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Combined Higgs-boson measurements at the ATLAS experiment: BSM interpretation



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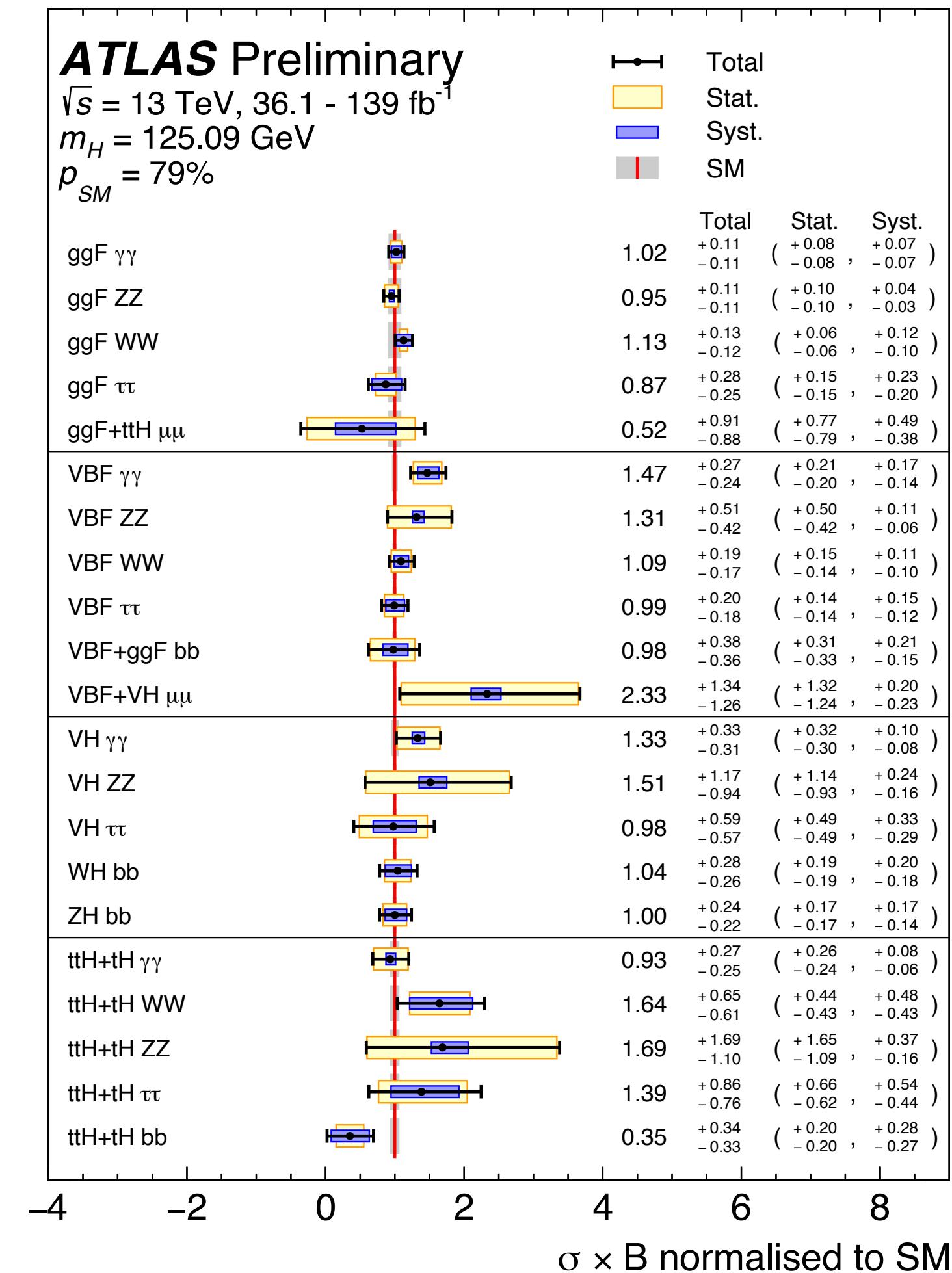
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Higgs combination cont'd

- ATLAS published a wealth of measurements and searches to pin down the Higgs boson production and its decays
- Combining them allows
 - For the most precise measurements of the SM expectation
 - Identifying and interpreting potential features that are not statistically significant in individual channels
 - These have been discussed in Kunlin's talk (Thur, 15:15)

Combined Higgs-boson measurements of the ATLAS experiment: SM measurement
- Also, combination allows for the constraints of potential beyond-the-Standard Model (BSM) modifications:
 - Interpretation in the κ framework
 - EFT interpretation
 - Model-dependent interpretation: 2HDM
 - These will be discussed in **this talk**



Interpretation in the κ framework

- Assumption: BSM physics modifies only the strength of the Higgs-boson coupling
- Introduce **coupling-strength modifiers κ** to the leading-order contributions to each production and decay

$$\sigma_i \times B_f = \frac{\sigma_i(\kappa) \times \Gamma_f(\kappa)}{\Gamma_H}$$

- Modifiers on Cross-section and partial decay width for SM process j:

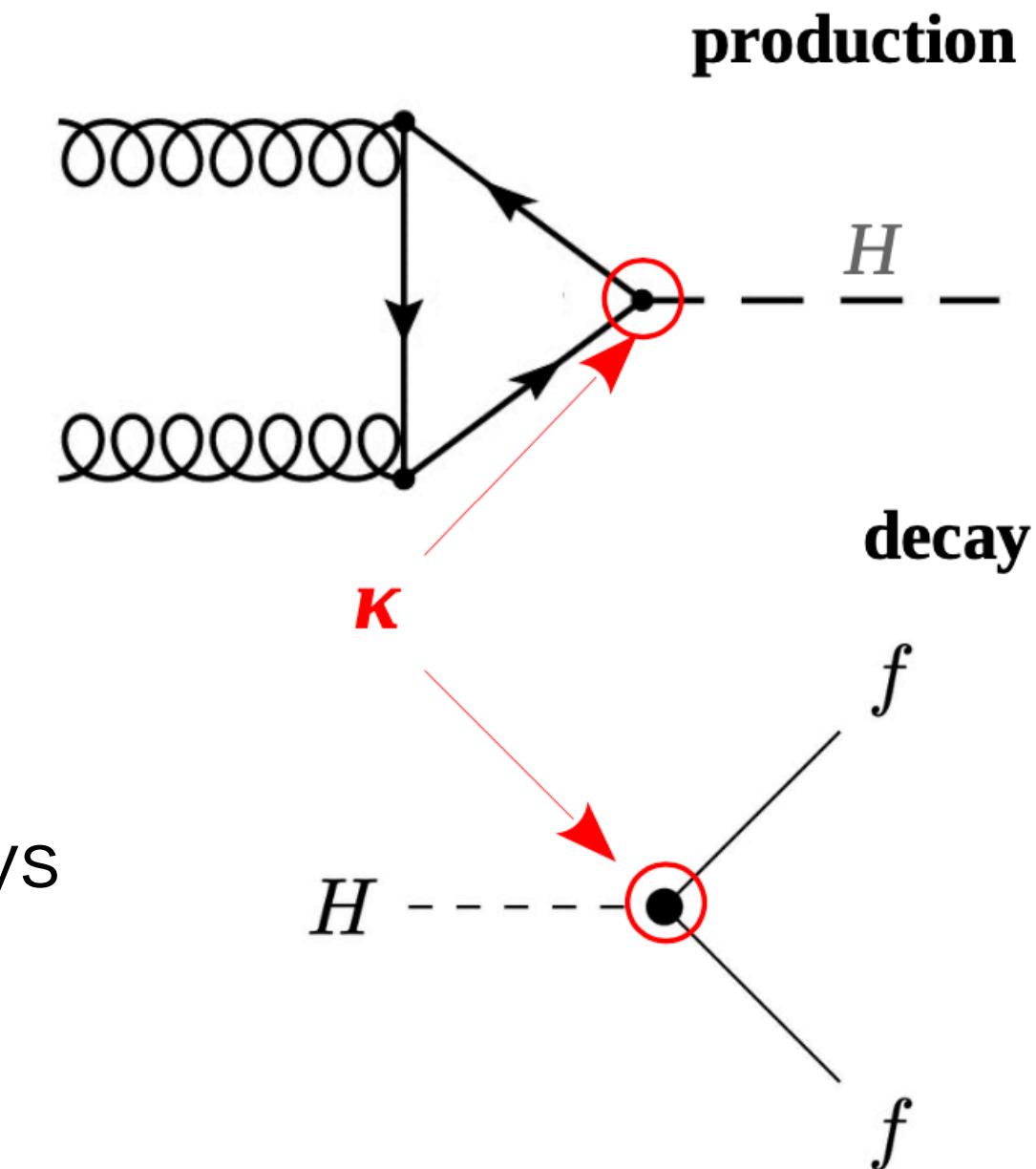
$$\kappa_j^2 = \frac{\sigma_j}{\sigma_j^{\text{SM}}} \quad \text{or} \quad \kappa_j^2 = \frac{\Gamma_j}{\Gamma_j^{\text{SM}}}$$

- Higgs total decay width: $B_{i./u.}$: branching ratio of invisible/undetected BSM decays

$$\Gamma_H(\kappa, B_{i.}, B_{u.}) = \kappa_H^2(\kappa, B_{i.}, B_{u.}) \Gamma_H^{\text{SM}}$$

where
$$\kappa_H^2(\kappa, B_{i.}, B_{u.}) = \frac{\sum_j B_j^{\text{SM}} \kappa_j^2}{(1 - B_{i.} - B_{u.})}$$

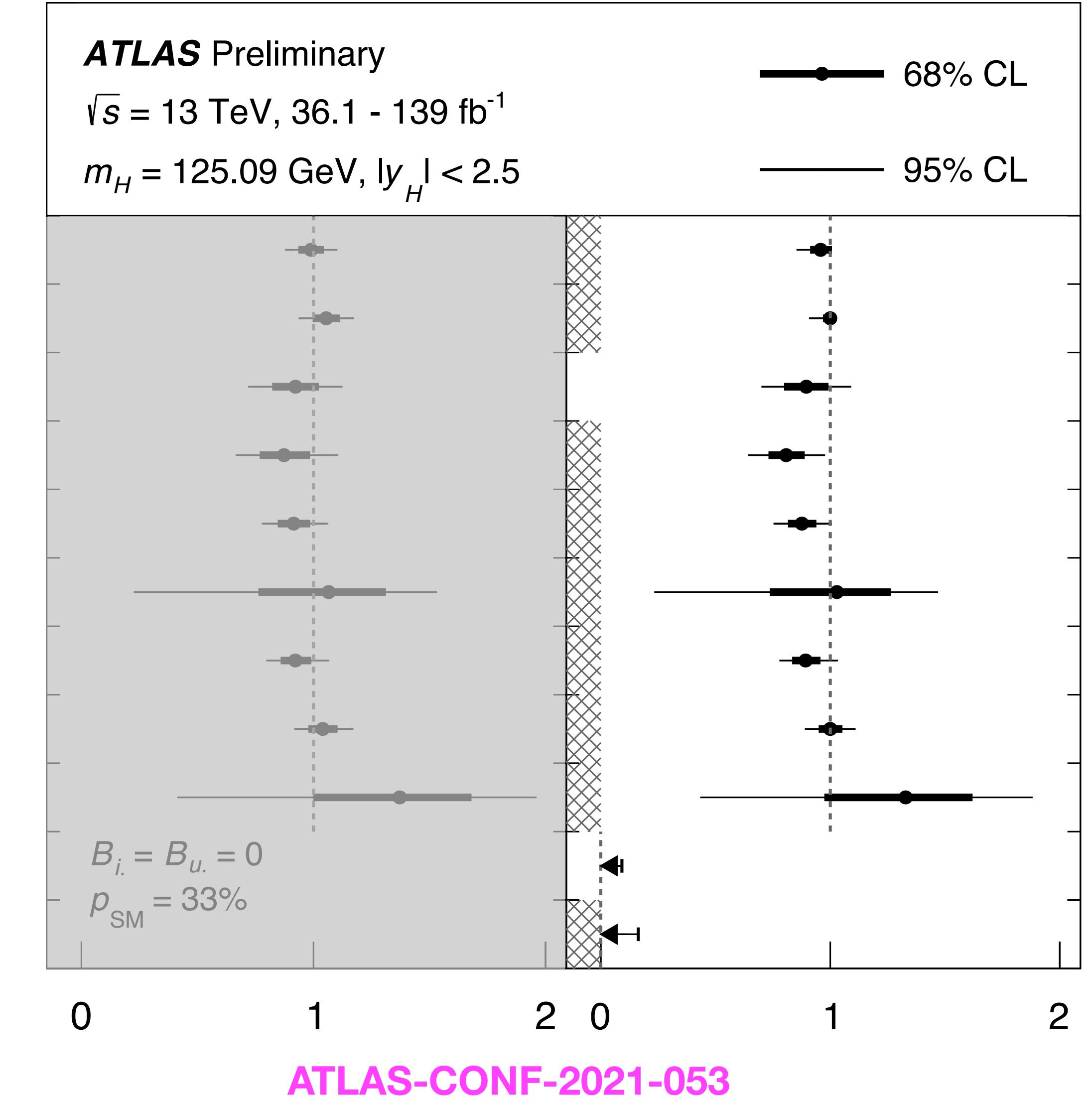
- BSM contributions may manifest themselves as $\kappa_j \neq 1$ or $B_{i./u.} \neq 0$.



Interpretation in the K framework

- $\kappa_{c/s}$ scales as $\kappa_{t/b}$; $\kappa_{u/d/e} = 1$
- Higgs boson coupling modifiers per particle type with $B_{i/u} = 0$ (left)
- B_i and B_u included as free parameters (right)
 - VBF, $H \rightarrow$ inv. included to constrain B_i .
 - By definition, B_u is not directly constrained by any measurement additional assumption $\kappa_{w,z} \leq 1$

Parameter	(a) $B_{i.} = B_{u.} = 0$	(b) $B_{i.}$ free, $B_{u.} \geq 0, \kappa_{w,z} \leq 1$
κ_Z	0.99 ± 0.06	$0.96^{+0.04}_{-0.05}$
κ_W	1.06 ± 0.06	$1.00^{+0.00}_{-0.03}$
κ_b	0.87 ± 0.11	0.81 ± 0.08
κ_t	0.92 ± 0.10	0.90 ± 0.10
κ_μ	$1.07^{+0.25}_{-0.30}$	$1.03^{+0.23}_{-0.29}$
κ_τ	0.92 ± 0.07	0.88 ± 0.06
κ_γ	1.04 ± 0.06	1.00 ± 0.05
$\kappa_{Z\gamma}$	$1.37^{+0.31}_{-0.37}$	$1.33^{+0.29}_{-0.35}$
κ_g	$0.92^{+0.07}_{-0.06}$	$0.89^{+0.07}_{-0.06}$
$B_{i.}$	-	< 0.09 at 95% CL
$B_{u.}$	-	< 0.16 at 95% CL



SMEFT

- Introduce new effective operators with free coefficients to capture new physics appearing beyond scale Λ (typically chosen as 1 TeV)
- New heavy internal particles are integrated out and are represented as vertices in the new effective theory
- Most common: Warsaw-basis ([JHEP 10 \(2010\) 085](#)) forming a complete set of all dim-6 operators allowed by the SM gauge symmetries
- Interpretation performed in SMEFT framework

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SMEFT}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \sum_i^{N_{d6}} \frac{c_i}{\Lambda^2} O_i^{(6)} + \sum_j^{N_{d8}} \frac{b_i}{\Lambda^4} O_i^{(8)} + \dots$$

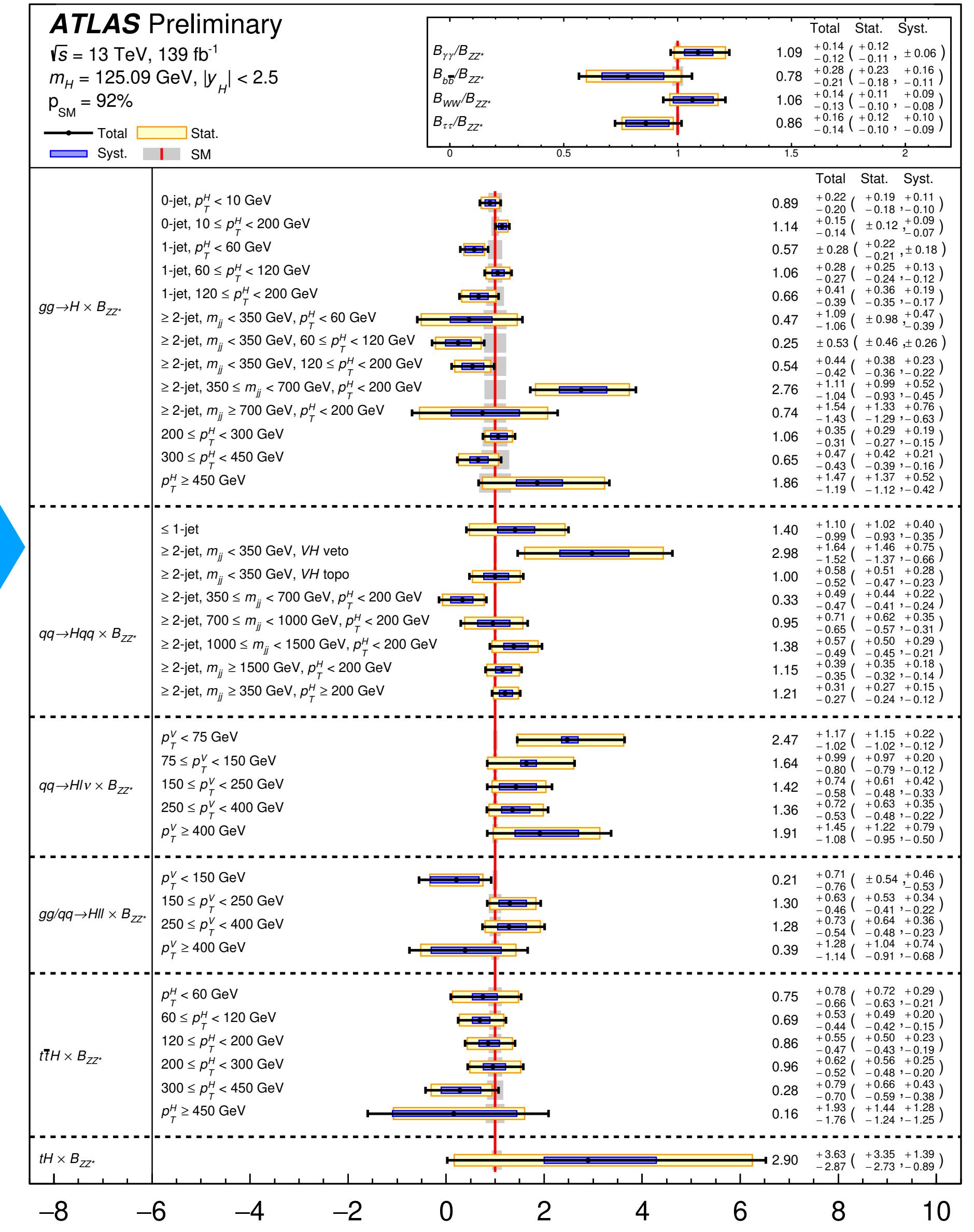
- SMEFT in a nutshell:
 - \mathcal{L}_{SM} is dim-4, high orders only valid in the low-energy regime $E \ll \Lambda$
 - terms with odd dimensionality violate lepton and/or baryon symmetry and are usually not considered for LHC physics
 - Wilson coefficients $c \equiv 0$ for SM, deviations might indicate new physics

SMEFT Interpretation: operators

- $\Lambda = 1\text{TeV}$ and Warsaw-basis

Wilson coefficient	Operator	Wilson coefficient	Operator
$c_{H\square}$	$(H^\dagger H)\square(H^\dagger H)$	c_{uG}	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} T^A u_r) \tilde{H} G_{\mu\nu}^A$
c_{HDD}	$(H^\dagger D^\mu H)^* (H^\dagger D_\mu H)$	c_{uW}	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_r) \tau^I \tilde{H} W_{\mu\nu}^I$
c_{HG}	$H^\dagger H G_{\mu\nu}^A G^{A\mu\nu}$	c_{uB}	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_r) \tilde{H} B_{\mu\nu}$
c_{HB}	$H^\dagger H B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}$	c'_{ll}	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu l_t) (\bar{l}_r \gamma^\mu l_s)$
c_{HW}	$H^\dagger H W_{\mu\nu}^I W^{I\mu\nu}$	$c_{qq}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu q_t) (\bar{q}_r \gamma^\mu q_s)$
c_{HWB}	$H^\dagger \tau^I H W_{\mu\nu}^I B^{\mu\nu}$	$c_{qq}^{(3)}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu \tau^I q_r) (\bar{q}_s \gamma^\mu \tau^I q_t)$
c_{eH}	$(H^\dagger H) (\bar{l}_p e_r H)$	c_{qq}	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu q_t) (\bar{q}_r \gamma^\mu q_s)$
c_{uH}	$(H^\dagger H) (\bar{q}_p u_r \tilde{H})$	$c_{qq}^{(31)}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu \tau^I q_t) (\bar{q}_r \gamma^\mu \tau^I q_s)$
c_{dH}	$(H^\dagger H) (\bar{q}_p d_r \tilde{H})$	c_{uu}	$(\bar{u}_p \gamma_\mu u_r) (\bar{u}_s \gamma^\mu u_t)$
$c_{Hl}^{(1)}$	$(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H) (\bar{l}_p \gamma^\mu l_r)$	$c_{uu}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{u}_p \gamma_\mu u_t) (\bar{u}_r \gamma^\mu u_s)$
$c_{Hl}^{(3)}$	$(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu^I H) (\bar{l}_p \tau^I \gamma^\mu l_r)$	$c_{qu}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu q_t) (\bar{u}_r \gamma^\mu u_s)$
c_{He}	$(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H) (\bar{e}_p \gamma^\mu e_r)$	$c_{ud}^{(8)}$	$(\bar{u}_p \gamma_\mu T^A u_r) (\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu T^A d_t)$
$c_{HQ}^{(1)}$	$(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H) (\bar{q}_p \gamma^\mu q_r)$	$c_{qu}^{(8)}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu T^A q_r) (\bar{u}_s \gamma^\mu T^A u_t)$
$c_{HQ}^{(3)}$	$(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu^I H) (\bar{q}_p \tau^I \gamma^\mu q_r)$	$c_{qd}^{(8)}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu T^A q_r) (\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu T^A d_t)$
c_{Hu}	$(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H) (\bar{u}_p \gamma^\mu u_r)$	c_W	$\epsilon^{IJK} W_\mu^{I\nu} W_\nu^{J\rho} W_\rho^{K\mu}$
c_{Hd}	$(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H) (\bar{d}_p \gamma^\mu d_r)$	c_G	$f^{ABC} G_\mu^{A\nu} G_\nu^{B\rho} G_\rho^{C\mu}$

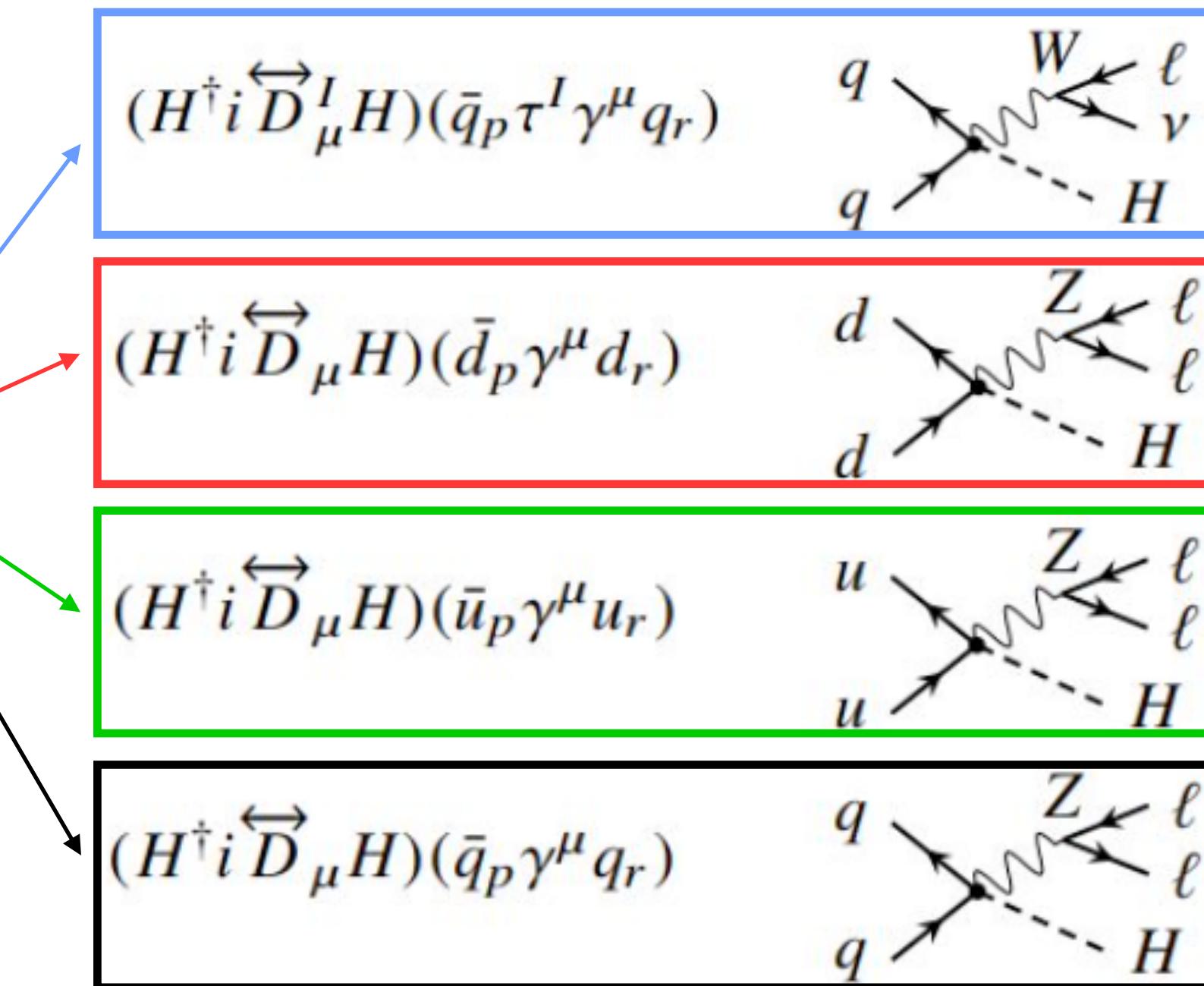
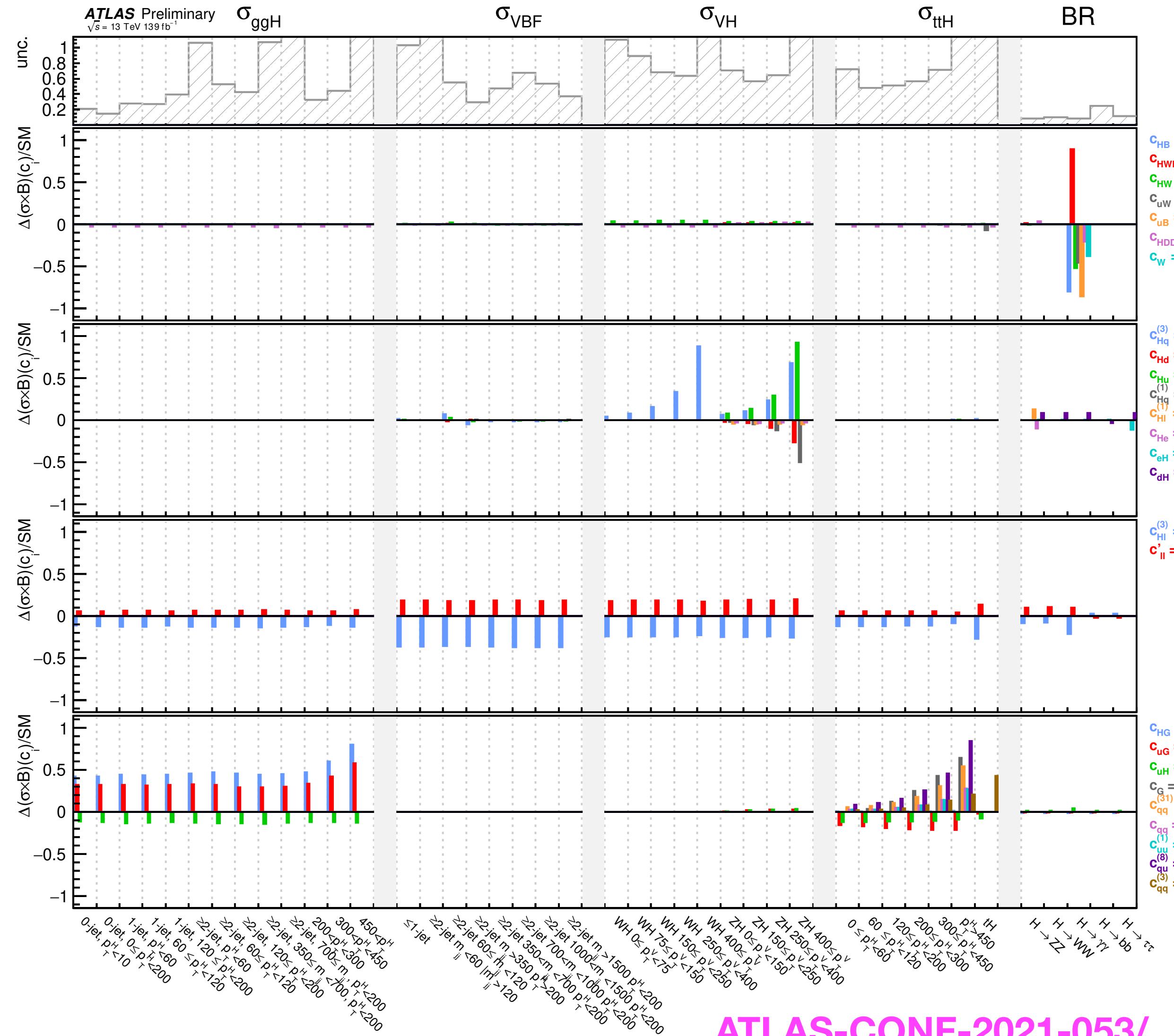
- Considering only EFT contributions from the interference between the SM and the dim-6 SMEFT operators
 - pure dim-6 BSM not considered: as being suppressed by a factor $1/\Lambda^4$, expected to be small



impact

SMEFT Interpretation: impact on STXS bin

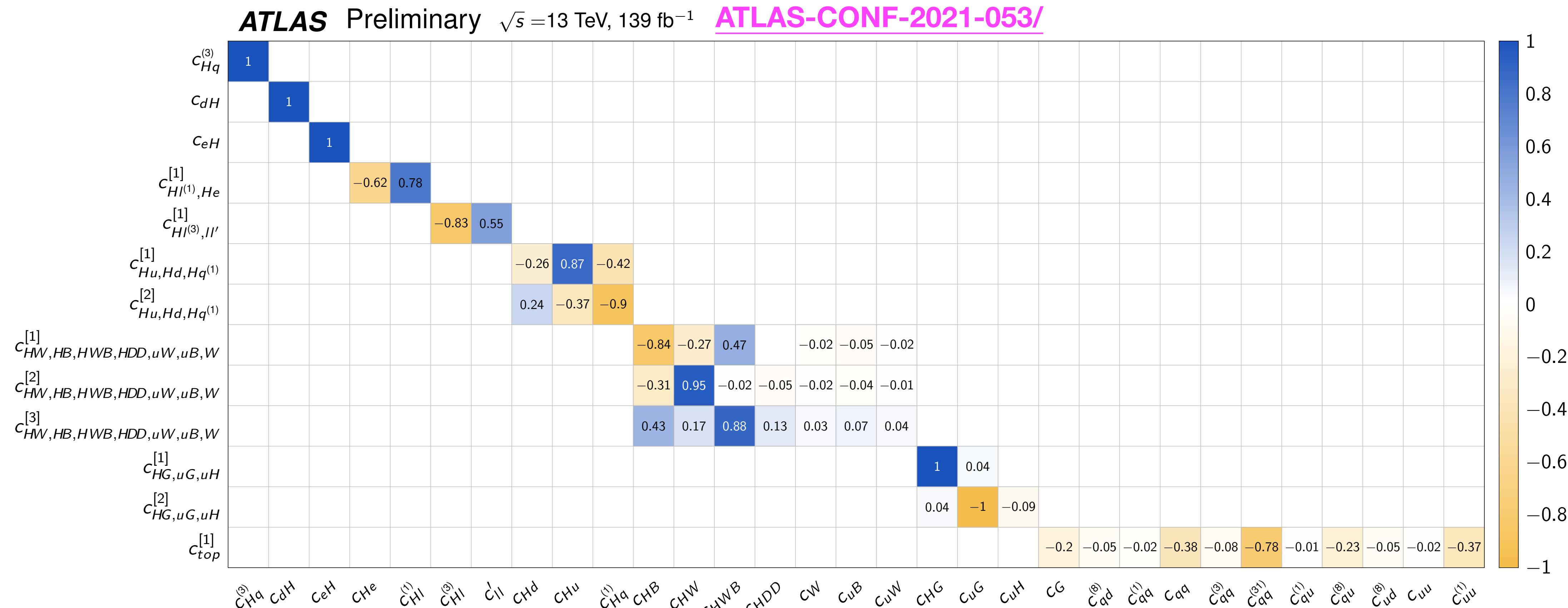
- Parametrized their impact on the signal yields in each STXS bin \times 5 BR



Many parameters: for illustration, focus on a set that largely affects VH

SMEFT Interpretation

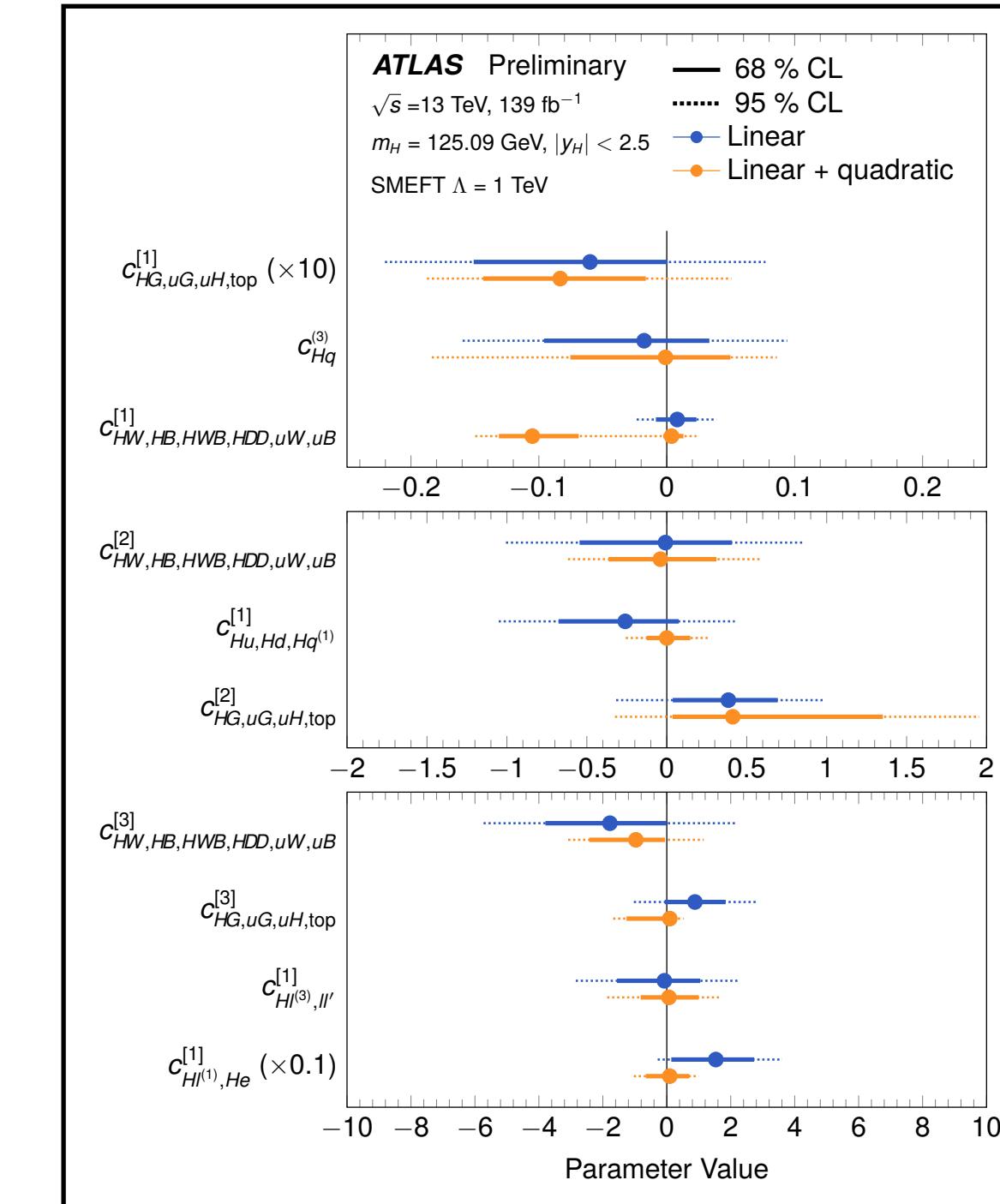
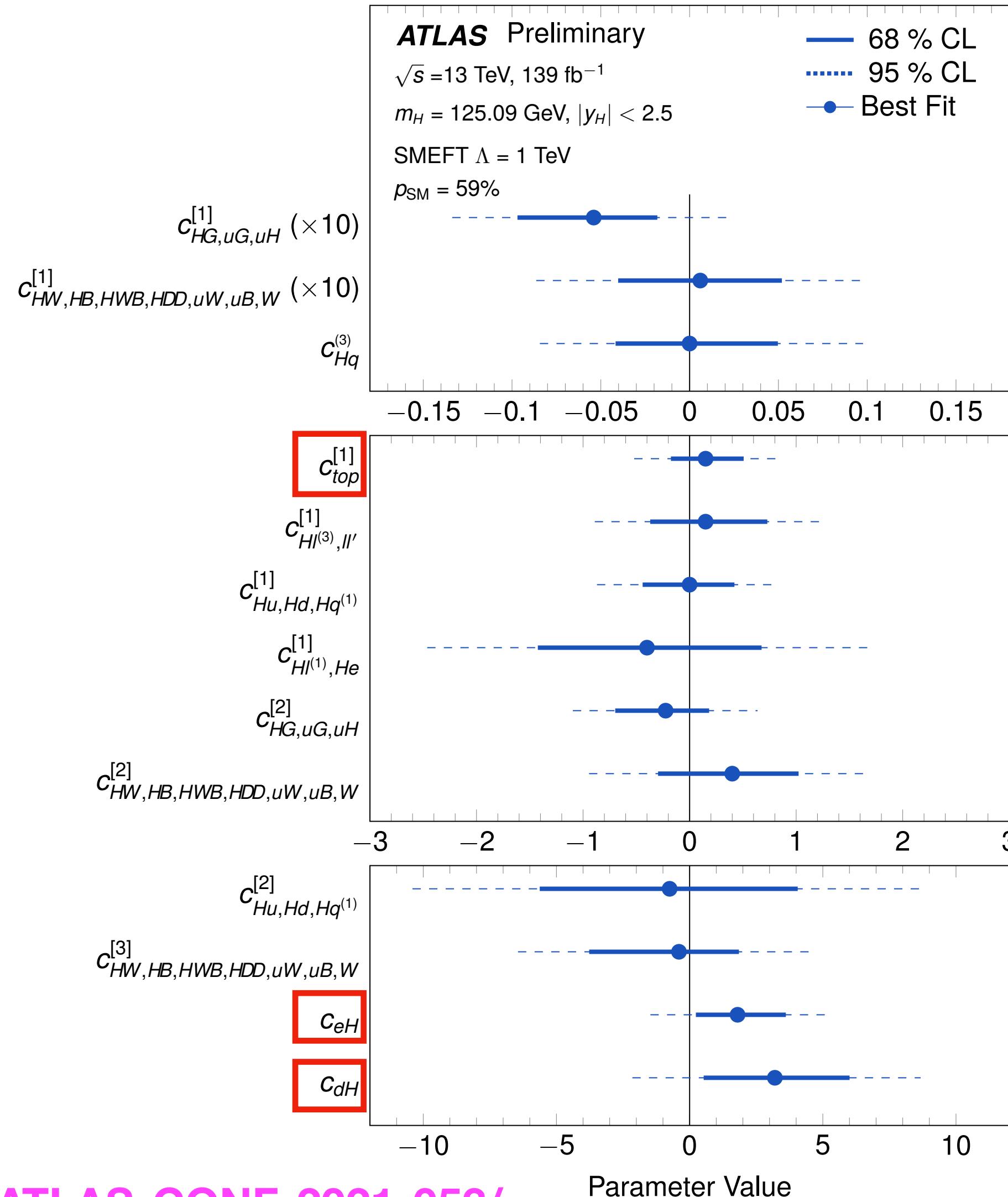
- Due to large number of parameters with complicated correlation, cannot separately constrain all parameters
- Decompose into subspaces, motivated by correlations and physics concerns
- Set parameters with weak eigenvalues to 0 and fit resulting parameter set: fit 13 parameters



SMEFT Interpretation: results

- Parameter measurements

[ATLAS-CONF-2020-053](#)



Compared with the [previous results](#):

Updated $H \rightarrow \tau \tau$ result, C_{eH} can now be constrained

VBF and ttH with $H \rightarrow bb$: C_{dH} and C_{top}

Consistent with SM expectations, $p_{\text{SM}} = 59\%$

Model-dependent interpretation: 2HDM

Benchmark model for UV-complete BSM theory

- Extended Higgs sector (2^{nd} SU(2) doublet) \rightarrow 5 Higgs boson:
 - Two neutral CP-even: h, H
 - One neutral CP-odd: A
 - Two charged Higgs boson H^\pm
- Light CP-even Higgs boson h identified with observed Higgs boson
 - SM production and decay modes
 - Deviations from SM prediction expressed in terms of α and $\tan\beta$
 - α : mixing angle between two CP-even Higgs bosons (h, H)
 - $\tan\beta$: ratio of the vacuum expectation values of the two SU(2) doublets
 - $H_{\text{SM}} = h \cdot \sin(\beta - \alpha) + H \cdot \cos(\beta - \alpha)$
 - $\cos(\beta - \alpha) = 0$ (**alignment limit**) $\Rightarrow h$ indistinguishable from H_{SM}

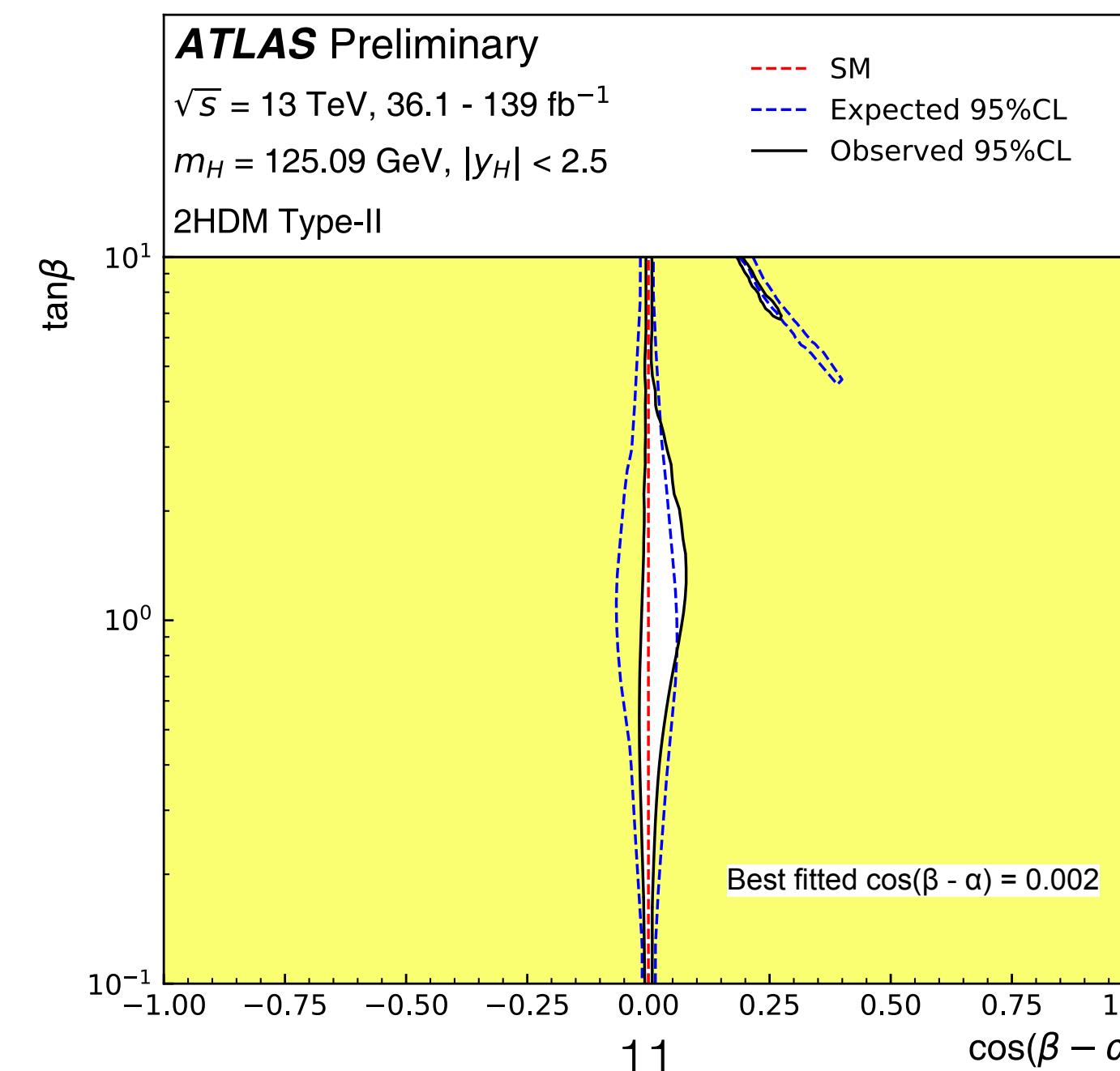
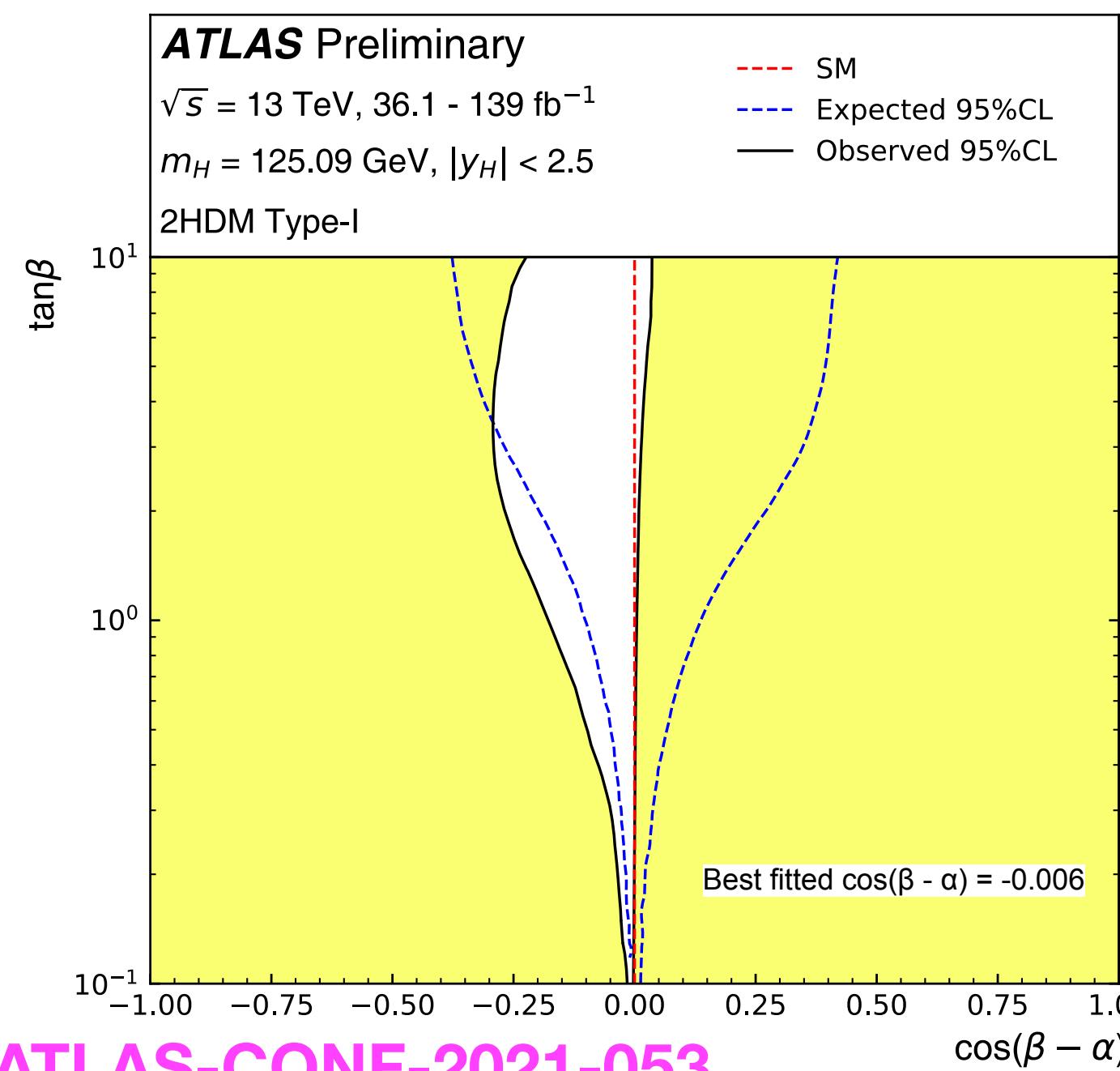
Model-dependent interpretation: 2HDM

Four 2HDM types can be defined w/o tree-level flavour-changing neutral currents

- Variation over allowed couplings to SM particles

Coupling scale factor	Type I	Type II	Lepton-specific	Flipped
κ_V			$\sin(\beta - \alpha)$	
κ_u			$\cos(\alpha) / \sin(\beta)$	
κ_d	$\cos(\alpha) / \sin(\beta)$	$-\sin(\alpha) / \cos(\beta)$	$\cos(\alpha) / \sin(\beta)$	$-\sin(\alpha) / \cos(\beta)$
κ_ℓ	$\cos(\alpha) / \sin(\beta)$	$-\sin(\alpha) / \cos(\beta)$	$-\sin(\alpha) / \cos(\beta)$	$\cos(\alpha) / \sin(\beta)$

Limits on $\cos(\beta - \alpha)$ vs $\tan\beta$ (2/4 shown)



The data is consistent with the alignment limit within 1 std. or even better

“petal” allowed regions: correspond to regions with $\cos(\beta + \alpha) \approx 0$, some fermion couplings have the same magnitude as in the SM, but the opposite sign

Conclusion

- Combination of each individual Higgs measurement allows for the constraints of potential beyond-the-Standard Model (BSM) modifications
- In latest combination measurement ([ATLAS-CONF-2021-053](#)), a few interpretation performed:
 - Interpretation in the κ framework:
 - The limit set on the decay invisible and undetected decay B: $B_i < 0.09$ and $B_u < 0.16$ @ 95 CL
 - Interpretation to the SMEFT:
 - Thanks to the newly added channel, c_{eH} , c_{dH} and c_{top} allowed to be measured
 - The coefficients of the operators measured and their values compatible with the SM
 - Model-dependent interpretation: 2HDM
 - Limits set on $\cos(\beta - \alpha)$ vs $\tan \beta$ for four type of 2HDM
 - The data is consistent with the alignment within 1 std. or even better
- Plan for a journal paper:
 - Update for the individual channels and add the Higgs self-coupling measurements etc.

Backup

K parametrization

Production cross section	Loops	Main interference	Effective modifier	Resolved modifier
$\sigma(\text{ggF})$	✓	$t-b$	κ_g^2	$1.040 \kappa_t^2 + 0.002 \kappa_b^2 - 0.038 \kappa_t \kappa_b - 0.005 \kappa_t \kappa_c$
$\sigma(\text{VBF})$	-	-	-	$0.733 \kappa_W^2 + 0.267 \kappa_Z^2$
$\sigma(qq/qg \rightarrow ZH)$	-	-	-	κ_Z^2
$\sigma(gg \rightarrow ZH)$	✓	$t-Z$	$\kappa_{(ggZH)}$	$2.456 \kappa_Z^2 + 0.456 \kappa_t^2 - 1.903 \kappa_Z \kappa_t - 0.011 \kappa_Z \kappa_b + 0.003 \kappa_t \kappa_b$
$\sigma(WH)$	-	-	-	κ_W^2
$\sigma(H)$	-	-	-	κ_t^2
$\sigma(tHW)$	-	$t-W$	-	$2.909 \kappa_t^2 + 2.310 \kappa_W^2 - 4.220 \kappa_t \kappa_W$
$\sigma(tHq)$	-	$t-W$	-	$2.633 \kappa_t^2 + 3.578 \kappa_W^2 - 5.211 \kappa_t \kappa_W$
$\sigma(H)$	-	-	-	κ_b^2
Partial decay width				
Γ^{bb}	-	-	-	κ_b^2
Γ^{WW}	-	-	-	κ_W^2
Γ^{gg}	✓	$t-b$	κ_g^2	$1.111 \kappa_t^2 + 0.012 \kappa_b^2 - 0.123 \kappa_t \kappa_b$
$\Gamma^{\tau\tau}$	-	-	-	κ_τ^2
Γ^{zz}	-	-	-	κ_Z^2
Γ^{cc}	-	-	-	$\kappa_c^2 (= \kappa_t^2)$ $1.589 \kappa_W^2 + 0.072 \kappa_t^2 - 0.674 \kappa_W \kappa_t + 0.009 \kappa_W \kappa_\tau + 0.008 \kappa_W \kappa_b - 0.002 \kappa_t \kappa_b - 0.002 \kappa_t \kappa_\tau$
$\Gamma^{\gamma\gamma}$	✓	$t-W$	κ_γ^2	$1.118 \kappa_W^2 - 0.125 \kappa_W \kappa_t + 0.004 \kappa_t^2 + 0.003 \kappa_W \kappa_b$
Γ^{ss}	-	-	-	$\kappa_s^2 (= \kappa_b^2)$
$\Gamma^{\mu\mu}$	-	-	-	κ_μ^2
Total width ($B_{i.} = B_{u.} = 0$)				
Γ_H	✓	-	κ_H^2	$0.581 \kappa_b^2 + 0.215 \kappa_W^2 + 0.082 \kappa_g^2 + 0.063 \kappa_\tau^2 + 0.026 \kappa_Z^2 + 0.029 \kappa_c^2 + 0.0023 \kappa_\gamma^2 + 0.0015 \kappa_{(Z\gamma)}^2 + 0.0004 \kappa_s^2 + 0.00022 \kappa_\mu^2$

Invisible decays: decays which are identified through an E_{miss} signature in the analyses

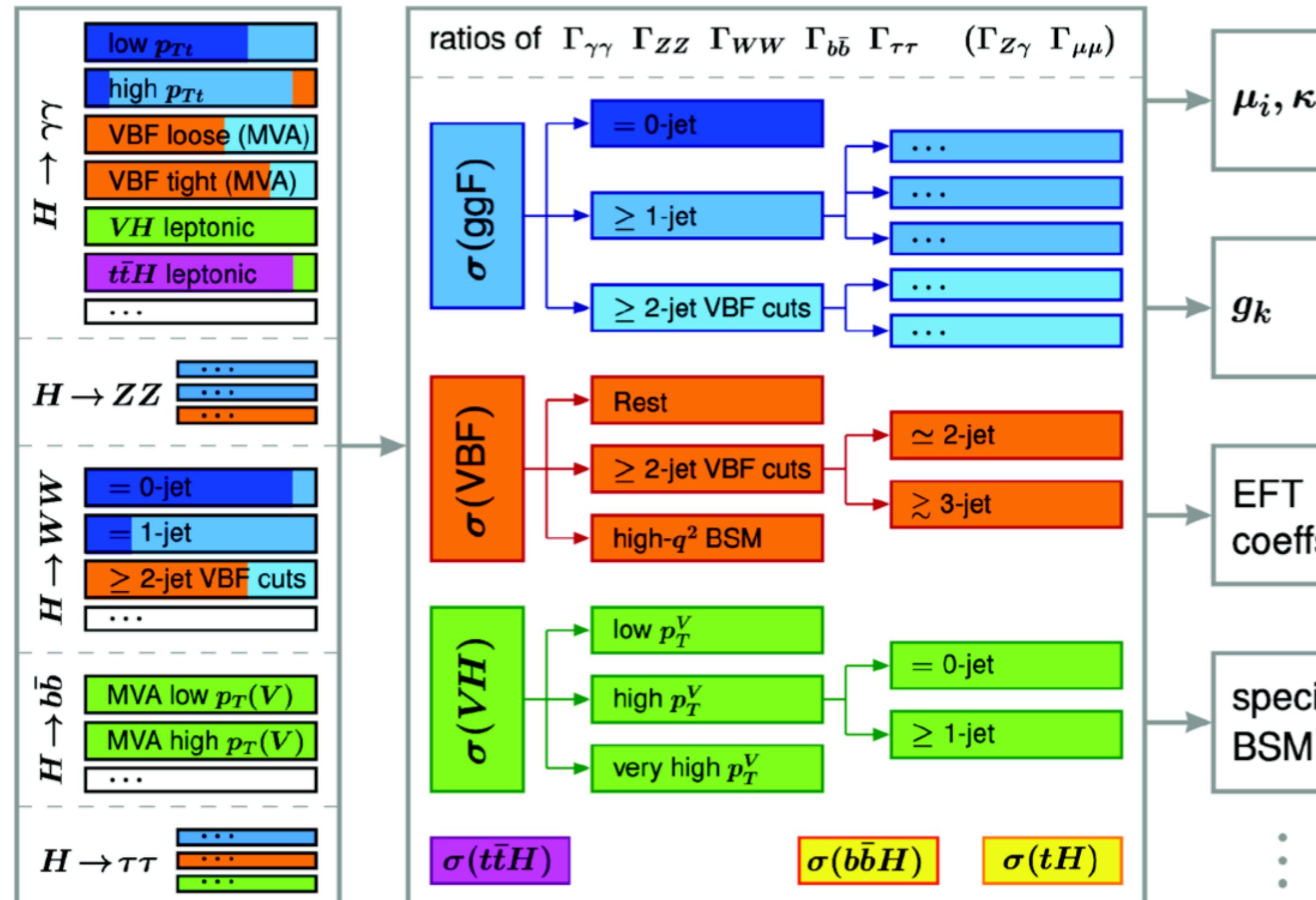
Undetected decays: decays to which none of the analyses included in this combination are sensitive, such as decays to light quarks which have not yet been resolved (11%), or undetected BSM particles without a sizable E_{miss} in the final state ($B_{u.}$).

[Handbook of LHC Higgs cross sections: 3. Higgs Properties CERN-2013-004 \(2013\)](#)

- $\kappa_{W,Z} \leq 1$. This assumption is theoretically well motivated in the sense that it holds in a wide class of models.

The STXS framework

Simplified Template Cross-Sections: common framework for **Higgs cross-section measurements per production mode** in exclusive kinematic regions



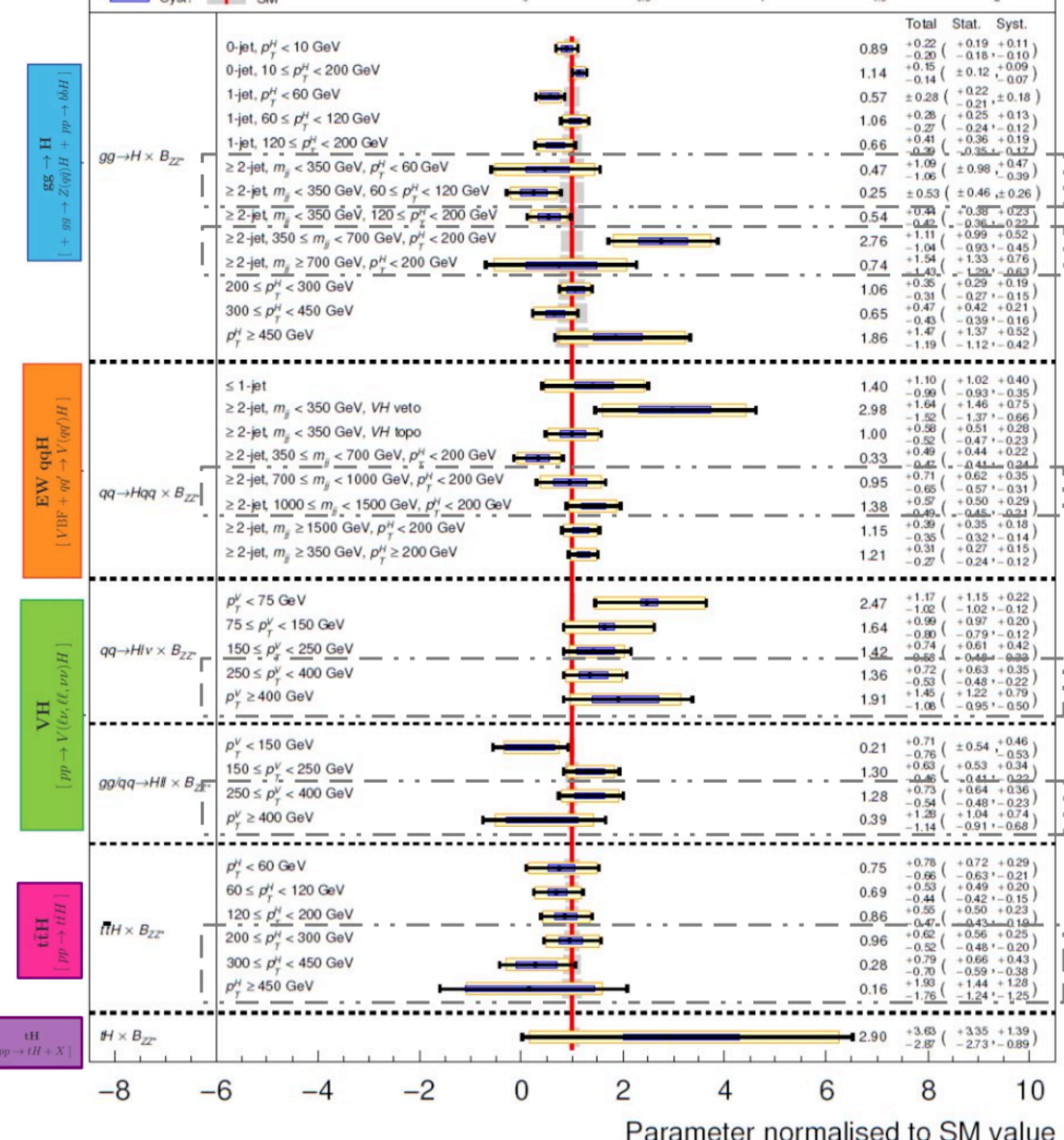
Schematic

- Minimize theory dependence
 - theory uncertainties can evolve with time for different phase-space regions
- Isolate regions where BSM effects are predicted to appear enhanced
- Maximise the experimental sensitivity
 - by allowing use of e.g. MVAs
- Simplify combination of measurements in different decay channels

How: Signal predictions per STXS ‘bins’ provide **templates** that are simultaneously fit to the data

- evolves in ‘stages’ with increasing granularity and precision: 1.0, 1.1, 1.2,..

$\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}, 139 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
 $m_H = 125.09 \text{ GeV}, |y_H| < 2.5$
 $p_{\text{SM}} = 92\%$



STXS results

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New

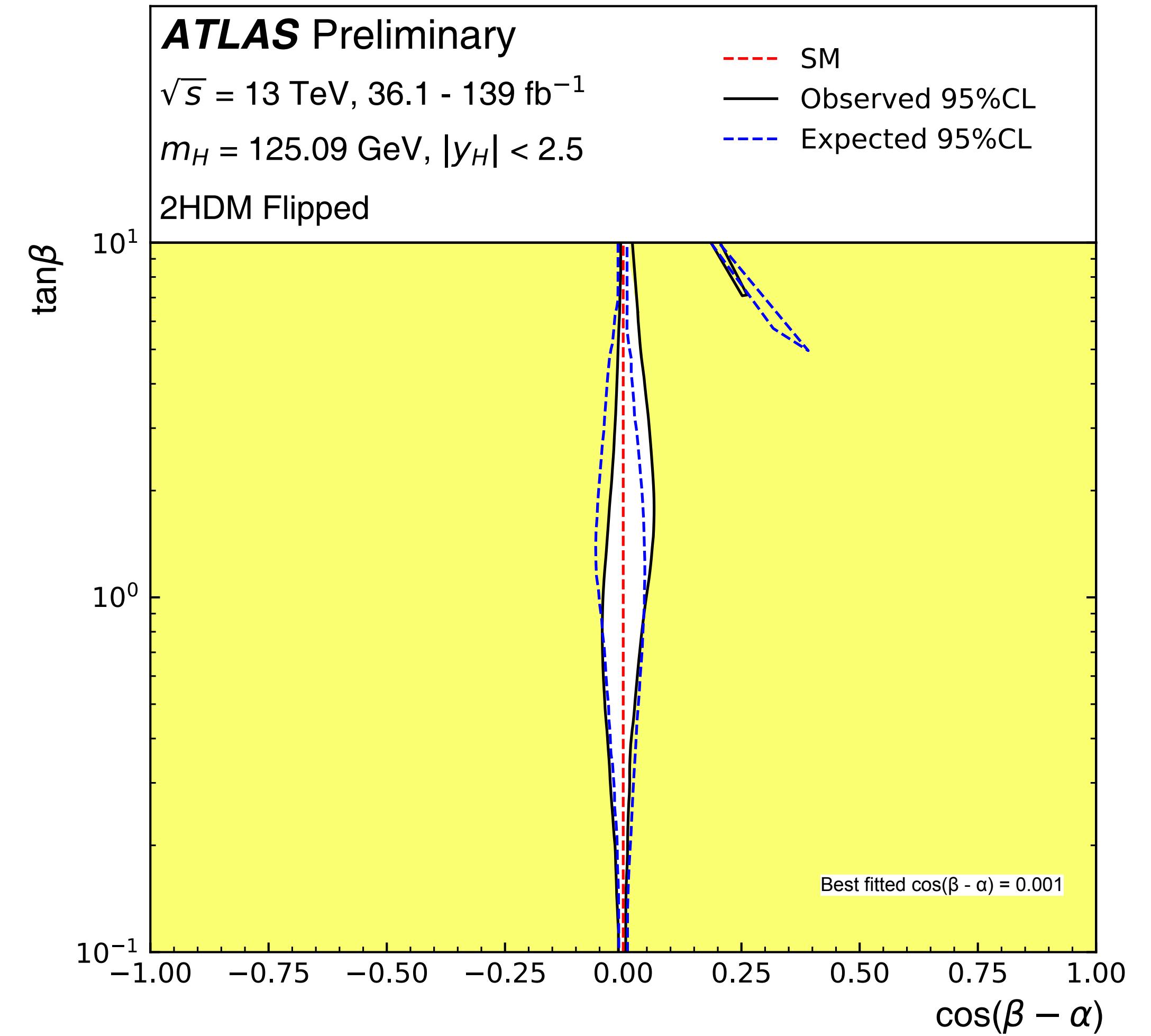
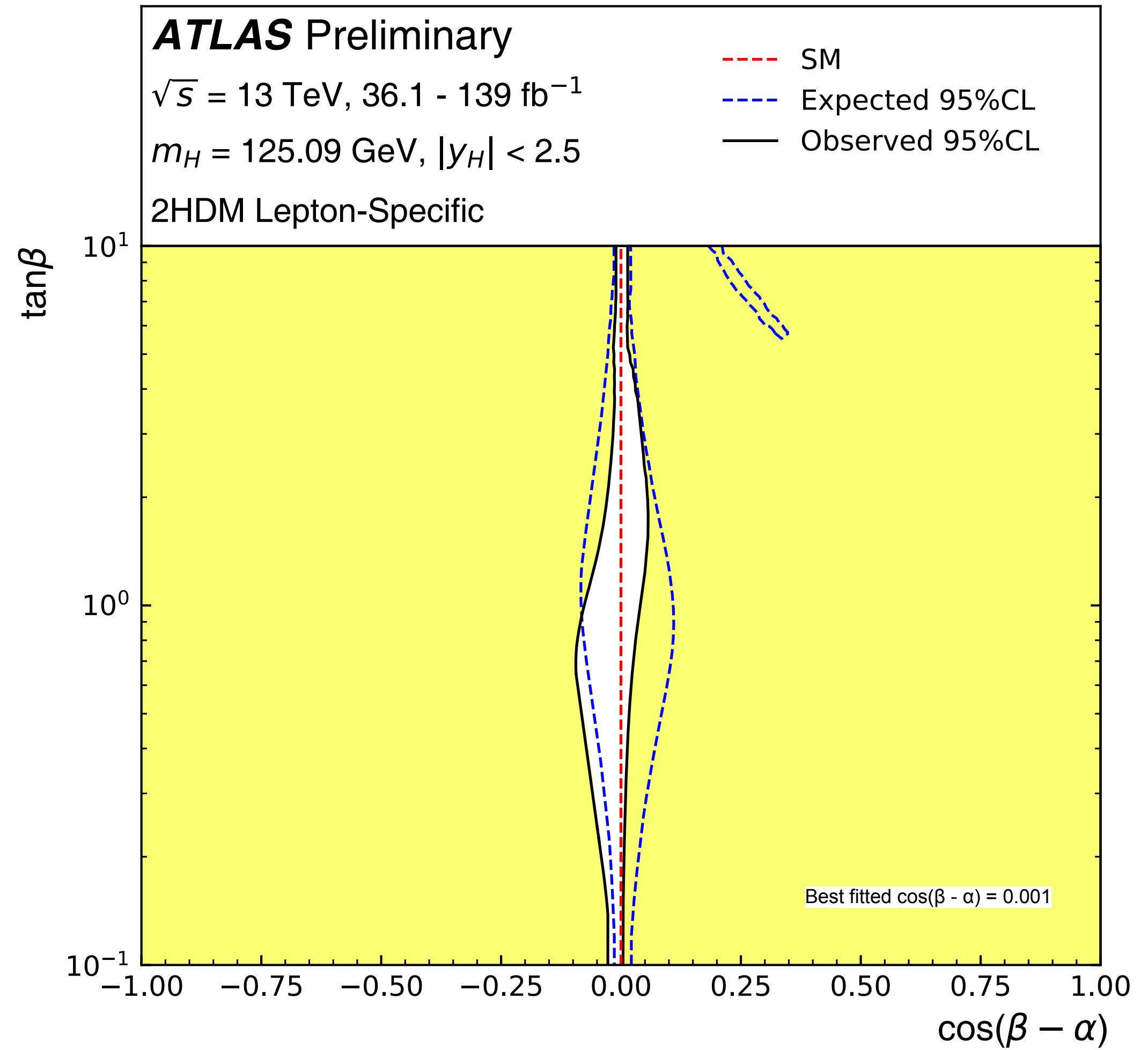
$$(\sigma \times B)_{if} = (\sigma \times B)_{i,ZZ} \cdot \left(\frac{B_f}{B_{ZZ}} \right)$$

$f \neq ZZ^*$

- **Most granular, simultaneous measurement** to date (41 POI-fit!) – thanks to inclusion of new data and improved analyses
- For all bins **stat. unc. dominating**; only in few bins syst. unc. start to matter (e.g. ggF 0 jet)
- tH production:
 - Obs. (exp.) significance: 1.0 (0.4) σ
 - Obs. (exp.) limit @95% CL: 9.3 (6.7) \times SM prediction
- **Very good agreement with SM prediction**

New splits

Model-dependent interpretation: 2HDM



SMEFT Interpretation

- Parameter correlations

