

Recent single Higgs measurements with the ATLAS detector



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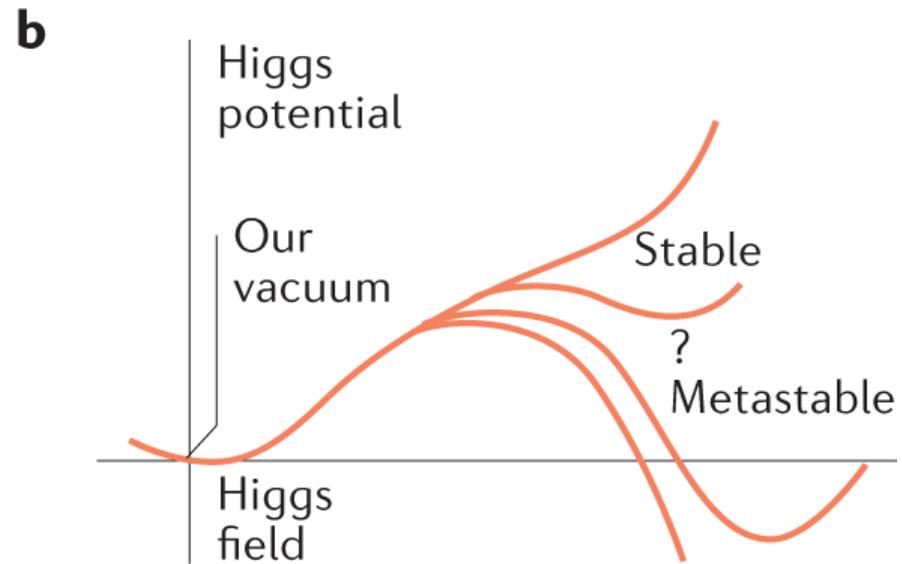
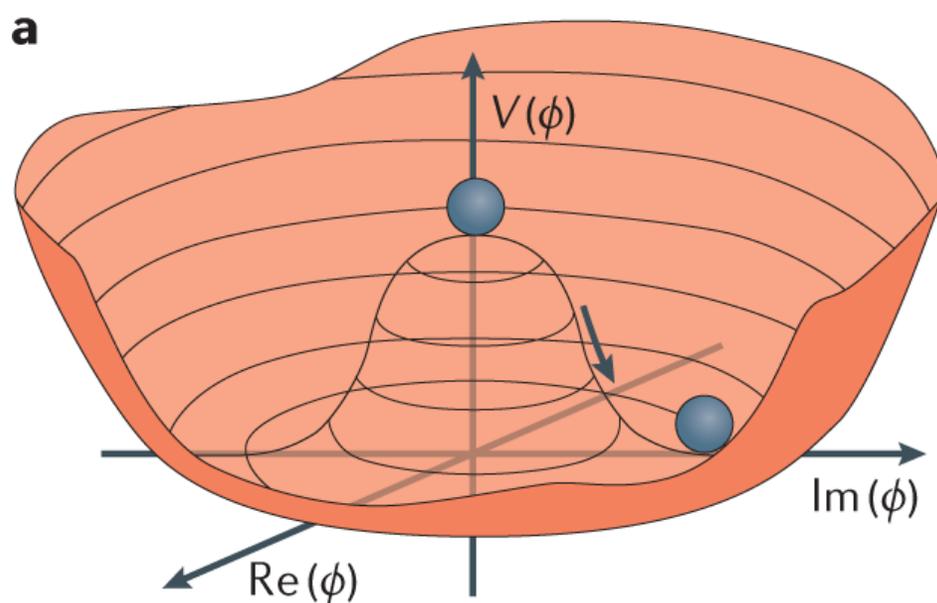
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Introduction

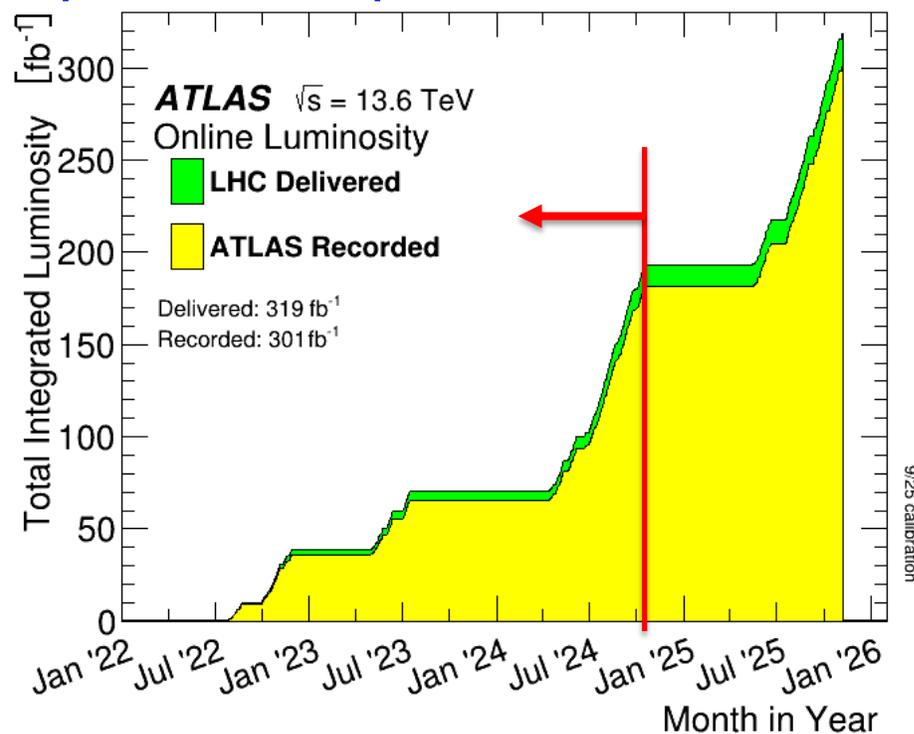
- The Higgs boson is essential in the Electroweak Symmetry Breaking
- Great progress made in *theory/experiment* to deepen our understanding
- Current knowledge of the Higgs boson **motivates further characterization to have a full picture**
- The Higgs boson also provides an **important portal to probe new physics**



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Latest single-Higgs measurements from ATLAS

- **Run2 legacy:** 140 fb^{-1} @ 13 TeV
 - Combined CP measurements in HVV couplings [HIGP-2024-26](#)
- **Run3:** 2022-24 data with 164 fb^{-1} @ 13.6 TeV
 - CP and polarization study in VBF $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ [HIGP-2024-23](#)
 - Simplified Template Cross-sections (STXS) and differential measurements in $H \rightarrow 4l$ [ATLAS-CONF-2026-003](#)



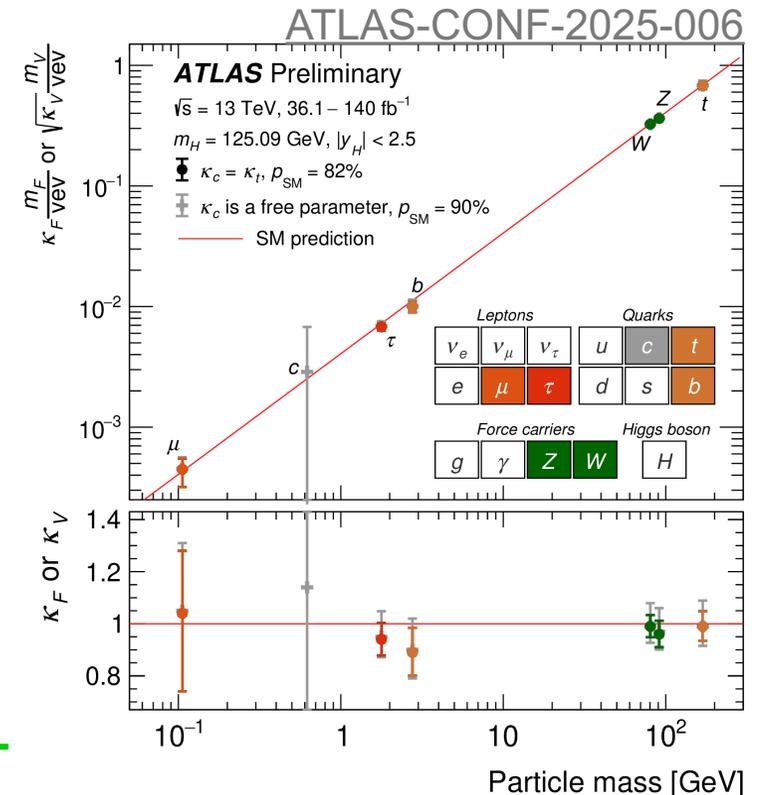
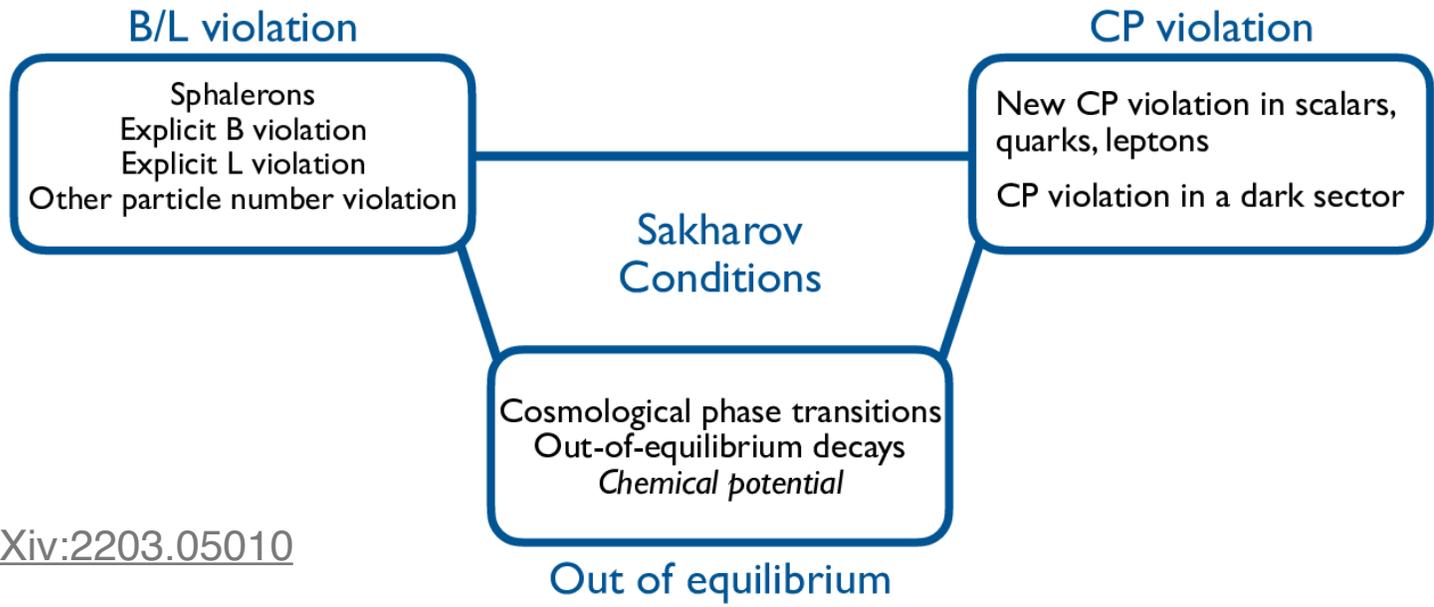
- Other new results but not covered in this talk:
- First evidence of boosted All-Had Hbb with Run 2+Run 3, [HIGP-2024-01](#)
 - Run2 tH combination, [ATLAS-CONF-2026-002](#)
- See [Gaetano Barone's talk](#) and also the backup

Run2 legacy: HVV CP combination

HIGP-2024-26

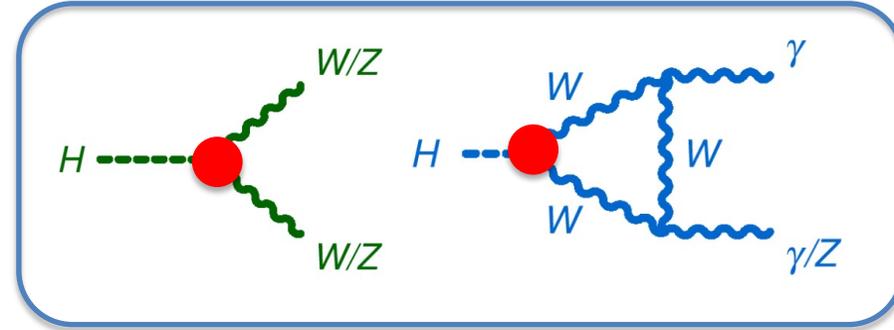
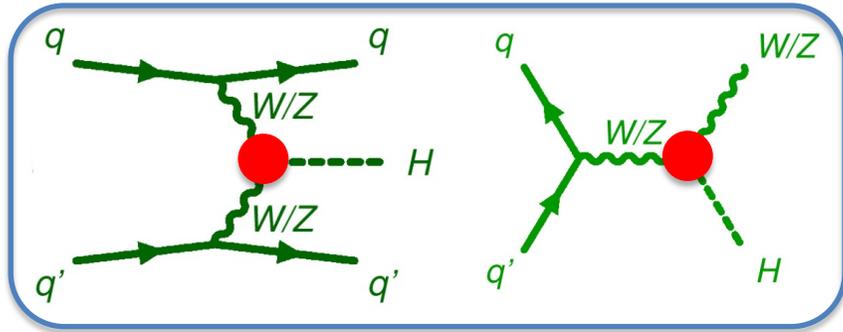
CP properties of Higgs couplings

- **Big question:** What's the origin of matter-antimatter asymmetry of the Universe?
- Sakharov conditions: additional sources of CP violation beyond the SM are required
- Are there CP-violating Higgs couplings? → Measuring the CP structure of Higgs boson couplings to EWK gauge bosons (HVV) and fermions (Hff)
 - Current experimental sensitivity still allows for possible CP-violating contributions



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- HVV couplings** can be probed via **VBF/VH production** and **HVV decays**



- Using the Standard Model Effective Field Theory (**SMEFT**) formalism to parameterize the HVV interactions

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SMEFT}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \sum_i \frac{c_i}{\lambda^{D-4}} \mathcal{O}_i^{(D)}$$

c_i : Wilson coefficients
 \mathcal{O}_i : SMEFT CP-odd dim-6 operators

Cross-section decomposition:

$$O_n = O_n^{\text{SM}} \left(1 + \underbrace{\sum_i A_{ni} c_i}_{\text{Linear (CP-odd)}} + \underbrace{\sum_i B_{ni} c_i^2}_{\text{Quadratic (CP-even)}} + \underbrace{\sum_{i<j} C_{nij} c_i c_j}_{\text{Cross-term (CP-even)}} \right),$$

Operator	Structure	Coupling
Warsaw Basis		
$O_{\Phi\tilde{W}}$	$\Phi^\dagger \Phi \tilde{W}_{\mu\nu}^I W^{\mu\nu I}$	$c_{H\tilde{W}}$
$O_{\Phi\tilde{W}B}$	$\Phi^\dagger \tau^I \Phi \tilde{W}_{\mu\nu}^I B^{\mu\nu}$	$c_{H\tilde{W}B}$
$O_{\Phi\tilde{B}}$	$\Phi^\dagger \Phi \tilde{B}_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}$	$c_{H\tilde{B}}$

- Dedicated CP measurements have been performed in various production/decay channels, *individually*
- First ATLAS combined measurement** of the CP properties of HVV using SMEFT in the Warsaw basis

Input measurements		References	CP observables
Prod.	Decay		
VBF	$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	PRL 131 (2023) 061802	Optimal Observable(OO) shape-only analysis
	$H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$	JHEP 05 (2024) 105	OO shape-only analysis
	$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$	JHEP 10 (2025) 92	OO shape-only analysis
	$H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$	EPJC 85 (2025) 1403	$\Delta\Phi_{jj}$ shape-based analysis
WH	$H \rightarrow bb$	ATL-PHYS-PUB-2025-022	$Q_l \cos \delta^+$ shape-based analysis

CP-odd OO based on matrix-element ratios

$$OO = \frac{2\text{Re}(\mathcal{M}_{\text{SM}}^* \mathcal{M}_{\text{BSM}})}{|\mathcal{M}_{\text{SM}}|^2}$$

$\Rightarrow H \rightarrow ZZ^*$: sensitive to $c_{H\tilde{B}}, c_{H\tilde{W}B}$

Q_l : lepton charge

$$\cos \delta^+ = \frac{\mathbf{p}_\ell^{(W)} \cdot (\mathbf{p}_H \times \mathbf{p}_W)}{|\mathbf{p}_\ell^{(W)}| \cdot |\mathbf{p}_H \times \mathbf{p}_W|}$$

WH: only sensitive to $c_{H\tilde{W}}$

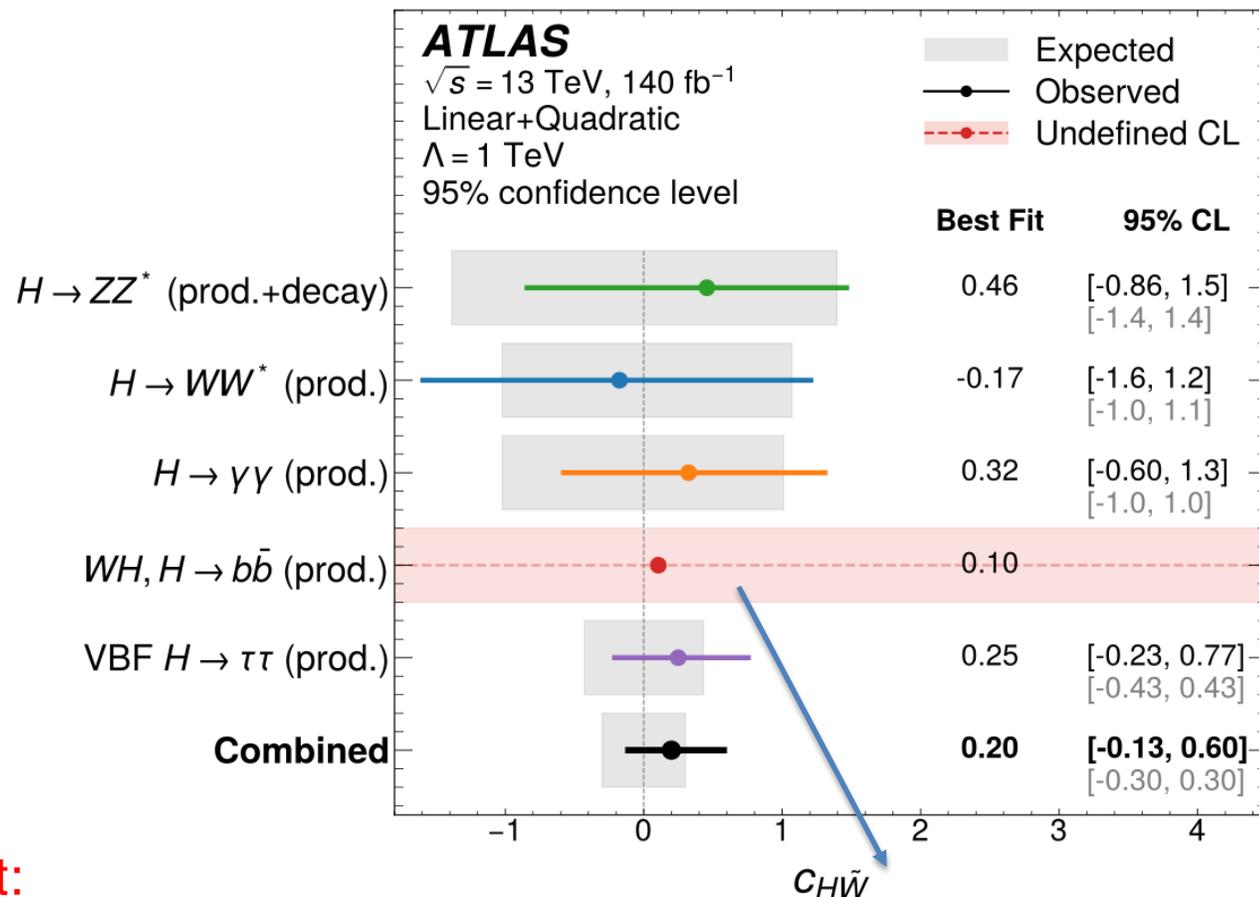
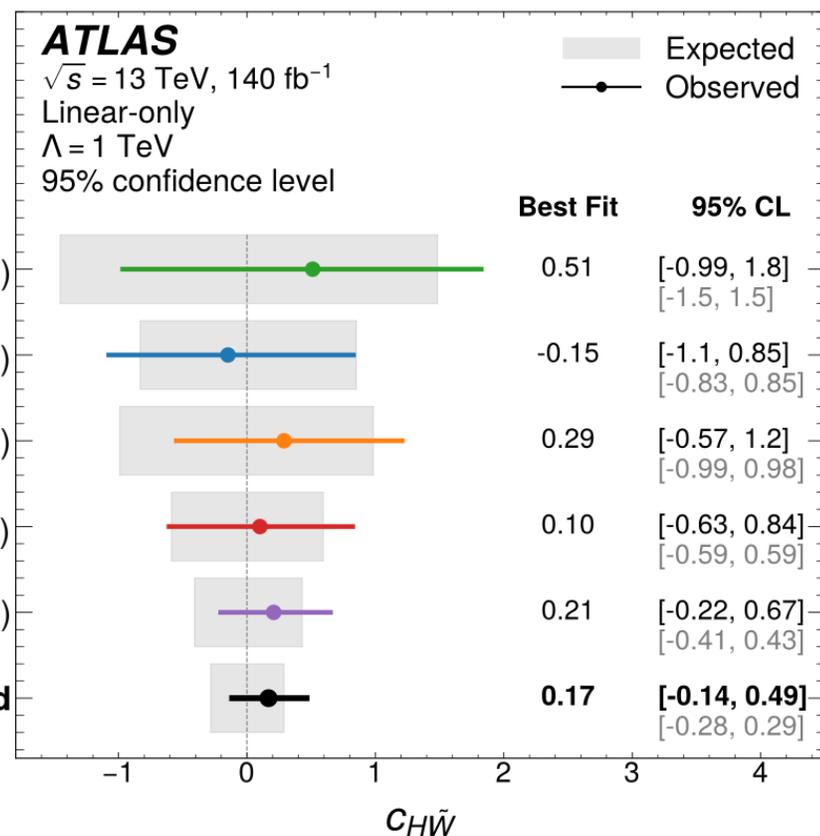
VBF: mainly sensitive to $c_{H\tilde{W}}$, with subleading contributions from $c_{H\tilde{B}}, c_{H\tilde{W}B}$

- Combination strategy:
 - 1D fit: scan $c_{H\widetilde{W}}$ while fixing $c_{H\widetilde{B}} = c_{H\widetilde{W}B} = 0$
 - 3D fit: simultaneously fit $c_{H\widetilde{W}}, c_{H\widetilde{B}}, c_{H\widetilde{W}B} \rightarrow$ for the first time enabled by this combination
 - The 3 coefficients are *strongly and differently* correlated in the individual channels \rightarrow combining them breaks these degeneracies
 - VBF $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ not included due to its limited sensitivity in constraining the 3D parameter space
 - Both linear-only and linear + quadratic scenarios are considered
- Systematic uncertainties are correlated where applicable
 - Experimental uncertainties are fully correlated (luminosity, object reconstruction and calibration)
 - Theoretical uncertainties are correlated among analyses targeting the same H production mode
 - Background modelling uncertainties are uncorrelated
 - The impact of systematic uncertainties is small compared to the statistical error

Combined results: 1D fit on $c_{H\tilde{W}}$

Linear-only

Linear + quadratic



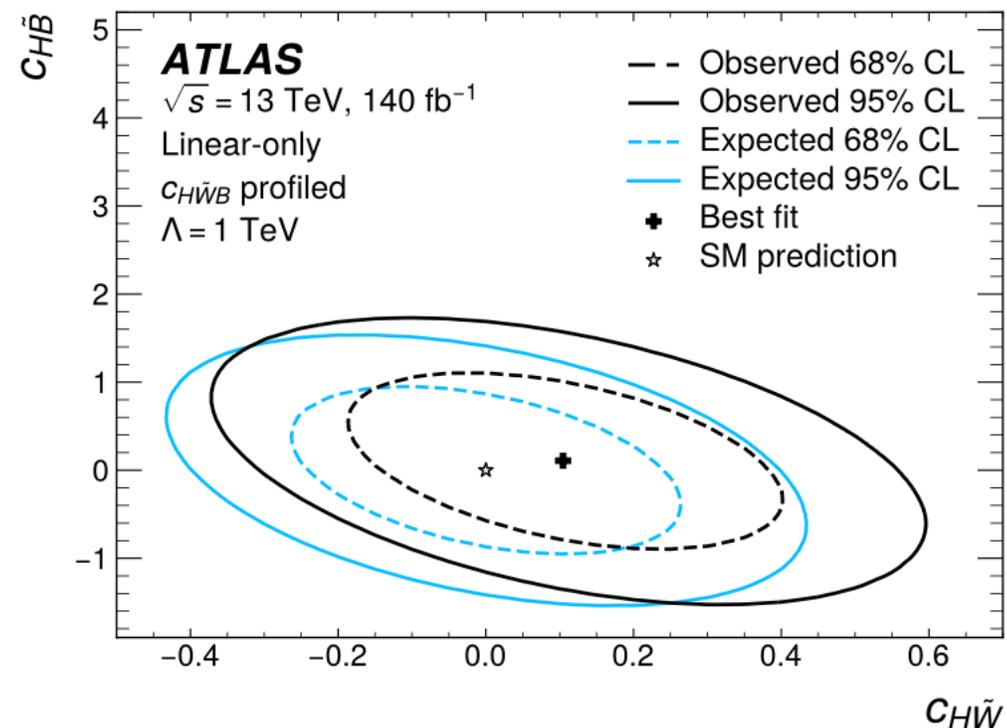
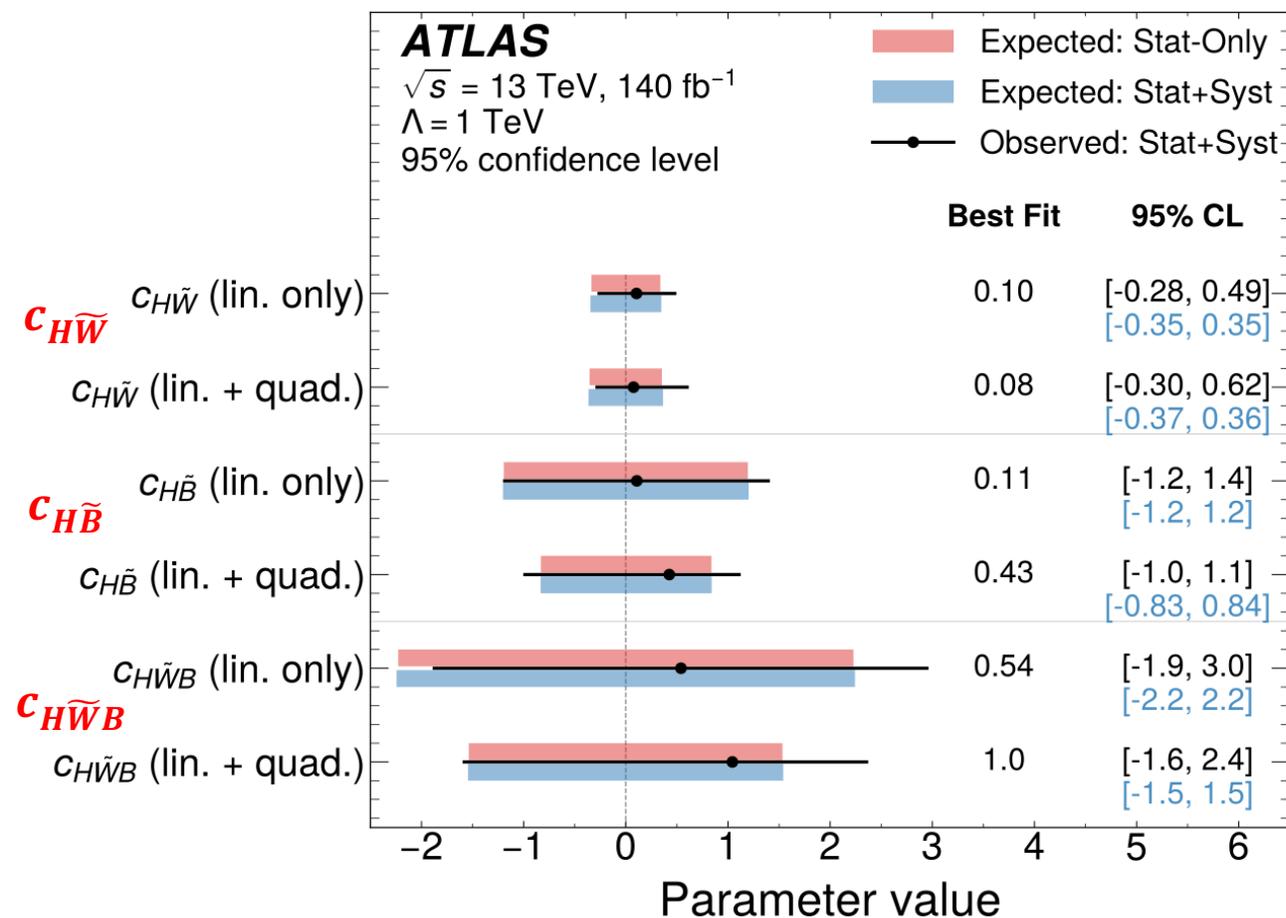
Combination brings significant improvement:

- $\times 3$ better than $H \rightarrow ZZ^*$, $H \rightarrow WW^*$ and $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
- $\times 2$ better than $WH \rightarrow b\bar{b}$
- 40% better than $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$

For $WH \rightarrow b\bar{b}$, the best-fit value is valid in the $c_{H\tilde{W}}$ range $[-1.5, 1.5]$ and no 95%CL interval is defined

Combined results: 3D fit

3D ($c_{H\tilde{W}}$, $c_{H\tilde{B}}$, $c_{H\tilde{W}B}$) fit results for the first time! Enabled by the combination



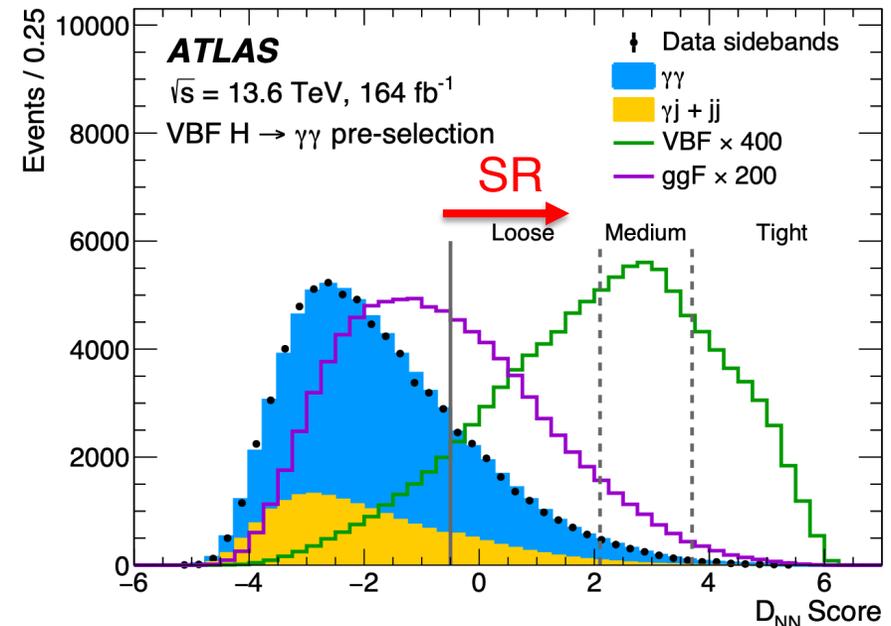
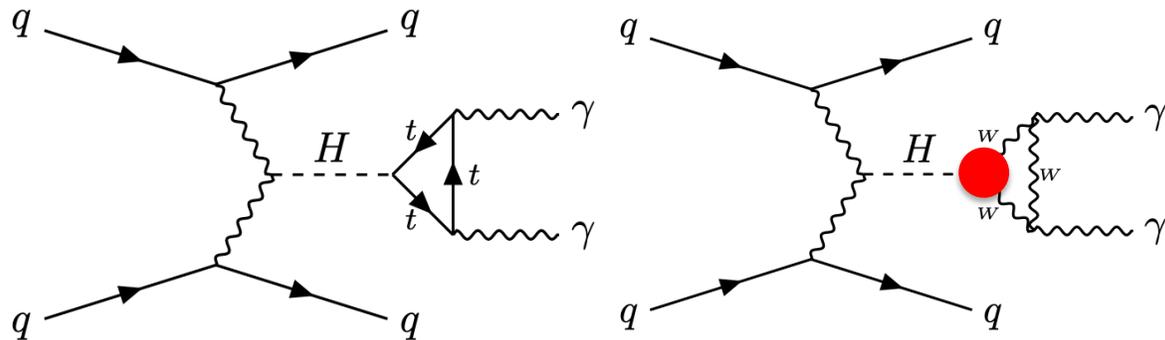
More 2D contours in the paper

Run3 VBF $H\gamma\gamma$ CP and Polarization

HIGP-2024-23

- Probe BSM effects via precision measurements of the HVV tensor structure couplings
 - New sources of CP violation in the EFT framework
 - Polarization-dependent coupling
- VBF Higgs production with $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ decay, using 164 fb^{-1} of Run3 data
 - Select events with two isolated photons and two VBF tagging jets
 - A 3-class DNN used to discriminate VBF events from ggF and non-resonant background \rightarrow **refined classification algorithm w.r.t the Run2 analysis**

$$D_{NN} = \log \left(\frac{P_{\text{VBF}}}{(f_{\text{ggH}} \cdot P_{\text{ggF}} + (1 - f_{\text{ggH}}) \cdot P_{\text{Continuum}})} \right)$$



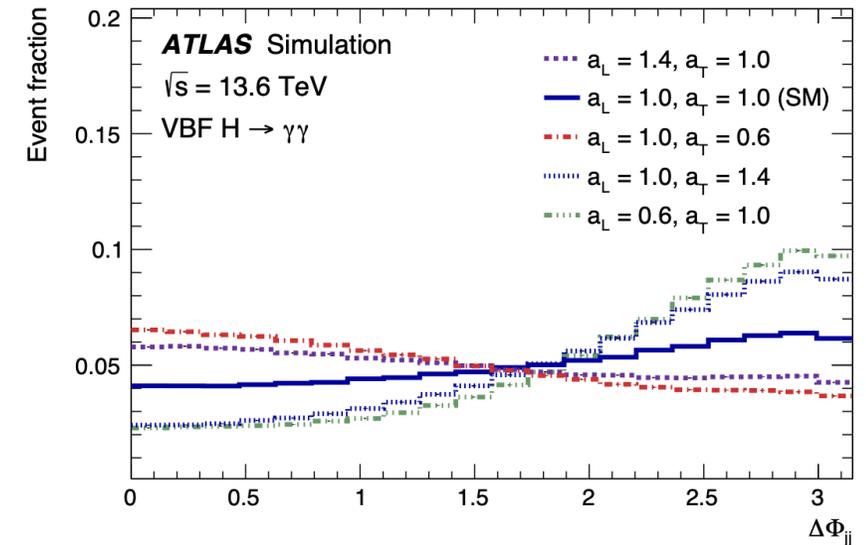
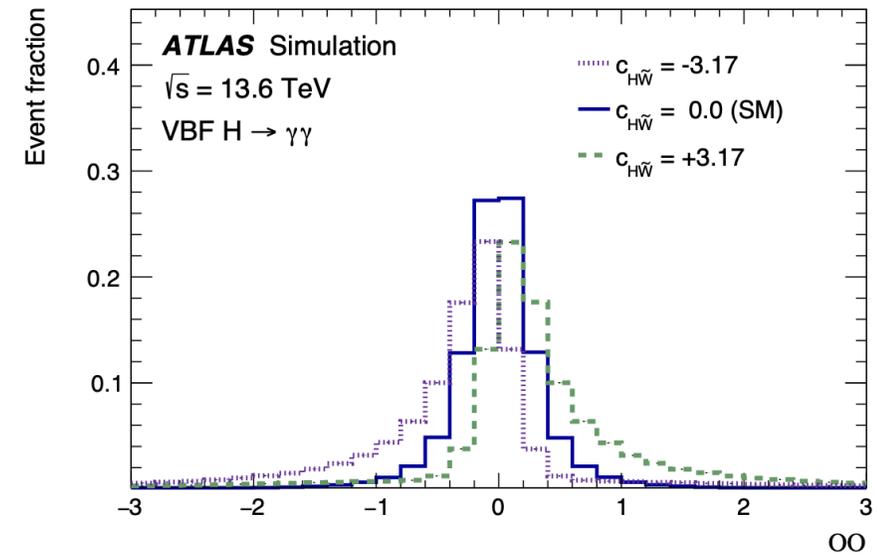
- CP
 - SMEFT Warsaw basis, focusing on $c_{H\tilde{W}}$
 - Sensitive observable: OO defined as matrix element ratios

$$OO = \frac{2\text{Re}(\mathcal{M}_{\text{SM}}^* \mathcal{M}_{\text{BSM}})}{|\mathcal{M}_{\text{SM}}|^2}$$

- Polarization
 - Parametrize the polarization-dependent couplings

$$a_L = \frac{g_{HV_L V_L}}{g_{HV V}} \quad a_T = \frac{g_{HV_T V_T}}{g_{HV V}}$$

- In the SM: $a_L = a_T = 1$, while anomalous couplings predicted by BSM models, e.g., [composite Higgs](#)
- Sensitive observable: the azimuthal angular difference between the two VBF-tagged jets, $\Delta\Phi_{jj}$
- **First time in $H\gamma\gamma$, previously only done in HWW^***



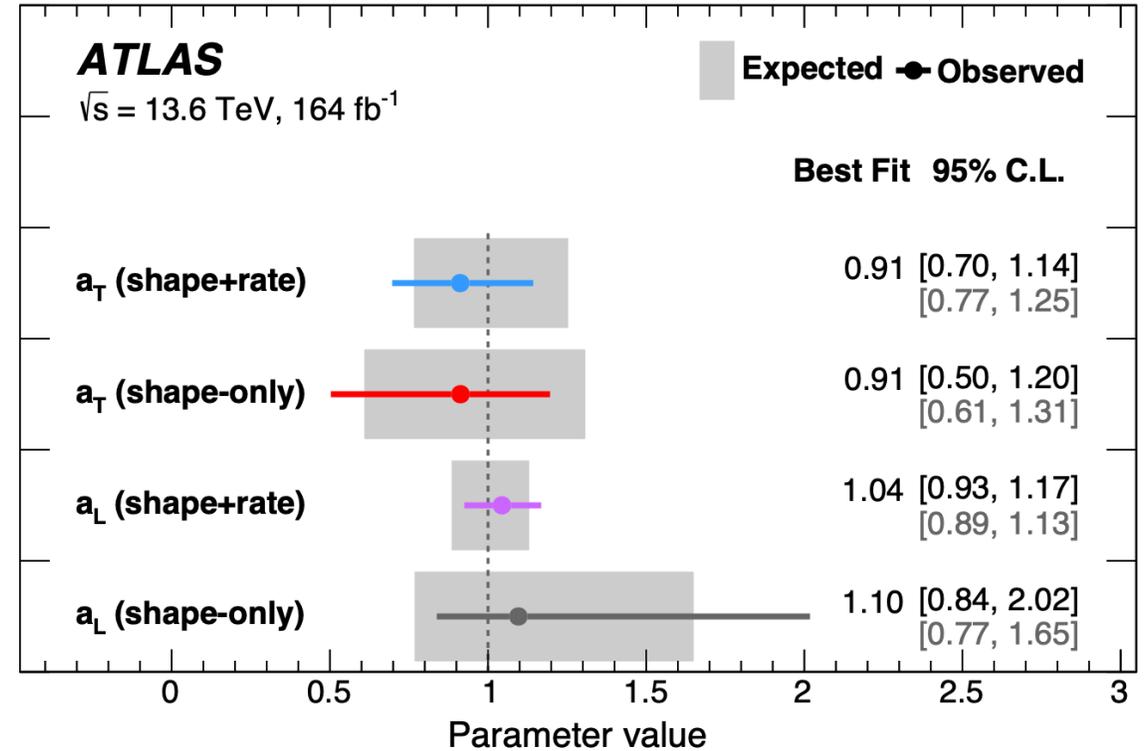
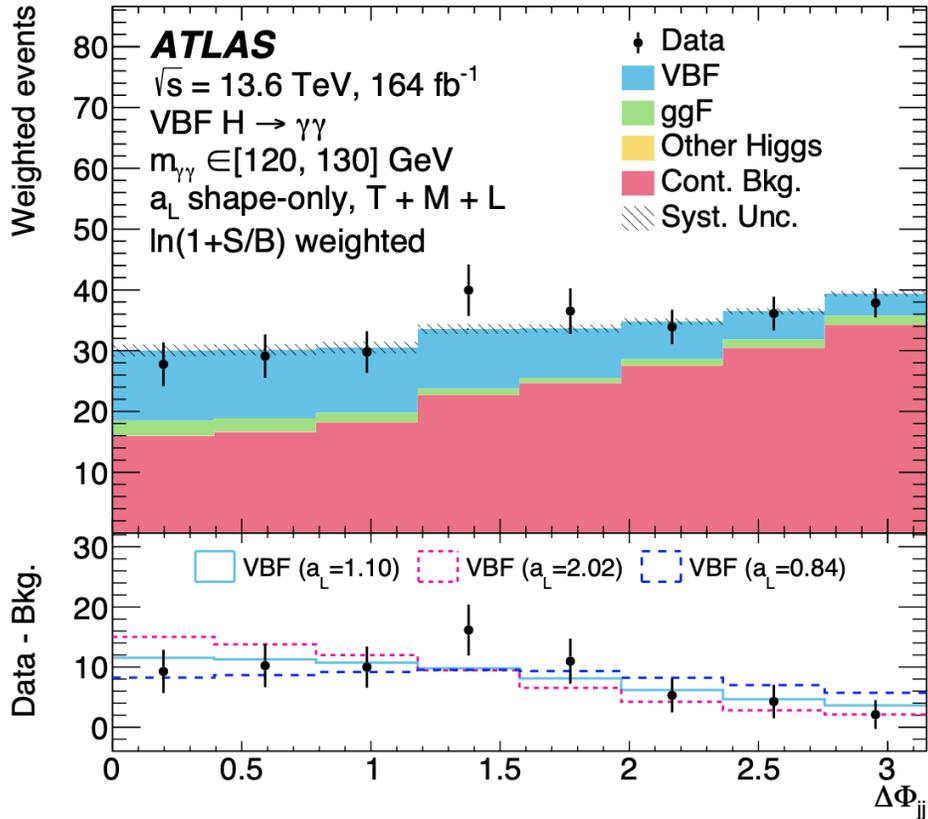
EPJC 82 (2022) 622

Two distinct fits are considered: **Shape-only** and **Shape + rate**

a_L more strongly constrained by **rate** information

a_T more strongly constrained by the **shape** of the $\Delta\Phi_{jj}$

Post-fit weighted $\Delta\Phi_{jj}$ distributions



First ATLAS results to rely exclusively on fast detector simulation (AtFast3)

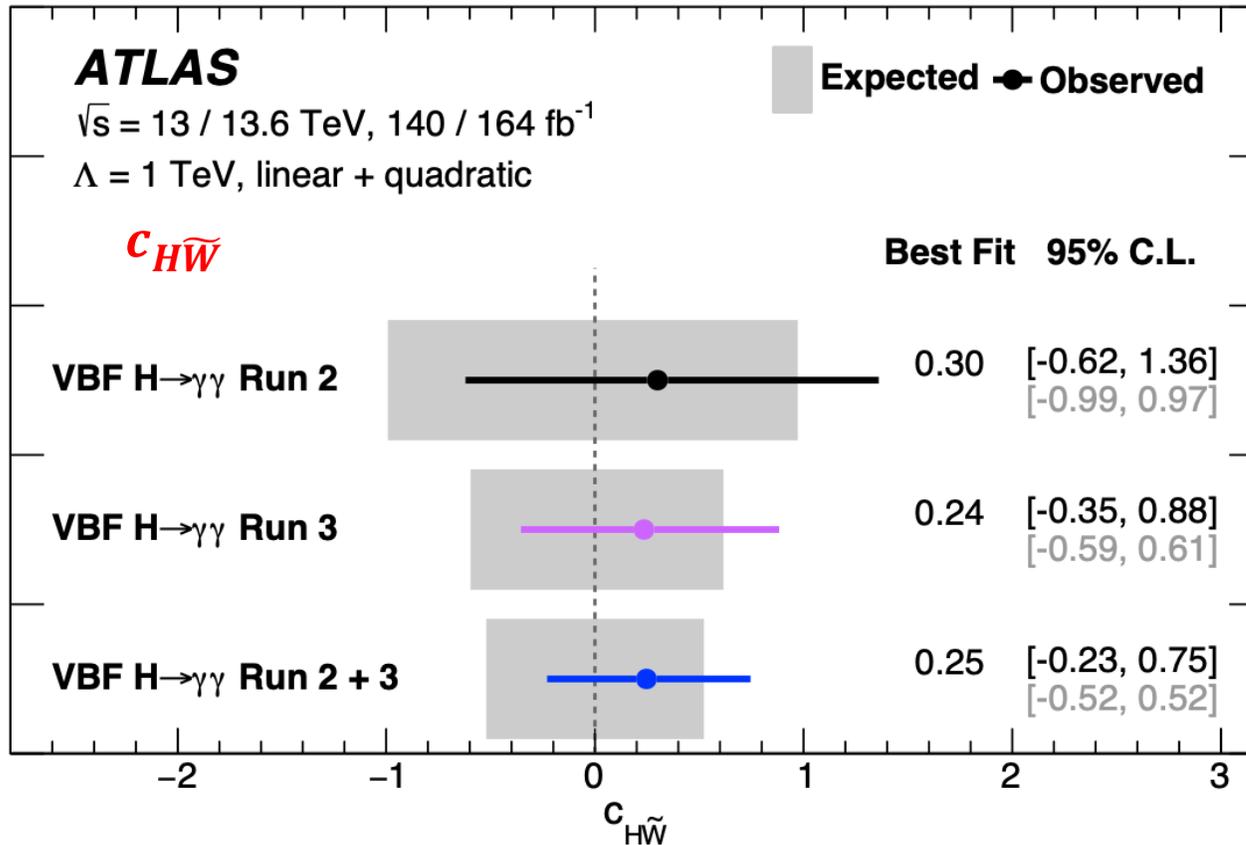
Significant improvement compared to the 36 fb^{-1} VBF HWW* (EPJC 82 (2022) 622): $\times 3$ better for shape + rate fit

Results: CP measurements

HIGP-2024-23

Both **linear-only** and **linear + quadratic** scenarios are considered

- Contribution of the quadratic terms found negligible



Run2 + Run3 combination to further improve the sensitivity

Constraints on $c_{H\tilde{W}}$ are improved by $\sim 50\%$ \rightarrow thanks to the new DNN classification algorithm

Still less stringent than the Run2 combination

(1D): $c_{H\tilde{W}}$ linear + quadratic

Obs: [-0.13, 0.60]

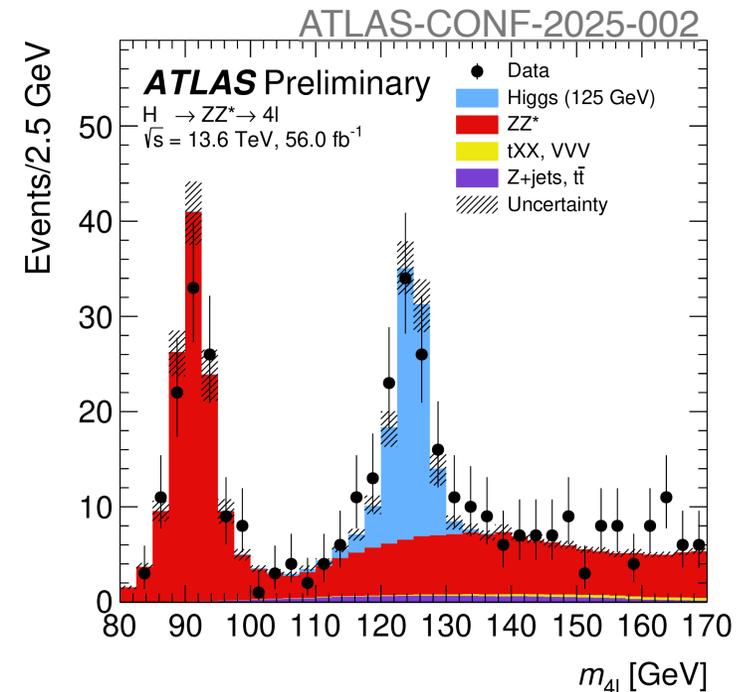
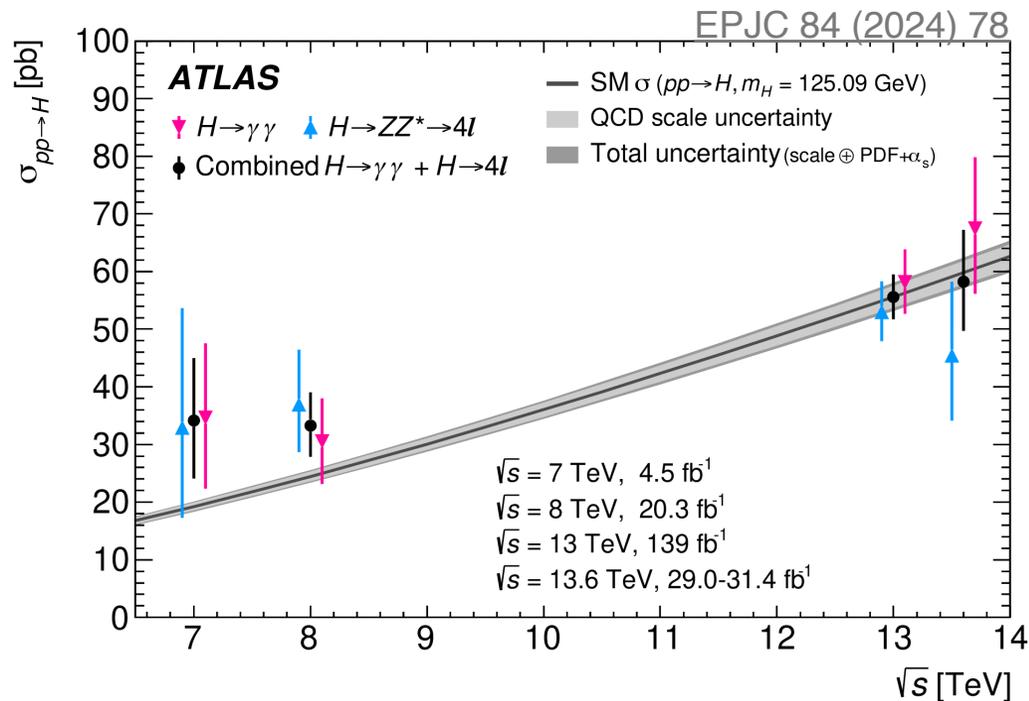
Exp: [-0.30, 0.30]@ 95% CL

Run3 H4I STXS and differential measurements

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Analysis overview

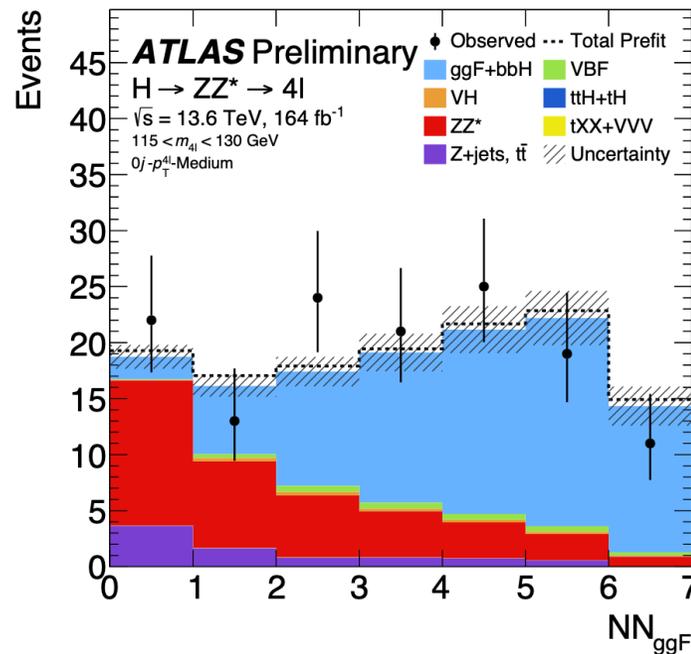
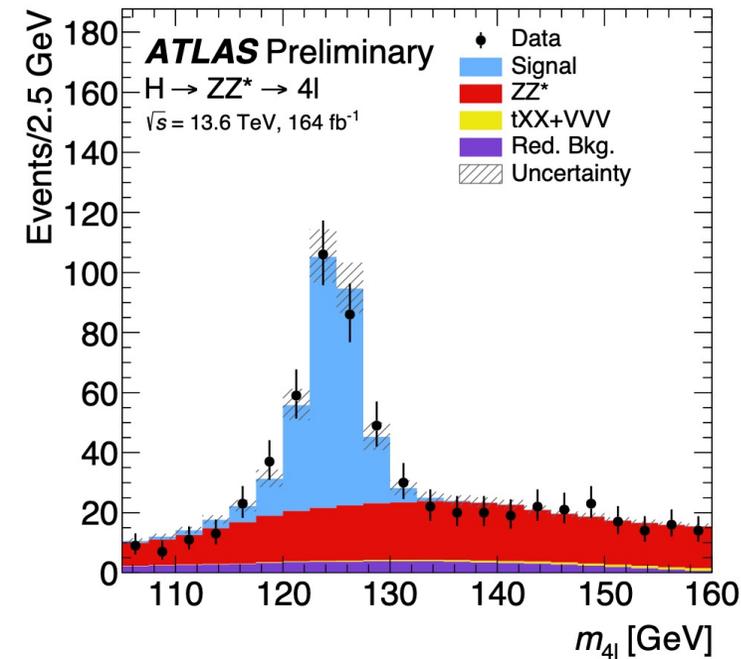
- $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$: golden channel for precision measurements
- Updated fiducial, differential and STXS measurements with 164 fb^{-1} of Run3 data
 - First inclusive prod. cross-section measurement at 13.6 TeV with 29 fb^{-1} data: [EPJC 84 \(2024\) 78](#)
 - Differential measurements with 2022-23 data, 56 fb^{-1} : [ATLAS-CONF-2025-002](#)



Analysis overview

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Backgrounds:

- Non-resonant ZZ^* normalization from m_{4l} sideband
- Non-prompt bkg (Z+jets, ttbar) from a data-driven fake factor method

Fiducial and differential measurements:

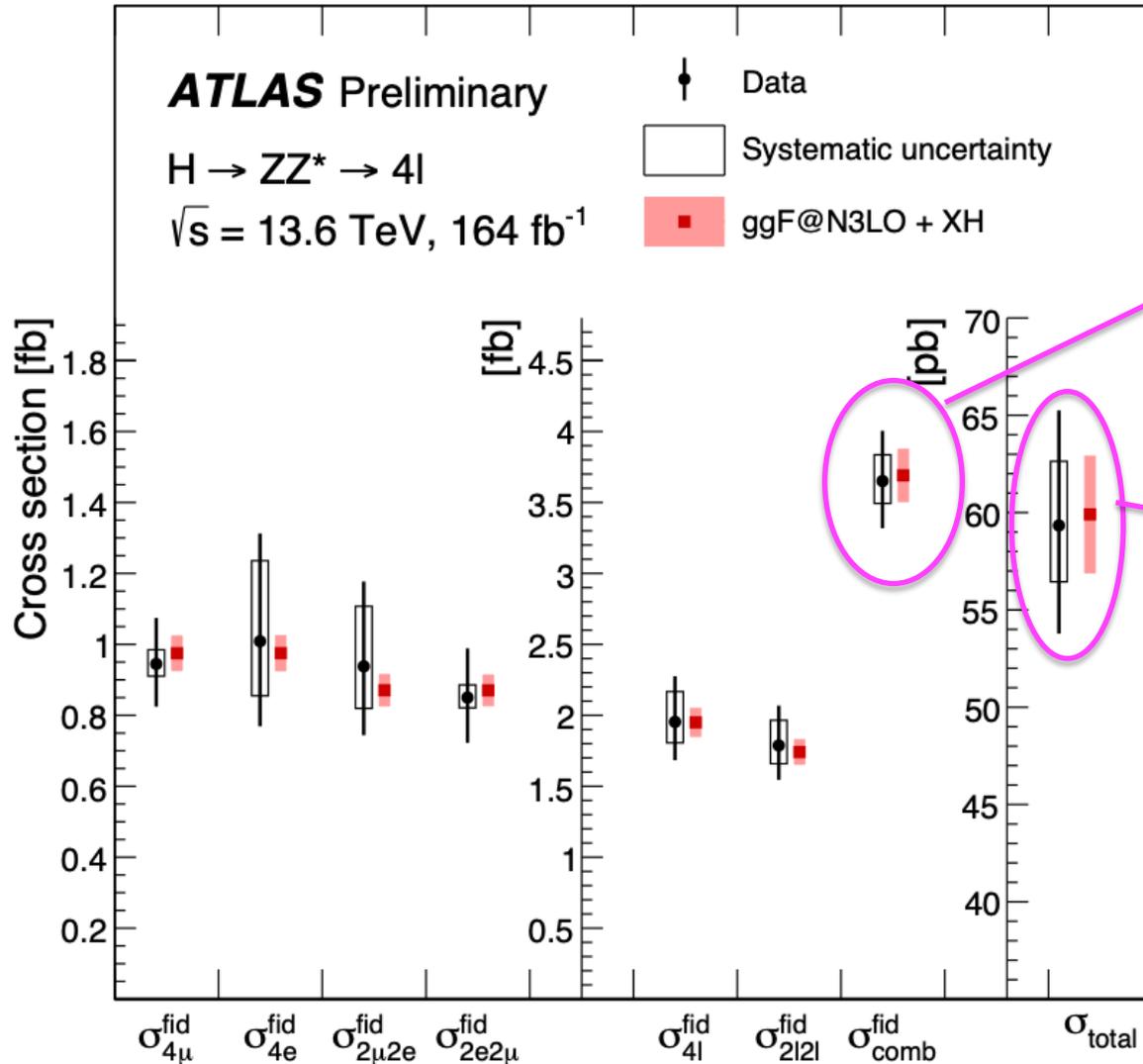
- Cross-sections extracted from binned likelihood fit using m_{4l} spectrum
- Detector effects are corrected through an likelihood-based matrix unfolding procedure

STXS:

- Discriminants based on a Set Transformer architecture
- Results extracted from simultaneous fit of signal regions and sidebands to constrain the ZZ^* and tXX normalizations

Inclusive fiducial and total cross-sections

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Fiducial cross-section

$$\sigma_{\text{fid}} = \sigma \cdot B(H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l)$$

$$= 3.65 \pm 0.30(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.18(\text{sys.}) \text{ fb} = \mathbf{3.65^{+0.35}_{-0.33} \text{ fb}}$$

$$\sigma_{\text{fid}}^{\text{SM}} = \mathbf{3.68 \pm 0.17 \text{ pb}}$$

Total cross-section

$$\sigma_{\text{total}} = 59.3 \pm 4.8(\text{stat.}) \pm 3.1(\text{sys.}) \text{ pb}$$

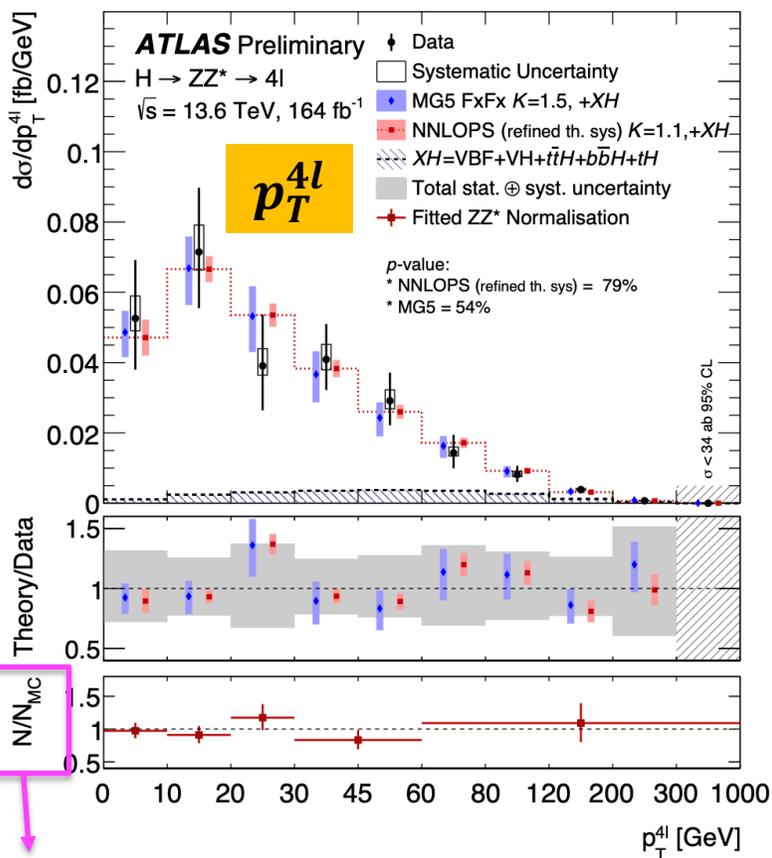
$$= \mathbf{59.3 \pm 5.7 \text{ pb}}$$

$$\sigma_{\text{total}}^{\text{SM}} = \mathbf{59.9 \pm 3.0 \text{ pb}}$$

Good agreement with the state-of-the-art SM predictions

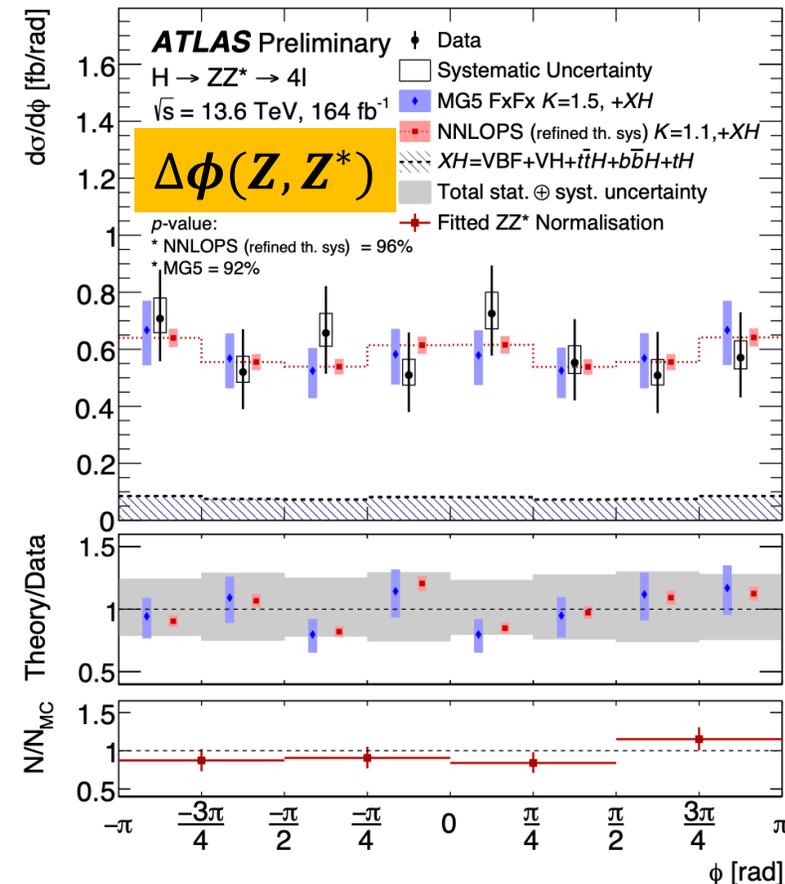
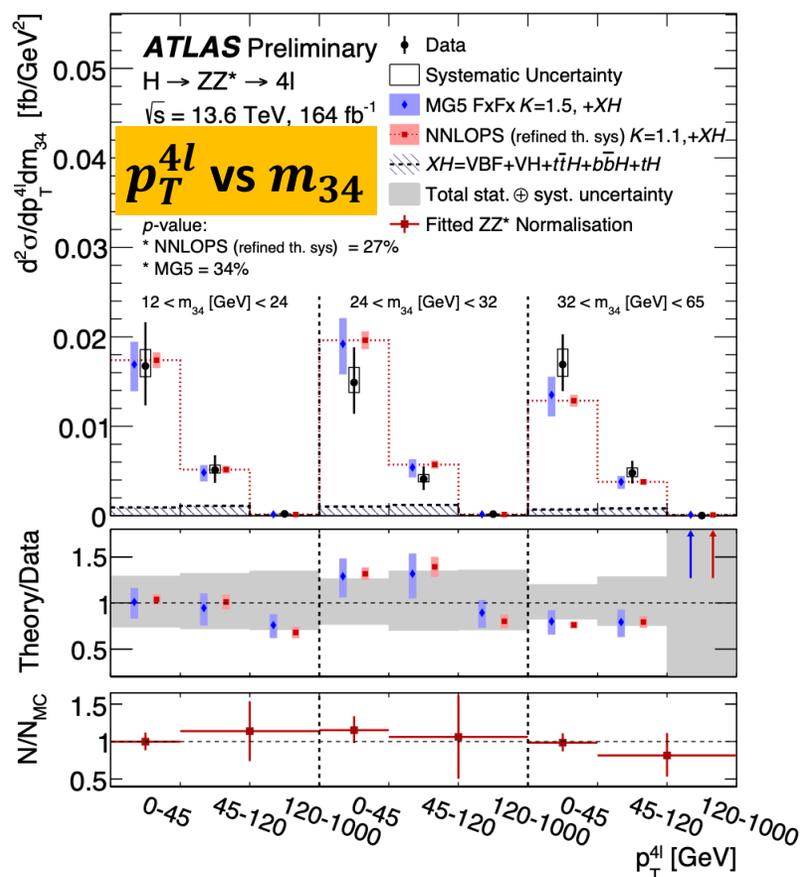
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More differential measurements at the backup



ZZ^* normalization factors

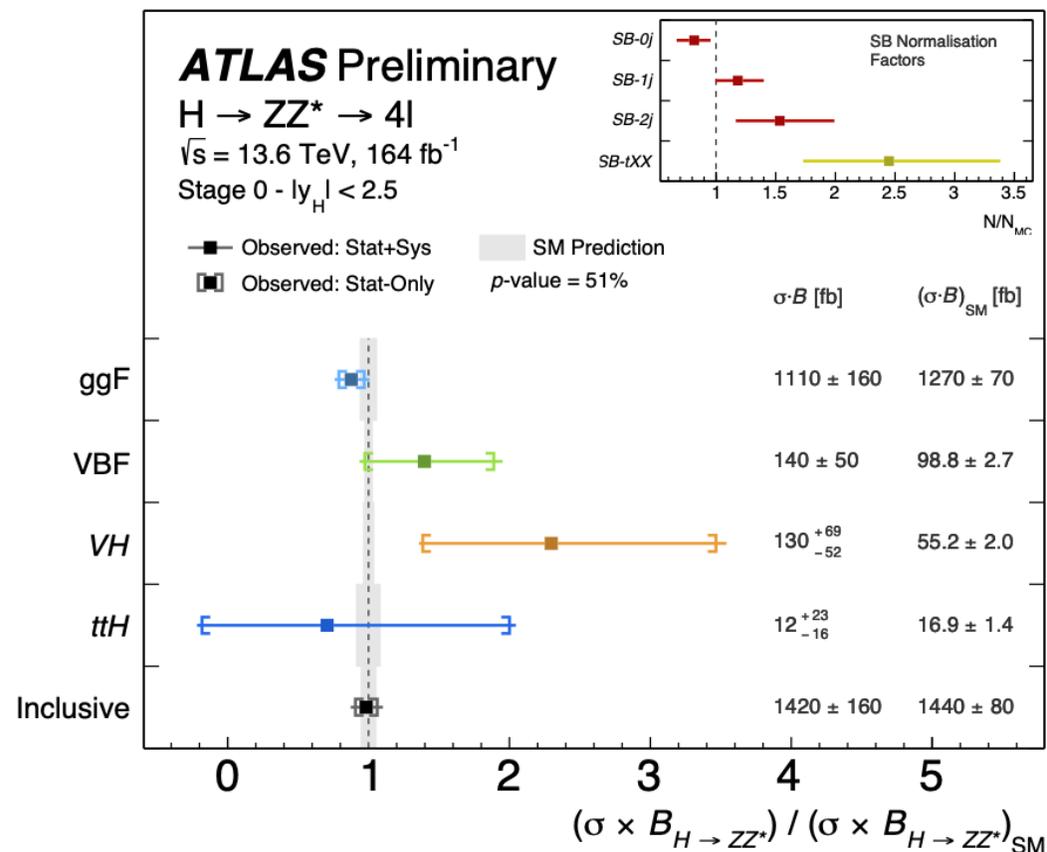
Sensitive to BSM effects



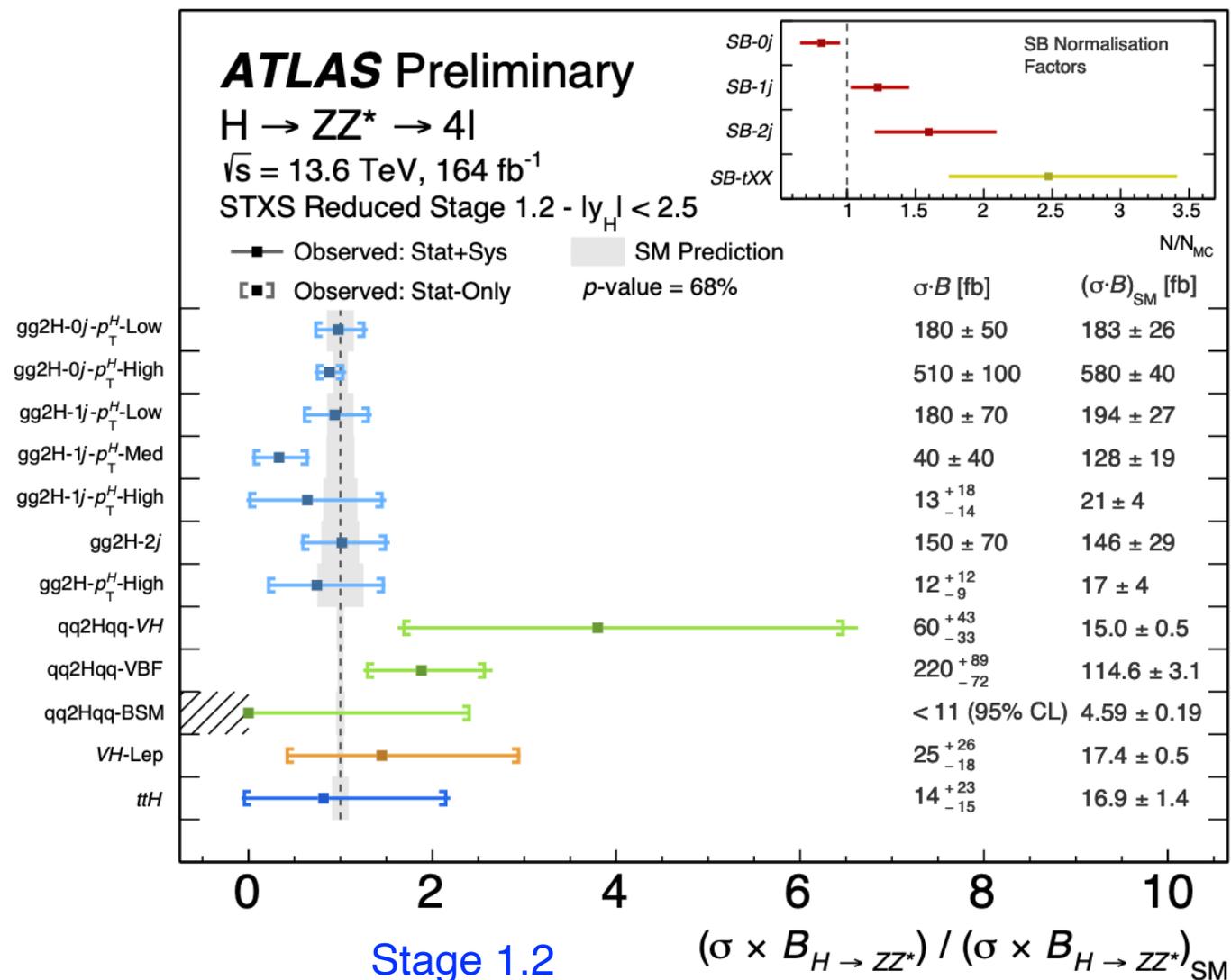
Recover sensitivity to SM-BSM interference effects

STXS results

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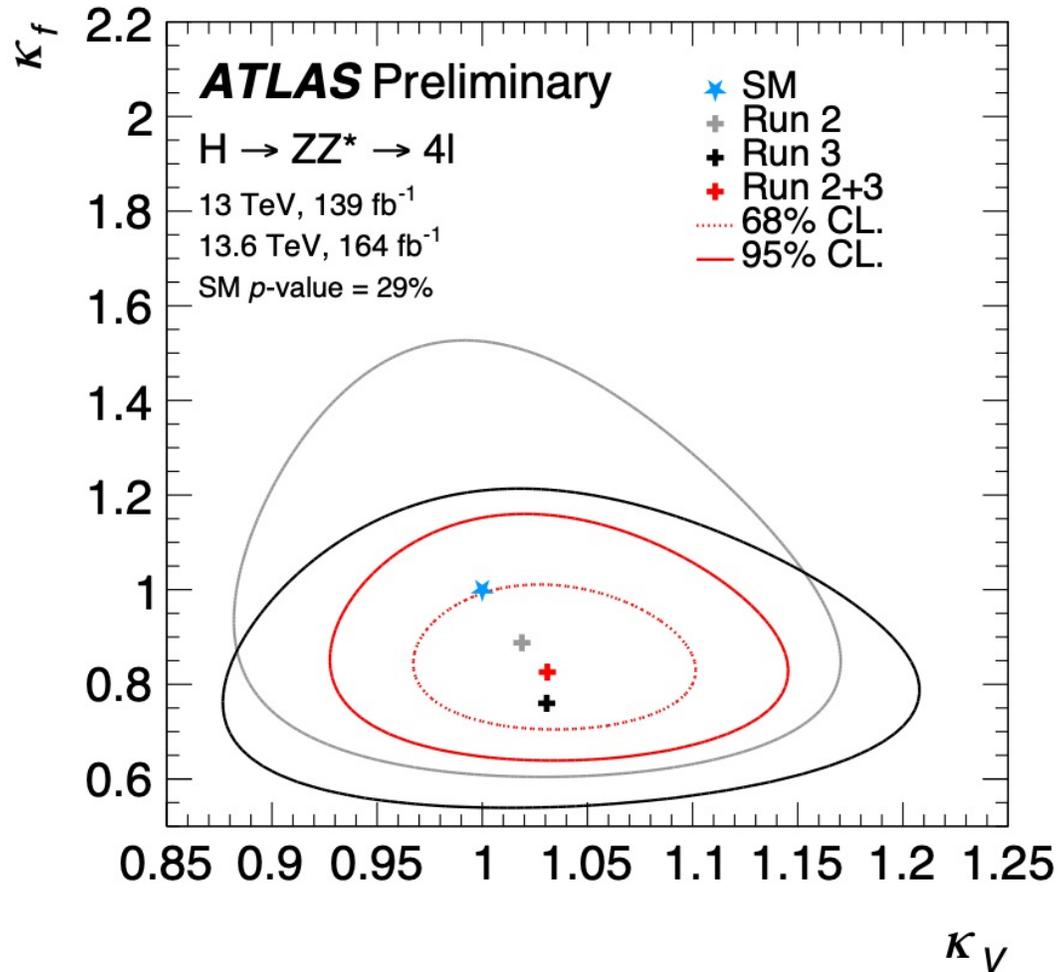
Production mode (stage 0)



Stage 1.2

Interpretations: κ -framework ATLAS-CONF-2026-003

Measured production mode (Stage 0) cross-sections are interpreted in the κ -framework with (κ_V, κ_f)



Coupling-strength modifier $\kappa \equiv \frac{\lambda}{\lambda_{SM}}$

A benchmark scenario with two universal modifiers:

$$\kappa_V = \kappa_W = \kappa_Z$$

$$\kappa_f = \kappa_t = \kappa_b = \kappa_c = \kappa_\tau = \kappa_\mu$$

Also performed statistical combination of Run2+Run3 to further improve the sensitivity:
~40%(25%) better for κ_V (κ_f) compared to Run2 results

Interpretations of differential measurements

- CP-even scans performed using m_{34} , p_T^{4l} vs m_{34} , and Φ
- CP-odd scans performed using Φ and $\Delta\Phi_{jj}$
- Observables with the best expected sensitivity used for limits (Φ , except p_T^{4l} vs m_{34} used for c_{HW})

	Expected 95% CL [TeV ⁻²]		Observed 95% CL [TeV ⁻²]		Best fit [TeV ⁻²]		
	Linear	Linear + Quadratic	Linear	Linear + Quadratic	Linear	Linear + Quadratic	
CP-even	c_{HW}	[-3.8, 3.2]	[-1.8, 1.8]	[-4.3, 2.9]	[-2.0, 1.8]	-0.40	-0.08
	c_{HB}	[-0.63, 0.59]	[-0.54, 1.2]	[-0.58, 0.64]	[-0.49, 1.25]	0.05	0.05
	c_{HWB}	[-1.5, 1.4]	[-0.42, 0.48]	[-1.6, 1.3]	[-0.40, 0.45]	-0.08	-0.02
CP-odd	$c_{H\tilde{W}}$	[-3.0, 3.0]	[-1.6, 1.6]	[-2.1, 3.9]	[-1.3, 1.6]	0.88	0.38
	$c_{H\tilde{B}}$	[-1.5, 1.5]	[-1.0, 0.96]	[-1.1, 1.6]	[-0.80, 0.96]	0.39	0.20
	$c_{H\tilde{W}B}$	[-2.3, 2.3]	[-0.45, 0.45]	[-3.1, 1.5]	[-0.44, 0.41]	-0.80	-0.09

Limits on Wilson coefficients (1D fit)

2D fits also performed

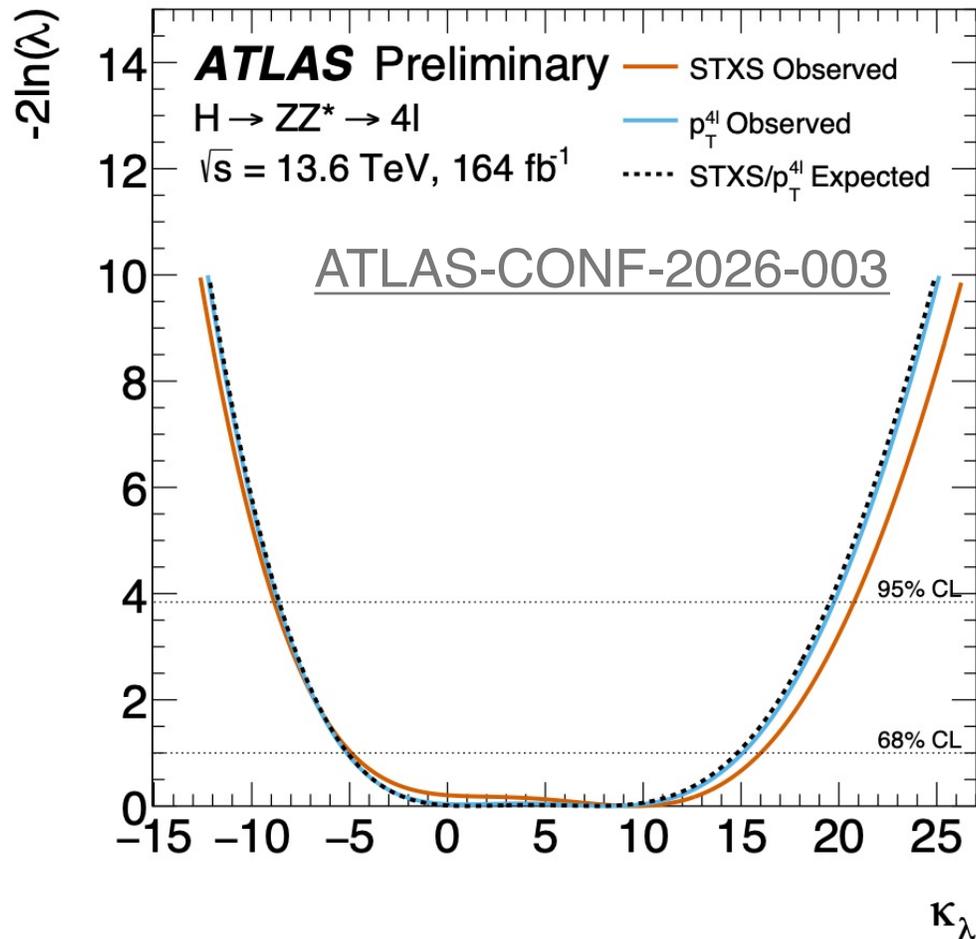
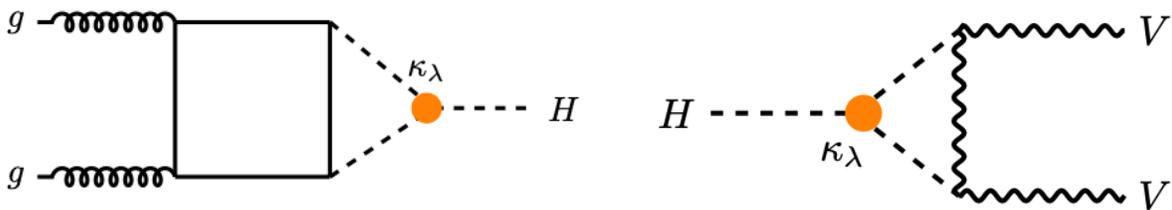
Interpretations: the trilinear Higgs self-coupling

- λ_3 enters single-H production/decay at **one-loop through electroweak corrections**
- Can therefore be constrained using precision measurements of single-H observables
 - p_T^{4l} differential measurements
 - STXS measurements

$$\kappa_\lambda = \frac{\lambda_3}{\lambda_3^{SM}}$$

$$\Sigma_{\lambda_3}^{BSM}(\kappa_\lambda) = Z_H^{BSM} \Sigma_{LO}(1 + \kappa_\lambda C_1(\{p_n\}) + \delta Z_H)$$

$$Z_H^{BSM} = \frac{1}{1 - (\kappa_\lambda^2 - 1) \delta Z_H}$$



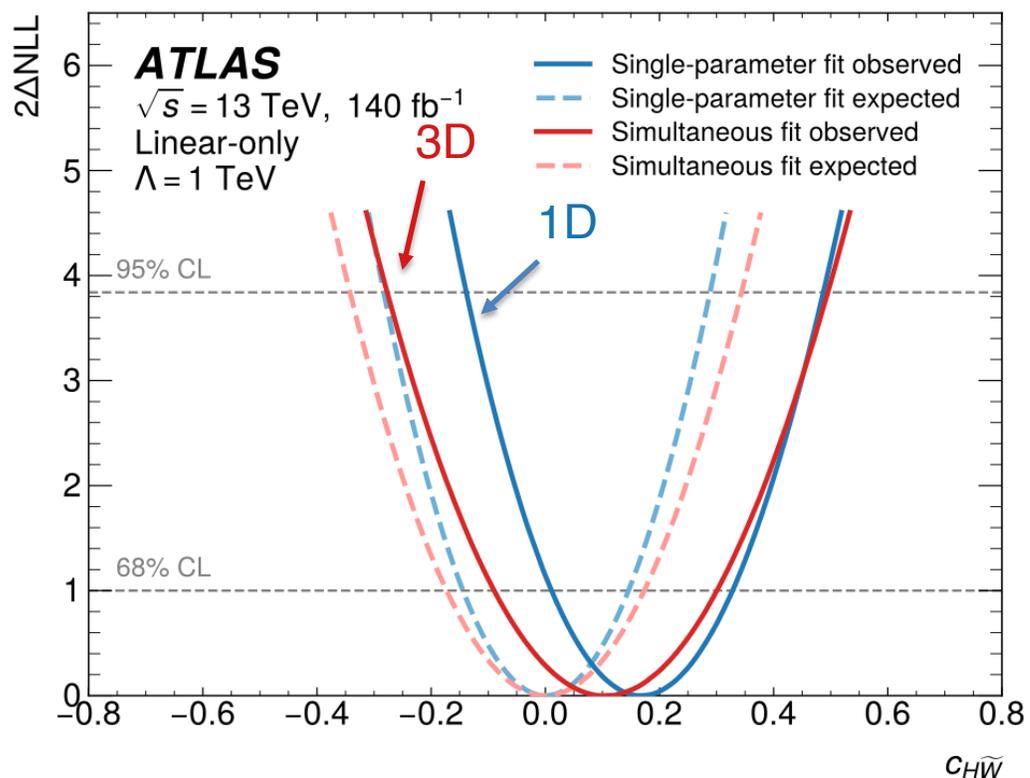
Summary

- Presented *hot-off-the-press* single-Higgs measurements from ATLAS
- Run2 HVV CP combination: [HIGP-2024-26](#)
 - Deliver the **most stringent constraints** on CP-violating Wilson coefficients in the SMEFT framework
 - The **first multi-channel CP-violation** measurement in the HVV interaction by the ATLAS experiment
- Run3 VBF $H\gamma\gamma$ CP and Polarization measurements [HIGP-2024-23](#)
 - Updated constraints on CP-odd parameter $c_{H\tilde{W}}$ (**by 50% compared to Run2**)
 - **First polarization-dependent couplings a_L, a_T in this channel**
- Updated Run3 H4I STXS and differential measurements [ATLAS-CONF-2026-003](#)
 - **Improved precision** with lumi $56 \text{ fb}^{-1} \rightarrow 164 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ and refined analysis methods
 - **Comprehensive interpretations**: κ -framework, SMEFT, κ_λ self-coupling
- All measurements consistent with the SM but with **significantly improved precisions**
- More results are coming and looking forward for full Run3 ($\sim 300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$)!

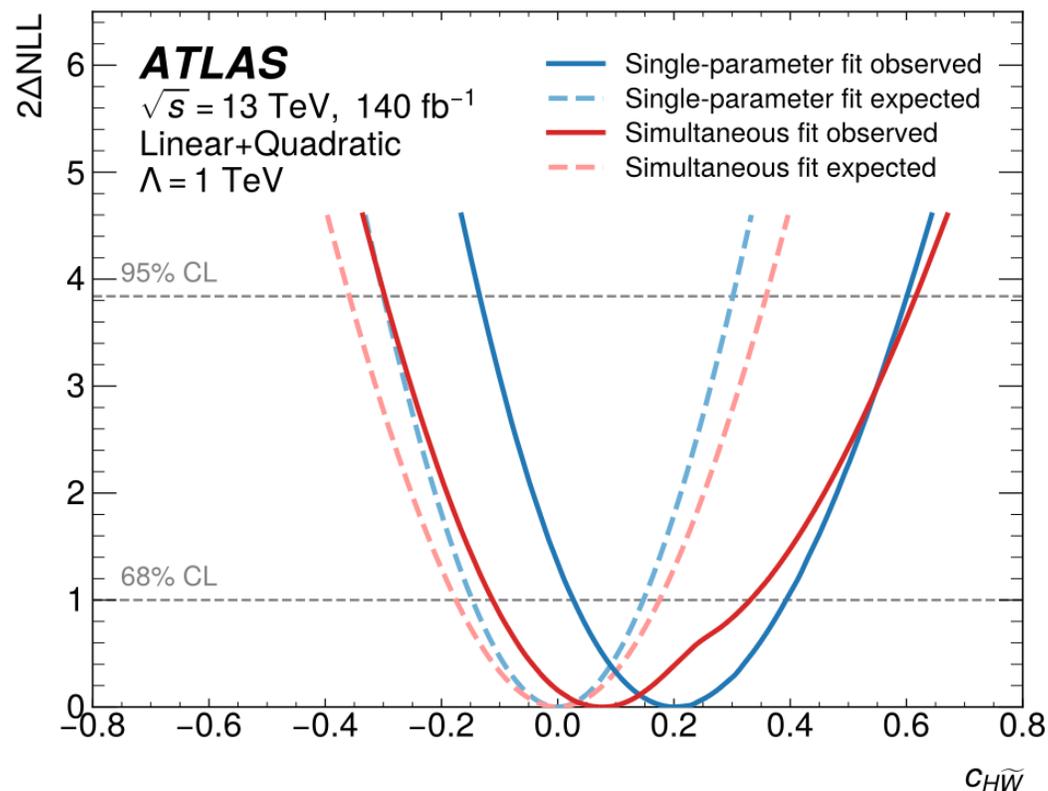
Backup

3D ($c_{H\tilde{W}}$, $c_{H\tilde{B}}$, $c_{H\tilde{W}B}$) fit results for the first time!

Linear-only

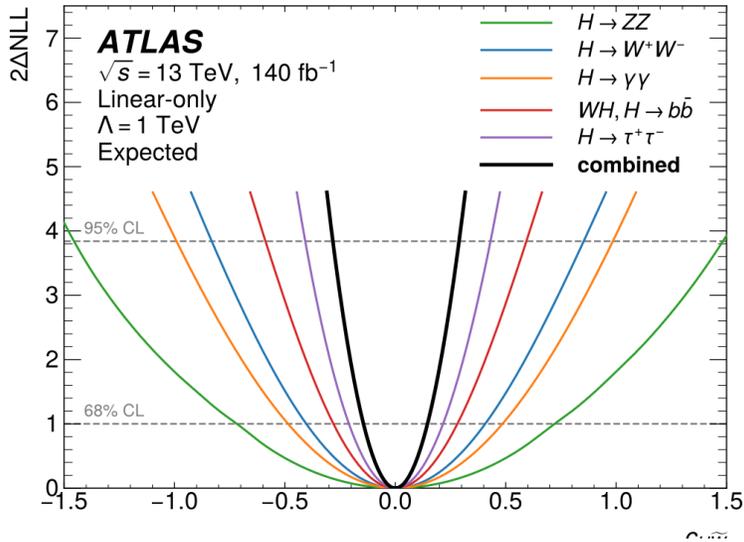


Linear + quadratic

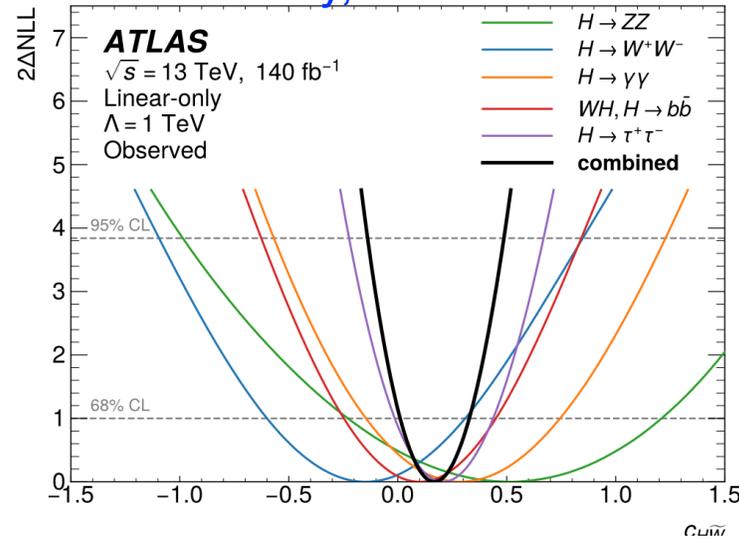


The limits obtained in the 3D fit are less stringent than those obtained in the 1D fit, due to the **negative correlation** between $c_{H\tilde{W}}$ and $c_{H\tilde{B}}$, $c_{H\tilde{W}B}$

linear-only, expected

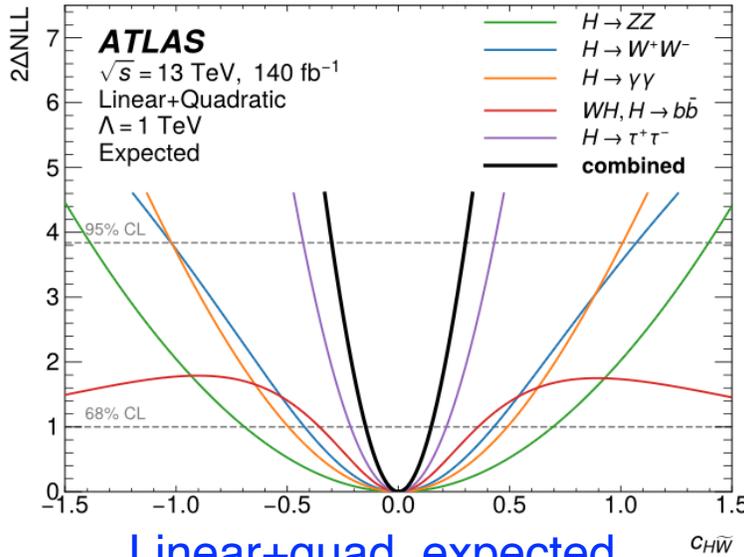


linear-only, observed

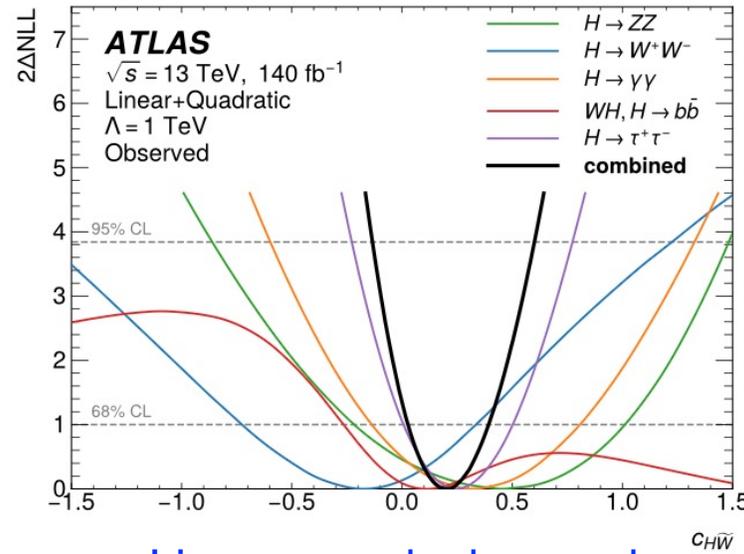


The non-trivial shape of $WHbb$:

- Linear-only: the asymmetry grows linearly with $c_{H\tilde{W}}$
- Linear+quad: the asymmetry grows approximately linearly only for small values of $c_{H\tilde{W}}$ and is then much reduced (or even inverted)



Linear+quad, expected



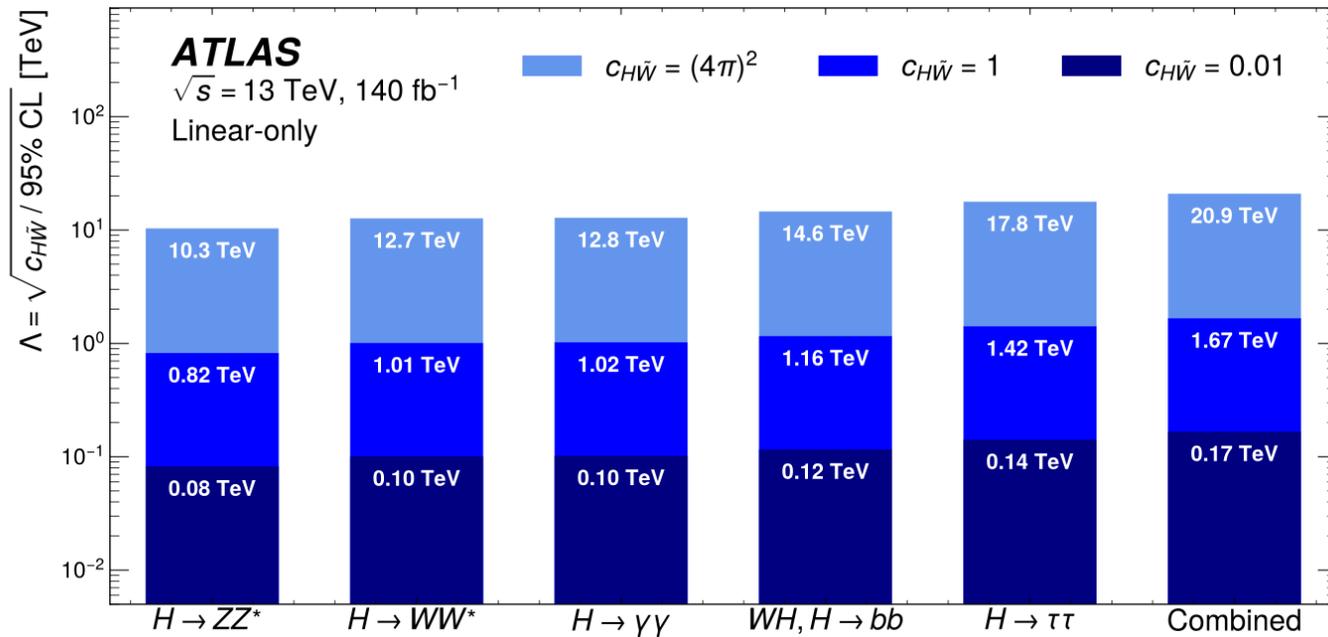
Linear+quad, observed

$$\mu_p \rightarrow \mu_p \times \left(1 + \sum_{j=1}^M A_j^P \times c_j + B_j^P \times c_j^2 \right),$$

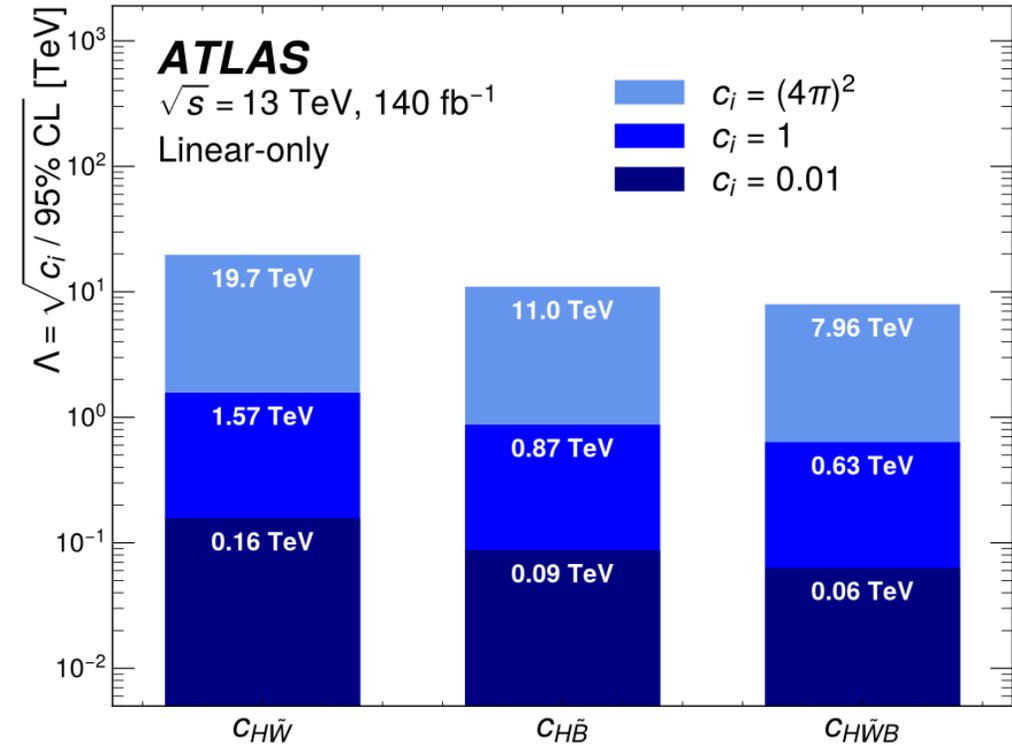
$$\text{Asym}_{p,j}^{\text{linear}} = -A_j^P \times c_j$$

$$\text{Asym}_{p,j}^{\text{linear+quadratic}} = \frac{-A_j^P \times c_j}{1 + B_j^P \times c_j^2}$$

Limits on the new physics scale Λ (1D fit)



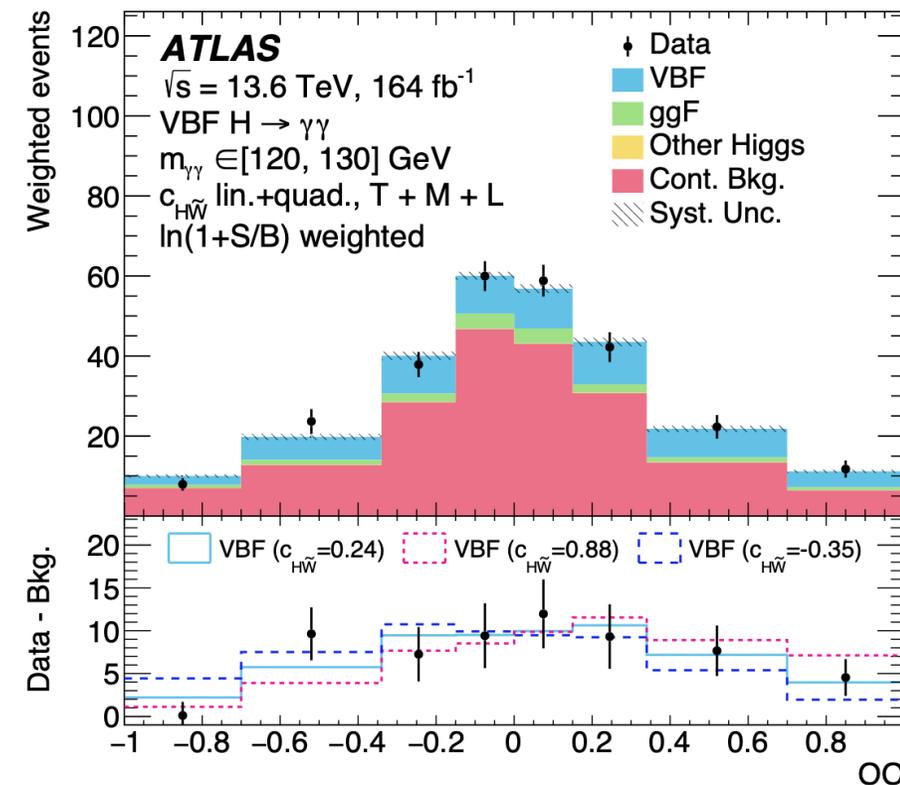
Limits on the new physics scale Λ (3D fit)



Run3 VBF $H\gamma\gamma$ CP and Polarization

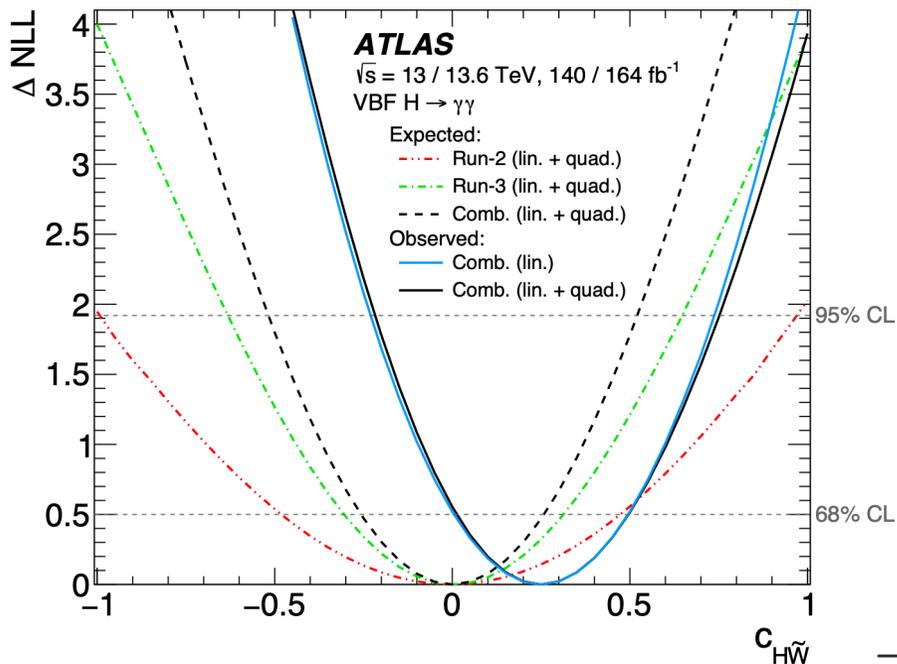
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Event-level selection requirements		
Preselection	Number of selected photons	$N_\gamma \geq 2$
	Number of selected jets	$N_j \geq 2$
Suppression of continuum background	Invariant di-photon mass	$105 \text{ GeV} < m_{\gamma\gamma} \leq 160 \text{ GeV}$
	Transverse momentum of the leading photon relative to the invariant di-photon mass	$p_{T,\gamma_1}/m_{\gamma\gamma} > 0.35$
	Transverse momentum of the subleading photon relative to the invariant di-photon mass	$p_{T,\gamma_2}/m_{\gamma\gamma} > 0.25$
VBF topology	Pseudorapidity gap between the two leading jets	$\Delta\eta_{jj} > 2.0$
	Zeppenfeld observable	$ \eta^{\text{Zepp}} < 5.0$
	DNN response score requirement	$D_{NN} > -0.5$

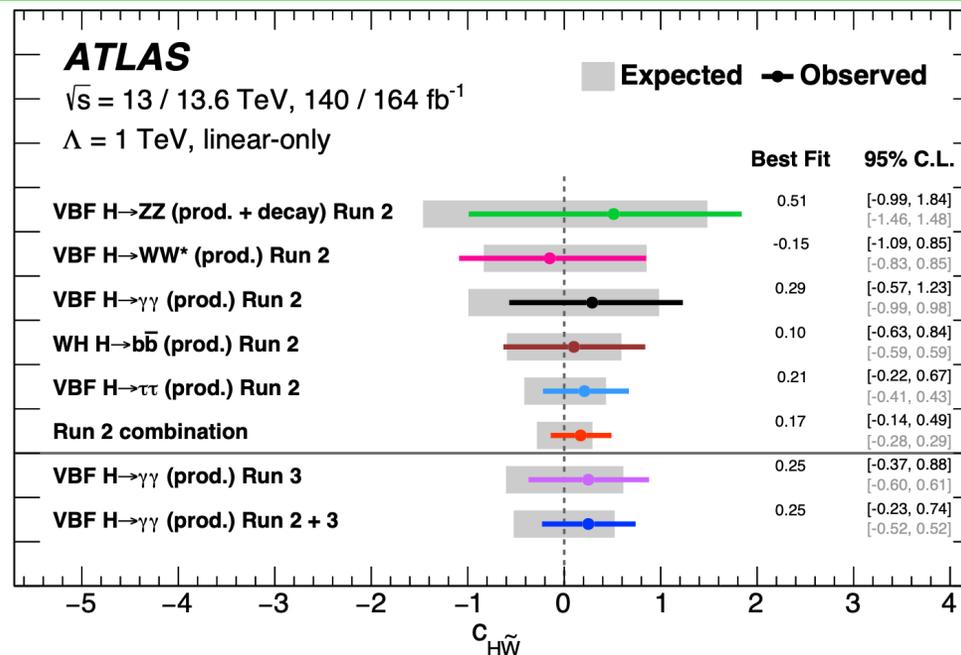


Run3 VBF H $\gamma\gamma$ CP and Polarization

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negligible impact of the quadratic terms



Source	$c_{H\tilde{W}}$ (Linear-only)	$c_{H\tilde{W}}$ (Linear+quad.)	a_L (shape-only)	a_L (shape+rate)	a_T (shape-only)	a_T (shape+rate)
Total statistical	99%	99%	98%	79%	98%	89%
Total systematic	10%	7.4%	20%	61%	20%	45%
Spurious Signal	12%	11%	9.1%	7.4%	9.3%	7.4%
G4-AF3 discrepancies	3.3%	4.8%	2.1%	18%	3.3%	12%
Photons	< 1%	< 1%	2.9%	22%	3.9%	16%
Jets	7.0%	9.3%	10%	38%	12%	24%
Luminosity + Pile-up	1.6%	1.9%	< 1%	9.4%	< 1%	7.0%
VBF theory	5.8%	5.4%	8.8%	31%	9.5%	23%
ggF theory	2.9%	4.0%	5.0%	5.1%	6.1%	5.9%
Other Higgs boson theory	< 1%	< 1%	< 1%	< 1%	< 1%	< 1%

	Expected results		Best-fit value	Observed results	
	68% CL	95% CL		68% CL	95% CL
$c_{H\widetilde{W}}$ (linear-only)	[-0.303, 0.311]	[-0.603, 0.610]	0.247	[-0.067, 0.564]	[-0.374, 0.881]
$c_{H\widetilde{W}}$ (linear+quadratic)	[-0.286, 0.300]	[-0.594, 0.614]	0.235	[-0.058, 0.544]	[-0.354, 0.883]
a_L (shape-only)	[0.872, 1.213]	[0.769, 1.649]	1.096	[0.944, 1.361]	[0.838, 2.018]
a_L (shape+rate)	[0.946, 1.068]	[0.886, 1.129]	1.044	[0.984, 1.105]	[0.925, 1.168]
a_T (shape-only)	[0.824, 1.148]	[0.610, 1.306]	0.913	[0.737, 1.060]	[0.503, 1.196]
a_T (shape+rate)	[0.874, 1.112]	[0.767, 1.252]	0.912	[0.803, 1.025]	[0.697, 1.143]

Run2 HWW* (36/fb), [EPJC 82 \(2022\) 622](#)

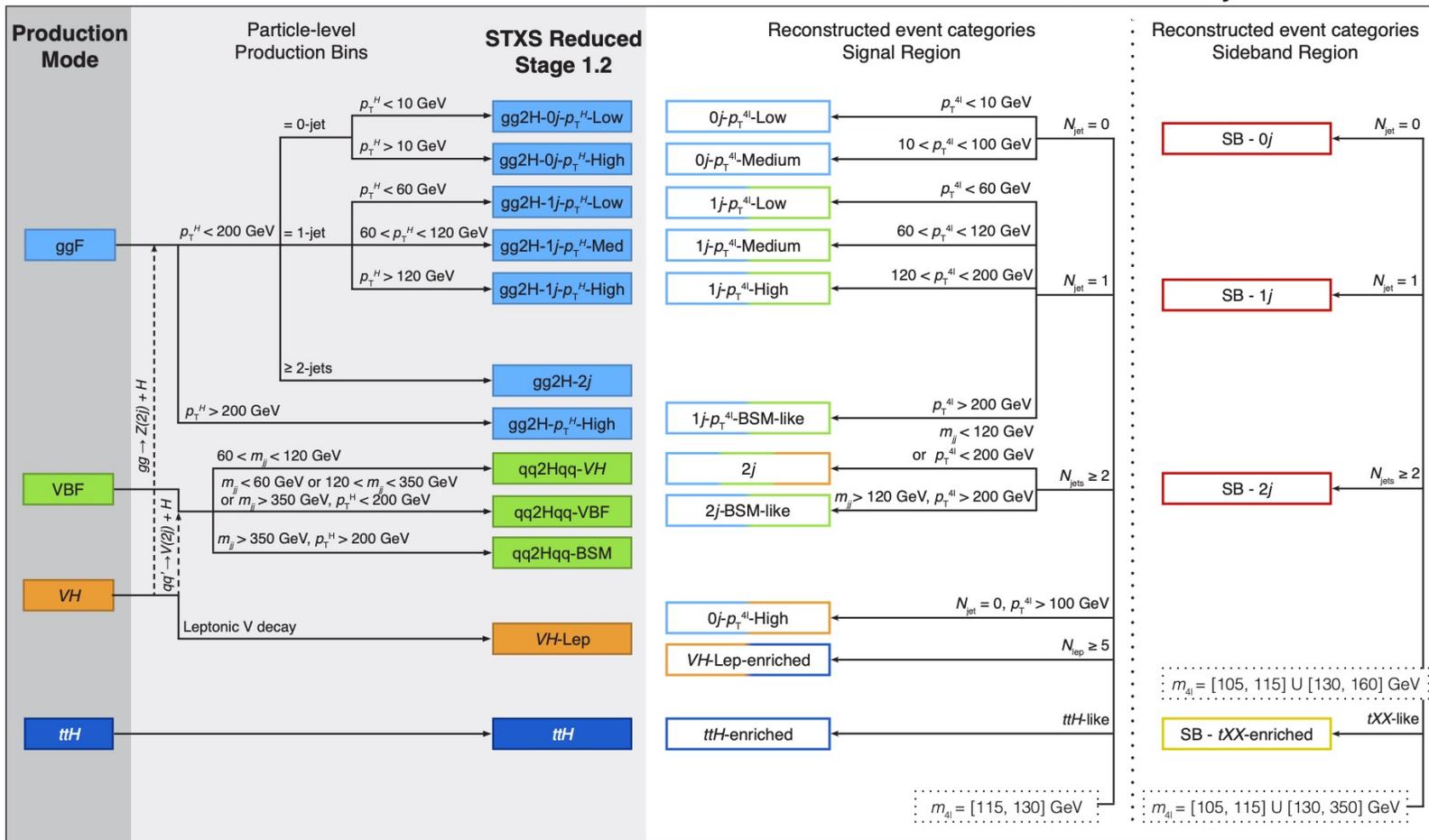
Type	Expected	Observed
a_T shape-only fit ($a_L = 1$)	$1.0 \pm 0.5(\text{stat.})_{-0.4}^{+0.3}(\text{syst.})$	$1.3_{-0.4}^{+0.8}(\text{stat.})_{-0.2}^{+0.3}(\text{syst.})$
a_L shape + rate fit ($a_T = 1$)	$1.00_{-0.10}^{+0.08}(\text{stat.})_{-0.13}^{+0.07}(\text{syst.})$	$0.90_{-0.13}^{+0.09}(\text{stat.})_{-0.18}^{+0.08}(\text{syst.})$
a_T shape + rate fit ($a_L = 1$)	$1.00_{-0.49}^{+0.36}(\text{stat.})_{-0.27}^{+0.19}(\text{syst.})$	$1.19_{-0.32}^{+0.27}(\text{stat.})_{-0.14}^{+0.12}(\text{syst.})$
a_L shape + rate fit (a_T profiled)	$1.00_{-0.10}^{+0.08}(\text{stat.})_{-0.13}^{+0.08}(\text{syst.})$	$0.91_{-0.18}^{+0.10}(\text{stat.})_{-0.17}^{+0.09}(\text{syst.})$
a_T shape + rate fit (a_L profiled)	$1.0_{-0.5}^{+0.4}(\text{stat.})_{-0.4}^{+0.2}(\text{syst.})$	$1.2 \pm 0.4(\text{stat.})_{-0.3}^{+0.2}(\text{syst.})$

Final state	Signal	ZZ*	Other Backgrounds	Total SM	Observed
4μ	90.5 ± 5.3	41.2 ± 1.6	4.5 ± 0.3	136 ± 6	136
$2e2\mu$	63.4 ± 4.0	30.0 ± 1.3	4.7 ± 0.5	98 ± 5	98
$2\mu 2e$	40.7 ± 9.1	15.6 ± 4.4	5.6 ± 0.2	62 ± 13	67
$4e$	36.5 ± 9.2	14.1 ± 4.3	5.3 ± 0.3	56 ± 13	59
Total	231 ± 23	101 ± 10	20.1 ± 1.3	352 ± 32	360

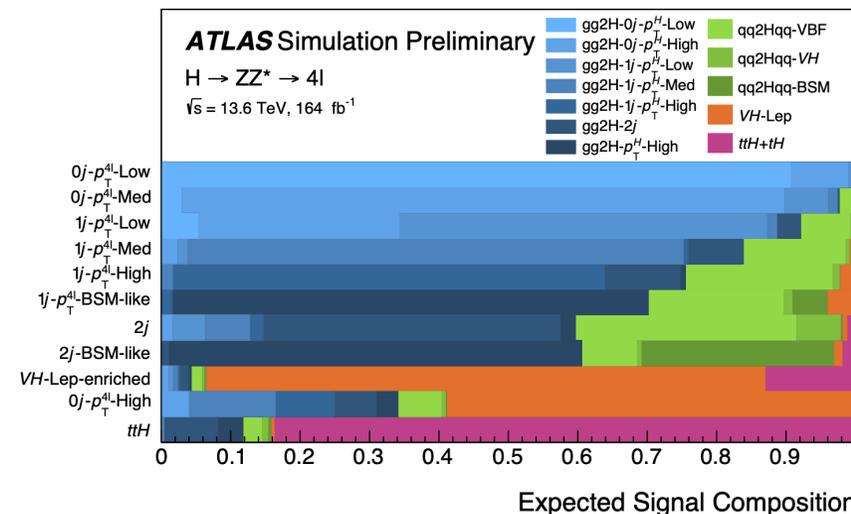
Input variables for STXS NN discriminants

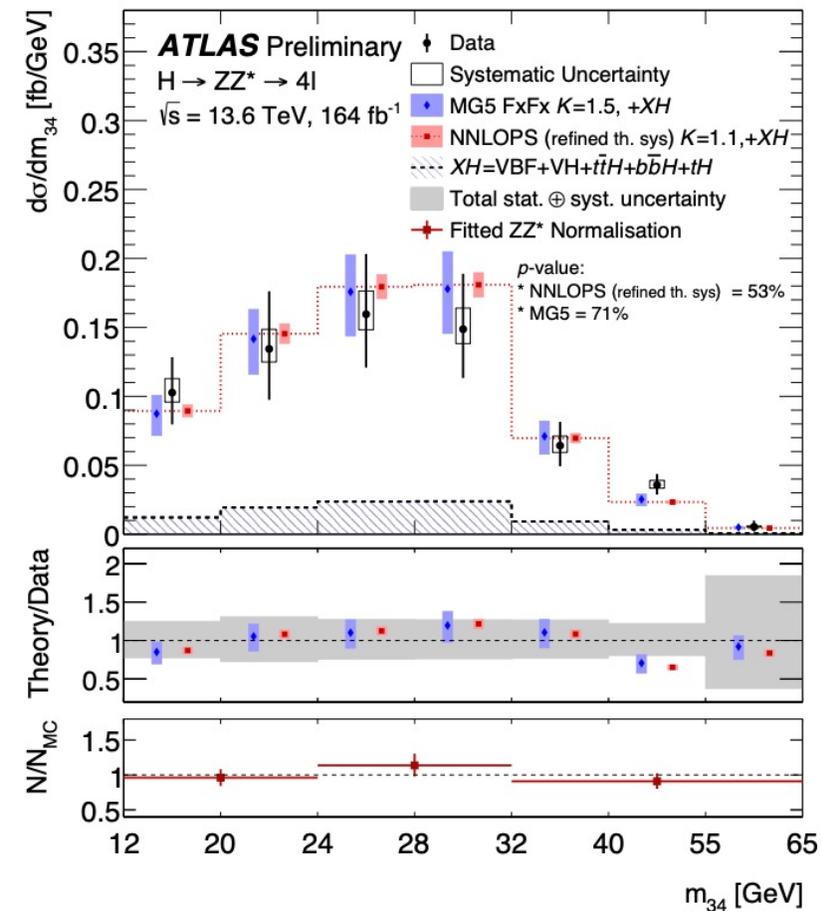
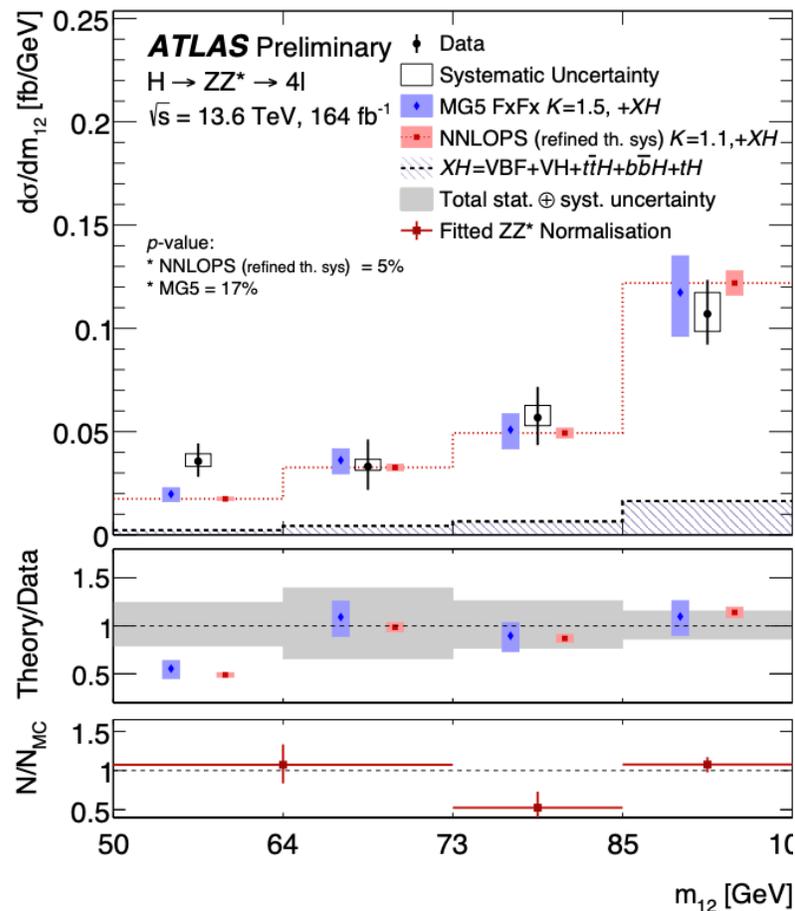
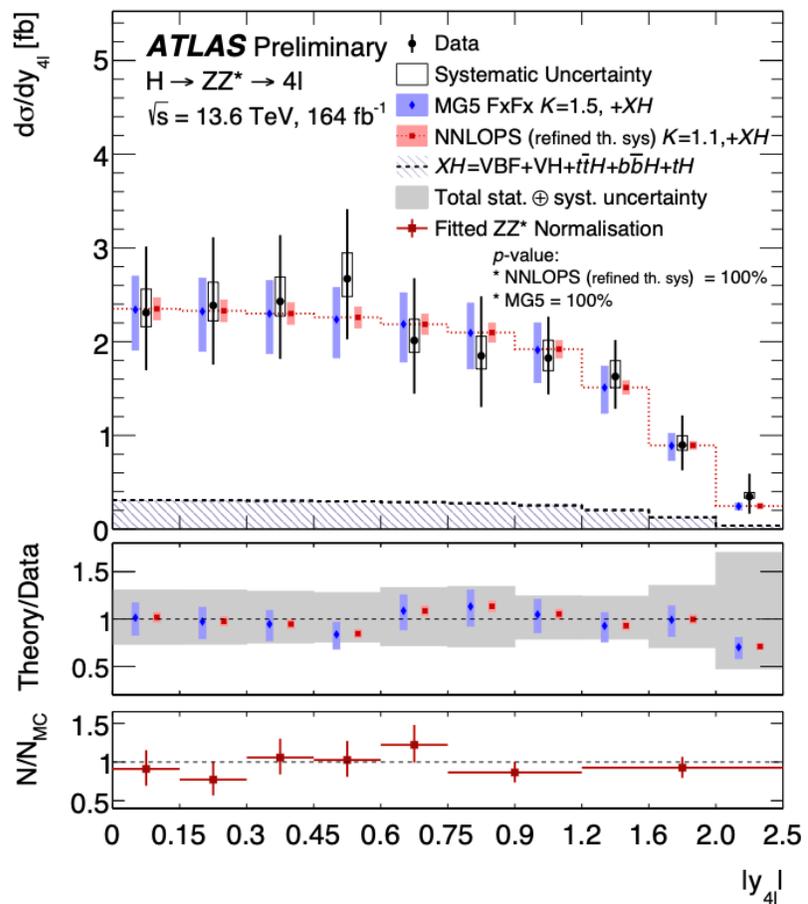
Category	Process	Global inputs	Lepton set inputs	Jet set inputs	Discriminant
$0j-p_T^{4\ell}$ -Low $0j-p_T^{4\ell}$ -Med	ggF, ZZ*	$\eta_{4\ell}, p_{T,4\ell}, D_{ZZ^*}, m_{12}$ $m_{34}, \cos \theta^*, \cos \theta_1, \phi_{ZZ}$	$p_{T,\ell}, \eta_{\ell}$	–	NN _{ggF}
$1j-p_T^{4\ell}$ -Low	ggF, VBF, ZZ*	$p_{T,4\ell}, p_{T,j}, \eta_j, D_{ZZ^*}$ $\Delta R_{4\ell,j}, \eta_{4\ell}, E_T^{\text{miss}}$	$p_{T,\ell}, \eta_{\ell}$	–	NN _{ggF+VBF} for NN _{ZZ} <0.2 NN _{ZZ} for NN _{ZZ} >0.2
$1j-p_T^{4\ell}$ -Med	ggF, VBF, ZZ*	$p_{T,4\ell}, p_{T,j}, \eta_j, D_{ZZ^*}$ $\Delta R_{4\ell,j}, \eta_{4\ell}, E_T^{\text{miss}}$	$p_{T,\ell}, \eta_{\ell}$	–	NN _{ggF+VBF} for NN _{ZZ} <0.2 NN _{ZZ} for NN _{ZZ} >0.2
$1j-p_T^{4\ell}$ -High	ggF, VBF	$p_{T,4\ell}, p_{T,j}, \eta_j, D_{ZZ^*}$ $\Delta R_{4\ell,j}, \eta_{4\ell}, E_T^{\text{miss}}$	$p_{T,\ell}, \eta_{\ell}$	–	NN _{ggF}
$2j$	ggF, VBF, VH	$m_{jj}, p_{T,4\ell jj}, \eta_{ZZ}^{\text{zepp}}$	$p_{T,\ell}, \eta_{\ell}$	$p_{T,j}, \eta_j, m_j$	NN _{ggF} for NN _{VH} <0.3, NN _{VBF} <0.1 NN _{VBF} for NN _{VH} <0.3, NN _{VBF} >0.1 NN _{VH} for NN _{VH} >0.3, NN _{VBF} <0.1
$2j$ -BSM-like	ggF, VBF	$m_{jj}, p_{T,4\ell jj}, \eta_{ZZ}^{\text{zepp}}$	$p_{T,\ell}, \eta_{\ell}$	$p_{T,j}, \eta_j, m_j$	NN _{VBF}

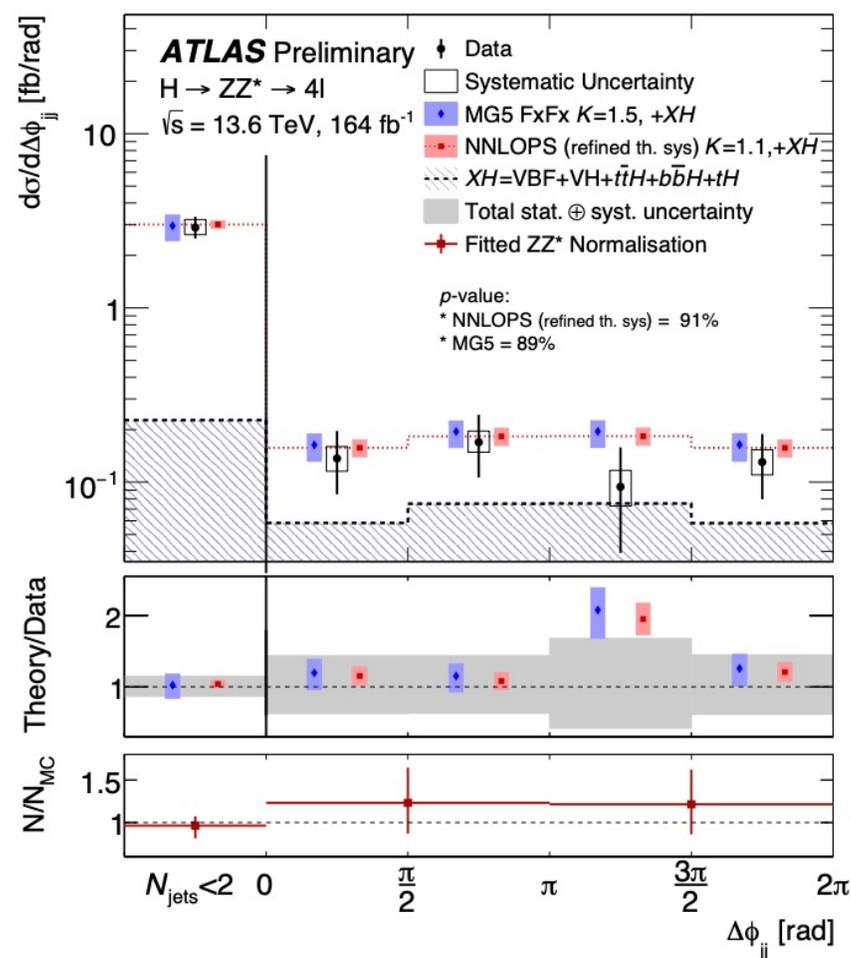
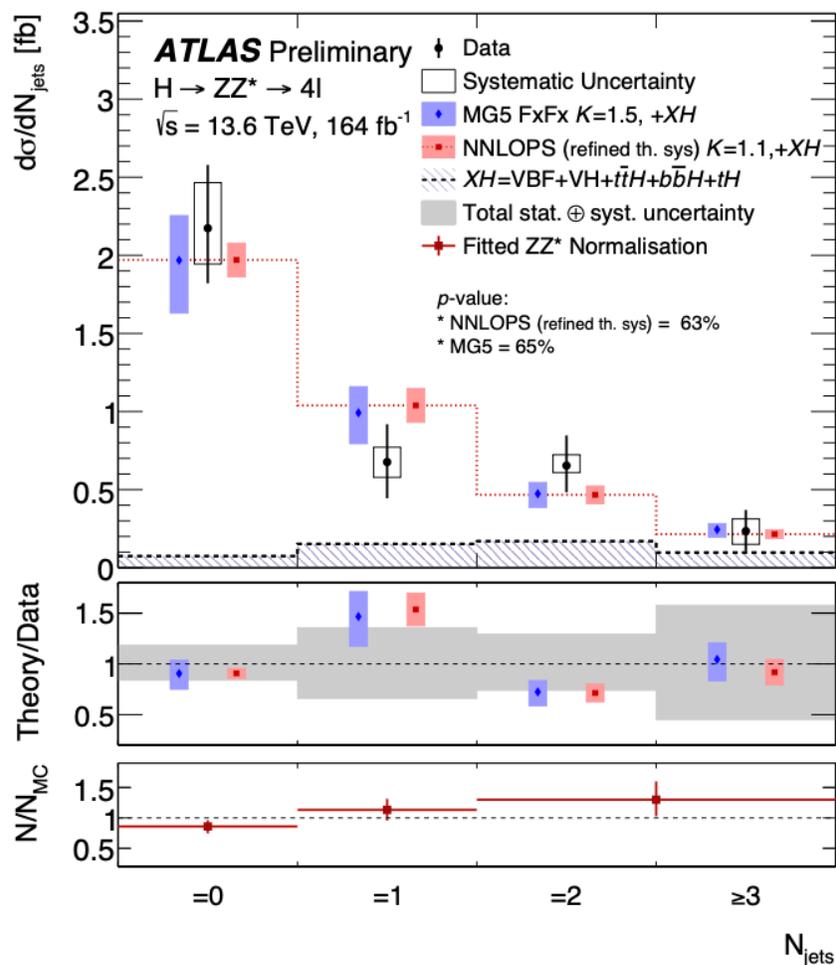
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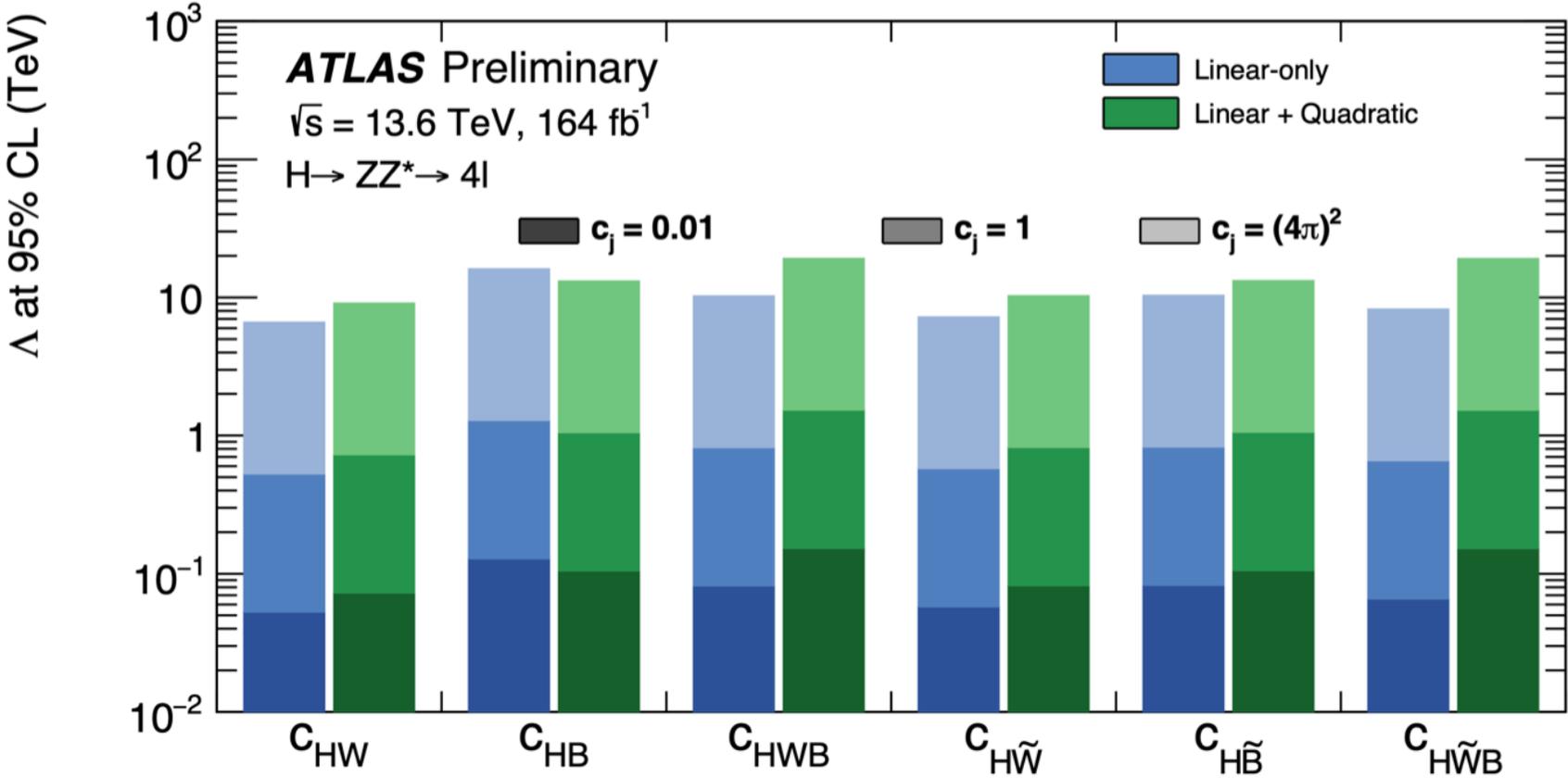
Reconstructed Event Category







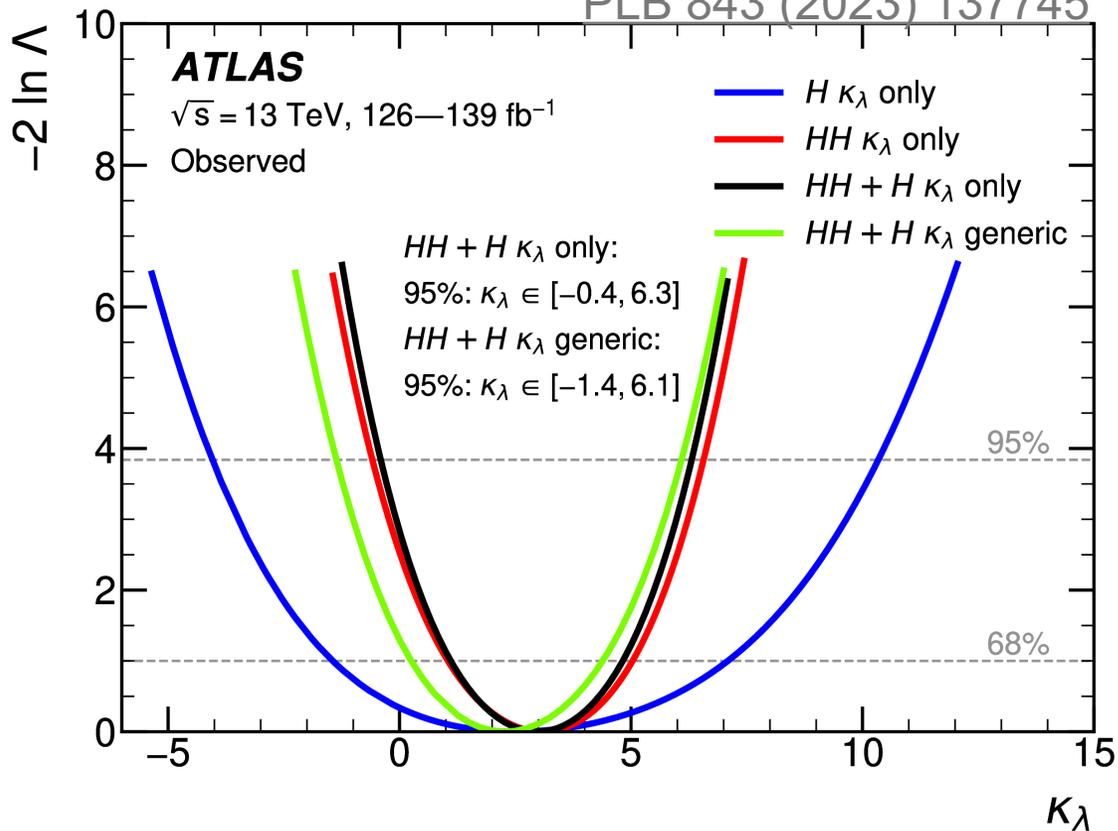
Limits on the new physics scale Λ (1D fit)



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H+HH combination

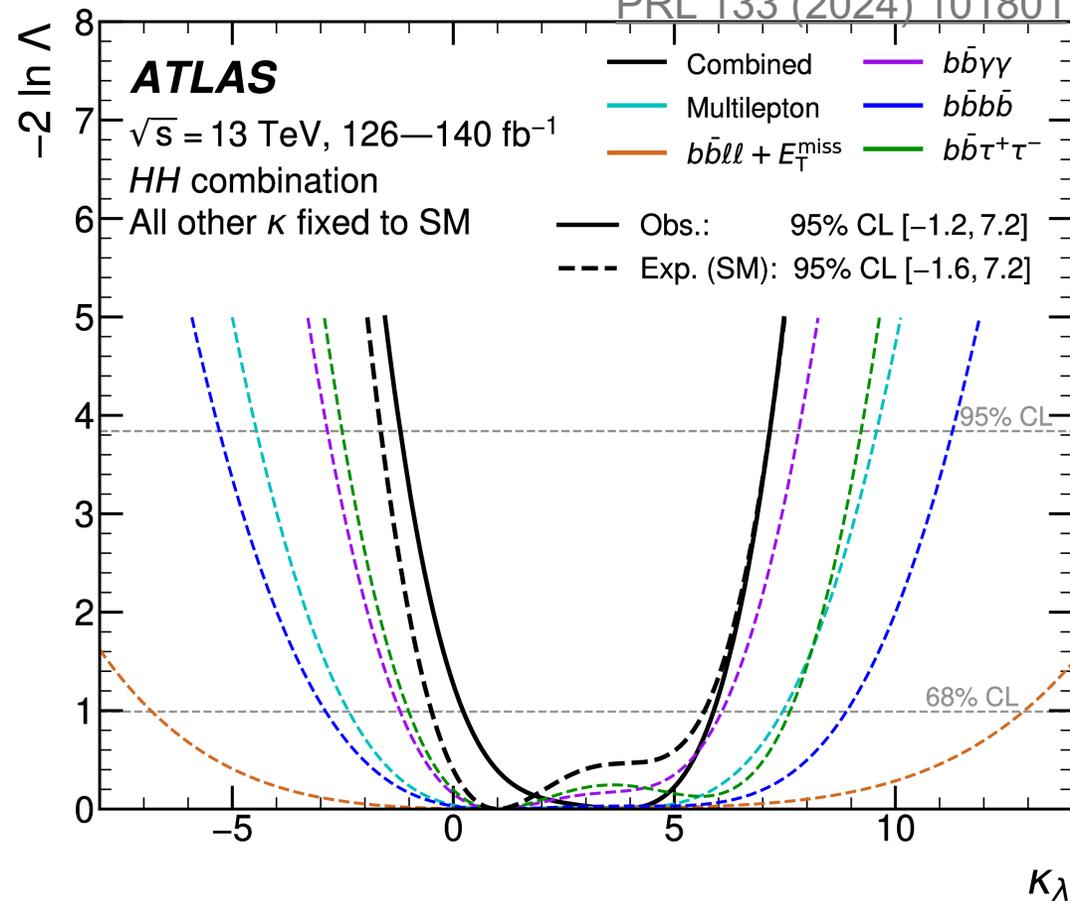
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Channel	Integrated luminosity [fb^{-1}]	Ref.
$HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$	139	[17]
$HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}\tau^+\tau^-$	139	[18]
$HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$	126	[19]

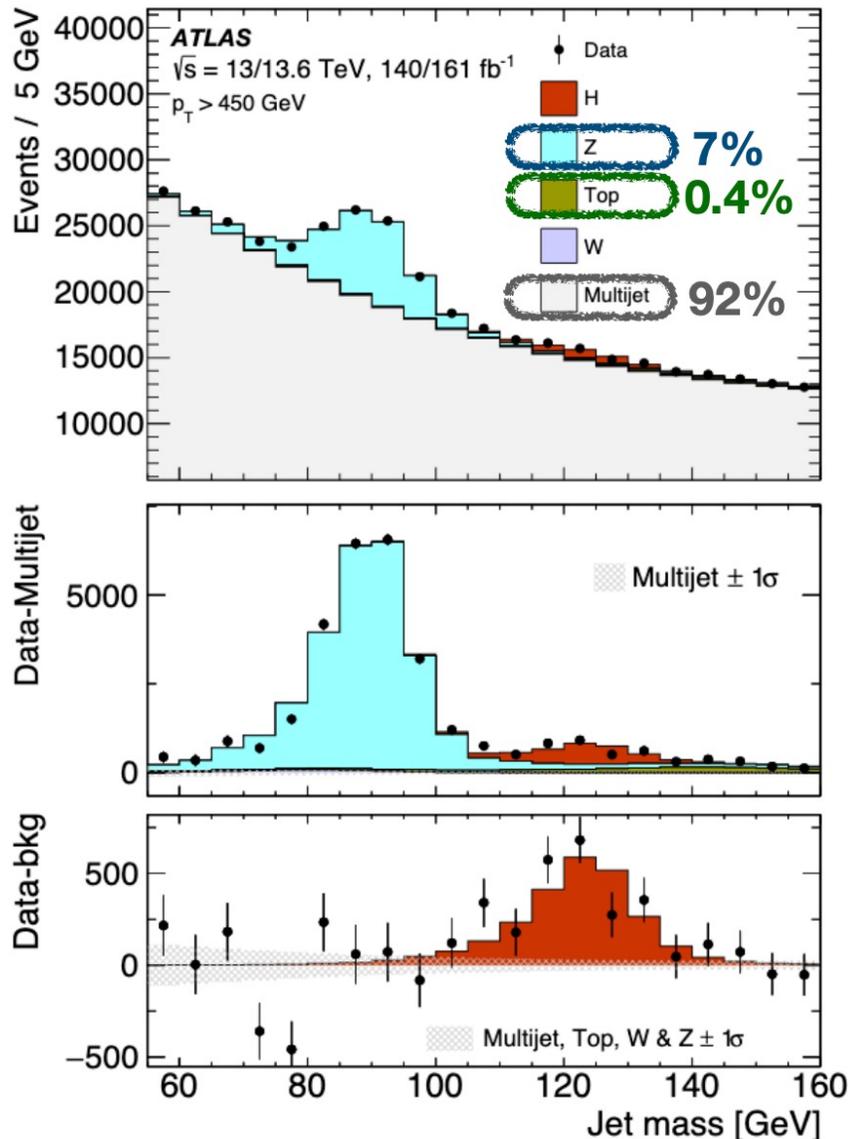
HH combination

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- Exploiting full Run 2 (140 fb⁻¹) and part of Run 3 (2022-24, 161 fb⁻¹) datasets
- Event selection
 - At least one large-R jet with pT >450 & m>60 GeV
 - At least 2 large-R jets with pT >200 GeV
 - Tagging of Hbb candidate based on GN2X tagger
- Categorisation into signal (SR) & control/validation regions (C/VR) based on candidate requirements
 - 2.5% of anti-tagged events used for CR to constrain bkg shape
 - Rest (VR) divided into hundreds of SR stats-equivalent samples (slices) used for injection studies
- Signal region definitions and reco-pT range
 - 12 SR & 12 CR from:
 - 3 jet pT bins: [450,650], [650,1e3] GeV, >1 TeV
 - Lead(SRL) & Sub-Lead(SRS) categories

GN2X tagging decision		Jet's assigned region	
Leading jet	Subleading jet	Leading jet	Subleading jet
Pass	Pass	SRL	–
Pass	Fail	SRL	CRS/VRS
Fail	Pass	CRL/VRL	SRS
Fail	Fail	CRL/VRL	CRS/VRS



- QCD multi-jet production is by far (>90%) the largest background
 - Modelled by fitting a smooth function constrained by CR
- W/Z+j: shape from Sherpa 2.2.14(NLO QCD+NLO EW)
 - >99% is Zbb after tagging
 - Fully floating (standard candle)
- ttbar: shape from Powheg+Pythia8
 - Normalization from dedicated control region (CRttbar)
- 0.4% of SRs: small, ~as much as Higgs, and flattish contribution

Boosted All-Had Hbb: Background

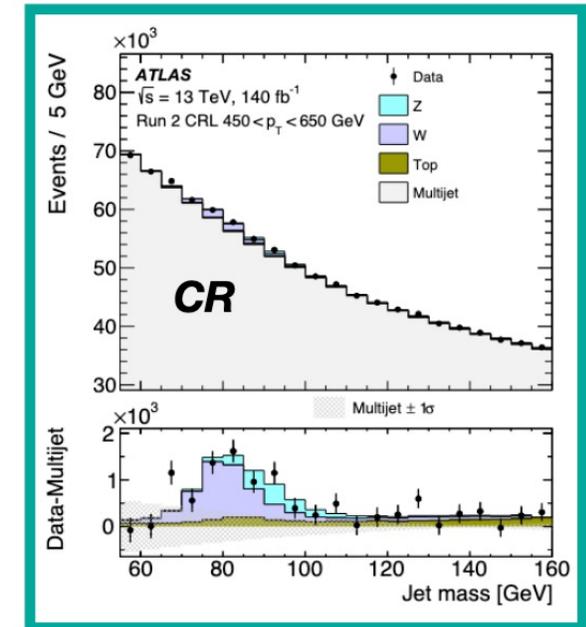
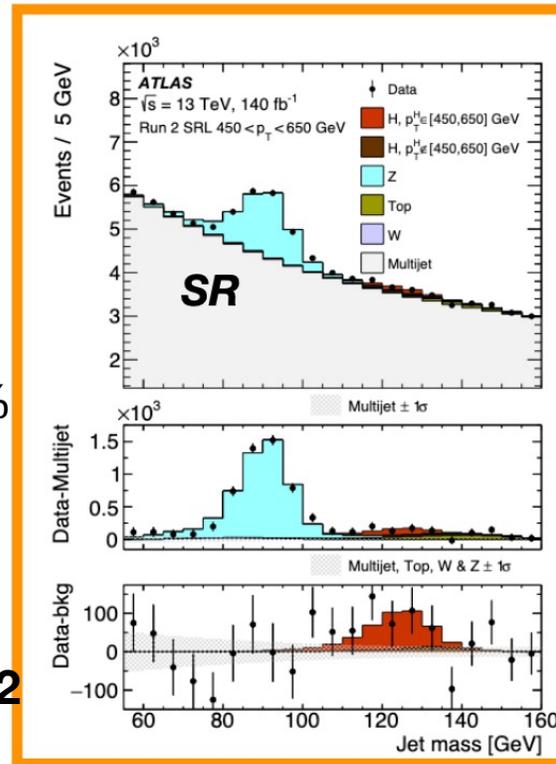
- Data-driven modelling of main background through exponential polynomial of order N
- Additional multiplicative “transfer function” of order M applied in CR to describe possible SR-to-CR differences (flavour composition, kinematics, etc...) in QCD M spectrum
 - Optimal order of functions determined in injection tests based on μ pulls & linearity

$$f_N(x|\vec{\phi}) = \phi_0 \exp\left(\sum_{i=1}^N \phi_i x^i\right) \quad t_M(x|\vec{\psi}) = 1 + \sum_{j=1}^M \psi_j x^j$$

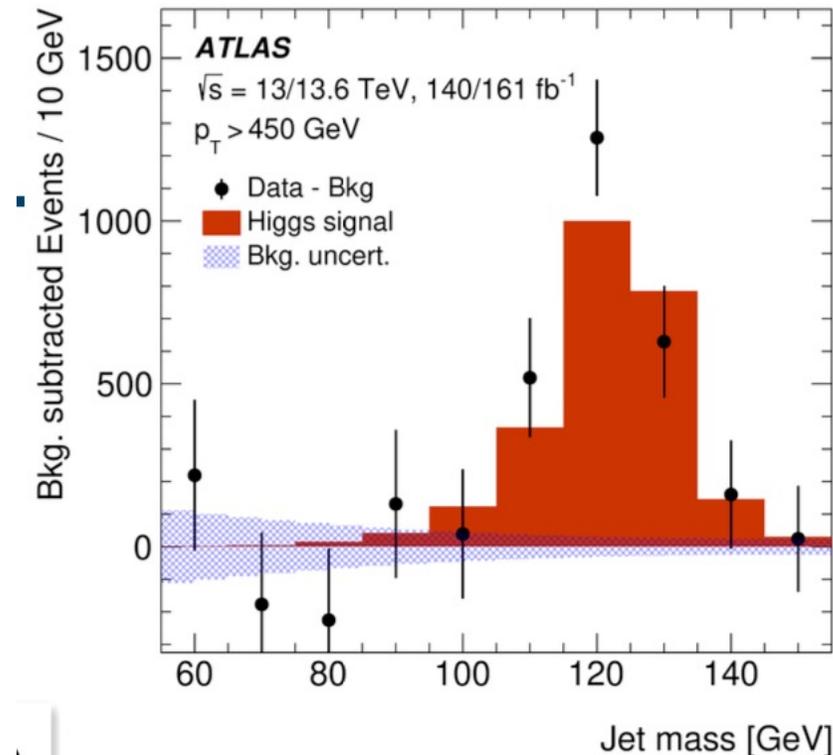
$$x = (m_J - 140)\text{GeV}/70\text{GeV}$$

$$N=3,4,5; M=1,2$$

- Data stats limits Higgs sensitivity in two ways: QCD normalization & mass shape
- Anti-tagged jets allow us to constrain shape (10/400=2.5% of tot) & validate fit
- **Simultaneous SR+CR fit** brings:
 - Improved Higgs stats accuracy
 - Reduction of correlations with syst uncertainties
- Rest of anti-tagged jets (VR) used to define N,M: **N=4, M=2**



- Significant presence of Higgs signal above 450 GeV
 - First evidence, $3.8(2.5)\sigma$ observed(expected)
- Improvement by factor ~ 10 wrt previous ATLAS result
 - Major improvement in tagging, followed by regression and simultaneous SR+CR fit

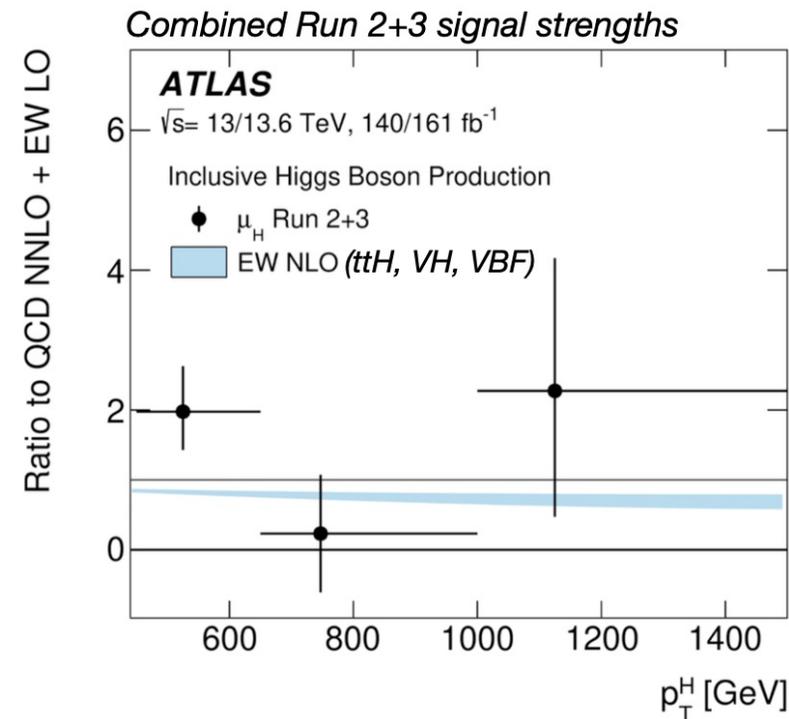
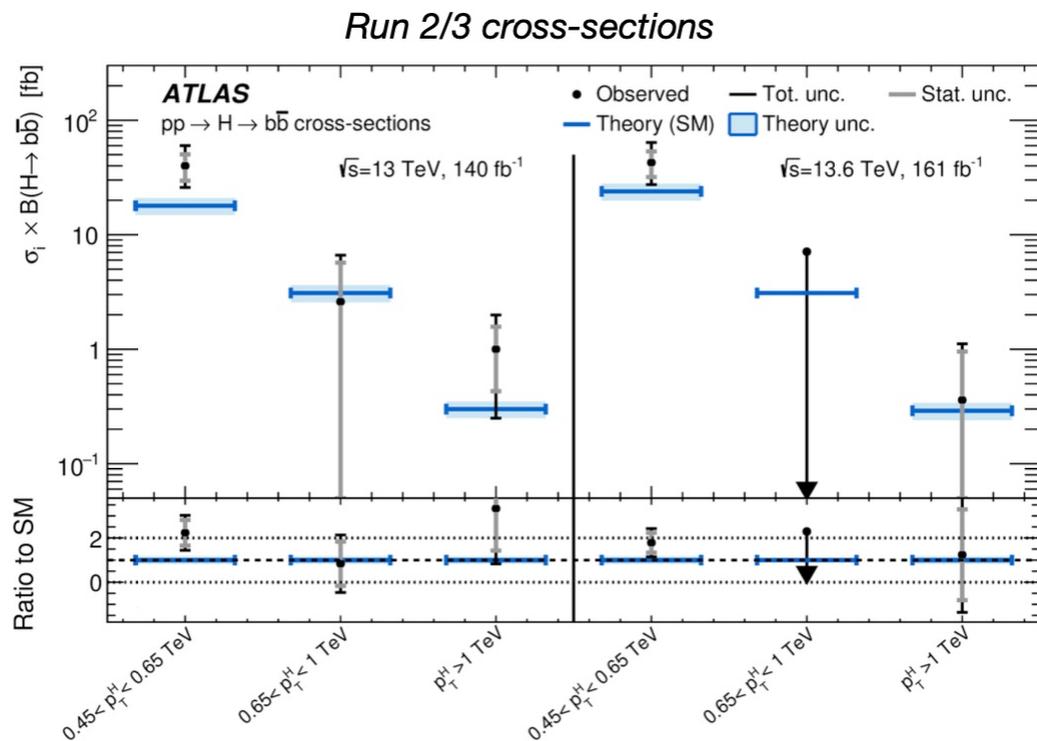


$$\mu_H = 1.53 \pm 0.27 \text{ (stat.) } {}^{+0.33}_{-0.27} \text{ (syst.) } \pm 0.17 \text{ (theo.)}$$

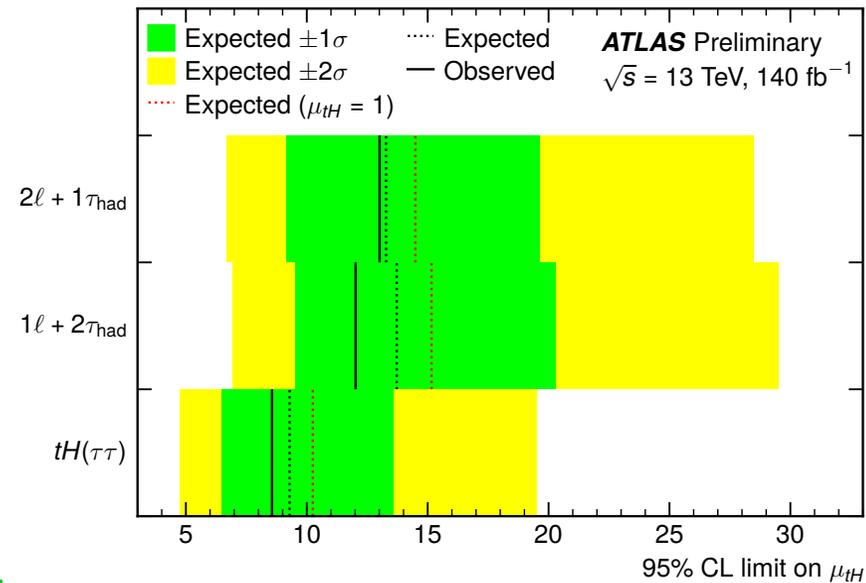
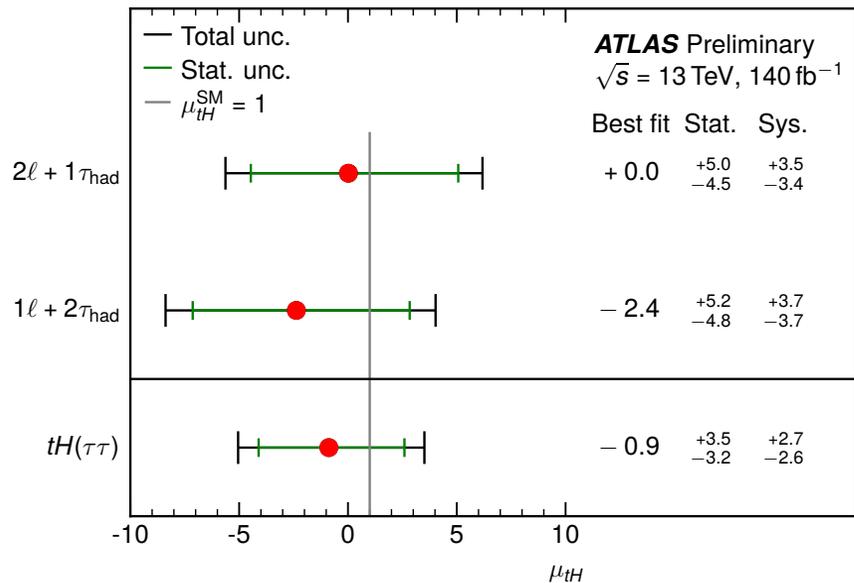
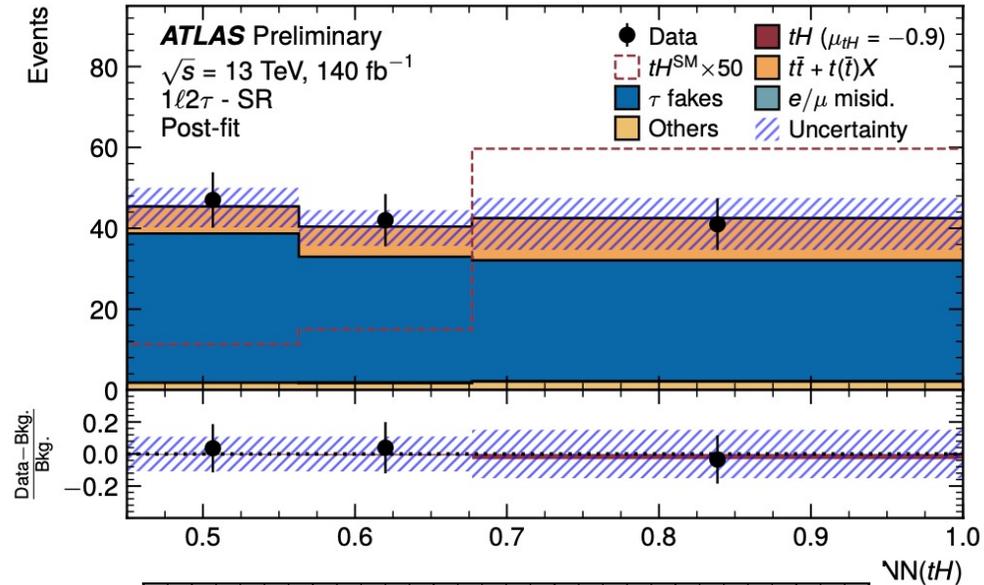
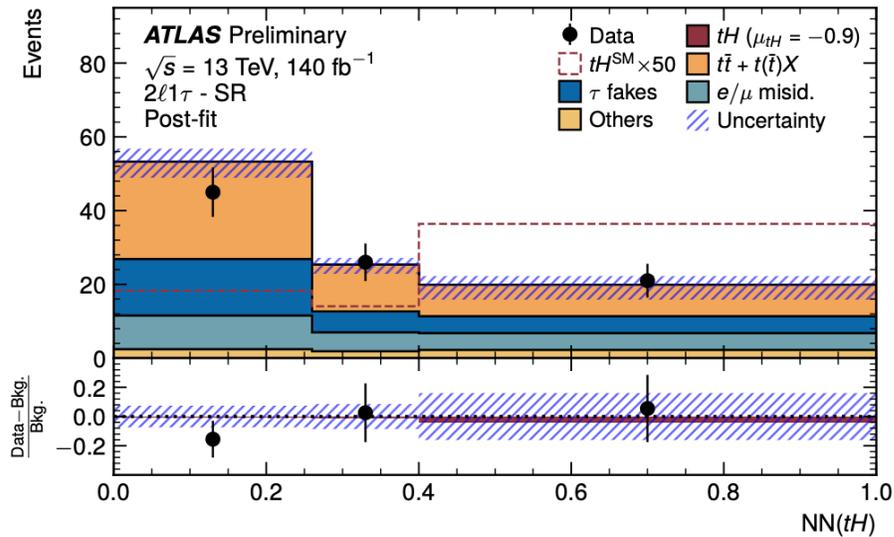
Boosted All-Had Hbb: p_T^H -differential Results

- Differential cross-section measurements in 3 p_T^H bins: [450,650], [650,1000] & >1000 GeV
 - Most precise determination to date of Higgs boson production at high transverse momentum
- Results enabled by advances in transformer-based jet reconstruction & simultaneous fit strategy that determines the multijet background from data

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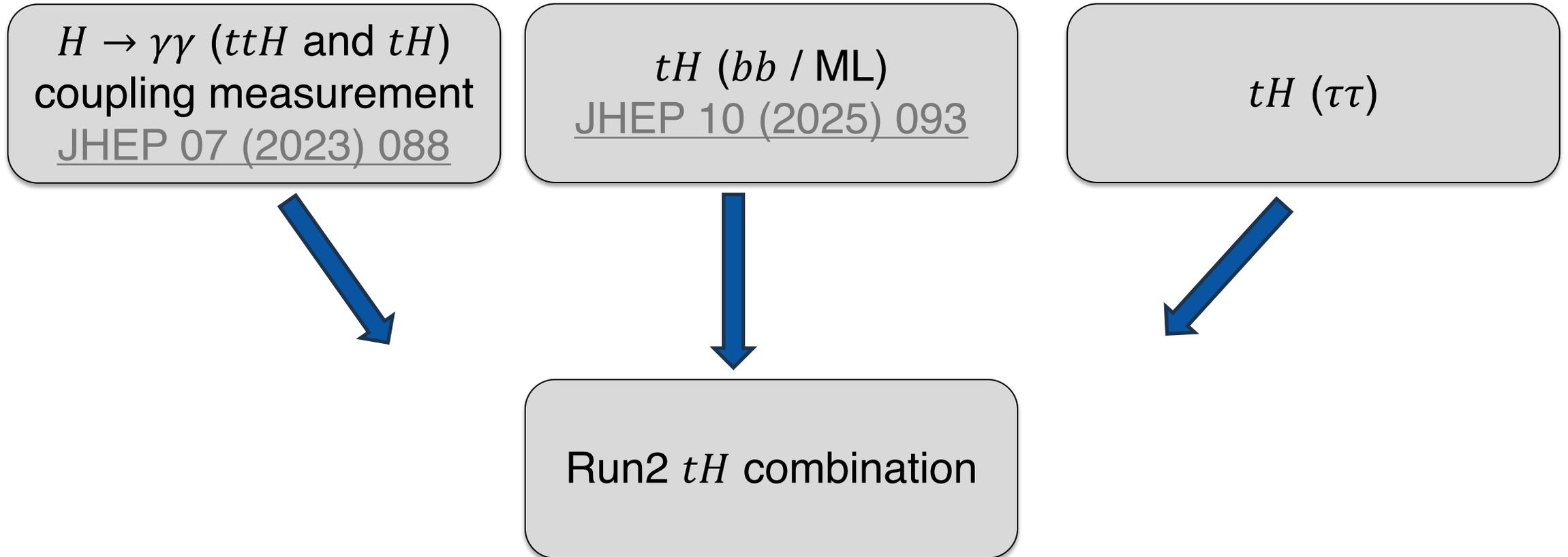
Run2 $tH(\tau\tau)$



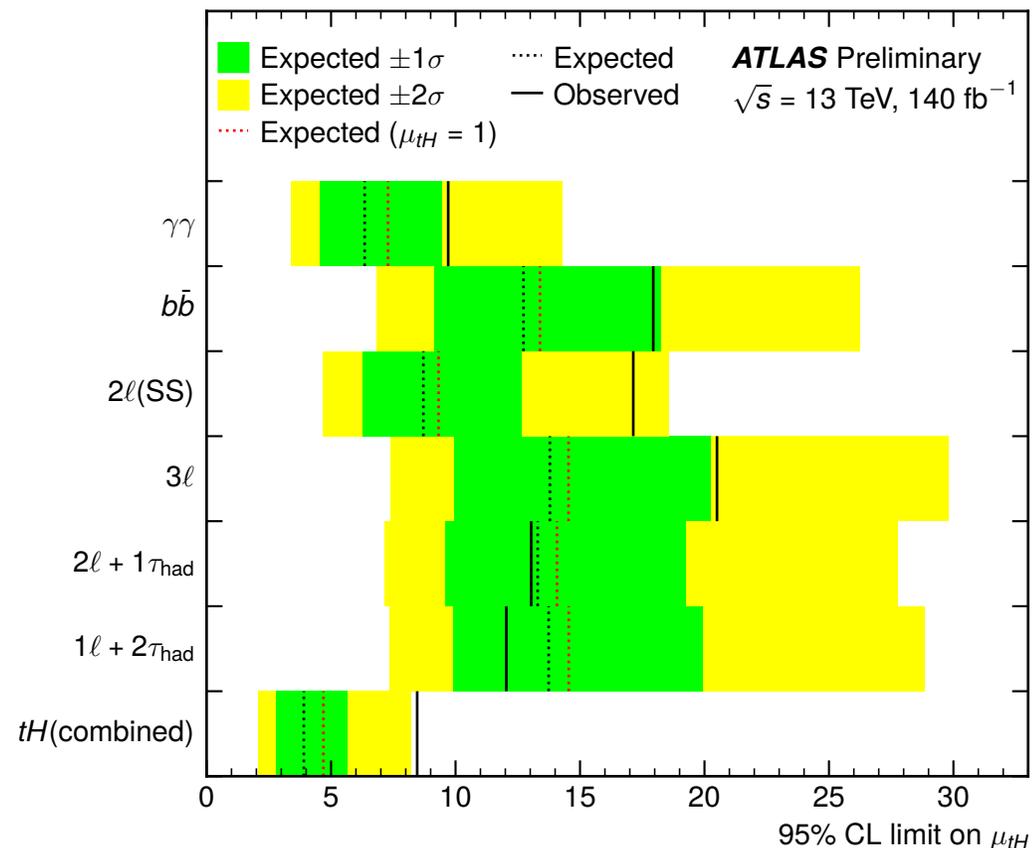
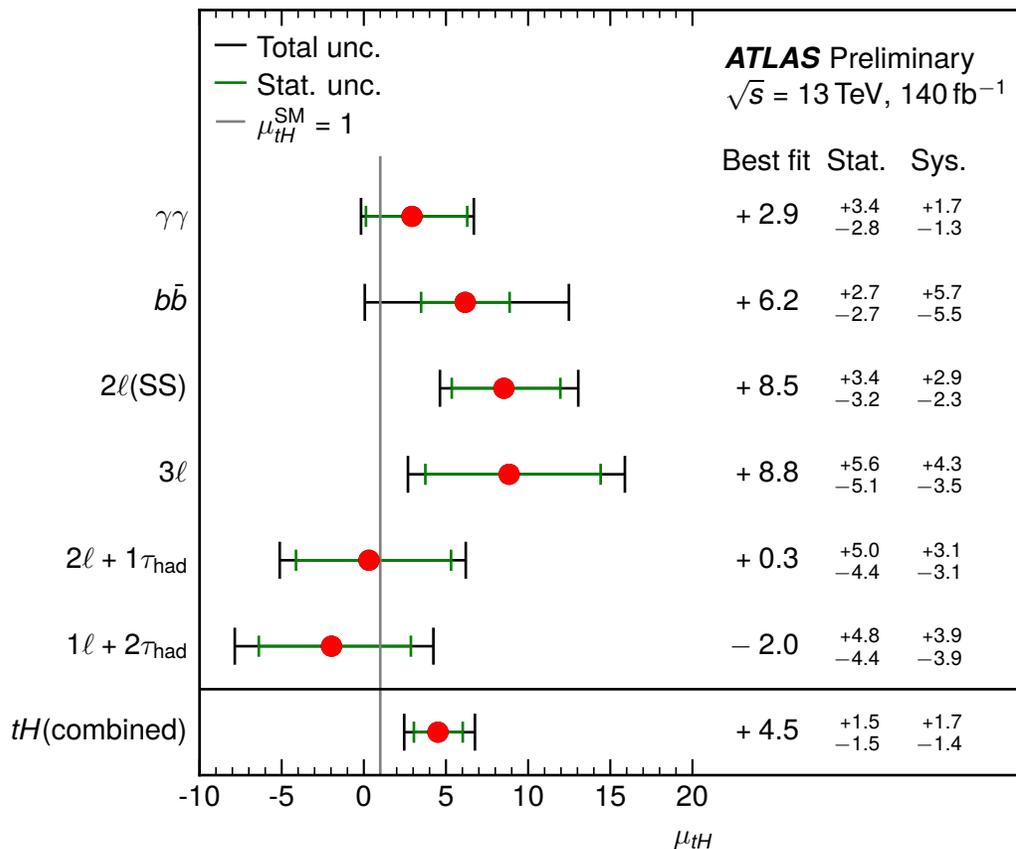
Obs. (exp) upper limit: 8.6 (9.3)

Run2 tH combination

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Obs. (exp) upper limit: 8.5 (3.9)



Individual results derived by floating μ_{tH} of each input channel simultaneously (correlated unc. introduce small changes w.r.t. individual fits)