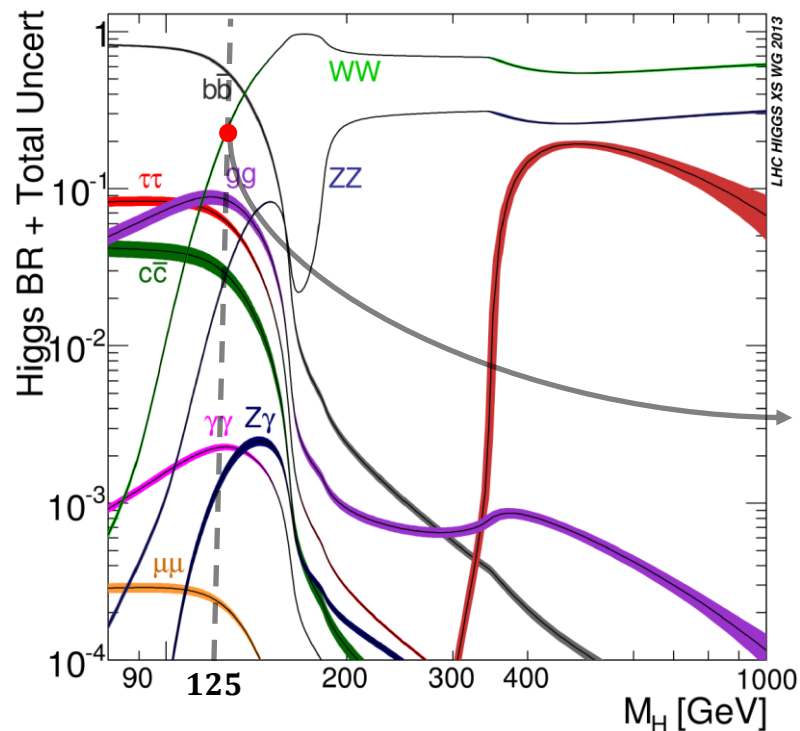


Recent $H \rightarrow WW$ results using CMS data

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- The $H \rightarrow WW$ decay channel is suitable for measuring rare Higgs production modes and differential cross sections
- Several Higgs boson's properties in this channel have been extensively studied with $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV results in [CMS-HIG-16-042](#)



Second most probable BR
($M_H = 125$ GeV)

RESULTS COVERED

[CMS-PAS-HIG-19-017](#)

- Measurement of Higgs boson production in association with a W or Z boson in the $H \rightarrow WW$ decay channel

[CMS-HIG-19-002](#)

- Measurements of differential Higgs boson production cross sections in the leptonic WW decay mode at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV

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CMS PAS HIG-19-017

CMS Physics Analysis Summary

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Measurement of Higgs boson production in association with a W or Z boson in the $H \rightarrow WW$ decay channel

The CMS Collaboration

Abstract

The cross section for Higgs boson production in association with leptonically decaying vector bosons in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV is measured using events where the Higgs boson decays into a pair of W bosons. Events in which at least one W boson decays leptonically are considered in this analysis. The measurements are based on a data sample collected with the CMS detector at the LHC, at a centre-of-mass energy of 13 TeV, corresponding to an integrated luminosity of 137 fb^{-1} . In addition to an inclusive measurement, the production cross sections are measured with respect to the vector boson transverse momentum, according to a simplified template cross sections framework.

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CMS-HIG-19-002

Measurement of the inclusive and differential Higgs boson production cross sections in the leptonic WW decay mode at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV

The CMS Collaboration

Abstract

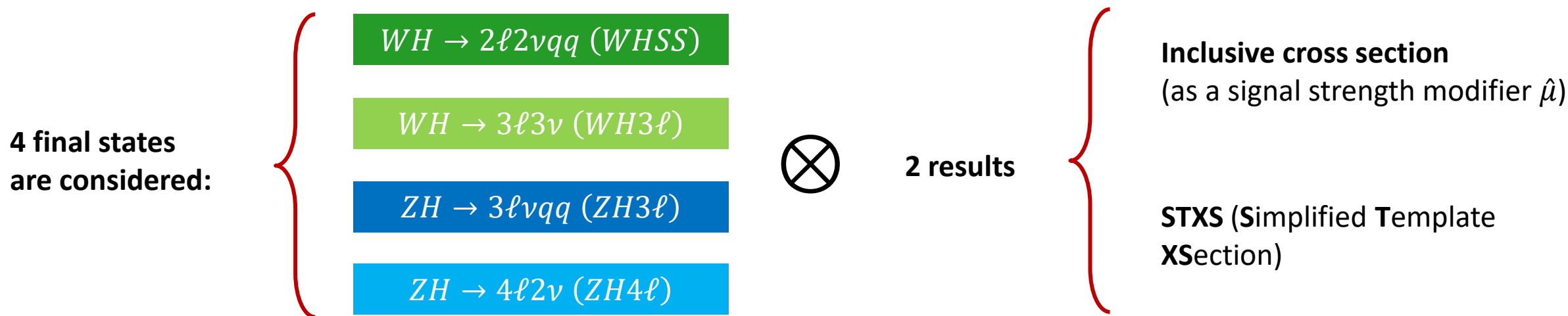
Measurements of the fiducial inclusive and differential production cross sections of the Higgs boson in proton-proton collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV are performed using events where the Higgs boson decays into a pair of W bosons that subsequently decay into a final state with an electron, a muon, and a pair of neutrinos. The analysis is based on data collected with the CMS detector at the LHC, during 2016–2018, corresponding to an integrated luminosity of 137 fb^{-1} . Production cross sections are measured as a function of the transverse momentum of the Higgs boson and the associated jet multiplicity. The Higgs boson signal is extracted and simultaneously unfolded to correct for selection efficiency and resolution effects using maximum-likelihood fits to the observed distributions in data. The integrated fiducial cross section is measured to be $86.5 \pm 9.9 \text{ fb}$, consistent with the Standard Model expectation of $82.5 \pm 4.2 \text{ fb}$. No significant deviation from the Standard Model expectations is observed in the differential measurements.

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HIG-19-017

- HIG-19-017 targets the $VH(H \rightarrow W^+W^-)$ production mode, also known as *Higgs – strahlung*, where only associated vector bosons decaying leptonically are considered ($V \rightarrow leptons$)
- This process provides a direct probe to measure the coupling of the Higgs boson to vector bosons and is particularly sensitive to possible BSM operators, thus being an important test for the SM Higgs sector
- For the extreme rarity of this channel, the analysis benefits from the use of the full Run2 CMS data set (137 fb^{-1}) although the error on this measurement is still dominated by the statistical component

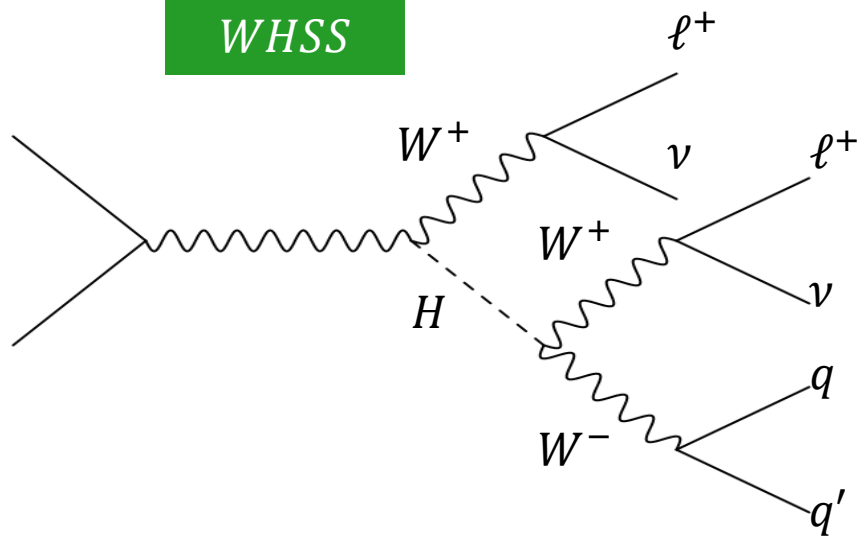


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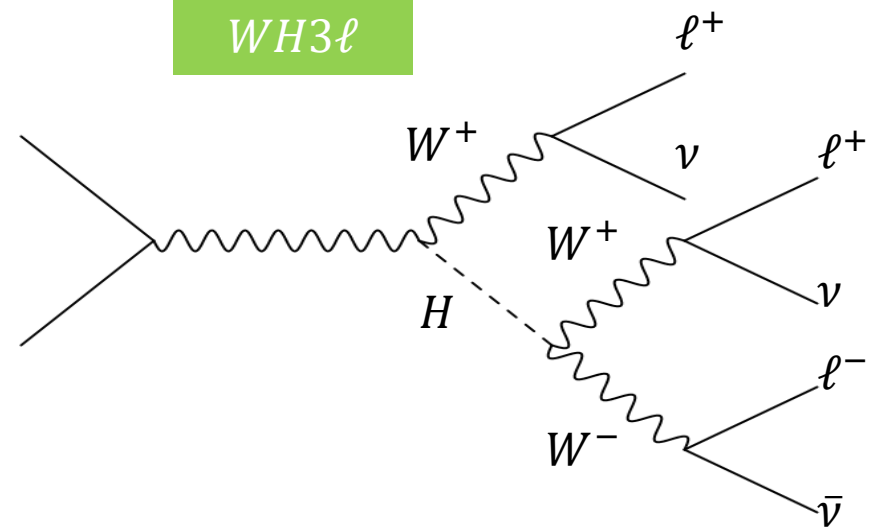
- Background contamination strongly depends on the considered final state, defined by different number of leptons and jets
- Di-boson production mechanisms such as WZ , $Z\gamma(Z\gamma^*)$ and ZZ are directly measured in data through dedicated control regions
- Non prompt leptons are also estimated from data, applying a transfer function to loose leptons that do not pass the tight isolation and identification criteria of the analysis. Such events mainly originate from leptonic decays of heavy hadrons and are primarily due to:
 - ❖ $W + jets$ in 2ℓ channel
 - ❖ $Z + jets$ in 3ℓ channel
 - ❖ Negligible in 4ℓ channel
- Other minor backgrounds ($t\bar{t} + tW, DY, WW, VVV \dots$) are estimated from MC simulation

Analysis strategy – Inclusive XSec

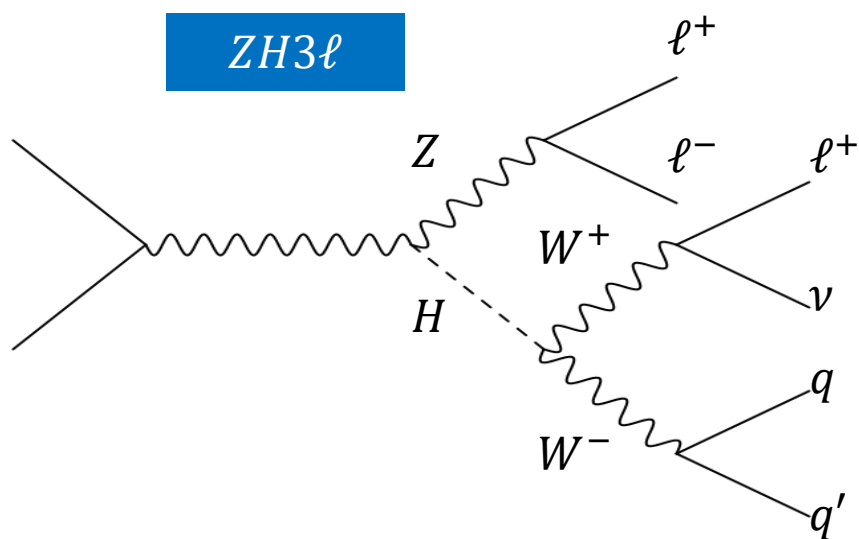
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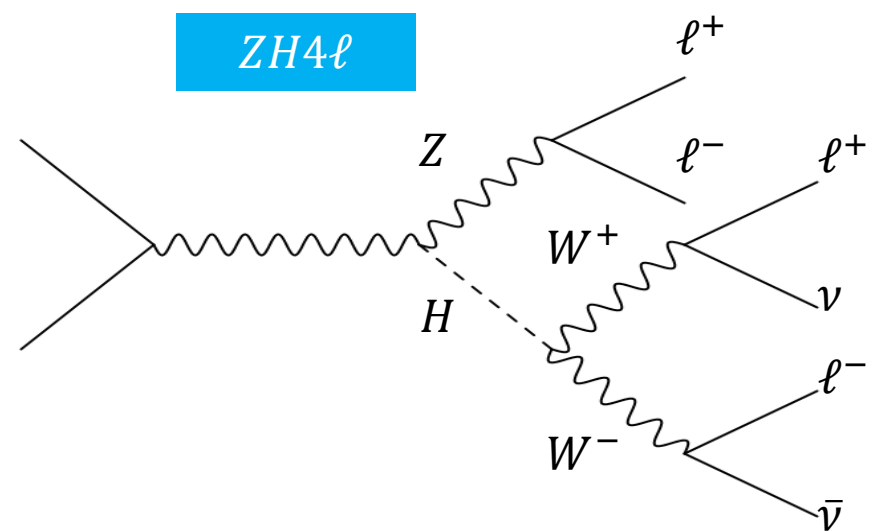
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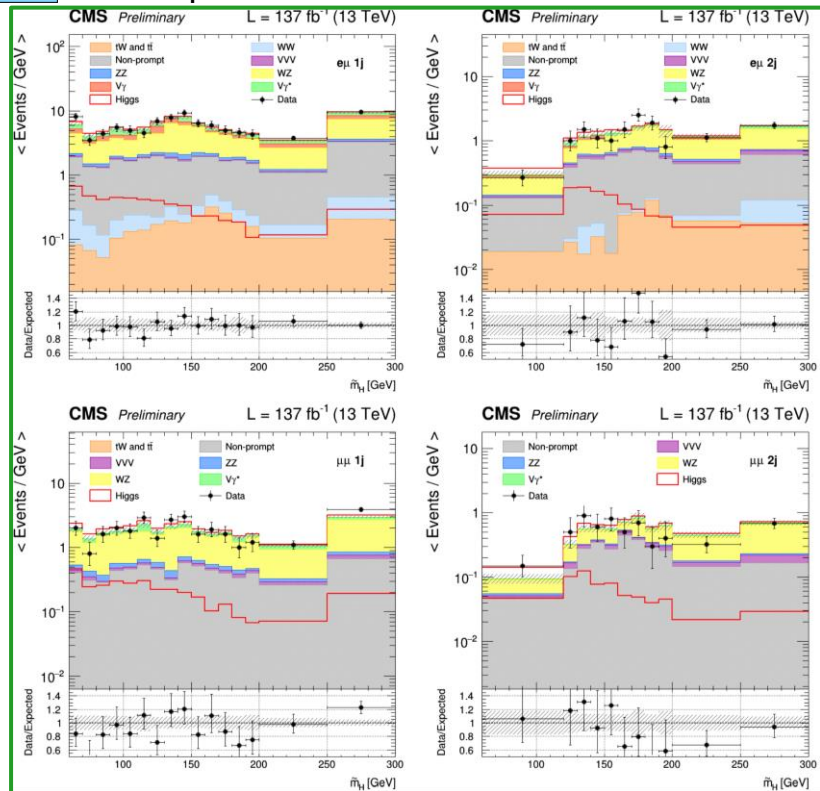
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ZH4 ℓ



Signal extraction – Inclusive XSec



WHSS

$$\tilde{m}_H^2 \equiv (p_{jj} + 2p_\ell)^\mu (p_{jj} + 2p_\ell)_\mu$$

- It serves as a proxy of the Higgs mass ($2p_\ell$ mimics $p_\ell + p_\nu$)

WH3 ℓ

An *MVA* discriminant is fitted in the SR, trained from a BDT algorithm

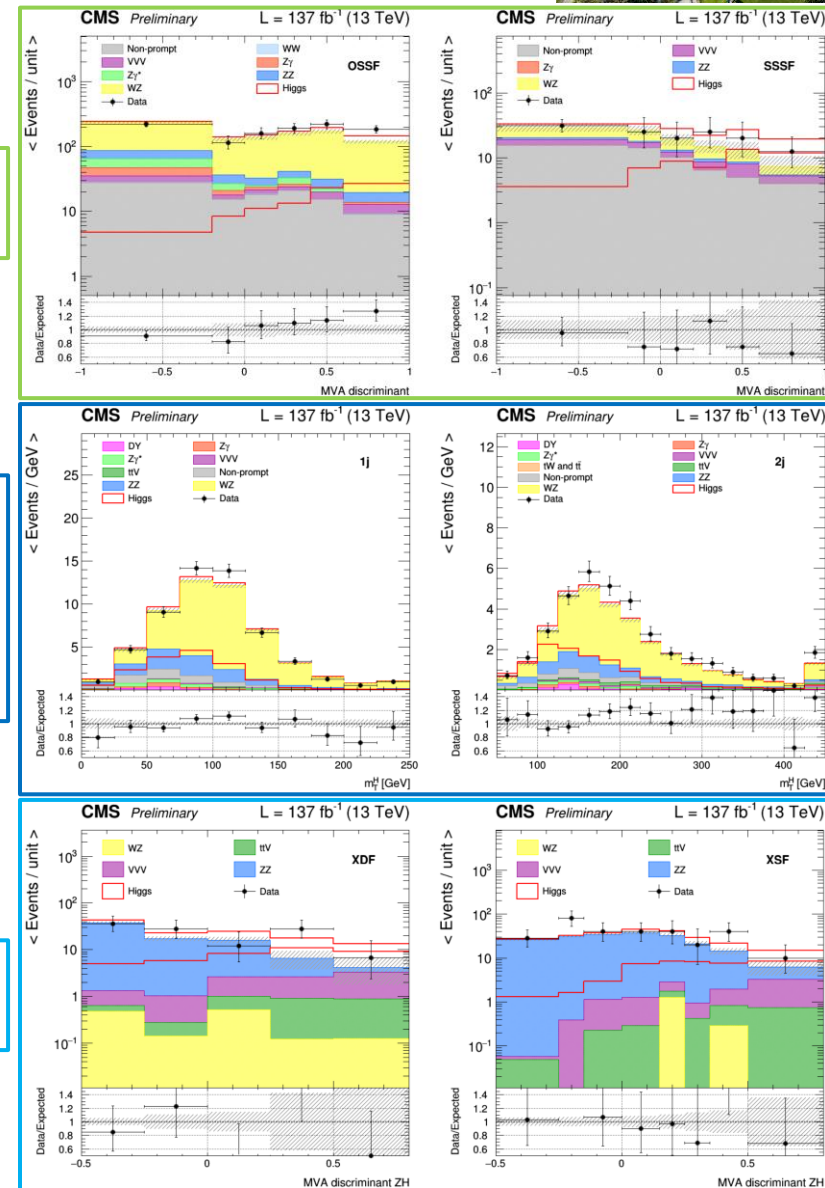
ZH3 ℓ

$$m_T^H \equiv m_T(p_\ell + p_T^{miss}, p_{j(j)})$$

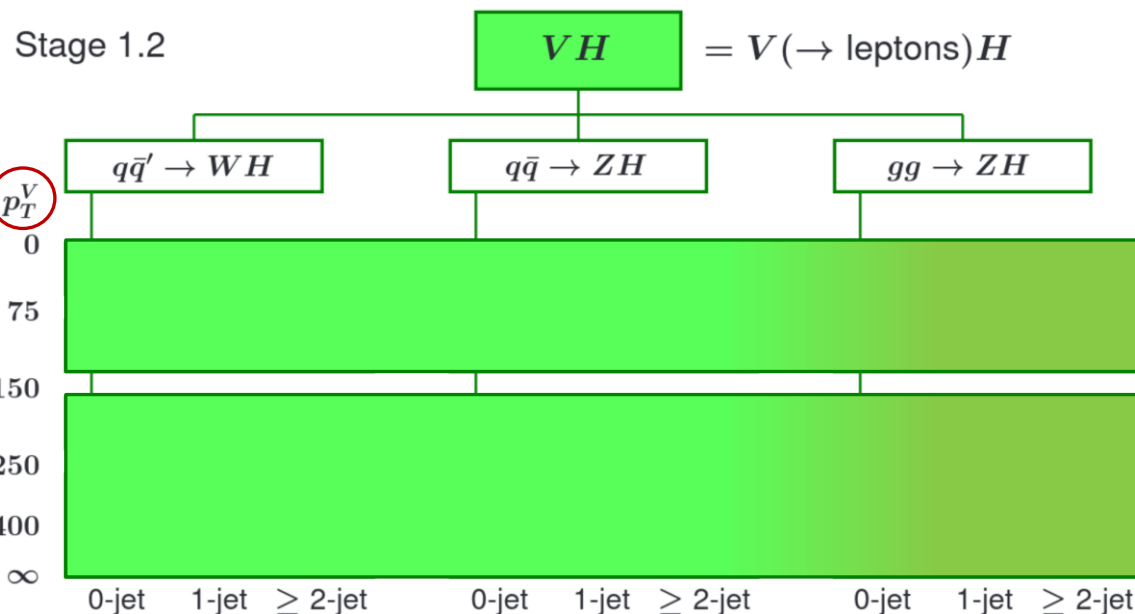
- It represents the transverse mass between the 2 W bosons, i.e. is the Higgs transverse mass

ZH4 ℓ

An *MVA* discriminant is fitted in the SR, trained from a BDT algorithm



Signal extraction – STXS



WH channel:

$$\vec{p}_T^W \equiv \vec{p}_T^\ell + \vec{p}_T^\nu$$

$$\vec{p}_T^\nu \equiv \vec{p}_T^{\text{miss}} - \vec{p}_T^{\nu,H} \simeq \vec{p}_T^{\text{miss}} - \vec{p}_T^{\ell,H} \left(\frac{125}{||\vec{p}^\ell + \vec{p}^{jj}||} - 1 \right)$$

ZH channel:

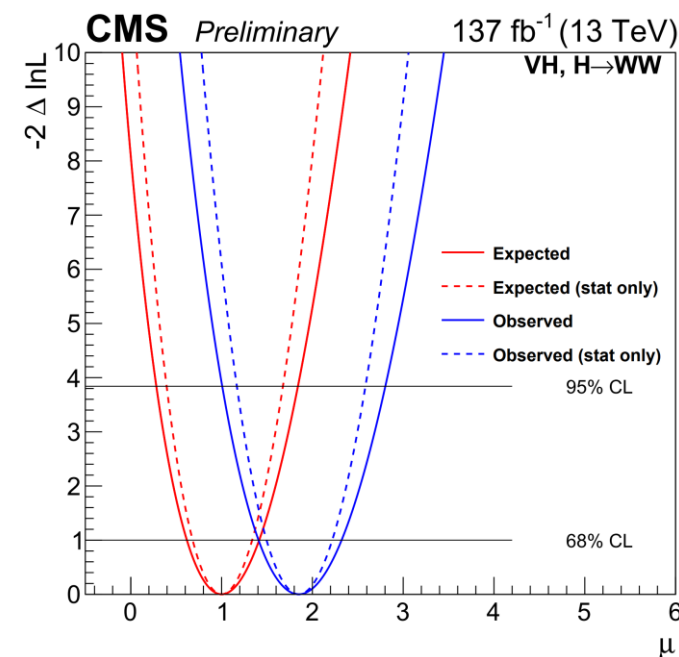
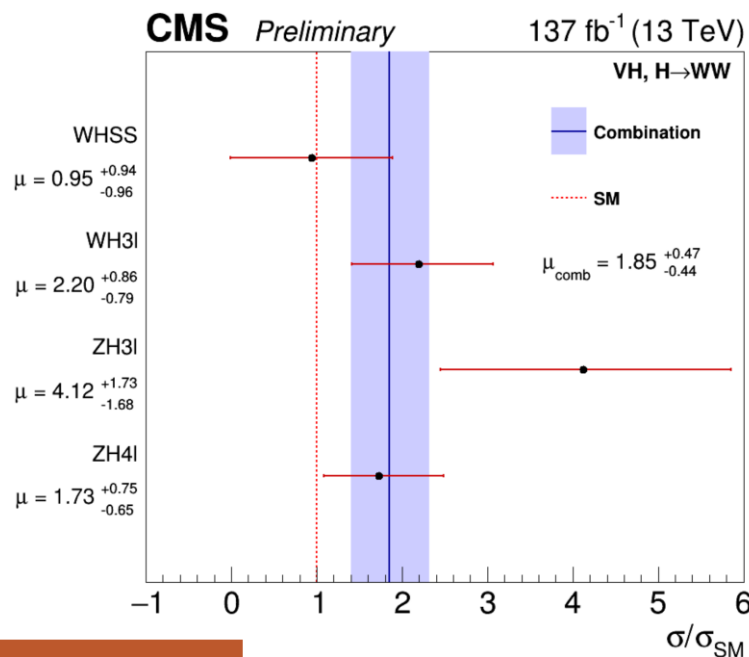
$$\vec{p}_T^Z \equiv \vec{p}_T^{\ell^\pm} + \vec{p}_T^{\ell^\mp}, \text{ with } m_{\ell^\pm \ell^\mp}^Z \simeq m_Z$$

- The **STXS** framework has been developed as an evolution of signal strength measurements
- Its purpose is to provide pre-defined kinematic bins to measure Higgs production modes and reduce theoretical uncertainties
- In the $VH(H \rightarrow WW)$ analysis only two bins have been considered due to the limited statistical precision of this channel

The fit procedure used to extract the STXS binned cross section uses same background CRs, SR categorization and discriminating observables as those of the inclusive measurement

Results – Inclusive XSec

- The signal strength modifier $\hat{\mu}$ is extracted by a simultaneous fit to all categories
- The fit assumes that the relative rates of the different Higgs boson's production mechanisms are as the SM ones
- An additional fit has been performed scaling the signal process with a different signal strength modifier in each category

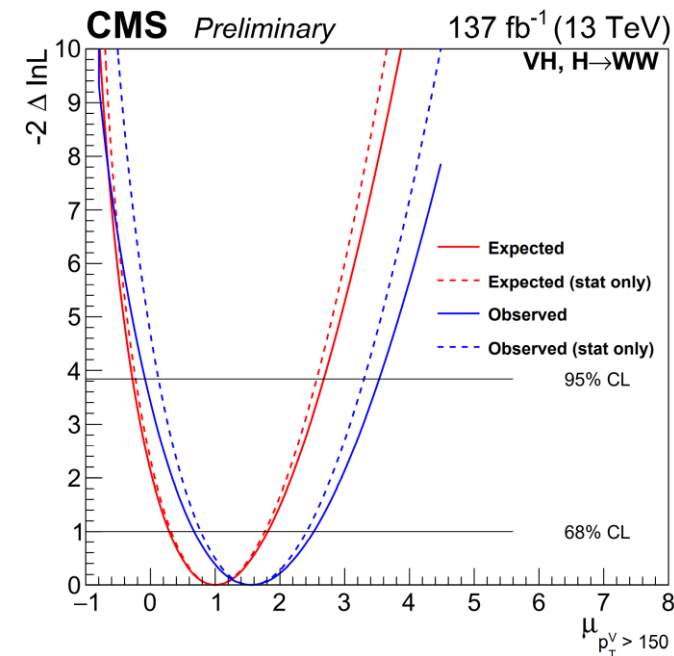
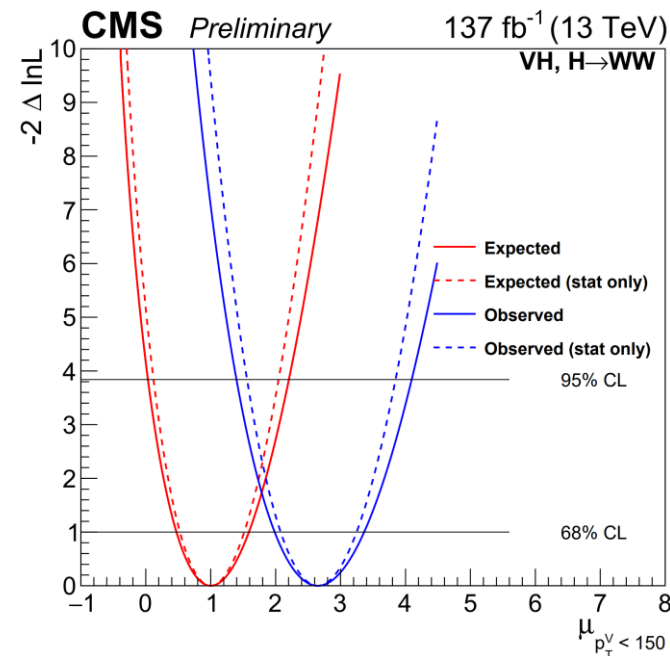


	$\hat{\mu}$	Significance (exp.)
WHSS	$0.95^{+0.94}_{-0.96}$	1.0 σ (1.1 σ)
WH3 ℓ	$2.20^{+0.86}_{-0.79}$	3.0 σ (1.6 σ)
ZH3 ℓ	$4.12^{+1.73}_{-1.68}$	2.5 σ (0.6 σ)
ZH4 ℓ	$1.73^{+0.75}_{-0.65}$	3.1 σ (2.1 σ)
Combination	$1.85^{+0.47}_{-0.44}$	4.7 σ (2.8 σ)

$$\hat{\mu} = 1.85^{+0.33}_{-0.32}(\text{stat})^{+0.27}_{-0.25}(\text{exp})^{+0.10}_{-0.07}(\text{theo})$$

Results – STXS

- The signal strength modifier $\hat{\mu}$ is extracted by a simultaneous fit to all categories
- All production modes are scaled together in the $H \rightarrow WW$ channel assuming SM relative rates, while the $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ decay is kept fixed to its SM cross section
- An additional fit has been performed scaling each VH production mode with a different signal strength modifier in each $p_T^V \geq 150$ GeV bin



	$\hat{\mu}$	Significance (exp.)
$WH p_T^W < 150$ GeV	$1.5^{+1.0}_{-0.9}$	1.64σ (1.24σ)
$WH p_T^W > 150$ GeV	$3.6^{+1.8}_{-1.6}$	2.23σ (0.83σ)
$ZH p_T^Z < 150$ GeV	$3.4^{+1.1}_{-1.6}$	4.37σ (1.59σ)
$ZH p_T^Z > 150$ GeV	$0.8^{+1.2}_{-0.9}$	0.83σ (1.18σ)

$$\hat{\mu}_{p_T^V < 150 \text{ GeV}} = 2.65^{+0.57}_{-0.55}(\text{stat})^{+0.38}_{-0.32}(\text{exp})^{+0.08}_{-0.07}(\text{theo})$$

$$\hat{\mu}_{p_T^V > 150 \text{ GeV}} = 1.56^{+0.85}_{-0.77}(\text{stat})^{+0.43}_{-0.40}(\text{exp})^{+0.11}_{-0.09}(\text{theo})$$

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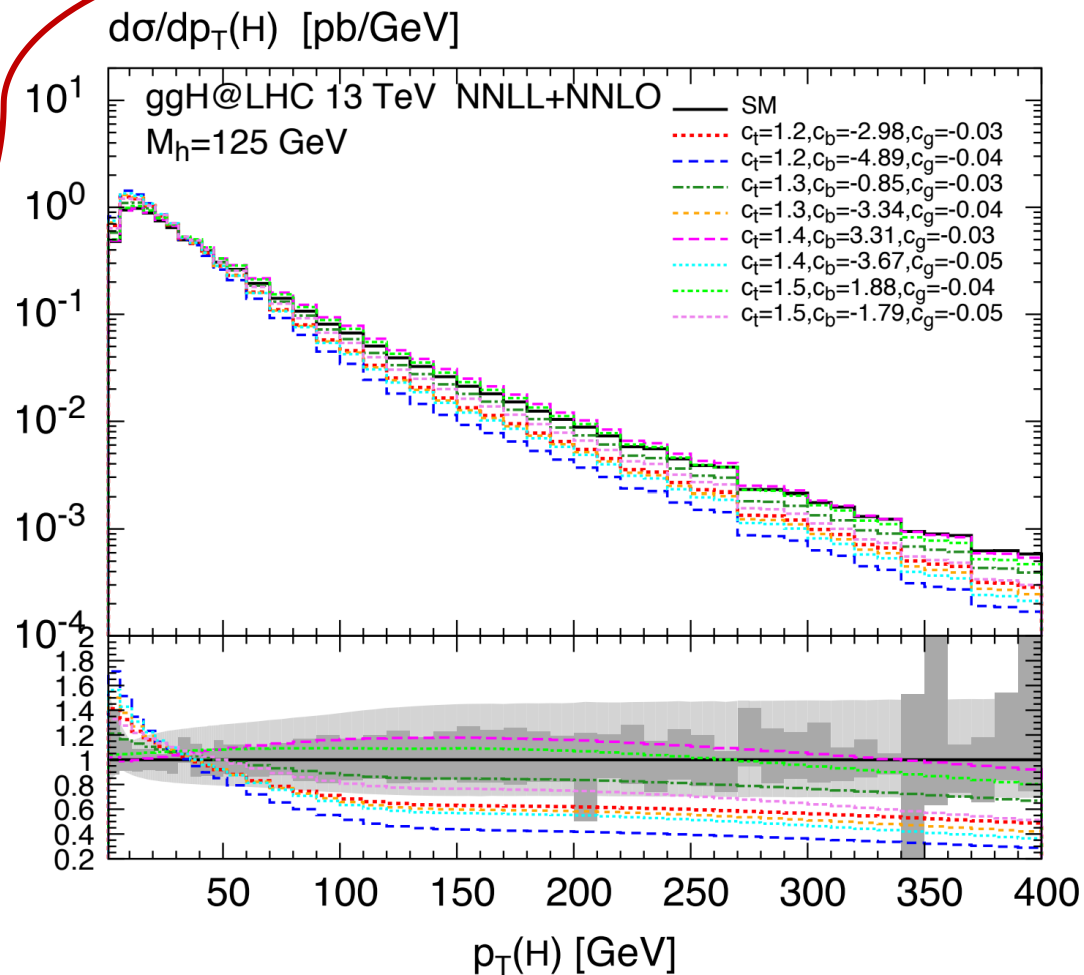
Motivation

- **Differential production cross section** for the Higgs boson can be predicted theoretically with high precision, such as $\frac{d\sigma}{dp_T^H}$ and $\frac{d\sigma}{dN_{jets}}$
- Variations of the Higgs boson's couplings to quarks and to other gauge bosons w.r.t. SM values may be observed through p_T^H spectrum
- $\sigma(pp \rightarrow H + N_{jets})$ is sensitive to relative contributions from different production modes per jet bin

$H \rightarrow WW$ has enough statistics to tackle all the main production mechanisms

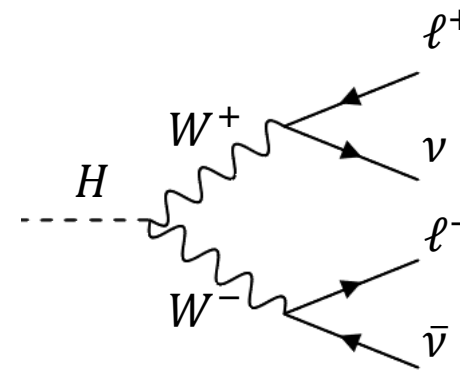
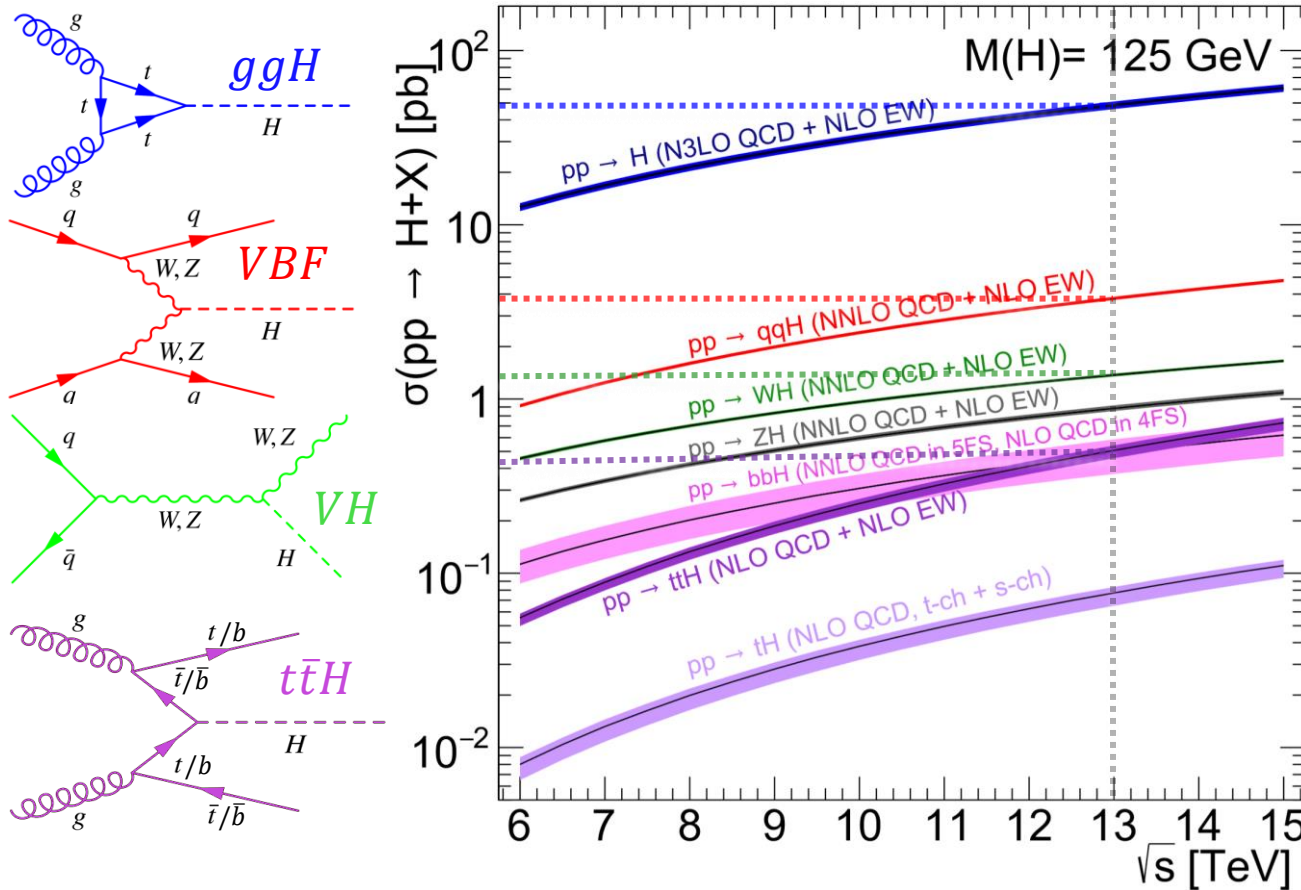
Signal candidates are binned in p_T^H and N_{jets} , which are referred to as **differential basis observables**

Indirect search for new physics



$H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow 2\ell 2\nu$

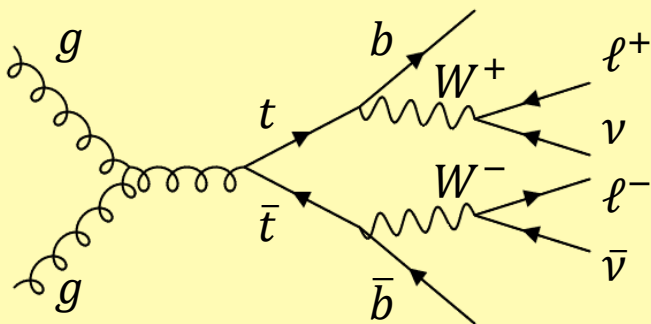
- Fully leptonic final state is the cleanest channel to detect the Higgs signal



- 2 isolated leptons ($e\mu$) with opposite charge
- Leptons emitted close to each other (spin correlation with the Higgs boson)
- Large signal yield and relatively clean signature
- MET presence due to the escaping neutrinos (Higgs mass is not reconstructed)**

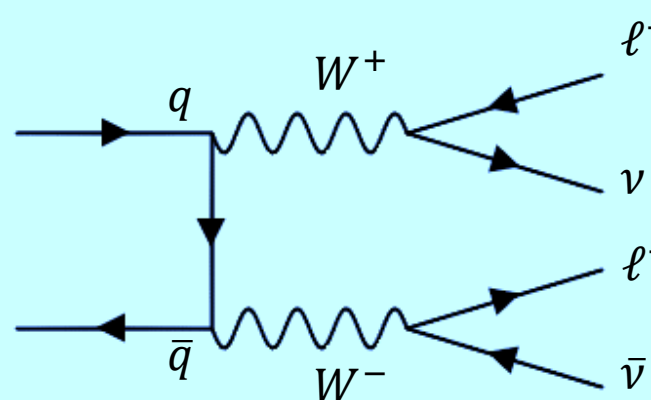
Main backgrounds

$t\bar{t}$ pair production



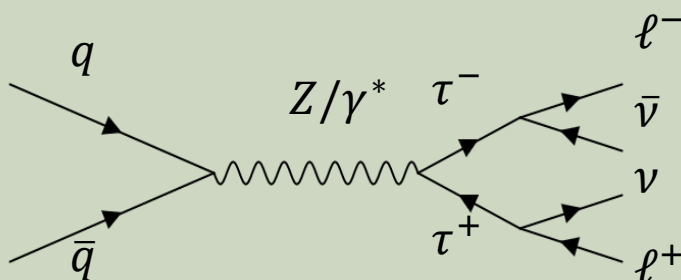
- Large cross section
- b-veto applied
- Normalization taken from data

Non-resonant W^+W^-



- No spin correlation
- Different kinematics
- Normalization taken from data

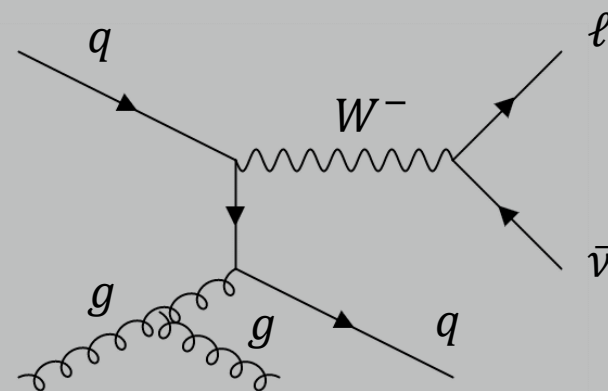
Drell-Yan $\tau^+\tau^-$



- Suppressed with $m_T > 60 \text{ GeV} (*)$
- Normalization taken from data

$$(*) m_T = \sqrt{2p_T^{\ell\ell} p_T^{\text{miss}} [1 - \cos\Delta\phi(\vec{p}_T^{\ell\ell}, \vec{p}_T^{\text{miss}})]}$$

Non-prompt leptons



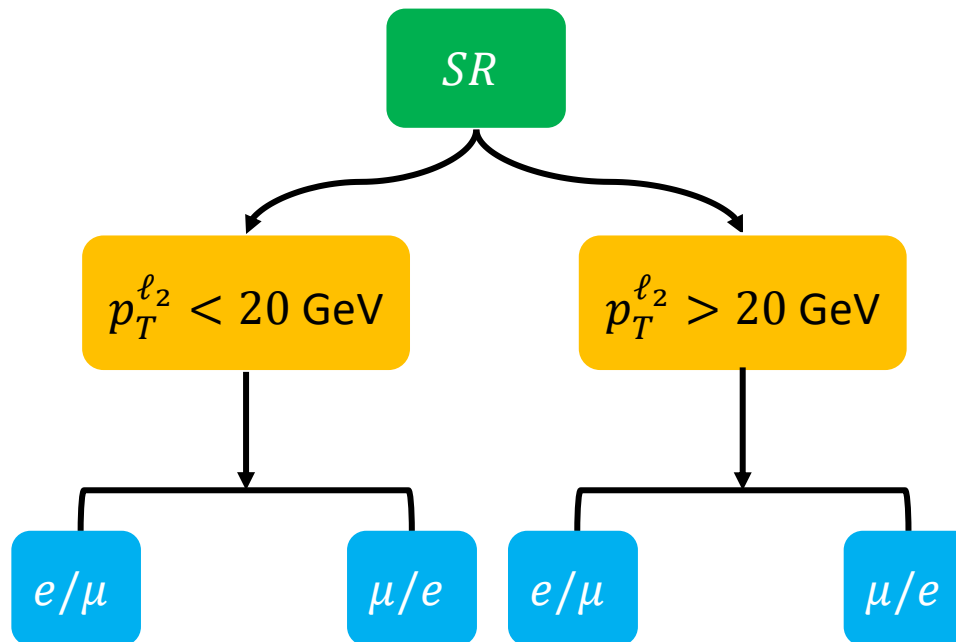
- Jet misidentified as a lepton
- Mainly comes from $W + \text{jets}$ events
- Fake rate estimated from data

Analysis strategy

PRE-SELECTION:

- 2 opposite charged leptons ($e\mu$)
 $p_T^{\ell_1} > 25 \text{ GeV}, p_T^{\ell_2} > 13 \text{ GeV}$
 - $p_T^{\text{miss}} > 20 \text{ GeV}, p_T^{\ell\ell} > 30 \text{ GeV}$
 - Third lepton veto
- Signal candidates are selected applying the pre-selection and further cuts on top of that
- $m_T > 60 \text{ GeV}$
 - $m_T^{\ell_2} > 30 \text{ GeV}$
 - No b-tagged jets

All Higgs production modes are regarded as signal processes



N_{jets} binning:
[0, 1, 2, 3, ≥ 4]

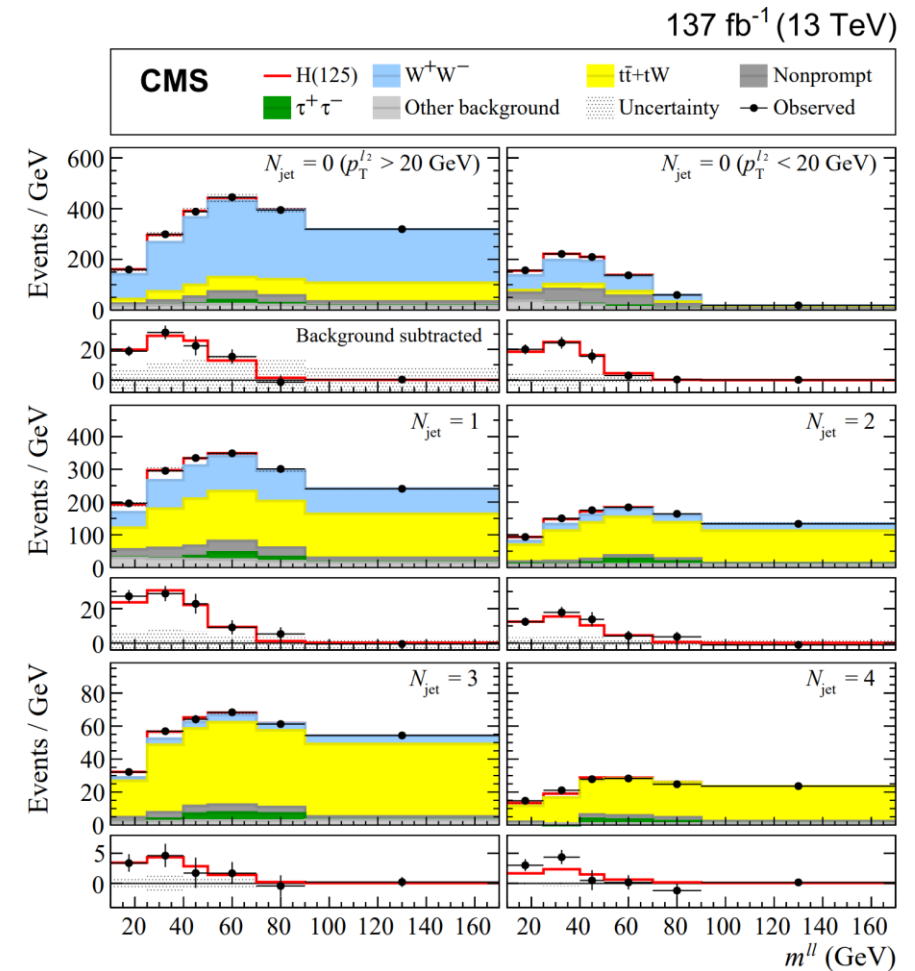
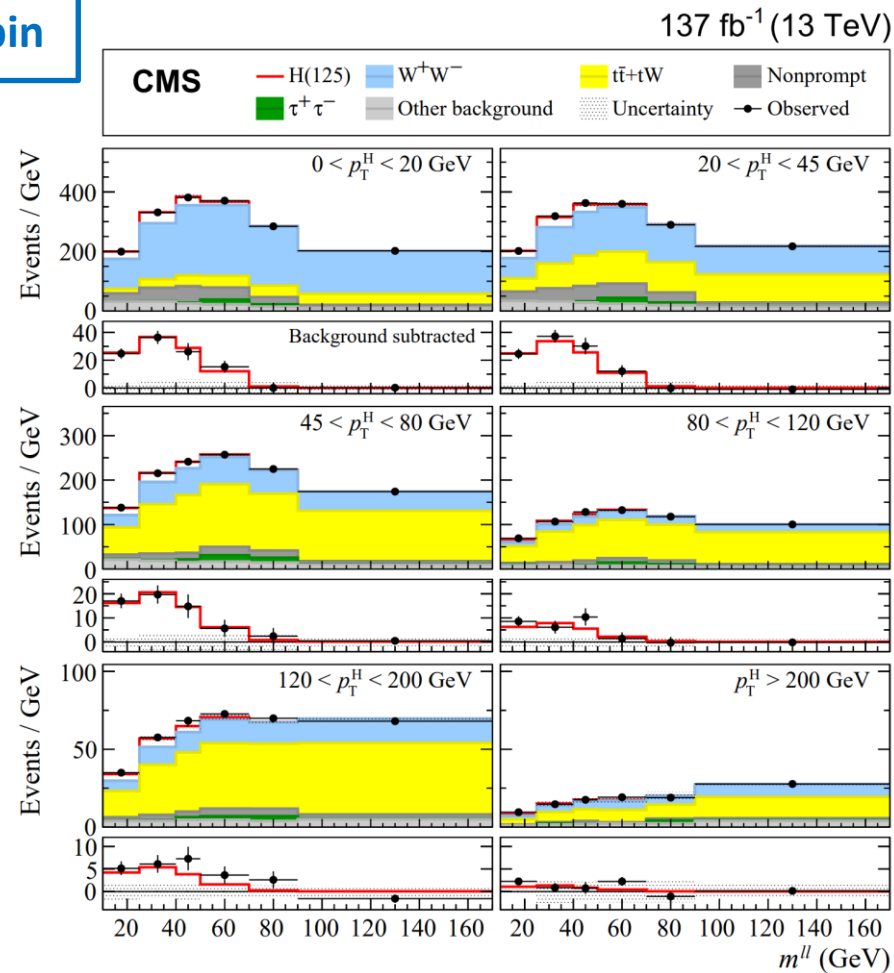
p_T^H binning:
[0, 20, 45, 80, 120, 200, ∞]

Categories are merged in high p_T^H and N_{jets} bins due to lack of statistics

Post-fit distributions

2D ($m_{\ell\ell}$, m_T) histogram is fitted
to data in each N_{jets} and p_T^H bin

- $m_{\ell\ell}$ distribution is obtained integrating over all the m_T range and combining full Run2 dataset
- The Higgs signal is measured in a fiducial phase space, defined with a similar selection as the one of the ggH-tagged category



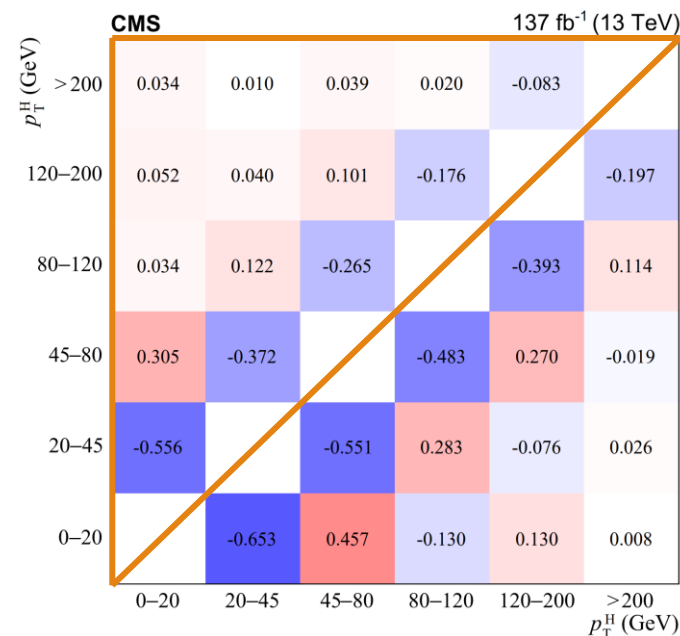
Correlation matrices

- These matrices quantify correlation between signal strength modifiers in the fiducial phase space
- Each element has been extracted by the fit to the full Run2 combined data sets (integrated luminosity 137 fb^{-1})

REGULARIZATION TERM

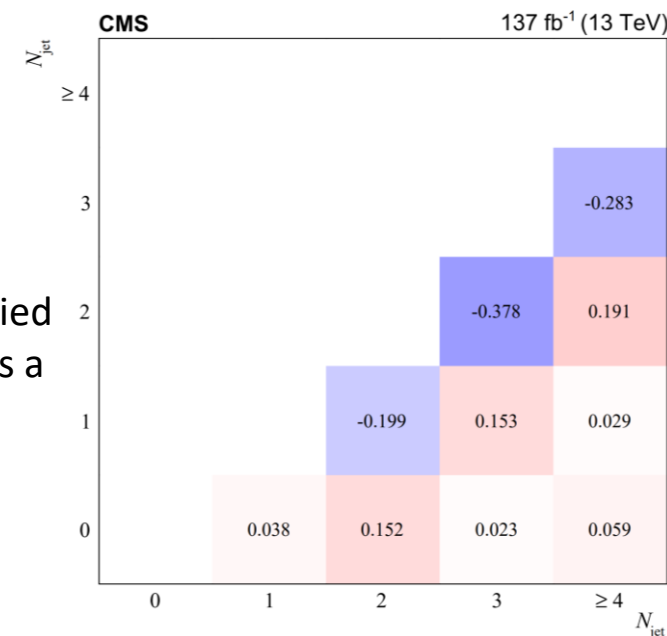
$$\mathcal{K}(\vec{\mu}) = \prod_i \exp\left(-\frac{[(\mu_{i+1} - \mu_i)^2 - (\mu_i - \mu_{i-1})^2]}{2\delta^2}\right)$$

- δ is called the **regularization strength** parameter and controls the intensity of the regularization procedure

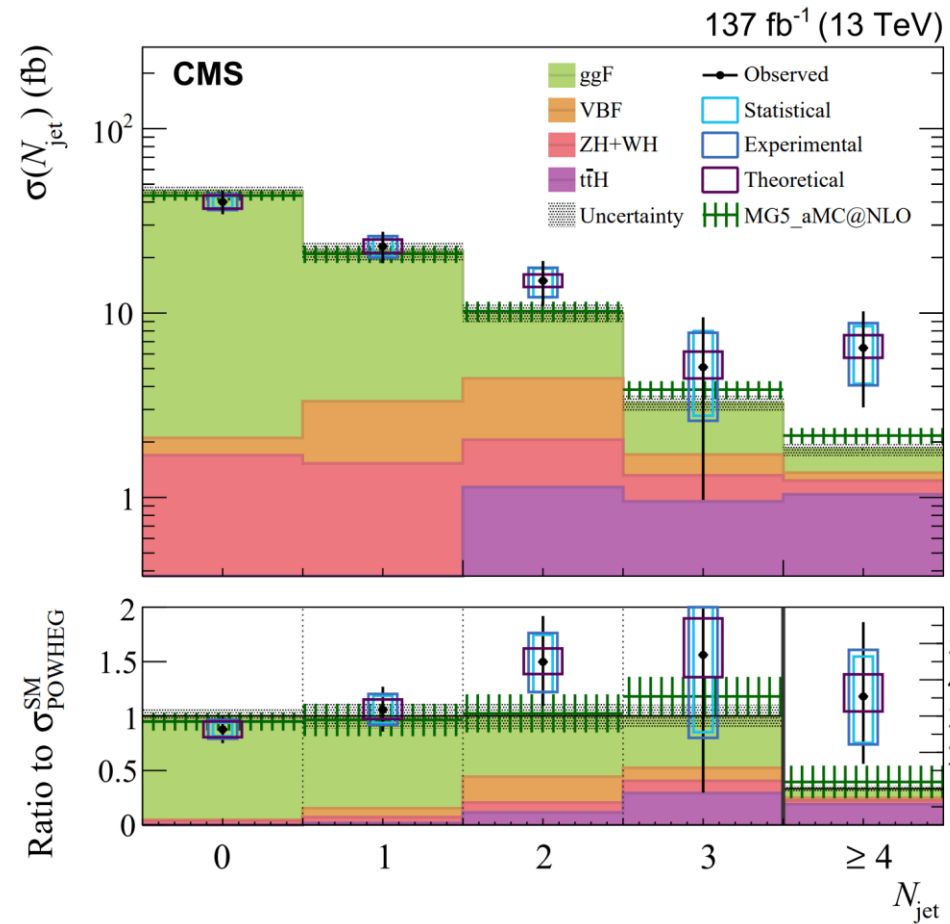
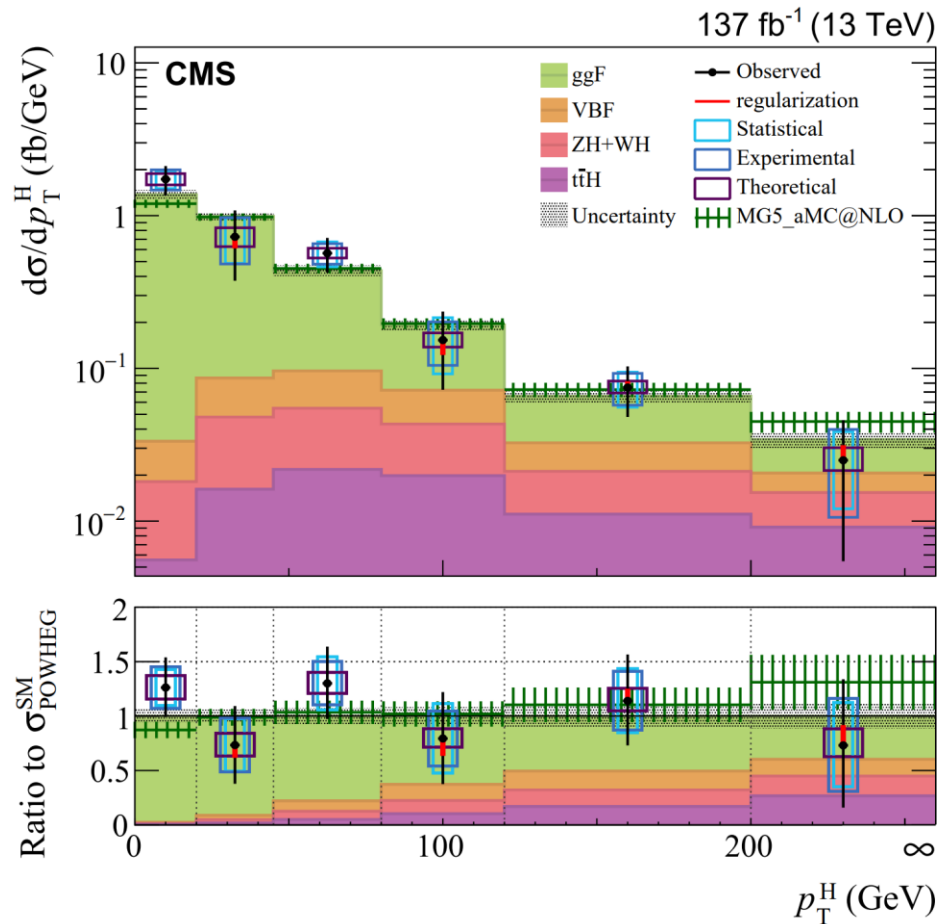


The p_T^H correlation matrix above the diagonal shows the effect of the regularization procedure: $\delta = 2.50$ has been found minimizing the mean of the global correlation coefficient

No regularization has been applied to the N_{jet} distribution since it is a discrete variable



Results – unfolded distributions



$$\mu^{\text{fid}} = 1.05 \pm 0.12 \left(\pm 0.05(\text{stat}) \pm 0.07(\text{exp}) \pm 0.01(\text{signal}) \pm 0.07(\text{bkg}) \pm 0.03(\text{lumi}) \right)$$

$$\sigma^{\text{fid}} = 86.5 \pm 9.5 \text{ fb consistent with } \sigma^{\text{SM}} = 82.5 \pm 4.2 \text{ fb}$$

- **The $H \rightarrow WW$ decay channel** led to important results using Run2 CMS data
- **Higgs boson production in association with either a W or Z boson** has been measured, quoting both the **inclusive cross section** (as a signal strength modifier) and the **STXS measurement**
- Results are consistent with SM predictions within 2σ
- **Differential cross section measurement** w.r.t. Higgs transverse momentum and number of associated hadronic jets have been performed
- **Signal strength modifiers** have been measured at generator level using a regularized unfolding procedure and no deviations from SM have been observed
- **More analyses** are currently ongoing and brand new results with full Run2 CMS data are expected to give more insight on the Higgs boson properties

BACKUP

VH strategy – Inclusive XSec

$WH \rightarrow 2\ell 2\nu qq$ (WHSS)

$$p_T^{\ell_1} > 25 \text{ GeV} ; p_T^{\ell_2} > 20 \text{ GeV} ; p_T^{\ell_3} < 10 \text{ GeV}$$

$$m_{\ell\ell} > 12 \text{ GeV} ; \Delta\eta_{\ell\ell} < 2$$

b – jet veto

$$p_T^{\text{miss}} > 30 \text{ GeV} ; \tilde{m}_H > 50 \text{ GeV}$$

1j $e\mu$ SR

$$1 \text{ jet } p_T > 30 \text{ GeV}$$

$\geq 2j$ $e\mu$ SR

$$\geq 2 \text{ jets } p_T > 30 \text{ GeV}$$

$$m_{jj} < 100 \text{ GeV}$$

1j $\mu\mu$ SR

$$1 \text{ jet } p_T > 30 \text{ GeV}$$

$$|m_{\ell\ell} - m_Z| > 15 \text{ GeV}$$

$\geq 2j$ $\mu\mu$ SR

$$\geq 2 \text{ jets } p_T > 30 \text{ GeV}$$

$$|m_{\ell\ell} - m_Z| > 15 \text{ GeV}$$

$$m_{jj} < 100 \text{ GeV}$$

$WH \rightarrow 3\ell 3\nu$ (WH3 ℓ)

$$p_T^{\ell_1} > 25 \text{ GeV} ; p_T^{\ell_2} > 20 \text{ GeV} ; p_T^{\ell_3} > 15 \text{ GeV} ; p_T^{\ell_4} < 10 \text{ GeV}$$

$$q(\ell\ell\ell) = \pm 1 ; \min(m_{\ell\ell}) > 12 \text{ GeV}$$

b – jet veto

$$\text{no jet with } p_T > 30 \text{ GeV}$$

$\ell^+ \ell^-$ SF SR

$$|m_{\ell\ell} - m_Z| > 20 \text{ GeV}$$

$$p_T^{\text{miss}} > 40 \text{ GeV}$$

$\ell^\pm \ell^\pm$ SF SR

0j WZ CR

$$\ell^+ \ell^- \text{ pair} ; |m_{\ell\ell} - m_Z| < 20 \text{ GeV}$$

$$p_T^{\text{miss}} > 45 \text{ GeV}$$

$$m_{\ell\ell\ell} > 100 \text{ GeV}$$

Z γ CR

$$\ell^+ \ell^- \text{ pair} ; |m_{\ell\ell} - m_Z| < 20 \text{ GeV}$$

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

$$80 \text{ GeV} < m_{\ell\ell\ell} < 100 \text{ GeV}$$

VH strategy – Inclusive XSec

$ZH \rightarrow 3\ell\nu qq$ (ZH3 ℓ)

$$p_T^{\ell_1} > 25 \text{ GeV} ; p_T^{\ell_2} > 20 \text{ GeV} ; p_T^{\ell_3} > 15 \text{ GeV} ; p_T^{\ell_4} < 10 \text{ GeV}$$

$$q(\ell\ell\ell) = \pm 1 ; \min(m_{\ell\ell}) > 12 \text{ GeV}$$

b – jet veto

$$|m_{\ell\ell} - m_Z| < 25 \text{ GeV} ; |m_{\ell\ell\ell} - m_Z| > 20 \text{ GeV}$$

1j SR

$$1 \text{ jet } p_T > 30 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\Delta\phi(W, j(j)) < \pi/2$$

$\geq 2j$ SR

$$\geq 2 \text{ jets } p_T > 30 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\Delta\phi(W, j(j)) < \pi/2$$

1j WZ CR

$$1 \text{ jet } p_T > 30 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\Delta\phi(W, j(j)) > \pi/2$$

$\geq 2j$ WZ CR

$$\geq 2 \text{ jets } p_T > 30 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\Delta\phi(W, j(j)) > \pi/2$$

$ZH \rightarrow 4\ell 2\nu$ (ZH4 ℓ)

$$p_T^{\ell_1} > 25 \text{ GeV} ; p_T^{\ell_2} > 20 \text{ GeV} ; p_T^{\ell_3}, p_T^{\ell_4} > 10 \text{ GeV} ; p_T^{\ell_5} < 10 \text{ GeV}$$

$$q(\ell\ell\ell\ell) = 0 ; \min(m_{\ell\ell}) > 12 \text{ GeV}$$

b – jet veto

$$|m_{\ell\ell}^Z - m_Z| < 15 \text{ GeV}$$

XSF SR

$$m_{\ell\ell\ell\ell} > 140 \text{ GeV}$$

$$10 \text{ GeV} < m_{\ell\ell}^X < 60 \text{ GeV}$$

$$p_T^{\text{miss}} > 35 \text{ GeV}$$

XDF SR

$$10 \text{ GeV} < m_{\ell\ell}^X < 70 \text{ GeV}$$

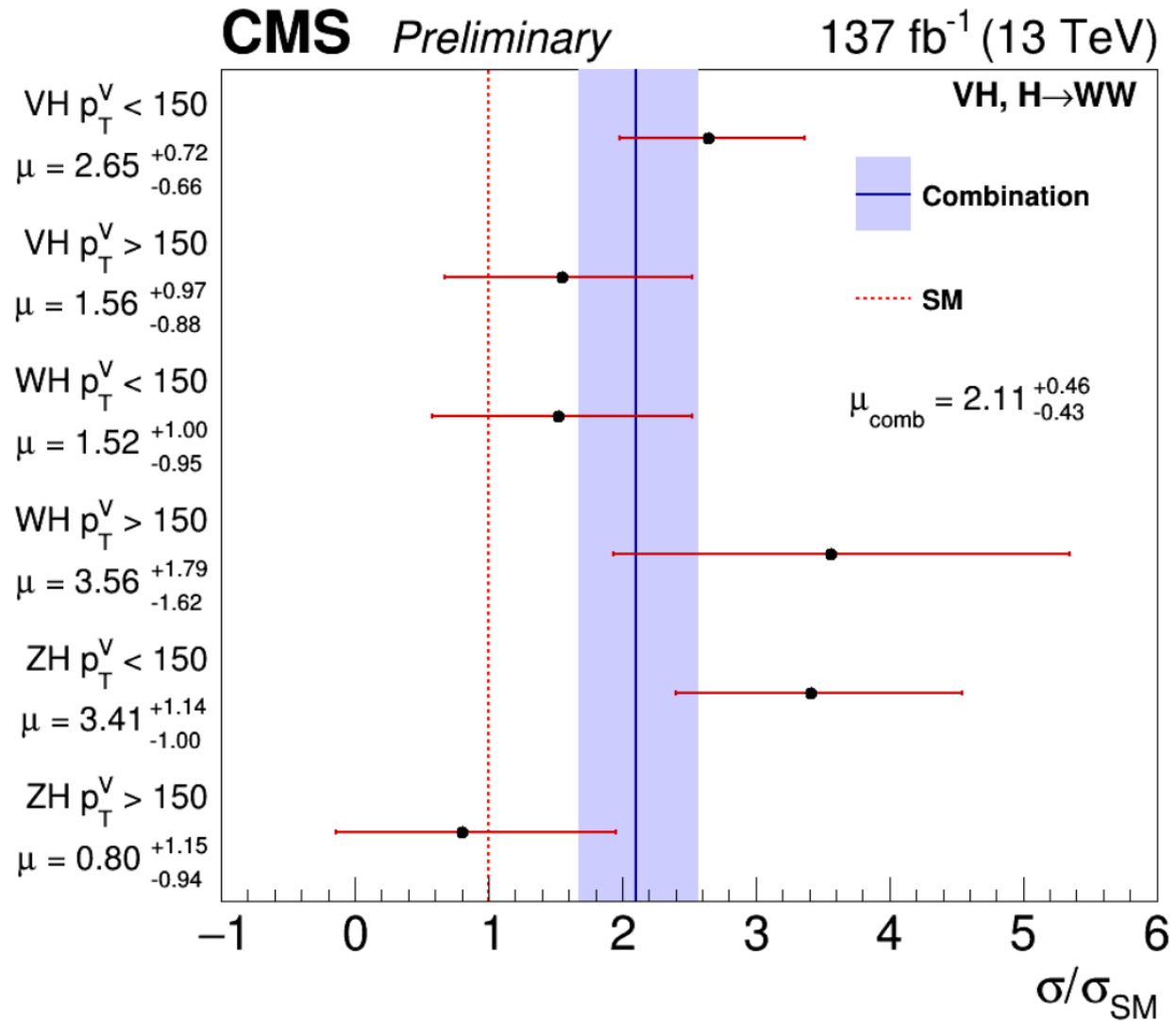
$$p_T^{\text{miss}} > 20 \text{ GeV}$$

ZZ CR

$$75 \text{ GeV} < m_{\ell\ell}^X < 105 \text{ GeV}$$

$$p_T^{\text{miss}} < 35 \text{ GeV}$$

VH analysis - STXS results



Signal composition – VH analysis

- Different signal composition in each category

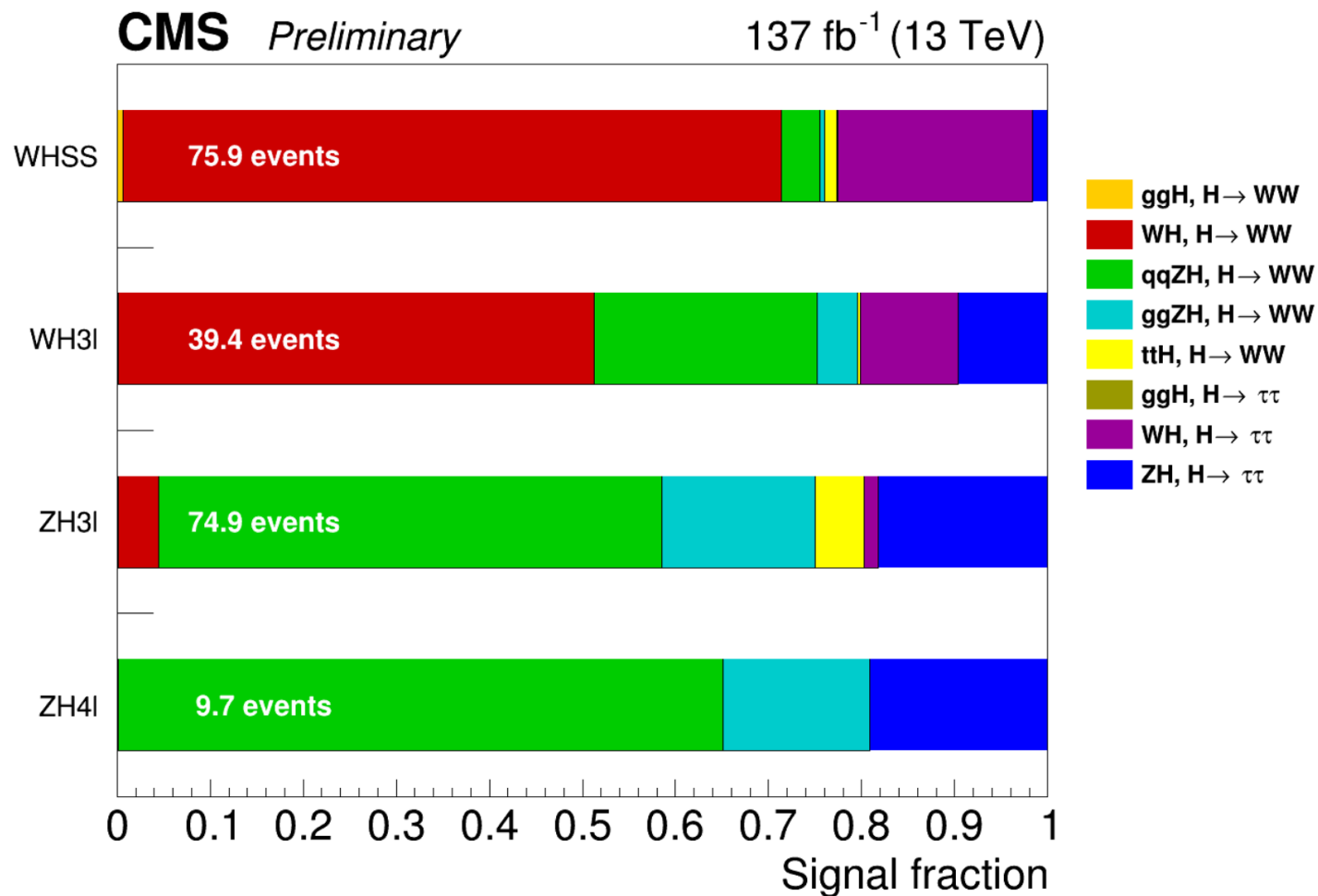
$$\begin{aligned} WH(H \rightarrow WW) + WH(H \rightarrow \tau\tau) &\simeq 95\% \\ ZH(H \rightarrow WW) + ZH(H \rightarrow \tau\tau) &\simeq 5\% \\ \text{other} &< 1\% \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} WH(H \rightarrow WW) + WH(H \rightarrow \tau\tau) &\simeq 60\% \\ ZH(H \rightarrow WW) + ZH(H \rightarrow \tau\tau) &\simeq 40\% \\ \text{other} &\ll 1\% \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} WH(H \rightarrow WW) + WH(H \rightarrow \tau\tau) &\simeq 5\% \\ ZH(H \rightarrow WW) + ZH(H \rightarrow \tau\tau) &\simeq 90\% \\ \text{other} &\simeq 5\% \end{aligned}$$

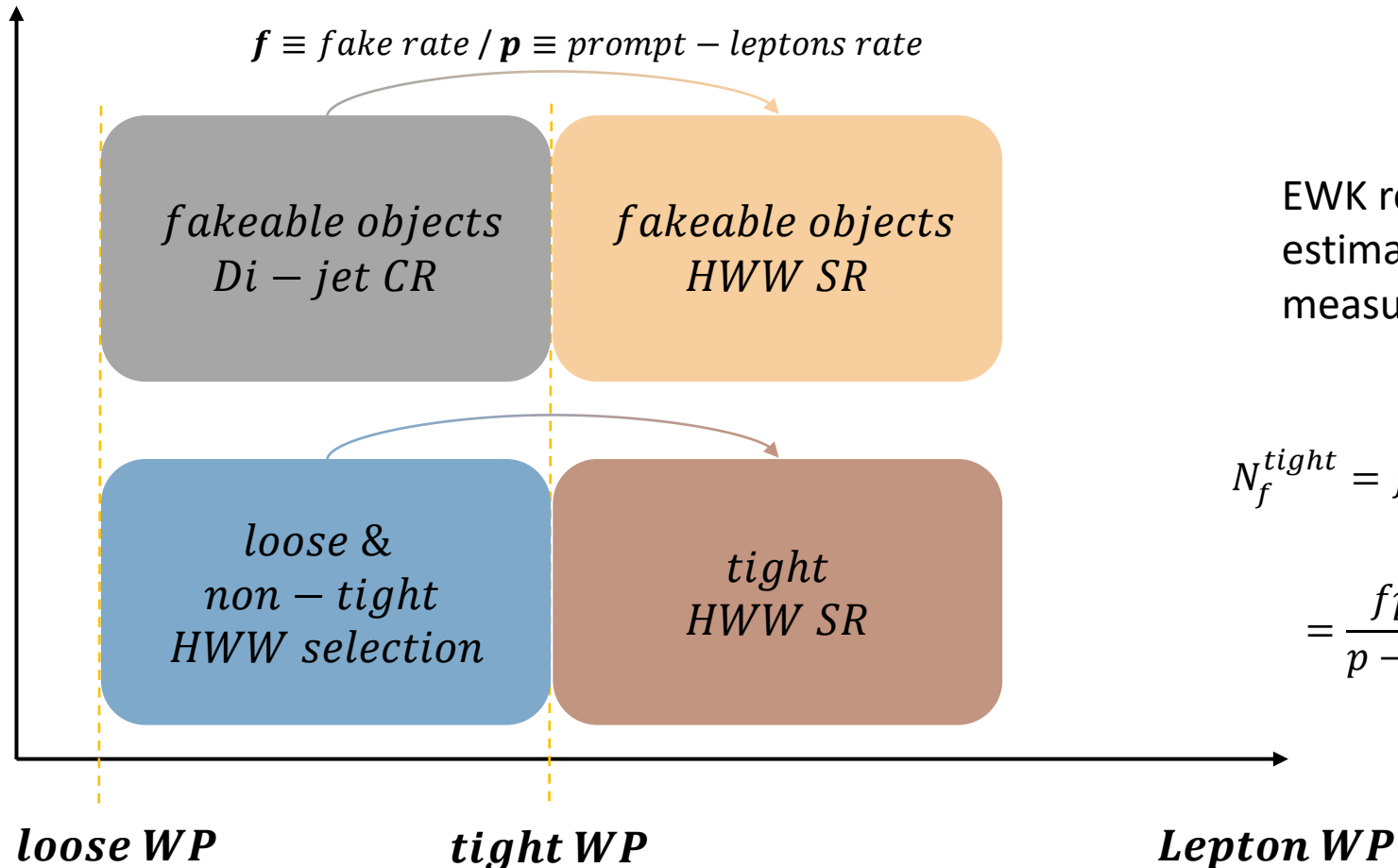
$$\begin{aligned} WH(H \rightarrow WW) + WH(H \rightarrow \tau\tau) &\ll 1\% \\ ZH(H \rightarrow WW) + ZH(H \rightarrow \tau\tau) &\simeq 100\% \\ \text{other} &\ll 1\% \end{aligned}$$

- The fit is performed scaling all production modes with a unique signal strength, i.e. assuming SM relative rates



Non-prompt leptons estimation

- The estimation of the non-prompt lepton contribution (or *fake leptons*) is based on the "fakeable object" method data-driven technique, with no applicability restrictions: the basic idea is to estimate this background in a dedicated CR and then extrapolate it to the signal region with the usage of a transfer function



EWK residual contribution in the dijet CR is estimated in MC samples and also used to measure the **prompt leptons rate**

$$N_f^{tight} = f \times N_f^{loose} = \frac{f}{1-f} \times N_f^{loose \& non-tight} =$$

$$= \frac{fp}{p-f} \left[N^{loose \& non-tight} - \frac{1-p}{p} N^{tight} \right]$$

Full differential cross sections

p_T^H (GeV)	σ^{SM} (fb)	μ	Regularized μ						Bias	σ^{obs} (fb)
			Value	stat	exp	signal	bkg	lumi		
0–20	27.45	1.37 ± 0.30	1.26 ± 0.27	± 0.17	± 0.19	± 0.01	± 0.10	± 0.03	+0.00	34.6 ± 7.5
20–45	24.76	0.52 ± 0.42	0.73 ± 0.36	± 0.24	± 0.25	± 0.01	± 0.10	± 0.03	−0.12	18.2 ± 8.9
45–80	15.28	1.55 ± 0.41	1.30 ± 0.33	± 0.24	± 0.20	± 0.03	± 0.09	± 0.03	−0.03	19.9 ± 5.2
80–120	7.72	0.49 ± 0.52	0.79 ± 0.42	± 0.32	± 0.25	± 0.02	± 0.08	± 0.03	−0.16	6.1 ± 3.3
120–200	5.26	$1.34^{+0.51}_{-0.48}$	1.14 ± 0.41	± 0.29	± 0.27	± 0.04	± 0.08	± 0.03	+0.11	6.0 ± 2.2
>200	2.05	$0.64^{+0.63}_{-0.60}$	$0.73^{+0.61}_{-0.57}$	± 0.38	± 0.42	$^{+0.09}_{-0.03}$	± 0.10	± 0.03	+0.19	1.5 ± 1.2

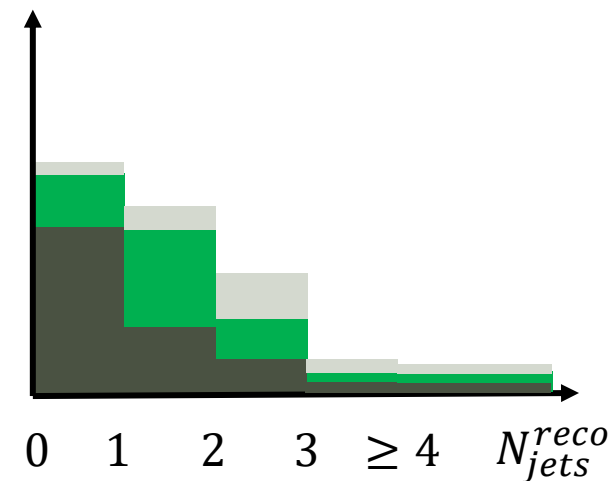
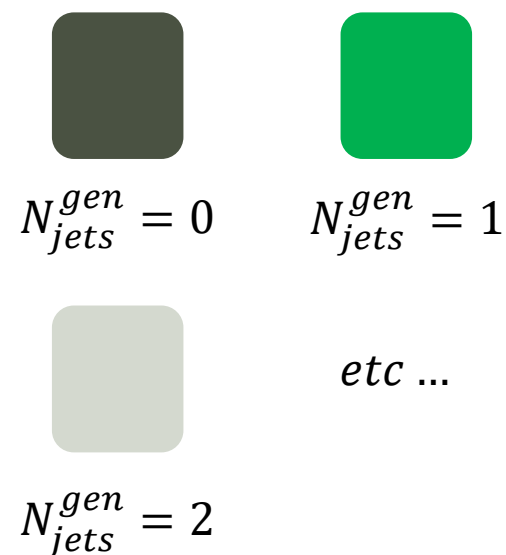
N_{jet}	σ^{SM} (fb)	μ						σ^{obs} (fb)
		Value	stat	exp	signal	bkg	lumi	
0	45.70	0.88 ± 0.13	± 0.06	± 0.08	± 0.01	± 0.07	± 0.03	40.1 ± 6.0
1	21.74	1.06 ± 0.20	± 0.12	± 0.14	± 0.01	± 0.08	± 0.03	23.0 ± 4.6
2	9.99	1.50 ± 0.40	$^{+0.25}_{-0.28}$	± 0.28	± 0.04	± 0.11	± 0.03	15.0 ± 4.2
3	3.26	$1.56^{+1.35}_{-1.26}$	$^{+0.89}_{-0.71}$	$^{+0.84}_{-0.76}$	$^{+0.17}_{-0.07}$	$^{+0.29}_{-0.19}$	$^{+0.07}_{-0.04}$	$5.1^{+4.4}_{-4.1}$
≥ 4	1.83	$3.54^{+2.05}_{-1.86}$	$^{+1.10}_{-1.28}$	$^{+1.28}_{-1.32}$	$^{+0.40}_{-0.20}$	$^{+0.38}_{-0.34}$	$^{+0.10}_{-0.07}$	$6.5^{+3.8}_{-3.4}$

Systematic uncertainties

Nuisance parameter	Type	Effect
Lepton reconstruction and identification efficiency	Experimental	shape & normalization
Trigger efficiency	Experimental	shape & normalization
Integrated luminosity	Experimental	normalization
Lepton momentum scale	Experimental	shape & normalization
Jet energy scale (JES)	Experimental	shape & normalization
Unclustered energy scale	Experimental	shape & normalization
b-tagging scale factors	Experimental	shape
Pileup	Experimental	normalization
Non-prompt leptons estimation	Experimental	shape & normalization
PDF	Theoretical	normalization
Renormalization and factorization scale	Theoretical	shape & normalization
Parton shower modeling	Theoretical	shape
Underlying event modeling	Theoretical	normalization

Unfolding procedure

- MC samples are binned at **gen-level** in the differential basis observables
- Bins are treated as independent signal sources that might contribute in each **reco-level** category
- Embedding these templates within the likelihood function is equivalent fitting reco-level yields and inverting the **response matrix**



A **fiducial phase space** similar to the signal region is defined for gen-level samples

Signal in the j -th bin at reco-level is also determined by events coming from the **non-fiducial** region

Non-fiducial cross section is **scaled together** with the fiducial component, due to its large contribution

Signal extraction – Differential

- Two additional control regions are defined to constrain **top** and **DY** normalization during the fit procedure

- $m_{\ell\ell} > 50$ GeV
- At least one b-tagged jet

- $40 \text{ GeV} < m_{\ell\ell} < 80 \text{ GeV}$
- $m_T < 60 \text{ GeV}$

- $m_{\ell\ell}$ and m_T are found to have good discrimination power between signal and background

2D template shape is fitted to data in each bin of each signal sub-category

$$\mathcal{L}_{unreg}(\vec{\mu}, \vec{\theta}) = \prod_{j=1}^{N_{bins}^{reco}} \text{Poisson}\left(n_j; s_j(\vec{\mu}, \vec{\theta}) + b_j(\vec{\theta})\right) \cdot \mathcal{N}(\vec{\theta})$$

Regularization factor is added to penalize changes in the second derivative of μ

$$\mathcal{L}_{reg}(\vec{\mu}, \vec{\theta}) = \mathcal{L}_{unreg}(\vec{\mu}, \vec{\theta}) \cdot \mathcal{K}(\vec{\mu})$$

$\vec{\mu}$ = signal strength
modifiers vector

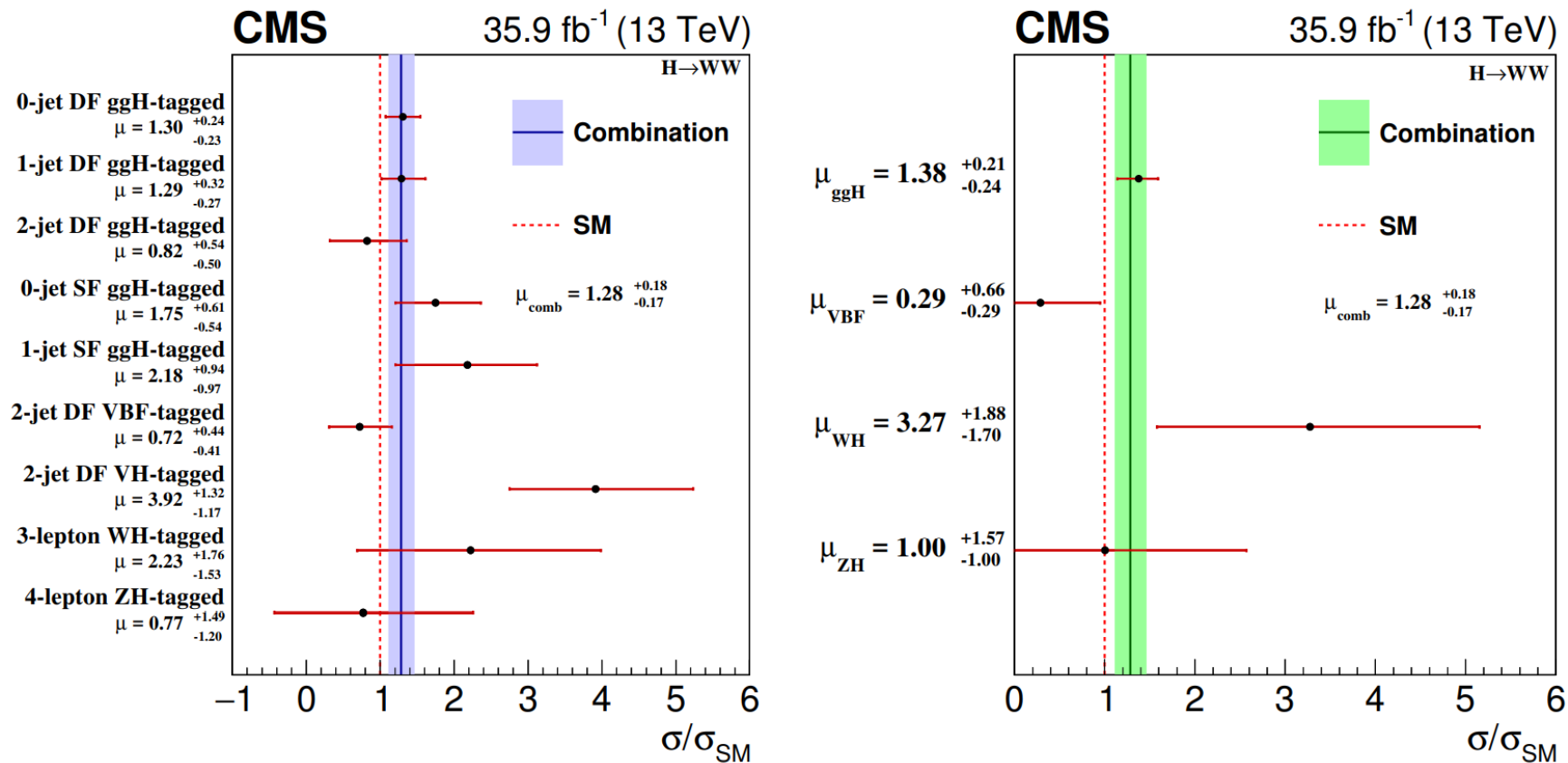
$\vec{\theta}$ = nuisance parameters

$\mathcal{N}(\vec{\theta})$ = nuisance constraints

$$s_j(\vec{\mu}, \vec{\theta}) = \sum_{i=1}^{N_{bins}^{gen}} \left[R_{ji}(\vec{\theta}) \mu_i L_j \cdot (\sigma_i^{fid} + \sigma_i^{non-fid}) \right]$$

HIG-16-042 results

- Results obtained using the 2016 CMS data set ($\mathcal{L} = 35.9 \text{ fb}^{-1}$)



$$\mu = 1.28^{+0.18}_{-0.17} = 1.28 \pm 0.10 (\text{stat}) \pm 0.11 (\text{syst})^{+0.10}_{-0.07} (\text{theo})$$