

Higgs self coupling

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Di-Higgs production

❖ Challenge: HH cross-section is $\sim \mathcal{O}(1000)$ times smaller than single Higgs

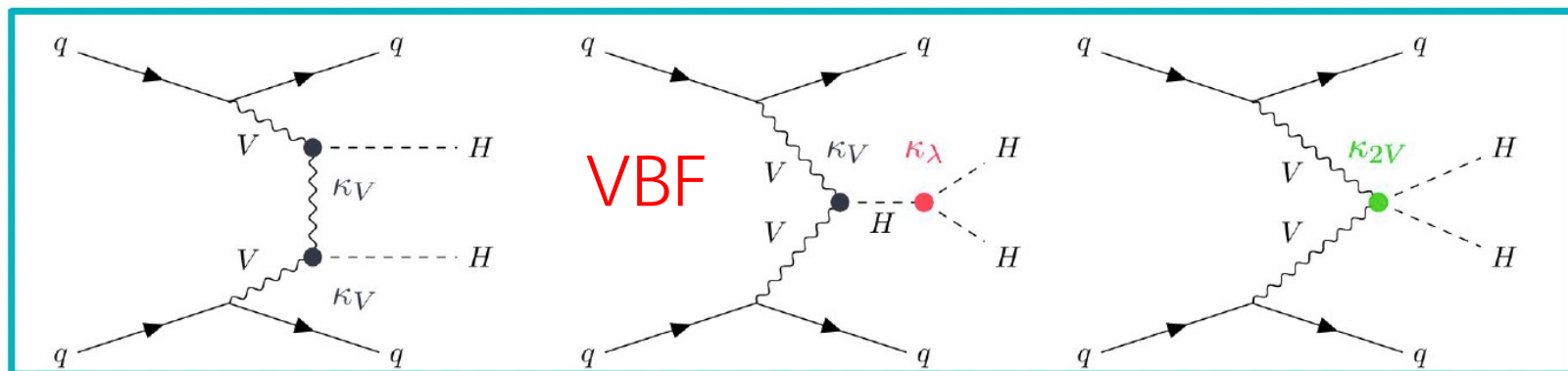
❖ ATLAS di-Higgs searches set constraints on κ_λ and κ_{2V} $\kappa_\lambda = \lambda_{hhh}/\lambda_{hhh(SM)}$

$$\kappa_{2V} = \lambda_{hhVV}/\lambda_{hhVV(SM)}$$



$$V(H) = \frac{1}{2}m_H^2 H^2 + \lambda v H^3 + \frac{\lambda}{4} H^4 - \frac{\lambda}{4} v^4$$

$$\lambda_{HHH} = \lambda_{HHHH} = \frac{m_H^2}{2v} \approx 0.13$$



Production mode	Branching Ratio
ggF	90.2%
VBF	5%
VHH	2.5%
Ohters	2.3%

Higgs self-coupling measurement in ATLAS

❖ ATLAS explores different channels to increase sensitivity using **run2 data (140 fb⁻¹)**

▶ **HH → bbbb. (Largest B.R) , new boosted VBF channel update [arXiv:2404.17193](https://arxiv.org/abs/2404.17193)**

▶ **HH → bbττ (analysis re-optimisation targeting κ_λ , κ_{2V} and XS / EFT limits)**

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▶ **HH → bbγγ , [JHEP 01 \(2024\) 066](#) (re-optimisation to improve sensitivity)**

▶ **HH → Multilepton (new channel in combination!)**

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▶ **VHH production**

▶ **Combination, [Phys. Rev. Lett. 133 \(2024\) 101801](#)**

(New Higgs self-coupling combination)

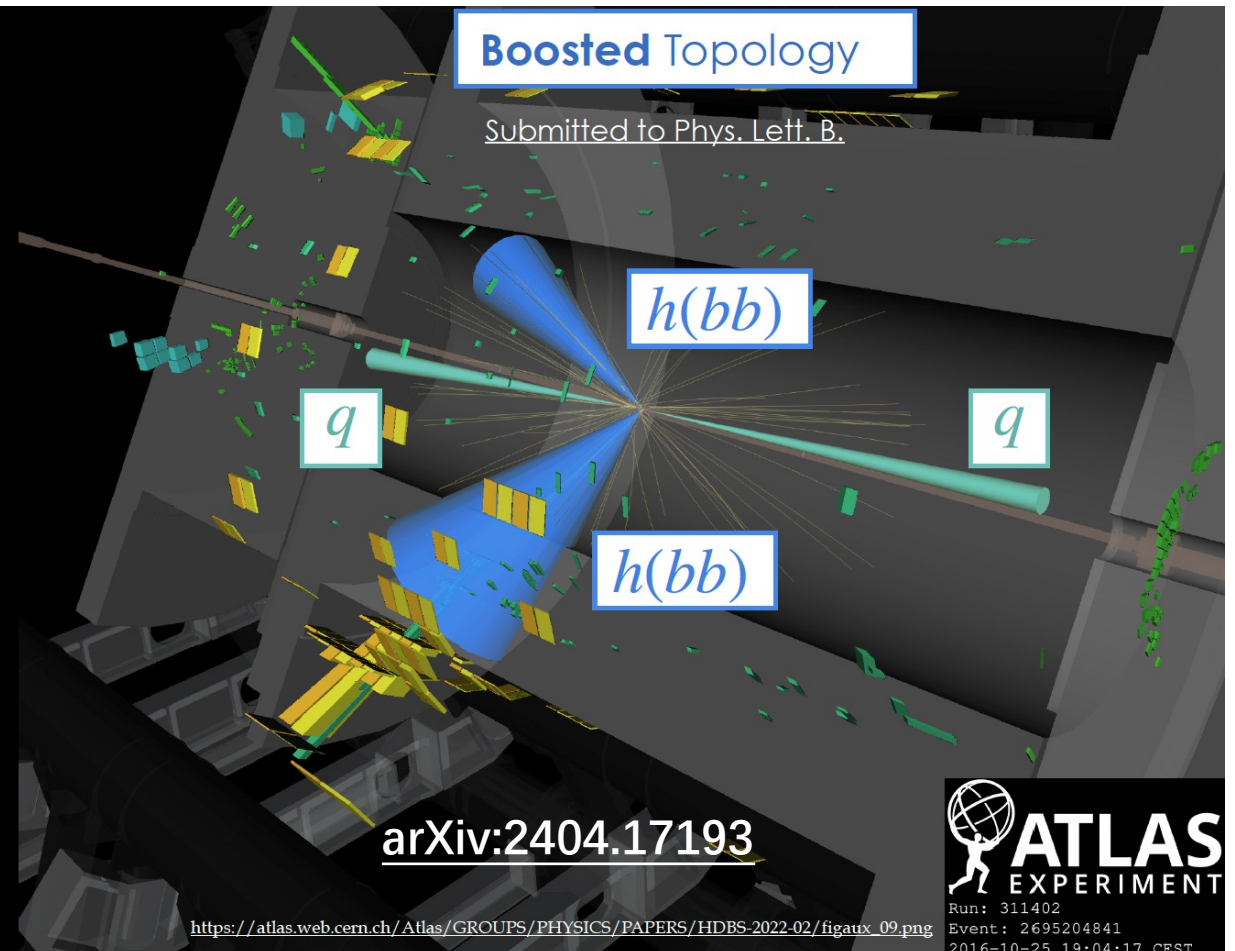
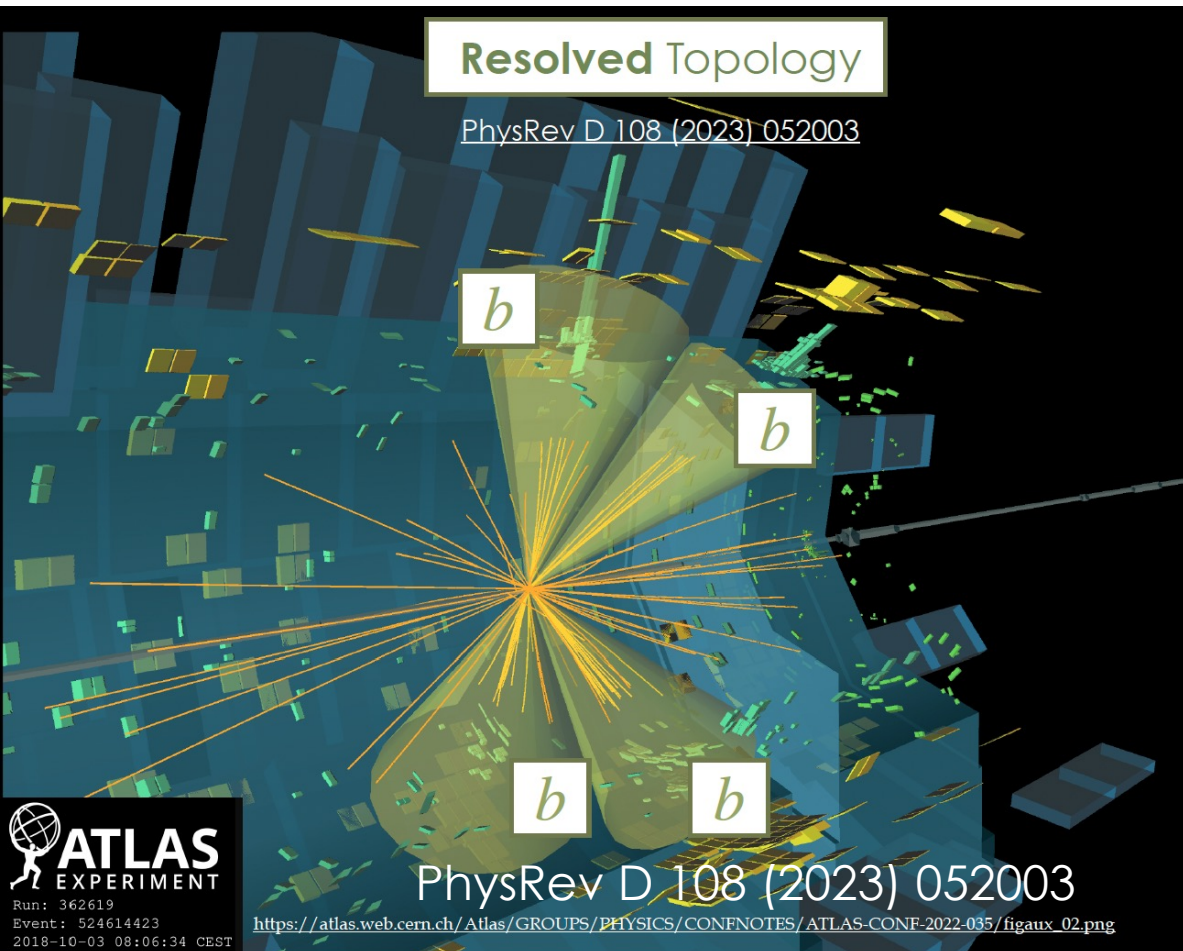
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WW	25%	4.6%			
ττ	7.3%	2.7%	0.39%		
ZZ	3.1%	1.1%	0.33%	0.069%	
γγ	0.26%	0.10%	0.028%	0.012%	0.0005%

$HH \rightarrow bbbb$ @ run 2

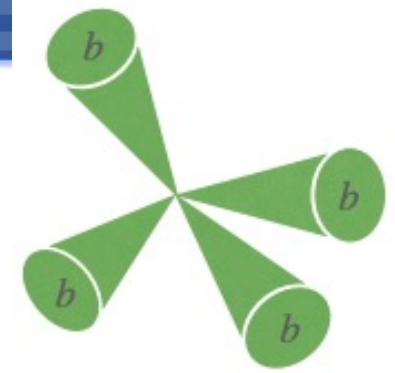
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❖ Largest signal BR (34%), but large multi-jet background

❖ Resolved topology and boosted topology



$HH \rightarrow bbbb$ resolved topology



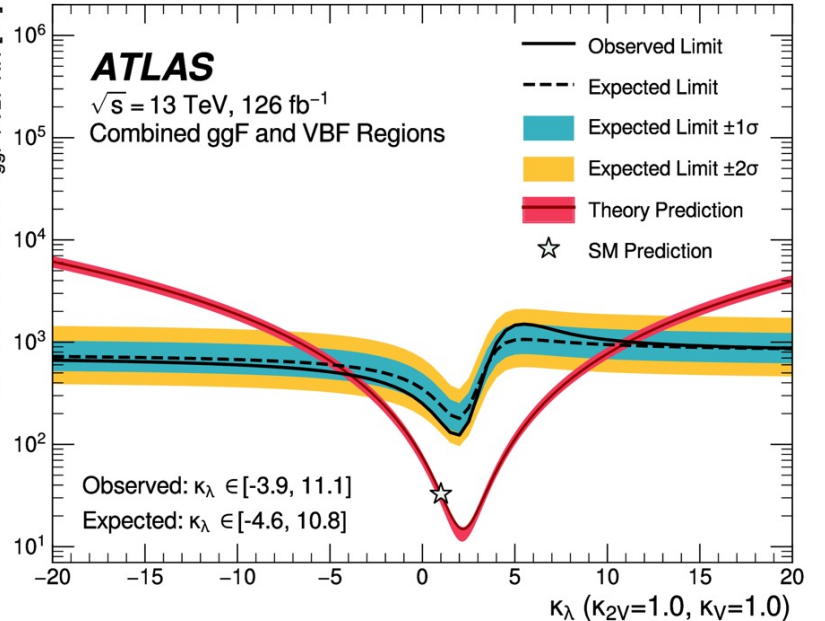
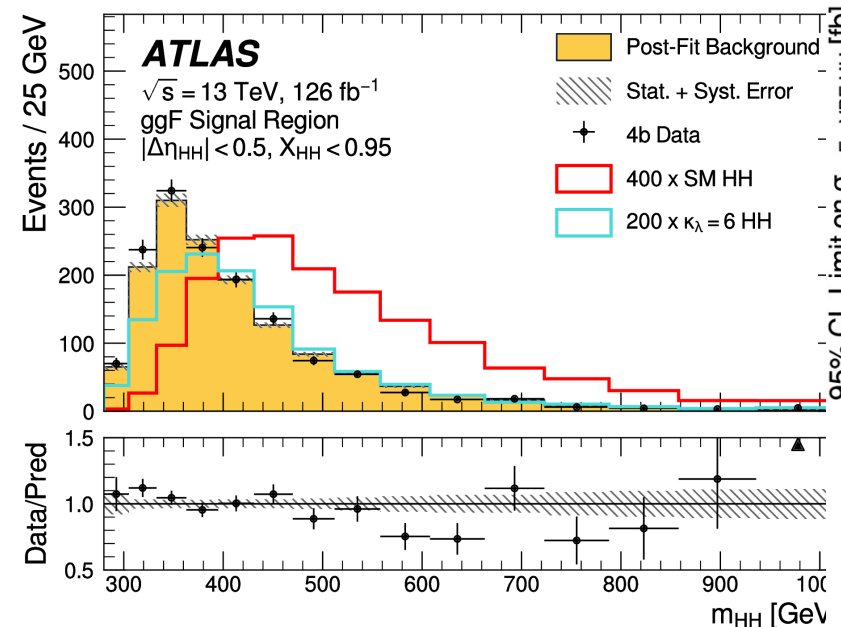
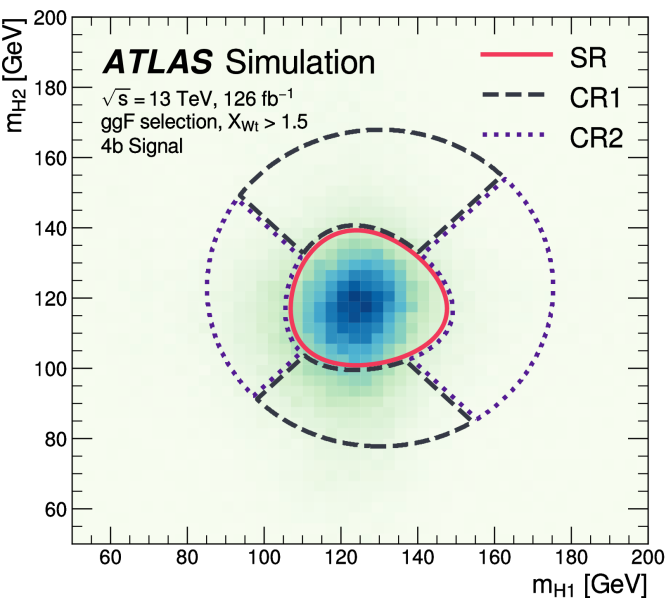
❖ 4 b-tagged jets, Signal in the center of in m_{H1} - m_{H2} plane

❖ Discriminating variable fitted is m_{HH} ,

❖ No excess in data ,Observed (expected) upper limit on μ_{HH} is 5.4 (8.1).

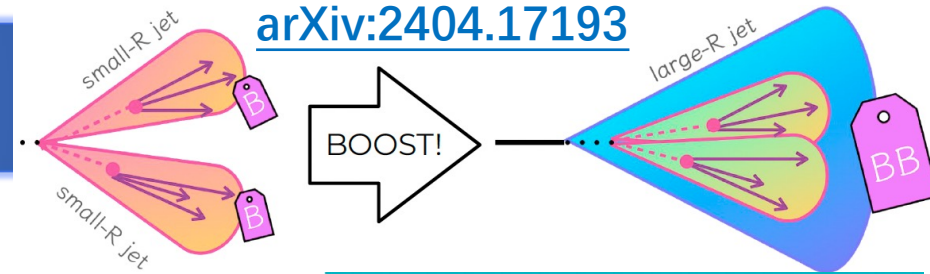
Observed: $\kappa_\lambda \in [-3.9, 11.1]$

Expected: $\kappa_\lambda \in [-4.6, 10.8]$



$HH \rightarrow bbbb$ boosted topology

arXiv:2404.17193



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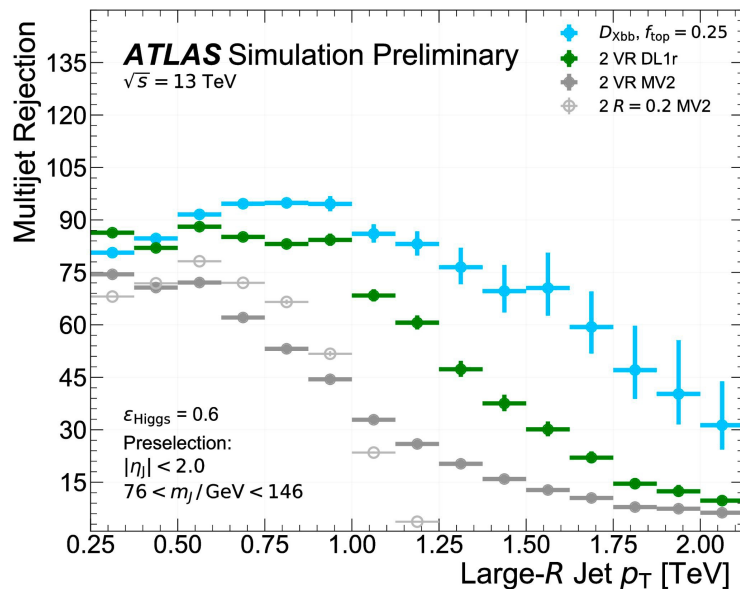
Observed: $\kappa_{2V} \in [-0.55, 1.49]$
Expected: $\kappa_{2V} \in [-0.37, 1.67]$

❖ New ML technique to identify in boosted region

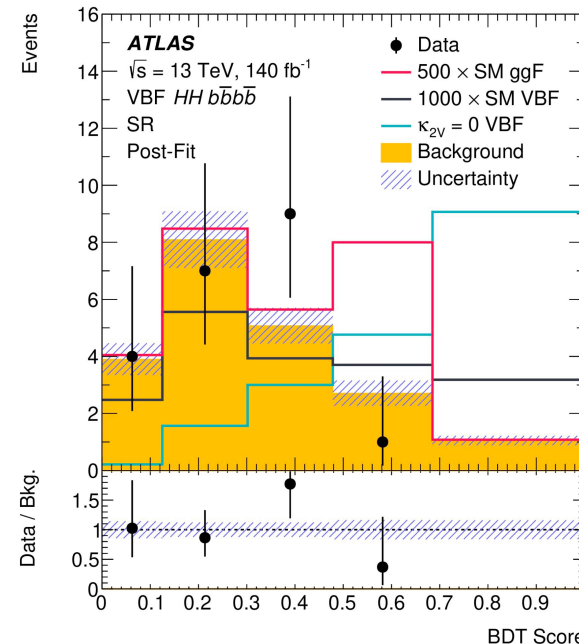
❖ Select two X_{bb} -tagged jets and two additional VBF jets

❖ Boosted VBF HH analysis enhances κ_{2V} sensitivity

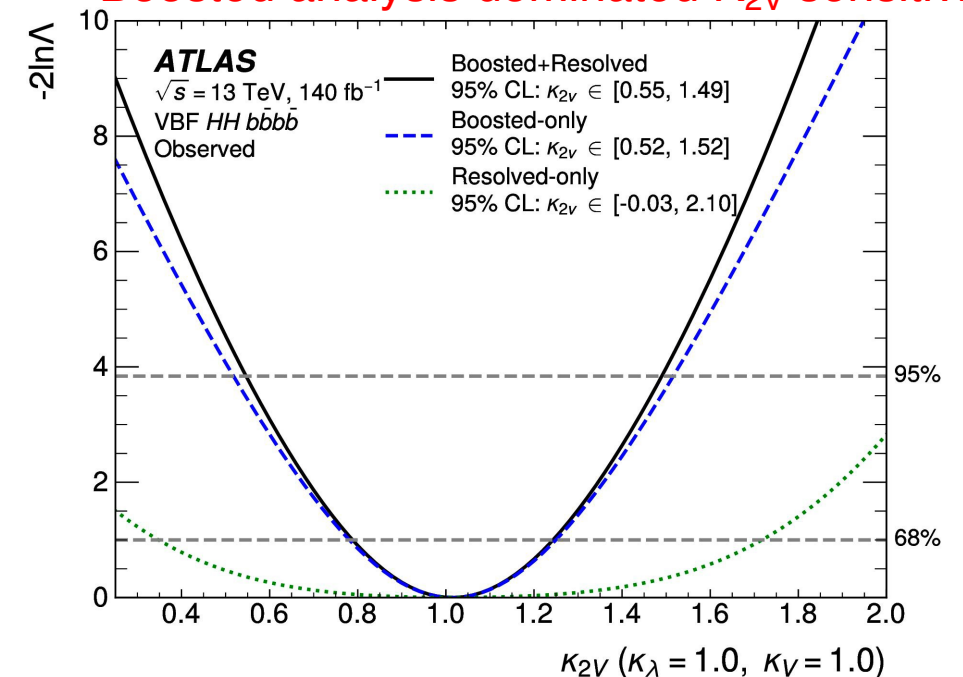
Xbb-tagger performance



Signal extraction for BDT score

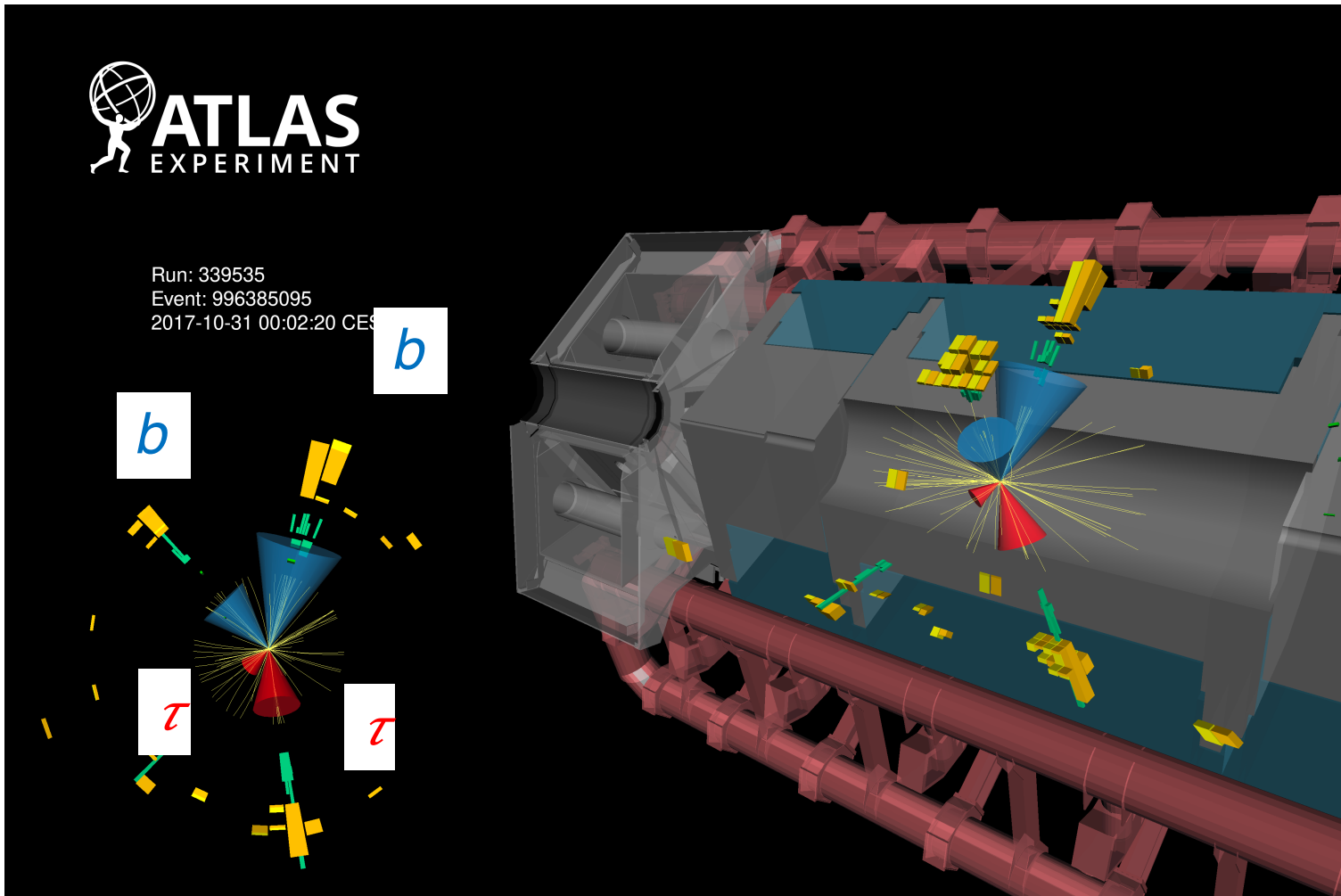


Resolved vs boosted
Boosted analysis dominated κ_{2V} sensitivity



$HH \rightarrow bb\tau\tau$ @ run 2

- ❖ Medium Branching fraction BR (7.3%), good signal selection purity
 - 2 b-jets and 2 τ (two hadronic $\tau_h\tau_h$, or one leptonic and one hadronic $\tau_\ell\tau_h$)

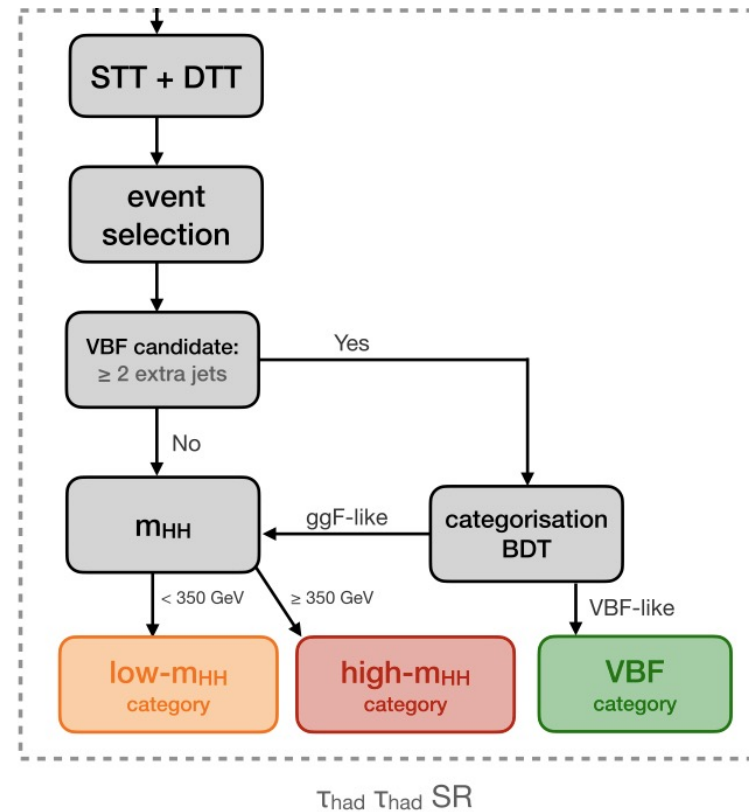
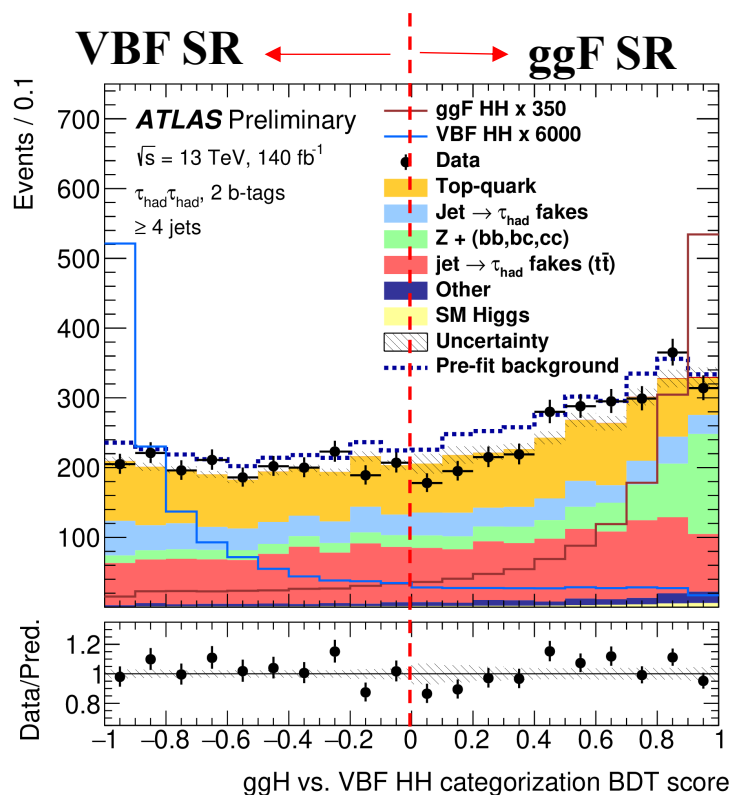


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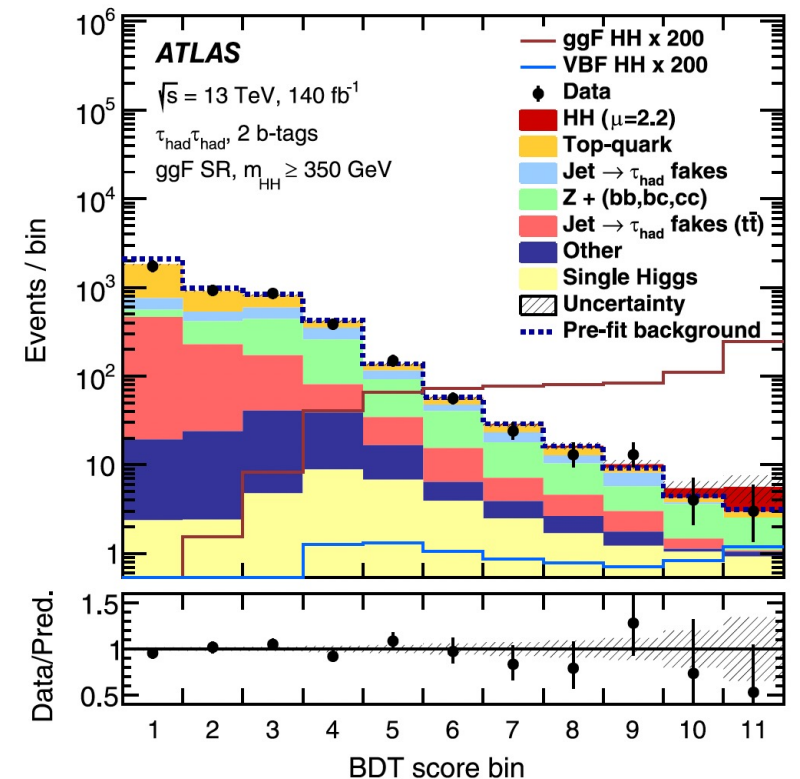
❖ **Event selection:** 2 b-jets and 2 τ ($\tau_h\tau_h$ or $\tau_\ell\tau_h$), BDT to category VBF and ggF

❖ **Strategy :** BDT score is fitted in 3 categories: ggF low- m_{HH} , ggF high- m_{HH} and VBF

❖ **Background:** real τ from $t\bar{t}$, $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$ + jets, fake τ from multijets and $t\bar{t}$



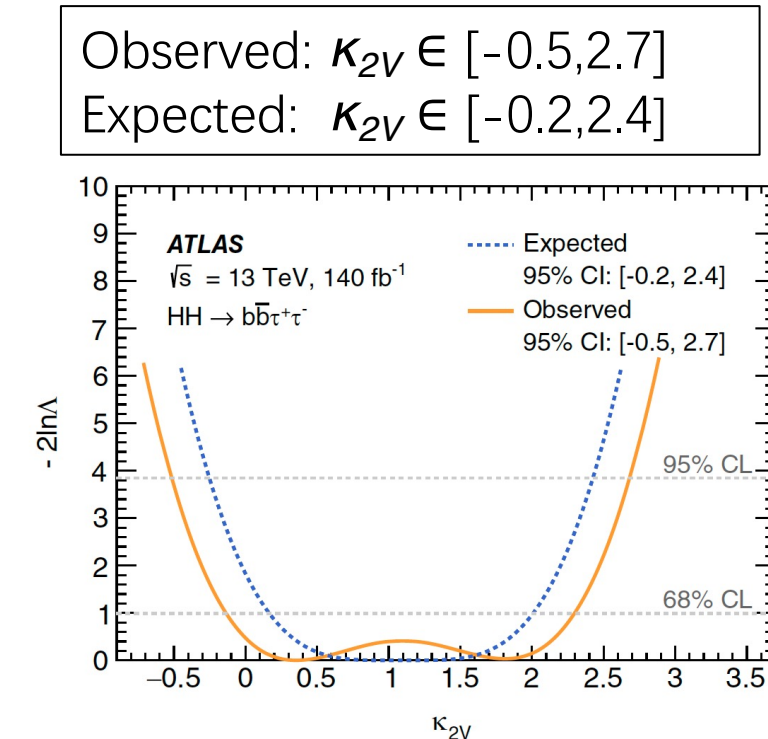
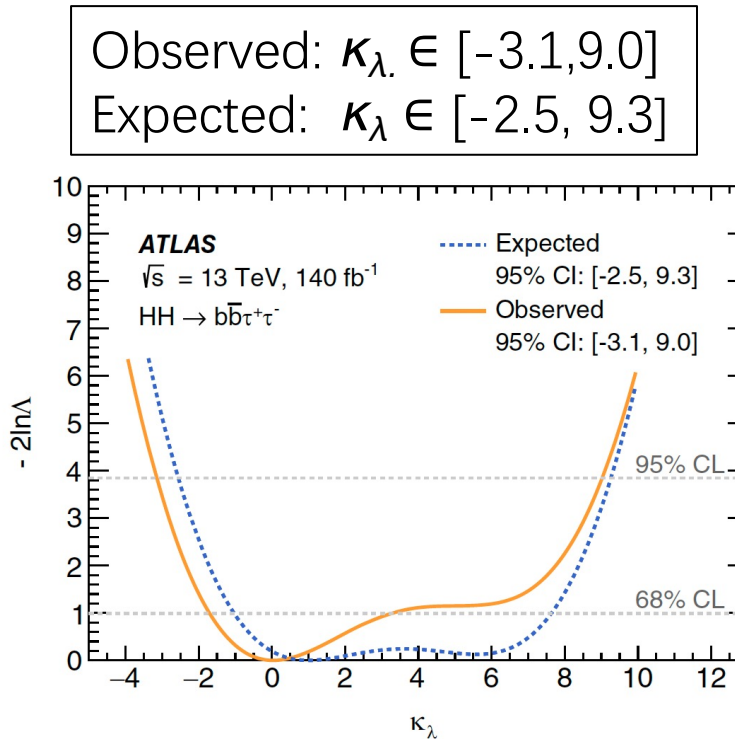
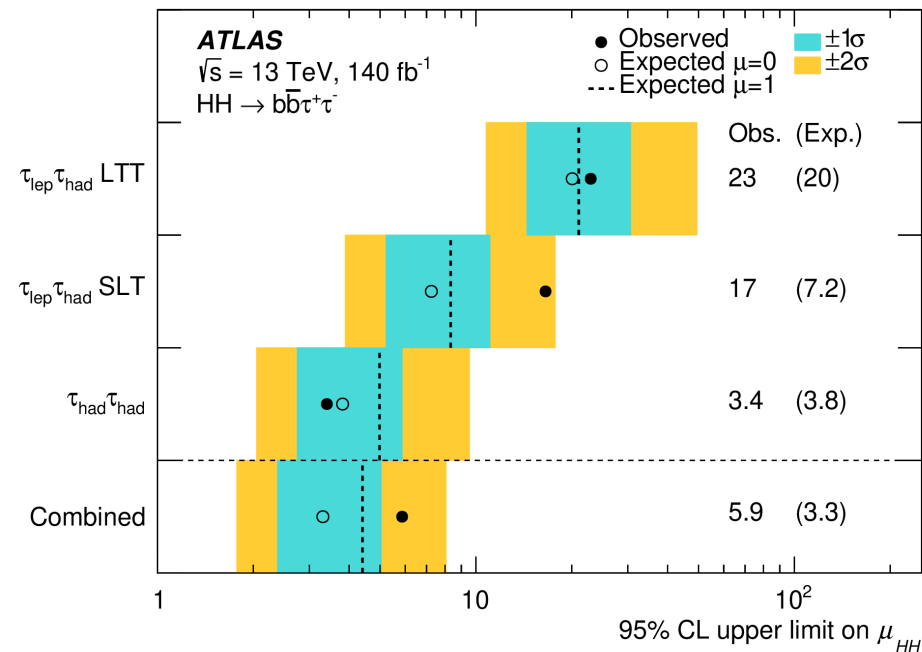
BDT output for signal extraction



❖ **Signal extraction:** by combining the BDT scores across the 3 Signal Regions

❖ **Result:** sensitivity driven by fully hadronic channel $\tau_h\tau_h$

❖ **Observed (expected) upper limit on μ_{HH} is 5.9 (3.3)**



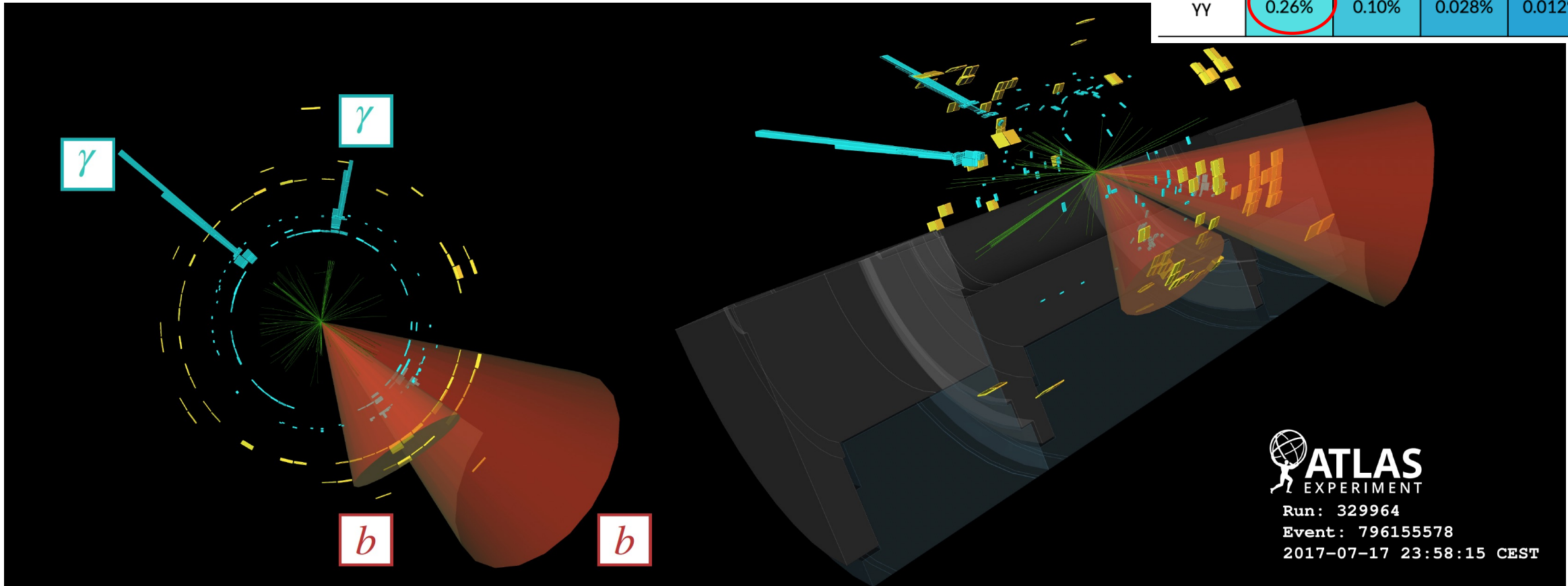
$HH \rightarrow bby\gamma$ @ run 2

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❖ Clean channel, but low BR (0.26%)

❖ 2 b -jets and 2 photons

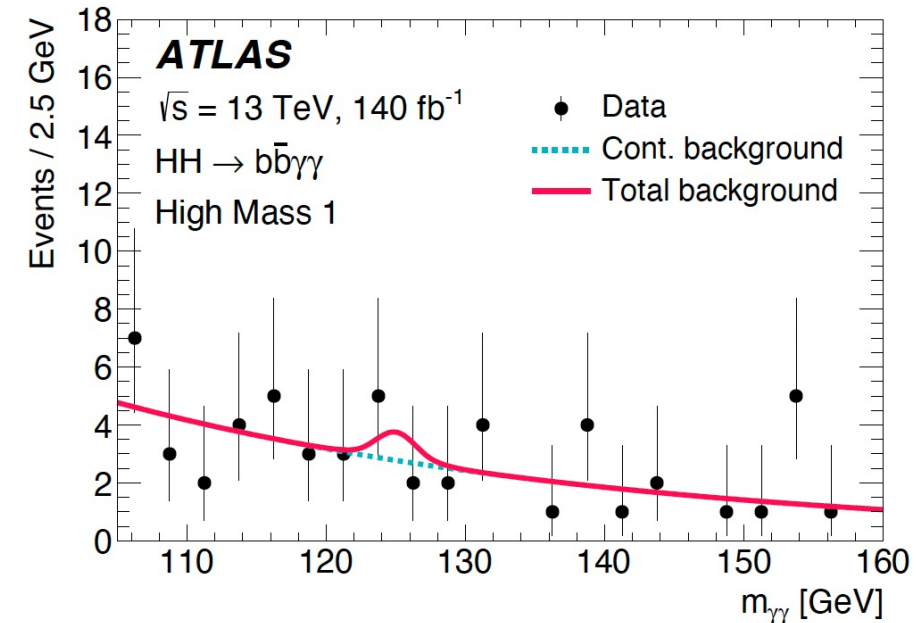
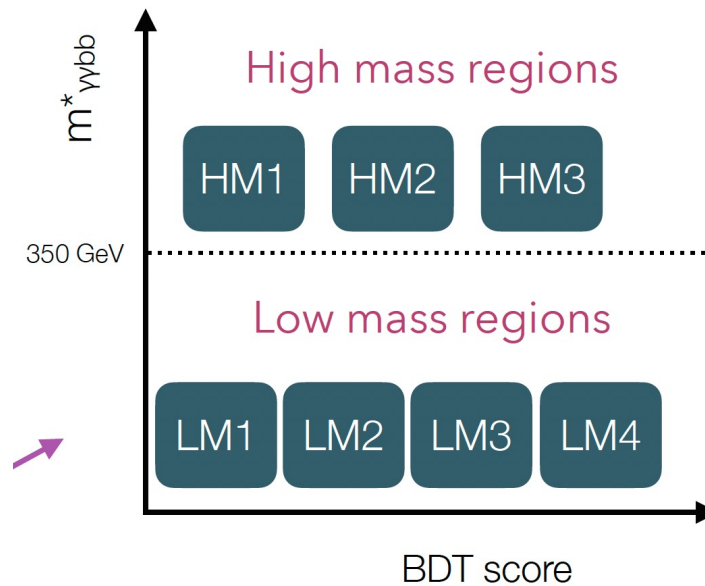
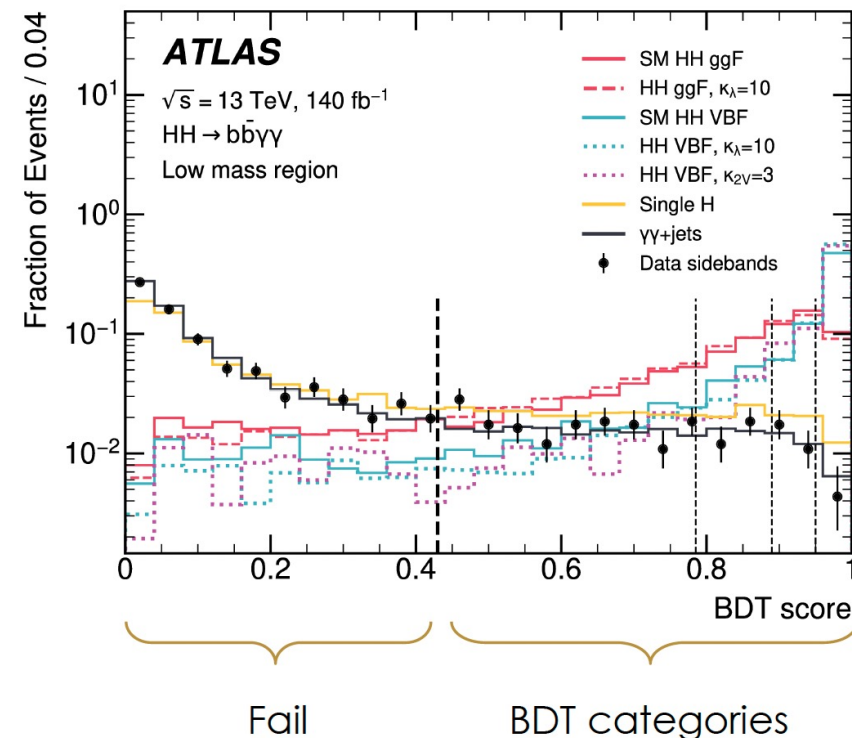
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❖ BDT trained to categorize events according to signal purity

- ▶ Events are first split in low/high- m_{HH} regions
- ▶ then in each category BDT are trained to categorize events according to signal purity

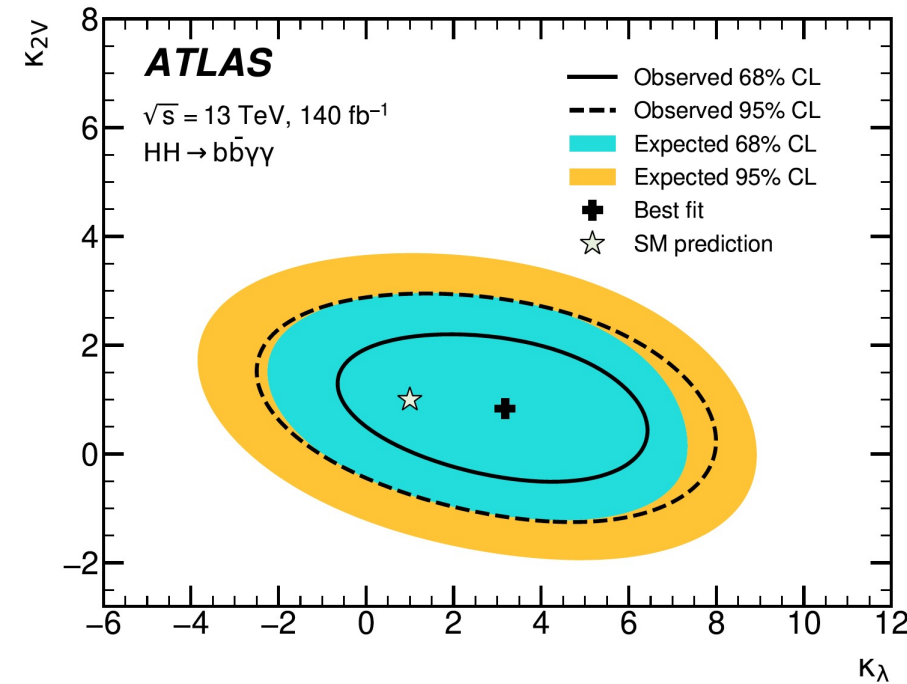
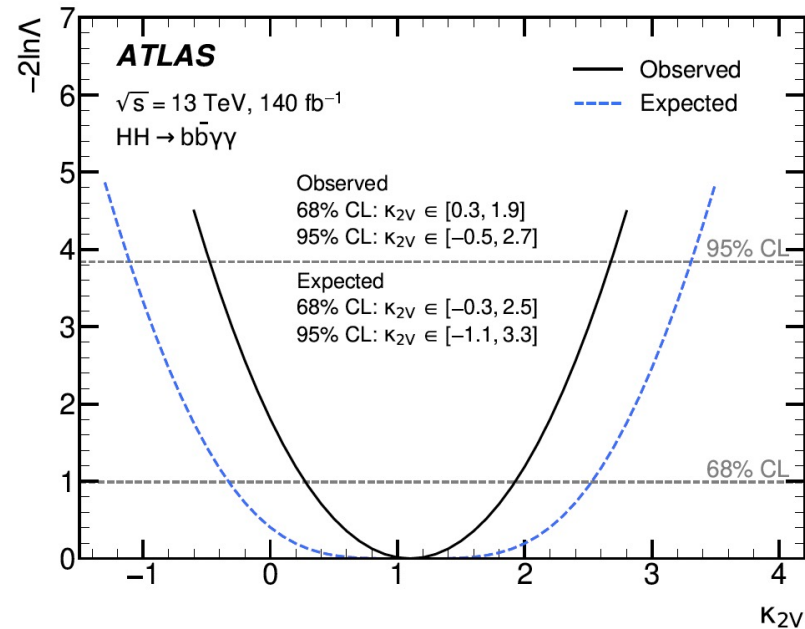
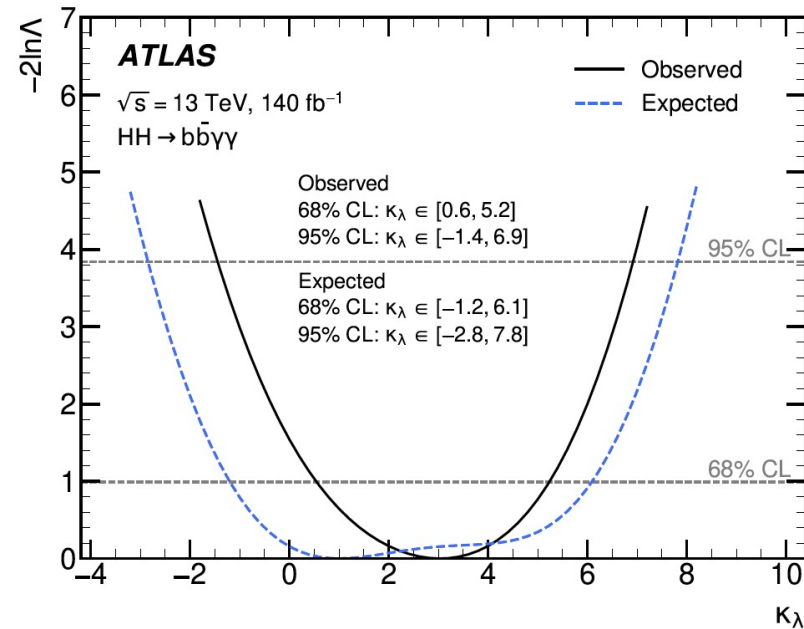
❖ Extract signal from $m_{\gamma\gamma}$ fit, sidebands from low BDT bins



❖ Observed (expected) upper limit on μ_{HH} is 4.0 (5.0).

Observed: $\kappa_\lambda \in [-1.4, 6.9]$
Expected: $\kappa_\lambda \in [-2.8, 7.8]$

Observed: $\kappa_{2V} \in [-0.5, 2.7]$
Expected: $\kappa_{2V} \in [-1.1, 3.3]$

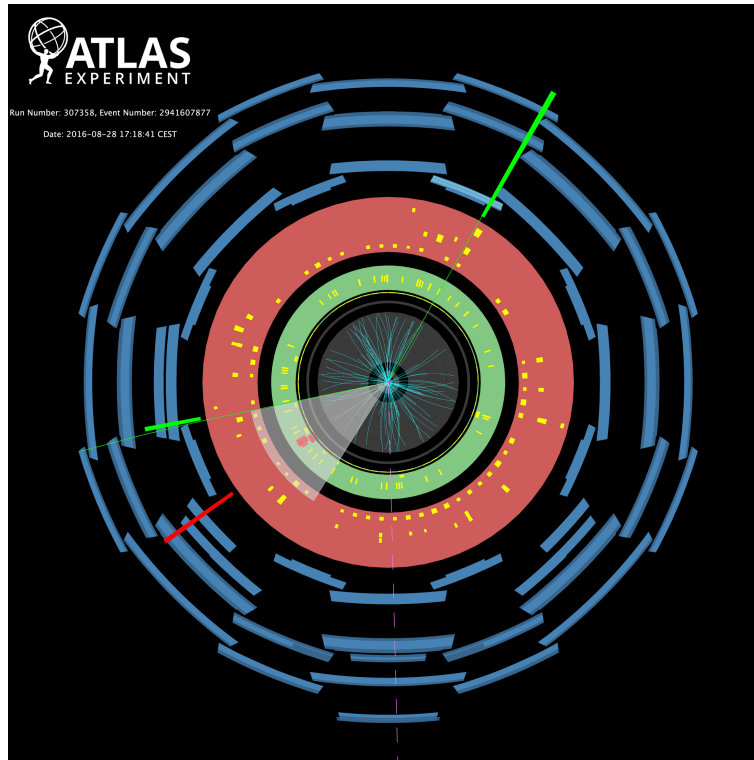


$HH \rightarrow$ multileptons @ run 2

❖ Includes many decay modes:

- ▶ $\gamma\gamma$ + multileptons
- ▶ Multileptons

❖ Multiple selections based on number of leptons (e, μ, τ) and photons



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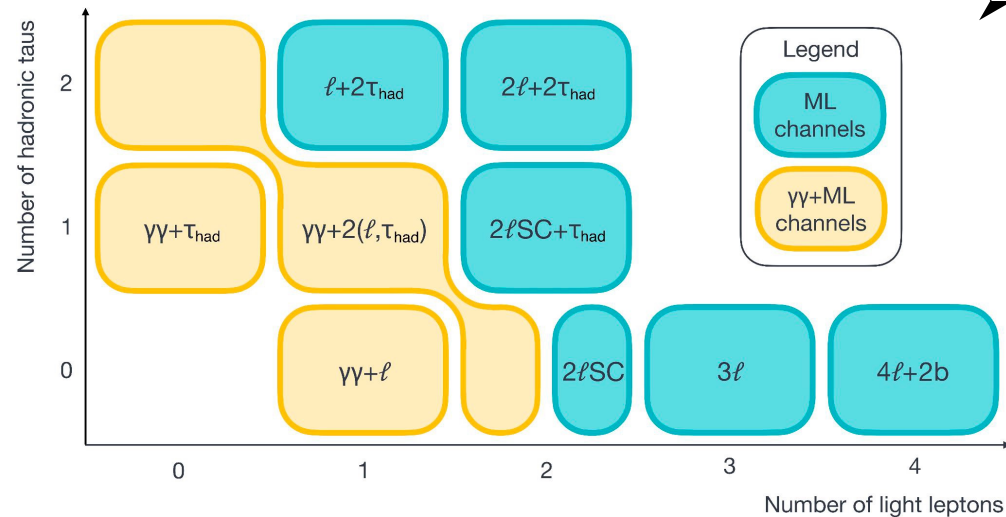
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❖ Selections based on number of leptons (e, μ, τ) and γ

❖ 9 signal regions, 19 control regions

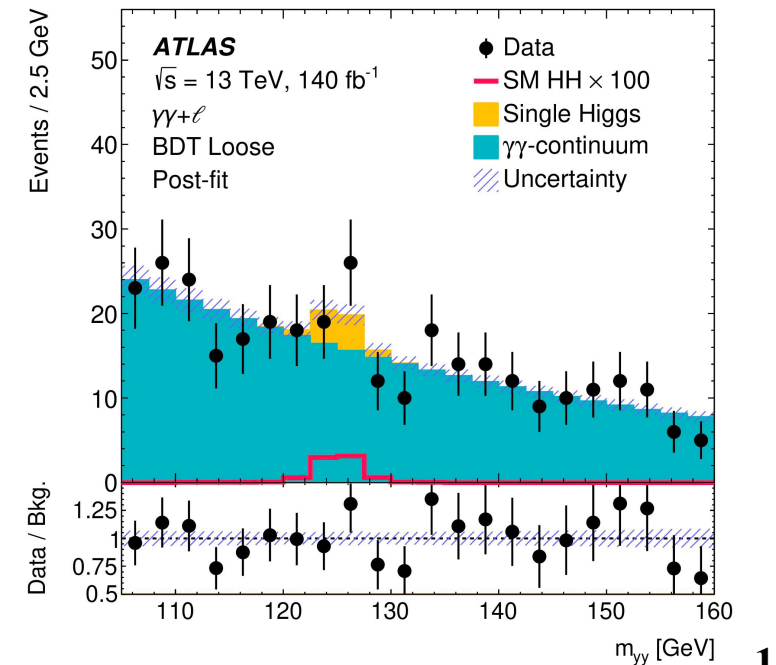
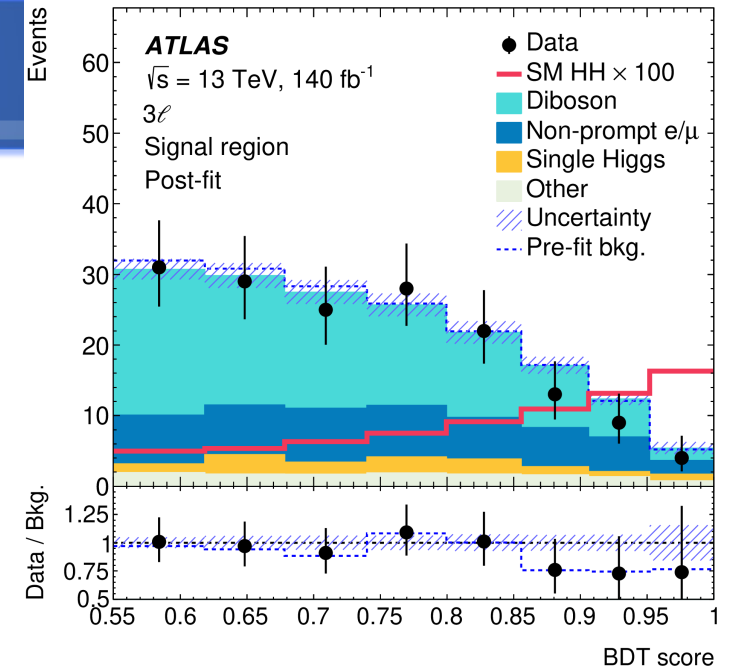
ML channels

- Cut-based categorization
- Signal extraction from BDT score



$\gamma\gamma$ +ML channels

- BDT categorization
- Signal extraction from $m_{\gamma\gamma}$

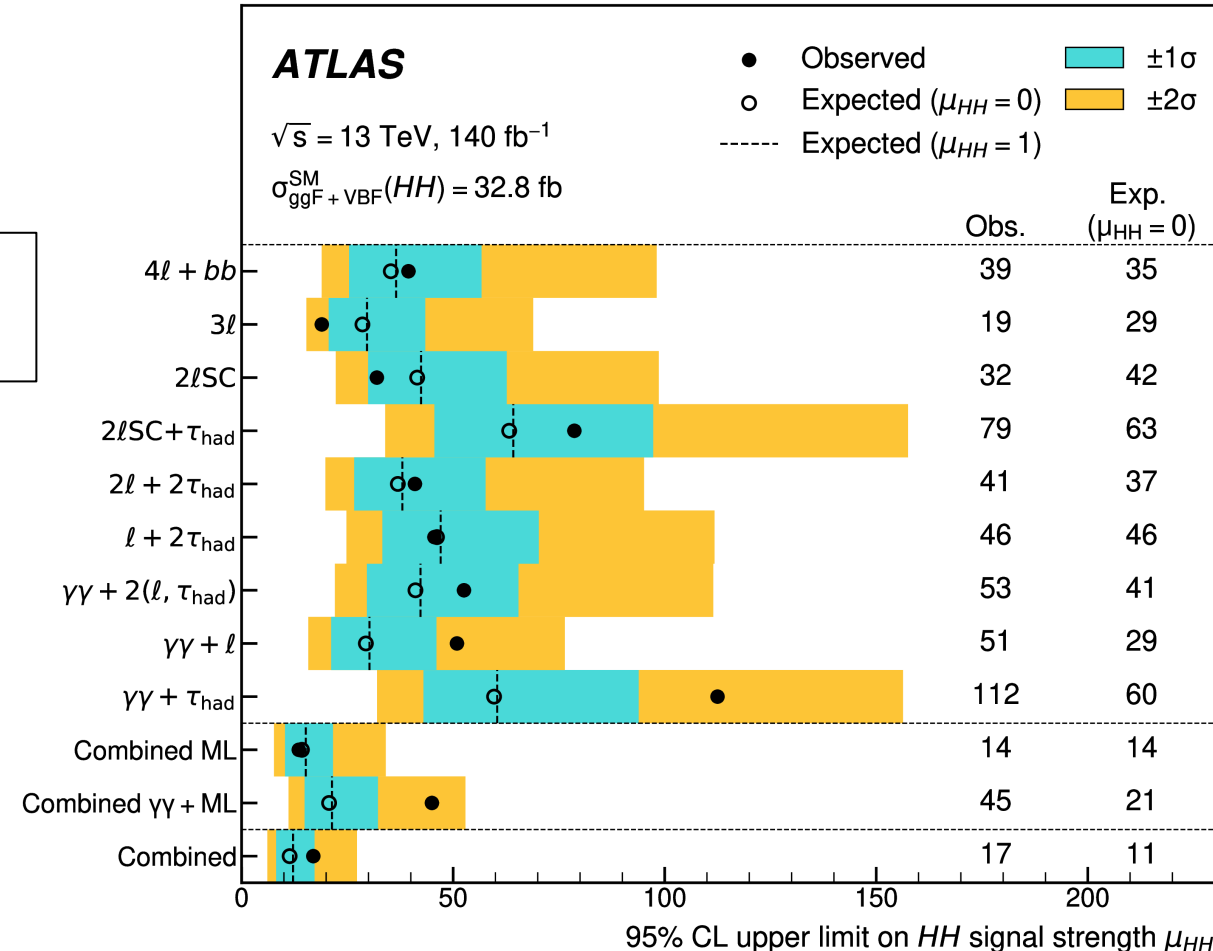
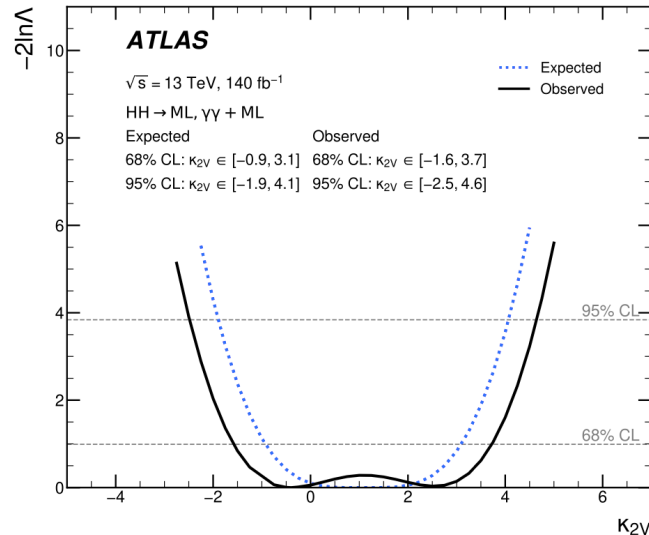
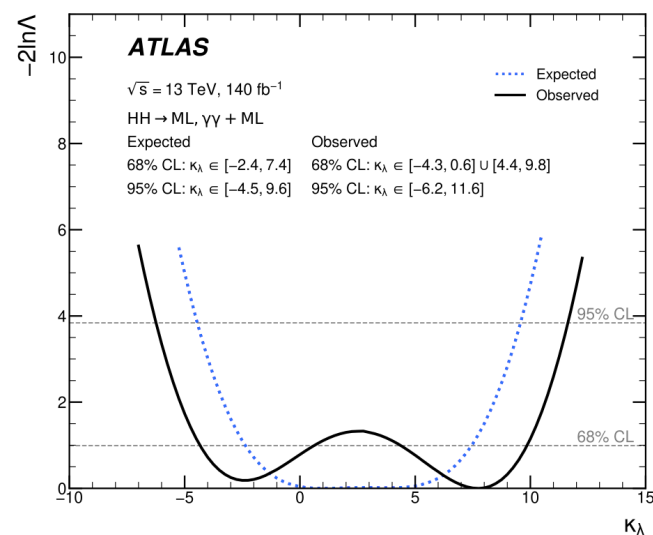


❖ Observed (expected) upper limit on μ_{HH} is 17 (11).

❖ No single channel is dominating

Observed: $\kappa_\lambda \in [-6.2, 11.6]$
 Expected: $\kappa_\lambda \in [-4.5, 9.6]$

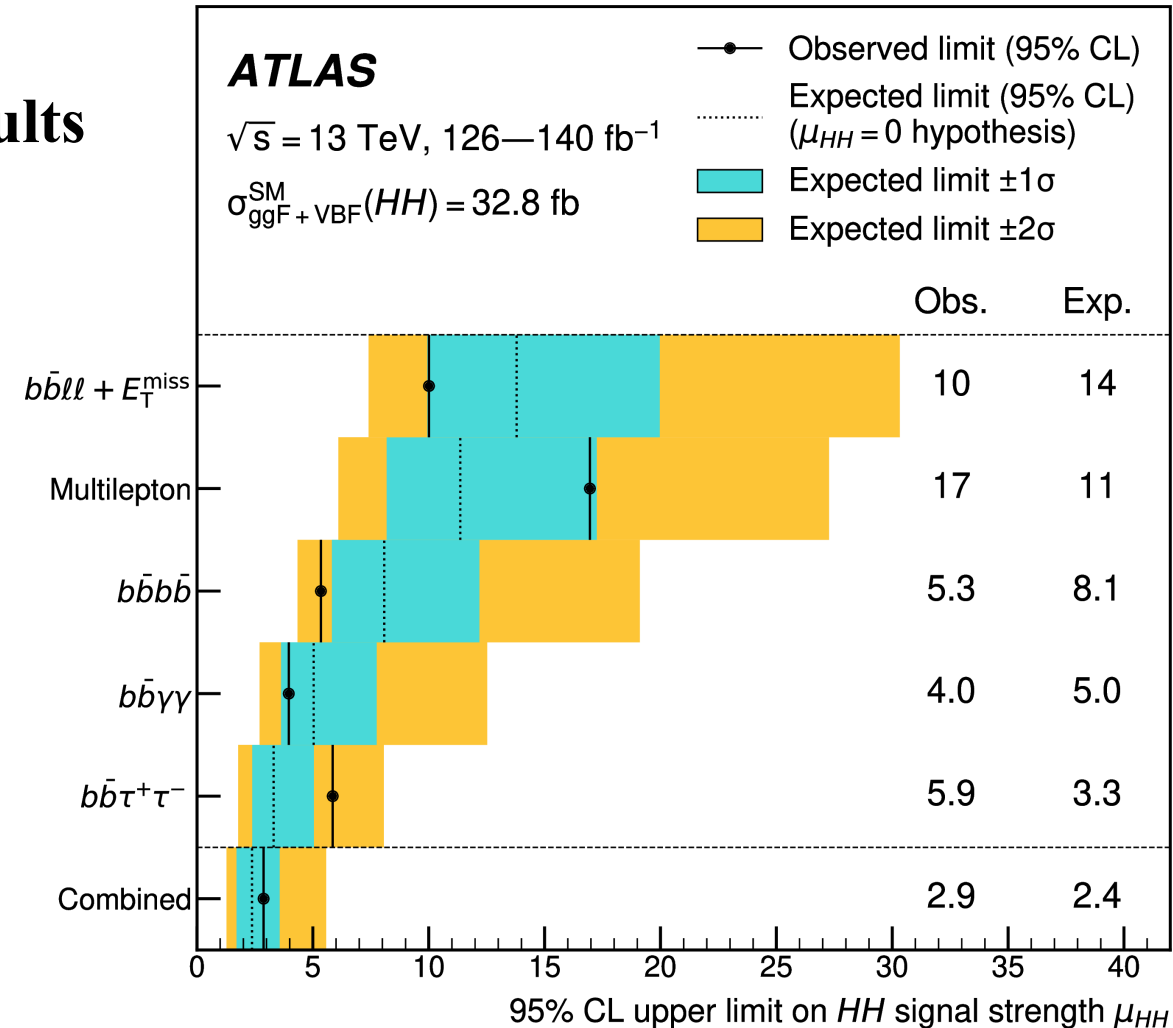
Observed: $\kappa_{2V} \in [-2.5, 4.6]$
 Expected: $\kappa_{2V} \in [-1.9, 4.1]$



❖ Recent update in ATLAS HH combination

- **bbττ, bbyy improved results**
- **New boosted VBF 4b added to resolved 4b results**
- **New multi-leptons and bbℓℓ+MET**

$\mu_{HH} < 2.9$ (2.4 exp.)
 $\sigma_{HH} < 85.8$ (71.1 exp) fb

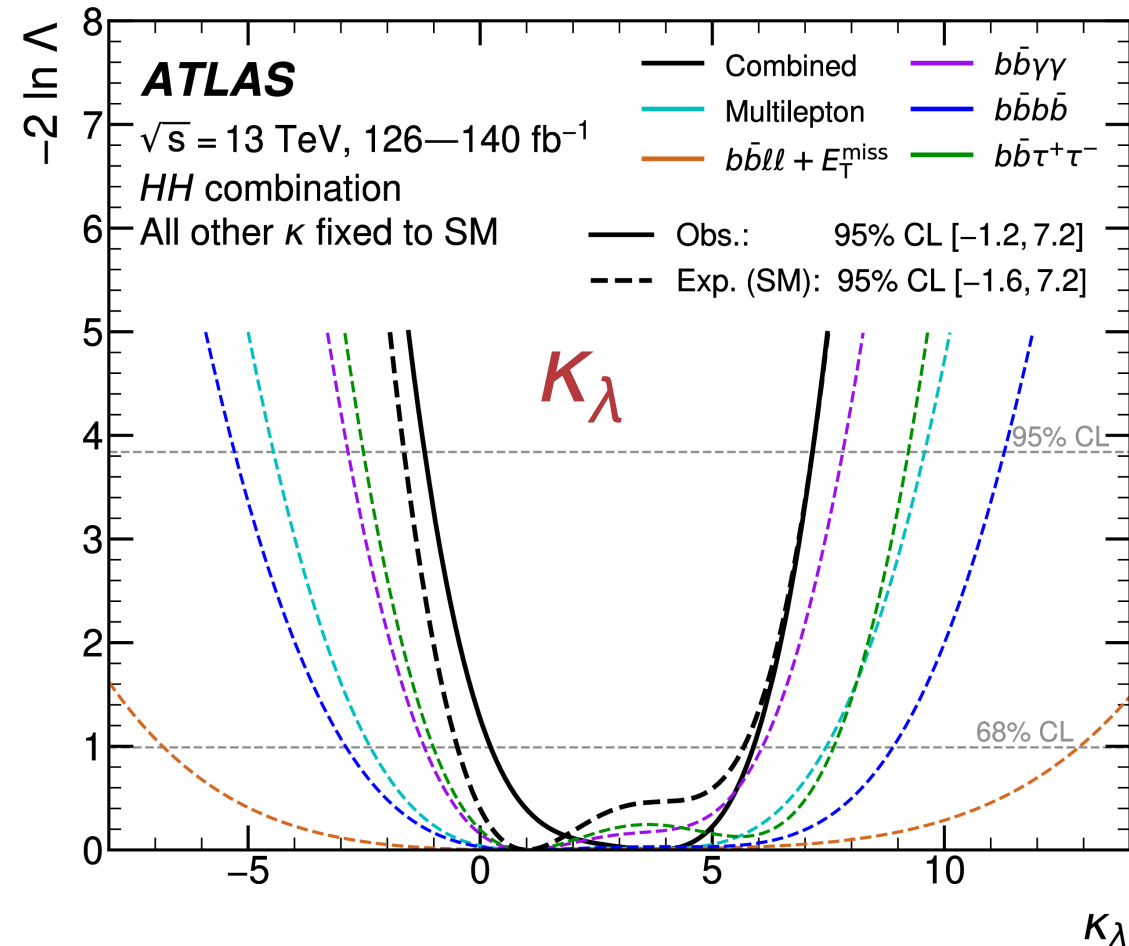


Run 2 HH Combination

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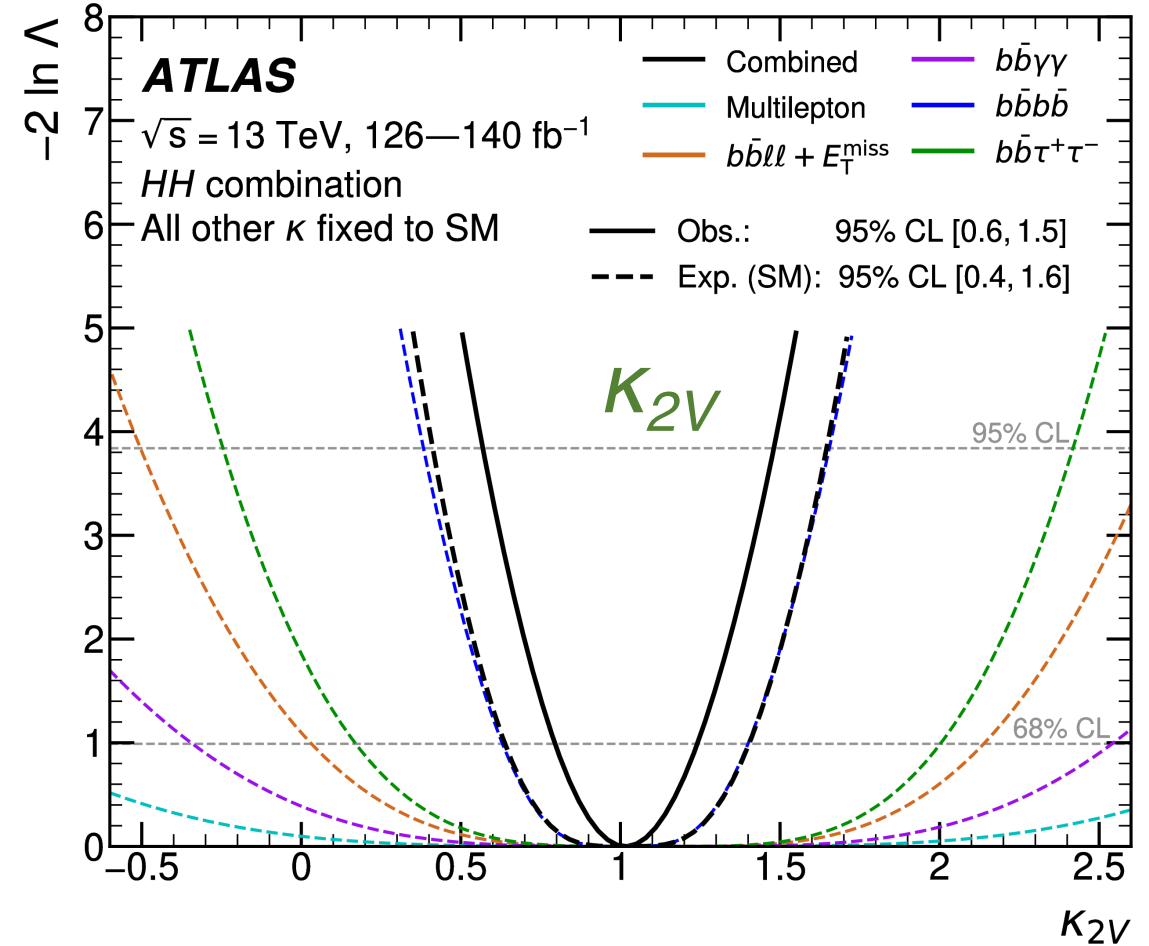
Observed: $\kappa_\lambda \in [-1.2, 7.2]$
 Expected: $\kappa_\lambda \in [-1.6, 7.2]$

Dominated by $b\bar{b}\tau\tau$, $b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$



Observed: $\kappa_{2V} \in [-0.6, 1.5]$
 Expected: $\kappa_{2V} \in [-0.4, 1.6]$

Dominated by boosted VBF 4b



Summary

❖ Run 2 combination: Observed (expected) limit on μ_{HH} is 2.9 (2.4).

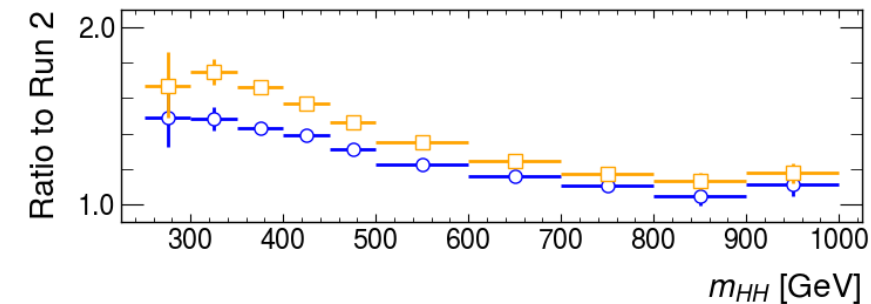
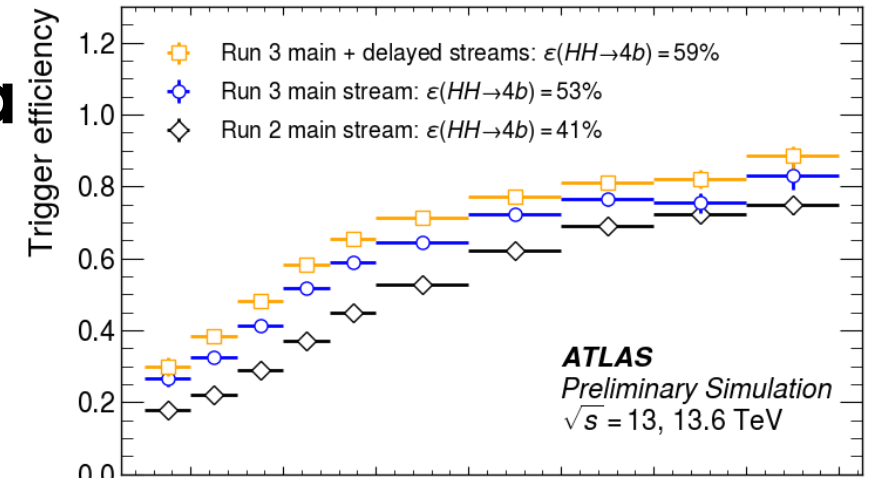
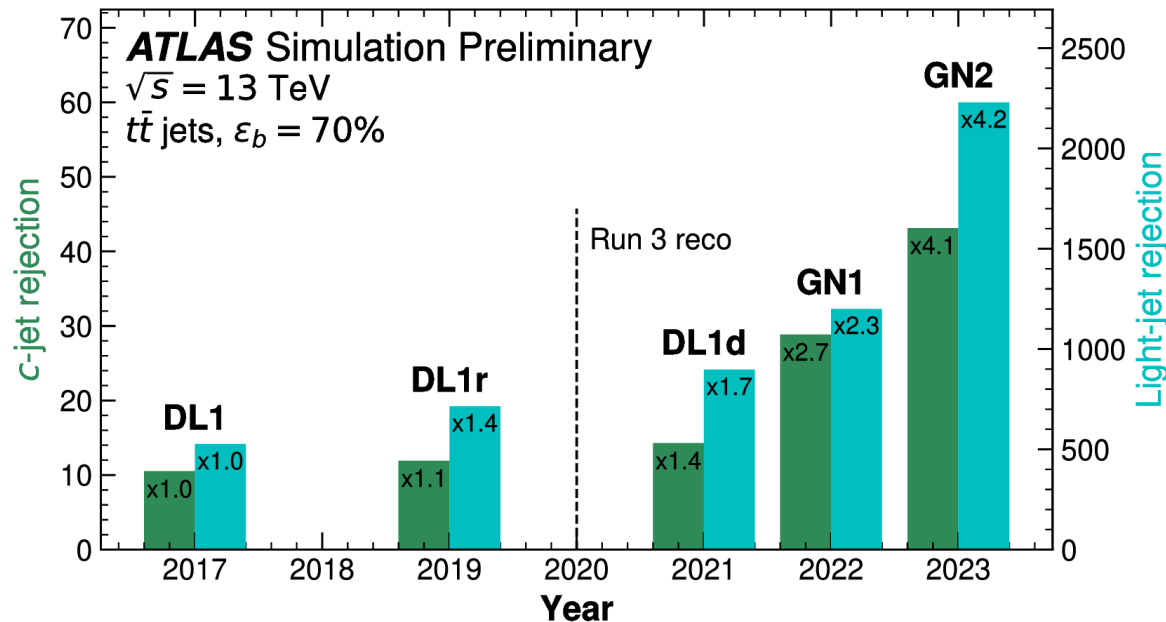
❖ Run2 Combination results constraints Higgs self-coupling

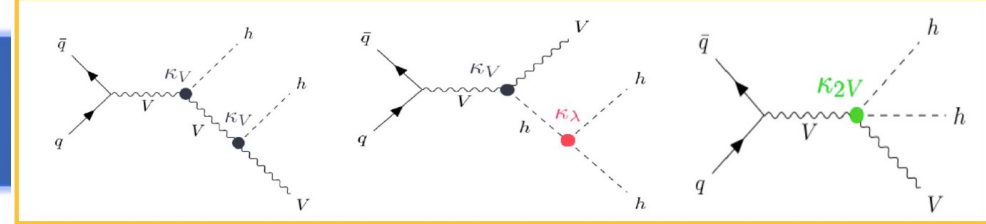
▶ $\kappa_\lambda \in [-1.2, 7.2]$, $\kappa_{2V} \in [-0.6, 1.5]$ observed limits at 95% CL.

Smarter triggering run 3

❖ Expect large improvements using Run3 data

Better flavor jet tagging in run 3





❖ Sensitive to ZZHH and WWHH separately

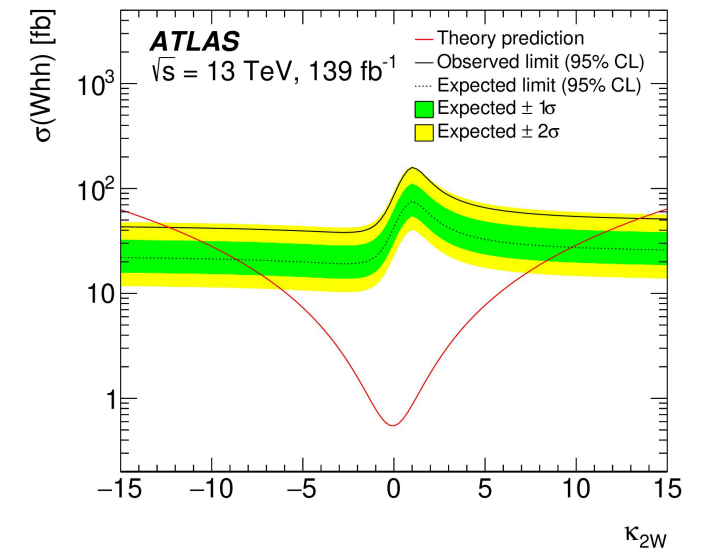
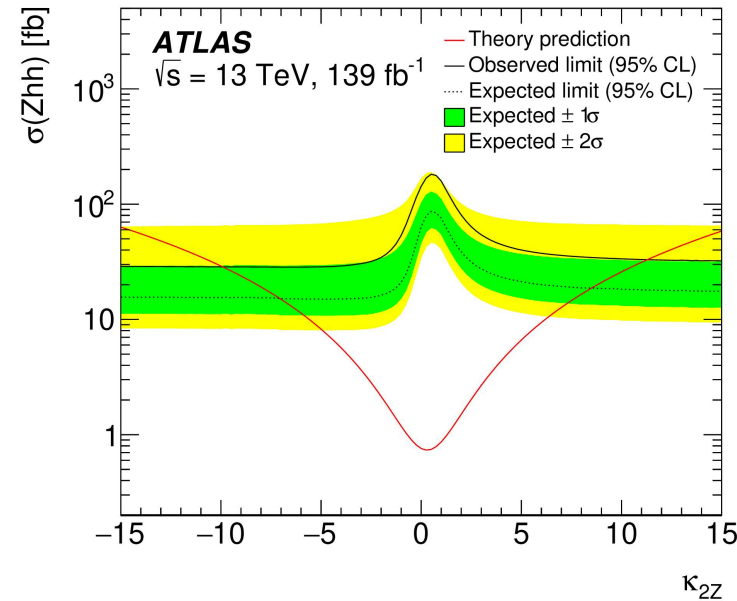
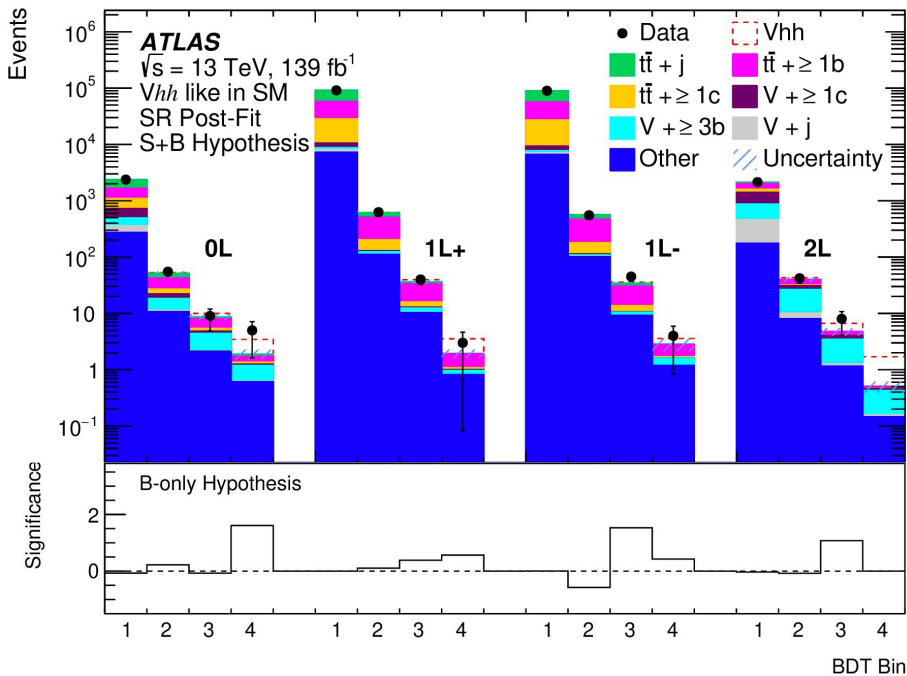
❖ Different channels explored: Z → νν (0L), W → lν (1L), Z → ll (2L)

Observed: $\kappa_\lambda \in [-34.4, 33.3]$
 Expected: $\kappa_\lambda \in [-24.1, 22.9]$

Observed: $\kappa_{2V} \in [-8.6, 10]$
 Expected: $\kappa_{2V} \in [-5.7, 7.1]$

Observed: $\kappa_{2Z} \in [-9.9, 11.3]$
 Expected: $\kappa_{2Z} \in [-7.1, 8.5]$

Observed: $\kappa_{2W} \in [-12.3, 13.5]$
 Expected: $\kappa_{2W} \in [-8.6, 9.8]$

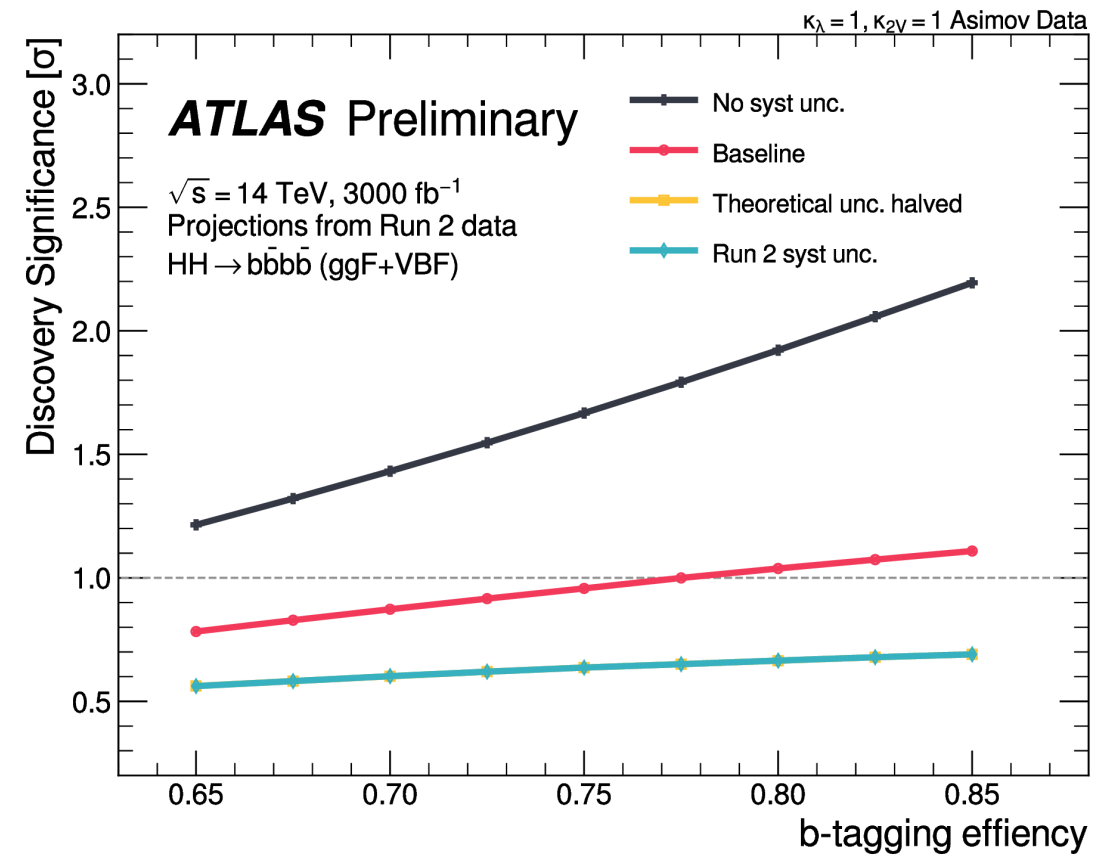
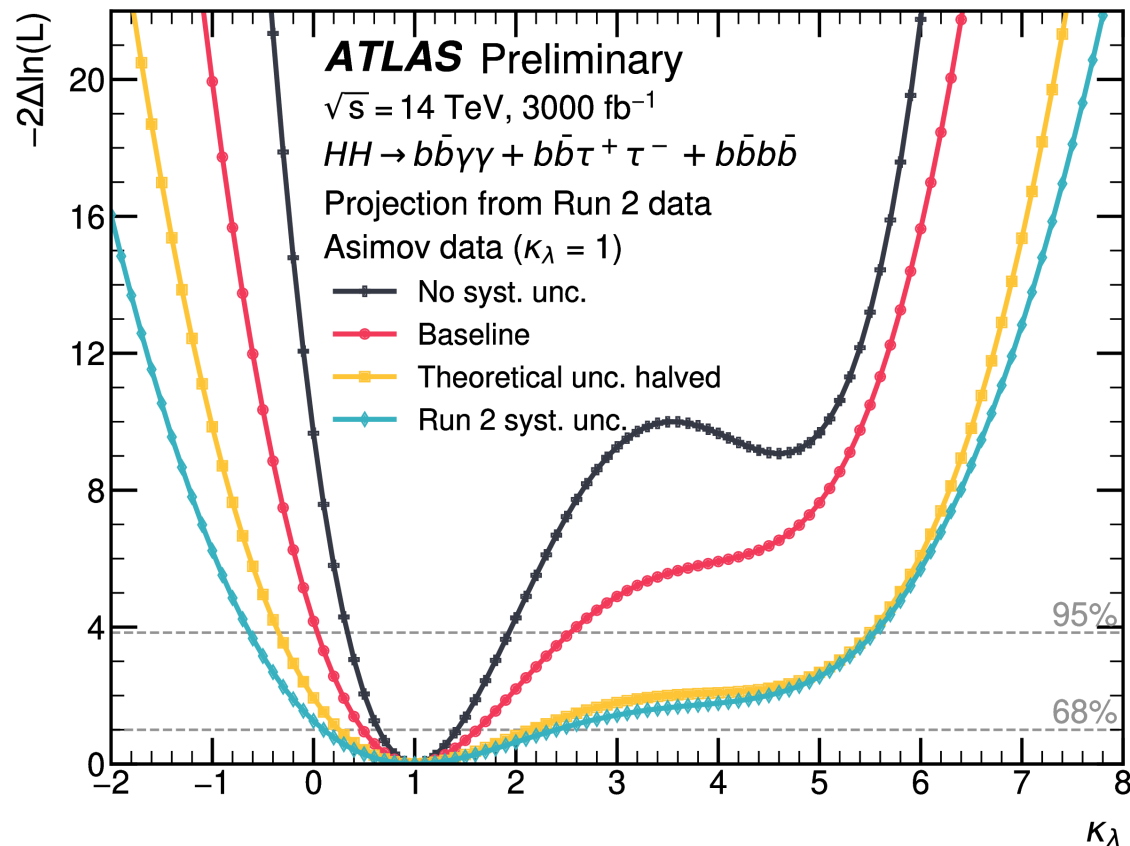


Backup: HL-LHC Projection for $HH \rightarrow bb\gamma\gamma, bb\tau\tau, bbbb$

❖ HL-LHC constraints on Higgs self-coupling $\kappa\lambda \in [0.0, 2.5]$

❖ HL-LHC, systematic uncertainty become limiting factor

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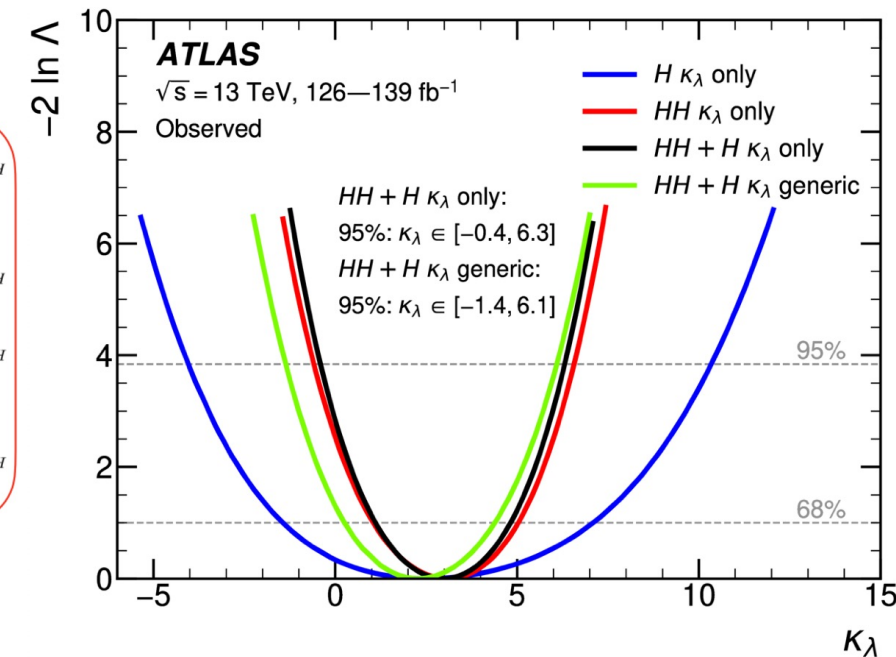
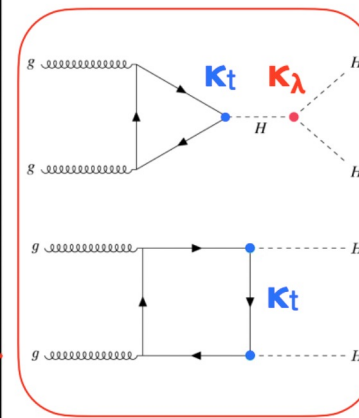
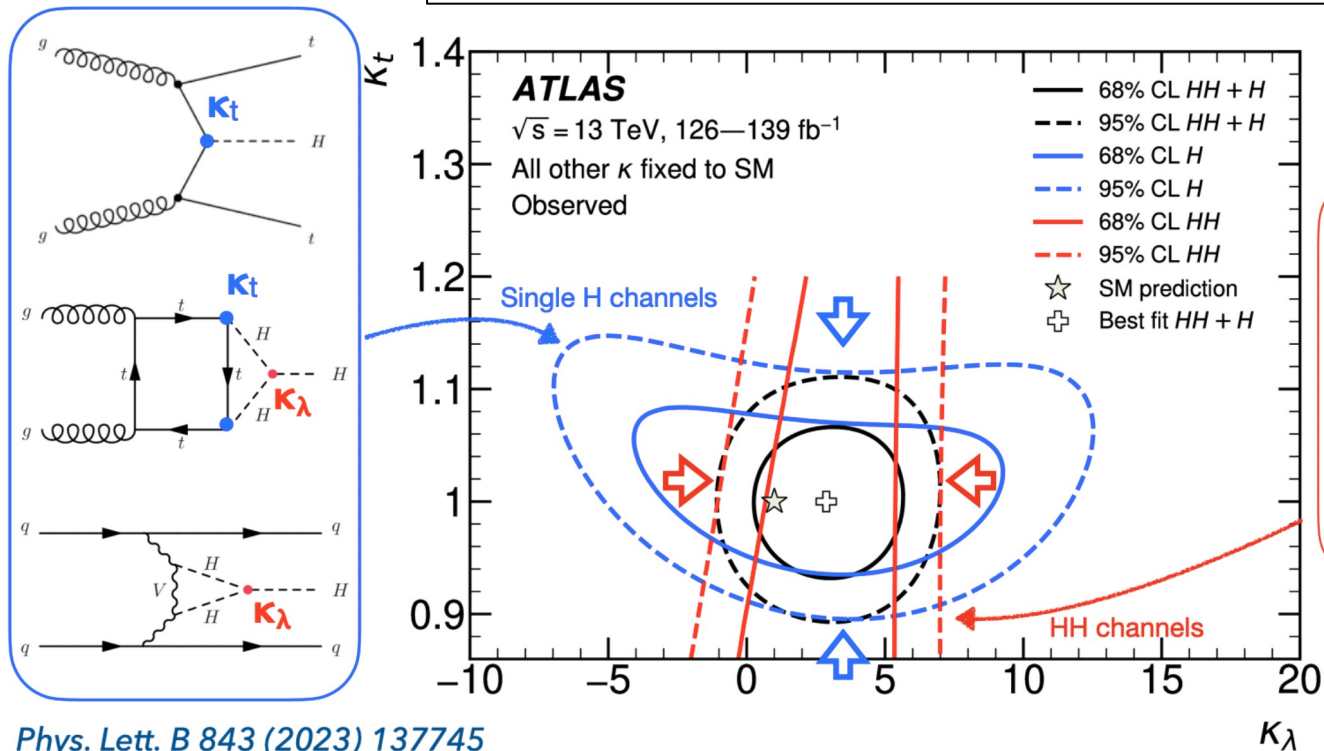
Backup: H+ HH combination

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❖ κ_λ contributes to single-H at NLO EW corrections (indirect constraint)

❖ Combination with partials HH channels

Observed: HH+H only, $\kappa_\lambda \in [-0.4, 6.3]$
 Expected: HH+H only, $\kappa_\lambda \in [-1.9, 7.6]$



Introduction

❖ Study HH production allows for direct probing of the Higgs self-coupling

$$V \approx \lambda v^2 h^2 + \lambda v h^3 + \lambda h^4 + \dots$$

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Mass
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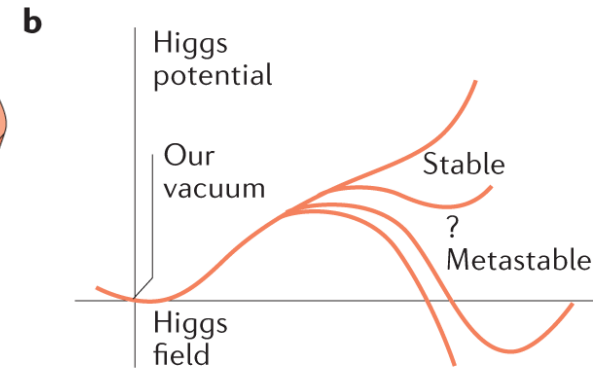
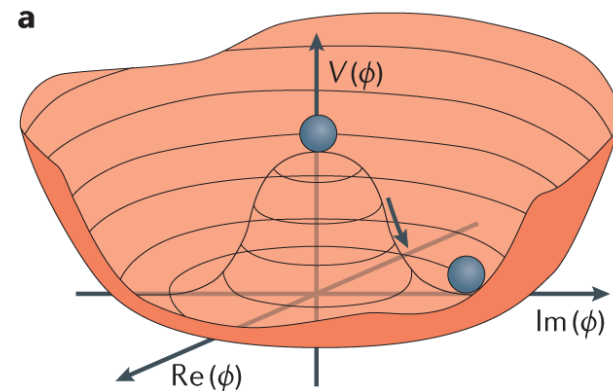
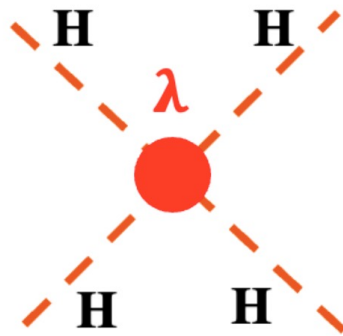
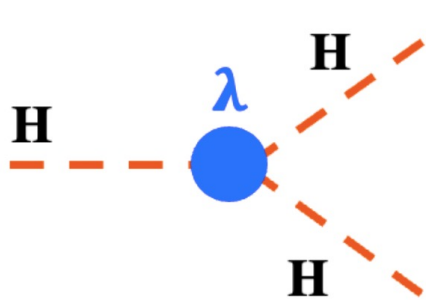
$$\frac{1}{2} m_h^2$$

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Trilinear
coupling

$$\lambda_{hhh}^{\text{SM}} = \frac{m_h^2}{2v^2} \approx 0.13$$

$$K_\lambda = \lambda_{hhh} / \lambda_{hhh(\text{SM})}$$

$$K_{2V} = \lambda_{hhVV} / \lambda_{hhVV(\text{SM})}$$



$HH \rightarrow bb\tau\tau$: category

