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## Interpretations of the combined measurement of Higgs boson production and decay

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First combined measurements of the Higgs boson production and decay using up to  $139 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of proton–proton collision data at  $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$  recorded by the ATLAS experiment have recently been performed. This note presents two interpretations of these combined Higgs boson measurements. Measurements targeting Simplified Template Cross Sections in different decay channels are reparameterized in terms of the impact of Standard Model Effective Field Theory (SMEFT) operators and constraints are reported on the corresponding Wilson coefficients. Measurements are furthermore interpreted in several MSSM benchmark scenarios, resulting in constraints on the MSSM parameters  $(m_A, \tan\beta)$  that are complementary to those obtained from direct searches for additional Higgs bosons. For all interpretations, no significant deviations from the Standard Model are observed.

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# 1 Introduction

Following the discovery of the Higgs boson ( $H$ ) [1–6] by the ATLAS [7] and CMS [8] experiments, its properties have been probed in proton–proton ( $pp$ ) collision data produced by the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) at CERN. The ATLAS collaboration recently presented first results on the combination of Higgs boson production and decay rate measurements with up to  $139 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of 13 TeV  $pp$  collision data [9], collected during LHC Run 2 in the years 2015 through 2018.

Two interpretations of these measurements are presented here, based on an Effective Field Theory (EFT) framework of the Standard Model (SM), as well as a minimal supersymmetric extension of the Standard Model (MSSM).

Effective field theories provide a model-independent approach, systematically improvable with higher-order perturbative calculations, to parametrise the effects of candidate theories beyond the Standard Model (BSM) that reduce to the Standard Model at low energies. In SM Effective Field Theory (SMEFT), the effects of BSM dynamics at energy scales  $\Lambda$  that are large in comparison to the Higgs vacuum-expectation-value  $v$  ( $\Lambda \gg v$ ) can be parametrised at low energies,  $E \ll \Lambda$ , in terms of higher-dimensional operators built up from the Standard Model fields and respecting its symmetries. Measurements of (fiducial) cross-sections allow constraining of the coefficients associated to each SMEFT operator, and hence put constraints on new physics at some fixed scale  $\Lambda$ , for which  $\Lambda = 1 \text{ TeV}$  is used throughout this note. The methodology employed here is quite similar to the one used by the individual Higgs analyses, especially  $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4\ell$  ( $\ell = e$  or  $\mu$ ) [10] and  $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  ( $VH$ ,  $V = W$  or  $Z$ ) [11, 12]. A similar combined measurement has previously been performed on a subset of the data [13], but the measurement technique has been significantly developed in Ref. [14]. Its application to the combined measurements of the  $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  ( $VH$ ),  $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4\ell$  and  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  channels comes with specific challenges, linked to the search of the set of operators that can be effectively probed in the combination, which can be different from the union of operators probed by each of the individual analyses, due to different correlations between production and decay of these channels.

Conversely, in the MSSM approach a combination of Higgs boson measurements in various decay channels is used, including besides  $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  ( $VH$ ) [11],  $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4\ell$  [10] and  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  [15], vector-boson-fusion production of  $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  (VBF) [16] and  $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  ( $t\bar{t}H$ ) [17], as well as  $H \rightarrow WW^*$  [18],  $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$  [19],  $H \rightarrow \text{multilepton}$  ( $t\bar{t}H$ ) [20], and  $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$  [21]. These measurements are interpreted in a model-dependent way, assuming that the observed Higgs boson is the light CP-even Higgs boson of the minimal supersymmetric extension of the Standard Model. In the past years, measurements were interpreted [22] in the hMSSM model [23], for various values of the mass of the neutral CP-odd boson  $A$  ( $m_A$ ), and the ratio of the vacuum expectation values of the Higgs doublets ( $\tan \beta \equiv v_2/v_1$ ). The use of this model as a benchmark MSSM scenario to study constraints in the  $(M_A, \tan \beta)$ -plane suffers from limitations in regions with small  $M_A$ , or large  $\tan \beta$ , or both low  $M_A$  and low  $\tan \beta$ . Here, six more recent benchmark MSSM scenarios [24, 25] are tested, including two that were especially designed for the low  $\tan \beta$  ( $< 10$ ) regime.

The note is structured as follows: Section 2 gives an overview of the combined Higgs couplings analysis that is used as a baseline to derive the results presented. Section 3 describes the general approach of deriving limits on Wilson coefficients, while Section 4 details the specific choices of Wilson coefficients and their combinations probed in this analysis as well as the corresponding results. Similarly, Section 5 describes the approach taken to interpret the Higgs coupling measurements in the context of the MSSM, while Section 6 presents the resulting limits in the  $(M_A, \tan \beta)$ -plane. Finally, Section 7 presents the conclusions.

## 2 Combined measurement of Higgs boson production and decay

The results of this note are based on  $pp$  collision data collected by the ATLAS experiment<sup>1</sup> [26–28] in the years from 2015 to 2018, with the LHC operating at a center-of-mass energy of 13 TeV. The decay channels, targeted production modes and integrated luminosities of the datasets used in each analysis are summarized in Table 1. The uncertainty on the combined 2015–2018 integrated luminosity is 1.7% [29], obtained using the LUCID-2 detector [30] for the primary luminosity measurements.

Table 1: The decay channels, targeted production modes and integrated luminosity ( $\mathcal{L}$ ) used for each input analysis of the combination. The references for the input analyses and information about which measurements they enter are also provided. The definition of the STXS stage of the signal yield parametrization is detailed in Section 2.2.

| Analysis                               |                        | Integrated<br>lumi (fb <sup>-1</sup> ) | Reference | STXS<br>stage | Used in<br>MSSM | Used in<br>EFT |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|
| $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$           | (all production modes) | 139                                    | [15]      | 1.2           | ✓               | ✓              |
| $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4\ell$ | (all production modes) | 139                                    | [10]      | 1.2           | ✓               | ✓              |
| $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$               | ( $VH$ )               | 139                                    | [11]      | 1.2           | ✓               | ✓              |
| $H \rightarrow WW^*$                   | (ggH, VBF)             | 36.1                                   | [18]      | 1.0           | ✓               | -              |
| $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$               | (ggH, VBF)             | 36.1                                   | [19]      | 1.0           | ✓               | -              |
| $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$               | (VBF)                  | 24.5 – 30.6                            | [16]      | 0             | ✓               | -              |
| $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$               | ( $t\bar{t}H$ )        | 36.1                                   | [17]      | 0             | ✓               | -              |
| $H \rightarrow \text{multilepton}$     | ( $t\bar{t}H$ )        | 36.1                                   | [20]      | 0             | ✓               | -              |
| $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$                 | (all production modes) | 139                                    | [21]      | 0             | ✓               | -              |

### 2.1 Simulation of the Standard Model signal

For each Higgs boson decay mode, the used branching fraction corresponds to theoretical calculations at the highest available order [31].

All analyses except  $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  (VBF) use a consistent set of Higgs boson signal samples which is described in the following paragraphs. The samples used for  $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  (VBF) are described separately at the end of this section.

Higgs boson production via gluon-gluon fusion (ggH) is simulated using the POWHEG Box [32–35] NNLOPS implementation [36, 37]. The event generator uses HNNLO [38] to reweight the inclusive Higgs boson rapidity distribution produced by the next-to-leading order (NLO) generation of  $pp \rightarrow H + \text{parton}$ , with the scale of each parton emission determined using the MiNLO procedure [39]. The PDF4LHC15 parton distribution functions (PDFs) are used for the central prediction and uncertainty. The sample is normalized such that it reproduces the total cross section predicted by a next-to-next-to-next-to-leading-order (N<sup>3</sup>LO) QCD calculation with NLO electroweak corrections applied [31, 40–43]. The NNLOPS

<sup>1</sup> ATLAS uses a right-handed coordinate system with its origin at the nominal interaction point (IP) in the center of the detector and the  $z$ -axis along the beam pipe. The  $x$ -axis points from the IP to the center of the LHC ring, and the  $y$ -axis points upwards. Cylindrical coordinates ( $r, \phi$ ) are used in the transverse plane,  $\phi$  being the azimuthal angle around the  $z$ -axis. The pseudorapidity is defined in terms of the polar angle  $\theta$  as  $\eta = -\ln \tan(\theta/2)$ . Angular distance is measured in units of  $\Delta R \equiv \sqrt{(\Delta\eta)^2 + (\Delta\phi)^2}$ .

generator reproduces the Higgs boson  $p_T$  distribution predicted by the NNLO plus next-to-next-to-leading logarithm (NNLL) calculation of HRES2.3 [44], which includes the effects of top- and bottom-quark masses and uses dynamical renormalization and factorization scales.

The VBF and  $VH$  production processes are simulated at NLO accuracy in QCD using the PowHEG Box [45] generator with the PDF4LHC15 set of PDFs, where the simulation of  $VH$  relies on improved NLO calculations [46]. The VBF sample is normalized to an approximate-NNLO QCD cross section with NLO electroweak corrections applied [31, 47–49]. The  $VH$  samples are normalized to cross sections calculated at NNLO in QCD with NLO electroweak corrections [50, 51] and additional NLO QCD corrections [52] for the  $gg \rightarrow ZH$  subprocess [31].

Higgs boson production in association with a top–antitop pair is simulated at NLO accuracy in QCD using the PowHEG Box generator with the PDF4LHC15 set of PDFs for the  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  and  $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4\ell$  decay processes. For other Higgs boson decays, the MADGRAPH5\_AMC@NLO [53] generator is used with the NNPDF3.0 set of PDFs. In both cases the sample is normalized to a calculation with NLO QCD and electroweak corrections [31, 54–57].

In addition to the primary Higgs boson processes, separate samples are used to model lower-rate processes. For the  $36 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  analyses, Higgs boson production in association with a bottom–antibottom pair ( $b\bar{b}H$ ) is simulated using MADGRAPH5\_AMC@NLO [58] with NNPDF2.3LO PDFs and is normalized to a cross section calculated to NNLO in QCD [31, 59–61]. The sample includes the effect of interference with the  $ggH$  production mechanism. Higgs boson production in association with a single top quark and a  $W$  boson ( $tHW$ ) is produced at LO accuracy using MADGRAPH5\_AMC@NLO. Finally, Higgs boson production in association with a single top quark in the  $t$ -channel ( $tHq$ ) is generated at LO accuracy using MADGRAPH5\_AMC@NLO with CT10 [62] PDF sets. The  $tH$  samples are normalized to NLO QCD calculations [31, 63]. For the  $139 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  analyses, the PDF used for the  $b\bar{b}H$  sample is CT10, and the single top associated samples are produced at NLO accuracy in QCD using the NNPDF3.0NLO PDF set.

In the all-hadronic channel of the  $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  (VBF) analysis, the PowHEG Box generator with the CT10 [62] set of PDFs is used to simulate the  $ggH$  and VBF production processes, and interfaced with PYTHIA8 for parton shower. In the photon channel of the  $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  (VBF) analysis, VBF and  $ggH$  production in association with a photon is simulated using the MADGRAPH5\_AMC@NLO generator with the PDF4LHC15 set of PDFs, and also using the PYTHIA8 generator for the parton shower. For both channels, contributions from  $VH$  and  $t\bar{t}H$  production are generated with PYTHIA8 generator with the NNPDF3.0 set of PDFs, and with MADGRAPH5\_AMC@NLO showered with HERWIG++ and using the NLO CT10 PDF, respectively.

All parton-level events are input to PYTHIA8 [64] to model the Higgs boson decay, parton showering, hadronization, and multiple parton interactions (MPI). The generators are interfaced to PYTHIA8, using the AZNLO and A14 parameter sets [65].

Particle-level events were passed through a GEANT 4 [66] simulation of the ATLAS detector [67] and reconstructed using the same analysis software as used for the data. Event pileup is included in the simulation by overlaying inelastic  $pp$  collisions, such that the average number of interactions per bunch crossing reproduces that observed in the data. The inelastic  $pp$  collisions were simulated with PYTHIA8 using the MSTW2008LO [68] set of PDFs with the A2 [69] set of tuned parameters or using the NNPDF2.3LO set of PDFs with the A3 [70] set of tuned parameters.

## 2.2 Signal yield parametrization

In all analyses listed in Table 1, the estimated contributions to the Higgs boson signal yield are separately parametrized for every contributing permutation of Higgs boson production/decay mode, i.e. the likelihood for each analysis region  $k$  is modeled as

$$L(N_k | \mu^{i,X}, \theta) = \text{Poisson} \left( N_k | s_k(\mu^{i,X}, \theta) + b_k(\theta) \right) \quad (1)$$

$$s_k(\mu^{i,X}, \theta) = \sum_{i,X} \mu^{i,X} \times \mathcal{L} \times (\sigma \times B)_{\text{SM,MC}}^{i,X}(\theta) \times \epsilon_k^{i,X}(\theta), \quad (2)$$

where  $N_k$  is the observed event count,  $s_k$  is the expected signal count,  $\mathcal{L}$  is the integrated luminosity,  $\mu^{i,X}$  is a scale parameter for the SM Higgs boson signal  $(\sigma \times B)_{\text{SM,MC}}^{i,X}$  used in the MC simulation with the indices  $i$  and  $X$  enumerating the considered production and decay modes. Furthermore,  $\epsilon_k^{i,X}$  represents the corresponding acceptances times efficiency,  $b_k$  represents the expected event count from background processes, and  $\theta$  represents the ensemble of nuisance parameters that describe the systematic uncertainties that originate from theoretical and experimental sources. Unlike the cross-section results presented in Ref. [9], which only account for signal theory uncertainties in migration effects that occur at the reconstruction level through the term  $\epsilon_k^{i,X}(\theta)$ , the scale factor formulation of Eq. (2) used here also accounts for the effect of theory uncertainties on the inclusive signal cross-section via the term  $(\sigma \times B)_{\text{SM,MC}}^{i,X}(\theta)$ . For the analysis presented here, the scale factor  $\mu^{i,X}$  is factorized as

$$\mu^{i,X} = \frac{\sigma^i \times B^{H \rightarrow X}}{(\sigma \times B)_{\text{SM,MC}}^{i,X}}, \quad (3)$$

where  $\sigma^i$  and  $B^{H \rightarrow X}$  represent Higgs boson production cross sections and branching fractions respectively. The Higgs boson production cross sections  $\sigma^i$  are parameterized at a minimum granularity of inclusive production rates, labeled by LO process ( $i = \text{ggH, VBF, } \dots$ ). A more fine-grained definition of Higgs boson production cross sections additionally partitioned in particle-level kinematic regions, e.g. in bins of  $p_T^H$ , allow the ensemble of parameters  $\sigma^i$  to describe deviations in differential distributions, with the level of detail controlled by the number of particle-level regions  $i$  that are defined. Conversely, the precision with which this more fine-grained ensemble of parameters  $\sigma^i$  can be measured depends on the design of the analysis as well as the amount of available data. Analysis regions  $k$ , defined at the reconstruction level, are typically chosen to match the particle-level regions  $i$  as closely as possible, in order to reduce the extrapolation uncertainty. As reconstruction-level selections do generally not correspond exactly to particle level regions, multiple particle-level regions  $i$  will contribute to the signal yield  $s_k$  of Eq. (2).

For an interpretation of the measured Higgs boson data in a particular physics model (SMEFT, MSSM) with parameters  $\alpha$ , the original model parameters  $\sigma^i$  and  $B^{H \rightarrow X}$  are replaced with functional expressions that parameterize the predictions of the model,  $\sigma^i(\alpha)$  and  $B^{H \rightarrow X}(\alpha)$ , so that the likelihood of Eq. (1) is directly expressed in the parameters  $\alpha$ , and constraints on these parameters can be directly inferred from the modified likelihood expression. While the original parameters  $\sigma^i$  no longer appear in the reparameterized expression, the granularity of the definition of the regions that defined  $\sigma^i$  will continue to be a relevant factor in the achievable level of detail in the parameterization in  $\alpha$ .

For the analyses presented here, regions in Higgs boson production phase space known as simplified template cross sections [31, 71–73] (STXS) are used. STXS regions are defined in terms of the kinematics of the Higgs boson and, when they are present, of associated jets and  $W$  and  $Z$  bosons, independently of the Higgs boson decay process. Partitions are chosen according to three criteria: sensitivity to deviations from the SM expectation, avoidance of large theory uncertainties in the corresponding SM predictions, and approximately matching experimental selections so as to minimize model-dependent extrapolations with respect to e.g. the acceptance factor of the STXS bins. All STXS regions are defined for a Higgs boson rapidity  $y_H$  satisfying  $|y_H| < 2.5$ , corresponding approximately to the region of experimental sensitivity. Jets are reconstructed from all stable particles with an average lifetime greater than 10 ps, excluding the decay products of the Higgs boson and leptons from  $W$  and  $Z$  boson decays, using the anti- $k_t$  algorithm with a jet radius parameter  $R = 0.4$ , and must have a transverse momentum  $p_{T,\text{jet}} > 30$  GeV. Higgs boson production is first classified according to the nature of the initial state and the associated particles, the latter including the decay products of the  $W$  and  $Z$  bosons if they are present. These classes are:  $t\bar{t}H$  and  $tH$  processes;  $qq \rightarrow Hqq$  processes, with contributions from both VBF production and quark-initiated  $VH$  production with a hadronic decay of the gauge boson;  $VH$  production with a leptonic decay of the vector boson ( $V(\text{lep})H$ ), including  $gg \rightarrow ZH$  production; and finally the  $ggH$  process. The last process is considered together with  $gg \rightarrow ZH$ ,  $Z \rightarrow q\bar{q}$  production, as a single  $gg \rightarrow H$  process. The  $b\bar{b}H$  production mode is modeled as a 1% [31] increase of the  $gg \rightarrow H$  yield in each STXS cross section, since the acceptances for both processes are similar for all input analyses [31]. Theory uncertainties for the  $gg \rightarrow H$ ,  $qq \rightarrow Hqq$ , and  $t\bar{t}H$  processes are defined as in Ref. [10, 15], while those of the  $V(\text{lep})H$  process follow the scheme described in Ref. [74].

For each production mode, multiple levels of progressively more detailed partitioning are defined with STXS stages [31]. The most detailed Stage 1.2 splitting of the STXS framework is implemented by the  $139\text{ fb}^{-1}$  measurements of  $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  (VH),  $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4\ell$  and  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  presented in this note, which allows for their use in the EFT interpretation analysis. However, as the individual analyses provide only limited sensitivity to some of the Stage 1.2 categories, some of these categories are merged for the combined EFT analysis. The mapping of the merged EFT regions to the STXS Stage 1.2 regions is detailed in Table 2, and the corresponding measured signal strengths and their correlations are shown in Fig. 1 and Fig. 2 respectively. For the measurement bins defined by merging several bins of the STXS Stage-1.2 framework, the efficiency and acceptance factors  $\epsilon_k^{i,X}$  are determined using SM predictions for the relative fraction of each Stage-1.2 bin. SM uncertainties in these fractions are taken into account.

For the MSSM interpretation only inclusive cross section predictions are available, hence STXS Stage 1.2 regions do not represent a useful level of detail for this interpretation. Therefore, for the MSSM analysis all STXS-1.2 cross sections are merged into the six Stage-0 cross sections (as defined in the first column of Table 2.) Therefore, the MSSM interpretation can include six additional Higgs boson analyses that are only available in more coarse-grained STXS levels (Level 0 and 1.0), as shown in Table 1.

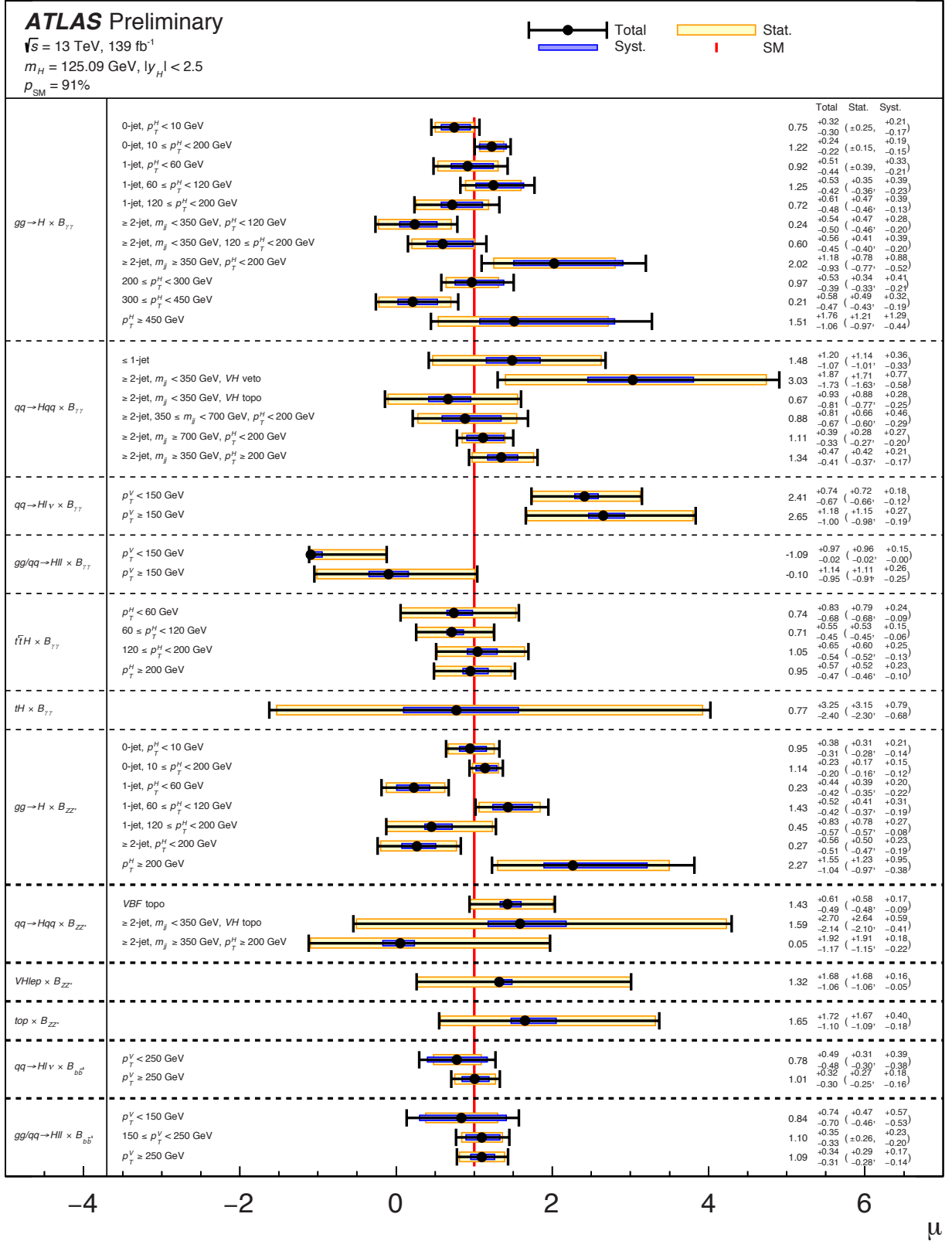


Figure 1: Measured signal strength for each STXS category entering the EFT analysis. The corresponding categories are defined in Table 2. Input data taken from Ref. [9]. The probability to obtain the observed data under the SM hypothesis ( $p_{SM}$ ) is 91%.

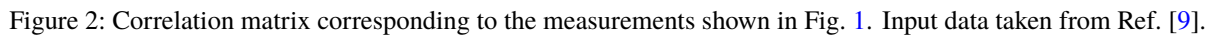


Table 2: Definition of Simplified Template Cross Sections at Stage-0 and Stage-1.2, and their mapping to the merged regions used for the EFT reinterpretation analysis. All dimensional quantities are in units of GeV. All bins sharing the same label are merged.

| STXS Region<br>Stage-0                                   | STXS Region<br>Stage-1.2                                                                     | $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$                                  | $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4\ell$              | $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ (VH) |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ggH                                                      | $N_{\text{jets}} = 0, p_T^H < 10$                                                            | $N_{\text{jets}} = 0, p_T^H < 10$                             | $N_{\text{jets}} = 0, p_T^H < 10$                   |                               |
|                                                          | $N_{\text{jets}} = 0, 10 < p_T^H$                                                            | $N_{\text{jets}} = 0, 10 < p_T^H$                             | $N_{\text{jets}} = 0, 10 < p_T^H$                   |                               |
|                                                          | $N_{\text{jets}} = 1, p_T^H < 60$                                                            | $N_{\text{jets}} = 1, p_T^H < 60$                             | $N_{\text{jets}} = 1, p_T^H < 60$                   |                               |
|                                                          | $N_{\text{jets}} = 1, 60 < p_T^H < 120$                                                      | $N_{\text{jets}} = 1, 60 < p_T^H < 120$                       | $N_{\text{jets}} = 1, 60 < p_T^H < 120$             |                               |
|                                                          | $N_{\text{jets}} = 1, 120 < p_T^H < 200$                                                     | $N_{\text{jets}} = 1, 120 < p_T^H < 200$                      | $N_{\text{jets}} = 1, 120 < p_T^H < 200$            |                               |
|                                                          | $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2, m_{jj} < 350, p_T^H < 60$                                           | $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2, m_{jj} < 350, p_T^H < 60$            | $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2, p_T^H \leq 200$            |                               |
|                                                          | $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2, m_{jj} < 350, 60 < p_T^H < 120$                                     | $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2, m_{jj} < 350, p_T^H < 120$           | $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2, p_T^H \leq 200$            |                               |
|                                                          | $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2, m_{jj} < 350, 120 < p_T^H < 200$                                    | $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2, m_{jj} < 350, 120 < p_T^H < 200$     | $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2, p_T^H \leq 200$            |                               |
|                                                          | $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2, 350 < m_{jj} < 700, p_T^H < 200, p_T^{Hjj} < 25$                    | $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2, 350 < m_{jj}, p_T^H < 200$           | $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2, p_T^H \leq 200$            |                               |
|                                                          | $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2, 350 < m_{jj} < 700, p_T^H < 200, 25 < p_T^{Hjj}$                    | $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2, 350 < m_{jj}, p_T^H < 200$           | $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2, p_T^H \leq 200$            |                               |
|                                                          | $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2, 700 < m_{jj}, p_T^H < 200, p_T^{Hjj} < 25$                          | $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2, 350 < m_{jj}, p_T^H < 200$           | $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2, p_T^H \leq 200$            |                               |
|                                                          | $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2, 700 < m_{jj}, p_T^H < 200, 25 < p_T^{Hjj}$                          | $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2, 350 < m_{jj}, p_T^H < 200$           | $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2, p_T^H \leq 200$            |                               |
|                                                          | $200 < p_T^H < 300$                                                                          | $200 < p_T^H < 300$                                           | $200 < p_T^H$                                       |                               |
|                                                          | $300 < p_T^H < 450$                                                                          | $300 < p_T^H < 450$                                           | $200 < p_T^H$                                       |                               |
|                                                          | $450 < p_T^H < 650$                                                                          | $450 < p_T^H$                                                 | $200 < p_T^H$                                       |                               |
|                                                          | $650 < p_T^H$                                                                                | $450 < p_T^H$                                                 | $200 < p_T^H$                                       |                               |
| $qq \rightarrow Hqq$<br>“VBF”, “ $qq \rightarrow H$ had” | $N_{\text{jets}} = 0$                                                                        | $N_{\text{jets}} \leq 1$                                      |                                                     |                               |
|                                                          | $N_{\text{jets}} = 1$                                                                        | $N_{\text{jets}} \leq 1$                                      |                                                     |                               |
|                                                          | $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2, m_{jj} < 60$                                                        | $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2, m_{jj} < 60 \vee 120 < m_{jj} < 350$ | VBF                                                 |                               |
|                                                          | $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2, 60 < m_{jj} < 120$                                                  | $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2, 60 < m_{jj} < 120$                   | $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2, 60 < m_{jj} < 120$         |                               |
|                                                          | $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2, 120 < m_{jj} < 350$                                                 | $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2, m_{jj} < 60 \vee 120 < m_{jj} < 350$ | VBF                                                 |                               |
|                                                          | $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2, 350 < m_{jj}, 200 < p_T^H$                                          | $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2, 350 < m_{jj}, 200 < p_T^H$           | $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2, 350 < m_{jj}, 200 < p_T^H$ |                               |
|                                                          | $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2, 350 < m_{jj} < 700, p_T^H < 200, p_T^{Hjj} < 25$                    | $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2, 350 < m_{jj} < 700, p_T^H < 200$     | VBF                                                 |                               |
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|                                                          | $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2, 700 < m_{jj}, p_T^H < 200, 25 < p_T^{Hjj}$                          | $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2, 700 < m_{jj}, p_T^H < 200$           | VBF                                                 |                               |
| $qq \rightarrow H\ell\nu$<br>“ $q\bar{q}WH$ lep”         | $p_T^V < 75$ ( $N_{\text{jets}} = 0 / N_{\text{jets}} = 1 / N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2$ )        | $WH \ p_T^V < 150$                                            | VH lep                                              | $WH \ p_T^V < 250$            |
|                                                          | $75 < p_T^V < 150$ ( $N_{\text{jets}} = 0 / N_{\text{jets}} = 1 / N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2$ )  | $WH \ p_T^V < 150$                                            | VH lep                                              | $WH \ p_T^V < 250$            |
|                                                          | $150 < p_T^V < 250$ ( $N_{\text{jets}} = 0 / N_{\text{jets}} = 1 / N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2$ ) | $WH \ 150 < p_T^V$                                            | VH lep                                              | $WH \ p_T^V < 250$            |
|                                                          | $250 < p_T^V < 400$ ( $N_{\text{jets}} = 0 / N_{\text{jets}} = 1 / N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2$ ) | $WH \ 150 < p_T^V$                                            | VH lep                                              | $WH \ 250 < p_T^V$            |
|                                                          | $400 < p_T^V$ ( $N_{\text{jets}} = 0 / N_{\text{jets}} = 1 / N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2$ )       | $WH \ 150 < p_T^V$                                            | VH lep                                              | $WH \ 250 < p_T^V$            |
| $qq \rightarrow H\ell\ell$<br>“ $q\bar{q}ZH$ lep”        | $p_T^V < 75$ ( $N_{\text{jets}} = 0 / N_{\text{jets}} = 1 / N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2$ )        | $ZH \ p_T^V < 150$                                            | VH lep                                              | $ZH \ p_T^V < 150$            |
|                                                          | $75 < p_T^V < 150$ ( $N_{\text{jets}} = 0 / N_{\text{jets}} = 1 / N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2$ )  | $ZH \ p_T^V < 150$                                            | VH lep                                              | $ZH \ p_T^V < 150$            |
|                                                          | $150 < p_T^V < 250$ ( $N_{\text{jets}} = 0 / N_{\text{jets}} = 1 / N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2$ ) | $ZH \ 150 < p_T^V$                                            | VH lep                                              | $ZH \ 150 < p_T^V < 250$      |
|                                                          | $250 < p_T^V < 400$ ( $N_{\text{jets}} = 0 / N_{\text{jets}} = 1 / N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2$ ) | $ZH \ 150 < p_T^V$                                            | VH lep                                              | $ZH \ 250 < p_T^V$            |
|                                                          | $400 < p_T^V$ ( $N_{\text{jets}} = 0 / N_{\text{jets}} = 1 / N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2$ )       | $ZH \ 150 < p_T^V$                                            | VH lep                                              | $ZH \ 250 < p_T^V$            |
| $gg \rightarrow H\ell\ell$<br>“ $ggZH$ lep”              | $p_T^V < 75$ ( $N_{\text{jets}} = 0 / N_{\text{jets}} = 1 / N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2$ )        | $ZH \ p_T^V < 150$                                            | VH lep                                              | $ZH \ p_T^V < 150$            |
|                                                          | $75 < p_T^V < 150$ ( $N_{\text{jets}} = 0 / N_{\text{jets}} = 1 / N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2$ )  | $ZH \ p_T^V < 150$                                            | VH lep                                              | $ZH \ p_T^V < 150$            |
|                                                          | $150 < p_T^V < 250$ ( $N_{\text{jets}} = 0 / N_{\text{jets}} = 1 / N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2$ ) | $ZH \ 150 < p_T^V$                                            | VH lep                                              | $ZH \ 150 < p_T^V < 250$      |
|                                                          | $250 < 400$ ( $N_{\text{jets}} = 0 / N_{\text{jets}} = 1 / N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2$ )         | $ZH \ 150 < p_T^V$                                            | VH lep                                              | $ZH \ 250 < p_T^V$            |
|                                                          | $250 < p_T^V$ ( $N_{\text{jets}} = 0 / N_{\text{jets}} = 1 / N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2$ )       | $ZH \ 150 < p_T^V$                                            | VH lep                                              | $ZH \ 250 < p_T^V$            |
| $t\bar{t}H$                                              | $p_T^H < 60$                                                                                 | $p_T^H < 60$                                                  | $t(t)H$                                             |                               |
|                                                          | $60 < p_T^H < 120$                                                                           | $60 < p_T^H < 120$                                            | $t(t)H$                                             |                               |
|                                                          | $120 < p_T^H < 200$                                                                          | $120 < p_T^H < 200$                                           | $t(t)H$                                             |                               |
|                                                          | $200 < p_T^H < 300$                                                                          | $200 < p_T^H$                                                 | $t(t)H$                                             |                               |
|                                                          | $300 < p_T^H$                                                                                | $200 < p_T^H$                                                 | $t(t)H$                                             |                               |
|                                                          | $b\bar{b}H$                                                                                  | merged with ggH                                               |                                                     |                               |
|                                                          | $tH$                                                                                         | $tH$                                                          | $t(t)H$                                             |                               |

### 3 Methodology of Effective Field Theory interpretations

Standard Model Effective Field Theory provides a theoretically elegant language to encode the modifications of the Higgs properties induced by a wide class of beyond-the-SM models that reduce to the SM at low energies, and is systematically improvable with higher-order perturbative calculations. Within the mathematical language of the SMEFT, the effects of BSM dynamics at high energies  $\Lambda \gg v$ , well above the electroweak scale  $v = 246$  GeV, can be parametrised at low energies,  $E \ll \Lambda$ , in terms of higher-dimensional operators built up from the Standard Model fields and respecting its symmetries such as gauge invariance

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SMEFT}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \sum_i^{N_{d6}} \frac{c_i}{\Lambda^2} \mathcal{O}_i^{(6)} + \sum_j^{N_{d8}} \frac{b_j}{\Lambda^4} \mathcal{O}_j^{(8)} + \dots, \quad (4)$$

where  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}}$  is the SM Lagrangian,  $\mathcal{O}_i^{(6)}$  and  $\mathcal{O}_j^{(8)}$  represent a complete set of operators of mass-dimensions  $d = 6$  and  $d = 8$ , and  $c_j, b_j$  are the corresponding Wilson coefficients. Operators with  $d = 5$  and  $d = 7$  violate lepton and/or baryon number conservation and are not relevant for Higgs physics. The effective theory expansion in Eq. (4) is robust, fully general, and can be systematically matched to explicit ultraviolet-complete BSM scenarios.

In this analysis the ‘‘Warsaw’’ basis [75] is used, which forms a complete set of all  $\mathcal{O}_i^{(6)}$  operators in Eq. (4) allowed by the SM gauge symmetries. This basis is widely used in EFT measurements in various fields of particle physics and the usage of a common basis will allow easier future combination of these measurements. Contributions of operators of mass-dimension  $d = 8$  are not considered. The goal of the analysis is to constrain the  $d = 6$  Wilson coefficients that correspond to operators that either directly or indirectly impact Higgs boson couplings to SM particles [14, 76]. Table 3 lists the operators considered in this analysis, and their corresponding Wilson coefficients  $c_j$ . Here, all CP-even  $d = 6$  operators were considered for which the  $\Lambda^{-2}$ -suppressed contribution to any of the STXS categories measured in Figure 1 exceeds 1‰ with respect to the SM prediction at  $c_i = 1$ . In this analysis, a value of  $\Lambda = 1$  TeV is assumed, coefficients for alternative values of  $\Lambda = X$  can be trivially obtained through a scaling with a factor  $(X/1 \text{ TeV})^2$ . All complex-valued Wilson coefficients, notably  $c_{uW}, c_{uG}, c_{uB}$  and  $c_{uH}$  in this analysis, are used with  $\Im(c_i) = 0$ .

#### 3.1 Simulation of the impact of SMEFT operators

The impact of the  $d = 6$  SMEFT operators listed in Table 3 has been computed with the UFO model of Madgraph [53], using lowest order calculations in QCD for all production and decay modes.

Calculations for Higgs production modes with tree-level diagrams have been performed with SMEFTsim [77], under the assumption of a  $U(3)^5$  flavour symmetry (which corresponds to the unbroken global flavour symmetry present in the SM outside the Yukawa sector), and providing the Fermi constant  $G_F$ , and the  $Z$  and  $W$  boson masses as input. Cross-sections have been calculated at NLO accuracy in QCD for  $ggH$ ,  $gg \rightarrow ZH$  and  $H \rightarrow gg$  with SMEFTatNLO [78] and at NLO accuracy in QED for SMEFT-SM interference terms in  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  [79], also providing  $m_W$  as input. SMEFT modifications to the background processes in the included analyses are not considered.

In the simulation, kinematic cuts on the minimal ( $b$ -)jet transverse momentum of  $p_T > 20$  GeV have been imposed. Furthermore, for the Higgs boson decay a requirement of  $\Delta R > 0.05$  between two jets or two leptons is imposed in order to avoid divergences in the matrix element calculation. Additional

Table 3: Wilson coefficients  $c_j$  and corresponding  $d = 6$  SMEFT operators  $O_j$  used in this analysis. Corresponding example diagrams are shown in Tables 17 and 18 in Appendix A.

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

generator-level cuts are listed in Table 9 in Appendix A. For all events PYTHIA8 [64] is used for the simulation of parton showering, where Higgs decay is based on the Higgs width from Madgraph. A matching is performed to remove phase space overlap between the jets from the matrix element and the shower. The CKKW-l algorithm is used for all tree-level processes, with a matching parameter of 30 GeV, whereas the MLM algorithm [80, 81] is used for loop-induced processes, in particular ggH. The Rivet program [82] with the HiggsTemplateCrossSections [83] routine is used to analyse the simulated events, compute high-level kinematic quantities and classify the events according to their STXS bin.<sup>2</sup>

The STXS cross section predictions for a specific process, calculated as described above, are simulated in three independent parts:

$$\sigma_{\text{STXS}} = \sigma_{\text{SM}} + \sigma_{\text{int}} + \sigma_{\text{BSM}} \quad (5)$$

where  $\sigma_{\text{SM}}$  is the SM cross section,  $\sigma_{\text{int}}$  describes the interference between the SMEFT operators (BSM physics) and SM operators, and  $\sigma_{\text{BSM}}$  is the cross-section involving exclusively SMEFT operators. When considering only  $d = 6$  SMEFT operators, it follows from Eq. (4) that  $\sigma_{\text{int}}$  consists of terms involving a single  $d = 6$  SMEFT operator, suppressing each term by a factor  $\Lambda^{-2}$ , and that  $\sigma_{\text{BSM}}$  contains terms involving products of two  $d = 6$  SMEFT operators, suppressing each term by a factor  $\Lambda^{-4}$ . For this reason the impact of the  $\sigma_{\text{BSM}}$  term is generally expected to be small, though its impact may still be non-negligible

<sup>2</sup> The Rivet algorithm has been modified to classify events in which a Higgs boson and two leptons arise from the same production vertex as VH production events. This modification ensures the proper classification of events with leptons from off-shell  $V$  decays, since MadGraph is only saving on-shell intermediate particles. Contributions from off-shell  $V$  bosons are small in the SM, but can be enhanced by SMEFT operators.

in certain regions of phase space, e. g. when energy scales are of order  $\Lambda$ .

The lowest-order cross-section terms generated by  $d = 8$  operators that involve interference between SM and  $d = 8$  SMEFT operators are also suppressed by a factor  $\Lambda^{-4}$ . As no complete calculations are available yet for  $d = 8$  operators, their magnitude relative to  $\sigma_{\text{BSM}}$ , which is suppressed at the same order, is unknown. However, SMEFT interpretations will be presented both with and without the  $\sigma_{\text{BSM}}$  contribution to give a general indication of the sensitivity of the analysis to  $\Lambda^{-4}$  terms.

To reduce the impact of the limited QCD calculation order of SMEFT operators, the parametrisation of the predicted cross section is computed as a relative correction to a SM prediction that is computed at the highest available order for each process:

$$\sigma_{\text{STXS}} = \sigma_{\text{SM}}^{((\text{N})\text{N})\text{NLO}} \times \left( 1 + \frac{\sigma_{\text{int}}^{(\text{N})\text{LO}}}{\sigma_{\text{SM}}^{(\text{N})\text{LO}}} + \frac{\sigma_{\text{BSM}}^{(\text{N})\text{LO}}}{\sigma_{\text{SM}}^{(\text{N})\text{LO}}} \right). \quad (6)$$

This calculation strategy assumes that the correction to the cross section from SMEFT operators is comparable at LO and higher orders [84].

Observable cross-sections are further modified by the impact of SMEFT operators on Higgs decay branching fractions. Since the Higgs boson is a narrow, scalar particle, and only on-shell production is considered in this analysis, its production cross section and decay width factorise. The impact of SMEFT operators on production and decay therefore also factorise and can be derived independently. Thus, the cross section for a given STXS region  $i$  and a given decay mode  $H \rightarrow X$  is

$$(\sigma \times B)^{i,H \rightarrow X} = \sigma^i \times B^{H \rightarrow X} = (\sigma_{\text{SM}}^i + \sigma_{\text{int}}^i + \sigma_{\text{BSM}}^i) \times \left( \frac{\Gamma_{\text{SM}}^{H \rightarrow X} + \Gamma_{\text{int}}^{H \rightarrow X} + \Gamma_{\text{BSM}}^{H \rightarrow X}}{\Gamma_{\text{SM}}^H + \Gamma_{\text{int}}^H + \Gamma_{\text{BSM}}^H} \right). \quad (7)$$

Factorising the SM prediction, to allow the use of Eq. (6), the expression becomes

$$(\sigma \times B)^{i,H \rightarrow X} = (\sigma \times B)_{\text{SM},(\text{N}(\text{N}))\text{NLO}}^{i,H \rightarrow X} \left( 1 + \frac{\sigma_{\text{int},(\text{N})\text{LO}}^i}{\sigma_{\text{SM},(\text{N})\text{LO}}^i} + \frac{\sigma_{\text{BSM},(\text{N})\text{LO}}^i}{\sigma_{\text{SM},(\text{N})\text{LO}}^i} \right) \left( \frac{1 + \frac{\Gamma_{\text{int}}^{H \rightarrow X}}{\Gamma_{\text{SM}}^{H \rightarrow X}} + \frac{\Gamma_{\text{BSM}}^{H \rightarrow X}}{\Gamma_{\text{SM}}^{H \rightarrow X}}}{1 + \frac{\Gamma_{\text{int}}^H}{\Gamma_{\text{SM}}^H} + \frac{\Gamma_{\text{BSM}}^H}{\Gamma_{\text{SM}}^H}} \right), \quad (8)$$

where the ratios  $\sigma_{\text{int}}/\sigma_{\text{SM}}$  and  $\Gamma_{\text{int}}/\Gamma_{\text{SM}}$  have a linear dependence on SMEFT operators and are suppressed by a factor  $\Lambda^{-2}$ , and the ratios  $\sigma_{\text{BSM}}/\sigma_{\text{SM}}$  and  $\Gamma_{\text{BSM}}/\Gamma_{\text{SM}}$  have a quadratic dependence on SMEFT operators and are suppressed by a factor  $\Lambda^{-4}$ . In the analysis these ratios are parametrised as

$$\frac{\sigma_{\text{int}}^i}{\sigma_{\text{SM}}^i} = \sum_j A_j^{\sigma_i} c_j \quad \frac{\sigma_{\text{BSM}}^i}{\sigma_{\text{SM}}^i} = \sum_{jk} B_{jk}^{\sigma_i} c_j c_k \quad (9)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma_{\text{int}}^{H \rightarrow X}}{\Gamma_{\text{SM}}^{H \rightarrow X}} = \sum_j A_j^{\Gamma^{H \rightarrow X}} c_j \quad \frac{\Gamma_{\text{BSM}}^{H \rightarrow X}}{\Gamma_{\text{SM}}^{H \rightarrow X}} = \sum_{jk} B_{jk}^{\Gamma^{H \rightarrow X}} c_j c_k \quad (10)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma_{\text{int}}^H}{\Gamma_{\text{SM}}^H} = \sum_j A_j^{\Gamma^H} c_j \quad \frac{\Gamma_{\text{BSM}}^H}{\Gamma_{\text{SM}}^H} = \sum_{jk} B_{jk}^{\Gamma^H} c_j c_k, \quad (11)$$

where all  $A_j$  and  $B_{jk}$  are constant factors obtained from simulation that express the sensitivity of the analysis to the operators  $O_j$  that correspond to the Wilson coefficients  $c_j$ , and indices  $j, k$  run over all

non-negligible operators.

From Equations (8)-(11) two statistical models are constructed for the interpretation of the data: a fully linearised variant that only considers terms suppressed by up to a factor  $\Lambda^{-2}$ , and a quadratic variant that considers all available terms, including those with suppression factor  $\Lambda^{-4}$ .

### 3.2 Statistical model with linear terms

In a scenario where  $\Lambda^{-4}$ -suppressed contributions are ignored, the predicted signal event count can be explicitly linearised as function of the Wilson coefficients  $c_j$ . Ignoring all  $\Lambda^{-4}$ -suppressed BSM terms in Eq. (8), and using the parametrisation of Eq. (9)-(11), the expression for the cross-section reduces to

$$(\sigma \times B)^{i,H \rightarrow X} = (\sigma \times B)_{\text{SM},((N)N)\text{NLO}}^{i,H \rightarrow X} \times \left( 1 + \frac{\sigma_{\text{int},(N)\text{LO}}^i}{\sigma_{\text{SM},(N)\text{LO}}^i} \right) \times \left( \frac{1 + \frac{\Gamma_{\text{int}}^{H \rightarrow X}}{\Gamma_{\text{SM}}^{H \rightarrow X}}}{1 + \frac{\Gamma_{\text{int}}^H}{\Gamma_{\text{SM}}^H}} \right) \quad (12)$$

$$= (\sigma \times B)_{\text{SM},((N)N)\text{LO}}^{i,H \rightarrow X} \times \left( 1 + \sum_j A_j^{\sigma_i} c_j \right) \times \left( \frac{1 + \sum_j A_j^{\Gamma^{H \rightarrow X}} c_j}{1 + \sum_j A_j^{\Gamma^H} c_j} \right), \quad (13)$$

A Taylor expansion of the ratio expression in Eq. (13) results in a fully linearised expression for terms of order  $\Lambda^{-2}$ ,

$$(\sigma \times B)_{\text{SM}+\Lambda^{-2}}^{i,H \rightarrow X} = (\sigma \times B)_{\text{SM},((N)N)\text{LO}}^{i,H \rightarrow X} \times \left( 1 + \sum_j A_j^{\sigma_i} c_j + \sum_j A_j^{\Gamma^{H \rightarrow X}} c_j - \sum_j A_j^{\Gamma^H} c_j \right) + O(\Lambda^{-4}) \quad (14)$$

$$= (\sigma \times B)_{\text{SM},((N)N)\text{LO}}^{i,H \rightarrow X} \times \left( 1 + \sum_j (A_j^{\sigma_i} + A_j^{\Gamma^{H \rightarrow X}} - A_j^{\Gamma^H}) c_j \right) + O(\Lambda^{-4}), \quad (15)$$

where all higher order terms from the expansion are suppressed by power  $\Lambda^{-4}$  or beyond. Fig. 3 visualises the linear scale factors  $A_j^{\sigma_i}$  and  $(A_j^{\Gamma^{H \rightarrow X}} - A_j^{\Gamma^H})$  for the relevant SMEFT operators associated to  $c_j$  on the STXS cross-sections and branching fractions. Using Eq. (15), the signal strength modifier for each analysis region  $k$  is computed as

$$\mu^{i,X} = \frac{(\sigma \times B)_{\text{SM}+\Lambda^{-2}}^{i,H \rightarrow X}}{(\sigma \times B)_{\text{SM,MC}}^{i,H \rightarrow X}}. \quad (16)$$

It is assumed that the systematic uncertainties assigned to the acceptance factors  $\epsilon_k^{i,X}$  that multiply  $\mu^{i,X}$  in Eq. (2), arising from theory uncertainties which are fully taken into account in the SM cross-section prediction, cover the possible acceptance changes induced by SMEFT operators in Higgs production through the full validity range of the SMEFT model. The use of this assumption is motivated by the similarity of reconstruction-level analysis regions to STXS cross-section regions, which are designed to be relatively insensitive to acceptance changes induced by SMEFT operators. The effect of SMEFT operators on other observables used in the definition of the analysis regions, e.g through multivariate discriminants, is assumed to be negligible.

Conversely, the effect of SMEFT operators on Higgs boson decays can strongly affect the acceptance factors  $\epsilon_k^{i,X}$ , since decays are not limited to a restricted fiducial phase space in the STXS framework. The four-body  $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4\ell$  analysis is significantly impacted by acceptance effects due to the explicit relation of the analysis-level selection to  $m_Z$ , and an acceptance correction factor developed in Ref. [10] is used as an additional multiplicative factor in Eq. (16) for all analysis regions measuring  $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4\ell$  decays. This acceptance correction is derived as a function of  $c_{HW}$ ,  $c_{HB}$  and  $c_{HWB}$ , as only these are measured in Ref. [10]. In principle, a dependence of this correction on  $c_{Hl}^{(1)}$  and  $c_{He}$  is also expected, but is neglected in this analysis as the overall sensitivity to these operators is small. The small non-linear effect that the use of this acceptance correction has with respect to the assumed the linearity of Eq. (16) for  $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4\ell$  is neglected. For all other Higgs decays, the acceptance effects are neglected.

### 3.3 Statistical model with linear and quadratic terms

Alternatively, inserting the parametrisation of Eq. (9)-(11) in Eq. (8), gives

$$(\sigma \times B)_{\text{SM} + \Lambda^{-4}}^{i,H \rightarrow X} = (\sigma \times B)_{\text{SM},((N)N)\text{LO}}^{i,H \rightarrow X} \left( 1 + \sum_j A_j^{\sigma_i} c_j + \sum_{jk} B_{jk}^{\sigma_i} c_j c_k \right) \left( \frac{1 + \sum_j A_j^{\Gamma^{H \rightarrow X}} c_j + \sum_{jk} B_{jk}^{\Gamma^{H \rightarrow X}} c_j c_k}{1 + \sum_j A_j^{\Gamma^H} c_j + \sum_{jk} B_{jk}^{\Gamma^H} c_j c_k} \right), \quad (17)$$

resulting in a prediction that includes all terms proportional to  $\Lambda^{-4}$ , while also retaining the terms suppressed by higher powers of  $\Lambda$  that arise in the ratio expression for the Higgs width. Assumptions made for this model on acceptance factors for production and decay are identical to those for the linear model.

While the set of operators proportional to  $\Lambda^{-4}$  considered in Eq. (8) is not complete, as terms expressing SM interference with  $d = 8$  operators are not considered, a comparison of results obtained with the linear and quadratic statistical model will be indicative of the sensitivity of the measurement terms suppressed by  $\Lambda^{-4}$ .

Figure 4 illustrates the relative importance of the quadratic terms by comparing the impact  $c_j A_j + c_j^2 B_{jj}$  of variations of coefficients  $c_j$  in the various STXS regions and decay rates when including only linear terms  $A_j$  (shaded histograms) and when including both the linear and quadratic terms  $B_{jj}$  (open histograms). The relative importance of the quadratic term increases linearly with the considered variation of  $c_j$ , hence chosen magnitudes of the variations do not only scale the shown impact, but also the relative magnitude of the quadratic term. Figure 4 shows that the strongest impact of quadratic terms can be expected in the high- $p_T$  regions of VH production for coefficients  $c_{Hq}^{(3)}$ ,  $c_{Hq}^{(1)}$ ,  $c_{Hd}$ ,  $c_{Hu}$  and in the  $tH$  channel for operator  $c_{qq}^{(3)}$ . Other regions that are subject to a moderately strong impact of quadratic terms are inclusive ggH production for operators  $c_{HG}$  and  $c_{uG}$ , and  $\Gamma^{H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma}$  for  $c_{HB}$ , where in the latter case the impact is notably negative.





O(1000) down to O(700) nuisance parameters, which has an estimated cumulative impact on the estimated systematic uncertainty of less than 1%.

The available data samples contain insufficient information to constrain all coefficients  $c_j$  of Table 3 simultaneously, hence a standard numerical joint maximum likelihood estimation of this set of parameters  $c_j$  will not converge. As degrees of freedom left unconstrained by the data do not necessarily correspond to individual coefficients  $c_j$ , but may also be linear combinations  $\sum_j a_j c_j$ , the numeric estimation cannot be made to converge by considering only an appropriate subset of  $c_j$  in the estimation procedure, hence a modified basis will be used for the analysis.

#### 4.1 Sensitivity estimate and choice of measured parameters

To determine a modified basis  $c'_i$  that can be estimated from the data, the SM expected covariance matrix  $V_{\text{STXS}}$  of the measurement, expressed in the basis of cross sections  $(\sigma \times B)_{\text{STXS}}^i$ , is analysed. The correlation matrix  $C_{\text{STXS}}$  corresponding to the  $V_{\text{STXS}}$  is shown in Fig. 2. From  $V_{\text{STXS}}$ , the Hessian matrix  $V_{\text{STXS}}^{-1}$  is obtained, and is rotated from the STXS basis  $\mu^{i,X}$  to the SMEFT basis  $c_j$

$$V_{\text{SMEFT}}^{-1} = P_{(i,X) \rightarrow (j)}^T V_{\text{STXS}}^{-1} P_{(i,X) \rightarrow (j)}. \quad (19)$$

The rotation matrix  $P_{(i,X) \rightarrow (j)}$ , is based on the linearised SMEFT model of Eq. (15):

$$P_{(i,X) \rightarrow (j)} = A_j^{\sigma_i} + A_j^{\Gamma^{H \rightarrow X}} - A_j^{\Gamma^H}, \quad (20)$$

where  $A_j^{\sigma_i}$ ,  $A_j^{\Gamma^{H \rightarrow X}}$  and  $A_j^{\Gamma^H}$  are the constant factors obtained from simulation.

In the limit of Gaussian STXS measurements, the matrix  $V_{\text{SMEFT}}^{-1}$  represents the Fisher information matrix of its SMEFT re-parametrisation. An eigenvalue decomposition of the Fisher information matrix yields the eigenvectors  $e_i$  and their corresponding variances obtained from the eigenvalues,  $V(e_i) = E_i^{-1}$ . Figure 5 lists the eigenvectors and their corresponding eigenvalues obtained from the expected measurements and accounting for observed values of nuisance parameters, ranked by eigenvalue and truncated to eigenvalues  $\lambda_i > 0.01$ , corresponding to a truncation at an estimated uncertainty of  $\sigma_{e_i} < 10$ , well beyond the natural validity range of the  $c_i$  of EFTs of O(1).

From the ranking of Figure 5 and a survey of the sensitivity of the STXS regions to the Wilson coefficients in the linearised model, as shown in Fig. 3, the following observations are made:

1. Parameter  $c_{Hq}^{(3)}$  can be individually well constrained (ev-3). The sensitivity is driven by the  $VH$  measurements, in particular  $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  (VH).
2. Parameters  $c_{HG}$ ,  $|c_{uG}|$  and  $|c_{uH}|$  are constrained by  $ggH$  and  $t\bar{t}H$ , while,  $c_{qq}$ ,  $c_{qq}^{(3)}$ ,  $c_{qq}^{(31)}$ ,  $c_{uu}^{(1)}$ ,  $c_{ud}^{(8)}$ ,  $c_{qu}^{(1)}$ ,  $c_{qu}^{(8)}$ , and  $c_G$  are only constrained from  $t\bar{t}H$  (and  $c_{qq}^{(3)}$  from  $tH$ ) and affect the shape of the signal in a similar way. Therefore, only one linear combination (ev-5) of them can be precisely estimated. The most sensitive of these eigenvectors (ev-1,2) are a combination of  $c_{HG}$  and  $c_{uG}$ , which are the operators constrained strongest from  $ggH$ .
3. Parameters  $c_{HW}$ ,  $c_{HB}$  and  $c_{HWB}$  are primarily constrained from  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  decay (ev-1). The direction of ev-1 agrees at the percent-level with the predicted direction from the analytical calculation for  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  decay width, as well as with the direction defined by the coefficient  $C_{\gamma\gamma}$  of the SILH basis. Weaker constraints on  $c_{uW}$  and  $c_{uB}$  arise through a correlation with VH and VBF production (ev-2,3).



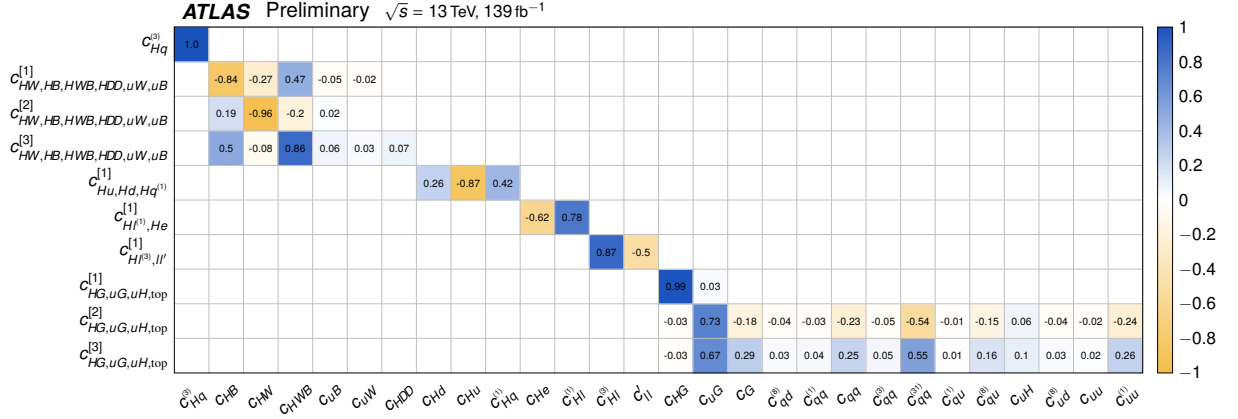


Figure 6: Visualization of the rotation matrix from the Warsaw basis  $c_j$  to the fit basis  $c'_j$ .

Scans of the profile likelihood reparametrized in the rotated basis  $c'_j$  confirm the absence of constraints in the direction of eigenvectors with weak eigenvalues, an example of which is shown in Fig. 8a, and the corresponding parameters are fixed to zero in the analysis. Furthermore, correlations between most  $c'_j$  exhibit a close to linear behaviour in a range of  $2\sigma$ , as is shown in Fig. 8b, with the correlation of most  $c'_i$  and  $c_{Hl^{(1)},He}^{[1]}$  being the main exception due to non-linear effects introduced by the  $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4\ell$  acceptance correction (See Fig. 8c for  $c_{Hq}^{(3)}$ , as a prominent example).

No separate optimisation of the parameter basis  $c'_j$  is performed for the quadratic SMEFT model of Eq. (17) as the non-linear effects of this model are expected to vanish for small  $c_j$ , thus asymptotically yielding the same rotation matrix as Eq. (20).

Table 4: Eigenvectors and eigenvalues from subspace rotations. The estimated variance associated with each eigenvector is the inverse of the corresponding eigenvalue. The eigenvectors  $c_{HG,uG,uH,top}^{[7]}$  through  $c_{HG,uG,uH,top}^{[14]}$  have eigenvalues  $\lambda < 0.0001$  and are not shown. Eigenvectors that are retained as parameterized degrees of freedom in the final fit to data are marked in the last column.

| Parameter                       | Definition                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Eigenvalue | Fit Parameter |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|---------------|
| $c_{Hq}^{(3)}$                  | $c_{Hq}^{(3)}$                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 1900       | ✓             |
| $c_{HW,HB,HWB,HDD,uW,uB}^{[i]}$ | 1 $-0.27c_{HW} - 0.84c_{HB} + 0.47c_{HWB} - 0.02c_{uW} - 0.05c_{uB}$                                                                                                                                                                   | 245000     | ✓             |
|                                 | 2 $-0.96c_{HW} + 0.19c_{HB} - 0.20c_{HWB} + 0.02c_{uB}$                                                                                                                                                                                | 33         | ✓             |
|                                 | 3 $-0.08c_{HW} + 0.50c_{HB} + 0.86c_{HWB} + 0.07c_{HDD} + 0.03c_{uW} + 0.06c_{uB}$                                                                                                                                                     | 4          | ✓             |
|                                 | 4 $0.03c_{HWB} - 0.85c_{HDD} + 0.32c_{uW} + 0.43c_{uB}$                                                                                                                                                                                | 0.017      |               |
|                                 | 5 $-0.01c_{HW} + 0.07c_{HB} + 0.05c_{HWB} - 0.44c_{HDD} - 0.86c_{uW} - 0.23c_{uB}$                                                                                                                                                     | 0.0077     |               |
|                                 | 6 $-0.01c_{HW} + 0.06c_{HB} + 0.04c_{HWB} - 0.29c_{HDD} + 0.39c_{uW} - 0.87c_{uB}$                                                                                                                                                     | 0.0025     |               |
| $c_{HG,uG,uH,top}^{[i]}$        | 1 $+0.999c_{HG} + 0.038c_{uG}$                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 176000     | ✓             |
|                                 | 2 $-0.03c_{HG} + 0.73c_{uG} - 0.03c_{qq}^{(1)} - 0.23c_{qq} - 0.05c_{qq}^{(3)} - 0.54c_{qq}^{(31)} - 0.02c_{uu} - 0.24c_{uu}^{(1)} - 0.04c_{ud}^{(8)} - 0.01c_{qu}^{(1)} - 0.15c_{qu}^{(8)} - 0.04c_{qd}^{(8)} - 0.18c_G + 0.06c_{uH}$ | 20         | ✓             |
|                                 | 3 $-0.03c_{HG} + 0.67c_{uG} + 0.04c_{qq}^{(1)} + 0.25c_{qq} + 0.05c_{qq}^{(3)} + 0.55c_{qq}^{(31)} + 0.02c_{uu} + 0.26c_{uu}^{(1)} + 0.03c_{ud}^{(8)} + 0.01c_{qu}^{(1)} + 0.16c_{qu}^{(8)} + 0.03c_{qd}^{(8)} + 0.29c_G + 0.1c_{uH}$  | 1.3        | ✓             |
|                                 | 4 $+0.11c_{uG} + 0.01c_{qq} - 0.018c_{qq}^{(3)} + 0.029c_{qq}^{(31)} + 0.012c_{uu}^{(1)} - 0.993c_{uH}$                                                                                                                                | 0.14       |               |
|                                 | 5 $+0.02c_{qq} - 1.0c_{qq}^{(3)} + 0.06c_{qq}^{(31)} + 0.03c_{uu}^{(1)} + 0.02c_{qu}^{(8)} + 0.02c_{uH}$                                                                                                                               | 0.02       |               |
|                                 | 6 $+0.07c_{uG} - 0.02c_{qq}^{(1)} + 0.07c_{qq} + 0.03c_{qq}^{(3)} + 0.32c_{qq}^{(31)} + 0.06c_{uu}^{(1)} + 0.04c_{ud}^{(8)} + 0.08c_{qu}^{(8)} + 0.04c_{qd}^{(8)} - 0.94c_G + 0.02c_{uH}$                                              | 0.0092     |               |
| $c_{Hl^{(1)},He}^{[1]}$         | $+0.78c_{Hl}^{(1)} - 0.62c_{He}$                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 2.6        | ✓             |
| $c_{Hl^{(1)},He}^{[2]}$         | $+0.62c_{Hl}^{(1)} + 0.78c_{He}$                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 0.056      |               |
| $c_{Hu,Hd,Hq^{(1)}}^{[1]}$      | $-0.87c_{Hu} + 0.26c_{Hd} + 0.42c_{Hq}^{(1)}$                                                                                                                                                                                          | 59         | ✓             |
| $c_{Hu,Hd,Hq^{(1)}}^{[2]}$      | $+0.41c_{Hu} - 0.09c_{Hd} + 0.91c_{Hq}^{(1)}$                                                                                                                                                                                          | 0.10       |               |
| $c_{Hu,Hd,Hq^{(1)}}^{[3]}$      | $-0.28c_{Hu} - 0.96c_{Hd} + 0.03c_{Hq}^{(1)}$                                                                                                                                                                                          | 0.0018     |               |
| $c_{Hl^{(1)},ll'}^{[1]}$        | $0.87c_{Hl}^{(3)} - 0.50c_{ll}'$                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 27         | ✓             |
| $c_{Hl^{(3)},ll'}^{[2]}$        | $0.50c_{Hl}^{(3)} + 0.87c_{ll}'$                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 0.33       |               |

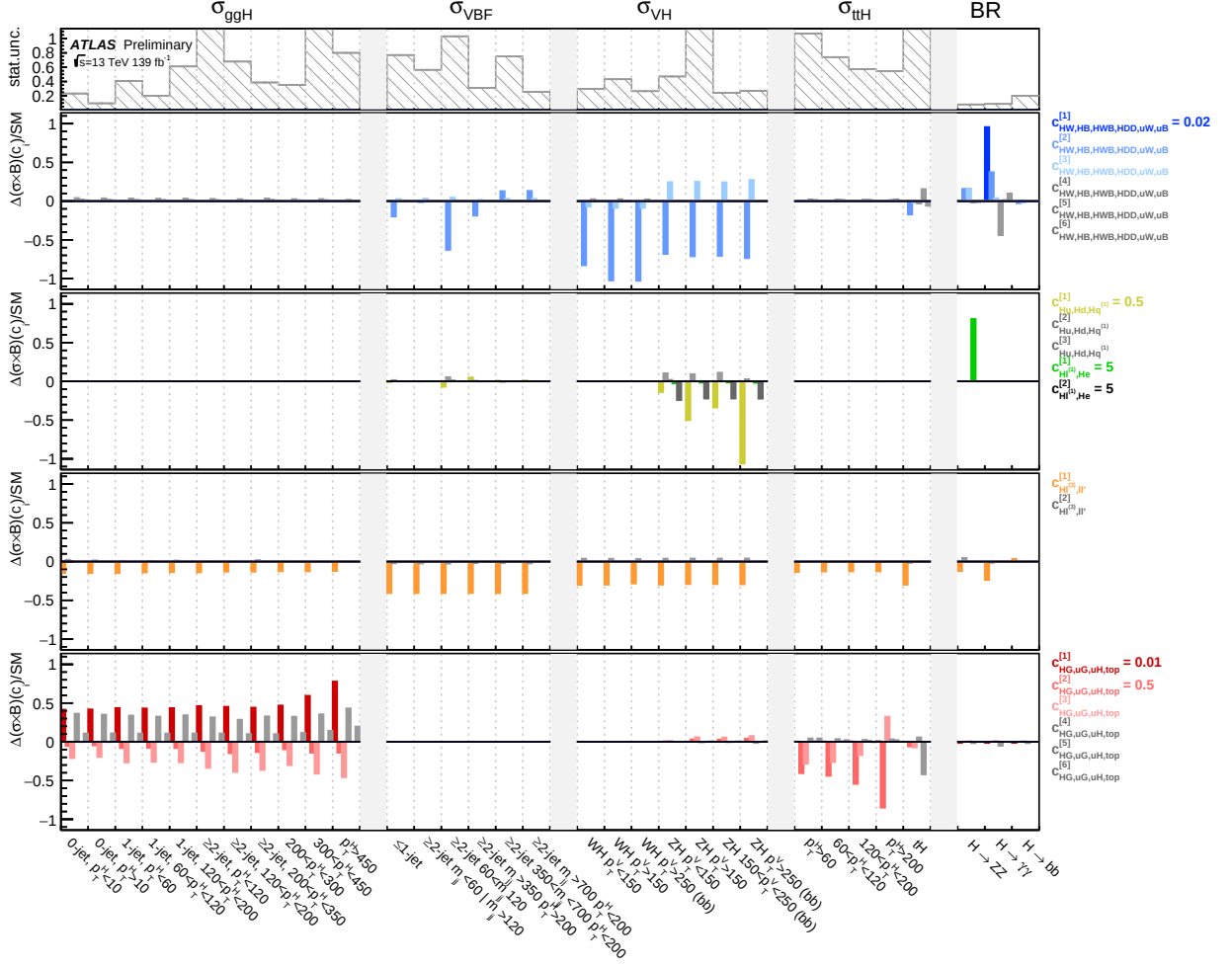
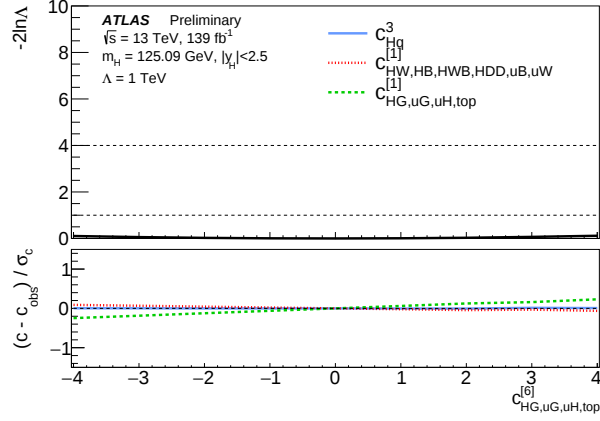
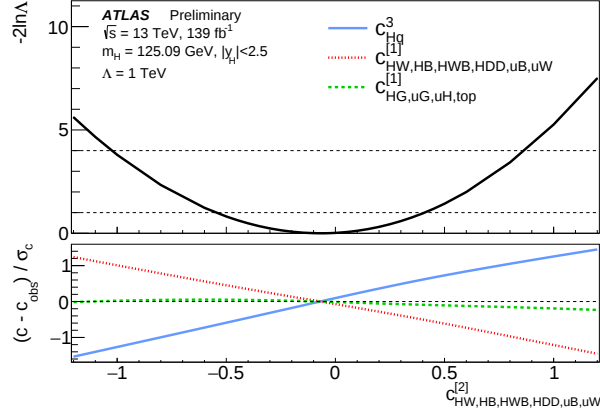


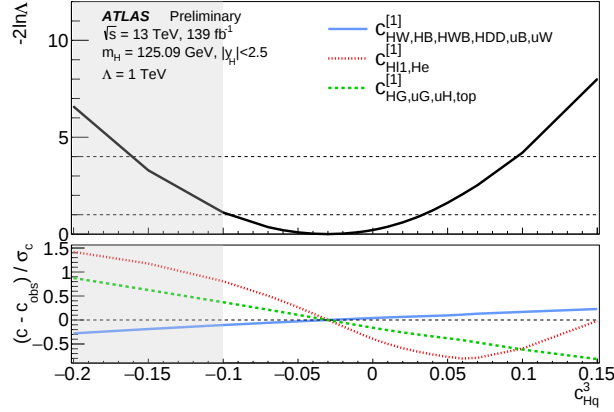
Figure 7: Impact of coefficients of the rotated basis  $c'_j$  on the STXS regions and decay modes, relative to the SM cross-section, under the assumption of the linearized SMEFT model. For all coefficients  $c'_j$  a unit variation is considered, unless specified otherwise in the legend. Additional eigenvectors that are not part of the fit basis are shown in gray for completeness. Scales and groupings in this figure are consistent with those in Fig. 3. To judge the experimental sensitivity to constrain the operators from the data in the listed STXS regions, the statistical uncertainty on the corresponding regions ( $\sigma_{\text{stat}}$ ) is shown in the top panel. For columns corresponding to multiple STXS×BR regions, the shown uncertainty reflects the statistical uncertainty on the average, under the assumption of uncorrelated statistical uncertainties. For presentational clarity, the statistical uncertainty of low precision STXS regions is clipped in the plot.



(a)



(b)



(c)

Figure 8: Scans of the profile likelihood of the linear SMEFT model over various parameters. For each scan, the pull of selected other parameters is shown on the same scale. The lower and upper horizontal dashed lines represent the threshold for the profile likelihood ration corresponding to  $1\sigma$  and  $2\sigma$  confidence intervals respectively. The scan of the weak eigenvector  $c_{HG,uG,uH,top}^{[6]}$  (a) is representative of most scans of approximately flat directions, which are fixed in the fit. The scan of  $c_{HW,HB,HWB,HDD,uB,uW}^{[2]}$  (b) is representative of most scans of parameters included in the final fit, illustrating linear correlations with other parameters of interest in a wide scan range. The scan of  $c_{Hq}^{(3)}$  (c) illustrates one of the few non-linear correlation effects observed, in this case caused by a residual effect of the  $H \rightarrow ZZ$  acceptance correction. The shaded region indicates the parameter space where one or more observable bins have negative predicted signal cross-section.

## 4.2 Results

The observed and the SM expected constraints on the parameters  $c'_j$  using the linearised SMEFT model, and the SMEFT model with additional quadratic terms are summarised in Tables 5 and 6, and visualized in Figures 9, 10 and 13. All measured parameters are consistent with the SM expectation within their uncertainty.

One-dimensional profile likelihood scans in each  $c'_j$ , profiled over all other  $c'_j$ , are shown in Figures 11 and 12 for the expected and observed data. All scanned parameters for the linearized model exhibit Gaussian behaviour to good approximation, except for  $c_{Hl^{(1)}He}^{[1]}$ , which is affected by the non-linear acceptance correction effects in the  $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4\ell$  decay channel that dominates the measurement of this coefficient.

The profile likelihood for the model including quadratic terms sometimes results in two local minima per parameter, notably for  $c_{HW,HB,HWB,HDD,uW,uB}^{[1]}$  and  $c_{HG,uG,uH,top}^{[3]}$ , and to a lesser extent  $c_{Hq}^{(3)}$ , and generally result in rather non-Gaussian likelihood scans for that reason. Despite this, constraints obtained from the model including quadratic terms are generally somewhat tighter than those obtained from the linearized model, suggesting a non-negligible influence of  $d = 6$  operator terms suppressed by power  $\Lambda^{-4}$ .

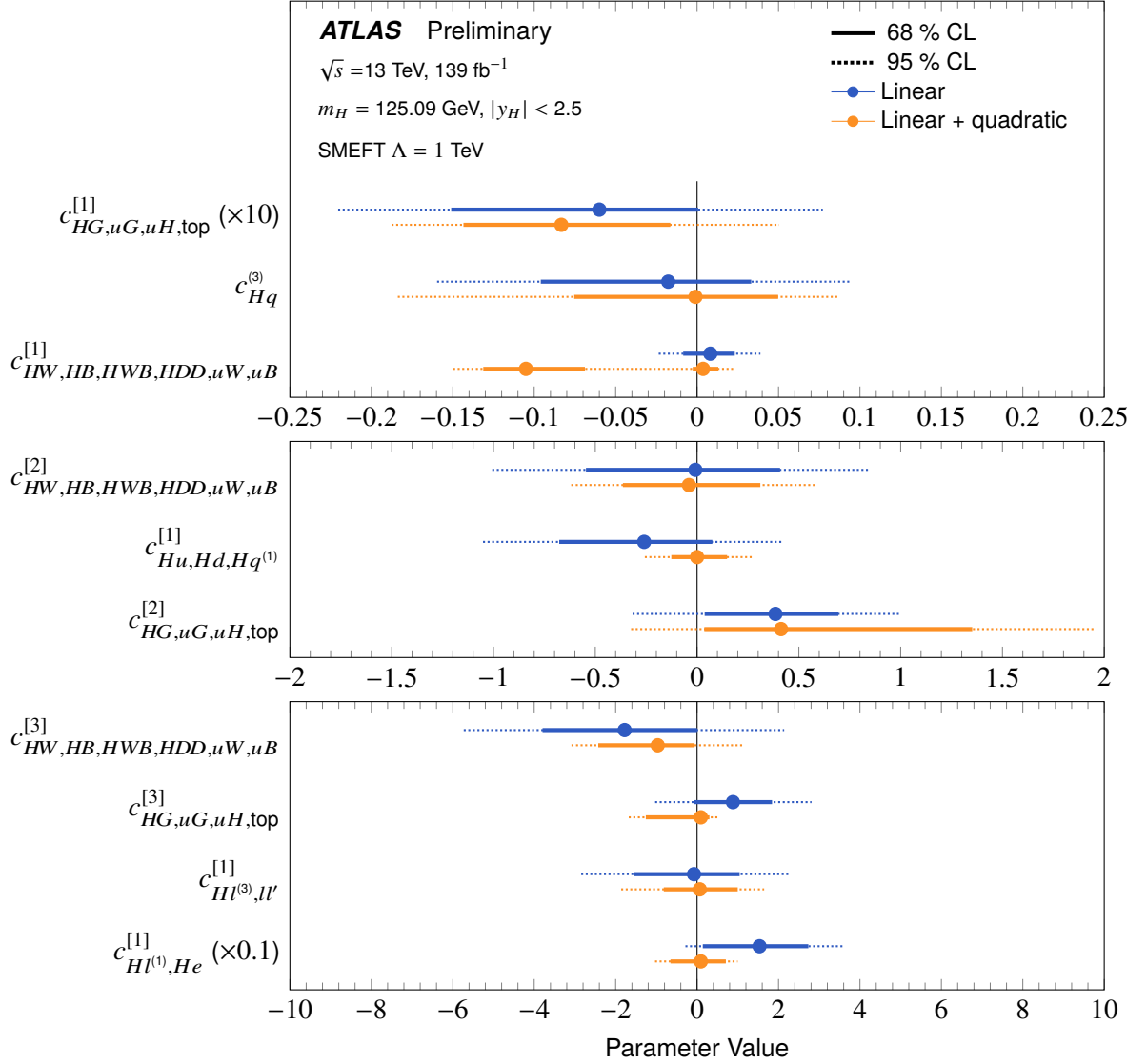


Figure 9: Summary of observed measurements of the parameters  $c'_i$  with the SMEFT linearized model (blue) and the SMEFT model with additional quadratic terms (orange). The ranges shown correspond to 68% (solid) and 95% (dashed) confidence level intervals, where all other coefficients and all nuisance parameters were profiled. For the model with quadratic terms, two exactly degenerate solutions are found for  $c_{HW,HB,HWB,HDD,uW,uB}^{[1]}$ , which are both indicated.

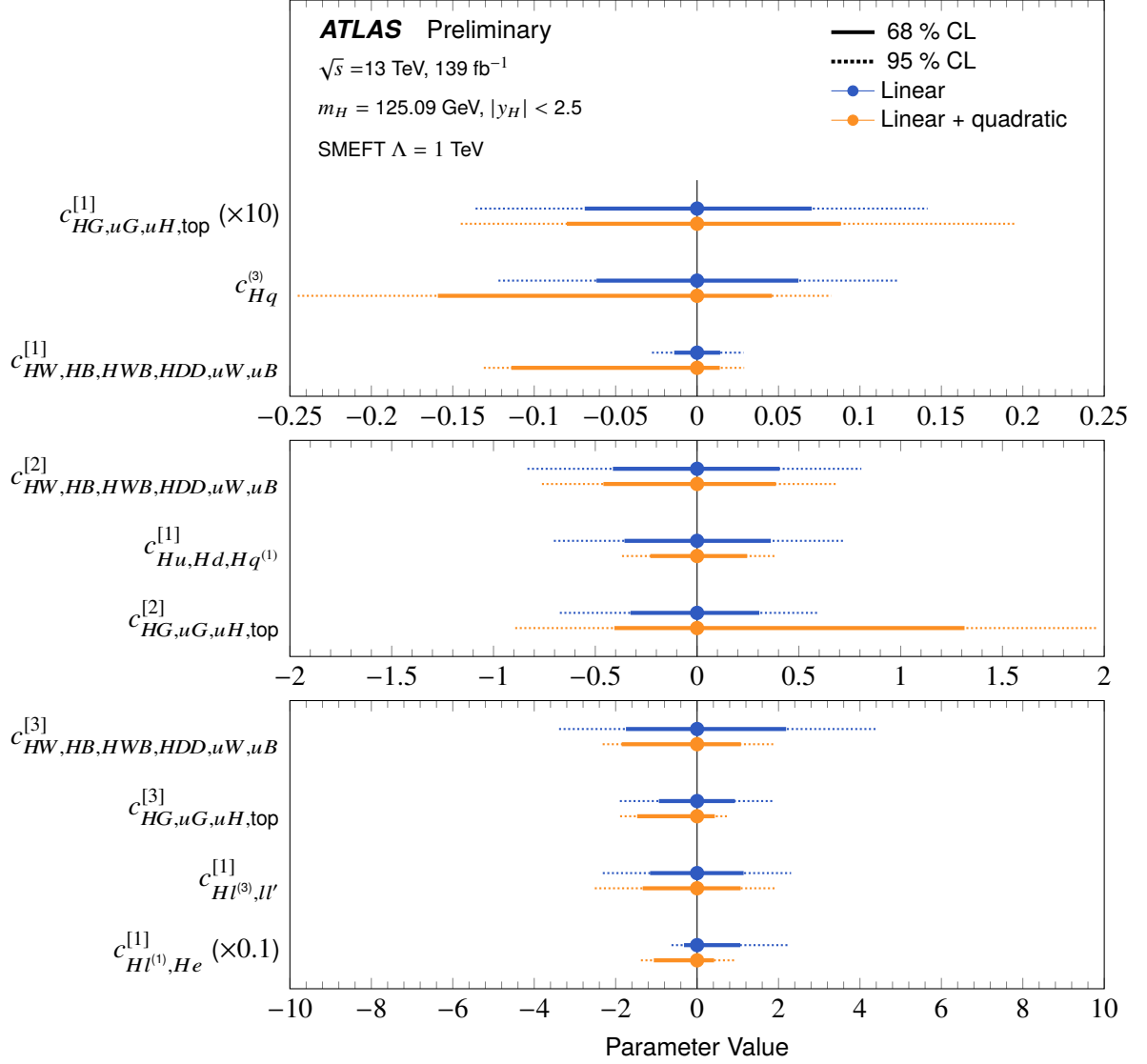


Figure 10: Summary of SM expected measurements of the parameters  $c'_i$  with the SMEFT linearized model (blue) and the SMEFT model with additional quadratic terms (orange). The ranges shown correspond to 68% (solid) and 95% (dashed) confidence level intervals, where all other coefficients and all nuisance parameters were profiled.

Table 5: Summary of the observed measurement of the parameters  $c'_i$  with the SMEFT linearized model and the SMEFT model with additional quadratic terms. The ranges correspond to 68% and 95% confidence level intervals, where all other coefficients and all nuisance parameters were profiled.

| Model Parameter                       | Linear Model   |                   |                 | Quadratic Model |                                             |                 |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------|
|                                       | Measured value | 68% CI            | 95% CI          | Measured value  | 68% CI                                      | 95% CI          |
| $c_{HG,\mu G,\mu H,\text{top}}^{[1]}$ | -0.006         | [-0.015, 0.00007] | [-0.022, 0.008] | -0.008          | [-0.014, -0.0016]                           | [-0.019, 0.005] |
| $c_{HG,\mu G,\mu H,\text{top}}^{[2]}$ | 0.4            | [0.04, 0.7]       | [-0.32, 1]      | 0.4             | [0.04, 1.4]                                 | [-0.32, 2.0]    |
| $c_{HG,\mu G,\mu H,\text{top}}^{[3]}$ | 0.9            | [-0.07, 1.8]      | [-1.0, 2.8]     | 0.09            | [-1.3, 0.30]                                | [-1.7, 0.5]     |
| $c_{HW,HB,HWB,HDD,\mu W,\mu B}^{[1]}$ | 0.008          | [-0.009, 0.023]   | [-0.024, 0.04]  | -0.1, 0.004     | [-0.13, -0.07] $\wedge$<br>[-0.0027, 0.013] | [-0.15, 0.023]  |
| $c_{HW,HB,HWB,HDD,\mu W,\mu B}^{[2]}$ | -0.008         | [-0.5, 0.4]       | [-1.0, 0.9]     | -0.04           | [-0.4, 0.31]                                | [-0.6, 0.6]     |
| $c_{HW,HB,HWB,HDD,\mu W,\mu B}^{[3]}$ | -1.8           | [-4, 0.00020]     | [-6, 2.1]       | -1              | [-2.4, -0.06]                               | [-3, 1.2]       |
| $c_{Hq}^{(3)}$                        | -0.018         | [-0.1, 0.033]     | [-0.16, 0.09]   | -0.001          | [-0.08, 0.05]                               | [-0.18, 0.09]   |
| $c_{Hu,Hd,Hq^{(1)}}^{[1]}$            | -0.26          | [-0.7, 0.07]      | [-1.1, 0.4]     | 0               | [-0.13, 0.15]                               | [-0.26, 0.27]   |
| $c_{H^{(3)},ll'}^{[1]}$               | -0.08          | [-1.6, 1.0]       | [-2.8, 2.3]     | 0.07            | [-0.8, 1]                                   | [-1.9, 1.6]     |
| $c_{H^{(1)},He}^{[1]}$                | 15             | [1.4, 27]         | [-2.9, 36]      | 0.9             | [-7, 7]                                     | [-10, 10]       |

Table 6: Summary of the SM expected measurement of the parameters  $c'_i$  with the SMEFT linearized model and the SMEFT model with additional quadratic terms. The ranges correspond to 68% and 95% confidence level intervals, where all other coefficients and all nuisance parameters were profiled.

| Model Parameter                 | Linear Model    |                 | Quadratic Model |                 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                                 | 68% CI          | 95% CI          | 68% CI          | 95% CI          |
| $c_{HG,uG,uH,top}^{[1]}$        | [−0.007, 0.007] | [−0.014, 0.014] | [−0.008, 0.009] | [−0.015, 0.020] |
| $c_{HG,uG,uH,top}^{[2]}$        | [−0.33, 0.3]    | [−0.7, 0.6]     | [−0.4, 1.3]     | [−0.9, 2.0]     |
| $c_{HG,uG,uH,top}^{[3]}$        | [−0.9, 0.9]     | [−1.9, 1.9]     | [−1.5, 0.4]     | [−1.9, 0.8]     |
| $c_{HW,HB,HWB,HDD,uW,uB}^{[1]}$ | [−0.014, 0.014] | [−0.028, 0.028] | [−0.11, 0.014]  | [−0.13, 0.029]  |
| $c_{HW,HB,HWB,HDD,uW,uB}^{[2]}$ | [−0.4, 0.4]     | [−0.8, 0.8]     | [−0.5, 0.4]     | [−0.8, 0.7]     |
| $c_{HW,HB,HWB,HDD,uW,uB}^{[3]}$ | [−1.7, 2.2]     | [−3.4, 4]       | [−1.9, 1.1]     | [−2.3, 1.9]     |
| $c_{Hq}^{(3)}$                  | [−0.06, 0.06]   | [−0.12, 0.12]   | [−0.16, 0.05]   | [−0.25, 0.08]   |
| $c_{Hu,Hd,Hq^{(1)}}^{[1]}$      | [−0.4, 0.4]     | [−0.7, 0.7]     | [−0.23, 0.25]   | [−0.4, 0.4]     |
| $c_{Hl^{(3)},ll'}^{[1]}$        | [−1.2, 1.1]     | [−2.3, 2.3]     | [−1.3, 1.1]     | [−2.5, 1.9]     |
| $c_{Hl^{(1)},He}^{[1]}$         | [−3.2, 11]      | [−6, 23]        | [−11, 4]        | [−14, 9]        |

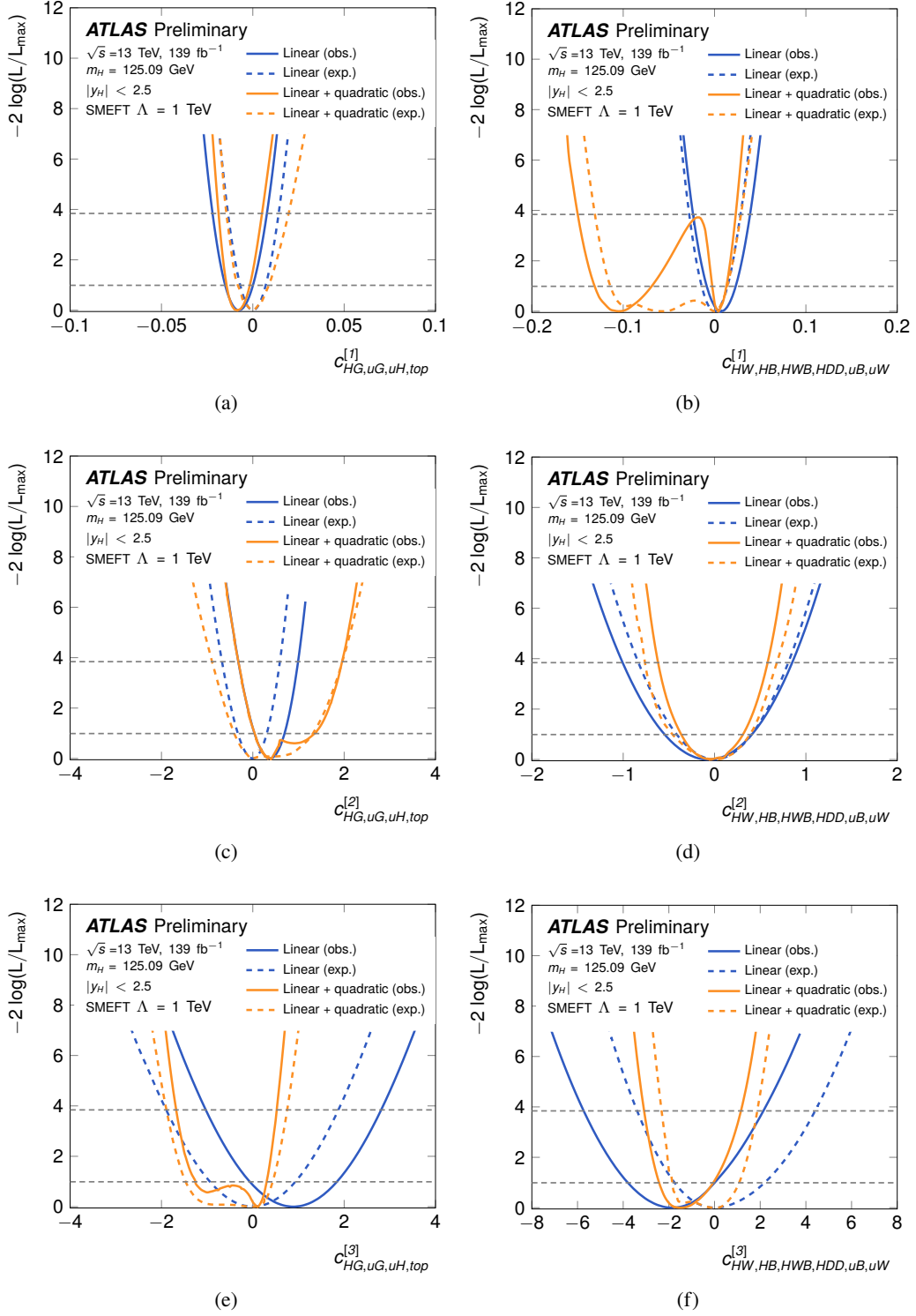


Figure 11: Profile likelihood scans of the fitted coefficients  $c_j'$  on SM expected and observed data, comparing the SMEFT linearized model (blue) and the SMEFT linear plus quadratic model (orange). The horizontal dashed lines in each plot correspond to the asymptotic threshold values for 68% and 95% confidence intervals. Profile likelihood scans of the linear plus quadratic model can exhibit 2 minima in the scanned parameter, whereas scans of the linearized model can only have one minimum per parameter. Multiple minima in the coefficients  $c_j'$  that are profiled in each scan may furthermore result in discontinuous derivatives in the profile likelihood (e.g. prominently visible in the observed data in (c)).

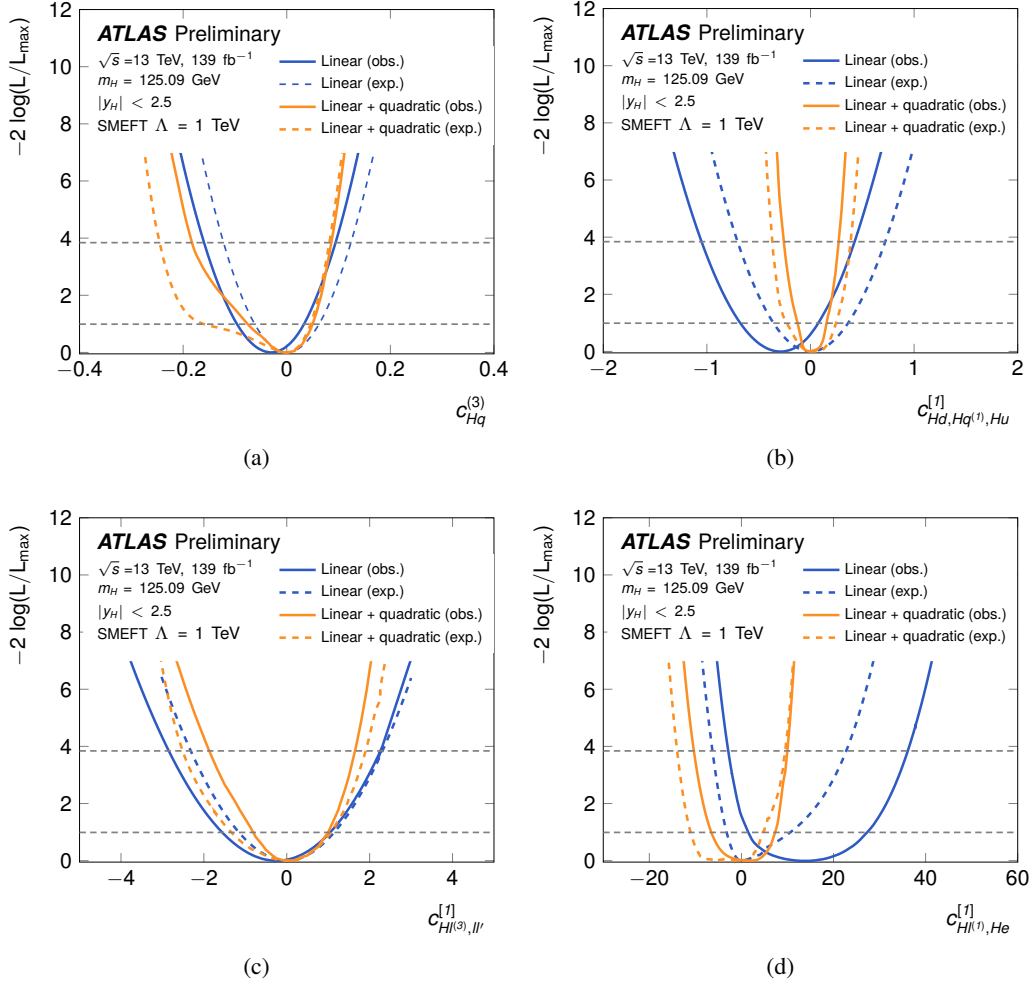


Figure 12: Profile likelihood scans of the fitted coefficients  $c'_j$  on SM expected and observed data, comparing the SMEFT linearized model (blue) and the SMEFT linear plus quadratic model (orange). The horizontal dashed lines in each plot correspond to the asymptotic threshold values for 68% and 95% confidence intervals. Profile likelihood scans of the linear plus quadratic model can exhibit 2 minima in the scanned parameter, whereas scans of the linearized model can only have one minimum per parameter. Multiple minima in the coefficients  $c'_j$  that are profiled in each scan may furthermore result in discontinuities in the profile likelihood.

**ATLAS Preliminary**  $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$ ,  $139 \text{ fb}^{-1}$   
 $m_H = 125.09 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $|\gamma_H| < 2.5$

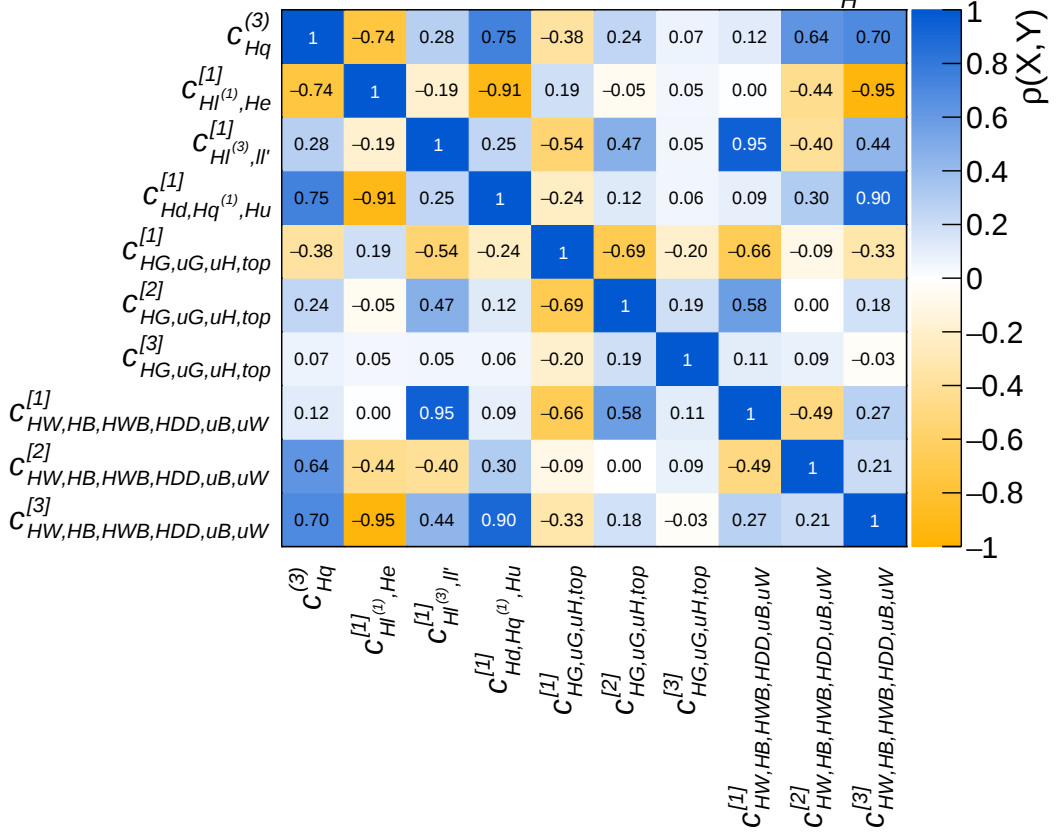


Figure 13: Correlation matrix for the linearized SMEFT model for the observed data.

## 5 Methodology of MSSM interpretations

Supersymmetry (SUSY) [85–93], a theoretically motivated framework for extending the Standard Model, is conceived to address some of the Standard Model’s unanswered questions, particularly the hierarchy problem [94–97], which is related to the fine tuning needed to obtain the correct mass for the observed Higgs boson. SUSY can also provide credible dark matter candidates [98, 99] and can improve the unification of the electroweak and strong interactions [100–108].

The minimal supersymmetric extension of the Standard Model (MSSM) [109–113] predicts partners for each of the SM states. There are a total of eight spin-half partners of the electroweak gauge and Higgs bosons: the neutral bino (superpartner of the U(1) gauge field); the winos, which are a charged pair and a neutral particle (superpartners of the W bosons of the SU(2) L gauge fields), and the Higgsinos, which are two neutral particles and a charged pair (superpartners of the Higgs field’s degrees of freedom). The Higgs sector consists of two SU(2) doublets,  $H_1$  and  $H_2$ . Both Higgs doublets acquire vacuum expectation values,  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  respectively. Their ratio is denoted by  $\tan \beta \equiv v_2/v_1$ , and they satisfy  $v_1^2 + v_2^2 = v^2 \approx (246 \text{ GeV})^2$ . Five Higgs bosons are predicted in the MSSM: two neutral CP-even bosons  $h$  and  $H$ , one neutral CP-odd boson  $A$ , and two charged bosons  $H^\pm$ .

In addition to searches for MSSM particles, such as additional Higgs bosons, evidence for the MSSM, or constraints on its parameters can also be obtained from studies of the properties of the  $h(125)$  under the assumption that it is the light CP-even  $h$  boson of the theory.

The MSSM has over a hundred parameters that describe the pattern of sparticle masses and their decays. This parameter space is too large to be scanned exhaustively and compared to ATLAS data. Hence, several benchmark scenarios have been proposed over the years. By making some assumptions, the scenarios reduce the parameter space and simplify the interpretations of the results.

### 5.1 MSSM Benchmark Scenarios

In this study, properties of the measured of the 125 GeV Higgs boson are compared to six MSSM benchmark scenarios, under the assumption that the observed boson is the light CP-even Higgs boson  $h$  of the MSSM theory. In each benchmark scenario the compatibility of the scenario with the observed Higgs data is tested for a range of benchmark parameter values. For all scenarios, two benchmark parameters are considered:  $m_A$  and  $\tan \beta$ .

The six benchmarks are summarized below. Detailed information on the models and on their specific parameter settings can be found in Refs. [24, 25].

1.  **$M_h^{125}$  scenario:** All superparticles are chosen to be so heavy that production and decays of the MSSM Higgs bosons are only mildly affected by their presence. The loop-induced SUSY contribution to the couplings of the light CP-even scalar are small, and the heavy Higgs bosons with masses up to 2 TeV decay only to SM particles.
2.  **$M_h^{125}(\tilde{\chi})$  scenario:** All charginos and neutralinos are relatively light, with significant higgsino-gaugino mixing. This affects the decays of the heavier Higgs bosons, weakening the exclusion bounds from  $H/A \rightarrow \tau\tau$  searches, as well as the decay of the SM-like Higgs boson to photons. On the other hand, the possibility to look for additional Higgs bosons through their decays to charginos and neutralinos opens up.

3.  **$M_h^{125}(\tilde{\tau})$  scenario:** Light staus and light gaugino-like charginos and neutralinos. The effect of the light staus on the decays of the heavier Higgs bosons, as well as on the decay of the SM-like Higgs boson to photons, is most relevant at large  $\tan\beta$ . Compared with the previous scenario, a larger mass for the higgsinos implies that the decays of the heavier Higgs bosons to charginos and neutralinos become relevant at larger values of  $M_A$ .
4.  **$M_h^{125}(\text{alignment})$  scenario:** In the “alignment without decoupling” scenario, for a given value of  $\tan\beta$ , one of the two neutral CP-even scalars has SM-like couplings independently of the mass spectrum of the remaining Higgs bosons. In particular, for  $\tan\beta$  around 7 the properties of the lighter scalar  $h$  are in agreement with those of the observed Higgs boson also for relatively low values of  $M_A$ .
5.  **$M_{h,\text{EFT}}^{125}$  scenario:** This scenario is characterized by a flexible mass scale  $M_{\text{SUSY}}$  of the superpartners. In all the original benchmark scenarios presented above, the supersymmetric partners of the SM fermions (sfermions) are tied to the TeV scale. In this case, the parameter region  $\tan\beta < 5$  is ruled out because the mass  $M_h$  of the SM-like Higgs boson is predicted to be lower than the measured value. To re-open the parameter region of low  $\tan\beta$  values, the sfermion mass scale,  $M_{\text{SUSY}}$  is adjusted dynamically from 6 TeV to  $10^{16}$  TeV to achieve a 125 GeV Higgs. As in this scenario all superparticles are chosen to be so heavy that production and decays of the MSSM Higgs bosons are only mildly affected by their presence, the SUSY contribution to the Higgs properties is calculated with an effective field theory (EFT).
6.  **$M_{h,\text{EFT}}^{125}(\tilde{\chi})$  scenario:** In contrast to the  $M_{h,\text{EFT}}^{125}$  scenario, this scenario features light neutralinos and charginos whose presence significantly alters the phenomenology of the Higgs boson. The SUSY scale is again adjusted at every parameter point in order to obtain a light Higgs mass of  $M_h \approx 125$  GeV.

## 5.2 Interpretation of Higgs data

For each MSSM benchmark point modified Higgs production cross sections and decay branching fractions are predicted. Higgs masses and mixing (and effective Yukawa couplings) have been calculated with FeynHiggs [114–120]. Branching ratio predictions combine the most precise estimates of FeynHiggs, HDECAY [121, 122] and PROPHECY4f [123, 124]. For the gluon-fusion process inclusive cross sections are obtained with SusHi [125, 126], which includes NLO QCD corrections [127], NNLO QCD corrections for the top-quark contribution in the effective theory of a heavy top quark [128–132] and electroweak effects by light quarks [133, 134]. For the SM-like Higgs boson SusHi adds N3LO corrections in the effective theory of a heavy top quark in a threshold expansion [41, 135, 136]. Cross sections for bottom-quark initiated Higgs production rely on matched predictions [137–140], which are based on the five flavour NNLO QCD calculation [61] and the four flavour NLO QCD calculation [59, 60].

Since MSSM Higgs production cross sections are only calculated inclusively, the STXS Stage-1.2 phase space partitioning of production cross sections is not used in this analysis. Instead a splitting by production process is used to express the signal strength modifies  $\mu^{i,X}$  in the signal yield expression of Eq. (2):

$$\mu^{i,X}(m_A, \tan\beta) = \frac{\sigma^i(m_A, \tan\beta)}{\sigma_{\text{SM}}^i} \cdot \frac{B^X(m_A, \tan\beta)}{B_{\text{SM}}^X} \equiv r^i(m_A, \tan\beta) \cdot r^X(m_A, \tan\beta), \quad (21)$$

where the index  $i$  enumerates the STXS-0 production processes:  $ggH$ ,  $b\bar{b}H$ ,  $t\bar{t}H$ , VBF,  $qq/qg \rightarrow ZH$ ,  $gg \rightarrow ZH$ ,  $qq \rightarrow WH$ , as defined in Table 2. All nine analyses listed in Table 1 are available in STXS-0 form and allow to measure Higgs decays to  $WW$ ,  $ZZ$ ,  $bb$ ,  $\tau\tau$ ,  $\mu\mu$ ,  $\gamma\gamma$ , enumerated by index  $X$  in Eq. (21).

In this analysis, the numerical predictions provided for MSSM scenarios by the LHC Higgs Cross Section Working Group are used [141] for the benchmarks listed in Section 5.1, which provide all  $B_{\text{MSSM}}^X(m'_h)$  and the inclusive Higgs widths  $\Gamma_{\text{MSSM}}^{h \rightarrow X}(m'_h)$ , where  $m'_h$  is the mass of the light CP-even Higgs boson  $h$  predicted by the MSSM and may differ somewhat from the assumed SM value of 125.09 GeV. However, regions of the benchmark parameter space where  $m'_h$  differs from the assumed SM value by more than 3 GeV, the estimated uncertainty on the calculated Higgs mass in FeynHiggs [116, 142], will be considered as excluded.

For the cross-section scale factor for the  $ggH$  and  $b\bar{b}H$  processes, the numeric cross sections predictions are used. Conversely, the MSSM cross sections for the  $qq/qg \rightarrow VH$  and VBF processes are not provided. Instead, the cross-section scale factors for these are estimated from the corresponding relative change to the partial decay width  $\Gamma_V$  in the MSSM. The predictions for the  $t(\bar{t})H$  and  $gg \rightarrow ZH$  cross-section scale factors are obtained with a similar rescaling, using the square of the relative change in the coupling strengths in the MSSM. The expression for all MSSM cross-section productions are specified in Table 7, where all SM cross sections and partial widths are evaluated for a Higgs mass  $m'_h$ . These SM cross sections, as well as the partial widths, are provided by Ref. [141].

Table 7: Expressions used for STXS-0 production cross-sections in the MSSM interpretation. The Higgs couplings strength scale factor  $\kappa'_i$  is provided numerically, while the scale factors  $\kappa'_V, \kappa'_b$  are calculated from  $\kappa_i'^2 = \Gamma_{\text{MSSM}}^{H \rightarrow i}(m'_h)/\Gamma_{\text{SM}}^{h \rightarrow i}(m'_h)$ .

| STXS-0 Process         | Expression for cross-section scale factor $r^i$                                                                     |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| $ggH$                  | $\sigma_{\text{ggH}}^{\text{MSSM}}(m'_h)/\sigma_{\text{ggH}}^{\text{SM}}(m'_h)$                                     |
| $b\bar{b}H$            | $\sigma_{\text{bbH}}^{\text{MSSM}}(m'_h)/\sigma_{\text{bbH}}^{\text{SM}}(m'_h)$                                     |
| VBF                    | $0.73\kappa_W'^2 + 0.27\kappa_Z'^2$                                                                                 |
| $qq/qg \rightarrow VH$ | $\kappa_V'^2$                                                                                                       |
| $t\bar{t}H$            | $\kappa_t'^2$                                                                                                       |
| $gg \rightarrow ZH$    | $2.456\kappa_Z'^2 + 0.456\kappa_t'^2 - 1.903\kappa_Z'\kappa_t' - 0.011\kappa_Z'\kappa_b' + 0.003\kappa_t'\kappa_b'$ |
| $tHW$                  | $2.909\kappa_t'^2 + 2.310\kappa_W'^2 - 4.220\kappa_t'\kappa_W'$                                                     |
| $tHq$                  | $2.633\kappa_t'^2 + 3.578\kappa_W'^2 - 5.211\kappa_t'\kappa_W'$                                                     |

All branching ratios scale factors  $r^X$  are calculated as

$$r^X = \frac{\Gamma_{\text{MSSM}}^{h \rightarrow X}(m'_h)}{\Gamma_{\text{SM}}^{h \rightarrow X}(m'_h)} \cdot \frac{\Gamma_{\text{SM}}^h(m'_h)}{\Gamma_{\text{MSSM}}^h(m'_h)}. \quad (22)$$

As the cross section and branching ratio scale factors  $r^i, r^X$  are only calculated for a discrete set of points

in the 2-dimensional benchmark parameter space, a likelihood based on Eq. (21) and the expressions in Table 7 cannot be differentially expressed in terms of its theory parameters ( $m_A, \tan \beta$ ). Instead, exclusion contours are based on a numerical interpolation of the profile likelihood ratio at fixed values of ( $m_A, \tan \beta$ ), profiling only the nuisance parameters.

## 6 Limits on MSSM

Figure 14 shows the observed and expected 95% CL exclusion limits of the MSSM in the two-dimensional plane of  $m_A$  and  $\tan \beta$  for the  $M_h^{125}$ ,  $M_h^{125}(\tilde{\chi})$ ,  $M_h^{125}(\tilde{\tau})$ ,  $M_h^{125}(\text{alignment})$  benchmark scenarios. For all four scenarios, the regions excluded by the Higgs mass requirement ( $|m_h' - 125.09 \text{ GeV}| < 3 \text{ GeV}$ ) are separately indicated with gray shaded areas.

In the  $M_h^{125}$  scenario, the low  $m_A$  region is disfavored due to the suppression of  $h \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  in that region. In the  $M_h^{125}(\tilde{\tau})$  scenario, the region at low  $m_A$  and  $\tan \beta < 55$  is excluded due to a predicted significant enhancement of the Higgs width in combination with a suppression of the branching fraction  $h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ . In the region  $\tan \beta > 55$ , the  $\tilde{\tau}$  loop has a significant impact on the  $hbb$  coupling, resulting in an enhanced prediction of  $\text{BR}(h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$ , and is therefore excluded. The observed exclusion range starts at a larger value of  $\tan \beta$  than the expected exclusion range because the observed value of  $\kappa_\gamma$  is larger than one ( $\kappa_\gamma = 1.06^{+0.08}_{-0.07}$ ) [9]). Similar to the  $M_h^{125}(\tilde{\tau})$  scenario, in the  $M_h^{125}(\tilde{\chi})$  scenario, low values of  $m_A$  are excluded due to the suppression of  $\text{BR}(h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$ . In the region with  $\tan \beta < 10$ , the enhancement of electroweakino effects and the absence of a  $\tilde{\tau}$  loop will enhance  $\text{BR}(h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$  but the resulting exclusion is less stringent than that of the  $m_h'$  mass requirement. In the  $M_h^{125}(\text{alignment})$  scenario, the limit of alignment without decoupling is only realized for  $\tan \beta \approx 7$  and  $m_A > 170 \text{ GeV}$ . For larger values of  $m_A$  MSSM couplings are more similar to SM couplings causing the allowed region to open up.

In all four benchmarks the MSSM analysis generally excludes the low  $m_A$  regime for most of the scanned  $\tan \beta$  range, while the requirement  $|m_h' - 125.09| < 3 \text{ GeV}$  helps to exclude the low  $\tan \beta$  range for all scanned values of  $m_A$ , which is not covered by the direct searches for MSSM  $H/A \rightarrow \tau\tau$  [143] and  $H^\pm \rightarrow tb$  [144].

Figure 15 shows the observed and expected 95% CL exclusion limits of the MSSM in the two-dimensional plane of  $m_A$  and  $\tan \beta$  for the  $M_{h,\text{EFT}}^{125}$  and  $M_{h,\text{EFT}}^{125}(\tilde{\chi})$  scenarios. No results of direct searches are available for these benchmarks. No part of the parameter space is excluded by the condition  $|m_h' - 125.09 \text{ GeV}| < 3 \text{ GeV}$  for these benchmarks, as  $m_h' = 125.09 \text{ GeV}$  can be achieved throughout the shown range of ( $m_A, \tan \beta$ ) because of the flexible  $m_{\text{SUSY}}$  scale in these benchmarks.

For both the  $M_{h,\text{EFT}}^{125}$  and  $M_{h,\text{EFT}}^{125}(\tilde{\chi})$  scenarios, the limit at low  $m_A$  is driven by a predicted enhancement in  $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  decays. In the  $M_{h,\text{EFT}}^{125}(\tilde{\chi})$  scenario, the  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  decay is enhanced in the  $\tan \beta \lesssim 1.5$  region due to the presence of light charginos. As the observed coupling of the Higgs boson to photons slightly exceeds the expected value ( $\kappa_\gamma = 1.06^{+0.08}_{-0.07}$ ), the constraint from  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  is less strong than expected.

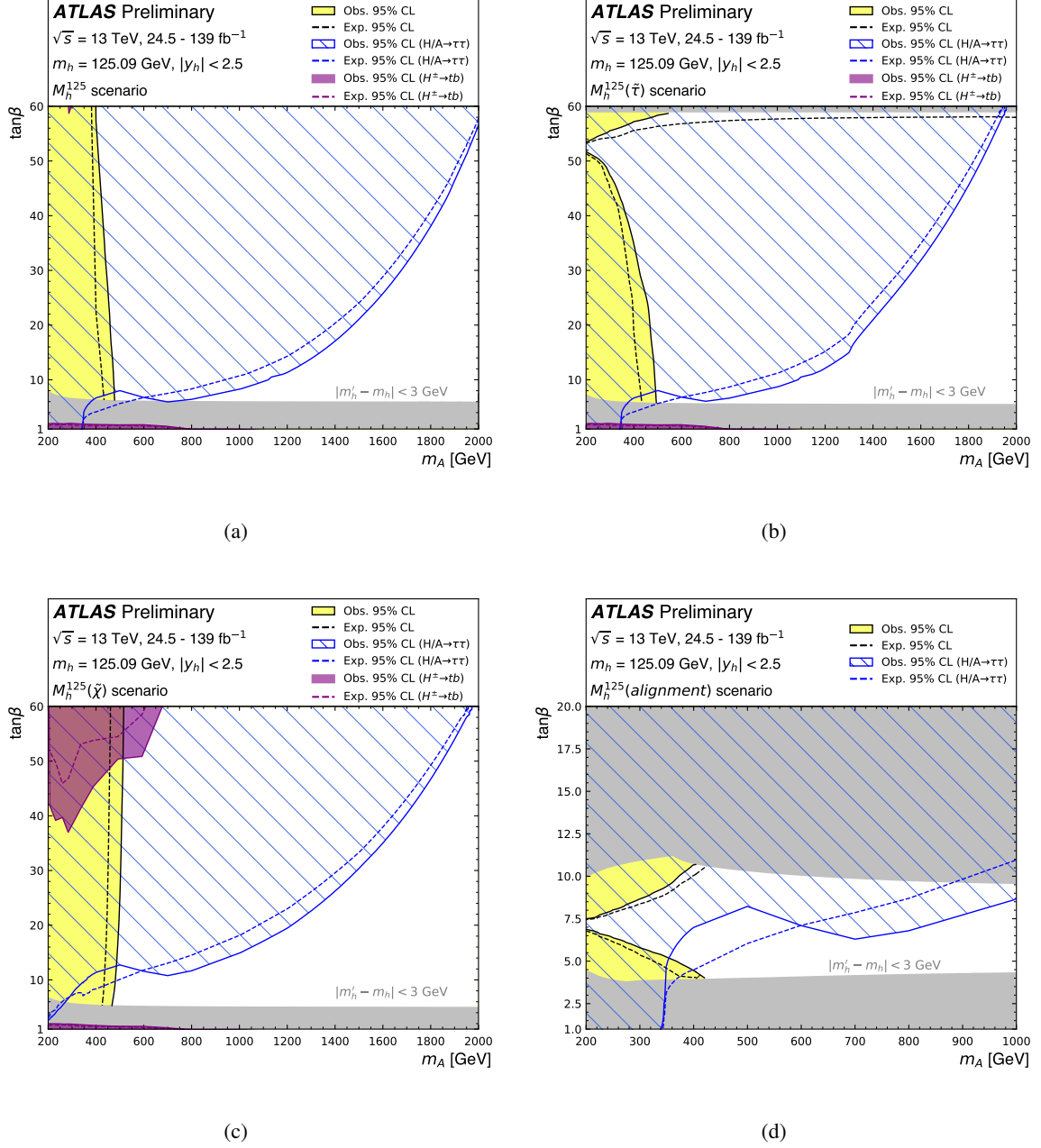


Figure 14: Exclusion contours in the  $(m_A, \tan\beta)$  plane for (a) the  $M_h^{125}$ , (b)  $M_h^{125}(\tilde{\tau})$ , (c)  $M_h^{125}(\tilde{\chi})$  and (d)  $M_h^{125}(\text{alignment})$  scenarios. Observed (solid) and expected (dashed) contours at 95% C.L., defined as  $-2 \ln \Lambda = 5.99$  according to the asymptotic approximation, are shown. The excluded parameter space is marked in yellow. The parameter space excluded by the condition  $|m_h' - 125.09| < 3$  GeV is marked in gray. For comparison, the parameter space excluded by the search for  $H/A \rightarrow \tau\tau$  [143] and for  $H^\pm \rightarrow t\bar{b}$  [144] are overlaid in blue and purple, respectively. For the  $M_h^{125}(\text{alignment})$  scenario no exclusion limits from the search for  $H^\pm \rightarrow t\bar{b}$  exist.

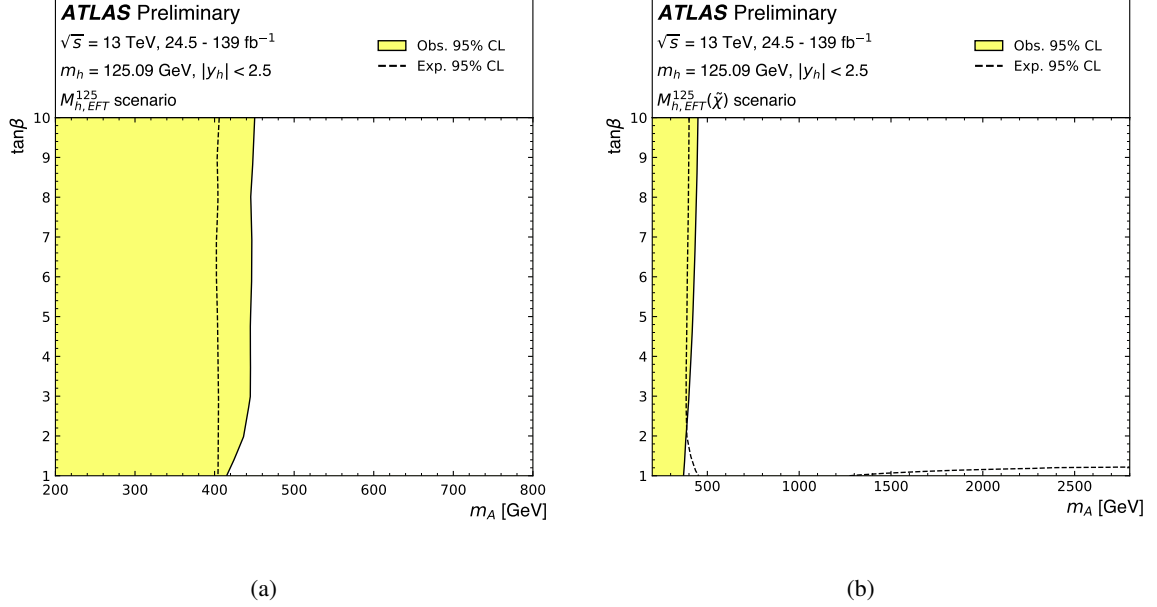


Figure 15: Exclusion contours in the  $(m_A, \tan \beta)$  plane for the (a)  $M_{h,EFT}^{125}$  and (b)  $M_{h,EFT}^{125}(\tilde{\chi})$  scenarios. Observed (solid) and expected (dashed) contours at 95% C.L., defined as  $-2 \ln \Lambda = 5.99$  according to the asymptotic approximation, are shown. The excluded parameter space is marked in yellow.

## 7 Conclusions

Novel interpretations of the combined Higgs boson measurements recently presented by ATLAS have been performed. Constraints on linear combinations of Wilson coefficients corresponding to SM Effective Field Theory operators in the Warsaw basis are reported. In this model-independent parametrization of new physics effects, no significant deviations from the SM have been observed. A comparison of results interpreted with a linearized SMEFT model and a model that also includes quadratic terms shows sizeable sensitivity to operators suppressed by  $\Lambda^4$  in all of the measured parameters. Constraints have also been set on the parameters  $m_A, \tan \beta$  of the MSSM, in the context of six benchmark scenarios proposed by the BSM subgroup of the LHC Higgs Cross-Section WG. These results are complementary to limits from direct searches for additional Higgs bosons.

## A Additional material concerning the EFT interpretation

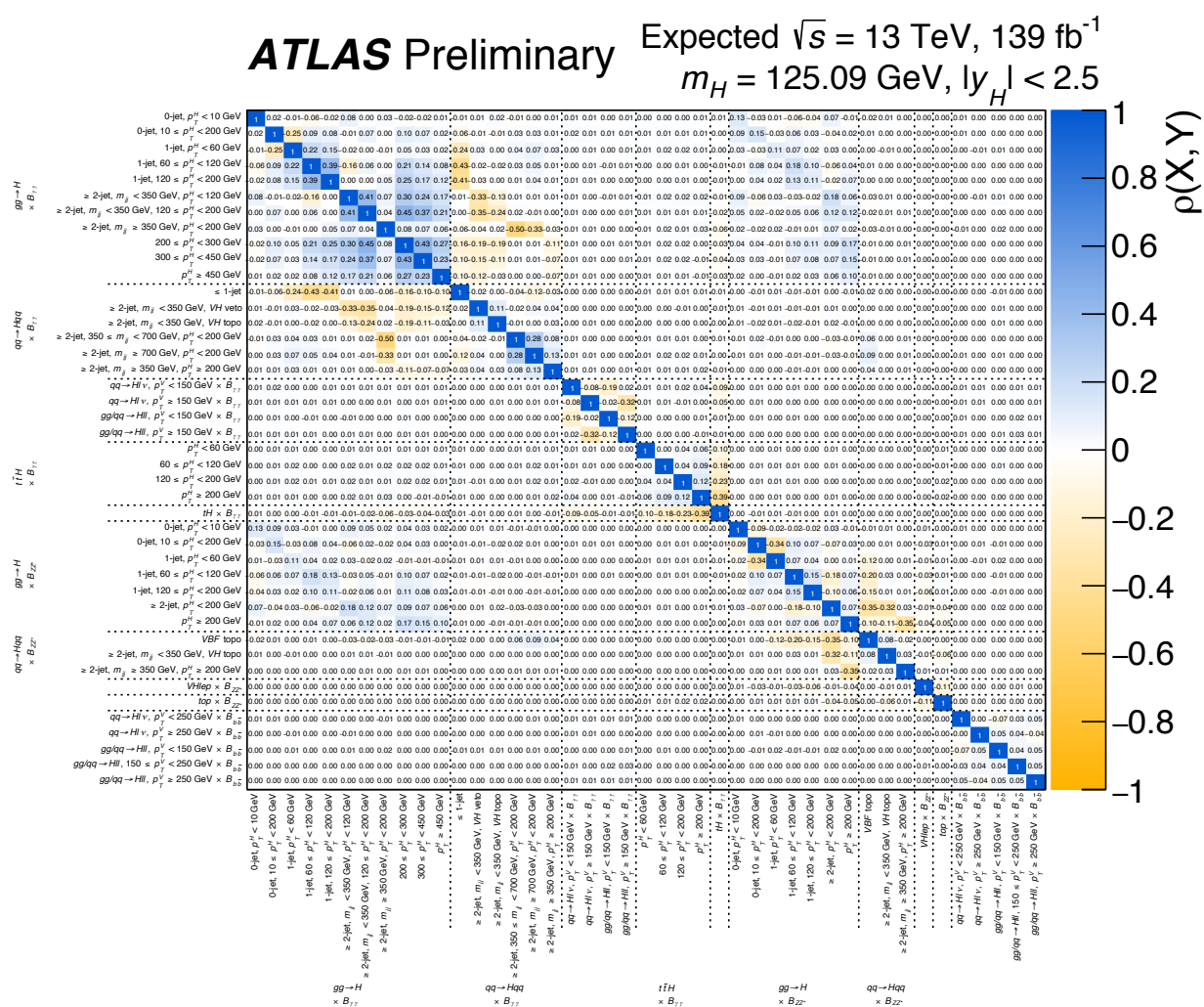


Figure 16: Correlation matrix corresponding to the expected measurements shown in Fig. 1.

Table 8: Eigenvectors of the inverse of the EFT covariance matrix of Eq. (19) with eigenvalues  $> 0.01$ . This eigenvalue limit corresponds to an approximate expected uncertainty on that eigenvector of  $> 10$ .

| No. | Eigenvalue | Eigenvector                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|-----|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1   | 299310     | $-0.02c_W + 0.55c_{HG} - 0.23c_{HW} - 0.70c_{HB} + 0.39c_{HWB} + 0.02c_{uG} - 0.02c_{uW} - 0.04c_{uB}$                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 2   | 121830     | $-0.83c_{HG} - 0.15c_{HW} - 0.47c_{HB} + 0.26c_{HWB} - 0.03c_{uG} - 0.03c_{uB}$                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 3   | 1960       | $0.10c_{HW} + 0.03c_{HWB} - 0.02c_{Hl}^{(3)} - 0.05c_{Hq}^{(1)} + 0.99c_{Hq}^{(3)} + 0.09c_{Hu} - 0.03c_{Hd} + 0.02c_{ll}'$                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 4   | 38         | $+0.03c_{H\Box} + 0.02c_{HDD} + 0.09c_{HB} + 0.15c_{HWB} + 0.02c_{uH} + 0.08c_{uG} - 0.02c_{Hl}^{(1)} - 0.06c_{Hl}^{(3)} - 0.02c_{He} - 0.41c_{Hq}^{(1)} - 0.11c_{Hq}^{(3)} + 0.84c_{Hu} - 0.26c_{Hd} + 0.04c_{ll}'$                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 5   | 19         | $+0.17c_G + 0.07c_{H\Box} + 0.02c_{HG} - 0.19c_{HW} + 0.10c_{HB} + 0.06c_{HWB} - 0.08c_{uH} + 0.06c_{dH} - 0.69c_{uG} + 0.09c_{Hl}^{(1)} - 0.13c_{Hl}^{(3)} - 0.07c_{He} - 0.02c_{Hq}^{(1)} + 0.03c_{Hu} + 0.10c_{ll}' + 0.03c_{qq}^{(1)} + 0.22c_{qq} + 0.05c_{qq}^{(3)} + 0.52c_{qq}^{(31)} + 0.02c_{uu} + 0.23c_{uu}^{(1)} + 0.03c_{ud}^{(8)} + 0.15c_{qu}^{(8)} + 0.03c_{qd}^{(8)}$                                       |
| 6   | 10         | $-0.20c_{H\Box} - 0.02c_{HDD} - 0.57c_{HW} - 0.34c_{HWB} - 0.02c_{uH} - 0.08c_{dH} - 0.04c_{uG} - 0.13c_{Hl}^{(1)} + 0.54c_{Hl}^{(3)} + 0.13c_{He} - 0.10c_{Hq}^{(1)} + 0.08c_{Hq}^{(3)} + 0.08c_{Hu} - 0.02c_{Hd} - 0.40c_{ll}' + 0.02c_{qq} + 0.04c_{qq}^{(31)} + 0.02c_{uu}$                                                                                                                                               |
| 7   | 5.9        | $+0.08c_G - 0.07c_{H\Box} - 0.03c_{HDD} + 0.73c_{HW} - 0.23c_{HB} - 0.11c_{dH} - 0.13c_{uG} - 0.02c_{uW} - 0.03c_{uB} - 0.15c_{Hl}^{(1)} + 0.44c_{Hl}^{(3)} + 0.10c_{He} - 0.07c_{Hq}^{(3)} + 0.08c_{Hu} - 0.02c_{Hd} - 0.25c_{ll}' + 0.09c_{qq} + 0.02c_{qq}^{(3)} + 0.22c_{qq}^{(31)} + 0.10c_{uu} + 0.06c_{qu}^{(8)}$                                                                                                      |
| 8   | 1.1        | $-0.29c_G + 0.04c_{H\Box} - 0.02c_{HDD} + 0.03c_{HG} + 0.08c_{HW} - 0.02c_{HB} - 0.10c_{uH} - 0.68c_{uG} + 0.02c_{Hl}^{(1)} + 0.08c_{Hl}^{(3)} - 0.01c_{He} - 0.02c_{Hq}^{(1)} - 0.01c_{Hq}^{(3)} + 0.04c_{Hu} - 0.02c_{Hd} - 0.03c_{ll}' - 0.04c_{qq}^{(1)} - 0.24c_{qq} - 0.04c_{qq}^{(3)} - 0.52c_{qq}^{(31)} - 0.02c_{uu} - 0.25c_{uu}^{(1)} - 0.03c_{ud}^{(8)} - 0.01c_{qu}^{(1)} - 0.15c_{qu}^{(8)} - 0.03c_{qd}^{(8)}$ |
| 9   | 0.30       | $+0.03c_G - 0.01c_W + 0.06c_{H\Box} - 0.12c_{HDD} + 0.09c_{HW} - 0.41c_{HB} - 0.70c_{HWB} + 0.06c_{uH} - 0.11c_{dH} - 0.05c_{uG} - 0.01c_{uW} - 0.02c_{uB} - 0.37c_{Hl}^{(3)} + 0.16c_{He} - 0.36c_{Hq}^{(1)} - 0.02c_{Hq}^{(3)} - 0.03c_{Hu} + 0.01c_{Hd} + 0.10c_{ll}'$                                                                                                                                                     |
| 10  | 0.16       | $+0.02c_G - 0.02c_W + 0.27c_{H\Box} - 0.04c_{HDD} - 0.09c_{HW} + 0.09c_{HB} + 0.09c_{HWB} + 0.01c_{eH} + 0.08c_{uH} - 0.52c_{dH} - 0.07c_{uG} - 0.01c_{uW} - 0.04c_{uB} - 0.58c_{Hl}^{(1)} - 0.26c_{Hl}^{(3)} + 0.29c_{He} + 0.31c_{Hq}^{(1)} + 0.10c_{Hu} - 0.12c_{ll}' - 0.04c_{qq}^{(3)}$                                                                                                                                  |
| 11  | 0.036      | $+0.22c_G - 0.56c_{H\Box} + 0.19c_{HDD} + 0.01c_{HG} + 0.03c_{HW} + 0.03c_{HB} + 0.07c_{HWB} - 0.02c_{eH} + 0.70c_{uH} + 0.09c_{dH} - 0.16c_{uG} + 0.04c_{uW} - 0.01c_{uB} - 0.06c_{Hl}^{(1)} - 0.18c_{Hl}^{(3)} + 0.09c_{He} + 0.03c_{Hq}^{(1)} - 0.04c_{Hd} - 0.07c_{ll}' + 0.01c_{qq}^{(1)} - 0.01c_{qq} - 0.10c_{qq}^{(3)} - 0.09c_{qq}^{(31)} - 0.02c_{uu} - 0.01c_{ud}^{(8)} - 0.02c_{qu}^{(8)} - 0.01c_{qd}^{(8)}$     |
| 12  | 0.023      | $-0.05c_G + 0.09c_{H\Box} - 0.01c_{HDD} - 0.01c_{HB} - 0.02c_{uH} + 0.01c_{uG} + 0.37c_{uW} + 0.03c_{Hl}^{(1)} + 0.05c_{Hl}^{(3)} - 0.02c_{He} - 0.03c_{Hq}^{(1)} - 0.01c_{Hu} + 0.03c_{ll}' + 0.03c_{qq} - 0.91c_{qq}^{(3)} + 0.08c_{qq}^{(31)} + 0.03c_{uu}^{(1)} + 0.02c_{qu}^{(8)}$                                                                                                                                       |

Table 9: Settings used in the `MADGRAPH5_aMC@NLO` generation. The parameters `drll`, `drjj`, `drbb`, and `drjb` describe the minimum radial difference between two leptons, jets,  $b$ -jets or a jet and a  $b$ -jet. The parameters `ptj`, `ptb`, `ptl`, and `etal` describe the minimum transverse momentum of a jet,  $b$ -jet, lepton, and the maximum pseudorapidity of a lepton.

| Parameter                                                                        | Value                           | Default                      | Comment                                                                                                                     |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>lhaid</code>                                                               | 90400<br>PDF4LHC15_nlo_30_pdfas | 263000<br>NNPDF30_lo_as_0130 | sets $\alpha_s$ to the default value assumed in the PDF fit ( $\alpha_s = 0.118$ for 90400)                                 |
| <code>drll</code> , <code>drjj</code> ,<br><code>drbb</code> , <code>drjb</code> | 0.05                            | 0.4                          | Avoid bias in the selection, minimum value of 0.05 chosen to avoid divergences.                                             |
| <code>ptj</code> , <code>ptb</code>                                              | 20 GeV                          | 20 GeV                       | Chosen to match jet selection of the Rivet routine.                                                                         |
| <code>ptl</code>                                                                 | 0 GeV                           | 10 GeV                       | Cut applied only to charged leptons.                                                                                        |
| <code>etal</code>                                                                | 10                              | 2.5                          | Cut applied only to charged leptons.                                                                                        |
| <code>ktdurham</code>                                                            | 30 GeV                          | X                            | Merging scale for CKKW-L scheme. Recommended to be 1/4 of the relevant scale of the process. Settings propagated to Pythia. |

Table 10: Parametrisation of the  $gg \rightarrow H$  bins with 0- and  $N_{\text{jets}}=1$  selection of the STXS as defined in its stage 1.2 with the parameter definitions of the SMEFTsim model. The numbers are rounded according to their statistical uncertainty. Dimensional quantities are printed in units of GeV.

| Category in $ggH$ $N_{\text{jets}} \leq 1$      | Parametrisation                                                                                               |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| $200 < p_{\text{T}}^H < 300$                    | $0.12c_{H\Box} - 0.030c_{HDD} + 47c_{HG} - 0.122c_{uH} + 1.69c_{uG} - 0.120c_{Hl}^{(3)} + 0.058c'_{ll}$       |
| $300 < p_{\text{T}}^H < 450$                    | $0.12c_{H\Box} - 0.029c_{HDD} + 60c_{HG} - 0.12c_{uH} + 2.1c_{uG} - 0.11c_{Hl}^{(3)} + 0.055c'_{ll}$          |
| $450 < p_{\text{T}}^H < 650$                    | $0.12c_{H\Box} - 0.030c_{HDD} + 70c_{HG} - 0.14c_{uH} + 2.c_{uG} - 0.13c_{Hl}^{(3)} + 0.07c'_{ll}$            |
| $p_{\text{T}}^H > 650$                          | $0.12c_{H\Box} - 0.02c_{HDD} + 200c_{HG} - 0.05c_{uH} + 10c_{uG} - 0.07c_{Hl}^{(3)} + 0.06c'_{ll}$            |
| $N_{\text{jets}}=0, p_{\text{T}}^H < 10$        | $0.12c_{H\Box} - 0.0294c_{HDD} + 42.0c_{HG} - 0.117c_{uH} + 1.59c_{uG} - 0.117c_{Hl}^{(3)} + 0.0587c'_{ll}$   |
| $N_{\text{jets}}=0, p_{\text{T}}^H > 10$        | $0.12c_{H\Box} - 0.0295c_{HDD} + 42.2c_{HG} - 0.1186c_{uH} + 1.62c_{uG} - 0.1182c_{Hl}^{(3)} + 0.0590c'_{ll}$ |
| $N_{\text{jets}}=1, p_{\text{T}}^H < 60$        | $0.12c_{H\Box} - 0.0330c_{HDD} + 44.0c_{HG} - 0.132c_{uH} + 1.60c_{uG} - 0.132c_{Hl}^{(3)} + 0.065c'_{ll}$    |
| $N_{\text{jets}}=1, 60 < p_{\text{T}}^H < 120$  | $0.12c_{H\Box} - 0.0314c_{HDD} + 43.5c_{HG} - 0.125c_{uH} + 1.58c_{uG} - 0.125c_{Hl}^{(3)} + 0.063c'_{ll}$    |
| $N_{\text{jets}}=1, 120 < p_{\text{T}}^H < 200$ | $0.12c_{H\Box} - 0.028c_{HDD} + 44c_{HG} - 0.118c_{uH} + 1.60c_{uG} - 0.112c_{Hl}^{(3)} + 0.058c'_{ll}$       |

Table 11: Parametrisation of the  $gg \rightarrow H$  bins with 2-jet selection of the STXS as defined in its stage 1.2 with the parameter definitions of the SMEFTsim model. The numbers are rounded according to their statistical uncertainty. Dimensional quantities are printed in units of GeV.

| Category in $ggH$ $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2$                                | Parametrisation                                                                                         |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2, m_{jj} < 350, p_T^H < 60$                        | $0.12c_{H\Box} - 0.033c_{HDD} + 46c_{HG} - 0.128c_{uH} + 1.63c_{uG} - 0.132c_{Hl}^{(3)} + 0.065c'_{ll}$ |
| $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2, m_{jj} < 350, 60 < p_T^H < 120$                  | $0.12c_{H\Box} - 0.033c_{HDD} + 47c_{HG} - 0.133c_{uH} + 1.59c_{uG} - 0.130c_{Hl}^{(3)} + 0.065c'_{ll}$ |
| $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2, m_{jj} < 350, 120 < p_T^H < 200$                 | $0.12c_{H\Box} - 0.032c_{HDD} + 46c_{HG} - 0.132c_{uH} + 1.48c_{uG} - 0.130c_{Hl}^{(3)} + 0.066c'_{ll}$ |
| $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2, 350 < m_{jj} < 700, p_T^H < 200, p_T^{Hjj} < 25$ | $0.12c_{H\Box} - 0.038c_{HDD} + 48c_{HG} - 0.16c_{uH} + 1.60c_{uG} - 0.147c_{Hl}^{(3)} + 0.075c'_{ll}$  |
| $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2, 350 < m_{jj} < 700, p_T^H < 200, p_T^{Hjj} > 25$ | $0.12c_{H\Box} - 0.033c_{HDD} + 42c_{HG} - 0.131c_{uH} + 1.43c_{uG} - 0.124c_{Hl}^{(3)} + 0.064c'_{ll}$ |
| $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2, m_{jj} > 700, p_T^H < 200, p_T^{Hjj} < 25$       | $0.12c_{H\Box} - 0.033c_{HDD} + 50c_{HG} - 0.14c_{uH} + 1.60c_{uG} - 0.13c_{Hl}^{(3)} + 0.068c'_{ll}$   |
| $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2, m_{jj} > 700, p_T^H < 200, p_T^{Hjj} > 25$       | $0.12c_{H\Box} - 0.030c_{HDD} + 44c_{HG} - 0.13c_{uH} + 1.4c_{uG} - 0.13c_{Hl}^{(3)} + 0.061c'_{ll}$    |

Table 12: Parametrisation of the  $gg \rightarrow H\ell\ell$  bins of the STXS as defined in its stage 1.2 with the parameters definition of the SMEFTsim model. The numbers are rounded according to their statistical uncertainty. Dimensional quantities are printed in units of GeV.

| Category in $gg \rightarrow H\ell\ell$        | Parametrisation                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| $p_T^V < 75$                                  | $0.12c_{H\Box} - 0.0057c_{HDD} + 0.0090c_{HWB} + 0.0454c_{uH} + 0.309c_{uG} - 0.0102c_{Hl}^{(1)} - 0.283c_{Hl}^{(3)} - 0.0231c_{He} - 0.827c_{Hq}^{(1)} - 0.289c_{Hq}^{(3)} + 0.246c_{Hu} + 0.296c_{Hd} + 0.218c'_{ll}$ |
| $75 < p_T^V < 150$                            | $0.12c_{H\Box} - 0.0015c_{HDD} + 0.0088c_{HWB} + 0.0542c_{uH} + 0.387c_{uG} - 0.0103c_{Hl}^{(1)} - 0.284c_{Hl}^{(3)} - 0.0235c_{He} - 0.698c_{Hq}^{(1)} - 0.250c_{Hq}^{(3)} + 0.199c_{Hu} + 0.257c_{Hd} + 0.220c'_{ll}$ |
| $150 < p_T^V < 250, N_{\text{jets}} = 0$      | $0.12c_{H\Box} + 0.020c_{HDD} + 0.008c_{HWB} + 0.100c_{uH} + 0.539c_{uG} - 0.0104c_{Hl}^{(1)} - 0.287c_{Hl}^{(3)} - 0.0236c_{He} - 0.499c_{Hq}^{(1)} - 0.199c_{Hq}^{(3)} + 0.105c_{Hu} + 0.205c_{Hd} + 0.223c'_{ll}$    |
| $150 < p_T^V < 250, \geq N_{\text{jets}} = 1$ | $0.12c_{H\Box} + 0.0142c_{HDD} + 0.0084c_{HWB} + 0.0851c_{uH} + 0.491c_{uG} - 0.0103c_{Hl}^{(1)} - 0.284c_{Hl}^{(3)} - 0.0233c_{He} - 0.552c_{Hq}^{(1)} - 0.212c_{Hq}^{(3)} + 0.131c_{Hu} + 0.219c_{Hd} + 0.219c'_{ll}$ |
| $p_T^V > 250$                                 | $0.12c_{H\Box} + 0.050c_{HDD} + 0.0091c_{HWB} + 0.163c_{uH} + 0.680c_{uG} - 0.0108c_{Hl}^{(1)} - 0.286c_{Hl}^{(3)} - 0.0240c_{He} - 0.352c_{Hq}^{(1)} - 0.171c_{Hq}^{(3)} + 0.020c_{Hu} + 0.177c_{Hd} + 0.221c'_{ll}$   |

Table 13: Parametrisation of the  $qq \rightarrow Hqq$  bins of the STXS as defined in its stage 1.2 with the parameter definitions of the SMEFTsim model. The numbers are rounded according to their statistical uncertainty. Dimensional quantities are printed in units of GeV.

| Category in $qq \rightarrow Hqq$                                        | Parametrisation                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| $N_{\text{jets}}=0$                                                     | $0.12c_{H\Box} - 0.011c_{HDD} + 0.32c_{HW} + 0.008c_{HB} + 0.048c_{HWB} -$<br>$0.36c_{Hl}^{(3)} + 0.46c_{Hq}^{(3)} + 0.027c_{Hu} - 0.0125c_{Hd} + 0.18c'_{ll}$                                  |
| $N_{\text{jets}}=1$                                                     | $0.12c_{H\Box} - 0.0111c_{HDD} + 0.187c_{HW} + 0.0063c_{HB} + 0.047c_{HWB} -$<br>$0.368c_{Hl}^{(3)} + 0.003c_{Hq}^{(1)} + 0.39c_{Hq}^{(3)} + 0.0278c_{Hu} - 0.0113c_{Hd} +$<br>$0.183c'_{ll}$   |
| $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2m_{jj} < 60$                                     | $0.12c_{H\Box} - 0.011c_{HDD} + 0.38c_{HW} + 0.012c_{HB} + 0.060c_{HWB} -$<br>$0.36c_{Hl}^{(3)} + 0.94c_{Hq}^{(3)} + 0.055c_{Hu} - 0.022c_{Hd} + 0.178c'_{ll}$                                  |
| $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 260 < m_{jj} < 120$                               | $0.12c_{H\Box} - 0.0072c_{HDD} + 0.638c_{HW} + 0.0230c_{HB} + 0.100c_{HWB} -$<br>$0.364c_{Hl}^{(3)} - 0.015c_{Hq}^{(1)} + 2.07c_{Hq}^{(3)} + 0.152c_{Hu} - 0.0593c_{Hd} +$<br>$0.181c'_{ll}$    |
| $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2120 < m_{jj} < 350$                              | $0.12c_{H\Box} - 0.0099c_{HDD} - 0.021c_{HW} + 0.0017c_{HB} + 0.0368c_{HWB} -$<br>$0.363c_{Hl}^{(3)} - 0.003c_{Hq}^{(1)} - 0.155c_{Hq}^{(3)} - 0.0038c_{Hu} + 0.0022c_{Hd} +$<br>$0.181c'_{ll}$ |
| $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2m_{jj} > 350, p_T^H > 200$                       | $0.12c_{H\Box} - 0.0072c_{HDD} + 0.188c_{HW} - 0.0012c_{HB} + 0.038c_{HWB} -$<br>$0.362c_{Hl}^{(3)} + 0.047c_{Hq}^{(1)} - 1.33c_{Hq}^{(3)} - 0.095c_{Hu} + 0.0314c_{Hd} +$<br>$0.181c'_{ll}$    |
| $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2350 < m_{jj} < 700, p_T^H < 200, p_T^{Hjj} < 25$ | $0.12c_{H\Box} - 0.0110c_{HDD} - 0.134c_{HW} - 0.0014c_{HB} + 0.0234c_{HWB} -$<br>$0.368c_{Hl}^{(3)} - 0.371c_{Hq}^{(3)} - 0.0203c_{Hu} + 0.0084c_{Hd} + 0.184c'_{ll}$                          |
| $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2350 < m_{jj} < 700, p_T^H < 200, p_T^{Hjj} > 25$ | $0.12c_{H\Box} - 0.0101c_{HDD} - 0.143c_{HW} + 0.027c_{HWB} - 0.358c_{Hl}^{(3)} +$<br>$0.002c_{Hq}^{(1)} - 0.38c_{Hq}^{(3)} - 0.0204c_{Hu} + 0.0081c_{Hd} + 0.183c'_{ll}$                       |
| $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2m_{jj} > 700, p_T^H < 200, p_T^{Hjj} < 25$       | $0.12c_{H\Box} - 0.0101c_{HDD} - 0.117c_{HW} - 0.0016c_{HB} + 0.0231c_{HWB} -$<br>$0.365c_{Hl}^{(3)} + 0.010c_{Hq}^{(1)} - 0.364c_{Hq}^{(3)} - 0.0216c_{Hu} + 0.0074c_{Hd} +$<br>$0.182c'_{ll}$ |
| $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2m_{jj} > 700, p_T^H < 200, p_T^{Hjj} > 25$       | $0.12c_{H\Box} - 0.0096c_{HDD} - 0.168c_{HW} + 0.023c_{HWB} - 0.361c_{Hl}^{(3)} +$<br>$0.015c_{Hq}^{(1)} - 0.442c_{Hq}^{(3)} - 0.0282c_{Hu} + 0.0091c_{Hd} + 0.180c'_{ll}$                      |

Table 14: Parametrisation of the leptonic  $qq/qg \rightarrow VH$  bins of the STXS as defined in its stage 1.2 with the parameter definitions of the SMEFTsim model. The numbers are rounded according to their statistical uncertainty. Dimensional quantities are printed in units of GeV.

| Category in $qq \rightarrow H\ell\nu$       | Parametrisation                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| $p_T^V < 75$                                | $0.12c_{H\Box} - 0.0304c_{HDD} + 0.813c_{HW} - 0.241c_{Hl}^{(3)} + 1.142c_{Hq}^{(3)} + 0.183c'_{ll}$                                                                                                                   |
| $75 < p_T^V < 150$                          | $0.12c_{H\Box} - 0.0304c_{HDD} + 0.946c_{HW} - 0.244c_{Hl}^{(3)} + 1.90c_{Hq}^{(3)} + 0.183c'_{ll}$                                                                                                                    |
| $150 < p_T^V < 250, N_{\text{jets}}=0$      | $0.12c_{H\Box} - 0.0312c_{HDD} + 1.06c_{HW} - 0.247c_{Hl}^{(3)} + 4.07c_{Hq}^{(3)} + 0.187c'_{ll}$                                                                                                                     |
| $150 < p_T^V < 250, N_{\text{jets}} \geq 1$ | $0.12c_{H\Box} - 0.0307c_{HDD} + 1.08c_{HW} - 0.239c_{Hl}^{(3)} + 3.58c_{Hq}^{(3)} + 0.180c'_{ll}$                                                                                                                     |
| $p_T^V > 250$                               | $0.12c_{H\Box} - 0.0282c_{HDD} + 1.07c_{HW} - 0.228c_{Hl}^{(3)} + 10.6c_{Hq}^{(3)} + 0.170c'_{ll}$                                                                                                                     |
| Category in $qq \rightarrow H\ell\ell$      | Parametrisation                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| $p_T^V < 75$                                | $0.12c_{H\Box} + 0.0129c_{HDD} + 0.665c_{HW} + 0.0835c_{HB} + 0.303c_{HWB} - 0.0362c_{Hl}^{(1)} - 0.241c_{Hl}^{(3)} - 0.0359c_{He} + 0.029c_{Hq}^{(1)} + 1.27c_{Hq}^{(3)} + 0.245c_{Hu} - 0.1064c_{Hd} + 0.183c'_{ll}$ |
| $p_T^V < 150$                               | $0.12c_{H\Box} + 0.0128c_{HDD} + 0.771c_{HW} + 0.092c_{HB} + 0.341c_{HWB} - 0.0360c_{Hl}^{(1)} - 0.238c_{Hl}^{(3)} - 0.0362c_{He} + 0.01c_{Hq}^{(1)} + 1.80c_{Hq}^{(3)} + 0.403c_{Hu} - 0.166c_{Hd} + 0.182c'_{ll}$    |
| $p_T^V < 250, N_{\text{jets}}=0$            | $0.12c_{H\Box} + 0.013c_{HDD} + 0.86c_{HW} + 0.103c_{HB} + 0.366c_{HWB} - 0.035c_{Hl}^{(1)} - 0.232c_{Hl}^{(3)} - 0.0358c_{He} - 0.12c_{Hq}^{(1)} + 3.63c_{Hq}^{(3)} + 0.87c_{Hu} - 0.323c_{Hd} + 0.177c'_{ll}$        |
| $p_T^V < 250, N_{\text{jets}} \geq 1$       | $0.12c_{H\Box} + 0.013c_{HDD} + 0.85c_{HW} + 0.102c_{HB} + 0.373c_{HWB} - 0.036c_{Hl}^{(1)} - 0.230c_{Hl}^{(3)} - 0.0367c_{He} - 0.10c_{Hq}^{(1)} + 3.19c_{Hq}^{(3)} + 0.77c_{Hu} - 0.282c_{Hd} + 0.177c'_{ll}$        |
| $p_T^V > 250$                               | $0.12c_{H\Box} + 0.010c_{HDD} + 0.88c_{HW} + 0.135c_{HB} + 0.41c_{HWB} - 0.037c_{Hl}^{(1)} - 0.234c_{Hl}^{(3)} - 0.036c_{He} - 1.12c_{Hq}^{(1)} + 9.9c_{Hq}^{(3)} + 2.51c_{Hu} - 0.81c_{Hd} + 0.181c'_{ll}$            |

Table 15: Parametrisation of the  $t\bar{t}H$  and  $tH$  bins of the STXS as defined in its stage 1.2 with the parameter definitions of the SMEFTsim model. The numbers are rounded according to their statistical uncertainty. No new physics is considered in the top quark decay. Dimensional quantities are printed in units of GeV.

| Category in $t\bar{t}H$ or $tH$ | Parametrisation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| $p_T^H < 60$                    | $0.021c_G + 0.12c_{H\Box} - 0.0301c_{HDD} + 0.411c_{HG} - 0.121c_{uH} -$<br>$0.764c_{uG} - 0.004c_{uW} - 0.0015c_{uB} - 0.121c_{Hl}^{(3)} + 0.0031c_{Hq}^{(3)} +$<br>$0.0612c_{ll}' + 0.0154c_{qq}^{(1)} + 0.121c_{qq}^{(1)}1 + 0.0142c_{qq}^{(3)} + 0.299c_{qq}^{(31)} +$<br>$0.0088c_{uu}^{(+)}0.128c_{uu}^{(1)} - 0.0015c_{ud}^{(1)} + 0.0213c_{ud}^{(8)} + 0.0056c_{qu}^{(1)} +$<br>$0.082c_{qu}^{(8)} - 0.001c_{qd}^{(1)} + 0.0215c_{qd}^{(8)}$                                                                            |
| $60 < p_T^H < 120$              | $0.061c_G + 0.12c_{H\Box} - 0.0286c_{HDD} + 0.450c_{HG} - 0.1149c_{uH} -$<br>$0.790c_{uG} - 0.005c_{uW} - 0.0017c_{uB} - 0.1151c_{Hl}^{(3)} + 0.0032c_{Hq}^{(3)} +$<br>$0.0574c_{ll}' + 0.0183c_{qq}^{(1)} + 0.138c_{qq}^{(1)}1 + 0.0175c_{qq}^{(3)} + 0.340c_{qq}^{(31)} +$<br>$0.0104c_{uu}^{(+)}0.147c_{uu}^{(1)} - 0.0017c_{ud}^{(1)} + 0.0244c_{ud}^{(8)} + 0.0066c_{qu}^{(1)} +$<br>$0.0968c_{qu}^{(8)} - 0.001c_{qd}^{(1)} + 0.0243c_{qd}^{(8)}$                                                                         |
| $120 < p_T^H < 200$             | $0.152c_G + 0.12c_{H\Box} - 0.0282c_{HDD} + 0.553c_{HG} + 0.0013c_{HW} -$<br>$0.113c_{uH} - 0.890c_{uG} - 0.007c_{uW} - 0.002c_{uB} - 0.114c_{Hl}^{(3)} +$<br>$0.0045c_{Hq}^{(3)} + 0.0569c_{ll}' + 0.0282c_{qq}^{(1)} + 0.202c_{qq}^{(1)}1 + 0.0275c_{qq}^{(3)} +$<br>$0.493c_{qq}^{(31)} + 0.0156c_{uu}^{(+)}0.217c_{uu}^{(1)} - 0.0025c_{ud}^{(1)} + 0.0347c_{ud}^{(8)} +$<br>$0.0097c_{qu}^{(1)} + 0.138c_{qu}^{(8)} - 0.0016c_{qd}^{(1)} + 0.0345c_{qd}^{(8)}$                                                             |
| $200 < p_T^H < 300$             | $0.311c_G + 0.12c_{H\Box} - 0.0277c_{HDD} + 0.68c_{HG} + 0.002c_{HW} -$<br>$0.001c_{HWB} - 0.112c_{uH} - 0.97c_{uG} - 0.0105c_{uW} - 0.003c_{uB} -$<br>$0.114c_{Hl}^{(3)} - 0.0015c_{Hq}^{(1)} + 0.0091c_{Hq}^{(3)} + 0.0569c_{ll}' + 0.0493c_{qq}^{(1)} +$<br>$0.336c_{qq}^{(1)}1 + 0.0484c_{qq}^{(3)} + 0.82c_{qq}^{(31)} + 0.0268c_{uu}^{(+)}0.358c_{uu}^{(1)} -$<br>$0.0042c_{ud}^{(1)} + 0.0545c_{ud}^{(8)} + 0.0159c_{qu}^{(1)} + 0.228c_{qu}^{(8)} - 0.0025c_{qd}^{(1)} +$<br>$0.0541c_{qd}^{(8)}$                       |
| $p_T^H > 300$                   | $0.58c_G + 0.12c_{H\Box} - 0.0276c_{HDD} + 0.84c_{HG} + 0.003c_{HW} -$<br>$0.001c_{HWB} - 0.110c_{uH} - 1.04c_{uG} - 0.0186c_{uW} - 0.0068c_{uB} -$<br>$0.112c_{Hl}^{(3)} - 0.0105c_{Hq}^{(1)} + 0.0503c_{Hq}^{(3)} + 0.0110c_{Hu} - 0.0032c_{Hd} +$<br>$0.056c_{ll}' + 0.120c_{qq}^{(1)} + 0.75c_{qq}^{(1)}1 + 0.122c_{qq}^{(3)} + 1.70c_{qq}^{(31)} +$<br>$0.064c_{uu}^{(+)}0.78c_{uu}^{(1)} - 0.0091c_{ud}^{(1)} + 0.110c_{ud}^{(8)} + 0.0344c_{qu}^{(1)} +$<br>$0.497c_{qu}^{(8)} - 0.0045c_{qd}^{(1)} + 0.111c_{qd}^{(8)}$ |
| $tH$                            | $0.12c_{H\Box} - 0.0272c_{HDD} + 0.254c_{HG} + 0.1808c_{HW} - 0.0764c_{uH} -$<br>$0.119c_{uG} - 0.170c_{uW} - 0.2679c_{Hl}^{(3)} + 0.319c_{Hq}^{(3)} + 0.1341c_{ll}' +$<br>$0.418c_{qq}^{(3)}$                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

Table 16: Interference term parametrisation of the decay widths of the considered Higgs boson decays as well as for the total Higgs boson width. Only terms with  $\left(\frac{\Gamma_{\text{int}}}{\Gamma_{\text{SM}}}\right)_i > 0.001\% c_i$  are considered. Dimensional quantities are printed in units of GeV.

| Channel                                | $\Gamma_{\text{int}}/\Gamma_{\text{SM}}$                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$           | $-40.15c_{HB} - 13.08c_{HW} + 22.4c_{HWB} - 0.9463c_W + 0.12c_{H\Box} - 0.2417c_{HDD} + 0.03447c_{uH} - 1.151c_{uW} - 2.150c_{uB} - 0.3637c_{Hl}^{(3)} + 0.1819c'_{ll}$                                                                        |
| $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4\ell$ | $0.12c_{H\Box} + 0.005c_{HDD} - 0.296c_{HW} - 0.197c_{HB} + 0.296c_{HWB} + 0.126c_{Hl}^{(1)} - 0.234c_{Hl}^{(3)} - 0.101c_{He} + 0.181c'_{ll}$                                                                                                 |
| $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ (VH)          | $0.12c_{H\Box} - 0.030c_{HDD} - 0.121c_{dH} - 0.121c_{Hl}^{(3)} + 0.061c'_{ll}$                                                                                                                                                                |
| Total                                  | $-0.001c_W + 0.12c_{H\Box} - 0.030c_{HDD} + 1.362c_{HG} - 0.048c_{HW} - 0.049c_{HB} + 0.046c_{HWB} - 0.005c_{eH} - 0.012c_{uH} - 0.085c_{dH} + 0.051c_{uG} - 0.002c_{uW} - 0.003c_{uB} - 0.150c_{Hl}^{(3)} + 0.013c_{Hq}^{(3)} + 0.079c'_{ll}$ |

Table 17: Definition of the most relevant EFT operators impacting the Higgs boson production and decay in the considered phase space together with examples of diagrams in which they play a role.

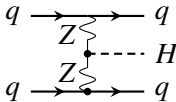
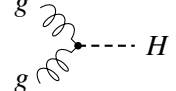
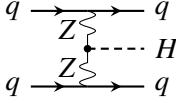
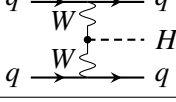
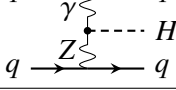
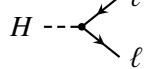
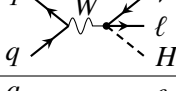
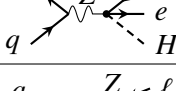
| Coefficient    | Operator                                                                        | Example process                                                                      |
|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| $c_{HDD}$      | $(H^\dagger D^\mu H)^* (H^\dagger D_\mu H)$                                     |    |
| $c_{HG}$       | $H^\dagger H G_{\mu\nu}^A G^{A\mu\nu}$                                          |    |
| $c_{HB}$       | $H^\dagger H B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}$                                             |    |
| $c_{HW}$       | $H^\dagger H W_{\mu\nu}^I W^{I\mu\nu}$                                          |    |
| $c_{HWB}$      | $H^\dagger \tau^I H W_{\mu\nu}^I B^{\mu\nu}$                                    |   |
| $c_{eH}$       | $(H^\dagger H)(\bar{l}_p e_r H)$                                                |  |
| $c_{Hl}^{(1)}$ | $(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H)(\bar{l}_p \gamma^\mu l_r)$          |  |
| $c_{Hl}^{(3)}$ | $(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu^I H)(\bar{l}_p \tau^I \gamma^\mu l_r)$ |  |
| $c_{He}$       | $(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H)(\bar{e}_p \gamma^\mu e_r)$          |  |
| $c_{Hq}^{(1)}$ | $(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H)(\bar{q}_p \gamma^\mu q_r)$          |  |
| $c_{Hq}^{(3)}$ | $(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu^I H)(\bar{q}_p \tau^I \gamma^\mu q_r)$ |  |
| $c_{Hu}$       | $(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H)(\bar{u}_p \gamma^\mu u_r)$          |  |
| $c_{Hd}$       | $(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H)(\bar{d}_p \gamma^\mu d_r)$          |  |

Table 18: Definition of the most relevant EFT operators impacting the Higgs boson production and decay in the considered phase space together with examples of diagrams in which they play a role.

| Coefficient     | Operator                                                             | Example process |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| $c_{uG}$        | $(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} T^A u_r) \tilde{H} G_{\mu\nu}^A$         |                 |
| $c_{uW}$        | $(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_r) \tau^I \tilde{H} W_{\mu\nu}^I$      |                 |
| $c_{uB}$        | $(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_r) \tilde{H} B_{\mu\nu}$               |                 |
| $c_{qq}^{(1)}$  | $(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu q_t)(\bar{q}_r \gamma^\mu q_s)$               |                 |
| $c_{qq}^{(3)}$  | $(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu \tau^I q_r)(\bar{q}_s \gamma^\mu \tau^I q_t)$ |                 |
| $c_{qq}$        | $(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu q_t)(\bar{q}_r \gamma^\mu q_s)$               |                 |
| $c_{qq}^{(31)}$ | $(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu \tau^I q_t)(\bar{q}_r \gamma^\mu \tau^I q_s)$ |                 |
| $c_{uu}$        | $(\bar{u}_p \gamma_\mu u_r)(\bar{u}_s \gamma^\mu u_t)$               |                 |
| $c_{uu}^{(1)}$  | $(\bar{u}_p \gamma_\mu u_t)(\bar{u}_r \gamma^\mu u_s)$               |                 |
| $c_{qu}^{(1)}$  | $(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu q_t)(\bar{u}_r \gamma^\mu u_s)$               |                 |
| $c_{ud}^{(8)}$  | $(\bar{u}_p \gamma_\mu T^A u_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu T^A d_t)$       |                 |
| $c_{qu}^{(8)}$  | $(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu T^A q_r)(\bar{u}_s \gamma^\mu T^A u_t)$       |                 |
| $c_{qd}^{(8)}$  | $(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu T^A q_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu T^A d_t)$       |                 |
| $c_G$           | $f^{ABC} G_\mu^{A\nu} G_\nu^{B\rho} G_\rho^{C\mu}$                   |                 |

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