

Higgs results in the $WW^{(*)} \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$ decay channel at ATLAS

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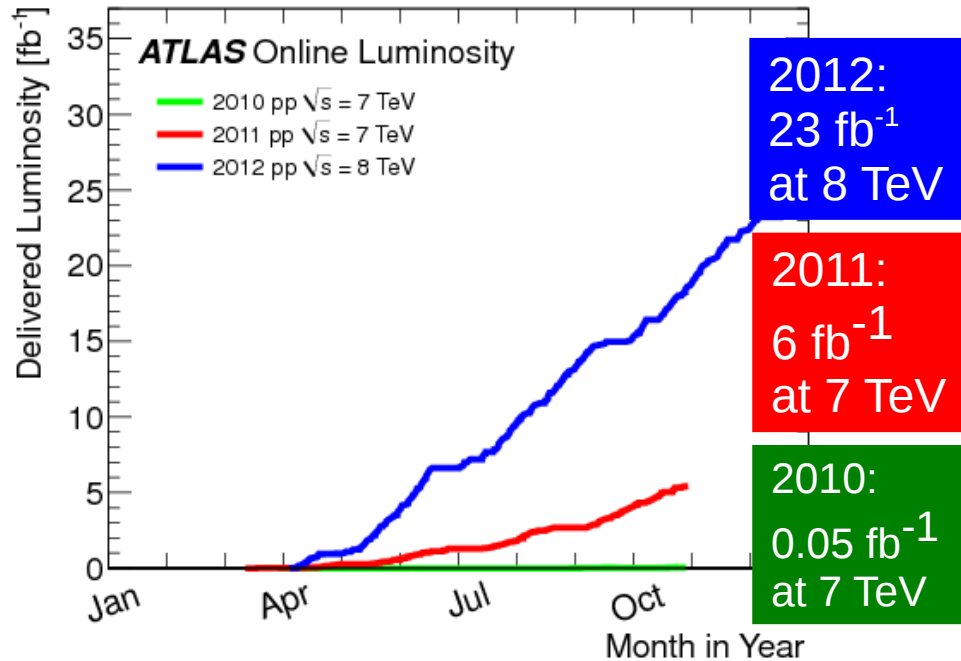


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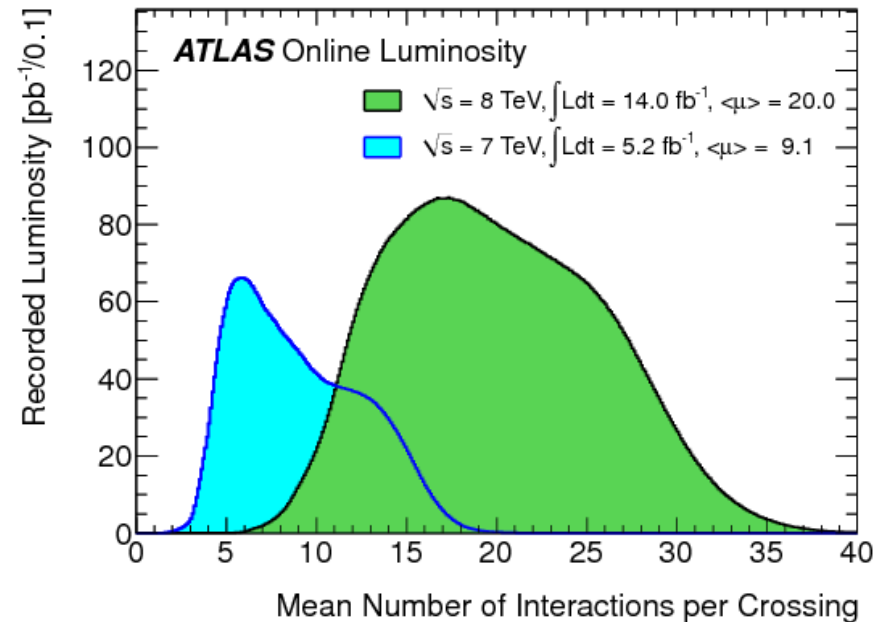
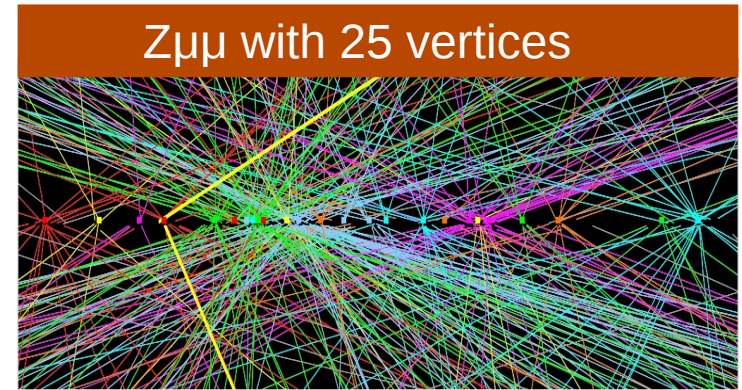
- **LHC operations in 2012**
- **Higgs production and decay**
- **The $H \rightarrow WW(*) \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$ analysis in ATLAS**
- **Experimental signature**
- **Backgrounds**
- **ggF/VBF categorization**
- **Results**

See <http://cds.cern.ch/record/1527126/files/ATLAS-CONF-2013-030.pdf>

LHC & ATLAS performances

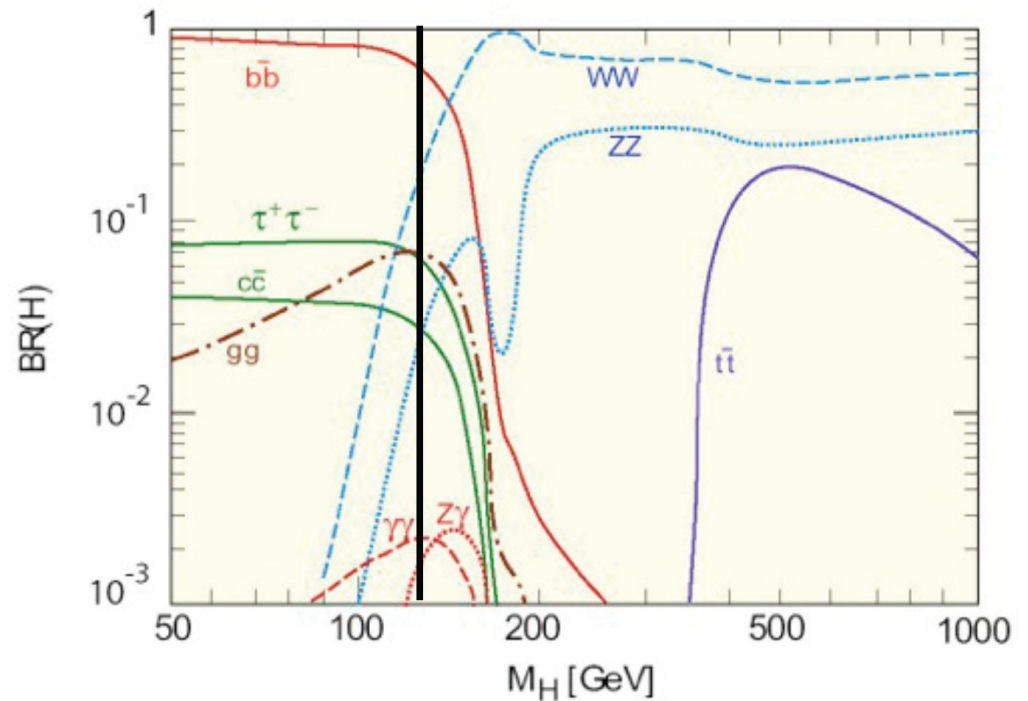
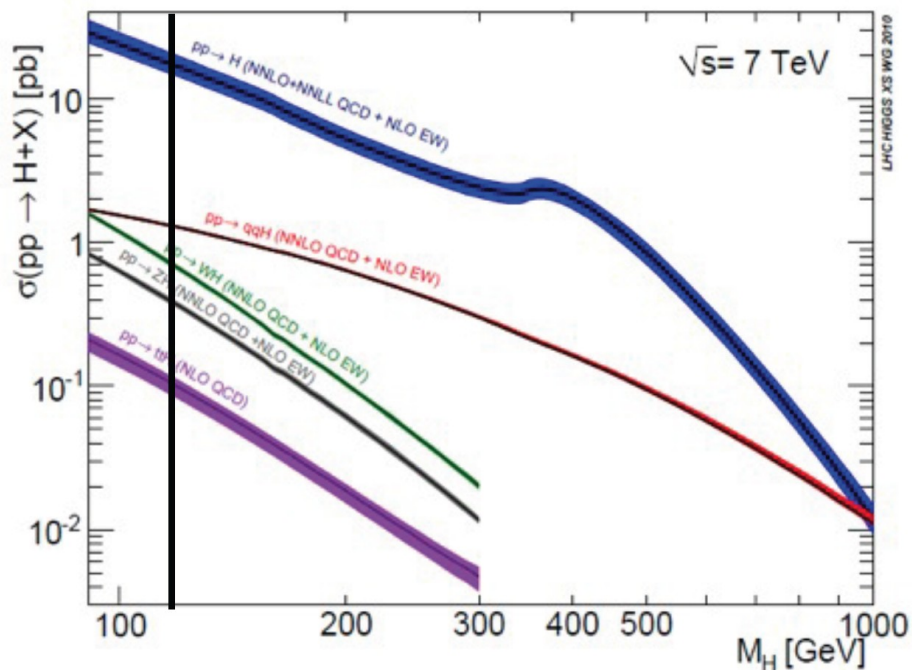
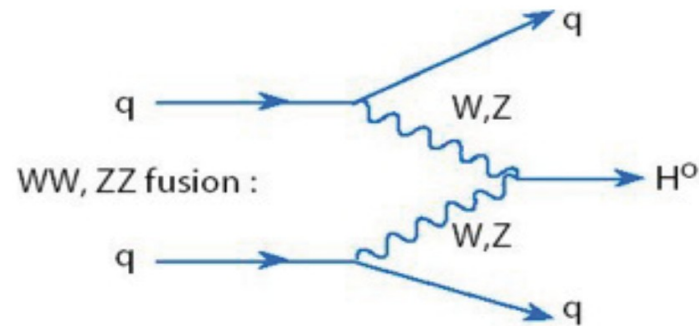
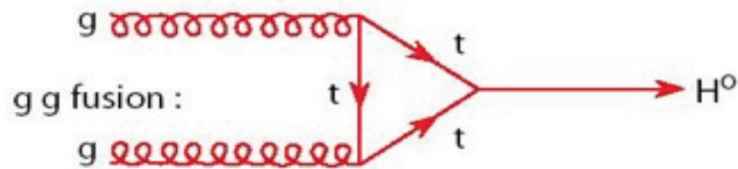


- L_{peak} up to $7.7 \cdot 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ in 2012 at 8 TeV
- $L_{\text{delivered}} \sim 23 \text{ fb}^{-1} (8 \text{ TeV}) + 6 \text{ fb}^{-1} (7 \text{ TeV})$
- $\sim 90\%$ of delivered collisions are used in ATLAS physics analyses



- Pile-up level above design value (50 ns bunch crossing)
- Many challenges to mitigate its impact at all levels: trigger, computing, reco/identification of physics objects

Higgs at LHC



- NNLO prediction for SM Higgs production cross section in most cases
 - theory uncertainties reduced to $< 20\%$
- $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$ one of the most sensitive channel

Analysis Strategy

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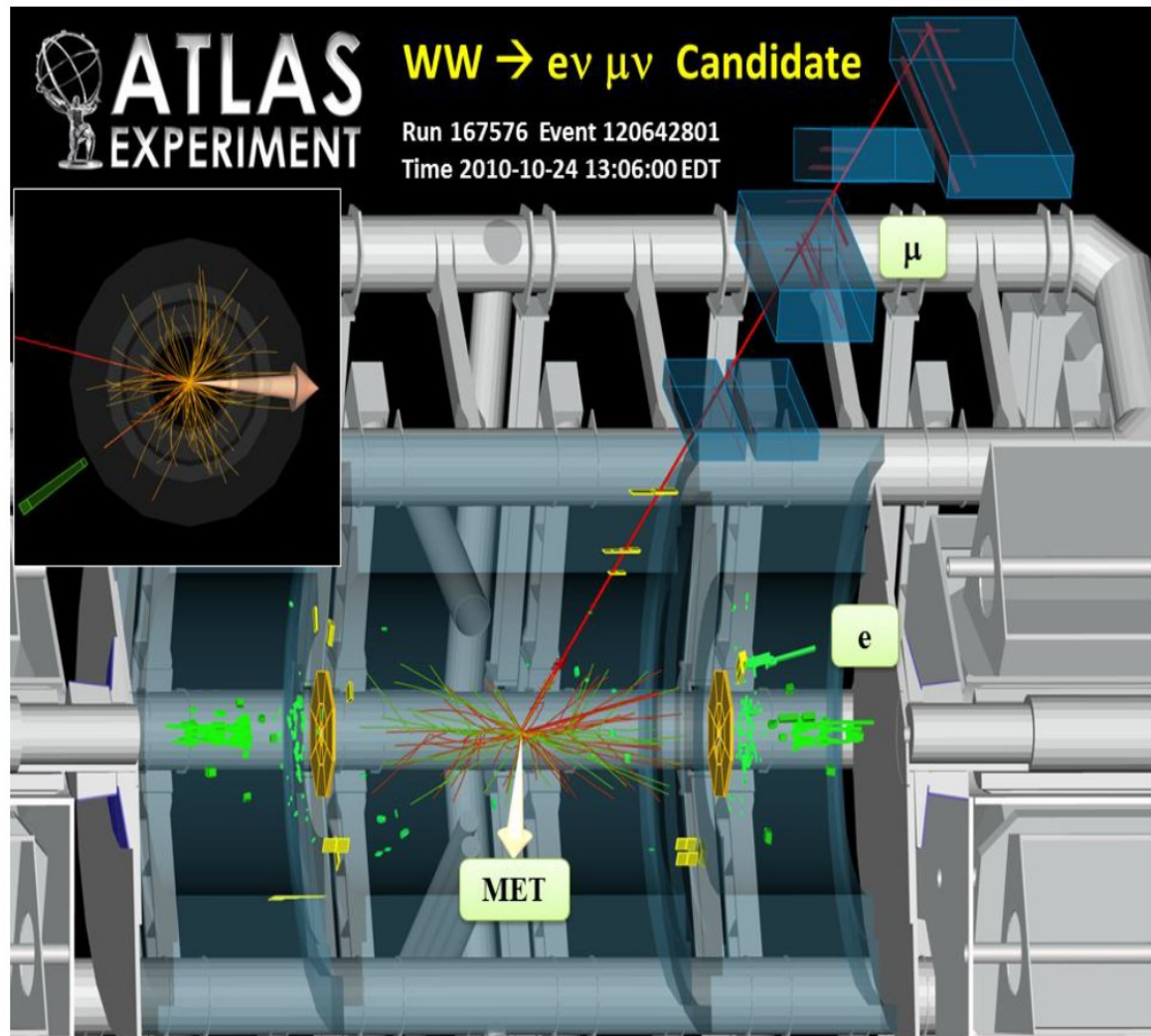
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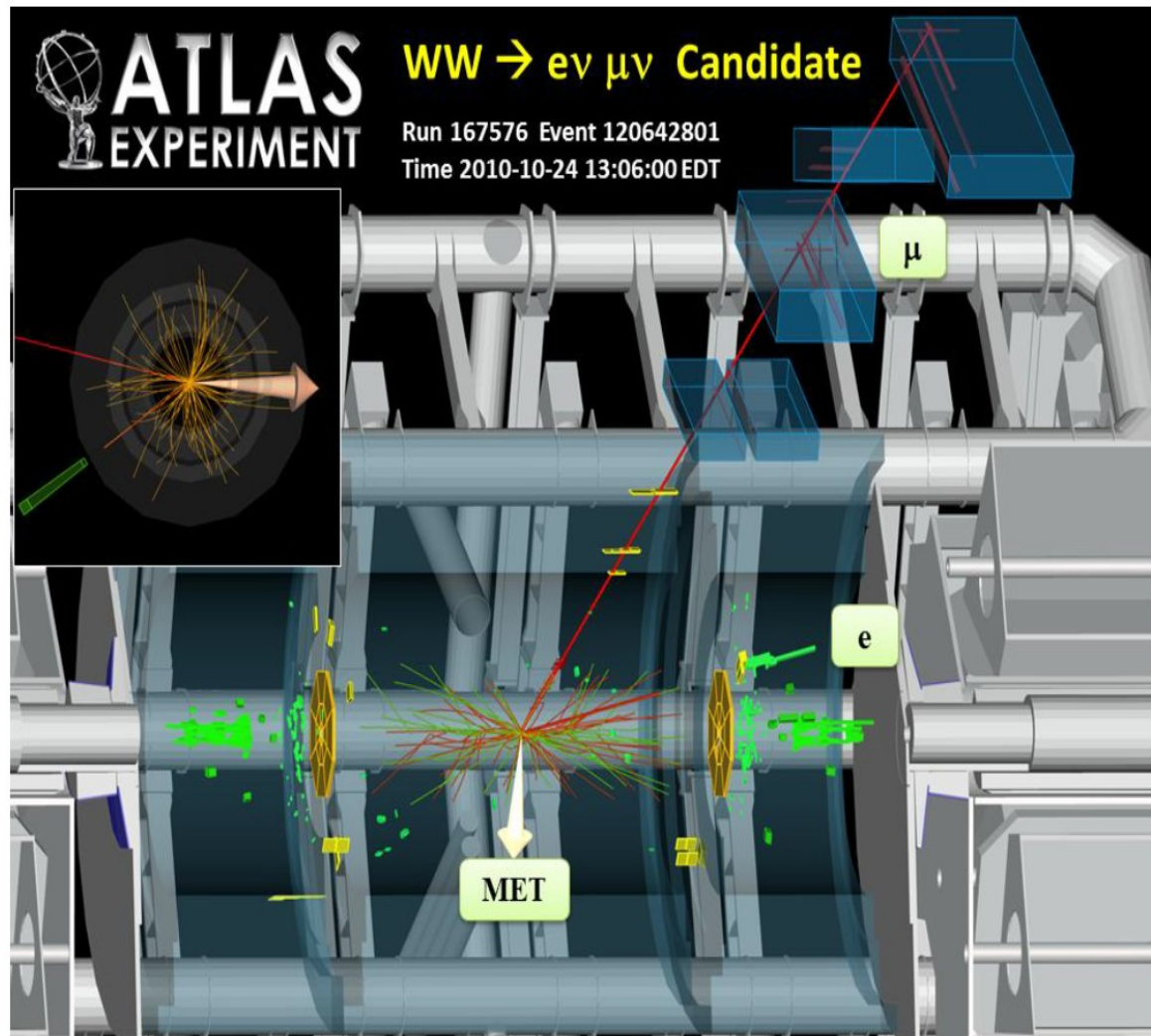
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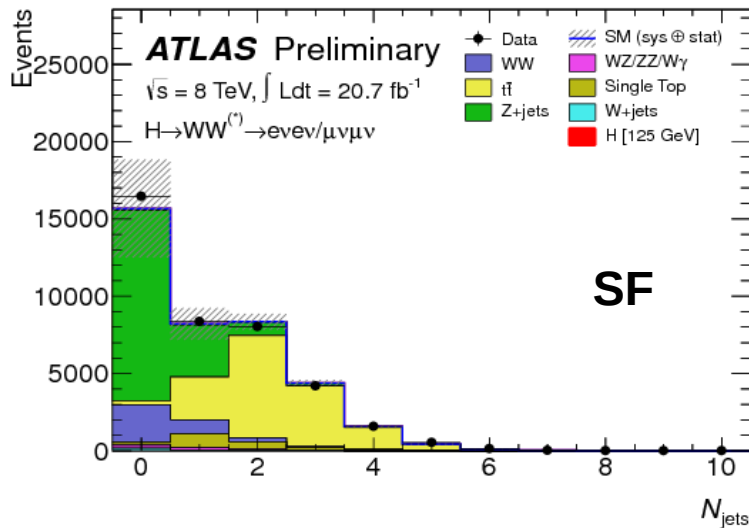
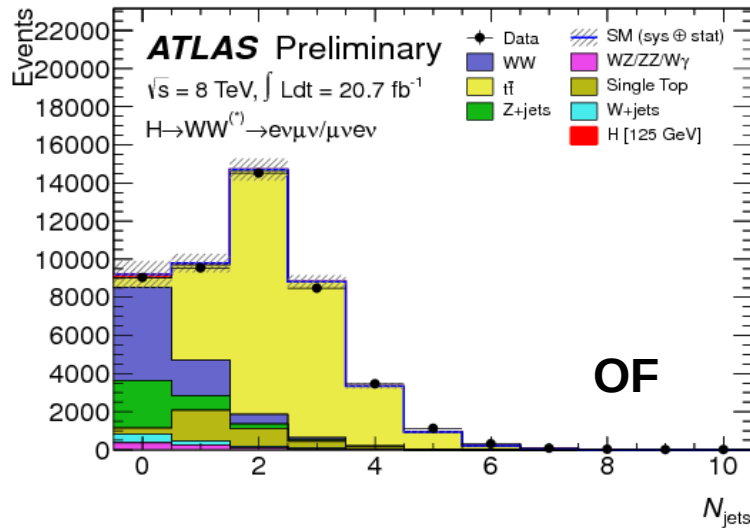
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New wrt to July discovery paper



Background



**Key of the analysis:
 understand background and
 normalize to control regions**

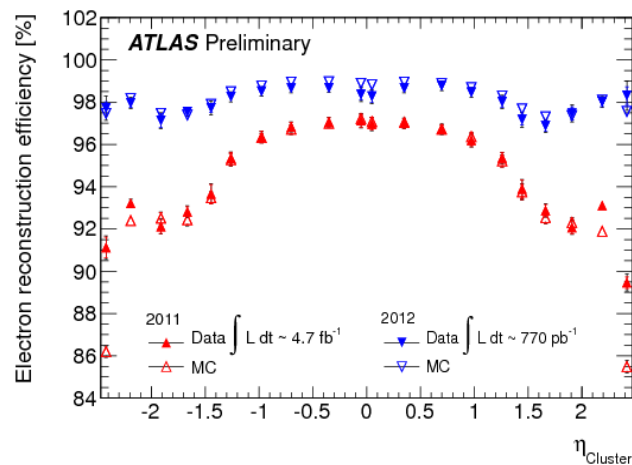
- **Drell-Yan**
 - large, reducible, require large E_T^{miss}
 - Z veto $|m_{ll} - M_Z| < 15 \text{ GeV}$
 - data-driven estimation
- **Top (1+2j bins)**
 - Large, reducible with cuts, modeled by MC
 - B-jets veto
 - Normalization from CR
- **WW**
 - Reducible by topological cuts
 - Normalization from CR
- **W +jets**
 - small
 - isolation, ID lepton
 - data-driven estimation
- **di-boson (WZ,ZZ,W γ)**
 Small, reducible and modeled by MC

- Different background composition depending on the number of jets
 - 0 jet : **WW**(**DY**) dominate in OF (SF)
 - 1 jet : **Top**, **WW** and **DY** in SF
 - 2 jet: **Top** dominate, VBF topology

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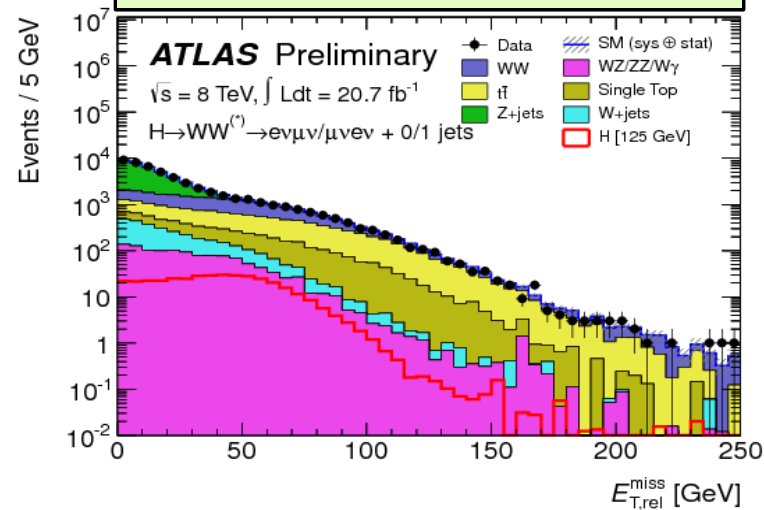
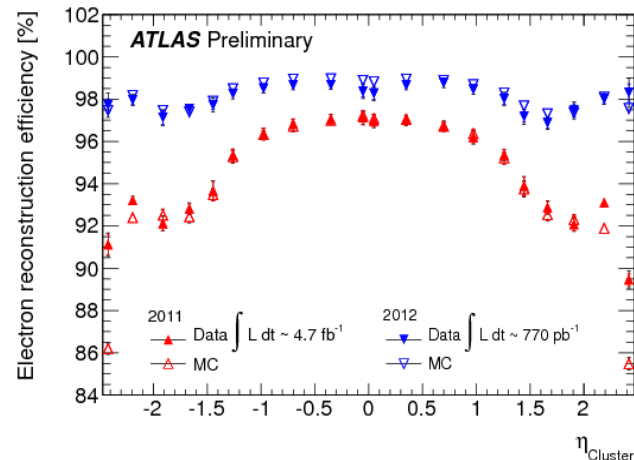
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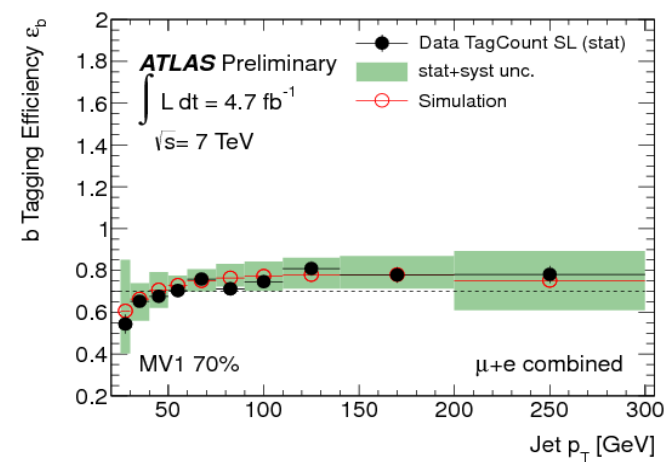
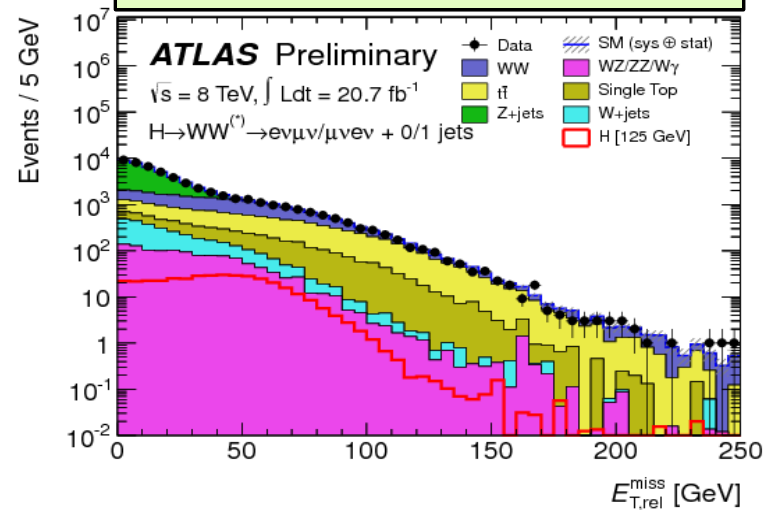
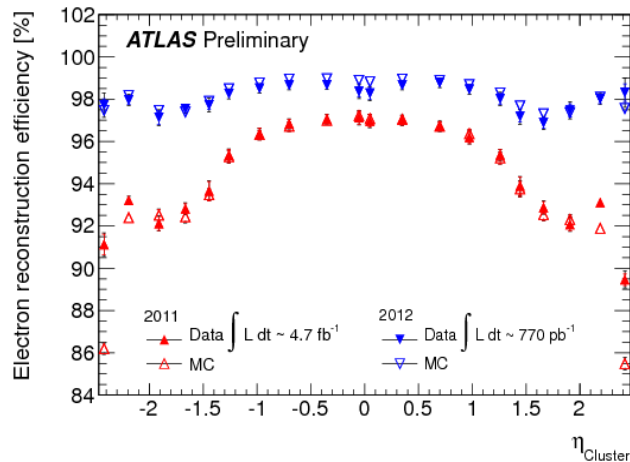
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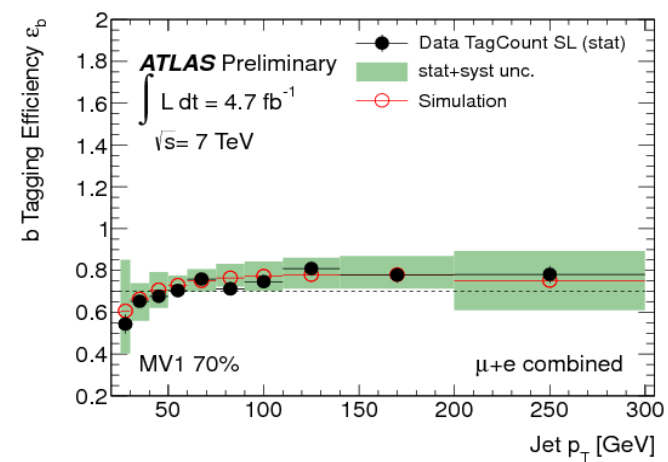
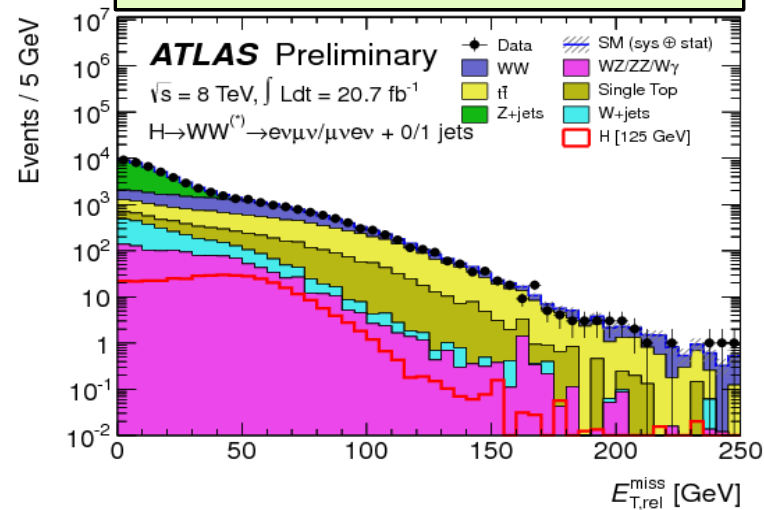
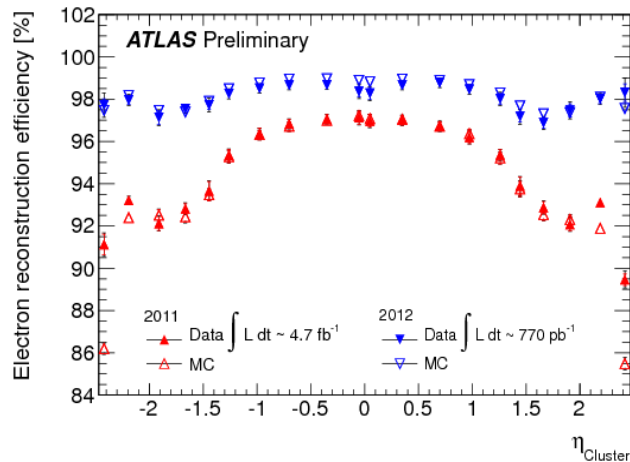
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WW suppression based on topology

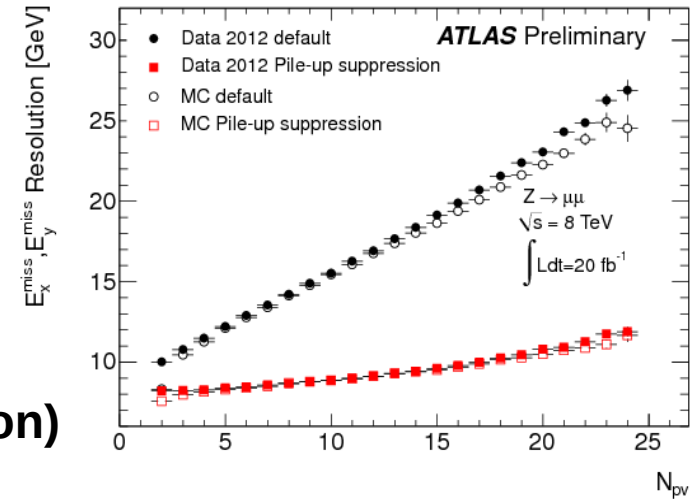
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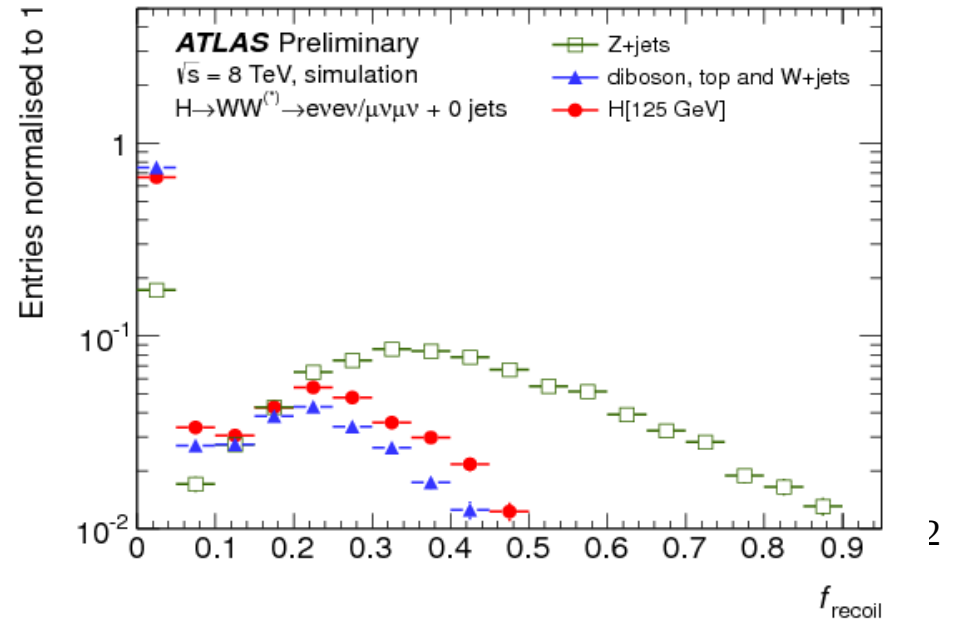
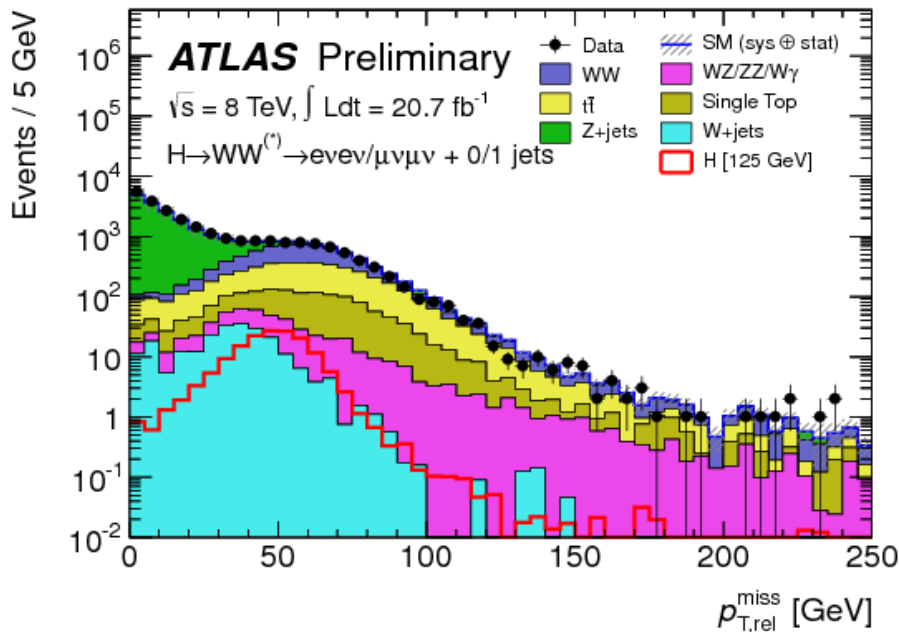
Large background due to fake E_T^{miss}
 → increase of resolution with PileUp



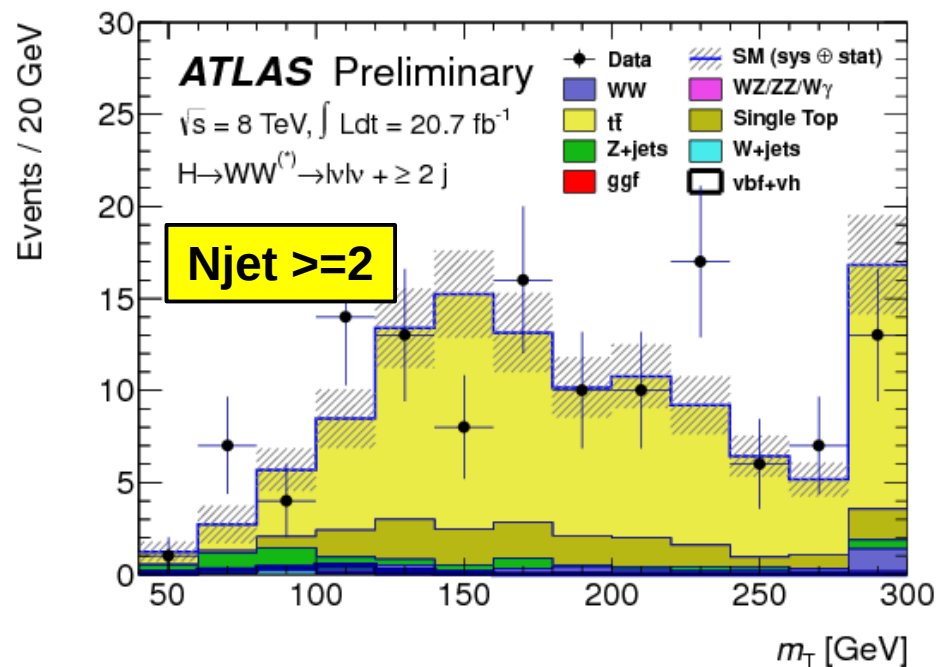
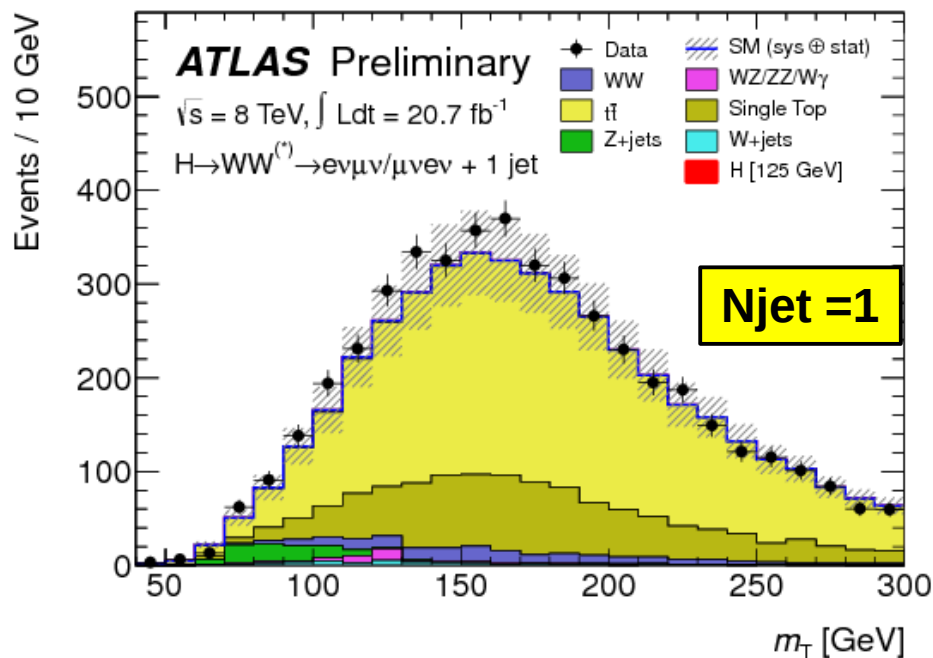
DY Reduction crucial for SF finale state (high Z cross section)
 Use combination of

- $E_{T,rel}^{\text{miss}}$ calorimeter based, degradation with increasing of PileUp
- $p_{T,rel}^{\text{miss}}$ use only track at the PV information, ~ independent on PileUp
- **frecoil**: ratio between vectorial sum pT of low-pT jets, opposite to pTllj and pTll

Uncertainty of 60%, 80%, 15% for Njet = 0, 1, >= 2



SM Top background



Definition of data control sample to normalize MC prediction

- reversing the b-jet veto
- Remove the requirements on $\Delta\phi_{ll}$ and m_{ll} .

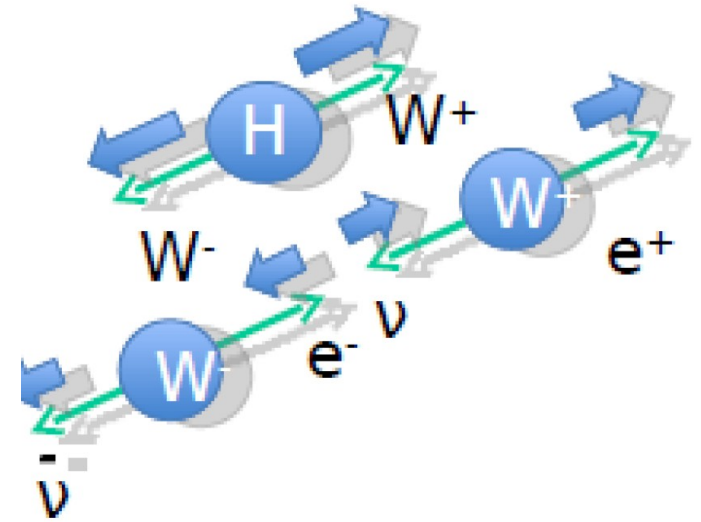
Uncertainty: 28% for $N_{jet} = 1$, 39% for $N_{jet} \geq 2j$

SM WW background

WW background dominates, crucial to understand
 Same final state of $H \rightarrow WW$

- exploit spin correlation:
 small opening angle, low m_{ll}

$$m_{ll} = \sqrt{2E_1 E_2 (1 - \cos \Delta\phi_{1,2})}$$



Control region definition:
 $|\Delta\phi_{ll}|$ cut remove

$50 < m_{ll} < 100$ GeV for $N_{jet} = 0$

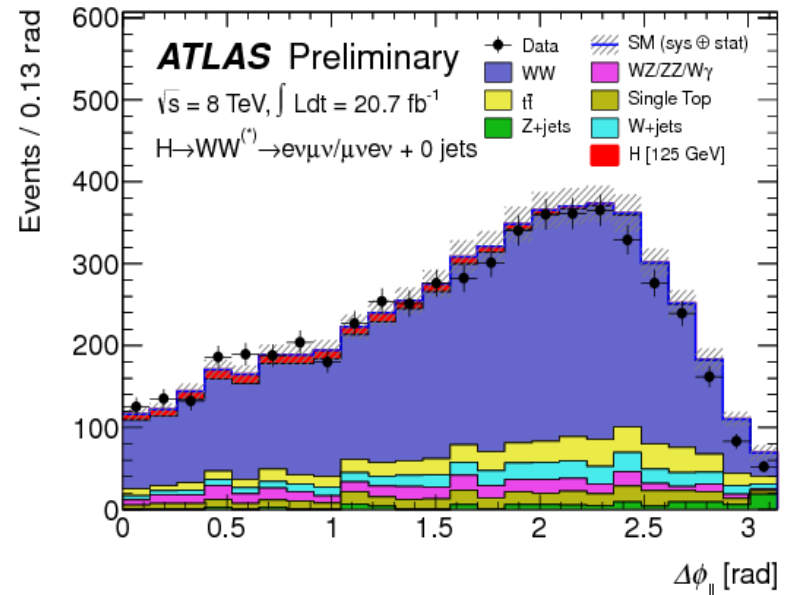
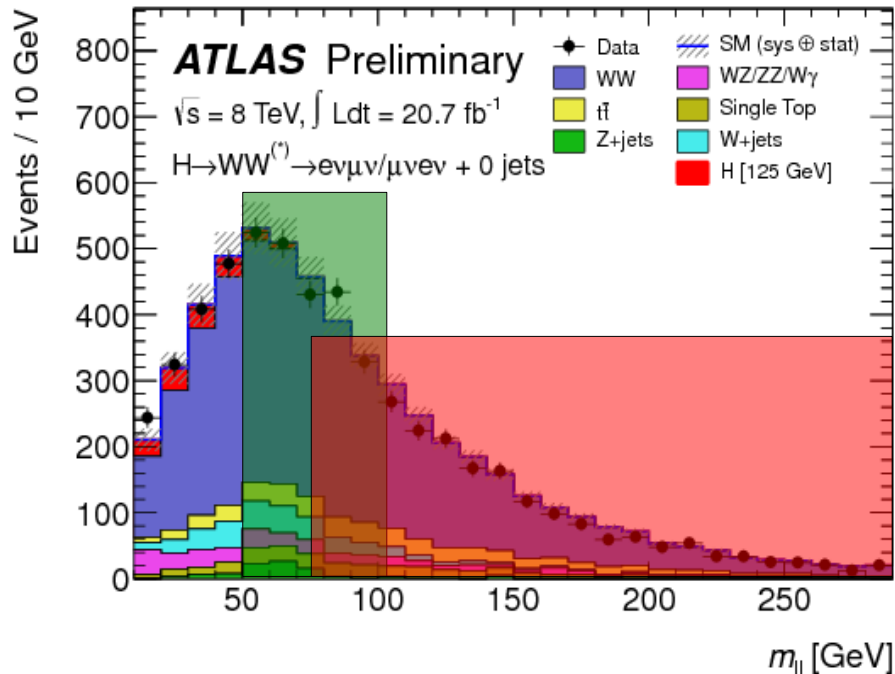
$m_{ll} > 80$ GeV for $N_{jet} = 1$

Uncertainty:

7.4 % for $N_{jet} = 0$

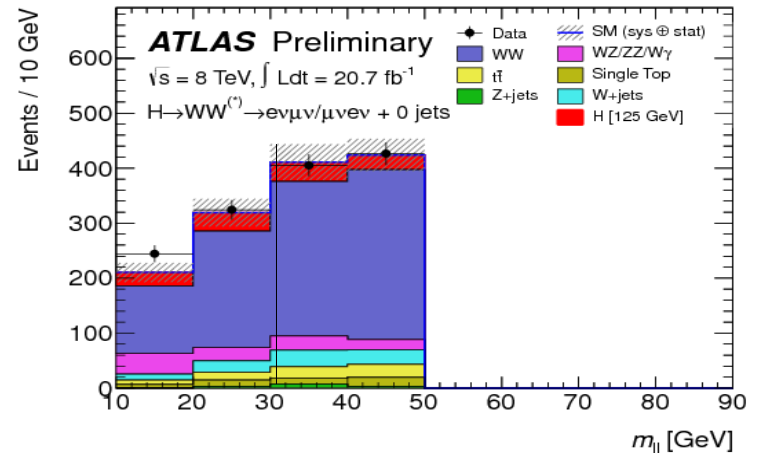
37 % for $N_{jet} = 1$

37 % for $N_{jet} \geq 2$ (from MC)

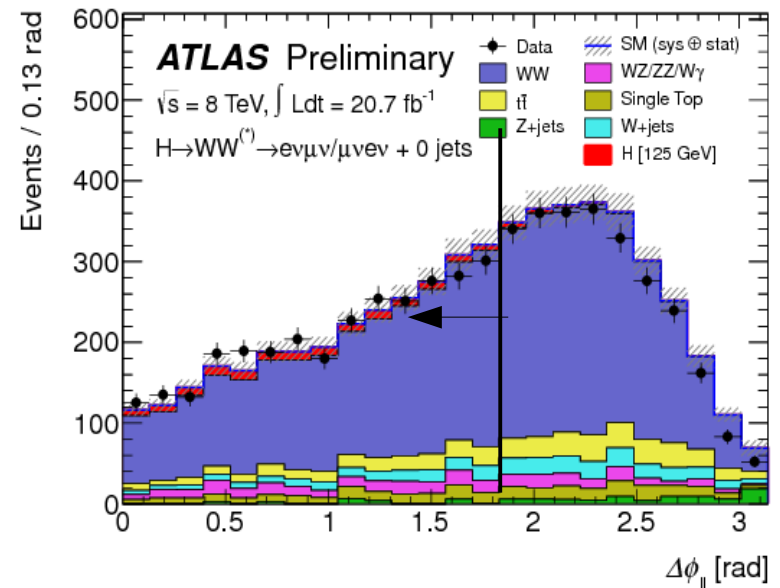
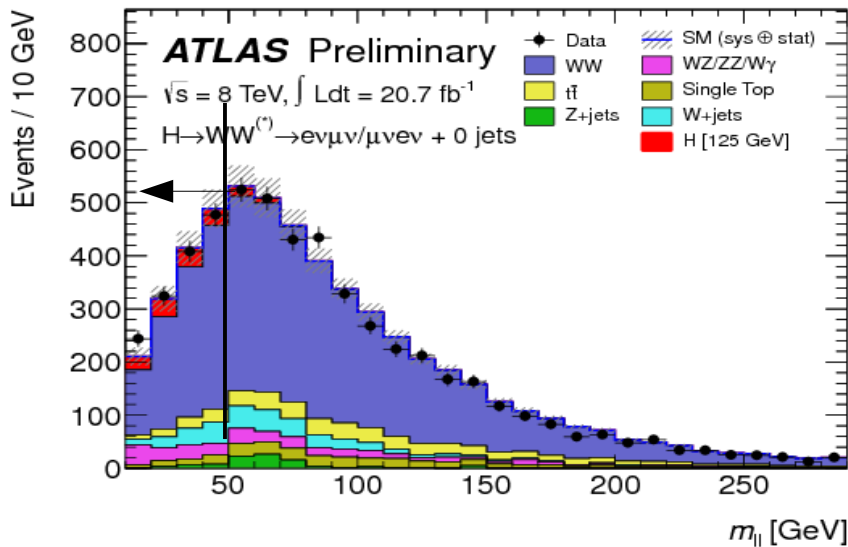


Signal extraction

- Split signal region in 2 mll bins
- improves the sensitivity
(different S/B ratio and background composition)
- Cut based analysis
- Final fit on MT



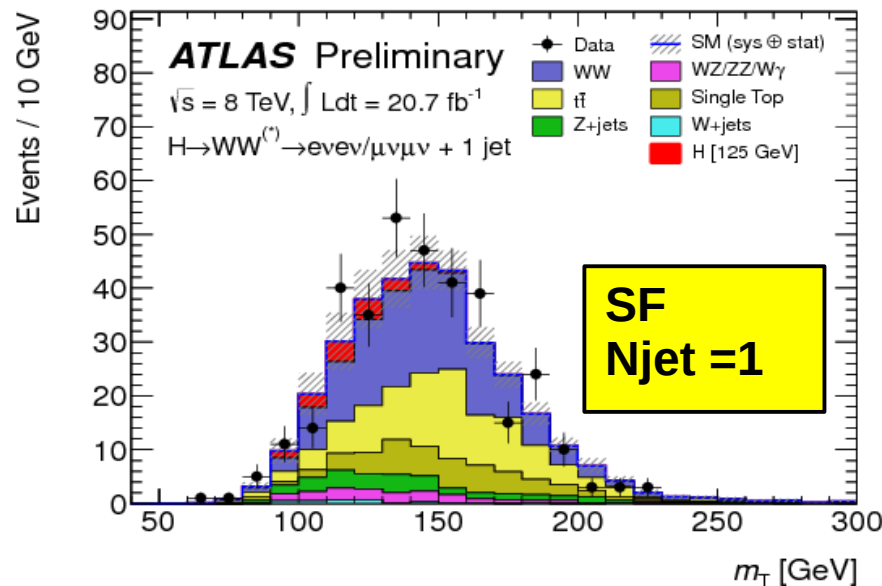
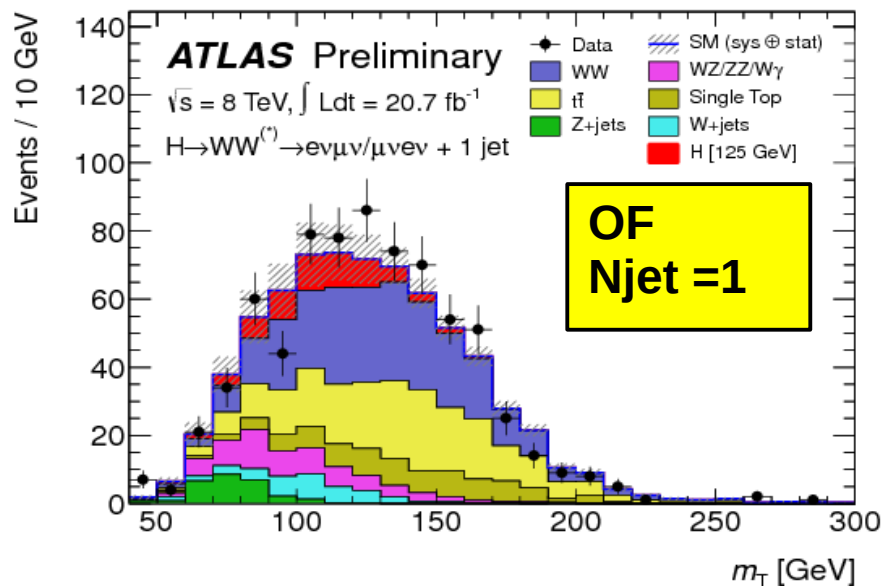
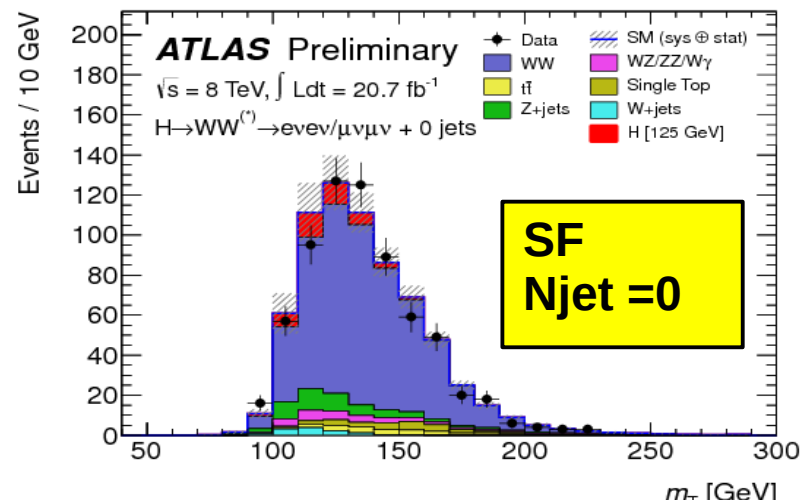
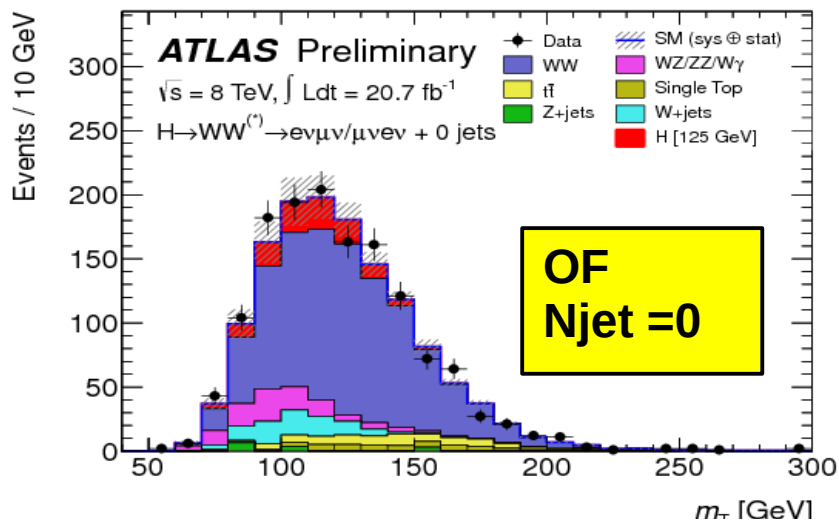
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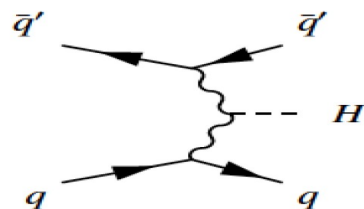
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Fit Transverse mass distribution

$$m_T^2 = \left(\sqrt{m_{ll}^2 + |\vec{p}_{Tll}|^2} + E_T^{\text{miss}} \right)^2 - \left(\vec{p}_{Tll} + \vec{E}_T^{\text{miss}} \right)^2$$



VBF



$$N_{\text{jet}} \geq 2$$

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$e\mu + \mu e$: $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 20$

$ee + \mu\mu$: $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 45$

$ee + \mu\mu$: $E_{T,STVF}^{\text{miss}} > 35$

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$N_{b\text{-jet}} = 0$

$p_T^{\text{tot}} < 45$

$e\mu + \mu e$: $Z/\gamma^* \rightarrow \tau\tau$ veto

$m_{jj} > 500$

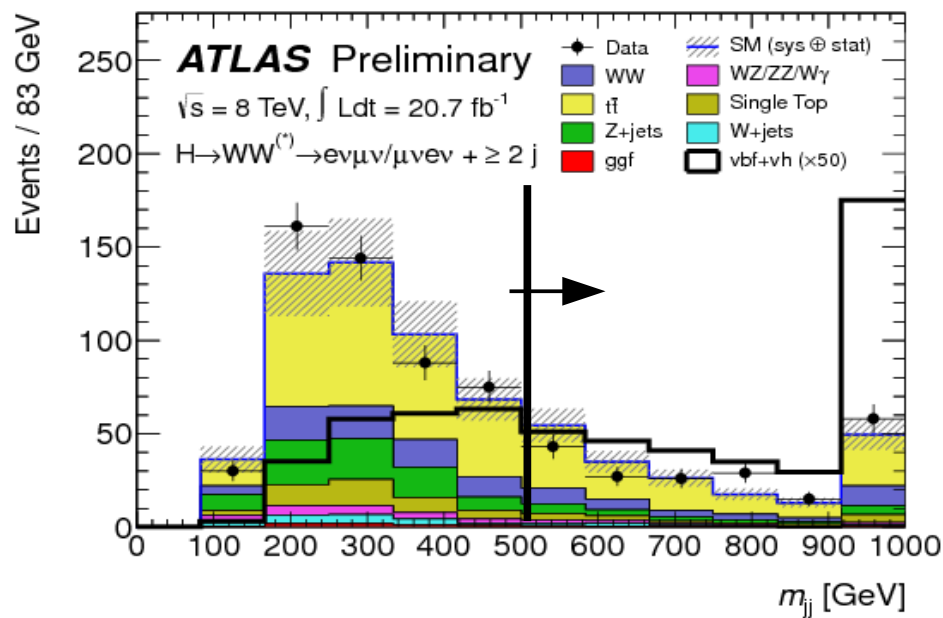
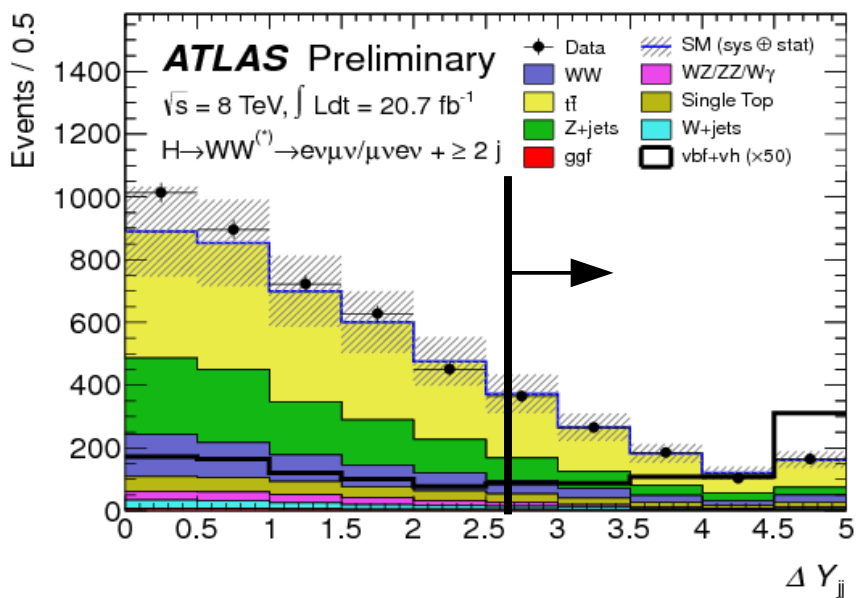
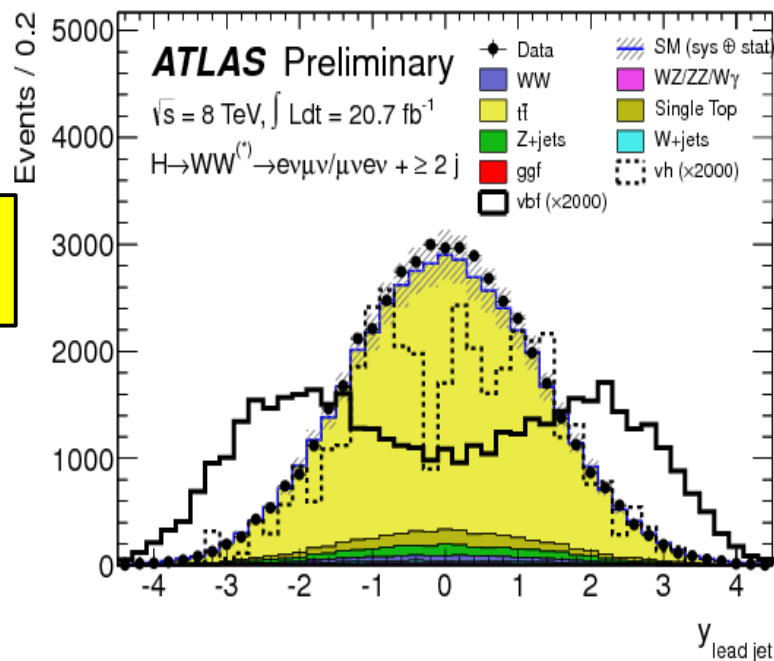
$|\Delta y_{jj}| > 2.8$

No jets ($p_T > 20$) in rapidity gap

Require both ℓ in rapidity gap

$m_{\ell\ell} < 60$

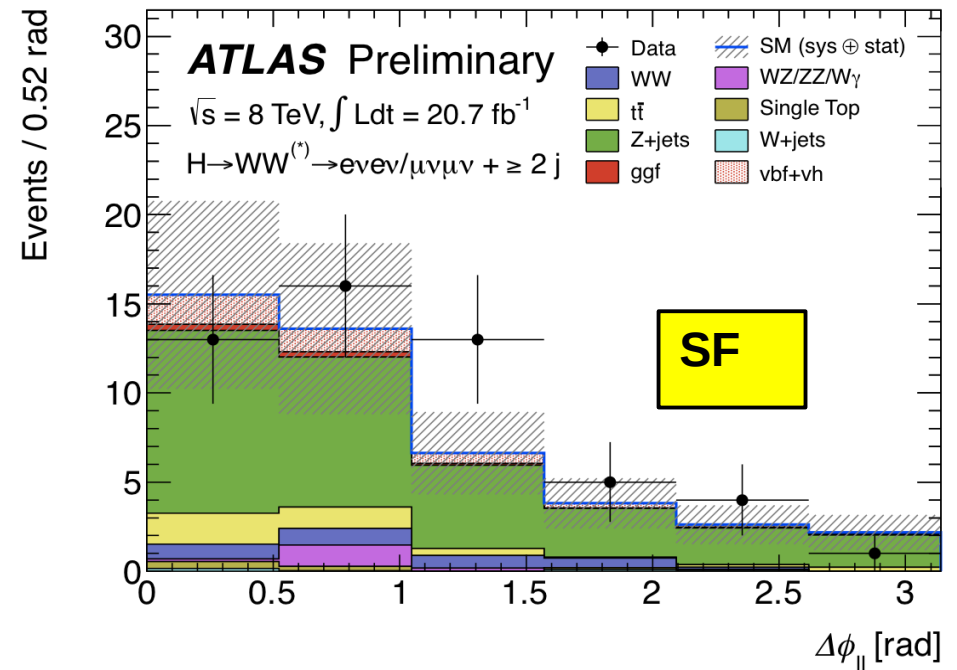
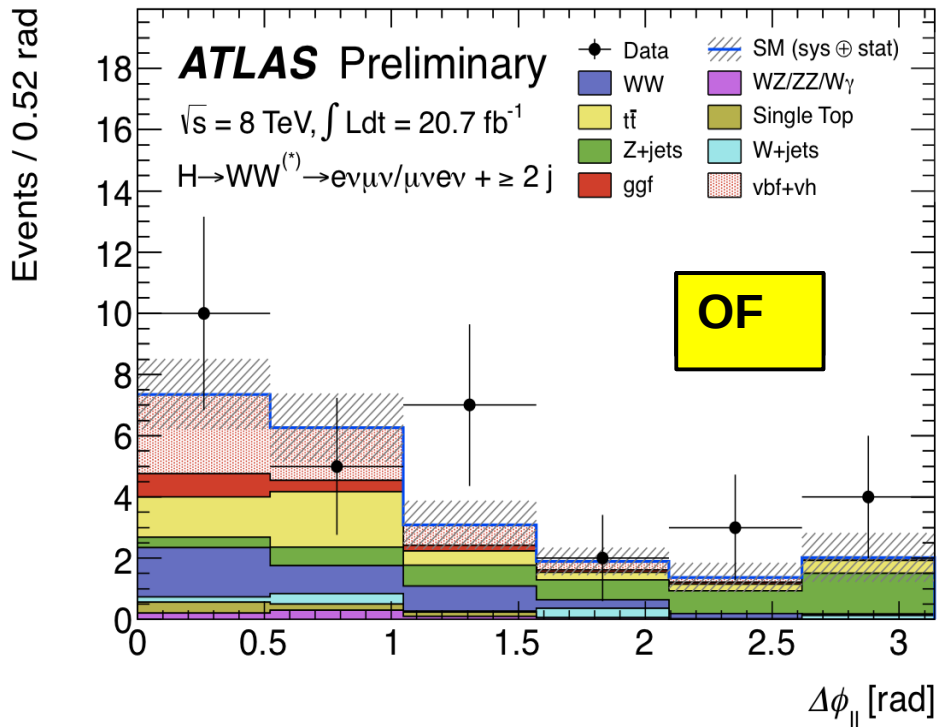
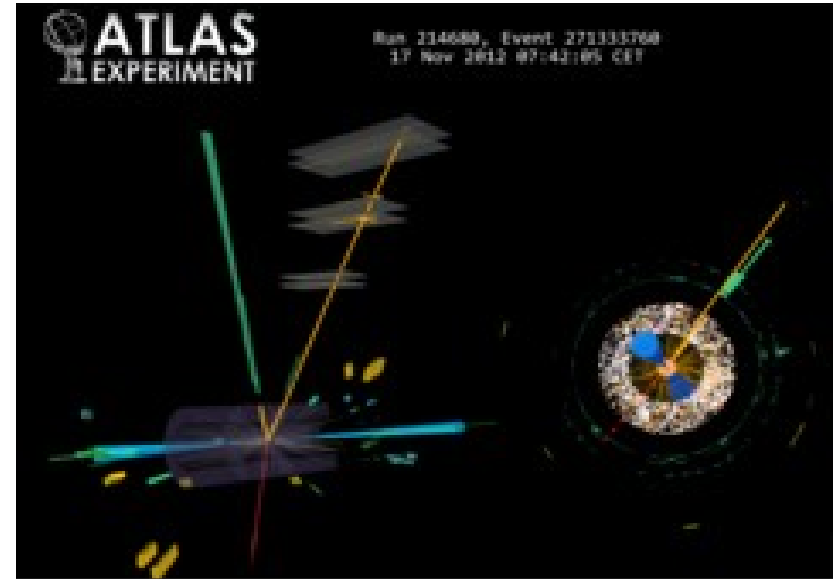
**WW + 2 jets
separated in rapidity**

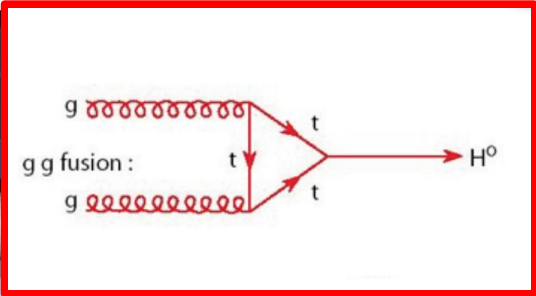
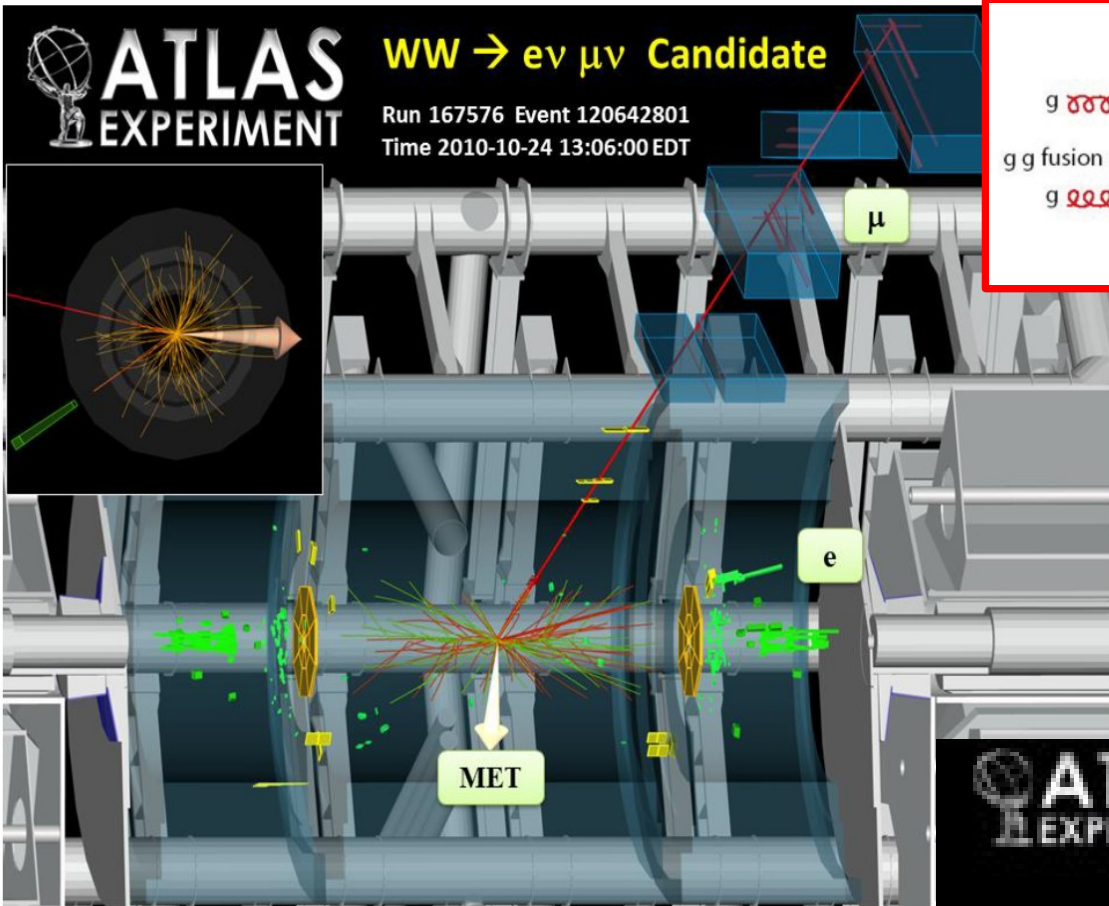


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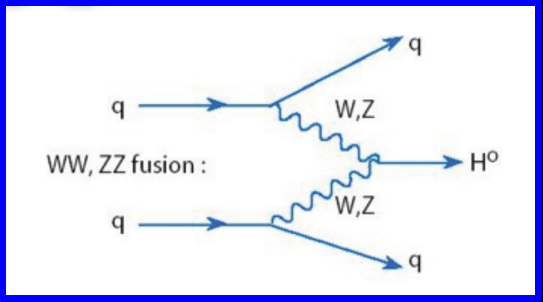
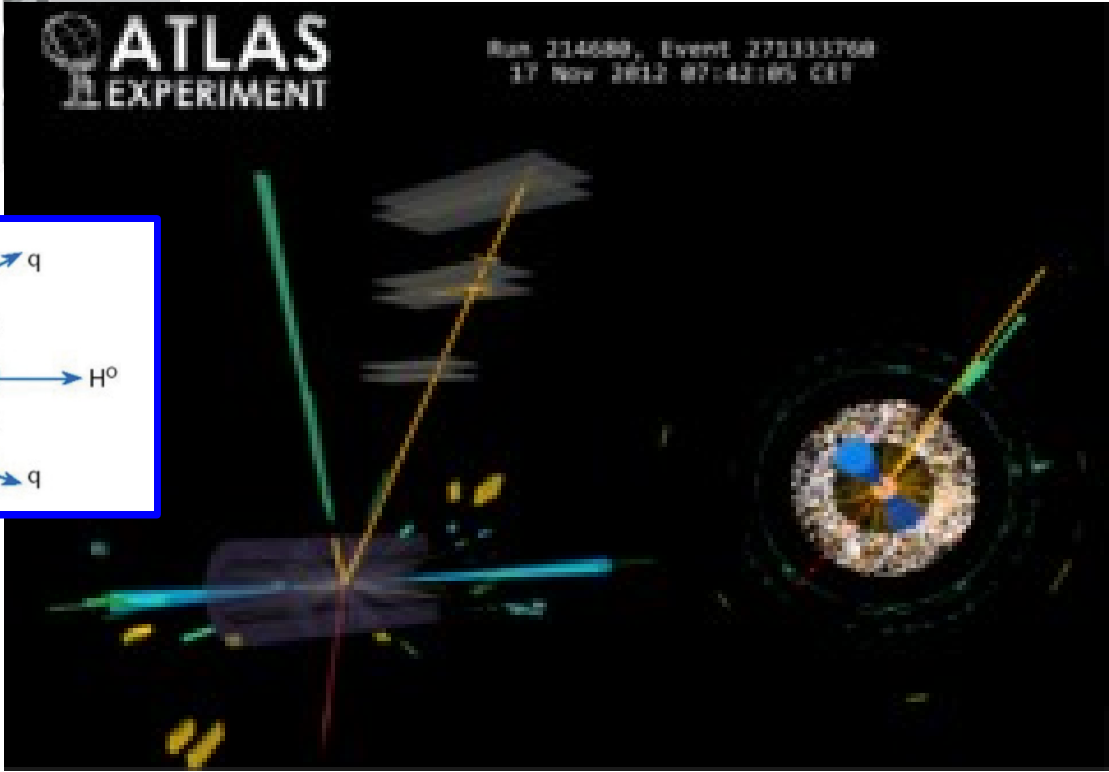
Backgrounds:

- **Top** dominate, constrained by CR
- **WW** from theory (37% uncertainty)
- **DY** from CR
- **ggF** signal considered as background

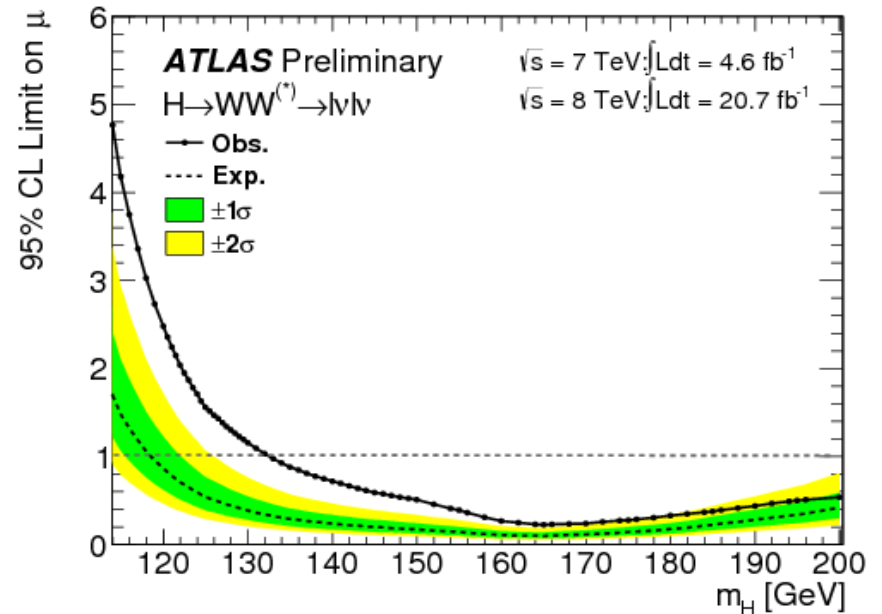
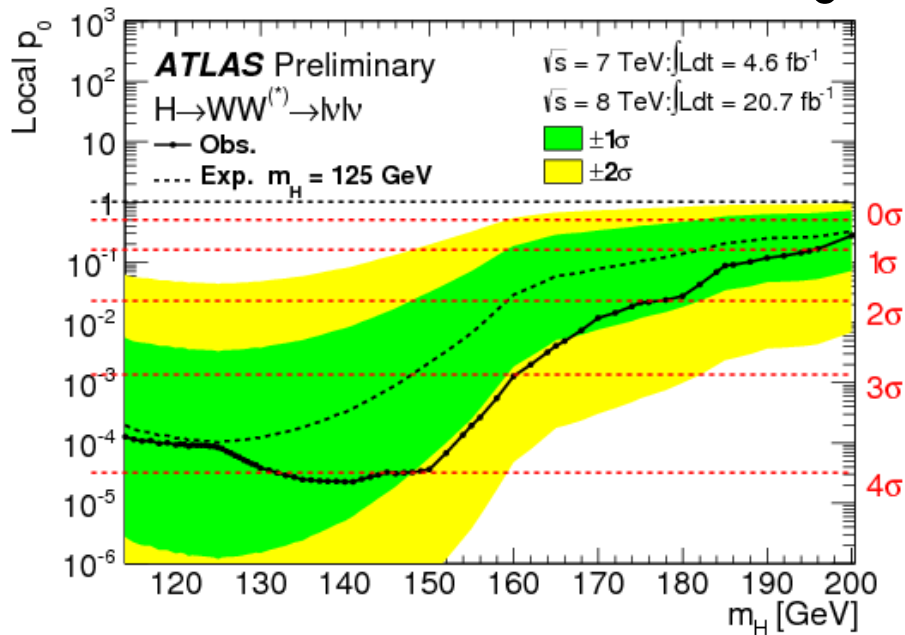




Results



Significance p_0 and signal strength μ

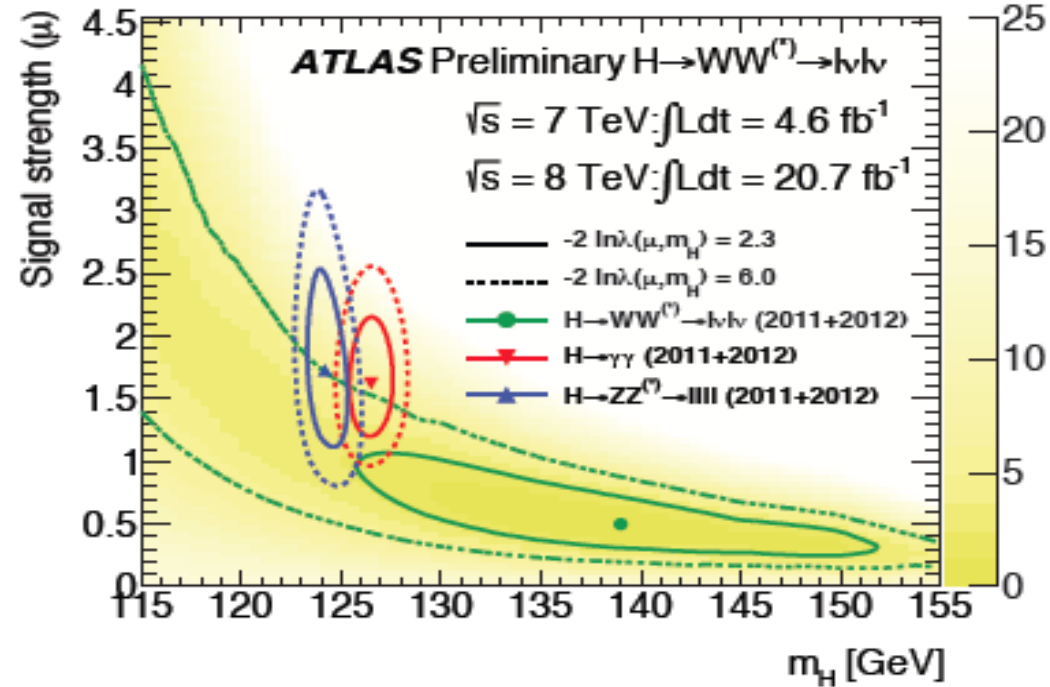
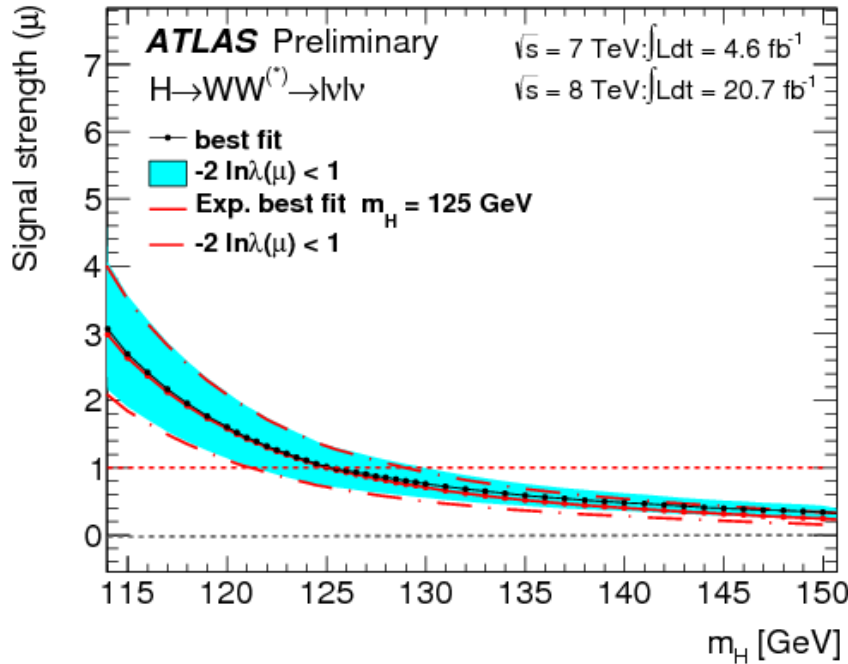


Significance at m_H 125 GeV: exp = 3.7σ , Obs = 3.8σ
 Largest significance at $m_H = 140 \text{ GeV}$, 4.1σ

Exclusion limit at 95% CL:
 Expected: $m_H > 119$
 Observed: $m_H > 133 \text{ GeV}$

Good consistency with SM

Signal strength and best mass fit



$\mu_{\text{obs}}(m_H = 125 \text{ GeV}) = 1.01 \pm 0.12(\text{stat}) \pm 0.19(\text{theo.syst.})$
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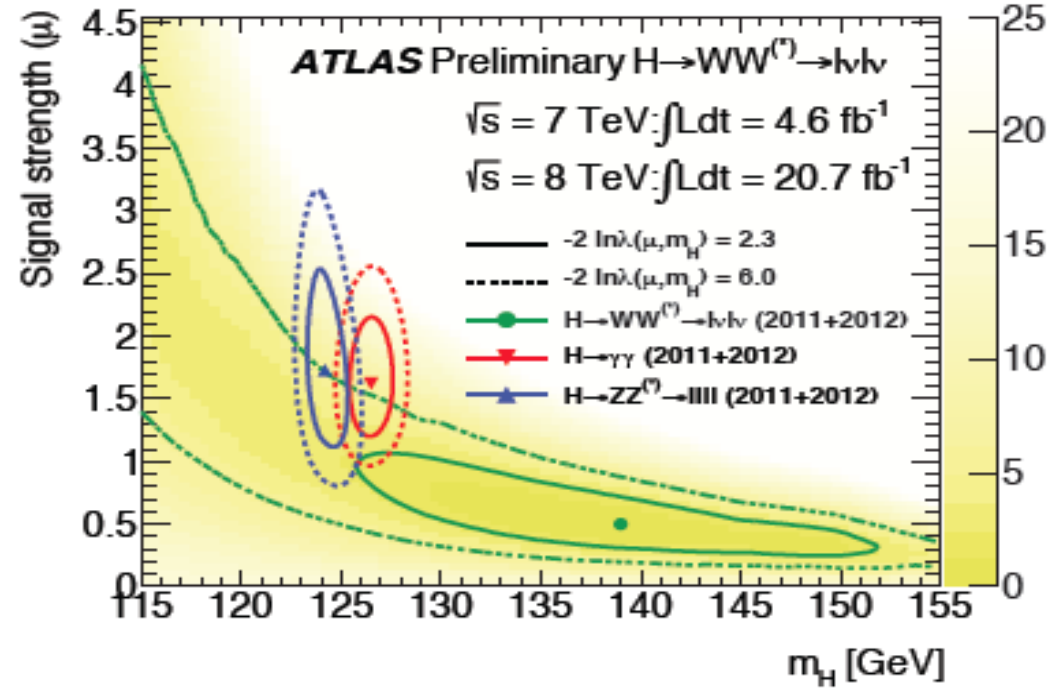
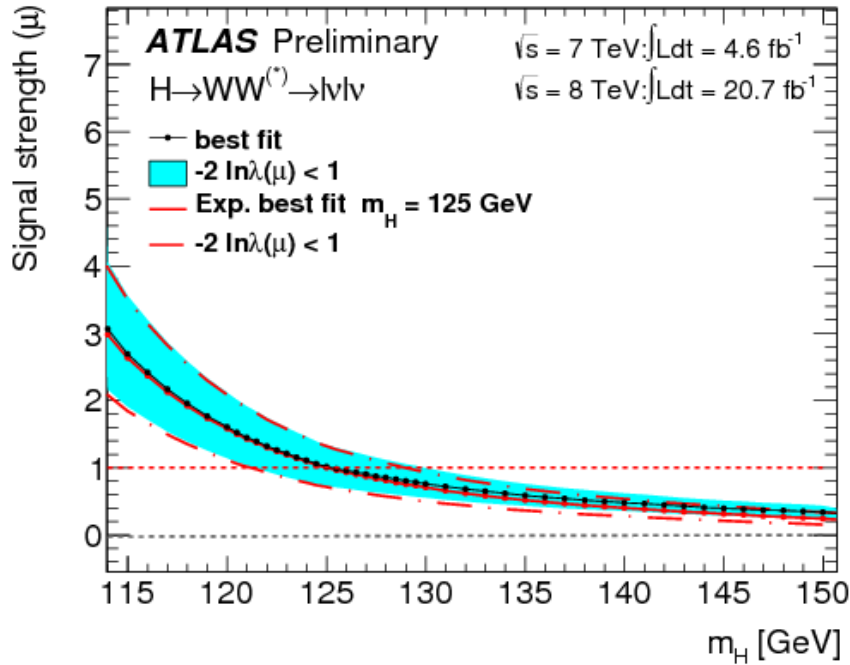
Best Mass fit consistent with other channels within 2σ .

Category	Source	Uncertainty, up (%)	Uncertainty, down (%)
Statistical	Observed data	+21	-21
Theoretical	Signal yield ($\sigma \cdot \mathcal{B}$)	+12	-9
Theoretical	WW normalisation	+12	-12
Experimental	Objects and DY estimation	+9	-8
Theoretical	Signal acceptance	+9	-7
Experimental	MC statistics	+7	-7
Experimental	W+ jets fake factor	+5	-5
Theoretical	Backgrounds, excluding WW	+5	-4
Luminosity	Integrated luminosity	+4	-4
Total		+32	-29

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 ± 0.2 (branching ratio) pb = 4.8 ± 0.7 pb

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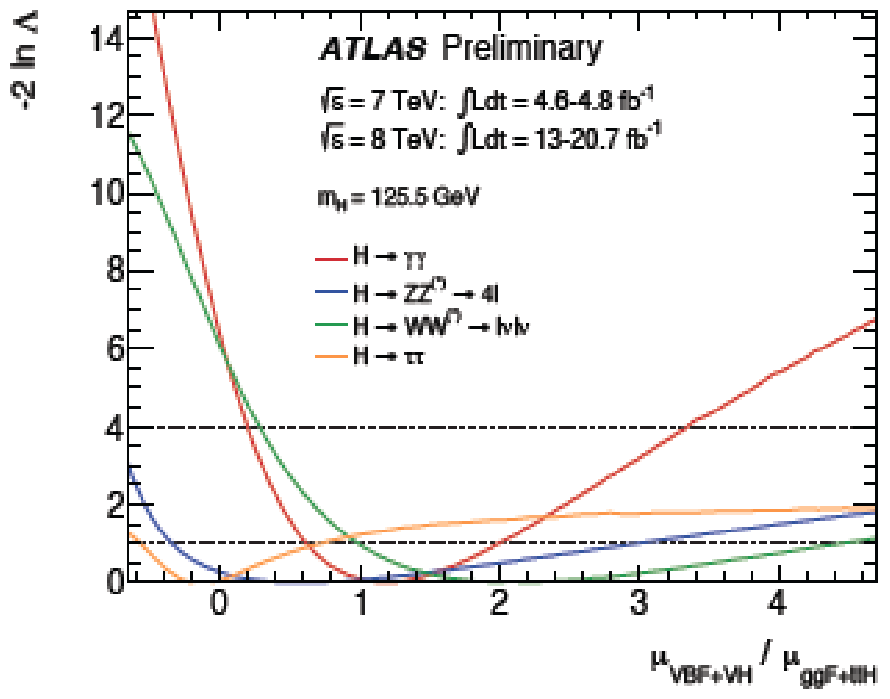
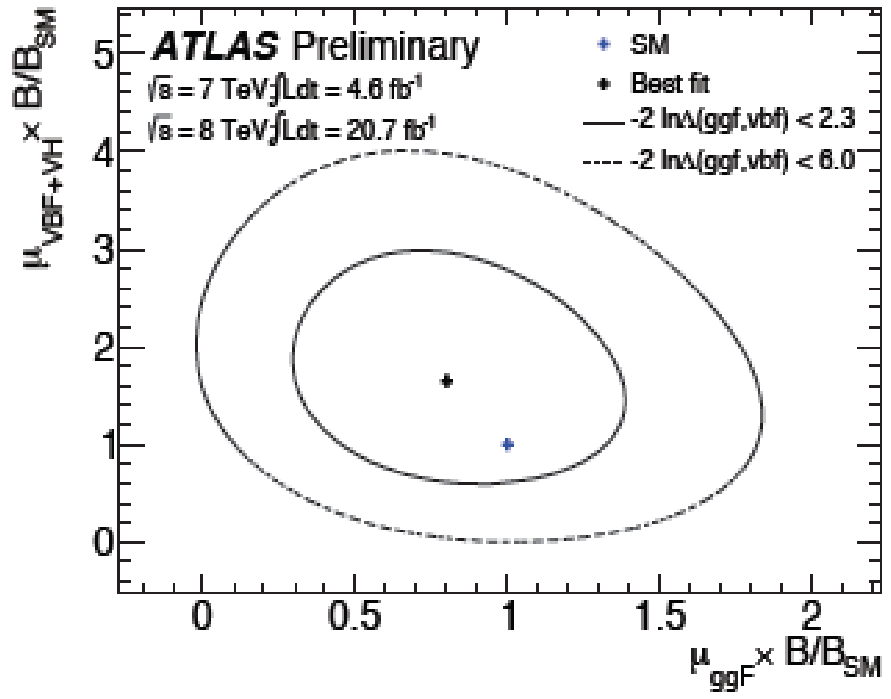
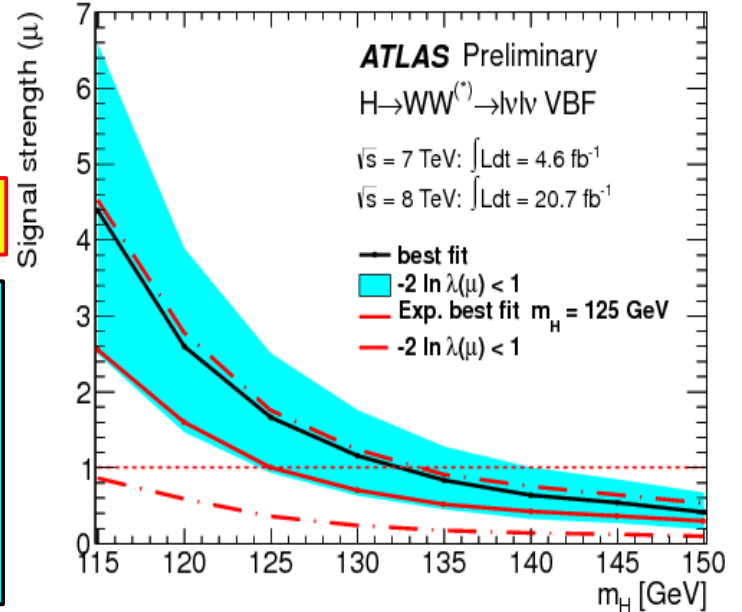
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VBF Result

Significance at $m_H=125$ GeV: exp = 1.6σ , Obs = 2.5σ

2D simultaneous ggF vs VBF fit

- $\mu_{ggF} (m_H=125 \text{ GeV}) = 0.82 \pm 0.24(\text{stat}) \pm 0.28(\text{syst}) = 0.82 \pm 0.36$
- $\mu_{VBF} (m_H=125 \text{ GeV}) = 1.66 \pm 0.67(\text{stat}) \pm 0.42(\text{syst}) = 1.66 \pm 0.79$



Good consistency with SM

Summary

Excess in $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$ already in the July discovery with $4.7\text{fb}^{-1} + 5.8\text{fb}^{-1}$

Recently $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$ analyzed on full $\sim 25\text{fb}^{-1}$ LHC Run1 dataset

ggF (0+1j)

- Significance at $m_H = 125\text{ GeV}$: exp = 3.7σ , Obs = 3.8σ
- $\mu_{\text{ggF}}(m_H=125\text{ GeV})(0+1j) = 1.01 \pm 0.31$

VBF

- Significance at $m_H = 125\text{ GeV}$: exp = 1.6σ , Obs = 2.5σ
- $\mu_{\text{ggF}}(m_H=125\text{ GeV})(0+1+2j) = 0.82 \pm 0.36$, $\mu_{\text{VBF}}(0+1+2j) = 1.66 \pm 0.79$

Measurements are consistent with SM expectations

Backup

Systematics

Source	Signal processes (%)			Background processes (%)		
	$N_{\text{jet}} = 0$	$N_{\text{jet}} = 1$	$N_{\text{jet}} \geq 2$	$N_{\text{jet}} = 0$	$N_{\text{jet}} = 1$	$N_{\text{jet}} \geq 2$
Theoretical uncertainties						
QCD scale for ggF signal for $N_{\text{jet}} \geq 0$	13	-	-	-	-	-
QCD scale for ggF signal for $N_{\text{jet}} \geq 1$	10	27	-	-	-	-
QCD scale for ggF signal for $N_{\text{jet}} \geq 2$	-	15	4	-	-	-
QCD scale for ggF signal for $N_{\text{jet}} \geq 3$	-	-	4	-	-	-
Parton shower and UE model (signal only)	3	10	5	-	-	-
PDF model	8	7	3	1	1	1
$H \rightarrow WW$ branching ratio	4	4	4	-	-	-
QCD scale (acceptance)	4	4	3	-	-	-
WW normalisation	-	-	-	1	2	4
Experimental uncertainties						
Jet energy scale and resolution	5	2	6	2	3	7
b -tagging efficiency	-	-	-	-	7	2
f_{recoil} efficiency	1	1	-	4	2	-

Channel	$\Delta_{\text{tot}}(\%)$
0j signal	20
0j background	4.7
1j signal	33.8
1j background	8.2
2j signal	11.3
2j background	8.3

Signal yield

Data 2011

$\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$, $\text{Lint} \sim 4.9 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
 $e\mu + \mu e + \mu\mu + ee$

Njet	Signal	Tot Bkg	Data
0	25 ± 5	161 ± 11	154
1	7 ± 2	47 ± 6	62
≥ 2	1.4 ± 0.2	4.6 ± 0.8	2

Data 2012

$\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$, $\text{Lint} \sim 20.6 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
 $e\mu + \mu e + \mu\mu + ee$

Njet	Signal	Tot Bkg	Data
0	92 ± 20	739 ± 39	831
1	40 ± 13	261 ± 28	309
≥ 2	10.6 ± 1.4	36 ± 4	55