

# Theory Questions for the Higgs Sector

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⇒ **experimentalists talk, theorists listen** [speaker quietly leaving the stage]

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- WBF analyses still weak
- $VH$  and  $t\bar{t}H$  missing
- self coupling not accessible?

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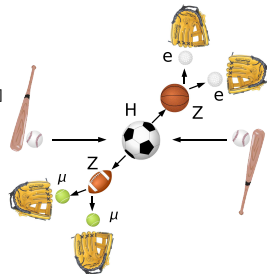
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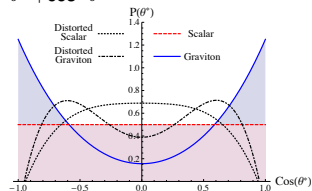
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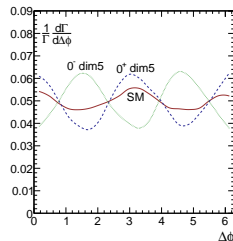
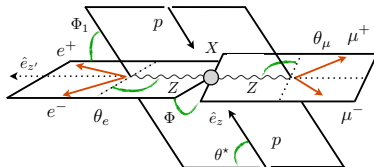
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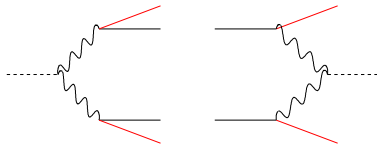
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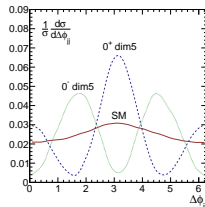
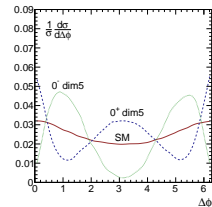
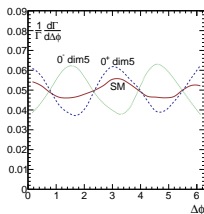
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- Higgs operators testable in almost all channels [MC: Madgraph, etc]

⇒ will this work?

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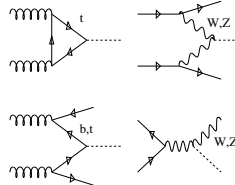
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## Why 126 GeV is perfect [Dührssen et al; SFitter 2009/2012; Contino et al; Grojean et al]

- measurements:  $GF : H \rightarrow ZZ, WW, \gamma\gamma$  [2011]  
 $WBF : H \rightarrow ZZ, WW, \gamma\gamma, \tau\tau$  [2012]  
 $VH : H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  [2015: BDRS?]  
 $t\bar{t}H : H \rightarrow b\bar{b} \dots$  [2015: boosted?]
- parameters:  $g_{HXX}$  with  $X = W, Z, t, b, \tau, g, \gamma$  [plus Higgs mass, maybe  $Z\gamma$ ]
- correlations:  $N_{\text{ev}} \propto \frac{g_p^2 g_d^2}{\Gamma_{\text{tot}}(\{g_X^2\})}$

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## SFitter ansatz [(Döhrssen), Klute, Lafaye, TP, Rauch, Zerwas]

- experimental/theory errors on signal and backgrounds [RFit]  
Atlas and CMS both included  
total width from observed partial widths [most general ansatz now]  
electroweak corrections still not relevant
- starting point: exclusive likelihood map  
individual coupling: profile likelihood  
best fit: Minuit  
errors: toy measurements

⇒ global and local analysis possible

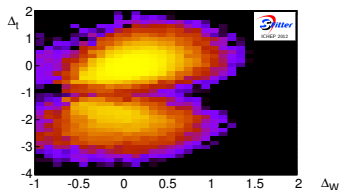
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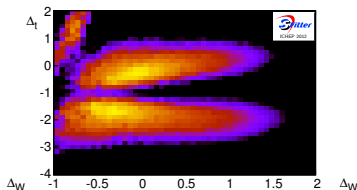
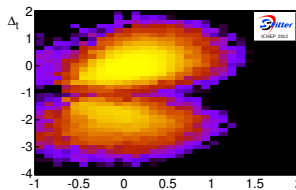
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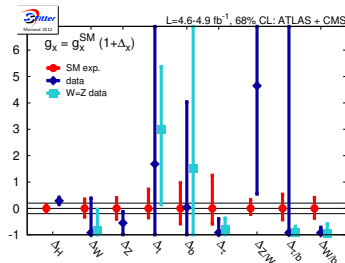
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- focus on SM solution where possible
  - five couplings from data
    - $g_W \sim 0$  while  $g_Z$  okay
    - $g_b$  and  $g_t$  hurt by secondary solution
    - $g_\tau$  inconclusive in data
  - poor man's analysis great:  $\Delta_j \equiv \Delta_H$
- ⇒ pointing towards Standard Model?



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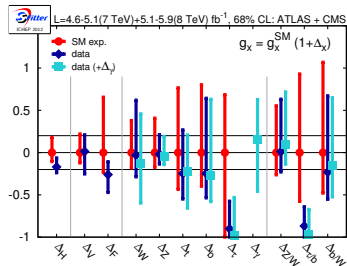
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hypothesis	$\chi^2_{2012}/\text{dof}$	sol's
Standard Model	43.3/54	
form factor $\Delta_H$	32.2/53	1
two-parameter $\Delta_{V,f}$	29.0/52	2
independent $\Delta_x$	27.7/49	3
including $\Delta_\gamma$	27.3/48	2

# More on couplings

## Anomalous Higgs couplings [Hagiwara et al; Corbett, Eboli, Gonzales-Fraile, Gonzales-Garcia]

- anomalous couplings from D6 operators  $f_j$  [index '2' for  $W_{\mu\nu} W^{\mu\nu}$ ]

$$g_{Hgg} = -\frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi} \frac{f_g V}{\Lambda^2}$$

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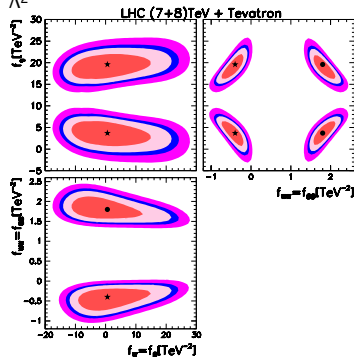
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- assume  $f_W = f_B$  [otherwise no convergence]

fit  $f_{gg}, f_{WW}, f_{BB}$

observe usual sign-flip degeneracy

compare to  $\Delta\kappa$  and  $\Lambda$  in  $g_{WWV}$





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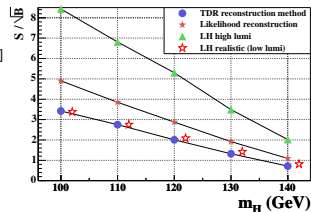
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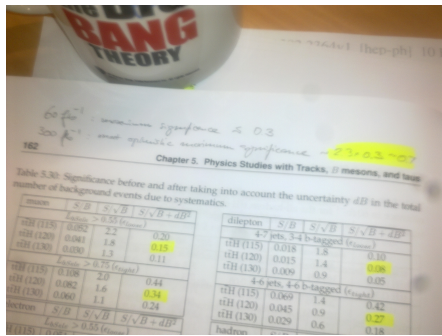
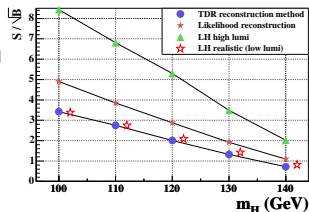
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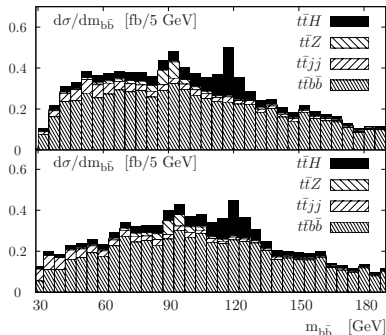
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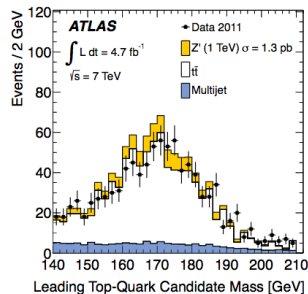
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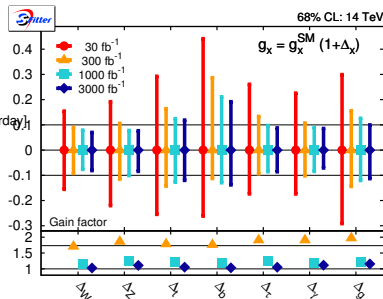
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- crucial to understand Higgs sector [details later]
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reconstruction and rate:  $\bar{t} \rightarrow \bar{b}W^- \rightarrow \bar{b}jj$
- continuum background  $t\bar{t}b\bar{b}, t\bar{t}jj$  [weighted by b-tag]
- not a chance:
  - 1– combinatorics:  $m_H$  in  $pp \rightarrow 4b_{tag} 2j \ell \nu$
  - 2– kinematics: peak-on-peak
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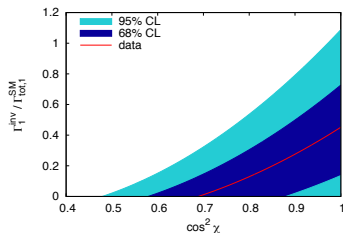
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## Higgs portal [e.g. Englert, Plehn, Rauch, Zerwas, Zerwas]

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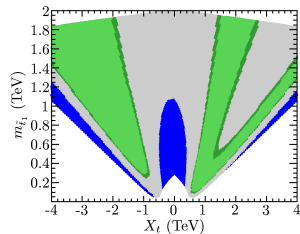




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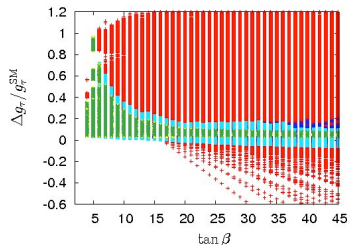
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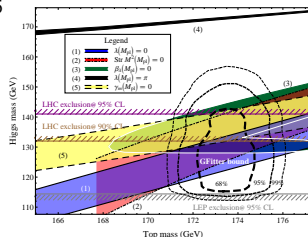
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- IR fixed point for  $\lambda/y_t^2$  fixing  $m_H^2/m_t^2$  [with gravity: Shaposhnikov, Wetterich]

$$m_H = 126.3 + \frac{m_t - 171.2}{2.1} \times 4.1 - \frac{\alpha_s - 0.1176}{0.002} \times 1.5$$

- Planck-scale conditions [Holthausen, Lim, Lindner]

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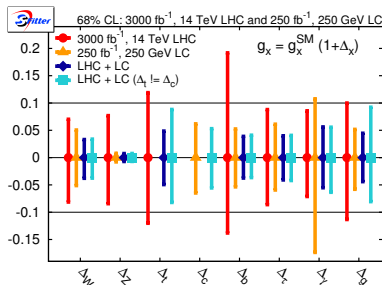
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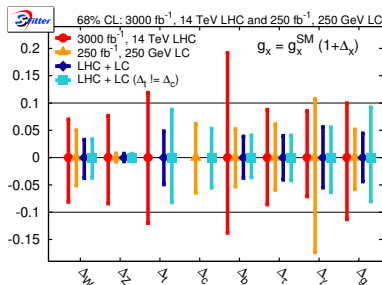
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## Best channel $q\bar{q} \rightarrow VH, H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$

- let me comment on CMS analysis
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  - fudge factor  $\text{Data/MC} = 1.91 \pm 0.14 \pm 0.31$  for  $Wb\bar{b}$
  - data-estimated background  $\Delta\sigma/\sigma \sim 10\%$
  - 12 observables in BDT [most of them work and are understood]
  - no side bands with any  $S/B$
- ⇒ how will this ever work?

[my hopes rest on BDRS and jet substructure]

