

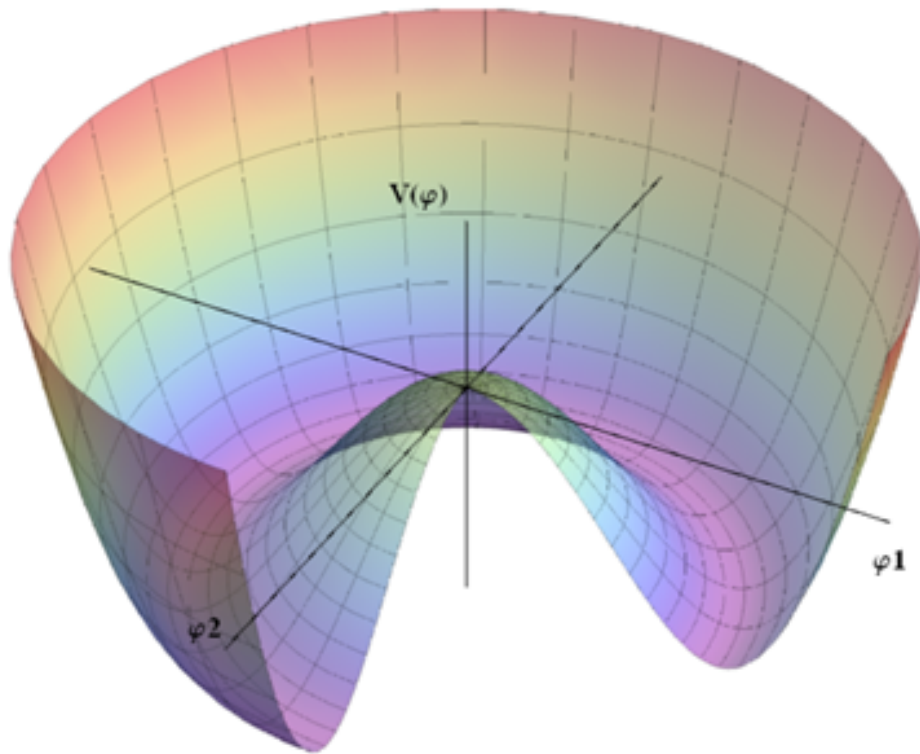
# Combining di-Higgs decay channels to set limits on the di-Higgs cross- section with the ATLAS experiment

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# Introduction to di-Higgs Combination



- Since the discovery of the Higgs boson in 2012, the measurement of its couplings to other SM particles has become one of the main goal of the LHC
- One particular parameter of interest is the Higgs tri-linear self-coupling,  $\lambda_3$
- Measuring di-Higgs production allows the extraction of  $\lambda_3$ , and provides a probe into the accuracy of the SM or whether there are beyond SM physics present

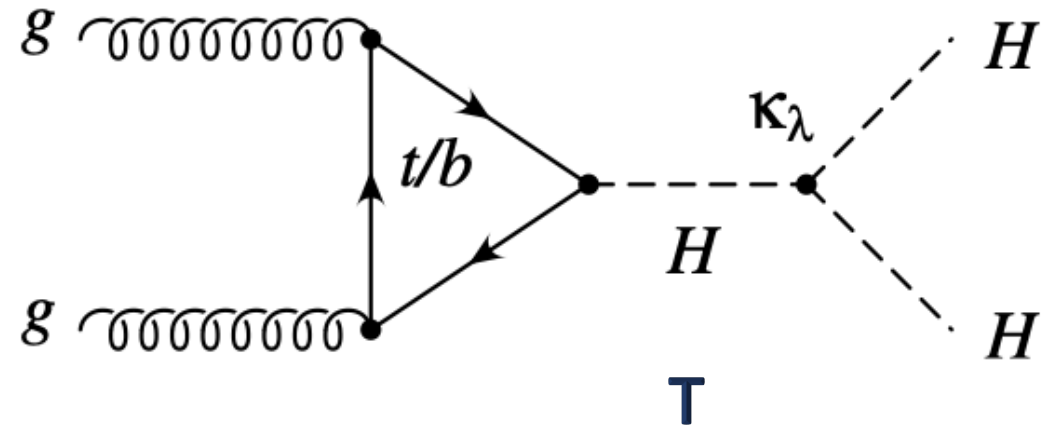
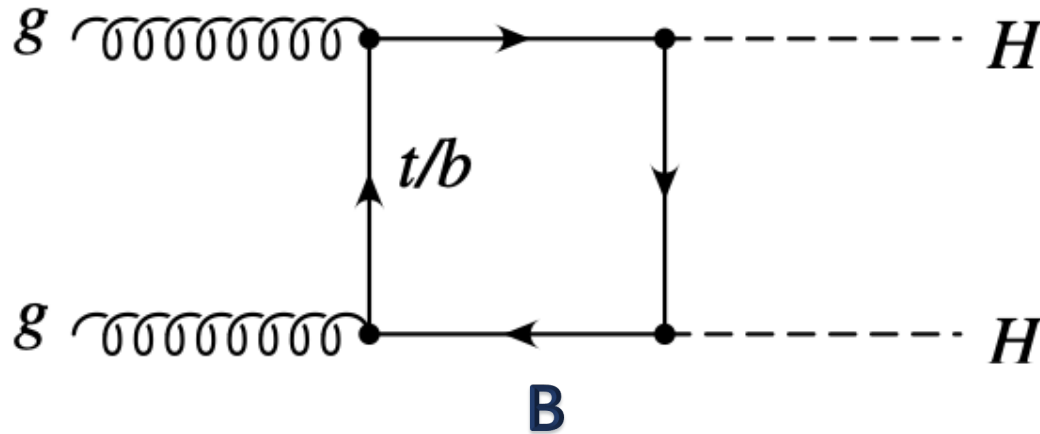
# Introduction to di-Higgs Combination

## Goals of the HH combination:

Combine several di-Higgs analyses performed in different decay channels and different production modes in order to:

- set an upper limit on the overall di-Higgs production cross section (ggF + VBF)
- set constraints on Higgs couplings ( $\kappa_\lambda$ ,  $\kappa_t$ ,  $c_{2V}$ ,  $c_V$ ) and EFT benchmarks
- search for new physics in the form of new heavy resonances

# di-Higgs Production: ggF



The Amplitude can be expressed as:

$$A(\kappa_t, \kappa_\lambda) = \kappa_t^2 B + \kappa_t \kappa_\lambda T$$

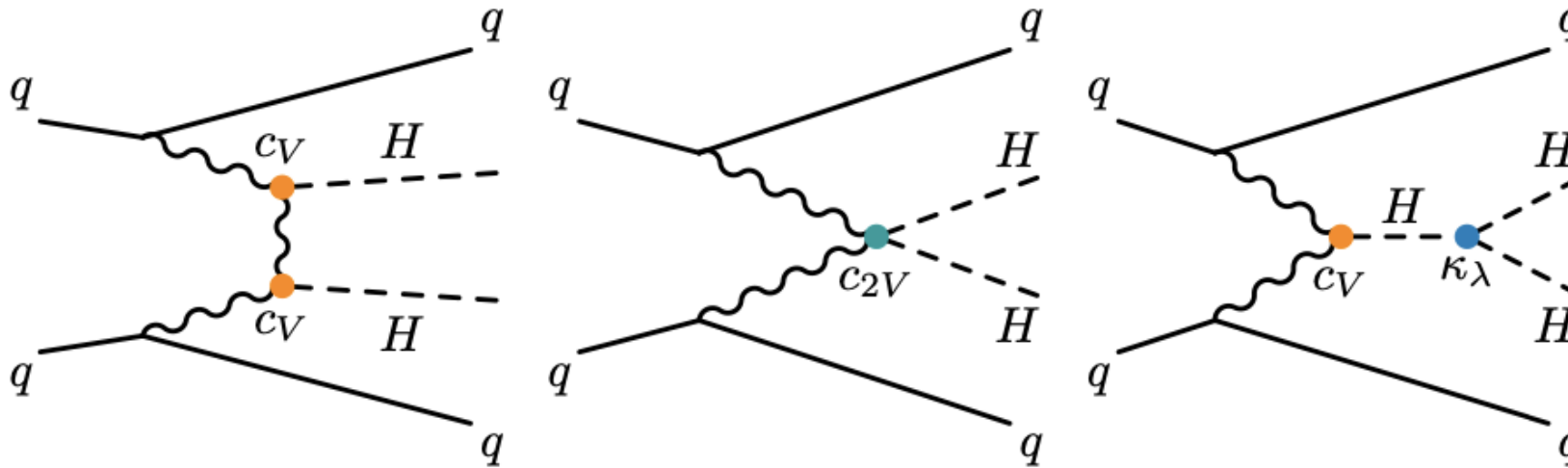
$$\kappa_\lambda = \frac{\lambda_3}{\lambda_3^{SM}}$$

$$|A(\kappa_t, \kappa_\lambda)|^2 = \kappa_t^2 \left[ \kappa_t^2 |B|^2 + \kappa_t \kappa_\lambda (BT^* + TB^*) + \kappa_\lambda^2 |T|^2 \right]$$

$$\sigma_{ggF}(pp \rightarrow HH) \propto \int \kappa_t^4 \left[ |B|^2 + 2 \left( \frac{\kappa_\lambda}{\kappa_t} \right) \mathcal{R}(B^*T) + \left( \frac{\kappa_\lambda}{\kappa_t} \right)^2 |T|^2 \right]$$

The destructive interference causes a small SM cross section:  
31.05 fb at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV.

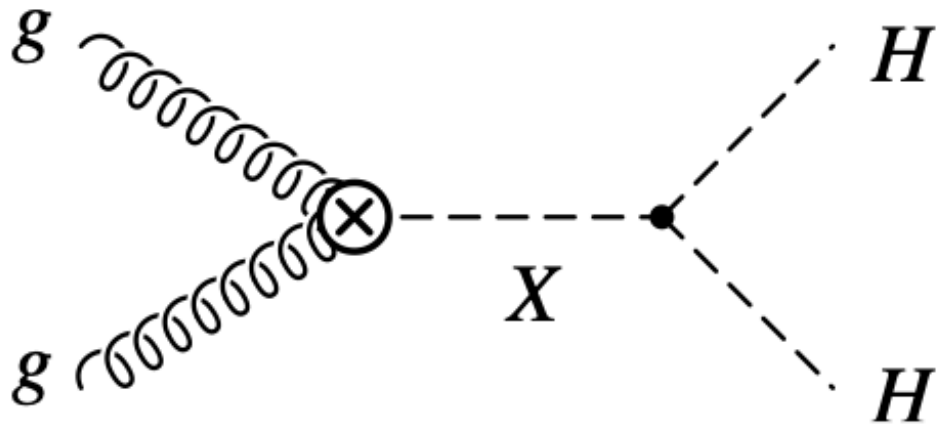
# di-Higgs Production: VBF



- VBF production cross section and kinematics depend on the  $VVHH$  ( $c_{2V}$ ),  $VVH$  ( $c_V$ ) and the  $HHH$  ( $\kappa_\lambda$ ) couplings
- $c_{2V} = c_V = 1$  if Standard Model

SM cross section:  
1.73 fb at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV.  
~ 17 times smaller than  
ggF.

# di-Higgs Production: Resonant



- HH production can be used to search for new physics
- New matter which modifies the Higgs self-coupling and enhances the HH cross section:

$$\frac{\sigma}{\sigma_{SM}} > 1$$

X = New Particle

Examples:

- Spin 0 particle: X = S, S is a new scalar particle
  - Spin 2 particle: X = G, Randall-Sundrum graviton
- Different models and different X masses allows for different sizes of enhancement to the cross section

# di-Higgs Combination: Input Analyses

The full Run 2 di-Higgs analyses are performed in 6 channels:

- $bbbb$
- $bb\tau\tau$
- $bb\gamma\gamma$
- $bbll$  - covering  $bbVV$ ,  $bb\tau\tau$  and  $bbZZ$  decays in 2 leptonic final states.
- $bbVV$  - 1 lepton and 0 lepton.
- multilepton - covers all other decay channels

	bb	WW	$\tau\tau$	ZZ	$\Upsilon\Upsilon$
bb	33%				
WW	25%	4.6%			
$\tau\tau$	7.4%	2.5%	0.39%		
ZZ	3.1%	1.2%	0.34%	0.076%	
$\Upsilon\Upsilon$	0.26%	0.10%	0.029%	0.013%	0.0005%

# di-Higgs Combination: Input Analyses

## Non-resonant combination:

- Combine all contributing channels for SM cross section limit (taking into account ggF and VBF)
- Combine most sensitive channels (bbbb, bb $\tau\tau$ , bb $\gamma\gamma$ , bbl?) for  $\kappa_\lambda$  scan
- Combine most sensitive channels for  $c_{2V}$  scan
- Combine HH with H for couplings constraints

## Resonant combination:

- Combine most sensitive channels for ggF  $X \rightarrow$  HH search (bbbb, bb $\tau\tau$ , bb $\gamma\gamma$ , bbl?)
- Combine ggF  $X \rightarrow$  HH with Heavy Resonance combination



# di-Higgs Combination: Orthogonality Checks

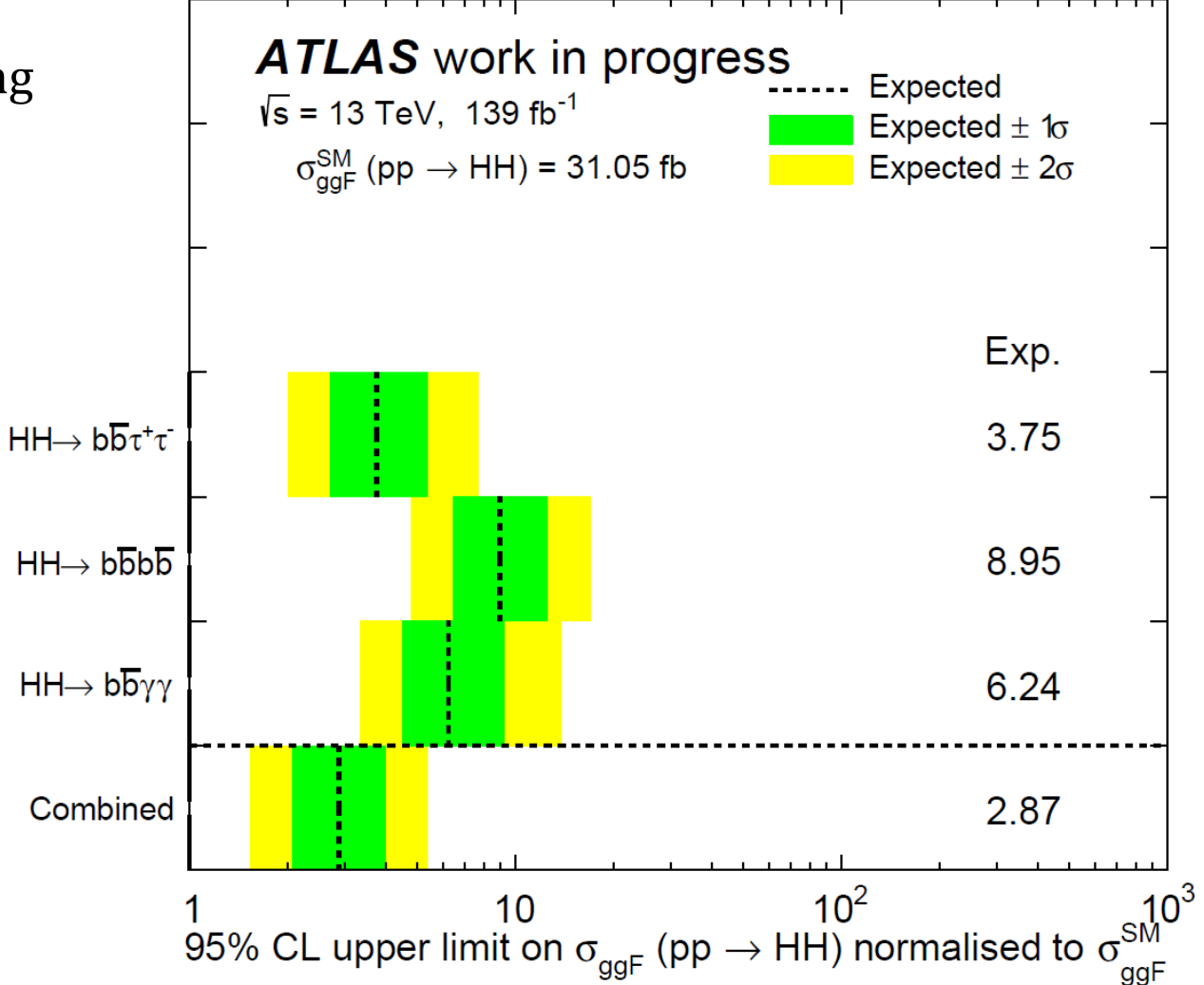
- Most analyses are orthogonal by definition, few exceptions may still exist and need to be checked:
  - Check cross channels that enter the HH combination
  - Checks between single Higgs and HH channels
  - Checks with the Heavy resonance combination
- Several checks already completed and show healthy results between HH channels
- Overlap studies are now starting within single Higgs analyses

# di-Higgs Combination: Preparation and Preliminary Results

- **Preliminary** expected limits set on the HH production cross-section assuming  $\kappa_\lambda = 1$ , combining bbbb, bb $\tau\tau$  and bb $\gamma\gamma$
- Further improvements expected from analyses improvements which are being investigated and implemented
- Will also include blll, bbVV and multilepton
- These limits are updated along side the individual analyses – **these are not final expected limits**

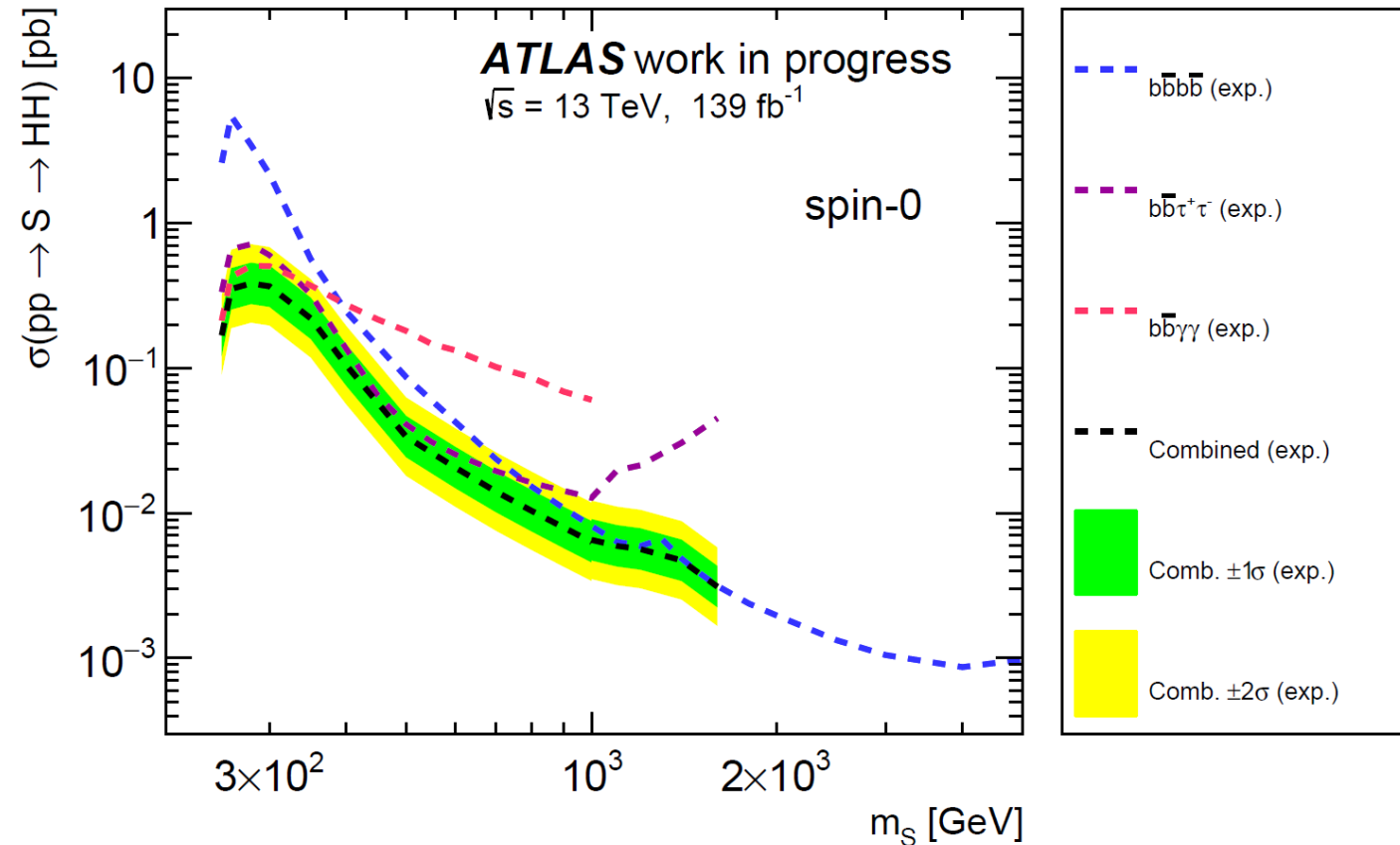
**36 fb<sup>-1</sup> result: 6.9 obs, 10 exp**

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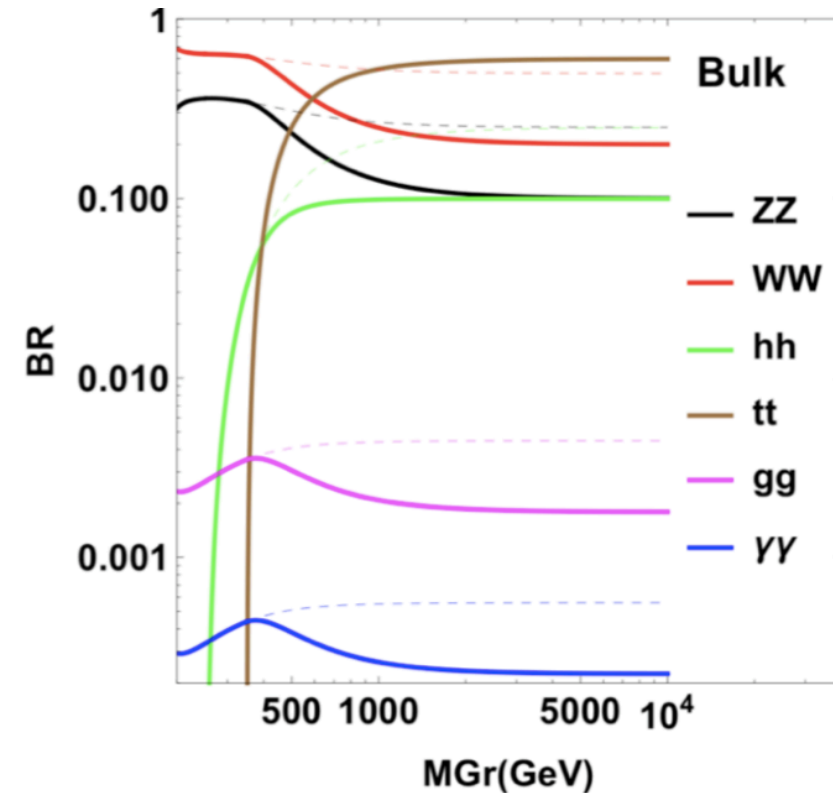
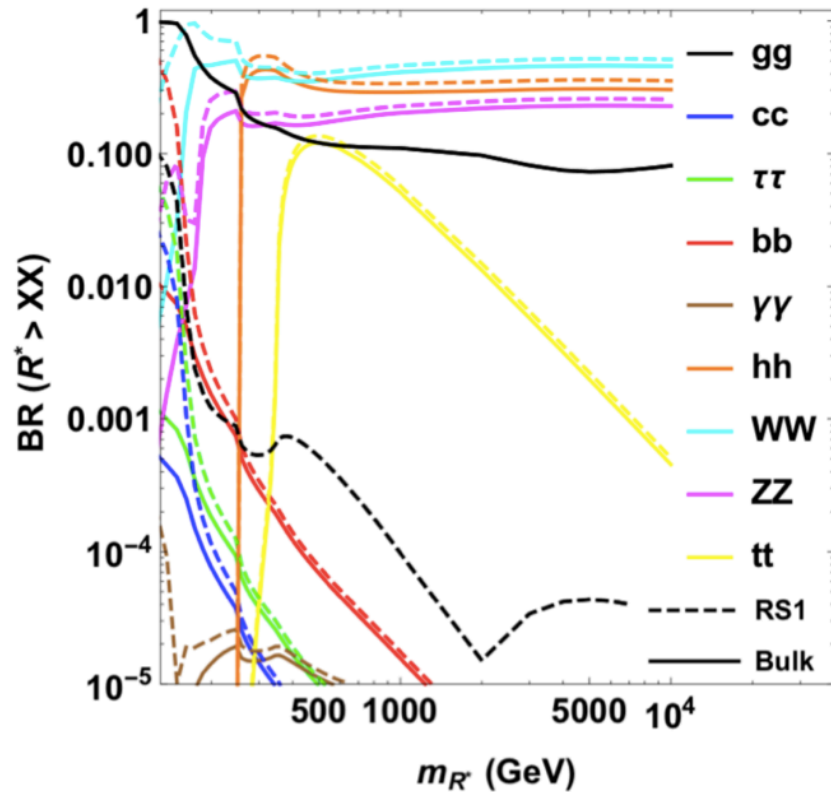
# di-Higgs Combination: Preparation and Preliminary Results

- **Preliminary** resonant expected upper limits for ggF spin 0,  $\sigma(pp \rightarrow X \rightarrow HH)$
- Limits set on the HH production cross section as a function of the resonance mass  $X$  in the hypothesis of a narrow width scalar produced via ggF
- Combined  $b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$ ,  $b\bar{b}\tau^+\tau^-$ ,  $b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$  in region 251 – 1000 GeV.  $b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$  and  $b\bar{b}\tau^+\tau^-$  only in 1000 – 1600 GeV mass range.  $b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$  only between 1600 – 5000 GeV mass range
- These limits are updated along side the individual analyses



# Future Plans: Resonant Combination

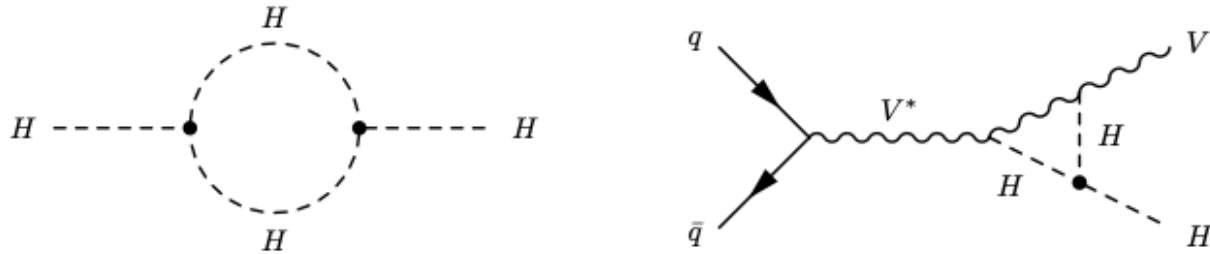
- Plan to combine HH channels with Heavy Resonance Combination for resonant searches
- Spin-0 Radion: HH BR in 300 GeV - 500 GeV is dominant and  $> 500$  GeV above is comparable to WW/ZZ
- Spin-2 Graviton: HH BR above 1 TeV comparable to ZZ



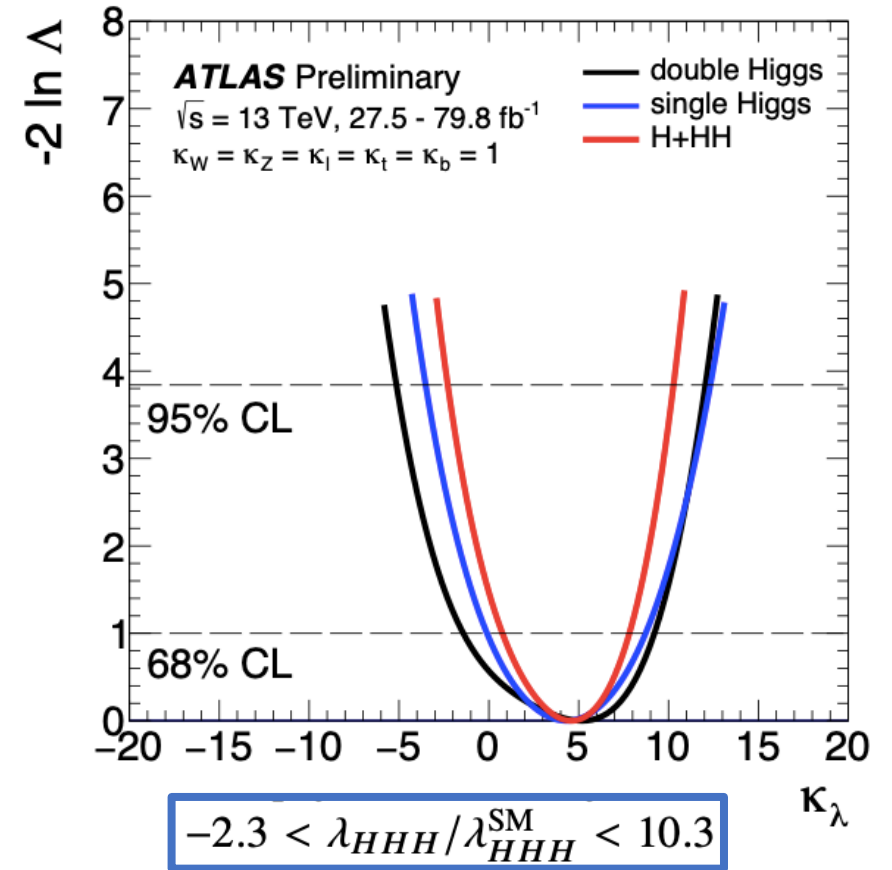
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Plan to combine again HH and H analyses when individual combinations with full Run 2 data are ready:

- $\kappa_\lambda$  can be extracted in HH at LO and H at NLO EW



- Set more stringent constraints on  $\kappa_\lambda$  assuming other Higgs couplings take their SM values
- Set constraints on  $\kappa_\lambda$  and  $c_{2V}$  with less assumptions on the other Higgs couplings that can be constrained by the single-Higgs analysis



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# Summary

- By combining di-Higgs decay channels, we can set further constraints on the di-Higgs cross-section for both non-resonant and resonant searches using the full Run 2 data from the ATLAS experiment
- Continue to update and investigate combined workspaces as updates become available from individual channels
- Future plans to combine the di-Higgs channels with single-Higgs channels for further constraints on  $\kappa_\lambda$  and to combine di-Higgs with Heavy Resonance combination

**Thank you**

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# Future Plans: Non Resonant Combination

Started investigating possible EFT interpretation in HH, investigating both:

- **HEFT** (non-linear, Higgs field is an EW singlet, non SM-like, in chiral Lagrangian)

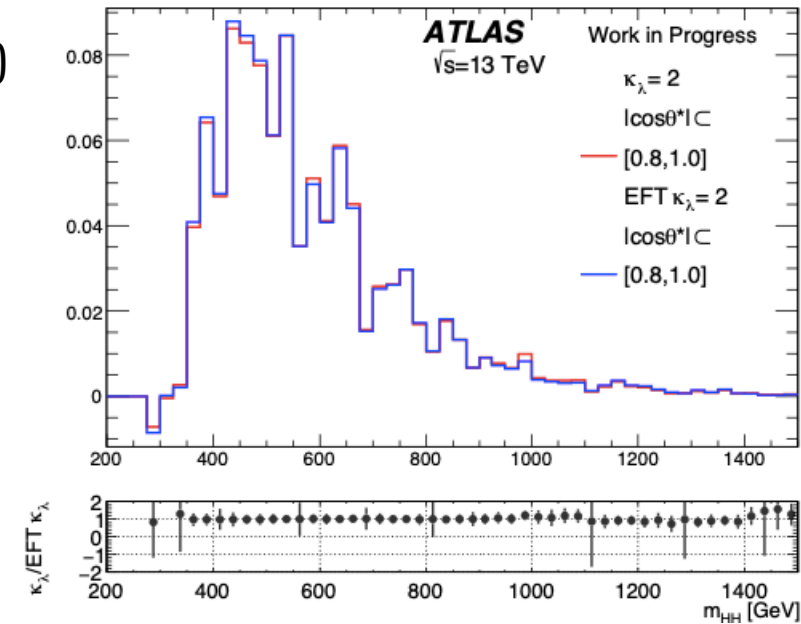
- Benchmark points presented in [JHEP04\(2016\)126](#) and already used by CMS and investigated for LO.

- Reweighting in  $m_{HH}$  and  $\cos\theta^*$  based on the parameterisation in [arxiv:1710.08261](#) being implemented, method checked against old reweighting method for  $\kappa_\lambda$  when turning off all other coefficients (enough to reweight in  $m_{HH}$ ).

- Now possible to do EFT interpretations at NLO.

- **SMEFT** (linear, respects the SM symmetries where the Higgs is an SU(2) doublet)

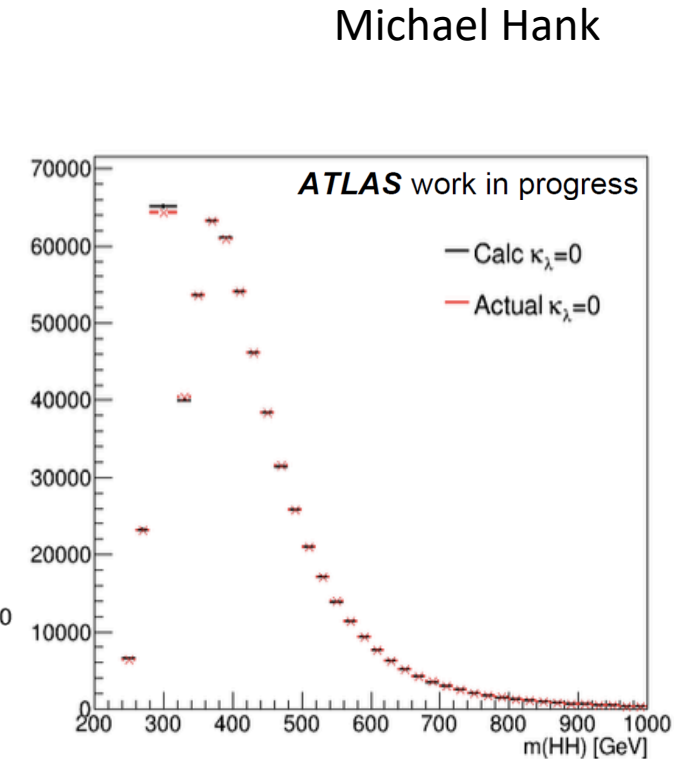
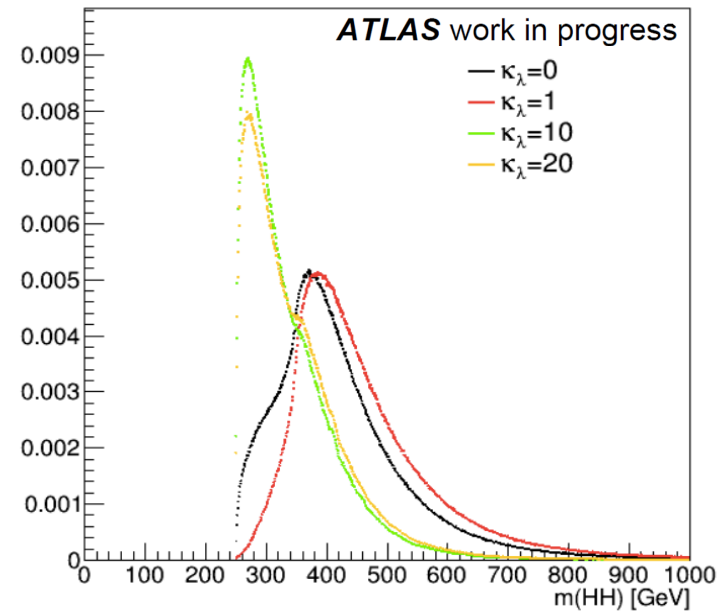
- Starting generating distributions with different SM EFT parameters using the model SMEFTatNLO and studying effects on HH kinematic (1D and 2D scans to investigate correlations).



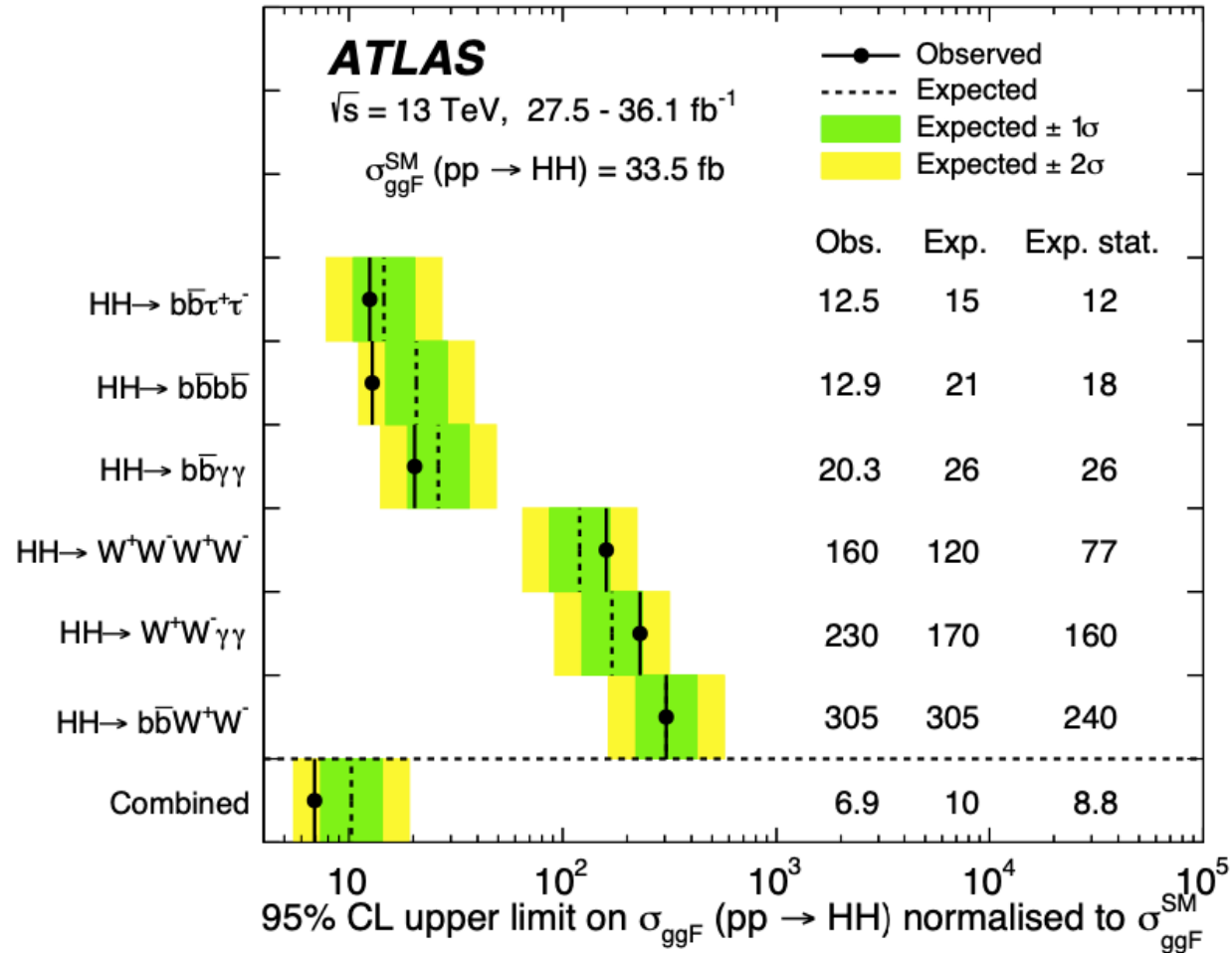


# di-Higgs Combination: Non Resonant Signal Reweighting

- ✧ For the couplings scans, analyses need simulations for many couplings values; computationally expensive → reweight from SM samples.
- ✧ For  $\kappa_\lambda$  scan:
  1. Generate truth  $m_{HH}$  distributions for  $\kappa_\lambda = 0, 1, 10, 20$
  2. Obtain general  $\kappa_\lambda$  distribution from 3 generated distributions ( $\kappa_\lambda = 0, 1, 20$ ) from 
$$\frac{d\sigma}{dm_{HH}}(m_{HH}) = A(m_{HH}) + B(m_{HH})\kappa_\lambda + C(m_{HH})\kappa_\lambda^2$$
  3. Weights evaluated as ratio of two  $m_{HH}$  histograms.
  4. Central re-weighting tool to be used by all analyses to apply the weights.
- ✧ Reweighting method in place for ggF  $\kappa_\lambda$  variations  
Plan to also include VBF  $\kappa_\lambda$  and  $c_{2V}$  variations and as well as EFT couplings variations.

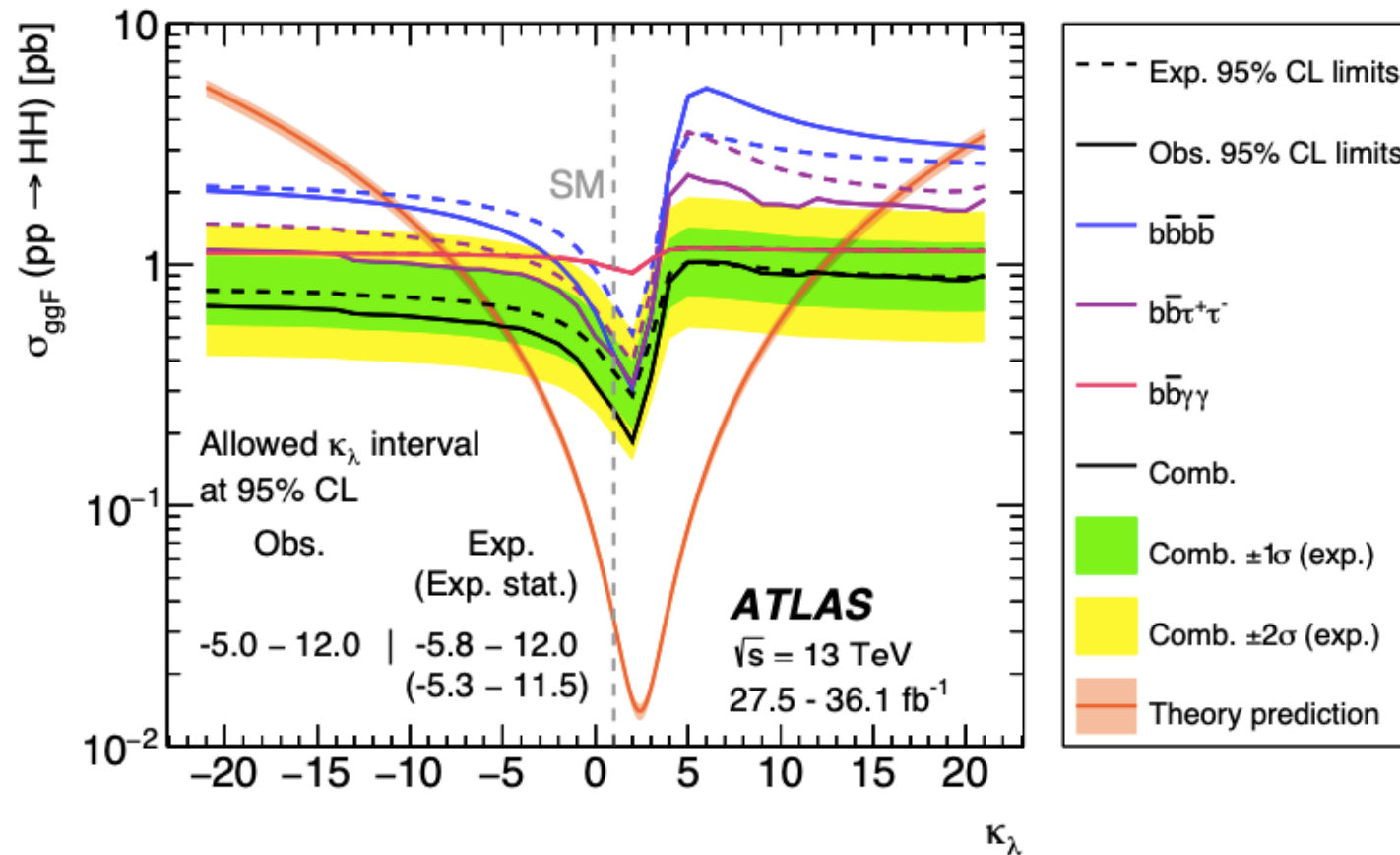


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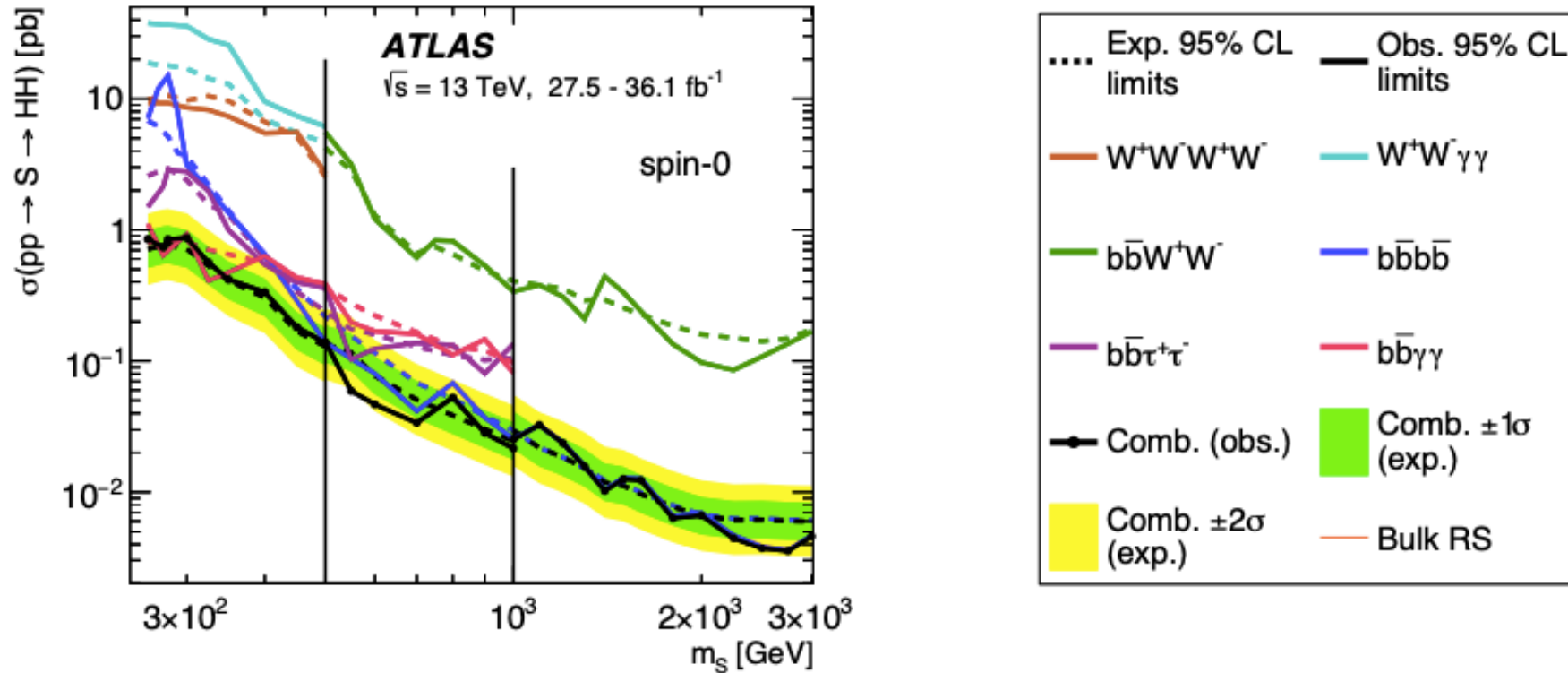
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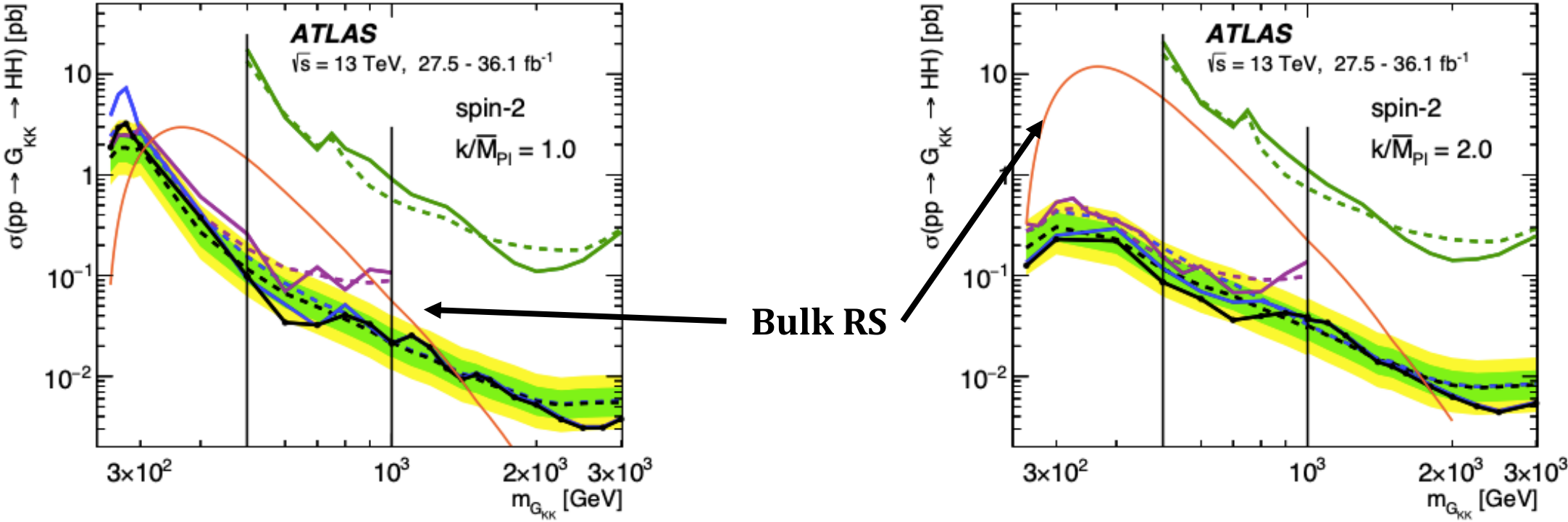
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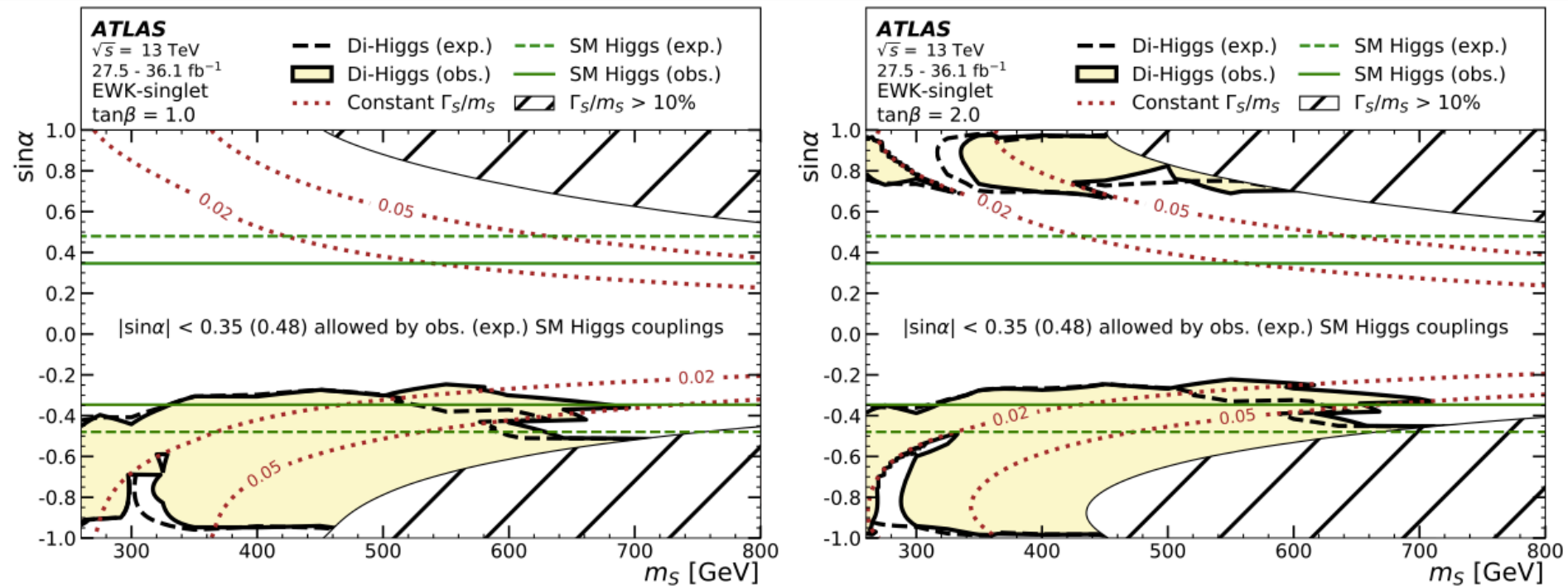


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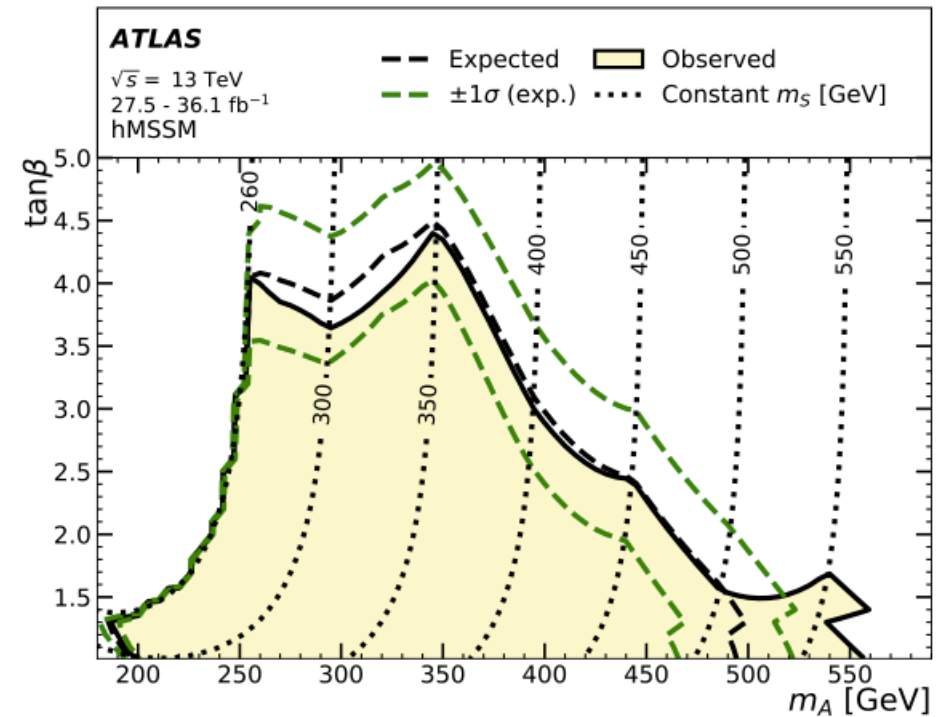
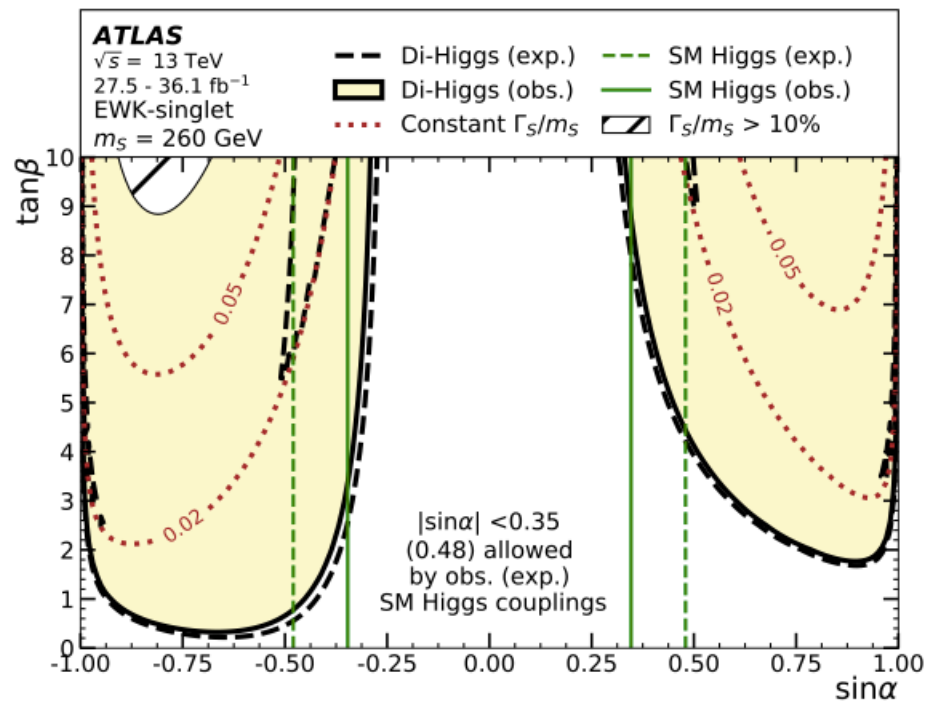
Excluded regions for the EWK-singlet model in the plane  $m_S$ - $\sin \alpha$  for  $\tan \beta = 1$  and for  $\tan \beta = 2$ :



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