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# A Search for Invisible Decays of the Higgs Boson produced in $ttH(\text{had})+V(\text{jj})H$ Channels

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# Status of Invisible Decays of the Higgs at CMS

SM predicts  $BR(H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4\nu) < 0.1\%$

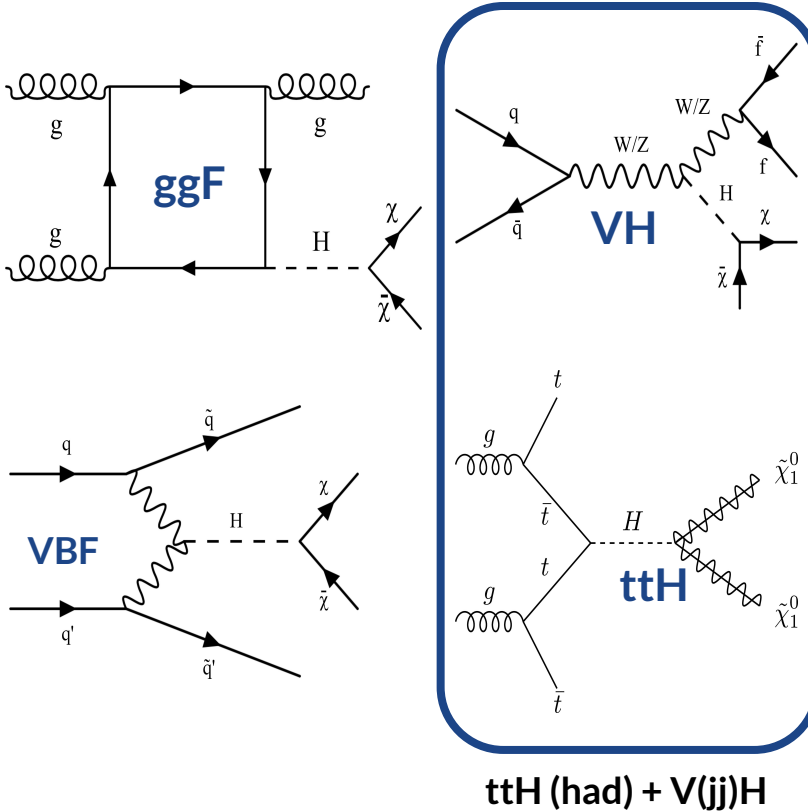
Several production modes can be explored at colliders

Most recent fully combined observed limit from CMS is [19 % at 95 % C.L.](#)

[VBF](#) full Run-2 analysis observed (expected) limit of **0.176** (0.108).

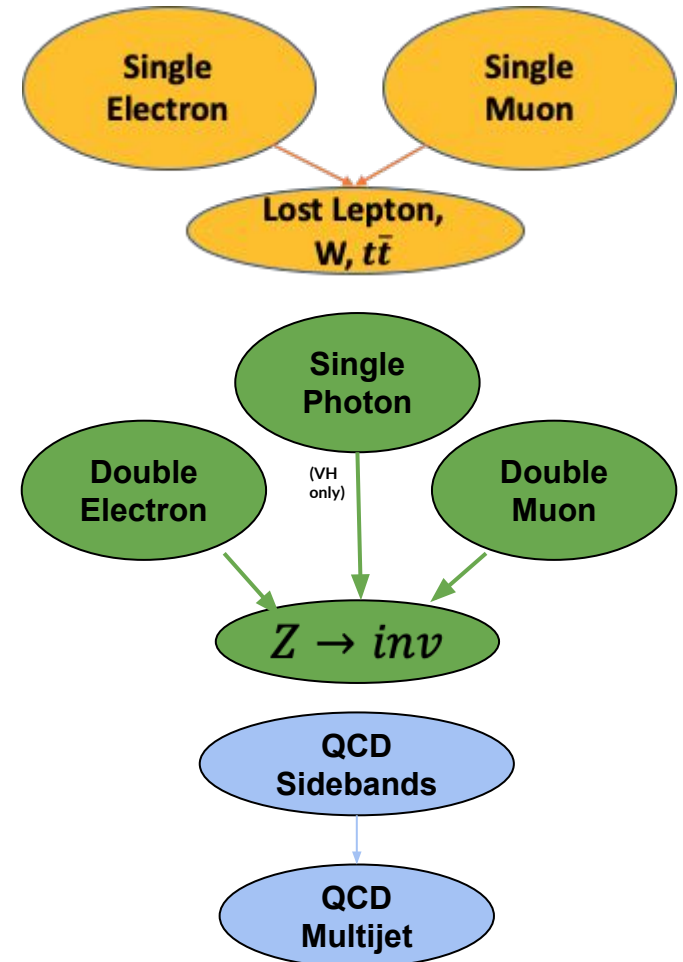
Other full Run-2 results have also been published, with observed (expected) as follows:

- [MonoJet/Mono-V](#): **0.283** (0.266)
- [Mono-Z](#): **0.295** (0.248)
- [ttH \(1l/2l\)](#): **0.318** (0.381)



# Analysis strategy

- Search for invisibly decaying Higgs Bosons in fully hadronic final state  $ttH$  and  $V(->jj)H$  channels
- Common selection contains
  - Kinematic selection for SR and CRs
  - Cuts mitigate overlap with **VBF** and **MonoJ/V**
- Dedicated leptonic control regions used to estimate background in fully hadronic signal region
  - VH categories also use photon CR
  - Hadronic sidebands estimate QCD multijet in SR
- SR event selection furthered
  - Signal enhancement cuts
  - QCD suppression cuts in SR (enhancing sidebands)
- SR and CRs then categorised based on event topologies of interest



# Analysis Strategy: search in hadronic final state categorisation for ttH and VH production modes

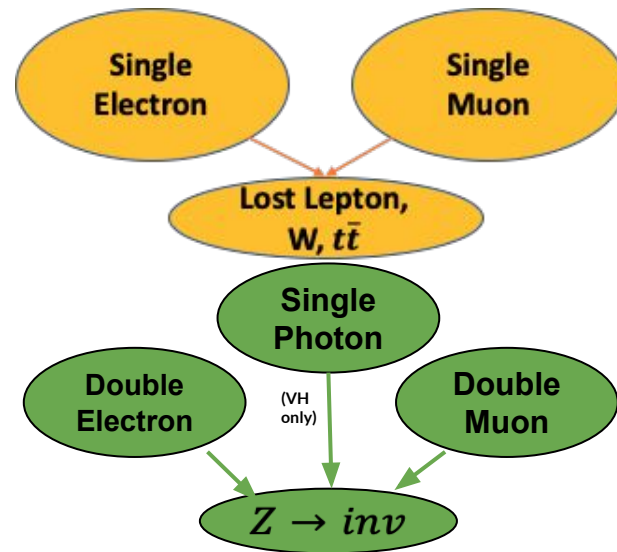
- **ttH** analysis split in events with boosted Ws or tops (“ttH boosted”) and with resolved top jets (“ttH resolved”)
- **VH** category requires exactly 2 resolved light jets
- Bin on recoil (“MET-no leptons and no photons”) within each category

Category	Subcategory	$n_{jet}$	$n_b$	$n_t$	$n_V$	$p_{T,j_2}$	Other	Recoil bin edges
ttH Boosted	2Boosted1b	$\geq 5$	1	2				[200, 300, $+\infty$ ]
	2Boosted2b	$\geq 5$	$\geq 2$	2				
	1t1b	$\geq 5$	1	1	0	$\geq 80$	-	
	1t2b	$\geq 5$	$\geq 2$	1	0			[200, 300, 400, 500, $+\infty$ ]
	1W1b	$\geq 5$	1	0	1			
	1W2b	$\geq 5$	$\geq 2$	0	1			
ttH Resolved	5j1b	5	1	0	0		$\Delta\phi(b_1, p_T^{miss}) > 1.0$	
	6j1b	$\geq 6$	1	0	0	$\geq 80$	$\& \Delta\phi(j_1, p_T^{miss}) > \pi/2$	[200, 300, 400, 500, $+\infty$ ]
	5j2b	5	$\geq 2$	0	0		$\Delta\phi(b_1, p_T^{miss}) > 1.0$	
	6j2b	$\geq 6$	$\geq 2$	0	0		$\& \Delta\phi(b_2, p_T^{miss}) > \pi/2$	
VH	2j0b	2	0	0	0			[200, 300, 400, 500, $+\infty$ ]
	2j1b	2	1	0	0	$\geq 30$	$m_{jj} \in [65, 120)$	[200, 300, 400, $+\infty$ ]
	2j2b	2	2	0	0			[200, 300, $+\infty$ ]

# Fit Strategy

MET-binned maximum likelihood fit performed across SR and CRs together, for individual years and categories

- Statistics in 2e/2mu CRs is smaller than in signal region
  - Combine bins in CRs to increase statistics and be able to have BG prediction for MET > 500 GeV
- Combine subcategories in boosted and resolved but keep MET dependence (MET is our main search variable)
  - Boosted ttH: combined 2e and 2mu into 2l CR
  - Resolved ttH: keep separate 2e and 2mu CRs



ttH Categories

VH Categories

$W \rightarrow e\nu$	2Boost1b	2Boost2b	1W1b	1W2b	1t1b	1t2b	5j1b	6j1b	5j2b	6j2b	2j0b	2j1b	2j2b
$W \rightarrow \mu\nu$	2Boost1b	2Boost2b	1W1b	1W2b	1t1b	1t2b	5j1b	6j1b	5j2b	6j2b	2j0b	2j1b	2j2b
$Z \rightarrow ee$	Boosted						Resolved				2j0b	2j1b	2j2b
$Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$							Resolved				2j0b	2j1b	2j2b

2boosted categories only use 2 MET bins





Data control  
regions for  
background  
estimation

# Lost lepton background CRs

Lost lepton bkg

- $W \rightarrow \ell \nu$  with charged lepton failing reconstruction

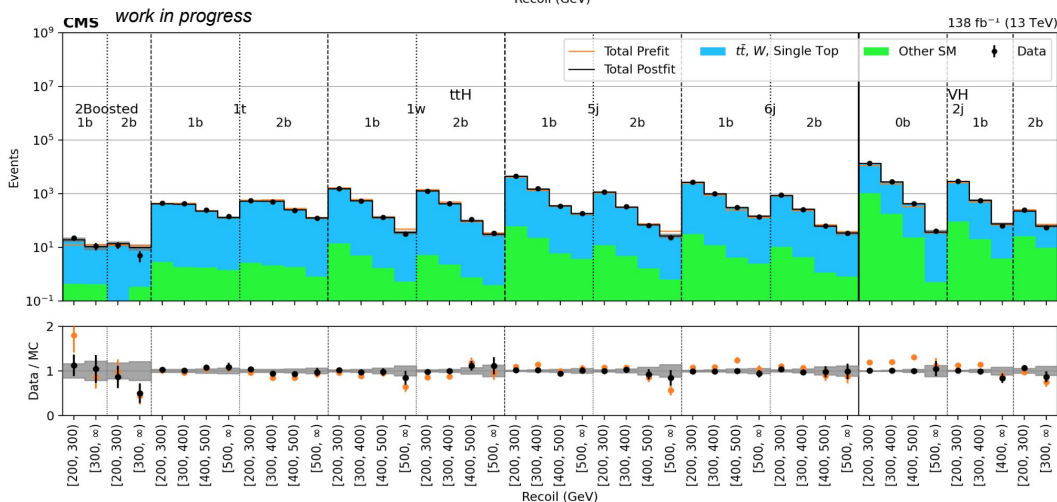
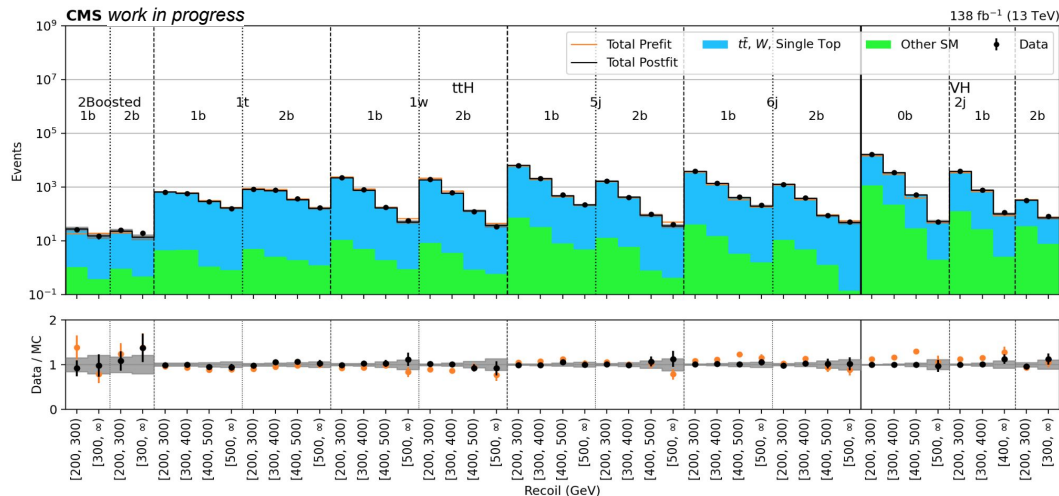
Single Electron CR Run 2

Processes include:

- $t\bar{t}$
- single top
- $W$ +Jets
- EWK  $W$

Single Muon CR Run 2

Note that for all Run-2 plots, years are summed together for convenience, but the fit takes separate years as input



# Z invisible background CRs

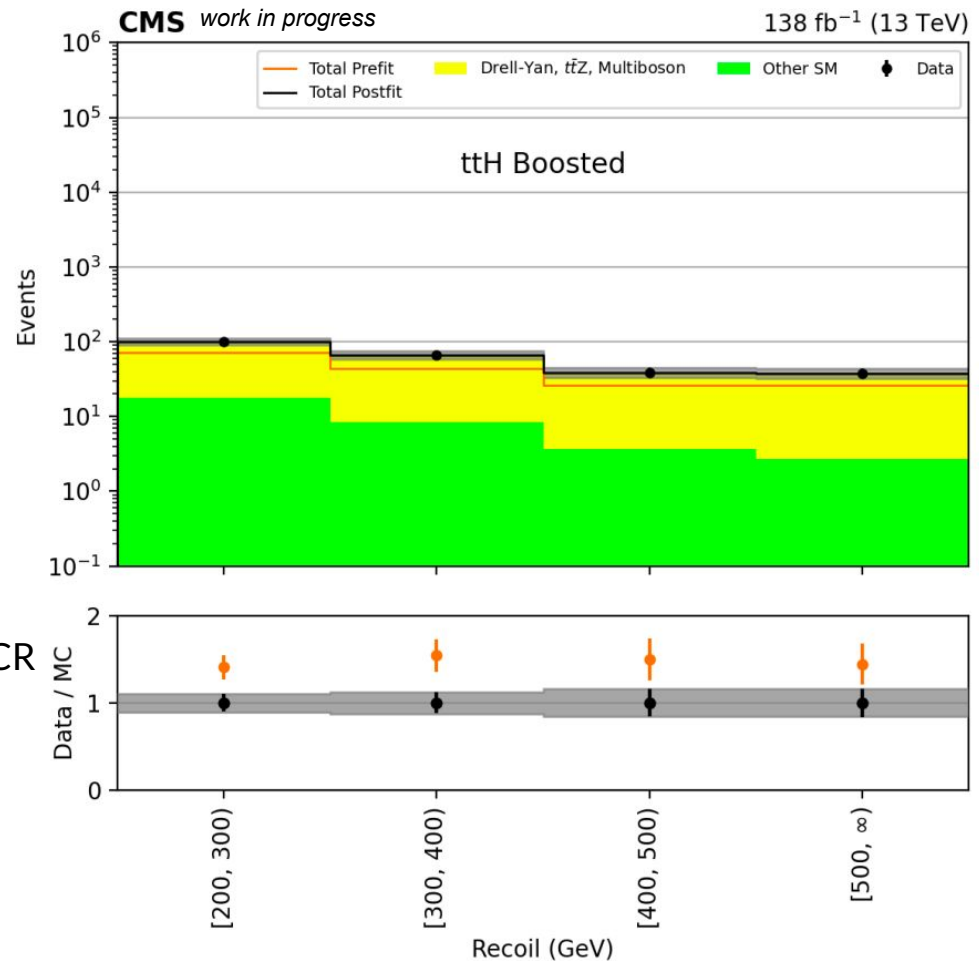
Zinv bkg ( $Z_{\nu\nu}$ )

- Zll bkg in dilepton CRs (kinematically similar)
- $\gamma$ +jets bkg in photon CR (mapped with photon theory uncertainty)

Processes include:

- Drell-Yan
- EWK Zll
- ttZ
- $VV, VVV$

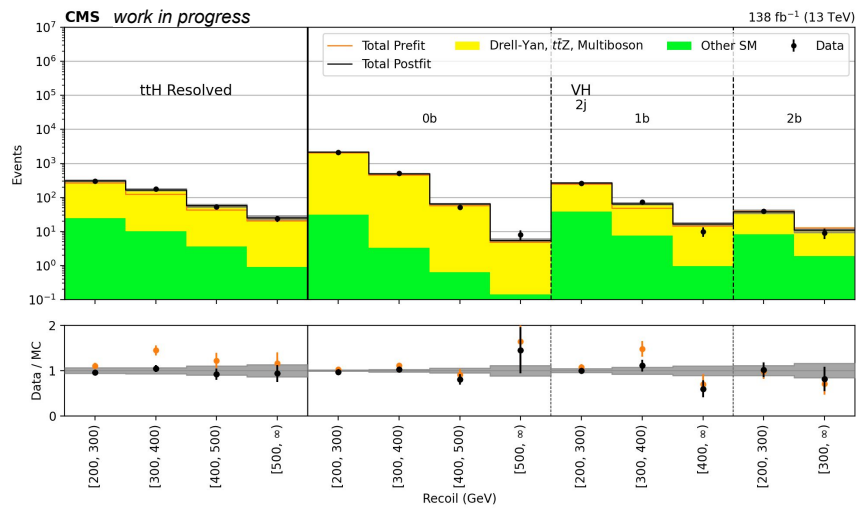
Double Lepton CR  
Run 2



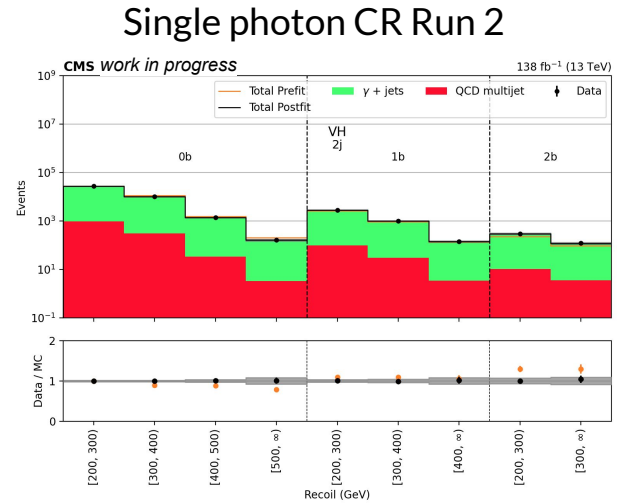
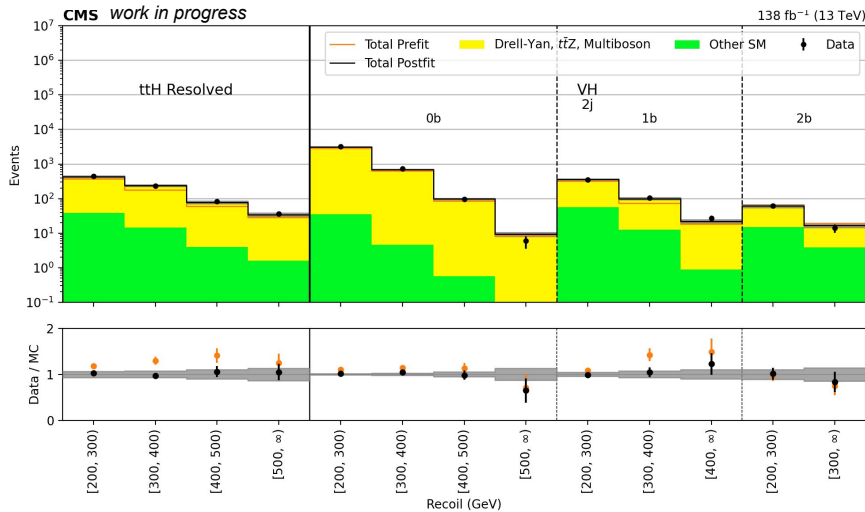


# Z invisible backgrounds CRs

Double Electron CR Run 2



Double Muon CR Run 2



# Overview of considered systematics

- Jet Energy Uncertainties:
  - Split into individual components based on detector topology
- V+ Jets LO-to-NLO reweighting uncertainties:
  - One of the larger sources of uncertainty
- Boosted object tagging:
  - Following central CMS recommendations
- b-tagging efficiency uncertainty
  - How often a b-jet is tagged that is truly a b-jet
- Electron/Muon ID/Isolation/Reconstruction uncertainties

Systematic Uncertainty	SR	$\gamma$ + jets	e + jets	$\mu$ + jets	ee + jets	$\mu\mu$ + jets
Theoretical uncertainties						
Fact. scale V+jets (QCD)	18-23 %	0.1-0.2 %	8.6-10 %	9.4-11 %	21-26 %	21-26 %
PDF V+jets (QCD)	21-28 %	0.1 %	10-13 %	12-15 %	20-25 %	20-26 %
Ren. scale V+jets (QCD)	19-27 %	0.1-0.3 %	13-16 %	13-19 %	22-34 %	21-34 %
Ren. and Fact. scale tH (QCD)	0.1-1.8	0.0 %	0.1-1.1 %	0.1-1.4 %	0.1-0.3 %	0.1-0.4 %
Ren. and Fact. scale tt (QCD)	7.6-14	0.1-0.4 %	8.7-17 %	7.4-13 %	1.2-2.8 %	1.4-5.8 %
Cross-section scale tH	6.0-9.0 %	-	-	-	-	-
Cross-section PDF tH	3.5 %	-	-	-	-	-
Experimental uncertainties						
Luminosity	1.5-2.6 %	1.5-2.6 %	1.5-2.6 %	1.5-2.6 %	1.5-2.6 %	1.5-2.6 %
Top tagging	3.5-6.5 %	-	3.7-5.6 %	3.7-5.6 %	-	-
W tagging	11-18 %	-	10-18 %	9.3-16 %	-	-
b tagging	8.9-12 %	7.0-8.9 %	8.6-11 %	8.2-10 %	9.9-14 %	9.9-16 %
Electron identification and isolation	-	-	5.6-12 %	-	11-20 %	-
Electron reconstruction	-	-	0.6-0.9 %	-	1.1-1.5 %	-
Muon identification	-	-	-	0.2-1.0 %	-	0.4-1.9 %
Muon isolation	-	-	-	0.1-0.2 %	-	0.2-0.3 %
Photon identification and isolation	-	2.4-12 %	-	-	-	-
Photon reconstruction	-	0.4-0.7 %	-	-	-	-
Pile-up	3.6-10.0 %	1.6-3.3 %	2.9-4.9 %	2.7-4.9 %	3.0-8.5 %	2.6-5.6 %
Pre-firing	1.0-1.2 %	0.7-0.9 %	1.2 %	1.0-1.2 %	0.9-1.6 %	0.7-1.3 %
Top pT reweighting	3.3-3.4	0.0 %	3.6-3.9 %	3.6-4.0 %	0.3-0.6 %	0.3-0.5 %
Trigger	2.0 %	2.0 %	2.0 %	2.0 %	2.0 %	2.0 %
Tau veto	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.1-0.2 %	0.2 %	0.1 %	0.1 %
Jet Energy Uncertainties						
Absolute	3.1-3.9 %	0.1-3.1 %	2.6-3.3 %	2.9-3.6 %	3.0-4.9 %	2.4-4.1 %
Absolute (dec)	1.0-3.0 %	0.1-2.0 %	0.8-2.5 %	0.9-2.6 %	1.2-2.9 %	1.2-2.7 %
BBEC1	0.5-2.1 %	0.2-1.0 %	0.5-1.8 %	0.5-1.8 %	0.7-2.5 %	0.7-2.7 %
BBEC1 (dec)	0.2-1.1 %	0.0-0.8 %	0.3-1.3 %	0.2-1.4 %	0.6-3.9 %	0.4-3.6 %
EC2	0.4-1.0 %	0.1-0.3 %	0.3-0.9 %	0.6-1.9 %	1.2-4.0 %	1.4-4.4 %
EC2 (dec)	0.3-0.9 %	0.0-0.4 %	0.2-0.9 %	0.1-1.0 %	1.0-4.2 %	1.4-4.4 %
FlavorQCD	0.4-5.8 %	0.4-3.8 %	4.2-4.8 %	4.4-4.8 %	4.3-6.6 %	4.0-5.2 %
HF	0.6-2.6 %	0.1-2.1 %	0.2-2.3 %	0.3-1.0 %	1.2-3.8 %	0.7-4.3 %
HF (dec)	0.4-0.8 %	0.0-0.2 %	0.2-0.9 %	0.2-0.9 %	1.6-3.9 %	1.2-4.2 %
Jet Energy Resolution	2.4-3.6 %	0.9-2.9 %	1.7-2.8 %	1.7-3.0 %	1.0-3.5 %	1.1-3.2 %
Relative Bal	0.6-2.6 %	0.2-2.1 %	0.4-2.3 %	0.5-2.1 %	0.3-2.6 %	0.3-3.4 %
Relative Sample (dec)	0.3-6.3 %	0.1-2.7 %	0.2-5.0 %	0.3-5.1 %	0.1-6.7 %	0.8-5.7 %



# Current Fit Results



# Run 2 | SR-blinded Expected Limits

Expected limits on  $BR(H \rightarrow inv)$  calculated with SR data blinded

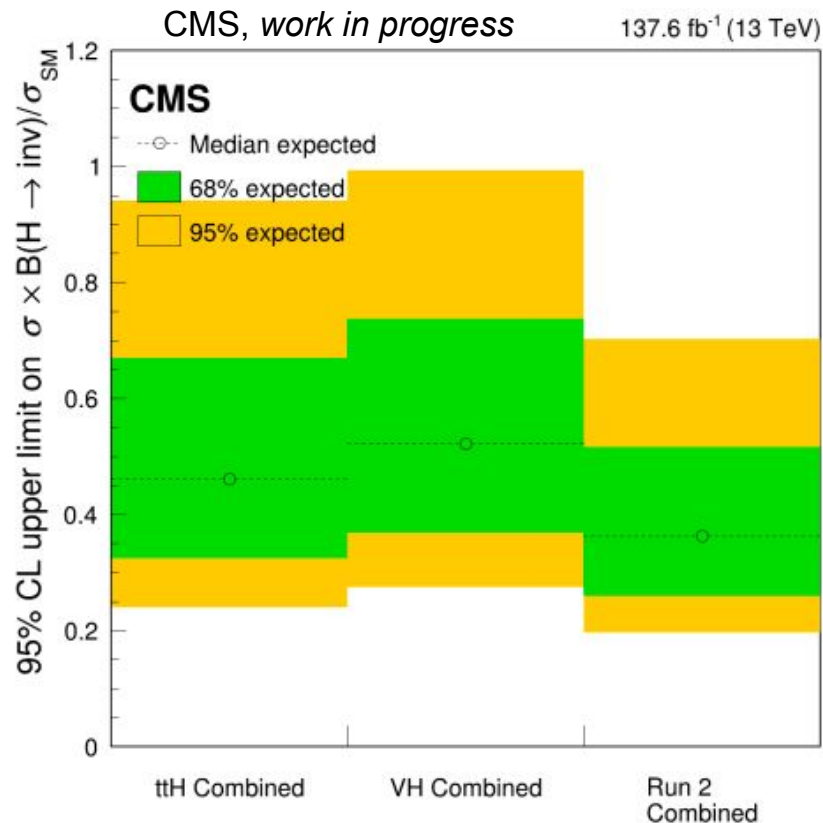
- CR data-MC fit performed
- Asimov data for SR generated from this
- Comparison fit between SR Asimov and MC

ttH+VH	ttH	VH
<b>X.XX</b> (0.36)	<b>X.XX</b> (0.46)	<b>X.XX</b> (0.52)

ttH(had) competitive with similar analyses

- ATLAS CONF-2020-052 report ttH(had)  $0.64^{+29}_{-19}$  (exp), 0.94 (obs)

Will contribute to a combined limit with e.g. **VBF**, **MonoJ/V**, **MonoZ** and **ttH(lep)** signal channels



# Summary

Performed a search for  $H_{inv}$  in  $ttH(\text{had})$  and  $V(\text{jj})H$  final state to measure  $BR(H \rightarrow inv)$  at 95% CL

- Events categorised by jet multiplicity, b-jet multiplicity and boosted objects
- Studied comprehensive list of systematics and their relevant correlations
- For comparison, ATLAS CONF-2020-052 report  $ttH(\text{had})$ :  $0.64^{+29}_{-19}$  (exp), 0.94 (obs)

Combination with limits from other  $H_{inv}$  analyses

- Limits within range of those of similar analyses
  - [VBF](#): 0.176 (0.108).
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  - [ttH \(1l/2l\)](#): 0.318 (0.381)
- Differences in analysis approach, i.e. fit model and systematics treatment
- Sync efforts underway i.e. handling overlap in  $V(\text{jj})H$  and Mono-V channels



# BACK-UP

# Object definitions

- Primary AK4 Jets:
  - $pT > 30$  GeV for jets in barrel ( $|\eta| < 2.4$ )
  - $30 < pT < 50$  GeV for forward jets ( $|\eta| > 2.4$ )
- Leptons and photons:
  - Muons: Select for Tight/Loose, veto against Loose collection
  - Electrons: Select for Tight/Veto, veto against Veto collection
  - Photons: Select for Tight, veto against Loose collection
- B-tagging from DeepCSV medium WP
  - Same pt threshold as AK4s (30 GeV)
- Boosted objects defined using nominal DeepAK8 algorithm
  - Boosted V:
    - $pT > 200$  GeV
    - $65 < m_{\text{softdrop}} < 120$  GeV (to be in sync with EXO-20-004)
    - [1% mistag rate WP](#)
  - Boosted Top
    - $pT > 400$  GeV
    - $120 < m_{\text{softdrop}} < 210$  GeV
    - [1% mistag rate WP](#)



# Event selection:

- HT > 200 GeV
- MHT > 200 GeV
- Recoil > 200 GeV  
Recoil = MET +  $P_T$  of leptons and photons in CRs
- Lead and sublead jet pt > 80 GeV
- MHT / Recoil < 1.2
- dPhi(Recoil, MHT) < 0.5
- VBF orthogonality:
  - |lead jet  $\eta$ | < 2.4
  - |subleading jet  $\eta$ | < 2.4
  - NOT of VBF kinematic selection

## **Common selection for SR and CRs**

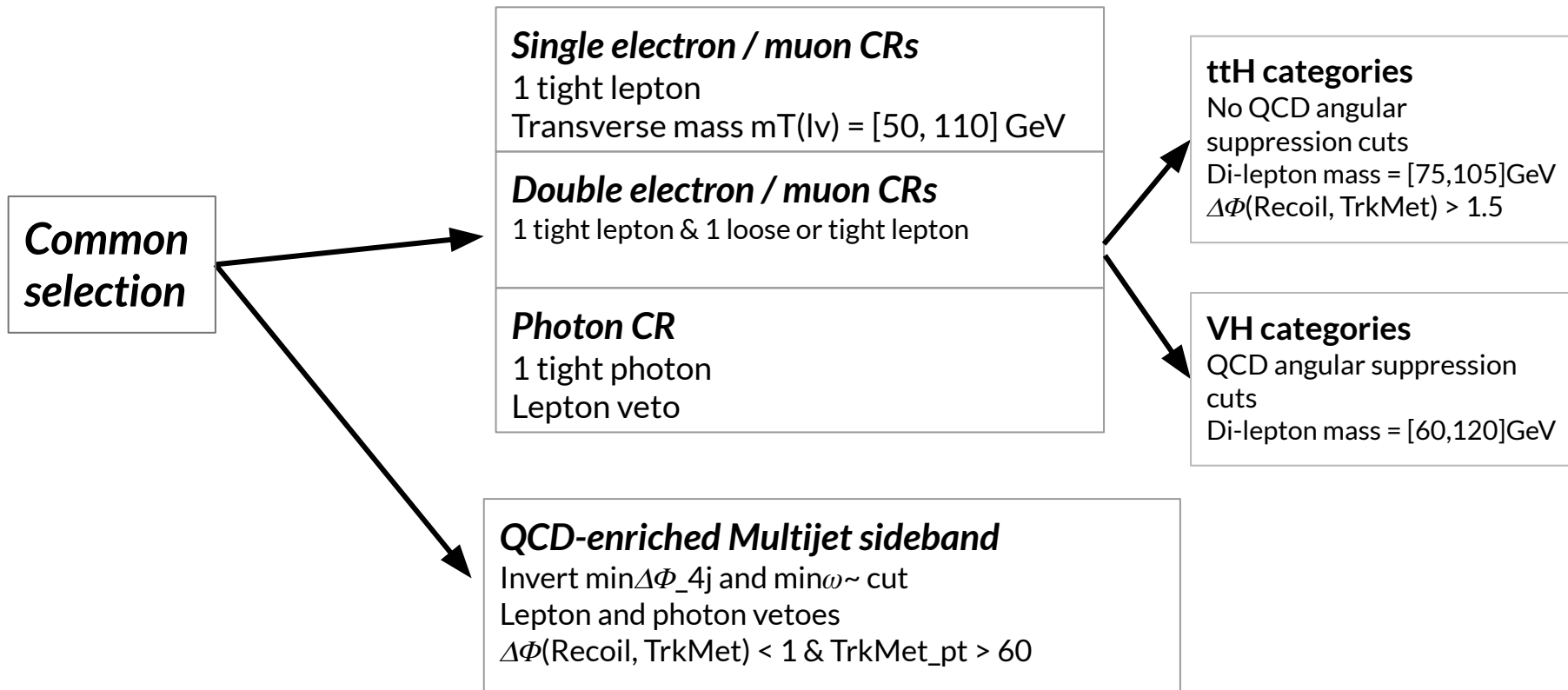
## **Signal region: ttH and VH**

- Lepton and photon vetoes
- $\Delta\Phi(\text{Recoil}, \text{TrkMet}) < 1$   
TrkMet\_pt > 60 GeV
- QCD suppression cuts:
  - $\min\Delta\phi_{4j} > 0.5$
  - $\min\omega_{\sim} > 0.3$  (ttH, VH)

## **Event Cleaning:**

- MET Filters,
- JetID, pileup ID
- bad jet filters (EE noise in 2017)
- EE prefiring fix (2017)
- HEM treatment (2018)
  - Veto events where MET points into affected phi region

# Event selection: Control Regions



# Datasets

## Monte-Carlo datasets

Generator	Processes
MadGraph (inc. Madspin and amcatnlo)	single top, ttW, ttZ, VV, VVV
Pythia	Znunu, Zll
Powheg	ttbar, ttH (H->SM), Hinv: ttH, VH, ggH, VBF

## Data Datasets

Year	Muon CRs and Hadronic region PD	Electron CRs PD	Photon CR PD
2016	MET	Single Electron	Single Photon
2017	MET	Single Electron	Single Photon
2018	MET	EGamma	EGamma

- All samples are end-of-year
- Skimmed using nanoAOD v7 CMSSW 10\_2\_15
- Pythia CP5 tune (some 2016 samples with CUETP8M1)
- 2016, 2017 and 2018 use campaigns Run2Summer16, Run2Fall17, Run2Autumn18 respectively

# Trigger selection

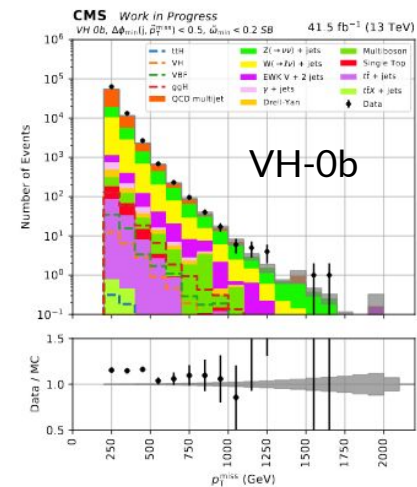
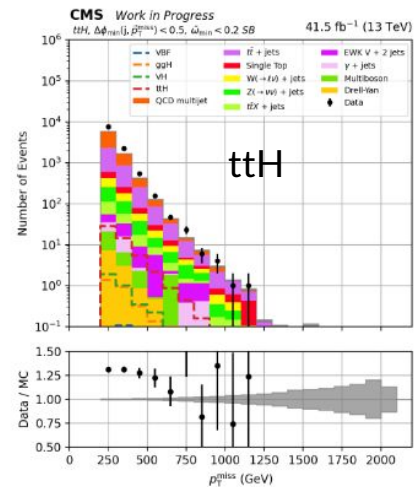
	2016	2017	2018
<b>Signal region, muon control regions, QCD sidebands</b>	<b>MET PD</b> HLT_PFMET*_PFMHT*_IDTight * = NoMu{90, 100, 110, 120}	<b>MET PD</b> HLT_PFMET*_PFMHT*_IDTight HLT_PFMET*_PFMHT*_IDTight_PFHT60 * = NoMu120	<b>MET PD</b> HLT_PFMET*_PFMHT*_IDTight * = NoMu120
<b>Electron CR Data</b>	<b>SingleElectron PD</b> HLT_Ele27_WPTight_Gsf HLT_Ele105_CaloldVT_GsfTrkIdT	<b>SingleElectron PD</b> HLT_Ele35_WPTight_Gsf HLT_Ele115_CaloldVT_GsfTrkIdT	<b>EGamma PD</b> HLT_Ele32_WPTight_Gsf HLT_Ele115_CaloldVT_GsfTrkIdT HLT_Photon200
	<b>SinglePhoton PD</b> HLT_Photon165_HE10 HLT_Photon175 <i>NOT of above electron triggers</i>	<b>SinglePhoton PD</b> HLT_Photon200 <i>NOT of above electron triggers</i>	
<b>Electron CR MC</b>	Any of electron and photon triggers	Any of electron and photon triggers	
<b>Photon CR</b>	<b>SinglePhoton PD</b> HLT_Photon165_HE10 HLT_Photon175	<b>SinglePhoton PD</b> HLT_Photon200	<b>EGamma PD</b> HLT_Photon200

# QCD prediction

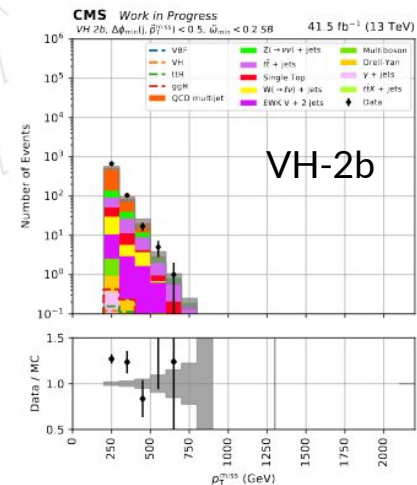
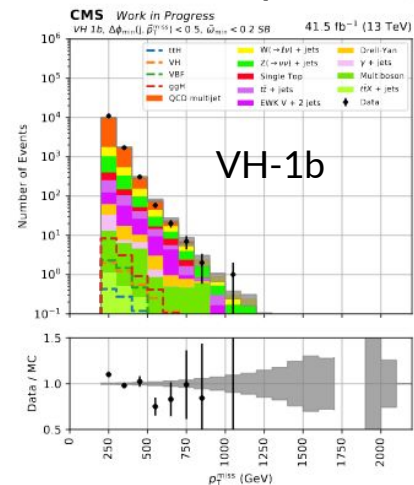
- QCD strongly suppressed by event selection
- Residual QCD prediction from sidebands by inverting/tightening  $\min \Delta\phi_{4j}$  &  $\min \omega_{\sim}$  cuts
- Use MC transfer factor method for QCD prediction (non-QCD BG subtracted)

$$N_{\text{QCDpred}} = (N_{\text{data,CR}} - N_{\text{EWKMC,CR}}) * (N_{\text{QCD,SR}} / N_{\text{QCD,CR}})$$

- As QCD MC stats in SR are poor, we determine overall QCD MC scale factor for each category (ttH, VH0b, VH1b, VH2b)
- Use MC fractions to break down by MET bin and in case of ttH also by sub-category



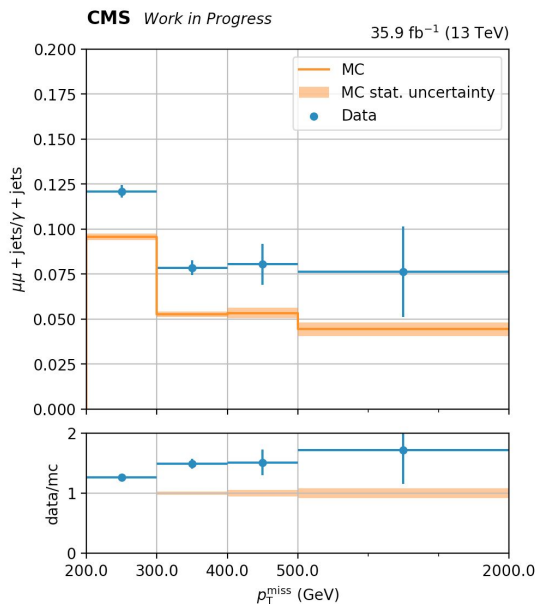
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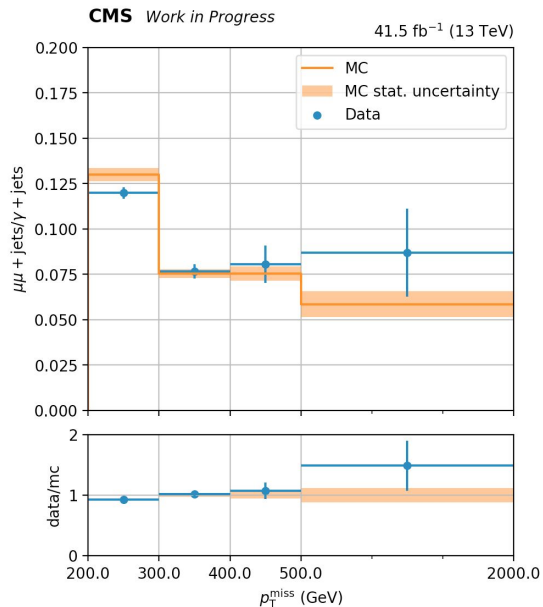
# Additional systematic on Photon normalization

dimuon/photon in data and MC

2016



2017



2018

