

# SM Higgs in Fermion Decay modes in ATLAS

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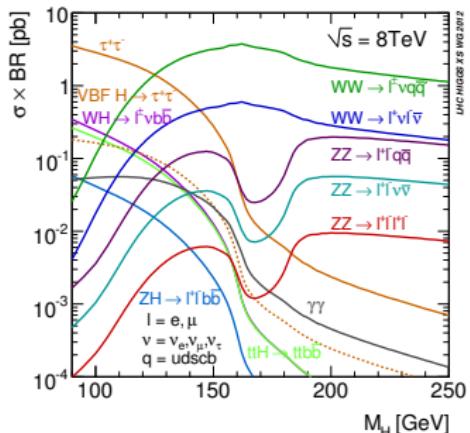
# SM Higgs in fermion decays



Higgs discovery made with boson decays

Fermion decays : crucial item for Higgs coupling studies

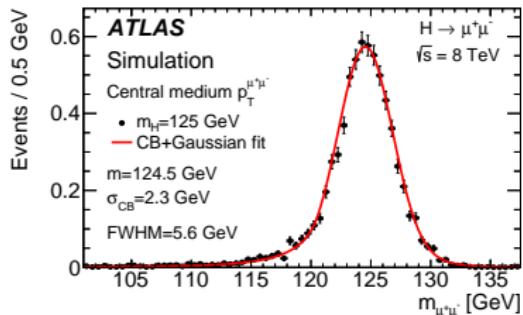
- Universality of Higgs coupling
- Linear dependence on fermion mass
- Constraint to total Higgs width
- ⇒ Explore as many channels as possible
- ⇒ But low S/B channels



	Gluon fusion	VBF	Associated VH	Associated t̄tH
$H \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ (0.022%)			CERN-PH-EP-2014-131, submitted to Physics Letters B	
$H \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$ (6.3%)		ATLAS-CONF-2013-108	–	–
$H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ (58%)	–	–	ATLAS-CONF-2013-079	ATLAS-CONF-2014-011

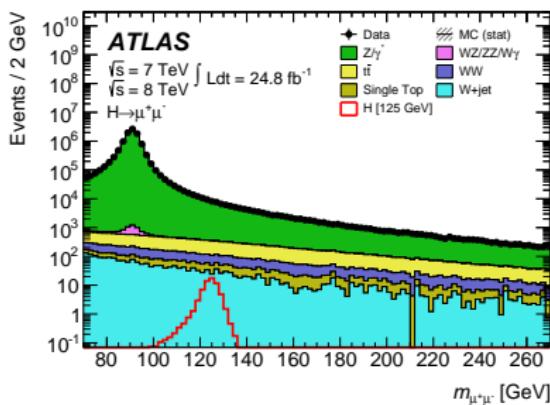
## A very clean signature

- Two high- $p_T$ (25/15 GeV), isolated, opposite-sign muons
- No  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$ (80 GeV)
- ⇒ Acceptance × efficiency ~ 55%
- ⇒ Excellent resolution: 2–3 GeV



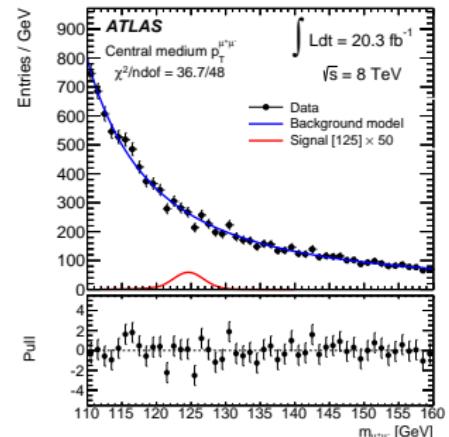
## Backgrounds

- Drell-Yan: 96%
- $t\bar{t}$ : 3%
- Smooth background shape



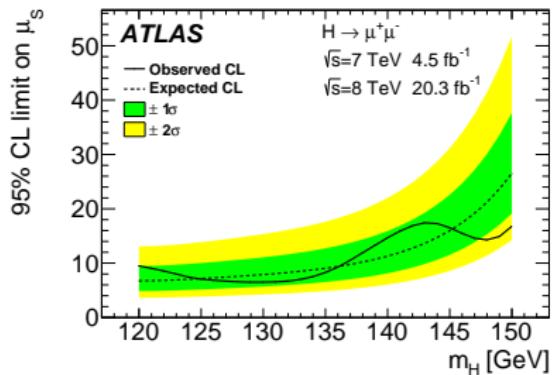
## Statistical analysis setup

- Analytical description of background and signal shapes
- Analysis divided in categories of different  $S/\sqrt{B}$ 
  - VBF category with jets
  - Categories with  $|\eta^\mu|$  and  $p_T^{\mu\mu}$



## Results

- Observed (expected) 95% CLs limit at 125.5 GeV: 7.0 (7.2)
- Uncertainty: mostly statistics
- Main systematics: theory ~15% (QCD scales, PDF, Branching ratio)
- Experimental systematics: subleading ~4%



## Analysis divided into 3 channels

 $\tau_{\text{lep}} \tau_{\text{lep}}$  (BR: 12%)

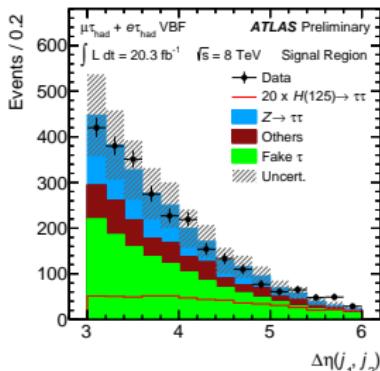
- 2 opposite-sign  $e/\mu$
- $\tau_{\text{had}}$  veto
- Drell-Yan veto  $m_{\tau\tau}^{\text{vis}}$
- $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 20(40)$  GeV

## Further selections

- $b$ -jet veto
- VBF category
  - 2 well-separated ( $|\Delta\eta| > 2$ ) high- $p_T$  (40, 30 GeV) jets
- Boosted category
  - $p_T^H > 100$  GeV

 $\tau_{\text{lep}} \tau_{\text{had}}$  (BR: 46%)

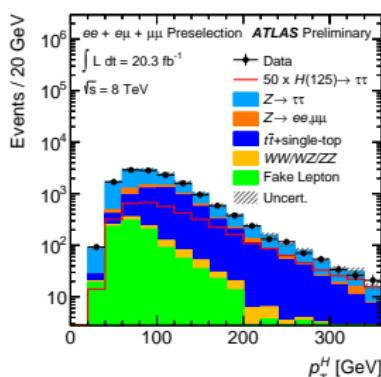
- 1  $e/\mu + 1$  opposite-sign  $\tau_{\text{had}}$
- $m_T^{\ell, E_T^{\text{miss}}}$  cut against  $W+\text{jets}$



VBF category

 $\tau_{\text{had}} \tau_{\text{had}}$  (BR: 42%)

- 2 opposite-sign high- $p_T$   $\tau_{\text{had}}$  (35/25 GeV)
- $e/\mu$  veto
- $\Delta R / \Delta\eta$  kinematic cuts
- Alignment of  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  with  $\tau_{\text{had}} S$



Boosted category

## Use of boosted decision trees

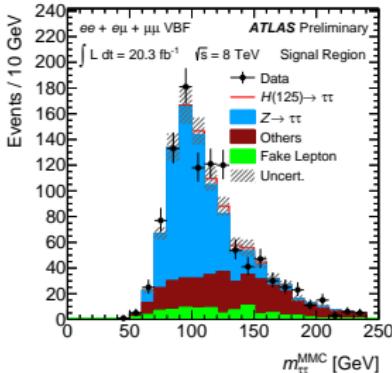
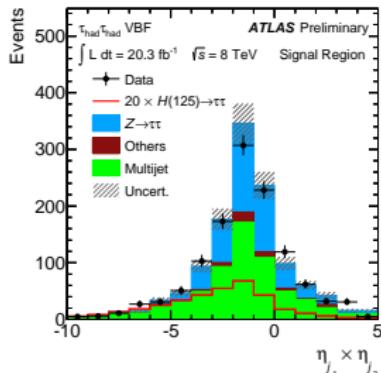
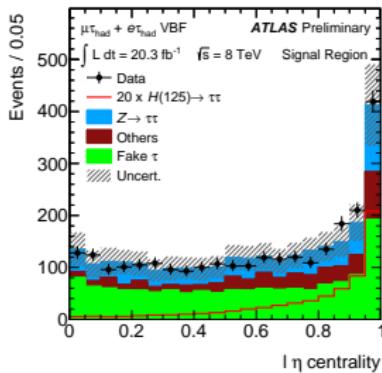
- Trained in each channel and category
- 6 to 9 kinematic variables

## Choice of variables

- $H$  resonance:  $m_{\tau\tau}^{\text{MMC}}$ ,  $\Delta R(\tau\tau)$
- VBF-specific:  $m(j_1, j_2)$ ,  $|\Delta\eta(j_1, j_2)|$
- Boosted-specific:  $p_T$  of objects,  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  alignment

 $m_{\tau\tau}^{\text{MMC}}$ 

- Mass obtained by solving for missing neutrinos
- Most discriminant variable



Most backgrounds are estimated from data or are normalized in dedicated control regions

## Main $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$ background

- Estimated from  $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$  events in data with  $\tau$  embedding

## $t\bar{t}$ , single top

- Normalized using control region with tagged jets

## Events with fake $\tau$

$T_{\text{lep}} T_{\text{lep}}$

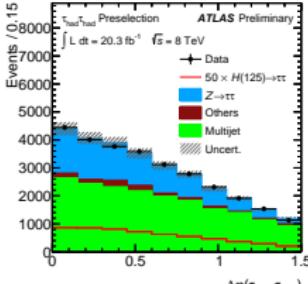
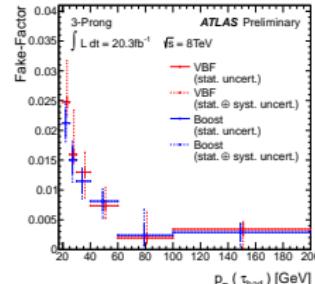
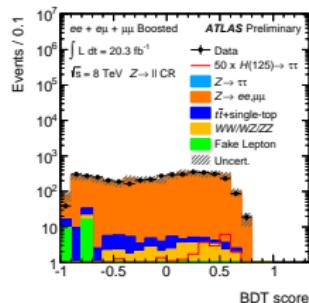
- Invert isolation of one of the leptons
- Normalize with  $p_T^{\ell 2}$

$T_{\text{lep}} T_{\text{had}}$

- Fake factors in control regions for gluon jets and quark jets
- Applied in region with loosened  $\tau$ -ID

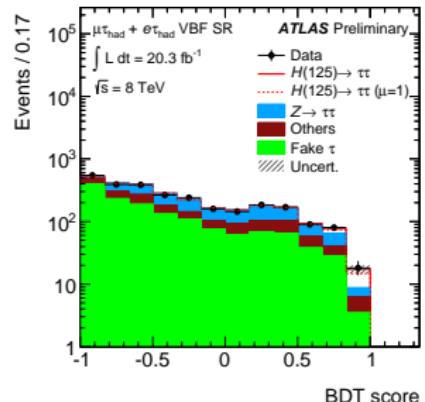
$T_{\text{had}} T_{\text{had}}$

- Use region with not-opposite-sign  $\tau$
- Simultaneous fit of multijet and  $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$  on  $\Delta\eta(\tau, \tau)$



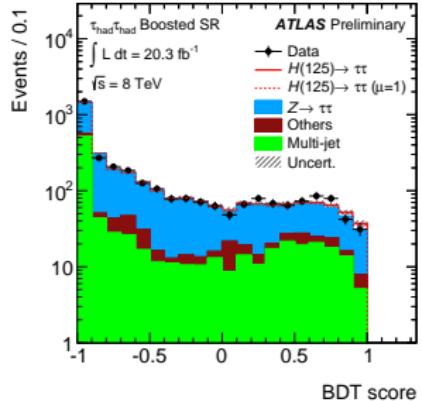
## Backgrounds

- Normalizations left mostly free in the profile likelihood fit
- Add control regions in the fit to estimate the rates
- Shape systematics from varying control regions
- Main source of systematics



## Experimental systematics

- Jet energy scale: significant impact on VBF topology
- $\tau$  identification efficiency and  $\tau$  energy scale

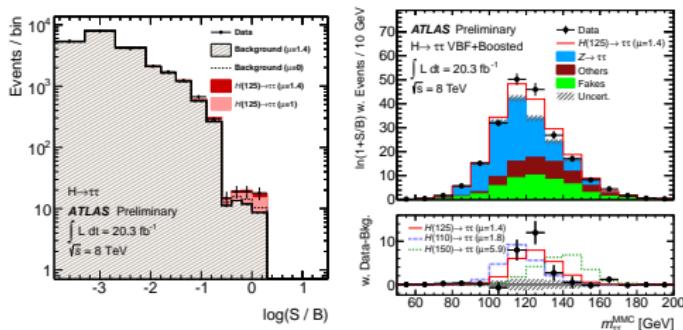


## Theory systematics

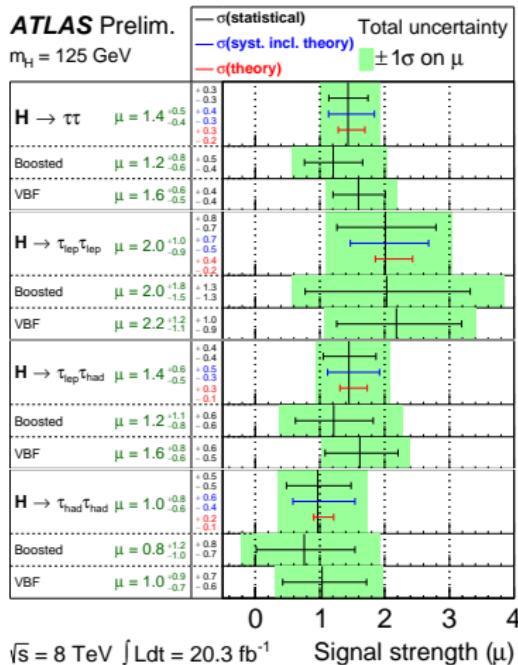
- Modelling of  $p_T^H$
- QCD scales, PDF

## Direct evidence of Higgs decay to fermions

- Significance:  $4.1\sigma$  at 125 GeV
  - $3.2\sigma$  expected
- Signal strength  $\mu = 1.5^{+0.5}_{-0.4}$ 
  - Results compatible between channels
- $m_{\tau\tau}^{\text{MMC}}$  compatible with mass of 125 GeV



**ATLAS Prelim.**  
 $m_H = 125$  GeV



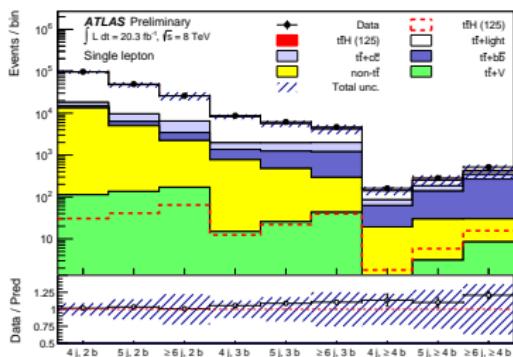
$\sqrt{s} = 8$  TeV  $\int L dt = 20.3$  fb<sup>-1</sup>

Signal strength ( $\mu$ )

## A complex final state

- 2 channels: semi-leptonic / dileptonic  $t\bar{t}$  decays
- High jet multiplicity
- High  $b$ -jets multiplicity
- Main irreducible background  $t\bar{t} + b\bar{b}$  is poorly known

## Analysis categorized in number of jets and $b$ -tags

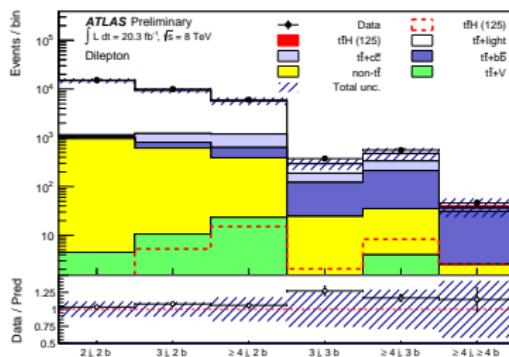


## Selection single-lepton

- 1 high- $p_T$  (25 GeV) isolated lepton
- At least 4 jets  $p_T > 25 \text{ GeV}$
- At least 2 of them  $b$ -tagged (70% efficiency)

## Selection dilepton

- 2 high- $p_T$  (25 GeV, 15 GeV) isolated leptons
- $Z$  mass veto ( $ee, \mu\mu$ ),  $H_T$  cut ( $e\mu$ )
- At least 2 jets  $p_T > 25 \text{ GeV}$
- At least 2 of them  $b$ -tagged



## Neural Network in Signal regions

- 10 kinematic variables per region
- Trained in each region

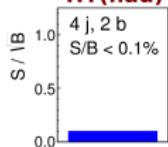
## $H_T$ (scalar sums of $p_T$ ) in control regions

- Used in profile likelihood fit to constrain backgrounds

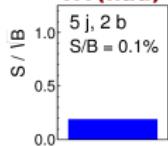
ATLAS Preliminary Simulation

$\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}, \int L dt = 20.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

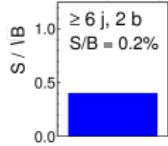
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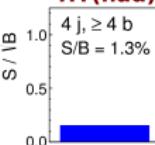
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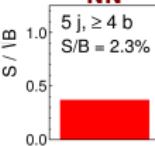
Single lepton

$m_H = 125 \text{ GeV}$

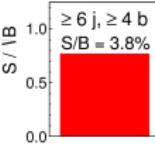
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### NN



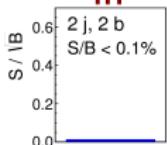
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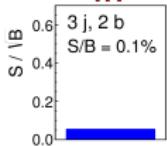
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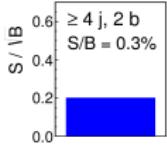
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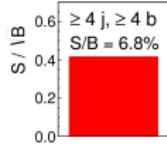
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Dilepton

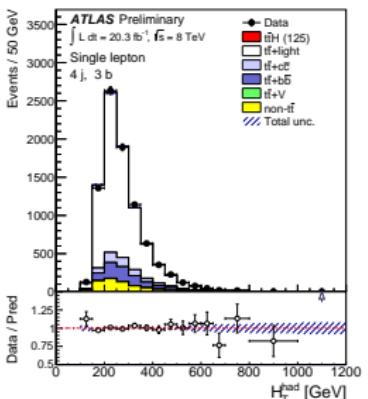
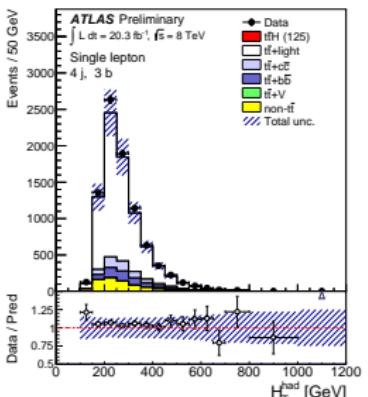
$m_H = 125 \text{ GeV}$

### NN



## Main challenge: control of $t\bar{t}$ +jets

- Large normalization uncertainties
  - 6% on  $t\bar{t}$  normalization
  - 50% on  $t\bar{t}+b\bar{b}$  and  $t\bar{t}+c\bar{c}$
- High statistics control regions constrain normalizations
  - Unc on  $t\bar{t}+b\bar{b}$  ( $t\bar{t}+c\bar{c}$ ) reduced to 15% (29%)
- Additional shape uncertainties from:
  - MC generators, parton showers, PDF
  - unfolded ATLAS  $t\bar{t}$  measurements  
(arXiv:1407.0371 [hep-ex])

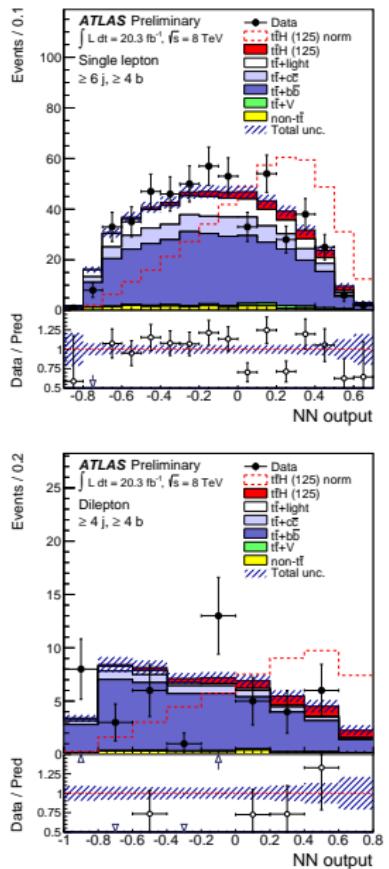
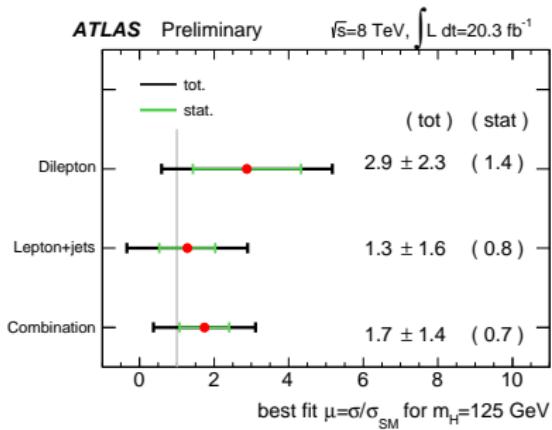


## Other systematics

- Small impact from other backgrounds and signal modelling, except  $t\bar{t}+Z$  cross-section
- Major influence of  $b$ -tagging systematics
  - Especially light jets mistag efficiency (large uncertainty)
- Significant role of Jet energy scale systematics

## Results

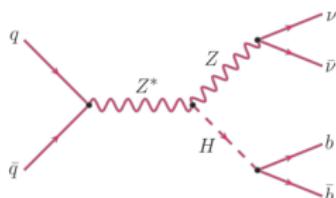
- Observed signal strength  $\hat{\mu} = 1.7 \pm 1.4$ , compatible between single-lepton and dilepton channels
- 95% CLs limits: 4.1 observed, for expected 3.4 if  $\mu = 1$



## Analysis divided into 3 channels

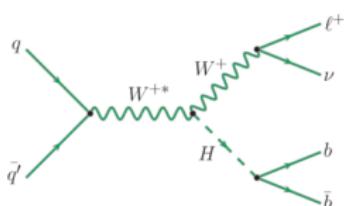
## 0 lepton

- High  $E_T^{\text{miss}} (> 120 \text{ GeV})$
- Anti-MJ cuts:  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  and  $p_T^{\text{miss}}$



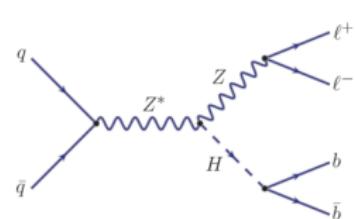
## 1 lepton

- 1 high- $p_T$  (25 GeV) isolated lepton
- Anti-MJ cuts:  $m_T^W$  and  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$



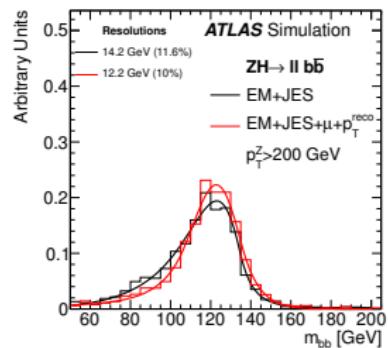
## 2 leptons

- 2 opposite-sign high- $p_T$  (25, 10 GeV) leptons
- Anti-top cuts:  $Z$  mass window 8 GeV,  $E_T^{\text{miss}} < 60$  GeV



## Common selections

- 2 or 3 high- $p_T$  jets (45, 20 GeV)
- of which 2  $b$ -tagged (70% efficiency)
- Specific improvements to  $b$ -jet resolution
- $\Delta R(b\bar{b})$  cuts for background rejection

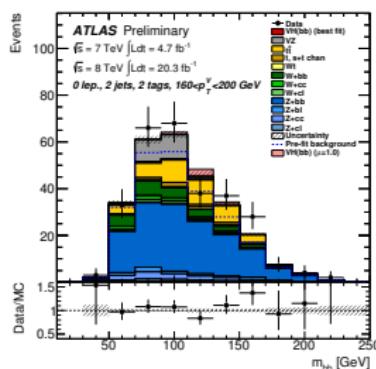


## Analysis divided into numerous categories

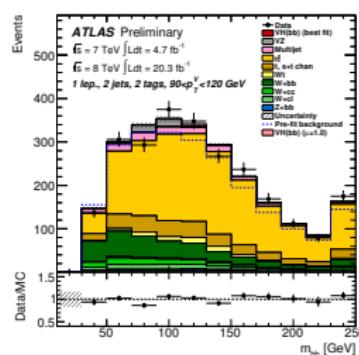
- $p_T^V$  categorization: improvement of S/B
- Signal Regions (SR):  $m_{b\bar{b}}$  used as discriminant variable
- Control Regions (CR): total yields only

Channel	Nb $p_T^V$ bins	2jets, 1tag	3jets, 1tag	2jets, 2tags	3jets, 2tags	e- $\mu$ CR
0-lepton	3	CR	CR	SR	SR	—
1-lepton	5	CR	CR	SR	SR	—
2-lepton	5	CR	CR	SR	SR	CR

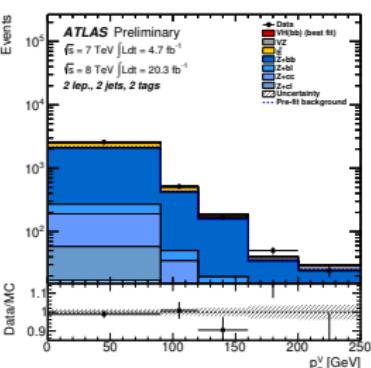
- e- $\mu$  CR: 1 electron, 1 muon,  $m_{ll} > 40$  GeV



SR: 0lep, 2tag 2jet,  
 $160 < \text{TeV} < 200 \text{ GeV}$



SR: 1lep, 2tag 2jet,  
 $90 < p_T^V < 120 \text{ GeV}$



CR: 2lep, 1tag 2jet

## VH analysis: low S/B and diverse background sources

## V+jets

- Correction of  $\Delta\phi(jj)$  improves modelling for Z+jets and W+jets
- Systematics on most important variables:  $\Delta\phi, m_{b\bar{b}},$  flavour composition
  - from MC generators and data studies

t $\bar{t}$ 

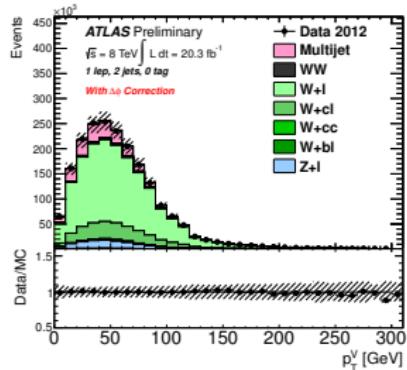
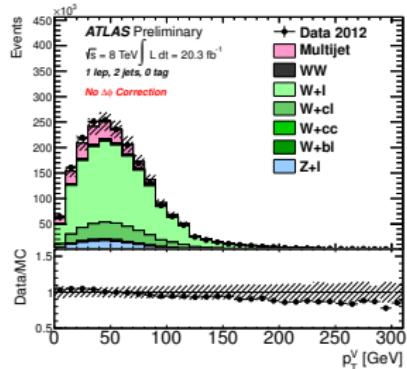
- Correction of top  $p_T$  from unfolded measurement
- Large t $\bar{t}$  phase space probed in the analysis
  - Modelling systematics allow sufficient flexibility

## Multijet

- Estimated with data-driven methods
- Significant only in 1 lepton channel

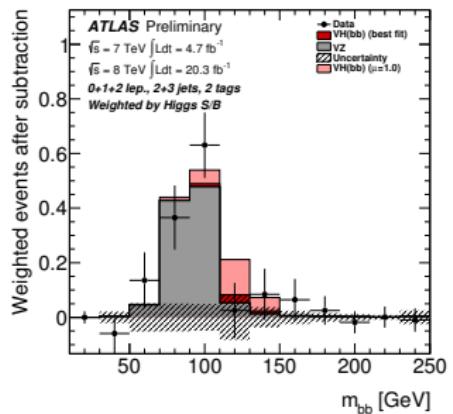
## Single-top, diboson

- Estimated from Monte Carlo



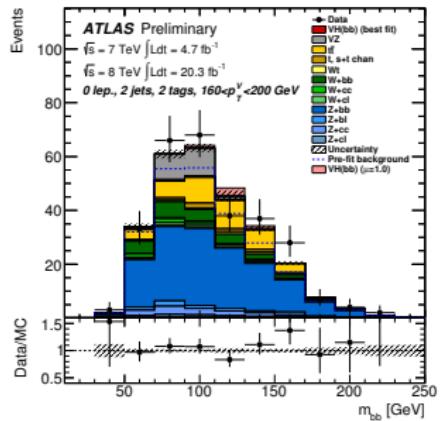
## Check of the profile likelihood

- Very good check of validity of modelling and fit
- $WZ + ZZ$  as signal
- Higgs at 125 GeV treated as background
- Measure  $\mu_{VZ} = 0.9 \pm 0.1(\text{stat}) \pm 0.2(\text{syst})$
- Significance  $4.8\sigma$  ( $5.1\sigma$  expected)



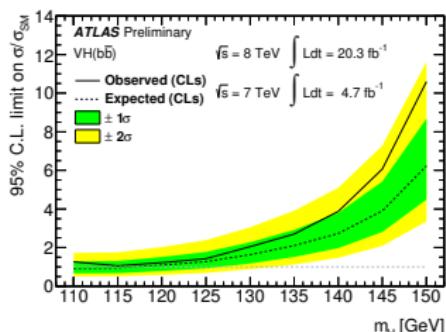
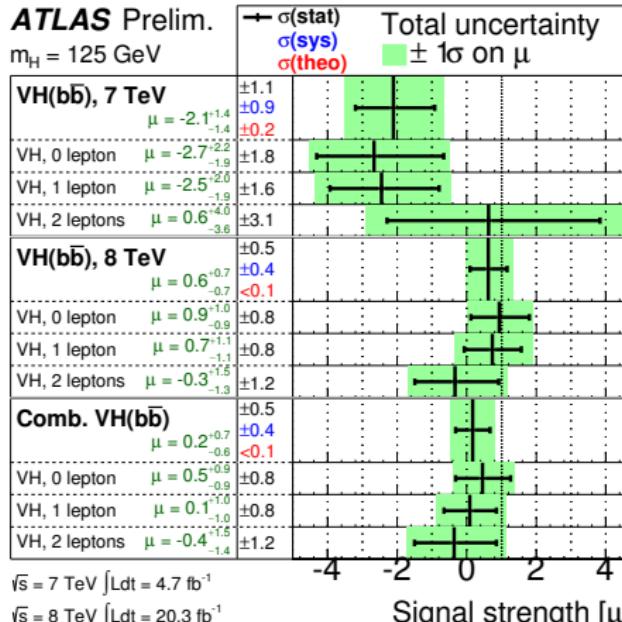
## Main systematics on Higgs fit

- $t\bar{t}$  modelling
- $b$  and  $c$ -tagging efficiencies
- Signal modelling
- Overall background uncertainty  $\sim 3\%$  after profiling



## Combined results

- No excess observed
- $\mu_H = 0.2 \pm 0.5(\text{stat}) \pm 0.4(\text{syst})$
- Compatible with both signal and background hypotheses
- Observed (exp) limit at 125 GeV:  $1.4 \sigma_{SM}$  (1.3)

**ATLAS Prelim.** $m_H = 125 \text{ GeV}$ 

## Extrapolation of the analysis to high luminosities (ATL-PHYS-PUB-2014-011)

- Evidence at  $3.9 \sigma$  expected from 1 and 2 lepton channels with  $300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ ,  $\sqrt{s} = 14 \text{ TeV}$

# Conclusions



## Very rich results on Higgs fermion decays in ATLAS Run1 data

- Evidence at  $4.1\sigma$  of  $H \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$  decay mode
- Limits set in  $H \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  mode (7.0 SM): no strong deviation in lepton couplings
- No signal observed in  $t\bar{t}H$  and  $VH \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  modes, but results compatible with SM Higgs:  $\hat{\mu} = 1.7 \pm 1.4$  and  $0.2 \pm 0.7$  respectively

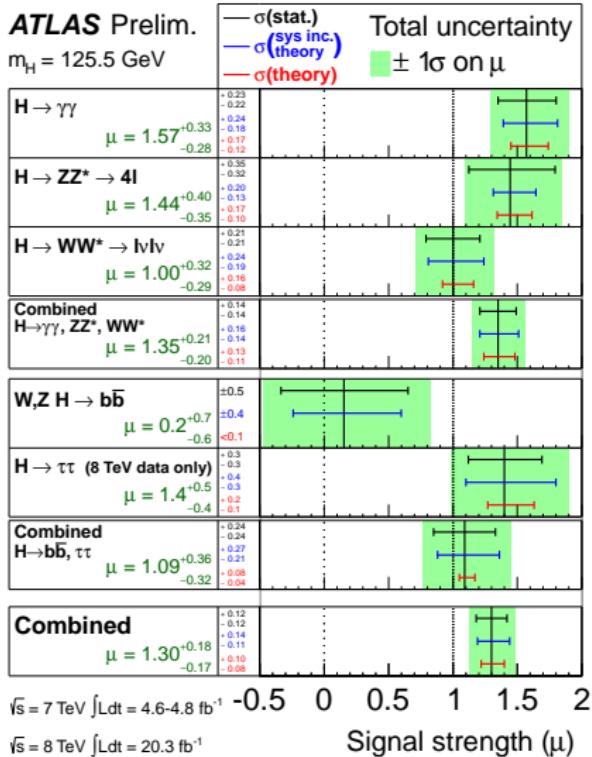
## Combined evidence for fermion decays (ATLAS-CONF-2014-009)

- $H \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$  and  $VH \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  combined excess of  $3.7\sigma$
- Result compatible with SM expectation:

$$\text{■ } \hat{\mu} = 1.09^{+0.36}_{-0.32}$$

**ATLAS Prelim.**

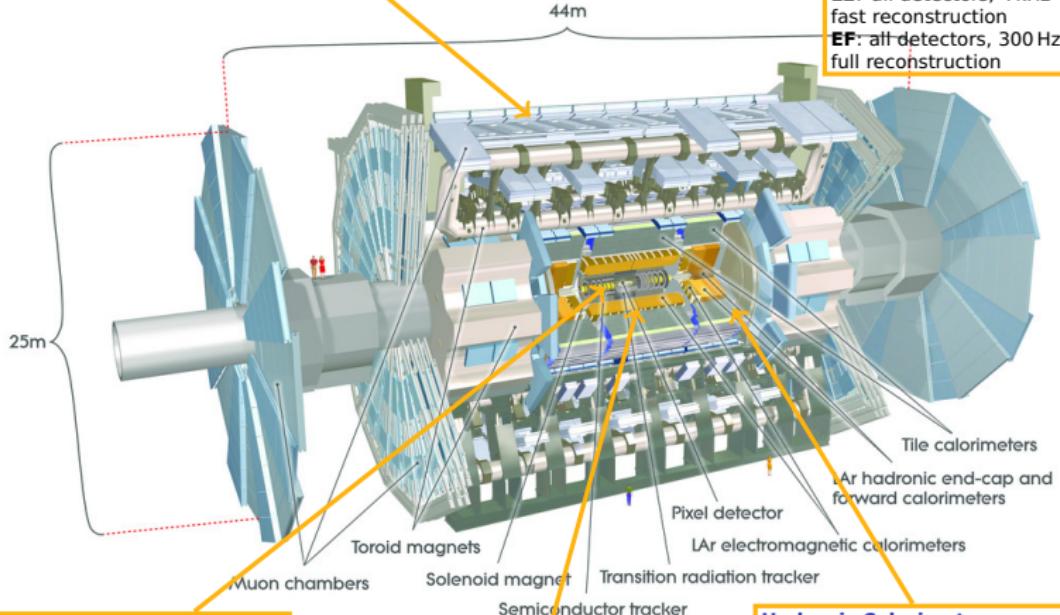
$m_H = 125.5 \text{ GeV}$



Updates of some analyses are expected: stay tuned for further results !



# The ATLAS detector



**Inner Detector:** ( $|\eta| < 2.5$ ,  $B=2T$ )  
Si Pixels, SCT, TRT  
Precision tracking,  
Vertex reconstruction,  
 $e/\pi$  separation  
 $\sigma/\rho_T \sim 3.810^{-4} p_T + 0.015$

**EM Calorimeter:** ( $|\eta| < 3.2$ )  
Pb-LAr, accordion structure  
Provides trigger on  $e/\gamma$ ,  
Identification and measurement  
 $\sigma/E \sim 10\% / \sqrt{E} + 0.7\%$

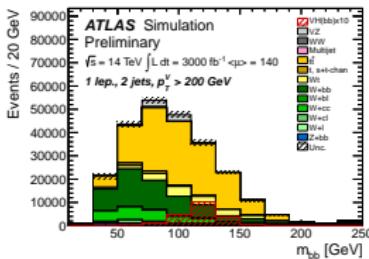
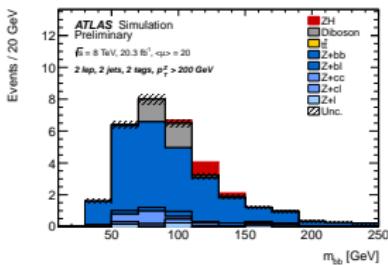
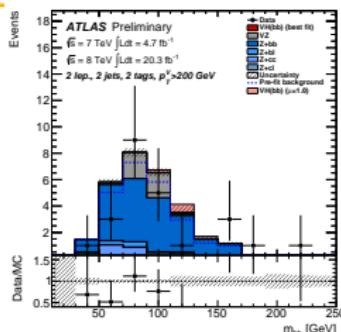
**Hadronic Calorimeter:**  
Scint/Fe tiles in barrel ( $|\eta| < 1.7$ )  
W/Cu-LAr in endcaps ( $|\eta| < 4.9$ )  
Provides jet trigger and energy measurement,  
 $\sigma/E \sim 50\% / \sqrt{E} + 3\%$   
Hermetic coverage for MET

**7 categories in the  $H \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  analysis**

Central muons, $p_T^{\mu\mu} < 15$ GeV	Non-central muons $p_T^{\mu\mu} < 15$ GeV	VBF $\geq 2$ jets $m_{jj} > 500$ GeV $\Delta\eta_{jj} > 3$ $\eta_{j1} \times \eta_{j2} < 0$
Central muons, $15 < p_T^{\mu\mu} < 50$ GeV	Non-central muons $15 < p_T^{\mu\mu} < 50$ GeV	
Central muons, $p_T^{\mu\mu} > 50$ GeV	Non-central muons $p_T^{\mu\mu} > 50$ GeV	

## Method

- Truth studies based on current  $VH \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  analysis
- 1 and 2 lepton channels
- Smearing functions, pile-up dependent
- Validation with 8 TeV analysis
- Lumi:  $\sqrt{s} = 14 \text{ TeV}$ ,  $300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ ,  $\langle \mu \rangle = 60$ , and  $3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ ,  $\langle \mu \rangle = 140$



## Scenarios

- Systematics estimated for high pile-up
- 2 scenarios for JES (main syst 1 lepton)
- Additional scenario for analysis improvements

## Results

- $300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ ,  $\langle \mu \rangle = 60$ :
  - With improvements:  $4.1\sigma$  (25% precision on  $\mu$ )
- $3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ ,  $\langle \mu \rangle = 140$ :
  - With improvements:  $9.6\sigma$  (13% precision on  $\mu$ )