



# Higgs Boson: 10 Years and beyond

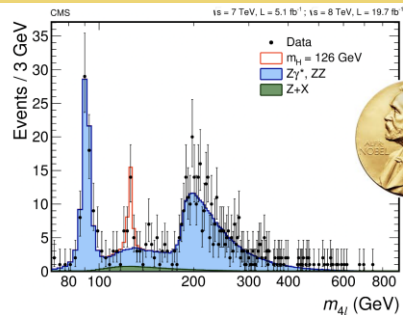
**In honor of Tejinder Virdee**

**Chiara Mariotti, Royal Society  
London, 13-14 October 2022**

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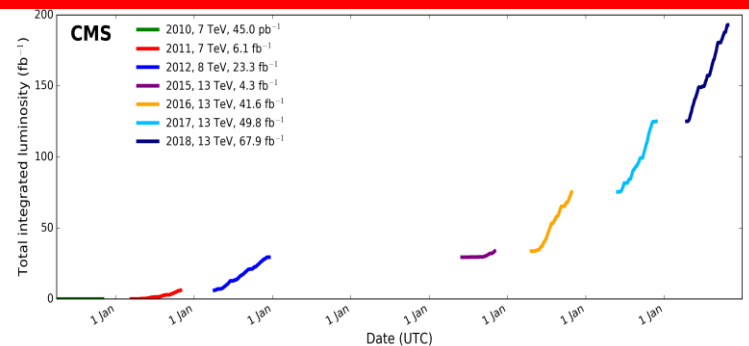
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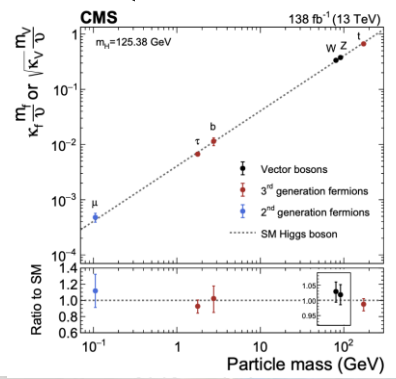
The WLCG

Run2 wrt Run1  
 Lumi  $\times 10$  more  
 $\sigma \times 2-4$  larger  
 Higgs  $\times 30$  more

Amazing LHC: from 7 to 13 TeV,  $L > 140 \text{ fb}^{-1}$



PRECISE MEASUREMENTS



The LHCHSWG

Superb detector performance



**The Higgs field  
and  
the Higgs boson**

# The Higgs boson

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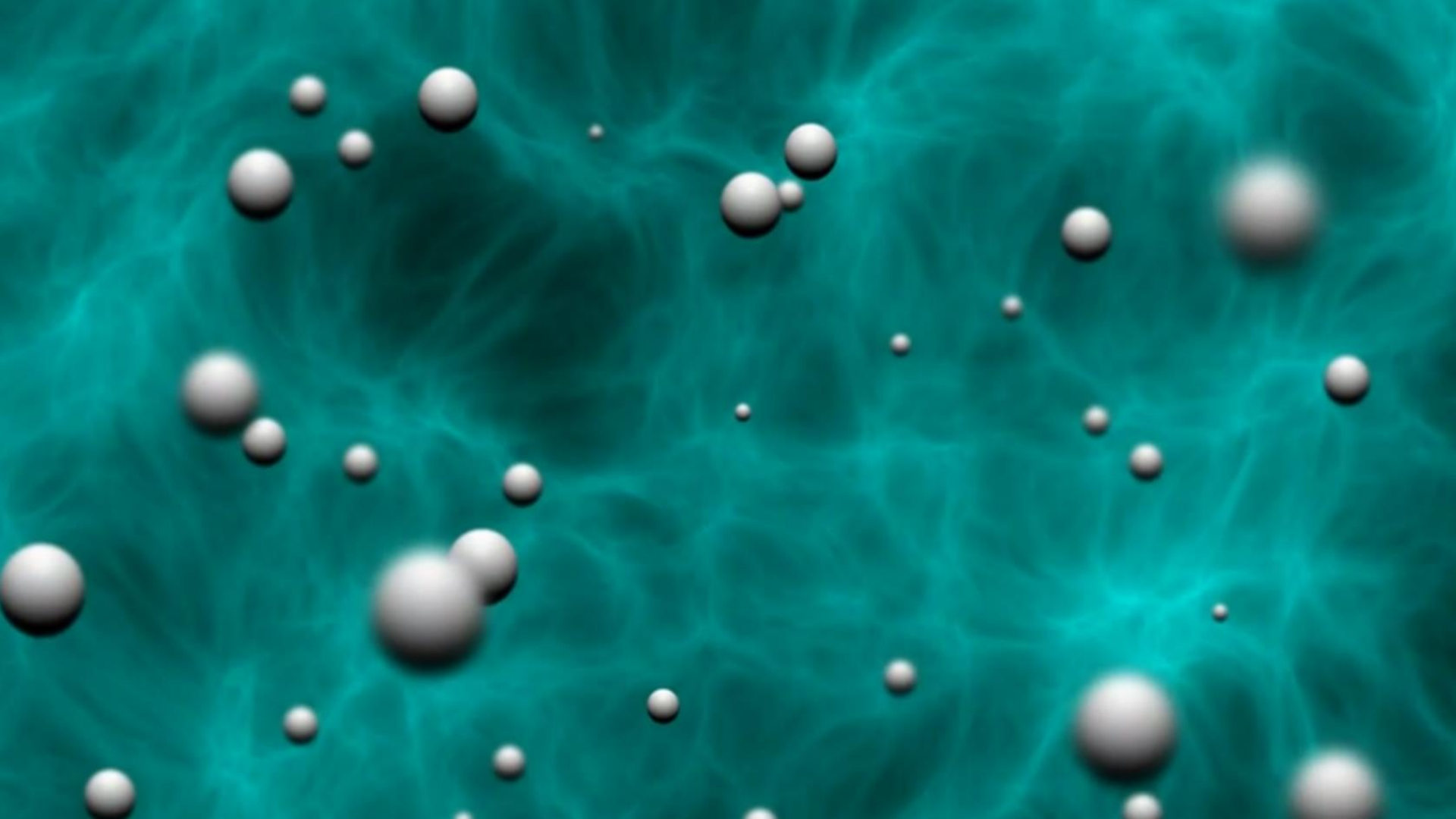
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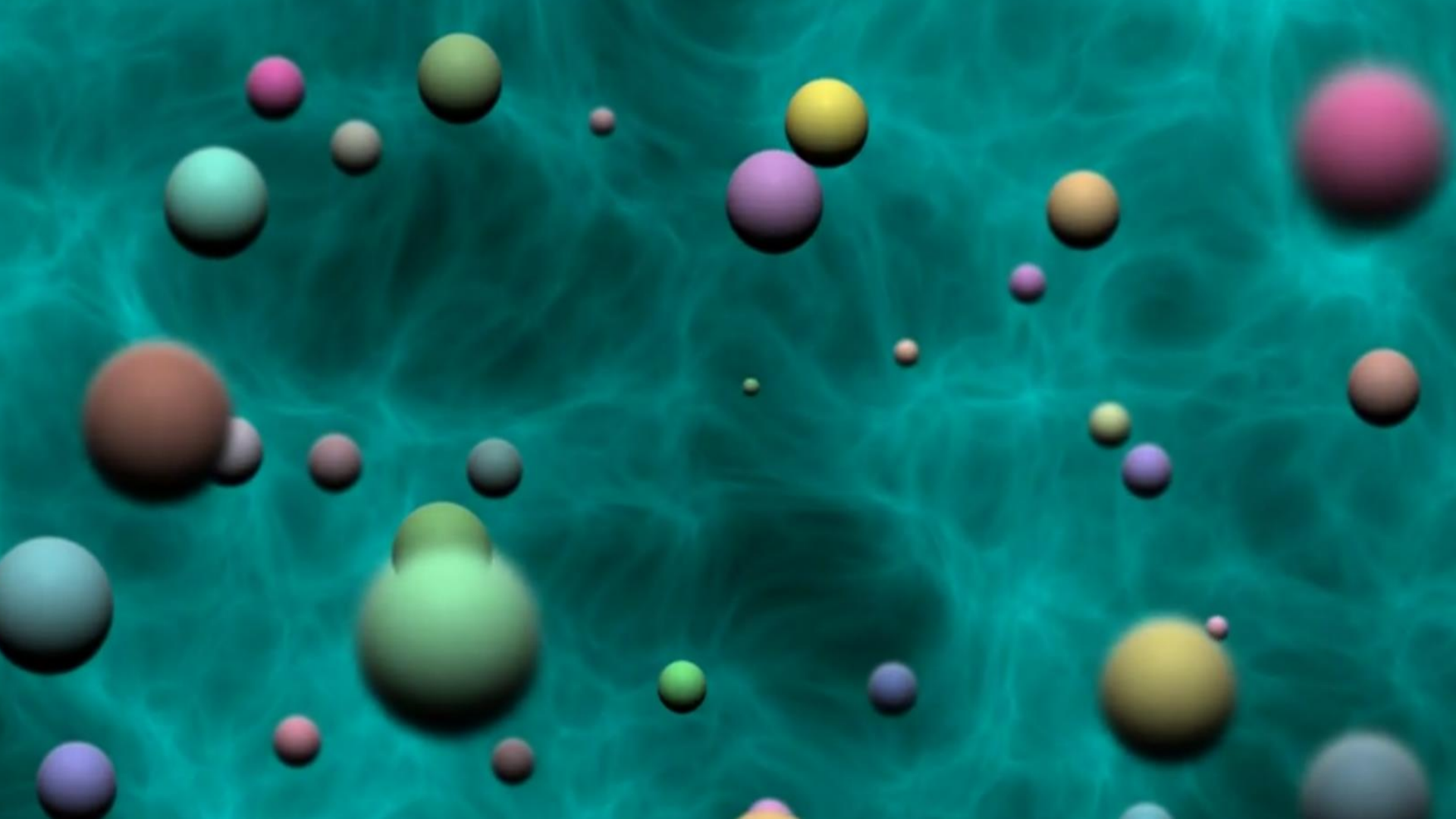
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## A portrait of the Higgs boson by the CMS experiment ten years after the discovery

A cosmic background featuring a vibrant nebula with shades of purple, blue, and orange, interspersed with numerous bright stars. A white horizontal timeline with vertical tick marks is positioned across the middle. A yellow dot on the left side of the timeline is connected to the text below by a vertical line.

**$10^{-10}$  SECONDS**  
**AFTER BIG BANG**





# The Higgs boson

The Higgs boson is a prediction of a mechanism that took place in the early Universe, less than a picosecond after the Big Bang

The W and Z boson acquire mass, the photon remains massless

which led to the electromagnetic and the weak interactions becoming distinct in their actions.

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# Special quantum numbers

$$J^{PC} = 0^{++}$$

In the SM, this mechanism, labelled as the Brout–Englert–Higgs (BEH) mechanism, introduces a complex scalar (spin-0) field that permeates the entire Universe. Its quantum manifestation is known as the SM Higgs boson.

Scalar fields are described only by a number at every point in space that is invariant under Lorentz transformations.

An analogy can be drawn of a map of an area where temperature is shown at various positions mimicking a scalar field. The same map, where instead the wind speed and direction are shown, would correspond to a vector field.



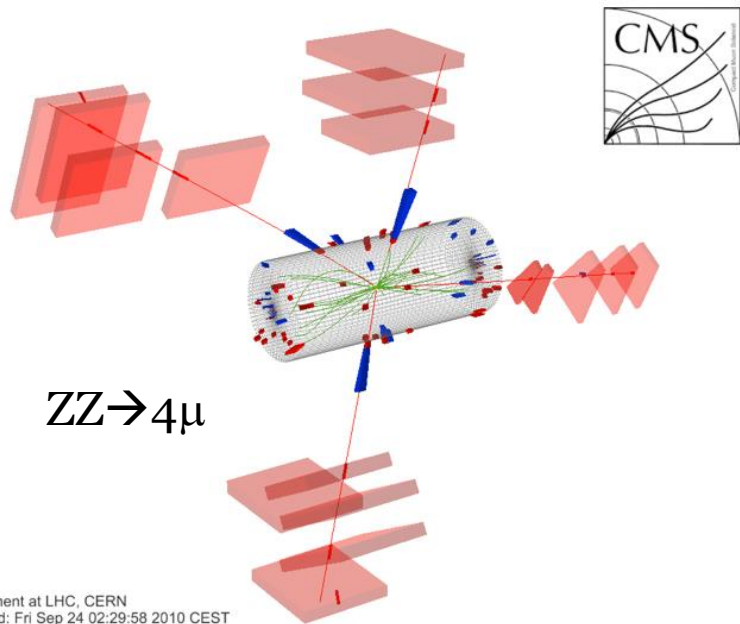
**“Thus, the elementary particles interacting with the BEH field acquire mass.**

**The impact is far reaching: for example, electrons become massive, allowing atoms to form, and endowing our Universe with the observed complexity.”**

A photograph of a long, brightly lit particle accelerator tunnel, likely the Large Hadron Collider, with blue and white structural elements and a central beam pipe receding into the distance.

# **On the way to the discovery**

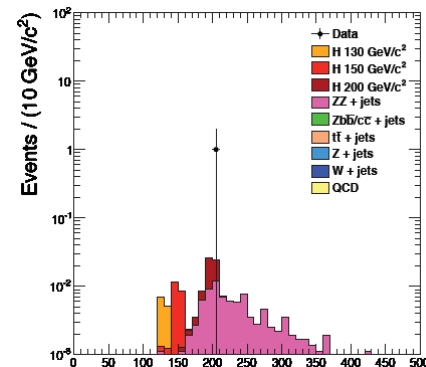
# The first spectacular event, Sept 2010



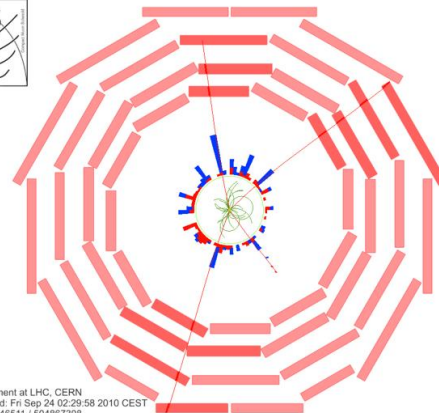
$ZZ \rightarrow 4\mu$

CMS Experiment at LHC, CERN  
Data recorded: Fri Sep 24 02:29:58 2010 CEST  
Run/Event: 146511 / 504867308

$m(4\ell)$ [GeV/c <sup>2</sup> ]	$m(2\ell)$ [GeV/c <sup>2</sup> ]	$p_T(\mu)$ [GeV/c]	$\mu_{\text{Iso}}$	$S_{\text{IP}}$
201.7	92.12	19.56	0	0.537
		25.88	0	1.029
	92.23	48.14	0	0.994
		43.44	0	0.411

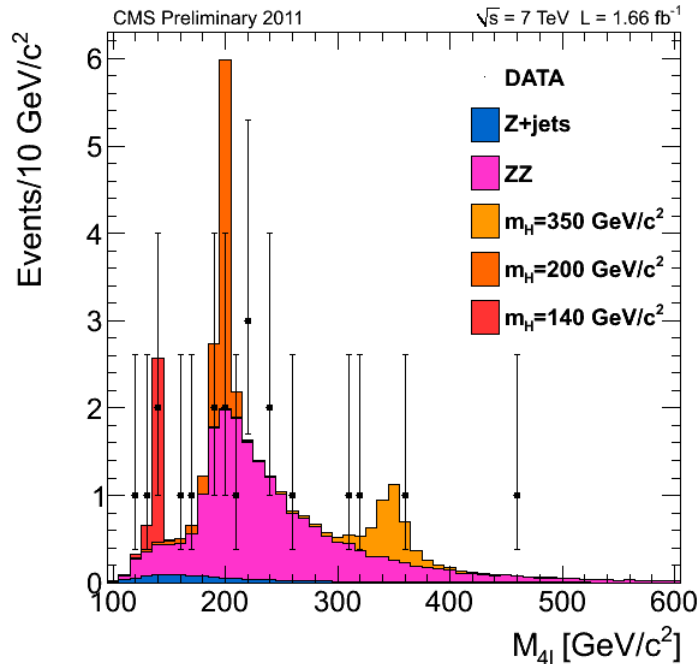


Prob = 23% to observe  $ZZ \rightarrow 4\mu$   
in  $35\text{pb}^{-1}$  at 7 TeV



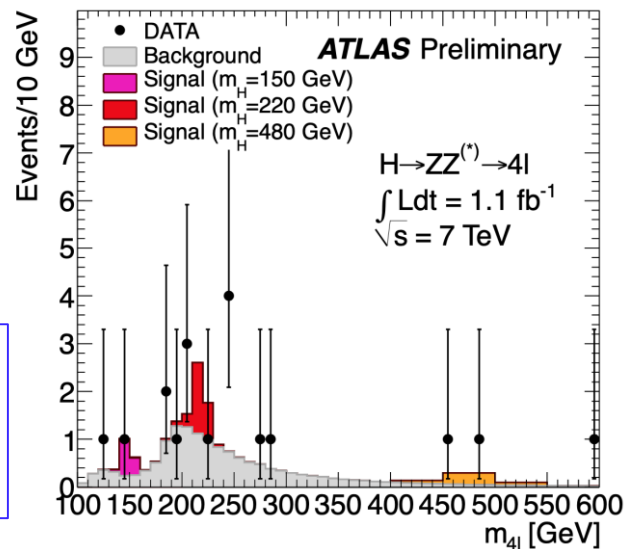
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# Grenoble EPS Conference July 2011



We/HZZ4l went into « panic » mode  
In July 2011: we had to defend all the events,  
one by one, we scrutinised all the MonteCarlo

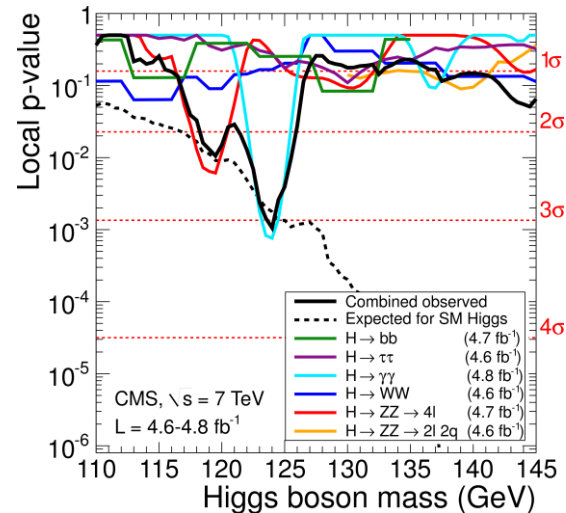
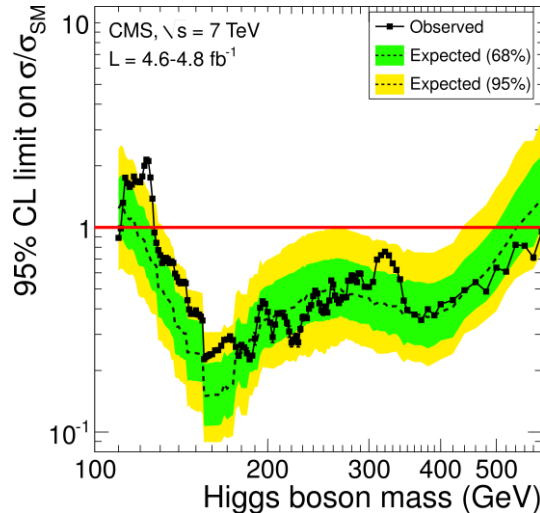
We/HZZ4l were under heavy review from  
the collaboration, to be finally approved  
and able to present the result at EPS-11



# DEC 2011: Towards a discovery

LHC: Dec 2011: very important results:

The Higgs boson is excluded in a large region of mass  
and it is NOT excluded in a small interval



LHC 2012 blind analysis focused on  $m \sim 115 - 130$  GeV: Optimisation of the analyses with MonteCarlo, **without looking at the data.**

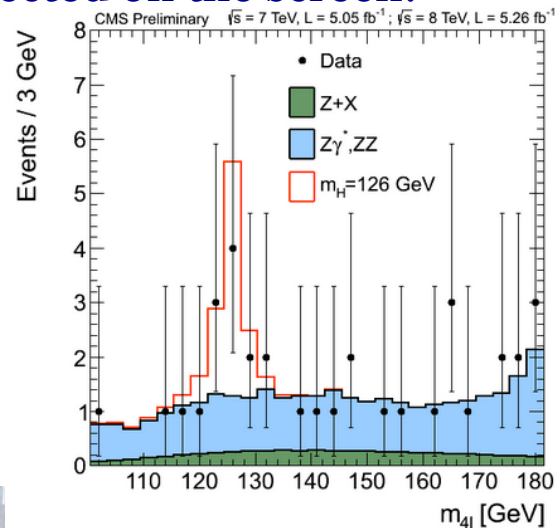
# The D-day

The 14 of June of 2012 at 19h00:

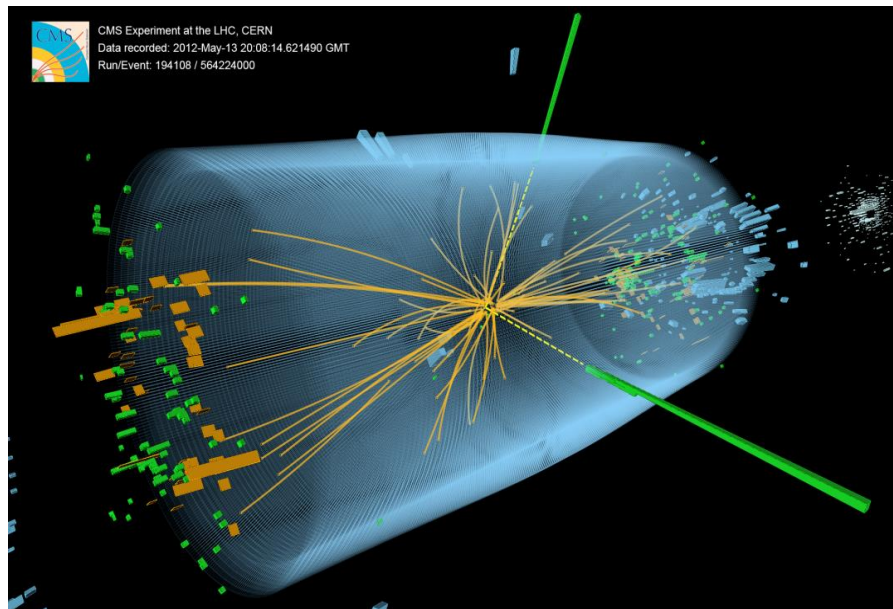
The analysis was ready. It could be no more optimised.

We could finally «*open the box*», i.e. look at the DATA.

We did run the analysis on the data, and we projected on the screen:

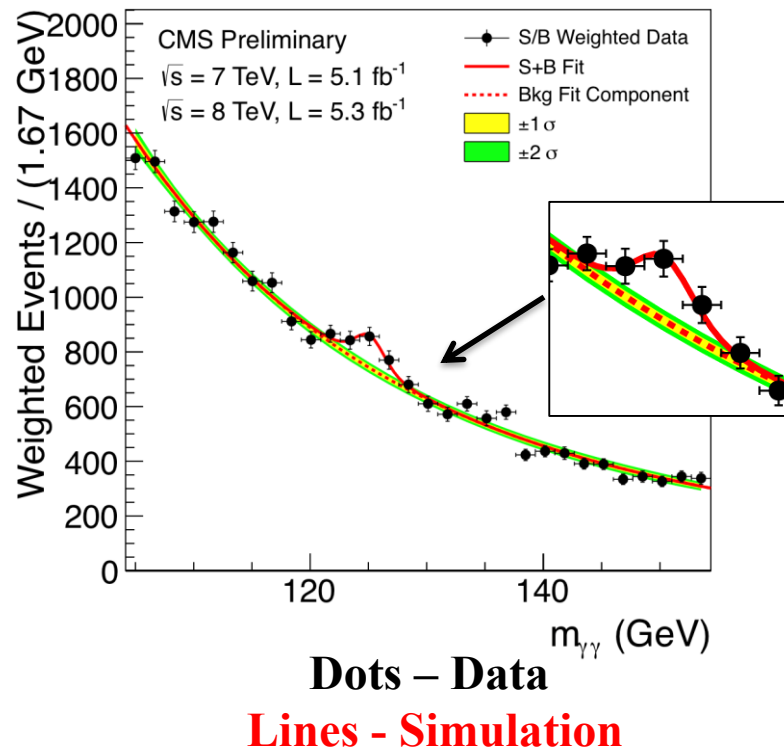


# H $\rightarrow$ $\gamma\gamma$ , 14 June 2012



We look for an **excess** of events in the **2 photons** mass spectra  $m_{\gamma\gamma}$

$$pp \rightarrow H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$$





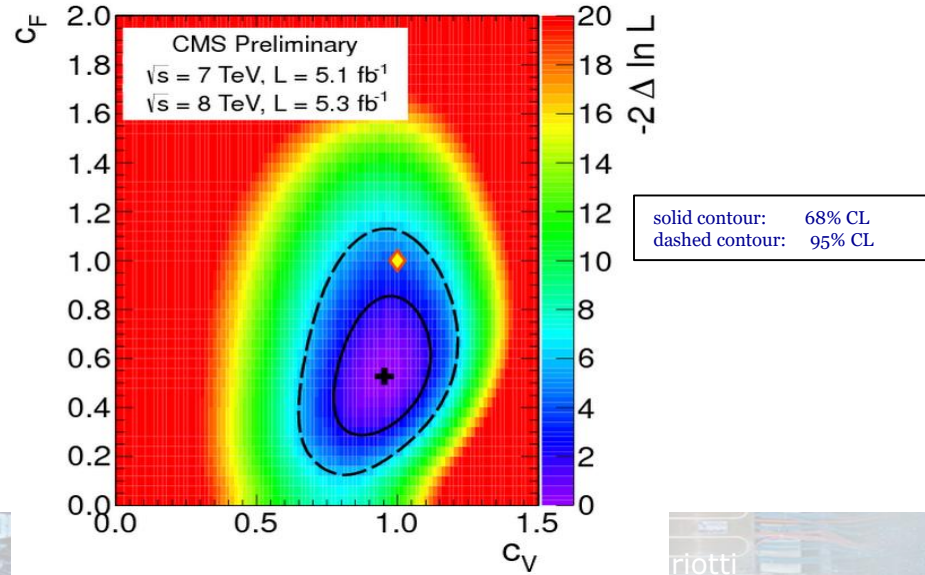
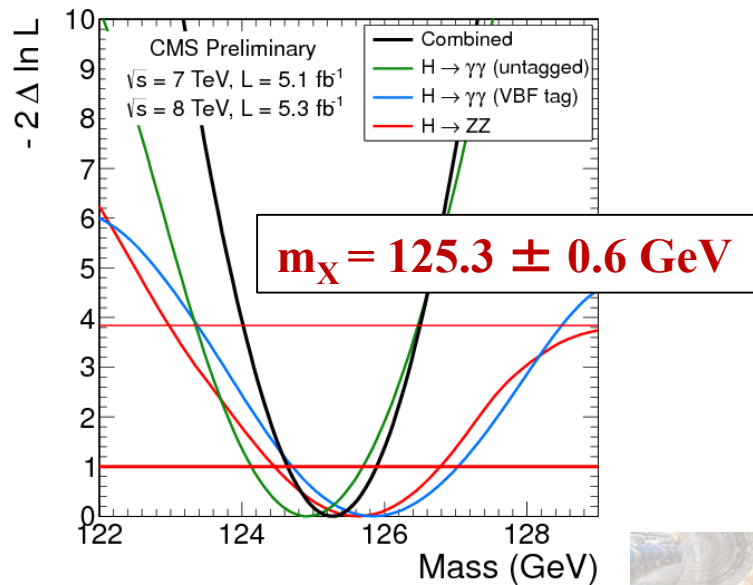
# Towards the 4<sup>th</sup> of July

**Jim** was the ARC chair of the Higgs combination paper.

He was extremely cautious and wanted to understand all the details.

2 intense weeks: meeting every day at 9pm or 11pm or later (!!!!) WHY!

We were ready to measure the characteristics of the boson in case we could reach the 5 sigmas: mass and couplings



4 July 2012



July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 18:00h



July 4<sup>th</sup>, 07:00h



July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 22:00h



# Jim was in IC that day... with Tom Kibble



**Observation of a new particle with a mass of  
 $\sim 125$  GeV in the search for the SM Higgs boson**

**Colloquium at Imperial College**  
5<sup>th</sup> July 2012

*Sergio da Mattia Veneto*

**Physics Introduction  
The Accelerator and CMS  
Results from the Search  
for the Higgs Boson  
Outlook**



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Tejinder S. Virdee, Imperial College

# The « discovery » letter

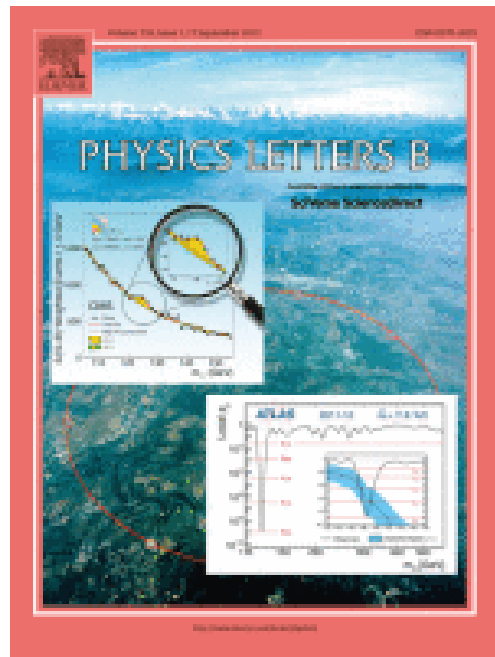
31 July 2012

Observation of a New Boson at a Mass of 125 GeV with the CMS Experiment at the LHC

CMS Collaboration • Serguei Chatrchyan (Yerevan Phys. Inst.) et al. (Jul, 2012)

Published in: *Phys.Lett.B* 716 (2012) 30-61 • e-Print: 1207.7235 [hep-ex]

🔄 13,242 citations



# Prizes

## Honoris Causa Lyon (Dec 2013)



## Honoris Causa QMW 2013



# EPS PRIZE - at the EPS conference

## European Physical Society PRIZE

### The 2013 High Energy and Particle Physics Prize

for an outstanding contribution to High Energy Physics

is awarded to the

### ATLAS and CMS collaborations

"for the discovery of a Higgs boson, as predicted by the Brout-Englert-Higgs mechanism"

and to

### Michel Della Negra, Peter Jenni, and Tejinder Virdee

"for their pioneering and outstanding leadership rôles in the making of the ATLAS and CMS experiments"

John Dudley



President  
European Physical Society

Paris Sphicas



Chairman  
High Energy and Particle Physics Division

Stockholm, Sweden, July 2013





Michel Della Negra, Peter  
for their pioneering and outstanding leadership

John Dudley

President  
European Central Bank

# The Nobel Prize

## The Nobel Prize in Physics 2013

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences has decided to award the Nobel Prize in Physics for 2013 to

**François Englert**

Université Libre de Bruxelles, Brussels, Belgium

**Peter W. Higgs**

University of Edinburgh, UK

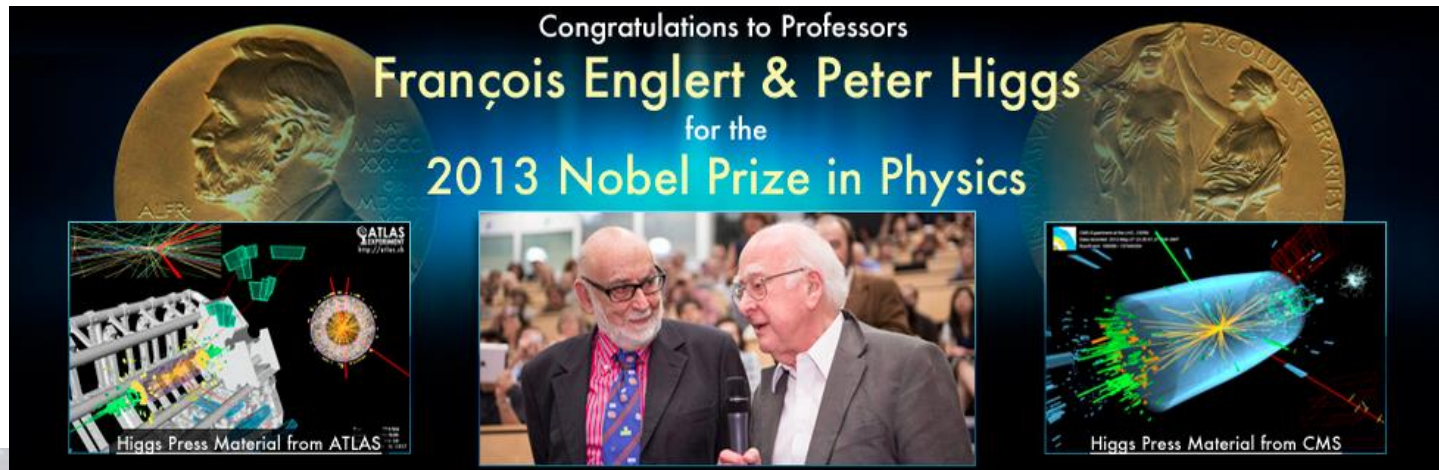
*“for the theoretical discovery of a mechanism that contributes to our understanding of the origin of mass of subatomic particles, and which recently was confirmed through the discovery of the predicted fundamental particle, by the ATLAS and CMS experiments at CERN’s Large Hadron Collider”*

Congratulations to Professors

## François Englert & Peter Higgs

for the

## 2013 Nobel Prize in Physics

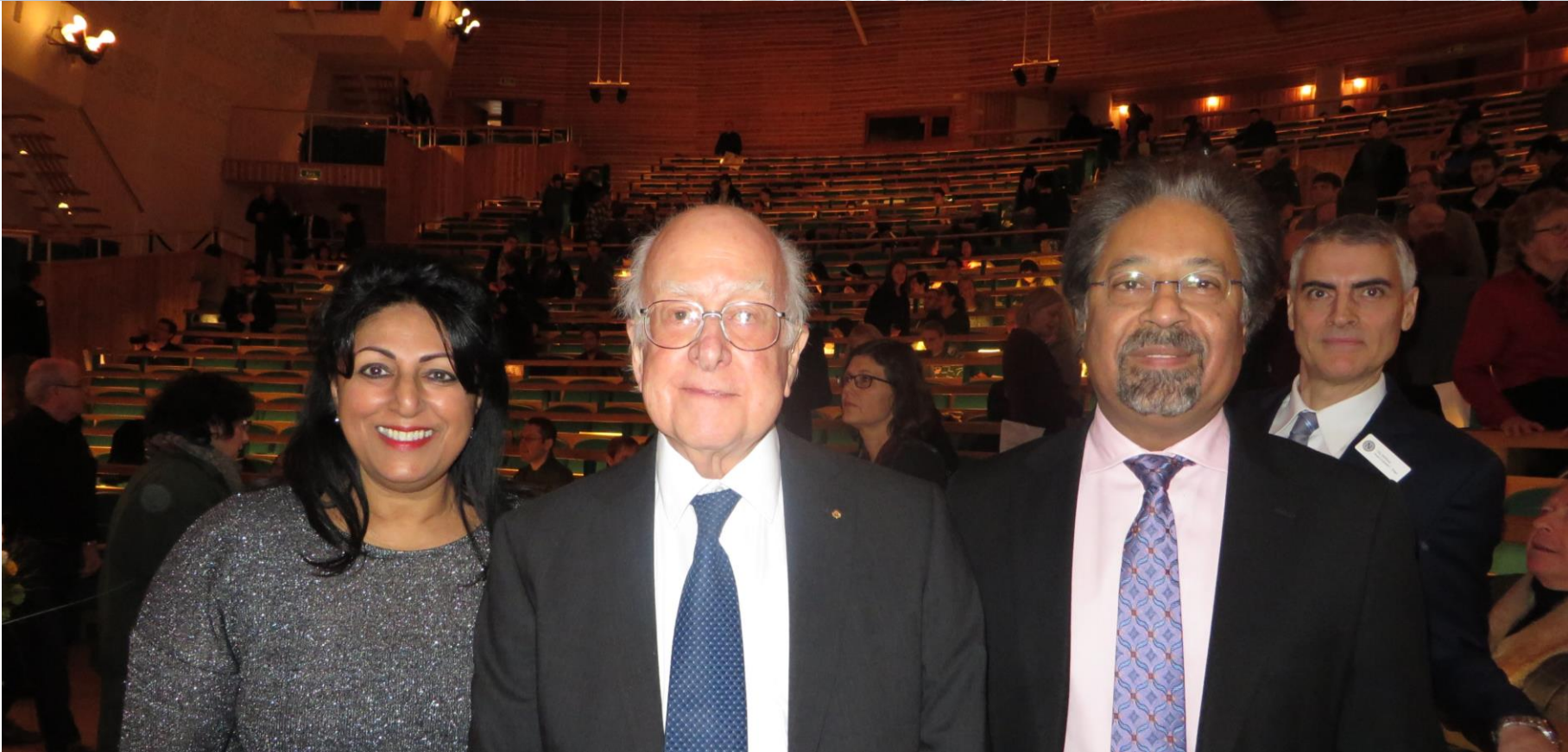


Higgs Press Material from ATLAS

Higgs Press Material from CMS



# Stockholm EPS Prize – Vatsala and Tejinder with Peter Higgs



# In Stockholm, December 2013



# 2013 Breakthrough Prize Fundamental Physics



For their leadership role in the scientific endeavour that led to the discovery of the new [Higgs-like particle](#) by the [ATLAS](#) and [CMS](#) collaborations at [CERN](#)'s [Large Hadron Collider](#).

## 2014 Knight Bachelor : For services to science



Professor Virdee is one of the UK's most distinguished physicists and, as one of the creators of the Compact Muon Solenoid (CMS) Experiment he has made outstanding contributions to science. The CMS experiment, at the Large Hadron Collider, CERN, Geneva, has delivered seminal results in particle physics, including, and along with the ATLAS experiment, the groundbreaking discovery of the Higgs Boson. Beyond his innovative work in particle physics, he is also a great campaigner for science, and promoter of science and education in Africa and India.

# Important moments



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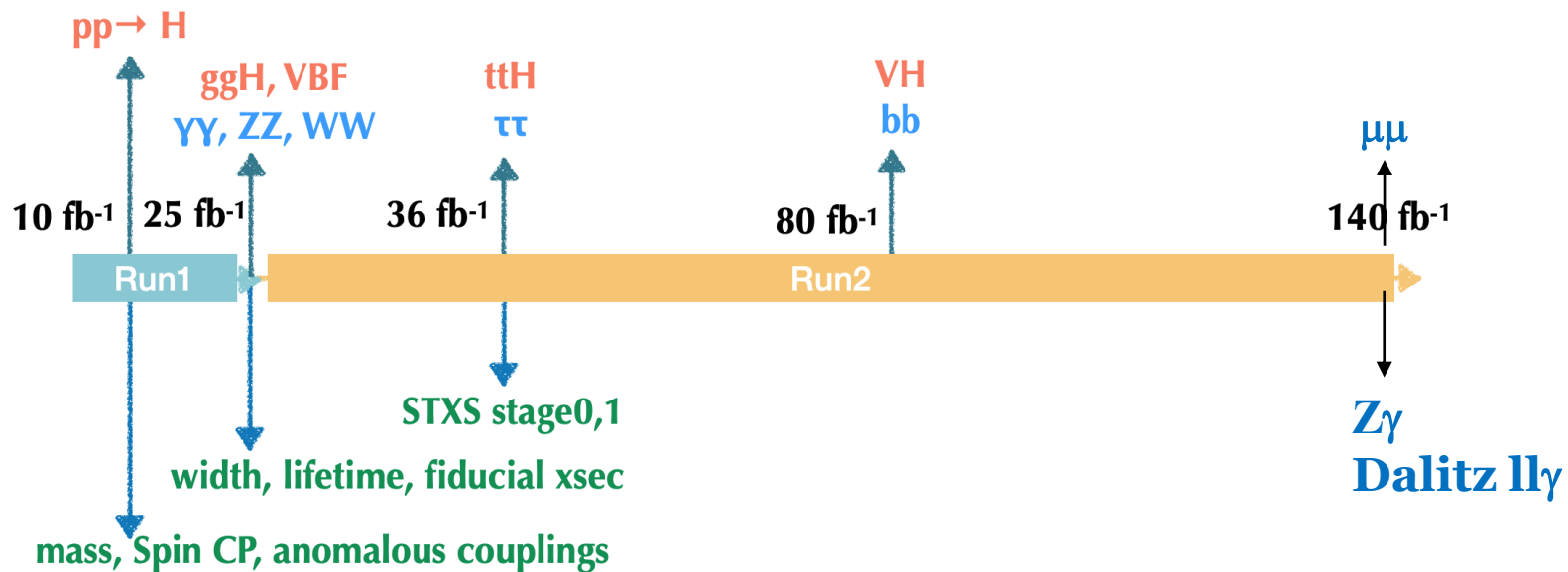
# Towards precision measurements

# From the 4 of July 2012 to the end of Run2

## Higgs story at the LHC

Main production:  $ggH$ ,  $VBF$ ,  $VH$ ,  $ttH$

Main decay:  $\gamma\gamma$ ,  $ZZ$ ,  $WW$ ,  $\tau\tau$ ,  $bb$



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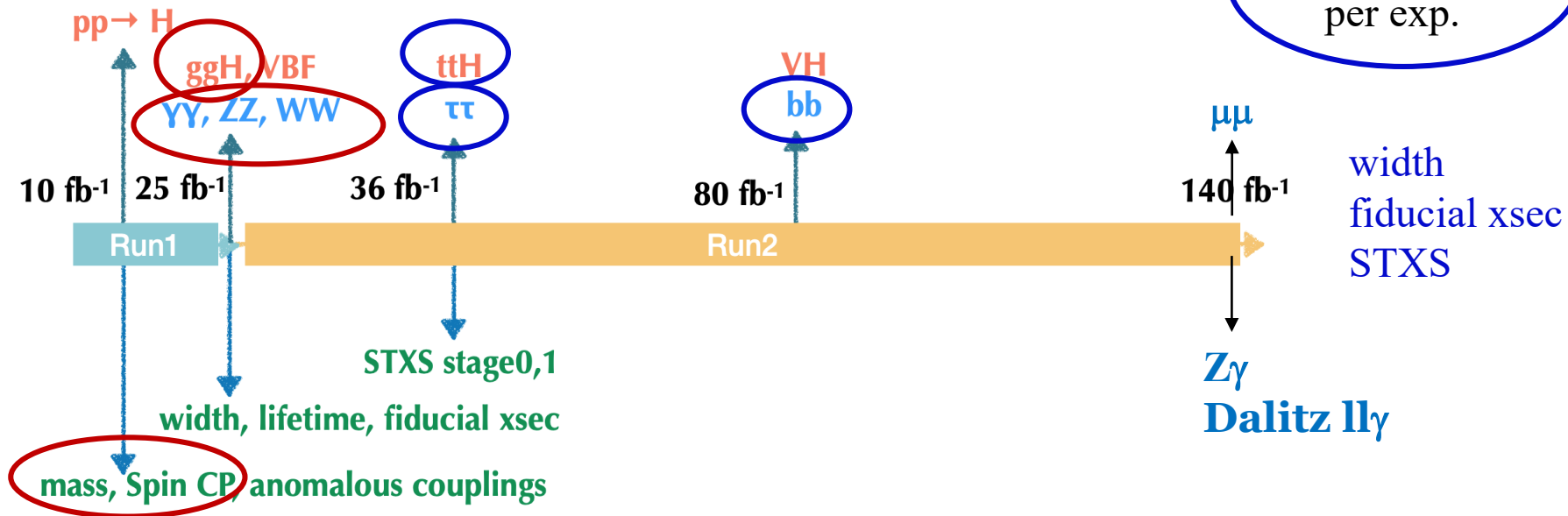
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~ 5% precision  
per exp.

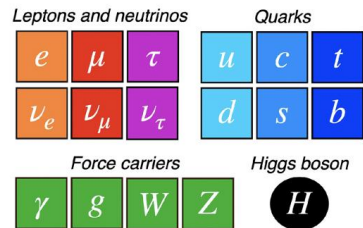
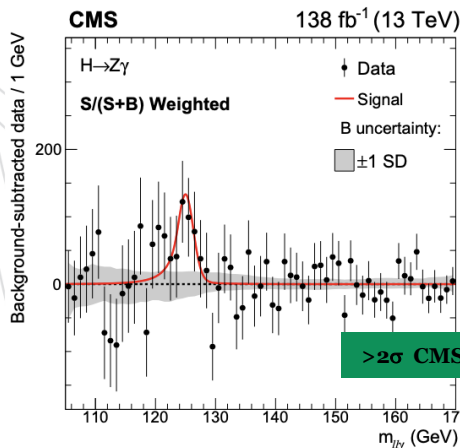
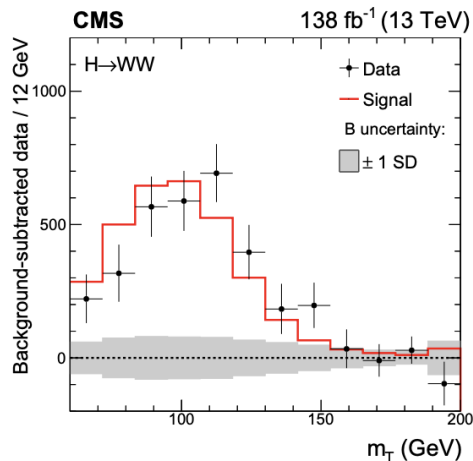
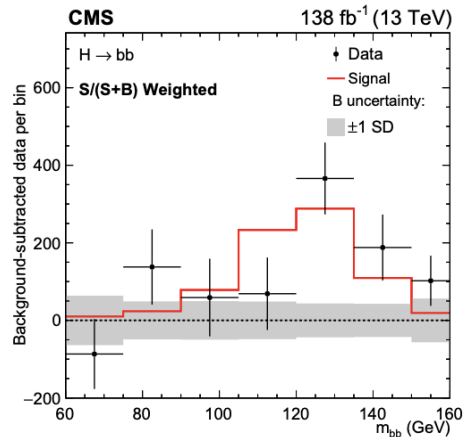
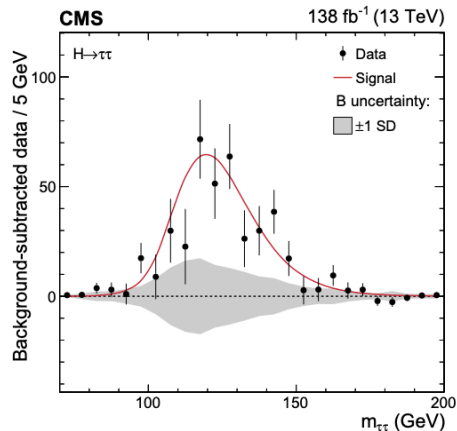
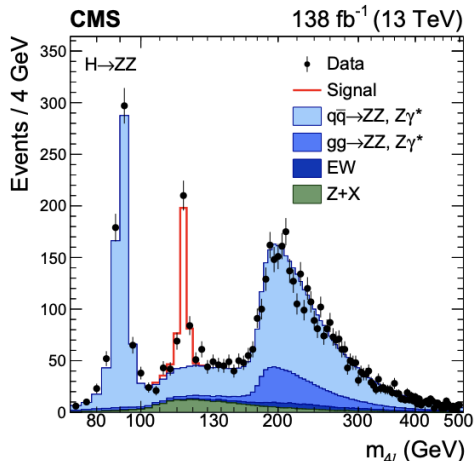
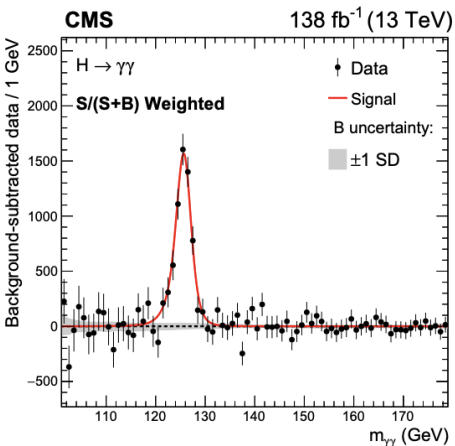
~10% precision  
per exp.



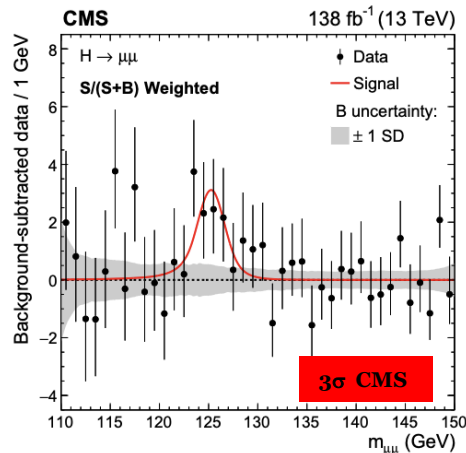


# Bosonic channels

# Fermionic channels

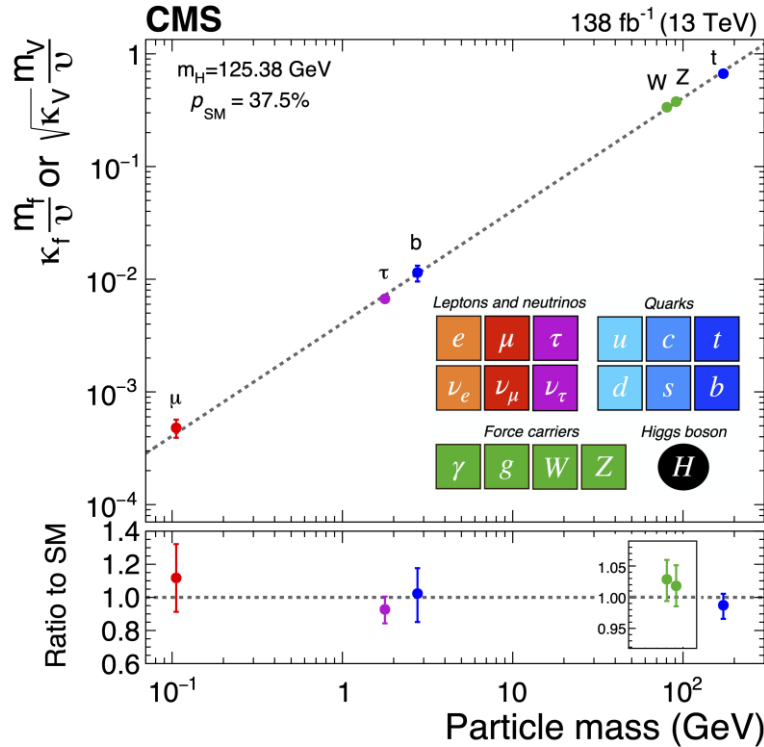


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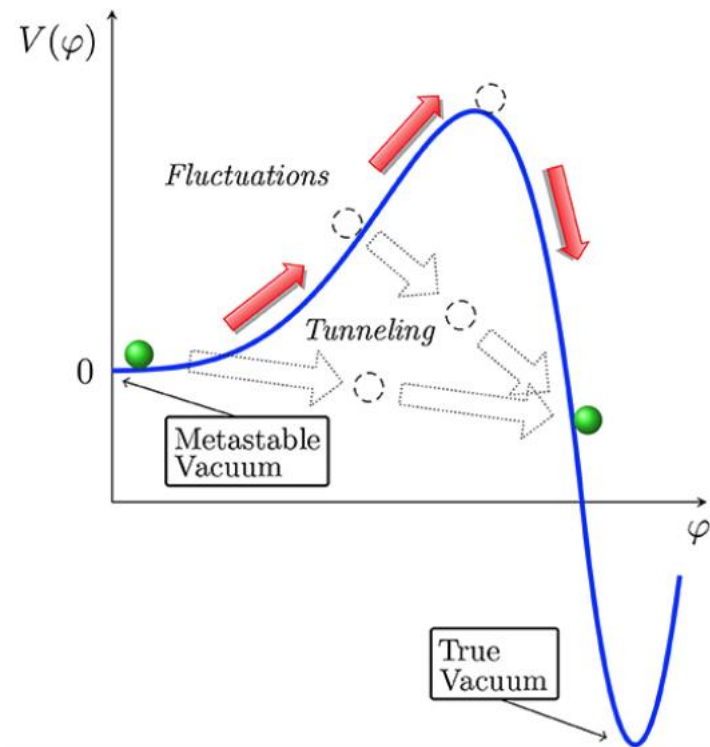
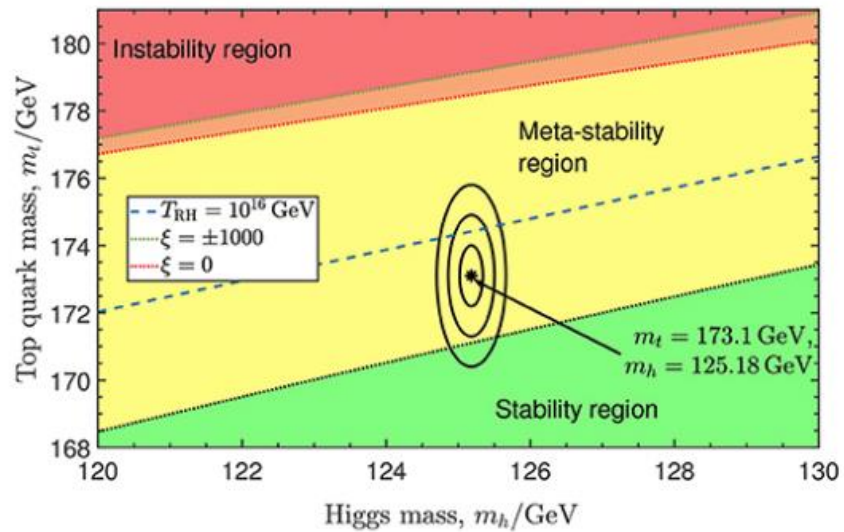
# The portrait of the Higgs boson

SM test over many orders of magnitude



The Higgs couples with the particle mass !

# The future of our universe



# The future of our universe

Much evidence points to the fact that the SM is a low-energy approximation of a more comprehensive theory. In connection with the mechanism of spontaneous symmetry breaking, several puzzles appear: the so-called naturalness, a technical issue related to the fact that the Higgs boson mass is close to the electroweak scale; in relation to cosmology, the metastability of the vacuum state of the SM and the conjectured period of inflation in the early Universe; the dynamics of the electroweak phase transition and its connection to the matter–antimatter asymmetry of our Universe. These issues motivate attempts at obtaining a deeper understanding of the physics of the Higgs boson.

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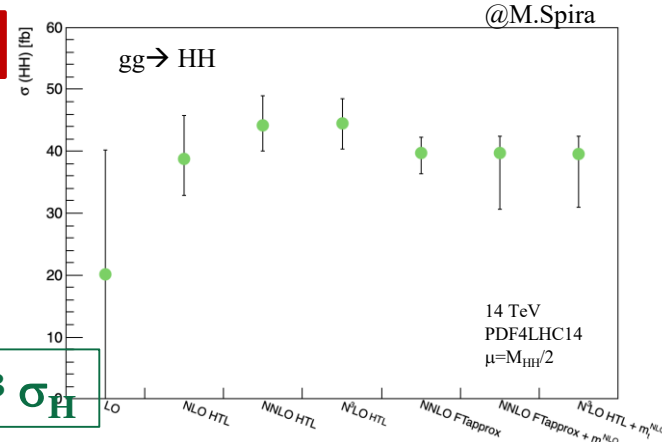
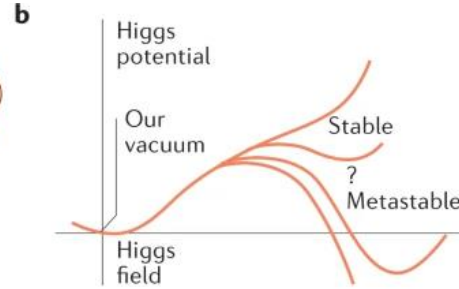
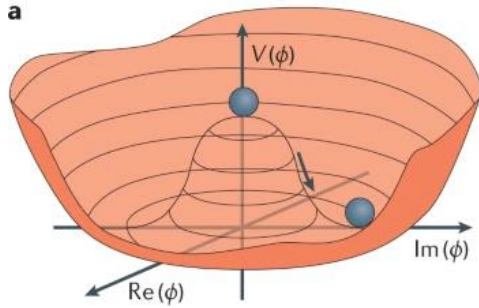
# The search for Higgs boson pair production

The Higgs potential

$$V(\phi) = \frac{1}{2}m_H^2\phi^2 + \sqrt{\lambda/2}m_H\phi^3 + \frac{1}{4}\lambda\phi^4$$

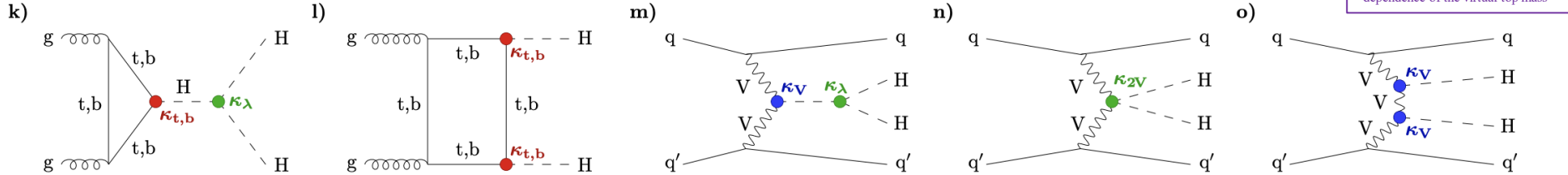
$$\lambda = m_H^2 / (2v^2)$$

**we measured the minimum, we should measure the curvature**

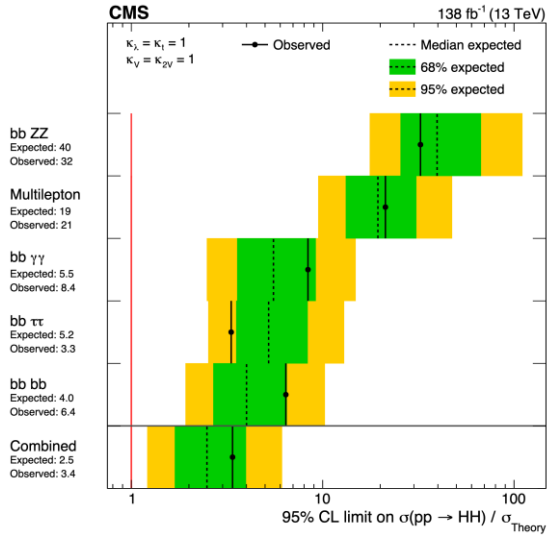


$$\sigma_{HH} \sim 10^{-3} \sigma_H$$

Higgs boson pair production

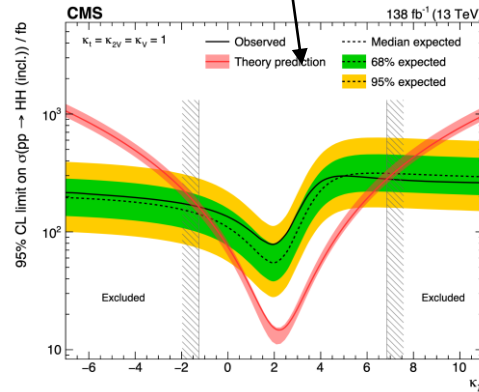
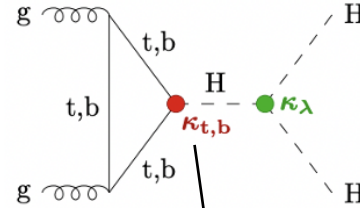


# Results on HH production

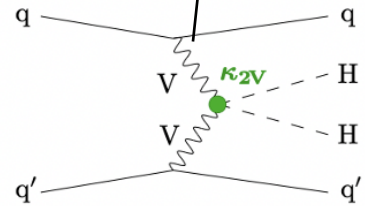
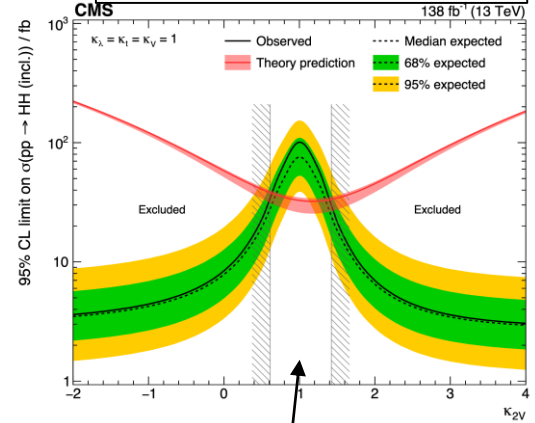


$$\sigma(\text{HH}) < 2. \div 3. \text{ SM}$$

ATLAS +CMS will observe HH production at HL-LHC at 5 s.d.



## VVHH indeed exists



# The near future

The impressive progress made over the past decade is foreseen to continue into the next one. The current dataset is expected to be doubled in size by the middle of this decade, enabling the establishment of rare decays channels such as  $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$  and  $H \rightarrow Z\gamma$ . Operation with the high-luminosity LHC is expected during the next decade and should yield ten times more data than originally foreseen. This should allow the ATLAS and CMS experiments to establish the SM Higgs boson pair production with a significance of 4 s.d., as well as the Higgs boson coupling to charm quarks, and to search for any exotic decays. Improvements in experimental techniques and theoretical calculations are also anticipated to continue. The CMS experiment is entering the era of precision Higgs physics that will shed light on BSM physics.

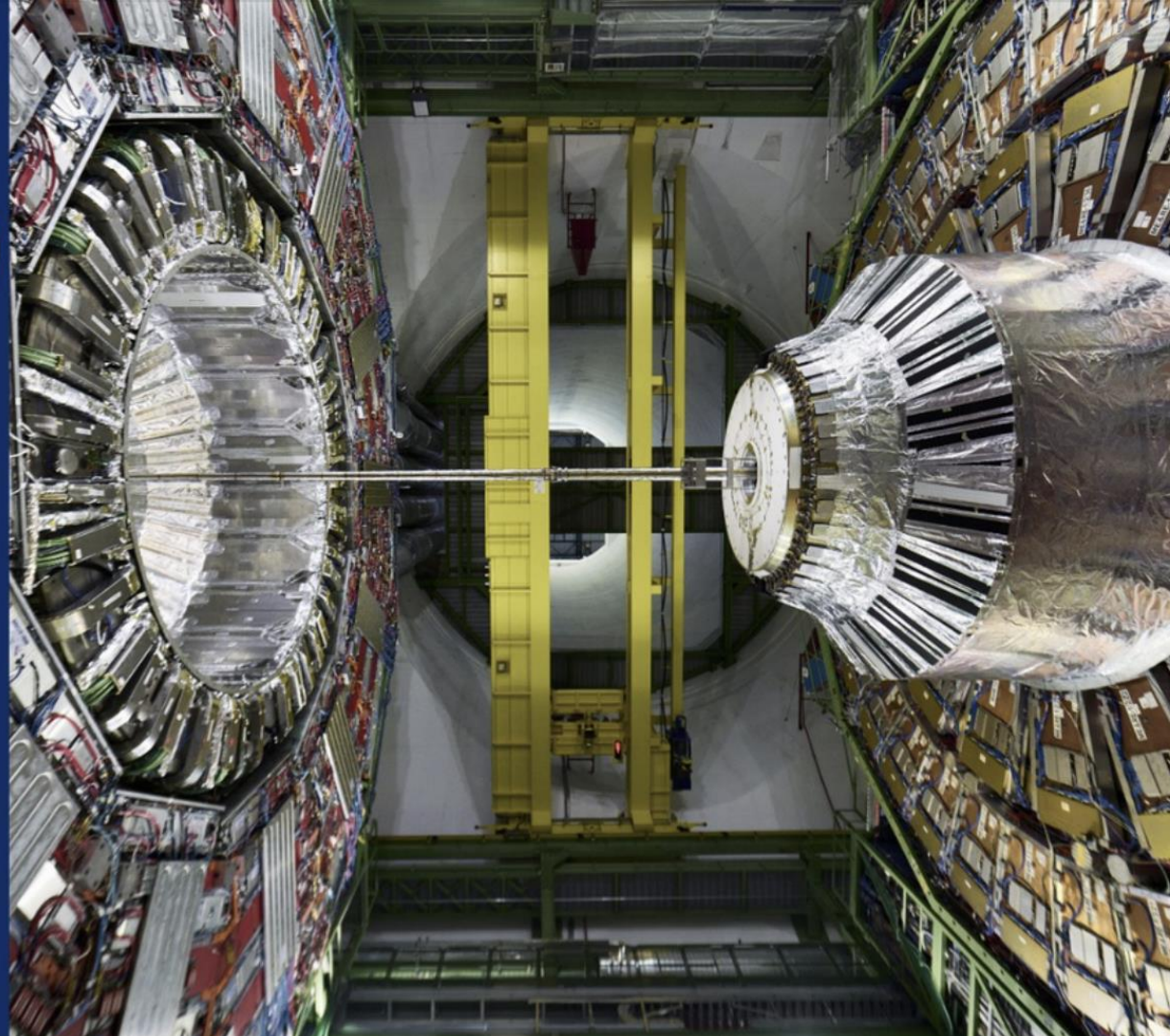
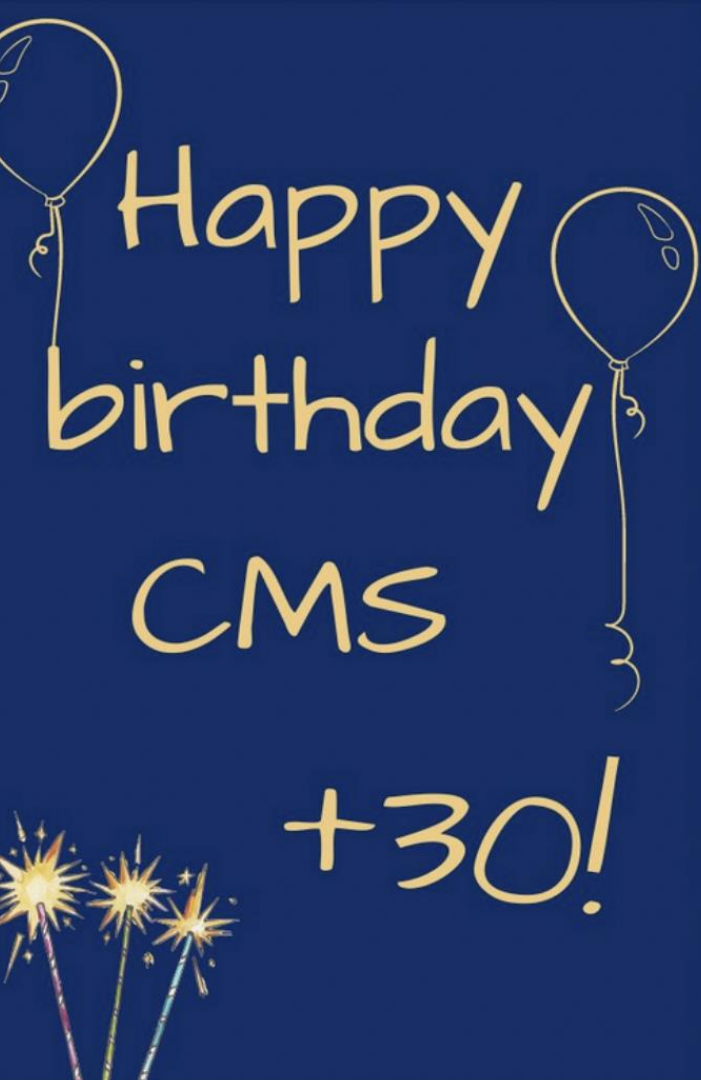
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**We have analysed up to now only 3% of the total number of Higgs boson that we will have at the end of LHC**

# Celebrating after the submission to Nature







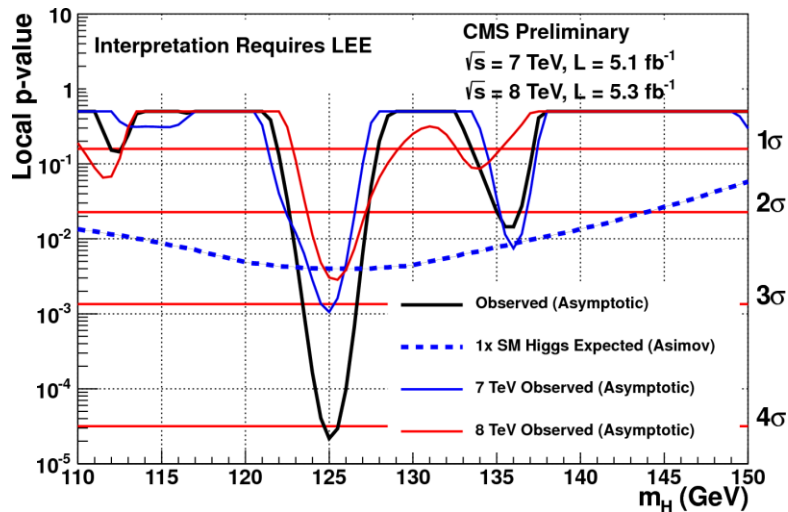


**Happy birthday  
Tejinder !!!!!**



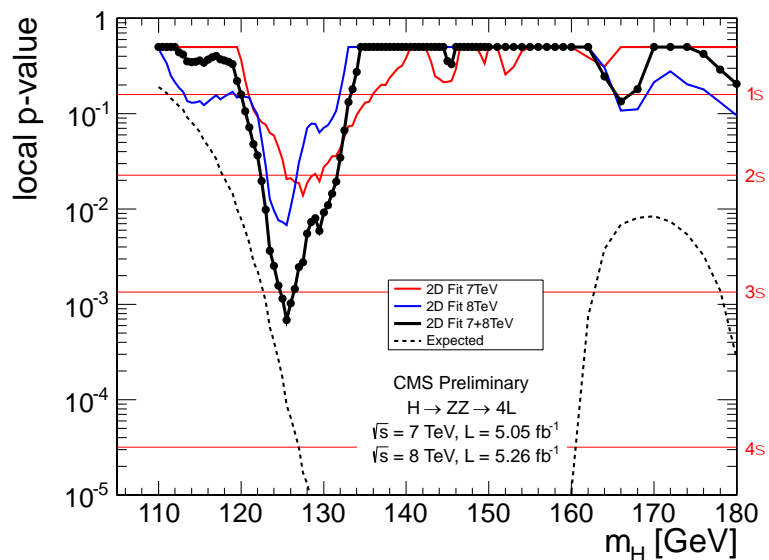
# The p-value: the compatibility of the data with the background only hypothesis

$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$



- Minimum local p-value at 125 GeV with a local significance of **4.1  $\sigma$**

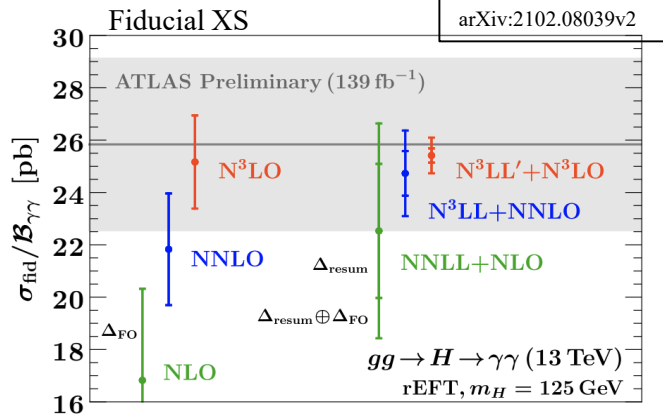
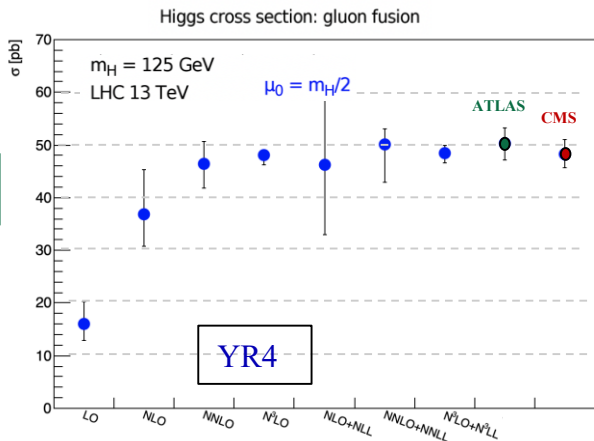
$H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$



Expected significance at 125.5 GeV : **3.8  $\sigma$**   
 Observed significance at 125.5 GeV: **3.2  $\sigma$**

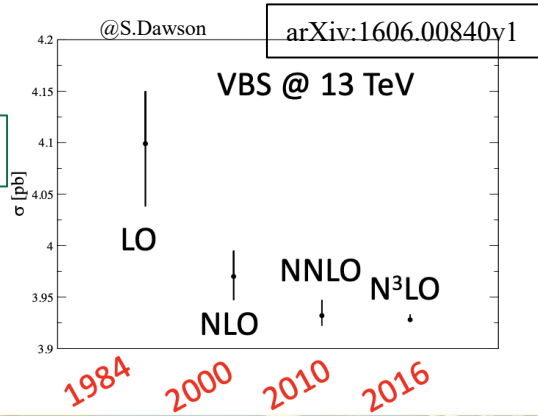
# The huge leap of theoretical calculations

ggH

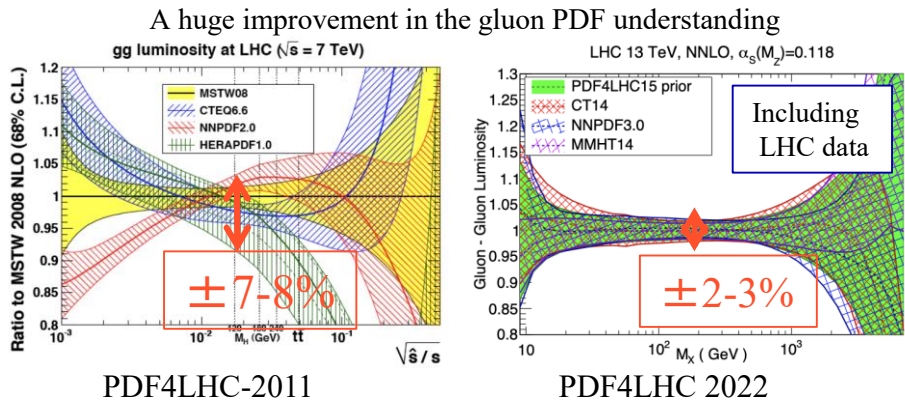


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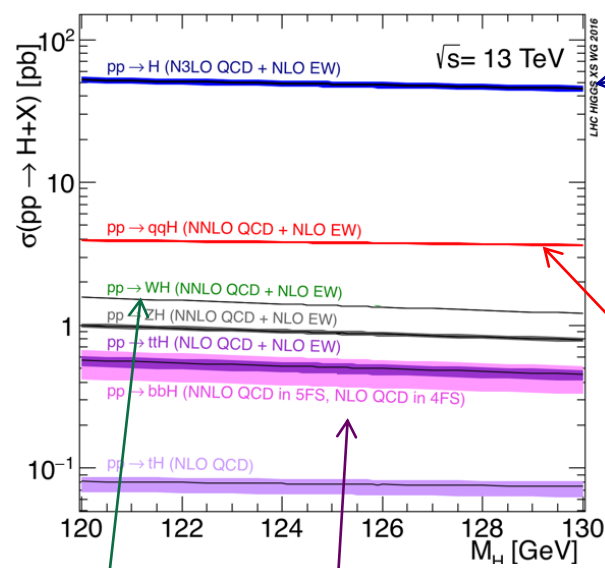
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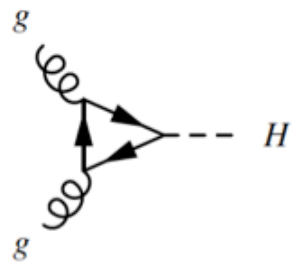
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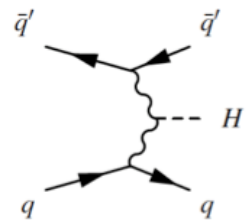
# Cross Sections & BR: the LHCHSWG results - 2017



**ggF: NNNLO+NNLL QCD + NLO EW**

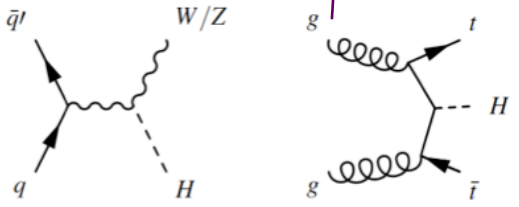


**qqH: NNLO QCD + NLO EW**

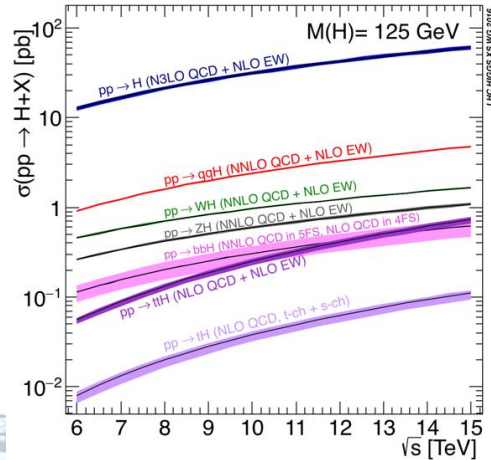
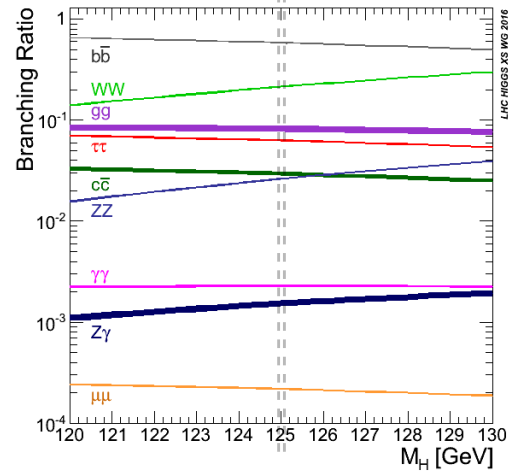


**WH: NNLO QCD + NLO EW**

**ZH: NNLO QCD + NLO EW**



**ttH: NLO QCD**



**From 8 to 13 TeV**  
 **$\sigma$  (ggF, VBF, VH)**  
**~2 times larger**  
  
 **$\sigma$  (ttH)**  
**~4 times larger**

# The Higgs mass from $\gamma\gamma$ and $4l$ decay channels

Once the mass is known, all other properties are precisely defined.

$\gamma\gamma$

$$m_{\gamma\gamma}^2 = 2E_{\gamma_1}E_{\gamma_2}(1 - \cos\theta_{12})$$

Choice of the primary vertex  
Energy calibration

**4 leptons**: mass measurement performed with a 3D fit

- four-lepton invariant mass  $m_{4l}$
- associated per-event mass uncertainty  $\delta m_{4l}$
- kinematic discriminant MELA/NN  
→ lepton momentum scale

ATLAS+CMS Run1	$125.09 \pm 0.24$	$(\pm 0.21 \text{ stat} \pm 0.11 \text{ syst})$	GeV
CMS Run1 + 2016	$125.38 \pm 0.14$	$(\pm 0.11 \text{ stat} \pm 0.08 \text{ syst})$	GeV
ATLAS Run1 + $4l$ Run2	$124.94 \pm 0.17$	$(\pm 0.17 \text{ stat} \pm 0.03 \text{ syst})$	GeV

1 per mille precision

# The Higgs width from off-shell production

*A real breakthrough after the discovery of the Higgs !*

Kauer, Passarino: JHEP 1208 (2012) 116, Caola, Melnikov: Phys. Rev. D88 (2013) 054024

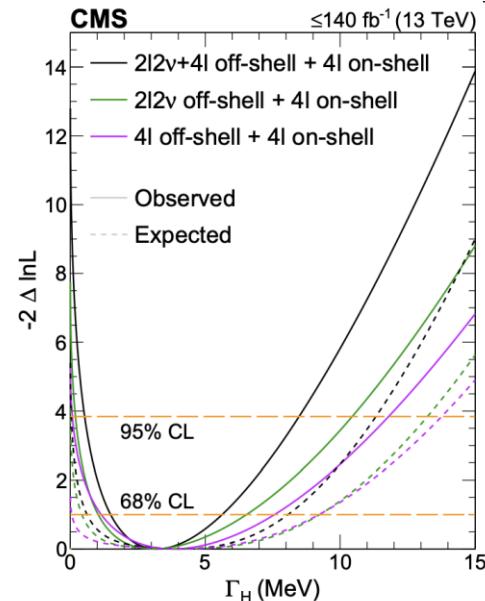
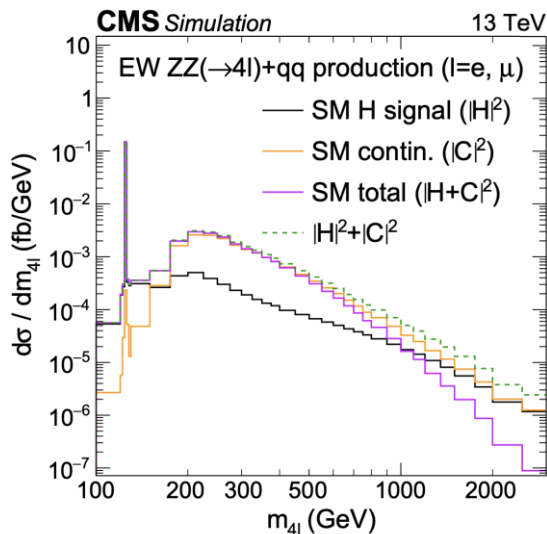
arXiv:2202.06923

Off-shell Higgs boson production  
is small but the BR to 2 real Z is large above  $2m_Z$

$$\sigma_{\text{on-shell}}^{gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow ZZ^*} \sim \frac{g_{ggH}^2 g_{HZZ}^2}{m_H \Gamma_H}$$

$$\sigma_{\text{off-shell}}^{gg \rightarrow H^* \rightarrow ZZ} \sim \frac{g_{ggH}^2 g_{HZZ}^2}{(2m_Z)^2}$$

This method assumes that the couplings at the pole and off-shell are the same

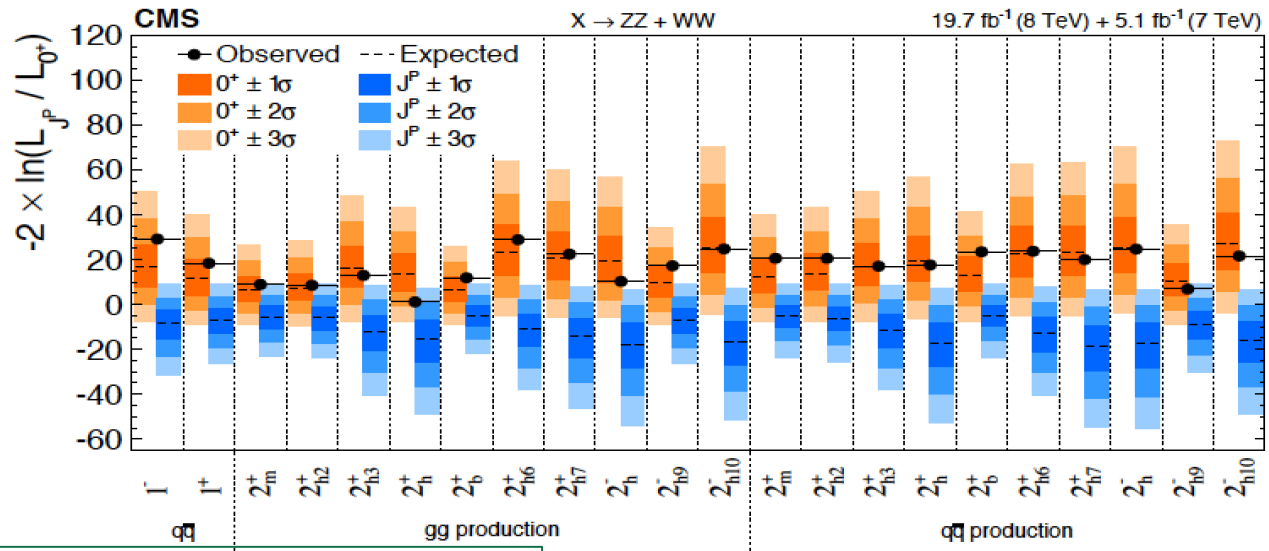


$$\Gamma_H = 3.2^{+2.4}_{-1.7} \text{ MeV}$$



# SM Higgs Spin and CP properties: $J^{PC}$

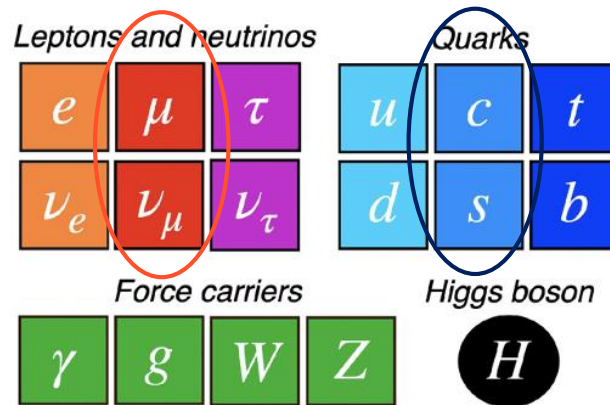
many analyses  $\rightarrow$   
**Spin 0**  
**Positive parity**  
**at  $> 99.9\%$  CL**



**CP structure** of various Higgs couplings probed for fermions (top,  $\tau$ ), gluons, EW vector bosons, with a variety of production and decay modes

- Measurement globally in accord with SM CP-even hypothesis
- Pure CP-odd  $t\bar{t}H$  coupling excluded  $3.9 \sigma$
- Pure CP-odd  $H\tau\tau$  coupling excluded  $3.4 \sigma$

# The coupling with the 2 generation



Boosted Decision Trees,  
Deep Neural Network,  
Advance Machine Learning ...  
improve  
Efficiency and Purity

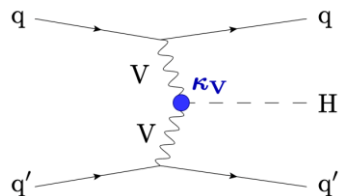
Ingenuity is giving us access at these  
«*exquisitely small signals*»

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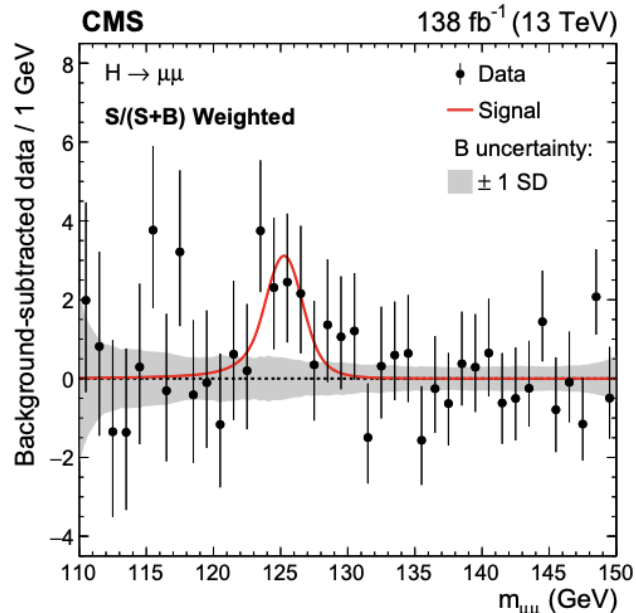
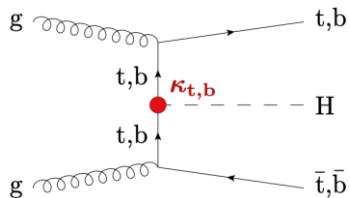
# Higgs to muons

SM  $BR(H \rightarrow \mu\mu) \sim 2.2 \times 10^{-4}$

Exploit all production modes.



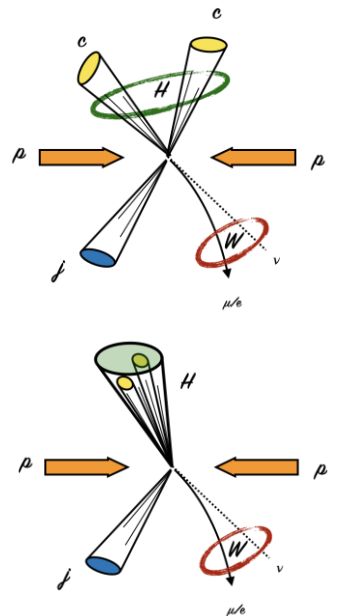
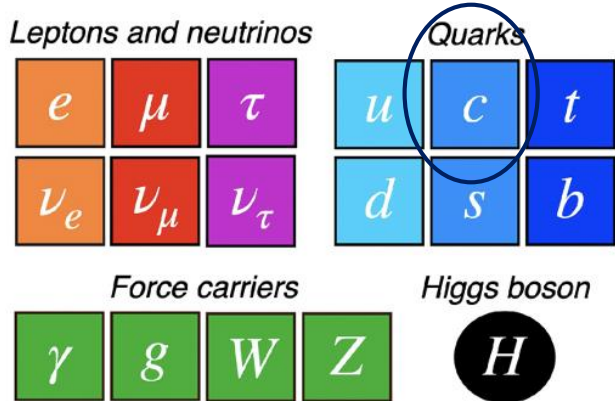
Candidate events compatible with different associated production modes and  $H^0(125) \rightarrow \mu\mu$  decay.



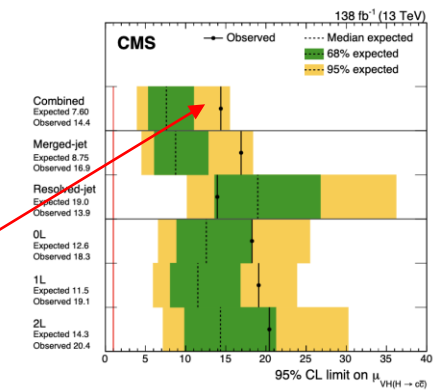
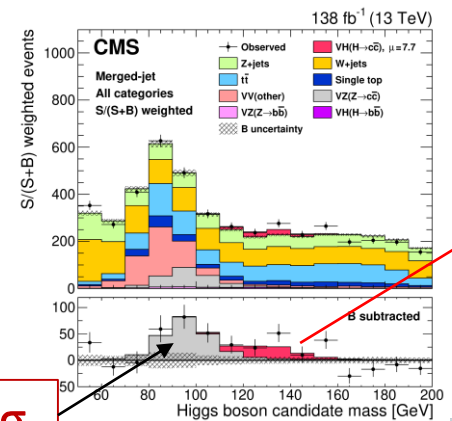
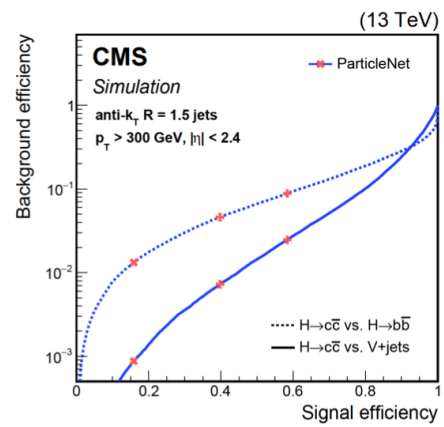
# Higgs to charm

SM BR( $H \rightarrow cc$ )  $\sim 0.028$

Search for  $H \rightarrow cc$   
in VH events



Sensitivity to  $H \rightarrow cc \sim 8 \times \text{SM}$



$Z \rightarrow cc \gg 5\sigma$

# Agreement with the SM: the signal strength

fitting data from all production modes and decay channels with a common signal strength parameter

$$\mu = \frac{\sigma \cdot BR}{(\sigma \cdot BR)_{SM}}$$

CMS

$$\mu = 1.002 \pm 0.036 \text{ (th)} \pm 0.033 \text{ (exp)} \pm 0.029 \text{ (stat)}$$

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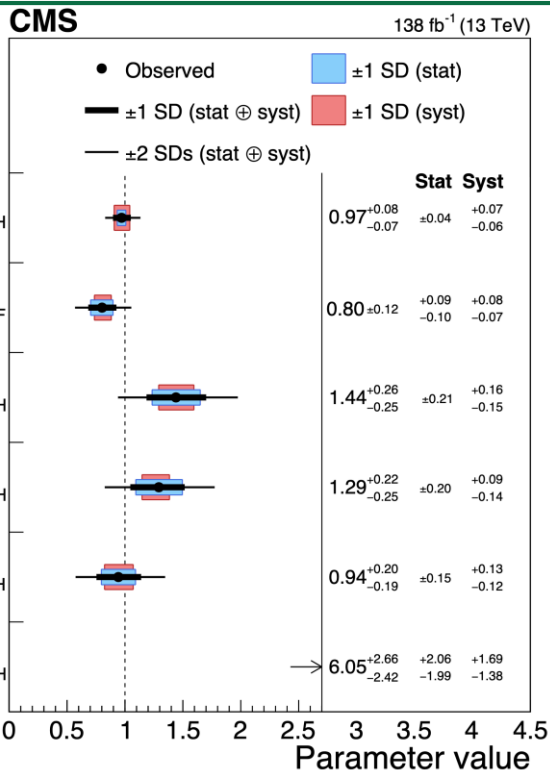
TOT: 14% Run1 → 6% Run2  
TH : 7% → 4%

th – exp – stat uncertainties  
are of the same size

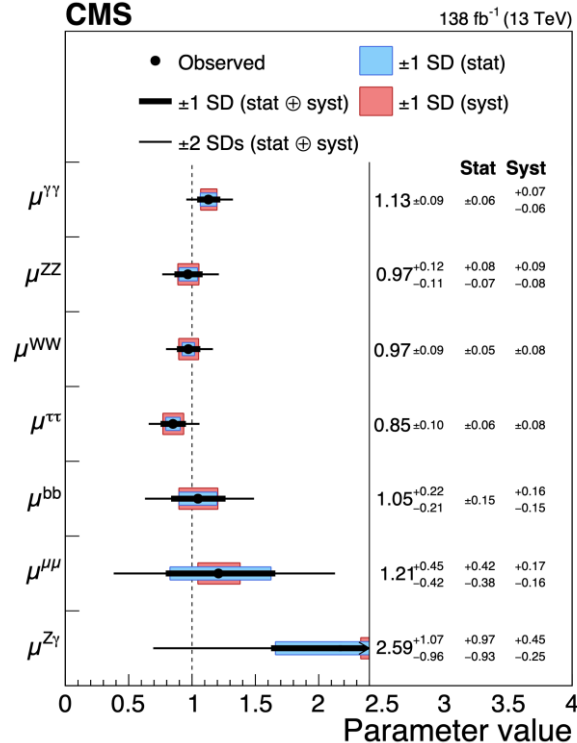
# Higgs boson production modes and decay channels

$$\mu_i = \frac{\sigma_i}{\sigma_i^{\text{SM}}} \quad \mu^f = \frac{\mathcal{B}^f}{\mathcal{B}_{\text{SM}}^f} \quad \mu_i^f = \frac{\sigma_i \cdot \mathcal{B}^f}{(\sigma_i \cdot \mathcal{B}^f)_{\text{SM}}} = \mu_i \times \mu^f$$

Production



**CMS**



Decay

> 5 SD

> 5 SD

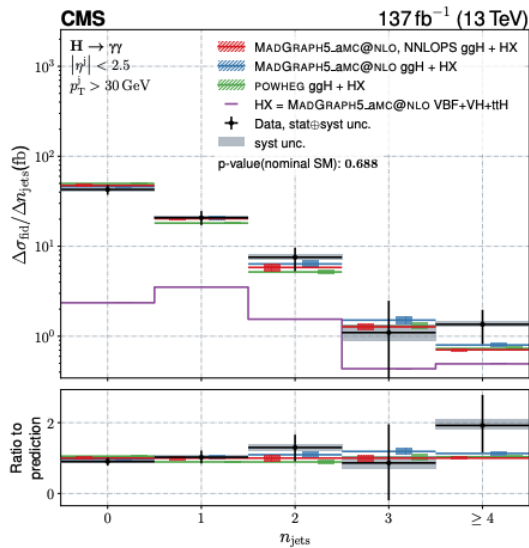
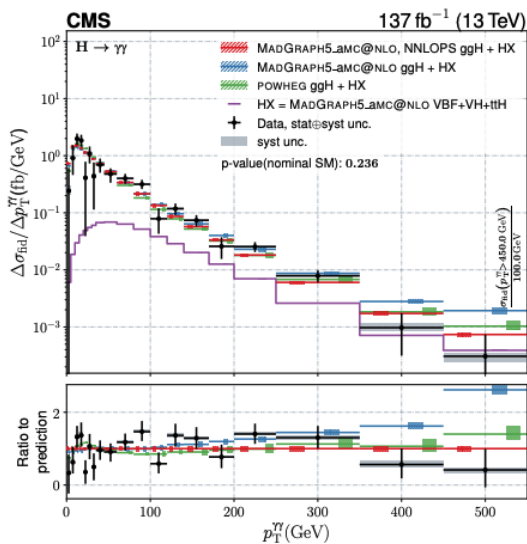
# Differential distributions

$p_T$ ,  $Y$ ,  $\varphi$ ,  $n_{\text{jet}} \dots$  describe the Higgs production at LHC and help understanding QCD effects.

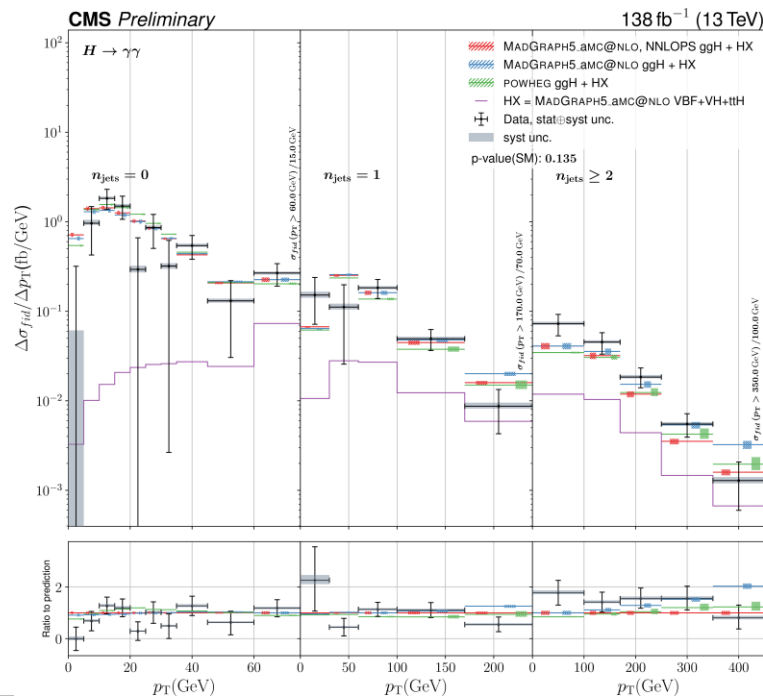
$p_T \rightarrow$  perturbative QCD

+ resummation of the leading logarithms,

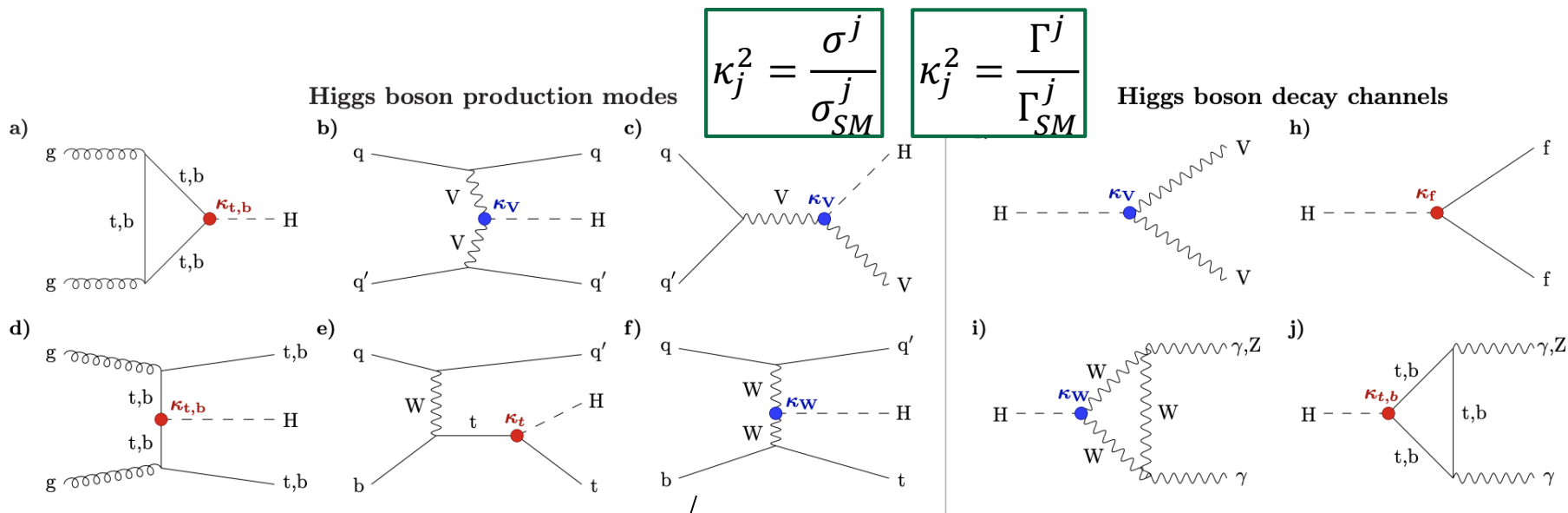
+ probe of new physics at high values.



## Double differential XS



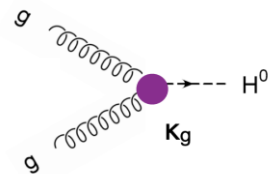
# The couplings & the coupling modifiers: the $\kappa$ framework.



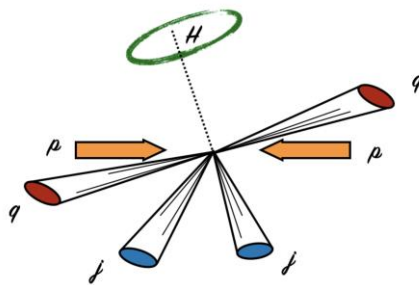
$$\kappa_j^2 = \frac{\sigma^j}{\sigma_{SM}^j}$$

$$\kappa_j^2 = \frac{\Gamma^j}{\Gamma_{SM}^j}$$

Alternatively, the loop could not be resolved and an effective coupling could be used:



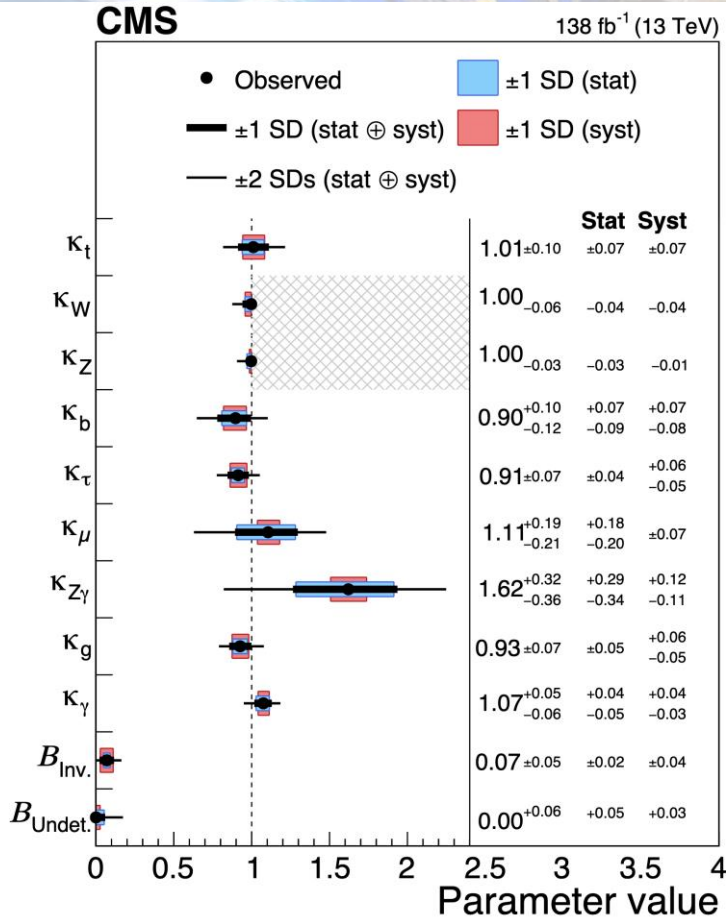
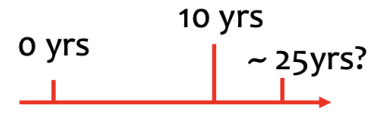
Invisible ( $\nu$ , DM...) or Undetected decay



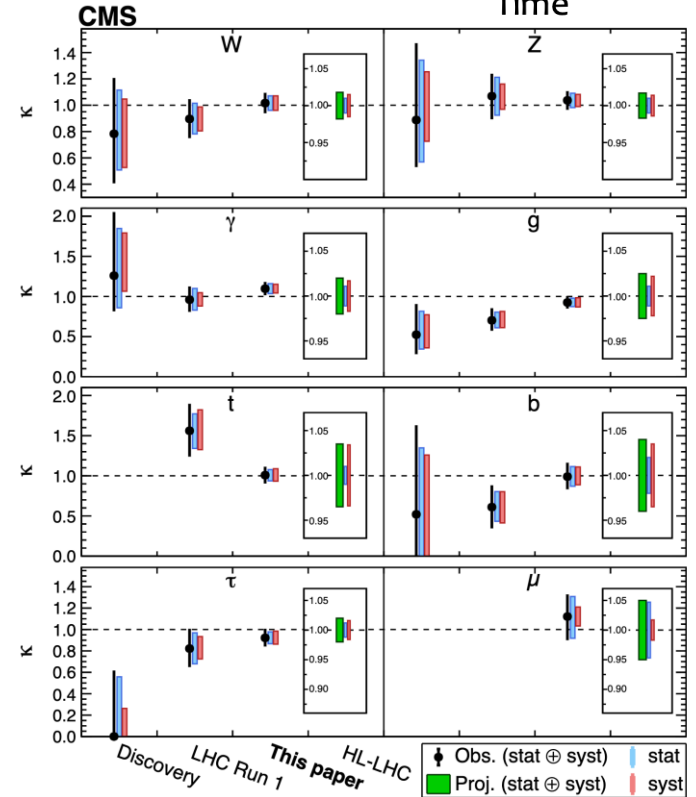
$$\frac{\Gamma_H}{\Gamma_H^{SM}} = \frac{\kappa_H^2}{(1 - \mathcal{B}_{inv} - \mathcal{B}_{undet})}$$



# Luminosity, energy and ... ingenuity

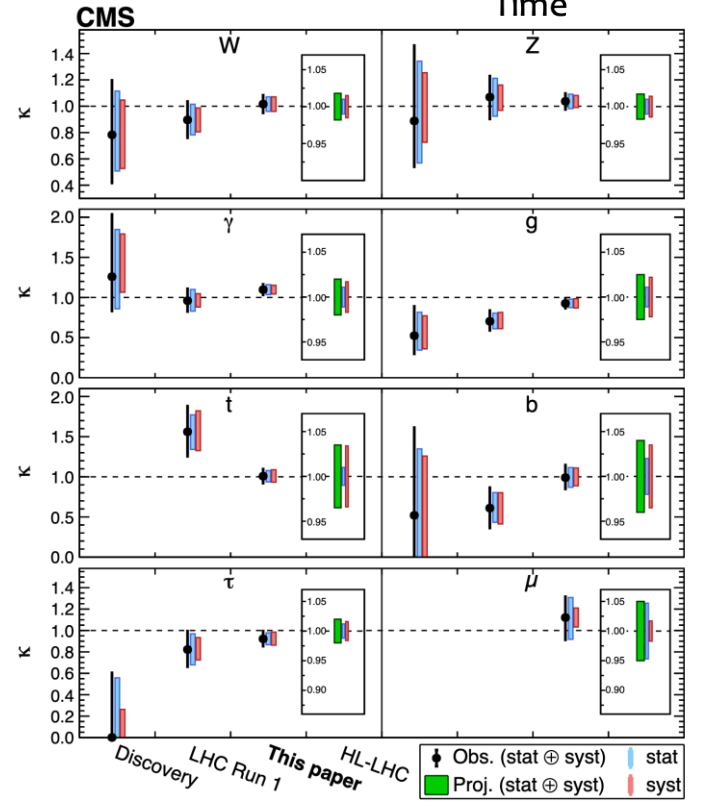
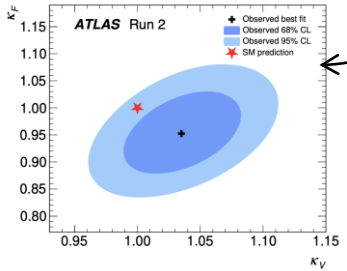
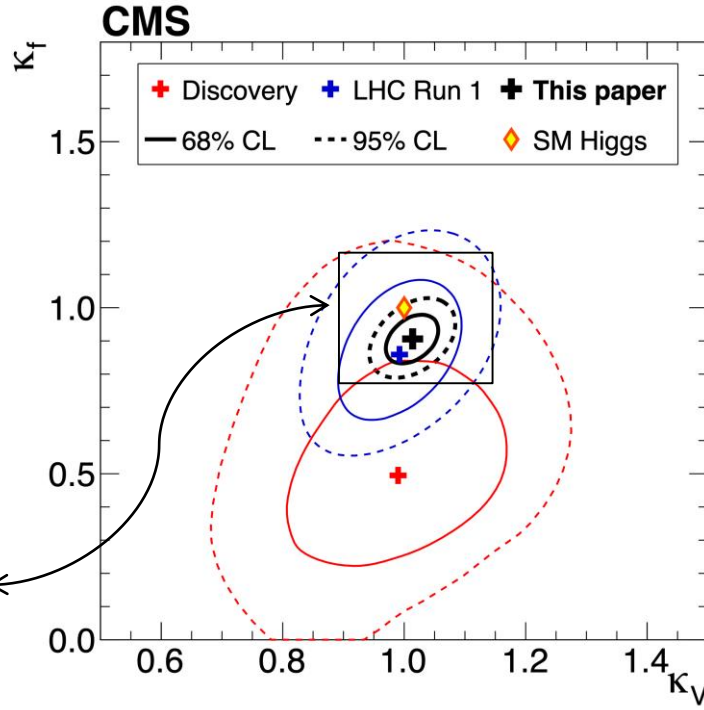
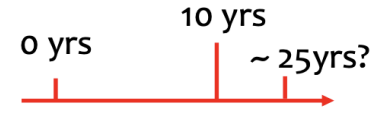


$> 3 - 10\%$



# Luminosity, energy and ... ingenuity

~30 times more Higgs events in Run2



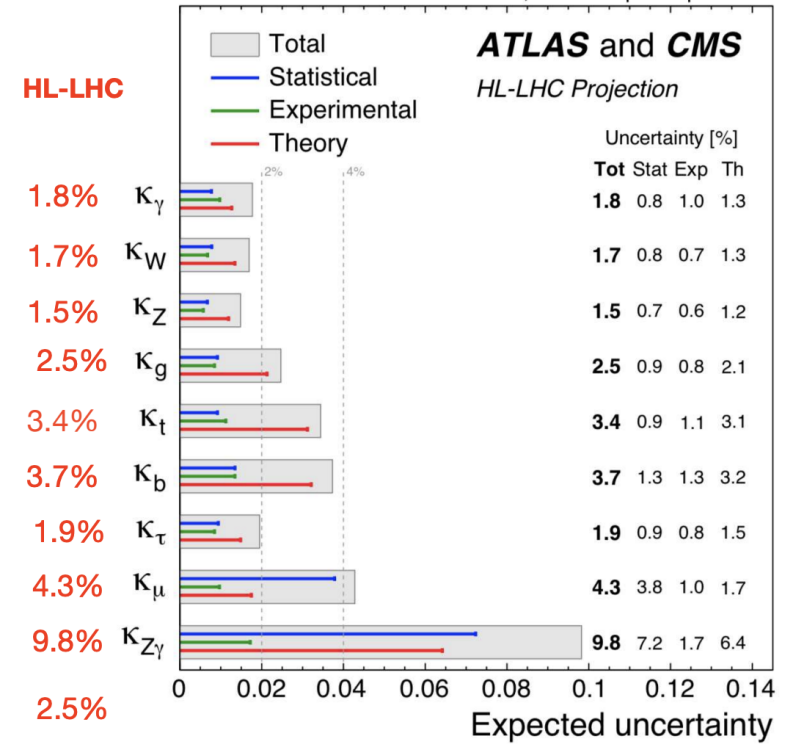
# Precision Higgs couplings measurements

$\sqrt{s} = 14 \text{ TeV}, 3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  per experiment

	ATLAS - CMS Run 1 combination	ATLAS Run 2	CMS Run 2	Current precision	HL-LHC
$\kappa_\gamma$	13%	$1.04 \pm 0.06$	$1.10 \pm 0.08$	6%	1.8%
$\kappa_W$	11%	$1.05 \pm 0.06$	$1.02 \pm 0.08$	6%	1.7%
$\kappa_Z$	11%	$0.99 \pm 0.06$	$1.04 \pm 0.07$	6%	1.5%
$\kappa_g$	14%	$0.95 \pm 0.07$	$0.92 \pm 0.08$	7%	2.5%
$\kappa_t$	30%	$0.94 \pm 0.11$	$1.01 \pm 0.11$	11%	3.4%
$\kappa_b$	26%	$0.89 \pm 0.11$	$0.99 \pm 0.16$	11%	3.7%
$\kappa_\tau$	15%	$0.93 \pm 0.07$	$0.92 \pm 0.08$	8%	1.9%
$\kappa_\mu$	-	$1.06^{+0.25}_{-0.30}$	$1.12 \pm 0.21$	20%	4.3%
$\kappa_{Z\gamma}$	-	$1.38^{0.31}_{-0.36}$	$1.65 \pm 0.34$	30%	9.8%
$B_{inv}$		< 11 %	< 16 %	11%	2.5%

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TH Uncertainties dominant (assumed to be 1/2 of Run 2)

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