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Measurement of Higgs boson coupling properties to bosons with the ATLAS detector



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Introduction

- ▶ The Higgs boson has a rich set of properties that can be verified experimentally → powerful test of SM and constraint of BSM
- ▶ BSM can alter the Higgs boson production and decay
- ▶ measurements of the Higgs couplings with bosonic decay and their interpretation
 - ▶ Cross section and signal strength
 - ▶ Simplified Template Cross Section (STXS)
 - ▶ Couplings modifiers (k-framework)
 - ▶ Effective Fields Theories (EFT)
- ▶ Measurements based on an integrated luminosity of 139 fb^{-1} , collected from 2015 to 2018 at $\sqrt{s}=13 \text{ TeV}$ during LHC Run-2

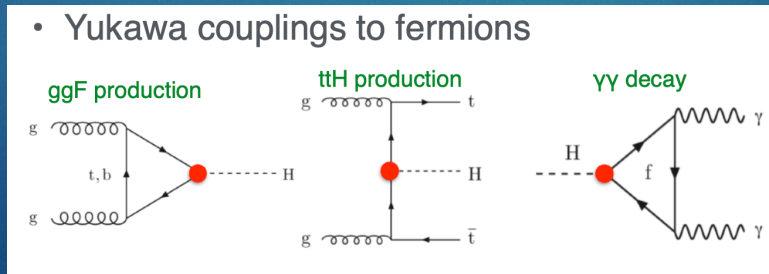
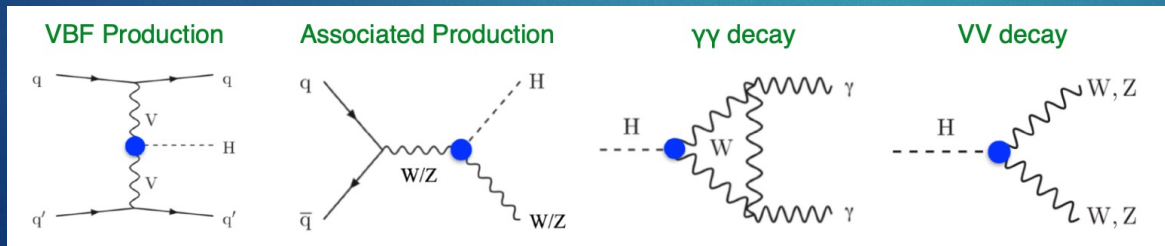
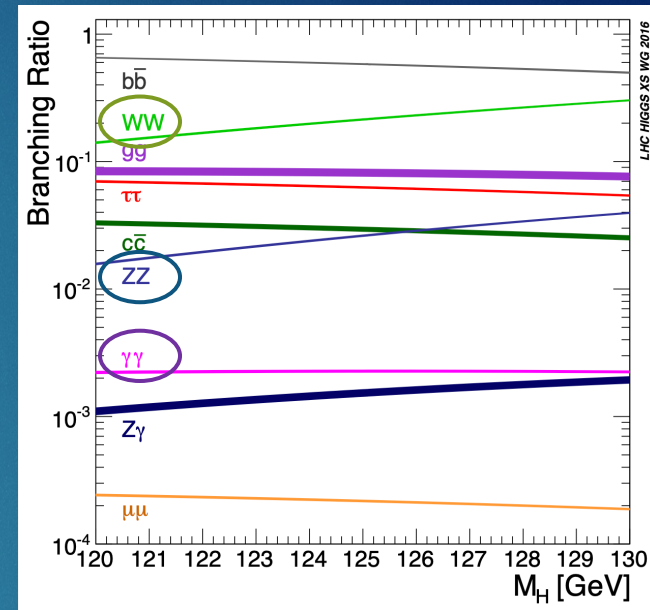
Higgs to Vector Boson

$H \rightarrow WW$: with large BR, has large backgrounds and limited mass resolution

$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$: low BR channels but cleaner with good mass resolution

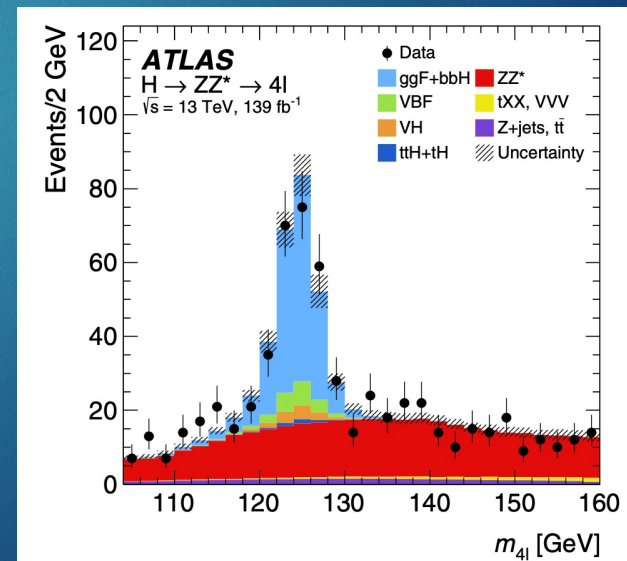
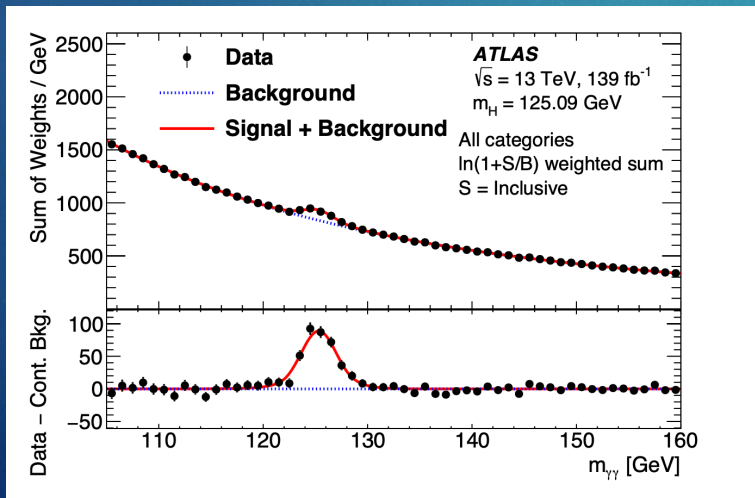
not covered $H \rightarrow Z\gamma$ – *Phys. Lett. B 809 (2020)*

- all production mode considered
- each channel provides complementary information and probes different phase spaces



$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ and $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$

- ▶ Higgs mass peak reconstructed on top of the relevant background, excellent mass resolution
- ▶ Background from sidebands
 - ▶ falling background composed by continuum $\gamma\gamma$, γj , jj
 - ▶ non resonant ZZ , normalization constrained in different jet bins



$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ and $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$

- ▶ signal strength measured by simultaneously fitting the mass distributions of all analysis categories

$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

$$\mu = 1.04^{+0.10}_{-0.09} = 1.04 \pm 0.06 \text{ (stat.)}^{+0.06}_{-0.05} \text{ (theory syst.)}^{+0.05}_{-0.04} \text{ (exp. syst.)}$$

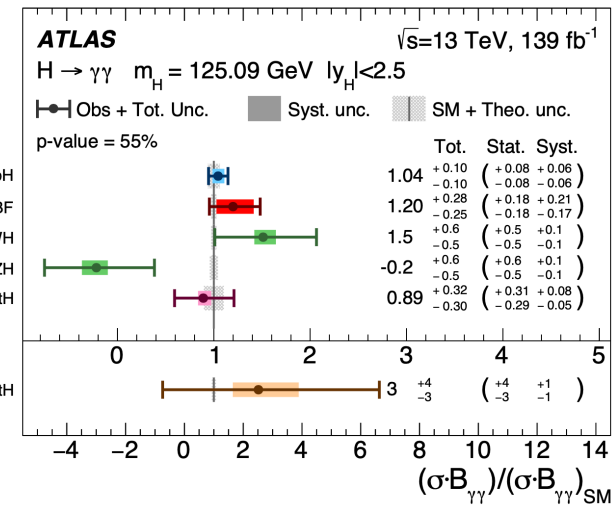
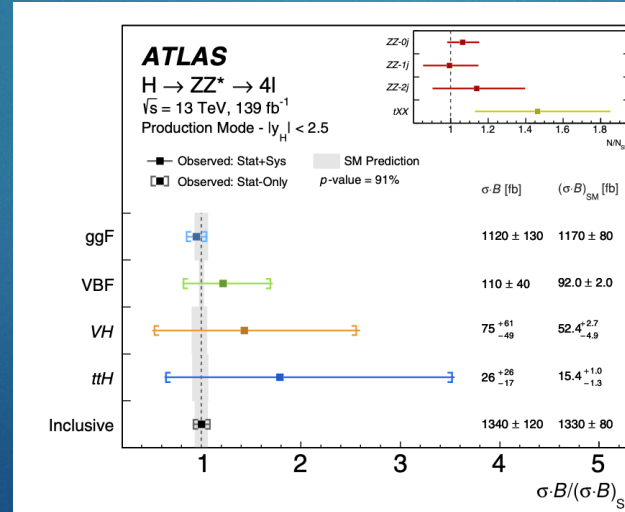
$H \rightarrow 4l$

$$\mu = 1.01 \pm 0.08 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.04 \text{ (exp.)} \pm 0.05 \text{ (th.)}$$

- ▶ main systematics uncertainties

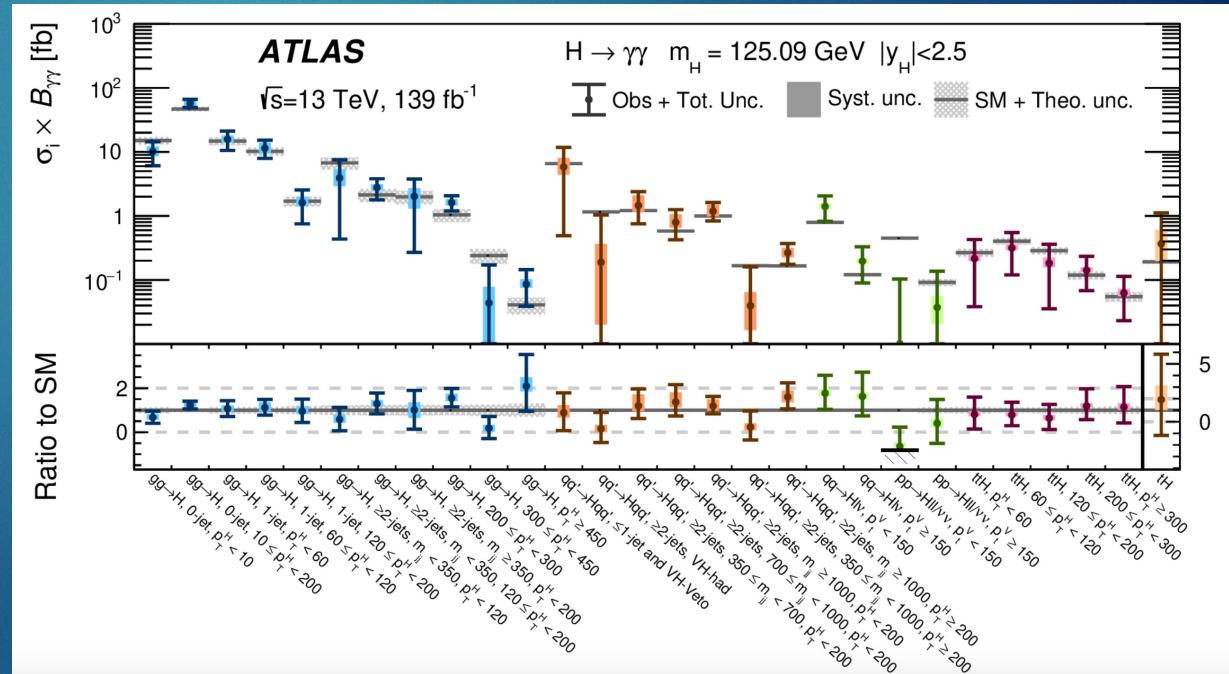
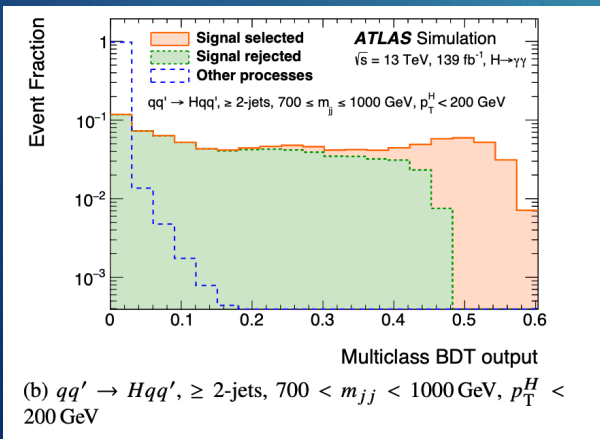
- ▶ experimental photon reconstruction and signal theory (QCD scale, Higgs BR)
- ▶ lepton efficiency, luminosity, signal Parton shower

cross section measured for each production mode compatible with SM expectations



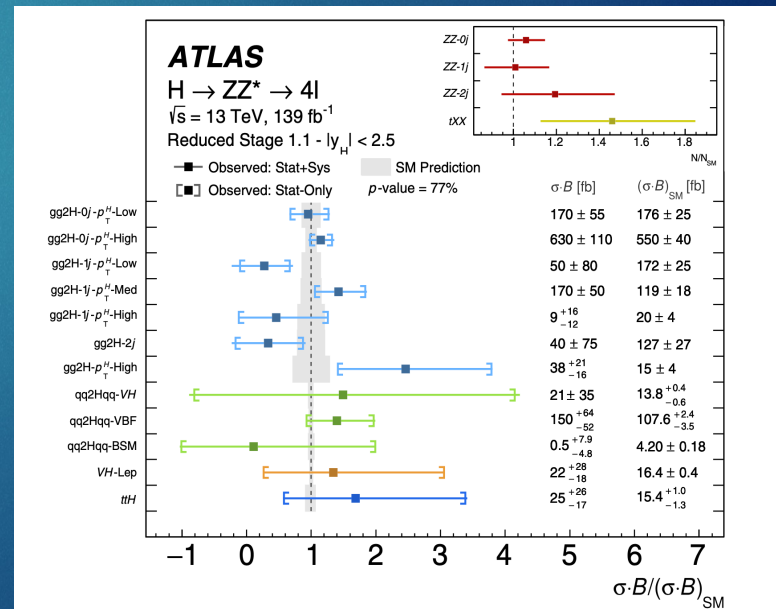
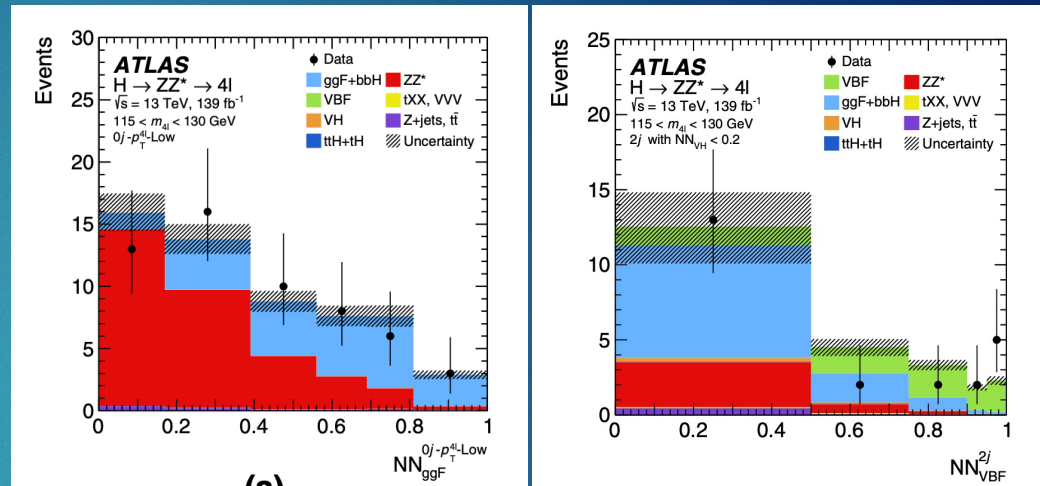
$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ - STXS

- ▶ 28 bins, optimized to avoid large uncertainties and correlation
- ▶ Categorization done with multiclass MVA to assign signal events in different STXS bins
 - ▶ improve the efficiency of event selection in production bins
 - ▶ Further binary classifiers to refine category selection and separate signal from background in each STXS bin



H → ZZ → 4l – STXS

- ▶ 12 STXS bins measured/ 12 reconstructed categories
- ▶ sidebands to estimate the top background in ttH category
- ▶ fit discriminants (NNs) in many categories to increase the sensitivity



Interpretation in the κ -framework

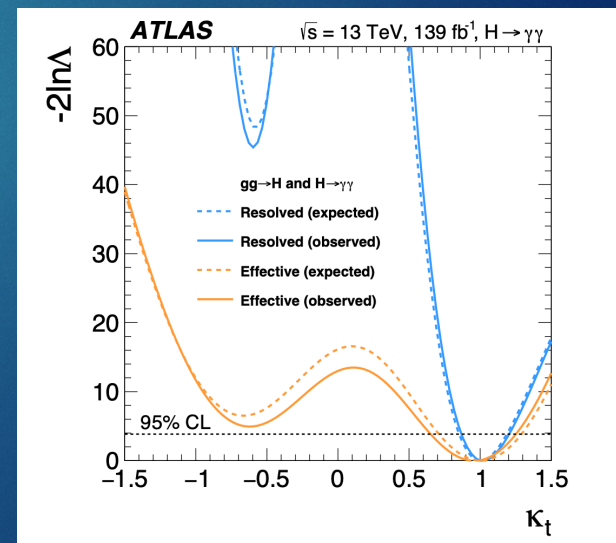
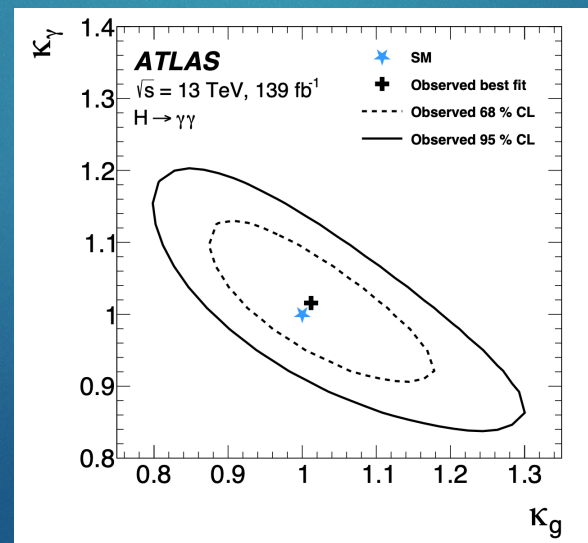
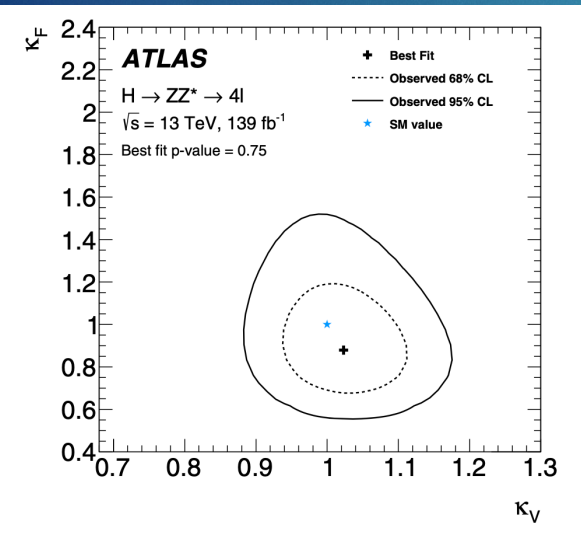
- ▶ The Higgs cross-section in STXS regions written in terms of κ modifiers
- ▶ All other κ modifiers are fixed to their SM values

$$(\sigma_i \times B_f) = \kappa_i^2 \sigma_i^{SM} \frac{k_f^2 \Gamma_f^{SM}}{k_H^2 \Gamma_H^{SM}}$$

measurement of κ_F and κ_V , probing the interactions of the Higgs sector with boson and fermions

rates in $gg \rightarrow H$ and $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ described by effective modifiers κ_g and κ_γ

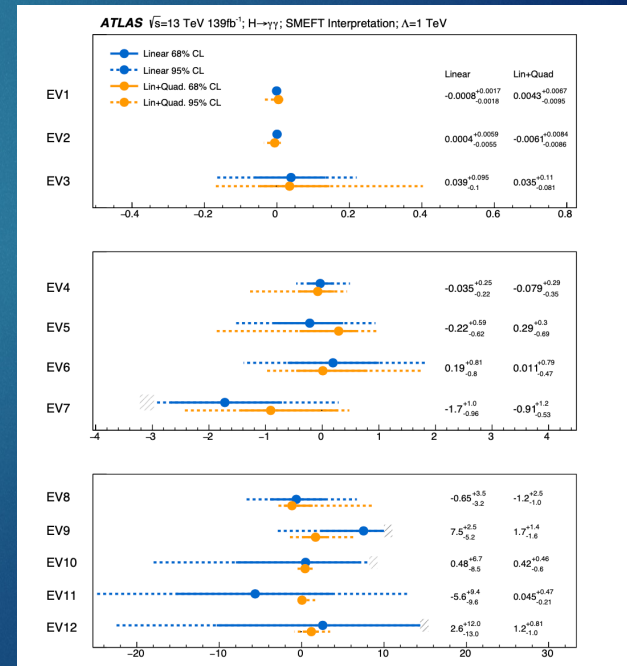
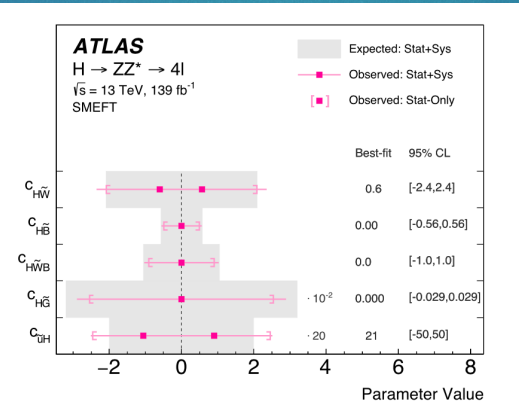
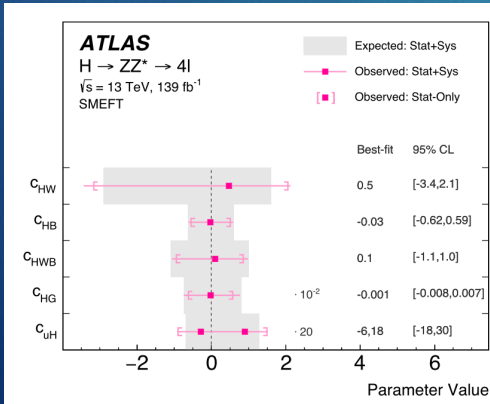
sign of κ_t from interference effects in tH , and in the $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ in resolved parametrisation



H → γγ and H → ZZ Interpretation in SMEFT

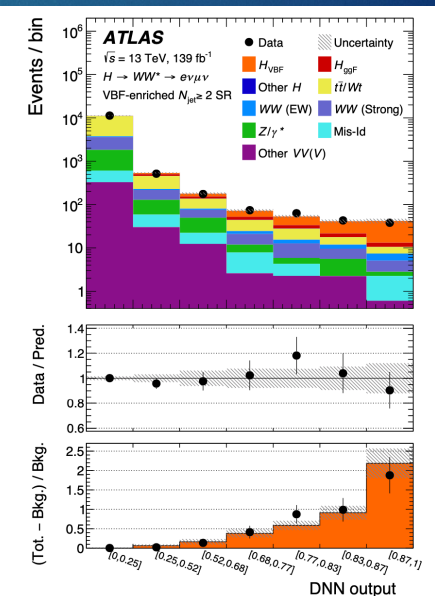
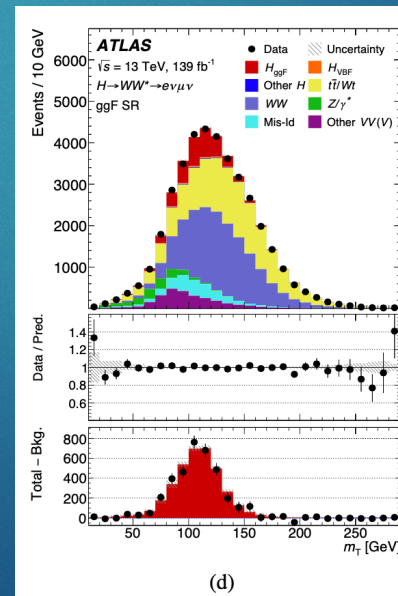
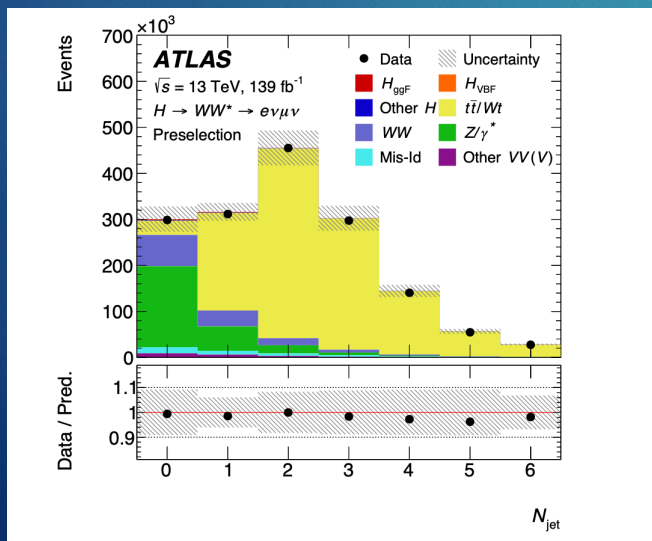
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{EFT}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \sum_i \frac{C_i^{(d)}}{\Lambda^{(d-4)}} \mathcal{O}_i^{(d)} \quad \text{for } d > 4.$$

- ▶ SMEFT Wilson coefficients determined through an interpretation of STXS results
 - ▶ in each production bin, cross sections, BRs and acceptance parametrised in terms of the Wilson coefficients
- ▶ Measurements of one SMEFT couplings assuming other are zero
- ▶ or measurements of multiple coefficients by removing flat directions from PCA analysis of SMEFT information matrix
- ▶ linear/quadratic difference can be indicative of the impact of neglected higher-order terms in SMEFT



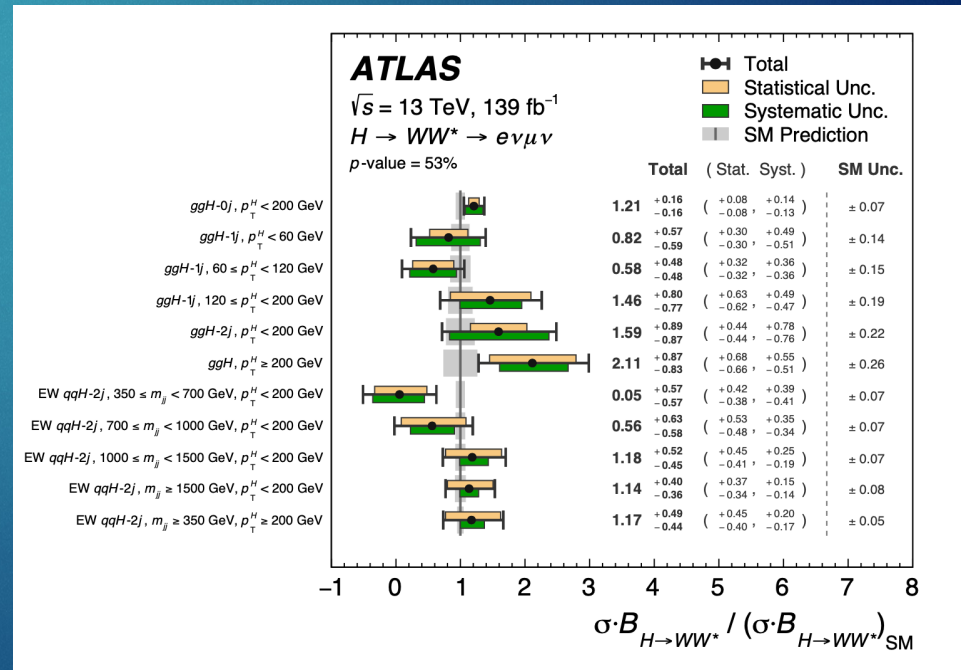
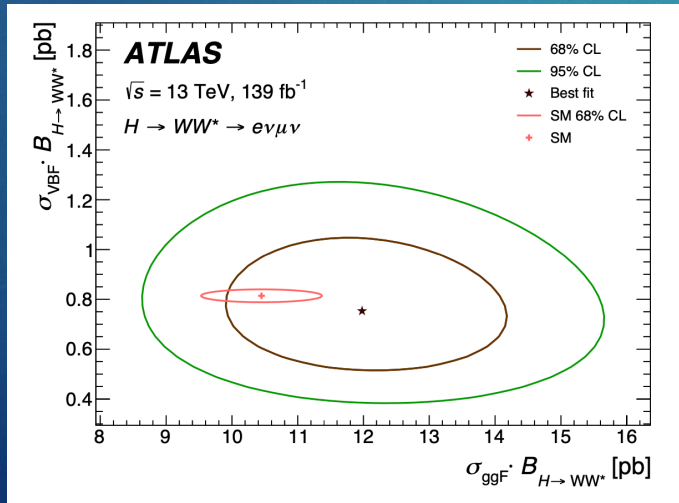
$H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$ (ggF and VBF production)

- Two charged isolated leptons of different flavour \rightarrow less background from Z decays
- background composition depending on the number of jets in the final state \rightarrow analysis performed separately in $N_{\text{jets}}=0, 1, \geq 2$ bins
 - $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2$ is split in ggF and VBF \rightarrow 4 categories subsequently split in SR to increase the sensitivity
- control regions to normalize WW, top and Z+jets
- discriminating variables : di-lepton + ETmiss transverse mass m_T (ggF) and NN (VBF)



H → WW → lνlν (ggF and VBF production)

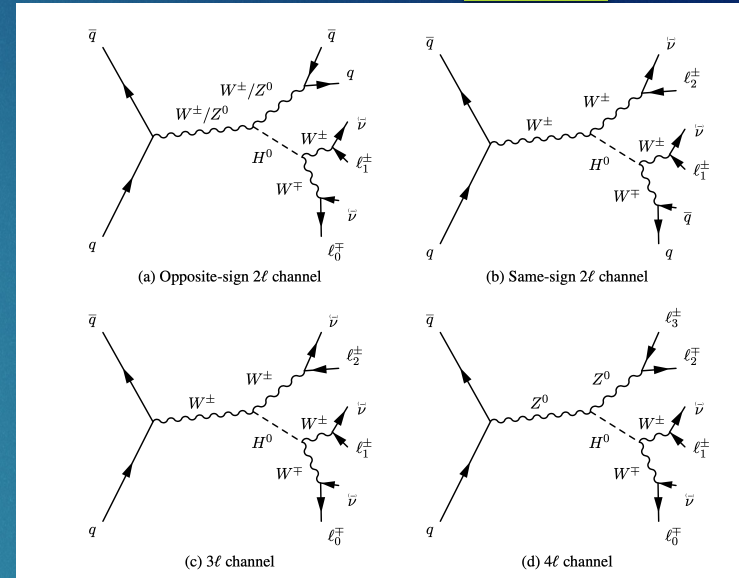
- ▶ Result from a simultaneous fit to all SRs
- ▶ inclusive measurements dominated by systematic uncertainties
 - ▶ ggF: exp and theory systematics comparable
 - ▶ VBF: signal theory uncertainties from additional jet modelling
- ▶ STXS : 6 bins for ggH and 5 for EW qqH production.
 - ▶ 12 reconstructed categories based on p_T^H and jet variables
 - ▶ Dedicated background CRs



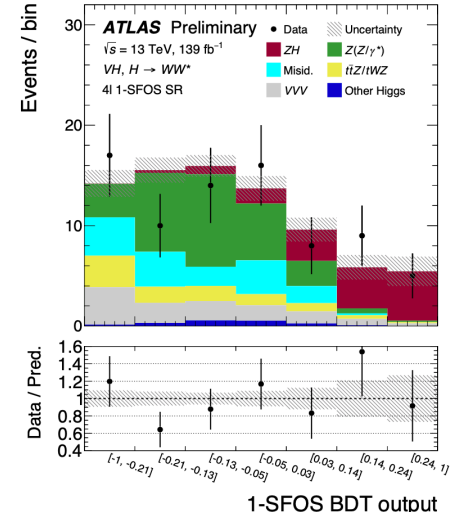
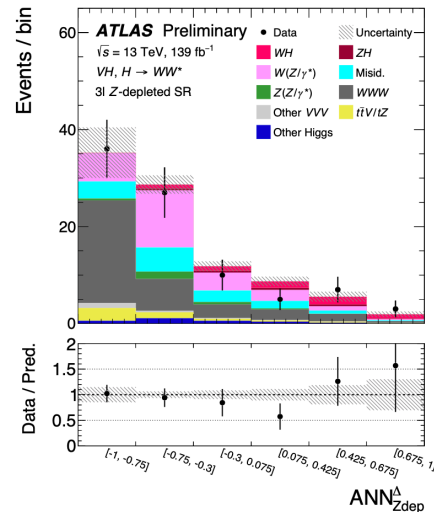
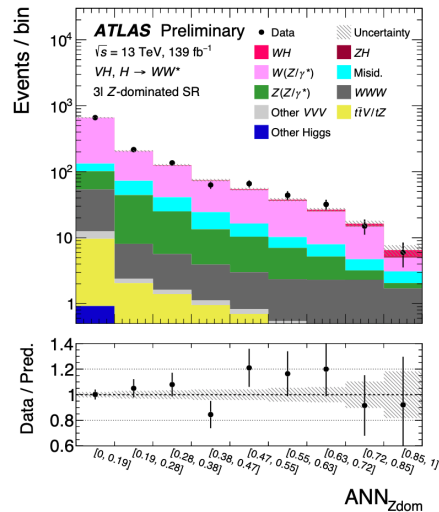
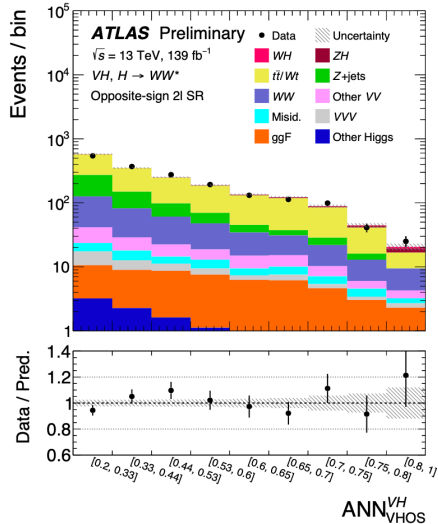
VH, H → WW

- ▶ Direct access to couplings to weak bosons
- ▶ 2 (OS or SS), 3, or 4 charged isolated leptons

Channel	Normalised in the fit	Control Region	Data-driven
Opposite-sign 2ℓ	–	t \bar{t} /Wt, Z+jets, WW	W+γ, W+jets
Same-sign 2ℓ	W(Z/γ*)	–	V+γ, V+jets
3ℓ	WWW	W(Z/γ*)	Z+γ, Z+jets, t \bar{t} /Wt, WW+jets
4ℓ	–	ZZ	W(Z/γ*)+jets, t \bar{t} /Wt/Z, Z+jets, t \bar{t} /Wt



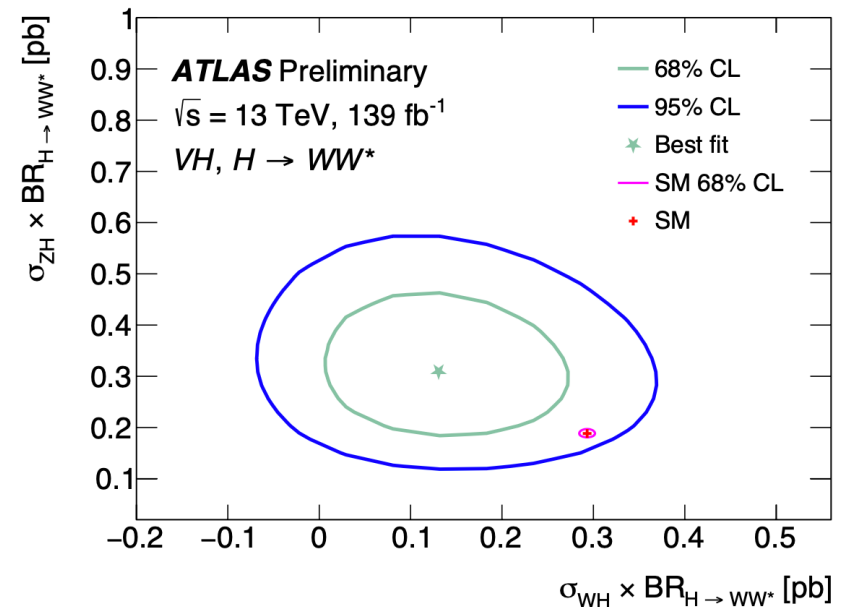
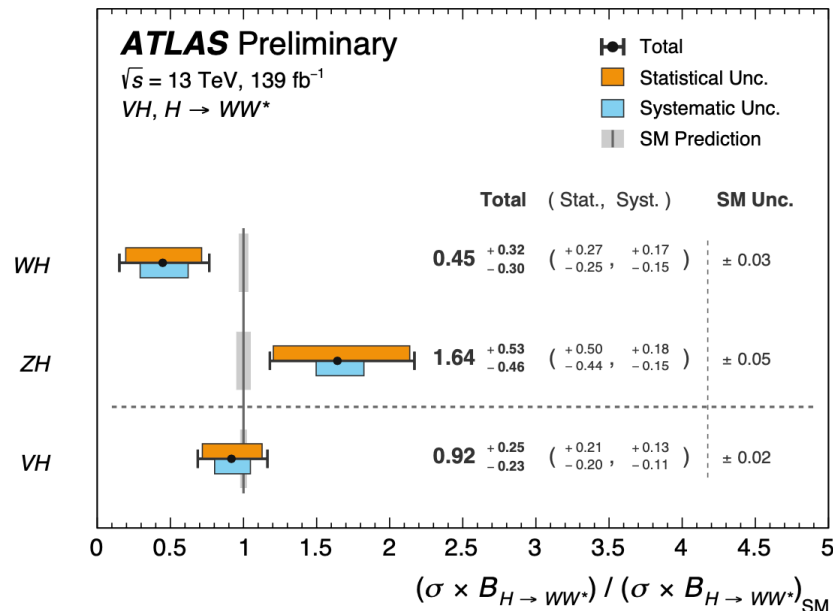
- ▶ subdivision into several SRs
- ▶ MVA discriminants to maximise the sensitivity in each channel



VH, H → WW

- ▶ observed combined significance : 4.6σ
- ▶ Statistical uncertainties dominating
- ▶ WH and ZH measurements compatible at level of 2.1σ
- ▶ STXS results in finalization phase

$$\mu_{VH} = 0.92^{+0.21}_{-0.20}(\text{stat.})^{+0.14}_{-0.12}(\text{syst.}),$$

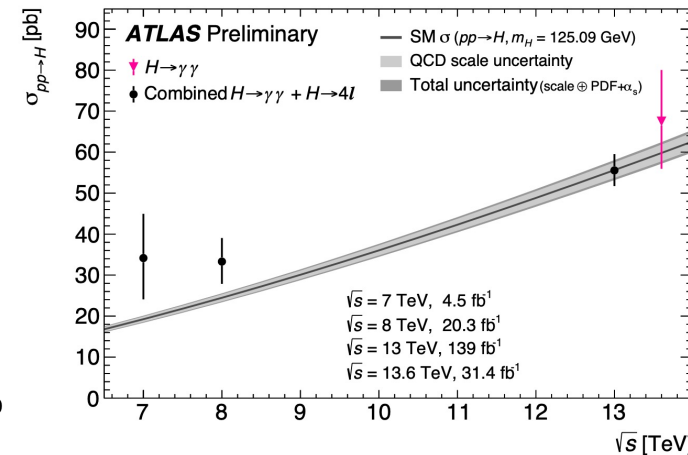
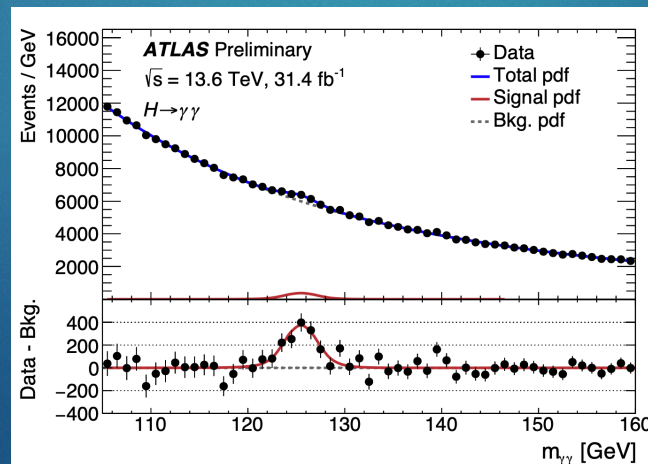


Conclusions

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- ▶ Analyses of LHC Run2 data led to a large improvement on the couplings measurement precision
 - ▶ All results compatible with the SM expectations so far
 - ▶ Run3 has just started at 13.6 TeV, already $\sim 30/\text{fb}$ collected
- great potential to improve precision and to probe BSM with more than 2x Higgs Bosons collected

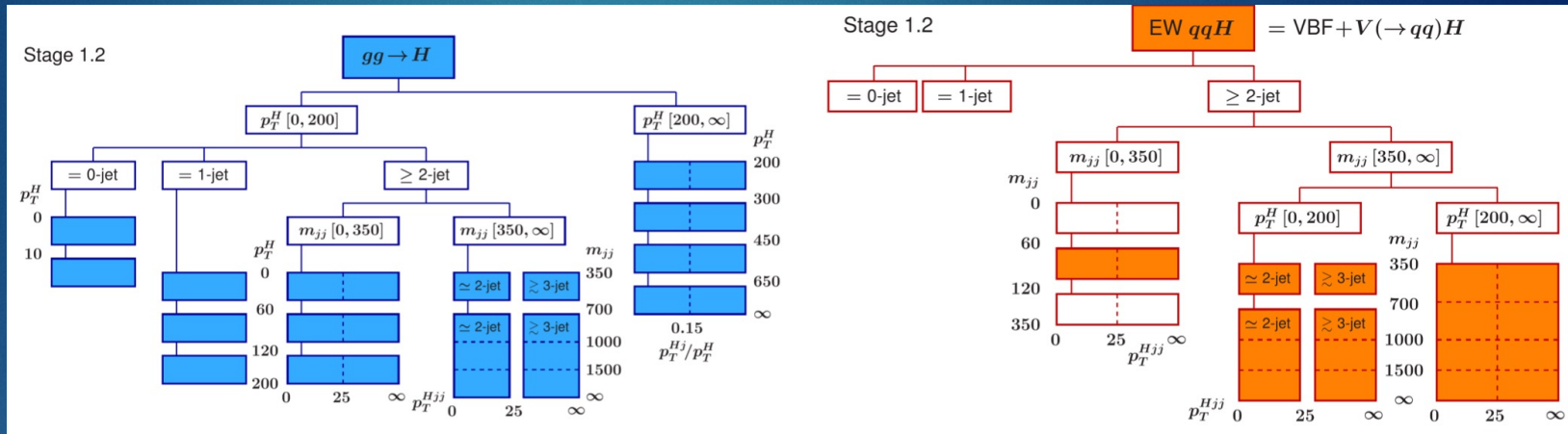
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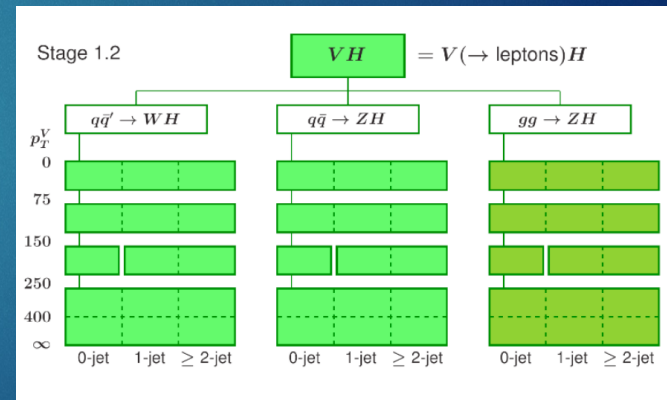
Backup

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Methods - Simplified Template Cross Sections (STXS)

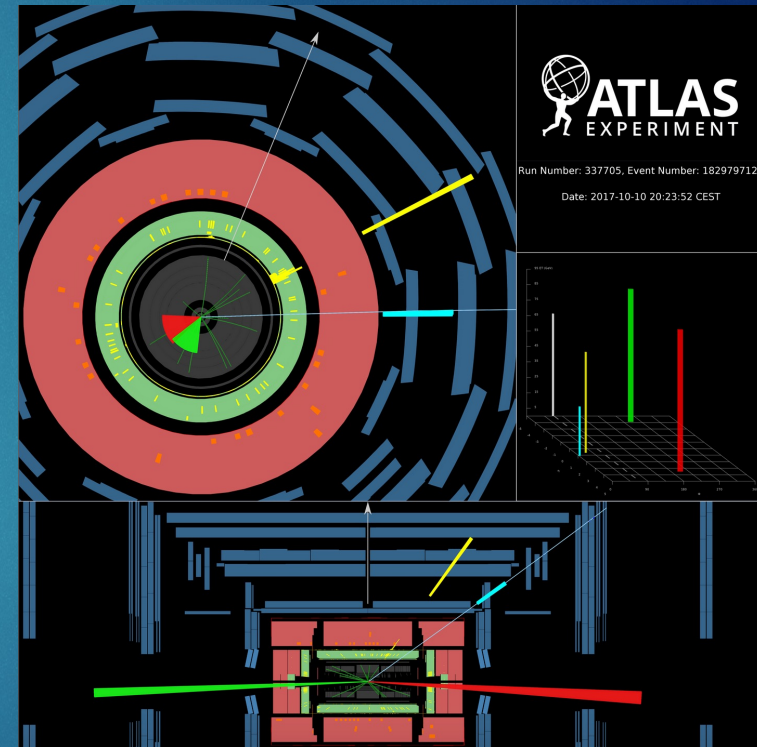


- ▶ split production phase space in multiple regions (bins) and measure the cross-section in each
 - ▶ designed to optimize the signal and BSM sensitivity
 - ▶ minimize theoretical uncertainties
- ▶ Bin split based on number of jets, p_T^H , m_{jj} , p_T^V on truth level
- ▶ Bins can be chosen/merged depending on each channel's statistics



$H \rightarrow WW$

- ▶ ggF, VBF and VH production analysed
- ▶ large $H \rightarrow WW$ BR allows sensitivity to stat-limited production modes (VBF, VH)
- ▶ angle between the two charged leptons from Higgs small
 - ▶ due to the spin-0 of the Higgs boson and the chiral structure of the weak decays
 - ▶ separate the signal from the main backgrounds
- ▶ CR to check/normalize main background
 - ▶ mis-identified leptons from full data-driven estimation



$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ systematic uncertainties

Table 7: Expected contributions from the main sources of systematic uncertainty to the total uncertainty in the measurement of the cross-section times $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ branching ratio for each of the main Higgs boson production processes. The uncertainty from each source ($\Delta\sigma$) is shown as a fraction of the total expected cross-section (σ).

	ggF + $b\bar{b}H$	VBF	WH	ZH	$t\bar{t}H$	tH
Uncertainty source	$\Delta\sigma$ [%]	$\Delta\sigma$ [%]	$\Delta\sigma$ [%]	$\Delta\sigma$ [%]	$\Delta\sigma$ [%]	$\Delta\sigma$ [%]
Theory uncertainties						
Higher-order QCD terms	± 1.4	± 4.1	± 4.1	± 12	± 2.8	± 16
Underlying event and parton shower	± 2.5	± 16	± 2.5	± 4.0	± 3.6	± 48
PDF and α_s	$< \pm 1$	± 2.0	± 1.4	± 2.3	$< \pm 1$	± 5.8
Matrix element	$< \pm 1$	± 3.2	$< \pm 1$	± 1.2	± 2.5	± 8.2
Heavy-flavour jet modelling in non- $t\bar{t}H$ processes	$< \pm 1$	$< \pm 1$	$< \pm 1$	$< \pm 1$	$< \pm 1$	± 13
Experimental uncertainties						
Photon energy resolution	± 3.0	± 3.0	± 3.8	± 4.8	± 3.0	± 12
Photon efficiency	± 2.7	± 2.7	± 3.3	± 3.6	± 2.9	± 9.3
Luminosity	± 1.8	± 2.0	± 2.4	± 2.7	± 2.2	± 6.6
Pile-up	± 1.4	± 2.2	± 2.0	± 2.3	± 1.4	± 7.3
Background modelling	± 2.0	± 4.6	± 3.6	± 7.2	± 2.5	± 63
Photon energy scale	$< \pm 1$	$< \pm 1$	$< \pm 1$	± 1.3	$< \pm 1$	± 5.6
Jet/ E_T^{miss}	$< \pm 1$	± 6.8	$< \pm 1$	± 2.2	± 3.5	± 22
Flavour tagging	$< \pm 1$	$< \pm 1$	$< \pm 1$	$< \pm 1$	± 1.5	± 3.4
Leptons	$< \pm 1$	$< \pm 1$	$< \pm 1$	$< \pm 1$	$< \pm 1$	± 1.8
Higgs boson mass	$< \pm 1$	$< \pm 1$	$< \pm 1$	$< \pm 1$	$< \pm 1$	$< \pm 1$

Table 8: Summary of the leading sources of systematic uncertainty in the measurement of the Higgs boson signal strength.

Uncertainty source	$\Delta\mu$ [%]
Theory uncertainties	
Higher-Order QCD Terms	± 3.8
Branching Ratio	± 3.0
Underlying Event and Parton Shower	± 2.5
PDF and α_s	± 2.1
Matrix Element	± 1.0
Modeling of Heavy Flavor Jets in non- $t\bar{t}H$ Processes	$< \pm 1$
Experimental uncertainties	
Photon energy resolution	± 2.8
Photon efficiency	± 2.6
Luminosity	± 1.8
Pile-up	± 1.5
Background modelling	± 1.3
Photon energy scale	$< \pm 1$
Jet/ E_T^{miss}	$< \pm 1$
Flavour tagging	$< \pm 1$
Leptons	$< \pm 1$
Higgs boson mass	$< \pm 1$

H → ZZ systematic uncertainties

Table 6 The impact of the dominant systematic uncertainties (in percent) on the cross-sections in production bins of the Production Mode Stage and the Reduced Stage 1.1. Similar sources of systematic uncertainties are grouped together: luminosity (Lumi.), electron/muon reconstruction and identification efficiencies and pile-up modelling (e , μ , pile-up), jet energy scale/resolution and b -tagging efficiencies (Jets, flav. tag), uncertainties in reducible background (reducible bkg), theo-

retical uncertainties in ZZ^* background and tXX background, and theoretical uncertainties in the signal due to parton distribution function (PDF), QCD scale (QCD) and parton showering algorithm (Shower). The uncertainties are rounded to the nearest 0.5%, except for the luminosity uncertainty, which is measured to be 1.7% and increases for the VH signal processes due to the simulation-based normalisation of the VVV background

Measurement	Experimental uncertainties [%]				Theory uncertainties [%]				
	Lumi.	e , μ , pile-up	Jets, flav. tag	Reducible bkg	Background		Signal		
					ZZ^*	tXX	PDF	QCD	Shower
Inclusive cross-section									
	1.7	2.5	0.5	< 0.5	1	< 0.5	< 0.5	1	2
Production mode cross-sections									
ggF	1.7	2.5	1	< 0.5	1.5	< 0.5	0.5	1	2
VBF	1.7	2	4	< 0.5	1.5	< 0.5	1	5	7
VH	1.9	2	4	1	6	< 0.5	2	13.5	7.5
ttH	1.7	2	6	< 0.5	1	0.5	0.5	12.5	4
Reduced Stage-1.1 production bin cross-sections									
gg2H-0j- p_T^H -Low	1.7	3	1.5	0.5	6.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	1	1.5
gg2H-0j- p_T^H -High	1.7	3	5	< 0.5	3	< 0.5	< 0.5	0.5	5.5
gg2H-1j- p_T^H -Low	1.7	2.5	12	0.5	7	< 0.5	< 0.5	1	6
gg2H-1j- p_T^H -Med	1.7	3	7.5	< 0.5	1	< 0.5	< 0.5	1.5	5.5
gg2H-1j- p_T^H -High	1.7	3	11	0.5	2	< 0.5	< 0.5	2	7.5
gg2H-2j	1.7	2.5	16.5	1	12.5	0.5	< 0.5	2.5	10.5
gg2H- p_T^H -High	1.7	1.5	3	0.5	3.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	2	3.5
qq2Hqq- VH	1.8	4	17	1	4	1	0.5	5.5	8
qq2Hqq-VBF	1.7	2	3.5	< 0.5	5	< 0.5	< 0.5	6	10.5
qq2Hqq-BSM	1.7	2	4	< 0.5	2.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	3	8
VH -Lep	1.8	2.5	2	1	2	0.5	< 0.5	1.5	3
ttH	1.7	2.5	5	0.5	1	0.5	< 0.5	11	3

H → WW systematic uncertainties

Table 6: Breakdown of the main contributions to the total uncertainty in $\sigma_{\text{ggF+VBF}} \cdot \mathcal{B}_{H \rightarrow WW^*}$, $\sigma_{\text{ggF}} \cdot \mathcal{B}_{H \rightarrow WW^*}$, and $\sigma_{\text{VBF}} \cdot \mathcal{B}_{H \rightarrow WW^*}$, relative to the measured value. The individual sources of systematic uncertainties are grouped together. The sum in quadrature of the individual components differs from the total uncertainty due to correlations between the components.

Source	$\frac{\Delta\sigma_{\text{ggF+VBF}} \cdot \mathcal{B}_{H \rightarrow WW^*}}{\sigma_{\text{ggF+VBF}} \cdot \mathcal{B}_{H \rightarrow WW^*}}$ [%]	$\frac{\Delta\sigma_{\text{ggF}} \cdot \mathcal{B}_{H \rightarrow WW^*}}{\sigma_{\text{ggF}} \cdot \mathcal{B}_{H \rightarrow WW^*}}$ [%]	$\frac{\Delta\sigma_{\text{VBF}} \cdot \mathcal{B}_{H \rightarrow WW^*}}{\sigma_{\text{VBF}} \cdot \mathcal{B}_{H \rightarrow WW^*}}$ [%]
Data statistical uncertainties	4.6	5.1	15
Total systematic uncertainties	9.5	11	18
MC statistical uncertainties	3.0	3.8	4.9
Experimental uncertainties	5.2	6.3	6.7
Flavor tagging	2.3	2.7	1.0
Jet energy scale	0.9	1.1	3.7
Jet energy resolution	2.0	2.4	2.1
E_T^{miss}	0.7	2.2	4.9
Muons	1.8	2.1	0.8
Electrons	1.3	1.6	0.4
Fake factors	2.1	2.4	0.8
Pileup	2.4	2.5	1.3
Luminosity	2.1	2.0	2.2
Theoretical uncertainties	6.8	7.8	16
ggF	3.8	4.3	4.6
VBF	3.2	0.7	12
WW	3.5	4.2	5.5
Top	2.9	3.8	6.4
Zττ	1.8	2.3	1.0
Other VV	2.3	2.9	1.5
Other Higgs	0.9	0.4	0.4
Background normalizations	3.6	4.5	4.9
WW	2.2	2.8	0.6
Top	1.9	2.3	3.4
Zττ	2.7	3.1	3.4
Total	10	12	23

Table 11: Breakdown of the average contributions to the total uncertainties in percentage on the observed values of the signal strengths for the combined 1-POI ($\sigma_{VH} \times \mathcal{B}_{H \rightarrow WW^*}$) and 2-POI ($\sigma_{WH} \times \mathcal{B}_{H \rightarrow WW^*}$ and $\sigma_{ZH} \times \mathcal{B}_{H \rightarrow WW^*}$) fits. Indentation is used to denote subcategories. “Floating normalisation” refers to the uncertainties on the normalisation factors obtained using control regions. The quadrature sum of the individual sources may differ from the total uncertainty due to correlations.

Source	$\frac{\Delta(\sigma_{VH} \times \mathcal{B}_{H \rightarrow WW^*})}{\sigma_{VH} \times \mathcal{B}_{H \rightarrow WW^*}}$ [%]	$\frac{\Delta(\sigma_{WH} \times \mathcal{B}_{H \rightarrow WW^*})}{\sigma_{WH} \times \mathcal{B}_{H \rightarrow WW^*}}$ [%]	$\frac{\Delta(\sigma_{ZH} \times \mathcal{B}_{H \rightarrow WW^*})}{\sigma_{ZH} \times \mathcal{B}_{H \rightarrow WW^*}}$ [%]
Statistical uncertainties in data	22.3	57.9	28.4
Systematic uncertainties	13.3	36.6	9.9
Statistical uncertainties in simulation	6.4	14.4	5.9
Experimental systematic uncertainties	5.2	9.8	6.0
Electrons	1.2	1.8	1.6
Muons	2.5	2.8	4.1
Jet energy scale	0.7	2.3	0.5
Jet energy resolution	0.6	2.8	0.6
Flavour tagging	0.9	1.4	0.8
Missing transverse momentum	0.6	0.4	0.9
Pile-up	1.1	1.5	0.8
Luminosity	2.3	2.4	2.1
Mis-identified leptons	2.9	7.1	2.7
Charge-flip electrons	1.5	4.5	0.1
Theoretical uncertainties	6.0	18.6	4.7
WH	2.3	2.8	0.1
ZH	0.7	0.7	3.4
WW	1.0	3.3	0.3
W(Z/γ*) 0-jet	3.2	11.3	0.3
W(Z/γ*) ≥ 1-jets	0.2	0.8	0.4
Z(Z/γ*)	0.8	1.5	0.6
VVV	2.4	12.7	0.3
Top	2.9	5.5	2.5
Z+jets	1.8	3.4	1.5
RNN shape uncertainty for W(Z/γ*)	8.8	27.3	0.3
Floating normalisations	0.1	0.2	0.1
Total	26.0	71.0	30.1