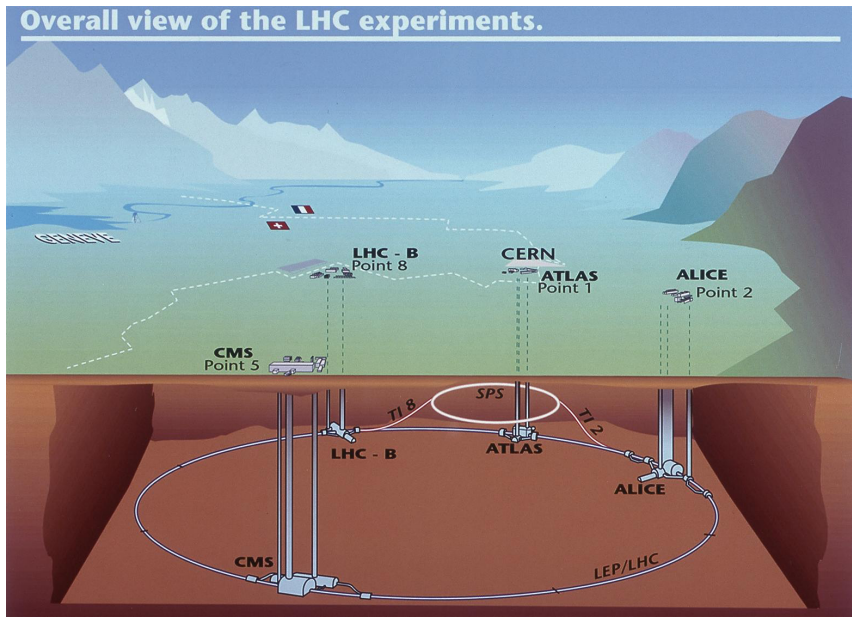


# Higgs Physics at ATLAS

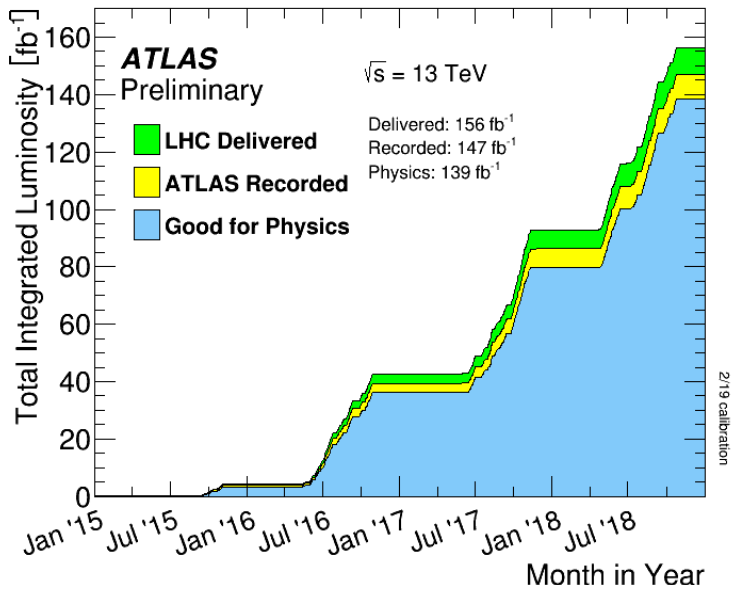
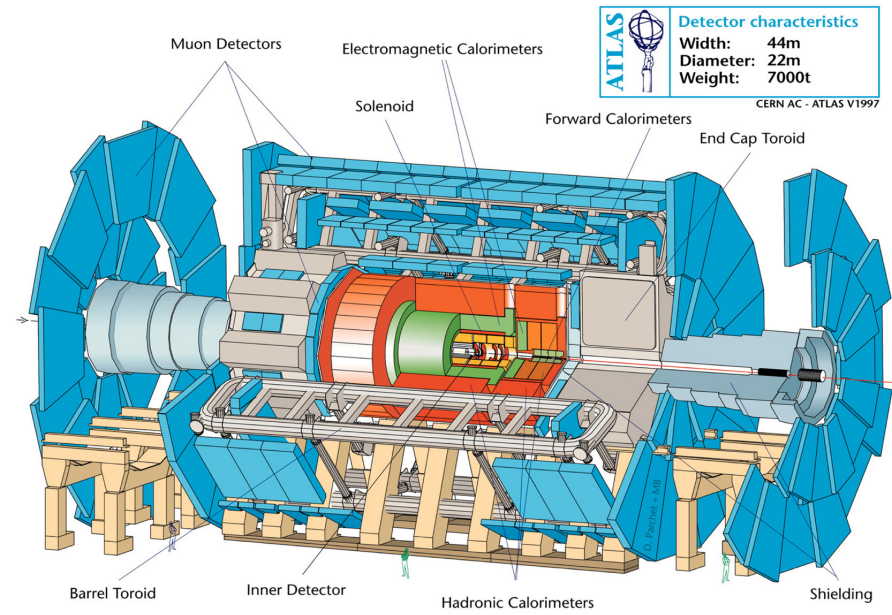
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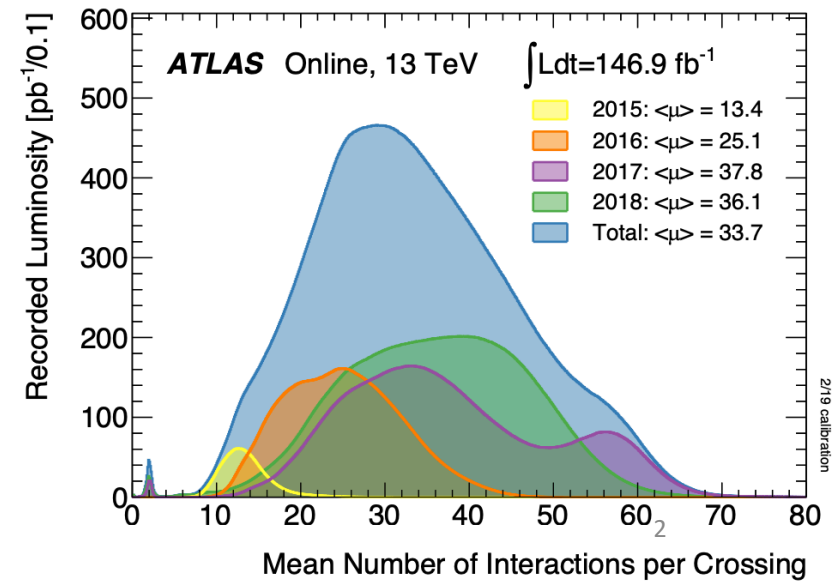
# The LHC & the ATLAS experiment



Run2 collected almost **140 $\text{fb}^{-1}$**   
good for physics at 13 TeV

Average number of pp interactions per crossing  $\sim 34$

$\sim 8\text{M}$  Higgs produced

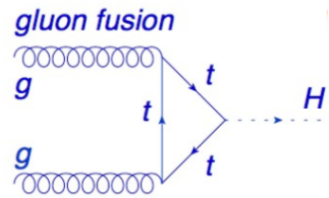




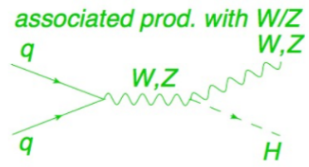
# Higgs production modes

Dominant production without distinctive features

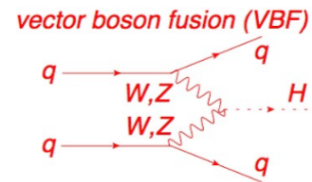
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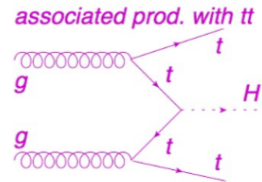
$\sigma(13 \text{ TeV}) = 49 \text{ pb}$



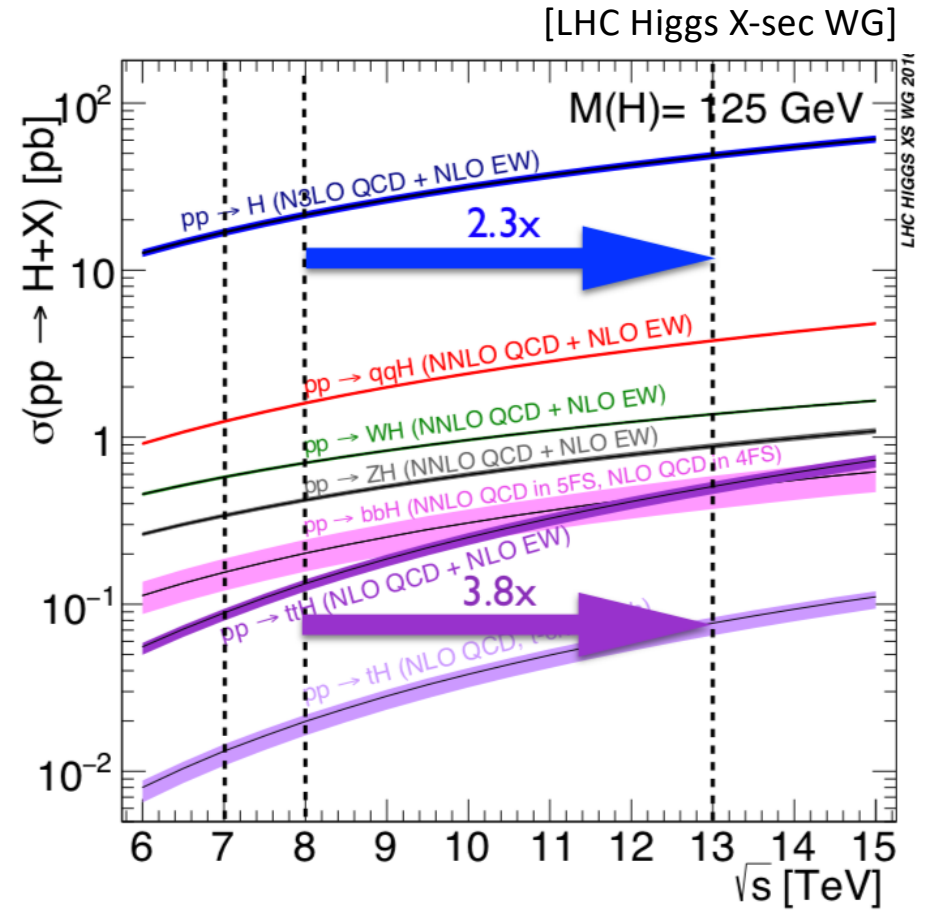
$\sigma(13 \text{ TeV}) = 2.3 \text{ pb}$



$\sigma(13 \text{ TeV}) = 3.8 \text{ pb}$



$\sigma(13 \text{ TeV}) = 0.6 \text{ pb}$



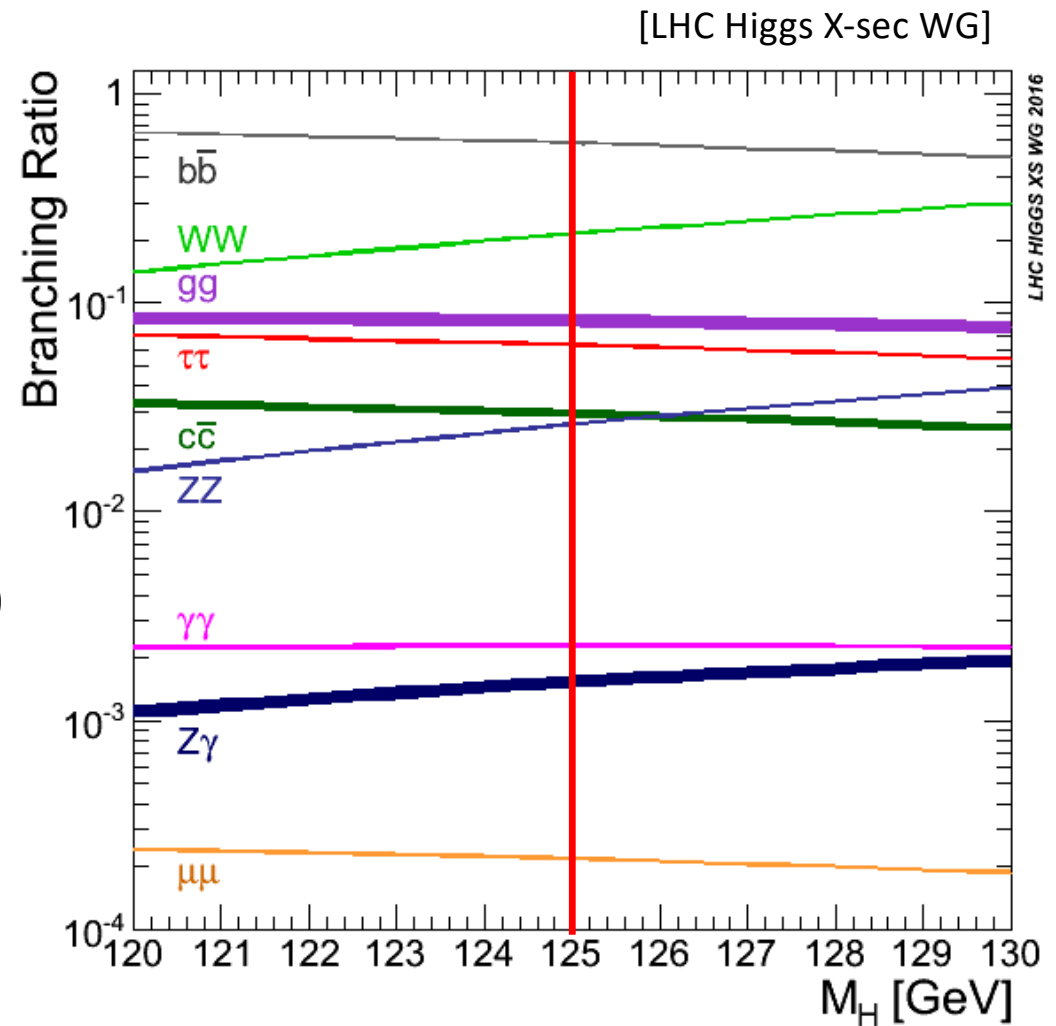
Non-inclusive channels have lower  $\sigma$  while providing additional signatures to reject background



# Higgs decay channels

- $b\bar{b}$  dominant BR (58.4%)
- $\tau\tau$  complex final state BR (6.3%)
- $WW^*$  2<sup>nd</sup> largest and clean BR (21.4%)
- $ZZ^*$  clean fully reconstructed BR (2.6%)
- $\gamma\gamma$  clean with high sensitivity BR (0.23%)
- $\mu\mu$  clean, very low BR (0.022%)

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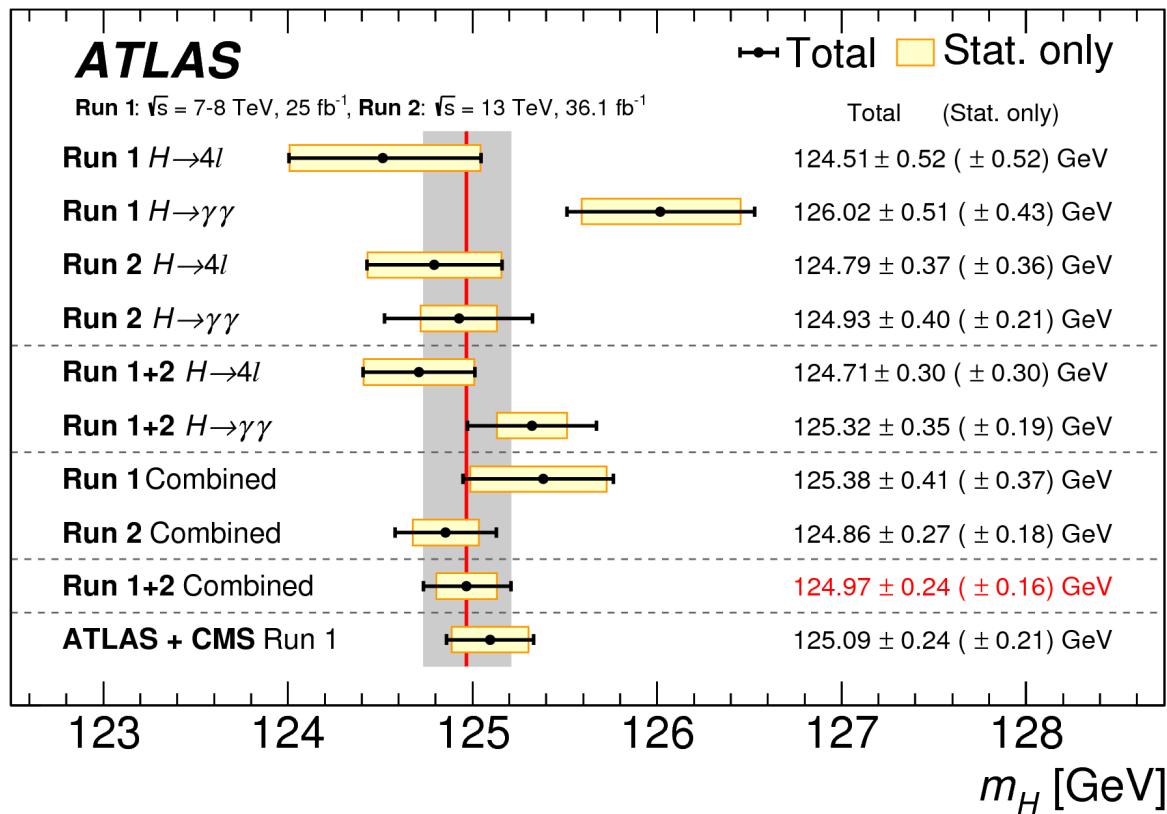




# Higgs Mass in $\gamma\gamma$ and $ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$ final states

$$m_H = 124.97 \pm 0.24 (\pm 0.16) \text{ GeV}$$

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- For  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  systematic uncertainties are important (photon energy calibration)
- $H \rightarrow 4l$  is still dominated by statistical uncertainties ( $36 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )
- The current combination (with  $36 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ ) has comparable statistical and systematic uncertainties
- 0.2% precision



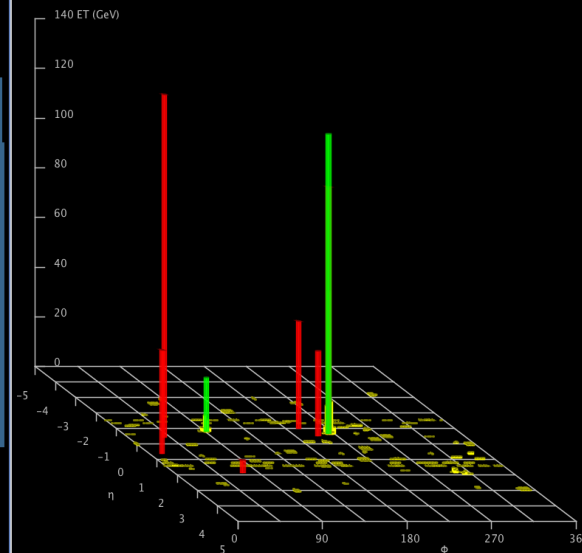
# Higgs decays to Bosons



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$Z(\rightarrow \mu\mu) +$   
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candidate in  
2018 data



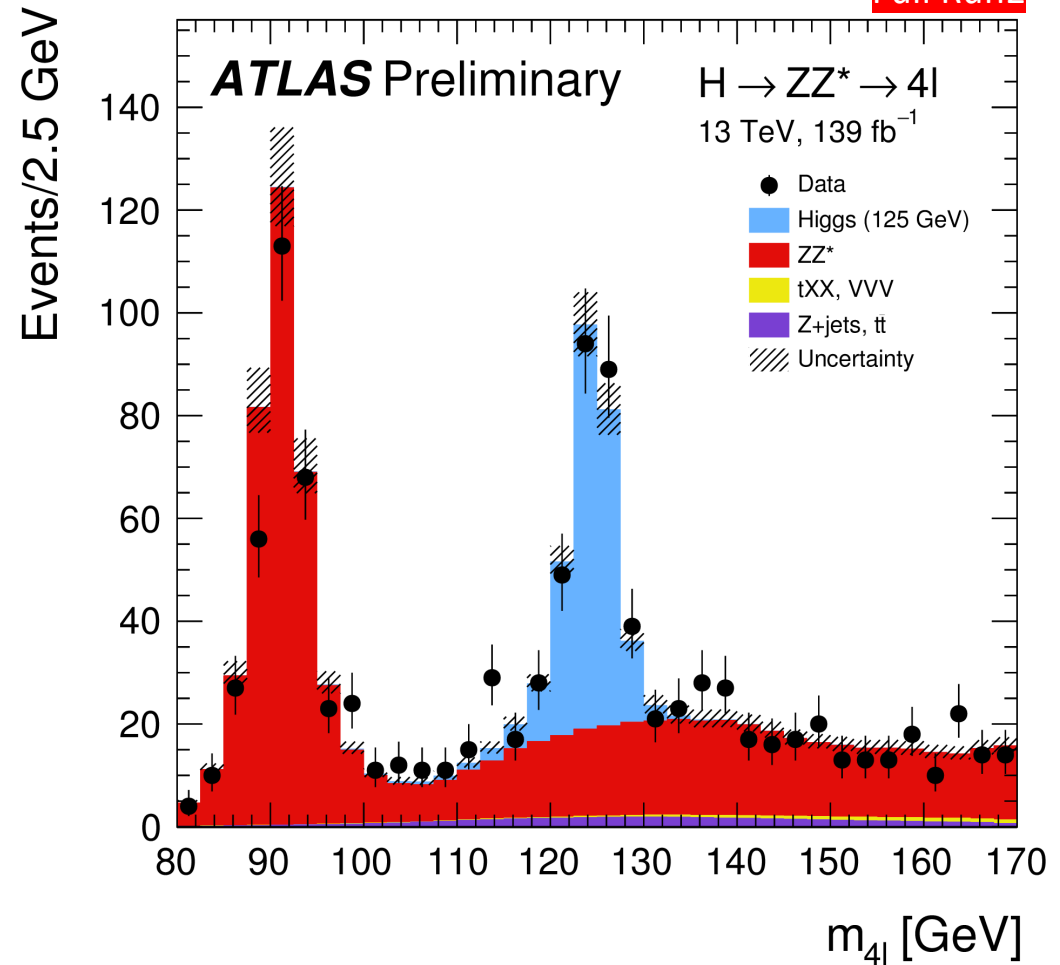
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# Higgs to $ZZ^*$

- Select two pairs of **same-flavor opposite-sign leptons**
- Require one pair to be compatible with the Z mass
- Main background  $ZZ^*$
- $ZZ^*$  background normalization is **constrained from data** new for this measurement
- Run2 sample of  **$\sim 200$  signal events**
- Fiducial  $\sigma^* \text{BR} (H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l)$  measured is  **$3.35 \pm 0.32 \text{ fb}$**  (cfr SM  $3.41 \pm 0.18 \text{ fb}$ )

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Full Run2

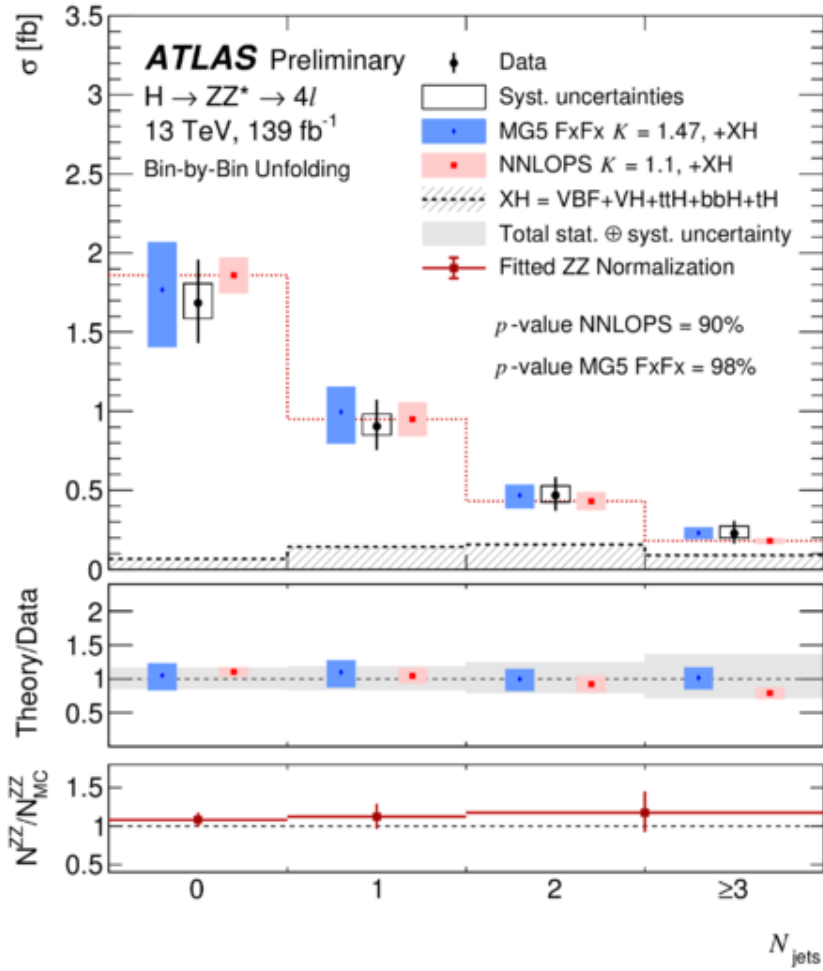




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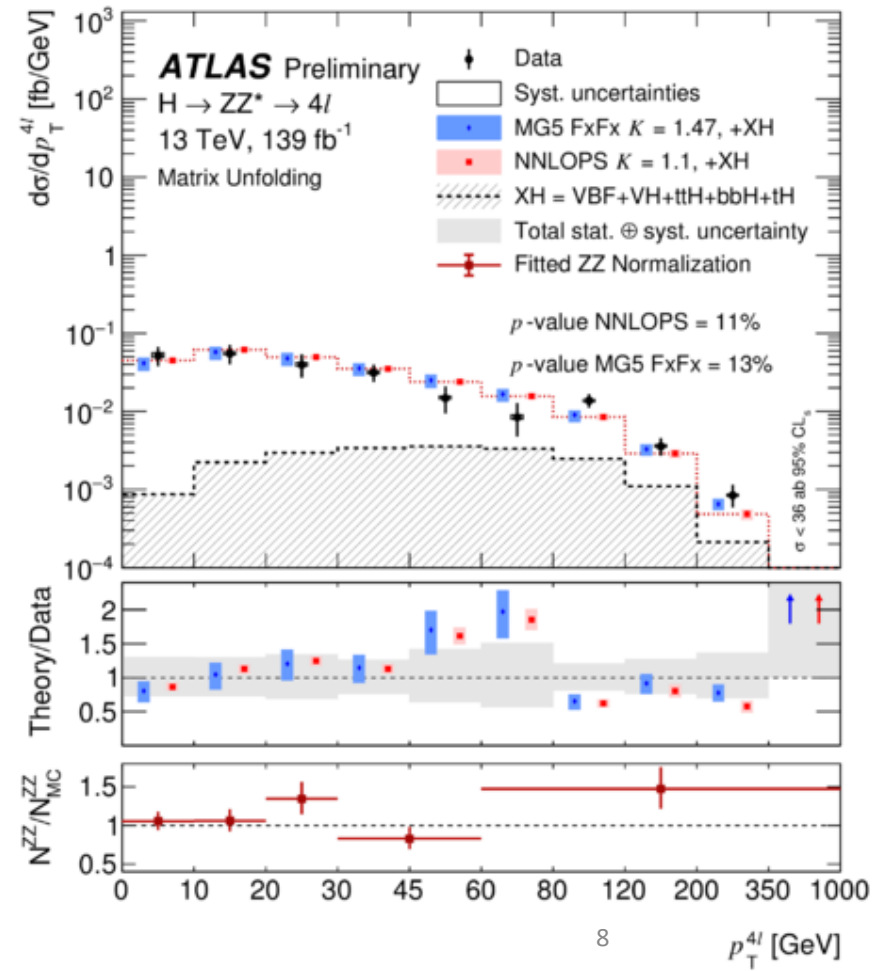
# Higgs to $ZZ^*$ differential cross-sections

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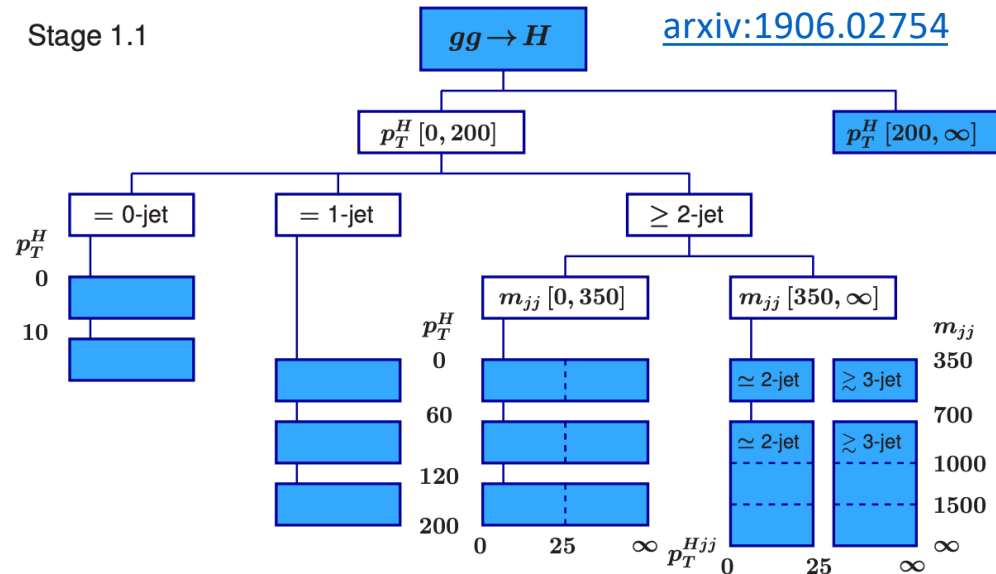
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Full Run2



# Simplified Template cross-section (STXS)

- Define regions within the phase space of each production process, and fit for the cross-section in each region
- Reduce model dependence and maximize sensitivity to BSM
- Increasing level of detail stage 0, stage 1, stage 1.1



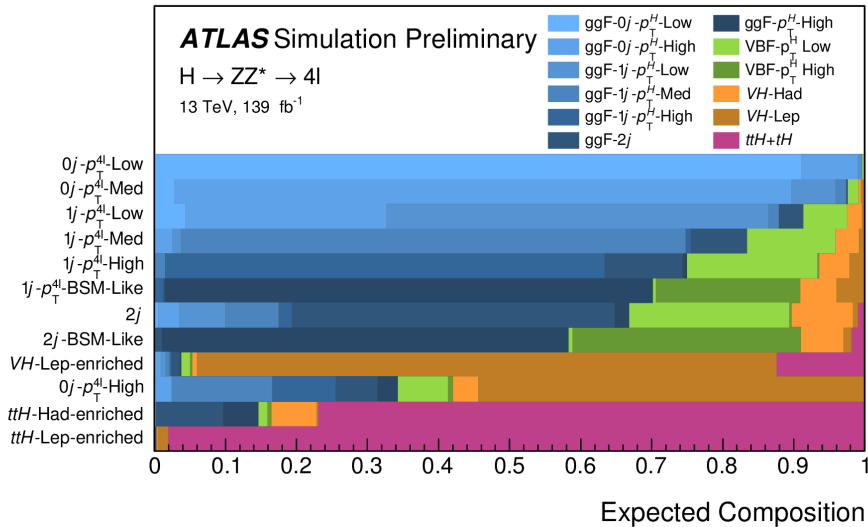
- In the following STXS results are shown for  $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$  and for the combined analysis
- STXS results available for many more single channels



# Higgs to $ZZ^*$ with STXS

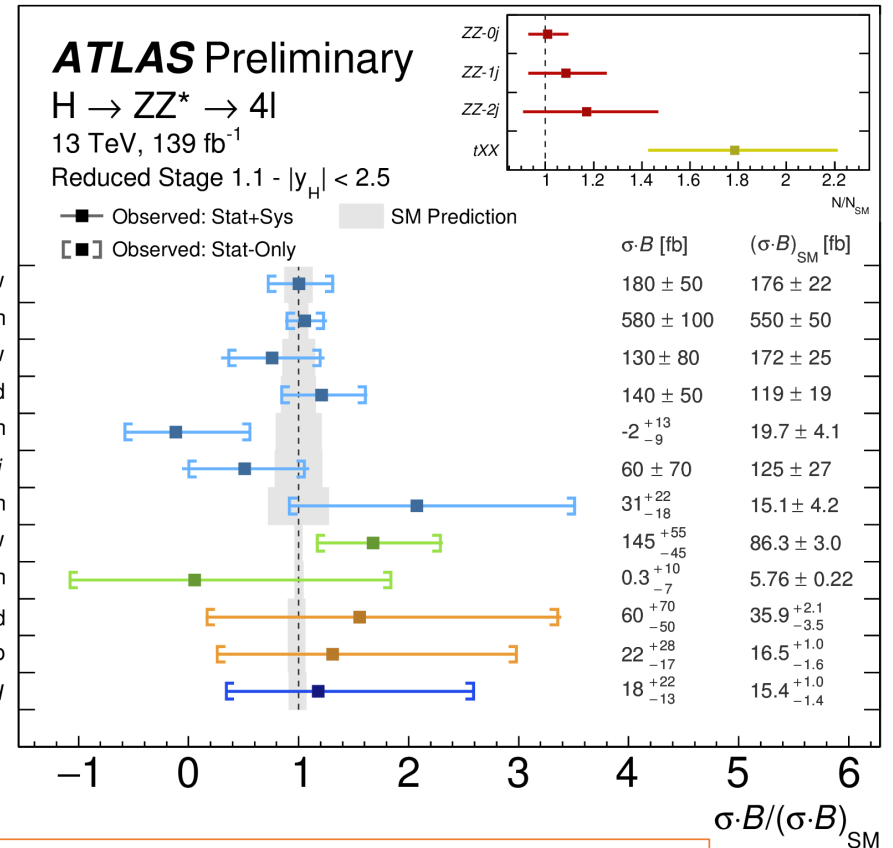
- Simplified Template cross-section (STXS) to probe various regions of the phase space (reduced stage 1.1)
  - 12 reconstruction categories
- Good agreement with SM

Reconstructed Event Category



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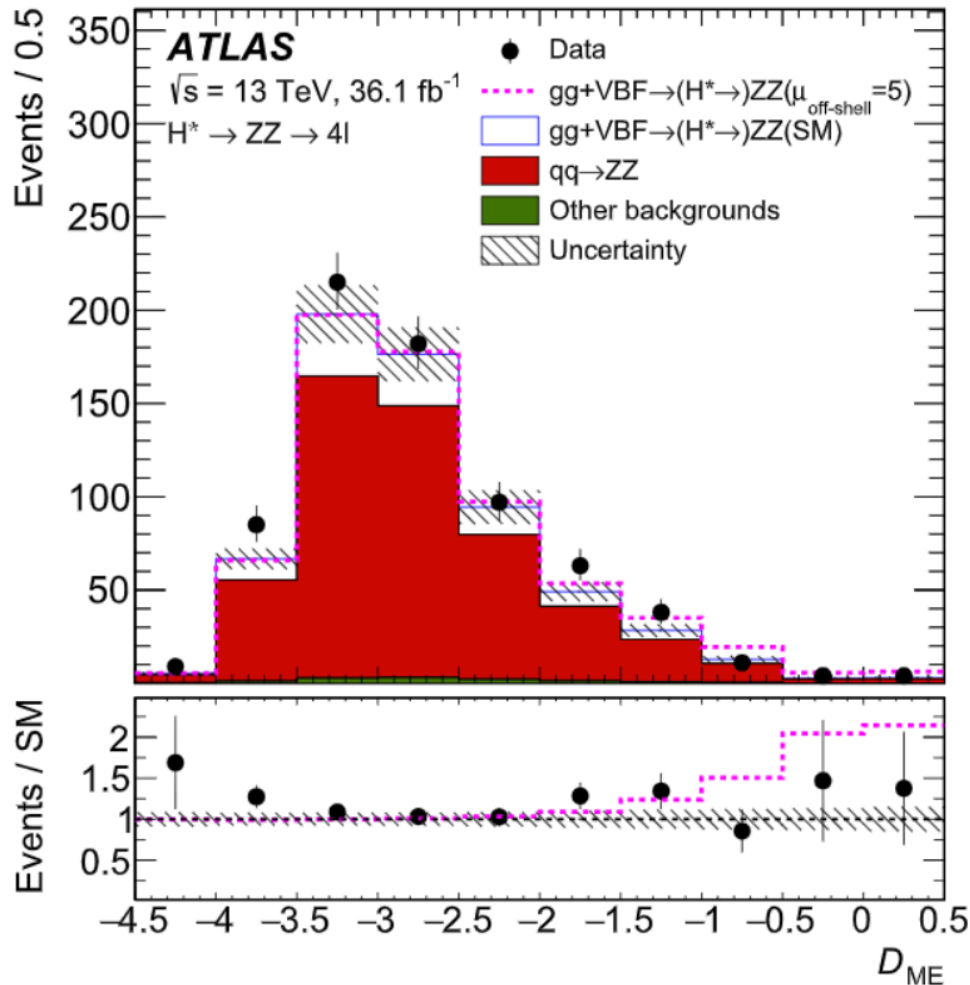
Full Run2



$\sigma_{ggF} * BR(H \rightarrow ZZ^*) = 1.14 \pm 0.13 \text{ pb}$  with  $|y_H| < 2.5$   
 (cfr SM  $1.17 \pm 0.08$ )  
 $\sigma_{VBF} * BR(H \rightarrow ZZ^*) = 0.13 \pm 0.04 \text{ pb}$  with  $|y_H| < 2.5$   
 (cfr SM  $0.0920 \pm 0.0031$ )



# Off-shell Higgs boson production



- Two final states  $ZZ \rightarrow 4l$  and  $ZZ \rightarrow 2l2\nu$
- $ZZ \rightarrow 4l$  uses ME discriminant to separate signal from ZZ production
  - Inputs are masses and angles
- $ZZ \rightarrow 2l2\nu$  discriminant is the transverse mass
- The ratio of off/on shell signal strength is measured and interpreted as
 
$$\mu_{\text{off-shell}} / \mu_{\text{on-shell}} = \Gamma_H / \Gamma_H^{\text{SM}}$$
  - Assumes off- and on-shell coupling modifiers are the same for both ggF and VBF production
  - See [Phys. Lett. B 786 \(2018\) 223](#)
- $\Gamma_H / \Gamma_H^{\text{SM}} < 3.5$  (3.7 exp.)
- $\Gamma_H < 14.4 \text{ MeV}$  (15.2 exp.) @ 95% CL

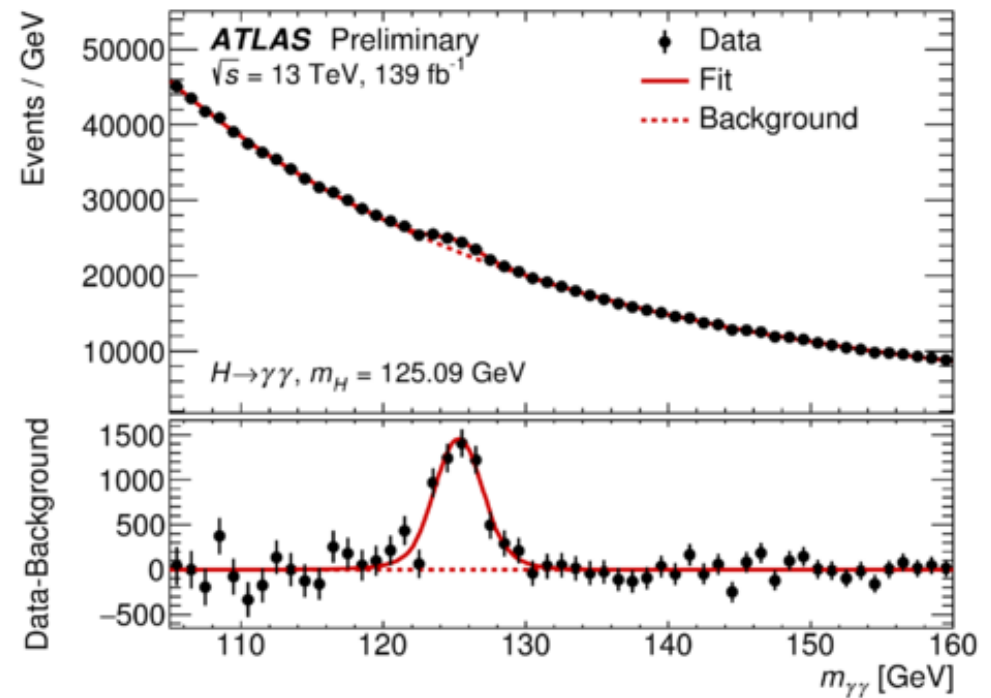


# Higgs to $\gamma\gamma$

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- Select two high  $p_T$  isolated photons
- Main background is irreducible  $\gamma\gamma$
- Background parametrized with analytic function
  - Limit potential bias on the extracted signal
- Run2 sample of  $\sim 6500$  signal events
- Fiducial  $\sigma * BR$  is measured:  $65.2 \pm 7.1$  fb
  - cfr SM  $63.6 \pm 3.3$  fb

Full Run2

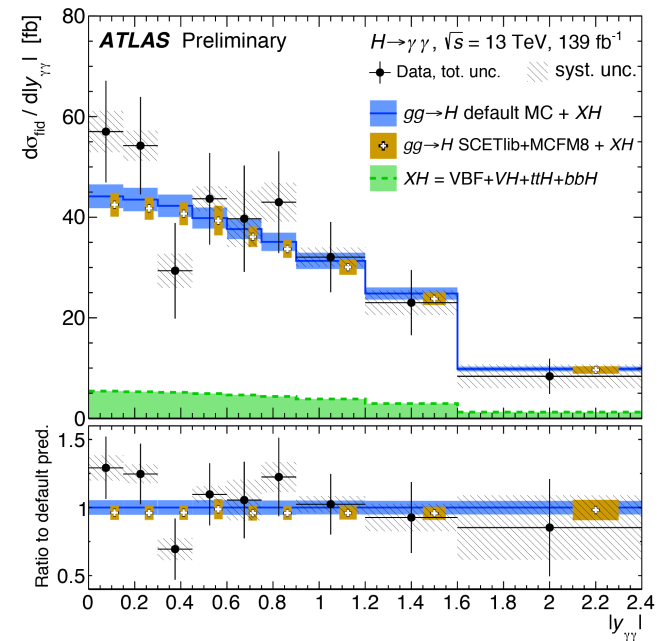
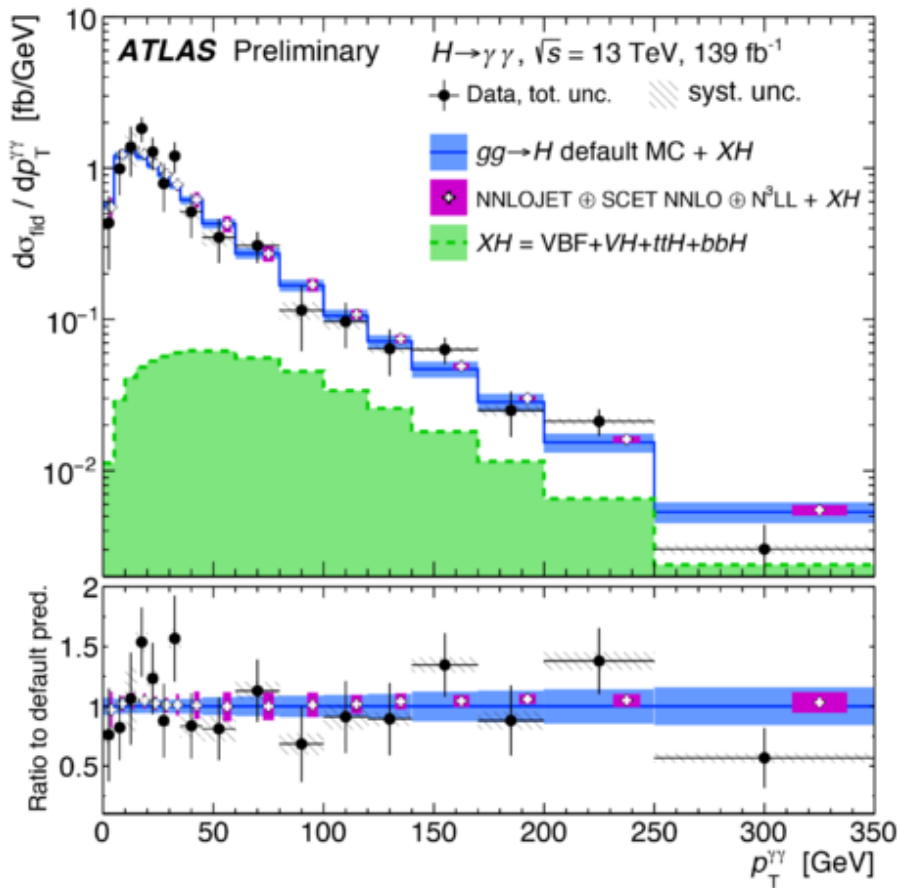


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# Higgs to $\gamma\gamma$

Full Run2

- Measure  $p_T$  differential cross-section
  - Sensitive to charm quark Yukawa coupling via  $cc \rightarrow H$  production and interference of c- and t-mediated contributions to the gg fusion loop
  - Limits on  $\kappa_c$  are set  $[-19, 24]$  at 95% CL





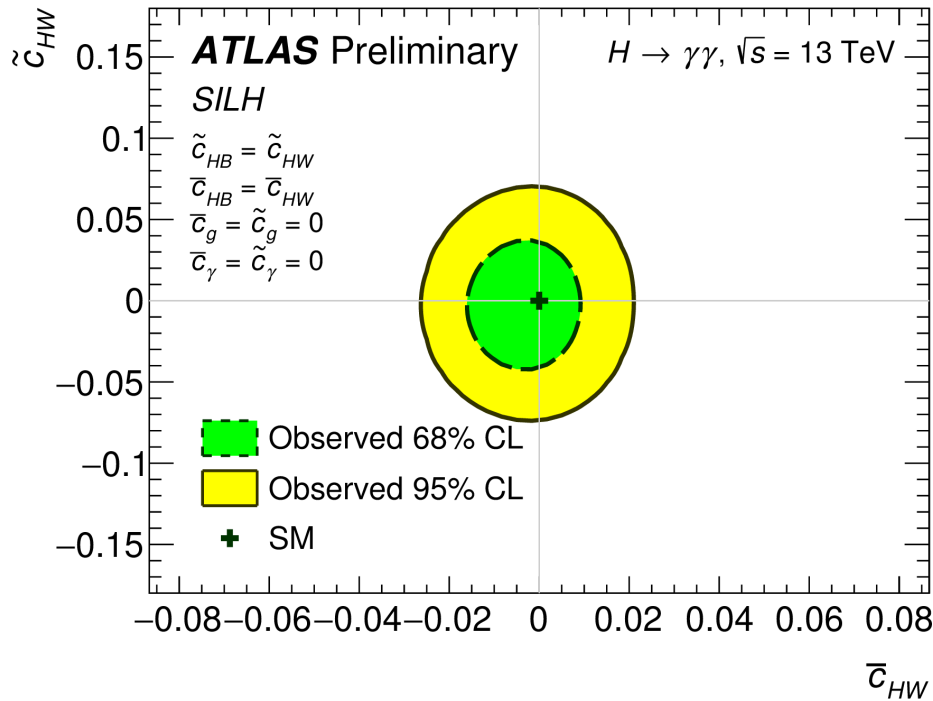


# Higgs to $\gamma\gamma$

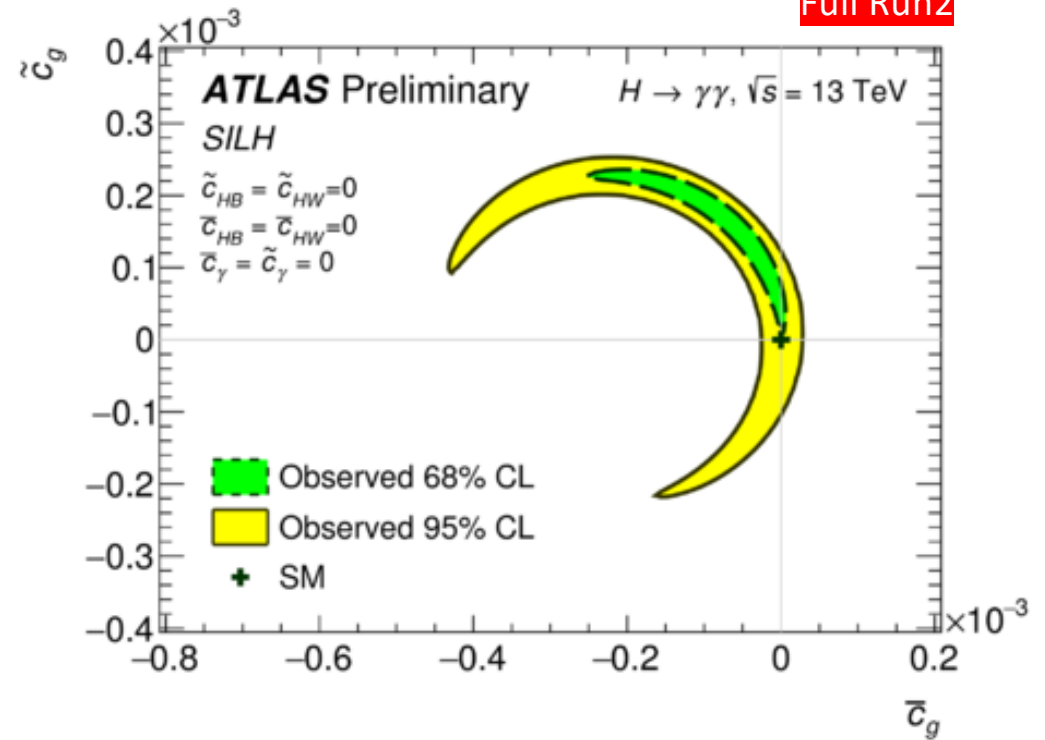
- Probe for new physics with differential cross section
- Limits on dimension-6 operators Wilson coefficients describing couplings with W and gluons

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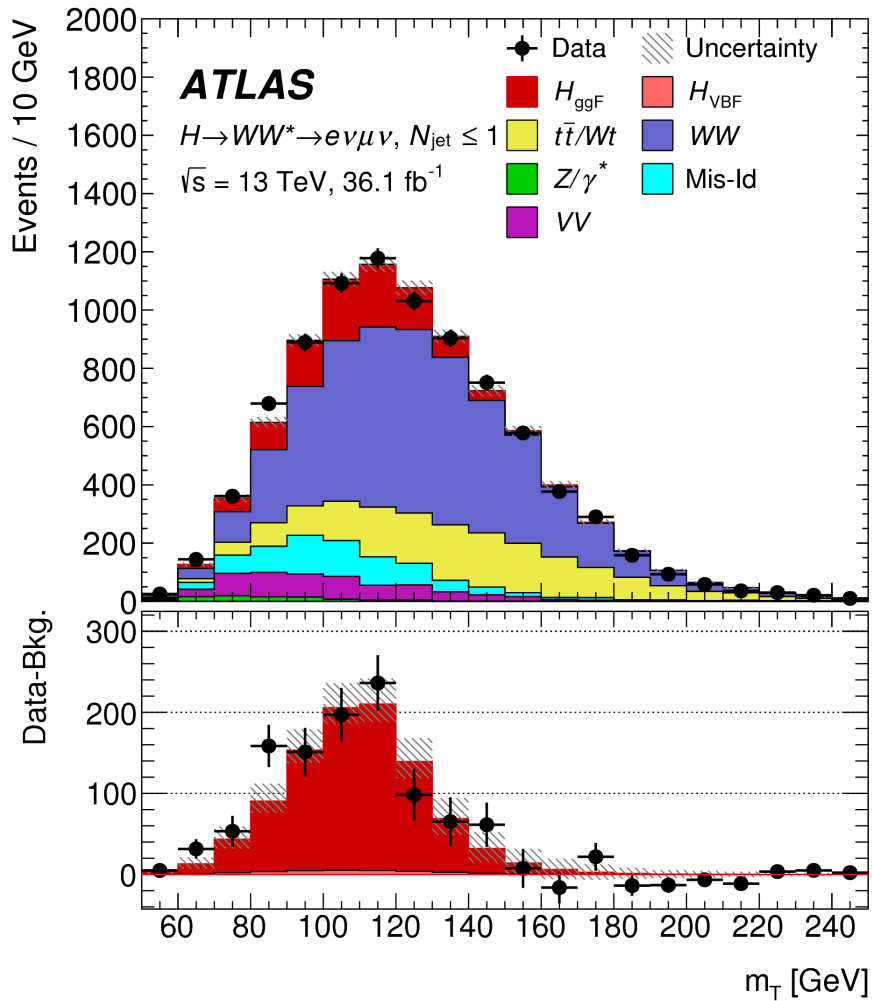
Full Run2



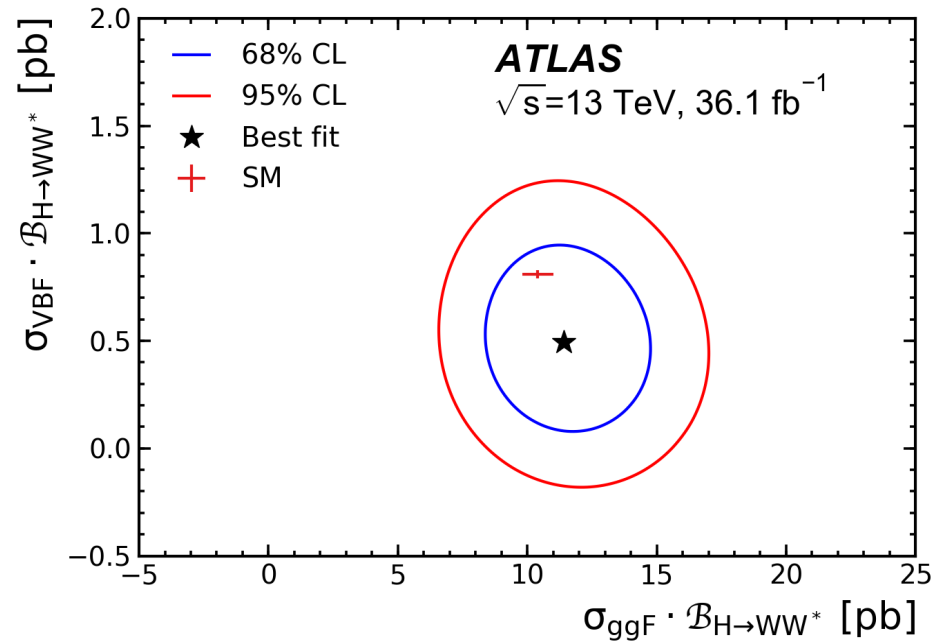
Full Run2



# Higgs to $WW^* \rightarrow e\nu\mu\nu$



- Two different-flavor OS leptons selected
- Main backgr. are  $WW$ , top, diboson and  $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$
- $\sigma_{\text{ggF}} * \text{BR}(H \rightarrow WW^*) = 11.4^{+2.2}_{-2.1} \text{ pb}$
- $\sigma_{\text{VBF}} * \text{BR}(H \rightarrow WW^*) = 0.5^{+0.29}_{-0.28} \text{ pb}$

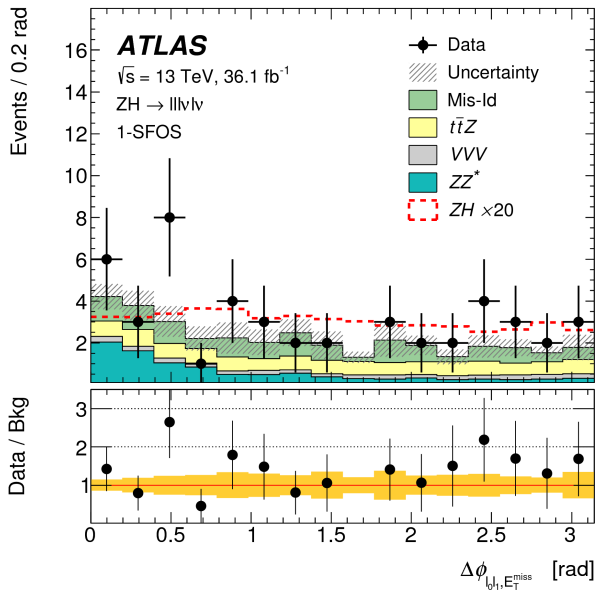
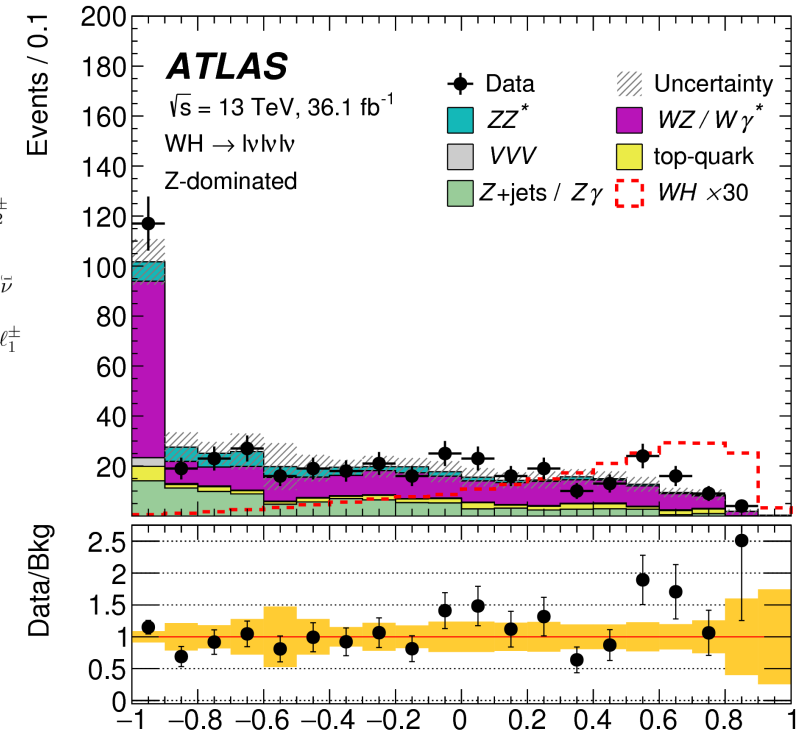
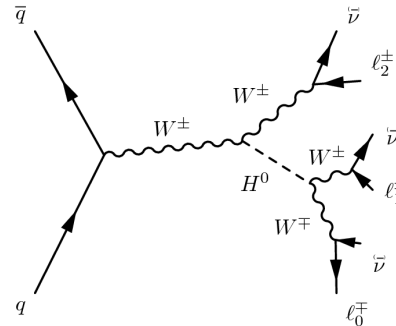


# VH with $H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$

[arxiv:1903.10052](https://arxiv.org/abs/1903.10052)

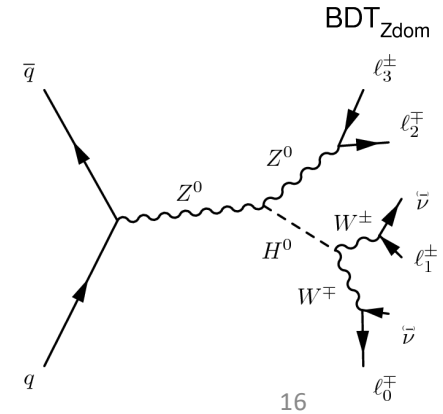
## WH

- Events are selected with exactly 3 isolated leptons with  $p_T > 15$  GeV
- The total charge is required to be  $\pm 1$
- The main WH backgrounds are  $WZ/W\gamma^*$  and top processes
- BDT discriminants are used to extract the signal



## ZH

- Events are selected with 4 leptons  $p_T > 10$  GeV with a total charge of 0
- Only events with 1 or 2 same flavor opposite sign (SFOS) leptons are kept

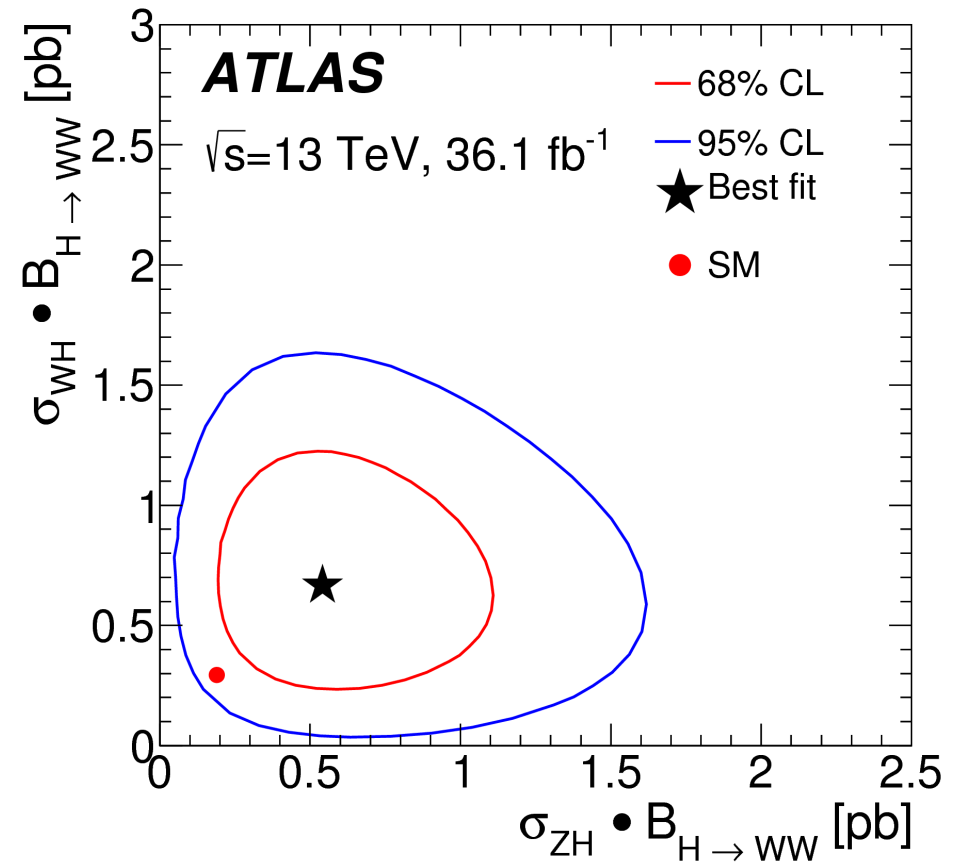




# VH with $H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$

[arxiv:1903.10052](https://arxiv.org/abs/1903.10052)

- $\sigma(WH) \cdot BR(H \rightarrow WW^*)$  is measured to be  $0.67^{+0.31}_{-0.27}(\text{stat.})^{+0.18}_{-0.14}(\text{syst.})$  pb
- $\sigma(ZH) \cdot BR(H \rightarrow WW^*)$  is measured to be  $0.54^{+0.31}_{-0.24}(\text{stat.})^{+0.15}_{-0.07}(\text{syst.})$  pb
- The WH and ZH combined significance is  $4.1\sigma$  (1.9 exp.)





# Higgs decays to fermions

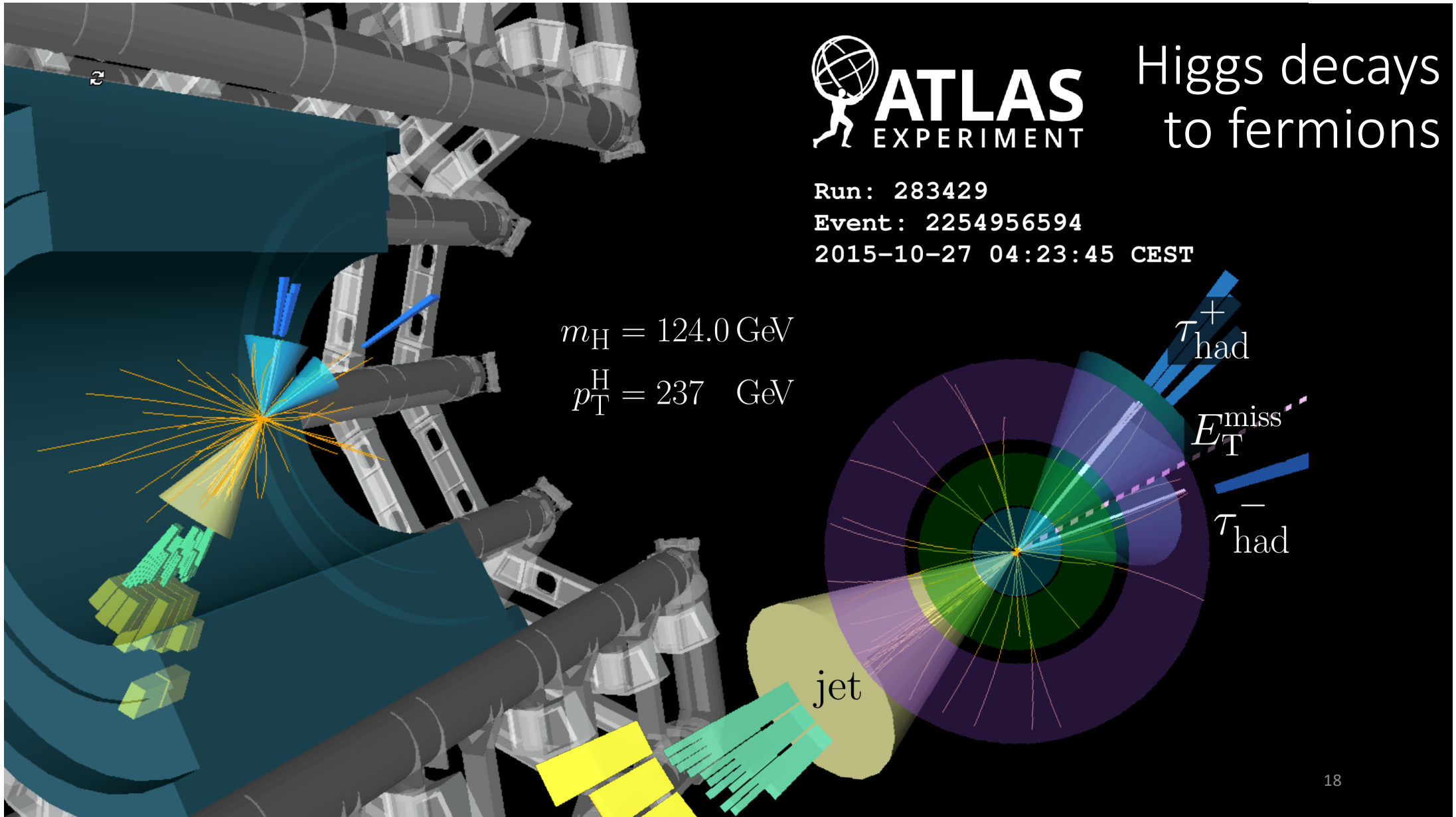
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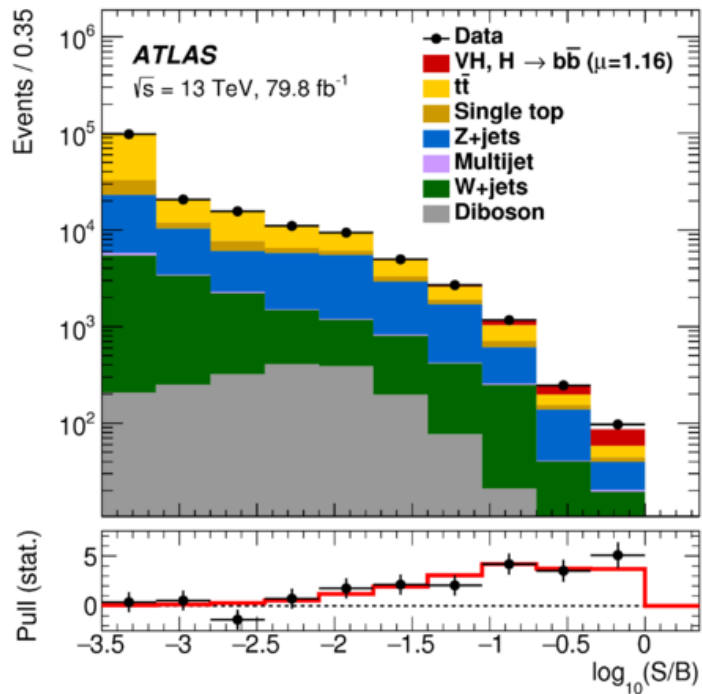
$$m_H = 124.0 \text{ GeV}$$

$$p_T^H = 237 \text{ GeV}$$



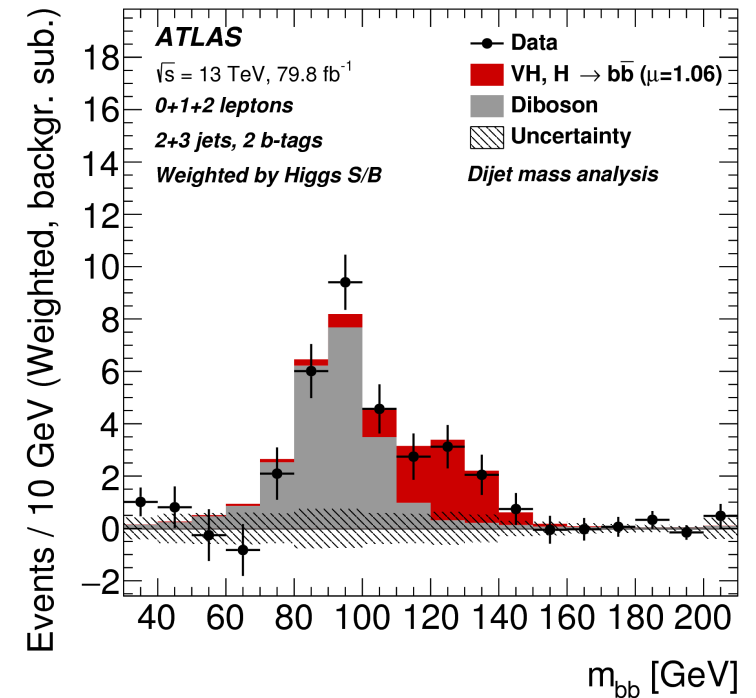
# VH with $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$

- $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  hidden by large  $b\bar{b}$  background
- VH prod. improves S/B and provides best sensitivity
- Signal includes  $ZH \rightarrow \nu\nu b\bar{b}$ ,  $WH \rightarrow l\nu b\bar{b}$ ,  $ZH \rightarrow ll b\bar{b}$  corresponding to 0, 1 and 2 charged leptons



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- Events selected with exactly 2 b-tagged jets that form the Higgs candidate, with one b-jet having  $p_T > 45 \text{ GeV}$
- 8 event categories based on 2 or 3 jets, number of leptons and Higgs  $p_T$
- BDT analysis is performed in each region

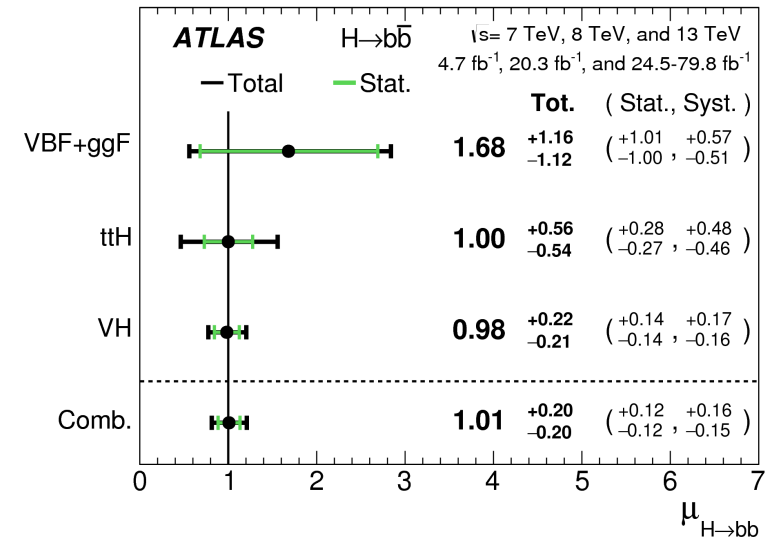
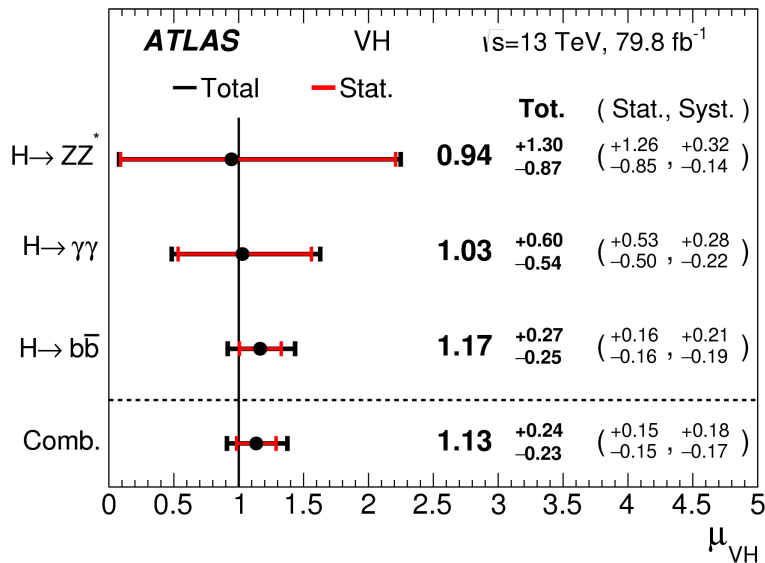


# Combination with $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ and VH channels

- The VH ( $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ ) result is **combined with** the  $b\bar{b}$  analysis of **ttH and VBF+ggF production** modes Run1 and Run2
- The measured combined signal strength relative to SM is

$$\mu_{H \rightarrow bb} = 1.01 \pm 0.20 = 1.01 \pm 0.12(\text{stat.})^{+0.16}_{-0.15}(\text{syst.}).$$

- The  $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  combined significance is  $5.4\sigma$  ( $5.5\sigma$  exp.).
  - VH ( $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ ) alone has  $4.9\sigma$  significance (Run2 only)



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- The Run2 VH ( $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ ) result is **combined with** VH in the **decay channels  $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$  and  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$**
- The VH comb. has a significance of  $5.3\sigma$  ( $4.8\sigma$  exp.)
- The signal strength is  $1.13 \pm 0.15$  (stat.)  $\pm 0.18$  (syst.)



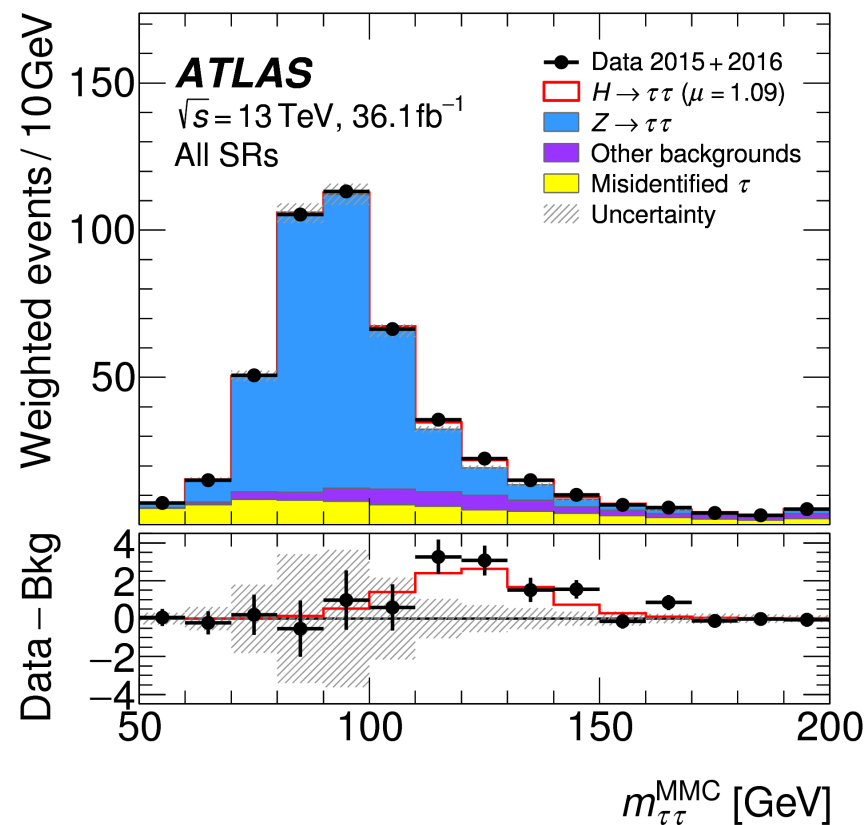
# Higgs to $\tau\tau$

- Select all of pairs of  $\tau \rightarrow e\nu\nu, \tau \rightarrow \mu\nu\nu, \tau \rightarrow \nu$  hadrons
- Main backgrounds  $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau, Z \rightarrow ll, \text{top}, \text{misidentified } \tau$
- Dominant  $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$  is normalized to data via  $Z \rightarrow ll$  validation regions
- Require a jet with  $p_T > 40$  GeV to suppress  $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$ 
  - Jet  $p_T > 70$  GeV for  $\tau_{\text{had}}\tau_{\text{had}}$  channel
- Two categories to improve S/B and disentangle the production modes
  - **VBF** : Jet2  $p_T > 30$  GeV,  $|\Delta\eta_{jj}| > 3, m_{jj} > 400$  GeV
  - **Boosted** : not VBF and  $p_T^{\tau\tau} > 100$  GeV
- The total  $\sigma * \text{BR}(H \rightarrow \tau\tau)$  is measured to be

$$3.77^{+0.60}_{-0.59}(\text{stat.})^{+0.87}_{-0.74}(\text{syst.}) \text{ pb}$$

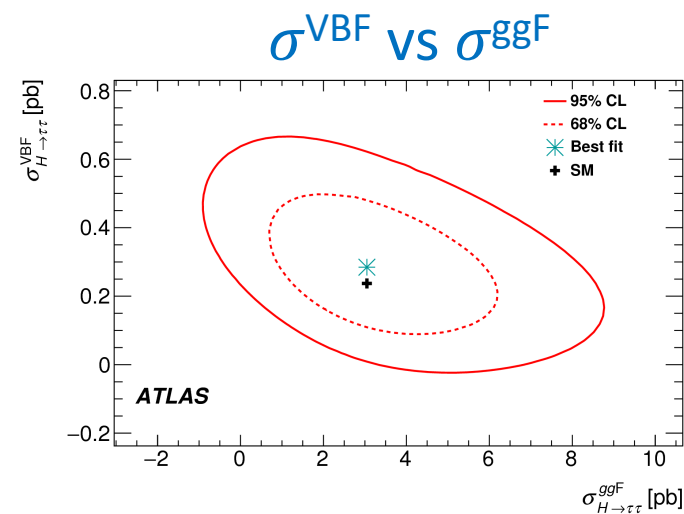
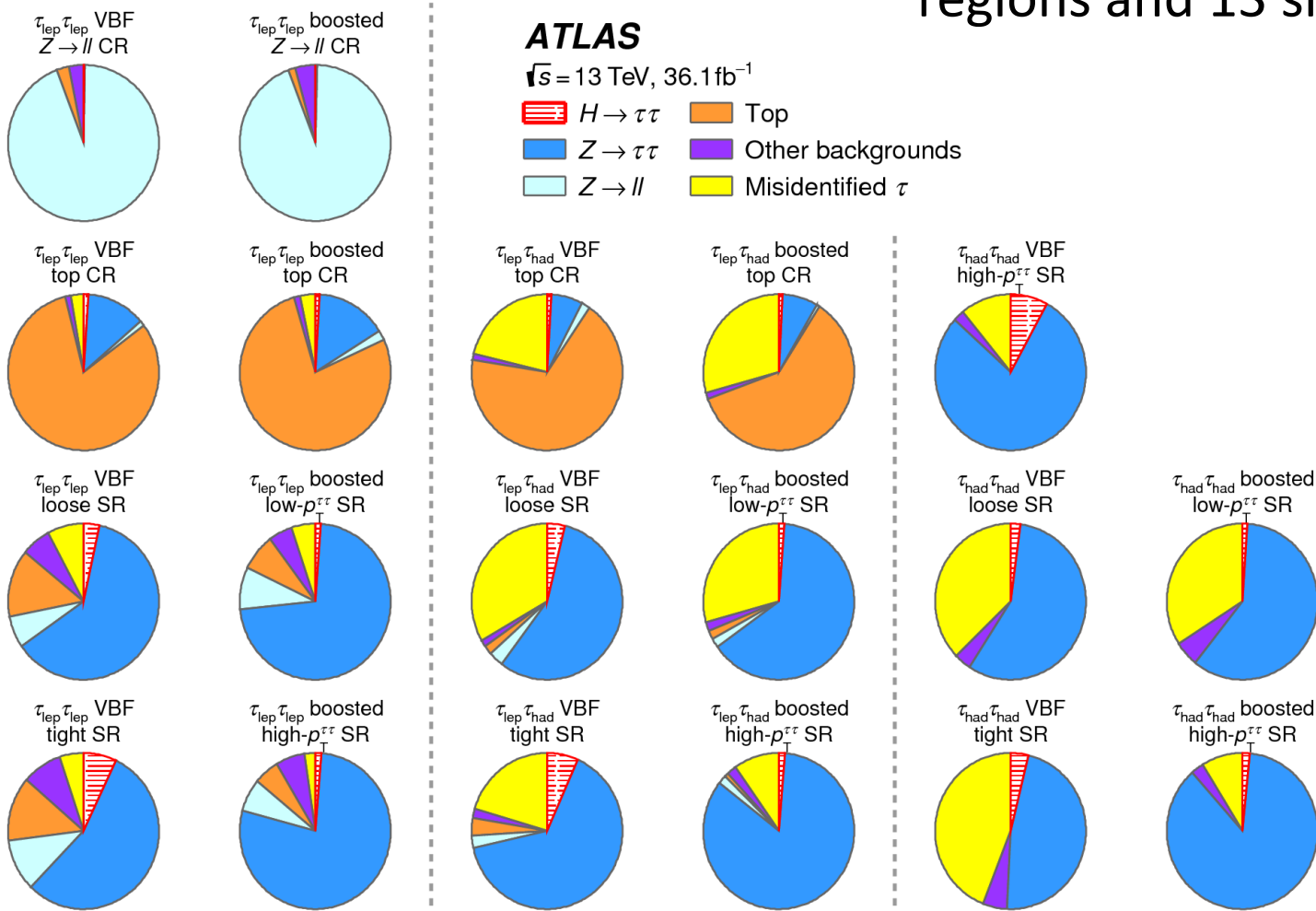
- In combination with run 1 data,  $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$  has been observed with a significance of  $6.4 \sigma$  (5.4 exp)

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# Higgs to $\tau\tau$

## Background (and signal) composition for the 6 control regions and 13 signal regions



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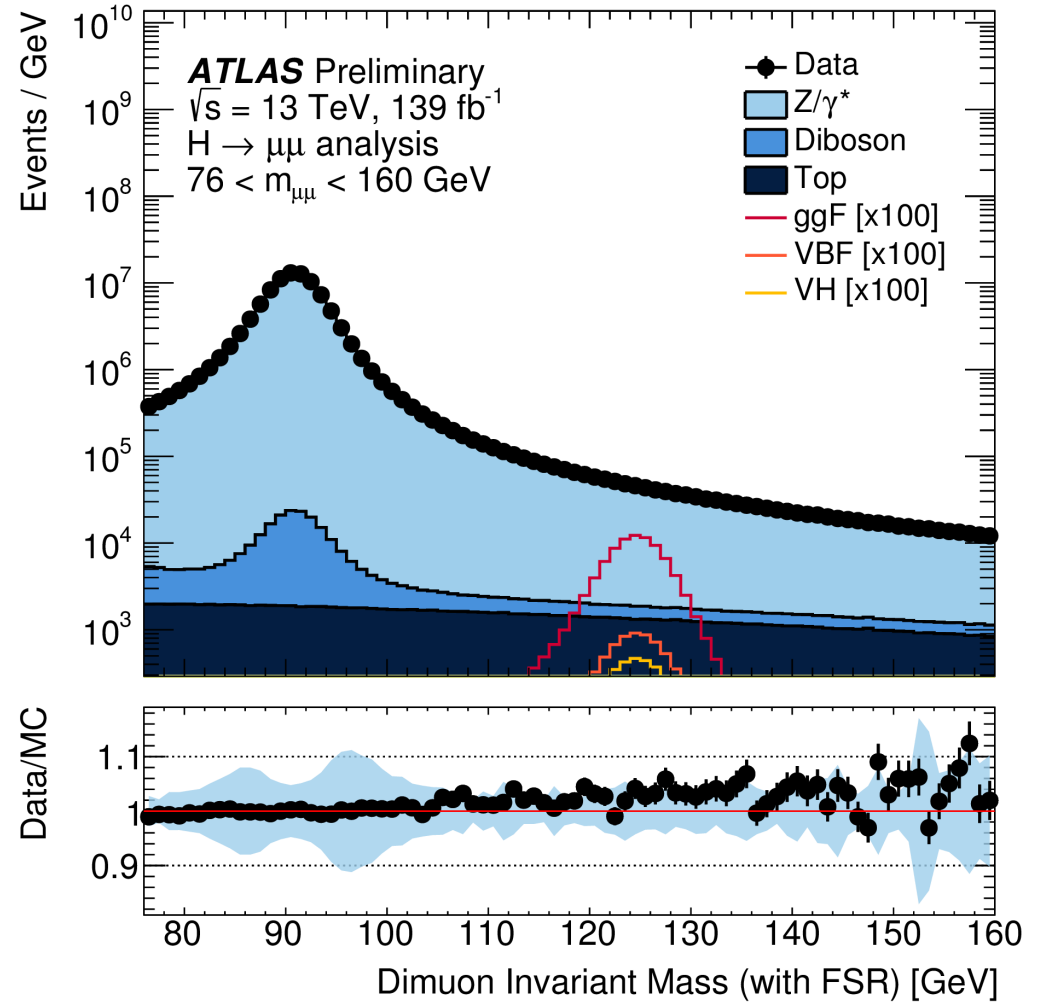
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# Higgs to $\mu\mu$

- With its low BR (0.022%), the Higgs  $\rightarrow \mu\mu$  signal hasn't been observed yet
- Select two opposite sign isolated muons
- Main backgrounds  $Z/\gamma^*$ , top, diboson
- Inclusive selection has a challenging  $S/B = 0.2\%$
- Background is modeled with an analytical function to avoid bias

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Full Run2



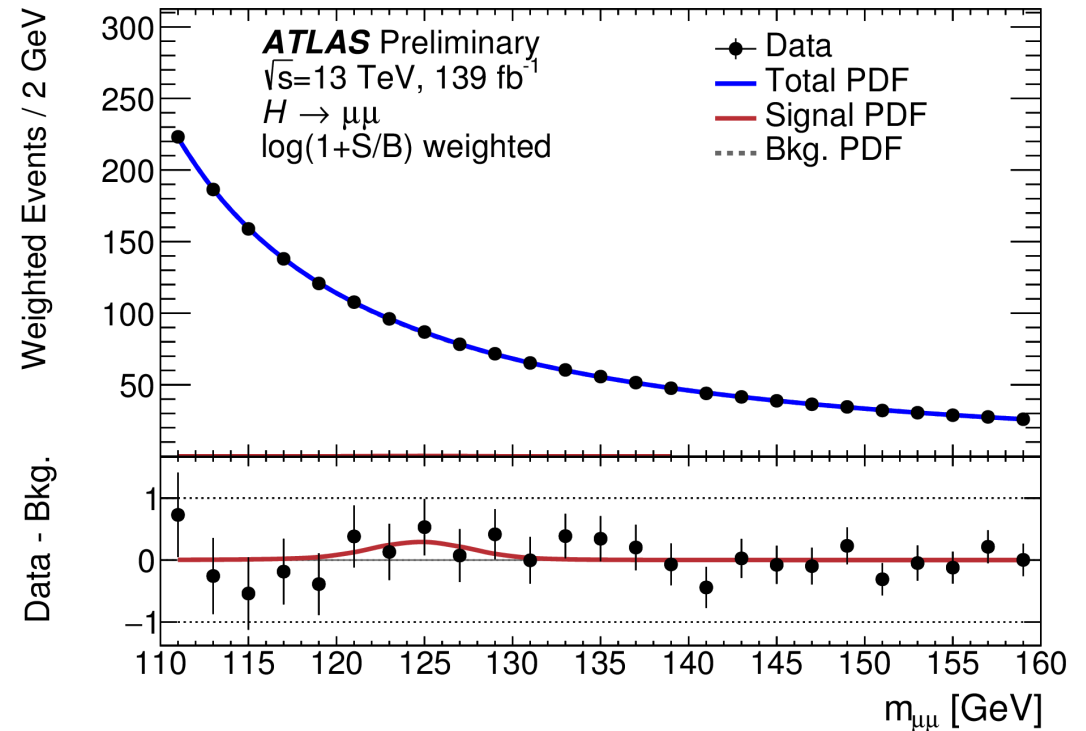


# Higgs to $\mu\mu$

- Improve sensitivity with BDT
- BDT trained with background from side bands and simulated signal
- BDT inputs
  - Dimuon system variables
  - Jet(s)  $p_T$  and  $\eta$  (for events with 1 or 2+ jets)
  - Angles among jet(s) and dimuon system (for events with 1 or 2+ jets)
- Set limits on  $\sigma^*BR(H \rightarrow \mu\mu) / SM < 1.74$  (1.33 exp)

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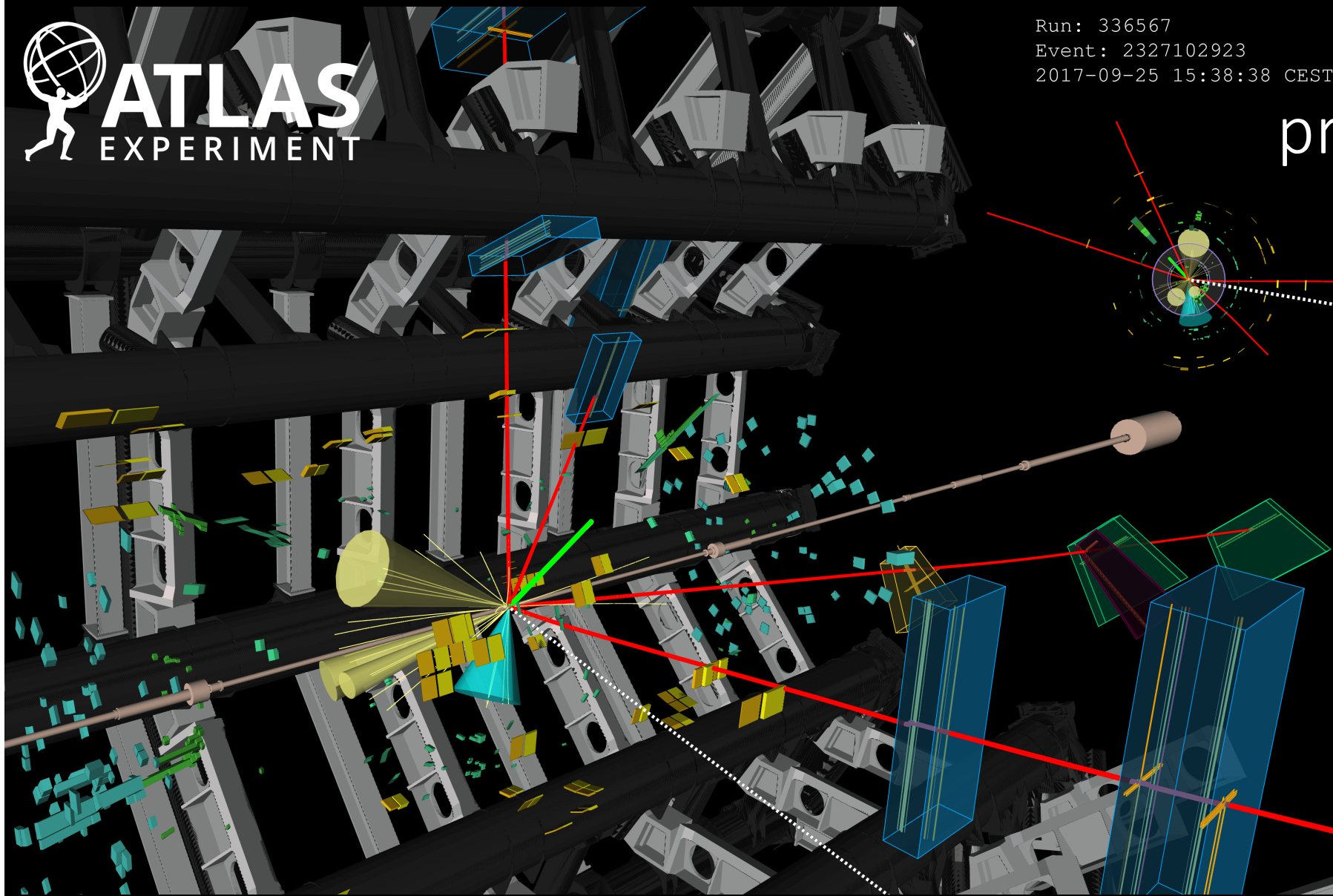
Full Run2



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# ttH production

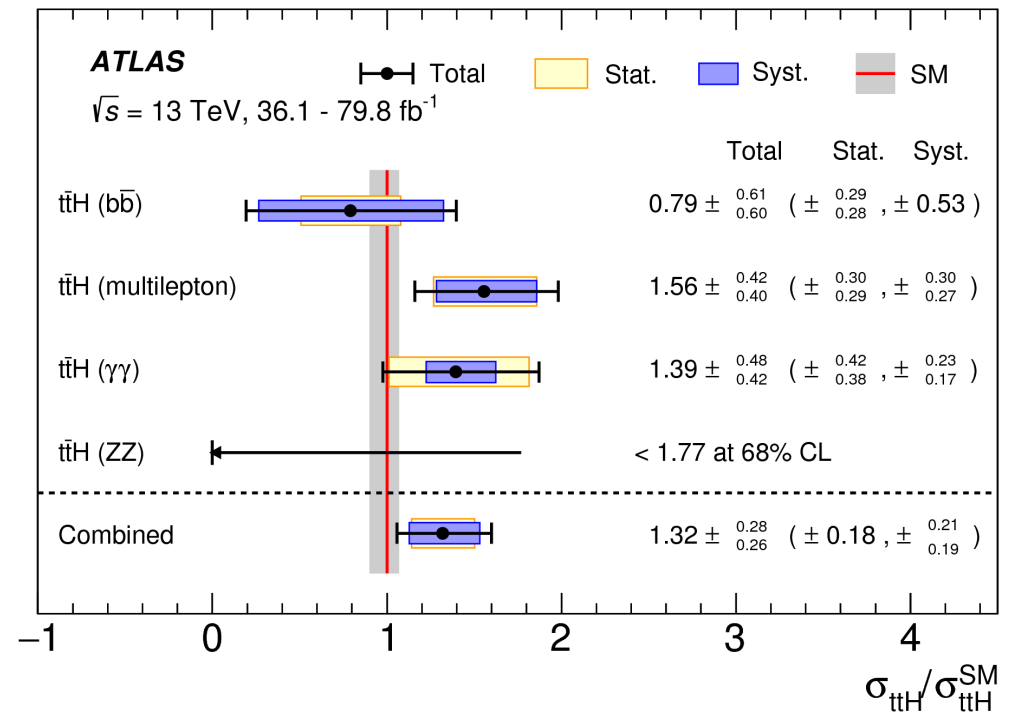
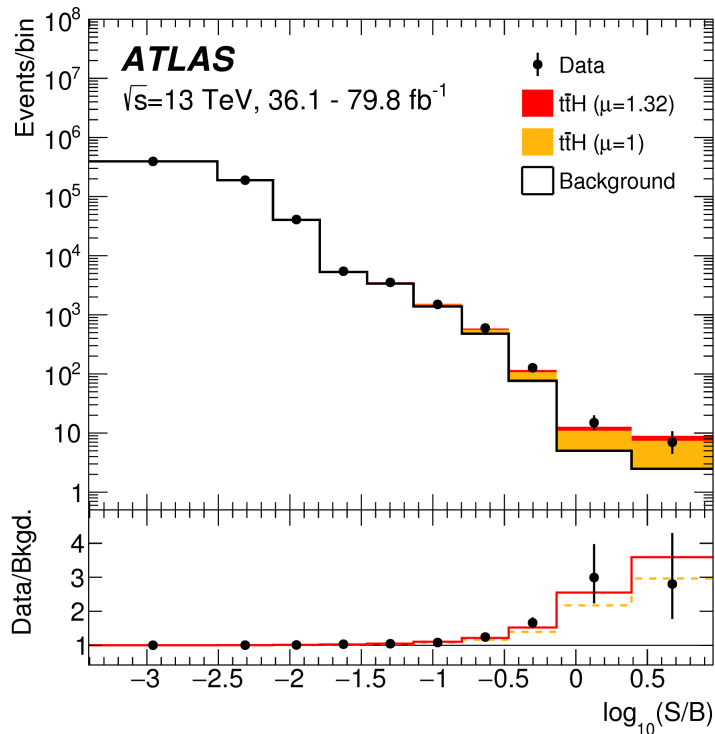
tt( $\rightarrow$ e+jets)+  
H( $\rightarrow$  $\mu\mu\mu\mu$ )  
candidate in  
2017 data



# Observation of ttH production

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- Combination of ttH searches in  $\gamma\gamma, ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$ , multilepton, and  $b\bar{b}$  (data at 7, 8 and 13 TeV)
- ttH production observed with a significance of  $6.3\sigma$  (5.1 exp.)
- At 13 TeV  $\sigma_{ttH}$  is measured to be  $670 \pm 90$  (stat.)  $_{-100}^{+110}$  (syst.) fb (cfr SM  $507_{-50}^{+35}$  fb)

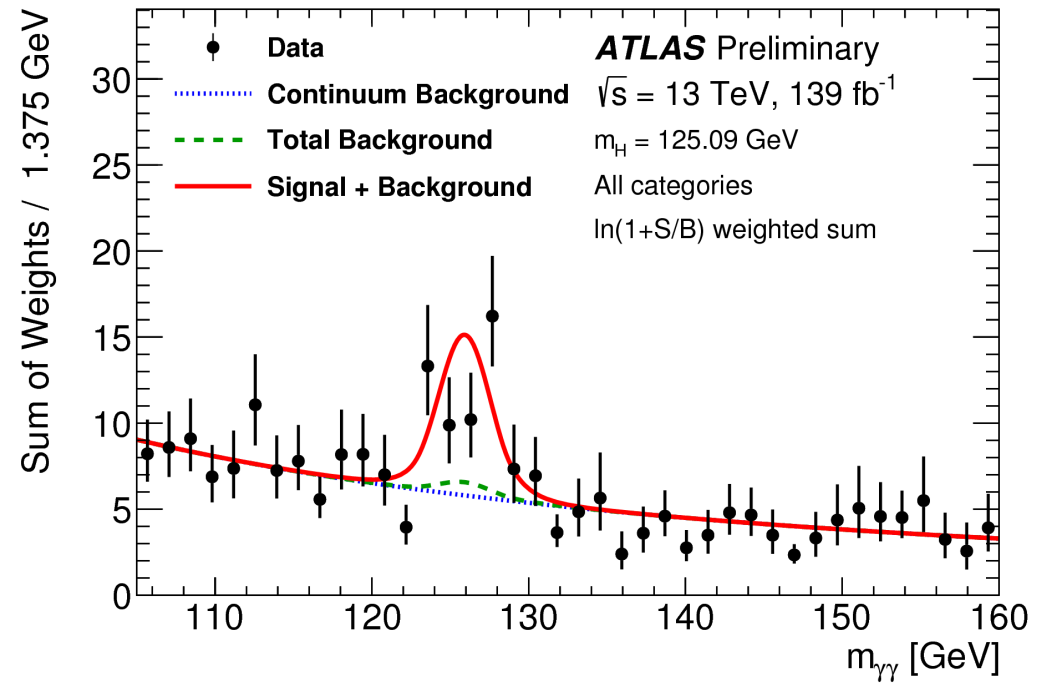
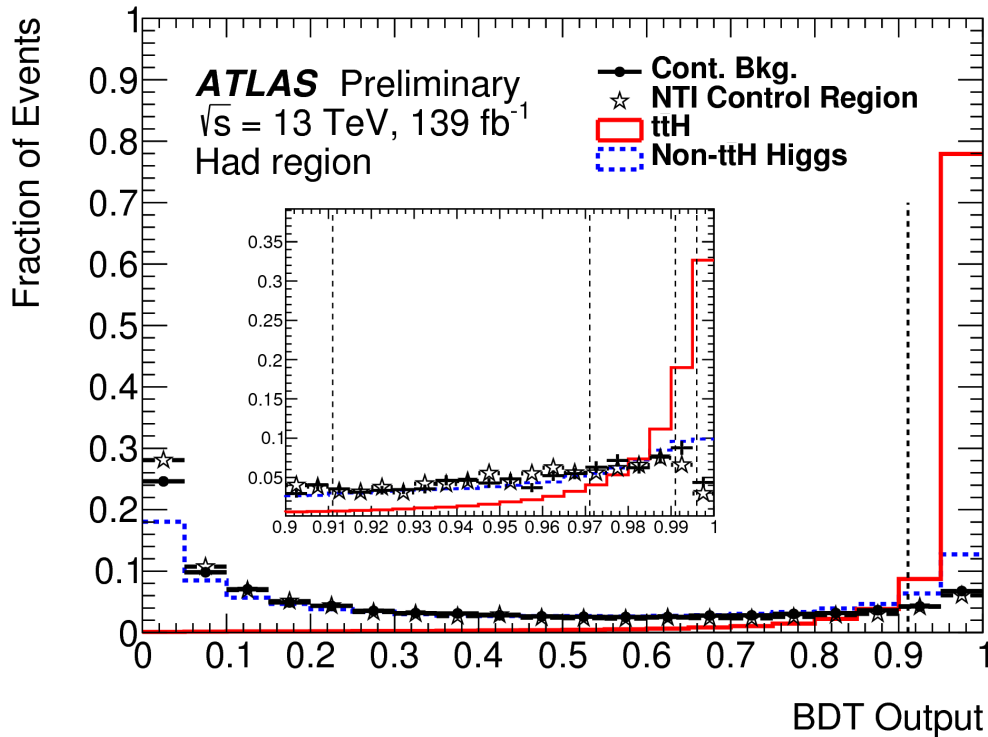




# ttH production ( $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ )

- Low cross-section \*  $BR(H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$  low background
- Event selection based on BDT in 7 event categories
- Signal extracted fitting the  $\gamma\gamma$  invariant mass
- Observed significance  $4.9\sigma$  ( $4.2\sigma$  exp)
  - The full Run2 sample gets close observation

Full Run2

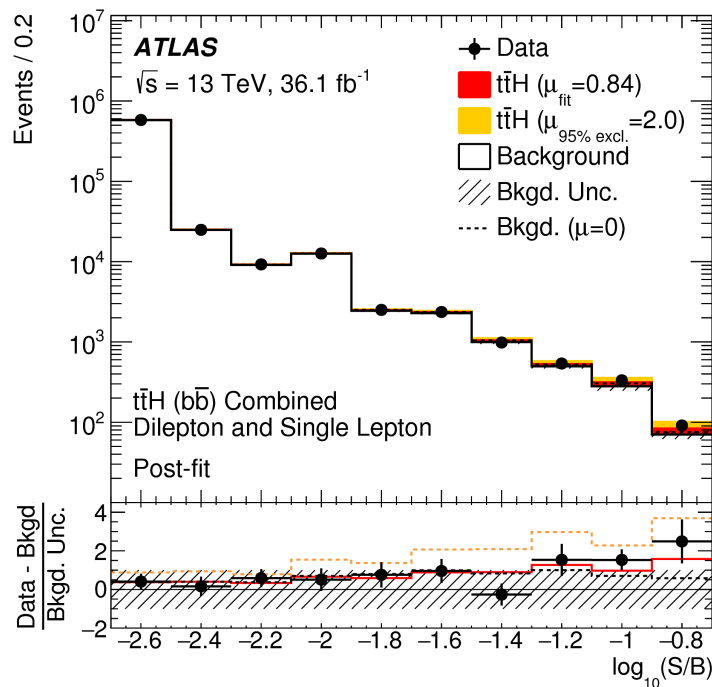


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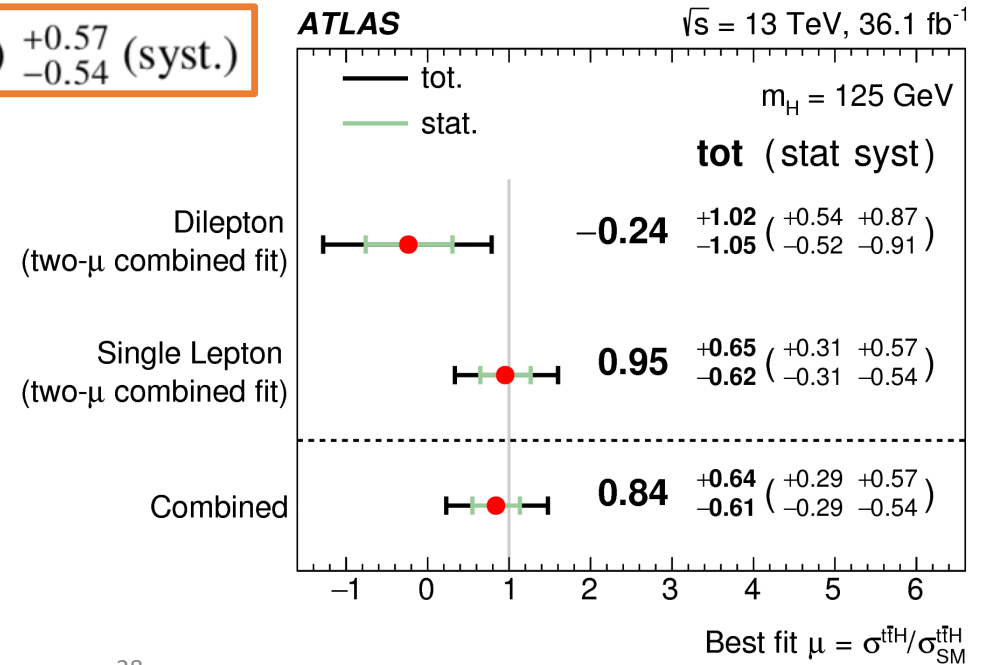
# ttH production ( $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ )

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- Select events with 1 or 2 e or  $\mu$  and with at least 3 jets of which 2 are b-tagged
- Main background is ttbar + jets
- BDT are used to classify and reconstruct the events
- Signal strength ( $\mu$ ) values above 2 are excluded at 95% CL

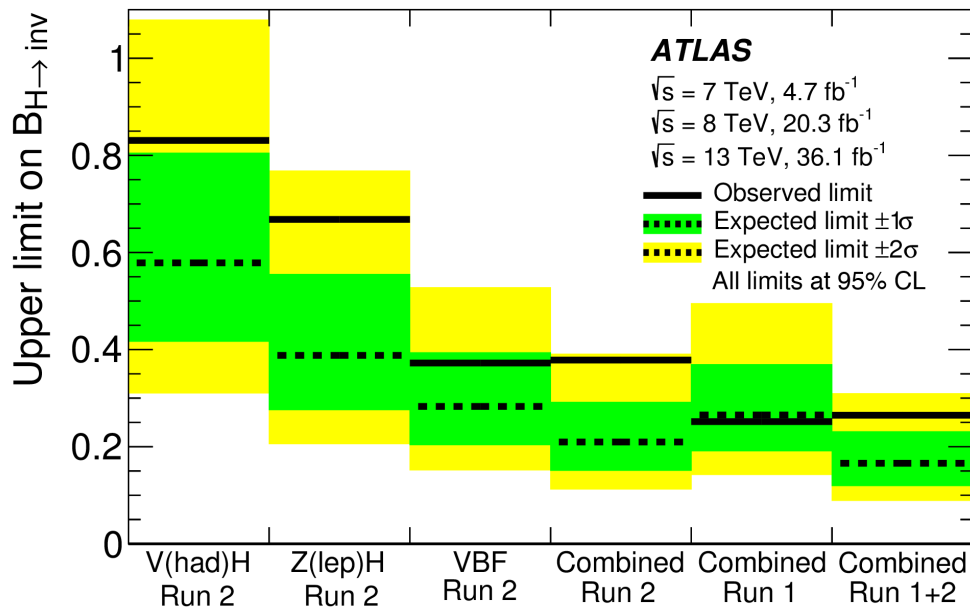


$$\mu = 0.84 \pm 0.29 \text{ (stat.) } {}^{+0.57}_{-0.54} \text{ (syst.)}$$



# Invisible decays

- Dark matter particles, if sufficiently light, may be produced in decays of the Higgs boson
- Combining searches in VBF,  $Z(\rightarrow ll)H$ , and  $V(\rightarrow jj)H$  production modes
- $BR(H \rightarrow \text{invisible}) < 0.26$  ( $0.17^{+0.07}_{-0.05}$  exp.) at 95% CL



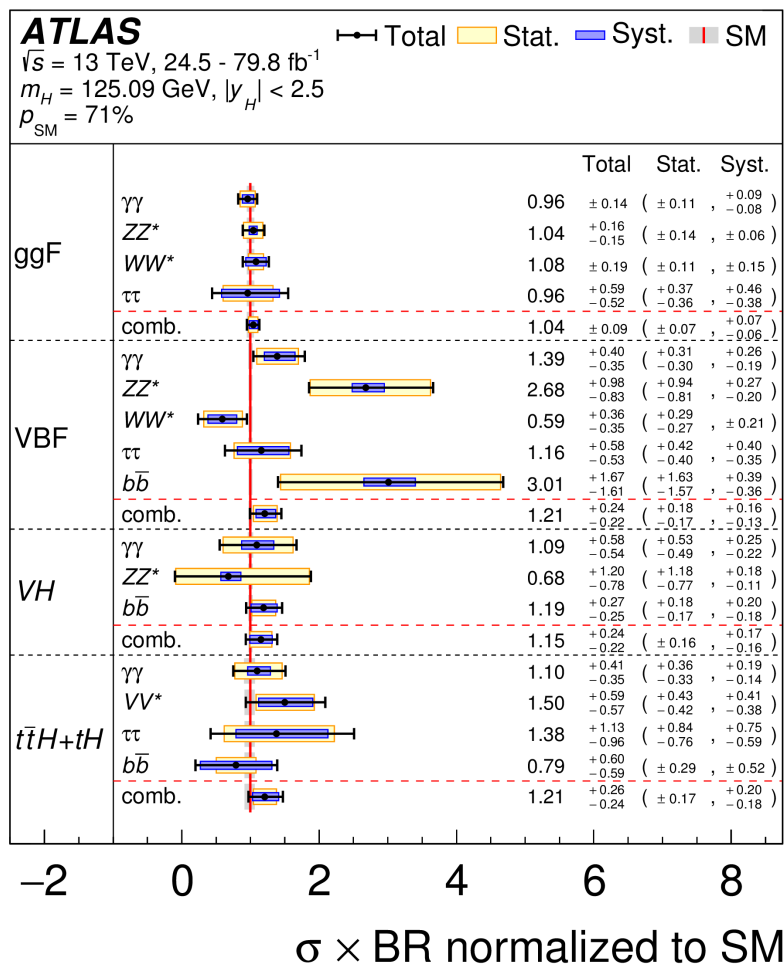
Analysis	$\sqrt{s}$	Int. luminosity	Observed	Expected	$p_{SM}$ -value	Reference
Run 2 VBF	13 TeV	$36.1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	0.37	$0.28^{+0.11}_{-0.08}$	0.19	[36]
Run 2 $Z(\text{lep})H$	13 TeV	$36.1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	0.67	$0.39^{+0.17}_{-0.11}$	0.06	[37]
Run 2 $V(\text{had})H$	13 TeV	$36.1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	0.83	$0.58^{+0.23}_{-0.16}$	0.12	[38]
Run 2 Comb.	13 TeV	$36.1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	0.38	$0.21^{+0.08}_{-0.06}$	0.03	this Letter
Run 1 Comb.	7, 8 TeV	$4.7, 20.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	0.25	$0.27^{+0.10}_{-0.08}$	—	[35]
Run 1+2 Comb.	7, 8, 13 TeV	$4.7, 20.3, 36.1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	0.26	$0.17^{+0.07}_{-0.05}$	0.10	this Letter

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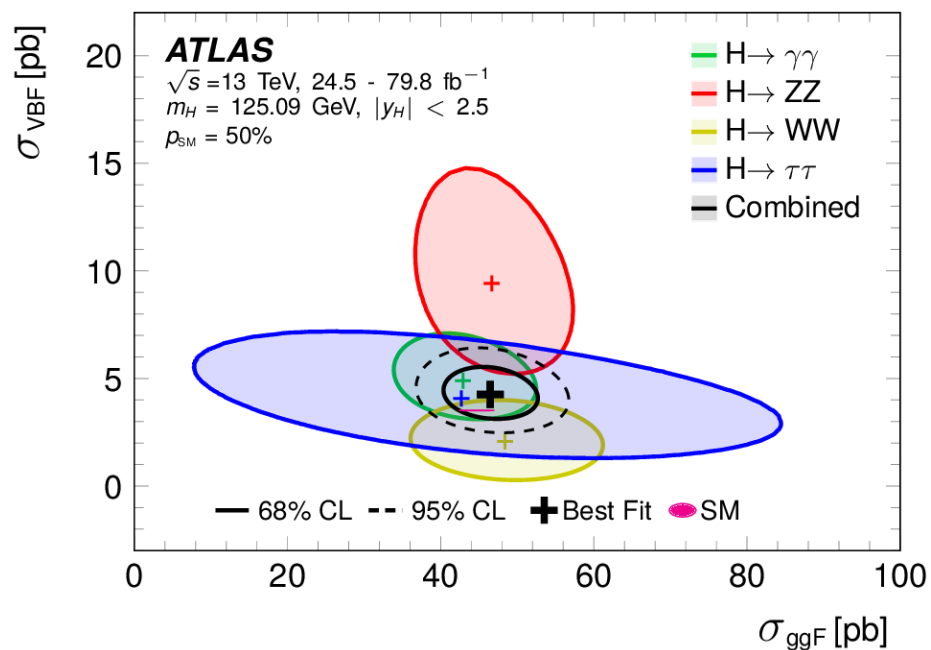
# Combined Higgs cross-section

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- Combination of results up to 80 fb<sup>-1</sup>
- Combined signal strength is determined to be

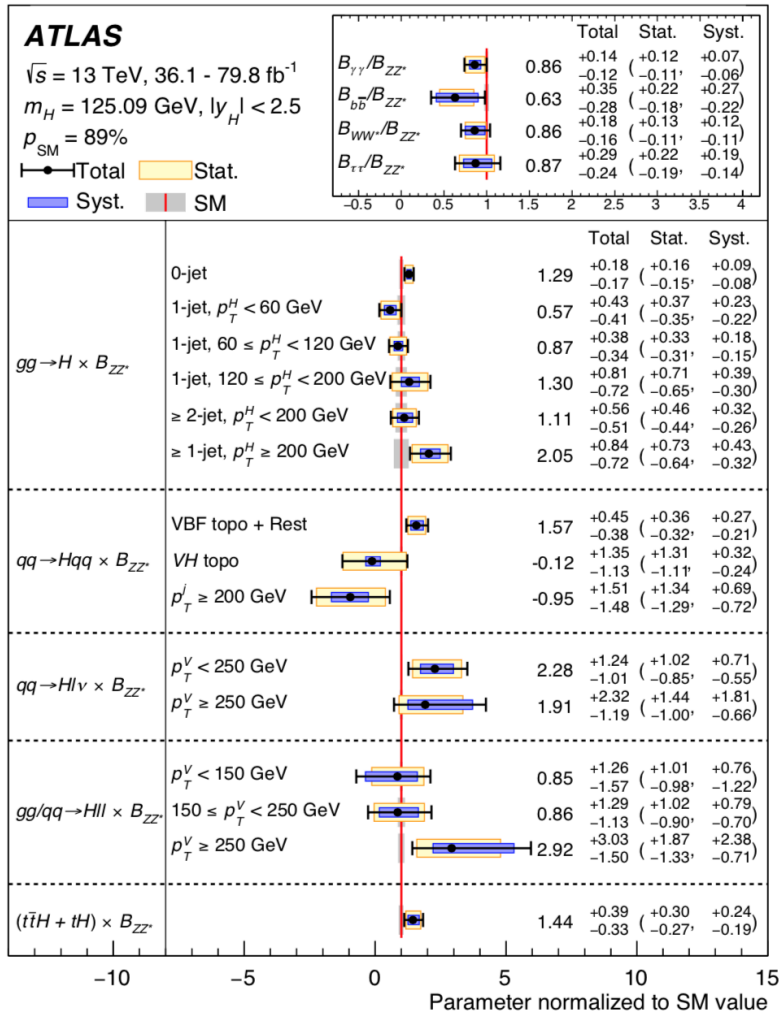
$$\mu = 1.11^{+0.09}_{-0.08}$$



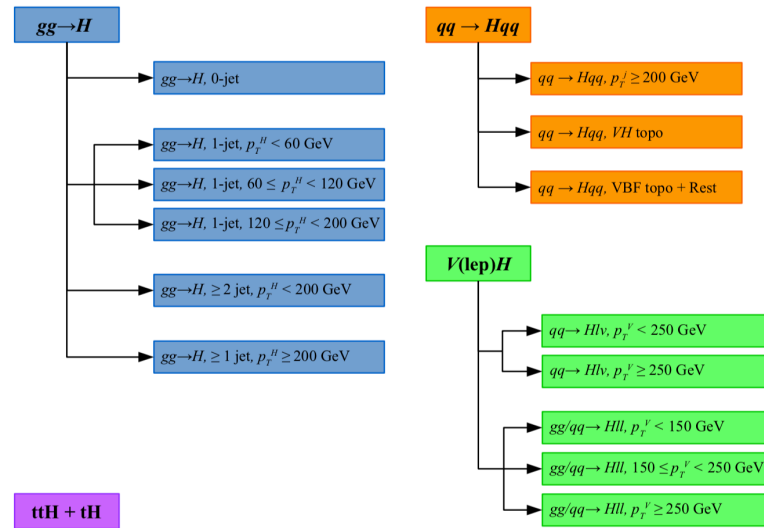


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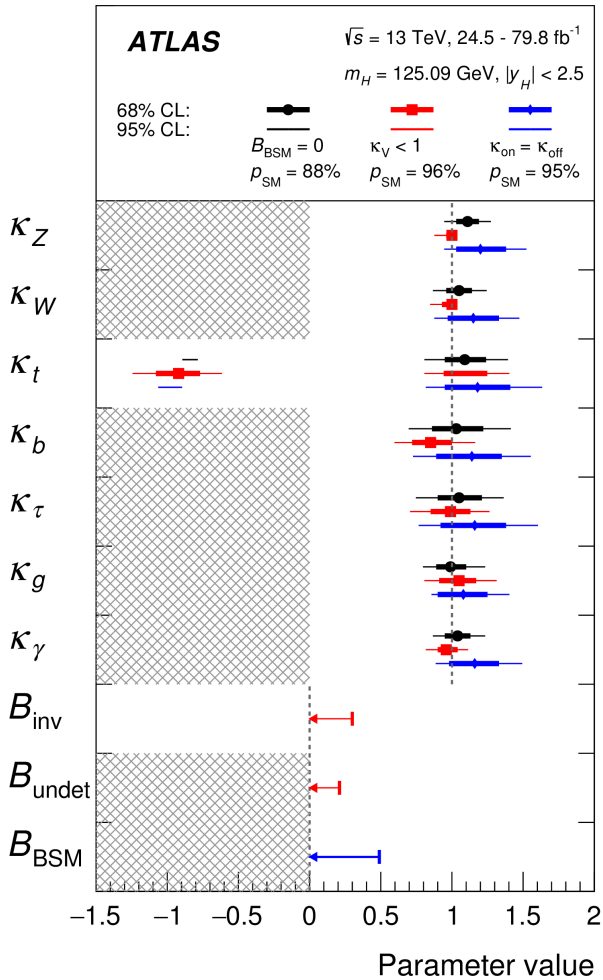
- Cross section and branching ratios with simplified template (STXS)



- Good overall agreement with SM in a range of kinematic regions of Higgs boson production processes



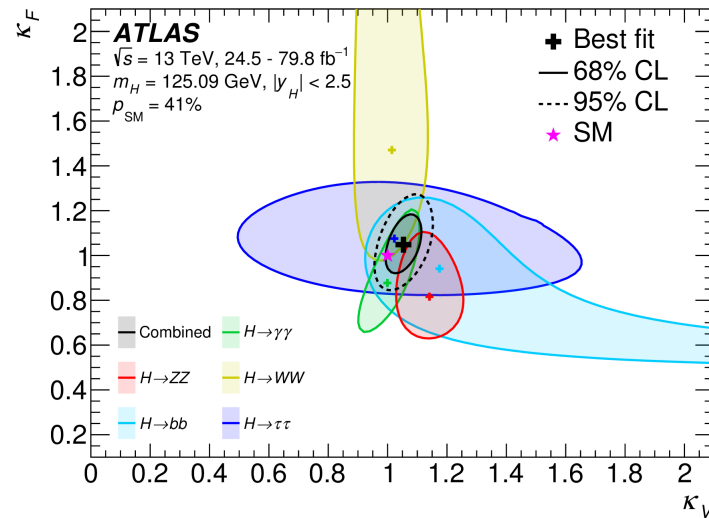
# Higgs couplings from combination



## The 3 fits for the couplings assume

- $B_{\text{BSM}} = 0$  : no undetected decays and SM invisible BR
- $\kappa_V < 1$  : Off-shell production doesn't depend on  $\Gamma_H^{\text{TOT}}$ 
  - Includes  $H \rightarrow$  invisible searches
- Same on-shell and off-shell couplings
  - Includes off-shell analysis
- $B_{\text{BSM}} < 47\%$  at 95% CL

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Assuming universal coupling scale factors

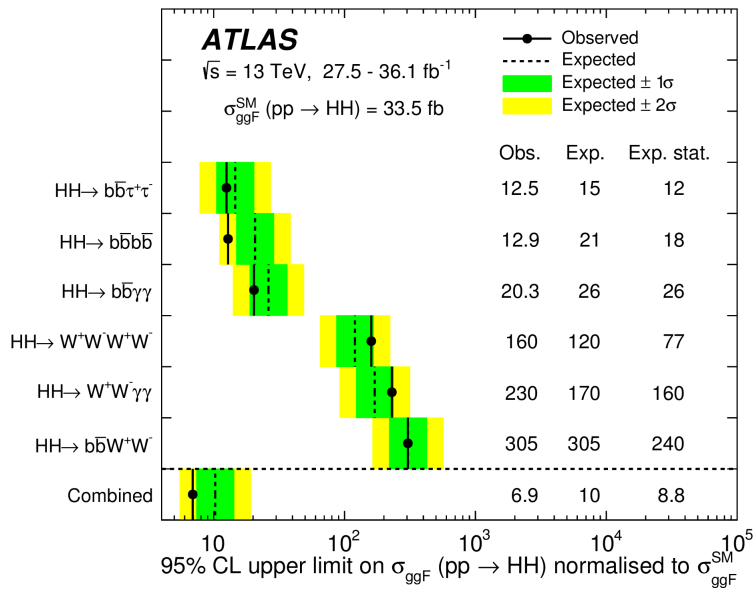
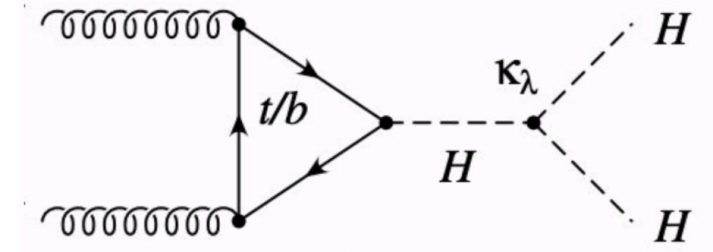
$$\kappa_V = \kappa_W = \kappa_Z$$

$$\kappa_F = \kappa_t = \kappa_b = \kappa_\tau = \kappa_\mu$$

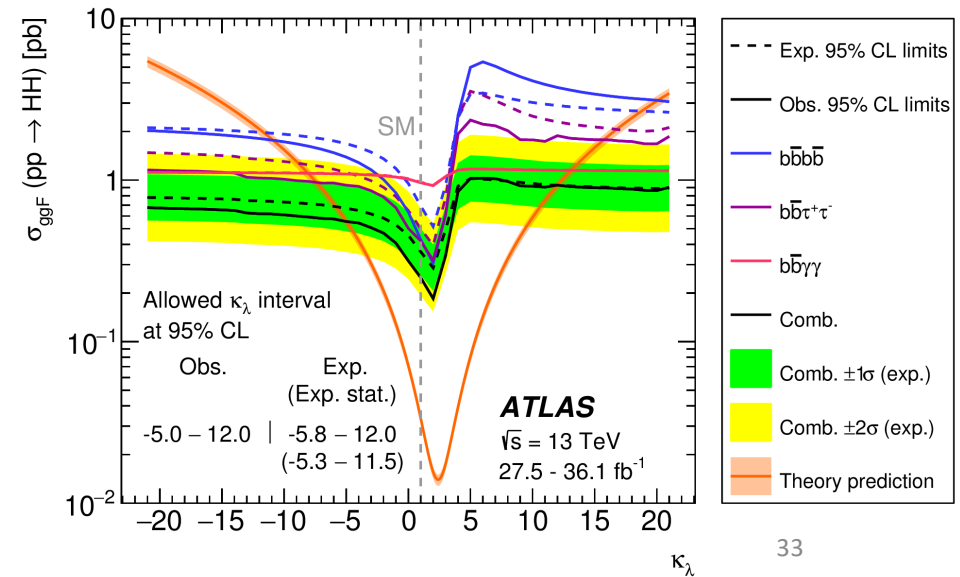


# Search for Higgs pair production

- The Higgs self coupling as a further EWSB probe
- Six analyses are combined
- Limits are set on  $\sigma_{HH} / \sigma_{HH}^{SM} < 6.9$  (10 exp.) at 95% CL
- Limits on Higgs self coupling modifier  $\kappa_\lambda$  are set  $-5.0 < \kappa_\lambda < 12.0$  at 95% CL



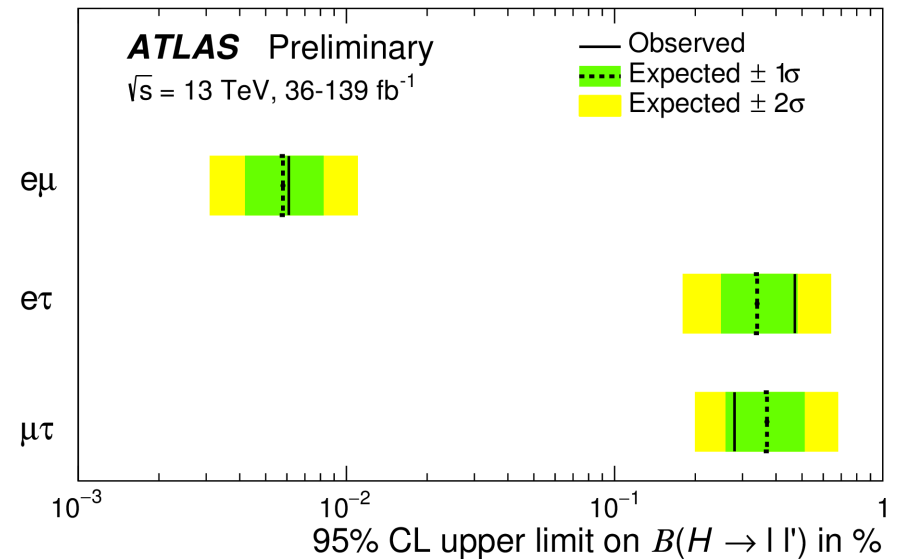
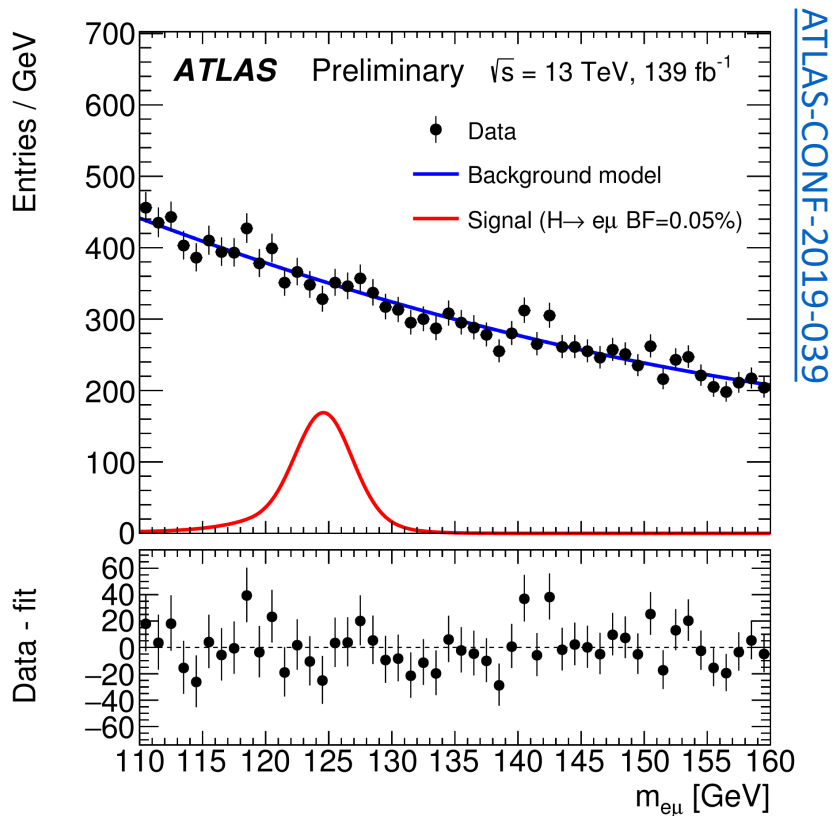
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# Search for LFV in Higgs decays

- Lepton flavor violation searched in the  $e\mu$ ,  $e\tau$ , and  $\mu\tau$  decays
- No significant excess observed

[arXiv:1907.06131](https://arxiv.org/abs/1907.06131)



- $\text{BR}(H \rightarrow e\mu) < 6.1 \cdot 10^{-5}$  ( $5.8 \cdot 10^{-5}$  exp.)
- $\text{BR}(H \rightarrow e\tau) < 0.47\%$  (0.34 exp.)
- $\text{BR}(H \rightarrow \mu\tau) < 0.28\%$  (0.37 exp.)

# Summary

- Run2 provides an order of magnitude more candidate than Run1
  - More differential measurements performed
- Together with **improved analysis techniques** more precise Higgs measurements in an ample range of production modes and signatures
- **Direct observation achieved for all main production and decay modes**
  - Observation of Higgs interactions with all three third-generation fermions
- **Precision probing of the SM Higgs sector on going**

A vibrant nighttime cityscape featuring a prominent, illuminated tower with a star on top, surrounded by modern buildings and a marina filled with boats. The scene is lit with warm yellow and white lights from the buildings and cool blue and purple lights from the sky and water reflections. The tower is the central focus, with its lights reflecting on the water in the foreground. The background shows a dense urban skyline with various architectural styles and lighting schemes.

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