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Higgs boson couplings to bosons with the ATLAS experiment

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Higgs couplings

- The Standard Model (SM) Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$$

$$+ i \bar{\Psi} \not{D} \Psi + \text{h.c.}$$

$$+ \bar{\Psi}_i y_{ij} \Psi_j \phi + \text{h.c.}$$

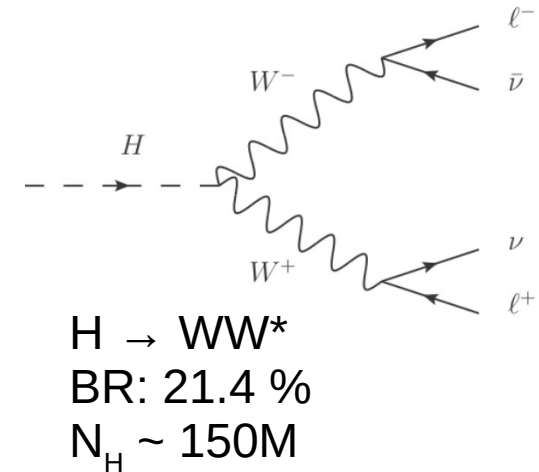
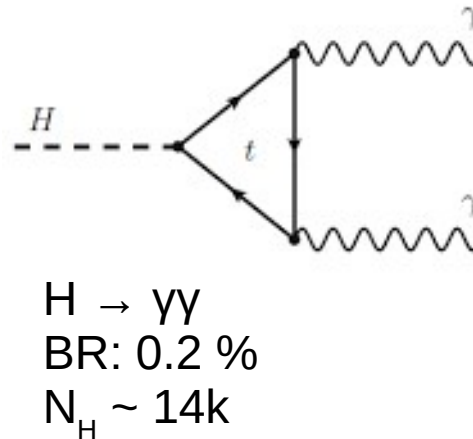
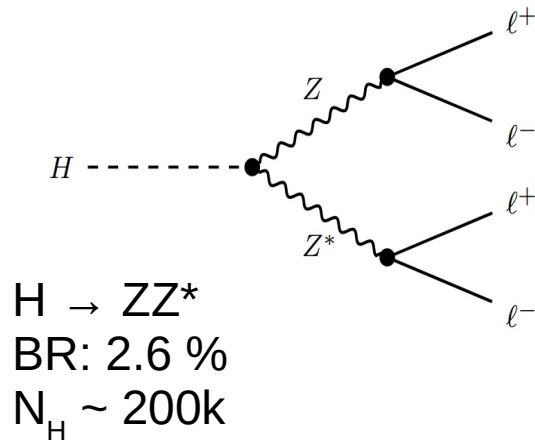
$$+ |D_\mu \phi|^2 - V(\phi)$$

Higgs couplings
to fermions
(see Tristan's
talk)

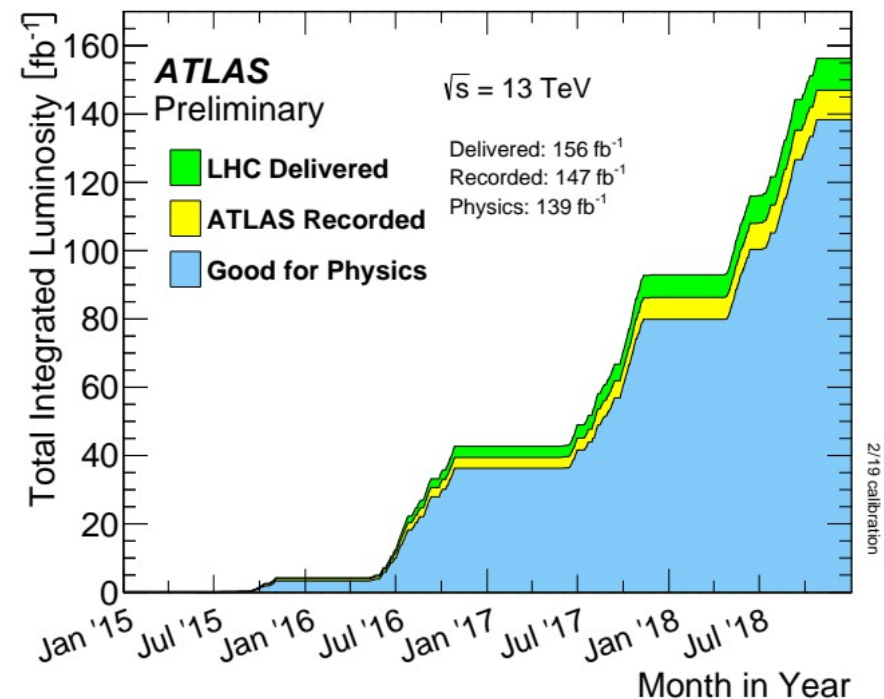
Higgs
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(covered by
this talk)

Higgs self-
coupling
(partially
covered)

Higgs bosonic decays

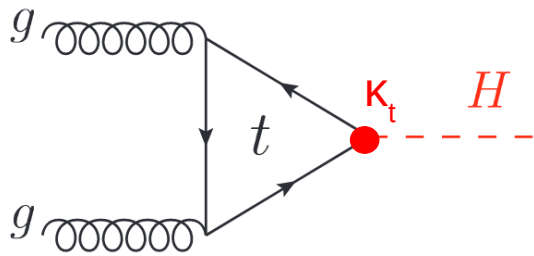


- Crucial channels for Higgs discovery in Run 1;
- Allow accurate measurements of the Higgs properties in various regions of the phase space during Run 2;
- Profit from the full Run 2 dataset → 139fb⁻¹ of pp collisions at $\sqrt{s}=13$ TeV.

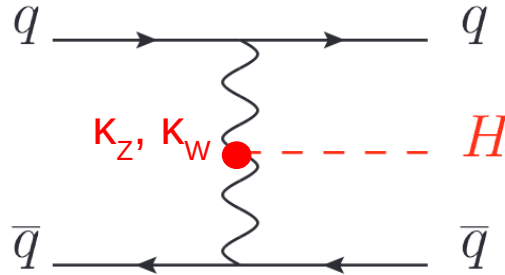


Higgs production modes

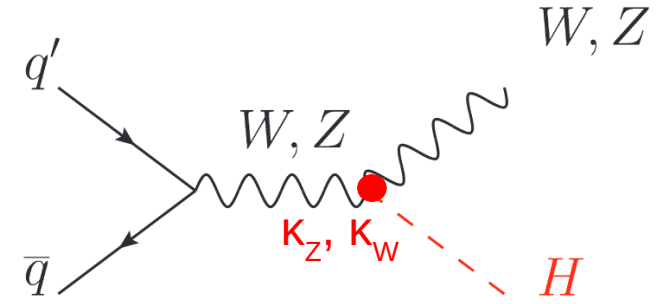
- % of total production cross section (XS) at $m_H=125.09$ GeV and $\sqrt{s}=13$ TeV in pp collisions:



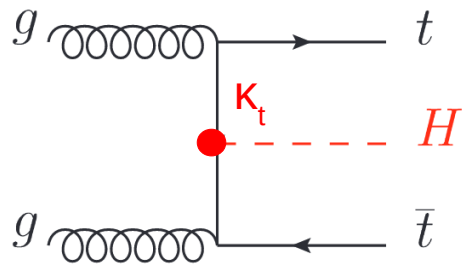
Gluon fusion (ggF)
87%



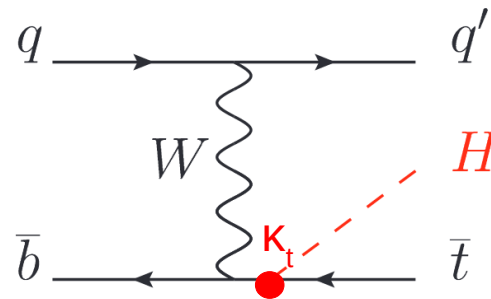
Vector boson fusion (VBF)
6.8%



Associated vector boson (VH)
4%



Associated top quark pair (ttH)
0.9%

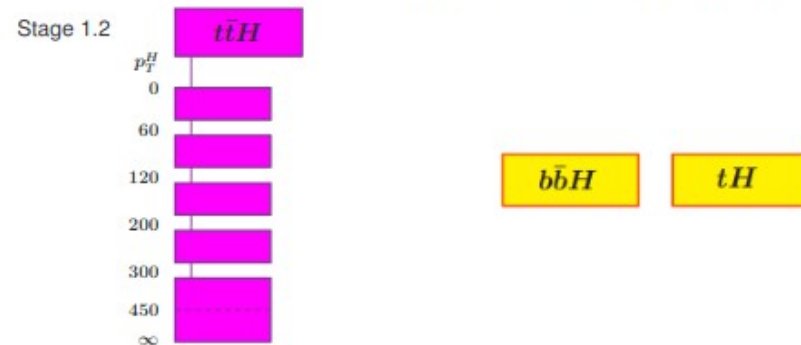
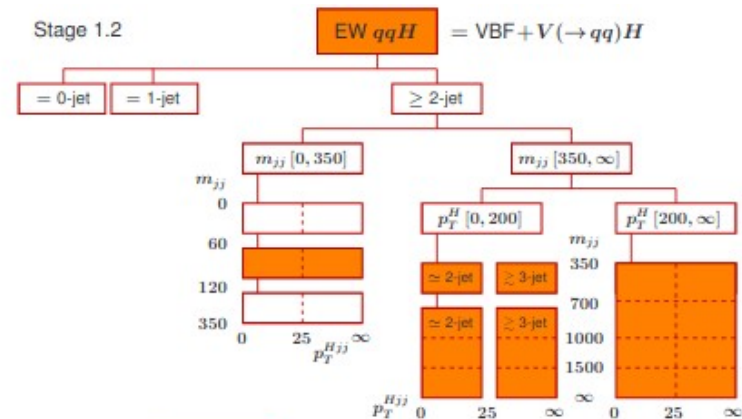
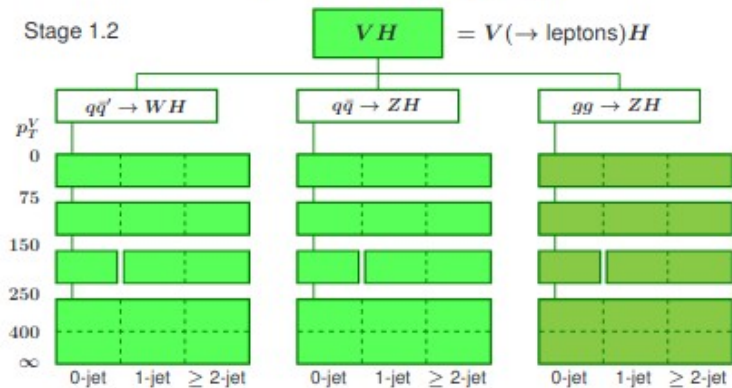
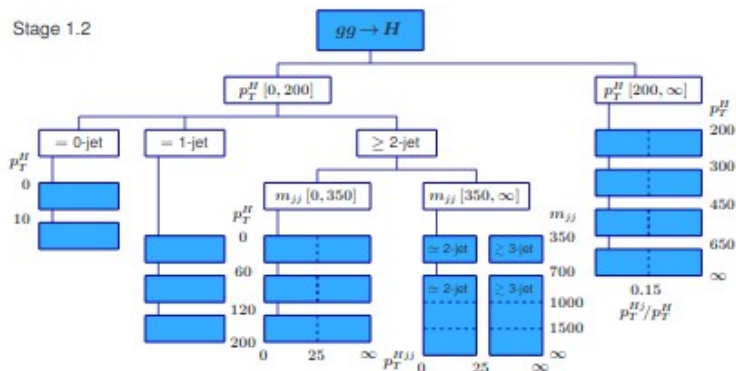


Associated single top (tH)
<0.1%

- Coupling strengths can be probed through the production rate of different mechanisms.

Simplified Template Cross Sections

- Measurements performed in the bins proposed by the [STXS stage 1.2 framework](#):
 - Minimize theoretical uncertainties;
 - Maximize experimental sensitivities;
 - Separately measure regions of phase space potentially sensitive to BSM effects;
 - Ease combination with other decay channels.

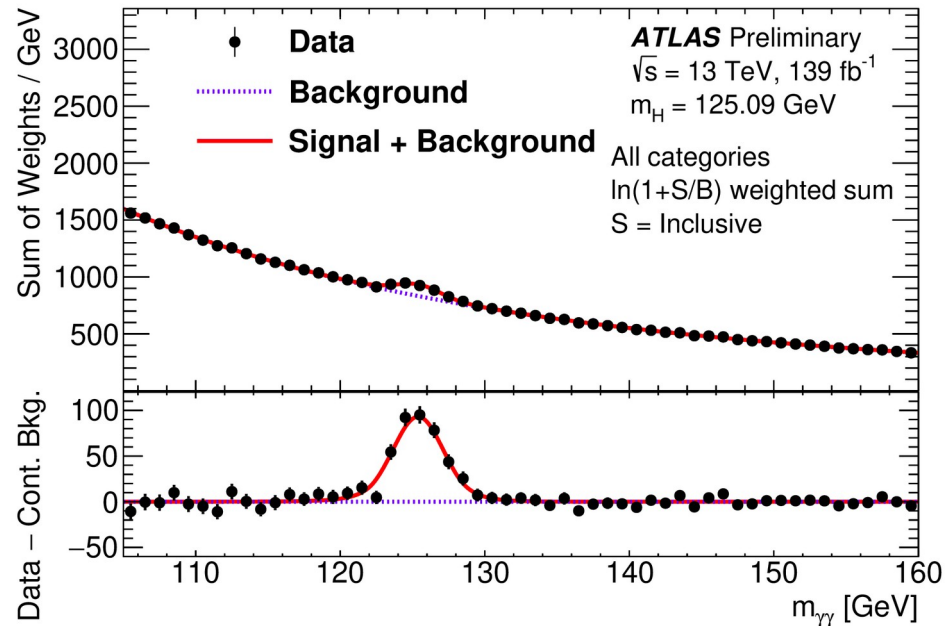
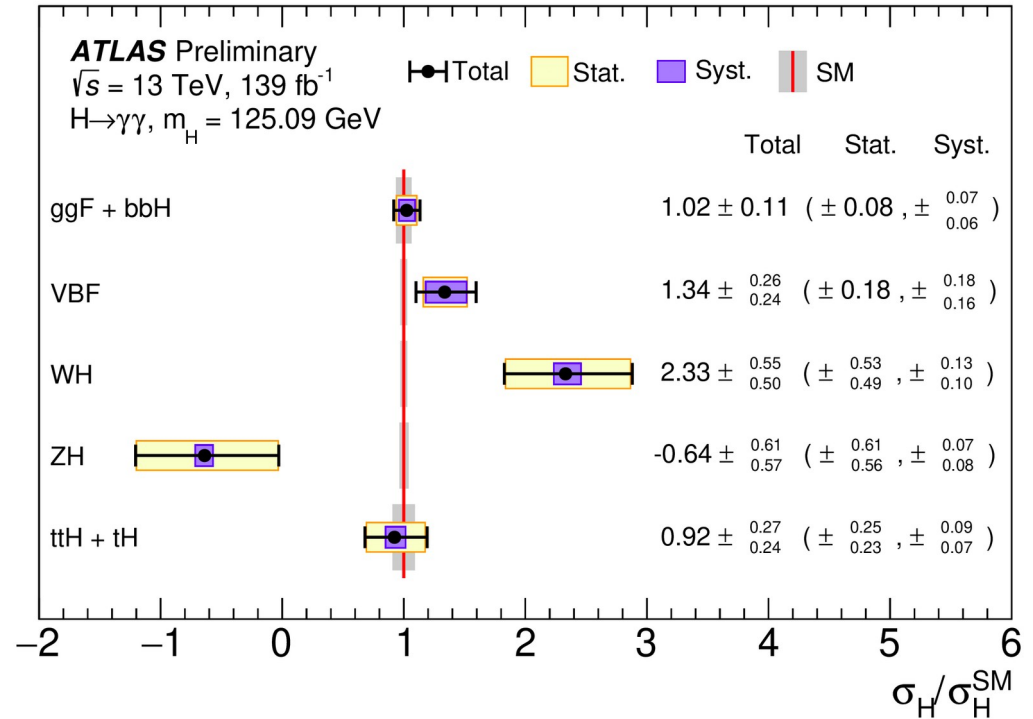


H → γγ: prod. mode XS

- Measurements of total XS, production modes and STXS (27 regions);
- Multiclass Boosted Decision Tree (BDT) to categorize events following STXS definition minimizing misidentification rates;
- Binary BDT to separate signal from background in each category;
- Fit the Higgs narrow peak over the SM falling background in $m_{\gamma\gamma}$ using analytic functions;
- Systematic uncertainties similar to statistical ones in ggF (background modeling) and VBF (parton shower modeling).

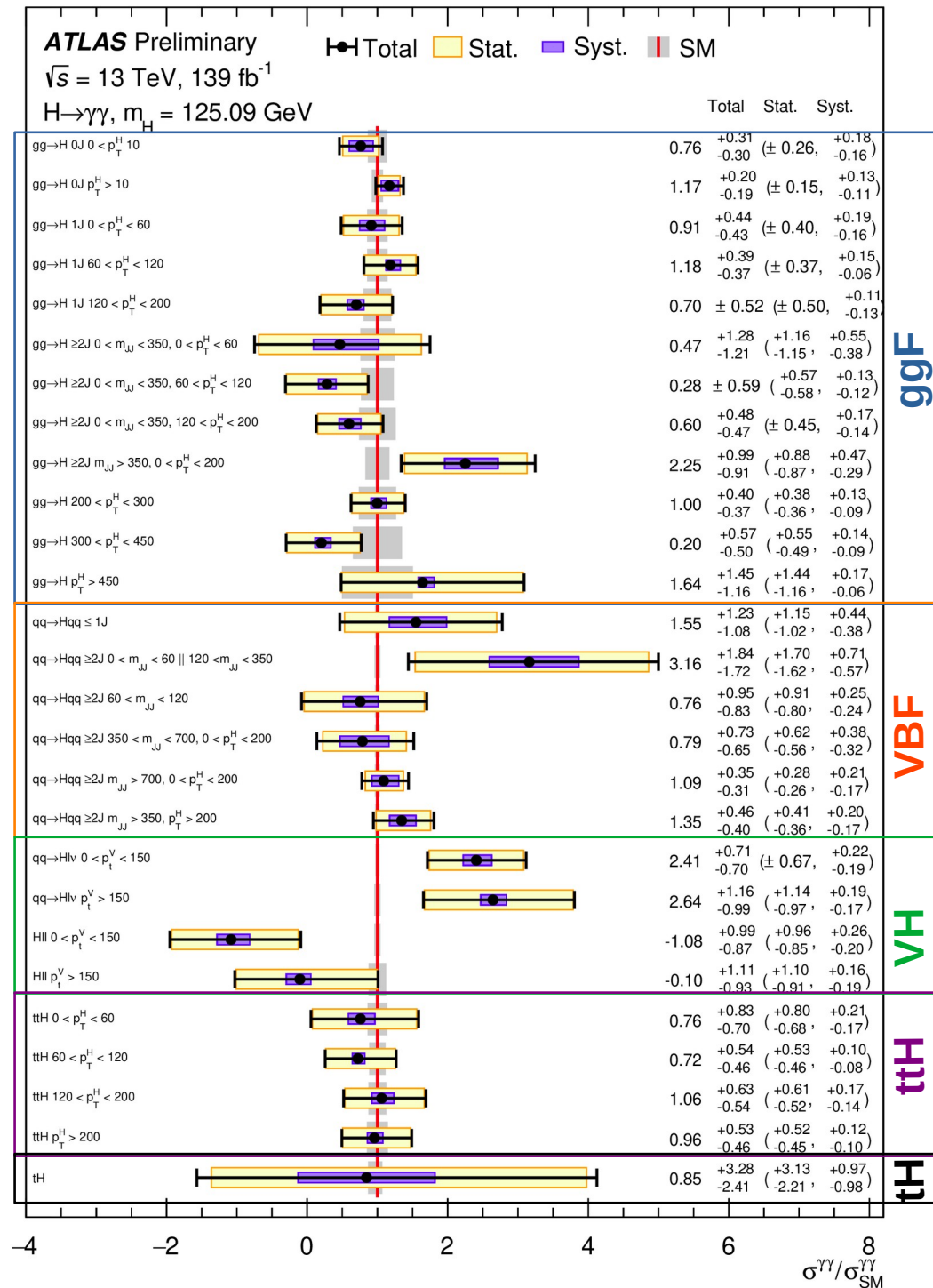
$$(\sigma \times B_{\gamma\gamma})_{\text{obs}} = 127 \pm 10 \text{ fb}$$

$$(\sigma \times B_{\gamma\gamma})_{\text{exp}} = 116 \pm 5 \text{ fb}$$



H → γγ: STXS

- Not enough statistical power to measure all stage 1.2 bins → merging down to 27 (merging scheme in back-up);
- Analysis optimized to minimize uncertainties and correlations among STXS bins;
- ~30% correlation between some VH bins (mainly due to misreconstructed leptons);
- First channel performing ttH measurements in $p_{T,H}$ bins;
- Upper limit of 8*SM prediction @ 95% CL set on tH production.

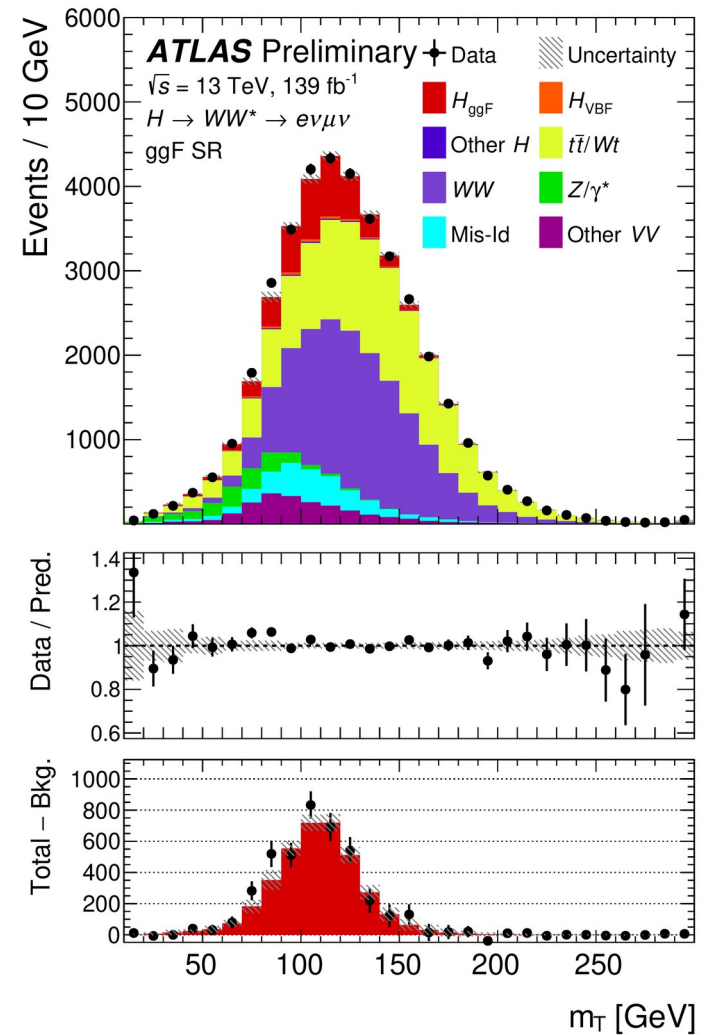
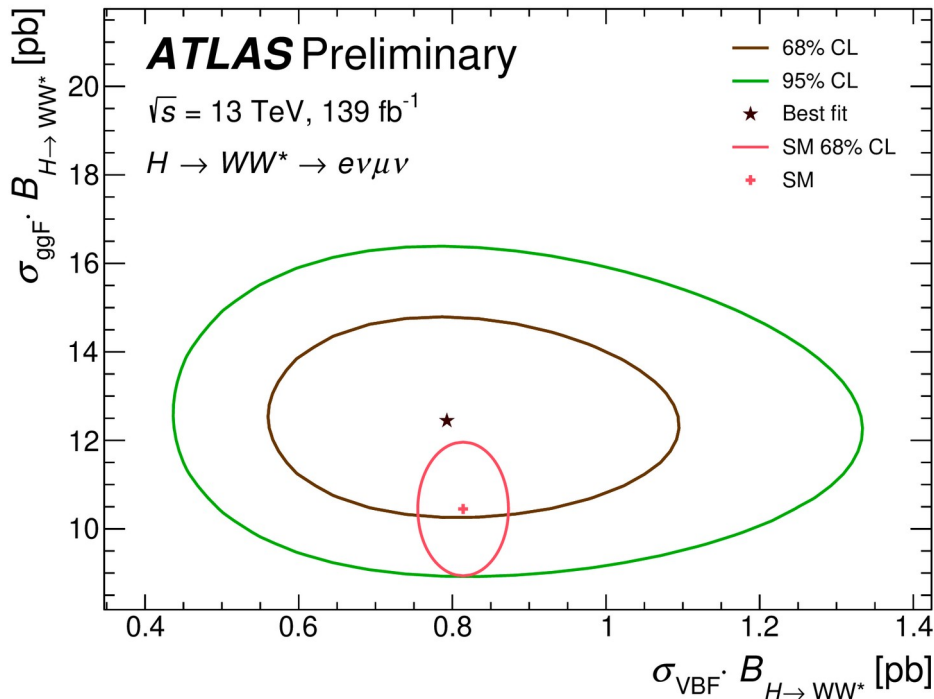


H → WW:

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prod. mode XS

- Measurements of ggF and VBF production XS and 11 STXS regions;
- Categories defined according to N_{jet} and kinematic selection targeting VBF topology;
- Multiple background sources modeled with dedicated data control regions (CRs) and Monte Carlo (MC) predictions;

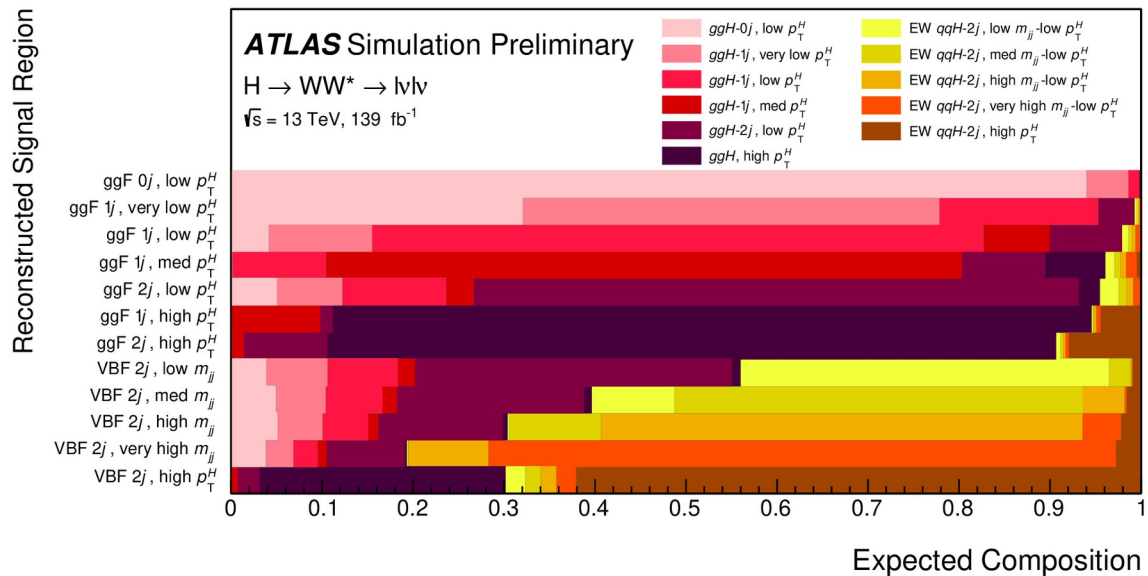
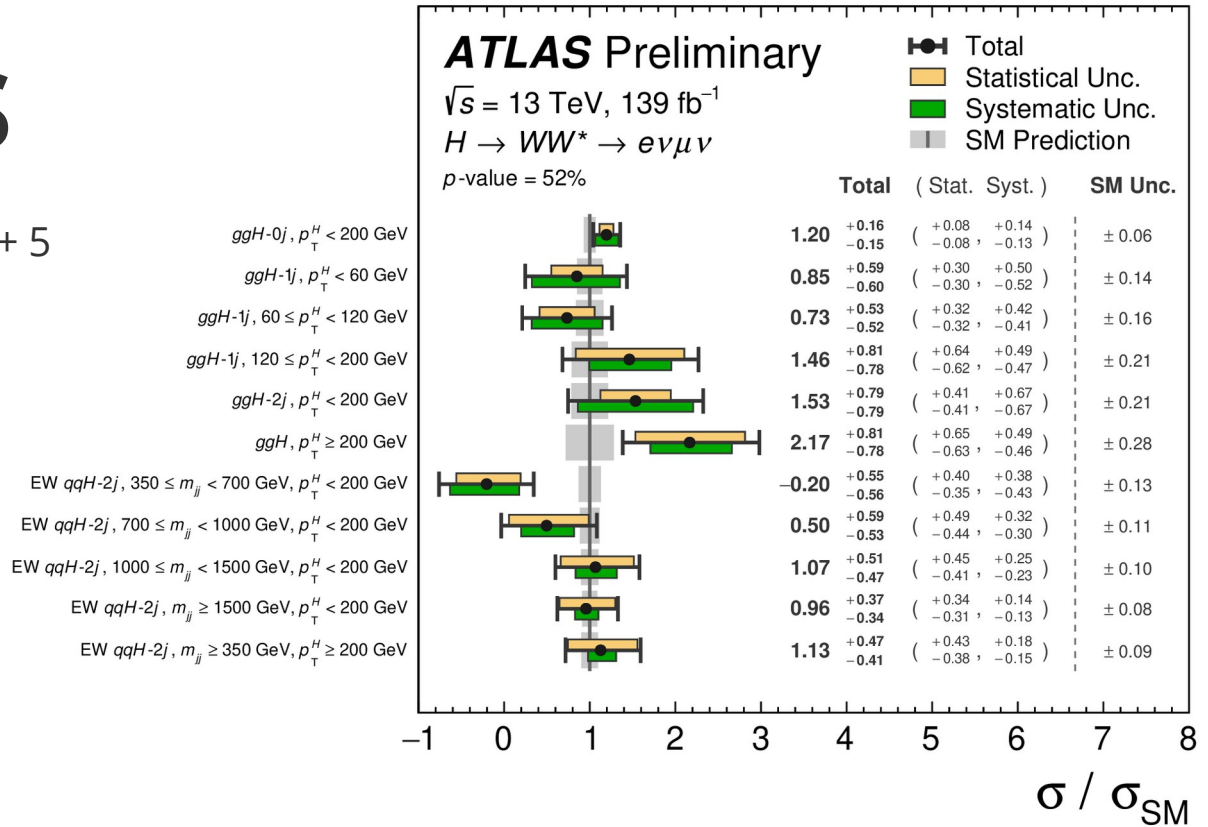


- Transverse mass of the dilepton system m_T used as observable in the fit for ggF categories;
- In the VBF category, Neural network (NN) used to separate VBF from ggF and its output used as observable.

$$m_T = \sqrt{(E_T^{\ell\ell} + E_T^{\text{miss}})^2 - |\mathbf{p}_T^{\ell\ell} + \mathbf{E}_T^{\text{miss}}|^2} \quad 8 / 20$$

H → WW: STXS

- STXS measurements in 11 bins: 6 (ggF) + 5 (EW qqHqq);
- Categorization based on the prod. mode measurement with additional kinematic cuts;
- Dominant systematics: flavour tagging, missing E_T (ggF bins); jet energy scale/resolution, matrix element calculation and parton shower (ggF, VBF bins);
- Normalizations of WW and top backgrounds contribute largely to the overall uncertainty;
- The results are compatible with the SM predictions with a p-value of 52%.



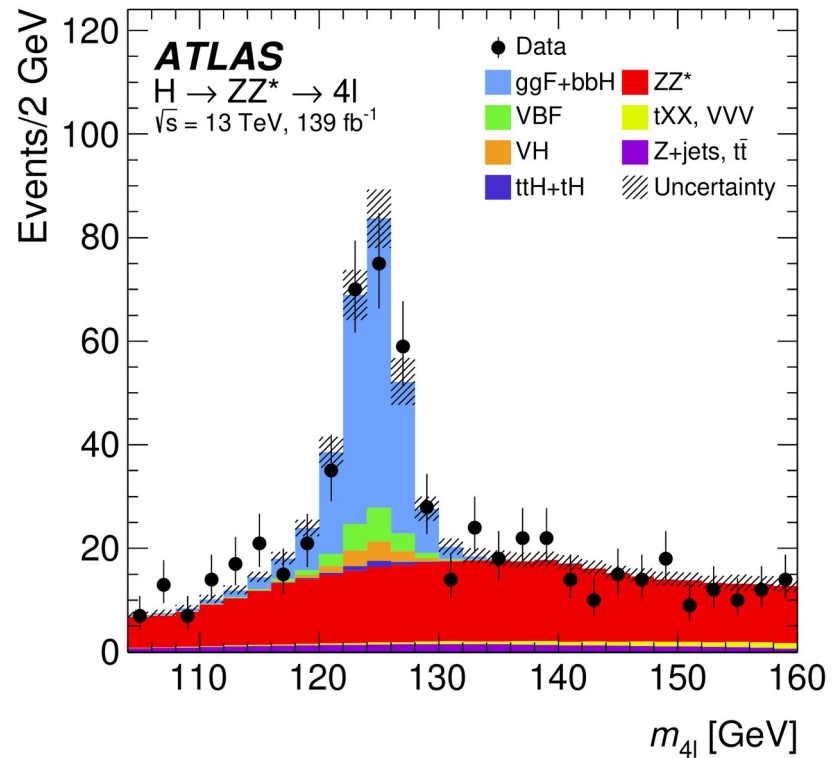
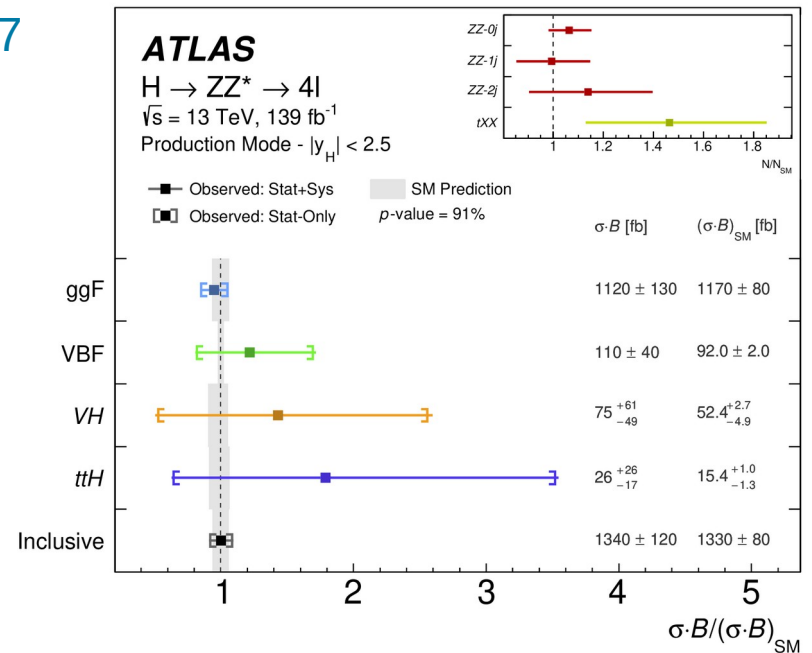
H → ZZ:

prod. mode XS

- Measurements of total XS, production modes and reduced STXS 1.1 regions (12);
- Use of data sidebands to constrain the dominant ZZ non-resonant background;
- NNs used to separate different signals (e.g. ggF, VBF) and backgrounds (e.g. ZZ non-resonant) depending on the category in order to minimize the correlations among the measured XS;
- For each NN, n-1 output nodes are used as observables in the fit;
- Particle-isolation and -identification criteria optimized to retain sensitivity in the ggF regions, while increasing the efficiency for the VH and ttH categories.

$$(\sigma \times B_{H \rightarrow ZZ})_{\text{obs}} = 1.34 \pm 0.12 \text{ pb}$$

$$(\sigma \times B_{H \rightarrow ZZ})_{\text{SM}} = 1.33 \pm 0.08 \text{ pb}$$



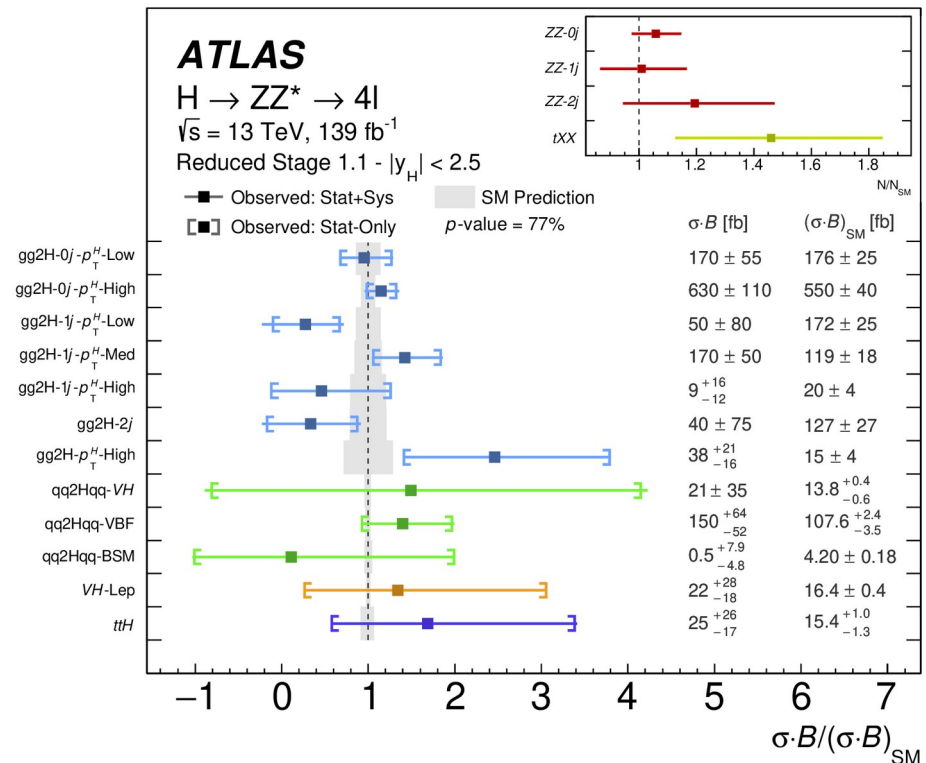
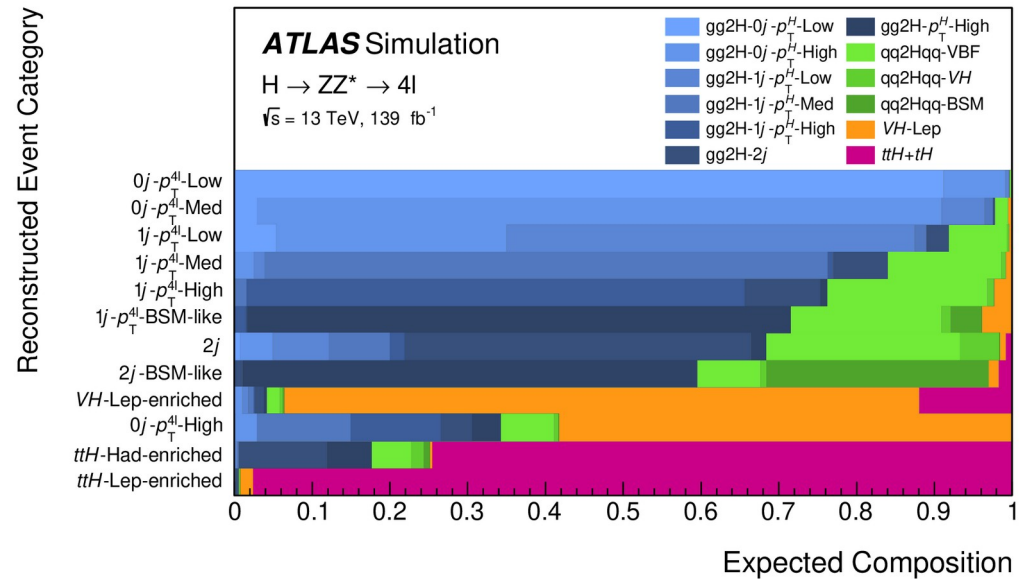
H → ZZ: STXS

- 12 Reduced Stage 1.1 bins: 6 (ggF) + 3 (EW qqH) + VH-lep + ttH;
- P-value of the compatibility test with SM is 77%;
- Additional separate measurement of an alternative qq2Hqq-VBF bin (defined by $m_{jj} > 350$ GeV and $p_{T_H} < 200$ GeV):

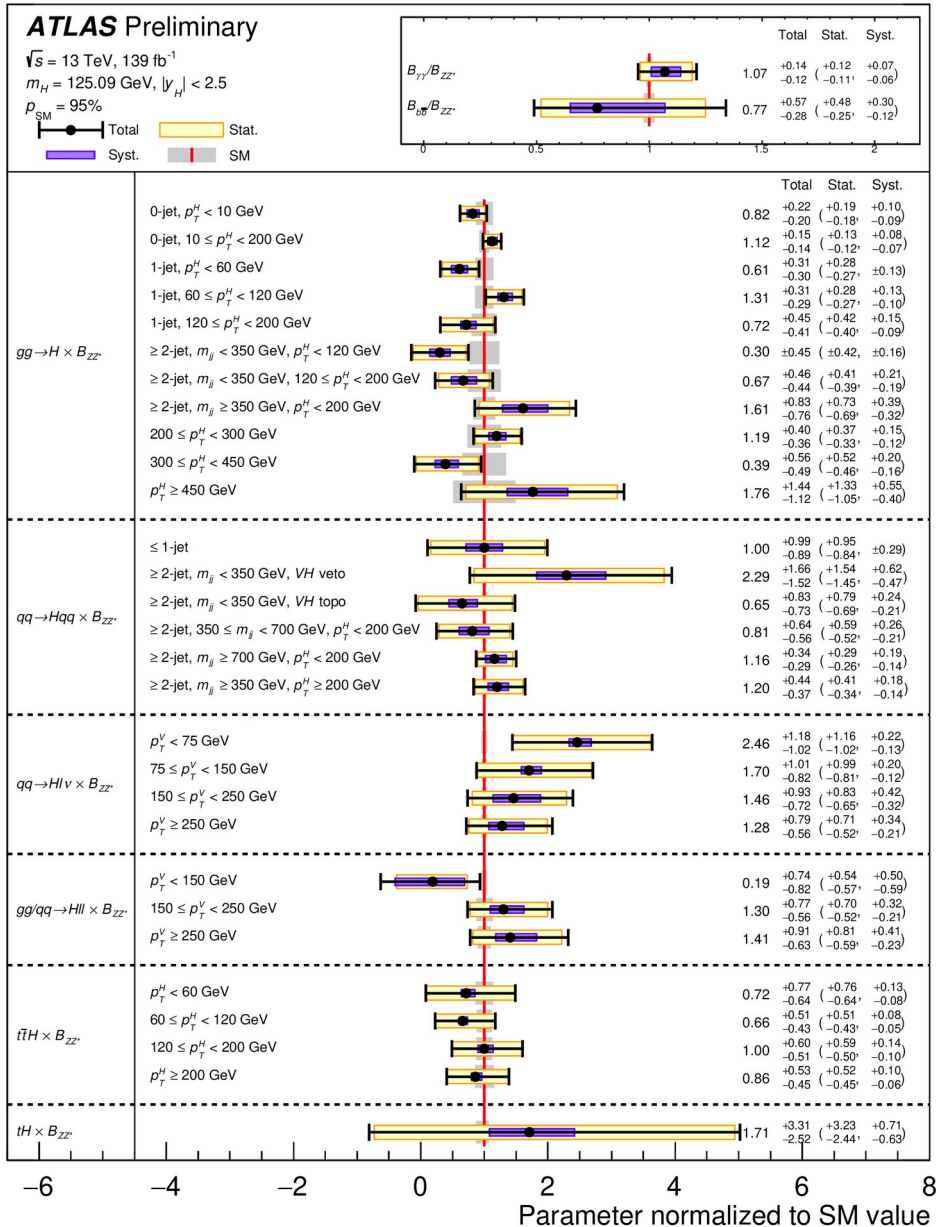
$$0.060^{+0.025}_{-0.020} \text{ pb } \text{obs}$$

$$0.0335^{+0.0007}_{-0.0011} \text{ pb } \text{SM}$$

20% correlation with gg2H-2j bin (due to ggF contamination in the VBF selections).



Combination: STXS

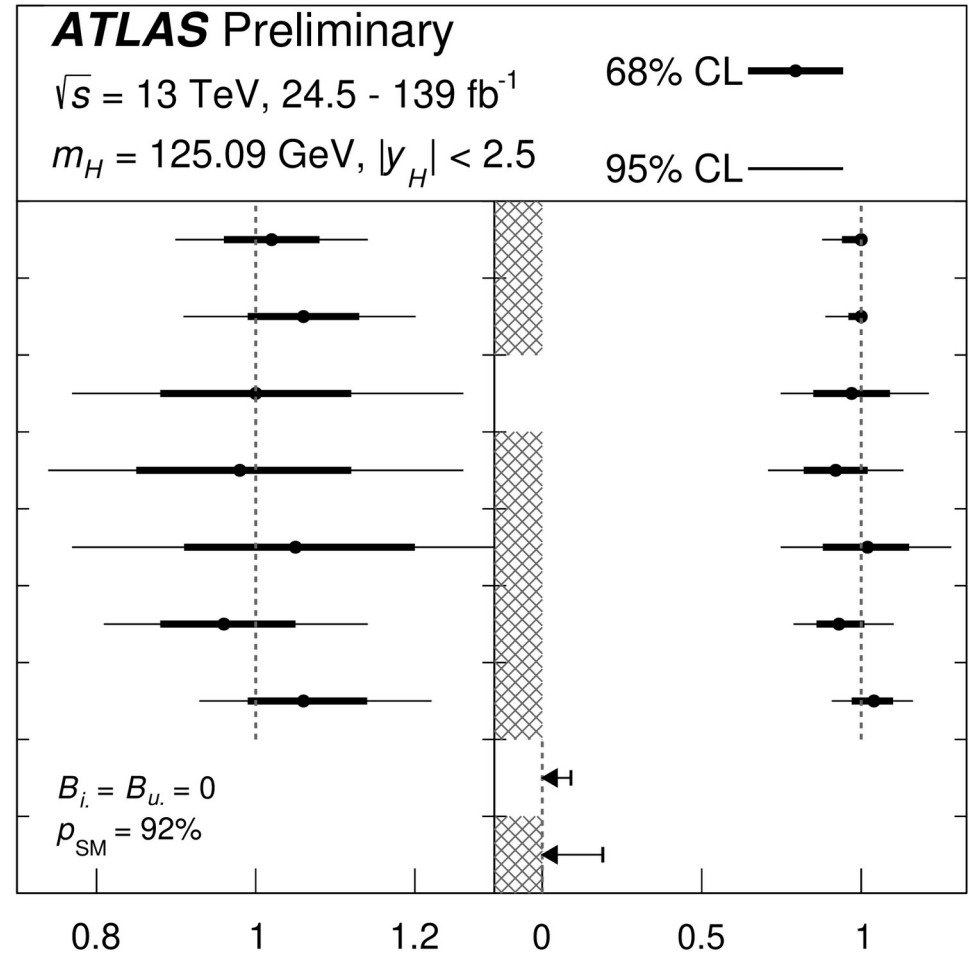
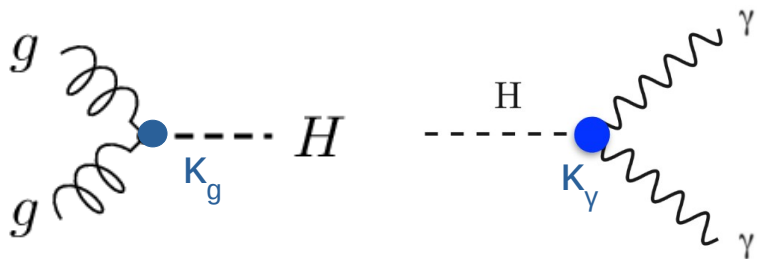


- Preliminary combined measurement of STXS Stage 1.2;
- Combination of $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$, $H \rightarrow bb$ (VH only), $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$ analyses;
 - $H \rightarrow WW$ not included yet!
- Relative uncertainties ranging from 10% to 100% (most limited by statistics);
- Compatibility level with SM: 95%;
- They are used as input for the EFT and κ interpretation;
- Reparametrization in terms of BR_{ZZ}

$$(\sigma \times B)_{if} = (\sigma \times B)_{i,ZZ} \cdot \left(\frac{B_f}{B_{ZZ}} \right)$$

κ interpretation

- Measurements of coupling-strength modifiers κ;
- Combination of H→γγ, ZZ, WW, ττ, bb, μμ, invisible;
- Using effective photon and gluon couplings κ_γ and κ_g;
- Testing with and without BSM contributions in decays (B_i invisible rate, B_u undetected rate);
- Negative value for κ_t is excluded at 2.9σ;
- The SM corresponds to B_i = B_u = 0 and all κ set to unity.



$$\sigma \cdot \mathcal{B} (i \rightarrow H \rightarrow f) = \kappa_i^2 \cdot \kappa_f^2 \cdot \sigma_i^{\text{SM}} \cdot \frac{\Gamma_f^{\text{SM}}}{\Gamma_H(\kappa_i^2, \kappa_f^2)}$$

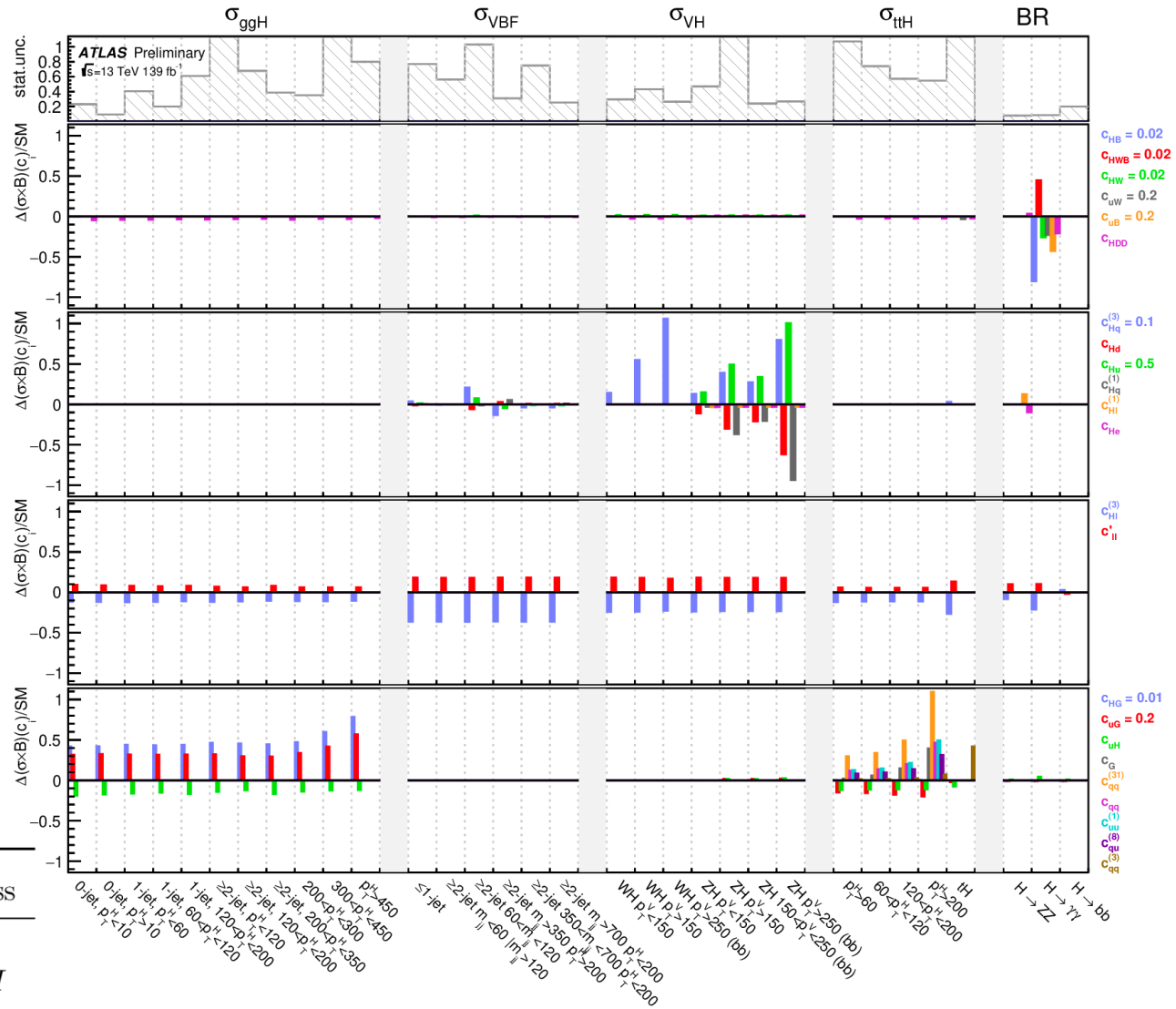
$$\kappa_i^2 = \frac{\sigma_i}{\sigma_i^{\text{SM}}} \quad \text{and} \quad \kappa_f^2 = \frac{\Gamma_f}{\Gamma_f^{\text{SM}}}$$

EFT

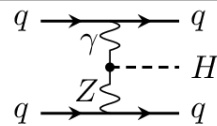
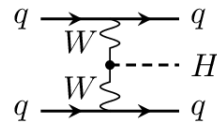
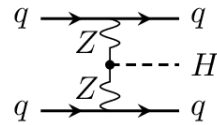
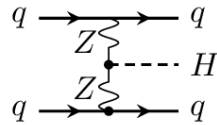
Generalization of κ framework!

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SMEFT}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \sum_i^{N_{d6}} \frac{c_i}{\Lambda^2} \mathcal{O}_i^{(6)}$$

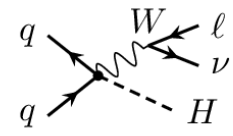
- The SMEFT extends the SM Lagrangian by adding new operators;
- Parametrize the STXS regions in terms of the c_i (Wilson coefficients);
- Constrain EFT coefficients \rightarrow put limits on BSM theories.



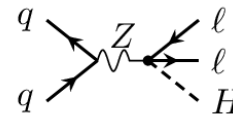
Coefficient	Operator	Example process
c_{HDD}	$(H^\dagger D^\mu H)^* (H^\dagger D_\mu H)$	
c_{HB}	$H^\dagger H B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}$	
c_{HW}	$H^\dagger H W_{\mu\nu}^I W^{I\mu\nu}$	
c_{HWB}	$H^\dagger \tau^I H W_{\mu\nu}^I B^{\mu\nu}$	


 $c_{Hq}^{(3)}$

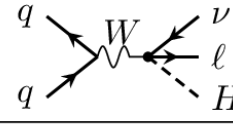
$(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu^I H) (\bar{q}_p \tau^I \gamma^\mu q_r)$


 $c_{Hl}^{(1)}$

$(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H) (\bar{l}_p \gamma^\mu l_r)$


 $c_{Hl}^{(3)}$

$(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu^I H) (\bar{l}_p \tau^I \gamma^\mu l_r)$

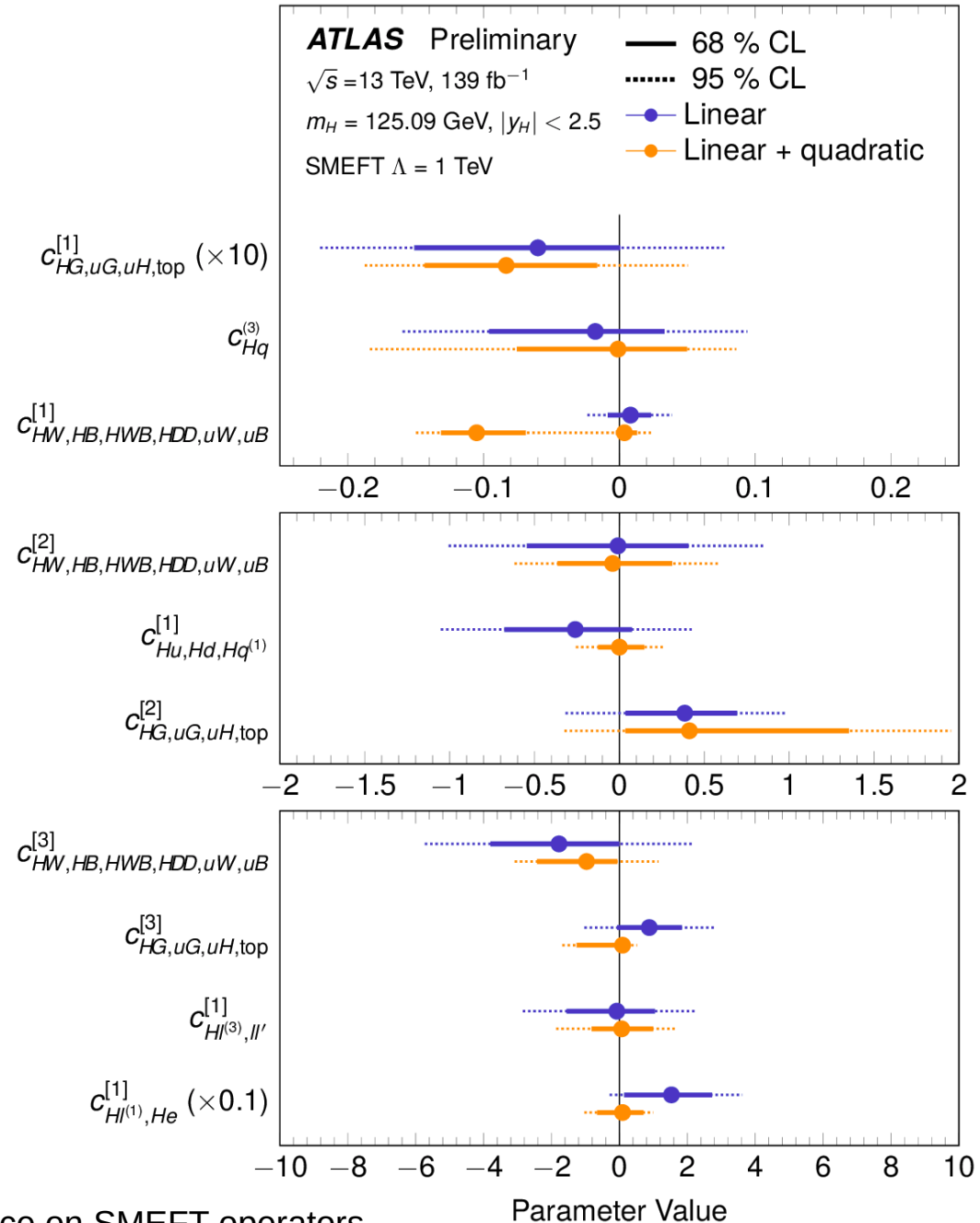


EFT results

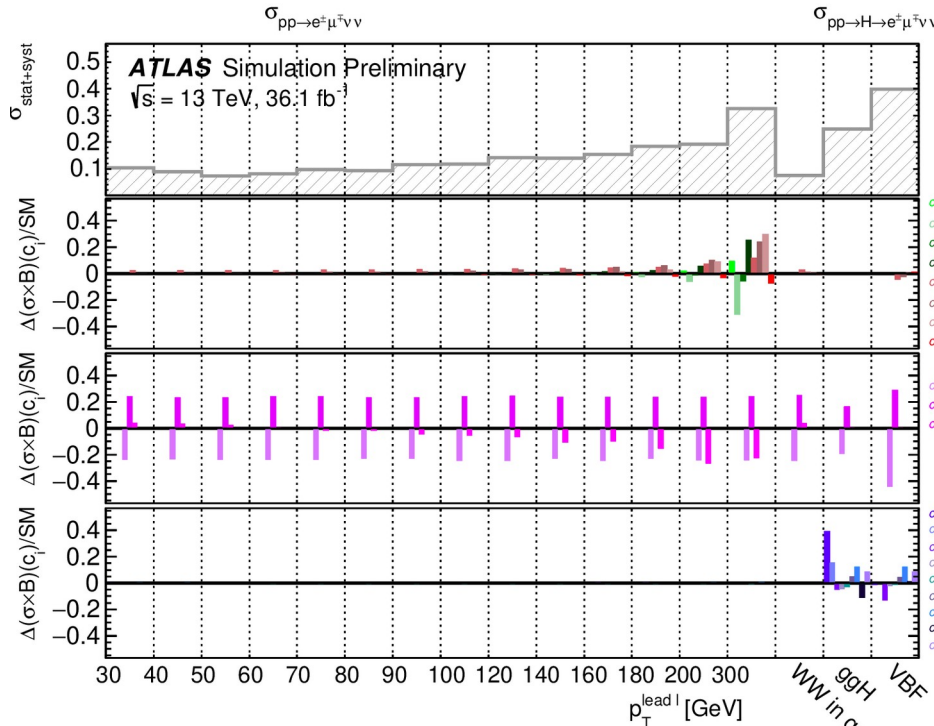
- Cannot constrain all c_i due to limited sensitivity to certain processes;
- “Flat” directions (0 sensitivity) of the likelihood are identified via a Principal Component Analysis (PCA) and set to 0;
- Simultaneously fit combinations of c_i selected according to expected sensitivity;
- Using SMEFT linearized model and model including quadratic terms;
- Due to the selection of the H→4l analysis, SMEFT operators affect the acceptance → taken into account with the application of a correction function;
- All measured c_i are compatible with 0 (SM prediction).

$$|M_{SM} + c_i M_{SMEFT,i}|^2$$

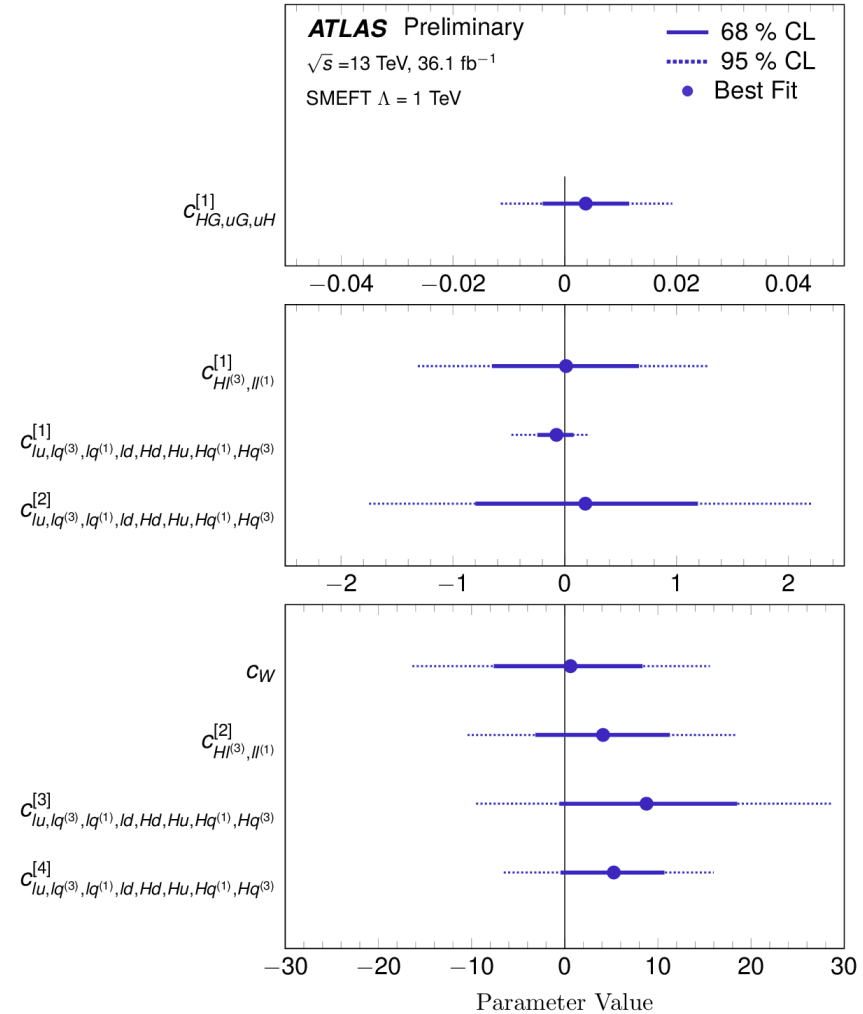
$$\sigma_{STXS} = \sigma_{SM} + \underbrace{\sigma_{int}}_{\text{Linear dependence on SMEFT operators}} + \underbrace{\sigma_{BSM}}_{\text{Quadratic dependence}}$$



H → WW + WW (SM): EFT



L=36.1 fb⁻¹

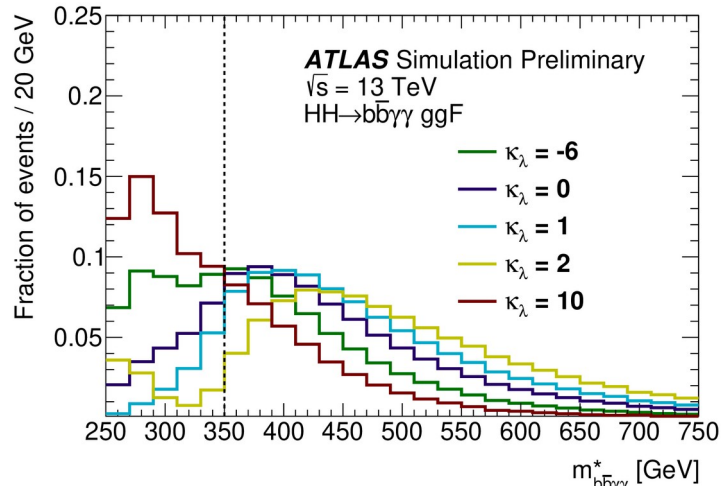
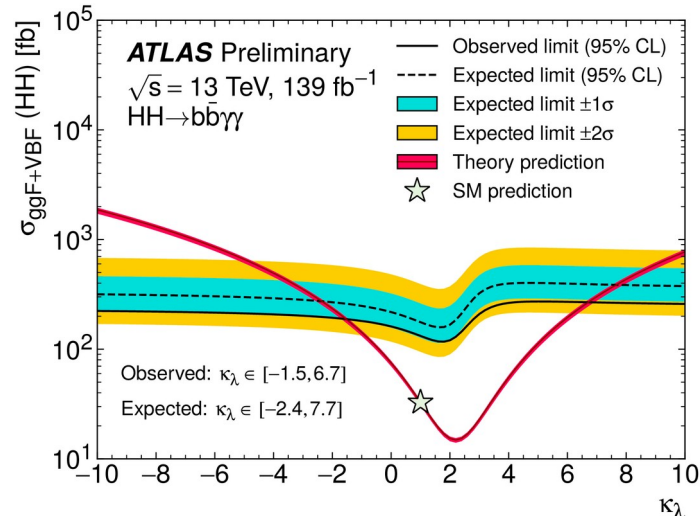


- Measurements of ggF and VBF signal strengths in H → WW + differential XS of WW production in the 0-jet channel;
- Parametrization of the WW background in terms of EFT operators;
- Consider impact of 20 EFT operators → PCA reduction → simultaneous fit on 8 combinations;
- O_{HW} and $O_{HI}^{(3)}$ operators influence the Higgs decay kinematics leading to acceptance effects in ggF region → taken into account with a correction factor;
- **First step towards a global EFT fit!**

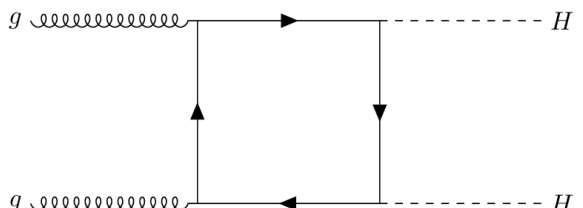
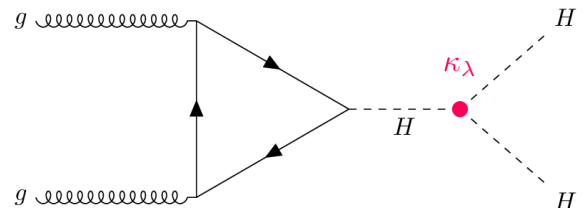
- Including other areas (e.g. SM electroweak, top quark) in the combination → constrain more EFT parameters.

Higgs self-coupling in $HH \rightarrow \gamma\gamma bb$

- Constrain Higgs boson trilinear coupling modifier κ_λ using non-resonant di-Higgs (HH) production;
- Divide events in $m_{\gamma\gamma bb} < 350$ GeV and $m_{\gamma\gamma bb} > 350$ GeV to improve sensitivity to κ_λ variations;
- Use BDTs to reject backgrounds (non-resonant $\gamma\gamma$, single H);
- Fit $m_{\gamma\gamma}$ using analytic models for signal and background;
- Upper limit of $4.1 \times \text{SM prediction}$ @ 95% CL set on HH production;
- Limit on κ_λ is $[-1.5, 6.7]$ @ 95% CL ;



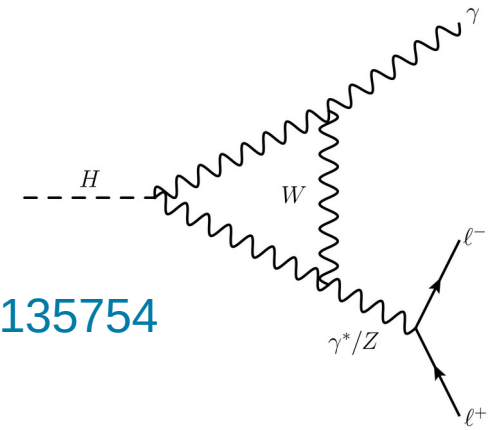
$$\kappa_\lambda = \lambda_{HHH} / \lambda_{HHH}^{\text{SM}}$$



Rare decays: $H \rightarrow \gamma^*(\rightarrow \ell\ell)\gamma$ and $H \rightarrow Z(\rightarrow \ell\ell)\gamma$

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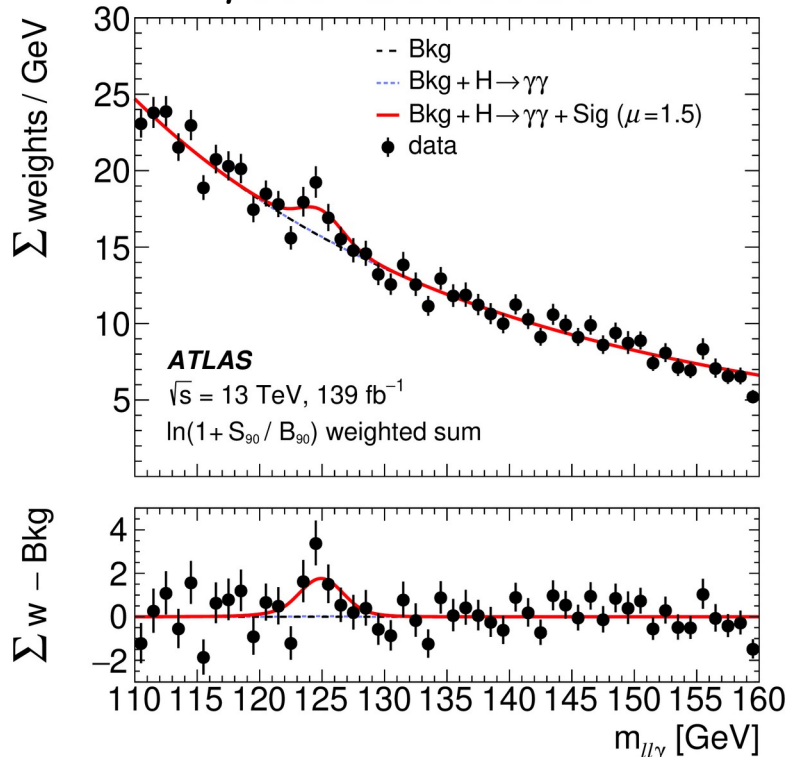
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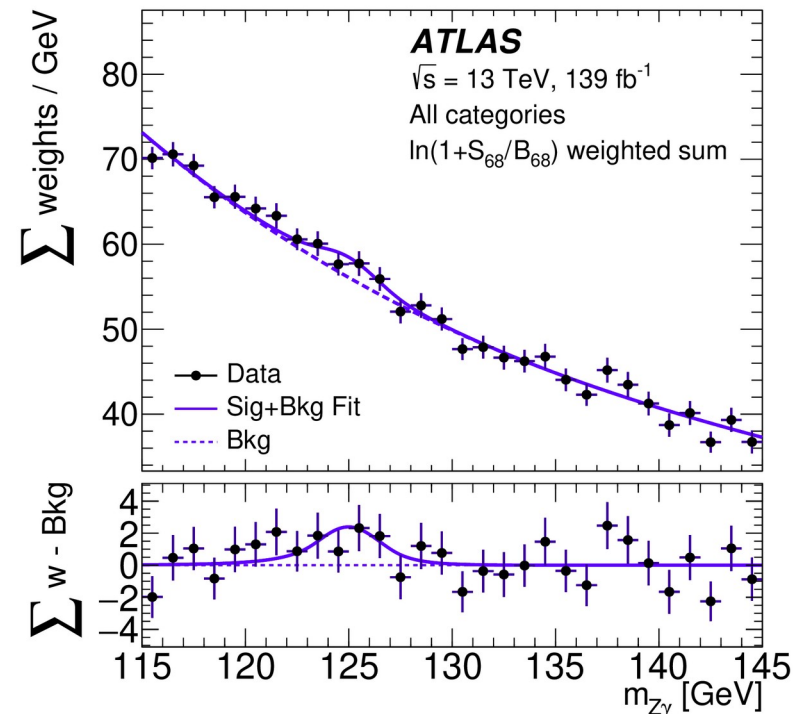
- First evidence for the decay of the Higgs boson into a pair of leptons (ee or $\mu\mu$) and a photon: 3.2σ ($H \rightarrow \gamma^*\gamma$);
- Experimental challenge: low $m_{\ell\ell} \rightarrow$ leptons are collimated;

- Upper limit @95%CL set on $pp \rightarrow H \rightarrow Z\gamma$ XS times BR: $3.6 \times$ SM prediction;
- Corresponding to a 2.2σ significance;

$$\mu = 1.5 \pm 0.5$$



$$\mu = 2.0^{+1.0}_{-0.9}$$



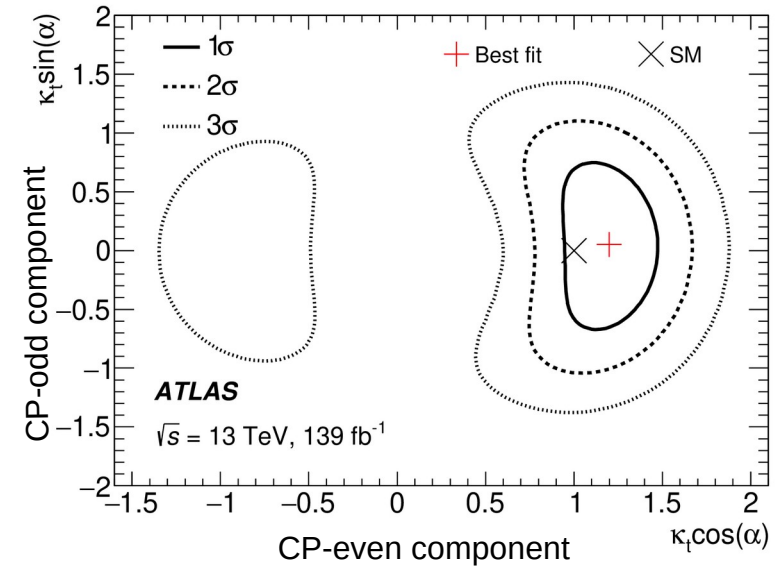
Higgs CP properties

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{m_t}{v} \left\{ \underbrace{\bar{\psi}_t \kappa_t}_{\text{Top Yukawa coupling}} \left[\underbrace{\cos(\alpha)}_{\text{CP-mixing angle}} + i \sin(\alpha) \gamma_5 \right] \psi_t \right\} H$$

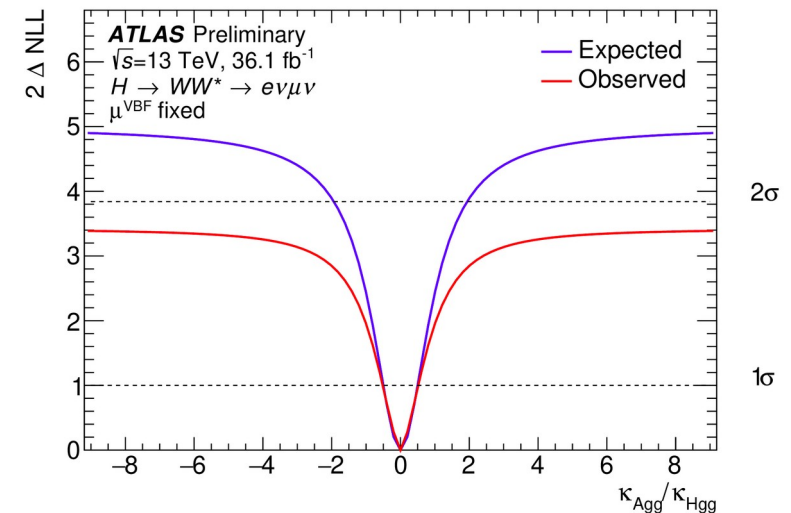
- Higgs CP tested with ttH/tH productions and H→γγ decays;
- Pure CP-odd excluded at 3.9σ and |α|>43° excluded at 95% CL.

$$\mathcal{L}_0^{\text{loop}} = -\frac{1}{4} \left(\kappa_{Hgg} g_{Hgg} G_{\mu\nu}^a G^{a,\mu\nu} + \underbrace{\kappa_{Agg}}_{=0 \text{ in the SM}} g_{Hgg} G_{\mu\nu}^a \tilde{G}^{a,\mu\nu} \right) H$$

- CP structure of (effective) coupling to gluons tested with H→WW events in the ggF+2jets channel;
- Polarisation of the HVV couplings tested in the VBF channel (results consistent with the SM).



$$\kappa_{Agg} / \kappa_{Hgg} = 0.0 \pm 0.4(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.3(\text{syst.})$$



Conclusions

- Many interesting results produced by ATLAS using Run 2 data;
- Higgs properties studied using key (in particular bosonic) decay channels;
- All measurements are in good agreement with the SM;
- Interpretation through the most advanced frameworks → no hint of new physics observed;
- Outlook:
 - Expect more results with full Run 2 data;
 - Combination ATLAS+CMS;
 - Improvements of analysis methods;
 - Expect improvement from the larger datasets of Run 3 (x2) and especially HL-LHC (x20).



BACK-UP

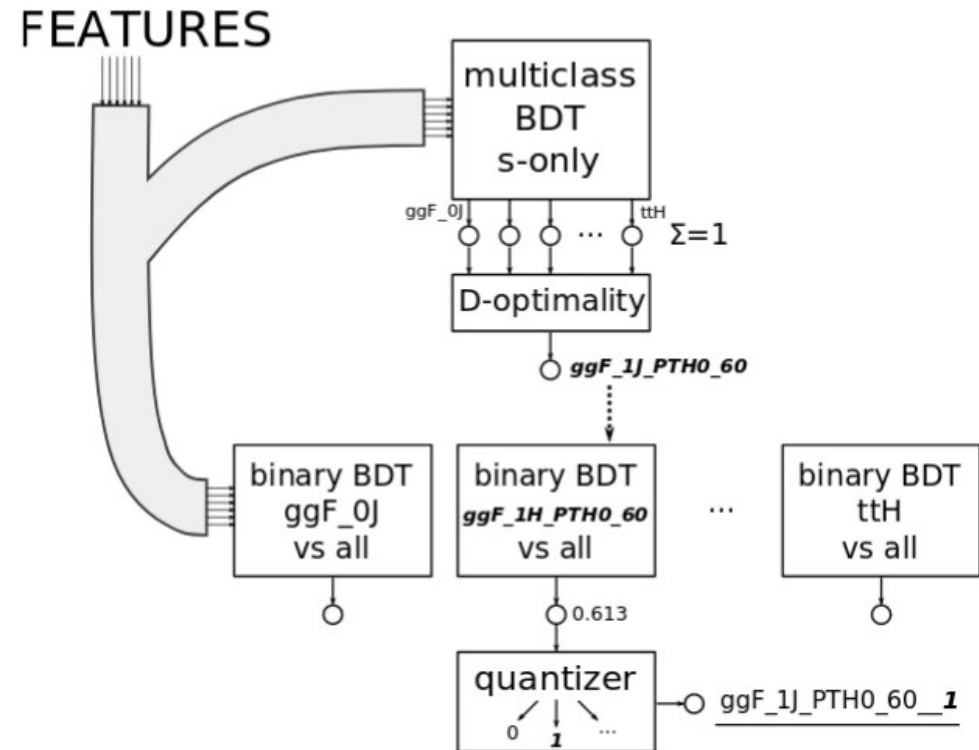
H→ZZ: neural network

- Neural Networks (NNs) consists of two recurrent networks (one related to the 4 leptons and one related to jets) in combination with a multilayer perceptron (containing info related to full event);
- Input variables per category:

Category	Processes	MLP	Lepton RNN	Jet RNN	Discriminant
0j- $p_T^{4\ell}$ -Low 0j- $p_T^{4\ell}$ -Med	ggF, ZZ*	$p_T^{4\ell}, D_{ZZ^*}, m_{12}, m_{34},$ $ \cos\theta^* , \cos\theta_1, \phi_{ZZ}$	p_T^ℓ, η_ℓ	-	NN _{ggF}
1j- $p_T^{4\ell}$ -Low	ggF, VBF, ZZ*	$p_T^{4\ell}, p_T^j, \eta_j,$ $\Delta R_{4\ell j}, D_{ZZ^*}$	p_T^ℓ, η_ℓ	-	NN _{VBF} for NN _{ZZ} < 0.25 NN _{ZZ} for NN _{ZZ} > 0.25
1j- $p_T^{4\ell}$ -Med	ggF, VBF, ZZ*	$p_T^{4\ell}, p_T^j, \eta_j, E_T^{\text{miss}},$ $\Delta R_{4\ell j}, D_{ZZ^*}, \eta_{4\ell}$	p_T^ℓ, η_ℓ	-	NN _{VBF} for NN _{ZZ} < 0.25 NN _{ZZ} for NN _{ZZ} > 0.25
1j- $p_T^{4\ell}$ -High	ggF, VBF	$p_T^{4\ell}, p_T^j, \eta_j,$ $E_T^{\text{miss}}, \Delta R_{4\ell j}, \eta_{4\ell}$	p_T^ℓ, η_ℓ	-	NN _{VBF}
2j	ggF, VBF, VH	$m_{jj}, p_T^{4\ell jj}$	p_T^ℓ, η_ℓ	p_T^j, η_j	NN _{VBF} for NN _{VH} < 0.2 NN _{VH} for NN _{VH} > 0.2
2j-BSM-like	ggF, VBF	$\eta_{ZZ}^{\text{Zepp}}, p_T^{4\ell jj}$	p_T^ℓ, η_ℓ	p_T^j, η_j	NN _{VBF}
VH-Lep-enriched	VH, ttH	$N_{\text{jets}}, N_{b\text{-jets},70\%},$ E_T^{miss}, H_T	p_T^ℓ	-	NN _{ttH}
ttH-Had-enriched	ggF, ttH, tXX	$p_T^{4\ell}, m_{jj},$ $\Delta R_{4\ell j}, N_{b\text{-jets},70\%},$	p_T^ℓ, η_ℓ	p_T^j, η_j	NN _{ttH} for NN _{tXX} < 0.4 NN _{tXX} for NN _{tXX} > 0.4

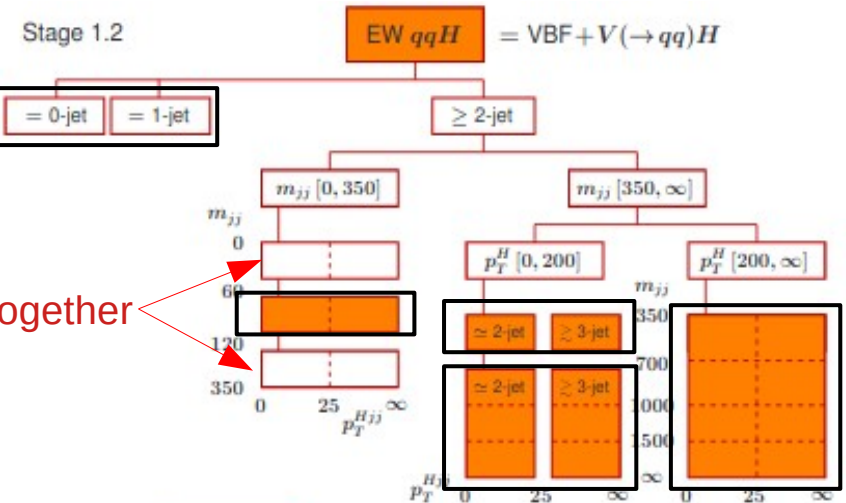
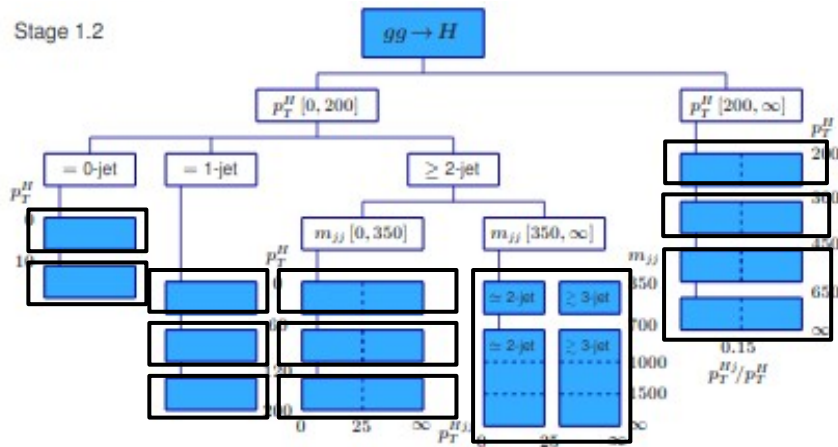
H \rightarrow $\gamma\gamma$: categorization

- IDEA: Targets the full STXS granularity simultaneously. Optimized for the determinant of the covariance matrix of the results, it takes into account both errors and correlations of the fit.
- PROCEDURE:
 - Train a multiclass BDT over 44 STXS truth bins (signal only) with high level and top-reco variables;
 - D-optimality: weight the multiclass outputs and classify events in 44 reco classes;
 - In each reco class, train a binary BDT (signal vs backgrounds) with high level and top-reco variables;
 - Build 88 categories with significance scans over BDT outputs

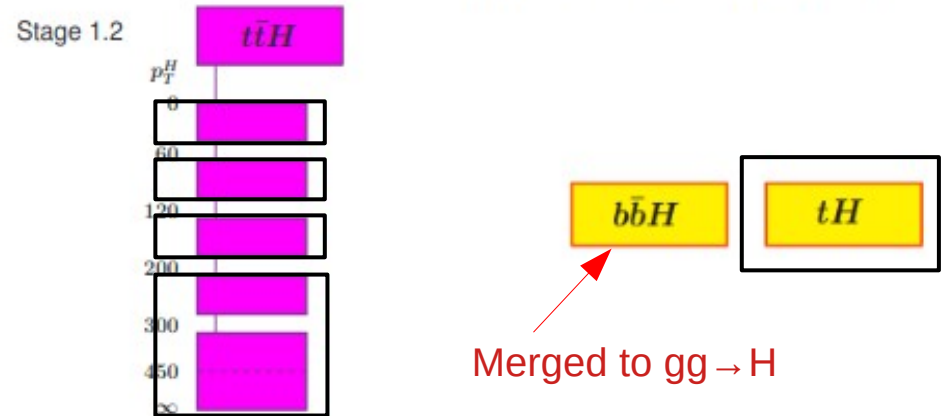
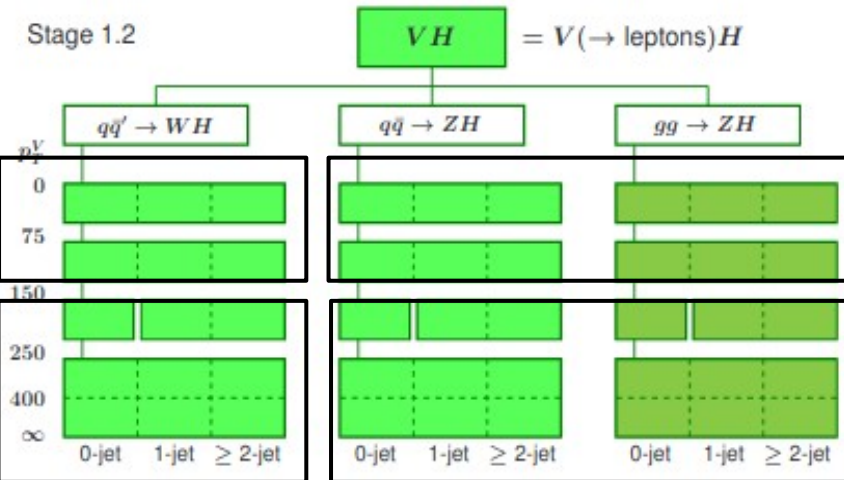


H → γγ: STXS merging

- Not enough statistical power to fit all 44 → merge down to 27 bins.



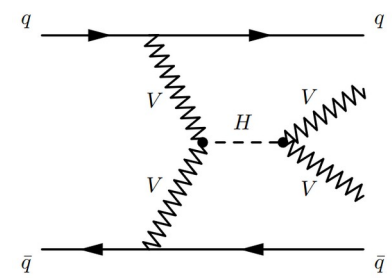
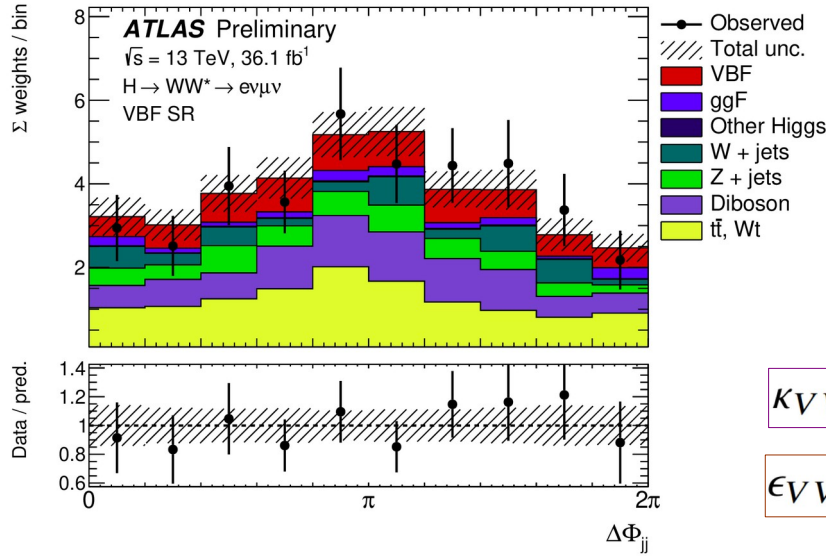
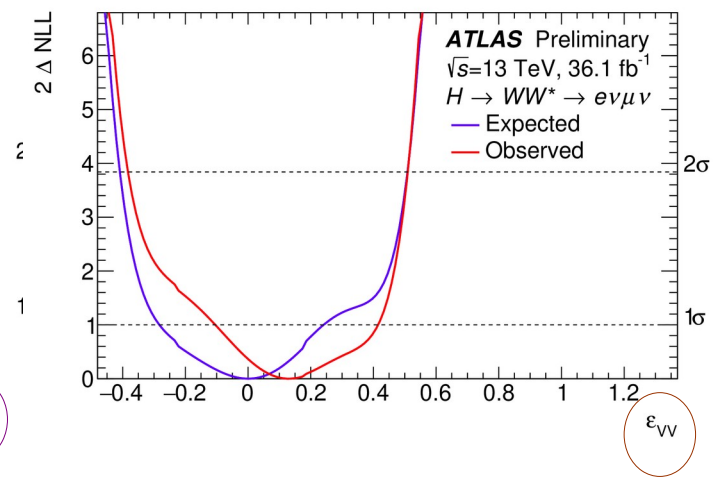
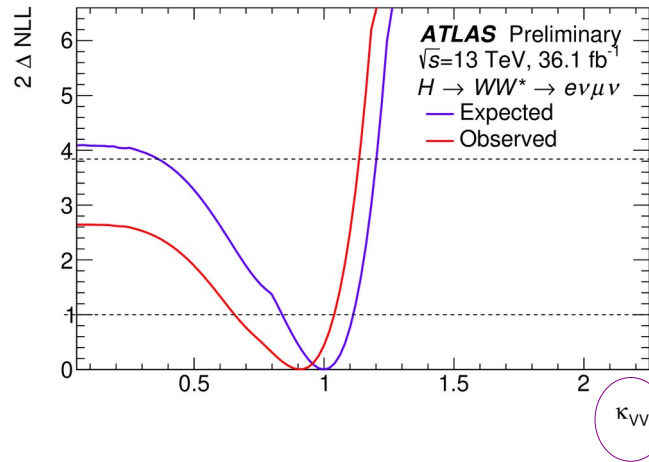
Merged together



Merged to gg → H

Polarisation-dependent couplings in VBFH(\rightarrow WW)

- In the SM, HVV couplings are insensitive to polarisations ($\kappa_{VV}=1, \epsilon_{VV}=0$);
- Exploiting both production and decay and assuming CP-even Higgs;
- Using rate and shape information from the $\Delta\phi_{jj}$ distribution.

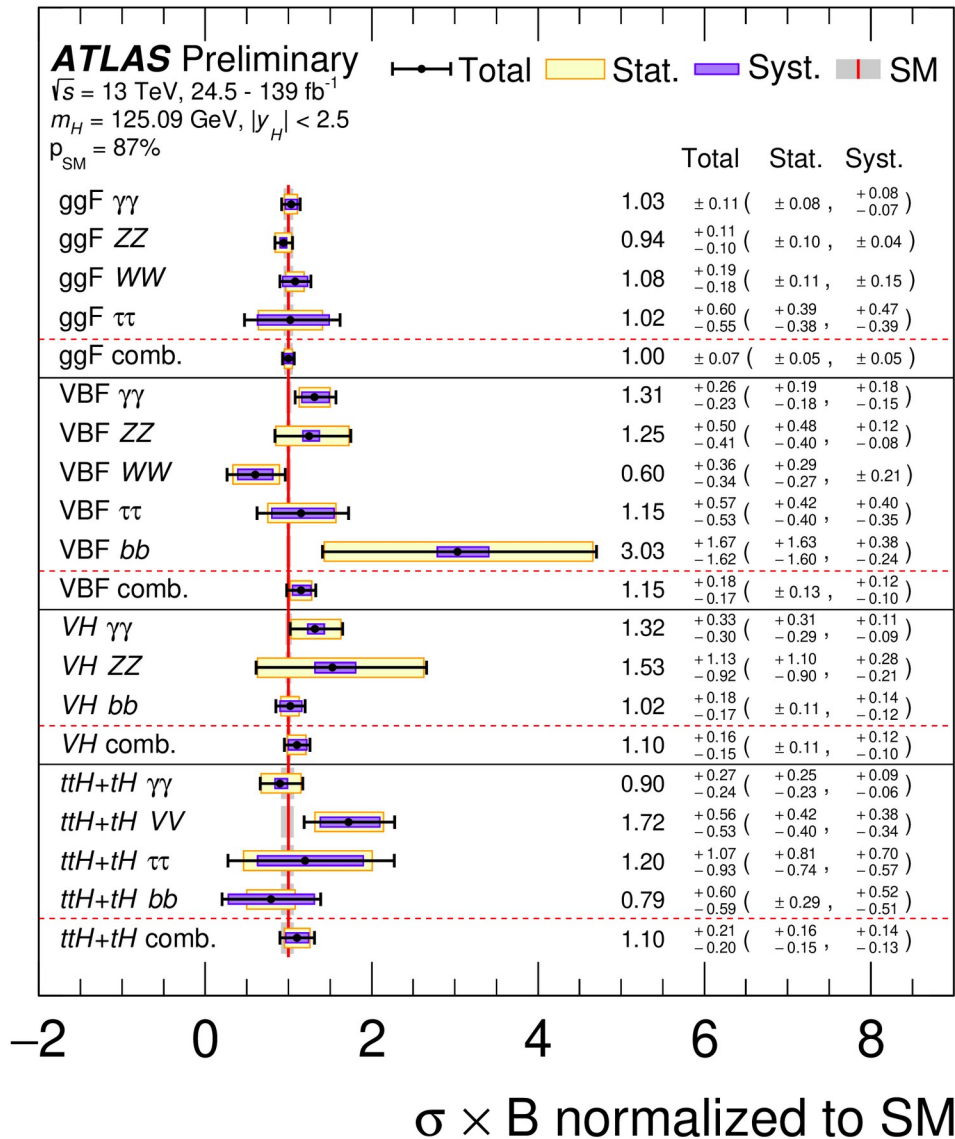


$$\kappa_{VV} = 0.90^{+0.10}_{-0.18} (\text{stat.})^{+0.09}_{-0.16} (\text{syst.})$$

$$\epsilon_{VV} = 0.13^{+0.28}_{-0.20} (\text{stat.})^{+0.08}_{-0.10} (\text{syst.})$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \kappa_{VV} \left(\frac{2m_W^2}{v} HW_\mu^+ W^{-\mu} + \frac{m_Z^2}{v} HZ_\mu Z^\mu \right) - \frac{\epsilon_{VV}}{2v} \left(2HW_{\mu\nu}^+ W^{-\mu\nu} + HZ_{\mu\nu} Z^{\mu\nu} + HA_{\mu\nu} A^{\mu\nu} \right)$$

Combination: prod. mode and BR

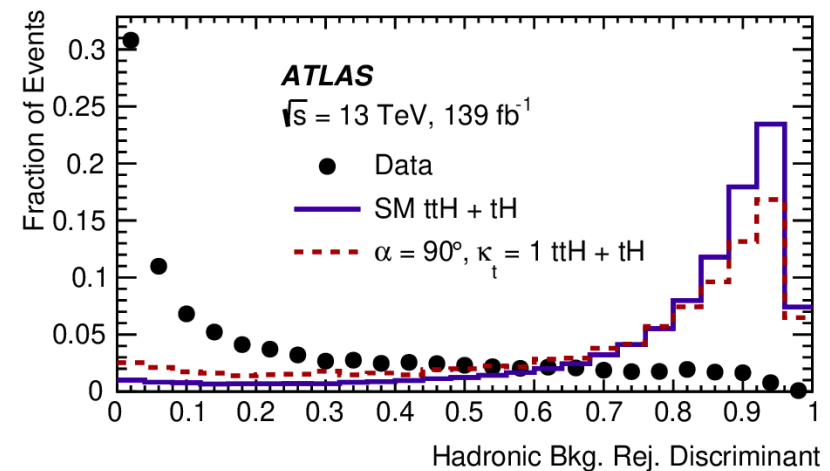
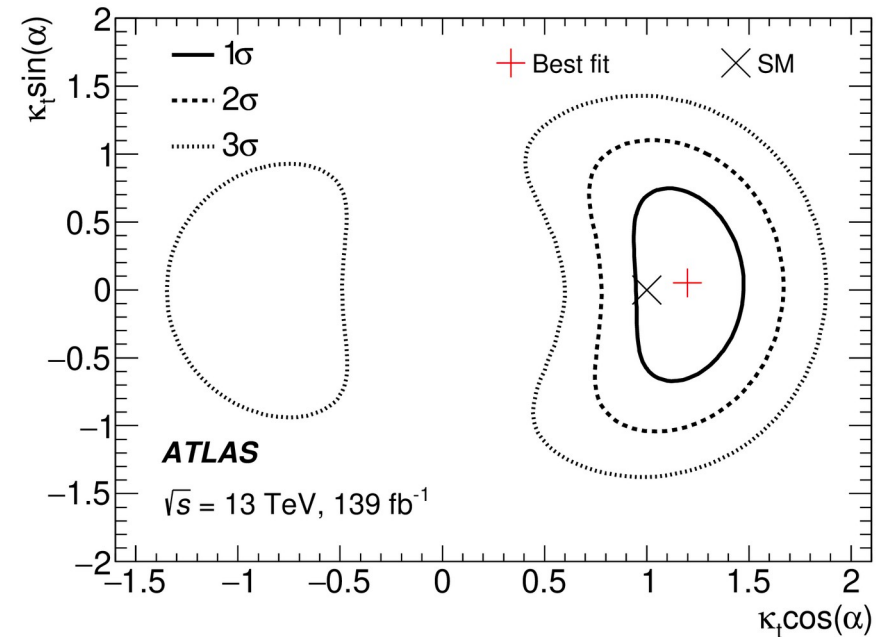


- Measurements of cross section times branching ratio per decay channel and per production mode (also combined) normalized to their SM prediction;
- The cross sections of the ggF($H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$), VH($H \rightarrow WW^*$) and VH($H \rightarrow \tau\tau$) processes are fixed to their SM predictions;
- Compatibility level with SM: 87%;

CP structure of tH/ttH($\rightarrow\gamma\gamma$)

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{m_t}{v} \left\{ \underbrace{\bar{\psi}_t \kappa_t}_{\text{Top Yukawa coupling}} [\underbrace{\cos(\alpha)}_{\text{CP-mixing angle}} + i \sin(\alpha) \gamma_5] \psi_t \right\} H$$

- The SM predicts a CP-even ($\alpha=0$) Higgs boson;
- ttH and tH productions are sensitive to deviations from SM couplings;
- Background rejection and CP-odd(even) separation using two BDTs;
- κ_γ and κ_g constrained by the results obtained in the combination;
- Pure CP-odd excluded at 3.9σ and $|\alpha| > 43^\circ$ excluded at 95% CL.



EFT: $H \rightarrow 4l$ acceptance effect

- $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$ analysis has reconstruction level selection on m_{12} and m_{34} to target the signal;
- Large impact on EFT signal acceptance and on c_i limit;
- 3D (c_{HW} , c_{HB} , c_{HWB}) Lorentz function used to model a correction factor;

