

Measurements of the Higgs boson with the ATLAS experiment

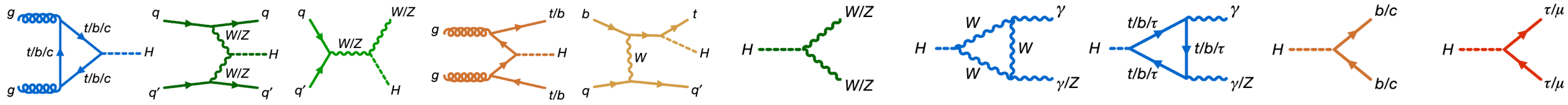
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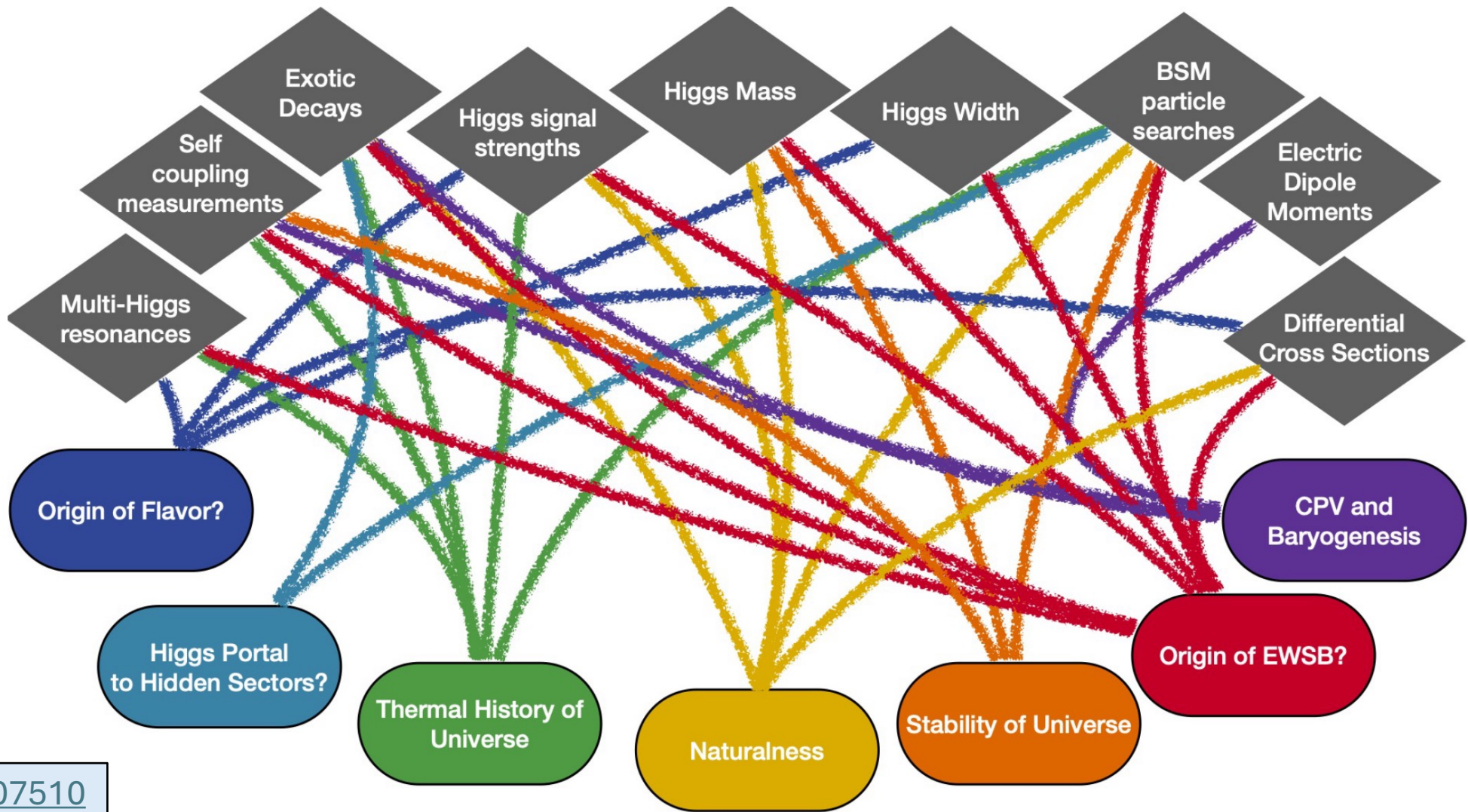
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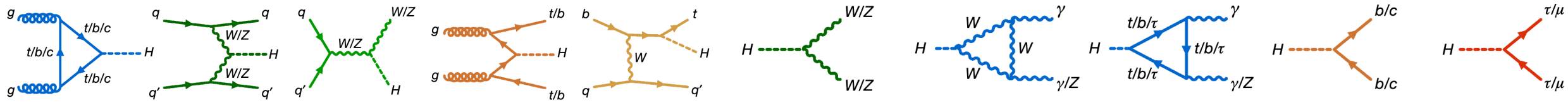


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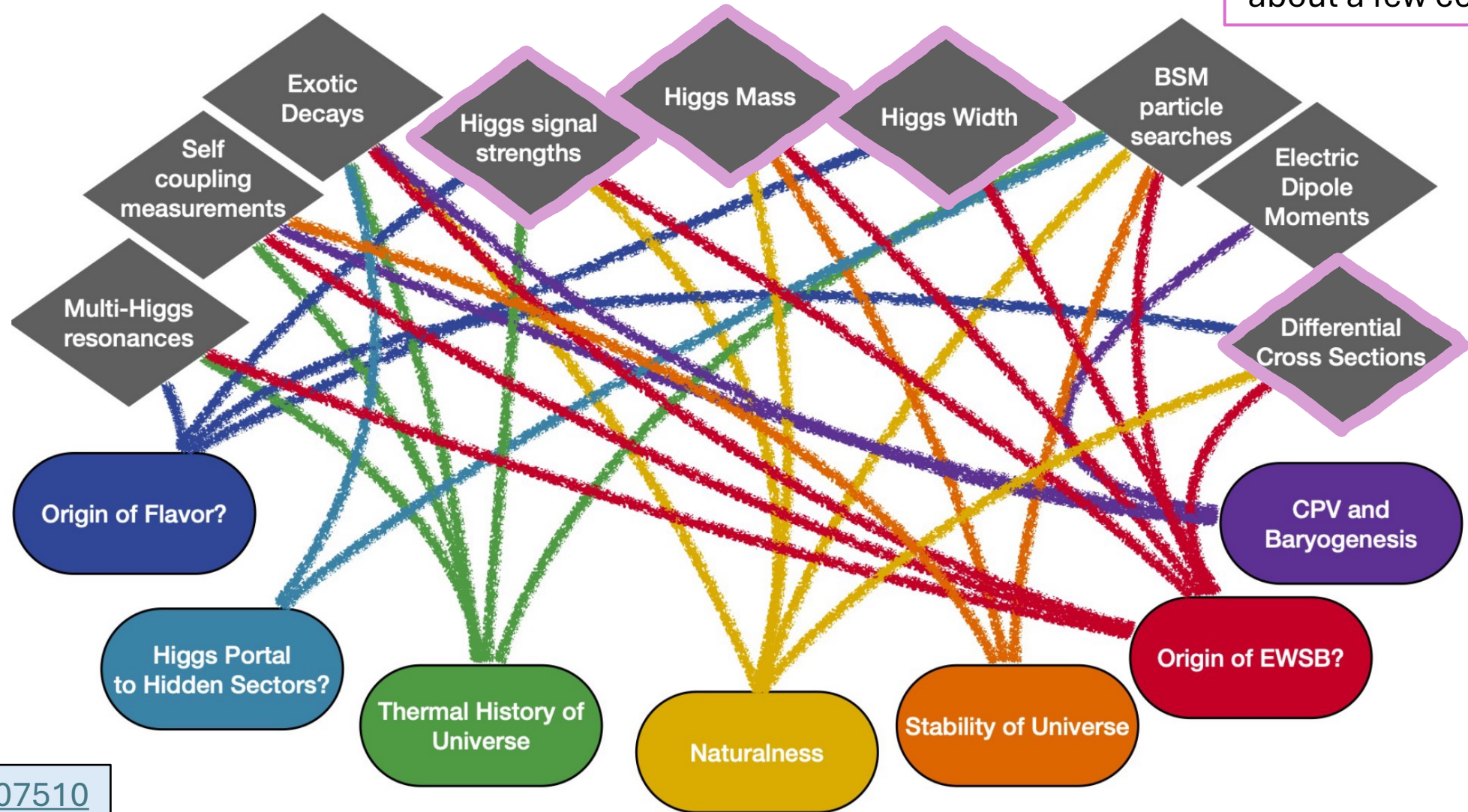
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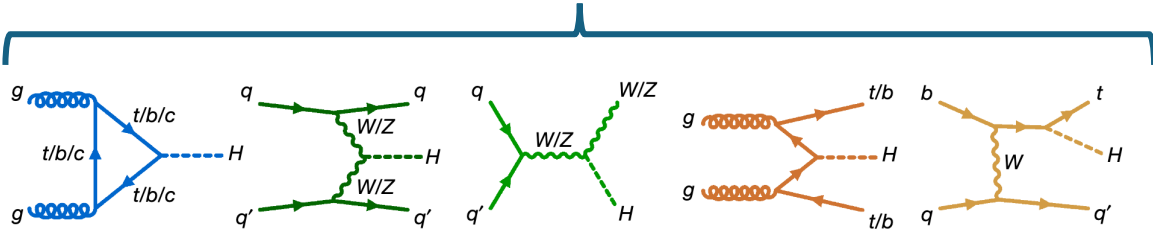
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I only have time to talk about a few components!

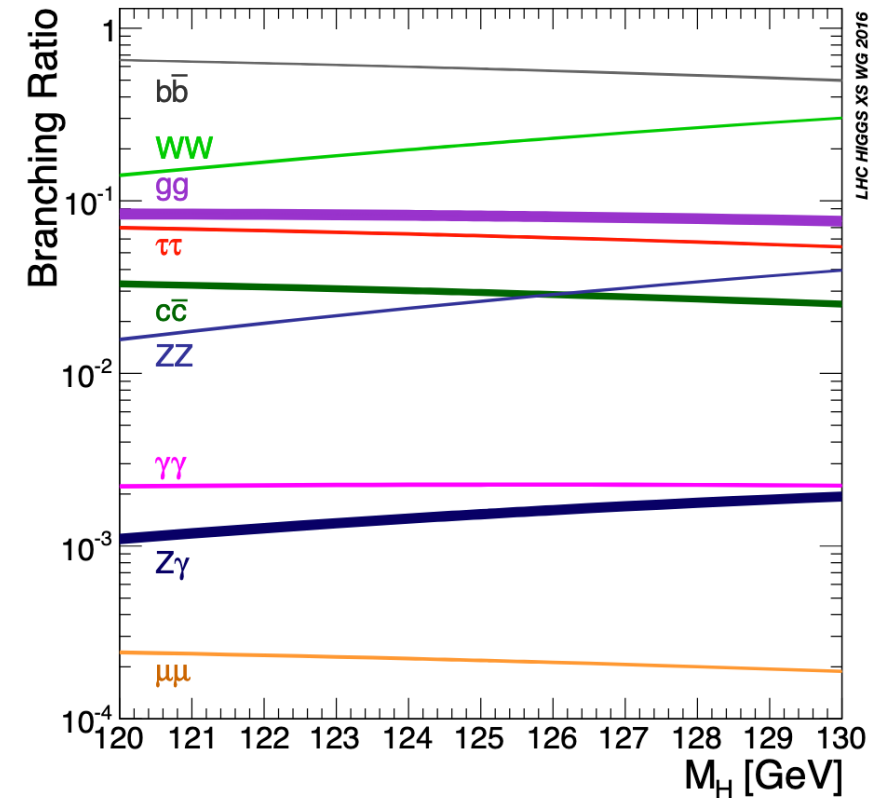
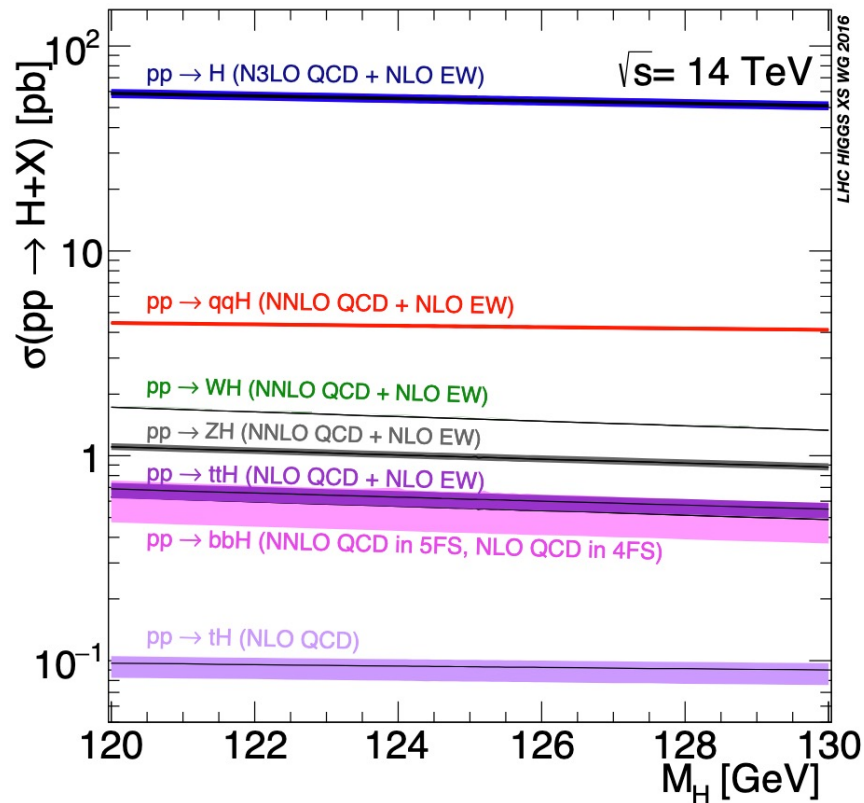
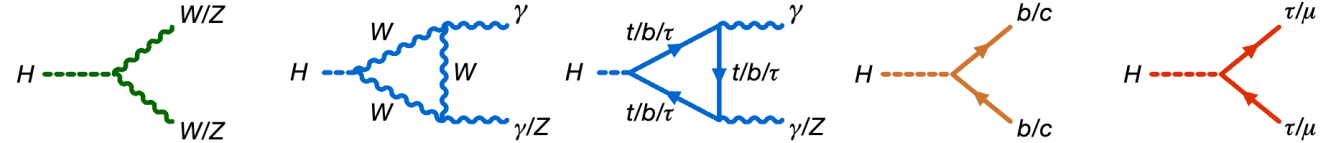


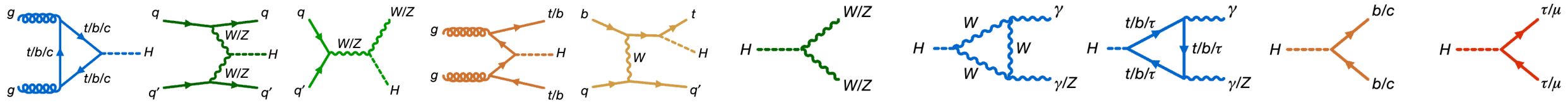
How to find a Higgs at the Large Hadron Collider

Higgs Production at the LHC

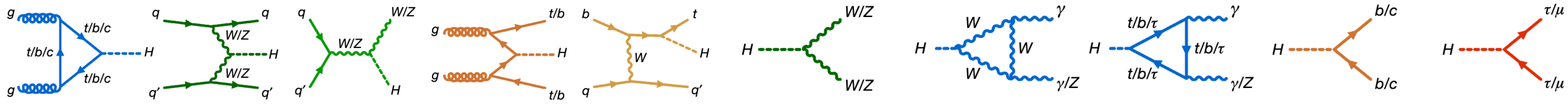


Higgs Decay





Higgs Property Measurements



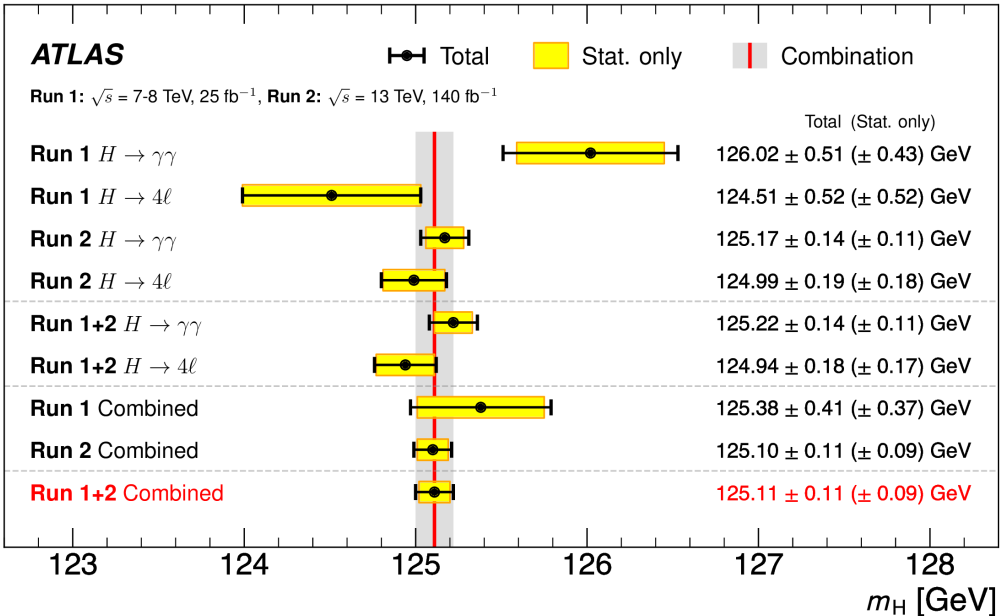
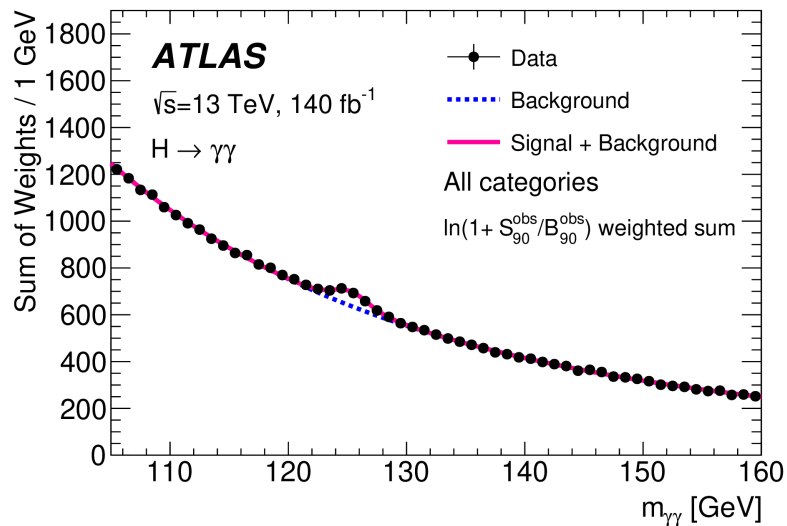
Higgs Mass

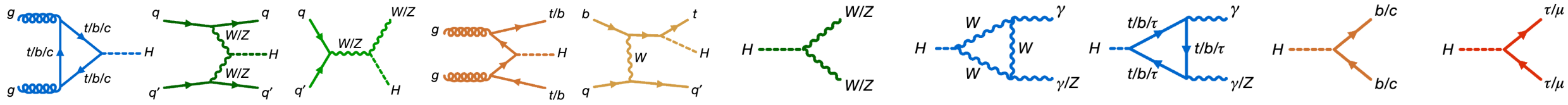
- Input to EW fits: requires precision!
- Measured in Run 2 $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ and $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$
- Requires deep understanding of detector response to γ, e, μ
- Combined: $m_H = 125.11 \pm 0.09 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.06 \text{ (syst)} \text{ GeV}$

$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
[Phys.Lett.B 847 \(2023\)](#)
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$H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$
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Combination
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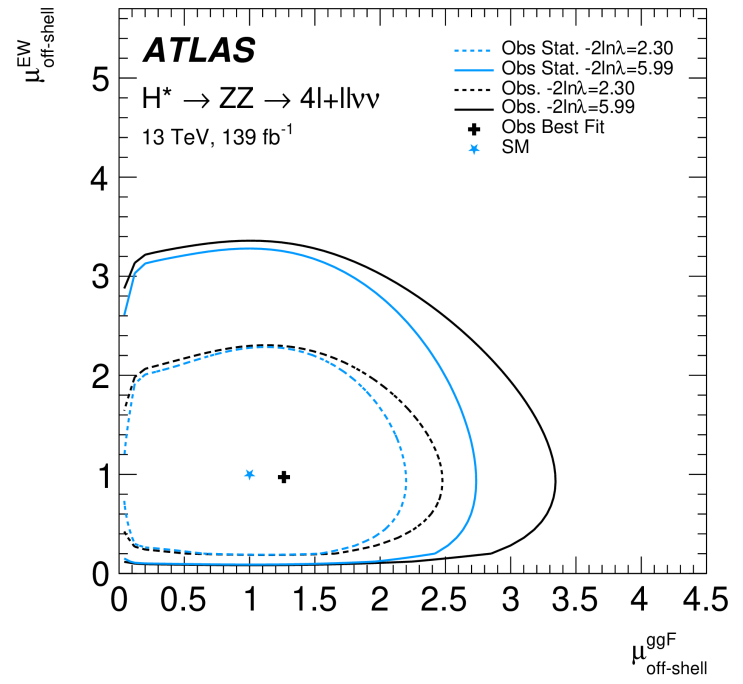
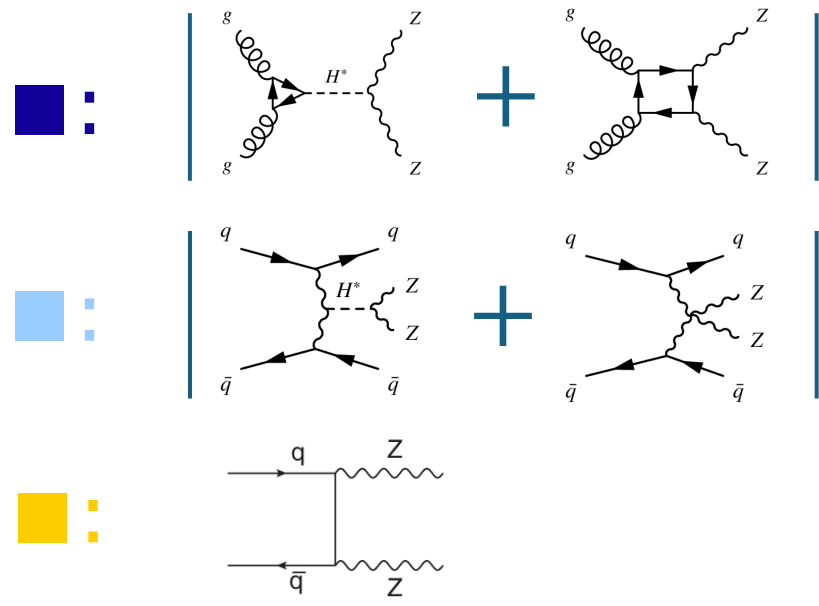
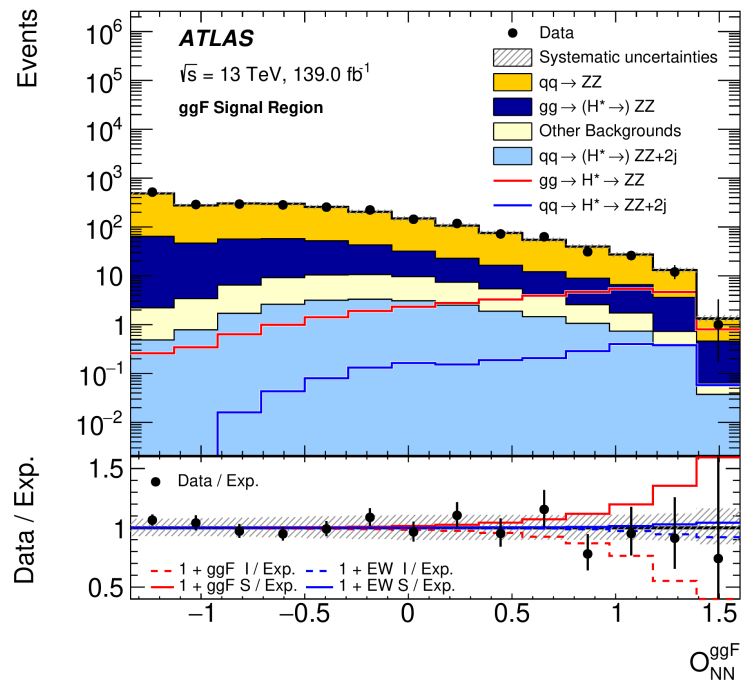


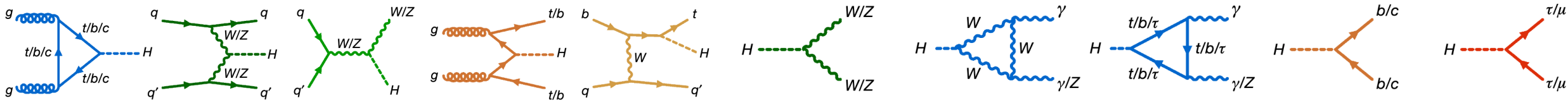


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Higgs Width

- SM Prediction $\Gamma_H^{SM} = 4.1 \text{ MeV}$ too small to measure directly with good precision
 - Indirect measurement requires cross section of $H^* \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l, 2l2\nu$
- Signal is a dip in continuous ZZ distribution
- NN observable in $ZZ \rightarrow 4l$ improves sensitivity to off-shell Higgs signal





Higgs Width

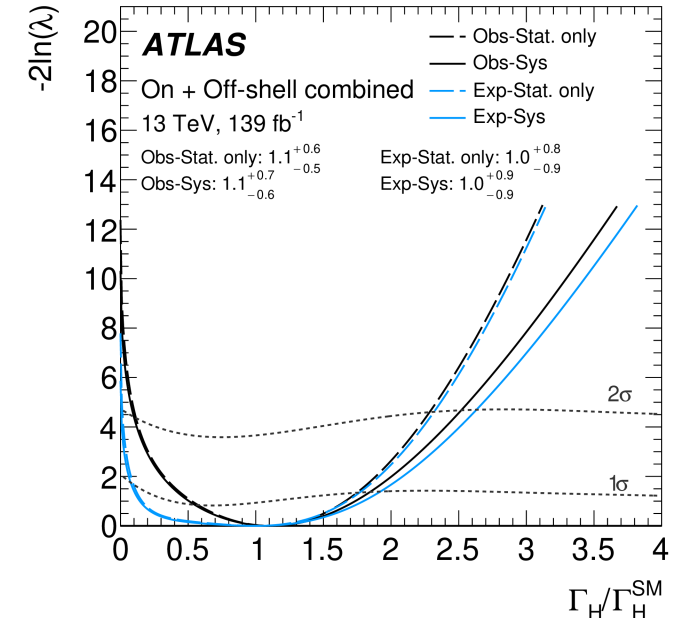
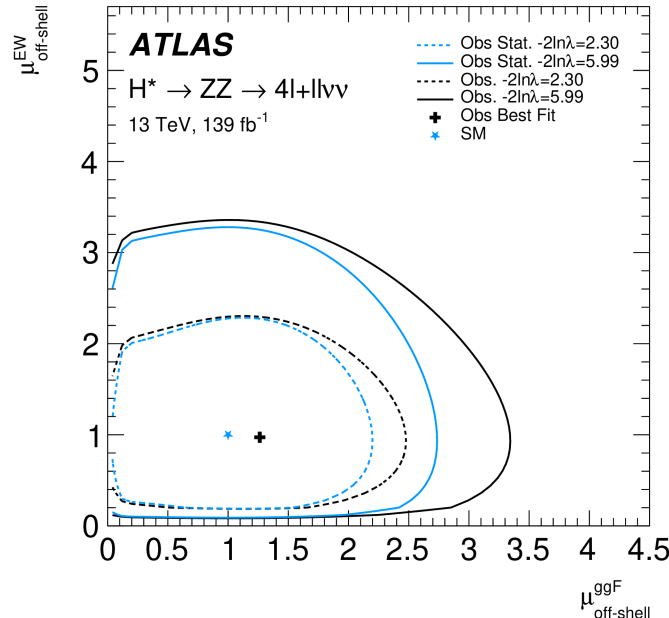
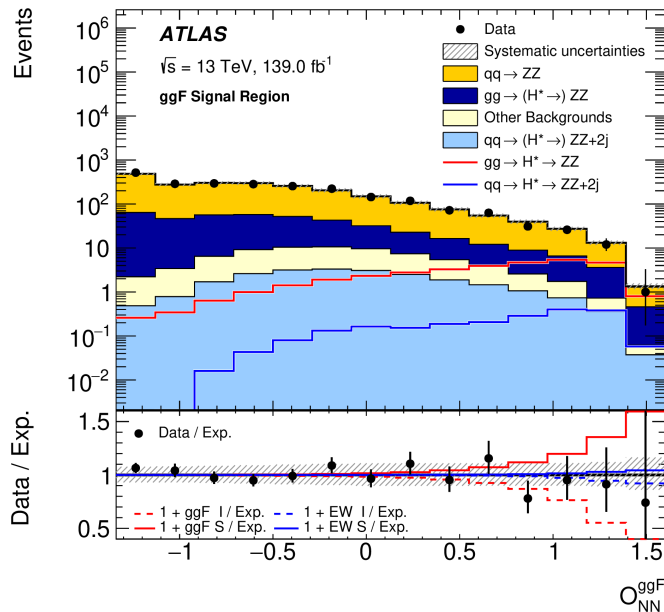
Off-shell $H^* \rightarrow ZZ$
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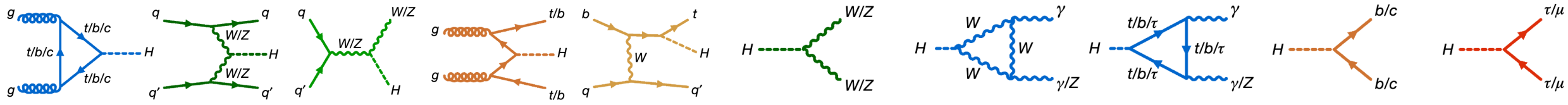
On-shell $H \rightarrow ZZ^*$
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Theory:
[N. Kauer & G. Passarino \(2012\)](#)
[F. Caola & K. Melnikov \(2013\)](#)
[J. Campbell, R. Keith Ellis, C. Williams \(2013\)](#)

- Compare off- and on-shell cross sections to extract width
- $\Gamma_H = 4.5^{+3.3}_{-2.5}$ MeV, compared to $\Gamma_H^{\text{SM}} = 4.1$ MeV

$$\sigma_{gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow ZZ}^{\text{off-shell}} \sim \frac{g_{ggF}^2 g_{HZZ}^2}{m_{ZZ}^2} \quad \sigma_{gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow ZZ}^{\text{on-shell}} \sim \frac{g_{ggF}^2 g_{HZZ}^2}{m_H \Gamma_H}$$





Higgs Spin and CP Structure

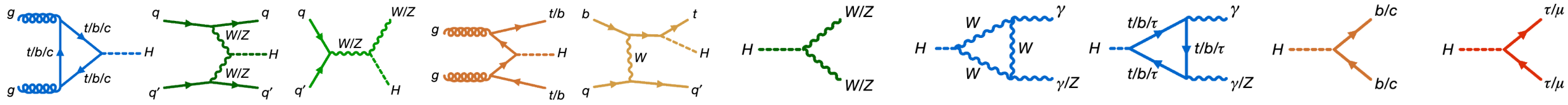
- Higgs spin and Charge-Parity (CP) structure is known to be $J^{CP} = 0^{++}$
- The CP property of its couplings can still vary
- CP violation is a necessary ingredient to explain baryon asymmetry
 - Motivates thorough investigation into CP nature of Higgs sector!

CP-odd couplings can enter at
operator dimension = 4 for fermions
(Parameterized by α)

CP-odd couplings can enter at operator
dimension = 6 for bosons
(Parameterized by Wilson coefficients)

$$\mathcal{L}_{HFF} = -\frac{m_F}{v} \kappa_F (\cos \alpha \bar{\psi} \psi + \sin \alpha \bar{\psi} i \gamma_5 \psi) H$$

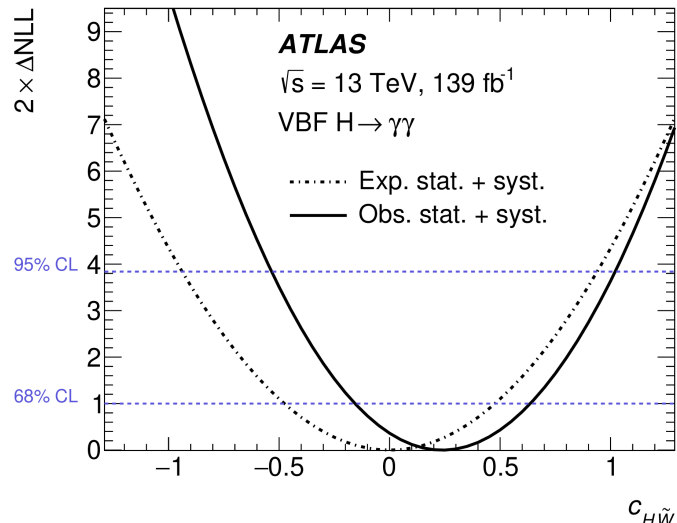
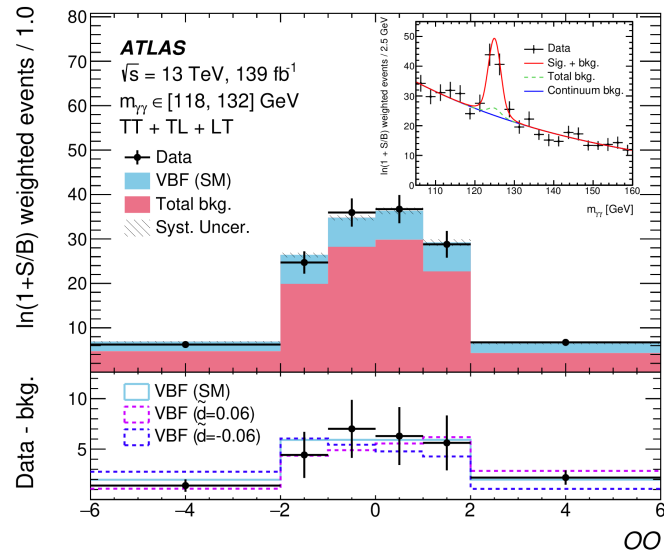
	CP-odd		
Operator $O_i^{(d=6)}$	$H^\dagger H \tilde{W}_{\mu\nu}^n W^{n\mu\nu}$	$H^\dagger H \tilde{B}_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}$	$H^\dagger \tau^n H \tilde{W}_{\mu\nu}^n B^{\mu\nu}$
Wilson coefficient	$c_{H\tilde{W}}$	$c_{H\tilde{B}}$	$c_{H\tilde{W}B}$

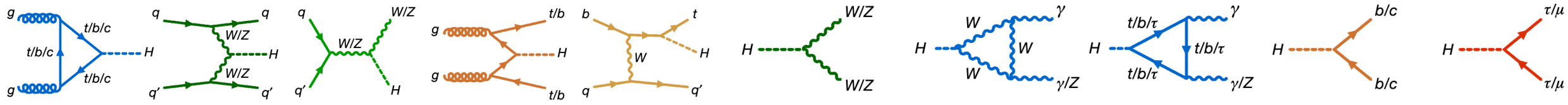


Higgs CP Structure (Bosons)

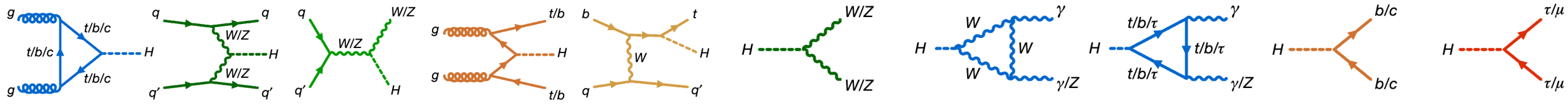
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- $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$: Measurement targeting Higgs production w/ vector bosons
- “Optimal Observable”: $OO = 2\text{Re}(\mathcal{M}_{SM}^* \mathcal{M}_{CP-odd})/|\mathcal{M}_{SM}|^2$
 - Calculated from 4-vectors of Higgs candidate and di-jet system
- Limits on couplings of dimension-6 operators in an effective field theory formalism
 - HISZ basis: $d\sim$: 95% CI = $[-0.034, +0.071]$
 - Warsaw basis: $c_{HW\sim}$: 95% CI = $[-0.55, +1.07]$





Higgs Signal Strengths / Cross Sections

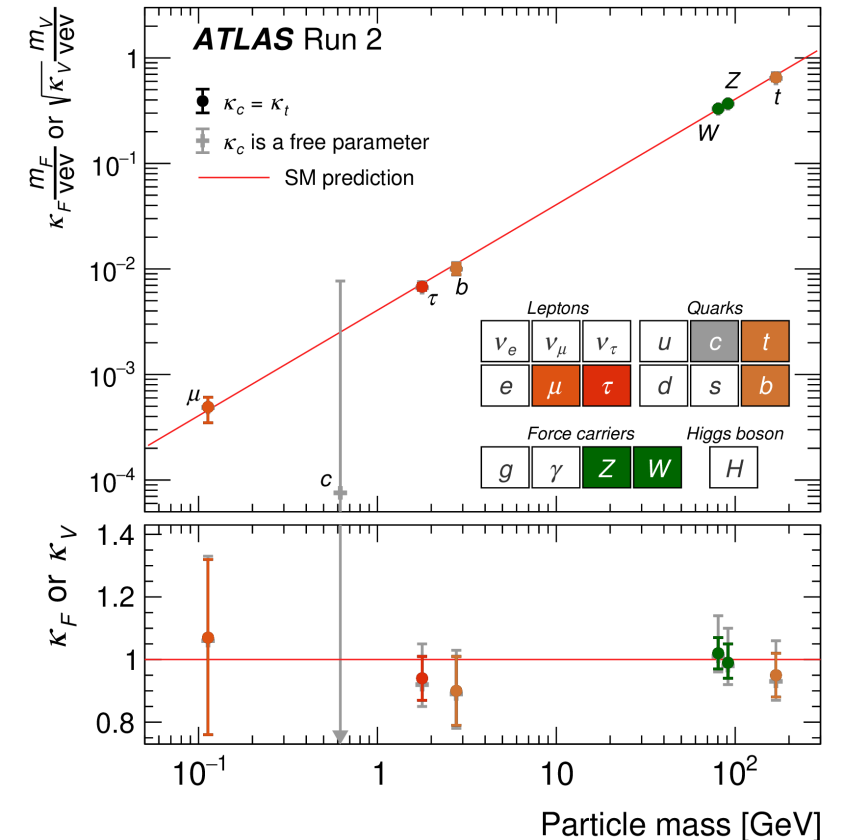
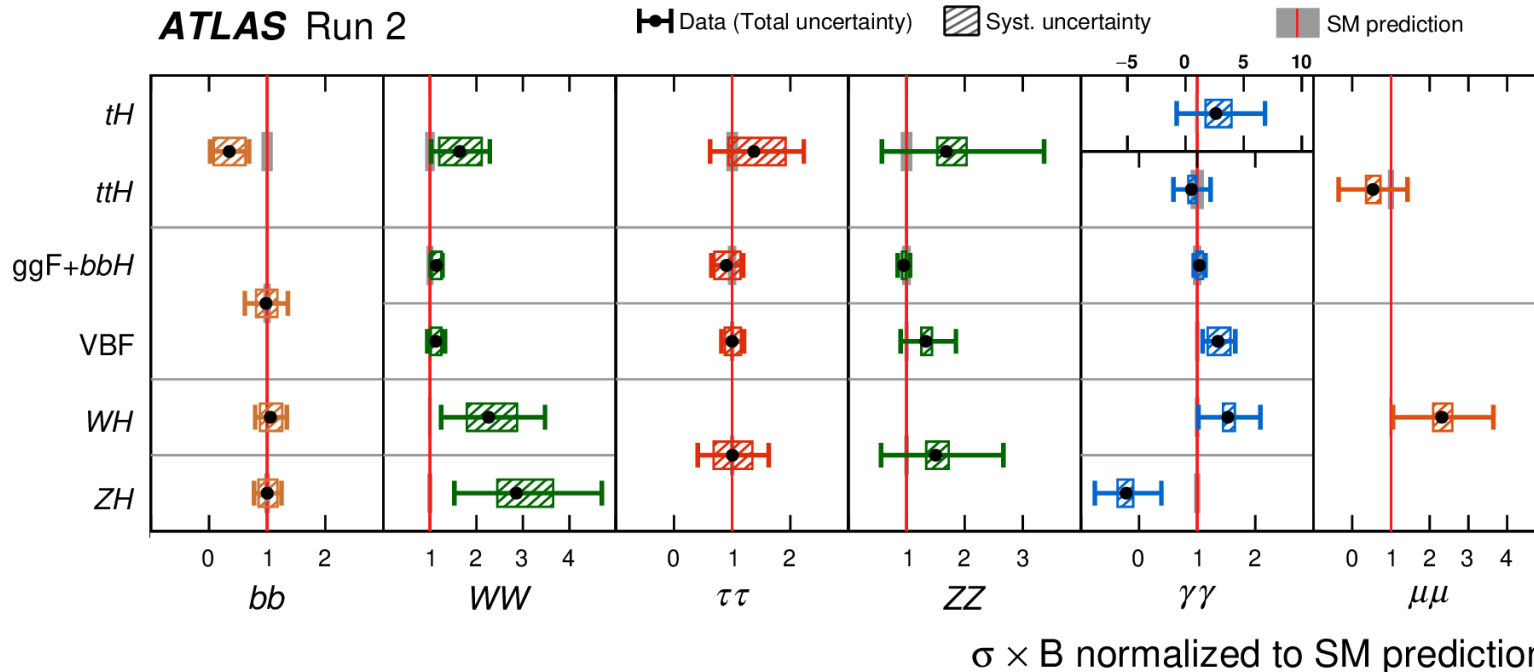


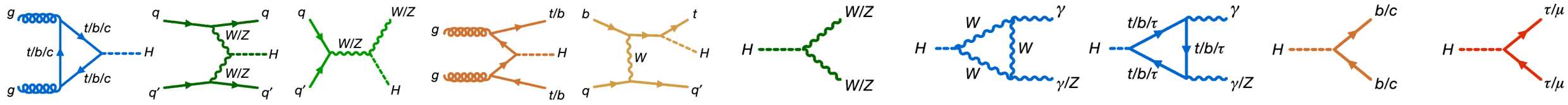
Higgs Cross Sections / Signal Strengths

ATLAS Run 2 Higgs Report:
[arXiv:2404.05498](https://arxiv.org/abs/2404.05498)

- Combine results for comprehensive picture of Higgs cross sections and branching ratios
- “ κ framework”: effective coupling strength modifiers

$$\sigma_i \times B_i = \frac{\sigma_i(\kappa) \times \Gamma_f(\kappa)}{\Gamma_H} \quad \kappa_i^2 = \frac{\sigma_i}{\sigma_i^{SM}} \quad \kappa_i^2 = \frac{\Gamma_i}{\Gamma_i^{SM}}$$

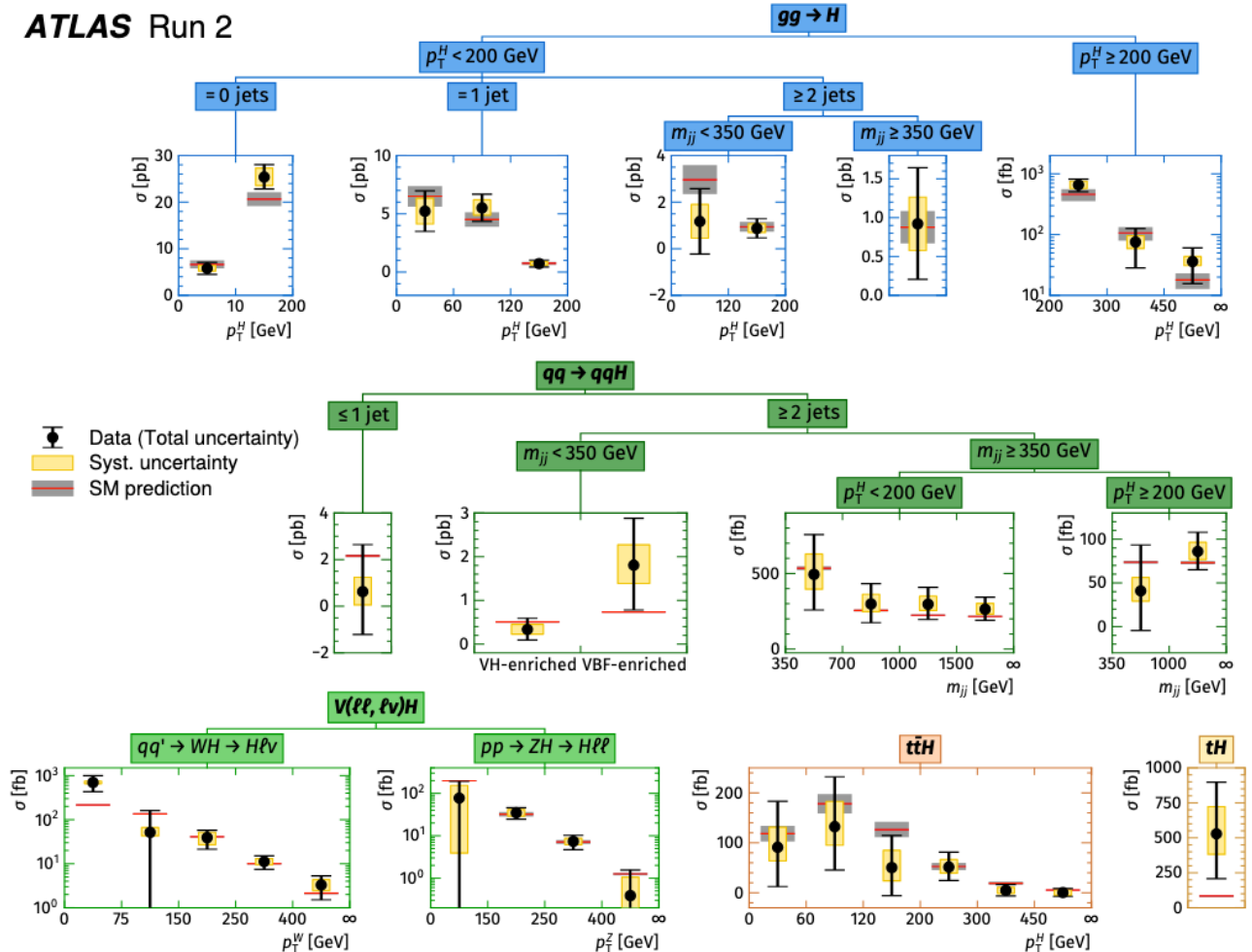


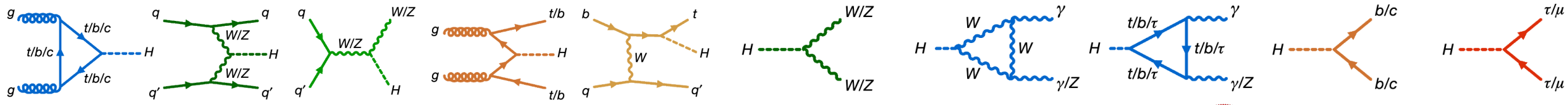


Combinations: Simplified Template Cross Sections

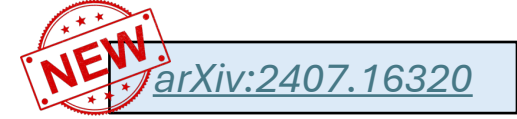
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- Look deeper at Higgs interactions in phase space!
- *Simplified Template Cross Section (STXS)* optimizes:
 - Sensitivity to BSM contributions
 - Experimental sensitivity
 - Interest from theory community

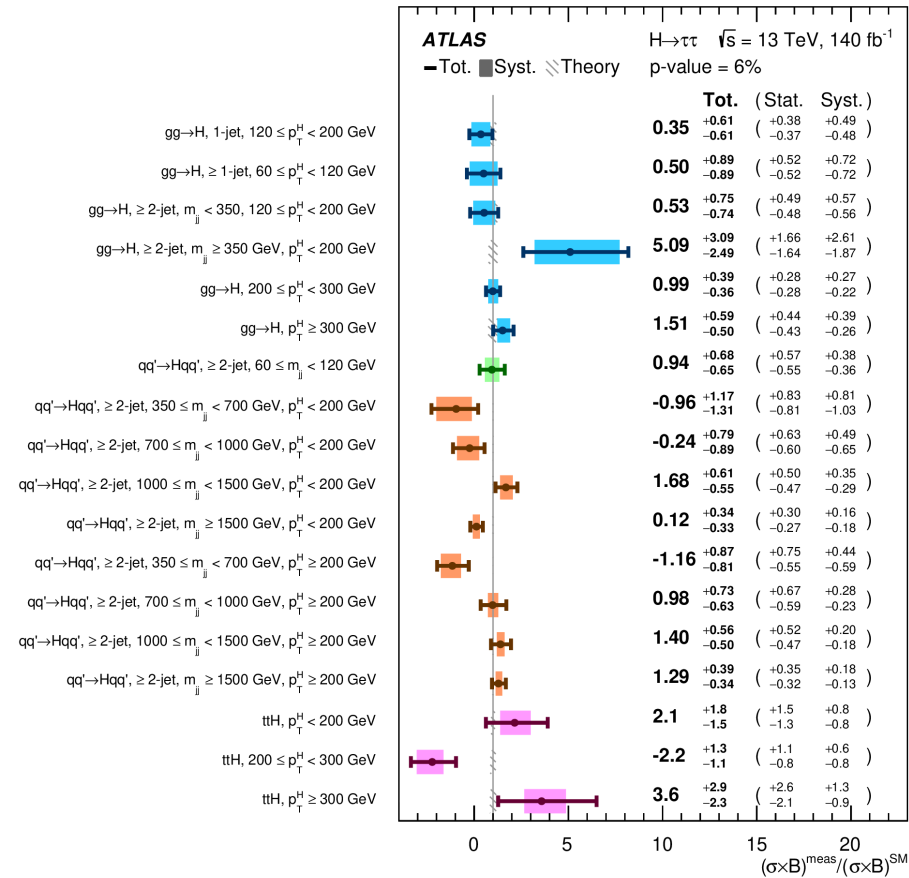
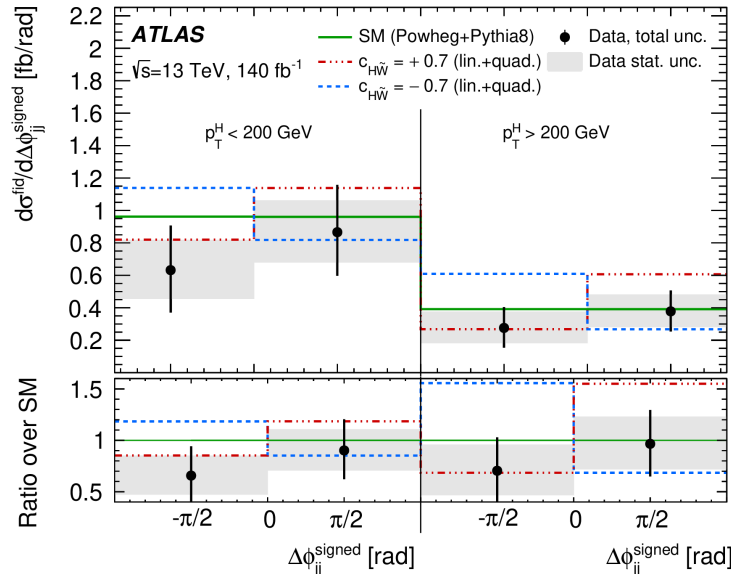
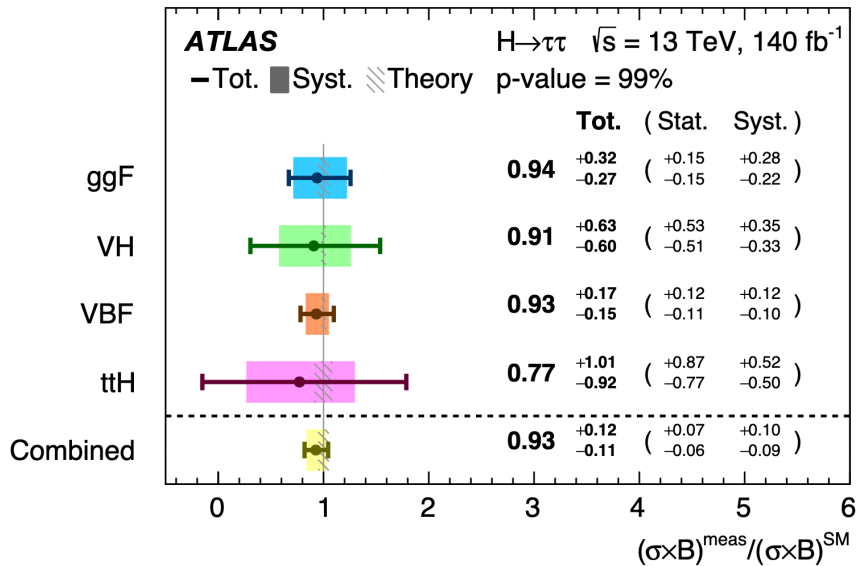


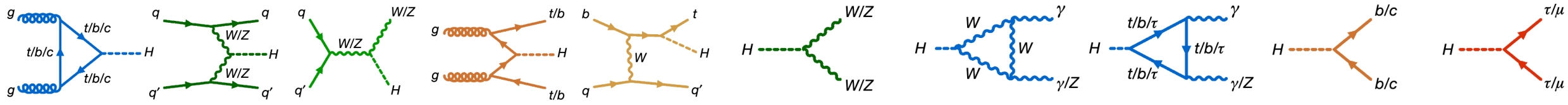


STXS & Differential Measurements: $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$



- Comprehensive measurement in STXS bins
 - Most precise single-channel VBF signal strength: $0.93^{+0.17}_{-0.15}$
- Differential measurement targeting Higgs production
 - Most stringent constraint of CP-odd SMEFT coefficient:
 - $c_{HW} \sim$: 95% CI = $[-0.31, +0.88]$

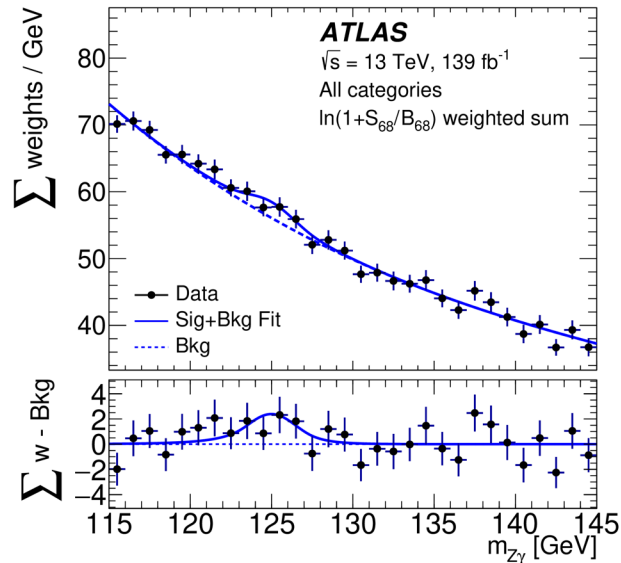




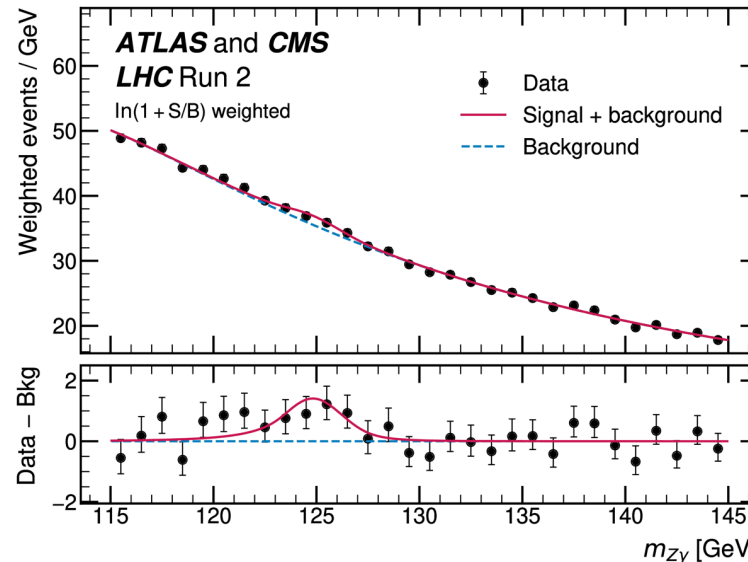
Rare Decays: $H \rightarrow Z\gamma$

- Branching ratio: $\sim 1.5 \times 10^{-3}$
- ATLAS Run 2 signal yield: $2.0^{+1.0}_{-0.9}$
- Combine with CMS Run 2 signal yield ($2.2^{+0.7}_{-0.7}$) for **3.4σ significance!**

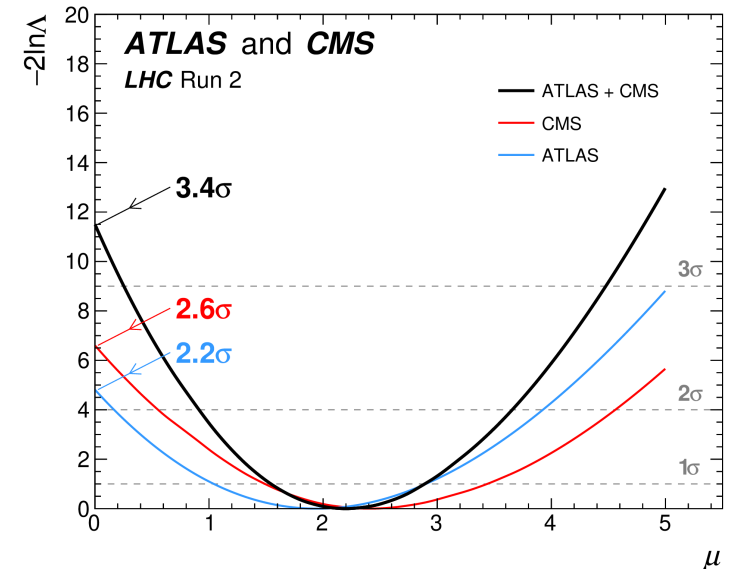
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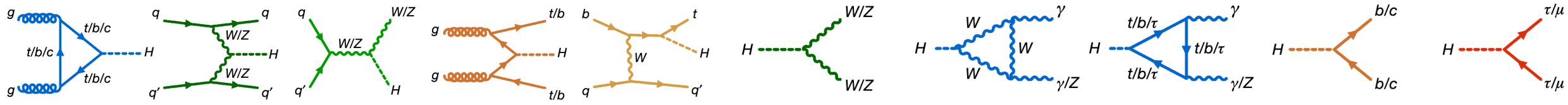


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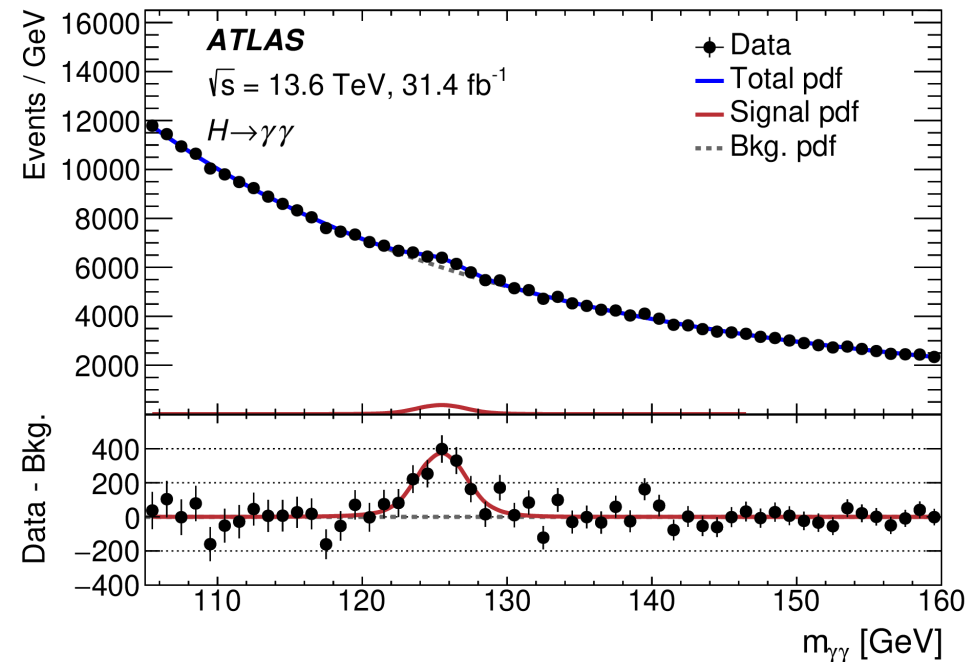
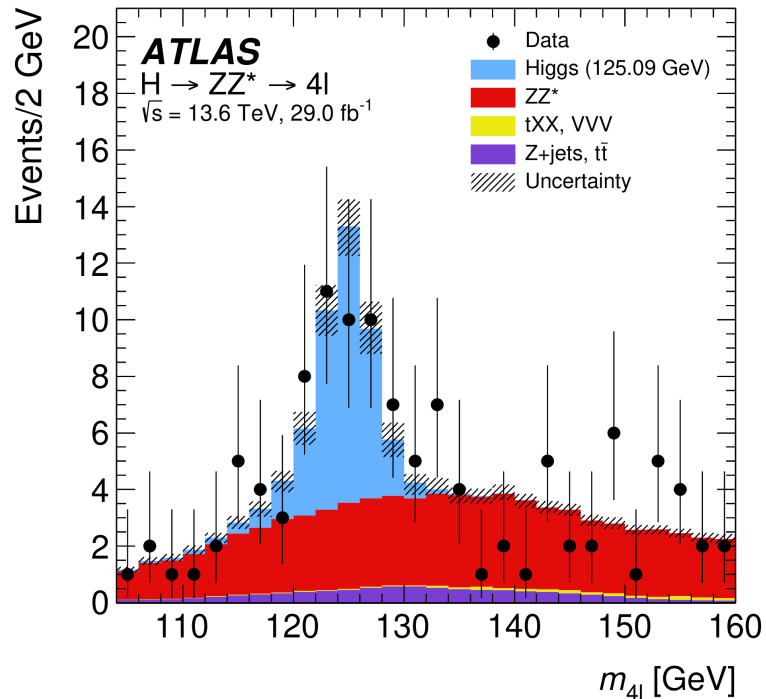


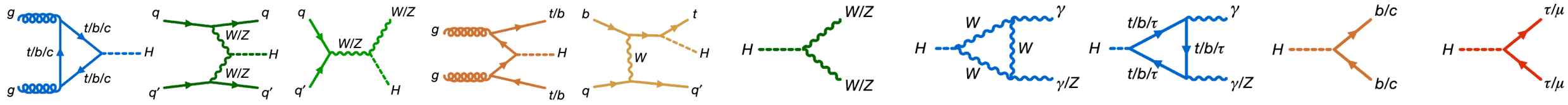


Run 3 Measurements: $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$, $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$

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- New dataset incoming - make sure the Higgs is still there!
- Early measurements already innovating on methods
 - Machine learning method for generation of large-statistic background template





Summary

- Plenty of work done by ATLAS to inspect the nature of the Higgs
 - Mass, Spin / CP, Width
 - Comprehensive study of production and decay cross sections
- Interpretations are becoming increasingly sophisticated:
 - Simplified Template Cross Section, Effective Field Theories
- Run 3 doubles the dataset – increased ability to measure rare Higgs production and decay modes, measurements becoming more and more differential
- Early Run 3 measurements promise an invigorating Run 3 program!
- Keep an eye out for new discoveries: $H \rightarrow Z\gamma$!