

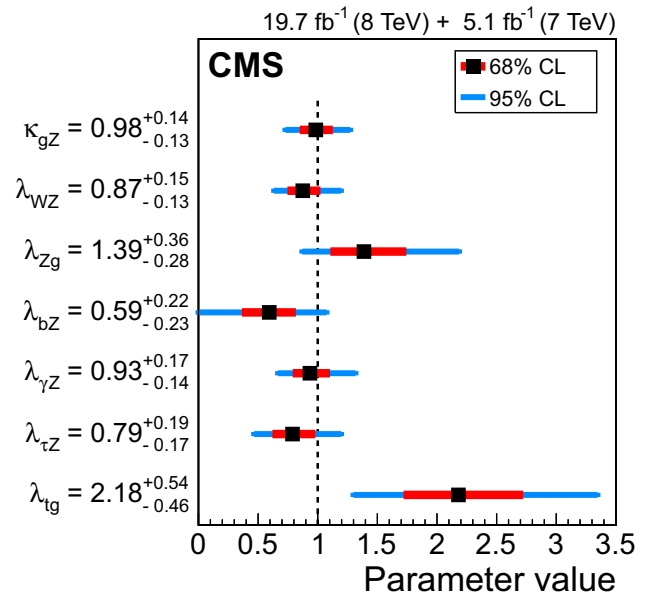
**Fig. 16** Likelihood scans for parameters in a model with coupling scaling factors for the SM particles, one coupling at a time while profiling the remaining five together with all other nuisance parameters; from *top to bottom*:  $\kappa_V$  (W and Z bosons),  $\kappa_b$  (bottom quarks),  $\kappa_\tau$  (tau leptons),  $\kappa_t$  (top quarks),  $\kappa_g$  (gluons; effective coupling), and  $\kappa_\gamma$  (photons; effective coupling). The *inner bars* represent the 68 % CL confidence intervals while the *outer bars* represent the 95 % CL confidence intervals

## 7.6 Test of a model with scaling factors for SM particles

After having examined the possibility for BSM physics to manifest itself in loop-induced couplings while fixing all the other scaling factors, we now release the latter assumption. For that, we explore a model with six independent coupling modifiers and make the following assumptions:

- The couplings to W and Z bosons scale with a common parameter  $\kappa_V = \kappa_W = \kappa_Z$ .
- The couplings to third generation fermions, i.e. the bottom quark, tau lepton, and top quark, scale independently with  $\kappa_b$ ,  $\kappa_\tau$ , and  $\kappa_t$ , respectively.
- The effective couplings to gluons and photons, induced by loop diagrams, scale with free parameters  $\kappa_g$  and  $\kappa_\gamma$ , respectively.
- The partial width  $\Gamma_{\text{BSM}}$  is zero.

A likelihood scan for each of the six coupling modifiers is performed while profiling the other five, together with all other nuisance parameters; the results are shown in Fig. 16. With this set of parameters, the ggH-production measurements will constrain  $\kappa_g$ , leaving the measurements of ttH production to constrain  $\kappa_t$ , which explains the best-fit value,  $\kappa_t = 1.60^{+0.34}_{-0.32}$ . The current data do not show any statistically significant deviation with respect to the SM Higgs boson hypothesis. For every  $\kappa_i$  probed, the measured 95 % CL



**Fig. 17** Likelihood scans for parameters in a model without assumptions on the total width and with six coupling modifier ratios, one parameter at a time while profiling the remaining six together with all other nuisance parameters; from *top to bottom*:  $\kappa_{gZ}$  ( $= \kappa_g \kappa_Z / \kappa_H$ ),  $\lambda_{WZ}$  ( $= \kappa_W / \kappa_Z$ ),  $\lambda_{Zg}$  ( $= \kappa_Z / \kappa_g$ ),  $\lambda_{bZ}$  ( $= \kappa_b / \kappa_Z$ ),  $\lambda_{\gamma Z}$  ( $= \kappa_\gamma / \kappa_Z$ ),  $\lambda_{\tau Z}$  ( $= \kappa_\tau / \kappa_Z$ ), and  $\lambda_{tg}$  ( $= \kappa_t / \kappa_g$ ). The *inner bars* represent the 68 % CL confidence intervals while the *outer bars* represent the 95 % CL confidence intervals

confidence interval contains the SM expectation,  $\kappa_i = 1$ . A goodness-of-fit test between the parameters measured in this model and the SM prediction yields a  $\chi^2/\text{dof} = 7.5/6$ , which corresponds to an asymptotic  $p$ -value of 0.28.

## 7.7 Test of a general model without assumptions on the total width

Given the comprehensiveness of the set of analyses being combined, we can explore the most general model proposed in Ref. [171], which makes no assumptions on the scaling of the total width. In this model, the total width is not rescaled according to the different  $\kappa_i$  values as a dependent parameter, but is rather left as a free parameter, embedded in  $\kappa_{gZ} = \kappa_g \kappa_Z / \kappa_H$ . All other parameters of interest are expressed as ratios between coupling scaling factors,  $\lambda_{ij} = \kappa_i / \kappa_j$ .

A likelihood scan for each of the parameters  $\kappa_{gZ}$ ,  $\lambda_{WZ}$ ,  $\lambda_{Zg}$ ,  $\lambda_{bZ}$ ,  $\lambda_{\gamma Z}$ ,  $\lambda_{\tau Z}$ , and  $\lambda_{tg}$  is performed while profiling the other six, together with all other nuisance parameters. The results are shown in Fig. 17 and are in line with those found in Sect. 7.6.

## 7.8 Constraints on $\text{BR}_{\text{BSM}}$ in a scenario with free couplings

An alternative and similarly general scenario can be built by allowing for  $\Gamma_{\text{BSM}} > 0$ . In order to avoid the degener-