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Higgs boson couplings to top, bottom and charm quarks with the ATLAS detector

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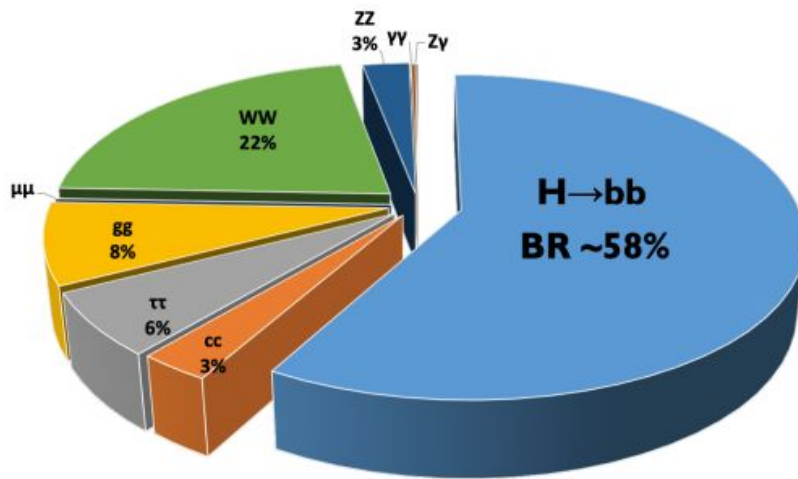
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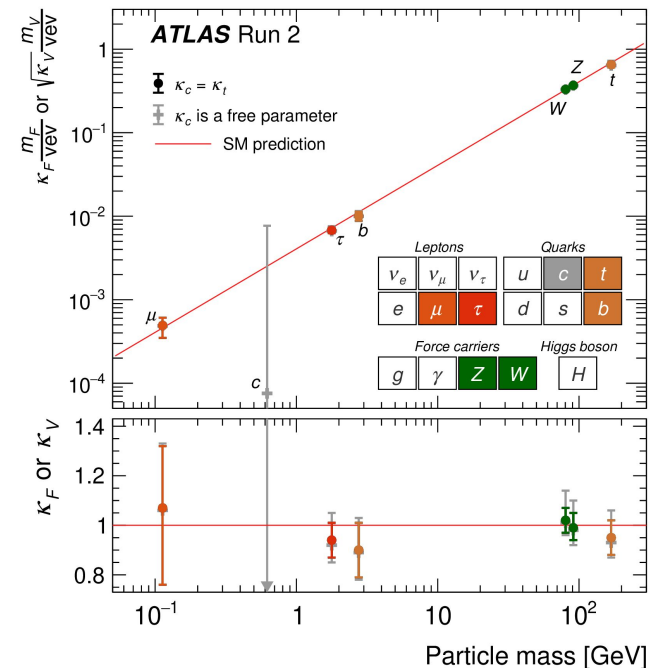
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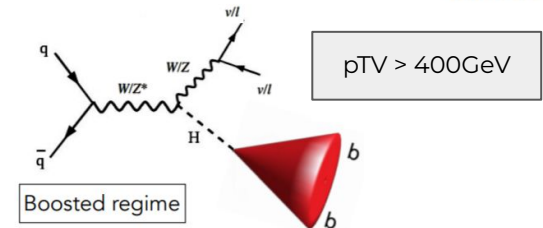
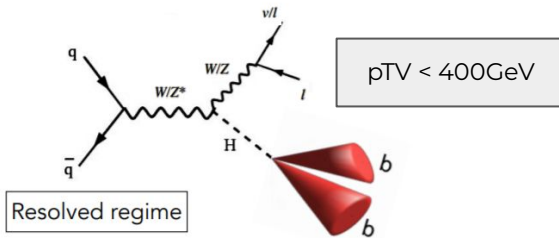
- **Higgs couplings to top, bottom: strongest couplings to fermions.**
 - Higgs decay to a pair of bottom quarks $\sim 58\%$ of the time \rightarrow largest BR.
 - Tree level coupling to top accessible only through ttH production.
- Higgs coupling to **third generation** quarks observed in Run-2 \rightarrow “precision era”!
- **Next challenge: measure Higgs to charm coupling (BR $H \rightarrow cc \sim 3\%$)**
 - Constrained from direct and indirect measurements.
- $H \rightarrow bb$ and $H \rightarrow cc$ sensitivity driven by VH production.



[Higgs combination paper](#)

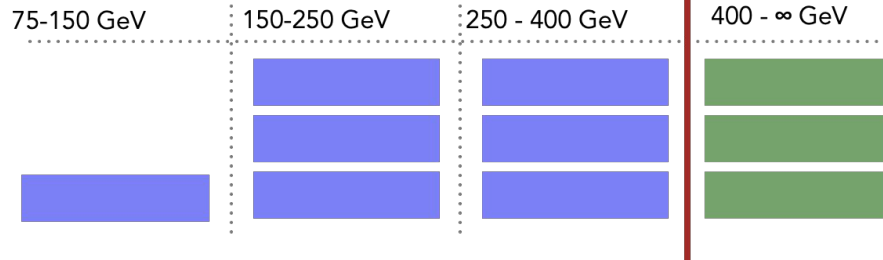


VH(bb) resolved/boosted combination



3 channels:
number of leptons in the V (Z/W) decay.
Lepton: e/μ

$Z \rightarrow \nu\nu$ 0 Lepton
 $W \rightarrow e\nu/\mu\nu$ 1 Lepton
 $Z \rightarrow ee/\mu\mu$ 2 Lepton



VHbb combination: 19 SRs and 30 CRs.

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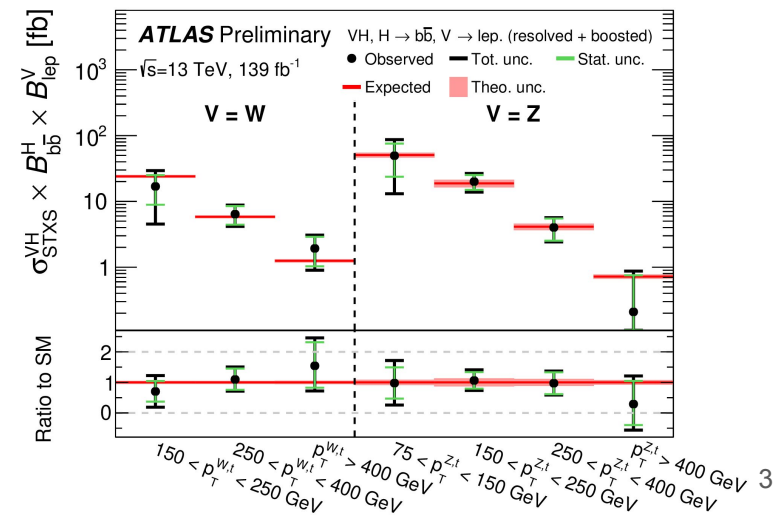
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- Orthogonality through p_T^V cut at 400 GeV
- Main backgrounds: $t\bar{t}$, W +jets and Z +jets.
- Higgs candidate:
 - Resolved regime \rightarrow two small radius jets
 - Boosted \rightarrow leading large-R jet ($R=1.0$)

Inclusive signal strength:

$$\mu_{VH}^{bb} = 1.00^{+0.18}_{-0.17} = 1.00^{+0.12}_{-0.11} (\text{stat.})^{+0.14}_{-0.13} (\text{syst.})$$

STXS measurement with 7 POI



Effective lagrangian from SM lagrangian for BSM physics:

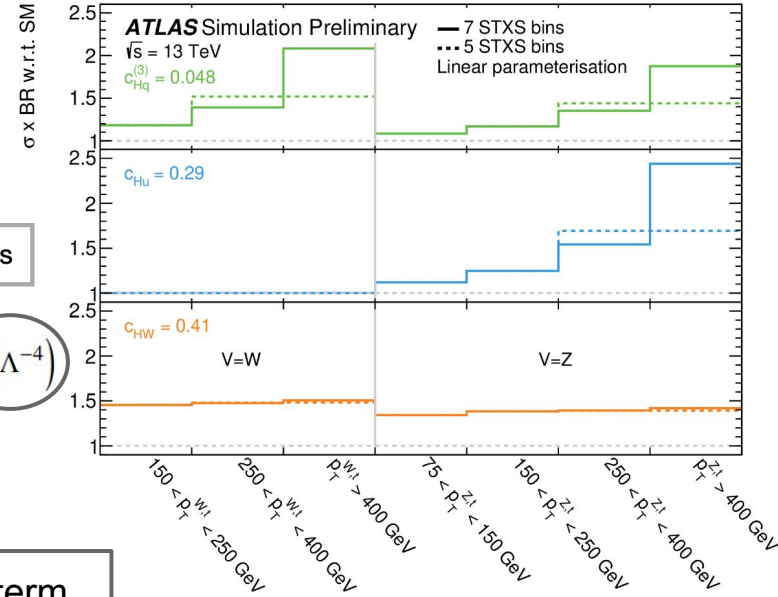
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SMEFT}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \sum_i^{N_{d6}} \frac{c_i}{\Lambda^2} O_i^{(6)} + \sum_j^{N_{d8}} \frac{b_j}{\Lambda^4} O_j^{(8)} + \dots,$$

Wilson coefficients

Scale of new physics (1 TeV)

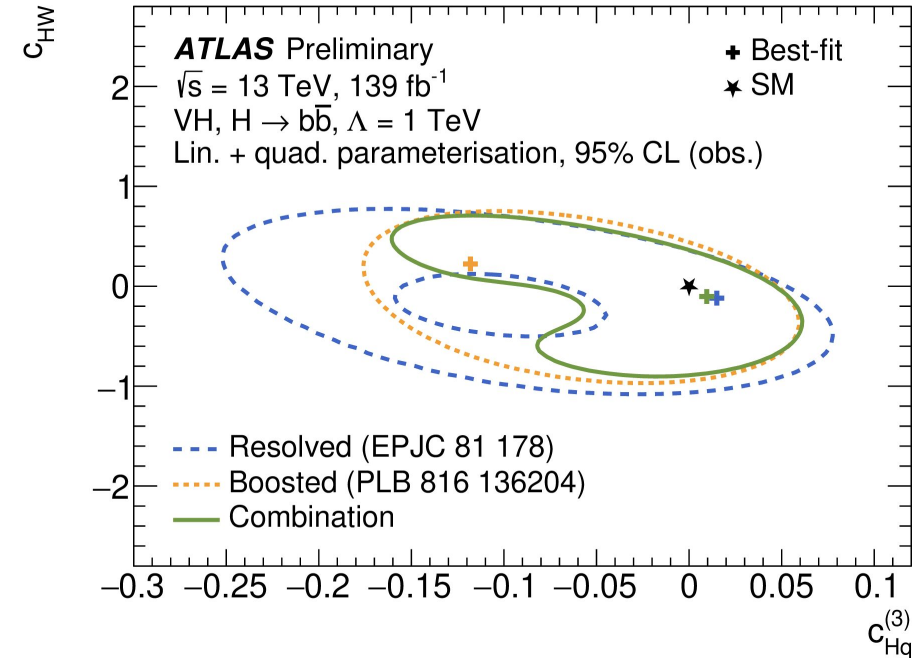
Dimension-6 operators describing new physics

$$\sigma = |\mathcal{M}_{\text{SMEFT}}|^2 = |\mathcal{M}_{\text{SM}} + \sum_i \frac{c_i^{(6)}}{\Lambda^2} \mathcal{M}_i^{(6)}|^2 + \mathcal{O}(\Lambda^{-4}) = |\mathcal{M}_{\text{SM}}|^2 + \sum_i \frac{c_i^{(6)}}{\Lambda^2} 2\text{Re}(\mathcal{M}_i^{(6)} \mathcal{M}_{\text{SM}}^*) + \mathcal{O}(\Lambda^{-4})$$



Quadratic term inside

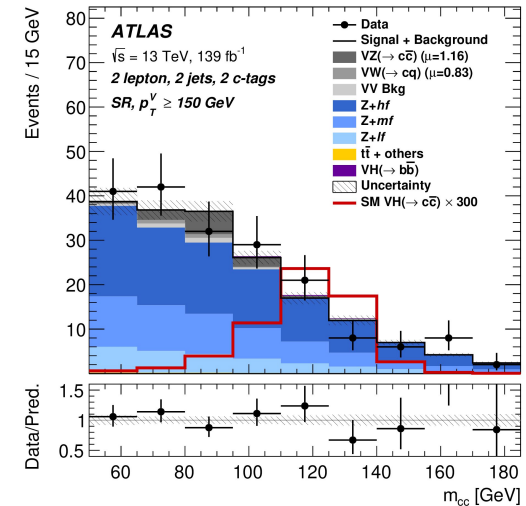
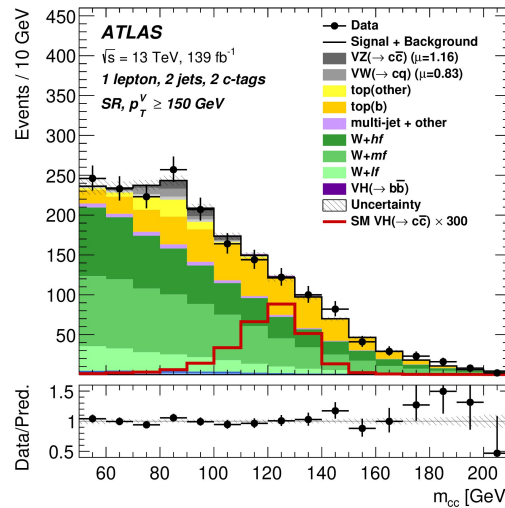
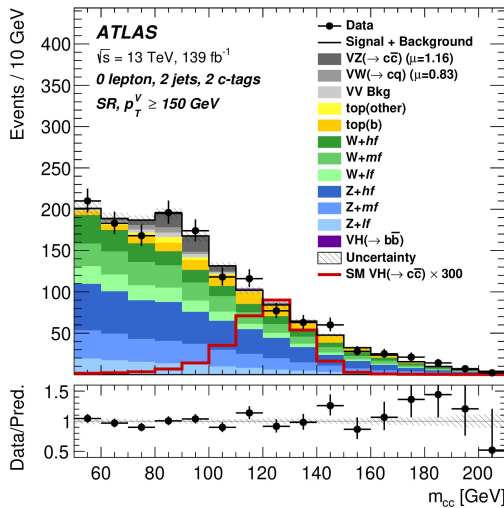
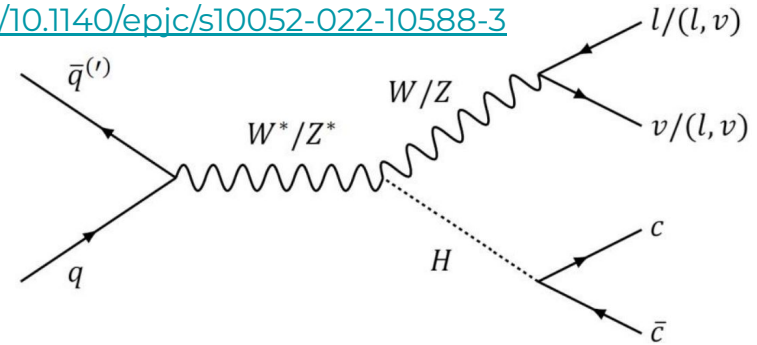
- **The resolved+boosted combination improves EFT limits** especially for higher dimensional scans
- Measured wilson coefficient consistent with SM.



VH(cc) analysis

doi:
<https://doi.org/10.1140/epic/s10052-022-10588-3>

- **H→cc branching fraction: 2.89%**
 H→bb branching fraction: ~58%
- 3 channels as in VH(bb) analysis: 0/1/2 lepton.
- **Use m_{cc} as discriminating variable.**



- C-tagged jet selected with a c-tag + b-veto tagger (c-jet efficiency 20%).
 - Orthogonality w.r.t VH(bb) analysis.
 - Dedicated top CR to control top background based on one c-tag amongst two leading jets & b-tagged third jet.
- VW(cq) and VZ(cc) are simultaneously measured as a cross-check.

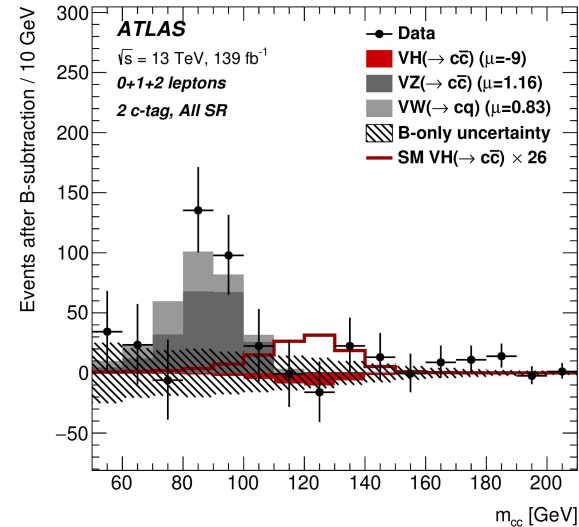
Inclusive signal strengths:

$$\mu_{VH(cc)} = -9 \pm 10(\text{stat}) \pm 12(\text{syst})$$

$$\mu_{VW(cq)} = 0.83 \pm 0.11(\text{stat}) \pm 0.21(\text{syst}), \text{significance: } 3.8\sigma$$

$$\mu_{VZ(cc)} = 1.16 \pm 0.32(\text{stat}) \pm 0.36(\text{syst}), \text{significance: } 2.6\sigma$$

The 3 measured signal strengths are compatible at 84% with the SM.



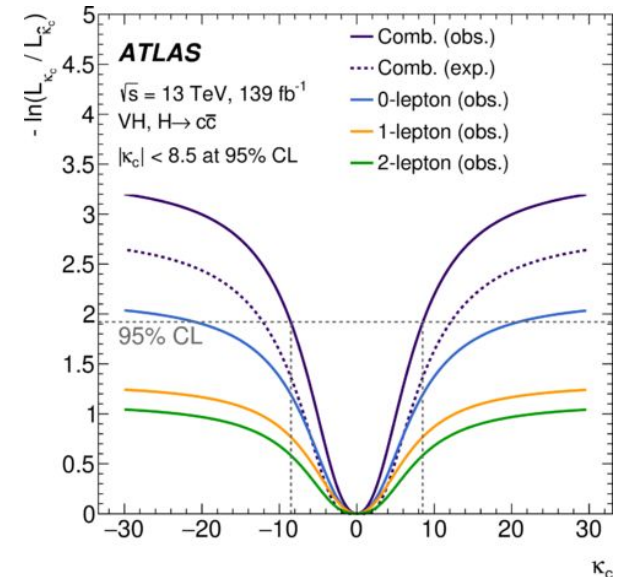
Constraints on EFT coupling modifiers (*kappa framework*)

- Parametrize the signal strength in the likelihood as:

$$\mu_{VH(c\bar{c})}(\kappa_c) = \frac{\kappa_c^2}{1 + B_{H \rightarrow c\bar{c}}^{\text{SM}}(\kappa_c^2 - 1)}, \quad \text{Coupling modifier}$$

Results:

- Constraint: $|\kappa_c| < 8.5(12.4)$ at 95% CL

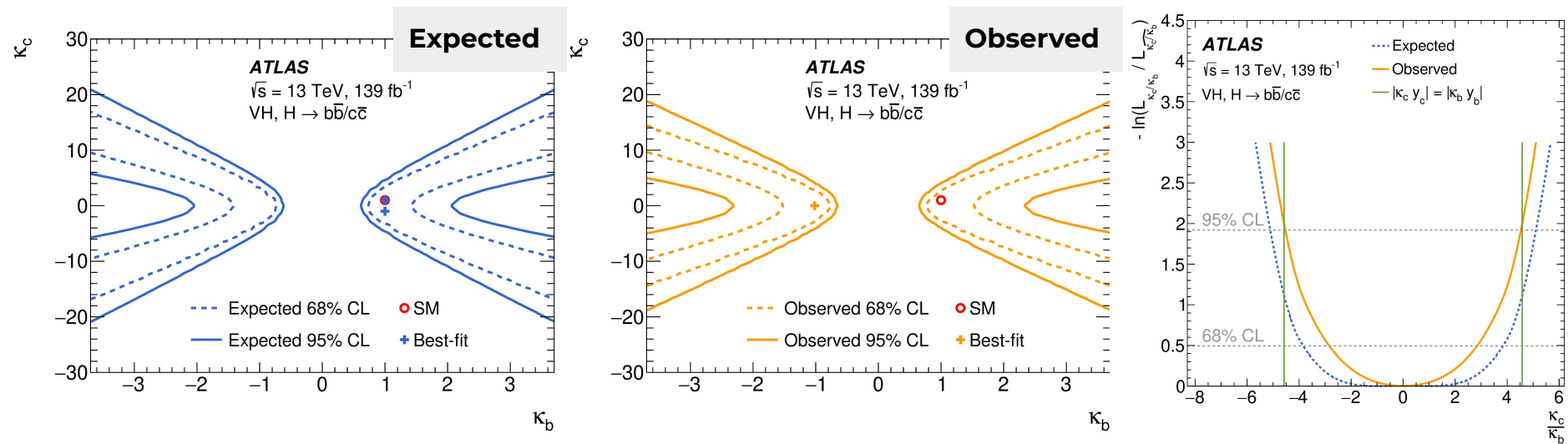


VH(bb/cc) combination

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VH(bb) and VH(cc) analyses are orthogonal → **combination**

- Common experimental systematic uncertainties: correlated
- Background normalisations and modeling uncertainties: uncorrelated.
- **Fitted signal strengths consistent with individual analyses.**



Coupling modifiers:

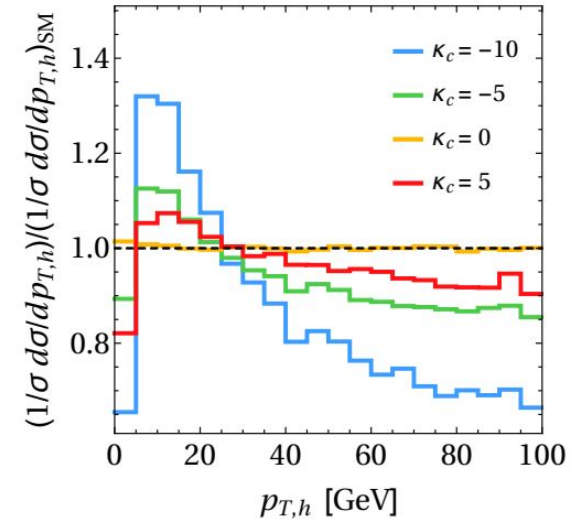
- Best fit $(K_b, K_c) = (-1.02, 0)$, only 0.02 away from $(1.02, 0)$ in terms of likelihood.
- Likelihood parameterised as a function of K_c/K_b
- **Constraint: $|K_c/K_b| < 4.5$ at 95% confidence level.**

Higgs coupling to charm must be weaker than coupling to bottom!

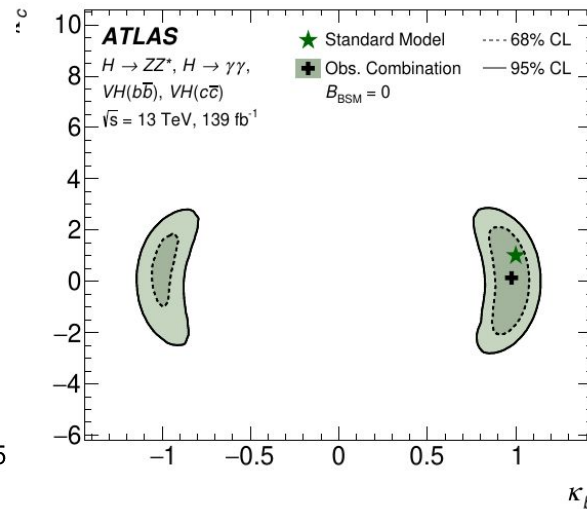
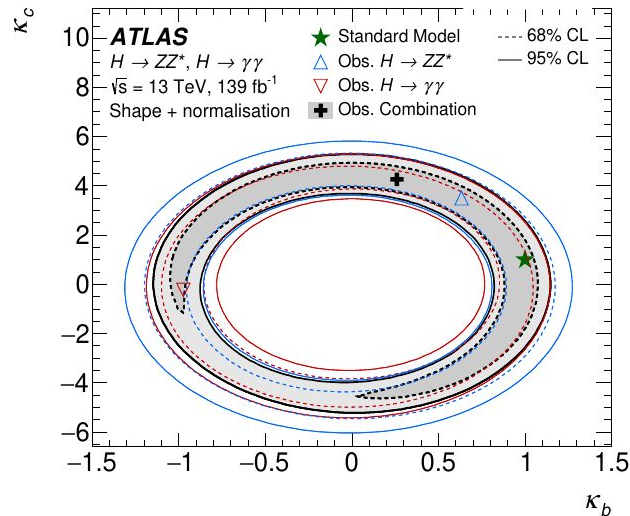
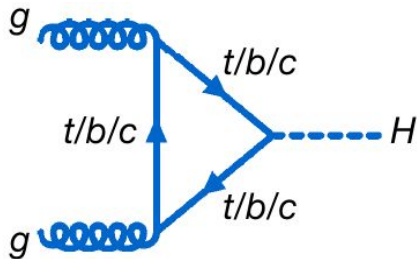
Constraint κ_b κ_c by combining $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$ and $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ with $VH(bb/cc)$

κ_b κ_c can be constrained by $p_{T,H}^T$ measured from $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$ and $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ analyses.

[arxiv:1606.09253](https://arxiv.org/abs/1606.09253)



[arxiv:2207.08615](https://arxiv.org/abs/2207.08615)



Best fit results, 95% CL:

$H4l$ & $H\gamma\gamma$, shape & normalisation:
 $\kappa_b: [-1.09, -0.86] \cup [0.81, 1.09]$
 $\kappa_c: [-2.27, 2.27]$

$H4l$ & $H\gamma\gamma$ & $VH(bb)$ & $VH(cc)$

BSM decays not allowed:

$\kappa_c: [-2.47, 2.53]$

BSM decays allowed:

$\kappa_c: [-4.46, 4.81]$

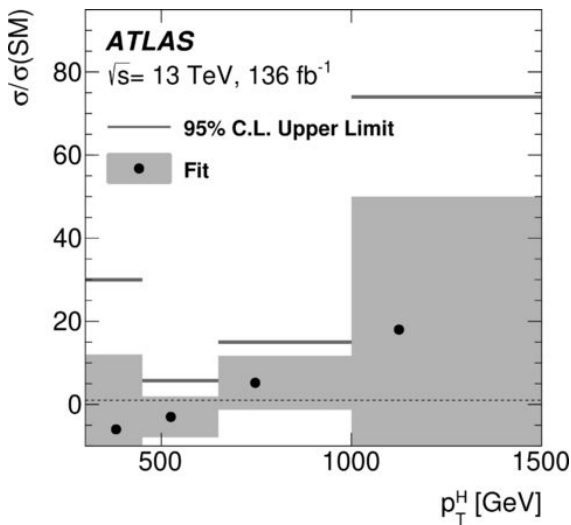
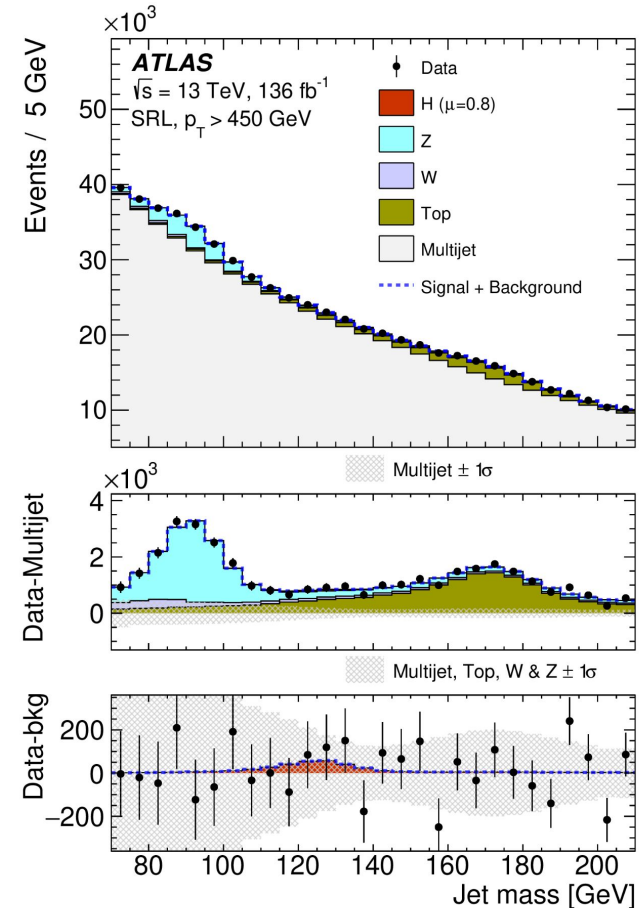
$H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$ and $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ combination using shape & normalisation

$VH(bb/cc)$, $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$, $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ combination (BSM decays not allowed)

H \rightarrow bb boosted all hadronic

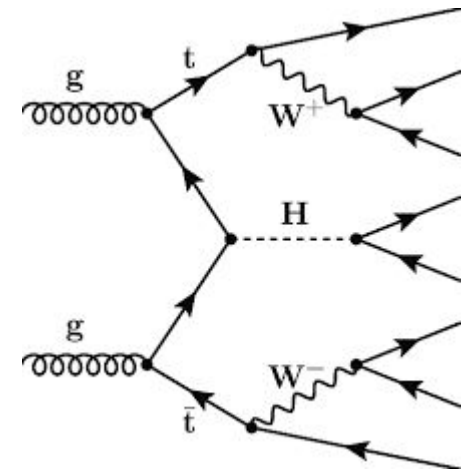
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- **Measuring H \rightarrow bb decay inclusively** (= all production modes, mostly dominated by ggF).
- Main Backgrounds:
 - Multijet: 200 times of the signal
 - Z+jets, W+jets, top: 20 times of signal
- Higgs candidate is a large-R jet, events are categorized into signal region, validation region and ttbar control region.
- Higgs boson signal strength inclusive measurement: $\mu_H = 0.8 \pm 3.2$
- Differential measurement is also done in p_T^H
- All Higgs boson results consistent with SM.



- **Constraints on Higgs boson inclusive production with transverse momentum above 1 TeV.**

Higgs-Top coupling measurements

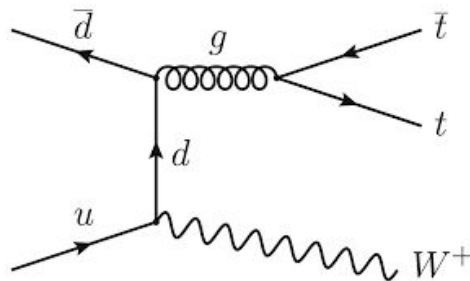
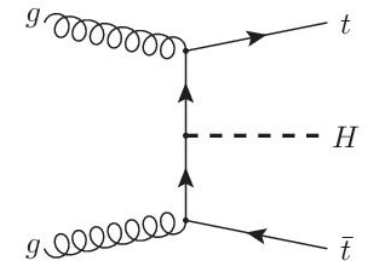


Measuring Higgs Top coupling by $t\bar{t}H$

- $t\bar{t}H$ is a good production mode for measuring Higgs Top coupling

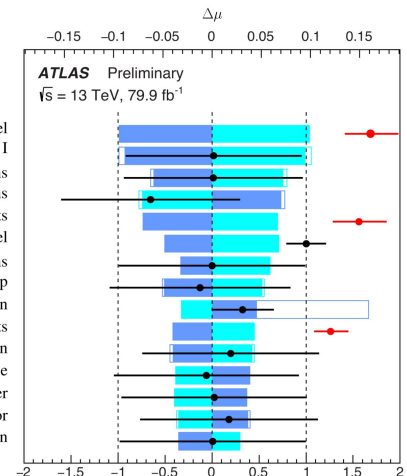
- **Outline**

- $t\bar{t}H(bb)$ signal strength measurement
- Higgs top coupling CP measurement in mainly $t\bar{t}H(bb)$ (more recent)
- Higgs top coupling CP measurement in mainly $t\bar{t}H(\gamma\gamma)$ (older)
- Study on $t\bar{t}H(ML)$ background: $t\bar{t}W$ charge asymmetry



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 (($t\bar{t}H(\text{multilepton})$), 80fb^{-1} , inspire)

- Pre-fit impact on μ :
- $\theta = \bar{\theta} + \Delta\theta$
 - $\theta = \bar{\theta} - \Delta\theta$
- Post-fit impact on μ :
- $\theta = \bar{\theta} + \Delta\theta$
 - $\theta = \bar{\theta} - \Delta\theta$
- Pull: $(\theta - \bar{\theta})/\Delta\theta$
 - Norm. Factor
- $t\bar{t}W$ norm. factor: 3ℓ channel
 - Jet energy scale: η intercalib. NP I
 - $t\bar{t}Z$ cross section: scale variations
 - $t\bar{t}W$ modelling: scale variations
 - $t\bar{t}W$ norm. factor: $2\ell SS$ channel, 2-3 jets
 - Fake τ_{had} bkg. stat. $1\ell 2\tau$ channel
 - $t\bar{t}H$ cross section: scale variations
 - Jet energy scale: pileup
 - $t\bar{t}W$ modelling: charge extrapolation
 - $t\bar{t}W$ norm. factor: $2\ell SS$ channel, ≥ 4 jets
 - Top rare decay cross-section
 - Jet energy scale: flavour response
 - $t\bar{t}H$ modelling: parton shower
 - $t\bar{t}W$ modelling: alternative generator
 - 4-top cross section



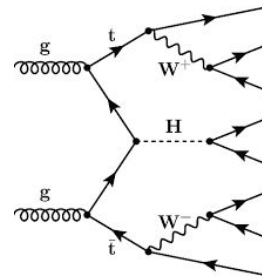
ttH(bb) analysis

[doi.org/10.1007/JHEP06\(2022\)097](https://doi.org/10.1007/JHEP06(2022)097)

- Higgs has the **strongest coupling to top quark**
 - ttH(bb) analysis → best direct probe of top coupling
- Analysis done in both **resolved and boosted regime**.
- Separate between single-lepton and di-lepton regions.

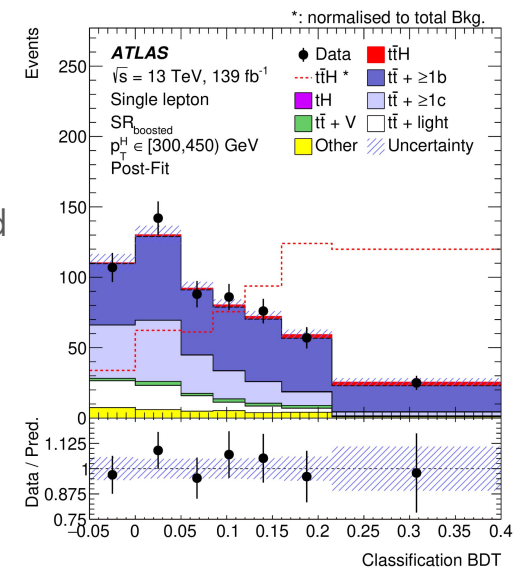
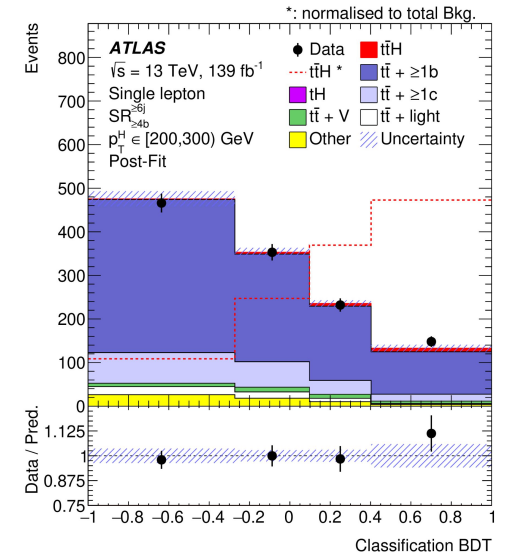
- ttH(bb) challenges:**

- Match jets with Higgs and top.
- Large background of ttbar + jets



- Multivariate analysis used in two parts of ttH(bb):**

- Reconstruction: Trained BDT(resolved)/DNN(boosted) used to associate final state particle with Top, Higgs, W.
- Classification: Trained BDT used to separate signal from background.



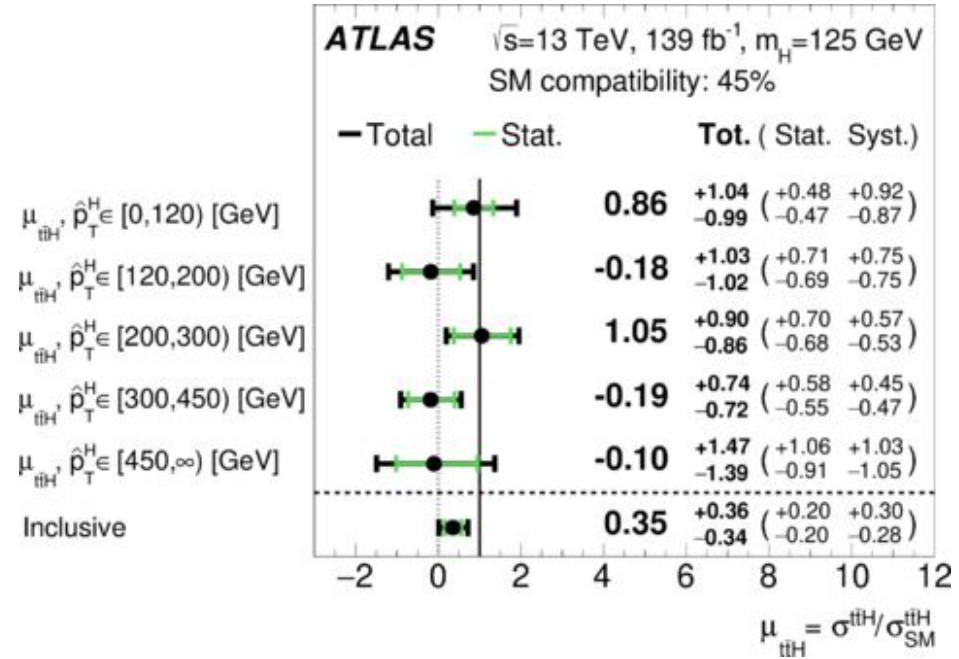
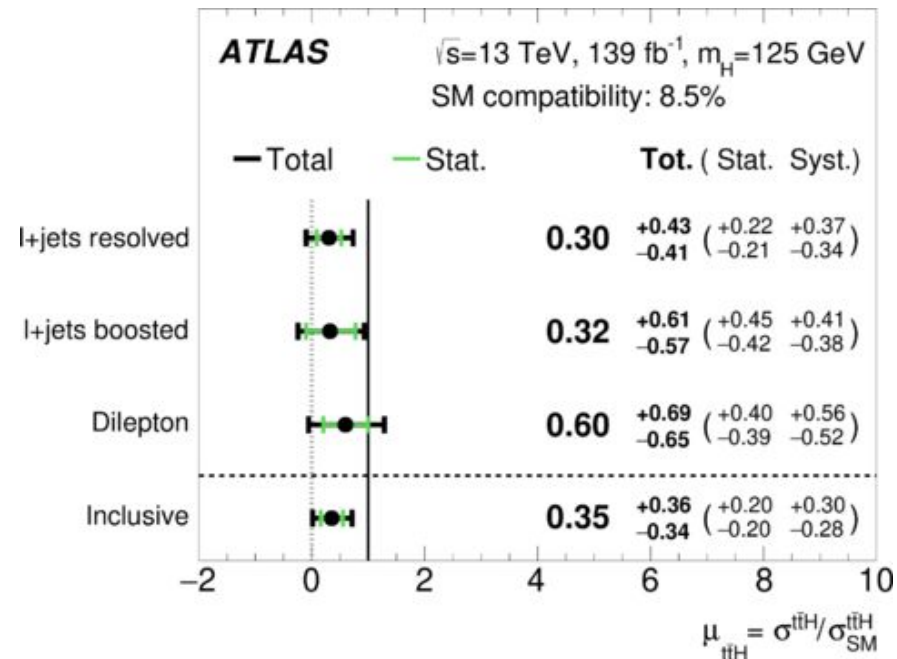
- **Best-fit inclusive signal strength:**

$$\mu = 0.35 \pm 0.20 \text{ (stat.) } {}^{+0.30}_{-0.28} \text{ (syst.)} = 0.35 {}^{+0.36}_{-0.34}$$

- Observed significance: 1.0 (expected significance 2.7)
- STXS computed in a 5 POI fit as a function of p_T^H

Single channel

STXS - 5 POI



Higgs coupling to Top: CP measurement

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- Yukawa coupling between Higgs and top:

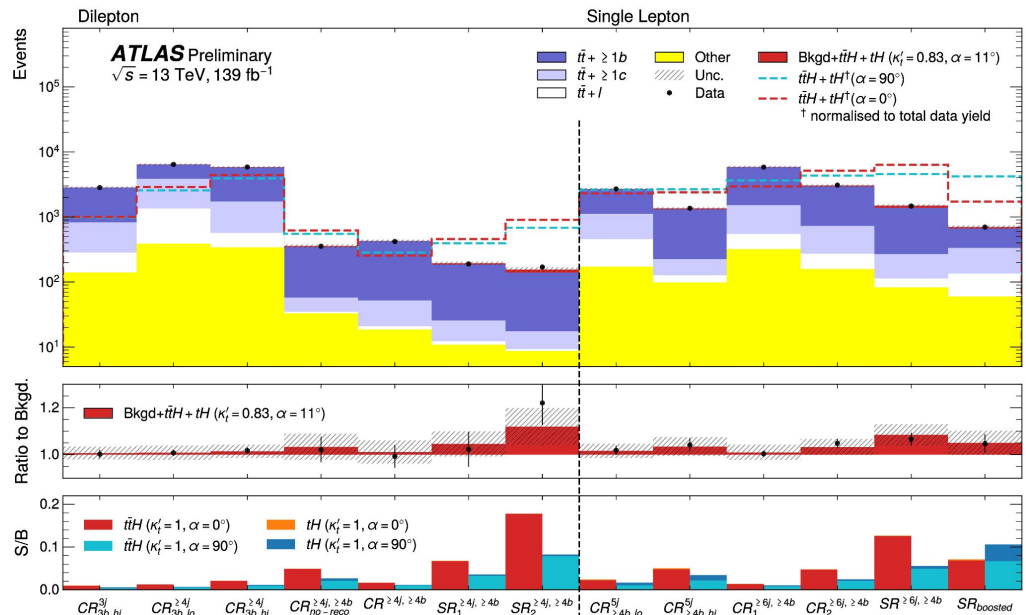
$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{m_t}{v} \{ \bar{\psi}_t \kappa_t [\cos(\alpha) + i \sin(\alpha) \gamma_5] \psi_t \} H$$

- Standard model predicts $\kappa_t = 1$, $\alpha = 0$ (CP even)
- The measurement is performed using: **ttH + tH, H→bb**.
 - The prediction on cross section and kinematics distribution is **expected to be different for CP even and CP odd**.
- Use “ b_2 ” and “ b_4 ” as CP discriminating variables, defined as:

$$b_2 = \frac{(\vec{p}_1 \times \hat{n}) \cdot (\vec{p}_2 \times \hat{n})}{|\vec{p}_1| |\vec{p}_2|}$$

$$b_4 = \frac{p_1^z p_2^z}{|\vec{p}_1| |\vec{p}_2|}$$

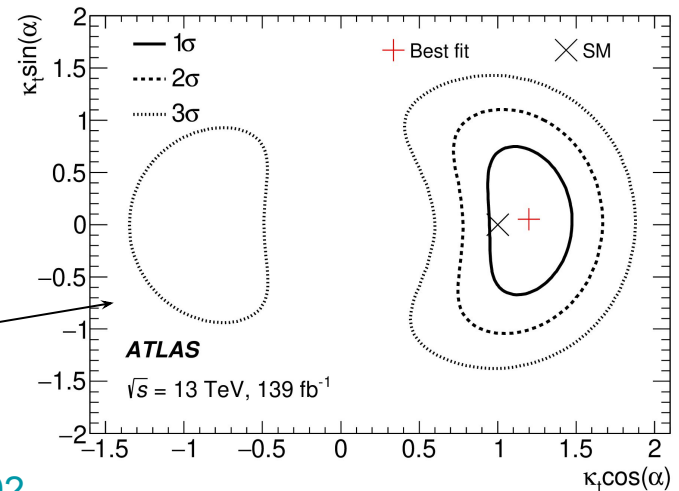
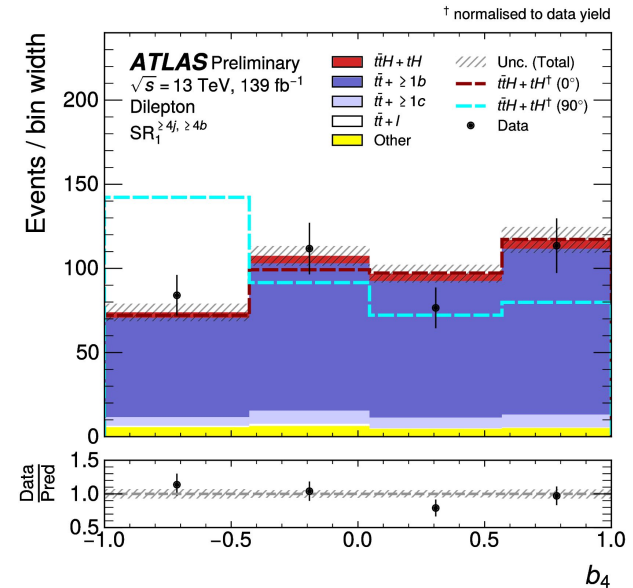
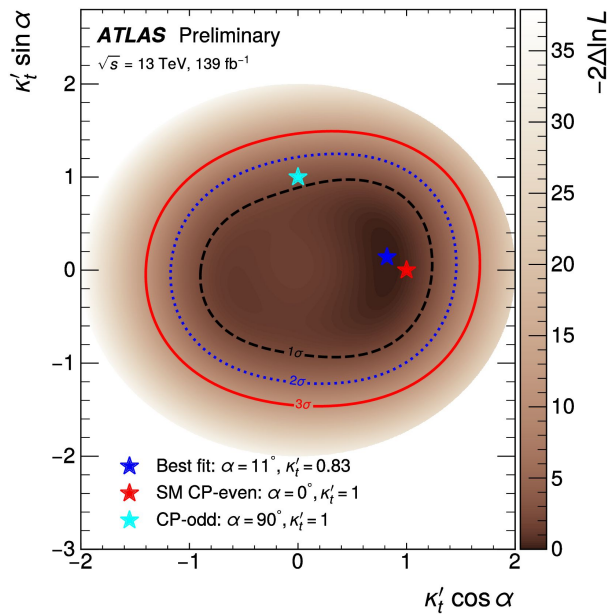
Where \hat{n} is unit vector in z axis. p is momentum of two top quarks.



Higgs coupling to Top: CP measurement

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- Signal of $t\bar{t}H$ and tH signal over background prediction: 1.3σ
- **Best fit for mixing angle $\alpha = 11^\circ$ (err. $+56^\circ, -77^\circ$).**
- **Pure CP-odd hypothesis is disfavoured at 1.2σ .**

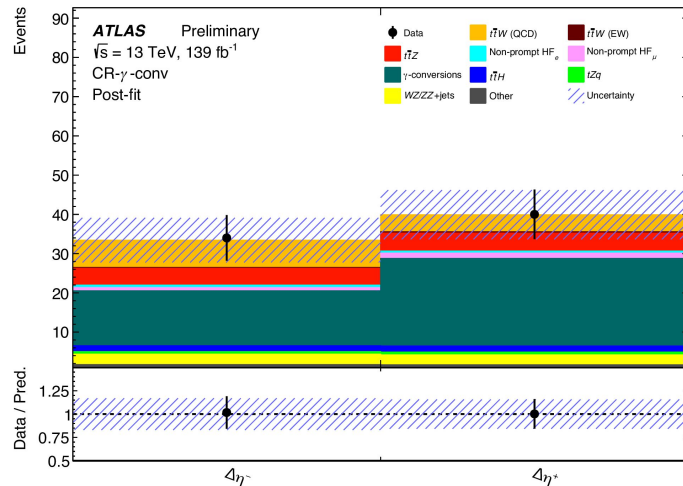
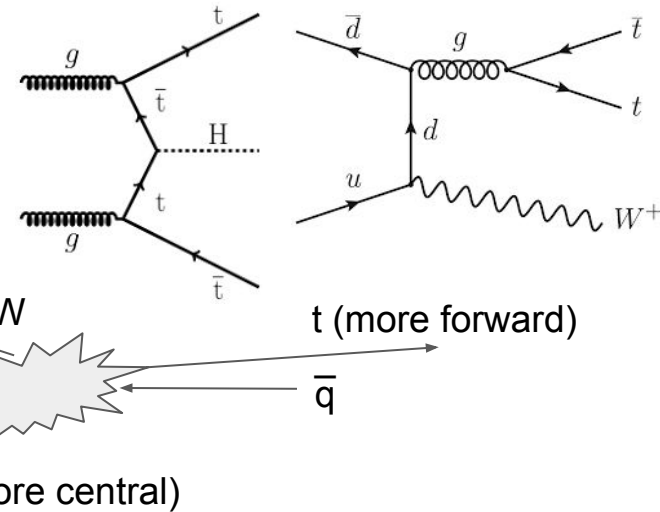


Note. The Higgs coupling to Top has also been measured via $t\bar{t}H(\gamma\gamma)$:

- Pure CP-odd is excluded at 3.9σ .
- $|\alpha| > 43^\circ$ is excluded at 95% CL.

ttW charge asymmetry

- ttH multilepton analysis requires better understanding of the ttW since it is a major background.
- In the ttW process, the top quark (anti top) has a higher probability of being produced in the direction of the initial quark (anti quark).
 ⇒ central-forward rapidity charge asymmetry



- Analysis is done in 3L channel

Charge asymmetry defined as:

$$A_c^t = \frac{N(\Delta_y^t > 0) - N(\Delta_y^t < 0)}{N(\Delta_y^t > 0) + N(\Delta_y^t < 0)} \quad \Delta_y^t = |y_t| - |y_{\bar{t}}|$$

Reconstruction level result:

Measured: $A_c^\ell(t\bar{t}W) = -0.123 \pm 0.136$ (stat.) ± 0.051 (syst.)

Predicted: $A_c^\ell(t\bar{t}W)_{SM} = -0.084^{+0.005}_{-0.003}$ (scale) ± 0.006 (MC stat.)

Unfolded result:

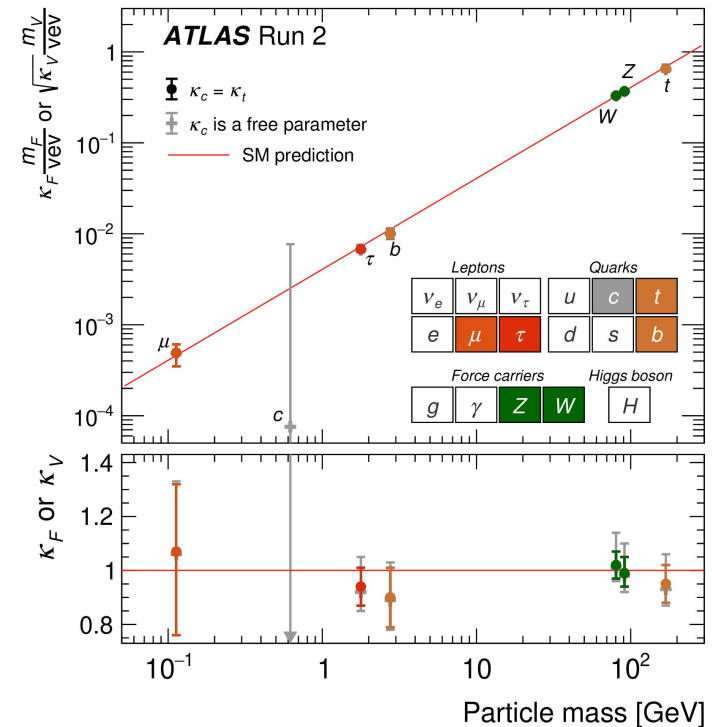
$A_c^\ell(t\bar{t}W)^{PL} = -0.112 \pm 0.170$ (stat.) ± 0.055 (syst.)

$A_c^\ell(t\bar{t}W)_{SM}^{PL} = -0.063^{+0.007}_{-0.004}$ (scale) ± 0.004 (MC stat.)

Conclusions

All analyses show an overall good agreement with the Standard Model predictions

- **“Precision era”**: Moved from inclusive searches to differential x-section measurements
- Higgs coupling to top, bottom and charm **provides an important test for the SM.**
- The ATLAS analyses using full Run2 dataset all shows Higgs coupling to top, bottom and charm consistent with SM.
- For analyses with adequate statistics and significance, STXS measurement with multiple POIs has been done and result is reinterpreted in EFT framework.

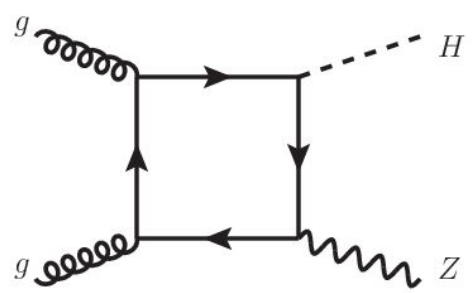
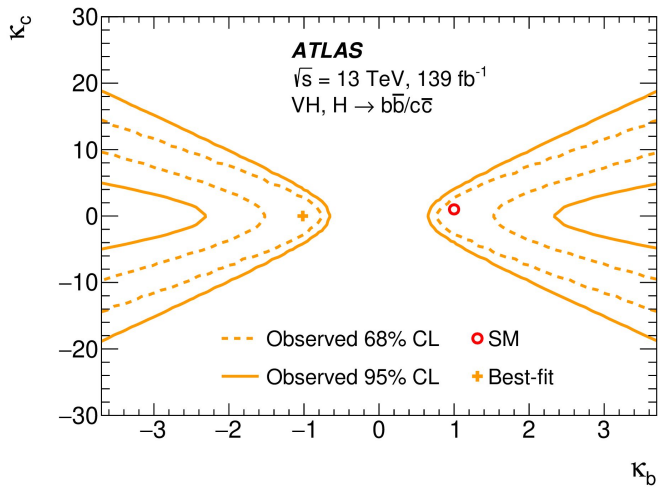


More data \Rightarrow more measurements, more differential, more complex interpretations

Back up

Negative κ_b value in VH(cc)

- Dependence on LH on sign comes from $gg \rightarrow ZH$



$$\sigma(gg \rightarrow ZH) \quad \checkmark \quad Z - t \quad \sim \quad 2.27 \cdot \kappa_Z^2 + 0.37 \cdot \kappa_t^2 - 1.64 \cdot \kappa_Z \kappa_t$$

