

# Experimental concluding talk



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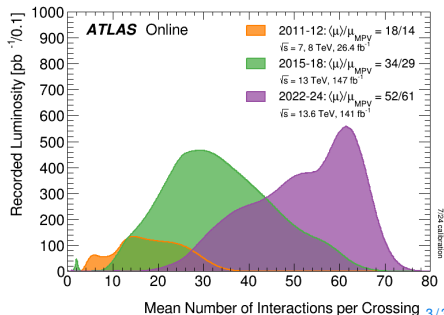
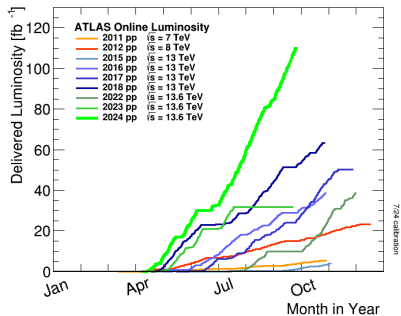
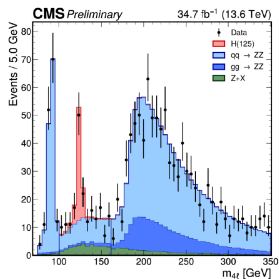
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## A few comments to start...

- Thank you to organizers, speakers, session chairs, ... for a very nice conference!
- Cannot do justice to everything shown in the past days – just a biased selection
- Please excuse if your favorite topic/your talk is not represented here!
- Picking results from one or the other collaboration – in many cases, the other collaboration has similar results as well, see <https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/AtlasPublic/HiggsPublicResults> and <https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/AtlasPublic/HDBSPublicResults> and <https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/CMSPublic/PhysicsResultsHIG>
- Note: I am giving the references to the talks where the material was discussed, further references can be found there.

# Where are we standing?

- Most precise measurements and most stringent limits from full Run2 dataset, and we are still seeing new results from Run2 data
- Run3 recorded luminosity now more than Run2 recorded luminosity – much to look forward to for the next Higgs Hunting(s)

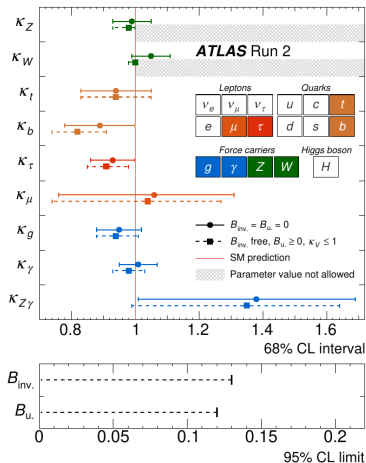
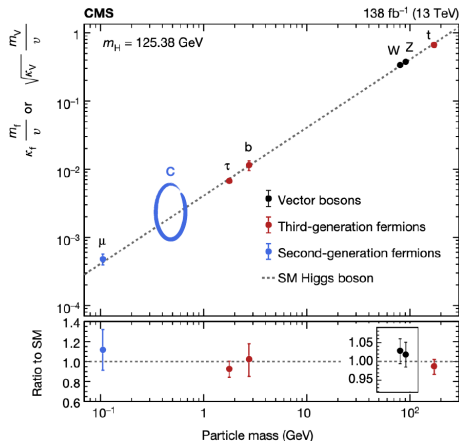


# Higgs boson couplings (to other particles)

Combinations and updated/new analyses beyond the combinations

# Combined couplings measurements.

- Most precise measurements of (most) Higgs couplings to-date from combinations of Run2 data: from 6% (to weak bosons) to 7-12% (for third generation fermions)

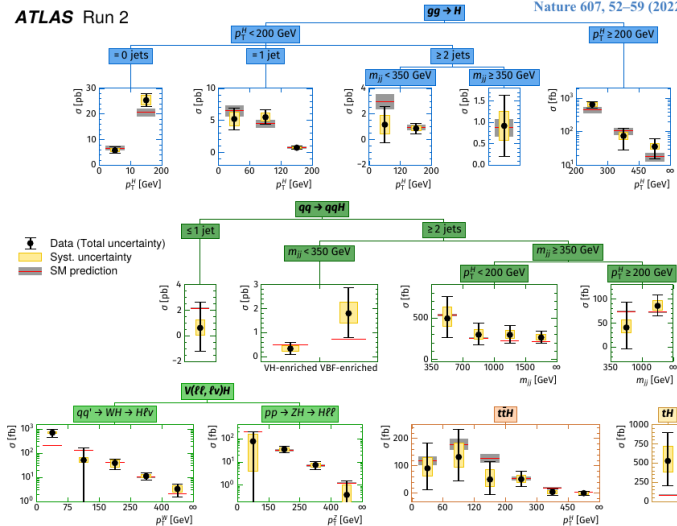


# Simplified Template Cross Sections (STXS).

- Cross sections in various kinematic regions, split by production process chosen to reduce theory uncertainties and to optimize BSM sensitivity

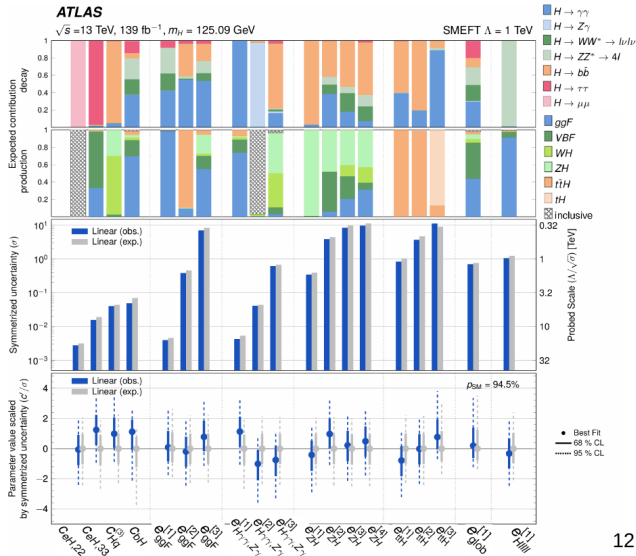
ATLAS Run 2

Nature 607, 52–59 (2022)



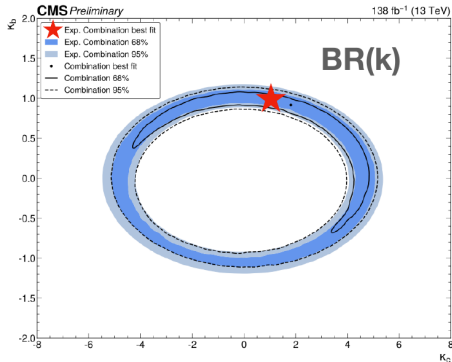
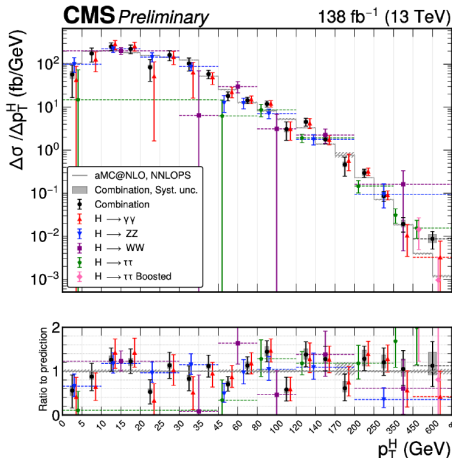
## EFT interpretation.

- SMEFT interpretation of STXS
- Linear: no  $\Lambda^4$  terms
- Fit basis of linear combinations of Wilson coefficients



# Couplings from Higgs $p_T$ .

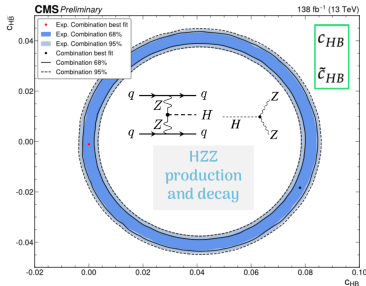
- Dedicated differential measurements can be obtained in finer bins, and with less model-dependence
- Interpreted in terms of  $b$ - and  $c$ -quark couplings considering only the  $p_T$  shape (weaker) or also the branching ratios (stronger)



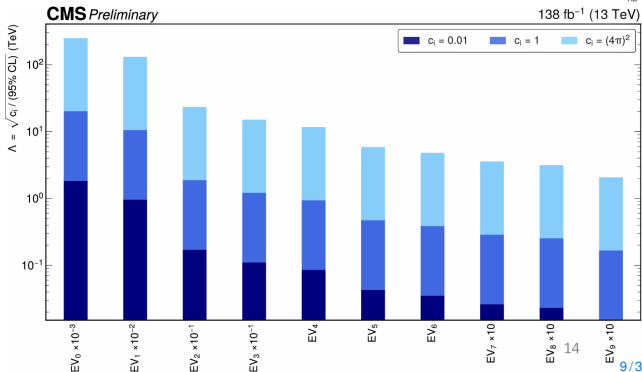


# EFT interpretation.

- EFT interpretation of  $p_T$
- 2d constraints for pairs of CP-even and CP-odd operators



- Fit for 10 linear combinations of Wilson coefficients
- Limits on the BSM energy scale for different values of Wilson coefficients



# EFT: Sandra's comparison.

→ comparing eigenvectors that have the strongest relation to a given Warsaw-basis Wilson coefficient.

CMS  $E_{V1} : ( 0.94c_{HG}, 0.26c_{HB}, -0.15c_{HWB}, 0.08c_{HW}, 0.14c_{bH}, -0.03c_{tG}, 0.01c_{tB} )$

ATLAS  $E_{ggF}^{[1]} : ( 1.00c_{HG}, -0.03c_{tG} )$

## ATLAS Higgs STXS-1.2, arXiv:2402.05742:

$(ggH, VBF, WH, ZH, ttH, tH) \times (p_T^H, N_{jets}, m_{jj})$   
 combining  $\gamma\gamma, Z\gamma, WW, ZZ, bb, \tau\tau$  &  $\mu\mu$  decays

\* *lin-only* & *lin+quad* parametrization

## CMS differential $p_T^H$ , CMS-PAS-HIG-23-013:

inclusive Higgs production,  
 combining  $\gamma\gamma, WW, ZZ,$  &  $\tau\tau$  decay channels  
 \* *lin+quad* parametrization

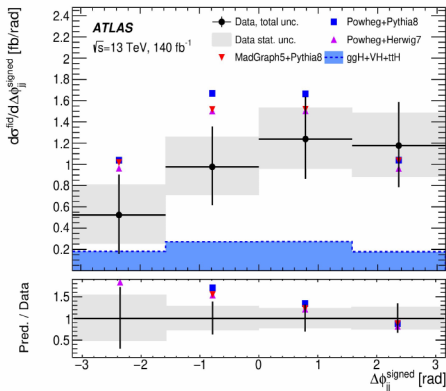
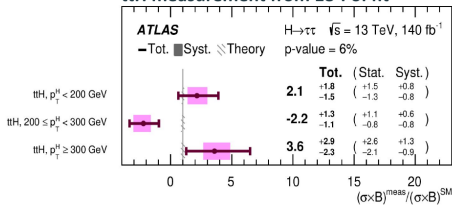
- STXS-based eigenvectors more strongly related to a single WC.
- Comparable sensitivity from STXS & differential measurements, but STXS adds some more sensitivity to Hqq, Hll and HVqq vertices.
- Significant dependence on quadratic terms for  $c_{HB}, c_{tG}, c_{tH}, c_{Hq}^{(1)}$  (4 - 10 times stronger limits).

|   |                            | $\mathcal{O}(\text{Uncertainty on } c_i/\Lambda^2)$ |                          |        |                            |
|---|----------------------------|---|--------------------------|--------|----------------------------|
|   | Warsaw-basis Wilson coeff. | ATLAS STXS  | CMS differential $p_T^H$ | Vertex | Most sensitive observables |
| EV dominated by a single WC                         | $C_{HW}, C_{HB}, C_{HWB}$  | 0.001 - 0.1   | 0.001 - 1                | HVV    | STXS (yy, Zy) & diff       |
| EV with a strong contribution from a given WC       | $C_{HG}$                   | 0.001   | 0.001                    | Hgg    | STXS (ggH) & diff          |
|   | $C_{tG}$                   | 0.1   | 0.1                      | Hgtt   | STXS (ggH) & diff          |
|   | $C_{tH}$                   | 10  | -                        | Hqq    | STXS (ttH)                 |
|   | $C_{bH}$                   | 0.01  | 0.1                      |        | STXS (Higgs width)         |
| EV with moderate/small contribution from a given WC | $C_{eH,22}$                | 0.001   | 1                        | Hll    | STXS (mumu)                |
|   | $C_{eH,33}$                | 0.01  |                          |        | STXS (tautau)              |
|   | $C_{Hq3}$                  | 0.01  | 0.1                      | HVqq   | STXS (VHbb)                |
|   | $C_{Hu}$                   | 0.1   | 10                       |        | STXS (ZHbb)                |
|   | $C_{Hq1}$                  | 1   | 1                        |        | STXS (VHbb)                |
|   | $C_{Hd}$                   | 10  | 10                       |        | STXS (VHbb)                |

# Updated measurement of $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ : more differential.

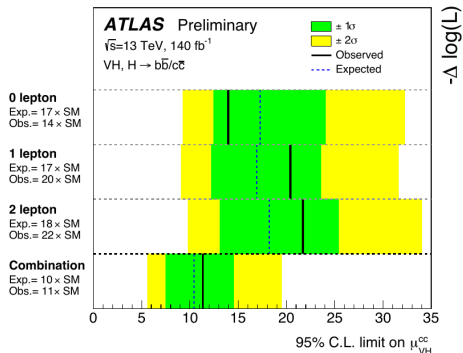
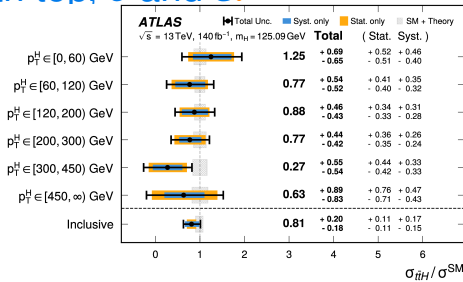
- $t\bar{t}H$  measurement improved with multiclass classifiers to separate signal and backgrounds, and neural network reconstruction of Higgs  $p_T$ 
  - ★ Differential analysis of Higgs  $p_T$  in  $t\bar{t}H$  in this channel, still with large uncertainties
- Differential analysis of Higgs  $p_T$  and  $m_{jj}$  in VBF, with good precision at high  $p_T$  and/or  $m_{jj}$  thanks to low backgrounds
- Fiducial differential cross section measurement in  $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$  in VBF enhanced phase space

ttH measurement from 18-Pol fit



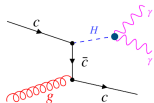
# Updated measurements with top, $b$ and $c$ .

- Updated measurement of  $t\bar{t}H(\rightarrow b\bar{b})$  with e.g. improved modeling of backgrounds ( $t\bar{t}b(\bar{b}), \dots$ ) and uncertainties
- Most precise single-channel analysis of  $t\bar{t}H$
- Updated measurement of  $VH(\rightarrow b\bar{b}|c\bar{c})$  with e.g. better heavy flavor tagging, improved boosted analysis, ...
- 15% improvement on  $\mu_{VH}^{b\bar{b}}$  and x3 for  $\mu_{VH}^{c\bar{c}}$
- $|\kappa_c| < 4.2$  at 95% CL (exp. 4.1)

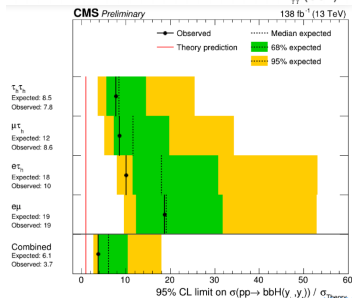
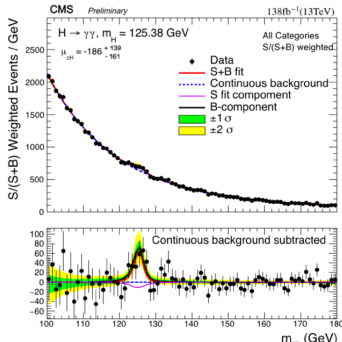


# Looking for very rare production processes.

- Search for  $H(\rightarrow \gamma\gamma) + c$

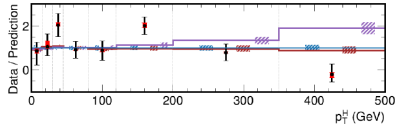
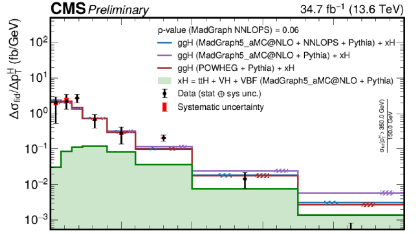
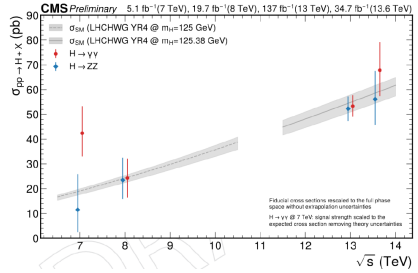


- Higgs background from  $ggH$  production
- $\mu < 243$  at 95% CL (exp. 355)
- Search for  $b\bar{b}H$  with  $H \rightarrow \tau\tau | WW$
- $\mu < 3.7$  at 95% CL (exp. 6.1)



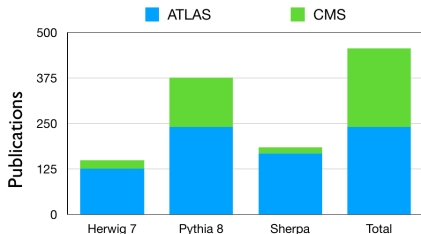
# Cross section measurements at 13.6 TeV.

- 34.7 fb<sup>-1</sup> of Run3 (2022) data at 13.6 TeV
- Using new lightweight data format – important development towards HL-LHC
- Use of normalizing flows to correct data/MC differences in shower shapes, isolation and energy resolution, based on  $Z \rightarrow ee$



# Uncertainties on parton shower modeling.

## Citations: LHC Higgs



- ATLAS cites Pythia + 1 or 2 others
- CMS cites mainly Pythia or none (i.e. MG5\_aMC and/or POWHEG BOX)

## Estimating PSEG Uncertainties

- ATLAS: compare Pythia with Herwig
- CMS: vary parameters within Pythia
- Both have their dangers!

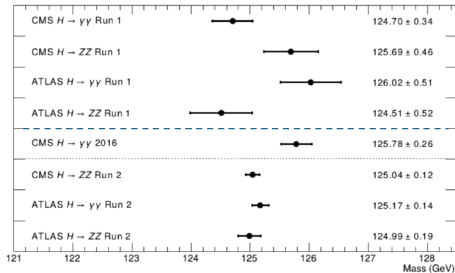
- These uncertainties can be very sizable or even the leading systematic uncertainties
- Profile likelihood relies on good uncertainty estimates!
- We would really benefit from theory/experiment collaboration on this!

# Other Higgs boson properties



# Higgs mass.

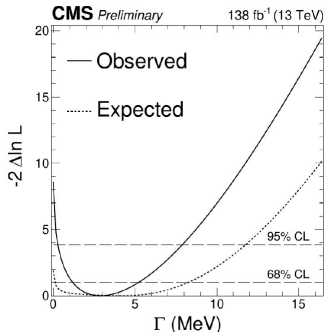
- Measurements with full Run2 dataset individually with uncertainties better than 200 MeV
- For ATLAS, better precision from  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  after reduction of the systematic uncertainties on the photon energy calibration
  - ★ Precision of 0.09% from Run1+2,  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma + H \rightarrow 4\ell$
- New CMS measurement with full Run2  $H \rightarrow 4\ell$  with precision of 0.1%
- Ongoing effort to reduce the dominant systematic uncertainty on non-uniformity of light collection in CMS  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  measurement



$H \rightarrow 4\ell$  still dominated by statistical uncertainties,  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  competitive thanks to large effort put to reduce uncertainties on photon energy calibration

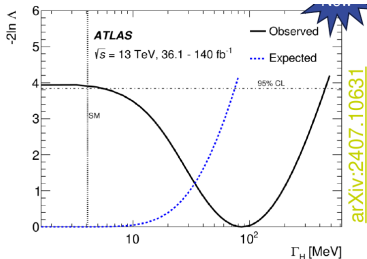
# Higgs width.

- Higgs width from  $H \rightarrow 4\ell$ 
  - ★ Relies on on- and off-shell couplings being the same, and no contributions to ggH loop



$$\Gamma_H = 2.9^{+2.3}_{-1.7} \text{ MeV}$$

- First attempt to constrain Higgs width from  $t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$  production cross section and Higgs on-shell measurements
  - ★ Assume on- and off-shell couplings to top are the same

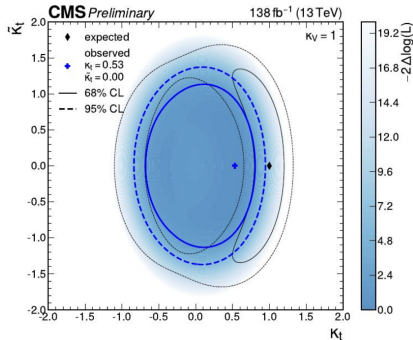
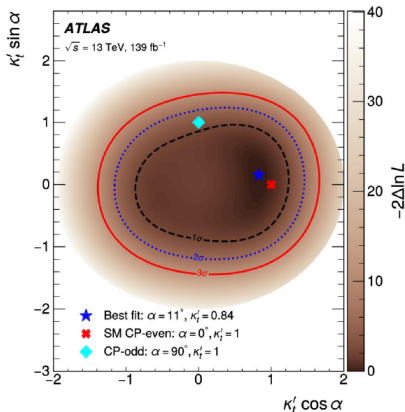
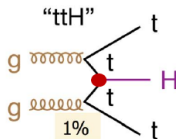


$$\Gamma_H = 86^{+110}_{-49} \text{ MeV}$$

- Some discussion here – theory uncertainties play important role

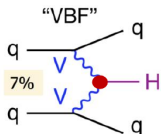
# Tests of CP in fermion interactions.

Accessible in  $t\bar{t}H$  production for interactions with top

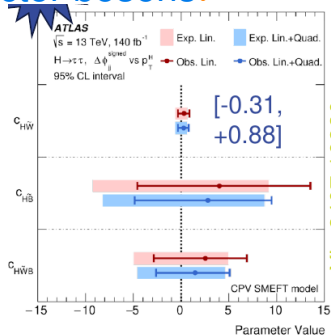


- Recent results from ATLAS and CMS use  $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ , compatible with the SM

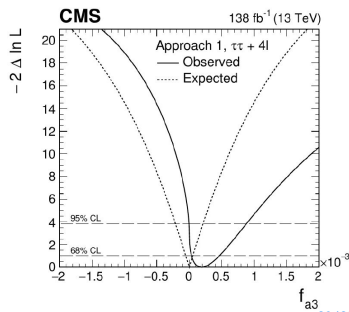
# Tests of CP in interactions with vector bosons.



- Accessible in VBF, but also decays to vector bosons
- Various parametrizations, now mostly SMEFT operators or anomalous couplings (AC)
  - ★ Results from different analyses not always easy to compare
- New VBF  $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$  (ATLAS) yields strongest constraints to-date on  $c_{H\tilde{W}}$
- Constraints on AC in many channels from CMS
- All results compatible with the SM



arXiv:2407.16320

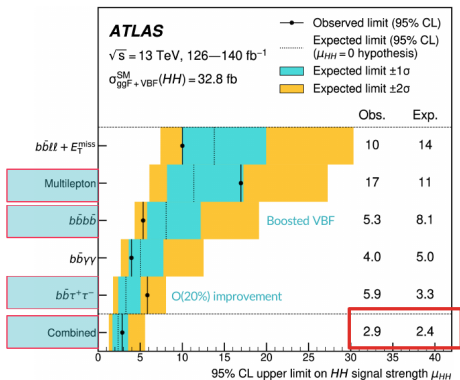


# Higgs boson self-coupling

## HH CROSS SECTION

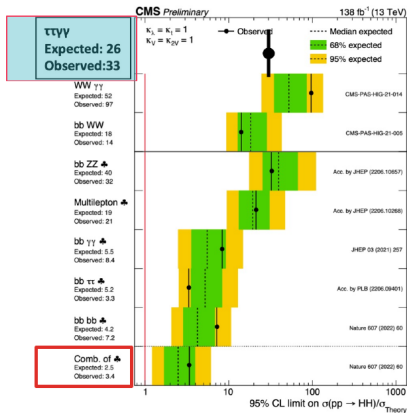
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Legend:  
New from HH2023



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# Valentina's summary

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New from HH2023

## COUPLINGS

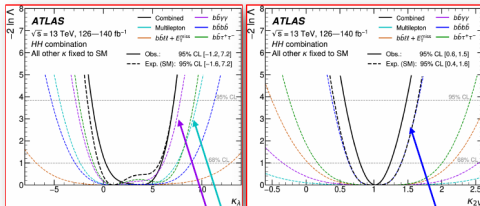
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**ATLAS  
HH**  
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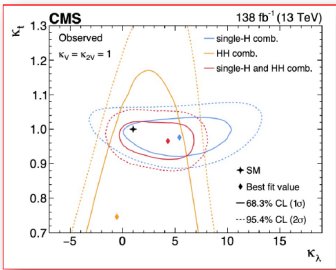


**CMS  
H+HH**  
<https://arxiv.org/pdf/2407.13554>



Photon and lepton triggers powerful at low  $m_{HH}$

Boosted hadronic signatures powerful at high  $m_{HH}$

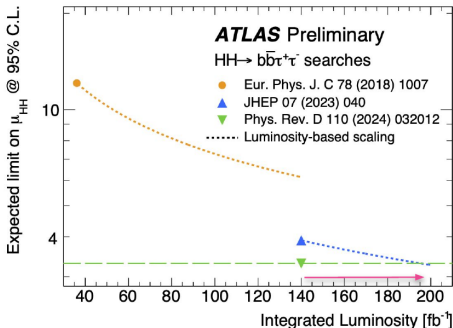


Latest observed (expected) constraints on  $k_\lambda$  at 95% CL: **ATLAS [-1.2;7.2] (-1.6;7.2), CMS [-1.2;7.5] (-2.0;7.7)**

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# Analysis improvements

Significant improvements in analyses beyond more data,  $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}\tau\tau$  as example:



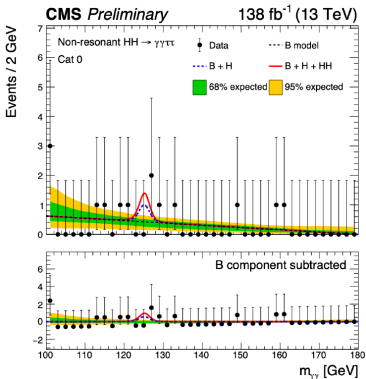
- Improved MC modeling
- Improved MVA discriminants
- Improved event categorization optimized for  $\kappa_\lambda$  and  $\kappa_V$  constraints

- In general also improvements in object performance and calibrations
- All this is promising for Run3 and HL-LHC



# New channels in $HH$ searches.

$$HH \rightarrow \tau\tau\gamma\gamma$$

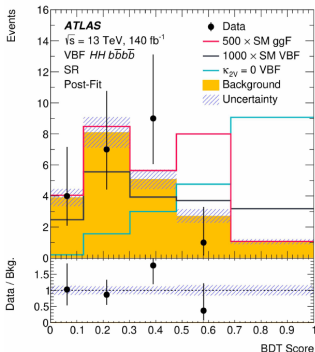


Clean, but small BR  
 Using ML-based event categorization

Limits on cross section:  
 $33 \times \sigma_{\text{SM}}$  (expected  $26 \times \sigma_{\text{SM}}$ )

Constraints on  $\kappa\lambda$ :  
 $\kappa\lambda$   $[-13, 18]$  (expected  $[-11, 16]$ )

$$\text{VBF } HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$$



Using ML-tagger for boosted  $b\bar{b}$  in large-R jets

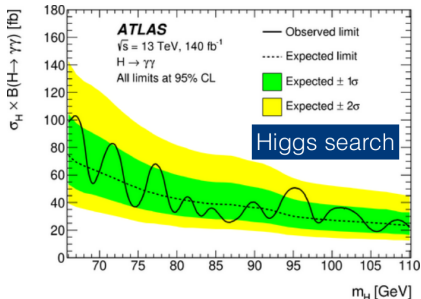
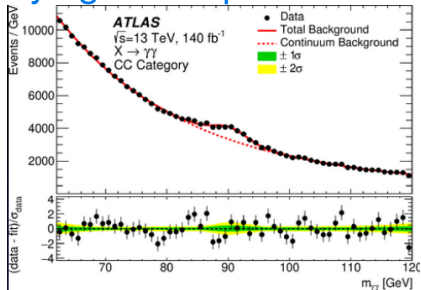
Observed:  $\kappa_{2V} \in [-0.55, 1.49]$   
 Expected:  $\kappa_{2V} \in [-0.37, 1.67]$

## The rare and the not (yet?) seen

Searches for many different signatures, I can only cover a very small subset!  
I picked some of the results that brought some discussion

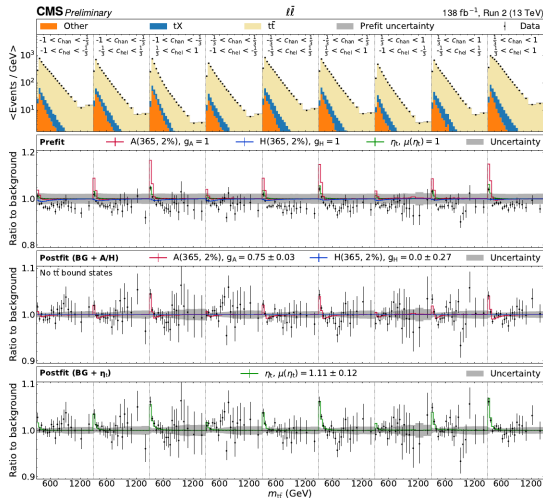
# Search for light resonance decaying to two photons.

- Search for resonance decaying to  $\gamma\gamma$  in  $62 < m_{\gamma\gamma} < 120$  GeV
- Experimental challenge: suppressing and understanding background from  $Z \rightarrow ee$  with  $e$  misreconstructed as (converted) photon
- No significant excess (largest excess:  $1.7\sigma$  (local) at 95.4 GeV)
  - ★ CMS:  $2.9\sigma$  (local) at the same mass
- Let's see what the Run3 data has to say...



# Search for $A/H \rightarrow t\bar{t}$ .

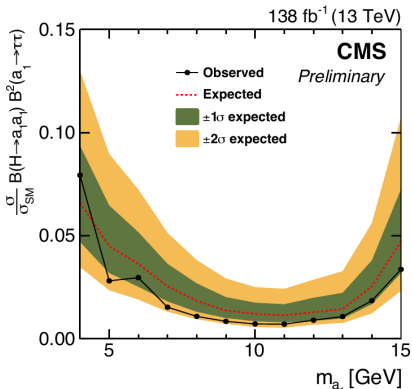
- Search for  $t\bar{t}$  resonances
  - ★ Dominant  $A/H$  decay for low  $\tan\beta$
  - ★ Complicated peak-dip interference structure
- Excess of  $>5\sigma$  (local) close to threshold, fitted equally well by  $A$  and by color-singlet  $t\bar{t}$  bound state
- Some things to be understood...



# Searches for $H \rightarrow aa$ .

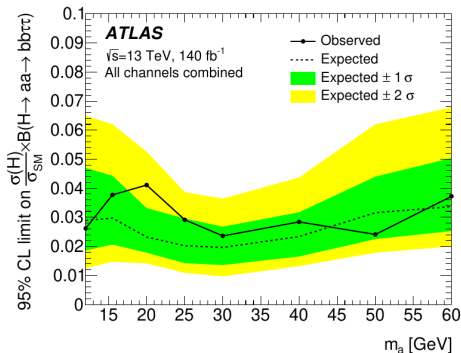
- Motivated in models with additional light pseudo scalar

$$H \rightarrow aa \rightarrow 4\tau$$



Boosted  $a$  bosons  
 $\rightarrow$  non-isolated leptons

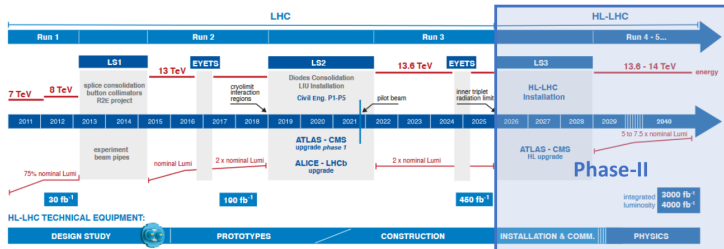
$$H \rightarrow aa \rightarrow b\bar{b}\tau\tau$$



First search for this signature in ATLAS

# HL-LHC and beyond

# Towards HL-LHC: phase 2 upgrades.



Challenges:  
pile up,  
radiation dose,  
trigger rates, ...

## Upgrades to many of the detector components:

### New Inner Tracking Detector (ITK)

- All silicon with 9 layers up to  $|η| = 4$
- Less material, finer segmentation
- Improve vertexing, tracking, b-tagging

### New High Granularity Timing Detector (HGTD)

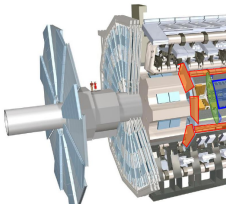
- Precision track timing (30 ps) with LGAD in the forward region
- Improved pile-up separation and bunch-by-bunch luminosity

### Calorimeter Electronics

- On-detector/off-detector electronics upgrades of LAr and Tile Calorimeter
- Provide 40 MHz readout for triggering

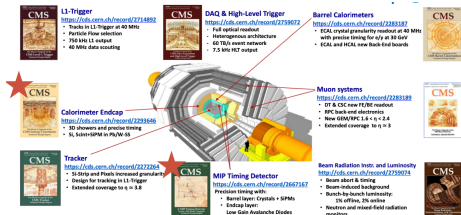
### New Muon Chambers and electronics

- Inner barrel region with new RPCs, sMDTs, and TGCs
- Improved trigger efficiency/momentum resolution, reduced fake rate



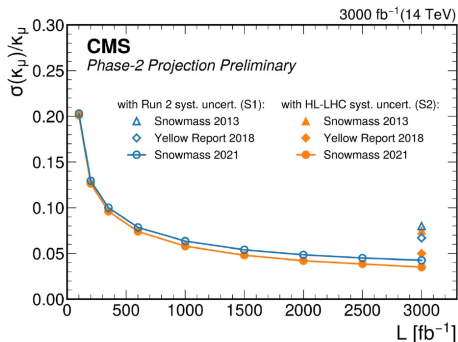
### Upgraded Trigger and Data Acquisition System

- Single Level Trigger with 1 MHz output (x 10 current)
- Improved DAQ system with faster FPGAs

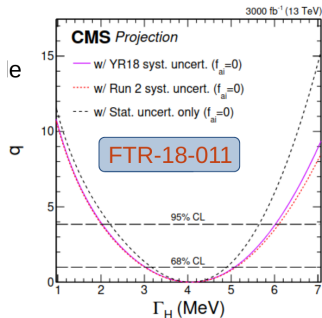


# $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$ and Higgs width with HL-LHC.

- Improvements in tracker and muon spectrometer (extended acceptance, reduced material budget for tracker)



Expect  $\sim 5\%$  precision with HL-LHC



Expect 30% constraint with HL-LHC  
(with the usual assumptions)



# $HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}\tau\tau$ at HL-LHC.

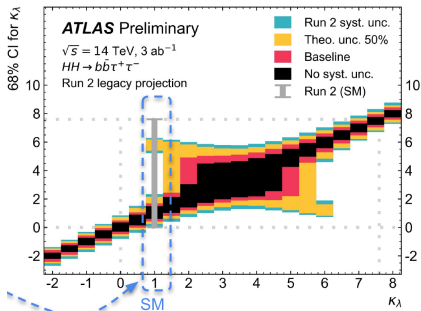
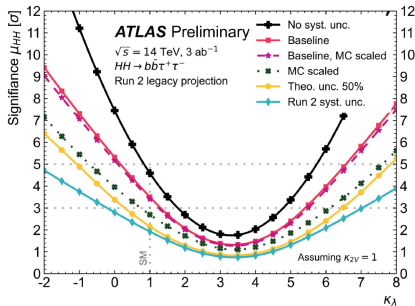
- Extrapolate new  $HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}\tau\tau$  search to  $3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  under various assumptions on systematic uncertainties
- New: projections for non-SM  $\kappa_\lambda$
- Improvements in  $b$ -tagging,  $\tau$  identification, triggers, ... can bring further improvements

**MVAs have never been more accessible!** Analyses will be able to train advanced models

**But let's be cautious!**

- Explainability / interpretability tradeoffs
- Harmonise tooling & models to minimise expensive trainings

- Discussion: need improvements in theory predictions and uncertainties for HL-LHC (top mass renormalization scheme, EW corrections, ...)



## Conclusions.

- New and improved results on Run2 data with improvements in object performance, analysis strategies, ...
- We have a sizeable Run3 dataset to explore
- In some places we are/will be impacted by theory uncertainties – close collaboration between theory and experiment is crucial
- Much effort in upgrades for phase 2
- There is much to look forward to for future Higgs Huntings



Gustave Caillebotte "Rue de Paris, temps de pluie (1877)" Art Institute of Chicago

Thank you for a very nice conference!

