

# The Higgs boson

Couplings and properties  
measurements

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# At the heart of the Standard Model (SM)

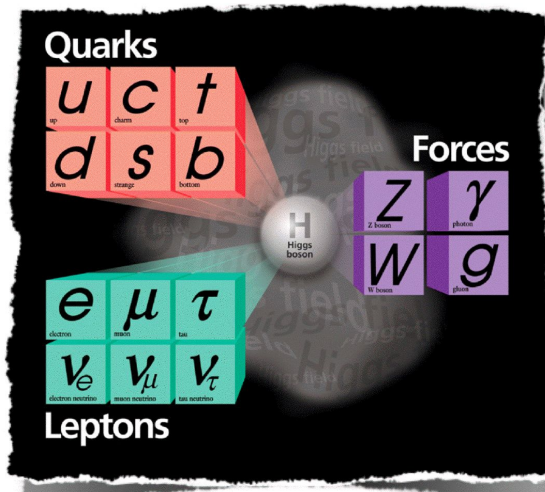
$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + i\bar{\psi}\not{D}\psi + h.c.$$

$$+ \bar{\psi}_i y_{ij} \psi_j \phi + h.c.$$

Yukawa terms

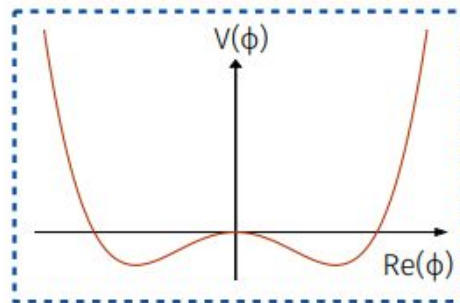
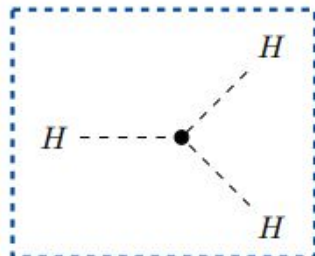
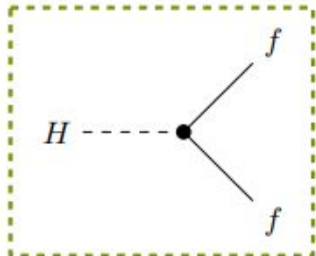
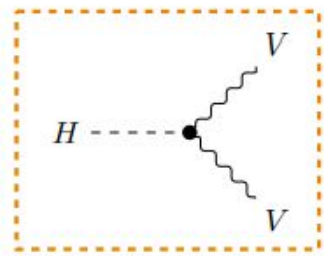
$$+ \frac{1}{2} D_\mu \phi^\dagger D^\mu \phi - V(\phi)$$

Brout-Englert-Higgs mechanism



**Higgs boson**  
CP-even scalar

W and Z bosons and charged fermions acquire mass through interaction with the Higgs field  $\phi$



⇒ 15 out of the 19 free parameters of the SM are connected to the Higgs boson



# Predicted properties of the Higgs boson

...that can be (more or less well) tested

## Couples to all massive bosons and fermions

with a strength related to the particles' mass

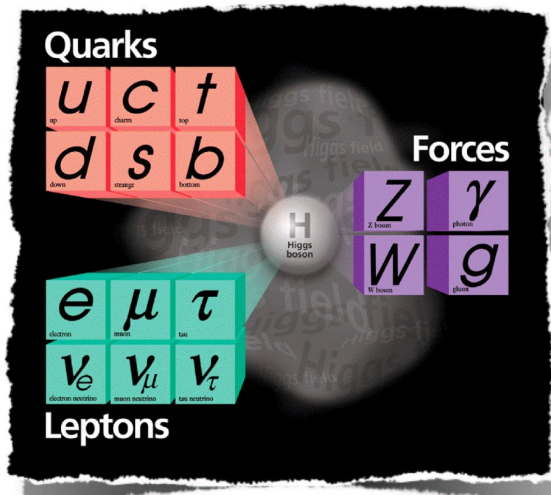
⇒ production cross-section

branching ratios

total decay width

...

...once  $m_H$  is known



## Higgs boson

CP-even scalar

⇒ elementary

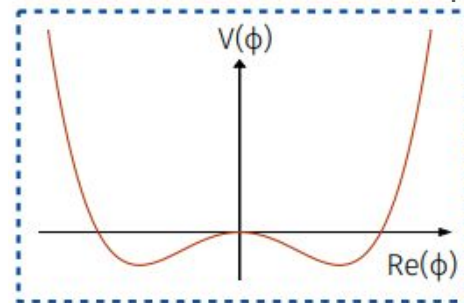
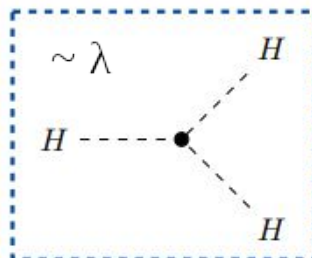
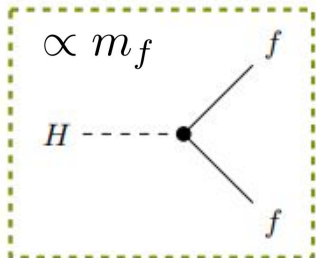
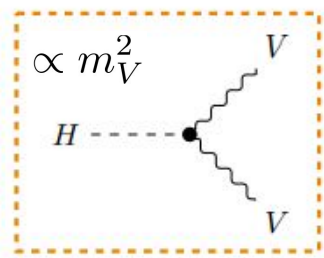
electrically neutral

spin 0

parity even

## self-coupling $\lambda$

HH production



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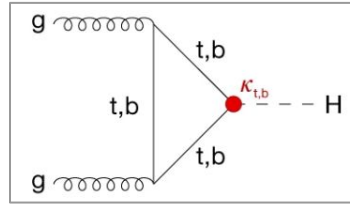
# Rich phenomenology at the LHC

Run 2: 2015-2018

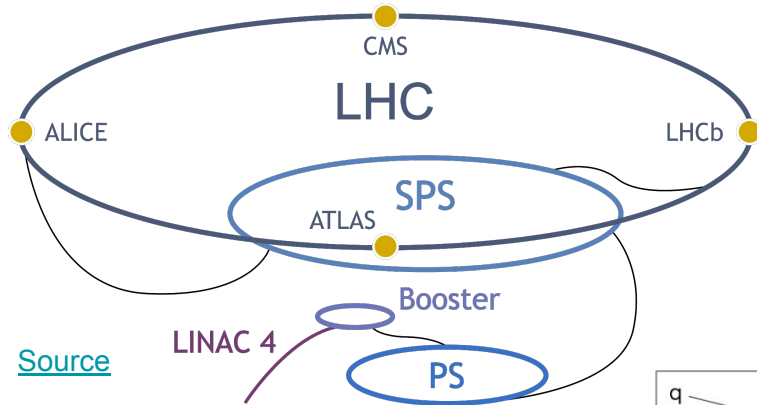
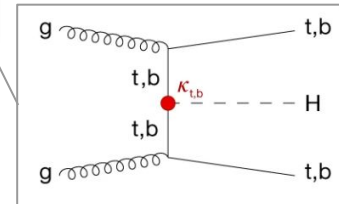
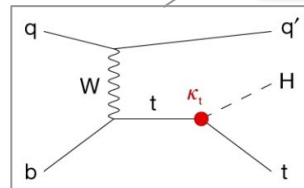
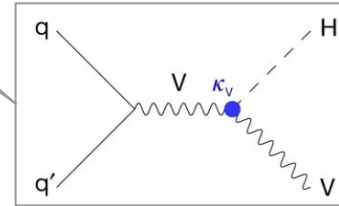
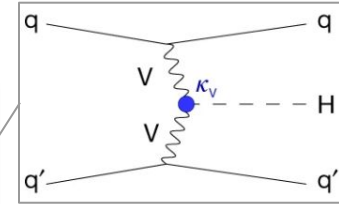
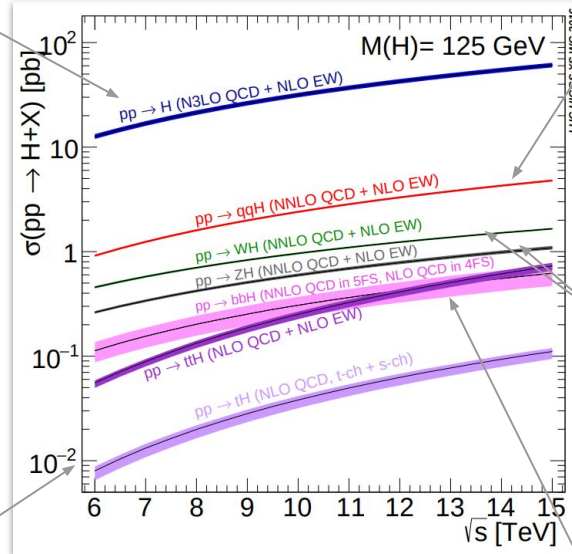
⇒ ~8 million Higgs bosons

Run 3: 2022-2026 (?)

⇒ ~10 million Higgs bosons and counting...



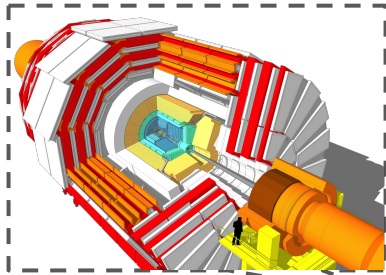
## A variety of production modes



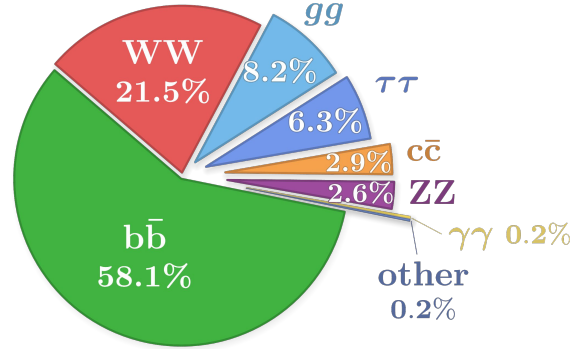
## Large Hadron Collider (LHC)

Colliding proton bunches (p-p)

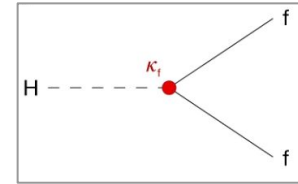
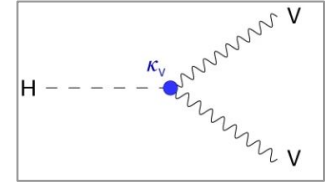
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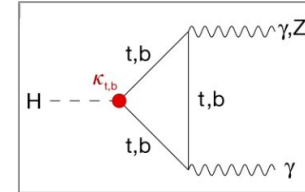
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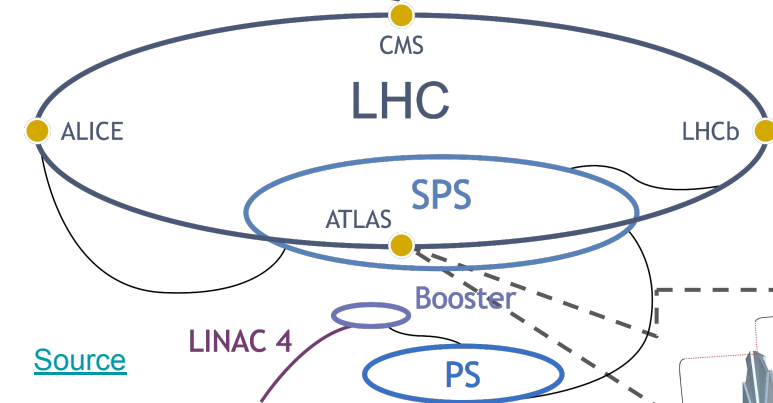
Branching fractions at  $m_H = 125$  GeV;  
total width  $\sim 4$  MeV



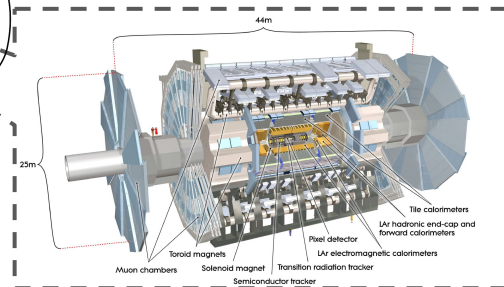
Or, indirectly, e.g.



$\Rightarrow$  General purpose experiments sensitive to many experimental signatures



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Colliding proton bunches (p-p)



# Higgs-boson mass [state-of-the art, 2023]

Measured in clean final states where the Higgs boson can be fully reconstructed with excellent precision.

Full Run-2 dataset using most refined techniques + combination with Run 1.

**CMS** -  $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4 \text{ leptons (e}/\mu)$  [[HIG-21-019](#)]

$$m_H = 125.08 \pm 0.10 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.05 \text{ (syst.) GeV}$$

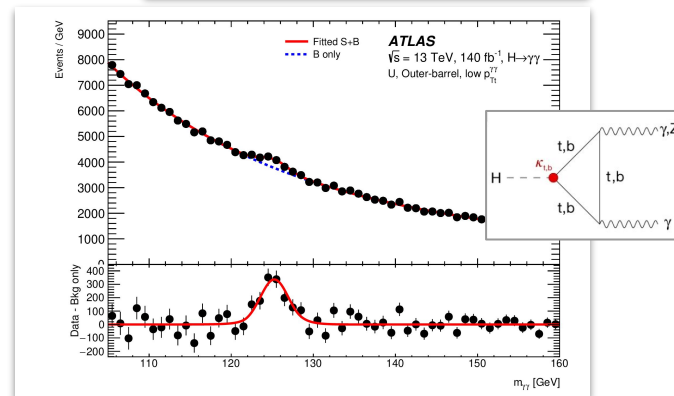
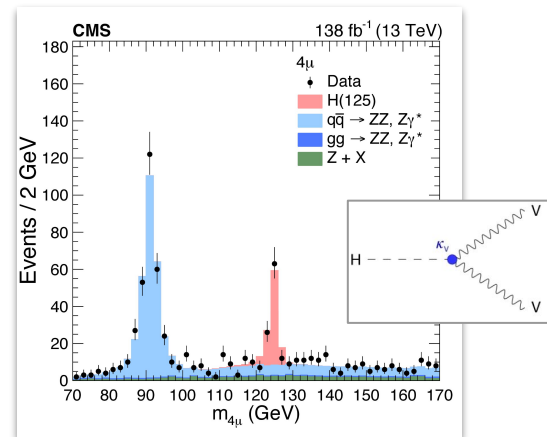
**ATLAS** - combination [[Phys. Rev. Lett. 131 \(2023\) 251802](#)]

- $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
- $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4 \text{ leptons (e}/\mu)$

$$m_H = 125.11 \pm 0.09 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.06 \text{ (syst.) GeV}$$

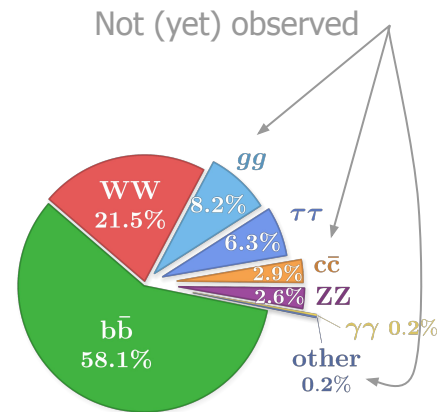
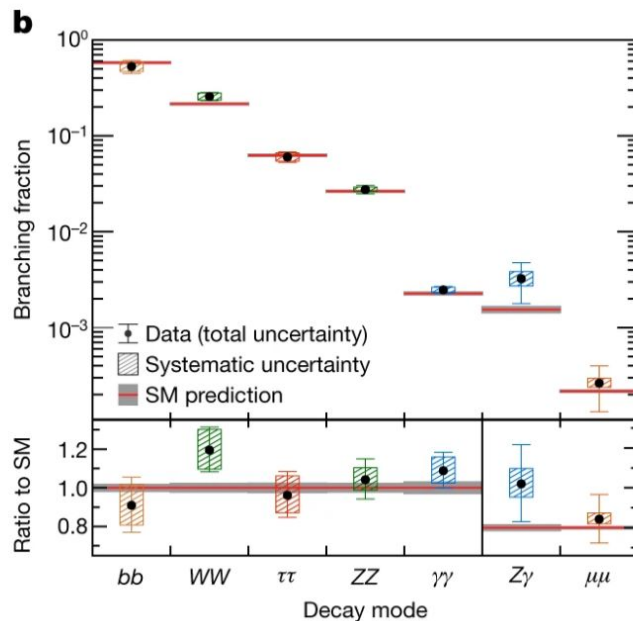
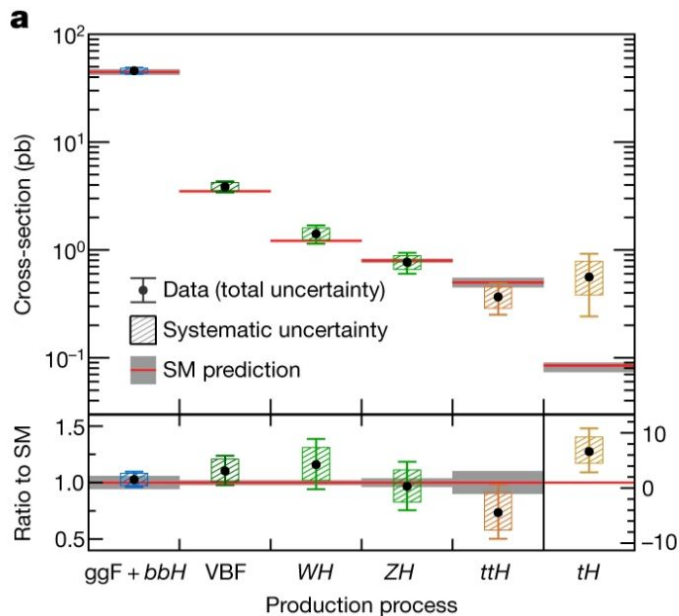
⇒ **Most precise (single) measurements to date**; in very good agreement with each other

⇒ **Mass resolution: < 1‰**



Categories with the best mass resolution

# Main production and decay modes [Status 2022]



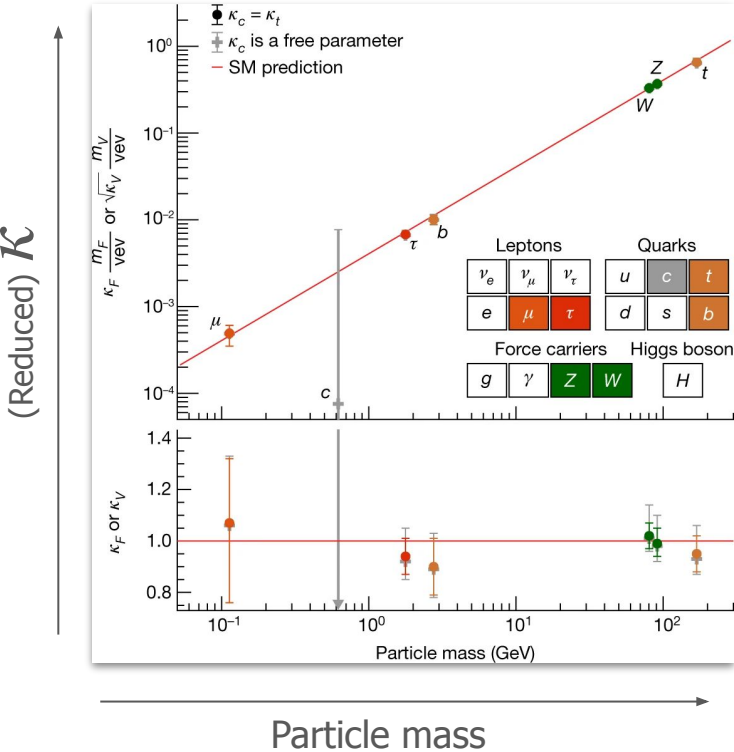
[ATLAS: [Nature 607 52 \(2022\)](#),  
CMS: [Nature 607 60 \(2022\)](#)]

Dominant production modes and > 88% of potential SM decays **observed and measured with < 10-20% precision.**

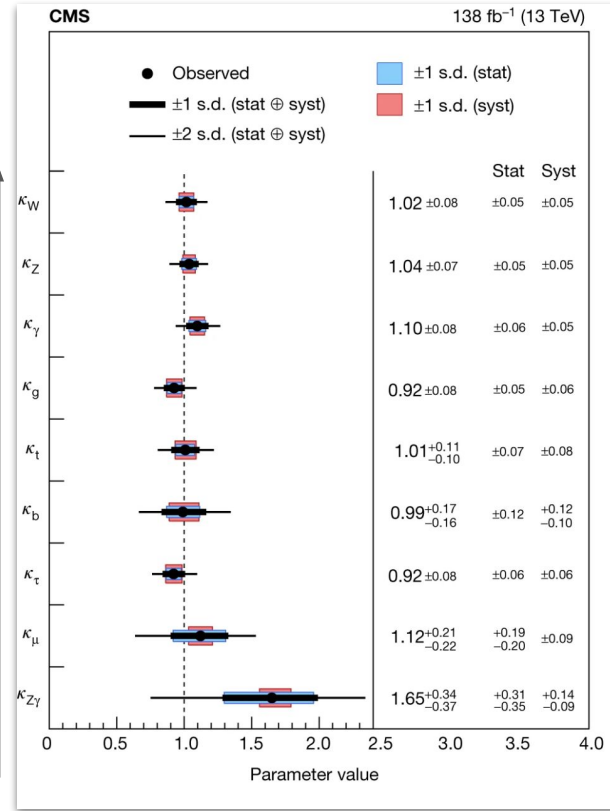
No  $bbH$ , upper per limit on  $tH$  production, observation of  $H \rightarrow \mu\mu, \dots$

# Couplings [Status 2022]

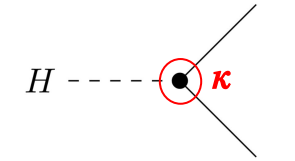
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Coupling



Coupling-strength modifier  $\kappa$



decay

production

$$\kappa_j^2 = \frac{\sigma_j}{\sigma_j^{\text{SM}}} \quad \kappa_j^2 = \frac{\Gamma_j}{\Gamma_j^{\text{SM}}}$$

SM:  $\kappa = 1$

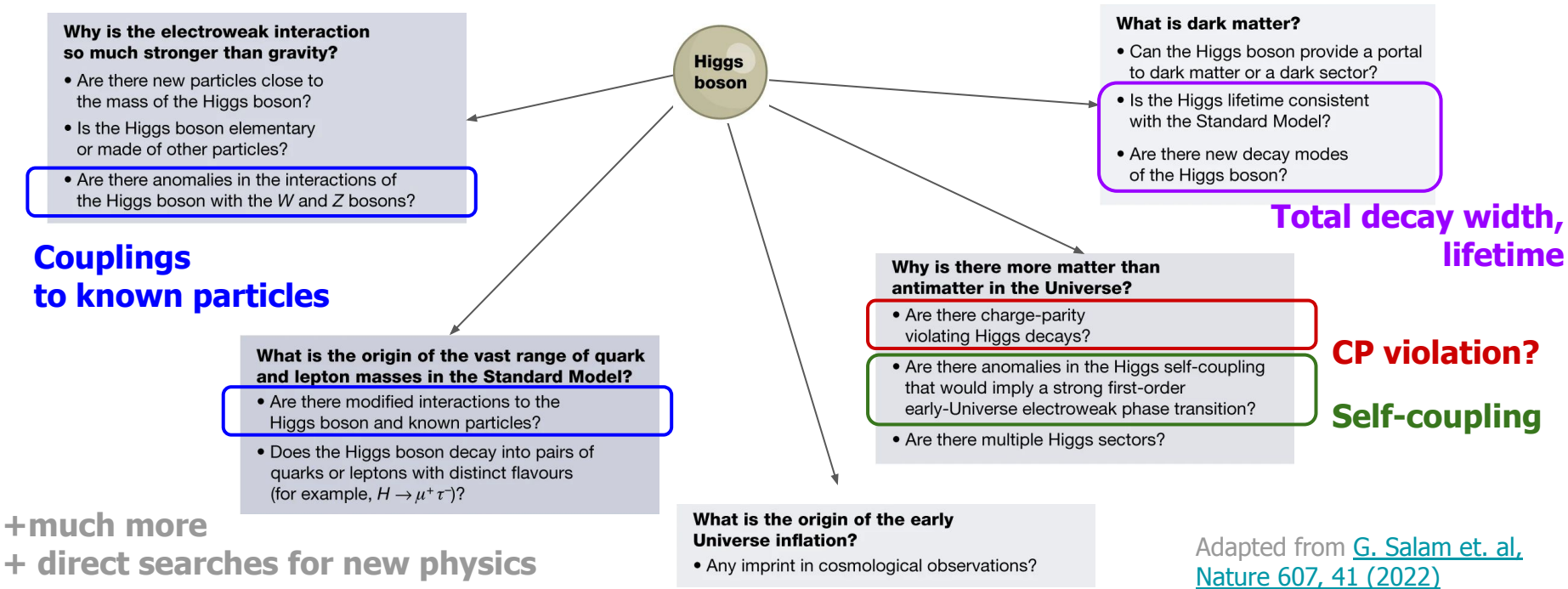
Good agreement with the SM prediction within up to < 10% uncertainty; but still many missing pieces...



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## The Higgs boson might be key to answering many open questions

### Why is the electroweak interaction so much stronger than gravity?

- Are there new particles close to the mass of the Higgs boson?
- Is the Higgs boson elementary or made of other particles?

Higgs boson



### What is dark matter?

- Can the Higgs boson provide a portal to dark matter or a dark sector?
- Is the Higgs lifetime consistent with the Standard Model?
- Are there new decay modes?

## Not even close!

⇒ Keep investigating with better precision and granularity, probing rarer processes, more extreme phase-spaces, etc.

⇒ In the following, trying to give an overview over current best knowledge and most recent results - strong & personal selection!

width,  
lifetime

tion?

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# Recent news on Higgs-fermion interactions

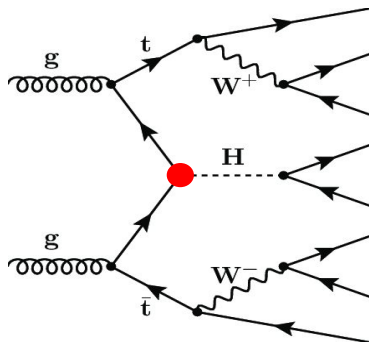
# ttH( $\rightarrow$ bb): ATLAS final Run-2 [\[HIGG-2020-24\]](#)

**ttH**:  $\sim 1\%$  of all Higgs events; **most sensitive, direct probe of Higgs-top quark coupling**

1/2 leptons (e/ $\mu$ )

**H** $\rightarrow$ **bb**: dominant decay

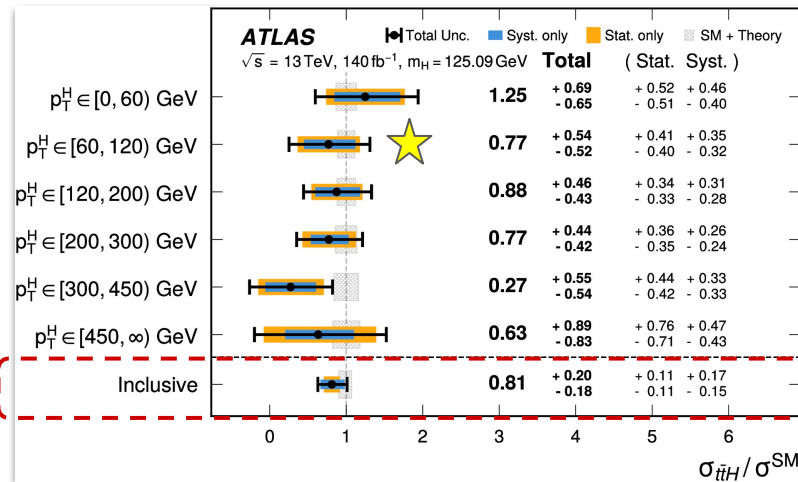
$\Rightarrow$  ideal for rare/extreme phase space



**Extremely difficult final state:**

- reco/ID of 4 b-jets and Higgs candidate
- suppression and modelling of di-top + b-jets background (and others)

$\Rightarrow$  Improved in re-analysis of [JHEP 06 \(2022\) 97](#)



**Best single measurement to date!**

**Obs. (exp.) sign. 4.6 (5.4) $\sigma$**

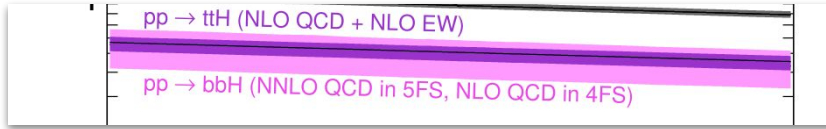
**Uncertainty  $\sim$  halved ; increased granularity.**



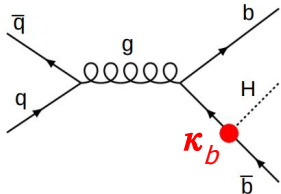
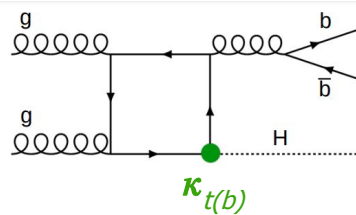
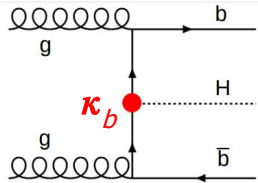
$\Rightarrow$  **Consistent with SM prediction - up to high energy!** (Does not confirm the  $\sim 2\sigma$  lower-than-expected previous ATLAS & CMS results ([HIG-19-011](#)))

# bbH: first SM search by CMS [HIG-23-003]

bbH cross-section  $\sim$  ttH cross-section

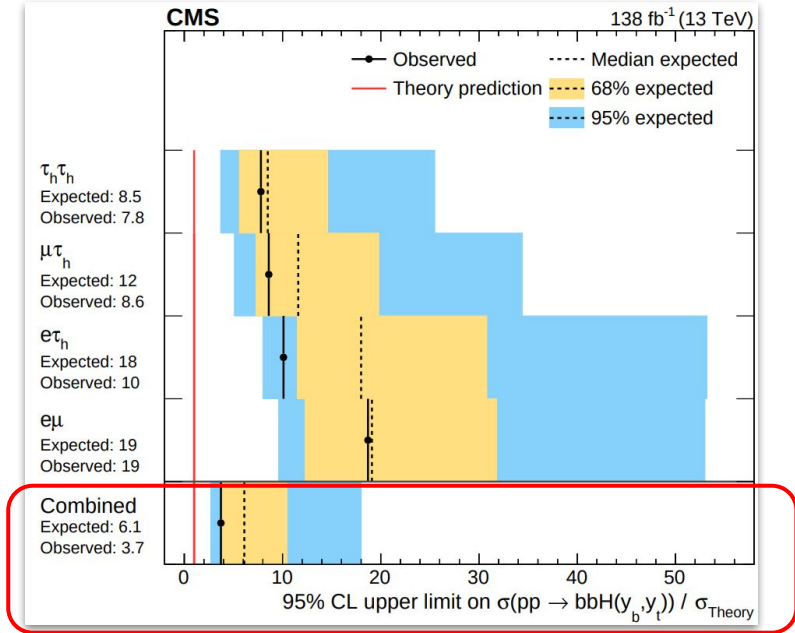


but experimentally even more challenging;  
large backgrounds from Z+jets, tt, jet  $\rightarrow$   $\tau_{had}$  mis-ID



Sensitive to Higgs-**b-quark** and Higgs-**top-quark** coupling  
(quark loop dominates XS + destructive interference)

H  $\rightarrow$  leptons

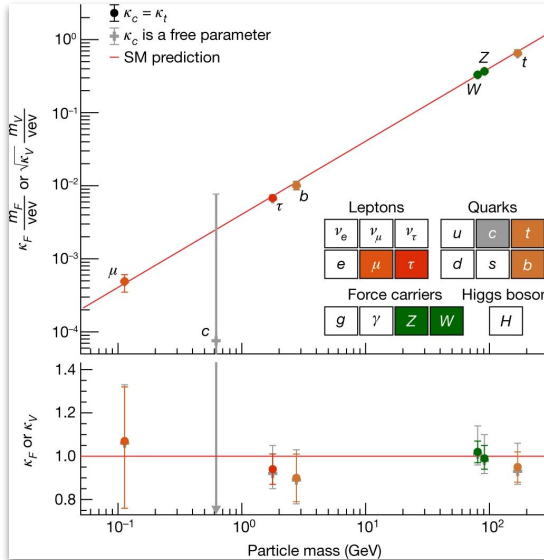


## First upper limit

- combined with [Eur. Phys. J. C 83 \(2023\) 562](#) (ggF+VBF H  $\rightarrow \tau_{had} \tau_{had}$ ) and interpreted in terms of  $\kappa_t - \kappa_b$

# Higgs-fermion couplings beyond the 3<sup>rd</sup> generation

Status 2022



**First time!**

Fermion generations

1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup>

3 <sup>rd</sup> Leptons			Quarks		
$\nu_e$	$\nu_\mu$	$\nu_\tau$	$u$	$c$	$t$ ✓
$e$	$\mu$ ✓	$\tau$ ✓	$d$	$s$	$b$ ✓

✓ Observed

$$\mathbf{y}_f \sim \mathbf{m}_f$$

- free parameters of the SM (9 out of 19)

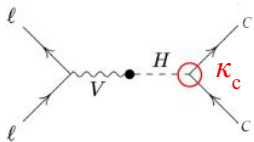
⇒ **ALL Yukawa couplings need to be probed**  
 - the frontier lies at the charm quark

# Many routes for probing $\kappa_c$

Some approaches can be used/adapted to probing light-quark couplings\* (+ HH production [[JHEP11\(2019\)088](#)])

## Via the decay

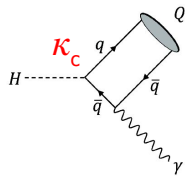
### Inclusive $H \rightarrow c\bar{c}$



or VBF,... production

### Exclusive $H \rightarrow Q\gamma^*$

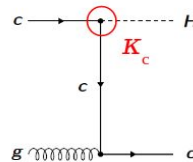
[idea: [Phys. Rev. D 88, 053003](#)]



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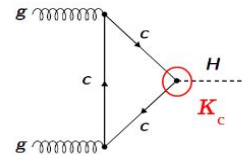
### $H+c$ [[arXiv:2407.15550](#)]

[idea: [Phys. Rev. Lett. 115 \(2015\) 211801](#)]



### Higgs $p_T$ spectrum\*

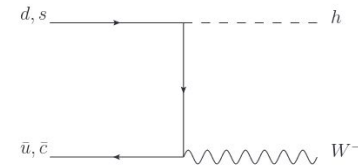
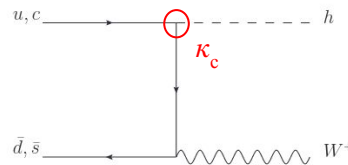
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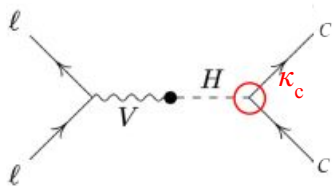
## And more...

Assumptions and sensitivity to  $\kappa$  are very different.

### $W^\pm H$ charge asymmetry\* [[JHEP 02 \(2017\) 083](#)]



# VH( $\rightarrow$ cc): ATLAS final Run-2 [\[ATLAS-CONF-204-010\]](#)



**H $\rightarrow$ cc:** 2.9% - largest BR to 2<sup>nd</sup> gen. fermions; 2<sup>nd</sup> largest BR not yet observed  
 $\Rightarrow$  **most direct & sensitive probe of Higgs-charm coupling**

**V( $\rightarrow$ leptons)H:** golden channel for H $\rightarrow$ bb/cc  
 Significant XS + effective multi-jet background suppression

Main challenges: c-jet identification (c-tagging);  
 suppression and modelling of overwhelming V+jets  
 (and top) backgrounds

$$V=W/Z$$

$$Z\rightarrow ee/\mu\mu/\nu\nu$$

$$W\rightarrow ev/\mu\nu/\tau_{\text{had}}\nu$$

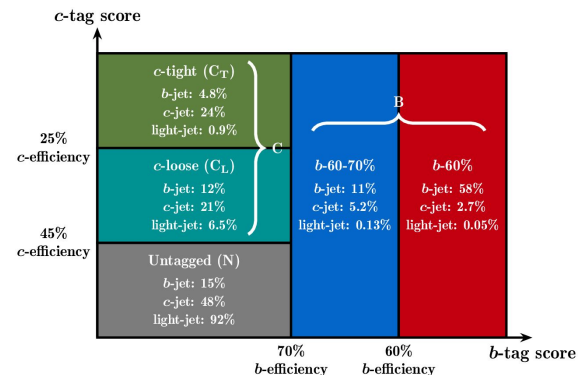
$\Rightarrow$  Improved in re-analysis of [Eur. Phys. J. C 82 \(2022\) 717](#):

$\Rightarrow$  **Best upper limit on VH( $\rightarrow$ cc):  $< 11.3$  (10.4)  $\times$  SM (exp.) @95% CL**

$\Rightarrow$  **Most stringent direct constraint on  $\kappa_c$ :  $< 4.2$  (4.1 exp.) @95% CL**

$\Rightarrow$  Higgs-charm coupling is weaker than Higgs-bottom coupling @99.7% CL

$\Rightarrow$   **$\times 2$ -3 improvements over previous result on the same dataset!**



New pseudo-continuous b-/c-tagger

$\Rightarrow$  **simultaneous analysis of VH, H $\rightarrow$ bb and H $\rightarrow$ cc!**

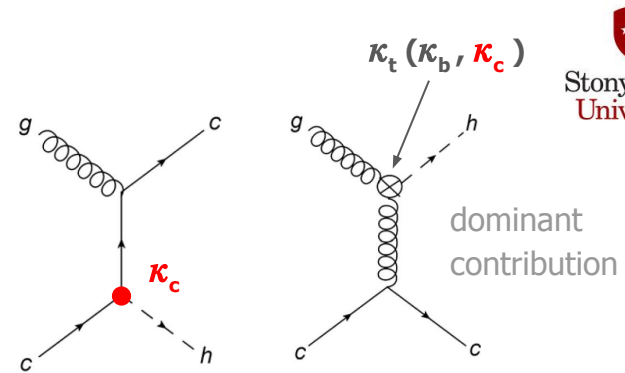
Similar result obtained by CMS  
[\[PRL 131 \(2023\) 061801\]](#)



# H+c: first search by ATLAS & CMS

First proposed in [PRL 115 \(2015\) 211801](#).  
SM XS:  $\sim 2.9$  pb

Pros: exploit clean decay, e.g.  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$   
Cons: c-tagging, dominant diagram *not* sensitive to  $\kappa_c$  ( $\sim 99\%$ )



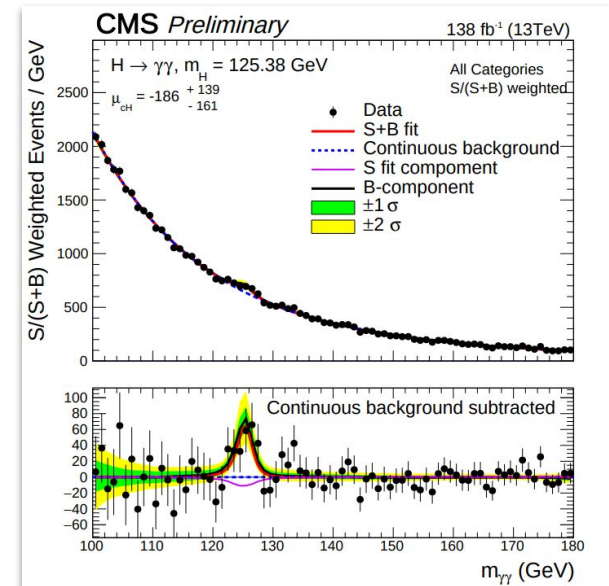
## ATLAS [\[HIGG-2021-06\]](#)

1.7 $\sigma$  (1.0 $\sigma$ ) obs. (exp.) H+c over B-only hypothesis  
 $\Rightarrow$  **Upper limit on incl. H+c cross-section @95% CL:  $< 10.4$  pb**  
\* [ $< 3.6 \times \text{SM} \xrightarrow{1\%} \kappa_c$  - sensitive:  $< 366 \times \text{SM}$ ]

## CMS [\[HIG-23-010\]](#)

**Upper limit on  $\kappa_c$  - sensitive H+c cross-section:**  
 **$< 243$  (355 exp.)  $\times \text{SM}$  @95% CL**  
**Constraint on  $\kappa_c$ :  $< 38.1$  (72.5 exp.) @95% CL**

\*HA's "interpretation"

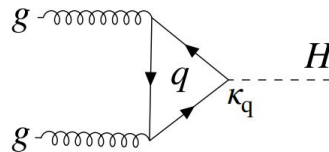
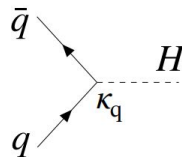


# CMS: Probing the light-quark Yukawa [\[HIG-23-011\]](#)

First time.

In inclusive  $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$  production.

Higgs-quark coupling  $\kappa_q$  affects the production and total decay width (but not the BR)

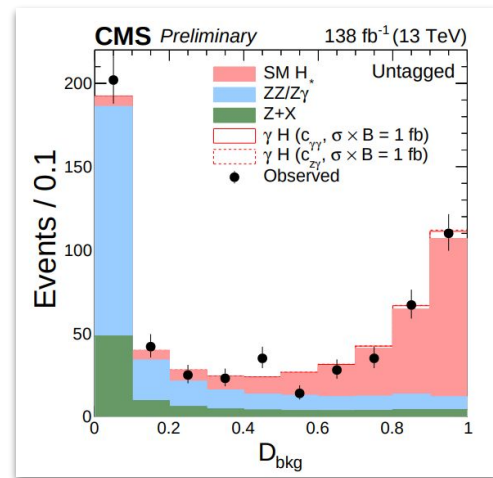


Sensitive production modes

⇒ **Total cross-section monotonically decreases with increasing  $(\kappa_q)^2$**  (until it becomes incompatible with the data)

⇒ **Simultaneous constraints on  $\kappa_q$  for  $q = u, d, s, c$**

⇒ **Assuming SM couplings for b and t, exclude light-quark couplings of at least as strong @95% CL**



ME-based discriminant using kinematic decay information

# Higgs-boson total width

Assuming SM:  $\Gamma_H = 4.1 \text{ MeV}$  for  $m_H \sim 125 \text{ GeV}$

⇒ Constrain unmeasured/able decays?

⇒ **Modified through beyond-the-SM Higgs-boson decays?**

E.g. decays to dark-matter particles

At the LHC, **SM  $\Gamma_H$  inaccessible via direct measurements** of the Higgs-boson line shape or flight distance, due to limited detector resolution.

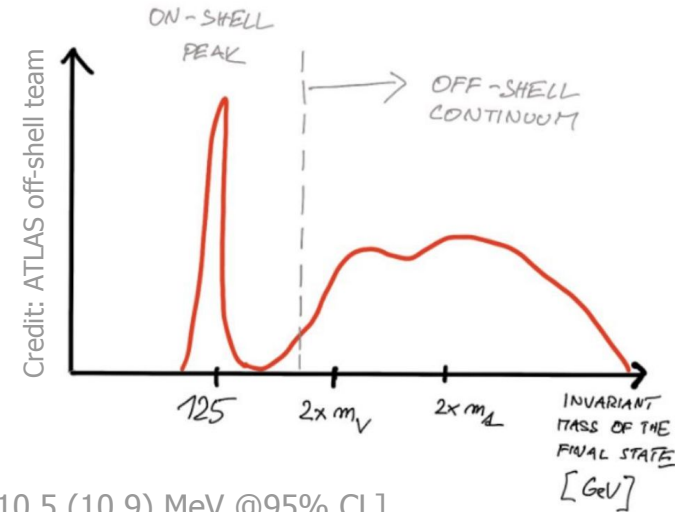
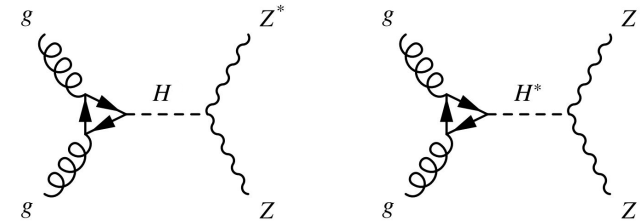
⇒ **Constrain via  $\Gamma_H \propto \sigma(\text{off-shell}) / \sigma(\text{on-shell})$**

Assumption: involved couplings are the same off-shell and on-shell

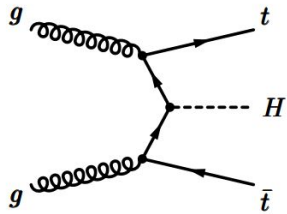
**ggF  $H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 4l$**

ATLAS:  $\Gamma_H = 4.5^{+3.3}_{-2.5} \text{ MeV}$  [[PLB 846 \(2023\) 138223](#)] [(exp.) upper limit:  $< 10.5$  (10.9) MeV @95% CL]

CMS:  $\Gamma_H = 3.0^{+2.0}_{-1.5} \text{ MeV}$  [[HIG-21-01](#)]



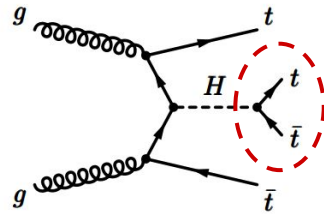
# Higgs-boson total width - ttH & ttt (ATLAS) [\[TOPO-2023-22\]](#)



**On-shell**  $\sim 1/\Gamma_H$



From global Higgs combination  
(- ttH multilepton).  
All other  $\kappa$  are profiled  
→ degeneracy with  $\Gamma_H$   
[\[Nature 607 52 \(2022\)\]](#)



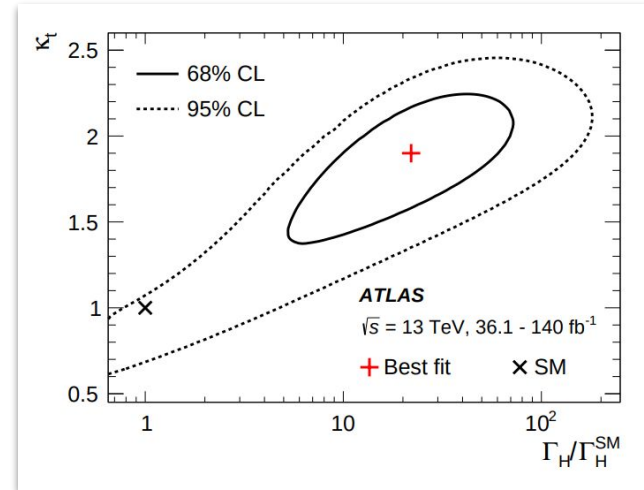
**Off-shell**



From ttt  
cross-section  
measurement  
[\[Eur. Phys. J. C 83 \(2023\) 496\]](#)

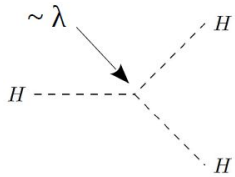
ttt is observed with  
 $6.1\sigma$  (4.3 exp.)

Assumption: tree-level Higgs-top coupling,  $\kappa_t$  is the same  
[Pro: no loops w/ potential BSM couplings]



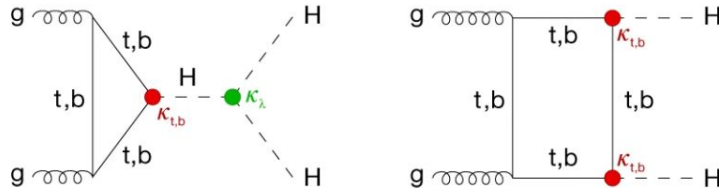
**$\Rightarrow \Gamma_H < 110$  (18 exp.)  $\times$  SM**  
and  $< 39$  (13.4 exp.)  $\times$  SM if resolving ggF  
loops in terms of  $\kappa_t$

# Higgs-boson self-coupling & HH production



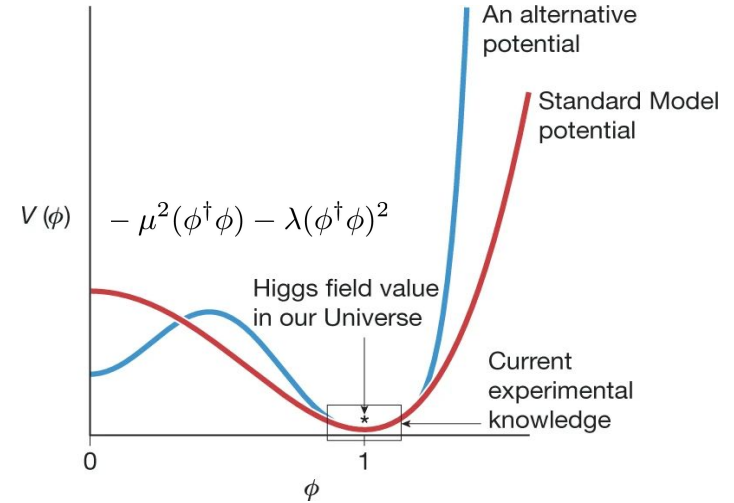
$$m_H = \sqrt{2\lambda} v \Rightarrow \lambda \simeq 0.13 \text{ in the SM}$$

⇒ Direct access via HH production ( $\sim 1/1000 \times \sigma(H)$ )\*:



Dominant HH production diagram is *not* sensitive to  $\kappa_\lambda$   
+ destructive interference

[ggF dominant mode (90%), followed by VBF (5%)]



⇒ Probing the shape of the Higgs potential

[\*And to quartic coupling via HHH]

# ATLAS full Run-2 HH combination [\[PRL 133 \(2024\) 101801\]](#)

Small cross-section  $\Rightarrow$  prioritise final states with high BR:

$H \rightarrow b\bar{b}/WV$  (58%/24%)

“Cleanliness” also matters for the sensitivity

Hierarchy of channels depends on many things

$\Rightarrow$  not the same in ATLAS/CMS

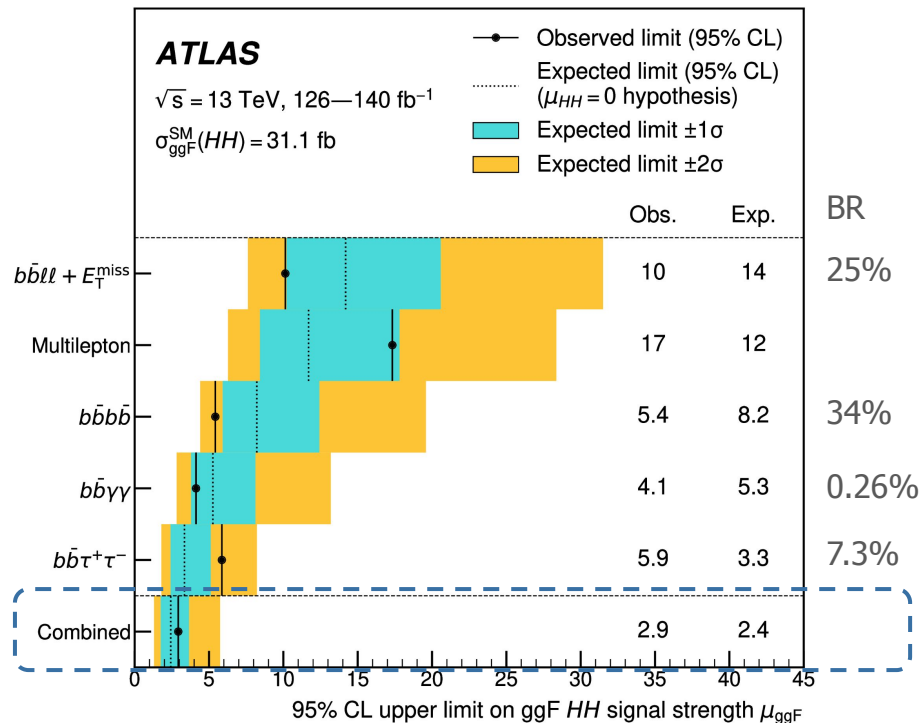
**Best (exp.) upper limit on  $\sigma(\text{ggF } HH)$ :**

**$< 2.9$  ( $2.4$ )  $\times$  SM @95% CL**

**$\Rightarrow$  Most stringent constraint on self-coupling:**

**$-1.2 < \kappa_\lambda < 7.2$  ( $-1.6 < \kappa_\lambda < 7.2$  exp.) @95% CL**

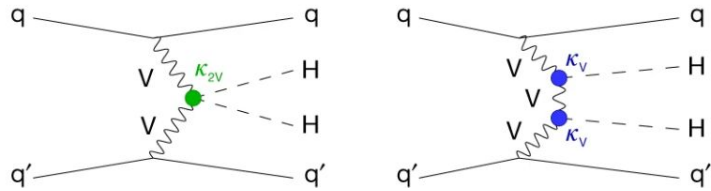
Similar result obtained by CMS [\[Nature 607 \(2022\) 60\]](#).



$b\bar{b}l\bar{l} + E_T^{\text{miss}} = WW/ZZ/\tau\tau$   
 Multilepton =  $4\tau/2\tau 2\gamma/2\tau 2V/4V$

# HHVV couplings - from HH

HH is also sensitive to other couplings, notably HHVV ( $\kappa_{2V}$ )



In SM ( $\kappa_{2V} = 1$ ): cancellation; new physics: potential enhancement of VBF HH (esp. at high  $m_{HH}$ )

**Current best constraint by CMS** [[Nature 607 \(2022\) 60](#)]:

$$0.67 < \kappa_{2V} < 1.38 \text{ @95\% CL}$$

$\kappa_{2V}=0$  excluded with  $> 6\sigma$

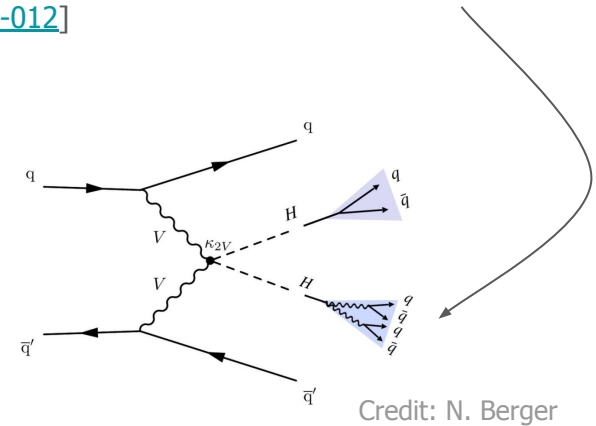
From VBF HH combination; dominated by **boosted 4b** channel.

Similar result obtained by ATLAS [[PRL 133 \(2024\) 101801](#)].

**CMS - new final state: all-hadronic bbVV**

boosted topology + new  $VV \rightarrow 4q$  tagging

[[HIG-23-012](#)]



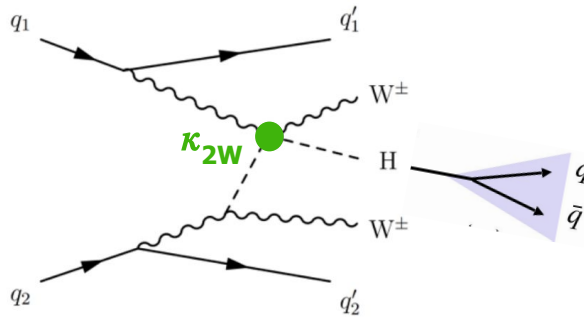
$$-0.04 < \kappa_{2V} < 2.05 \text{ @95\% CL}$$

( $0.05 < \kappa_{2V} < 1.98$  exp.)

$\kappa_{2V}=0$  excluded with  $1.1(0.9)\sigma$

# HHVV couplings - from VBS H (CMS) [\[HIG-24-001\]](#)

First analysis probing the HHVV  $\sim$  HHWW ( $\kappa_{2W}$ ) coupling in  $W^\pm W^\pm H$  events produced in vector boson scattering (VBS)



boosted  $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$   
+ 2 jets with  $m_{jj} > 100$  GeV  
+ 2 same-sign leptons

$\Rightarrow$  **Obs. (exp.) constraint on  $\kappa_{2W}$ : [-3.3,5.4] ([-2.4,4.4])**

$\Rightarrow$  **Can be applied to other modes!**



# Studying the Higgs-boson's kinematics

The large Run-2 dataset allows **differential measurements of the Higgs-boson cross-section** as function of one or more kinematic variables to

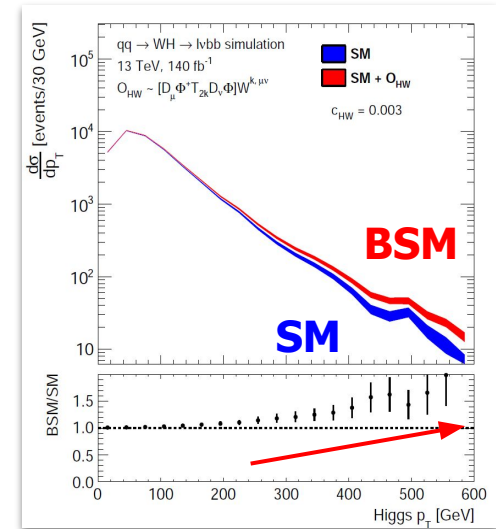
- Reveal subtle deviations from the SM prediction
- Probe certain properties with enhanced sensitivity
- Improve MC simulations
- ...

Two types of differential measurements:

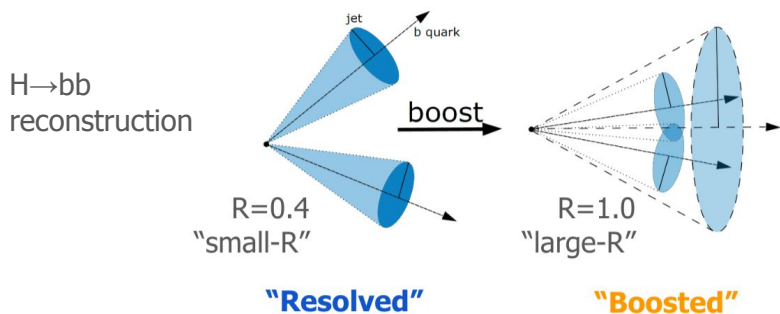
- Unfolded fiducial differential measurements
- Simplified Template Cross-Sections (STXS)

“unfolding” only the production, designed for combinations across different Higgs-boson decay modes (harmonised across ATLAS and CMS within LHC Higgs WG)

- First study of a simplified fiducial *decay* selection for  $H \rightarrow 4\ell$  to reduce acceptance corrections for potential BSM contributions [[ATL-PHYS-PUB-2023-033](#)]



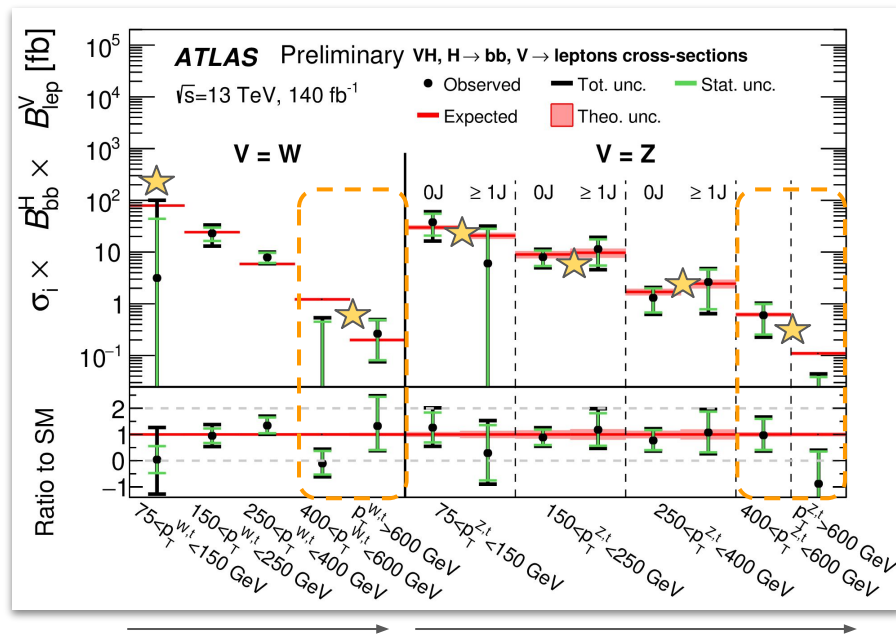
## Most granular and precise STXS measurement of VH



★ 6 new (split) bins and increased precision through re-analysis of [ATLAS-CONF-2021-051](#) with many, targeted analysis improvements

**Bonus: first WH( $\rightarrow$ bb) observation with  $5.3\sigma$  ( $5.5\sigma$  exp.)**

$\Rightarrow$  **Excellent agreement with SM up to highest energy** (Overall SM compatibility: 90%.)



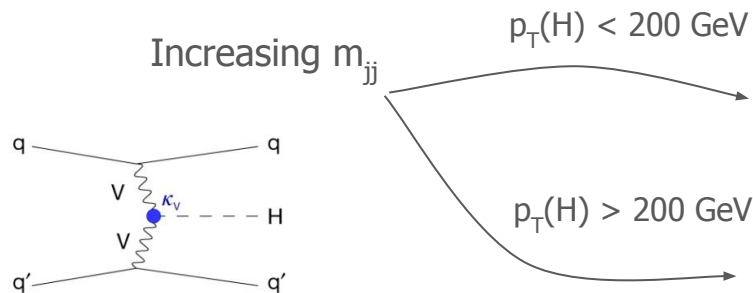
Increasing  $p_T(V) \sim p_T(H)$  - **unprecedented reach!**

# ATLAS (VBF) $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ STXS measurement

[HIGG-2022-07]

JHEP 08 (2022) 175 most precise inclusive VBF measurement

⇒ Re-analysis for differential measurement

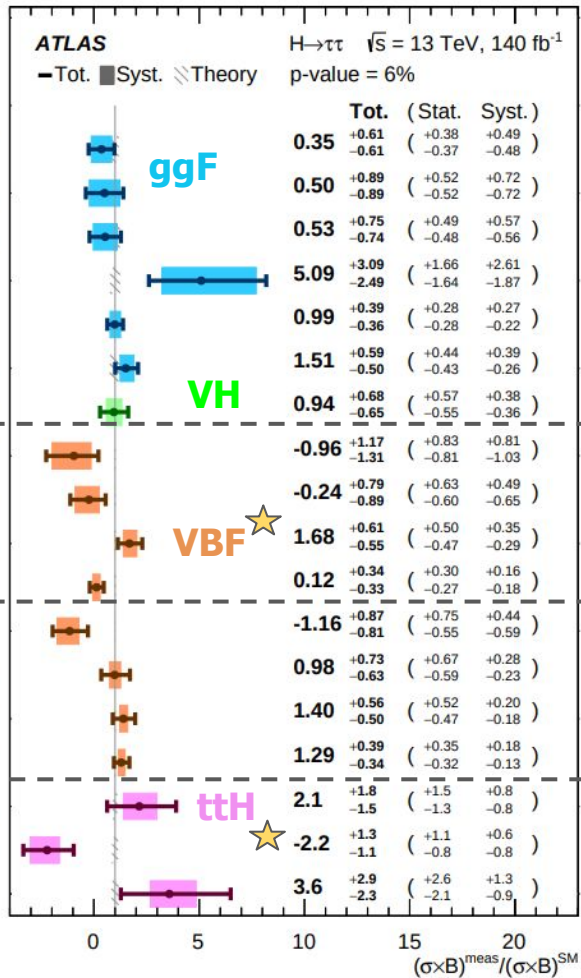


First (most precise) **VBF** measurement for  $m_{jj} > 1.5$  TeV in  $p_T(H) > 200$  GeV ( $< 200$  GeV)

≥ 2 jet

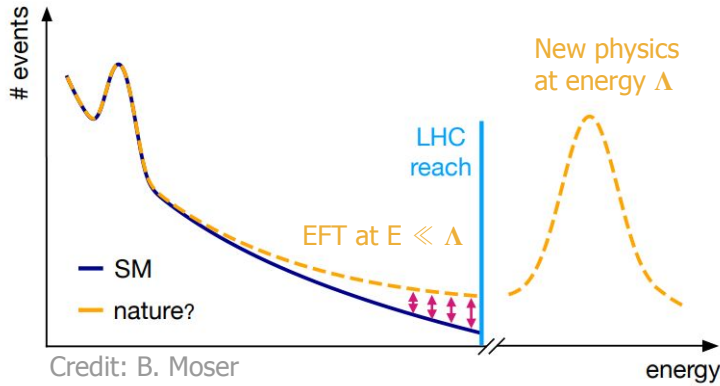
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$gg \rightarrow H, p_T^H \geq 300$ GeV
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$t\bar{t}H, p_T^H < 200$ GeV
$t\bar{t}H, 200 \leq p_T^H < 300$ GeV
$t\bar{t}H, p_T^H \geq 300$ GeV



⇒ Overall reasonable agreement with the SM

# Interpretation: SMEFT



## Standard Model Effective Field Theory (SMEFT)

⇒ **model-independent** way to parametrise effects of **new physics** appearing at high energy  $\Lambda$  ( $\gg$  vev) at much lower energy ( $E \ll \Lambda$ )

$$\mathcal{L}_{eff} = \mathcal{L}^{SM} + \mathcal{L}^{D=6}, \quad \mathcal{L}^{D=6} = \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \sum_i c_i^{(6)} \mathcal{O}_i^{(6)}$$

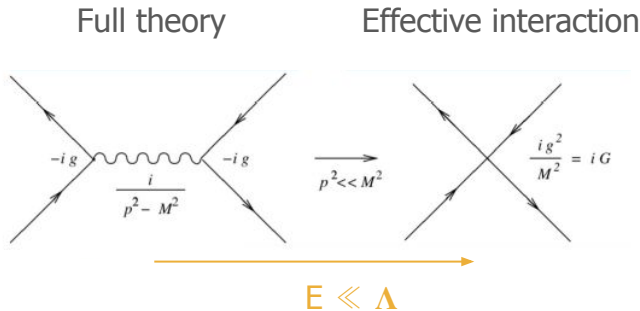
$\mathcal{O}_i$ : operators built from SM fields and respect SM symmetries  
 $c_i$ : **Wilson coefficients**  $\sim$  strength of the effective interaction (SM: 0)

⇒ **Observables**, e.g. cross-section

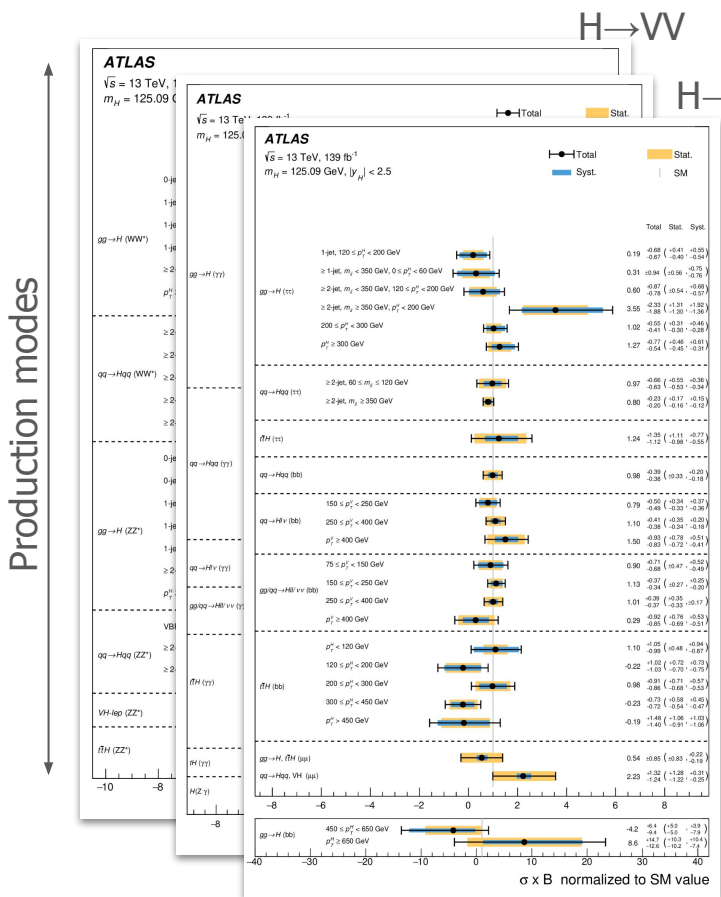
BSM  $\sim 1/\Lambda^4 \Rightarrow$  "quadratic"  
 [same as dim-8!]

$$\sigma_{STXS} = \sigma_{SM} + \sigma_{int} + \sigma_{BSM}$$

SM-BSM interference  $\sim 1/\Lambda^2 \Rightarrow$  "linear"



# Interpretation of ATLAS STXS measurements [\[HIGG-2022-17\]](#)



STXS binning:  $p_T(H)$  or  $p_T(V)$  (and  $m_{jj}$  for ggF/VBF)

⇒ Sensitive to  $O(50)$  SMEFT operators  $O_i^*$

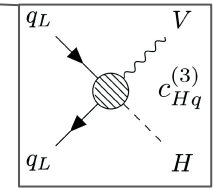
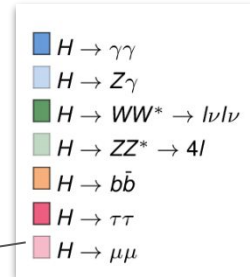
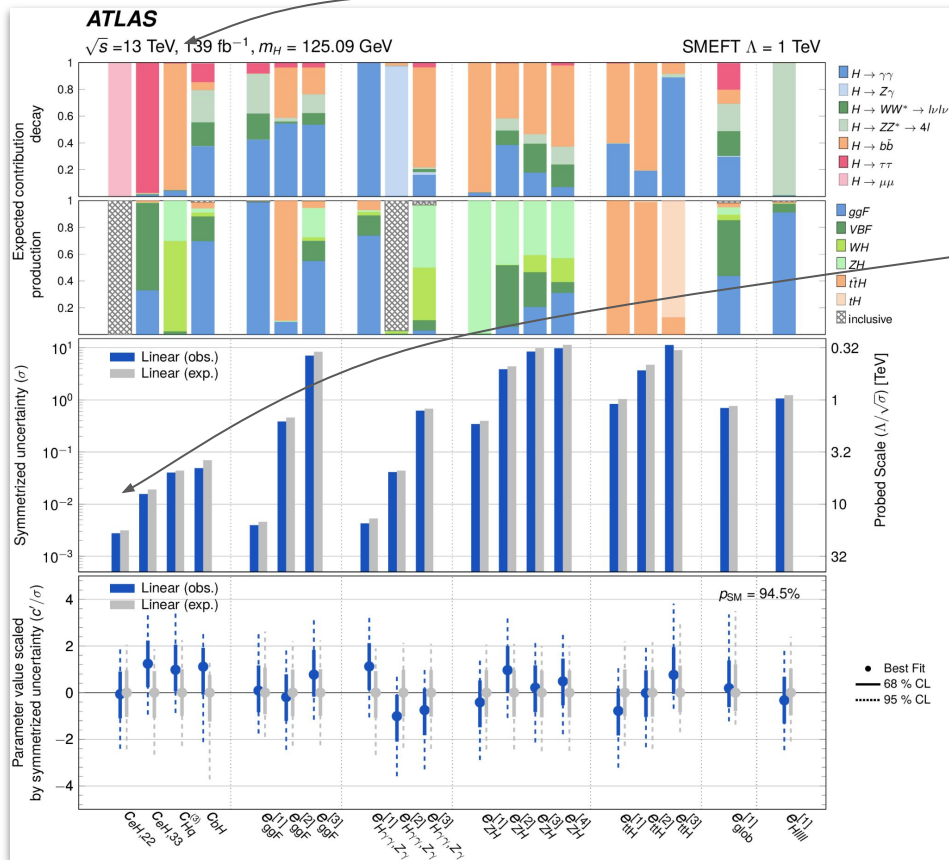
Data insufficient to constrain all corresponding Wilson coefficients  $c_i$  simultaneously

⇒ Principal Component Analysis (PCA) ⇒ Linear combinations of Wilson coefficients  $e_j$

⇒ **Constrain a subset of 19 coefficients or linear combinations of coefficients where necessary**

\*Only considering CP-even

# Interpretation of ATLAS STXS measurements [\[HIGG-2022-17\]](#)



Mostly constrained by  $VH, H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$

## Constraints in the linearised model

- considering quadratic terms generally improves the constraints on the coefficients (esp. at a scale of 1 TeV).

SM compatibility: 94.5% (98.2% for +quad.)

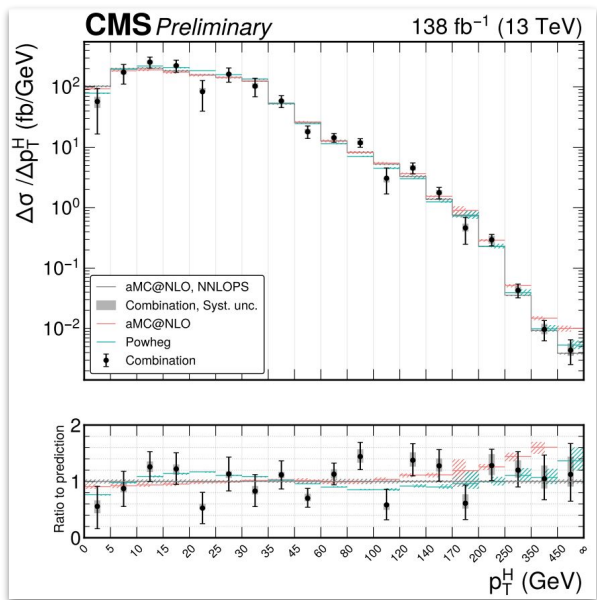
**$\Rightarrow$  Good agreement with SM prediction ( $c_i=0$ )**

# Interpretation of CMS fid. diff. XS measurements

[HIG-23-013]

Combination of fiducial differential cross-section measurements in  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma / \tau\tau / WW / ZZ$  final states.

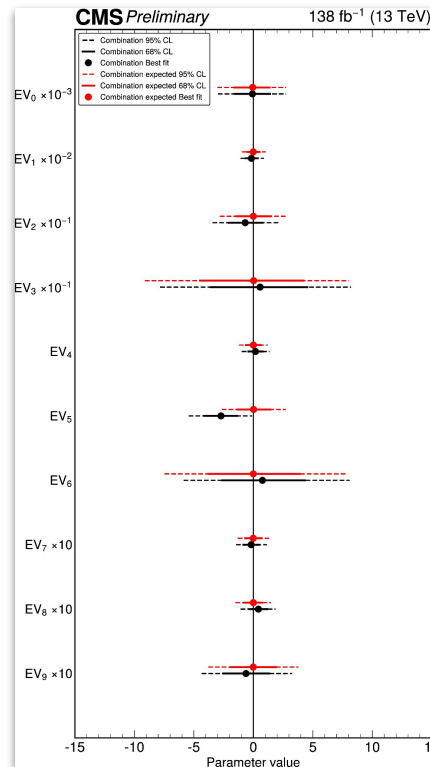
Measured observables:  $\mathbf{p}_T(\mathbf{H})$ ,  $N_{jets}$ ,  $\gamma(H)$ , lead.  $p_T(j)$ ,  $m_{jj}$ ,  $\Delta\eta_{jj}$ ,  $\tau_C^i$



SMEFT interpretation

31 Wilson coefficients  
 $\Rightarrow$  PCA  $\Rightarrow$  10 EVs

+2D scans of pairs of CP-even and CP-odd Wilson coefficients



Decreasing  
constraining  
power

**Good  
agreement  
with the SM  
(i.e. 0)**

Linear+quad.  
parametrization

# Intermezzo: Higgs CP and CP violation

Explaining the matter-antimatter asymmetry in the universe requires **new sources of CP violation**

(CP violation in the SM does not suffice)

⇒ **CP violating Higgs-boson production or decay?**

**The SM Higgs boson is a CP-even scalar ( $0^+$ ).**

ATLAS and CMS excluded *pure* spin-parity states  $0^-$ ,  $1^+$ ,  $1^-$ ,  $2^+$  and  $2^-$  @> 99% CL based on the observed Higgs boson decays ( $\gamma\gamma$ ,  $ZZ$ ,  $WW$ ).

Still possible: Higgs boson is an **admixture of CP-even and CP-odd states** with CP-odd contributions to the CP-even dominated couplings resulting in CP violation in Higgs-boson production or decay.

⇒ **Keep probing for CP-odd effects in Higgs-boson couplings (e.g. via SMEFT)**

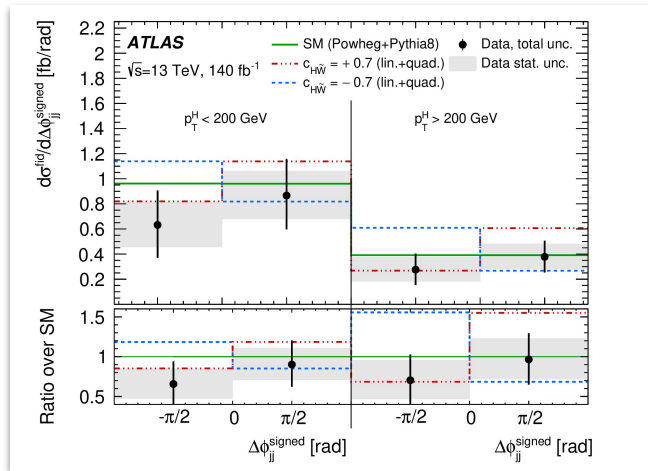
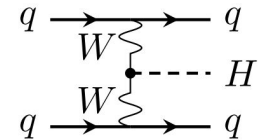


# Interpretation of ATLAS VBF $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ XS measurement

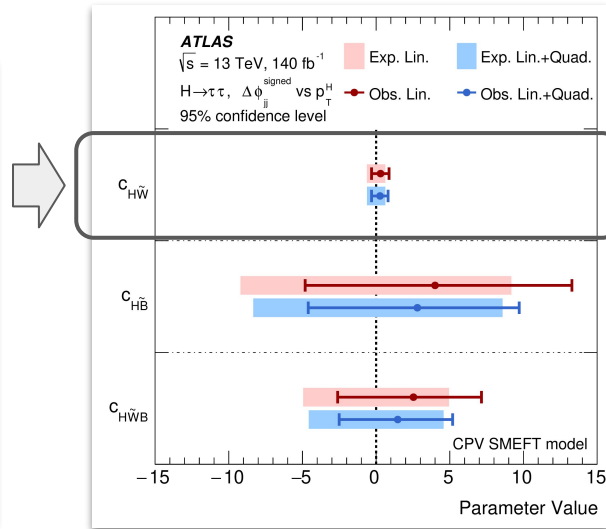
[HIGG-2022-07]

Fiducial (double) differential cross-section measurements in  $p_T(H)$ , lead.  $p_T(j)$ , and signed  $\Delta\phi_{jj}$  and to **increase the CP sensitivity: signed  $\Delta\phi_{jj}$  vs  $p_T(H)$**

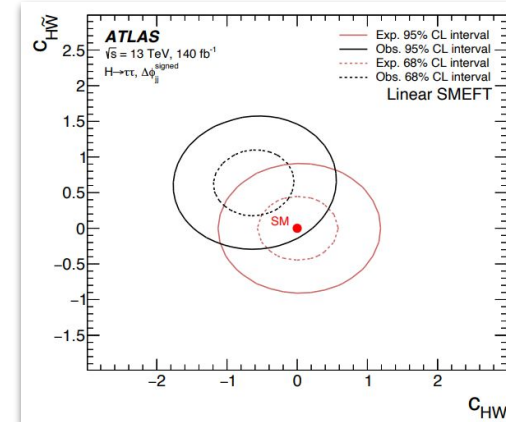
⇒ **Individual and 2D constraints on 3 CP-even (CP-odd) operators**



signed  $\Delta\phi_{jj}$  vs  $p_T(H)$



1D constraints on CP-odd operators



From signed  $\Delta\phi_{jj}$  (linear)

# CMS: SMEFT constraints from $V(\rightarrow\text{leptons})(H\rightarrow bb)$

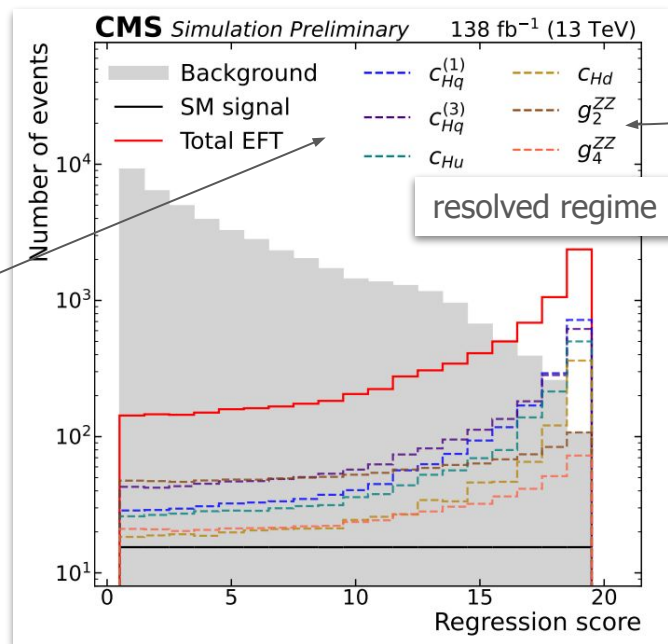
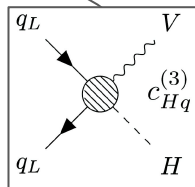
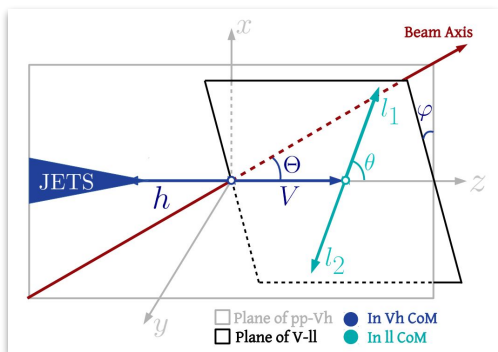
[HIG-23-016]

Analysis optimised to probing SMEFT effects: overcoming degeneracy in effects of different operators and adding sensitivity to CP properties (relative to STXS-based interpretation)

Linear combinations of CP-even/odd operators (through rotation to the mass-eigenstate basis)

Strategy:

- Likelihood-free inference method using boosted decision trees (boosted information tree, BIT)
- Set of EFT-sensitive and S/B-separating observables, e.g.  $p_T(V)$ ,  $m_{VH}$ , angular distributions



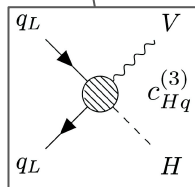
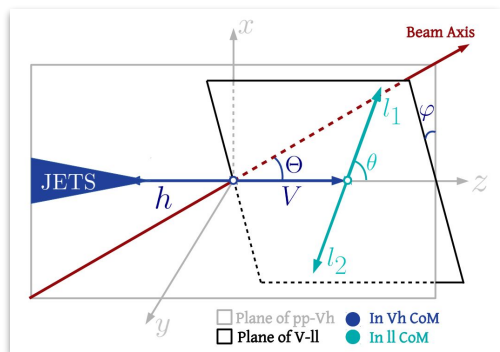
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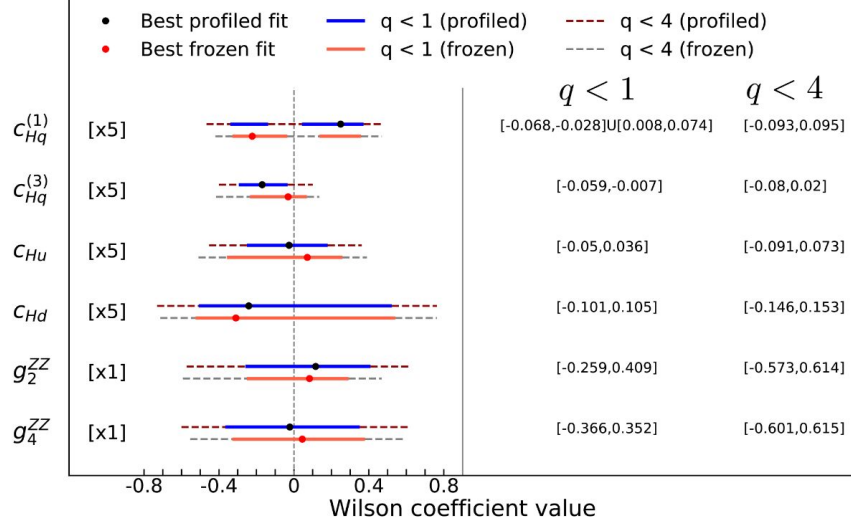
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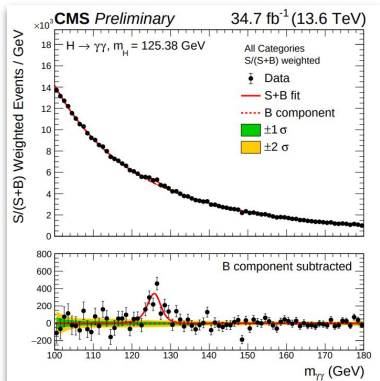
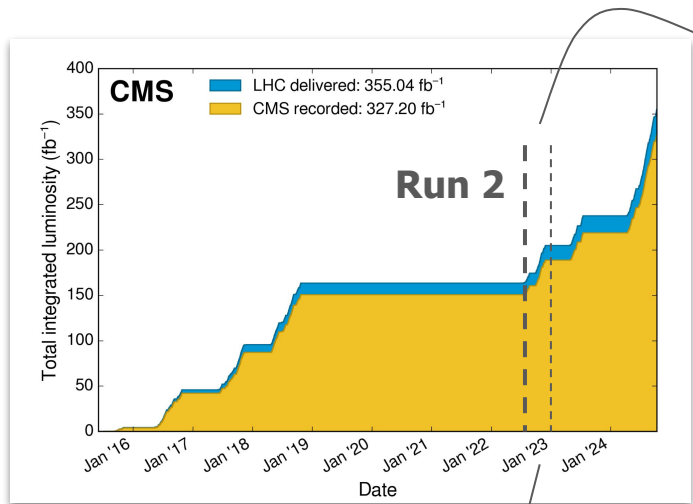
**CMS Preliminary**

$\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$ ,  $138 \text{ fb}^{-1}$   
 $VH, H \rightarrow bb, \Lambda = 1 \text{ TeV}$

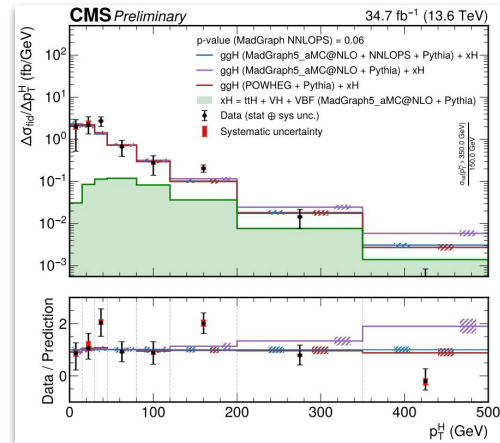


**Excellent simultaneous sensitivity.**  
 SM compatibility (profiled): 84%

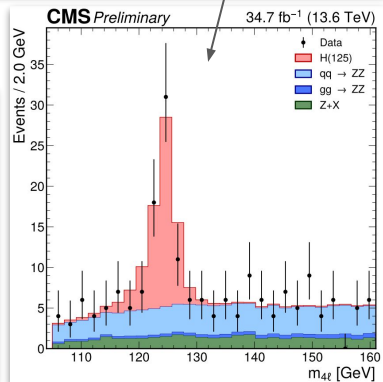
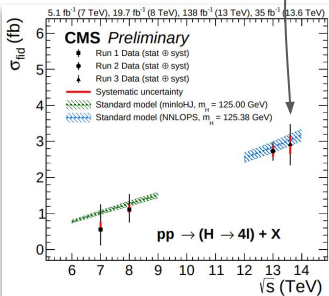
# Run-3 efforts are gaining momentum



[HIG-23-014](#)



[HIG-24-013](#)

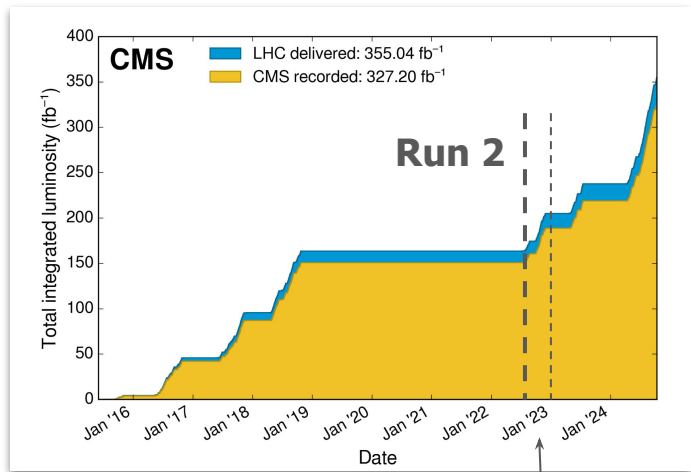


First (differential) cross-section measurements using 2022 data in  $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$  and  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  by CMS.

Comparable results by ATLAS [[Eur. Phys. J. C 84 \(2024\) 78](#)].

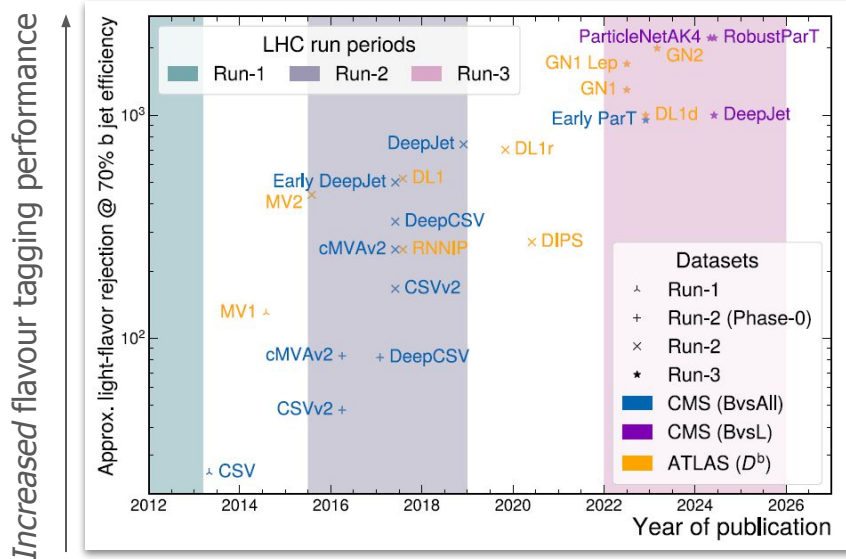
⇒ **Good agreement with SM prediction**

# Run-3 efforts are gaining momentum



First public results

But already ~5× more data collect



Increased flavour tagging performance

Large progress in techniques in the past years, still improving quickly

⇒ **Stay tuned for more Run-3 results!**

Eur. Phys. J. Spec. Top (2024)

# Conclusions

ATLAS and CMS have been probing the predicted Higgs boson's properties and couplings to other SM particles more broadly and precisely than ever.

Highlighted some of the most recent results.

All results are consistent with the SM predictions, but plenty of unprobed areas where deviations are well-motivated to occur.

Focus is shifting to analysing Run-3 data. The increased dataset and new analysis techniques promise a new push of the current frontiers: Higgs-boson self-coupling, couplings to the second fermion generation, high-energy Higgs-boson production,...

**We have exciting times ahead of us!**

# For more information

## Parallel session on Tuesday

David Munoz Perez: "Measurements of Higgs boson properties (mass width and Spin/CP) with the ATLAS detector"

Lena Maria Herrmann: "Measurements of Higgs boson production and decay rates with the ATLAS experiment"

Tahir Javaid: "Higgs differential cross section and STXS measurements at CMS"

## Parallel session on Wednesday

Bartlomiej Henryk Zabinski: "Probing the nature of the electroweak symmetry breaking with Higgs boson pairs in ATLAS"

...and more!