

# Review of ATLAS Higgs $\rightarrow$ WW Results with $25 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ of Data

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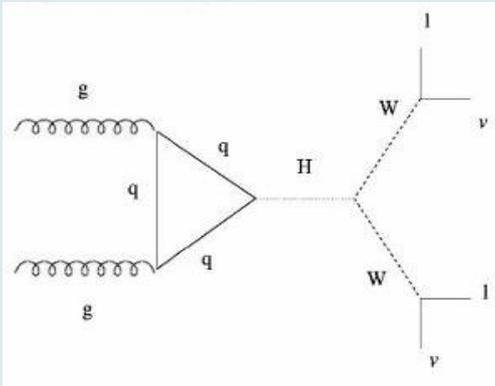
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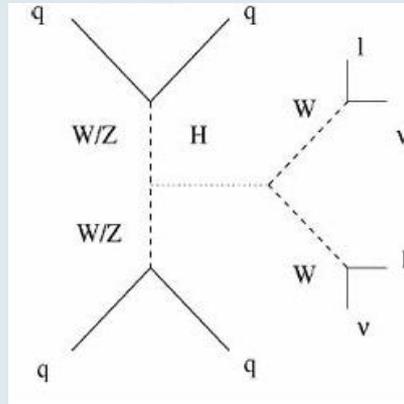
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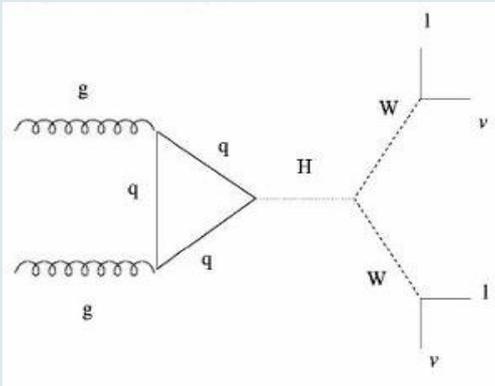
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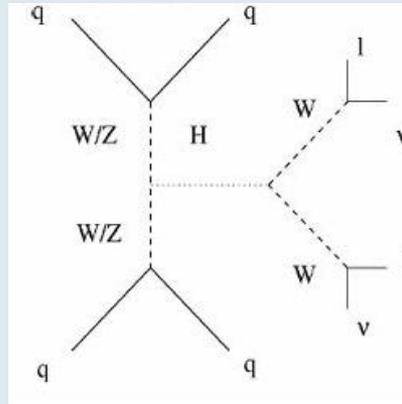
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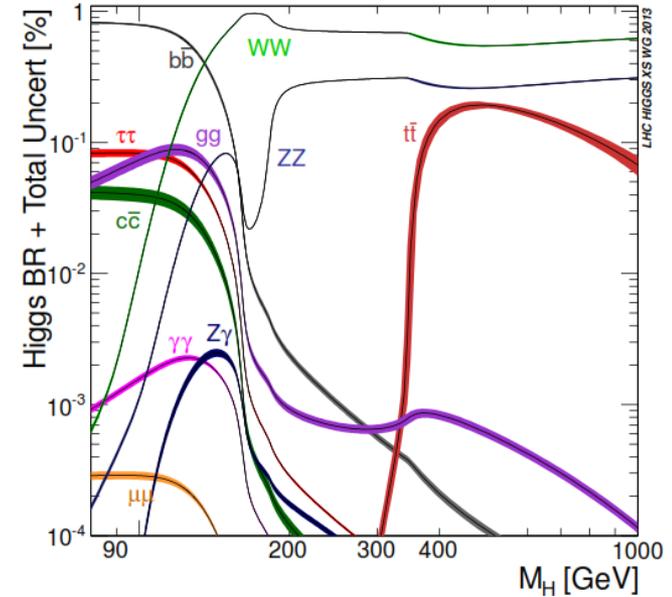


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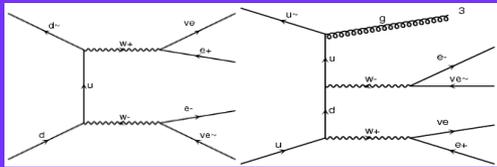
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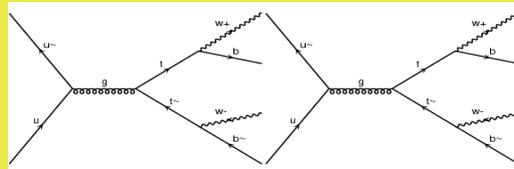
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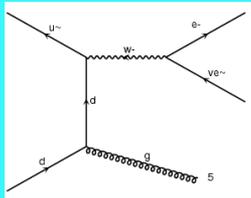
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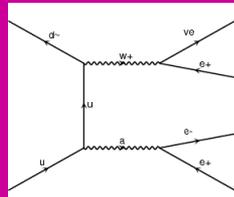
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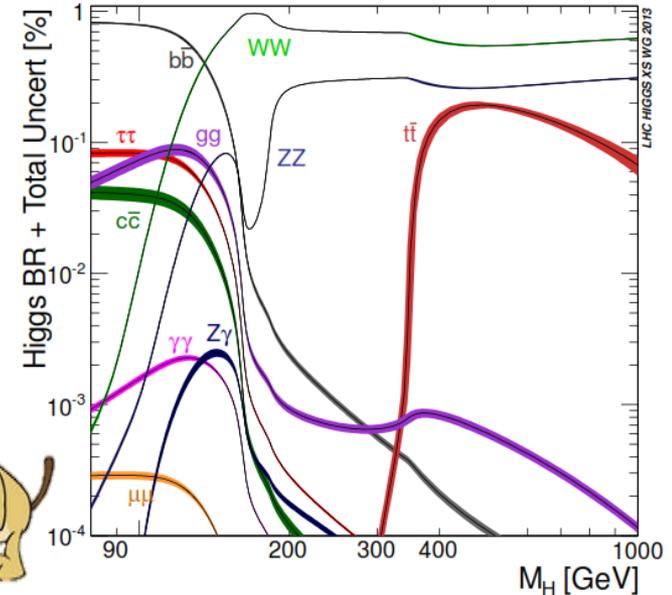
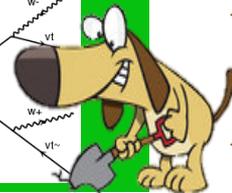
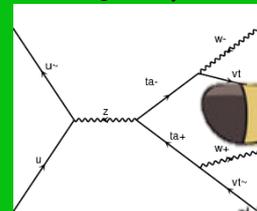
W+jets



Wγ, WZ, ZZ



Z/γ\*+jets



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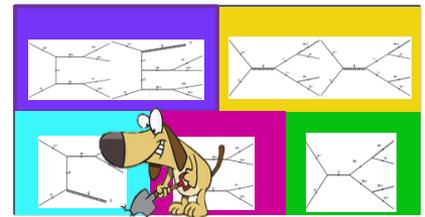
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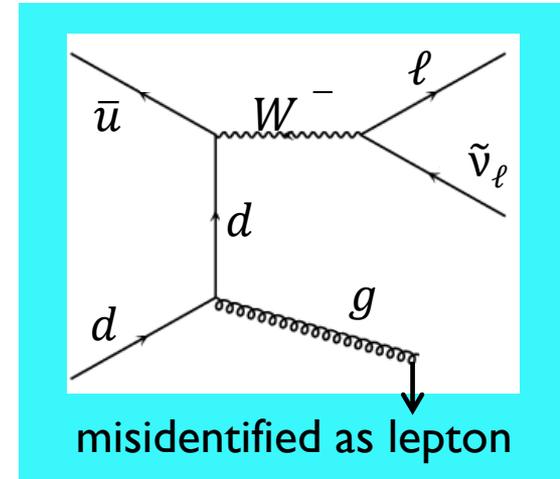
Lots of background to dig through!

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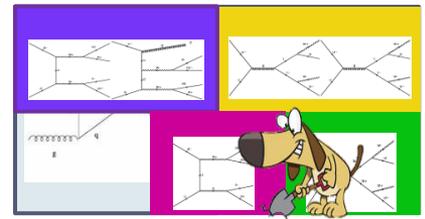


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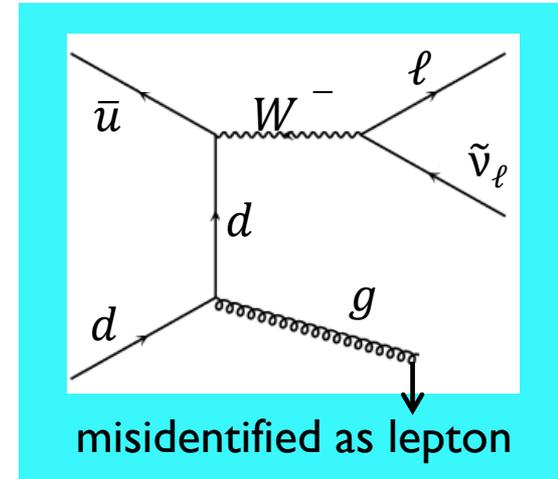


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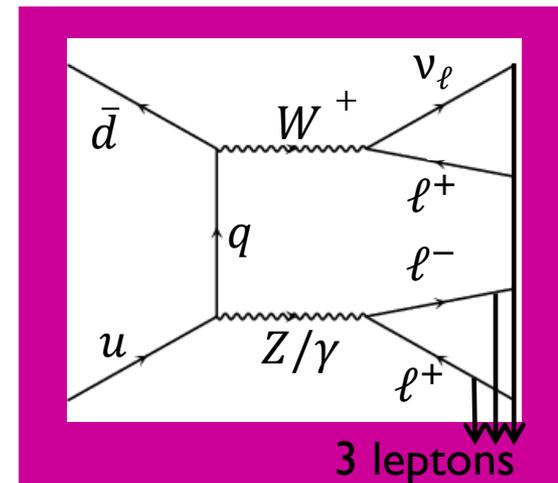
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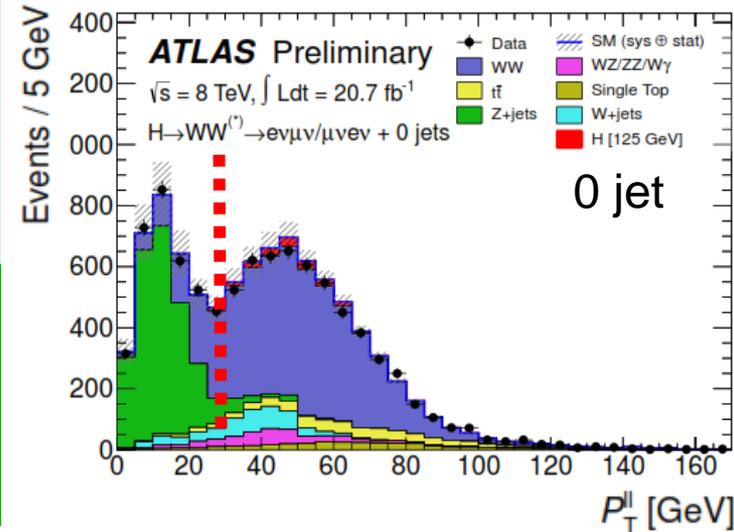
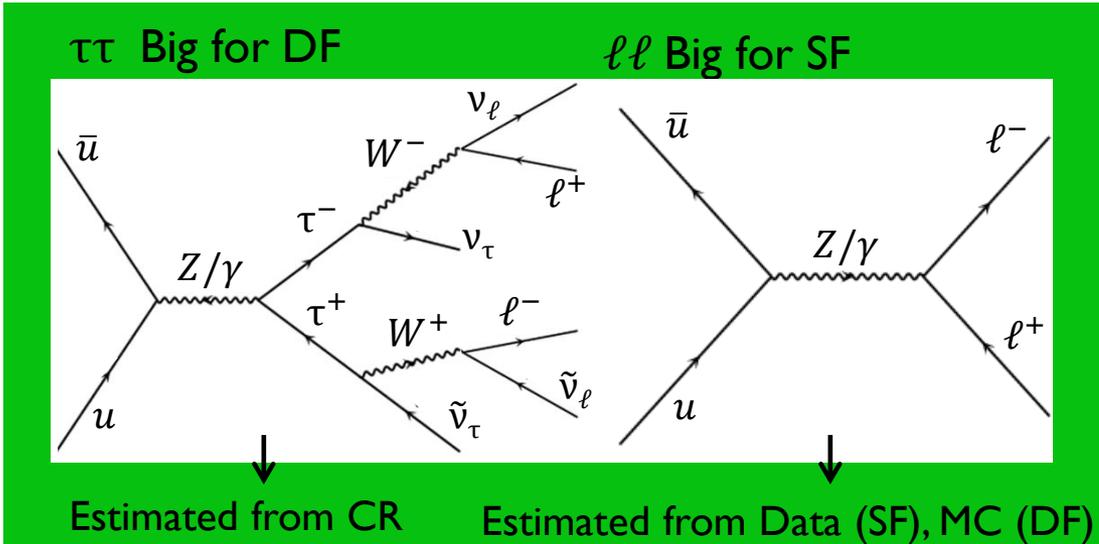
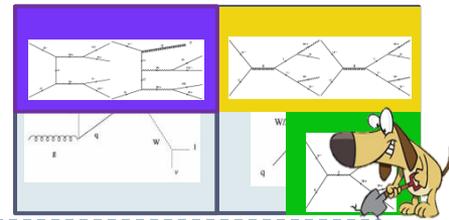


## ▶ $W\gamma$ , $W\gamma^*$ , $WZ$ , $ZZ$

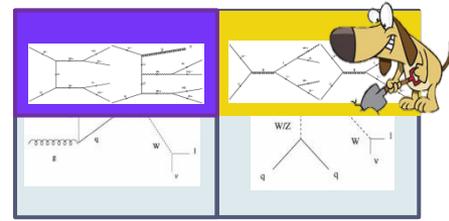
- ▶ Small and estimated from MC
- ▶ Reduced with 2 lepton selection
- ▶ Background estimations checked in same sign validation region



# Backgrounds: $Z/\gamma^*$ +jets

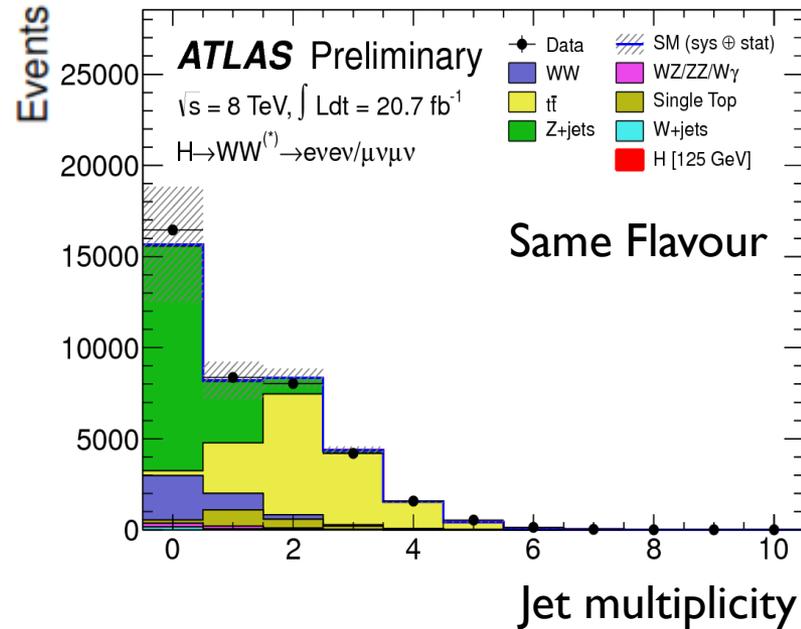
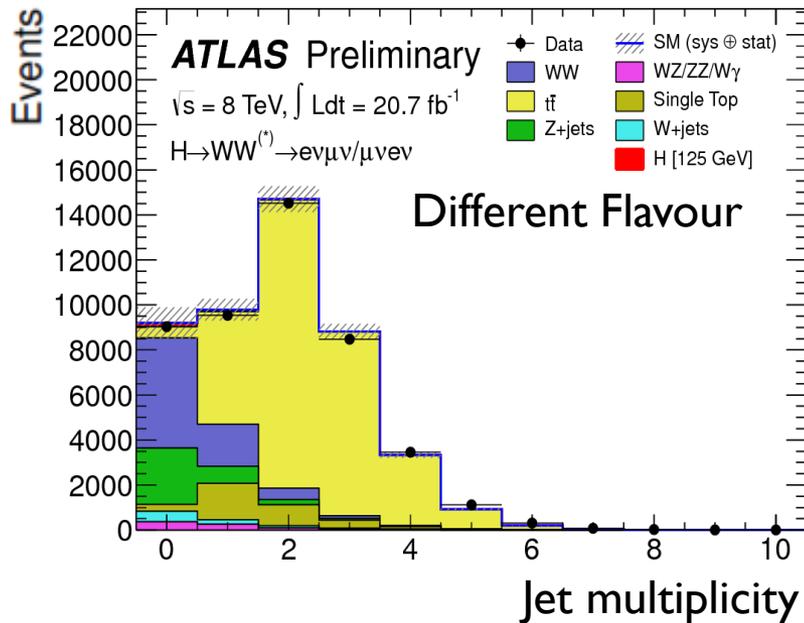


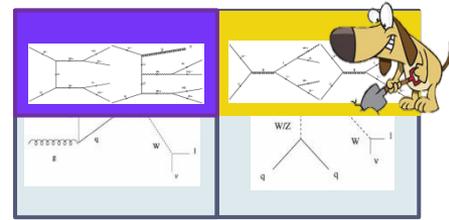
- ▶ Background reduction depends on flavour channel and jet multiplicity
  - ▶ Reduce  $\gamma^*$ :  $m_{\ell\ell} > 10$  (12) GeV for DF (SF)
  - ▶ Reduce Z: remove events around the Z mass peak
  - ▶ Reduce  $Z/\gamma^*$ :  $E_T^{miss}$  variables  $> 20$ - 45 GeV. In  $Z/\gamma^* \rightarrow \tau\tau$  events, the leptons emerge back to back and  $E_T^{miss}$  from neutrinos cancel
  - ▶ Reduce  $Z/\gamma^*$ :  $p_T^{\ell\ell} > 30$  for 0jet



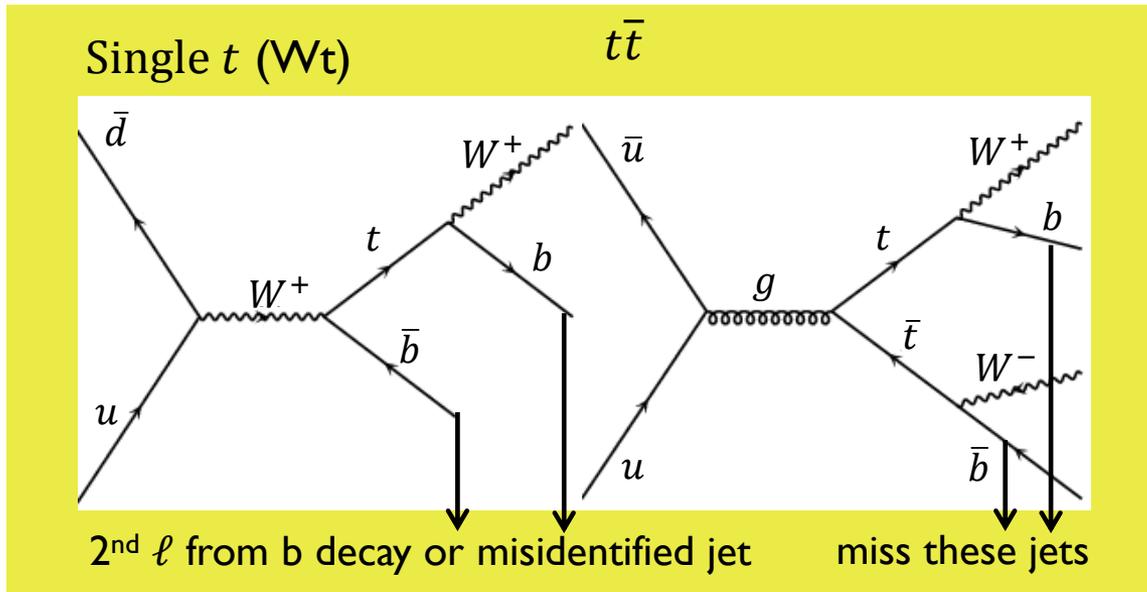
# Backgrounds: What is left?

- ▶ After  $W$ +jets,  $W\gamma$ ,  $WZ$ ,  $ZZ$  and  $Z/\gamma^* + \text{jets}$  background is reduced, what is left?
- ▶  $Z/\gamma^* + \text{jets}$  in SF is reduced with cuts on hadronic recoil, and the less pileup sensitive  $p_T^{\text{miss}}$
- ▶ Must reduce top and SM  $WW$  backgrounds 



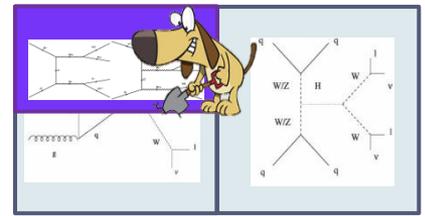


# Backgrounds: Top

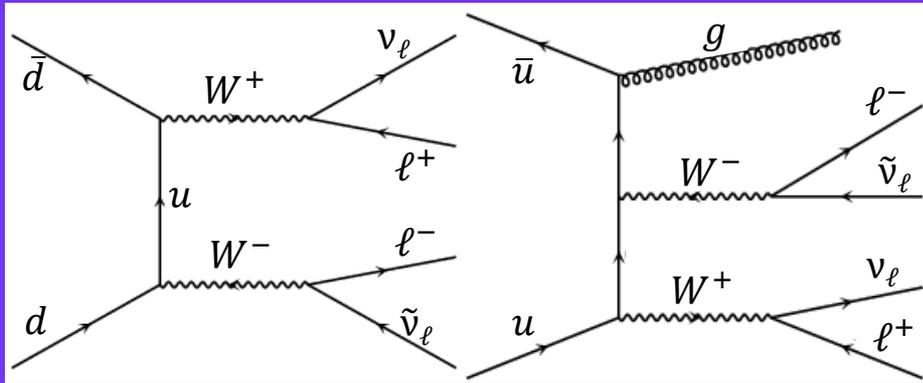


- ▶ Modelled by MC, corrected to data from a control region which contain  $b$  tagged jets
- ▶ To reduce top background
  - ▶  $N_{b\text{-jet}} = 0$  in  $\geq 1$  jet,  $p_T$  (all objects)  $< 45$  GeV in  $\geq 2$  jet

# Backgrounds: WW

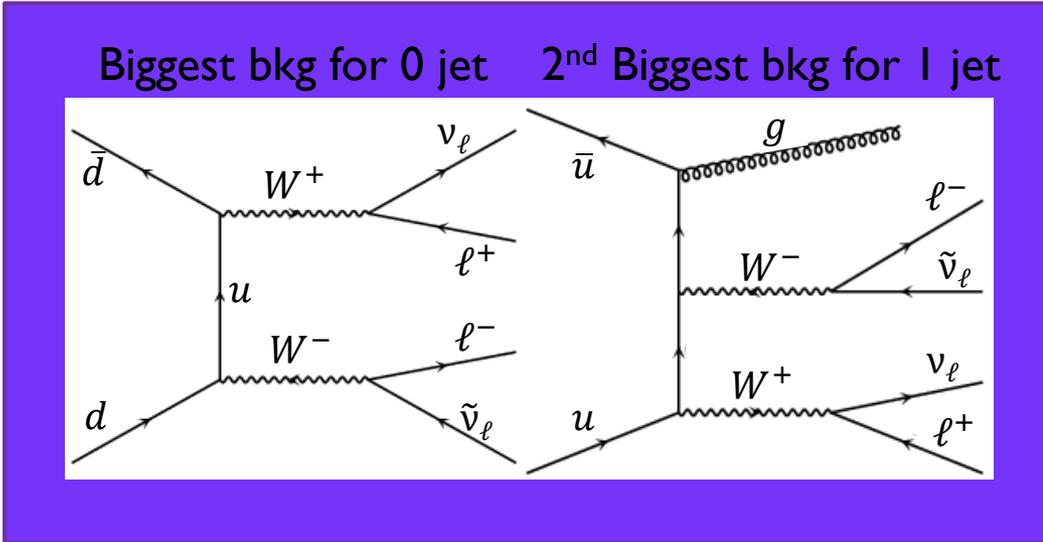
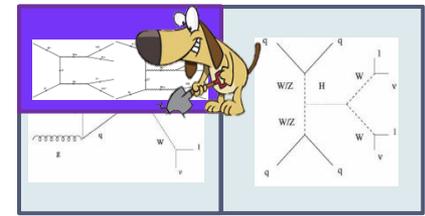


Biggest bkg for 0 jet    2<sup>nd</sup> Biggest bkg for 1 jet

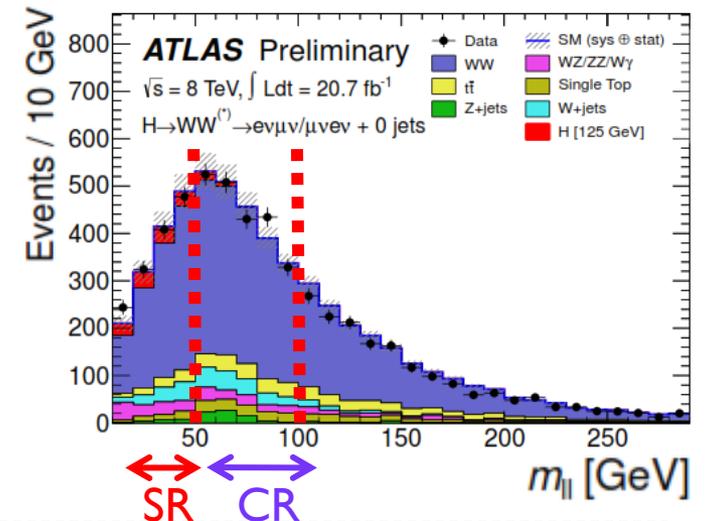
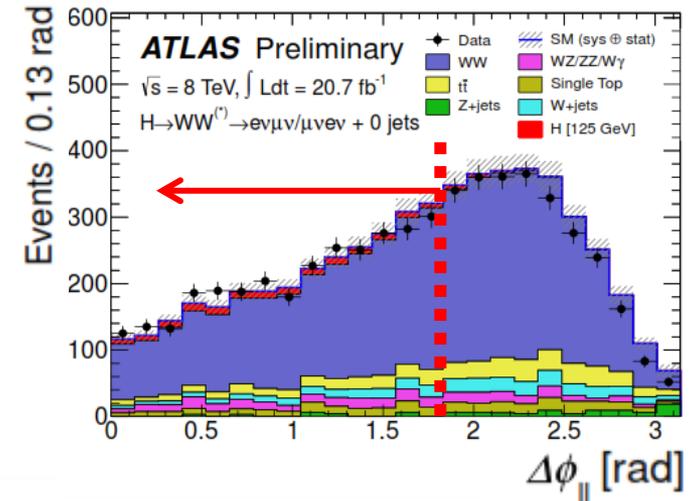


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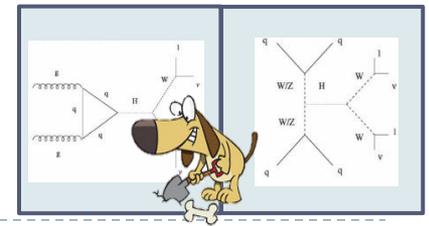
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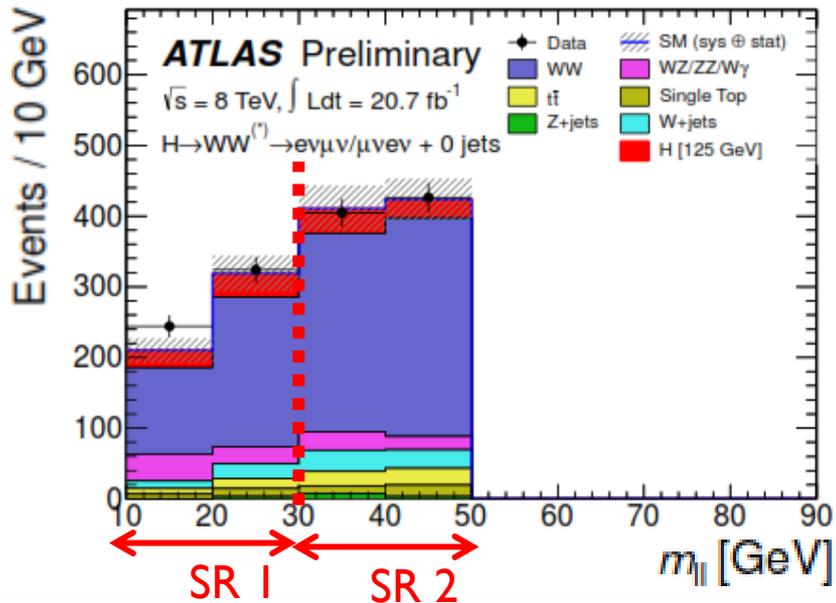
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- ▶ Opening angle between the two leptons ( $\Delta\phi_{\ell\ell}$ ) is small for signal since Higgs is spin 0 and there is spin correlation between the two W bosons



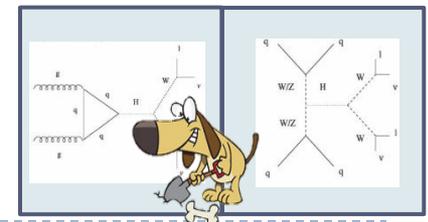
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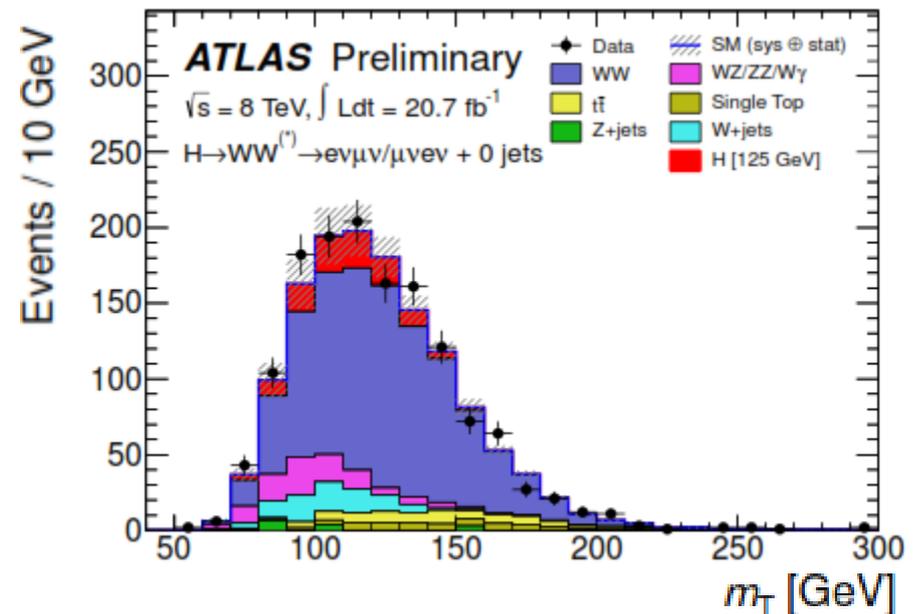
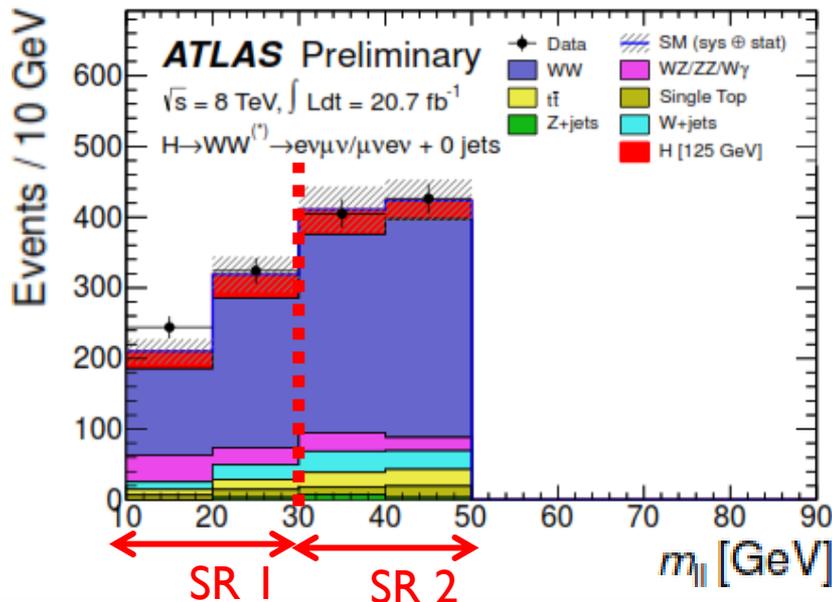


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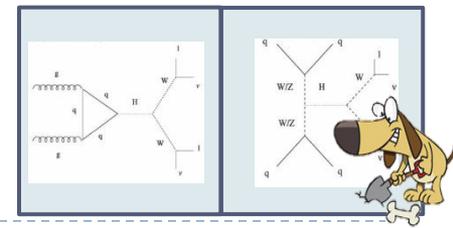


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- ▶ Final likelihood fit is to  $m_T$

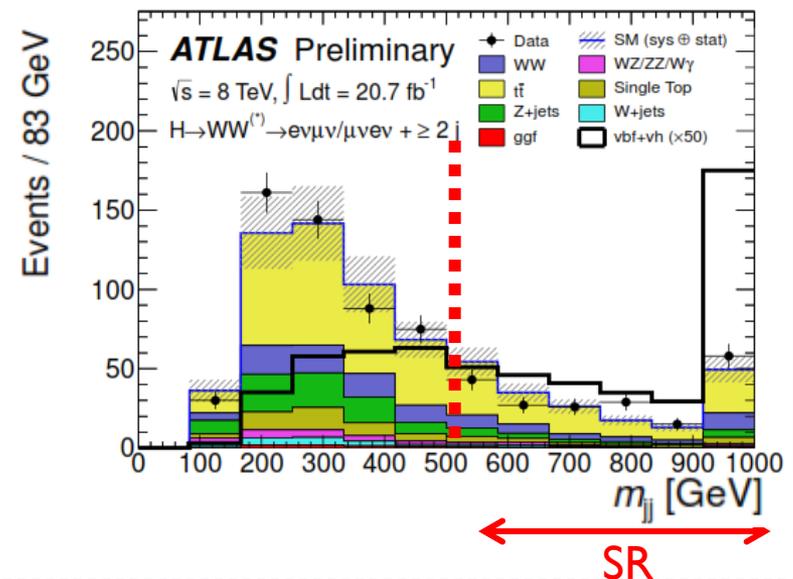
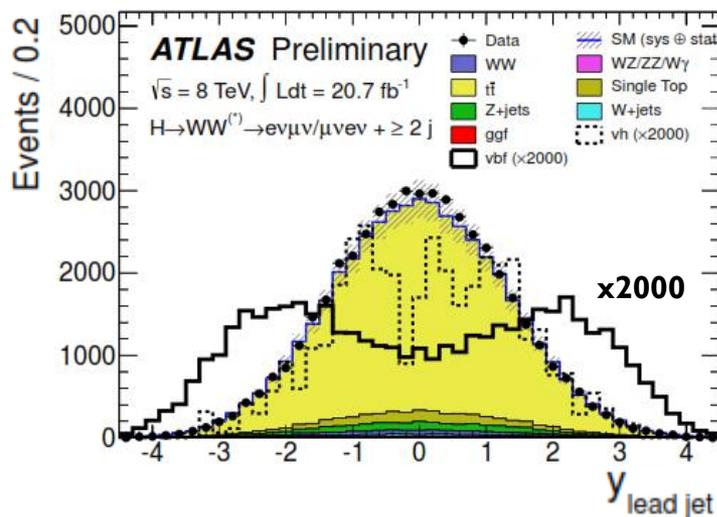
$$m_T^2 = \left( \sqrt{m_{ll}^2 + |\vec{p}_{Tll}|^2} + E_T^{\text{miss}} \right)^2 - \left( \vec{p}_{Tll} + \vec{E}_T^{\text{miss}} \right)^2$$



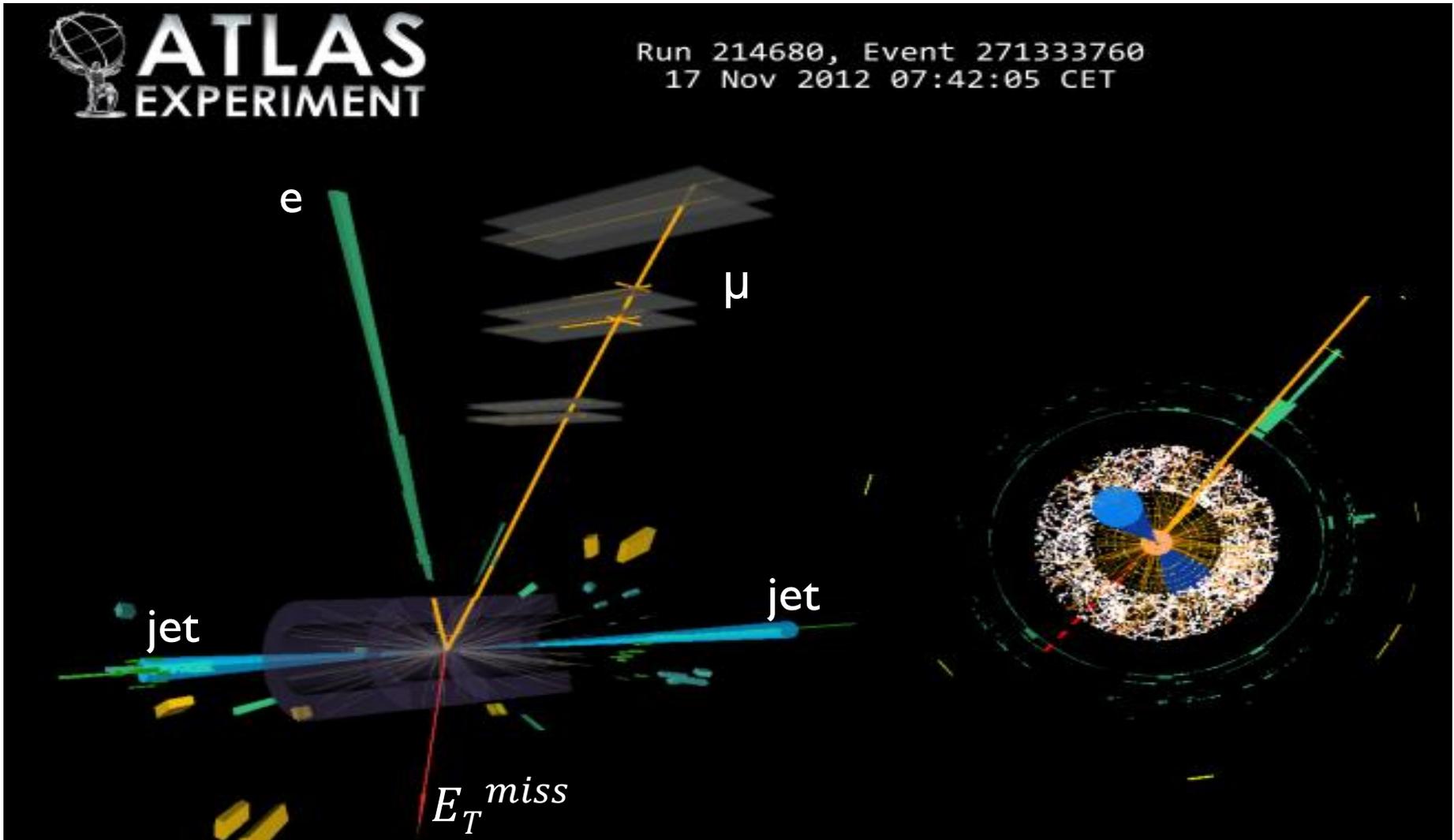
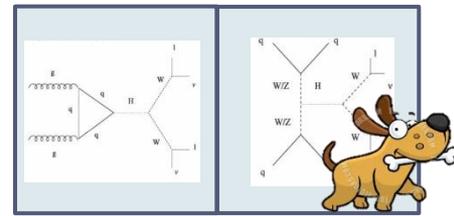
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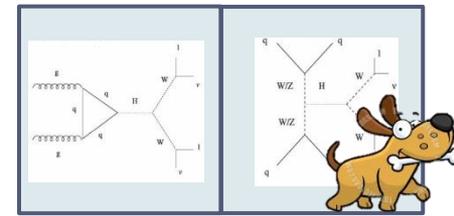
- ▶ VBF signal is  $WW+2$  forward jets with a large rapidity gap
- ▶  $p_T$  (all objects)  $< 45$  GeV to reduce dominant  $t\bar{t}$  background
- ▶  $m_{jj} > 500$  GeV, rapidity( $\Delta Y_{\text{lead jet, sublead jet}}$ )  $> 2.8$
- ▶ No additional jets between the two forward ones to reduce  $t\bar{t}$  and  $ggF$
- ▶ Require leptons to be between forward jets
- ▶ Define signal region:  $m_{\ell\ell} < 60$ ,  $|\Delta\phi_{\ell\ell}| < 1.8$  and fit  $m_T$  in 4 bins



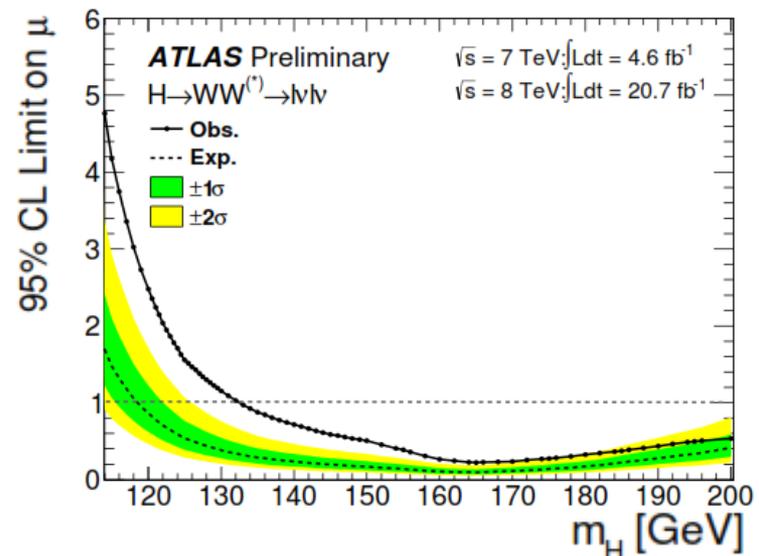
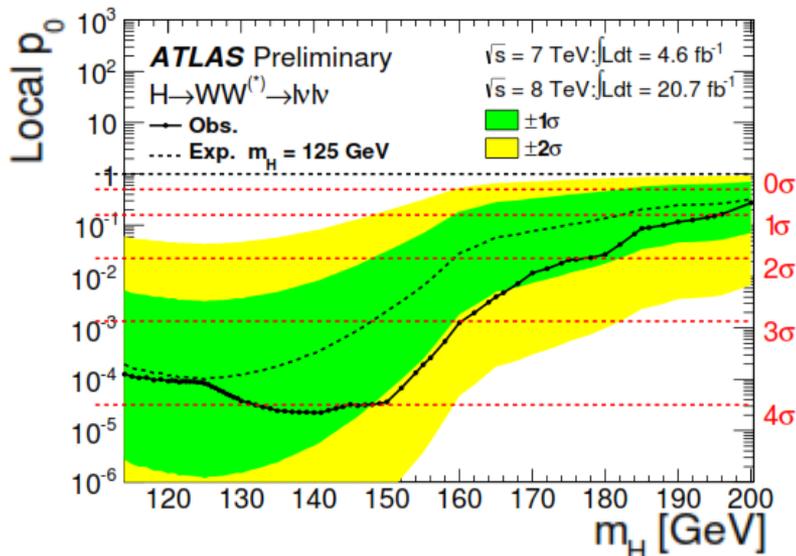
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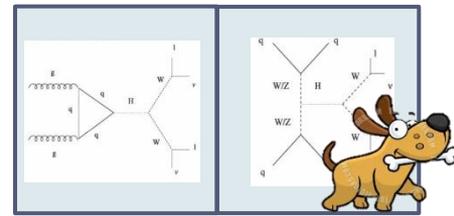
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- ▶ At  $m_H = 140$  GeV
  - ▶ Observed significance of  $4.1\sigma$
- ▶ Study excess of events at  $m_H = 125$  GeV that was observed by  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma/ZZ$ 
  - ▶ Expected Significance :  $3.7\sigma$
  - ▶ Observed Significance :  $3.8\sigma$



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- ▶ Study signal strength,  $\mu = \frac{\sigma_{obs}}{\sigma_{SM}}$ , at  $m_H = 125$  GeV

$$\mu_{obs} = 1.01 \pm 0.21 (stat.) \pm 0.19 (theo syst.) \pm 0.12 (expt syst.) \pm 0.04 (lumi.)$$

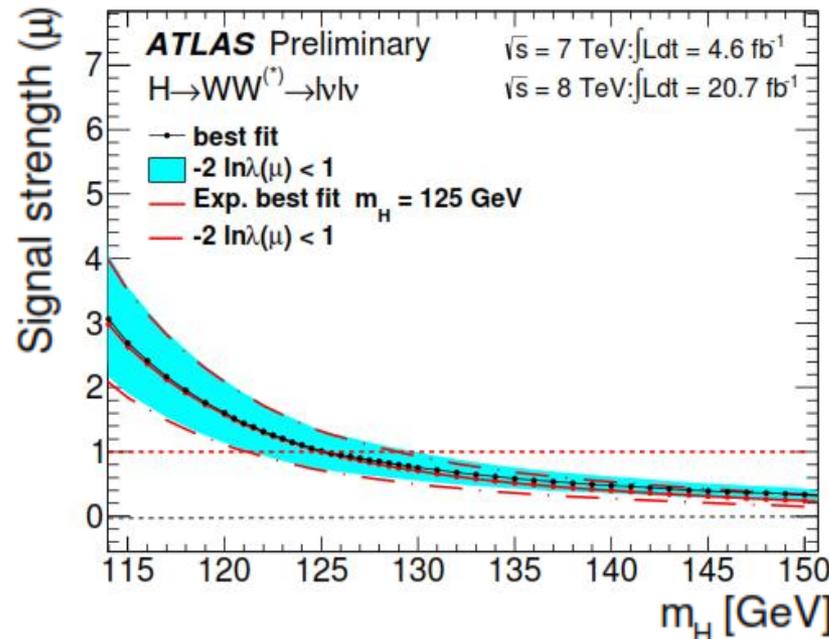
$$= 1.01 \pm 0.31$$

Signal Yield ( $\sigma \cdot BR$ )

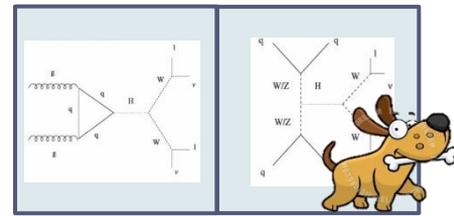
WW bkg normalisation

B-tagging efficiency

Jet energy scale/resolution



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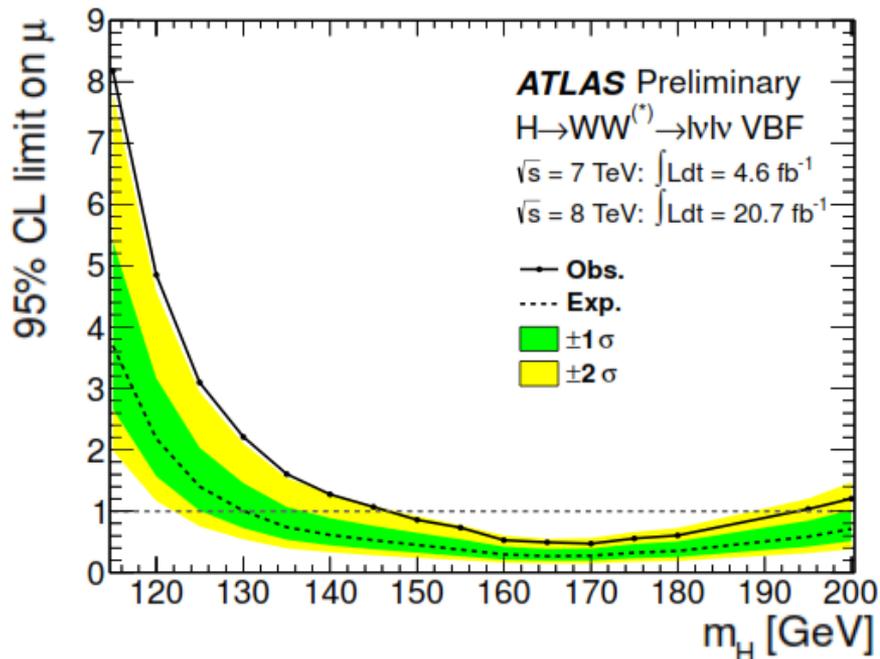


▶ At  $m_H = 125$  GeV (ggF is background)

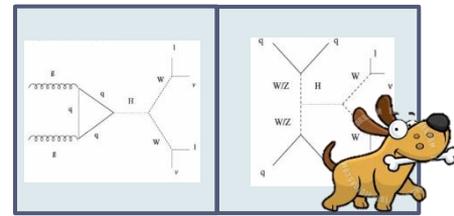
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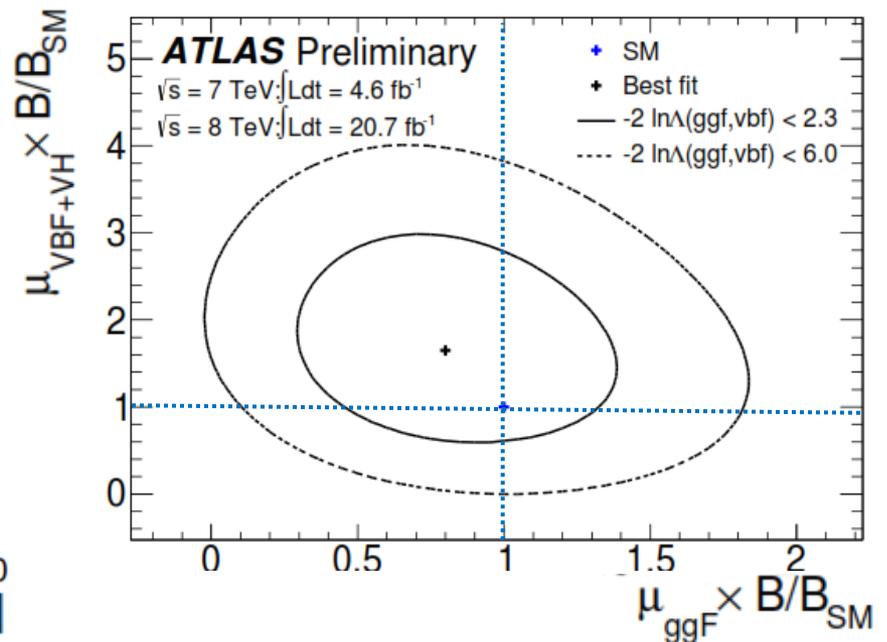
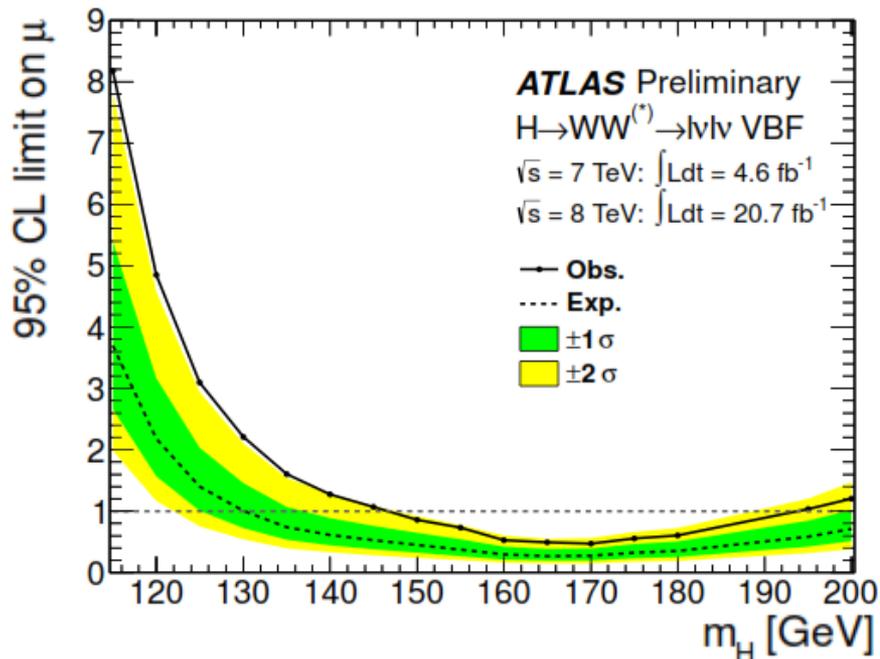


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▶ Consistent with SM value of 1

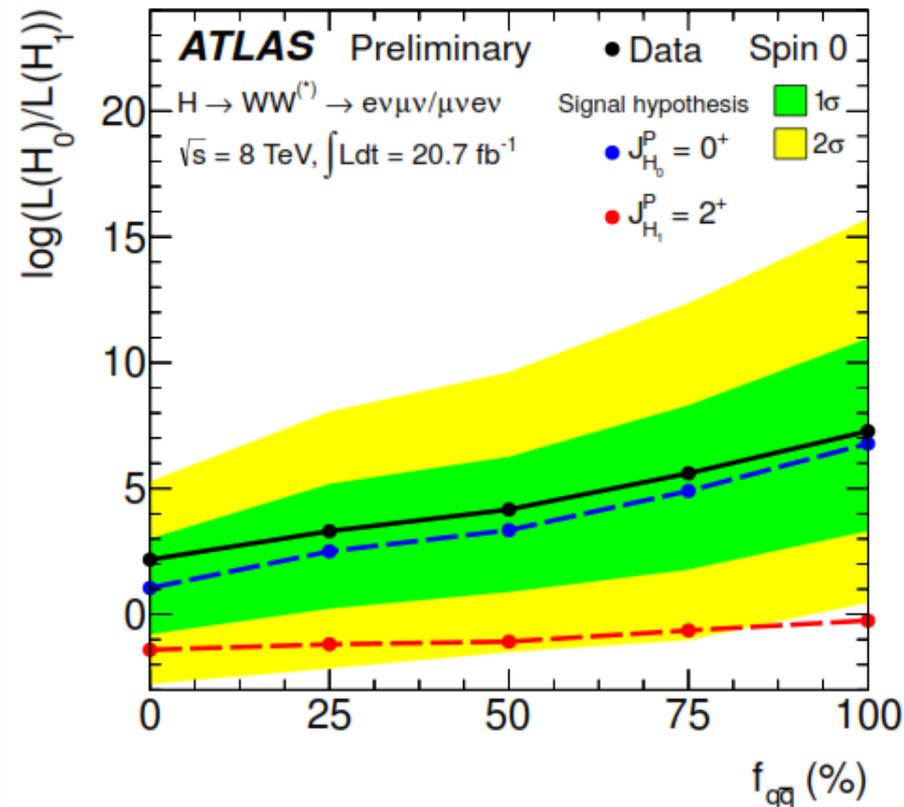
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# Spin

- ▶ Try to differentiate between Higgs with spin  $0^+$  and graviton-like spin  $2^+$  particle
- ▶ Focus on Different Flavour, 0 jet channel and 2012 data
- ▶ Use a Boosted Decision Tree (BDT) analysis, train 4 variables:  $m_T$ ,  $\Delta\phi_{\ell\ell}$ ,  $m_{\ell\ell}$ ,  $p_T^{\ell\ell}$
- ▶ For spin  $2^+$  the fraction of  $gg$  vs  $\bar{q}q$  production is unknown so scan is performed over 5 different fractions ( $f_{q\bar{q}}$ )
- ▶ Data are compatible with spin  $0^+$
- ▶  $2^+$   $\bar{q}q$  excluded at 99% CL,  $gg$  excluded at 95% CL

$$q = \log \frac{\mathcal{L}(H_{0^+})}{\mathcal{L}(H_{2_m^+})} = \log \frac{\mathcal{L}(\epsilon = 1, \hat{\mu}_{\epsilon=1}, \hat{\theta}_{\epsilon=1})}{\mathcal{L}(\epsilon = 0, \hat{\mu}_{\epsilon=0}, \hat{\theta}_{\epsilon=0})}$$



# Conclusions

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- ▶ The  $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow \ell\nu\ell\nu$  channel is presented in the mass range of 115 GeV - 200 GeV with the full  $25\text{fb}^{-1}$  7 TeV + 8 TeV dataset in 4 flavour channels split by 3 jet multiplicities
- ▶ The largest significance of  $4.1\sigma$  occurs at  $m_H = 140$  GeV
- ▶ For  $m_H = 125$  GeV:
  - ▶  $\mu_{\text{obs}} = 1.01 \pm 0.31$ ,  $\mu_{\text{obs,VBF}} = 1.66 \pm 0.79$
- ▶ Spin analysis favours spin  $0^+$  Higgs, and rejects spin  $2^+$  with  $> 95\%$  CL

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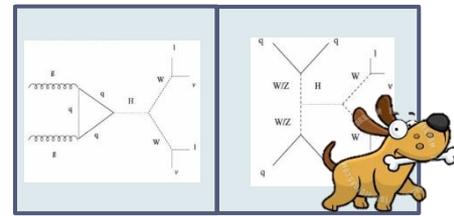
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# BACKUP

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# Results: 7TeV+8TeV Combined



- ▶ Previous 7 TeV analysis improved with 2012 updates, better WW Modelling (MC@NLO → Powheg), improved lepton definition for W+jets reduction
- ▶ Event Yields for  $0.75 m_H < m_T < m_H$  ( $m_T < 1.2 m_H$  for  $\geq 2j$ )

7 TeV improved	Signal $m_H = 125$	Bkg	Data	8 TeV	Signal $m_H = 125$	Bkg	Data
0 jet	$24 \pm 5$	$161 \pm 11$	154	0 jet	$97 \pm 20$	$739 \pm 39$	831
1 jet	$7 \pm 2$	$47 \pm 6$	62	1 jet	$40 \pm 13$	$261 \pm 28$	309
$\geq 2$ jet	$1.4 \pm 0.2$	$4.6 \pm 0.8$	2	$\geq 2$ jet	$10.6 \pm 1.4$	$36 \pm 4$	55

- ▶ Leading systematics are theoretical systematics on signal yields, jet energy scale/resolution and b-tagging efficiency

# W+jets Estimation

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- ▶ Estimated using data driven method since hard to model in MC
- ▶ Control Region: select 1 good lepton and 1 lepton does not satisfy strict selection requirements ( Denominator Lepton )

$$N_{W+j}^{\text{Bkg}} = f \times N_{W+j}^{\text{CR}} \quad f = \frac{N_{\text{Good Lepton}}}{N_{\text{Denominator}}}$$

Calculated from dijet events.  
~45% uncertainty due to differences between di-jet and wjets, pileup and real lepton contamination from W/Z

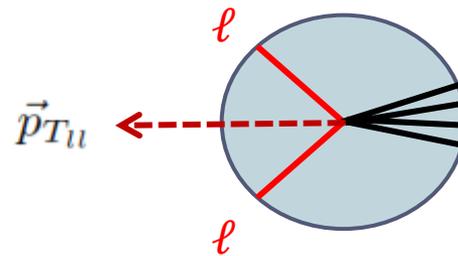
- ▶ Includes QCD background estimation, when both leptons are misidentified as jets
- ▶ A validation region with same sign leptons containing mostly W+jets is used to validate this method

# Z/ $\gamma^*$ Estimation

- ▶ Z/ $\gamma^*$   $\rightarrow \tau\tau$ 
  - ▶ Background normalised to data using a different flavour CR defined by  $m_{\ell\ell} < 80\text{GeV}$  and  $|\Delta\phi| > 2.8$
  - ▶ The  $\geq 2$  jet CR in addition to above requires  $N_{\text{b-jet}} = 0$  and  $p_{\text{T}}^{\text{tot}} < 45\text{ GeV}$
- ▶ Z/ $\gamma^*$   $\rightarrow \ell\ell$ 
  - ▶ Small in different flavour, so taken from MC
  - ▶ In same flavour,  $N_{\text{jet}} \leq 1$ ,  $f_{\text{recoil}}$  is used to define CR. For  $N_{\text{jet}} \geq 2$   $E_{\text{t}}^{\text{miss}} - m_{\ell\ell}$  in the Z peak is used to estimate DY since the statistics are too low and there are too many jets to use  $f_{\text{recoil}}$  method

$$f_{\text{recoil}} = \frac{\sum_{\text{soft jets}} w_i \times \vec{p}_{T_i}}{\vec{p}_{T_u}}$$

quadrant opp.  $\vec{p}_{T_u}$   
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 pileup weight  
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# Top Estimation

- ▶ MC Top normalised to data yields in CR after subtracting non-top backgrounds in 1j and 2j

- ▶ 0j :  $N_{top}^{est} = N_{top}^{data} + P_{0j}^{est}$ ,  $P_{0j}^{est} = P_{0j}^{mc} \times \frac{(P_{veto}^{Btag.Data})^2}{(P_{veto}^{BtagMC})^2}$

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$$= \frac{N_{No\ probing\ jets}^{Btag}}{N^{Btag}} \quad \text{From btagged CR}$$

- ▶  $\geq 1j$ :  $N^{SR} = N^{CR} \alpha$ ,  $\alpha = \frac{N_{SR}}{N_{CR}}$  is from simulation

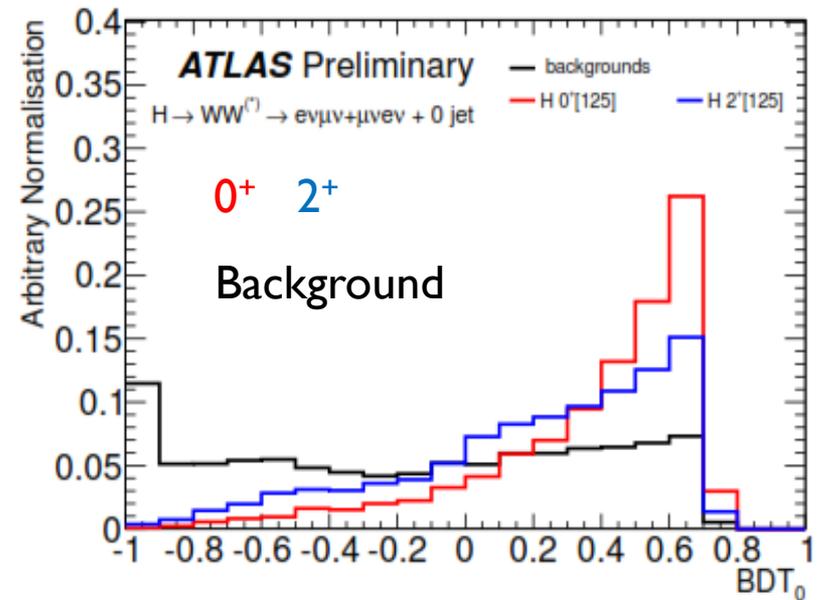
- ▶ CR region is defined using same selection but with  $N_{bjet}=1$  and requirements on  $\Delta\phi_{\ell\ell}$  and  $m_{\ell\ell}$  removed

- ▶  $\alpha = 1.04 \pm .02(\text{stat})$  for 1j,  $\alpha = 0.59 \pm .07(\text{stat})$  for 2jet

# Spin

- ▶ Do 2 BDT trainings for  $0^+$  and  $2^+$  and perform 2D fit on  $BDT_0$  and  $BDT_2$

Variable	Spin analysis	Rate analysis [5]
common $e\mu/\mu e$ lepton selection		
$E_{T,rel}^{miss}$	$> 20$ GeV	$> 25$ GeV
$N_{jets}$	0 jets	0, 1, $\geq 2$ jet selections
$p_T^{\ell\ell}$	$> 20$ GeV	$> 30$ GeV
$m_{\ell\ell}$	$< 80$ GeV	$< 50$ GeV
$\Delta\phi_{\ell\ell}$	$< 2.8$	$< 1.8$



# Systematics

Source	Signal processes (%)			Background processes (%)		
	$N_{\text{jet}} = 0$	$N_{\text{jet}} = 1$	$N_{\text{jet}} \geq 2$	$N_{\text{jet}} = 0$	$N_{\text{jet}} = 1$	$N_{\text{jet}} \geq 2$
<b>Theoretical uncertainties</b>						
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
<b>Experimental uncertainties</b>						
Jet energy scale and resolution	5	2	6	2	3	7
$b$ -tagging efficiency	-	-	-	-	7	2
$f_{\text{recoil}}$ efficiency	1	1	-	4	2	-

# Full Selection

Category	$N_{\text{jet}} = 0$	$N_{\text{jet}} = 1$	$N_{\text{jet}} \geq 2$
Pre-selection	Two isolated leptons ( $\ell = e, \mu$ ) with opposite charge Leptons with $p_{\text{T}}^{\text{lead}} > 25$ and $p_{\text{T}}^{\text{sublead}} > 15$ $e\mu + \mu e: m_{\ell\ell} > 10$ $ee + \mu\mu: m_{\ell\ell} > 12,  m_{\ell\ell} - m_Z  > 15$		
Missing transverse momentum and hadronic recoil	$e\mu + \mu e: E_{\text{T,rel}}^{\text{miss}} > 25$ $ee + \mu\mu: E_{\text{T,rel}}^{\text{miss}} > 45$ $ee + \mu\mu: p_{\text{T,rel}}^{\text{miss}} > 45$ $ee + \mu\mu: f_{\text{recoil}} < 0.05$	$e\mu + \mu e: E_{\text{T,rel}}^{\text{miss}} > 25$ $ee + \mu\mu: E_{\text{T,rel}}^{\text{miss}} > 45$ $ee + \mu\mu: p_{\text{T,rel}}^{\text{miss}} > 45$ $ee + \mu\mu: f_{\text{recoil}} < 0.2$	$e\mu + \mu e: E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}} > 20$ $ee + \mu\mu: E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}} > 45$ $ee + \mu\mu: E_{\text{T,STVF}}^{\text{miss}} > 35$ -
General selection	- $ \Delta\phi_{\ell\ell, \text{MET}}  > \pi/2$ $p_{\text{T}}^{\ell\ell} > 30$	$N_{b\text{-jet}} = 0$ - $e\mu + \mu e: Z/\gamma^* \rightarrow \tau\tau$ veto	$N_{b\text{-jet}} = 0$ $p_{\text{T}}^{\text{tot}} < 45$ $e\mu + \mu e: Z/\gamma^* \rightarrow \tau\tau$ veto
VBF topology	- - - -	- - - -	$m_{jj} > 500$ $ \Delta y_{jj}  > 2.8$ No jets ( $p_{\text{T}} > 20$ ) in rapidity gap Require both $\ell$ in rapidity gap
$H \rightarrow WW^{(*)} \rightarrow \ell\nu\ell\nu$ topology	$m_{\ell\ell} < 50$ $ \Delta\phi_{\ell\ell}  < 1.8$ $e\mu + \mu e: \text{split } m_{\ell\ell}$ Fit $m_{\text{T}}$	$m_{\ell\ell} < 50$ $ \Delta\phi_{\ell\ell}  < 1.8$ $e\mu + \mu e: \text{split } m_{\ell\ell}$ Fit $m_{\text{T}}$	$m_{\ell\ell} < 60$ $ \Delta\phi_{\ell\ell}  < 1.8$ - Fit $m_{\text{T}}$

# Monte Carlo

Signal	MC generator	$\sigma \cdot \mathcal{B}$ (pb)	Background	MC generator	$\sigma \cdot \mathcal{B}$ (pb)
ggF	POWHEG [30]+PYTHIA8 [31]	0.44	$q\bar{q}, gq \rightarrow WW$	POWHEG+PYTHIA6 [32]	5.7
VBF	POWHEG+PYTHIA8	0.035	$q\bar{q}, gq \rightarrow WW+2j$	Sherpa [33] with no $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$ terms	0.039
VH	PYTHIA8	0.13	$gg \rightarrow WW$	GG2WW 3.1.2 [34, 35]+HERWIG [36]	0.16
			$t\bar{t}$	MC@NLO [37]+HERWIG	240
			Single top: $tW, tb$	MC@NLO+HERWIG	28
			Single top: $tqb$	AcerMC [38]+PYTHIA6	88
			$Z/\gamma^*$ , inclusive	ALPGEN+HERWIG	16000
			$Z^{(*)} \rightarrow \ell\ell + 2j$	Sherpa processes up to $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$	1.2
			$Z^{(*)}Z^{(*)} \rightarrow 4\ell$	POWHEG+PYTHIA8	0.73
			$WZ/W\gamma^*, m_{Z/\gamma^*} > 7$	POWHEG+PYTHIA8	0.83
			$W\gamma^*, m_{\gamma^*} \leq 7$	MadGraph [39–41]+PYTHIA6	11
			$W\gamma$	ALPGEN+HERWIG	370