



Higgs Physics: current status and prospects from the experiment side

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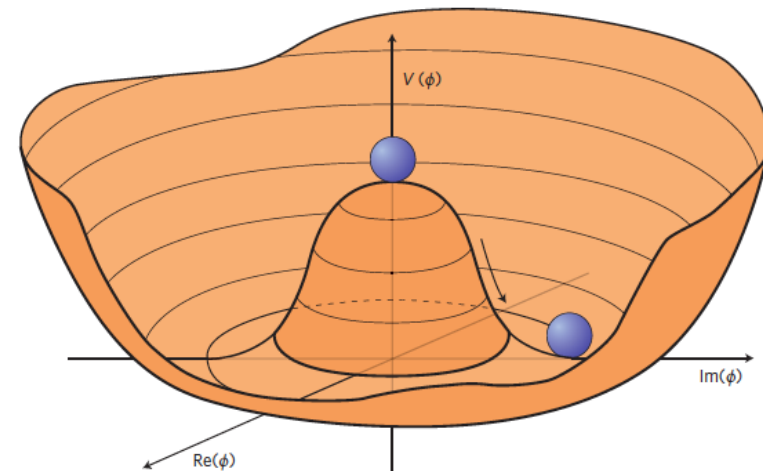
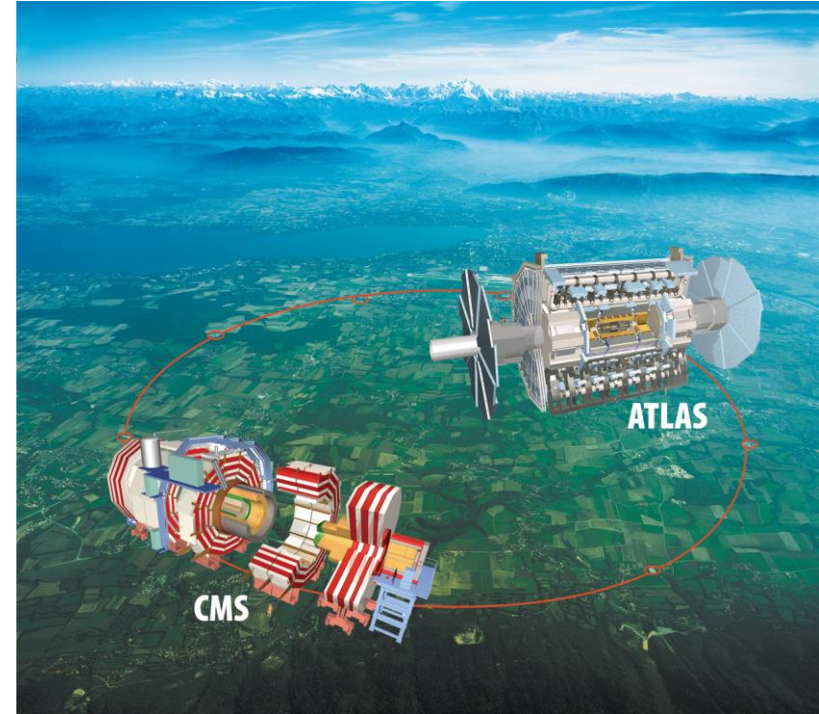
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Introduction

- The ATLAS and CMS experiments at the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) are currently the two most important experiments which study the Higgs boson.
- The Higgs boson was discovered by both experiments in 2012. Studying the Higgs boson is key to test the precision of the Standard Model.
- Higgs physics provides an opportunity to discover physics beyond the Standard Model.



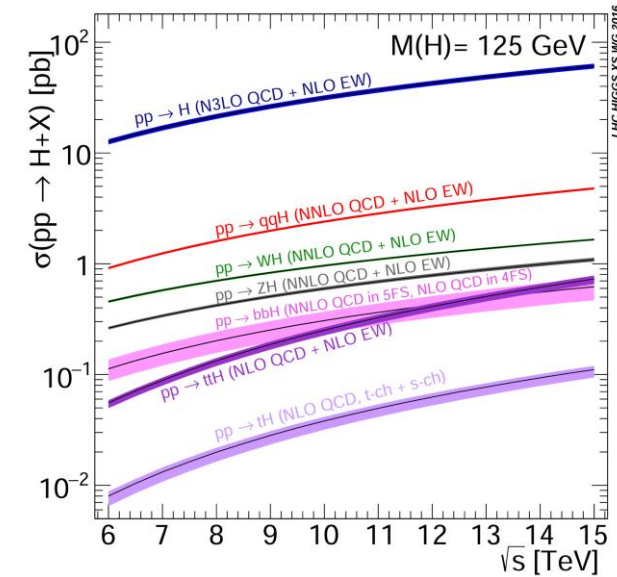
Higgs Physics at the LHC

Higgs Production Process at the LHC

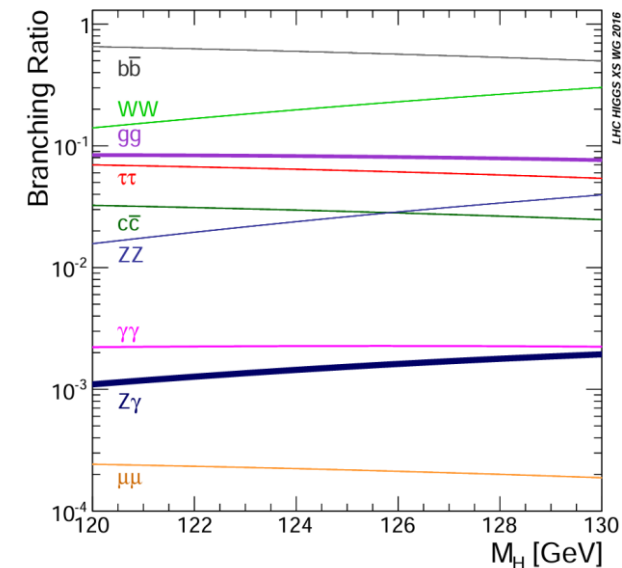
- Single Higgs:
 - Gluon-gluon fusion (ggF): 87%
 - Vector boson fusion (VBF): 7%
 - In association with a vector boson (WH, ZH): 4%
 - In association with two top or bottom quarks ($t\bar{t}H, b\bar{b}H$): 1%
 - tH : < 1%
- Di-Higgs production

Higgs Decays studied at the LHC

- Bosonic decay: $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, H \rightarrow ZZ, H \rightarrow WW, H \rightarrow Z\gamma$
- Fermionic decay: $H \rightarrow bb, H \rightarrow cc, H \rightarrow \tau\tau, H \rightarrow \mu\mu$
- Invisible and BSM decays



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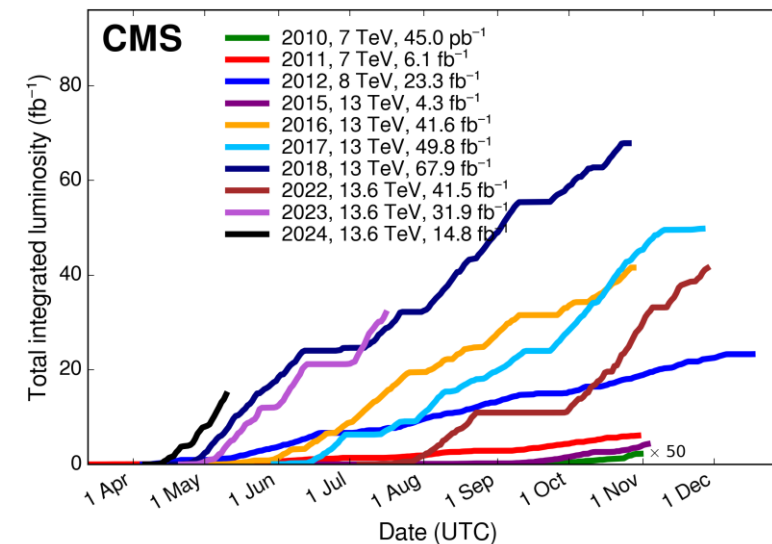
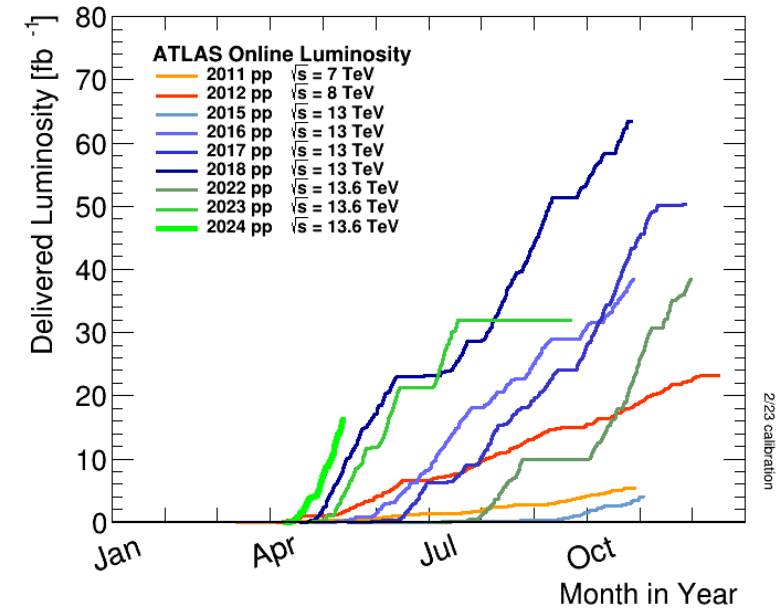
Higgs Physics at the LHC

What we are measuring at LHC:

- Higgs properties:
 - Mass
 - Width
 - CP
 - Coupling with other particles
 - Production cross sections
 - Decay branching Ratios
- Higgs self-coupling

Data:

- Using data collected by the ATLAS and the CMS detectors:
 - Run 1: 7-8 TeV
 - Run 2: 13 TeV
 - Ongoing Run 3: 13.6 TeV
 - Future High-lumi LHC

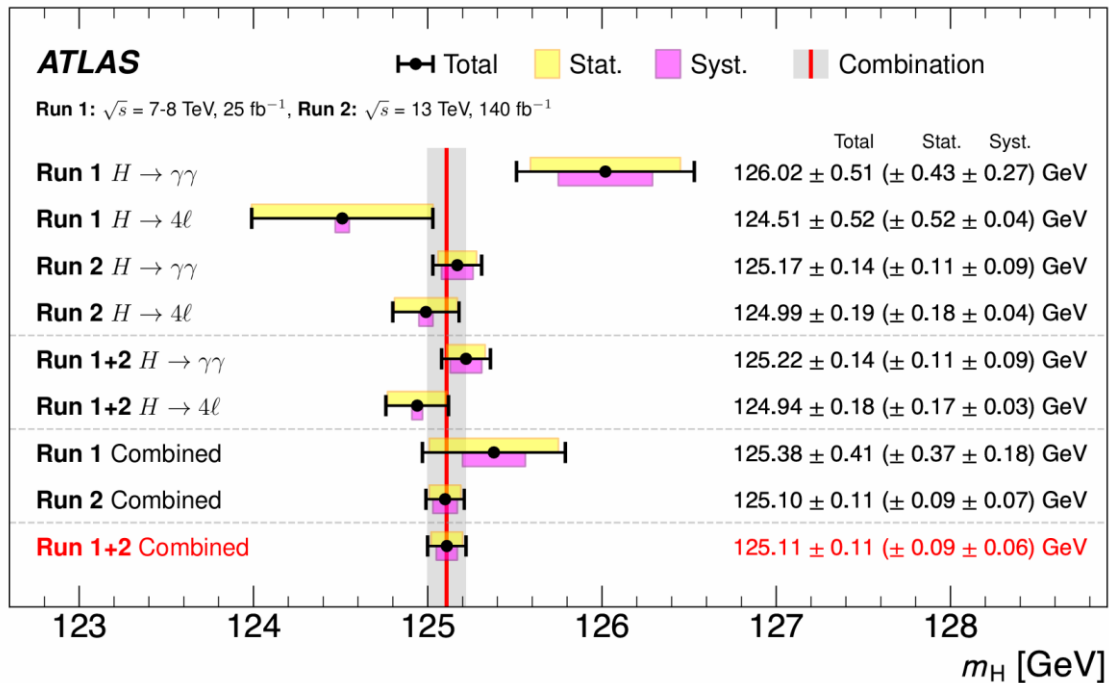


Higgs Mass and Width

Higgs Mass

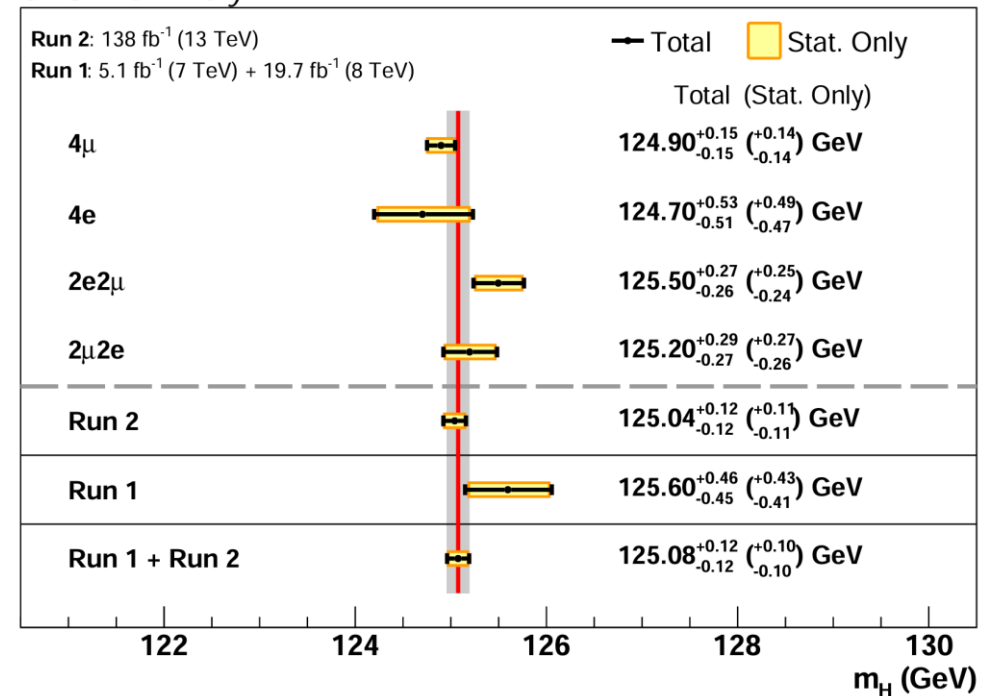
- ATLAS and CMS have measured the Higgs mass in the $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ and $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$ channels in Run 1 and Run 2.
- Run 1 and Run 2 results combined. Mass measured with better 0.1 % precision.

[arXiv:2404.05498](https://arxiv.org/abs/2404.05498)



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CMS Preliminary



Higgs Width

- Width can be measured in the $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ and $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l/2\nu 2l$ channels.

- On-shell measurement:

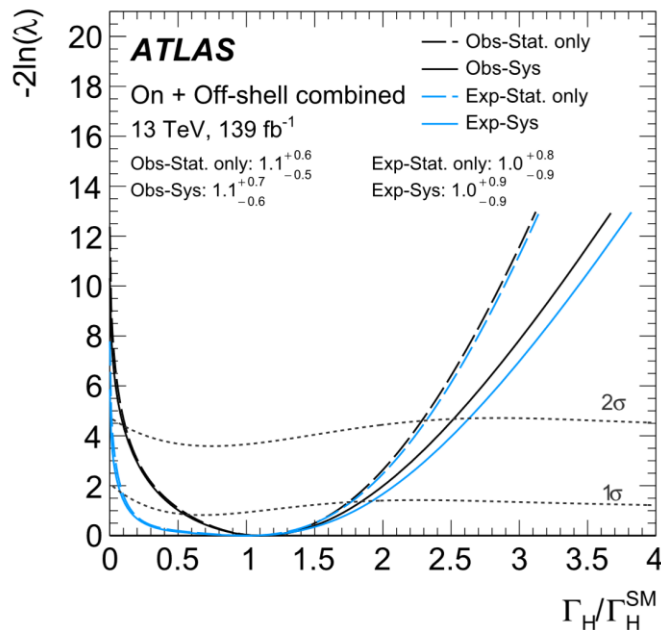
- Use line-shape of the on-shell Higgs mass distribution
- Limited by the detector resolution.

- Off-shell measurement:

- $\sigma_{gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow ZZ}^{on-shell} \sim \frac{g_{ggH}^2 g_{HZZ}^2}{m_H \Gamma_H}$, $\sigma_{gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow ZZ}^{off-shell} \sim \frac{g_{ggH}^2 g_{HZZ}^2}{m_{ZZ}}$

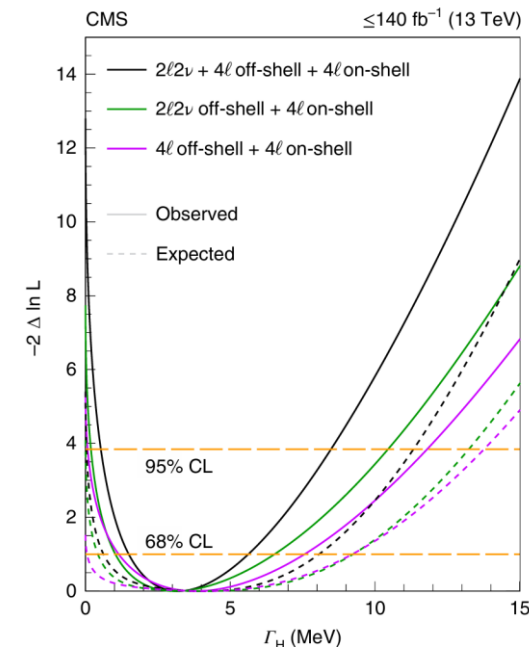
- Infer width by using the event yield ratio between the on-shell and the off-shell Higgs

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$$\Gamma_H = 4.5_{-2.5}^{+3.3} \text{ MeV}$$

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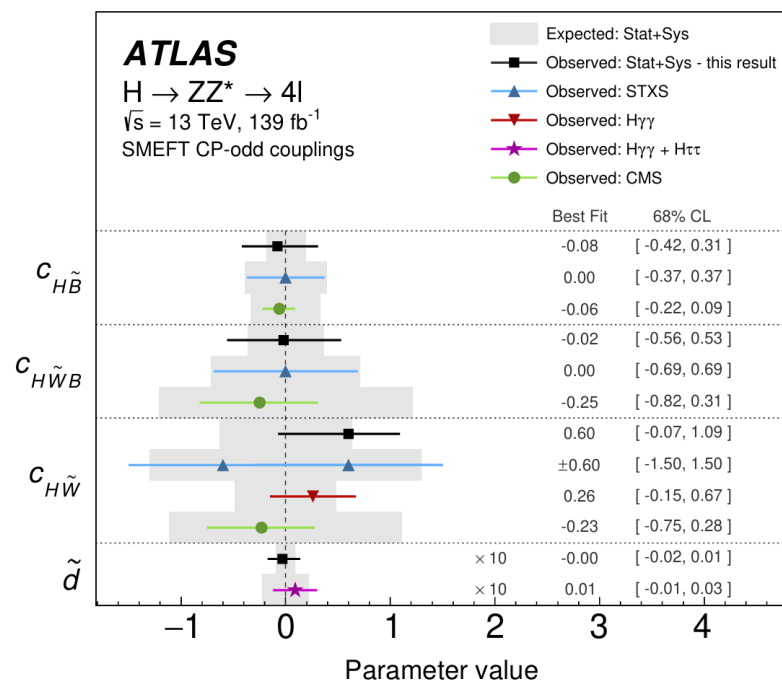
$$\Gamma_H = 2.9_{-1.7}^{+2.3} \text{ MeV}$$

Higgs CP

- Extra source of CP violation needed to explain the matter-antimatter imbalance.
- Run 1 results show that a pure CP-odd Higgs is not likely.
- CP-odd interaction of the Higgs boson is still possible:
 - Fermionic couplings: mixing angle between CP-even and CP-odd components
 - Bosonic couplings: higher order CP-odd terms
- In Run 2, ATLAS and CMS are targeting:
 - Production vertices: HVV , Htt , Hgg
 - Decay vertices: $H\tau\tau$
- High light a few recent Run 2 results.

HVV couplings in $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, H \rightarrow ZZ$

- ATLAS studied VBF production of Higgs in the $\gamma\gamma$ and $4l$ final states. Set limits on the CP-odd contributions in the HVV couplings.
- CMS studied Higgs production in association with two jets, a vector boson, or top quarks. Simultaneously measured the HVV, Hgg and Htt couplings.
- Results interpreted using EFT. Setting limits on CP-odd higher dimensional operators.
- Results agree with the Standard Model.



[arXiv:2304.09612](https://arxiv.org/abs/2304.09612)

CMS

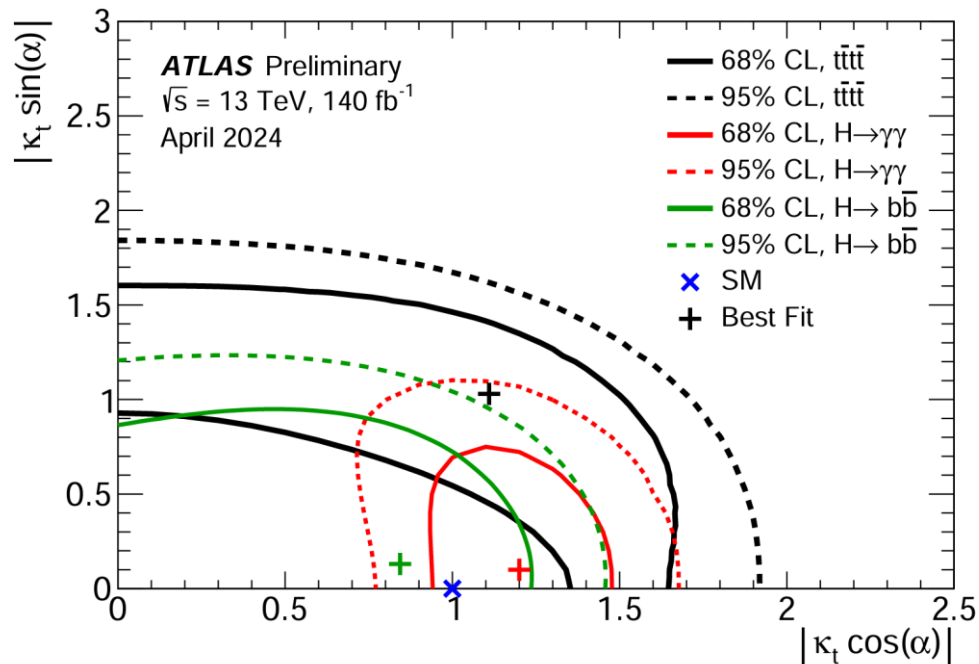
Coupling	Observed	Expected
$c_{H\Box}$	$0.04^{+0.43}_{-0.45}$	$0.00^{+0.75}_{-0.93}$
c_{HD}	$-0.73^{+0.97}_{-4.21}$	$0.00^{+1.06}_{-4.60}$
c_{HW}	$0.01^{+0.18}_{-0.17}$	$0.00^{+0.39}_{-0.28}$
c_{HWB}	$0.01^{+0.20}_{-0.18}$	$0.00^{+0.42}_{-0.31}$
c_{HB}	$0.00^{+0.05}_{-0.05}$	$0.00^{+0.03}_{-0.08}$
$c_{H\tilde{W}}$	$-0.23^{+0.51}_{-0.52}$	$0.00^{+1.11}_{-1.11}$
$c_{H\tilde{W}B}$	$-0.25^{+0.56}_{-0.57}$	$0.00^{+1.21}_{-1.21}$
$c_{H\tilde{B}}$	$-0.06^{+0.15}_{-0.16}$	$0.00^{+0.33}_{-0.33}$

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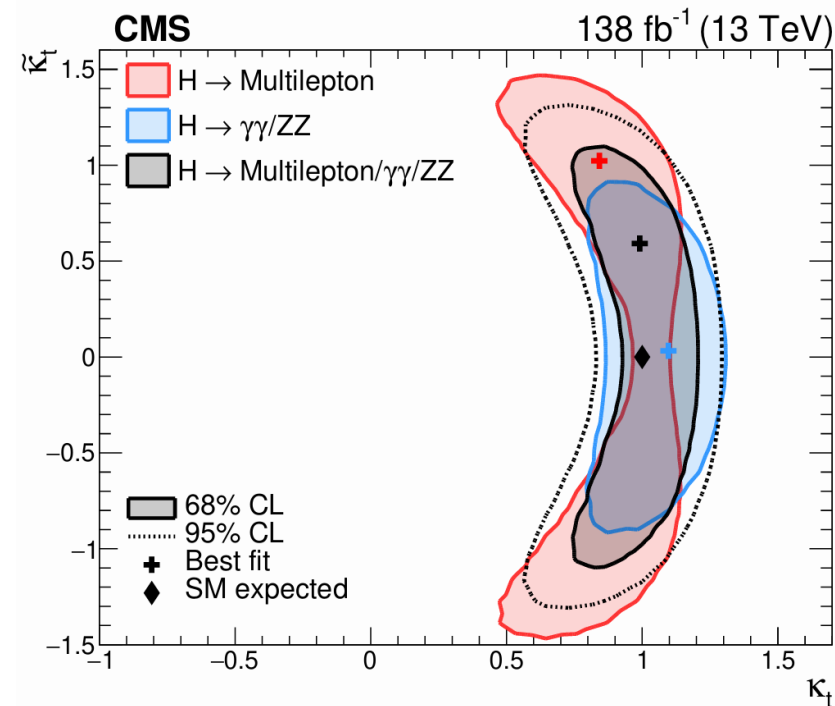
Top-Higgs Yukawa coupling

- ATLAS studied Higgs production in association with top quarks in the $\gamma\gamma$ and $b\bar{b}$ final states.
- CMS combined results of the ZZ, $\gamma\gamma$ and multilepton final states.
- Set limits on the coupling modifier (κ) /mixing angle (α) between CP-even and CP-odd components. Results are compatible with the Standard Model.

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Higgs Coupling

Signal strength modifier: μ framework

- ggH, VBF, VH, tH/ttH productions and $\gamma\gamma, ZZ, WW, bb, \tau\tau$ decays have been observed with significance above five Sigmas.

- Study the agreement between the observed Higgs event yields with the SM prediction.

- For the $i \rightarrow H \rightarrow f$ process, the single signal

$$\text{strength modifier is } \mu_{if}^f = \frac{\sigma_i^{obs} B_f^{obs}}{\sigma_i^{SM} B_f^{SM}}.$$

- Run 2 global signal strength modifier:

- ATLAS:

$$\mu = 1.002 \pm 0.057$$

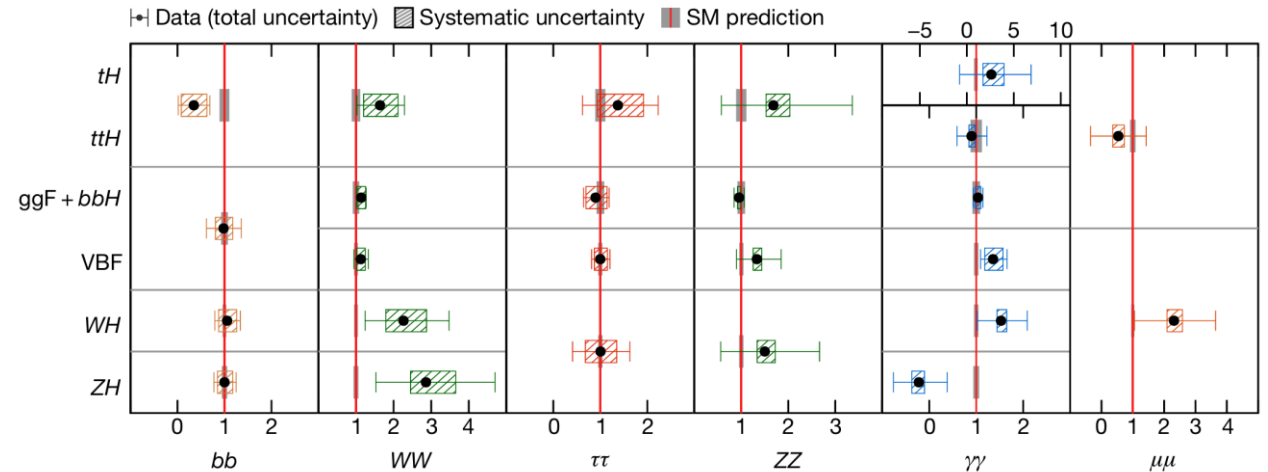
- CMS:

$$\mu = 1.05 \pm 0.06$$

- Good agreement with the Standard Model

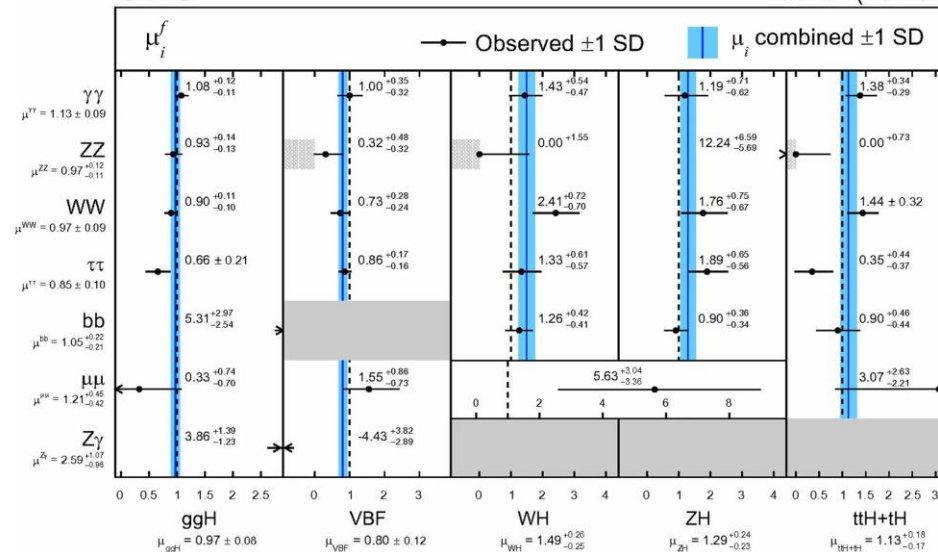
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CMS

138 fb⁻¹ (13 TeV)



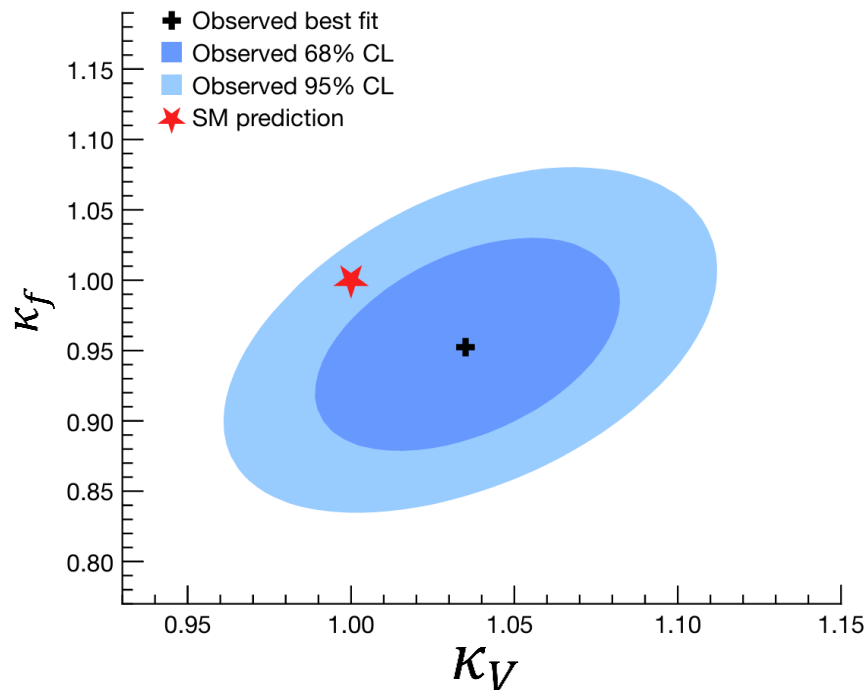
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Coupling modifiers: κ Framework

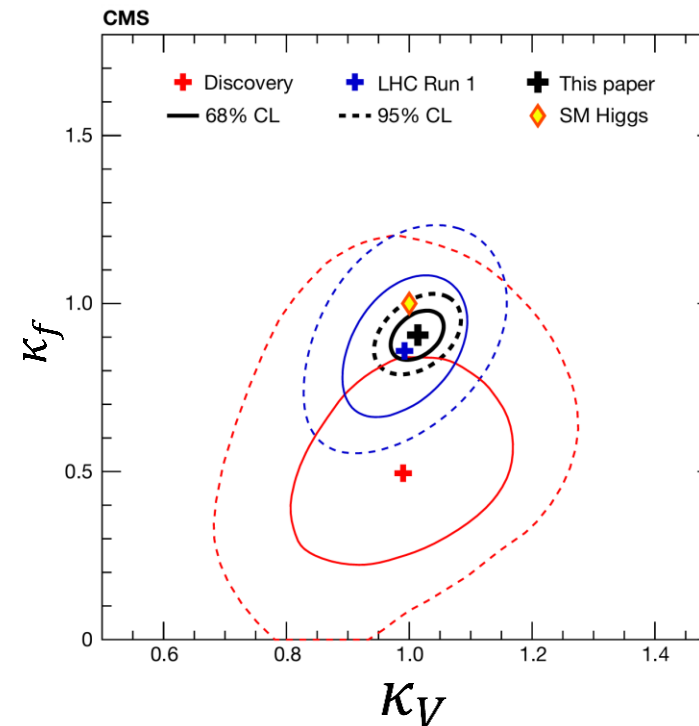
- BSM contributions may affect the productions and decays in a correlated way.
- Coupling strength modifiers κ introduced to modify the Higgs coupling strength to different particle types.
- All κ s are one in the Standard Model.
- Model 1: one modifier κ_V for Z and W, and one modifier κ_f for all fermions.
- Loop-induced processes are parameterized in terms of the fundamental standard couplings.
- Good agreement with the Standard Model.

ATLAS

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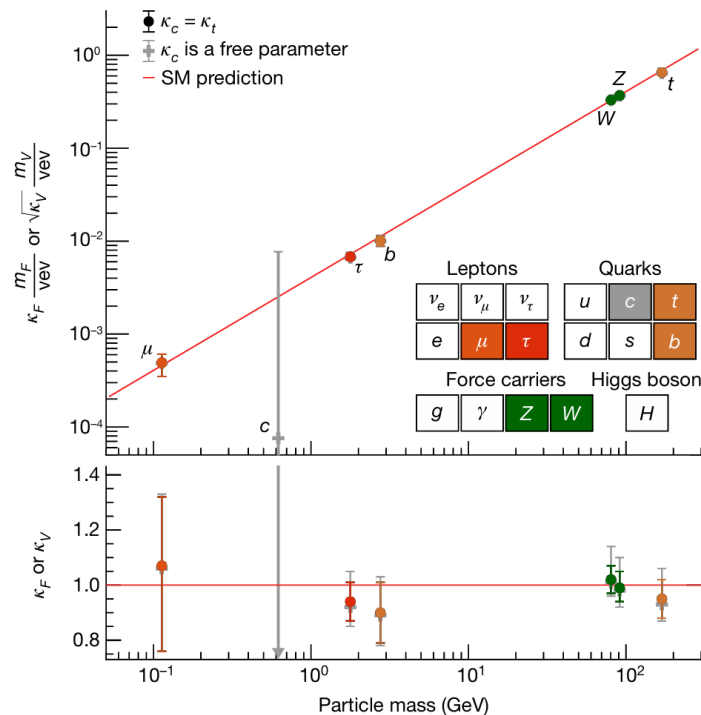


Coupling modifiers: κ Framework

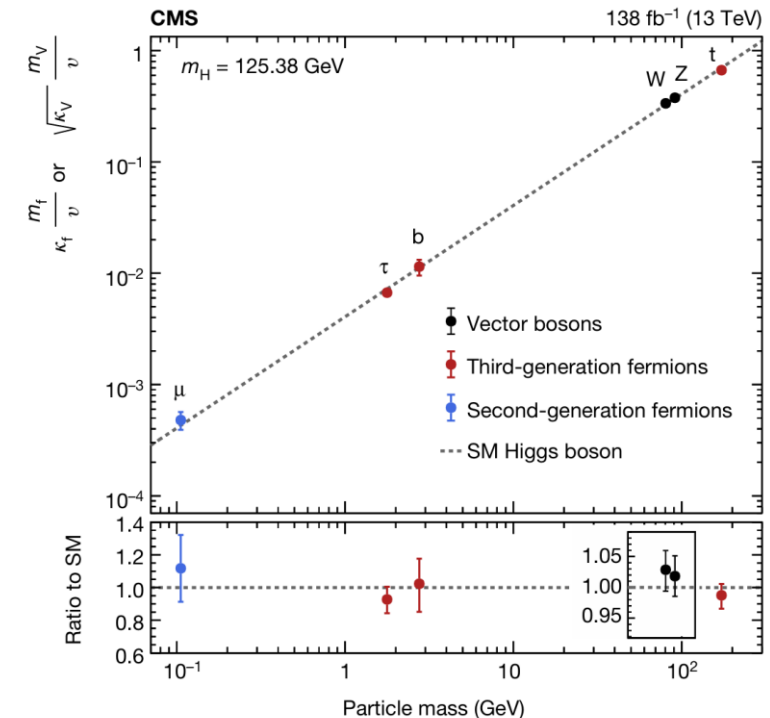
- More modifiers possible with the full Run 2 data.
- Model 2: different modifiers for μ, τ, b, t, Z, W
- Loop-induced processes are parameterized in terms of the fundamental standard couplings.
- Result shows as a function of mass. Good agreement with the Standard Model.

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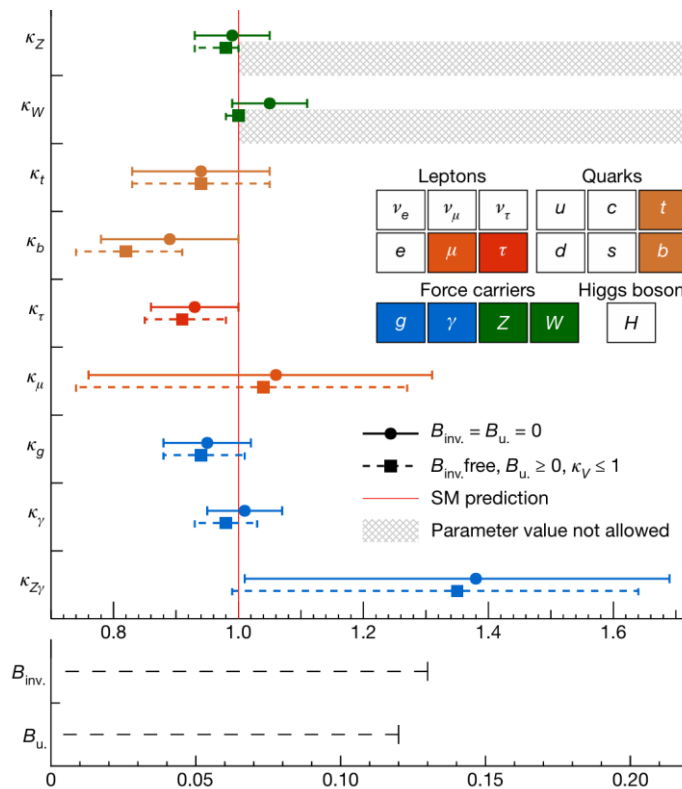
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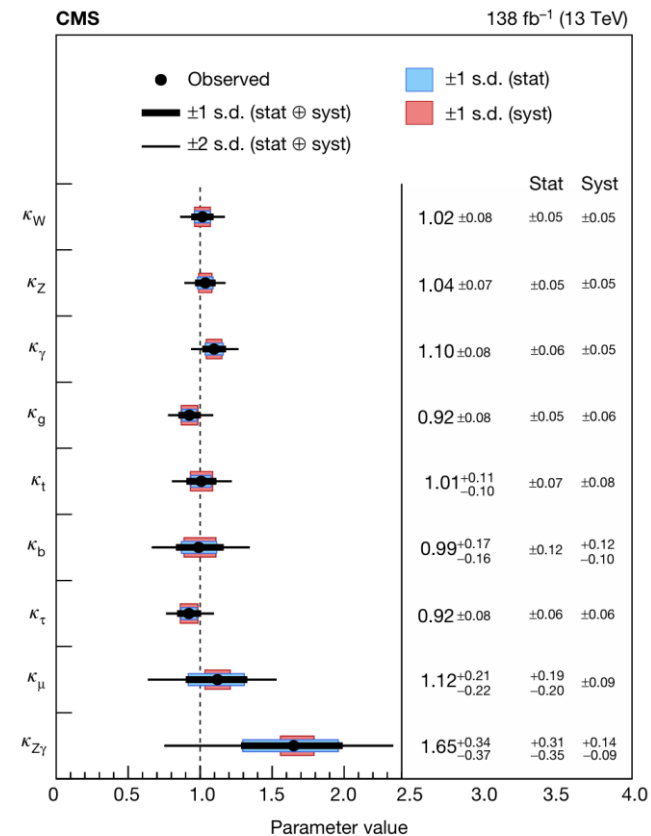
Coupling modifiers: κ Framework

- Loops-induced processes may have BSM contributions.
- Model 3: add new modifiers for $Z\gamma$, gluons and photons. ATLAS also considers invisible or undetected BSM decays.
- Good agreement with the Standard Model.

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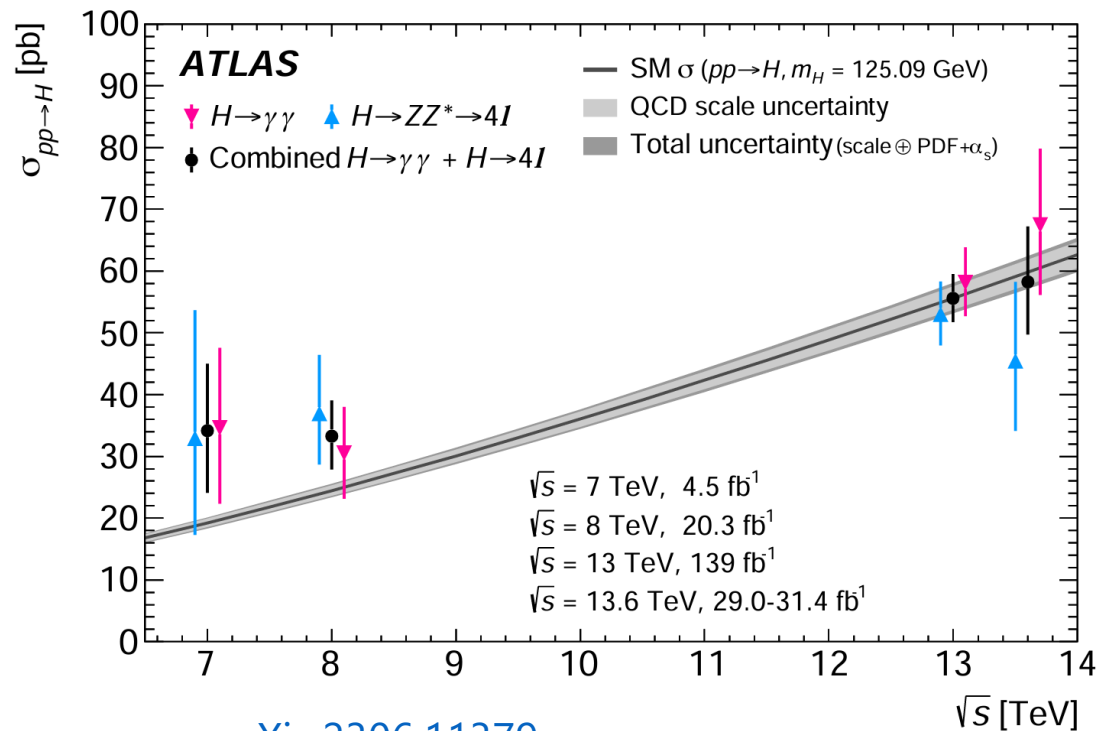
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Fiducial and differential cross sections

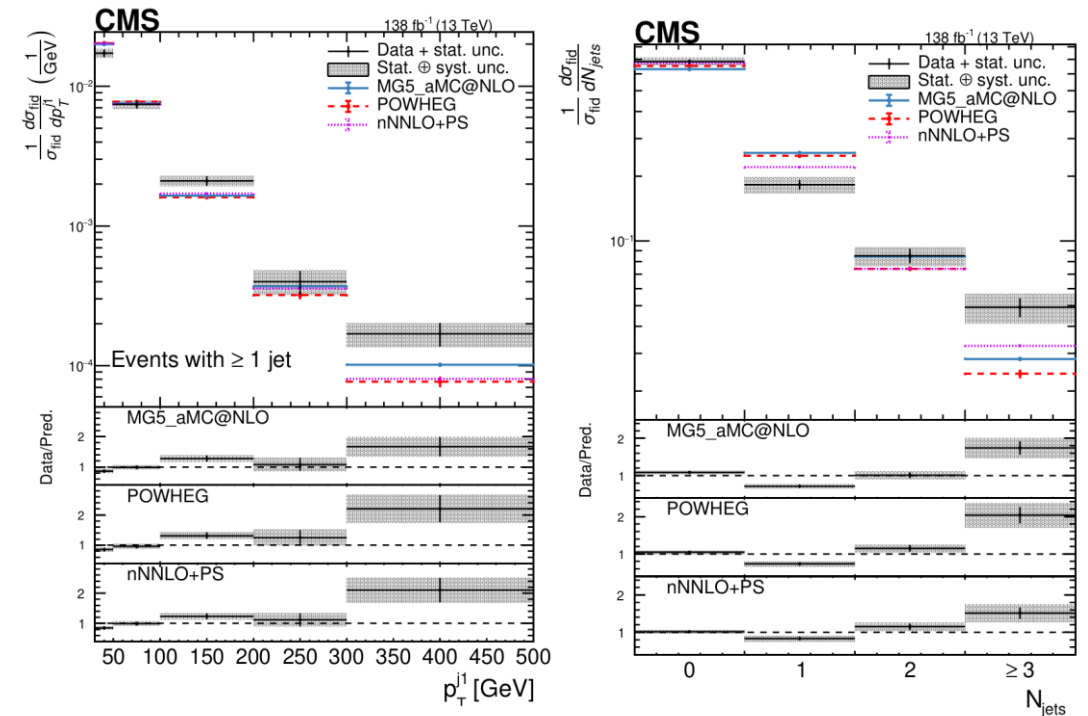
- BSM physics affects the kinematic distributions in Higgs productions and decays. Not described by the κ Framework.
- Fiducial and differential cross sections further scrutinize the Standard Model Higgs coupling.
- Differential cross sections are now also calculated in channels with low signal/background ratios.

ATLAS $H\gamma\gamma$ and HZZ fiducial XS including early Run3 data



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CMS Run 2 HZZ differential XS

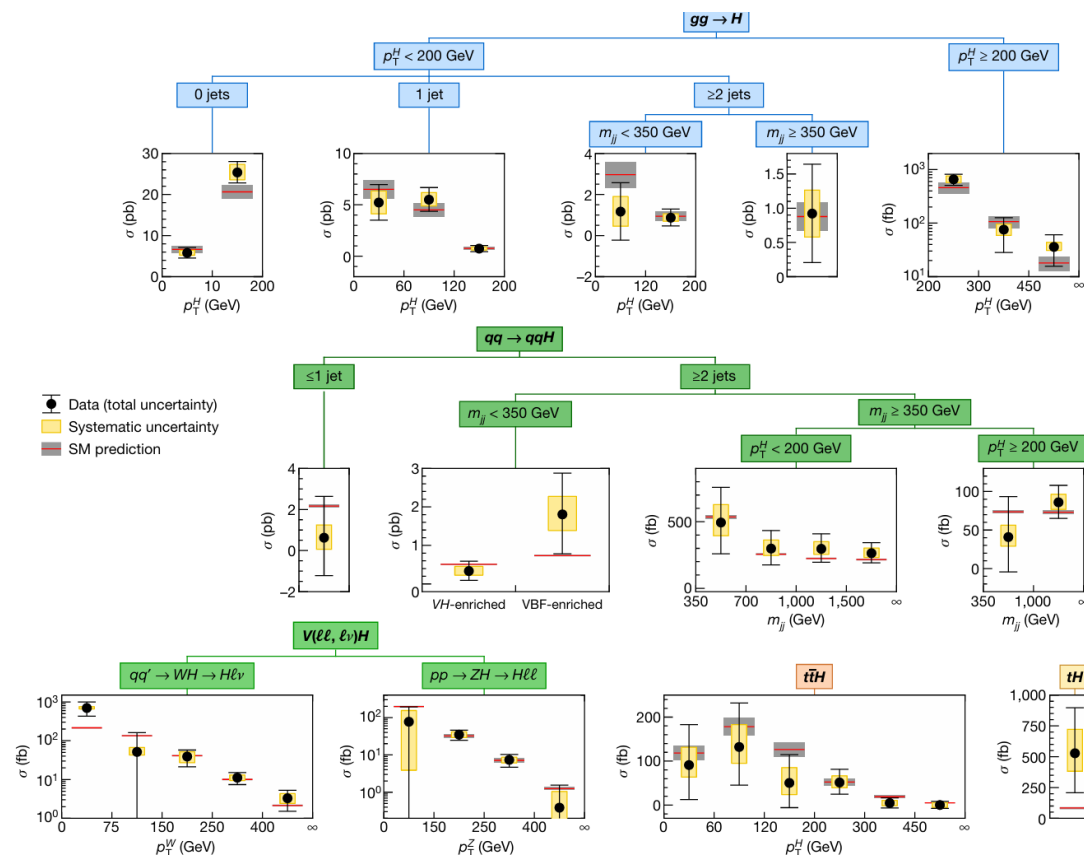


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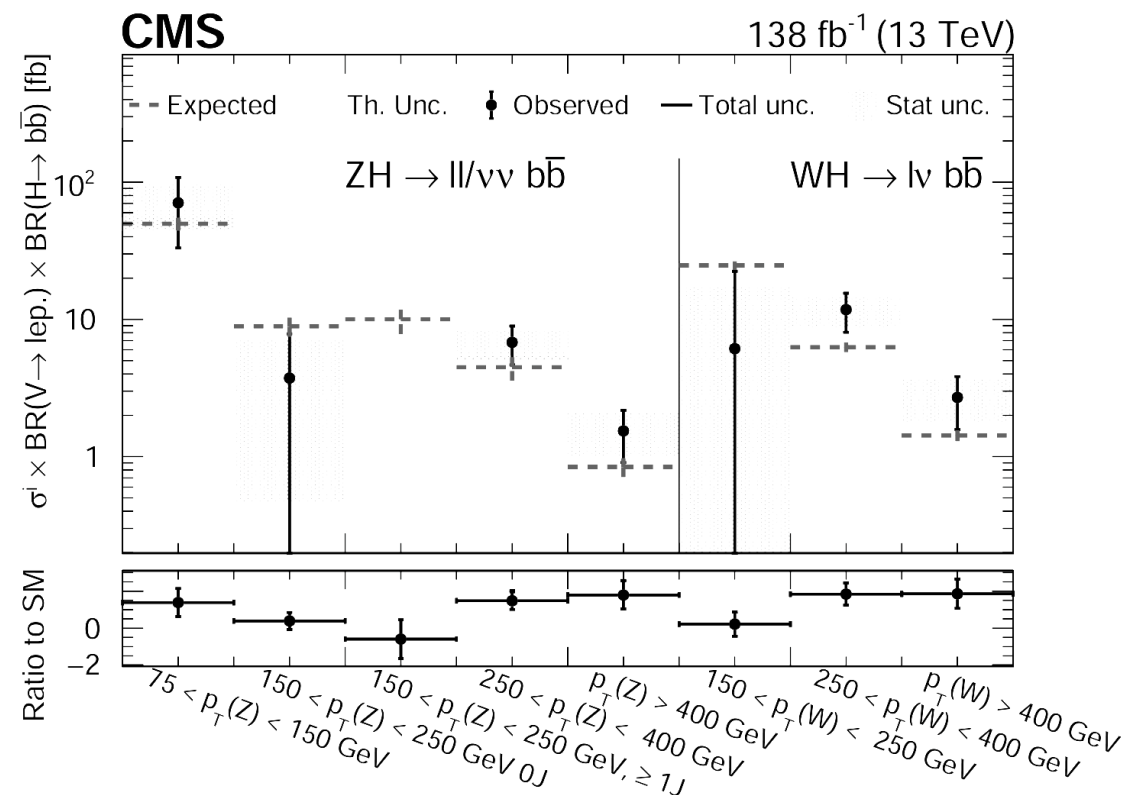
Simplified template cross sections (STXS)

- Measure cross sections in pre-defined kinematic bins.
- Provides sensitivity to BSM physics and reduces theory uncertainties.

ATLAS Run 2 STXS combination

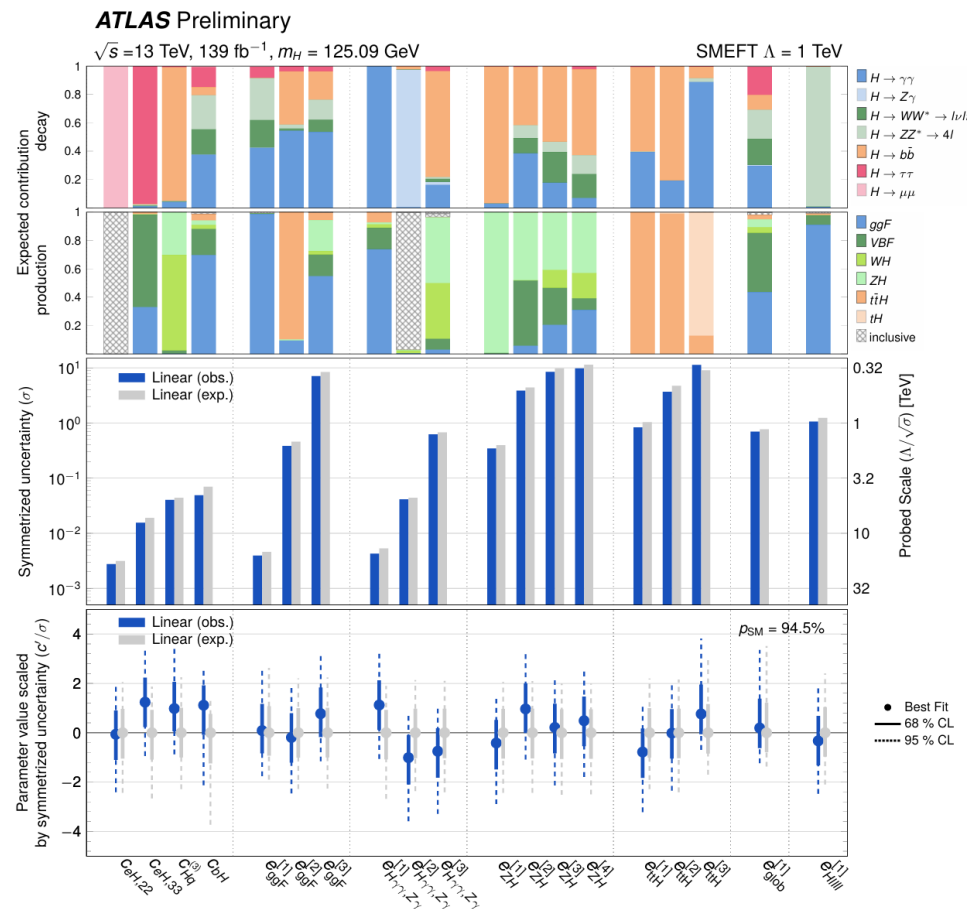


CMS Run 2 Hbb STXS result

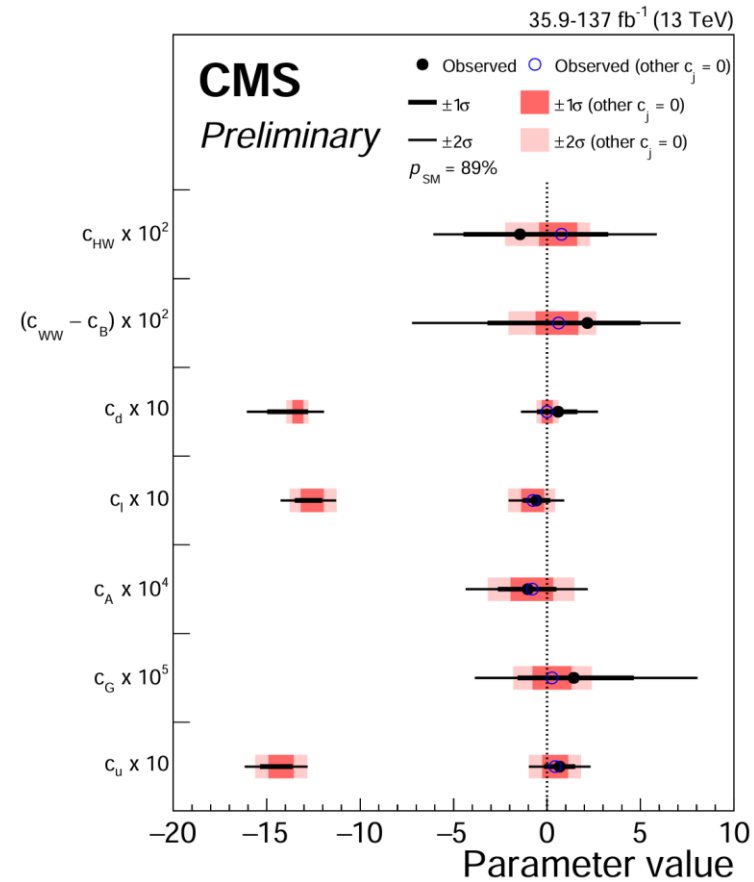


Effective field theory

- The STXS measurement can be interpreted using the EFT.
- ATLAS and CMS use combined STXS measure to constrain the Wilson coefficients.



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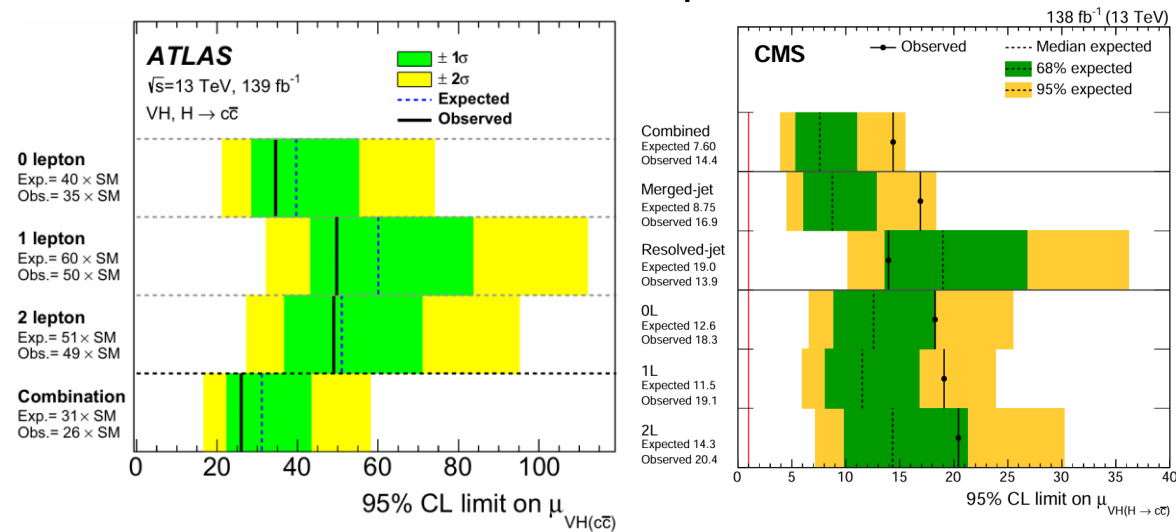
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Couplings to second generation

- Higgs coupling to second generation can be significantly modified by BSM physics.

H → cc searches

- Search for VH production.
- Three channels depending on the number of charged leptons in the final states.
- Limit on signal strength
 - ATLAS: 26 times SM prediction
 - CMS: 20.4 times SM prediction

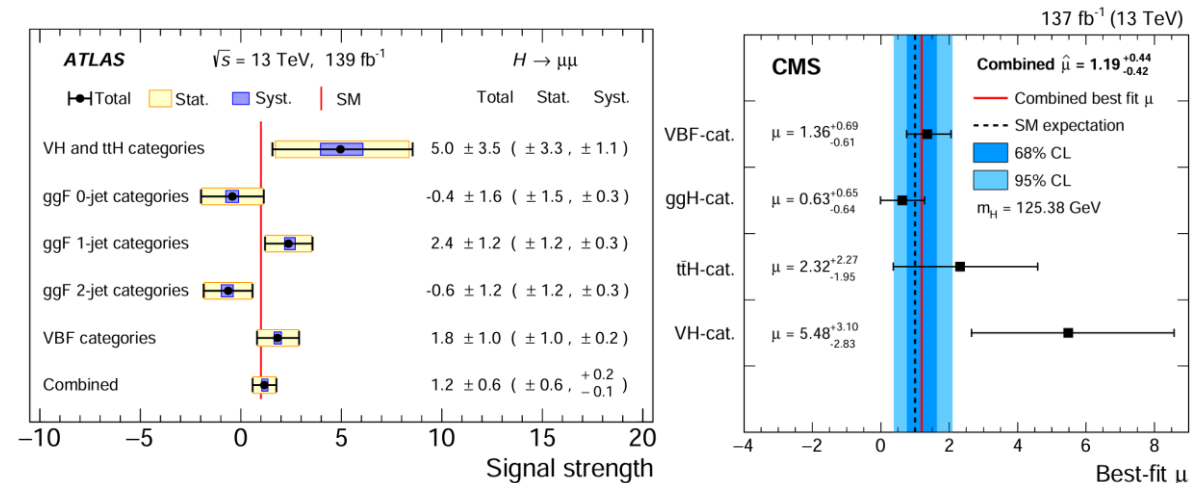


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H → μμ searches

- Search for ggH, VBF, VH, ttH production.
- Observed (expected) significance
 - ATLAS: 2.0σ (1.7σ)
 - CMS: 3.0σ (2.5σ)

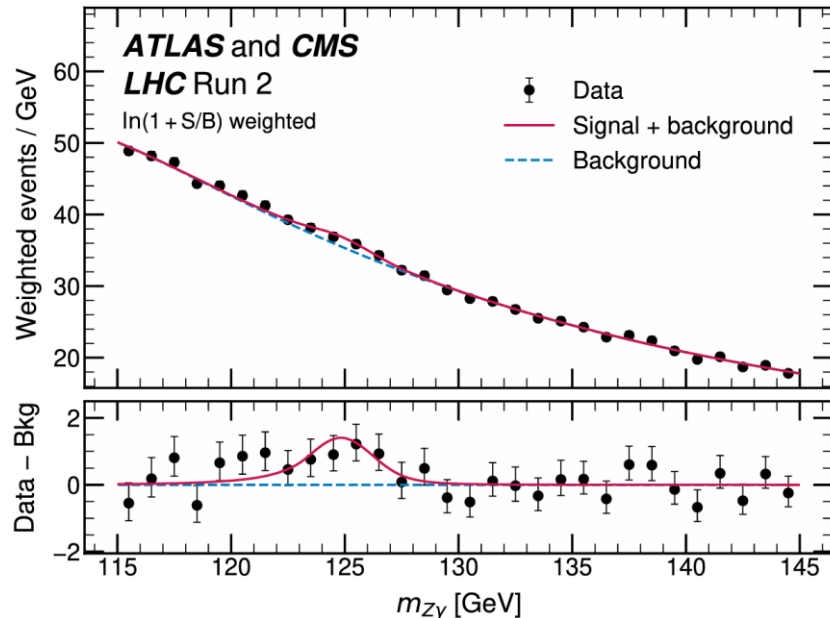
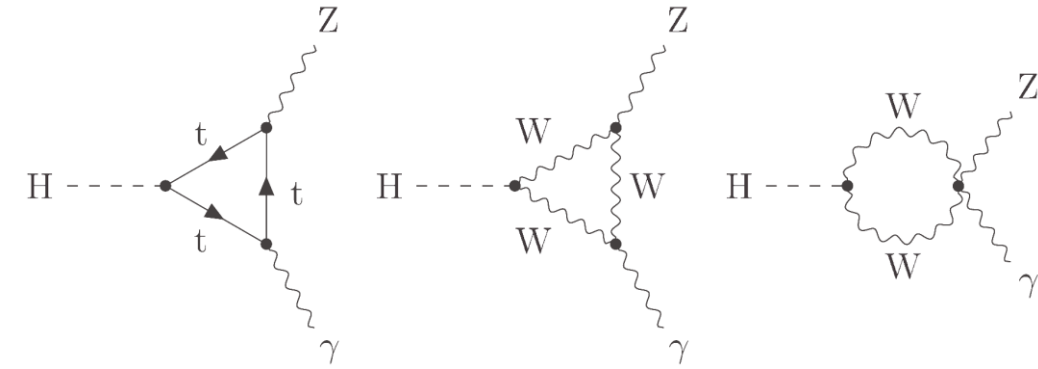


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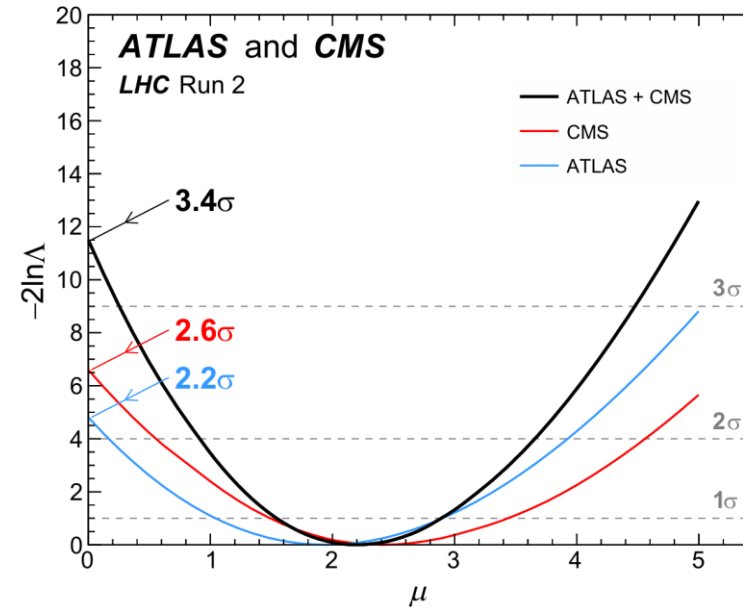
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Higgs decays into $Z\gamma$

- $H \rightarrow Z\gamma$ decay has a small branching ratio (1.5×10^{-3}) in the Standard Model.
- Many BSM scenarios increase the branching ratio.
- ATLAS and CMS searched for $H \rightarrow Z\gamma$ where the Z decays into electrons or muons. Results combined.
 - observed event yield: 2.2 ± 0.7 times SM prediction
 - observed (expected) local significance: 3.4σ (1.6σ)



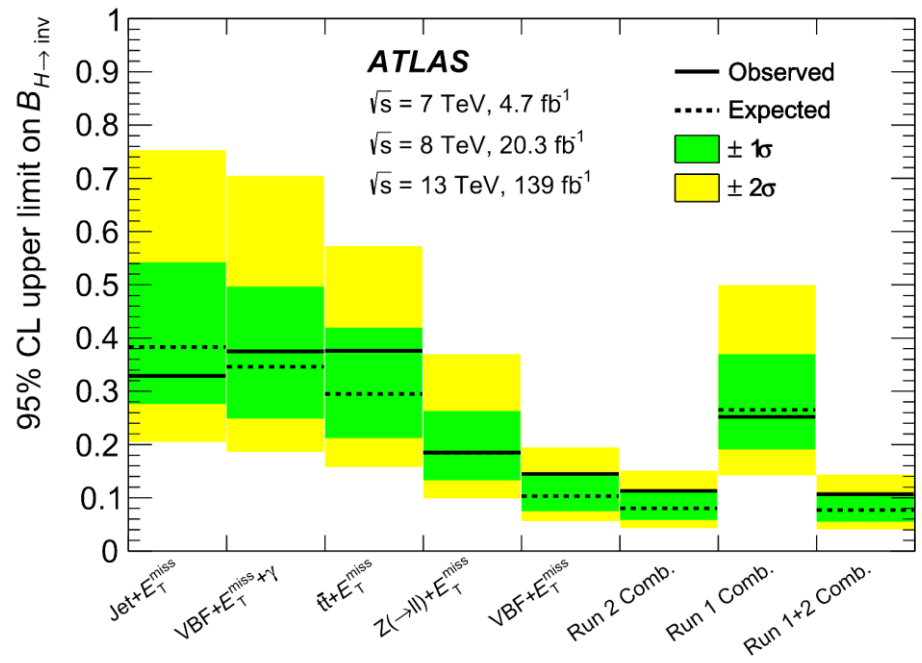
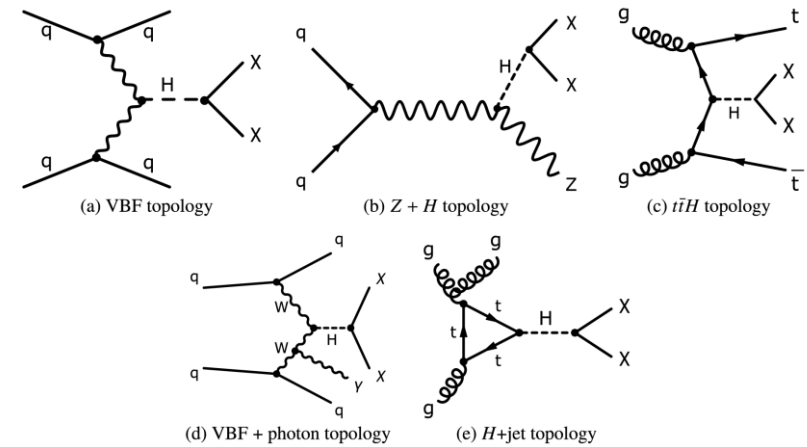
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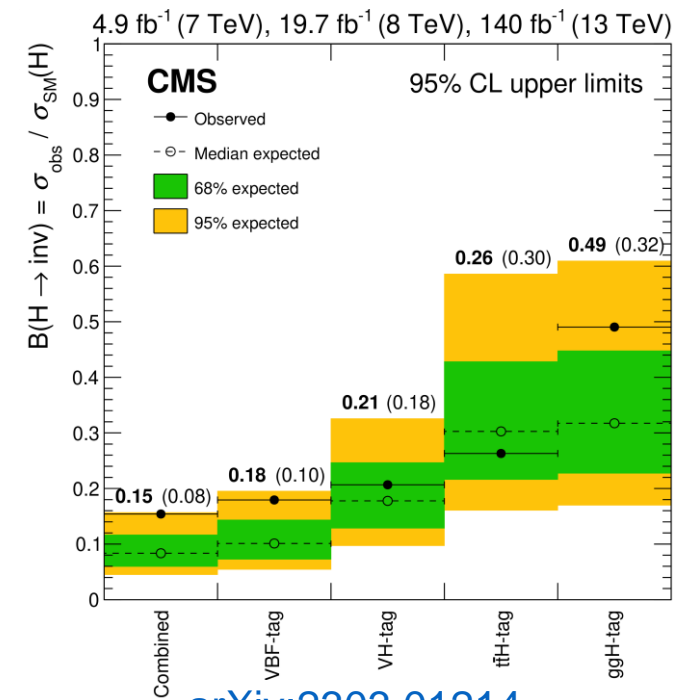
Higgs decays into invisible particles

- In BSM theories, Higgs boson acts as a portal between the dark sector and the SM sector.
- In the SM, the branching ratio is less than 0.1%.
- ATLAS and CMS have searched for Higgs invisible decays. No excess found.
- Limits set on the branching ratio.



$B < 0.107$
 (exp 0.077) at
 95% CL

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$B < 0.15$ (exp
 0.08) at 95%
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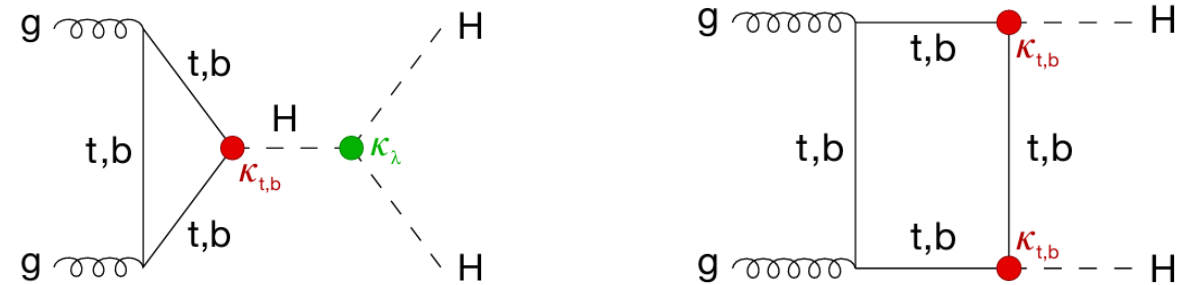
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Higgs Self-coupling

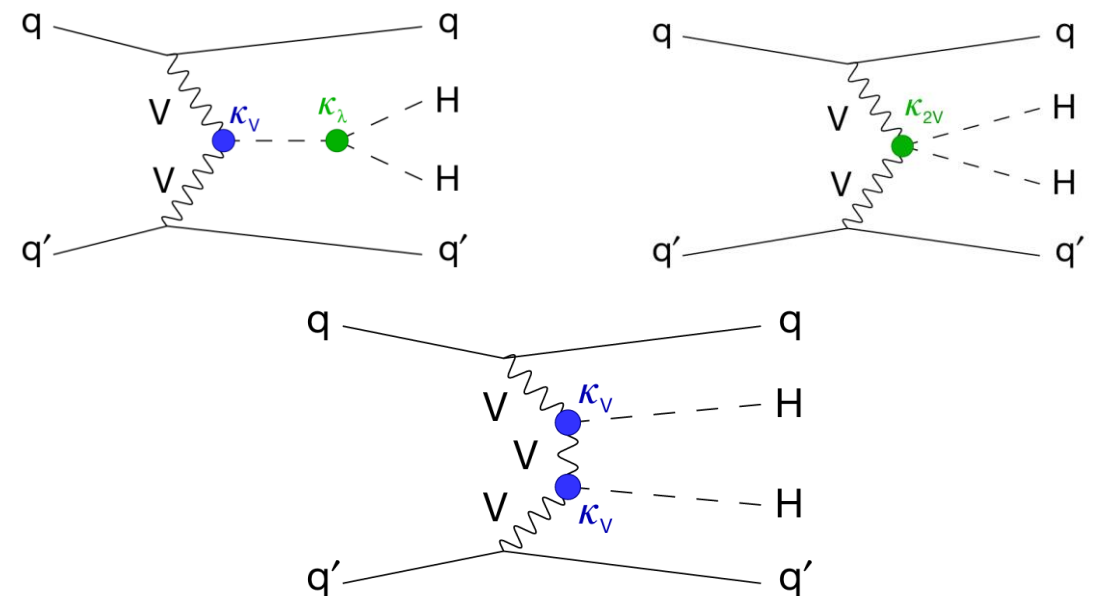
Higgs self-coupling

- Important to understand Higgs potential
- Ways to study Higgs self-coupling at LHC
 - Direct HH measurement
 - indirectly set limits using the single Higgs measurement
- Two main DiHiggs production mode:
 - Gluon-gluon fusion ~ 31.05 fb at 13 TeV
 - Destructive interference
 - Studied using modifiers $\kappa_\lambda, \kappa_t, \kappa_b$
 - Vector boson fusion ~ 1.73 fb at 13 TeV
 - Quartic coupling
 - Studied using modifiers $\kappa_{2V}, \kappa_\lambda, \kappa_V$

Gluon-gluon fusion



Vector boson fusion



Higgs self-coupling

- Prefer direct searches in channels with large branching ratio, strong signature for background rejection.
 - Run 2 searches in: $bbbb$, $bb\tau\tau$, $bb\gamma\gamma$, $bbZZ$, $bbWW$, $WW\gamma\gamma$, multi-lepton ($WWWW+WW\tau\tau+\tau\tau\tau$)
- Results combined to improve the sensitivity.
- Also searching for BSM resonance in the above channels.

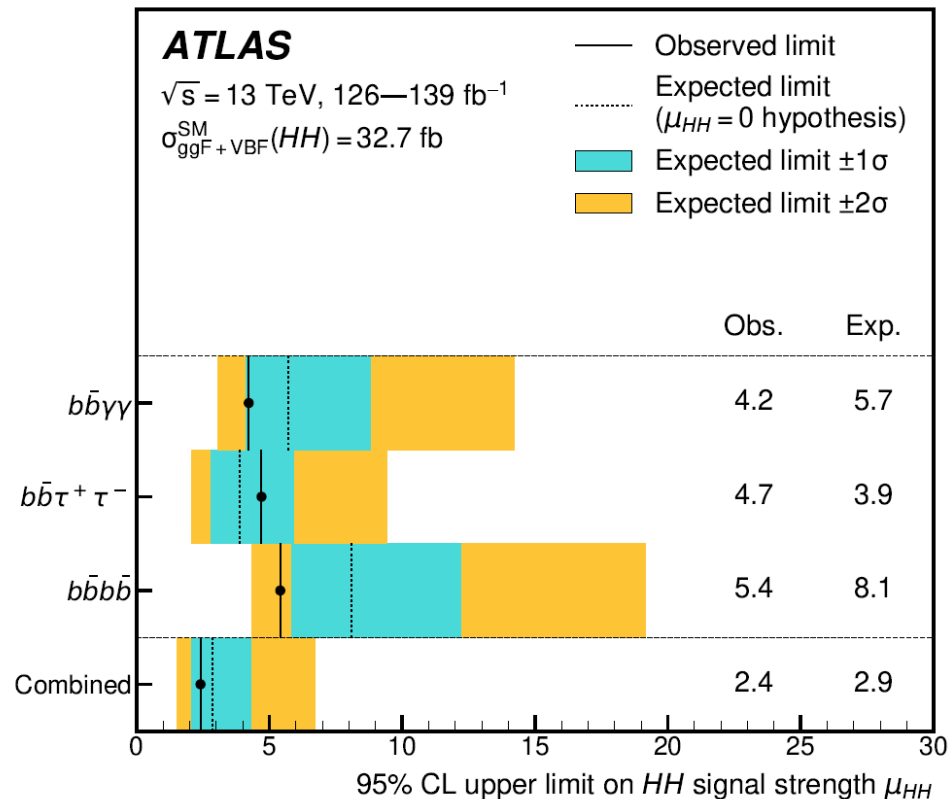
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	bb	WW	$\tau\tau$	ZZ	$\Upsilon\Upsilon$
bb	34%				
WW	25%	4.6%			
$\tau\tau$	7.3%	2.7%	0.39%		
ZZ	3.1%	1.1%	0.33%	0.069%	
$\Upsilon\Upsilon$	0.26%	0.10%	0.028%	0.012%	0.0005%

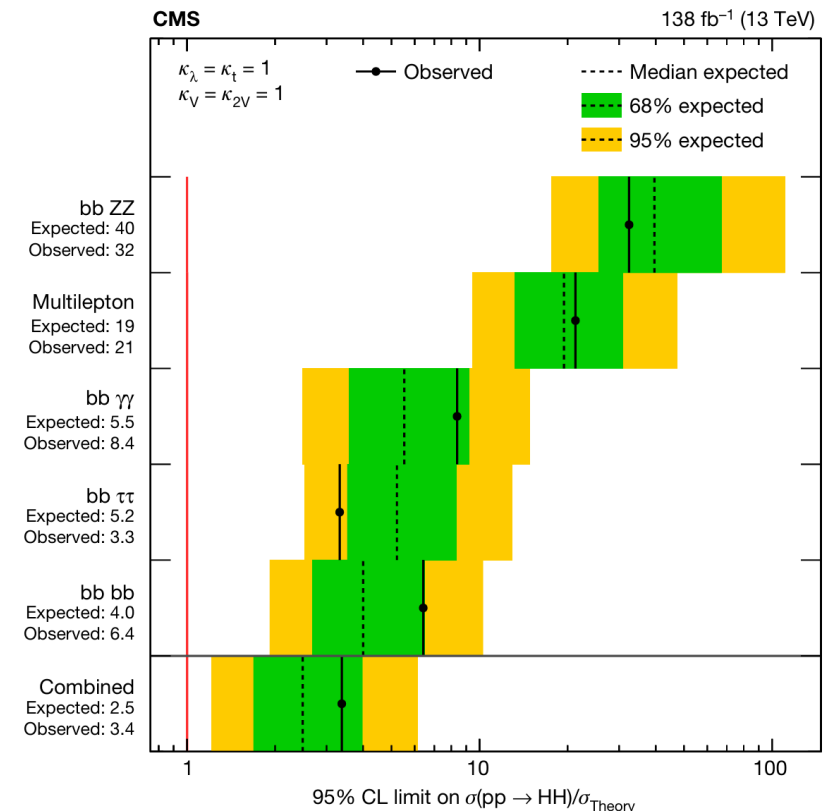
Higgs self-coupling

- Observed (expected) limits on the HH signal strength:
 - ATLAS: 2.4 (2.9) times SM prediction
 - CMS: 3.4 (2.5) times SM prediction

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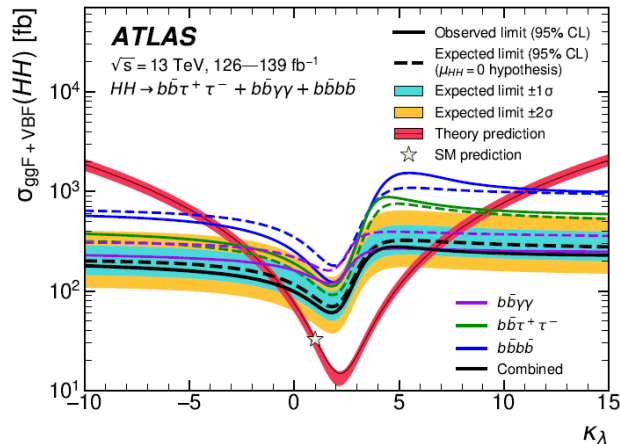


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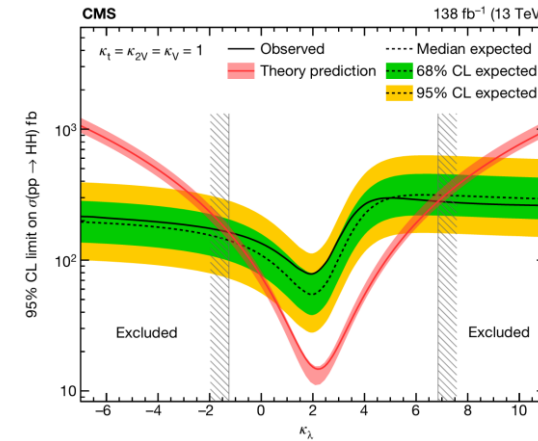


Higgs self-coupling

- Limit on Higgs self-coupling modifier.
 - ATLAS: $-0.6 < \kappa_\lambda < 6.6$ at 95% CL
 - CMS: $-1.24 < \kappa_\lambda < 6.49$ at 95% CL

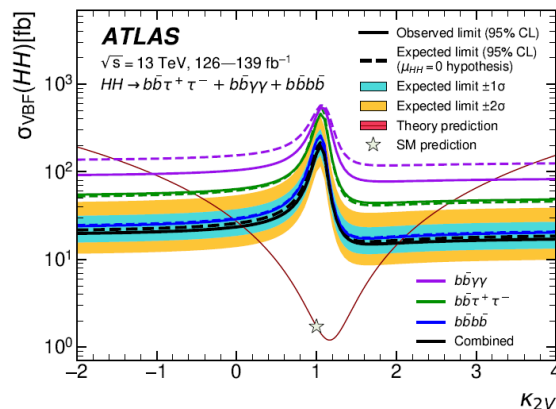


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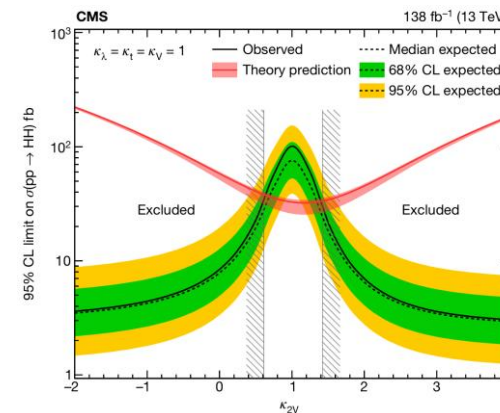


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- Limit on VVHH coupling modifier.
 - ATLAS: $0.1 < \kappa_{2V} < 2$ at 95% CL
 - CMS: $0.67 < \kappa_{2V} < 1.38$ at 95% CL



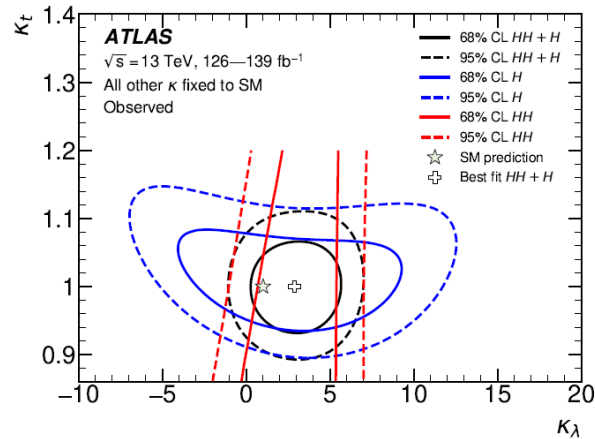
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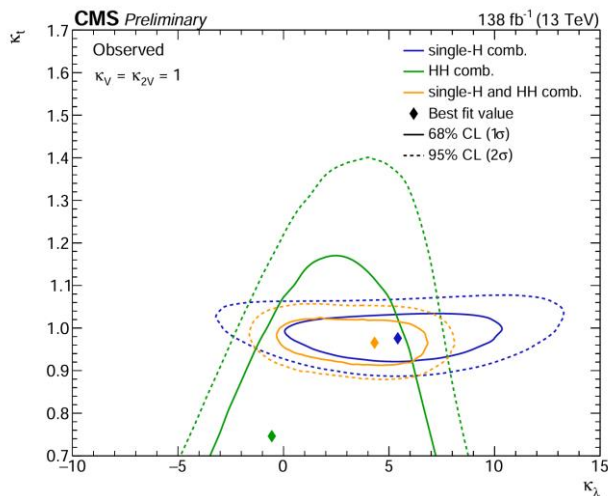
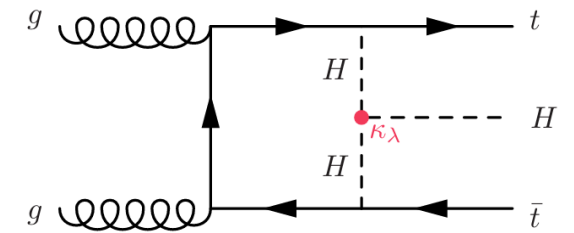
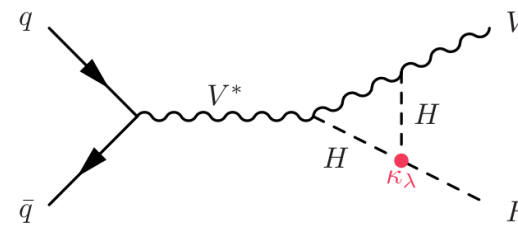
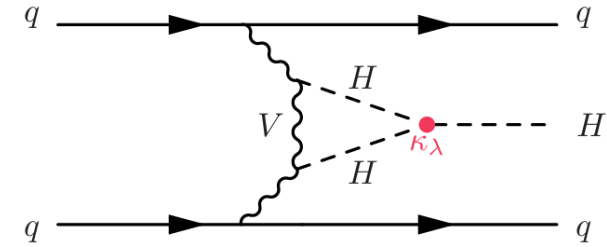
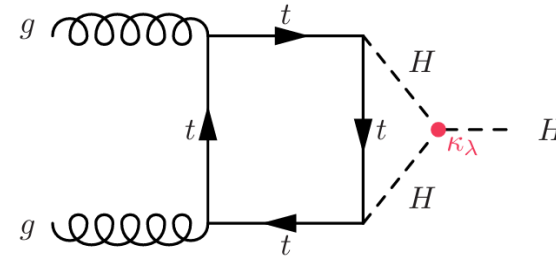
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Higgs self-coupling

- Higgs self-coupling also contributes to single Higgs production.
- Constrain coupling modifier indirectly using single Higgs measurement.



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[CMS-PAS-HIG-23-006](https://arxiv.org/abs/2308.006)

- With the full Run 2 and early Run 3 data collected by the ATLAS and CMS detectors:
 - All main Higgs production and decays have been observed.
 - Improved sensitive to rare processes such as HH production and $\mu\mu$, $Z\gamma$ decays.
 - Higgs properties and coupling have been measured with better precision.
- Many methods used to scrutinize the Standard Model
 - μ framework, κ framework, STXS, EFT
- So far, the observation agrees with the standard model.
- Awaiting more exciting Higgs results in Run 3 and future High-Luminosity LHC (See [Jelena's talk](#)).