

Recent Higgs physics results from the ATLAS experiment

"Higgs as a Probe of New Physics" Special Edition 2021 (HPNP2021)

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Precision

- Higgs mass measurement (precision: $\sim 0.15\%$)

- Higgs cross-sections measurements including STXS and differential

- Higgs couplings couplings modifiers (from combinations)

Becoming sensitive to...

- EFT
- probe CP structure of top-Yukawa coupling

- Rare Higgs decay modes:

- $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$
- $H \rightarrow Z/\gamma^* \rightarrow ll\gamma$
- $H \rightarrow \text{invisible}$ (from VBF and ttH)

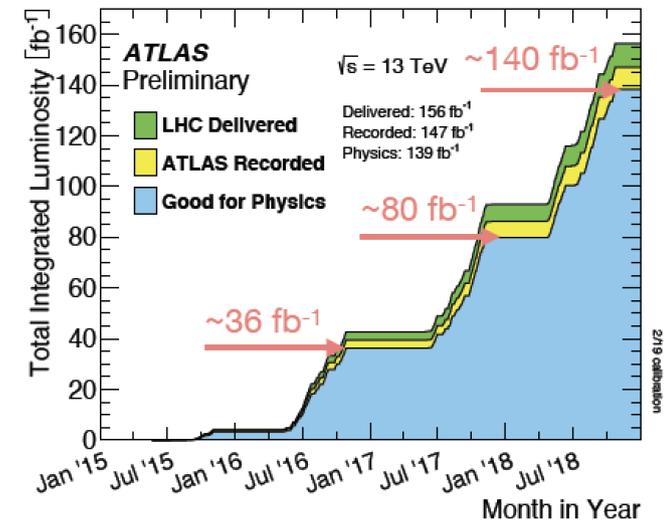
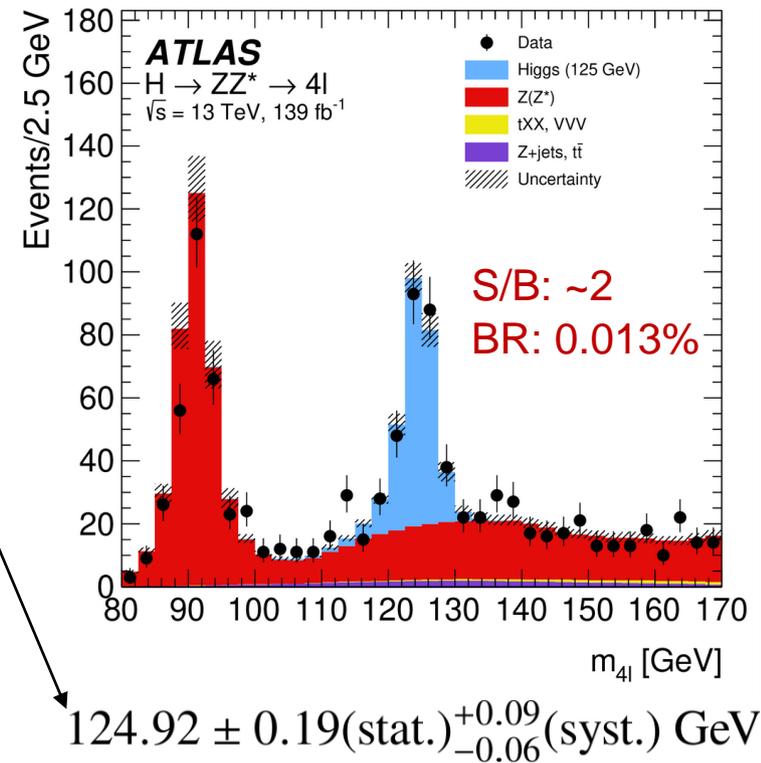
Searches...

- Di-Higgs production

ATLAS experiment has successfully collected $\sim 140 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ at 13 TeV in full Run 2 (dataset used in stage for publications: $36 / 80 / 140 \text{ fb}^{-1}$)

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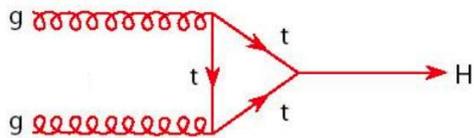
Thanks to CERN accelerator/technical teams for the excellent LHC performance !
Next: expected $\sim 150 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ for Run 3 and $\sim 3 \text{ ab}^{-1}$ for HL-LHC



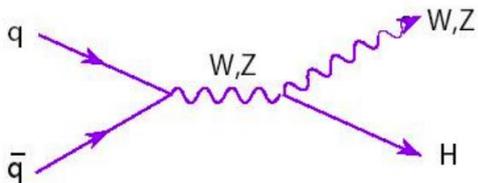
Higgs production and decay modes

Production

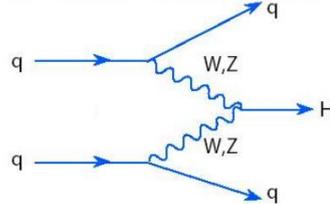
~88% Gluon fusion (ggF)



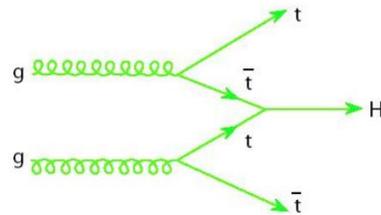
~4% Higgs-Strahlung (VH)



~7% Vector-boson-fusion (VBF)



~1% Association with $t\bar{t}$ (ttH)



ggF & VBF: observed in Run 1
WH, ZH & ttH: observed in Run 2

Mode	BR (125 GeV)
$H \rightarrow WW^*$	21.4%
$H \rightarrow ZZ^*$ ($\rightarrow 4l$)	2.62% (~0.013%)
$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	0.23%
$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$	6.27%
$H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$	58.2%
$H \rightarrow \gamma^*\gamma \rightarrow ll\gamma$	0.010%
$H \rightarrow Z\gamma$ ($\rightarrow ll\gamma$)	0.15% (~0.010%)
$H \rightarrow \mu\mu$	0.022%
$H \rightarrow c\bar{c}$	2.89%

Decay

Observed in Run 1
(clean final state)

Observed in Run 2

Becoming sensitive with
full Run 2 (~2-3 σ)

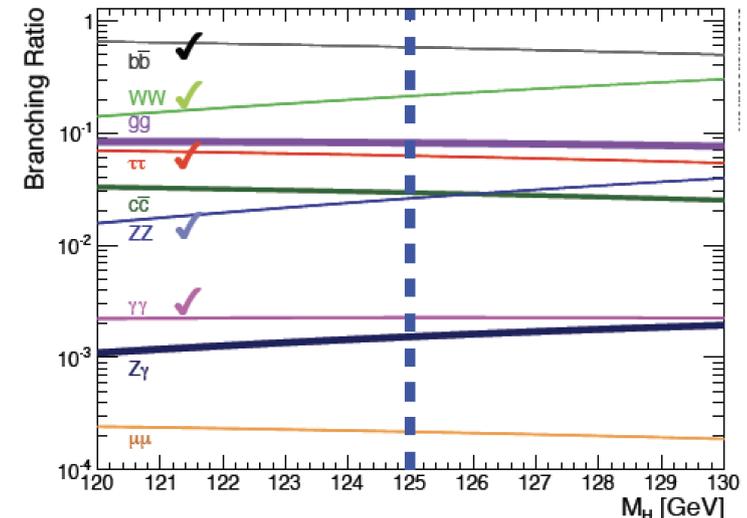
Run 3 or HL-LHC

Reaching more difficult and rare decay modes...

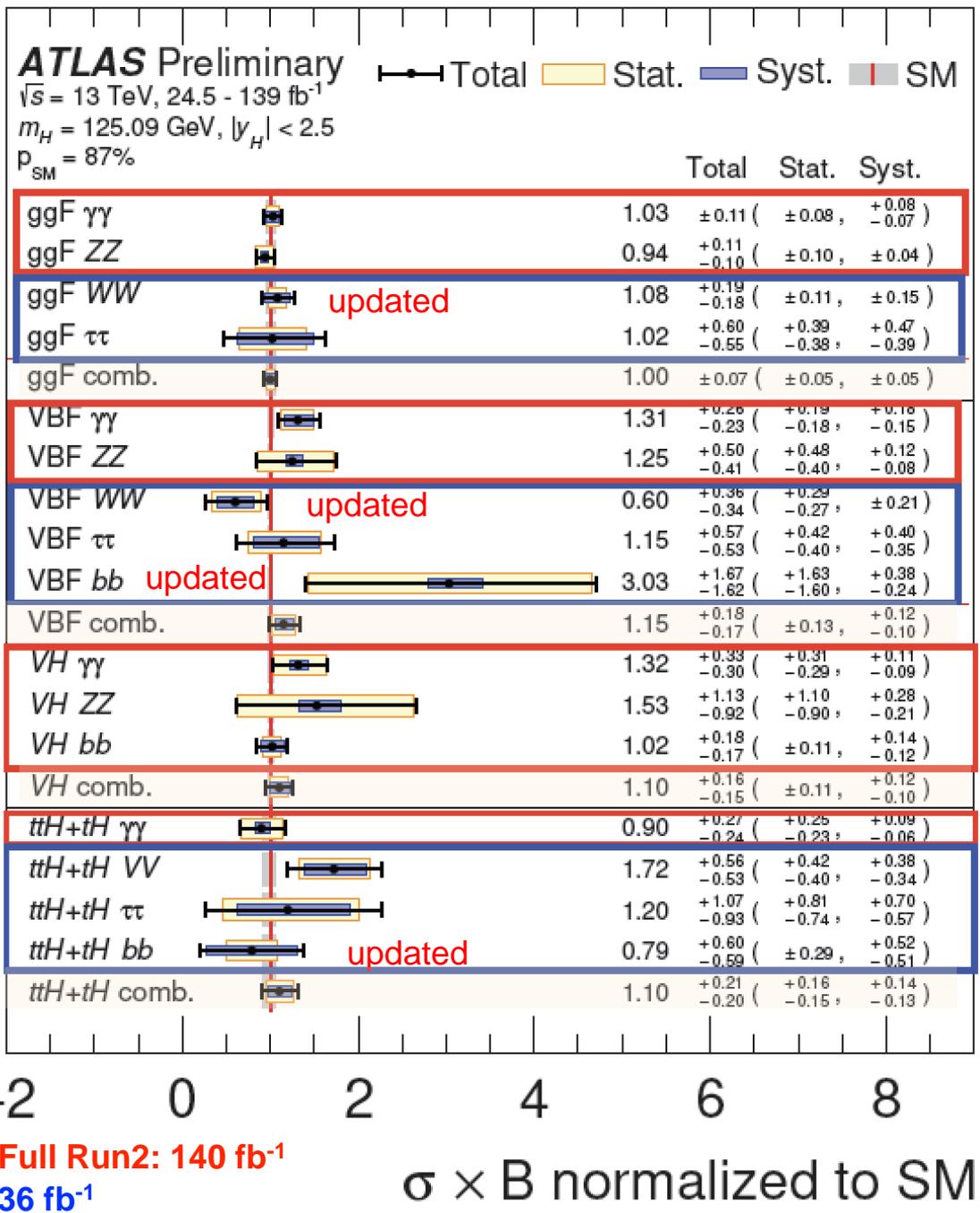
Cross-sections measured in several phase space regions.

Two complementary approaches are being explored:

- * Simplified template cross sections
- * Differential cross sections



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✓ being studied
 ★ observed

	ggF	VBF	VH	ttH
H→WW	★	★	✓	✓
H→ZZ	★	✓	✓	✓
H→ $\gamma\gamma$	★	★	★	★
H→ $\tau\tau$	✓	★	✓	✓
H→bb	✓	✓	★	✓
H→cc			✓	
H→ $\mu\mu$	✓	✓	✓	✓
H→Z/ γ^*	✓	✓		
H→inv		✓		✓

Updated from T. Masubuchi @HPNP2019

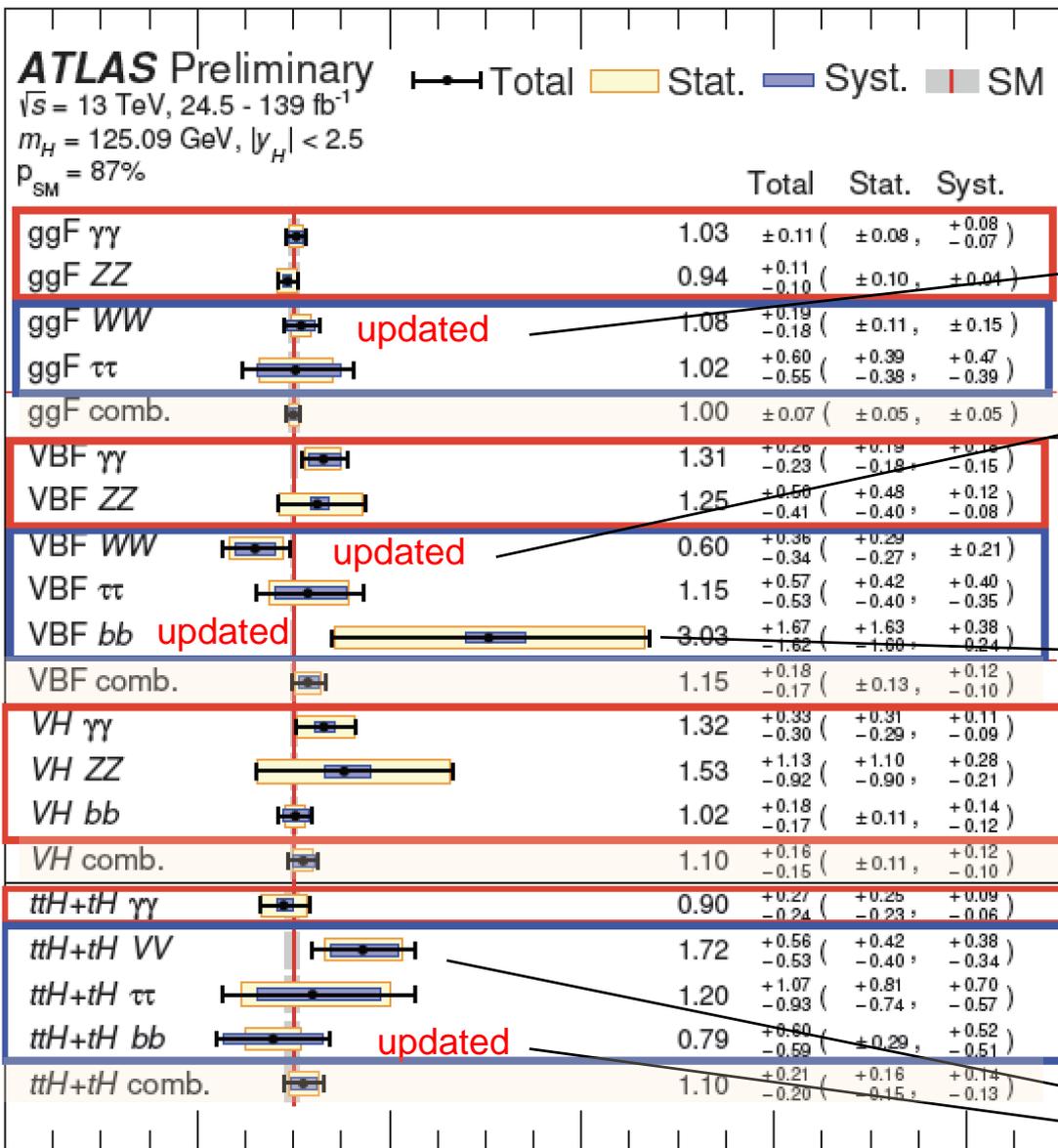
Good agreement with SM

Precisions reached:

- inclusive Higgs: 6%
- ggH: 10-12% in 4l, $\gamma\gamma$, WW*
- VBF: 20% in $\gamma\gamma$, WW*
- VH: 15% in bb
- ttH: 25% in $\gamma\gamma$

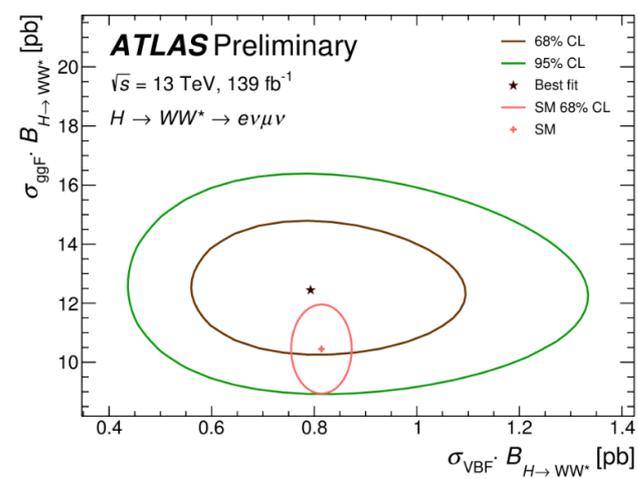
Inclusive cross-sections: updates and main limitations

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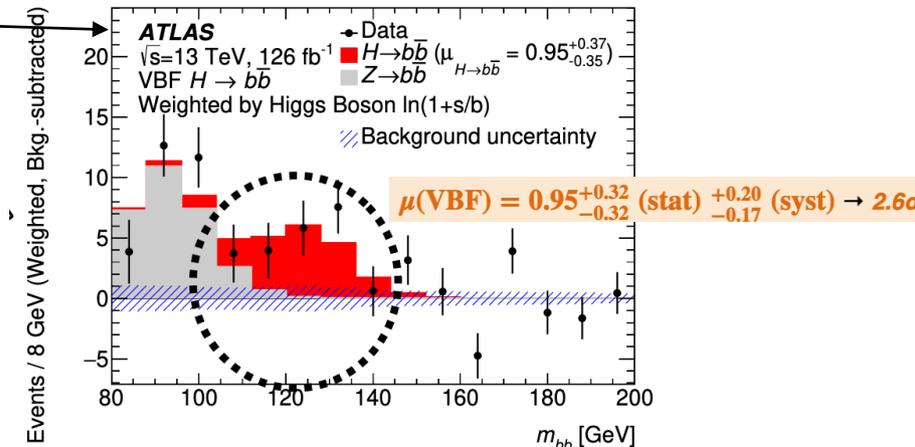


Full Run2: 140 fb⁻¹
 36 fb⁻¹

$\sigma \times B$ normalized to SM



$\mu(\text{ggH}) = 1.2^{+0.05}_{-0.05} (\text{stat})^{+0.15}_{-0.14} (\text{syst}), 1\sigma$ deviation from SM
 $\mu(\text{VBF}) = 0.99^{+0.13}_{-0.12} (\text{stat})^{+0.20}_{-0.16} (\text{syst})$ Most sensitive VBF (limited by signal modelling unc.)



Modelling of ttW and $ttb\bar{b}$ backgrounds is a limiting factor for ttH production.
→ It is crucial to improve both signal and background modelling !!!

Evolution of cross-section measurements

Rates by production modes:

- targeting cross-section of main production modes and branching ratios
- assume SM for extrapolation from analysis regions
- powerful to test constant coupling modifiers (kappa-framework)

Simplified template cross-sections (STXS):

- targets kinematic of production modes
- allows to use MVAs
- reduced model dependency
- decay agnostic: suitable for combinations
- good sensitivity to BSM effects

Fiducial / differential cross-sections:

- “fiducial volume” defined close to experimental selection (in order to reduce extrapolation into unmeasured volume)
- simple signal cuts
- most model independent
- include information on decay
- multiple distributions can be measured
- extract signal in each bin of the dist & unfold to truth level

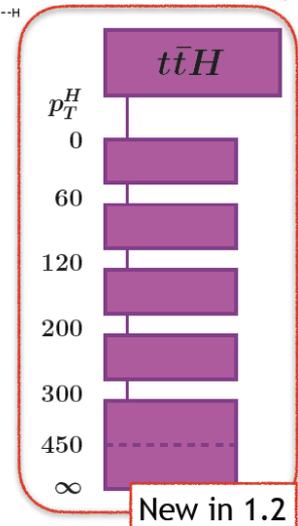
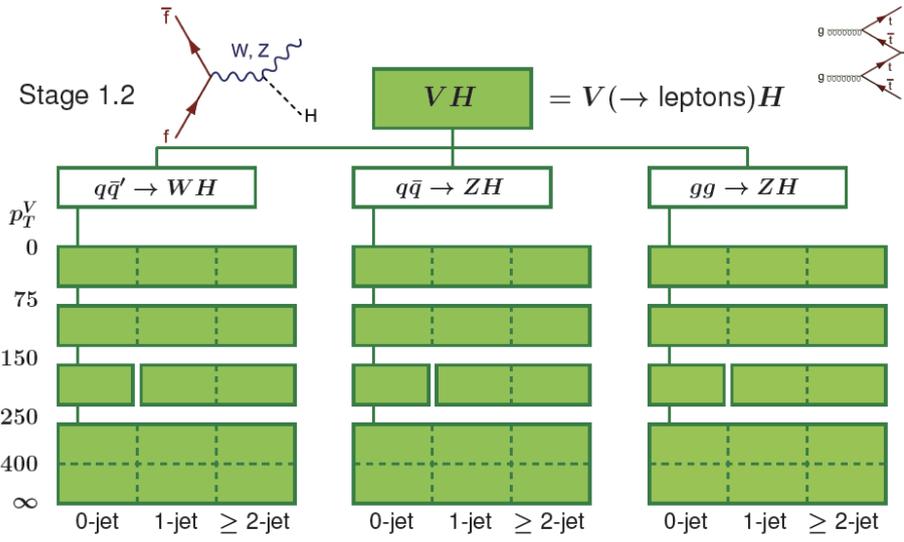
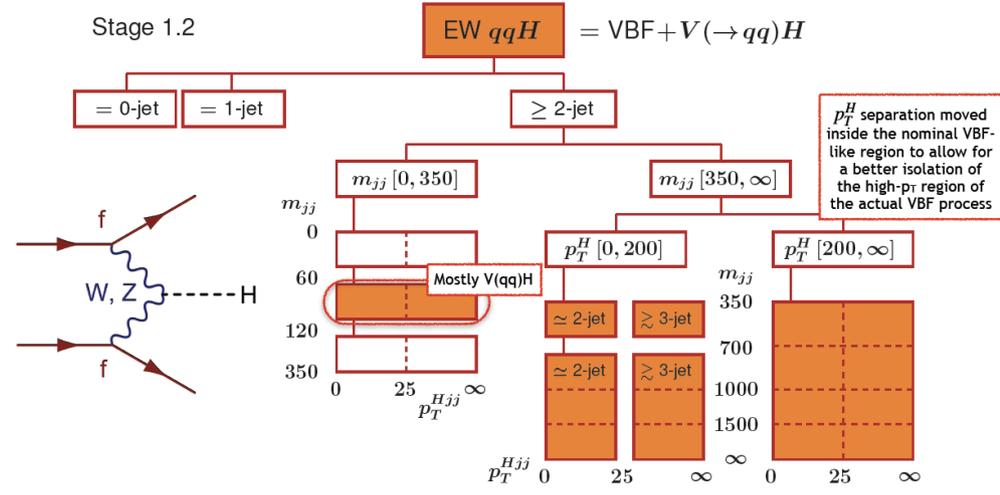
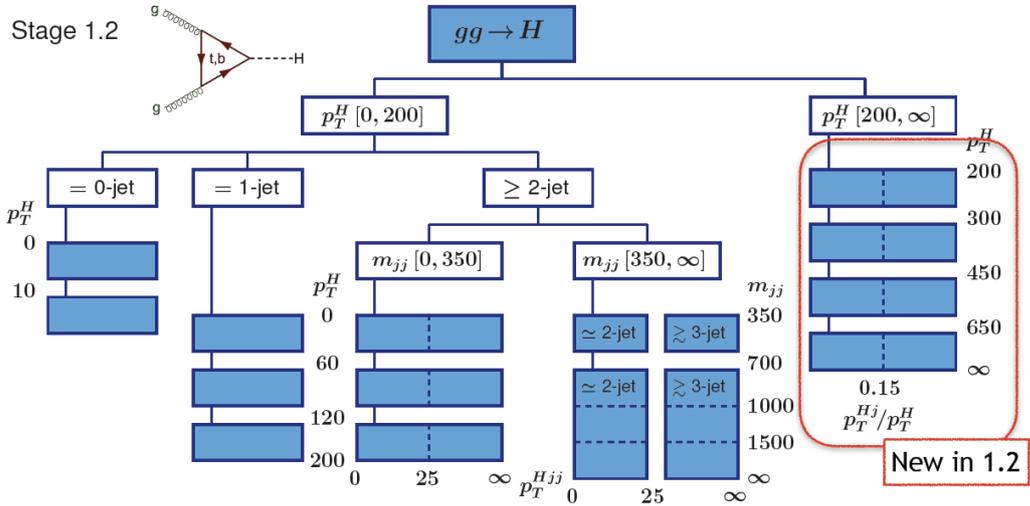
Two complementary approaches, with common issues:

treatment of out-of-acceptance corrections, presentation of results,...

(such that can be compared with latest theory predictions or reinterpreted)

Aim: provide a wealth of information to test our prediction and look for new physics effects

Simplified Template Cross-Sections (STXS)



<https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/LHCPhysics/LHCHWGFiducialAndSTXS>

- STXS Variables:
- p_T^H : Higgs boson p_T
 - N_j : Number of jets in the event
 - m_{jj} : Invariant mass of dijet system (take leading two for $N_j > 2$)
 - p_T^{Hj} : p_T of vector sum of Higgs boson and two leading jets
 - p_T^{Hj}/p_T^H : Ratio of p_T of vector sum of Higgs boson and leading jet to Higgs boson p_T
 - p_T^V : Vector boson p_T

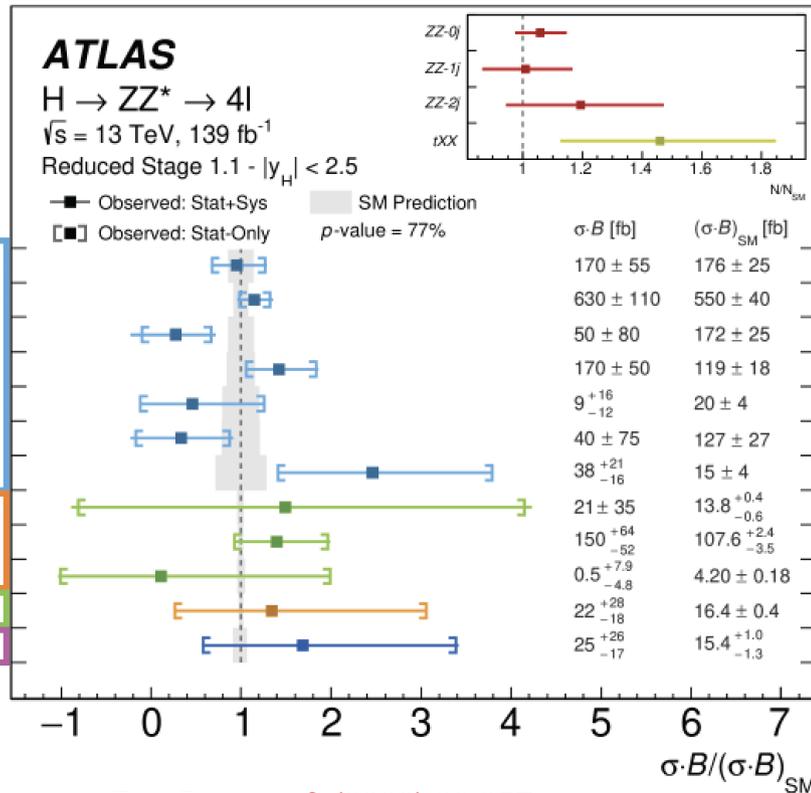
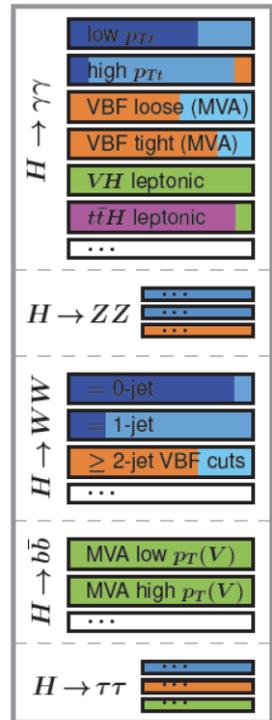
- Categorize each production mode in bins of key (truth) quantities
- Decay agnostic (suitable for combinations)
- Sensitive to deviations from the SM prediction
- Assume SM kinematics within each bin \rightarrow can use MVAs for signal extraction

STXS: $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ and $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$

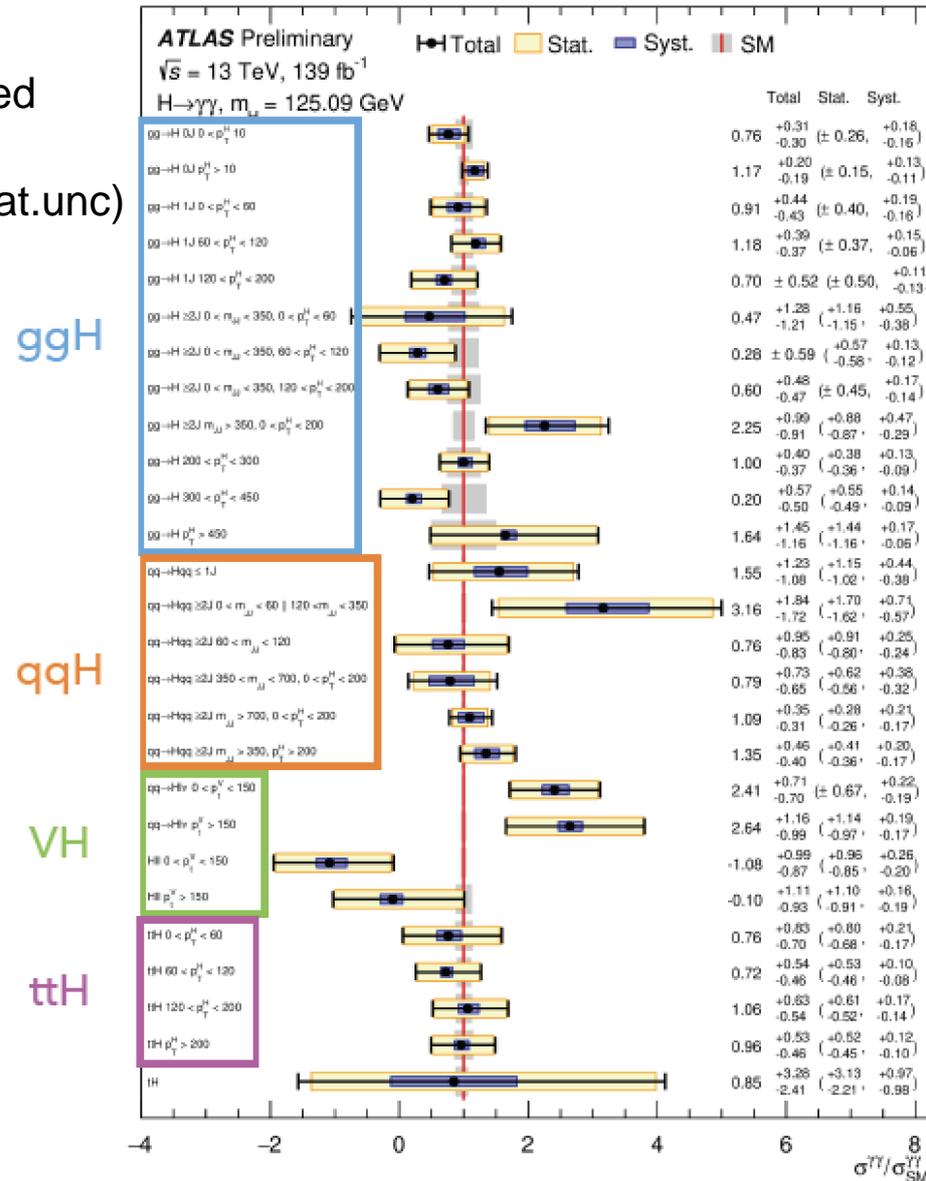
$H \rightarrow 4l$: several (12) bins measured for ggH & qqH, despite few statistics (low BR)

$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$: more stats for allows for finer splitting (including ttH !) with 27 STXS regions measured

Good agreement with SM predictions (large stat.unc)



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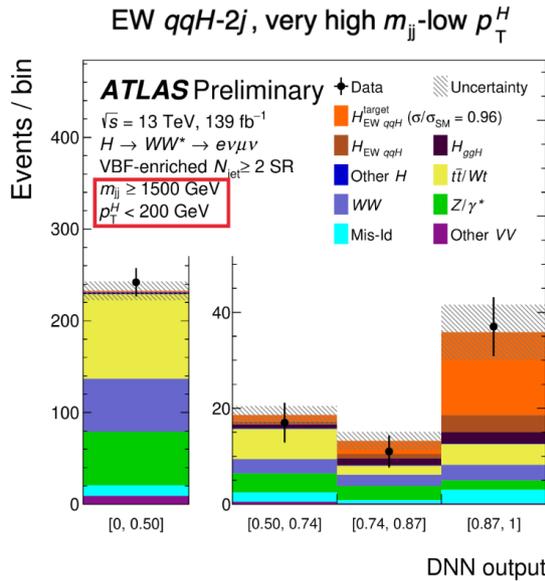
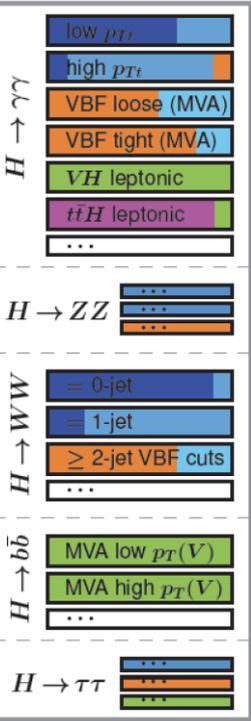


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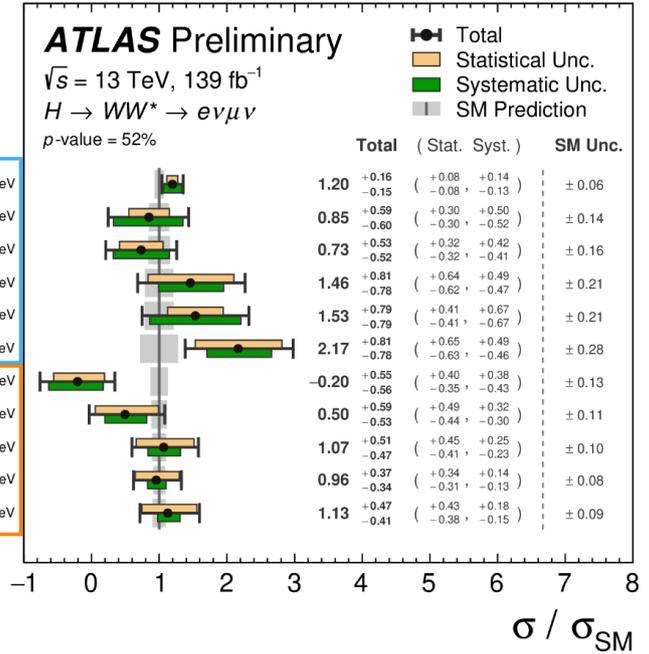
STXS: $H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow e\nu\mu\nu$ and $H \rightarrow bb$

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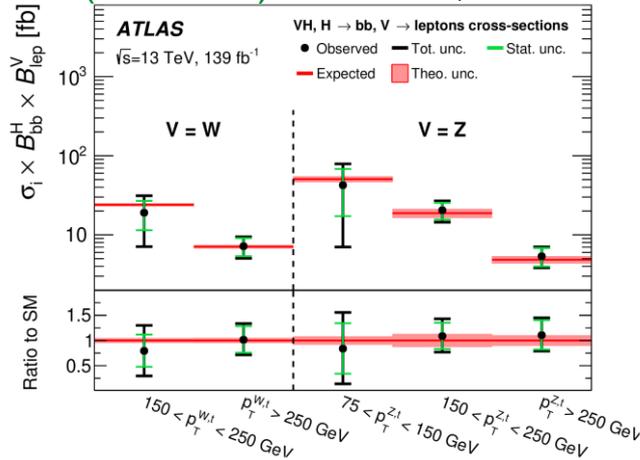
$H \rightarrow WW^*$: targets $ggH+qqH$ STXS bins
 $H \rightarrow bb$: targets VH (resolved and boosted) and ttH



- $ggH-0j, p_T^H < 200$ GeV
- $ggH-1j, p_T^H < 60$ GeV
- $ggH-1j, 60 \leq p_T^H < 120$ GeV
- $ggH-1j, 120 \leq p_T^H < 200$ GeV
- $ggH-2j, p_T^H < 200$ GeV
- $ggH, p_T^H \geq 200$ GeV
- $EW qqH-2j, 350 \leq m_{jj} < 700$ GeV, $p_T^H < 200$ GeV
- $EW qqH-2j, 700 \leq m_{jj} < 1000$ GeV, $p_T^H < 200$ GeV
- $EW qqH-2j, 1000 \leq m_{jj} < 1500$ GeV, $p_T^H < 200$ GeV
- $EW qqH-2j, m_{jj} \geq 1500$ GeV, $p_T^H < 200$ GeV
- $EW qqH-2j, m_{jj} \geq 350$ GeV, $p_T^H \geq 200$ GeV

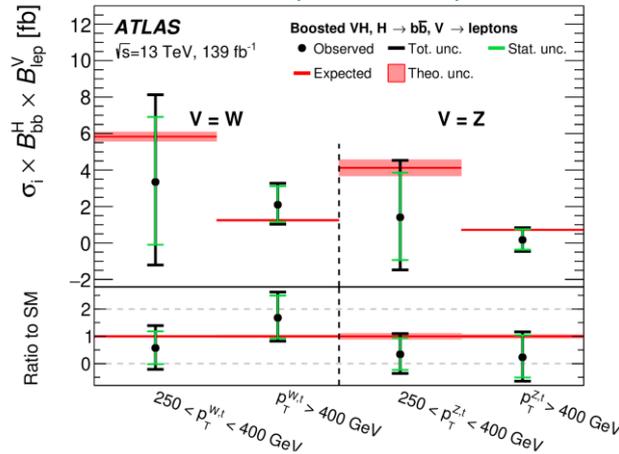


VH (resolved): $WH > 4\sigma$, $ZH > 5\sigma$



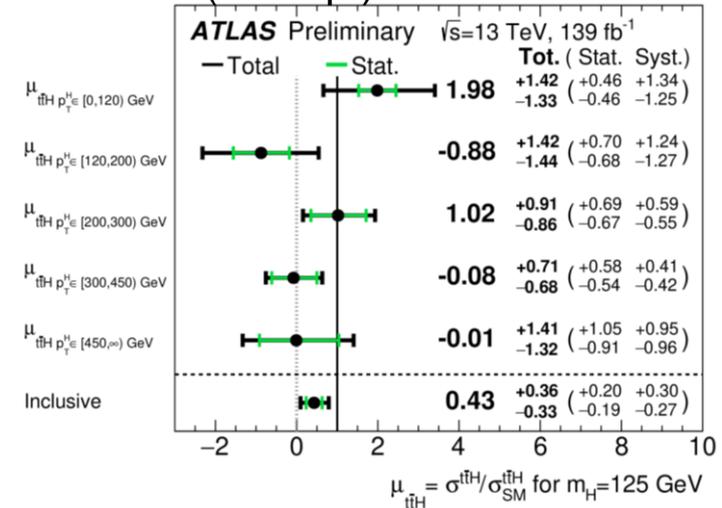
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VH (boosted): $> 2\sigma$



arXiv:2008.02508 (subm. to PLB)

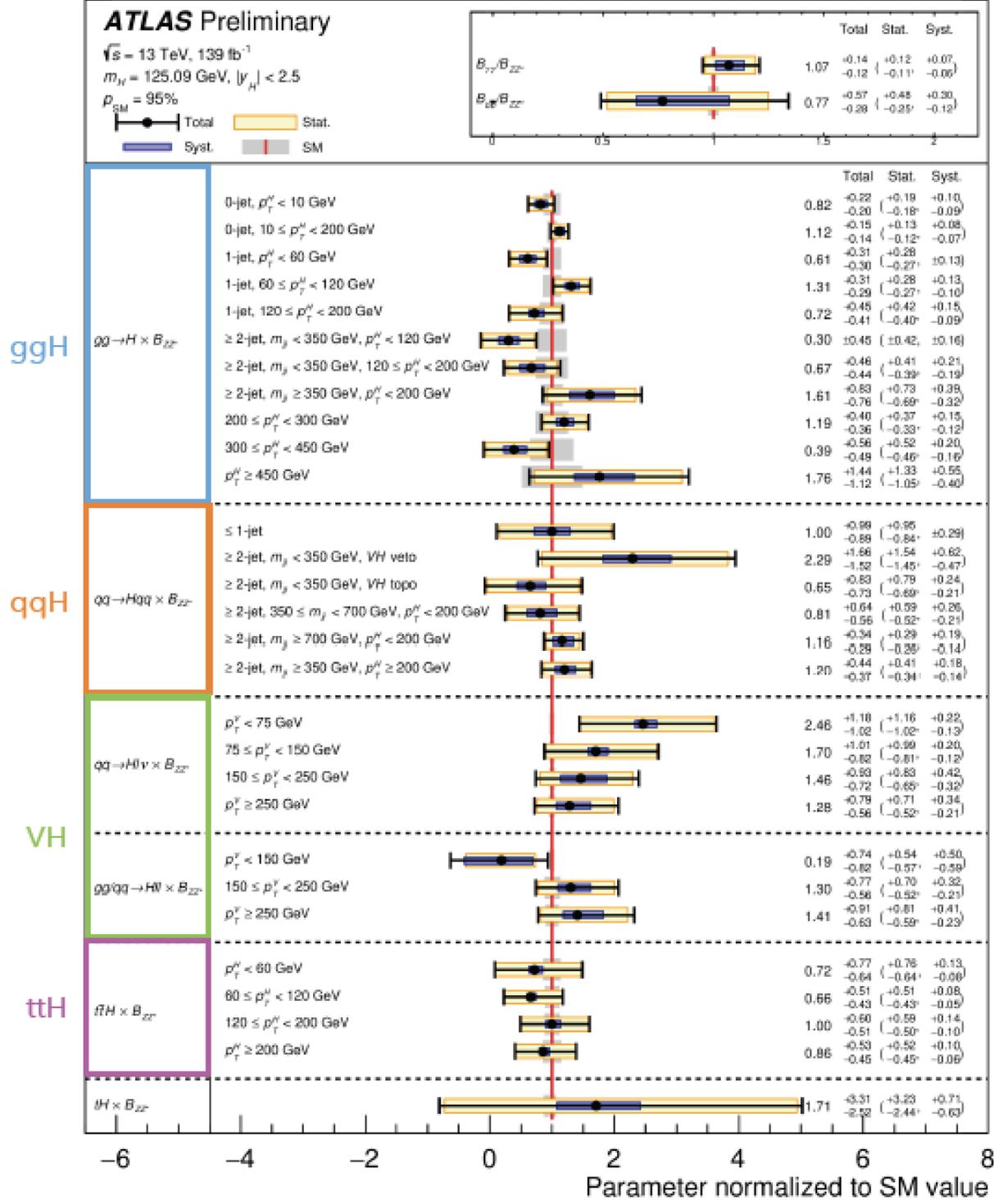
ttH : 1.3σ (3σ exp.)



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STXS combination

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Includes full Run 2 results from $H \rightarrow ZZ^*$, $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$, $VH(bb)$

Not included: single channel results that have become available more recently ($H \rightarrow WW^*$, $ttH \rightarrow bb$, $H \rightarrow Z\gamma$)

$H \rightarrow ZZ$ channel as reference

12% unc. on $BR_{\gamma\gamma}/BR_{ZZ}$
 larger unc. on BR_{bb}/BR_{ZZ} : dominated by large VH $H \rightarrow ZZ$ stat. unc.

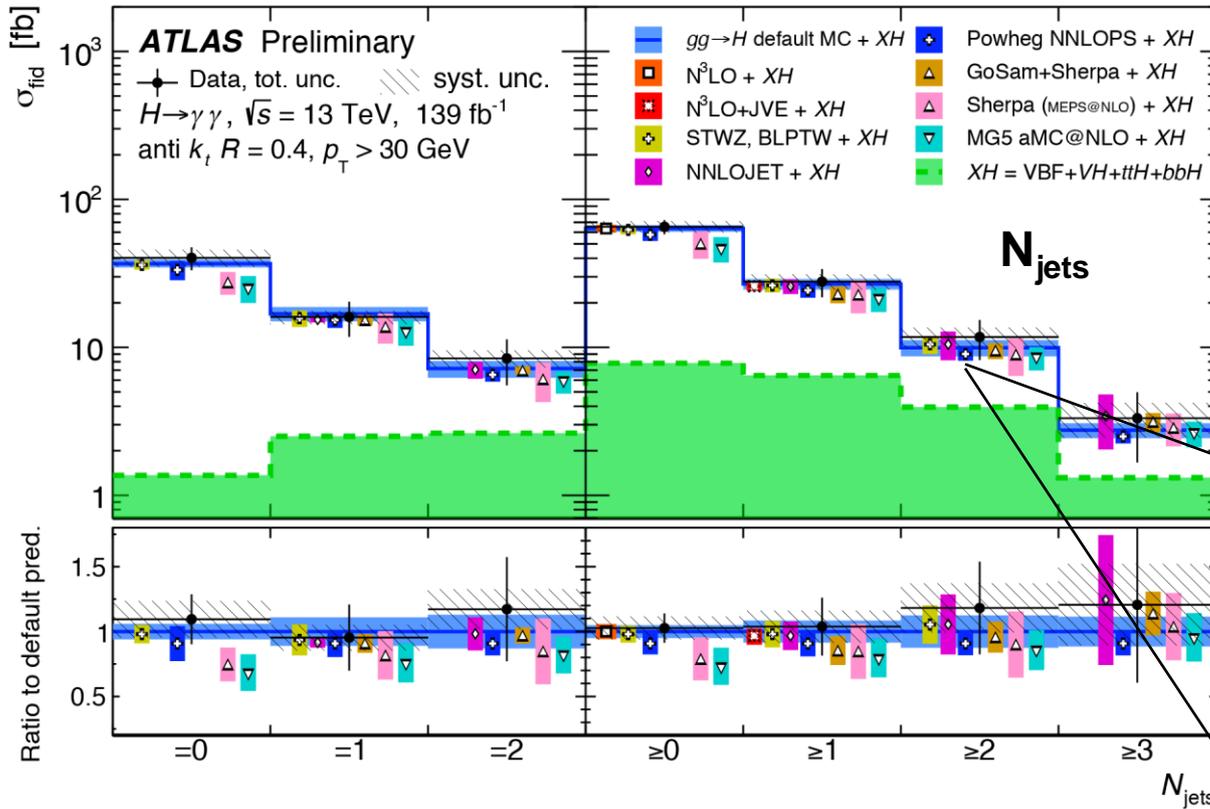
29 STXS bins measured

Uncertainties btw. 15-100% for most bins
 Statistical uncertainties dominate
 Good agreement ($p=95\%$) with SM pred.

ttH XS upper limit: $< 8.2 \times \sigma_{SM}$ @95% CL

Fiducial and differential cross-sections: $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

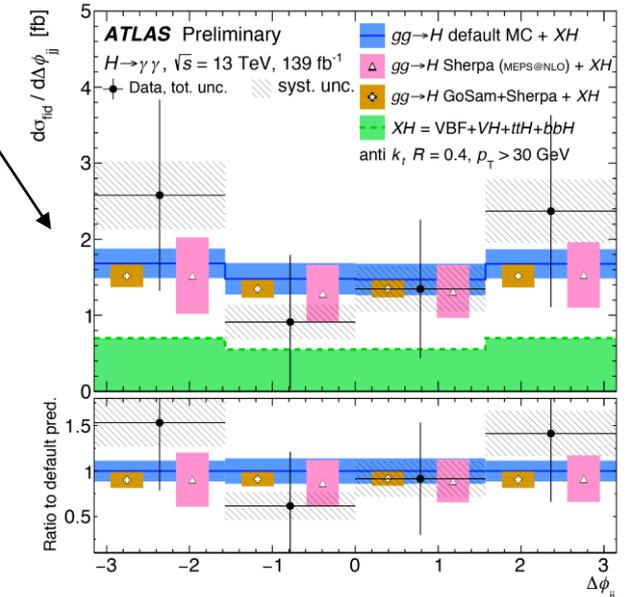
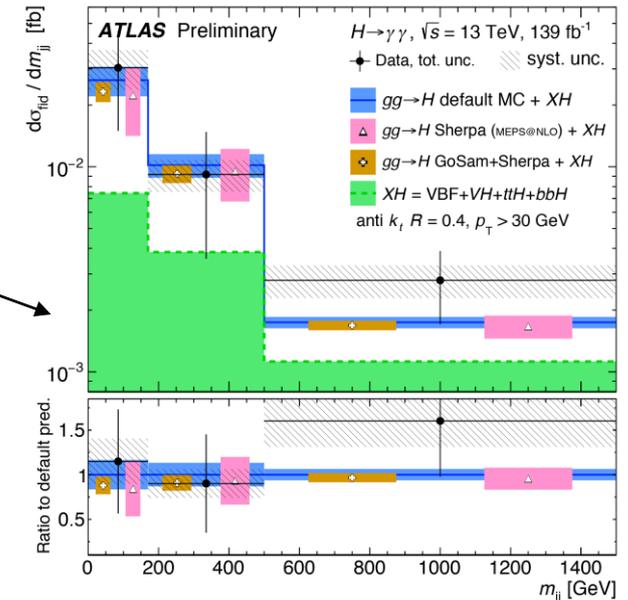
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Fiducial XS:

$65.2 \pm 4.5(\text{stat.}) \pm 5.6(\text{exp.}) \pm 0.3(\text{th.}) \text{ fb}$ (11%)

[SM prediction: $63.6 \pm 3.3 \text{ fb}$]



* Excellent resolution

* Six dist. measured:

- Higgs kinematics: p_T , y
- jets: N_{jets} , jet p_T
- H+2j system: m_{jj} , $\Delta\phi_{jj}$

sensitive to production modes and higher order QCD effects: 20-40% unc. up to 2 jets

sensitive to anomalous operators including CP-odd ones

Unc. dominated by data stat.

Good agreement with theory predictions

Fiducial and differential cross-sections: $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$

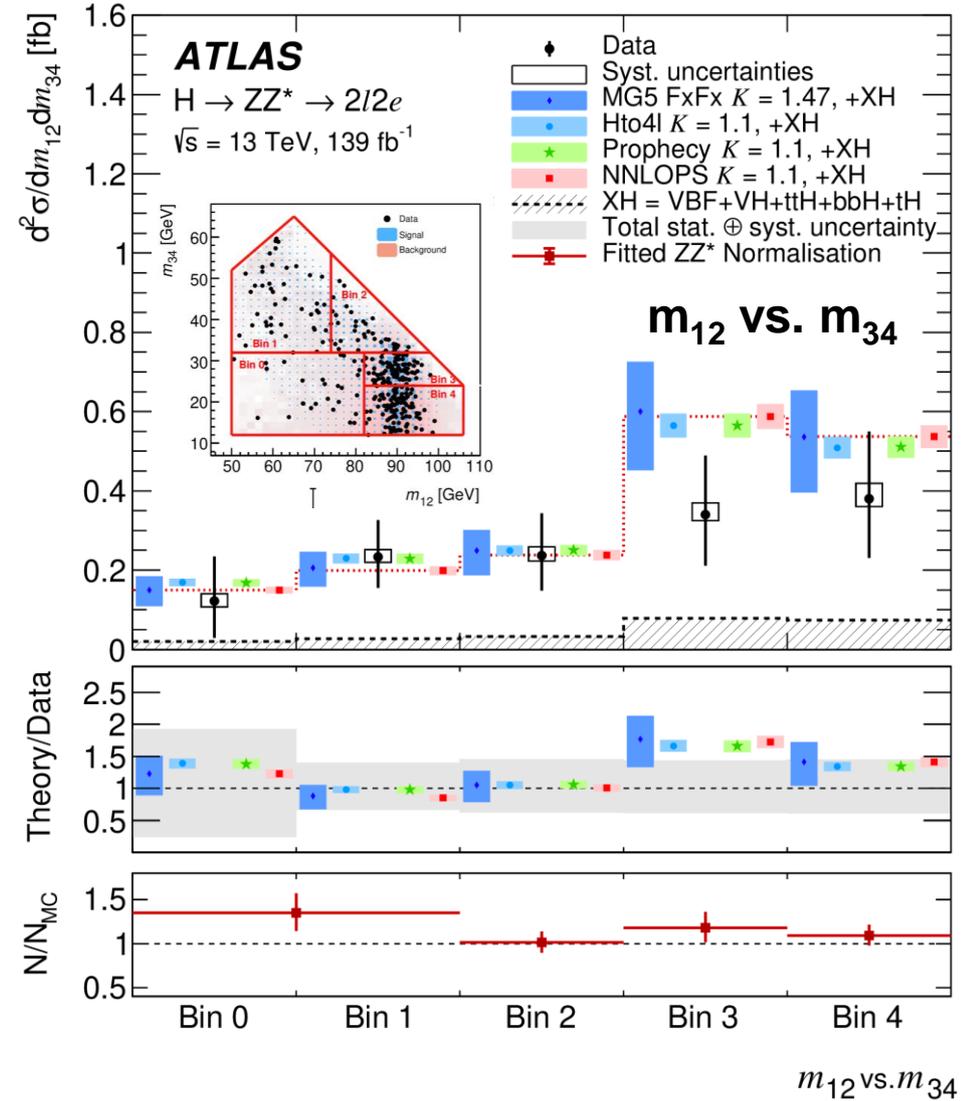
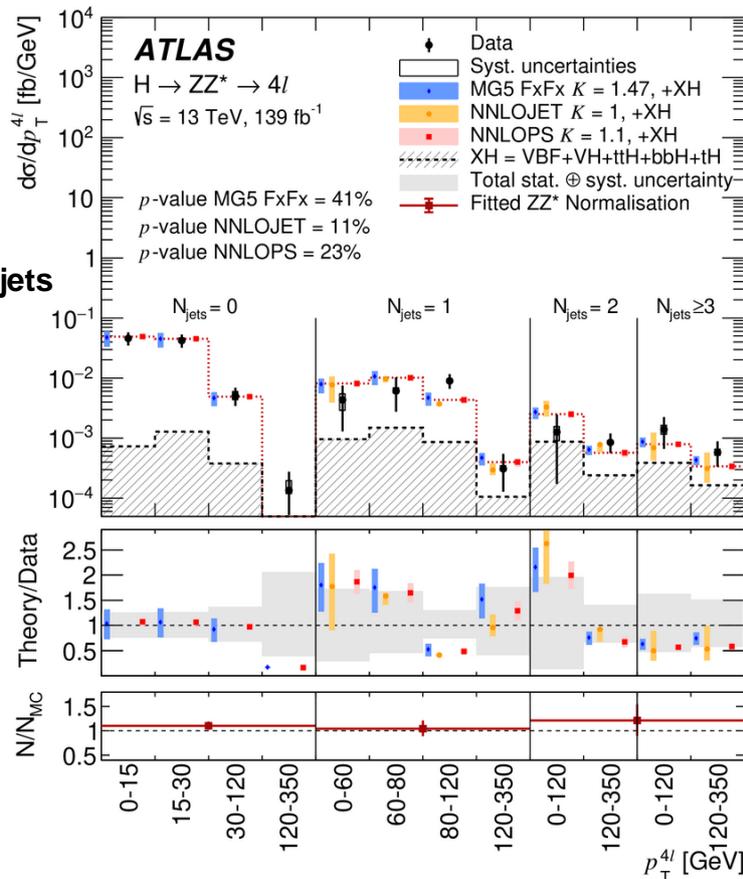
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- * Also excellent resolution and very good S/B ratio
- * Many dist. measured, including:
 - Higgs kinematics: \mathbf{p}_T, \mathbf{y}
 - jets: $N_{\text{jets}}, N_{\text{b-jets}}, \text{jets } p_T$
 - H+2j system: $m_{jj}, \Delta\phi_{jj}, \Delta\eta_{jj}$
 - Higgs decay information: m_{12}, m_{34} , angular variables [sensitive to anomalous $H \rightarrow ZZ$ couplings]
 - several double-diff. dist.

Fiducial XS: $3.28 \pm 0.30(\text{stat}) \pm 0.11(\text{syst}) \text{ fb}$ (prec.~10%)
 [SM prediction: $3.41 \pm 0.18 \text{ fb}$]

Unc. dominated by data stat.

2D:
 p_T & N_{jets}



Global fit of couplings modifiers using kappa framework

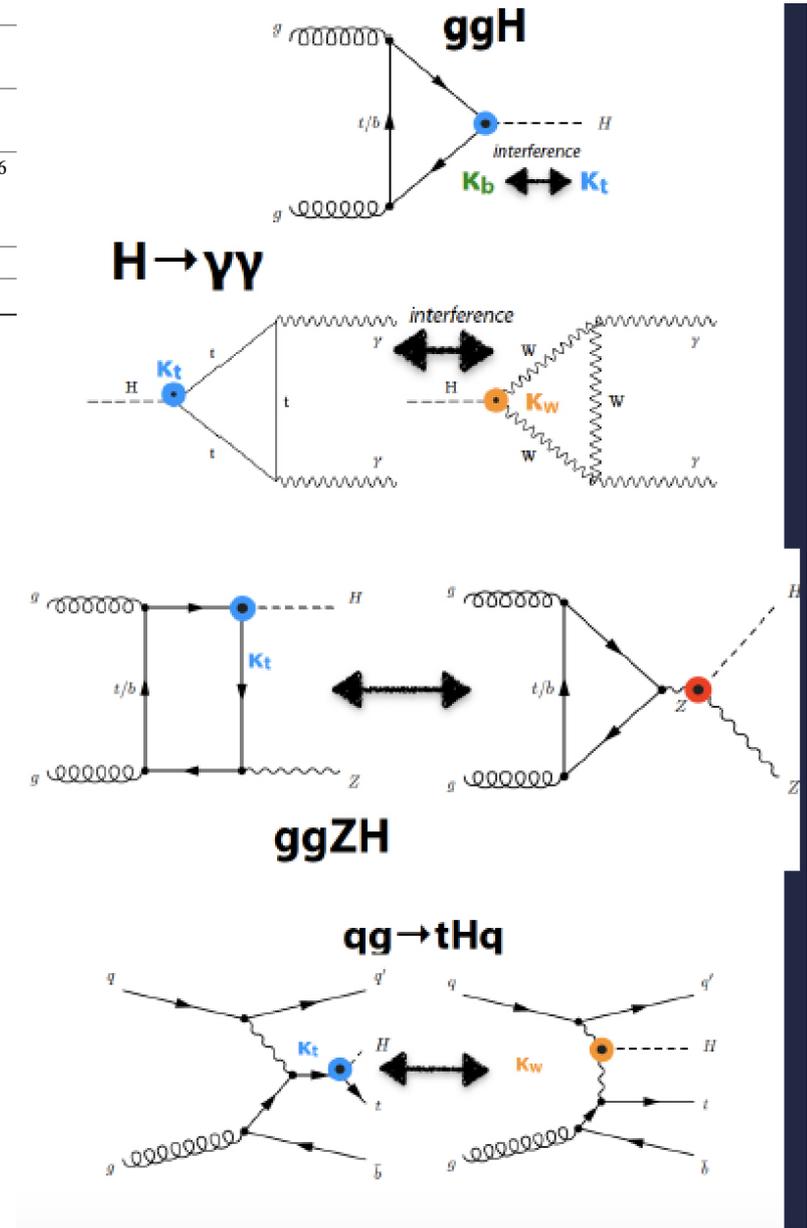
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Using all production & decay modes

$$(\sigma \times B)_{if} = \kappa_i^2 \sigma_i^{\text{SM}} \frac{\kappa_f^2 \Gamma_f^{\text{SM}}}{\kappa_H^2 \Gamma_H^{\text{SM}}}$$

Analysis decay channel	Target Prod. Modes	\mathcal{L} [fb ⁻¹]
$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	ggF, VBF, WH, ZH, $t\bar{t}H$, tH	139
$H \rightarrow ZZ^*$	ggF, VBF, WH, ZH, $t\bar{t}H(4\ell)$ $t\bar{t}H$ excl. $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4\ell$	139 36.1
$H \rightarrow WW^*$	ggF, VBF $t\bar{t}H$	36.1
$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$	ggF, VBF $t\bar{t}H$	36.1
$H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$	VBF WH, ZH $t\bar{t}H$	24.5 – 30.6 139 36.1
$H \rightarrow \mu\mu$	ggF, VBF, VH, $t\bar{t}H$	139
$H \rightarrow \text{inv}$	VBF	139

Production	Loops	Effective modifier	Resolved modifier
$\sigma(\text{ggF})$	✓	κ_g^2	$1.040 \kappa_t^2 + 0.002 \kappa_b^2 - 0.038 \kappa_t \kappa_b - 0.005 \kappa_t \kappa_c$
$\sigma(\text{VBF})$	-	-	$0.733 \kappa_W^2 + 0.267 \kappa_Z^2$
$\sigma(qq/qg \rightarrow ZH)$	-	-	κ_Z^2
$\sigma(gg \rightarrow ZH)$	✓	$\kappa_{(ggZH)}$	$2.456 \kappa_Z^2 + 0.456 \kappa_t^2 - 1.903 \kappa_Z \kappa_t$ $- 0.011 \kappa_Z \kappa_b + 0.003 \kappa_t \kappa_b$
$\sigma(WH)$	-	-	κ_W^2
$\sigma(t\bar{t}H)$	-	-	κ_t^2
$\sigma(tHW)$	-	-	$2.909 \kappa_t^2 + 2.310 \kappa_W^2 - 4.220 \kappa_t \kappa_W$
$\sigma(tHq)$	-	-	$2.633 \kappa_t^2 + 3.578 \kappa_W^2 - 5.211 \kappa_t \kappa_W$
$\sigma(b\bar{b}H)$	-	-	κ_b^2
Partial decay width			
Γ^{bb}	-	-	κ_b^2
Γ^{WW}	-	-	κ_W^2
Γ^{gg}	✓	κ_g^2	$1.111 \kappa_t^2 + 0.012 \kappa_b^2 - 0.123 \kappa_t \kappa_b$
$\Gamma^{\tau\tau}$	-	-	κ_τ^2
Γ^{ZZ}	-	-	κ_Z^2
Γ^{cc}	-	-	$\kappa_c^2 (= \kappa_t^2)$
$\Gamma^{\gamma\gamma}$	✓	κ_γ^2	$1.589 \kappa_W^2 + 0.072 \kappa_t^2 - 0.674 \kappa_W \kappa_t$ $+ 0.009 \kappa_W \kappa_\tau + 0.008 \kappa_W \kappa_b$ $- 0.002 \kappa_t \kappa_b - 0.002 \kappa_t \kappa_\tau$
$\Gamma^{Z\gamma}$	✓	$\kappa_{(Z\gamma)}^2$	$1.118 \kappa_W^2 - 0.125 \kappa_W \kappa_t + 0.004 \kappa_t^2 + 0.003 \kappa_W \kappa_b$
Γ^{ss}	-	-	$\kappa_s^2 (= \kappa_b^2)$
$\Gamma^{\mu\mu}$	-	-	κ_μ^2
Total width ($B_i = B_u = 0$)			
Γ_H	✓	κ_H^2	$0.581 \kappa_b^2 + 0.215 \kappa_W^2 + 0.082 \kappa_g^2$ $+ 0.063 \kappa_\tau^2 + 0.026 \kappa_Z^2 + 0.029 \kappa_c^2$ $+ 0.0023 \kappa_\gamma^2 + 0.0015 \kappa_{(Z\gamma)}^2$ $+ 0.0004 \kappa_s^2 + 0.00022 \kappa_\mu^2$



Couplings combination: kappa framework

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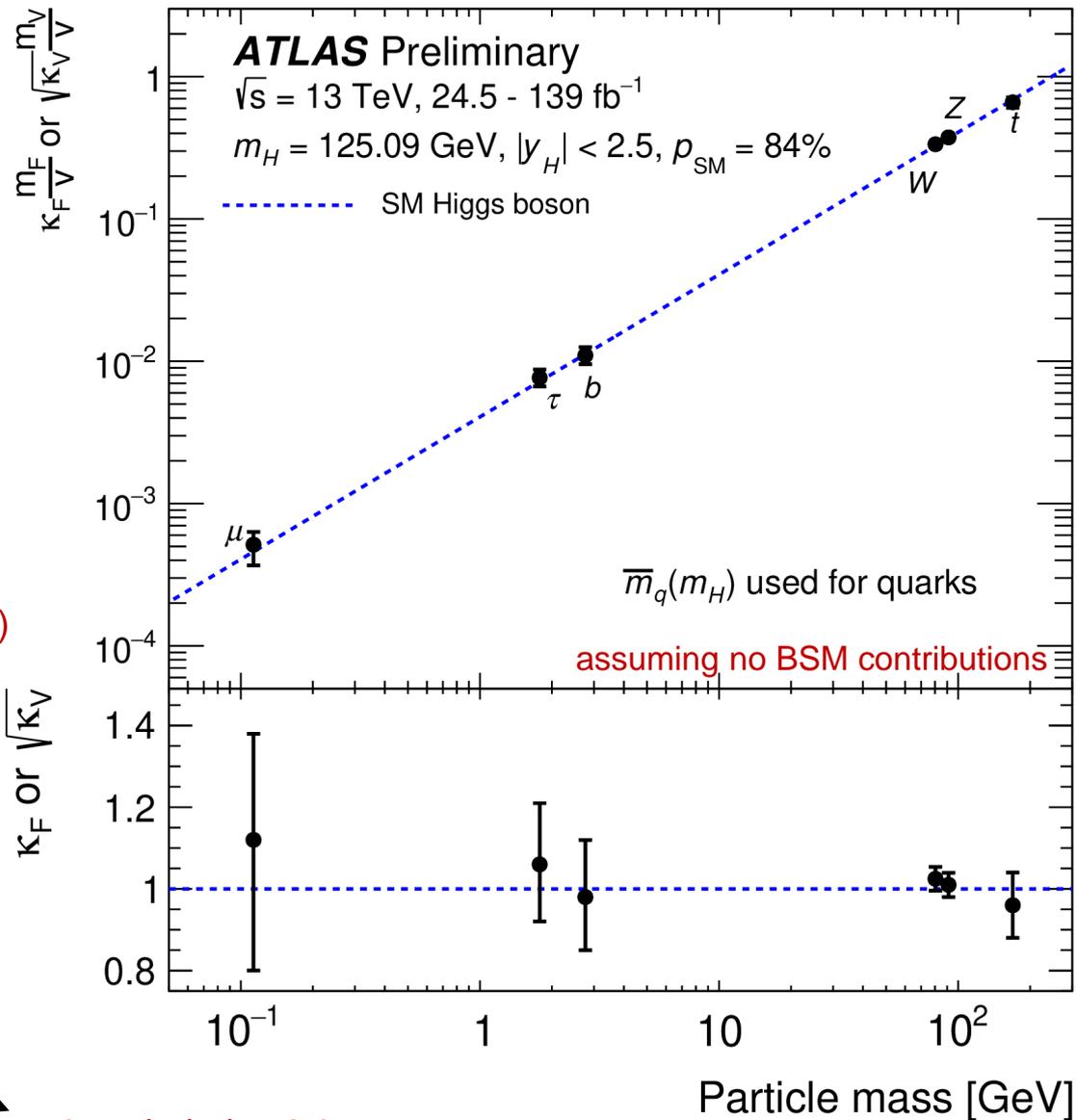
- assuming only modification of couplings' strength
- agreement with SM predictions: 84%
- unc. on Higgs couplings:
 - ~6% to vector bosons
 - ~10-15% to 3rd gen. fermions
 - <30% for muons

Resolved

κ_Z	1.02 ± 0.06
κ_W	1.05 ± 0.06
κ_b	$0.98^{+0.14}_{-0.13}$
κ_t	0.96 ± 0.08
κ_τ	$1.06^{+0.15}_{-0.14}$
κ_μ	$1.12^{+0.26}_{-0.32}$

Effective loops (wo./w. BSM contributions to total width)

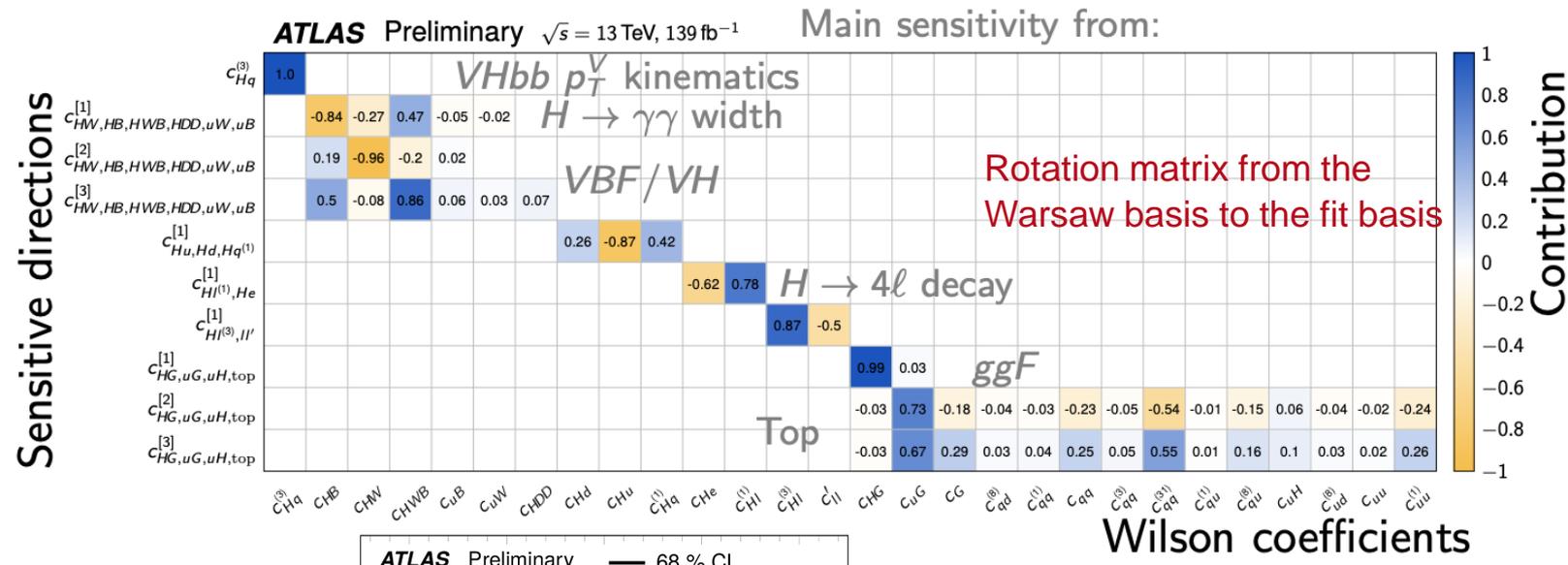
Parameter	(a) $B_i = B_u = 0$	(b) B_i free, $B_u \geq 0, \kappa_{W,Z} \leq 1$
κ_Z	1.02 ± 0.06	> 0.88 at 95% CL
κ_W	1.06 ± 0.07	> 0.89 at 95% CL
κ_b	$0.98^{+0.14}_{-0.13}$	0.92 ± 0.10
κ_t	1.00 ± 0.12	0.97 ± 0.12
κ_τ	$1.05^{+0.15}_{-0.14}$	$1.02^{+0.13}_{-0.14}$
κ_γ	$1.06^{+0.08}_{-0.07}$	$1.04^{+0.06}_{-0.07}$
κ_g	$0.96^{+0.09}_{-0.08}$	$0.93^{+0.08}_{-0.07}$
B_i	-	< 0.09 at 95% CL
B_u	-	< 0.19 at 95% CL



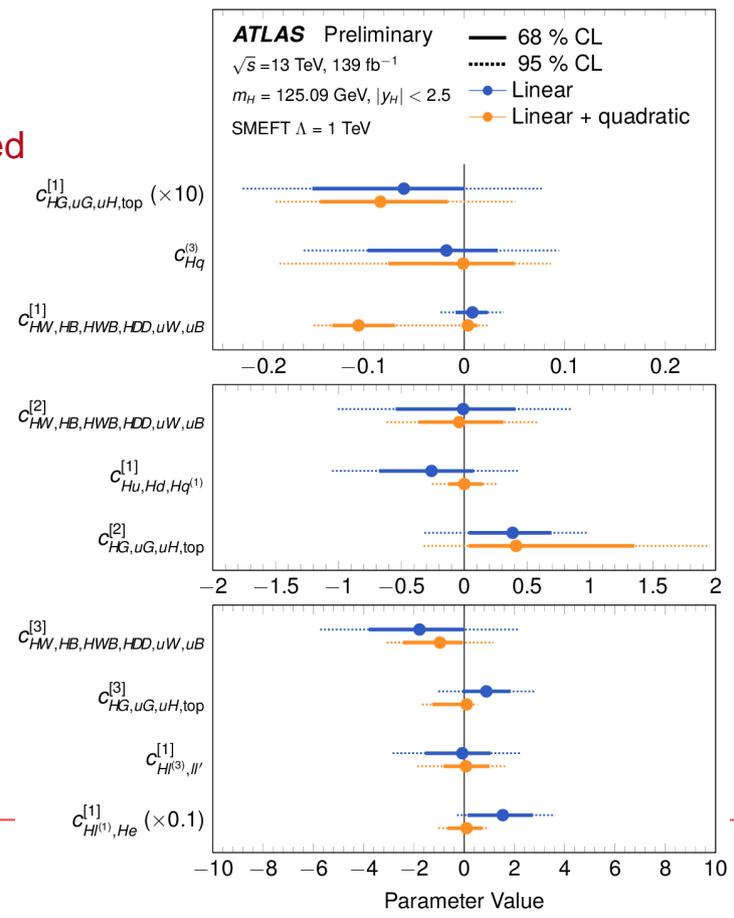
$\kappa_t < 0$ excluded at 2.9σ

EFT interpretation: limits on 10 Wilson coefficients/groups

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Obtained limits



Simultaneous fit of 10 Wilson coefficients/groups
 (groups of operators with similar impact on physics processes identified; eigenvector decomposition)

Is the top-Higgs coupling a pure scalar interaction ?

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$J^{CP} = 0^{++}$?

No deviations found in CP properties of the Higgs couplings to gauge bosons (studied in Run 1)

Caveat: in those, CP-odd contributions enter only via higher-order operators

NEW: pseudoscalar admixture directly tested in top-Higgs interaction using ttH/tH events with $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

$$\mathcal{L}_t = -\frac{m_t}{v} (\kappa_t \bar{t}t + i\tilde{\kappa}_t \bar{t}\gamma_5 t) H$$

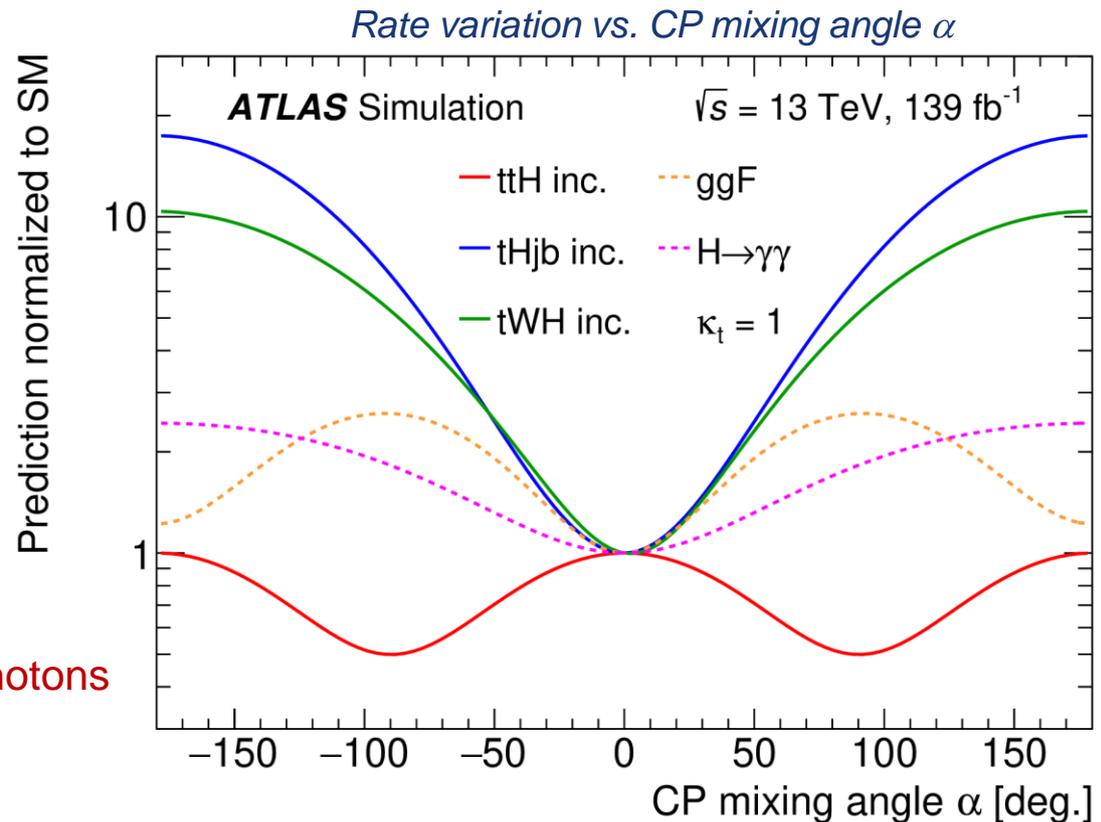
SM: $(\kappa_t, \tilde{\kappa}_t) = (1, 0)$ $\kappa_t = k_t \cos \alpha$
 $\tilde{\kappa}_t = k_t \sin \alpha$



CP mixing angle: α

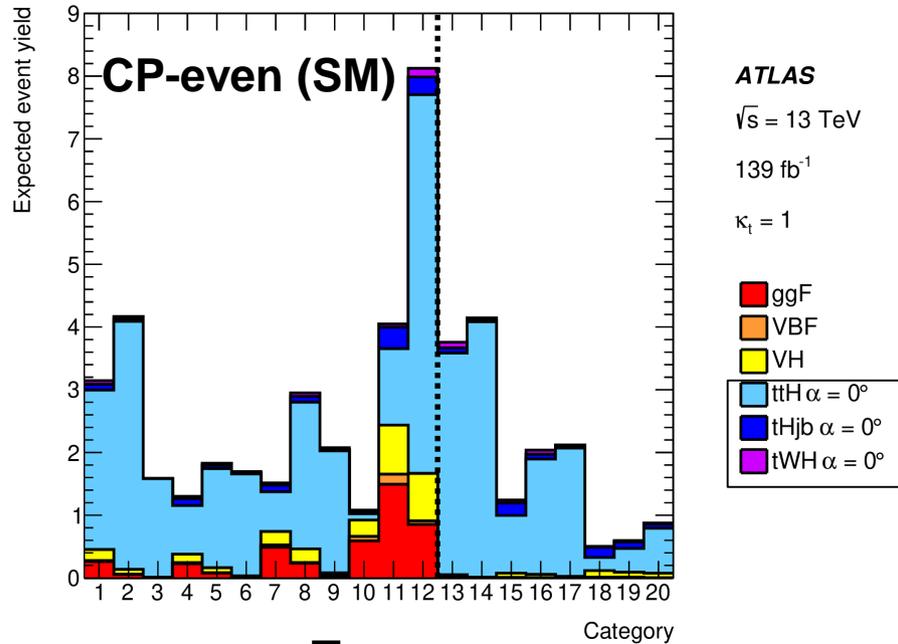
CP-odd contributions would alter:

- rates and kinematics of ttH and tH processes
 - tH also sensitive to the sign of y_t
- loop-induced Higgs couplings to gluons and photons



CP properties of the top-Higgs Yukawa coupling ($ttH/tH, H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$)

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Several MVAs for object reconstruction (also top quark)
 Two event-level MVAs used \rightarrow define several regions
 1: ttH vs. continuum bkg.
 2: $ttH+tH$ CP-odd vs. CP-even
 Signal extraction: fit $m_{\gamma\gamma}$ in all categories

A pure CP-odd coupling excluded at 3.9σ

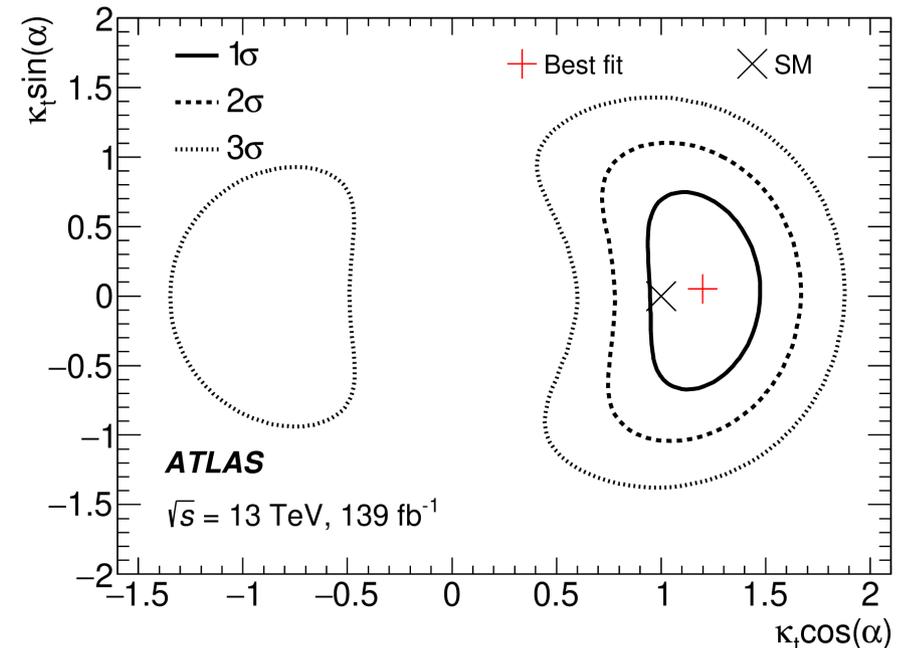
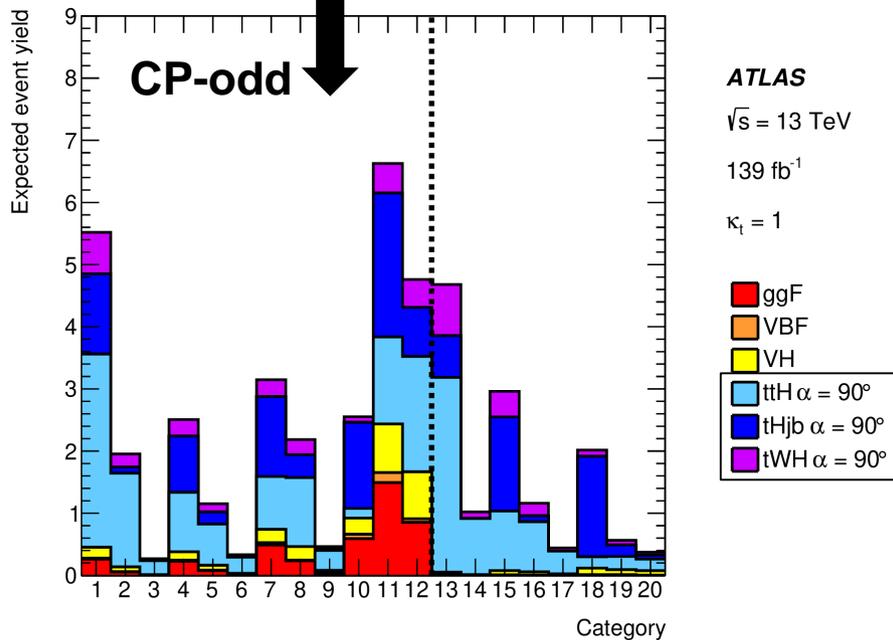
CP mixing angle $|\alpha| < 43^\circ$ at 95% CL

$y_t < 0$ disfavoured

tH rate $< 12 \times \sigma_{SM}$ at 95% CL

Result limited

by data statistics



Hadronic boosted $H \rightarrow bb$: reaching 1 TeV !

Probing Higgs production at **high $p_T(H)$** (and $|\eta_H| < 2$) using final states with 2 jets: at least one large-radius jet with **$p_T > 450$ GeV** and just one that contains two b-hadrons

Inclusive, fiducial and differential cross-sections measured:

Region	Jet p_T [GeV]		p_T^H [GeV]	
	SRL	SRS	SRL	SRS
Inclusive	>450	>250	-	-
Fiducial	>450 >1000	>450 -	>450 >1000	>450 -
Differential	450-650, 650-1000	250-450, 450-650, 650-1000	450-650, 650-1000	300-450, 450-650, 650-1000

SRL (SRS): leading (subleading) jet tagged as H(bb) candidate

Fractional contribution of each prod mode to SRs within [105,140] GeV

Process	p_T Range [GeV]			
	250-450	450-650	650-1000	> 1000
	SRL			
ggF	-	0.56	0.50	0.39
VBF	-	0.17	0.16	0.17
VH	-	0.14	0.18	0.25
$t\bar{t}H$	-	0.13	0.16	0.19
	SRS			
ggF	0.28	0.46	0.43	-
VBF	0.07	0.19	0.21	-
VH	0.26	0.24	0.26	-
$t\bar{t}H$	0.39	0.11	0.10	-

Inclusive
 $\mu_H = 1.1 \pm 3.6$

Limited by stat. unc.
Leading systematics are jet-mass resolution and scale

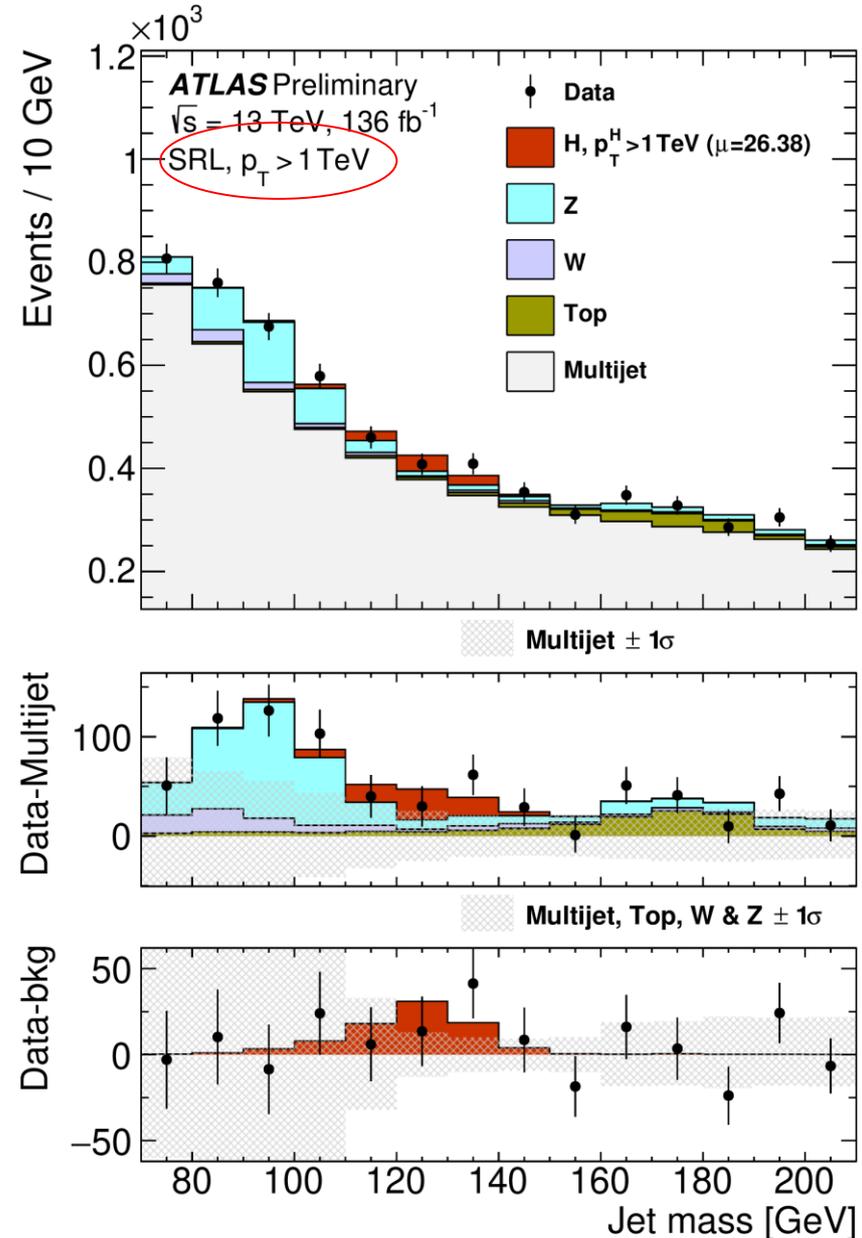
Fiducial

$p_T^H / \text{Jet } p_T$	μ_H	
	Exp.	Obs.
> 450 GeV	1.0 ± 3.3	0.7 ± 3.3
> 1 TeV	1.0 ± 29.0	26 ± 31

$$\sigma_H(p_T^H > 450 \text{ GeV}) < 144 \text{ fb} \quad (\sim 8 \times \sigma_{SM})$$

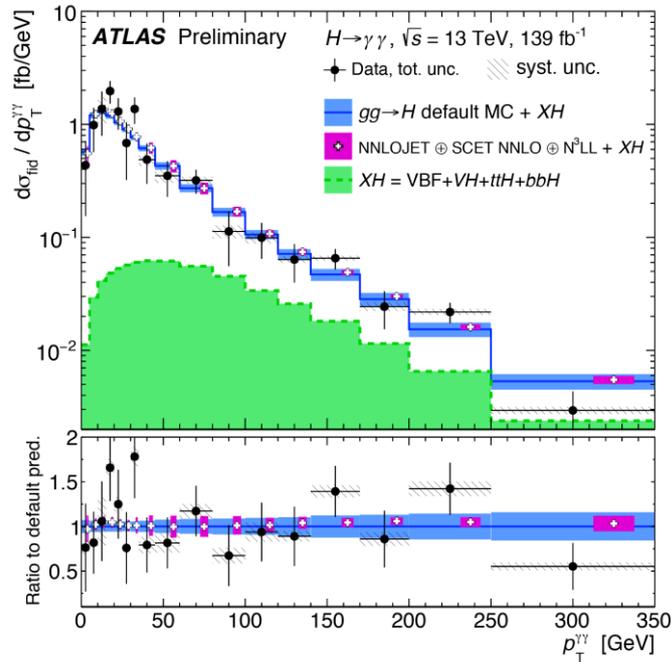
$$\sigma_H(p_T^H > 1 \text{ TeV}) < 10.3 \text{ fb} \quad (\sim 80 \times \sigma_{SM})$$

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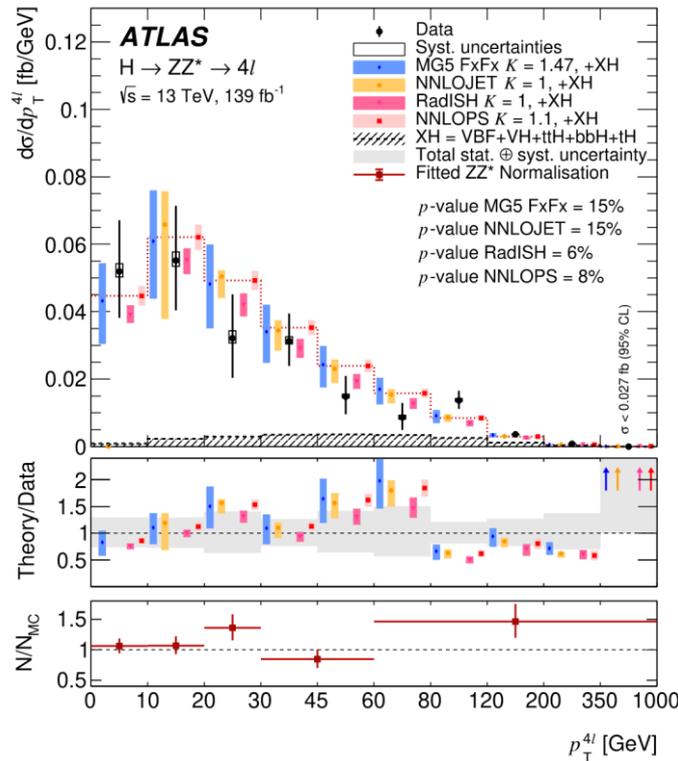
Measured Higgs p_T spectrum: reaching 1 TeV !

$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$



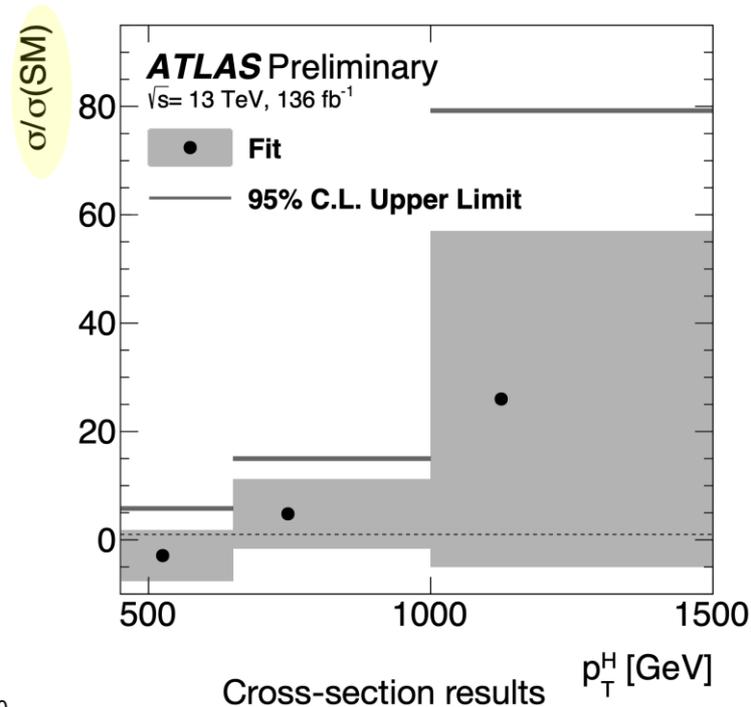
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$H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$



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$H \rightarrow bb$



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Direct search for interaction of Higgs with 2nd gen. fermion ☺

Rare decay channel (BR~0.022%) with a large (Drell-Yan) background ☹

S/B ~O(0.1%) within [120, 130] GeV

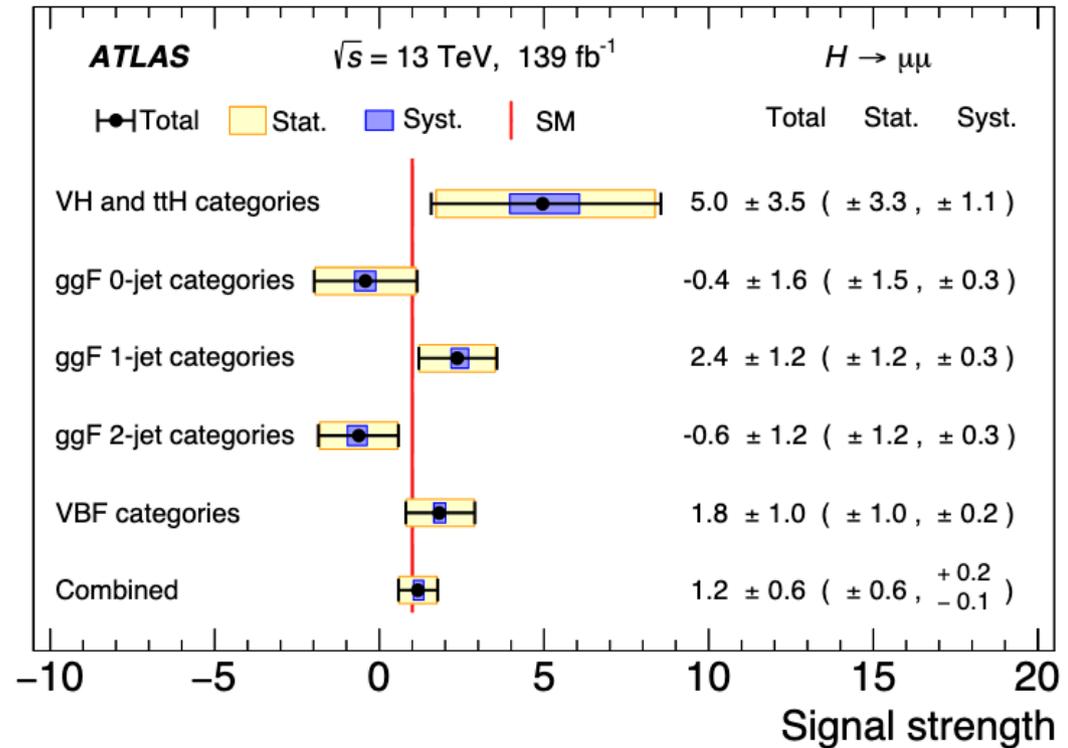
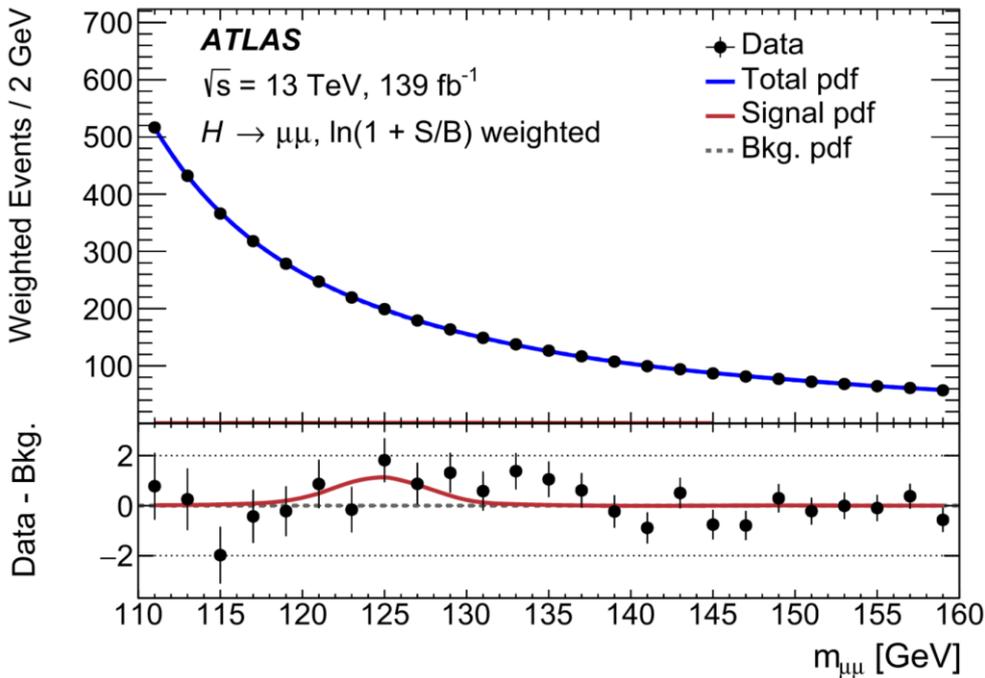
Clean and sharp Higgs peak: $\sigma(m_{\mu\mu}) \sim 2.5\text{-}3.0$ GeV

Measured $\mu = 1.2 \pm 0.6$

Close to evidence for H → μμ decay: 2.0σ (1.7σ) obs.(exp.)

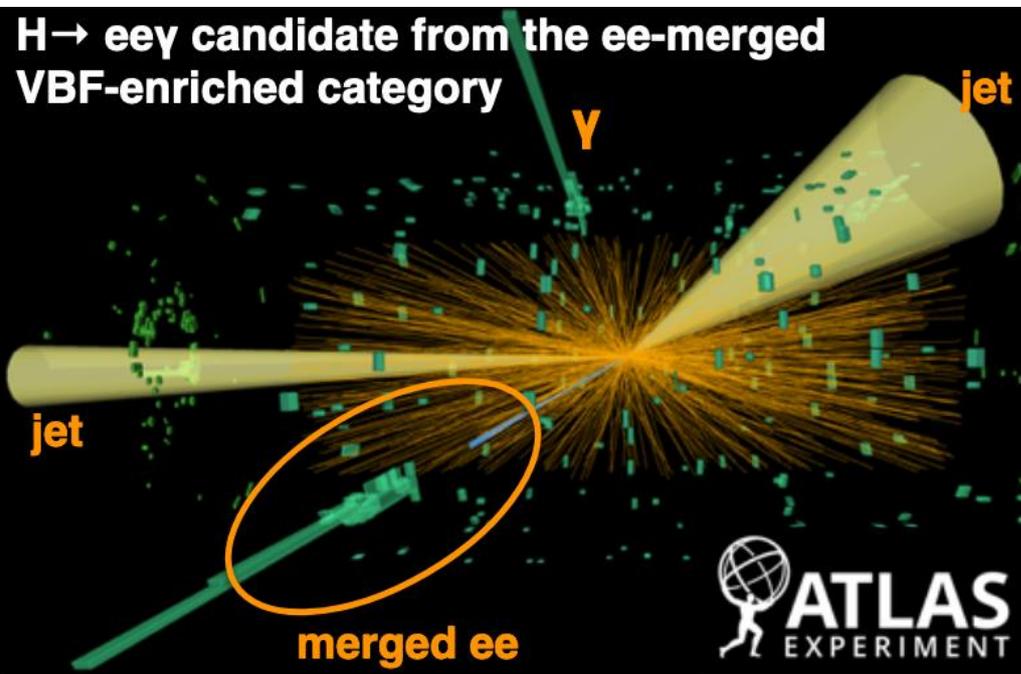
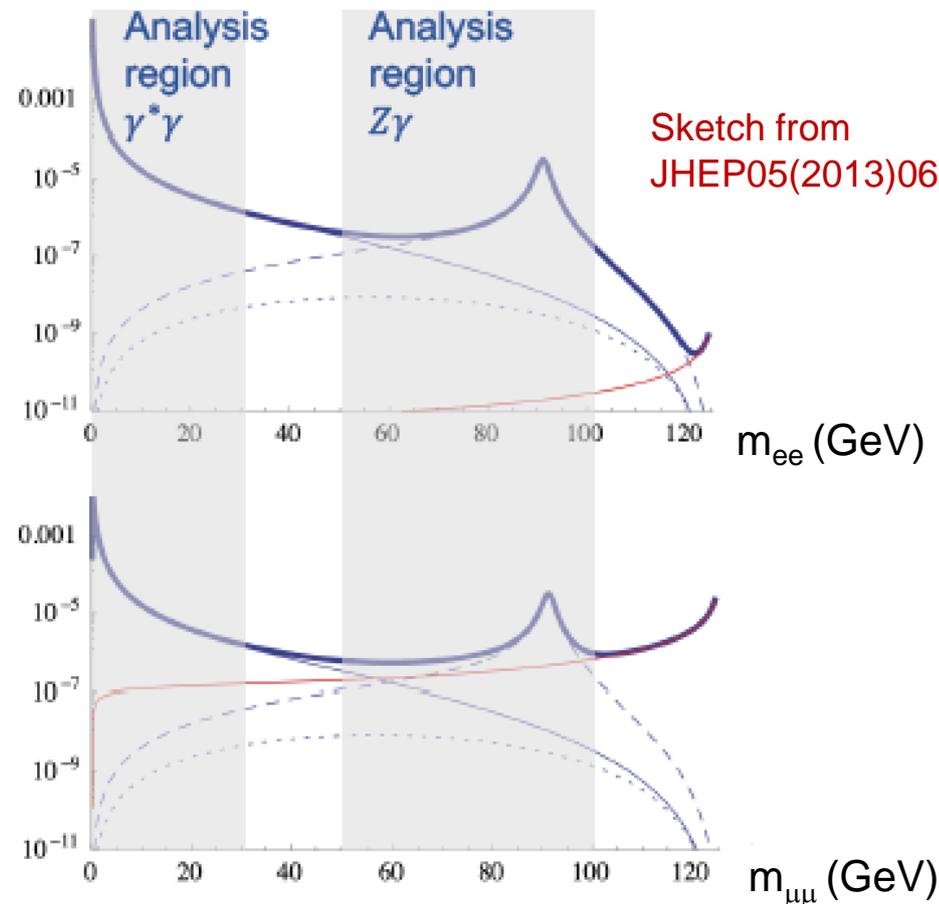
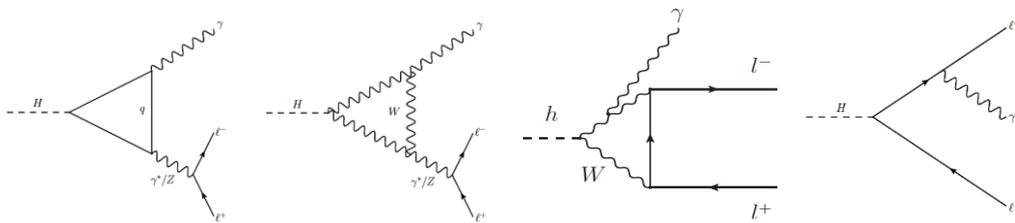
$$\kappa_\mu = 1.12^{+0.26}_{-0.32} \text{ @68\% CL}$$

Statistical uncertainty dominates !



Processes that contribute to H → llγ final state:

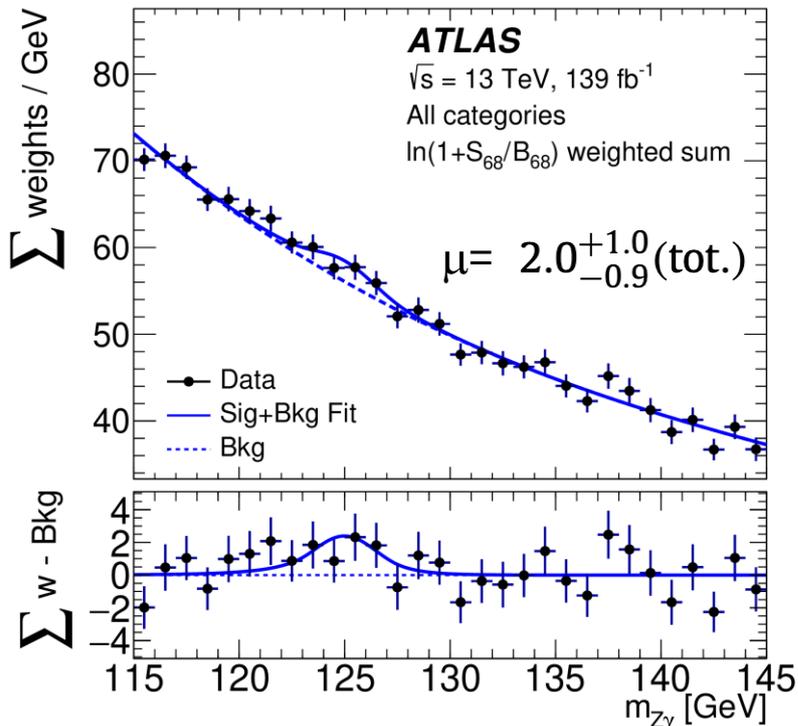
- loop-induced H → Zγ with Z → ll (dash line)
- loop-induced H → γ*γ with γ* → ll (thin solid line)
- 4-vertex box diagram (dot line)
- H → ll + FSR (thin red line)



Both H → Zγ and H → γ*γ with llγ final state have SM BR ~0.01% (~5% of H → γγ BR)

Phys.Lett.B809(2020)135754
arXiv: 2103.10322 (submitted to PLB)

H → Zγ



Obs. (exp.) sign.: 2.2σ (1.2σ)

Upper limit at 95%CL: $3.6 \times \sigma_{SM}$

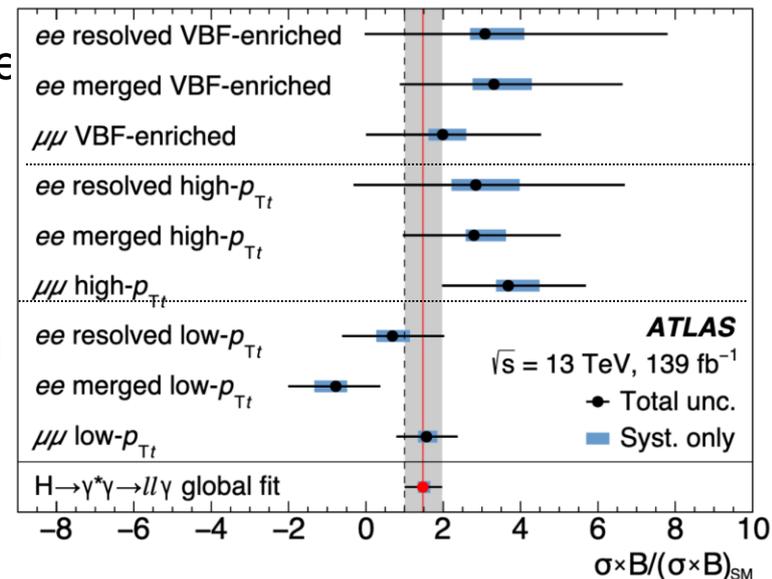
New opportunity to probe CP structure of Higgs couplings in 3-body decays

H → γ*γ

- Probing ggH (high & low p_T) and VBF production modes

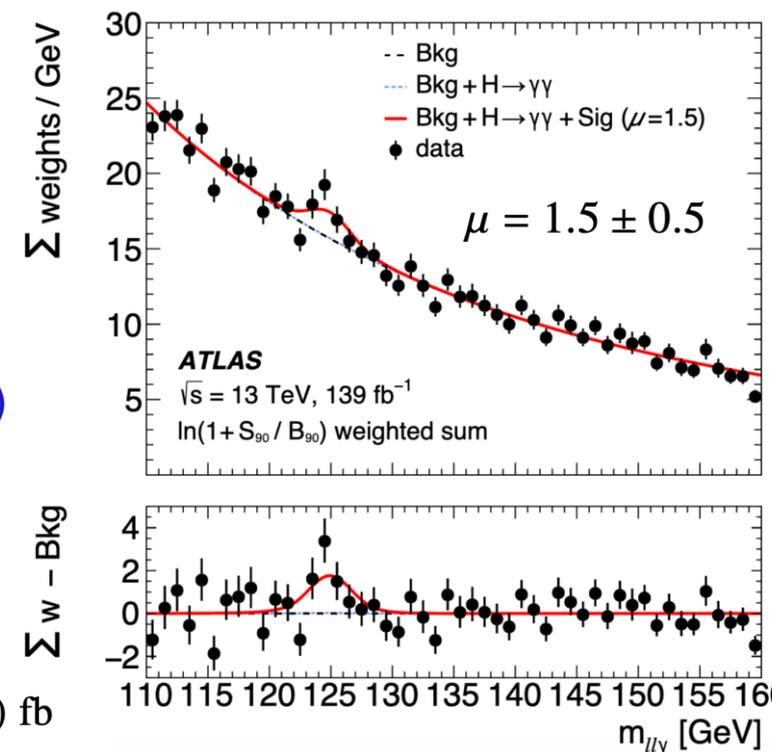
- Decay categories: $\mu\mu$ and ee (resolved and merged)

- Stat. limited



Obs. (exp.) sign: 3.2σ (2.1σ)

→ **evidence H → llγ**



$$\sigma \times \text{BR}(\ell\ell\gamma) |_{m_{\ell\ell} < 30 \text{ GeV}}$$

$$8.7^{+2.8}_{-2.7} \text{ fb} = 8.7^{+2.7}_{-2.7} \text{ (stat.) }^{+0.7}_{-0.6} \text{ (syst.) fb}$$

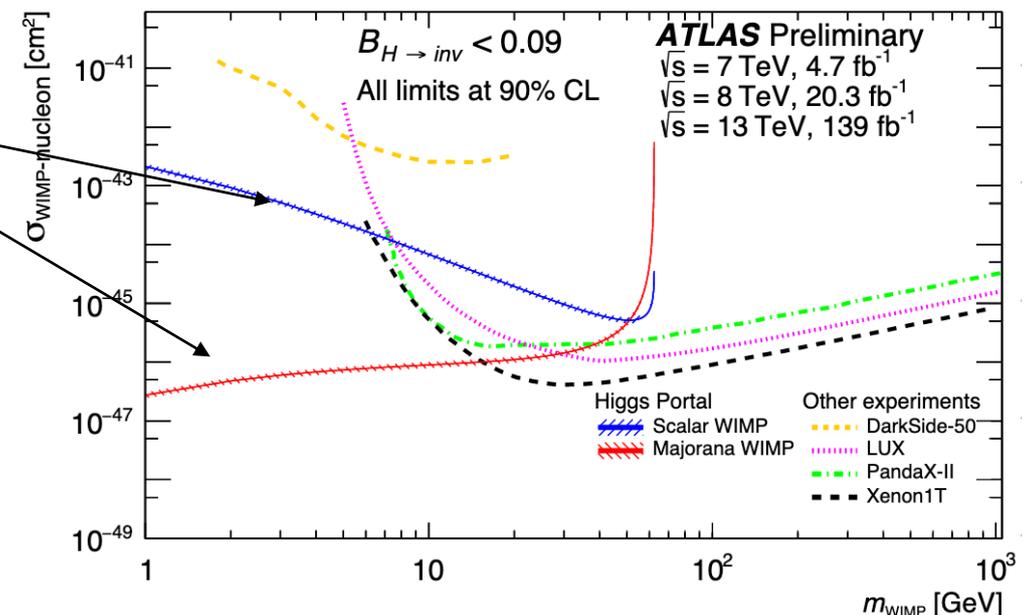
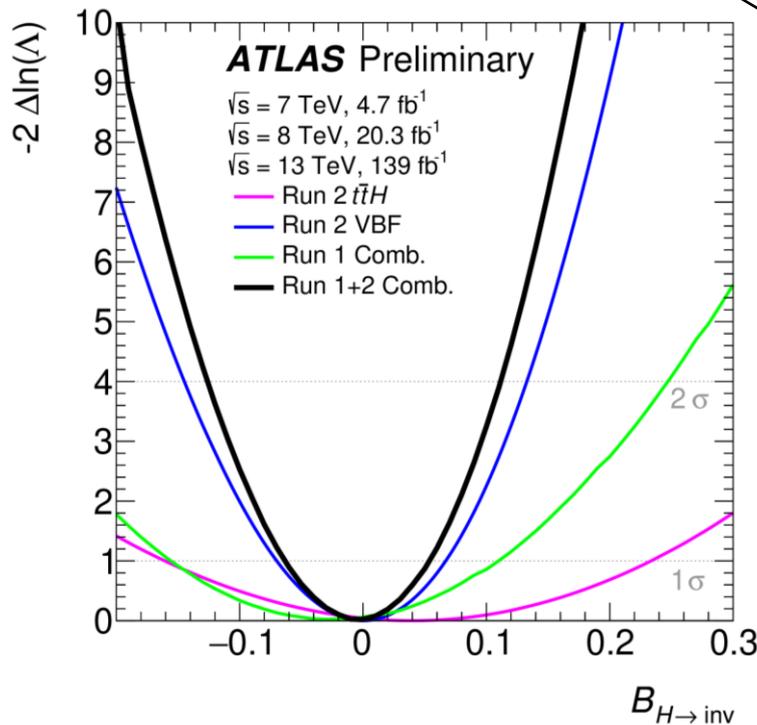
Searches for invisible Higgs decays: a portal to dark matter and invisible BSM particles

SM prediction: $BR(H \rightarrow \text{invisible}) \sim 0.1\%$ from $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4\nu$

Signature: just $E_{T, \text{miss}}$ (not good resolution in high pile-up environments)

→ need to rely on associated production modes as tags (VBF, and ttH with 0 or 2l)

Observed upper limit $BR < 11\%$ @95CL



Within Higgs portal model, constrain dark matter interactions in terms of weakly int. massive particle (WIMP):

- complementary to direct detection experiments
- model dependent

ALSO a broad program in BSM Higgs searches: additional Higgses (charged Higgses, 2HDM+scalar models with $h \rightarrow aa$, ...), lepton-flavour-violating decay, etc.

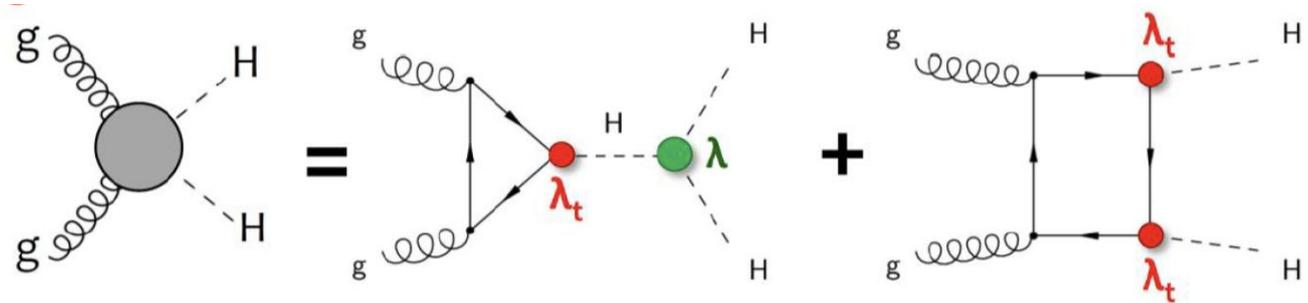
Higgs boson self-coupling: search for di-Higgs production

SM expects Higgs to couple to itself (κ_λ)

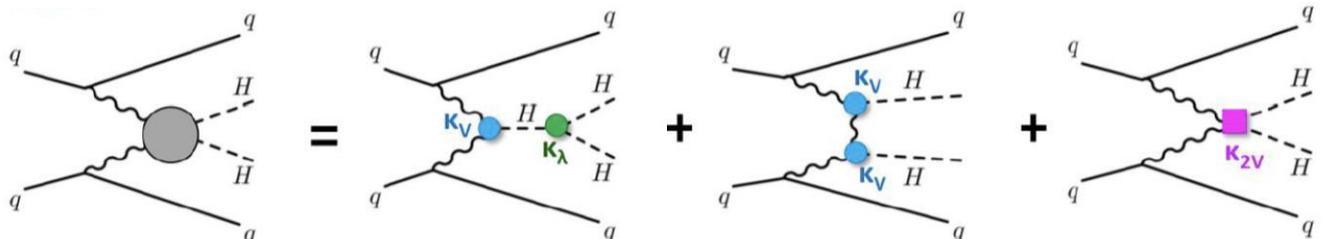
Diverse HH production modes, all with small cross section at 13 TeV (1/1000 than single Higgs)

Diagrams from G. Petruccianni @LHCP2020

ggF HH ~ 31.1 fb

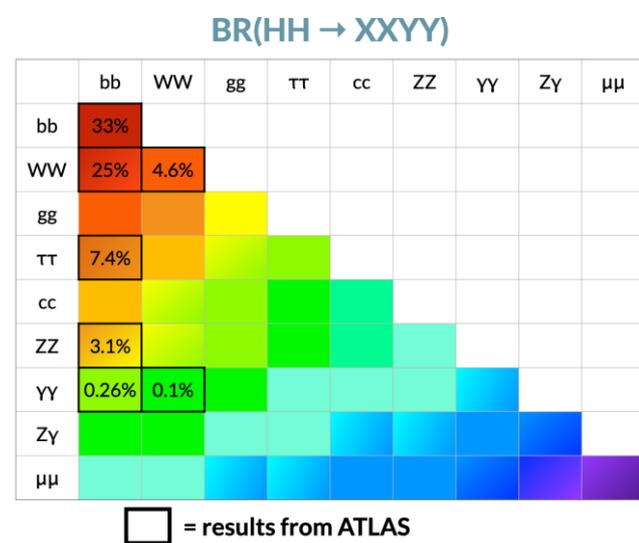


VBF HH ~ 1.72 fb

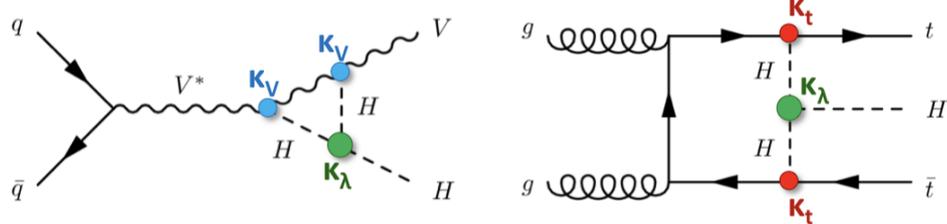


VBF offers access to HHVV quartic coupling

Several channels explored:



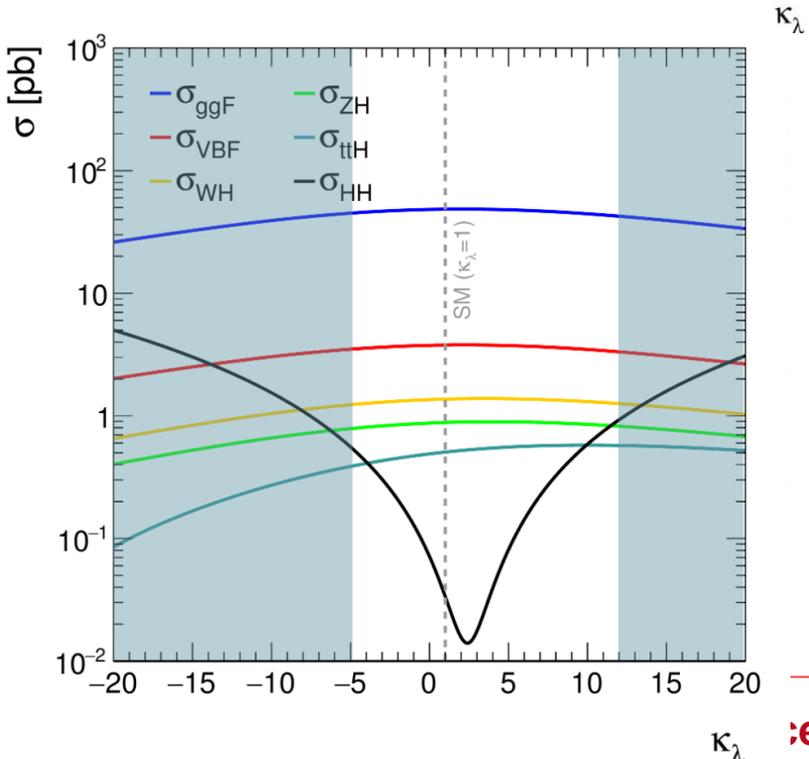
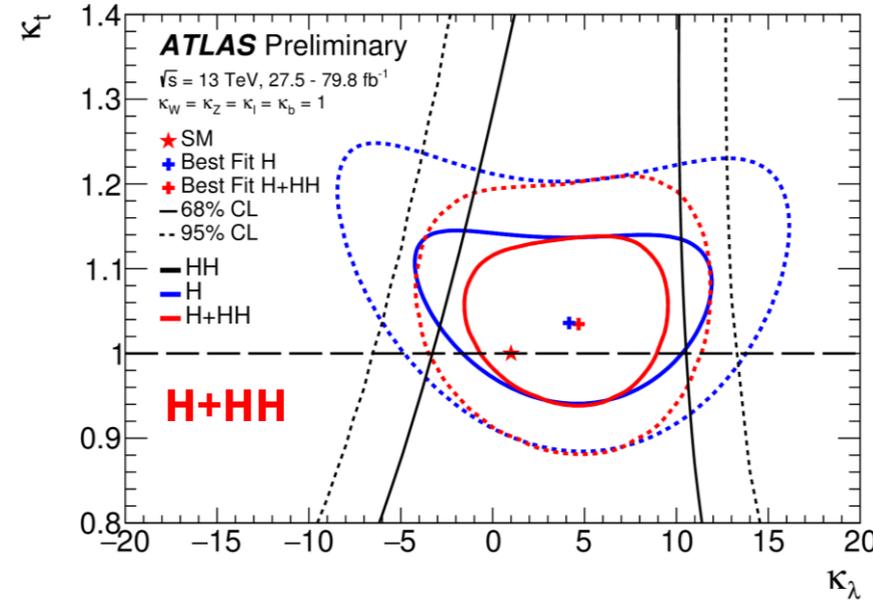
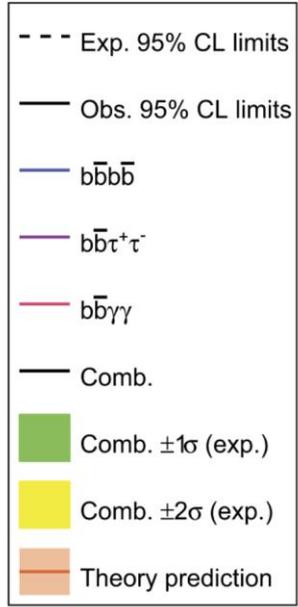
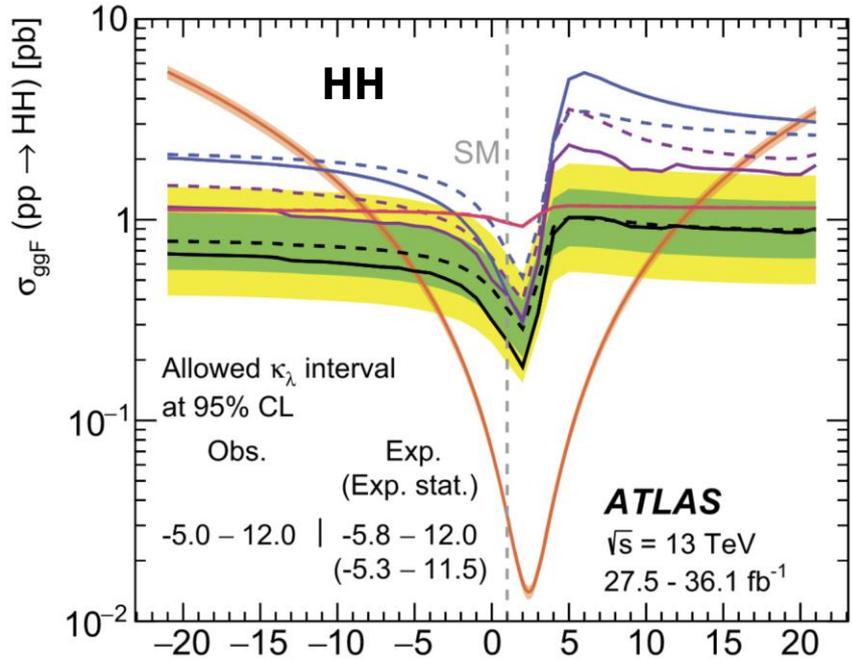
Single Higgs (mainly ttH and VH) also sensitive to κ_λ



Run 1 + partial Run 2 data
 HH: Phys. Lett. B 800 (2020) 135103
 Single Higgs: ATLAS-CONF-2019-049

Also few updates with full Run 2

Higgs boson self-coupling: search for di-Higgs production



HH upper limit at 95%CL: $6.9 \times \sigma_{SM}$

κ_λ : (-5.0, 12.1) → very similar limits using single Higgs, but with assumptions

Few analyses updated with the full Run 2 data (new ch. and improved strategies):
 HH → bbWW (Phys.Lett.B801(2020)135145)
 boosted HH → bbττ (JHEP11(2020)163)
 and VBF HH → 4b (JHEP07(2020)108)

First constraint on κ_{2V} : $-0.43 < \kappa_{2V} < 2.56$

THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION

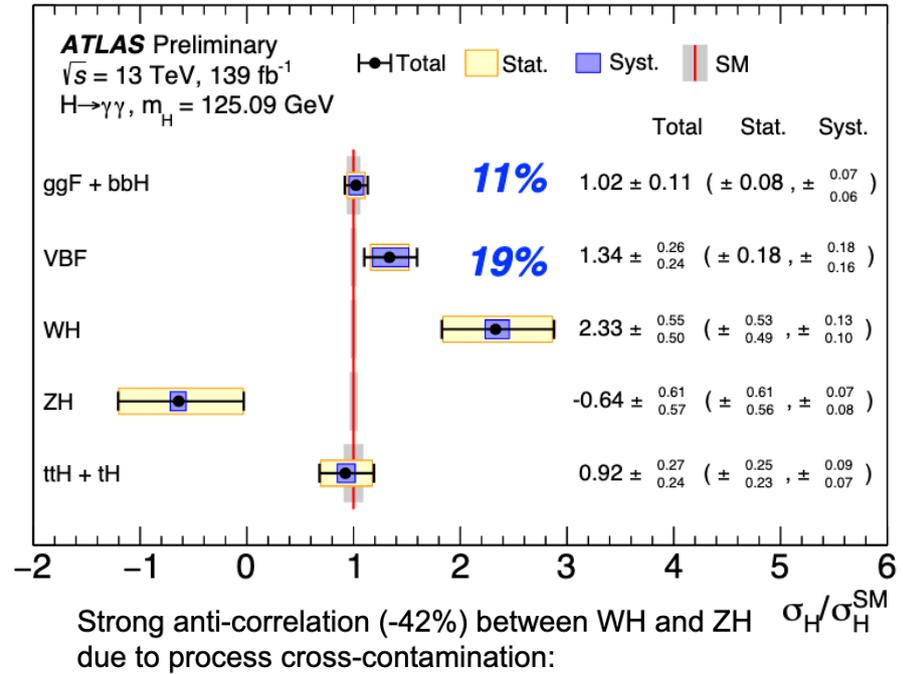
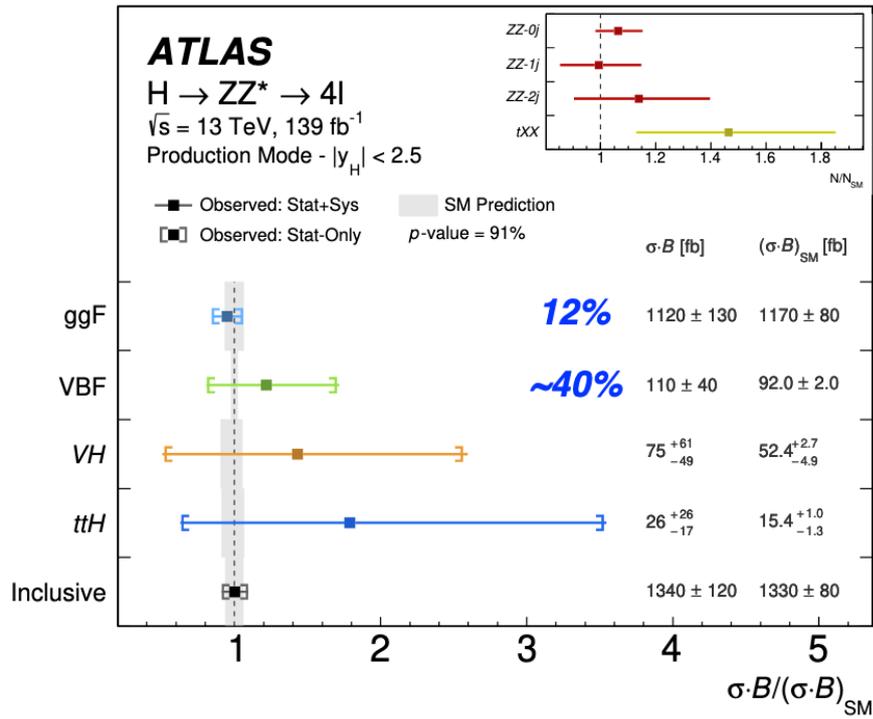


Inclusive cross-sections: main limitations

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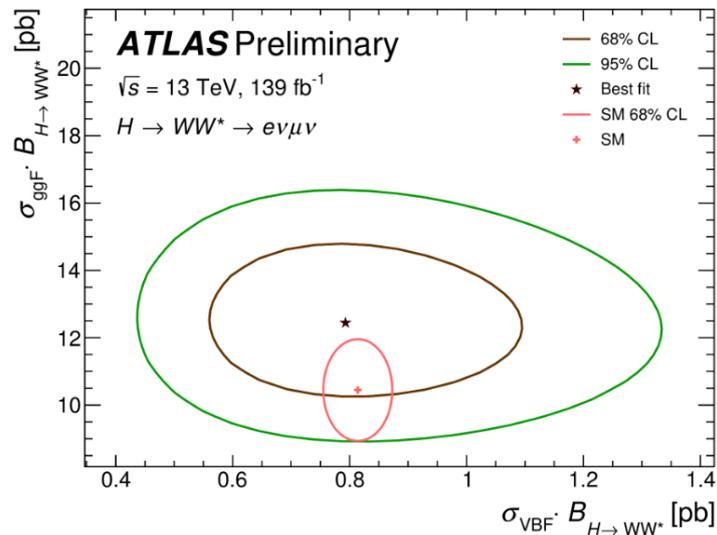
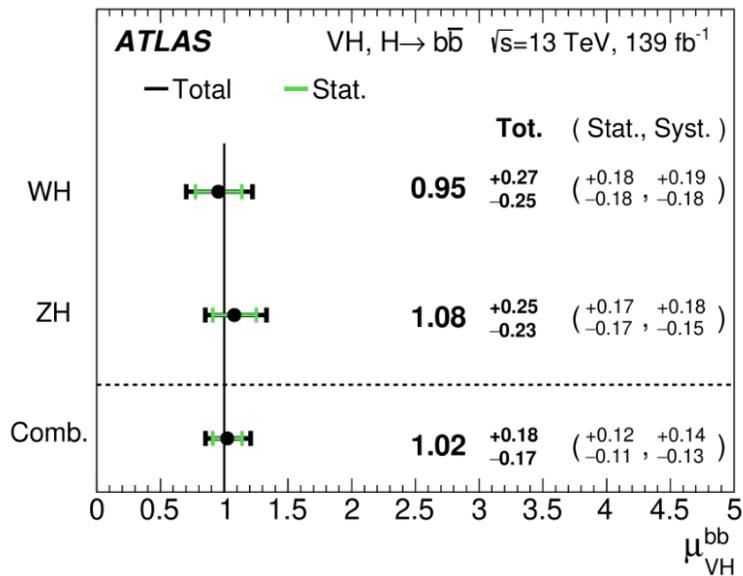
Process ($ y_H < 2.5$)	Value		Uncertainty [pb]					SM pred.
	[pb]	Total	Stat.	Syst.	Exp.	Sig. Th.	Bkg. Th.	[pb]
ggF	44.7	± 3.1	± 2.2	± 2.2	+ 1.8 - 1.7	+ 1.0 - 0.9	+ 0.9 - 0.7	44.7 ± 2.2
VBF	4.0	± 0.6	± 0.5	± 0.4	+ 0.3 - 0.2	± 0.3	± 0.1	$3.51^{+0.08}_{-0.07}$
WH	1.45	+ 0.28 - 0.25	+ 0.20 - 0.19	+ 0.18 - 0.17	+ 0.13 - 0.12	+ 0.08 - 0.06	+ 0.10 - 0.09	1.204 ± 0.024
ZH	0.78	+ 0.18 - 0.17	± 0.13	+ 0.12 - 0.10	+ 0.08 - 0.07	+ 0.07 - 0.05	± 0.06	$0.797^{+0.033}_{-0.026}$
$t\bar{t}H + tH$	0.64	± 0.12	± 0.09	± 0.08	+ 0.06 - 0.05	+ 0.03 - 0.02	± 0.05	$0.59^{+0.03}_{-0.05}$

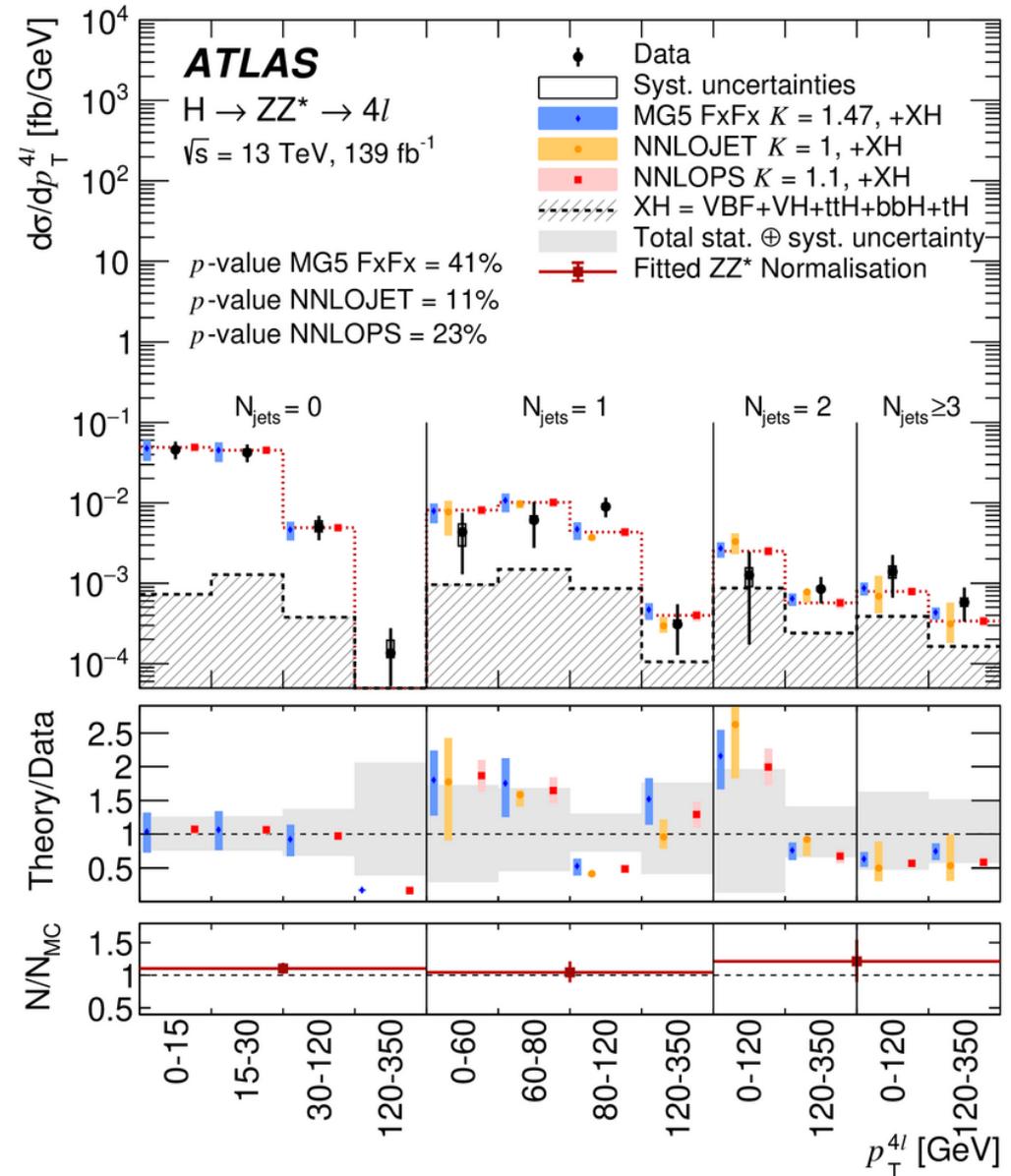
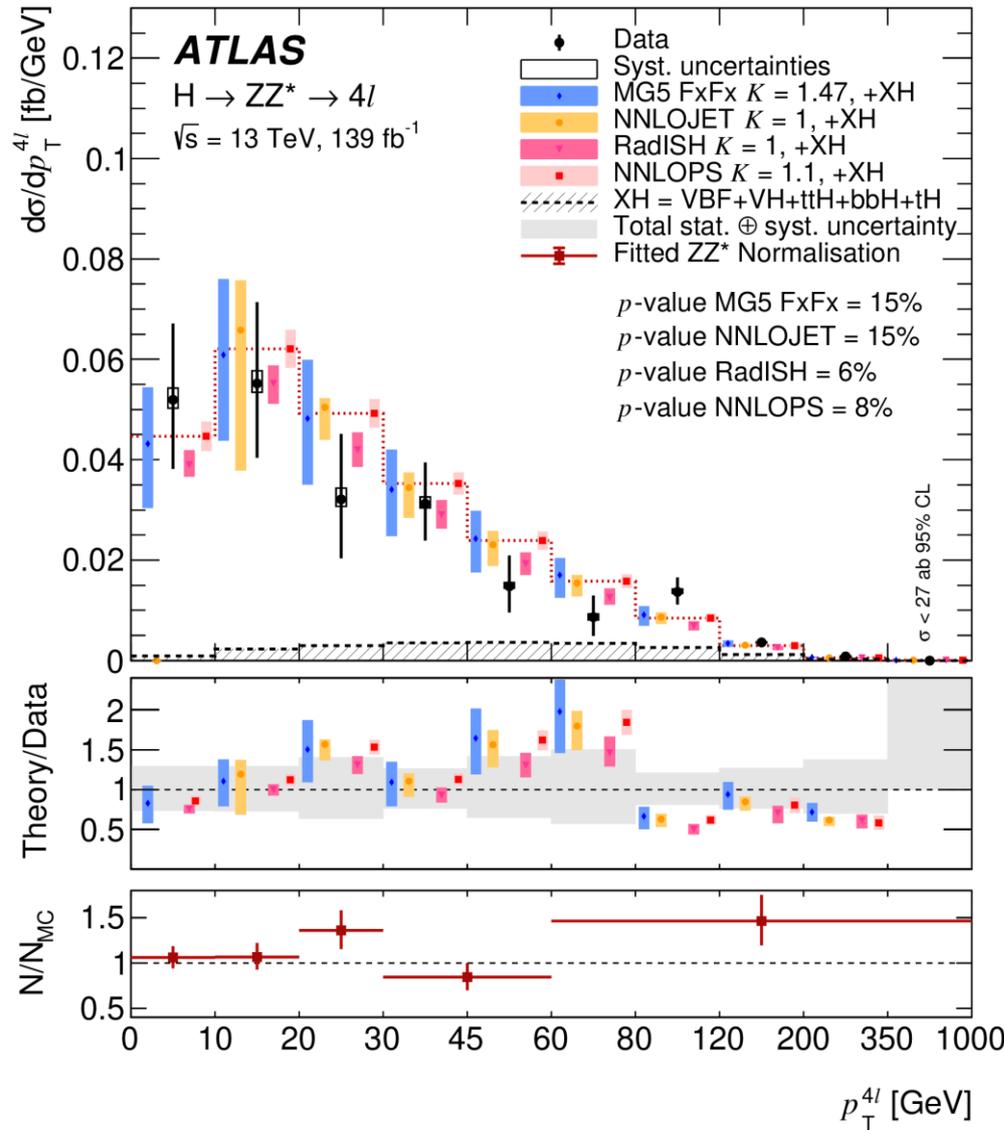
Inclusive cross-sections



Strong anti-correlation (-42%) between WH and ZH σ_H / σ_H^{SM} due to process cross-contamination:

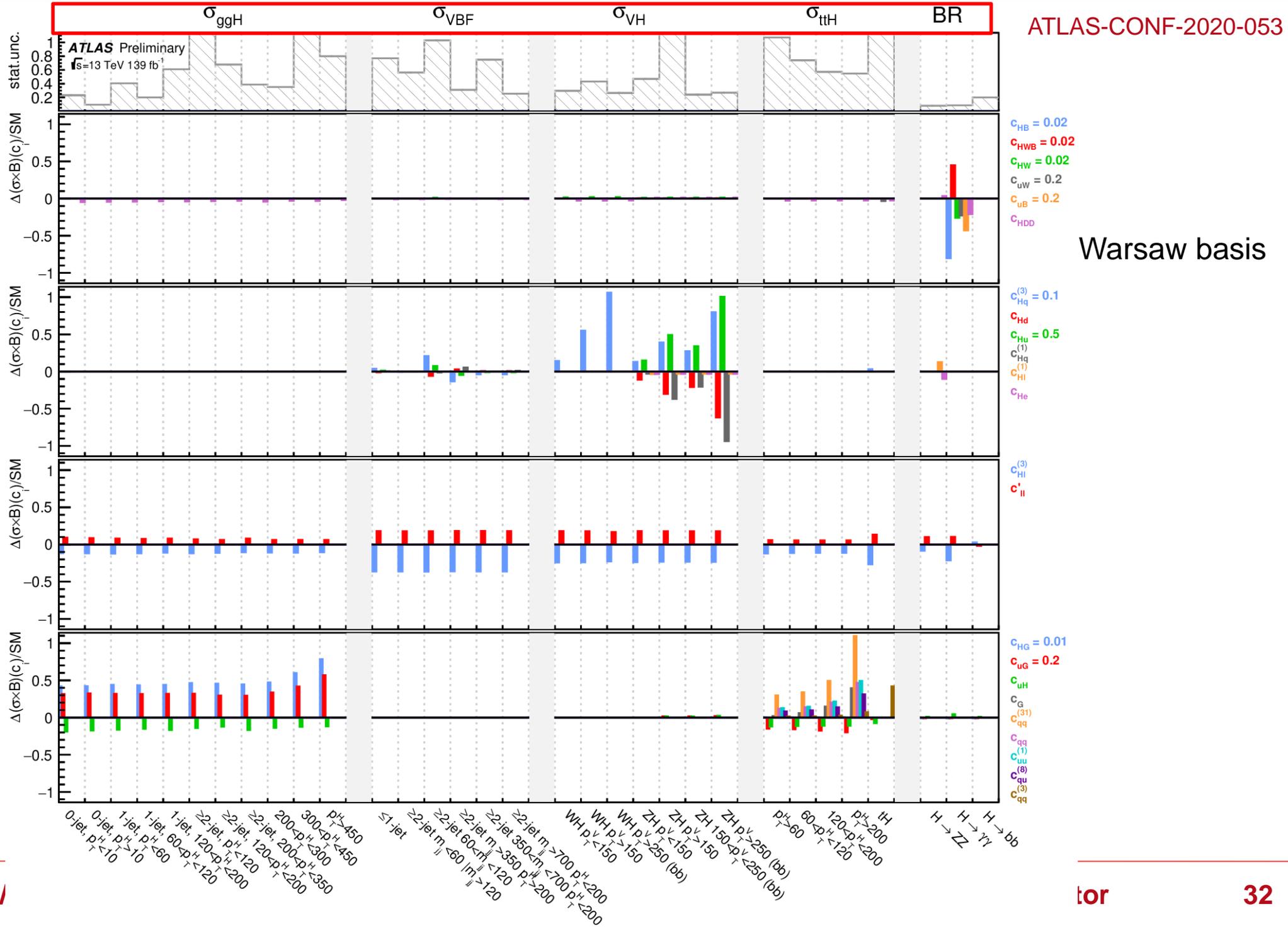
- ♦ 5 POI: $p_{SM} = 3\%$
- ♦ merging WH and ZH: $p_{SM} = 50\%$



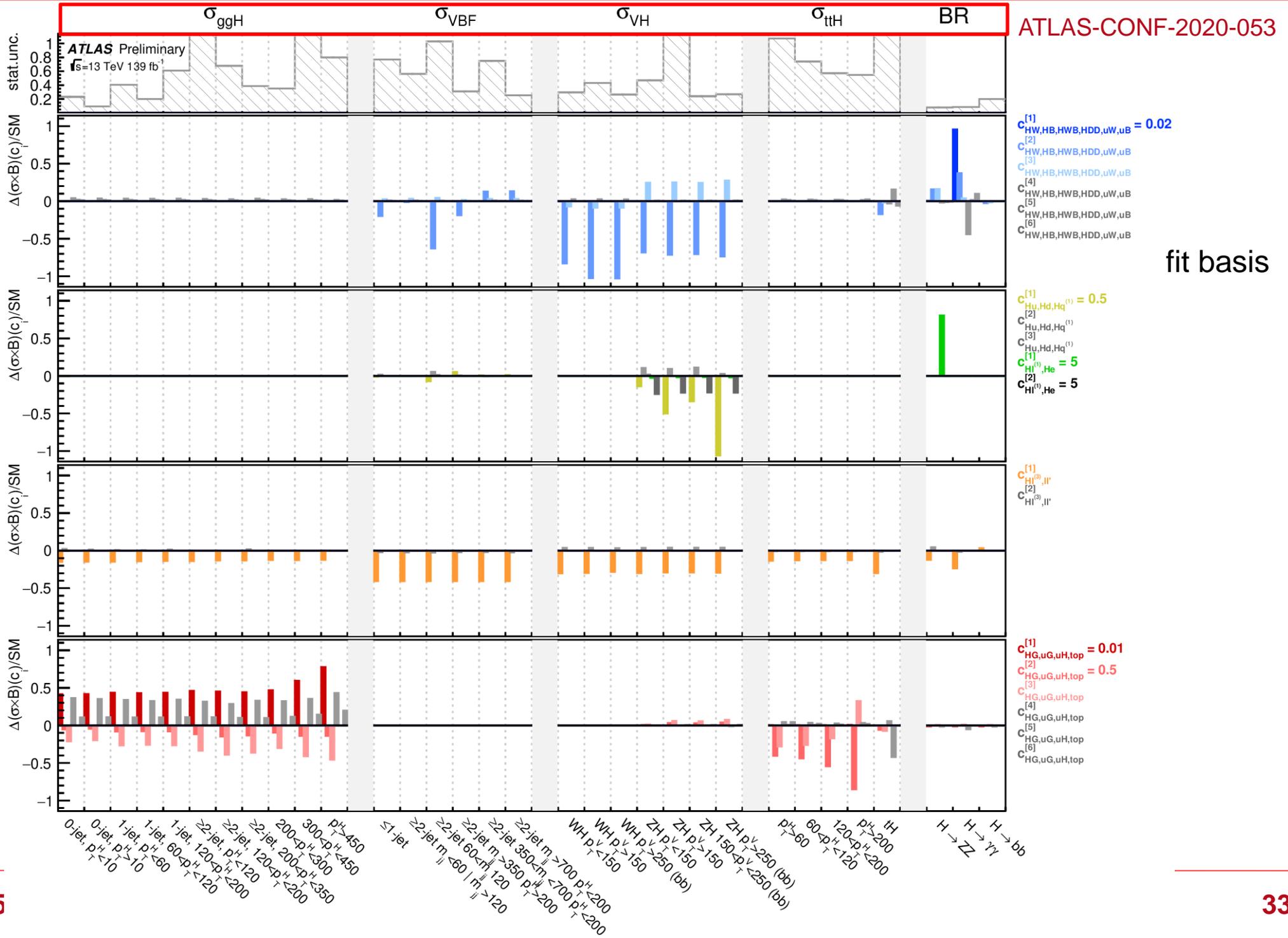


Higgs boson kinematic-related variables	
$p_T^{4\ell}, y_{4\ell} $ m_{12}, m_{34} $ \cos \theta^* $ $\cos \theta_1, \cos \theta_2$ ϕ, ϕ_1	<p>Transverse momentum and rapidity of the four-lepton system</p> <p>Invariant mass of the leading and subleading lepton pair</p> <p>Magnitude of the cosine of the decay angle of the leading lepton pair in the four-lepton rest frame relative to the beam axis</p> <p>Production angles of the anti-leptons from the two Z bosons, where the angle is relative to the Z vector.</p> <p>Two azimuthal angles between the three planes constructed from the Z bosons and leptons in the Higgs boson rest frame.</p>
Jet-related variables	
$N_{\text{jets}}, N_{b\text{-jets}}$ $p_T^{\text{lead. jet}}, p_T^{\text{sublead. jet}}$ $m_{jj}, \Delta\eta_{jj} , \Delta\phi_{jj}$	<p>Jet and b-jet multiplicity</p> <p>Transverse momentum of the leading and subleading jet, for events with at least one and two jets, respectively. Here, the leading jet refers to the jet with the highest p_T in the event, while subleading refers to the jet with the second-highest p_T.</p> <p>Invariant mass, difference in pseudorapidity, and signed difference in ϕ of the leading and subleading jets for events with at least two jets</p>
Higgs boson and jet-related variables	
p_T^{4lj}, m_{4lj} p_T^{4ljj}, m_{4ljj}	<p>Transverse momentum and invariant mass of the four-lepton system and leading jet, for events with at least one jet</p> <p>Transverse momentum and invariant mass of the four-lepton system and leading and subleading jets, for events with at least two jets</p>

EFT interpretation: effect of operators in Xs and BRs

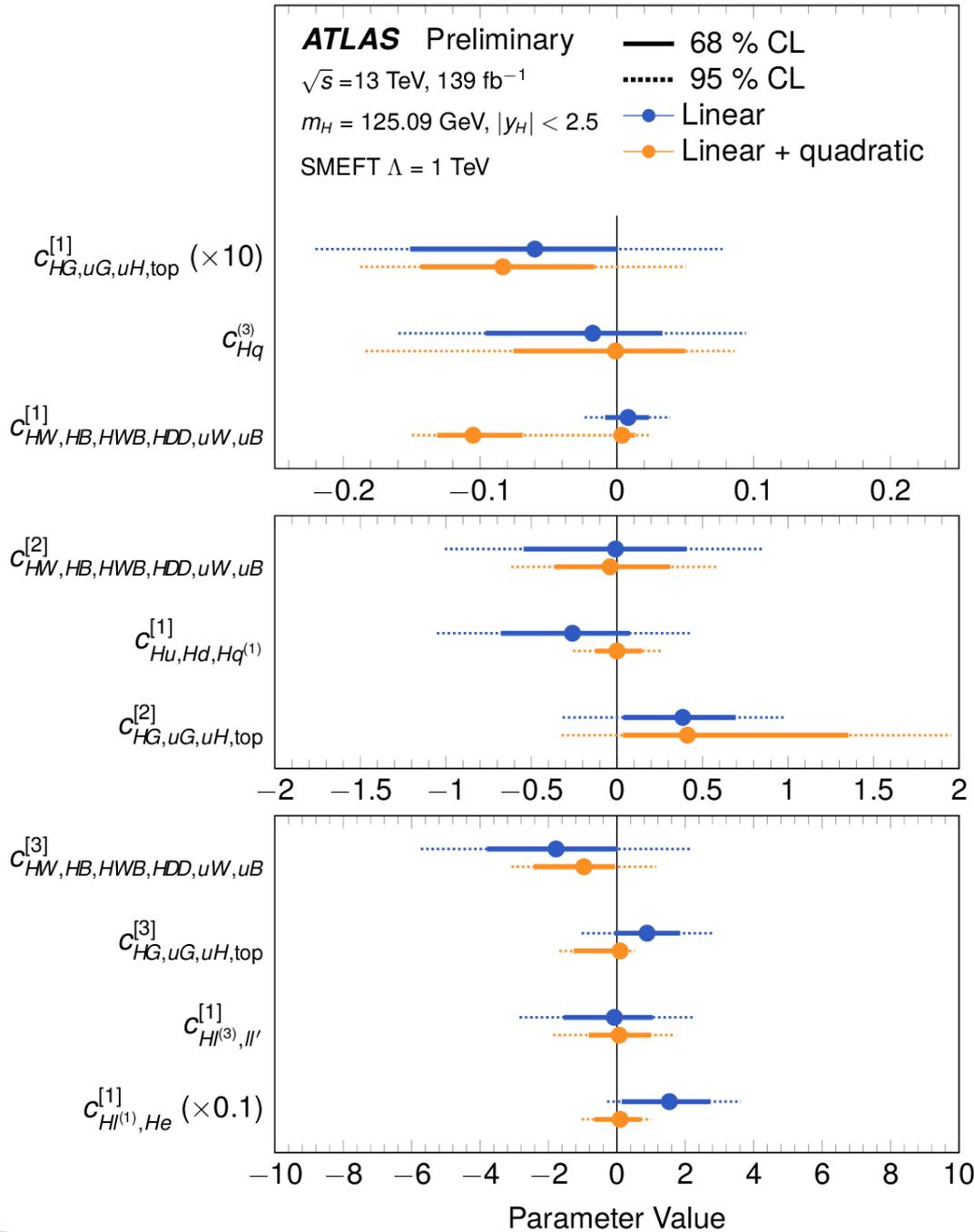


EFT interpretation: effect of operators in Xs and BRs



EFT interpretation: limits on 10 Wilson coefficients

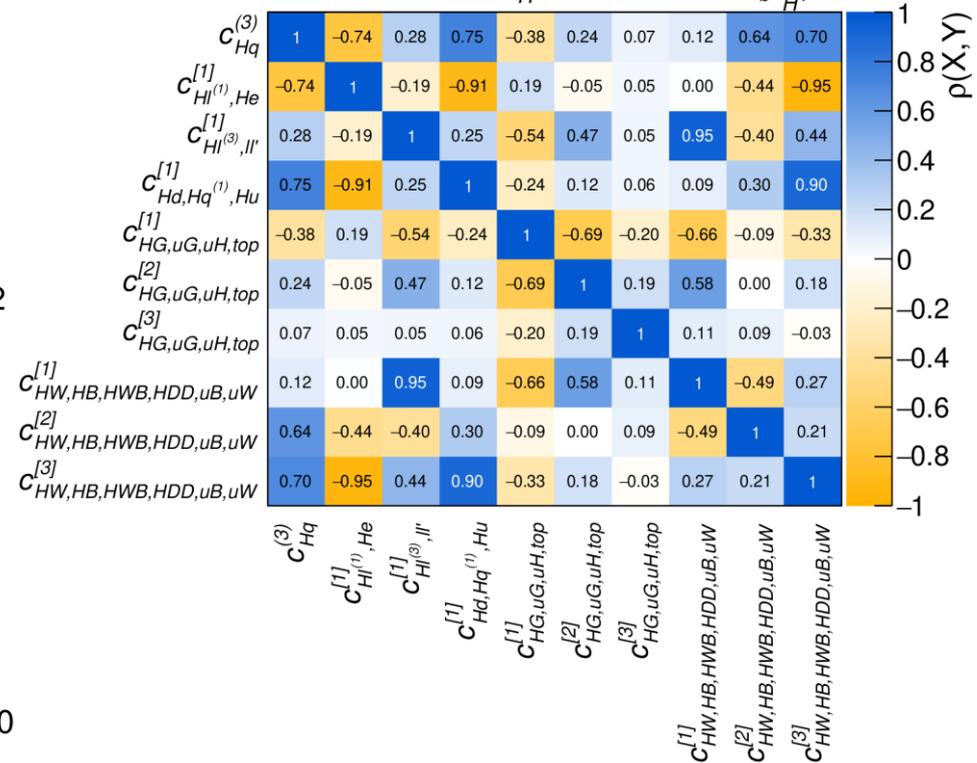
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Simultaneous fit of 10 Wilson coefficients/groups

(groups of operators with similar impact on physics processes identified; eigenvector decomposition)

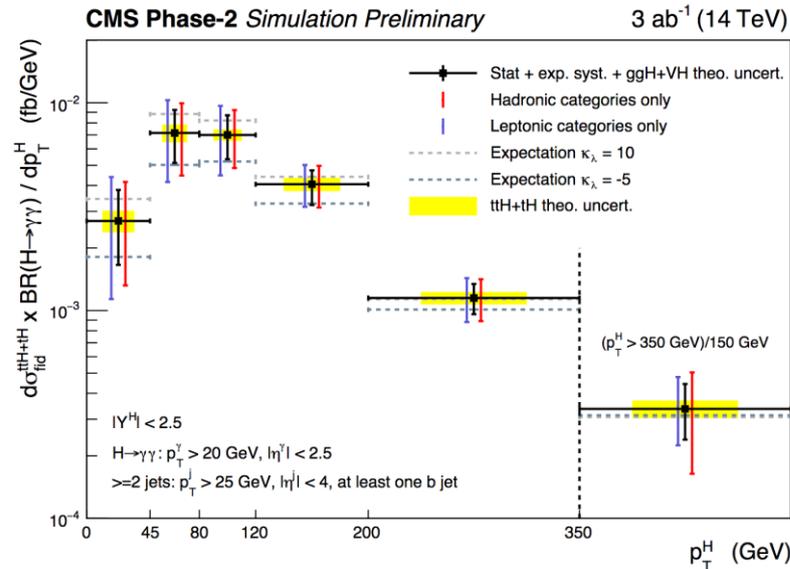
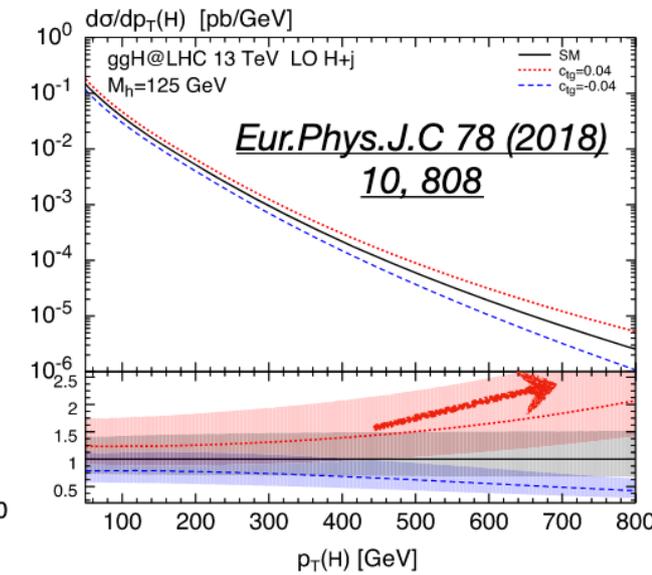
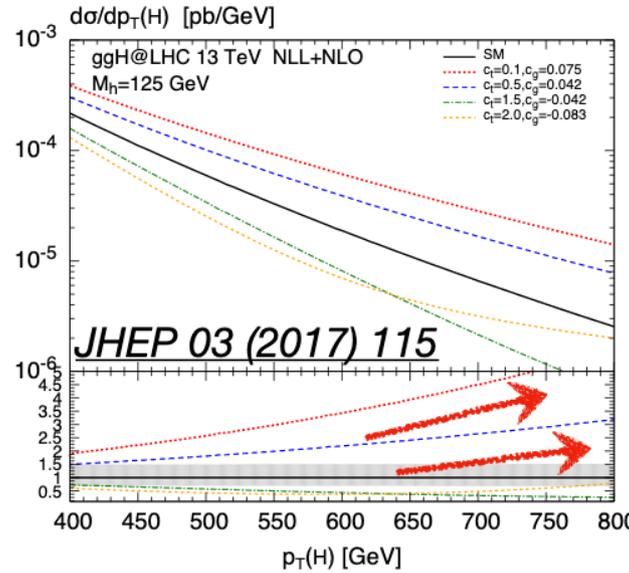
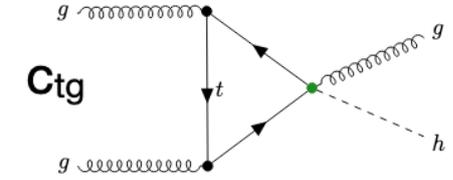
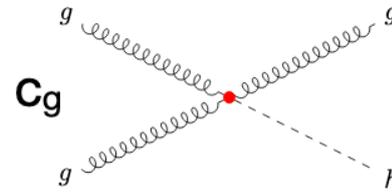
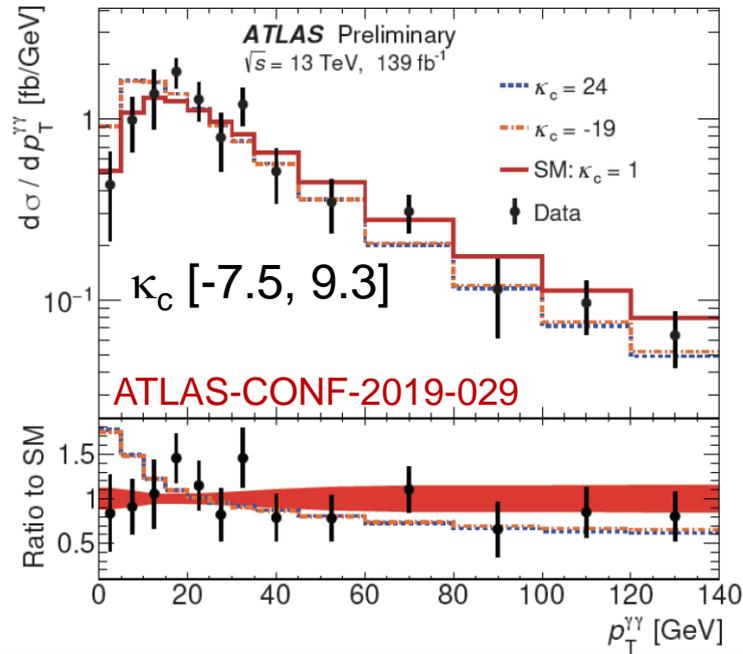
ATLAS Preliminary $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}, 139 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
 $m_H = 125.09 \text{ GeV}, |y_H| < 2.5$



Higgs p_T : sensible to different couplings

Low p_T regime: sensitive to charm-quark contribution from loop modification and $ccH \rightarrow$ limit on κ_c and to Higgs self-coupling...

High p_T regime: sensitive to top Yukawa coupling and possible new particles in the loop.



VBF $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$

arXiv:2011.08280

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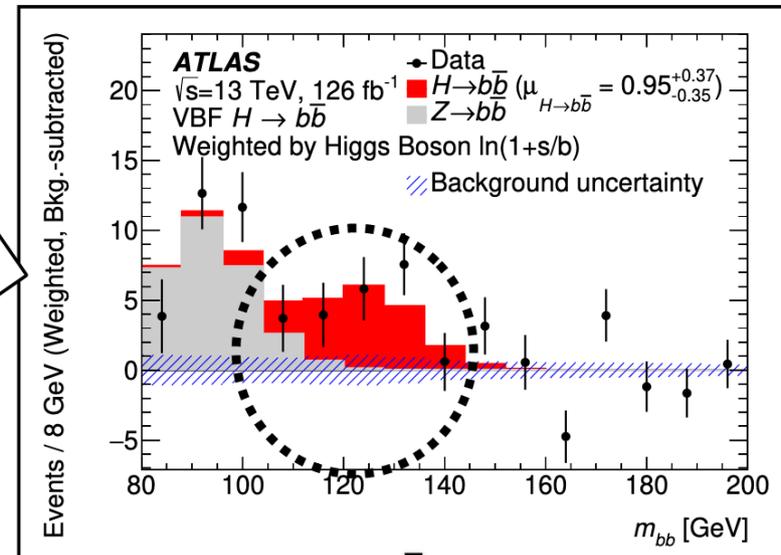
- Events considered have $p_T(bb) > 150 \text{ GeV}$ because of trigger limitations

- Probing **VBF** production categorising events:
 - **Forward (FW)**: jet with $p_T > 60 \text{ GeV}$ in $|\eta| > 3.2$
 - **Central (CN)**: jet with $p_T > 160 \text{ GeV}$ in $|\eta| < 3.2$

- **Adversarial NNs** used to enhance S vs B separation *without learning $m(bb)$*
 - **4 DNN-score categories** for FW & CN events

- **Signal extraction**: binned fits to the $m(bb)$
 - **Non-resonant Bkg** from data $m(bb)$ sidebands

required also by the trigger

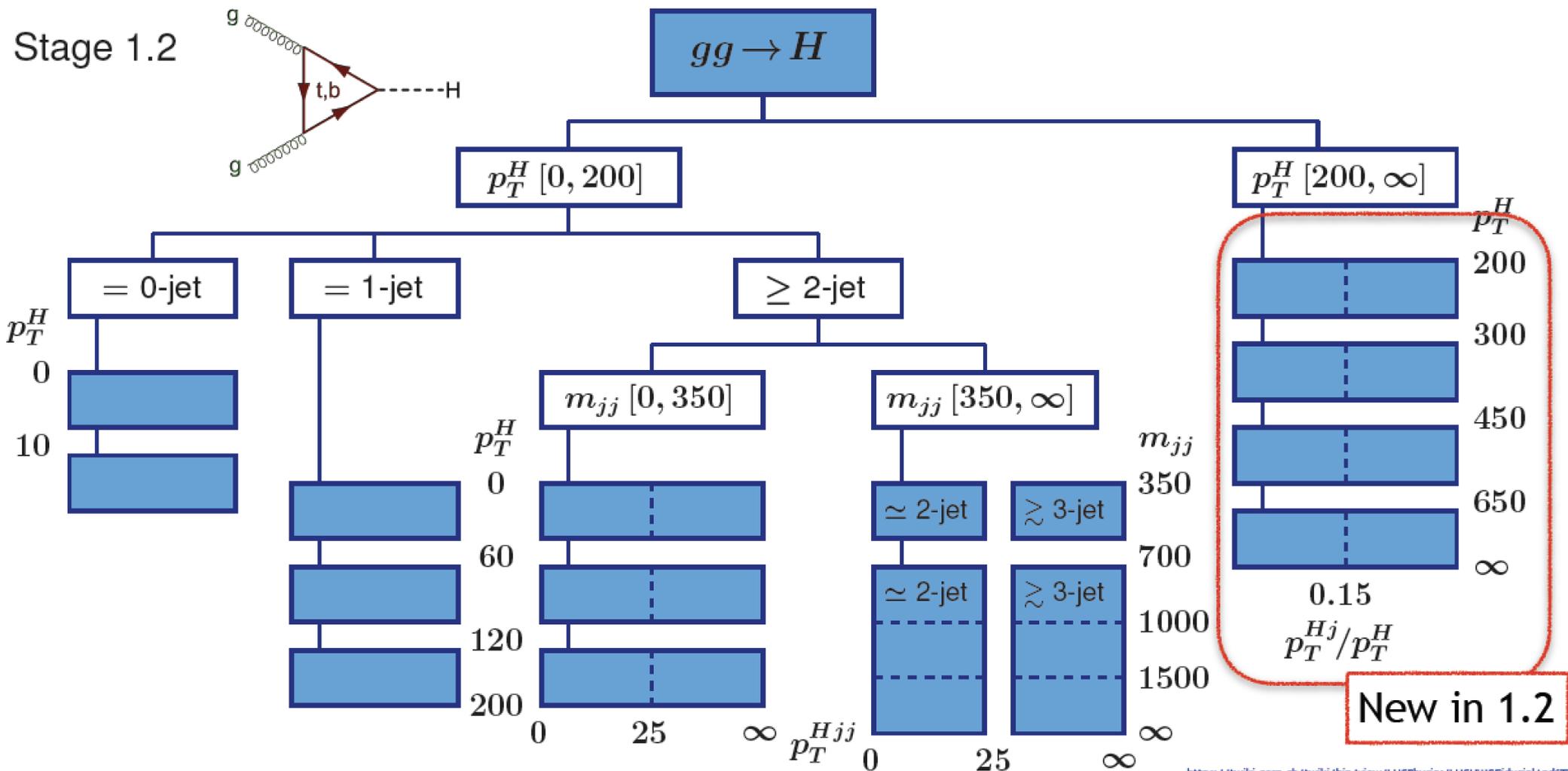
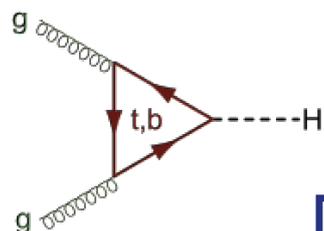


- $\mu(\text{VBF}) = 0.95^{+0.32}_{-0.32} \text{ (stat)} \text{ } ^{+0.20}_{-0.17} \text{ (syst)} \rightarrow 2.6\sigma \text{ significance}$
- Good compatibility with SM expectation

Combination with VBF+ γ [aXiv:2010.13651] $\rightarrow \mu(\text{VBF}) = 0.99^{+0.30}_{-0.30} \text{ (stat)} \text{ } ^{+0.18}_{-0.16} \text{ (syst)} \rightarrow 2.9\sigma \text{ significance}$

Process	Generator	Showering	PDF set	Order of σ calculation
ggF	NNLOPS	PYTHIA 8	PDF4LHC15	$N^3LO(QCD)+NLO(EW)$
VBF	POWHEG-BOX	PYTHIA 8	PDF4LHC15	approximate- $NNLO(QCD)+NLO(EW)$
WH	POWHEG-BOX	PYTHIA 8	PDF4LHC15	$NNLO(QCD)+NLO(EW)$
$qq/qg \rightarrow ZH$	POWHEG-BOX	PYTHIA 8	PDF4LHC15	$NNLO(QCD)+NLO(EW)$
$gg \rightarrow ZH$	POWHEG-BOX	PYTHIA 8	PDF4LHC15	$NLO(QCD)$
$t\bar{t}H$	POWHEG-BOX	PYTHIA 8	PDF4LHC15	$NLO(QCD)+NLO(EW)$
$b\bar{b}H$	POWHEG-BOX	PYTHIA 8	PDF4LHC15	$NNLO(QCD)$
$tHqb$	MG5_AMC@NLO	PYTHIA 8	NNPDF3.0nnlo	$NLO(QCD)$
tWH	MG5_AMC@NLO	PYTHIA 8	NNPDF3.0nnlo	$NLO(QCD)$

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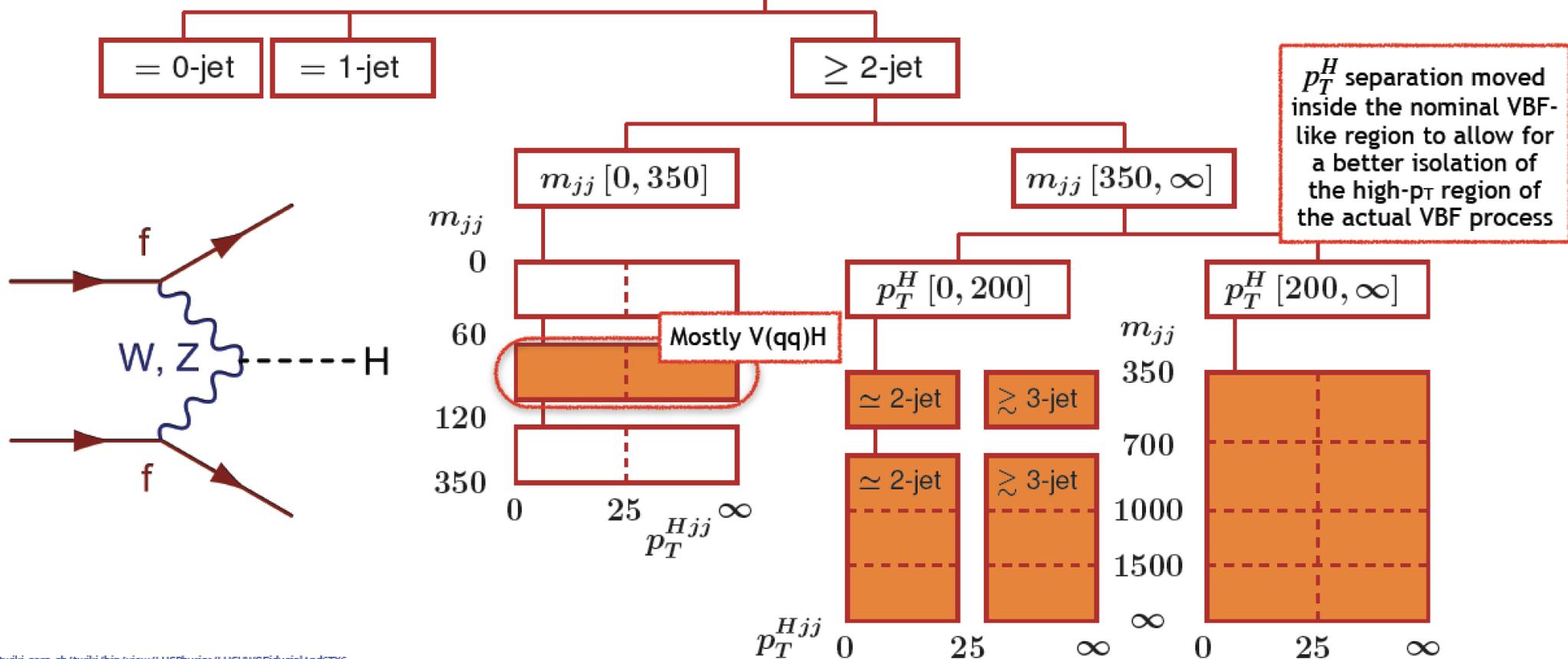


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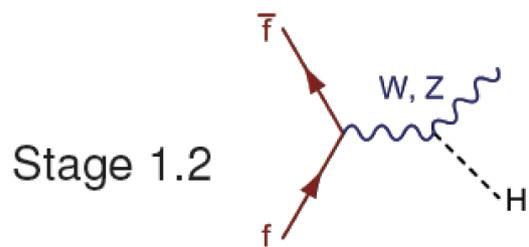
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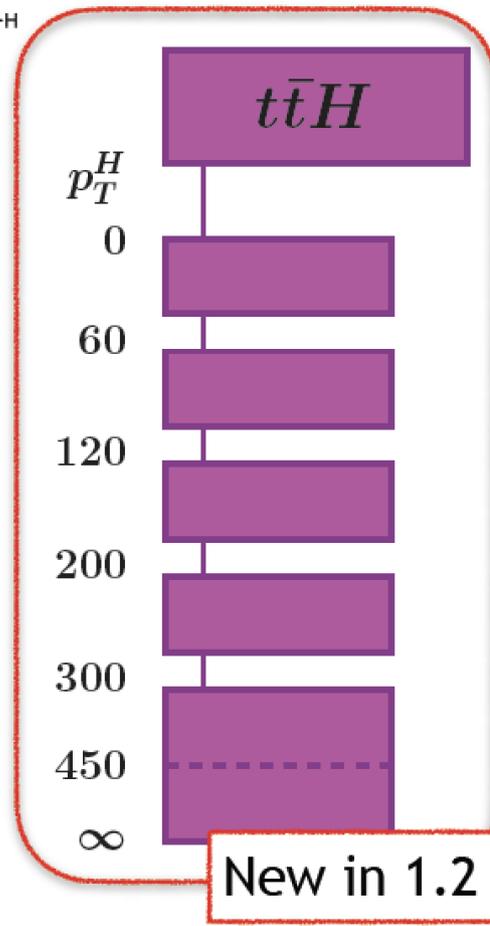
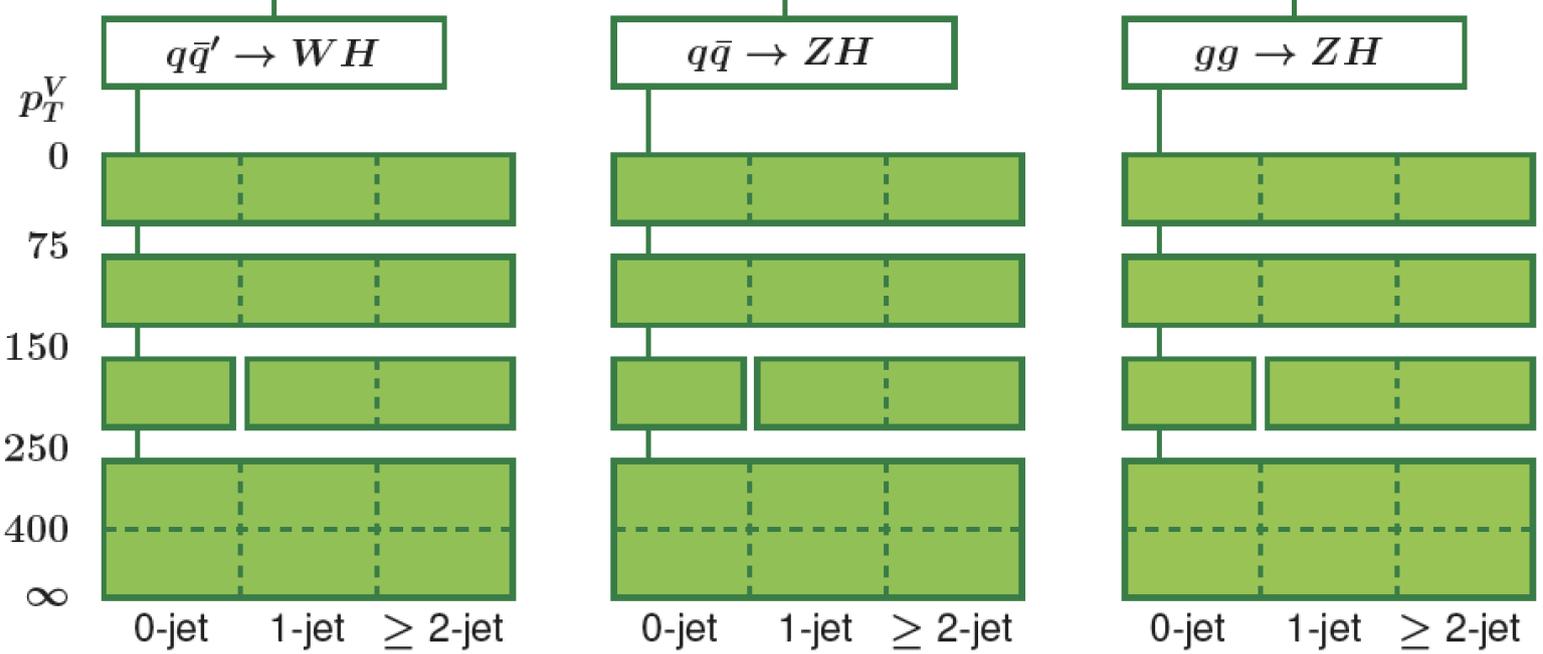
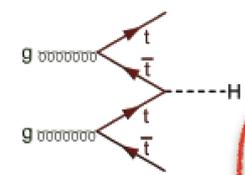
$$\text{EW } qqH = \text{VBF} + V(\rightarrow qq)H$$



<https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/LHCPhysics/LHCW9FiducialAndSTXS>



$$VH = V(\rightarrow \text{leptons})H$$



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Is the top-Higgs coupling a pure scalar interaction ?

$J^{CP} = 0^{++}$?

No deviations found in CP properties of the Higgs couplings to gauge bosons

Caveat: in those, CP-odd contributions enter only via higher-order operators

NEW: pseudoscalar admixture directly tested in top-Higgs interaction using ttH/tH events with $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

$$\mathcal{L}_t = -\frac{m_t}{v} (\kappa_t \bar{t}t + i\tilde{\kappa}_t \bar{t}\gamma_5 t) H$$

SM: $(\kappa_t, \tilde{\kappa}_t) = (1, 0)$ $\kappa_t = k_t \cos \alpha$
 $\tilde{\kappa}_t = k_t \sin \alpha$



1D fit: CP mixing angle α

2D fit: $k_t \cos \alpha$ vs $k_t \sin \alpha$



1D fit: $f_{CP}^{Htt} = \frac{|\tilde{\kappa}_t|^2}{|\kappa_t|^2 + |\tilde{\kappa}_t|^2} \text{sign}(\tilde{\kappa}_t/\kappa_t)$

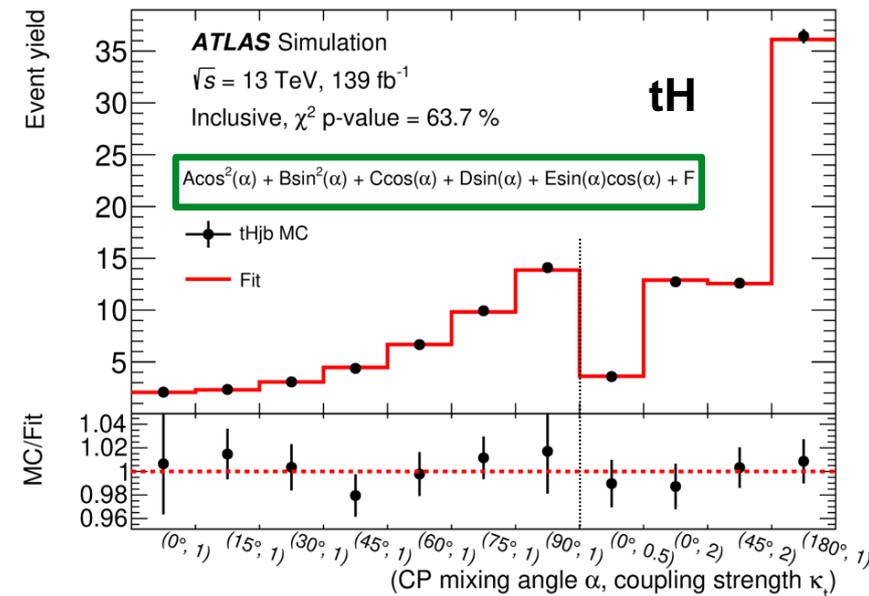
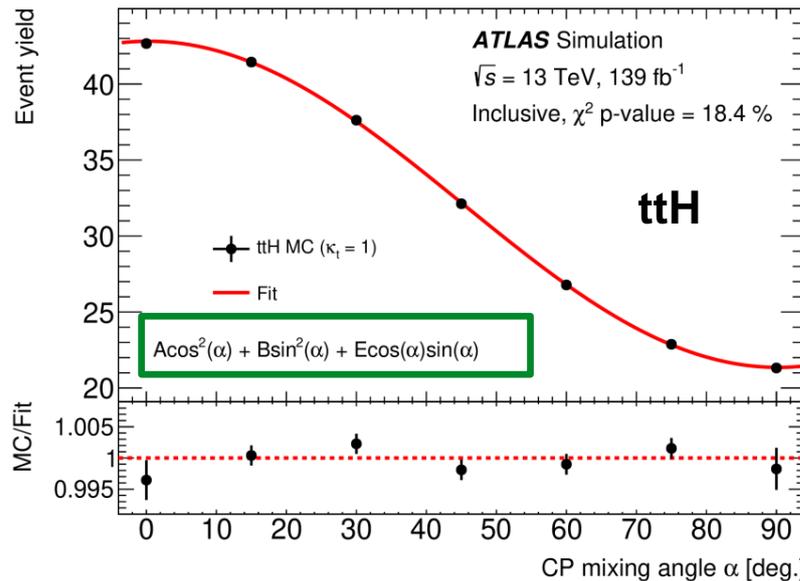
Signal parametrisation

Models used

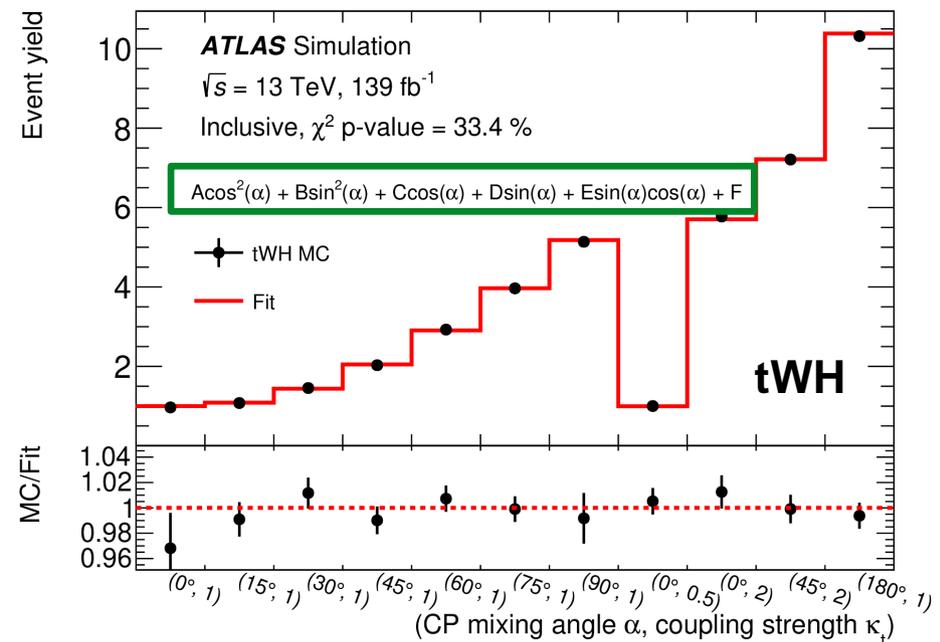
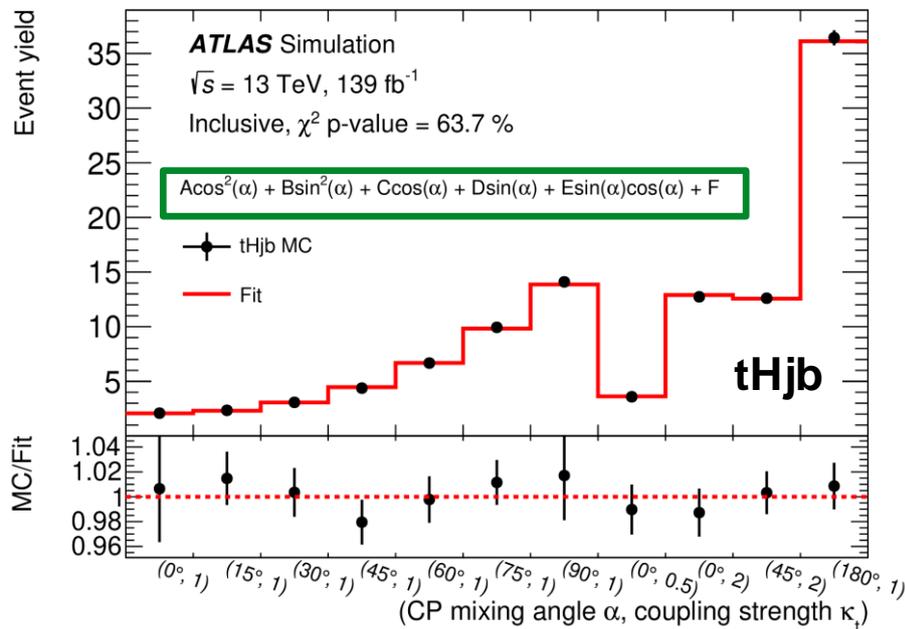
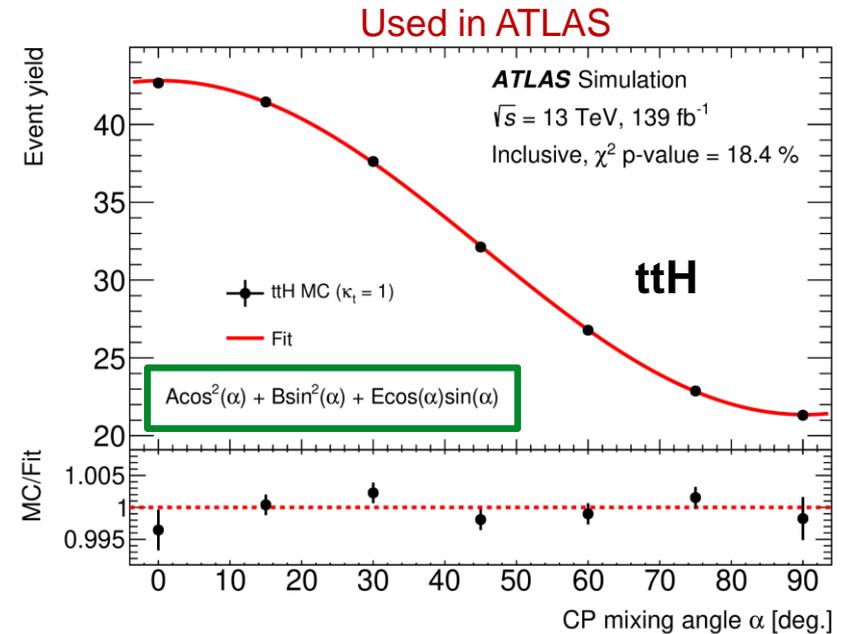
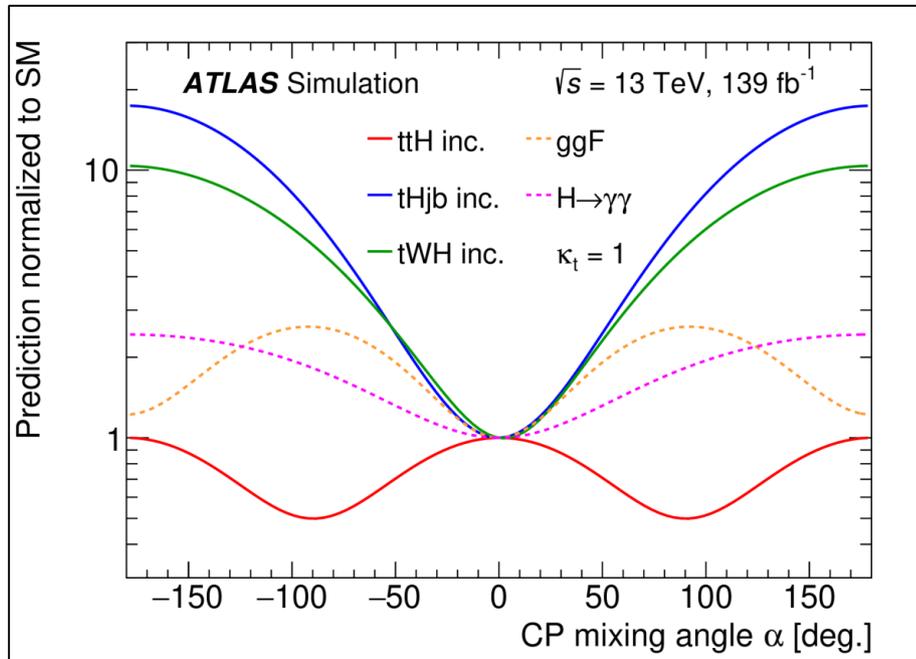
ATLAS:
 ttH, tHjb & tWH @NLO
 Higgs Characterisation

CMS:
 ttH @LO
 JHUGEN with MELA

signal yields parametrised as function of (k_t, α) or $(\mu_{ttH}, f_{CP}^{Htt})$ CP parameters



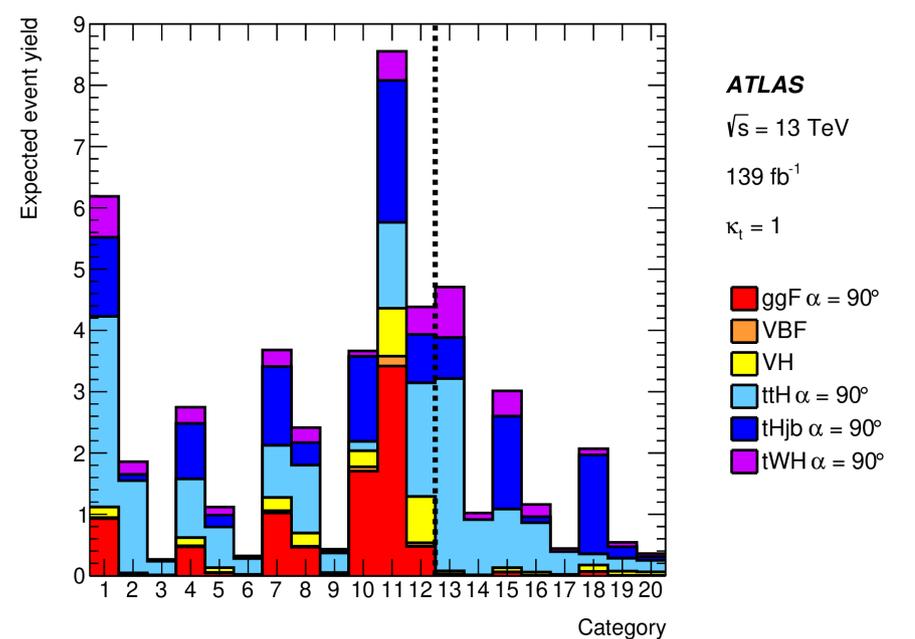
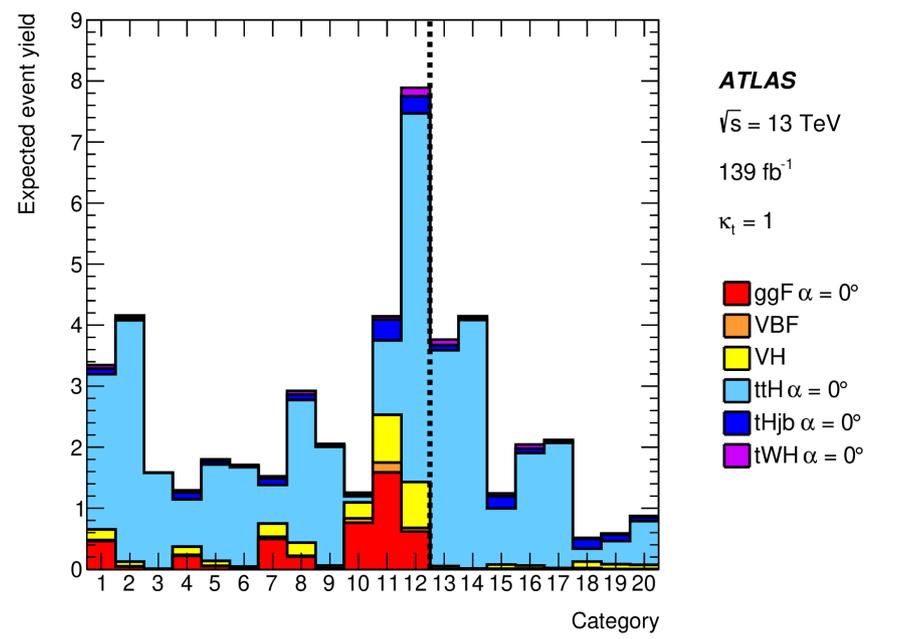
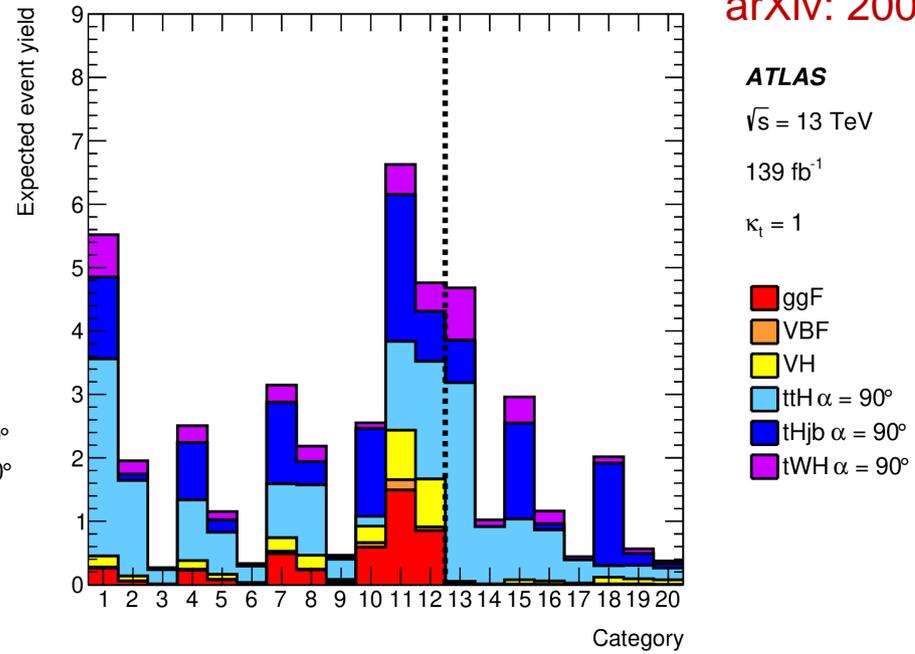
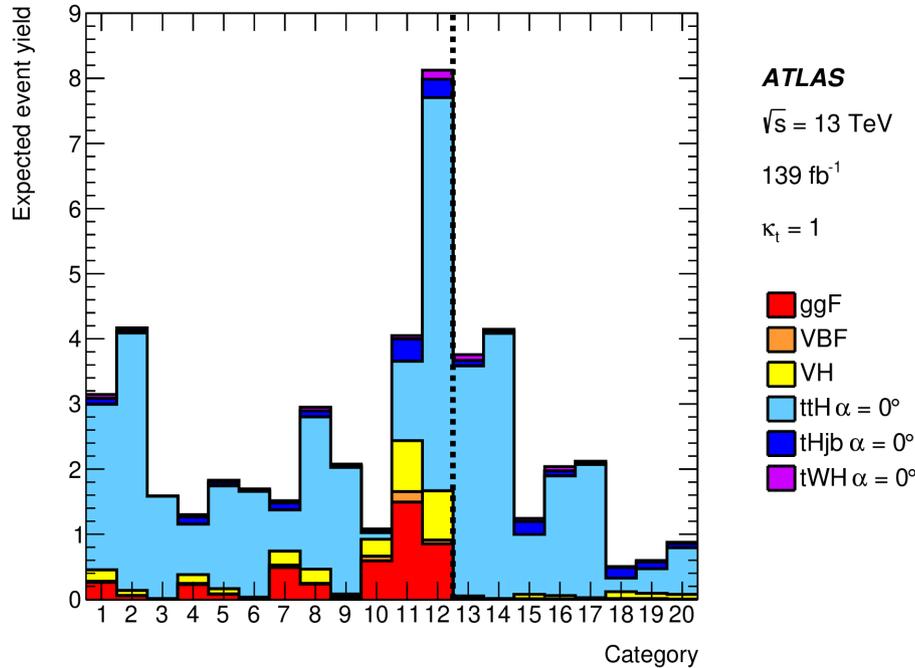
CP properties of the top-Higgs Yukawa coupling ($ttH/tH, H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$)



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arXiv: 2004.04545

Yields parametrised (κ_t, α)
based on Higgs Characterisation model



CMS

$$\mathcal{A}(\text{Htt}) = -\frac{m_t}{v} \bar{\psi}_t \left(\underbrace{\kappa_t}_{\text{red}} + i \underbrace{\tilde{\kappa}_t}_{\text{blue}} \gamma_5 \right) \psi_t$$

ATLAS

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{\sqrt{2}m_t}{v} (\bar{\psi}_t \kappa_t (\cos(\alpha) + i \sin(\alpha) \gamma_5) \psi_t) H$$

CMS

$$\kappa_t$$

$$\Leftrightarrow$$

ATLAS

$$\kappa_t \cos \alpha$$

$$\tilde{\kappa}_t$$

$$\Leftrightarrow$$

$$\kappa_t \sin \alpha$$

$$\kappa_t > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow$$

$$-90^\circ < \alpha < 90^\circ$$

$$|f_{\text{CP}}^{\text{Htt}}| = \frac{|\tilde{\kappa}_t|^2}{|\tilde{\kappa}_t|^2 + |\kappa_t|^2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow$$

$$\sin^2 \alpha$$

$$\mu_{\text{ttH}}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow$$

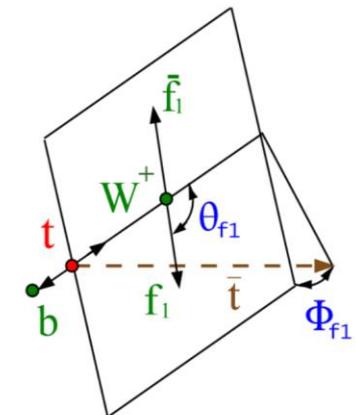
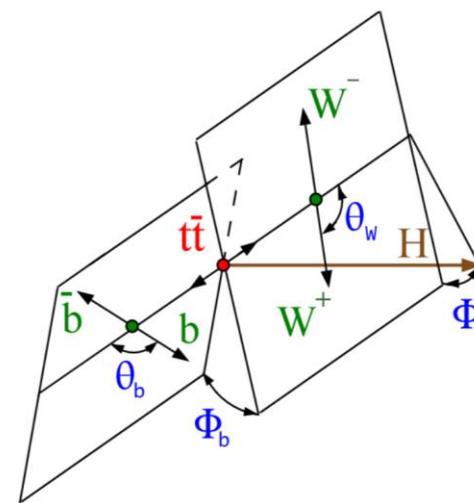
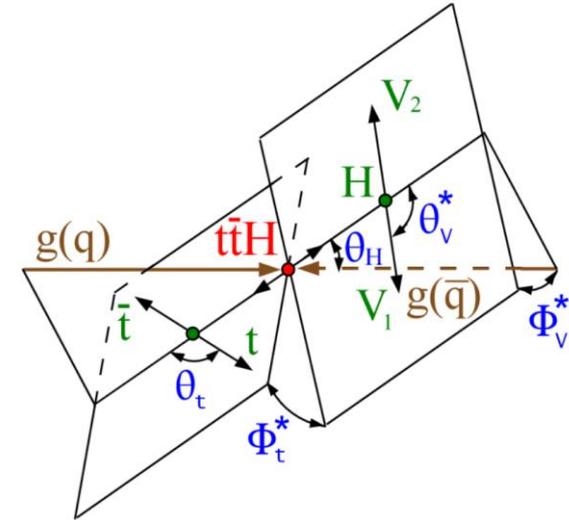
$$\kappa_t^2$$

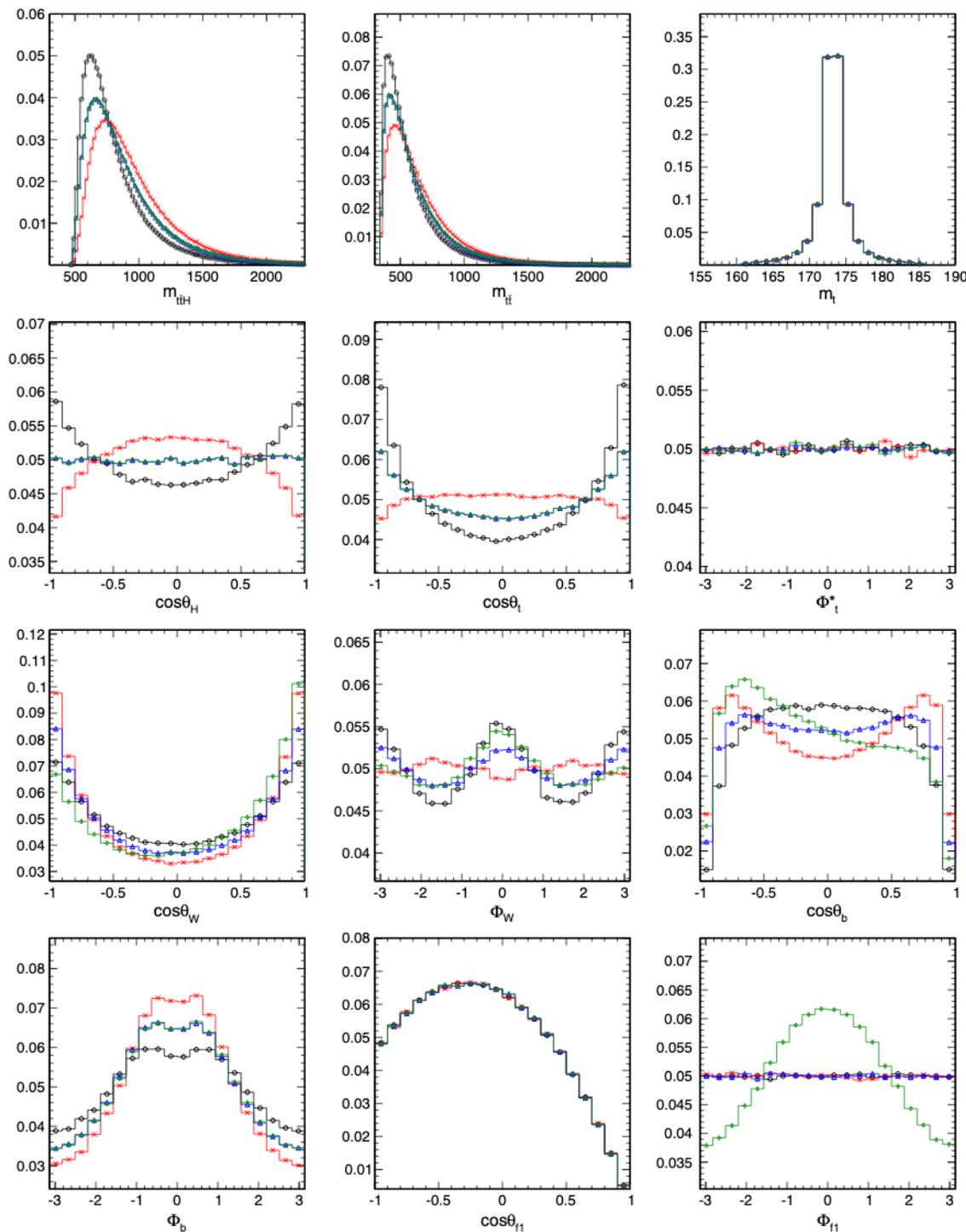
What is the impact of restricting $\kappa_t \cos \alpha > 0$?

CP properties of the top-Higgs Yukawa coupling ($t\bar{t}H/tH, H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$)

Pheno paper PRD94,055023 (2016)

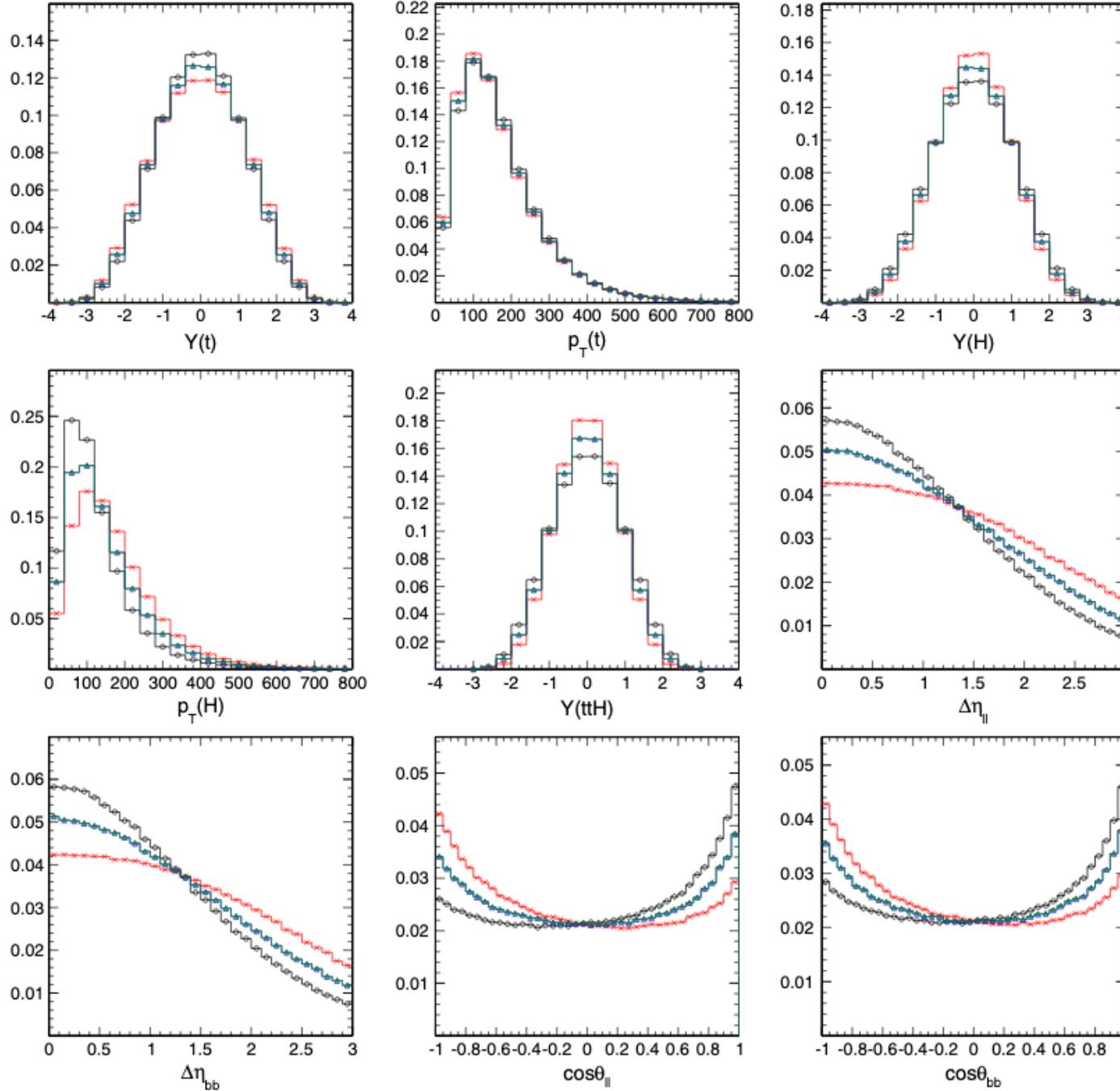
- (i) $m_{t\bar{t}H}$: invariant mass of the $t\bar{t}H$ system;
- (ii) θ_H : angle between the H boson direction and the incoming partons in the $t\bar{t}H$ frame;
- (iii) θ_V^* : angle of the $H \rightarrow VV(f\bar{f})$ decay with respect to the opposite $t\bar{t}$ direction in the H frame;
- (iv) Φ_V^* : angle between the production plane, defined by incoming partons and H , and $H \rightarrow VV(f\bar{f})$ decay plane;
- (v) θ_t : angle between the top-quark direction and the opposite Higgs direction in the $t\bar{t}$ frame;
- (vi) Φ_t^* : angle between the decay planes of the $t\bar{t}$ system and $H \rightarrow VV(f\bar{f})$ in the $t\bar{t}H$ frame;
- (vii) $m_{t\bar{t}}$: invariant mass of the $t\bar{t}$ system;
- (viii) θ_W : angle between W^+ and opposite of the $b\bar{b}$ system in the W^+W^- frame;
- (ix) Φ_W : angle between the production $(b\bar{b})(W^+W^-)H$ plane and the plane of the W^+W^- system in the $t\bar{t}$ frame;
- (x) θ_b : angle between the b quark and opposite of the W^+W^- system in the $b\bar{b}$ frame;
- (xi) Φ_b : angle between the planes of the $b\bar{b}$ and W^+W^- systems in the $t\bar{t}$ frame;
- (xii) m_{Wb1} or m_{Wb2} : invariant mass of the W^+b or $W^-\bar{b}$ system;
- (xiii) θ_{f1} or θ_{f2} : angles between fermion direction and opposite of the b or \bar{b} quark in the W^+ or W^- frame;
- (xiv) Φ_{f1} or Φ_{f2} : angle between the W^+ or W^- decay plane and the $\bar{t}W^+b$ or $tW^-\bar{b}$ plane in the t or \bar{t} -quark frame;
- (xv) $m_{f1\bar{f}1}$ or $m_{f2\bar{f}2}$: invariant mass of the $f_1\bar{f}_1$ or $f_2\bar{f}_2$ system.





CP-even
 CP-odd
 Mixture with $\phi_{CP}=0$
 Mixture with $\phi_{CP}=90$ degrees

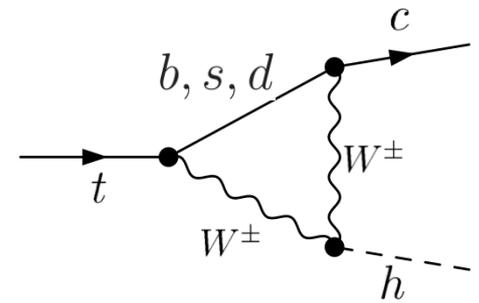
FIG. 5. The normalized angular and mass distributions in the process $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}H$ corresponding to four scenarios of anomalous $t\bar{t}H$ couplings: $f_{CP} = 0$ (SM 0^+ , red crosses), $f_{CP} = 1$ (pseudoscalar 0^- , black circles), $f_{CP} = 0.28$ with $\phi_{CP} = 0$ (blue triangles), and $\phi_{CP} = \pi/2$ (green diamonds). The LHC pp energy of 13 TeV and H boson mass of 125 GeV are used in simulation. See the text for the definition of all observables.



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FIG. 14. The kinematic distributions in the process gg and $q\bar{q} \rightarrow t\bar{t}H$ defined in the laboratory frame: top-quark rapidity $[Y(t)]$, transverse momentum of the top quark $[p_T(t)]$, H boson rapidity $[Y(H)]$, transverse momentum of the H boson $[p_T(H)]$, $t\bar{t}H$ system rapidity $[Y(t\bar{t}H)]$, pseudorapidity difference between the two down-type fermions decayed from top and antitop ($\Delta\eta_{ll}$) and between two bottom quarks ($\Delta\eta_{bb}$), $\cos\theta_{ll}$ between the two down-type fermions, and $\cos\theta_{bb}$ between the two bottom quarks. Four scenarios of anomalous $t\bar{t}H$ couplings are shown: $f_{CP} = 0$ (SM 0^+ , black circles), $f_{CP} = 1$ (pseudoscalar 0^- , red crosses), $f_{CP} = 0.28$ with $\phi_{CP} = 0$ (blue triangles), and $\phi_{CP} = \pi/2$ (green diamonds). The LHC pp energy of 13 TeV and H boson mass of 125 GeV are used in simulation.

Flavour changing neutral currents

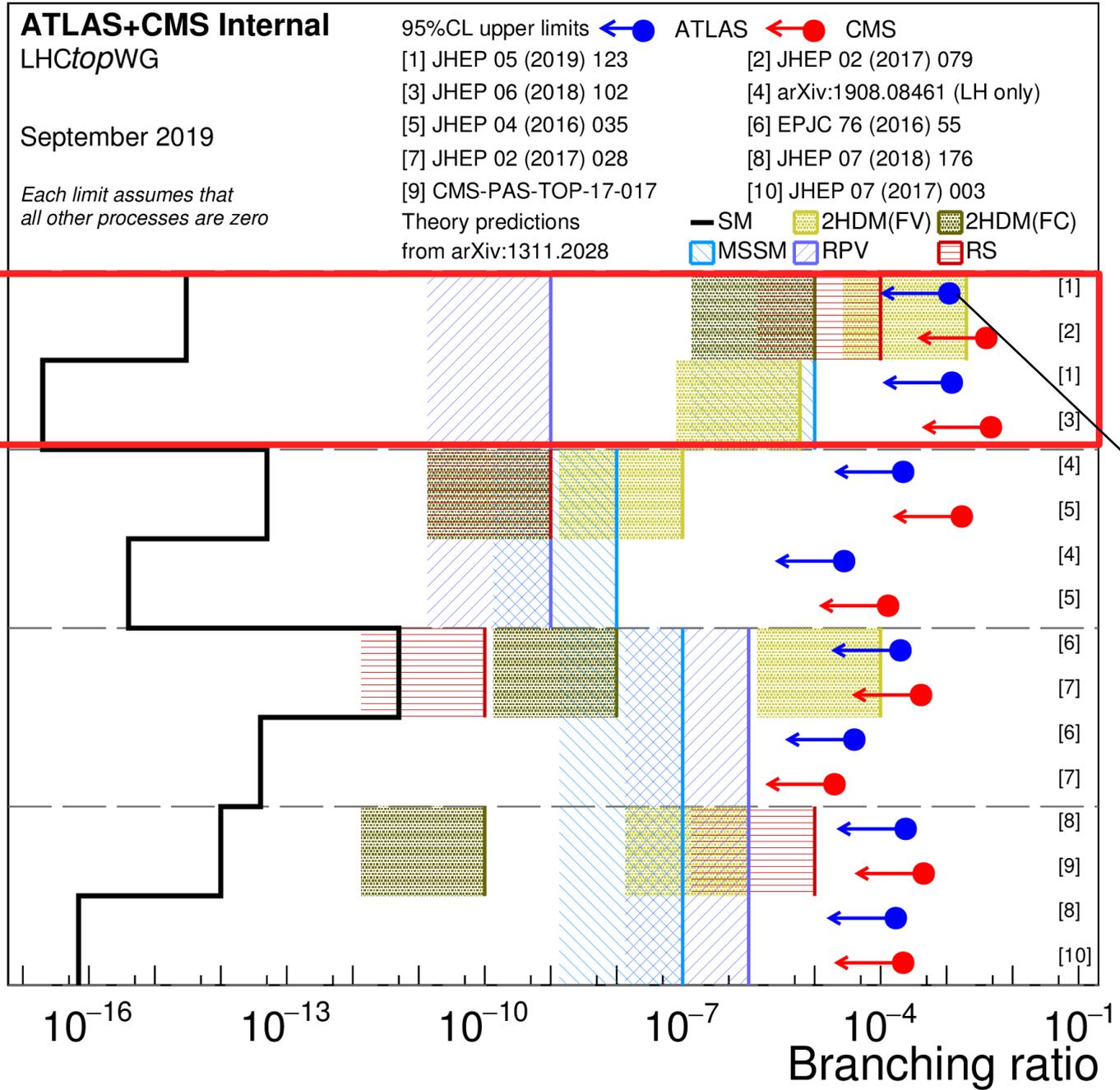


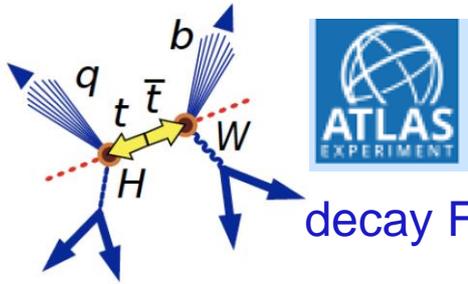
Flavour changing top-Higgs interactions?

starting to exclude some 2HDM models without flavour symmetry imposed...

Using 36 fb^{-1} :
 $\text{BR}(t \rightarrow Hq) < 10^{-3}$

HL-LHC projections: $< 10^{-4}$





decay FCNC

$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

- limited by data statistics
- main syst. unc.: JES, theory modelling

$H \rightarrow WW^*, (\tau\tau, ZZ^*)$

- SS and 3l (e or μ) final states
- reinterpretation of $t\bar{t}H(ML)$ analysis
- MVA technique (inputs: m_{eff} , m_{\parallel})

$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ ($\tau_{\text{had}}\tau_{\text{had}}, \tau_{\text{lep}}\tau_{\text{had}}$)

- 4 SRs based on # $\tau_{\text{had}}, \tau_{\text{lep}}$, jets
- event reco. (χ^2 minimisation)
- MVA technique (inputs: $m_{\tau\tau}$, $p_{T,\tau}$)

$H \rightarrow bb$

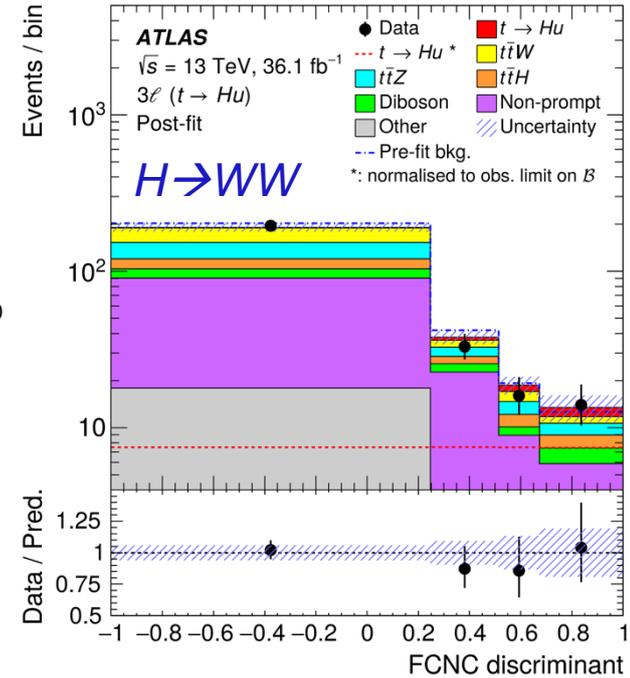
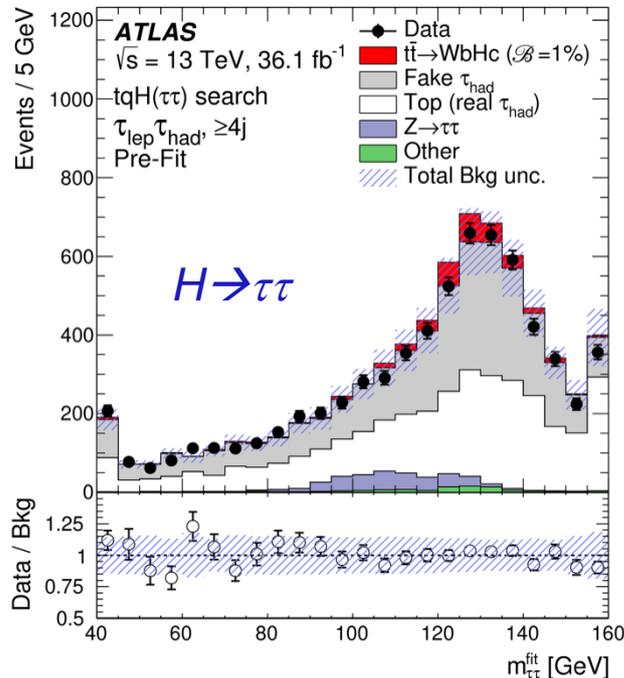
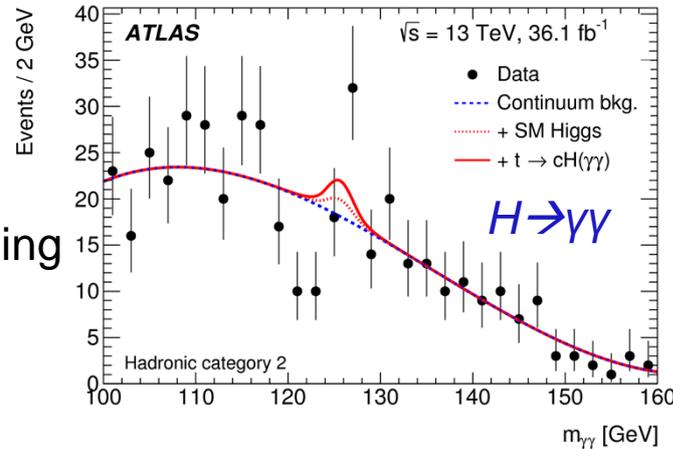
- several regions ($N_{\text{jets}}, N_{\text{b-tags}}$)
- likelihood discriminant

→ *Combination of the 4 channels*

$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$: [JHEP 10 \(2017\) 129](#)

$H \rightarrow WW^*, \tau\tau, ZZ^*$: [PRD 98 \(2018\) 032002](#)

$H \rightarrow bb, \tau\tau$ & full combination: [arXiv: 1812.11568](#) (subm. JHEP)



$\text{BR}(t \rightarrow uH) < 12 \times 10^{-4}$ (8.3×10^{-4})
 $\text{BR}(t \rightarrow cH) < 11 \times 10^{-4}$ (8.3×10^{-4})

$|\lambda_{tuH}| < 0.066$ (0.055)

$|\lambda_{tcH}| < 0.064$ (0.055)

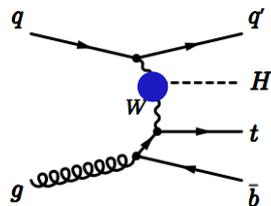
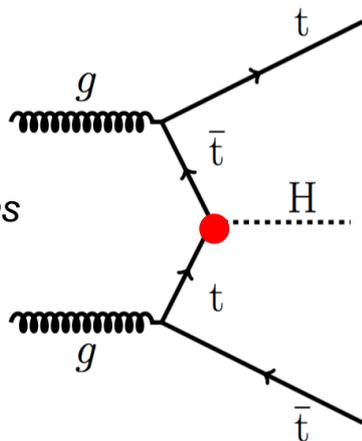
How to access the top quark Yukawa?

Directly

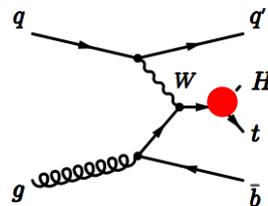
ttH ~500 fb (1% Higgs)

tH ~100 fb (0.2% Higgs)

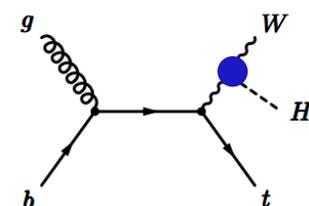
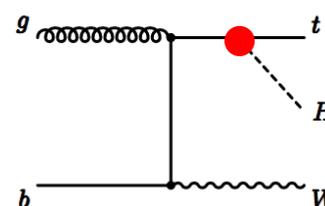
Cross-sections at 13 TeV pp collisions



$tHqb$ ~70 fb



tHW ~20 fb



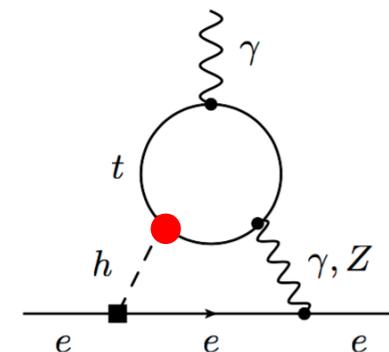
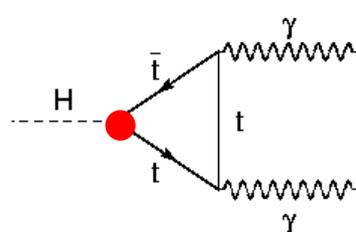
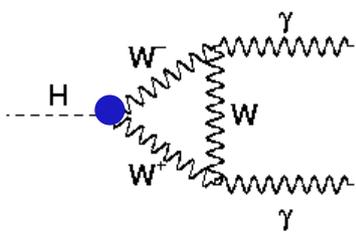
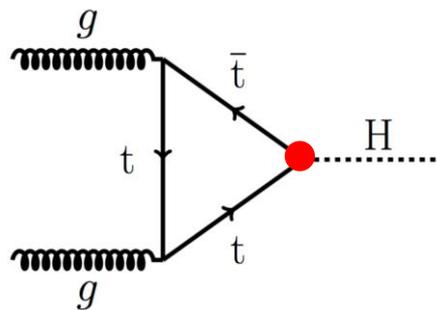
- sensitive to the sign of κ_t
- suppressed in SM by destructive interference $\kappa_t \kappa_V < 0$

Indirectly

ggH

$H \rightarrow \chi\chi$

Electron EDM ~~CP~~



Caveat: new particles could contribute to the loops !

Also other processes like HZ in gluon fusion, HH , 4-tops and $t\bar{t}$.
Even flavour violating couplings ($t \rightarrow Hq$ FCNC)...

Several connections between the top and the Higgs

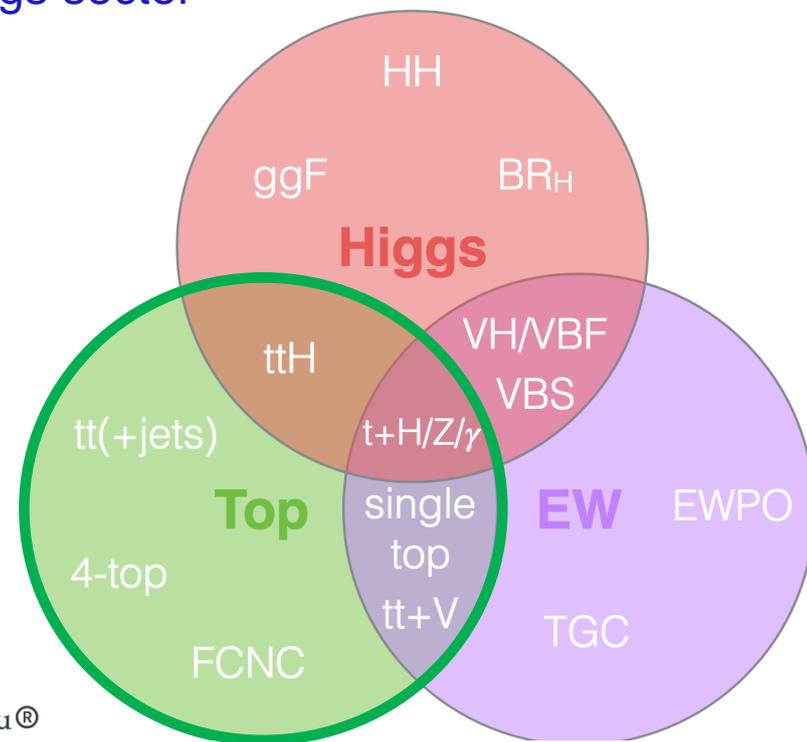
→ Improve SM measurements:

- Effect of top coupling on rates of associated production of Higgs with top(s)
- Various ways top processes (without Higgs bosons) affect Higgs physics
- Effect of top loops on Higgs couplings
- Effect of top loops on m_Z , m_W , m_H
- Effect of top loops on production rates of multi-Higgs

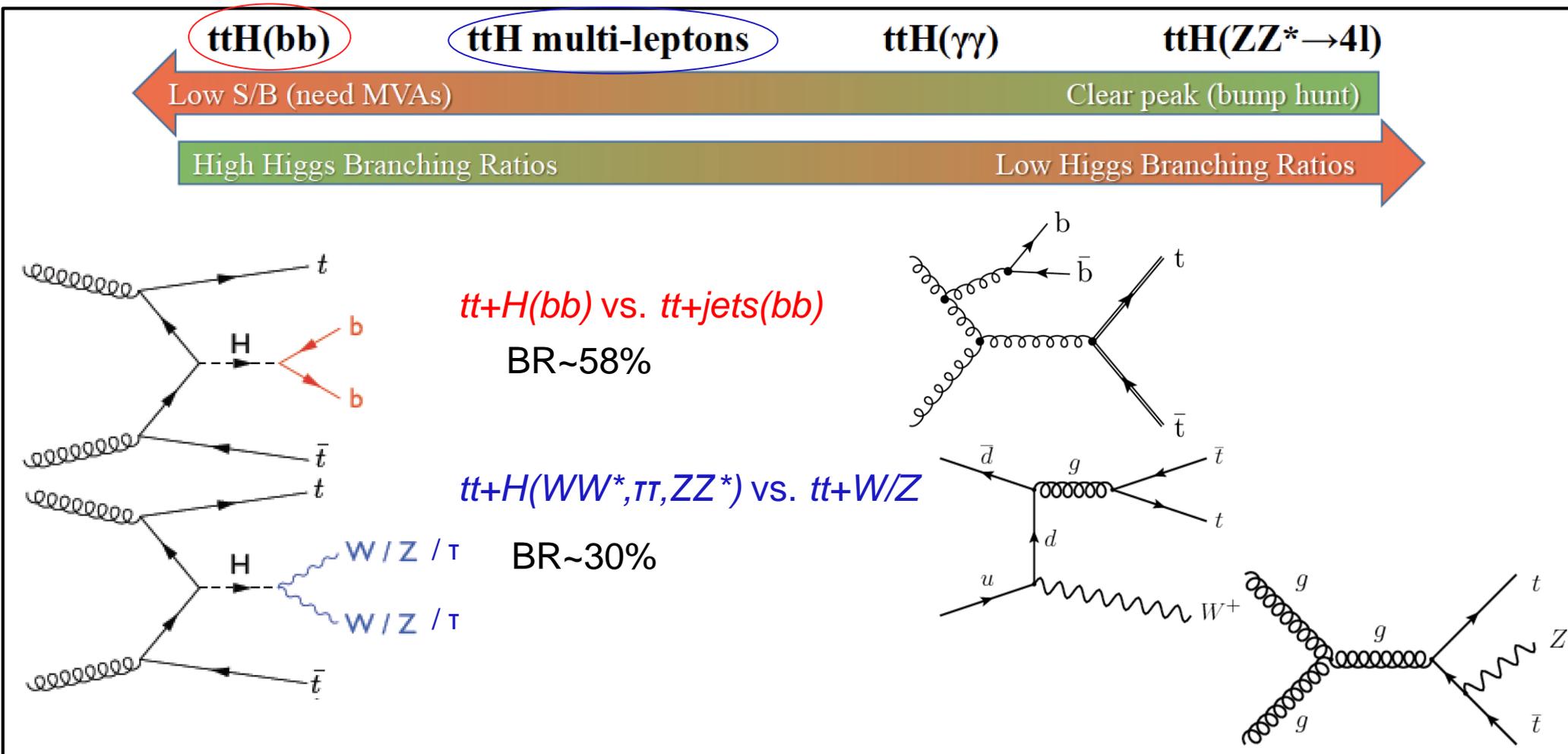
→ BSM searches for new particles or interactions:

- Probing extensions of the Higgs sector (H^\pm , A , etc.) with top quarks in their decays
- Flavour changing neutral currents (FCNC) in top-Higgs sector
- CP violation in Higgs-top interactions

→ Completely new (unknown) physics...



Challenging and overwhelming backgrounds



Difficult to distinguish individual $tt+X$ processes ...

Jet (b-jet) multiplicity for final states with **1 ℓ**

<u>tt+bb</u> : 6j (4b)	} exploit matrix elements, m_{bb} , $dR_{bb, \dots}$ [$g \rightarrow bb$]
<u>ttH(bb)</u> : 6j (4b)	
<u>tttt</u> : 10j (4b)	

with **2 ℓ SS**

<u>ttW</u> : 4j (2b)	} N_{jets} , leptons charge, ...
<u>ttH(WW)</u> : 6j (2b)	
<u>tttt</u> : 8j (4b)	