

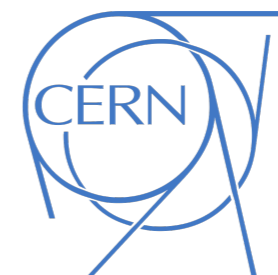
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Measurements of the Higgs boson properties and their interpretations with the ATLAS experiment

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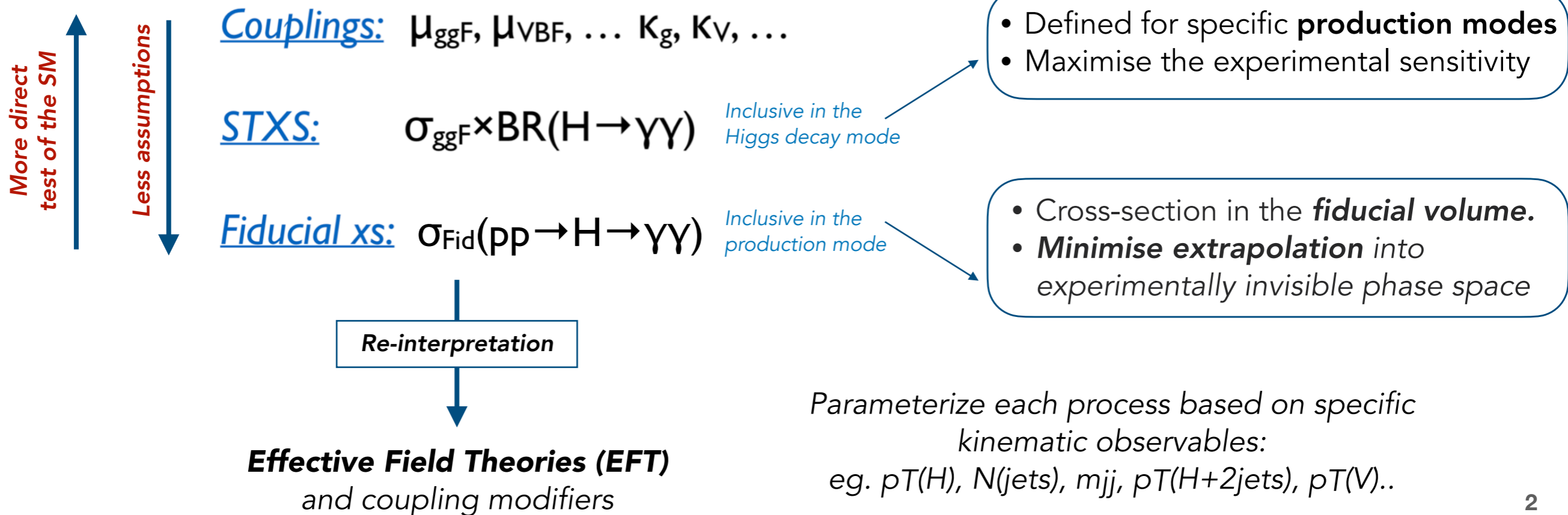
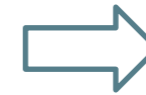
What's next in the Higgs sector ?

We entered a new era for the Higgs sector:

After the discovery, the focus shifted towards the **measurement of its properties**

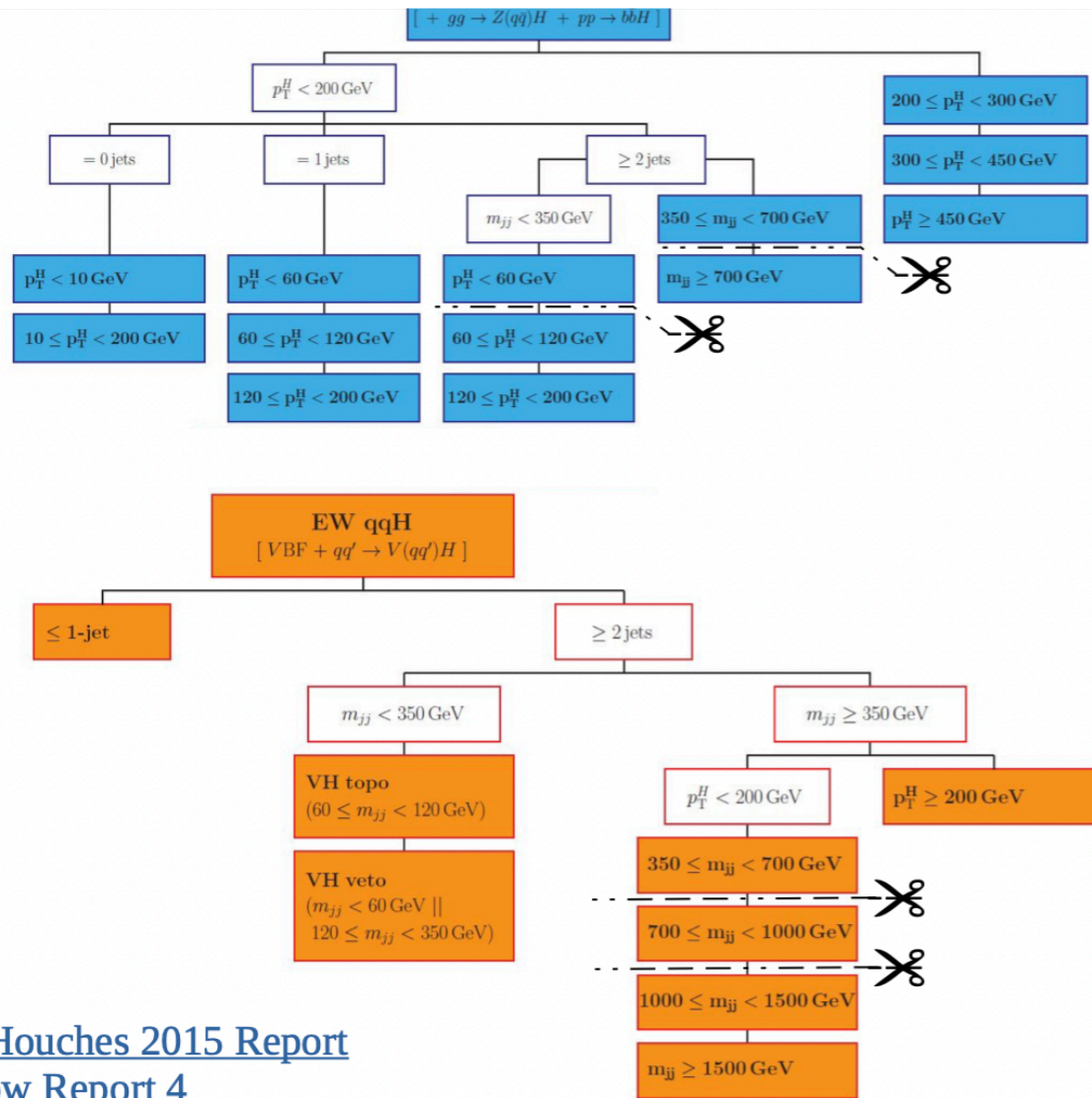
Is this "the Higgs"?

"precise" Higgs measurements → search for deviations from the SM in **differential cross-section** measurements.

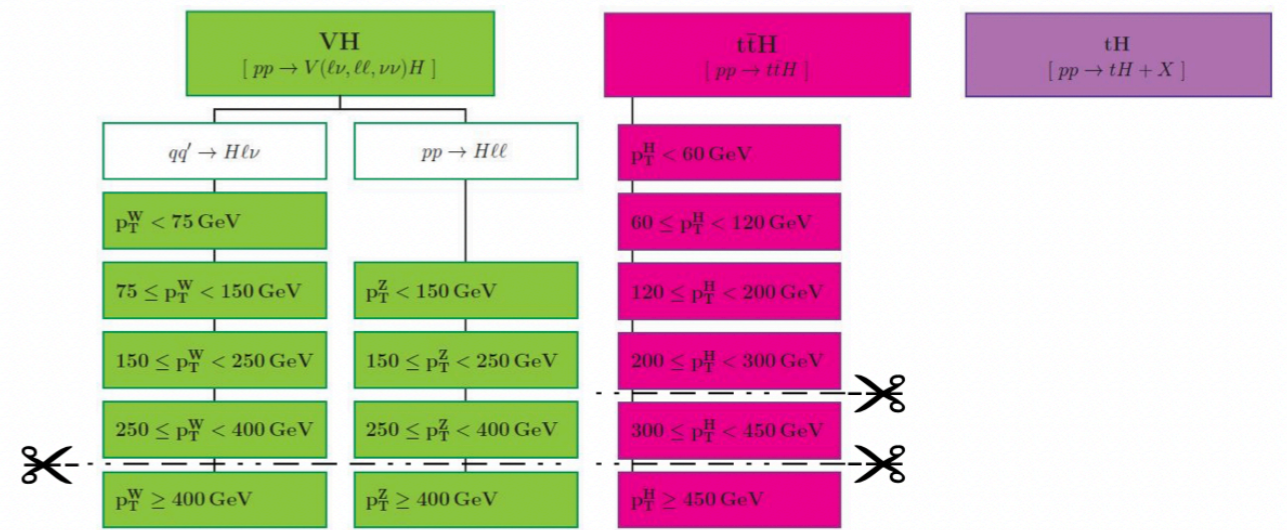


Probing the Higgs boson phase space:

Increased "resolution" to BSM effects:
41 STXS bins in total



From H. Arnold @ Higgs2021 [Link]



✂ = newly introduced splits

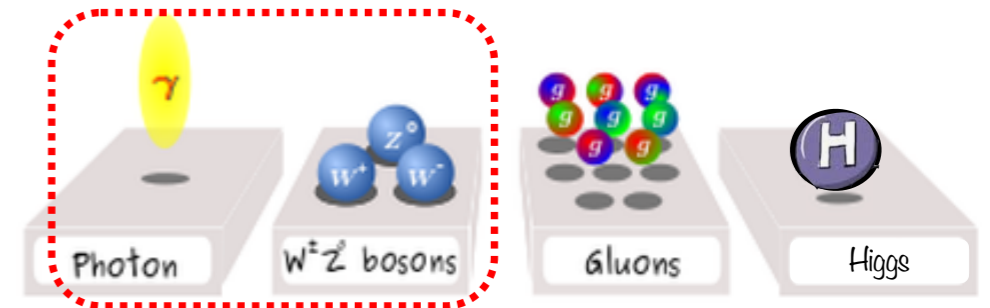
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$H \rightarrow Z\gamma$	ggF, VBF, VH, ttH	139
$H \rightarrow \text{inv}$	VBF	139

[Les Houches 2015 Report Yellow Report 4](#)

Global Higgs coupling fits → get constraints from all Higgs analyses in a single fit

Boson Decays

Higgs decays into photons and vector bosons



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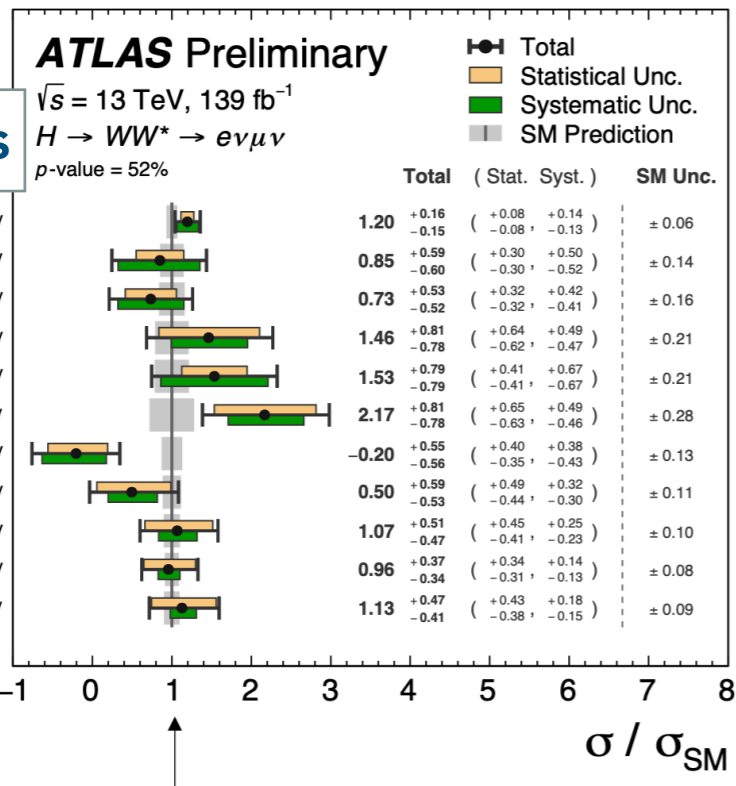
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BR
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$H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow \ell\nu\ell\nu$: ATLAS-CONF-2021-014

11 STXS bins



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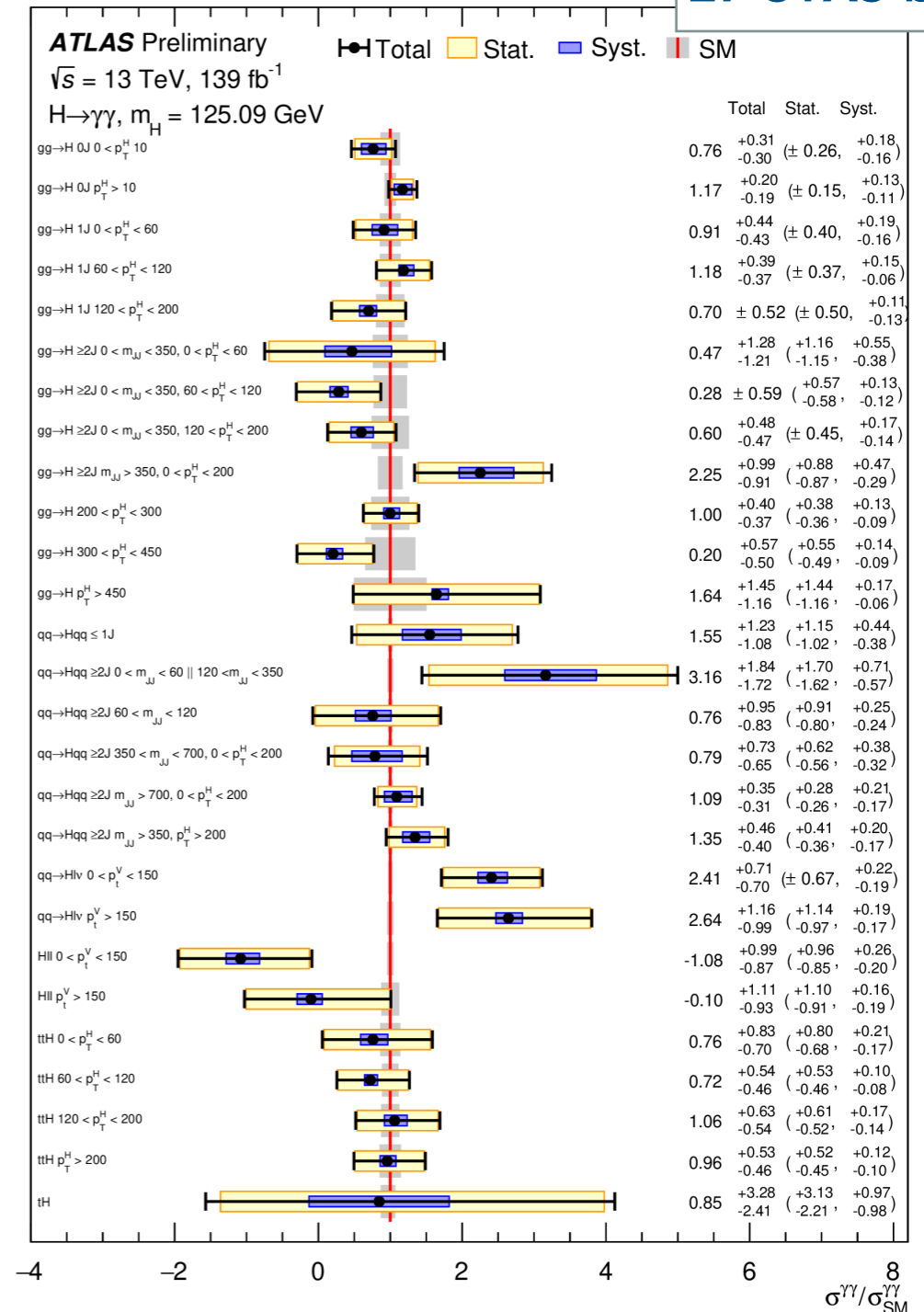
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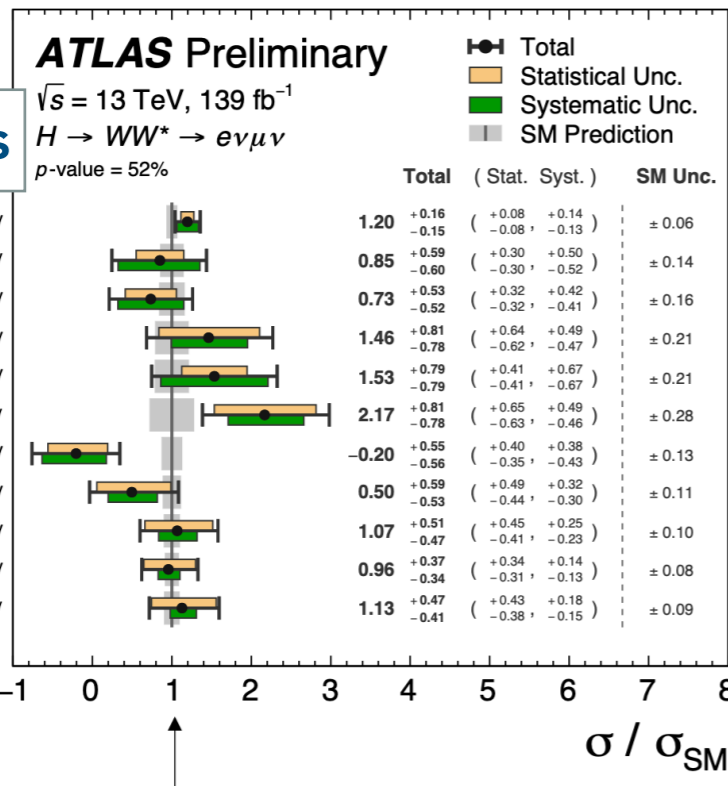
$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$: ATLAS-CONF-2020-026

27 STXS bins



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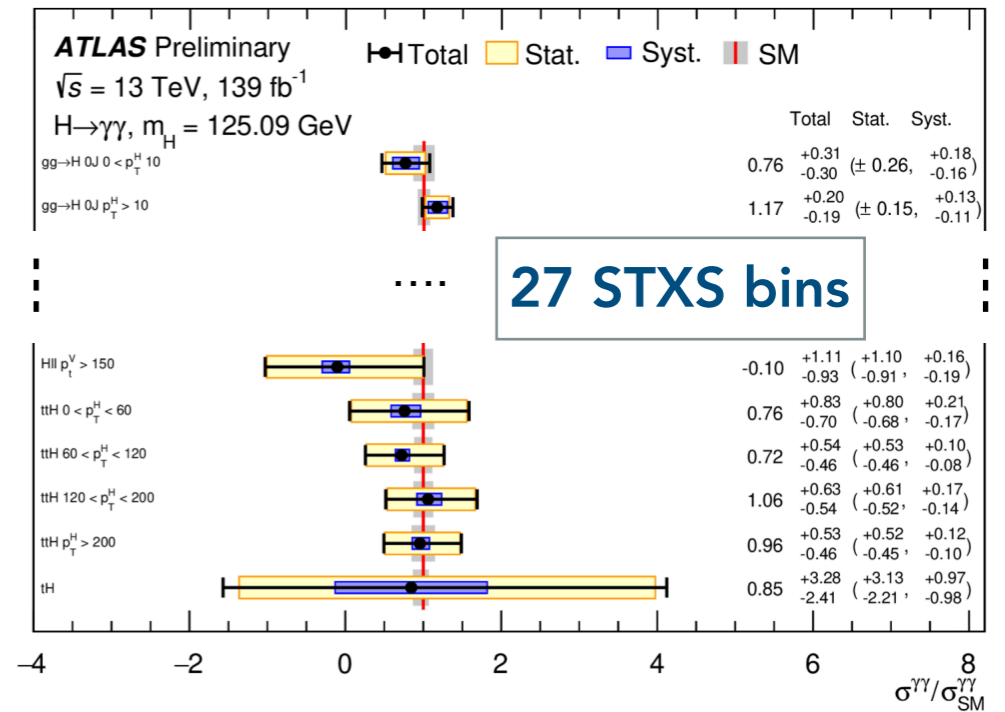
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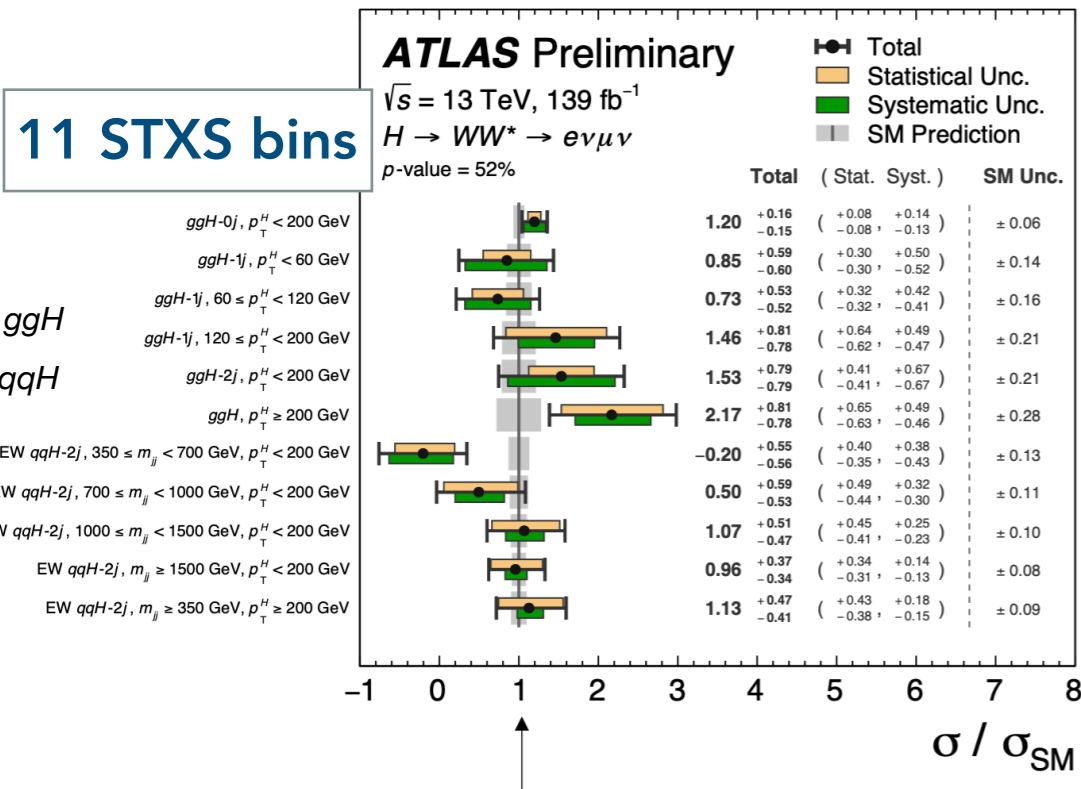
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- $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4\ell$: Lowest BR but very clean final state.
 - Main bkg: ZZ^* , from data+simulation

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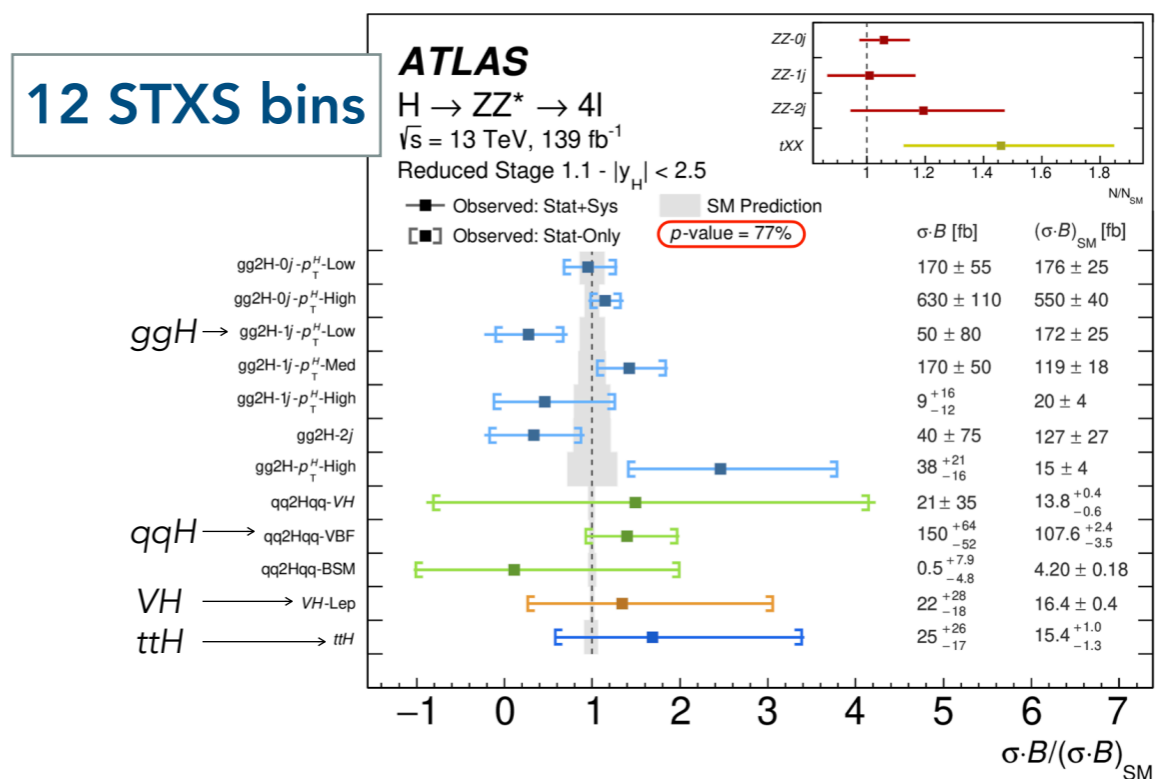
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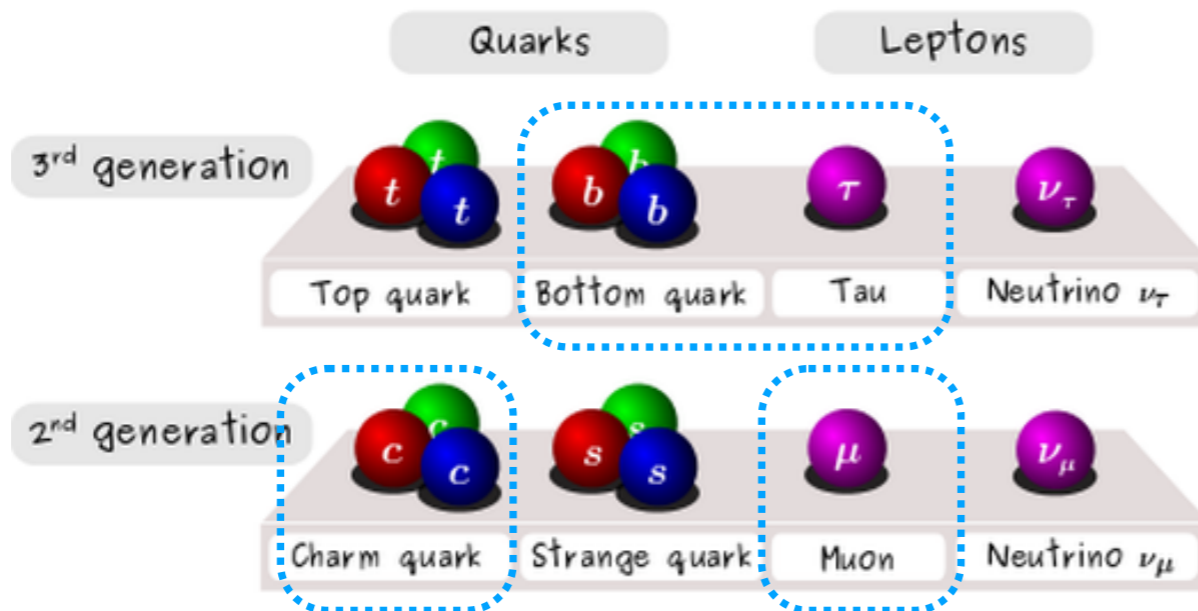
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Coupling to Fermions



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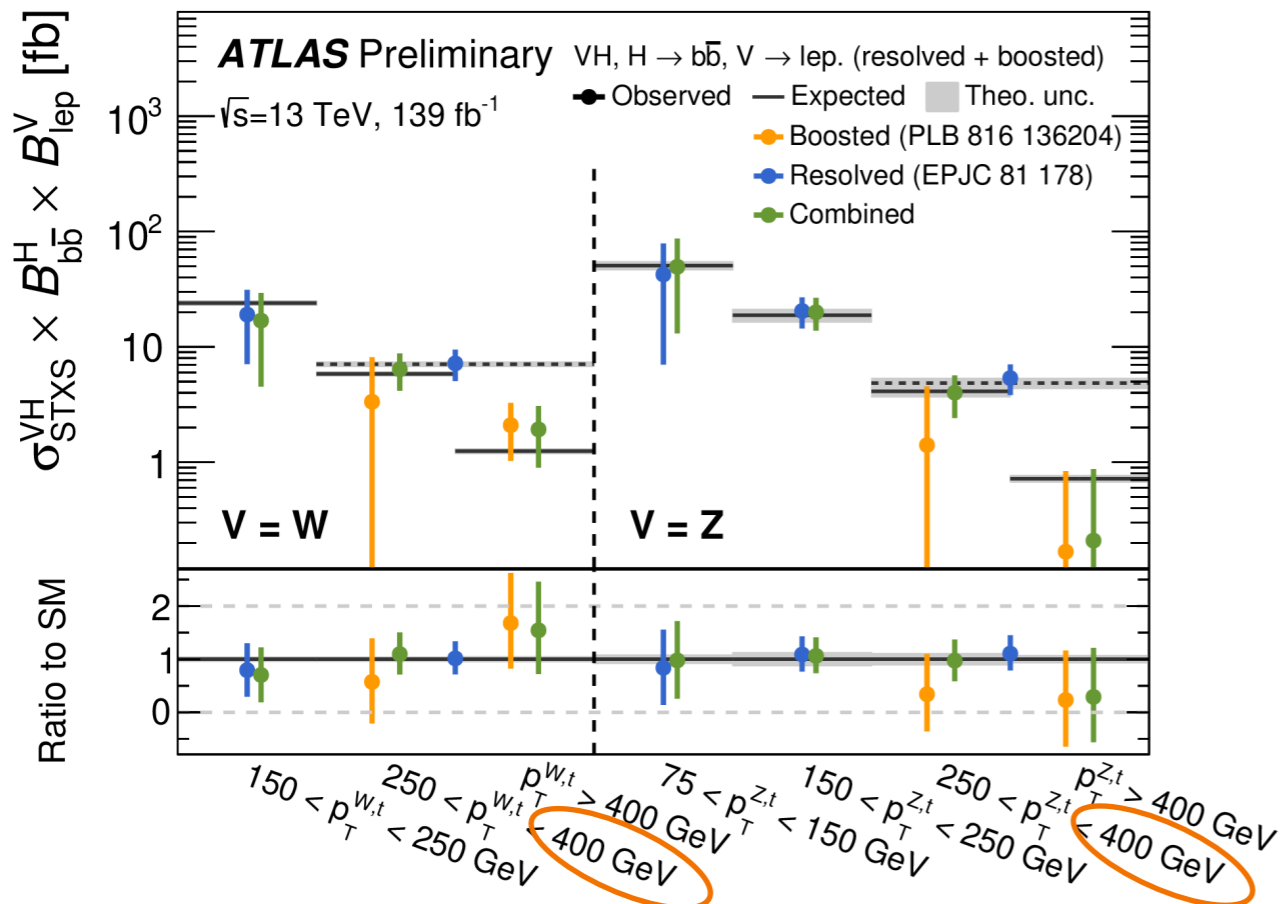
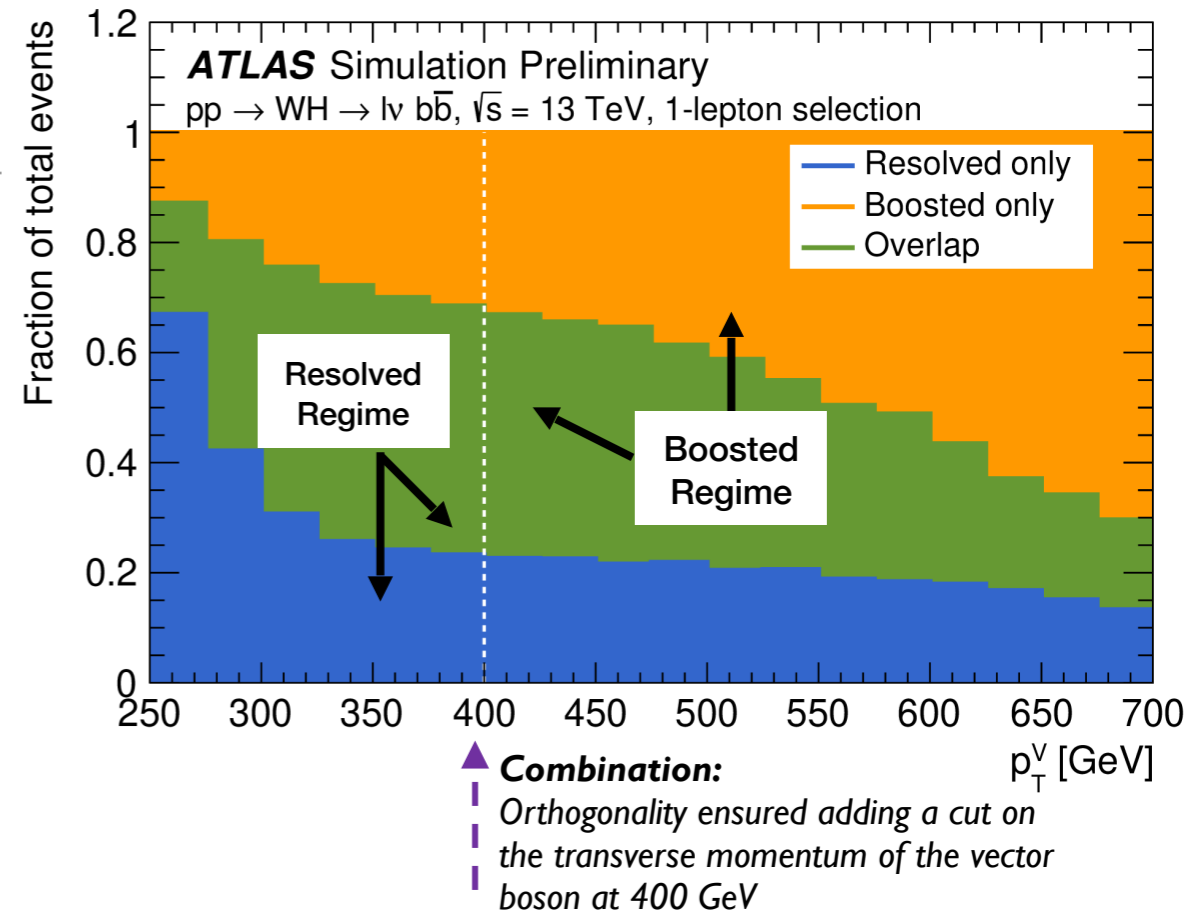
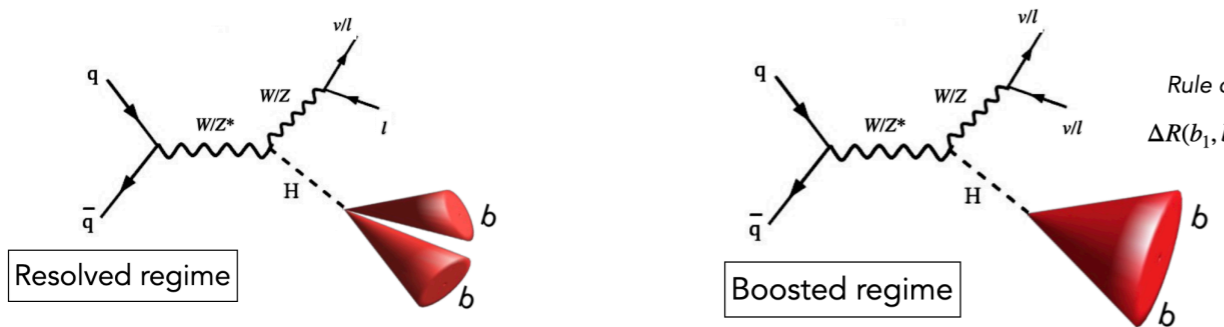
(+ $H \rightarrow cc$ not included in global combination yet)

VH, H → bb results:

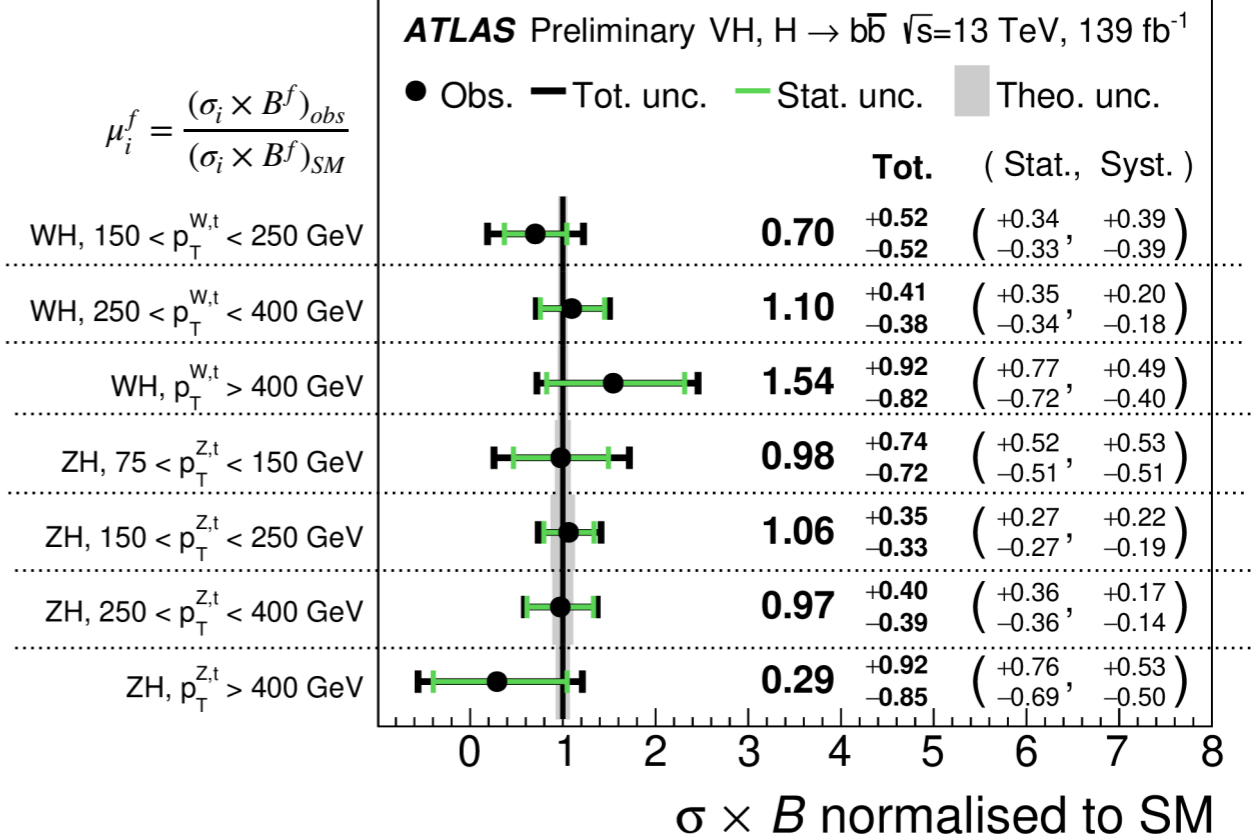
VH production mode: exploit additional leptonic signatures in the final state.

Three VH(bb) results with full Run II data:

- VH(bb) in **resolved regime**: [Eur. Phys. J. C 81 \(2021\) 178](#)
- VH(bb) in **boosted regime**: [Phys. Lett. B 816 \(2021\) 136204](#)
- VH(bb) **resolved+boosted combination**: [ATLAS-CONF-2021-051](#)

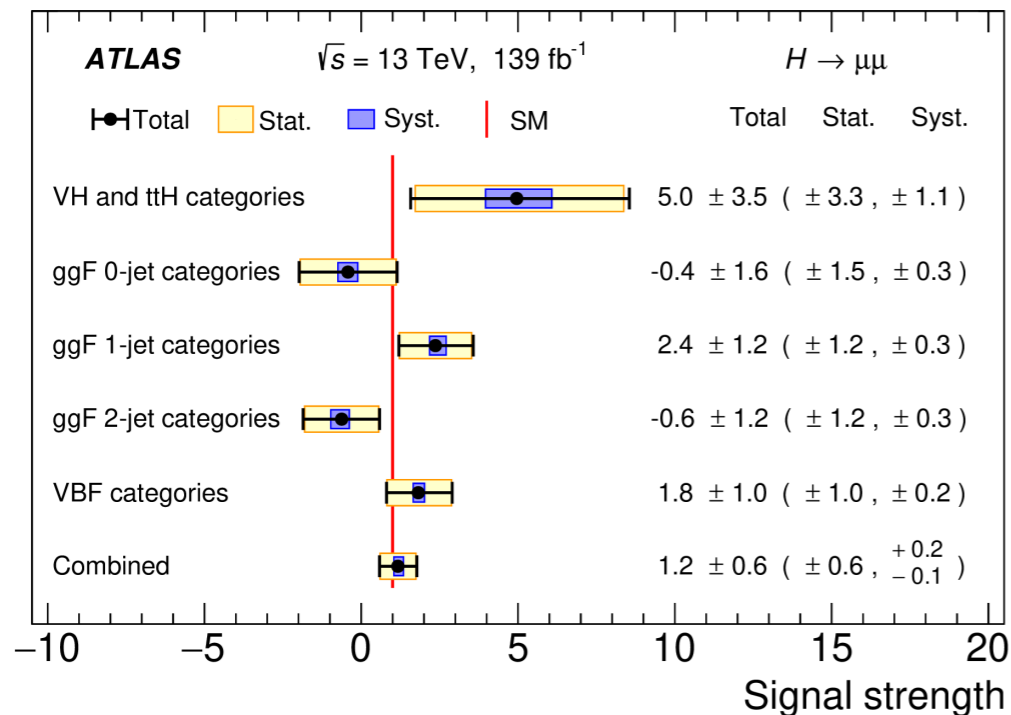


Combined result



Slide on H → bb in other production modes in backup 9

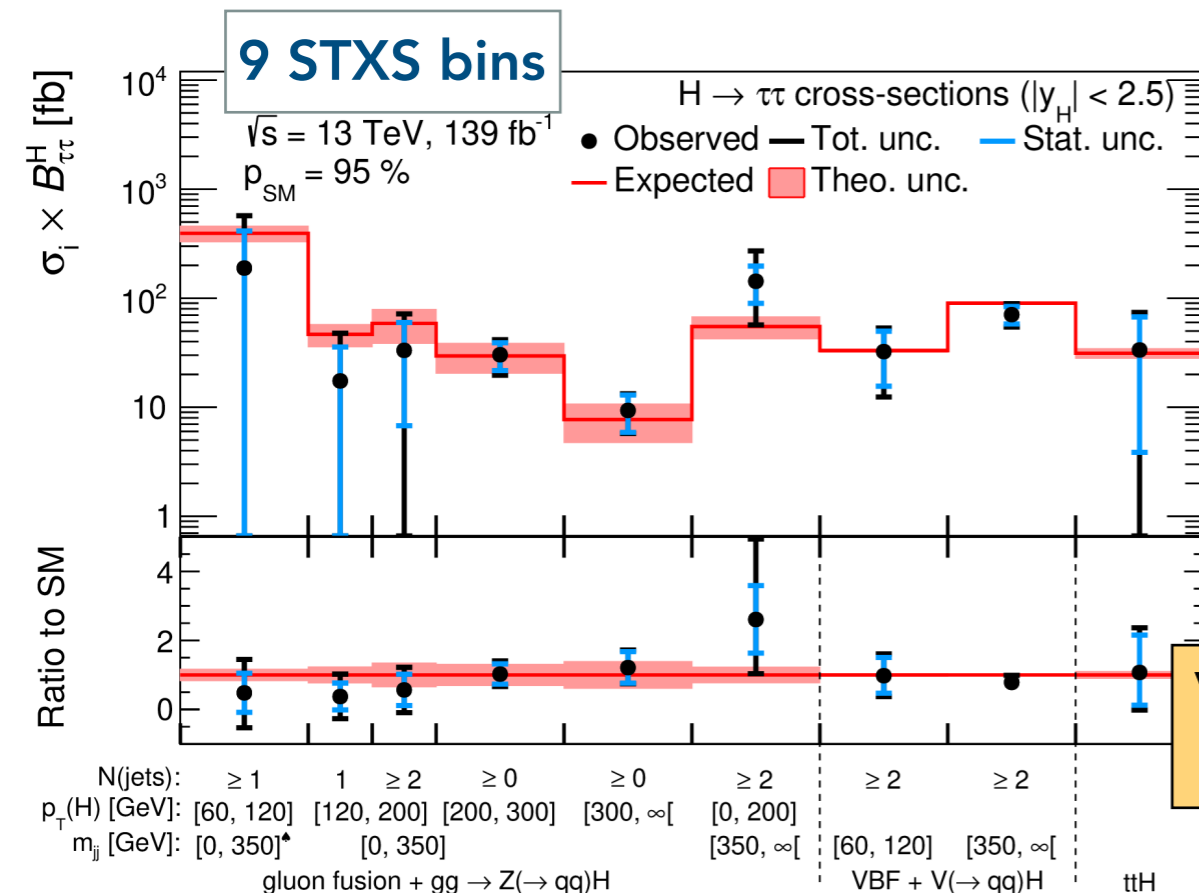
Coupling to leptons:



$H \rightarrow \mu\mu$: Phys. Lett. B 812 (2021)

- Fully reconstructed final states with low hadronic activity.
- Very rare process:**
 - $B(H \rightarrow \mu\mu) \sim (2.17 \pm 0.04) \times 10^{-4}$
 - Large backgrounds from **Drell-Yann**
 - Significance: 2.0σ (1.7σ) obs. (exp.), $\mu = 1.2 \pm 0.6$.**

$\sigma(H \rightarrow \mu\mu) / \sigma_{SM}(H \rightarrow \mu\mu) < 2.2$ at 95%CL.



$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ couplings/STXS: CERN-EP-2021-217

- Largest direct decay to Leptons.**
- Complicated by experimental challenges associated with τ lepton decay
- Three decay channels considered: $\tau_{had}\tau_{had}$, $\tau_{had}\tau_{e,\mu}$ and $\tau_e\tau_\mu$
- VBF, VH and ttH enriched regions + boosted categories targeting at ggH

VBF, $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ observation and ggH, $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ evidence standalone at 5.3 (6.2) σ and 3.9 (4.6) σ , respectively!

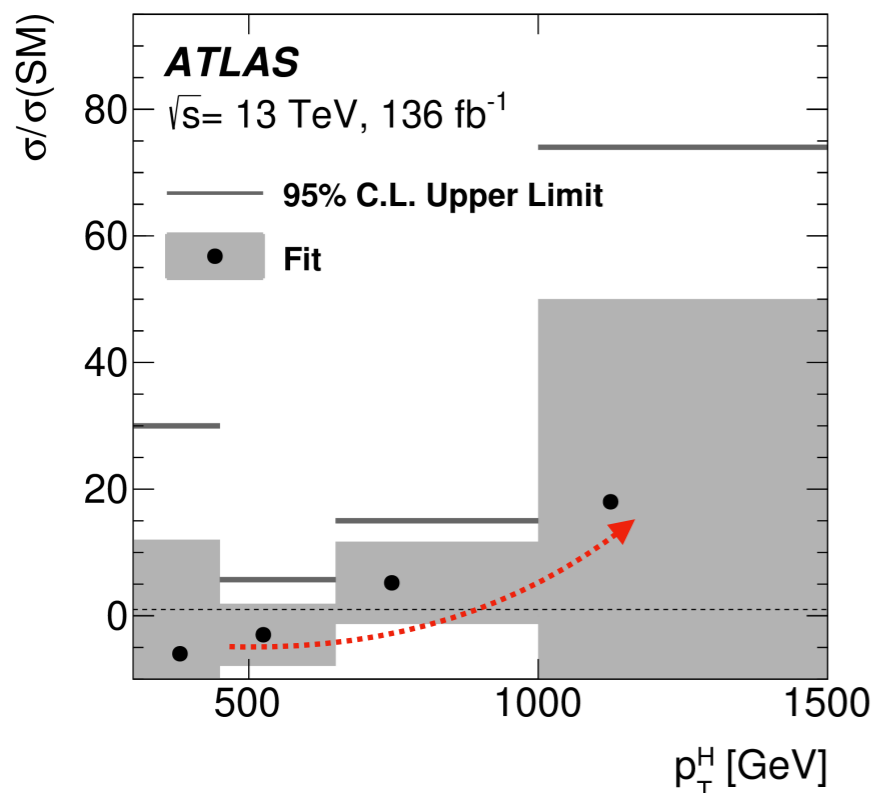
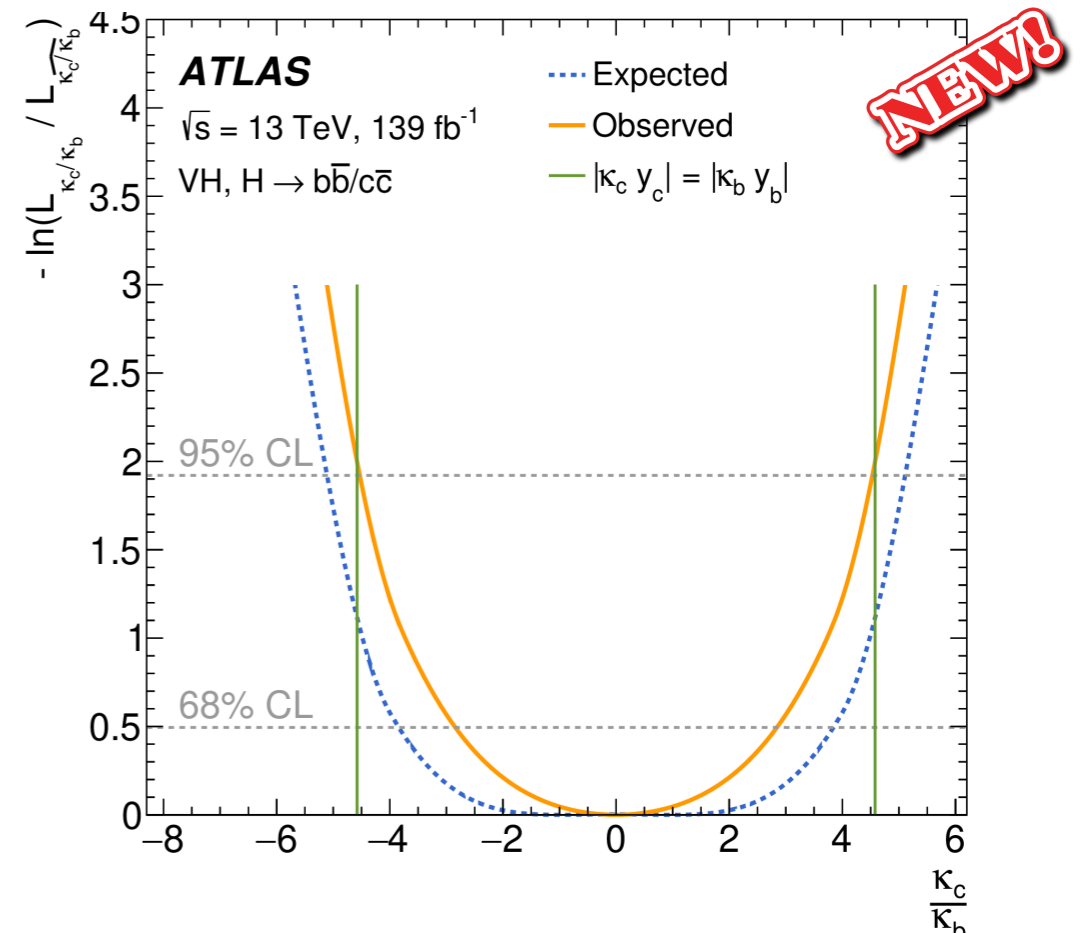
Inclusive measurements:

VH, H → cc: CERN-EP-2021-251

- **Direct constraints using H → cc decays**
- Use charm-tagging with dedicated c-tag + b-veto WP
- **First direct limit on κ_c @ 95%CL with $|\kappa_c| < 8.5$**
- VH(cc) + VH(bb) combination:
 - **Exclude $|\kappa_c y_c| = |\kappa_b y_b|$ at 95% CL**

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

$\mu(\text{VH}, H \rightarrow cc) < 26$ at 95% CL (31 expected)

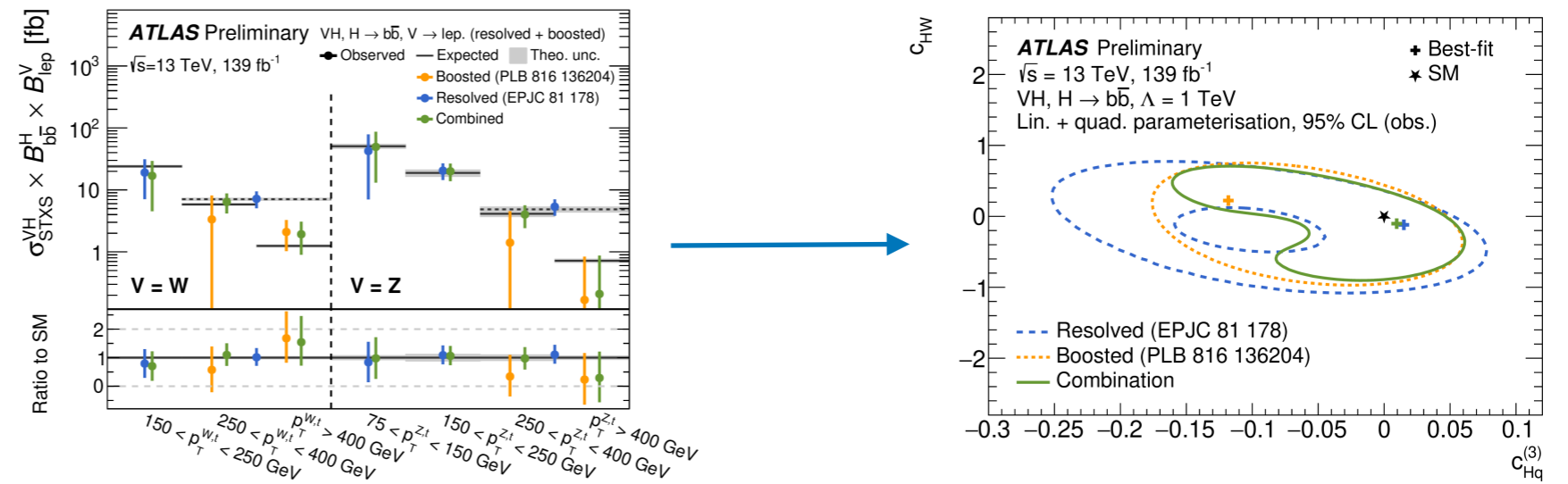


Boosted all-hadronic H → bb: CERN-EP-2021-185

- **Constraints on Higgs boson inclusive production with transverse momentum above 1 TeV.**
- Events categorised according to p_T of H → bb candidate jet. H → bb jet mass used as fit discriminant.
- biggest challenge: modelling of the multi-jet background through a smooth continuous function.

p_T^H	μ_H	σ_H [fb]	
		Best fit	95% CL upper limit
> 450 GeV	0.7 ± 3.3	13 ± 52 (stat.) ± 32 (syst.) ± 3 (theory)	144
> 1 TeV	26 ± 31	3.4 ± 3.9 (stat.) ± 1.0 (syst.) ± 0.8 (theory)	10.3

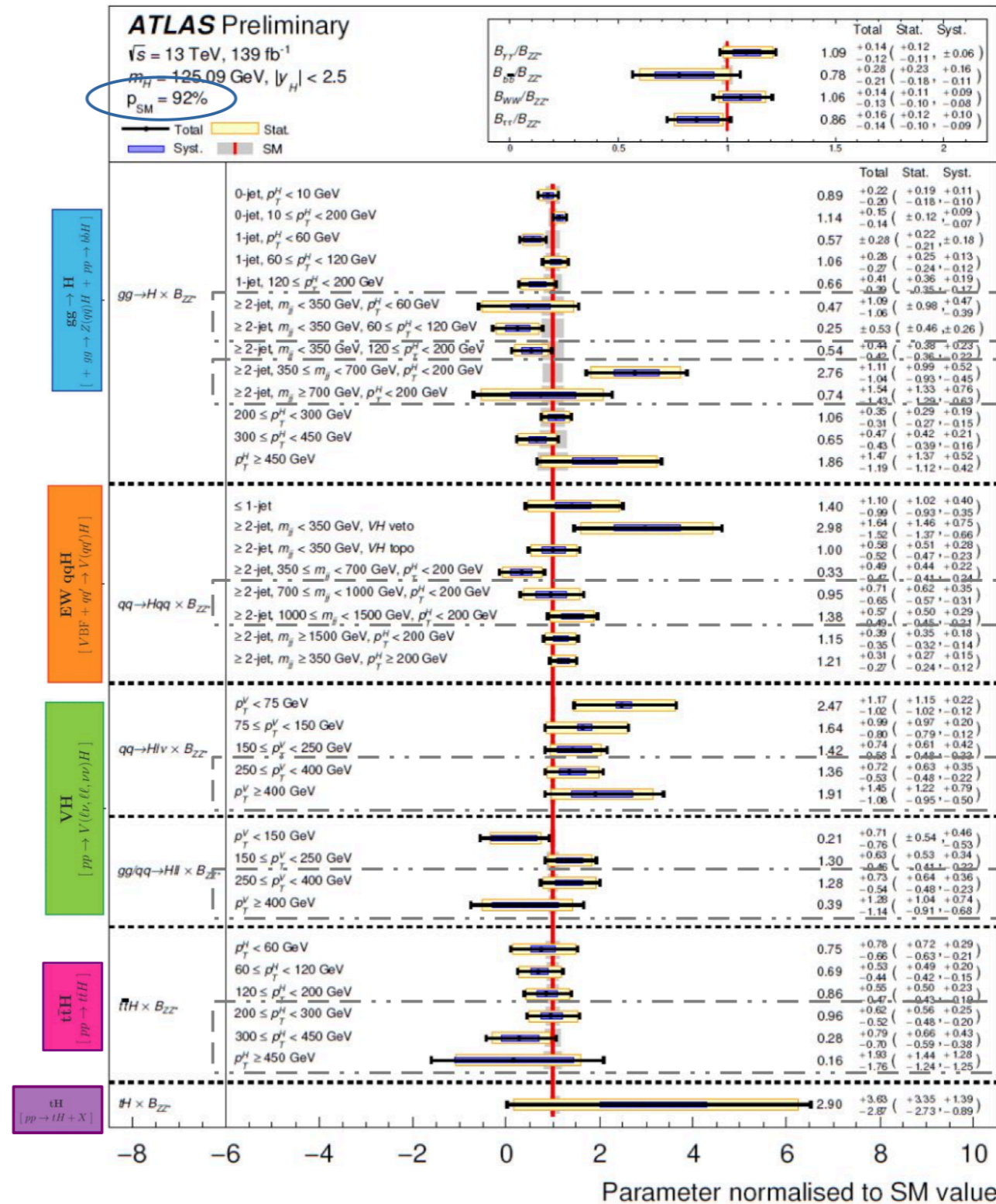
How can we profit from these results?



The Higgs coupling combination:

Latest Result Presented @ **Higgs2021** ATLAS-CONF-2021-053

41 STXS bins in total



20%

Statistically dominated in most bins

300%

SMEFT interpretation: Brief Introduction

SMEFT = Standard Model Effective Field Theory Interpretation

Motivation:

- Test presence of BSM physics assuming that new physics decouples at the current scale $\Lambda \gg v, E$
- Parameterise BSM effects using Effective Lagrangian operators

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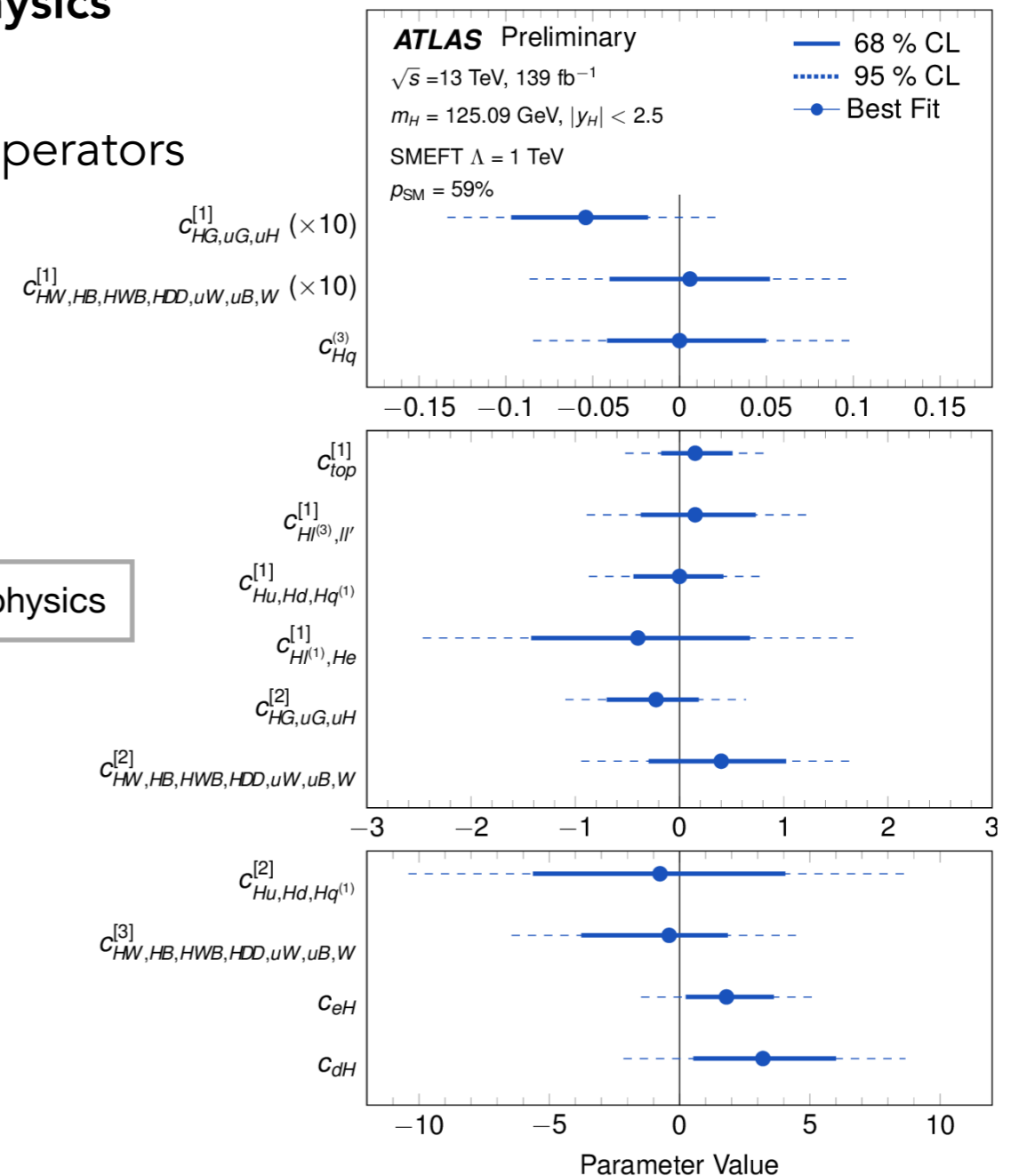
Wilson coefficients

Scale of new physics (1 TeV) Dimension-6 operators describing new physics

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Some examples →

EFT Constraints:



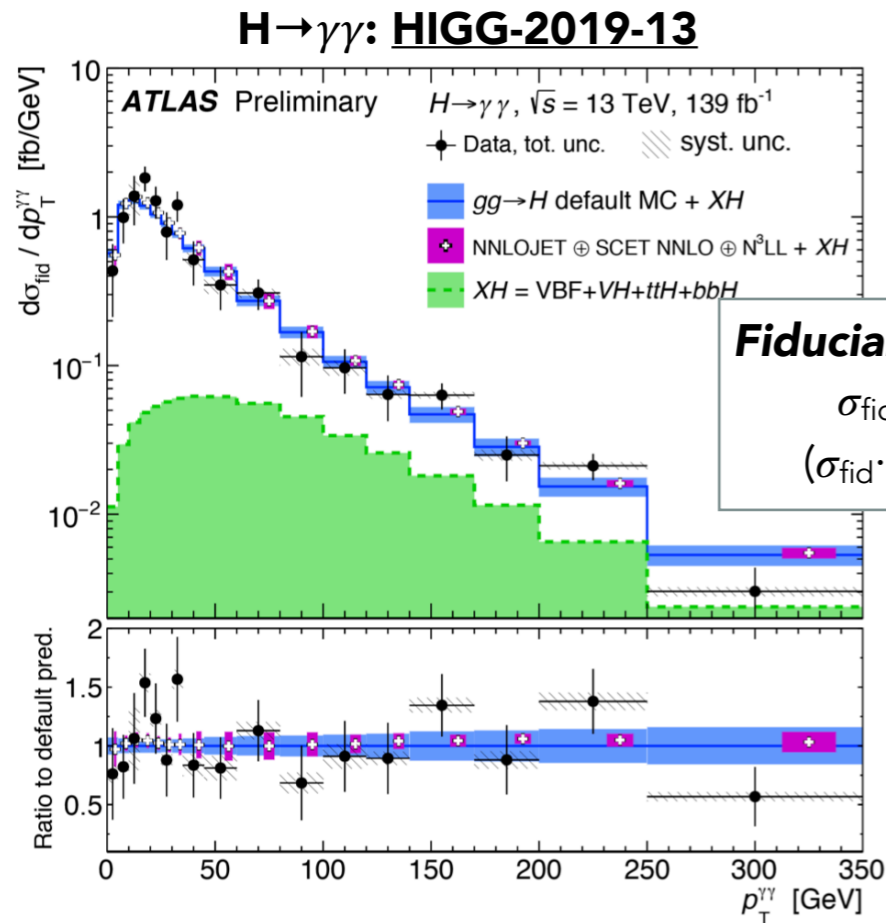
In Total around 30 c_i : Group them to fit only 13 param.
 → Eigenvector decomposition of STXS covariance matrix (keep only Eigenvalues > 0.1)

H → γγ and H → ZZ* → 4ℓ fiducial cross-sections:

Unfolding to particle-level $\sigma \cdot \text{BR}$ using response matrix method, implemented directly in likelihood function.

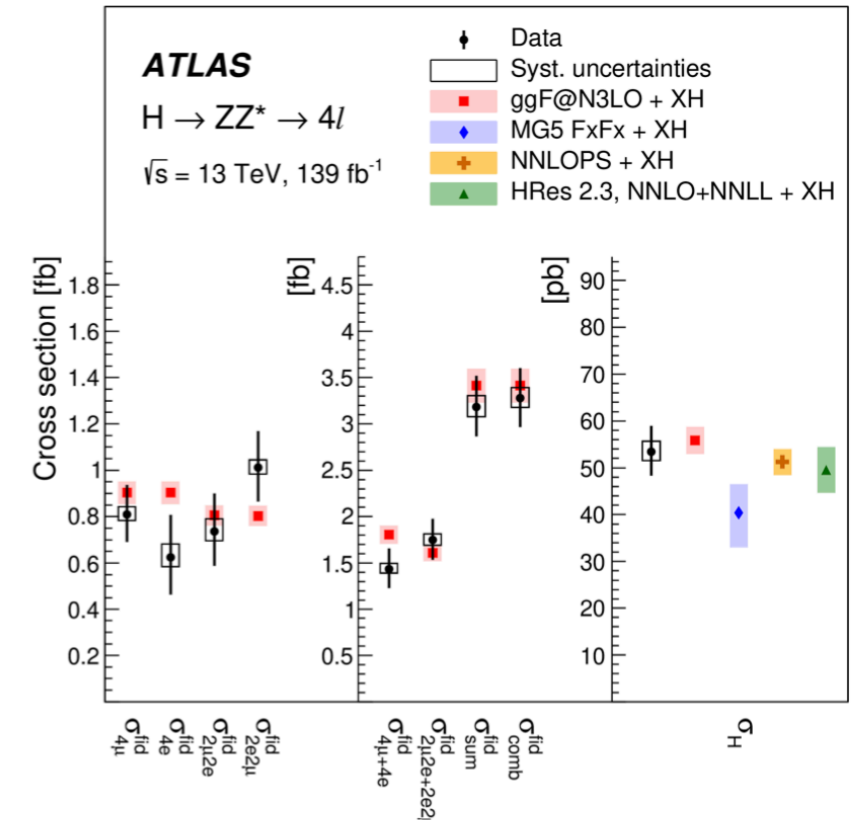
$$\sigma_{i,\text{fid}} = \sigma_i \times A_i \times \mathcal{B} = \frac{N_{i,\text{fit}}}{\mathcal{L} \times C_i}$$

Labels: detector acceptance (A_i), branching (B), detector efficiency (C_i)

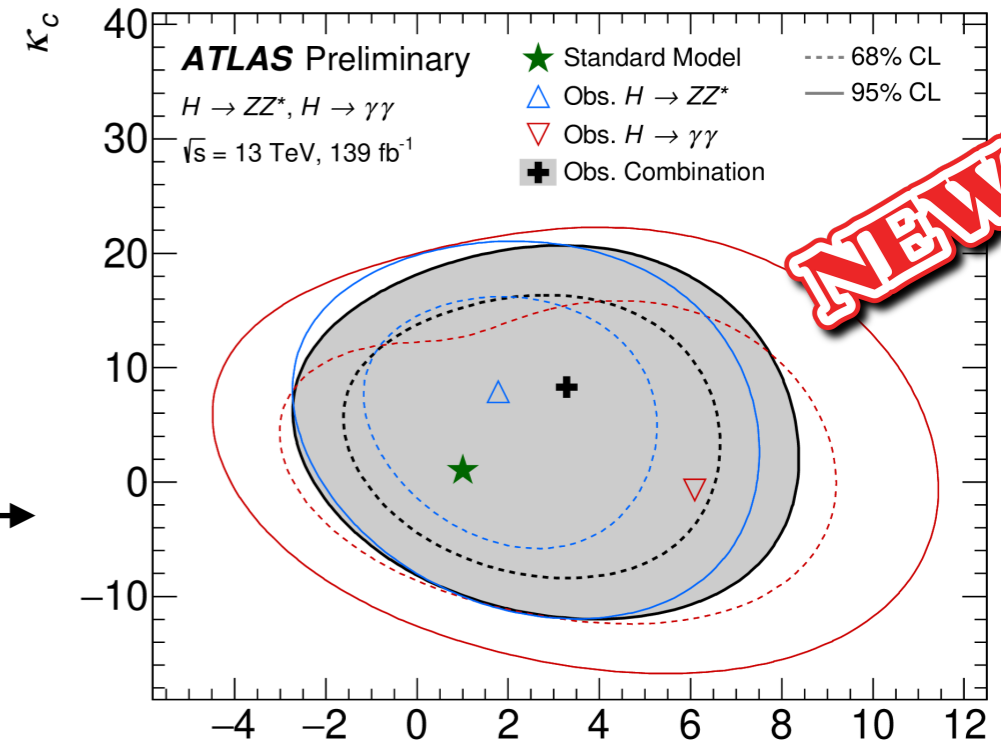


Fiducial x-section $pp \rightarrow H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$:
 $\sigma_{\text{fid}} \cdot \text{B} = 65.2 \pm 7.1 \text{ fb}$
 $(\sigma_{\text{fid}} \cdot \text{B})_{\text{SM}} = 63.6 \pm 3.3 \text{ fb}$

H → ZZ*: HIGG-2018-29



H → γγ and H → ZZ* → 4ℓ differential x-section combination: ATLAS-CONF-2022-002

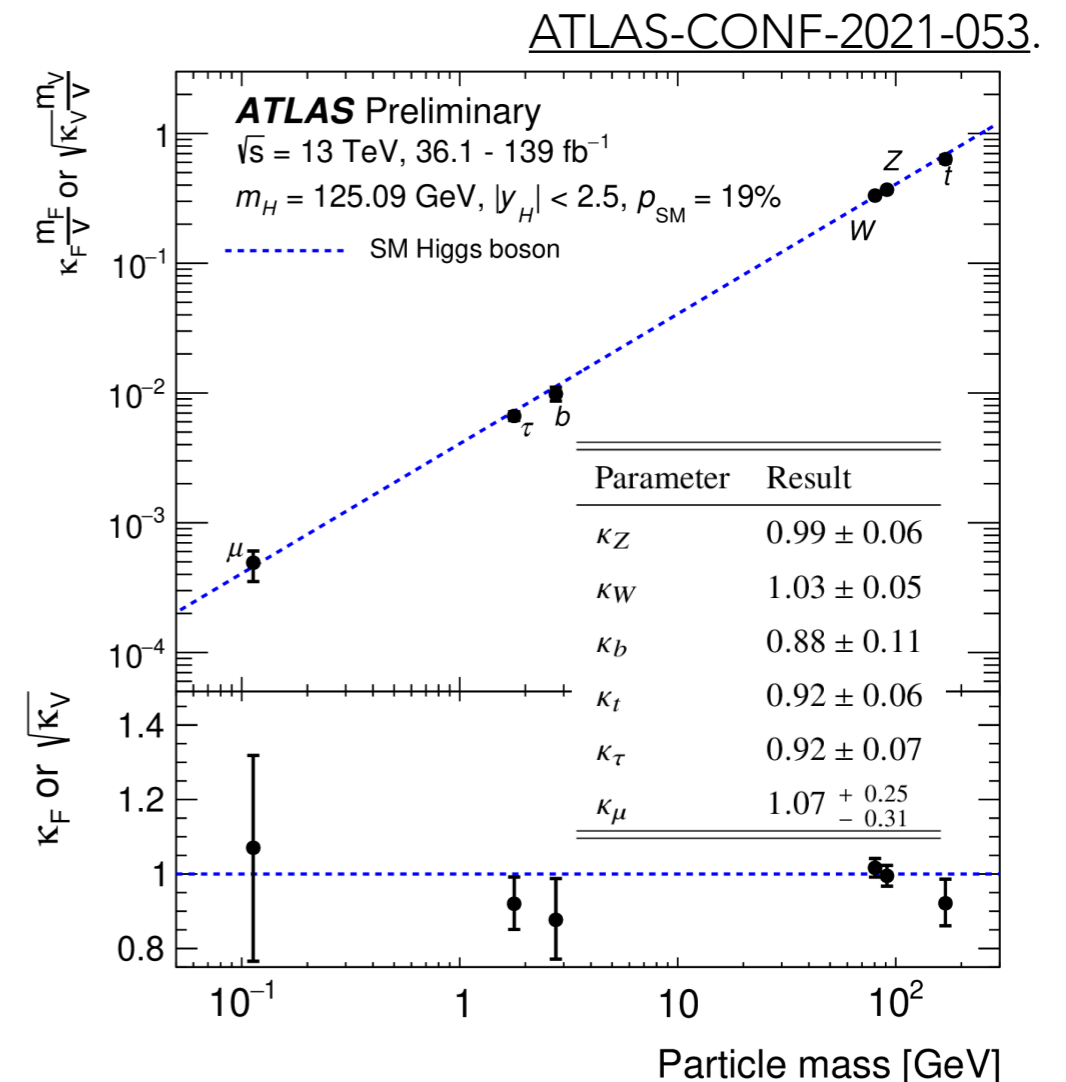


indirectly probe the Yukawa coupling of the Higgs boson to bottom and charm quarks from Higgs p_T shape!

Conclusions

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

- ▶ **"Precision era"**: Moved from inclusive searches to differential x-section measurements
- ▶ Full-Run2 results provide **high sensitivity to the main Higgs boson production and decay modes**
 - ▶ **STXS** uncertainties varying between 20% and 300%.
 - ▶ First **fiducial x-sections** in boson decay channels (uncertainties below 30%).
- ▶ *Not covered - backup:*
 - ▶ $H \rightarrow \text{invisible}$ combination ([ATLAS-CONF-2020-052](#))
 - ▶ H as dark matter portal ($ZH \rightarrow \ell\ell + \text{MET}$ [CERN-EP-2021-204](#))



Combinations and interpretations:

- ▶ ATLAS most granular simultaneous measurement to date: **41 STXS bins in total.**
- ▶ Reinterpretations in terms of EFT or coupling modifiers set **constraints on BSM scenarios.**

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

Backup

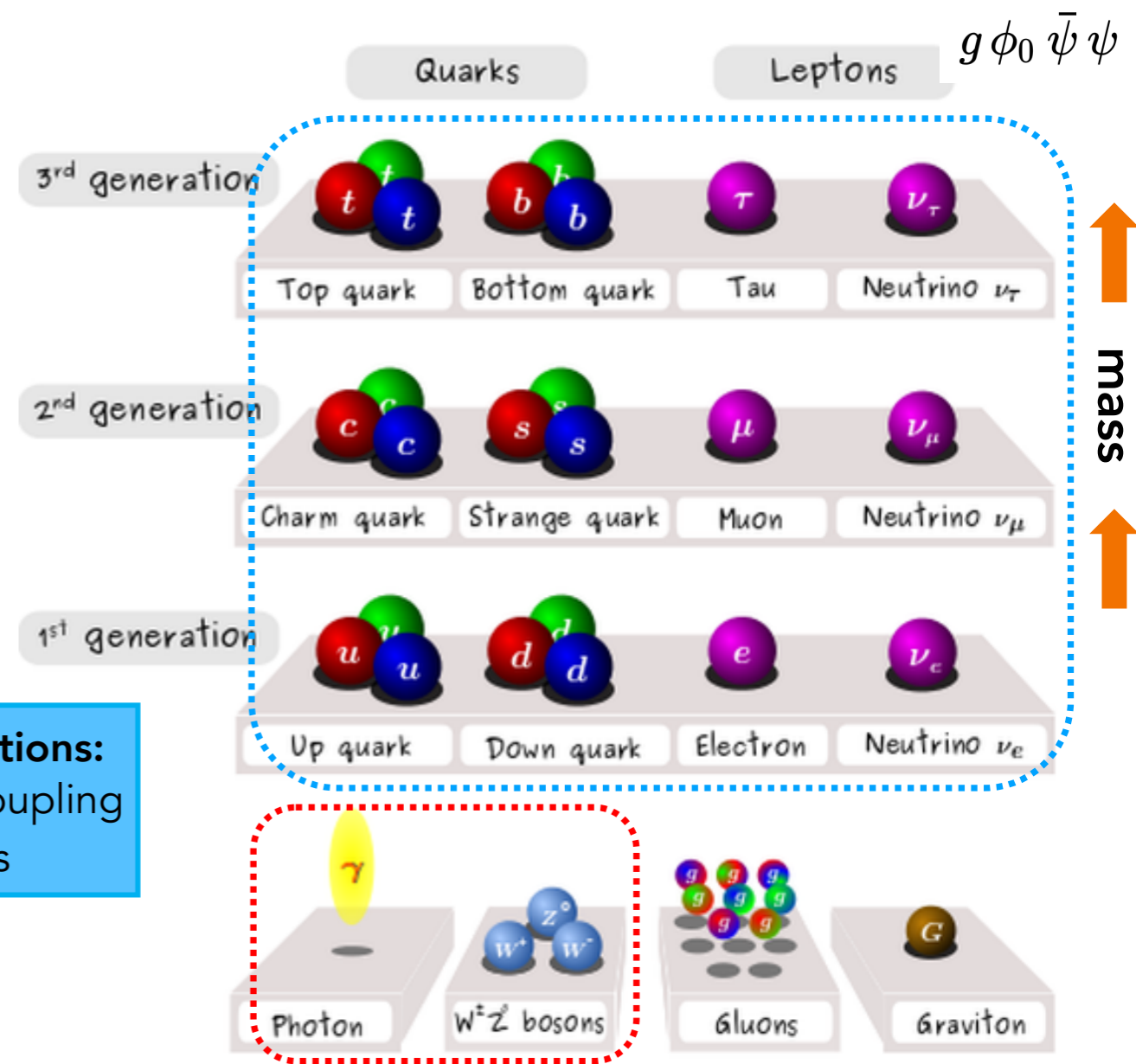
The Higgs boson in the Standard Model:

- In the Standard Model (SM):
 - The Higgs boson is the *mediator* of the Higgs field.
 - The Higgs mechanism provides masses to bosons and fermions
- The Higgs boson discovery in 2012 opened the way to the study of new sectors of the SM Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + i \bar{\psi} \not{D} \psi + h.c. + \bar{\psi}_i y_{ij} \psi_j \phi + h.c. + \frac{1}{2} D_\mu \phi^\dagger D^\mu \phi - V(\phi)$$

Yukawa Interactions:
Explaining the coupling to fermions

Higgs Mechanism:
Explaining the coupling to bosons

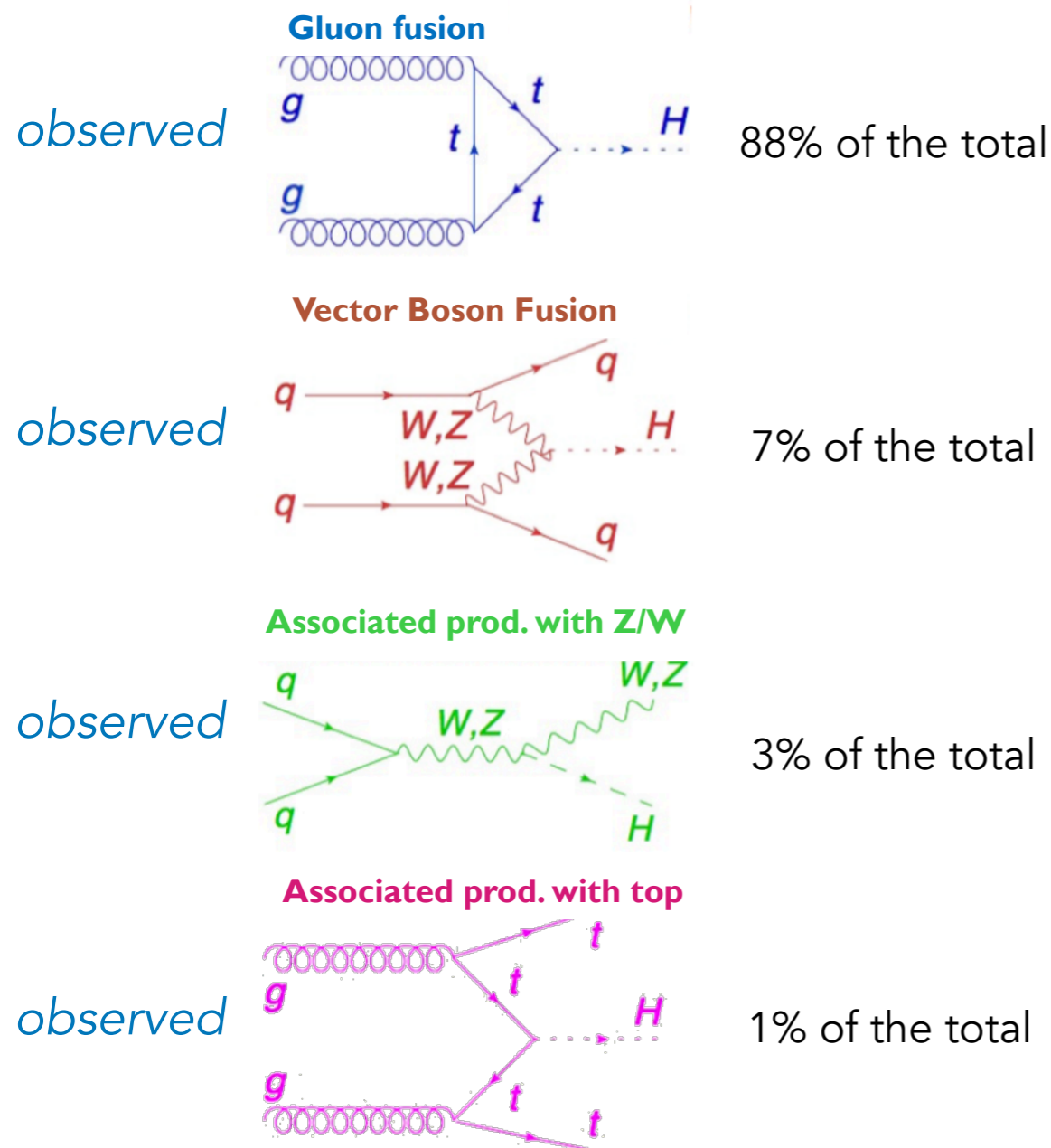


Phenomenology of the Higgs boson @ the LHC:

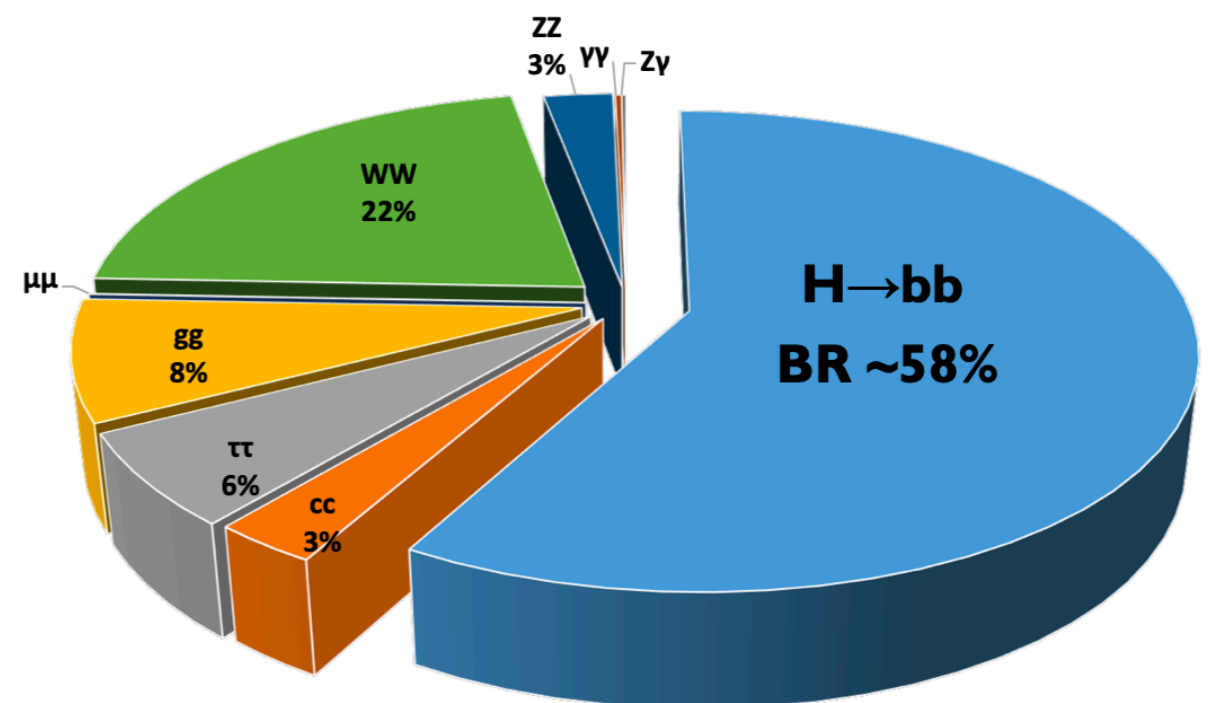
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Production modes:



Decay modes:



Observed (5σ) production modes:

- Gluon gluon fusion, VBF (Run-1)
- ttH, VH (Run-2)

Observed (5σ) decay modes:

- To bosons: $H \rightarrow ZZ$, $H \rightarrow WW$, $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
- To fermions: $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$, $H \rightarrow bb$

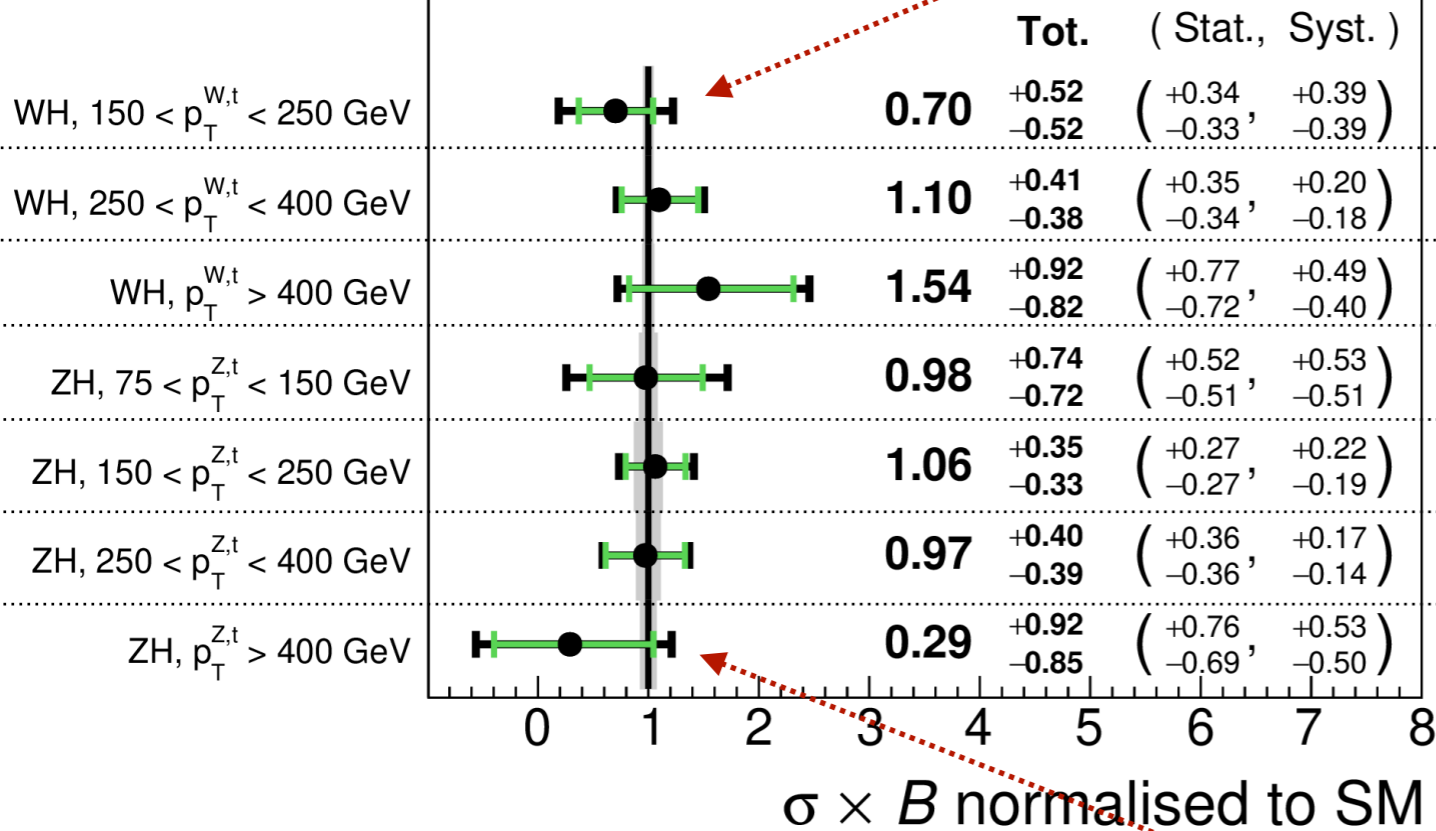
VH, H → bb Combination: Results

ATLAS-CONF-2021-051 @ Higgs Hunting 2021

Combined result

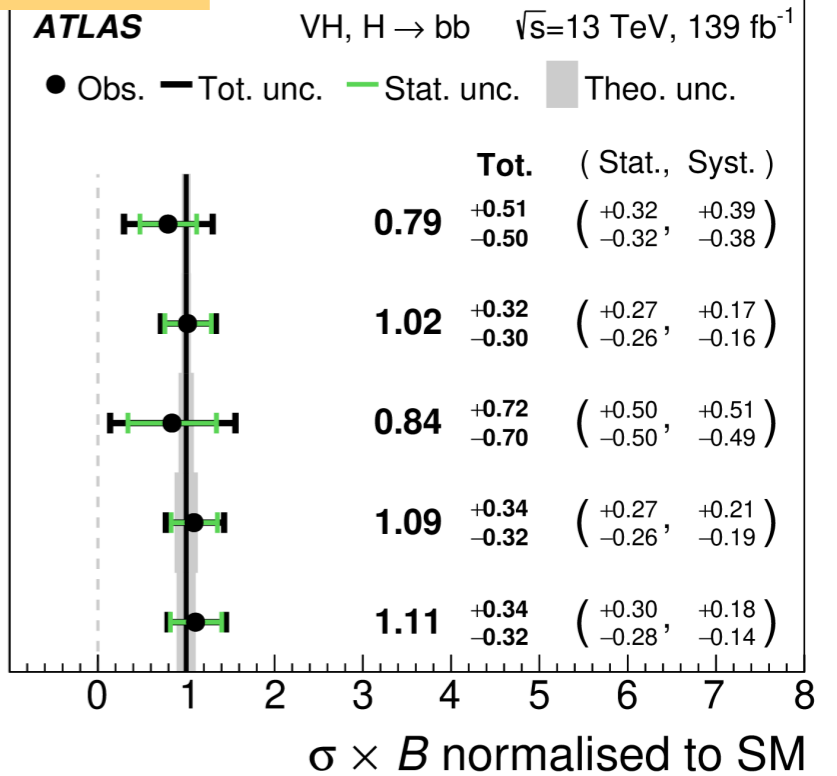
ATLAS Preliminary VH, H → bb $\sqrt{s}=13$ TeV, 139 fb⁻¹

● Obs. — Tot. unc. — Stat. unc. ■ Theo. unc.

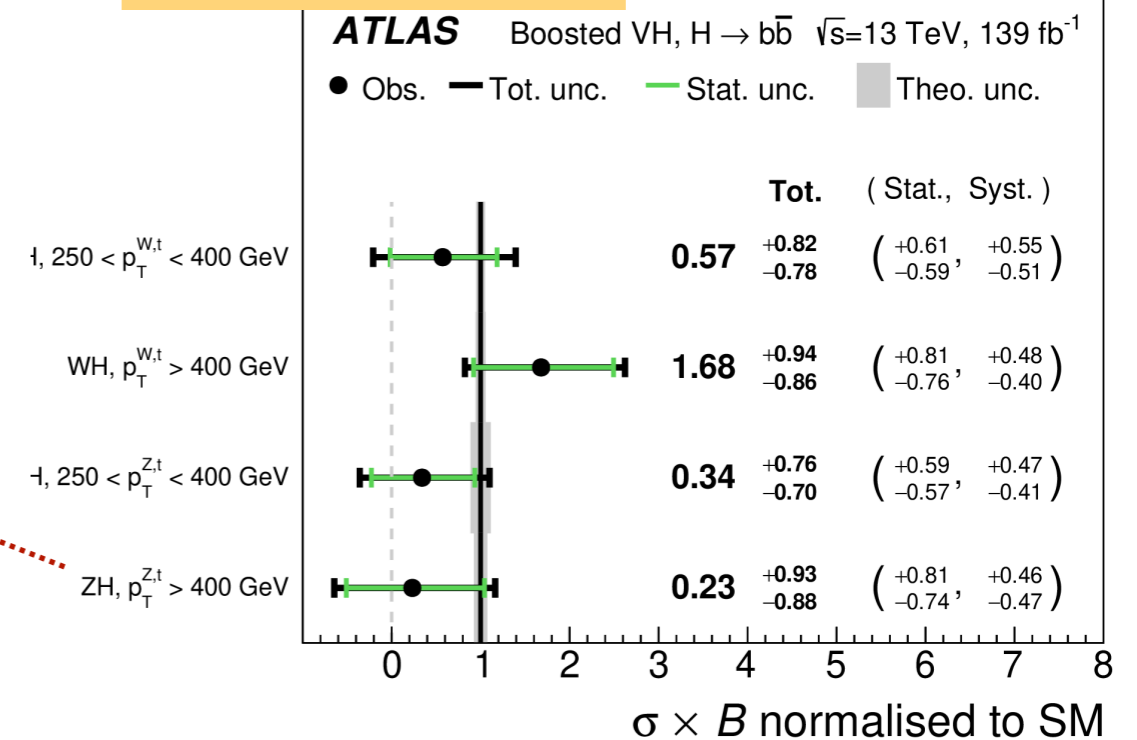


The changes in the central values with respect to the individual analyses remain within 0.3σ

Moriond 2020: Resolved



Moriond 2020: Boosted



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Technicalities:

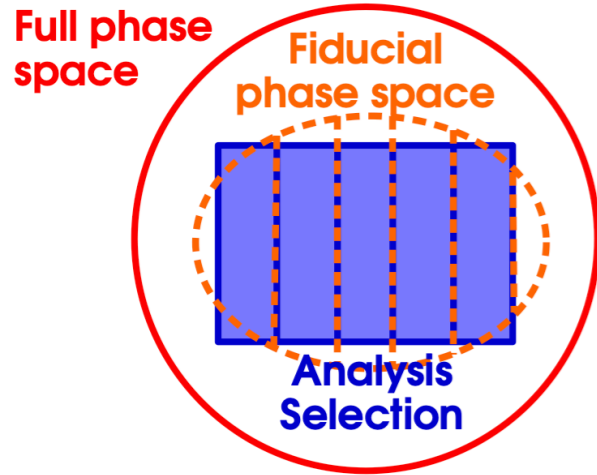
- Constrain Dim. 6 operators impacting the Higgs coupling to SM
- Parametrise their impact on the signal yields in each STXS bin
- Parametrise $\sigma(qq \rightarrow ZH)$, $\sigma(qq \rightarrow WH)$, $\text{BR}(H \rightarrow bb)$ as polynomials in sensitivity to c_i

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$c_{Hl}^{(3)}$	$(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu^I H)(\bar{l}_p \tau^I \gamma^\mu l_r)$	
c_{He}	$(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H)(\bar{e}_p \gamma^\mu e_r)$	
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c_{Hu}	$(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H)(\bar{u}_p \gamma^\mu u_r)$	
c_{Hd}	$(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H)(\bar{d}_p \gamma^\mu d_r)$	

Fiducial cross-sections:

$$\sigma_{i,\text{fid}} = \sigma_i \times A_i \times \mathcal{B} = \frac{N_{i,\text{fit}}}{\mathcal{L} \times C_i}$$

detector acceptance \leftarrow A_i \times \mathcal{B} \leftarrow branching
 \mathcal{B} \leftarrow C_i \leftarrow detector efficiency



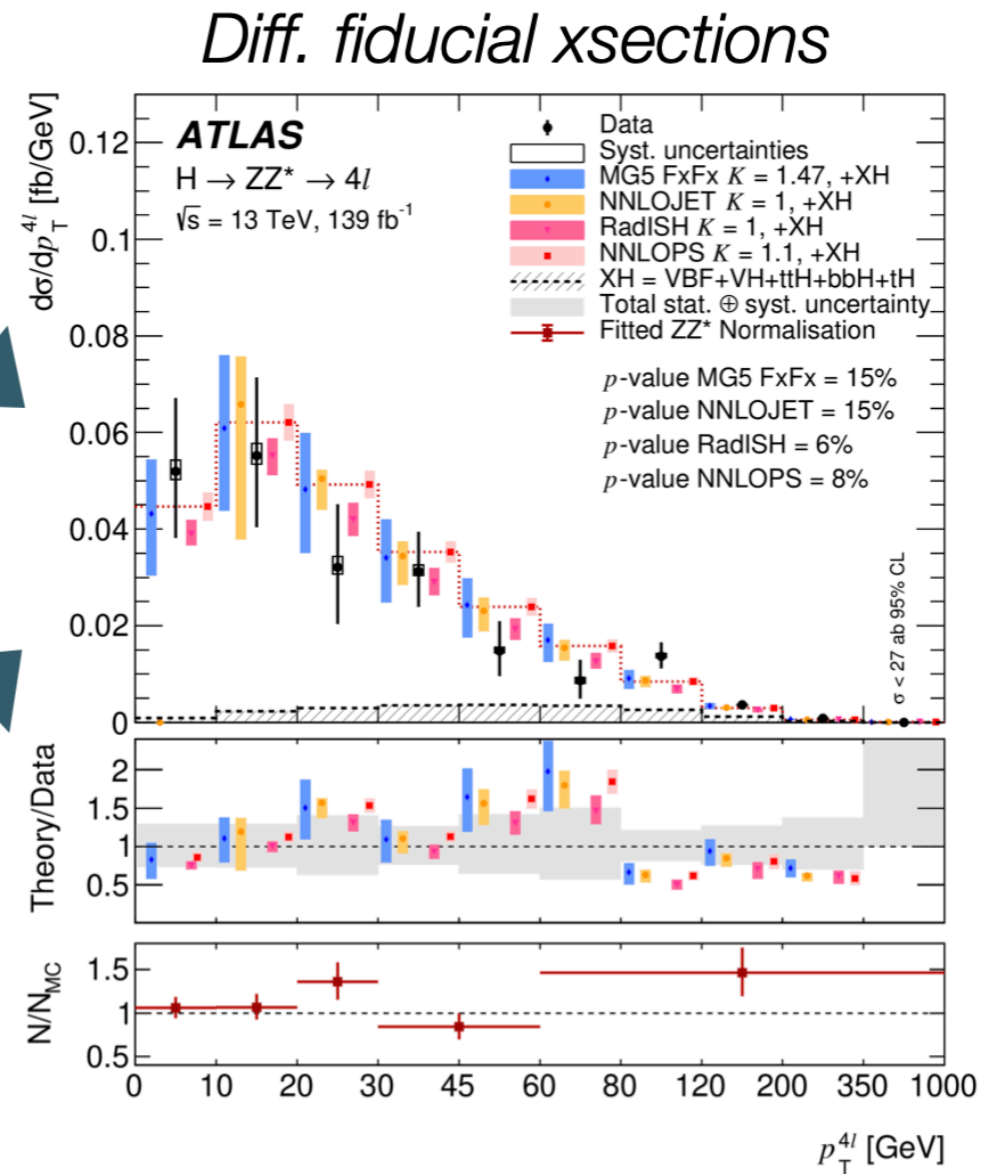
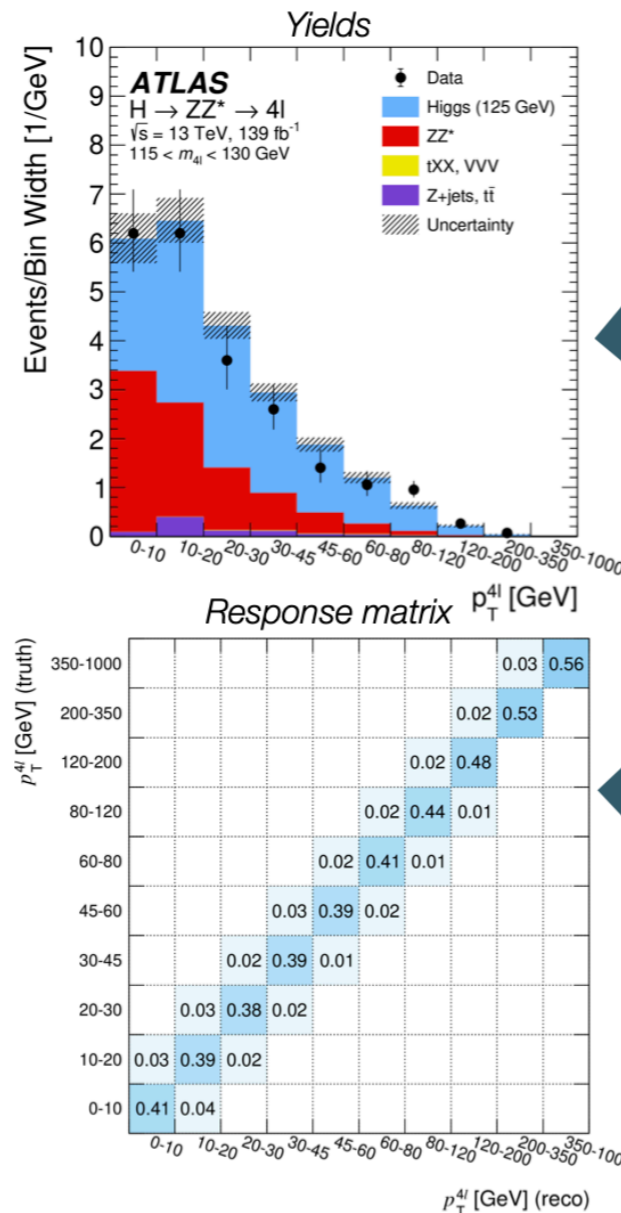
Examples:

p_{TH} = sensitive to perturbative QCD calculations

Y_H = sensitive to the parton distribution functions (PDF)

$N_{\text{jet T(lead jet)}}$ = probe theoretical modelling of High p_{T} QCD radiation

N_{jet} also sensitive to different Higgs production modes



STXS vs Fiducial x-sections:

<https://cds.cern.ch/record/2765932/files/ATL-PHYS-SLIDE-2021-144.pdf>

Pros and Cons

⊕ Minimizes model-dependence

- Small extrapolations and SM assumptions (mainly through unfolding)
- Reinterpretable in models with similar A ⇒ Long measurement lifetime

⊖ Simple experimental selection only (should match truth-level selection)

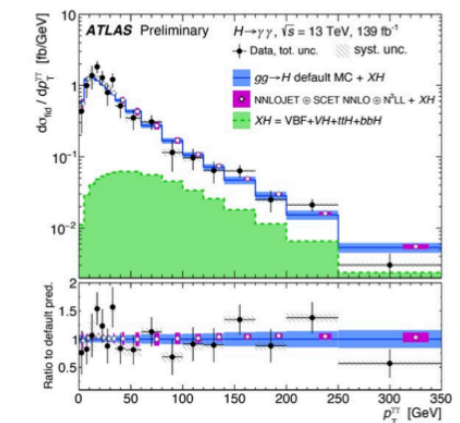
⊕ Can be performed for any measurement variable

⊖ Only 1 or 2 variables at a time (but can have fine binning)

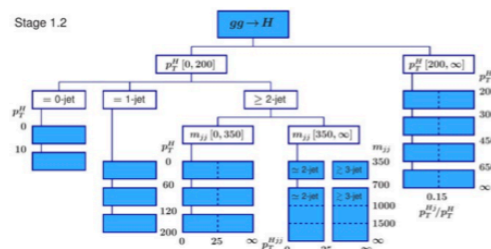
⊖ Works best for “clean” modes : good resolution, manageable backgrounds

⊖ Fiducial region depends on final state ⇒ cannot trivially combine different modes

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STXS



⊖ SM description within each bin ⇒ Larger model-dependence

⊕ SM description within each bin ⇒ Can use MVAs/NNs/ML.

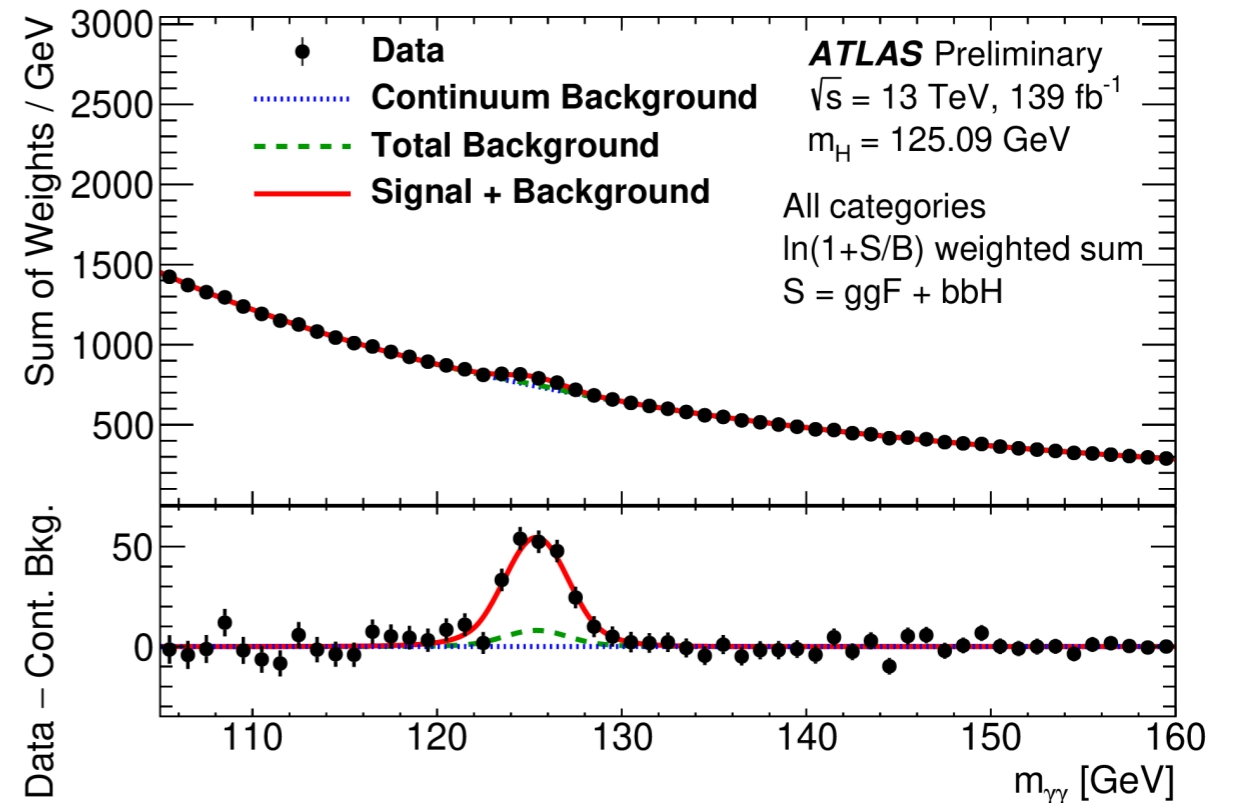
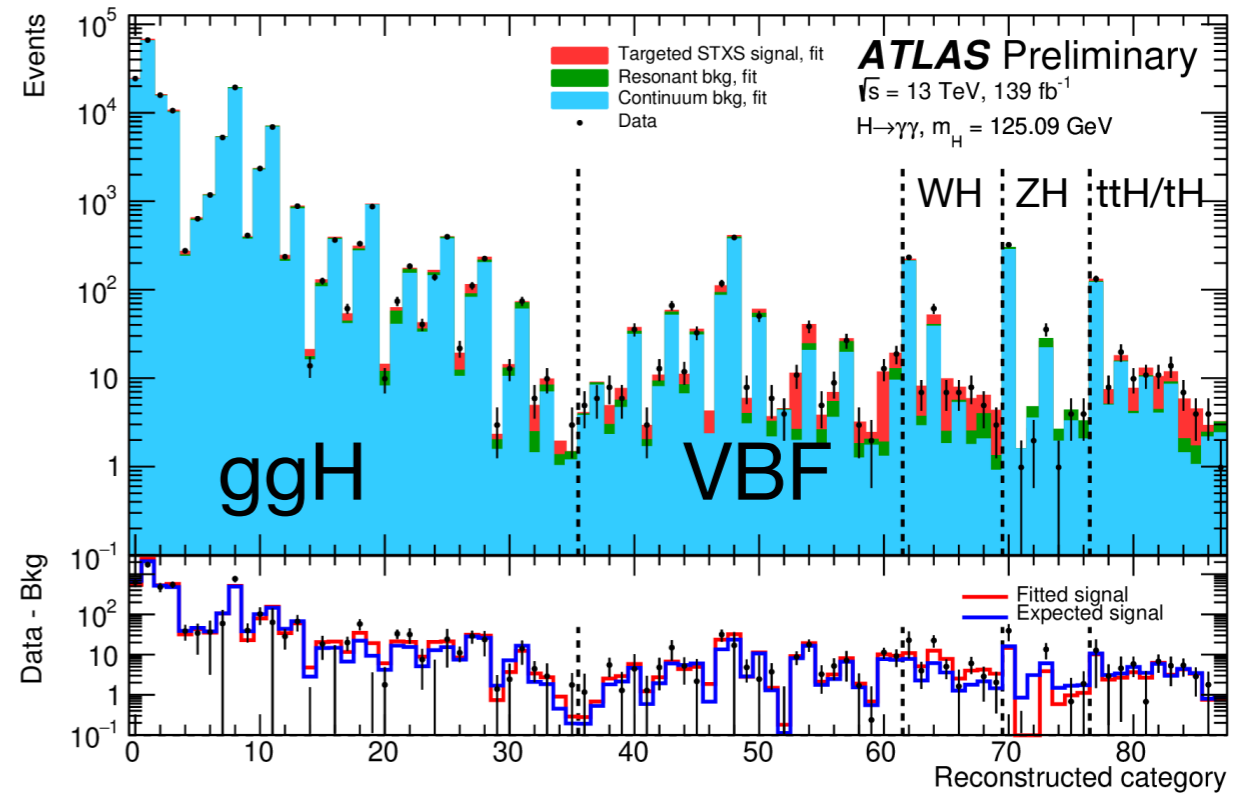
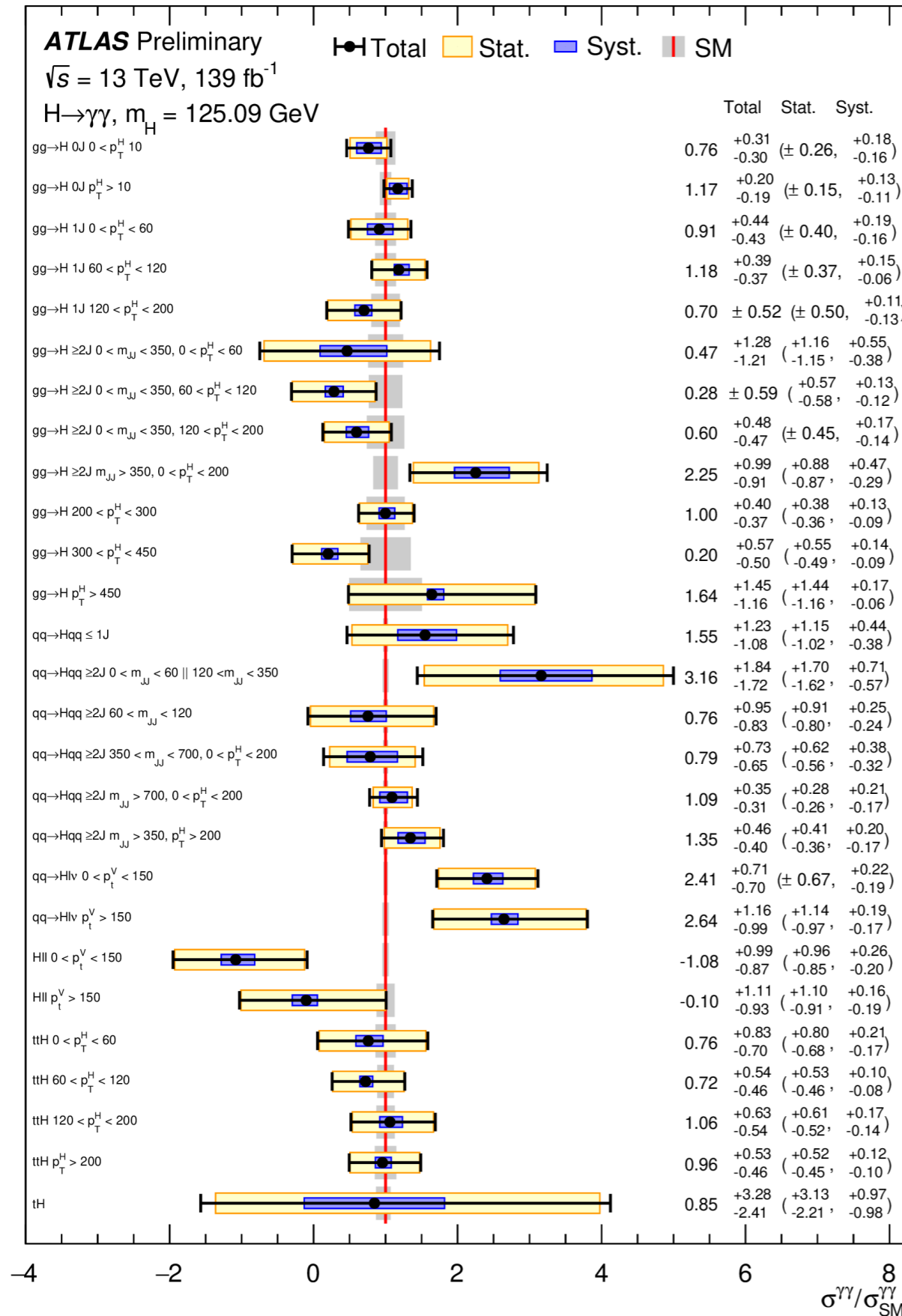
⊕ Well-suited to measure perturbations from SM (e.g. SMEFT)

⊕ Common binning includes information from multiple variables

⊖ Larger bins, only limited number of variables

⊕ Common binning for all decay modes ⇒ simplifies combination

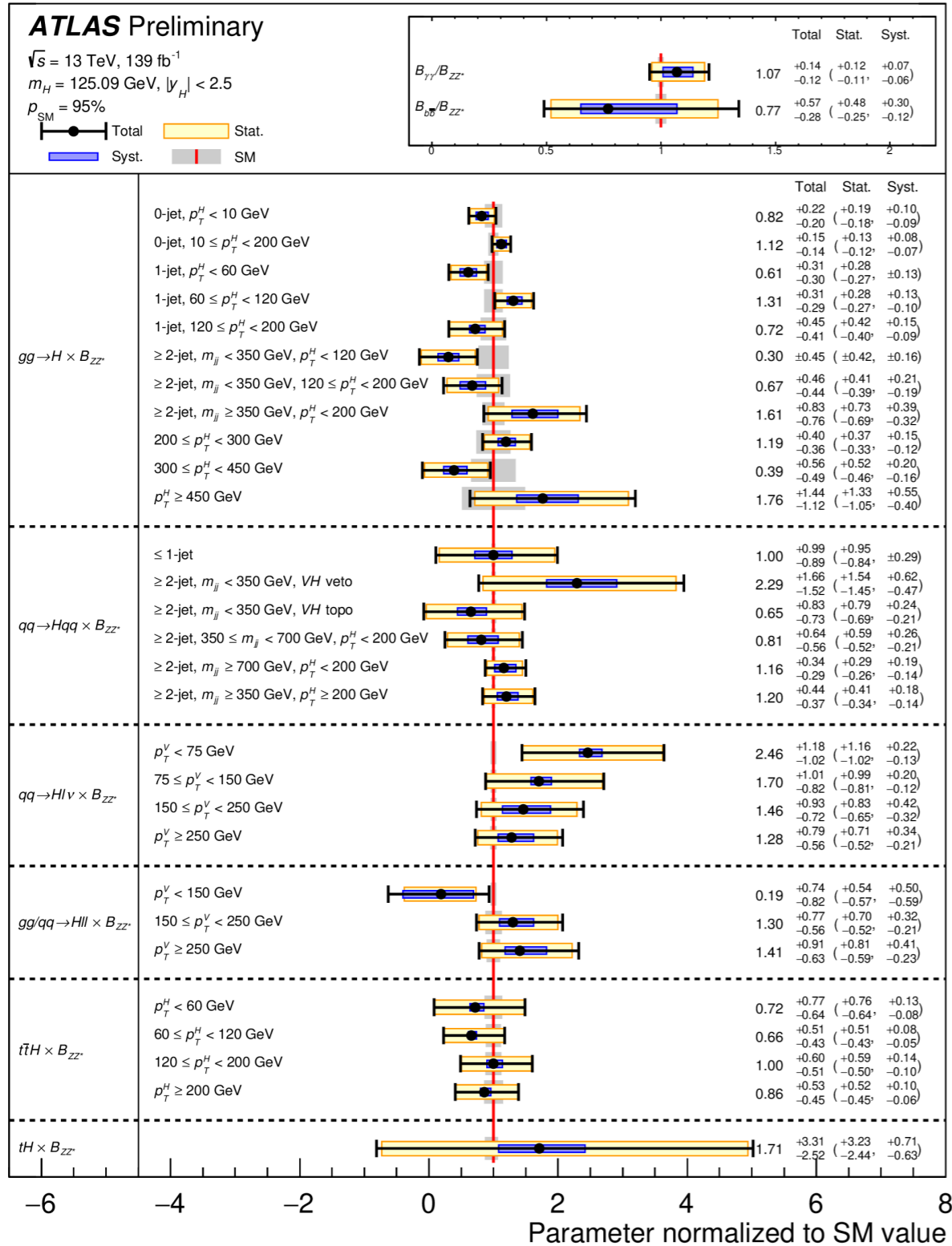
H → γγ STXS measurement:



The Higgs coupling combination:

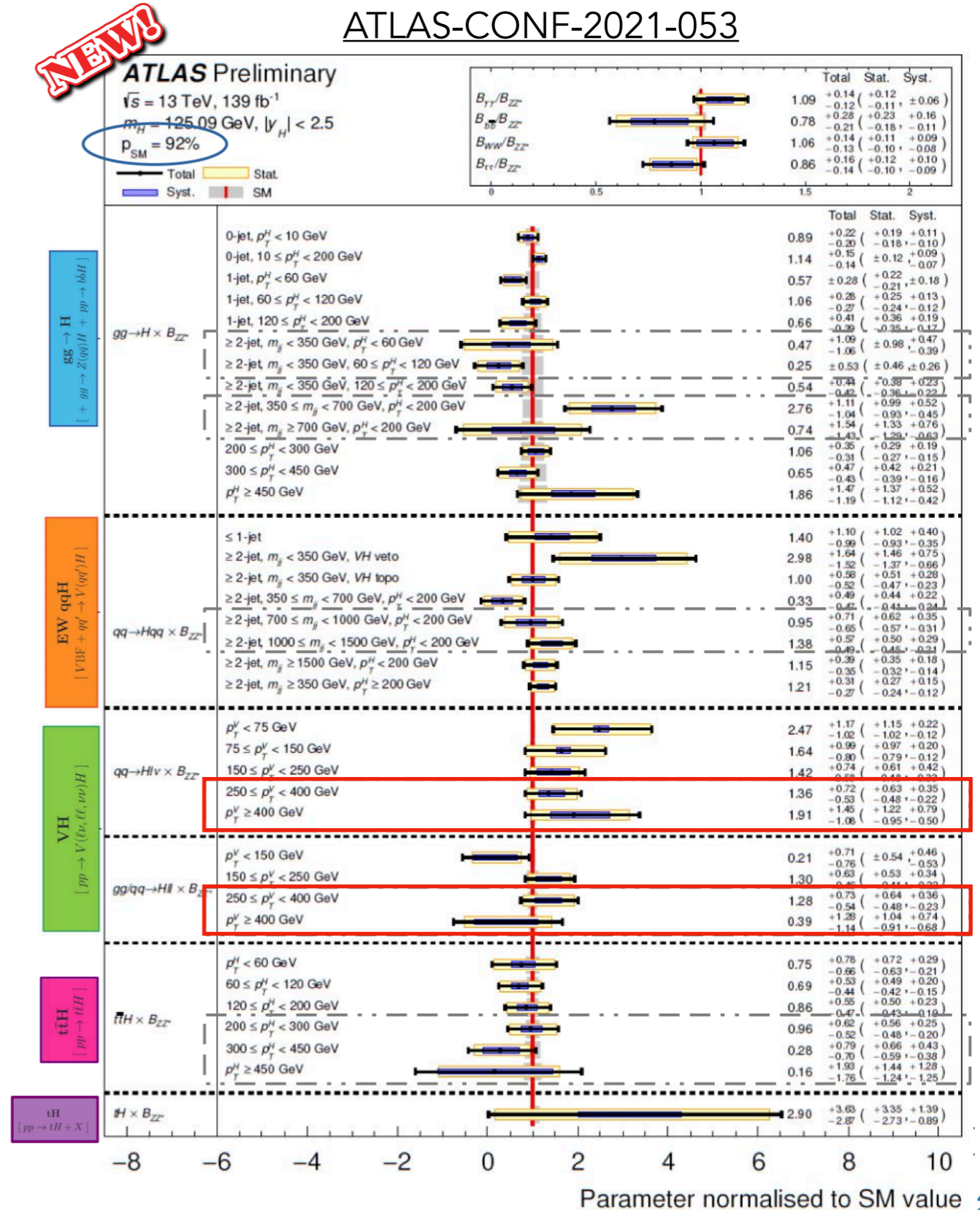
2020 Result Presented @ **EPS2020**

ATLAS-CONF-2020-027



Latest Result Presented @ **Higgs2021**

ATLAS-CONF-2021-053



Wilson coefficients & EV decomposition:

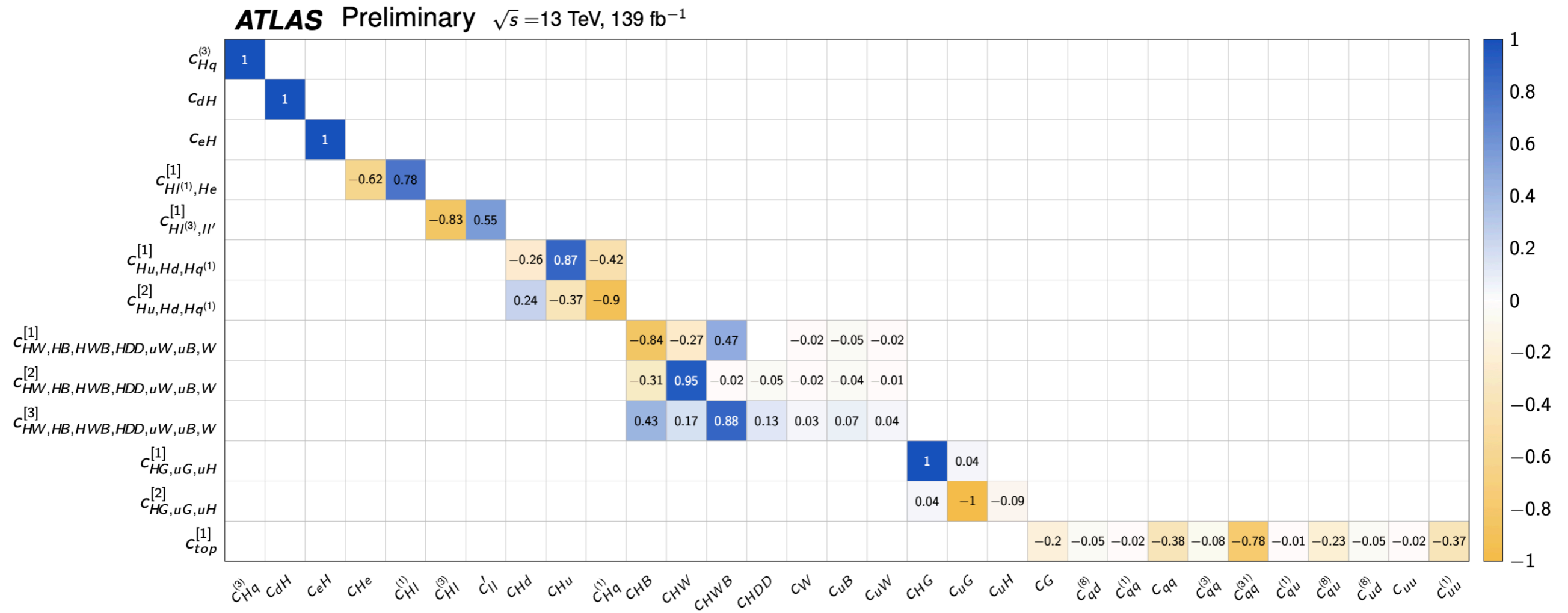
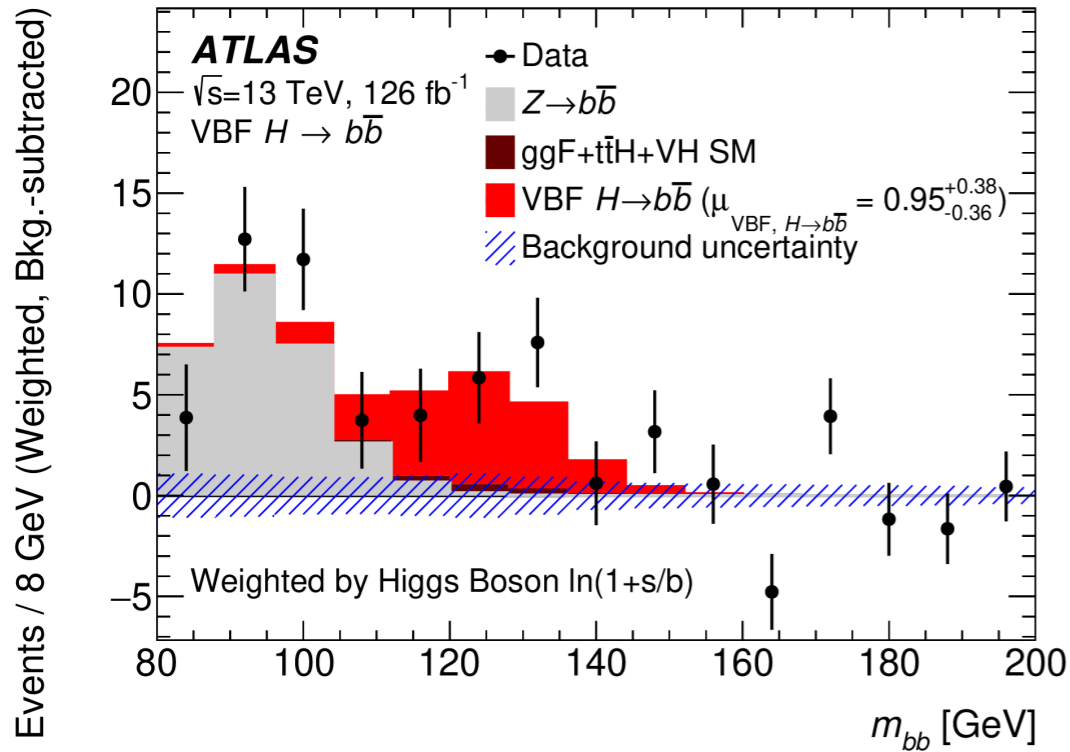
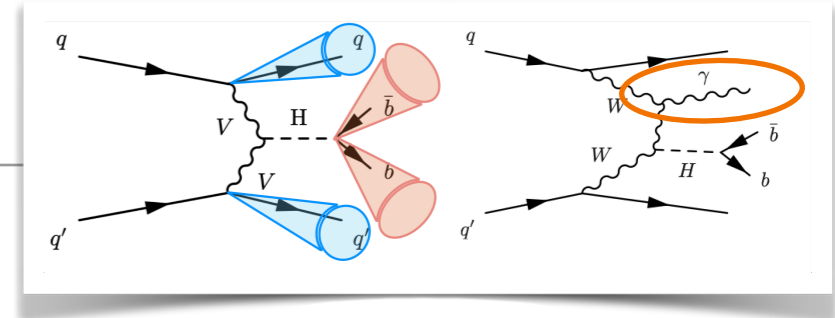


Figure 17: Visualisation of the projection matrix from the Warsaw basis c_i (x-axis) to the fit basis c'_i (y-axis).

H → bb in other production modes:

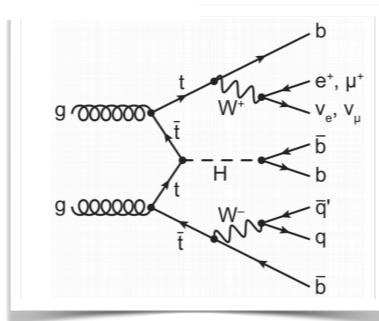


VBF, H → bb: HIGG-2019-04, HIGG-2020-14

- Categorisation into regions based on the output of an ANN
- Inclusive VBF(H → bb) significance of 2.6σ (2.8σ) obs. (exp.)
- Result **combined with VBF+ γ analysis:**
 - VBF significance at 2.9σ (2.9σ) obs. (exp.)

$$\mu_{\text{VBF}, H \rightarrow b\bar{b}, \text{comb.}} = 0.99^{+0.30}_{-0.30}(\text{stat.})^{+0.18}_{-0.16}(\text{syst.})$$

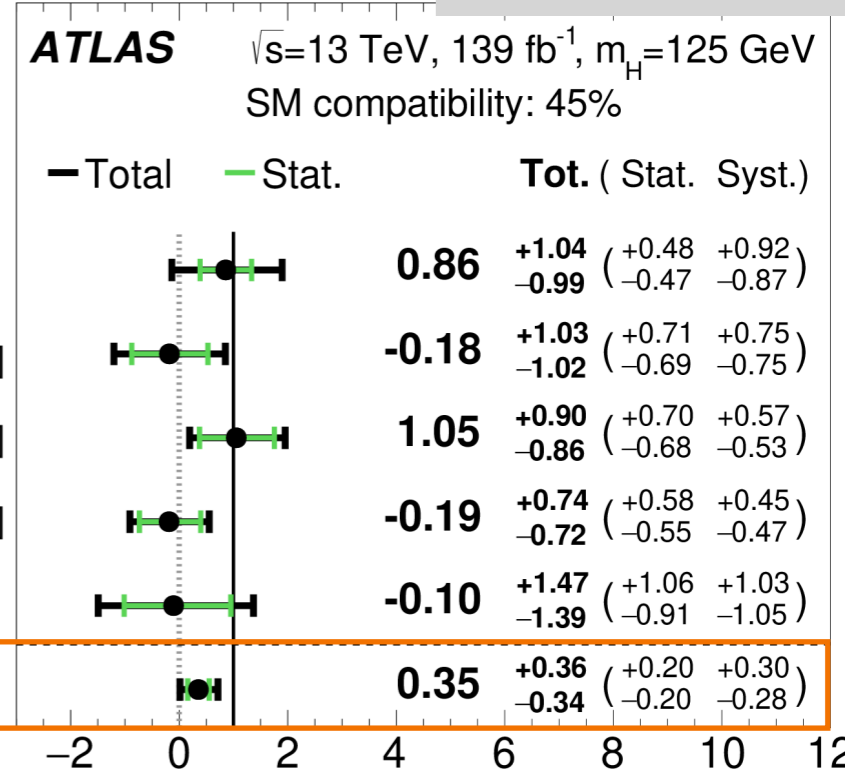
ttH, H → bb: HIGG-2020-23



- **Challenging final state:**
 - Combinatorics from many b-jets
 - **Large background from tt+HF jets.**
- Events categorised by tt decay mode (1lep, 2lep) and candidate Higgs boson p_T .
- **Probe boosted p_T regime as well.**

Inclusive significance of 1.3σ (obs.) 3.0σ (exp.).

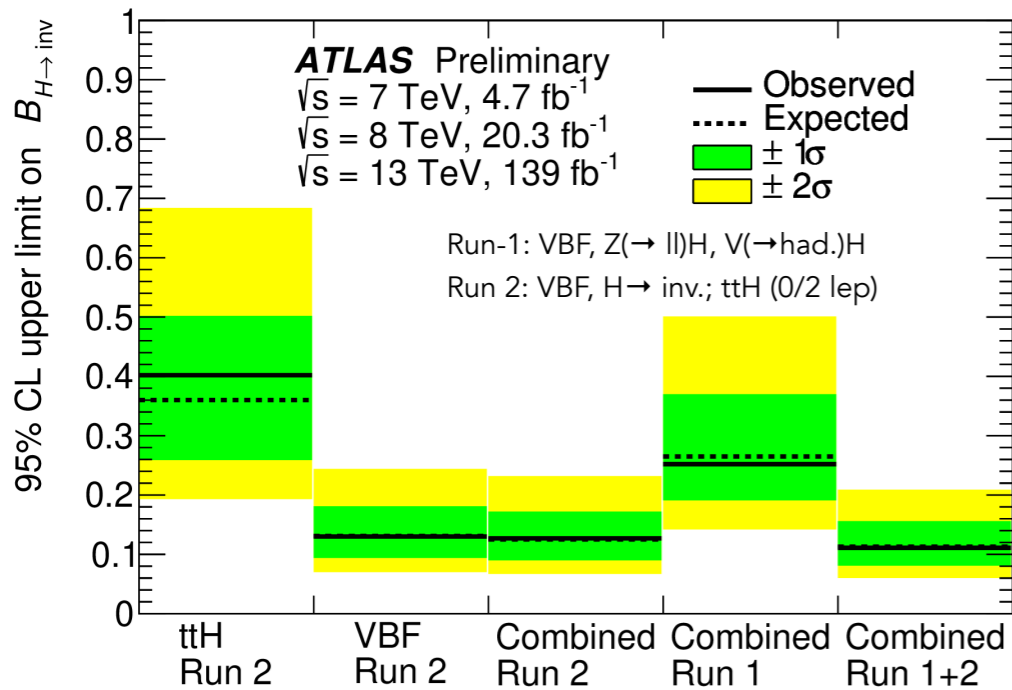
STXS measurement



$$\mu_{\text{ttH}} = \sigma^{\text{ttH}} / \sigma_{\text{SM}}^{\text{ttH}} 28$$

H → invisible and the dark matter portal:

"Invisible" = missing transverse momentum (MET)



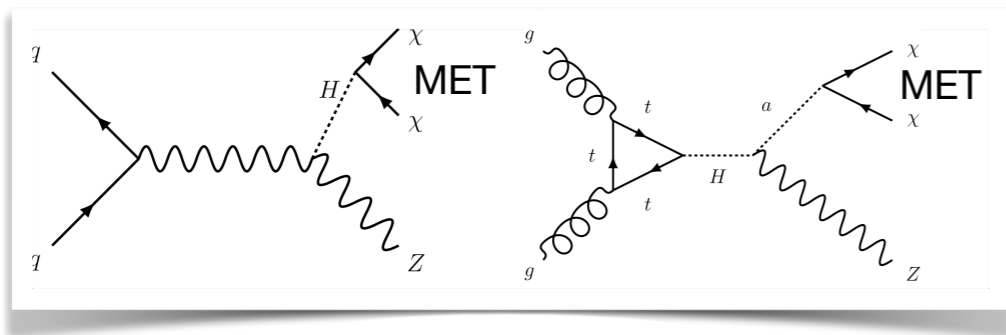
H → invisible combination: CONF-2020-052

- In the **SM**, H → invisible is from H → ZZ* → 4ν – BR = 0.1%
- In **Higgs portal models**, H → invisible contributions arise from H → XX; X: dark matter (DM) particle, e.g. WIMPs

upper limits @ 95% CL on B(H → inv.) obs. (exp.):
 Run 2 combination: 0.13 (0.12+0.05-0.04)
 Run 1+2 combination: 0.11 (0.11+0.04-0.03)

NEW!

ZH → ℓℓ + MET: CERN-EP-2021-204



upper limit @ 95% CL:

B(H → inv.) < 0.18 (0.18) obs. (exp.)

Set exclusion limits for simplified dark matter models and 2HDM+a models

