

Higgs boson couplings at ATLAS

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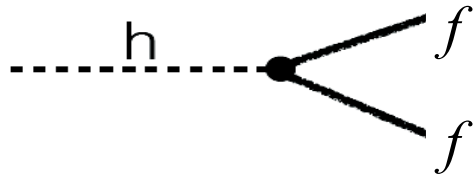


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Higgs sector in the SM

- Importance of Higgs sector in the SM Lagrangian.
 - Only fundamental scalar particle: $J^{PC} = 0^{++}$ (vacuum quantum numbers).



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H^0

$J = 0$

Mass $m = 125.25 \pm 0.17$ GeV ($S = 1.5$)
 Full width $\Gamma = 3.2^{+2.8}_{-2.2}$ MeV (assumes equal on-shell and off-shell effective couplings)

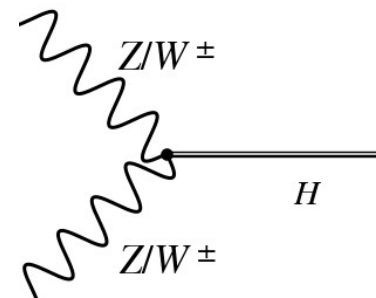
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yuk}} = -\sum_f \left(m_f + \frac{m_f}{v} H\right) \psi_f \psi_f + \dots$$

New kind of interaction

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + i\bar{\psi}\not{D}\psi$$

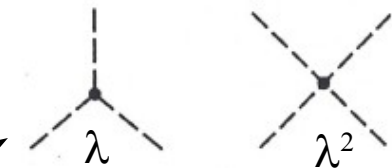
$$+ \chi_i Y_{ij} \chi_j \phi$$

$$+ |D_\mu \phi|^2 - V(\phi)$$



$$+ \left[\left(i\partial_\mu - g \frac{1}{2} \tau \cdot W_\mu - g' \frac{Y}{2} B_\mu \right) \phi \right]^2$$

“Standard” interaction with gauge bosons



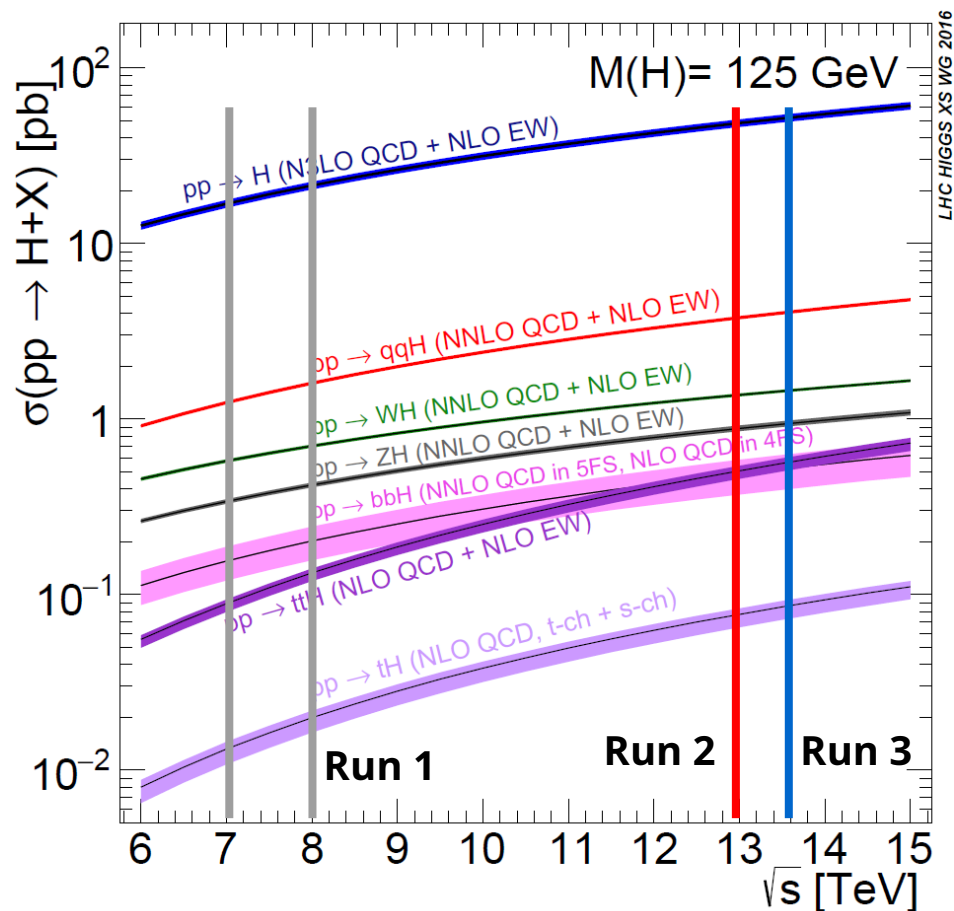
$$V(\phi) = \frac{1}{2} \mu^2 \phi^\dagger \phi + \frac{1}{4} \lambda (\phi^\dagger \phi)^2$$

Potential making the Higgs field “special”

Self-coupling results in R. Hyneman talk tomorrow

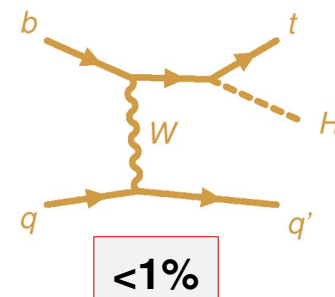
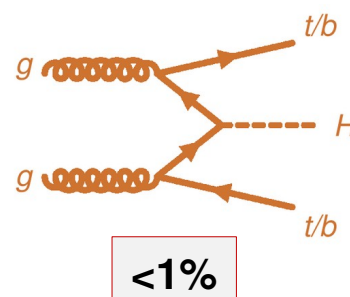
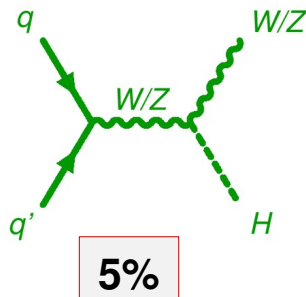
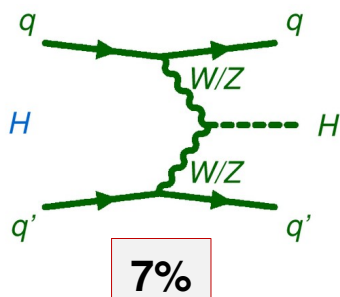
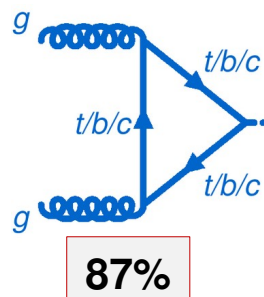
- The BEH field is responsible for the EW symmetry breaking.
- Its coupling to fermions is through a Yukawa interaction, proportional to the mass of the fermions.

Higgs Production Modes



- In ATLAS, about 56000 Higgs bosons produced/ fb^{-1} , about 200 reconstructed/ fb^{-1} during Run 2.
- gluon-fusion (ggF) is the main production mode at LHC, providing indirect measurement of top-quark coupling (via virtual loops).
- ttH provides direct measurement of Yukawa coupling, but much lower rate.
- ggF and VBF observed during Run 1 of LHC.
- ttH, VH (and ZH individually) observed during Run 2 of LHC.

@13 TeV

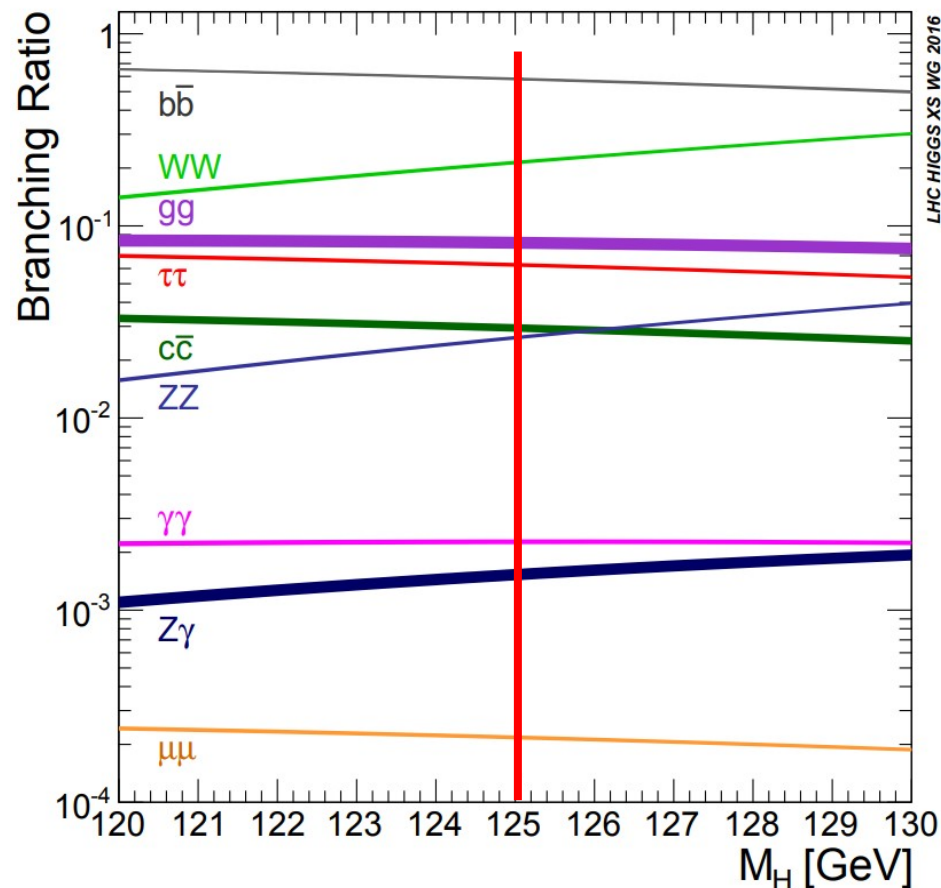


Higgs Decay Modes

- Higgs boson first discovered mainly from the analysis of its decay into the bosonic channels:

$H \rightarrow WW^*$, $H \rightarrow ZZ^*(\rightarrow 4\ell)$ and $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$, the latter provides indirect measurement of couplings to quarks (via virtual loops).

- The Higgs boson decays into third generation fermions, $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ and $H \rightarrow bb$, allow precise test the Yukawa coupling.
- Evidence of interactions with second generation fermions (mainly muons) are emerging.

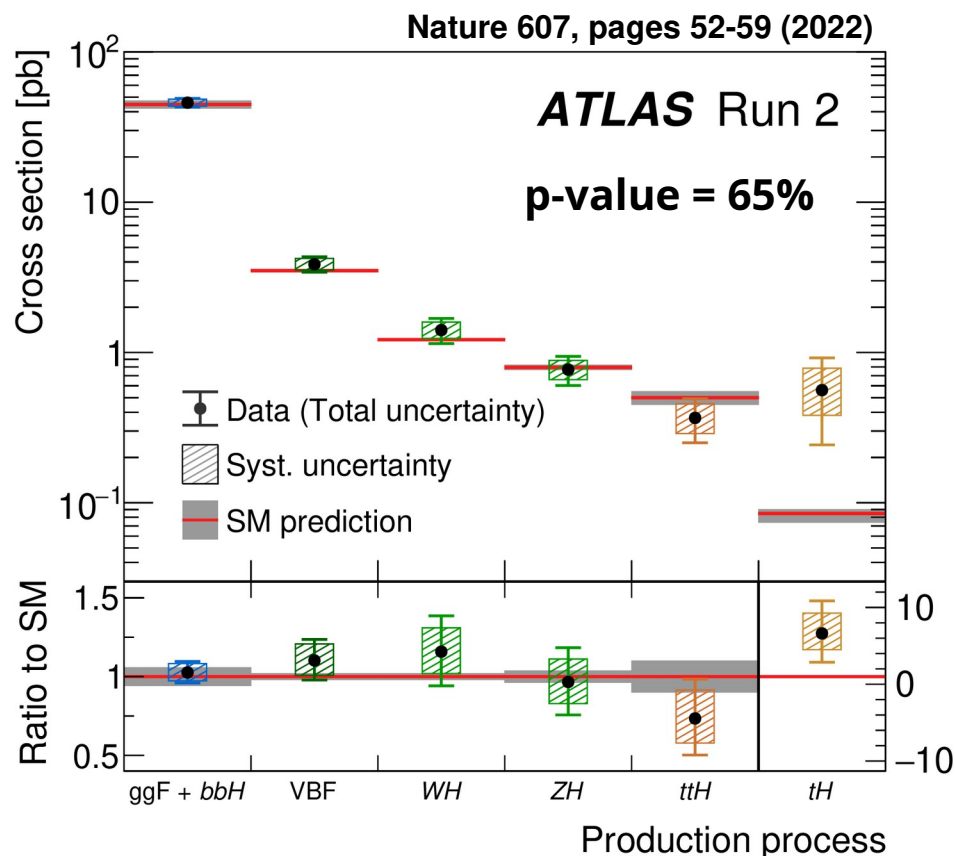


Channel	Branching ratio	Mass resolution
$H \rightarrow bb$	High	Low
$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$	High	Low
$H \rightarrow WW$	High	Very Low
$H \rightarrow ZZ^* (\rightarrow 4\ell)$	Low	High
$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	Low	High

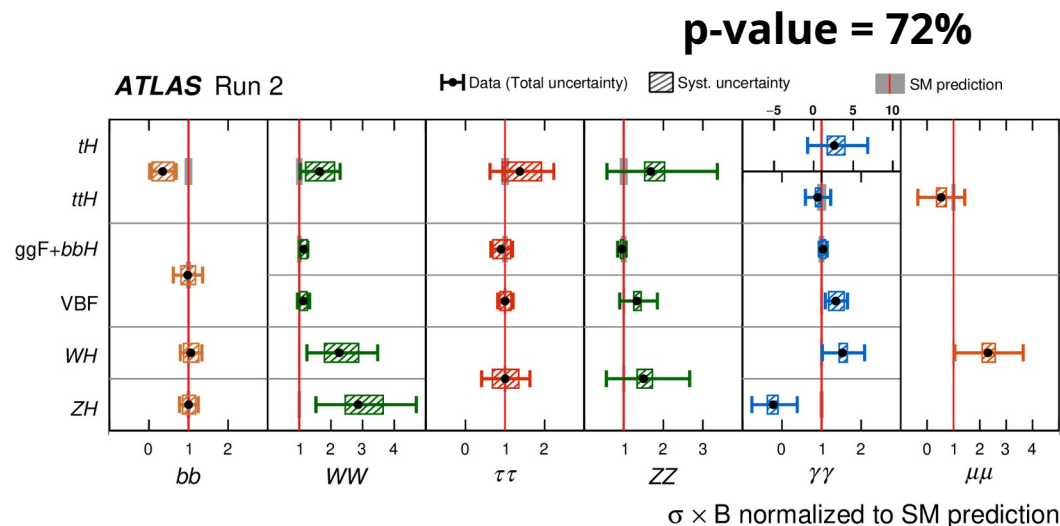
13 TeV Higgs cross-section

- Comprehensive picture of the Higgs physics in Run 2 produced for the 10 year of the Higgs boson discovery.
- **Precision era:** combination of all available decay modes (including $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$ //invisible) allows much finer splitting and improved sensitivity.
- Combined measurement of the common signal strength (μ):

$$\mu = \sigma/\sigma_{\text{SM}} = 1.05 \pm 0.06 = 1.05 \pm 0.03 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.03 \text{ (exp.)} \pm 0.04 \text{ (sig. th.)} \pm 0.02 \text{ (bkg. th.)}$$



Measurement of the signal strength by production mode: up to **6 production modes** and **8 decay channels** (incl. $Z\gamma$, cc).



Higgs Coupling with 13 TeV data

- **Kappa-framework:** modification of the Higgs boson couplings vertex at LO:

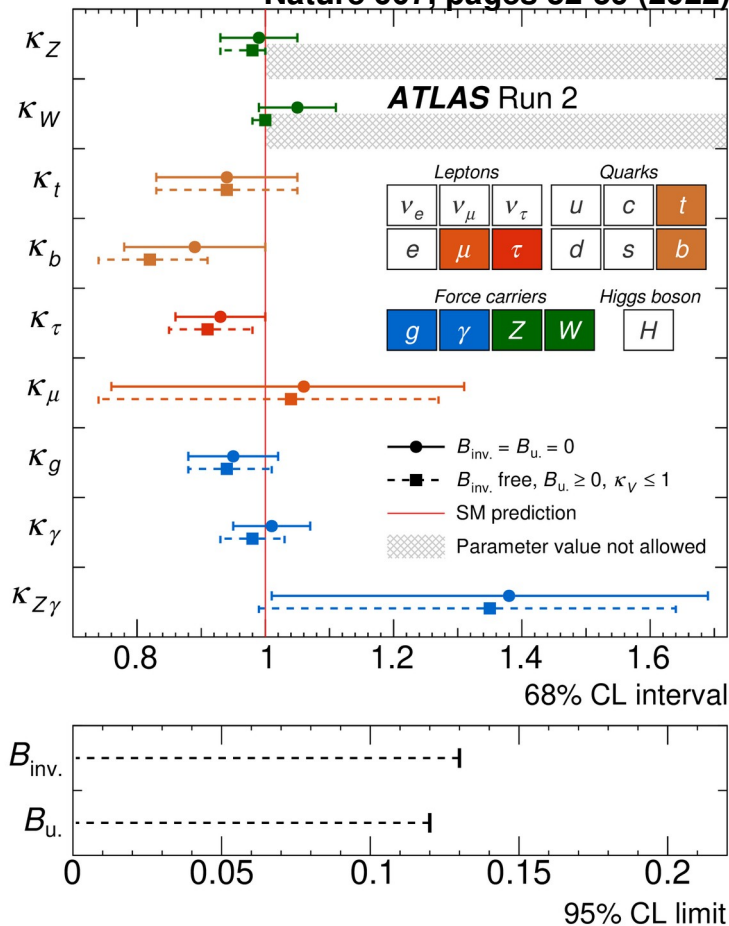
$$\sigma_i \times \text{B}(H \rightarrow f) = \frac{\sigma_i \times \Gamma_f}{\Gamma_H} = \frac{\kappa_i^2 \kappa_f^2}{\kappa_H^2} \sigma_i^{\text{SM}} \times \text{B}^{\text{SM}}(H \rightarrow f)$$

Constraints on the total width to infer kappas

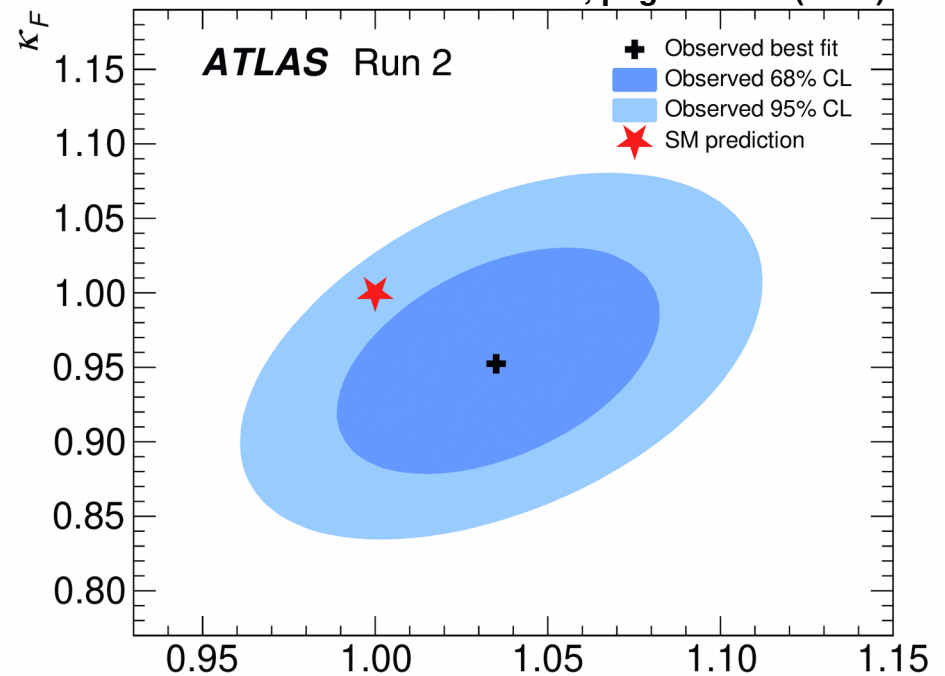
$$\Gamma_H(\kappa, B_{\text{inv.}}, B_{\text{u.}}) = \kappa_H^2(\kappa, B_{\text{inv.}}, B_{\text{u.}}) \Gamma_H^{\text{SM}}$$

- Theoretical methods developed to interpret and combine the cross-section measurements.

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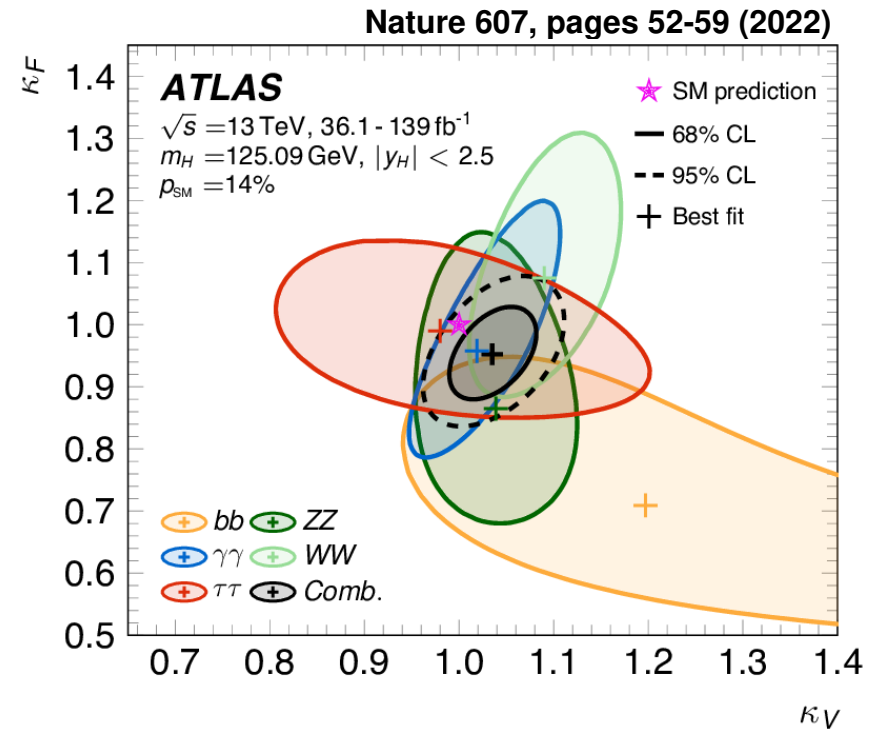
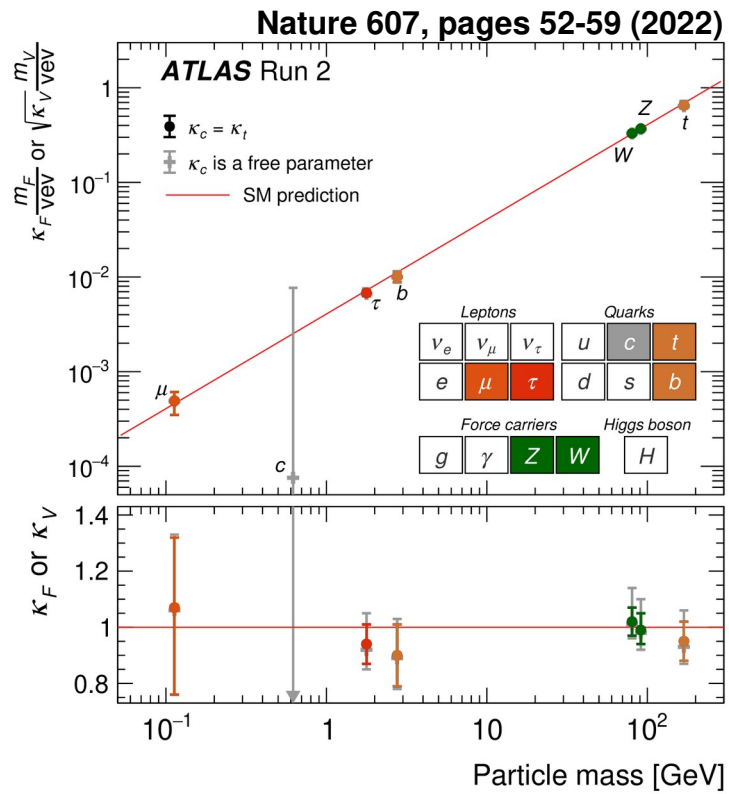


Vector bosons/Fermions coupling: $\kappa_V = 1.035 \pm 0.031$, $\kappa_F = 0.95 \pm 0.05$

- Most of the *kappa*-modifiers known with an accuracy of 6%-12%.
- Results obtained under different Br assumptions for Undetected/Invisible Higgs decays.

Higgs Coupling Summary

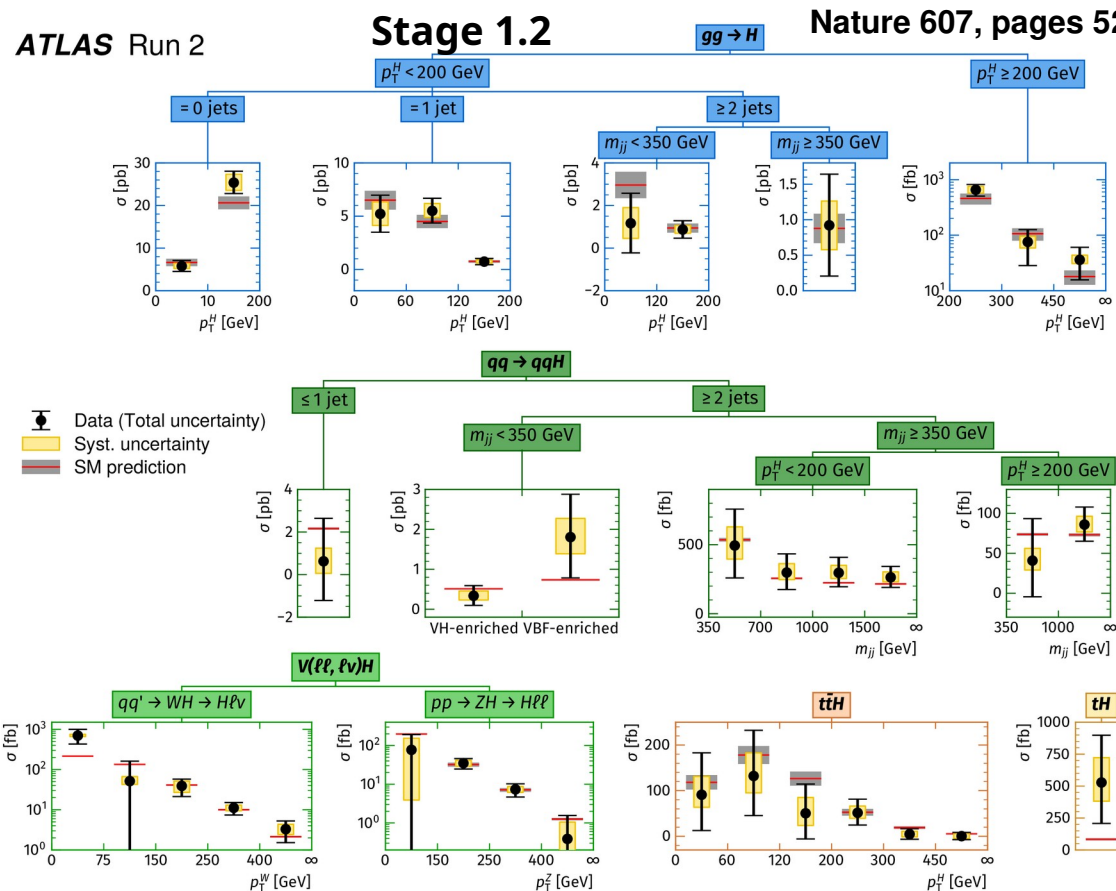
- Results are in good agreement with SM.
- Additionally, combined measurement where κ_c is left unconstrained provides constrain for $\kappa_c < 5.7$ (7.6) at 95% CL, which improves the $\kappa_c < 8.5$ limit from the $H \rightarrow cc$ analysis, with constraining power from the Higgs total width.



Vector bosons/Fermions coupling measured in each decay channel.

13 TeV Higgs cross-section

- **Simplified template cross sections (STXS)** [LHCXSWG YR4]:
- Aimed to efficiently exploit data balancing exp. precision and theory uncert.
- Isolate possible BSM contribution in high p_T and high mass bins.
- Increasing level of precision (Stage 0, Stage 1, Stage 2)

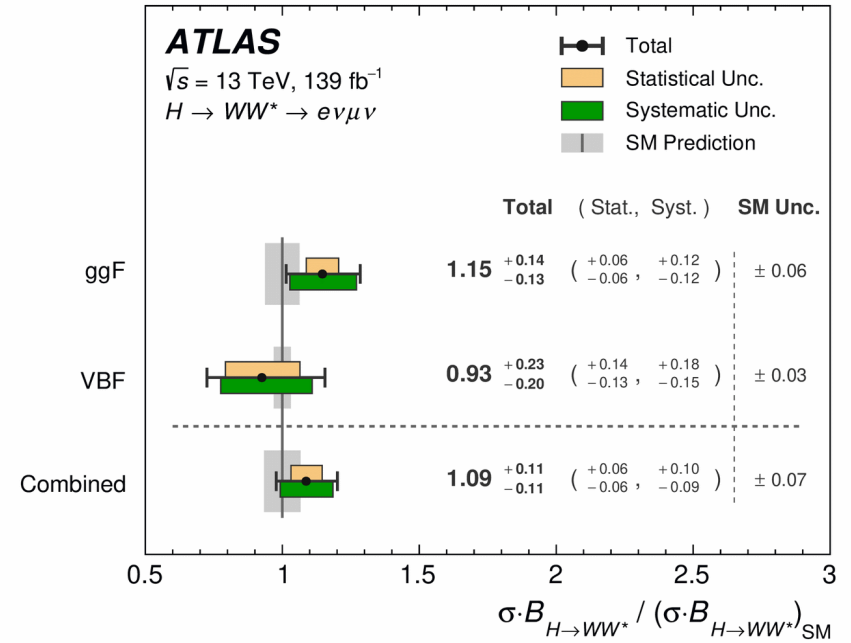


- Measurement in 36 mutually exclusive regions of phase space (“bins”) specific to the different production modes.
- Results are in good agreement with the SM (p-value 94%)

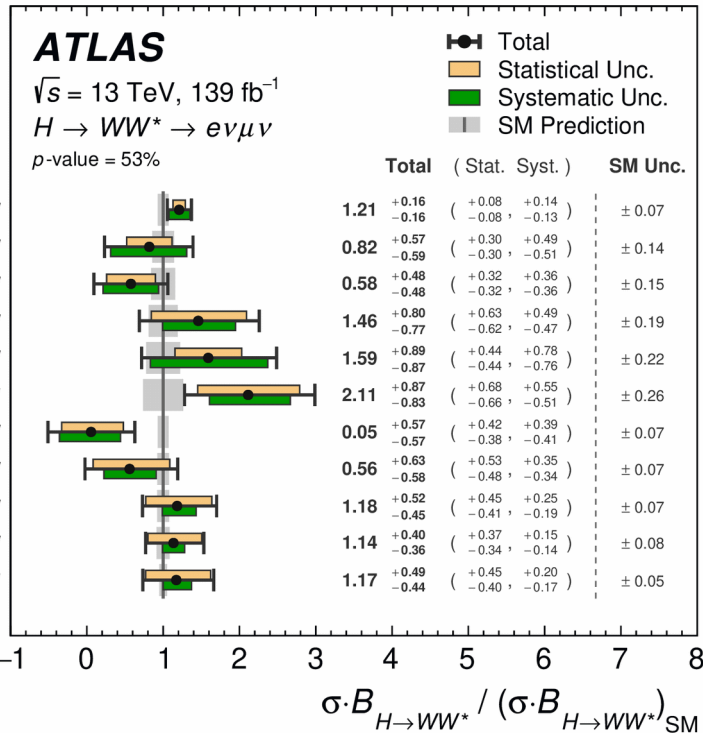
$H \rightarrow WW^*$ Recent Results

- $H \rightarrow WW$ decay mode: High branching ratio allows to target ggF,
- VBF and VH decay mode.
- Final states with ≥ 2 light leptons.
- Results from ggH and qqH are also interpreted in terms of STXS measurements

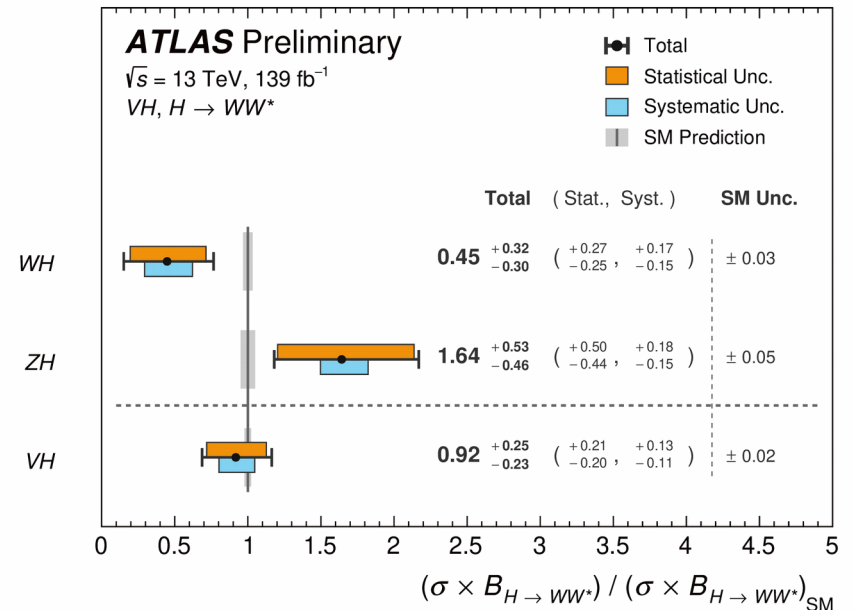
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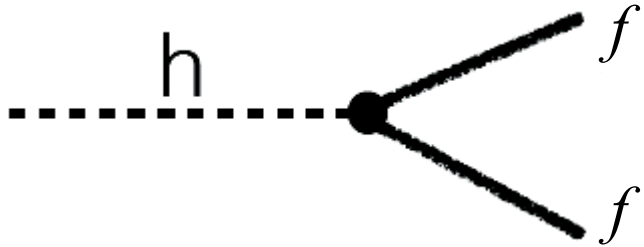
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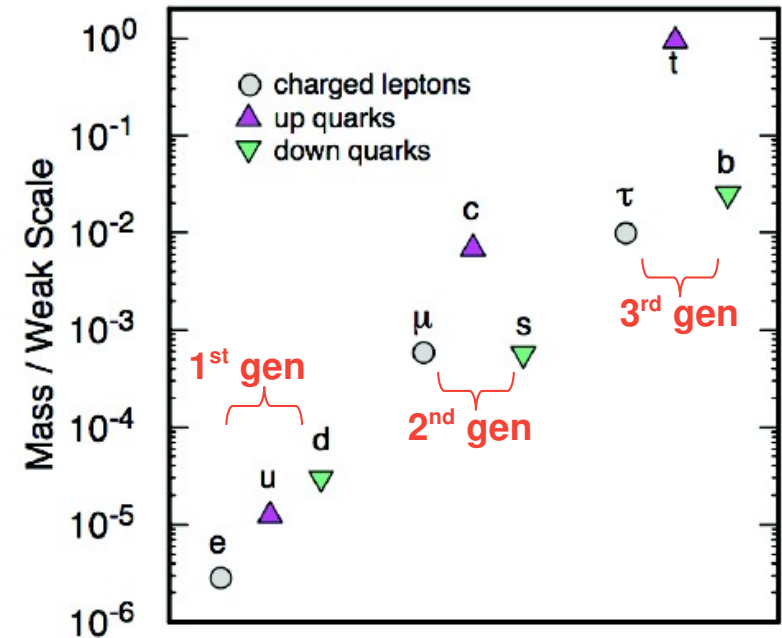


Yukawa couplings



$$\mathcal{L}_Y = -m_i \bar{f}_L^i f_R^i - Y_{ij} (\bar{f}_L^i f_R^j) h + h.c. + \dots,$$

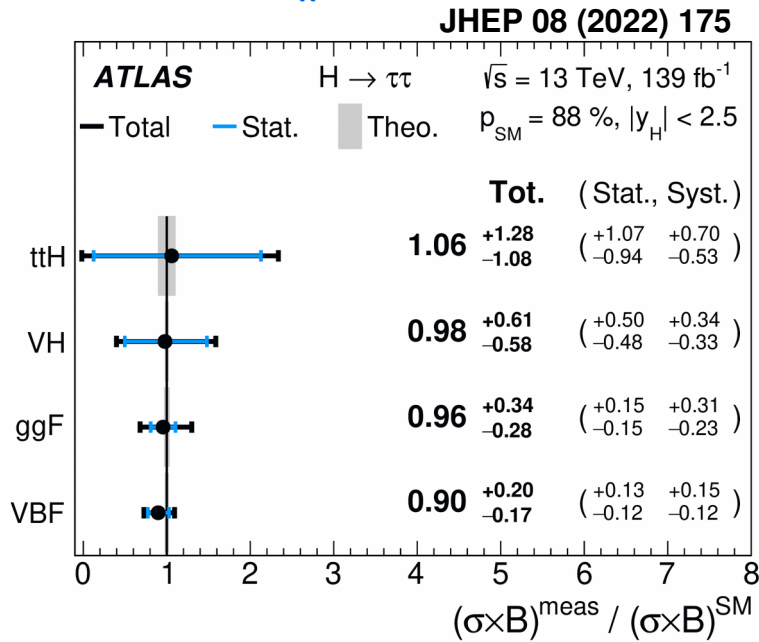
In the SM: $Y_{ij} = (m_i/v)\delta_{ij}$



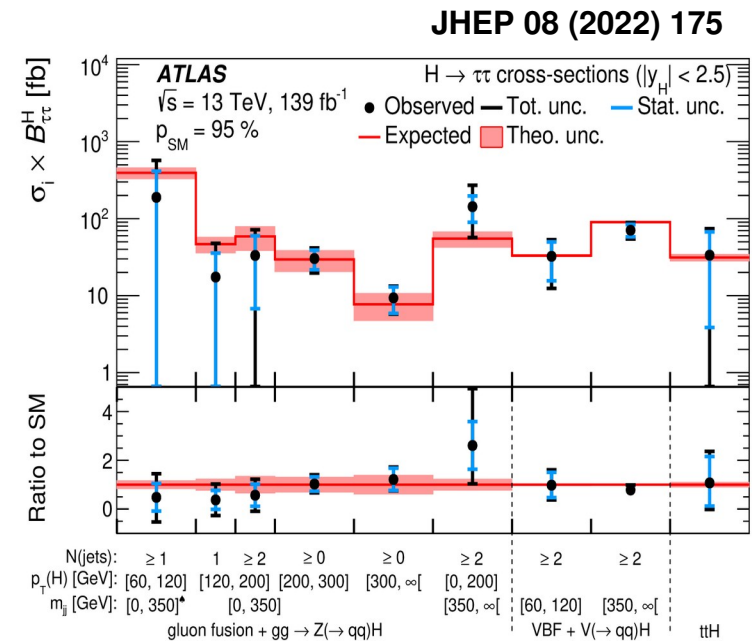
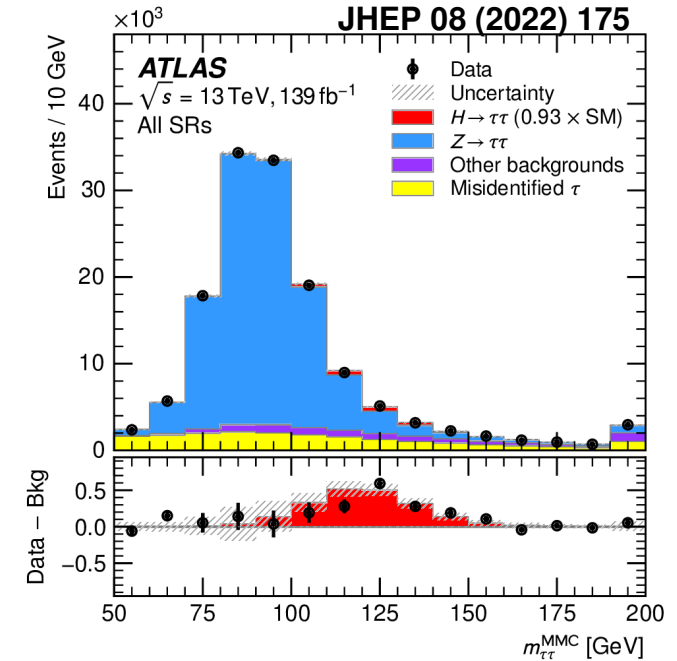
- The Higgs boson is the only fundamental boson of the SM to exhibit Yukawa couplings.
- The study of this new kind of interaction can reveal novel features not seen in gauge boson interactions, like flavour violation or anomalous CP-odd coupling.
- Higgs interactions at the origin of the flavour structure in the SM (Yukawa proportional to mass):
 - Interaction strength proportional to fermion mass, spanning about 6 orders of magnitude (neglecting neutrinos).

Run 2 $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ Analysis

- Precise test of Yukawa coupling.
- Main background is $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$ modelled by MC simulation and τ -embedding for normalization.
- Analysis channels: $\tau_e \tau_{had}$, $\tau_\mu \tau_{had}$, $\tau_e \tau_\mu$, $\tau_{had} \tau_{had}$
- Fit of the $m_{\tau\tau}$ distribution.



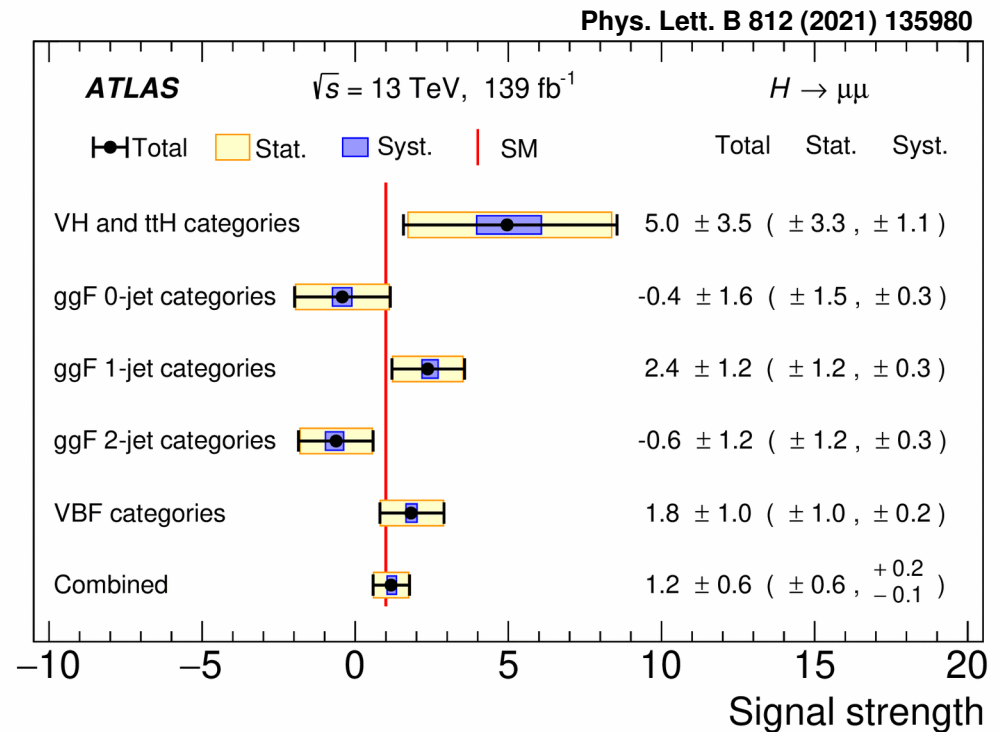
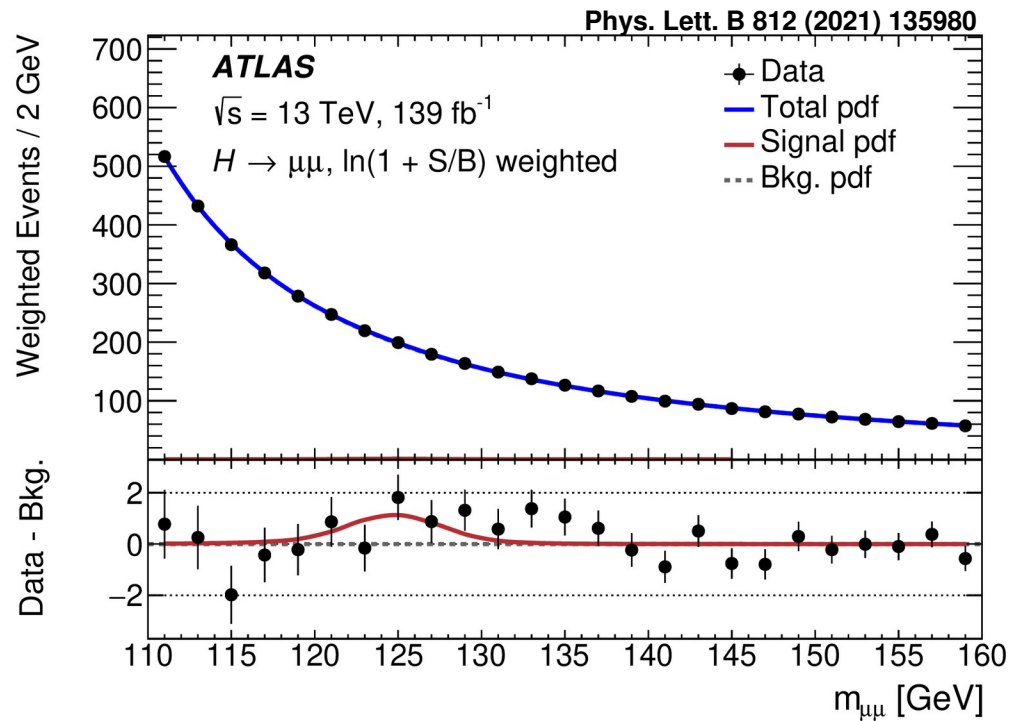
- Measured cross section $\sigma(pp \rightarrow H \rightarrow \tau\tau)$:
- 2.94 ± 0.21 (stat) $^{+0.37}_{-0.32}$ (syst) pb
in agreement with the SM prediction: 3.17 ± 0.09 pb.
- $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ channel has high sensitivity to VBF process.



Run 2 $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$ Analysis



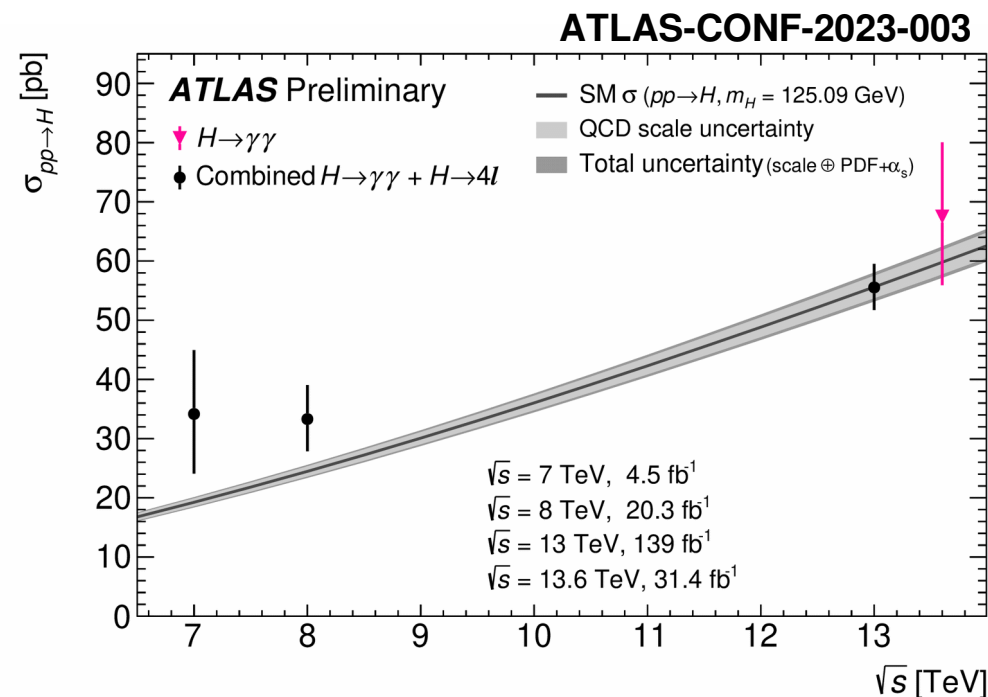
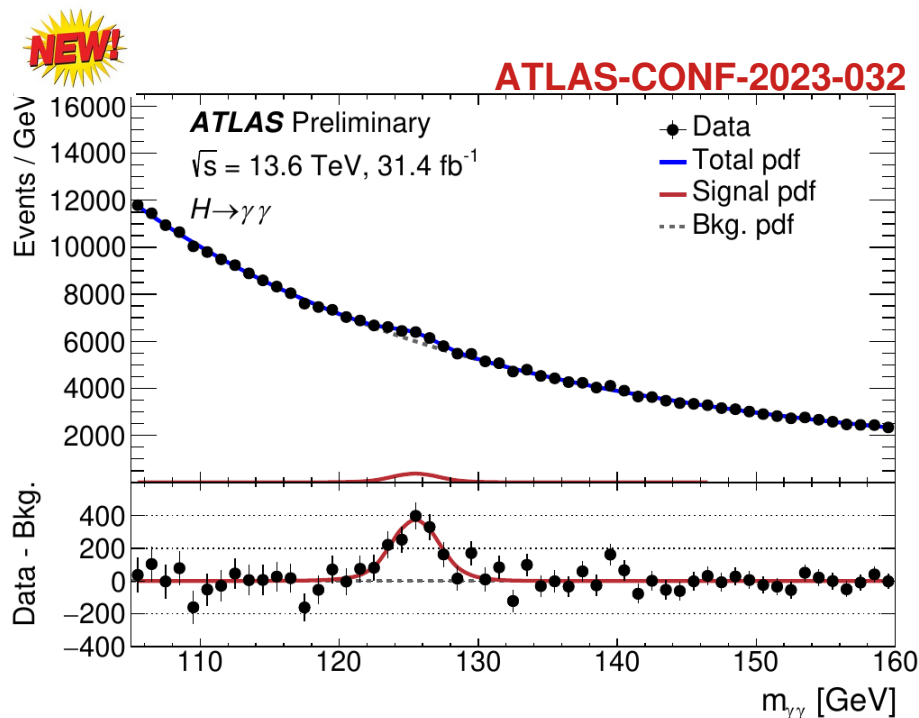
- Unbinned fit of the $m_{\mu\mu}$ mass spectrum.
- Events are separated in 20 categories (VBF, VH, ttH; Number of jets and BDT score).
- Background modeled by the product of a core function common to all categories and an empirical component (power law or exponential).
- Signal modeled by a double sided Crystal Ball.



- The observed (expected) significance over the background-only hypothesis for a Higgs boson with a mass of 125.09 GeV is 2.0σ (1.7σ).

Cross section measurement @13.6 TeV

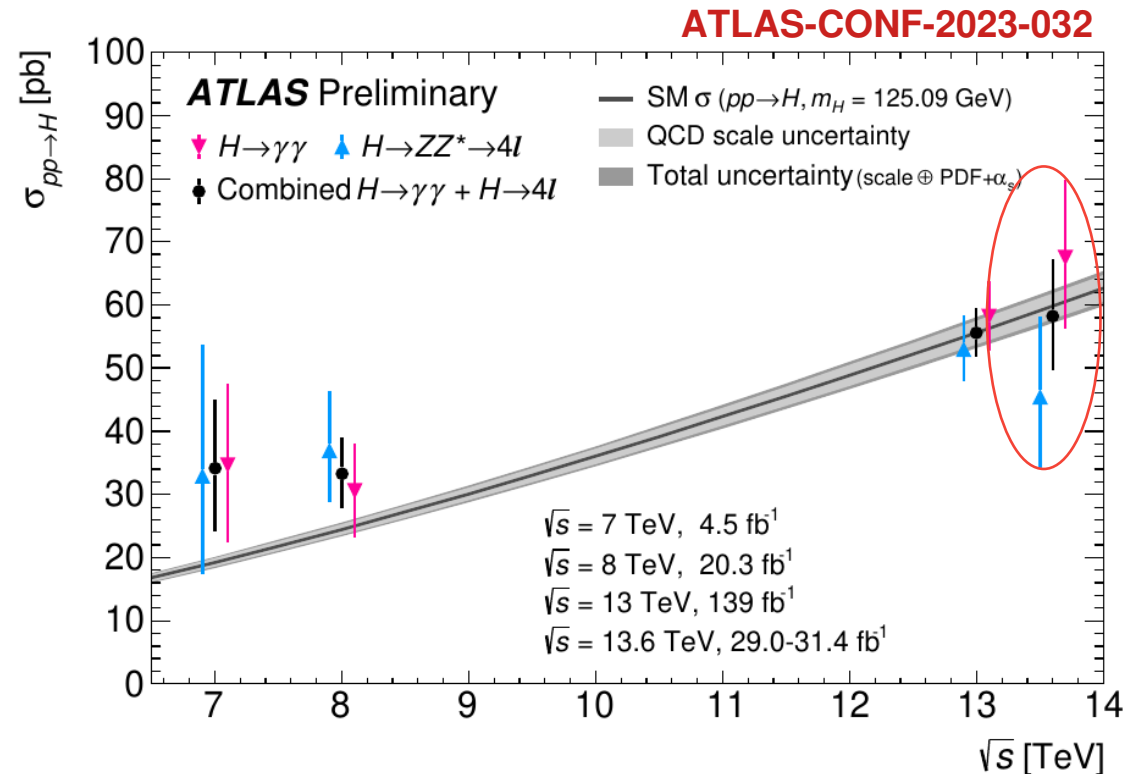
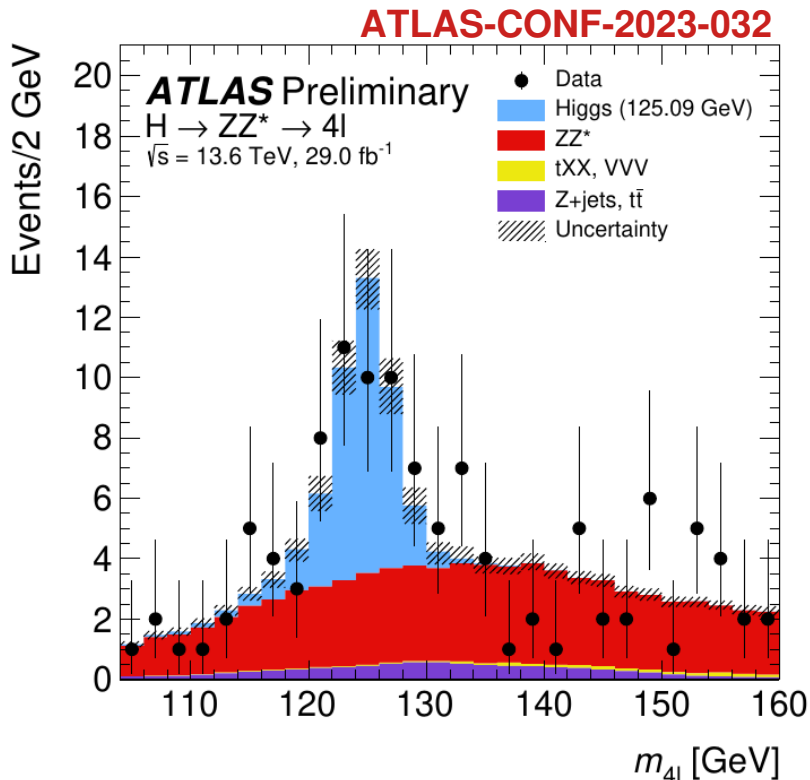
- **First preliminary Higgs cross-section measurement @13.6 TeV with Run 3 data** (lumi = 31.4 fb⁻¹) obtained in Winter 2023 ([ATLAS-CONF-2023-003](#)).
- Now being finalized for publication.
- Analysis performed in the $\gamma\gamma$ final state at a center of mass energy of 13.6 TeV.
- The result of the total cross-section @ 13.6 TeV is $\sigma = 67^{+12}_{-11}$ pb, compatible with the SM prediction of 59.9 ± 2.6 pb.
- Uncertainties conservatively extrapolated from Run 2. Precise photon calibration studies with Run 3 data are ongoing.



Run 3 cross-sec. meas in $H \rightarrow 4\ell$



- **Cross-section measurement with Run 3 data** ($\text{lumi} = 29 \text{ fb}^{-1}$), performed in the $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4\ell$ final state at a center of mass energy of 13.6 TeV.
- A binned fit of the reconstructed invariant mass $m_{4\ell}$ distribution for 4 different channels (4μ , $2e2\mu$, $2\mu2e$ and $4e$).
- The result of the total cross-section @ 13.6 TeV is $\sigma = 46 \pm 12 \text{ pb}$, is combined with $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$: $\sigma(\text{pp} \rightarrow \text{H})_{\text{H}4\ell+\text{H}\gamma\gamma} = 58.2 \pm 7.5(\text{stat.}) \pm 4.2(\text{syst.}) \text{ pb}$, compatible with the SM prediction of $59.9 \pm 2.6 \text{ pb}$.

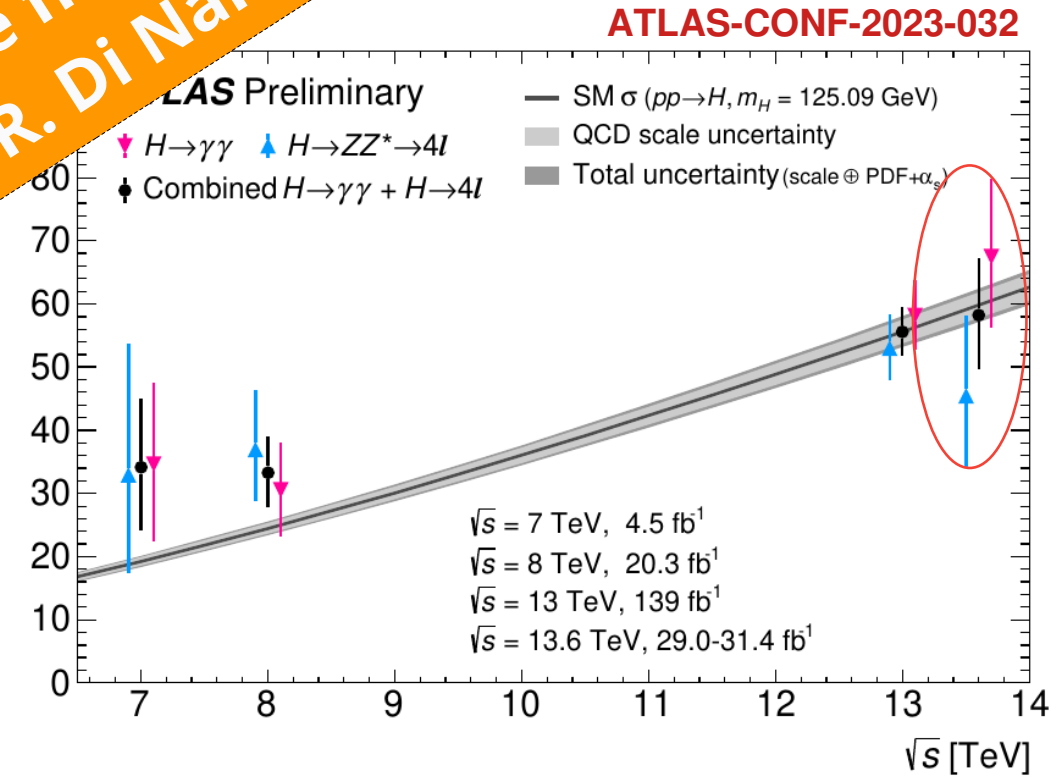
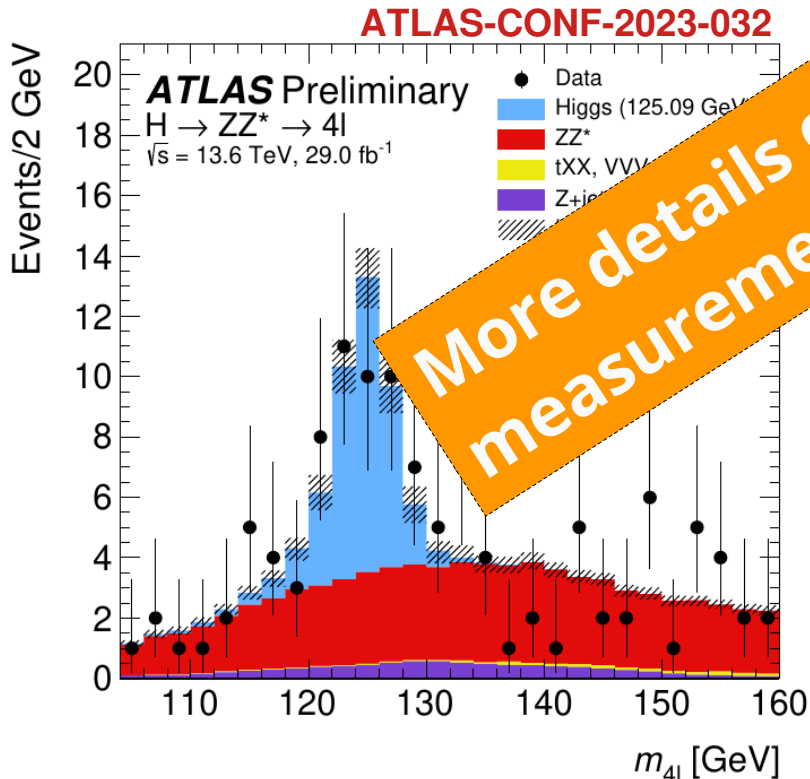


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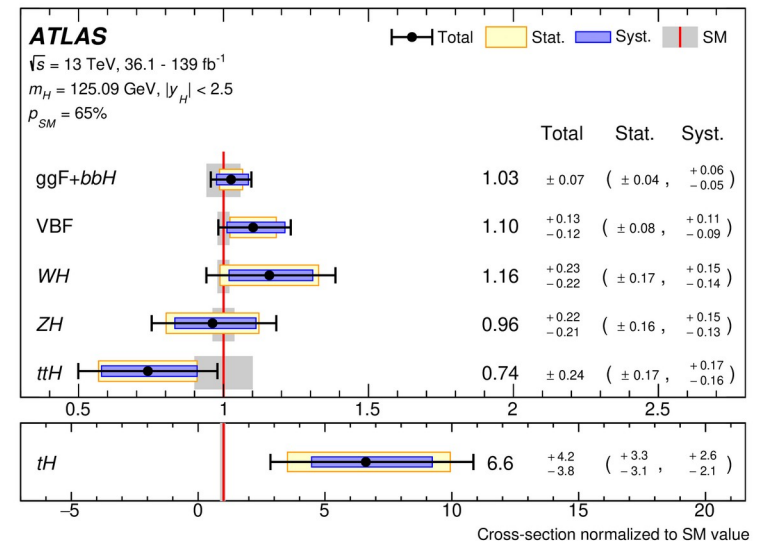
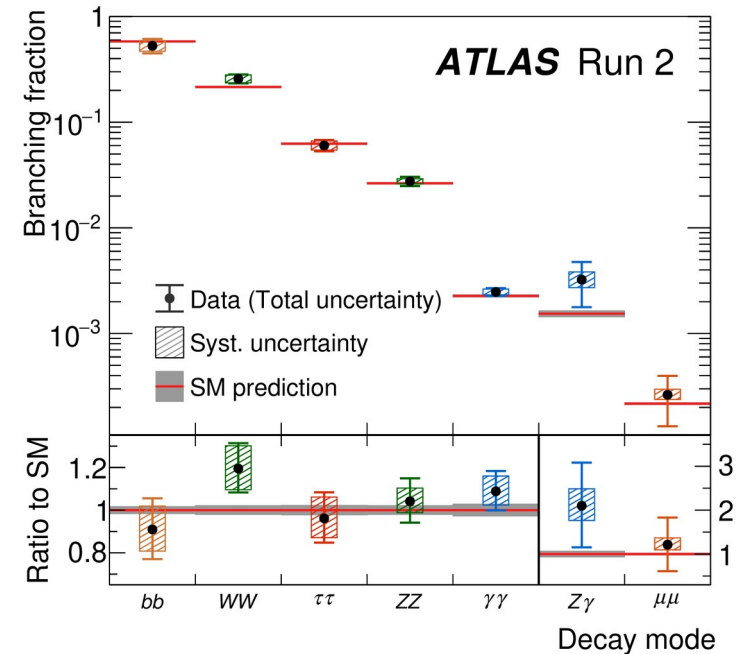
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More details on the fiducial measurement in R. Di Nardo talk



Summary

- Thanks to the impressive performance of the LHC, detectors and theory community, we are now in the **precision era** of the Higgs boson measurements with several coupling uncertainties at the level of $<\sim 10\%$.
- Measurement of the Higgs boson production and decay rates are among the top priorities of the LHC.
- Many ATLAS results with full Run 2 data have been published.
- First Higgs results with Run 3 data are available.
- Higgs measurements are in a good agreement with the predictions of the Standard Model.

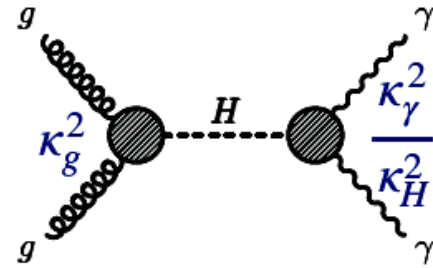


Bonus Slides

kappa Fit

	(a) $B_{inv.} = B_u = 0$	(b) $B_{inv.}$ free, $B_u. \geq 0, \kappa_{W,Z} \leq 1$
κ_Z	$0.99^{+0.06}_{-0.06}$	$0.98^{+0.02}_{-0.05}$
κ_W	$1.05^{+0.06}_{-0.06}$	$1.00_{-0.02}$
κ_t	$0.94^{+0.11}_{-0.11}$	$0.94^{+0.11}_{-0.11}$
κ_b	$0.89^{+0.11}_{-0.11}$	$0.82^{+0.09}_{-0.08}$
κ_τ	$0.93^{+0.07}_{-0.07}$	$0.91^{+0.07}_{-0.06}$
κ_μ	$1.06^{+0.25}_{-0.30}$	$1.04^{+0.23}_{-0.30}$
κ_g	$0.95^{+0.07}_{-0.07}$	$0.94^{+0.07}_{-0.06}$
κ_γ	$1.01^{+0.06}_{-0.06}$	$0.98^{+0.05}_{-0.05}$
$\kappa_{Z\gamma}$	$1.38^{+0.31}_{-0.37}$	$1.35^{+0.29}_{-0.36}$
$B_{inv.}$	-	< 0.13
$B_u.$	-	< 0.12

$$\sigma_i \times B(H \rightarrow f) = \frac{\sigma_i \times \Gamma_f}{\Gamma_H} = \frac{\kappa_i^2 \kappa_f^2}{\kappa_H^2} \sigma_i^{\text{SM}} \times B^{\text{SM}}(H \rightarrow f)$$



$$\sigma \times BR(gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$$

$$\propto \kappa_g^2 \frac{\kappa_\gamma^2}{\kappa_H^2}$$

$$\Gamma_H(\kappa, B_{inv.}, B_u.) = \kappa_H^2(\kappa, B_{inv.}, B_u.) \Gamma_H^{\text{SM}}$$

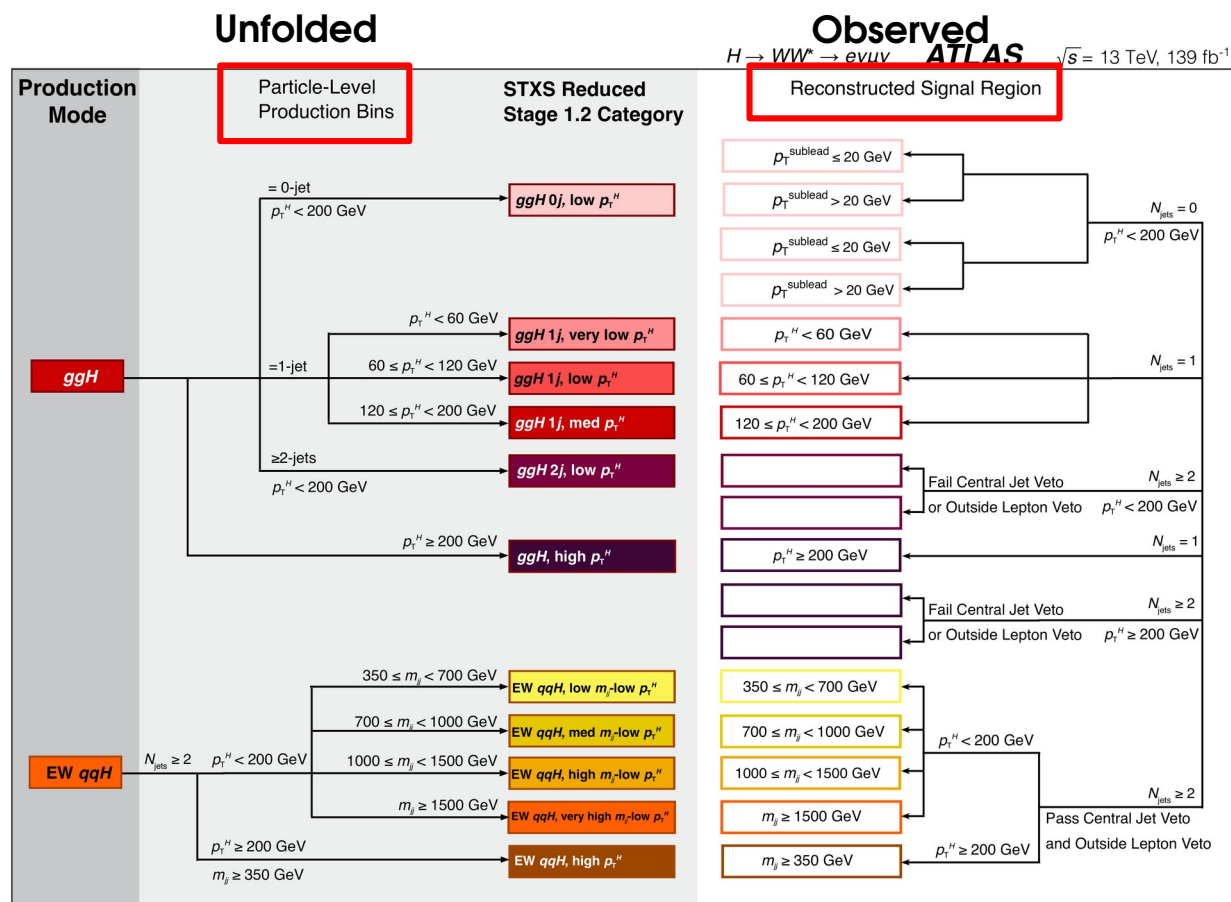
$$\text{with } \kappa_H^2(\kappa, B_{inv.}, B_u.) = \frac{\sum_p B_p^{\text{SM}} \kappa_p^2}{(1 - B_{inv.} - B_u.)}$$

13 TeV Higgs cross-section

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Independent simple fiducial region definitions for each Higgs production mode based on Higgs kinematics and associated particles.

STXS definitions are common for ATLAS, CMS and theory to ease combination, minimize theoretical uncertainties and maximize experimental sensitivity

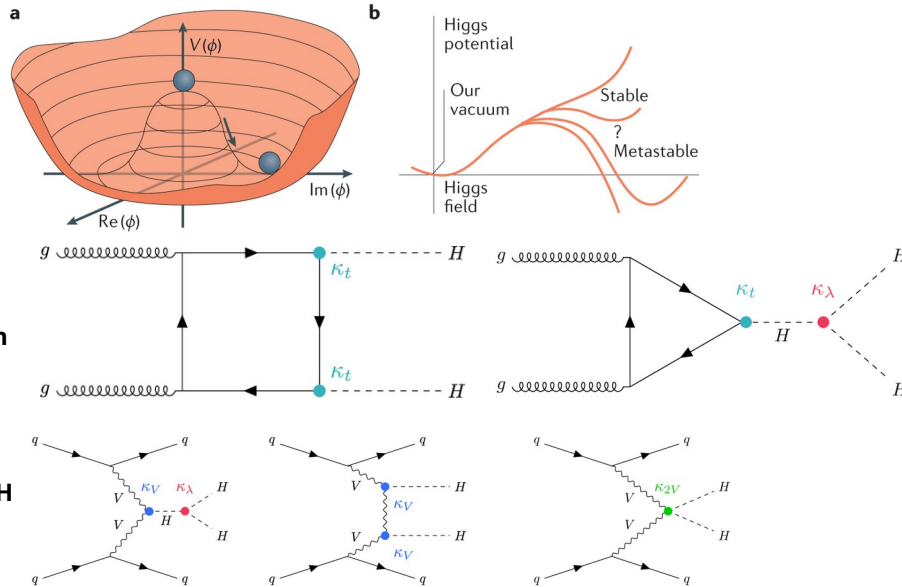


Run 3 cross section uncertainties

Source	Uncertainty [%]	
Statistical uncertainty	14.0	
Systematic uncertainty	10.3	
Background modelling (spurious signal)	6.0	$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
Photon trigger and selection efficiency	5.8	
Photon energy scale & resolution	5.5	
Luminosity	2.2	
Pile-up modelling	1.2	
Higgs boson mass	0.1	
Theoretical (signal) modelling	< 0.1	
Total	17.4	

Source	Uncertainty [%]	
Statistical uncertainty	25.1	
Systematic uncertainty	7.9	$H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4\ell$
Electron uncertainties	6.3	
Muon uncertainties	3.8	
Luminosity	2.2	
ZZ^* theoretical uncertainties	0.7	
Reducible background estimation	0.6	
Other uncertainties	< 1	
Total	26.4	

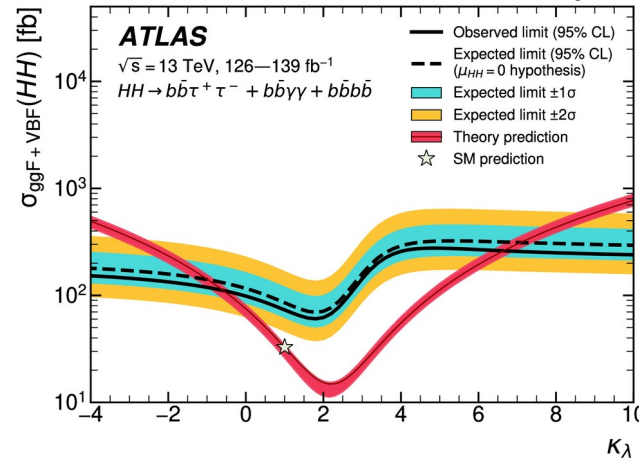
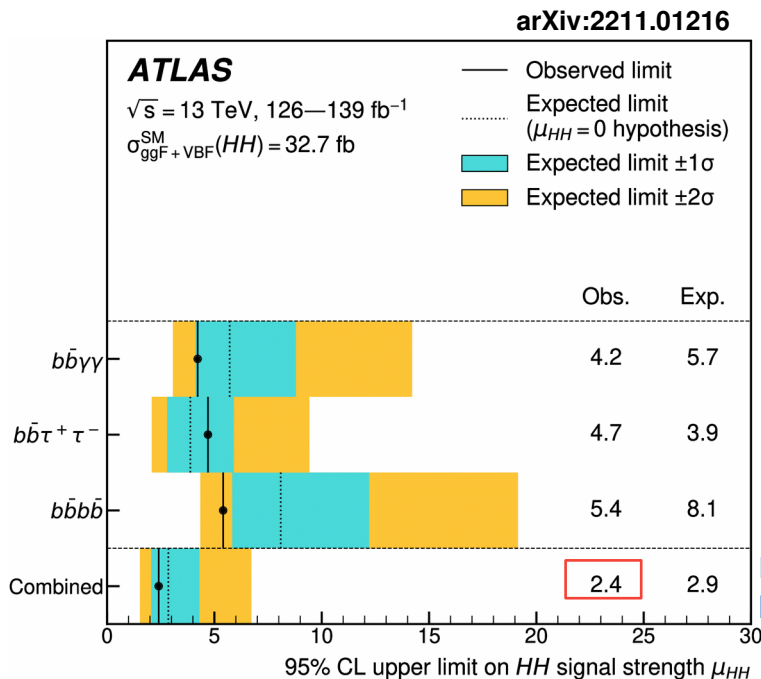
Higgs self-coupling



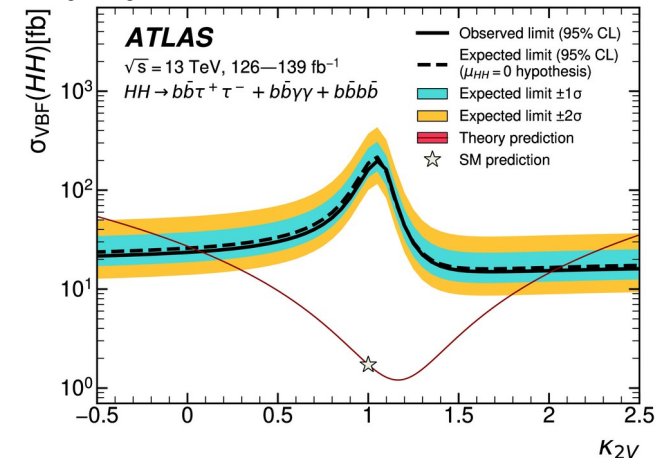
- The Higgs self-coupling λ is a fundamental SM parameter (EW symmetry breaking).
- It can be measured at LHC measuring di-Higgs production.
- No evidence of di-Higgs production yet, but stringent constraints on σ_{HH} and κ_λ from combination of HH searches in 3 most sensitive channels.

ggF ~ 90% of HH production

VBF ~ 5% of HH production



Most stringent limit to date



Higgs self-coupling

- Constraints on κ_λ are further improved by removing of the degeneracy of κ_λ with κ_t and κ_V performing a combination of the HH searches in 3 most sensitive channels with the single Higgs cross-section measurements.
- NLO EW corrections parametrized vs κ_λ .

Combination assumption	Obs. 95% CL	Exp. 95% CL	Obs. value $^{+1\sigma}_{-1\sigma}$
HH combination	$-0.6 < \kappa_\lambda < 6.6$	$-2.1 < \kappa_\lambda < 7.8$	$\kappa_\lambda = 3.1^{+1.9}_{-2.0}$
Single-H combination	$-4.0 < \kappa_\lambda < 10.3$	$-5.2 < \kappa_\lambda < 11.5$	$\kappa_\lambda = 2.5^{+4.6}_{-3.9}$
HH+H combination	$-0.4 < \kappa_\lambda < 6.3$	$-1.9 < \kappa_\lambda < 7.6$	$\kappa_\lambda = 3.0^{+1.8}_{-1.9}$
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HH+H combination, $\kappa_t, \kappa_V, \kappa_b, \kappa_\tau$ floating	$-1.4 < \kappa_\lambda < 6.1$	$-2.2 < \kappa_\lambda < 7.7$	$\kappa_\lambda = 2.3^{+2.1}_{-2.0}$

