

La scoperta del bosone di Higgs at LHC

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- ~125 GeV
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?
Higgs boson?

mass→	3 MeV	1.24 GeV	172.5 GeV	0	<2 eV	<0.19 MeV	<18.2 MeV	90.2 GeV
charge→	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	0	0	0	0	0
spin→	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1
name→	u up	c charm	t top	γ photon	ν_e electron neutrino	ν_μ muon neutrino	ν_τ tau neutrino	Z^0 weak force
	6 MeV	95 MeV	4.2 GeV	0	0.511 MeV	106 MeV	1.78 GeV	80.4 GeV
	$-\frac{1}{3}$	$-\frac{1}{3}$	$-\frac{1}{3}$	0	-1	-1	-1	± 1
	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1
	d down	s strange	b bottom	g gluon	e electron	μ muon	τ tau	W^\pm weak force

Quarks

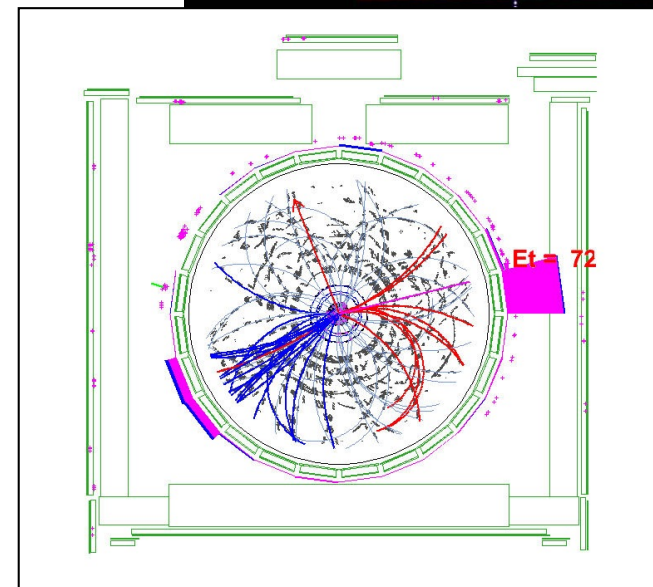
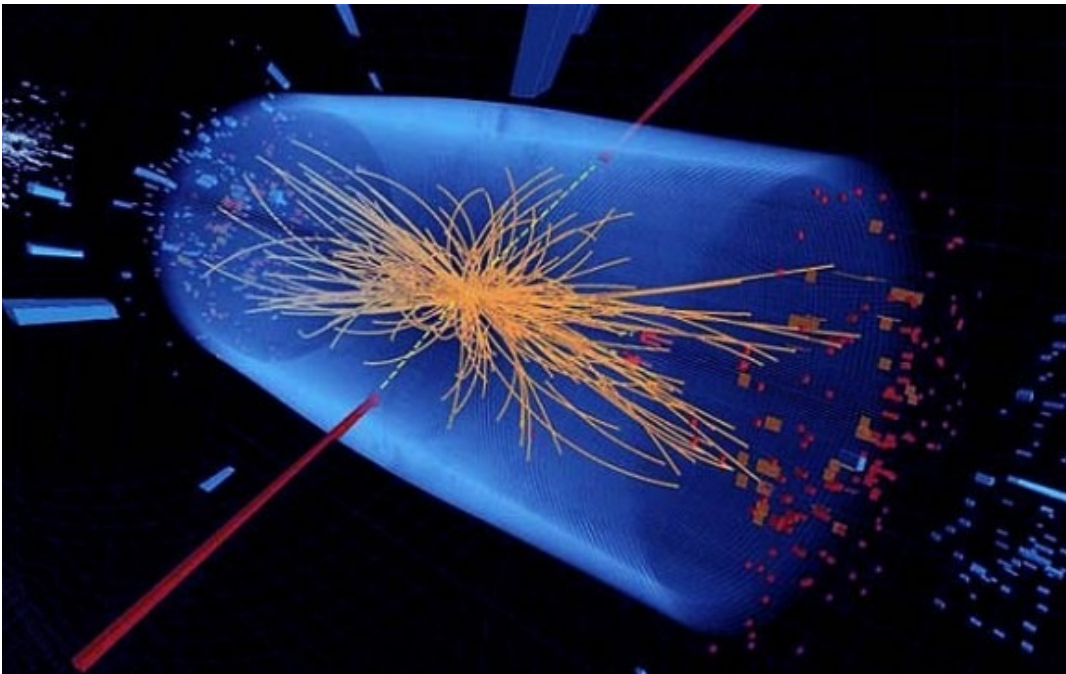
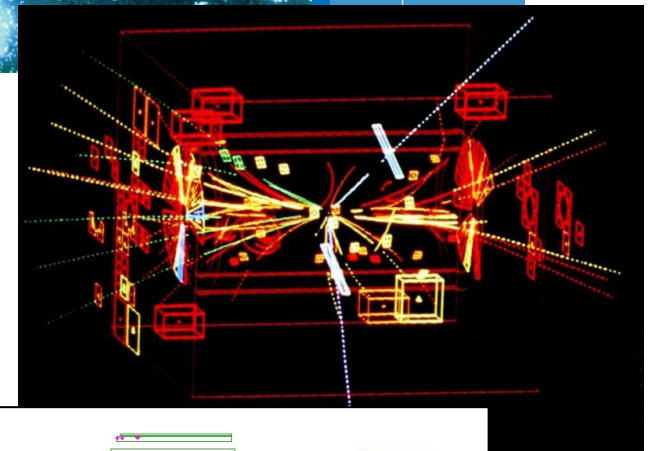
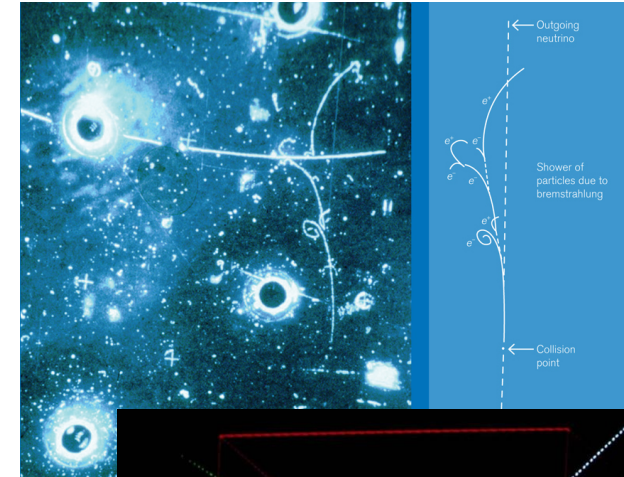
Leptons

Bosons (Forces)

... and its measurement

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- **1973** neutral currents discovery with a neutrino beam and the Gargamelle detector
- **1983** - W and Z discovery at the UA1 and UA2 experiments at CERN
- **1989-2000** - the triumph of the SM in the LEP measurements
- **1995** - top quark discovery at TeVatron
- **2012** - discovery of a Higgs-like resonance at CERN, by the CMS and ATLAS experiments



the standard model Lagrangian

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Tabarelli de Fatis (Dissertori)

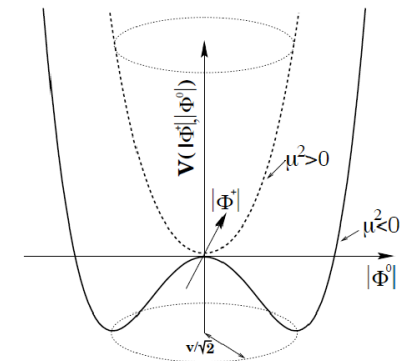
$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L} = & -\frac{1}{4} \mathbf{W}_{\mu\nu} \cdot \mathbf{W}^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4} B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu} & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} W^\pm, Z, \gamma \text{ kinetic} \\ \text{energies and} \\ \text{self-interactions} \end{array} \right. \\
 & + \bar{L} \gamma^\mu \left(i \partial_\mu - g \frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{\tau} \cdot \mathbf{W}_\mu - g' \frac{Y}{2} B_\mu \right) L \\
 & + \bar{R} \gamma^\mu \left(i \partial_\mu - g' \frac{Y}{2} B_\mu \right) R & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{lepton and quark} \\ \text{kinetic energies} \\ \text{and their} \\ \text{interactions with} \\ W^\pm, Z, \gamma \end{array} \right. \\
 & + \left| \left(i \partial_\mu - g \frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{\tau} \cdot \mathbf{W}_\mu - g' \frac{Y}{2} B_\mu \right) \phi \right|^2 \\
 & - V(\phi) & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} W^\pm, Z, \gamma \text{ and} \\ \text{Higgs masses} \\ \text{and couplings} \end{array} \right. \\
 & - (G_1 \bar{L} \phi R + G_2 \bar{L} \phi_c R + h.c.) & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{lepton and quark} \\ \text{masses and} \\ \text{coupling to Higgs} \end{array} \right.
 \end{aligned}$$

L ... left-handed fermion (l or q) doublet
 R ... right-handed fermion singlet

\mathcal{L} from QCD:

$$\mathcal{L} = \underbrace{\bar{q} (i \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m) q}_{E_{\text{kin}}(q)} - \underbrace{g (\bar{q} \gamma^\mu T_a q) G_\mu^a}_{\text{Interaction } q, g} - \underbrace{\frac{1}{4} G_{\mu\nu}^a G_a^{\mu\nu}}_{\substack{E_{\text{kin}}(g) \\ \text{includes} \\ \text{self-interaction} \\ \text{between gluons}}}$$

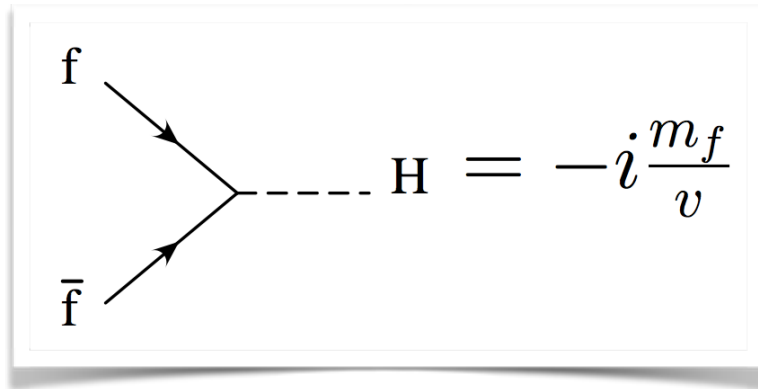
- the **Higgs field** provides the mechanism to give masses to particles, through the EWK symmetry breaking



$$V(\phi) = \mu^2 \phi_i^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} \phi_i^4$$

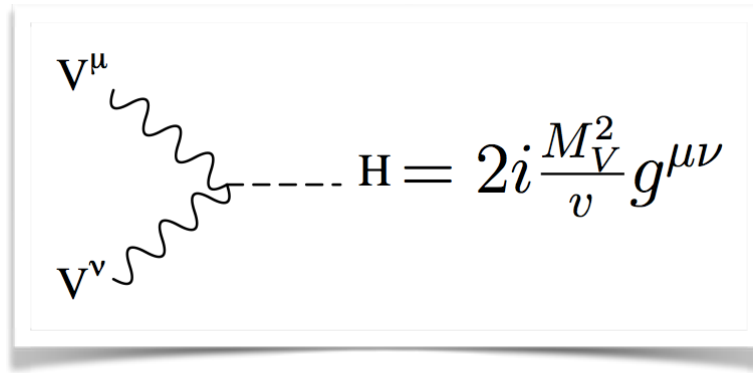
- there is free parameters**
 - coupling constants
 - masses
- predicts**
 - cross-sections
 - branching ratios
 - lifetimes ...

- extracted from the SM Lagrangian
- directly **couple with the mass** of elementary particles:



A Feynman diagram showing a fermion f and an antifermion \bar{f} meeting at a vertex, with a dashed line representing a Higgs boson H emerging from the vertex. The interaction is given by:

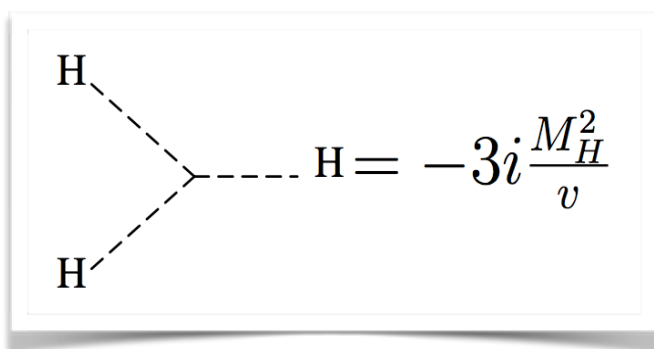
$$= -i \frac{m_f}{v}$$



A Feynman diagram showing two wavy lines representing vector bosons V^μ and V^ν meeting at a vertex, with a dashed line representing a Higgs boson H emerging from the vertex. The interaction is given by:

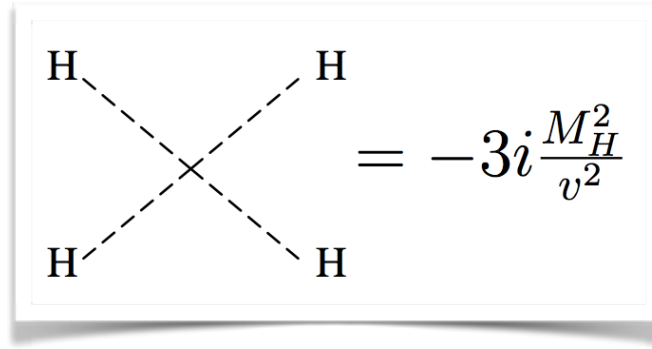
$$= 2i \frac{M_V^2}{v} g^{\mu\nu}$$

- and it is also massive, so it **couple to itself**:



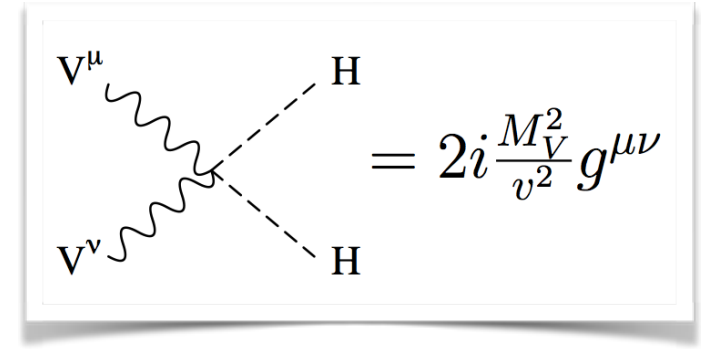
A Feynman diagram showing two dashed lines representing Higgs bosons H meeting at a vertex, with a dashed line representing a Higgs boson H emerging from the vertex. The interaction is given by:

$$= -3i \frac{M_H^2}{v}$$



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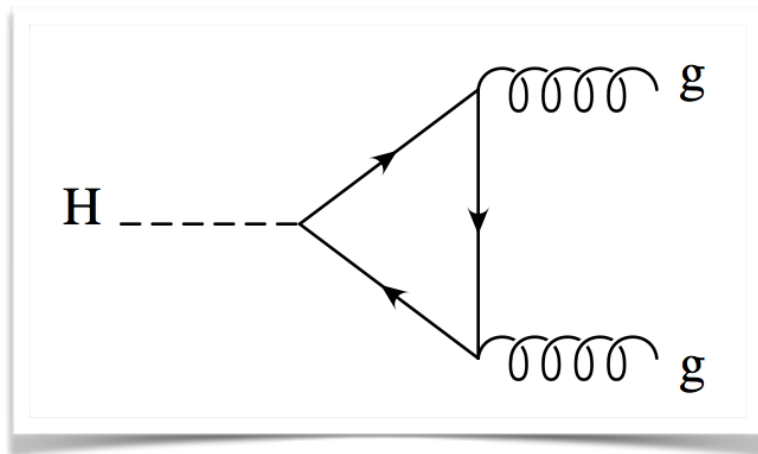
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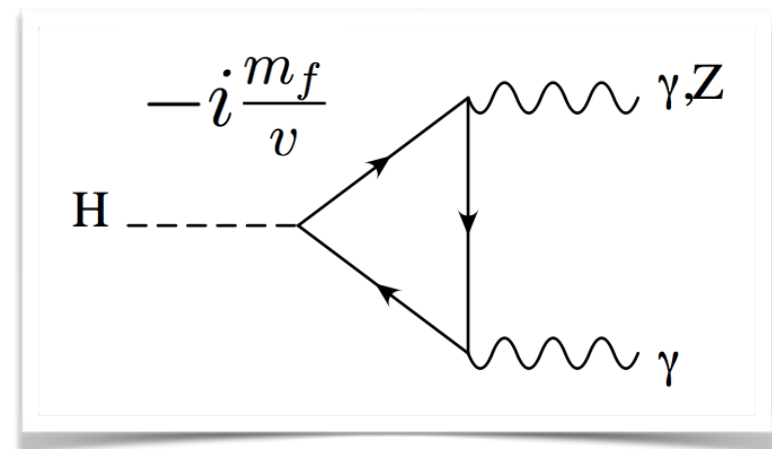
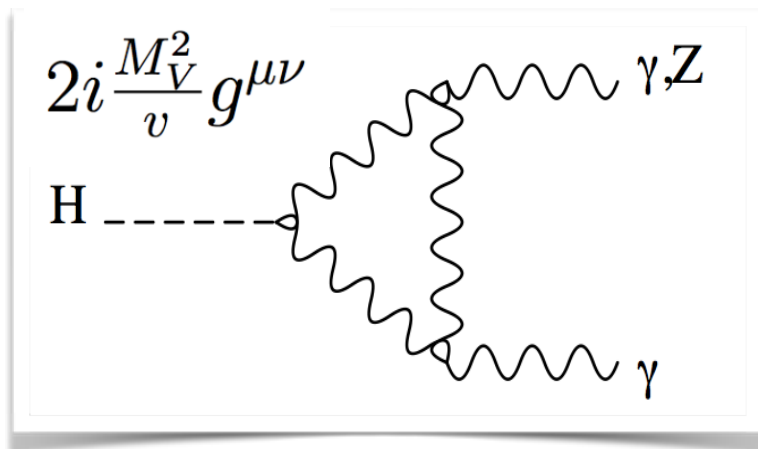
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- do not happen at leading order
- takes place **through loops of massive particles**:



all fermions participate, but since the top quark has huge mass, it's the dominant contributor

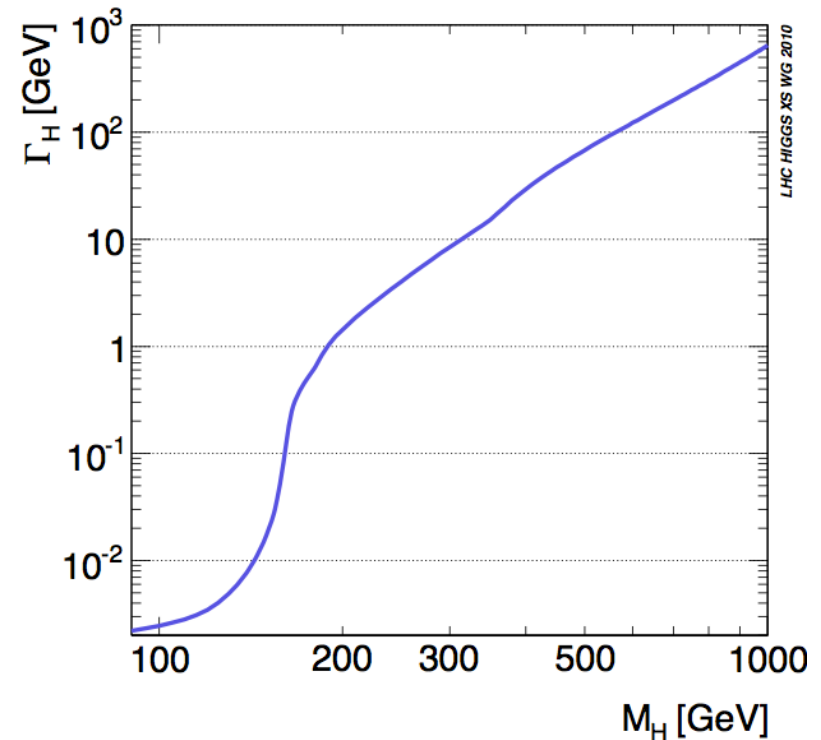
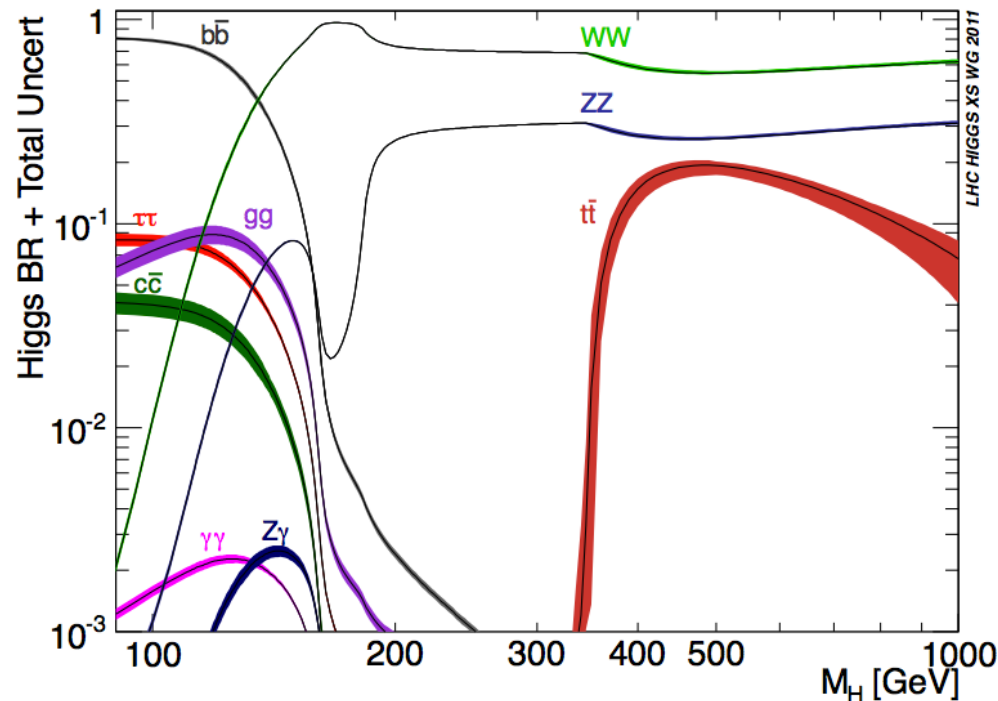
- and sometimes with opposite effects:



the SM Higgs boson properties

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- for a given value of the H mass, **its properties are predicted** from the SM Lagrangian (and the other parameters of the theory)



The Higgs Hunter's vademecum

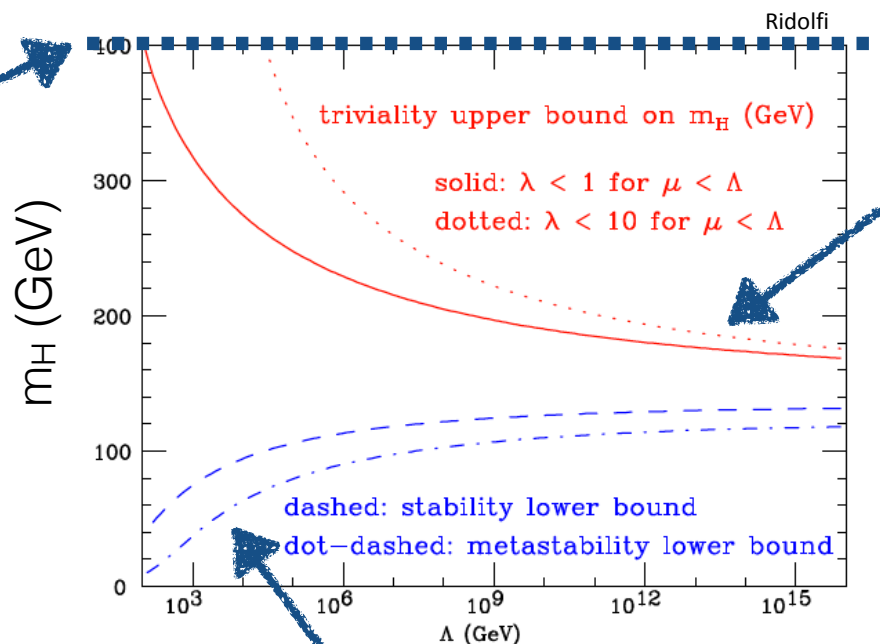
- Identify decay products
- Measure with high resolution the energy and the momentum
- Search for a (narrow) peak in the invariant mass spectrum

theoretical limits on the Higgs boson

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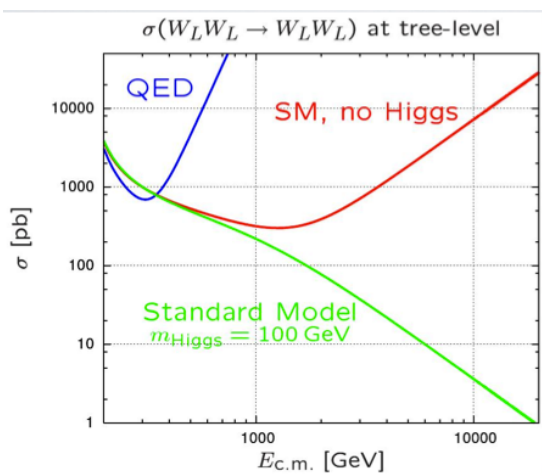
- the SM considered as an effective theory, up to a scale Λ
- the value of λ depends on the process scale
- for each value of the scale, there are theoretical bounds on m_H

stability:
guarantee the W
scattering
unitarity



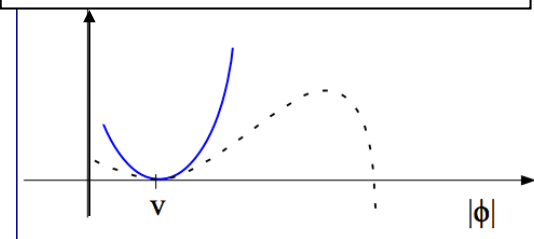
triviality:
prevent λ becoming
infinite when
increasing the scale

$$\lambda(Q) = \frac{\lambda(Q_0)}{1 - \frac{3}{4\pi^2} \lambda(Q_0) \ln \left(\frac{Q^2}{Q_0^2} \right)}$$

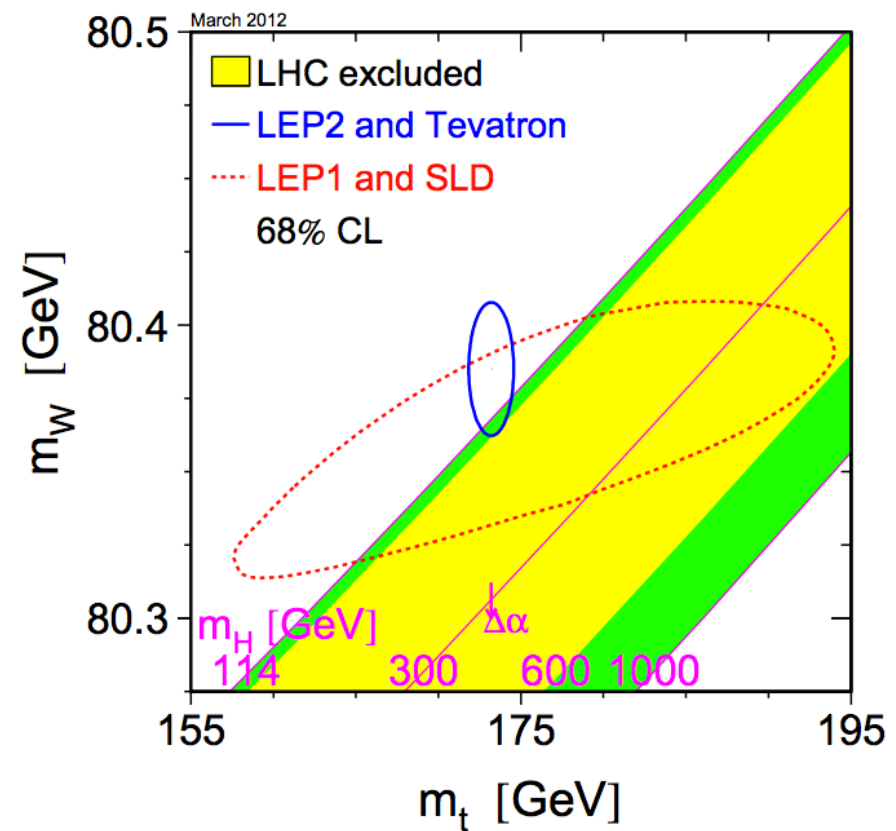
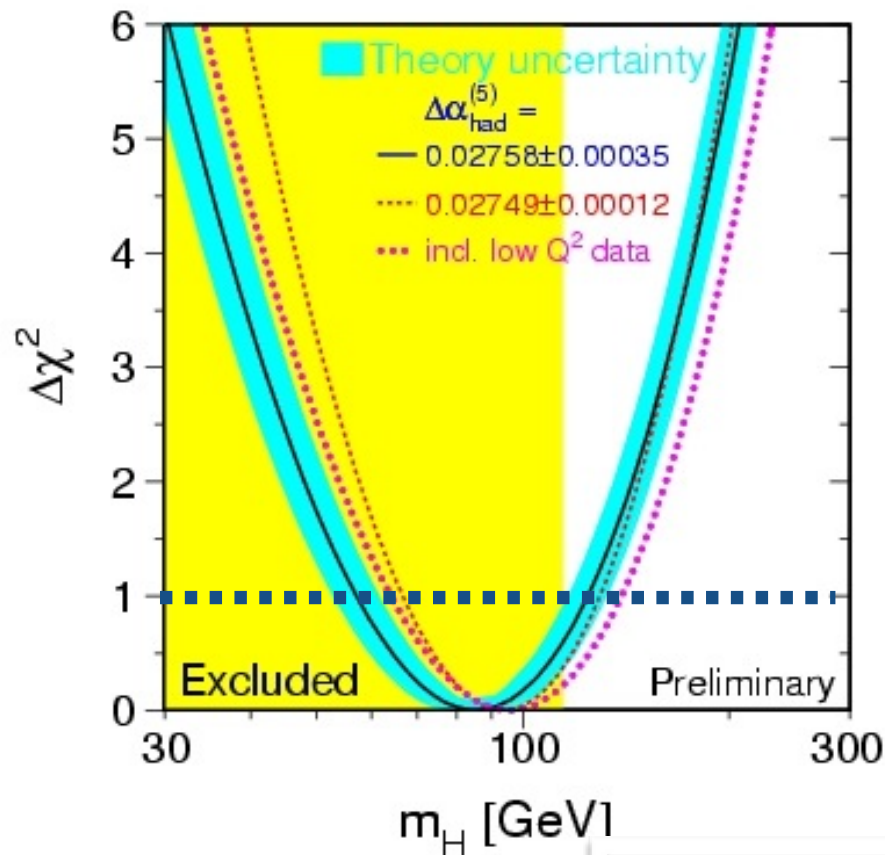
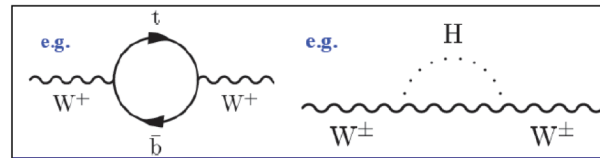


stability:
prevent the potential to
decrease towards a lower
minimum

$$V(\phi) = \mu^2 \phi_i^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} \phi_i^4$$



- until LHC, the only way to observe the Higgs boson has been through indirect measurements, i.e. to see **its loop effects on other SM quantities**

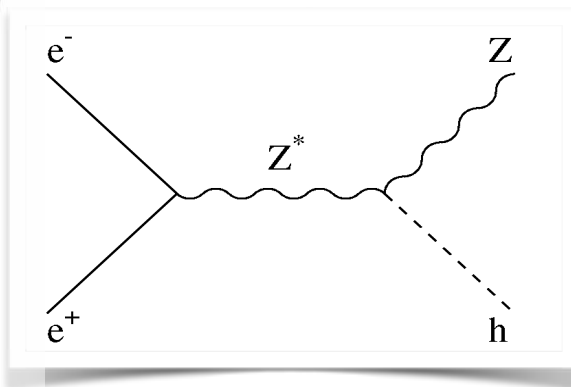


$$m_H = 94^{+29}_{-24} \text{ GeV}$$

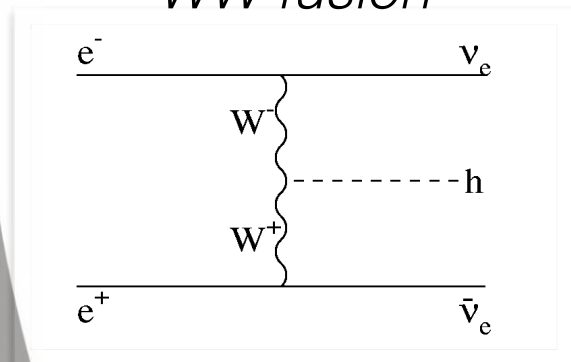
- the energy to produce a Higgs boson with $m_H \sim 100$ GeV becomes available at LEP2
- e^+e^- collider that run up to 209 GeV of energy in its centre of mass

PRODUCTION

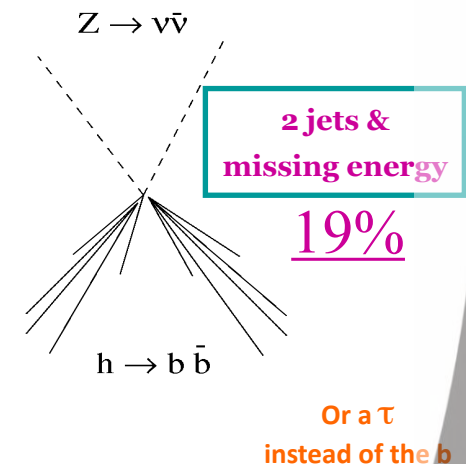
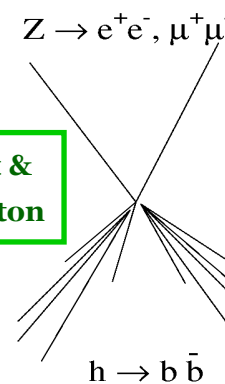
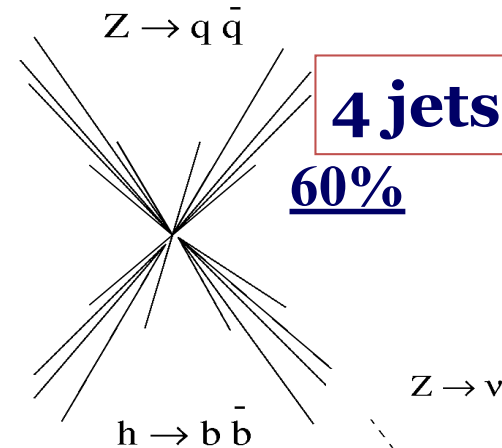
Higgs strahlung



WW fusion



DECAY



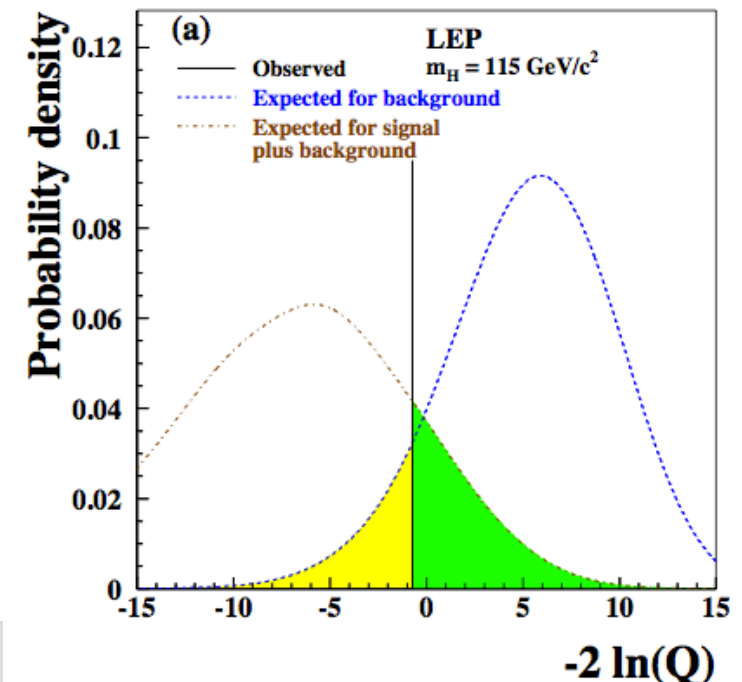
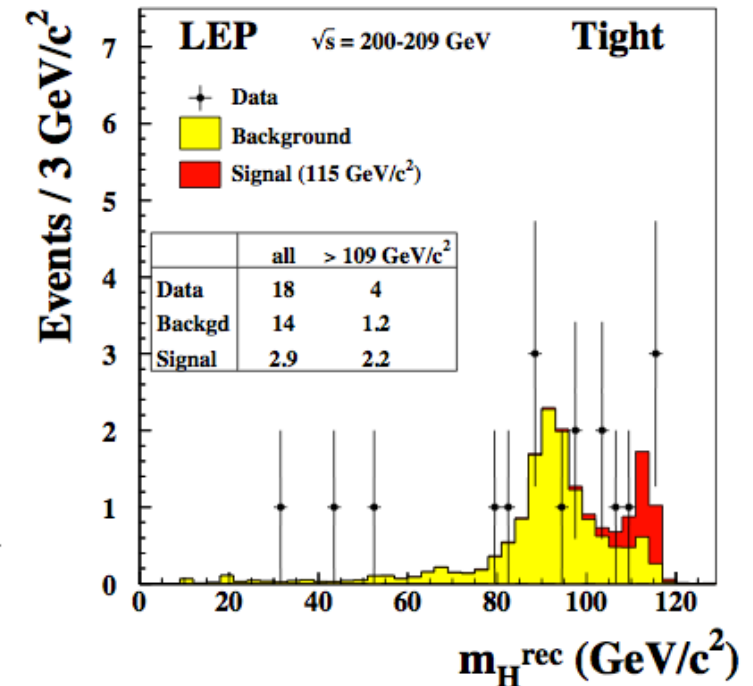
- reconstruct the **decay products invariant mass** and compare to the simulation forecasts
- need a **measure of the compatibility** of data to the B-only or S+B hypotheses

$$\mathcal{L}(H_1) = \prod_{a=1}^{N_{\text{ch}}} \mathcal{P}_{\text{Poisson}}(n_a, s_a + b_a) \prod_{j=1}^{n_a} \frac{s_a \mathcal{S}_a(\vec{x}_j) + b_a \mathcal{B}_a(\vec{x}_j)}{s_a + b_a}$$

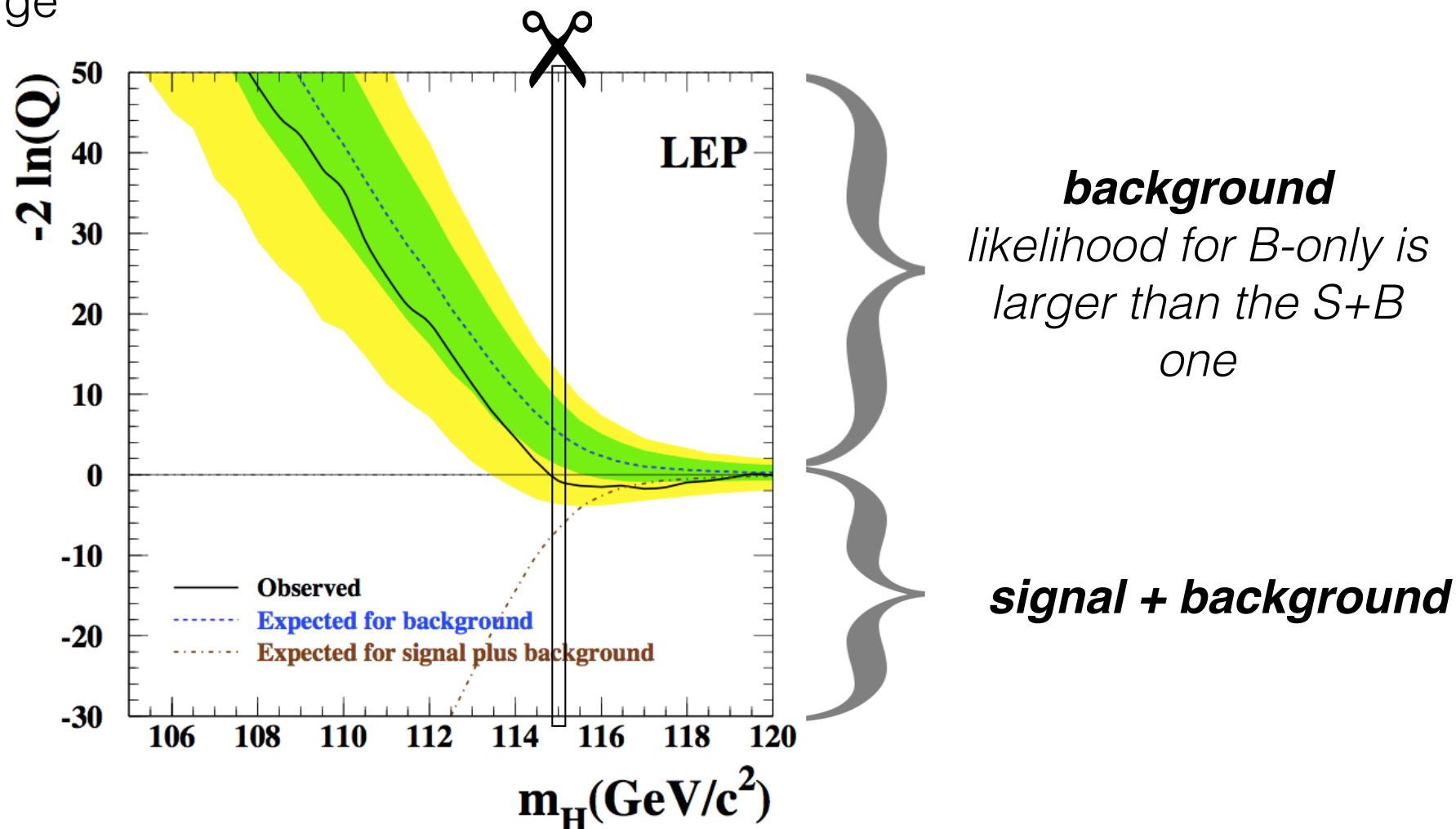
$$\mathcal{L}(H_0) = \prod_{a=1}^{N_{\text{ch}}} \mathcal{P}_{\text{Poisson}}(n_a, b_a) \prod_{j=1}^{n_a} \mathcal{B}_a(\vec{x}_j) .$$

- likelihood ratio:

$$\lambda = -2 \ln Q , \text{ with } Q = \frac{\mathcal{L}(H_1)}{\mathcal{L}(H_0)}$$



- the comparison is performed for several masses, along the LEP2 sensitivity range



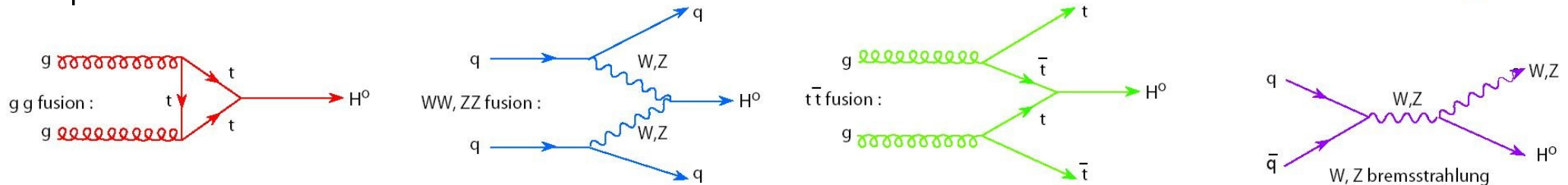
- the Higgs boson is excluded at 95% confidence level in the low mass range

**$m_H > 114.4 \text{ GeV}$
(expected 115.3 GeV)**

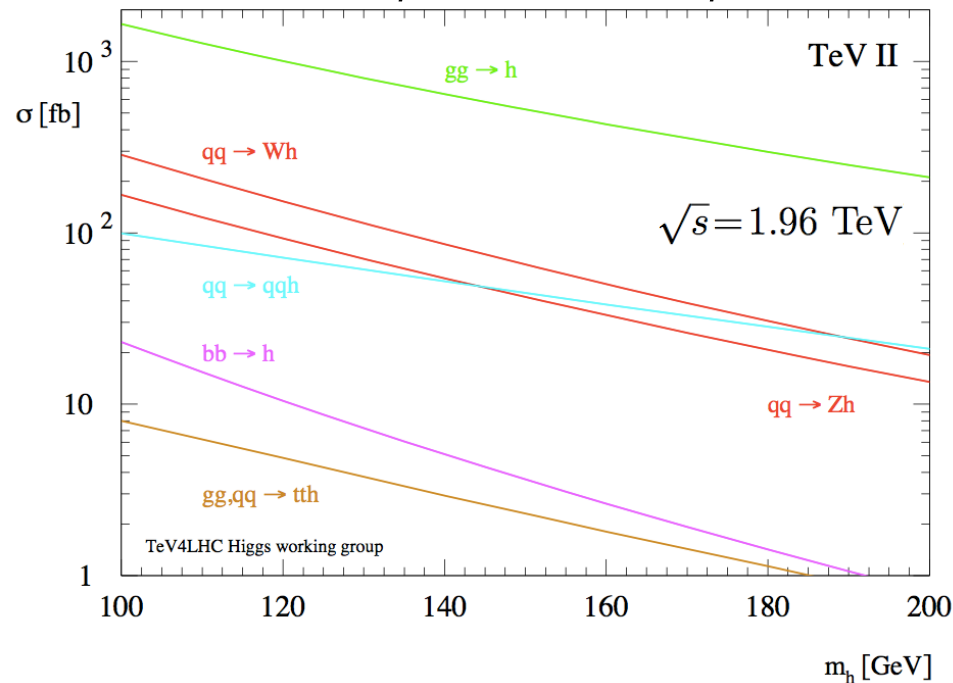
Higgs boson production at hadron colliders

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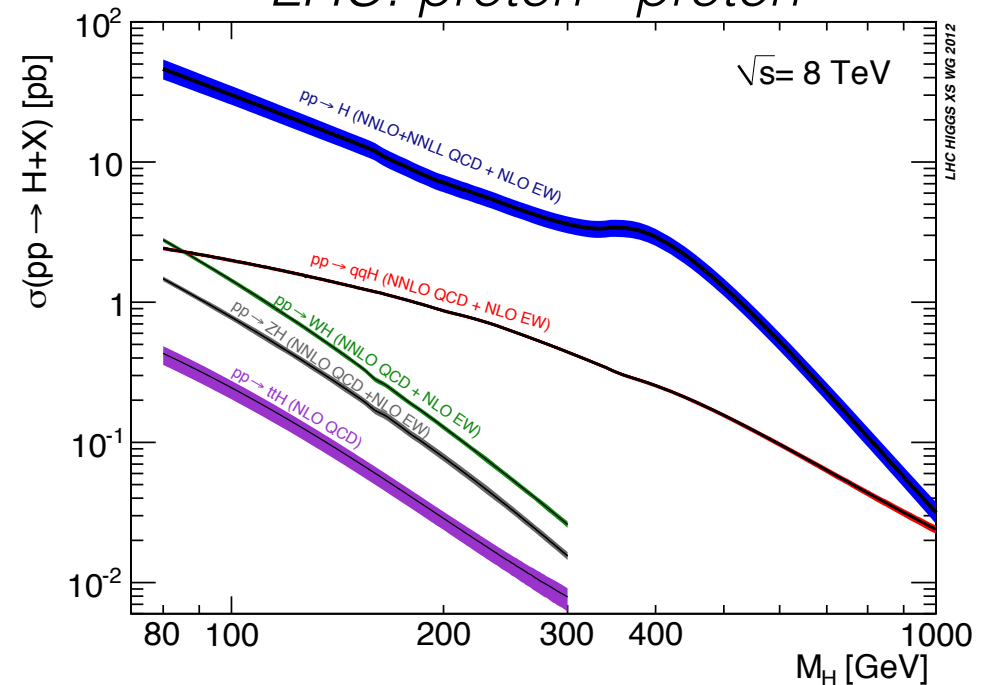
- the beams are not made of elementary particles
- the actual **scattering happens between quarks and gluons**
- the total cross-section is modulated by the parton density functions of the proton



Tevatron: proton - antiproton



LHC: proton - proton



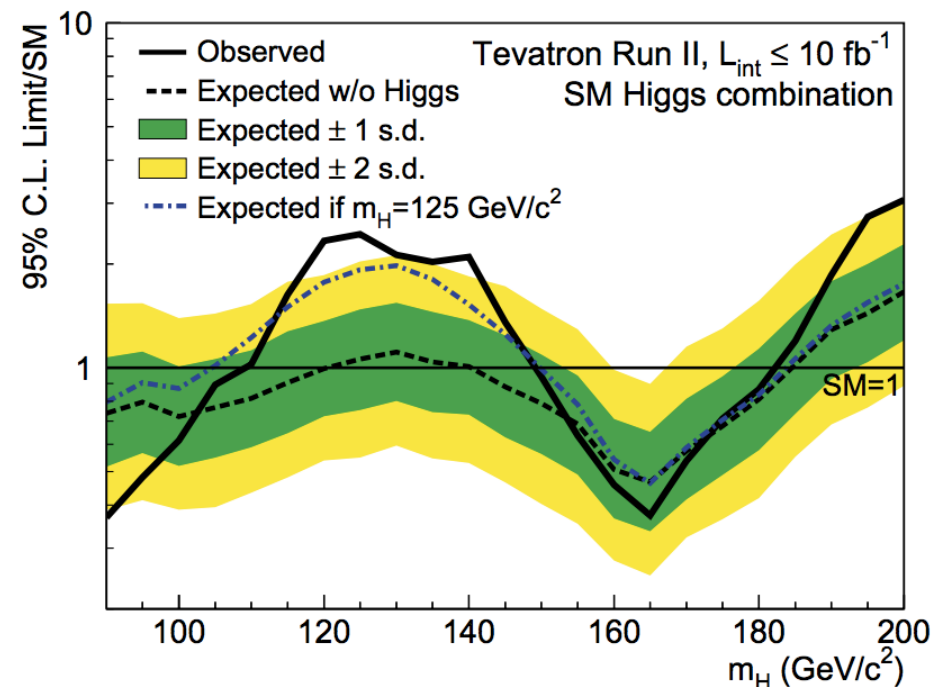
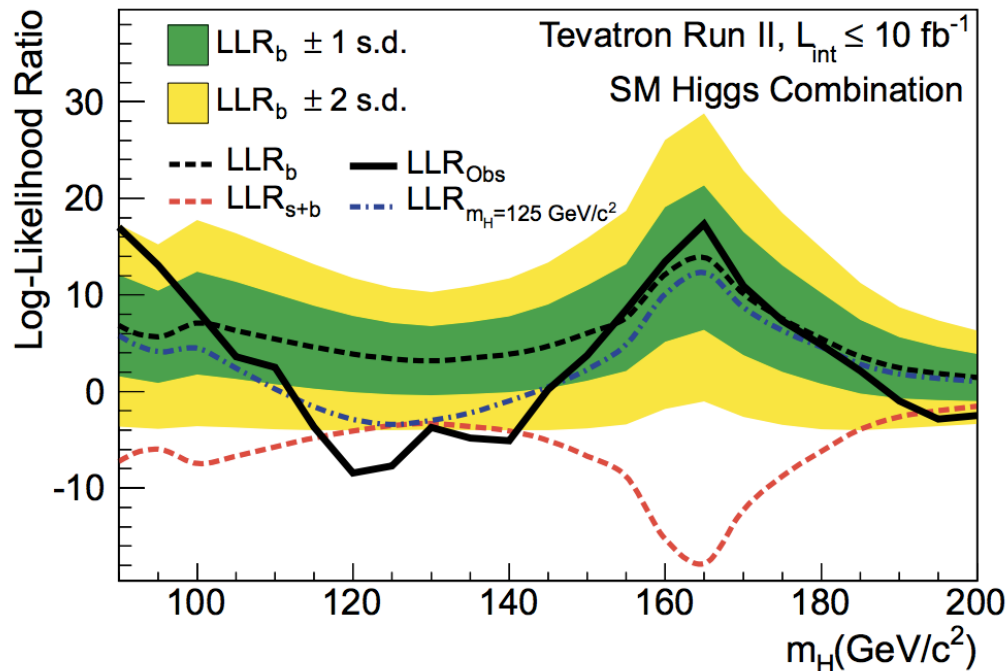
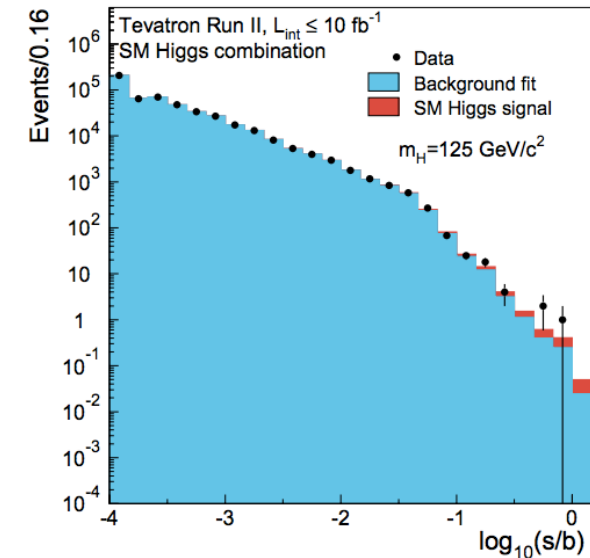
Higgs boson exclusion at Tevatron

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- **grand combination** of several channels and two experiments
- define **signal intensity**:

$$\mu = \frac{\sigma_{\text{signal}}}{\sigma_{\text{SM}}}$$

- plot μ for which the experiment has an exclusion power of 95% CL



Primary objectives:

- Search for the SM Higgs boson up to 1 TeV
 - characterise it, if found
- Search for phenomena beyond the standard model
 - New gauge bosons, 'new physics' at the 1 TeV scale
 - Dark matter candidate

Centre of mass energy:

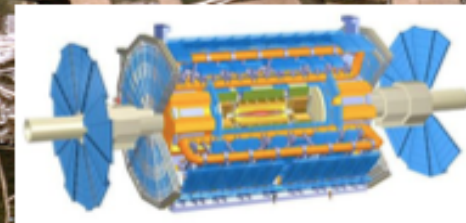
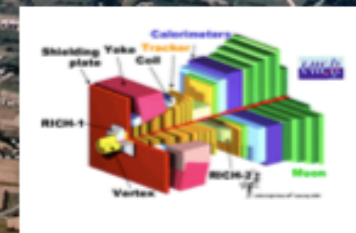
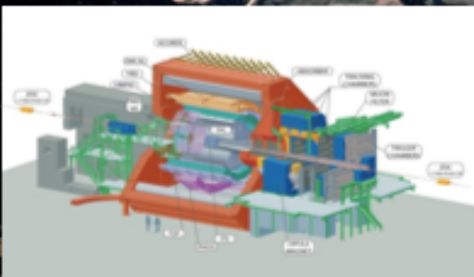
- 7-8 TeV (2010-2012)
- 13 TeV (2015-2018)

*Approved in 1994
First collisions in 2009*

*18 km/27 km of superconducting dipoles
 $B = 8.3 \text{ T}$
 $T = 1.9 \text{ K}$ (120 ton of L-He)
80 MW (+ 30 MW for the experiments)*

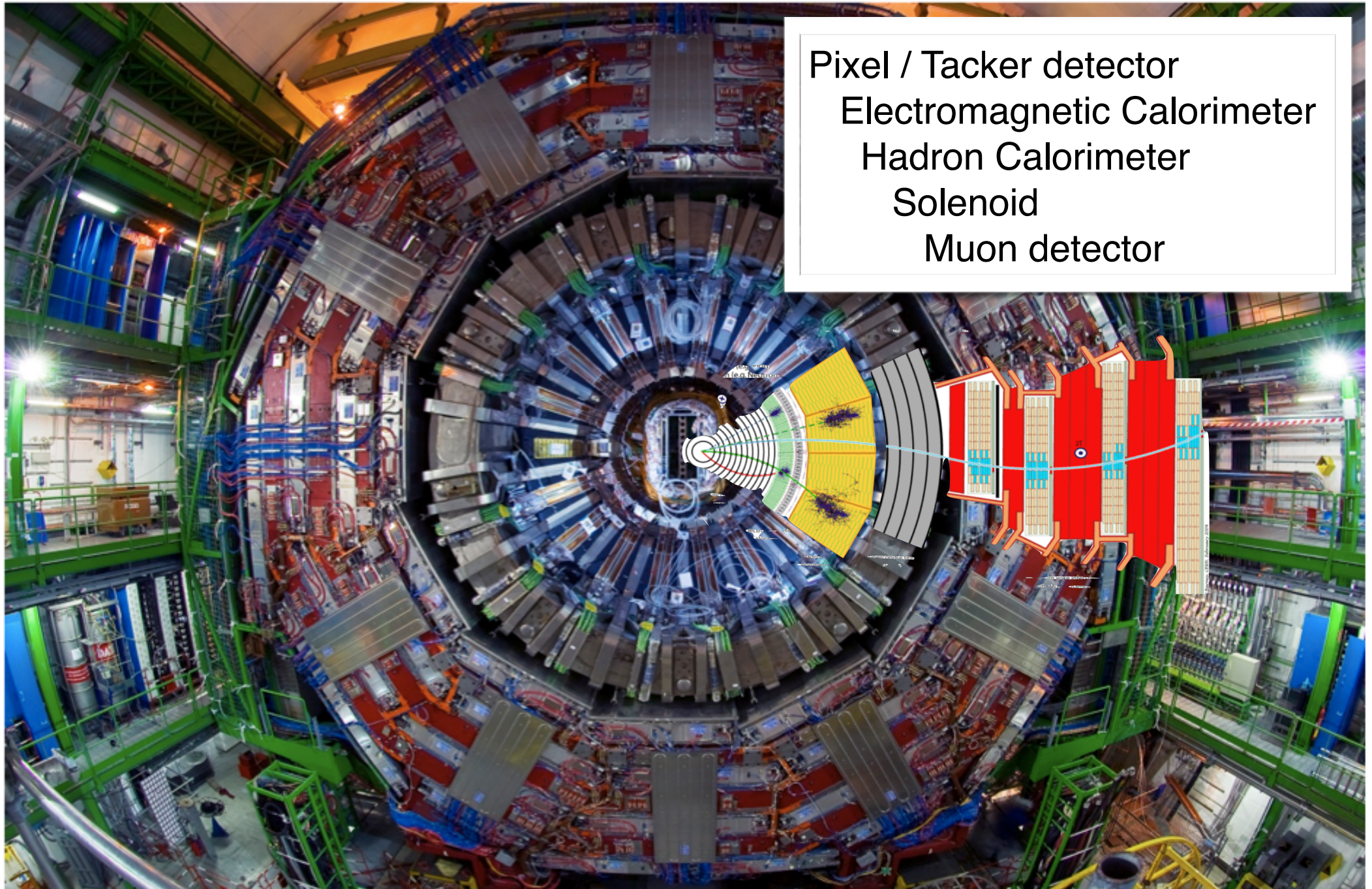
The LHC detectors

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The Compact Muon Solenoid

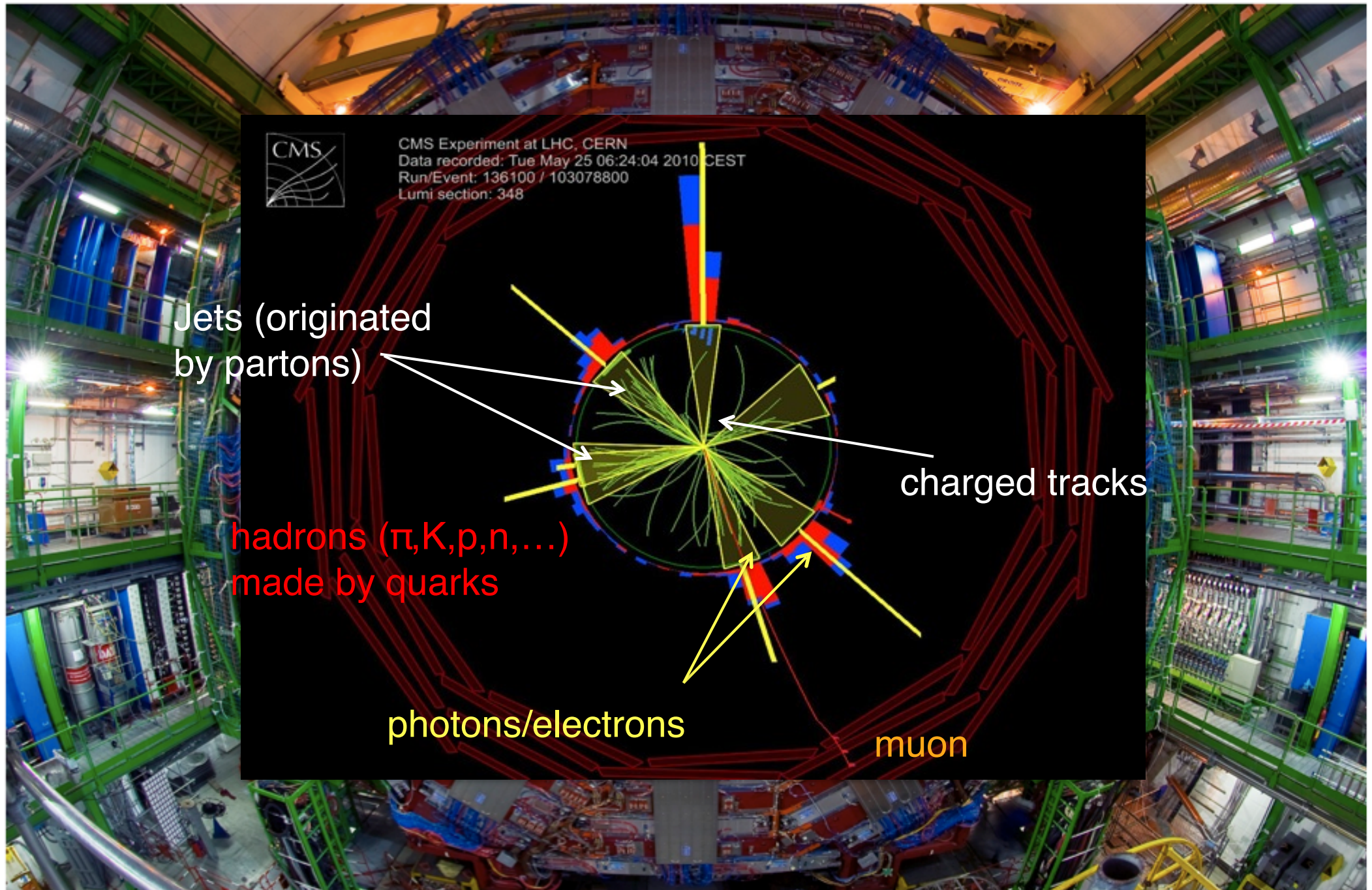
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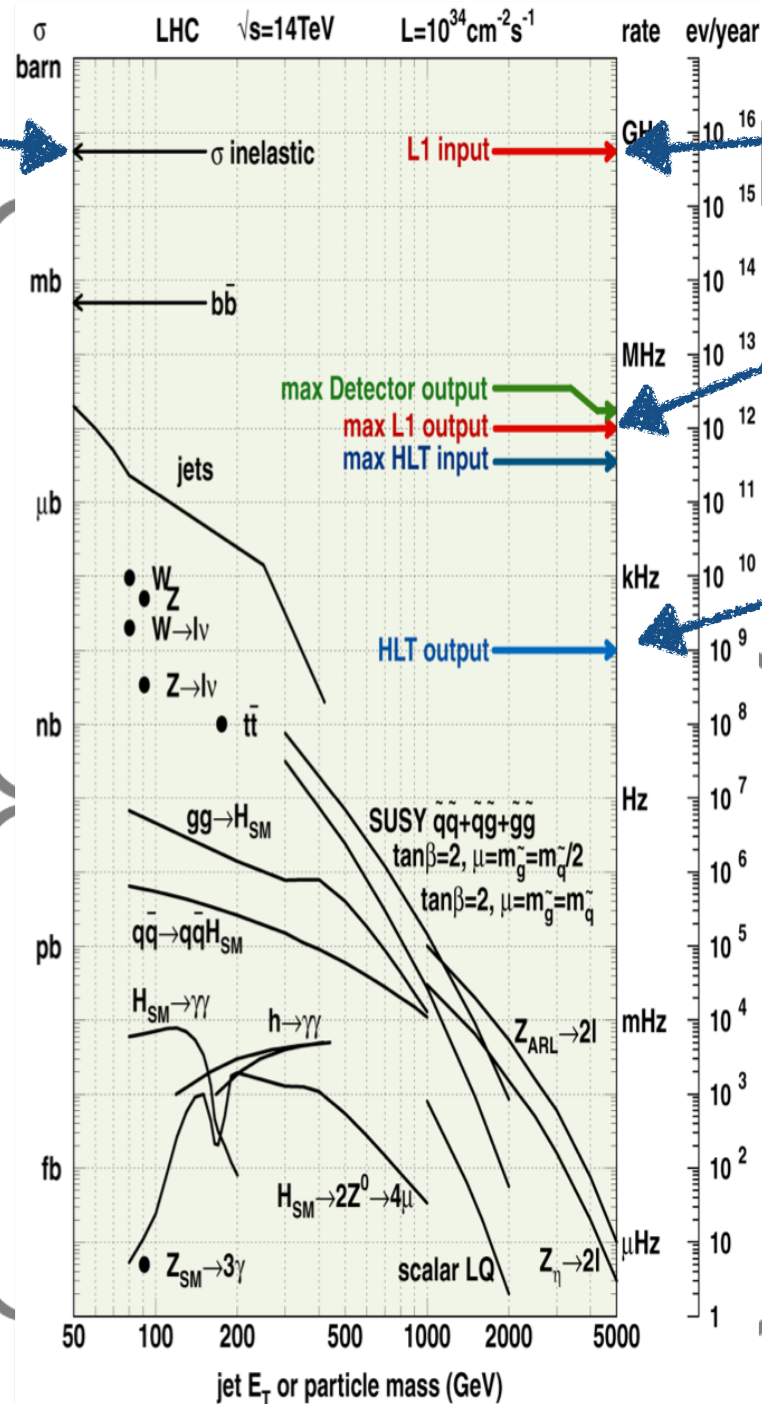
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total LHC production cross-section

backgrounds
heavy quarks and
vector bosons
production

signal
Higgs decay
products



total event rate

L1 trigger

*discard immediately events
with no relevant info*

HLT trigger

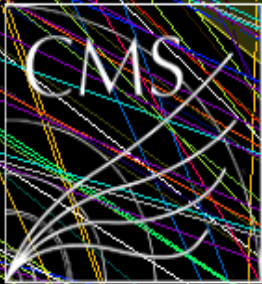
*discard events with no
relevant physics topology*

offline

*all what survives
the HLT gets
saved for data
analysis*

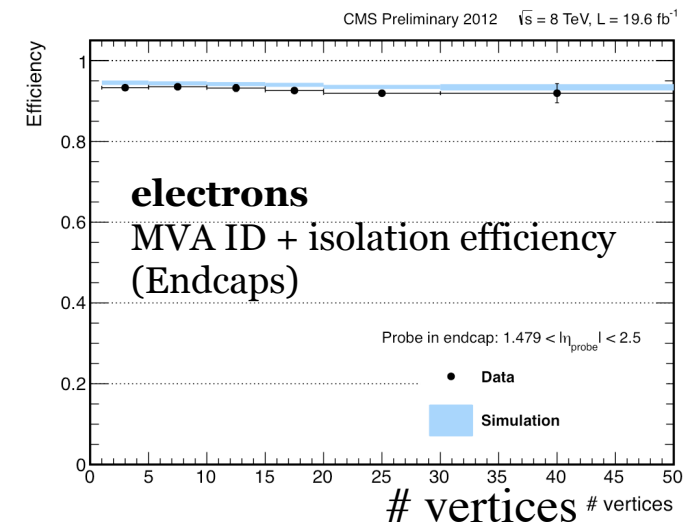
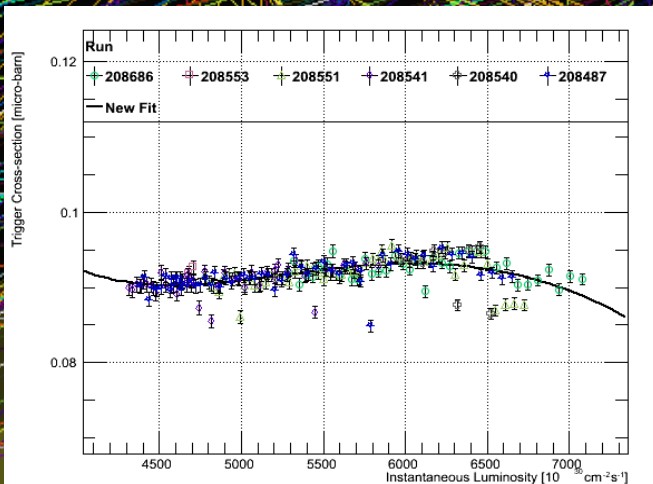
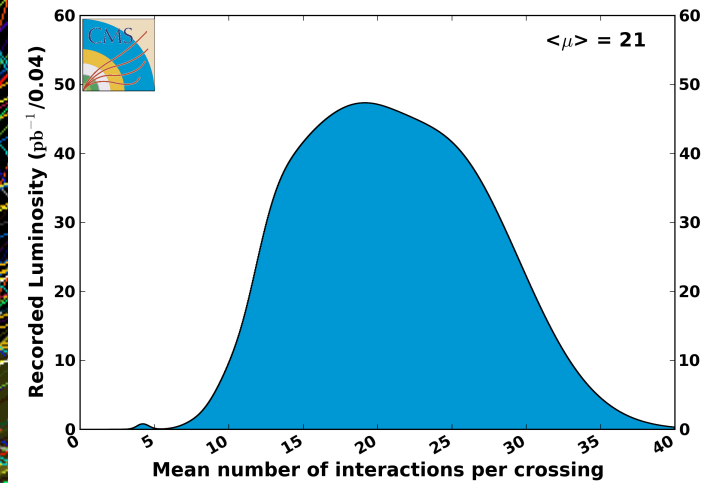
experimental challenges: the pile-up

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CMS Experiment at LHC, CERN
Data recorded: Mon May 28 01:16:20 2012 CEST
Run/Event: 195099 / 35438125
Lumi section: 65
Orbit/Crossing: 16992111 / 2295

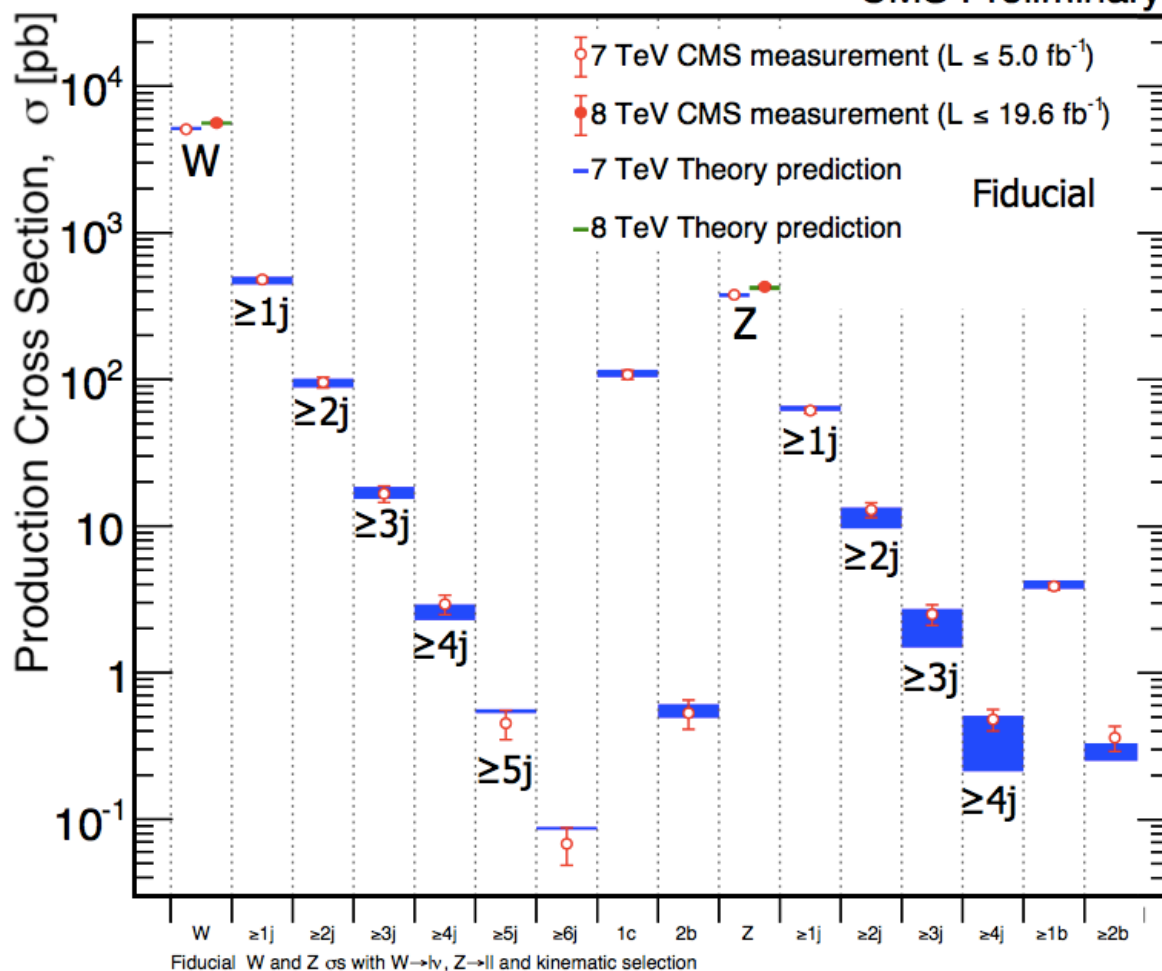
CMS Average Pileup, pp, 2012, $\sqrt{s} = 8$ TeV



- **production cross section measurements**, corrected for leptonic branching fractions
- All theoretical expectations calculated at NLO or higher
- similar results obtained by the ATLAS experiment

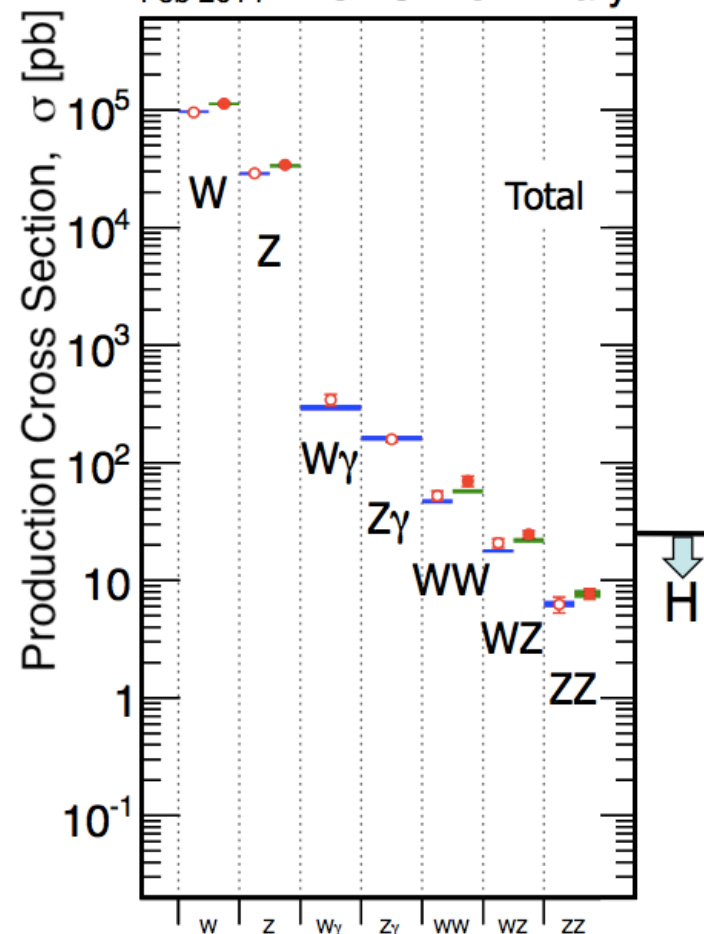
V (+ n jets) production

CMS Preliminary



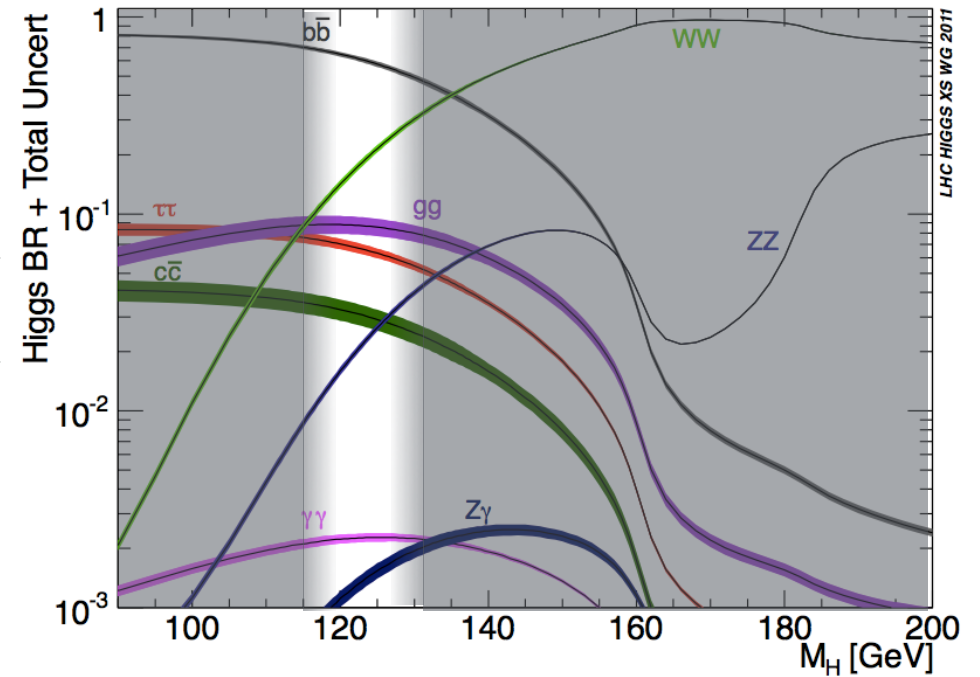
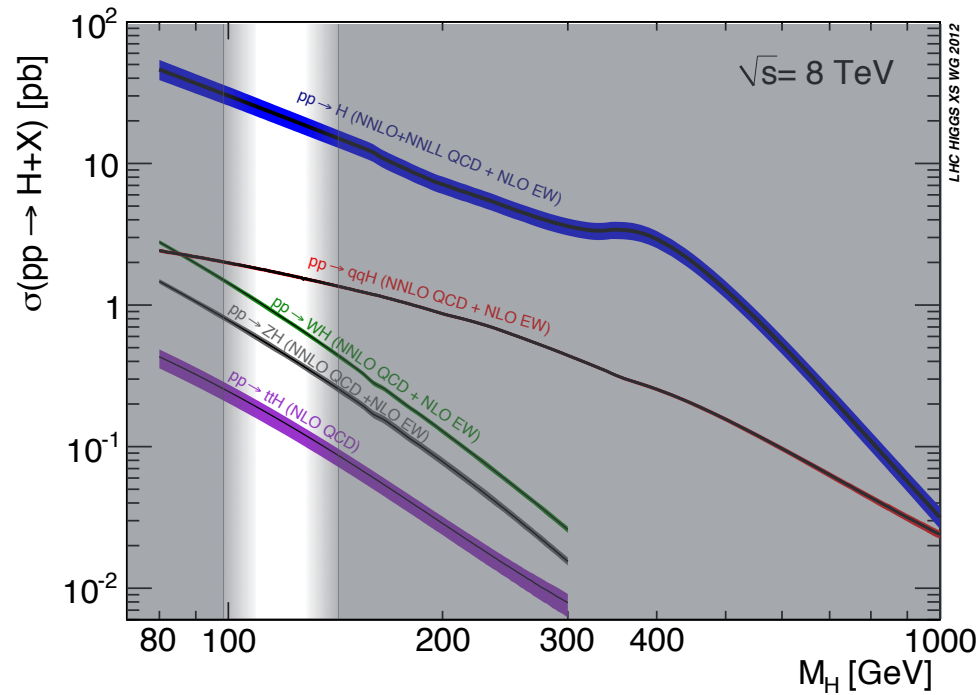
V & VV Production

Feb 2014 CMS Preliminary



main Higgs boson search channels

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	untagged	VBF	VH	$t\bar{t}H$
H-> gamgam				
H-> ZZ				
H-> WW				
H-> bb				
H-> tau tau				

de Roeck

- the decay branching ratio determines **the range in m_H** where a channel is significant
- the final state objects determine **the resolution of the m_H reconstruction**

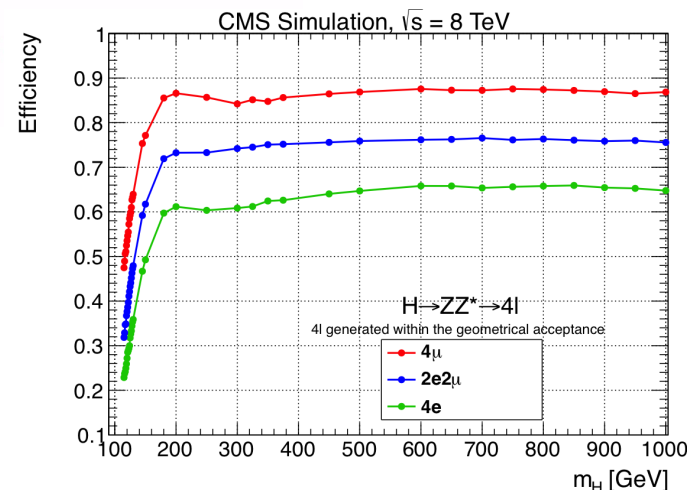
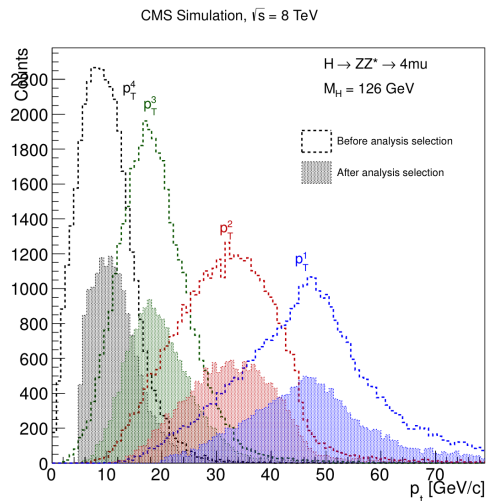
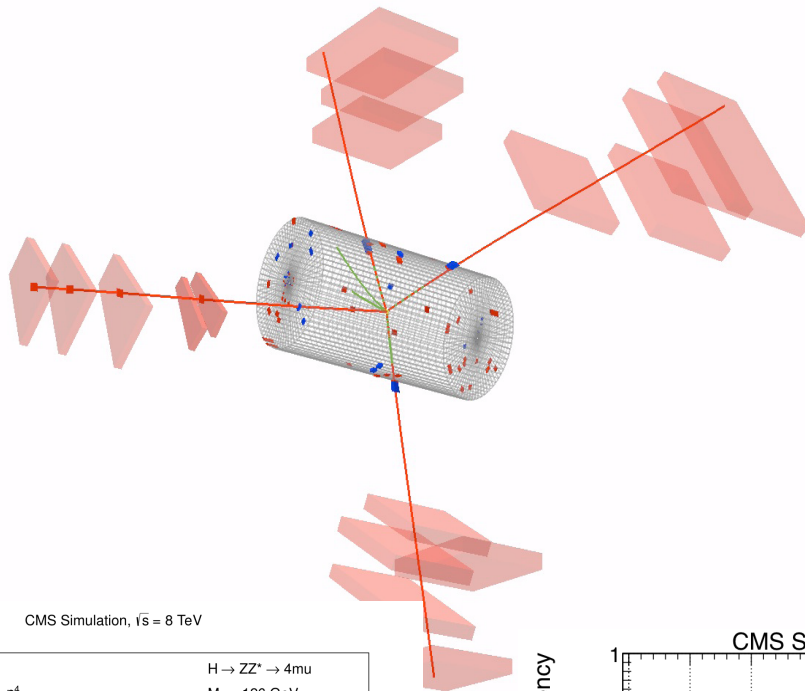
$$m_H = \sqrt{E_H^2 - \vec{p}_H^2} = \sqrt{\sum E_i^2 - \sum \vec{p}_i^2}$$

Channel	m_H range (GeV/c ²)	Data used 7+8 TeV (fb ⁻¹)	m_H resolution
H -> $\gamma\gamma$	110-150	5.1+19.6	1-2%
H -> $\tau\tau$	110-145	4.9+19.6	15%
H -> $b\bar{b}$	110-135	5.0+19.0	10%
H -> WW -> $l\nu l\nu$	110-600	4.9+19.5	20%
H -> ZZ -> 4l	110-1000	5.1+19.6	1-2%

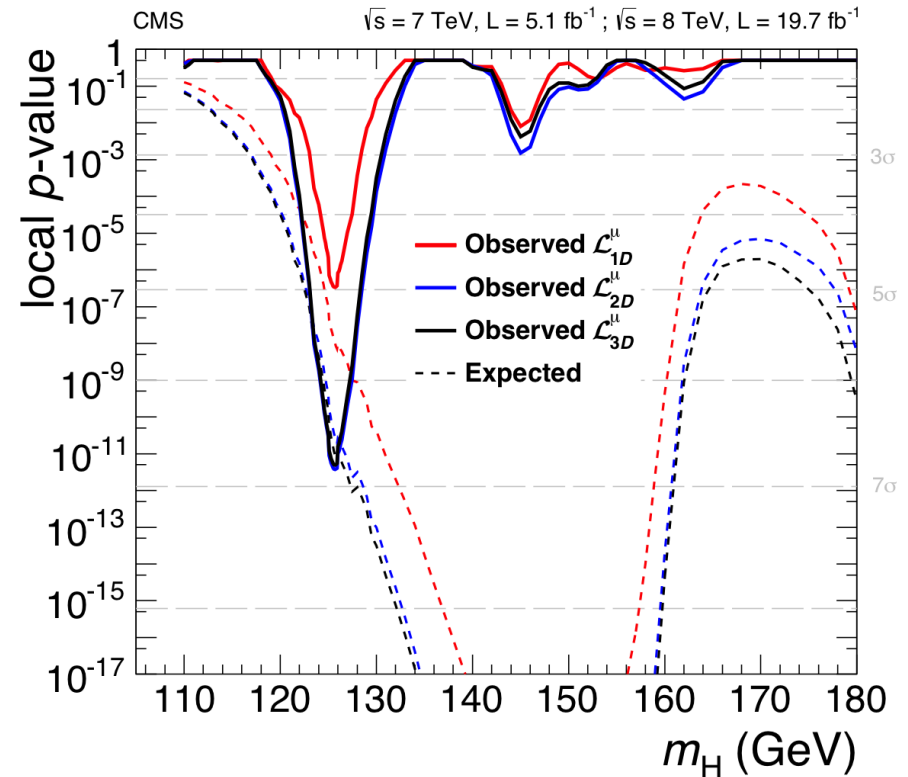
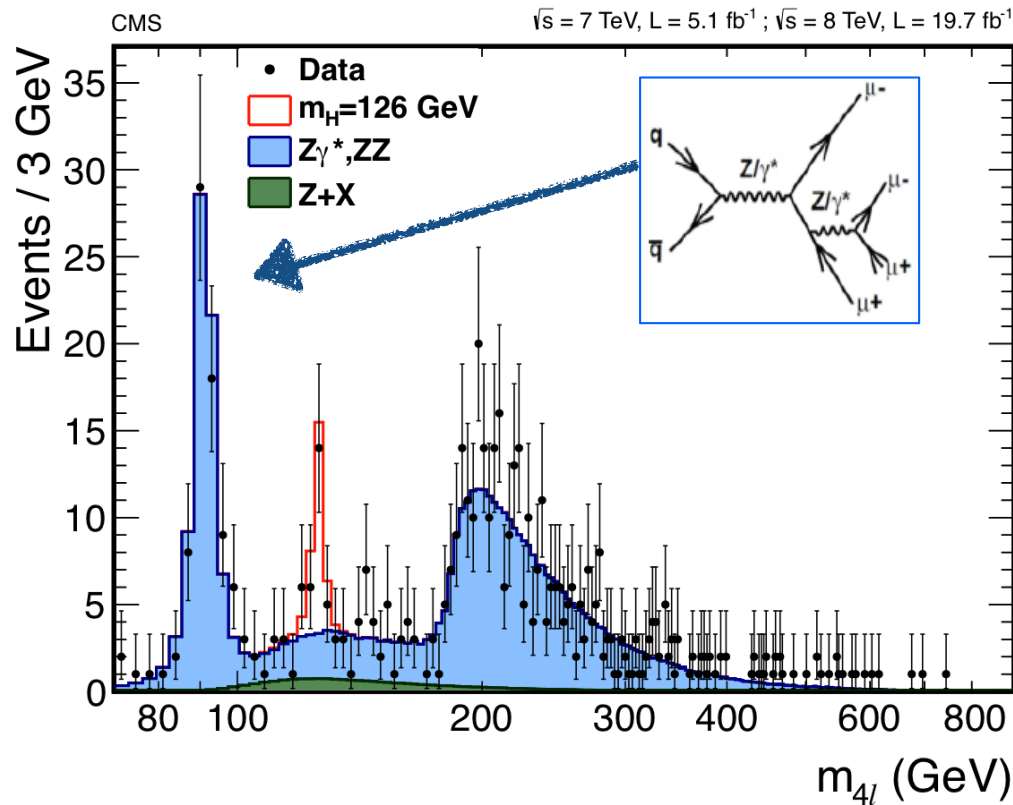
the $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4\ell$ decay

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- The “golden” channel – **Narrow peak over a locally flat continuum**
- Very high mass resolution and $S/B \gg 1$
- Very low rates ($\sigma \times \beta \sim 0.8$ fb at 125 GeV)



- **4 isolated leptons** from a common primary vertex
- Precision on lepton (E,P) & highest possible ϵ_{lepton} down to lowest p_T
- Maintain the reducible background well below the ZZ^* continuum
- **discriminating variables:**
 - $m_{4\ell}$
 - Kinematic Discriminant (e.g. m_{Z1} , m_{Z2} , 5 angles from decay chain)

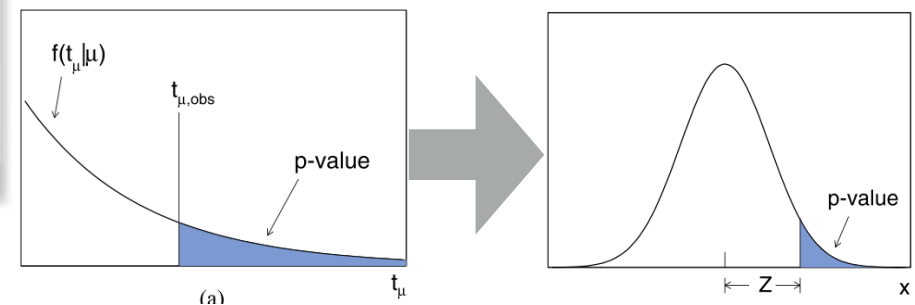


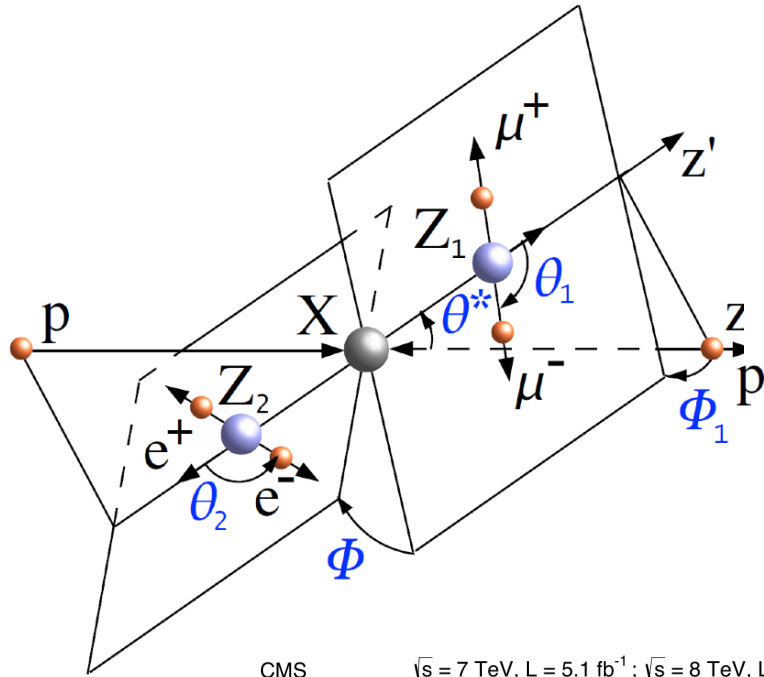
Significance: 6.8σ

$$\sigma/\sigma_{\text{SM}} = 0.93^{+0.26}_{-0.23} \text{ (stat.) } ^{+0.13}_{-0.09} \text{ (syst.)}$$

p-value

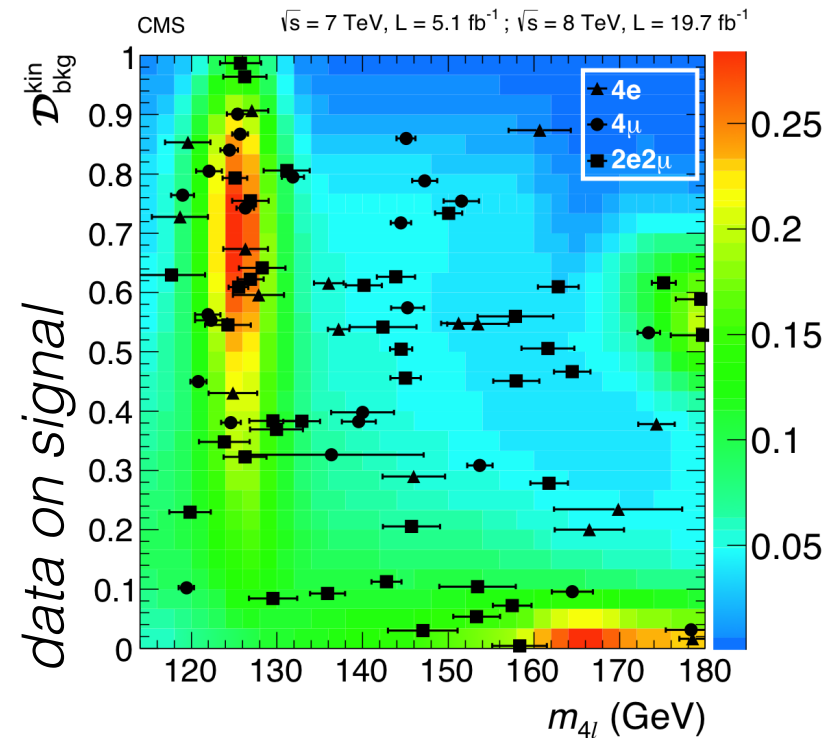
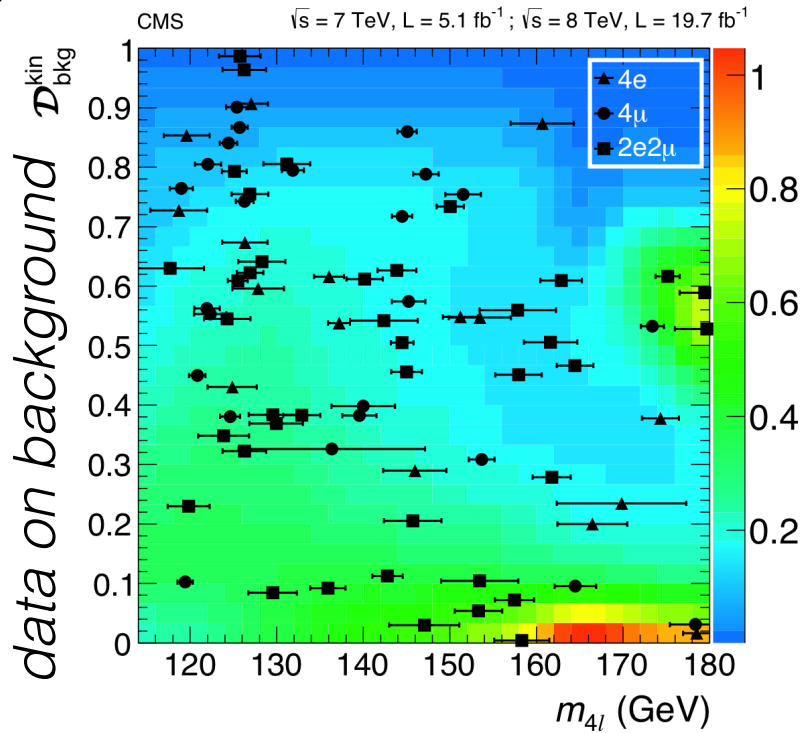
probability for the background-only hypothesis to fluctuate up to the observation

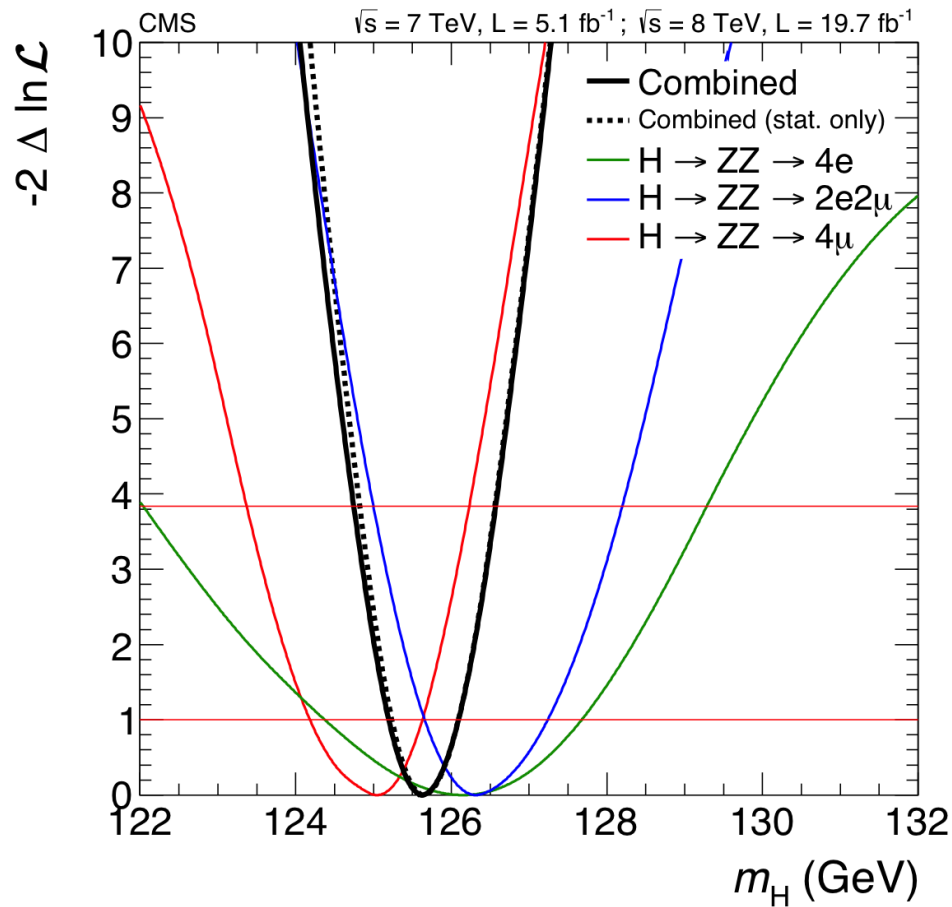




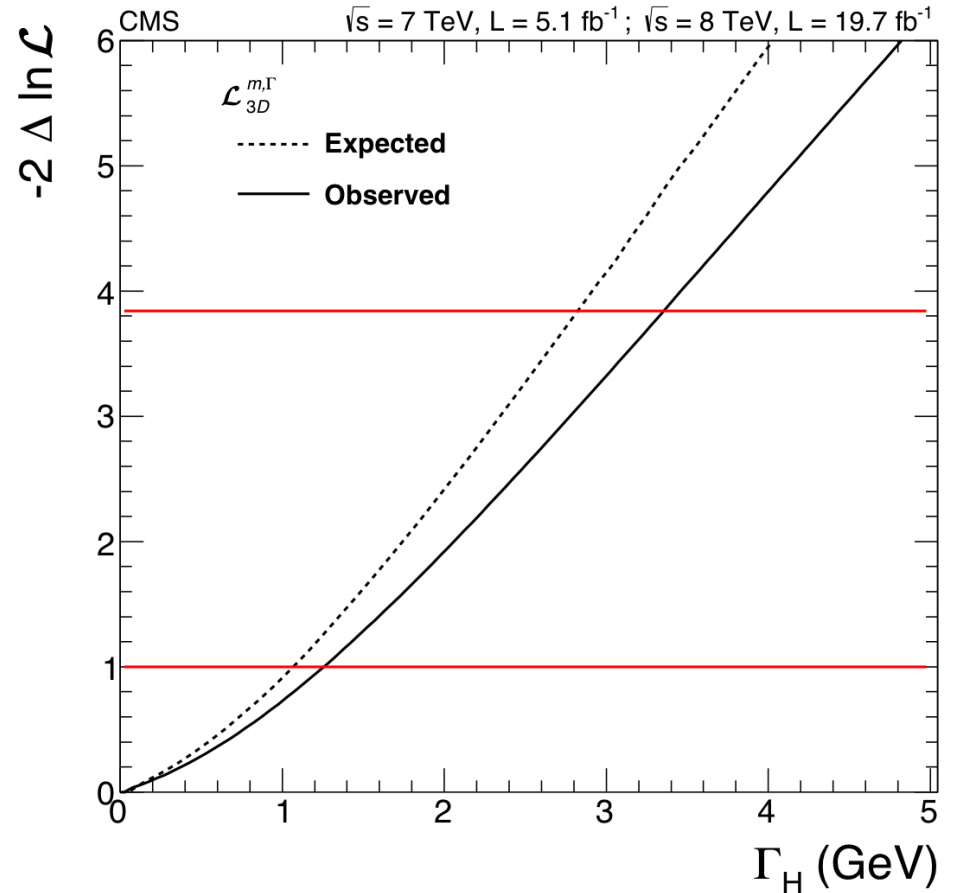
Matrix Element Likelihood Analysis:
uses kinematic inputs to build a kinematic discriminant (K_D) for signal to background discrimination using $\{m_1, m_2, \theta_1, \theta_2, \theta^*, \Phi, \Phi_1\}$

$$\text{MELA} = \left[1 + \frac{\mathcal{P}_{\text{bkg}}(m_1, m_2, \theta_1, \theta_2, \Phi, \theta^*, \Phi_1 | m_{4\ell})}{\mathcal{P}_{\text{sig}}(m_1, m_2, \theta_1, \theta_2, \Phi, \theta^*, \Phi_1 | m_{4\ell})} \right]^{-1}$$





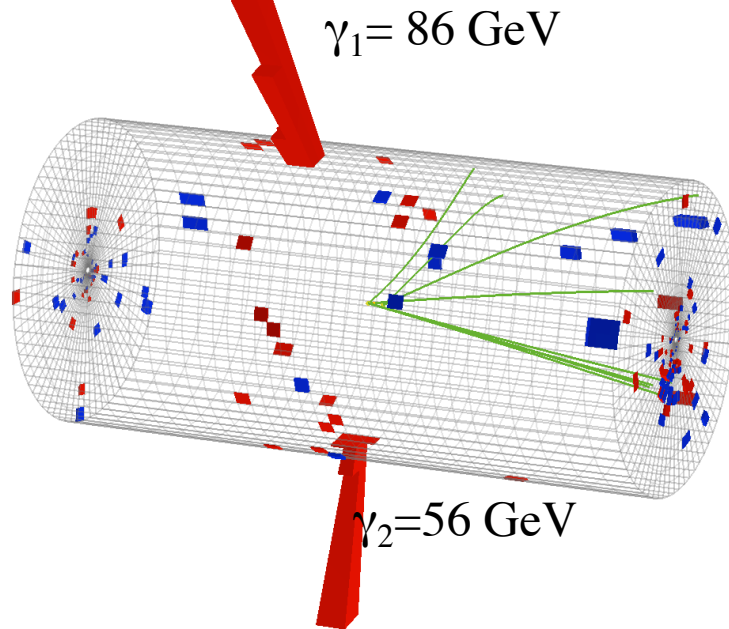
$$m_H = 125.6 \pm 0.4 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.2 \text{ (syst.) GeV}$$



$$\Gamma_H \leq 3.4 \text{ GeV at a 95\% CL}$$

NB expected $\sim 4 \text{ MeV!}$

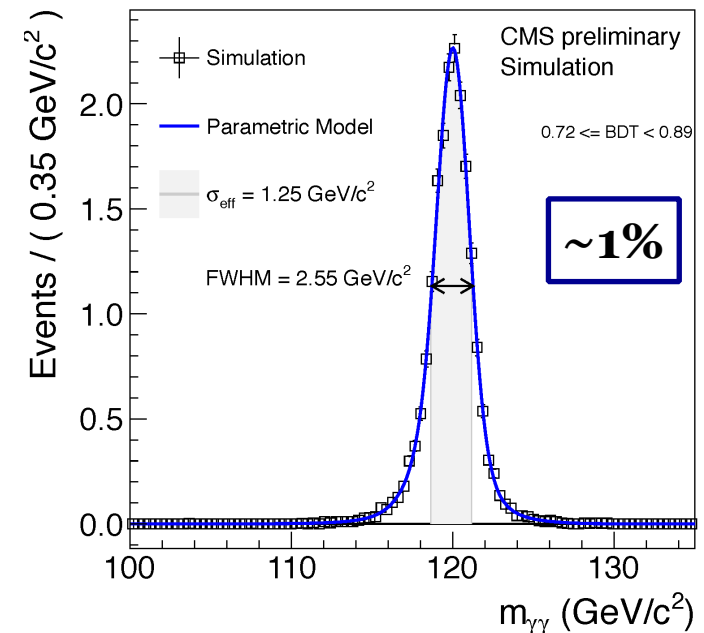
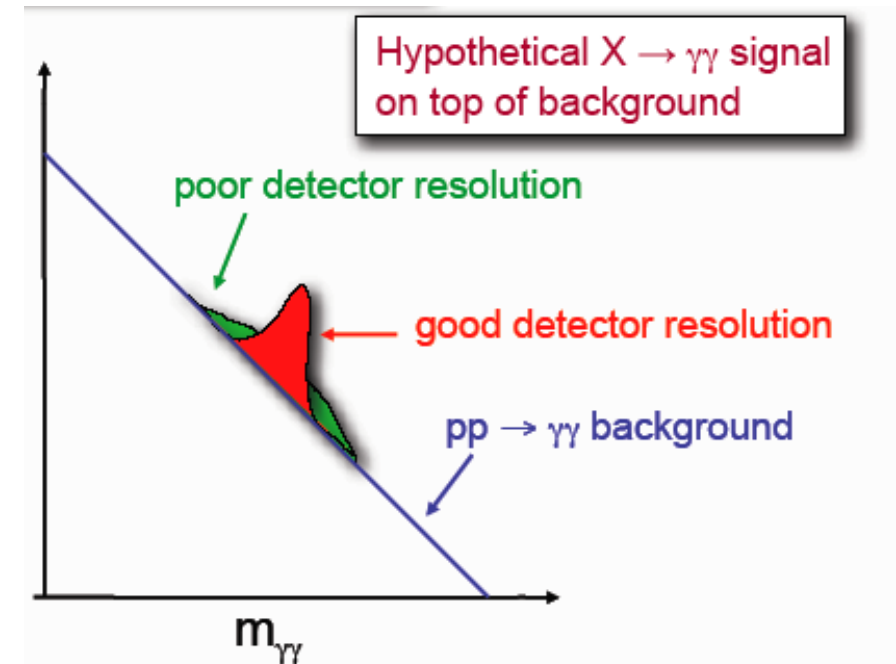
- high mass resolution, but $S/B < 1$
- low rates ($\sigma \times \beta \sim 48 \text{ fb}$ at 125 GeV)



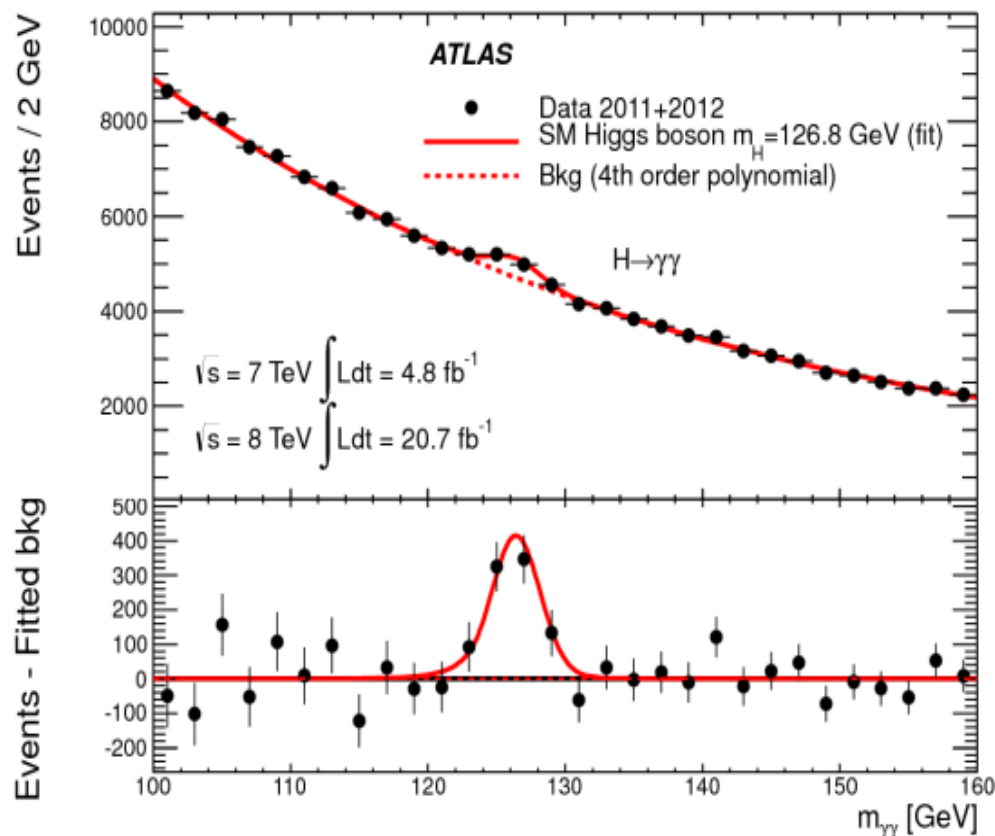
Signature: 2 energetic, isolated γ ,
in a narrow mass peak on top of a
steeply falling spectrum

Relevant aspects:

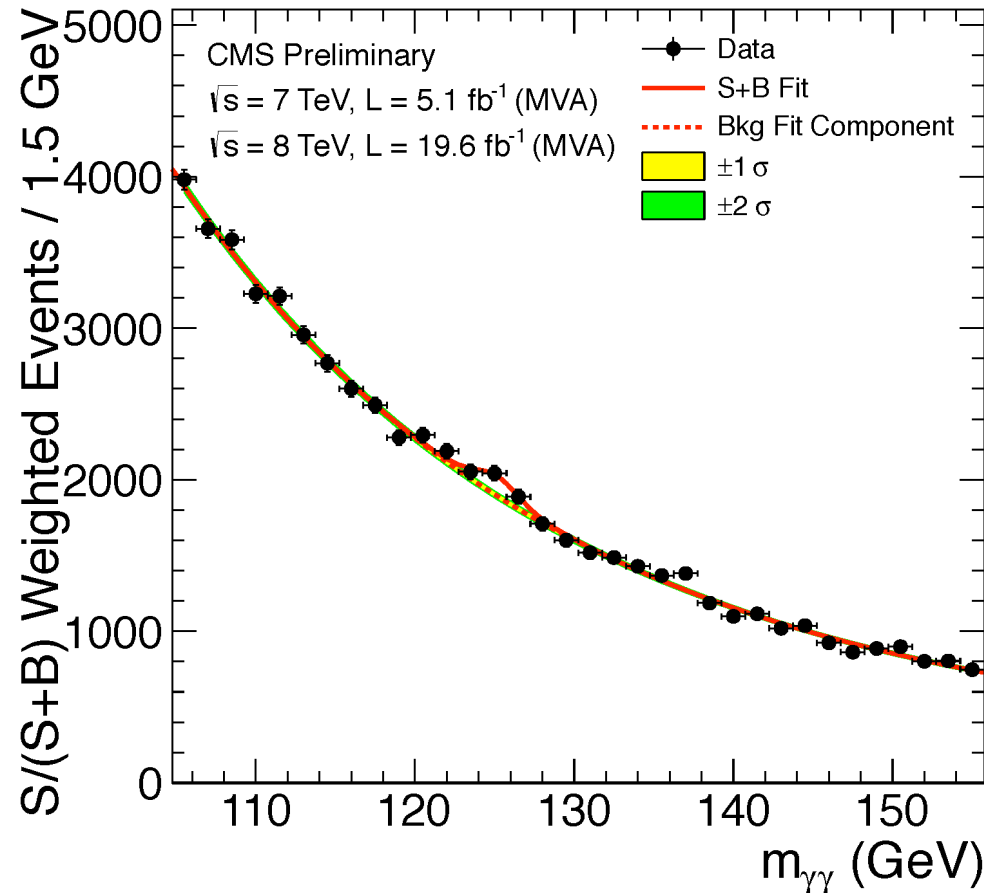
- Photon identification/ background rejection
- Di-photon mass spectrum
- Background estimation
- Primary vertex determination (pile-up!)



ATLAS



CMS



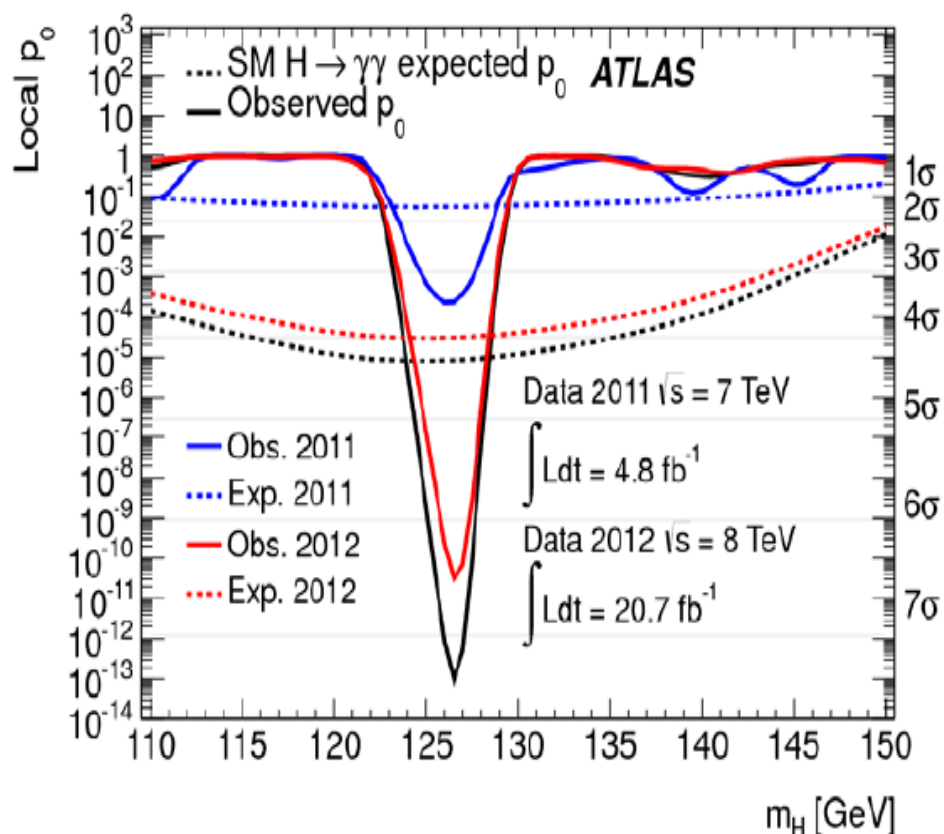
High level analysis very similar between ATLAS and CMS:

- categorisation by S/B, resolution and pT (ATLAS w/ cuts, CMS w/ a BDT)
- Similar di-jet categories with O(70%) purity
- Mass fit with polynomial background (to minimise the bias on the signal)

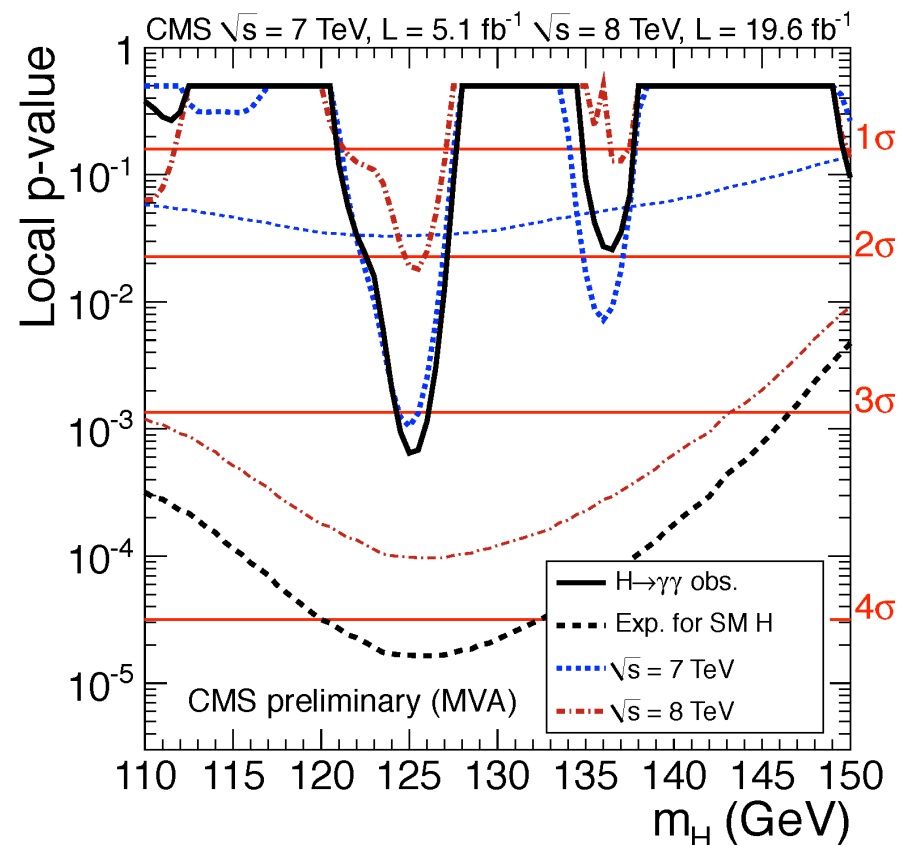
Compatibility with the background-only hypothesis

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ATLAS



CMS



	ATLAS	CMS
m	126.8 ± 0.2 (stat) ± 0.7 (sys)	125.4 ± 0.5 (stat) ± 0.6 (sys)
significance	7.4σ (4.3σ expected)	3.2σ (4.2σ expected)
signal strength	1.57 ± 0.24 (stat) ± 0.22 (sys)	0.78 ± 0.27

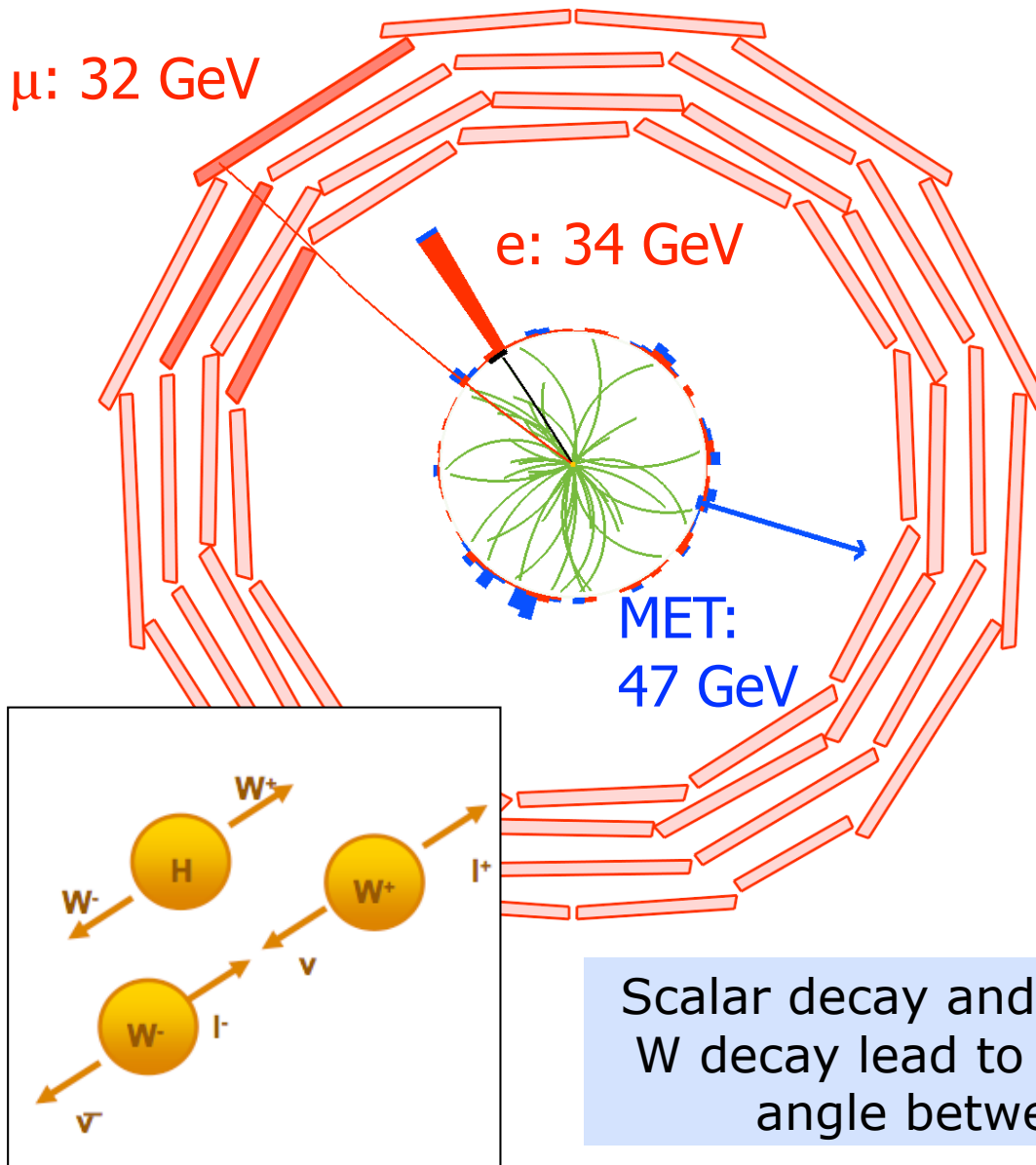
- large rate ($\sigma \times \beta \sim 200$ fb at 125 GeV)
- poor mass resolution

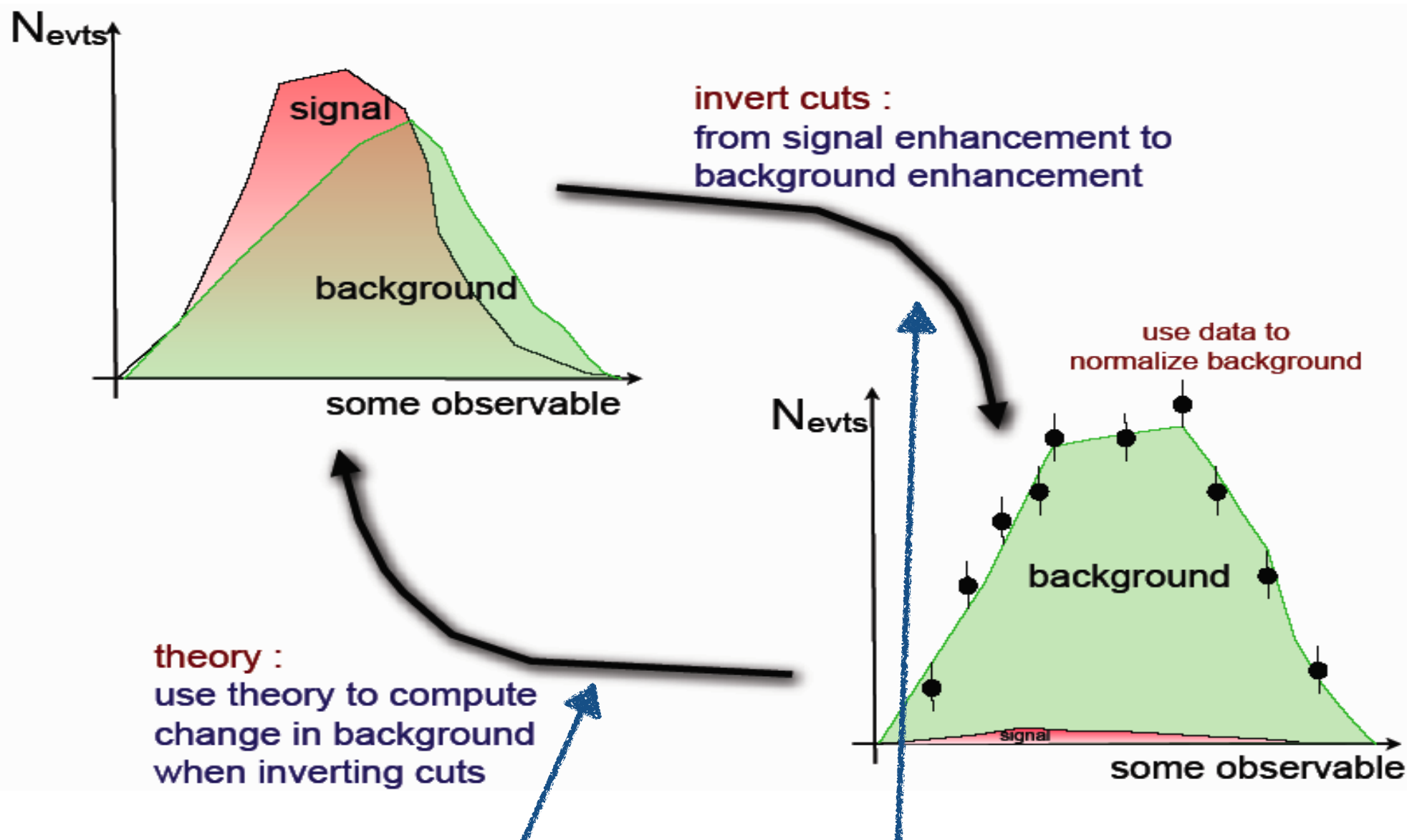
Analysis features

- Two opposite charge leptons (e, μ)
- Two neutrinos = missing transverse energy (MET)
- No Higgs mass peak
- Counting & 2D shape analyses
- Enhance sensitivity by subdividing into (0,1,2) jets categories

Challenges

- Understand backgrounds: WW, W+jets, top, Z+jets
- determined from control regions

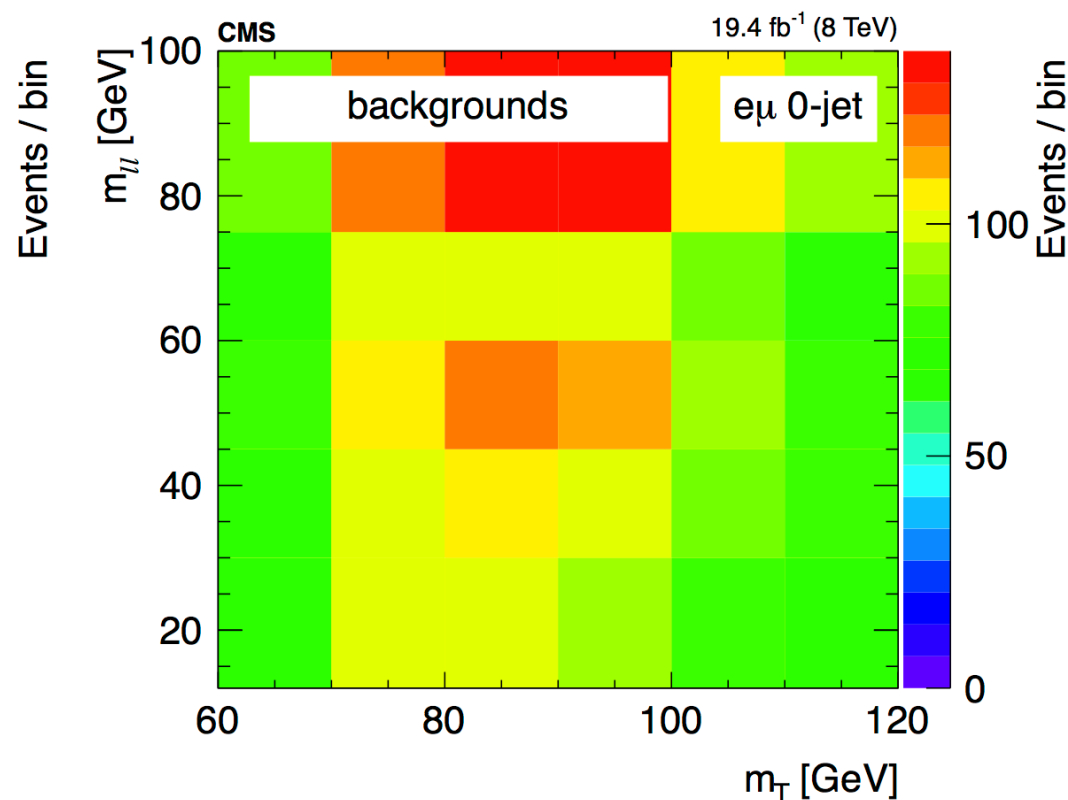
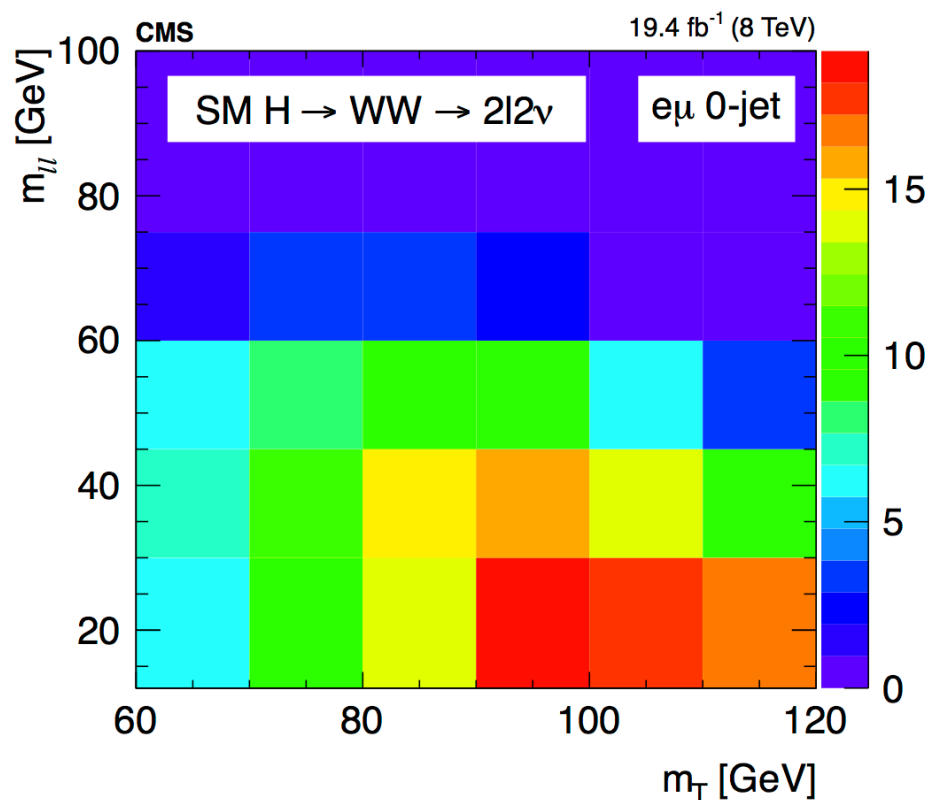




*Theoretical uncertainties
(diff. distr. + pdf + scale+...)*

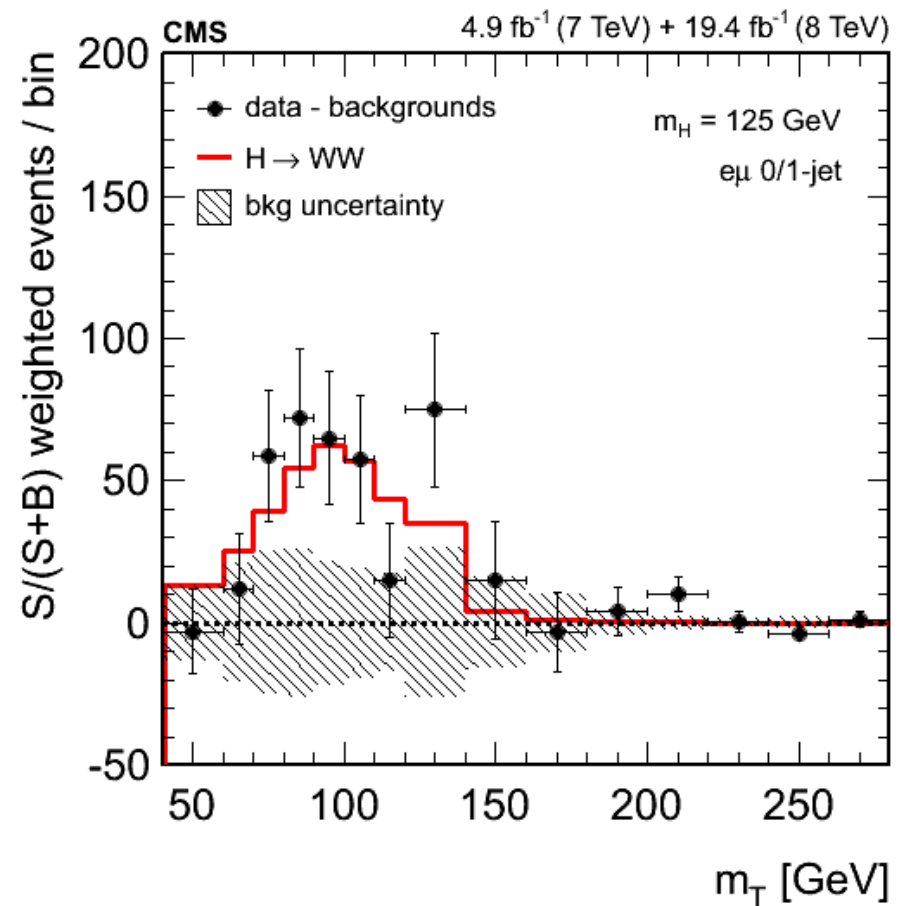
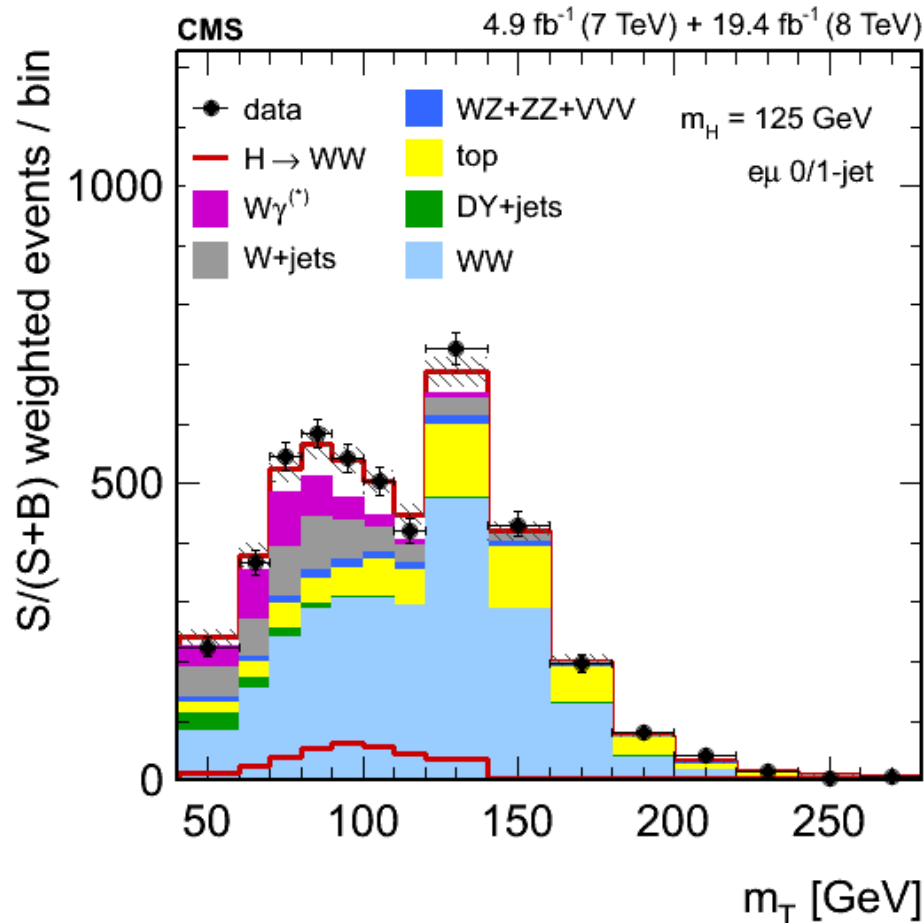
*experimental uncertainties
(like isolation, pt etc...)*

- Analysis on the full data set for WW+0 jets and +1 jets categories
- Use a cut based analysis for same flavour lepton events and **2D m_T - $m_{\ell\ell}$ analysis** for different flavour events



final state	cut-based approach	shape-based approach
DF 0-jet	counting	2D $m_{\ell\ell}$ - m_T
SF 0-jet	counting	counting
DF 1-jet	counting	2D $m_{\ell\ell}$ - m_T
SF 1-jet	counting	counting

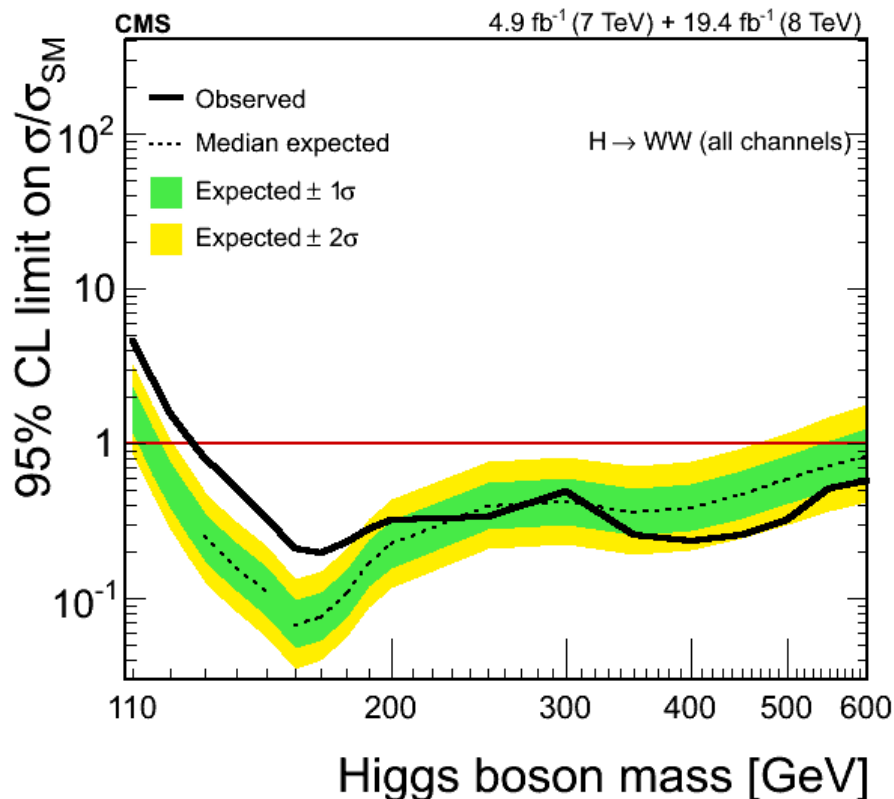
Events with 0- and 1-jet and different flavour leptons (7+8 TeV Data)



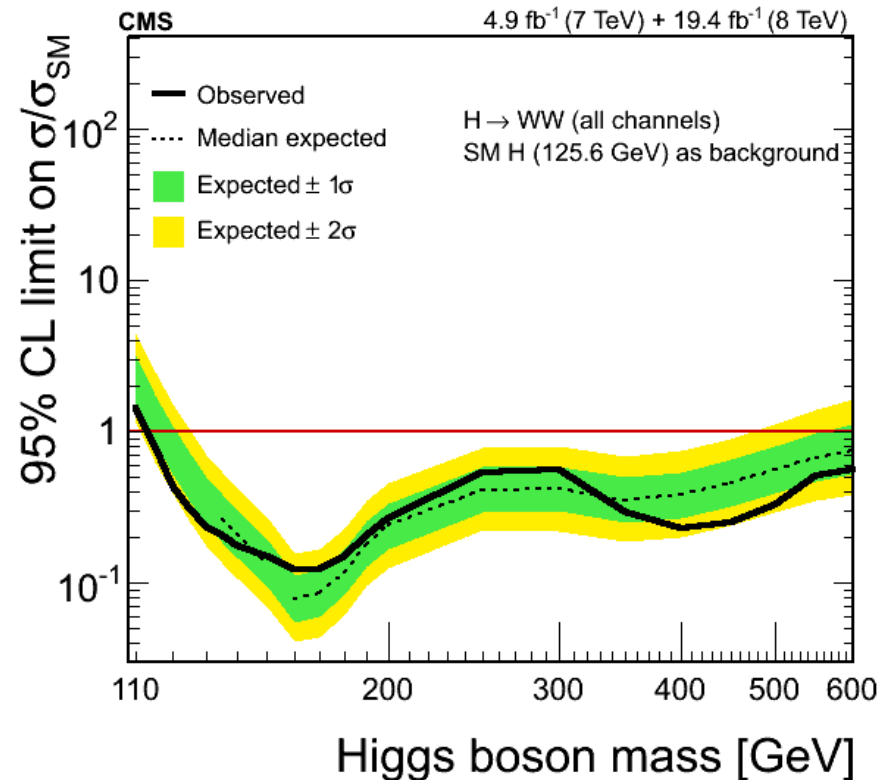
$$M_T = \sqrt{2p_T^{\ell\ell} E_T^{\text{miss}} \cos(\Delta\phi_{\ell\ell} - E_T^{\text{miss}})}$$

A significant excess is observed...

Standard Analysis

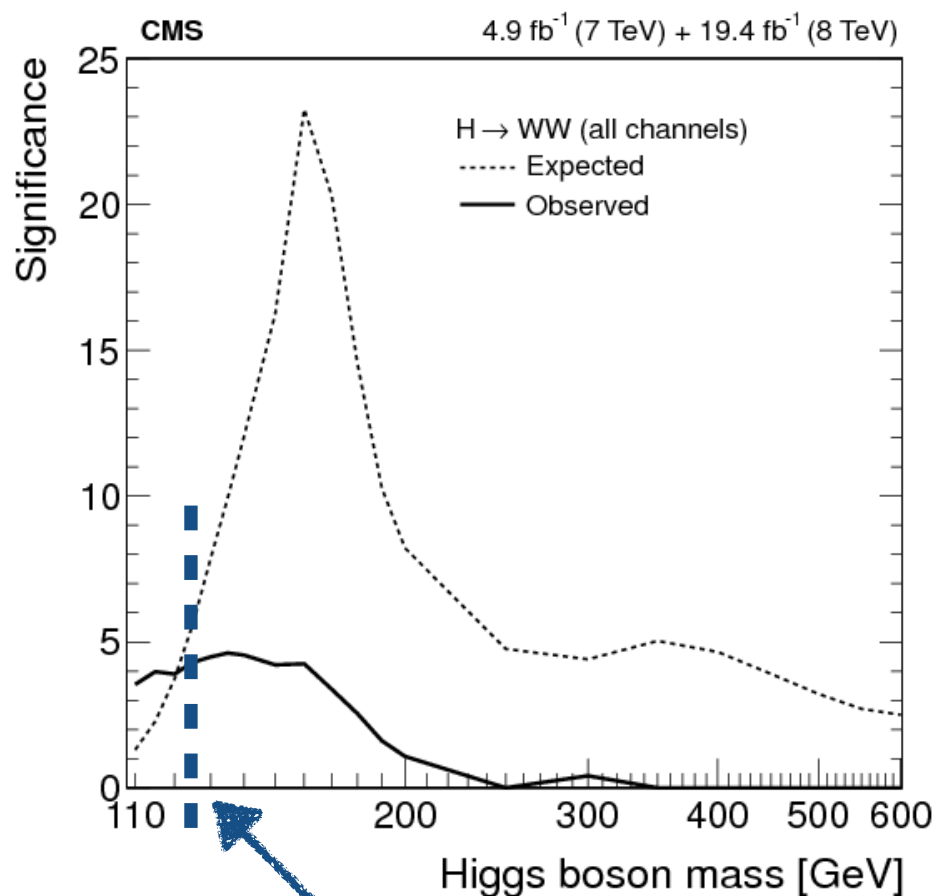


Using $m_H = 125$ GeV as a background

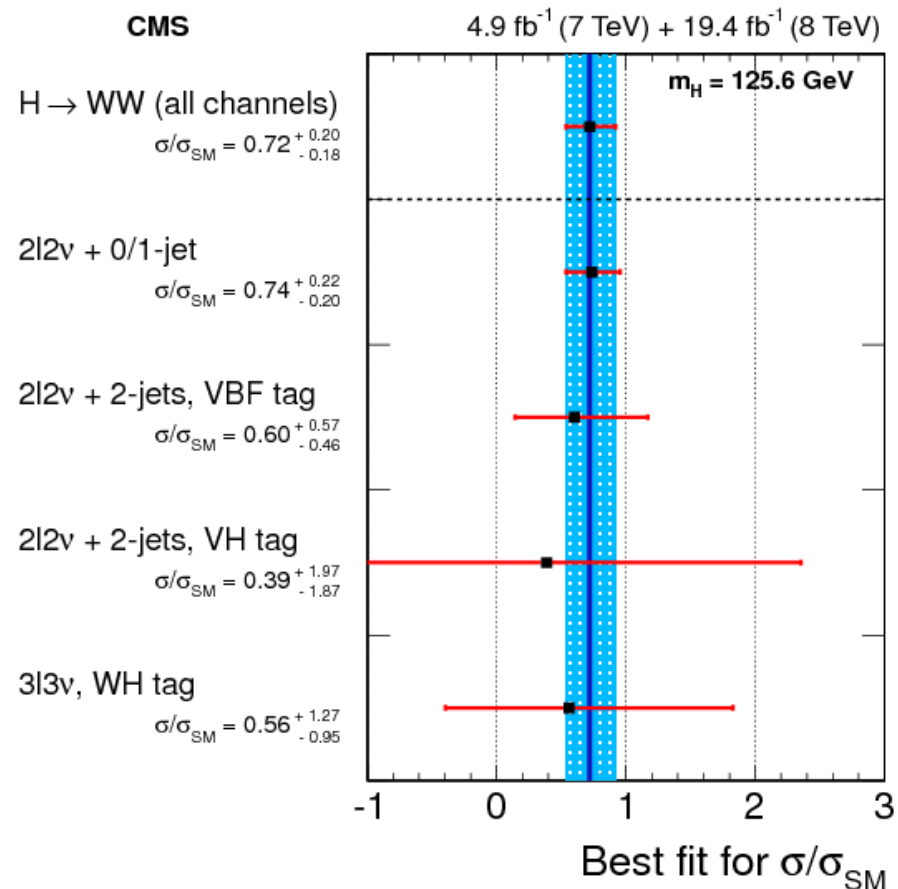


- Exclusion at 95% CL in the mass range 128-600 GeV
- **Large excess** in the low mass region
- **When including $m_H = 125$ GeV as part of the background**, no significant excess is seen over the entire mass range

- **several channels are combined** to get the final result
- **compare the signal strength** values in the various sub-channels

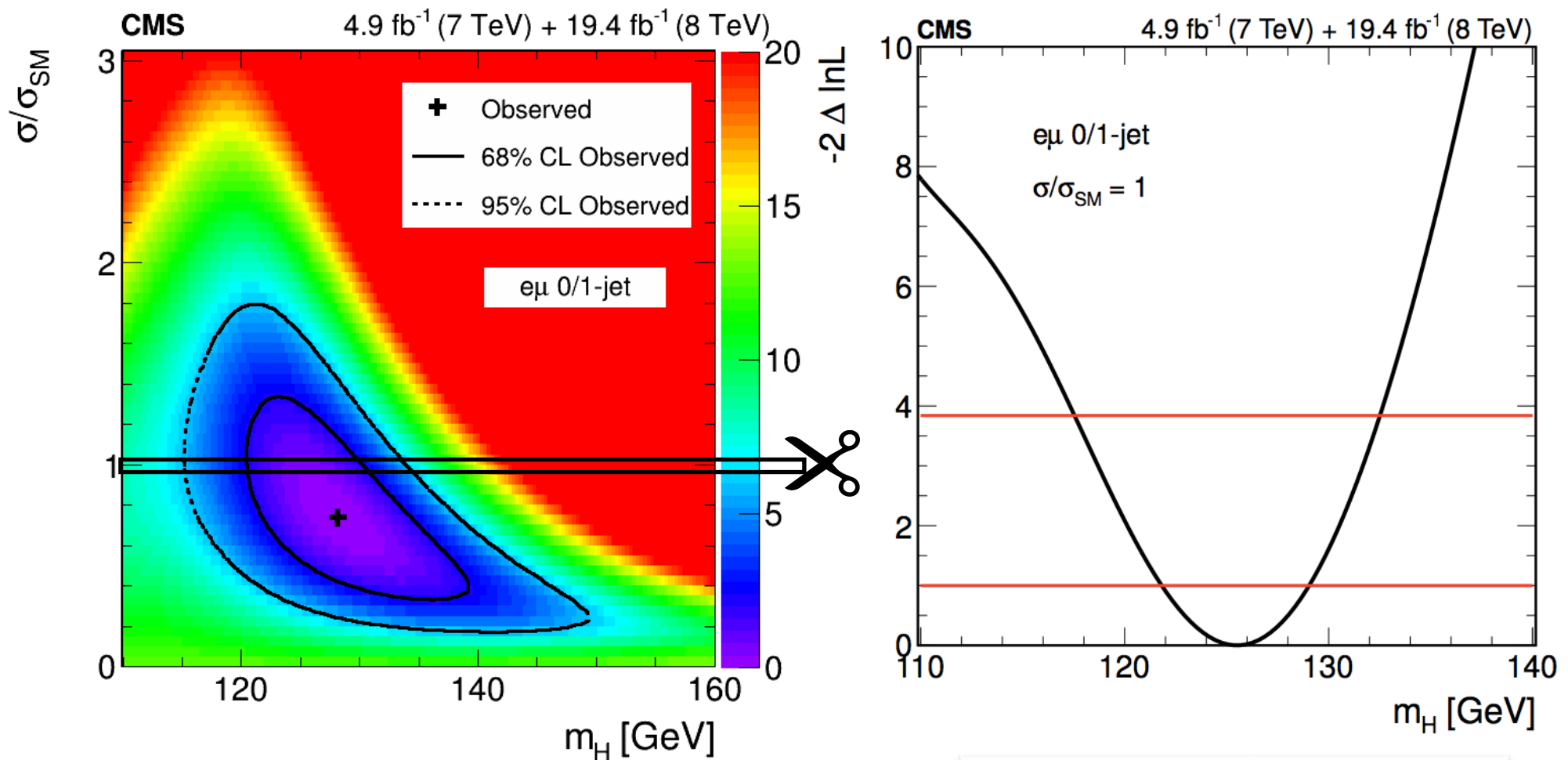


A 4.0σ (5.1σ) observed
(expected) significance at
 $m_H \sim 125$ GeV



$$\sigma/\sigma_{SM} = 0.72 \pm 0.20$$

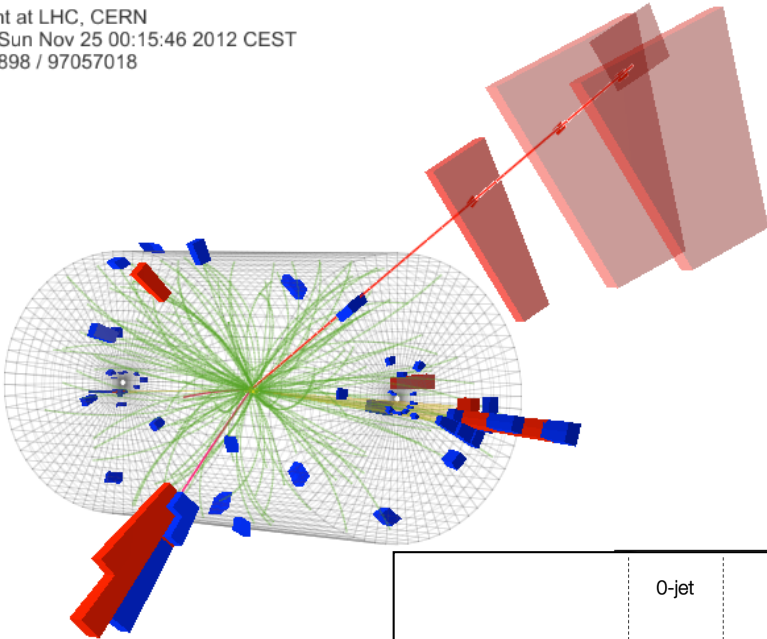
- **reconstruct m_H** by boosting in the (approximate) reference system of the Higgs boson
- **minimise the signal likelihood** with respect to m_H and μ



$$m_H = 125.5^{+3.6}_{-3.8} \text{ GeV}$$

- Large rates and medium mass resolution

Experiment at LHC, CERN
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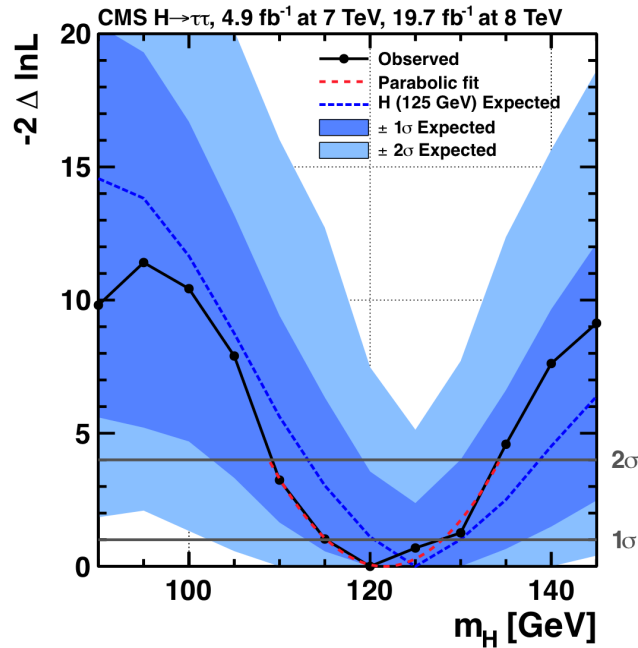
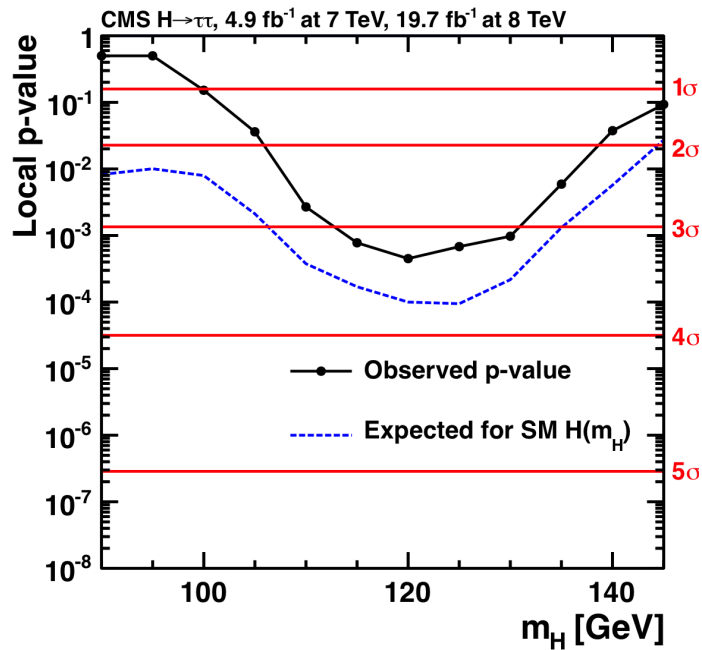
Analysis

- Tau decays to $e, \mu, \tau_{\text{had}}$ used to reconstruct tau leptons
- Reconstruct the $\tau\tau$ invariant mass
- Use many categories to increase the sensitivity

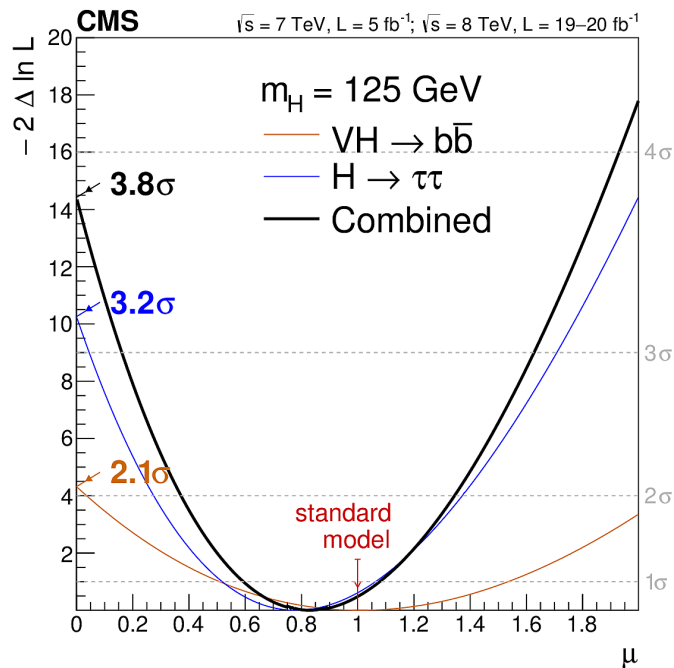
		0-jet	1-jet	2-jet
$\mu\tau_h$	$p_{T^{\tau h}} > 45 \text{ GeV}$	high- $p_{T^{\tau h}}$	high- $p_{T^{\tau h}}$ <small>$p_{T^{\tau\tau}} > 100 \text{ GeV}$</small>	<small>$m_{jj} > 500 \text{ GeV}$ $\Delta\eta_{jj} > 3.5$</small> loose VBF tag
	baseline	low- $p_{T^{\tau h}}$	low- $p_{T^{\tau h}}$ <small>high-$p_{T^{\tau h}}$ boosted</small>	tight VBF tag (2012 only)
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	baseline	low- $p_{T^{\tau h}}$	low- $p_{T^{\tau h}}$ <small>high-$p_{T^{\tau h}}$ boosted</small>	tight VBF tag (2012 only)
$e\mu$	$p_{T^{\tau\mu}} > 35 \text{ GeV}$	high- $p_{T^{\tau\mu}}$	high- $p_{T^{\tau\mu}}$ <small>$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 30 \text{ GeV}$</small>	loose VBF tag
	baseline	low- $p_{T^{\tau\mu}}$	low- $p_{T^{\tau\mu}}$	tight VBF tag (2012 only)
$ee, \mu\mu$	$p_{T^{\tau\tau}} > 35 \text{ GeV}$	high- $p_{T^{\tau\tau}}$	high- $p_{T^{\tau\tau}}$	2-jet
	baseline	low- $p_{T^{\tau\tau}}$	low- $p_{T^{\tau\tau}}$	
$\tau_h\tau_h$ (8 TeV only)			boosted	VBF tag
	baseline		highly boosted	
		<small>$p_{T^{\tau\tau}} > 100 \text{ GeV}$</small>	<small>$p_{T^{\tau\tau}} > 170 \text{ GeV}$</small>	<small>$p_{T^{\tau\tau}} > 100 \text{ GeV}$ $m_{jj} > 500 \text{ GeV}$ $\Delta\eta_{jj} > 3.5$</small>

Analysis challenges

- separate the Higgs peak from the Drell-Yan decay
- reduce as much as possible the invariant mass resolution

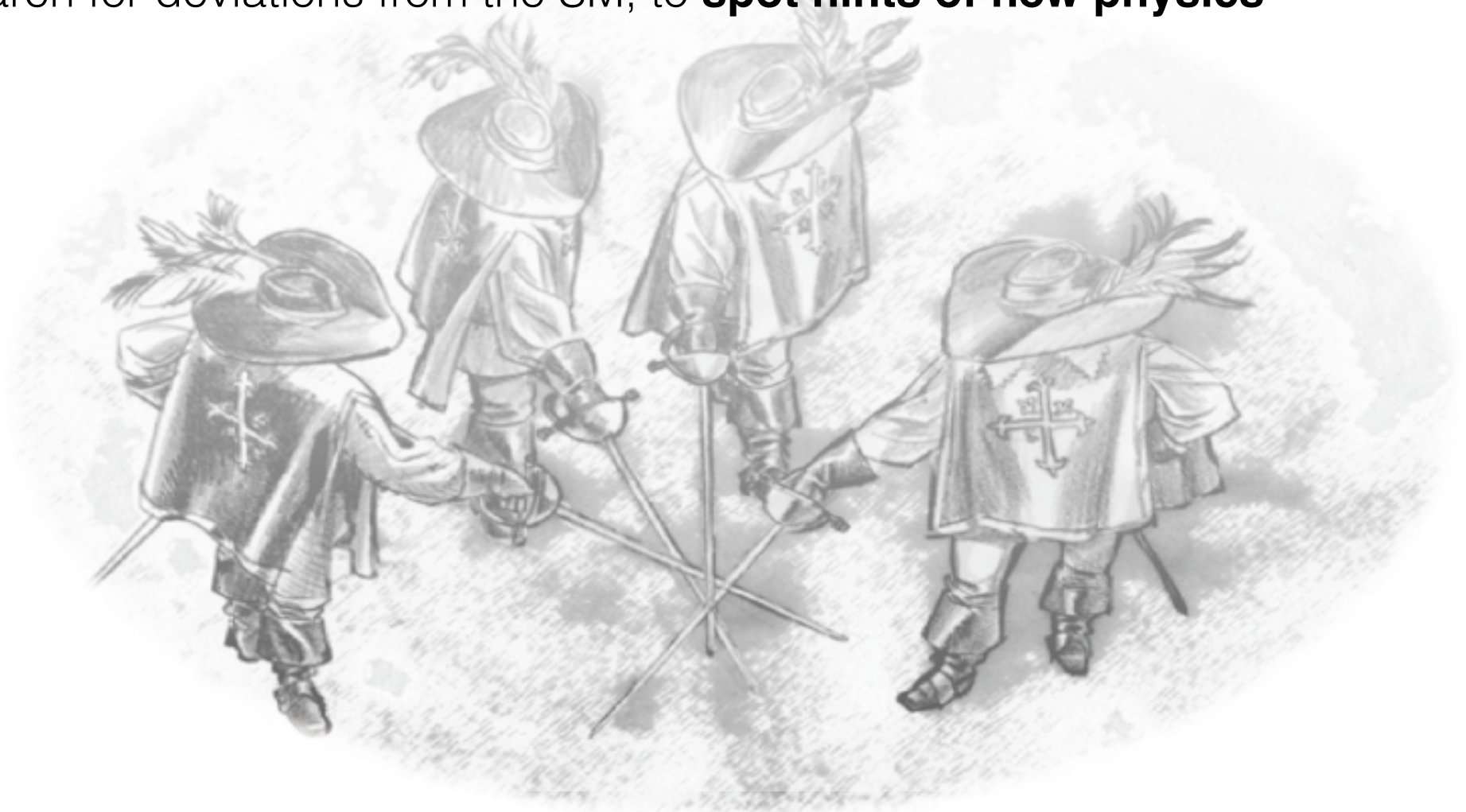


more than 3σ
significance

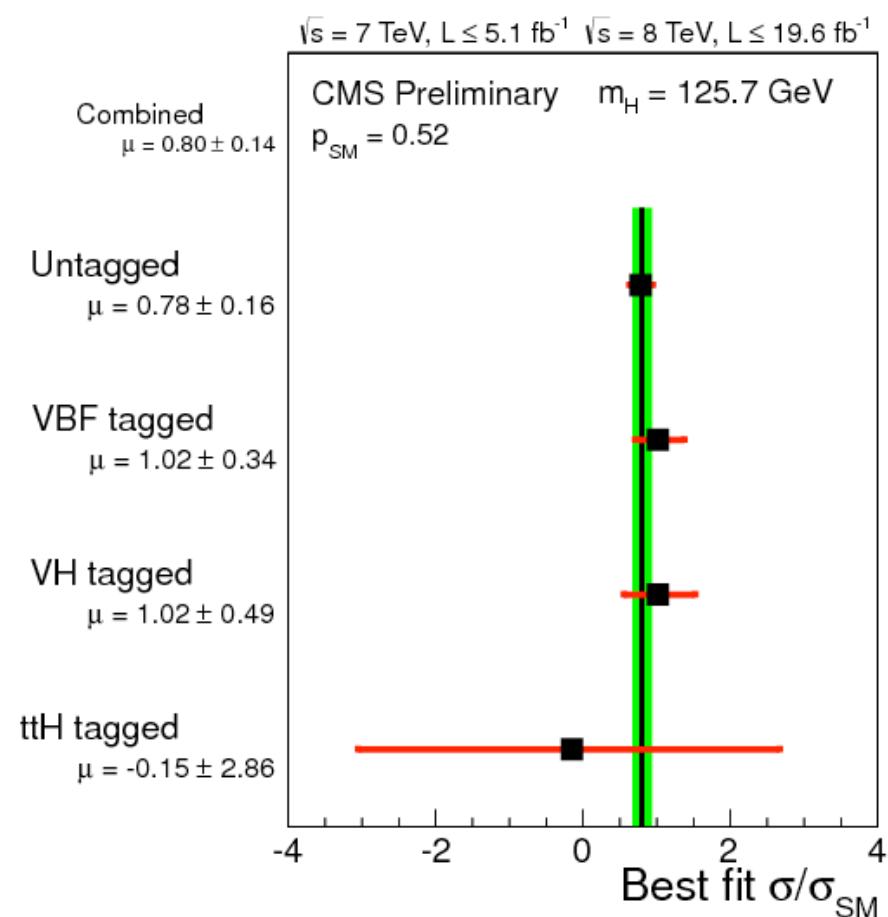
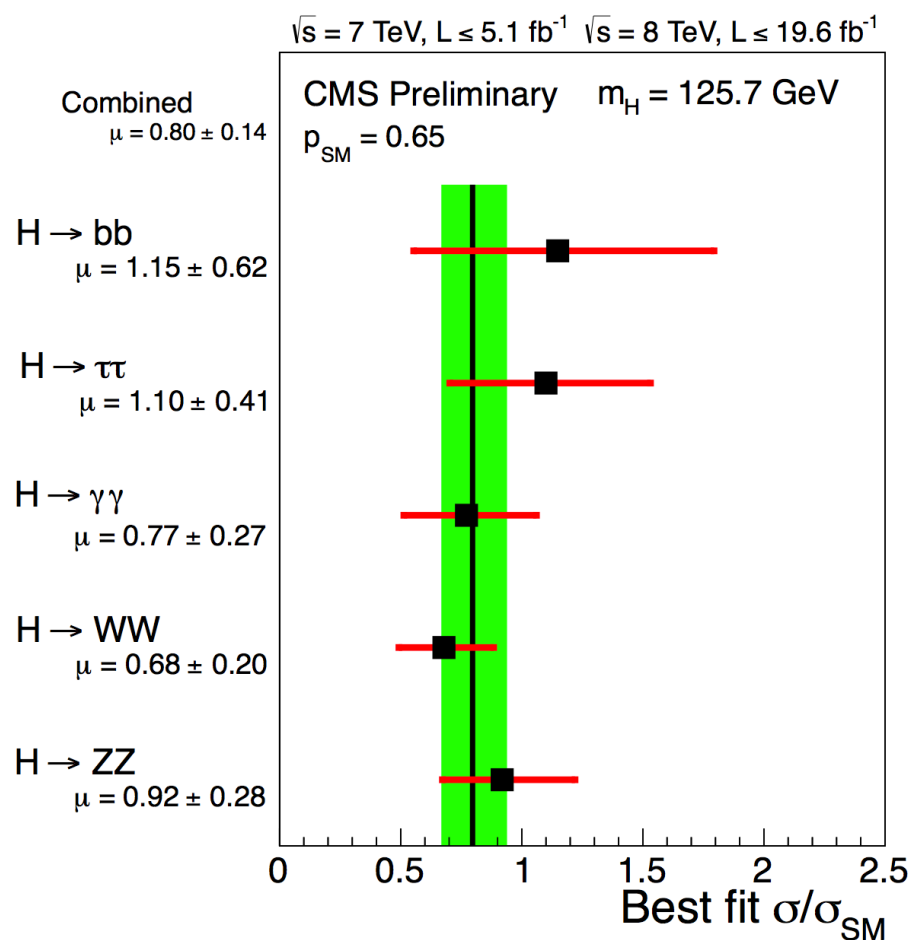


the $\tau\tau$ and $b\bar{b}$ channels are
combined to determine the
**compatibility with the
standard model fermionic
sector**

- combining all the channels = **fully insert the new found resonance in the standard model** and perform global fits
 - properly correlate expected yields and uncertainties
- **exploit at best** the power of the experiment
- search for deviations from the SM, to **spot hints of new physics**



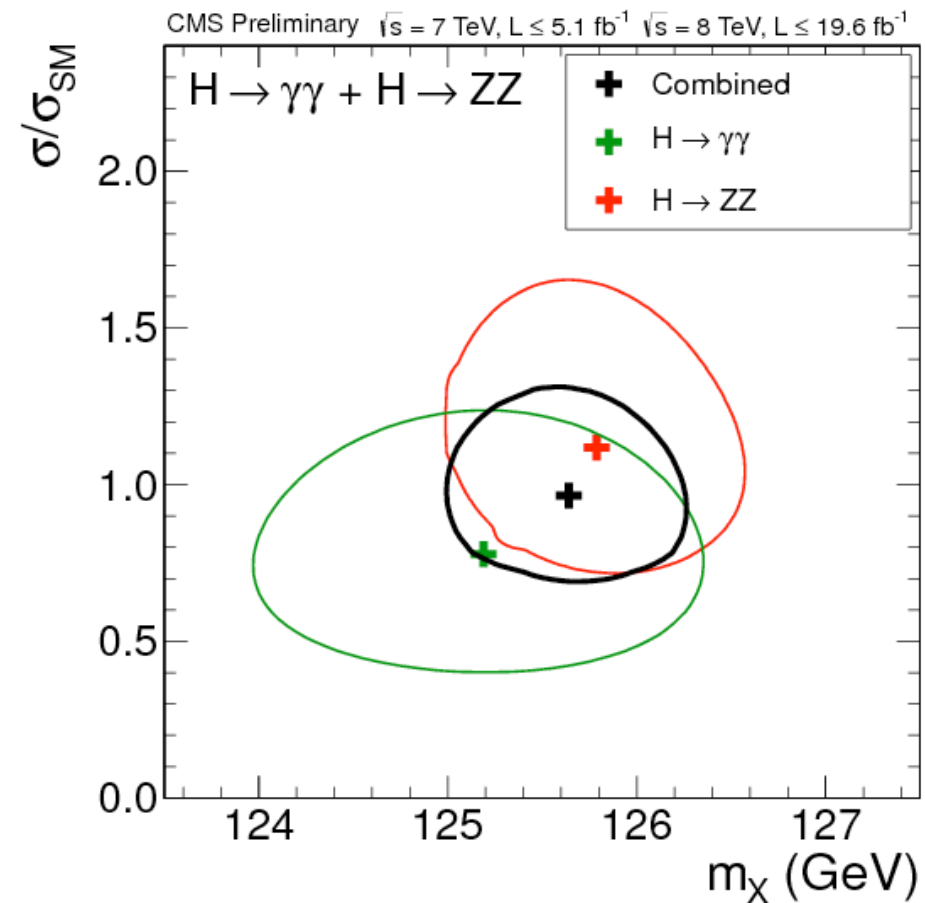
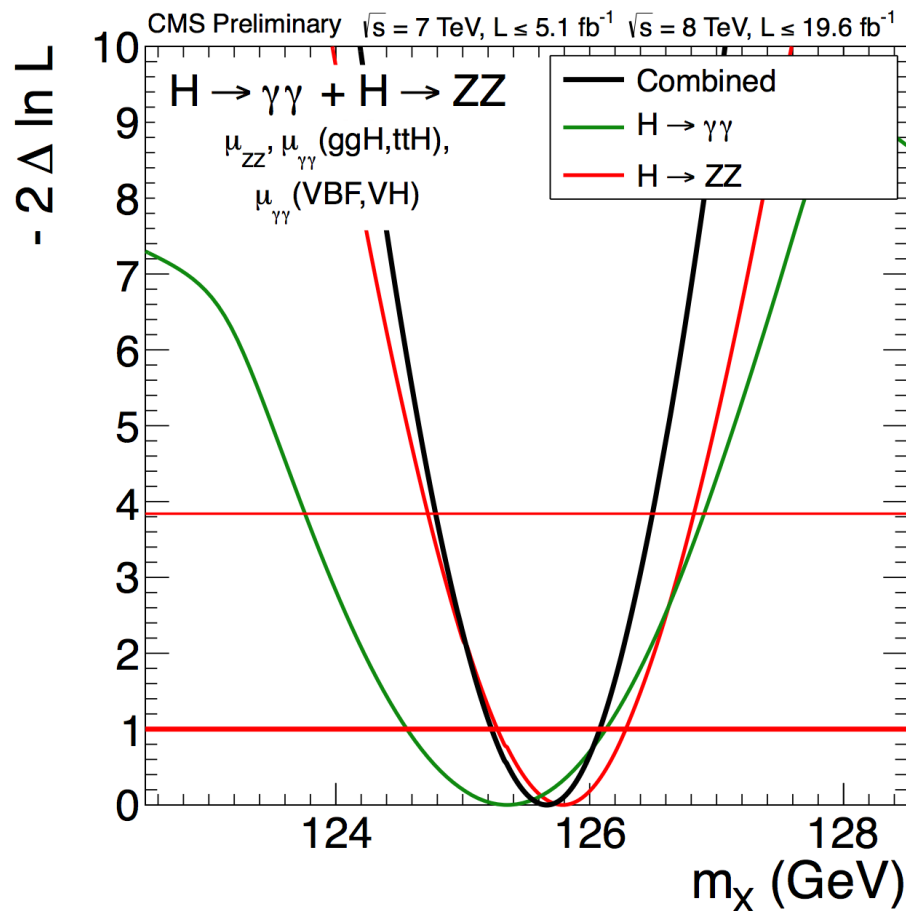
- not enough data to fit everything, but one can look at the result with different perspectives
- choose different parameterizations and compare the results



Combined signal strength: $\mu = 0.80 \pm 0.14$

$H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$: $m_H = 125.8 \pm 0.5$ (stat.) ± 0.2 (syst.) GeV

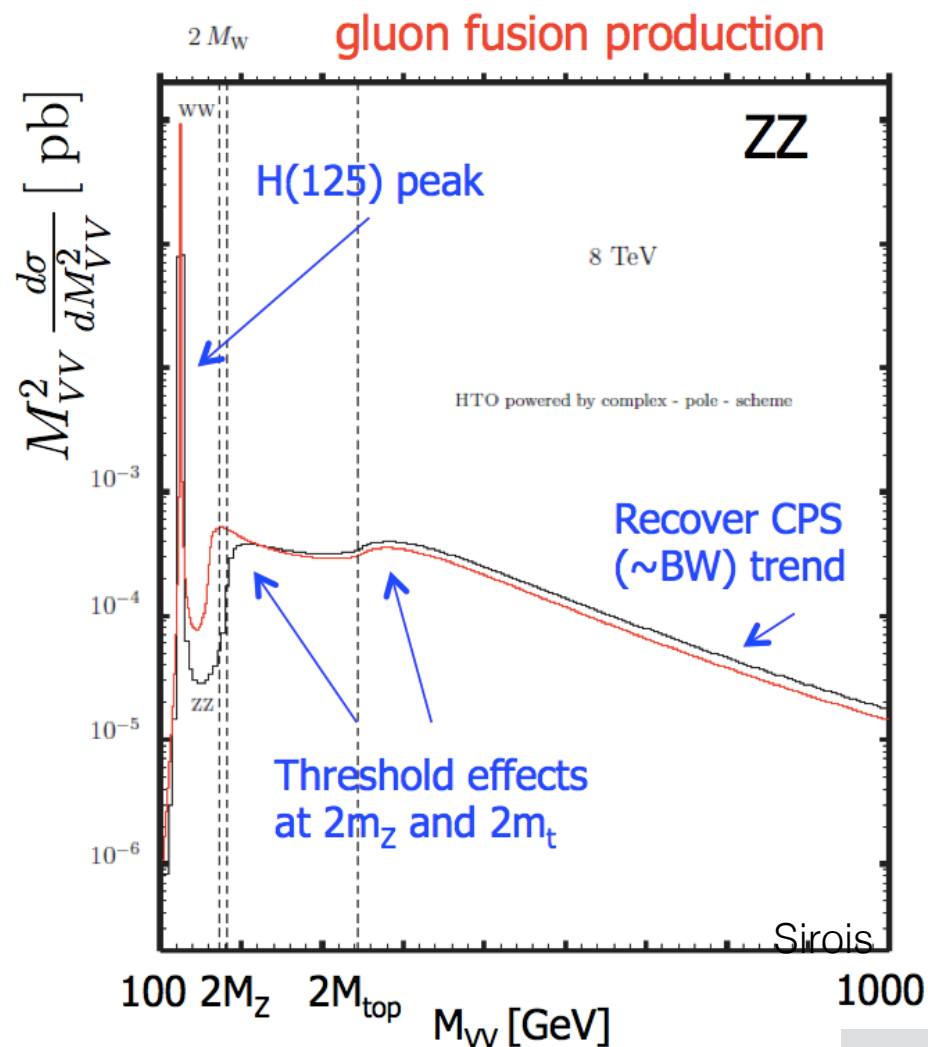
$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$: $m_H = 125.4 \pm 0.5$ (stat.) ± 0.6 (syst.) GeV



$$m_H = 125.7 \pm 0.3^{(stat)} \pm 0.3^{(syst)} \text{ GeV}$$

$$= 125.7 \pm 0.4 \text{ GeV}$$

- direct measurement of resonance width **limited by experimental precision**
- **indirect use of the “propagator”** in a model-dependent analysis
 - exploit relative intensity of the on- and off-peak signal, taking interference with irreducible background into account ($H \rightarrow 4\ell$ channel)



$$\frac{d\sigma_{pp \rightarrow H \rightarrow ZZ}}{dM_{4\ell}^2} \propto \frac{g_{Hgg}^2 g_{HZZ}^2}{(M_{4\ell}^2 - m_H^2)^2 + m_H^2 \Gamma_H^2}$$

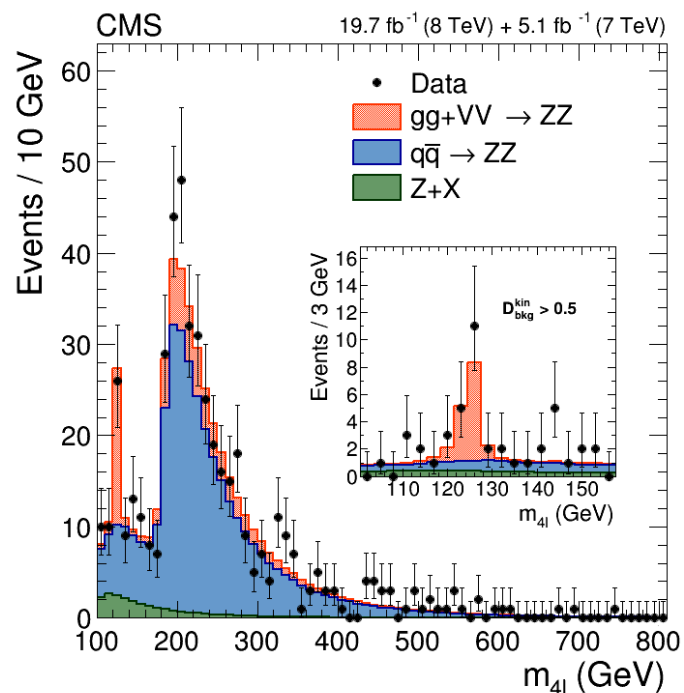
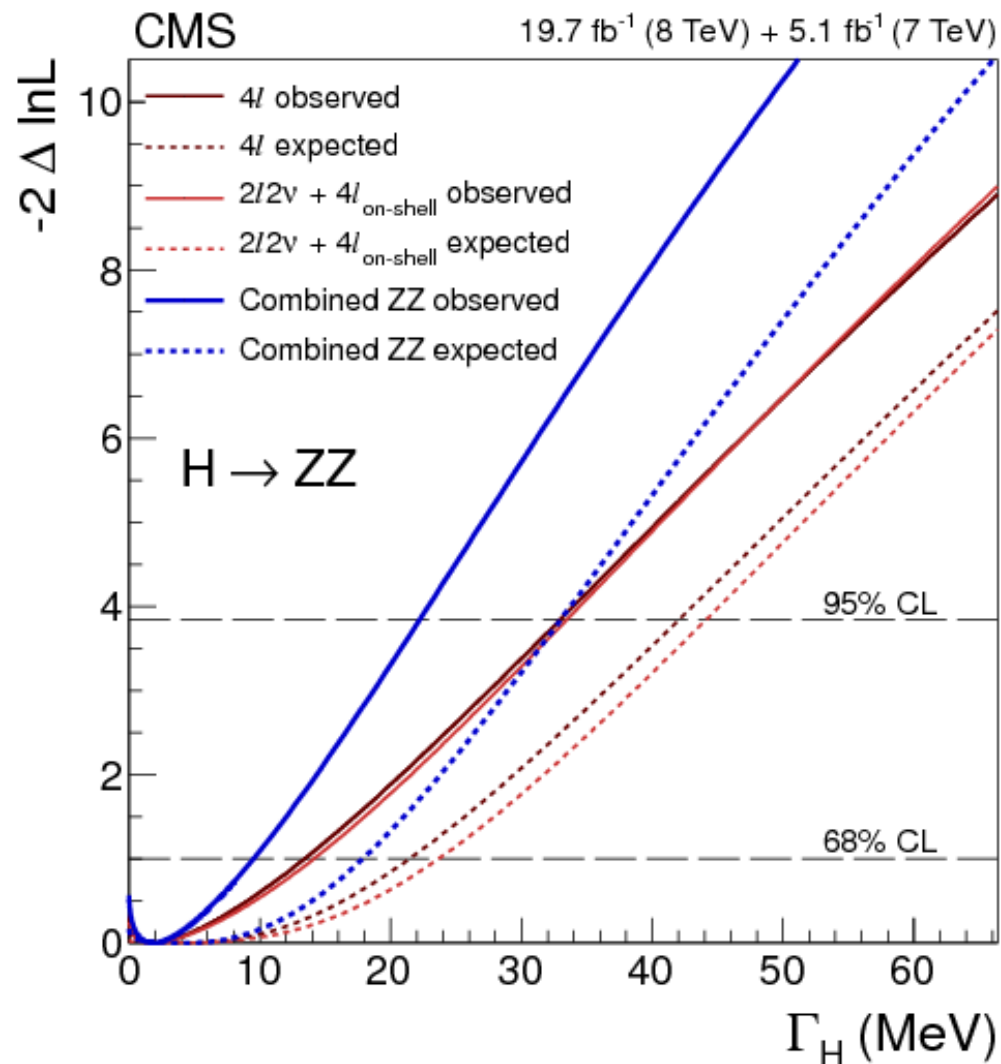
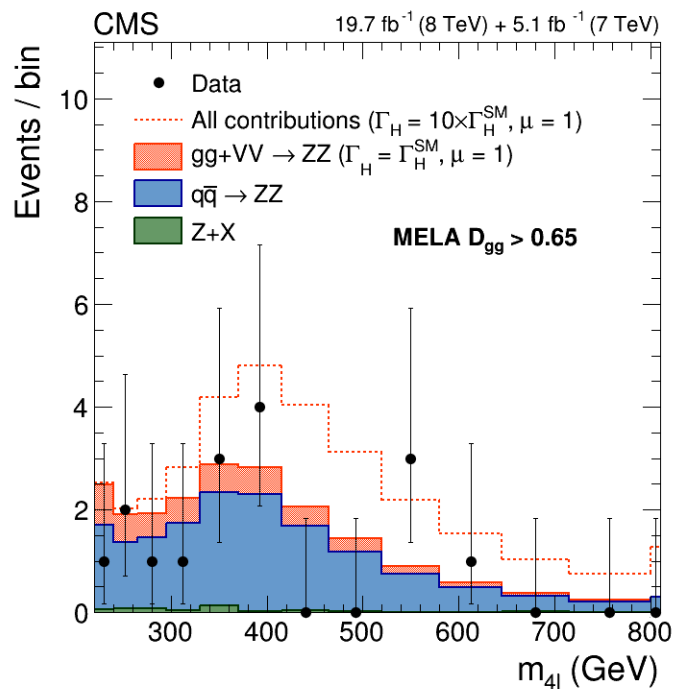
under the peak:

$$\sigma_{i \rightarrow H \rightarrow f} \sim \frac{g_i^2 g_f^2}{\Gamma_H}$$

modify the couplings:

$$\begin{cases} g = \xi g_{\text{SM}} \\ \Gamma_H = \xi^4 \Gamma_{H,\text{SM}} \end{cases}$$

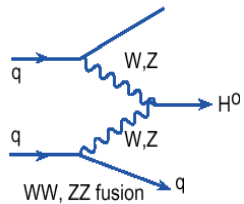
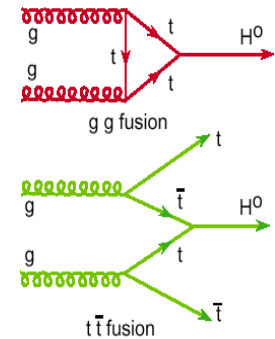
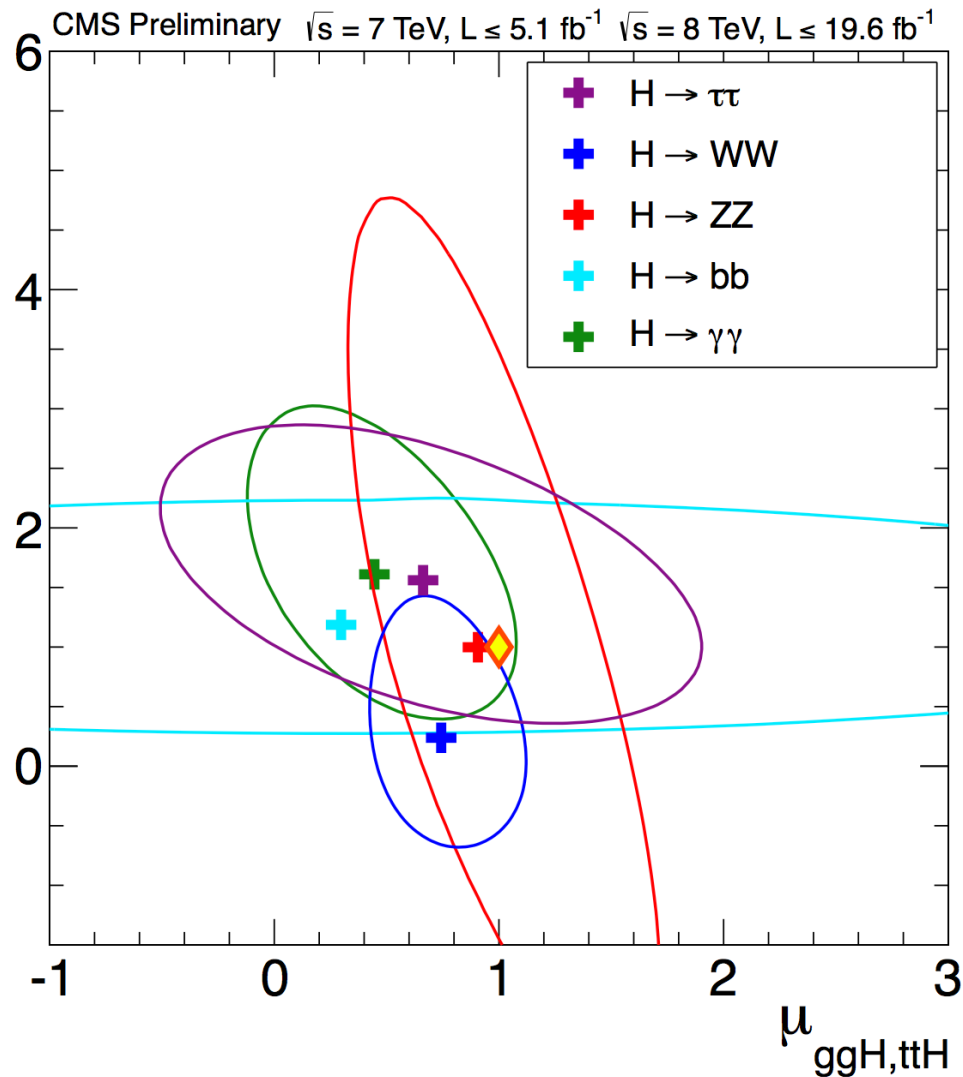
off-peak the cross-section changes: from the ratio one gets ξ and therefore Γ

under the peak*far from the peak*

$\Gamma_H < 22$ MeV at a 95% CL
5.4 times the SM value

2D view: **test production modes** in the various decay modes

Vector Boson Couplings


 $\mu_{VBF,VH}$


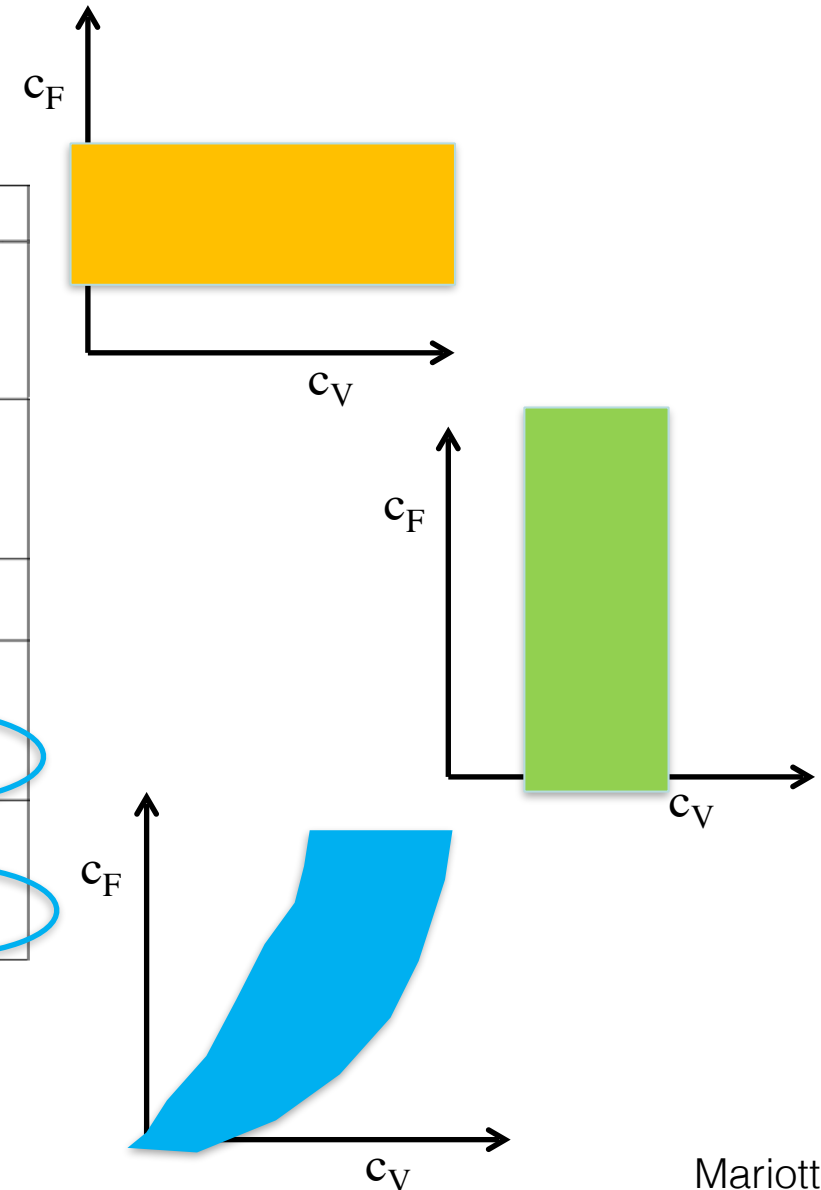
Fermion Couplings

Is it a SM Higgs boson?

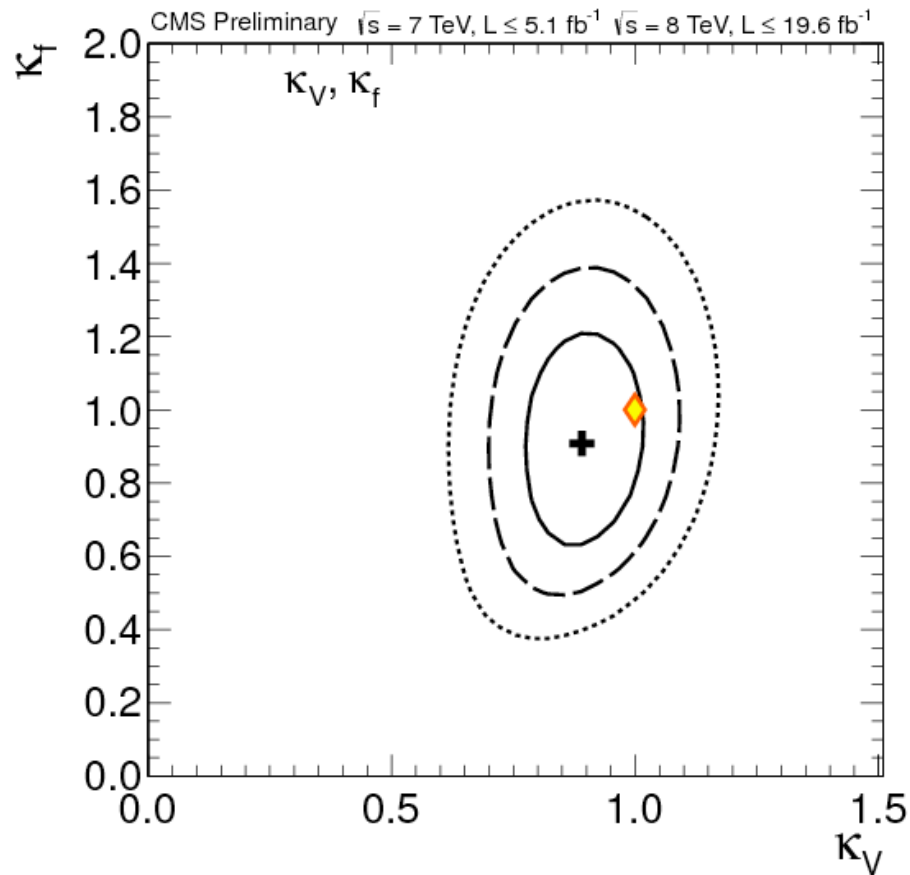
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Test of compatibility w.r.t SM predictions by introducing two parameters (c_V , c_F) modifying the coupling to vector bosons and fermions respectively

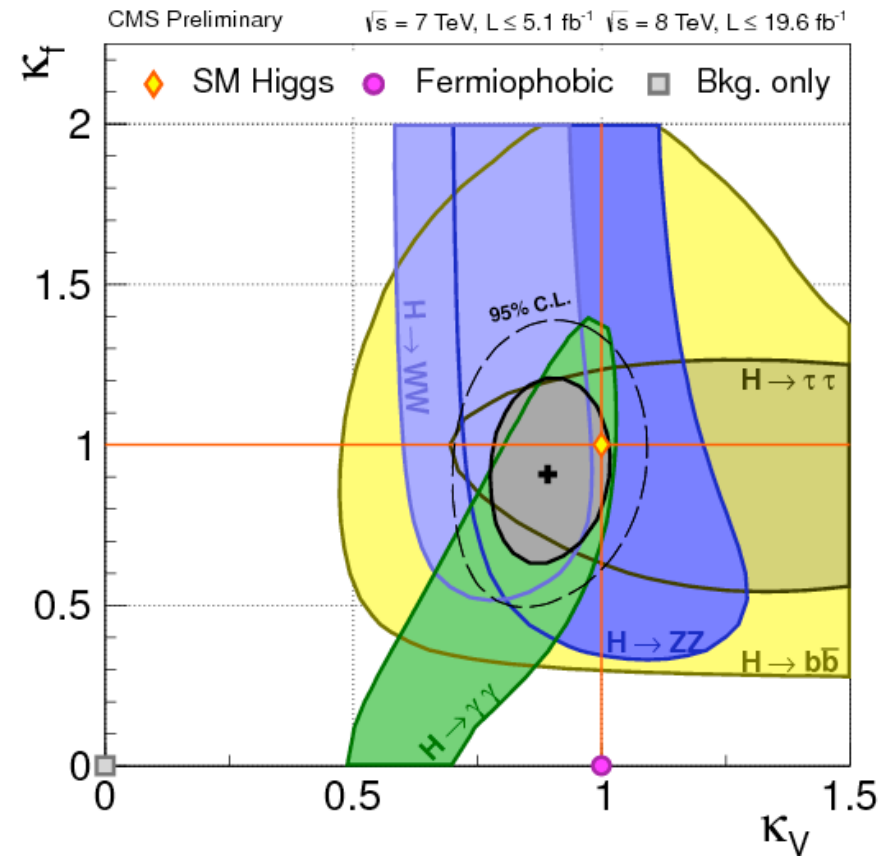
Production	Decay	LO SM	
VH	$H \rightarrow bb$	$\sim \frac{C_V^2 \times C_F^2}{C_F^2}$	$\sim C_V^2$
ttH	$H \rightarrow bb$	$\sim \frac{C_F^2 \times C_F^2}{C_F^2}$	$\sim C_F^2$
VBF	$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$	$\sim \frac{C_V^2 \times C_F^2}{C_F^2}$	$\sim C_V^2$
ggH	$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$	$\sim \frac{C_F^2 \times C_F^2}{C_F^2}$	$\sim C_F^2$
ggH	$H \rightarrow ZZ$	$\sim \frac{C_F^2 \times C_V^2}{C_F^2}$	$\sim C_V^2$
ggH	$H \rightarrow WW$	$\sim \frac{C_F^2 \times C_V^2}{C_F^2}$	$\sim C_V^2$
VBF	$H \rightarrow WW$	$\sim \frac{C_V^2 \times C_V^2}{C_F^2}$	$\sim C_V^4 / C_F^2$
ggH	$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	$\sim \frac{C_F^2 \times (8.6C_V - 1.8C_F)^2}{C_F^2}$	$\sim C_V^2$
VBF	$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	$\sim \frac{C_V^2 \times (8.6C_V - 1.8C_F)^2}{C_F^2}$	$\sim C_V^4 / C_F^2$



global result

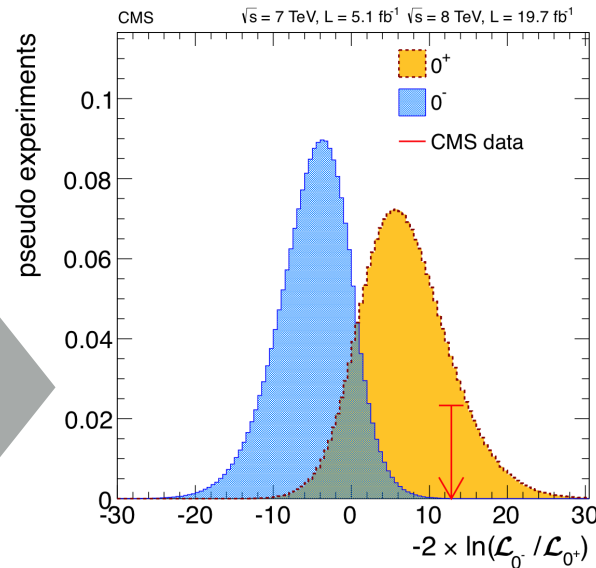
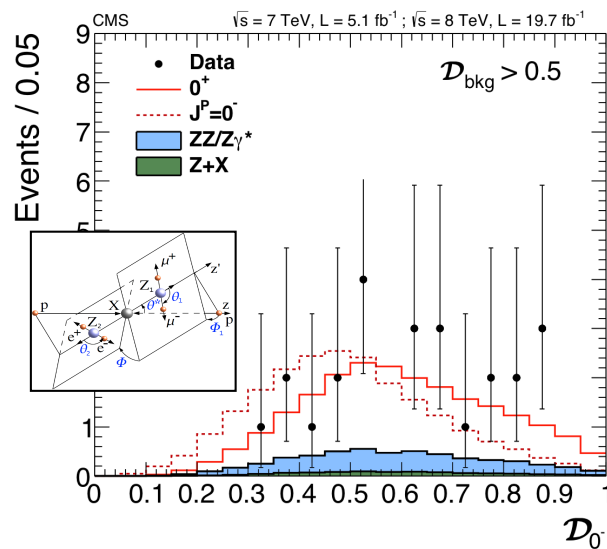


the single decay channels

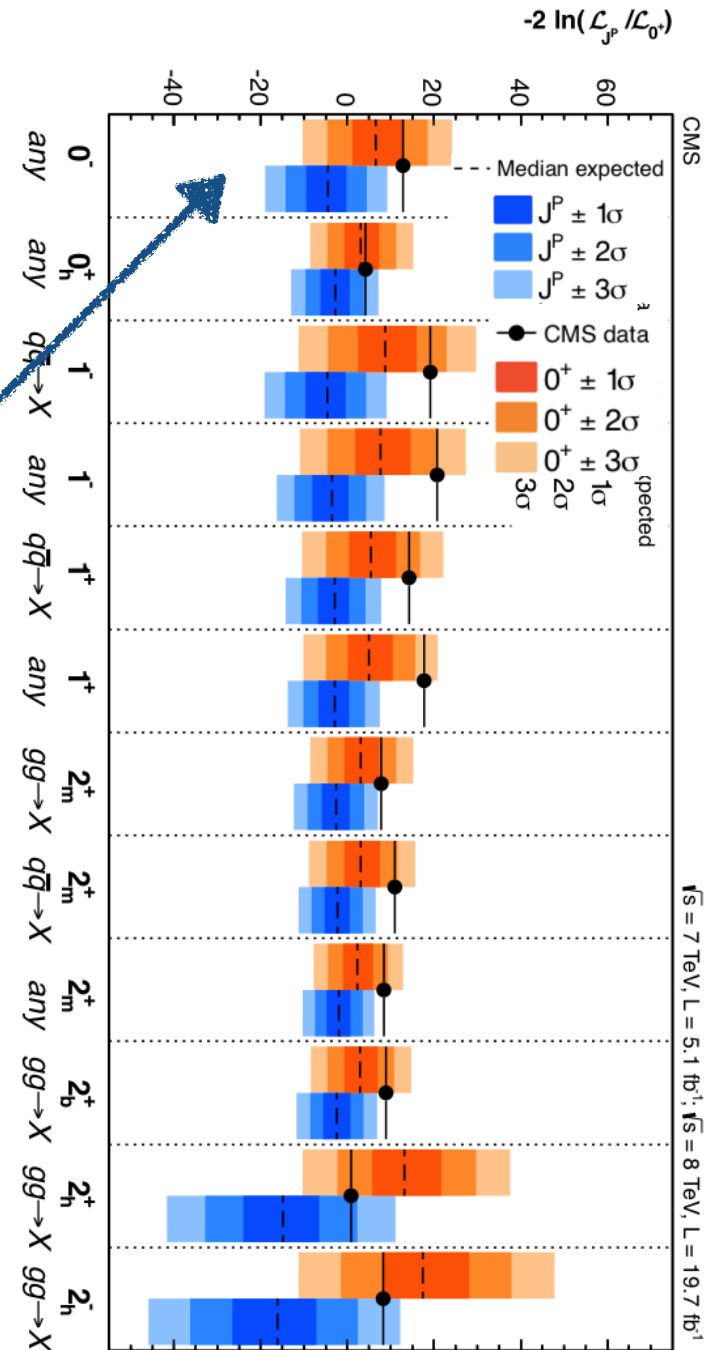


Results within 1σ of the Standard Model prediction

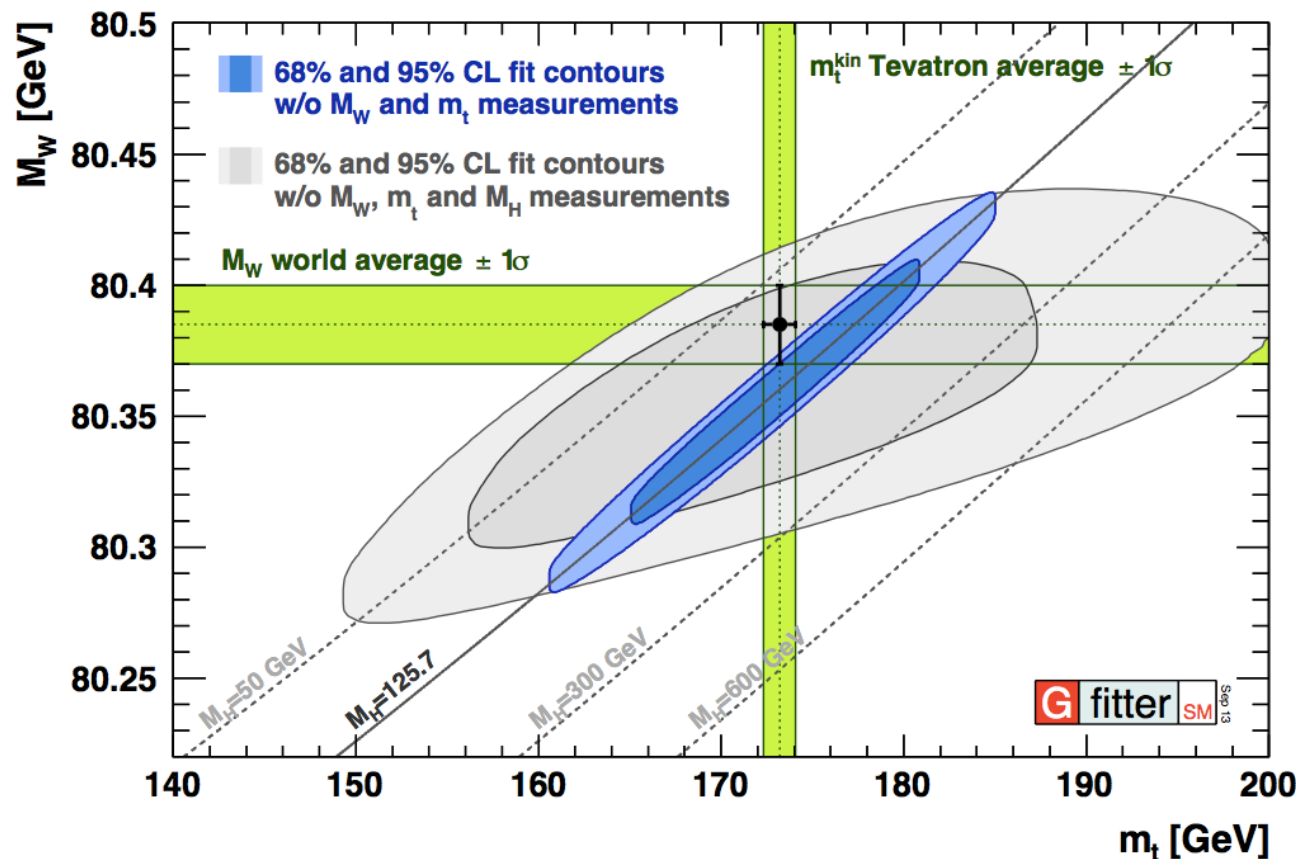
- **The spin-parity of the Higgs boson** candidate can be tested in di-boson decay channels or via associated production
- the presence of the **$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ decay** excludes the spin = 1 hypothesis
- in general, **hypothesis testing** is performed:



- the procedure is applied to **several alternative hypotheses**



- **Higgs boson discovery** is now firmly established at $m_H \sim 125$ GeV
- Couplings to fermions and to weak bosons **consistent with the minimal scalar sector required** for the BEH mechanism
- **Custodial symmetry** verified ($\sim 15\%$ precision) and the **existence of a boson with non-universal family couplings** established
- Provides **unitarization of the theory!** (at least partially – additional or different structure still possible but postponed)

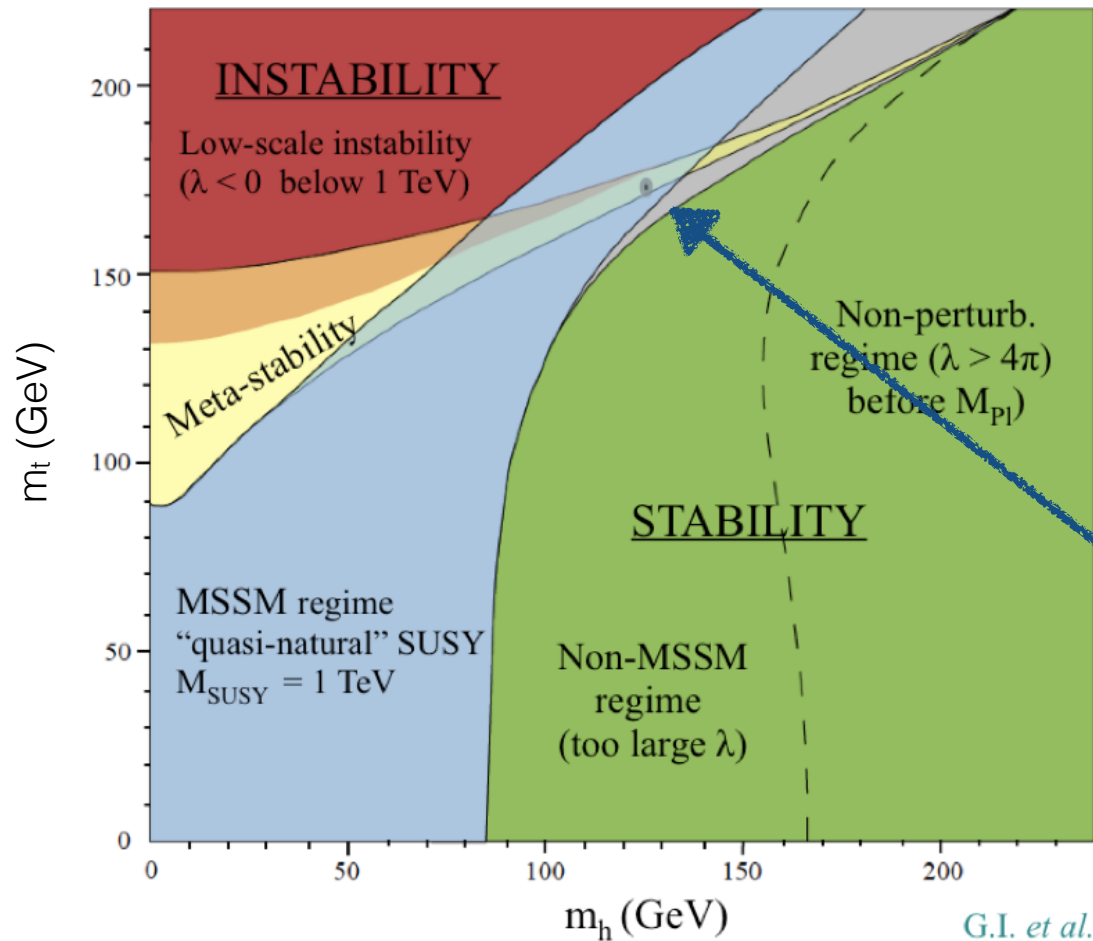


*SM-like Higgs at
~125.7 GeV is
compatible with global
EWK data at 1.3σ*

what about the Higgs potential?

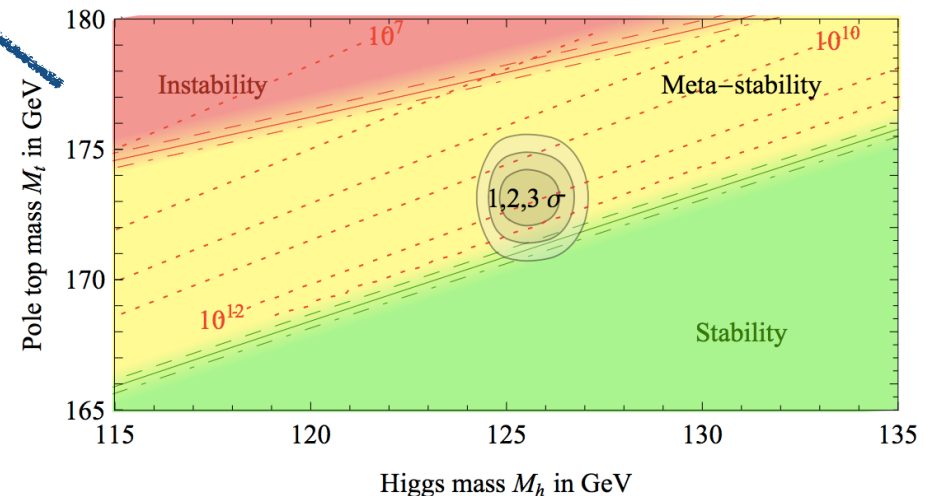
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- Assuming validity of the SM up to the Planck scale, **the faith of the Universe depends on the precise values of m_t and m_H !**
- The Higgs quartic coupling λ (quasi-)vanishes at Planck scale



$$V(\phi) = \mu^2 \phi_i^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} \phi_i^4$$

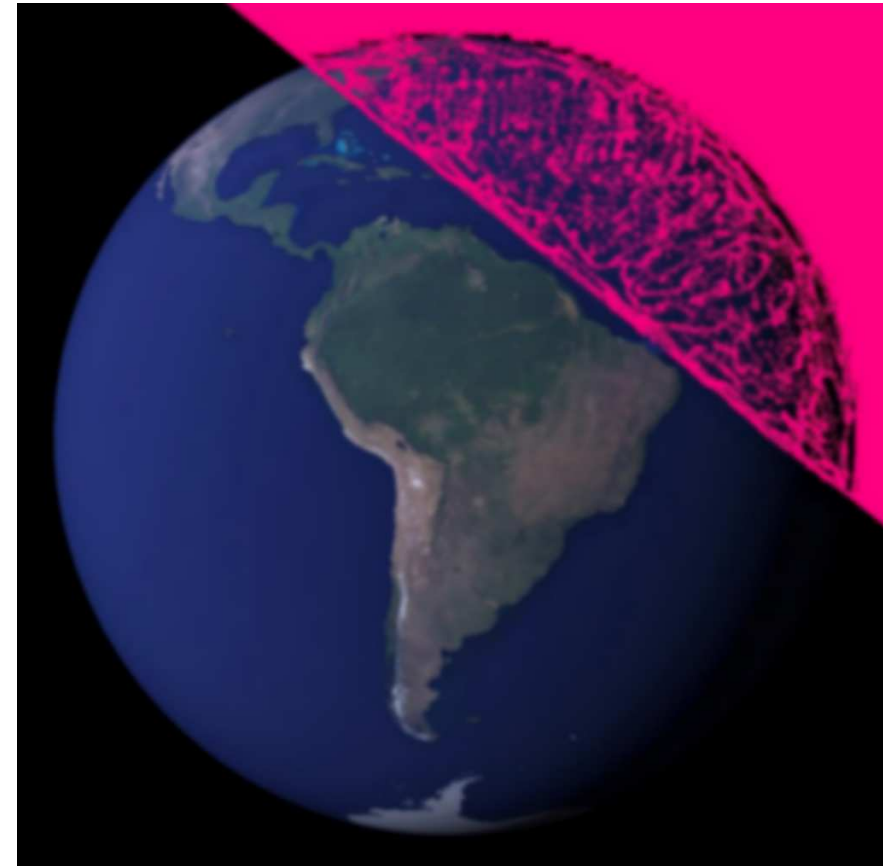
A graph showing the Higgs potential $V(\phi)$ as a function of the Higgs field magnitude $|\phi|$. The potential is a parabola opening upwards, with a minimum at v . The potential is zero at v and increases as $|\phi|$ increases. The potential is also shown for a non-perturbative regime where the potential is bounded from above.



If our vacuum is only a local minimum of the potential, at some point **quantum tunnelling towards the true minimum** will happen.

The process was studied by Coleman and is 'similar' to boiling of water (quantum field theory is formally similar to thermal field theory for matter.)

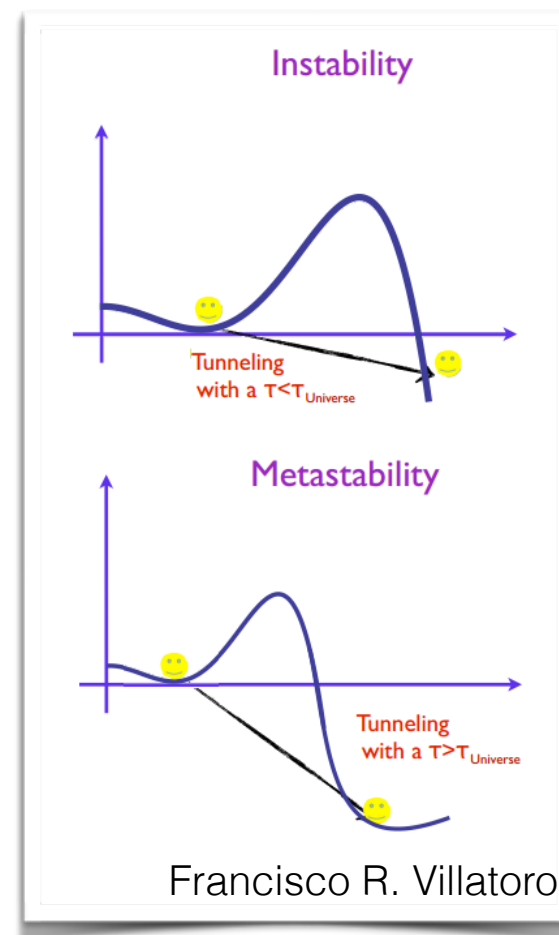
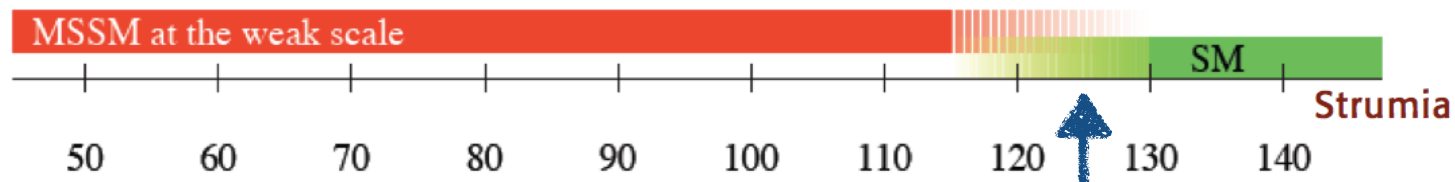
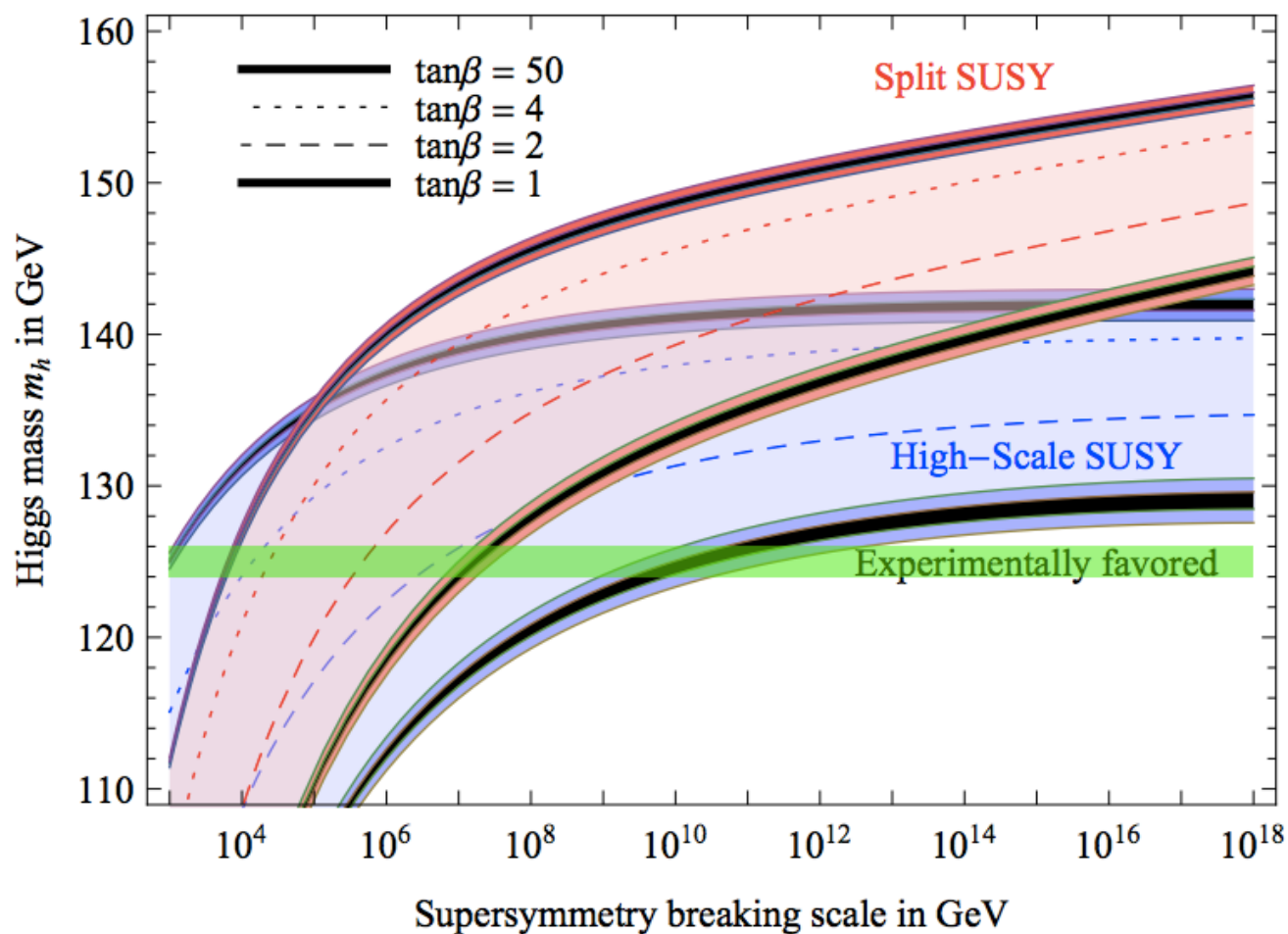
A bubble of negative-energy true vacuum can appear anywhere and anytime and start expanding at the speed of light.



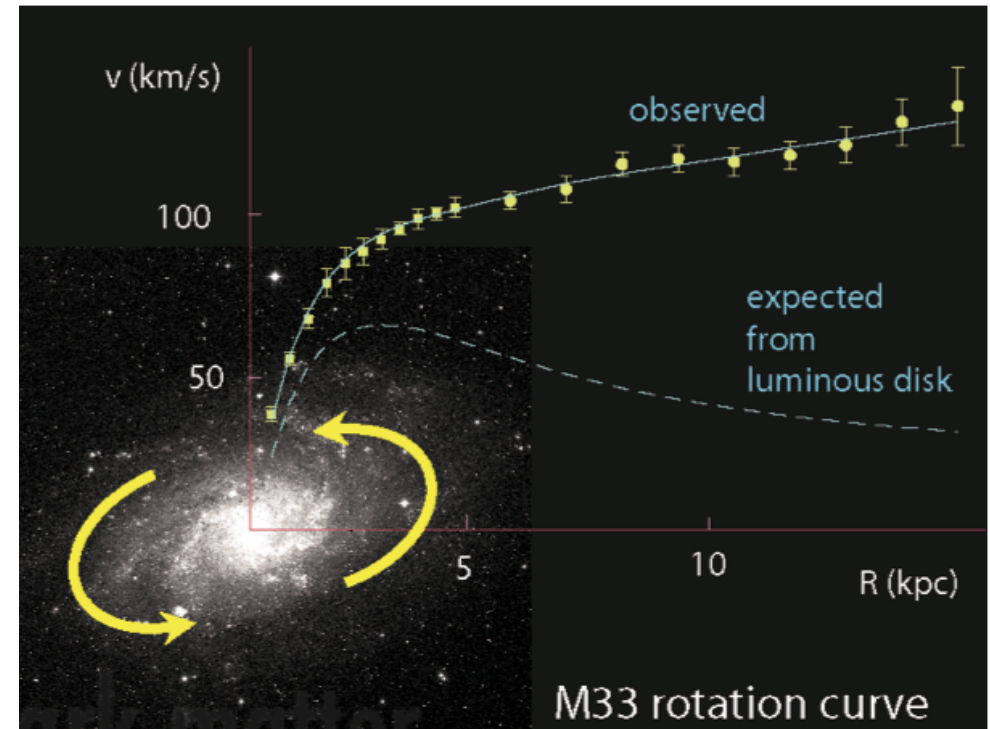
The probability density of vacuum decay is $dp/dV dt = e^{-S}/R^4$, suppressed by the action S of the classical field configuration $h(r)$ that interpolates vacua

$$h(\infty) = \text{unstable vacuum} \quad h(0) \approx \text{other side of the potential barrier}$$

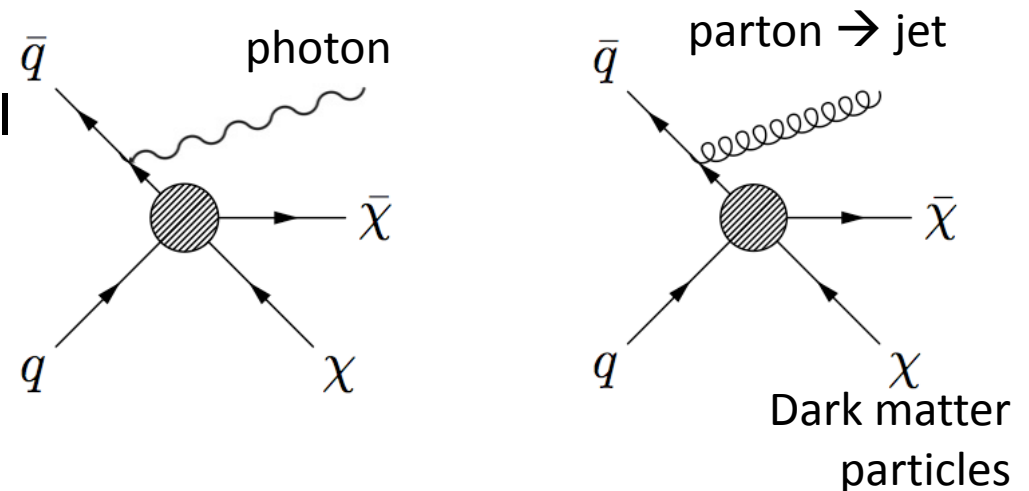
Predicted range for the Higgs mass



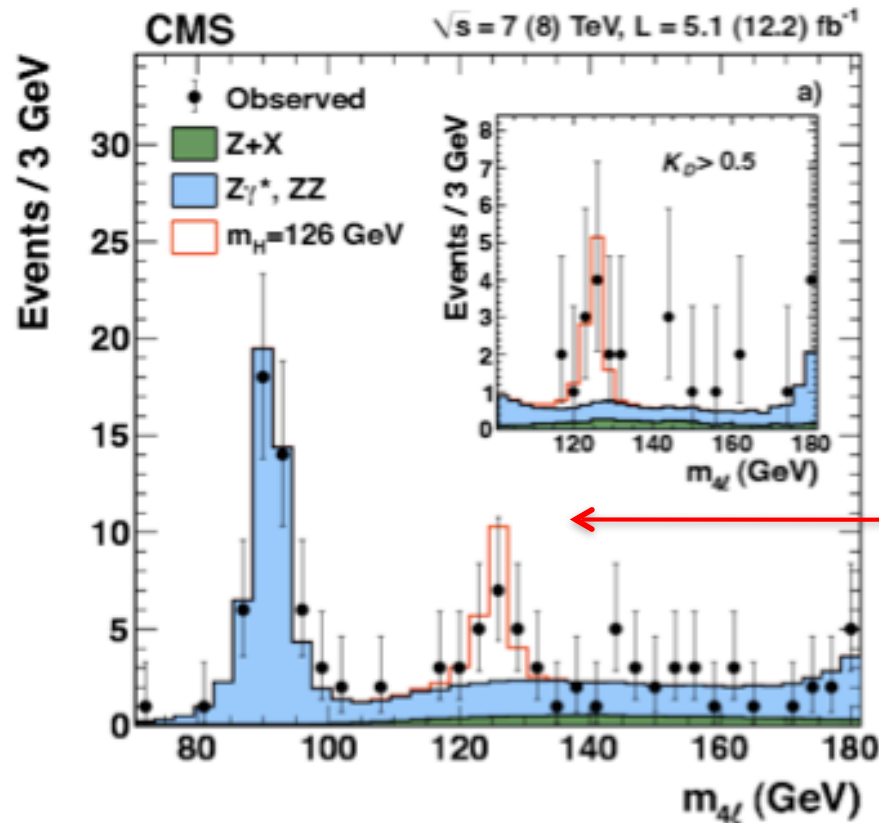
- E.g. **dark matter**:
 - An experimental evidence that there is more than the standard model
 - Astrophysical evidence from rotation curves, gravitational lensing, bullet clusters
 - Six times more abundant than ordinary matter
 - $\frac{1}{4}$ of the total energy budget of the Universe



- Particle candidates proposed in several models
- Detection at LHC:
 - Jet of hadrons or photon
 - **Missing energy**
(Dark matter footprint)



- Comparison between $H \rightarrow ZZ^*$ results and projections from the first LHC Workshop in 1990



7 - 8 TeV, $\sim 25 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

Significance $\sim 7 \sigma$

Simulation for three mass hypotheses

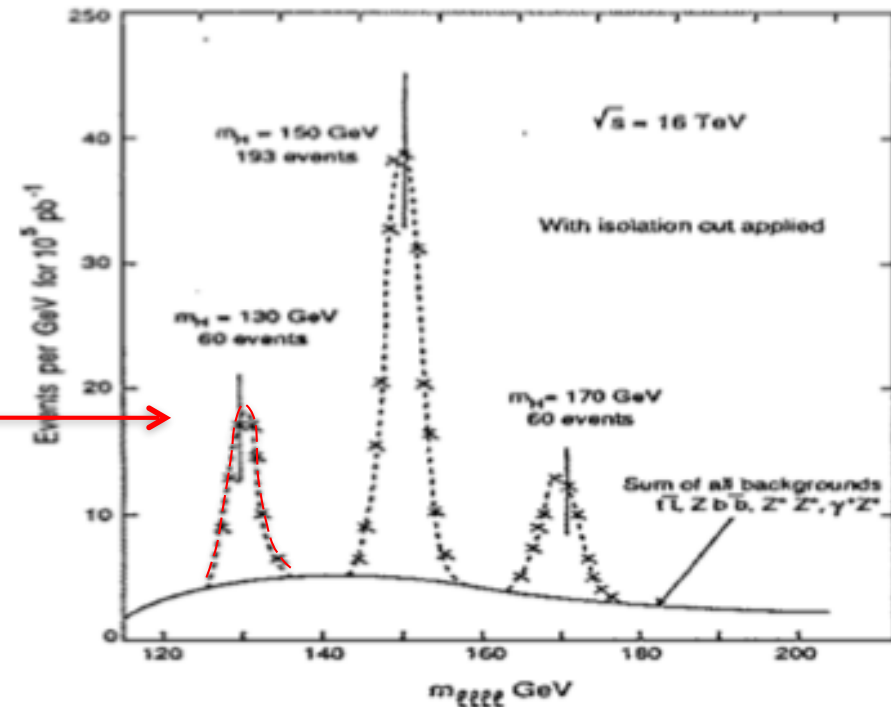


Fig. 10

16 TeV, 100 fb^{-1}

Significance $\sim 6 \sigma$

Even better than anticipated

- the resonance discovered at the LHC run 1 is **consistent with the properties expected from the standard model Higgs boson**
- **deviations from the SM** might be observable with the LHC or high luminosity LHC precision
- the capacity to discover new physics critically depends on the **experimental and theoretical modelling** of the SM processes