

HIGGS PHYSICS AT THE LHC

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- Higgs potential and corrections
- how we will find the Higgs at LHC
- will work: Higgs decay to tau pairs
- will not work: Higgs decay to bottom quarks
- might work: Higgs self coupling
- would be great: Higgs couplings analysis

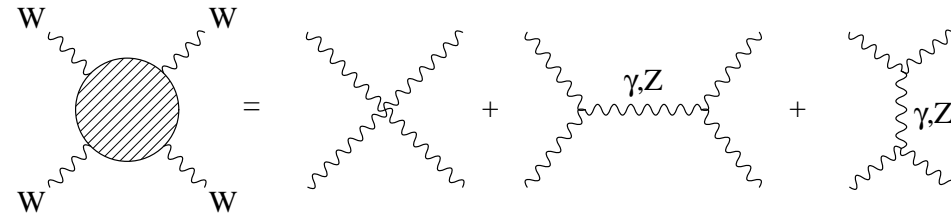
STANDARD-MODEL HIGGS SECTOR: 1

Theory of W, Z bosons

- start with SU(2) gauge theory [like QED with massless W, Z]
 - include measured masses $\mathcal{L} \sim -m_{W,Z} A_\mu A^\mu$
- ⇒ not gauge invariant, not renormalizable, so what?

Unitarity

- test theory in $WW \rightarrow WW$ scattering
 - $\mathcal{A} \propto G_F E^2$ just like Fermi's theory, not unitary above 1.2 TeV [barely LHC energy]
 - postulate additional scalar Higgs boson to conserve unitarity
 - fixed coupling $g_{WWH} \propto m_W$
 - add fermions and test $WW \rightarrow f\bar{f}$
 - fixed coupling $g_{ffH} \propto m_f/m_W$
 - test new theory in $WW \rightarrow WWH$
 - fixed coupling $g_{HHH} \propto m_H^2/m_W$
 - final test: $WW \rightarrow HHH$
 - fixed coupling $g_{HHHH} \propto m_H^2/m_W^2$
- ⇒ **all Higgs couplings non-negotiable**



STANDARD-MODEL HIGGS SECTOR: 2

Higgs potential

- remember Lagrangian invariant under $SU(2) \times U(1)$
 - break symmetry through vacuum: $SU(2)$ doublet with vev
 - minimize Higgs potential $\Phi = (0, (v + H)/2)$ [$v = 246$ GeV known from W, Z masses]
- ⇒ first attempt: renormalizable Higgs potential [does all we want]

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Higgs}} = |D_\mu \Phi|^2 - V$$

$$V = \lambda \left(|\Phi|^2 - \frac{v^2}{2} \right)^2 = \mu^2 |\Phi|^2 + \lambda |\Phi|^4 + \text{const}$$

- ⇒ not the whole story with new scale Λ [first-order EW phase transition: hep-ph/0407019]

$$V = \sum_{n=0} \frac{\lambda_n}{\Lambda^{2n}} \left(|\Phi|^2 - \frac{v^2}{2} \right)^{2+n}$$

- ⇒ gauge-invariant D6 Higgs operators $\mathcal{L}'_{\text{Higgs}} = \sum f_i / \Lambda^2 \mathcal{O}_i$ [hep-ph/0301097]

$$\mathcal{O}_{\text{kin}} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu (\Phi^\dagger \Phi) \partial^\mu (\Phi^\dagger \Phi)$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{\text{pot}} = -\frac{1}{3} (\Phi^\dagger \Phi)^3$$

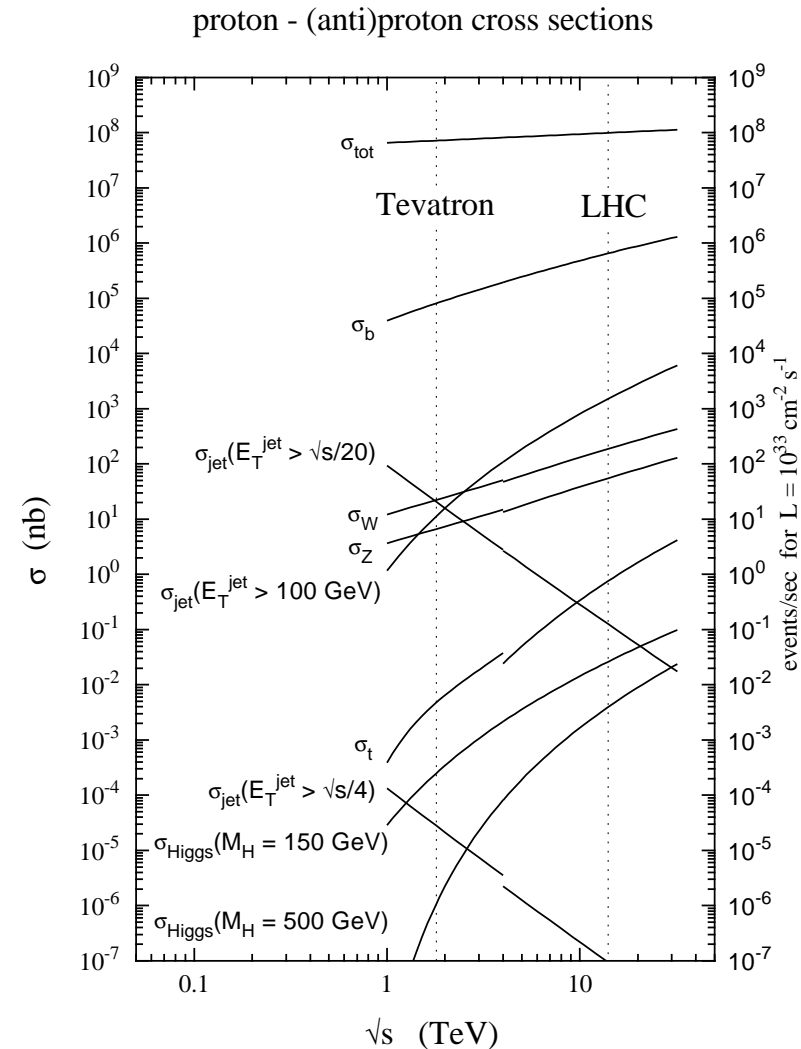
LHC SEARCHES

Conversion of beam energy into particle mass

- search for new particles easier if particle produced
→ highest possible energies required
- clean e^+e^- colliders:
LEP: Z pole
LEP2: 206 GeV for e.g. ZH
ILC/CLIC: 1...4 TeV in future
- powerful hadron colliders:
Tevatron: $p\bar{p}$ with 2 TeV [valence quarks]
LHC: pp with 14 TeV [gluons]
- **LHC mass reach ~ 3 TeV** [win by luminosity]

New physics at hadron colliders

- what is a jet and what is inside? [b, τ tag]
- trigger: ‘no leptons — no data’
- backgrounds $pp \rightarrow jj$ or $pp \rightarrow WZ+jets$
- **Gaussian statistics: $S/\sqrt{B} > 5$ discovery**



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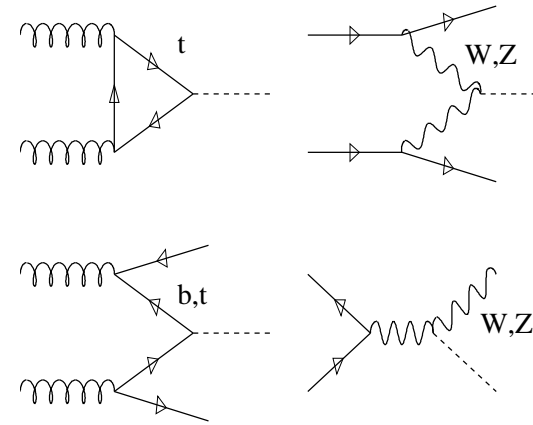
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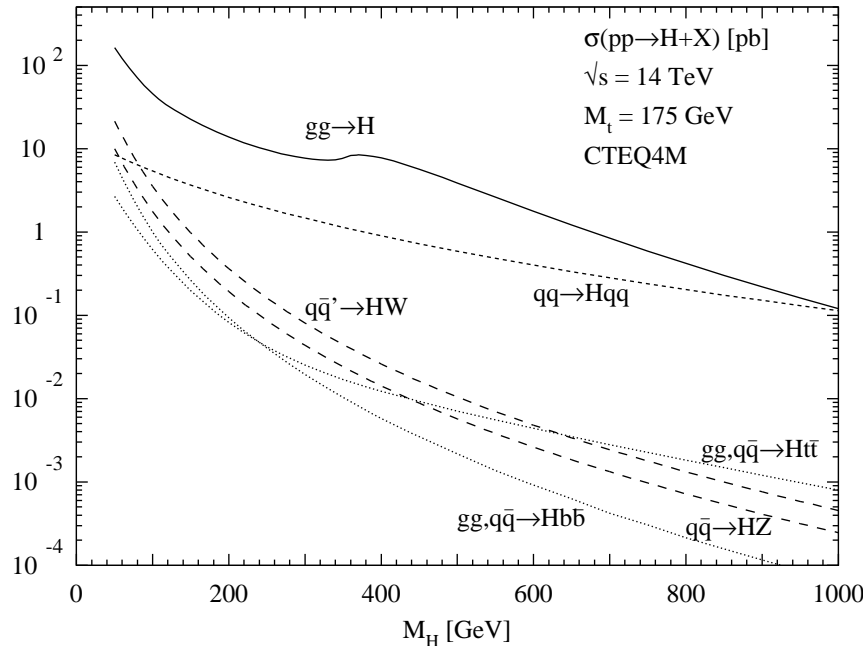


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[luminosity $30\text{-}300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$]



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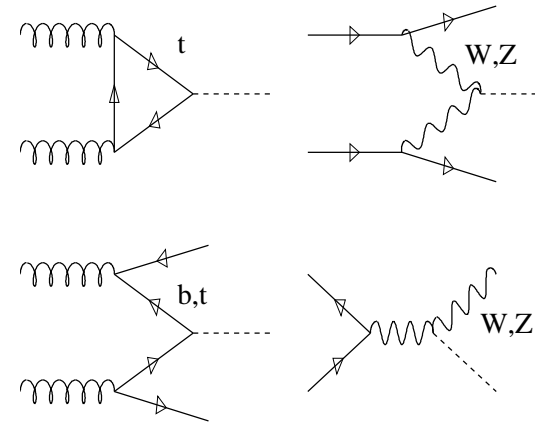
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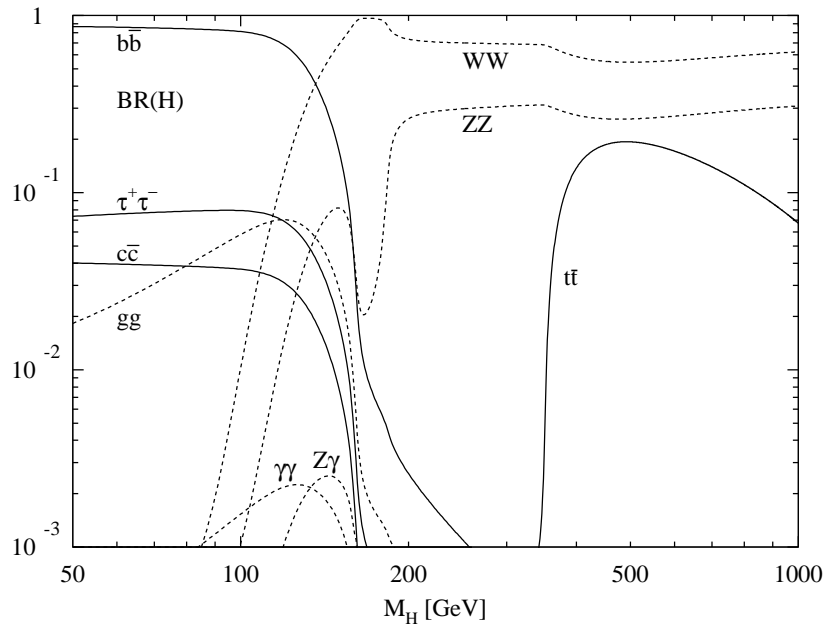


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Branching fractions

[up to 10^6 events]



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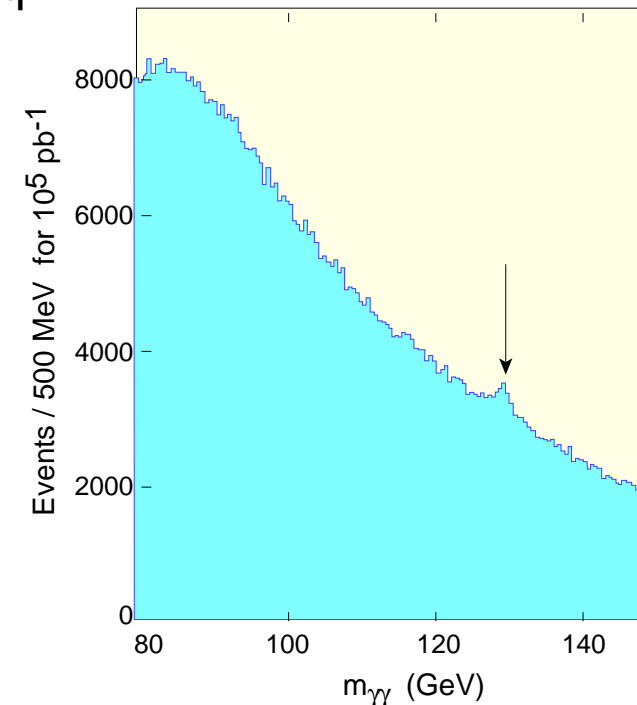
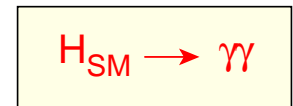
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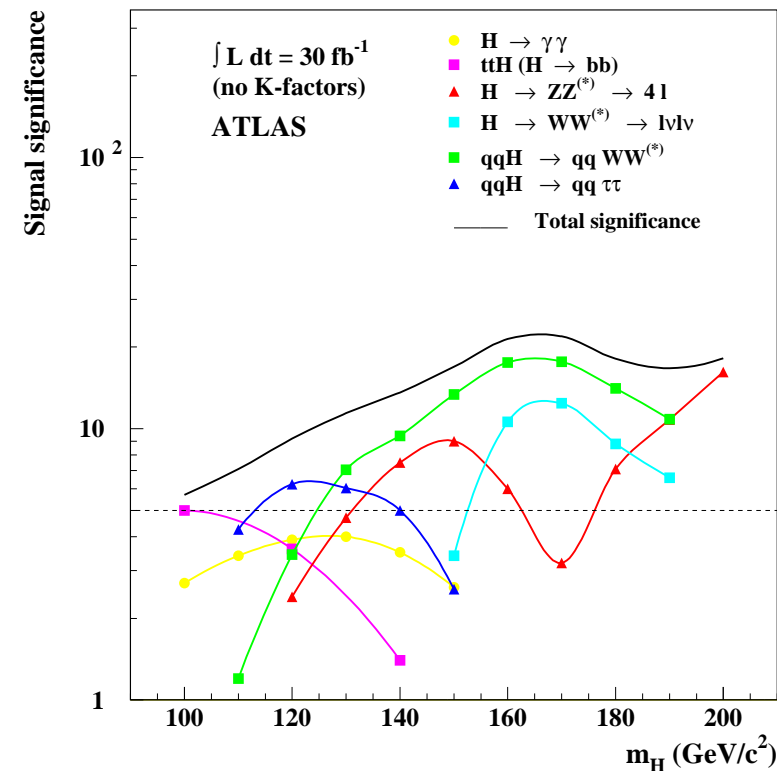
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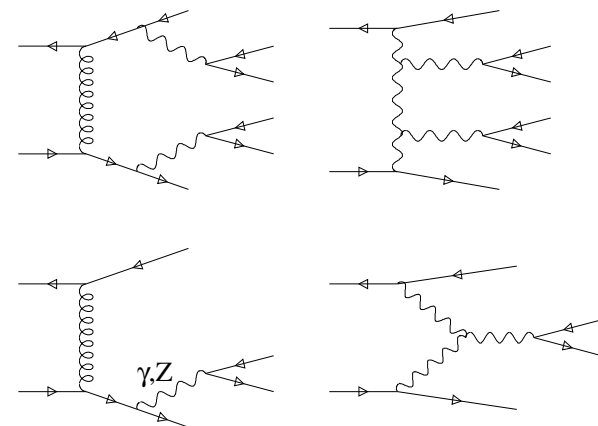
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After acceptance cuts

2.2 fb	signal $pp \rightarrow H_{SM} + jj$ [$m_H = 120 \text{ GeV}$]
1230 fb	$pp \rightarrow t\bar{t} + \text{jets}$ [tagging jet either $t \rightarrow bW$ or additional jet]
1050 fb	$pp \rightarrow b\bar{b} + jj$ [with $b \rightarrow \ell\nu c$]
4.9 fb	$pp \rightarrow W^+W^- + jj$ (QCD) [with $W \rightarrow \ell\nu$]
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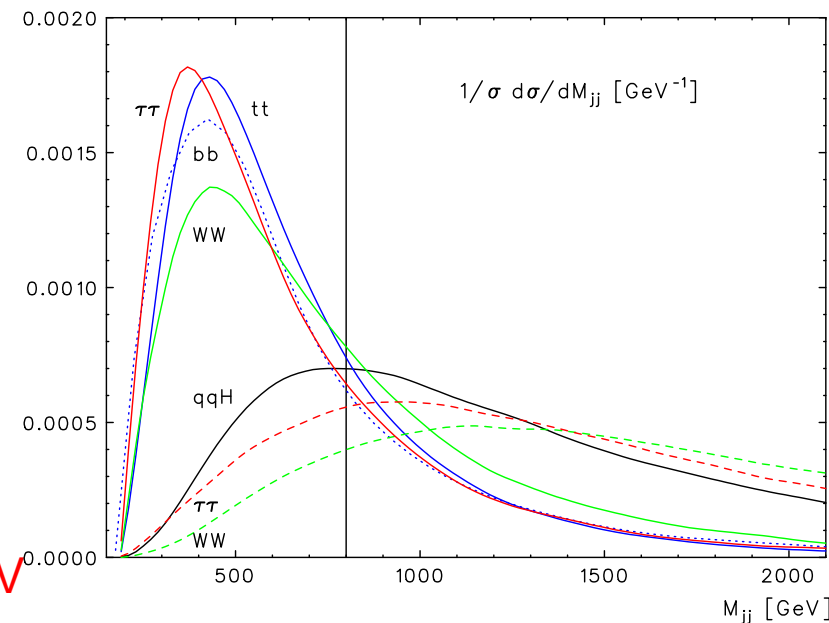
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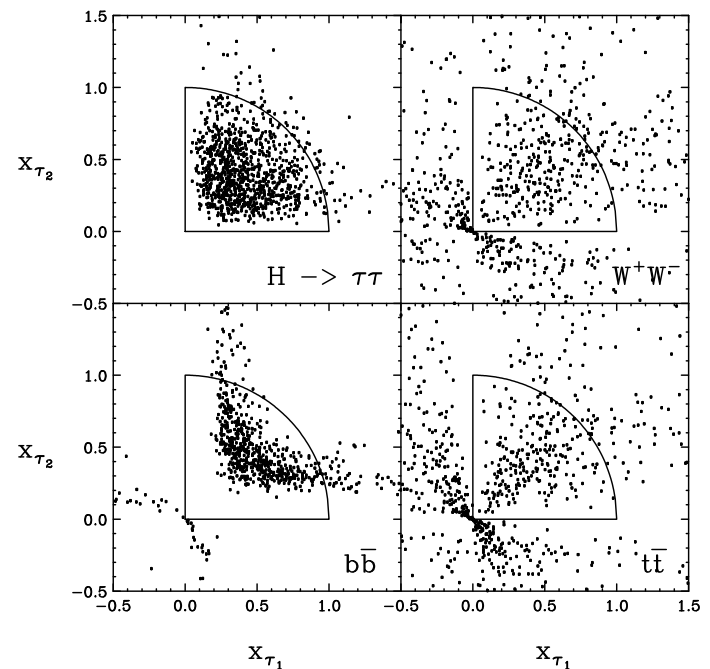
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Both $\tau\tau$ channels with safe margins [Standard Model with 60fb^{-1}]

$M_H[\text{GeV}]$	100	110	120	130	140	150
$\epsilon \cdot \sigma_{\text{sig}} \text{ (fb)}$	0.62	0.58	0.50	0.37	0.23	0.11
S	37.4	35.0	30.0	22.3	13.7	6.5
B	67.5	27.0	10.8	6.7	5.7	5.3
S/B	0.6	1.3	2.8	3.3	2.4	1.2
σ_{Gauss} (dual leptonic)	4.2	5.7	6.9	6.2	4.4	2.3
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General features of WBF production

- cross section $10 \dots 3 \text{ pb}$ for $m_H < 200 \text{ GeV}$
 - forward jet tagging, central Higgs decay products, central mini-jet veto
- ⇒ $(H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) @ 50 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ for $m_H = 110 \dots 145 \text{ GeV}$ [$\gamma\gamma$ mass resolution]
- $(H \rightarrow \tau\tau) @ 60 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ for $m_H = 100 \dots 140 \text{ GeV}$ [lepton-hadron and dual lepton]
- $(H \rightarrow WW) @ 5 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ for $m_H = 140 \dots 200 \text{ GeV}$

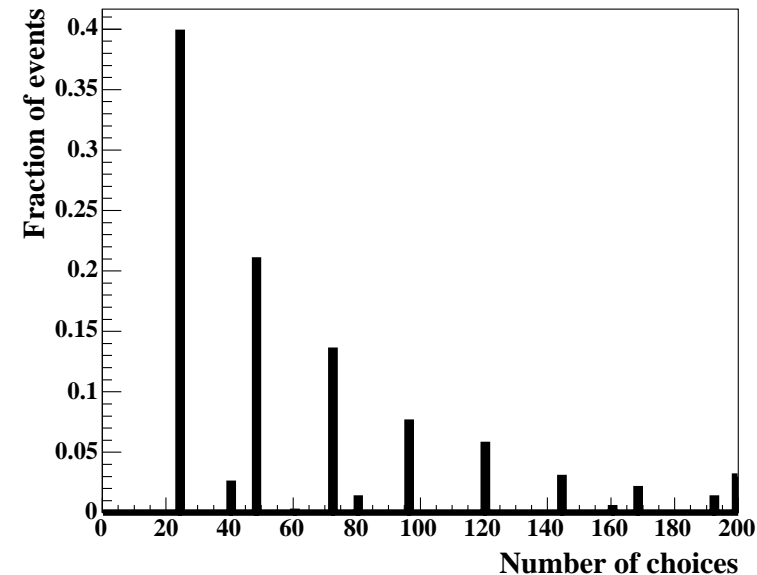
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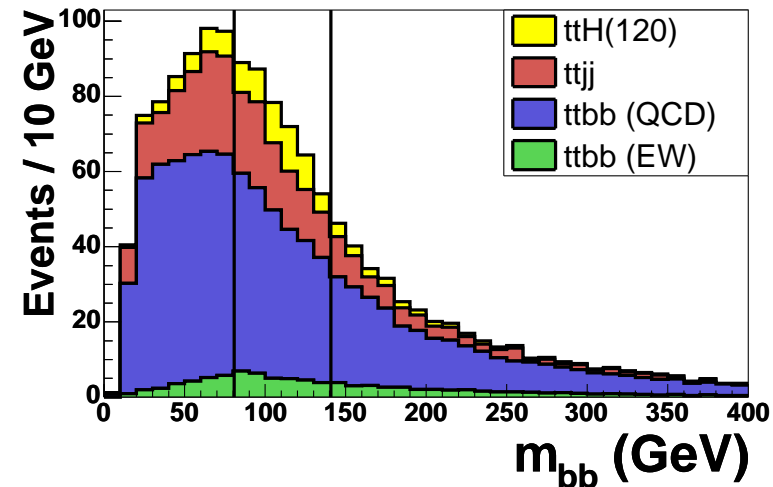
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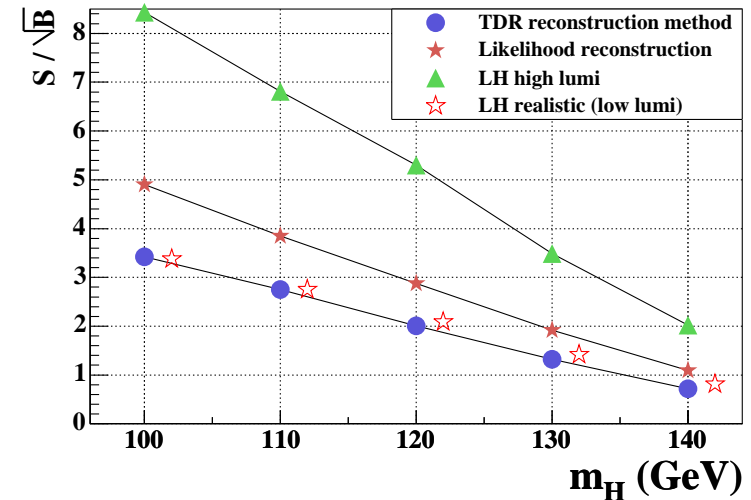
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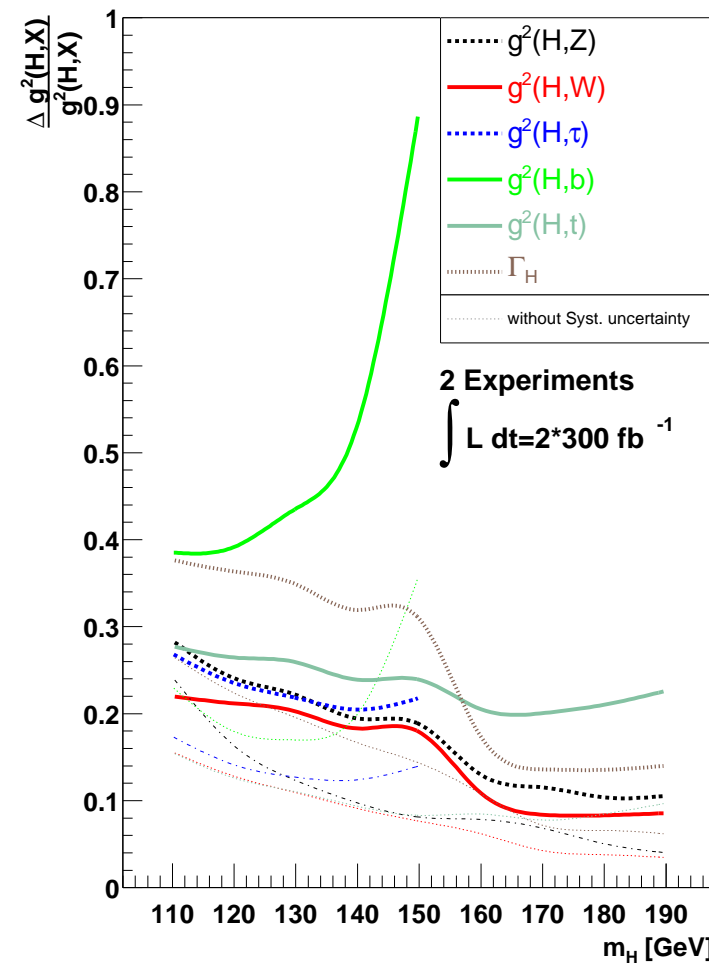
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- degeneracy: $\sigma \text{BR} \propto (g_p^2 / \sqrt{\Gamma_H}) (g_d^2 / \sqrt{\Gamma_H})$
 [from $(\text{WBF} : WW / \tau\tau)$ measure $g_{WWH} / g_{\tau\tau H}$]
- additional constraint: $\sum \Gamma_i(g^2) < \Gamma_H \Rightarrow \Gamma_H|_{\min}$
- $WW \rightarrow WW$ unitarity: $g_{WWH} \lesssim g_{WWH}^{\text{SM}} \Rightarrow \Gamma_H|_{\max}$
- ⇒ **couplings and width extraction great but hard**



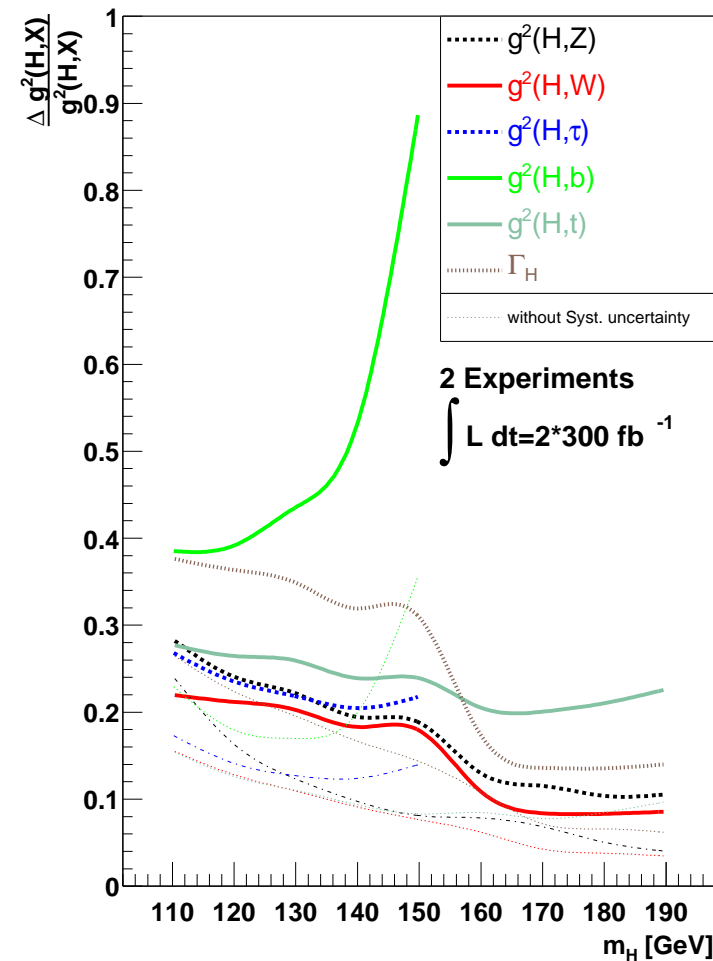
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In future

- fit to more observables
- error on mass measurement [SM vs. SUSY?]
- cancel more errors [universal logs in σ and Γ ?]
- compute higher-order corrections
- ⇒ **warning: underestimating errors now will bite us later!**



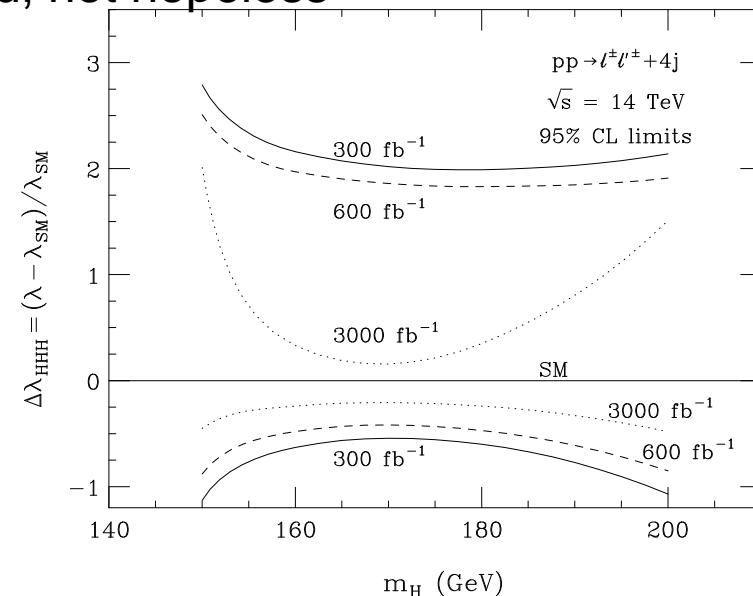
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Higgs self coupling

- scalar with Yukawa couplings to fermions, so what?
- renormalizable SM potential: $\mu^2 = -\lambda v^2$ with $\lambda = m_H^2/(2v^2)$ and self couplings $\lambda_{3H}/\lambda_{4H} = v$
- MSSM: $\lambda_{3h}/\lambda_{4h} = v \sin(\beta + \alpha)/\cos 2\alpha$ and m_h à la 2nd floor
- D6 operator: $\mu^2/v^2 = -\lambda_0 + 3\lambda_1 v^2/(4\Lambda^2)$ and $\lambda = \lambda_0 - 3\lambda_1 v^2/(2\Lambda^2)$.

Higgs pair production

- $HH \rightarrow 4W$: serious detector simulation needed, not hopeless
[use observable m_{vis} to determine λ_{HHH} , need NLO $\sigma(t\bar{t}j)$]
 - $HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}\tau\tau$: miracle required
 - $HH \rightarrow 4b$: several major miracles mandatory
[ILC in better shape]
 - $HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}\mu\mu$: small miracle would be helpful
[might come out of $\mu\mu$ mass resolution]
 - $HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$: some enhancement needed
- ⇒ **serious challenge to detectors and machine**



Standard-Model Higgs at the LHC

- we will find it in more than one channel for all m_H
- we will measure many properties more or less well:
 - set of couplings and width
 - self coupling (only λ_{HHH})
 - CP properties and WWH coupling structure
 - invisible decays
 - Higgs to muons (2nd generation Yukawa)
 - former stealth models...
- hardly anything still correct in Higgs chapter of Atlas TDR
- ⇒ for WBF we need to understand central jet veto [or give up and measure it]
- ⇒ for some measurements we need NLO backgrounds
- ⇒ it is a disgrace that we will miss $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$
- ⇒ if SM then higher-dimensional operators mandatory [absolutely nothing done yet]