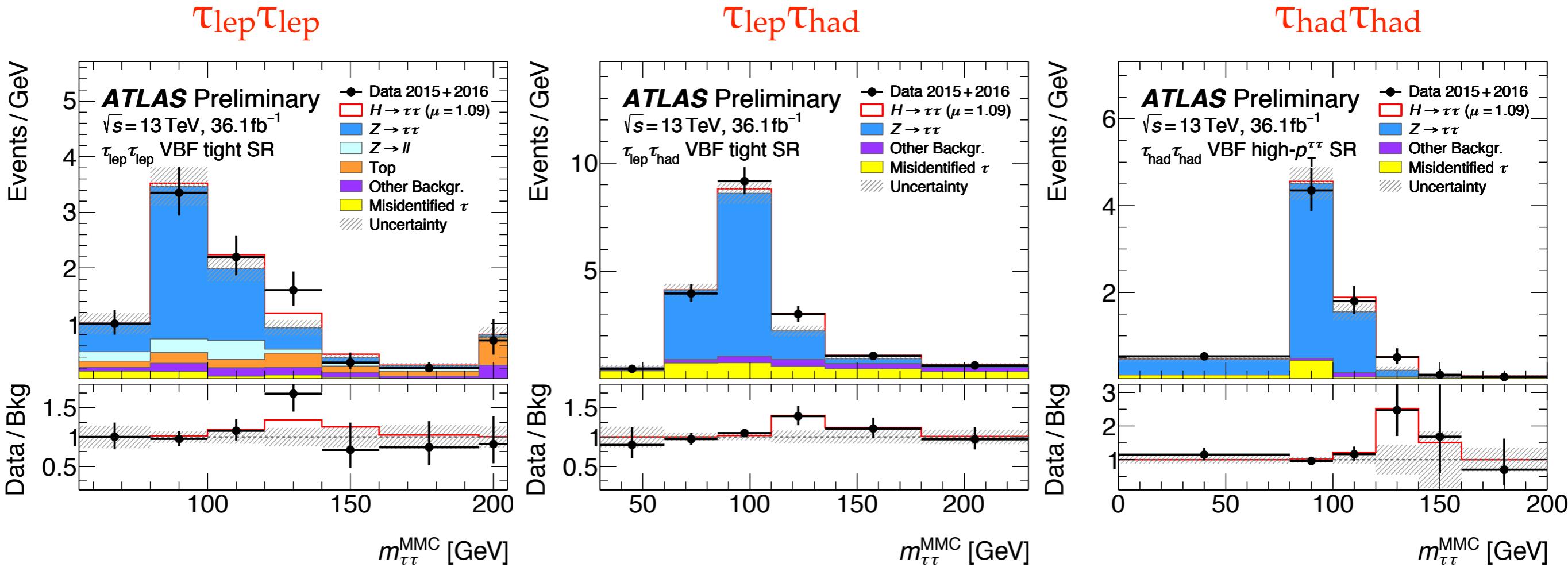
$Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$  backgrounds ( $\tau_{\text{lep}} \tau_{\text{lep}}$ ) and top backgrounds ( $\tau_{\text{lep}} \tau_{\text{lep}} / \tau_{\text{lep}} \tau_{\text{had}}$ ) normalized in dedicated CRs

- $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$  CRs defined through  $80 < m_{\ell\ell} < 100 \text{ GeV}$
- Top CRs defined through requiring a b-tag

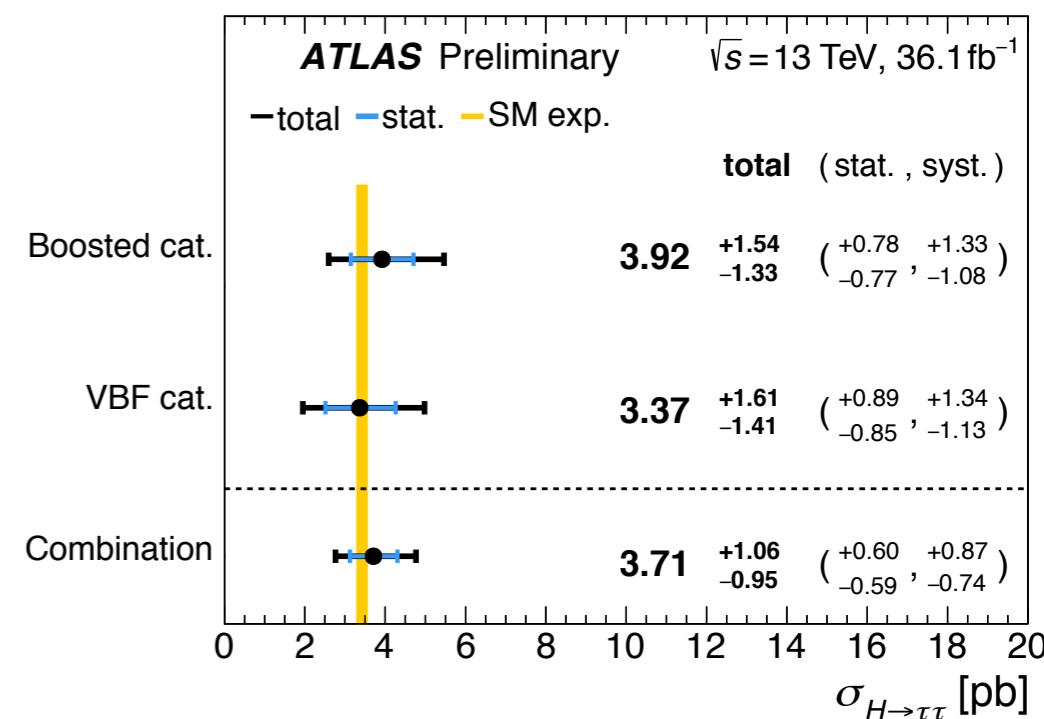
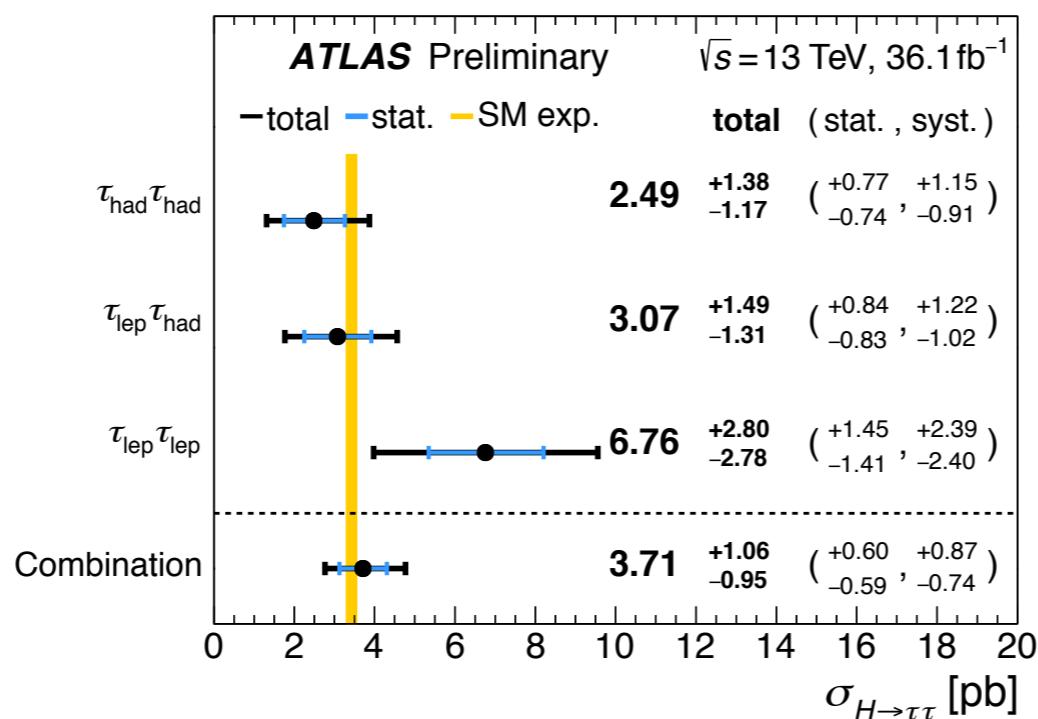
Fake tau backgrounds have data-driven estimates

- measurement of misid prob. ( $\tau_{\text{lep}} \tau_{\text{had}}$ )
- fit normalization of fake templates from CR with inverted charge / track criteria ( $\tau_{\text{had}} \tau_{\text{had}}$ )

# H $\rightarrow\tau\tau$ : Mass Distributions



Signal extraction via  
profile likelihood  
on  $m_{\tau\tau}^{\text{MMC}}$   
distribution in  
13 signal regions



# H $\rightarrow$ $\tau\tau$ : Summary of Results

For pp collisions at 13 TeV, measure  $\sigma_{H \rightarrow \tau\tau} = \sigma_H \times \text{BR}(H \rightarrow \tau\tau)$

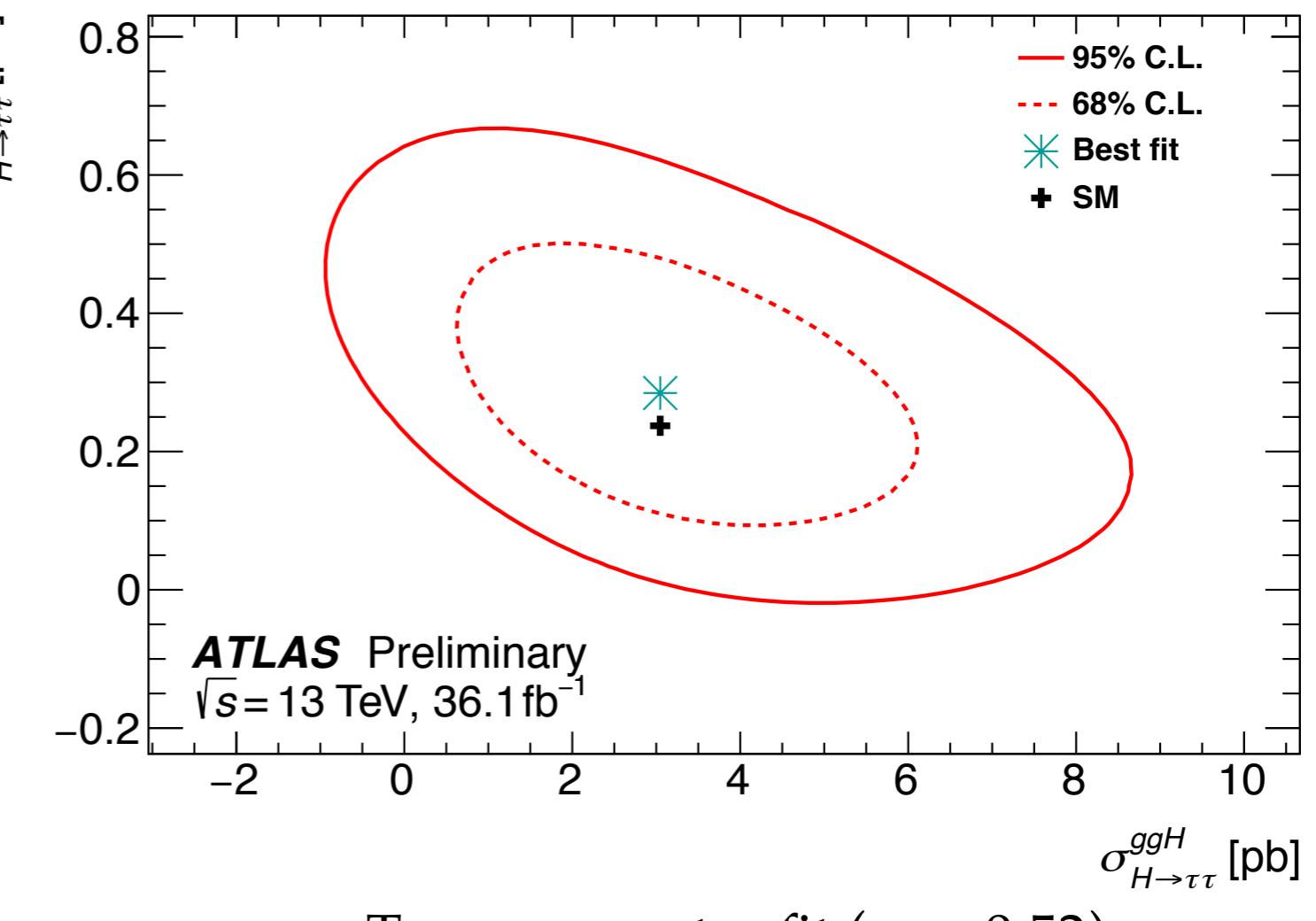
$$\sigma_{H \rightarrow \tau\tau} = 3.71 \pm 0.59 \text{ (stat.)} {}^{+0.87}_{-0.74} \text{ (syst.) pb} \quad \text{vs.} \quad \sigma_{H \rightarrow \tau\tau}^{\text{SM}} = 3.43 \pm 0.13 \text{ pb}$$

corresponding to signal strength  $\sigma/\sigma_{\text{SM}} = 1.09 {}^{+0.18}_{-0.17} \text{ (stat.)} {}^{+0.27}_{-0.22} \text{ (syst.)} {}^{+0.16}_{-0.11} \text{ (theory syst.)}$

Signal significances ( $\sigma$ ):

E <sub>CM</sub>	7,8 TeV	13 TeV	Comb.
Observed	4.5	4.4	6.4
Expected	3.4	4.1	5.4

Precision era for H $\rightarrow$  $\tau\tau$   
now beginning!



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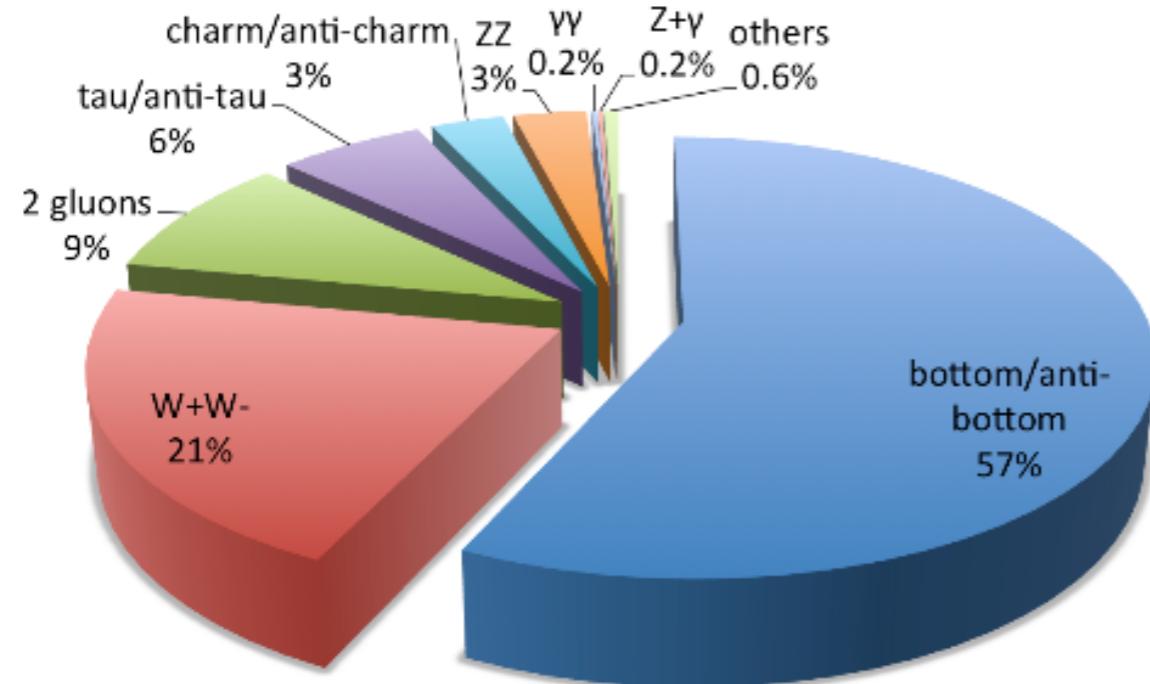
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# The $H \rightarrow bb$ Channel

Decays of a 125 GeV Standard-Model Higgs boson



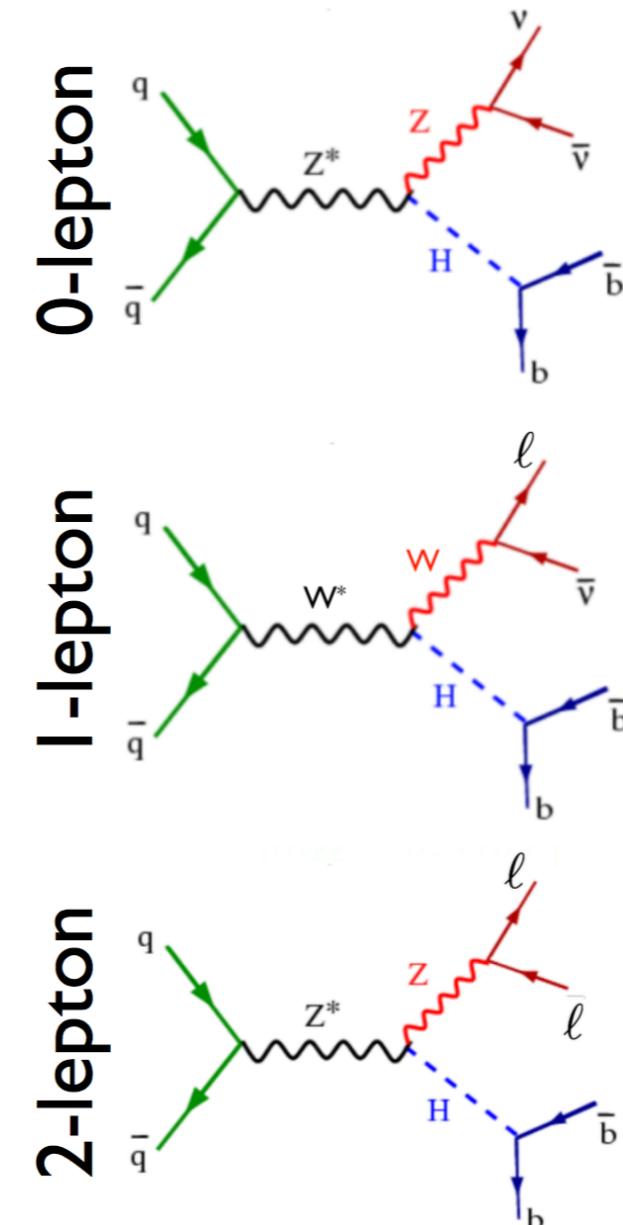
Important for:

- establishing most copious Higgs decay channel
- constraining Higgs decay width
- limits on invisible Higgs width

Evidence for  $H \rightarrow bb$  decays from

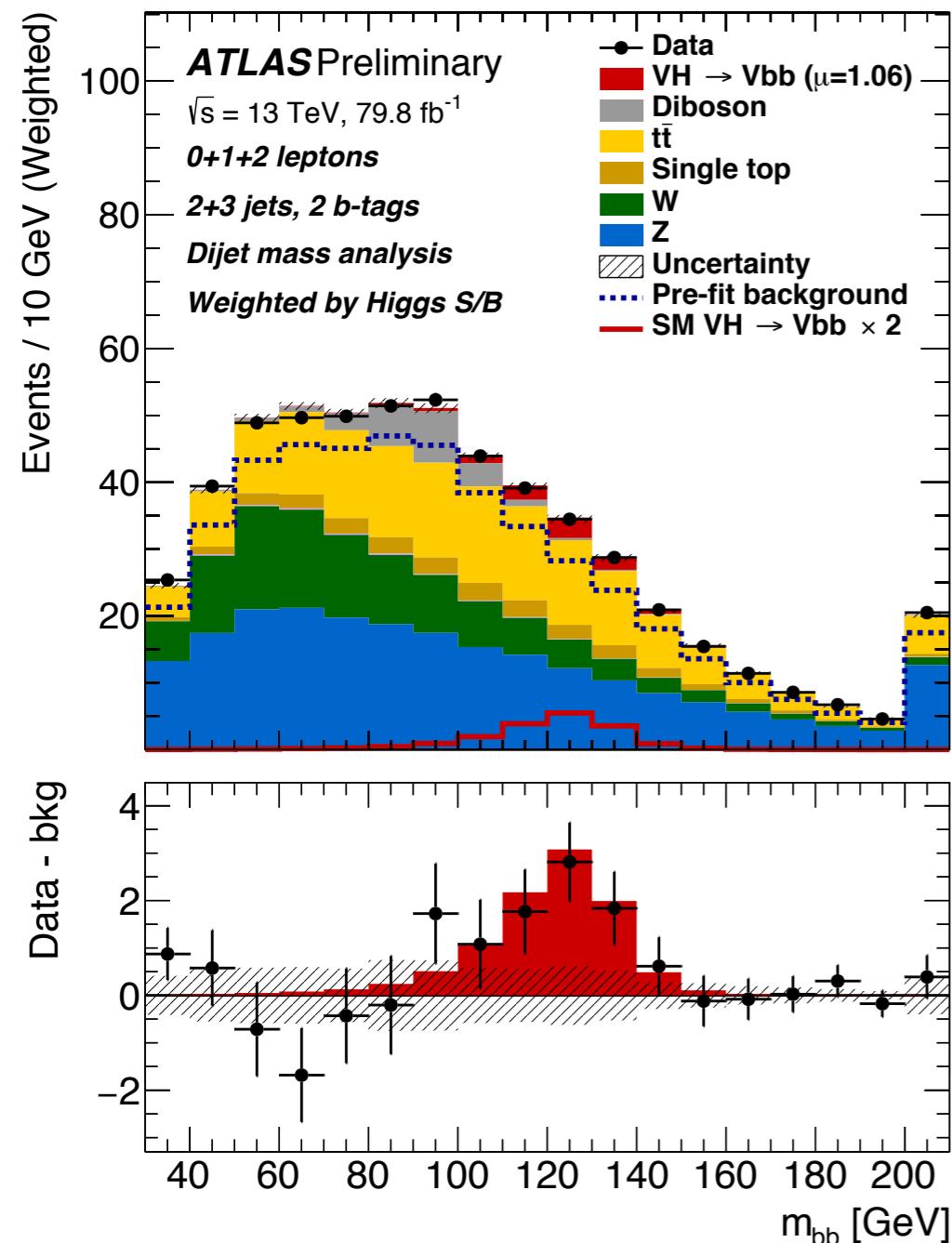
- CDF/D $\emptyset$  in 2012 ( $2.8\sigma$ )
- ATLAS/CMS with data up to 2016 ( $4.0\sigma/3.8\sigma$ )
- now: update with data taken in 2017

Focus on associated W/Z production  
(suppresses backgrounds)



Require 2 b-tags,  $p_T(V) > 75$  or 150 GeV

# H $\rightarrow$ bb: Analysis Strategy



Final discriminant: BDT  
 based upon kinematic variables  
 ( m<sub>bb</sub>,  $\Delta R_{bb}$ , p<sub>T</sub>(V), etc. )

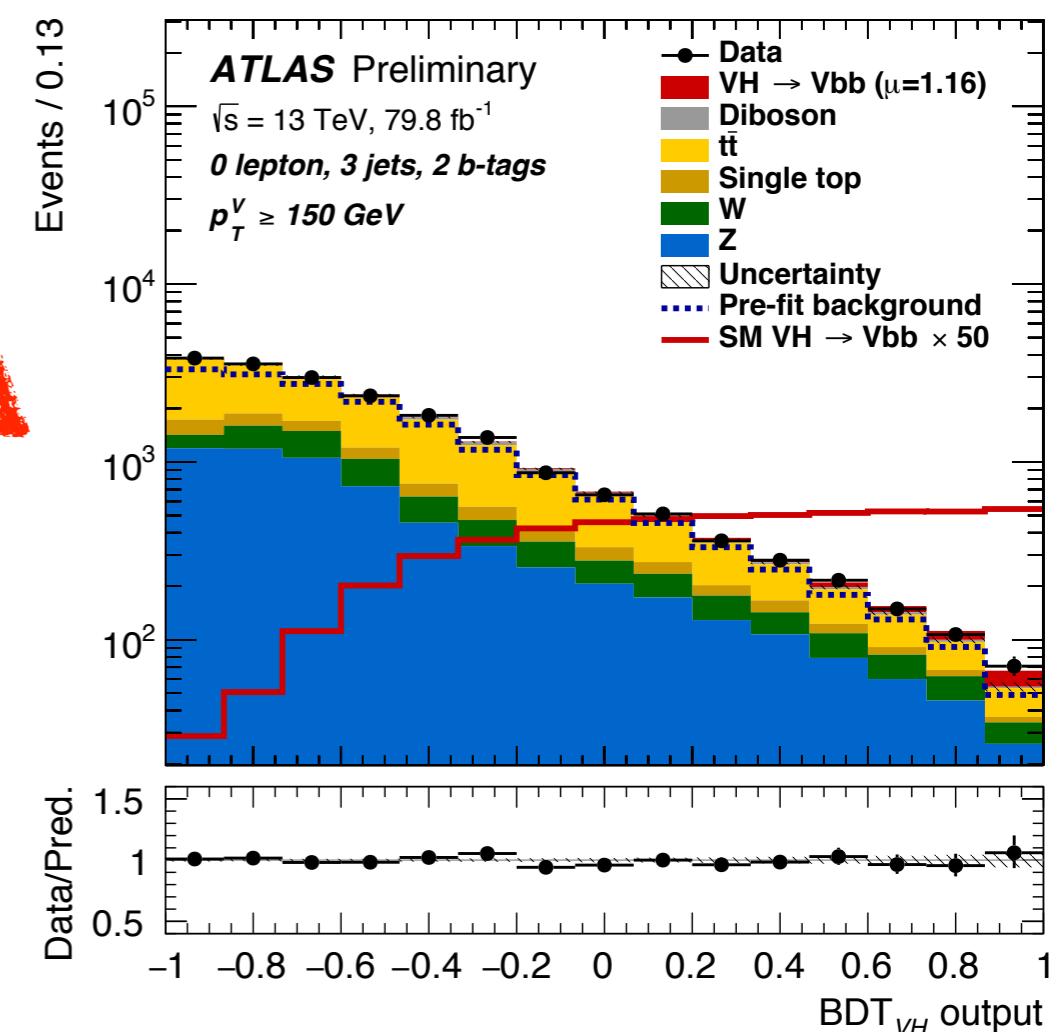
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Corrections to m<sub>bb</sub>:

- taking into account p<sub>T</sub>( $\mu$ ) in semi-leptonic b-jets
- for v's and out-of-cone energy in decay chain
- kinematic fit in 2-lepton channel (p<sub>T</sub>( $\ell\ell$ )  $\Leftrightarrow$  p<sub>T</sub>(bb))

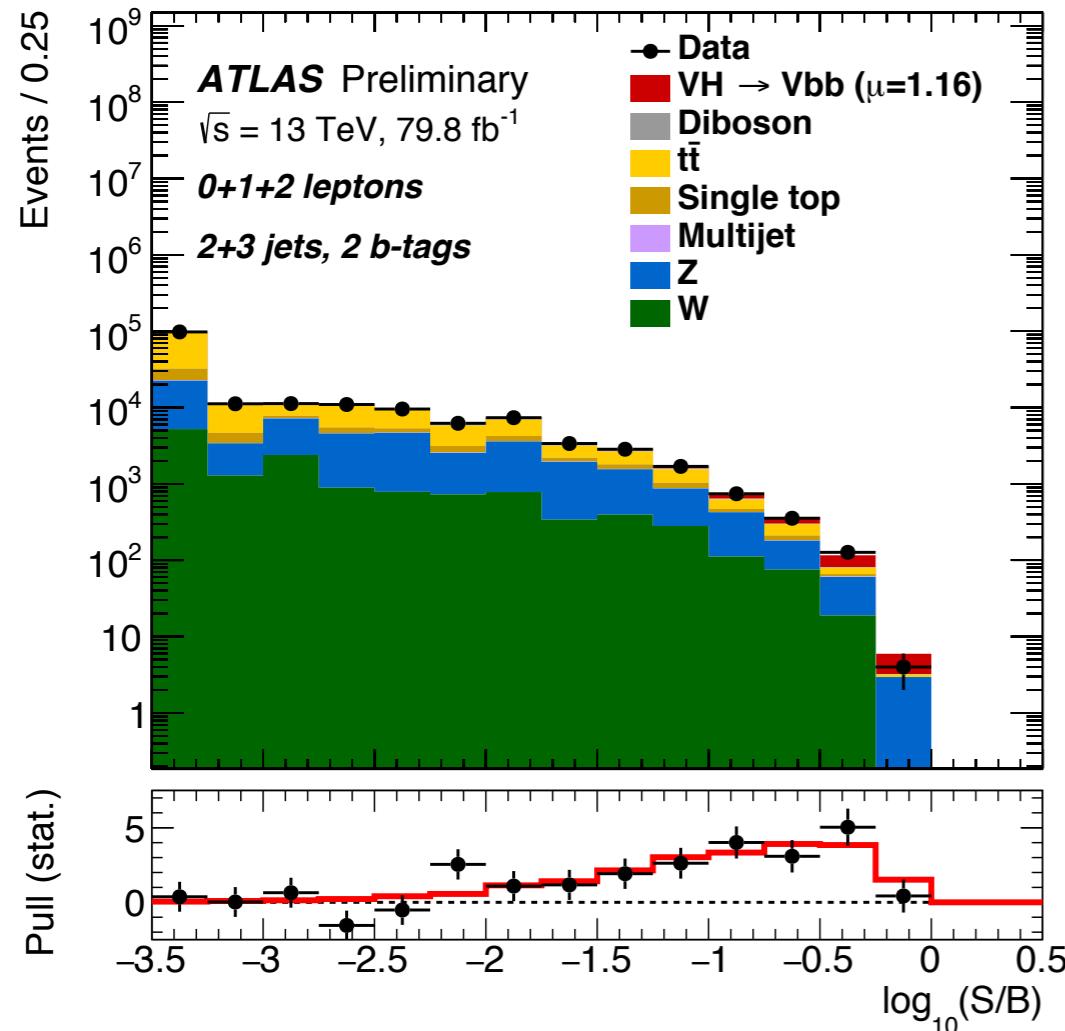
Background estimation (W/Z/top)

- shapes from MC
- normalization via inclusion of CRs in fit



# VH ( $H \rightarrow bb$ ): 13 TeV Results

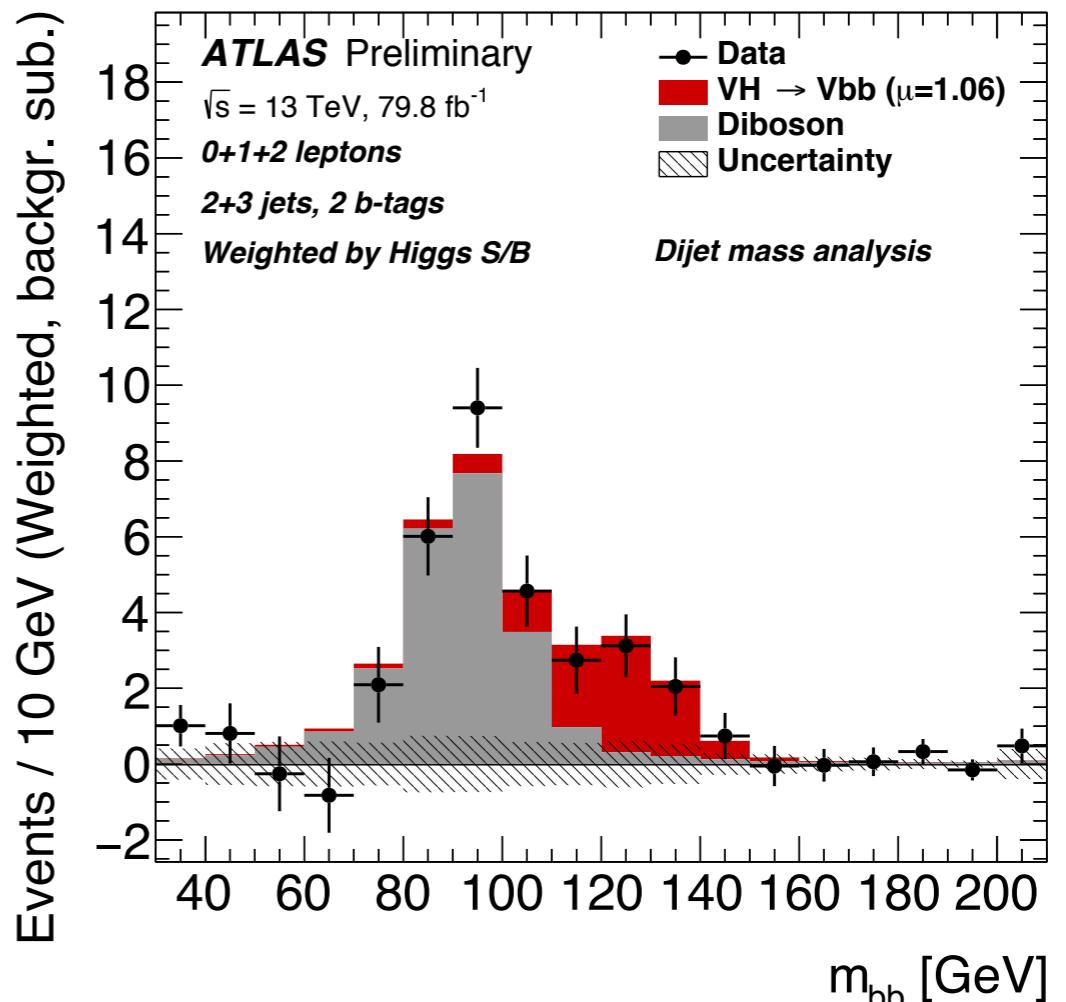
Fit to BDT distributions (8 SRs)



$$\mu_{VH}^{bb} = 1.16^{+0.27}_{-0.25} = 1.16 \pm 0.16(\text{stat.})^{+0.21}_{-0.19}(\text{syst.})$$

corresponding to  $4.9\sigma$  ( $4.3\sigma$  exp.)

Fit to  $m_{bb}$  distributions (14 SRs)



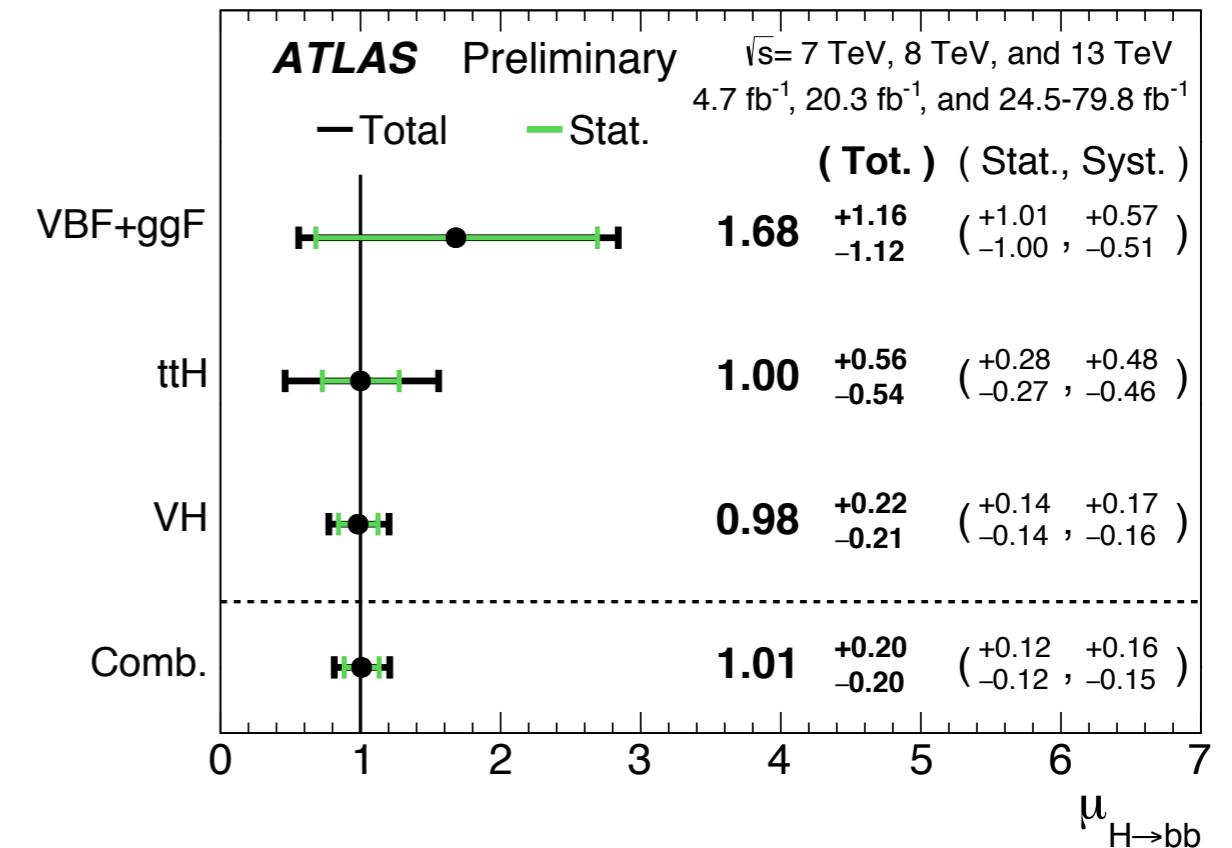
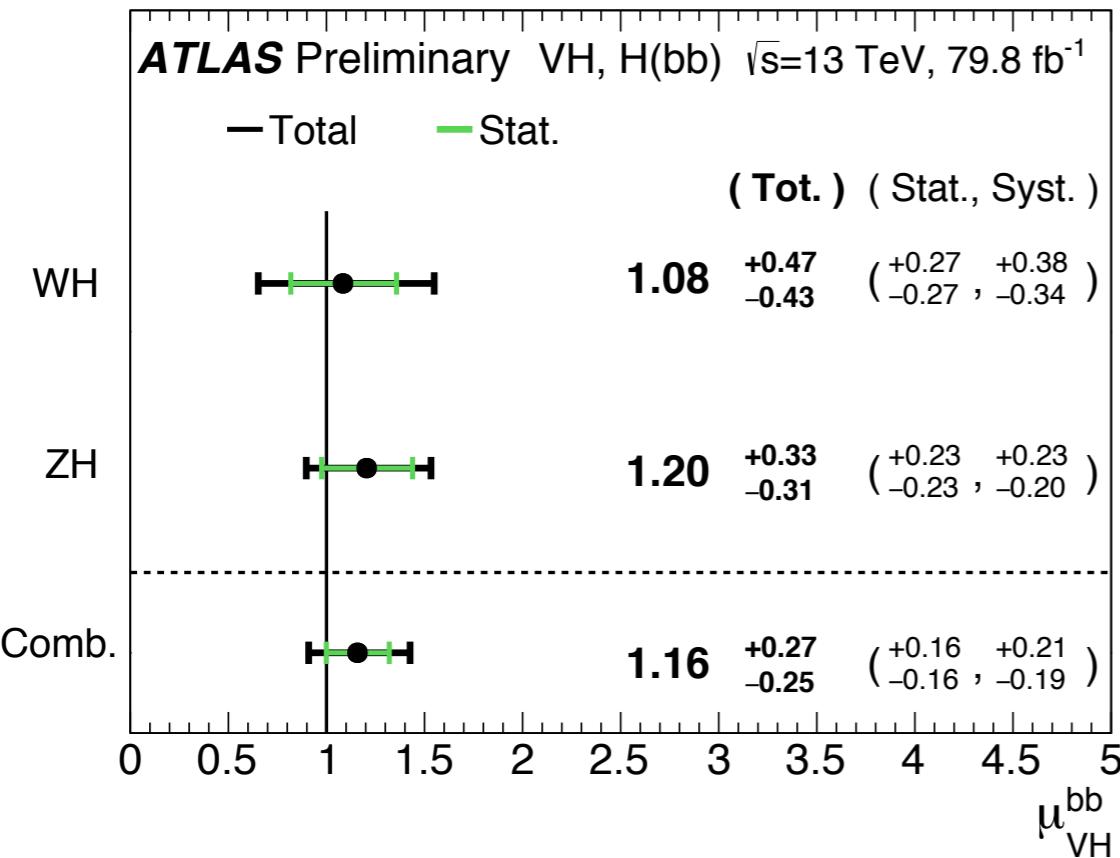
$$\mu_{VH}^{bb} = 1.06^{+0.36}_{-0.33} = 1.06 \pm 0.20(\text{stat.})^{+0.30}_{-0.26}(\text{syst.})$$

corresponding to  $3.6\sigma$  ( $3.5\sigma$  exp.)

# VH and H $\rightarrow$ bb Combination

**H $\rightarrow$ bb Combination** (VBF, VH, ttH for Run-1 and Run-2)

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corresponding to **5.4 $\sigma$**  (5.5 $\sigma$  exp.)

**VH Combination** (H $\rightarrow$ bb, H $\rightarrow\gamma\gamma$ , H $\rightarrow ZZ^*$ ) yields **5.3 $\sigma$**  (4.8 $\sigma$  exp.)

$$\mu_{VH}^{bb} = 0.98^{+0.22}_{-0.21} = 0.98 \pm 0.14(\text{stat.})^{+0.17}_{-0.16}(\text{syst.})$$

$$\mu_{H\rightarrow bb} = 1.01 \pm 0.20 = 1.01 \pm 0.12(\text{stat.})^{+0.16}_{-0.15}(\text{syst.})$$

**Measurements of Higgs properties with H $\rightarrow$ bb to come!**

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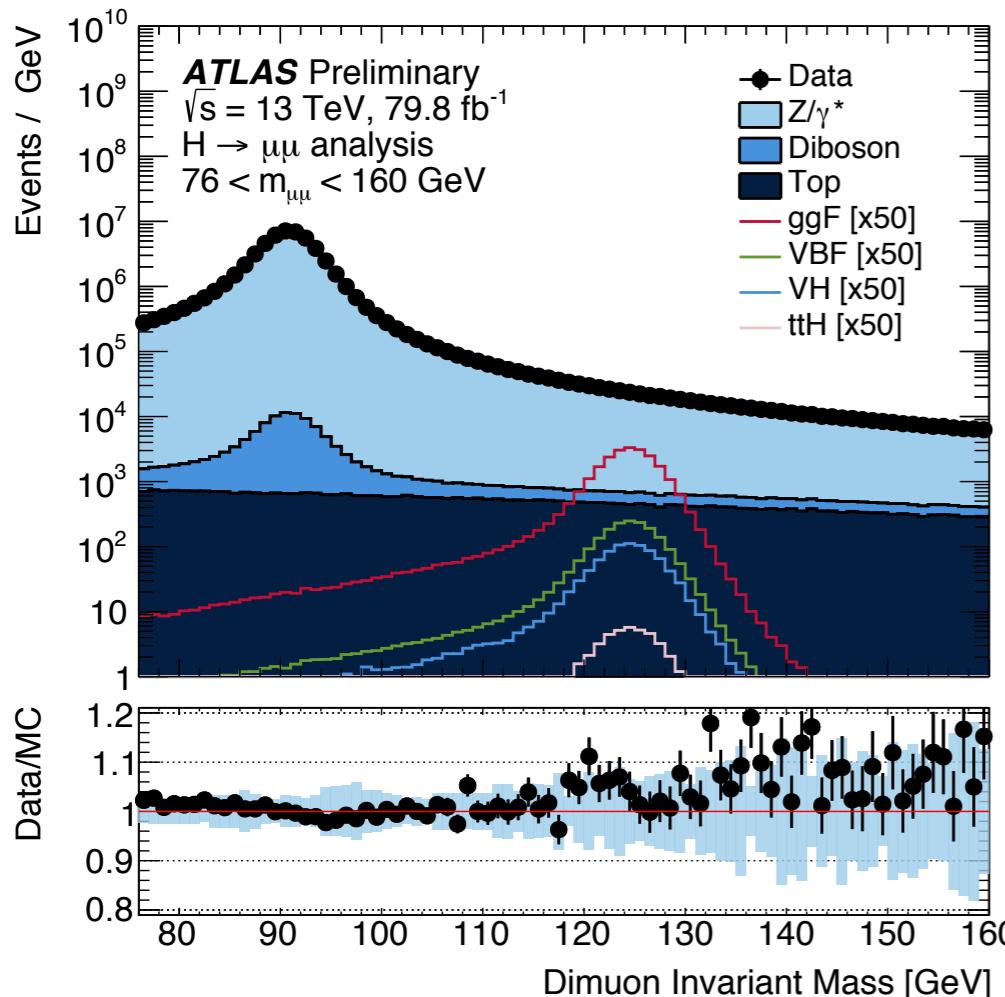
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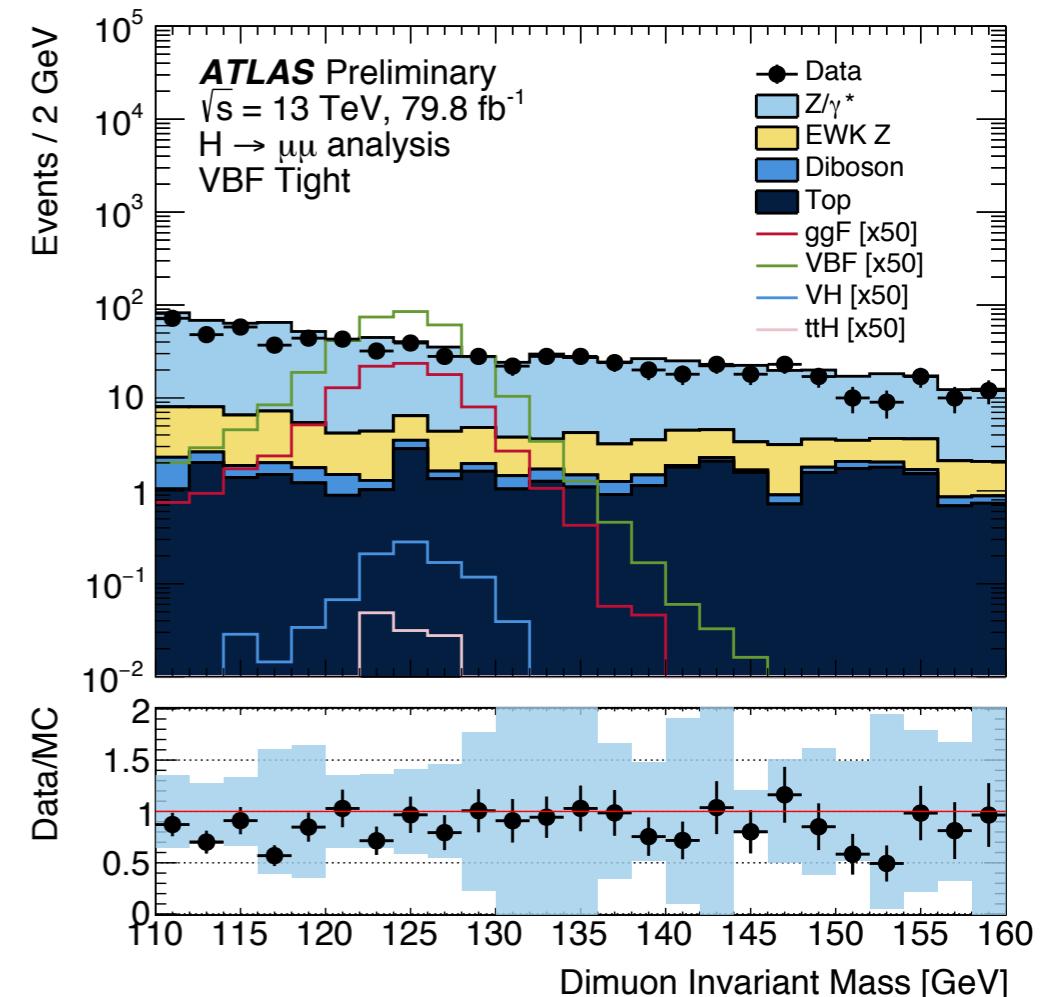
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# The $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$ Channel

Important channel to establish Higgs Yukawa coupling to 2nd generation fermions  
 Huge challenge: tiny S/B ratio



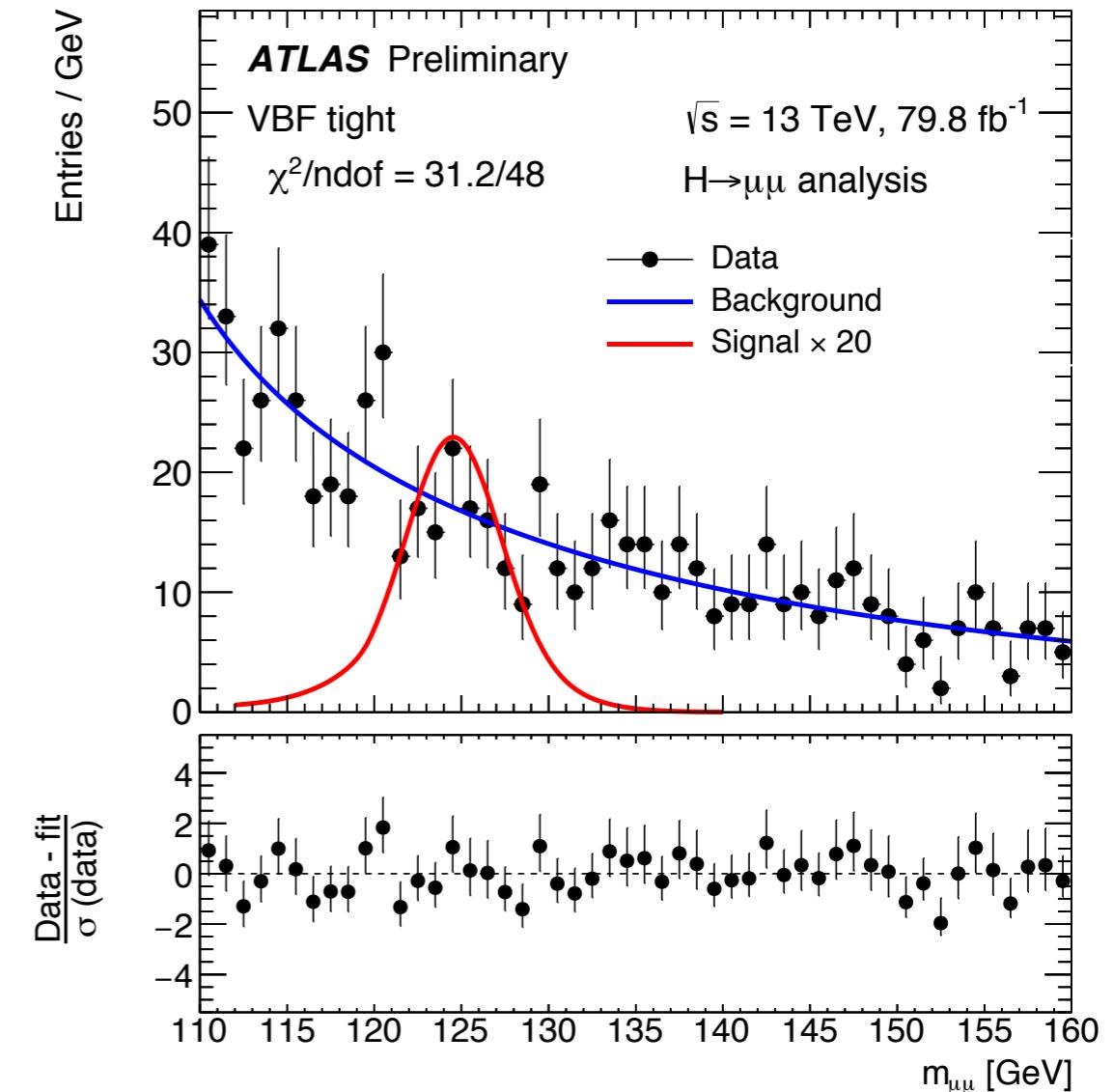
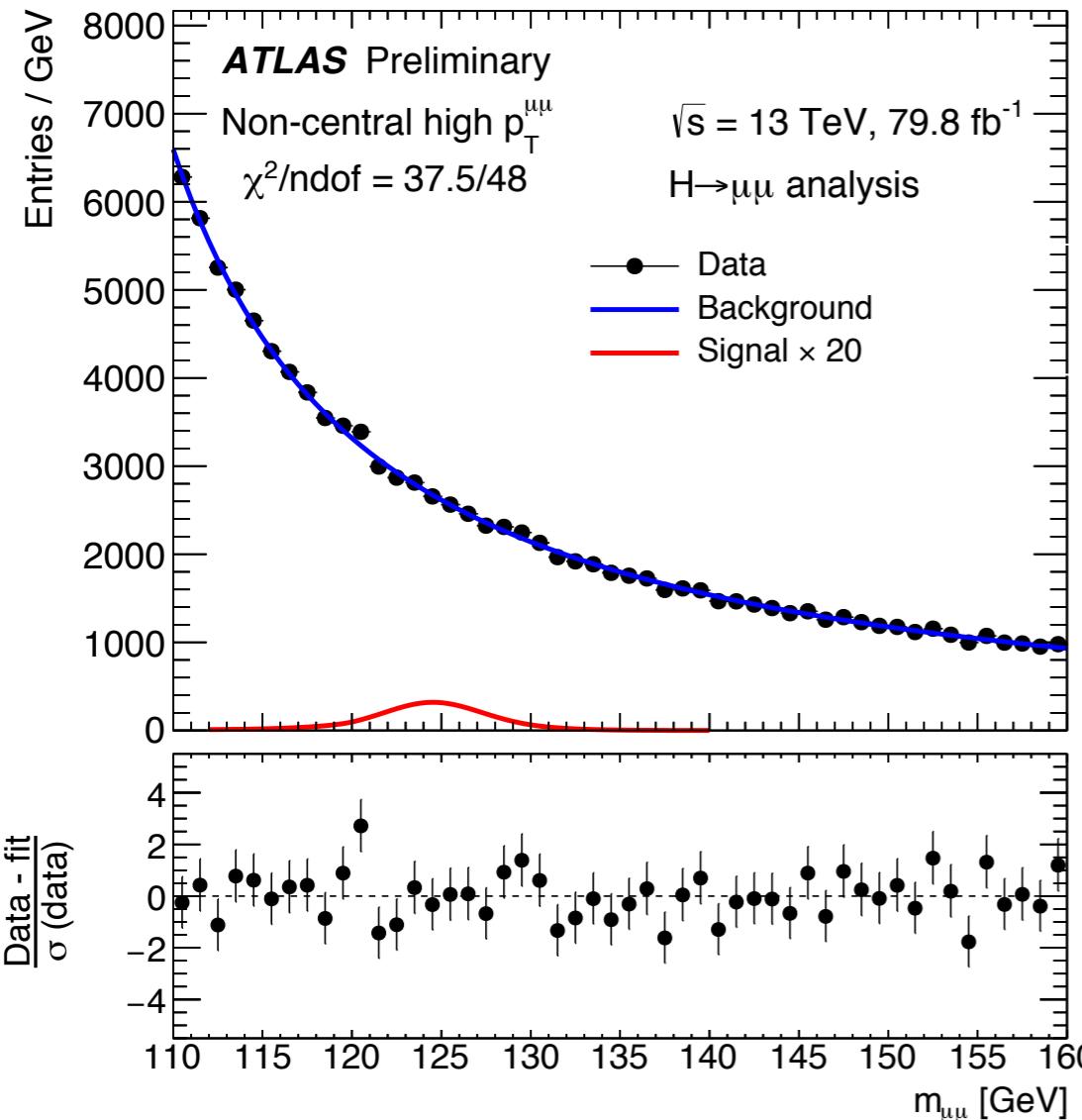
VBF categorization  
 and BDT selection



Categorization into VBF SRs (BDTs) and ggF SRs (based on  $p_T^{\mu\mu}$ )

Analytical fit to  $m_{\mu\mu}$  mass spectrum (backgrounds based only on data sidebands)

# H $\rightarrow$ $\mu\mu$ : Results



$$\mu = 0.1^{+1.0}_{-1.1}$$

$\mu < 2.1$  (2.0) at 95% CL

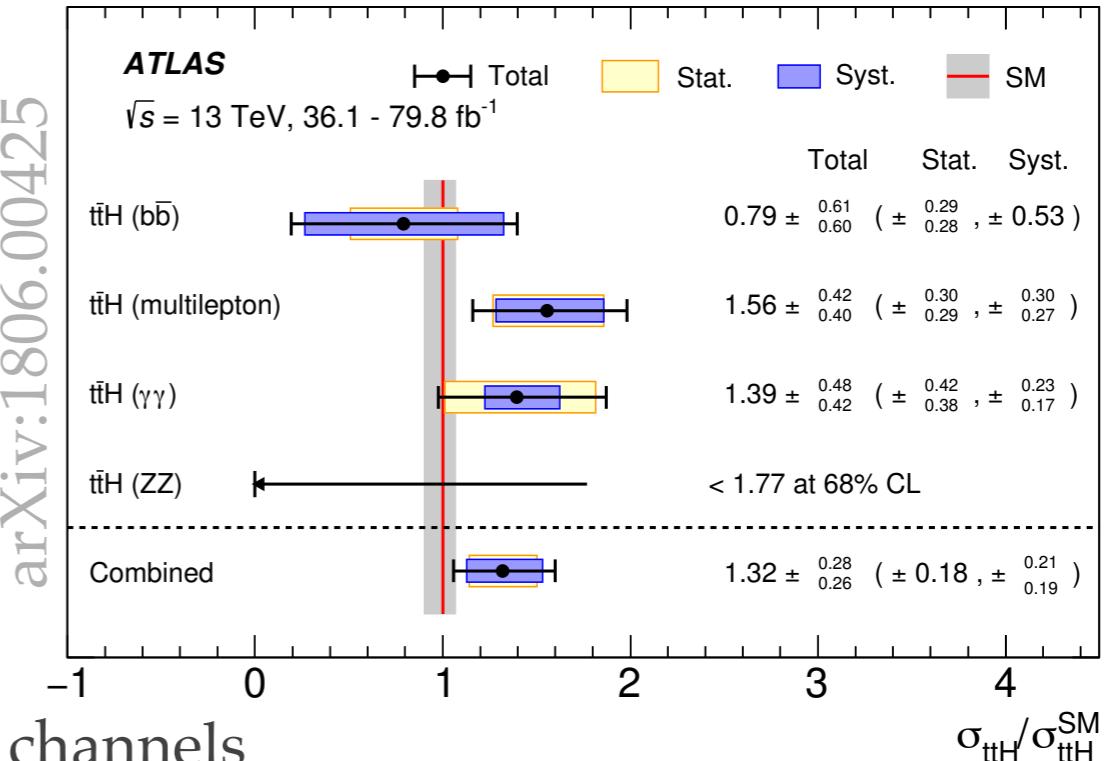
Starting to approach SM sensitivity!

# Summary and Outlook

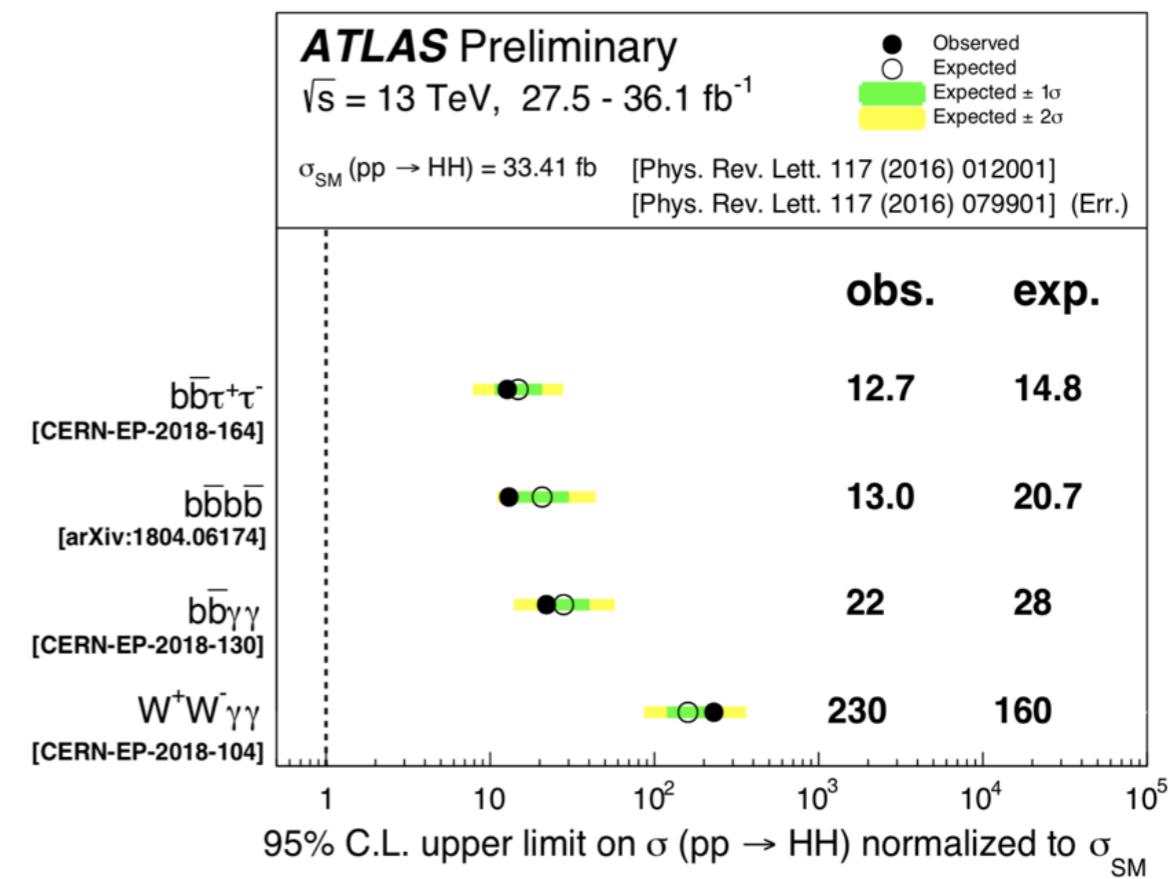
Precision era of  $H \rightarrow ff$  has begun!

Channel	Precision on x-section
$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$	$\sim 30\% @ 36 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
$H \rightarrow bb$	$\sim 25\% @ 80 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
$H \rightarrow \mu\mu$	$\sim 100\% @ 80 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

Complemented now by  $ttH$  (F. Blekman / J. Raine)



Allows interesting properties measurements in  $H \rightarrow ff$  channels



With full Run-2 dataset and beyond:

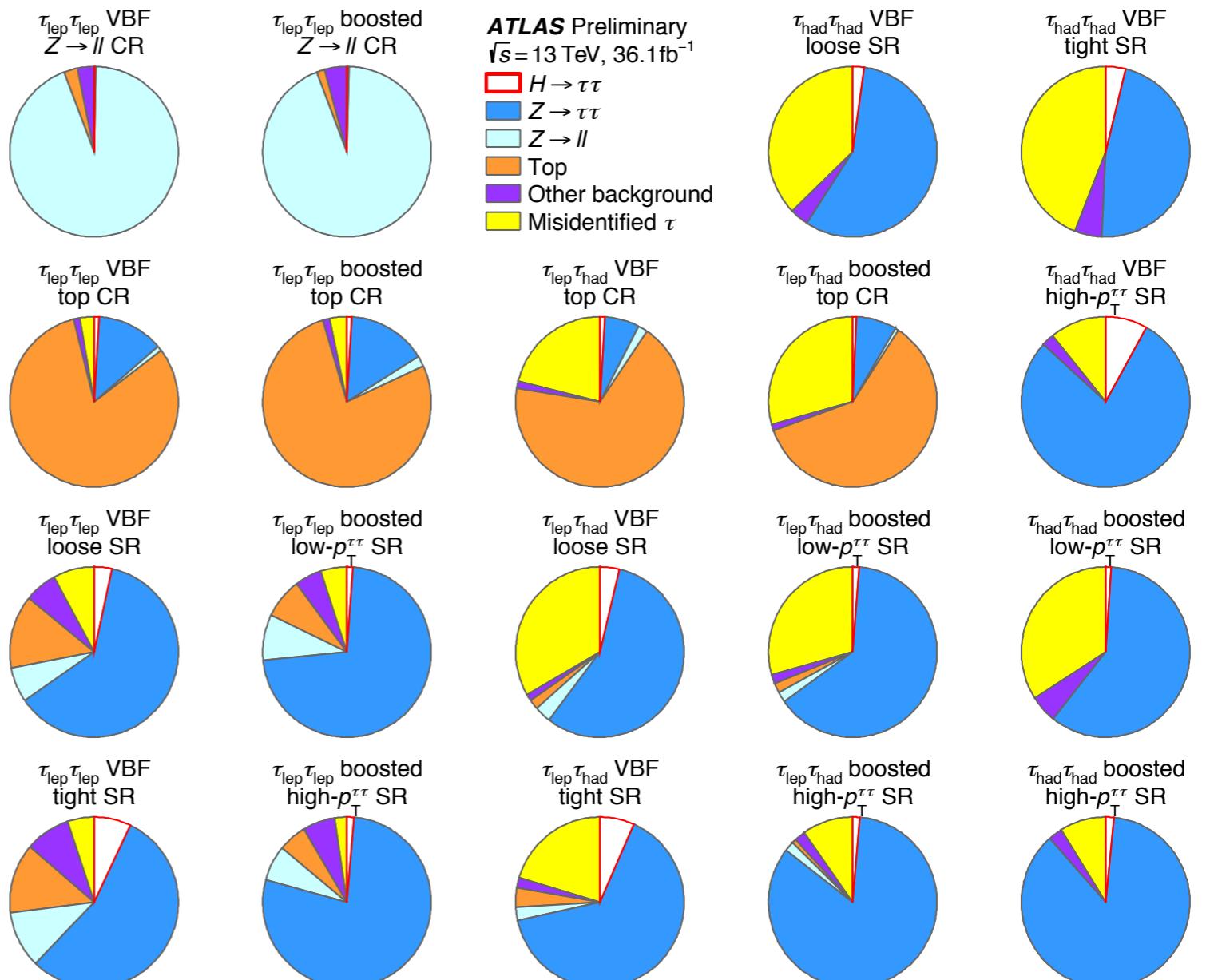
- characterization of CP nature of Higgs boson
- constraints on anomalous Higgs-fermion couplings
- differential cross-section measurements
- access to 2nd generation  $H \rightarrow ff$  decays
- di-Higgs sensitivity dominated by fermionic channels (one or both legs)

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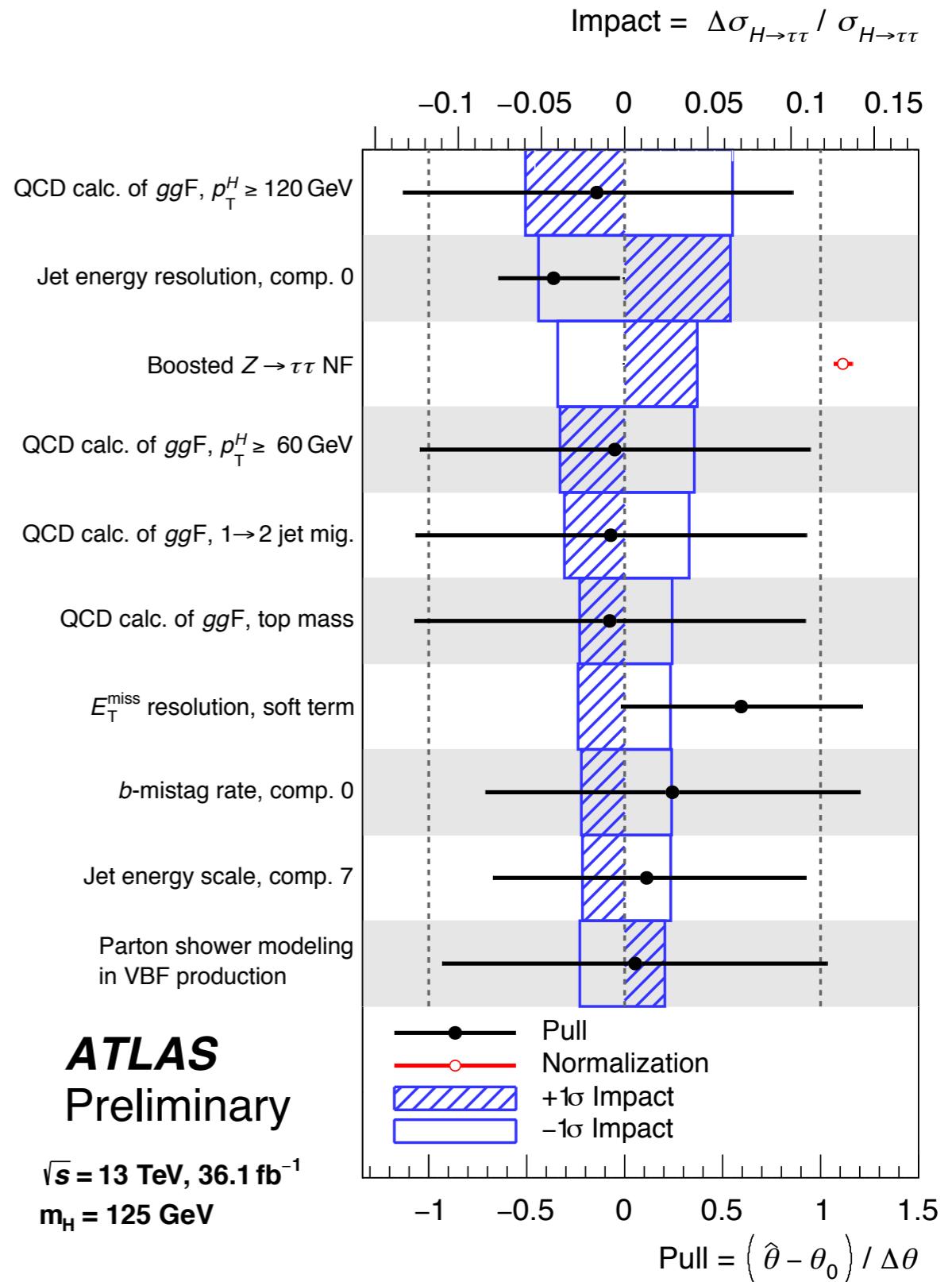
# H $\rightarrow$ $\tau\tau$ : Categorization

Signal Region	Inclusive	$\tau_{\text{lep}}\tau_{\text{lep}}$	$\tau_{\text{lep}}\tau_{\text{had}}$	$\tau_{\text{had}}\tau_{\text{had}}$
VBF	High- $p_{\text{T}}^{\tau\tau}$	$p_{\text{T}}^{j_2} > 30 \text{ GeV}$ $ \Delta\eta_{jj}  > 3$	—	$p_{\text{T}}^{\tau\tau} > 140 \text{ GeV}$ $\Delta R_{\tau\tau} < 1.5$
		$m_{jj} > 400 \text{ GeV}$ $\eta_{j_1} \cdot \eta_{j_2} < 0$	$m_{jj} > 800 \text{ GeV}$ $p_{\text{T}}^{\tau\tau} > 100 \text{ GeV}$	Not VBF high- $p_{\text{T}}$ $m_{jj} > (1550 - 250 \cdot \Delta\eta_{jj}) \text{ GeV}$
	Loose	Central leptons	Otherwise	
Boosted	High- $p_{\text{T}}^{\tau\tau}$	Not VBF	$p_{\text{T}}^{\tau\tau} > 140 \text{ GeV}$ $\Delta R_{\tau\tau} < 1.5$	
	Low- $p_{\text{T}}^{\tau\tau}$	$p_{\text{T}}^{\tau\tau} > 100 \text{ GeV}$	Otherwise	



# H $\rightarrow$ $\tau\tau$ : Measurement Uncertainties

Source of uncertainty	Impact $\Delta\sigma/\sigma_{H\rightarrow\tau\tau}$ (%)			
	Observed	Expected		
Theoretical uncert. on signal	+13.5 / -8.7	+11.9 / -7.7		
Background statistics	+11 / -10	+10.2 / -9.8		
Jets and $E_T^{\text{miss}}$	+11.5 / -9.3	+10.5 / -8.6		
Background normalization	+6.8 / -4.8	+6.6 / -4.6		
Misidentified $\tau$	+4.5 / -4.2	+3.7 / -3.4		
Theoretical uncert. on background	+4.6 / -3.6	+5.1 / -4.2		
Hadronic taus	+4.7 / -3.0	+5.8 / -4.2		
Flavour tagging	+3.3 / -2.4	+2.9 / -2.2		
Luminosity	+3.3 / -2.3	+3.1 / -2.2		
Electrons and muons	+1.2 / -1.0	+1.1 / -0.9		
Total systematic uncert.	+24 / -20	+22 / -19		
Data statistics	$\pm 16$	$\pm 15$		
Total	+28 / -26	+27 / -25		



# H $\rightarrow$ bb: Selection Criteria

Selection	0-lepton	1-lepton		2-lepton
		e sub-channel	$\mu$ sub-channel	
Trigger	$E_T^{\text{miss}}$	Single lepton	$E_T^{\text{miss}}$	Single lepton
Leptons	0 <i>loose</i> leptons with $p_T > 7 \text{ GeV}$	1 <i>tight</i> electron $p_T > 27 \text{ GeV}$	1 <i>tight</i> muon $p_T > 25 \text{ GeV}$	2 <i>loose</i> leptons with $p_T > 7 \text{ GeV}$ $\geq 1$ lepton with $p_T > 27 \text{ GeV}$
$E_T^{\text{miss}}$	$> 150 \text{ GeV}$	$> 30 \text{ GeV}$	–	–
$m_{\ell\ell}$	–	–	–	$81 \text{ GeV} < m_{\ell\ell} < 101 \text{ GeV}$
Jets	Exactly 2 / Exactly 3 jets			Exactly 2 / $\geq 3$ jets
Jet $p_T$	$> 20 \text{ GeV}$ for $ \eta  < 2.5$ and $> 30 \text{ GeV}$ for $2.5 <  \eta  < 4.5$			
$b$ -jets	Exactly 2 $b$ -tagged jets			
Leading $b$ -tagged jet $p_T$	$> 45 \text{ GeV}$			
$H_T$	$> 120$ (2 jets), $> 150 \text{ GeV}$ (3 jets)	–	–	–
$\min[\Delta\phi(\vec{E}_T^{\text{miss}}, \text{jets})]$	$> 20^\circ$ (2 jets), $> 30^\circ$ (3 jets)	–	–	–
$\Delta\phi(\vec{E}_T^{\text{miss}}, \vec{b}\bar{b})$	$> 120^\circ$	–	–	–
$\Delta\phi(\vec{b}_1, \vec{b}_2)$	$< 140^\circ$	–	–	–
$\Delta\phi(\vec{E}_T^{\text{miss}}, \vec{E}_{T,\text{trk}}^{\text{miss}})$	$< 90^\circ$	–	–	–
$p_T^V$ regions	$> 150 \text{ GeV}$			$75 \text{ GeV} < p_T^V < 150 \text{ GeV}$ , $> 150 \text{ GeV}$
Signal regions	–	$m_{bb} \geq 75 \text{ GeV}$ or $m_{\text{top}} \leq 225 \text{ GeV}$	Same-flavour leptons Opposite-sign charges ( $\mu\mu$ sub-channel)	
Control regions	–	$m_{bb} < 75 \text{ GeV}$ and $m_{\text{top}} > 225 \text{ GeV}$	Different-flavour leptons Opposite-sign charges	

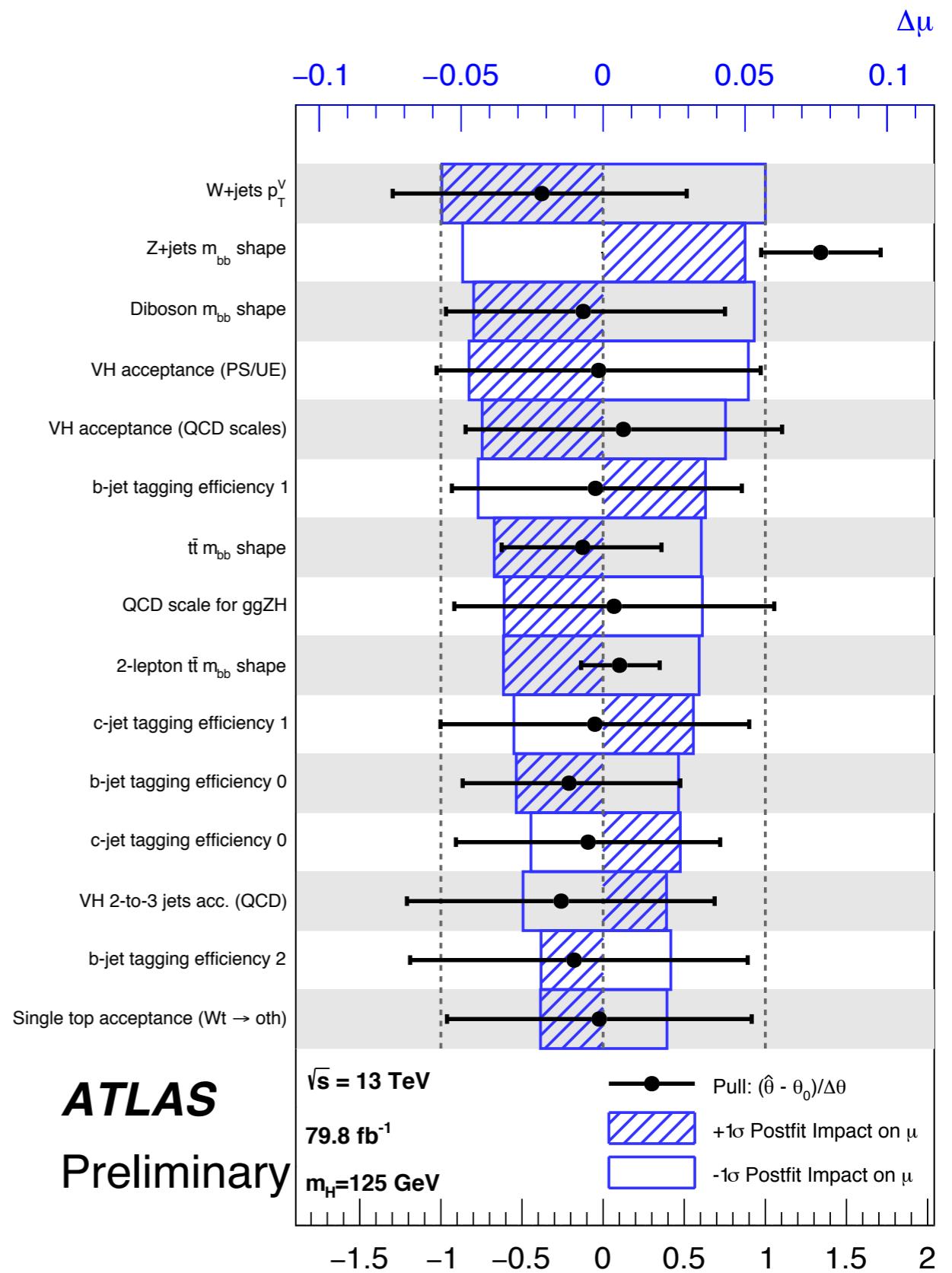
# H $\rightarrow$ bb: BDT Variables

Variable	0-lepton	1-lepton	2-lepton
$p_T^V$	$\equiv E_T^{\text{miss}}$	$\times$	$\times$
$E_T^{\text{miss}} / \sqrt{S_T}$	$\times$	$\times$	$\times$
$p_T^{b_1}$	$\times$	$\times$	$\times$
$p_T^{b_2}$	$\times$	$\times$	$\times$
$m_{bb}$	$\times$	$\times$	$\times$
$\Delta R(\vec{b}_1, \vec{b}_2)$	$\times$	$\times$	$\times$
$ \Delta\eta(\vec{b}_1, \vec{b}_2) $	$\times$		
$\Delta\phi(\vec{V}, \vec{b}\vec{b})$	$\times$	$\times$	$\times$
$ \Delta\eta(\vec{V}, \vec{b}\vec{b}) $			$\times$
$m_{\text{eff}}$	$\times$		
$\min[\Delta\phi(\vec{\ell}, \vec{b})]$		$\times$	
$m_T^W$		$\times$	
$m_{\ell\ell}$			$\times$
$m_{\text{top}}$		$\times$	
$ \Delta Y(\vec{V}, \vec{b}\vec{b}) $		$\times$	
Only in 3-jet events			
$p_T^{\text{jet}_3}$	$\times$	$\times$	$\times$
$m_{bbj}$	$\times$	$\times$	$\times$

# H $\rightarrow$ bb: Measurement Uncertainties

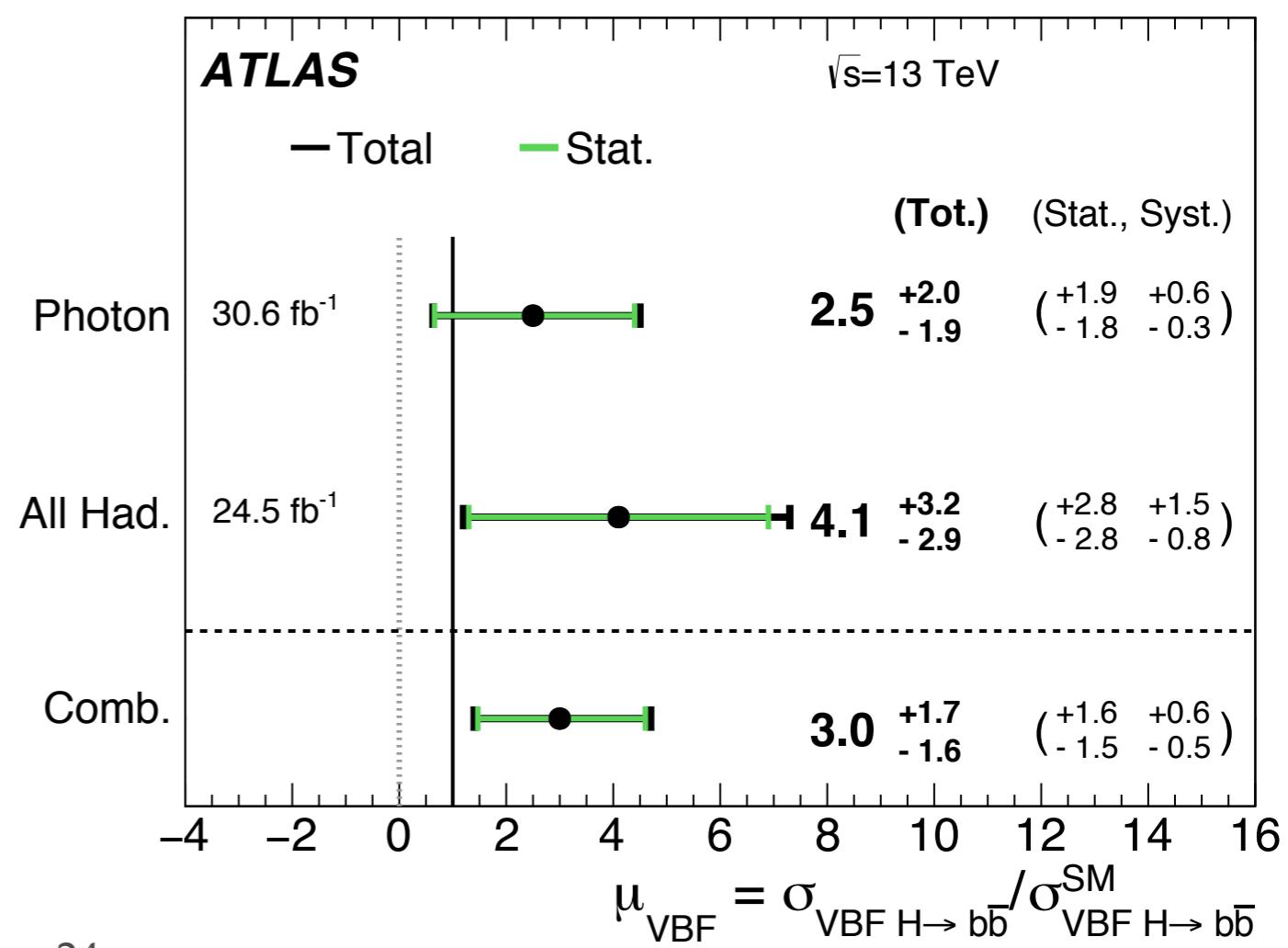
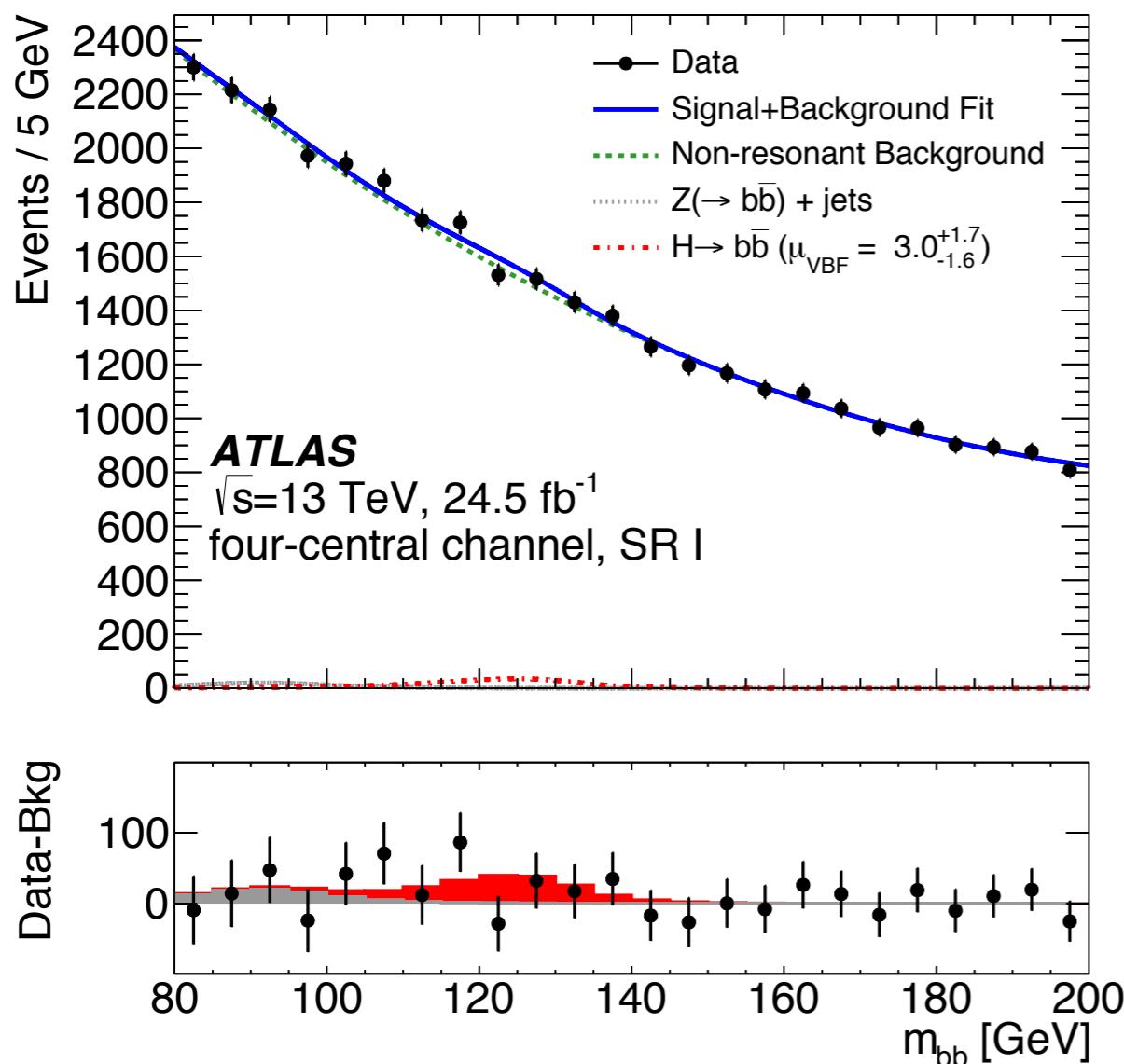
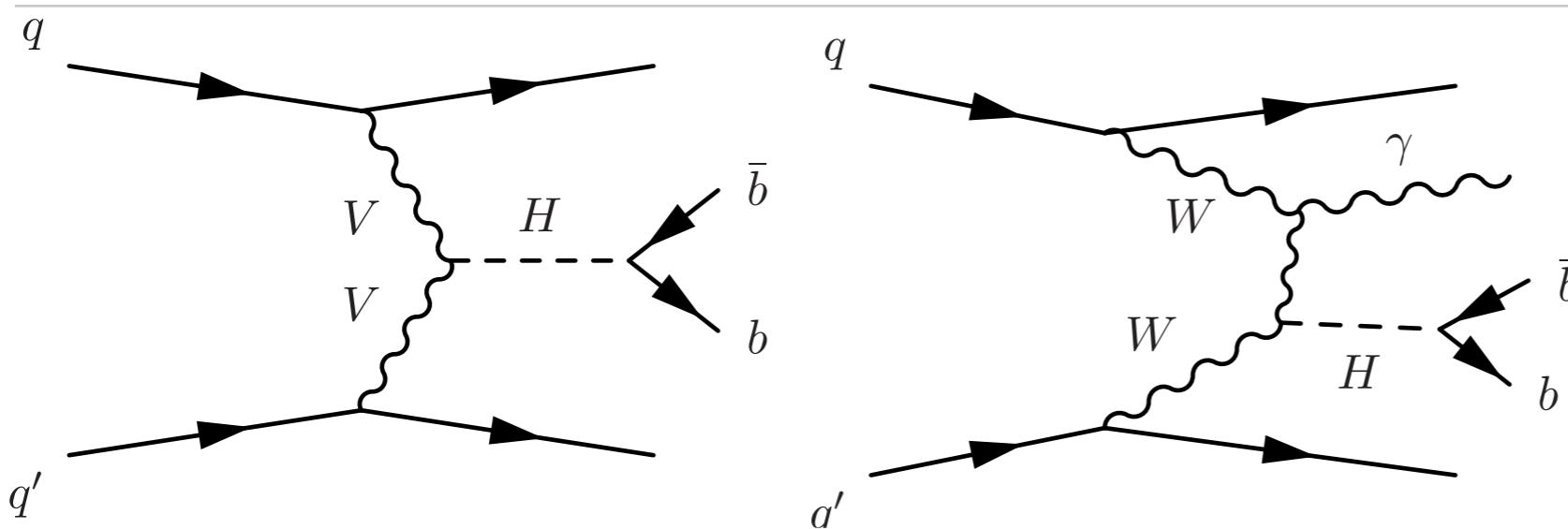
Source of uncertainty	$\sigma_\mu$
Total	0.259
Statistical	0.161
Systematic	0.203
Experimental uncertainties	
Jets	0.035
$E_T^{\text{miss}}$	0.014
Leptons	0.009
$b$ -tagging	0.061
	c-jets
	light jets
	extrapolation
Pile-up	0.009
Luminosity	0.023
Theoretical and modelling uncertainties	
Signal	0.094
Floating normalisations	0.035
$Z + \text{jets}$	0.055
$W + \text{jets}$	0.060
$t\bar{t}$	0.050
Single top quark	0.028
Diboson	0.054
Multijet	0.005
MC statistical	0.070

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# VBF H $\rightarrow$ bb

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# H $\rightarrow$ $\mu\mu$ : More Details

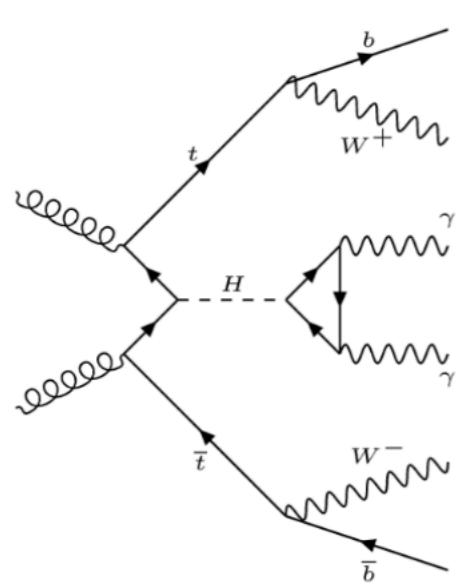
	Z control region	Z+ $\geq 2$ jets control region	VBF signal regions	ggF signal regions
Common		Primary vertex Two opposite-charge muons Muon: $ \eta  < 2.5$ , $p_T^{\text{lead}} > 27 \text{ GeV}$ , $p_T^{\text{sublead}} > 15 \text{ GeV}$ No $b$ -tagged jets $E_T^{\text{miss}} < 80 \text{ GeV}$		
Dimuon mass		$76 < m_{\mu\mu} < 106 \text{ GeV}$	$110 < m_{\mu\mu} < 160 \text{ GeV}$	
Jets	—	$\geq 2$ jets, each with $p_T > 25 \text{ GeV}$ and $ \eta  < 2.5$ or with $p_T > 30 \text{ GeV}$ and $2.5 <  \eta  < 4.5$		fail VBF selection

	Expected significance	Observed significance
Central low $p_T^{\mu\mu}$	0.10	-0.49
Non-central low $p_T^{\mu\mu}$	0.03	0.44
Central medium $p_T^{\mu\mu}$	0.31	1.55
Non-central medium $p_T^{\mu\mu}$	0.30	-1.16
Central high $p_T^{\mu\mu}$	0.38	0.48
Non-central high $p_T^{\mu\mu}$	0.43	0.15
VBF Loose	0.24	-0.88
VBF Tight	0.42	-0.26
Combined	0.88	0.04

$$P_S(m_{\mu\mu}) = f_{CB} \times CB(m_{\mu\mu}, m_{CB}, \sigma_{CB}, \alpha, n) + (1 - f_{CB}) \times GS(m_{\mu\mu}, m_{GS}, \sigma_{GS}^S)$$

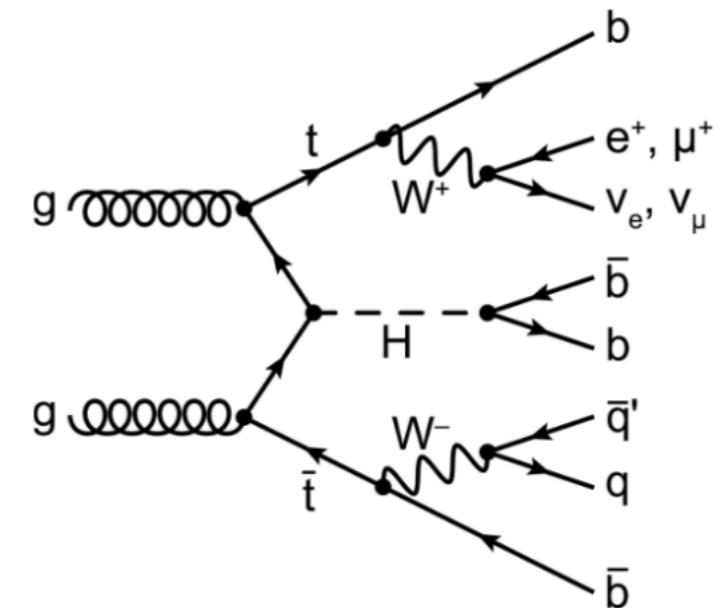
$$P_B(m_{\mu\mu}) = f \times [BW(m_{BW}, \Gamma_{BW}) \otimes GS(\sigma_{GS}^B)](m_{\mu\mu}) + (1 - f) \times e^{A \cdot m_{\mu\mu}} / m_{\mu\mu}^3$$

# ATLAS ttH Searches

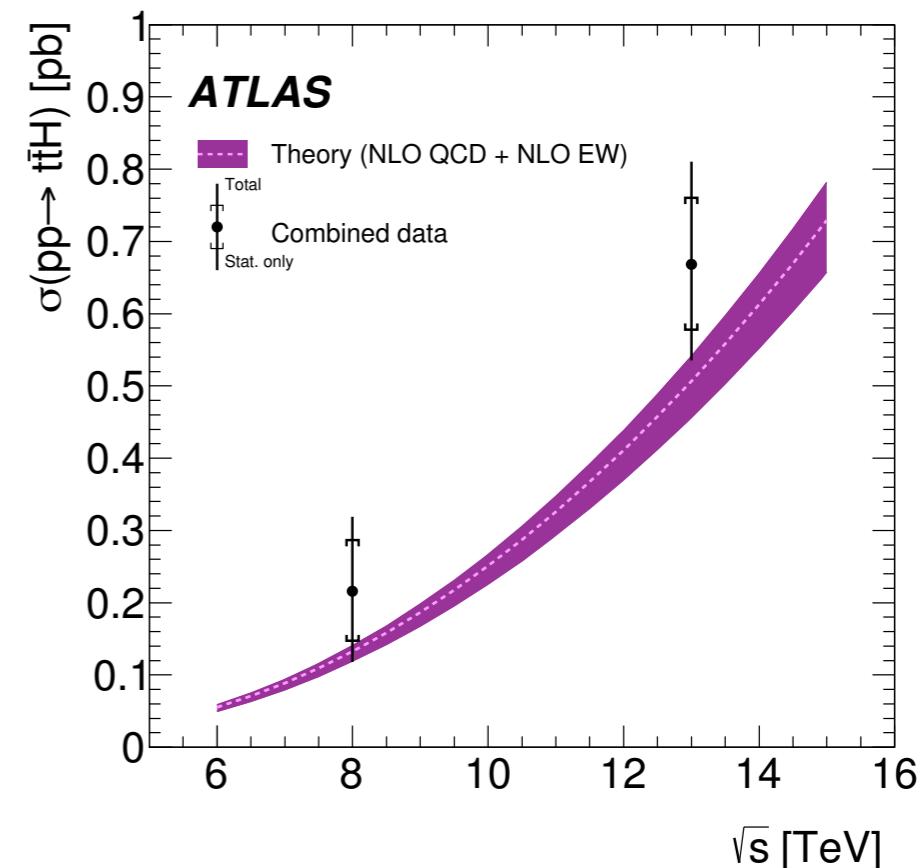
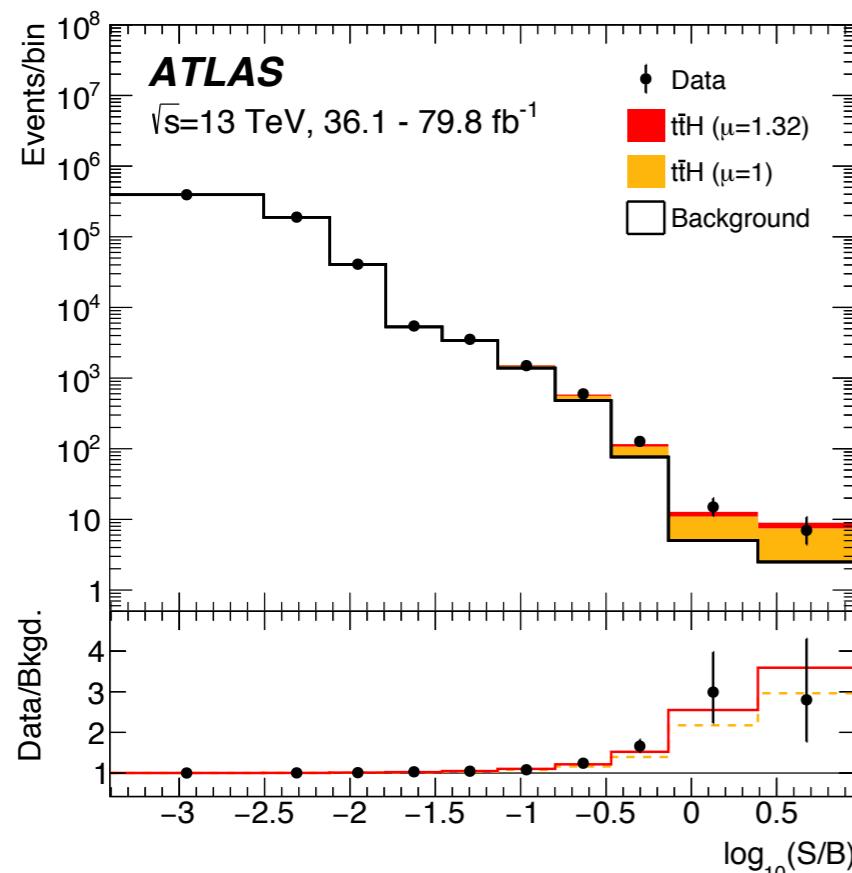


$H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4\ell$   
 $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

$H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow \ell\nu\ell\nu$   
 $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$   
(multi-leptons)



$H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$



# LFV Searches

