

# Collider Physics - Chapter 5b

## LHC – Higgs discovery

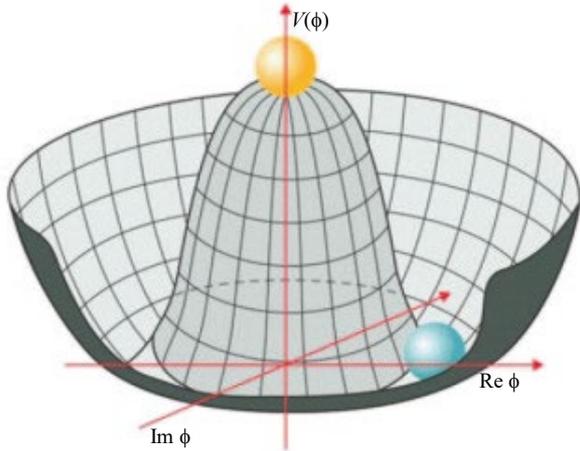


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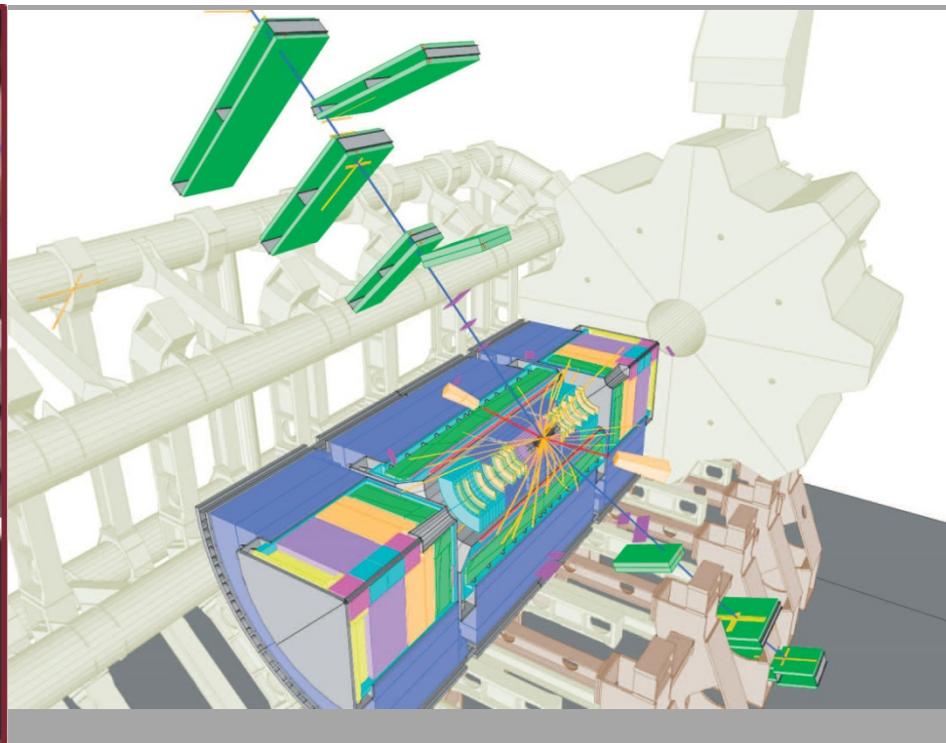
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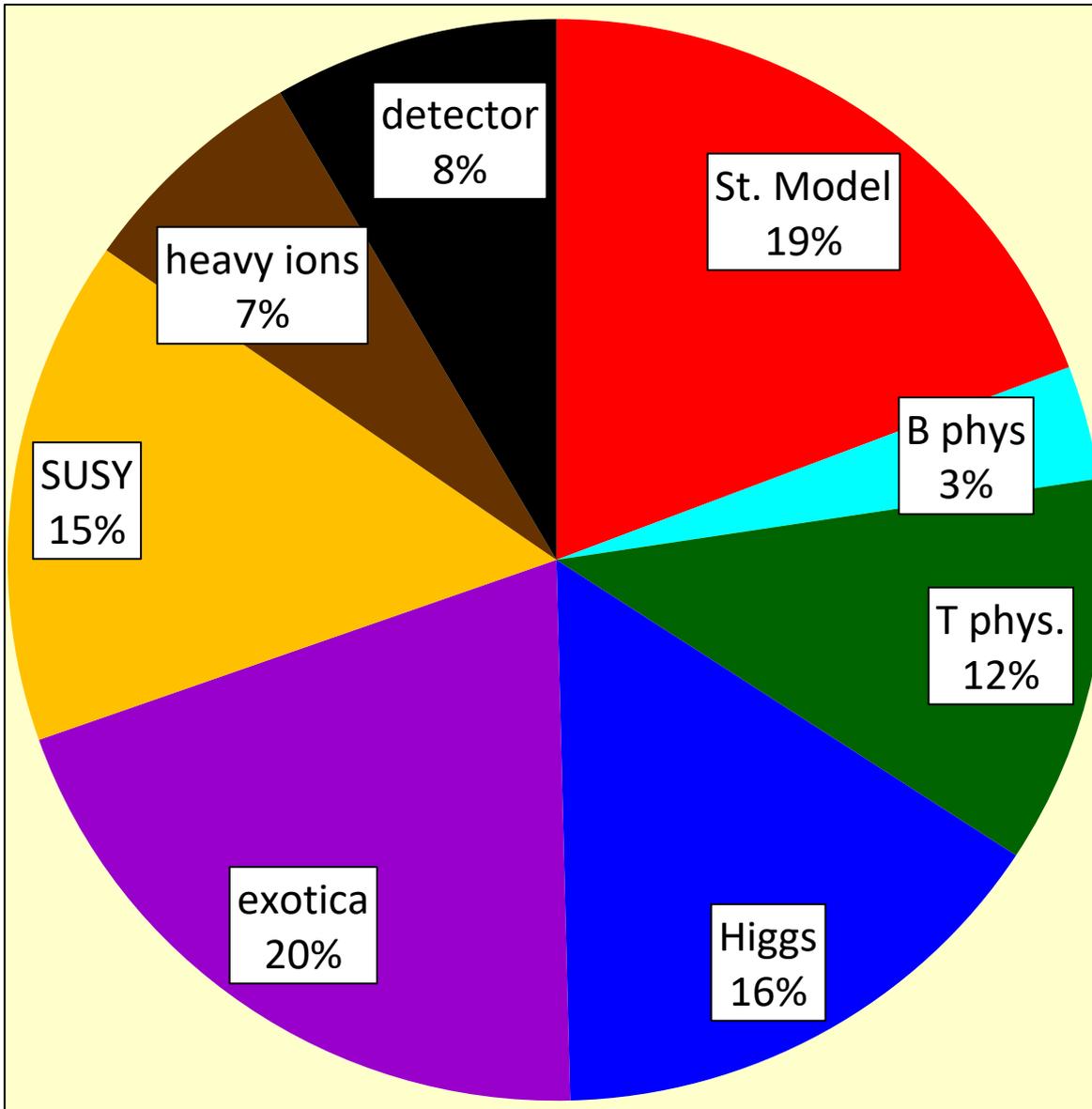
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# 5 – LHC – Higgs discovery



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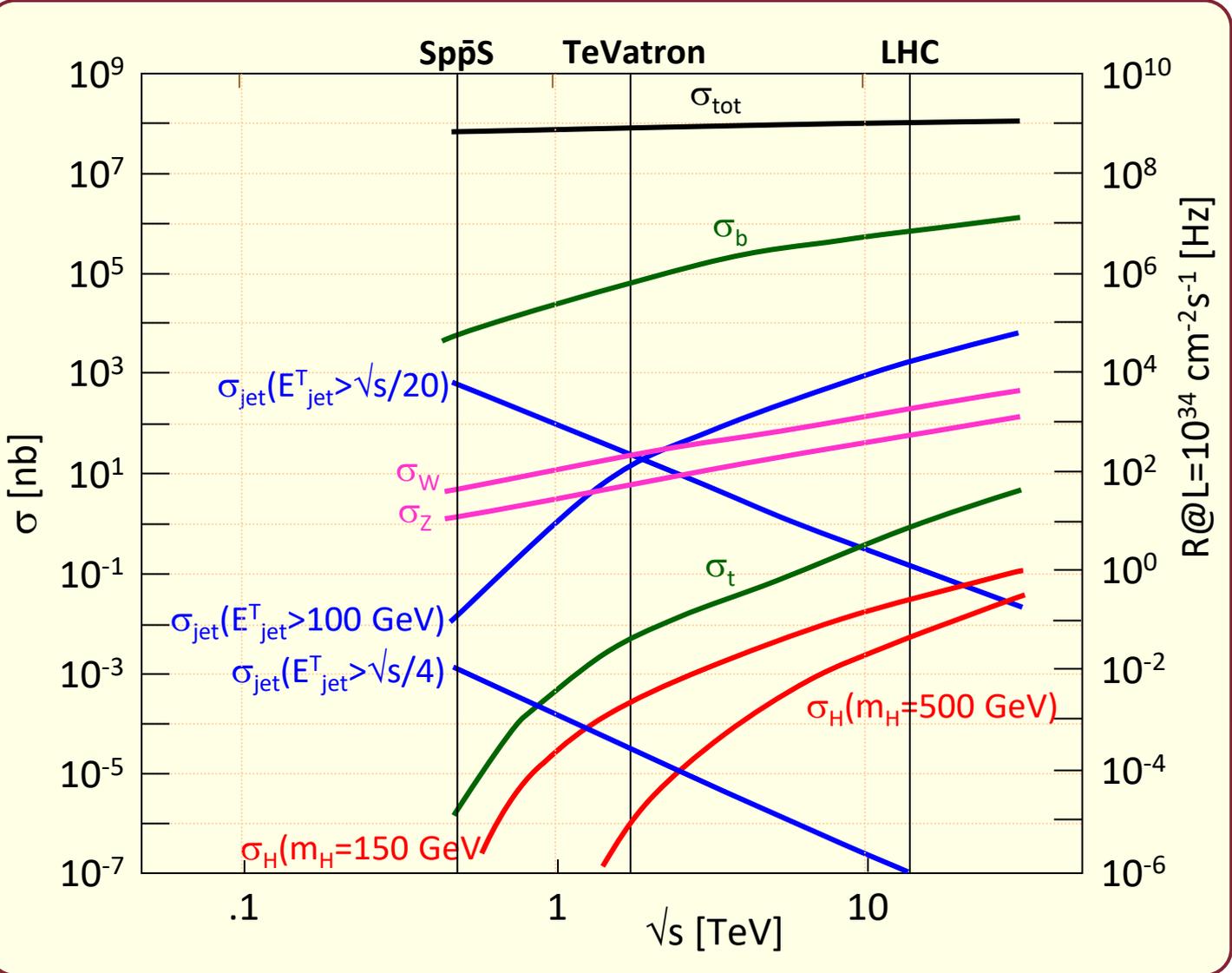


## ATLAS < April 2021

- ~ 1000 papers;
- > 100 papers/year;
- [arbitrarily] divided into 8 subjects;
- bSM searches >  $\frac{1}{3}$ ;
- in the future [*probably*]:
  - slower rate (dominated by stat + sys.);
  - more bSM.

[NB too boring to repeat it for CMS, but must be very similar]

# LHC processes



- few examples only;
- only show the results;
- no unfair comparison ATLAS ↔ CMS;
- analyses in progress, no attempt to follow the frequent updates.

NB. Sp̄pS and Tevatron are  $\bar{p}p$ , LHC is  $pp$ . However, no difference within the accuracy of this plot.



## Conclusions: Executive Summary

The LHC leaves us with the deepest mathematical pb:

Dissertori, ECFA '13

$$\infty \cdot 0 = ?$$

number of already performed BSM searches

number of significant/interesting/exciting deviations from SM predictions

general state of (our) mind (?)

they thought it is a joke, really

Understanding the scalar sector of the SM will help us grasping what lays beyond the SM

# LHC results: jet spectrum

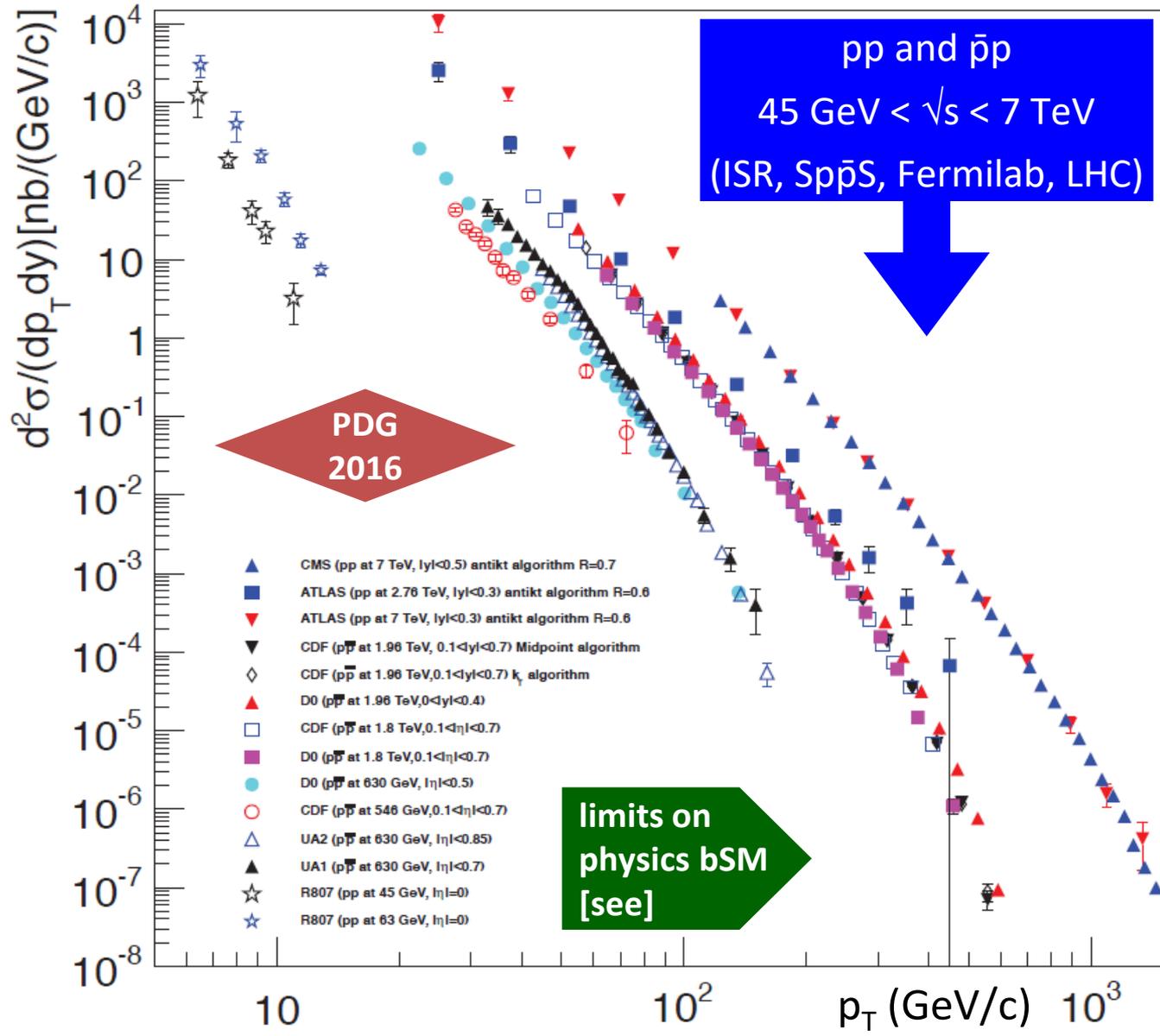
## "Simple" explanation:

Inclusive differential jet cross sections, in the central rapidity region, plotted as a function of the jet transverse momentum.

Results earlier than from the Tevatron Run 2 used transverse energy rather than transverse momentum and pseudo-rapidity  $\eta$  rather than rapidity  $y$ , but  $p_T$  and  $y$  are used for all results shown here for simplicity. The error bars plotted are in most cases the experimental stat. and syst. errors added in quadrature.

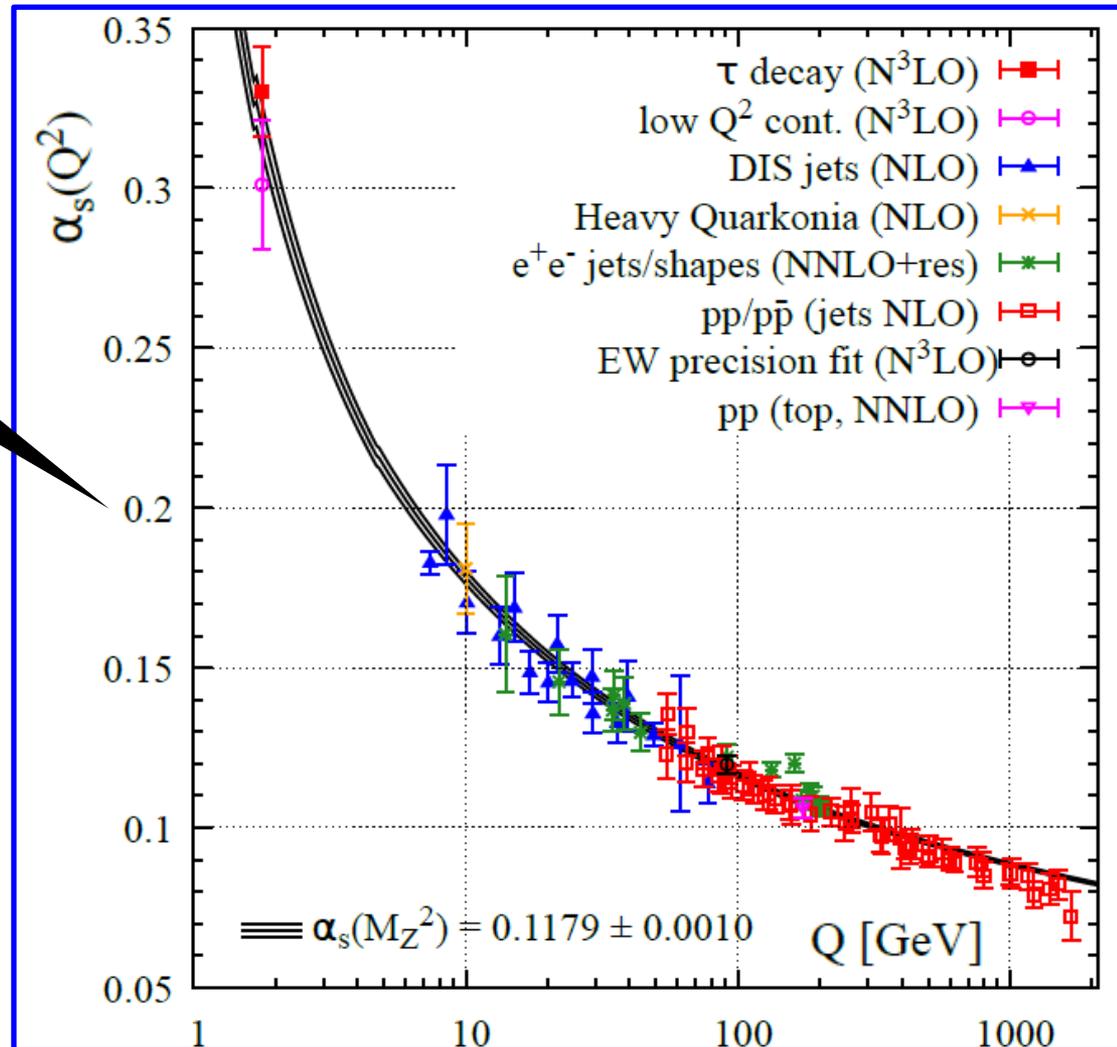
The CDF and D0 measurements use jet sizes of 0.7 (JetClu for CDF Run 1, and Midpoint and kT for CDF Run 2, a cone algorithm for D0 in Run 1 and the Midpoint algorithm in Run 2). The ATLAS results are plotted for the antiK algorithm for  $R=0.4$ , while the CMS results also use antiK, but with  $R=0.5$ . NLO QCD predictions in general provide a good description of the Tevatron and LHC data; the Tevatron jet data in fact are crucial components of global PDF fits, and the LHC data are starting to be used as well.

Comparisons with the older cross sections are more difficult due to the nature of the jet algorithms used.



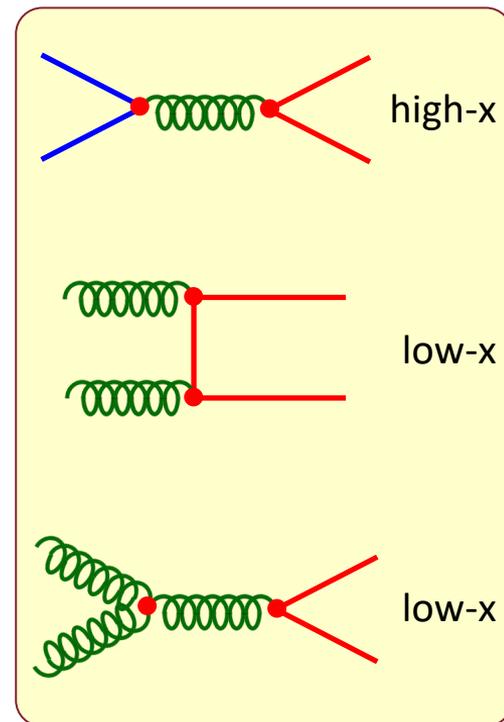
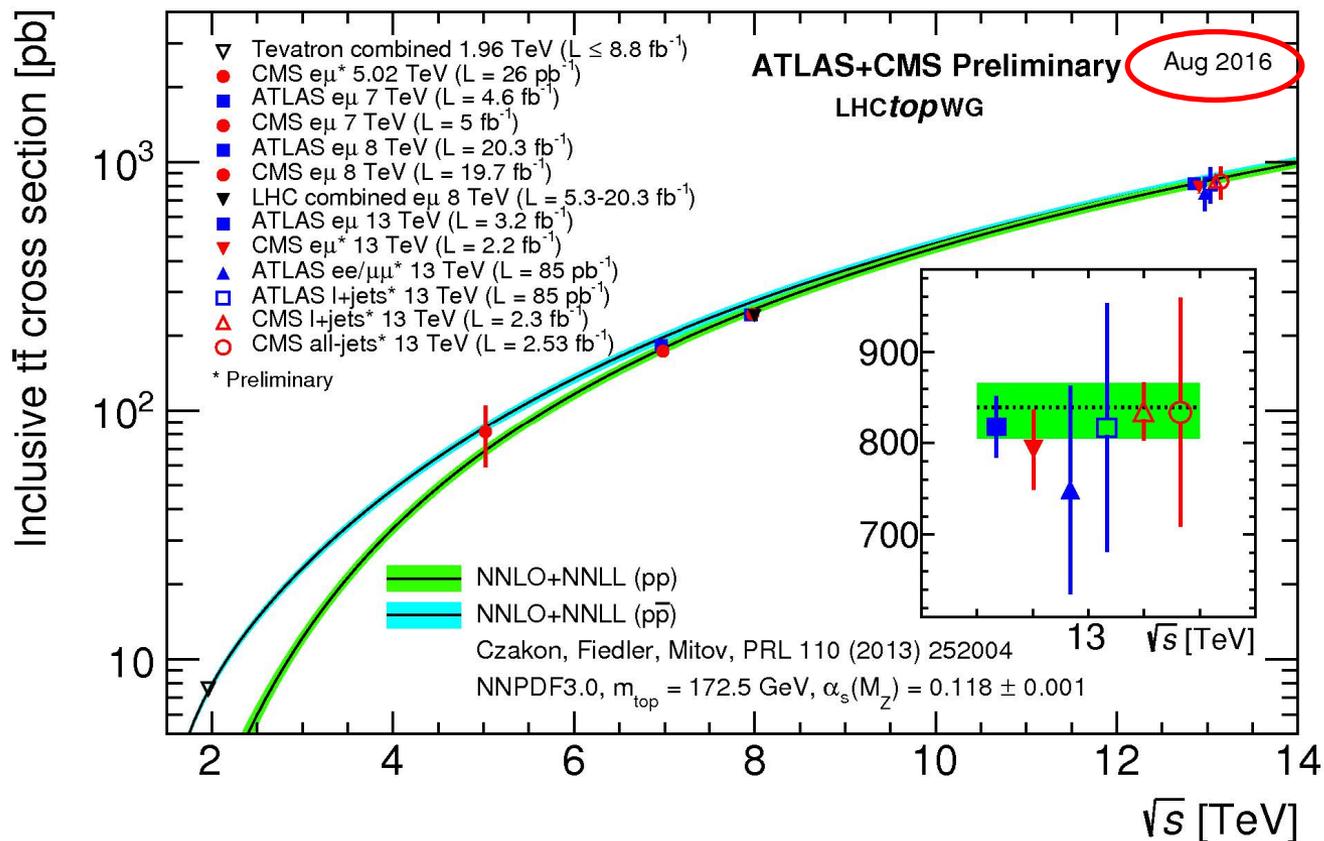
# LHC results: $\alpha_s$ running

PDG 2020, an update of the plot shown in PP- $\S$ 6, with many more points.



$$\alpha_s(Q^2) = \alpha_s(Q_0^2) / \left[ 1 + \alpha_s(Q_0^2) \frac{11N_c - 2N_f}{12\pi} \ln\left(\frac{Q^2}{Q_0^2}\right) \right]; \quad N_c = 3; \quad N_f = 3 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow 6.$$

# LHC results: $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$ vs $\sqrt{s}$



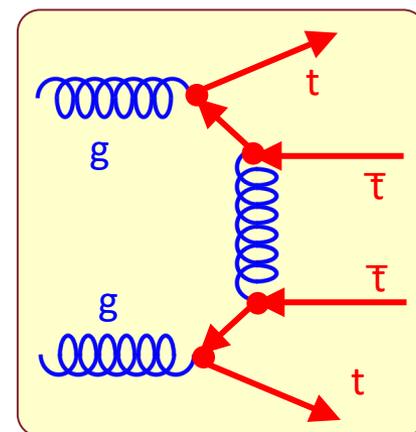
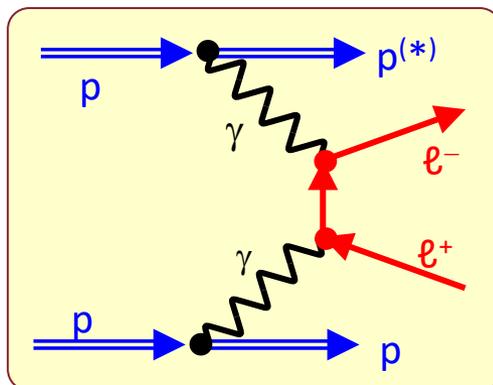
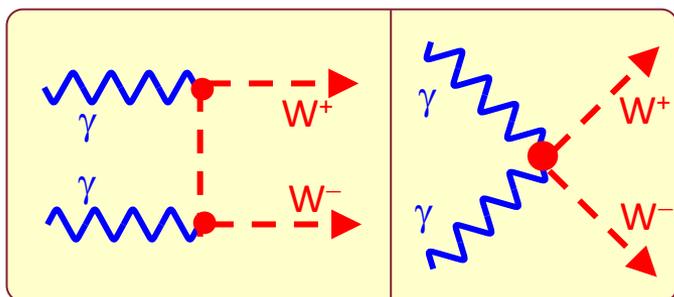
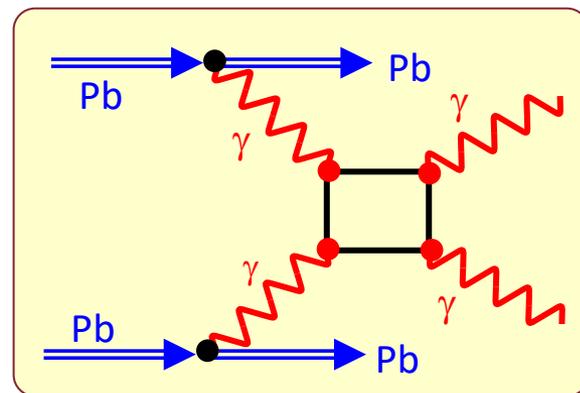
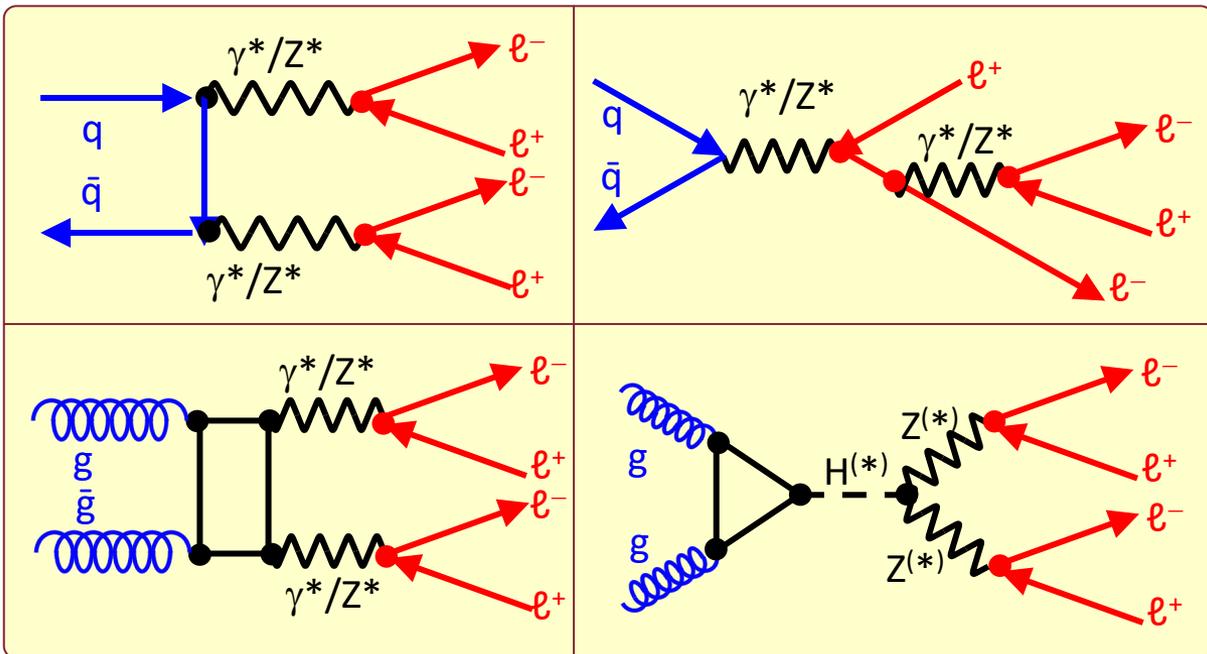
- technically a difficult analysis (secondary verteces + leptons + multijets +  $\cancel{E}_T$ );
- agreement ATLAS  $\leftrightarrow$  CMS and QCD  $\leftrightarrow$  data;

- [as seen in PP-§3]  $p\bar{p}$  larger at small  $\sqrt{s}$ , but  $pp$  similar when  $\sqrt{s}$  increases, due to gluon dominance in PDF at small  $x$ ;
- another perfect agreement, textbook-like.

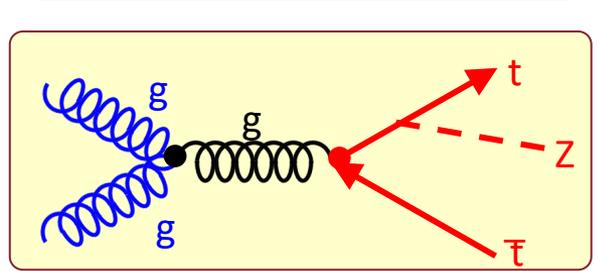
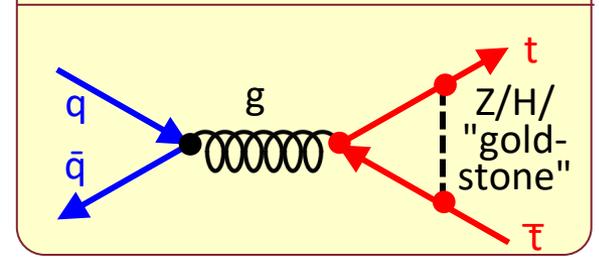
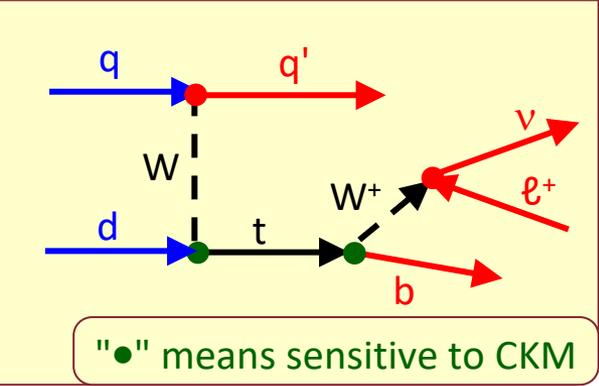
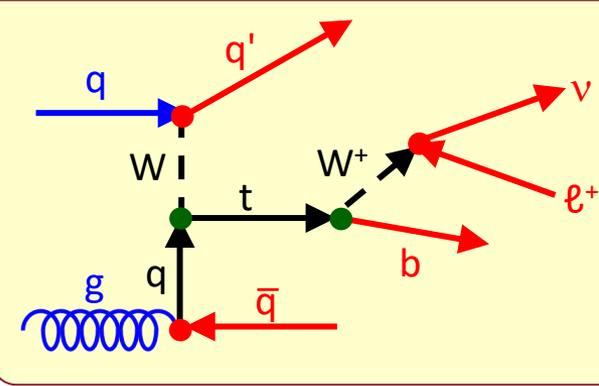
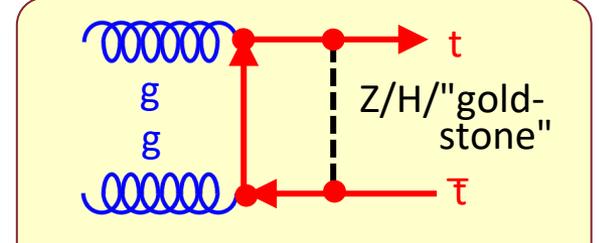
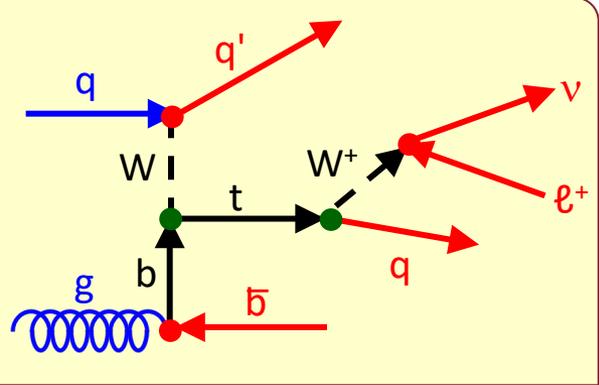
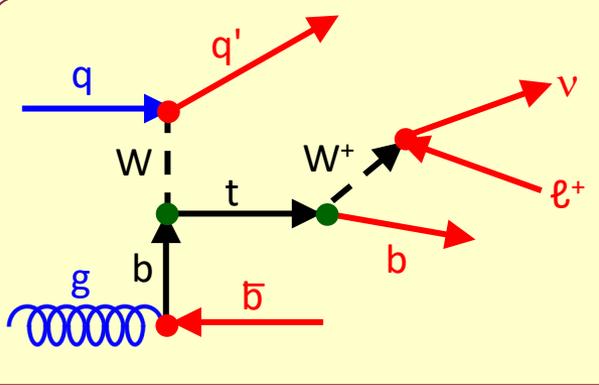
# LHC results: nice SM rare processes (1)



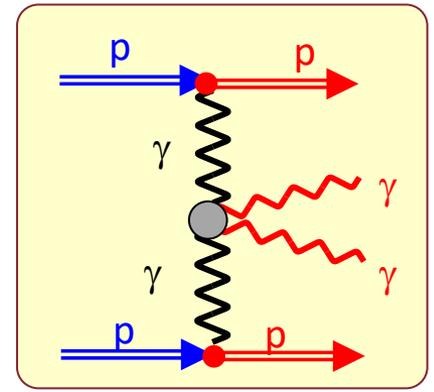
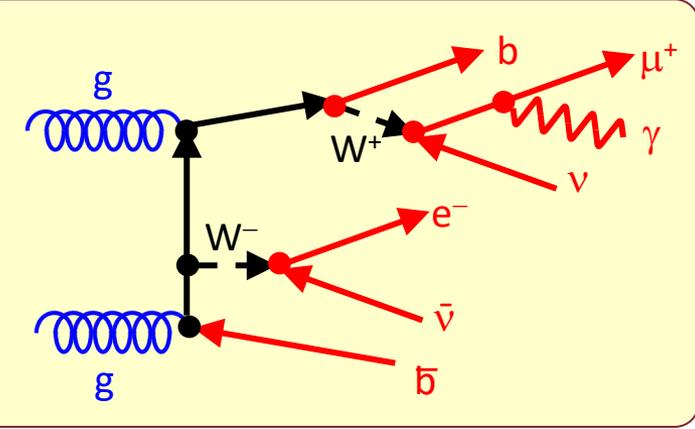
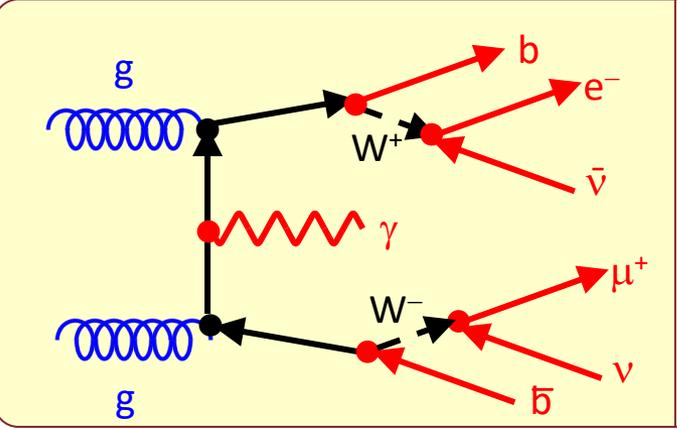
only diagram at tree level for some very smart analyses; interested readers are kindly invited to look at the Prague 2020 material, e.g. the talk of Bogdan Malaescu.



# LHC results: nice SM rare processes (2)

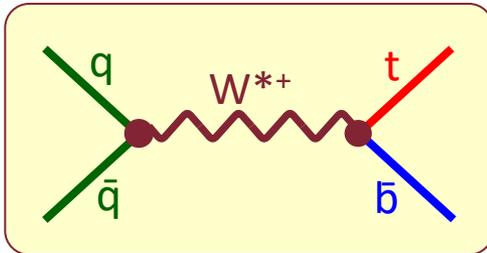


"•" means sensitive to CKM

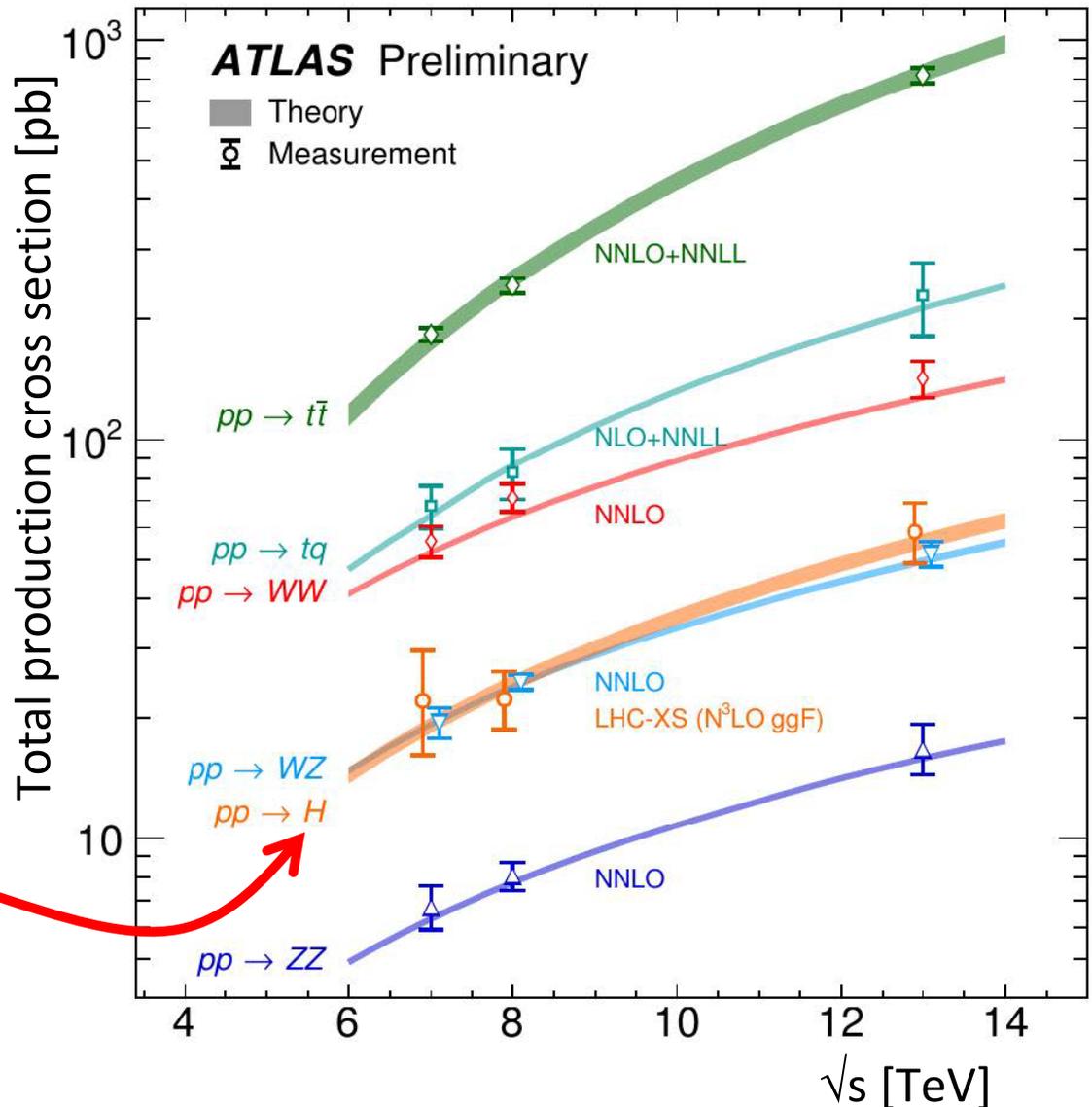


# LHC results: small- $\sigma$ processes

- the "heavy flavor/boson" sector:
  - $t\bar{t}$  (QCD);
  - single top (ew) [example below];



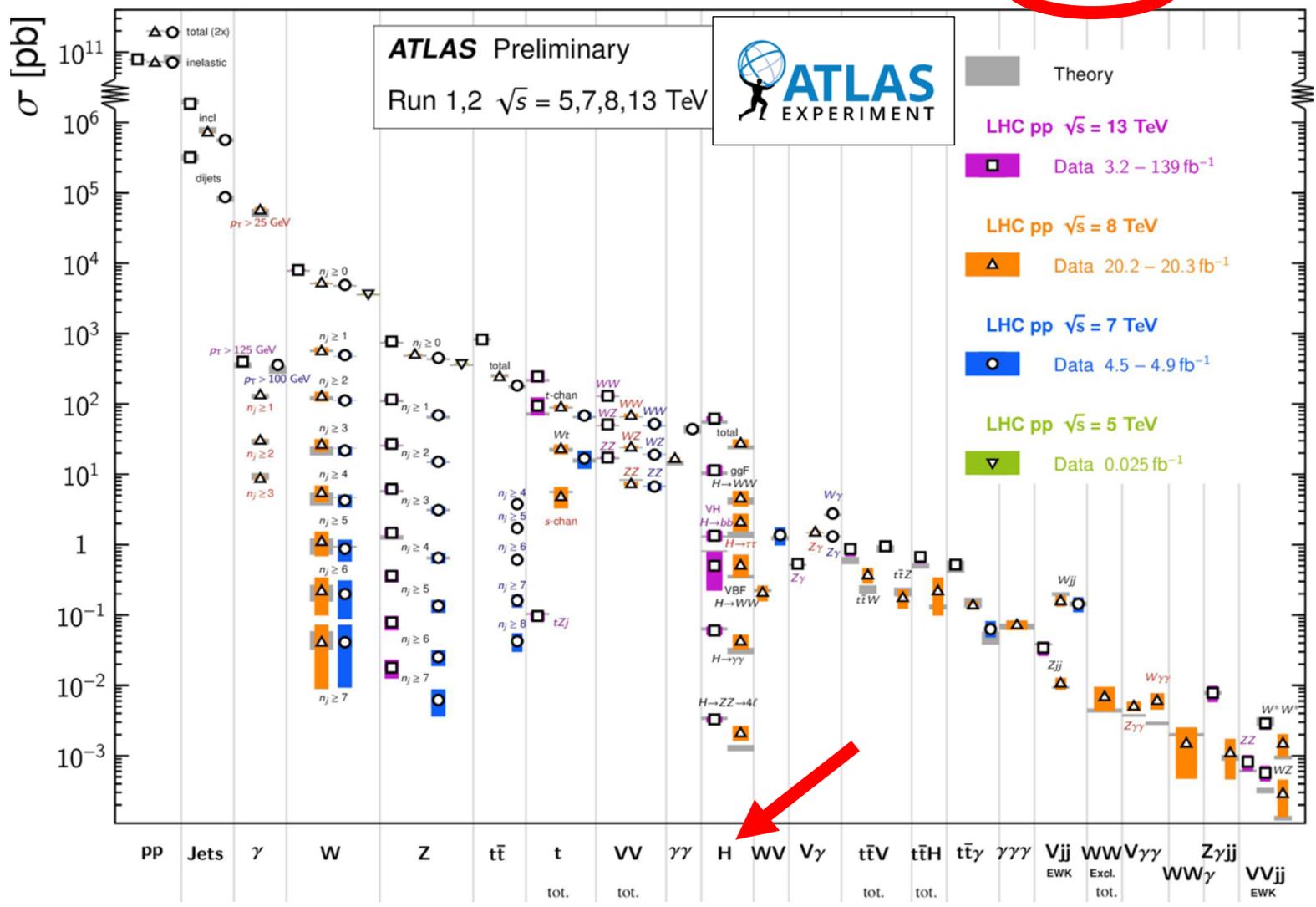
- $WW, WZ, ZZ$  (ew);
- $H$  (ew);
- shown vs  $\sqrt{s}$ ;
- notice:
  - LHC "sees" well at the pb level;
  - $H$  is not very different from  $ZW / WW / ZZ$  channels, neither as mass, nor as  $\sigma$ , nor as  $\sqrt{s}$  dependence;
- SM (qpm + pQCD + ew) works well.



# LHC results: SM processes (ATLAS)

## Standard Model Production Cross Section Measurements

Status: May 2020

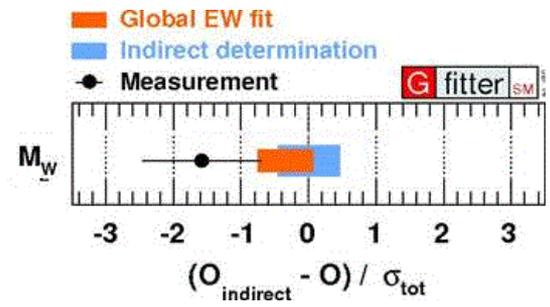






# LHC fits: Rosetta stone of the SM fit

J. Haller et al., arXiv: 1803.01853 [hep-ph] : "Comparison of the fit results and the input measurements with the indirect determinations in units of the total uncertainties. Analog results for the indirect determinations illustrate the impact of their uncertainties on the total uncertainties. The indirect determination of an observable corresponds to a fit without using the constraint from the corresponding input measurement."



I.e. (see the example for  $M_W$ ) :

- $O_{exp}$  : exp. measurement;
- $O_{fit}$  : result of the complete e.w. fit \*;
- $O_{indirect}$  : e.w. fit, with all meas, BUT the plotted one;
- $\sigma_{exp}$  : error on  $O_{exp}$  (stat  $\oplus$  sys  $\oplus$  theo);
- $\sigma_{tot}$  :  $\sigma_{exp} \oplus \sigma_{indirect}$ .

$$= 0 \pm \sigma_{indirect} / \sigma_{tot}$$

Then, for all quantities:

- blue strip :  $(O_{indirect} - O_{indirect}) / \sigma_{tot} \pm \sigma_{indirect} / \sigma_{tot}$ ;
- orange strip :  $(O_{indirect} - O_{fit}) / \sigma_{tot} \pm \sigma_{fit} / \sigma_{tot}$ ;
- points :  $(O_{indirect} - O_{exp}) / \sigma_{tot} \pm \sigma_{exp} / \sigma_{tot}$ .

roughly speaking:

- blue width : error of indirect fit;
- orange displacement : how much a point moves its fit;
- orange width : error of full fit;
- points : uncorrelated wrt blue;
- points / err : pull.

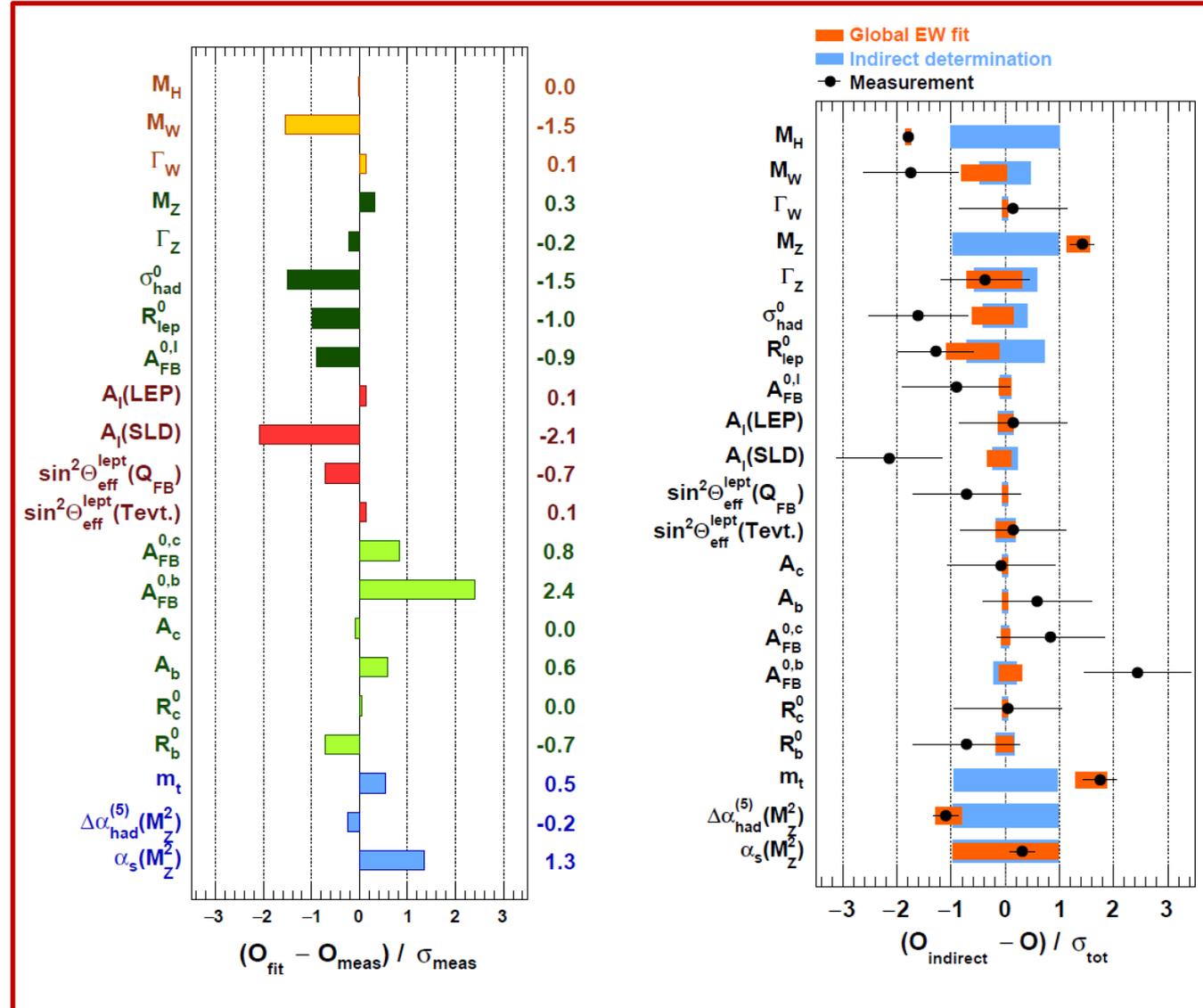
[a lot of info, main result:  
**SM = ok** → all within errors ]

" $\oplus$ " = "in quadrature";

\* the e.w. fit gets (using higher orders)  $m_H$ ,  $m_z$ , couplings, fermion masses; then all e.w. quantities can be computed.



- in the past the main interest was:
  - predict unseen particles (top, Higgs) via rad. corrections;
  - [possible deviations from SM];
- now the fit is much over-constrained: look for bad pulls → physics bSM;
- however, good agreement (see figs.), textbook-like.



# LHC fits: $m_W$ vs $m_t$

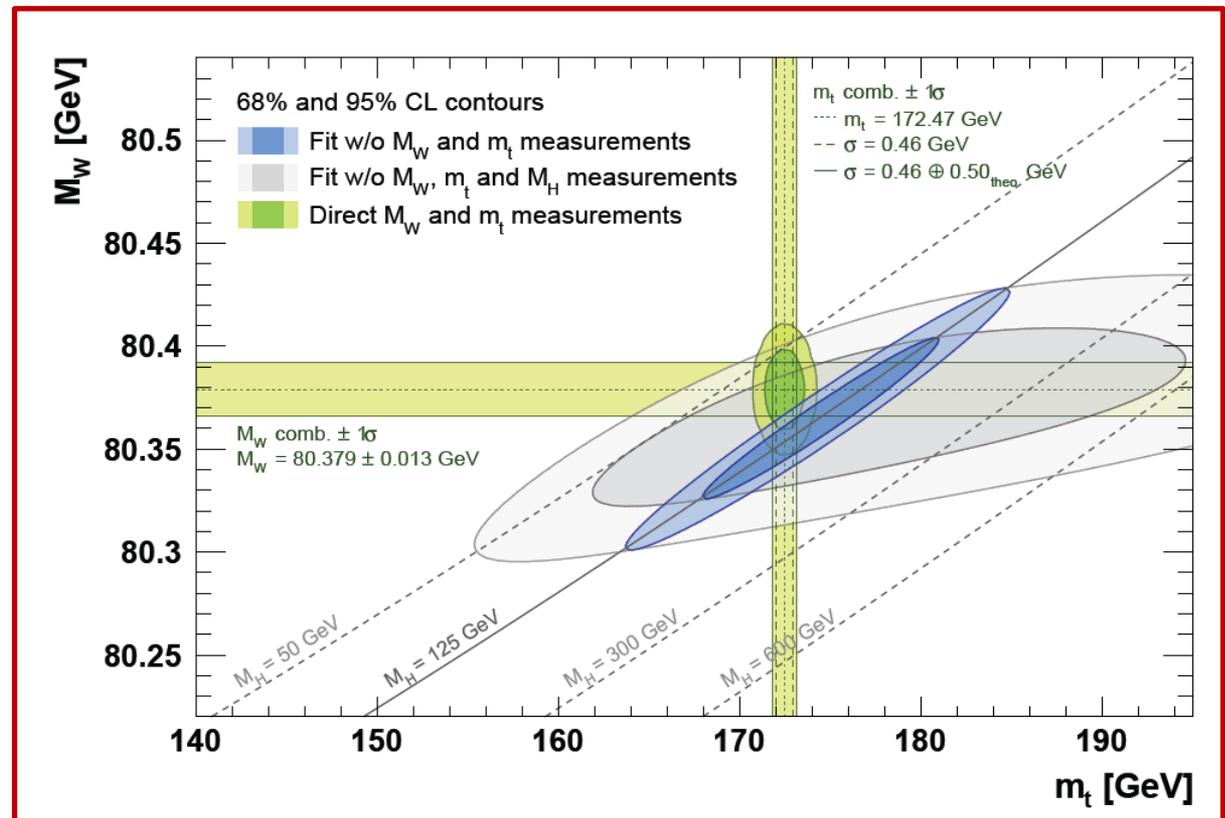
The LHC version of an old plot:  $m_W$  vs  $m_t$  for few values of  $m_H$ ;

- supposed to be very sensitive to physics bSM (and to exp. mistakes !);
- watch the blue and green ellipses ...

- ... and fear (*hope* ?) they move apart;
- it would show that  $m_H$  is inconsistent with the other masses  $\rightarrow$  the 125 GeV particle is NOT the SM Higgs.

any  
hope  
?

keep improving !!!  
[especially  $m_W$  !!!]

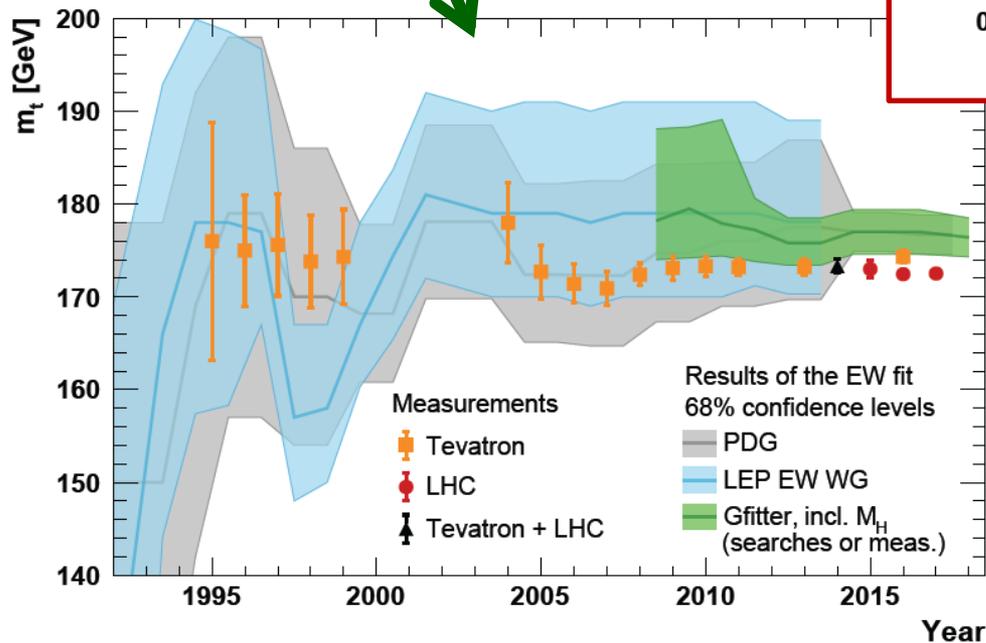
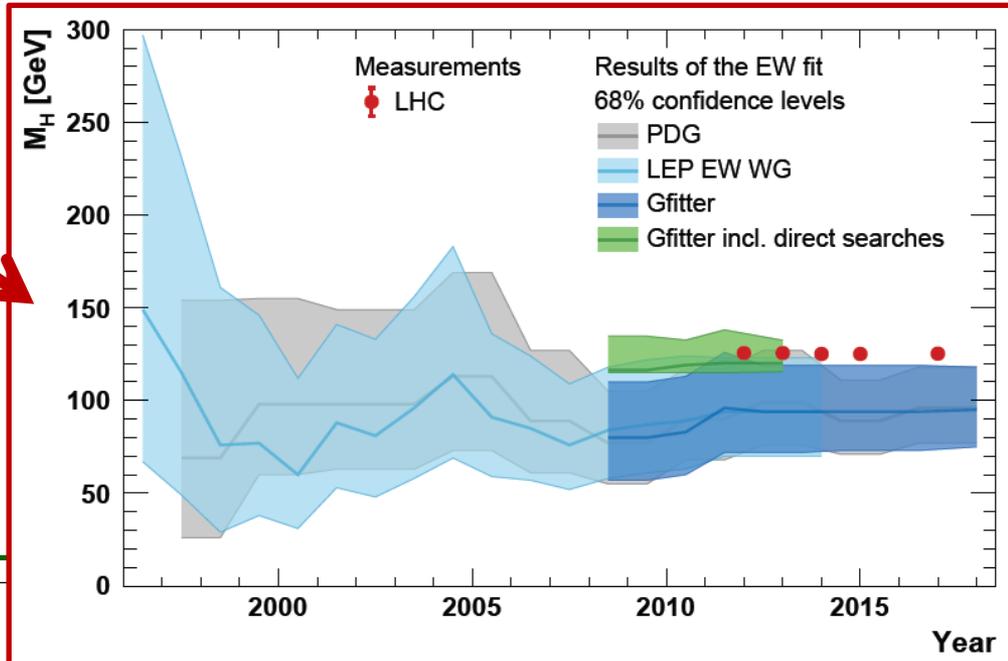


# LHC fits: fits vs discoveries



The prediction from SM fits and the direct observation vs year for:

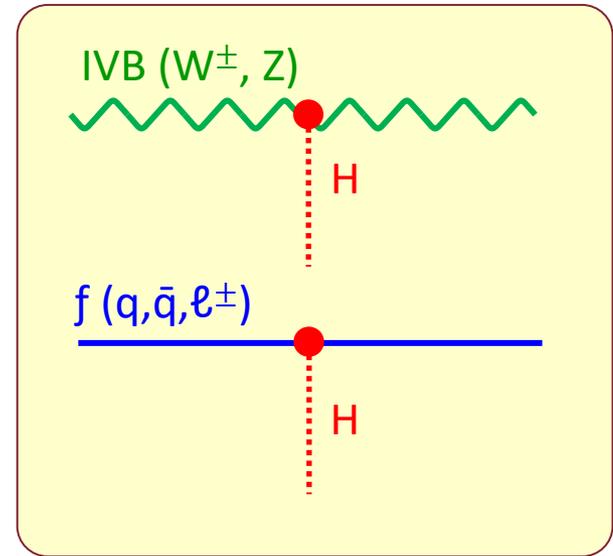
- $m_H$ , the Higgs mass (indirect data from LEP, Fermilab, LHC, direct observation at Fermilab+LHC));
- $m_t$ , the top quark mass (ditto for i.d., d.o. at LHC).



Why show these plots ?

- irrelevant for physics, which is independent of discovery time and method;
- **NOT** for parochial feuds ("*who really made the discovery ?*");
- ... but to give confidence on the quality and reliability of the fits;
- ... which however require a lot of tech. skill (... and are less convincing...)

- [the symbol  $\#_H$  means that in the slide the value of the mass of the Higgs is unknown and may vary:
  - for didactic reasons,
  - [because the analysis is still in progress,]
  - because of a possible larger H sector
- [at least] one H boson in SM;
- just one Higgs in "minimal standard model" MSM [MSM assumed in the following];
- [ $> 1$  in theories bSM, e.g. in SUSY: h, H, A,  $H^\pm$ ]
- charge : 0; spin : 0;  $J^P = 0^+$  [other H may have different q.n.];
- in MSM directly coupled with all massive particles, i.e. all but  $\gamma$ , g,  $\nu$ 's (if massless);
- it behaves like a normal particle (with exotic couplings): it is produced, it decays, etc etc..



$$\mathcal{L}_H = (D_\mu \phi)^* D_\mu \phi - V(\phi) - \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$$

$$D_\mu \phi = \partial_\mu \phi + ie A_\mu \phi$$

$$F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu$$

$$V(\phi) = \alpha \phi^* \phi + \beta (\phi^* \phi)^2$$

$$\alpha < 0, \quad \beta > 0$$

Define the SM parameters (as in PDG 2020 §11):

$$V_H(\phi) = \mu^2 \phi^\dagger \phi + \lambda (\phi^\dagger \phi)^2 + \text{const.}; \quad \leftarrow$$

$$V_H = 0 \rightarrow \phi(V_H = 0) \equiv v = \sqrt{-\mu^2 / \lambda} = (\sqrt{2} G_F)^{-1/2};$$

$$m_H^2 = 2\lambda v^2 = -2\mu^2; \quad \leftarrow \quad \text{① notice: } \mu^2 < 0 \text{ (!)}$$

$$m_W^2 = \frac{g^2 v^2}{4}; \quad m_Z^2 = \frac{(g^2 + g'^2) v^2}{4} = \frac{m_W^2}{\cos^2 \theta_w}; \quad m_\gamma^2 = 0;$$

$$g = \frac{2m_W}{v} \approx 0.65; \quad g' = \frac{2\sqrt{m_Z^2 - m_W^2}}{v} \approx 0.35;$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Higgs coupling}} = -g_f \bar{\psi}_f \psi_f H + \delta_V g_V V_\mu V^\mu H + [\dots];$$

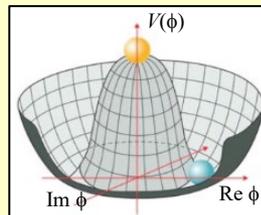
$$[V = W/Z; \quad \delta_W = 1; \quad \delta_Z = 1/2]$$

$$g_f = m_f / v; \quad g_V = 2m_V^2 / v;$$

PDG § 11, YN3, Degraasi : this def;

$$\text{PDG § 10: } \mu^2 \phi^2 + \frac{1}{2} \square^4;$$

$$\text{Thomson: } \frac{1}{2} \mu^2 \phi^2 + \frac{1}{4} \square^4; \quad \text{etc etc}$$



$$v \approx 246.6 \text{ GeV (indep. of } m_H);$$

$$m_H^{\text{exp}} \approx 125 \text{ GeV} \rightarrow$$

$$\lambda^{\text{exp}} = \frac{m_H^2}{2v^2} \approx 0.128;$$

$$|\mu^{\text{exp}}| = \frac{m_H}{\sqrt{2}} \approx 88 \text{ GeV.}$$

*imho* ( $\lambda$ ,  $\mu$ )  
neither  
theor. clear,  
nor exp

To test the SM couplings, redefine  $g_f$  and  $g_V$  with "modifiers"  $\kappa$ 's:

$$g_f = \frac{m_f}{v} \rightarrow \kappa_f \frac{m_f}{v};$$

$$g_V = \frac{2m_V^2}{v} \rightarrow \kappa_V \frac{2m_V^2}{v};$$

and adjust  $\kappa_f$  and  $\kappa_W$  to the data;

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

$$\text{SM} \rightarrow \kappa_f = \kappa_V = 1.$$

Study the function  $V=V(|\phi|)$ :

$$V_H(\phi) = \mu^2 (\phi^\dagger \phi) + \lambda (\phi^\dagger \phi)^2 =$$

$$= \mu^2 \left( |\phi|^2 + \frac{\lambda}{\mu^2} |\phi|^4 \right) =$$

$\mu^2 < 0$

$$= -\frac{m_H^2}{2} \left( |\phi|^2 - \sqrt{2} G_F |\phi|^4 \right);$$

$$|\mu| = \frac{m_H}{\sqrt{2}}; \quad \lambda = \frac{m_H^2 G_F}{\sqrt{2}};$$

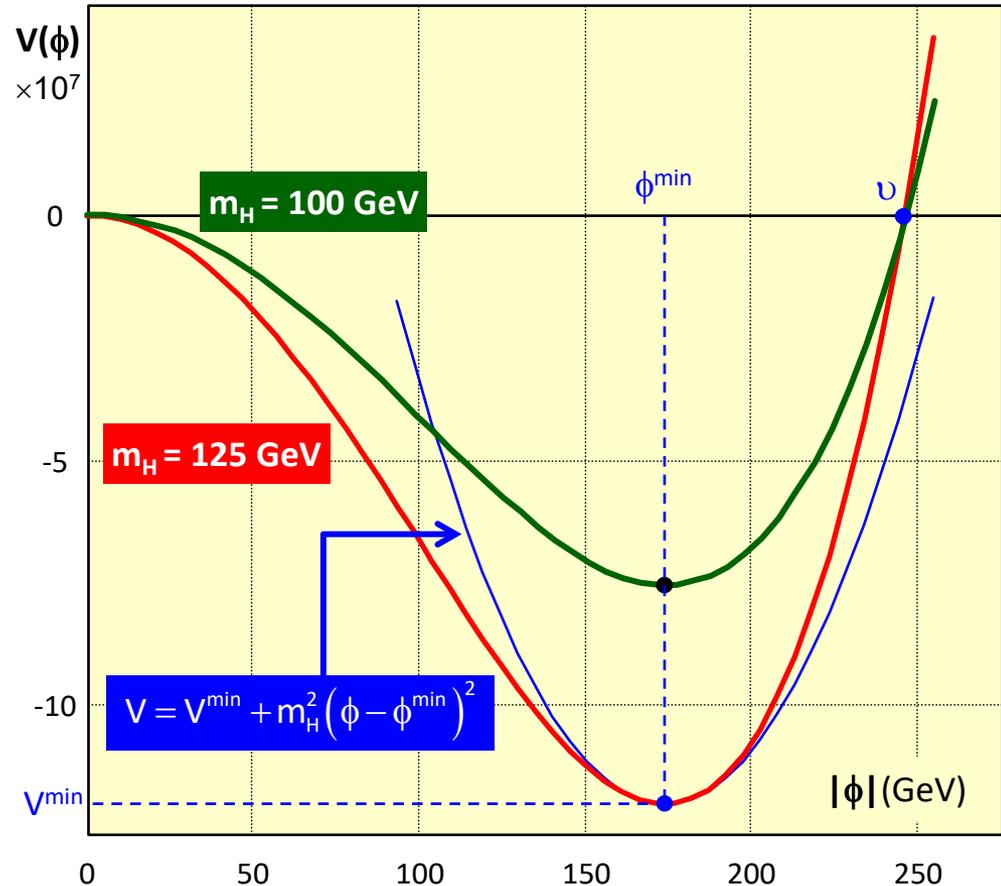
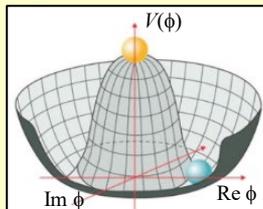
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$$v = (\sqrt{2} G_F)^{-1/2} \approx 246.6 \text{ GeV};$$

$$\frac{\partial V_H}{\partial \phi} = 0 \rightarrow \phi^{\min} = \frac{|\mu|}{\sqrt{2\lambda}} = \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \approx 174 \text{ GeV};$$

$$V_H^{\min} = V_H(\phi^{\min}) = \frac{-m_H^2}{8\sqrt{2}G_F} = \frac{-m_H^2 v^2}{8};$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial^2 V_H}{\partial \phi^2} \right|_{\phi=\phi^{\min}} = 2m_H^2.$$



- the horizontal shape of  $V_{\text{Higgs}}$  (e.g.  $\phi^{\min}$ ,  $v$ ) does NOT depend on  $m_H$ ;
- the vertical shape is  $\propto m_H^2$  (shown  $m_H = 100 / 125$  GeV);
- the parabola at  $\phi_{\min}$  represents a particle of mass  $m_H =$  the Higgs boson !

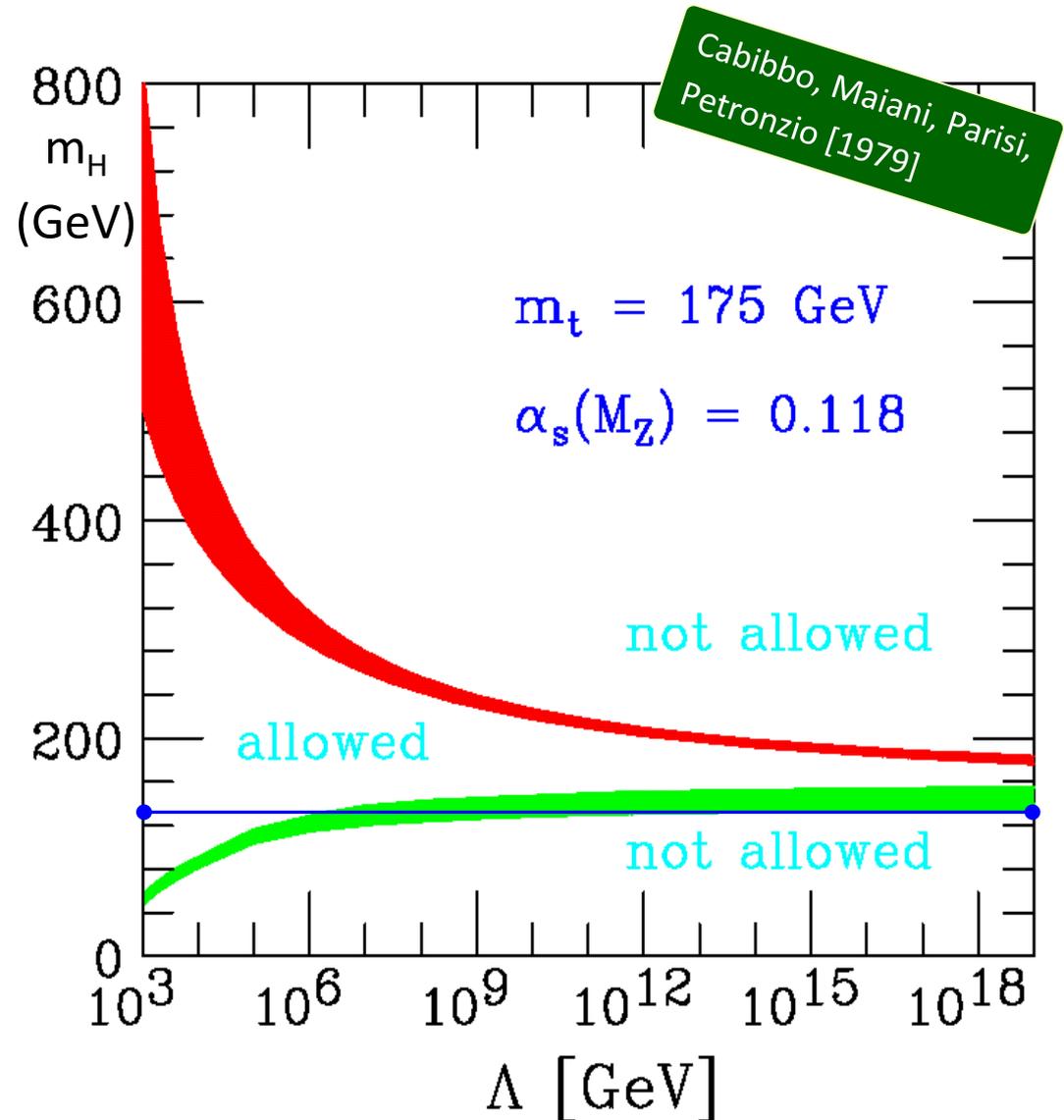
# H(MSM): all SM couplings



	<b>Hff</b>	$g_{Hff} = m_f / v = (\sqrt{2} G_F)^{1/2} m_f \times (-i)$
	<b>HVV</b>	$g_{HVV} = 2m_V^2 / v = 2(\sqrt{2} G_F)^{1/2} m_V^2 \times (ig_{\mu\nu})$
	<b>HHVV</b>	$g_{HHVV} = 2m_V^2 / v^2 = 2\sqrt{2} G_F m_V^2 \times (ig_{\mu\nu})$
	<b>HHH</b>	$g_{HHH} = 3m_H^2 / v = 3(\sqrt{2} G_F)^{1/2} m_H^2 \times (-i)$
	<b>HHHH</b>	$g_{HHHH} = 3m_H^2 / v^2 = 3\sqrt{2} G_F m_H^2 \times (-i)$

A. Djouadi, Phys. Rep., 457 (2008) 1.

- in the SM the Higgs mass is a free parameter; however its value is limited by the consistency of the theory [*more on next page*];
- the vacuum stability limits  $m_H$  vs the scale  $\Lambda$  of hypothetical new physics (**green line**);
- the non-violation of the unitarity puts a limit  $m_H \leq 1$  TeV (approx.);
- if the SM has to be consistent, the triviality puts another limit on  $m_H$ , as a function of  $\Lambda$  (**red line**);
- all together, if  $\Lambda = m_{\text{Planck}}$ , then  $130 < m_H < 180$  GeV [approx.];
- the blue line corresponds to  $m_H = 125$  GeV [*quite puzzling*].





Vacuum stability (green line) roughly means the following:

- the parameter " $\lambda$ " is a constant at tree level only;
- when higher orders are considered,  $\lambda$  becomes a variable, which follows an appropriate equation (*renormalization group equation*, r.g.e.);
- $\lambda$  is required to be +ve for all the values of the scale  $Q$ ;
- if, for a given value  $Q = \Lambda$ , the value of  $\lambda$  becomes -ve, the SM breaks;
- the only way to restore  $\lambda$ , is to assume that, for  $Q \geq \Lambda$ , some new physics appear in the equation, such that  $\lambda$  remains +ve;
- therefore  $\Lambda$  is NOT a precise value in some process, but a scale for new physics;
- $\Lambda$  depends on  $m_H$  and the H couplings; the most important (and unknown) is  $m_t$ .

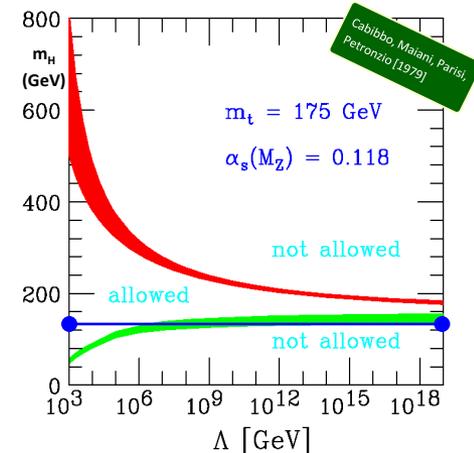
Triviality (red line) means:

- from the r.g.e. equation, one gets:

$$\frac{1}{\lambda(Q)} = \frac{1}{\lambda(v)} - \frac{3}{4\pi^2} \ln\left(\frac{Q^2}{v^2}\right)$$

- to be consistent,  $\lambda(Q)$  must be small and only vanish if  $Q = \infty$ ; in this case, the H gets no interaction (*trivial solution*);
- to avoid  $\lambda(Q) \rightarrow \infty$  (*Landau pole*), with a similar argument as before,  $\lambda(Q=\Lambda) < \infty$ ;
- this requirement puts a limit on  $m_H$  vs the scale  $\Lambda$  of possible new physics:

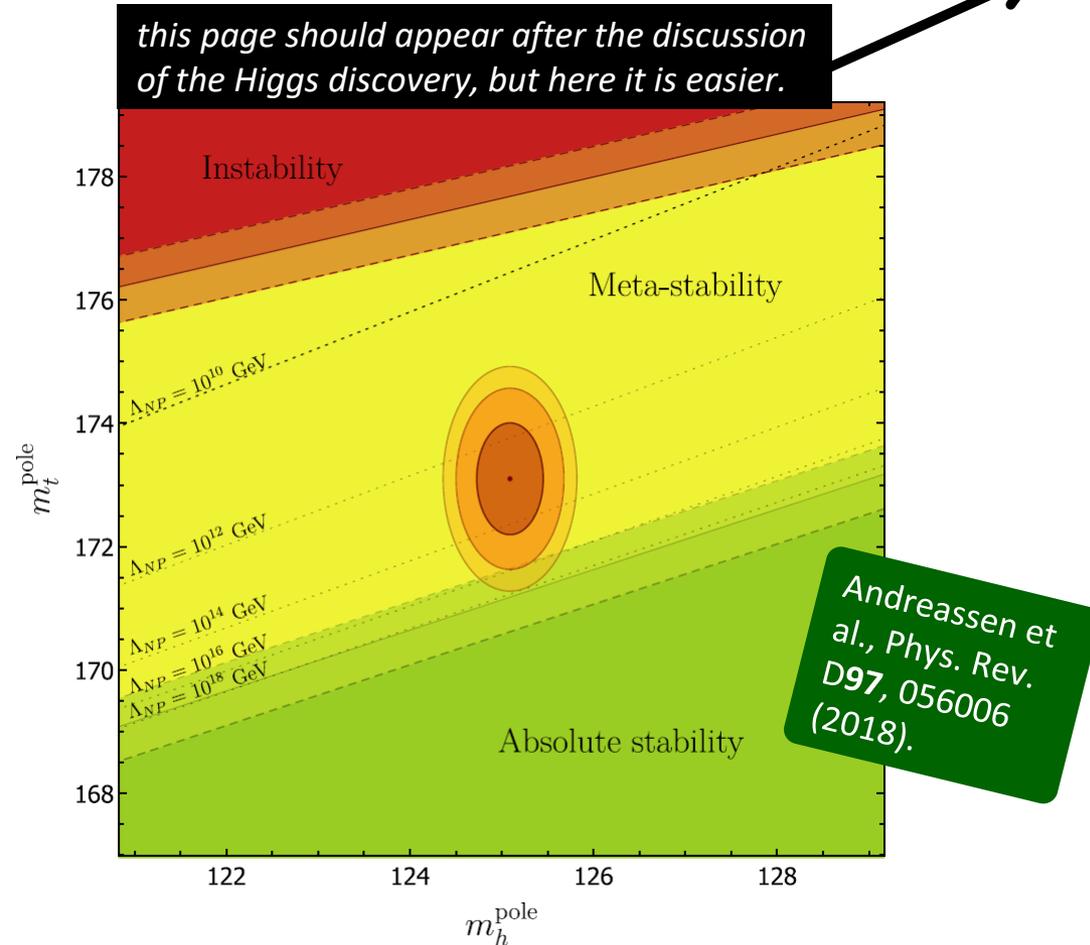
$$\begin{aligned} m_H^2 &= 2v^2\lambda \leq \\ &\leq 2v^2\lambda_{\max} = \\ &= \frac{8\pi^2 v^2}{3\ln(\Lambda^2/v^2)}. \end{aligned}$$





Assume the Higgs has been found at  $\sim 125$  GeV:

- according to the previous argument, the universe is stable, meta-stable, or in-stable ?
- even with the MSM assumption (particle found at LHC = MSM Higgs), the present error does not answer the question;
- **only a future, more precise measurement will solve it;**
- notice in the plot (year 2018 !!!):
  - the error on the top quark mass is VERY important;
  - the scale of "new physics" necessary to get stability is very large:  $> 10^{10}$  GeV;



- if the LHC measurement is taken at face value, the universe is metastable, but its lifetime may exceed its age ( $\sim 10^{10}$  years) [*next page*];
- **so, do not panic, but improve the measurement !!!**



# H(MSM): is the universe decaying ?



From the same paper:

Thus, the lifetime of the Standard Model universe is

$$\tau_{\text{SM}} = [\dots] 10^{161^{+160}_{-59}} \text{ years.}$$

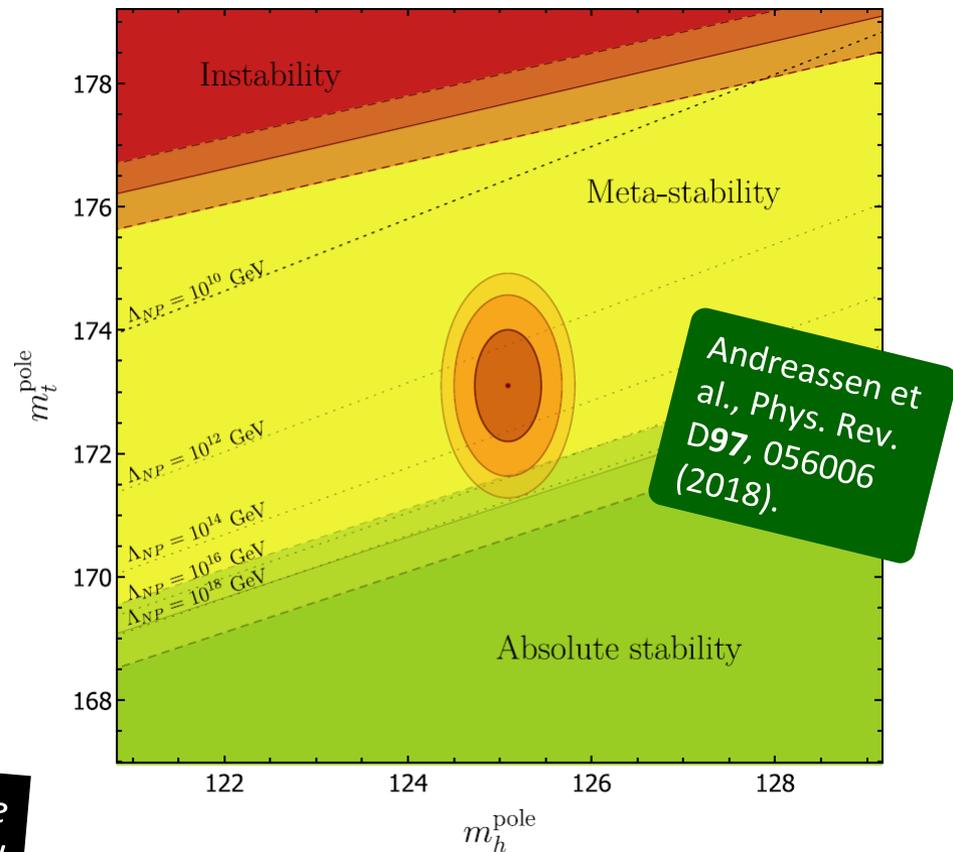
That is, to 68% confidence,  $10^{102} < \tau_{\text{SM}}/\text{years} < 10^{321}$ . To 95% confidence  $10^{65} < \tau_{\text{SM}}/\text{years} < 10^{1383}$ .

To be more clear about what the lifetime means, we can ask a related question: what is the probability that we would have seen a bubble of a decaying universe by now? Using the space-time volume of our past lightcone [...] and the Hubble constant [...], the probability that we should have seen a bubble by now is

$$P = \frac{\Gamma}{V} (\text{VT})_{\text{light-cone}} = 10^{-606^{+239}_{-638}}.$$

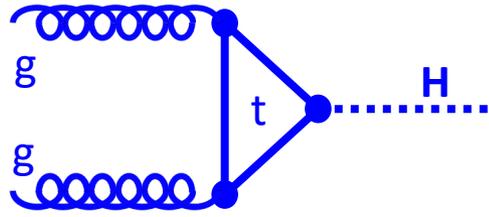
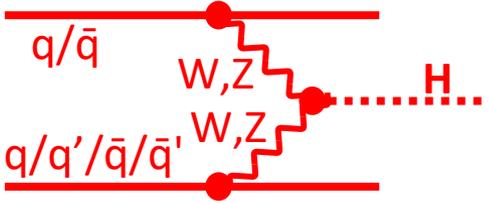
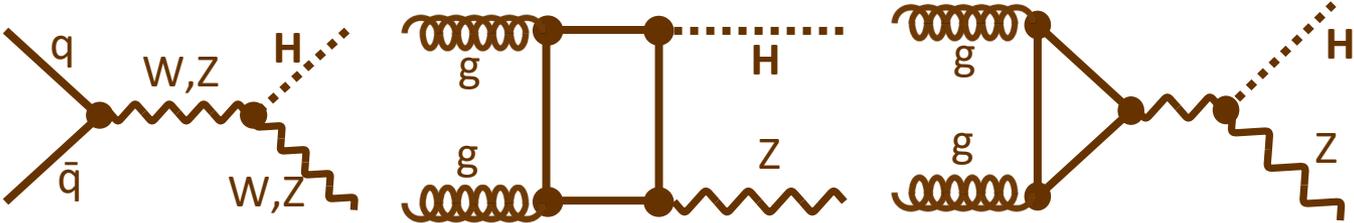
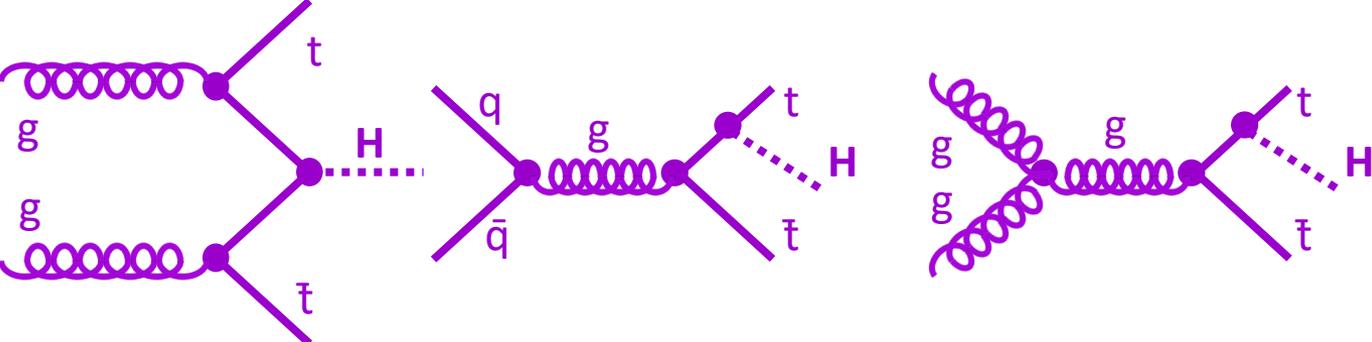
*[just as an amusement, go to arXiv and check these numbers across the 4 versions of this paper ... and then be really concerned ... Ah, the theorists !!!]*

Since the bubbles expand at the speed of light, chances are if we saw such a bubble we would have been destroyed by it; thus it is reassuring to find the probability of this happening to be "quite small".



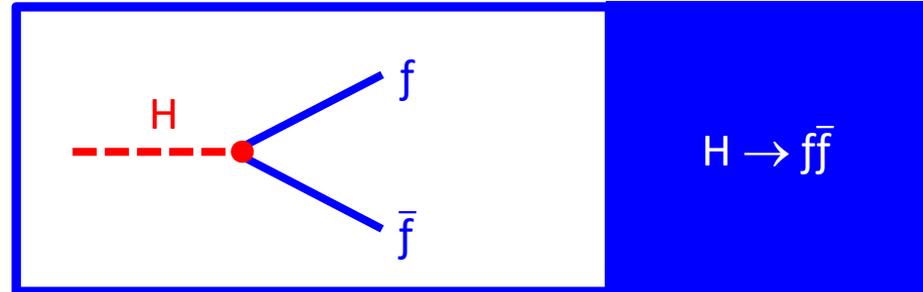
# Higgs properties: production dictionary

- Higgs production processes in hadron colliders, with their usual names;
- only main diagrams, many others less important (e.g. single top);
- emphasis on detectability → some particles in final state may help it;
- here, when relevant, also virtual particles [e.g.  $W = W^{(*)}$ ,  $Z = Z^{(*)}$ ].

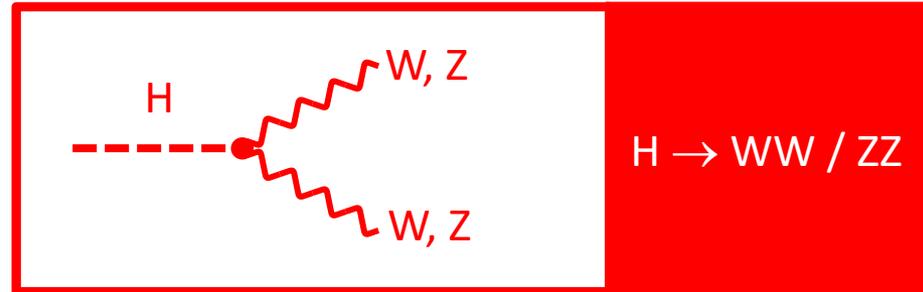
	<b>ggF</b>	gluon gluon fusion
	<b>VBF</b>	vector boson fusion
	<b>VH</b> [= WH + ZH]	VH production
	<b>t<math>\bar{t}</math>H</b>	t $\bar{t}$ H process

# Higgs properties: decay dictionary

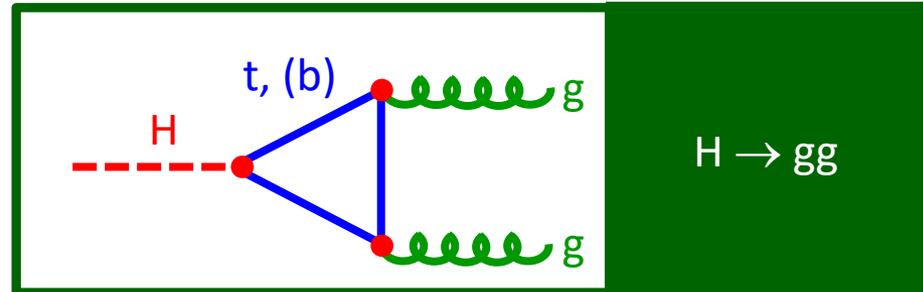
- Higgs decay modes;
- "f" = any fermion (q,  $\ell$ , NOT  $\nu$ ) ; the coupling (therefore the BR) is strongly dependent on its mass;
- as usual, e.g.  $W = W^{(*)}$ ,  $Z = Z^{(*)}$  [but, for  $m_H = 125$  GeV,  $H \rightarrow WW^*$ ,  $ZZ^*$  only !!!].



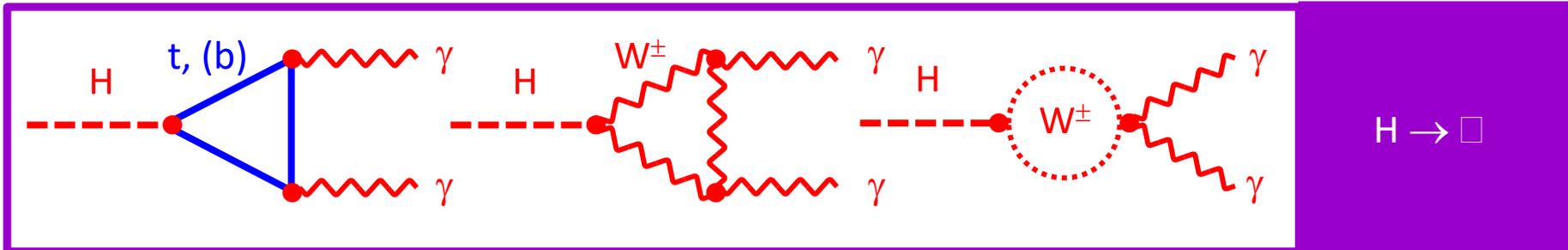
$$H \rightarrow f\bar{f}$$



$$H \rightarrow WW / ZZ$$



$$H \rightarrow gg$$



$$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$$

- at "tree level" the partial width for the Higgs decay into a pair of real fermions ( $f$ =quarks, leptons) or real gauge bosons ( $V = W, Z$ ) is given by :

$$\Gamma(H \rightarrow f\bar{f}) = \frac{c_f}{4\pi\sqrt{2}} G_F m_H m_f^2 \beta_f^3;$$

$$\beta_f = \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_f^2}{m_H^2}}; \quad c_f = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{[leptons]} \\ 3 & \text{[quarks]} \end{cases};$$

$$\Gamma(H \rightarrow VV) = \delta_V \frac{G_F m_H^3}{64\pi\sqrt{2}} \beta_V (4 - 4x_V + 3x_V^2);$$

$$\beta_V = \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_V^2}{m_H^2}}; \quad x_V = \frac{4m_V^2}{m_H^2}; \quad \delta_V = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{[W}^\pm\text{]} \\ 1 & \text{[Z]} \end{cases};$$

- therefore, for  $m_H$  small ( $m_H < 110$  GeV),  $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  dominates (see § LEP);
- if  $m_H > 2 m_{W,Z}$ , the largest BR would be for  $H \rightarrow W^+W^-$ ,  $H \rightarrow ZZ$ ;

- in the region  $m_H = 110 \div 180$  GeV, the decays into  $W^*W$  and  $Z^*Z$  are important (also because of their detectability); but the formula with  $\beta_V$  assumes real  $W/Z$ ; when virtual  $W^*/Z^*$  are required, the computation is different; for  $m_H=125$  GeV, results are reported below;

*in principle correct, but useless*

- when  $m_H$  increases, new decay channels open; moreover, the partial widths also increase; therefore  $\Gamma_{\text{tot}}$  is a strong function of  $m_H$  :

$$\Gamma_{\text{tot}}(m_H) = \sum_j \Gamma(H \rightarrow f_j \bar{f}_j) + \sum_k \Gamma(H \rightarrow V_k^{(*)} V_k);$$

$$\text{BR}(H \rightarrow X) = \Gamma(H \rightarrow X) / \Gamma_{\text{tot}} = \text{BR}(m_H);$$

both  $\Gamma_{\text{tot}}$  and BR function of  $m_H$ .

- in addition, also few "higher order" decays ( $\gamma\gamma$ ,  $Z\gamma$ ,  $gg$ );
- the decays  $H \rightarrow gg$  and  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  (much less  $H \rightarrow Z\gamma$ ) are important for the discovery :
  - the decay  $H \rightarrow gg$  is large, although not easy to identify ( $\rightarrow$  2 jets, large QCD bckgd);
  - the decay  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  is rare, but has high efficiency and little bckgd (see later);
- complete formulas in references :

$$\Gamma(H \rightarrow gg) = \frac{1}{36\pi^3 \sqrt{2}} \alpha_s^2 G_F m_H^3 |I_{gg}|^2;$$

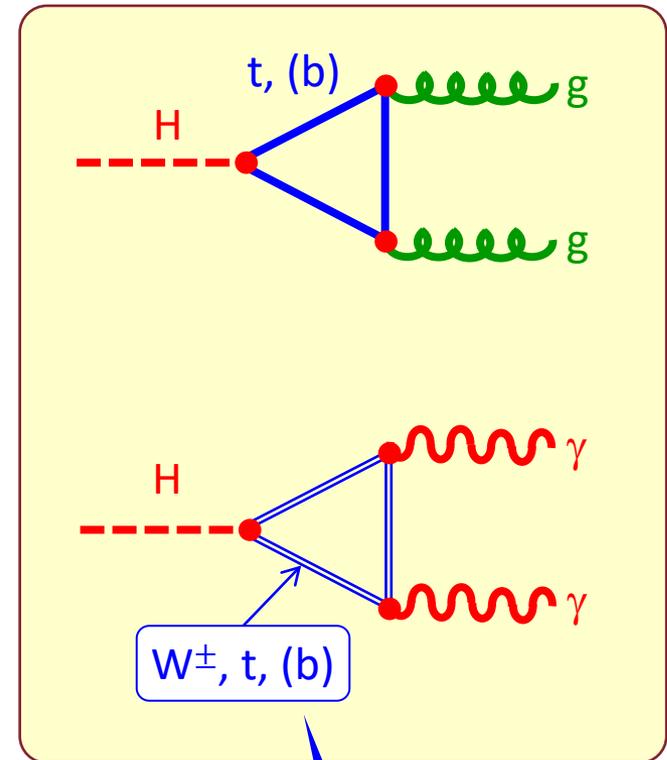
$$I_{gg} = \sum_q I_q(m_q^2/m_H^2) = f(m_H) \sim 0.1 \div 1;$$

(sum over quarks, important for  $q=t$ );

$$\Gamma(H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) = \frac{1}{8\pi^3 \sqrt{2}} \alpha_{em}^2 G_F m_H^3 |I_{\gamma\gamma}|^2;$$

$$I_{\gamma\gamma} = \sum_f c_f q_f^2 I_f(m_f^2/m_H^2) + I_W = f(m_H) \sim 1 \div 10;$$

[sum over charged fermions  $f$ ,  $c_f = 1(\ell^\pm)$  or  $3(q)$ ].

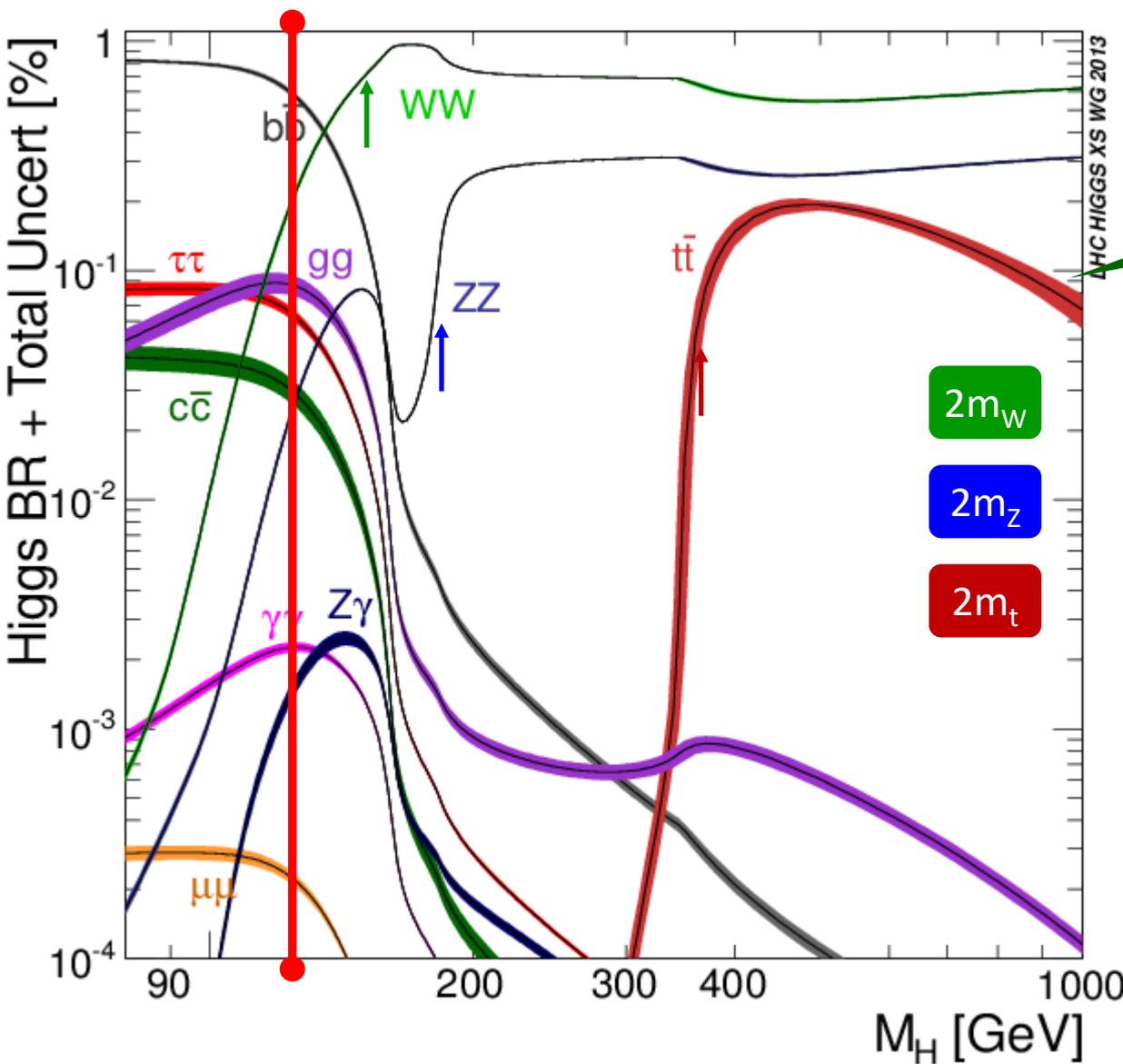


for  $\square$ , interference  $W \leftrightarrow t$  large and negative (a nice test of the SM).

# Higgs properties: decay BR vs H mass



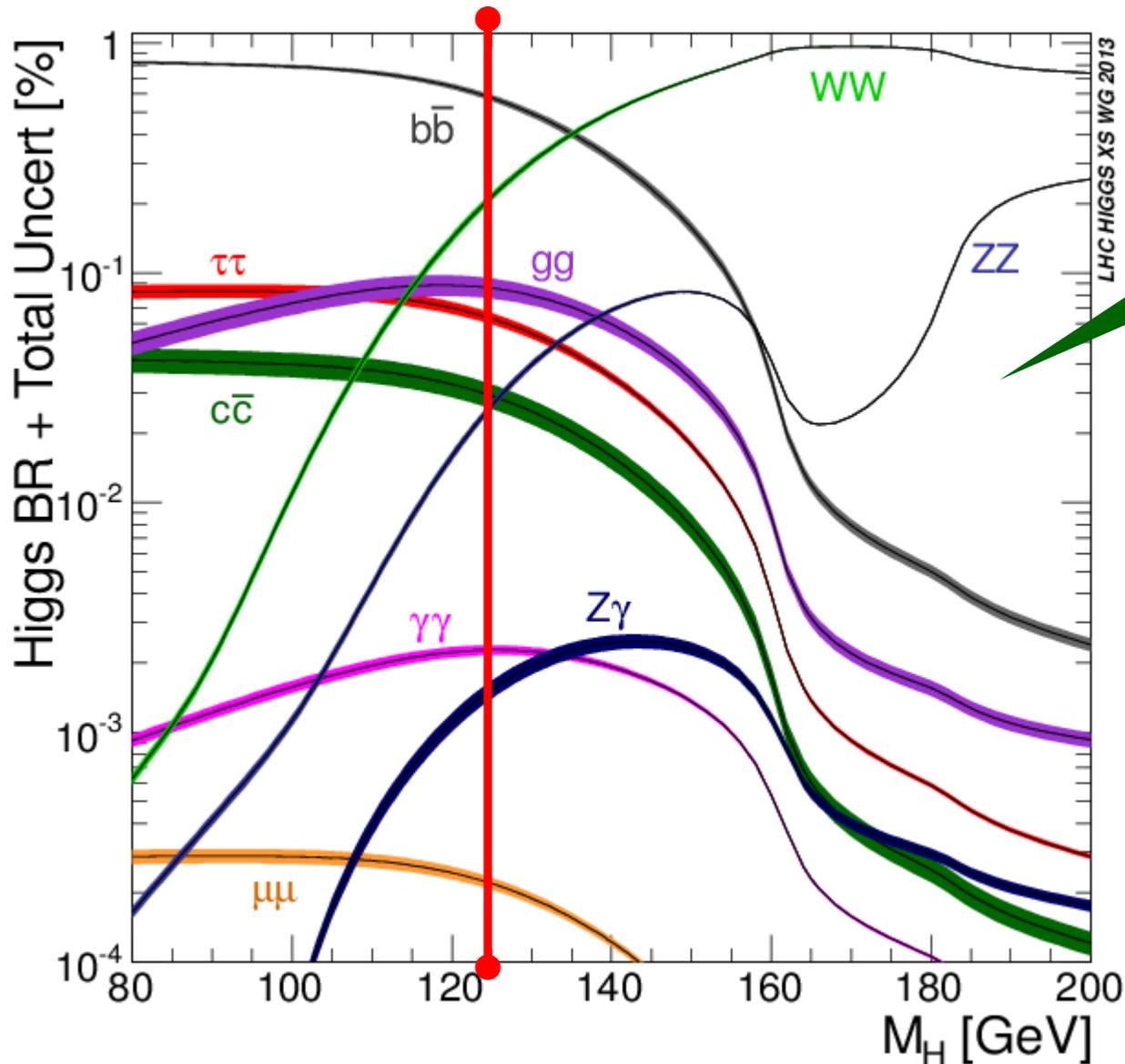
Unlike LEP2, in the LHC energy range, the Higgs boson decay mode is highly variable  
 → a challenge for the experiments.



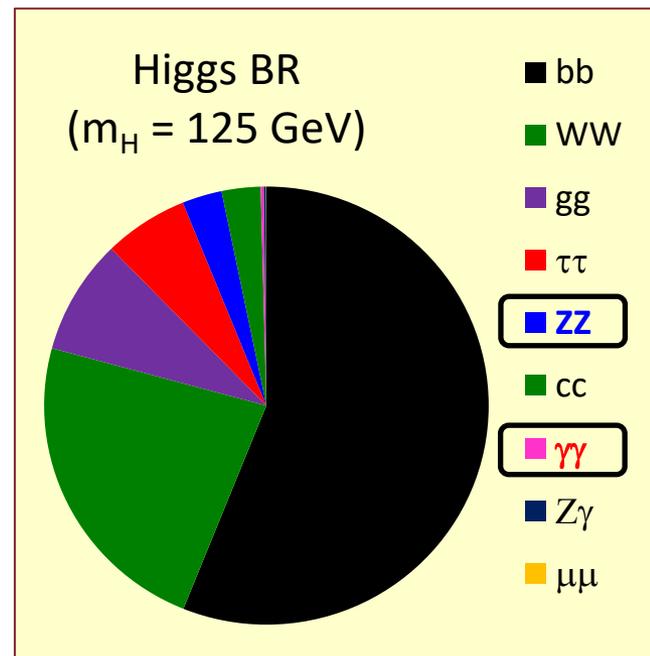
$m_H = 125 \text{ GeV}$  [CERN-2013-004]

decay mode	$\Gamma$ (MeV)	BR (%)
$b\bar{b}$	2.37	58.2
$W^\pm W^\mp^*$	0.871	21.4
gg	0.334	8.2
$\tau^+ \tau^-$	0.255	6.3
<b><math>ZZ^*</math></b>	<b>0.107</b>	<b>2.6</b>
$c\bar{c}$	0.118	2.9
<b><math>\gamma\gamma</math></b>	<b>9.2E-03</b>	<b>0.23</b>
$Z\gamma$	6.2E-03	0.15
$\mu^+ \mu^-$	8.9E-04	0.022
sum	4.07	100

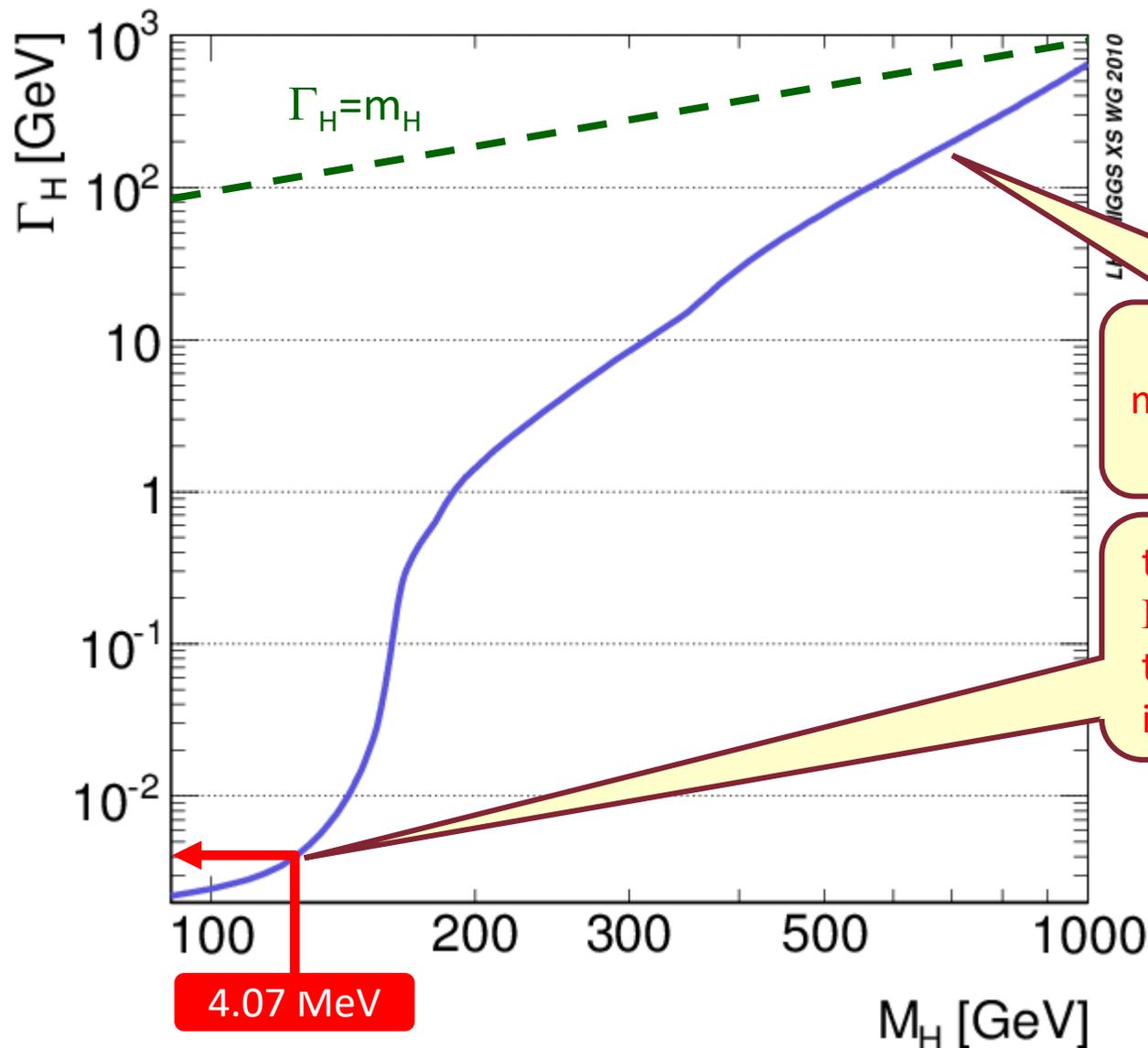
# Higgs properties: BR( $80 < m_H < 200$ GeV)



enlarge for  $80 < m_H < 200$  GeV.



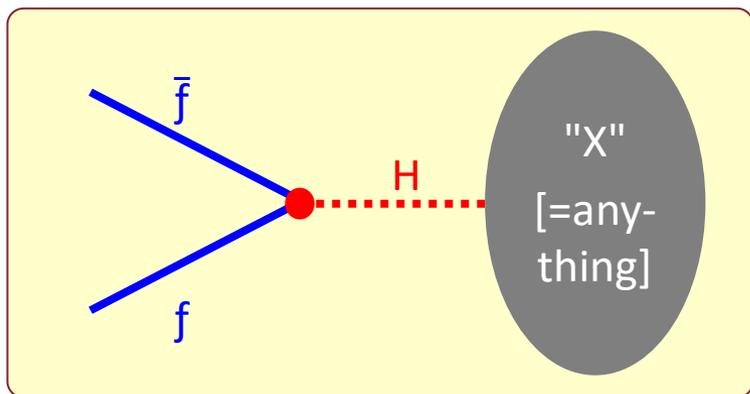
# Higgs properties: full width vs $m_H$



roughly  $\propto m_H^3$   
 $m_H \approx 1.4$  TeV  $\rightarrow \Gamma_{\text{tot}} \approx m_H$ ,  
 not anymore a particle

the direct measure of  $\Gamma_H$  is a powerful test of the SM. How measure it? ideas welcome!





Question (for a lepton collider, not for LHC): why not a direct formation from (spin  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) - fermions ( $f\bar{f} \rightarrow H \rightarrow X$ ) in the s channel ?

Answer: it is depressed by the H coupling with low-mass fermions ( $\Gamma_f \propto m_f^2$ ).

Compute it for a hypothetical  $\mu^+\mu^-$  machine:

$$\sigma(f\bar{f} \rightarrow H \rightarrow X) = \left[ \frac{16\pi}{s} \right] \left[ \frac{1}{4} \right] \left[ \frac{\Gamma_{f\bar{f}}}{\Gamma_H} \right] \left[ \frac{\Gamma_X}{\Gamma_H} \right] \left[ \frac{\Gamma_H^2/4}{(\sqrt{s} - M_H)^2 + \Gamma_H^2/4} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{\sqrt{s}=m_H, X=\text{all}} \frac{4\pi \Gamma_{f\bar{f}}}{m_H^2 \Gamma_H} \xrightarrow{f\bar{f}=\mu^+\mu^-, m_H=125 \text{ GeV}} 64 \text{ pb.}$$



[see Introduction, or the  $J/\psi$  in PP]

$\sigma(ab \rightarrow R \rightarrow X, \sqrt{s}) =$

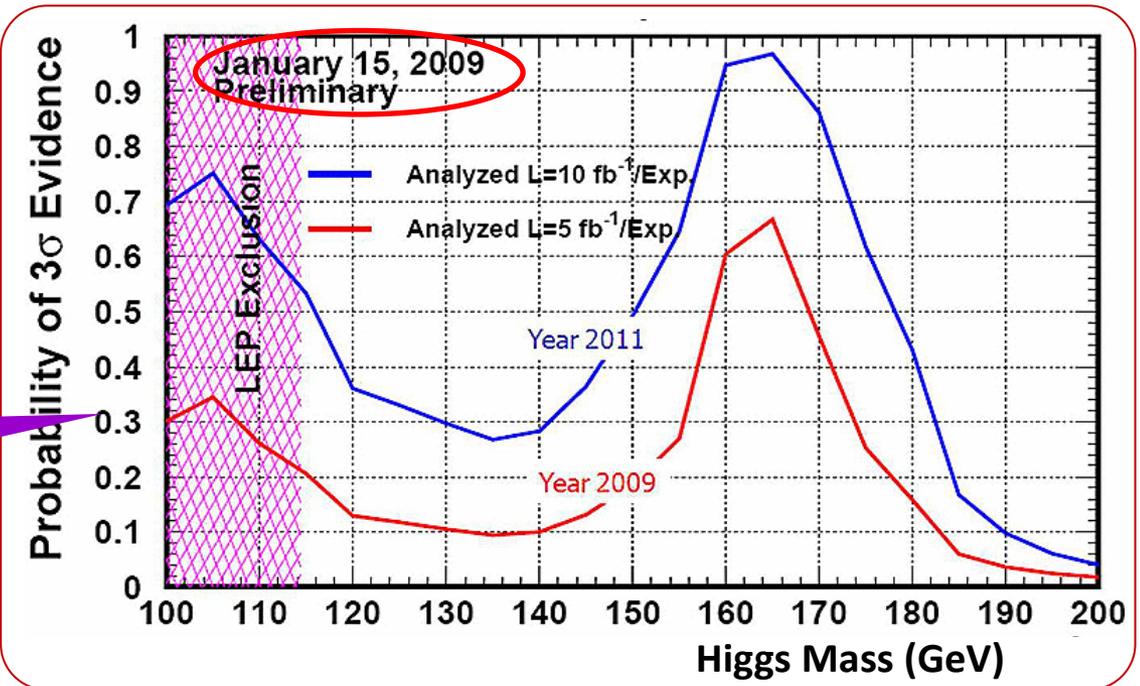
$$= \left[ \frac{16\pi}{s} \right] \left[ \frac{(2J_R + 1)}{(2S_a + 1)(2S_b + 1)} \right] \left[ \frac{\Gamma_{ab}}{\Gamma_R} \right] \left[ \frac{\Gamma_X}{\Gamma_R} \right] \left[ \frac{\Gamma_R^2/4}{(\sqrt{s} - M_R)^2 + \Gamma_R^2/4} \right]$$

for  $e^+e^-$ , factor  $(m_e/m_\mu)^2 \approx 1/40,000$ :  
 $\rightarrow$  impossible for electron colliders;  
 $\rightarrow$  one of the main motivations for muon colliders.

# Higgs — pre-LHC : Tevatron legacy (1)



The "American dream" in 2009: get the Higgs before LHC, by combining CDF + D0.



## Search for the Higgs Particle

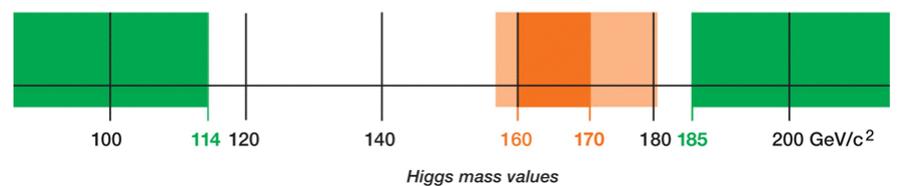
Status as of March 2009

Excluded by LEP Experiments 95% confidence level

Excluded by Tevatron Experiments

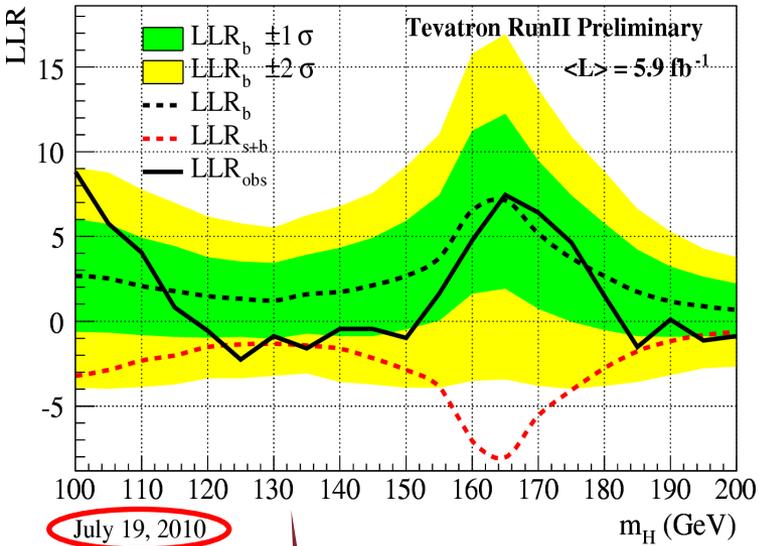
90% confidence level  
95% confidence level

Excluded by Indirect Measurements 95% confidence level



"3 $\sigma$  evidence" has never been used at LEP or at LHC; although well defined and politically understandable, a posteriori it is a useless complication.

# Higgs — pre-LHC : Tevatron legacy (2)



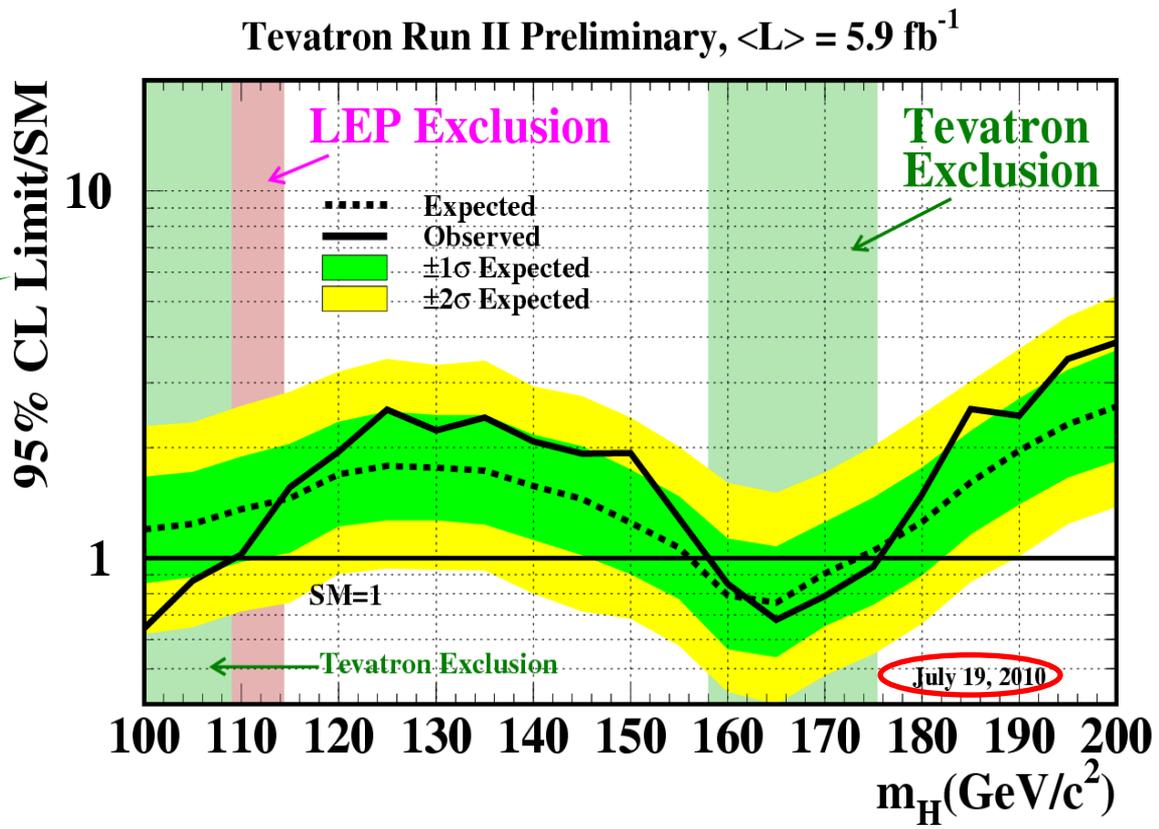
at LEP, for  $m_H < 115$  GeV, the value of  $n$  ( $= \mathcal{L}_{int} \epsilon_s \sigma_s$ ) was monotonic and strongly decreasing with  $m_H$ ;

on the contrary, for higher  $m_H$ , due to the different decay modes with different efficiency,  $n$  has various maxima; the exclusion interval breaks accordingly.

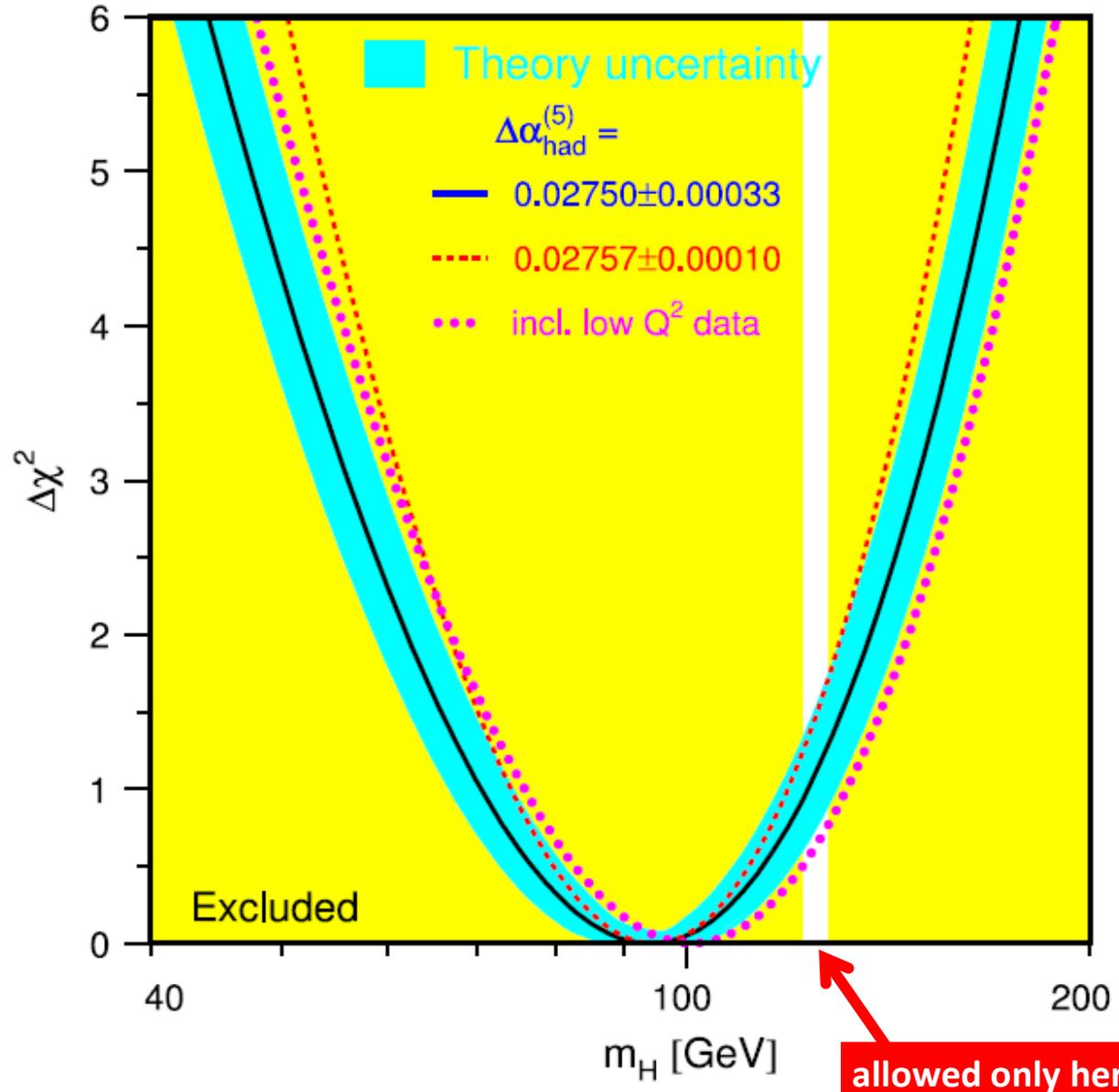
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i.e. " $\mu$ "

"LLR"  $\equiv$  log likelihood ratio =  $-2\ln(\Lambda_s/\Lambda_b)$



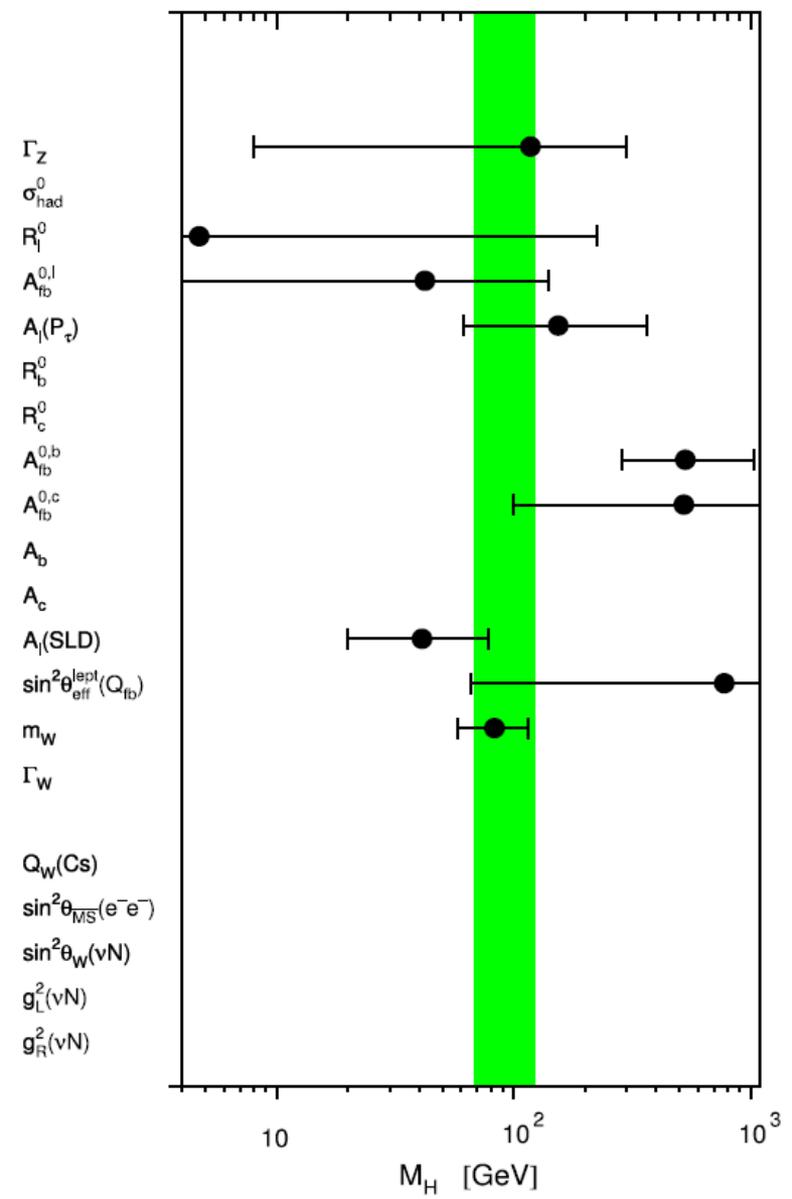
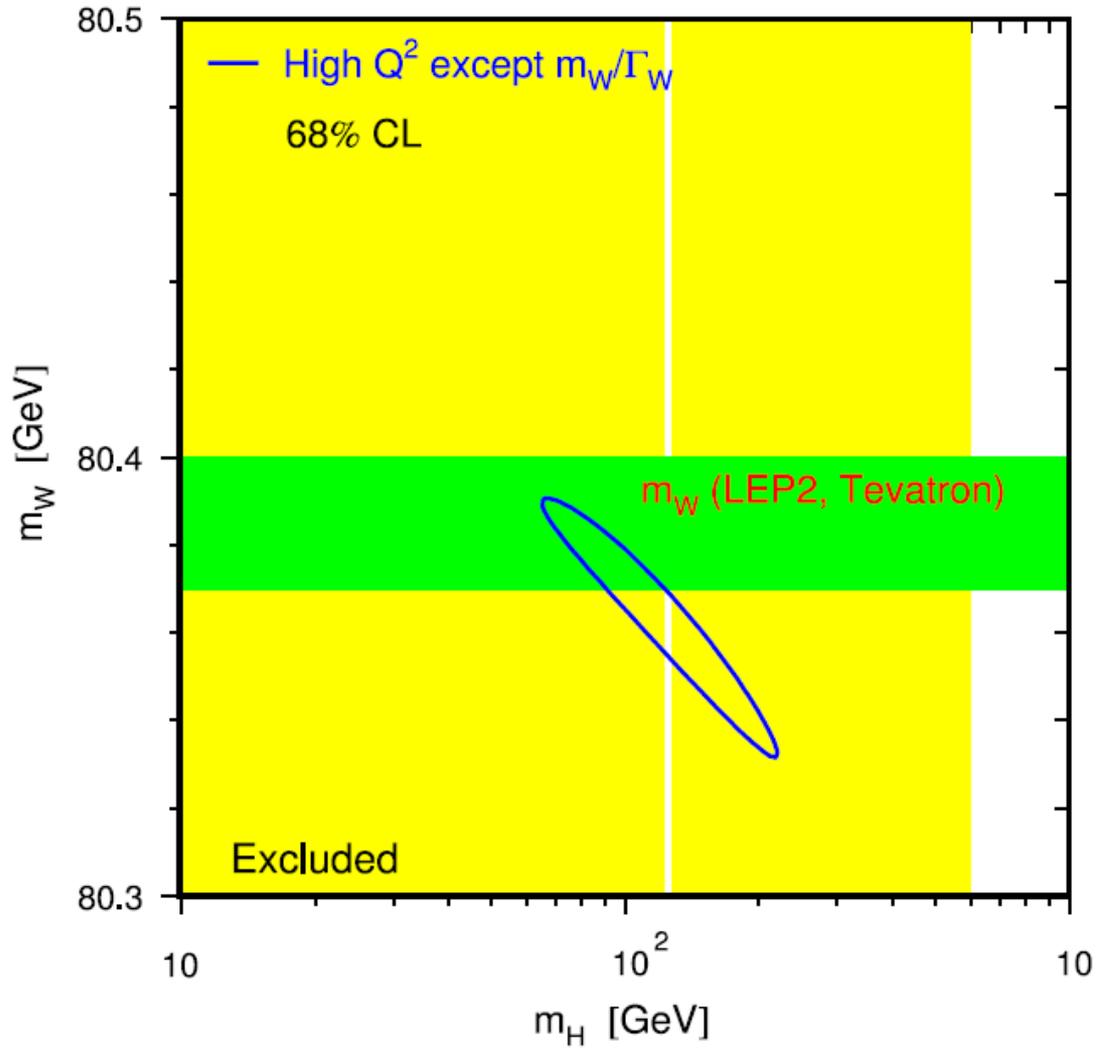
- the (in)famous "blueband", already discussed, wants a light Higgs; it includes all the known info, BUT the direct search at LEP, Tevatron and LHC, shown separately;
- instead, the yellow bands represent the result of the direct searches [NB : no experimental correlation with the blueband];
- the yellow bands varied a lot with time; the present figure refers to just before 2012; it includes Tevatron (160-170 GeV excluded) and the first LHC data;
- everything is now ready to show the direct LHC search.



# Higgs – pre-LHC : complete legacy (2)



bottom:  $m_W$  vs  $m_H$  (strong correlation);  
 right : individual meas. contribution;



# Higgs – pre-LHC : radiative corrections

Already in 2010, radiative corrections + direct searches allowed for a very precise determination of  $m_H$ .  
[Gfitter, Eur.Phys.J. C72 (2012), 2003]

w/o direct search:  $m_H = 91^{+30}_{-23} \begin{matrix} [+74] \\ [-42] \end{matrix}$  GeV

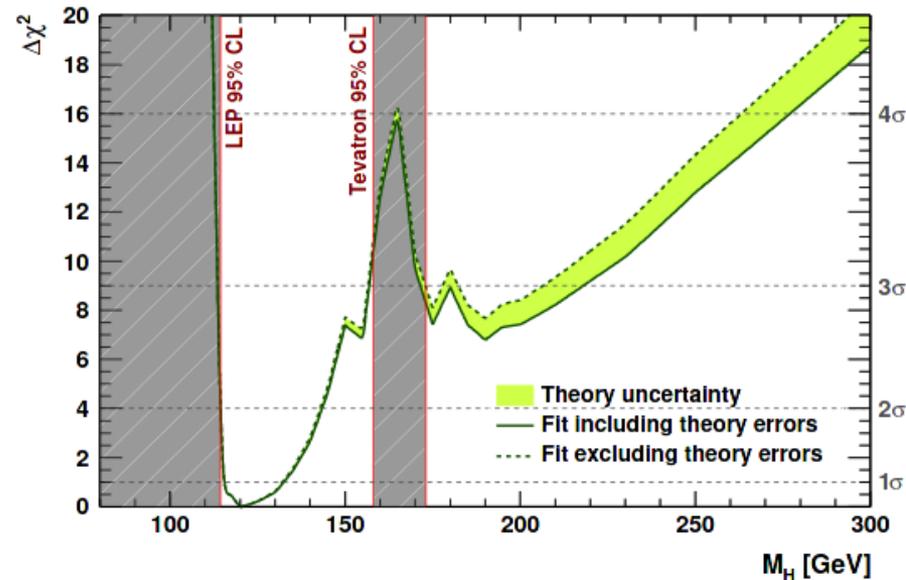
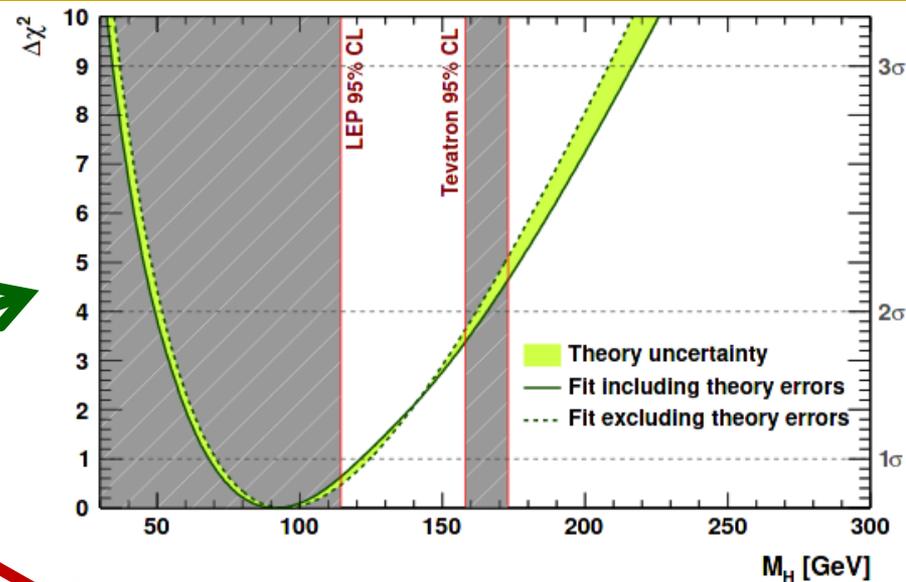
direct search in:  $m_H = 120^{+12}_{-05} \begin{matrix} [+23] \\ [-06] \end{matrix}$  GeV

more formally, the radiative correction are:

$$\rho = \frac{m_W^2}{m_Z^2 \cos^2 \theta_W} \approx \rho_0 (1 + \delta\rho_t + \delta\rho_H + \dots);$$

$$\delta\rho_t \approx \frac{3G_F m_t^2}{8\sqrt{2}\pi^2} \approx 0.0096 \left( \frac{m_t}{173 \text{ GeV}} \right)^2;$$

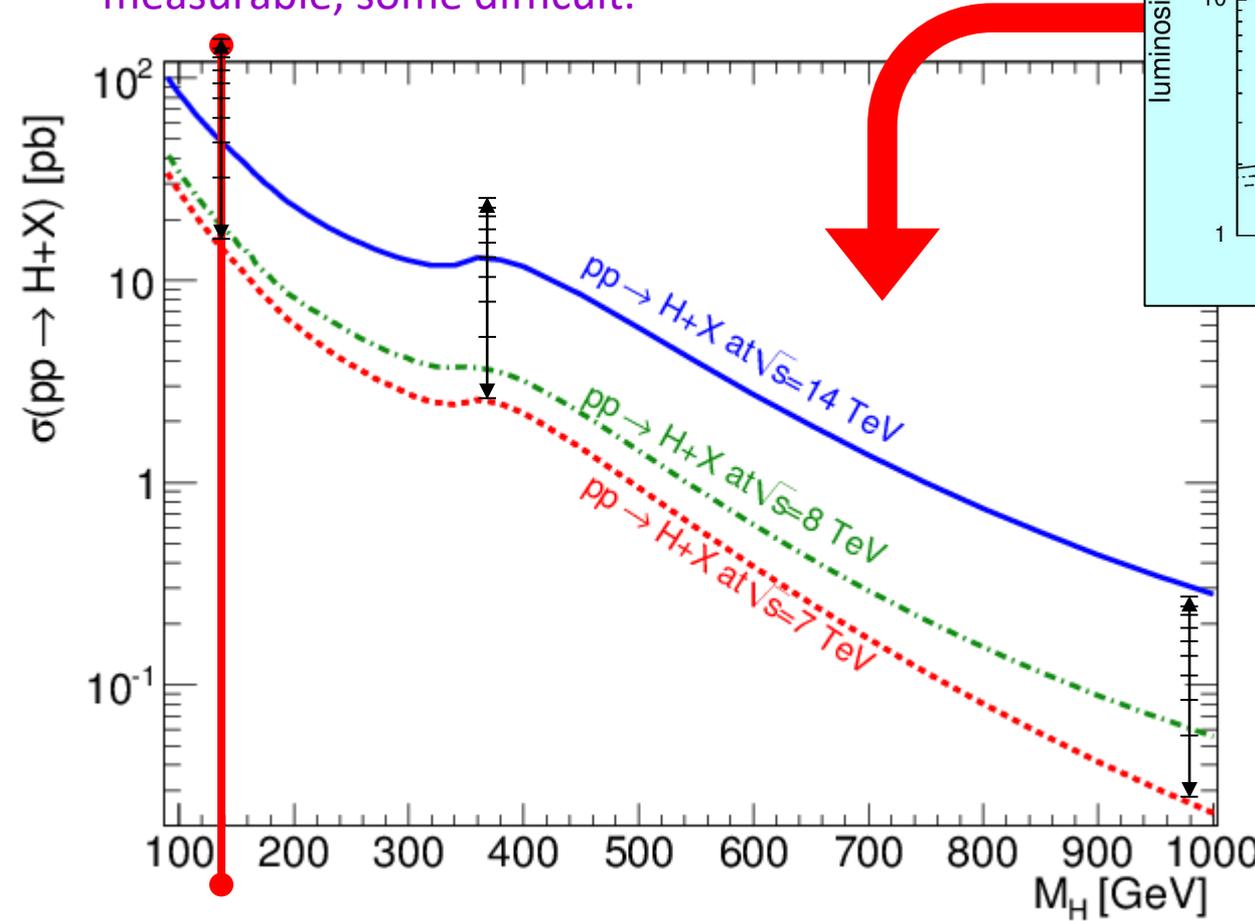
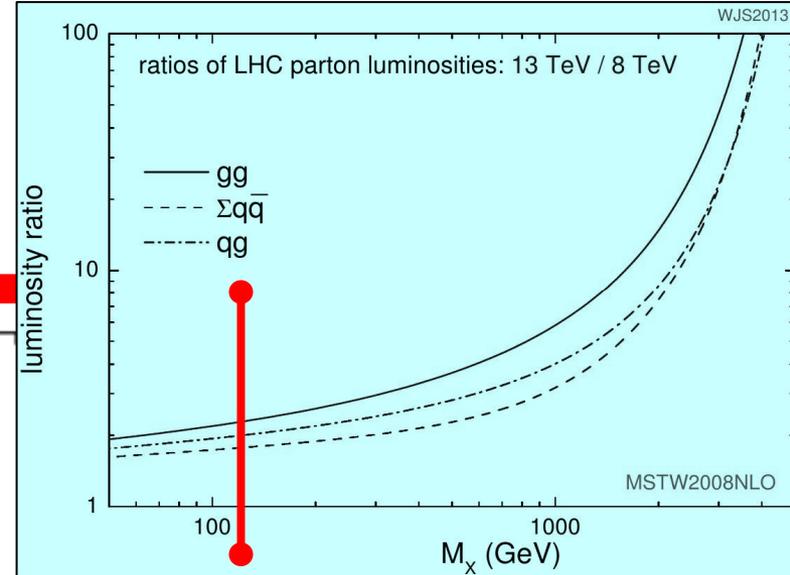
$$\delta\rho_H \approx -\frac{3G_F m_Z^2 \sin^2 \theta_W}{8\sqrt{2}\pi^2} \left( \ln \frac{m_H^2}{m_W^2} - \frac{5}{6} \right).$$



# Higgs – LHC predictions : production



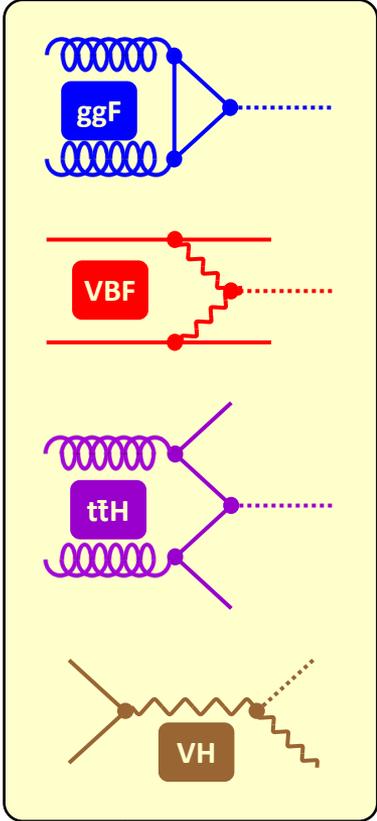
- real process at parton level;
- PDFs depend on  $M_H$  and  $\sqrt{s}$ , (i.e.  $\sqrt{\hat{s}}$  and  $x$ );
- $\sigma_{125} = \text{few} \times 10 \text{ pb}$ ;
- observables =  $\sigma \times \text{Br}_i$ , but some decays not measurable, some difficult.



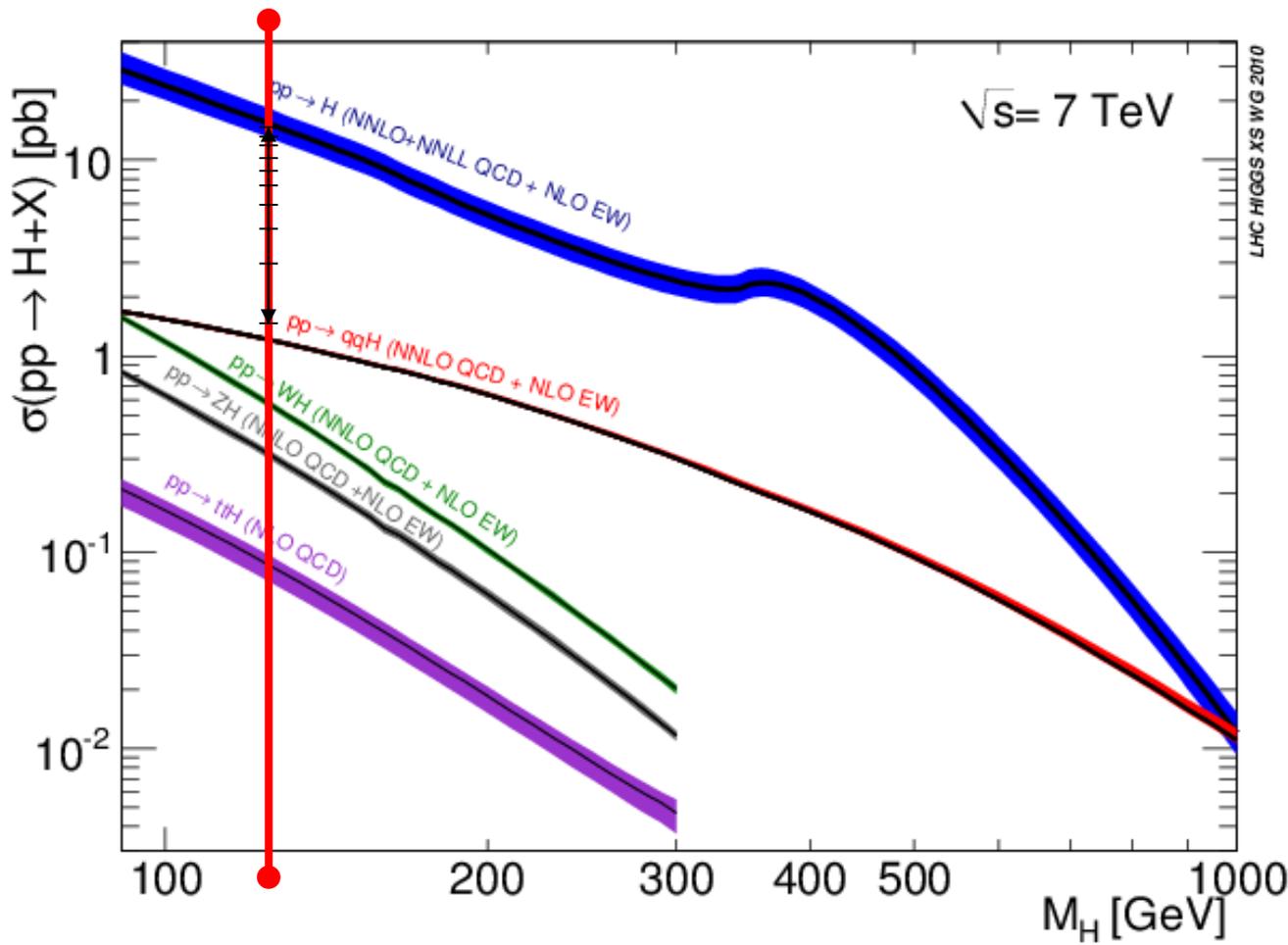
to be compared with:

Luminosity ( $\text{fb}^{-1}$ ) $\mathcal{L}$ / $\sqrt{s}$ / exp			
$\sqrt{s}$ (TeV)	7 TeV	8 TeV	7,8,13
ATLAS	4.7	20.7	139
CMS	5.1	19.6	137

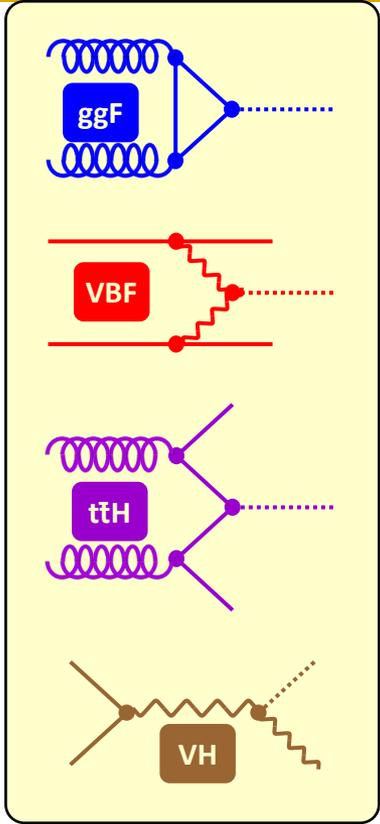
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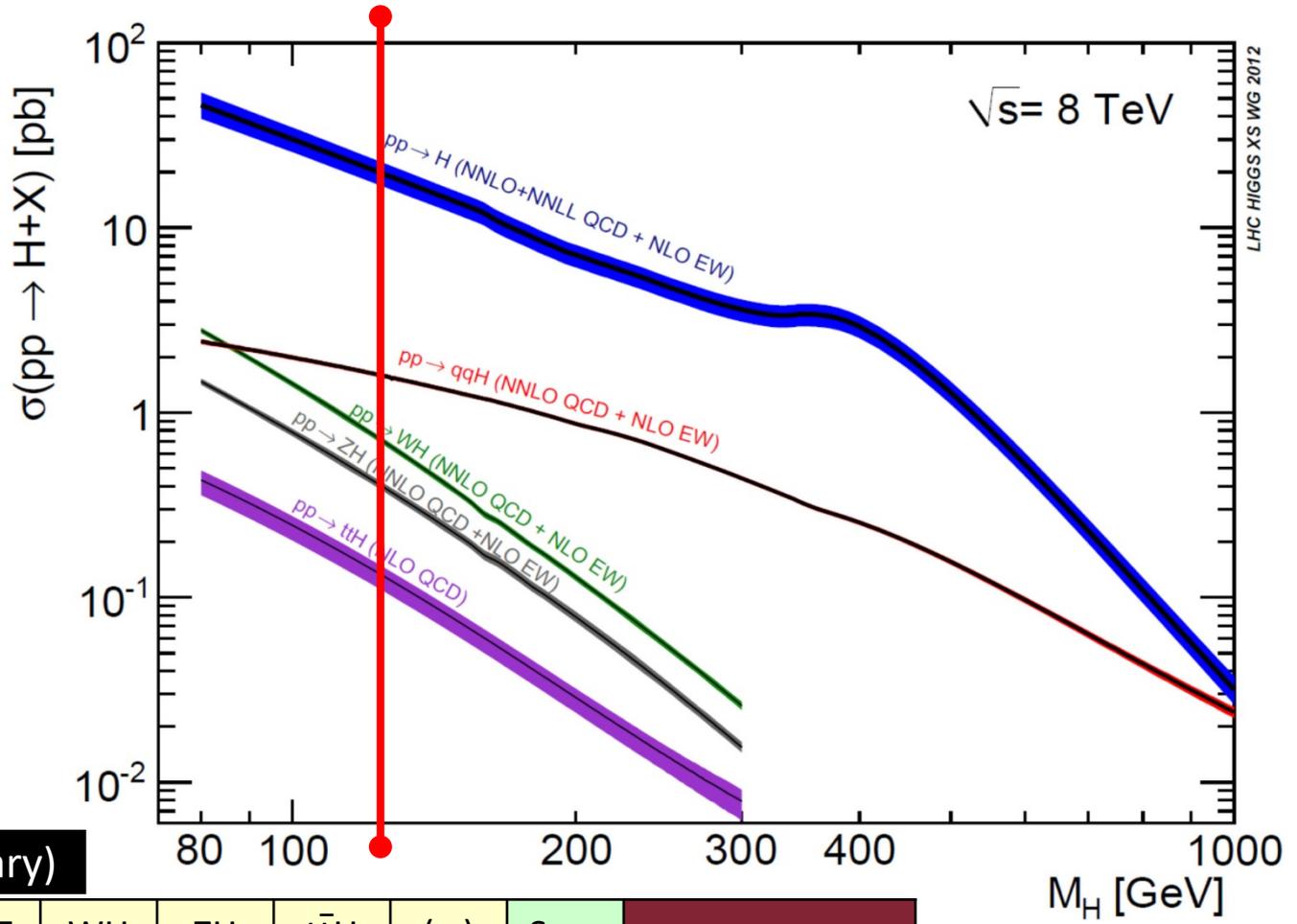
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# Higgs – LHC predictions : $\sigma_H @ 8 \text{ TeV}$



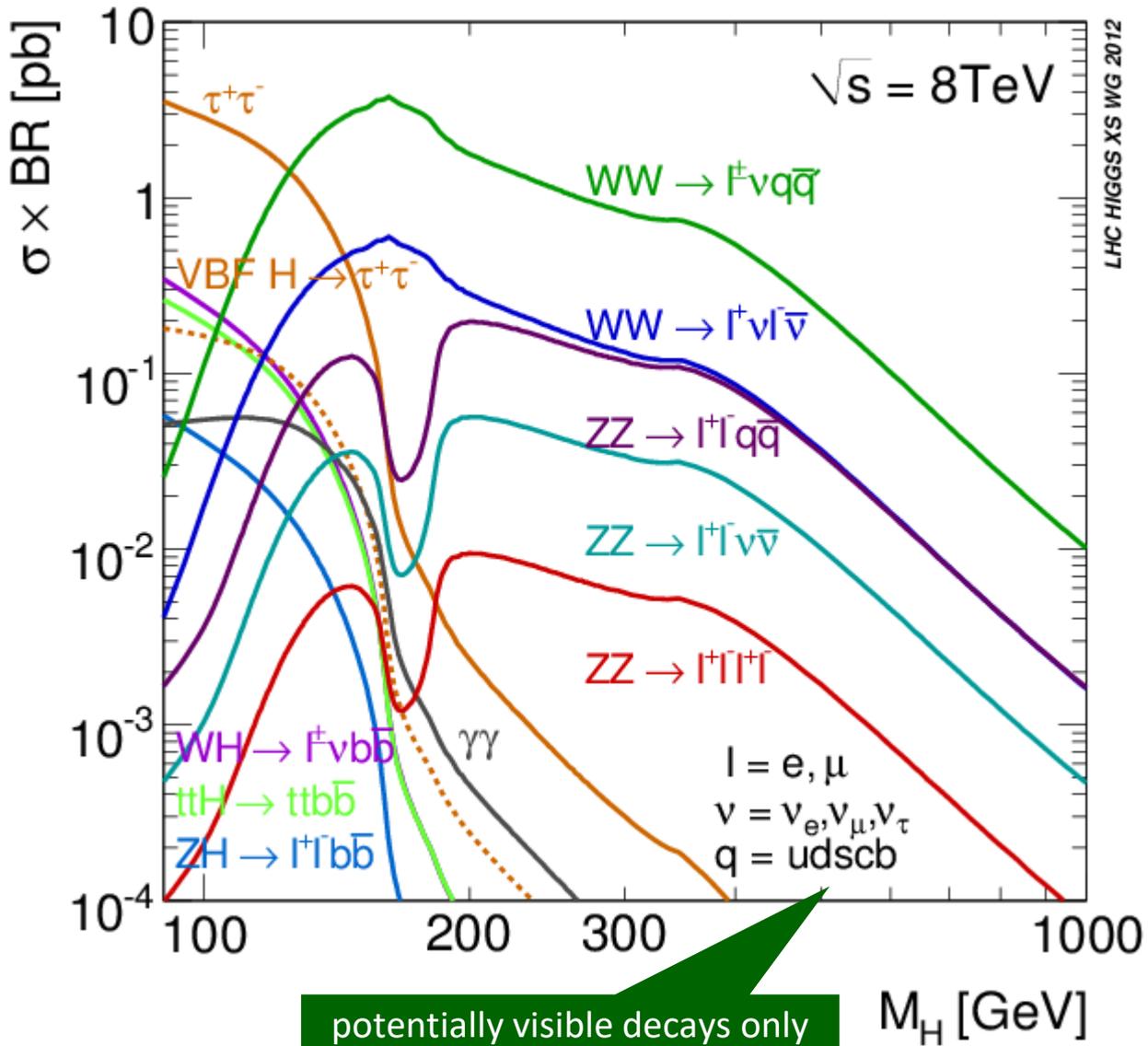
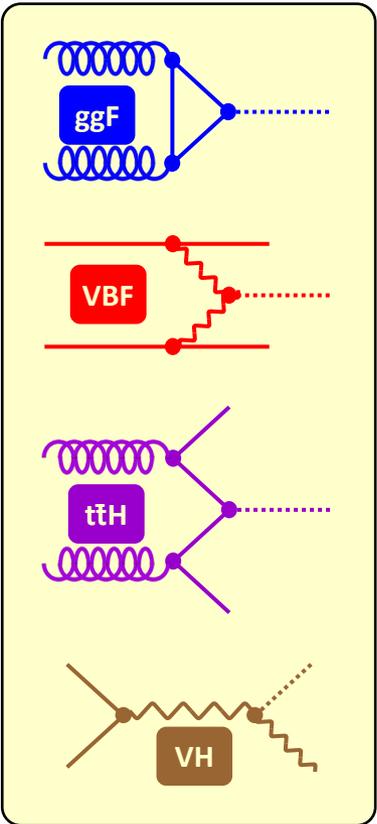
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$\sqrt{s}$ (TeV)	ggF	VBF	WH	ZH	$t\bar{t}H$	(...)	Sum
7	15.0	1.22	0.58	0.33	0.09	0.2	17.4
8	19.2	1.58	0.70	0.41	0.13	0.3	22.3
14	49.2	4.15	1.47	0.86	0.59	...	56.3

$\sigma(pp \rightarrow HX)$   
(pb)  
[computed for  $m_H = 125 \text{ GeV}$ ]

# Higgs – LHC predictions : $\sigma_H \times BR$



potentially visible decays only  
[e.g.  $WW \rightarrow q\bar{q}q\bar{q}$  is missing]

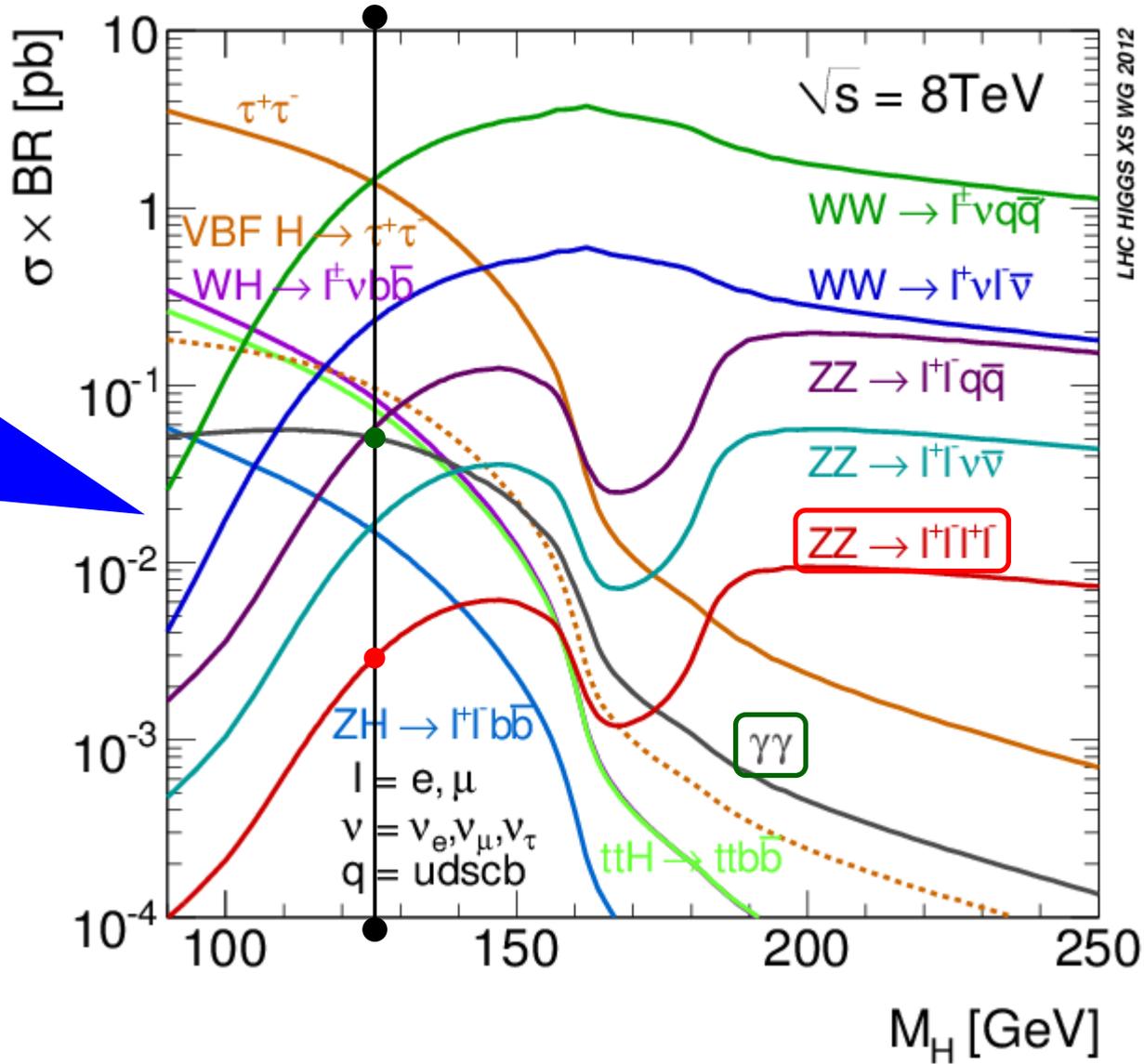
# Higgs – LHC predictions : $\sigma_H \times BR$



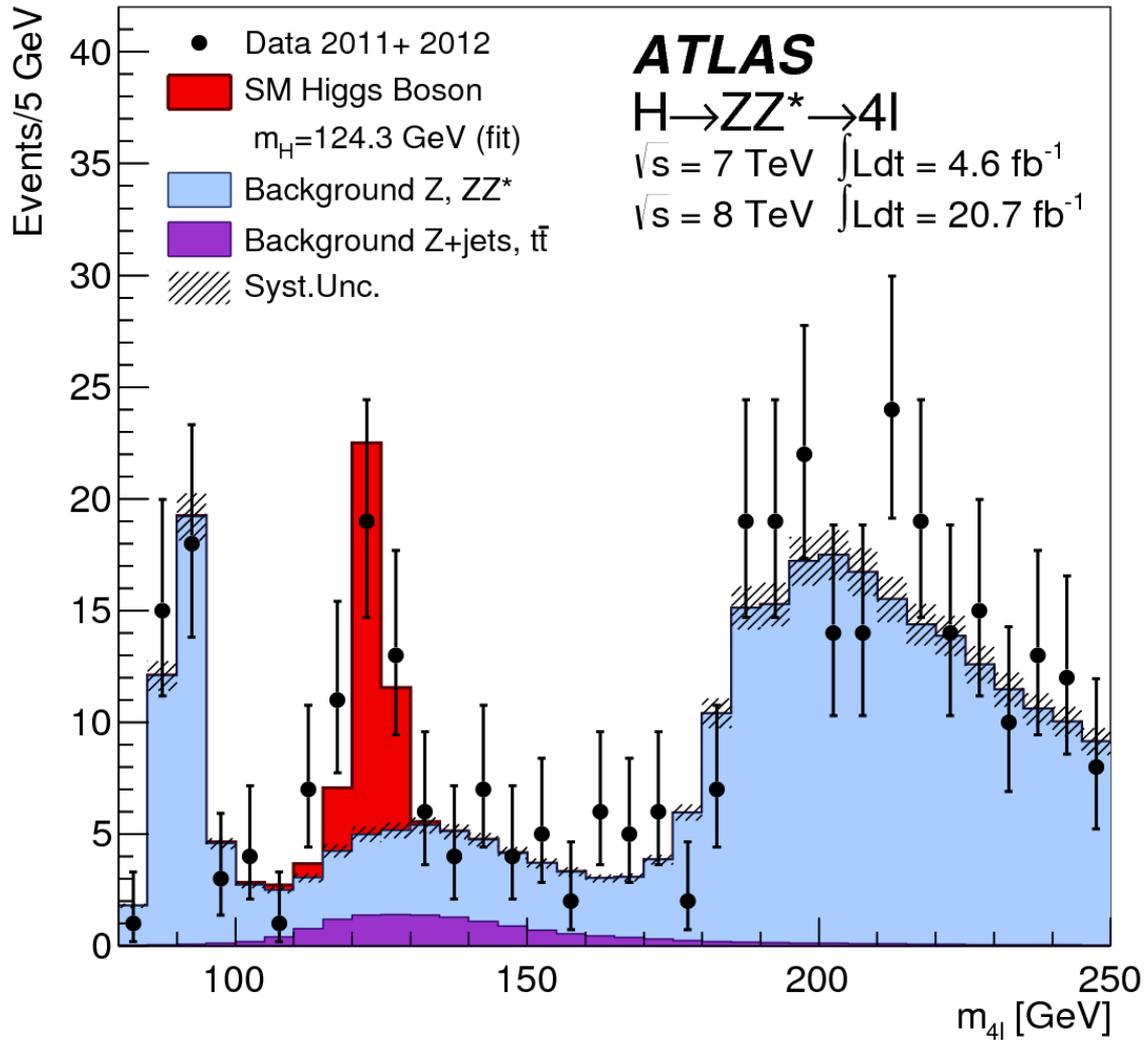
Same plot, different scale, to show the low  $m_H$  behavior. The dots are the "golden channels":

- a)  $\square$ ;
- b)  $\ell^+\ell^-\ell^+\ell^-$ .

i.e. a compromise between yield and observability.



# Higgs discovery : $H \rightarrow ZZ^* - ATLAS$



looking for the Higgs boson !!!

$H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow e^+e^-e^+e^-$

Test mass  $\sim 125 \text{ GeV}$

(exact values from mass fits,  
small variations – within errors)

more results in >2013,  
some shown below.

1. ATLAS animated gifs:  
<https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/AtlasPublic/HiggsPublicResults#Animations>
2. ditto for CMS:  
<https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/CMSPublic/Hig13002TWiki>

# Higgs discovery : $H \rightarrow ZZ^*$ - ATLAS p-value

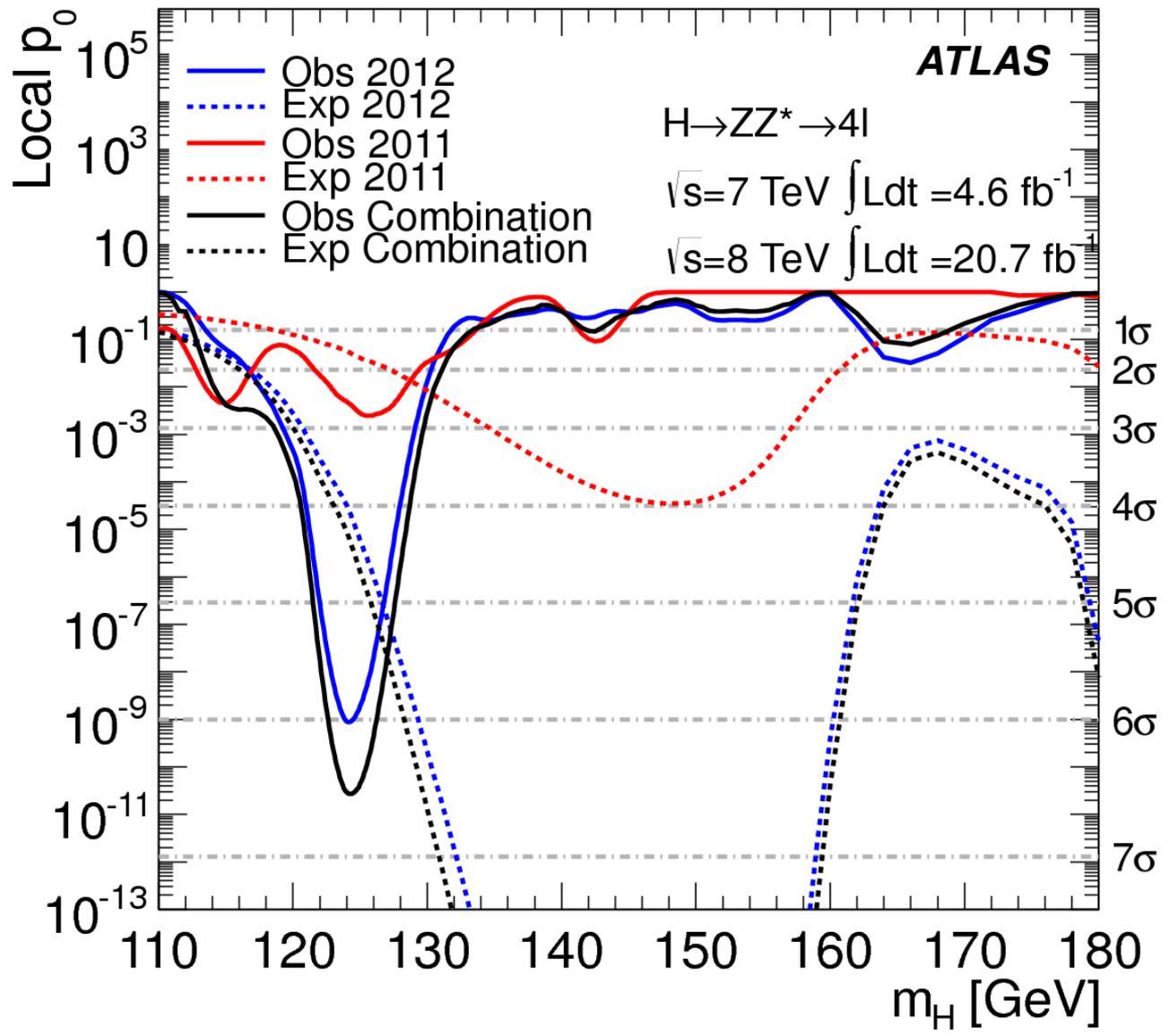
## ATLAS 4 $e^\pm$

- 2011 : some excess, below  $3\sigma$ ;
- 2012 :  $\sim 6\sigma$ ;
- combined : between 6 and  $7\sigma$ .

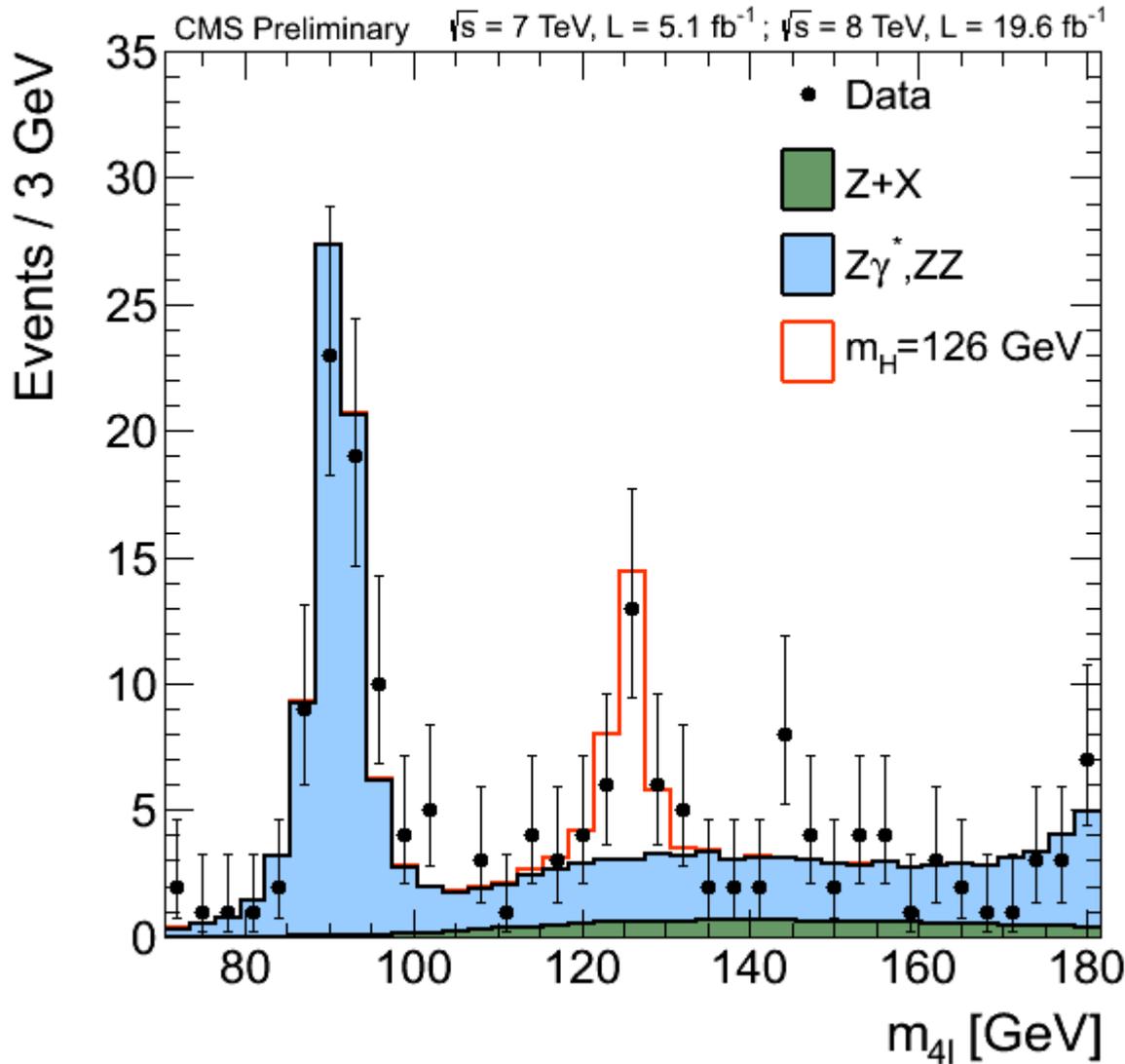
more than expected, but not incompatible.

NB. obs (-) and exp (- -) are expected to agree ONLY at  $m_H^{obs}$ .

*definition of p-value ???*



# Higgs discovery : $H \rightarrow ZZ^*$ - CMS

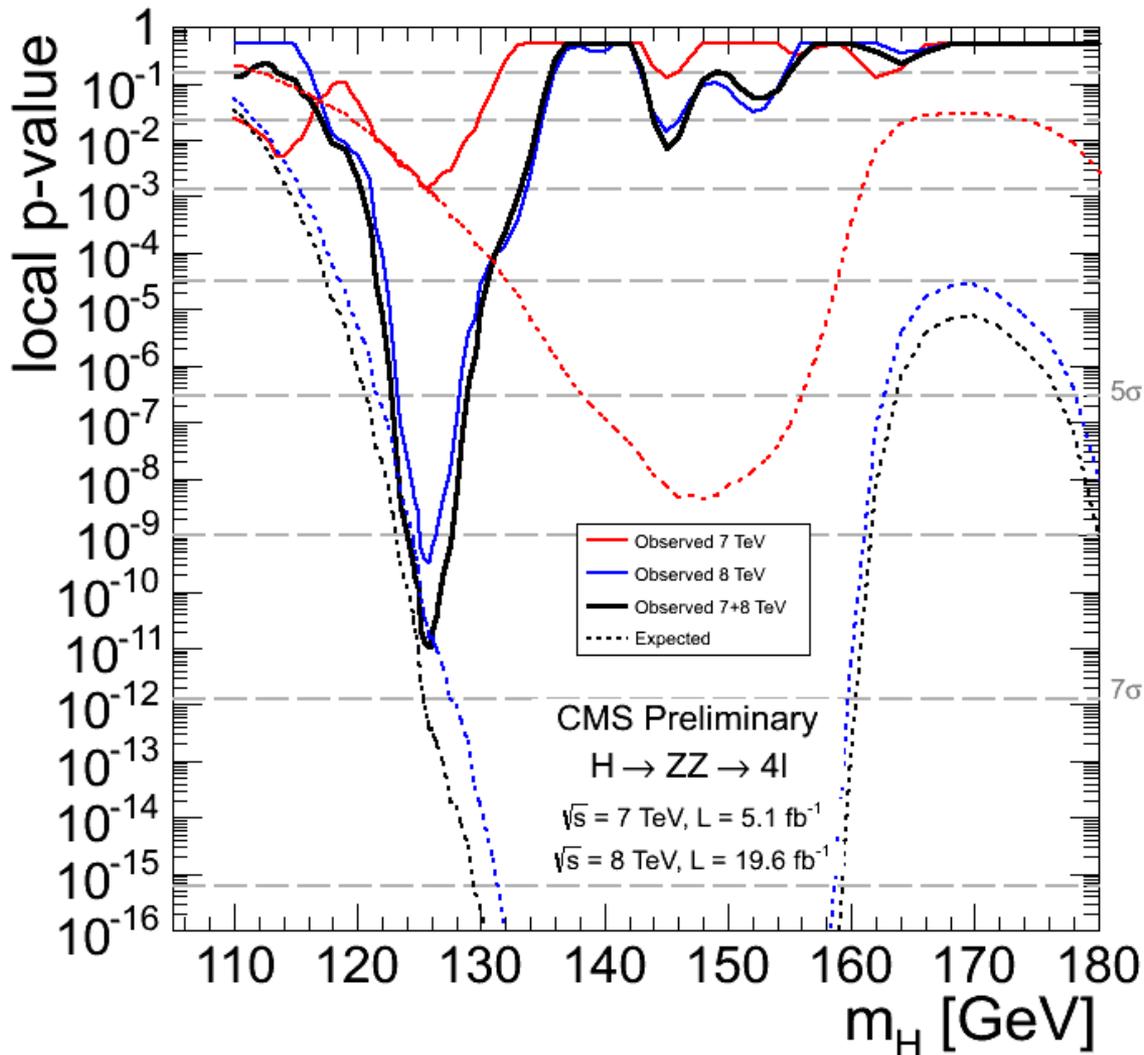


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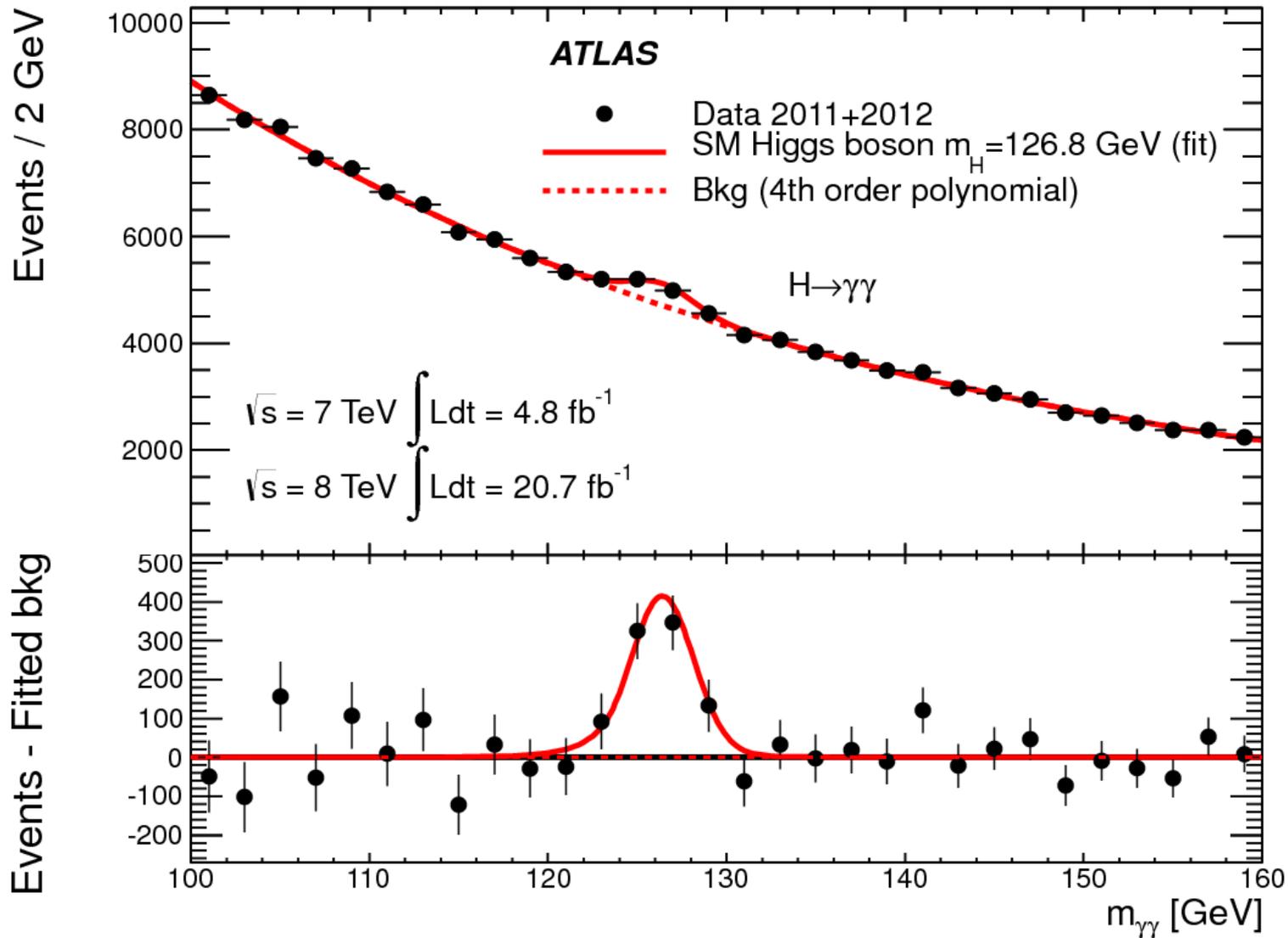
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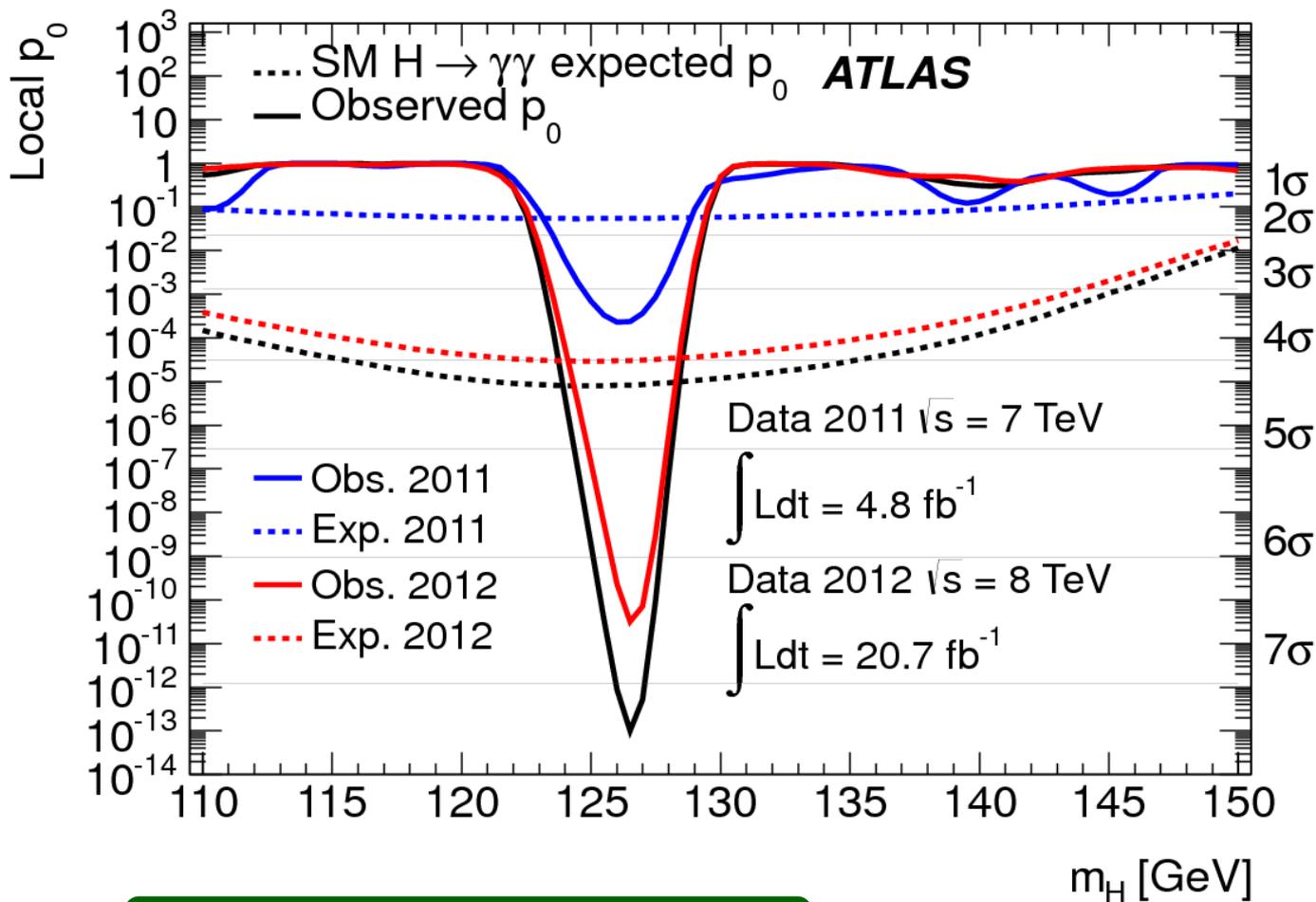
well compatible with expected.

NB. obs (-) and exp (- -) are expected to agree ONLY at  $m_H^{\text{obs}}$ .

# Higgs discovery : $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ - ATLAS



# Higgs discovery : $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ - ATLAS p-value



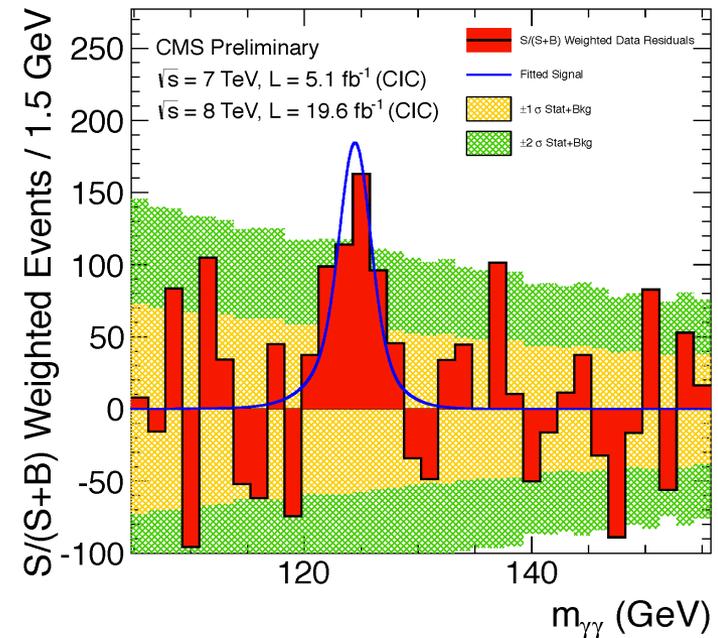
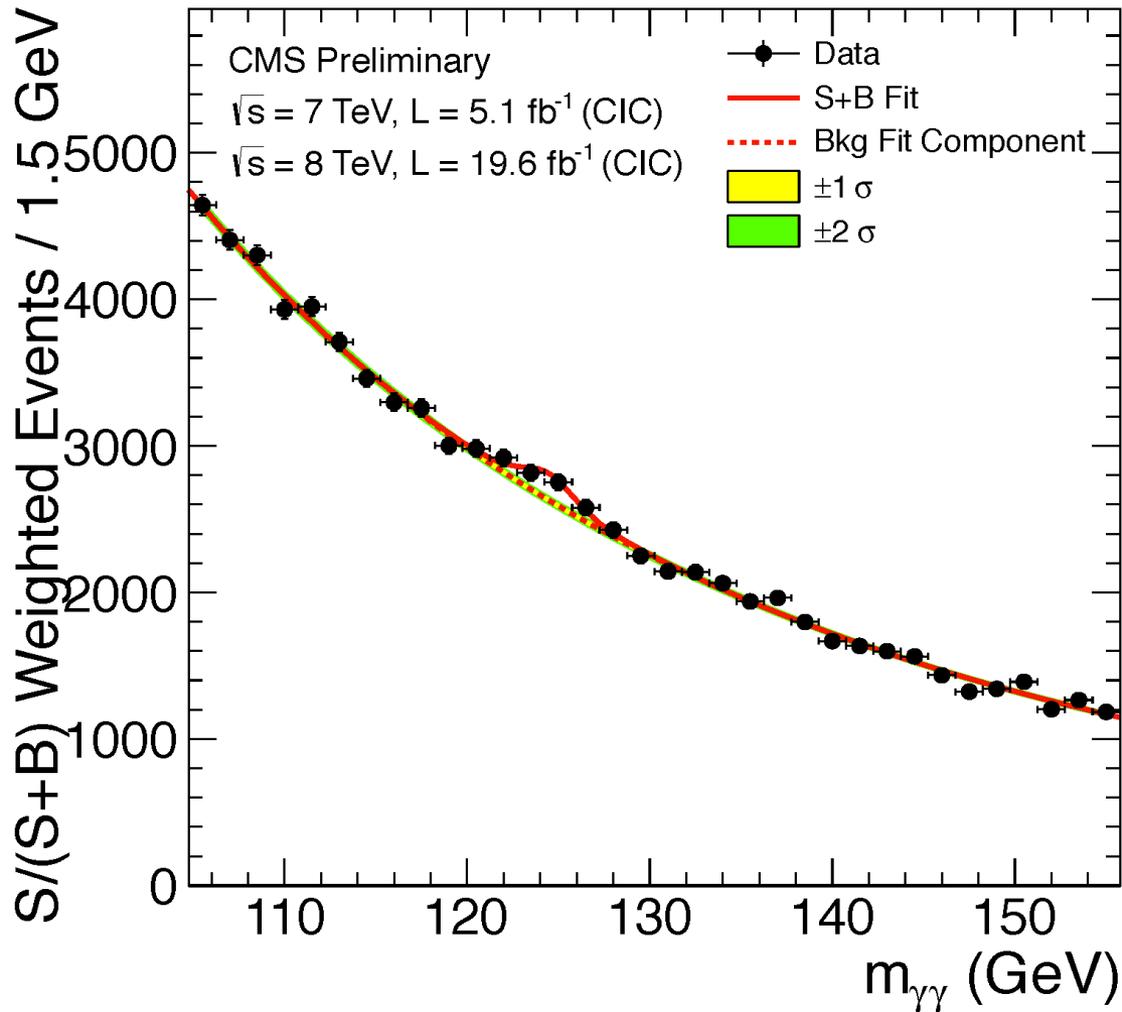
## ATLAS $\gamma\gamma$

- 2011 : some excess,  $>3 \sigma$ ;
- **2012 :  $> 6 \sigma$ ;**
- combined :  $>7 \sigma$ .

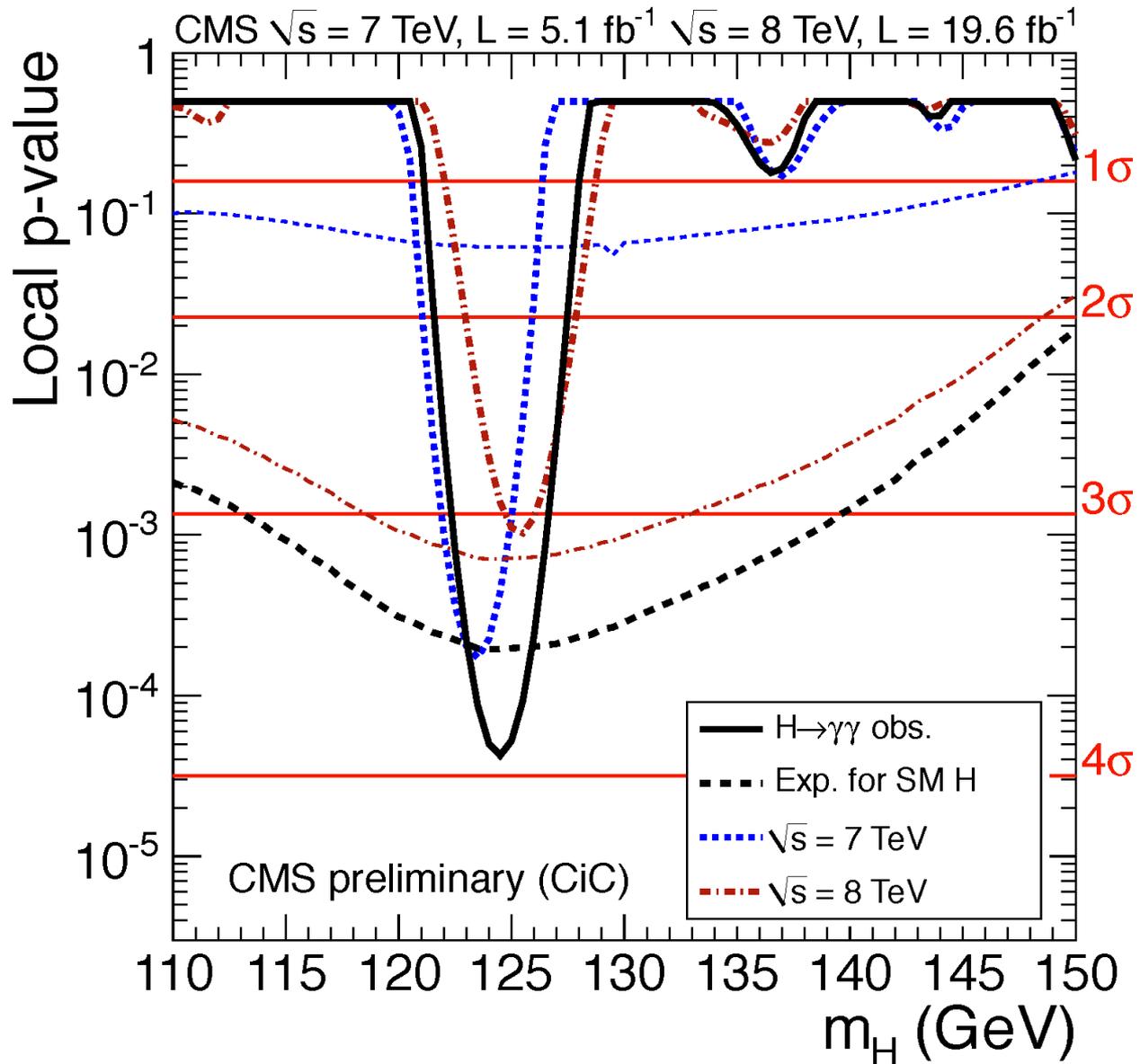
more than expected,  
 but **not incompatible.**

NB. obs (-) and exp (- -) are expected to agree ONLY at  $m_H^{\text{obs}}$ .

# Higgs discovery : $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ - CMS



# Higgs discovery : $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ - CMS p-value



## CMS $\gamma\gamma$

- 2011 : some excess,  $>3 \sigma$ ;
- **2012 :  $> 3 \sigma$ ;**
- combined :  $\sim 4 \sigma$ .

well compatible with expected.

NB. obs (—) and exp (— —) are expected to agree ONLY at  $m_H^{\text{obs}}$ .



After discovery, what next ?

*[the new particle exists, but must check whether it is exactly the SM Higgs]*

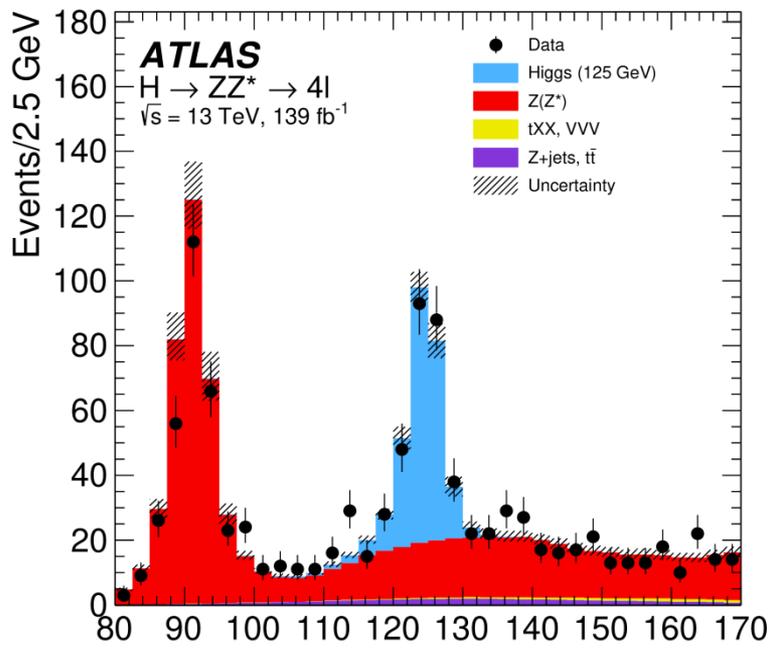
Strategy :

- measure as many as possible H properties :
  - mass ( → masses in all decays);
  - production rates (→ vs  $\sqrt{s}$ );
  - production mechanisms and decay BR's (→ couplings);
  - angular distr. of decay products;
- compare with SM predictions and check (**hope**) for discrepancies;
- look for the rest of the  $m_H$  range, searching for a richer Higgs spectrum;
- [the same for any other bSM theory];
- [also with model-independent analyses].

*Warning:*

- *neither a standard textbook explanation nor a report of present state-of-art results, but an attempt to show the strategy of the current studies;*
- *best effort to produce updated results and plots, but no guarantee (updates almost daily);*
- *few properties only (e.g. skip the interesting but complicated attempt to measure H width and  $J^{CP}$ );*
- *no discussion of bSM analyses (actually most studies, but none successful, until now..., see next chapter);*
- *a neverending work in progress ...*

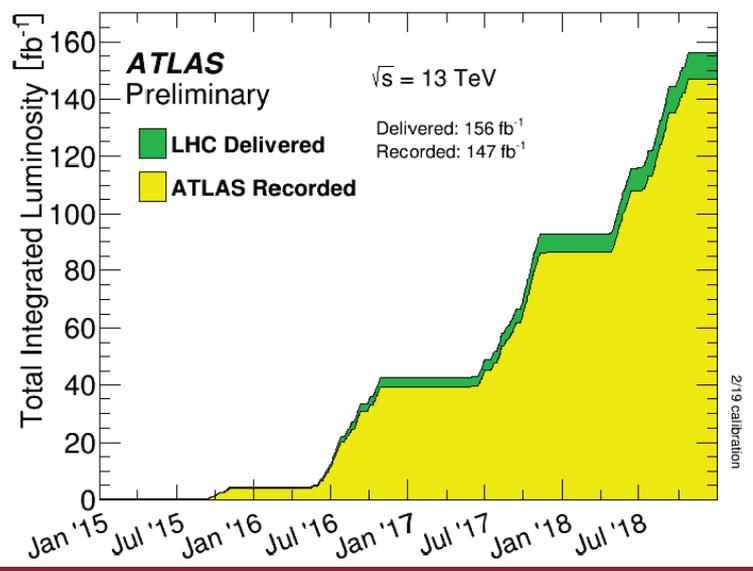
# Higgs today: $4\ell^\pm$ mass - plot 2020



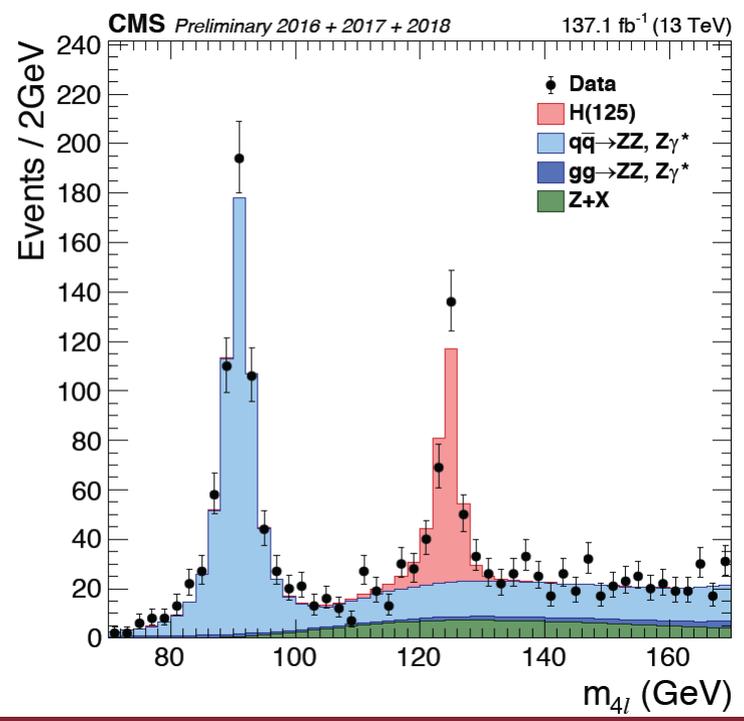
A fresh look to new data at 13 TeV for  $H \rightarrow 4\ell^\pm$  (see  $\mathcal{L}$  plot).

The data size has strongly improved: just look at the discovery plots.

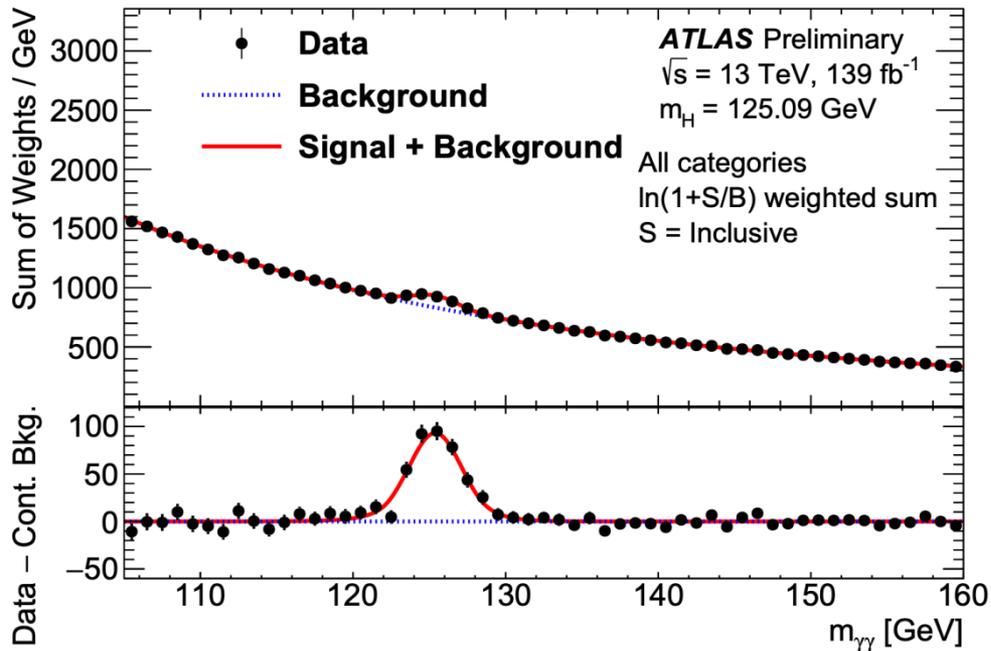
The exact p-value looks irrelevant, we are back to the old-fashioned regime *"the presence of the effect is obvious"* [but NOT the interpretation !]



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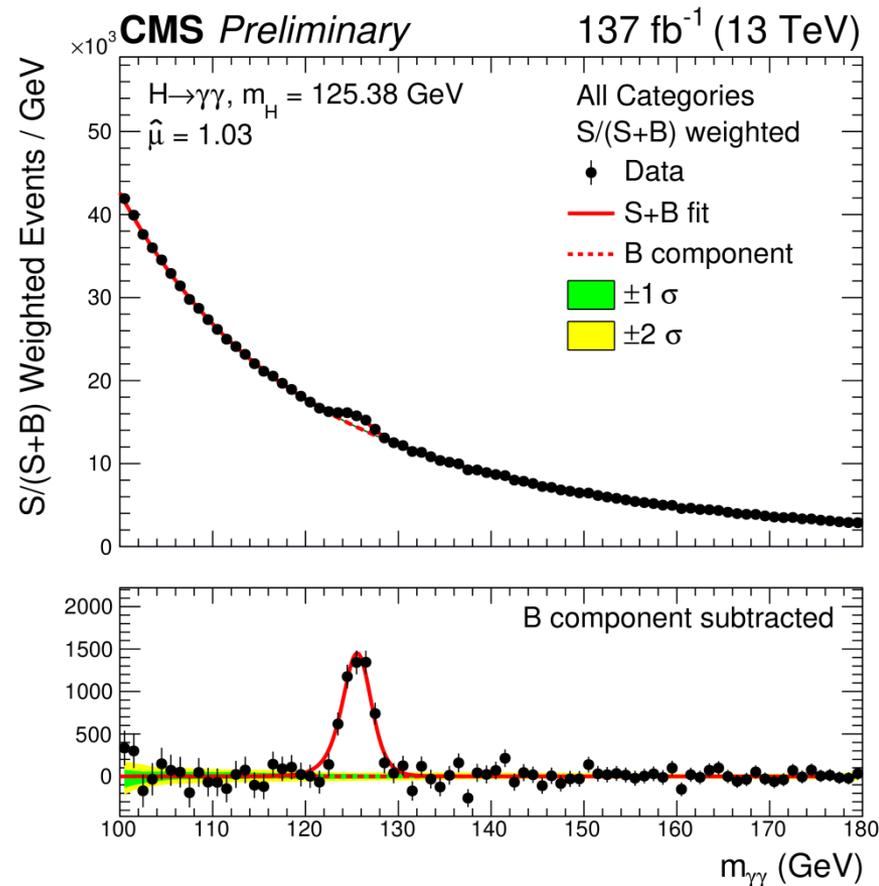
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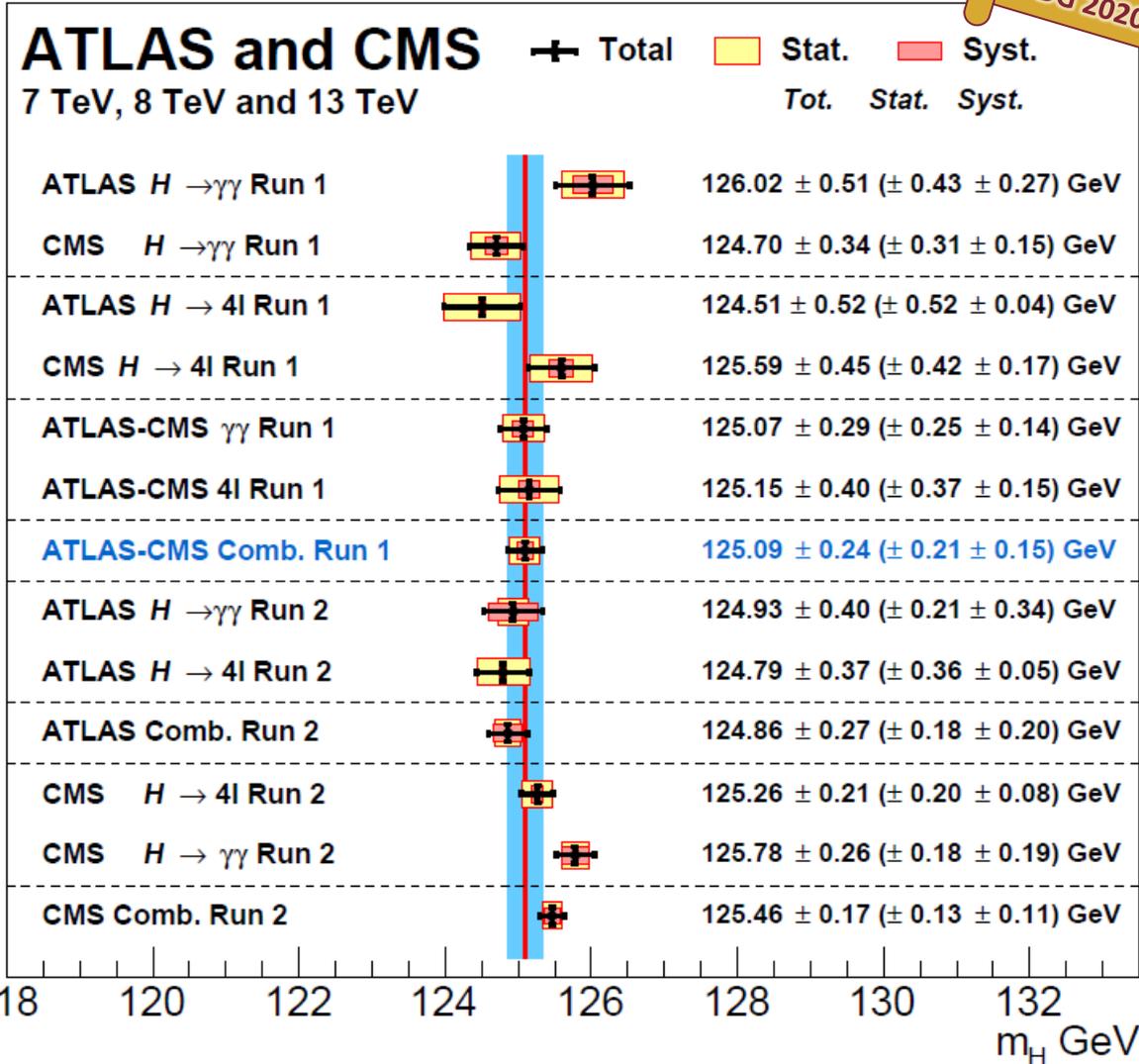
... and for  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ .

[same comment on  $p$ -value]

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# Higgs today: mass(es ?)



PDG 2020

For the ( $\square$ ) and ( $4\ell$ ) channels  
 $\Delta m_H / m_H < 1\%$  (very precise):

- if particle NOT the SM H  $\rightarrow$   $m(\square)$  and  $m(4\ell)$  could be different;
- but in the data their mass is compatible;
- and ATLAS and CMS are fully compatible;
- assuming combination, the PDG 2020 estimation has the error at  $10^{-3}$  level:

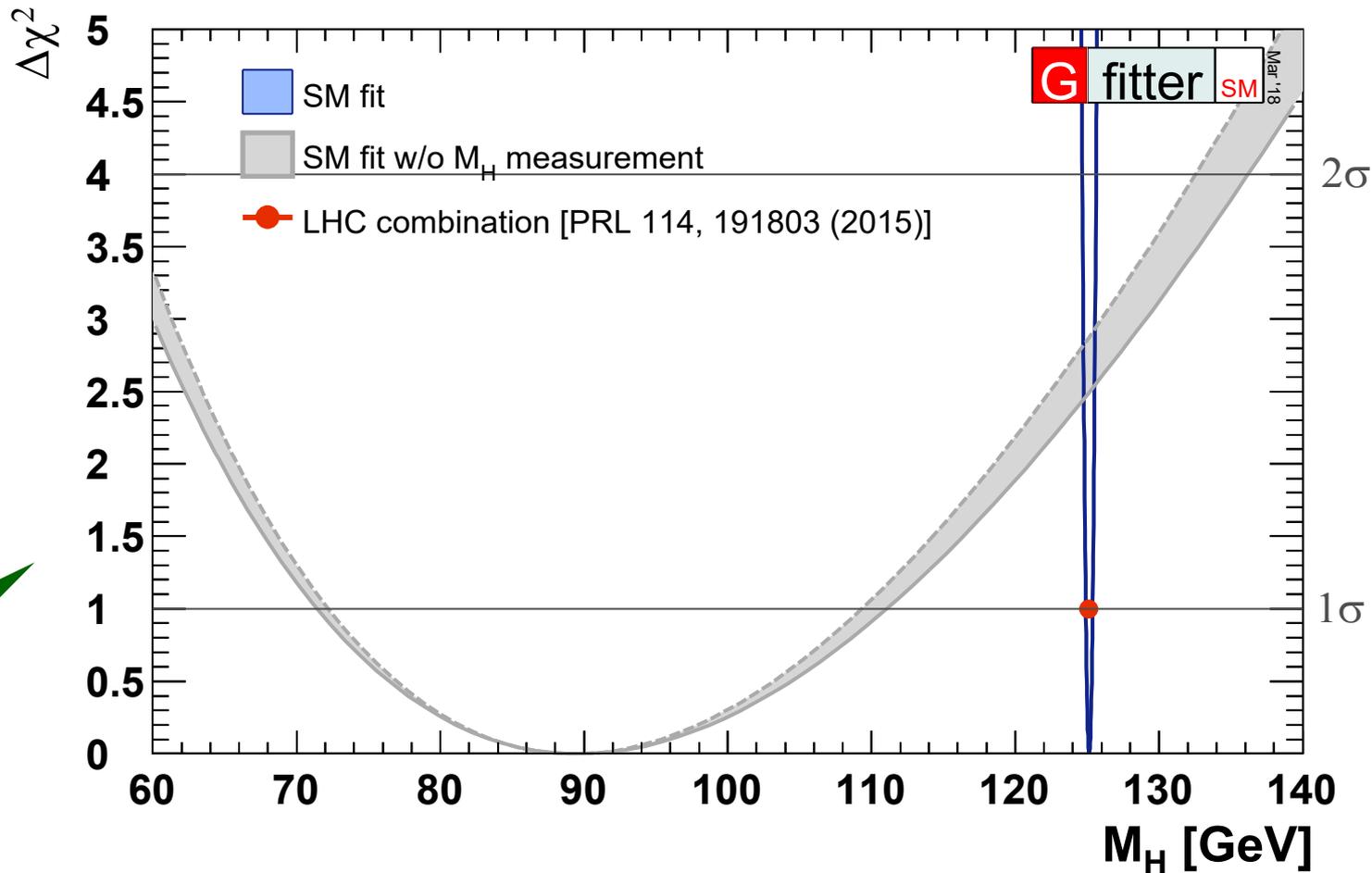
$$m_H = 125.10 \pm 0.14 \text{ GeV}$$

[an unprecedented success, just go back and look for W/Z at the Sp $\bar{p}$ S].



# Higgs today: mass SM vs direct

- the indirect measurement still likes a low-mass Higgs;
- [but be aware that " $2\sigma$ " is NOT " $2 \times 1\sigma$ ";]
- stat. fluctuation [most likely imho] or real hint of new physics ?
- "ai posteri l'ardua sentenza" ["sentence waits posterity", really ?]



I love this plot,  
I've shown it 5  
or 6 times.

# Higgs today: $H \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$

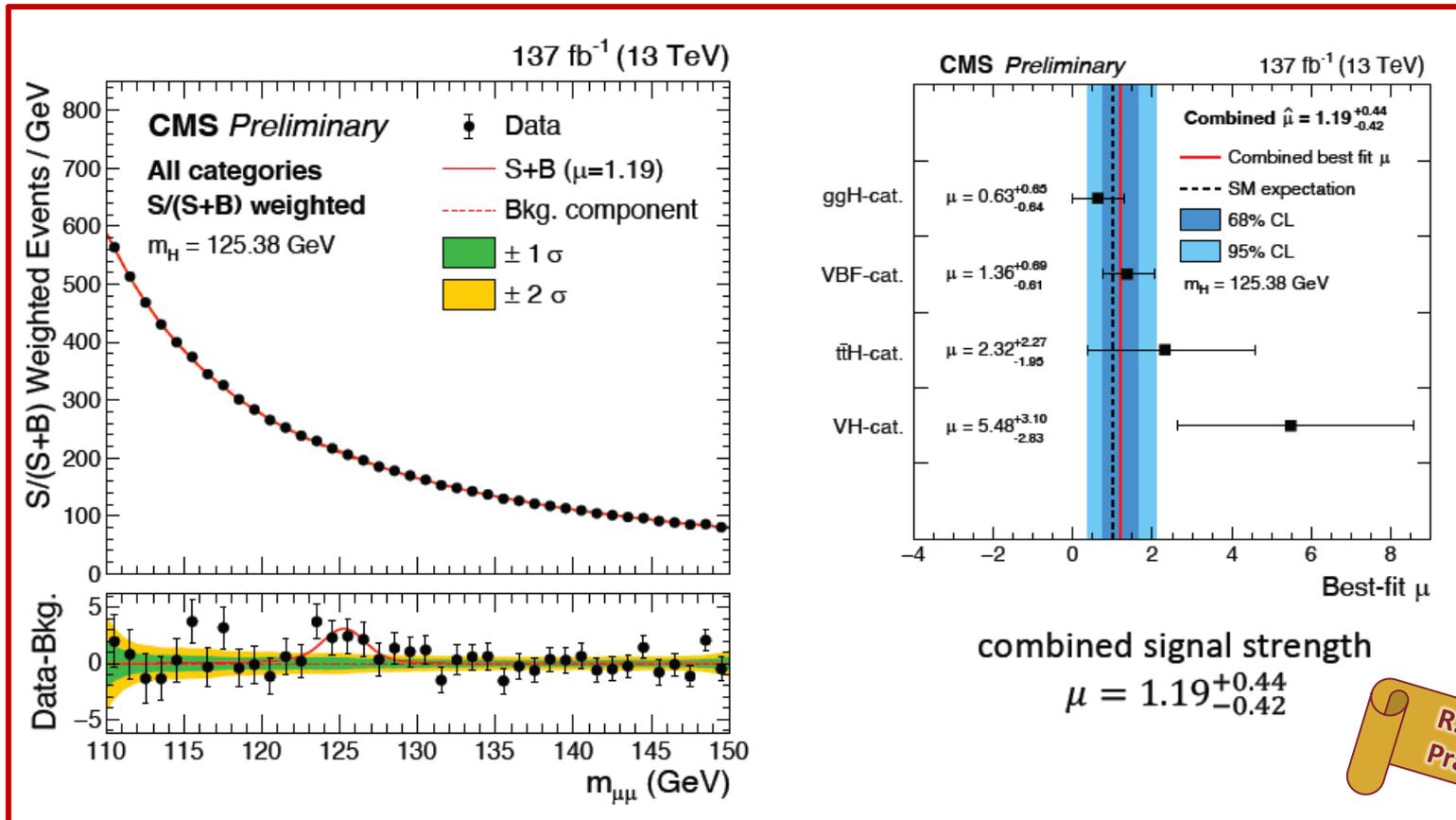


One of the highlights of the last year:

$$H \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$$

- the coupling is very small (BR  $2 \times 10^{-4}$ )  $\rightarrow$  difficult;

- before it, only 3<sup>rd</sup> family + IVB's, this is the 1<sup>st</sup> fermion of the 2<sup>nd</sup> family;
- in the SM the coupling is NOT a function of the family [*but you never know*].



# Higgs couplings: new SM predictions

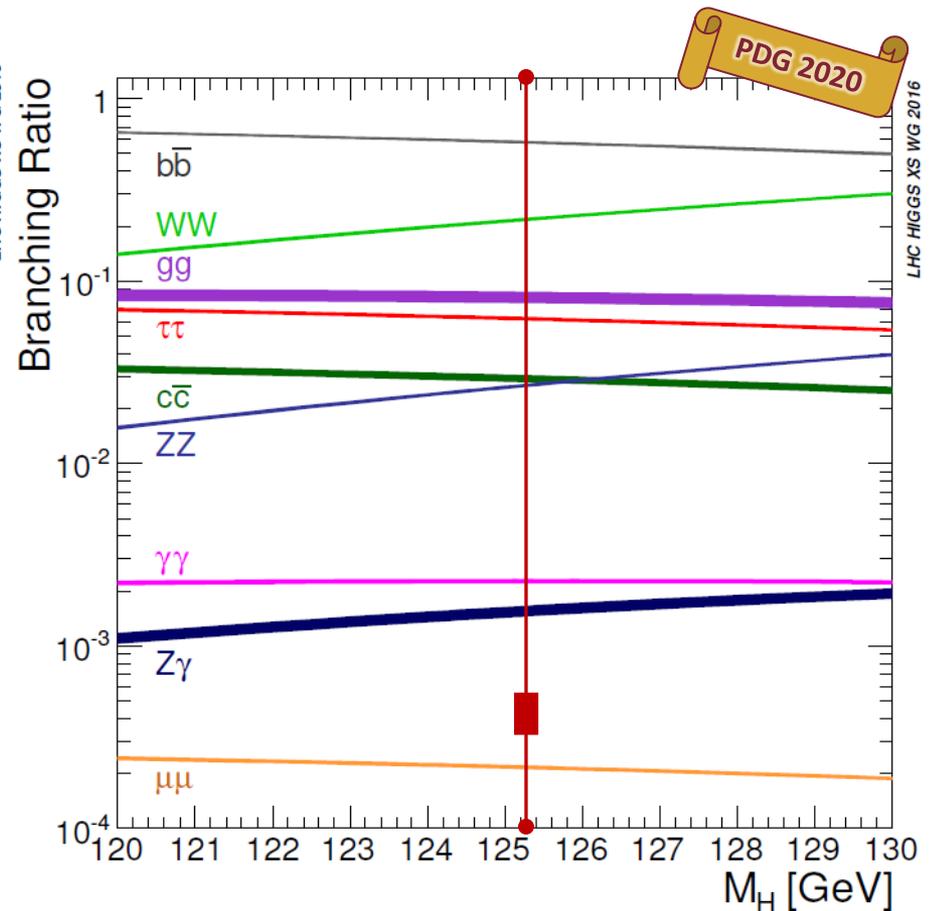
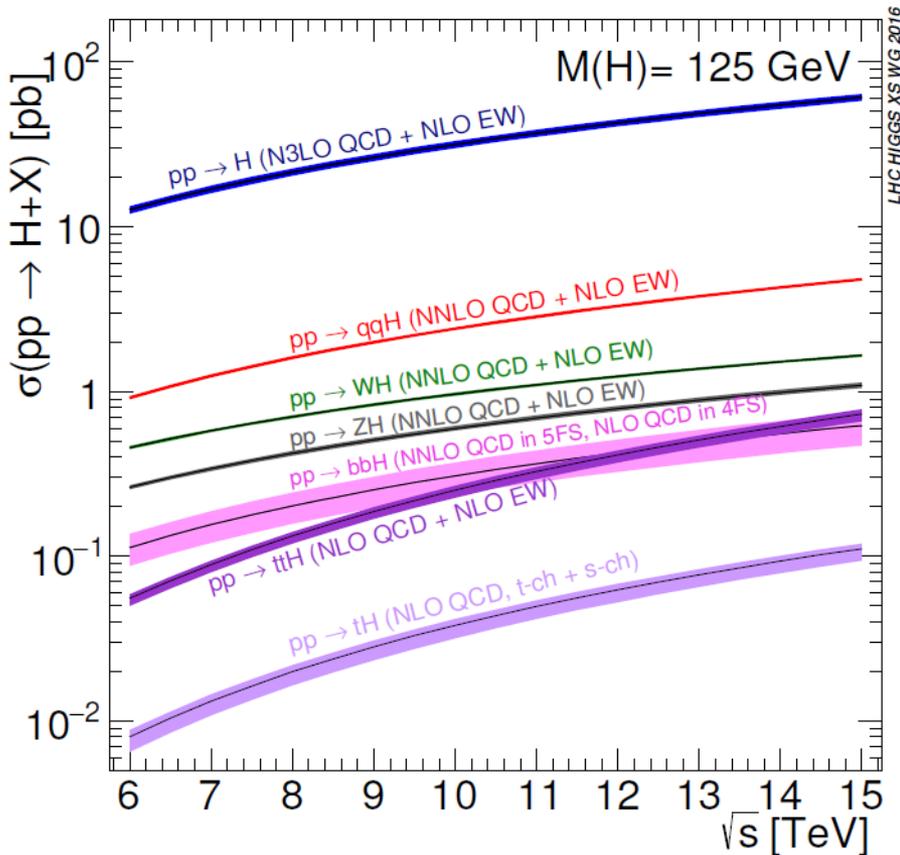


For production/decay precision meas., better SM predictions are needed.

Calculations of Higgs properties vs  $m_H$  up to  $m_H = 1$  TeV are now useless (they are used to look for a larger Higgs sector).

New calculations for:

- $\sigma_H$  vs  $\sqrt{s}_{\text{LHC}}$  for  $m_H = 125$  GeV;
- $\text{BR}(H \rightarrow X)$ .



# Higgs couplings: $\Gamma$ 's

- $\Gamma(H \rightarrow \text{fermions/IVBs}/\dots) \equiv \Gamma_{ff/WW/ZZ/\dots}$  completely specified in SM, once  $m_H$  fixed [see plot before and IE, § 14];
- **very** different if real/virtual W/Z ( $H_{125} \rightarrow W^*W$  or  $Z^*Z$  only);
- computable from H production and decay (difficult because of higher orders, loops, ...);
- strong function of  $m_f/m_{IVB}$ ;
- [ $\mathcal{L}_{INT}$  up  $\rightarrow$  more events  $\rightarrow$  smaller  $m_f$  probed];
- wonderful agreement theory  $\leftrightarrow$  exp. [as usual ... 😊 ... ☹️];
- **powerful test of SM : improve accuracy for better test  $\rightarrow$  discrepancies** [hope ... ☹️ ... 😊].

$$\Gamma_{ff} = \frac{c_f}{4\pi\sqrt{2}} G_F m_H m_f^2 \beta_f^3; \text{ [see before]}$$

$$\beta_f = \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_f^2}{m_H^2}}; \quad c_f = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{[leptons]} \\ 3 & \text{[quarks]} \end{cases}$$

for  $\Gamma_{ww^*/zz^*}$ , i.e.  $m_H < 2m_{w,z}$ :

$$\Gamma_{ww} = \frac{3G_F^2 m_H m_w^4}{2\pi^3} \times J_w \left( \frac{m_w}{m_H} \right);$$

$$J_w(m_H = 125 \text{ GeV}) \approx 0.0227;$$

$$\Gamma_{zz} = \frac{3G_F^2 m_H m_z^4}{2\pi^3} \times g_z(\sin^2 \theta_w) \times J_z \left( \frac{m_w}{m_H} \right);$$

$$g_z(x^2) = \frac{7}{12} - \frac{10}{9}x^2 + \frac{40}{27}x^4;$$

$$J_z(m_H = 125 \text{ GeV}) \approx 0.00366;$$

$$\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma} \text{ and } \Gamma_{gg} : \text{ see before.}$$

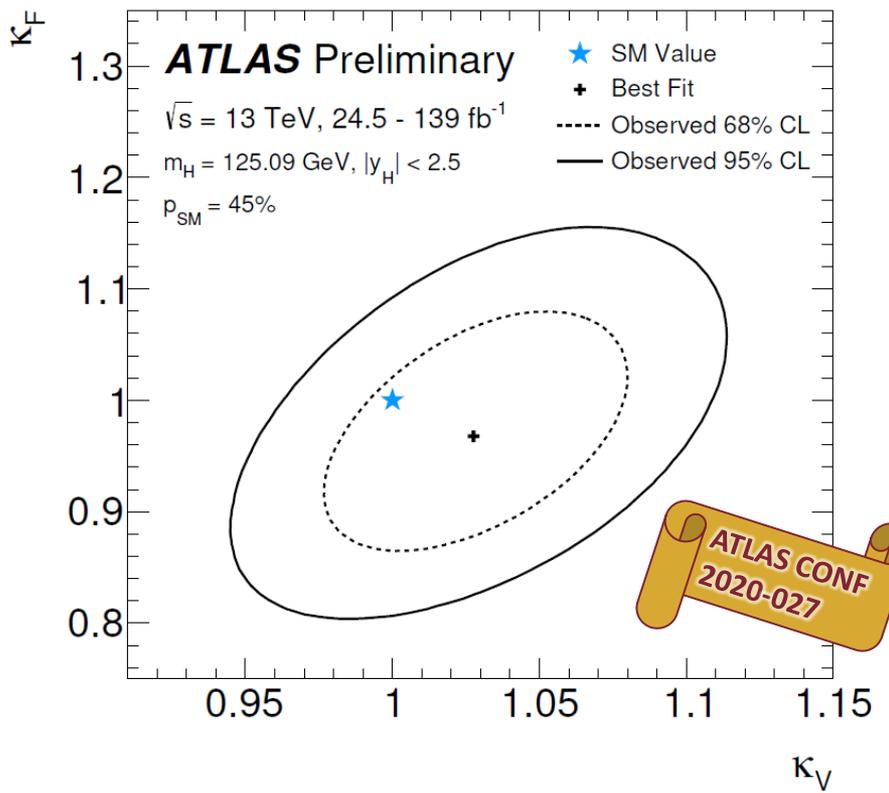
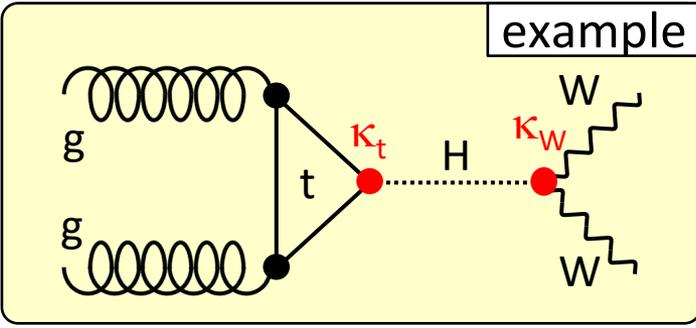
# Higgs couplings: modifiers $\kappa$

The modifiers  $\kappa$  already defined; in practice:

- $\kappa_j^2 = \frac{\Gamma_{\text{exp}}^j}{\Gamma_{\text{SM}}^j}$  [j = all particles (f/V)];
- [simpler: only two:  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \kappa_f \text{ for fermions} \\ \kappa_V \text{ for IVBs} \end{array} \right.$  ;

" $\kappa_j$ " is the "non-SM"-ness of the j-coupling, e.g. :

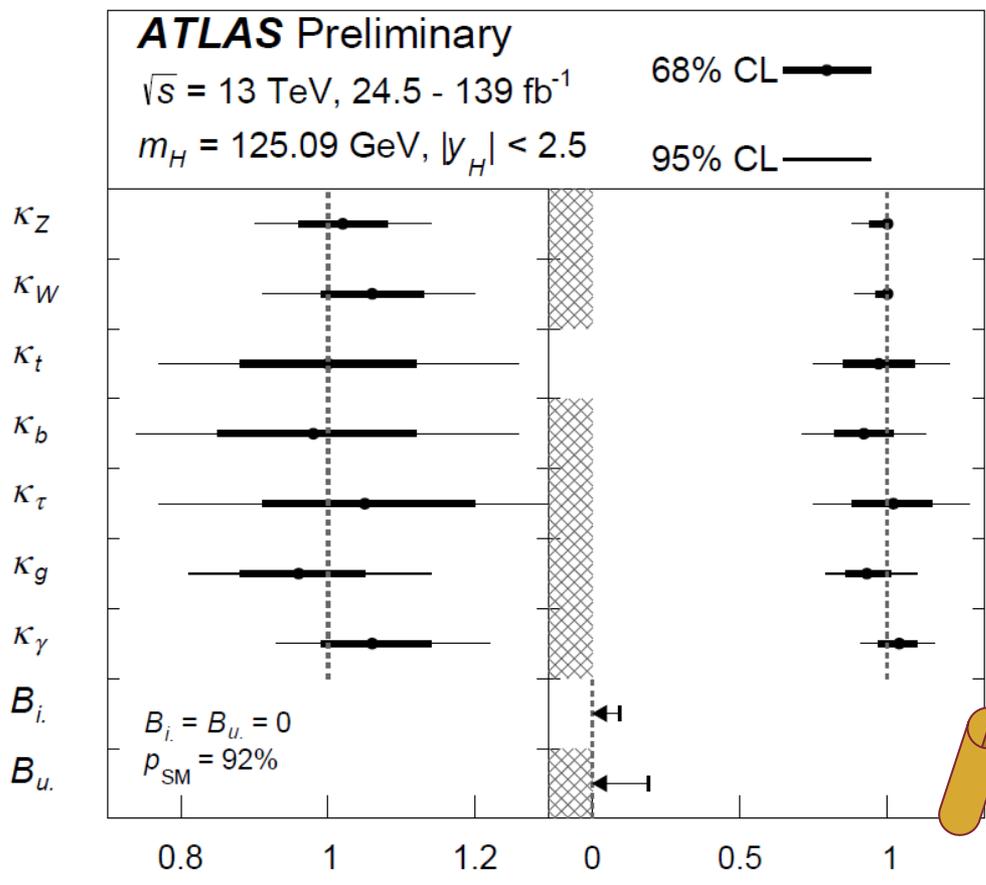
- $\kappa_j = 0$  → no coupling observed in case "j";
- $\kappa_j = 1$  → compatible with SM → SM ok;
- $\kappa_j \gg 1$  → too large coupling → SM wrong;
- $\kappa_f \neq \kappa_V$  → fermions and IVBs different.



An example of this analysis:

- $\kappa_F$  vs  $\kappa_V$  (i.e. fermions vs IVBs);
- large errors, but compatible with  $\kappa_F = \kappa_V = 1$ ;
- agreement ATLAS ↔ CMS (not shown).

# Higgs couplings: results (ATLAS)

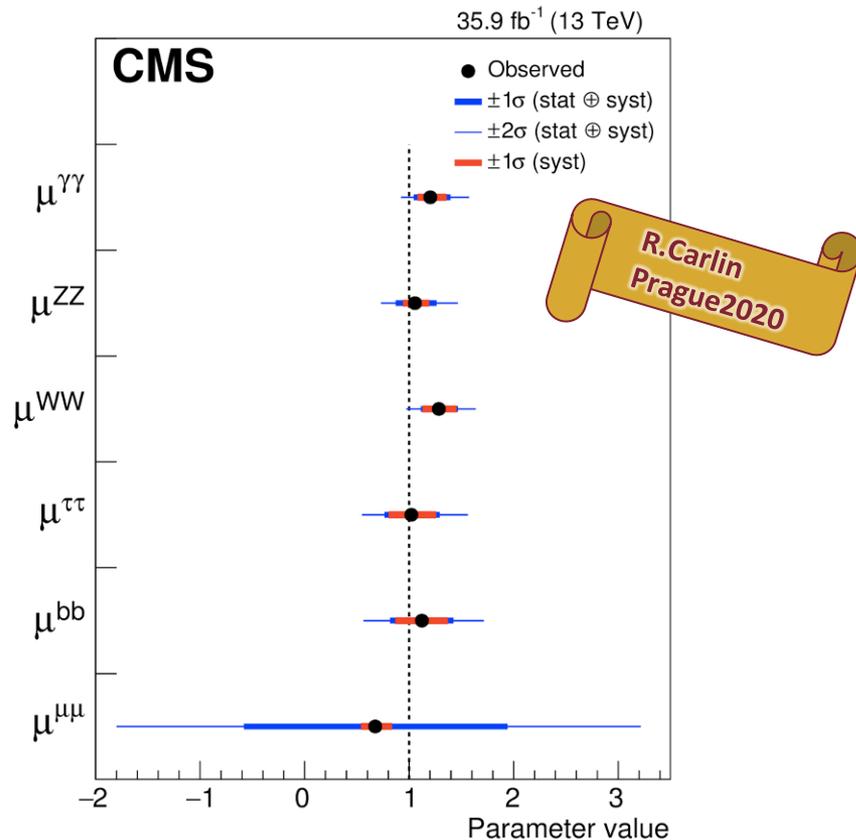


## The present situation:

- a measurement of the modifiers  $\kappa_j$  for the couplings with Z, W, t, b,  $\tau$ , g,  $\gamma$ ;
- [of course the couplings with g and  $\gamma$  go through loops];
- $B_{i[nvisible]}$  and  $B_{u[ndetected]}$  are added as free parameters to allow for possible bSM couplings;
- consistency with SM: all  $\kappa$ 's = 1, B's  $\approx$  0 ( $B_i < 9\%$  at 95%CL).



# Higgs couplings: results (CMS)



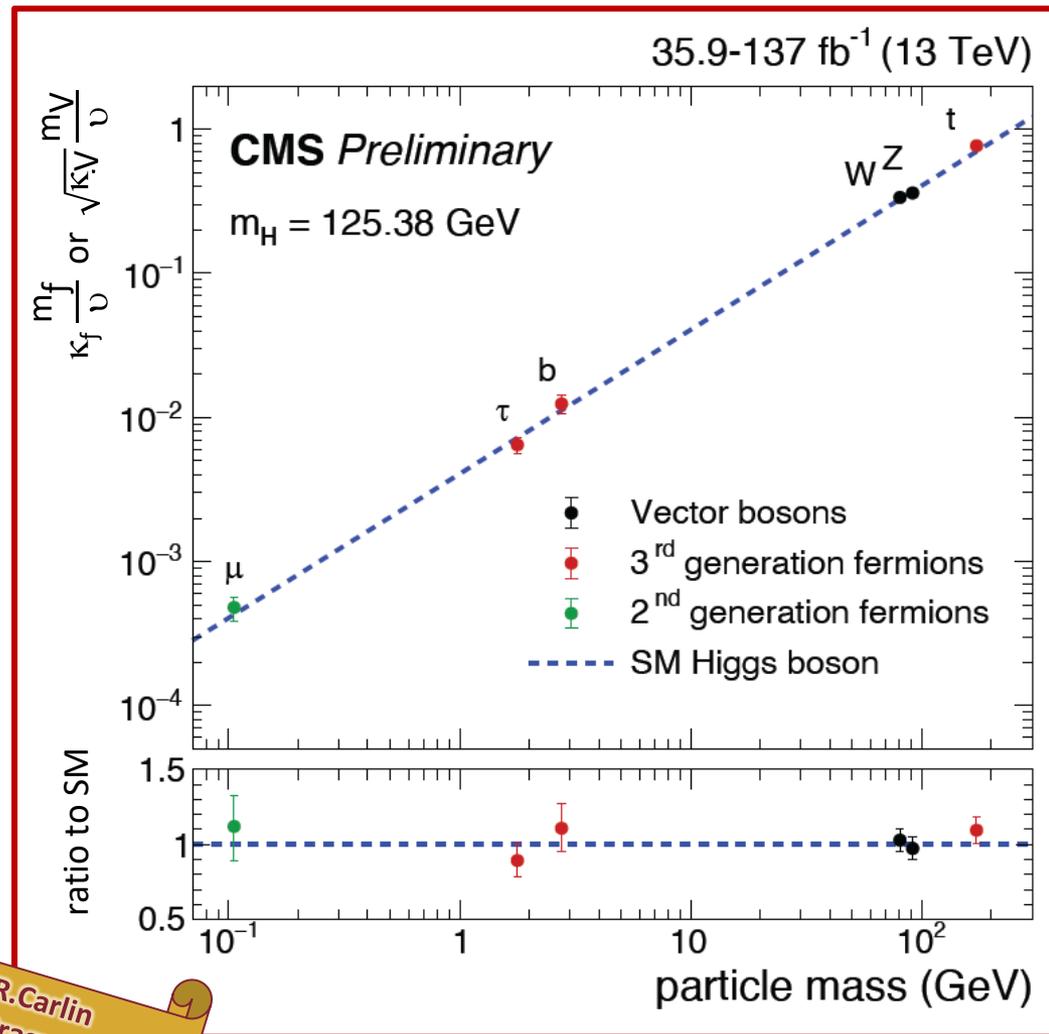
a similar plot for CMS:

- couplings with bosons ( $\gamma/Z/W$ ), 3<sup>rd</sup> gen. fermions ( $\tau, b$ ), 2<sup>nd</sup> gen. fermions ( $\mu$ );
- coupling with  $t$  also tested via production;
- 1<sup>st</sup> gen. still missing;
- = "1" → SM ok;
- the physics is VERY clear: no deviation from SM.

# Higgs couplings: values vs $m_f/m_V$

Higgs couplings (measured vs SM):

- plot together couplings (including  $\kappa_f$ ,  $\kappa_V$ ) vs mass of fermions and IVBs;
- compatible with SM ( $\kappa_f = \kappa_V = 1$ ), represented by the line (- - -);
- agreement ATLAS (not shown)  $\leftrightarrow$  CMS;
- impressive, from  $m_\mu$  to  $m_t \rightarrow$  more than 3 orders of magnitude;
- [imho the best evidence for SM in the higgs sector].



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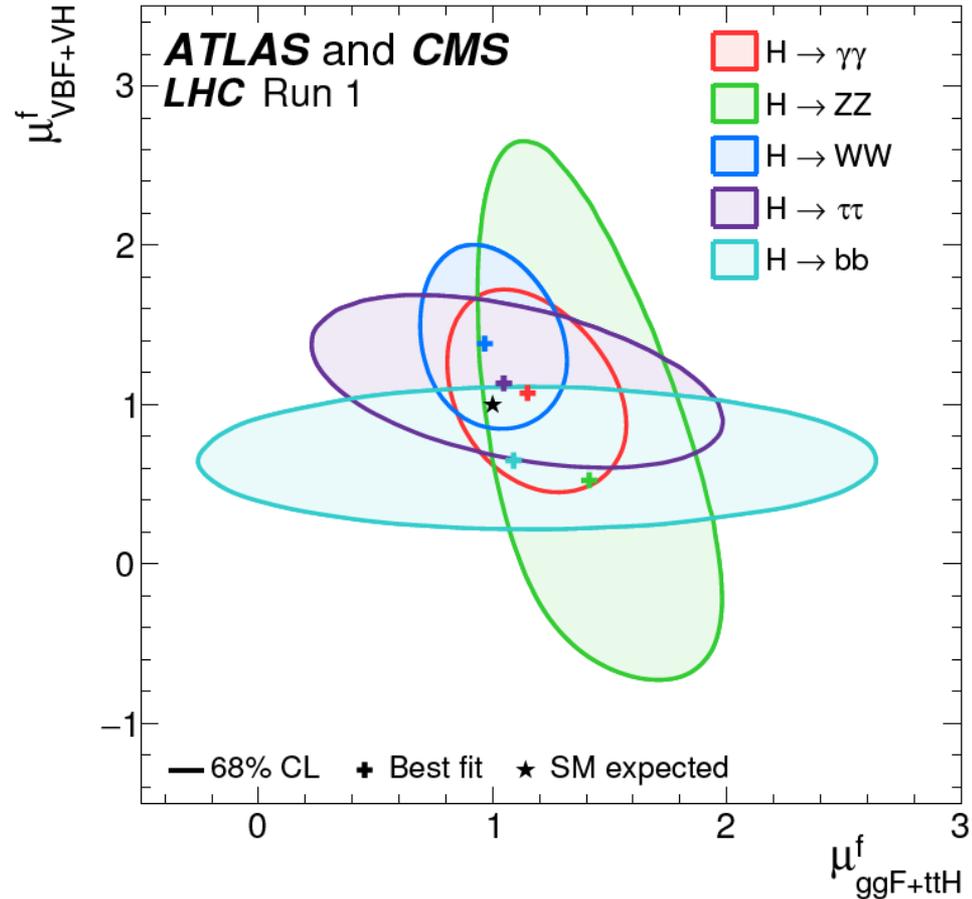
# Higgs couplings: $\sigma \times \text{BR}$

Define:

- $\mu_i = \frac{\sigma_i^{\text{exp}}}{\sigma_i^{\text{SM}}}$  { cross-section for H production ;  
i = ggF, VBF, WH, ZH, ttH
- $\mu^f = \frac{\text{BR}_{\text{exp}}^f}{\text{BR}_{\text{SM}}^f}$  { branching ratios for H decay ;
- $\mu_i^f = \frac{\sigma_i^{\text{exp}} \times \text{BR}_{\text{exp}}^f}{\sigma_i^{\text{SM}} \times \text{BR}_{\text{SM}}^f}$  { only quantity accessible ;  
to experiments

interpretation of result for  $\mu_i^f$  :

- $\mu = 0 \rightarrow$  no signal in this channel;
- $\mu = 1 \rightarrow$  compatible with SM  $\rightarrow$  SM ok;
- $\mu \neq 1 \rightarrow$  too little/much  $\rightarrow$  SM wrong.



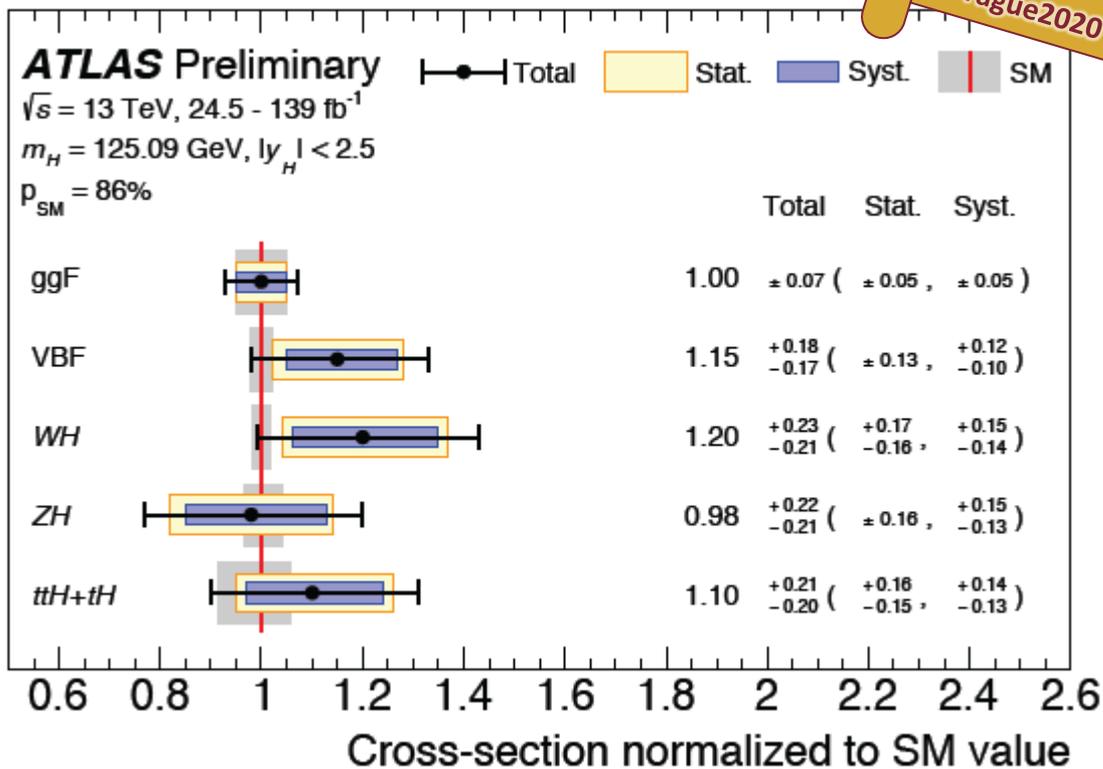
An old example of this analysis:

- for all the decays ( $5 \times "f"$ );
- group (VBF+VH) and (ggF+ttH),  
i.e. bosons vs fermions.

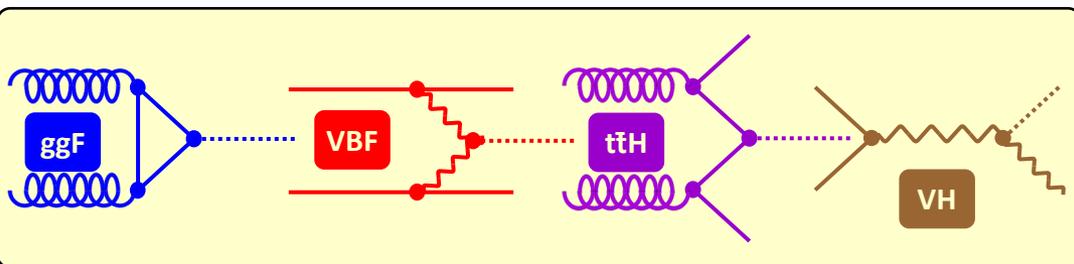


# Higgs couplings: production mechanisms

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All main production mechanisms (see diagrams) observed with significance  $> 5\sigma$  and yields compatible with SM;

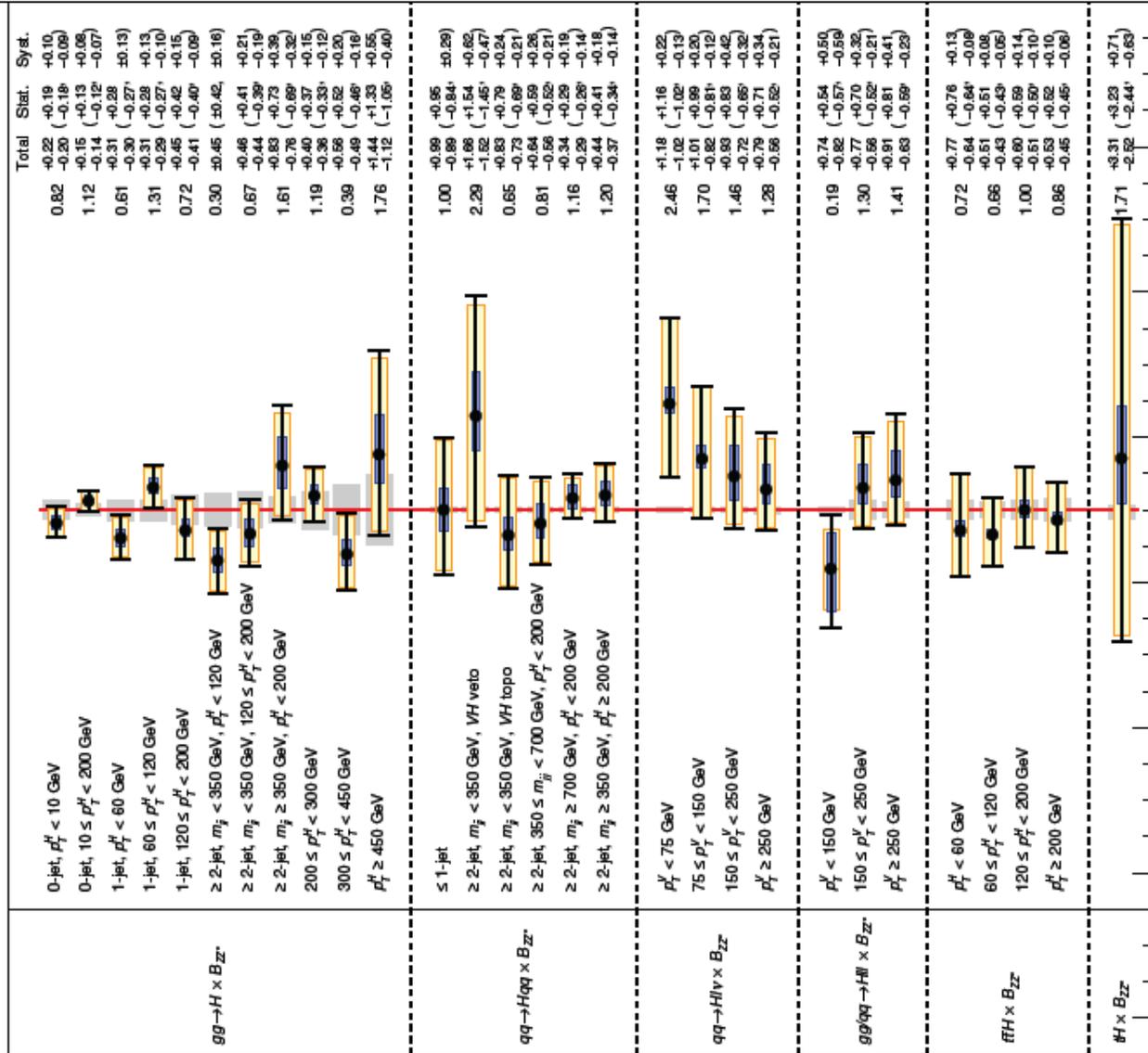
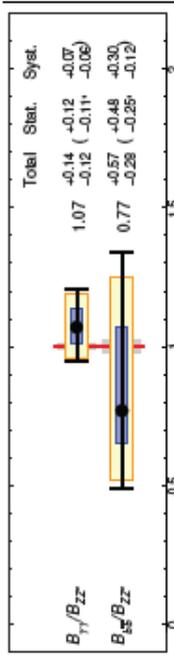


# Higgs couplings: production & decay

ATLAS Preliminary

$\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}, 139 \text{ fb}^{-1}$   
 $m_H = 125.09 \text{ GeV}, |y_H| < 2.5$   
 $P_{SM} = 95\%$

Total    Stat.    Syst.    SM



-6 -4 -2 0 2 4 6 8  
Parameter normalized to SM value

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and the detailed analysis of all the channels (production and decay) is in agreement.

# Higgs conclusion: (1)



... *finally* (PDG 2020, slightly simplified):

The discovery of the Higgs boson [H] is a major milestone in the history of particle physics as well as an extraordinary achievement of the LHC machine and the ATLAS and CMS experiments. Seven years after the discovery, substantial progress in the field of H physics has been accomplished and a significant number of measurements probing the nature of this unique particle have been made. They are revealing an increasingly precise profile of the H.

The LHC has now concluded its Run 2, delivering a dataset of 13 TeV pp collisions corresponding to an integrated luminosity of approximately  $140 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of data collected by ATLAS and CMS. With the substantial increase in production rates at the higher center-of-mass energy and the larger datasets, new landmark results in Higgs physics have been achieved.

Three new results of fundamental importance have been achieved with partial Run 2 datasets by ATLAS and CMS independently: (i) the clear

and unambiguous observation of the Higgs boson decay to taus; (ii) the clear and unambiguous observation of the H decay to a pair of b quarks; (iii) the clear and unambiguous observation of the production of the H through the  $t\bar{t}H$  process. These results provide direct evidence for the Yukawa coupling of the H to fermions of the third generation: taus, bottom quarks and top quarks, at rates compatible with those expected in the SM. These, and all other experimental measurements, are consistent with the EWSB mechanism of the SM.

New theoretical calculations and developments in Monte-Carlo simulation pertaining to H physics are still occurring at a rapid pace. [...] With these improvements in the state-of-the-art theory predictions and the increase in luminosity and center-of-mass energy, Higgs physics has definitively entered a precision era. Its impact can already be seen on the latest Run 2 combined measurements of the H couplings.

*(continue ...)*



*(... continue)*

Since the discovery of the H, new ideas have emerged to probe its rare decays and production modes. [...] The H has now become part of the standard toolkit in searches for new physics.

[...] The ATLAS and CMS experiments have searched for additional H in the Run 2 data, and have imposed constraints in broad ranges of mass and couplings for various scenarios with an extended Higgs sector.

The landscape of Higgs physics has been extended extraordinarily since its discovery. The current dataset is approximately only five percent of the total dataset foreseen for the HL-LHC project. The current precisions on the measurements of the couplings of the H to gauge bosons and third generation fermions are typically of the order of 10–20%. The uncertainty on the H coupling to the muon is approximately 100%, and the upper limits on the branching

fraction to new invisible or undetected particles are approximately 20%. The sensitivity to the H self-coupling has not reached the SM value yet and there is no information on how the Higgs field acquired its VEV in the early times of the Universe. This situation allows for new challenges to ultimately increase further the reach in precision and it also widens the possibilities of unveiling the true nature and the dynamics of the EWSB.

*(continue ...)*



(... continue)

[...] The fermion-Higgs boson couplings are not governed by local gauge symmetry. Thus, in addition to a new particle, the LHC has also discovered a new force, different in nature from the other fundamental interactions since it is non-universal and distinguishes between the three families of quarks and leptons. The existence of the H embodies the problem of an unnatural cancellation among the quantum corrections to its mass if new physics is present at scales significantly higher than the EW scale. The non-observation of additional states which could stabilise the H mass is a challenge for natural scenarios [...] in which the H is not a fundamental particle. This increasingly pressing paradox starts questioning the principle of naturalness.

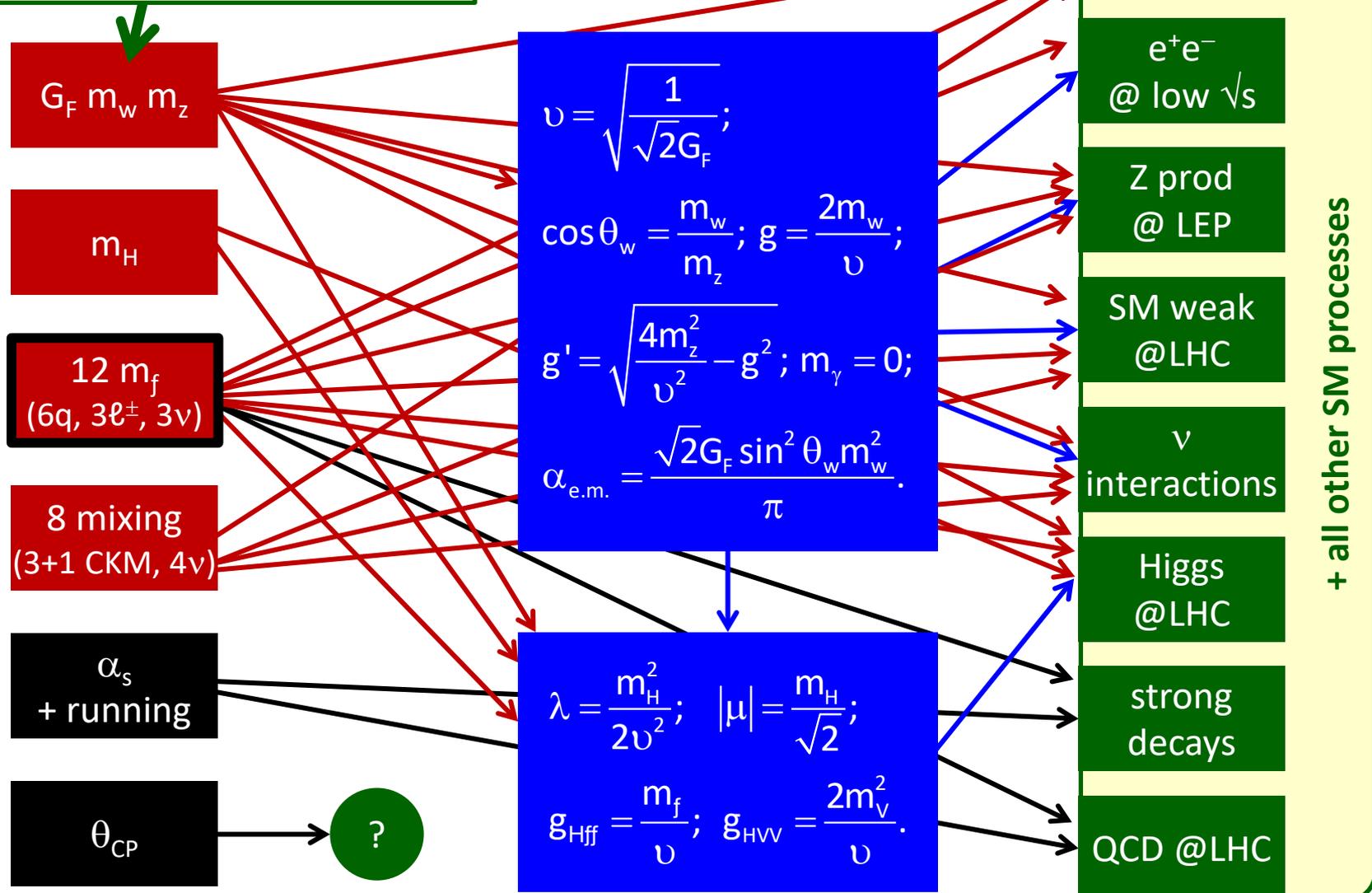
The search for the H has occupied the particle physics community for the last 50 years. Its discovery has shaped and sharpened the physics programs of the LHC and of prospective future

accelerators. With the HL-LHC, the precision will improve by a factor 5–10 on all observables with respect to current data. [... *In this case t*]he experimental systematic uncertainties are similar to the statistical uncertainties, but the dominant source of uncertainty arises from theory, and this remains the case even after assuming that, by the end of the HL-LHC run, the theory uncertainties can be reduced by a factor two compared to the current uncertainties, a hypothesis that appears realistic but still requires dedicated and concerted work. For both hadron and lepton colliders, some theoretical progress is crucial to fully exploit and capitalise on the experimental data. In particular, the expected HL-LHC data together with rapid ongoing progress in theoretical calculations are defining a new era of precision H measurements.

# SM today: a simple tree-level flow-diagram



a possible choice of independent parameters (not the smartest).



# why the SM is not final – (1)



**THE SM PROBLEMS** [SNOWMASS 2013, Energy frontier summary]:

- a. dark matter/energy [85% of the matter in the universe is "dark" - neutral, weakly interacting];
- b. excess of baryons over antibaryons in the universe [the SM contains a mechanism to generate baryon number in the early universe, baryon number violation, CP violation, and a phase transition in cosmic history; however it predicts a baryon-antibaryon asymmetry that is too small by ten orders of magnitude];
- c. grand unification [the quantum numbers of the quarks and leptons under the gauge symmetry  $SU(3)\times SU(2)\times U(1)$  of the SM suggests that these symmetry groups are unified into a larger grand unification group, like  $SU(5)$  or  $SO(10)$ ; however, the results of precision measurements of the strengths of the gauge couplings is inconsistent with this hypothesis];
- d.  $\nu$  masses [the SM could account for Dirac  $\nu$ 's with few new parameters – technically simple, but intriguing];
- e. fermion mixing [the pattern of weak interaction mixing among neutrinos is completely different from that observed for quarks];
- f. gravity [no quantum theory of gravity is incorporated in the SM].

**Imho these difficulties are not equally important [I am particularly impressed by (a) and (f)] – However, all together largely justify the claim that the present SM is not the last word of the story.**

# why the SM is not final – (2)



THE SM PROBLEMS [according to J.Iliopoulos & T.Tomaras, 2021, slightly simplified]:

- Unification. The Standard Model describes three fundamental interactions in the unified framework of gauge quantum field theories. Nevertheless, it is *not* a unified theory because it contains three independent gauge coupling constants.
- Quantisation of the electric charge. For example, the equality of the electric charges of the electron and the muon must be imposed by hand.
- The three families. This is part of the general problem of flavour.
- The large number of arbitrary constants. A really fundamental theory should be able to predict the values of all its

dimensionless constants, or at least to reduce this number considerably.

- Questions related to astrophysics and cosmology. Examples are the absence of a dark matter candidate, or an explanation for the observed matter-antimatter asymmetry in the universe.
- The gravitational interactions are not included.
- The particular value of the [Higgs] boson mass.

*I like his style and clarity. Moreover, compared with the previous page, it shows that no real progress on that has been made in the previous years. \*\*\*IDEAS\*\*\*, please !!!*

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