

# Higgs properties from the combined measurement

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# What is a combined measurement?

- **NOT** a combination of separate measurements...
- Combine the data samples of ATLAS and CMS + perform a fit  
⇒ A combined measurement

*With great data comes...*

*great responsibility to treat uncertainties in the right way!*

⇒ We include systematic uncertainties and correlations in the fit...

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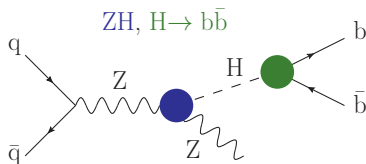
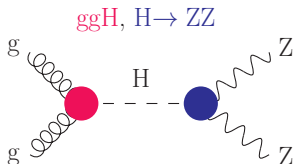
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- New physics could produce a SM-like signal strength  
→ *measure couplings from both production and decay!*



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→ test for different hypotheses (SM, BSM)

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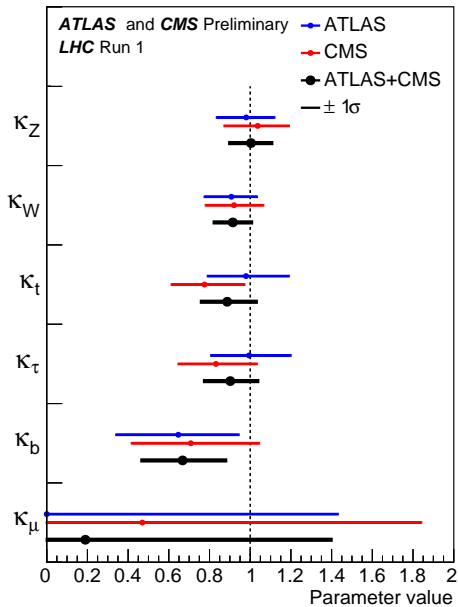
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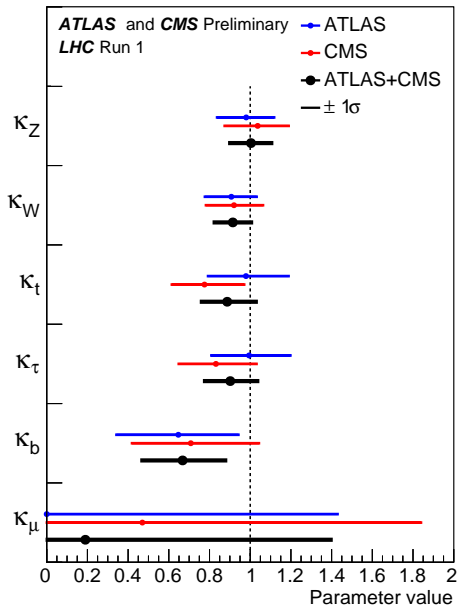
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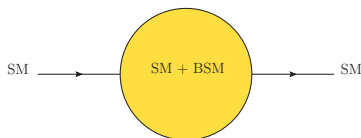
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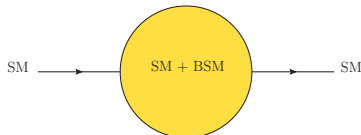
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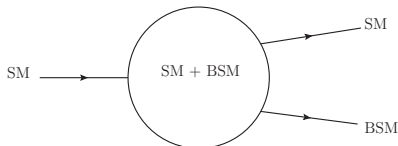
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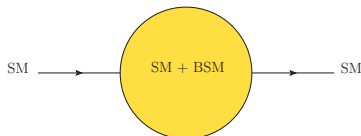


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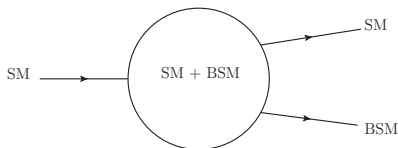


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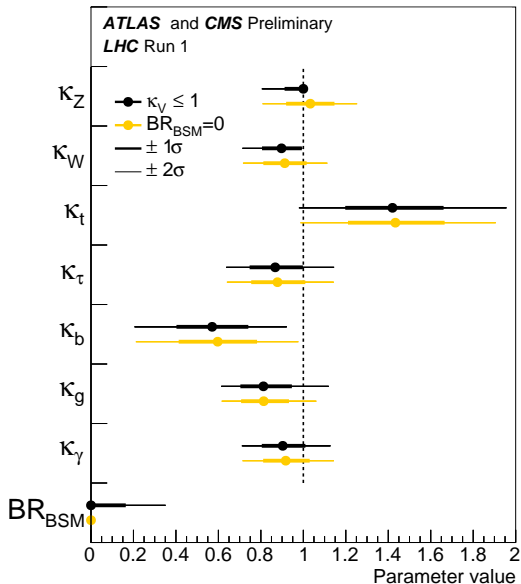
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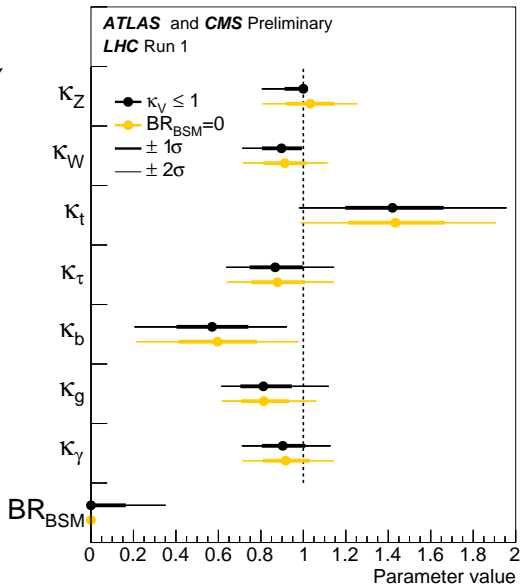


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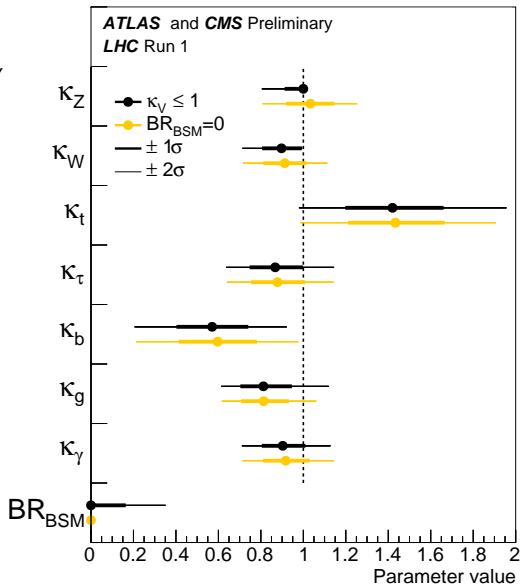
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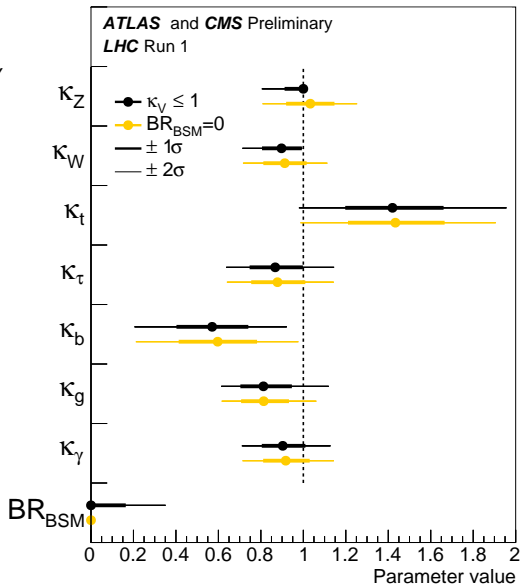


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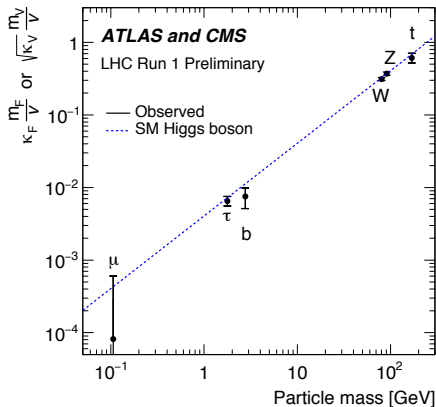


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## Further reading

- The ATLAS and CMS Collaborations:  
*Combined Measurement of the Higgs Boson Mass in pp Collisions at  $\sqrt{s}=7$  and 8 TeV with the ATLAS and CMS Experiments*  
<http://journals.aps.org/prl/abstract/10.1103/PhysRevLett.114.191803>
- The ATLAS and CMS Collaborations:  
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<https://cds.cern.ch/record/2053103>
- Nicholas Wardle's presentation at LHC seminar on March 2015  
<https://indico.cern.ch/event/360243/>
- Wouter Verkerke's presentation at LHC seminar on September 2015  
<https://indico.cern.ch/event/442438/>

Backup



## Our weapon: the profile likelihood ratio $\Lambda(\vec{\alpha})$

- We estimate parameter of interest  $\vec{\alpha}$ , and treat systematic uncertainties as nuisance parameters  $\vec{\theta}$ .
- Construct the profile likelihood ratio to estimate  $\vec{\alpha}$ :

$$\Lambda(\vec{\alpha}) = \frac{L(\vec{\alpha}, \hat{\vec{\theta}}(\vec{\alpha}))}{L(\hat{\vec{\alpha}}, \hat{\vec{\theta}})}, \text{ and}$$

derive the 68.3% confidence level interval from

$$-2 \ln \Lambda(\vec{\alpha}) \leq 1.$$

