

# Measurement of Higgs boson cross sections and couplings in the diphoton decay channel at ATLAS at $\sqrt{s}=13$ TeV

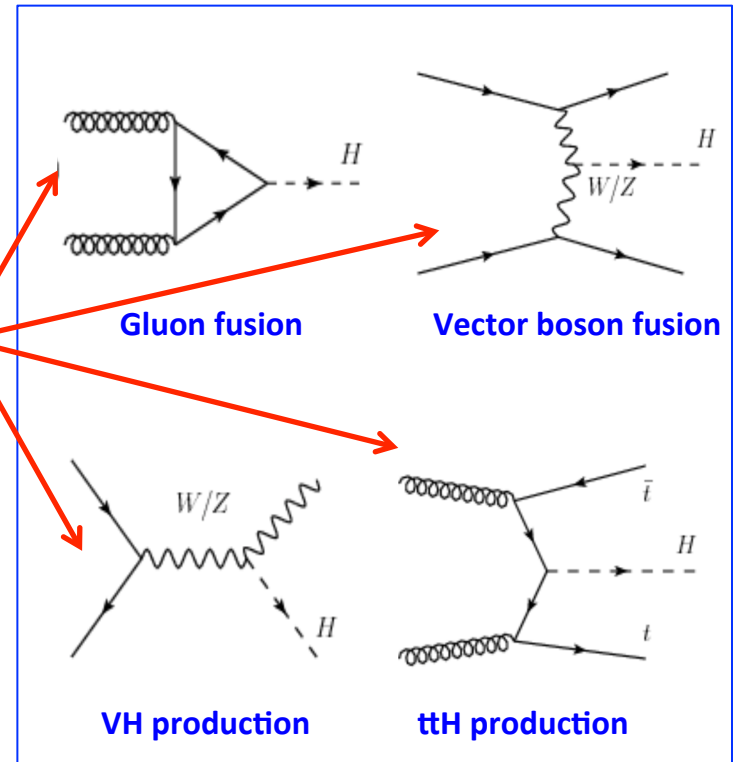
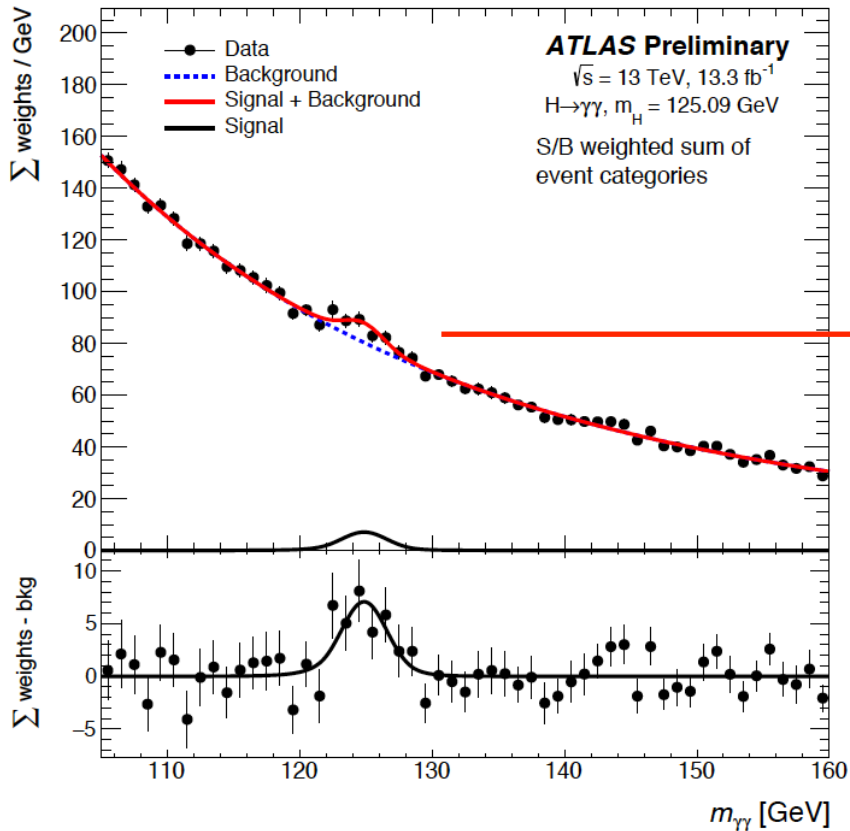
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## Outline

- 1) Introduction and experimental details
- 2) Measurement of fiducial and differential cross sections
- 3) Measurement of production cross sections

# Higgs boson production at the LHC

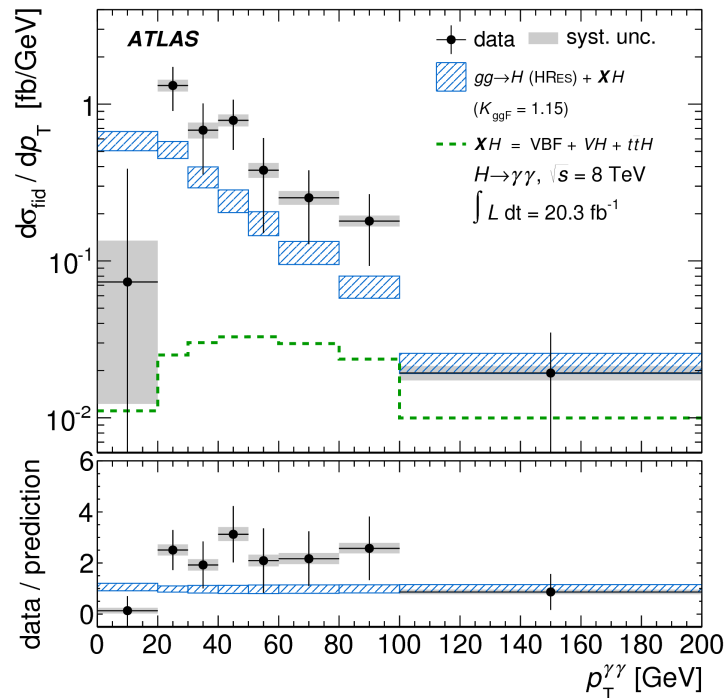


- Goal: try to extract information about the Higgs boson's couplings to other particles
  - Test the Standard Model prediction
  - Allow tests against any non-Standard Model prediction with anomalous Higgs couplings

# Measurements of cross sections and couplings

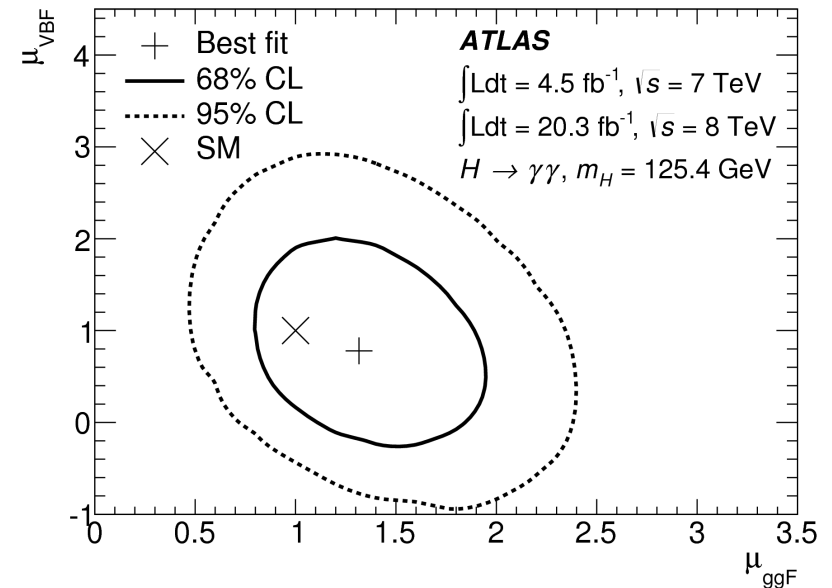
## Fiducial and differential cross sections

- Event yields corrected for detector inefficiency and resolution
- Minimal dependence on theoretical modelling

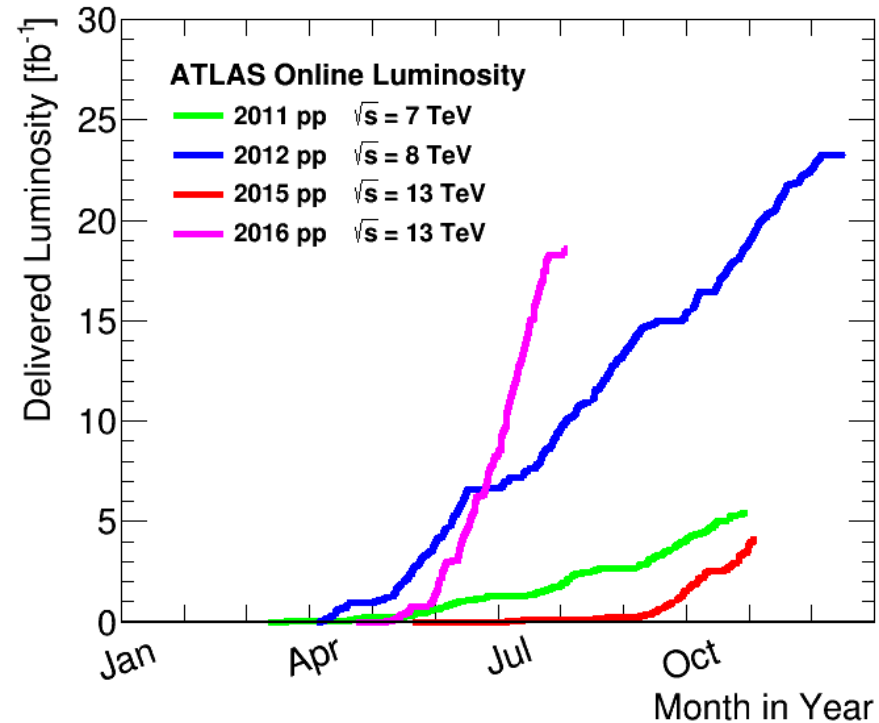
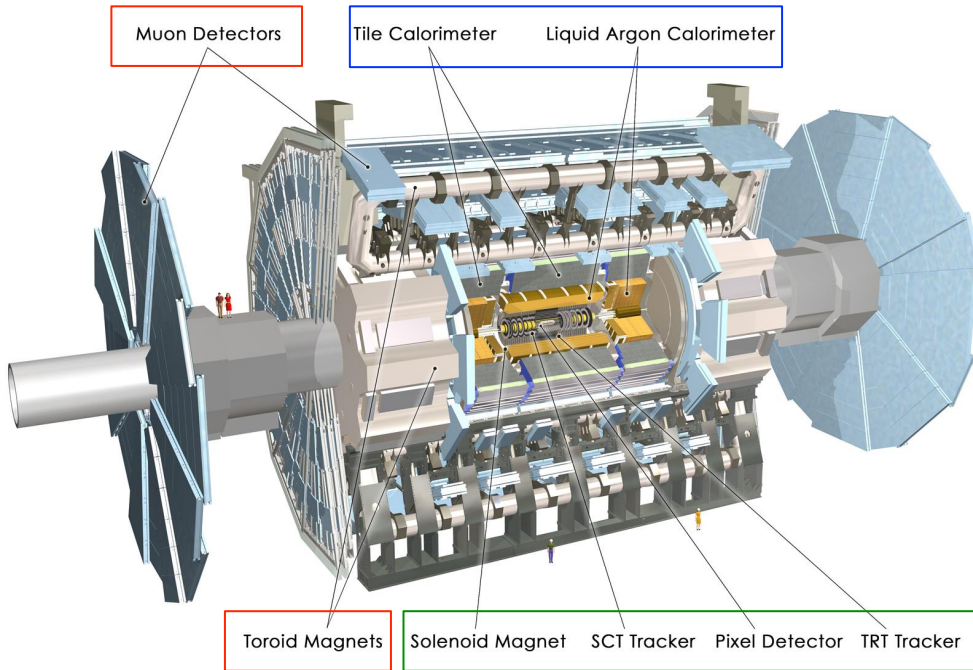


## Production cross section and signal strength

- Exploit topological differences between Higgs boson production mechanisms
- Precision test of Higgs boson coupling strengths



# ATLAS and the LHC in 2015/2016

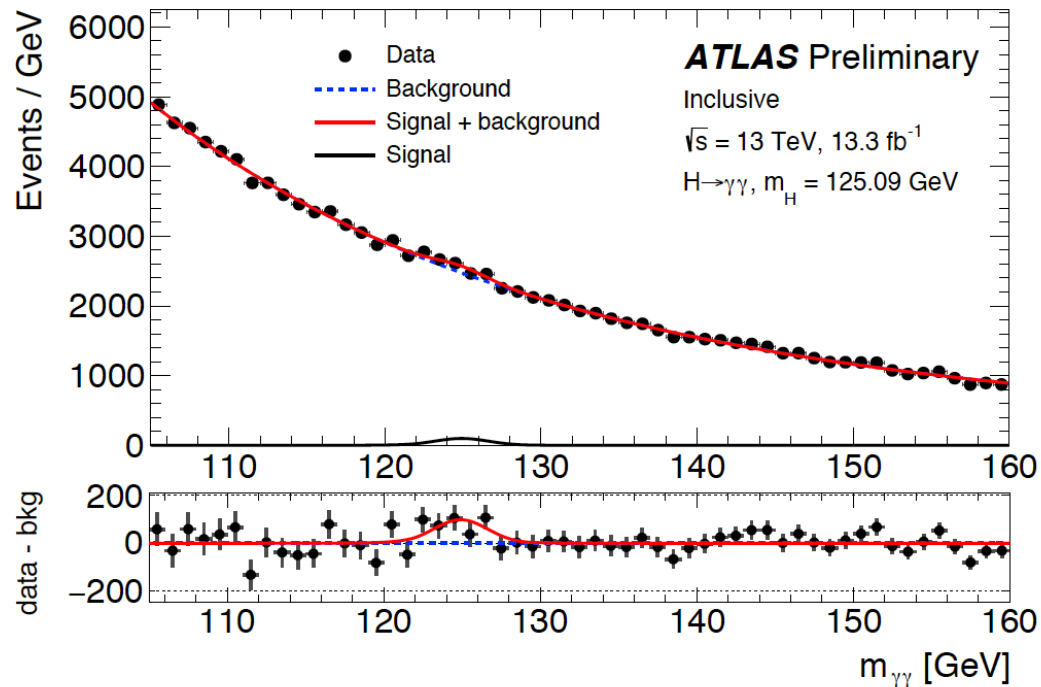


- Charged particle tracking system
- Electromagnetic and hadronic calorimetry
- Muon spectrometer

- Higher centre-of-mass energy:
  - Increased sensitivity to tails of differential distributions
  - Increased sensitivity to large partonic centre-of-mass (e.g.  $t\bar{t}H$  production)

# Extraction of Higgs boson signal

- Signal extracted by fitting the diphoton invariant mass ( $m_{\gamma\gamma}$ ) spectrum
  - Selection: two isolated photons with  $p_{T,1} > 0.35 m_{\gamma\gamma}$ ,  $p_{T,2} > 0.25 m_{\gamma\gamma}$  and  $|\eta| < 2.37$  (excluding  $1.37 < |\eta| < 1.52$ )

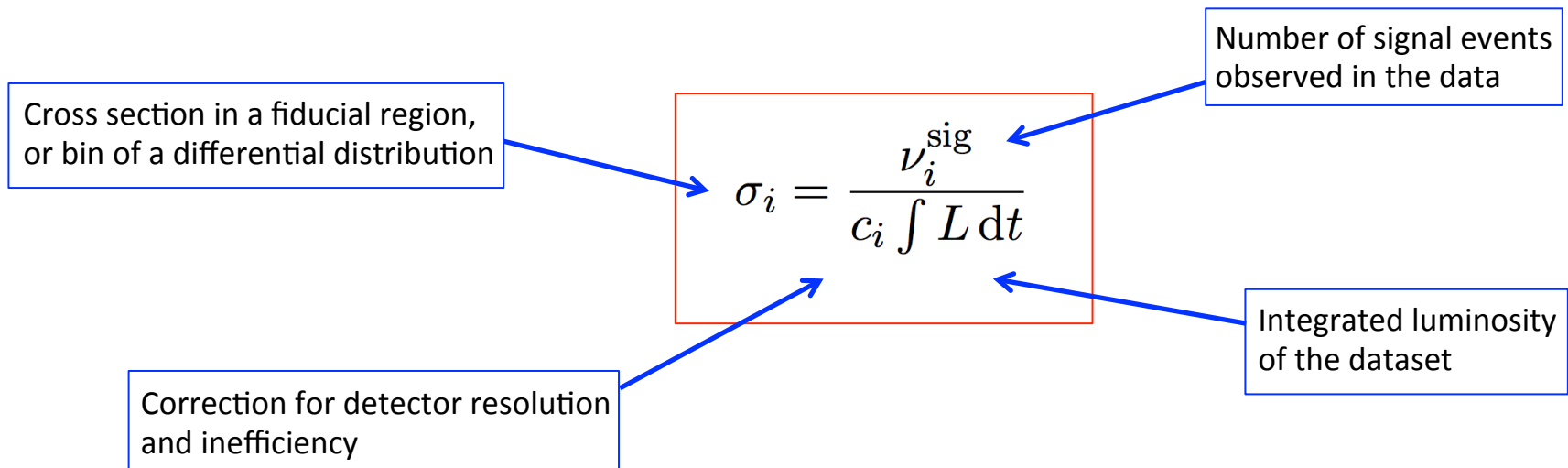


- Signal model: double-sided Crystal Ball (parameters from simulation)
- Background model: exponential of polynomial, or Bernstein polynomial
- Dominant systematic: photon energy resolution and background choice bias.

## Measurement of fiducial and differential cross sections

# Fiducial and differential cross section methodology

- Aim: measure detector-corrected event yields without imposing theory assumptions



- The correction factor is the ratio of events reconstructed at detector- and particle-levels
  - model dependence minimised by applying the same object selection at particle-level
  - main experimental uncertainties from photon efficiency and jet energy scale

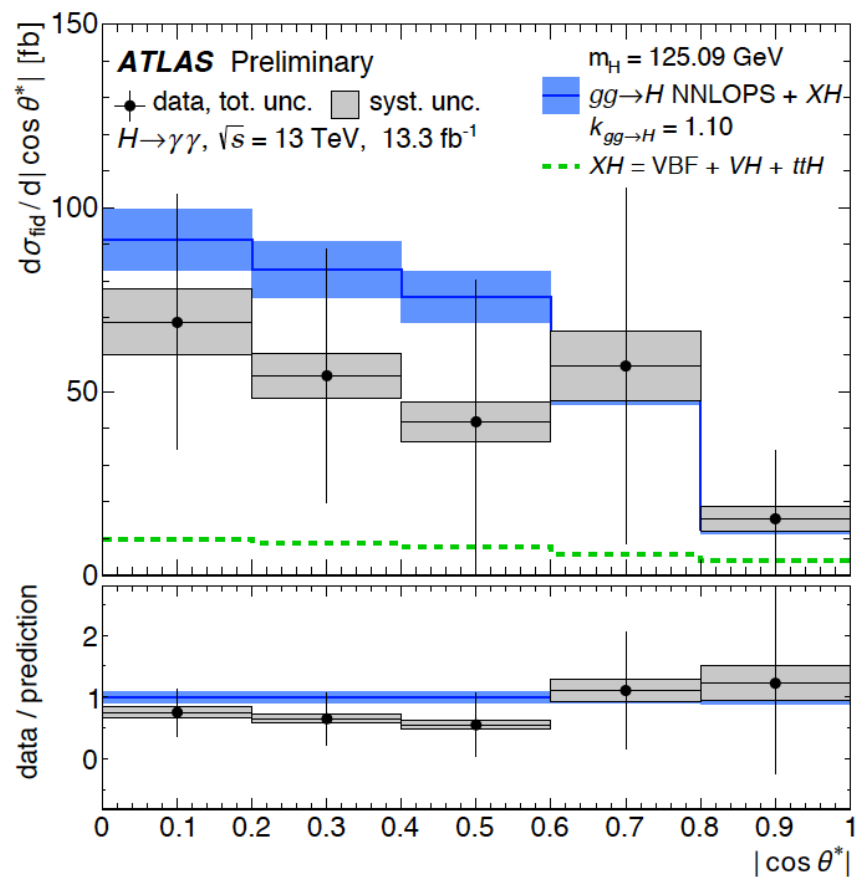
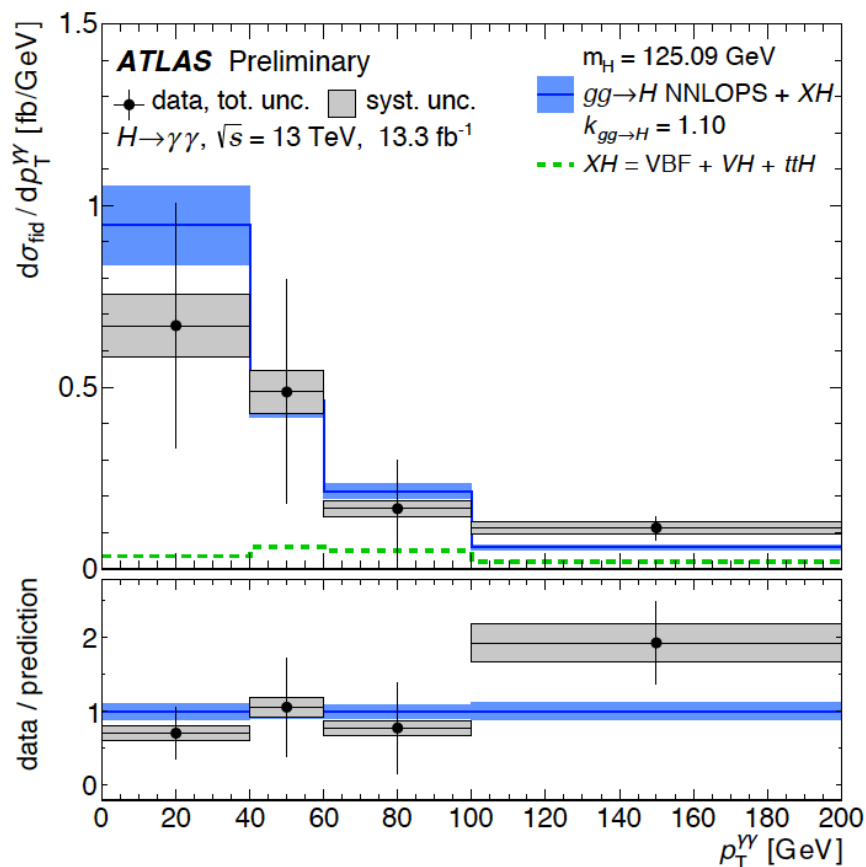
## Fiducial cross sections

Fiducial region	Measured cross section (fb)	SM prediction (fb)	
Baseline	$43.2 \pm 14.9$ (stat.) $\pm 4.9$ (syst.)	$62.8^{+3.4}_{-4.4}$	[N <sup>3</sup> LO + XH]
VBF-enhanced	$4.0 \pm 1.4$ (stat.) $\pm 0.7$ (syst.)	$2.04 \pm 0.13$	[NNLOPS + XH]
single lepton	$1.5 \pm 0.8$ (stat.) $\pm 0.2$ (syst.)	$0.56 \pm 0.03$	[NNLOPS + XH]

	diphoton baseline	VBF enhanced	single lepton
Photons	$ \eta  < 1.37$ or $1.52 <  \eta  < 2.37$ $p_T^{\gamma_1} > 0.35 m_{\gamma\gamma}$ and $p_T^{\gamma_2} > 0.25 m_{\gamma\gamma}$		
Jets	-	$p_T > 30$ GeV, $ y  < 4.4$ $m_{jj} > 400$ GeV, $ \Delta y_{jj}  > 2.8$ $ \Delta\phi_{\gamma\gamma,jj}  > 2.6$	-
Leptons	-	-	$p_T > 15$ GeV $ \eta  < 2.47$

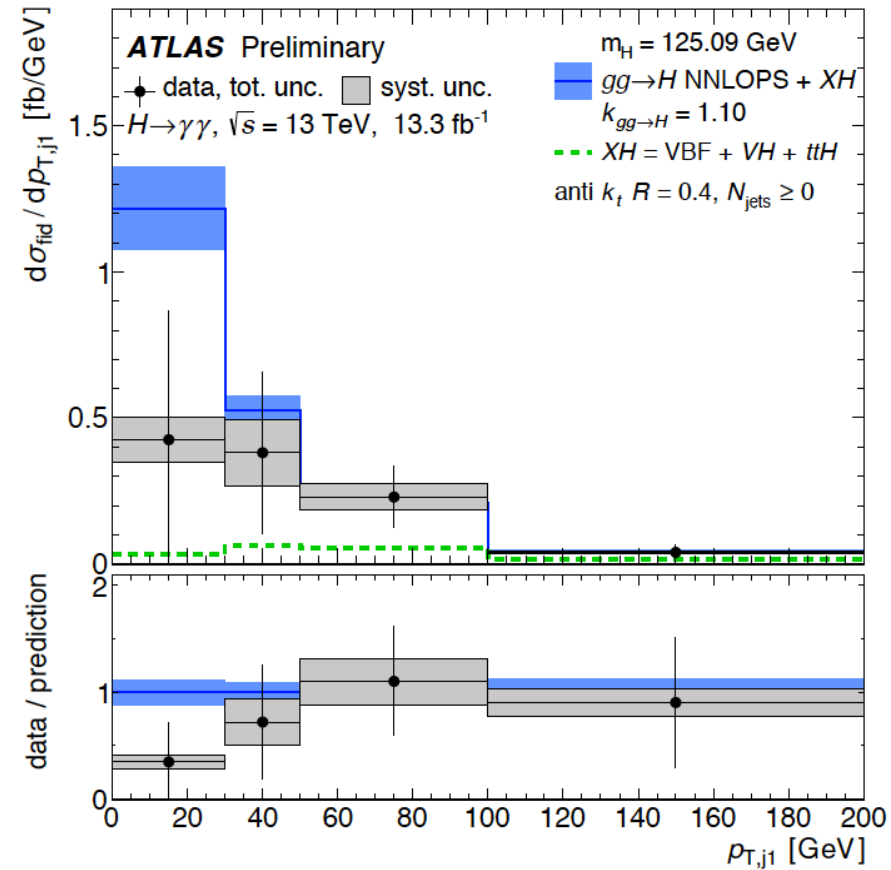
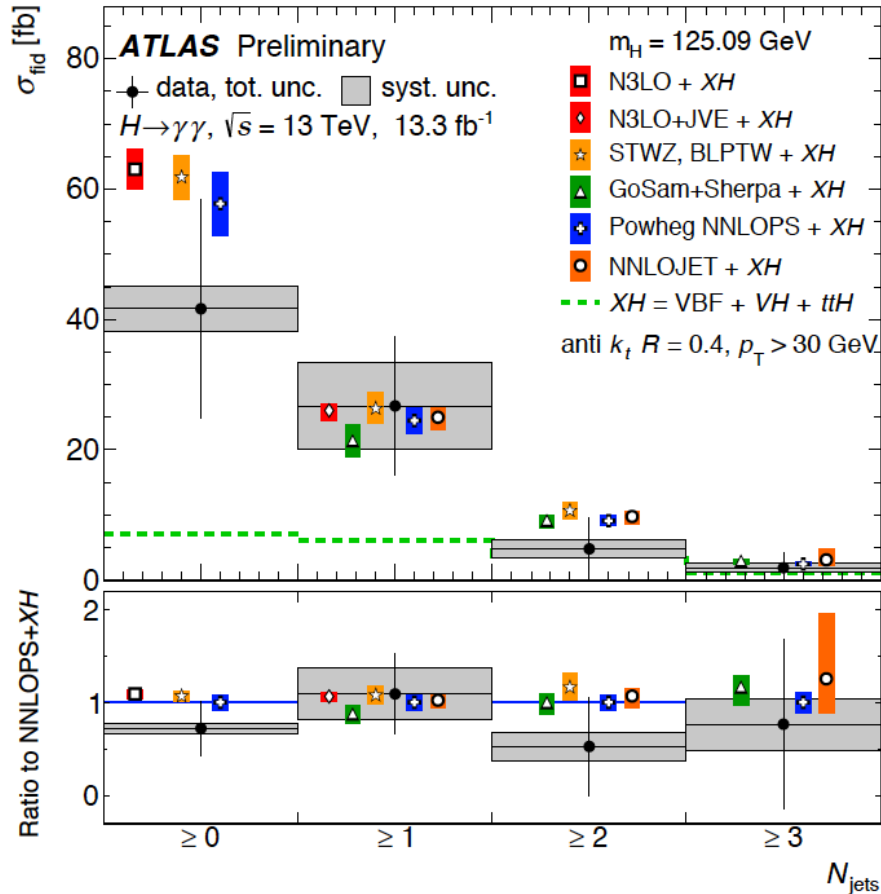


# Higgs boson kinematics



- Good agreement between data and theory
  - very slightly harder Higgs  $p_T$  spectrum in data as in Run-I (left)
  - data in agreement with theory expectation for scalar CP-even particle (right)

# Jet activity

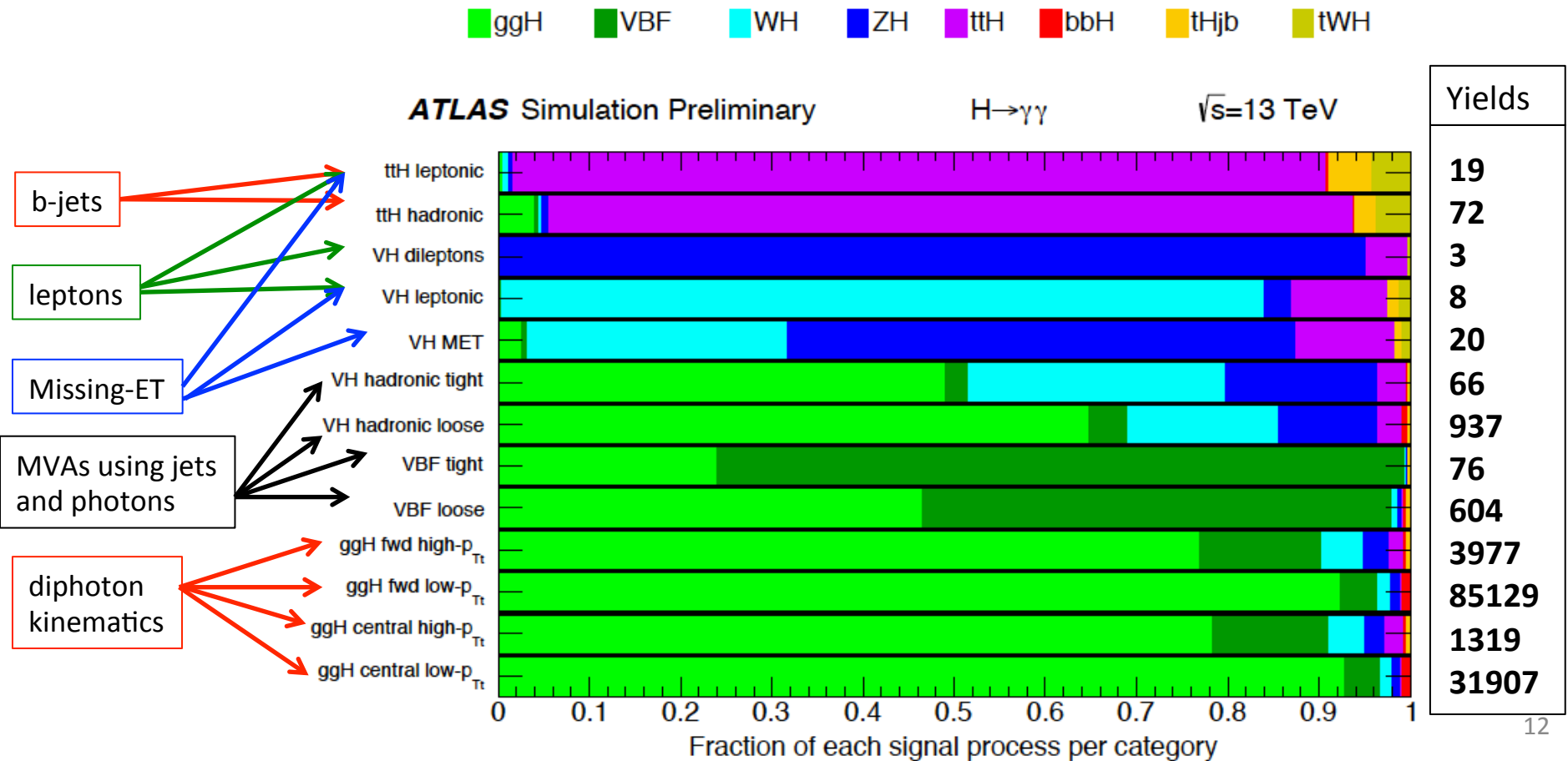


- Good agreement between data and theory
  - Data in agreement with state-of-art theory predictions

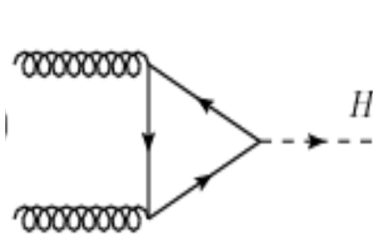
# Measurement of production cross sections

# Production cross section and signal strength methodology (I)

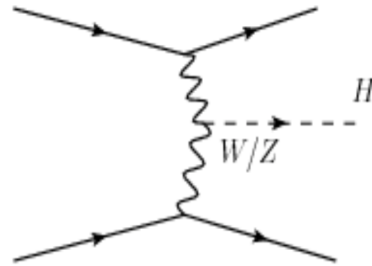
- Events are split into 13 orthogonal categories that exploit topological differences between production mechanisms



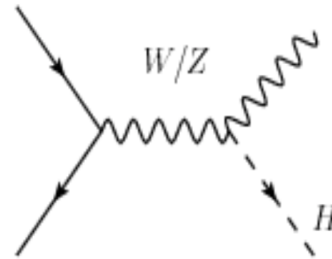
# Production cross section and signal strength methodology (II)



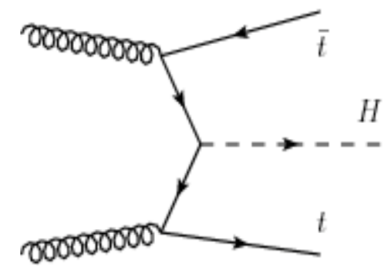
Gluon fusion



Vector boson fusion



VH production



ttH production

- Production cross section extracted by a combined fit to  $m_{\gamma\gamma}$  spectra

$$N_k^{\text{sig}} = \sum_i \sigma_i \cdot \mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) \cdot \epsilon_{ik} \cdot A_{ik} \cdot \int L dt$$

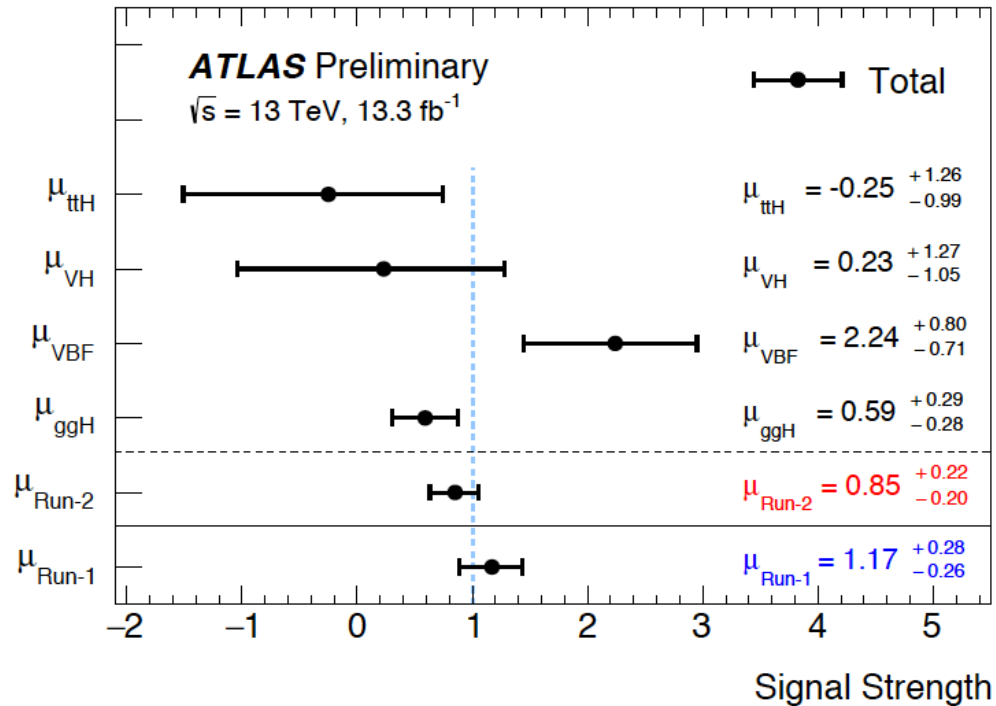
Signal yield in specified category

Production cross section times branching ratio for given process

Acceptance predicted by SM for given process in specified category

- Dominant uncertainty again from photon energy scale/resolution in fit
- Large uncertainty from theoretical modelling of acceptances, especially for gluon fusion in VBF-enriched categories

# Production cross section and signal strength measurements



## Total Higgs production cross section

$$\sigma_{ggH} \times \mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) = 65^{+32}_{-31} \text{ fb}$$

$$\sigma_{VBF} \times \mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) = 19.2^{+6.8}_{-6.1} \text{ fb}$$

$$\sigma_{VH} \times \mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) = 1.2^{+6.5}_{-5.4} \text{ fb}$$

$$\sigma_{ttH} \times \mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) = -0.28^{+1.44}_{-1.12} \text{ fb}$$

## Higgs production cross section ( $|\gamma_H| < 2.5$ )

$$\sigma_{ggH} \times \mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) = 63^{+30}_{-29} \text{ fb}$$

$$\sigma_{VBF} \times \mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) = 17.8^{+6.3}_{-5.7} \text{ fb}$$

$$\sigma_{VHlep} \times \mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) = 0.96^{+2.52}_{-1.90} \text{ fb}$$

$$\sigma_{VHhad} \times \mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) = -2.3^{+6.8}_{-5.8} \text{ fb}$$

$$\sigma_{ttH} \times \mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) = -0.28^{+1.43}_{-1.12} \text{ fb}$$

# Summary

- Higgs boson properties measured at  $\sqrt{s}=13$  TeV in the  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  decay channel
  - Data in reasonable agreement with the Standard Model predictions
- Two different but complementary approaches:
  - Fiducial and differential cross sections are the most model independent characterisation of the events we see in the detector
  - Production cross section and signal strengths probe the Higgs couplings directly
- Run-II has only just started in earnest!
  - $O(100\text{fb}^{-1})$  of data by end of 2018 (=factor of 3 reduction in statistical uncertainty)
- Additional ATLAS  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  results at ICHEP 2016:
  - Combination with other decay channels: Bertrand La Forge (talk)
  - More fiducial/differential cross section information: Cong Peng (poster)
  - Higgs coupling to dark matter: Steven Schramm (talk) Andrew Hard (poster)

Backup



# Selection of diphoton candidate events

## H -> $\gamma\gamma$ candidates

Two reconstructed photons with:

- $p_{T,1} > 0.35 m_{\gamma\gamma}$  and  $p_{T,2} > 0.25 m_{\gamma\gamma}$
- $|\eta| < 2.37$  (excluding  $1.37 < |\eta| < 1.52$ )
- $105 < m_{\gamma\gamma} < 160$  GeV
- Isolated in tracker and calorimeter

In total 124137 diphoton events selected

## Additional object selection

Jets (anti- $k_T$ ,  $R=0.4$ ):

- $p_T > 25$  GeV for  $|\eta| < 2.4$
- $p_T > 30$  GeV for  $2.4 < |\eta| < 4.4$
- Jet vertex tagger used to reject pile-up
- b-jet tagger to identify heavy-flavour

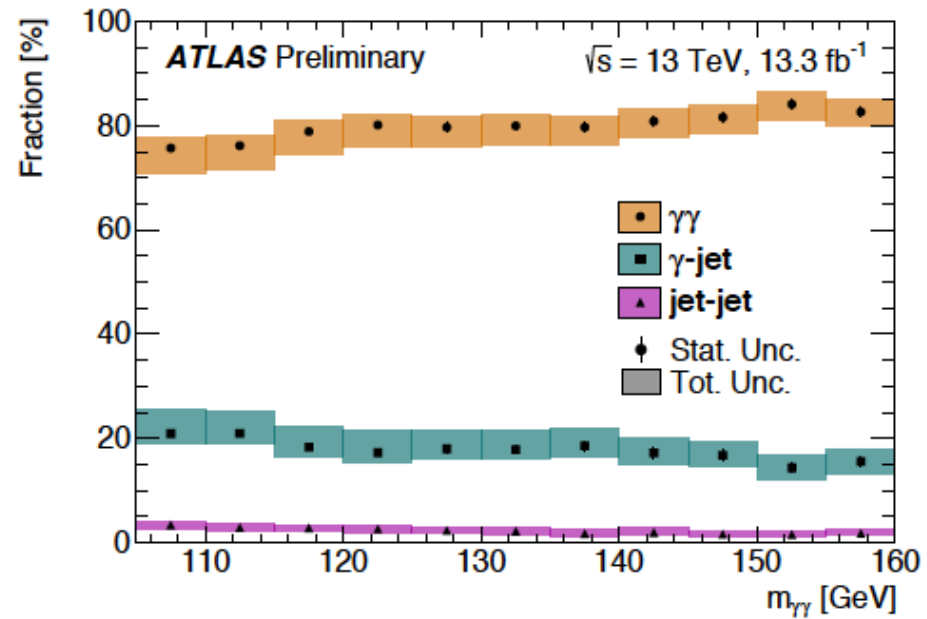
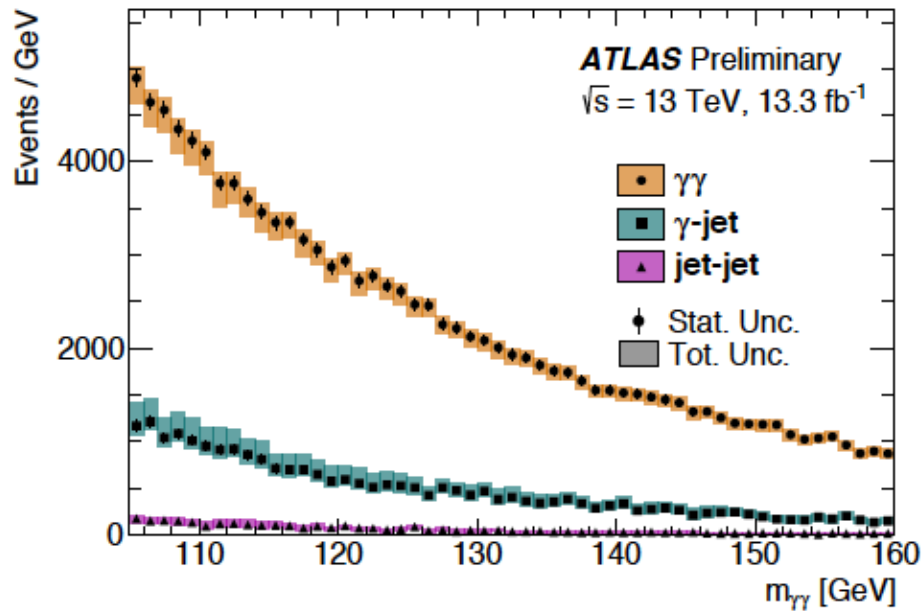
Muons:  $p_T > 10$  GeV and  $|\eta| < 2.7$

Electrons:  $p_T > 10$  GeV and  $|\eta| < 2.47$   
(excluding  $1.37 < |\eta| < 1.52$ )

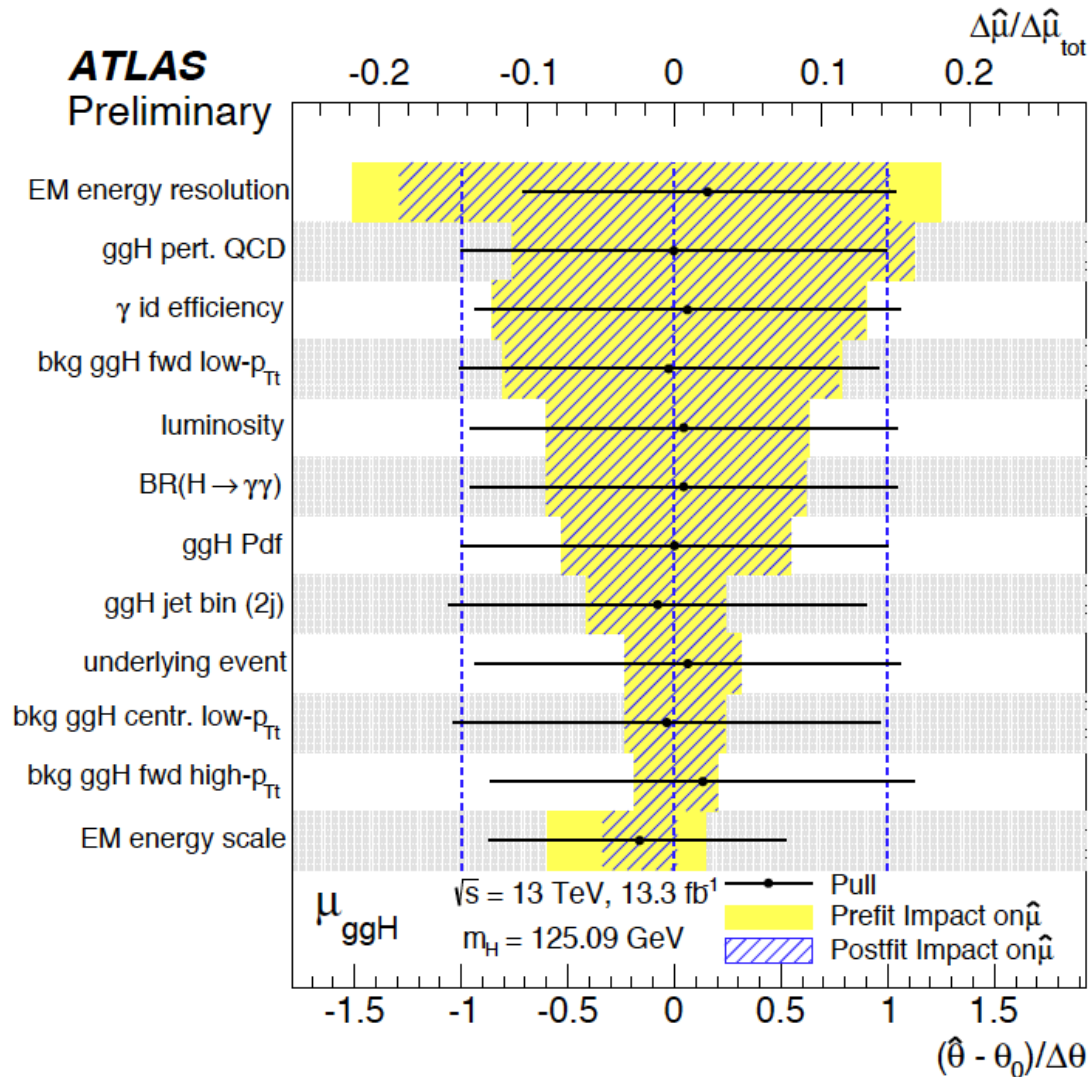
Missing transverse momentum reconstructed from photons, jets, leptons and tracks

# Background decomposition

- Studied using a 2Dx2D sideband method -> 15 control regions and 1 signal region



# Uncertainty in signal strength measurements



All uncertainties included as nuisance parameters in the fit to  $m_{\gamma\gamma}$

# Uncertainties in the fiducial cross section measurements

- Dominant systematic uncertainty is due to photon energy resolution, which changes the shape of the signal model
- Correction factor uncertainties include experimental sources (e.g photon ID, jet energy scale) and theoretical sources (e.g. production mode composition)

Source	Uncertainty on fiducial cross section (%)		
	Baseline	VBF-enhanced	single-lepton
Fit (stat.)	34.5	35.0	52.9
Fit (syst.)	9.0	11.1	9.3
Photon efficiency	4.4	4.4	4.4
Jet energy scale/resolution	-	9.4	-
Lepton selection	-	-	0.8
Pileup	1.1	2.0	1.4
Theoretical modelling	4.3	9.4	8.4
Luminosity	2.9	2.9	2.9