



Search for a High-mass Resonance with WW Final State

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Introduction: Project 2017

LHC-SDU/USTC-LAL-ATLAS: Searches for heavy heavy boson in the WW channel and new physics in inclusive Z boson events at large transverse momentum

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Introduction: Motivation

- Motivation: search for a heavy neutral Higgs boson and other resonances decaying via $R \rightarrow WW \rightarrow e\nu\mu\nu$
- Data: full 2015+2016 datasets (36.1 fb^{-1}) @ 13 TeV
- Publication: [Eur. Phys. J C \(2018\) 78:24](#)

➤ Signal models

Model	Resonance spin	Production mode		
		ggF	qqA	VBF
NWA	Spin-0	x		x
2HDM		x		x
LWA		x		x
GM				x
HVT	Spin-1		x	x
Bulk RS	Spin-2	x		
ELM				x

Introduction: Backgrounds

- **Main backgrounds:** Top (ttbar and single-top), WW (qq→WW and gg→WW), normalized to the data in control regions (CRs)
- **W+jets:** large cross section but little contribution, estimated with using fake-factor method (data-driven)
- **Small backgrounds:** estimated using MC prediction: Z+jets (NNLO), Non-WW diboson (NLO), H125
- **Event categorization according to the production mode:**
 - ✓ **ggF** category (quasi-inclusive ggF, VBF phase spaces excluded)
 - ✓ **VBF 1-jet & 2-jet** categories

Event selection

SR _{ggF}	SR _{VBF1J}	SR _{VBF2J}
Preselection: $p_T^{\ell, \text{lead}} > 25 \text{ GeV}$, $p_T^{\ell, \text{sublead}} > 25 \text{ GeV}$, $m_{\ell\ell} > 10 \text{ GeV}$, veto if $p_T^{\ell, \text{other}} > 15 \text{ GeV}$		
$N_{b\text{-jet}} = 0$ $ \Delta\eta_{\ell\ell} < 1.8$ $m_{\ell\ell} > 55 \text{ GeV}$ $p_T^{\ell, \text{lead}} > 45 \text{ GeV}$ $p_T^{\ell, \text{sublead}} > 30 \text{ GeV}$ $\max(m_T^W) > 50 \text{ GeV}$		
Inclusive in N_{jet} but excluding VBF1J and VBF2J phase space	$N_{\text{jet}} = 1$ $ \eta_j > 2.4$, $\min(\Delta\eta_{j\ell}) > 1.75$	$N_{\text{jet}} \geq 2$ $m_{jj} > 500 \text{ GeV}$, $ \Delta y_{jj} > 4$

Signal Regions

WW CR _{ggF}	Top CR _{ggF}	WW CR _{VBF1J}	Top CR _{VBF}
Preselection: $p_T^{\ell, \text{lead}} > 25 \text{ GeV}$, $p_T^{\ell, \text{sublead}} > 25 \text{ GeV}$, $m_{\ell\ell} > 10 \text{ GeV}$, veto if $p_T^{\ell, \text{other}} > 15 \text{ GeV}$			
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Excluding VBF1J and VBF2J phase space		VBF1J phase space	VBF1J and VBF2J phase space

Control Regions

Corrections to MCs

Corrections to MC samples considered in the analysis as below:

- top leading lepton pt reweighting in ggF SR and CRs
- qq→WW Sherpa-to-Matrix correction applied in ggF SR and WW CR
- gg→WW NLO k-factor: 1.7 (60% uncertainty quoted)
- ggF NWA signal Powheg-to-MadGraph reweighting in VBF SRs

Dominant systematics (Bkgs.)

Top

Source	Jet	b -tag	ME+PS	Scale	Single top	PDF	Total
SR _{ggF}	5.2	17	1.3	3.0	4.2	2.9	19
Top CR _{ggF}	2.2	4.8	0.34	0.21	2.6	4.3	7.3
WW CR _{ggF}	5.3	18	1.1	6.3	4.0	3.8	20
$\alpha_{ggF} = N_{SR_{ggF}}/N_{Top CR_{ggF}}$	3.0	13	0.99	3.2	1.3	1.5	13
$\beta_{ggF} = N_{WW CR_{ggF}}/N_{Top CR_{ggF}}$	3.1	13	1.4	6.5	1.4	0.90	15
SR _{VBF1J}	9.6	7.8	1.0	1.6	5.9	3.5	15
SR _{VBF2J}	9.7	14	9.5	5.0	2.1	3.6	21
Top CR _{VBF}	8.2	3.5	10	1.5	1.3	3.6	14
WW CR _{VBF1J}	9.9	8.3	9.4	3.9	5.3	3.4	18
$\alpha_{VBF1J} = N_{SR_{VBF1J}}/N_{Top CR_{VBF}}$	9.4	11	10	3.0	4.6	0.19	19
$\alpha_{VBF2J} = N_{SR_{VBF2J}}/N_{Top CR_{VBF}}$	2.4	18	0.7	3.4	0.83	1.6	19
$\beta_{VBF1J} = N_{WW CR_{VBF1J}}/N_{Top CR_{VBF}}$	12	12	0.8	5.3	4.0	0.53	19

WW

Source	Jet	Pile-up	ME+PS	μ_R	Resummation	PDF	Total
SR _{ggF}	1.2	1.8	2.4	1.7	3.1	1.3	5.0
WW CR _{ggF}	1.1	1.8	2.6	0.95	2.9	2.3	5.2
$\alpha_{ggF} = N_{SR_{ggF}}/N_{WW CR_{ggF}}$	0.3	0.24	4.9	0.75	0.26	1.2	5.2
SR _{VBF1J}	17	2.8	11	7.3	5.0	1.0	23
SR _{VBF2J}	18	3.1	38	18	1.4	1.3	47
WW CR _{VBF1J}	16	4.5	12	11	2.3	1.6	23
$\alpha_{VBF1J} = N_{SR_{VBF1J}}/N_{WW CR_{VBF1J}}$	4.8	1.8	1.1	4.0	2.7	0.76	8.9

“Total” includes all systematics (not only the dominant ones in the tables)

✓ Shape uncertainties also considered in the analysis

Dominant systematics(signals)

- QCD scale, PDF and PS uncertainties on signal acceptance
 - The uncertainties have some dependences on the masses
 - PS shower model uncertainties are significantly larger

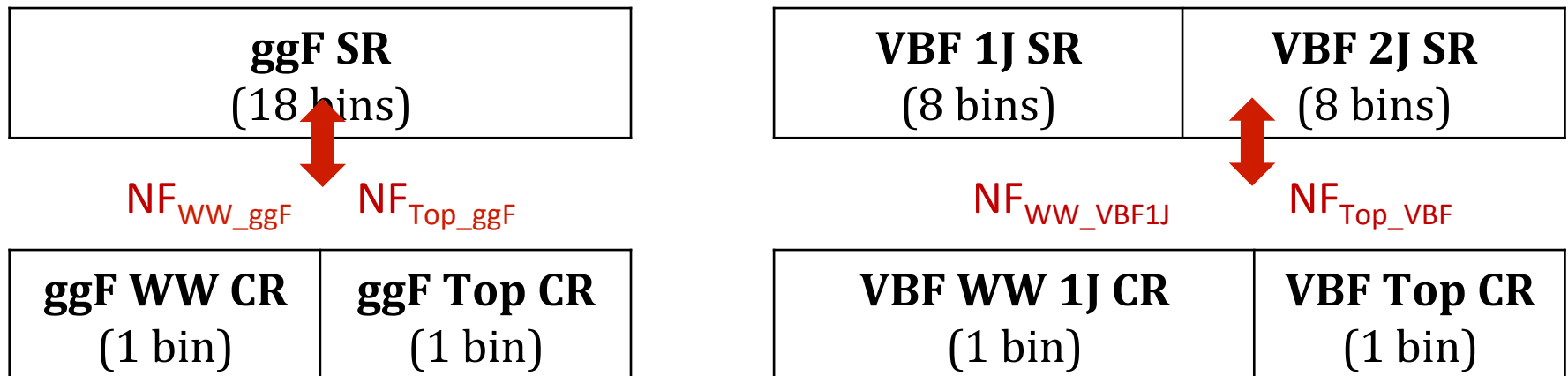
ggF induced signals	Sources(%)	ggF SR	VBF 1J SR	VBF 2J SR
	Scale	-	-	0.2 ~ 2.5
	PDF	< 0.4	< 1.5	< 1.6
	PS model	1.3 ~ 3.1	13 ~ 28	2.3 ~ 15

VBF induced signals	Sources(%)	ggF SR	VBF 1J SR	VBF 2J SR
	Scale	0.9 ~ 2.8	1.9 ~ 3.6	1.0 ~ 7.3
	PDF	< 1.7	< 1.2	< 1.5
	PS model	4.3 ~ 19	5.1 ~ 9.0	3.3 ~ 8.0

- QCD scale uncertainties on event category migration
 - 3% - **10%** for ggF SR, 4% - **30%** (**30% - 60%**) for VBF 1J (2J) SRs

Statistical Analysis

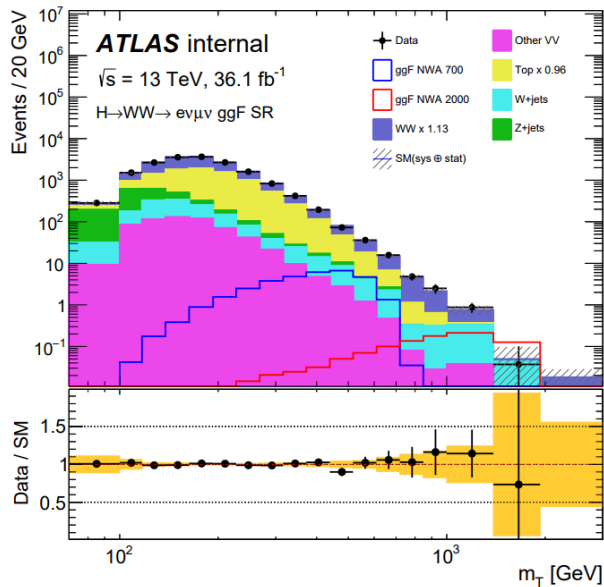
- The transverse mass (m_T) distribution as the discrimination variable
- Physics results obtained from a simultaneous fit to all SRs and CRs
- Modified frequentist method (CLs) used for the statistical treatment



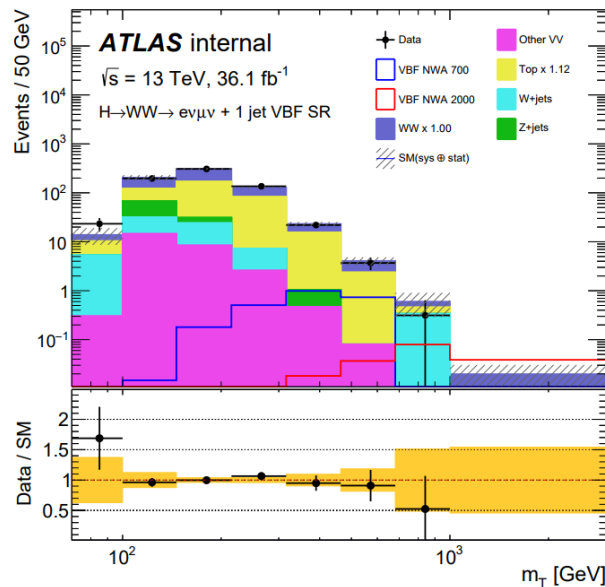
MT plots in SRs

- Post-fit plots
- Signals are normalized to expected limits

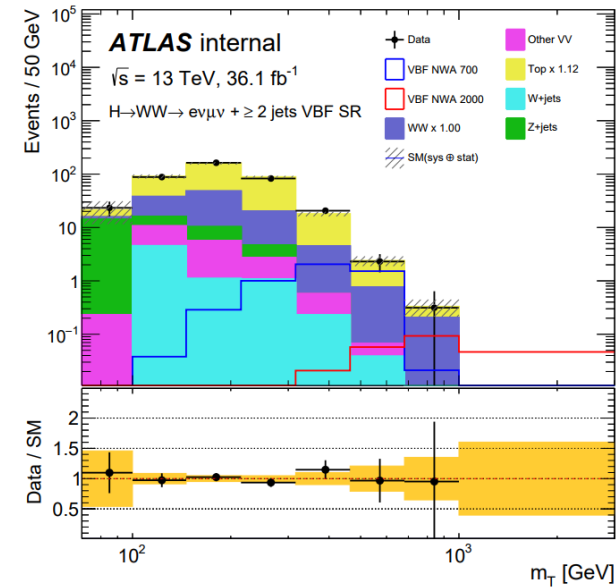
ggF SR



VBF 1J SR



VBF 2J SR



Post-fit NFs

$$NF_{\text{ggF}}^{\text{top}} = 0.96 \pm 0.05$$

$$NF_{\text{ggF}}^{\text{WW}} = 1.14 \pm 0.1$$

$$NF_{\text{VBF}}^{\text{top}} = 1.12 \pm 0.1$$

$$NF_{\text{VBF,1J}}^{\text{WW}} = 1.00 \pm 0.2$$

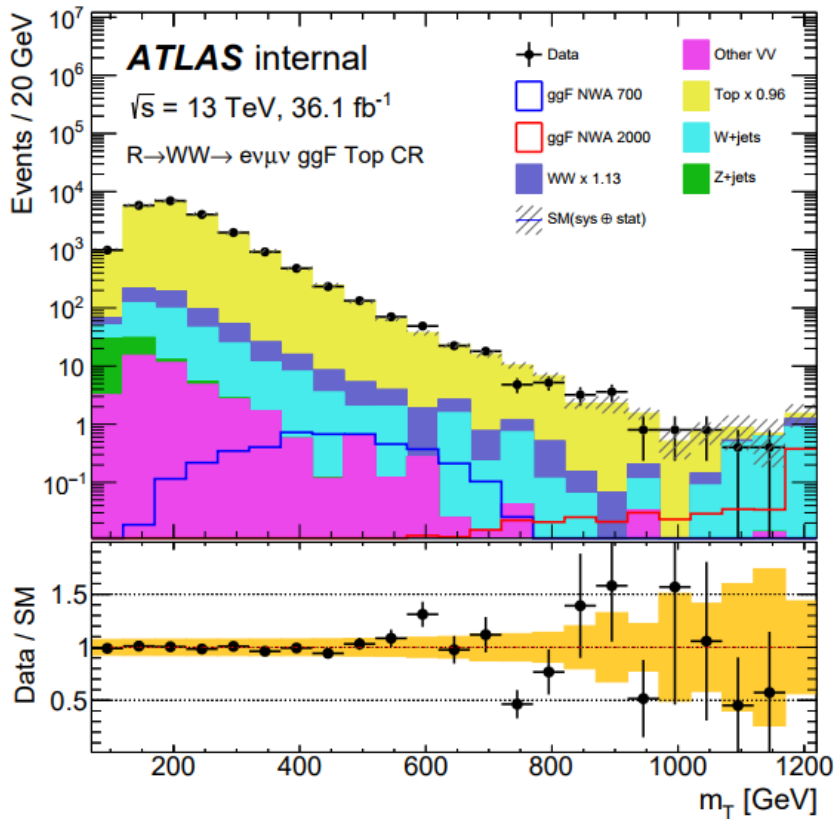
(stat. \oplus sys.)

MT plots in Top CRs

- Backgrounds are normalized to the post-fit event yields
- Signals are normalized to expected limits

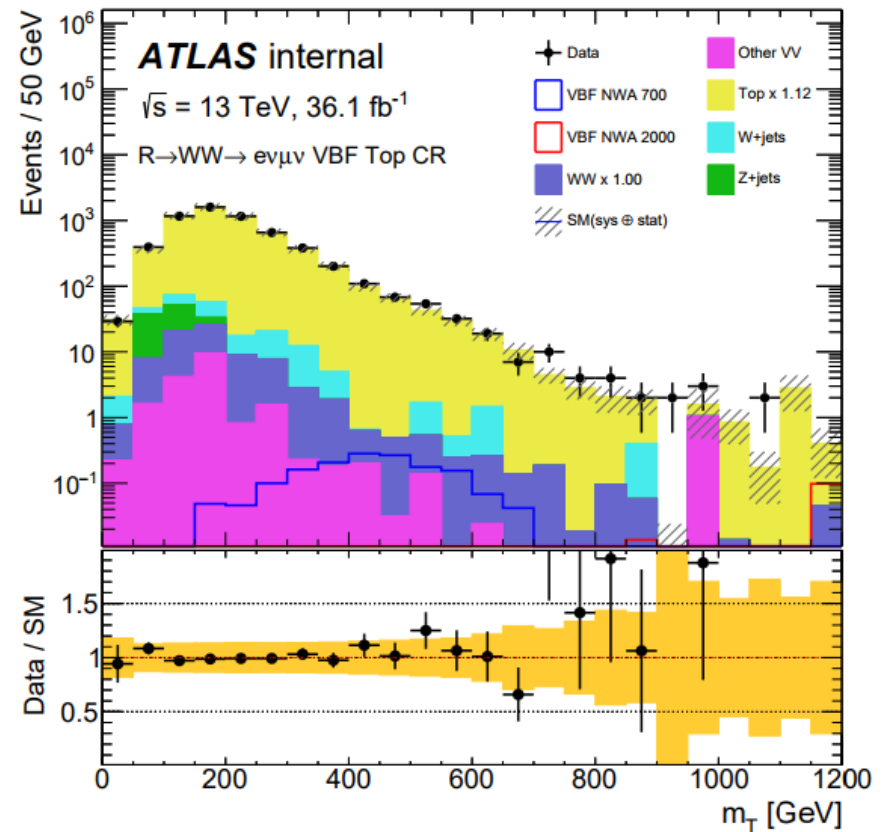
ggF Top CR

$$NF_{ggF}^{\text{top}} = 0.96 \pm 0.05$$



VBF Top CR

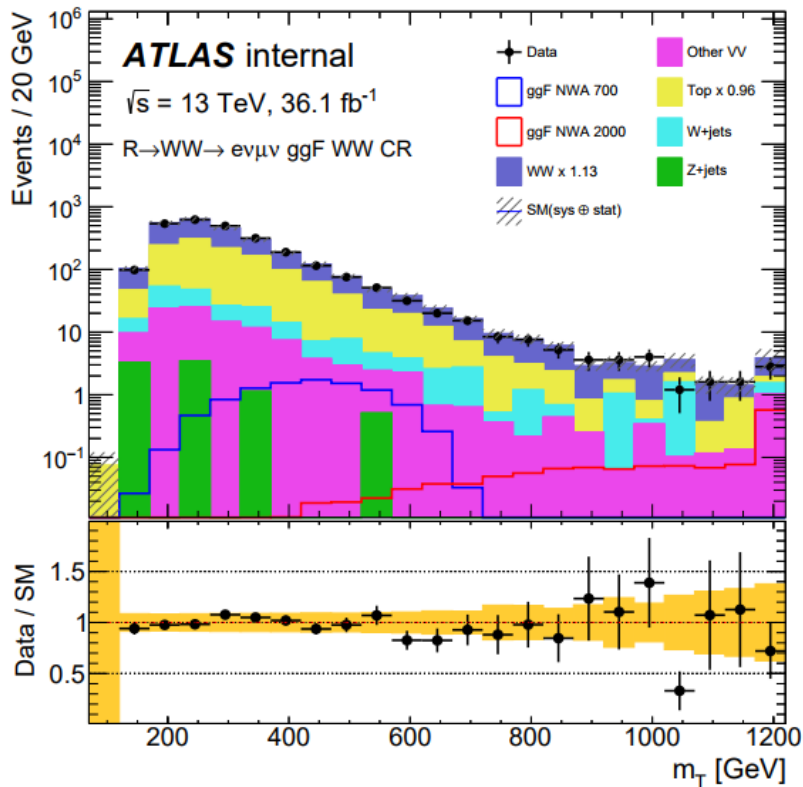
$$NF_{\text{VBF}}^{\text{top}} = 1.12 \pm 0.1$$



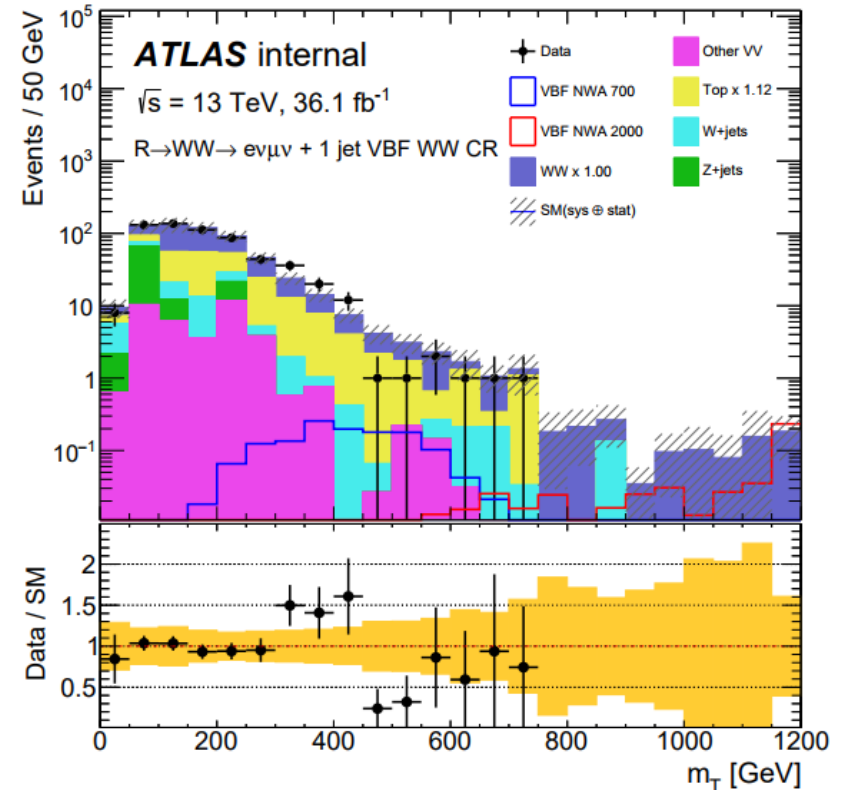
MT plots in WW CRs

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- Signals are normalized to expected limits

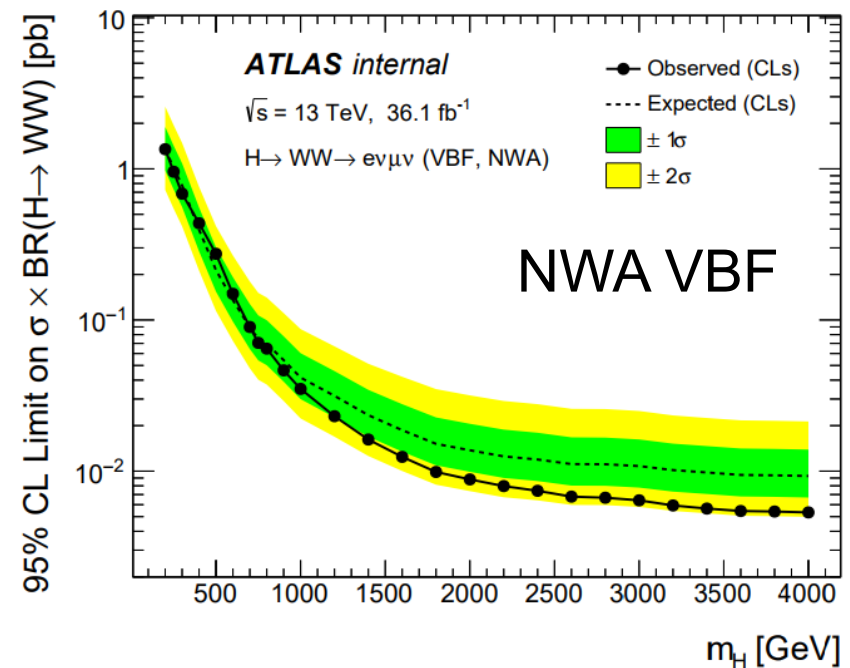
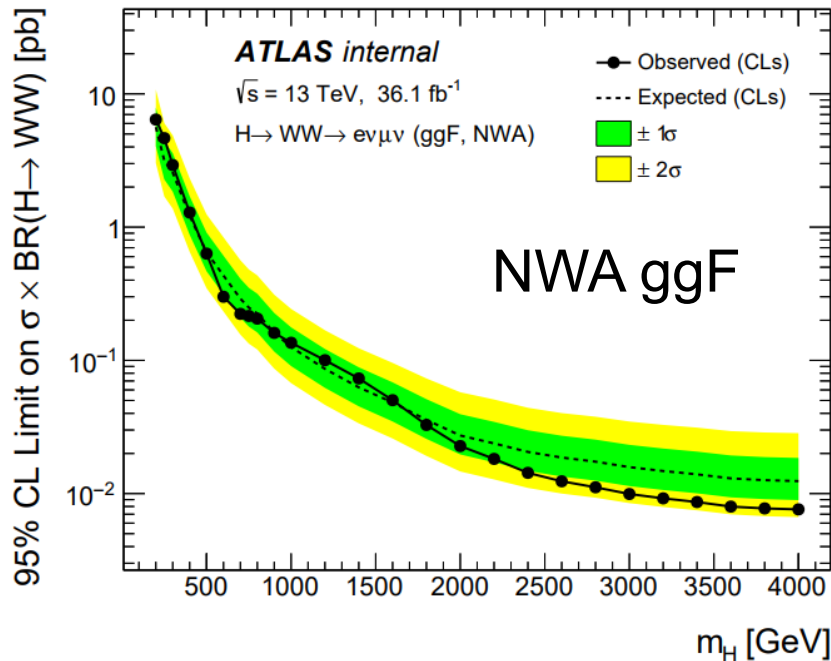
ggF WW CR $N_{\text{ggF}}^{\text{WW}} = 1.14 \pm 0.1$



VBF 1J WW CR $N_{\text{VBF,1J}}^{\text{WW}} = 1.00 \pm 0.2$



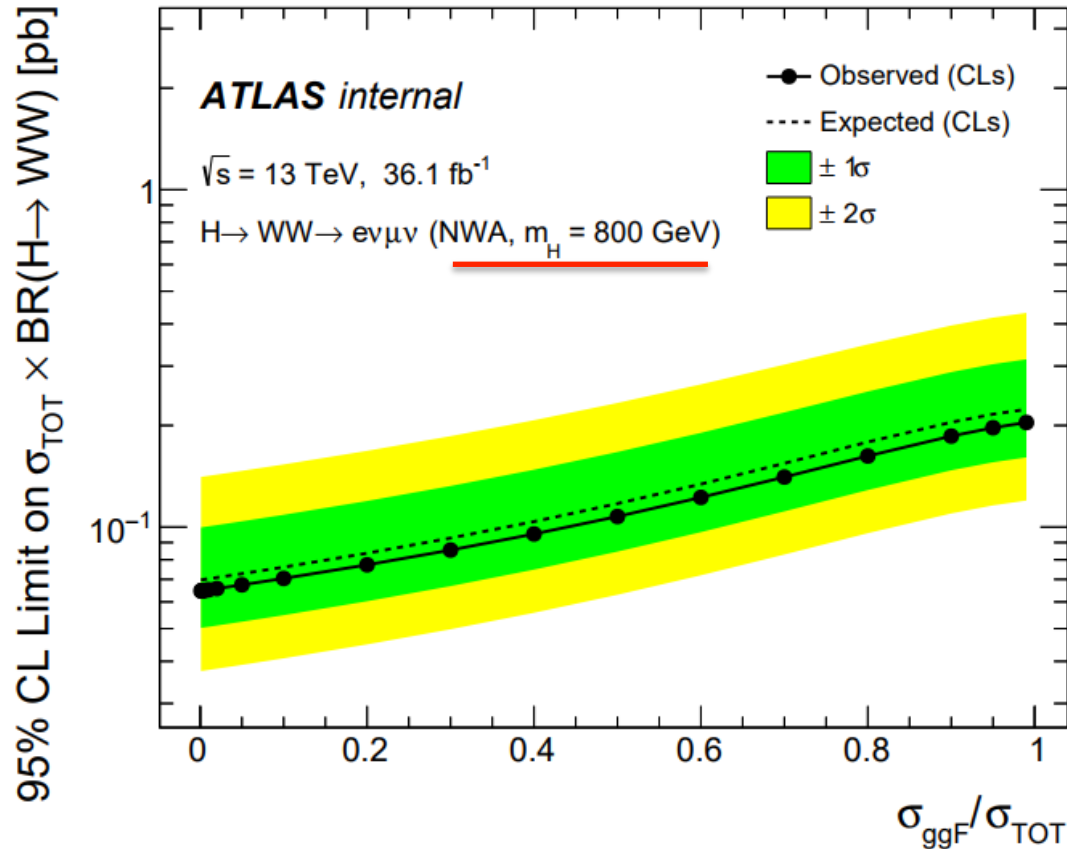
Limits for NWA



- Values above 6.4 pb at 200 GeV and above 0.008 pb at 4 TeV are excluded for ggF
- Values above 1.3 pb at 200 GeV and above 0.005 pb at 4 TeV are excluded for VBF
- Run 1 mass range: [300 GeV, 1500 GeV]

Limits extension for NWA

- Limits on “ $\sigma_{\text{total}} (\text{ggF} + \text{VBF}) * \text{BR}$ ”, as a function of “ $\sigma_{\text{ggF}} / \sigma_{\text{total}}$ ”

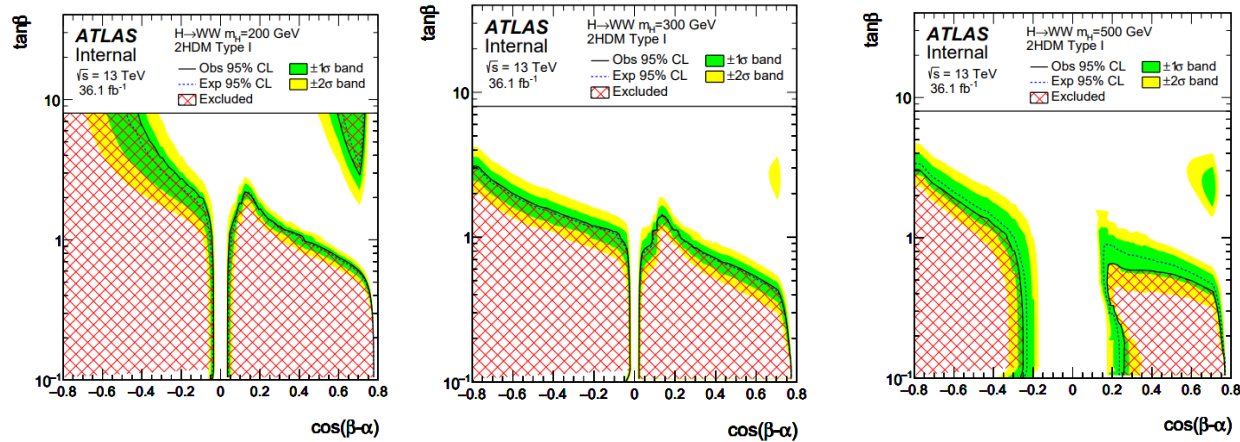


Similar plots for 200 GeV and 1800 GeV reported

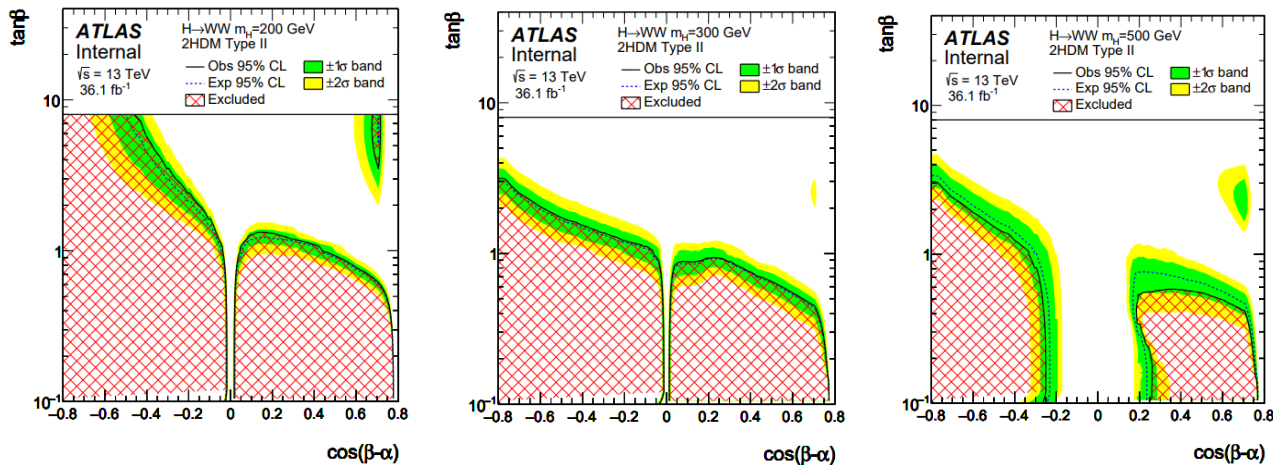
2HDM interpretation

- The limits for **NWA** are further interpreted to exclusion contours in the **2HDM** model for the phase space where NWA is valid

Type I



Type II



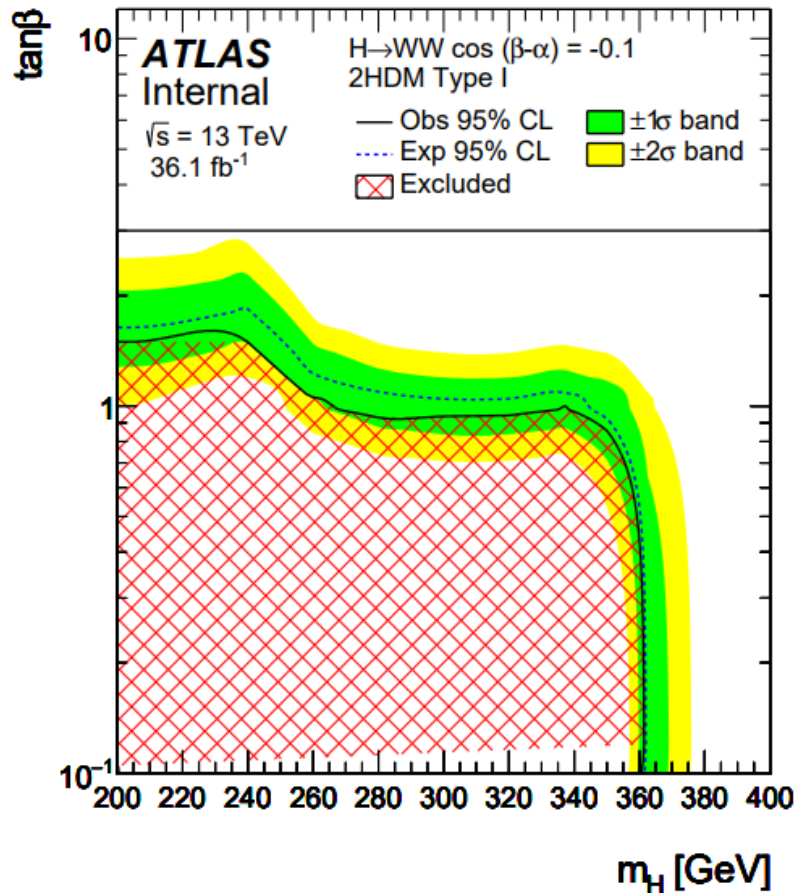
$$m_H = 200 \text{ GeV}$$

$$m_H = 300 \text{ GeV}$$

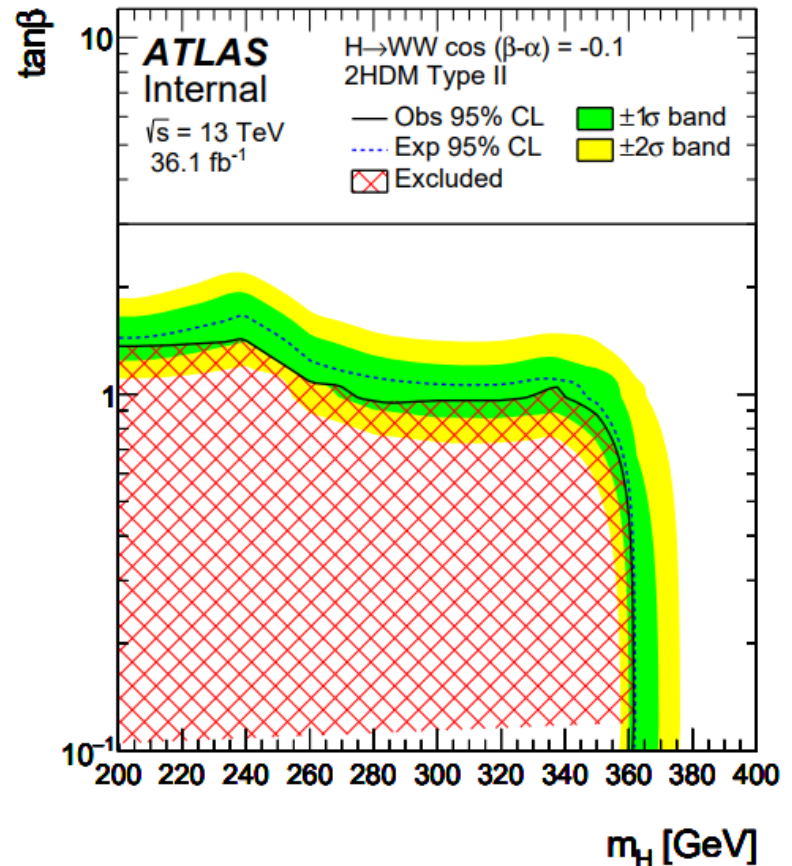
$$m_H = 500 \text{ GeV}$$

2HDM interpretation

$$\cos(\beta - \alpha) = -0.1$$

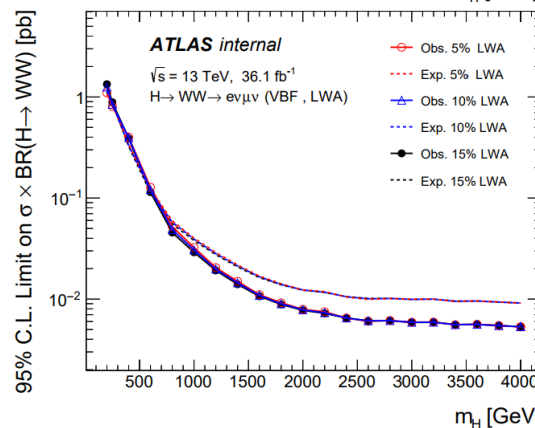
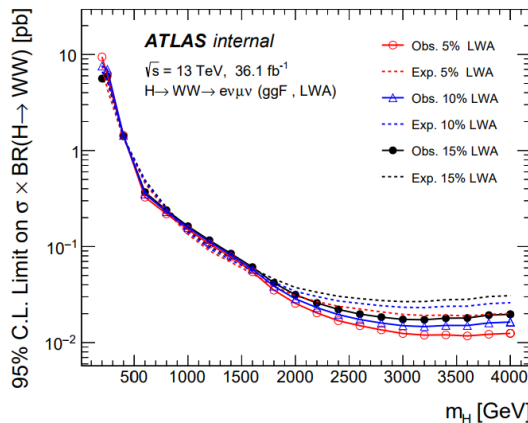
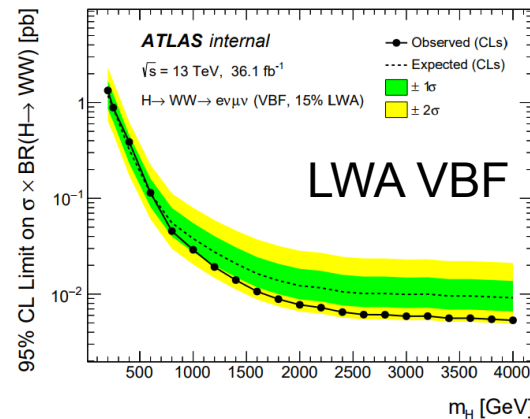
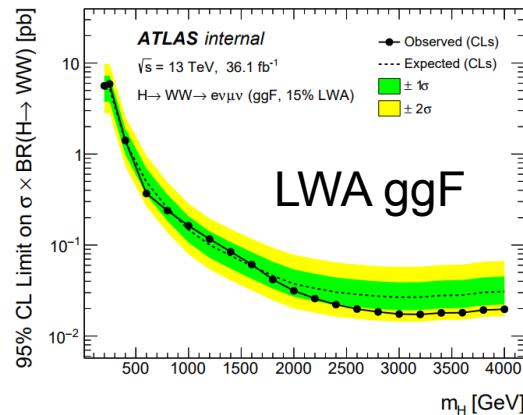


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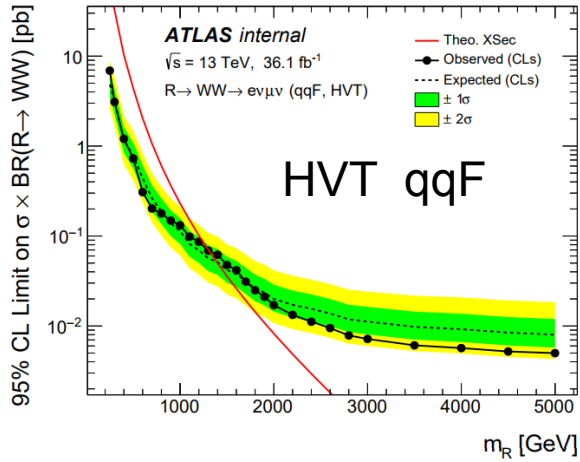
Limits for LWA



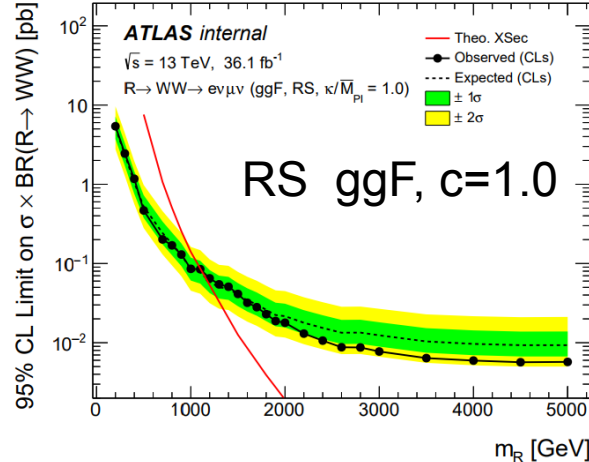
Similar plots for widths of $10\% \cdot m_H$ and $5\% \cdot m_H$ could be found in the auxiliary materials

- Values above 5.2 pb at 200 GeV and above 0.02 pb at 4 TeV are excluded for ggF LWA (width = $15\% \cdot m_H$)
- Values above 1.3 pb at 200 GeV and above 0.005 pb at 4 TeV are excluded for VBF LWA (width = $15\% \cdot m_H$)
- **Interference** effects between signals and backgrounds also studied and found to be **negligible**

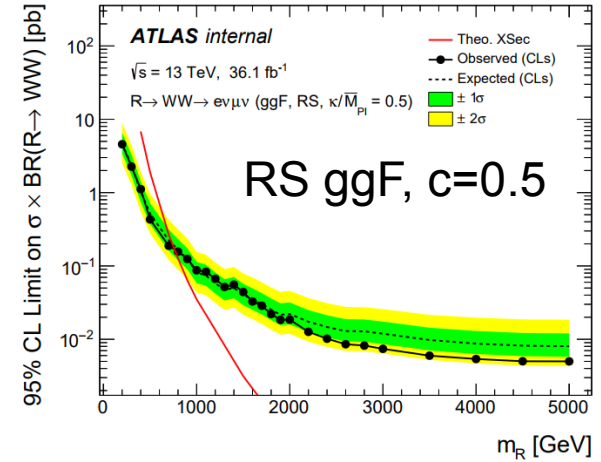
Limits for other models



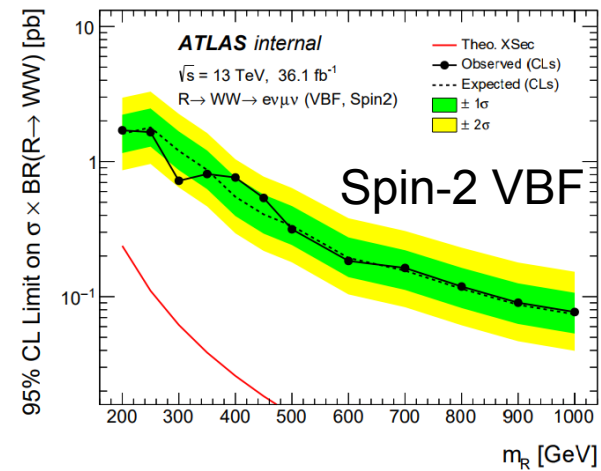
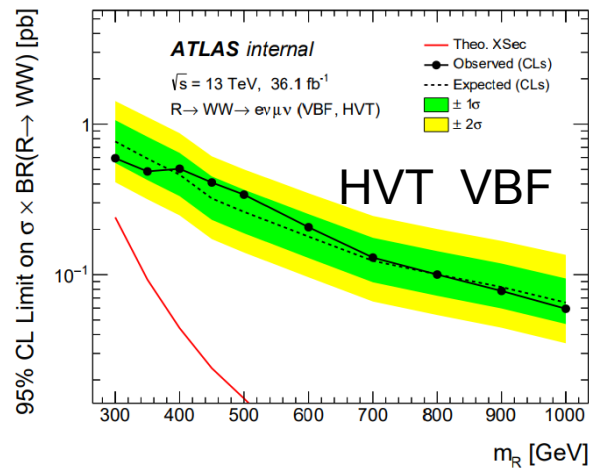
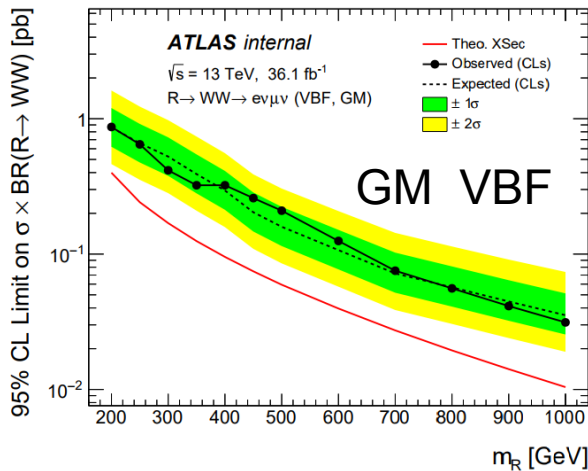
below 1.3 TeV excluded



below 1.1 TeV excluded



below 750 GeV excluded



Conclusion

High mass resonance searches completed:

- A search for heavy resonances performed in the $WW \rightarrow e\nu\mu\nu$ final state at 13 TeV with Run 2 data of 36.1 fb^{-1}
- No significant excess or evidence of new heavy resonance found
- Upper limits given for different signal models

New projects started:

- New physics searches with Z+jets final state
- EW precision measurement

Project 2018

LHC-SDU/USTC-LAL-ATLAS: Search for new physics in inclusive Z events at large transverse momentum and EW precision measurement					
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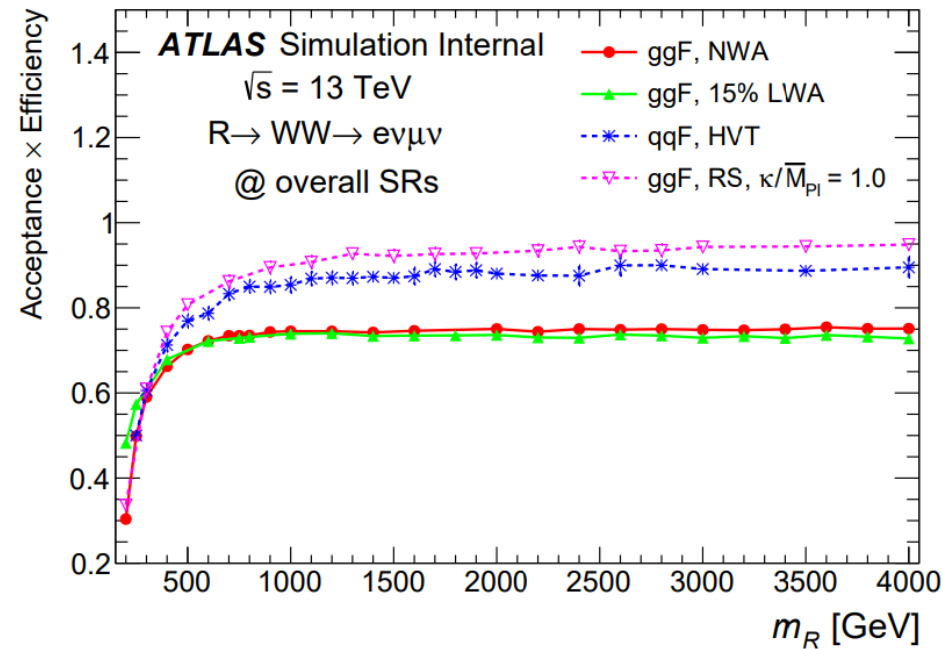
Please provide here details on members of your FCPPL project participating in exchange programs (now and future) between laboratories involved in this proposal:

NAME	Funding program (Eiffel, CSC, lab, CNRS...)	Funding status (submitted, accepted)	Status (PhD student, Post doc...)	Expected date of defense	Lab origin	Host lab	Expected dates in host lab
Yongke Zhao	Eiffel, SDU	Accepted	PhD student	May/June 2018	SDU	LAL	Until July 2017
Kunlin Han	CSC, USTC	CSC to be submitted	PhD student	2020	USTC	LAL	April-Dec. 2017, Sept. 2018-

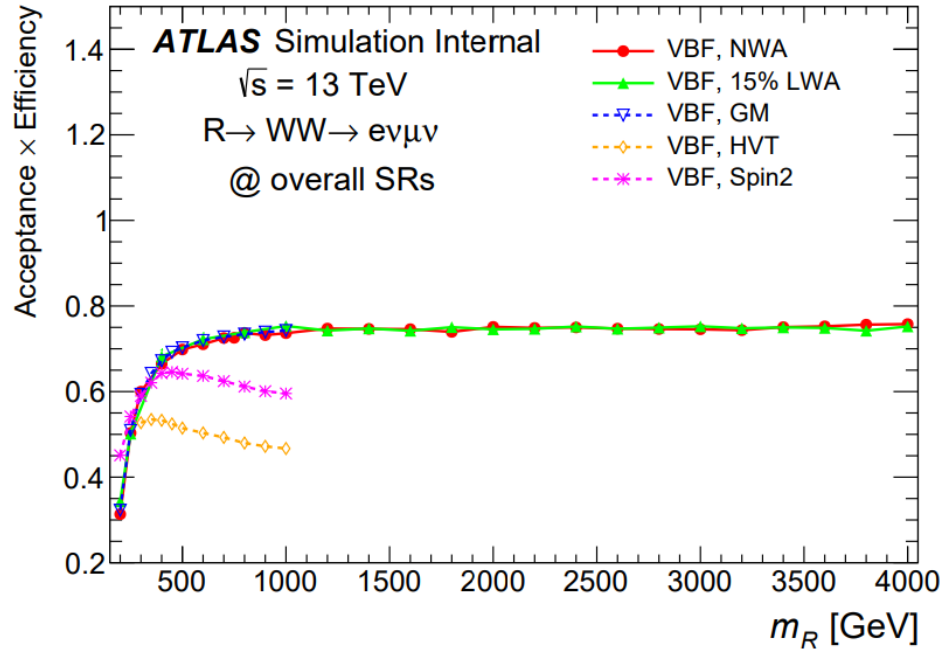
BACKUP

Signal acceptance

■ Signal selection **acceptance** * **efficiency** in **combined 3 SRs**



ggF (qqF) signals



VBF signals

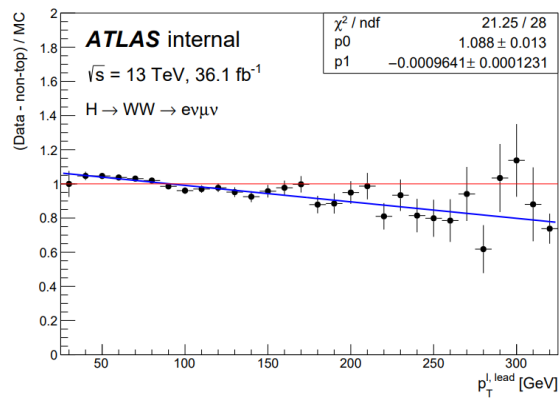
Large difference mainly coming from different $\Delta\eta_{||}$ distributions

Top leading lepton pt reweighting

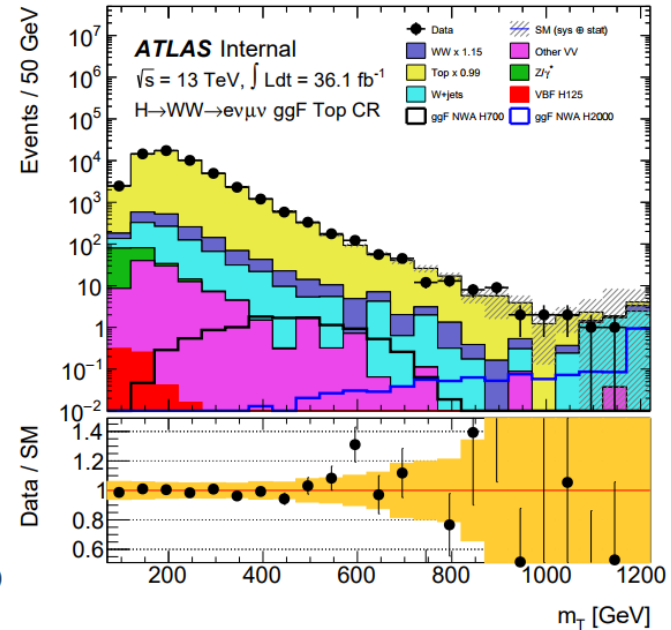
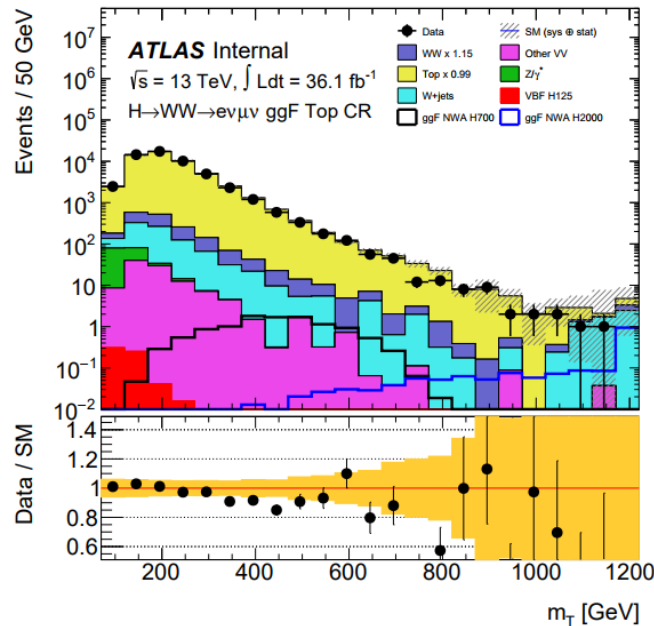
- The reweighting was applied only for ggF category

Before reweighting

After reweighting



reweighting fit function

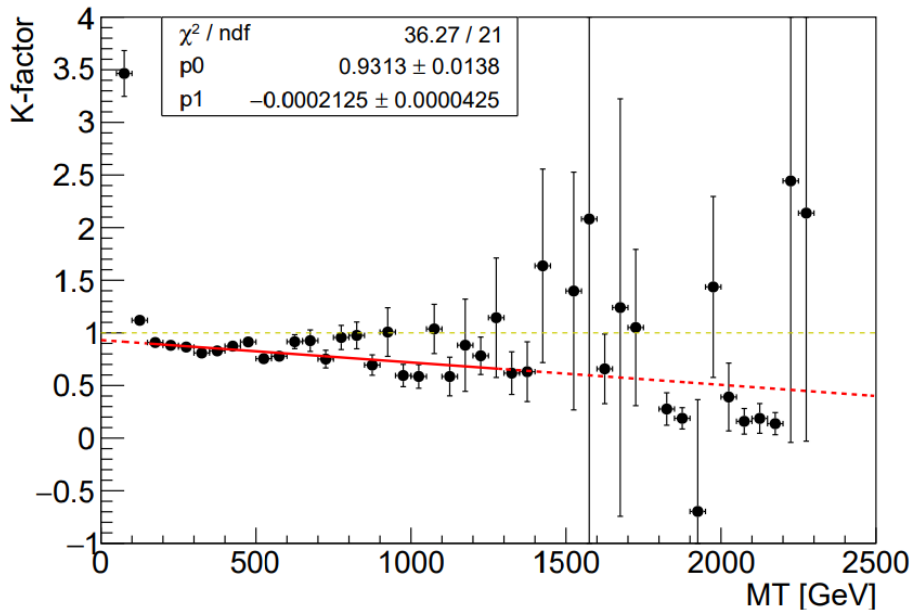


m_T in ggF Top CR

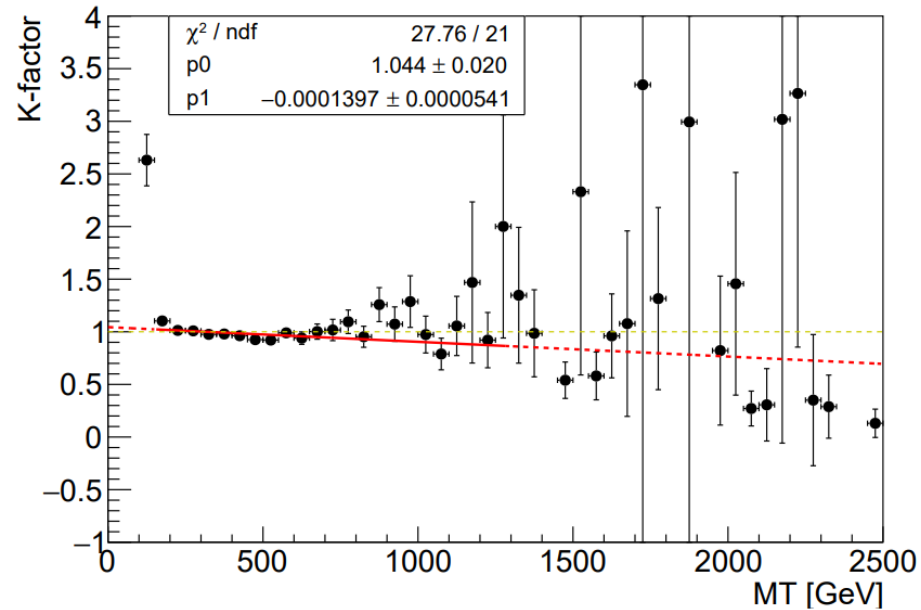
All other variable distributions also checked and found to have better agreement between data and MC after reweighting

WW Sherpa-to-Matrix correction

- $qq \rightarrow WW$ with Sherpa 2.2.1 : not fully a NLO sample
- A reweighting to **Matrix NNLO** calculation + **NLO EW** correction
- The total uncertainty on the correction considered to be the **100%** of the correction ($\pm 50\%$ assigned for up and down)



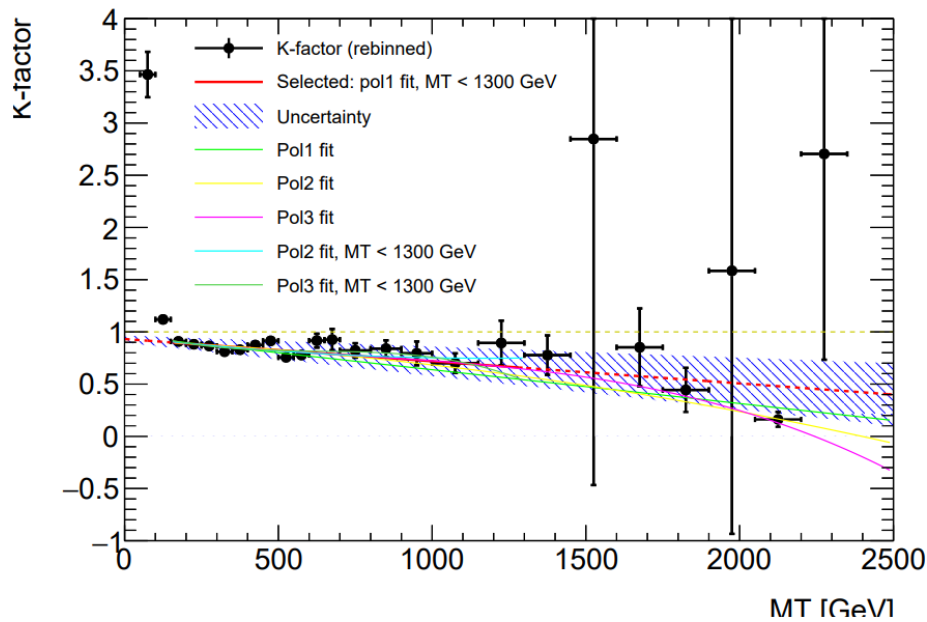
ggF SR



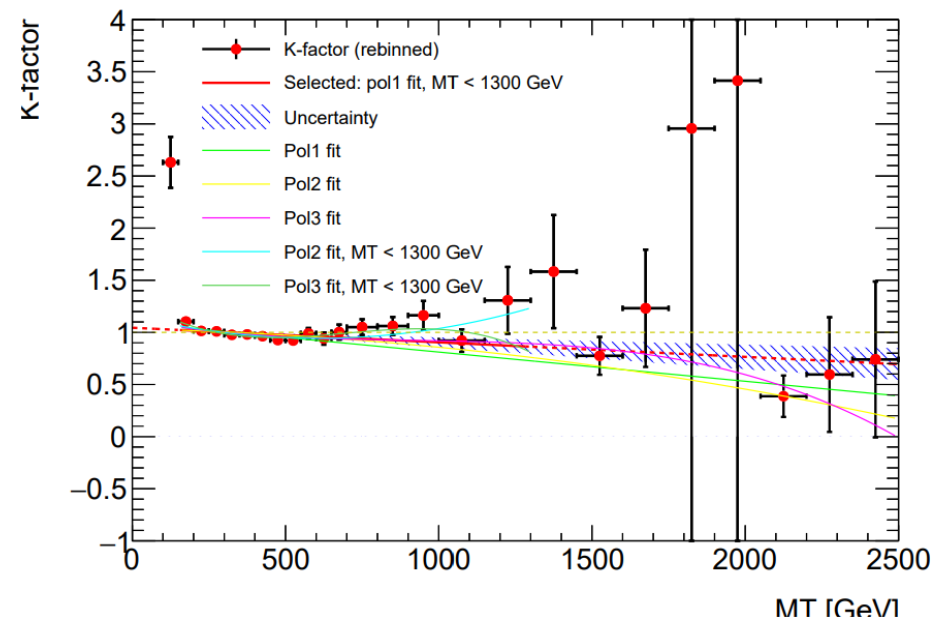
ggF WW CR

WW Sherpa-to-Matrix correction

- Sherpa 2.2.1 $qq \rightarrow WW$ reweighted to Matrix NNLO + NLO EW
- Total uncertainty: 100% of the correction



ggF SR



ggF WW CR

WW NLO EW k-factor

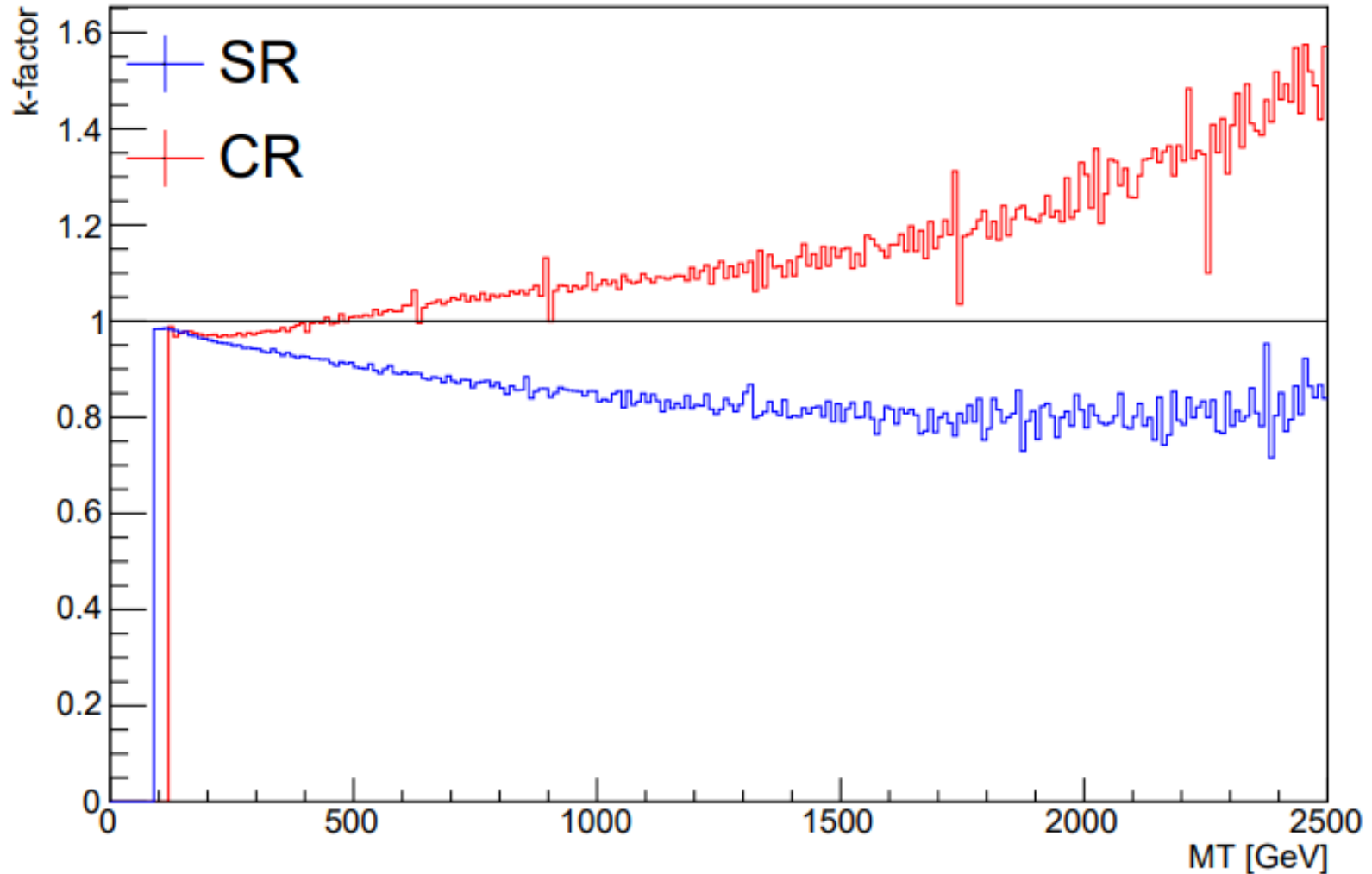
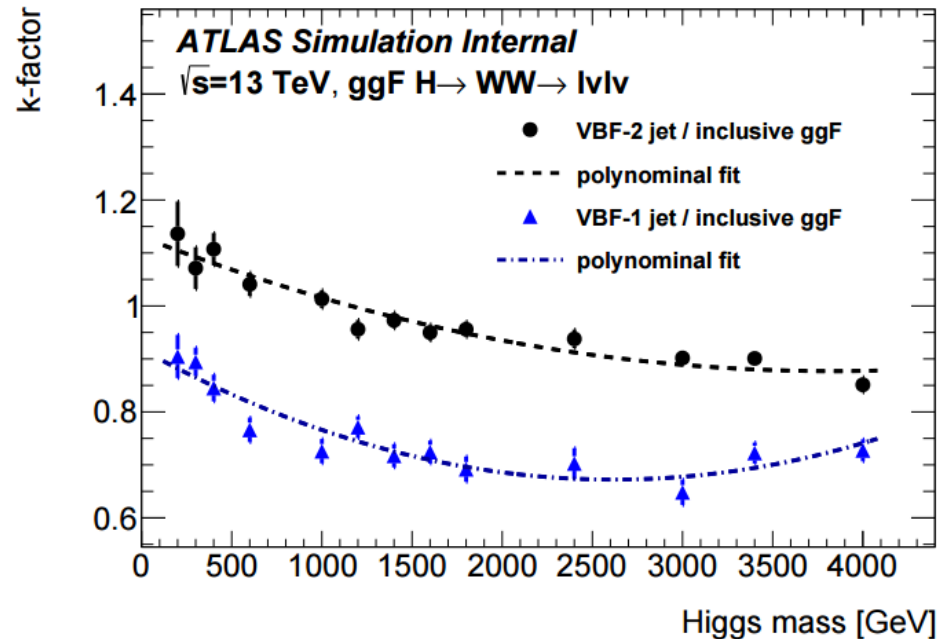


Figure 32: NLO EW corrections as a function of m_T in the ggF inclusive SR and CR.

Powheg-to-MadGraph correction

- Powheg (**ggF NWA signals**) provides only events with only up-to-one jet at the ME, therefore higher jet multiplicities are expected to be insufficiently described
- Scale factor for 2J (similar for 1J):

$$k = \frac{N_{\text{MADGRAPH5}}^{2\text{-jet VBF}} / N_{\text{MADGRAPH5}}^{\text{inclusive ggF}}}{N_{\text{POWHEG}}^{2\text{-jet VBF}} / N_{\text{POWHEG}}^{\text{inclusive ggF}}}$$

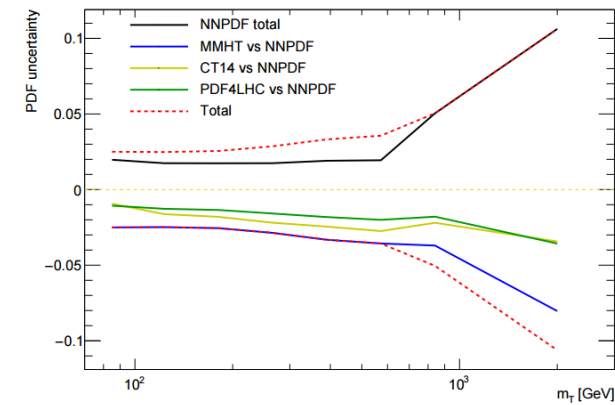
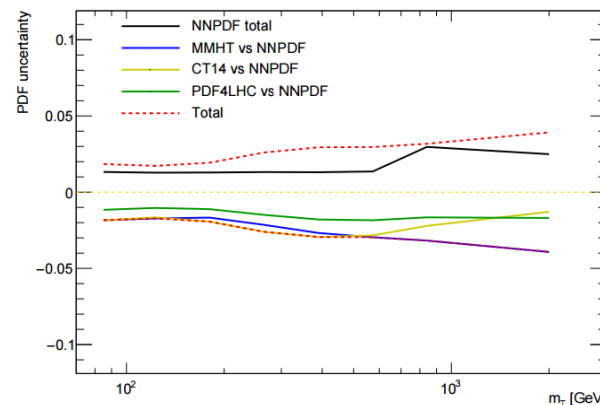
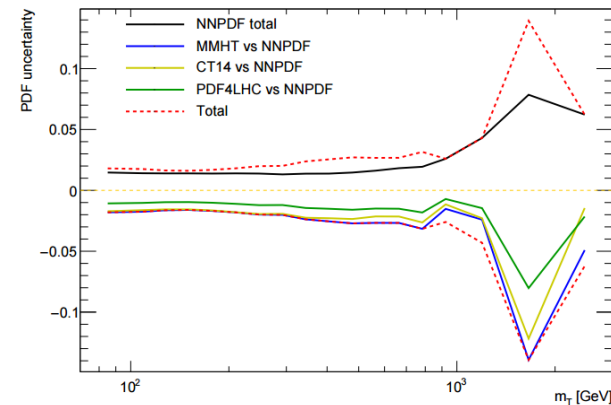


Top and WW PDF uncert. in SRs

Top @ GGFSR

Top @ VBF1JSR

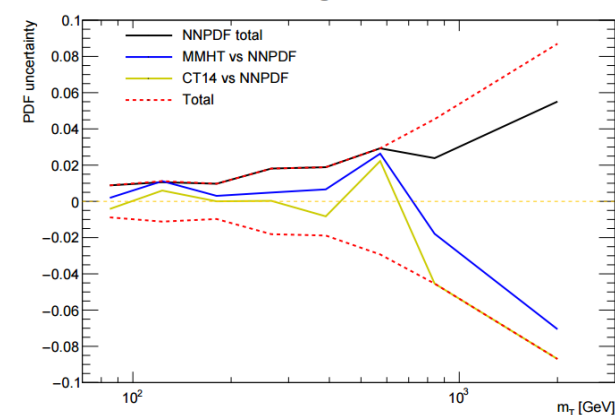
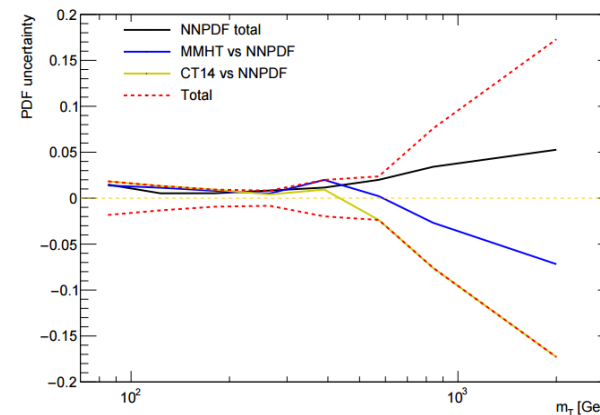
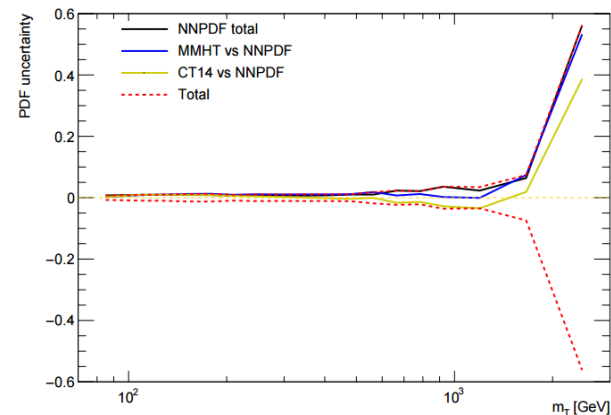
Top @ VBF2JSR



WW @ GGFSR

WW @ VBF1JSR

WW @ VBF2JSR



- Following PMG recommendations for NNPDF PDF set

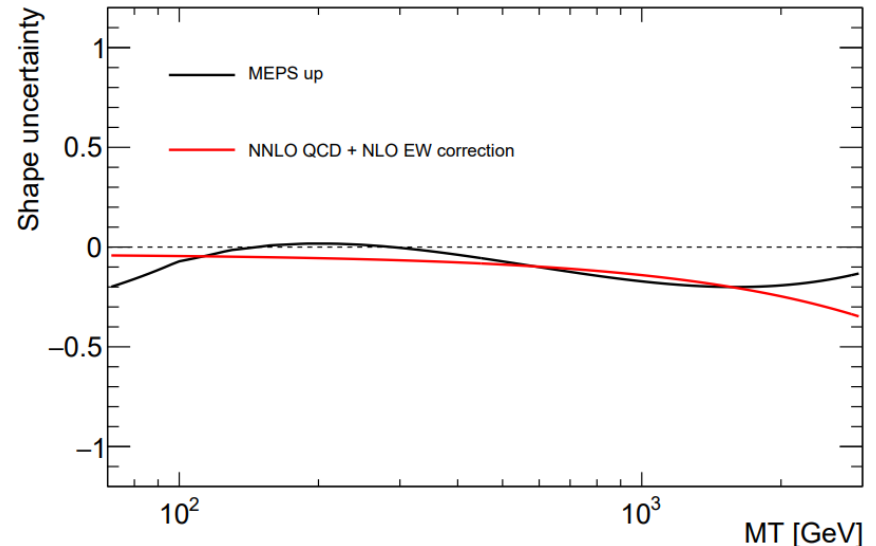
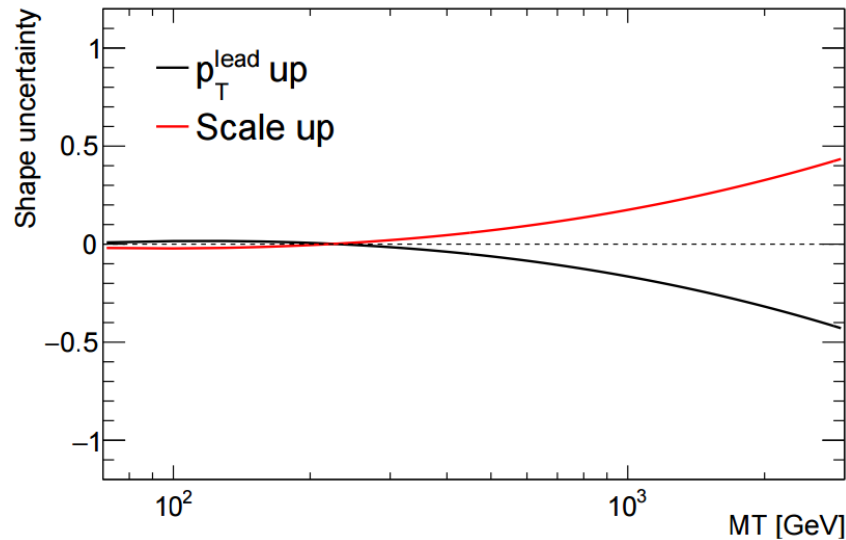
https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/AtlasProtected/PdfRecommendations#Standard_deviation

- Envelope of different PDF sets taken as total uncertainty as a function of MT in 3 SRs (overall uncertainty used in CRs)

Shape uncertainties

All shape uncertainties that are considered in the analysis

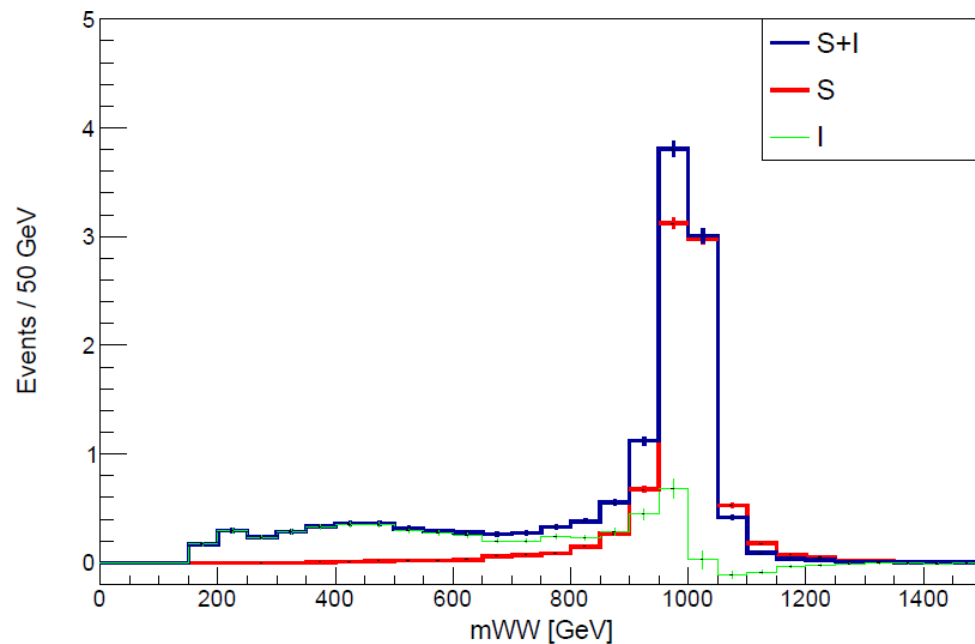
◆ Except for PDF uncertainties



Experimental shape uncertainties have been checked and found to be small and negligible

Interference effects

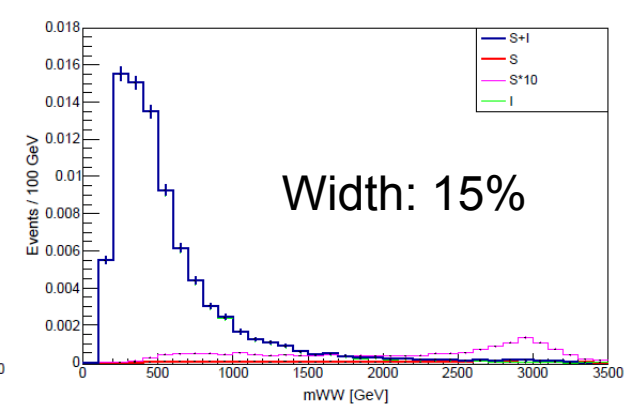
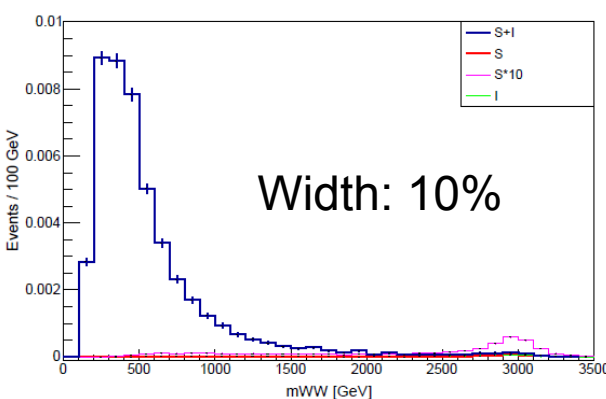
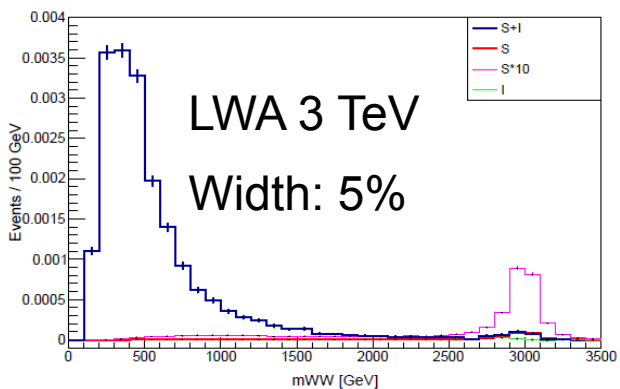
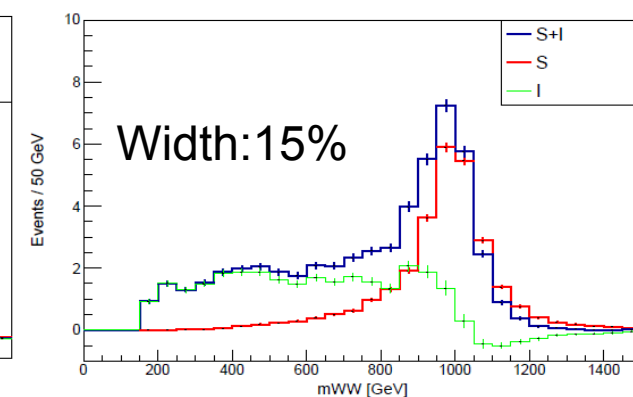
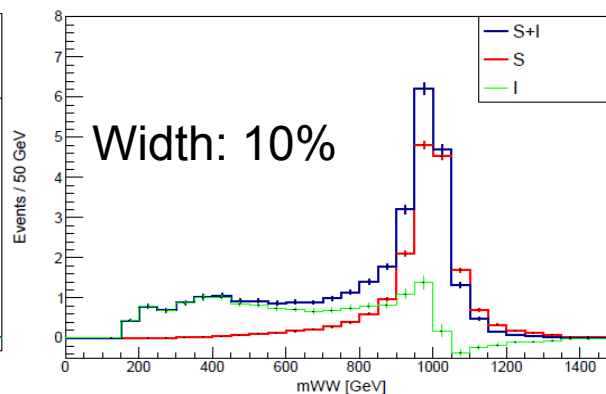
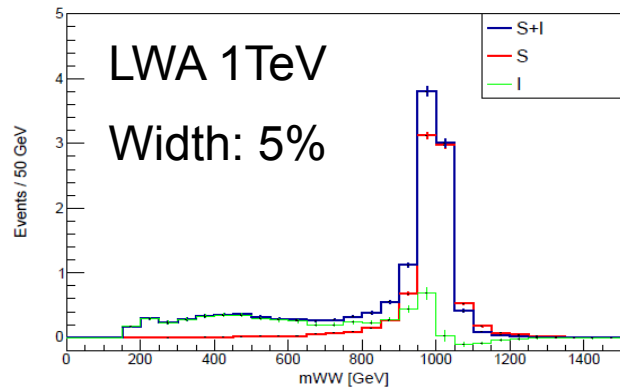
- Generator: gg2VV
- The interference effects considered here include the interference effects between a heavy resonance and the SM WW continuum and the SM Higgs boson at 125 GeV
- The lineshape has been compared with MadGraph5_aMc@Nlo for SM-like heavy Higgs and good agreement observed



The yields are normalised to the integrated luminosity of the data 2015 and 2016 (36.1 fb^{-1})

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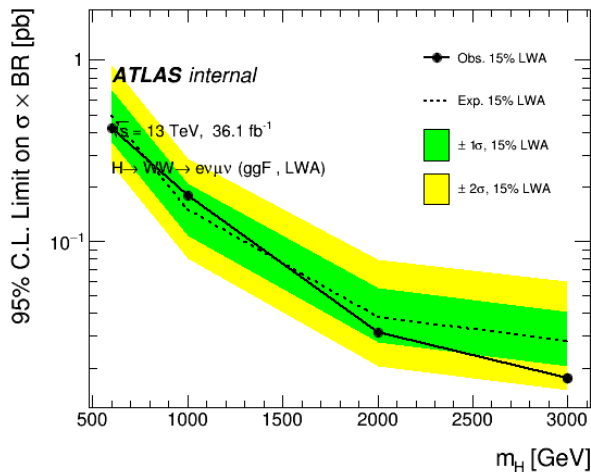
- Interference effects increase with larger masses and widths



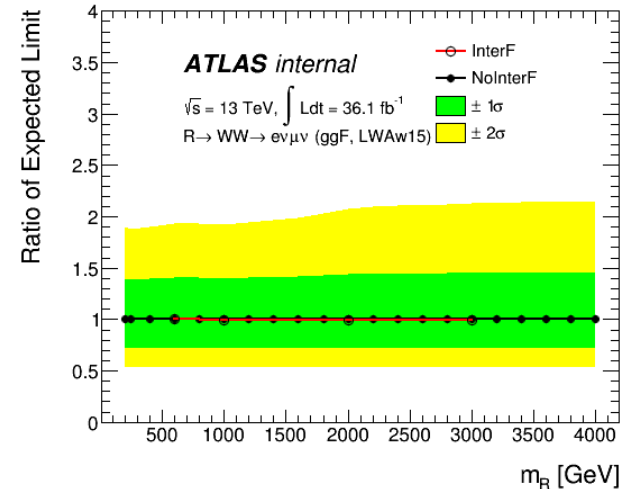
Interference effects

Expected limits for LWA (width: $15\% \cdot m_H$) [pb]

- Only a few mass points have been studied
- Signal cross section scaled to $\sigma_{H \rightarrow WW} = 1$ pb in the input



Limits with interference



Compared to expected limits without interference

The effects for ggF LWA are negligible

The interference effects for VBF are smaller than ggF, and neglected