

Study of the $H \rightarrow VV$ decays ($ZZ, \gamma\gamma, WW$)

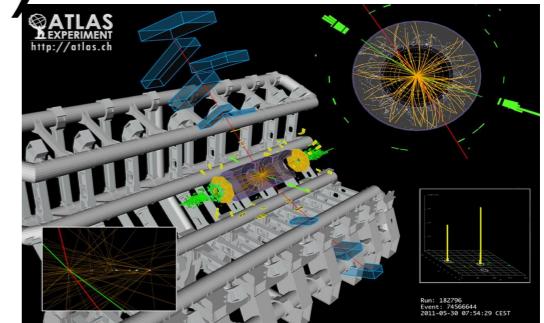
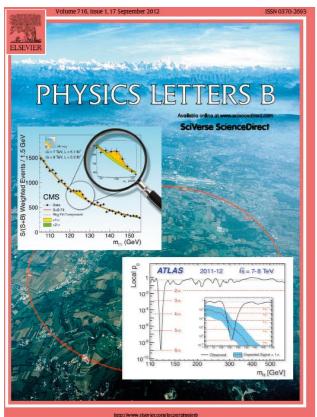
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From: Higgs boson discovery

To: Understanding of Higgs boson properties

CMS-PAS-HIG-18-029

Measurements of Higgs boson production via gluon fusion and vector boson fusion in the diphoton decay channel at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV

77.4 fb^{-1}

CMS-PAS-HIG-19-001

Measurements of properties of the Higgs boson in the four-lepton final state in proton-proton collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV

137.1 fb^{-1}

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Measurements of properties of the Higgs boson decaying to a W boson pair in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV

35.9 fb^{-1}

CMS-PAS-FTR-16-002

Projected performance of Higgs analyses at the HL-LHC for ECFA 2016

HL-LHC

ATLAS-CONF-2018-028

Measurements of Higgs boson properties in the diphoton decay channel using 80 fb^{-1} of pp collision data at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV with the ATLAS detector

79.8 fb^{-1}

ATLAS-CONF-2018-018

Measurements of the Higgs boson production, fiducial and differential cross sections in the 4ℓ decay channel at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV with the ATLAS detector

79.8 fb^{-1}

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

Measurement of the production cross section for a Higgs boson in association with a vector boson in the $H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow \ell\nu\ell\nu$ channel in pp collisions at $s\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV with the ATLAS detector

36.1 fb^{-1}

ATL-PHYS-PUB-2017-018

Constraints on an effective Lagrangian from the combined $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4\ell$ and $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ channels using 36.1 fb^{-1} of $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV pp collision data collected with the ATLAS detector

36.1 fb^{-1}

ATL-PHYS-PUB-2018-040

Prospects for differential cross-section measurements of Higgs boson production measured in decays to ZZ and $\gamma\gamma$ with the ATLAS experiment at the High-Luminosity LHC

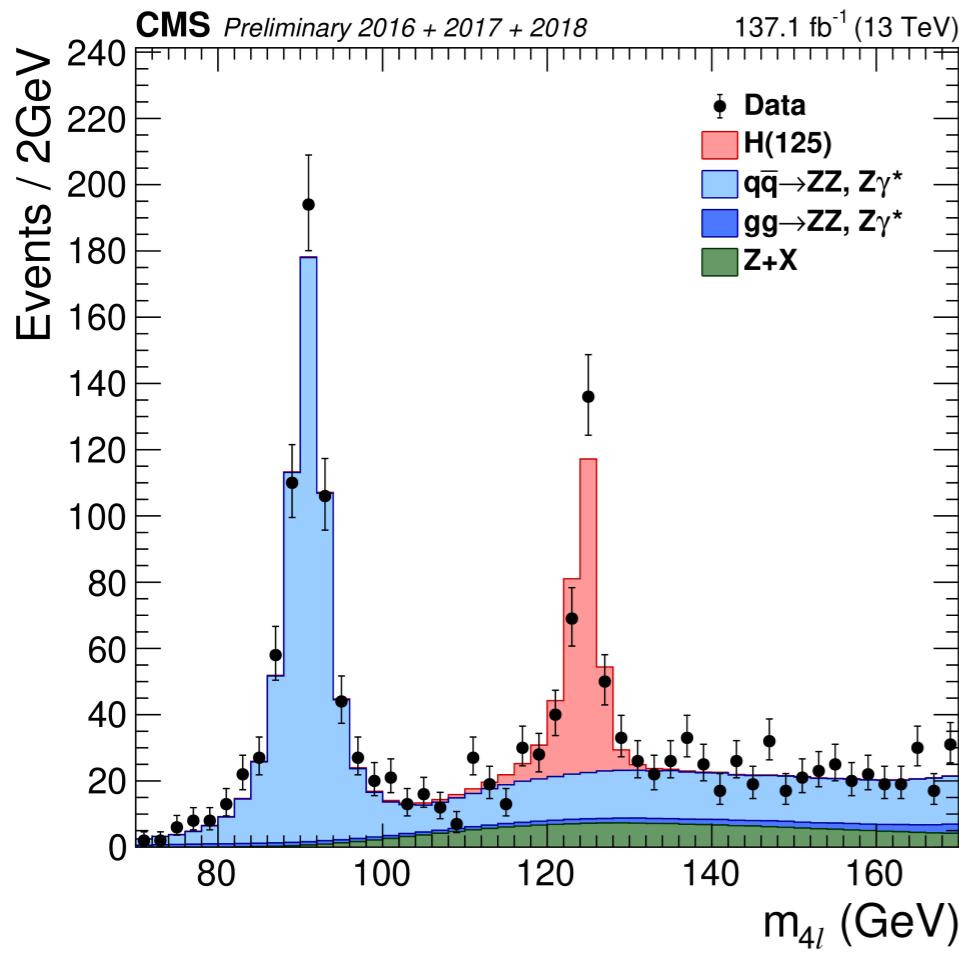
HL-LHC

H \rightarrow ZZ

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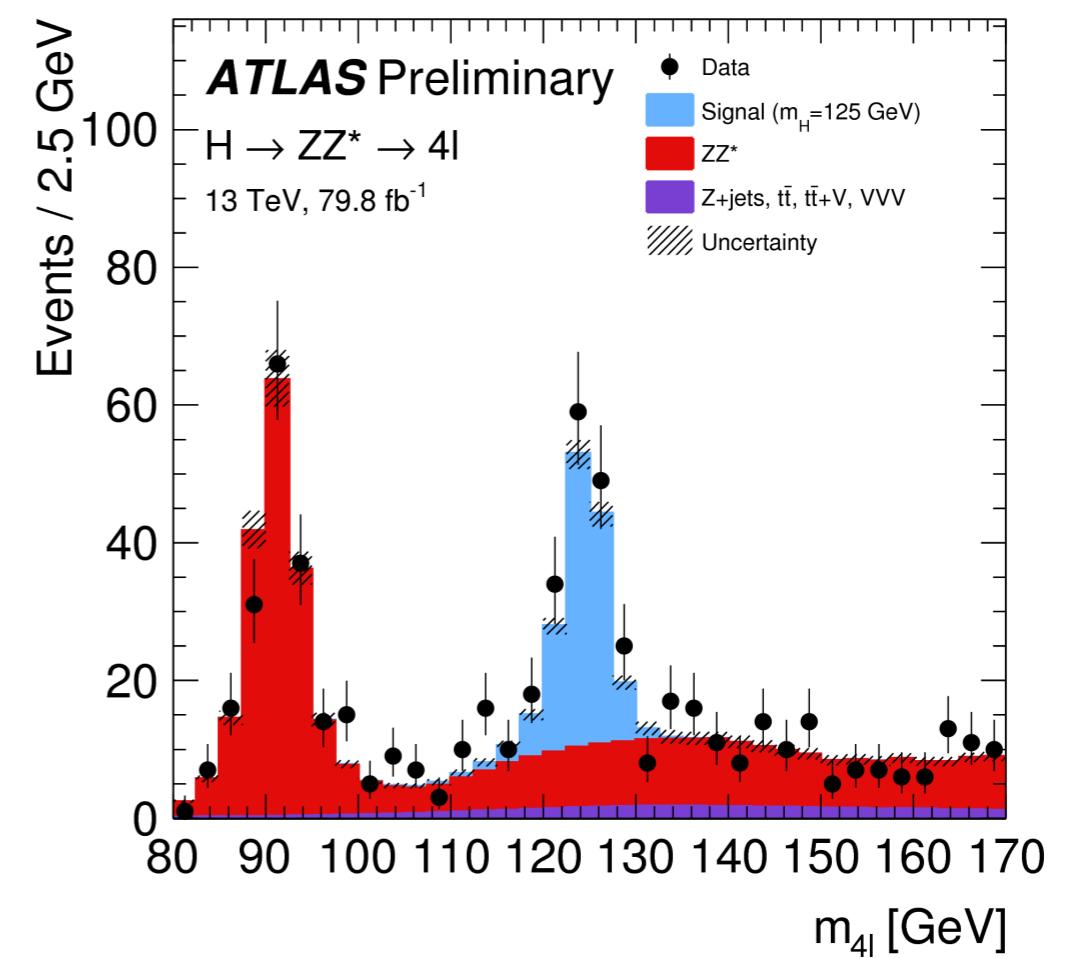
CMS H \rightarrow ZZ selection :

- muons (electrons)
- $|l\eta| < 2.4$ (2.5)
- P_t 20 GeV, 10 GeV, 10 GeV, 5(7) GeV
- $12 \text{ GeV} < m_{ll} < 120 \text{ GeV}$
- $Z_1 > 40 \text{ GeV}$



ATLAS H \rightarrow ZZ selection :

- muons (electrons)
- $|l\eta| < 2.7$ (2.47)
- P_t 20 GeV, 15 GeV, 10 GeV, 5(7) GeV
- $50 \text{ GeV} < m_{12} < 106 \text{ GeV}$
- $12 \text{ GeV} < m_{34} < 115 \text{ GeV}$

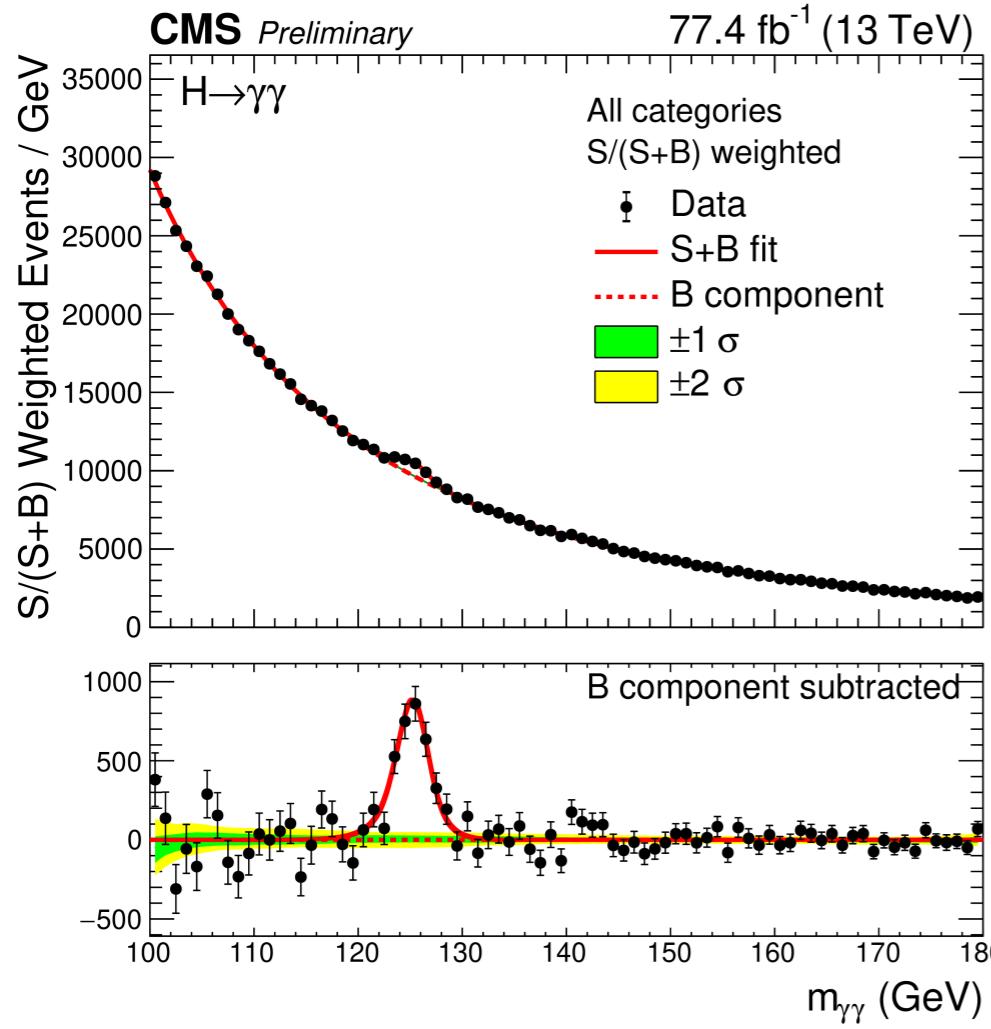


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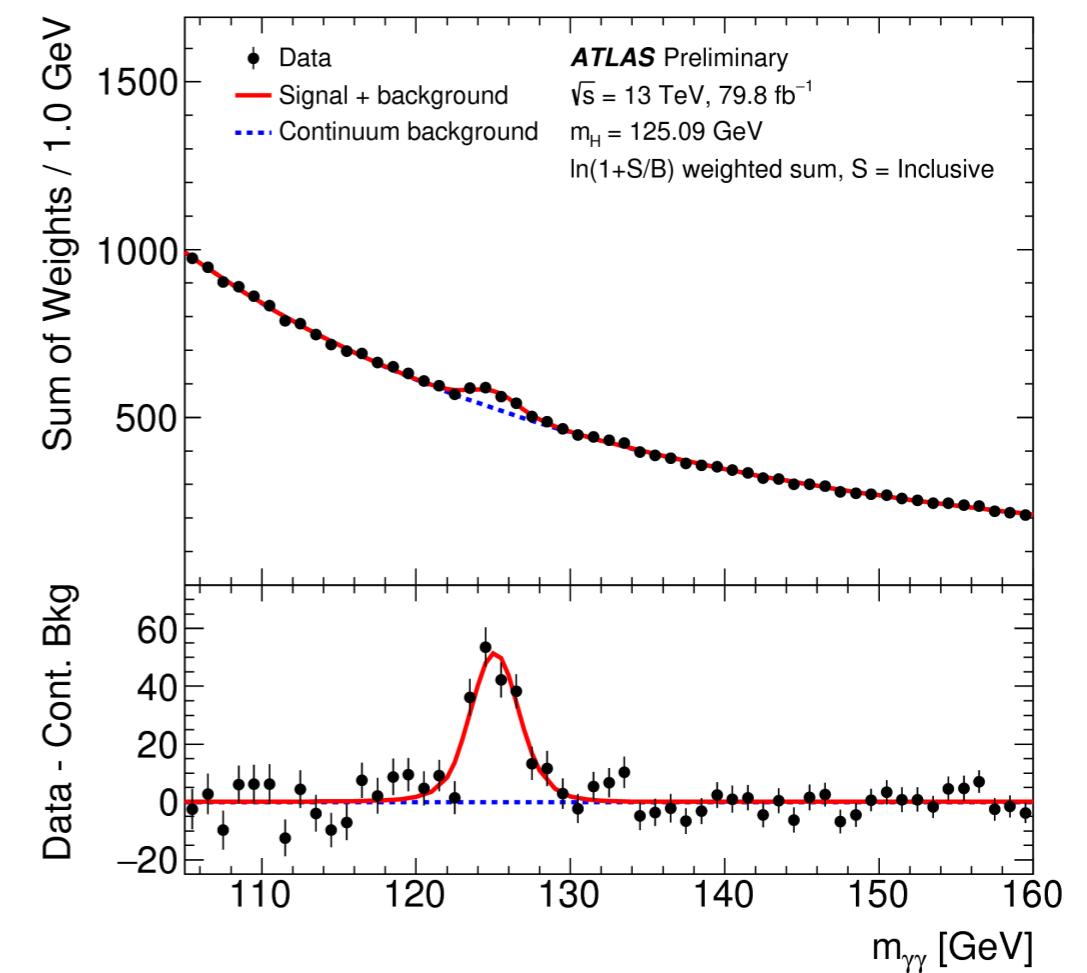
CMS $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ selection :

- $P_t > 35 \text{ GeV}, 25 \text{ GeV}$
- $||\eta| < 2.4 \text{ (exclude } 1.44-1.57)$
- $100 < m_{\gamma\gamma} < 180 \text{ GeV}$
- $p_{t\gamma^1} > m_{\gamma\gamma}/3, p_{t\gamma^2} > m_{\gamma\gamma}/4$



ATLAS $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ selection :

- $P_t > 35 \text{ GeV}, 25 \text{ GeV}$
- $||\eta| < 2.37 \text{ (exclude } 1.37-1.52)$
- $105 < m_{\gamma\gamma} < 160 \text{ GeV}$
- $p_{t\gamma^1} > 0.35 * m_{\gamma\gamma}, p_{t\gamma^2} > 0.25 * m_{\gamma\gamma}$

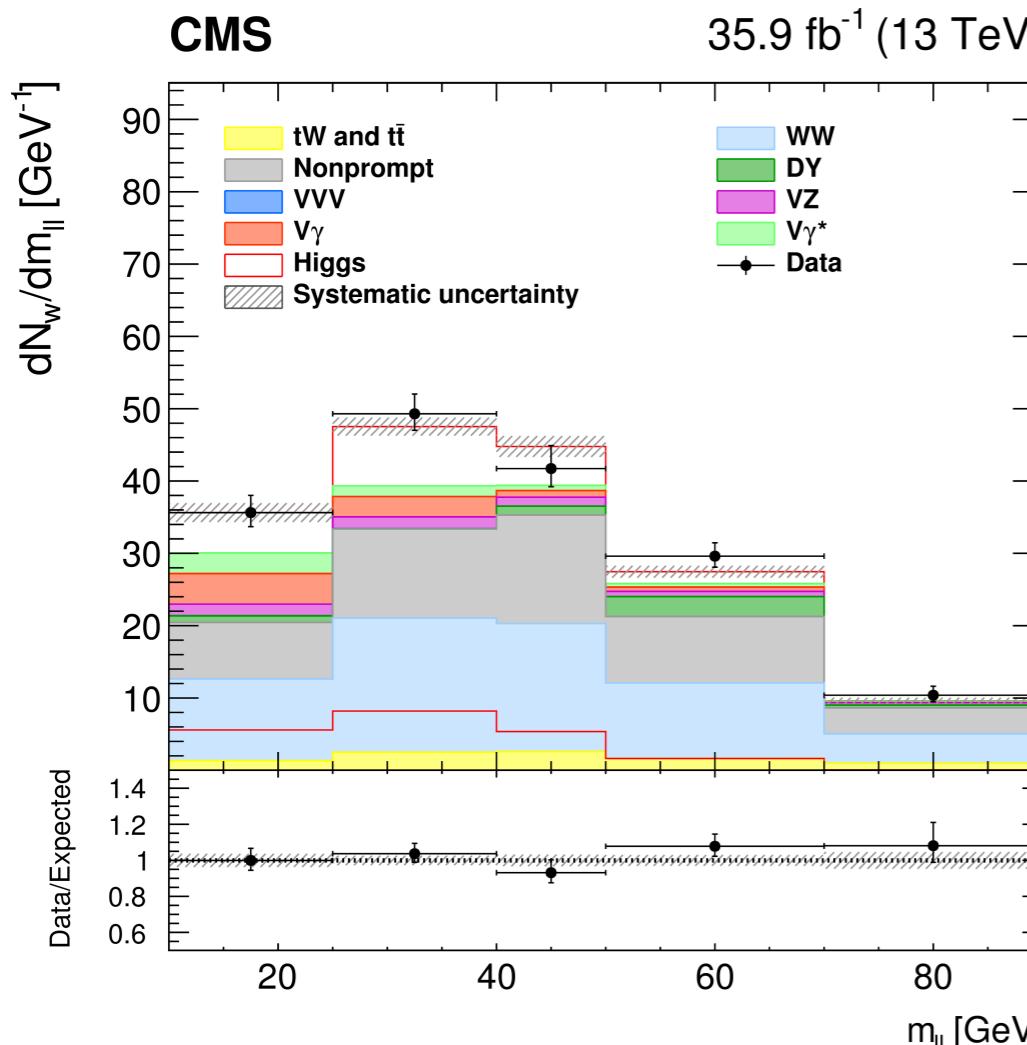


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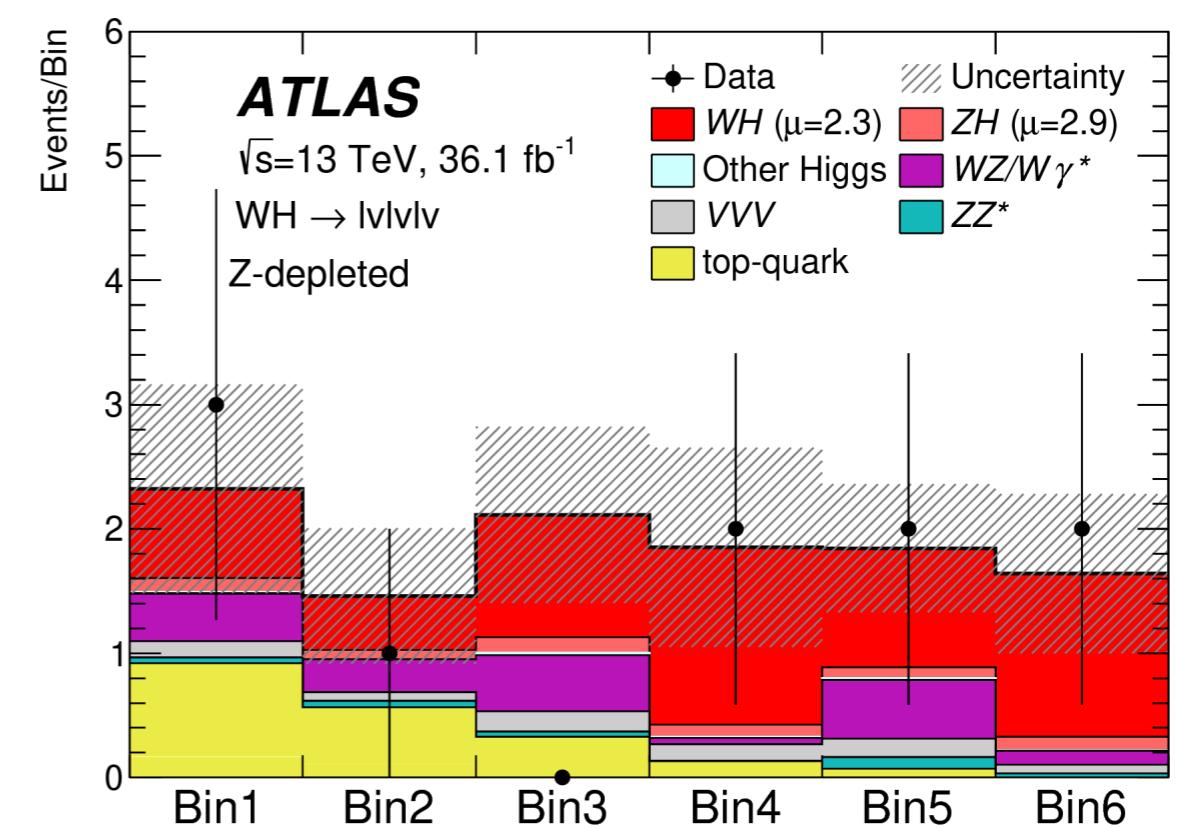
CMS $H \rightarrow WW$ selection :

- $e^+e^- P_t > 25 \text{ GeV}, 13 \text{ GeV}$
- $\mu^+\mu^- P_t > 20 \text{ GeV}, 10 \text{ GeV}$
- $e\mu P_t > 25 \text{ GeV} 10 (13) \text{ GeV}$
- $e\mu \text{ Pflow } P_t^{\text{miss}}$
- $e^+e^-, \mu^+\mu^- \text{ track } P_t^{\text{miss}}$



ATLAS $H \rightarrow WW$ selection :

- $e\mu$
- *electron $P_t > 24-26 \text{ GeV}$*
- *muon $P_t > 20-26 \text{ GeV}$*
- *Both track and calorimeter based P_t^{miss}*



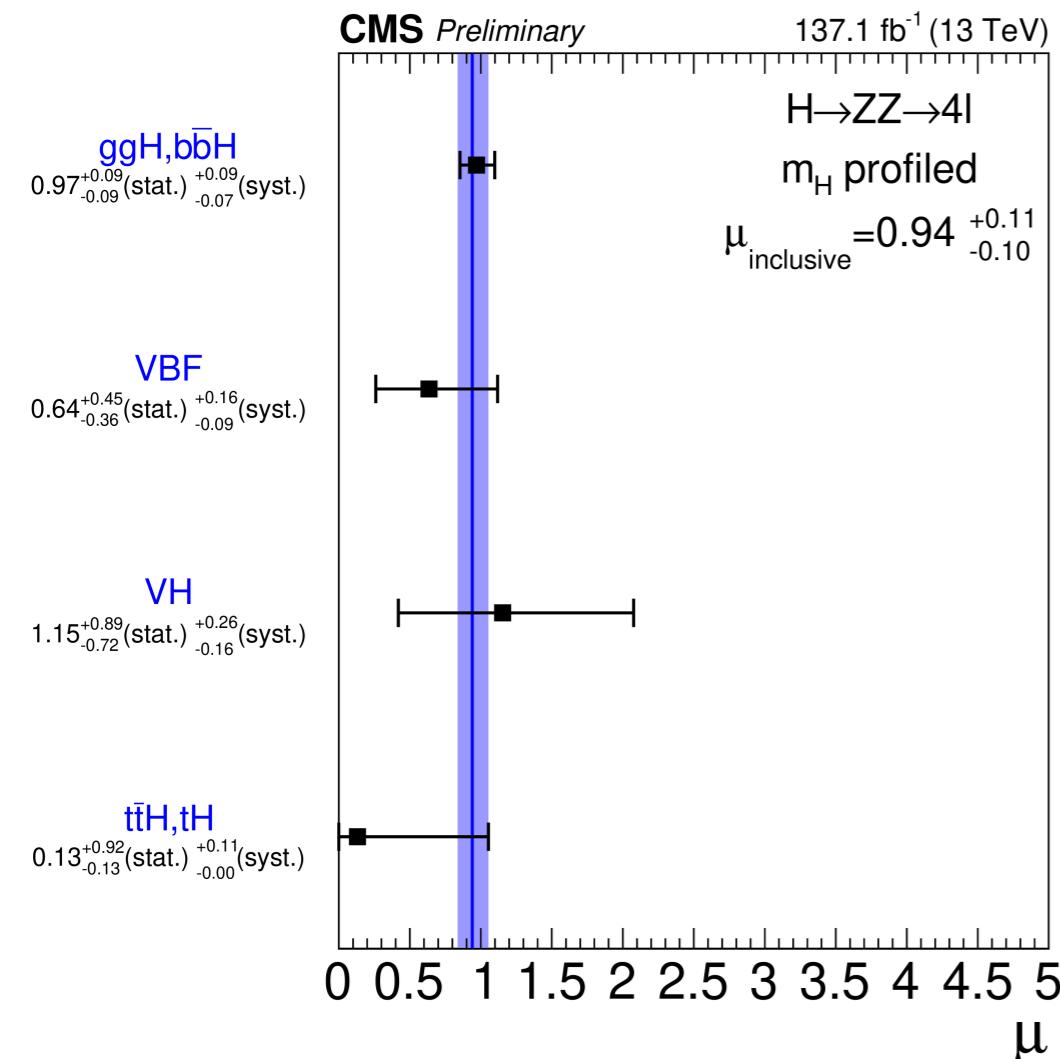
$H \rightarrow VV$ decays

The new challenge is “*Deciphering the nature of the Higgs sector*”
(*Handbook of LHC Higgs cross sections:4 , arXiv:1610.07922*)

H \rightarrow ZZ/WW

Signal strength (μ) and x-section * BR measurements still performed. Similar to Run-I

H \rightarrow ZZ



VH \rightarrow WW ATLAS

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_{WH} &= 2.3^{+1.1}_{-0.9}(\text{stat.})^{+0.41}_{-0.33}(\text{theo syst.})^{+0.49}_{-0.36}(\text{exp syst.}) = 2.3^{+1.2}_{-1.0}, \\ \mu_{ZH} &= 2.9^{+1.7}_{-1.3}(\text{stat.})^{+0.66}_{-0.27}(\text{theo syst.})^{+0.54}_{-0.28}(\text{exp syst.}) = 2.9^{+1.9}_{-1.3}.\end{aligned}$$

$$\mu_{VH} = 2.5^{+0.8}_{-0.7}(\text{stat.})^{+0.37}_{-0.26}(\text{theo syst.})^{+0.30}_{-0.23}(\text{exp syst.}) = 2.5^{+0.9}_{-0.8}.$$

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_{WH} \cdot \mathcal{B}_{H\rightarrow WW^*} &= 0.67^{+0.31}_{-0.27}(\text{stat.})^{+0.11}_{-0.09}(\text{theo syst.})^{+0.14}_{-0.11}(\text{exp syst.}) \text{ pb}, \\ \sigma_{ZH} \cdot \mathcal{B}_{H\rightarrow WW^*} &= 0.54^{+0.31}_{-0.24}(\text{stat.})^{+0.11}_{-0.05}(\text{theo syst.})^{+0.10}_{-0.05}(\text{exp syst.}) \text{ pb}.\end{aligned}$$

H \rightarrow WW CMS (combined)

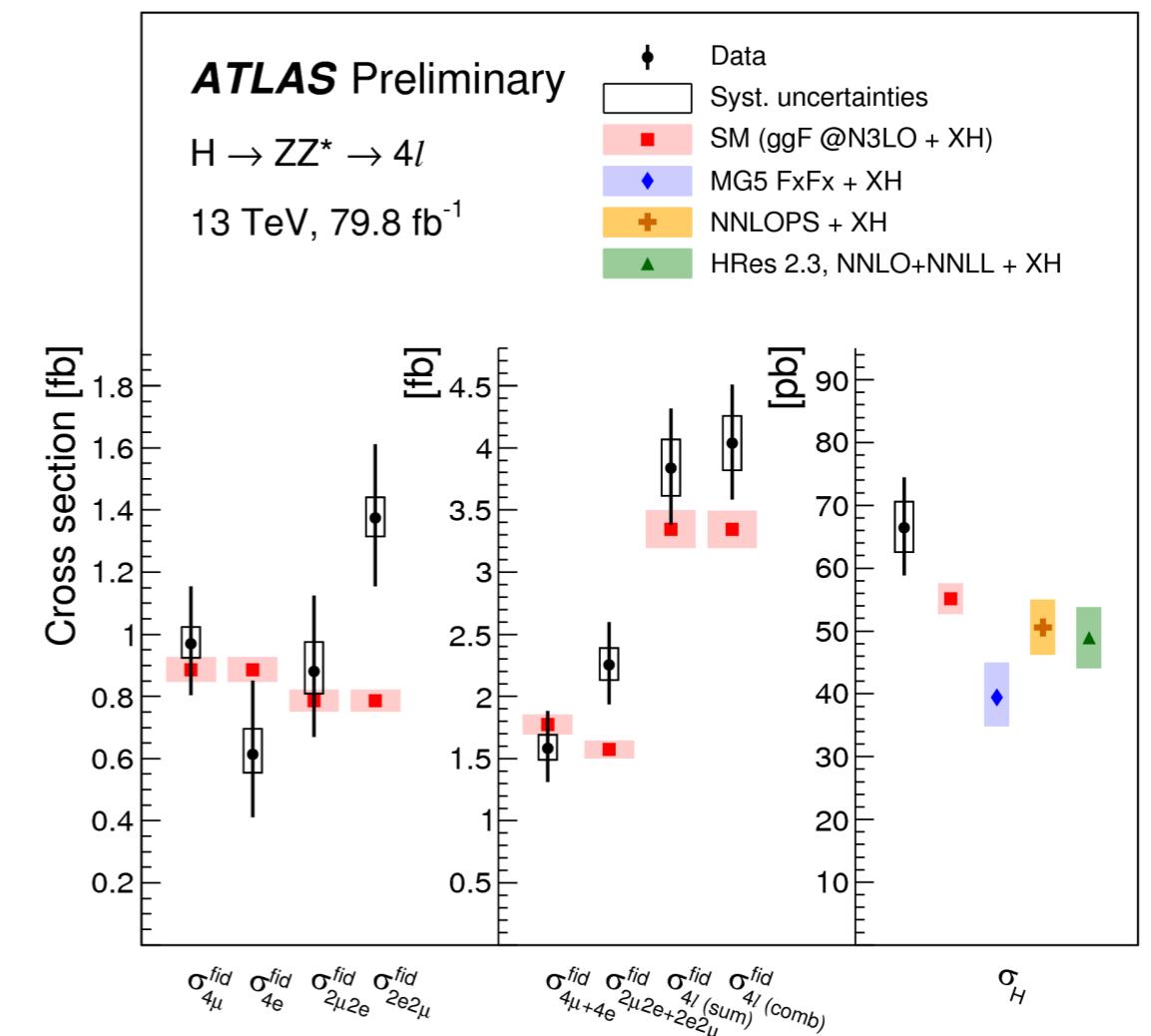
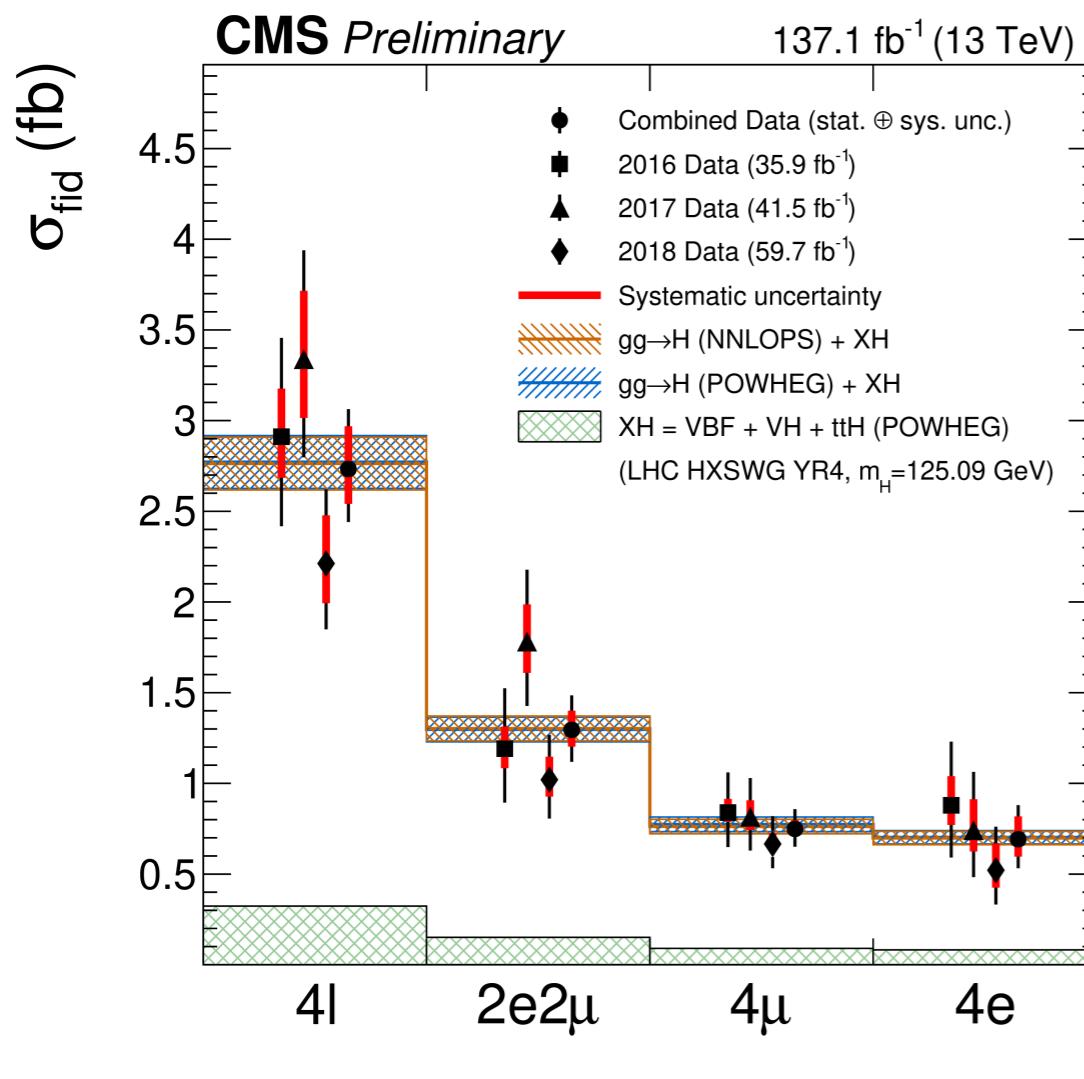
$$\mu = 1.28^{+0.18}_{-0.17} = 1.28 \pm 0.10 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.11 \text{ (syst)}^{+0.10}_{-0.07} \text{ (theo)}$$

H \rightarrow ZZ

"Over the past years fiducial measurements, both differential and total, became standard practice for characterising Standard Model (SM) processes at the LHC."

The fiducial cross section $\sigma_{i,\text{fid}}$ for a given final state or bin of the differential distribution, i , is defined as:

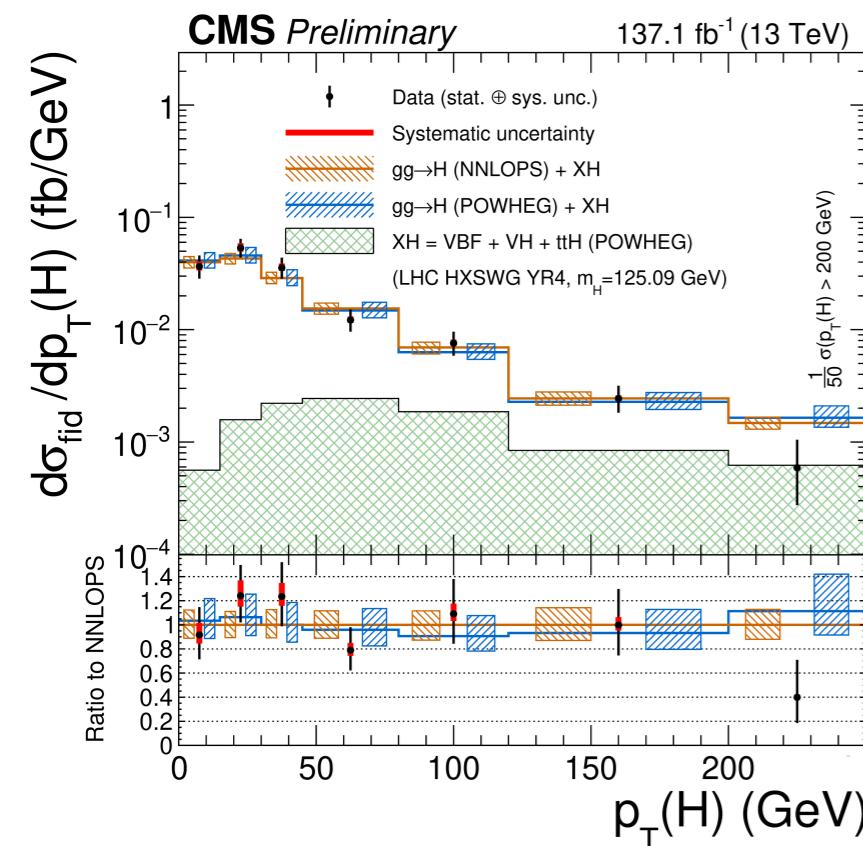
$$\sigma_{i,\text{fid}} = \sigma_i \times A_i \times \mathcal{B} = \frac{N_{i,\text{fit}}}{\mathcal{L} \times C_i}, \quad C_i = \frac{N_{i,\text{reco}}}{N_{i,\text{part}}}, \quad (1)$$



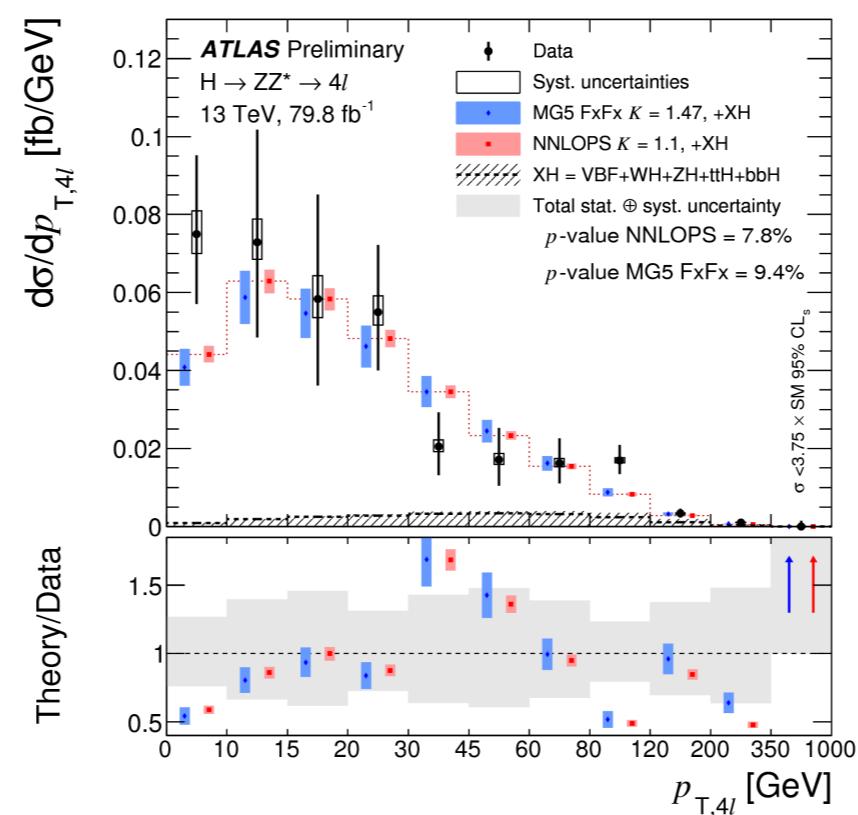
$H \rightarrow ZZ/\gamma\gamma$

Higgs Kinematics P_T^H y^H QCD modelling, PDF , ggF production

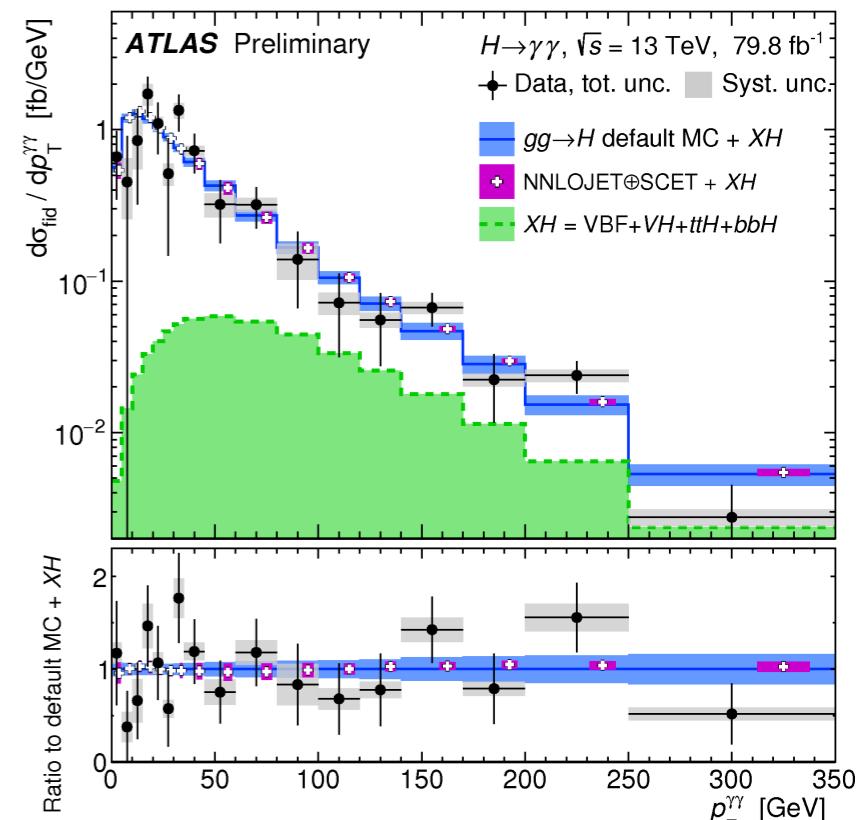
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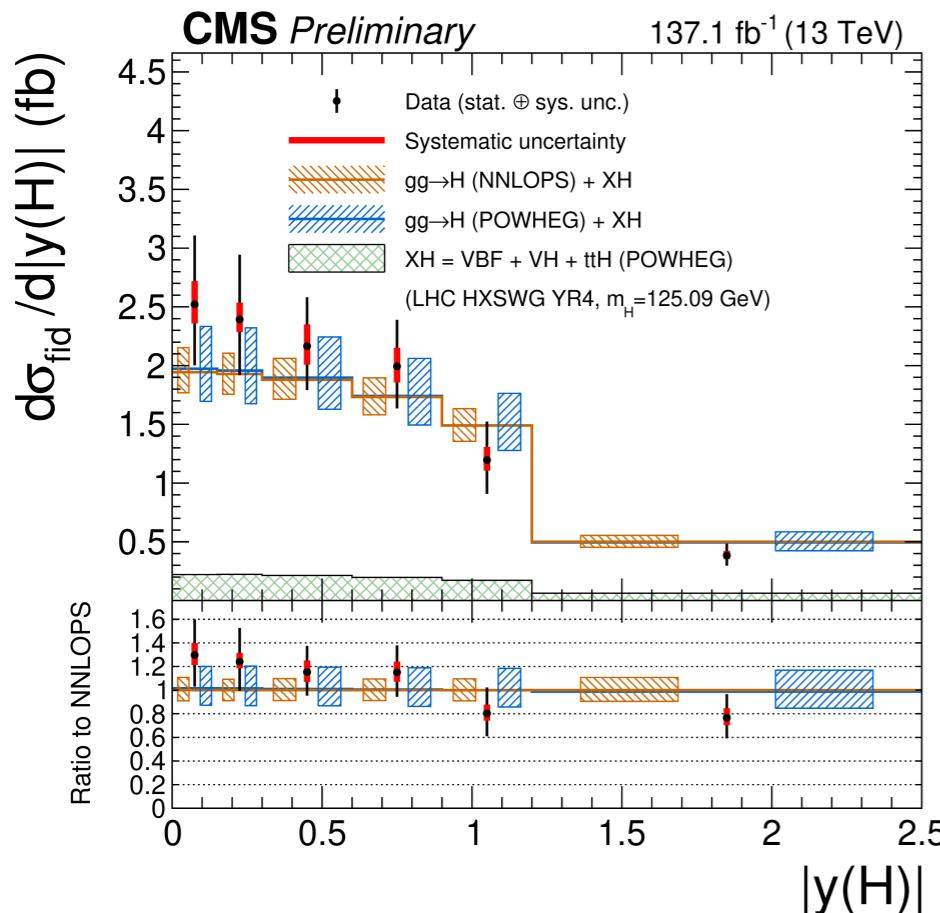


Default MC : ggF component
modelled using PowhegNNLOPS
and normalised to the N3LO(QCD)
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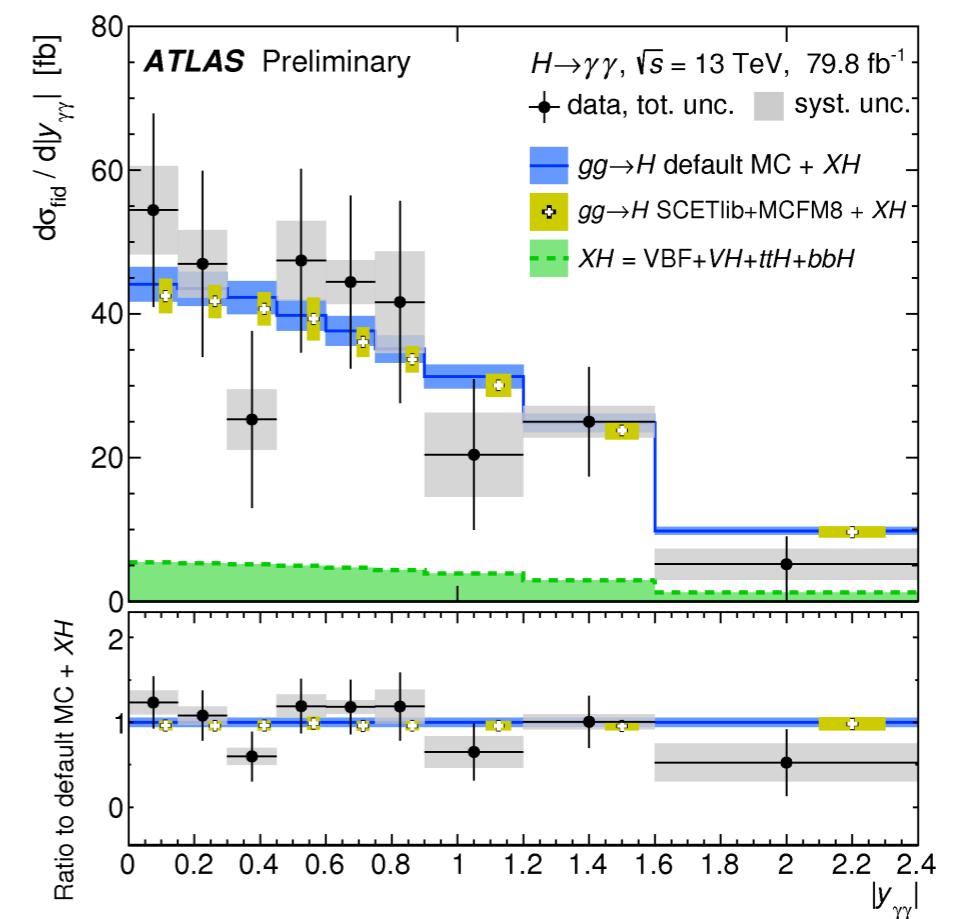
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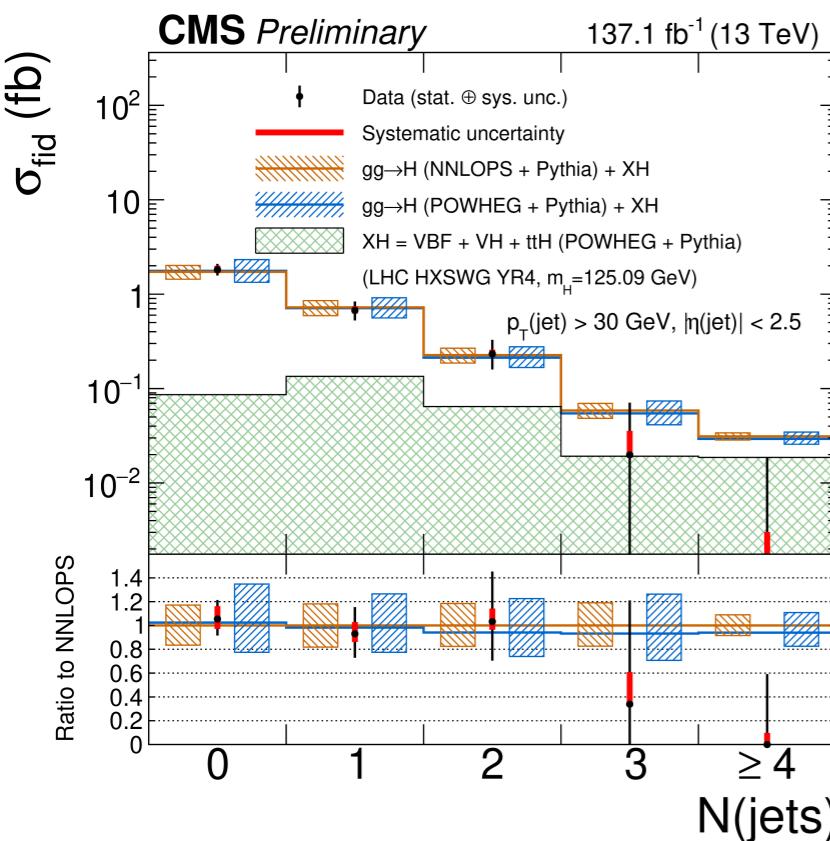
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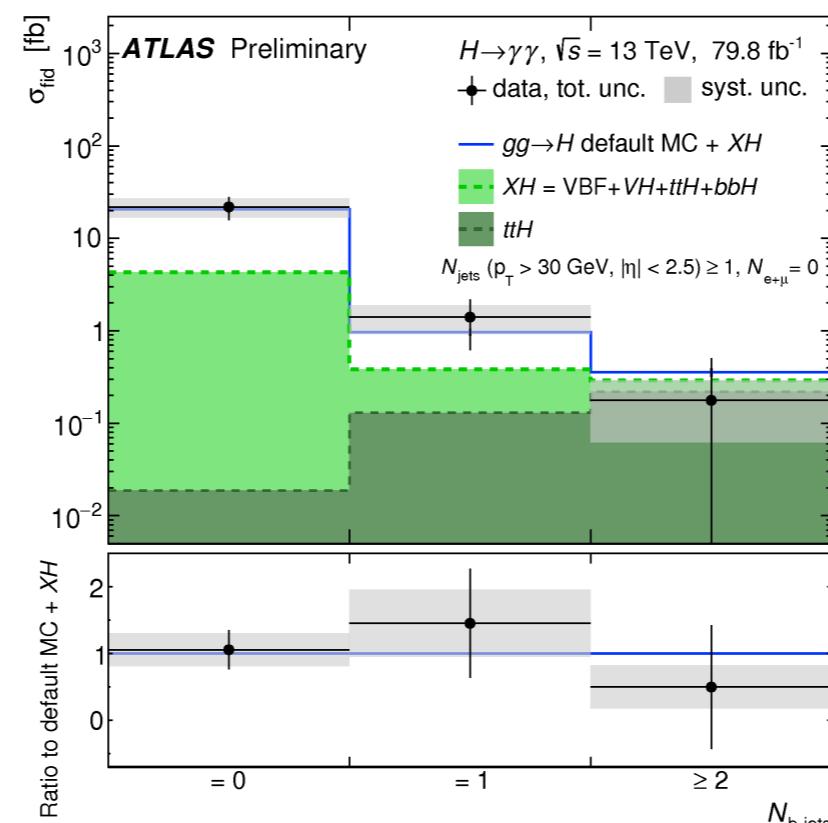
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Jet Activity : theoretical modelling and relative contributions of different Higgs boson production mechanisms

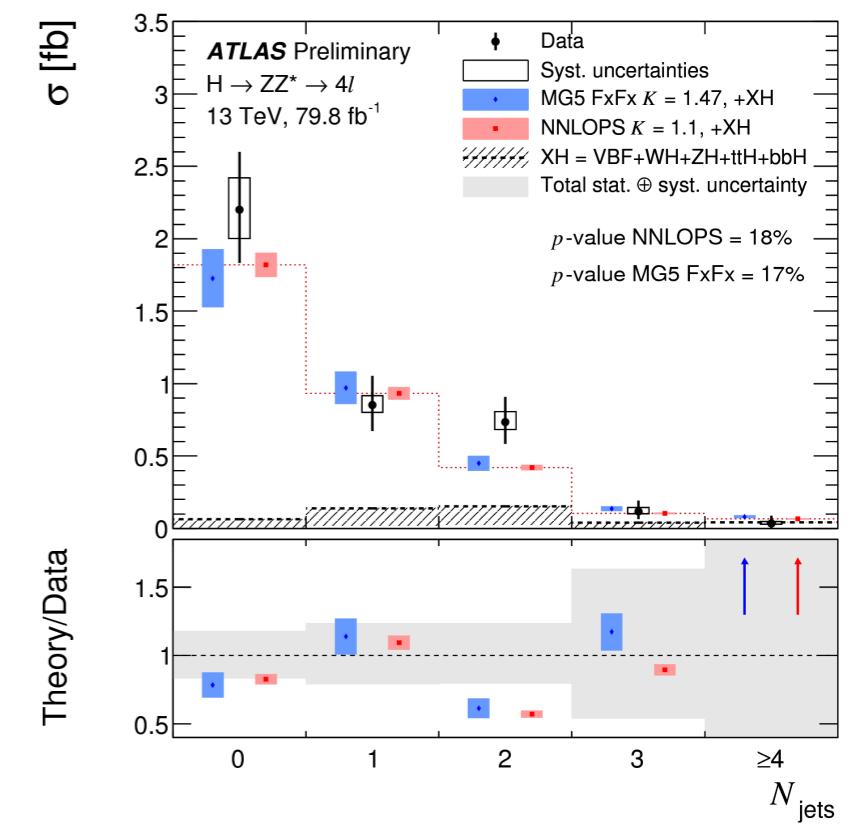
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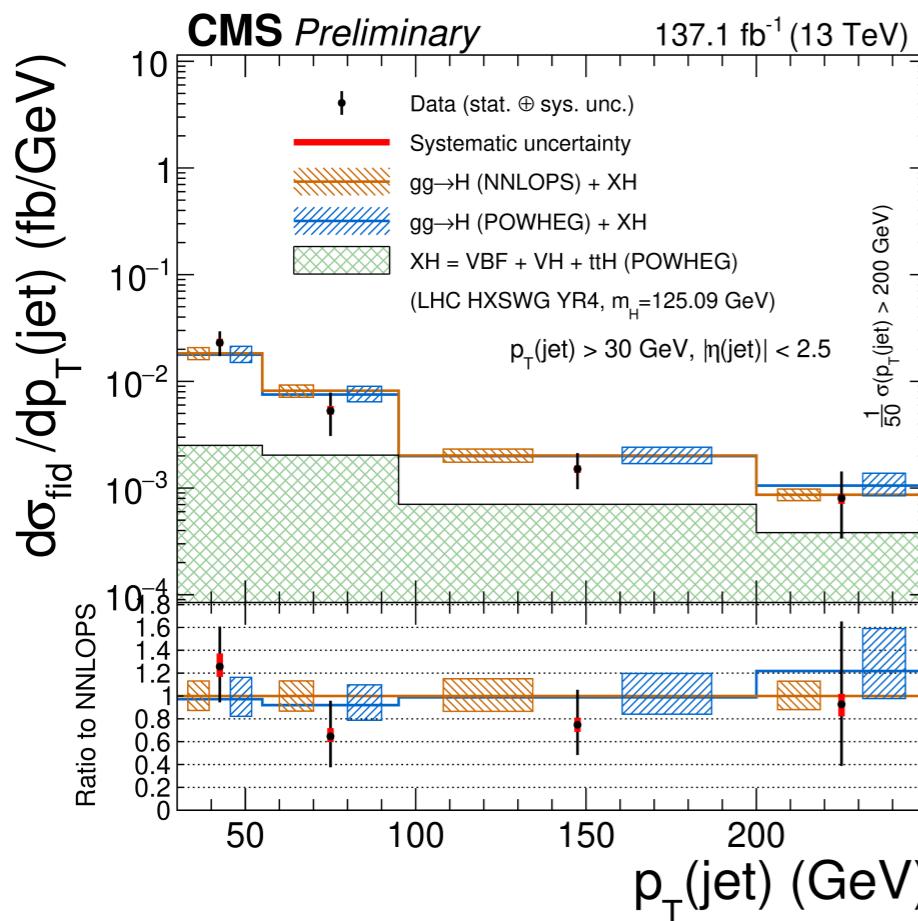
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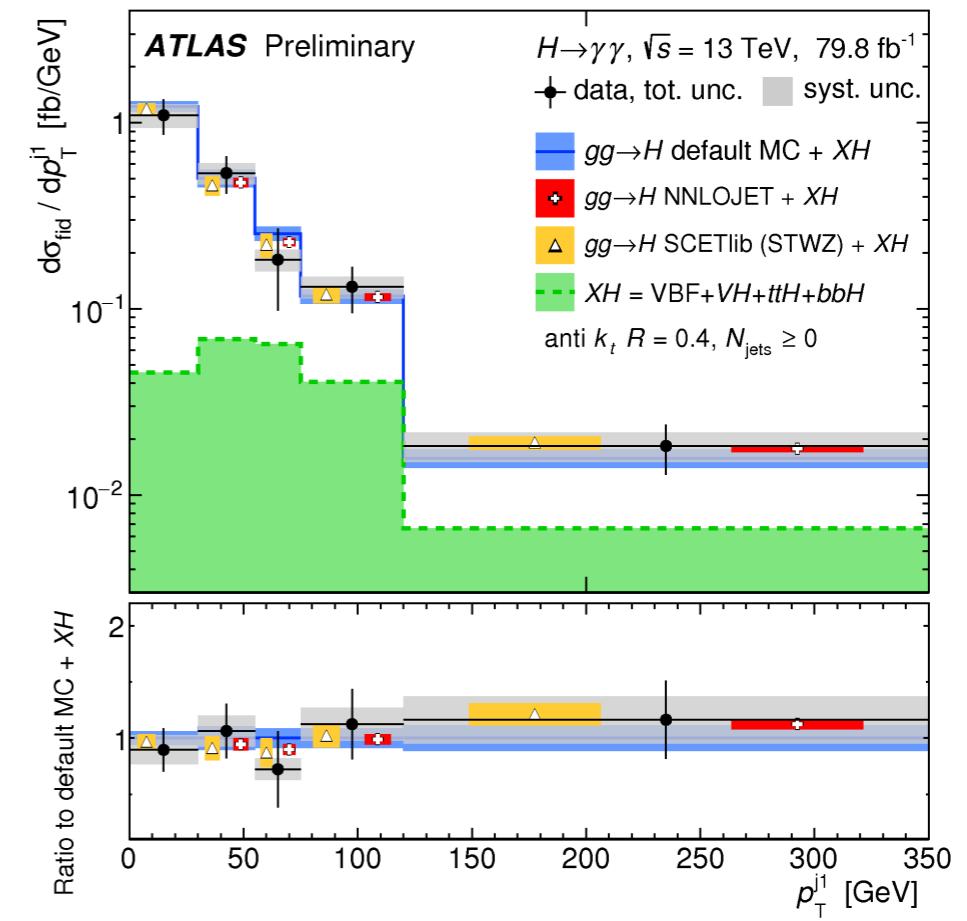
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$H \rightarrow VV$ decays

Simplified template cross sections (STXS) used heavily in Run-II.

Fully fiducial differential measurements : “Essential but can only be carried out in a subset of decay channels”. “They are explicitly optimised for maximal theory independence.”

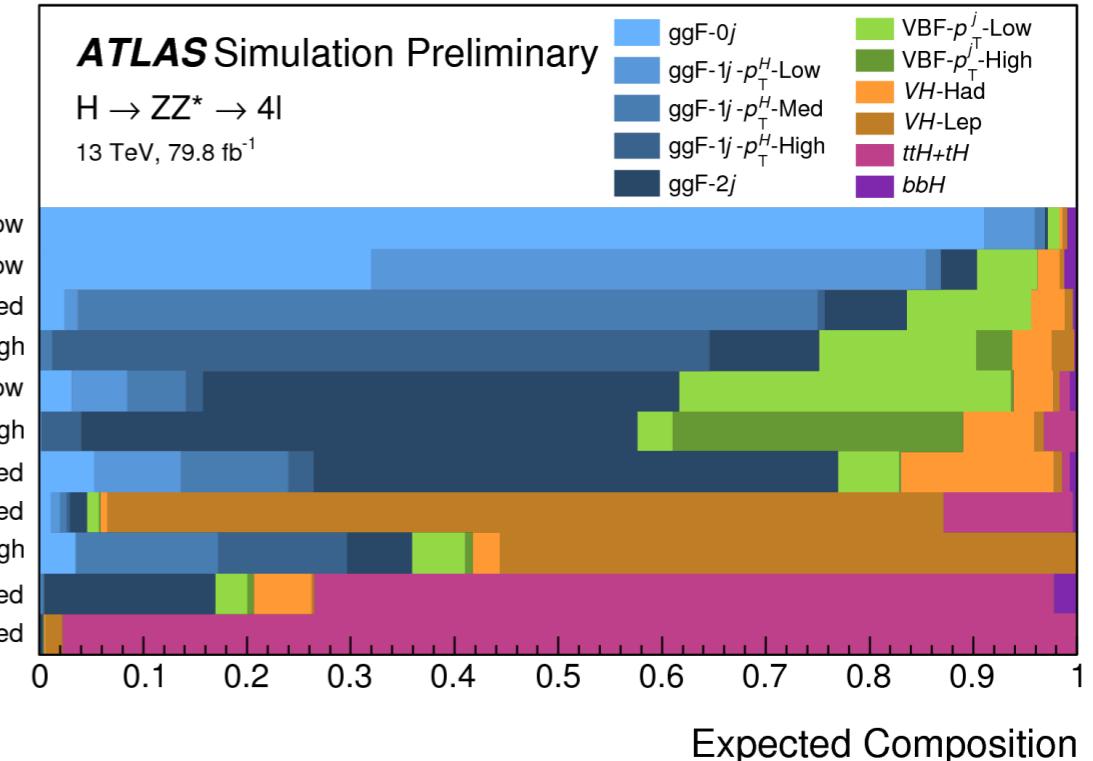
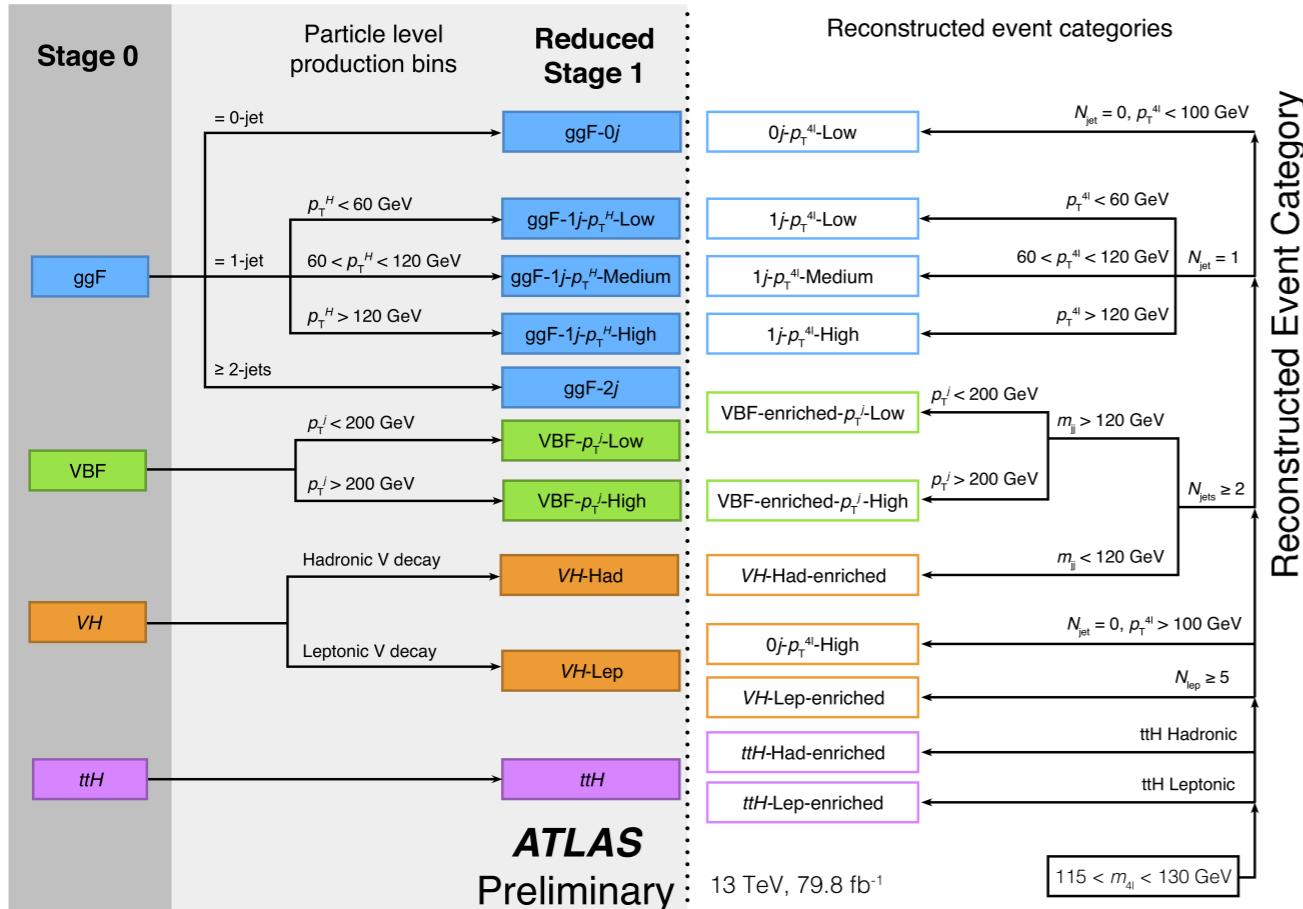
STXS : “Optimised for sensitivity while reducing the dominant theory dependence in the measurement”.

“As they are extrapolated from a simultaneous fit, this allows for advanced experimental techniques (including multi-variate observables and discriminants) to be employed in the analyses. The use of such techniques is not possible, for instance, when measuring fiducial cross-sections, as it is very hard, if not impossible, to define the fiducial volume for a multi-variate observable.”

(Quotes from Handbook of LHC Higgs cross sections:4 , arXiv:1610.07922)

STXS : “maximally benefit from the use of event categories and multivariate techniques.”

Reduced Stage 1 STXS

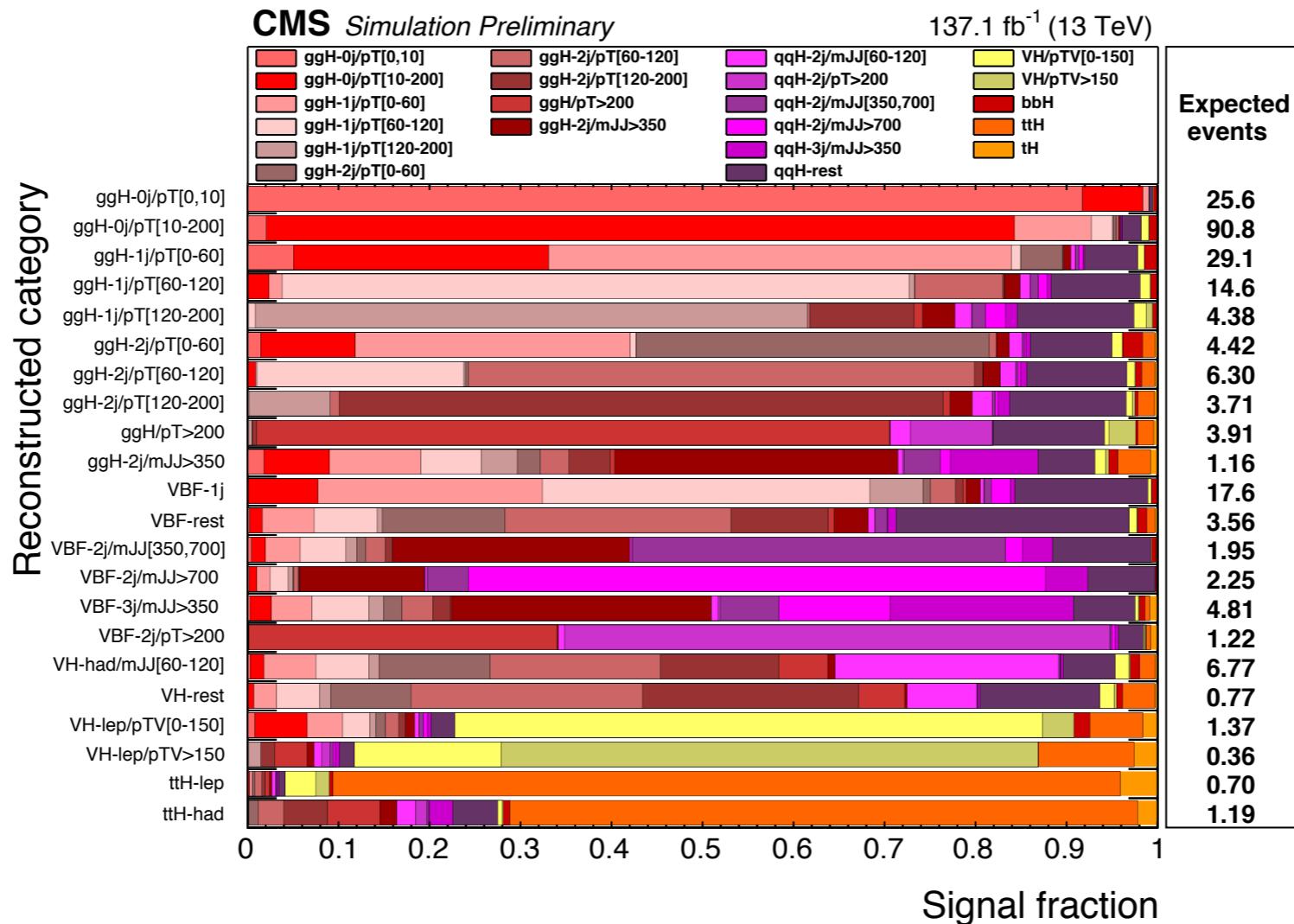


Atlas H→ZZ → 4l event kinematic discriminants.

Reconstructed event category	BDT discriminant	Input variables
0j-p _T ^{4l} -Low	BDT _{ggF}	p_T^{4l} , $\eta_{4\ell}$, D_{ZZ^*}
1j-p _T ^{4l} -Low	BDT _{VBF} ^{1j-p_T^{4l}-Low}	p_T^j , η_j , $\Delta R(j, 4\ell)$
1j-p _T ^{4l} -Med	BDT _{VBF} ^{1j-p_T^{4l}-Med}	p_T^j , η_j , $\Delta R(j, 4\ell)$
VBF-enriched-p _T ^j -Low	BDT _{VBF}	m_{jj} , $\Delta\eta_{jj}$, p_T^{j1} , p_T^{j2} , $\eta_{4\ell}^*$, ΔR_{jZ}^{\min} , $p_T^{4\ell jj}$
VH-Had-enriched	BDT _{VH-Had}	m_{jj} , $\Delta\eta_{jj}$, p_T^{j1} , p_T^{j2} , $\eta_{4\ell}^*$, ΔR_{jZ}^{\min} , η_{j1}
ttH-Had-enriched	BDT _{ttH-Had}	m_{jj} , $\Delta\eta_{jj}$, ΔR_{jZ}^{\min} , $\Delta R(j, 4\ell)$, $\eta_{4\ell}^*$, E_T^{miss} , p_T^{jj} , N_{jets} , $N_{b-\text{jets}}$, H_T , \mathcal{M}_{sig}

Use of event categories and multivariate techniques → Essential in this approach.

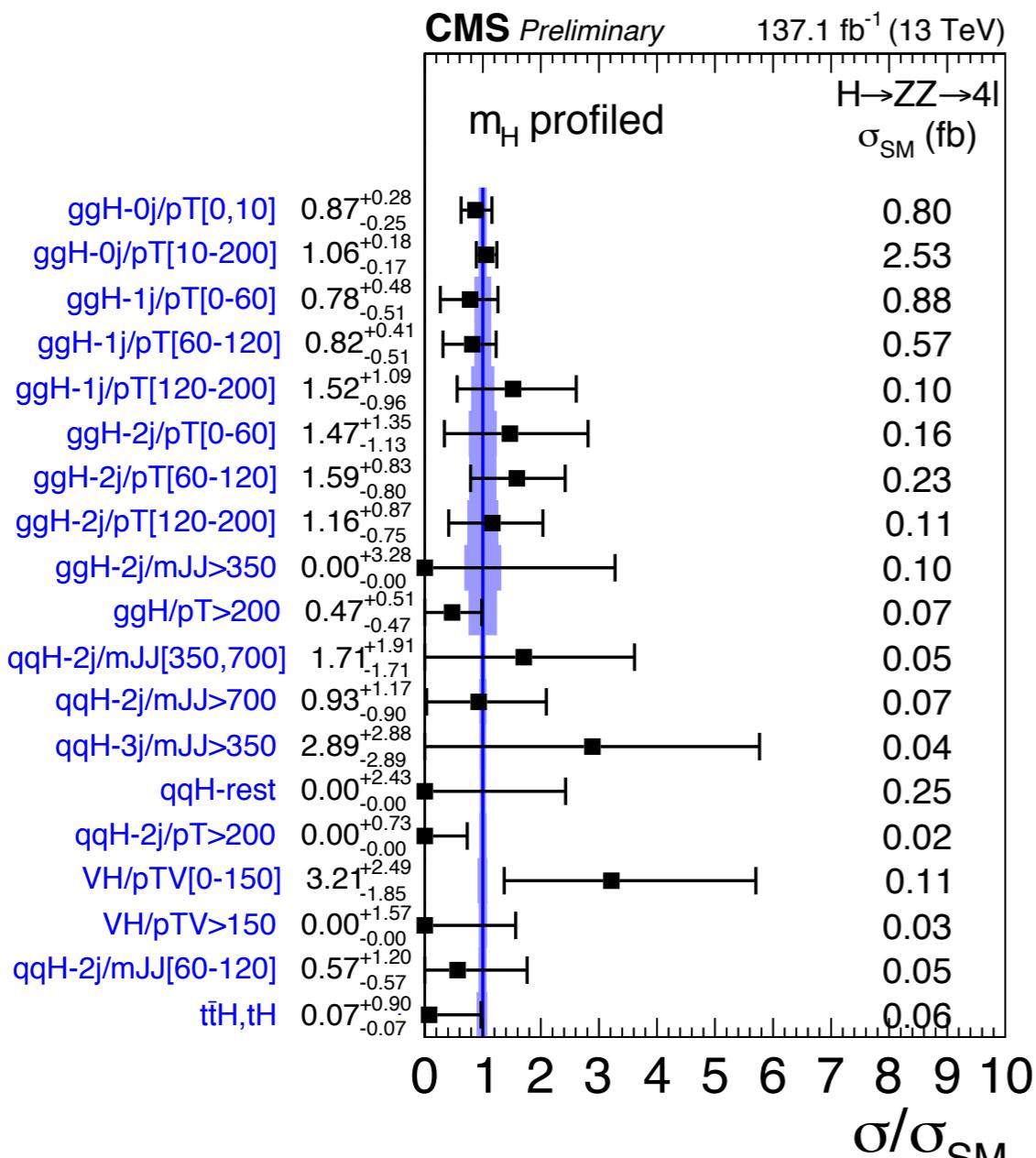
Stage 1.1 STXS



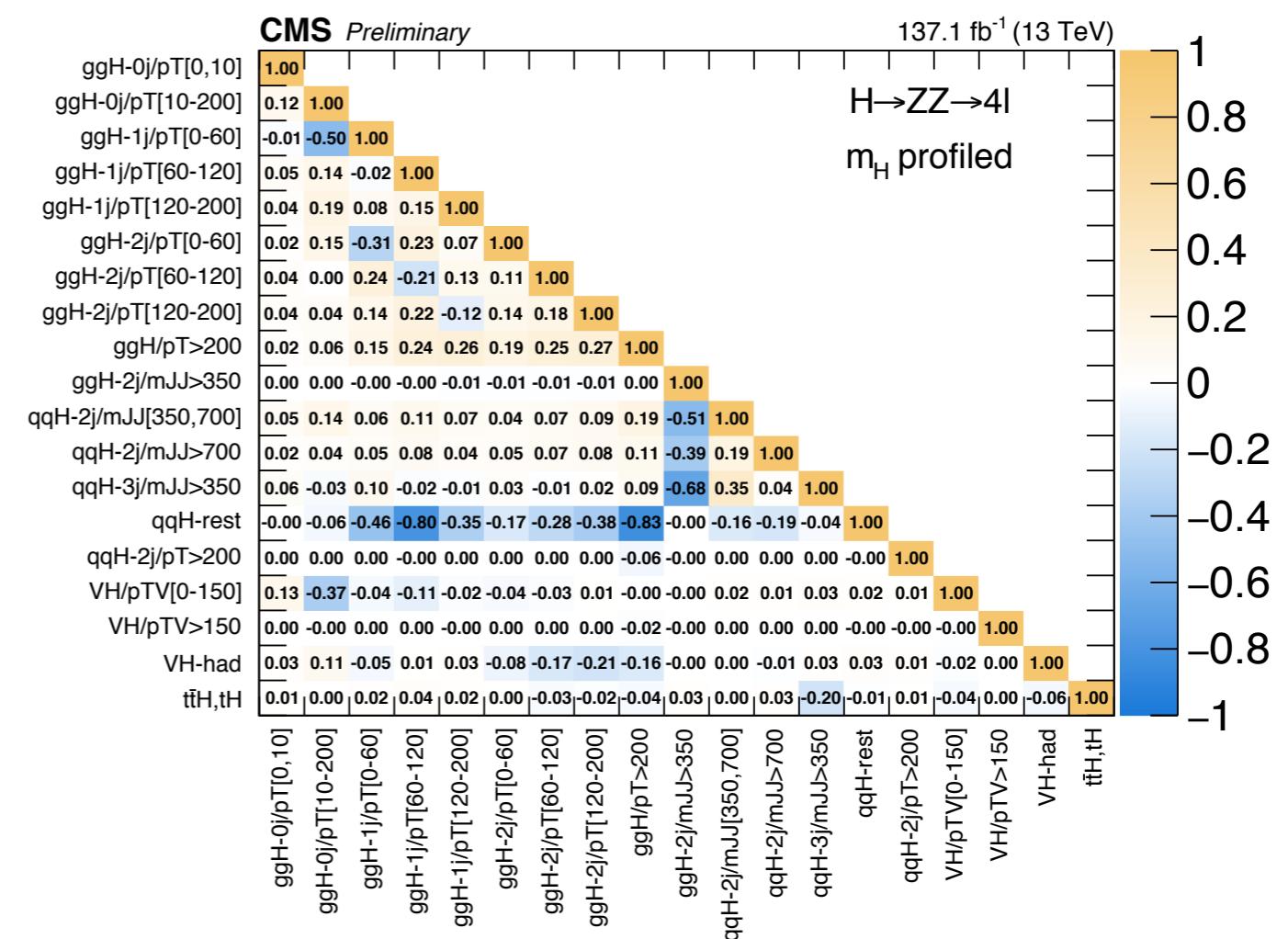
MELA

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}_{2\text{jet}} &= \left[1 + \frac{\mathcal{P}_{\text{HJJ}}(\vec{\Omega}^{\text{H+JJ}} | m_{4\ell})}{\mathcal{P}_{\text{VBF}}(\vec{\Omega}^{\text{H+JJ}} | m_{4\ell})} \right]^{-1} & \mathcal{D}_{1\text{jet}} &= \left[1 + \frac{\mathcal{P}_{\text{HJ}}(\vec{\Omega}^{\text{H+J}} | m_{4\ell})}{\int d\eta_J \mathcal{P}_{\text{VBF}}(\vec{\Omega}^{\text{H+JJ}} | m_{4\ell})} \right]^{-1} \\ \mathcal{D}_{\text{WH}} &= \left[1 + \frac{\mathcal{P}_{\text{HJJ}}(\vec{\Omega}^{\text{H+JJ}} | m_{4\ell})}{\mathcal{P}_{\text{WH}}(\vec{\Omega}^{\text{H+JJ}} | m_{4\ell})} \right]^{-1} & \mathcal{D}_{\text{ZH}} &= \left[1 + \frac{\mathcal{P}_{\text{HJJ}}(\vec{\Omega}^{\text{H+JJ}} | m_{4\ell})}{\mathcal{P}_{\text{ZH}}(\vec{\Omega}^{\text{H+JJ}} | m_{4\ell})} \right]^{-1} \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

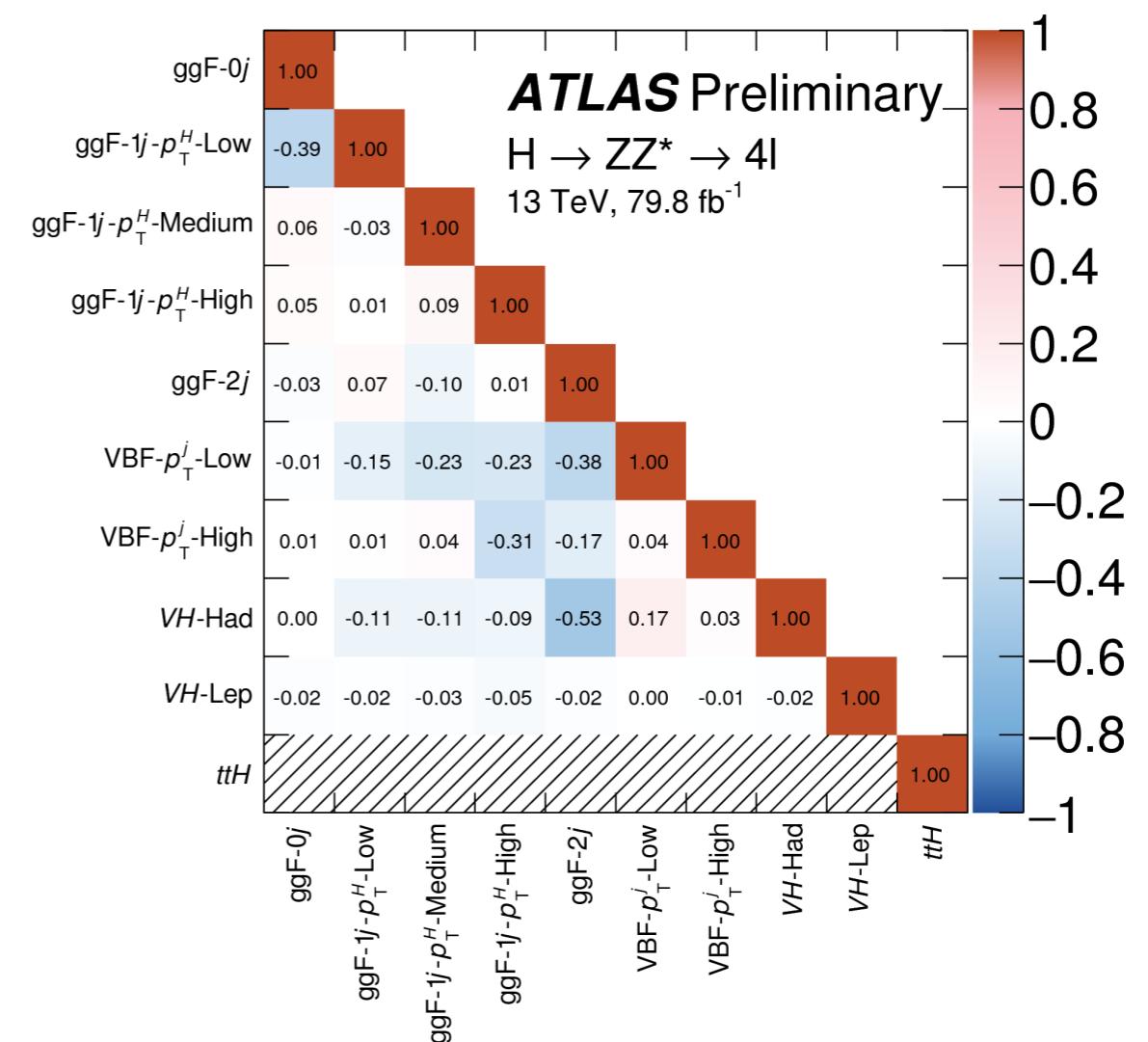
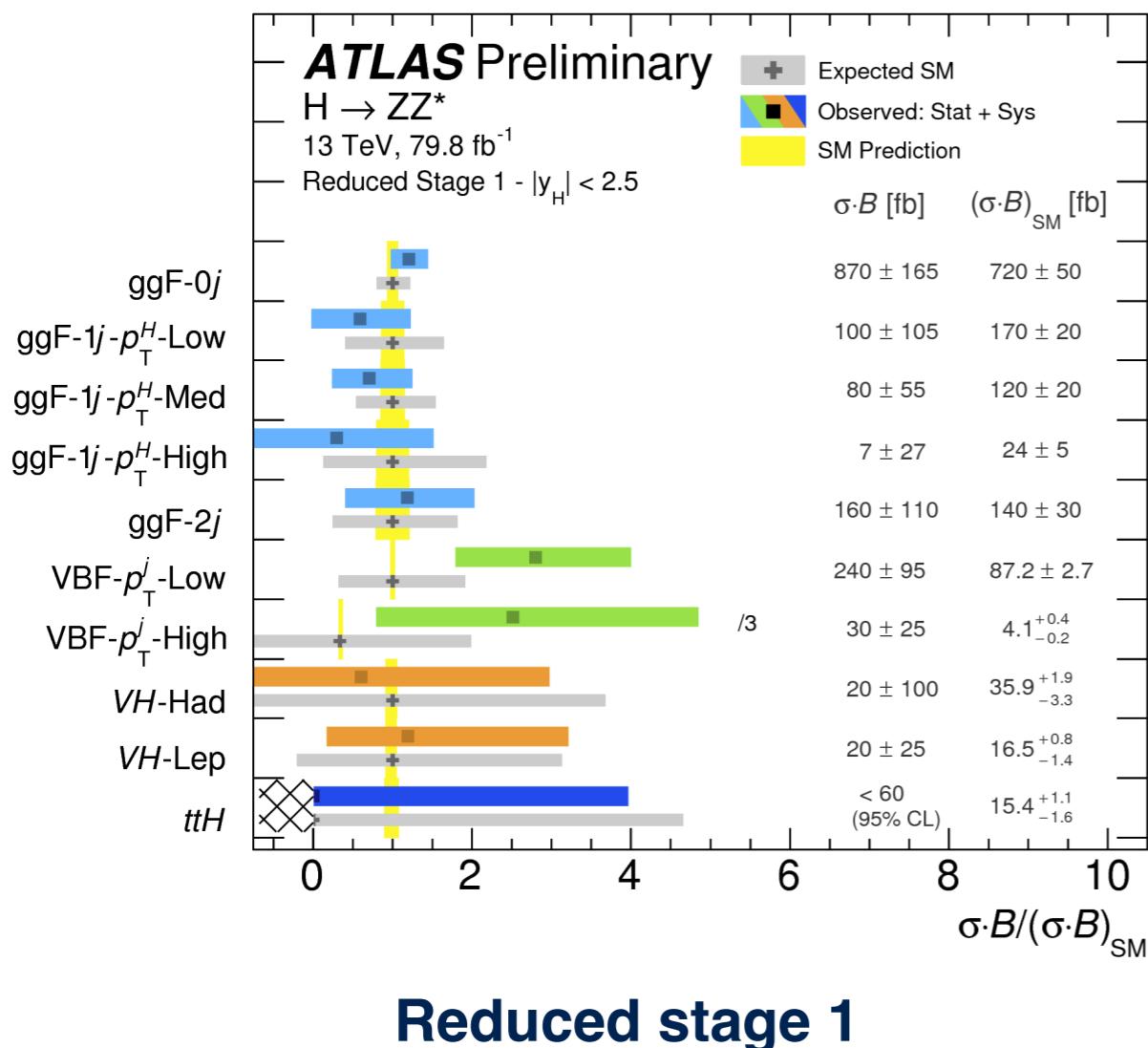
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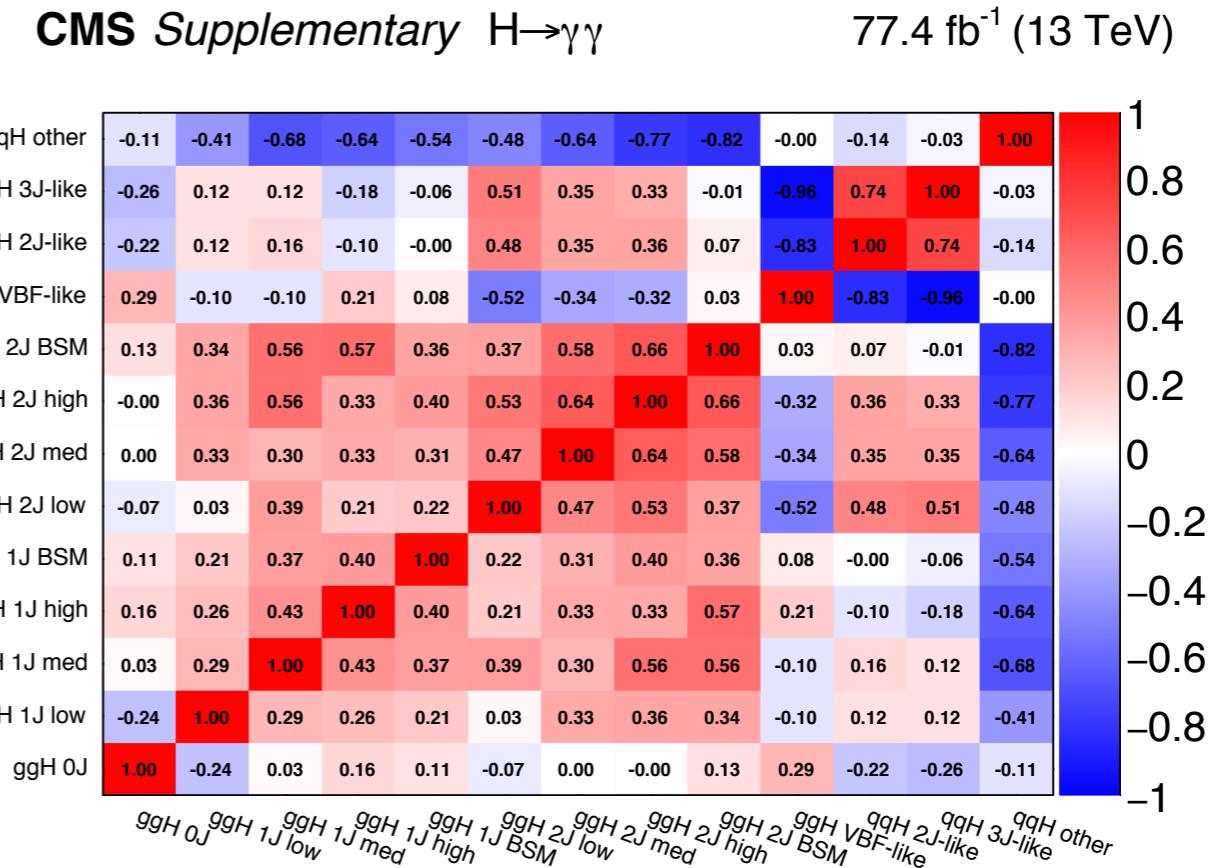
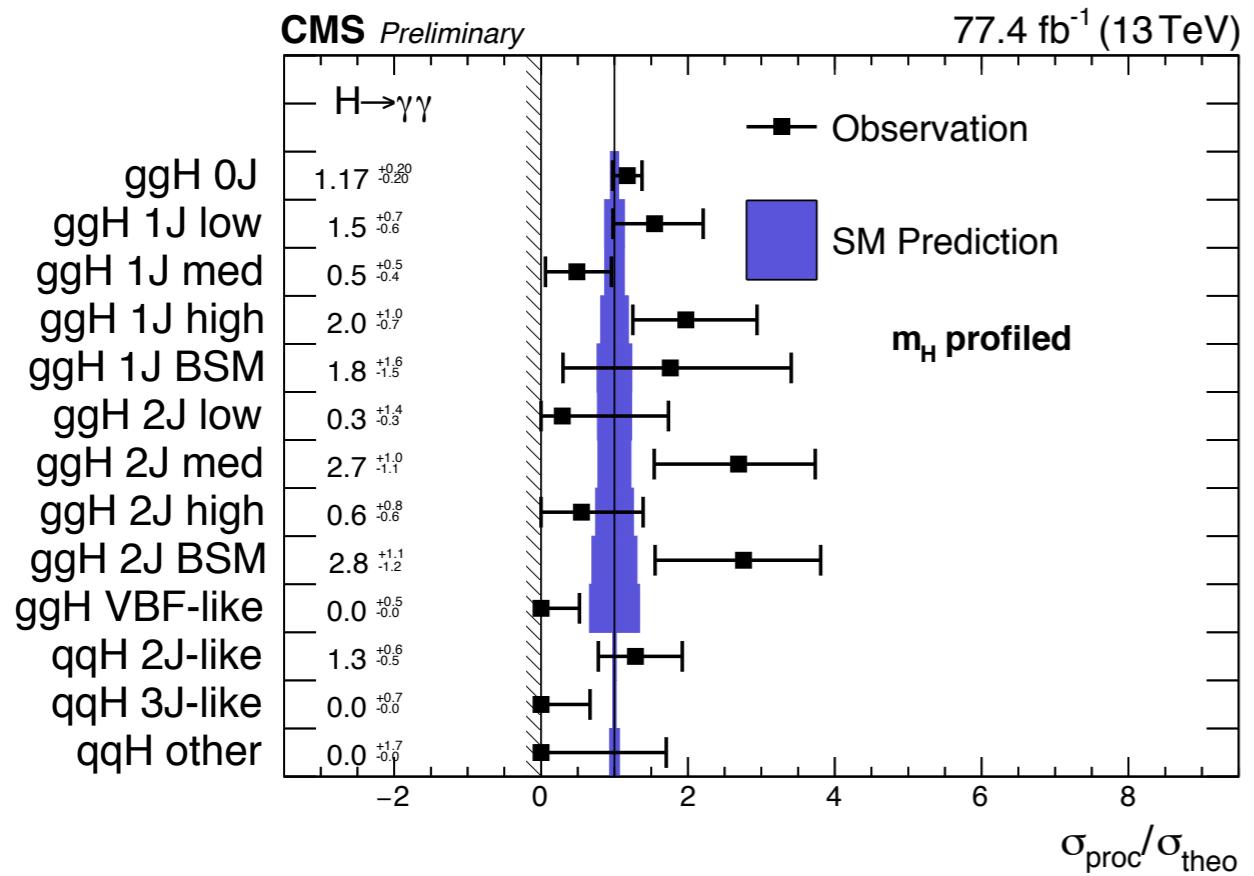
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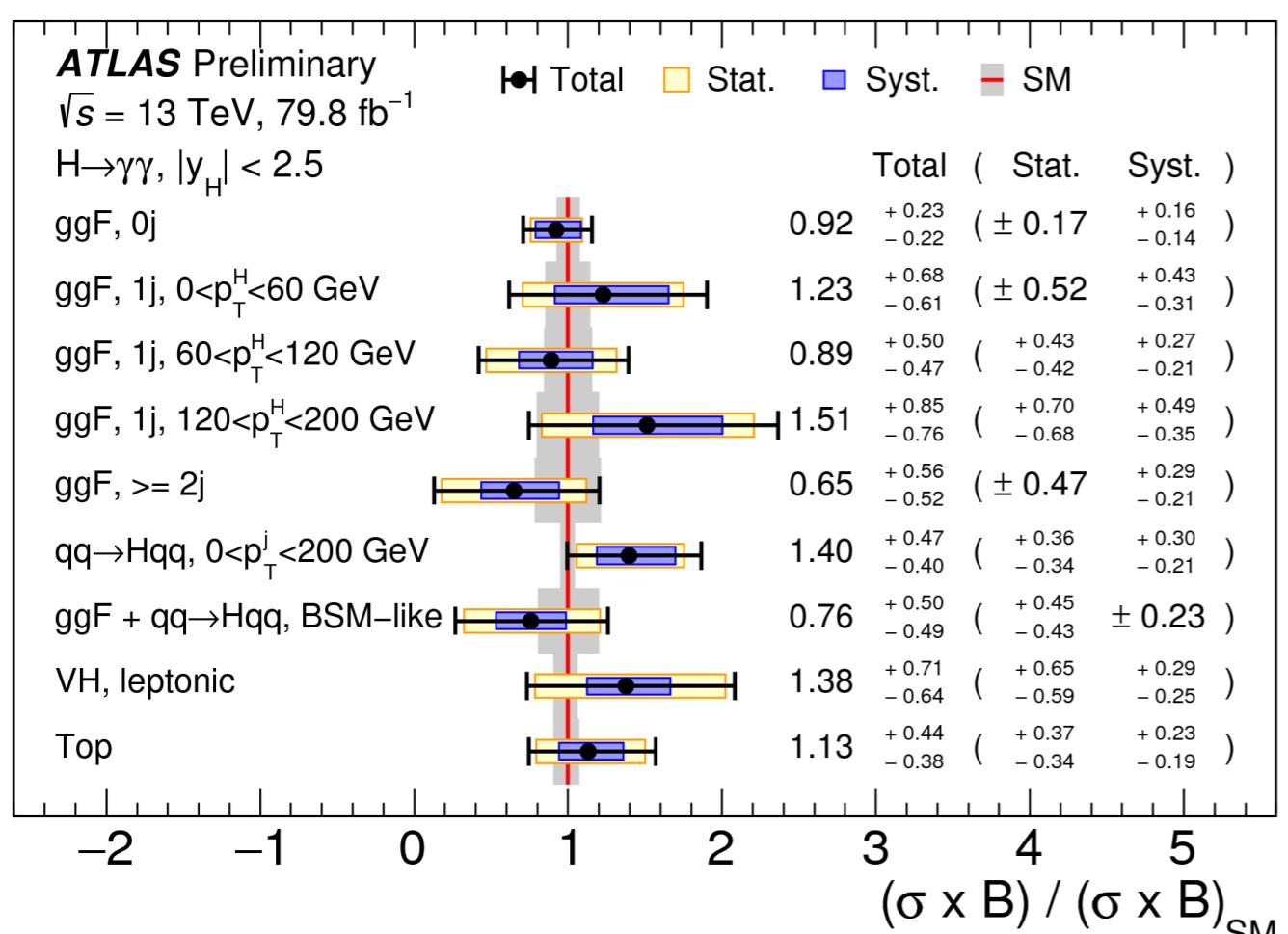


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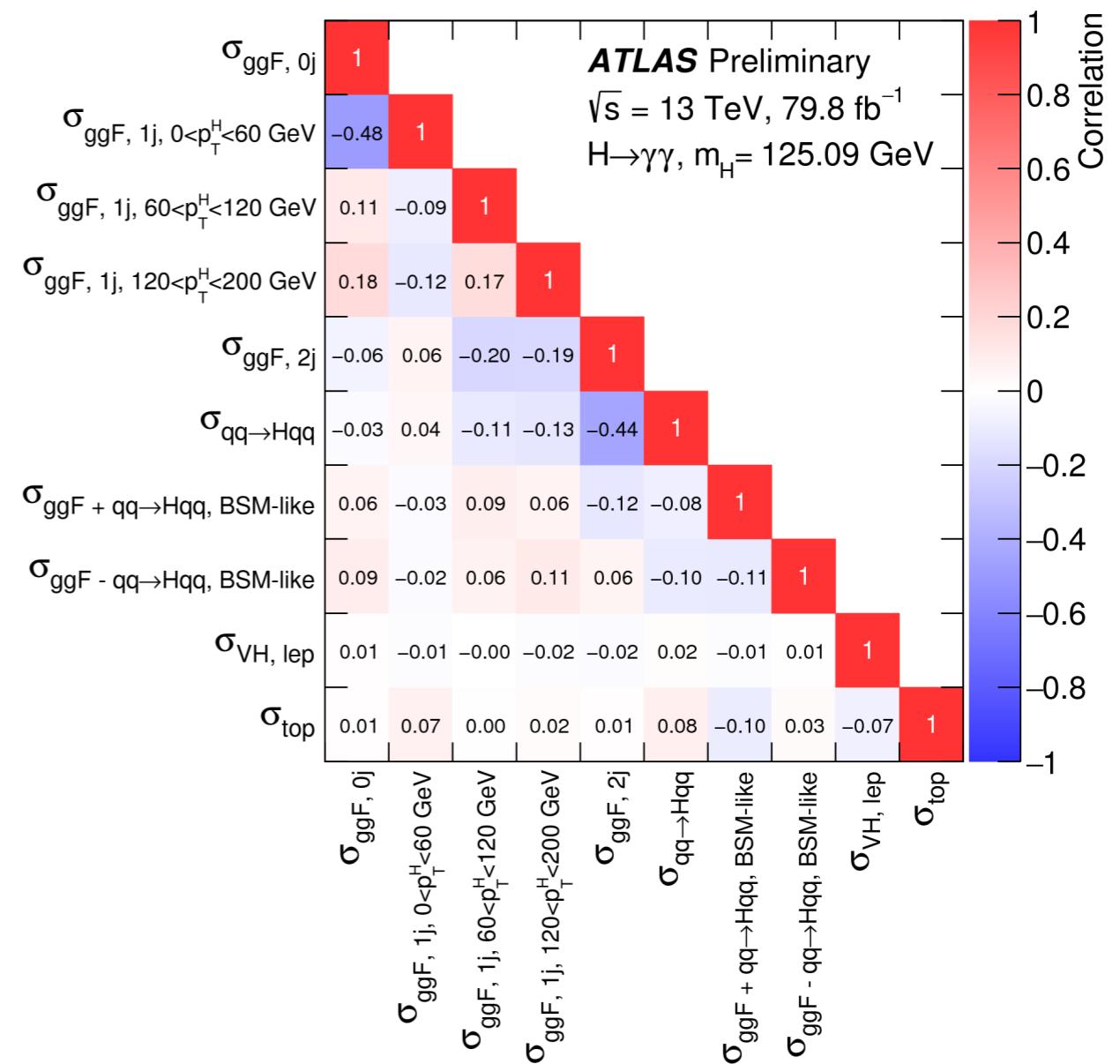


Stage 1

$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$



Stage 1



H \rightarrow ZZ/ $\gamma\gamma$

Handbook of LHC Higgs cross sections:4 , arXiv:1610.07922

Quite generally, the EFT Lagrangian takes the form:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \sum_i \frac{c_i^{(5)}}{\Lambda} \mathcal{O}_i^{(5)} + \sum_i \frac{c_i^{(6)}}{\Lambda^2} \mathcal{O}_i^{(6)} + \sum_i \frac{c_i^{(7)}}{\Lambda^3} \mathcal{O}_i^{(7)} + \sum_i \frac{c_i^{(8)}}{\Lambda^4} \mathcal{O}_i^{(8)} + \dots, \quad (\text{II.2.1})$$

where each $\mathcal{O}_i^{(D)}$ is an $SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)$ invariant operator of dimension D and the parameters $c_i^{(D)}$ multiplying the operators in the Lagrangian are called the *Wilson coefficients*. This EFT is intended to parameterize observable effects of a large class of BSM theories where new particles, with mass of order Λ , are much heavier than the SM ones and much heavier than the energy scale at which the experiment is

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{EFT}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \sum_i \bar{c}_i^{(6)} O_i^{(6)}.$$

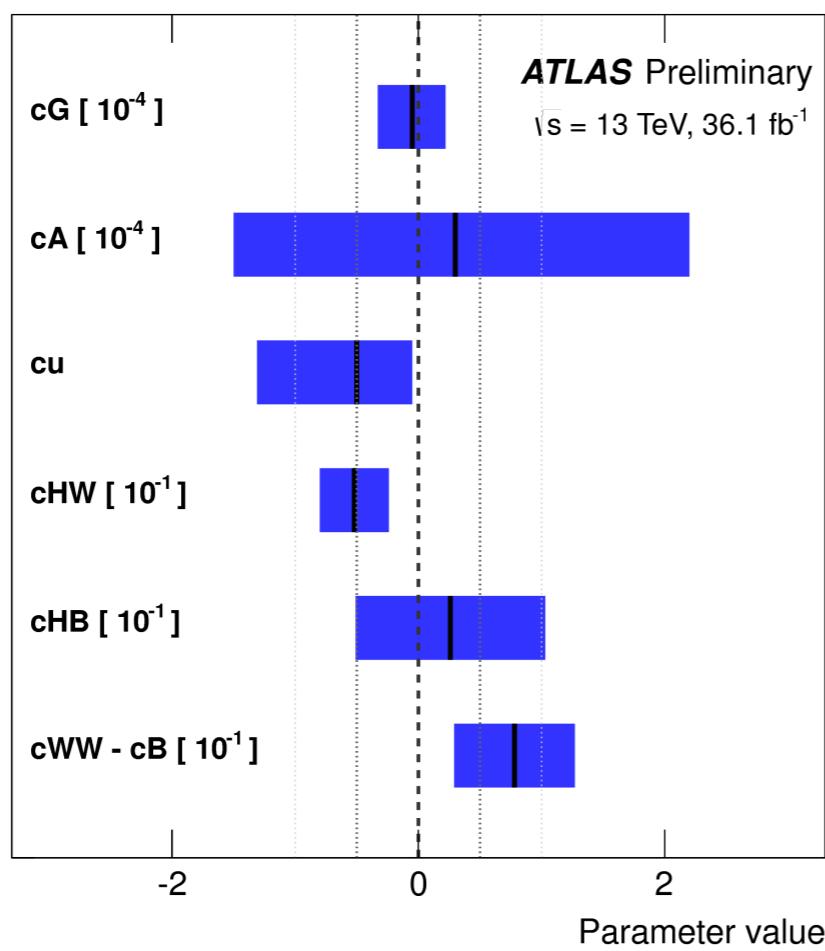
Operator	Expression	HEL coefficient	Vertices
\mathcal{O}_g	$ H ^2 G_{\mu\nu}^A G^{A\mu\nu}$	$cG = \frac{m_W^2}{g^2} \bar{c}_g$	Hgg
\mathcal{O}_γ	$ H ^2 B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}$	$cA = \frac{m_W^2}{g'^2} \bar{c}_\gamma$	$H\gamma\gamma, HZZ$
\mathcal{O}_u	$y_u H ^2 \bar{u}_l H u_R + \text{h.c.}$	$cu = v^2 \bar{c}_u$	$Ht\bar{t}$
\mathcal{O}_{HW}	$i (D^\mu H)^\dagger \sigma^a (D^\nu H) W_{\mu\nu}^a$	$c_{HW} = \frac{m_W^2}{g^2} \bar{c}_{HW}$	HWW, HZZ
\mathcal{O}_{HB}	$i (D^\mu H)^\dagger (D^\nu H) B_{\mu\nu}$	$c_{HB} = \frac{m_W^2}{g'^2} \bar{c}_{HB}$	HZZ
\mathcal{O}_W	$i (H^\dagger \sigma^a D^\mu H) D^\nu W_{\mu\nu}^a$	$c_{WW} = \frac{m_W^2}{g^2} \bar{c}_W$	HWW, HZZ
\mathcal{O}_B	$i (H^\dagger D^\mu H) \partial^\nu B_{\mu\nu}$	$c_B = \frac{m_W^2}{g'^2} \bar{c}_B$	HZZ

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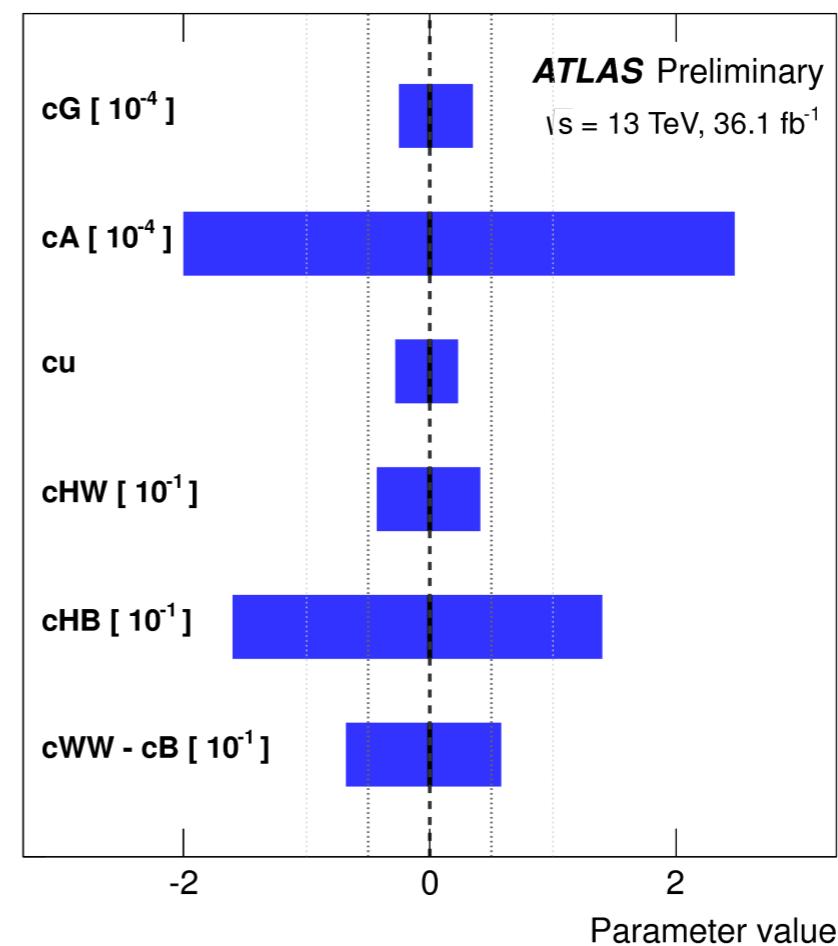
Towards EFT interpretation

Fit result (observed)	Fit result (SM expected)
$cG = -0.05^{+0.27}_{-0.28} \times 10^{-4}$	$cG = 0.00^{+0.38}_{-0.26} \times 10^{-4}$
$cA = 0.3^{+1.9}_{-1.8} \times 10^{-4}$	$cA = 0.0^{+2.8}_{-2.2} \times 10^{-4}$
$cu = -0.50^{+0.45}_{-0.81}$	$cu = 0.00^{+0.24}_{-0.28}$
$cHW = -0.052 \pm 0.028$	$cHW = 0.000^{+0.041}_{-0.043}$
$cHB = 0.026 \pm 0.077$	$cHB = 0.00^{+0.14}_{-0.16}$
$cWW - cB = 0.078 \pm 0.049$	$cWW - cB = 0.000^{+0.057}_{-0.074}$

Observed HEL constraints with $H \rightarrow ZZ^*$ and $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$



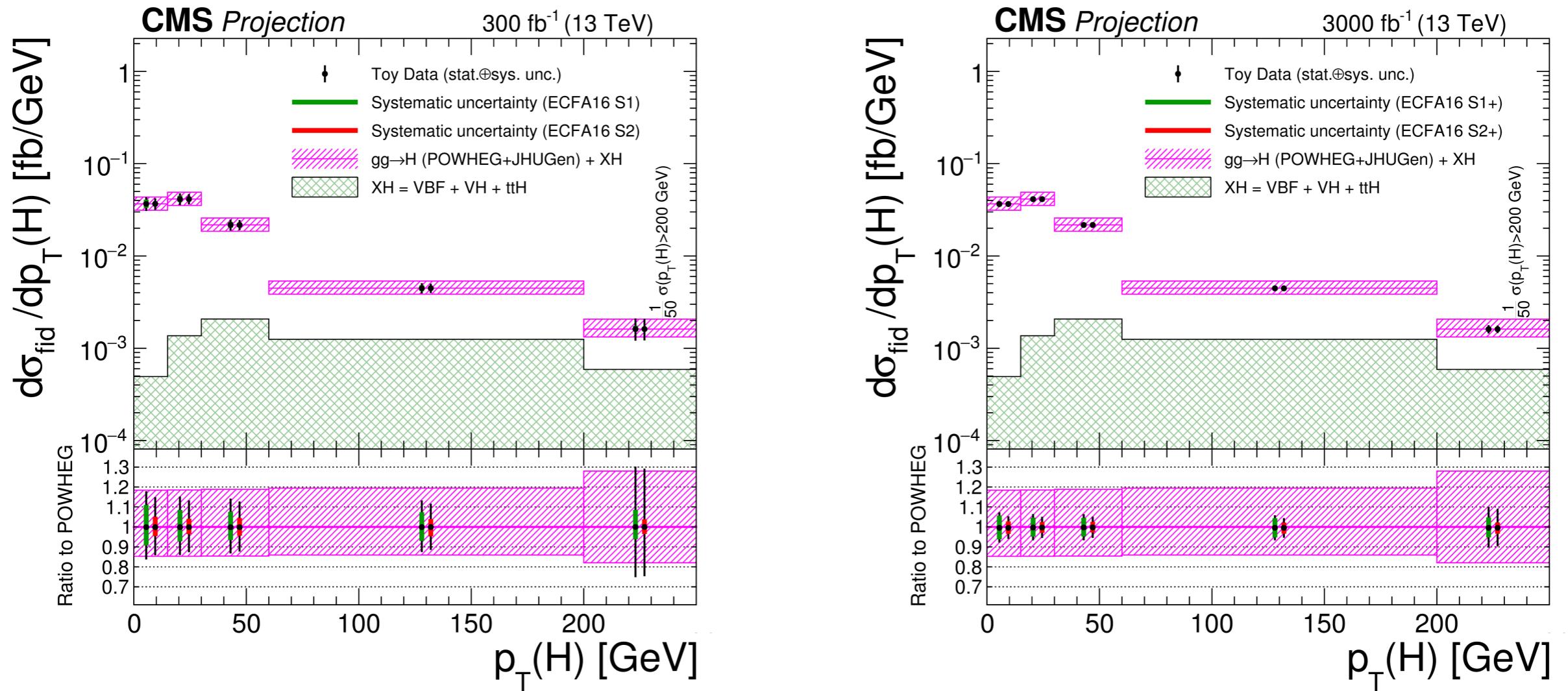
SM expected HEL constraints with $H \rightarrow ZZ^*$ and $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$



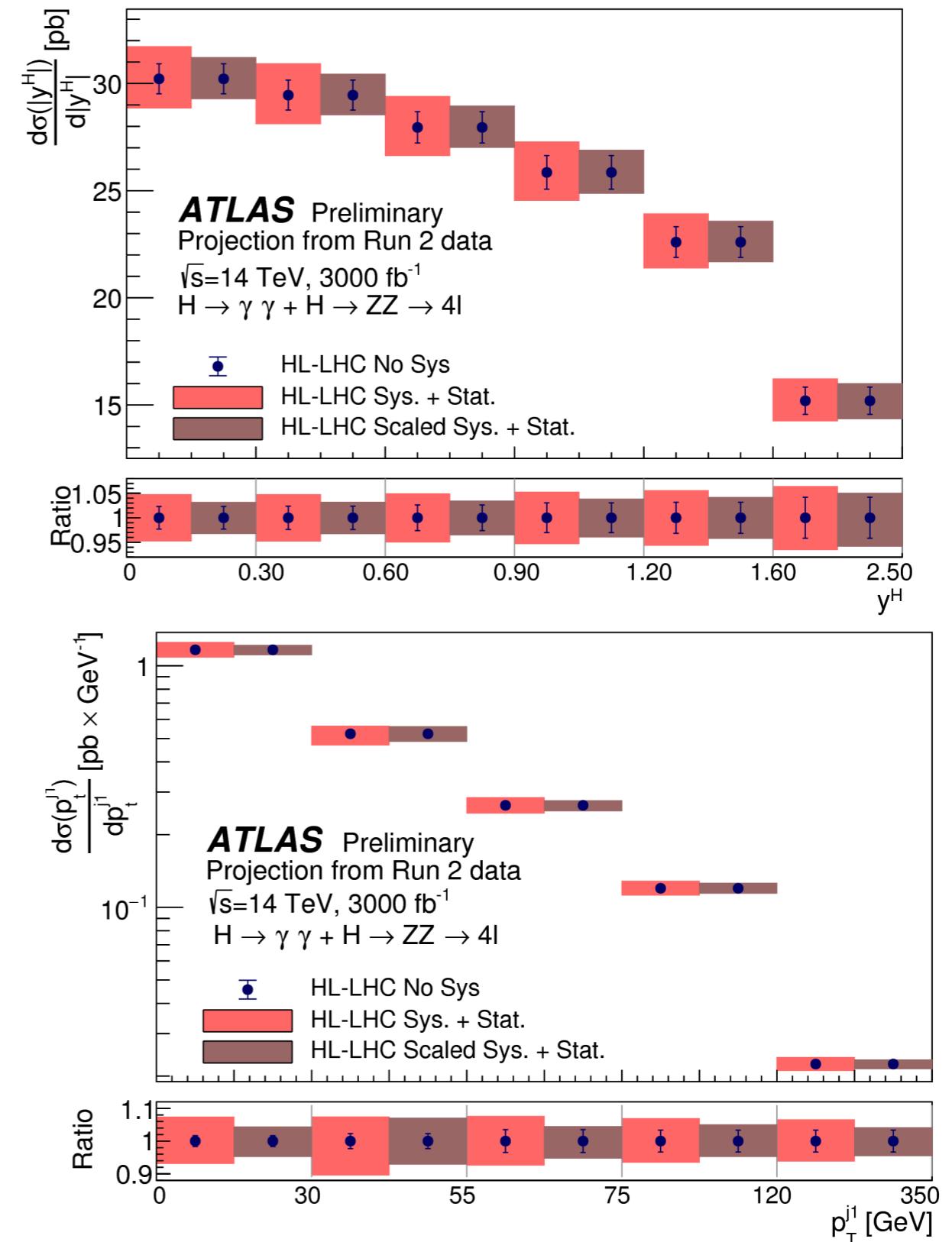
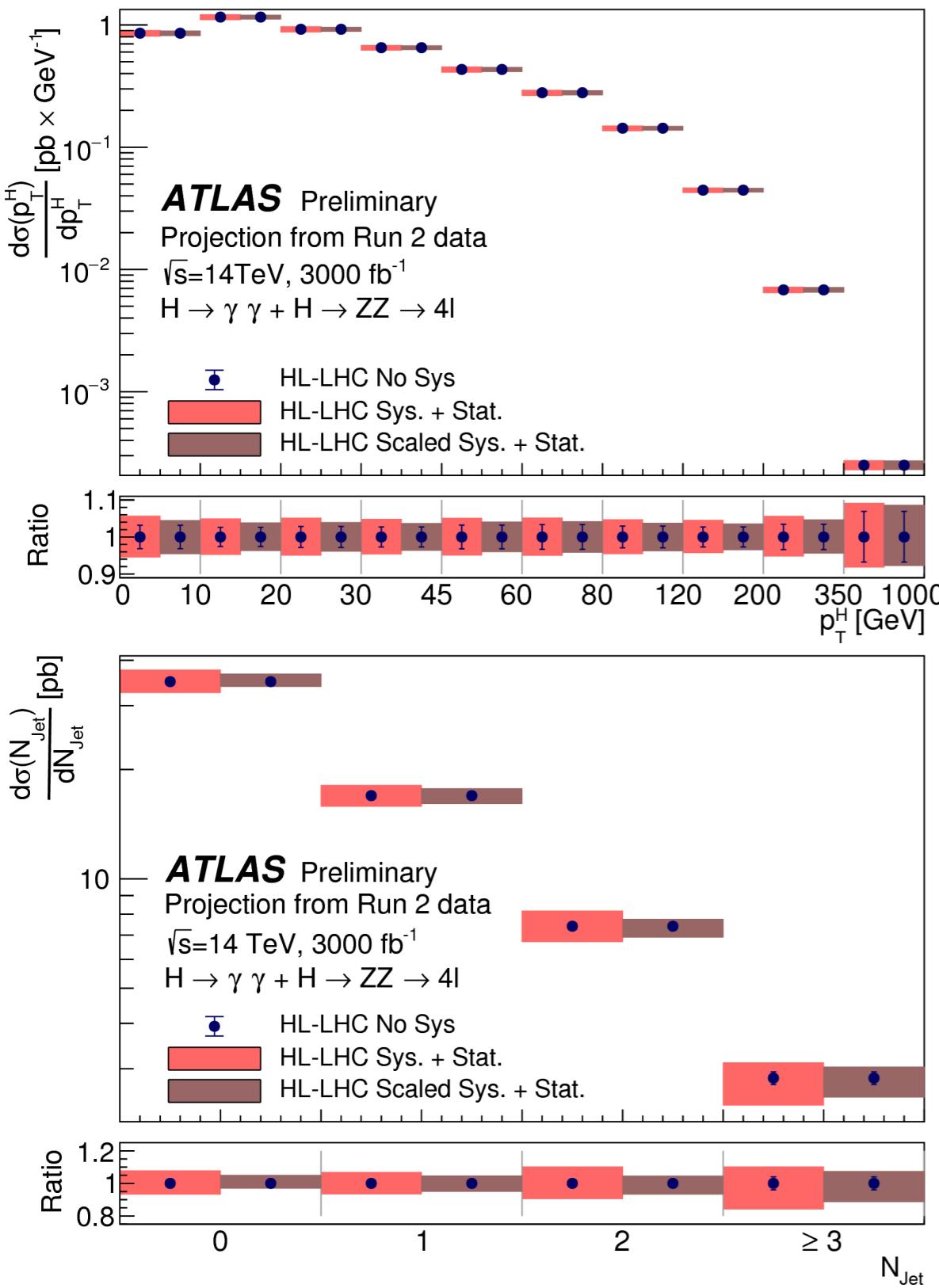
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**Further in the future
HL-LHC**

$H \rightarrow VV$ decays



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Last Slide

- Run-II data taking is finished
- Combinations
- Collaboration between experiment and theory in order to “decipher” the Higgs sector code

BACKUP

