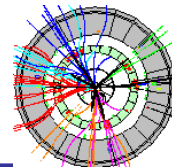


Physics at hadron colliders

- ◆ **Hadron-hadron interactions**
- ◆ **Top physics**
- ◆ **Higgs**
- ◆ **HL-LHC**
- ◆ **Next collider after LHC: FCC**



Hadron-hadron interactions

protons complex objects:

partonic

substructure:

quarks & gluons

hard scattering

processes (large

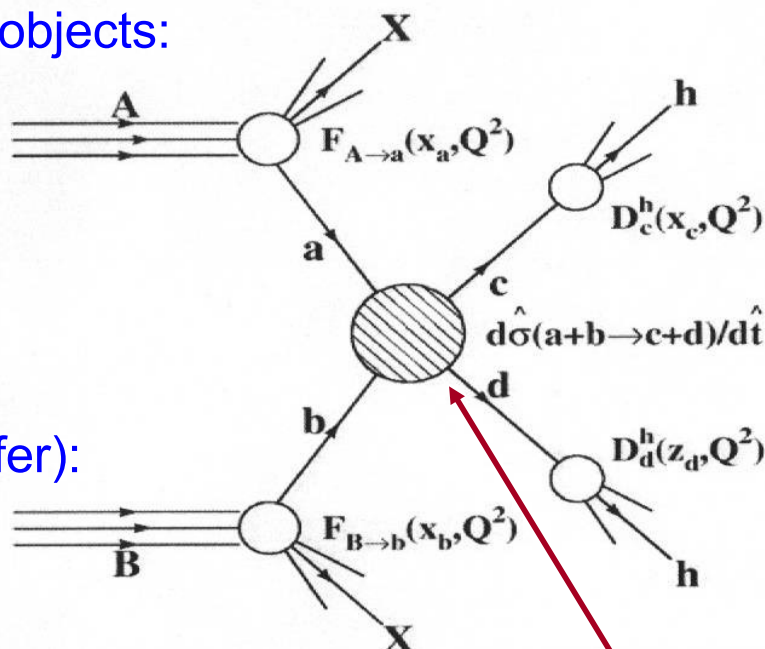
momentum transfer):

quark-quark

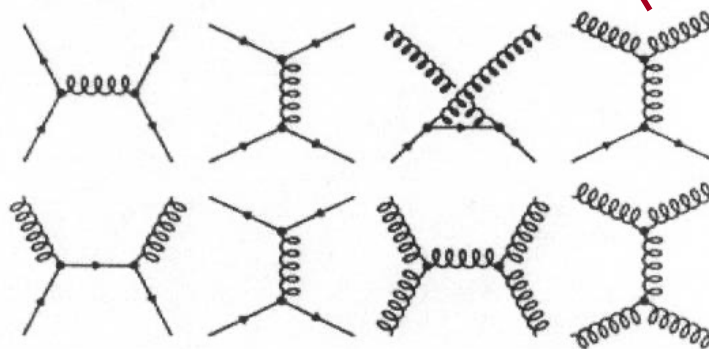
quark-gluon

gluon-gluon

at parton level

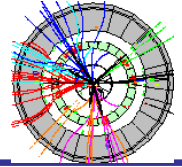


scattering or annihilation



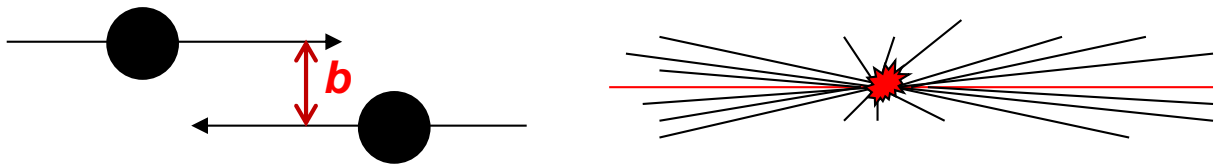
however: hard scattering (high p_T processes) represent only a tiny fraction of the total inelastic pp cross section. e.g. total inelastic cross section ~ 80 mb at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV.

Dominated by events with small momentum transfer, in particular by two event types: diffractive (colourless exchange with the quantum numbers of vacuum between the two protons) & minimum-bias (exchange of colour).



Inelastic low p_T hadron-hadron collisions

Most interactions due to interactions at large distance between incoming protons where protons interact as “a whole” \rightarrow **small momentum transfer** ($\Delta p \approx \hbar / \Delta x$) / **large impact parameter b** \rightarrow particles in final state have large (small) longitudinal (transverse) momentum.



$\langle p_T \rangle \approx 500 \text{ MeV}$ (of charged particles in final state)

$$\frac{dN}{d\eta} \approx 6$$

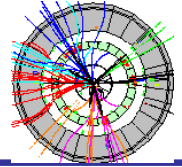
~ 6 charged particles per pseudorapidity unit in central region of experiment
(uniform distribution in azimuthal angle)
(LHC numbers)

most energy escapes down the beam pipe.

Called **minimum-bias events** (“soft” events) & constitute a large fraction of the total cross section e.g. $\sim 60 \text{ mb}$ of $\sim 110 \text{ mb}$ at $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$. Perhaps not very interesting in themselves but needs to be understood. Cross section large that they occur multiple times per bunch crossing (e.g. 2024-26: ~ 60 times) \Rightarrow overlap interesting collisions (“pile-up”) & change measured event quantities.



Diffraction



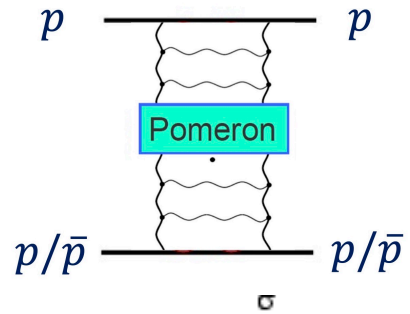
Diffractive processes

another large part of the total cross section are diffractive processes, where non-colored object(s) are exchanged referred to as "Pomeron(s)". Pomeron is described by a system of two (or even number) of gluons or gluon ladder

diffractive events characterized by "rapidity gaps" (= regions of pseudorapidity without primary particle production)

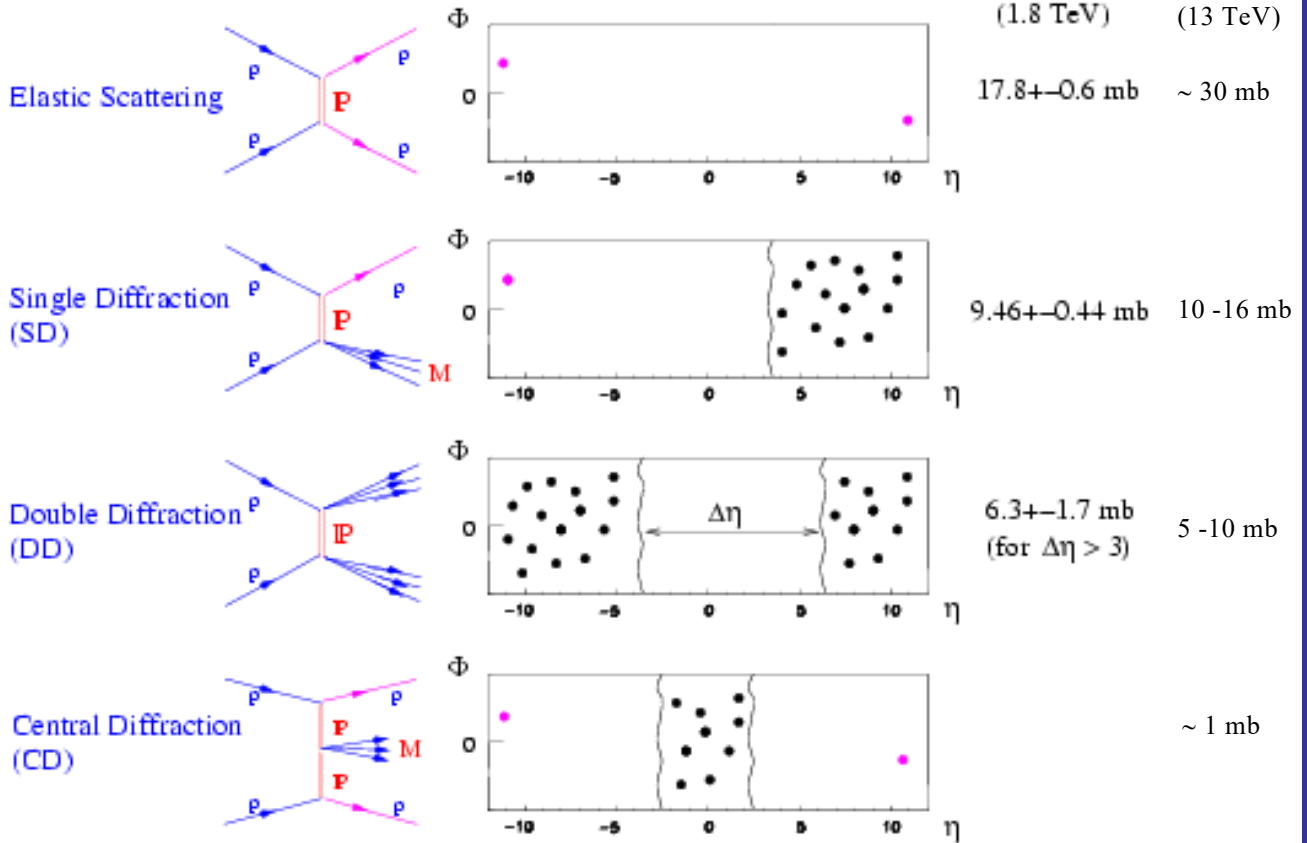
- elastic scattering ~ 30 mb
 - single diffraction 10 – 16 mb
 - double diffraction 5 – 10 mb
 - central diffraction ~ 1 mb
- in total ~ 50 mb @ $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV.

e.g. elastic scattering



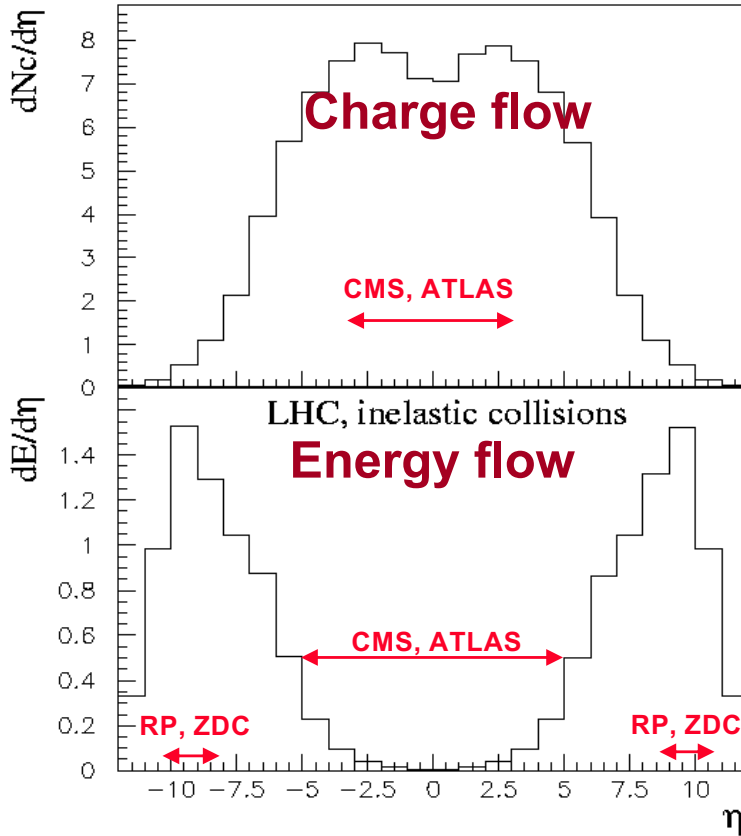
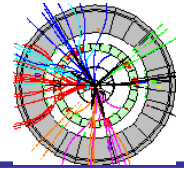
(1.8 TeV) (13 TeV)

17.8+/-0.6 mb ~ 30 mb





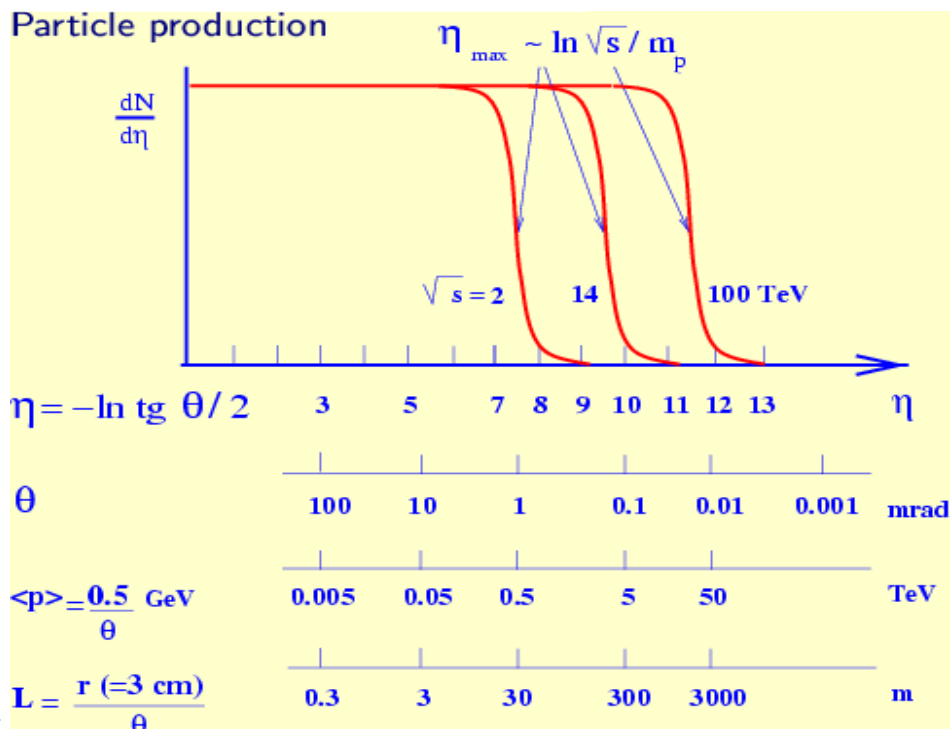
Hadron-hadron interactions



charged particle & energy flow in an average proton-proton collision at LHC.

The acceptancies of baseline ATLAS & CMS experiments are also indicated

RP = Roman Pots (detect intact protons)
ZDC = Zero Degree Calorimeters (detect neutral particles)



pseudorapidity

$$\eta = -\ln \tan \theta / 2$$

polar angle

θ

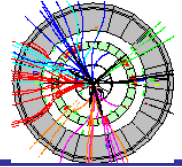
average particle momentum

$$\langle p \rangle = \frac{0.5 \text{ GeV}}{\theta}$$

distance to IP @ LHC vacuum chamber radius

$$L = \frac{r (=3 \text{ cm})}{\theta}$$

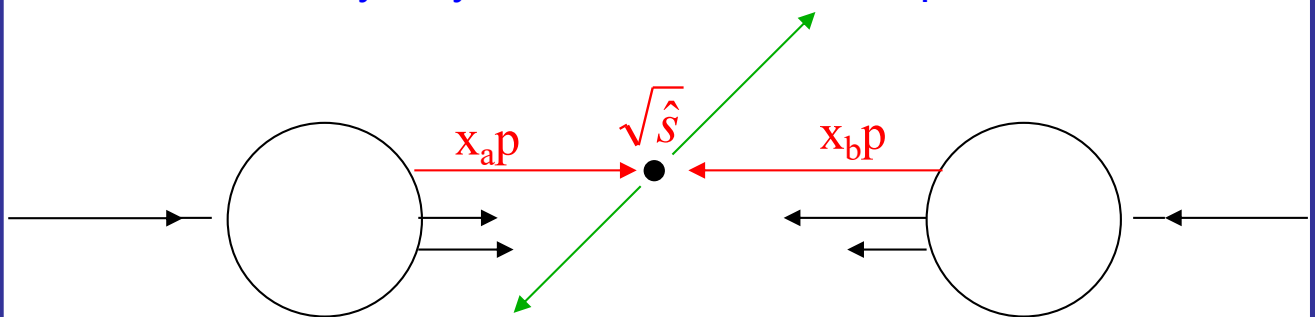
IP = interaction point



Inelastic high p_T hadron-hadron collisions

proton beam can be seen as a beam of quarks & gluons with a wide band of energies, occasionally occurs hard scattering between constituents of incoming hadrons.

constituents carry only a fraction $0 < x < 1$ of proton momentum.



$p \equiv$ momentum of incoming hadron

- effective centre-of-mass energy $\sqrt{\hat{s}}$ smaller than \sqrt{s} of colliding beams:

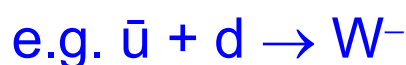
if $x_a \approx x_b$

$$\sqrt{\hat{s}} = \sqrt{x_a x_b s} \approx x \sqrt{s}$$

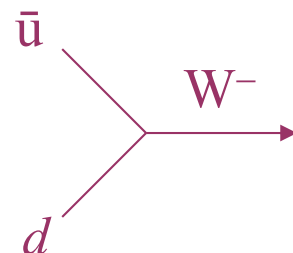
to produce at LHC a mass of:

- 100 GeV: $x \sim 0.007$
- 1 TeV: $x \sim 0.07$
- 5 TeV: $x \sim 0.4$

these are interesting physics events but they are rare.

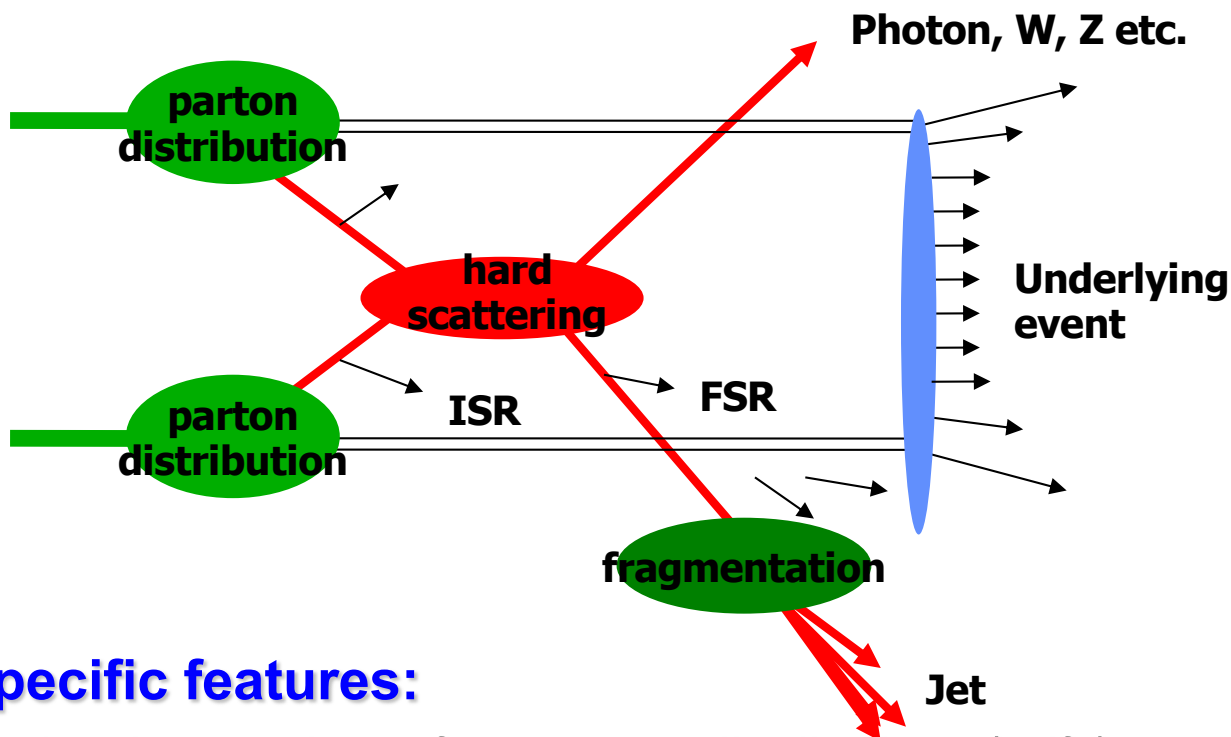
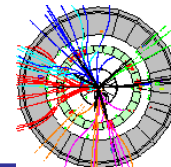


$\sigma (pp \rightarrow W) \approx 150 \text{ nb} \approx 10^{-6} \sigma_{\text{tot}} (pp)$





Hadron-hadron interactions



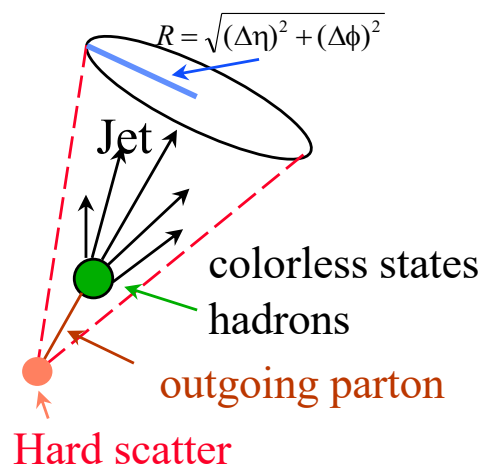
specific features:

- ◆ hard scattering σ from parton distributions (pdfs)
- ◆ initial and final states can “radiate” gluons (ISR & FSR)
- ◆ colored final states fragment to form “jets”
- ◆ underlying event from proton remnants

fragmentation (hadronization):

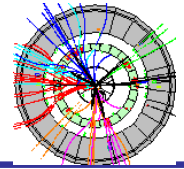
- ◆ quarks/gluons produced give raise to lots of radiation (α_S is large!) & recombine to form colorless spray of almost collinear hadrons: **a jet**
- ◆ jets = experimental signature of quarks/gluons & observed as localized energy deposits in calorimeters.
- ◆ jet energy \neq parton energy due to calorimeter response, missing (ν 's, low p_T & out of cone) particles & overlapping particles (from min. bias events). average corrections applied.

at hadron colliders jets usually formed using simple cone algorithms ($R \approx 0.7$)





Hadron-hadron interactions



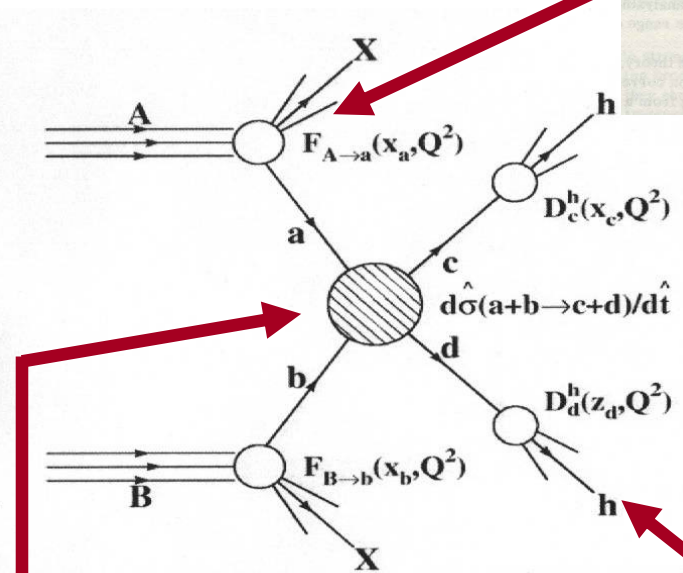
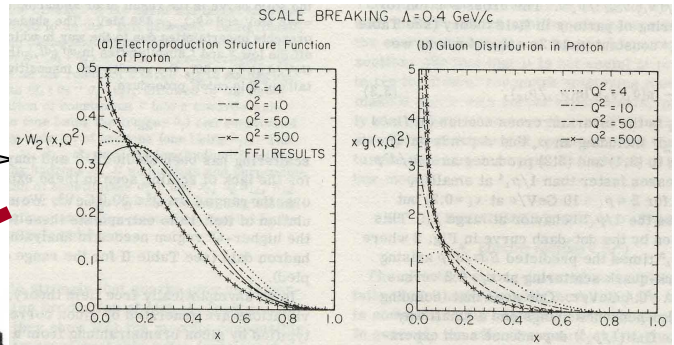
- cross-section :

$$\sigma = \sum_{a,b} \int dx_a dx_b f_a(x_a, Q^2) f_b(x_b, Q^2) \hat{\sigma}_{ab}(x_a, x_b)$$

$\hat{\sigma}_{ab} \equiv$ hard scattering cross-section

$f_i(x, Q^2) \equiv$ parton distribution function

parton distribution functions
measured in DIS & hadron-hadron collisions

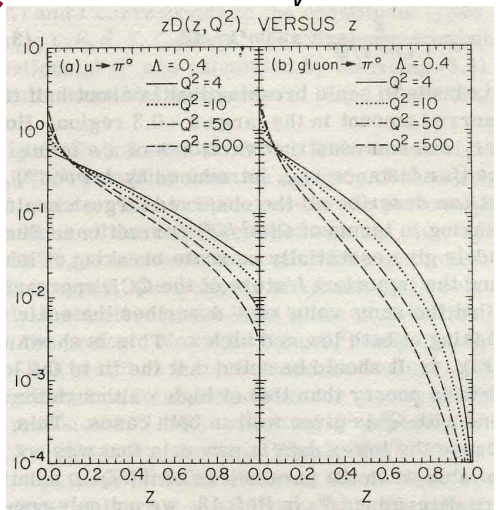


quark & gluon fragmentation functions
measured mostly in e+e- collisions; modeled by fragmentation MC

TABLE I. Cross sections for the various constituent quark-quark, quark-gluon, and gluon-gluon subprocesses.^a The differential cross section is given by $d\hat{\sigma}/d\hat{t} = \pi\alpha_s^2(Q^2)|A|^2/\hat{s}^2$, where $\alpha_s(Q^2)$ is the effective coupling given by Eq. (3.1).

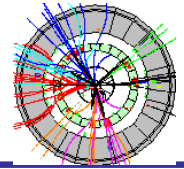
Subprocess	$ A ^2$
1. $q_i q_j \rightarrow q_i q_j$ $q_i \bar{q}_j \rightarrow q_i \bar{q}_j$ ($i \neq j$)	$\frac{4}{9} \frac{\hat{s}^2 + \hat{u}^2}{\hat{t}^2}$
2. $q_i q_i \rightarrow q_i q_i$	$\frac{4}{9} \left(\frac{\hat{s}^2 + \hat{u}^2}{\hat{t}^2} + \frac{\hat{s}^2 + \hat{t}^2}{\hat{u}^2} \right) - \frac{8}{27} \frac{\hat{s}^2}{\hat{u}\hat{t}}$
3. $q_i \bar{q}_i \rightarrow q_i \bar{q}_i$	$\frac{4}{9} \left(\frac{\hat{s}^2 + \hat{u}^2}{\hat{t}^2} + \frac{\hat{t}^2 + \hat{u}^2}{\hat{s}^2} \right) - \frac{8}{27} \frac{\hat{u}^2}{\hat{s}\hat{t}}$
4. $q_i \bar{q}_i \rightarrow gg$	$\frac{32}{27} \left(\frac{\hat{u}^2 + \hat{t}^2}{\hat{u}\hat{t}} \right) - \frac{8}{3} \left(\frac{\hat{u}^2 + \hat{t}^2}{\hat{s}^2} \right)$
5. $gg \rightarrow q_i \bar{q}_i$	$\frac{1}{6} \left(\frac{\hat{u}^2 + \hat{t}^2}{\hat{u}\hat{t}} \right) - \frac{3}{8} \left(\frac{\hat{u}^2 + \hat{t}^2}{\hat{s}^2} \right)$
6. $q_i g \rightarrow q_i g$	$-\frac{4}{9} \left(\frac{\hat{u}^2 + \hat{s}^2}{\hat{u}\hat{s}} \right) + \left(\frac{\hat{u}^2 + \hat{s}^2}{\hat{t}^2} \right)$
7. $gg \rightarrow gg$	$\frac{9}{2} \left(3 - \frac{\hat{u}\hat{t}}{\hat{s}^2} - \frac{\hat{u}\hat{s}}{\hat{t}^2} - \frac{\hat{s}\hat{t}}{\hat{u}^2} \right)$

quark & gluon cross-sections
calculable in QCD





Parton fragmentation functions



Parton fragmentation function $D_i^h(x, Q^2)$ describes the probability to produce certain hadron h from parton i ($= q, \bar{q}, g \dots$). Analogous to pdf's obtain from DIS.

In fragmentation function, x represents fraction of partons momentum carried by produced hadron $h \leftrightarrow$
In pdf, x represents fraction of momentum of original hadron carried by interacting parton. Q^2 describes here the energy (scale) of the original parton when produced instead of the momentum transfer as for pdf's in DIS.

Fragmentation functions $D_i^h(x, Q^2)$ exhibit similar scaling violations as pdf's $f_i(x, Q^2)$ from DIS. The Q^2 evolution described by similar "DGLAP"-equations:

$$\frac{\partial D_i(x, Q^2)}{\partial \ln Q^2} = \sum_j \int_x^1 \frac{dz}{z} \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} P_{ji}(z, \alpha_s) D_j\left(\frac{x}{z}, Q^2\right),$$

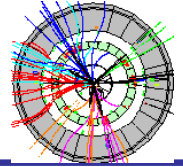
where $P_{ji}(z, \alpha_s) = P_{ji}^{(0)}(z, \alpha_s) + \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} P_{ji}^{(1)}(z, \alpha_s) + \dots$

Lowest-order functions $P_{ji}^{(0)}(z)$ same as those for pdf's in DIS but higher-order terms different. NB! Splitting function P_{ji} (& not P_{ij}) since D_j describes fragmentation of final parton. P_{ji} = probability for parton i to transfer into parton j .

Effect of Q^2 evolution same as for DIS pdf's: x -distribution shifted towards lower values for larger Q^2 's. P_{ji} 's contain singularities at $z = 0$ & $z = 1$, which have important effects on fragmentation at small & large x , for details see O. Biebel, P. Nason & B.R. Webber, hep-ph/0109282.



Parton fragmentation functions



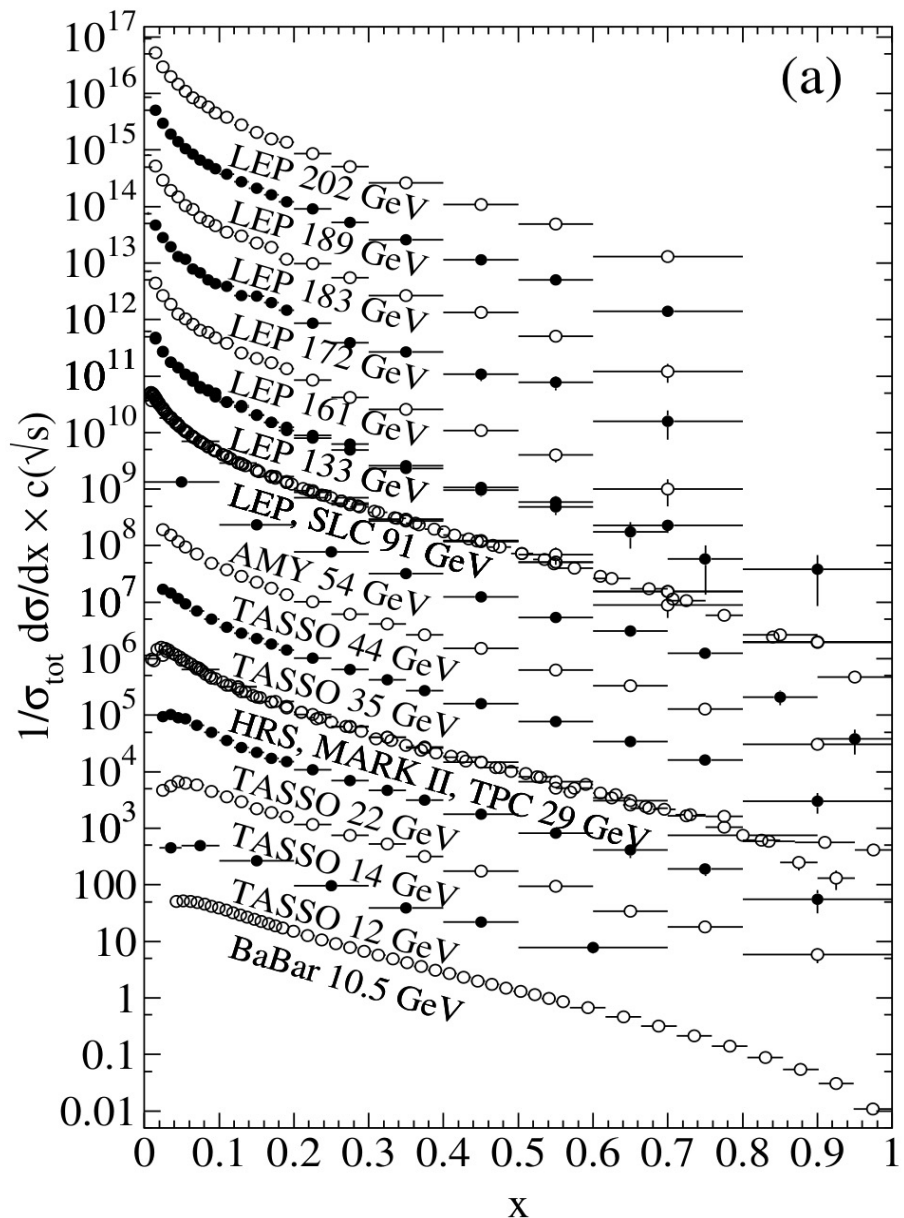
Parton fragmentation function $D_i^h(x,s)$ usually determined from e^+e^- fragmentation functions $F^h(x,s)$.

$$F^h(x,s) = \frac{1}{\sigma_{\text{tot}}} \frac{d\sigma}{dx} (e^+e^- \rightarrow hX) = \sum_i \int_x^1 \frac{dz}{z} C_i(s; z, \alpha_s) D_i^h\left(\frac{x}{z}, s\right),$$

$$C_q(s; z, \alpha_s) = g_q(s) \delta(1-z) + O(\alpha_s) \quad \& \quad C_g(s; z, \alpha_s) = O(\alpha_s)$$

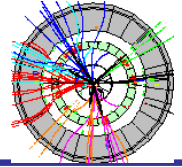
& $g_i(s)$ appropriate (e.g. q) electroweak coupling.

The e^+e^- fragmentation functions for all charged particles for different \sqrt{s} . The influence of scaling violations can be seen. Larger \sqrt{s} shifts the x -distribution towards smaller x 's & exponential becomes steeper.





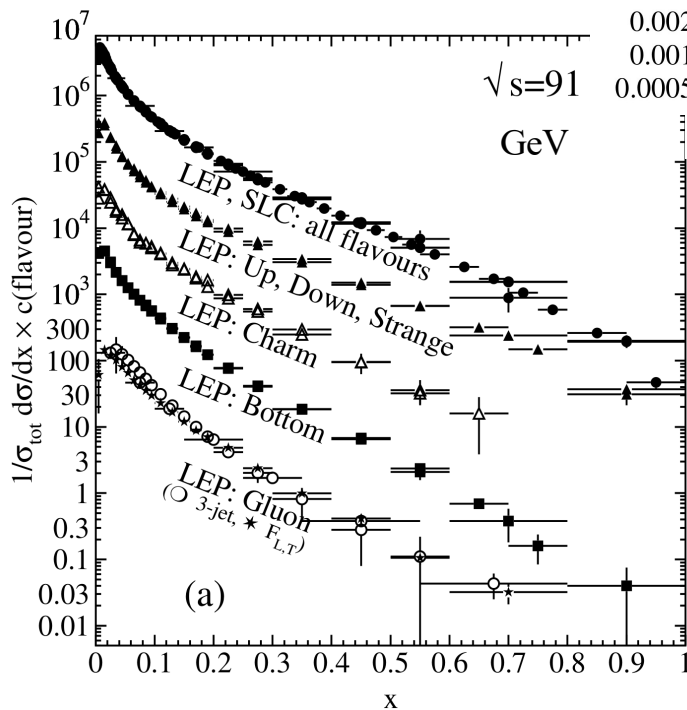
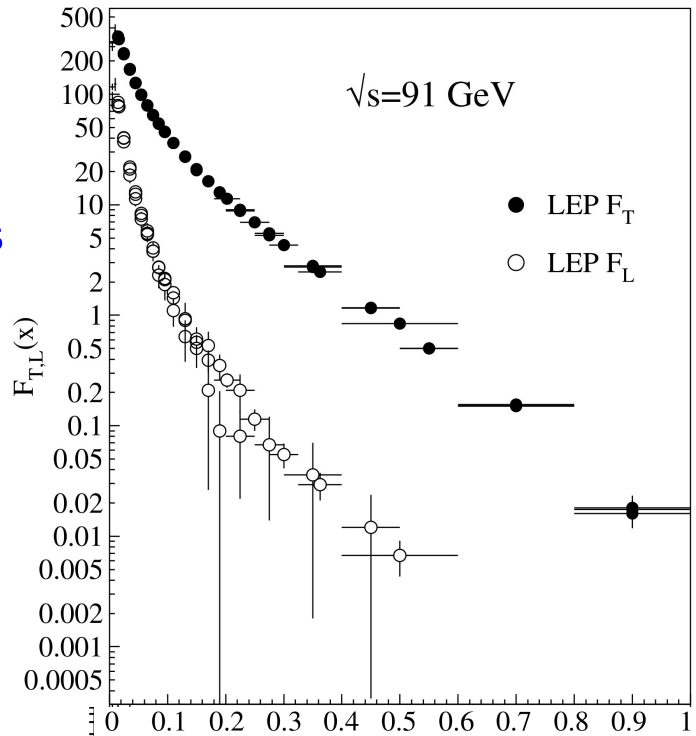
Parton fragmentation functions



In $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma/Z^0 \rightarrow hX$, differential x & $\cos \theta$ distribution (ignoring parity-violating F_A -term, $\theta =$ angle between h & e^+):

$$\frac{1}{\sigma_{\text{tot}}} \frac{d^2\sigma}{dx d\cos\theta} (e^+e^- \rightarrow hX) = \frac{3}{8} (1 + \cos^2 \theta) F_T(x,s) + \frac{3}{4} \sin^2 \theta F_L(x,s),$$

where $F_L(x,s)$ & $F_T(x,s)$ longitudinal & transverse fragmentation functions representing contributions from virtual bosons having longitudinal or transversal polarization (w.r.t. direction of motion of hadron).

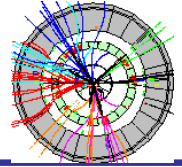


Gluon fragmentation function $D_g(x)$ can be extracted from measured $F_T(x)$ & $F_L(x)$. Coefficient functions C_i 's of q & g comparable at $O(\alpha_s)$.

$$F_L(x,s) = C_F \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \int_x^1 \frac{dz}{z} \left[F_T(z,s) + 4 \left(\frac{z}{x} - 1 \right) D_g(z,s) \right] + O(\alpha_s^2) \quad \& \quad C_F = \frac{4}{3}$$

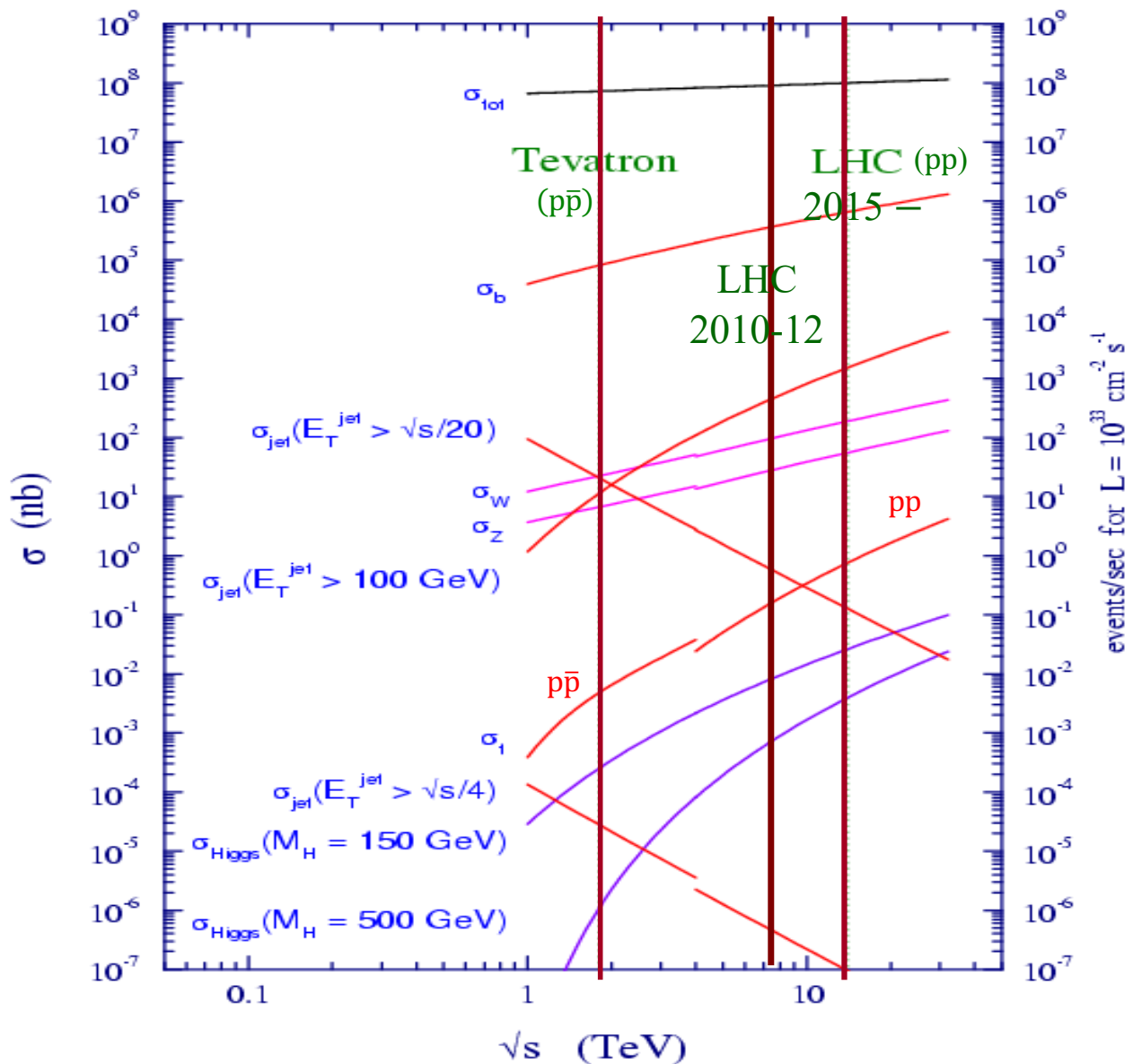


Hadron-hadron interactions



Most interesting processes are **rare processes**:

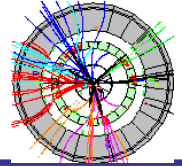
- involve **heavy particles**
- have **small cross-sections** (e.g. W production)



main background: QCD jets \rightarrow lepton & photon signatures
important trigger signatures: a) μ (charged particle beyond cal.),
b) γ/e (em. shower) & c) neutrinos (missing transverse energy).
note: pay a prize for branching ratio i.e. $\text{BR}(W \rightarrow l\nu) \approx 30\%$



Trigger



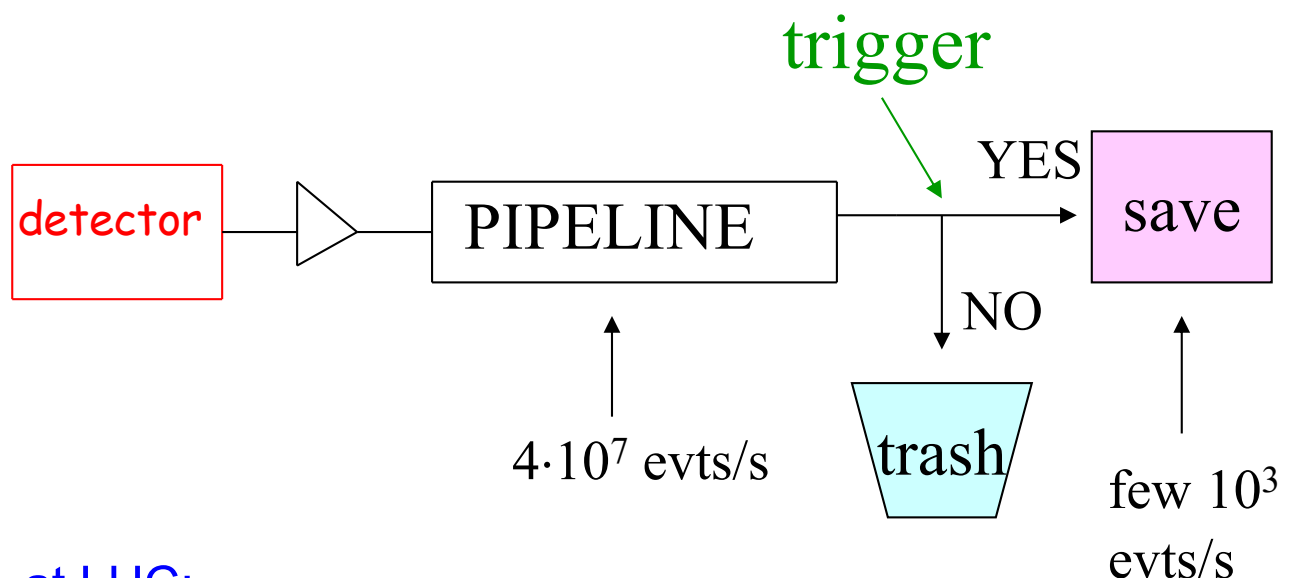
- **trigger**: much more difficult than in e^+e^- collisions
(LHC numbers given)

bunch crossing rate: $\sim 4 \cdot 10^7$ events/second
can record \sim few kHz (event size: few MB)

\Rightarrow **trigger rejection $\sim 10^4$**

trigger decision $\approx \mu\text{s}$ \rightarrow $>$ interaction rate (of 25 ns)

store massive amount of data in **pipelines** while special trigger processors performs calculations

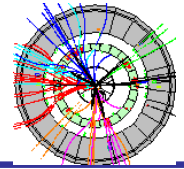


at LHC:

- low level (1st) trigger based (mostly) on calorimetry & muons chamber info \Rightarrow change for high lumi LHC
- high level trigger (HLT) software based using a (crude) full event reconstruction.
- exceptions: LHCb triggerless (online analysis)



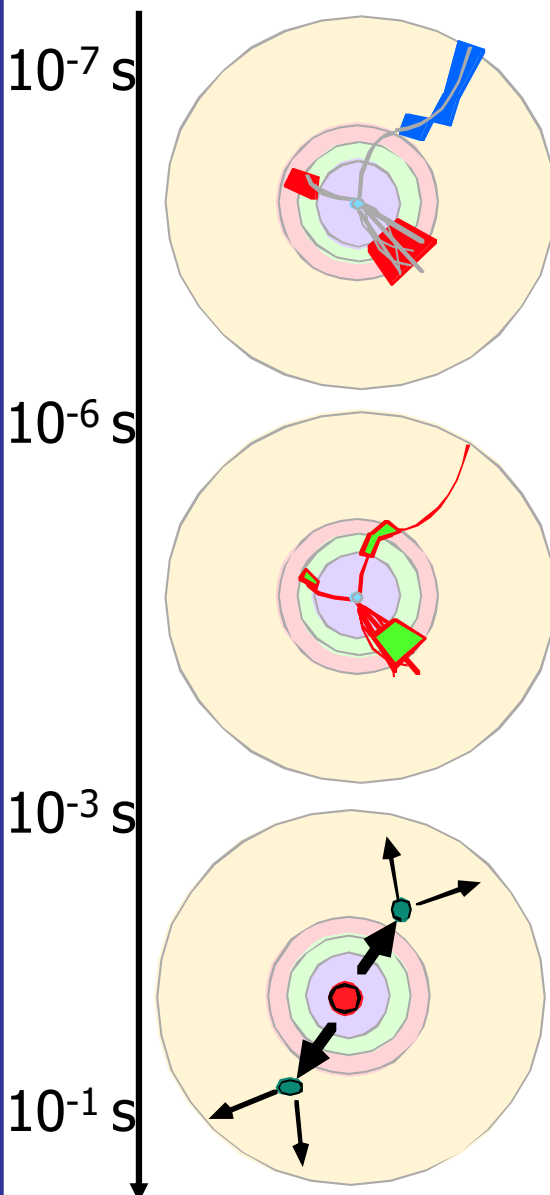
Trigger



Trigger decision taken on several levels with increasing complexity & selectivity ('divide et impera'). Start with coarse information & refine as you go along. Employ parallelism as much as possible in search of relevant info.

All data of previous level must be stored until subsequent trigger decision has been taken.

Level "0": Event rate: $4 \cdot 10^7$ Hz. Detector channels: $10^7 - 10^8$
DAQ running constantly at 40 MHz. Data flow $\approx 10^{14}$ B/s



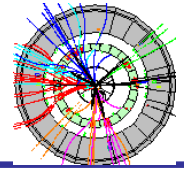
Level-1 trigger: coarse selection of interesting candidate events within a few μ s. L1-trigger output rate ≈ 100 kHz. Implementation: specific hardware (ASICs, FPGA, DSP)

High Level Trigger (HLT): full event reconstruction based on cruder information. Writing data to storage medium. Output rate: a few kHz. Total event size: few MB. Implementation: fast processor farms.

New paradigm: Triggerless readout implemented by LHCb. Possible due to zero suppression on detectors & comparatively small total event size (~ 100 kB).



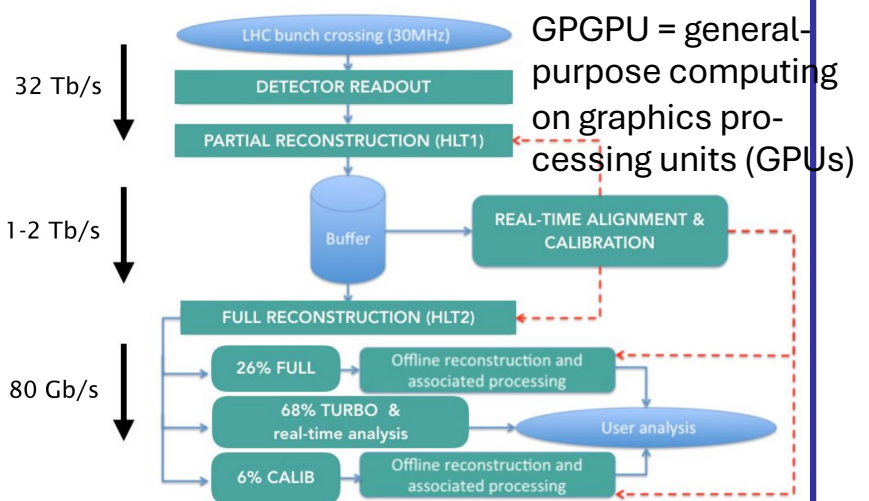
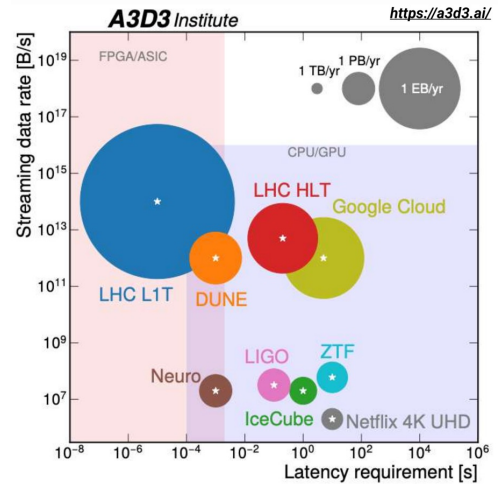
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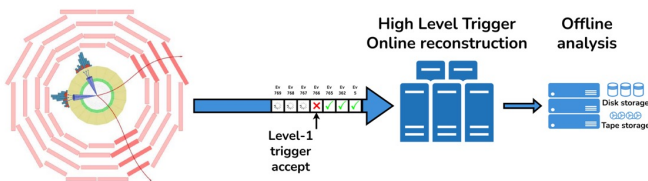
- Limiting factor is bandwidth = maximal output data rate.
- Employ machine learning techniques to make trigger selection more "efficient"

LHCb triggerless readout

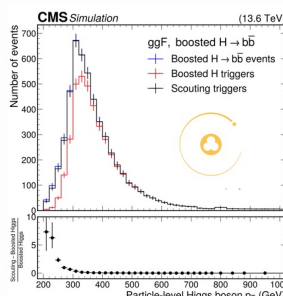
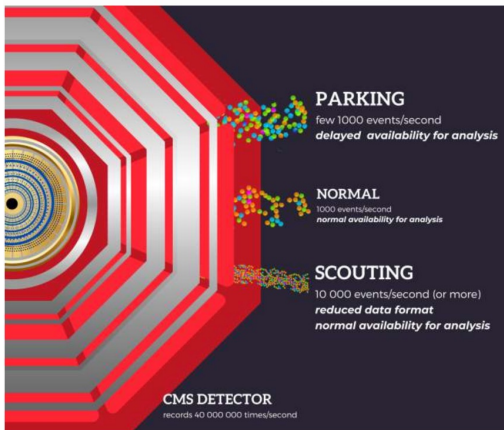
- Two stages of software filtering:
 - 1) "HLT1" on GPGPUs
 - 2) "HLT2" on CPUs
- Large storage buffer to decouple the two
- Calibration and alignment are performed "semi-live", while the data are buffered



CMS HLT data streams



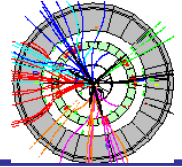
- In the second step, CMS software trigger, **High Level Trigger** (HLT), reconstructs the events selected by L1T
- Capacity increased by 20% in 2024
- GPU-accelerated reconstruction in $O(100\text{ ms})$ per event
- Increasingly ML-based object identification



- **Record-high rates of events stored in 2024:**
 - ~2 kHz for prompt reconstruction (twice the design value)
 - ~5 kHz for opportunistic reconstruction ("parking")
 - ~27 kHz for HLT Scouting i.e. analysis with HLT-reconstructed events and objects
- 2025:**
 - ~3 kHz
 - ~6 kHz
 - ~30 kHz

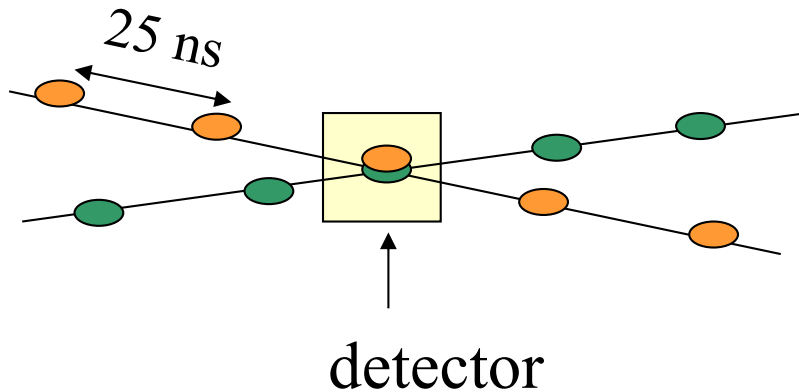


Pileup



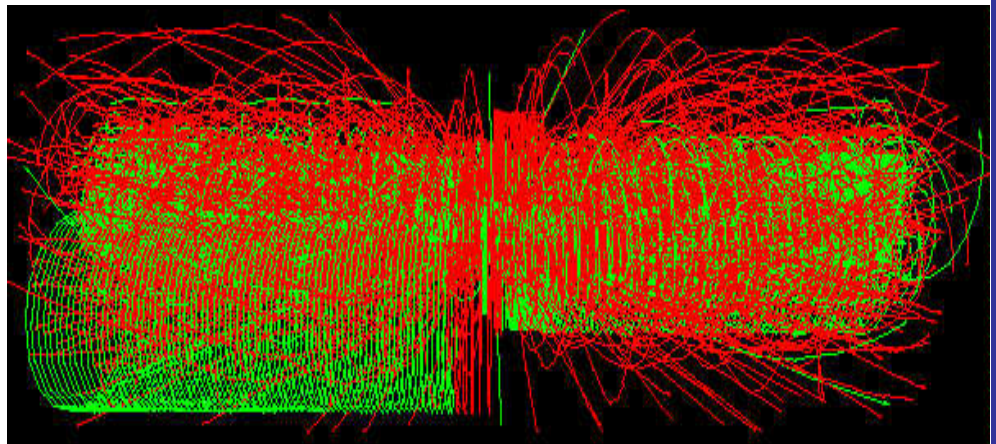
Typical of LHC:

protons grouped in bunches (of \sim few 10^{11} protons)
crossing each other at the interaction points every **25 ns**



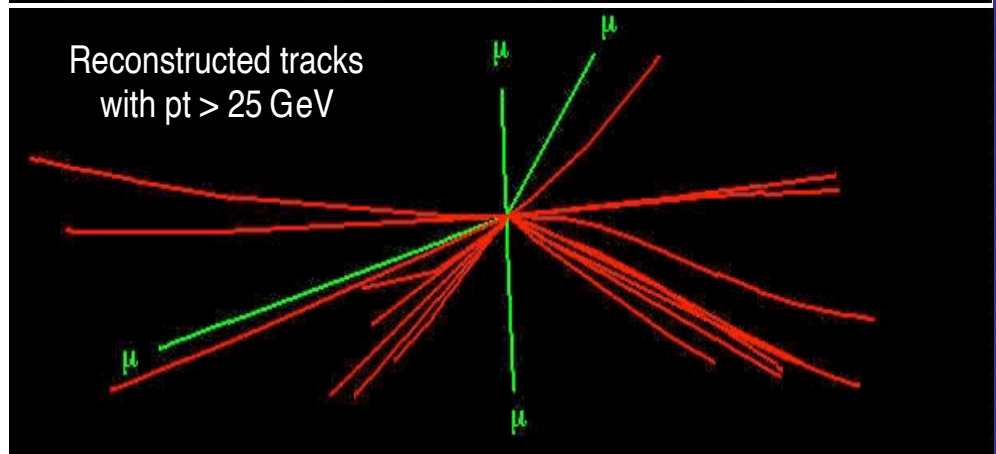
\Rightarrow at each beam crossing \sim **50-60 minimum-bias** events are produced at $L \approx$ few 10^{34} $\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$. these overlap with high p_T physics events, giving rise to so-called **pile-up**

\sim 3000
charged
particles in
the detectors
however most
particles have
low p_T



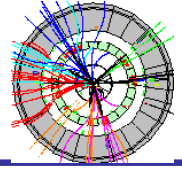
example:
a $H \rightarrow ZZ$;
 $Z \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ at
 $L = 10^{34}$
 $\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$

trick: focus
on high p_T
particles





Pile-up



Pile-up, a very serious experimental difficulty at LHC

Large impact on detector design:

- LHC detectors must have **fast response**, otherwise integrate over many bunch crossings → too large pile-up

Typical response time : **15-50 ns** → integrate over 1-2 bunch crossings → pile-up of ~ 50-120 minimum bias ⇒ **very challenging for readout electronics**

- LHC detectors must be **highly granular** to minimize probability that pile-up particles are in the same sensitive detector element as interesting object (e.g. γ from $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$) → **large number of electronic channels** ⇒ **high cost**

- LHC detectors must be **radiation resistant**: high flux of particles from pp collisions → high radiation environment

Fluence of different type of particles in 1 year at 10^{34}

$\text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ in ATLAS

silicon tracker as function

of distance to collision

vertex. Innermost pixel

layer (at 4 cm) survives

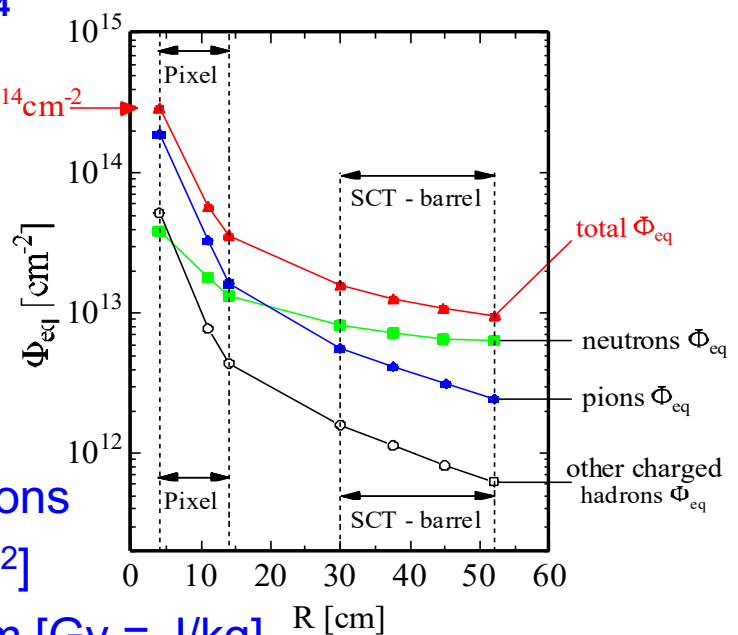
~3 years with current

technology. Some definitions

- fluence: $\Phi = N_{\text{part}}/A [\text{cm}^{-2}]$

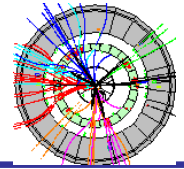
- dose: $D = \text{deposited } E/m [\text{Gy} = \text{J/kg}]$

ATLAS - Inner Detector





Event rates at LHC



Keyword: large event statistics

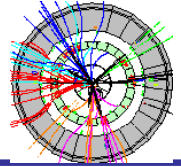
Expected event rates in ATLAS & CMS for representative (both known & new) physics processes at current high luminosity running ($\mathcal{L} \approx 2 \cdot 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$)

Process	Events/s	Events/year	Other machines (total statistics)
$W \rightarrow e\nu$	300	10^9	10^4 LEP / 10^7 Tev.
$Z \rightarrow ee$	30	10^8	10^7 LEP
$t\bar{t}$	16	$5 \cdot 10^7$	10^4 Tevatron
$b\bar{b}$	10^6	few 10^{12}	10^8 B-factories
$\tilde{g}\tilde{g}$ ($m_{\text{gluino}} = 1 \text{ TeV}$)	0.02	$5 \cdot 10^4$	—
H ($m_{\text{H}} = 125 \text{ GeV}$)	~ 1	few 10^6	10^4 Tevatron
QCD jets $p_{\text{T}} > 200 \text{ GeV}$	10^3	few 10^9	10^7 Tevatron

High lumi LHC ($\sim 5 \cdot 10^{35} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$): statistics 2.5 times larger

→ LHC is a B-factory, top factory, W/Z factory, Higgs factory, etc.... (the difficult challenge is to extract the signal)

Top quark



top quark (t) discovered by the CDF and DØ experiments at the Tevatron in 1995 (SU(2)_L partner of the b quark)
 a most intriguing fermion : $m_{\text{top}} \approx 172.6 \text{ GeV}$ (heaviest known fundamental particle, $\times 40$ heavier than b quark) \rightarrow clues about origin of particle masses ($h_{\text{top}} = m_{\text{top}}/v_{\text{EW}} \sim 1$)
 top decays instantaneously and almost exclusively to Wb
 $\Gamma(t \rightarrow Wb) \sim 1.5 \text{ GeV} \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$
 - top decay a (almost?) pure electroweak process
 - no hadronization (no T mesons, “toponium”?)

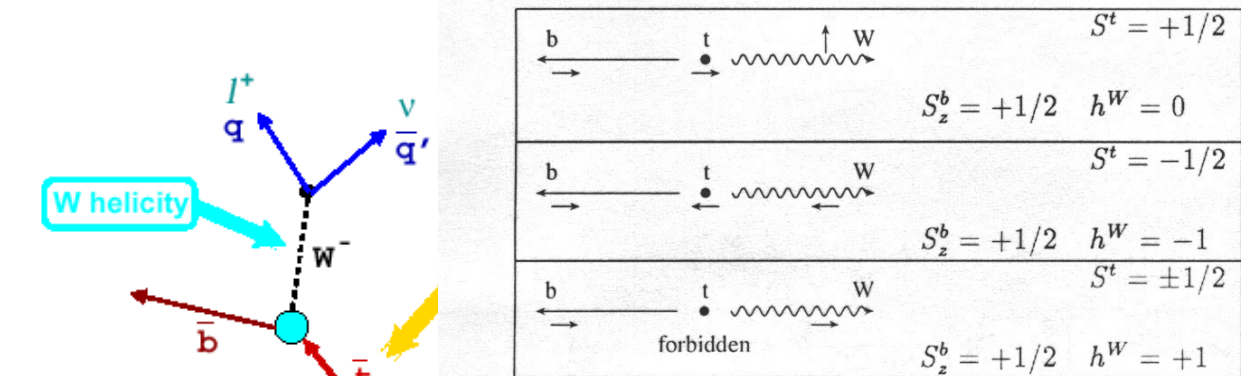
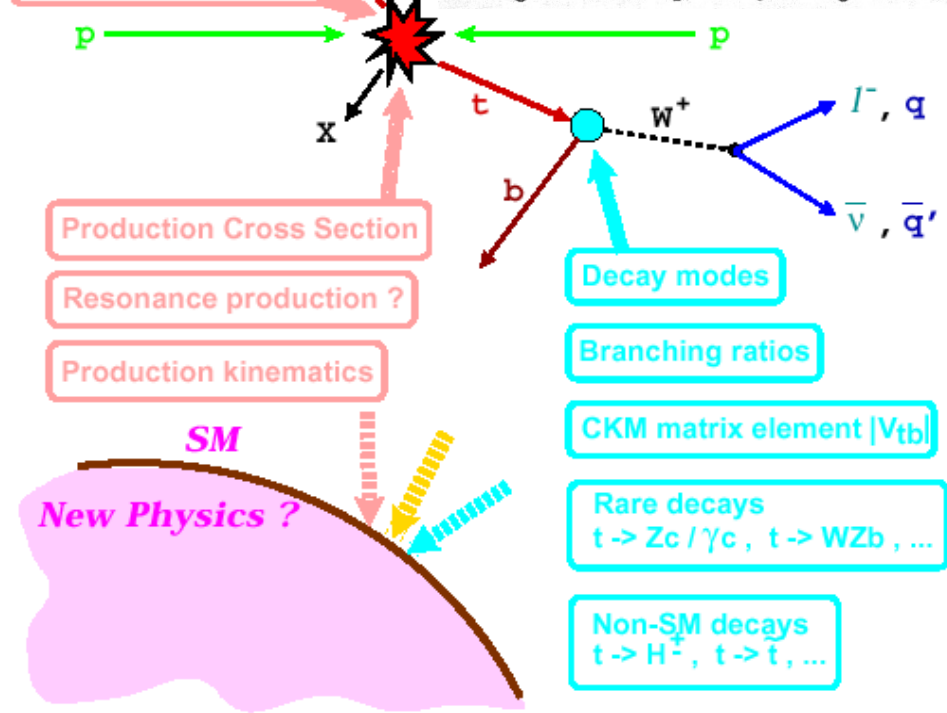


Figure 1.6: Top decays: angular momentum conservation

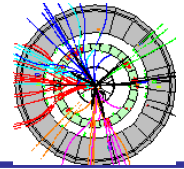


polarisation of the top quark transmitted to the W-boson

“toponium” = a bound state of a top and antitop quark



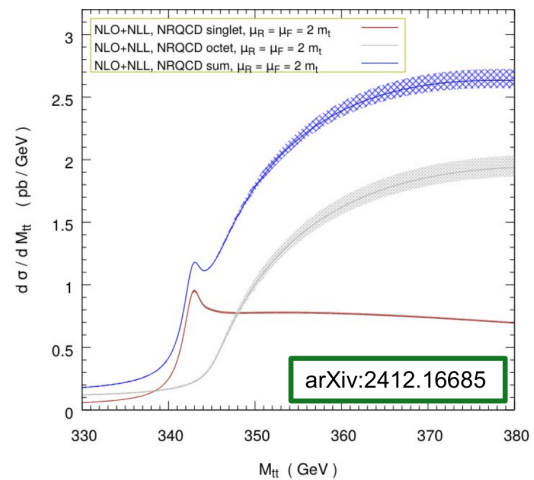
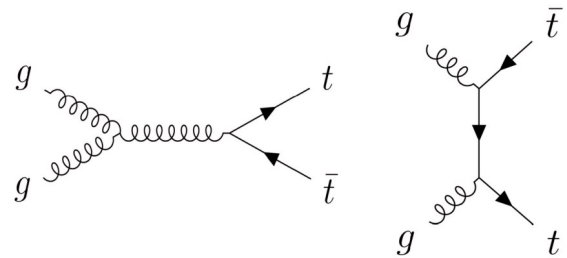
Top pair production & decay



Top Quark QCD Production

Top quark production @ LHC dominated by pair production via QCD diagrams: 830-880 pb @ $\sqrt{s} = 13-13.6$ TeV

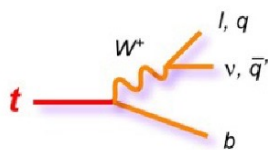
- ♦ color octet ($^1S_0[8]$ or $^3S_1[8]$) - repulsive
 - contributions small below threshold
- ♦ color singlet ($^1S_0[1]$) - attractive
 - peak below the $t\bar{t}$ threshold



Top Pair Decay Channels

In the SM the top quark decays exclusively into a W boson and a b quark

$$B(t \rightarrow Wb) \simeq 100\%$$

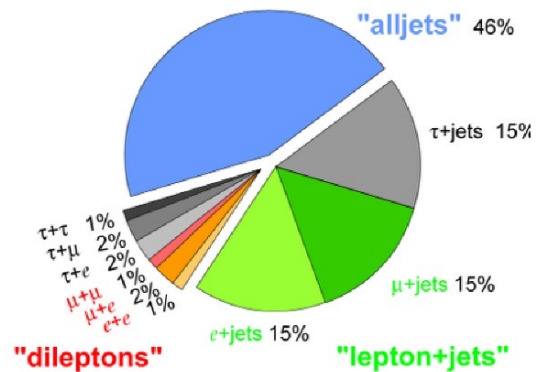


the branching fractions of the t-tbar final states depend on the W boson branching fractions

Top Pair Decay Channels

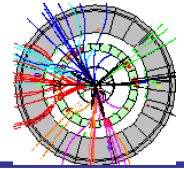
$c\bar{s}$	electron+jets	muon+jets	tau+jets	all-hadronic	
$\bar{u}d$					
$\tau^+\tau^-$	dileptons			tau+jets	
$\mu^+\mu^-$				muon+jets	
e^+e^-				electron+jets	
W decay	e^+	μ^+	τ^+	$u\bar{d}$	$c\bar{s}$

Top Pair Branching Fractions

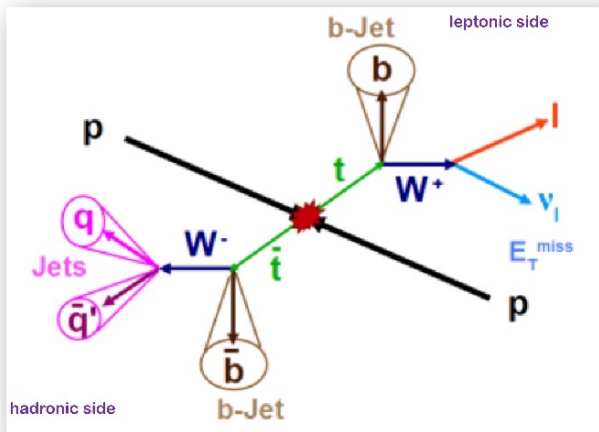




Top decays: leptons + jets



Lepton+Jets

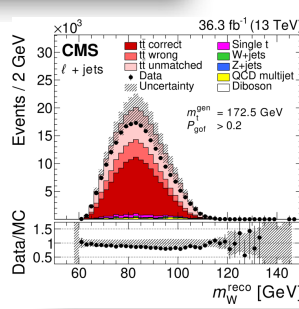
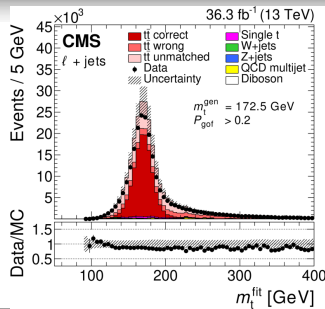


Golden mode at the LHC

- High rate: 30% of top pairs
- Low backgrounds: $S/B > 1$
- W reconstructed in hadronic channel
in situ constraint of jet energy scale
- full reconstruction of the top quark on the hadronic side
direct mass measurement

But

- large combinatorics
reduced by efficient b-tagging
and good di-jet mass resolution

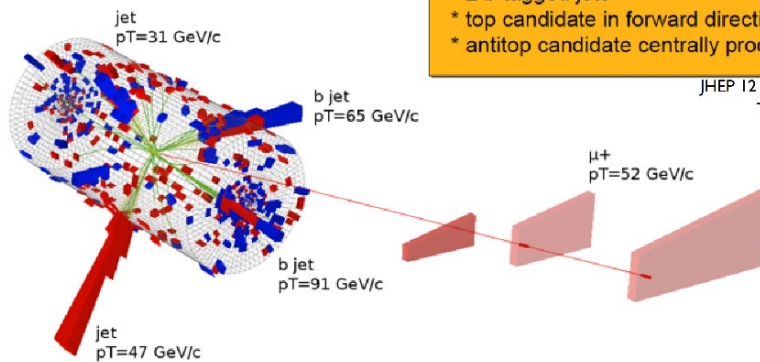


Reconstructed top mass improved significantly by profile likelihood fit

Lepton+Jets Event Selection



CMS Experiment at LHC, CERN
Data recorded: Mon May 2 10:44:23 2011 CEST
Run/Event: 163817 / 685608658



Top quark pair candidate event
 * high probability to be $t\bar{t}$ event
 * 2 b-tagged jets
 * top candidate in forward direction
 * antitop candidate centrally produced

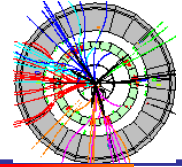
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Typical event selection

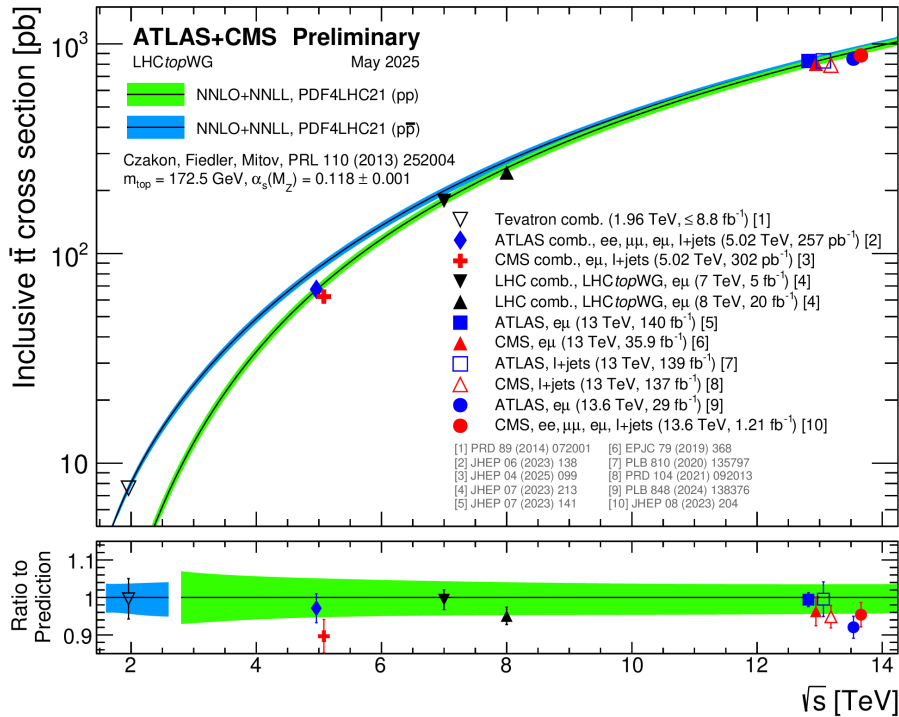
- trigger lepton + jets
- exactly one lepton $p_T > 30$ GeV and $|\eta| < 2.1$
- ≥ 4 jets with $p_T > 30$ GeV and $|\eta| < 2.4$
- 2 b-tagged jets among the 4 leading jets



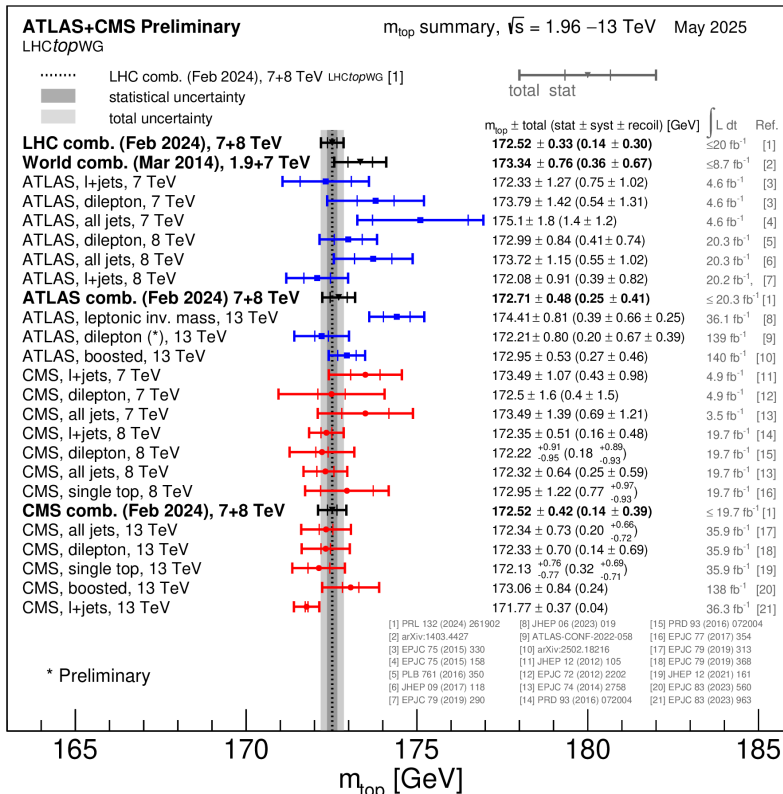
Top quark mass



Production cross section



Summary of Mass Measurements



PDG:

$$m_t = 172.56 \pm 0.31 \text{ GeV}$$

ATLAS:

$$m_t = 172.71 \pm 0.48 \text{ GeV}$$

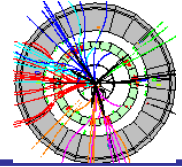
CMS:

$$m_t = 172.52 \pm 0.42 \text{ GeV}$$

- excellent agreement between ATLAS and CMS



Top quark mass

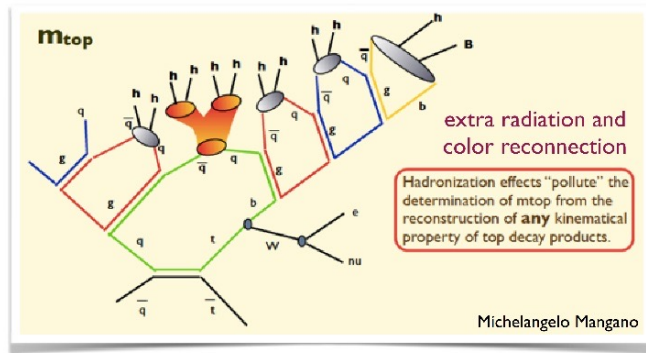


What Mass for the EW fit?

The definition of the mass of the top quark is **ill-defined**

- the mass measured from **bW decay products** is assumed to be close from pole m_{pole}
- problem: m_{pole} for a **coloured particle** cannot be determined with accuracy better than Λ_{QCD} (≈ 0.2 GeV)
- the top quark decays before hadronising but still the b quark has to hadronise

Which final state particles to assign to the original top quark?



- Importance of measuring the mass using alternate techniques
 - mass and end point of $b\ell$ spectrum
 - decay length (boost) of B hadrons

theoretically a good approach is to extract the mass from measurements of the cross section

Mass from Cross Section

- use the best x-section measurement (**dilepton**)
- use most recent NNLO calculations of top pair x-section to extract m_t
- also provide a measurement of the strong coupling constant at m_t

ATLAS+CMS Preliminary LHCtopWG m_{top} from cross-section measurements November 2023

	total	stat	$m_{top} \pm \text{tot (stat} \pm \text{syst} \pm \text{theo) [GeV]}$	$\int L dt$	Ref.
$\sigma(t\bar{t})$ inclusive, NNLO+NNLL					
ATLAS, 7+8 TeV			$172.9^{+2.5}_{-2.6}$	$\leq 20 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	[1]
CMS, 7+8 TeV			$173.8^{+1.7}_{-1.8}$	$\leq 19.7 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	[2]
CMS, 13 TeV			$169.9^{+1.9}_{-2.1} (0.1 \pm 1.5^{+1.2}_{-1.5})$	35.9 fb^{-1}	[3]
ATLAS, 13 TeV			$173.1^{+2.0}_{-2.1}$	36.1 fb^{-1}	[4]
LHC comb., 7+8 TeV			$173.4^{+1.8}_{-2.0}$	$\leq 20 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	[5]
$\sigma(t\bar{t}+1j)$ differential, NLO					
ATLAS, 7 TeV			$173.7^{+2.3}_{-2.1} (1.5 \pm 1.4^{+1.0}_{-0.5})$	4.6 fb^{-1}	[6]
ATLAS, 8 TeV			$171.1^{+1.2}_{-1.0} (0.4 \pm 0.9^{+0.7}_{-0.3})$	20.2 fb^{-1}	[7]
CMS, 13 TeV			$172.1^{+1.4}_{-1.3} (1.3^{+0.5}_{-0.4})$	36.3 fb^{-1}	[8]
$\sigma(t\bar{t})$ n-differential, NLO					
ATLAS, n=1, 8 TeV			$173.2 \pm 1.6 (0.9 \pm 0.8 \pm 1.2)$	20.2 fb^{-1}	[9]
CMS, n=3, 13 TeV			170.5 ± 0.8	35.9 fb^{-1}	[10]
m_{top} from top quark decay					

Legend:
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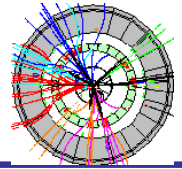
X-axis: m_{top} [GeV] from 155 to 190

PDG:

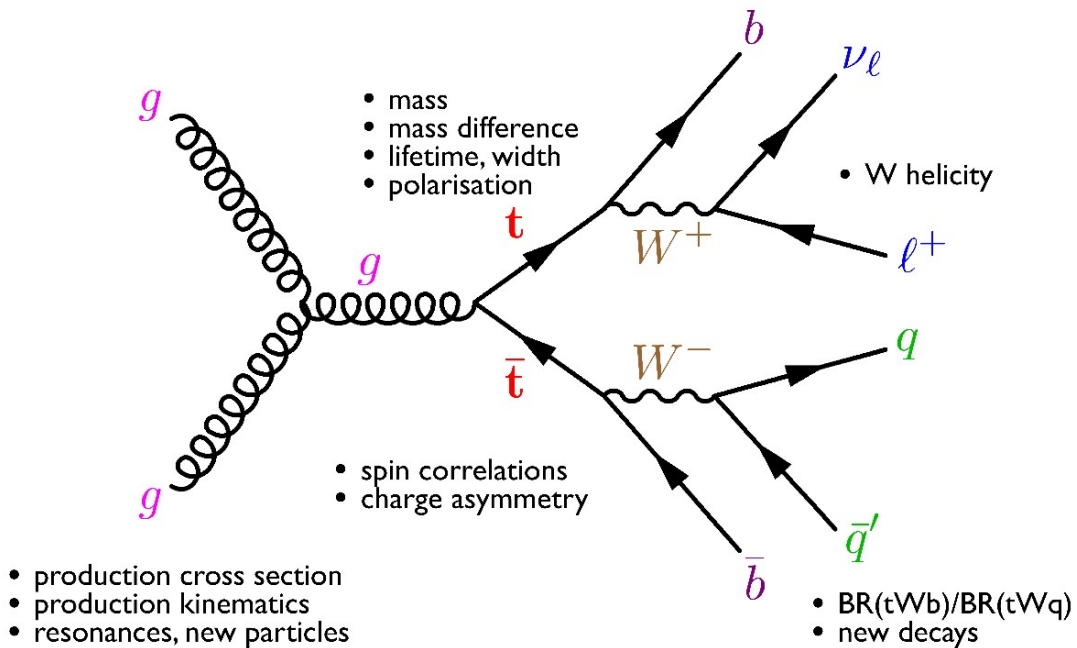
$$m_t = 172.4 \pm 0.7 \text{ GeV}$$



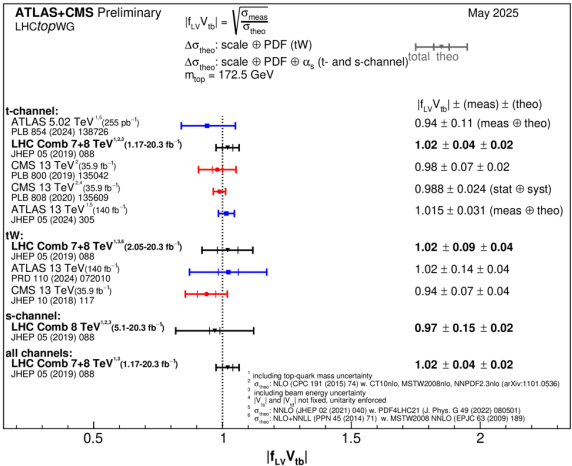
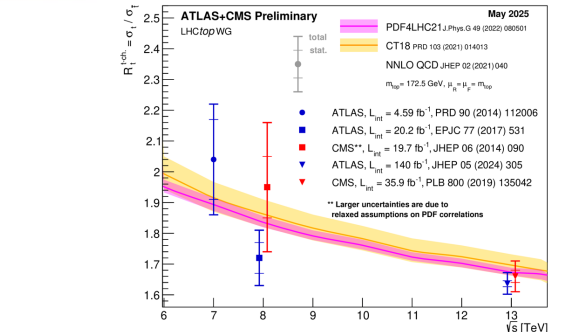
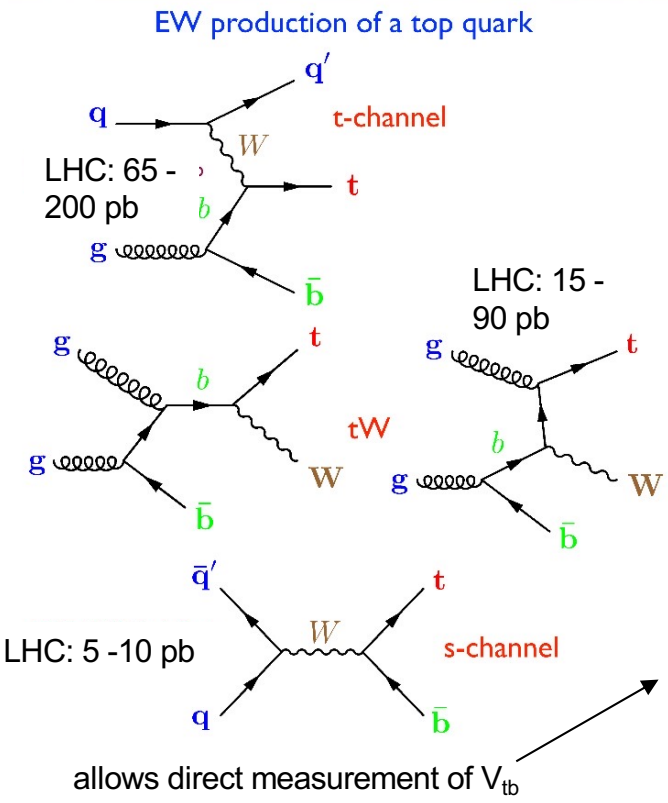
Top properties

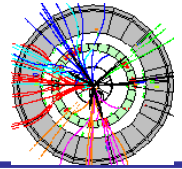


Top Quark Properties



Electroweak Production: Single Top





Electroweak precision measurements:

$$m_W = \left(\frac{\pi \alpha_{EM}}{\sqrt{2} G_F} \right)^{1/2} \frac{1}{\sin \theta_W \sqrt{1 - \Delta r}} \leftarrow \propto m_{top}^2 \text{ \& } \ln(m_H^2)$$

since G_F , α_{em} , $\sin \theta_W$ are known with high precision,
 precise measurements of m_{top} & m_W constrain radiative
 corrections & Higgs mass (weakly due logarithmic dependence)

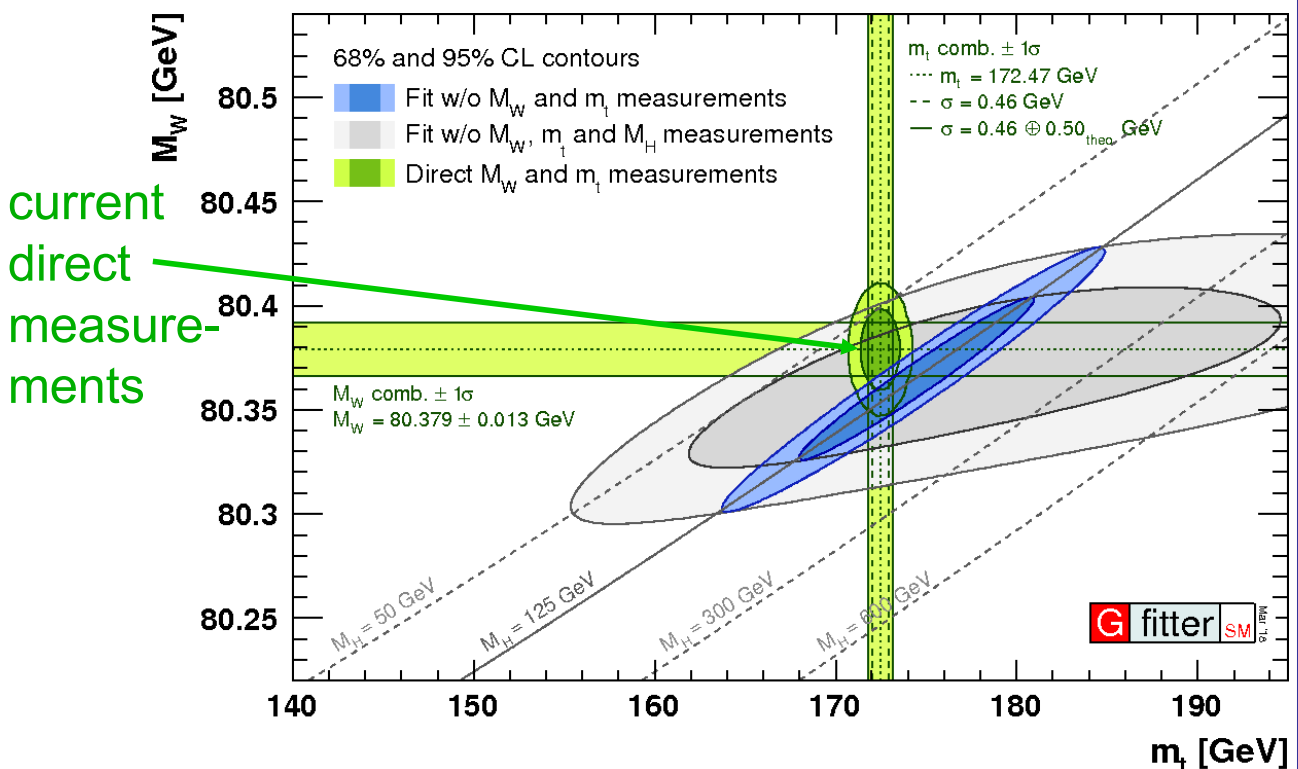
$$m_W \text{ (LEP2/Tevatron/LHC)} = 80.369 \pm 0.013 \text{ GeV}$$

$2 \cdot 10^{-4}$

$$m_{top} \text{ (Tevatron/LHC)} = 172.52 \pm 0.33 \text{ GeV}$$

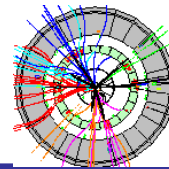
$3 \cdot 10^{-3}$

ultimate Standard Model test: compare direct
 Higgs mass with radiative correction prediction.





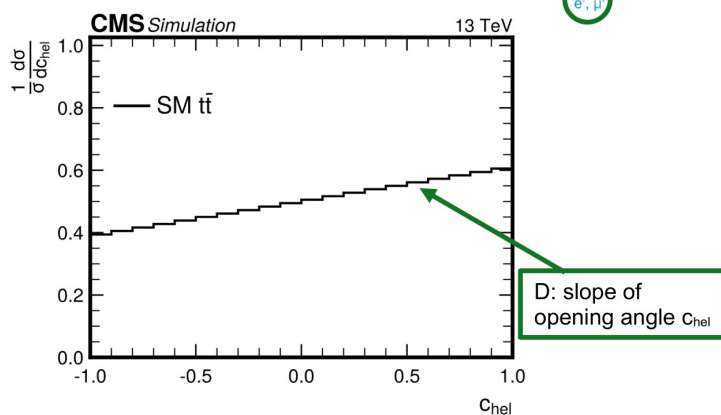
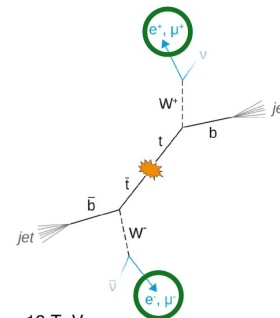
Quantum entanglement



Quantum entanglement at $t\bar{t}$ threshold

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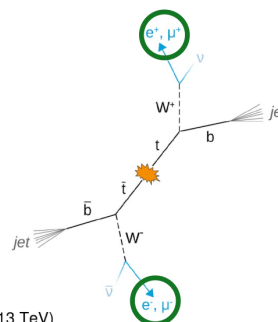
- lepton directions perfectly correlated with top spin
- measure spin correlation strength (D) from cosine of opening angle (c_{hel}) of charged leptons in parent top rest frames



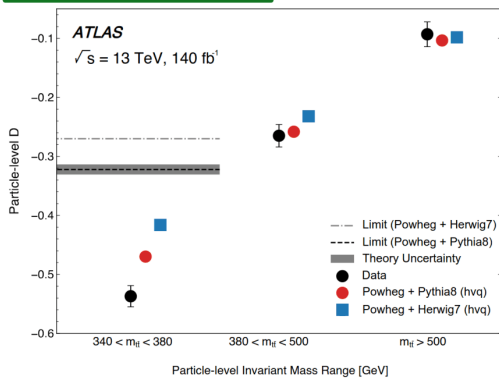
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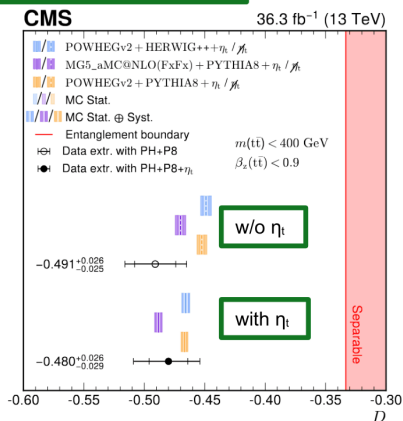
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- Peres-Horodecki-Criterion:
D < -1/3 proofs entangled tops (assuming QM)



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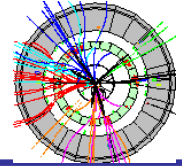
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Improved description of data considering $t\bar{t}$ quasi-bound states

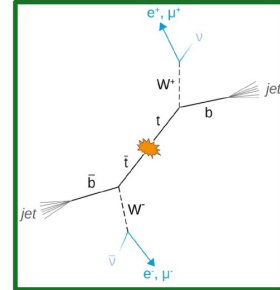
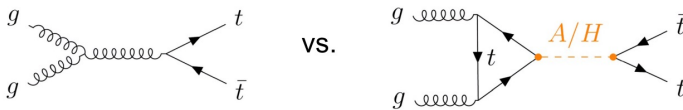


Toponium



A closer look at the $t\bar{t}$ threshold

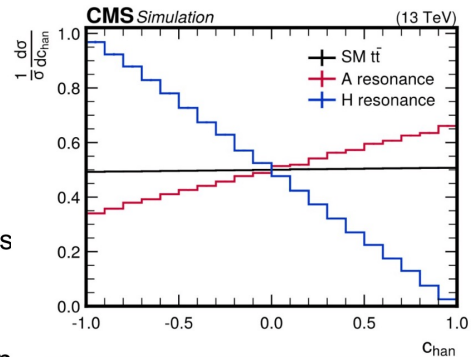
- ◆ explore differences in production mode
 - distinguish $t\bar{t}$ continuum from pure (pseudo)scalar states



- distinguish $^1S_0 (A/\eta_t)$ from $^3P_0 (H)$ $t\bar{t}$ states

→ spin correlation observables!

- direction of down-type fermion fully correlated with parent top quark spin
- easiest in the dilepton channel



- ◆ C_{hel} : cosine of opening angle between charged leptons in parent top quark rest frames

- ◆ C_{chan} : as C_{hel} but inverted component along top direction

3 search variables: $m_{t\bar{t}} \times C_{hel} \times C_{chan}$

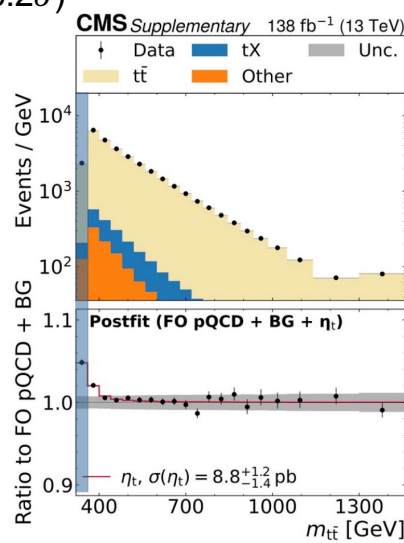
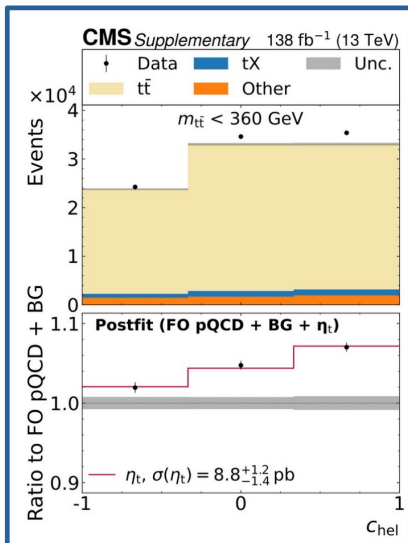
Extracting η_t cross section

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- ◆ profile-likelihood fit to 20 bins of $m_{t\bar{t}}$ x 3 bins of C_{hel} x 3 bins of C_{chan}

Confirmed by ATLAS

$$\sigma(\eta_t) = 8.8 \pm 0.5 \text{ (stat)}^{+1.1}_{-1.3} \text{ (syst)} \text{ pb} = 8.8^{+1.2}_{-1.4} \text{ pb} \quad (> 6.2\sigma)$$

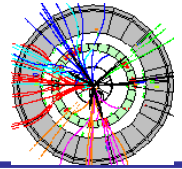


Toponium or new pseudo-scalar? Indistinguishable but SM explanation (toponium) seems more plausible.

Excess from $t\bar{t}$ in 1S_0 state

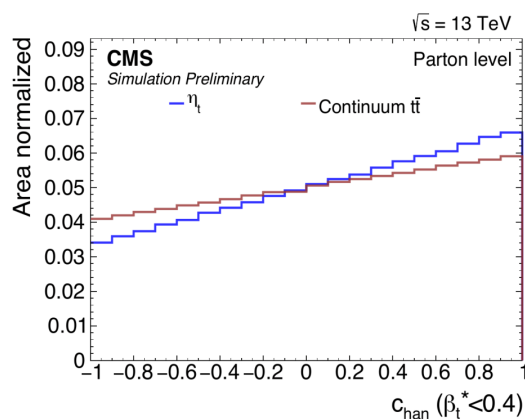
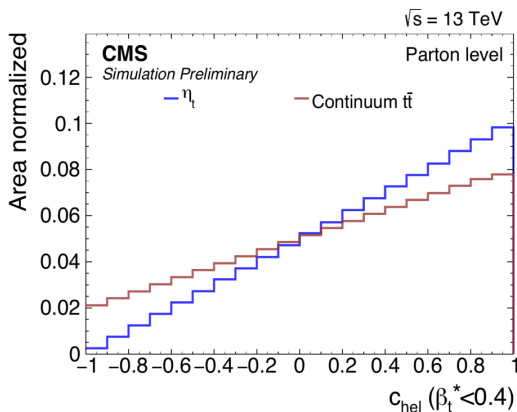
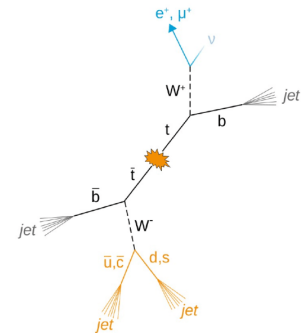


Toponium



First studies of the $t\bar{t}$ threshold in lepton+jets final states

- ◆ results based on 138 fb^{-1} of e/μ + jets events recorded at 13 TeV
- ◆ probe relative velocity β_t^* :
 - $|\mathbf{p}|/E$ of leptonic top in ZMF of hadronic top
- ◆ combine with spin and parity sensitive observables c_{hel} and c_{han}

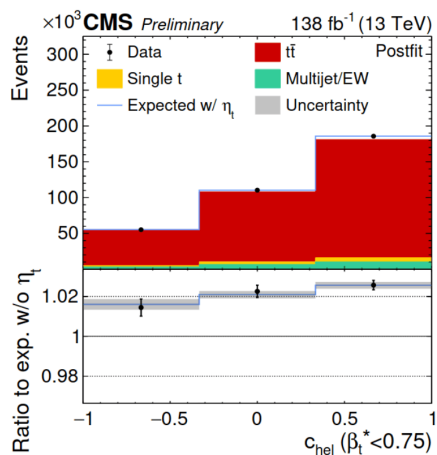
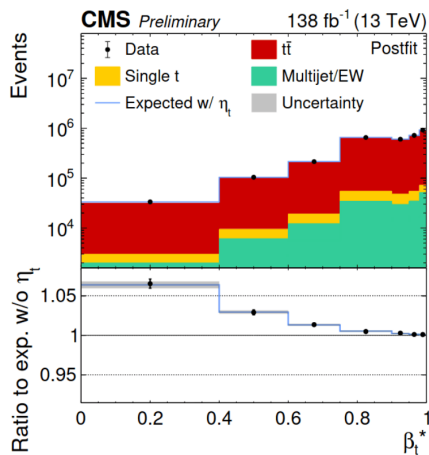


Signal extraction

CMS-PAS-TOP-25-002

- ◆ perform fit in 16 categories
 - one or two b-tagged jets
 - low or high value of S_{NN}
 - four data taking periods
- ◆ use $7 \beta_t^* \times 3 c_{\text{hel}} \times 3 c_{\text{han}}$ bins

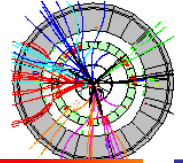
$$\sigma(\eta_t) = 5.1 \pm 0.9 \text{ pb } (> 6 \sigma \text{ SD})$$



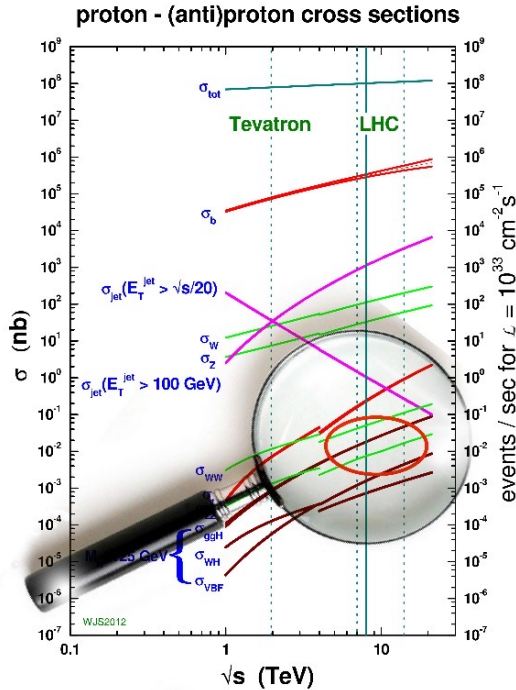
Spin correlation well described



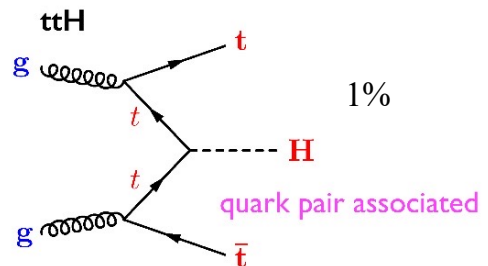
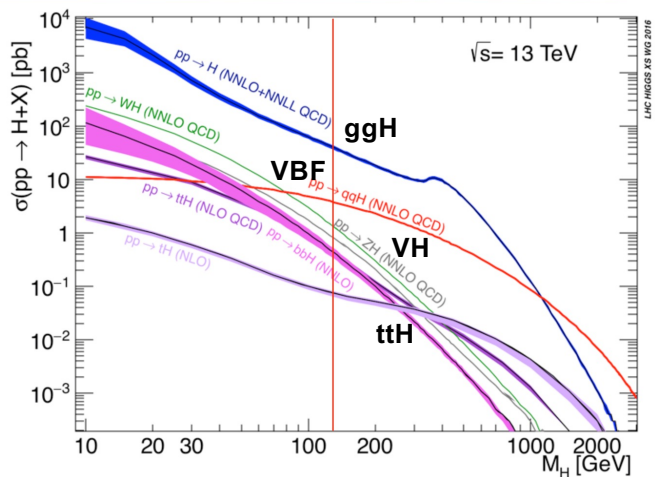
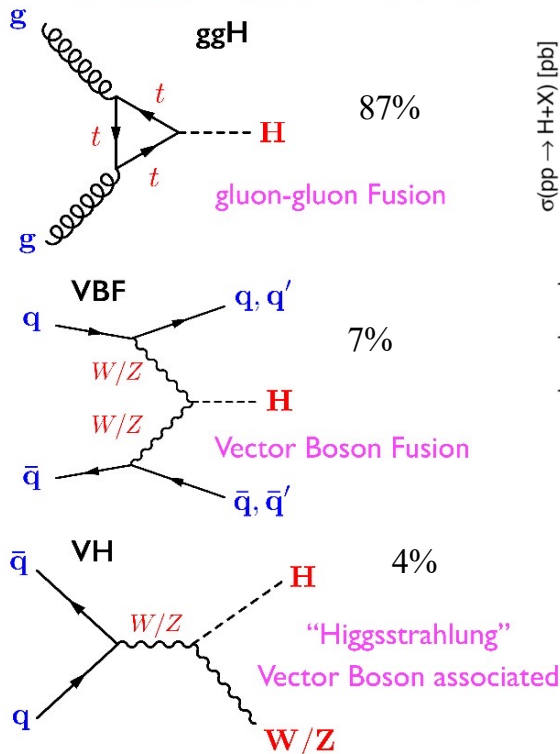
Higgs physics



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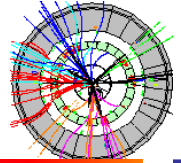


Production of the Higgs Boson

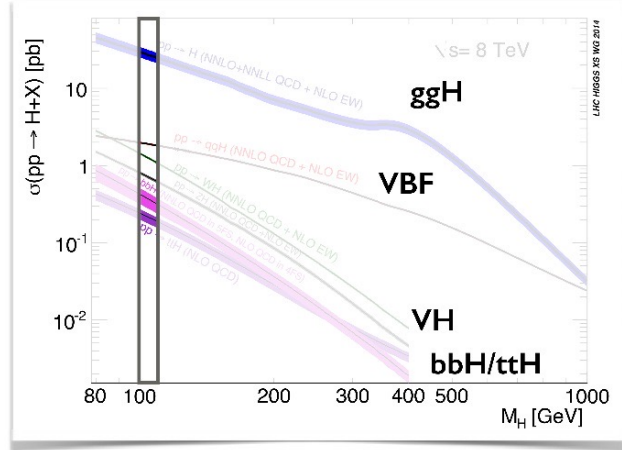
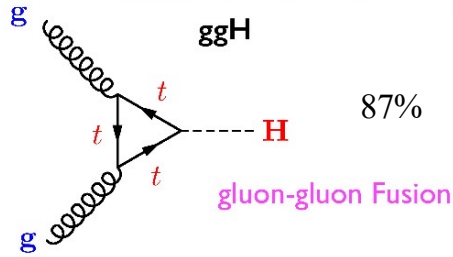




Higgs production & decay



Production of the Higgs Boson



Cross sections ($m_H = 125$ GeV)

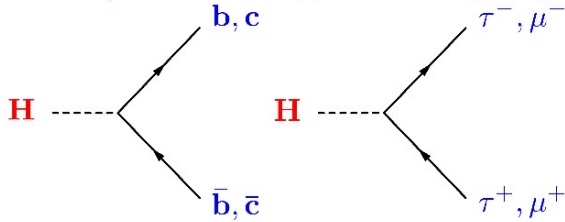
- **Tevatron 1.96 TeV**
1.2 pb
ggH=78% VH=17% VBF=5%
- **LHC 8 TeV**
23 pb
ggH=86% VBF=7% VH=5% ttH<1%
- **LHC 13 TeV**
51 pb
ggH=86% VBF=7% VH=4% ttH=1%

Typical theory uncertainties

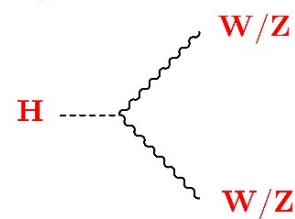
- **ggH** 15% NNnLO
- **VBF** 5% NLO
- **VH** 5% NNLO
- **ttH** 15% LO

Decays of the Higgs Boson

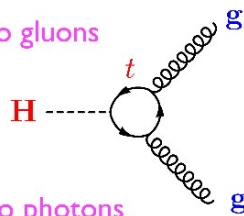
Decays to fermions (quarks and leptons)



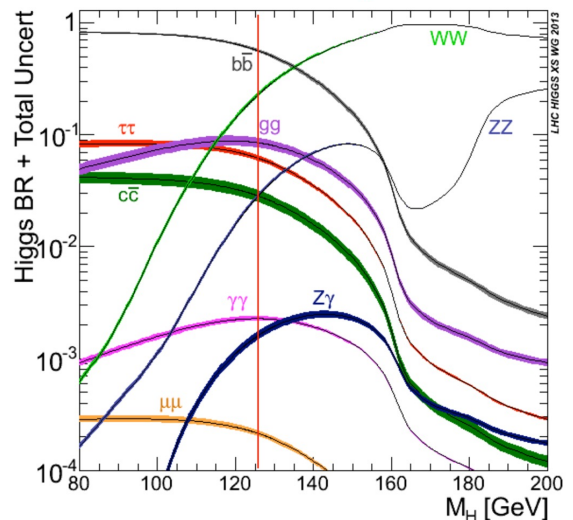
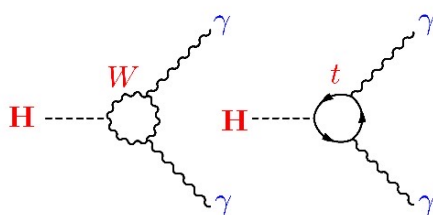
Decays to EW vector bosons



Decay to gluons

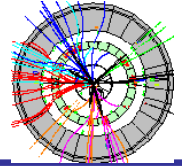


Decay to photons



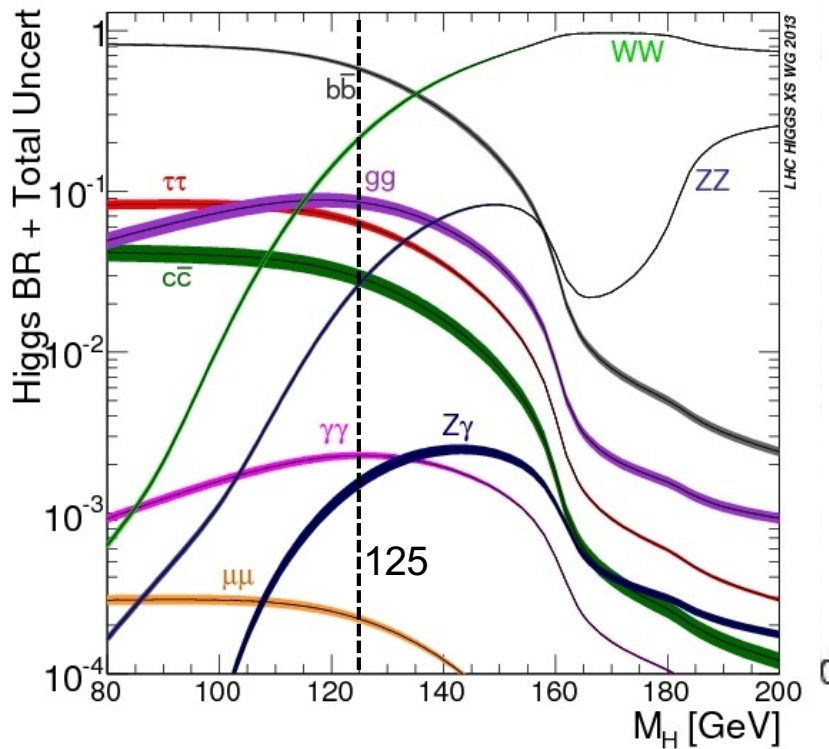


Higgs decay



Higgs decay branching ratios

"Higgs couples to mass"



BR(%)	Higgs 125 GeV	Z boson
q \bar{q}		70
b \bar{b}	58.2	15
c \bar{c}	2.9	12
gg	8.2	0
l^+l^-	0.022 (μ)	10
$\tau^+\tau^-$	6.3	3
$\gamma\gamma$	0.23	
W*W*	21.4	
Z*Z*	2.6	

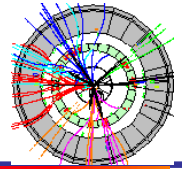
$$\beta_f \equiv \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_f^2}{m_H^2}}$$

at 1st order: $\Gamma(H \rightarrow f\bar{f}) = \frac{N_C^f G_F m_f^2}{4\sqrt{2}\pi} m_H \beta_f^3$

where β_f is the fermion velocity in the decay.



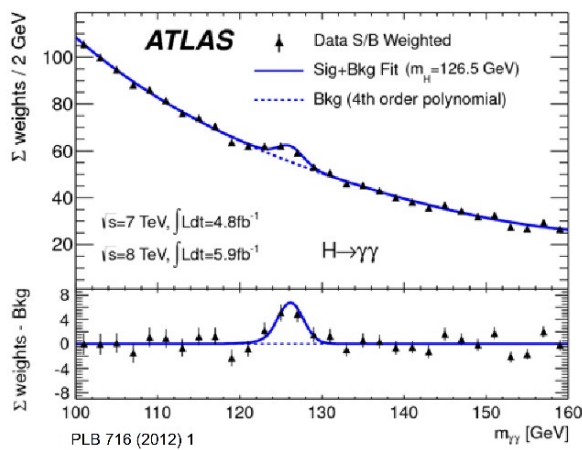
Higgs discovery



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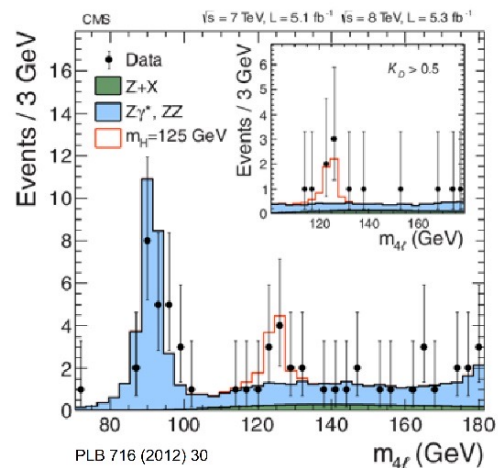


The Discovery



$m_H = 126.0 \pm 0.4$ (stat) ± 0.4 (syst) GeV
 Combined significance: **5.9 σ**

Three decay mode WW, ZZ and $\gamma\gamma$

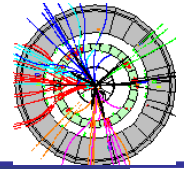


$m_H = 125.3 \pm 0.4$ (stat) ± 0.5 (syst) GeV
 Combined significance: **5.0 σ**

Five decay modes analysed but no significance signal in $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ and bb



Higgs discovery



The collage features several key elements related to the Higgs discovery:

- Le Monde** magazine cover: "Science: la matière" with the headline "Le boson de Higgs, particule manquante pour expliquer..."
- Physics Letters B** journal cover: Volume 716, Issue 1, 17 September 2012. It features a plot of $S/(S+B)$ Weighted Events vs $m_{\tau\tau}$ (GeV) for CMS data.
- Libération** newspaper cover: "particules" and "assez vite" with the headline "L'évidence du boson de Higgs, la preuve fondamentale..."
- ATLAS** plot: "ATLAS 2011-12 $\sqrt{s} = 7-8$ TeV". It shows the Local P_0 vs m_H [GeV] with observed and expected signal curves.

LHC: Production and Decay

Not an exhaustive table!

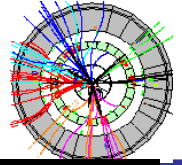
★ "seen" ☆ "tried"	H → bb	H → ττ	H → WW	H → ZZ	H → γγ	H → inv.	H → μμ	Σ H → xx
ggH		★	★	★	★		☆	courtesy André David
VBF	☆	★	★	☆	★	☆	☆	
VH	★	☆	☆	☆	☆	☆		
ttH	☆	☆	☆		☆			
	$\sigma(m_{bb})$ ~20%	$\sigma(m_{\tau\tau})$ 10-20%	$\sigma(m_{WW})$ ~16%	$\sigma(m_{ZZ})$ 1-2%	$\sigma(m_{\gamma\gamma})$ 1-2%			

Run-I (25 fb⁻¹ at 7 and 8 TeV):
 Approximate number of Higgs boson decays
 before selection cuts ($m_H = 125$ GeV)

- 9,000 H → WW* → ℓνℓν
- 900 H → γγ
- 60 H → ZZ* → 4ℓ



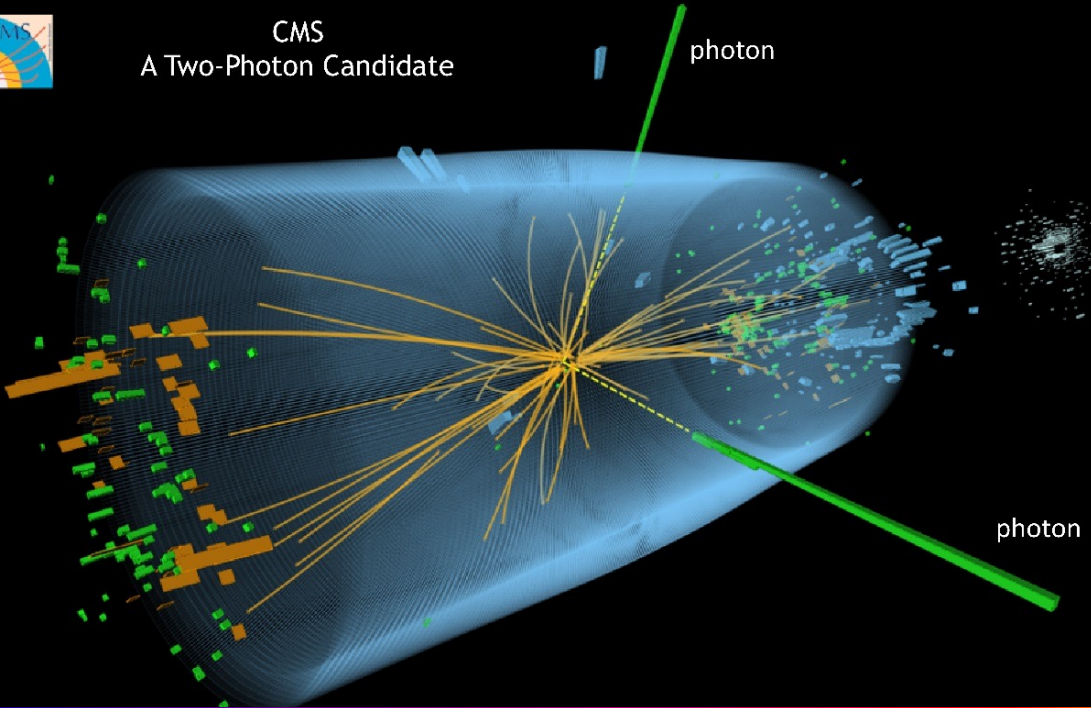
$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$



Two-Photon Final State

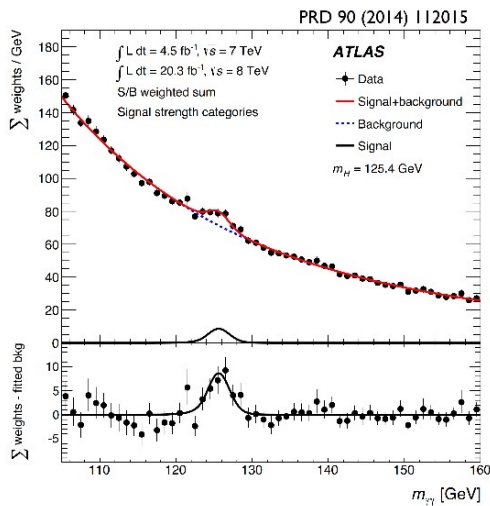


CMS
A Two-Photon Candidate



Two-Photon Decay

ATLAS

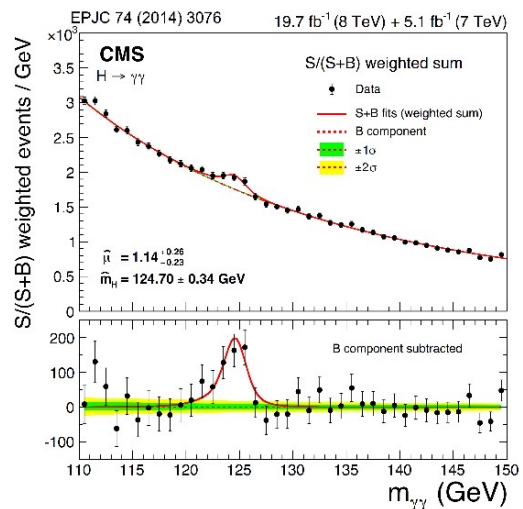


Significance

- observed : 5.2σ
- expected: 4.6σ

$m_H = 126.02 \pm 0.43 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.27 \text{ (syst)} \text{ GeV}$

CMS



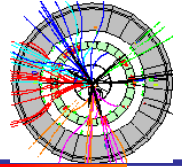
Significance

- observed : 5.7σ
- expected: 5.2σ

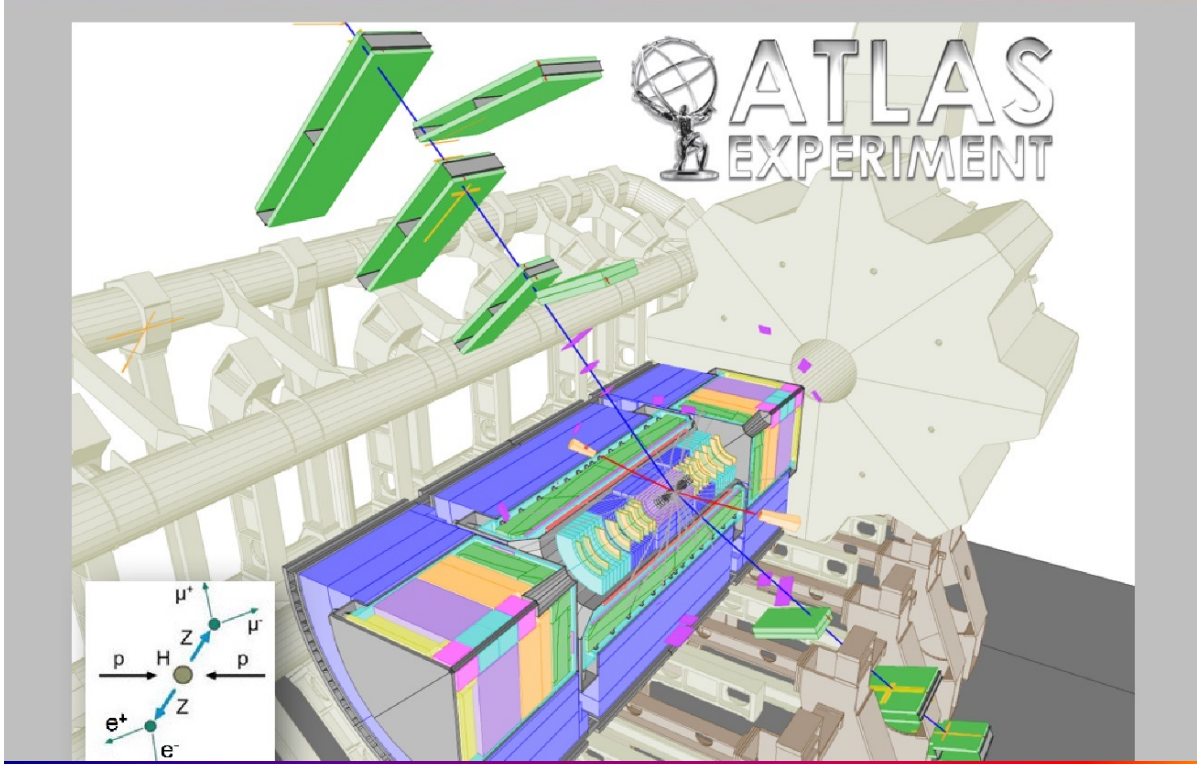
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$H \rightarrow ZZ^*$



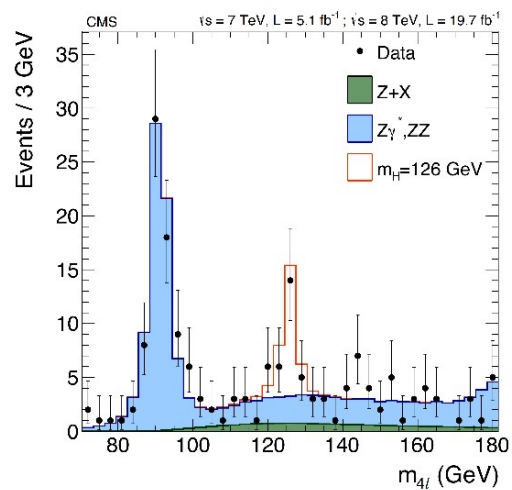
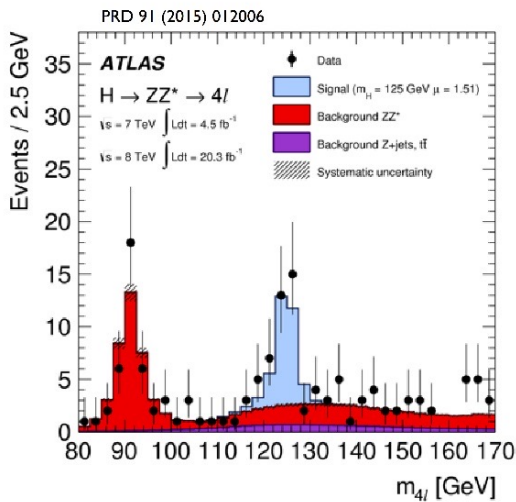
Four-Lepton Mode



Four-Lepton Decay

ATLAS

CMS



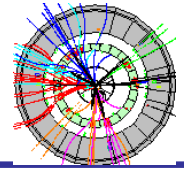
$m_H = 124.51 \pm 0.52 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.04 \text{ (syst)} \text{ GeV}$

$m_H = 125.59 \pm 0.45 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.17 \text{ (syst)} \text{ GeV}$

Both experiments observe signals with $> 6\sigma$

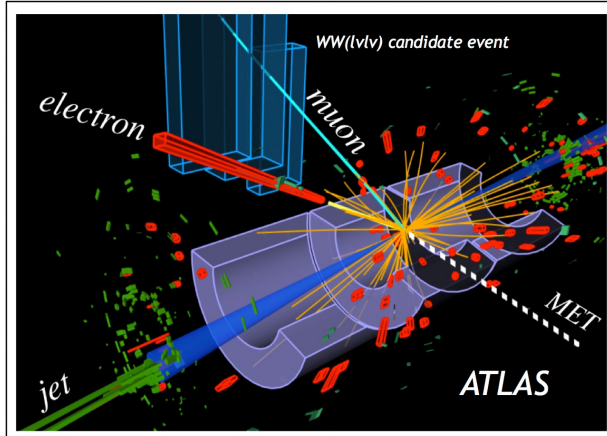


H → WW*/ H mass



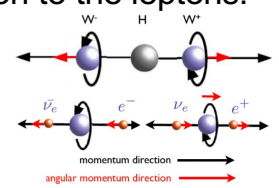
The Discovery Channels

A discovery channel of a different kind: the WW



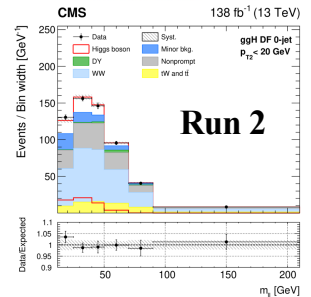
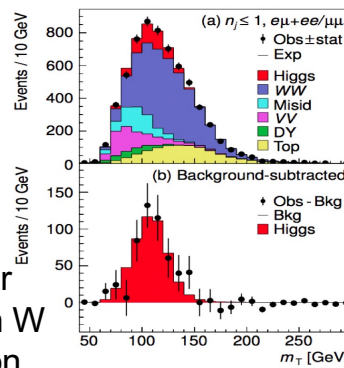
Requires good simulation of backgrounds and control regions in the data.

Uses V-A nature of W coupling that transfers the W spin correlation to the leptons.



For hadronic W decay channels very poor S/N ratio, a bit better S/N ratio when both W decays leptonically but mass reconstruction spoiled by the unmeasured neutrinos.

Larger event rates but significant backgrounds from WW and t \bar{t} .

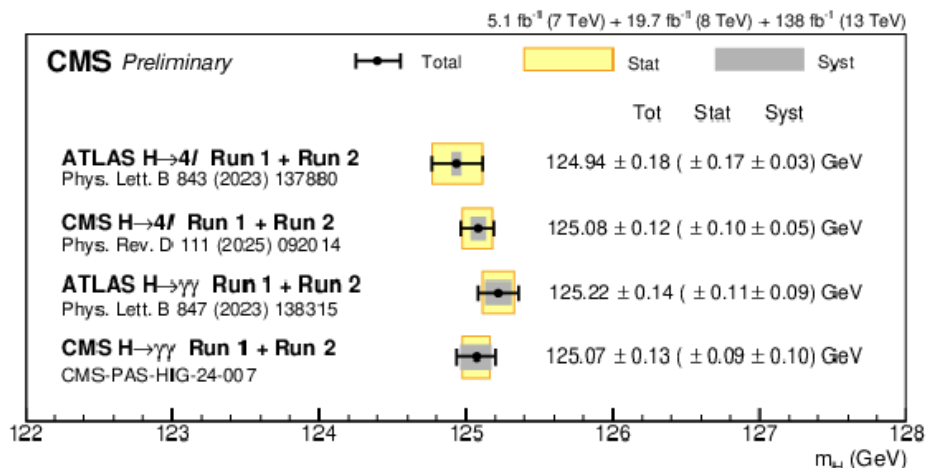


⇒ tends to result in a low diilepton invariant mass..

First Precision Measurement at the LHC?

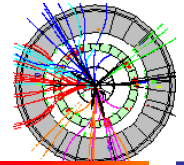
Higgs boson mass measurement

- Measurements done exclusively in categories with best mass resolution (diphoton & 4-lepton channels) to optimize precision.
- In Run 1 already a 0.2 % precision (combined with Run 2 < 0.1 %)





Higgs width

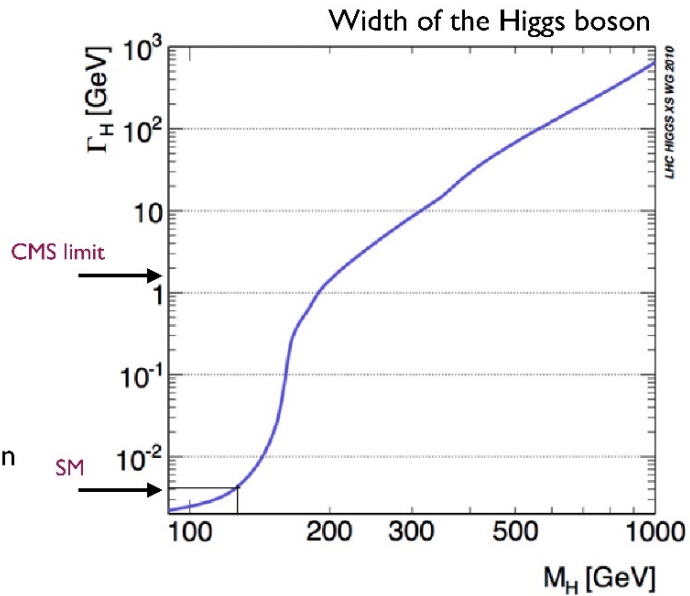


Width of the Higgs Boson

Upper limits on the width can be obtained from the mass peaks (at the level of the experimental resolution)

$$\Gamma_H < 1.7 \text{ GeV (95\%CL)}$$

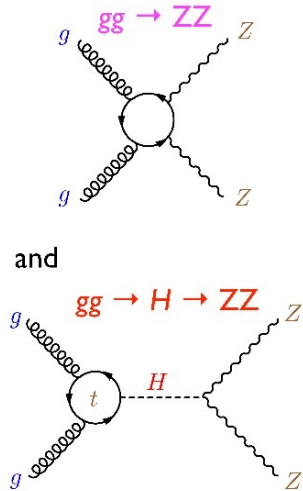
The width of the SM Higgs boson is of the order of 4MeV



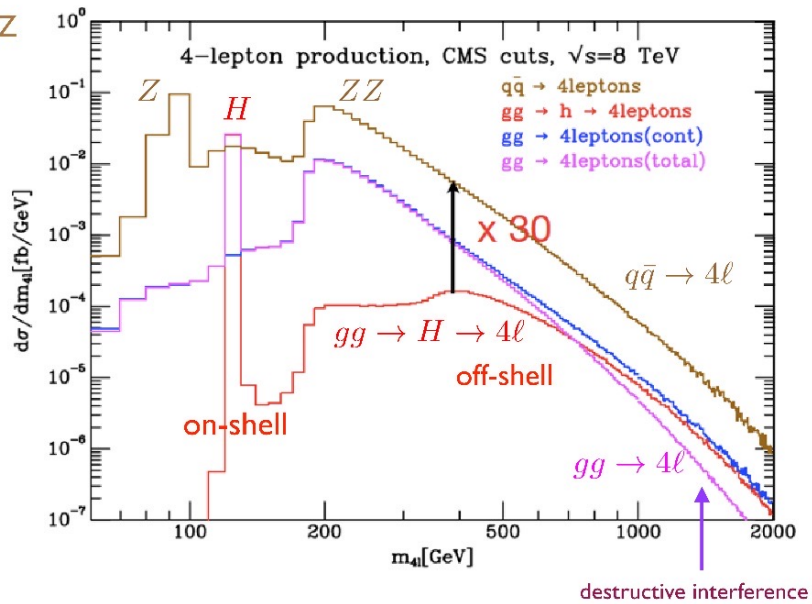
Off-Shell Higgs Boson

ZZ production = $q\bar{q} \rightarrow ZZ$

but also



and



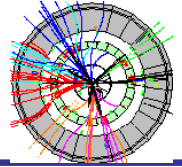
$$\frac{\sigma_{\text{off-shell}}}{\sigma_{\text{on-shell}}} \sim \Gamma_H$$

$$\text{CMS: } \Gamma_H = 3.2^{+2.4}_{-1.7} \text{ MeV}$$

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Higgs decays



Run 2 Higgs Headlines

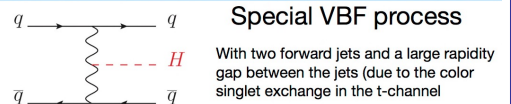
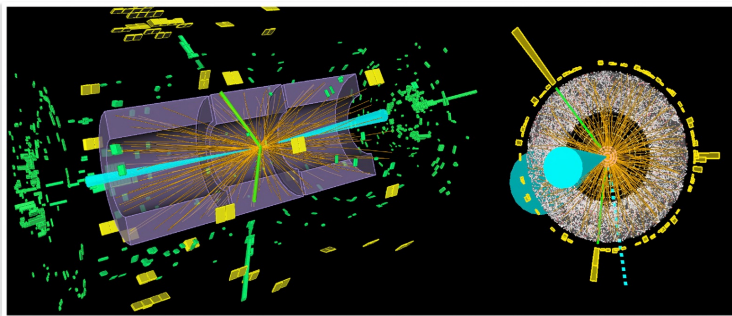
Run 2 Higgs Physics **major milestones** reached: **Third Generation (Charged) Observation Completed!**

Yukawas at LHC		tau	b	top
ATLAS	Exp. Sig.	5.4 σ	5.5 σ	5.1 σ
	Obs. Sig.	6.4 σ	5.4 σ	6.3 σ
	mu	1.09 \pm 0.35	1.01 \pm 0.20	1.34 \pm 0.21 *
CMS	Exp. Sig.	5.9 σ	5.6 σ	4.2 σ
	Obs. Sig.	5.9 σ	5.5 σ	5.2 σ
	mu	1.09 \pm 0.27 *	1.04 \pm 0.20	1.26 \pm 0.26 **

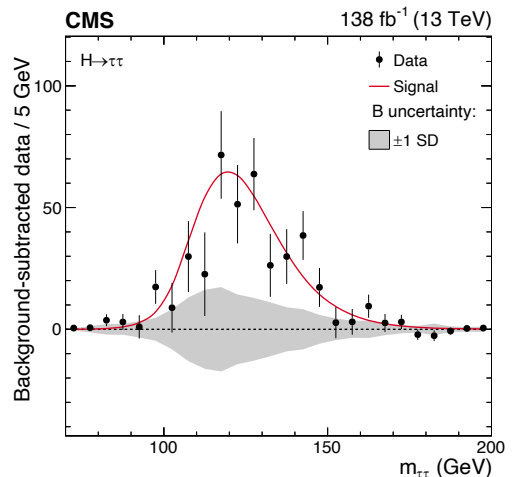
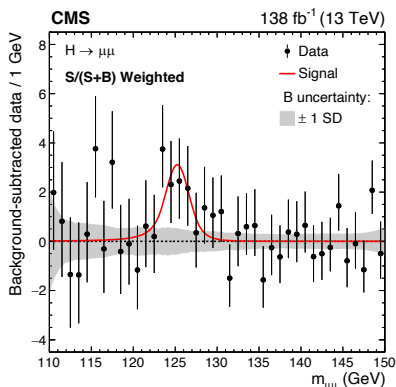
* 13 TeV only derived from cross section measurements
 ** Lower uncertainty (upper uncertainty 31)

+ evidence for coupling to second generation: $H \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$

Higgs boson decays to Taus & Muons

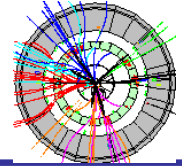


Background is Z production with two jets, in this region of phase space it is difficult to predict!



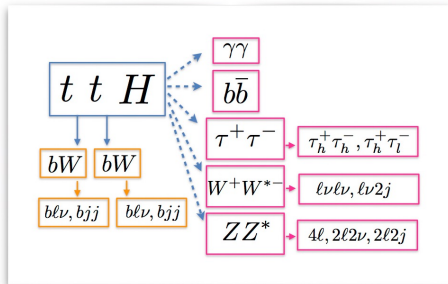


Higgs couplings



Direct probe of the top Yukawa coupling

ttH Analyses at LHC: Massively Complex!



- Large number of final states which are typically very complex (mixture of b-jets, leptons, taus and photons)
- But, many different channels, also means different backgrounds and different systematic uncertainties and therefore also a strength!
- With the new Run at close to double centre-of-mass energy and increased statistics, changes in leading channels.



ttH(bb)

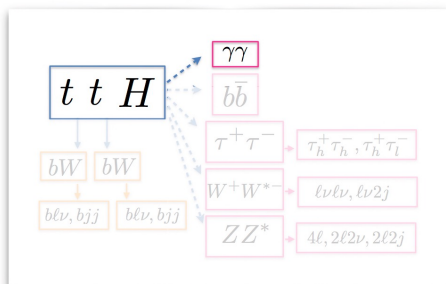
Very large backgrounds of top pair production associated with b jets
Dominated by background modelling uncertainties

ttH(WW, ZZ and tau tau)

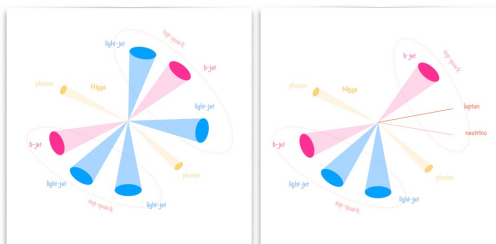
So-called multi-lepton channel
Large number of topologies intricate reducible backgrounds of jets faking leptons.

Direct probe of the top Yukawa coupling

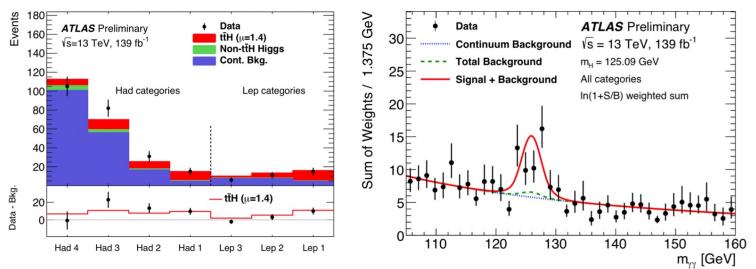
ttH Analyses at LHC: Massively Complex!



Currently most sensitive channel



Background and signal modelled using analytic functions.



Cross section dominated by statistical uncertainties:

$$1.59^{+0.38}_{-0.36} \text{ (stat.)}^{+0.15}_{-0.12} \text{ (exp.)}^{+0.15}_{-0.11} \text{ (theo.) fb}$$

Expected (4.2σ)
Observed 4.9σ

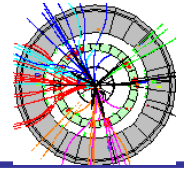
In combination with the other channels:

Expected 5.1σ
Observed 6.3σ

Observation!!

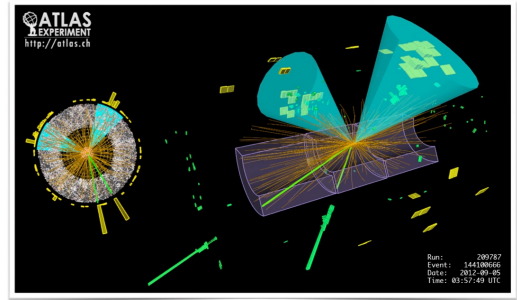
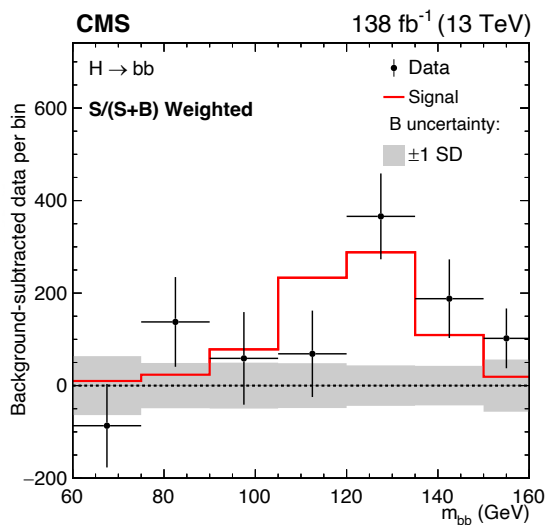


Higgs decays & couplings

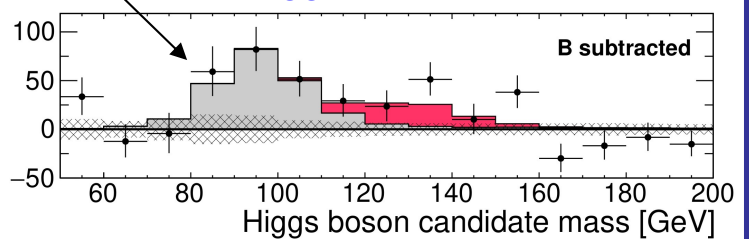


Higgs boson decays to b-quarks & c-quarks

b-quark decay channel of Higgs solidly confirmed



$Z^0 \rightarrow c\bar{c}$...but c-quark decay channel of Higgs still elude searches



Combination Procedure and Master Formula

What is done in Higgs boson couplings analyses is to count number of signal events in specific production and decay channels.

$$n_s^c = \mu \sum_{i \in \{\text{prod}\}} \sum_{f \in \{\text{decay}\}} \mu^i \sigma_{SM}^i \times \mu^f Br^f \times \mathcal{A}^{ifc} \times \varepsilon^{ifs} \times \mathcal{L}$$

Same formula as the total cross section measurement formula

These « mu » or signal strength factors cannot be fitted simultaneously, typical fit models include:

$$\mu \qquad \mu_{if} = \mu_i \mu_f \qquad \mu_i (\mu_f = 1) \qquad \mu_f (\mu_i = 1)$$

Extrapolated total cross section

Cross section times branching

Cross sections

Branching fractions

Manifest in this formula why absolute couplings cannot be measured with this procedure: μ_i, μ_f cannot be fitted simultaneously.

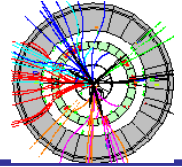
Introducing simple scale factors of the Standard Model couplings in a « naive » effective Lagrangian.

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \kappa_Z \frac{m_Z^2}{v} Z_\mu Z^\mu + \kappa_W \frac{m_W^2}{v} W_\mu W^\mu + \kappa_\gamma \frac{\alpha}{2\pi v} A_{\mu\nu} A^{\mu\nu} + \sum_f \kappa_f \frac{m_f}{v} f \bar{f}$$

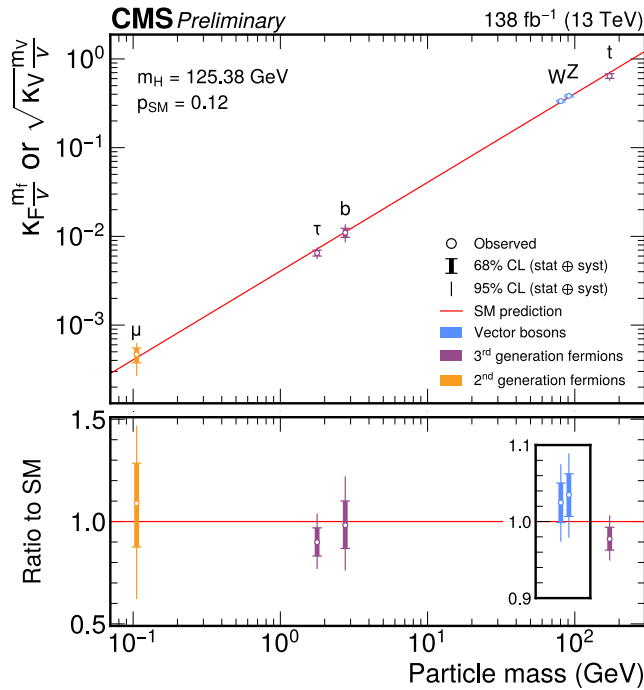
Simply reparametrise the mu values using the kappas! For a complete description see (link) - Chapter 10



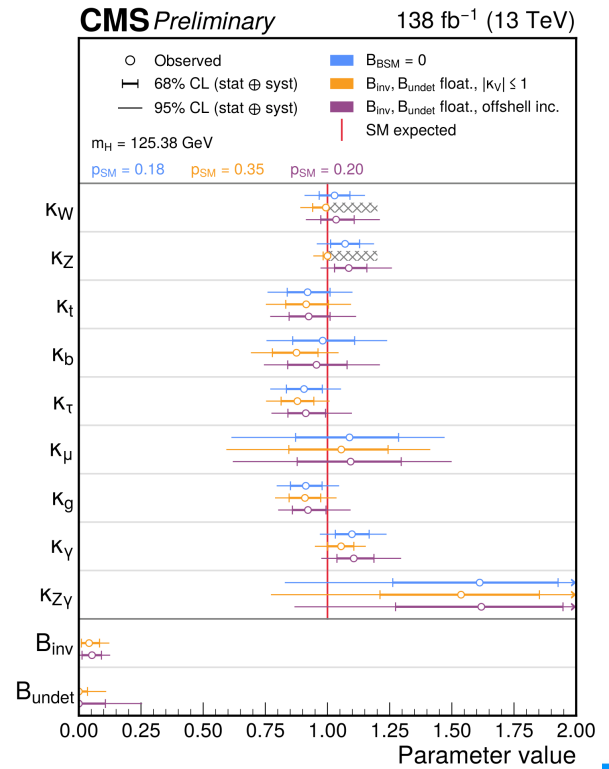
Higgs couplings



Run 2 Couplings Measurements



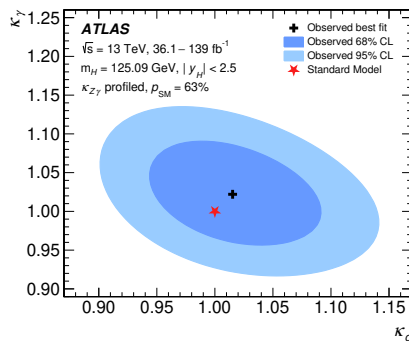
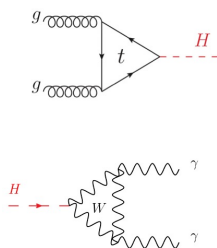
Higgs boson is Standard Model like



Run 2 Couplings Measurements

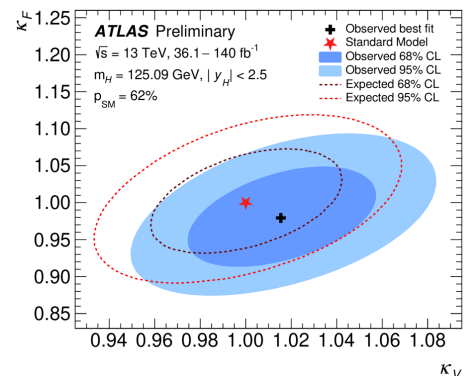
Choosing suitable assumptions to probe interesting new physics scenarios

Probing new particles in the loops



All couplings are set to their Standard Model value except the effective couplings to the photon and the gluon (probing new physics in the loops).

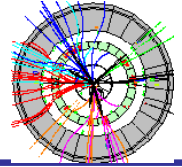
Probing the Gauge bosons vs fermions



All fermion couplings are fixed to one parameter and similarly for all boson, the couplings to the gluons and the photons are resolved.

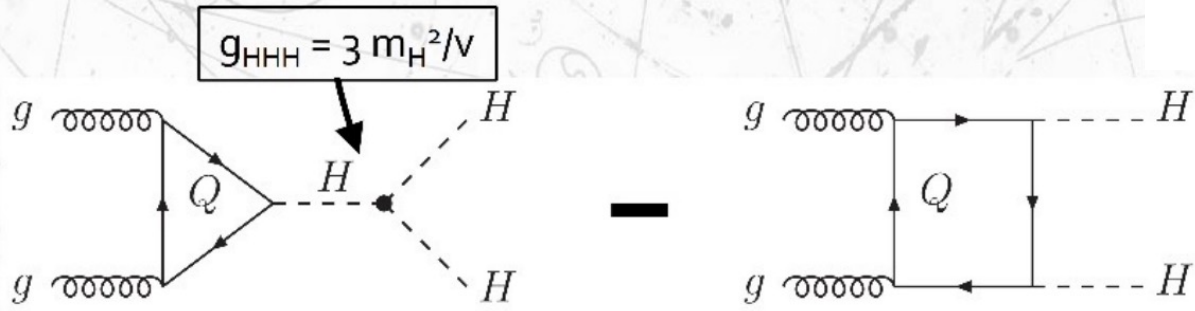


Higgs self-couplings



◆ Higgs self coupling

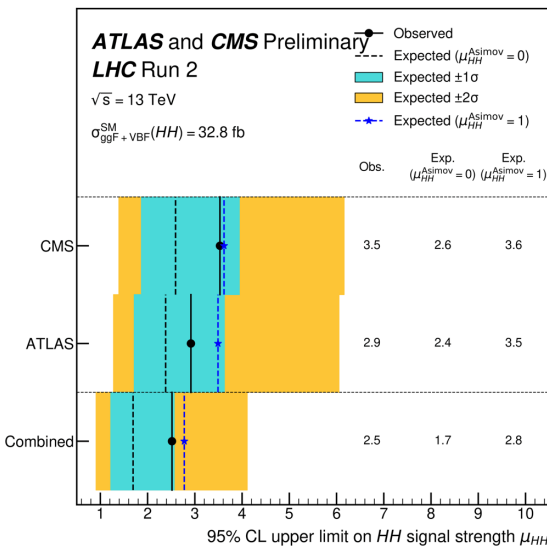
□ Measurable through double Higgs production



(accidental) negative interference between the two diagrams reduces cross section and hence sensitivity to g_{HHH} coupling

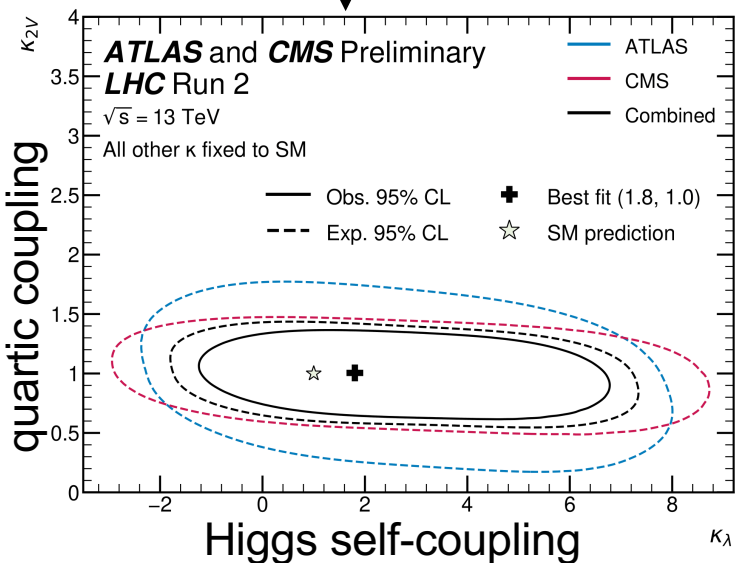
Rule of thumb: event yield ~ 1000 smaller than for single H

Most sensitive channels: $H (\rightarrow b\bar{b}) + H (\rightarrow \tau^+\tau^- | b\bar{b} | \gamma\gamma)$



Limits on di-Higgs cross section

Limits on couplings

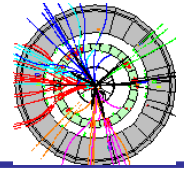


Not yet enough sensitivity!

Maybe evidence of di-Higgs production with Run 3 data but certainly high luminosity LHC needed to measure it.



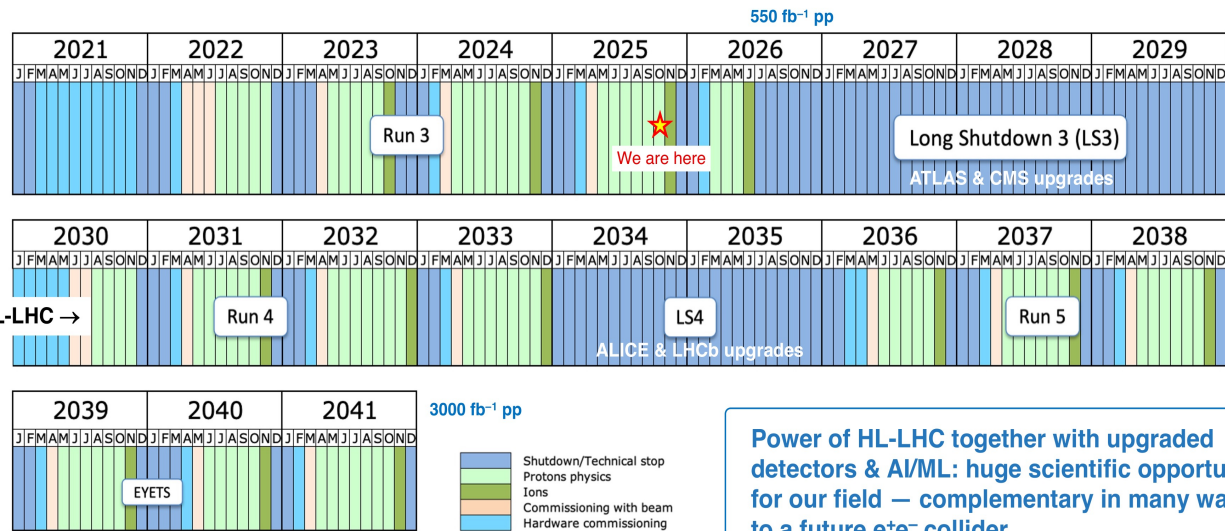
HL-LHC



LHC and High-Luminosity-LHC (HL-LHC) project timeline

Huge effort ongoing to construct HL-LHC and experiment upgrades

World's flagship collider project during the next decade — 10 times currently analysed dataset (350M H, 240k HH, 13B top, 720M WW, ...) Large-scale ATLAS & CMS upgrades under construction, ALICE & LHCb plan significant upgrades for Run 5



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Power of HL-LHC together with upgraded detectors & AI/ML: huge scientific opportunity for our field — complementary in many ways to a future e⁺e⁻ collider

LHC machine upgrade to HL-LHC

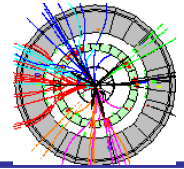
Ambitious goal: L_{int} > 2500 fb⁻¹ in 9 years of operation (for a total delivered luminosity of 3 ab⁻¹)

	Bunch intensity [protons / bunch]	β* [cm]	Peak lumi [cm ⁻² s ⁻¹]	Pileup ⟨μ⟩	Int. lumi / year [fb ⁻¹]
LHC design	1.15 · 10 ¹¹	55	1 · 10 ³⁴	23	30
LHC today	1.6 · 10 ¹¹	60/18	2.2 · 10 ³⁴	64	120
HL-LHC	2.2 · 10¹¹	15	5–7 · 10³⁴	140–200	up to 300

Improved cryogenic cooling and collimators, make all systems more radiation hard

RF crab cavities to restore effective head-on collisions, LIU high-brightness upgrade during LS2

Stronger focussing: 12 new Nb₃Sn “inner triplet” quadrupoles at ATLAS & CMS (aperture: 70 → 150 mm, B-field: 8 → 11.5 T)



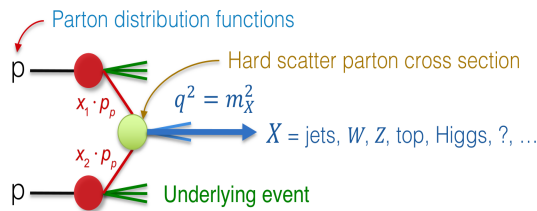
New opportunities at the HL-LHC

20 times more luminosity than Run 2 and better detectors offer significantly enhanced physics reach

- Sensitivity increase by up to 2 TeV for searches

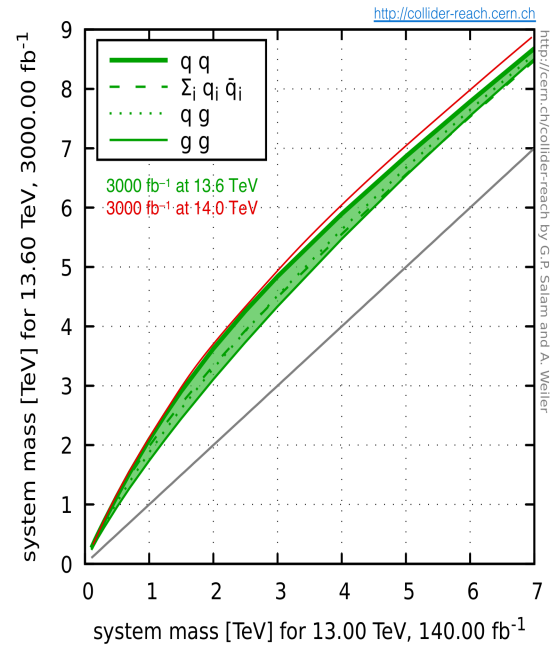
factor ~2 increase in probed mass range for searches

Proton–proton collisions correspond to a convolution of Parton Density Functions (PDF) with parton–parton scattering matrix element



CM energy-squared of parton collision: $\hat{s} = M_X^2 = x_1 \cdot x_2 \cdot s_{LHC}$

More luminosity allows to explore the high-x tails of the PDFs and thus reach higher parton collision energies



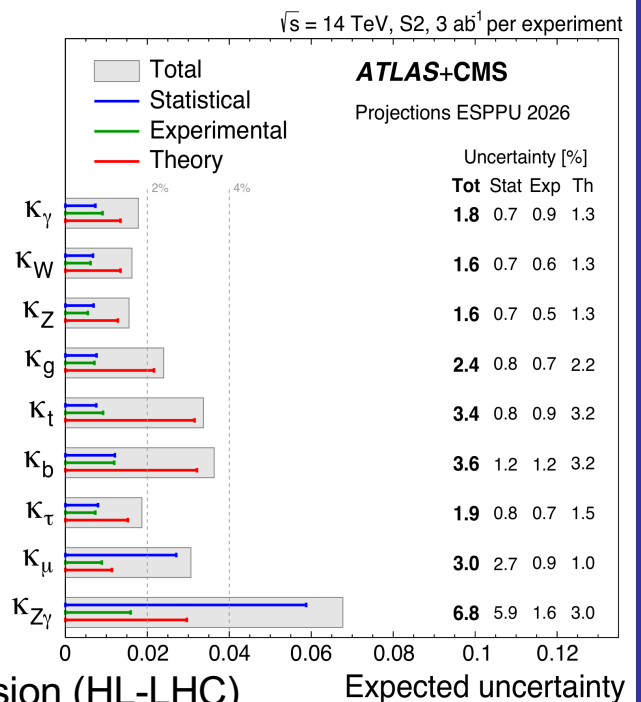
HL-LHC Physics prospects – Higgs

Higgs coupling prospects

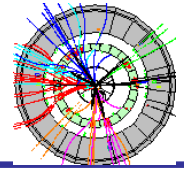
The best measured coupling probes compositeness of the Higgs boson

Coupling modifier	ATLAS ($\Gamma_{H \rightarrow inv/und} = 0, \kappa_c = \kappa_t$) [ATLAS-CONF-2025-006]	CMS ($\Gamma_{H \rightarrow inv/und} = 0, \kappa_c = \kappa_t$) [CMS-PAS-HIG-21-018]
κ_Z	0.96 ± 0.05	1.07 ± 0.06
κ_W	0.99 ± 0.04	1.05 ± 0.05
κ_γ (effective)	0.97 ± 0.06	1.10 ± 0.07
κ_τ	0.94 ± 0.06	0.94 ± 0.07
κ_t	0.99	0.92

5.0 (0.1)% precision on κ_i probes $f_H \sim 1.1$ (7.8) TeV
Coupling strength modifiers: $\kappa_f^2 \equiv \sigma_i/\sigma_i^{SM}$ or $\kappa_f^2 \equiv \Gamma_i/\Gamma_i^{SM}$



5 % precision (current) → < 2 % precision (HL-LHC)

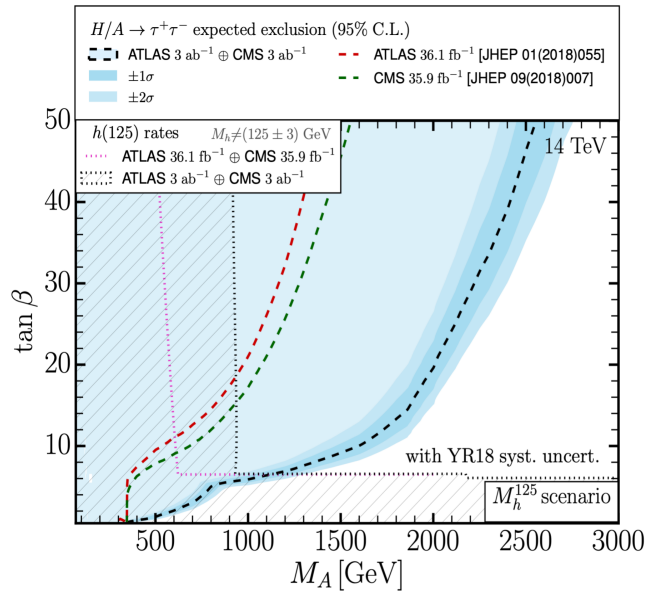


HL-LHC Physics prospects – Higgs

Higgs width from off-shell measurement and invisible decays, Higgs sector extensions (2HDM)

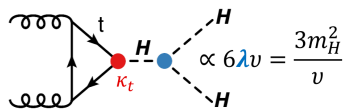
- Γ_H via $\mu_{\text{off-shell}} / \mu_{\text{on-shell}}$ in $H \rightarrow 4\ell$ & $2\ell 2\nu$ with $< 20\%$ uncertainty
- $\text{BR}(H \rightarrow \text{invisible}) < 2.5\%$
- Discover or exclude MSSM two Higgs doublets scenario deep into TeV scale for $\tan\beta > 6$

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HL-LHC Physics prospects – Higgs

Higgs self-coupling via Higgs pair production: complex final states, eldorado for ML enthusiasts, strongest channels: $HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma, b\bar{b}\tau^+\tau^-, b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$. Best sensitivity to λ at low $m(HH)$



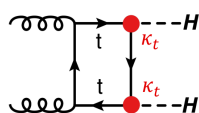
$$V(\phi) = -\mu^2|\phi|^2 + \lambda|\phi|^4$$

After expansion around potential minimum:

$$V(H) = \frac{1}{2}m_H^2 H^2 + \lambda_3 v H^3 + \frac{1}{4}\lambda_4 H^4$$

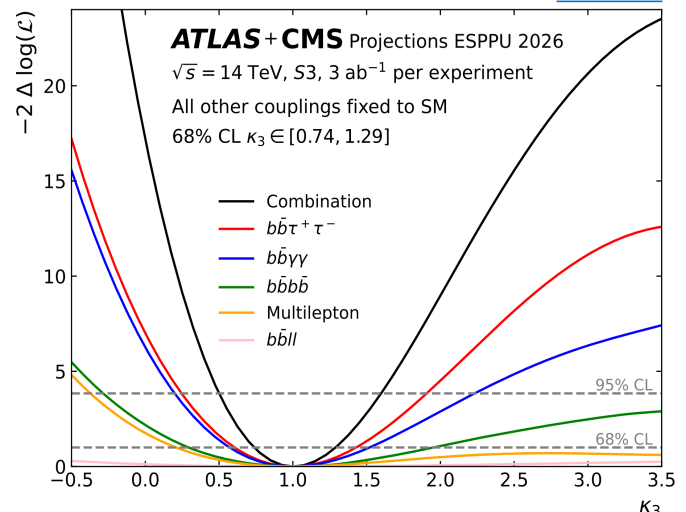
where: $\lambda_3^{\text{SM}} = \lambda_4^{\text{SM}} = \lambda^{\text{SM}}$ and: $\kappa_\lambda \equiv \lambda_3^{\text{obs}} / \lambda^{\text{SM}}$

Destructive interferes with box diagram:



leads to small HH SM cross section of 36 fb at 13.6 TeV, dominated by gluon fusion

arXiv:2504.00672

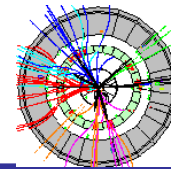


For SM: expect HH observed $> 7\sigma$, and λ precision $< 30\%$

discovery of diHiggs boson production & first λ measurement expected at HL-LHC (especially if ATLAS & CMS data combined).



FCC



Future Circular Collider — integrated programme

90.7 km circumference tunnel facility to host an e^+e^- and a hadron collider

Feasibility study [Vol 1](#), [Vol 2](#) (March 2025)

Preferred option
by national inputs
to ESPPU



FCC-ee — parameters

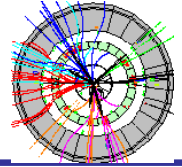
FCC-ee main parameters (assuming 4 IPs / experiments)

Ref: [arXiv:2505.00274](#)

Parameter	Z	WW	H (ZH)	$t\bar{t}$	
Collision energy \sqrt{s} [GeV]	88, 91, 94	157, 163	240	340–350	365
Synchrotron radiation/beam [MW]	50	50	50	50	50
Beam current [mA]	1294	135	26.8	6.0	5.1
Number bunches / beam	11200	1852	300	70	64
Total RF voltage 400 / 800 MHz [GV]	0.08 / 0	1.0 / 0	2.1 / 0	2.1 / 7.4	2.1 / 9.2
Luminosity / IP [$10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$]	144	20	7.5	1.8	1.4
Luminosity / year [ab^{-1}]	68	9.6	3.6	0.83	0.67
Run time (including lumi ramp-up) [years]	4	2	3	1	4
Total integrated luminosity [ab^{-1}]	205	19.2	10.8	0.4	2.7
Total number of events	$6 \cdot 10^{12}$ Z	$2.4 \cdot 10^8$ WW (incl. WW at higher \sqrt{s})	$2.2 \cdot 10^6$ ZH 65k WW \rightarrow H	$2 \cdot 10^6$ $t\bar{t}$ + 370k ZH + 92k WW \rightarrow H	
	$\sim 350,000 \times \text{LEP-1}$ (~ 6 years) $\sim 26 \times \text{HL-LHC}$ (~ 9 years)	$\sim 5,000 \times \text{LEP-2}$ (~ 5 years)	0.5% of HL-LHC (~ 9 years)	0.01% of HL-LHC ($t\bar{t}$) (~ 9 years)	



Higgs physics @ FCC



FCC-ee – the Higgs factory

Why “factory”? 2.2M Higgs (FCC-ee) vs 350M (HL-LHC), production through Higgsstrahlung rather than s-channel
 → e^+e^- collisions offer exceptionally clean Higgs reconstruction, unmatched precision on decays with large branching ratios

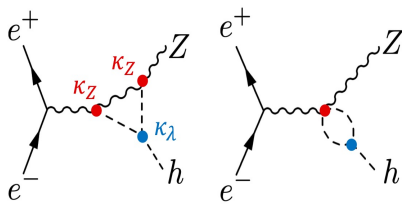
FCC-ee feasibility study (Vol 1): [arXiv:2505.00272](https://arxiv.org/abs/2505.00272)

Coupling	HL-LHC	FCC-ee	FCC-ee + FCC-hh	Uncertainty HL-LHC / FCC-ee	
κ_Z (%)	1.6	0.10	0.10	16	Most precise coupling, probes $f_H \sim 8$ TeV
κ_W (%)	1.6	0.29	0.25	5.5	
*Incl. SM parametric uncertainties					
κ_b (%)	3.6	0.38 / 0.49*	0.33 / 0.45	7.3	Particularly large improvement over HL-LHC
κ_g (%)	2.4	0.49 / 0.54	0.41 / 0.44	4.4	
κ_τ (%)	1.9	0.46	0.40	4.1	
κ_c (%)	~ 40	0.70 / 0.87	0.68 / 0.85	~ 44	
κ_γ (%)	1.8	1.1	0.30	1.6	
Note: current uncertainties on Higgs branching fraction predictions $O(1.5\%)$					
$\kappa_{Z\gamma}$ (%)	6.8	4.3	0.67	1.6	
κ_t (%)	3.4	3.1	0.75	1.1	
κ_μ (%)	3.0	3.3	0.42	0.9	
$ \kappa_s $ (%)	–	+29 –67	+29 –67	–	
Γ_H (%)	< 25	0.78	0.69	< 32	
$\mathcal{B}_{\text{inv}} (< 95\% \text{ CL})$	0.025	5×10^{-4}	2.3×10^{-4}	50	$\text{BR}(H \rightarrow 4\nu) = 10.6 \cdot 10^{-4}$
$\mathcal{B}_{\text{unt}} (< 95\% \text{ CL})$	0.04	6.8×10^{-3}	6.7×10^{-3}	5.9	

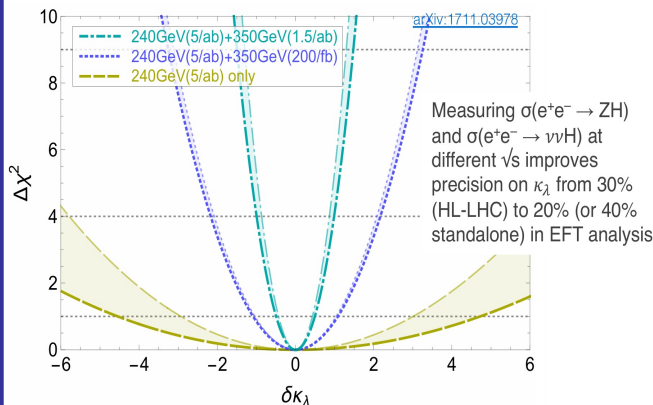
HL-LHC numbers updated from [arXiv:2504.00672](https://arxiv.org/abs/2504.00672); they assume SM value for Γ_H , and incl. theoretical uncertainties (mostly dominant)

FCC-ee – the Higgs factory

Higgs self-coupling — no HH production at FCC-ee, sensitivity through H–H–H loops

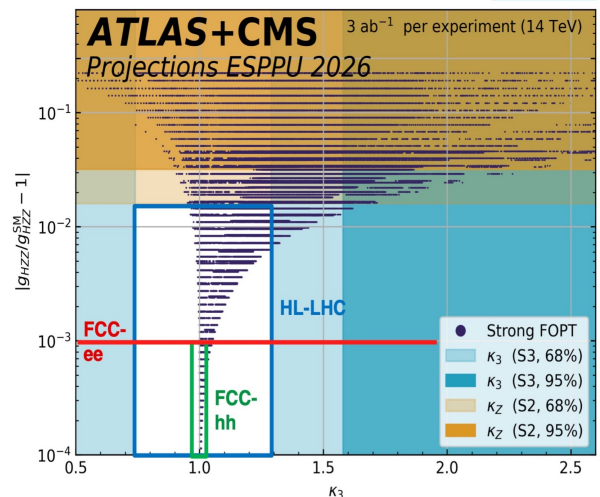


NLO vertex corrections to Higgsstrahlung (similar for W-boson fusion)



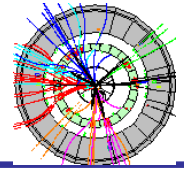
FCC-ee+hh tightly constrains BSM models with 1st order EW phase transition

[arXiv:2504.00672](https://arxiv.org/abs/2504.00672)





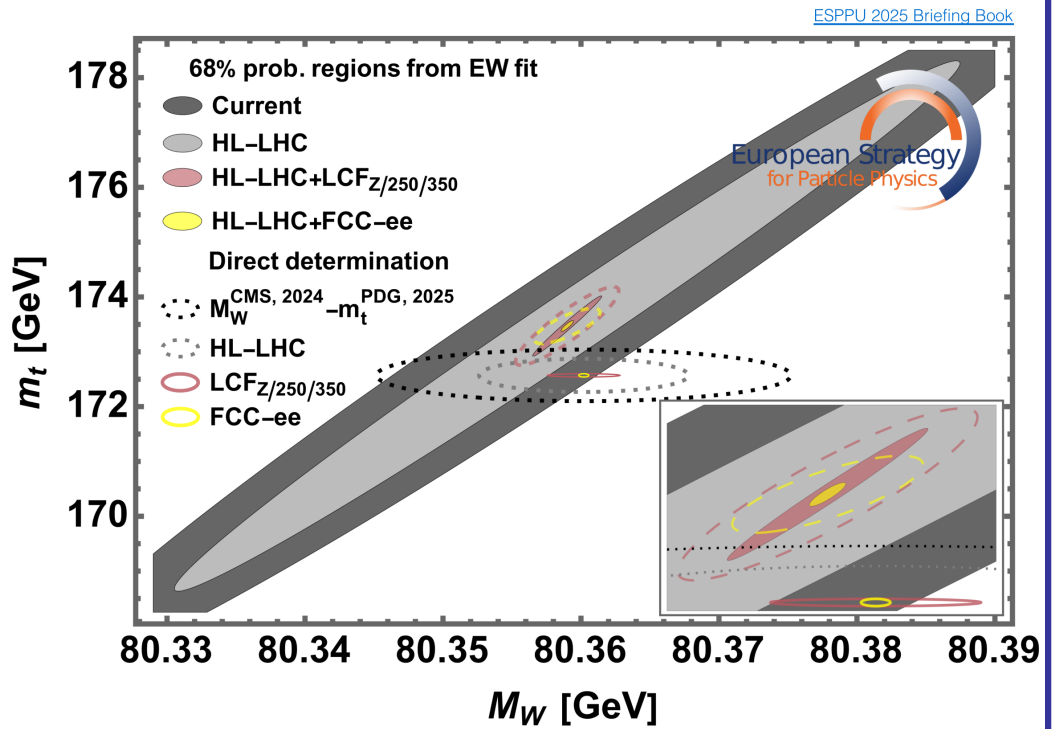
Future colliders



FCC-ee – also a Tera-Z, W and top factory

Global electroweak fit expressed on top versus W mass

FCC-ee:
preferred
option for
next
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European
Particle
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The big picture: next-generation collider projects for CERN

Project	Construction start	First beams	Peak lumi at Z per IP [10 ³⁴ cm ⁻² s ⁻¹]	Peak lumi at HZ per IP [10 ³⁴ cm ⁻² s ⁻¹]	Years of operation	Construction cost* [BCHF]	Next stage collider	Start of operation	Total construction cost* [BCHF]
FCC-ee	2033	2046	144	7.5	14	15.3	FCC-hh	2079	34.7
LEP3	2037	2047	40	1.6	15	4.1	FCC-hh	2074	32.5
LCF 250 → 550 GeV	2035	2045	0.28	1.4 – 2.7	19	9.4 + 5.4 = 14.8	> 1 TeV collider?	–	–
CLIC 380 → 1500 GeV	2035	2045	–	1.2 _{380 GeV}	20	7.5 + 7.1 = 14.6	3 TeV collider?	–	–
LHeC	2037	2044	–	2.3	7	2.1	FCC-hh	2064	30.5

Similar start dates driven by HL-LHC running until 2041

*Construction costs include experiments