

Evidence for $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ in proton-proton collisions recorded by ATLAS

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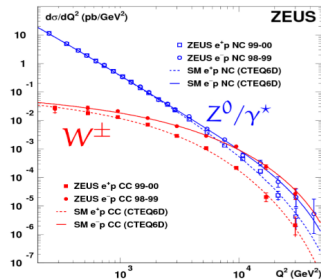
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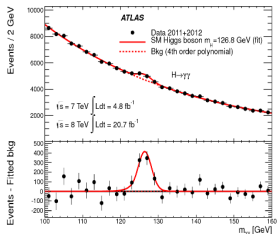
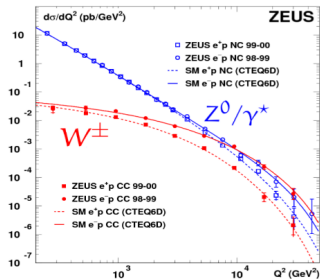


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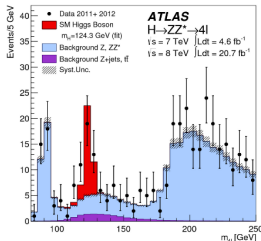
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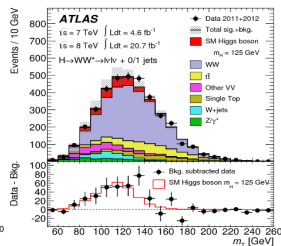
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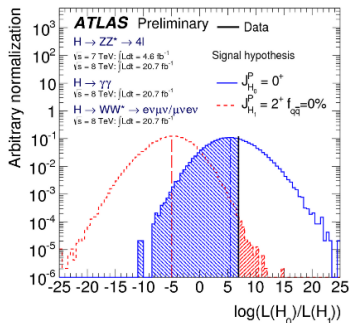


$H \rightarrow ZZ$



$H \rightarrow WW$

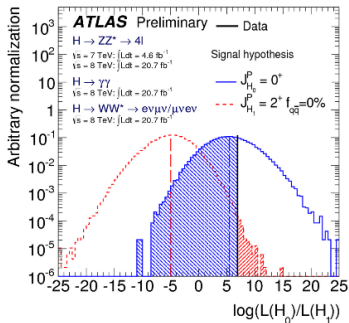
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What's about couplings to fermions ? Before 12/2013:

TeV $VH(\rightarrow b\bar{b})$: 2.8σ

CMS $VH(\rightarrow b\bar{b})$: 2.1σ

CMS $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$: 2.85σ ← lepton

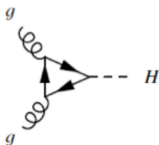
Not imposed by the gauge interaction!

- in opposition to EW bosons -

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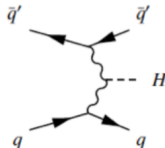
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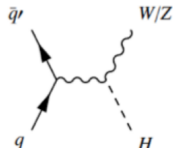
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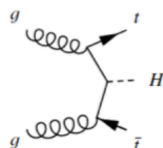
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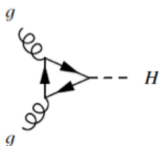
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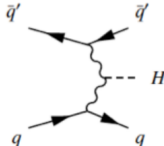
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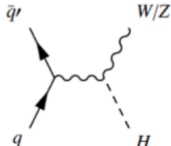
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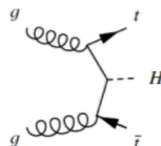
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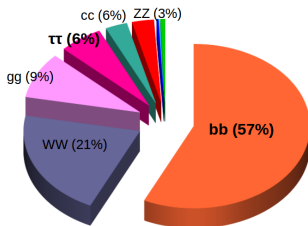
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2. Decays of $H(125)$ (emphasis on fermionic decay)



- bb decay : **largest BR**, benefits from additional lepton to **reduce** $pp \rightarrow b\bar{b} + X$.
- $\tau\tau$ decay : lower BR, **cleaner signature**
- cc decay : impossible in hadron collider
- $\mu\mu$ decay : extremely low BR (0.02%), **good mass resolution**

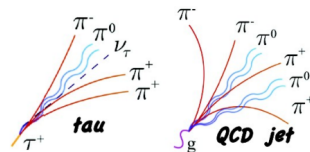
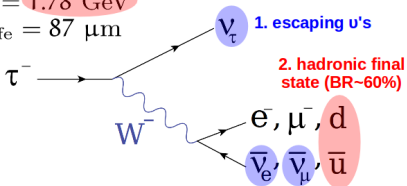
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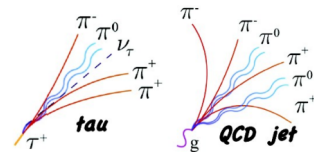
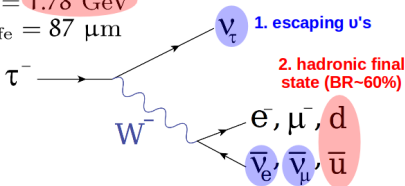


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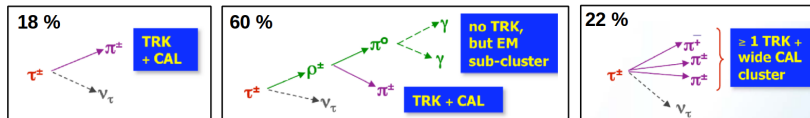
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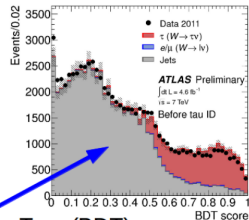
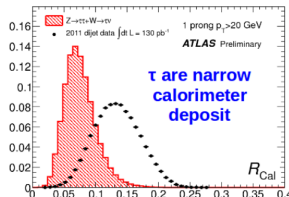
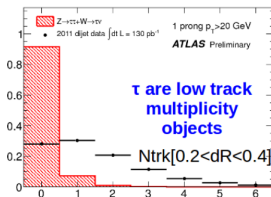
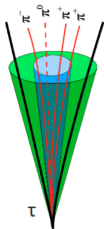


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Typical signature of hadronic τ decay :

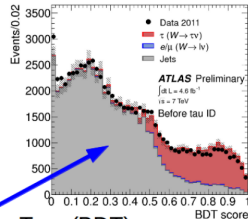
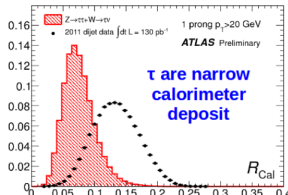
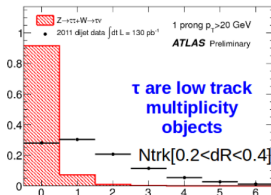
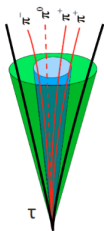


- 1 or 3 isolated tracks, with possible secondary vertex reconstruction.
- Collimated calorimeter energy deposit.



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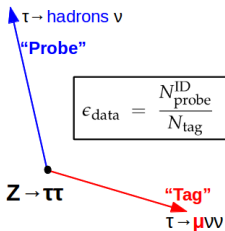
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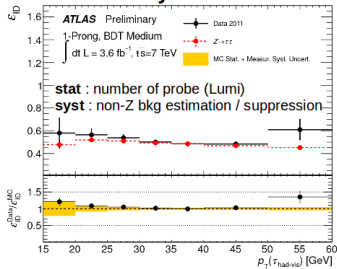
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"Tag and probe" method



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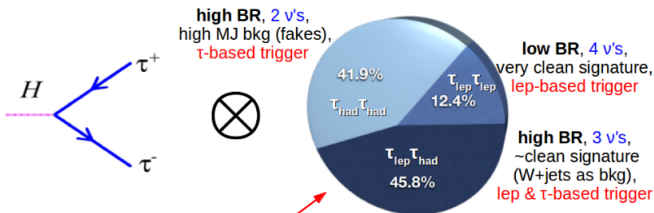
Efficiency measurement



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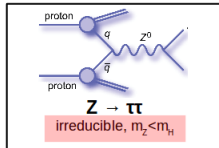
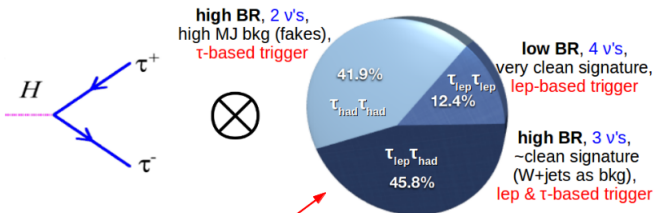
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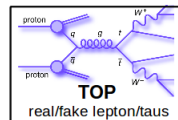
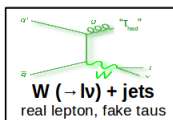
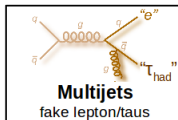


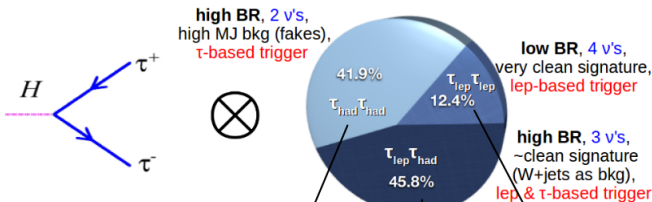
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All $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ final states can be reconstructed and analyzed
 (in opposition with $H \rightarrow WW$, with twice BR)

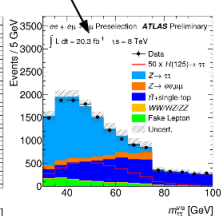
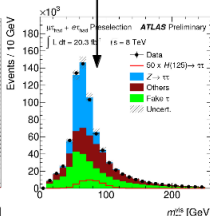
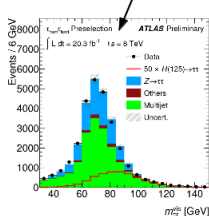


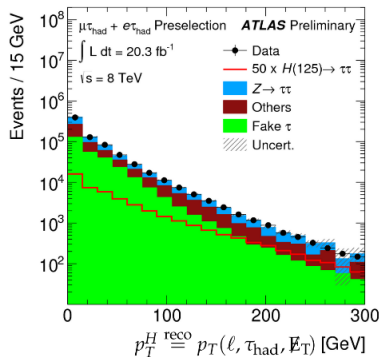
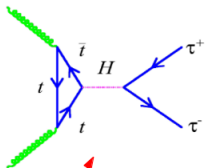
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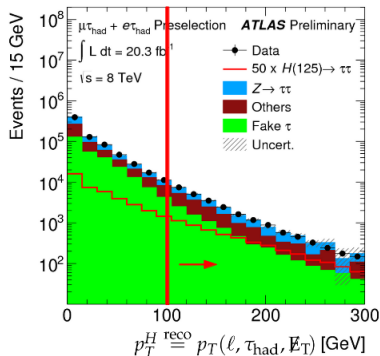
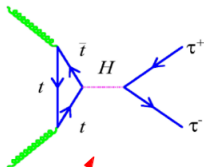


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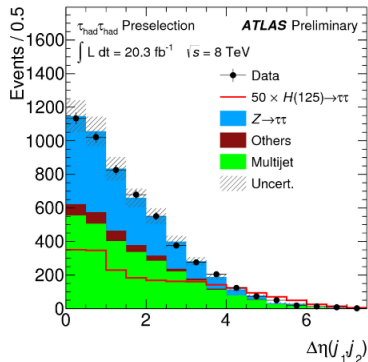
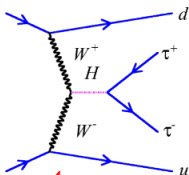
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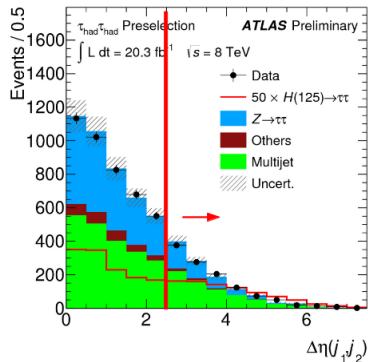
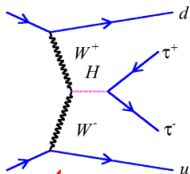
70% GGF - 16% VBF - 14% VH



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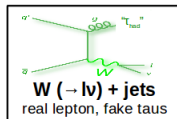
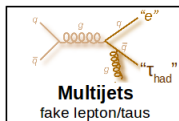
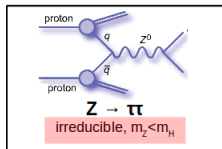
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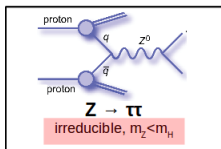
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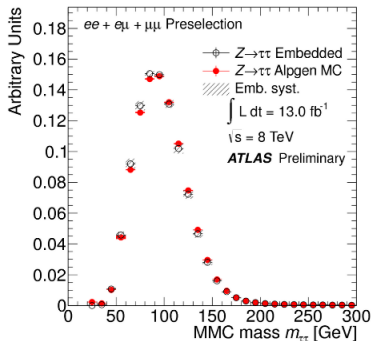
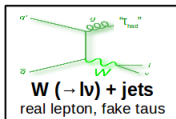
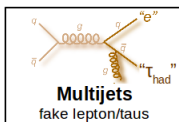




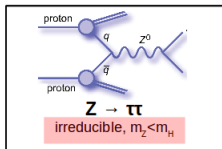
For all 3 channels

Data driven : τ "embedding" in $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$ data events

- remove μ deposits and replace by a **simulated** τ .
- It's **data** (jets, pile-up, calo noise, soft radiations)
- **limited by data statistics**



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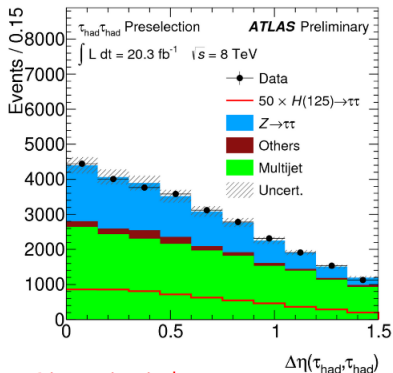
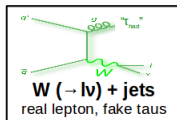
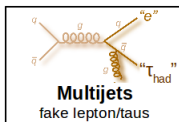


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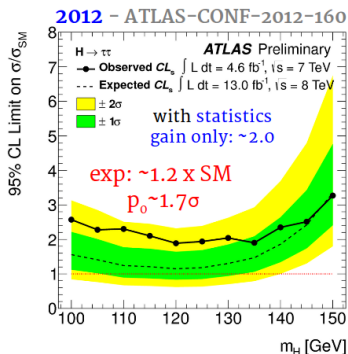
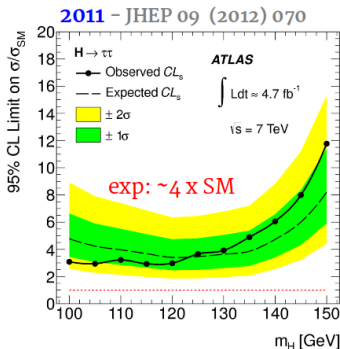
Template: events without opposite charge candidates



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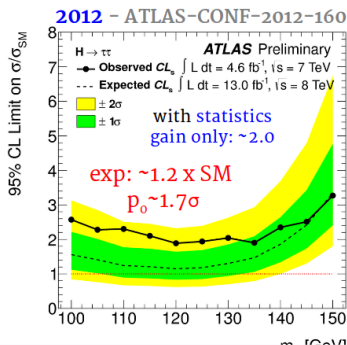
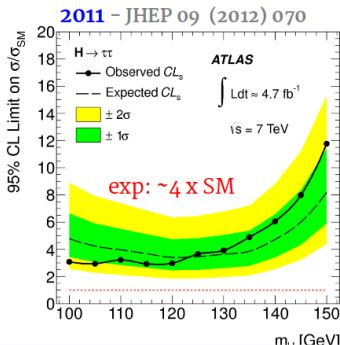
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Naive projection with 25 fb^{-1} : limit ~ 1.0 and $p_0 \sim 2.0\sigma$.
Not sensitive enough to unambiguously conclude on $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$
 Switch to a more efficient approach : **Multivariate analysis (BDT)**

- Resonance properties

- $m(\tau\tau)$, $\Delta R(\tau\tau)$, etc

- VBF topology

- m_{jj} , $\Delta\eta_{jj}$, $\eta_j \times \eta_j$

- Event activity

- Scalar & vector P_T -sum

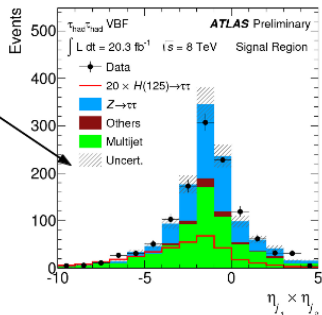
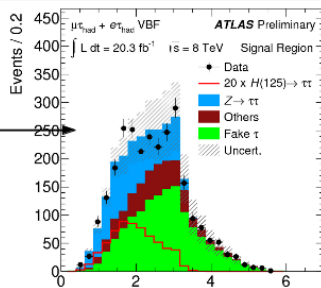
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- m_T , object centralities, $P_T(\tau_1)/P_T(\tau_2)$, etc

- Number of variables

- VBF: 7-9

- Boosted: 6-9

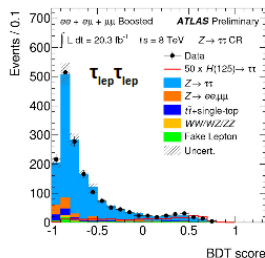
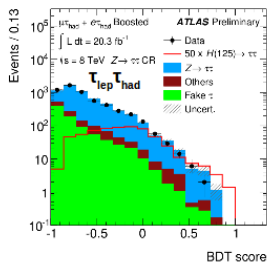
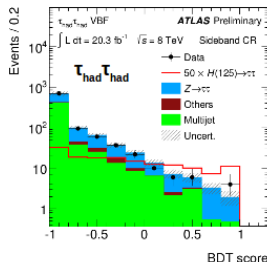


Validation of the MVA approach

Multivariate Analysis exploit **correlations between variables**.
Are they well modelled by the simulation?

- **Difficult to assess** by only looking at 1D distributions
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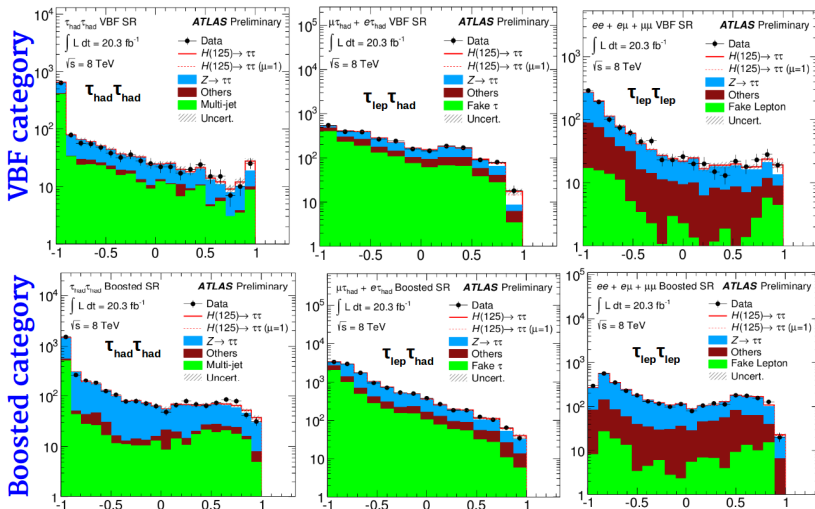
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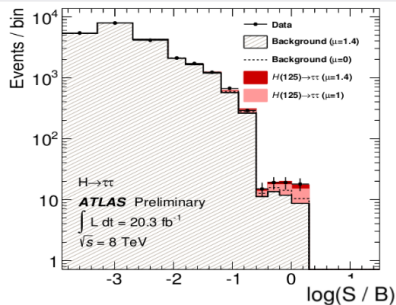


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Final distribution in the 6 signal regions



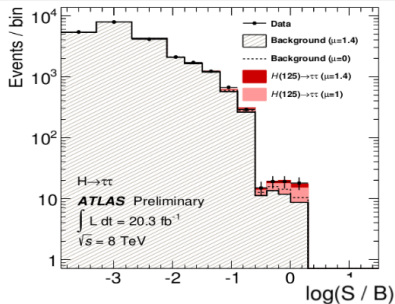


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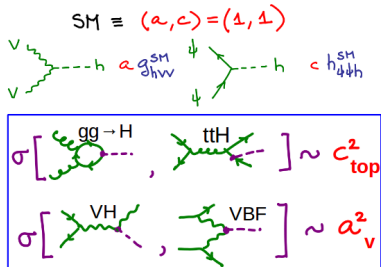


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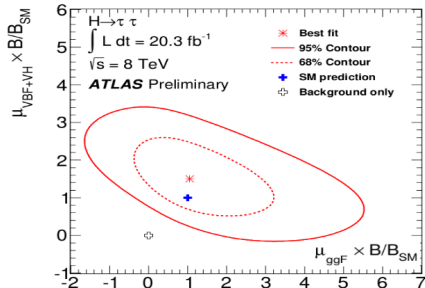
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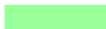
Systematic uncertainties

Source of Uncertainty	Uncertainty on μ
Signal region statistics (data)	0.30
$Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$ normalization ($\tau_{\text{lep}}\tau_{\text{had}}$ boosted)	0.13
ggF $d\sigma/dp_T^H$	0.12
JES η calibration	0.12
Top normalization ($\tau_{\text{lep}}\tau_{\text{had}}$ VBF)	0.12
Top normalization ($\tau_{\text{lep}}\tau_{\text{had}}$ boosted)	0.12
$Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$ normalization ($\tau_{\text{lep}}\tau_{\text{had}}$ VBF)	0.12
QCD scale	0.07
$\text{di-}\tau_{\text{had}}$ trigger efficiency	0.07
Fake backgrounds ($\tau_{\text{lep}}\tau_{\text{lep}}$)	0.07
τ_{had} identification efficiency	0.06
$Z \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$ normalization ($\tau_{\text{lep}}\tau_{\text{had}}$)	0.06
τ_{had} energy scale	0.06

Total uncertainty ~ 0.5



Uncertainties related to **background estimation**

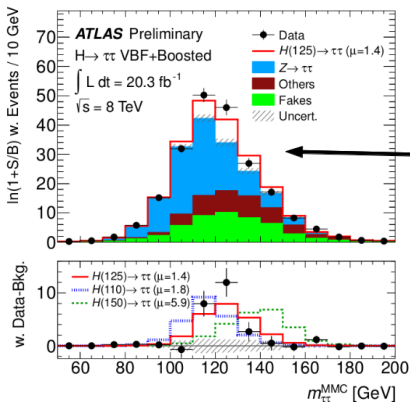


Uncertainties related to **trigger/reco/identification**



Uncertainties related to **theory predictions**

Mass spectrum of the excess



At which di-tau invariant mass the excess peaks ?

Mass distribution: events are weighted by the expected significance computed in each BDT bin

Observed excess compatible with a Higgs boson of 125 GeV (red line)

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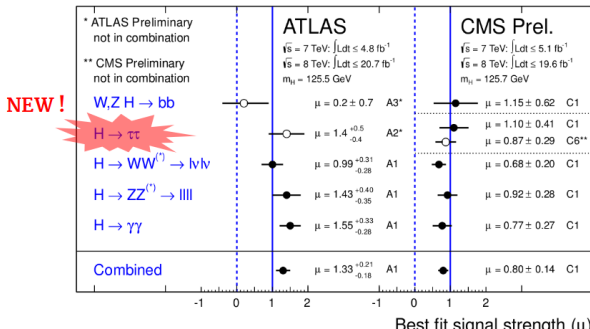
$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ probes the Yukawa couplings between the Higgs boson and fermions, directly. Probe lepton-Higgs couplings. Constraint VBF production.

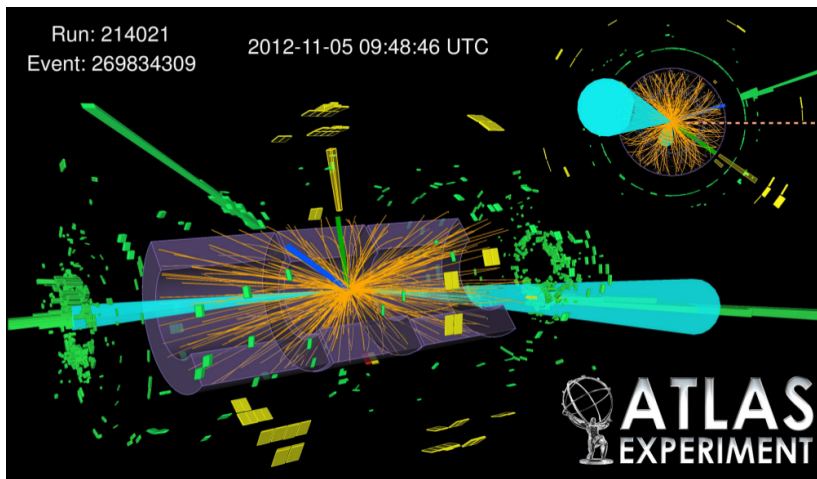
τ lepton needs sophisticated algorithms and a deep understanding of the experiment. Background modelling challenging.

New ATLAS analysis (MVA)

Observed (expected) evidence for $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ at 4.1σ (3.2σ).

Summary of the PDG





$H \rightarrow \tau_\ell \tau_{\text{had}}$ candidate (data)

$m(\tau, \tau) = 129 \text{ GeV}$, $\text{BDT} = 0.99$ ($S/B = 1.0$), $m(j_1, j_2) = 1.53 \text{ TeV}$

BACK UP

Gauge symmetry and fermion masses

Why the **couplings to fermions** are **crucial** to measure ?

(CMS $\tau\tau + b\bar{b}$ combination submitted to *Nature Physics* - arXiv :1401.6527)

QED

$$m_\gamma A^\mu A_\mu$$

Boson mass:
NOT gauge invariant

$$m_f(\bar{\psi}_R\psi_L + \bar{\psi}_L\psi_R)$$

Fermion mass:
gauge invariant

SM

$$\partial_\mu \Phi \rightarrow D_\mu \Phi$$

Higgs = charged under $SU(2)_L \times U(1)$
masses of gauge bosons

Interaction with $W^\pm, Z^0$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \bar{\psi}_L \psi_R & \\ \swarrow & & \searrow \\ SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y & & U(1)_Y \end{array}$$

Fermion masses are **not** $SU(2)_L \times U(1)$
invariant

Introducing a new field charged under $SU(2)_L \times U(1)$, doesn't automatically generate fermion masses.

Need to **add a new term** – Yukawa
couplings – to **generate fermion masses**

$$\lambda_f \bar{\psi}_L \Phi \psi_R$$

Not coming from
gauge symmetry

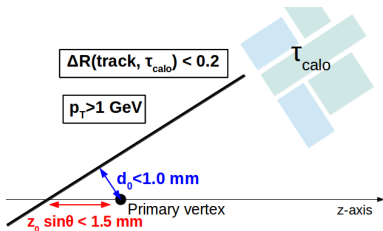
Reconstruction of τ lepton in ATLAS

τ_{had} candidate is built from the calorimeter ($\pi^\pm$ and π^0) and the tracking system ($\pi^\pm$)

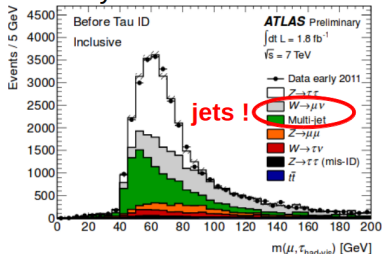
1. Calorimeter object :

- ❶ calorimeter cells $\rightarrow$ 3D clusters (topological cluster)
- ❷ τ_{calo} is defined as a jet of topo-clusters (anti- k_T algorithm with $\Delta R = 0.4$)

2. Tracks : a track is matched if



Purity after τ reconstruction

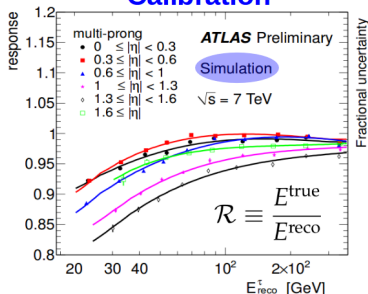


Energy calibration of τ lepton

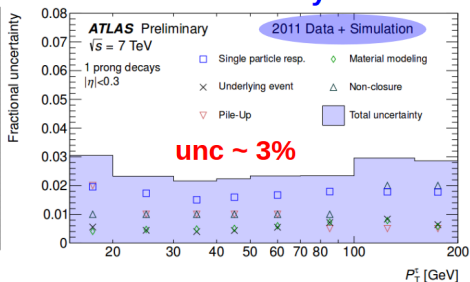
Why and how ?

- $m_{\tau\tau} \propto \sqrt{E_{\tau_1} E_{\tau_2}}$: a wrong scale will lead to shifted mass peak.
- Use the **simulation** to measure **the energy response**
- Use **data** (and MC) to estimate **the uncertainty** - and a potential bias

Calibration

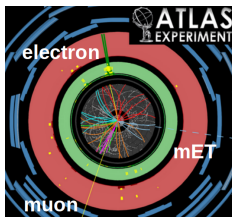


Uncertainty



Neutrinos momentum : $\vec{E}_T$ reconstruction

Neutrinos don't interact with the detector : they are measured using the unbalance of the total transverse momentum.



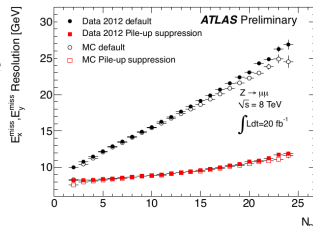
Calorimeter based :

- Raw : $\vec{E}_T \equiv -\sum_{\text{cell } i} \vec{E}_T^i$,
- Corrected for muons (only MIP),
- Corrected for energy scale of each type of object

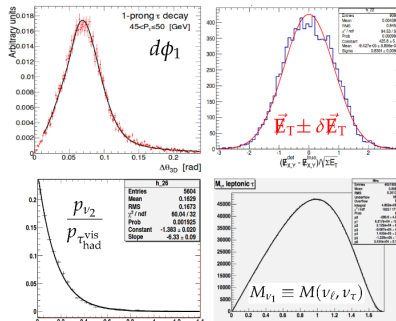
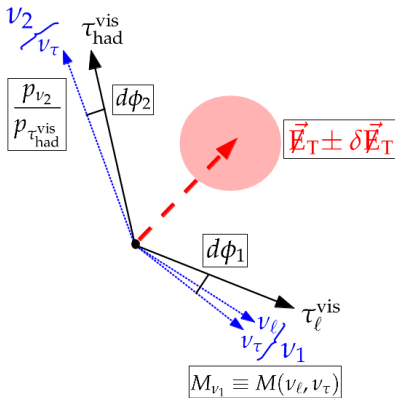
Keep in mind : $\vec{E}_T^{\text{reco}} \equiv (\sum_i \vec{p}_{\nu_i})_T$

Comments : sensitive to all the activity in the event (pile up, detector noise, soft radiations, ...).

Some technics are elaborated to reduce pile-up effect on the $\vec{E}_T$ resolution.



$m_{\tau\tau}$ reconstruction : Missing Mass Calculator



 = unknown value

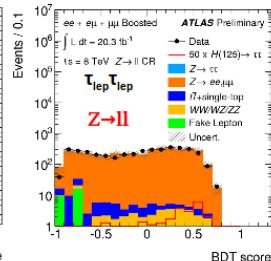
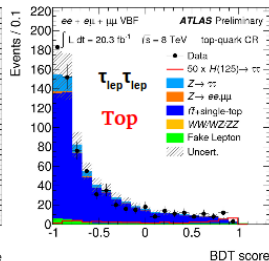
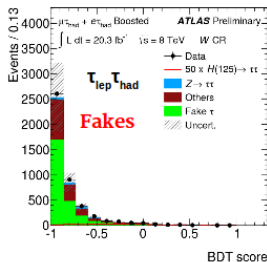
- (1) **Perform a scan** over the unknowns, ie choose a config : $q = (d\phi_1, d\phi_2, M_{v1}, m_{\text{ET}}, p_v/p_\tau)$
- (2) For each configuration q_i : compute the **full invariant mass** m_i
- (3) Fill an histogram of m_i **weighted by** $w_i = \text{PDF}(q_i)$, as a product each above PDF
- (4) Final reconstructed mass, **MMC**, is given by the **max of this histogram**

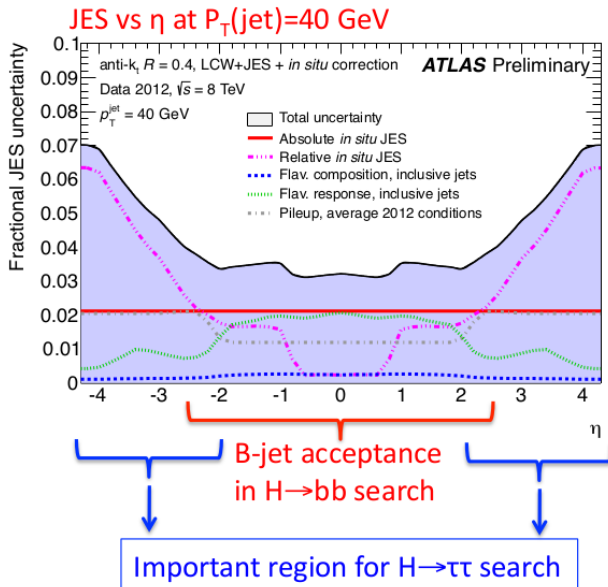
Validation of the MVA approach

Multivariate Analysis exploit **correlations between variables**.
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But also done for **other backgrounds** ...

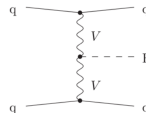




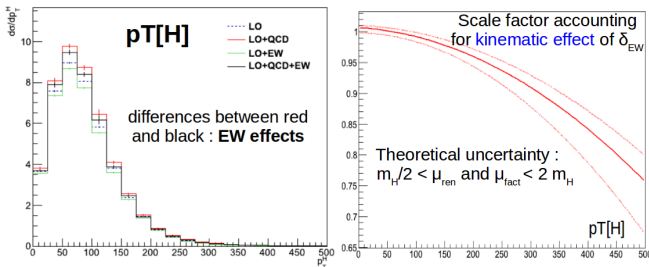
Signal modeling : EW corrections of $qq' \rightarrow qq'H$

Motivations and goal :

- VBF@LO is EW : $\delta_{EW} \sim \delta_{QCD}$ (unlike $gg \rightarrow H$)
- σ_{tot} is already QCD+EW NLO : but **shape effects** of δ_{EW} ?



At generated level : most affected distribution is p_T^H - HAWK



At reconstructed level :

- **negligible impact**, wrt to other existing systematics,
- This **spectrum distortions** should be kept in mind for **the future**.

3 types of property

- ❶ **Couplings** to other SM particles : **observed event rates**
- ❷ **Mass** : full **reconstruction**, energy resolution
- ❸ **Spin/CP** : **polarization**, **angular correlation/distributions**

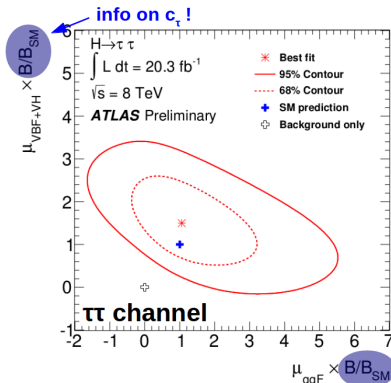
1. SM $\equiv (a, c) = (1, 1)$

$g_{h\nu\nu}^{\text{SM}}$ $c_{h\gamma\gamma}^{\text{SM}}$

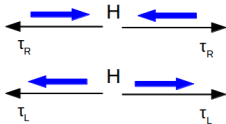
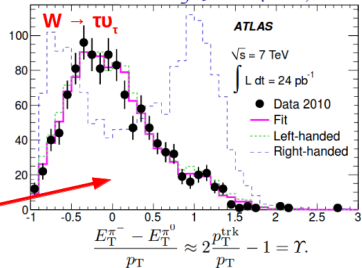
$\sigma[gg \rightarrow H, ttH] \sim c_{\text{top}}^2$

$\sigma[VH, VBF] \sim a_v^2$

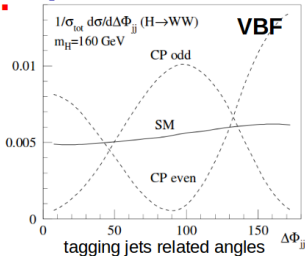
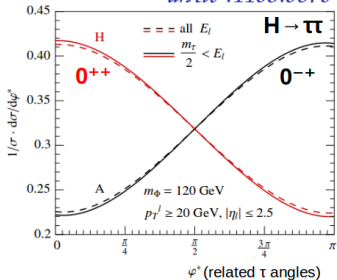
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2.

Probe τ spin correlations :Be able to measure τ polarization ? **YES***Eur.Phys.J. C72 (2012) 2062*

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Statistical procedure

$$q_{\mu=0} = -2 \ln(\mathcal{L}(0, \hat{\vec{\theta}}) / \mathcal{L}(\hat{\mu}, \hat{\vec{\theta}}))$$

$$\mu \equiv \frac{\sigma_H^{\text{obs}}}{\sigma_H^{\text{SM}}}$$

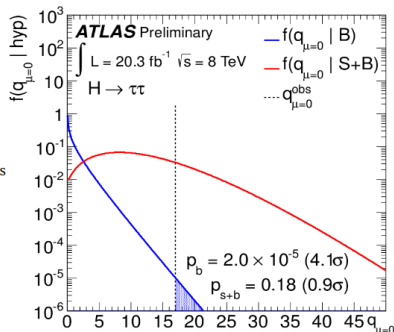
Fit assuming
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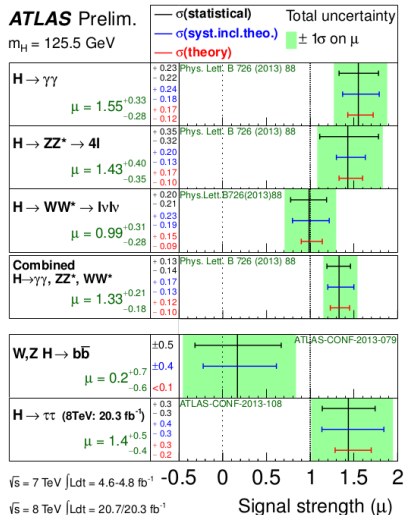
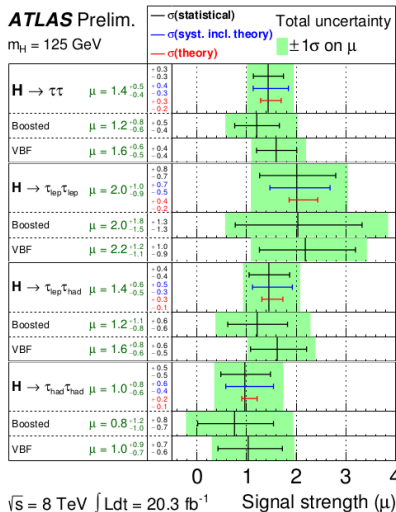
Best fitted
signal

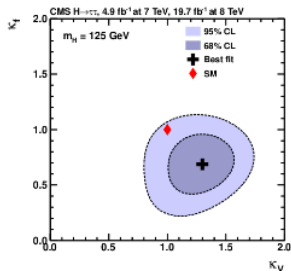
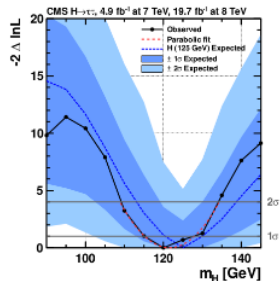
$\vec{\theta}$ = vector of nuisance parameters accounting for systematics

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Uncertainty	Affected processes	Change in acceptance
Tau energy scale	signal & sim. backgrounds	1–29%
Tau ID (& trigger)	signal & sim. backgrounds	6–19%
e misidentified as τ_h	$Z \rightarrow ee$	20–74%
μ misidentified as τ_h	$Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$	30%
Jet misidentified as τ_h	$Z + \text{jets}$	20–80%
Electron ID & trigger	signal & sim. backgrounds	2–6%
Muon ID & trigger	signal & sim. backgrounds	2–4%
Electron energy scale	signal & sim. backgrounds	up to 13%
Jet energy scale	signal & sim. backgrounds	up to 20%
E_T^{miss} scale	signal & sim. backgrounds	1–12%
$\varepsilon_{\text{b-tag}}$ b jets	signal & sim. backgrounds	up to 8%
$\varepsilon_{\text{b-tag}}$ light-flavoured jets	signal & sim. backgrounds	1–3%
Norm. Z production	Z	3%
$Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$ category	$Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$	2–14%
Norm. W + jets	W + jets	10–100%
Norm. $t\bar{t}$	$t\bar{t}$	8–35%
Norm. diboson	diboson	6–45%
Norm. QCD multijet	QCD multijet	6–70%
Shape QCD multijet	QCD multijet	shape only
Norm. reducible background	Reducible bkg.	15–30%
Shape reducible background	Reducible bkg.	shape only
Luminosity 7 TeV (8 TeV)	signal & sim. backgrounds	2.2% (2.6%)
PDF (qq)	signal & sim. backgrounds	4–5%
PDF (gg)	signal & sim. backgrounds	10%
Norm. ZZ/WZ	ZZ/WZ	4–8%
Norm. $t\bar{t} + Z$	$t\bar{t} + Z$	50%
Scale variation	signal	3–41%