

# The Standard Model of particle physics

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- ▶ QED as a gauge theory
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- ▶ Breaking gauge symmetries:  
the Englert-Brout-Higgs-Guralnik-Hagen-Kibble mechanism
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## The Standard Model Lagrangian is determined by symmetries

- ▶ space-time symmetry: global Poincaré-symmetry
- ▶ internal symmetries: local  $SU(n)$  gauge symmetries

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} = & -\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}^a F^{a\mu\nu} + i\bar{\psi}\not{D}\psi && \text{gauge sector} \\ & + |D_\mu H|^2 - V(H) && \text{EWSB sector} \\ & + \psi_i \lambda_{ij} \psi_j H + \text{h.c.} && \text{flavour sector}\end{aligned}$$

... including only the operators of lowest dimension  
and ignoring the strong CP-problem (see lectures by Andrew Cohen).

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## The Standard Model Lagrangian

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- ▶ What are the free parameters?
- ▶ How can we make predictions for the LHC? ← QCD
- ▶ How can we test the Higgs mechanism?
- ▶ Why do we expect physics beyond the Standard Model?

$$\begin{aligned}
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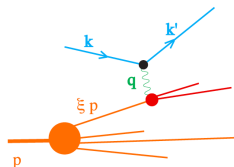
Having determined this finite number of parameters from experiment, we can – in principle – make predictions for any Standard Model observable to any desired accuracy.



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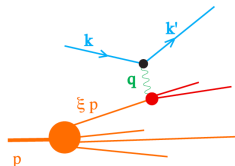
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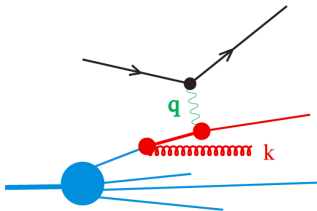


The parton model leads to an intuitive formula that relates the lepton-hadron cross section to the cross section for the electron-parton scattering:

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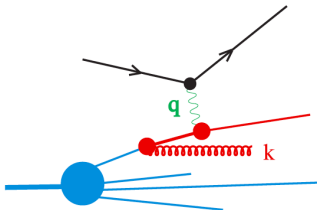
where  $d\sigma^{(lh)}$  is the inclusive cross section for lepton-nucleon scattering, while  $d\sigma^{(la)}$  is the parton-electron cross section, with the parton's momentum given by  $\xi p$ ,  $\xi$  between zero and one, and  $f_{a/h}(\xi)$  is a parton distribution function.

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The limit  $k_T \rightarrow 0$  corresponds to a long-range part of QCD which is not calculable in perturbation theory. However, there is a **factorisation theorem** which states that the long-range contributions can be absorbed in the parton distribution functions.

Separating short- and long-distance physics requires the introduction of a **factorisation scale**  $\mu_F$ .

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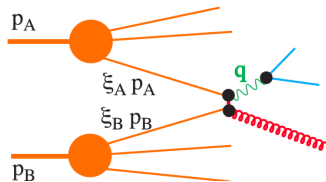
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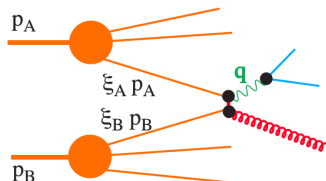
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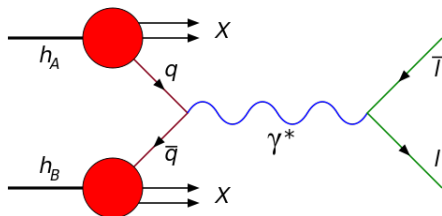


The cross section for a hard scattering process initiated by two hadrons with momenta  $p_A$  and  $p_B$  takes a factored form similar to that found for deeply inelastic scattering

$$d\sigma(p_A, p_B) = \sum_{a,b} \int d\xi_A d\xi_B f_{a/A}(\xi_A, \mu_F) f_{b/B}(\xi_B, \mu_F) \\ \times d\hat{\sigma}_{ab}(\xi_A p_A, \xi_B p_B, \mu_F).$$

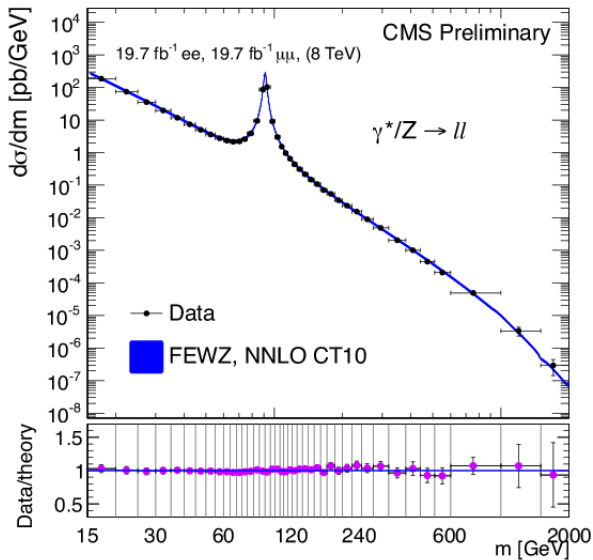
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Historically, the most convincing evidence that the quark-parton-model provides the correct framework for high-energy processes in general came from its success in describing the [Drell-Yan process](#) (1971).



This was the birth of quantitative hadron collider phenomenology.

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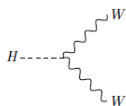


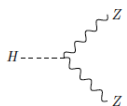
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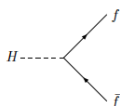
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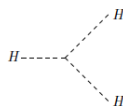
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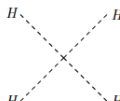

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- ▶ The only free parameter was the Higgs mass
- ▶ Higgs production and decay can be predicted unambiguously
- ▶ The Higgs search can be planned

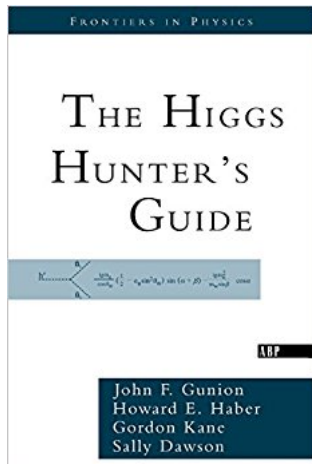
The diagrams show Higgs boson self-energy corrections. Each diagram has two external Higgs boson lines (dashed) and a loop of another particle. The first diagram is a W boson loop (wavy), the second is a Z boson loop (wavy), and the third is a Higgs boson loop (dashed).

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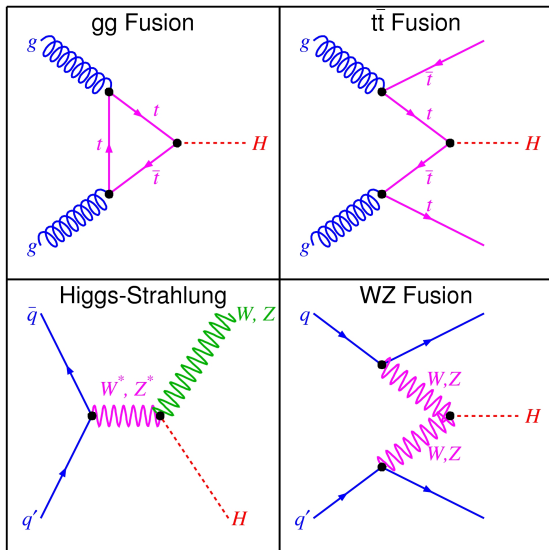
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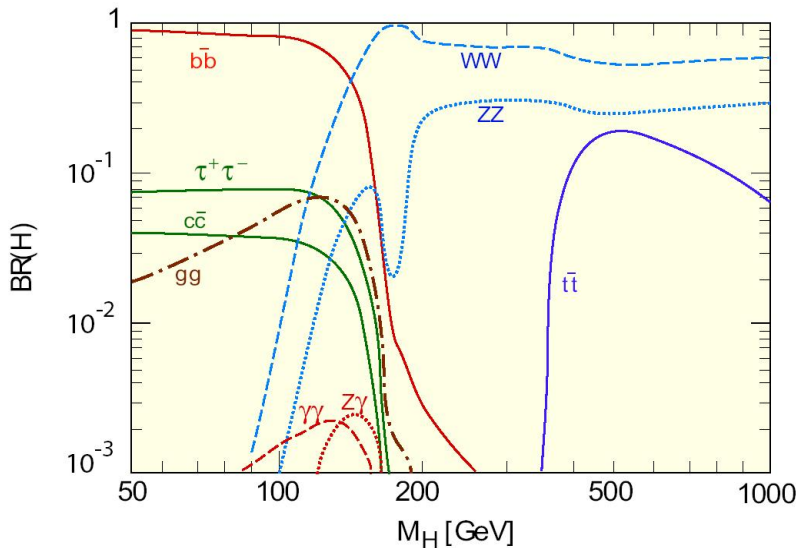




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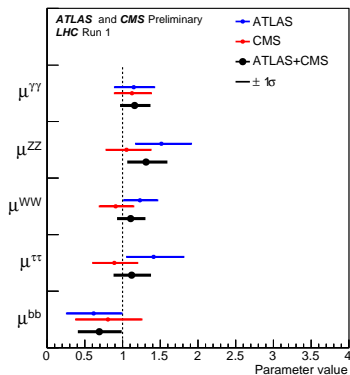
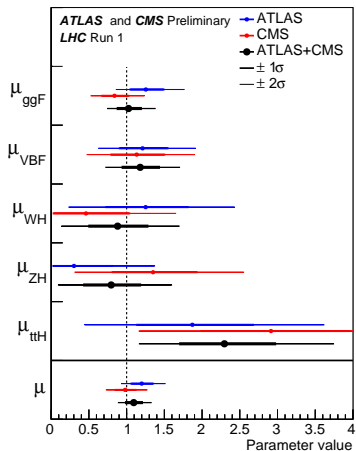


# The Higgs likes to decay to heavy particles



# Testing the Standard Model Higgs sector

So far, the Higgs particle looks like predicted by the Standard Model



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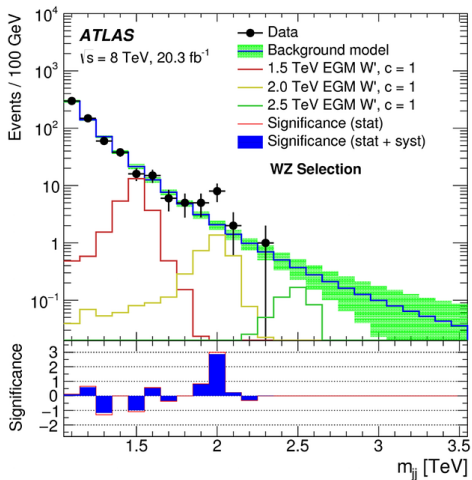
- ▶ **Cosmological problems:**

  - What is the origin of the baryon-antibaryon asymmetry?

  - What is the nature of dark matter and dark energy?

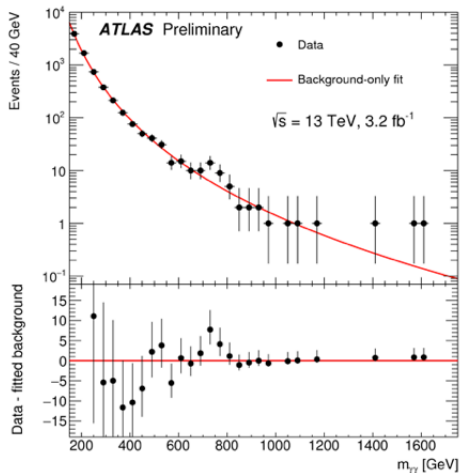


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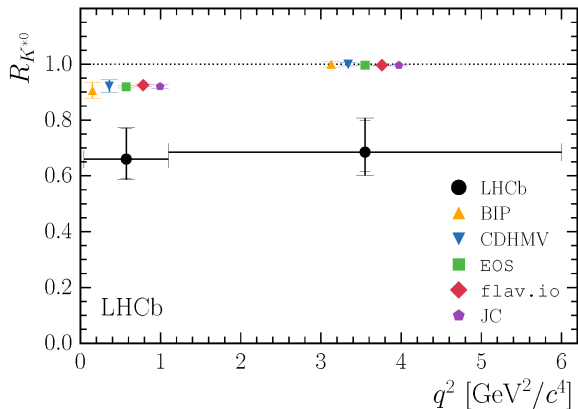
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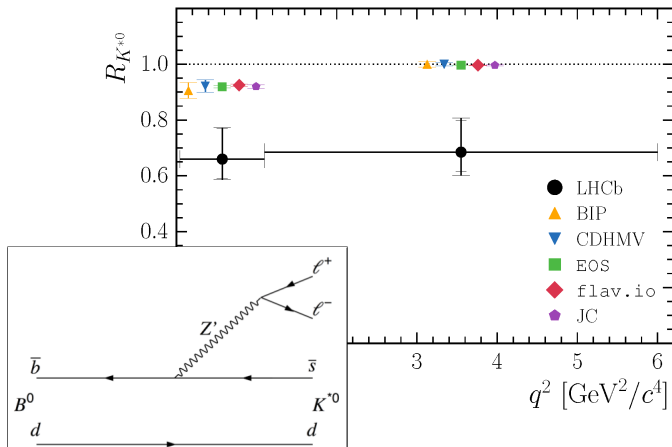
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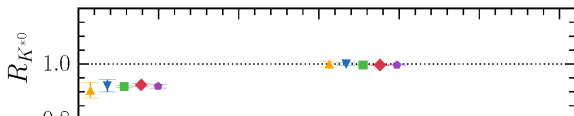
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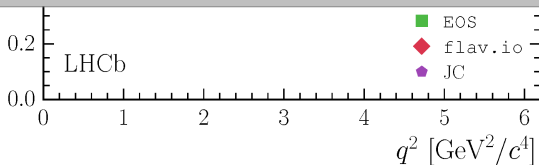


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*"It is also a good rule not to put overmuch confidence in the observational results that are put forward until they are confirmed by theory." (Sir Arthur Eddington)*



Thanks  
& enjoy the summer at CERN

Questions, suggestions etc.? Please get in touch!

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