

# Higgs and BSM Physics

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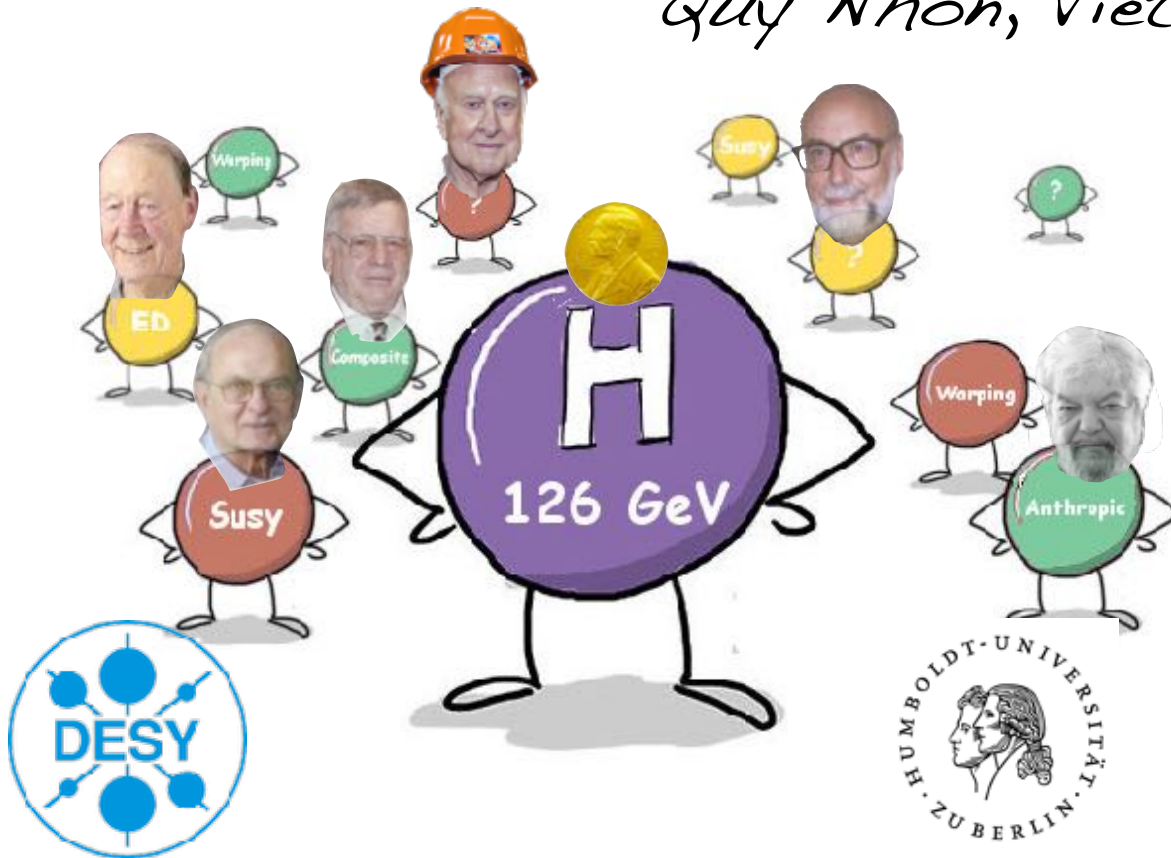
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*Lecture 2/4*

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# Outline

## □ Lecture #1

- From Fermi theory to the Standard Model
- Chirality, fermion masses, spontaneous symmetry breaking
- Custodial symmetry
- Gauge boson masses, unitarity and the Higgs boson

## □ Lecture #2

- Higgs phenomenology (decay and production at colliders)
- Higgs quantum potential (vacuum (meta)stability, naturalness)
- Hierarchy problem

## □ Lecture #3

- Supersymmetry
- Composite Higgs
- Extra dimensions

## □ Lecture #4

- Connections particle physics-cosmology
- Quantum gravity: landscape vs swampland
- BSM searches beyond colliders: AMO, EDMs,  $n\bar{n}$ , GW, PBH



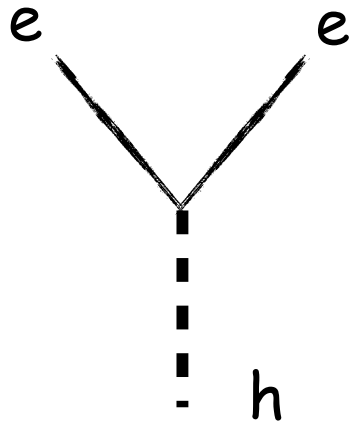
# *SM Higgs phenomenology*

# Higgs boson at the LHC

producing a Higgs boson is a rare phenomenon  
since its interactions with particles are proportional to masses  
and ordinary matter is made of light elementary particles

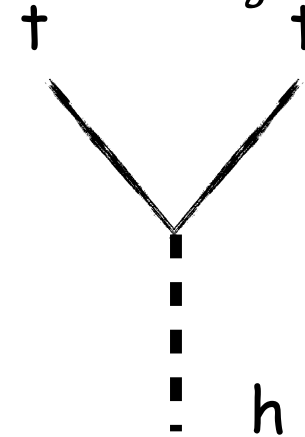
NB: the proton is not an elementary particle,  
its mass doesn't measure its interaction with the Higgs substance

*From electrons*



probability  $\sim 10^{-11}$

*From top quarks*



probability  $\sim 1$

but no top quark at our disposal

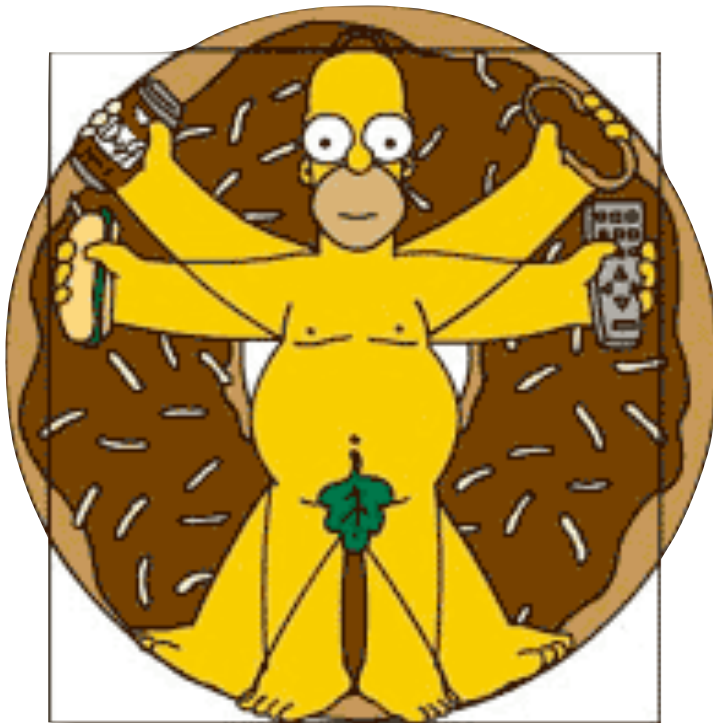


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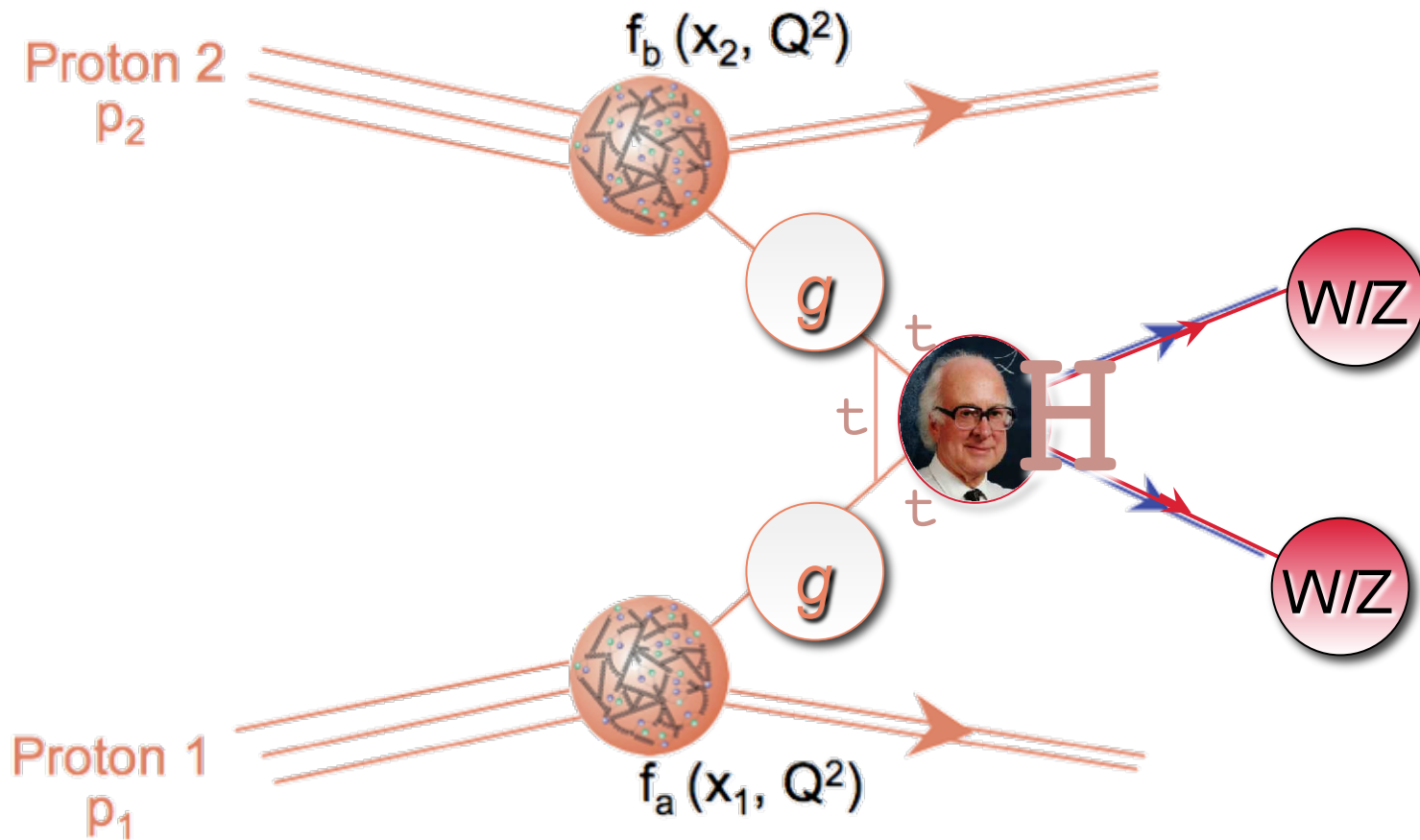
Difficult task

Homer Simpson's principle of life:

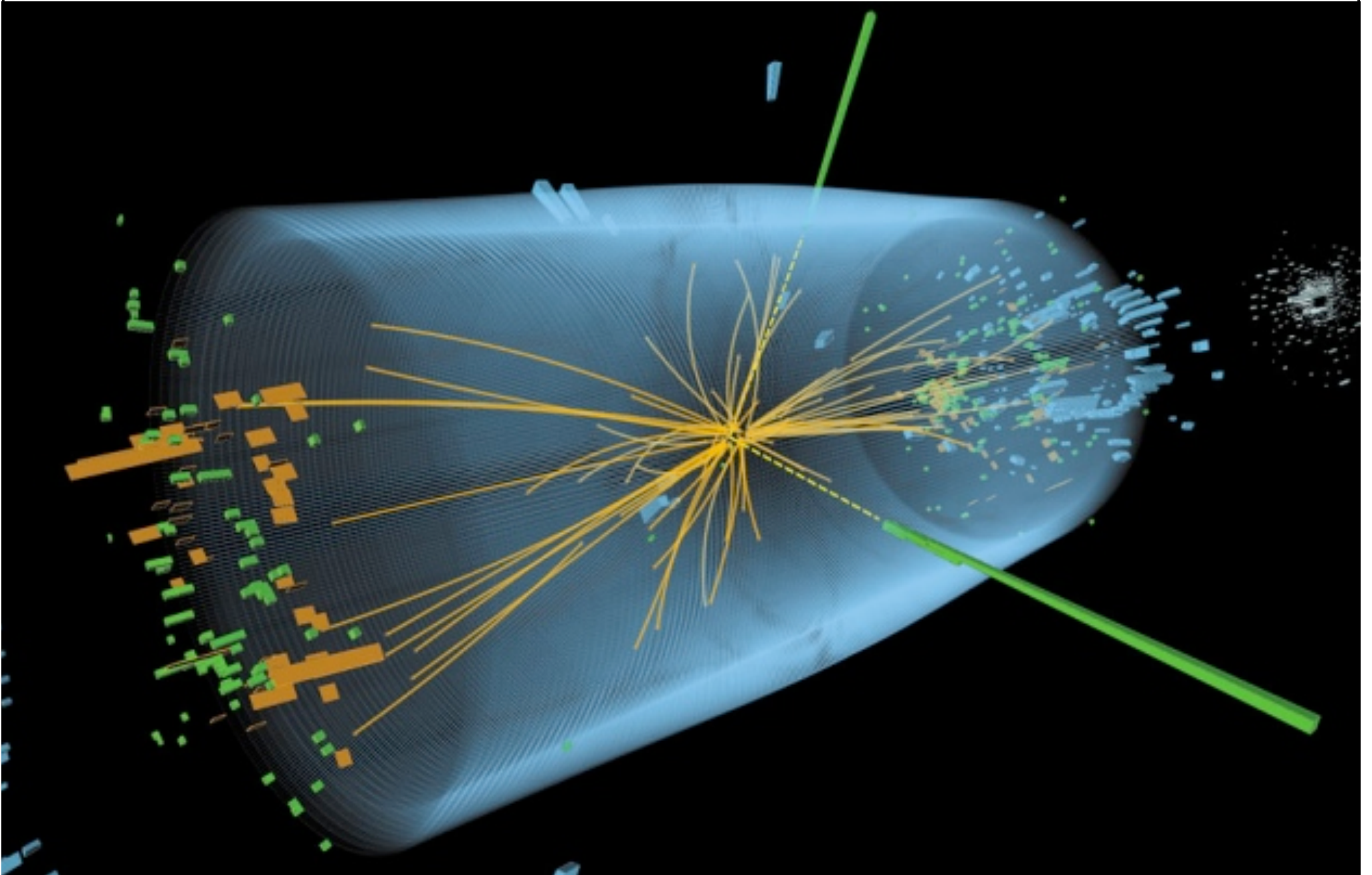
*If something's hard to do, is it worth doing?*



# Higgs boson at the LHC



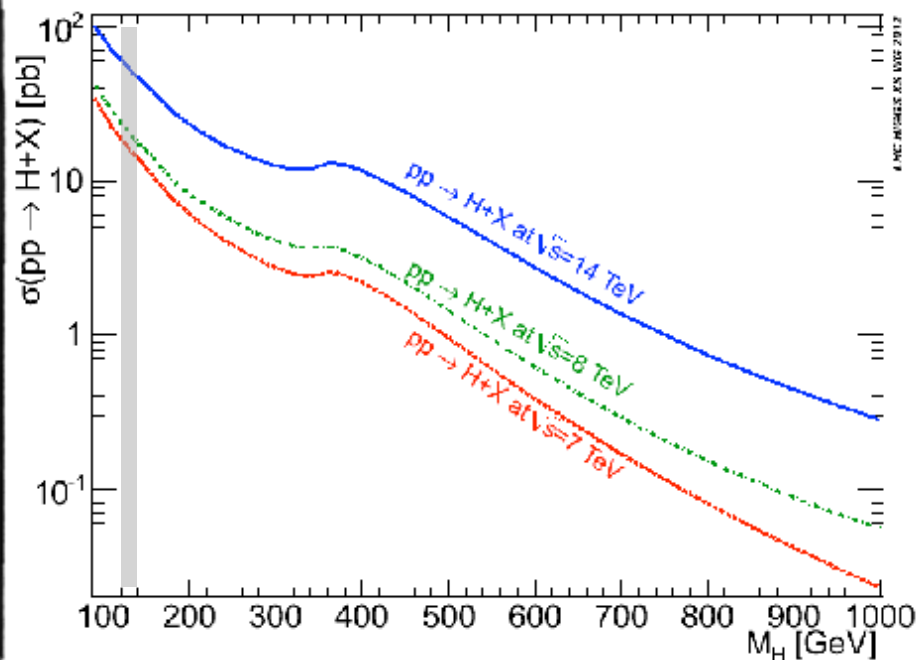
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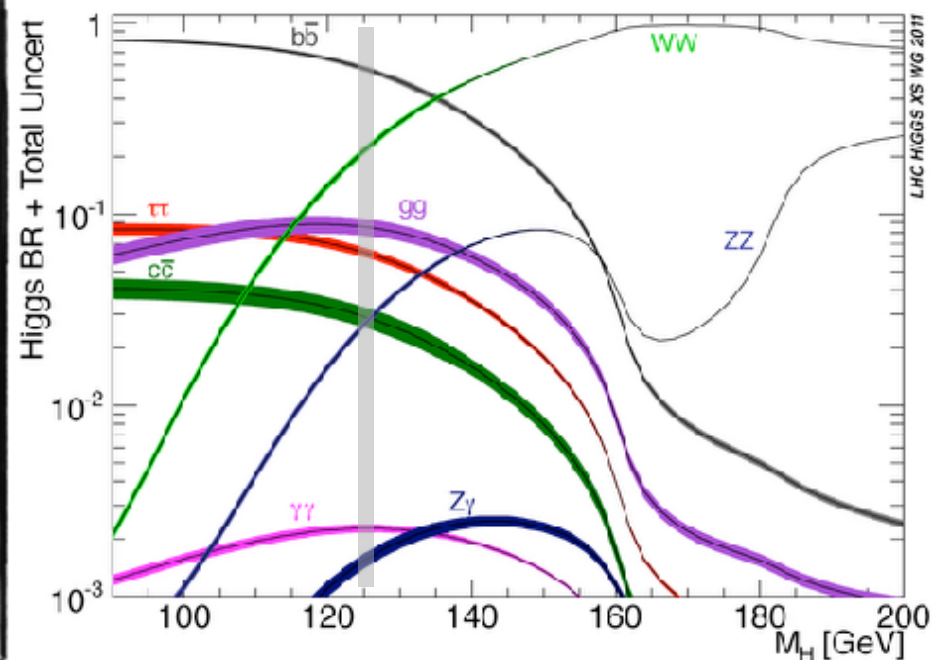
# Higgs boson at the LHC

$$\sigma \sim 10 \text{ pb} \Leftrightarrow 10^6 \text{ events for } L=100 \text{ fb}^{-1}$$

## Higgs production



## Higgs decay



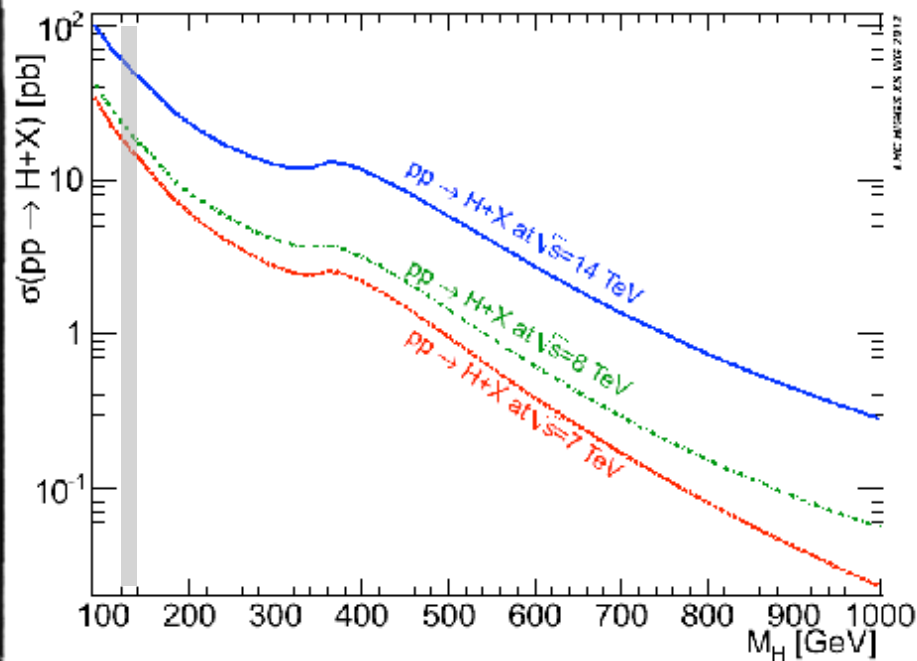
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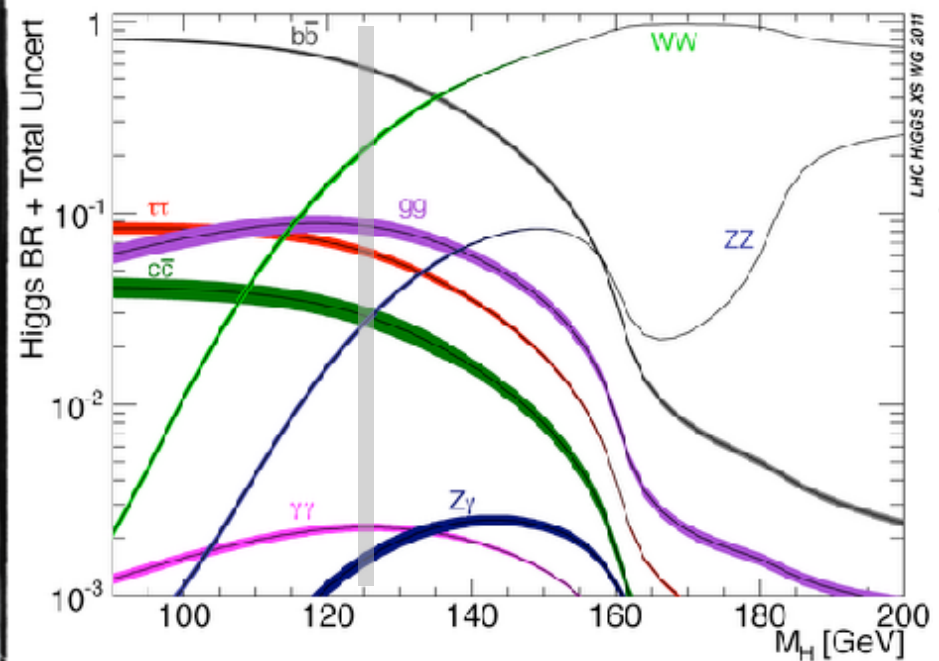
# Higgs boson at the LHC

**Exercise:** The instantaneous luminosity is  $10^{34} \text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ . The LHC beams cross every 25ns. The total cross-section is 0.1b. What is the collision rate? One collision occupies about 1MB on disk. Given that you cannot record data faster than 1GB/s, what should be the trigger rate?

## Higgs production



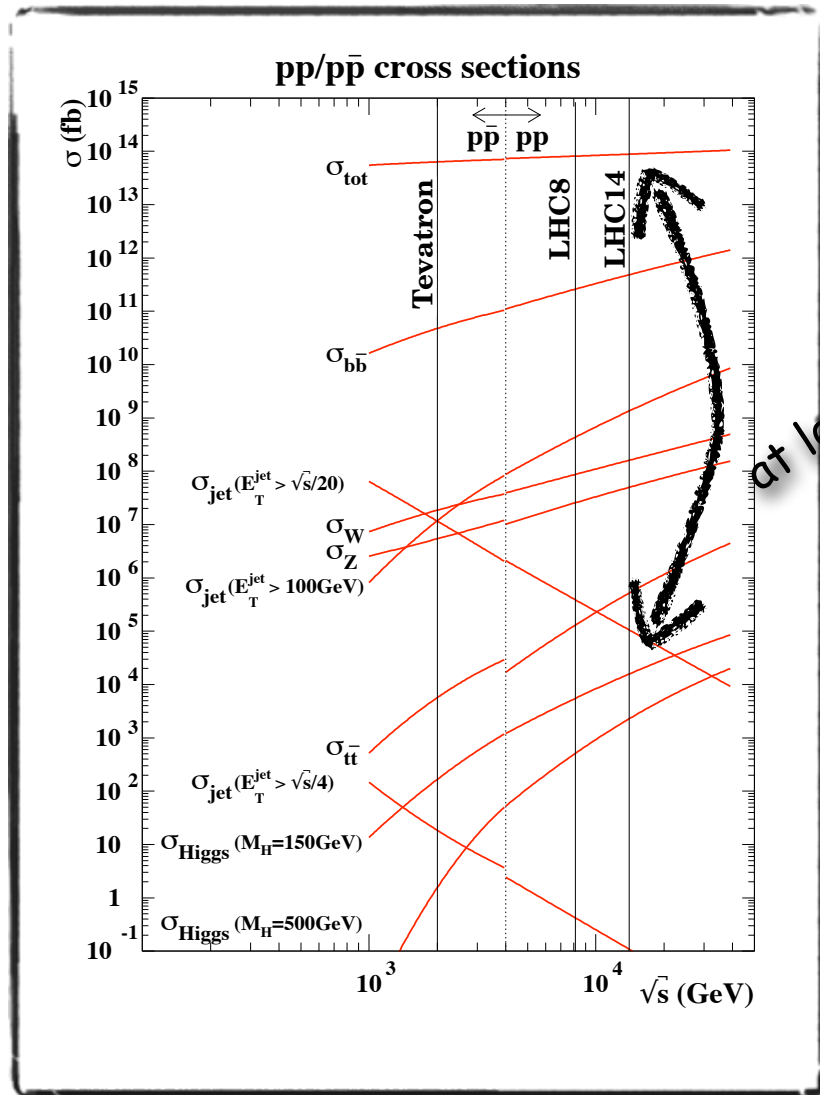
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background events furiously look  
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at least 10 orders  
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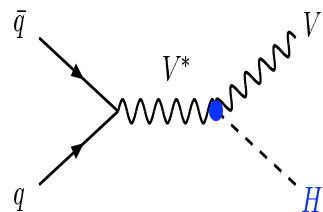
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... like finding the paper you  
are looking for in ( $10^8$  copies of)  
John Ellis' office

# SM Higgs Production

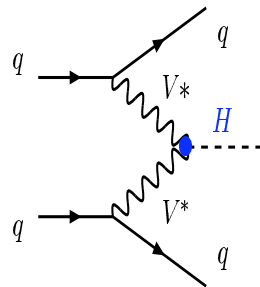
(see for instance A. Djouadi, hep-ph/0503172)

## Higgs-strahlung



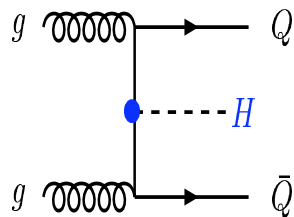
$\propto 1/s$ : Tevatron, LHC

## Vector boson fusion

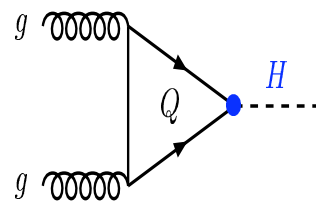


forward jet tagging  
central jet veto  
small hadronic activity

## QQ associated production

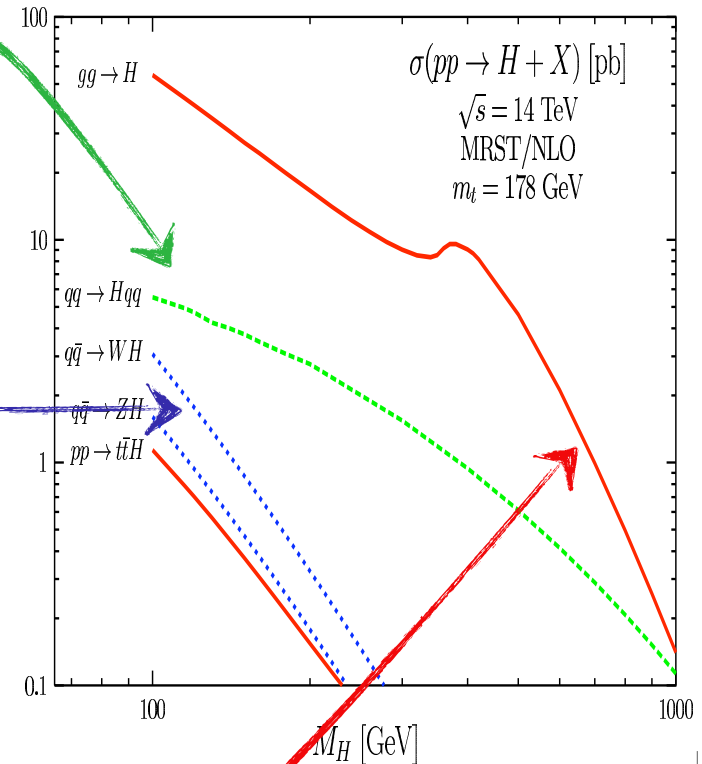


## Gluon fusion



single final state  
large NLO enhancement

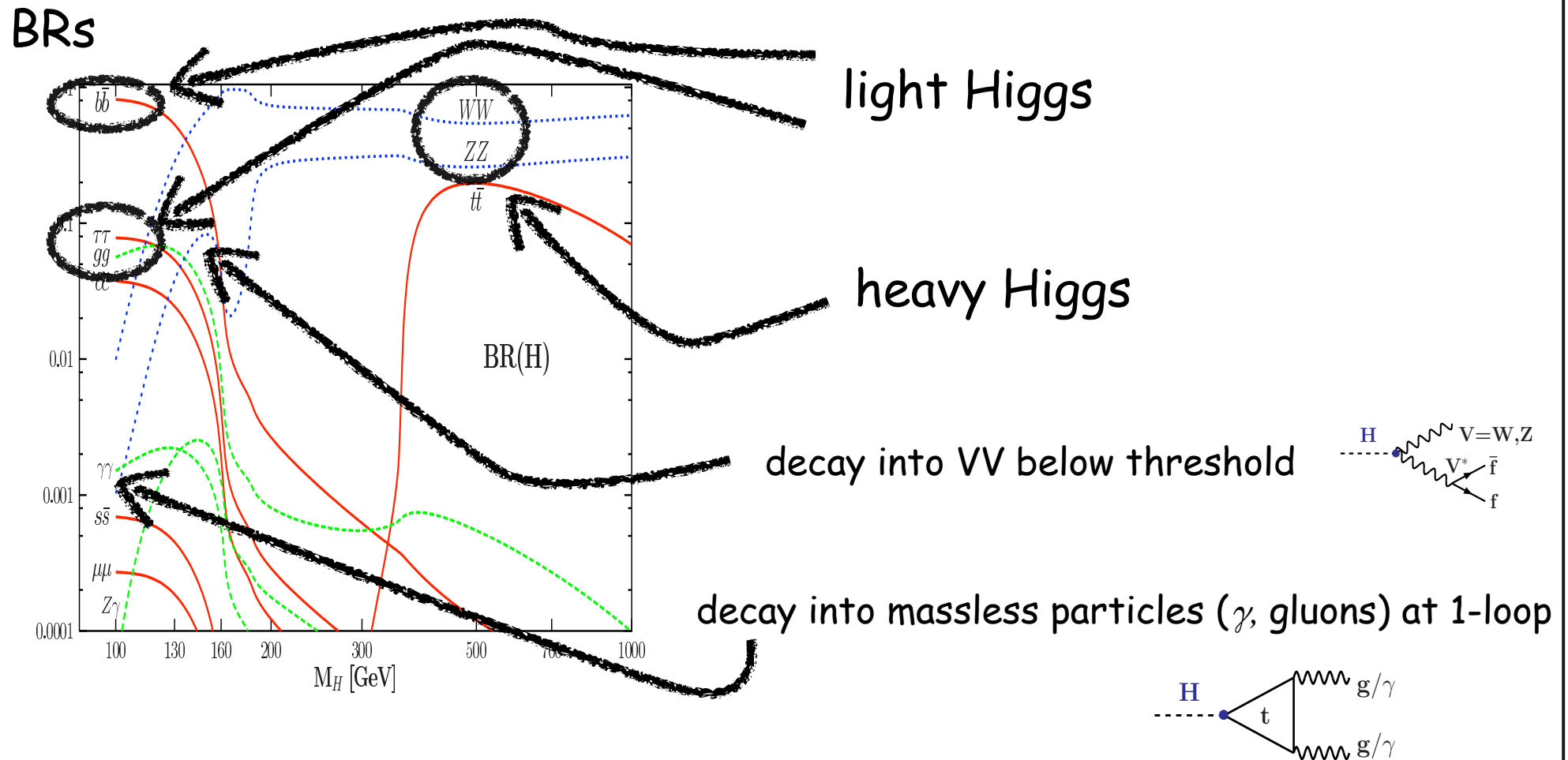
## Higgs production @ LHC





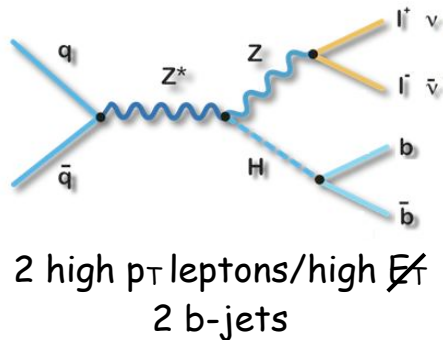
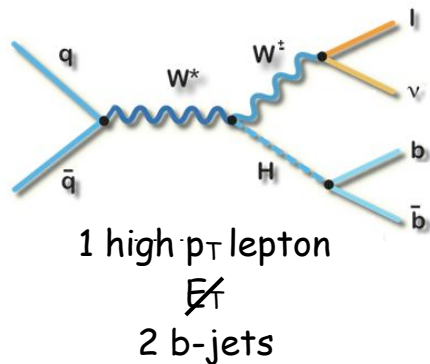
# SM Higgs Decays

Higgs couples proportionally to masses:  
it decays into the heaviest particle available by phase space



# (SM) Higgs Searches @ Tevatron

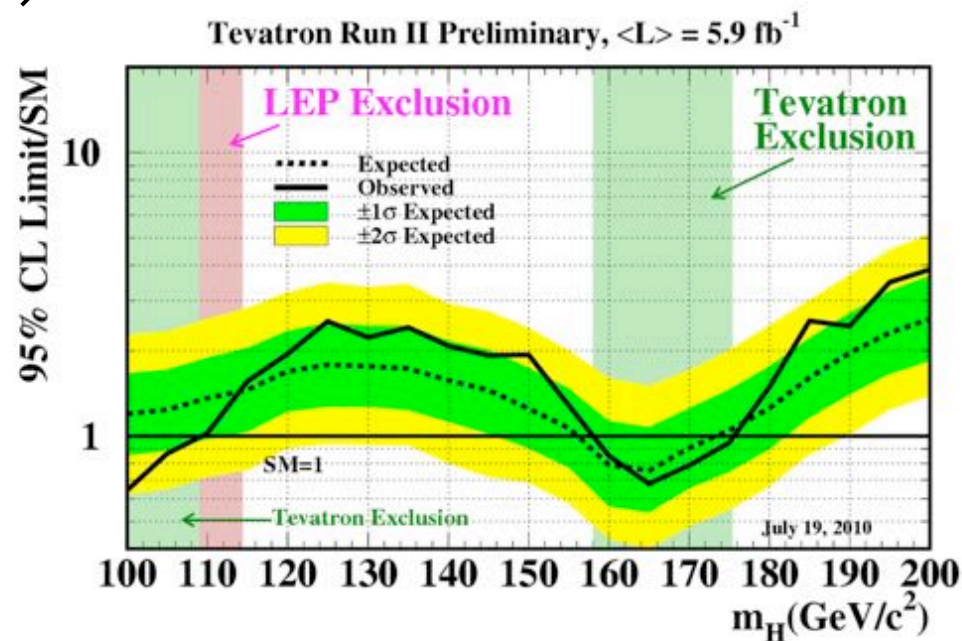
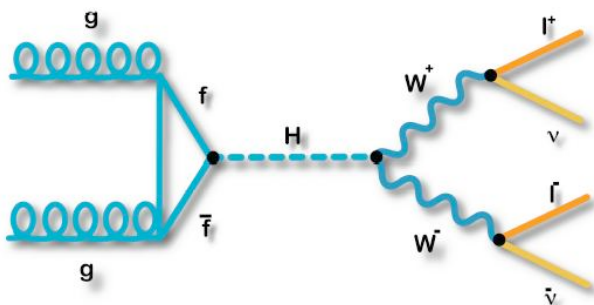
## • Low Mass Higgs



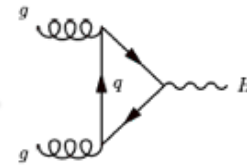
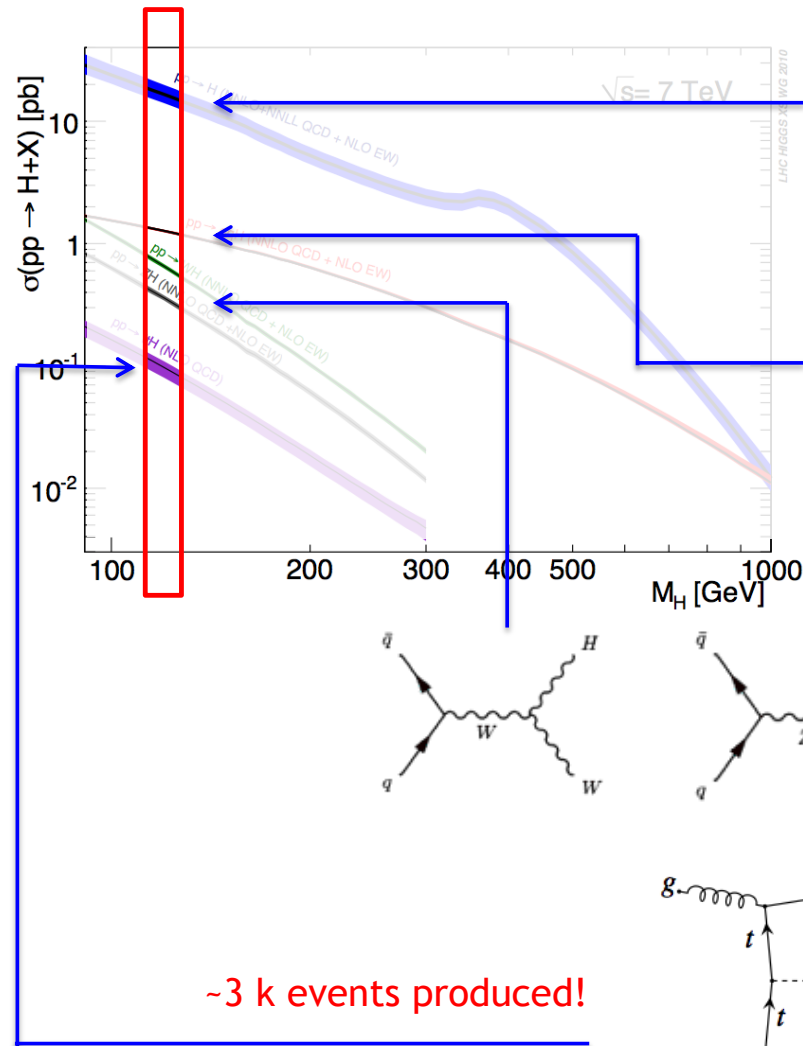
## Issues:

- ✖ lepton identification
- ✖ b-tagging performance
- ✖ dijet mass resolution

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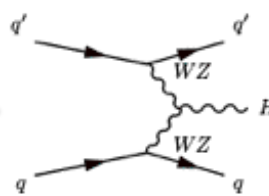


# (SM) Higgs Searches @ the LHC



- **Gluon fusion process :**  
Dominant process known at NNnLO TH uncertainty  $\sim 0(10\%)$

$\sim 0.5 \text{ M events produced!}$



- **Vector Boson Fusion :**

known at NLO TH uncertainty  $\sim 0(5\%)$

Distinctive features with two forward jets and a large rapidity gap

$\sim 40 \text{ k events produced!}$

- **W and Z Associated Production :**

known at NNLO TH uncertainty  $\sim 0(5\%)$

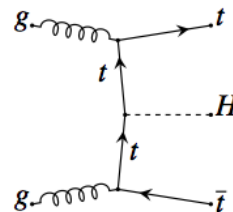
Very distinctive feature with a Z or W decaying leptonically

$\sim 20 \text{ k events produced!}$

- **Top Associated Production :**

known at NLO TH uncertainty  $\sim 0(15\%)$

Quite distinctive but also quite crowded



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# (SM) Higgs Searches @ the LHC

- Dominant decay mode b (57%)

Very large backgrounds, associated production W,Z H and Boost!

- The  $\tau\tau$  channel (6.3%)

VBF, VH, but also ggF with new mass reconstruction techniques

- The  $\gamma\gamma$  channel (0.2%)

Discovery channel, high mass resolution (High stat, and backgrounds)

- The ZZ Channel (3%)

- Subsequent all leptons decays (low statistics): golden channel

- $llqq$  and  $ll\nu\nu$  sensitive mostly at high mass

- The WW Channel (22%)

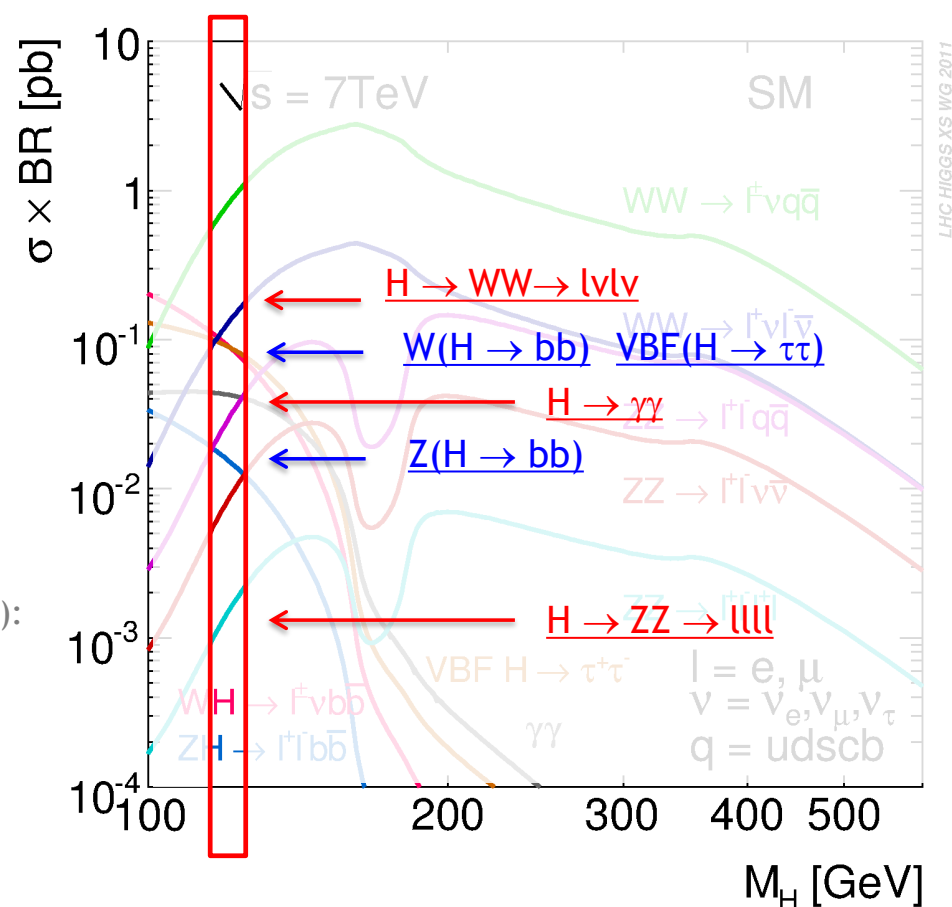
- Subsequent  $l\nu l\nu$  very sensitive channel

- $lvqq$  sensitive mostly at high mass

- The  $\mu\mu$  channel (0.02%) and  $Z\gamma$  (0.2%)

Low statistics from the low branching in  $\mu\mu$  or both the low branching and subsequent decay in leptons ( $Z\gamma$ )

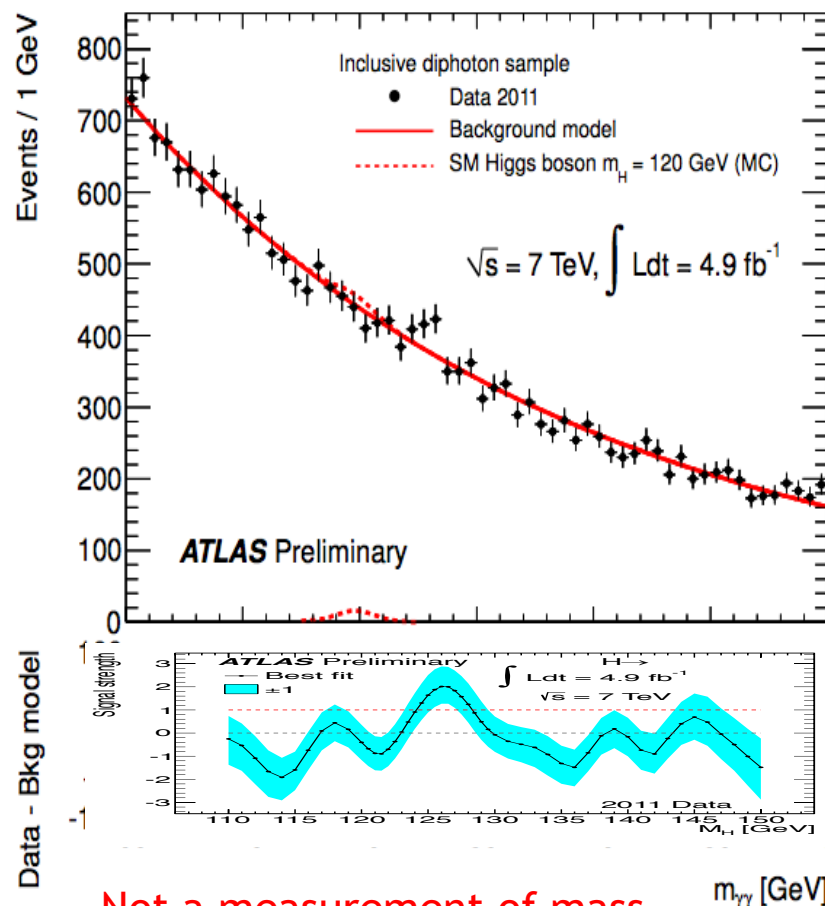
- The cc channel (3%) Very difficult



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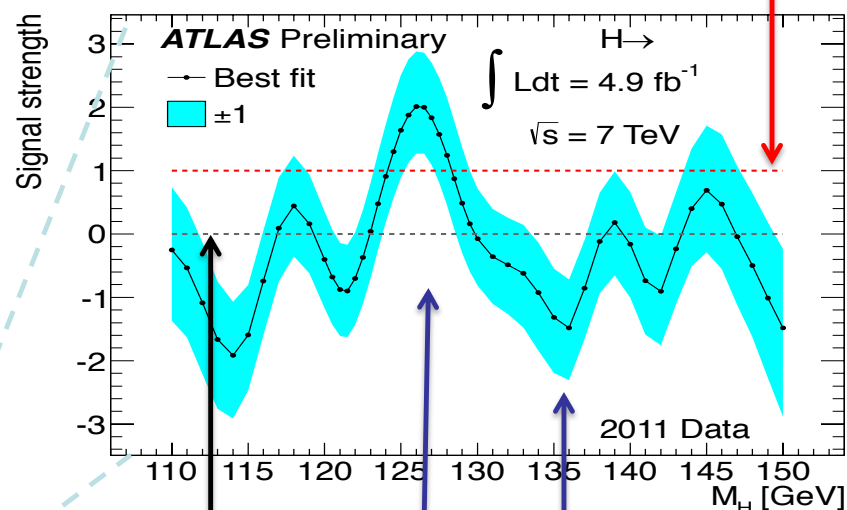
# The Higgs discovery @ the LHC

$$gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$$



Not a measurement of mass  
Not a measurement of cross section

Relate to Higgs mass hypothesis



Expected Background

Excess

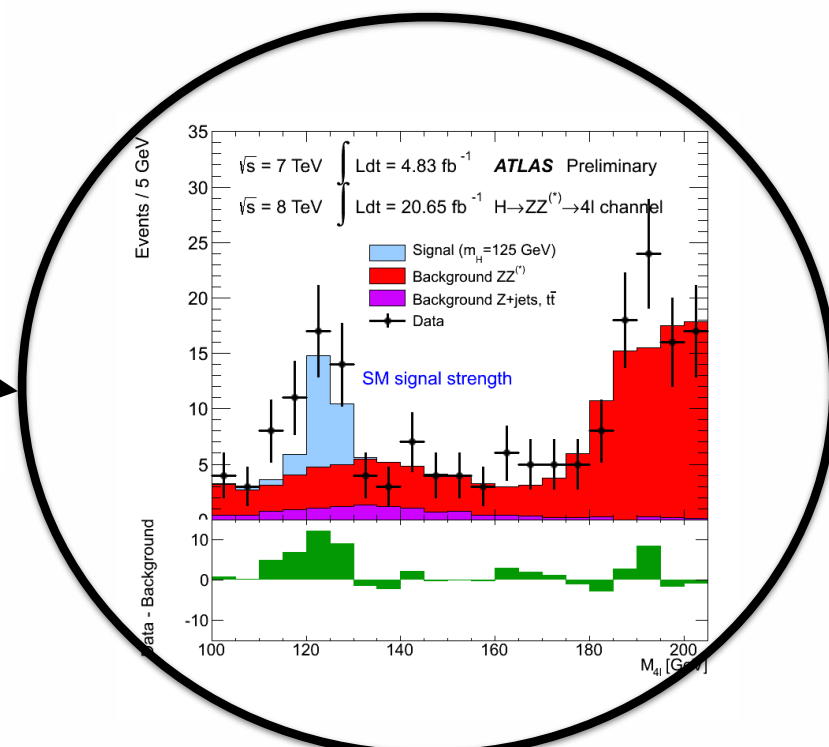
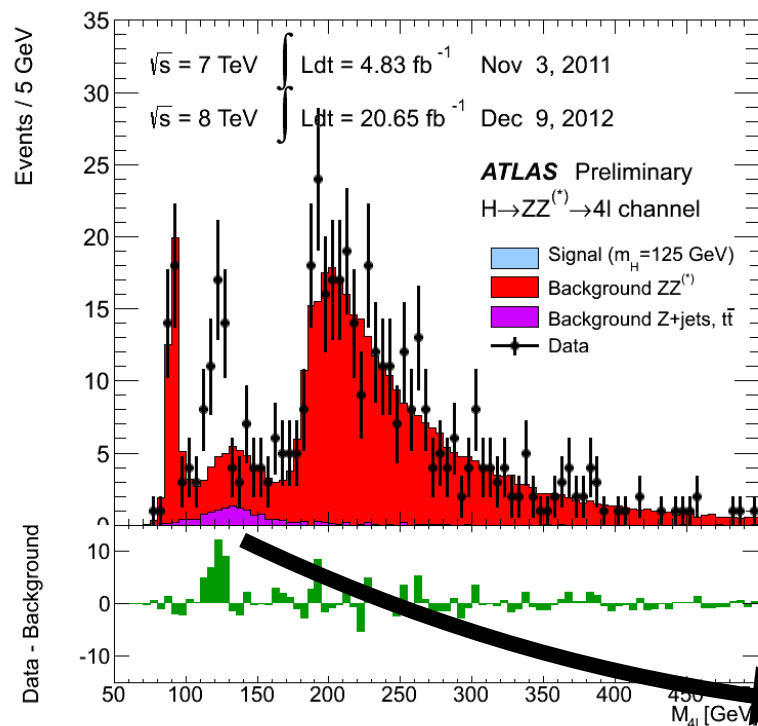
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Expected Signal

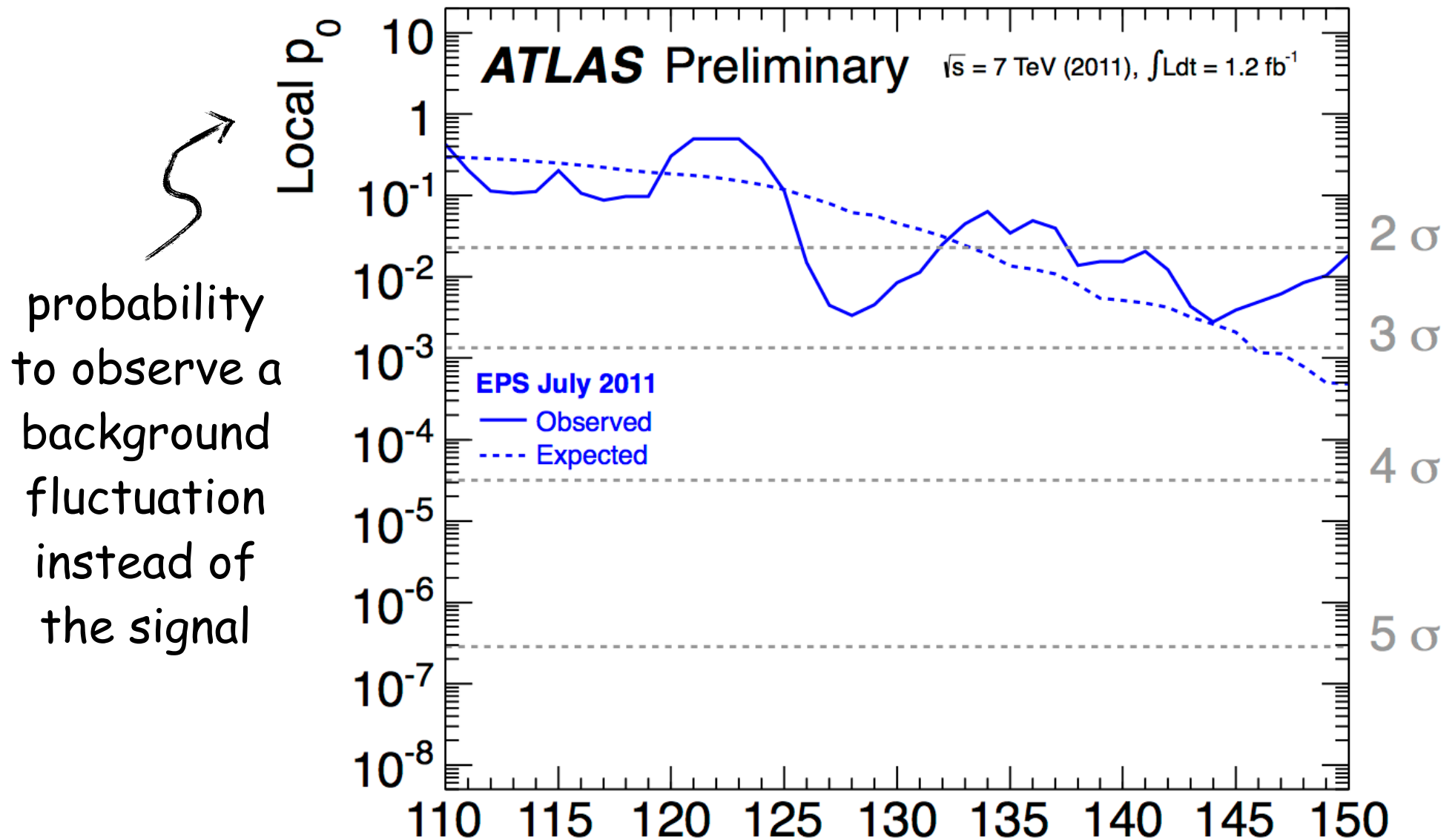
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$$gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$$

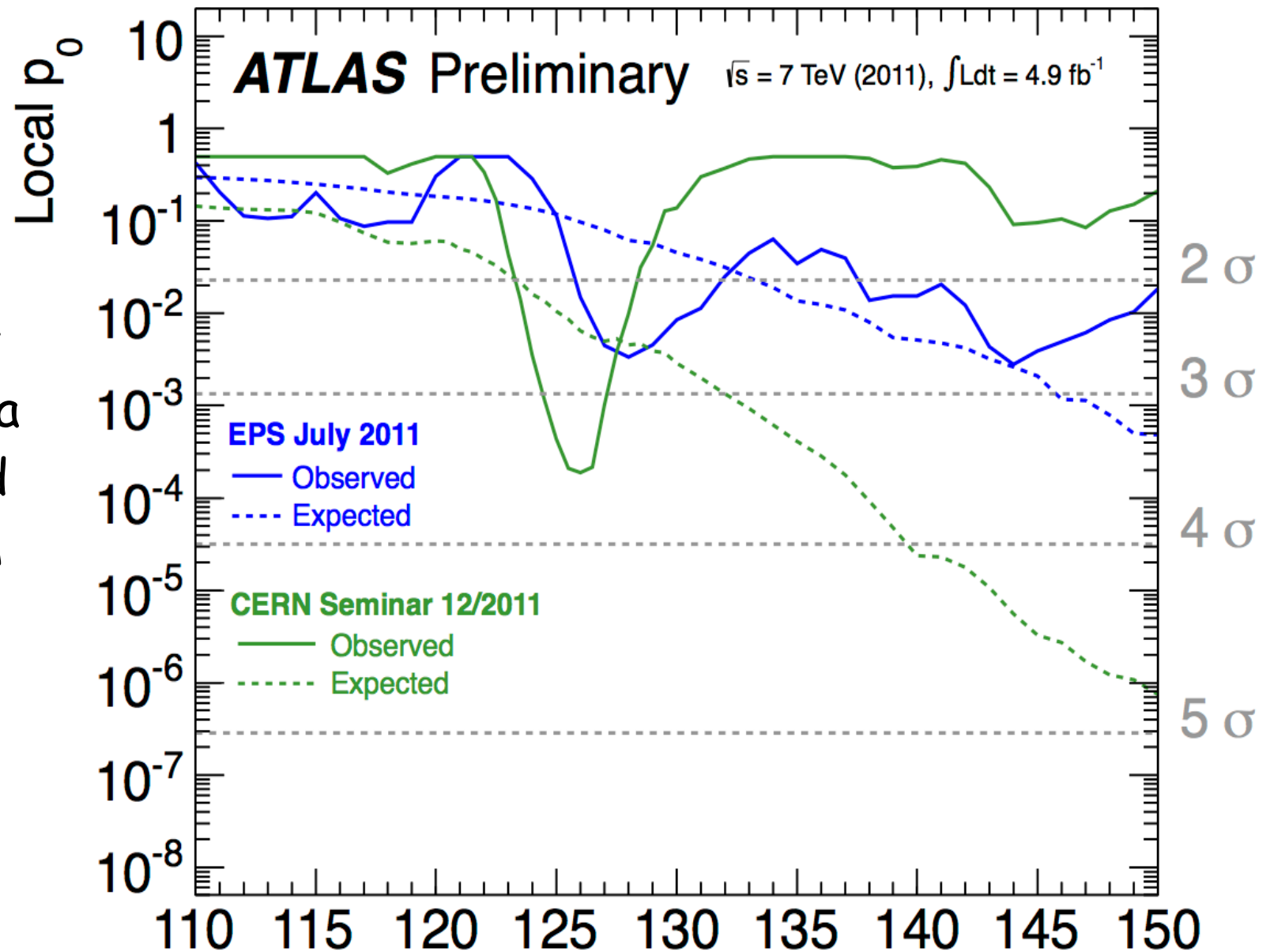


# Higgs Discovery Reloaded



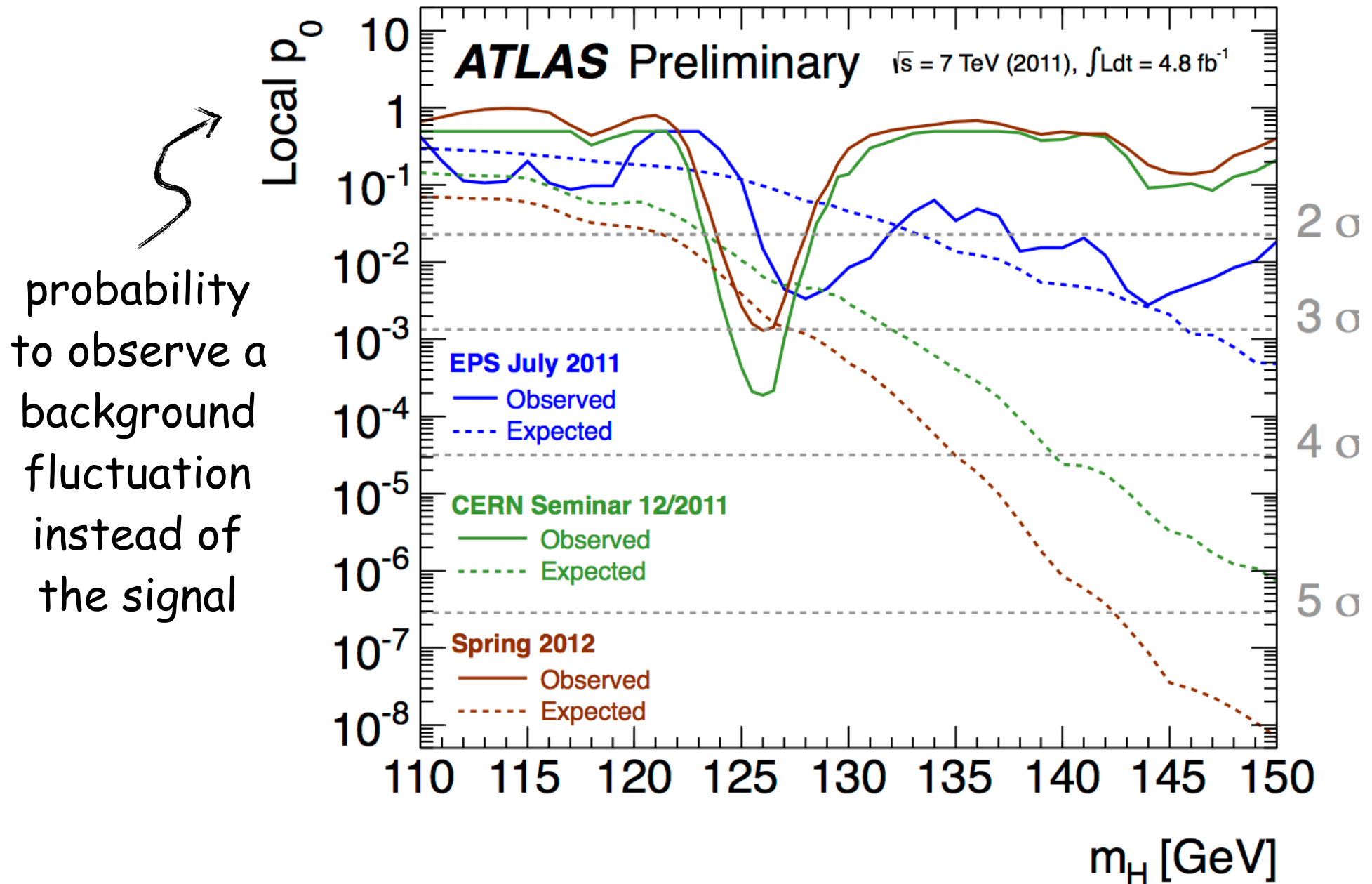
# Higgs Discovery Reloaded


 probability  
to observe a  
background  
fluctuation  
instead of  
the signal

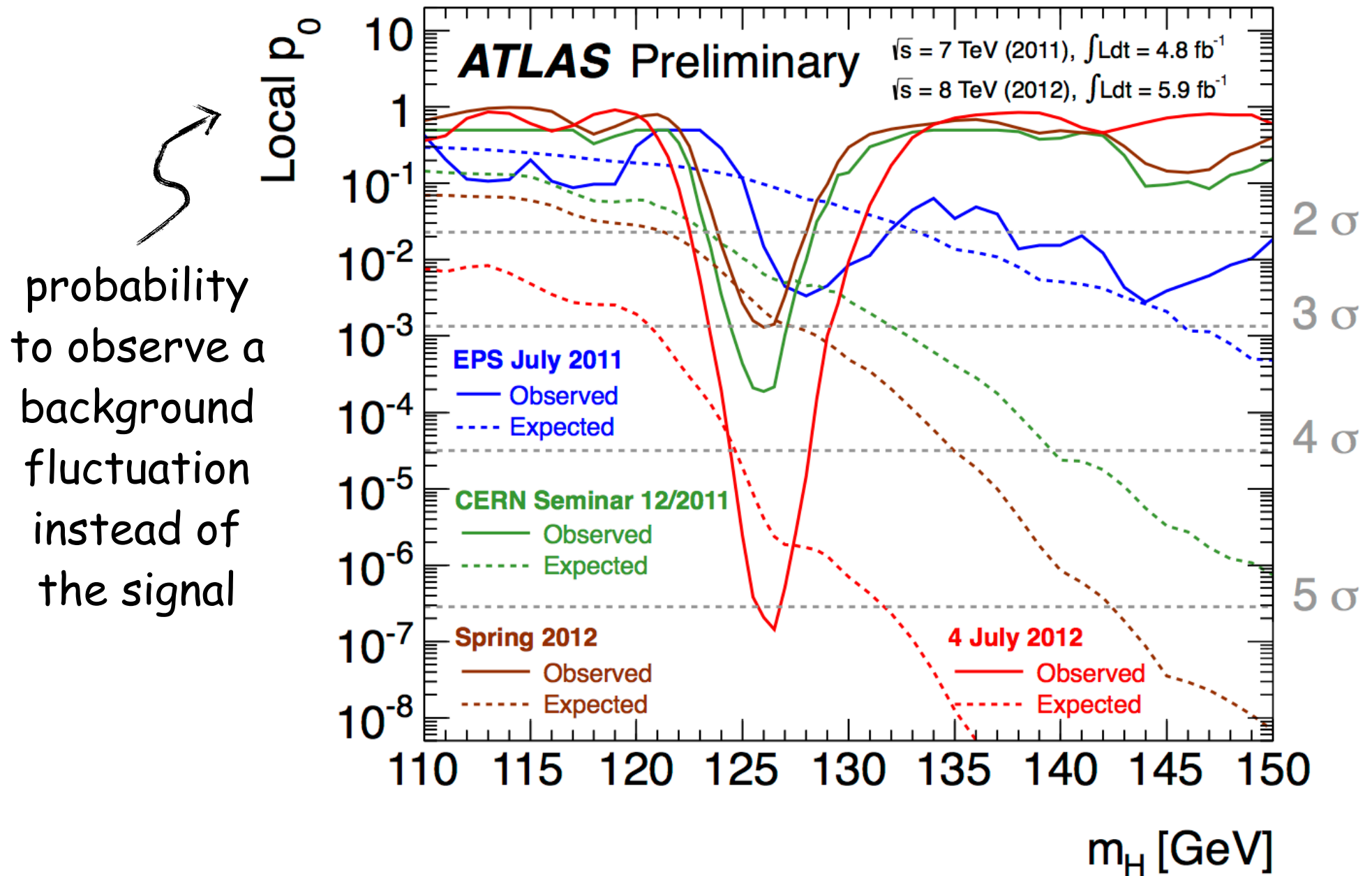




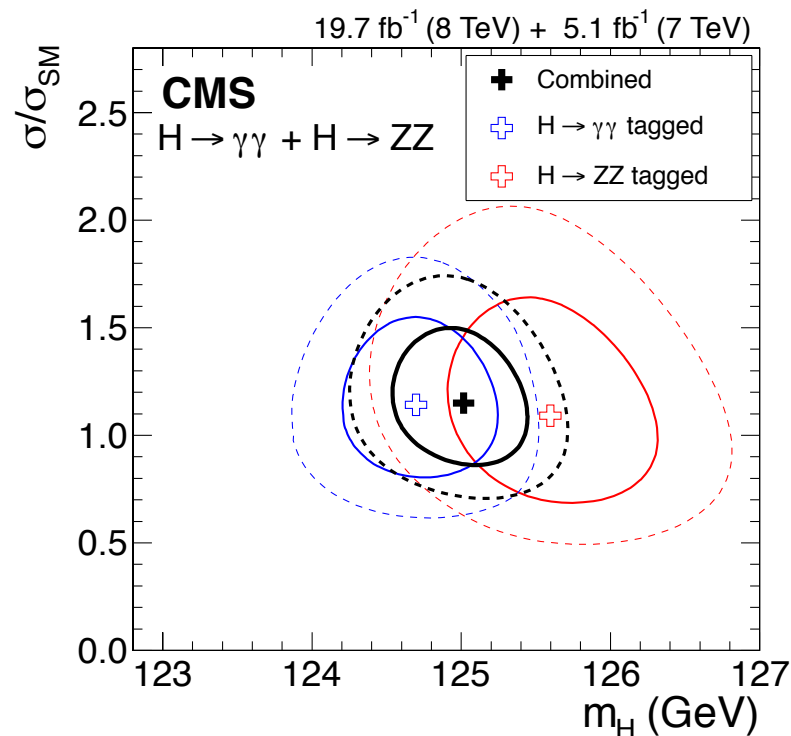
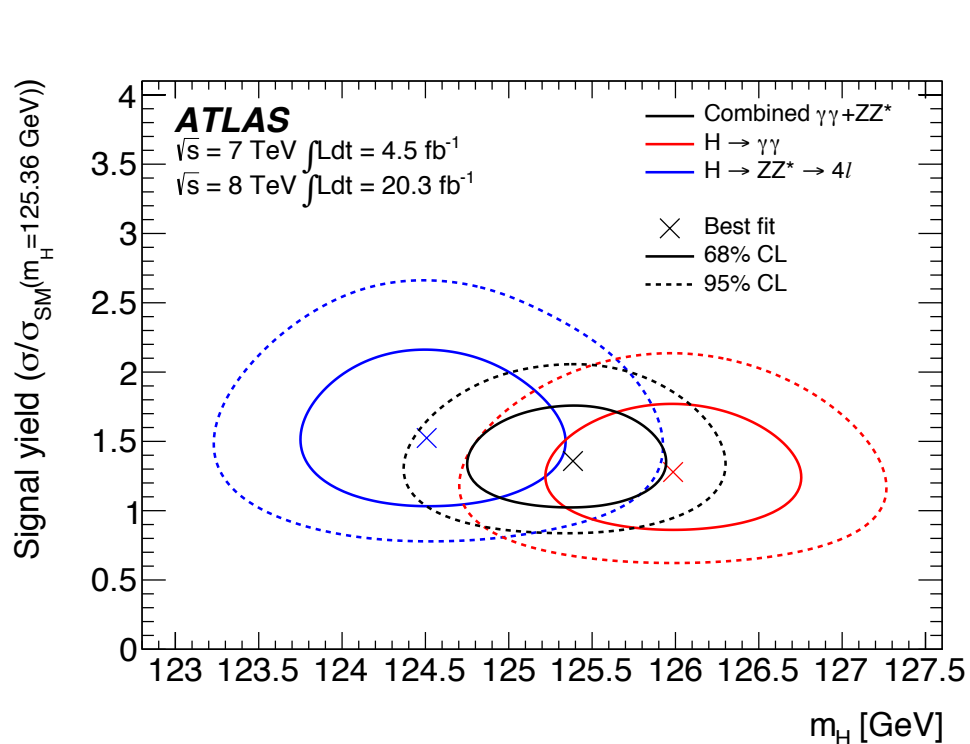
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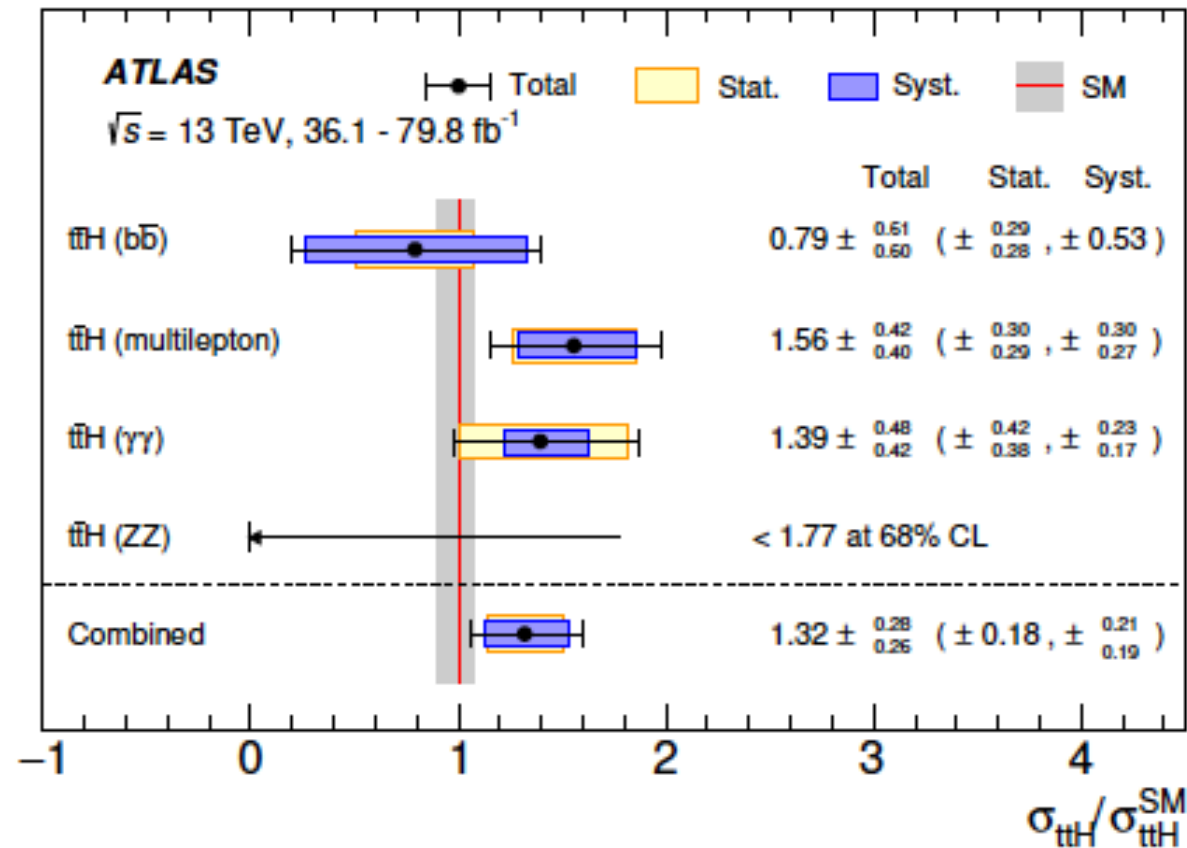


# Towards Higgs measurements



Experiment	$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	$H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4\ell$	combined
ATLAS	$125.98 \pm 0.42(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.28(\text{syst.})$	$124.51 \pm 0.52(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.06(\text{syst.})$	$125.36 \pm 0.37(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.18(\text{syst.})$
CMS	$124.70 \pm 0.31(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.15(\text{syst.})$	$125.59 \pm 0.42(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.17(\text{syst.})$	$125.02 \pm 0.27(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.15(\text{syst.})$

# Higgs physics: still very active topic



Very challenging measurement. Direct evidence of top-Higgs coupling  
 (but doesn't yet change the global picture)

# The Higgs program

*"With great power comes great responsibility"*

which, in particle physics, really means

Voltaire & Spider-Man

*"With great discoveries come great measurements"*

BSMers desperately looking for anomalies  
(true credit: F. Maltoni)

The Higgs has access to EW coupled New Physics  
which is less constrained by direct searches than strongly coupled NP

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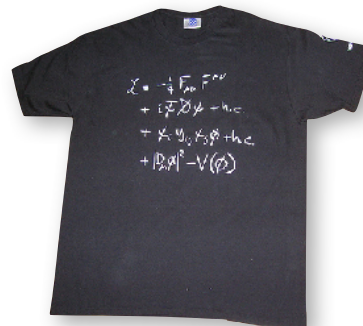
Higgs properties

JPC

Important & nice to see progresses but  
"this question carries a similar potential  
for surprise as a football game between  
Brazil and Tonga" **Resonaances**

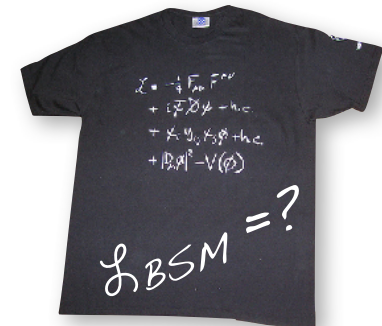
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Higgs couplings

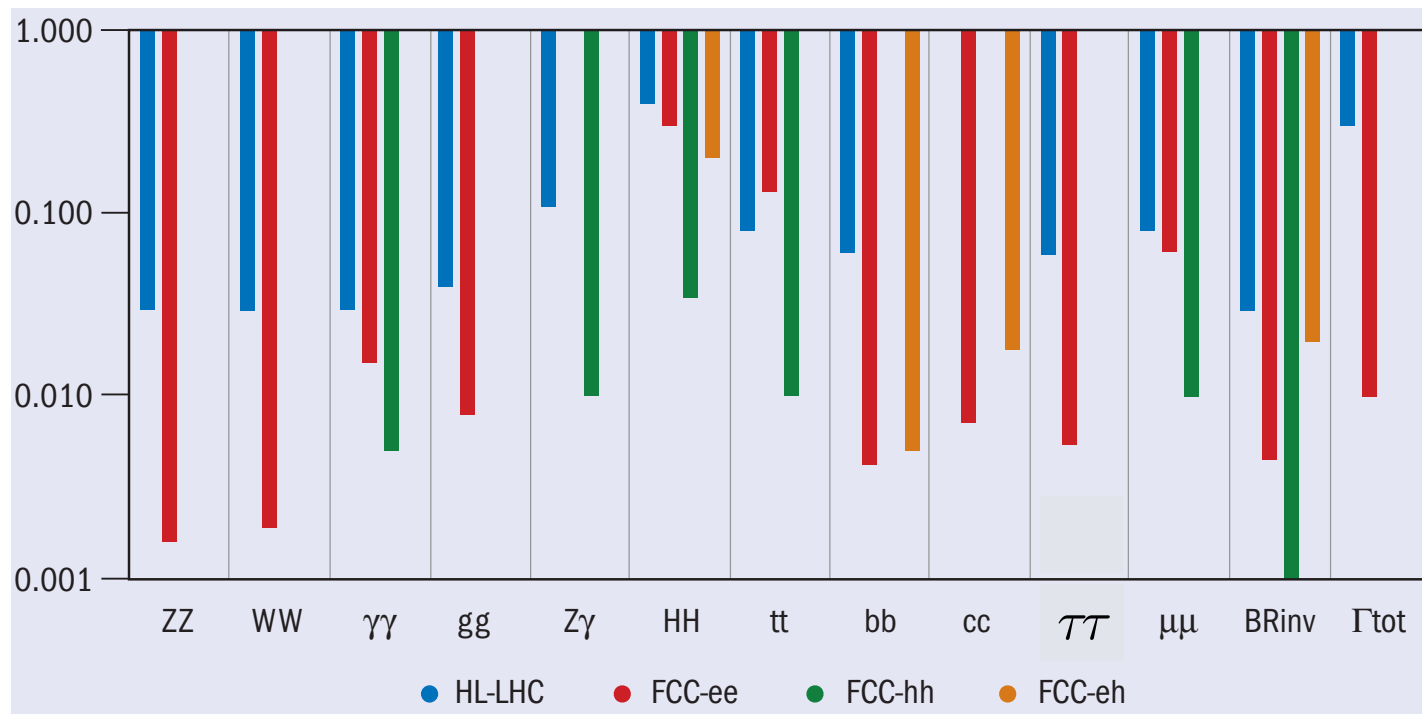


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BSM implications



# How to report Higgs data: from $\kappa$ to EFT



## Oversimplified PR plot

- 1) not a unique coupling to each particle
- 2) powerful complementarity/synergy with non-Higgs measurements not visible (e.g. EW, diboson, top)

# How to report Higgs data: from $\kappa$ to EFT

LHCHXSWG '12

M. Zuckerberg created FaceMash before Facebook

J.K. Rowling got rejected 12 times by editors before she published Harry Potter

Beyonce wrote hundreds of songs before 'Halo'

... Physicists used signal strengths to report Higgs data before ...

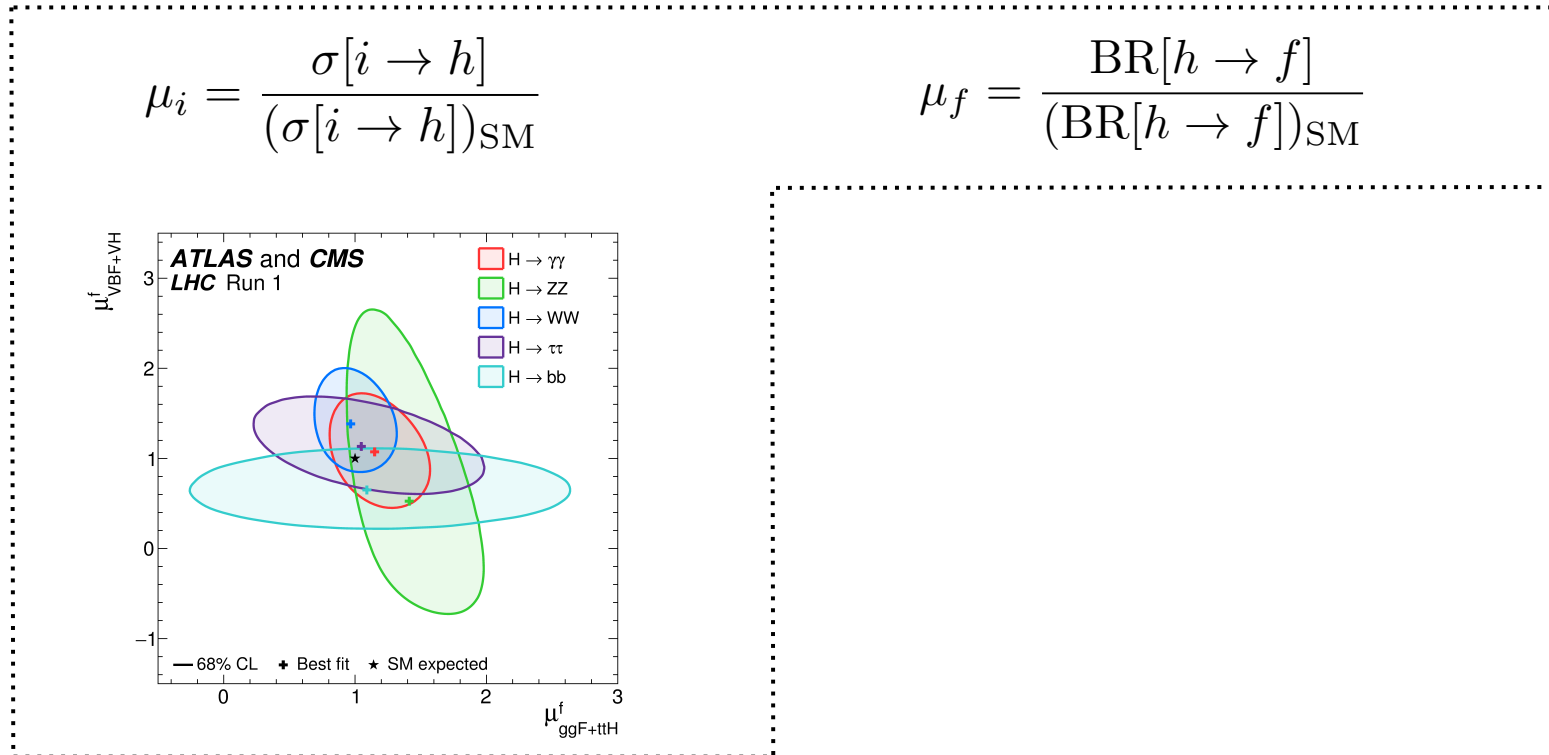
one doesn't have to succeed on the first try

“the success comes from the freedom to fail”

M. Zuckerberg, Harvard graduation ceremony speech, May 25, 2017

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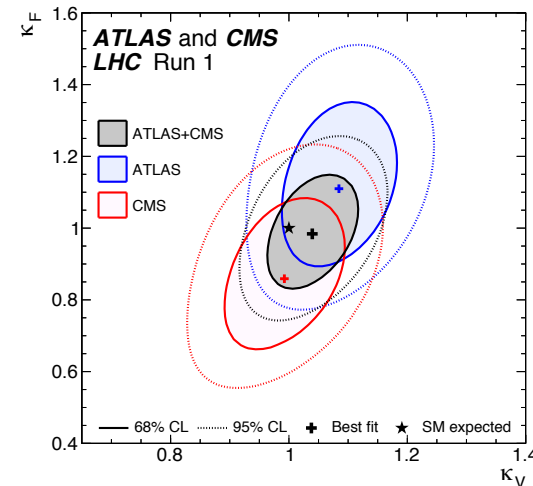
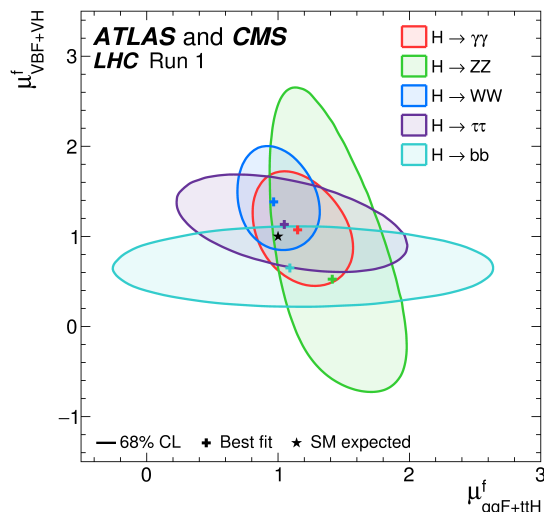


# How to report Higgs data: from $\kappa$ to EFT

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$$(\sigma \cdot \text{BR})(gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) = \sigma_{\text{SM}}(gg \rightarrow H) \cdot \text{BR}_{\text{SM}}(H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) \cdot \frac{\kappa_g^2 \cdot \kappa_\gamma^2}{\kappa_H^2}$$

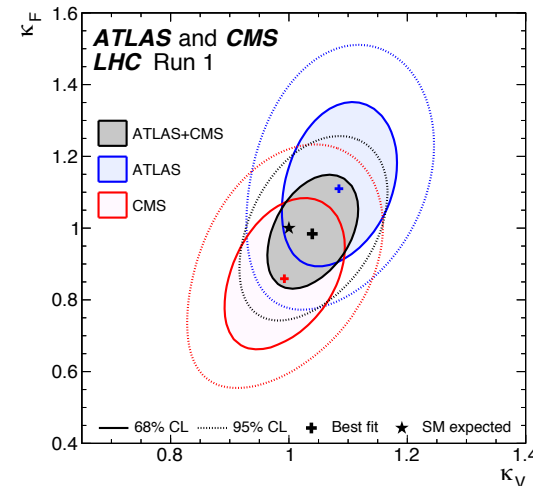
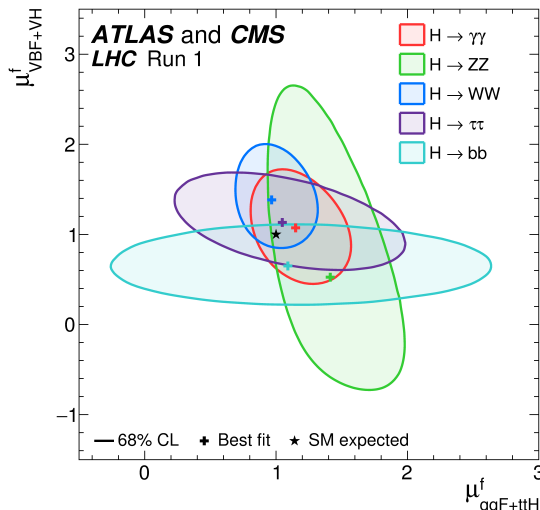
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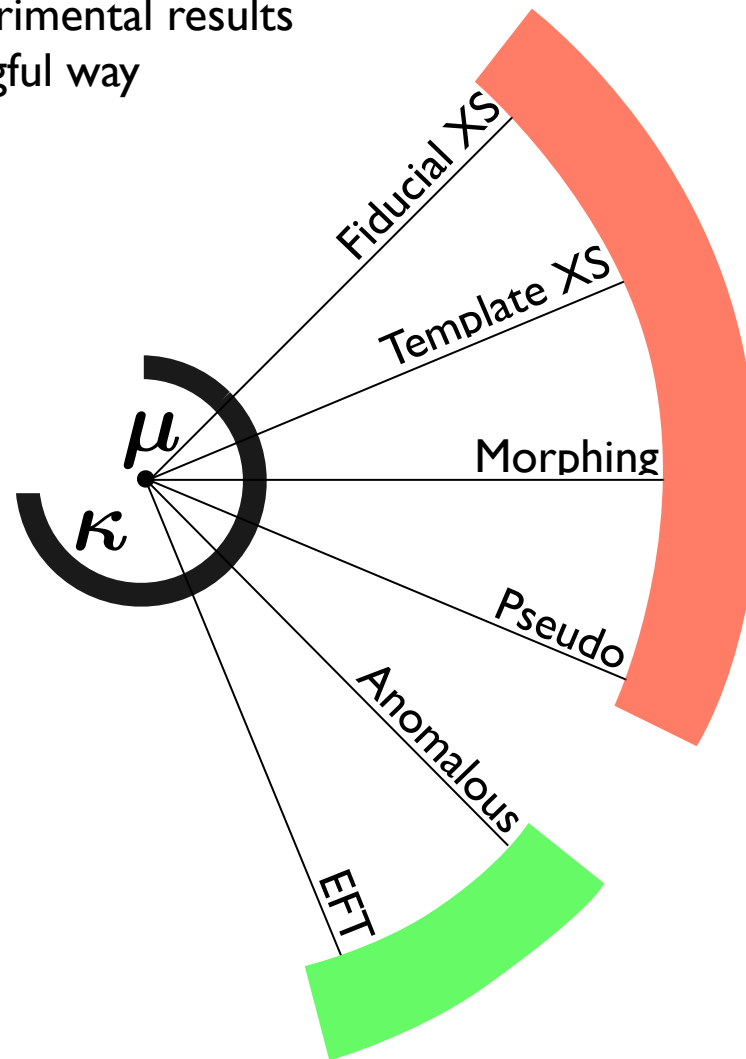
## Main drawbacks of $\mu$ and $\kappa$

- 1) No  $SU(2) \times U(1)$  gauge invariant formalism
- 2) Missing some important symmetry properties of SM, already well constrained e.g. in EW precision measurements
- 3) very difficult to go beyond LO

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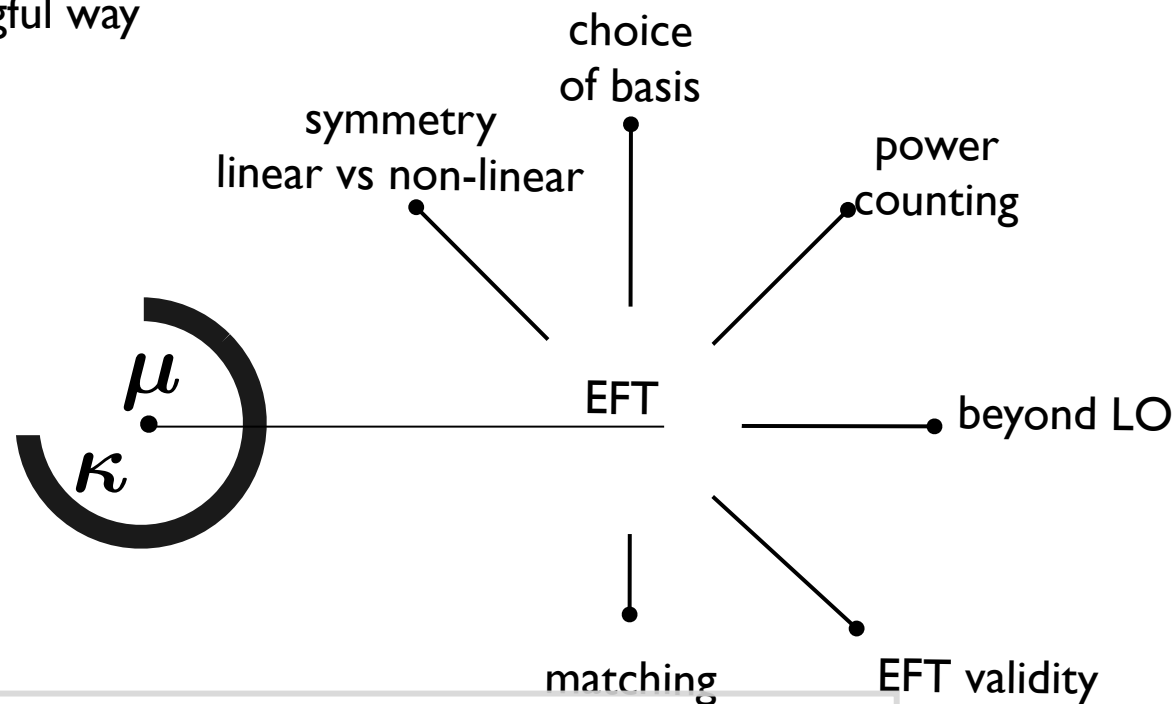
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# EFT



## Pros:

- ▶ correlations between different channels/observables
- ▶ combination of measurements at different energies  
e.g. EW precision data and Higgs measurements
- ▶ test of self-consistency

unique to EFT

allow to focus on channels yet  
unconstrained and more likely to offer  
new discovery opportunities

# $\kappa$ VS EFT

	ILC250		+ILC500	
	$\kappa$ fit	EFT fit	$\kappa$ fit	EFT fit
$g(hbb)$	1.8	1.1	0.60	0.58
$g(hcc)$	2.4	1.9	1.2	1.2
$g(hgg)$	2.2	1.7	0.97	0.95
$g(hWW)$	1.8	0.67	0.40	0.34
$g(h\tau\tau)$	1.9	1.2	0.80	0.74
$g(hZZ)$	0.38	0.68	0.30	0.35
$g(h\gamma\gamma)$	1.1	1.2	1.0	1.0
$g(h\mu\mu)$	5.6	5.6	5.1	5.1
$g(h\gamma Z)$	16	6.6	16	2.6
$g(hbb)/g(hWW)$	0.88	0.86	0.47	0.46
$g(h\tau\tau)/g(hWW)$	1.0	1.0	0.65	0.65
$g(hWW)/g(hZZ)$	1.7	0.07	0.26	0.05
$\Gamma_h$	3.9	2.5	1.7	1.6
$BR(h \rightarrow inv)$	0.32	0.32	0.29	0.29
$BR(h \rightarrow other)$	1.6	1.6	1.3	1.2

LCC Physics WG,  
1710.07621

EFT is doing much better than  $\kappa$  for 250 GeV

BECAUSE

EFT automatically implements correlations that follow from gauge invariance

EFT@dim-6 level has custodial symmetry built-in

Such a difference is less striking at higher energies because direct access to VBF and hVVV coupling

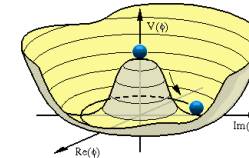
# Higgs physics vs BSM

Several deformations  
away from the SM  
affecting Higgs properties  
are already probed in the vacuum

(assuming EW symmetry linearly realized  
and that new physics is heavy)

$$\phi = v+h$$

vacuum



Potentially new BSM-effects in  $h$  physics  
could have been already tested in the vacuum

e.g.

$$Z \text{ (wavy line)} \rightarrow h \text{ (blue dot)} \rightarrow f \text{ (blue dot)} = \frac{1}{2v} \times Z \text{ (wavy line)} \rightarrow f \text{ (blue dot)}$$

$$H^\dagger D_\mu H \bar{f} \gamma^\mu f$$

(assuming that the Higgs boson is part of a doublet)

Modifications in  $h \rightarrow Z f \bar{f}$  related to  $Z \rightarrow f \bar{f}$

consistency check  
not discovery mode

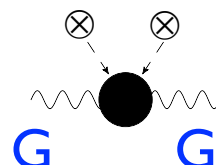
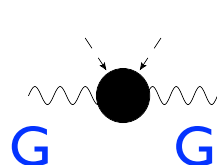
One can use  $h \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$  to probe this deformation  
but hard time to compete with LEP bounds

(courtesy of A. Pomarol@Moriond2014)

# Higgs/BSM Primaries

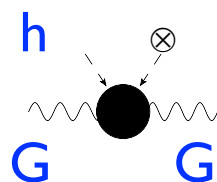
There are others deformations away from the SM  
that are harmless in the vacuum  
and need a Higgs field to be probed

e.g. 
$$\frac{1}{g_s^2} G_{\mu\nu}^2 + \frac{|H|^2}{\Lambda^2} G_{\mu\nu}^2 \rightarrow \left( \frac{1}{g_s^2} + \frac{v^2}{\Lambda^2} \right) G_{\mu\nu}^2$$



operator  
not visible in the vacuum  
(redefinition of input  
parameter)

But can affect h physics:



affects  $GG \rightarrow h$ !

operator  
visible in Higgs physics

this BSM operator is visible only in Higgs physics!

(courtesy of A.  
Pomarol@HiggsHunting2014)

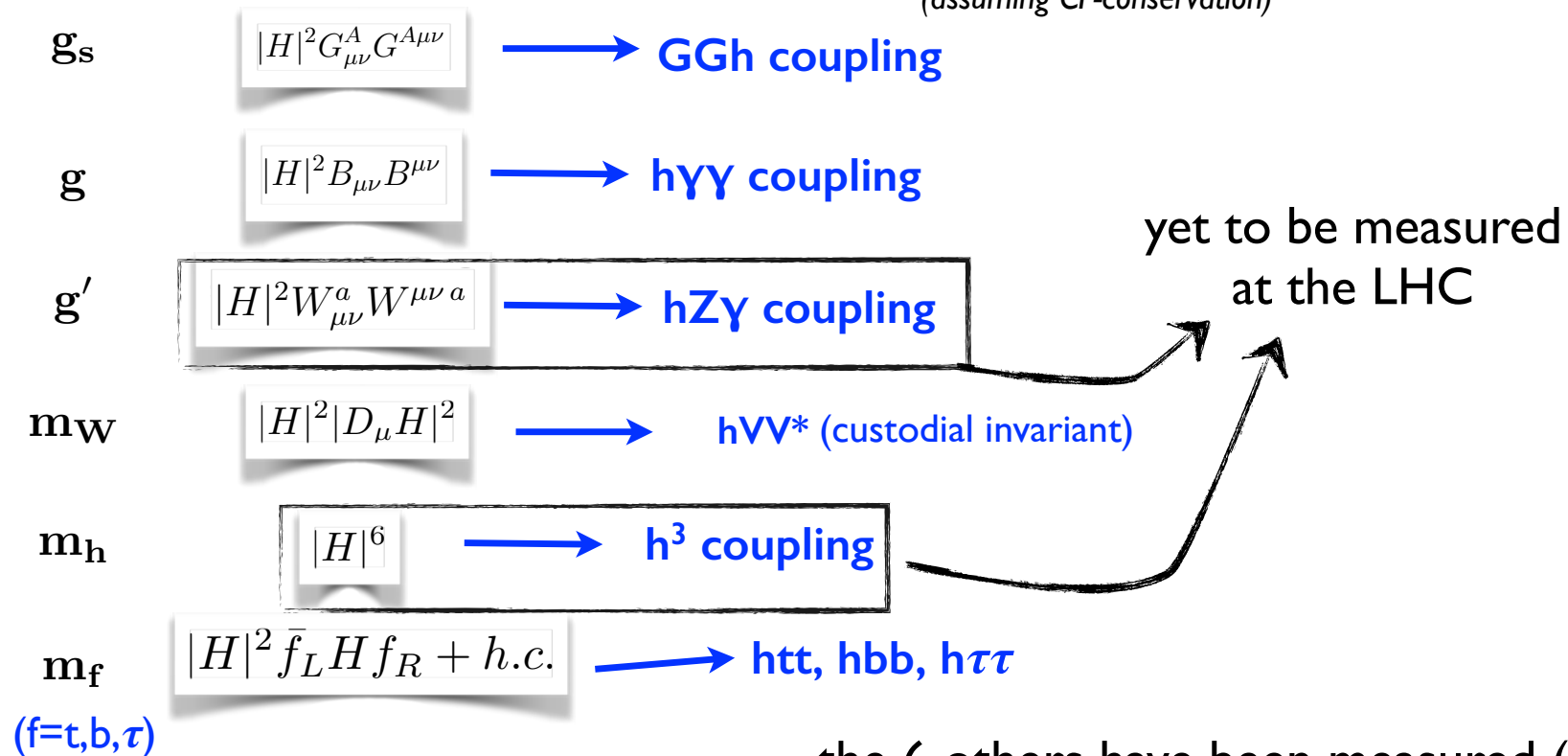


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Elias-Miro et al '13  
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How many of these effects can we have?

As many as parameters in the SM: **8** for one family  
(assuming CP-conservation)



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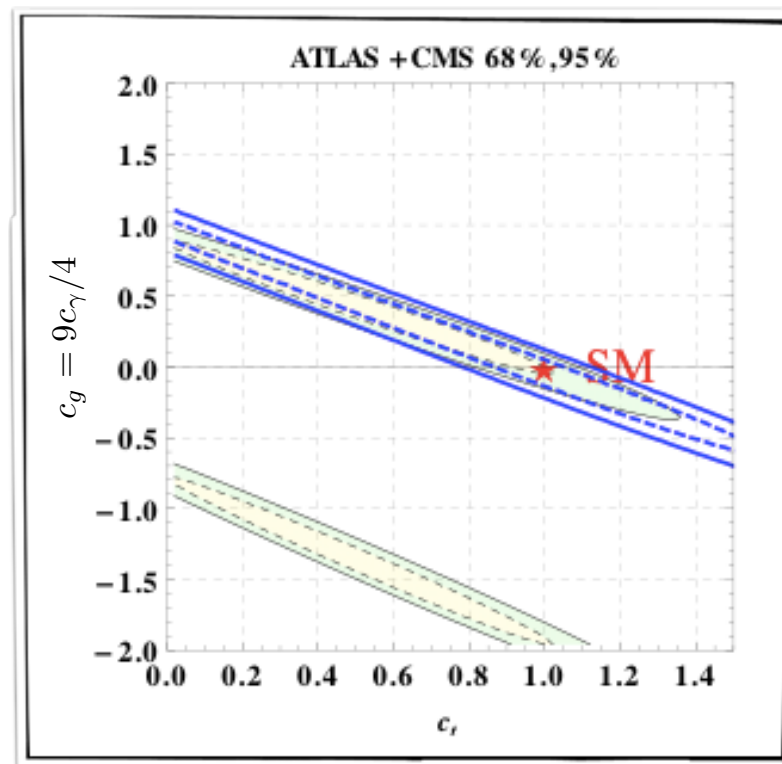
Almost a 1-to-1  
correspondence

Coupling	300 fb <sup>-1</sup>			3000 fb <sup>-1</sup>		
	Theory unc.:			Theory unc.:		
	All	Half	None	All	Half	None
$\kappa_Z$	8.1%	7.9%	7.9%	4.4%	4.0%	3.8%
$\kappa_W$	9.0%	8.7%	8.6%	5.1%	4.5%	4.2%
$\kappa_t$	22%	21%	20%	11%	8.5%	7.6%
$\kappa_b$	23%	22%	22%	12%	11%	10%
$\kappa_\tau$	14%	14%	13%	9.7%	9.0%	8.8%
$\kappa_\mu$	21%	21%	21%	7.5%	7.2%	7.1%
$\kappa_g$	14%	12%	11%	9.1%	6.5%	5.3%
$\kappa_\gamma$	9.3%	9.0%	8.9%	4.9%	4.3%	4.1%
$\kappa_{Z\gamma}$	24%	24%	24%	14%	14%	14%

Atlas projection

With some important differences

- 1) width hypothesis built-in
- 2)  $\kappa_W/\kappa_Z$  is not a primary  
(constrained by  $\Delta\rho$  and TGC)
- 3)  $\kappa_g, \kappa_\gamma, \kappa_{Z\gamma}$  do not separate  
UV and IR contributions



Azatov '15

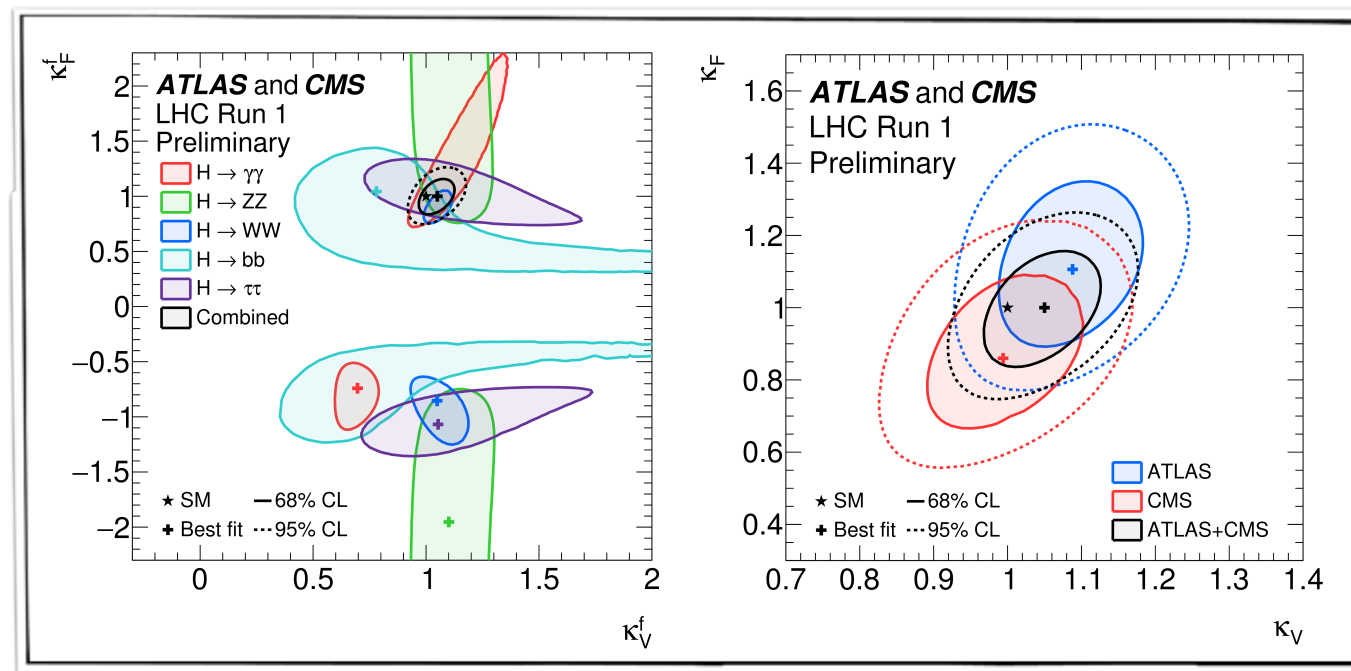
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up to a flat direction between between  
the top/gluon/photon couplings

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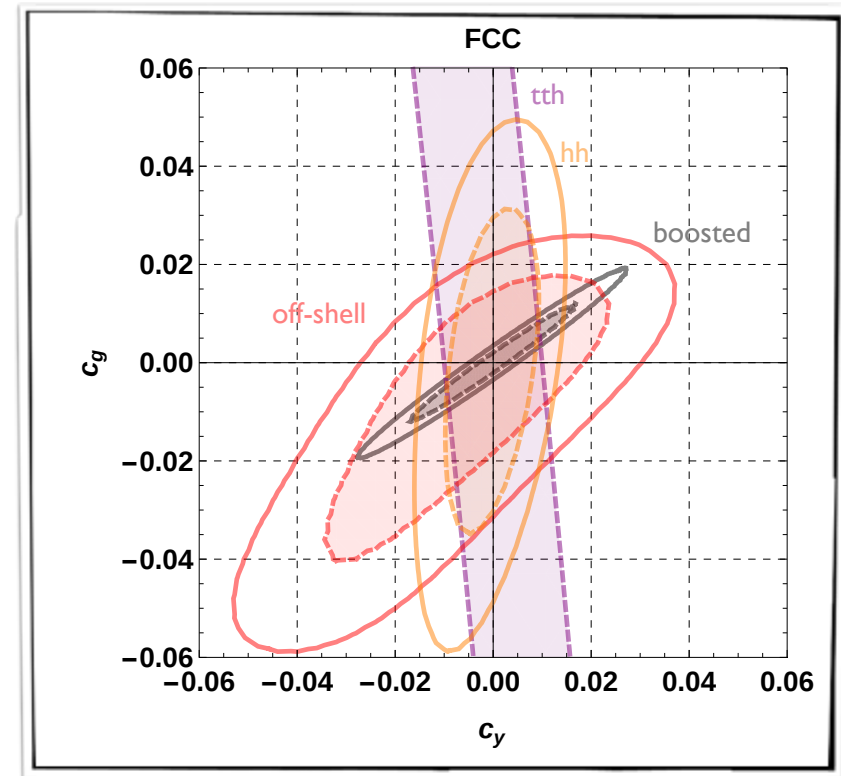
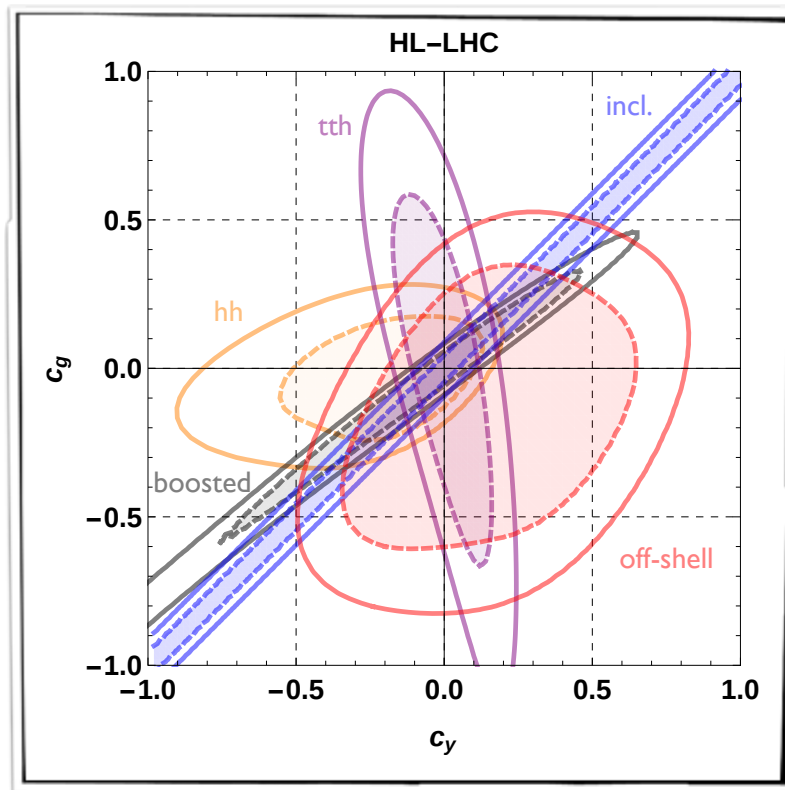
Producing a Higgs with boosted additional particle(s)  
probe the Higgs couplings @ large energy  
(important to check that the Higgs boson ensures perturbative unitarity)

Examples of interesting channels to explore further:

1. off-shell  $gg \rightarrow h^* \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$
2. boosted Higgs: Higgs+ high- $p_T$  jet
3. double Higgs production

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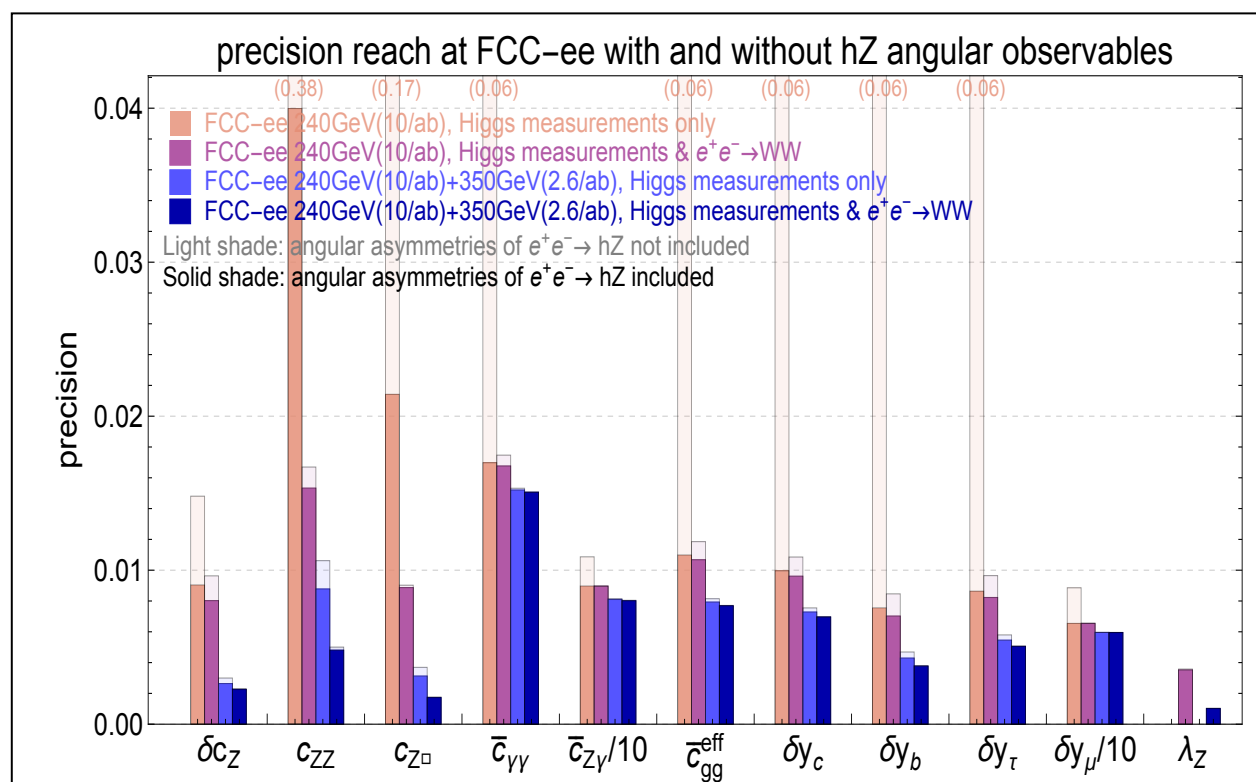


Azatov, Grojean, Paul, Salvioni '16

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Can access 'derivative' operators at ee colliders by using angular observables

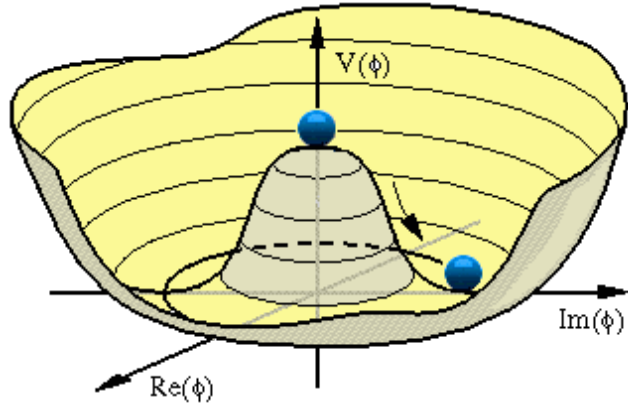
Durieux, Grojean, Gu, Wang '17



- 1) with a run at 240/250 GeV alone, crucial to have access to angular distributions to break degeneracies
- 2) with a second run at higher energy makes it less important to look at distributions

# *Quantum corrections to the Higgs potential*

# Higgs and EW vacuum Stability

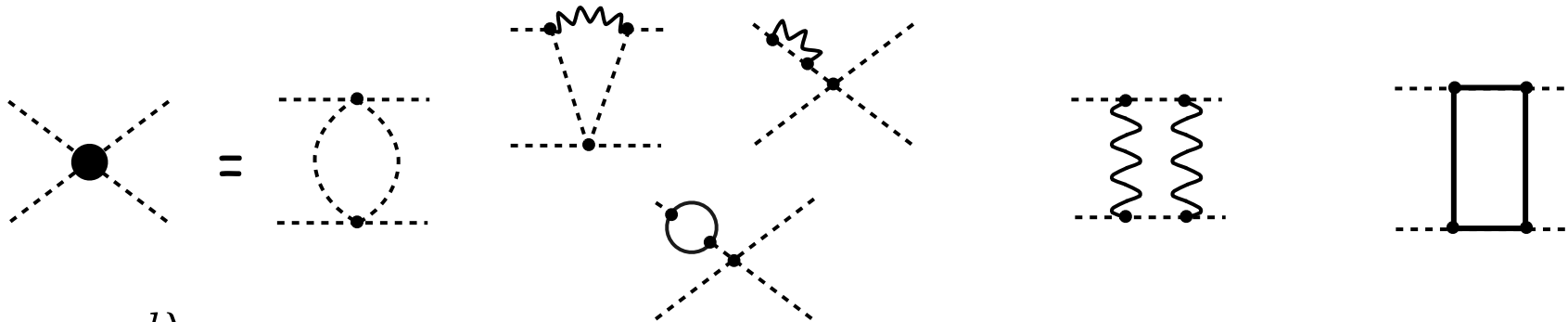


$$V(h) = -\frac{1}{2}\mu^2 h^2 + \frac{1}{4}\lambda h^4$$

vev:  $v^2 = \mu^2/\lambda$       mass:  $m_H^2 = 2\lambda v^2$

the vacuum is not empty even classically ( $\hbar \rightarrow 0$ )

How is Quantum Mechanics changing the picture?



$$16\pi^2 \frac{d\lambda}{d \ln Q} = 24\lambda^2 - (3g'^2 + 9g^2 - 12y_t^2)\lambda + \frac{3}{8}g'^4 + \frac{3}{4}g'^2 g^2 + \frac{9}{8}g^4 - 6y_t^4 + \text{Higher loops} + \text{Small Yukawa}$$

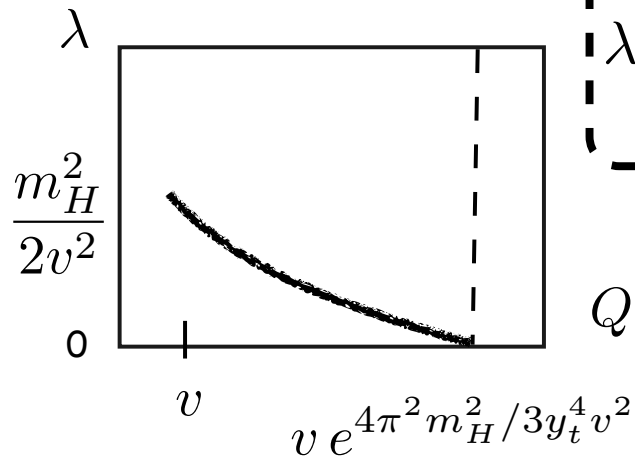


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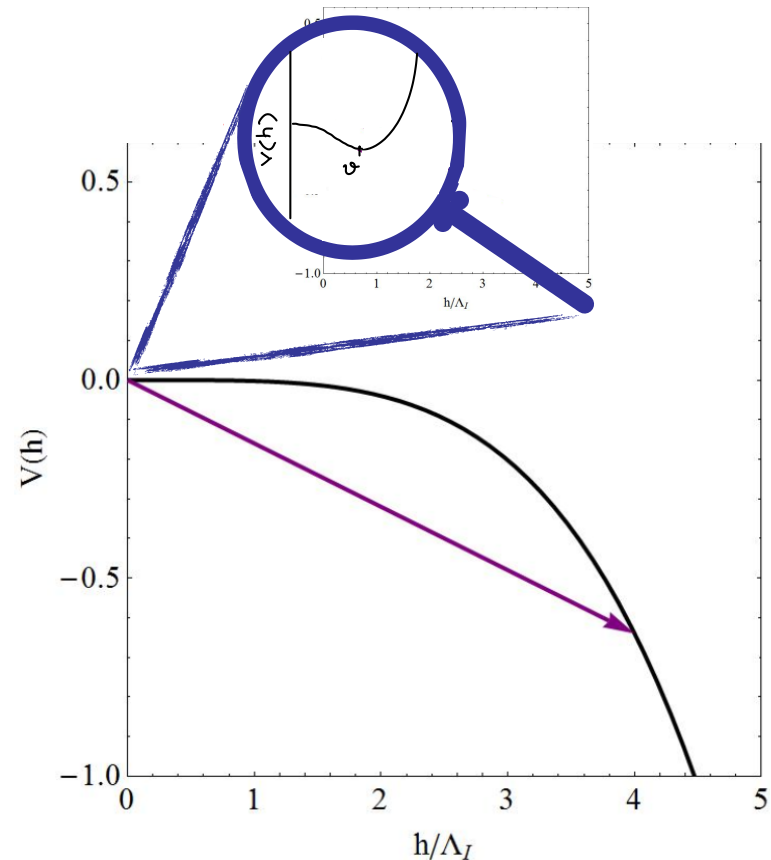
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Lindner '86  
+...



$\lambda < 0 \Rightarrow$  potential unbounded from below

$$\Lambda \leq v e^{4\pi^2 m_H^2 / 3y_t^4 v^2}$$

New physics should appear before  
that point to restore stability

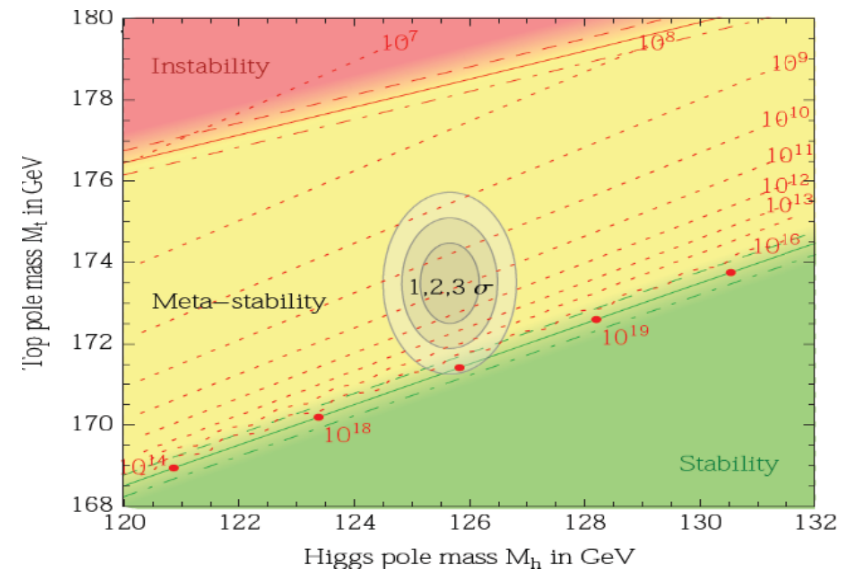
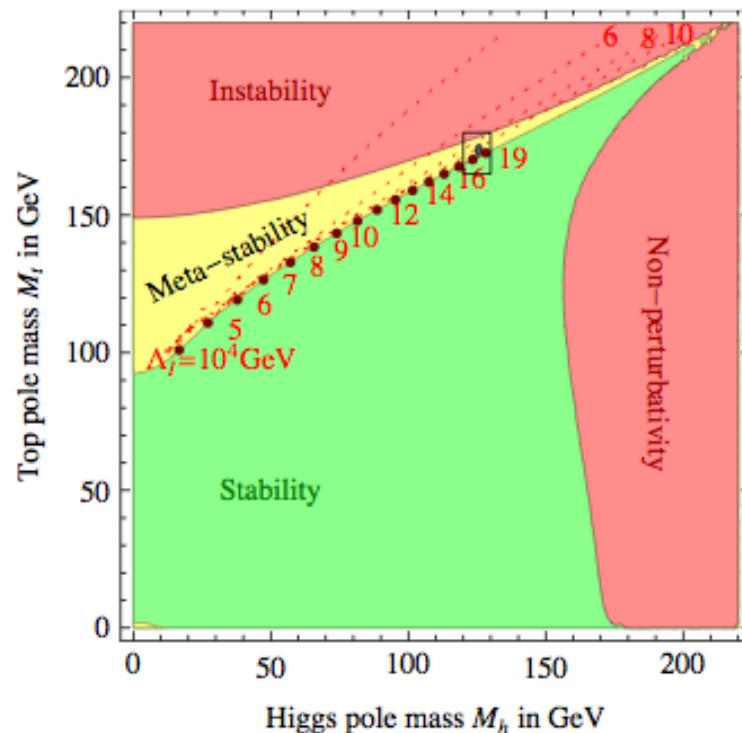


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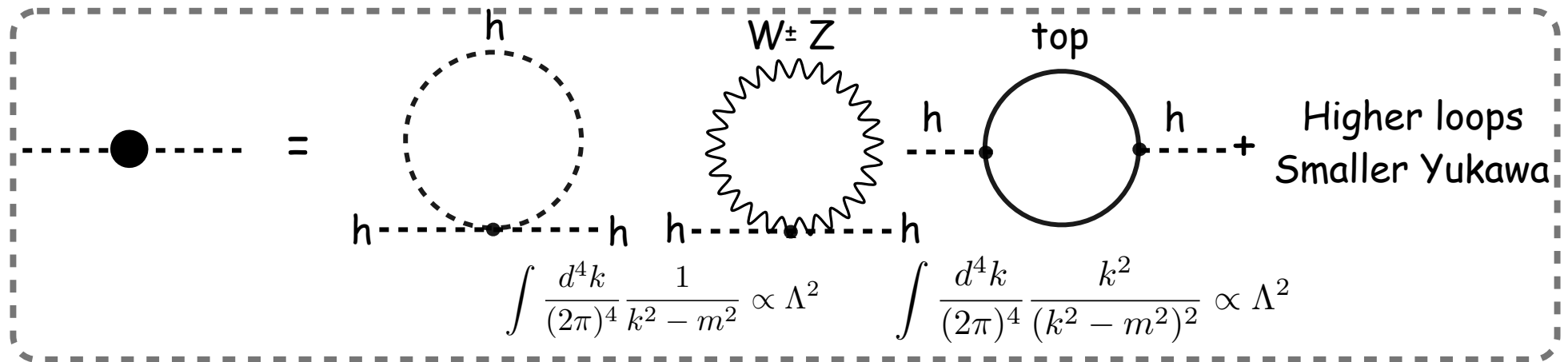
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Buttazzo et al '13

# Quantum Instability of the Higgs Mass

so far we looked only at the RG evolution of the Higgs quartic coupling (dimensionless parameter). The Higgs mass has a totally different behavior: it is highly dependent on the UV physics, which leads to the so called hierarchy problem



Weisskopf '39  
't hooft '79

$$\delta m_H^2 = (2m_W^2 + m_Z^2 + m_H^2 - 4m_t^2) \frac{3G_F \Lambda^2}{8\sqrt{2}\pi^2}$$

$$m_H^2 \sim m_0^2 - (115 \text{ GeV})^2 \left( \frac{\Lambda}{700 \text{ GeV}} \right)^2$$

# The hierarchy problem made easy

only a few electrons are enough to lift your hair ( $\sim 10^{25}$  mass of  $e^-$ )  
the electric force between 2  $e^-$  is  $10^{43}$  times larger than their gravitational interaction



we don't know why gravity is so weak?  
we don't know why the masses of particles are so small?

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Several theoretical hypotheses  
new dynamics? new symmetries? new space-time structure?  
modification of special relativity? of quantum mechanics?

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# *The Higgs hierarchy problem*

# Naturalness principle @ work

Following the arguments of Wilson, 't Hooft (and others):  
only small numbers associated to the breaking of a symmetry survive quantum corrections

**Introduce new degrees of freedom to regulate the high-energy behavior**

Beautiful examples of naturalness to understand the need of “new” physics

see for instance Giudice '13 (and refs. therein) for an account

- ▶ the need of the **positron** to screen the electron self-energy:  $\Lambda < m_e/\alpha_{\text{em}}$
- ▶ the **rho meson** to cutoff the EM contribution to the charged pion mass:  $\Lambda < \delta m_\pi^2/\alpha_{\text{em}}$
- ▶ the kaon mass difference regulated by the **charm** quark:  $\Lambda^2 < \frac{\delta m_K}{m_K} \frac{6\pi^2}{G_F^2 f_K^2 \sin^2 \theta_C}$
- ▶ the light **Higgs** boson to screen the EW corrections to gauge bosons self-energies
- ▶ ...
- ▶ **new physics** at the weak scale to cancel the UV sensitivity of the Higgs mass?

# The different paths to Higgs naturalness

## ► Single vacuum

the low Higgs mass is screened from large quantum corrections by

1. a symmetry (Susy, PQ)
2. a form factor (composite Higgs)
3. a low UV scale (xdim, RS, large N...)
4. a combination of the above

## ► Multiple vacua

many metastable vacua  
with a vast range of values for  $m_H$   
Dynamical (or anthropic selection) of  $m_H \ll \Lambda$

1. anthropic multiverse
2. NNaturalness with  $10^{16}$  copies of SM
3. relaxion and cosmological scanning with non-trivial back reaction

# How to Stabilize the Higgs Potential

## The spin trick

$2s+1$  polarization states

a particle of spin  $s$ :

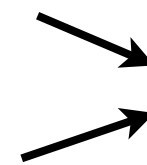
...with the only exception of a particle moving at the speed of light

... fewer polarization states

Spin 1    Gauge invariance  $\longrightarrow$  no longitudinal polarization

$m=0$

Spin 1/2    Chiral symmetry  $\longrightarrow$  only one helicity



If the symmetries are broken, the radiative mass will be set by the scale of symmetry breaking, not the UV/Planck scale

... but the Higgs is a spin 0 particle



# Symmetries to Stabilize a Scalar Potential

Supersymmetry

fermion  $\sim$  boson

Higher Dimensional  
Lorentz invariance

$\Leftarrow$  gauge-Higgs  
unification models

[Manton '79, Fairlie '79, Hosotani '83 +...]

$$A_\mu \sim A_5$$

4D spin 1

4D spin 0

These symmetries cannot be exact symmetry of the Nature.  
They have to be broken. We want to look for a soft breaking in  
order to preserve the stabilization of the weak scale.

# Other approaches to the hierarchy problem

the hierarchy problem can be reformulated as:

why the weak scale so much smaller than the Planck scale of quantum gravity?

$$M_{\text{Pl}} = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar c}{G_{\text{N}}}} \sim 10^{19} \text{ GeV}/c^2$$

\* **large extra dimensions (~1mm):** dilute gravitational interactions into large volume not accessible to other forces. Scale of quantum gravity around 1TeV. Black holes could be produced at the LHC.

\* **many different species:**  $M_* = M_{\text{Pl}}/\sqrt{N}$ .  $M_* \sim 1\text{TeV}$  if  $N \sim 10^{32}$

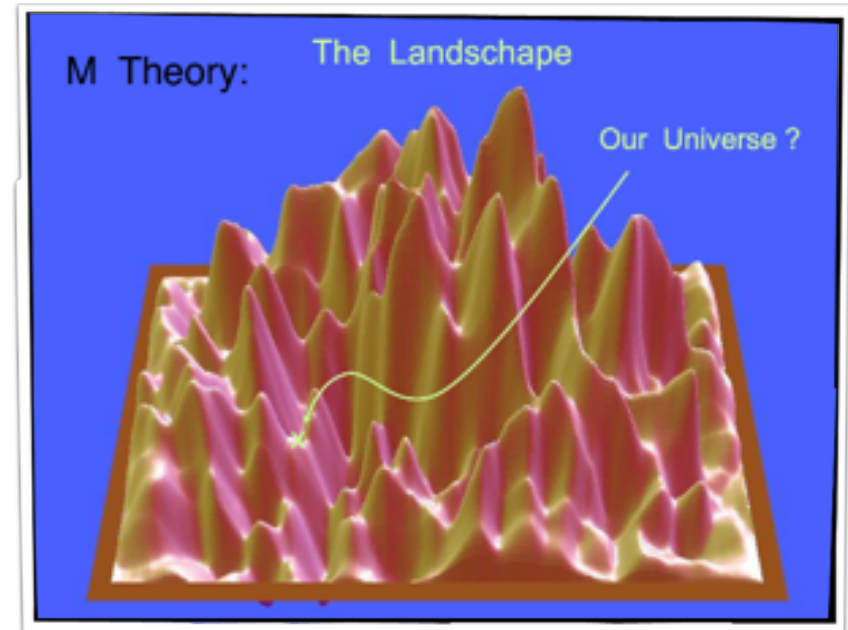
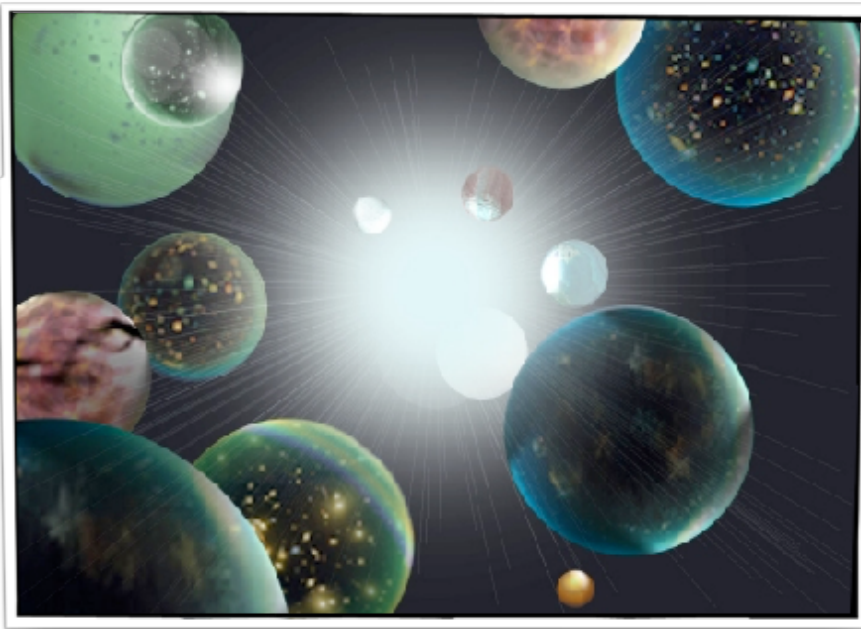
\* **composite Higgs:** above the scale of compositeness, the Higgs boson dissolves into its fundamental constituents. Momentum-dependent form factors cut off the divergent integrals

\* ~~break EW symmetry without a Higgs boson, aka technicolor models.~~  
Ruled out by the Higgs boson discovery

# Could the EW scale accidentally small?

The Sun and the Moon have the same angular size seen from Earth. Why?

- Dynamical explanation?
- Accident?
- Multiverse... there exist many (exo)planets with moons!
- Anthropic selection (probably not for the Moon, but maybe for the Higgs)



Number of string vacua:  $10^{500 \pm 272\,000}$

Taylor, Wang '15

# What is BSM?



I don't know. Nobody knows

If it were known, it would be part of the SM!

You won't learn during these lectures what BSM is.

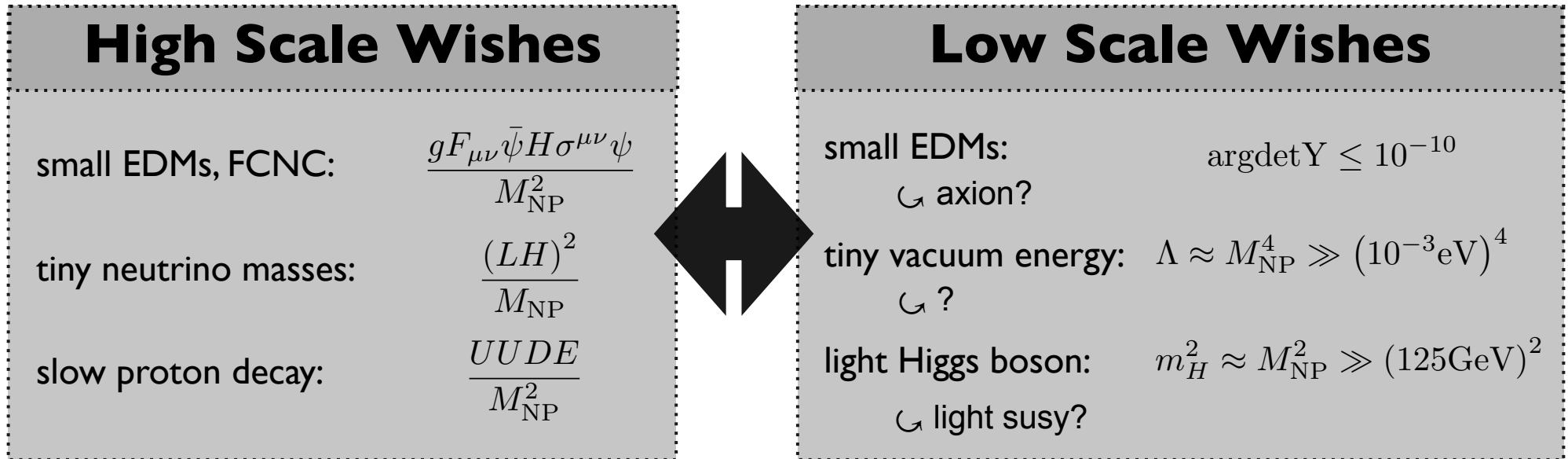
You'll learn (maybe) what BSM could be.

*"Looking and not finding is different than not looking"*

We'll study the limitations/defaults of the SM as a guide towards BSM.

We want to learn from our failures

# What is the scale of New Physics?



## Where is everyone?

even new physics at few hundreds of GeV might be difficult to see and could escape our detection

- **compressed spectra**
- **displaced vertices**
- **no MET, soft decay products, long decay chains**
- **uncoloured new physics**

~~R-susy~~ ◀

**Neutral naturalness**  
(twin Higgs, folded susy) ◀

**Relaxion** ◀