

# SM Higgs boson properties by CMS and ATLAS

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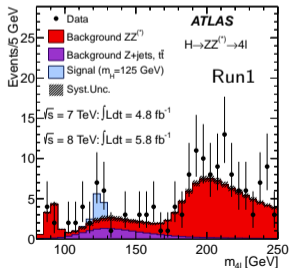
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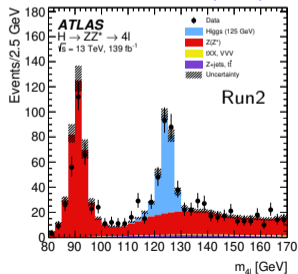
# Introduction

- After the discovery of the Higgs boson in 2012, ATLAS and CMS have been working on various topics to explore the Higgs properties and use the Higgs boson as a probe to explore the possibility of BSM physics.
- We can characterize the Higgs boson by studying:
  - ▶ **Production cross sections, differential and fiducial cross sections, couplings, mass, width, rare decays, and else.**
- ATLAS and CMS updated the combination of Higgs results published with the Run2 dataset (and partial Run3 for ATLAS) after the Nature papers published in 2022.

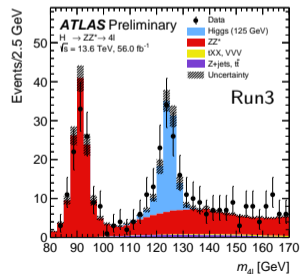
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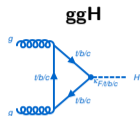
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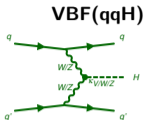
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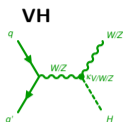
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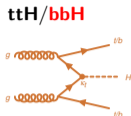
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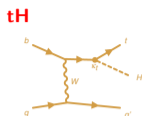
VBF(qqH)



VH



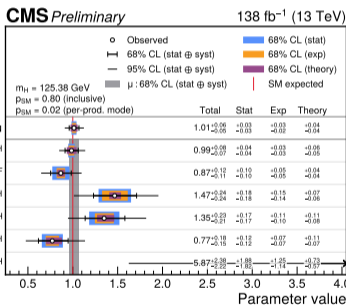
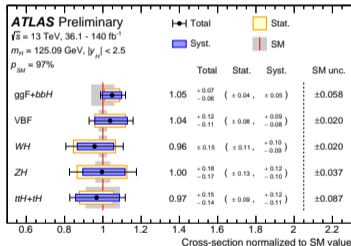
ttH/bbH



tH

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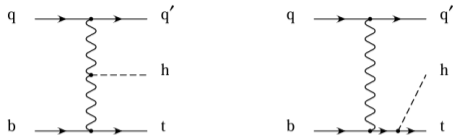
- **bbH** and **tH** are not yet discovered.
- Compared to the publications in the Nature papers<sup>1,2</sup>, the inclusion of the new analysis improves the uncertainties of the cross section measurements.
  - ▶  $H \rightarrow bb$  for VH and ttH in both ATLAS and CMS, and VBF in CMS.
- Global signal strength:
  - ▶  $\mu = 1.023^{+0.056}_{-0.053}$  (ATLAS)
  - ▶  $\mu = 1.014^{+0.055}_{-0.053}$  (CMS)

1 CMS Collaboration, "A portrait of the Higgs boson by the CMS experiment ten years after the discovery.", Nature 607 (2022) 60.

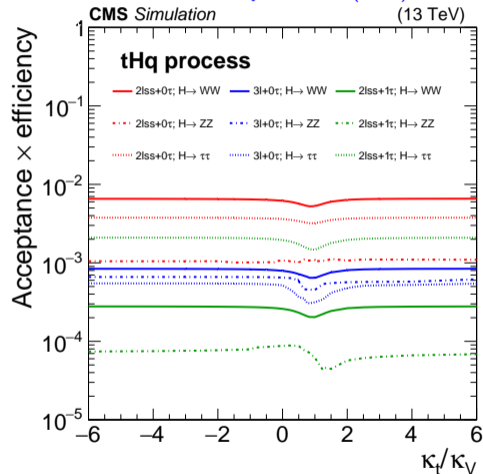
2 ATLAS Collaboration, "A detailed map of Higgs boson interactions by the ATLAS experiment ten years after the discovery", Nature 607 (2022) 52.

# Search for tH production mode

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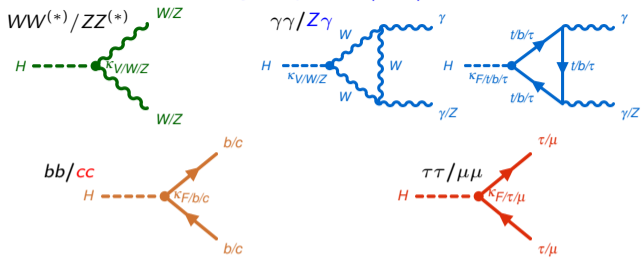


- Sensitive to the sign of the  $y_t$ .
  - ▶  $\kappa_t = y_t/y_t^{SM}$ , positive  $\kappa_t$  causes the destructive interference to W boson, suppressing the cross section.
- Targeting various Higgs decay modes:
  - ▶ H  $\rightarrow bb$ , H  $\rightarrow WW$ , H  $\rightarrow ZZ$ , H  $\rightarrow \tau\tau$ .
  - ▶ only H  $\rightarrow bb$  in CMS.
- Upper limit at 95% CL ( $\kappa_t = 1$ ):
  - ▶  $\mu_{tHq+tWH} < 14.6$  (CMS) and 13.6 (ATLAS).
- Inverted top-quark Yukawa coupling (ITC) ( $\kappa_t = -1$ )
  - ▶  $\mu_{tHq+tWH} < 2.4$  (ATLAS).

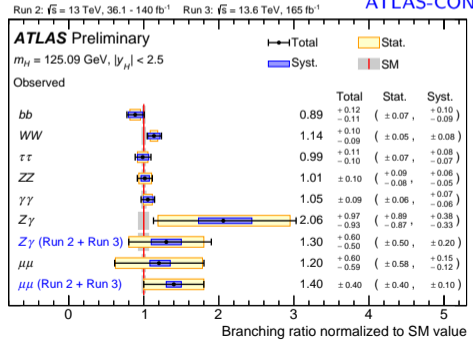
# Higgs decay

- Final states include
  - vector bosons  $WW^{(*)}/ZZ^{(*)}$
  - $\gamma\gamma/Z\gamma$  via one loop
  - quarks  $bb/cc$
  - leptons  $\tau\tau/\mu\mu$
  - etc.

- $cc$  is not yet observed.
- Both of ATLAS and CMS achieved  $3\sigma$  for  $\mu\mu$ .
- $Z\gamma$  is above  $3\sigma$  in the combination of ATLAS and CMS.



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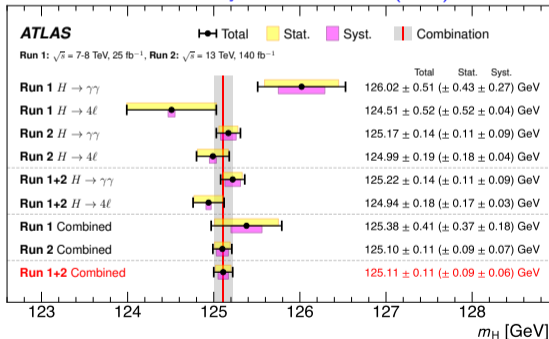


# Higgs mass

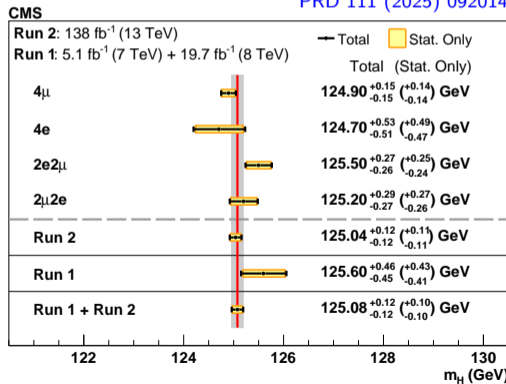
- ATLAS and CMS measured the Higgs mass with full Run2 data combined with the Run1 results, achieving the precision of less than 0.1%.

- $125.11 \pm 0.09$  (stat.)  $\pm 0.06$  (syst.) =  **$125.11 \pm 0.11$**  GeV (ATLAS). ( $H4\ell + H\gamma\gamma$ )
- $125.08 \pm 0.10$  (stat.)  $\pm 0.07$  (syst.) =  **$125.08 \pm 0.12$**  GeV (CMS). ( $H4\ell$  only)

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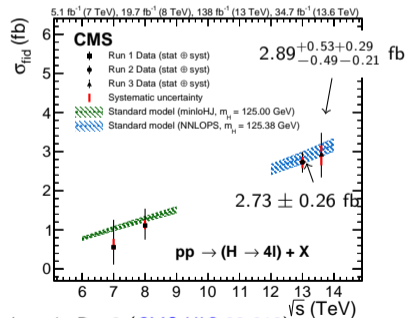
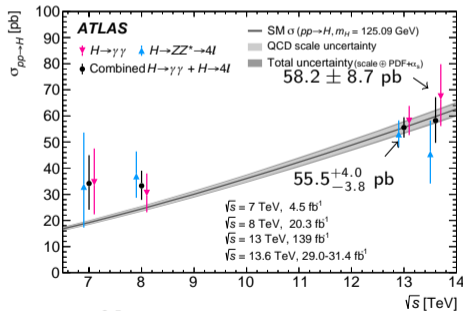


# Inclusive cross section measurement with Run3 dataset

- ATLAS reported the total cross section for  $H4\ell$  and  $H\gamma\gamma$ .
  - ▶  $58.2 \pm 8.7$  pb in combination of  $H4\ell$  and  $H\gamma\gamma$  with Run3 (2022) ( $\sim 15\%$  of rel. uncert.)
  - ▶  $57_{-9}^{+10}$  pb in  $H4\ell$  with  $56 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of Run3 data (2022+2023). ( $\sim 17\%$ ) (ATLAS-CONF-2025-002)
- CMS reported fiducial cross section for  $H4\ell$  and  $H\gamma\gamma$  with 2022 data. (JHEP 09 (2025) 070)
  - ▶  $\sigma_{\text{fid}} = 74 \pm 11(\text{stat})_{-4}^{+5}(\text{syst})$  for and  $H\gamma\gamma$  with changed fiducial phase space in Run3 measurement. ( $\sim 16\%$ )
  - ▶  $\sigma_{\text{fid}} = 2.89 \pm_{-0.49}^{+0.53}(\text{stat})_{-0.21}^{+0.29}(\text{syst})$  for  $H4\ell$ . ( $\sim 21\%$ )

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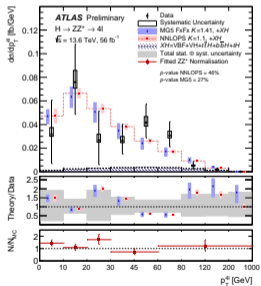


Note: CMS has  $53.4_{-3.4}^{+3.5}$  fb of total cross section for the combination of  $ZZ$  and  $\gamma\gamma$  in Run2 (CMS-HIG-23-013)

# Differential cross sections

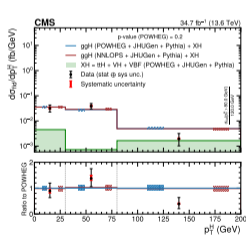
- $p_T^H$  and  $y^H$  with Run3 dataset are available for  $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4\ell$  (ATLAS, CMS) and  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  (CMS).
- CMS combined the Run2 results of  $\gamma\gamma$ ,  $ZZ^*$ ,  $WW^*$ , and  $\tau\tau$ .
- No significant deviation is confirmed.

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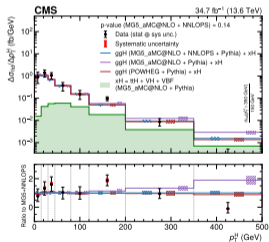
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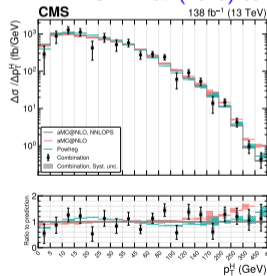
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$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

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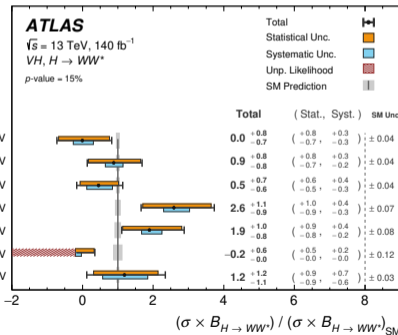
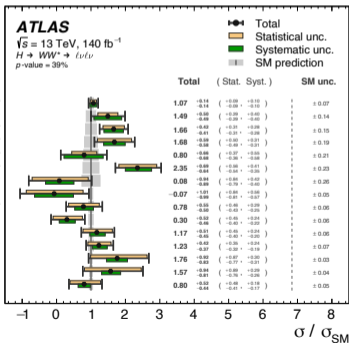
Combination

# Simplified template cross sections (STXS)

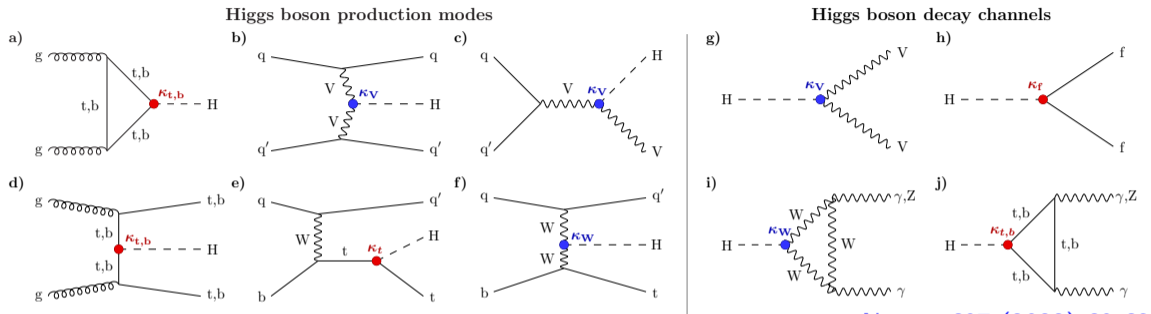
- STXS: LHC-wide framework, prescribes differential bins that maximize sensitivity and reduce theory dependence.
- ggF categories shows the best limits and deviations are still considered as data fluctuations.
- STXS Stage 1.3 is available with finer binnings in Higgs pT and additional bins in  $\Delta\phi_{jj}$  in the VBF phase space.

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# Higgs coupling in the $\kappa$ -framework



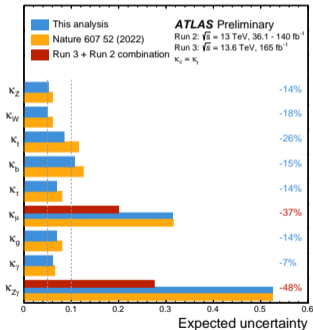
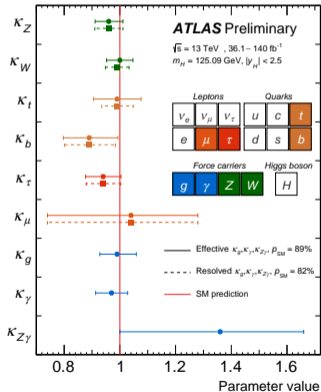
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- The  $\kappa$ -framework is used to parametrize all the deviations from SM predictions of Higgs boson couplings to SM bosons and fermions with a set of coupling modifiers  $\vec{\kappa}$ .
- Any BSM process modifying the coupling strengths can be observed by this framework.

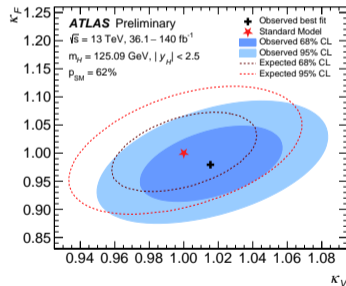
$$\sigma \cdot \mathcal{B}(i \rightarrow H \rightarrow f) = \kappa_i^2 \cdot \kappa_f^2 \cdot \sigma^{\text{SM}} \cdot \frac{\Gamma_f^{\text{SM}}}{\Gamma_{(\kappa_i^2, \kappa_f^2)}^{\text{SM}}}, \quad \kappa_i^2 = \frac{\sigma_i}{\sigma_i^{\text{SM}}}, \quad \kappa_f^2 = \frac{\Gamma_f}{\Gamma_f^{\text{SM}}}$$

# Higgs coupling

- The loop-induced processes are treated either using effective coupling strength modifiers ( $\kappa_g$ ,  $\kappa_\gamma$  and  $\kappa_{Z\gamma}$ ) or using the resolved parametrization.
- $\kappa_F$  vs.  $\kappa_V$  with  $\kappa_V = \kappa_Z = \kappa_W$  and  $\kappa_F$  for all fermions is also measured.

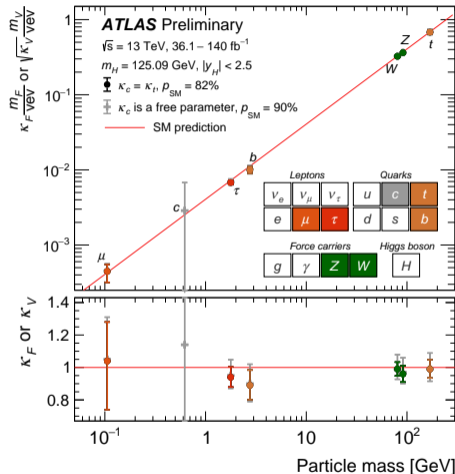


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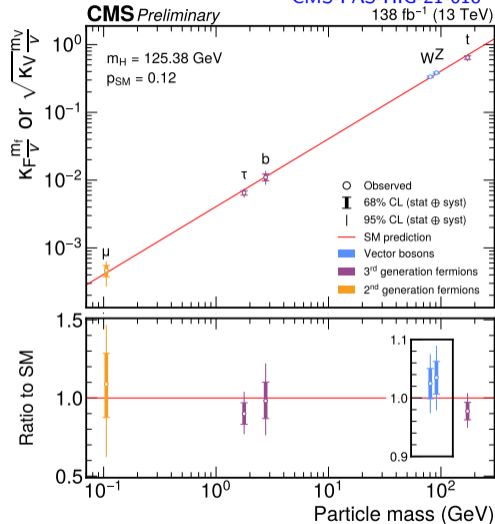


# Higgs coupling strength

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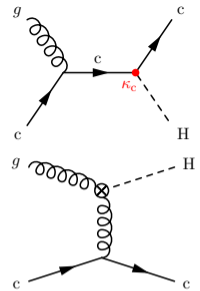


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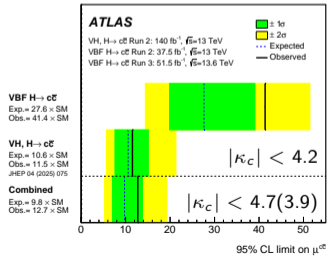


# Higgs coupling to $c$ -quark

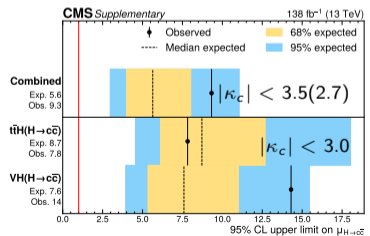
- Low efficiency of the  $c$ -tagging makes the search difficult.
- **Decay side approach:**  $H \rightarrow cc$ ,  $VH$  (ATLAS/CMS), VBF (ATLAS) or  $ttH$  (CMS). See Austin's [talk](#) and Lisa's [talk](#).
  - ▶  $c$ -quark from the decay of the vector boson is the main background.
- **Production side approach** (CMS):  $y_c$ -sensitive  $c+H$ ,  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  and  $WW$ 
  - ▶ Very low cross section: 0.028 pb.
  - ▶ ATLAS has inclusive  $c+H$  measurements.



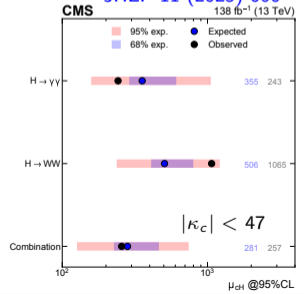
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# Higgs width

- The total width can be extracted from the ratios of yields of on-shell and off-shell Higgs boson events.

▶ Total Higgs width is 4.1 MeV in SM prediction. It is too small to be measured directly.

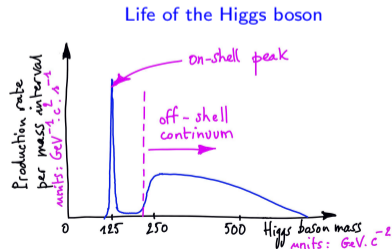
- Total decay width measurements:

- ▶  $4.3_{-1.9}^{+2.7}$  MeV (ATLAS  $H \rightarrow ZZ$  re-analyzed)
- ▶  $3.2_{-1.7}^{+2.4}$  MeV (CMS  $H \rightarrow ZZ$ )
- ▶  $\Gamma_H < 13.1$  MeV at 95 CL. (ATLAS  $H \rightarrow WW$ ),  $3.9_{-2.2}^{+2.7}$  MeV (CMS  $H \rightarrow WW$ )
- ▶  $\Gamma_H < 92$  MeV at 95 CL. (CMS  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ )

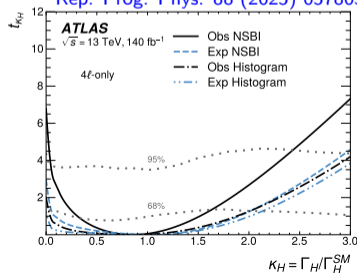
$$\sigma_{gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow ZZ}^{\text{on-shell}} \sim \frac{g_{ggF}^2 g_{HZZ}^2}{m_H \Gamma_H}$$

$$\sigma_{gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow ZZ}^{\text{off-shell}} \sim \frac{g_{ggF}^2 g_{HZZ}^2}{m_{ZZ}^2}$$

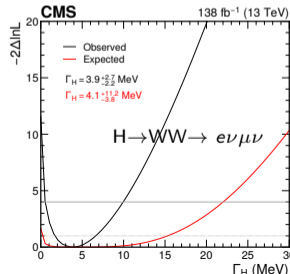
$$\Gamma_H = \frac{\sigma_{gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow ZZ}^{\text{off-shell}}}{\sigma_{gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow ZZ}^{\text{on-shell}}}$$



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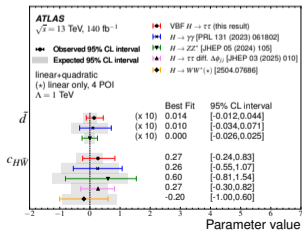


# SMEFT interpretations

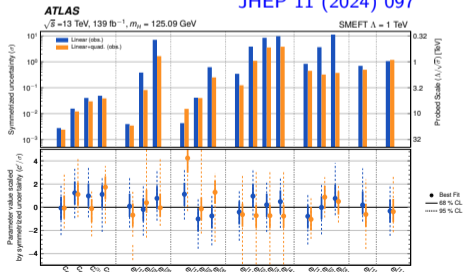
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- A new result of  $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$  (VBF production) using optimal observables is published by ATLAS.
- CMS performed the combination of  $\gamma\gamma$ ,  $ZZ^*$ ,  $WW^*$ ,  $\tau\tau$  with  $p_T^H$  and  $\Delta\phi_{jj}$ .
- ATLAS performed the STXS analysis including  $\gamma\gamma$ ,  $ZZ^*$ ,  $WW^*$ ,  $\tau\tau$ ,  $bb$ ,  $Z\gamma$  and  $\mu\mu$  channels.
- Wilson coefficients are rotated to a new fit basis to maximize the sensitivities.

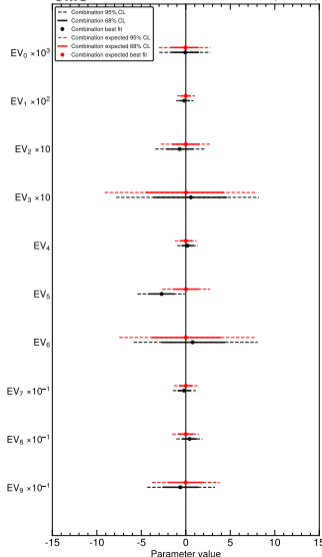
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CMS 138 fb<sup>-1</sup> (13 TeV)



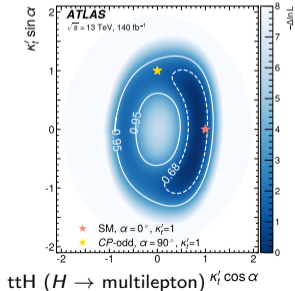
# Anomalous couplings of $Hff$

- The anomalous effects of  $Hff$  can be parameterized with the amplitude as:

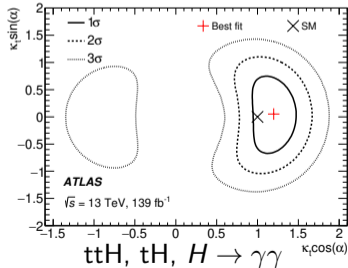
$$A(Hff) = -\frac{m_f}{v} \bar{\psi} (\kappa_f + i\tilde{\kappa}_f \gamma_5) \psi$$

- $ttH$  ( $H \rightarrow$  multilepton) is available in ATLAS.
  - Six Categories are defined in the N. of  $\tau_{had}$  and the N. of light leptons.
  - BDT discriminants are used for all categories except for  $4\ell$  (DNN is used).
- No deviation from SM has been found.

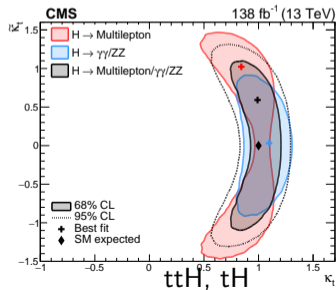
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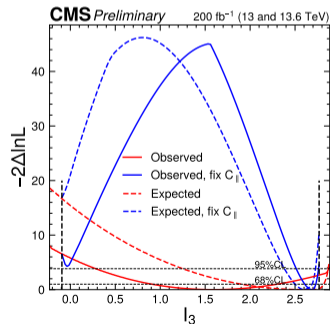
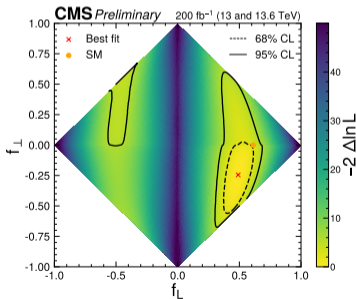
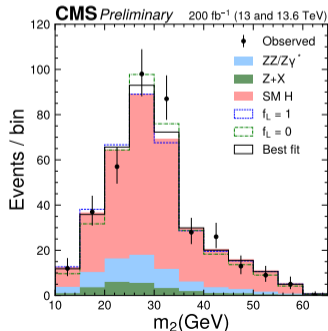
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# Spin correlations in $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4\ell$

- CMS provided the results with Run2 + partial Run3 (22-23) dataset.
- $f_L$  and  $f_\perp$  are average fractions of longitudinal polarization and CP-odd transverse polarization states.  $C_{\parallel}$  is a coherent parameter.
- Results match to the SM prediction.

$$\begin{pmatrix}
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & (1-f_L)/2 & 0 & -C_{\parallel}\sqrt{f_L(1-f_L)}/2 & 0 & (1-f_L)/2 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & -C_{\parallel}\sqrt{f_L(1-f_L)}/2 & 0 & f_L & 0 & -C_{\parallel}\sqrt{f_L(1-f_L)}/2 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
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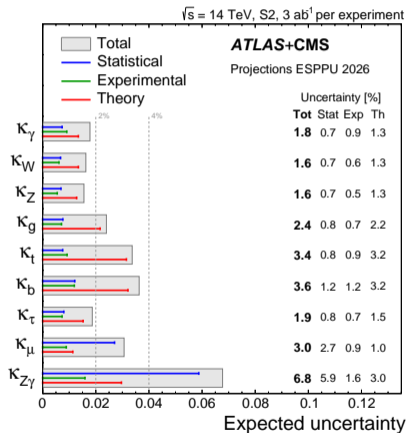


# Summary

- The results with partial Run3 data in the channels of  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  and  $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4\ell$  are available at ATLAS and CMS.

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- The first evidence of  $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$  at ATLAS is published with partial Run3 and Run2 dataset.
- High precision measurements of Higgs mass (0.1% accuracy) is achieved with Run2 dataset.
- Combination of Run2 results among the production modes and final states achieved higher precision.
- Production mode (tH) and decay modes ( $\mu\mu$ ,  $cc$ ,  $Z\gamma$ ) with low rates are getting more attention.
- More results with partial Run3 dataset are working in process.

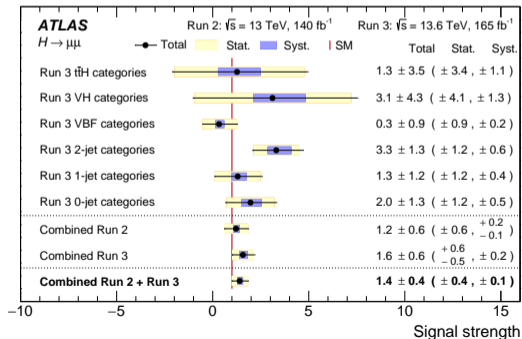


Back up

# New measurements in Run3

- ATLAS reported the new measurements for  $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$  and  $H \rightarrow Z\gamma$  with partial Run3 dataset (2022-2024).
- In the combination of the Run2 results:
  - ▶  $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$ : observed significance  $2.0\sigma$  ( $1.7\sigma$ ) (Run2)  $\rightarrow$   $3.4\sigma$  ( $2.5\sigma$ ) (Run2+Run3).
  - ▶  $H \rightarrow Z\gamma$ : observed significance  $2.2\sigma$  ( $1.1\sigma$ ) (Run2)  $\rightarrow$   $2.5\sigma$  ( $1.9\sigma$ ) (Run2+Run3).

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