



EFT Interpretations using the Higgs boson in the ATLAS experiment

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Introduction

- Interpretation of measurements of Higgs boson production and decay rates and differential cross sections with Run 2 data, [arXiv:2402.05742](#).
 - **STXS-0***: only distinguishes inclusive production processes.
 - **STXS-1.2**: partition production processes in kinematic regions.

Decay channel	Binning	SMEFT	Production mode	L [fb ⁻¹]
$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	STXS-1.2	✓	ggF, VBF, VH, ttH, tH	139
	Differential p_T^H	✓		
$H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$	STXS-1.2	✓	$ZZ \rightarrow 4l: ggF, VBF, VH, ttH+tH$	139
	Differential p_T^H	✓		
$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$	STXS-1.2	✓	ggF, VBF, VH, ttH, tH	139
	differential	✓		139
$H \rightarrow WW$	STXS-1.2	✓	ggF, VBF	139
$H \rightarrow bb$	STXS-1.2	✓	$VH, ttH+tH, VBF, inclusive (boosted)$	139, 126 (VBF)
$H \rightarrow Z\gamma$	STXS-0*	✓	inclusive	139
$H \rightarrow \mu\mu$	STXS-0*	✓	$ggF+ttH+tH, VBF+VH$	139

* $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ differential results from another stand-alone publication [arXiv:2407.16320](#).

Interpretation based on SMEFT

- SMEFT Lagrangian: $\mathcal{L}_{\text{SMEFT}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \sum_i^{N_{d=6}} \frac{c_i}{\Lambda^2} O_i^{(6)} + \sum_j^{N_{d=8}} \frac{b_j}{\Lambda^4} O_j^{(8)} + \dots$

operators
with $d = 6$

operators
with $d = 8$

- c_i – Wilson coefficients

- Only $d = 6$ operators are considered, impact of $d = 8$ operators might be non-negligible.

- SMEFT cross section relative to SM expectation:

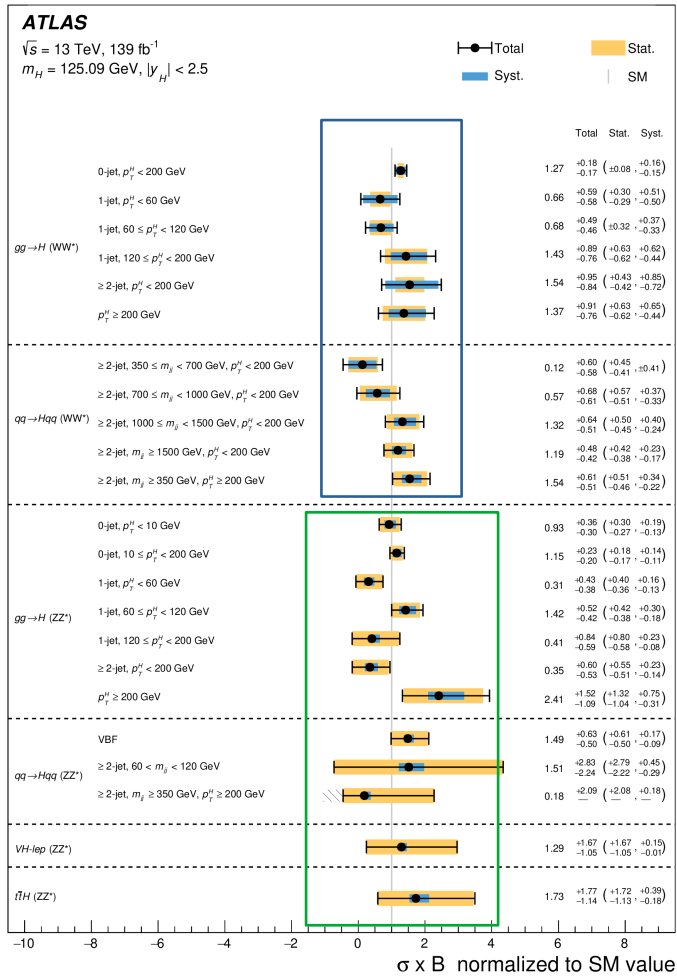
$$\frac{\sigma_{\text{EFT}}}{\sigma_{\text{SM}}} = 1 + \sum_i A_i c_i + \sum_{ij} B_{ij} c_i c_j$$

Arise from interference between the SM
and the BSM processes, suppressed by Λ^{-2}

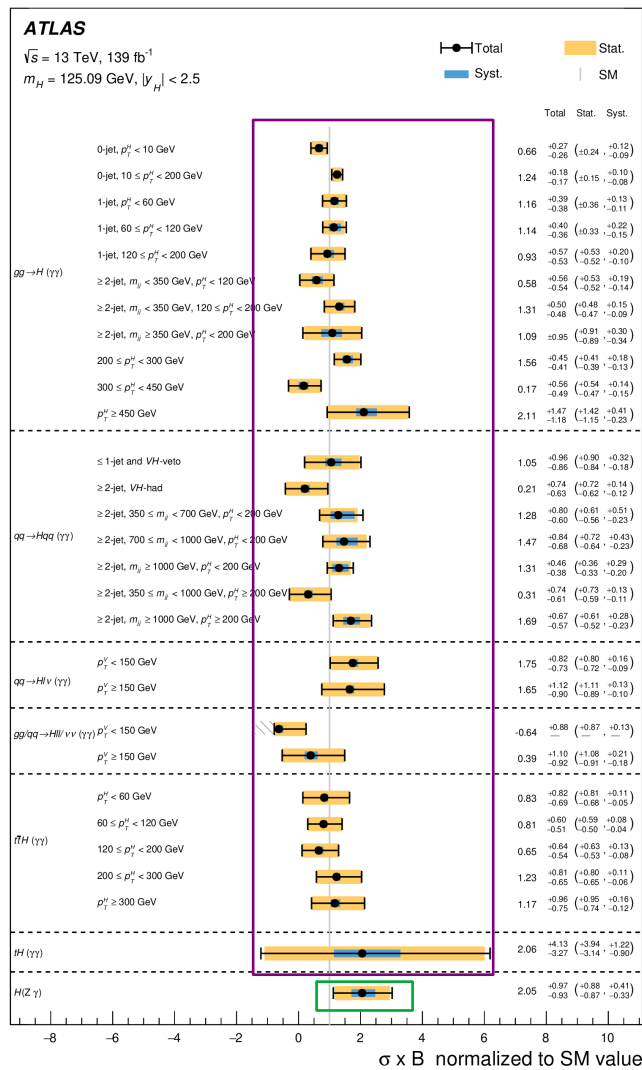
Arise from BSM processes,
suppressed by Λ^{-4}

- A_i, B_{ij} : calculated using MC.
- STXS and differential measurements are reparameterised in terms of the impact of EFT operators.
- Constraints measured on the corresponding Wilson coefficients (Warsaw basis).

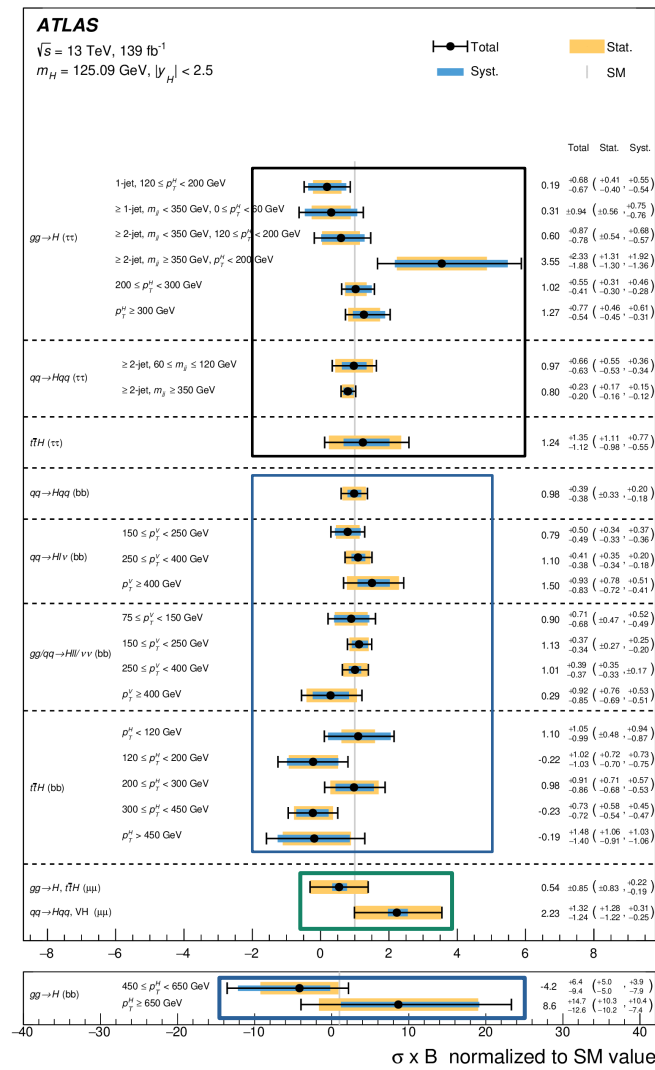
STXS measurement



$H \rightarrow WW^*, H \rightarrow ZZ^*$



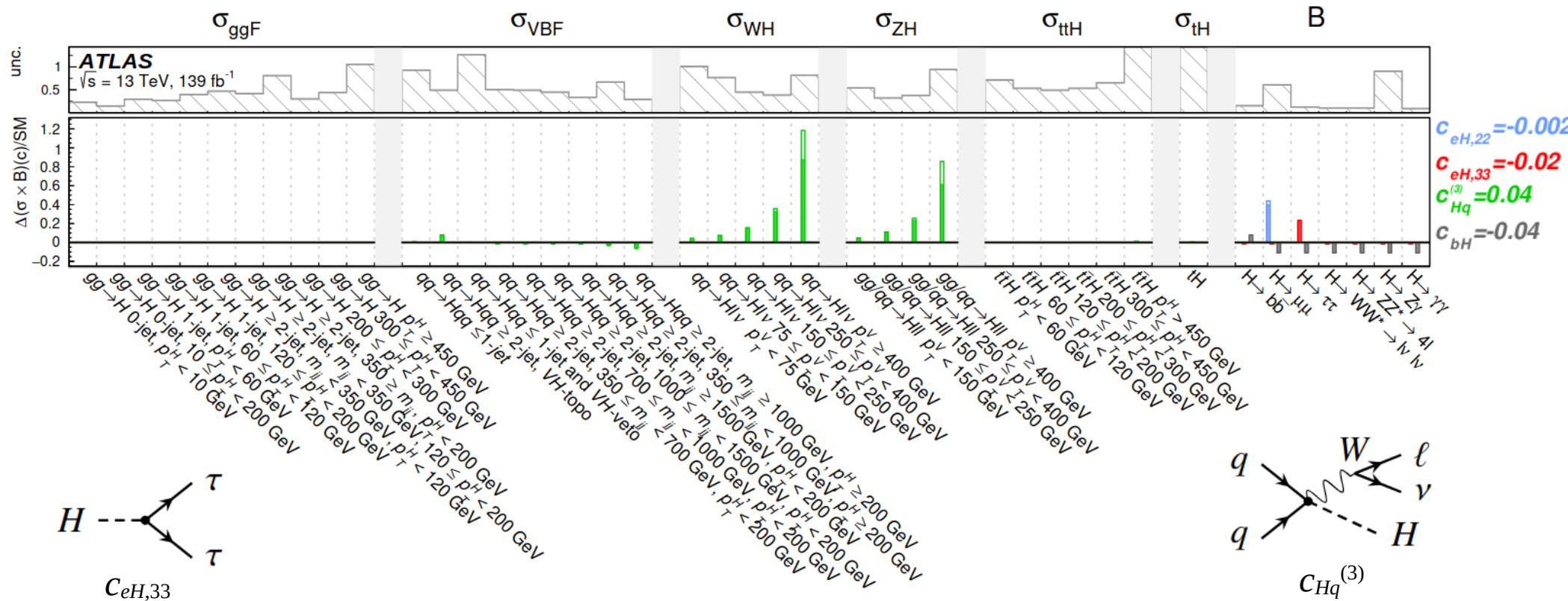
$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, H \rightarrow Z\gamma$



$H \rightarrow \tau\tau, H \rightarrow bb, H \rightarrow \mu\mu$

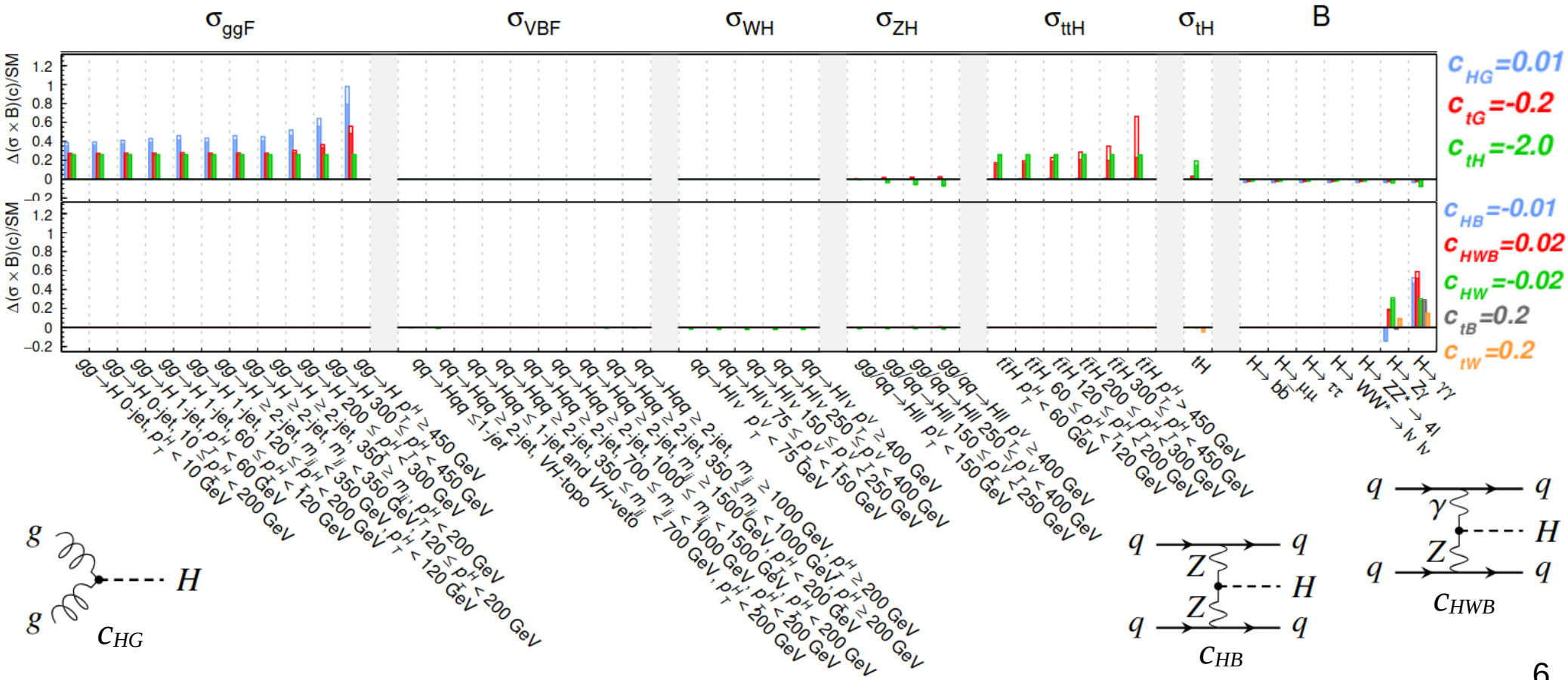
Expected impact of SMEFT operators

- Wilson coefficients $C_{eH,22}$, $C_{eH,33}$, C_{bH} : Yukawa coupling modifiers of $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$, $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$, $H \rightarrow bb$, C_{bH} also affects the total Higgs boson width.
- Coefficient $C_{Hq}^{(3)}$: mainly affects WH and ZH production, impact increase as a function of p_T^V .



Expected impact of SMEFT operators

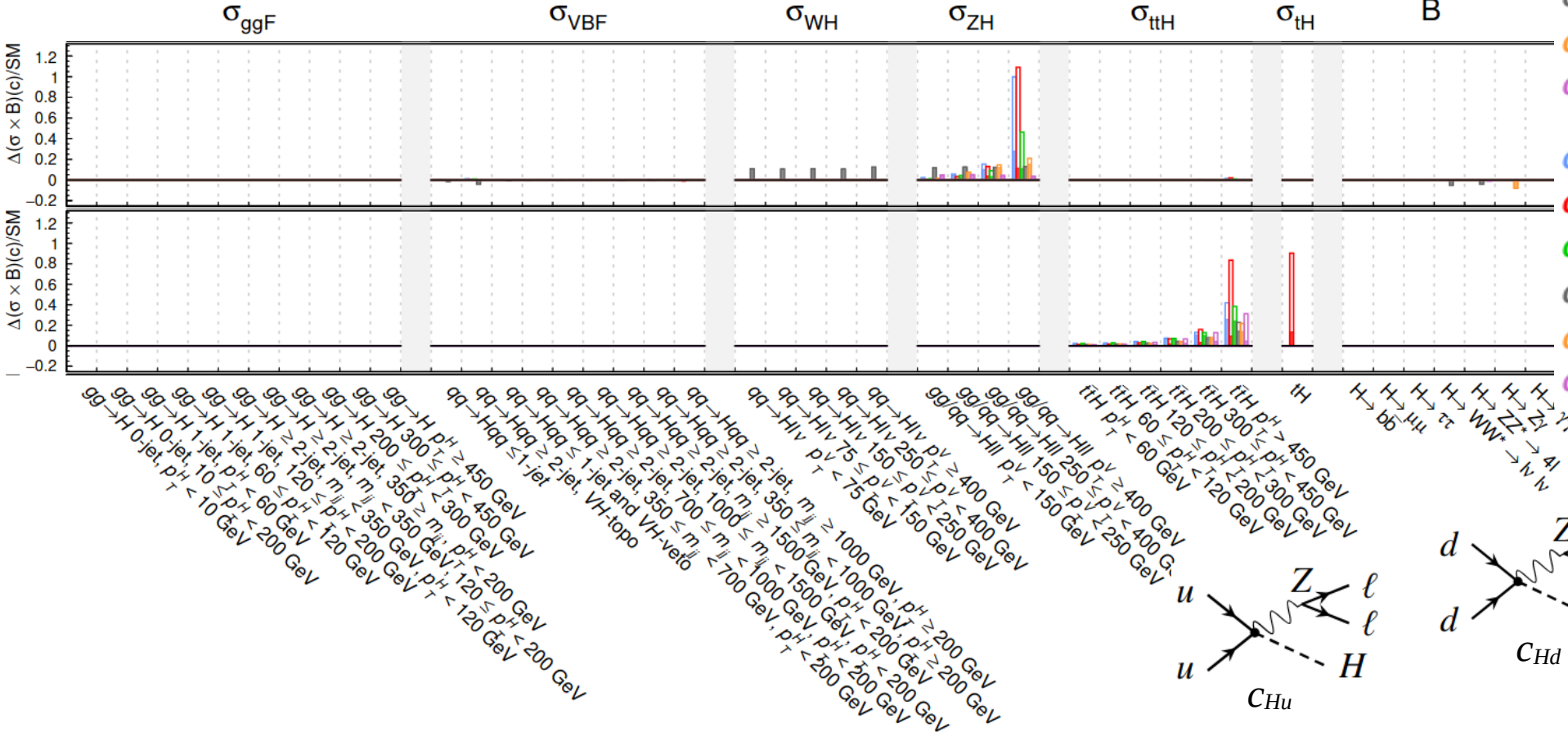
- Coefficients C_{HG} , C_{tG} , C_{tH} : mainly affect ggF and ttH production.
- Coefficients C_{HB} , C_{HWB} , C_{HW} , C_{tB} , C_{tW} : affect branching ratio of $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ and $H \rightarrow Z\gamma$.



Expected impact of SMEFT operators

- Coefficients c_{Hu} , $c_{Hq}^{(1)}$, c_{Hd} , c_{Ht} , $c_{Hl,33}^{(3)}$, $c_{He,33}$: mainly constrained by $VH(H \rightarrow bb)$ decay channel.
- Coefficients $c_{Qq}^{(1,8)}$, $c_{Qq}^{(3,1)}$, $c_{tQ}^{(8)}$, $c_{Qu}^{(8)}$, $c_{tu}^{(8)}$, c_G : affect ttH and tH production modes.

- $c_{Hu} = 0.08$
- $c_{Hq}^{(1)} = -0.08$
- $c_{Hd} = -0.1$
- $c_{Hl,33}^{(3)} = 4.0$
- $c_{Ht} = -4.0$
- $c_{He,33} = -4.0$
- $c_{Qq}^{(1,8)} = 0.4$
- $c_{Qq}^{(3,1)} = 0.4$
- $c_{tq}^{(8)} = 0.4$
- $c_{Qu}^{(8)} = 0.4$
- $c_{tu}^{(8)} = 0.4$
- $c_G = 0.1$



Interpretation based on SMEFT

Interpretation based on EFT: obtain constraints on the Wilson coefficients c_i through a maximum likelihood analysis of the Higgs boson STXS measurements.

- Difficult to constrain all c_i simultaneously.
- Solution: a new fit basis expressed in terms of linear combinations of c_i (**eigenvector $e^{[i]}$**).
- To determine this new basis (**can be measured from data**):
 - V_{STXS} : the SM-based expected covariance matrix from the STXS measurement of $\{\mu^{i,k',X}\}$.
 - V_{STXS}^{-1} is obtained, rotated to SMEFT basis $\{c_j\}$

$$V_{\text{SMEFT}}^{-1} = P_{(i,k',X) \rightarrow (j)}^T V_{\text{STXS}}^{-1} P_{(i,k',X) \rightarrow (j)}$$

expected Jacobian matrix $P_{(i,k',X) \rightarrow (j)}$ obtained from simulation, assuming Wilson coefficients not 0.

- V_{SMEFT}^{-1} : the Fisher information matrix of its linearized SMEFT model re-parameterization.
 - The information matrix yields the eigenvectors **$e^{[i]}$** .

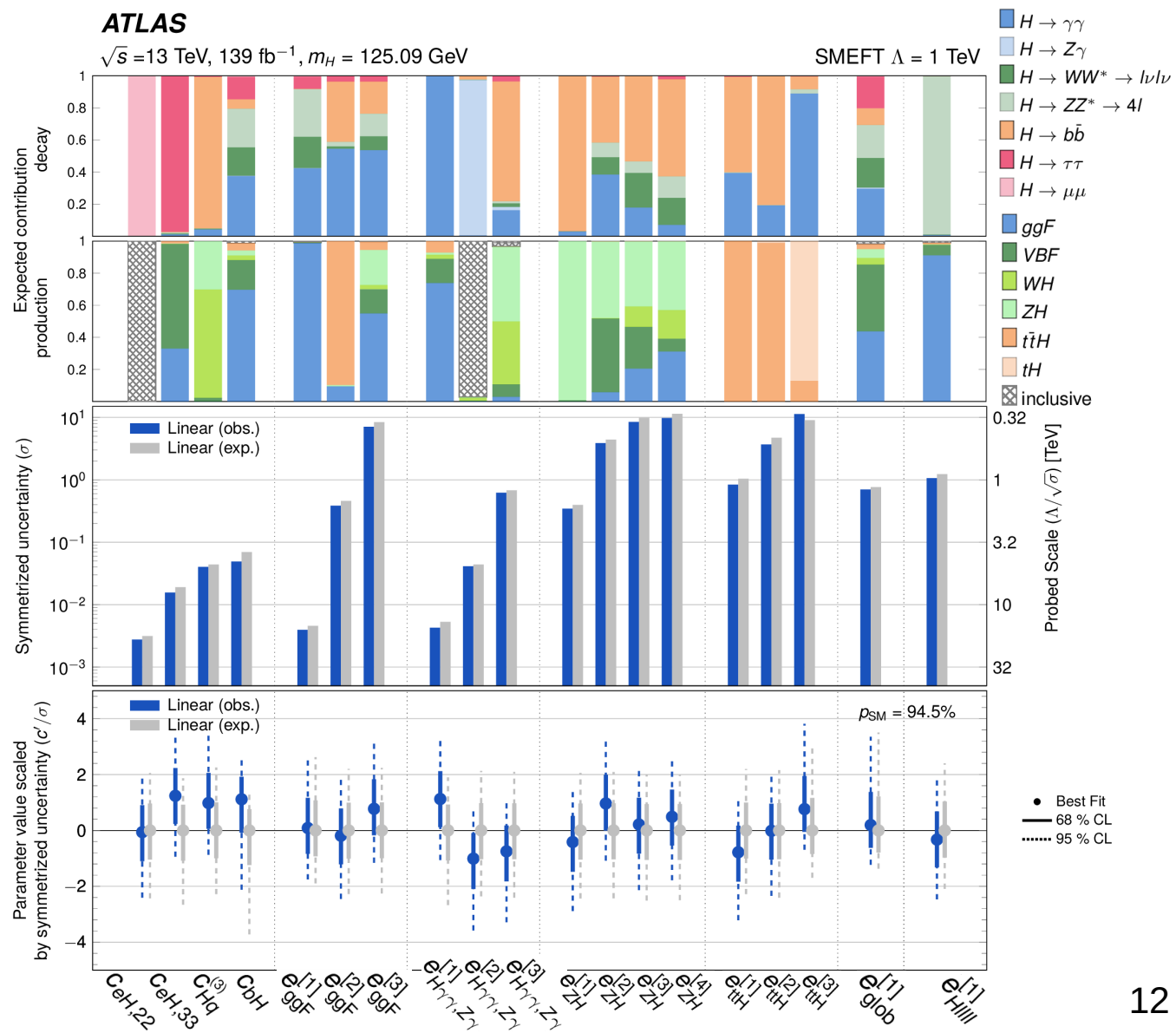
SMEFT result

SMEFT linear model: Λ^{-4} terms not included.

- p -value: corresponding to **94.5%**
- Statistical uncertainty dominates.

Symmetrised 68% CL uncertainty σ of each parameter measurement.

Measured parameter value (dot) and 68% and 95% CL intervals, divided by the symmetrised uncertainty shown above.



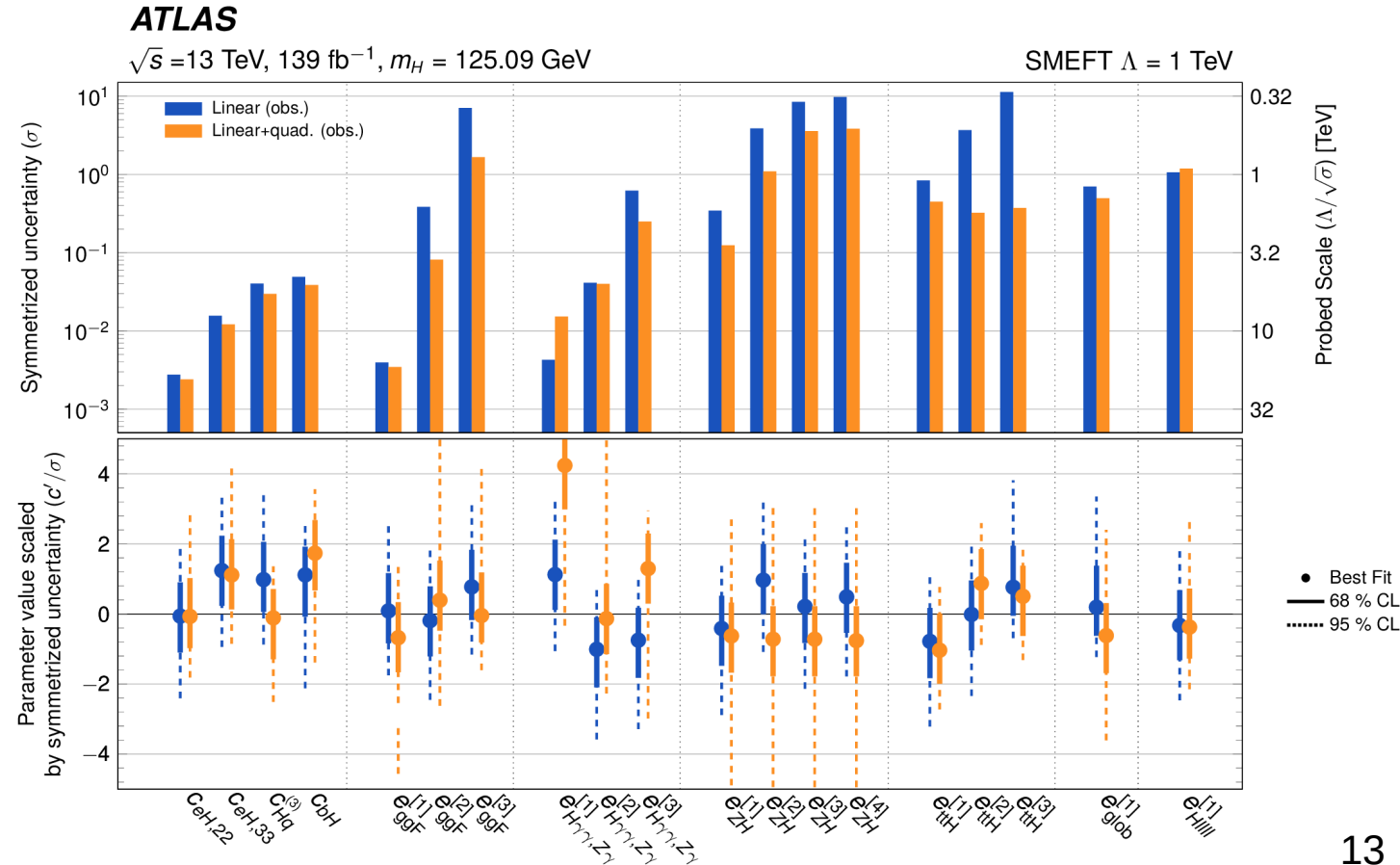
SMEFT result

SMEFT linear model: Λ^{-4} terms not included, SMEFT linear+quadratic: including Λ^{-4} terms.

- Linear+quadratic p -value: corresponding to **98.2%**, improvement compared to previous result (59%).
- Stronger constraints with linear+quad.

Symmetrised 68% CL uncertainty σ of each parameter measurement.

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$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ and $H \rightarrow ZZ$ differential cross section

Expected impact of the SMEFT operators on the fiducial differential distributions of $p_T^{\gamma\gamma}$ and p_T^{4l} , in $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ and $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$ decays respectively.

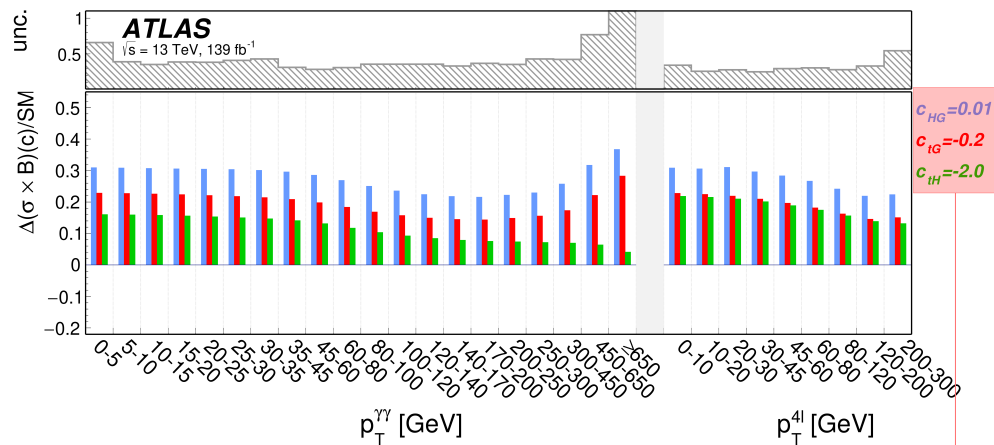
- Wilson coefficients of SMEFT operators sensitive to $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ and $H \rightarrow 4l$: c_{HG} , c_{tG} , c_{tH}
- Impossible to constrain all three Wilson coefficients simultaneously, define a new fit basis:

$$ev^{[1]} = 0.999c_{HG} - 0.035c_{tG} - 0.003c_{tH},$$

$$ev^{[2]} = 0.035c_{HG} + 0.978c_{tG} + 0.205c_{tH},$$

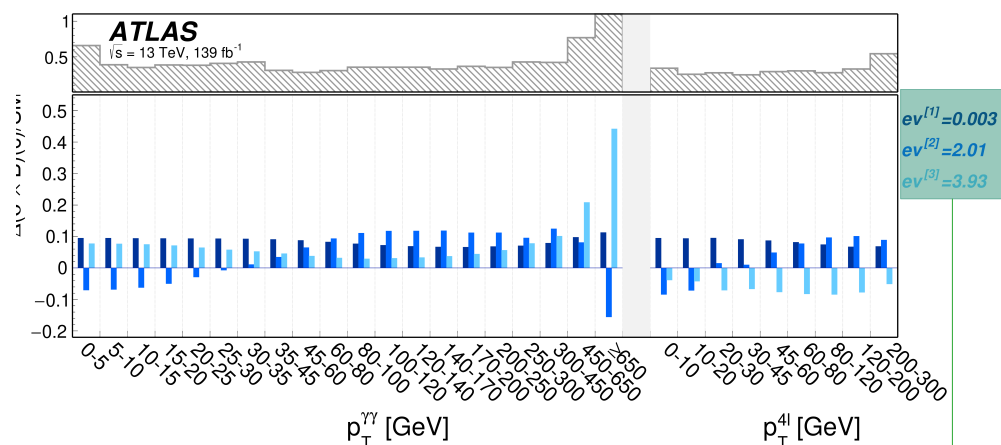
$$ev^{[3]} = -0.005c_{HG} - 0.205c_{tG} + 0.979c_{tH}.$$

Expected impact of the SMEFT operators



Wilson coefficients ←

Expected impact of rotated SMEFT operators

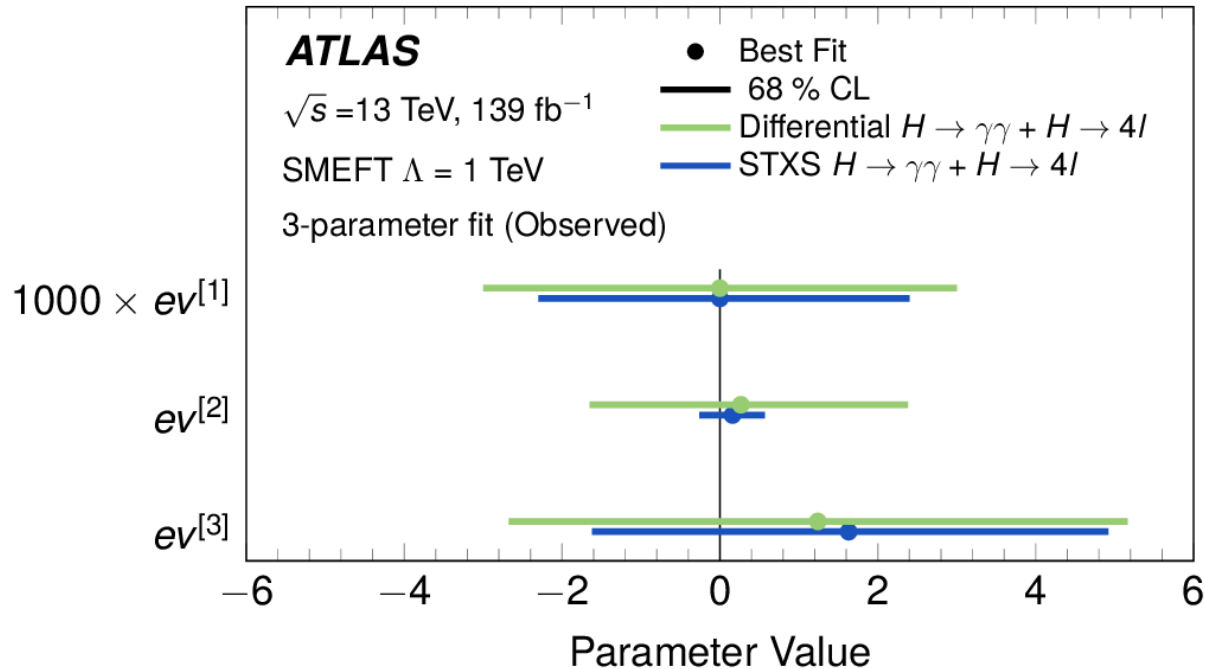


fit basis ←

$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ and $H \rightarrow ZZ$ results

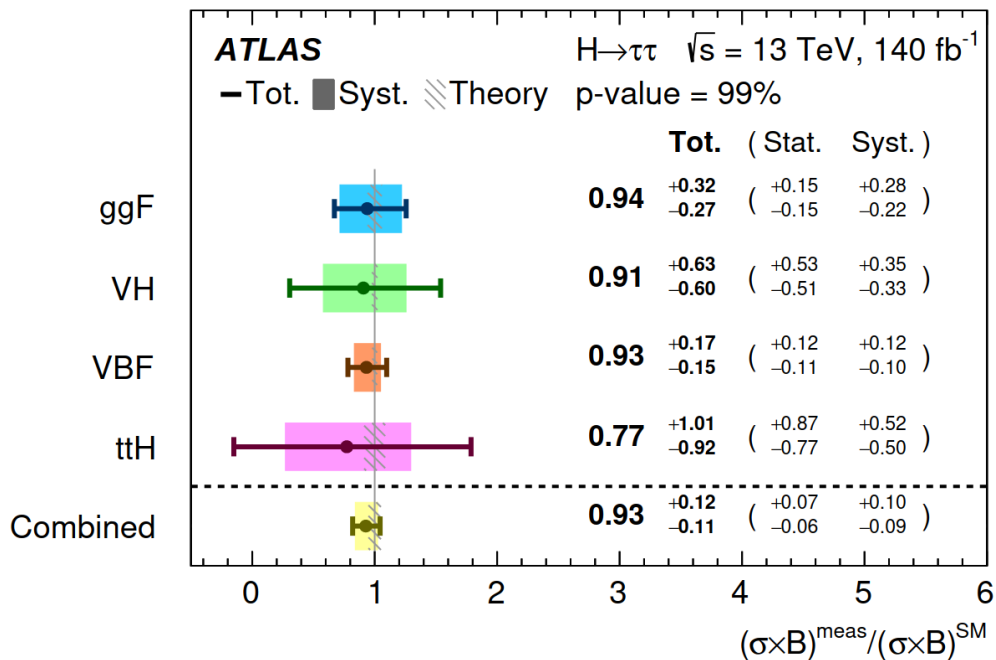
Observed 68% CL intervals on the fit basis $ev^{[i]}$.

- $ev^{[1]}$: almost aligned c_{HG} ; $ev^{[2]}$: close to c_{tG} ; $ev^{[3]}$: close to c_{tH} .
- Result obtained using SMEFT linear model, with STXS (blue) or fiducial p_T differential cross-section measurements (green).
- STXS: only $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ and $H \rightarrow 4l$ included.



$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ STXS measurement

- STXS and fiducial differential cross section measurement in $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ decay, Run 2 data 140 fb⁻¹, [arXiv:2407.16320](https://arxiv.org/abs/2407.16320).
- Production modes: all modes were measured, particular focus on VBF (~ 83% signal events).



Production mode	$\sigma_H \times B(H \rightarrow \tau\tau)$ [pb]	
	SM prediction	Measurement
ggF	2.77 ± 0.09	2.6 ± 0.9
VH	0.117 ± 0.003	0.11 ± 0.07
VBF	0.220 ± 0.005	0.20 ± 0.04
$t\bar{t}H$	0.031 ± 0.003	0.02 ± 0.03

measured values of $\sigma_H \times BR(H \rightarrow \tau\tau)$ relative to the SM expectations

$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ differential cross section

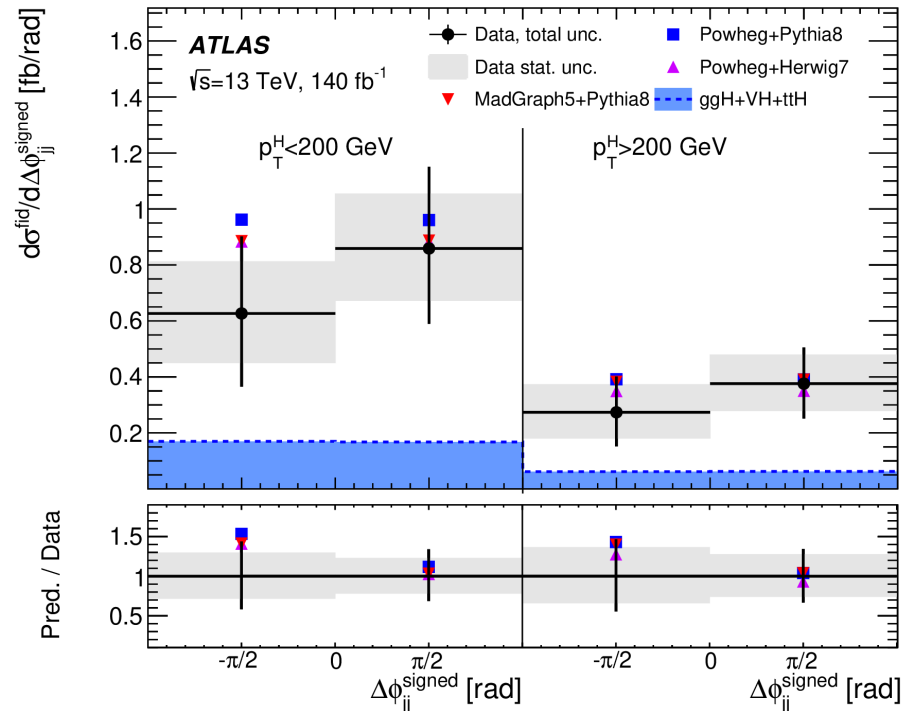
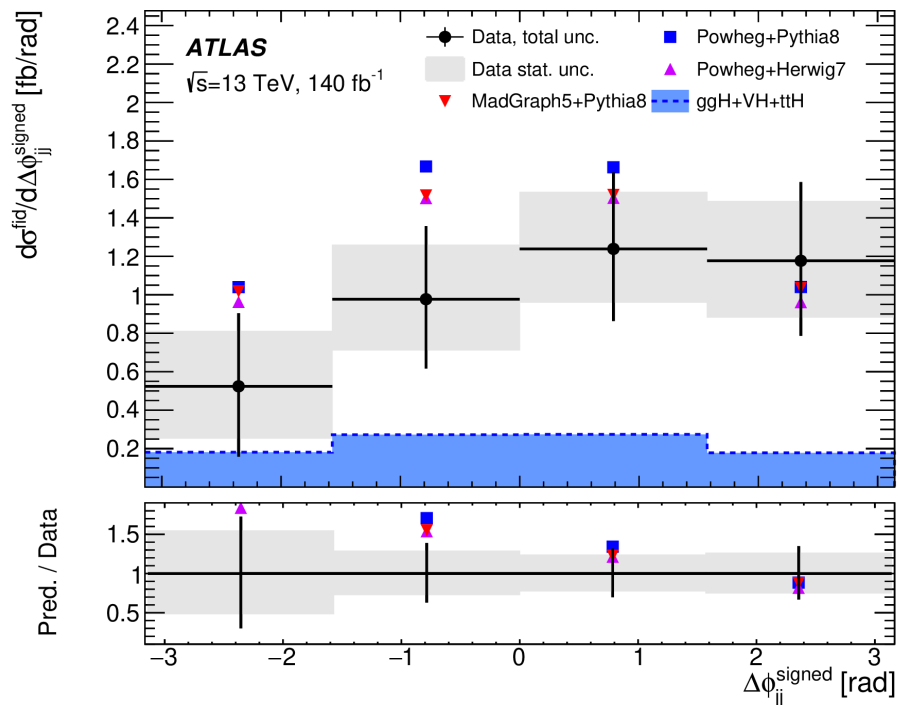
- Kinematic variables of VBF Higgs boson production sensitive to BSM effects:

	$\Delta\phi_{jj}^{\text{signed}}$	$\Delta\phi_{jj}^{\text{signed}}$ vs p_T^H [GeV]
Bin 1	$[-\pi, -\pi/2]$	$\Delta\phi_{jj}^{\text{signed}} < 0$ & $p_T^H < 200$
Bin 2	$[-\pi/2, 0]$	$\Delta\phi_{jj}^{\text{signed}} > 0$ & $p_T^H < 200$
Bin 3	$[0, \pi/2]$	$\Delta\phi_{jj}^{\text{signed}} < 0$ & $p_T^H > 200$
Bin 4	$[\pi/2, \pi]$	$\Delta\phi_{jj}^{\text{signed}} > 0$ & $p_T^H > 200$

- Signed angle of the two jets in transverse plane: $\Delta\phi_{jj}^{\text{signed}}$, provides sensitivity to the charge (C) and Parity (P) of the Higgs boson.
- $\Delta\phi_{jj}^{\text{signed}}$ as a function of p_T^H .

$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ differential cross section

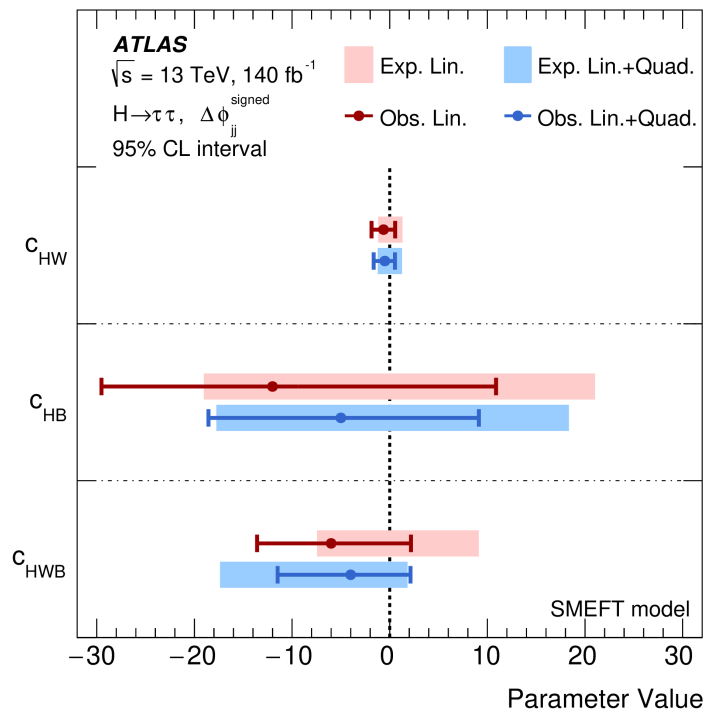
- Measured differential cross sections for $\Delta\phi_{jj}^{\text{signed}}$, $\Delta\phi_{jj}^{\text{signed}}$ vs p_T^H .
- Overall good agreement between measured cross sections and SM predictions. Per-bin precision is typically 25%-50%.
- Experimental precision dominated by statistical uncertainties in most of the bins.



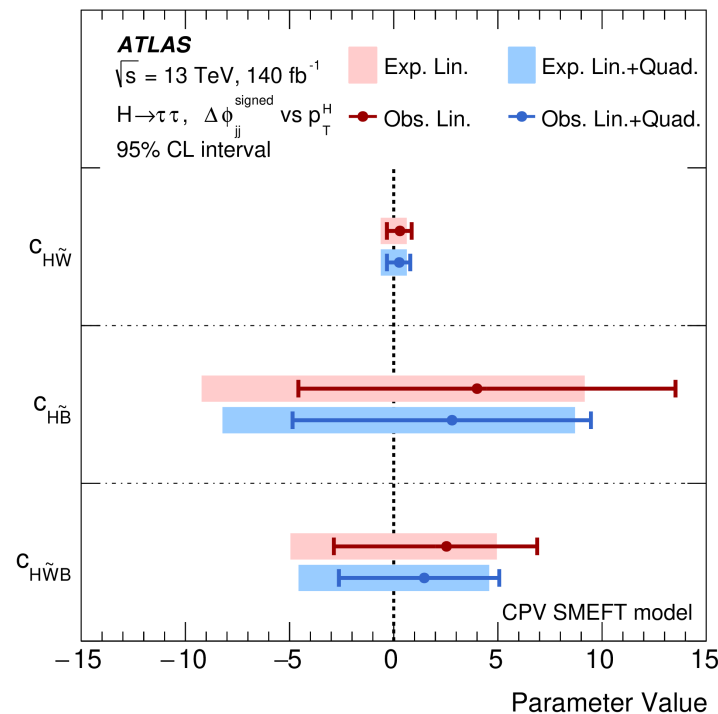
$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ interpretation of diff. xs measurement in EFT

Expected and observed 95% CL intervals for each of the six considered Wilson coefficients.

- Wilson coefficients: C_{HW} , C_{HB} , C_{HWB} , $C_{H\tilde{W}}$, $C_{H\tilde{B}}$, $C_{H\tilde{W}B}$. Each coefficient is fitted individually.
- both the linear and linear + quadratic models are considered.



Correspond to CP-even operators,
 $\Delta\phi_{jj}^{\text{signed}}$ distribution is used



Correspond to CP-odd operators,
 $\Delta\phi_{jj}^{\text{signed}}$ vs p_T^H distribution is used

Conclusion

- SMEFT interpretations of the combined ATLAS measurements of Higgs boson STXS.
 - Linear model and linear+quadratic model results provided.
 - The effects of operators suppressed by Λ^{-4} terms can significantly affect constraints on Wilson coefficients for a mass scale of $\Lambda = 1$ TeV.
- Fiducial differential cross-section measurements for $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$, $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$.
 - Significantly weaker constraints on top-gluon coupling compared to STXS measurement.
- Fiducial differential cross-section measurements for $VBF H \rightarrow \tau\tau$.
 - Provides also sensitivity to CP-odd EFT operators.
- No significant deviations from the SM are observed.

Backup

Rotate of fit basis.

$$\mathbf{c} = \{c_{eH,22}\} \cup$$

$$\{c_{eH,33}\} \cup$$

$$\{c_{Hq}^{(3)}\} \cup$$

$$\{c_{bH}\} \cup$$

$$\{c_{HG}, c_{tG}, c_{tH}\} \cup$$

$$\{c_{HB}, c_{HW}, c_{HWB}, c_{tB}, c_{tW}\} \cup$$

$$\{c_{Hu}, c_{Hq}^{(1)}, c_{Hd}, c_{Hl,33}^{(3)},$$

$$c_{Ht}, c_{He,33}, c_{Hl,33}^{(1)}, c_{Hb}\} \cup$$

$$\{c_G, c_{Qq}^{(1,8)}, c_{Qq}^{(3,1)}, c_{tq}^{(8)}, c_{Qu}^{(8)}, c_{tu}^{(8)}, c_{td}^{(8)},$$

$$c_{Qd}^{(8)}, c_{Qq}^{(3,8)}, c_{Qq}^{(1,1)}, c_{tu}^{(1)}, c_{tq}^{(1)}, c_{Qu}^{(1)}, c_{Qd}^{(1)}\} \cup$$

$$\{c_{H\Box}, c_{Hl,11}^{(3)}, c_{Hl,22}^{(3)}, c_{ll,1221}\} \cup$$

$$\{c_{Hl,11}^{(1)}, c_{Hl,22}^{(1)}, c_{He,11}, c_{He,22}, c_{HDD}, c_{HQ}^{(3)}, c_{HQ}^{(1)}\}$$

$$\mathbf{c}' = \{c_{eH,22}\} \cup$$

$$\{c_{eH,33}\} \cup$$

$$\{c_{Hq}^{(3)}\} \cup$$

$$\{c_{bH}\} \cup$$

$$\rightarrow \{e_{ggF}^{[1]}, e_{ggF}^{[2]}, e_{ggF}^{[3]}\} \cup$$

$$\rightarrow \{e_{H\gamma\gamma, Z\gamma}^{[1]}, e_{H\gamma\gamma, Z\gamma}^{[2]}, e_{H\gamma\gamma, Z\gamma}^{[3]}\} \cup$$

$$\rightarrow \{e_{ZH}^{[1]}, e_{ZH}^{[2]}, e_{ZH}^{[3]}, e_{ZH}^{[4]}\} \cup$$

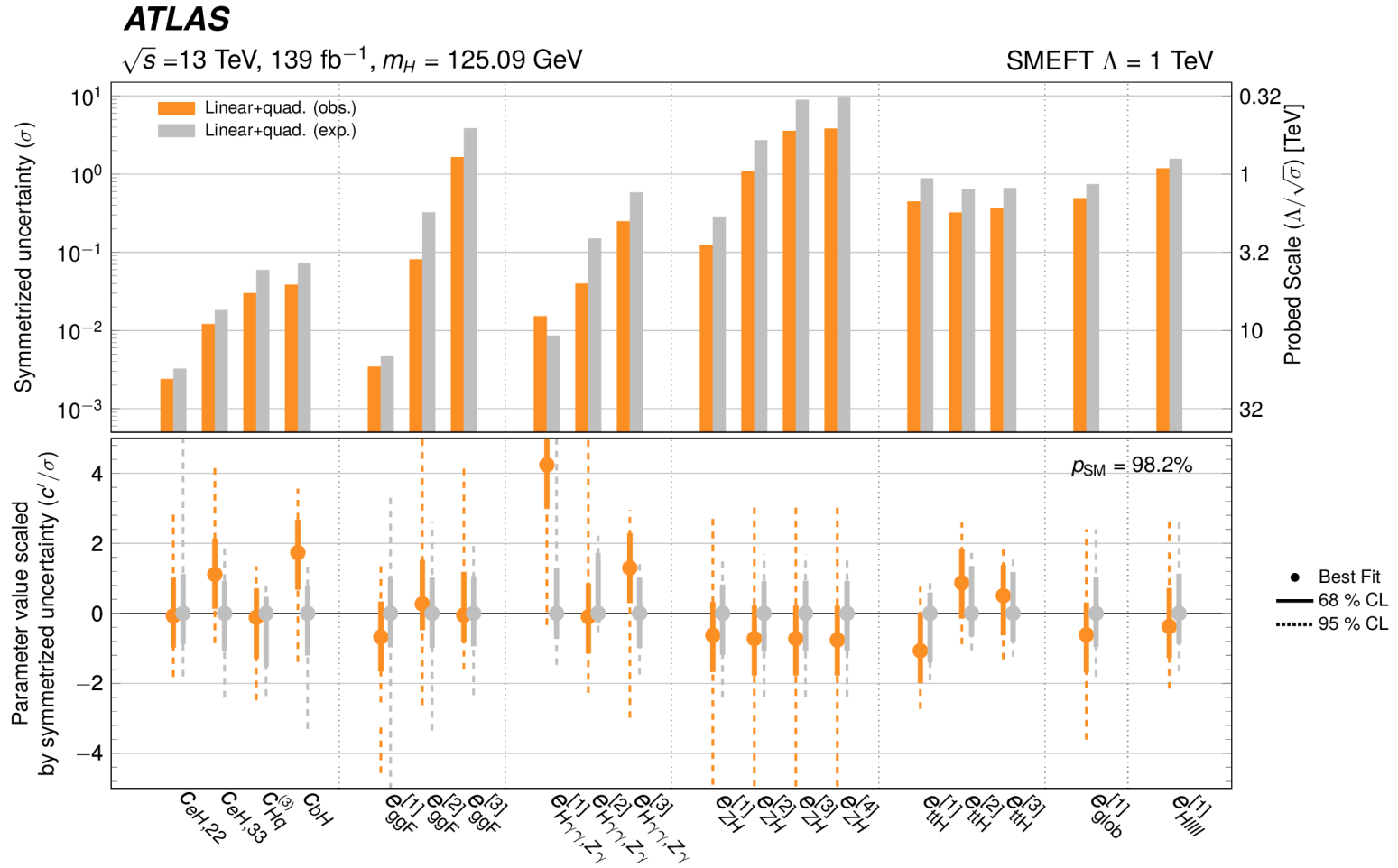
$$\rightarrow \{e_{ttH}^{[1]}, e_{ttH}^{[2]}, e_{ttH}^{[3]}\} \cup$$

$$\rightarrow \{e_{glob}^{[1]}\} \cup$$

$$\rightarrow \{e_{Hlll}^{[1]}\}.$$

Backup

SMEFT linear+quadratic model result.



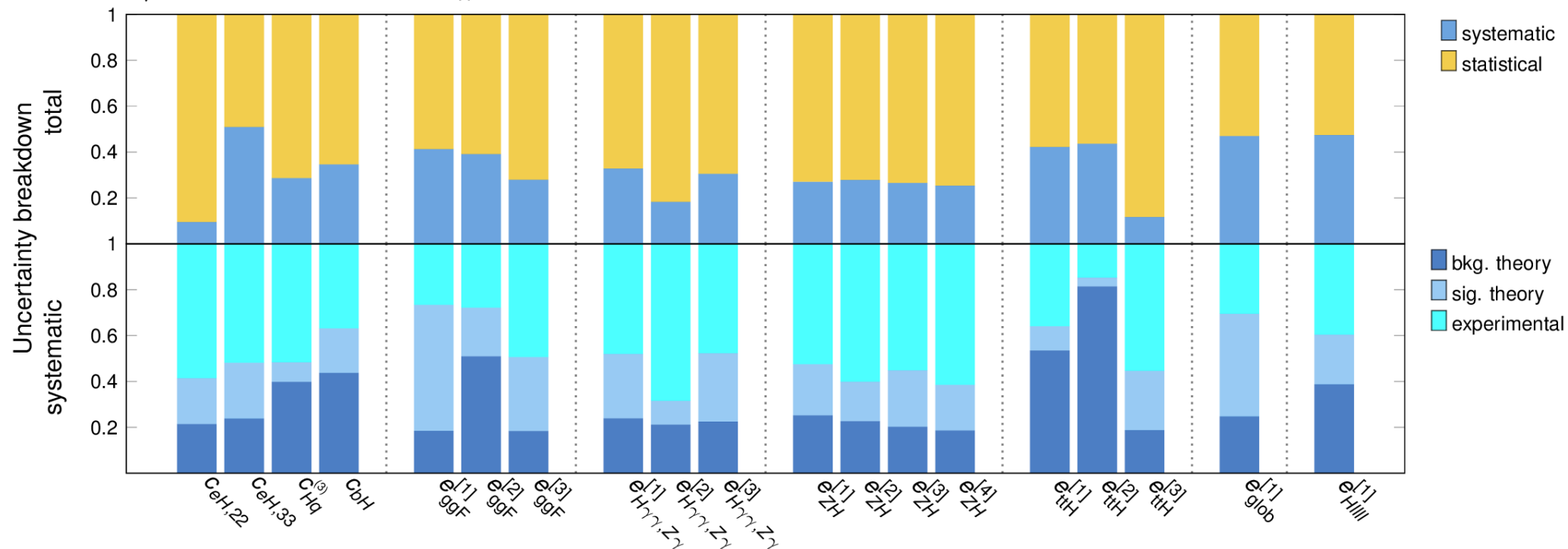
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Uncertainty breakdown of SMEFT linear model result.

ATLAS

$\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}, 139 \text{ fb}^{-1}, m_H = 125.09 \text{ GeV}$

SMEFT $\Lambda = 1 \text{ TeV}$

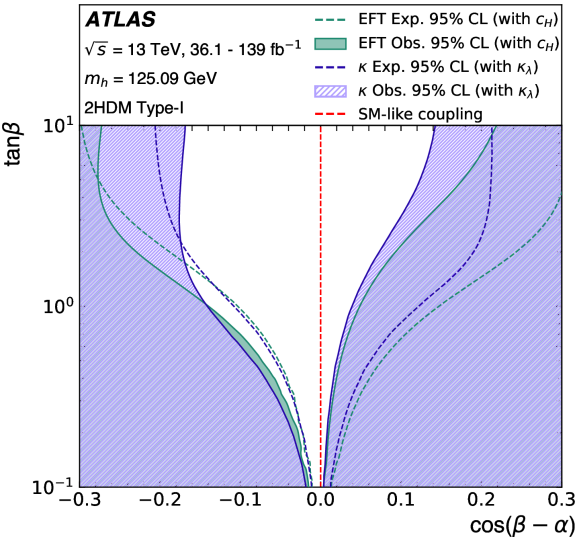


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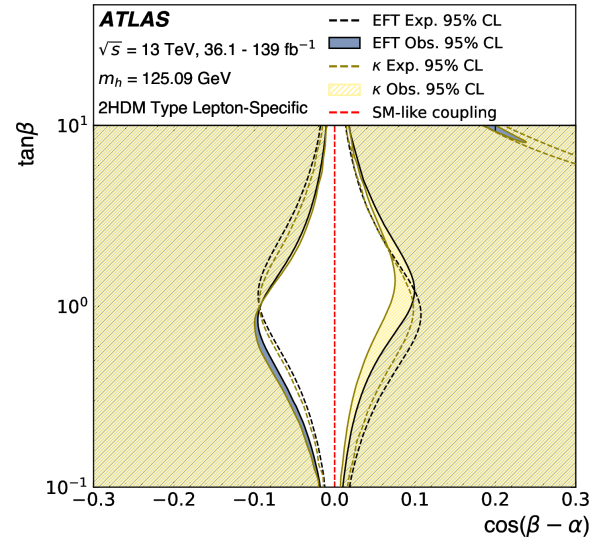
Comparison of EFT approach and UV-complete approach.

- Comparison of the constraints from the approaches based on the κ - and EFT-frameworks in the $\tan\beta$, $\cos(\beta-\alpha)$ plane.
- The κ_λ constraint is included in the Type-I model interpretation.

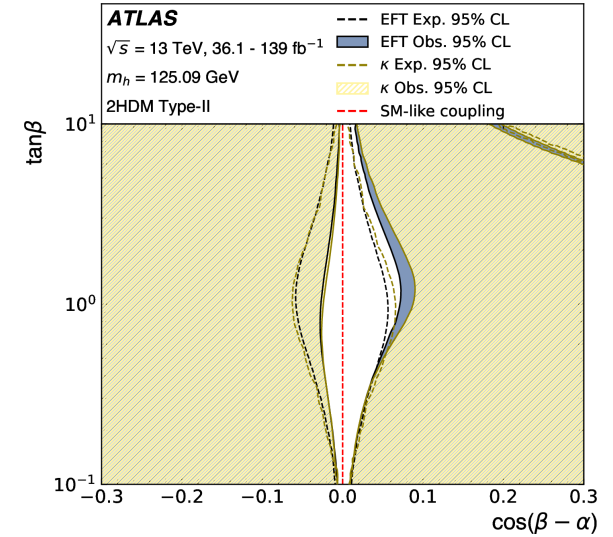
Type-I model



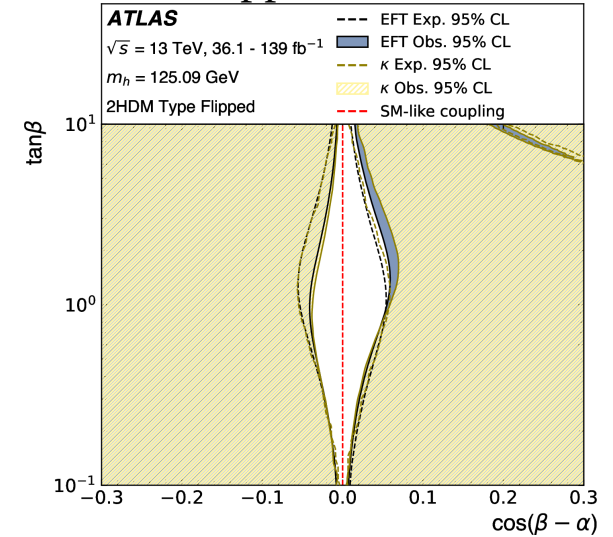
Lepton-specific model



Type-II model



Flipped model



Backup

$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ Wilson coefficients and EFT operators.

	CP-even		
Operator $O_i^{(d=6)}$	$H^\dagger H W_{\mu\nu}^n W^{n\mu\nu}$	$H^\dagger H B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}$	$H^\dagger \tau^n H W_{\mu\nu}^n B^{\mu\nu}$
Wilson coefficient	c_{HW}	c_{HB}	c_{HWB}
	CP-odd		
Operator $O_i^{(d=6)}$	$H^\dagger H \tilde{W}_{\mu\nu}^n W^{n\mu\nu}$	$H^\dagger H \tilde{B}_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}$	$H^\dagger \tau^n H \tilde{W}_{\mu\nu}^n B^{\mu\nu}$
Wilson coefficient	$c_{H\tilde{W}}$	$c_{H\tilde{B}}$	$c_{H\tilde{W}B}$

Backup

$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ fiducial differential cross section particle level event selection.

	$\tau_e \tau_\mu$	$\tau_{\text{lep}} \tau_{\text{had}}$	$\tau_{\text{had}} \tau_{\text{had}}$
Per Channel			
Object counting	$N_e = 1, N_\mu = 1, N_{\tau_{\text{truth}}} = 0$	$N_{e/\mu} = 1, N_{\tau_{\text{truth}}} = 1$	$N_{e/\mu} = 0, N_{\tau_{\text{truth}}} = 2$
p_T cut	e/μ : p_T cut 10 to 27.3 GeV	e/μ : p_T cut 27.0 to 27.3 GeV, τ_{truth} : $p_T > 30$ GeV	τ_{truth} : $p_T > 40, 30$ GeV
Kinematics	$m_{\tau\tau}^{\text{coll}} > m_Z - 25$ GeV $30 < m_{e\mu} < 100$ GeV	$m_T < 70$ GeV	
Angular	$\Delta R_{e\mu} < 2.0, \Delta\eta_{e\mu} < 1.5$	$\Delta R_{\ell\tau_{\text{truth}}} < 2.5, \Delta\eta_{\ell\tau_{\text{truth}}} < 1.5$	$0.6 < \Delta R_{\tau_{\text{truth}}\tau_{\text{truth}}} < 2.5$ $ \Delta\eta_{\tau_{\text{truth}}\tau_{\text{truth}}} < 1.5$
x_1 and x_2	$0.1 < x_1 < 1.0, 0.1 < x_2 < 1.0$	$0.1 < x_1 < 1.4, 0.1 < x_2 < 1.2$	$0.1 < x_1 < 1.4, 0.1 < x_2 < 1.4$

Common selection	<p>leading jet $p_T > 40$ GeV, sub-leading jet $p_T > 30$ GeV $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 20$ GeV Opposite charge of τ-decay products $m_{jj} > 600$ GeV, $\Delta\eta_{jj} > 3.4, p_T(jj) > 30$ GeV $\eta(j_0) \times \eta(j_1) < 0$ lepton centrality: visible decay products of the τ-leptons between VBF jets $p_T(Hjj) < 50$ GeV</p>
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