

# LHC Physics Prospects

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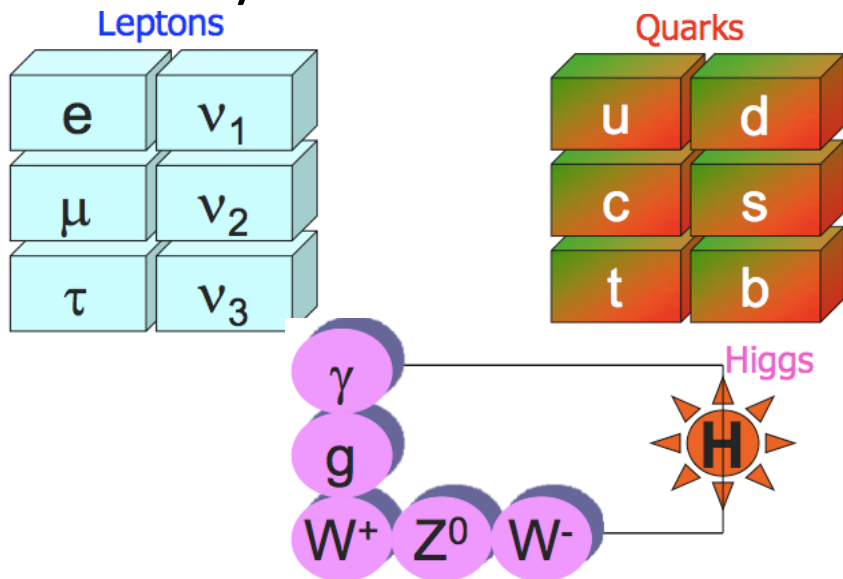
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# ***Current View of Particle Physics***

# The Standard Model

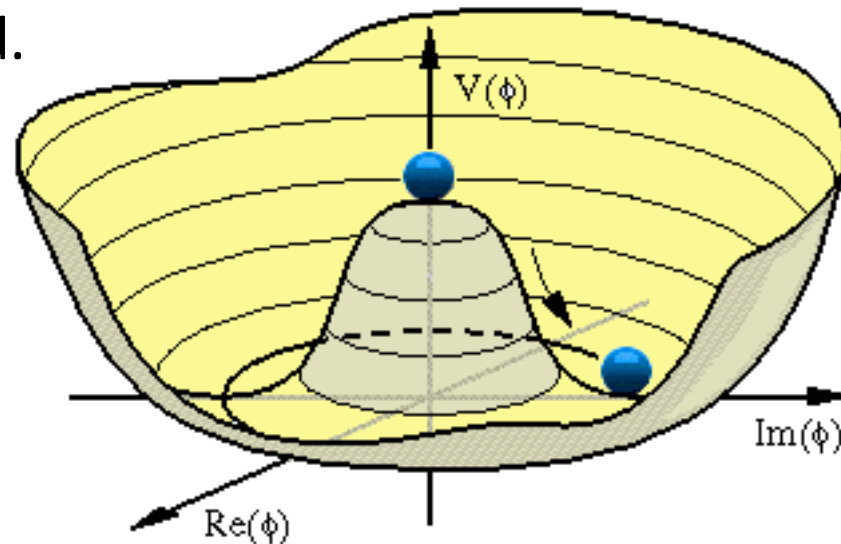
- A quantum field theory describing pointlike spin-1/2 constituents interacting by exchanging spin-1 particles.
- Remarkably complete and successful description of known phenomena in particle physics. Precisely overtested



Quantity	Value	Standard Model	Pull	Dev.
	<b>PDG 2009</b>			
$m_t$ [GeV]	$170.9 \pm 1.8 \pm 0.6$	$171.1 \pm 1.9$	-0.1	-0.8
$M_W$ [GeV]	$80.428 \pm 0.039$	$80.375 \pm 0.015$	1.4	1.7
	$80.376 \pm 0.033$		0.0	0.5
$M_Z$ [GeV]	$91.1876 \pm 0.0021$	$91.1874 \pm 0.0021$	0.1	-0.1
$\Gamma_Z$ [GeV]	$2.4952 \pm 0.0023$	$2.4968 \pm 0.0010$	-0.7	-0.5
$\Gamma(\text{had})$ [GeV]	$1.7444 \pm 0.0020$	$1.7434 \pm 0.0010$	-	-
$\Gamma(\text{inv})$ [MeV]	$499.0 \pm 1.5$	$501.59 \pm 0.08$	-	-
$\Gamma(\ell^+ \ell^-)$ [MeV]	$83.984 \pm 0.086$	$83.988 \pm 0.016$	-	-
$\sigma_{\text{had}}$ [nb]	$41.541 \pm 0.037$	$41.466 \pm 0.009$	2.0	2.0
$R_e$	$20.804 \pm 0.050$	$20.758 \pm 0.011$	0.9	1.0
$R_\mu$	$20.785 \pm 0.033$	$20.758 \pm 0.011$	0.8	0.9
$R_\tau$	$20.764 \pm 0.045$	$20.803 \pm 0.011$	-0.9	-0.8
$R_b$	$0.21629 \pm 0.00066$	$0.21584 \pm 0.00006$	0.7	0.7
$R_c$	$0.1721 \pm 0.0030$	$0.17228 \pm 0.00004$	-0.1	-0.1
$A_{FB}^{(0,e)}$	$0.0145 \pm 0.0025$	$0.01627 \pm 0.00023$	-0.7	-0.6
$A_{FB}^{(0,\mu)}$	$0.0169 \pm 0.0013$		0.5	0.7
$A_{FB}^{(0,\tau)}$	$0.0188 \pm 0.0017$		1.5	1.6
$A_{FB}^{(0,b)}$	$0.0992 \pm 0.0016$	$0.1033 \pm 0.0007$	-2.5	-2.0
$A_{FB}^{(0,c)}$	$0.0707 \pm 0.0035$	$0.0738 \pm 0.0006$	-0.9	-0.7
$A_{FB}^{(0,s)}$	$0.0976 \pm 0.0114$	$0.1034 \pm 0.0007$	-0.5	-0.4
$\bar{s}_\ell^2(A_{FB}^{(0,q)})$	$0.2324 \pm 0.0012$	$0.23149 \pm 0.00013$	0.8	0.6
	$0.2238 \pm 0.0050$		-1.5	-1.6
$A_e$	$0.15138 \pm 0.00216$	$0.1473 \pm 0.0011$	1.9	2.4
	$0.1544 \pm 0.0060$		1.2	1.4
	$0.1498 \pm 0.0049$		0.5	0.7
$A_\mu$	$0.142 \pm 0.015$		-0.4	-0.3
$A_\tau$	$0.136 \pm 0.015$		-0.8	-0.7
	$0.1439 \pm 0.0043$		-0.8	-0.5
$A_b$	$0.923 \pm 0.020$	$0.9348 \pm 0.0001$	-0.6	-0.6
$A_c$	$0.670 \pm 0.027$	$0.6679 \pm 0.0005$	0.1	0.1
$A_s$	$0.895 \pm 0.091$	$0.9357 \pm 0.0001$	-0.4	-0.4
$g_{FV}^2$	$0.3010 \pm 0.0015$	$0.30386 \pm 0.00018$	-1.9	-1.8
$g_{R}^2$	$0.0308 \pm 0.0011$	$0.03001 \pm 0.00003$	0.7	0.7
$g_{V}^{\nu e}$	$-0.040 \pm 0.015$	$-0.0397 \pm 0.0003$	0.0	0.0
$g_A^{\nu e}$	$-0.507 \pm 0.014$	$-0.5064 \pm 0.0001$	0.0	0.0
$A_{PV}$	$(-1.31 \pm 0.17) \cdot 10^{-7}$	$(-1.54 \pm 0.02) \cdot 10^{-7}$	1.3	1.2
$Q_W(\text{Cs})$	$-72.62 \pm 0.46$	$-73.16 \pm 0.03$	1.2	1.2
$Q_W(\text{Tl})$	$-116.4 \pm 3.6$	$-116.76 \pm 0.04$	0.1	0.1
$\frac{\Gamma(b \rightarrow s\gamma)}{\Gamma(b \rightarrow Xc\bar{\nu})}$	$(3.55^{+0.53}_{-0.46}) \cdot 10^{-3}$	$(3.19 \pm 0.08) \cdot 10^{-3}$	0.8	0.7
$\frac{1}{2}(g_\mu - 2 - \frac{\alpha}{\pi})$	$4511.07(74) \cdot 10^{-9}$	$4509.08(10) \cdot 10^{-9}$	2.7	2.7
$\tau_\tau$ [fs]	$290.93 \pm 0.48$	$291.80 \pm 1.76$	-0.4	-0.4

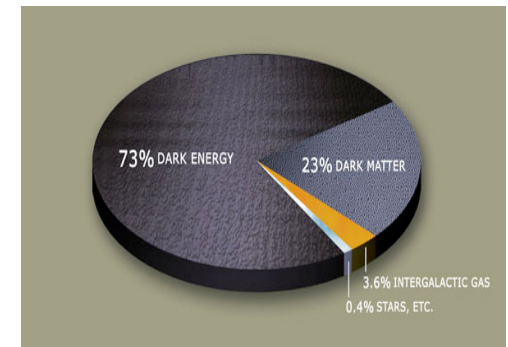
# The EW Symmetry Breaking

- The  $W$  and  $Z$  bosons acquire mass via the spontaneous symmetry breaking mechanism:
  - The EWSB in the SM occurs by introducing a scalar field  $\phi$
  - $\phi$  has a finite vacuum expectation value: 246 GeV
  - this gives mass to the fermions as well.
- Is this the correct picture ? The prediction can be tested!
- Search for a scalar particle (the Higgs boson): its production and decay properties are fixed.
- The mass however remains a free parameter !
  - To be determined by the experiments.



# ... but

- ... but the SM appears to be an incomplete theory.
- It can be viewed as a low-energy effective theory of a more general theory.
- Major basic questions remain to be answered:
  - What is the origin of mass ? Is the EW symmetry breaking mechanism of the SM the right description ?
  - What is dark matter ?
  - What is the source of the baryon asymmetry ? Why did antimatter disappear?
  - Why are there 3 generations ? Why are the masses of the elementary particles so different ?
  - How to reconcile gravity with the other forces ? Why 3+1 dimensions ?
- Many theories proposed along the years: the LHC will try to answer as many questions as possible
  - LHC designed as a discovery machine. Tried to take into account the widest range of scenarios



# Supersymmetry

- All SM particles have a partner with spin differing by  $\pm 1/2$
- SUSY describes all forces. Modifies the running of gauge couplings to provide grand unification at a single scale
- It offers solution to hierarchy problem.
  - Huge disparity between EW and  $M_{\text{PL}}$  scales
- ... but so far no SUSY particles observed : SUSY must be broken.

Spin 1/2	Spin 0	Spin 1	Spin 1/2
Quark	Squarks	$W_3, B$	$\tilde{W}_3, \tilde{B}$
Leptons	Sleptons	$W^\pm$	$\tilde{W}^\pm$
Higgsino $\tilde{H}_1, \tilde{H}_2$	Higgs $H_1, H_2$	gluon	gluino

+ graviton / gravitino

$\tilde{W}^\pm, \tilde{H}^\pm$   $\leftrightarrow$  charginos  
 $\tilde{W}_3, \tilde{B}, \tilde{H}_1, \tilde{H}_2$   $\leftrightarrow$  neutralinos

- If R-parity is conserved:  $R = (-1)^{3(B-L)+2S}$ 
  - SUSY partners always produced in pairs
  - Lightest particle is stable: dark matter candidate!

- > 100 free parameters....
- mSUGRA scenario: reduced to 5
  - $m_0, m_{1/2}$ : common scalars and gauginos masses
  - $A_0$ : common trilinear coupling
  - $\tan\beta$ : ratio of vacuum expectation values of the two Higgs doublets
  - sign of Higgsino mixing parameter

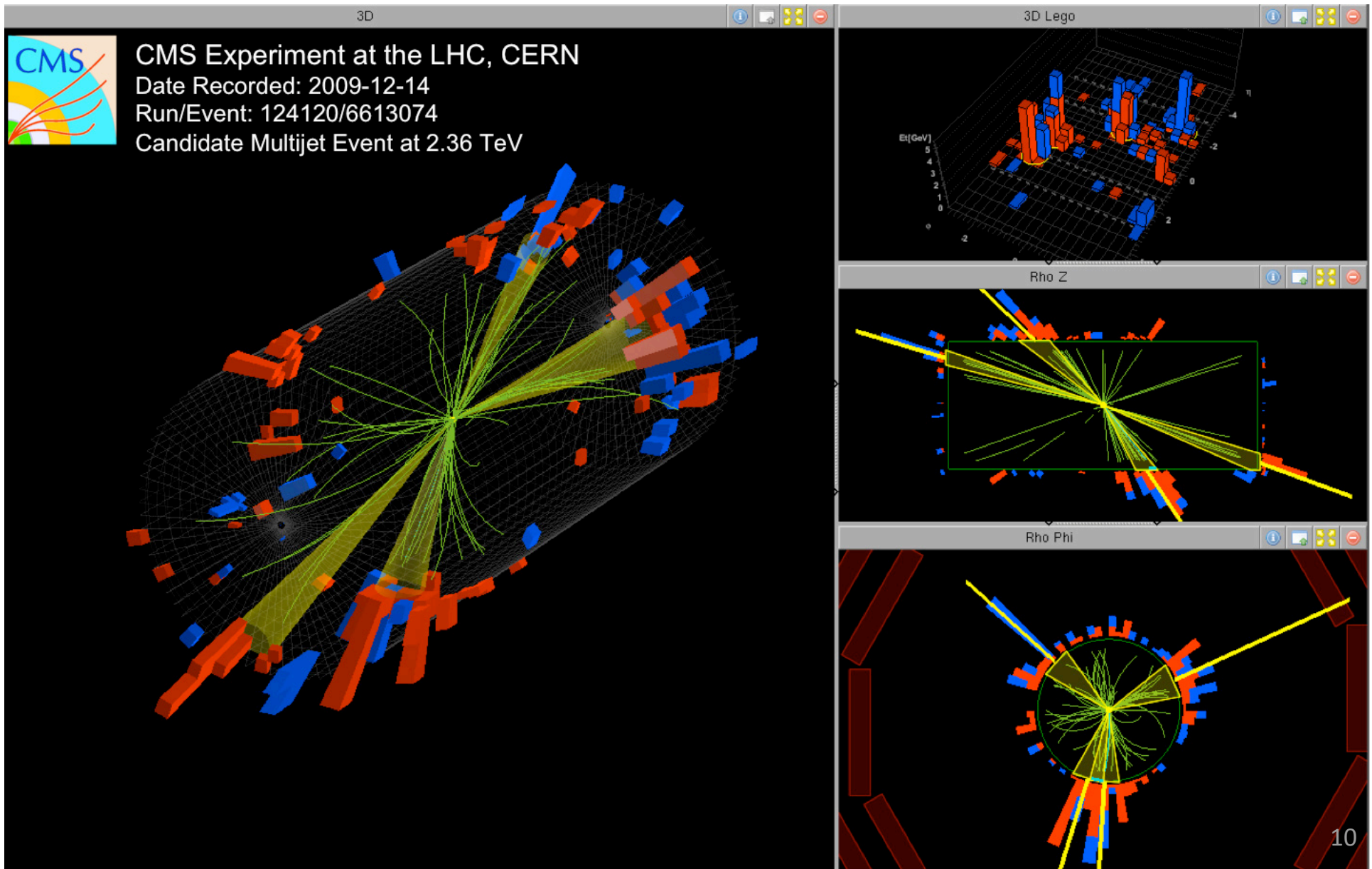
# String Theory and Extra Dimensions

- Fundamental particles are not pointlike, but rather small loops of vibrating strings.
- The theory implies additional spatial dimensions
  - The additional dimensions are compactified
- It explains why gravity appears so much weaker
- Standard particles would have heavier versions recurring at higher energies as they navigate smaller dimensions (Kaluza-Klein recurrences).
- Graviton may be not visible in the brane (ordinary dimensions), disappearing in the other dimensions: energy-momentum imbalance.



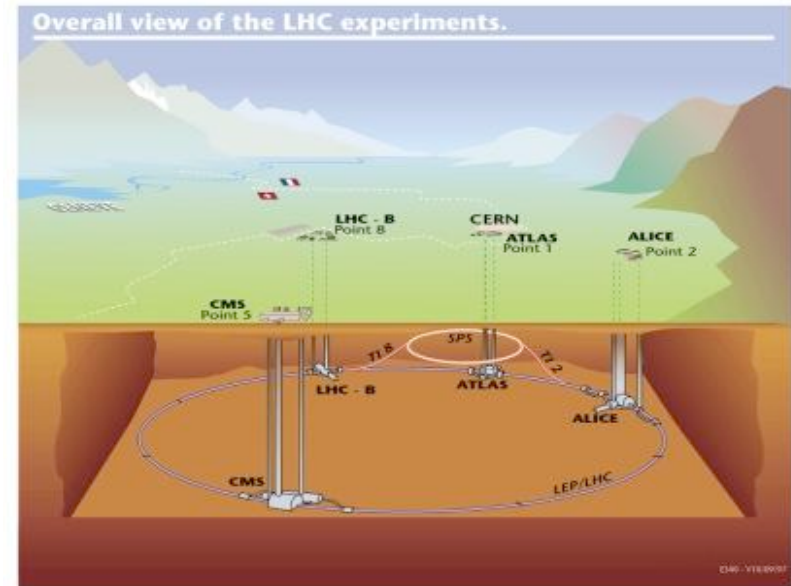
# ***The Large Hadron Collider and the Experiments***

- The LHC will try to shed as much light as possible: the adventure began !



# The LHC: an Adventure Started Long Ago

- 80's: first proposals of a pp collider
- 1994: project approved
- 2000: end of LEP operations. LHC construction phase
- 2008: protons injected in the ring. Magnetic quench, investigation of the accident and repair.
- 20/11/2009: protons in the ring. First collisions at 900 GeV on 23/11!
- 30/11/2009: world record! 1.18 TeV/beam.
- 12/2009 collisions at c.o.m. energy 2.26 TeV, then winter shutdown.
- 02/2010: run restarts. Towards 7 TeV and later 10 TeV collisions.



**Nominal parameters**  
c.o.m. energy: 14 TeV  
Lumi:  $10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$   
Integrated lumi:  $100 \text{ fb}^{-1}/\text{year}$

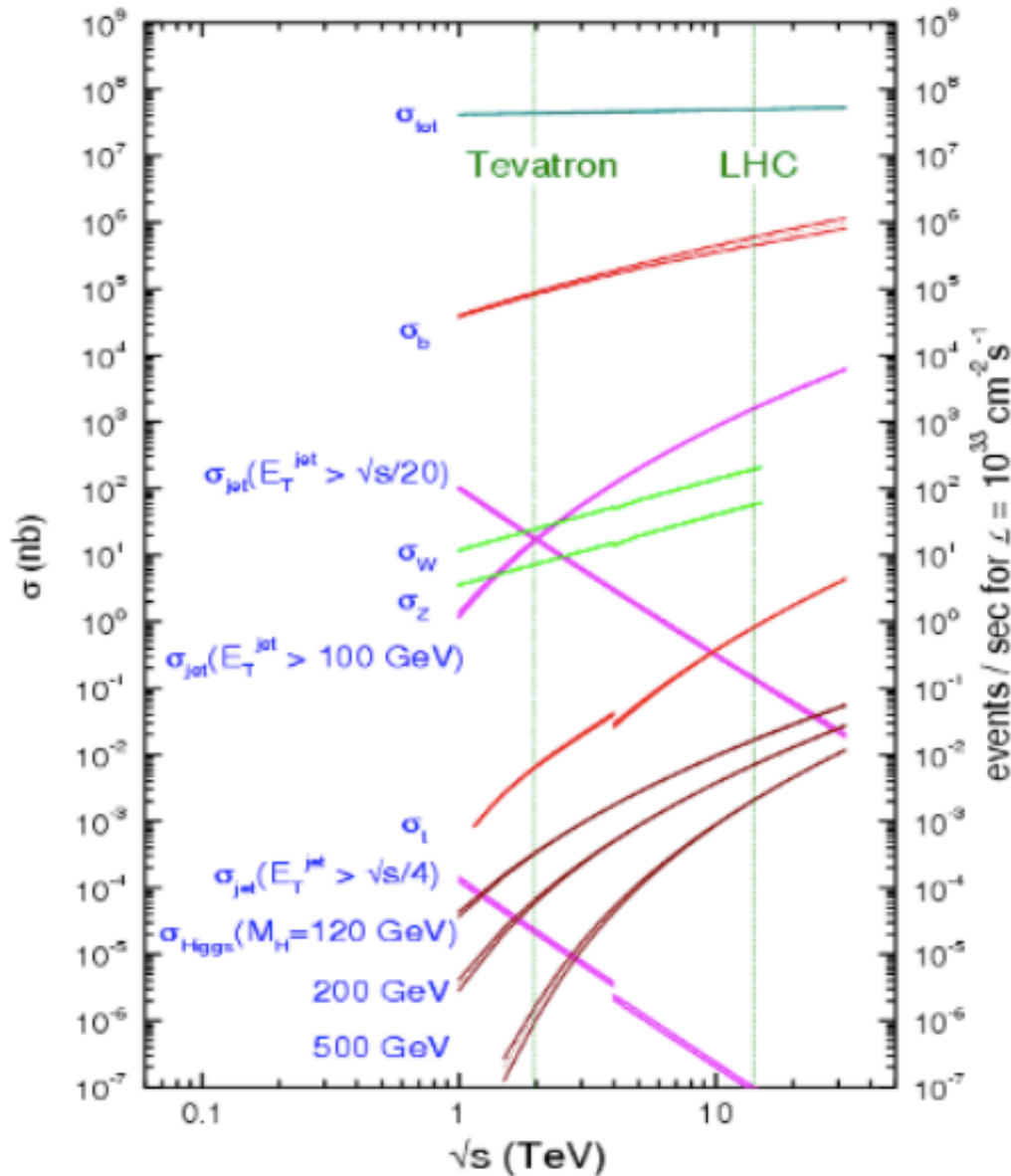
Collisions of protons and heavy ions too

# Plans for 2010 Run

- Workshop in Chamonix this week
- Decisions on the plan for 2010 will be taken there
- Run resumed in February at 7 TeV and possibly later on at 10 TeV
  - At 7 TeV,  $\sigma(W)$ ,  $\sigma(Z)$ ,  $\sigma(tt)$  decrease by a factor 2-3 wrt 10 TeV
- After that sufficient experience will be collected, likely in June the maximal c.o.m. energy for 2010 will be decided
- Aiming at  $\sim 500 \text{ pb}^{-1}$  of data in 2010
- Possibly a shutdown at the end of 2010: to be decided.

# The Event Rate at the LHC

proton - (anti)proton cross sections

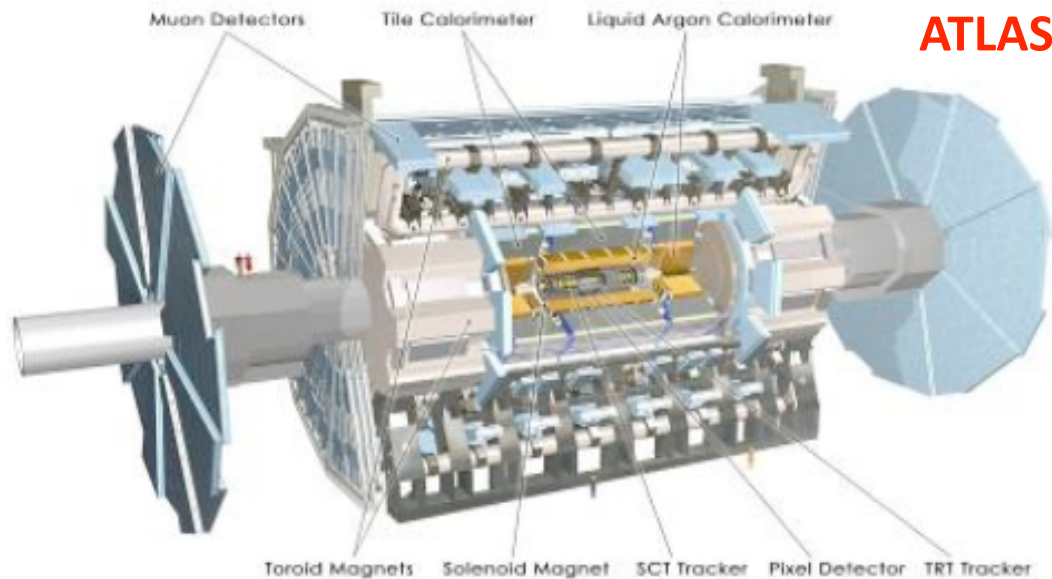


- Great physics potential.
- In fact, a  $b$ -,  $Z$ -,  $W$ -, top- ... and more-factory !
- Assuming  $\sqrt{s}=10$  TeV and  $100 \text{ pb}^{-1}$  of data:
  - 3M  $W$  to leptons
  - 300k  $Z$  to leptons
  - 30k top-pairs
  - ....
- A huge event rate !

# Selecting the Events

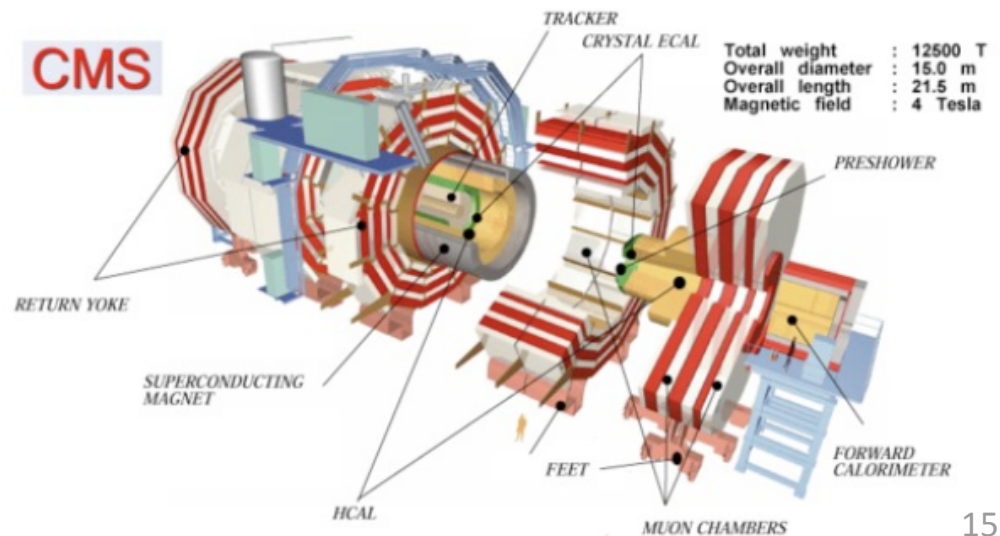
- Rate for inelastic collisions:  $10^9$  Hz
- Aim at keeping 150-200 Hz
  - This corresponds to 25 GB/minute !
  - 4M of GB are needed per year !
- « Interesting » events occur at a 1 - 10 Hz frequency
- So, try to reject as much « noise » as possible while avoiding to kill physics and to bias the sample!
- Efficient triggers: hardware (typically objects from calorimeters and muon systems) and software
  - Simple: for commissioning, debugging and understanding
  - Inclusive: one trigger for many analyses; able to discover the unexpected!
  - Robust: can run on pathological events, can run on events with 10 times more hits than predicted by simulation
  - Redundant: if a trigger component has a problem, the event is not lost

# Two General Purpose Detectors



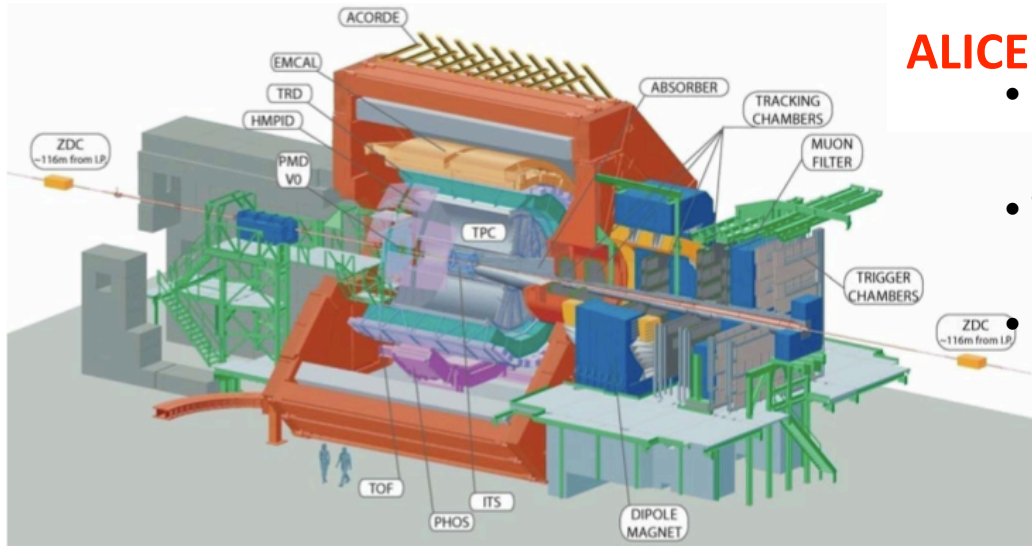
Detector	Resolution	Coverage
Tracker	$\sigma(p_T)/p_T \sim 5\% p_T$	$ \eta  < 2.5$
Ecal	$\sigma(E)/E \sim 10\%/\sqrt{E} + 0.7\%$	$ \eta  < 3.2$
Hcal	$\sigma(E)/E \sim 50\%/\sqrt{E} + 3\%$	$ \eta  < 3.2$ (b) / 4.9 (f)
Muon	$\sigma(p_T)/p_T \sim 10\% p_T$	$ \eta  < 2.7$

Detector	Resolution	Coverage
Tracker	$\sigma(p_T)/p_T \sim 1-5\% p_T$	$ \eta  < 2.4$
Ecal	$\sigma(E)/E \sim 3\%/\sqrt{E} + 0.5\%$	$ \eta  < 3$
Hcal	$\sigma(E)/E \sim 100\%/\sqrt{E} + 4\%$	$ \eta  < 3$ (b) / 5 (f)
Muon	$\sigma(p_T)/p_T \sim 10\% p_T$	$ \eta  < 2.4$



# Two Specialized Experiments

Also **TOTEM, LHCf**

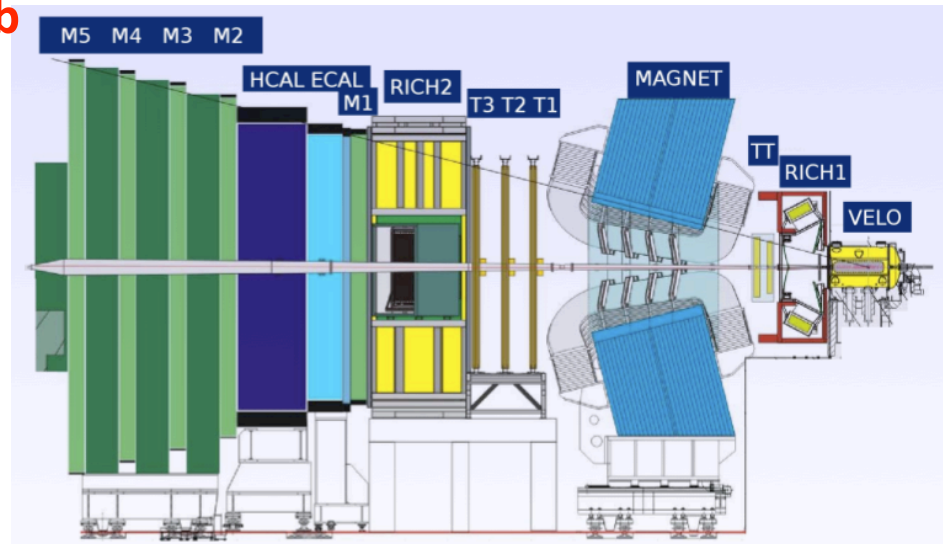


## ALICE

- Vertex:
  - $\sigma_x, \sigma_y \sim 15 \mu\text{m}$ ;  $\sigma_z, 5 \mu\text{m}$
- Tracking:
  - $\sigma(p)/p \sim 1\%$   $p < 10 \text{ GeV}$ ;  $15\%$   $p \sim 100 \text{ GeV}$
- Particle ID:
  - excellent PID using almost all known methods

- Vertex:
  - $\sigma(x) \sim 50$  (150)  $\mu\text{m}$  for primary (sec.) vertices;  $\sigma(t)$ : 40 fs on  $b$ -hadron lifetimes
- Energy:
  - $\sigma(E)/E \sim 9\%/\sqrt{E} + 0.8\%$ (ECAL)
  - $\sigma(E)/E \sim 69\%/\sqrt{E} + 9\%$ (HCAL)
- Tracking:
  - $\text{eff} \sim 95\%$  for  $p > 5 \text{ GeV}$ ;  $\sigma(p)/p \sim 0.4\%$
- Particle ID:
  - $\text{eff}(K) \sim 88\%$  w/3% misID;  $\text{eff}(\mu) \sim 95\%$  w/ 5% misID

## LHCb

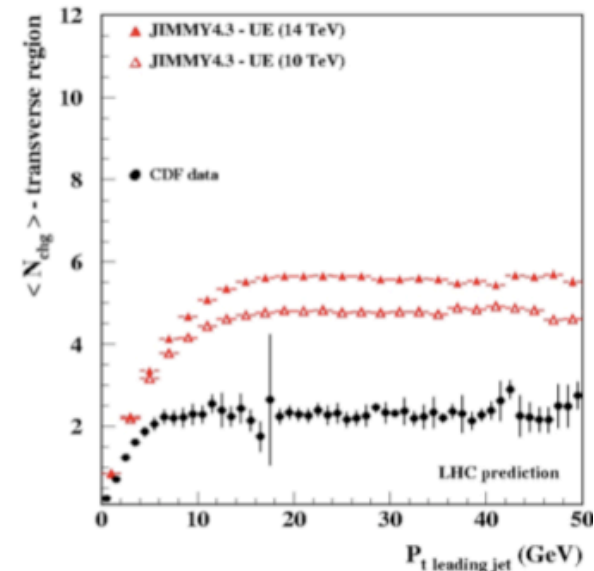
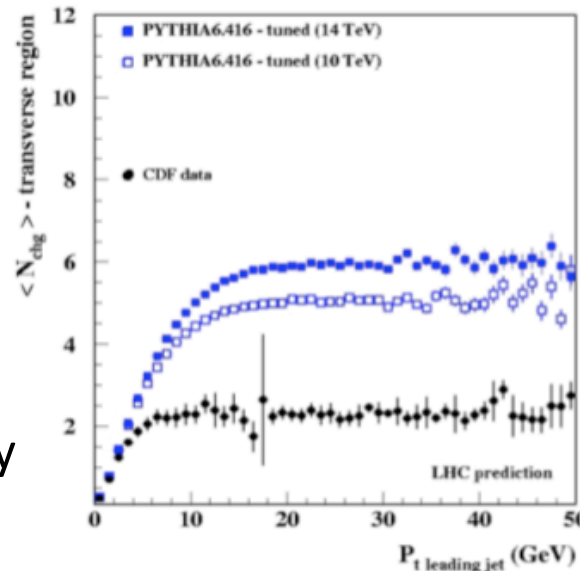
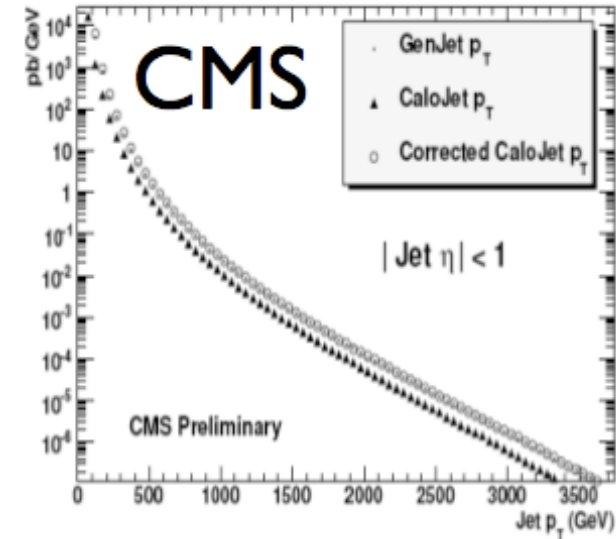




# ***Making a Good Use of Known Particles***

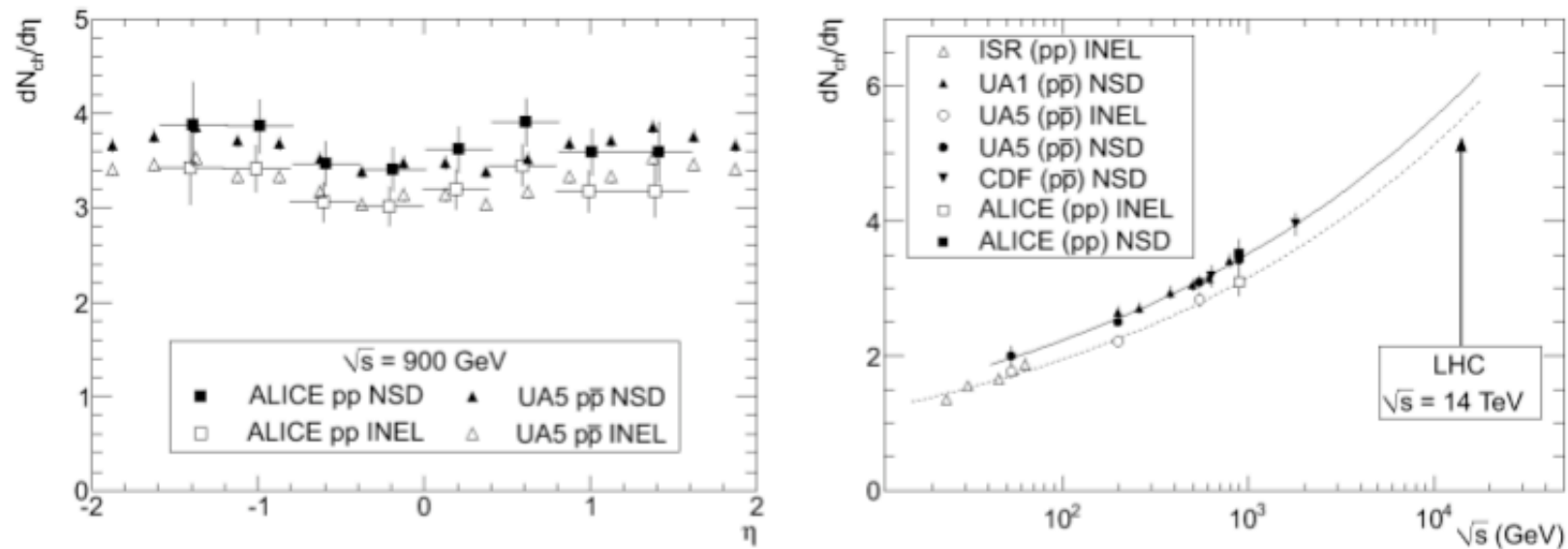
# First Tasks: Understanding the Detectors

- A lot of QCD events:
  - hard interactions (high  $p_T$ ): perturbative QCD
  - soft interactions (low  $p_T$ ): minimum bias events
  - important background to many analyses
- Use these events to
  - Study the underline event (UE): initial and final state radiation (ISR/FSR); beam-beam remnants; multiple-parton interaction (MPI); spectators...
  - Improve the simulation and modelling of minimum bias.
  - Evaluate jet reconstruction performances: energy scale, resolution,...



# First Look at LHC Data!

- First paper by Alice appeared on the arXiv on November 29th!

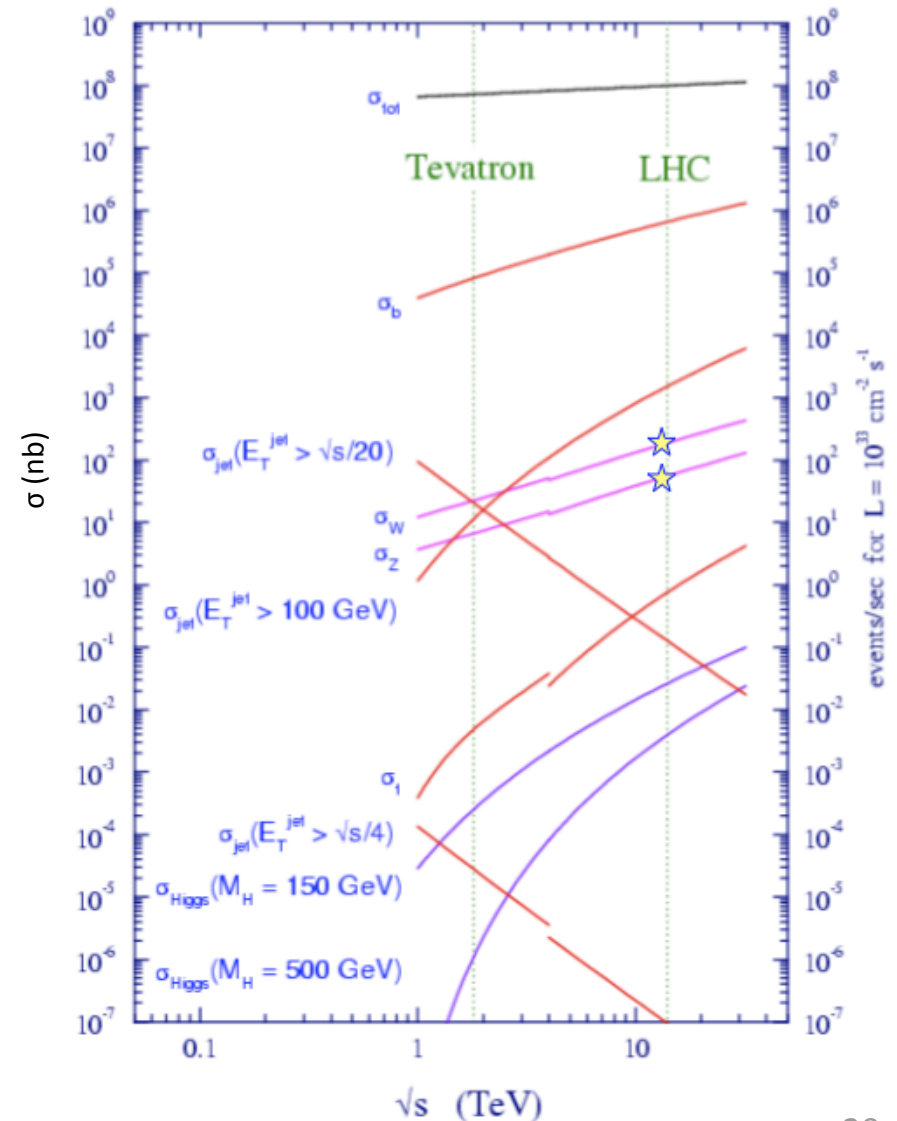


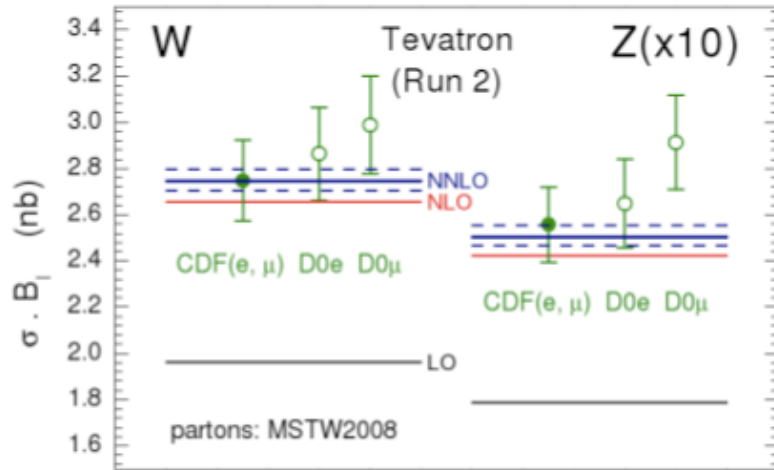
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- First papers by the other experiments in preparation: to be submitted soon!

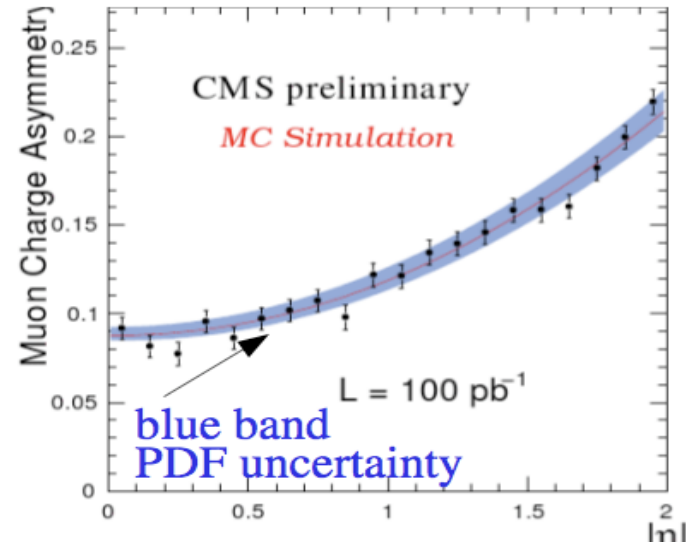
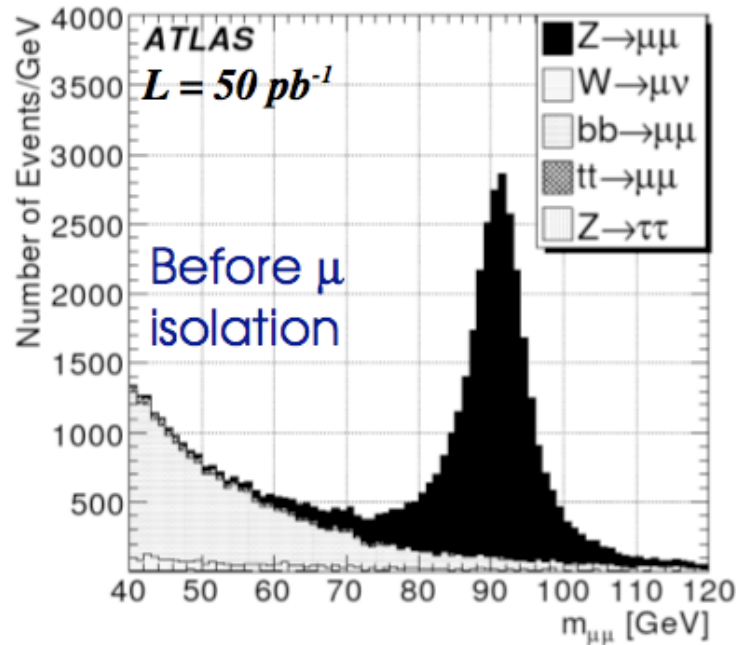
# The Z and W Bosons

- Large cross section for Z and W production
  - $\sigma(Z \rightarrow ll) \sim 1.4 \text{ nb}$  (@ 10 TeV)
  - $\sigma(W \rightarrow l\nu) \sim 14 \text{ nb}$  (@ 10 TeV)
- Isolated leptons provide a clear experimental signature.
- Measuring Z and W properties will help understanding the detectors.
  - Calibration/alignment
  - Trigger and lepton ID efficiencies
  - Luminosity
- Many interesting measurements using W and Z





- Cross sections
  - Known at the <1% level at the NNLO
  - Negligible stat errors above 10 pb<sup>-1</sup>
  - Systematics of some % (improving with L)
  - --> Precise test of perturbative QCD
- Lepton charge asymmetry
  - With ~100 pb<sup>-1</sup>, the uncertainty will be comparable to that of the PDFs.



- W mass
  - Precision test of the SM
  - Constraints on the Higgs mass
  - Aim: 15 MeV uncertainty (now ~25 MeV)

- VV
 

	WZ	WW	ZZ	Wγ	Zγ
σ (SM)	51.5 pb	117 pb	18 pb	74 pb	140 pb

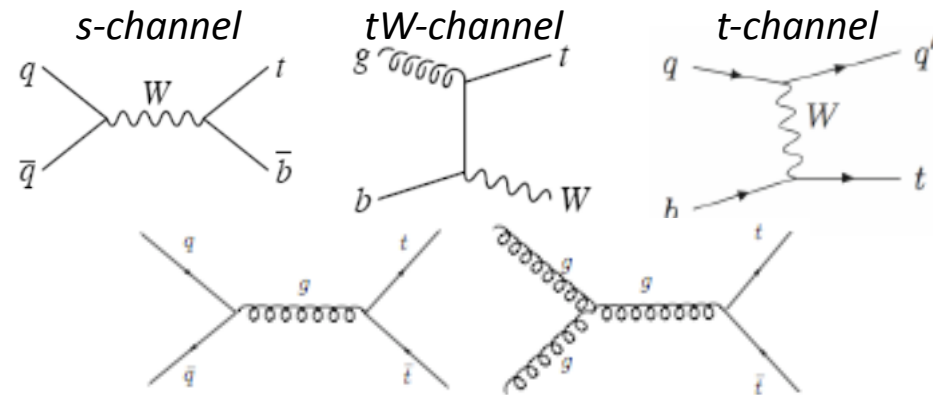
  - Test of the SM.
  - Observation with 0.1 – 1 fb<sup>-1</sup>

# The Top Quark

- The top quark is the heaviest elementary particle known to date
  - $m = (173.1 \pm 1.3) \text{ GeV}^*$ ;  $\tau < 10^{-25} \text{ s}$
  - It decays before hadronizing.
  - $\text{BR}(t \rightarrow Wb) \sim 100\%$



- The top quark can be produced either alone (single top) or in pairs.
  - Single top: via weak interaction
  - $t\bar{t}$  pairs: via strong interaction.3 decay channels: leptonic, semileptonic, hadronic.

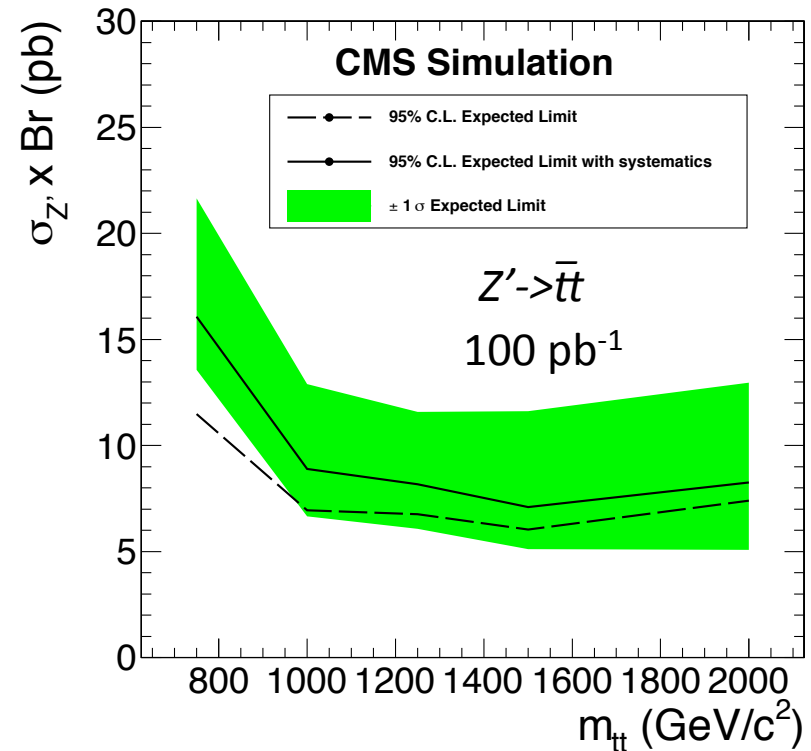


- Important tests of the SM
  - Deviations may indicate NP
- Important tool to test the detector performances
  - Many subsystems are involved (leptons, jets, missing energy)
- Background to many processes

\* *Tevatron, March 2009:*  
*arXiv:0903:2503 [hep-ex]*

- At the Tevatron,  $\sigma(t\bar{t})$  is measured with an uncertainty of  $\sim 9\%$ , comparable to the theoretical one.
- At the LHC (10 TeV) the cross section will be more than 50 times larger.
  - With  $\sim 100 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ , uncertainty of 5-10%
- NP can manifest itself in the top quark sector in many ways:
  - NP expected to have a privileged coupling to tops: resonances decaying to  $t\bar{t}$ ,  $b' \rightarrow Wt$ , Higgs, stop.
- $W$  polarization and spin correlation
  - A few % uncertainty with  $10 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
  - Test coupling to fermions and SM pattern
  - Deviations may indicate anomalous couplings or new particles (including a  $H^\pm$ )
- Top mass
  - Precision below 1 GeV with  $10 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

\* Phys.Rev.Lett.103:092001  
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- Single top was discovered at the Tevatron with  $\sim 3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of data \*.
- At the LHC,  $\sigma$  is 120 to 500 times larger (at 14 TeV, varying w/channel)
  - Observation with  $700 \text{ pb}^{-1}$  (10 TeV)
- FCNC and anomalous couplings
- Direct constraints on  $V_{tb}$ 
  - 10% uncertainty on  $R$  with  $250 \text{ pb}^{-1}$

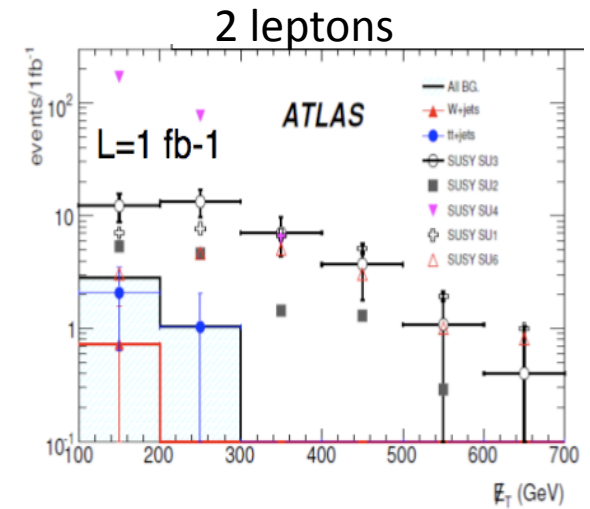
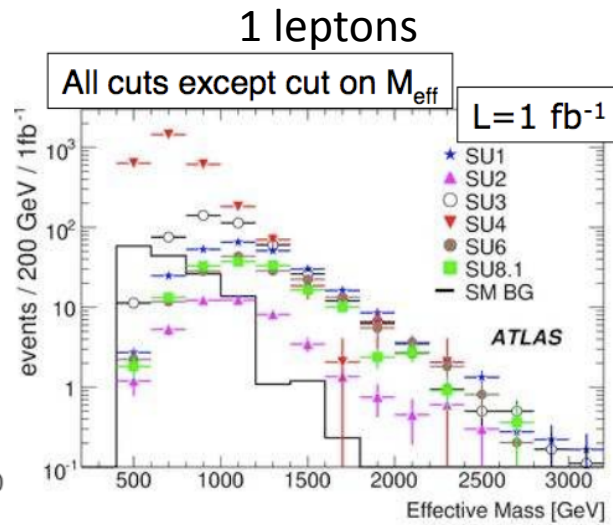
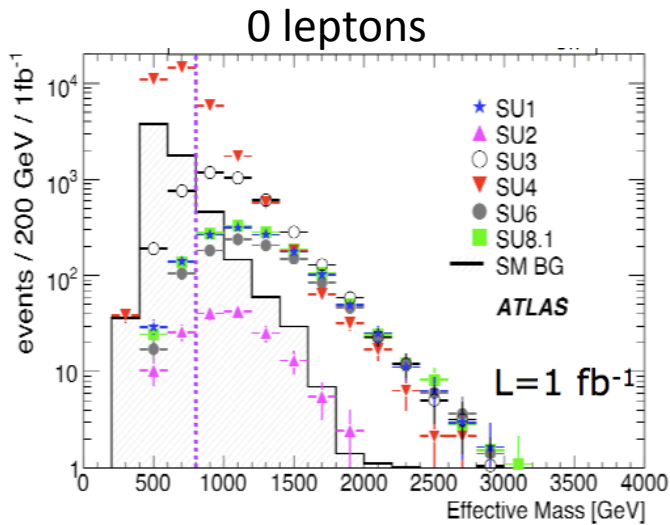
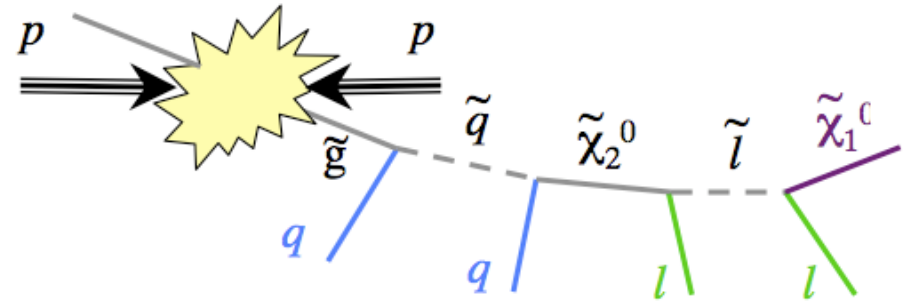
$$R = \frac{\Gamma(t \rightarrow Wb)}{\Gamma(t \rightarrow Wq(=d, s, b))} = \frac{|V_{tb}|^2}{|V_{td}|^2 + |V_{ts}|^2 + |V_{tb}|^2}$$

***Searching for Beyond the Standard  
Model Physics***

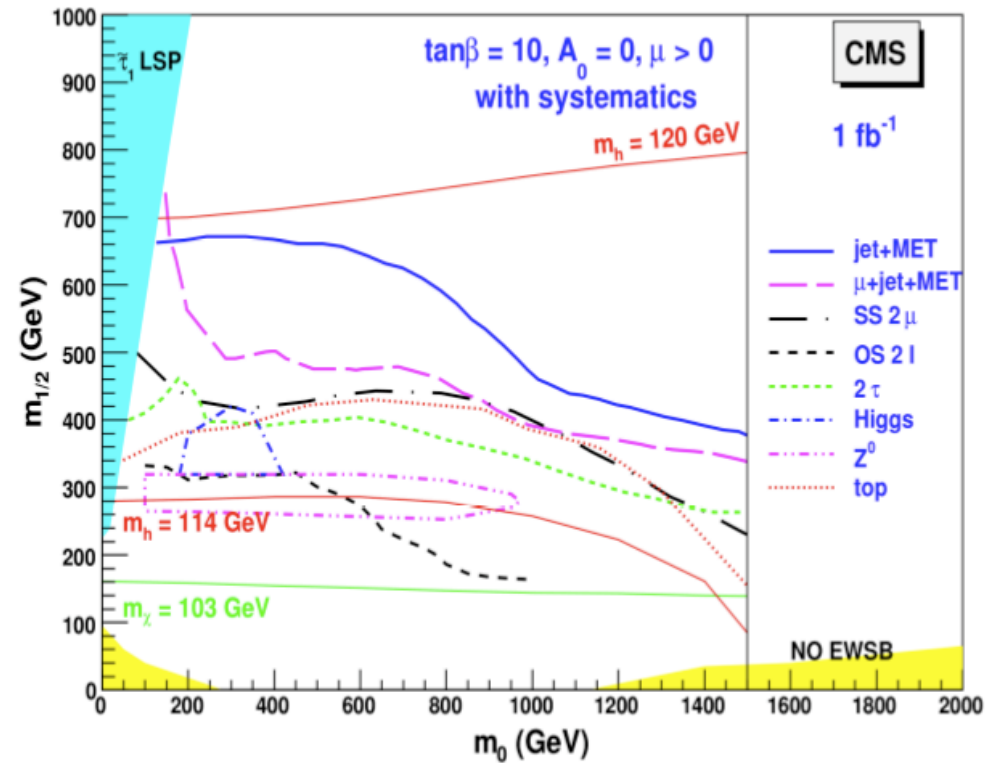
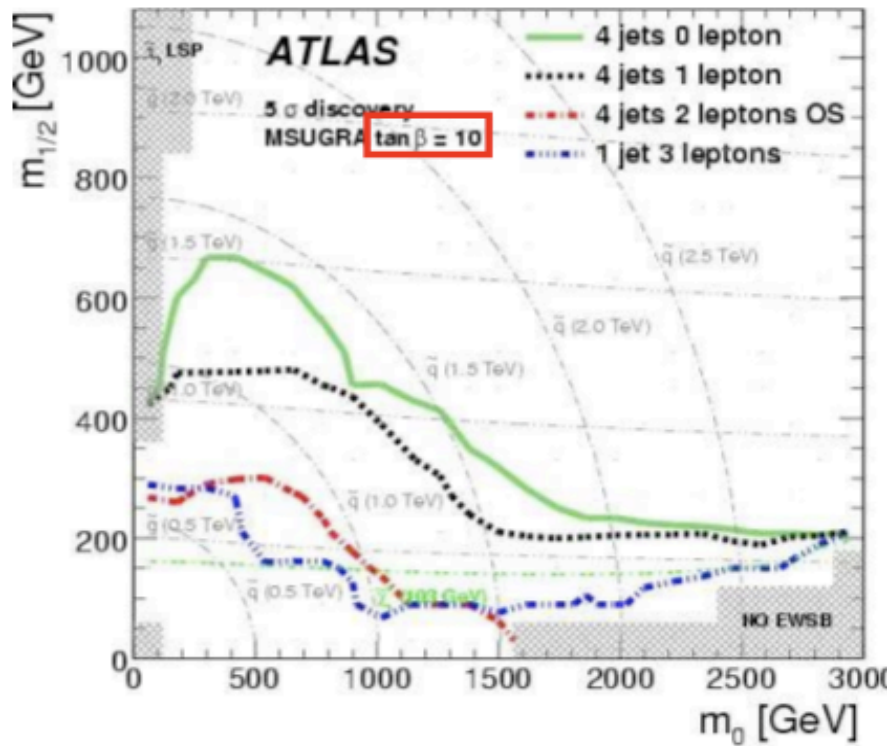


# Hunting for SUSY

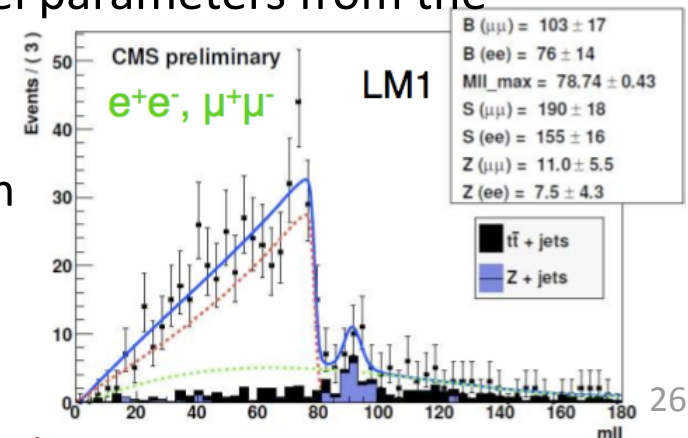
- Strongly interacting sparticles dominate the production
- Long cascades into the lightest stable particle:
  - Large missing  $E_T$
  - Large multiplicity of high  $p_T$  jets
  - Leptons
- Look for excess of events in a phase-space region where SUSY is expected



- Excess due to SUSY clearly visible !

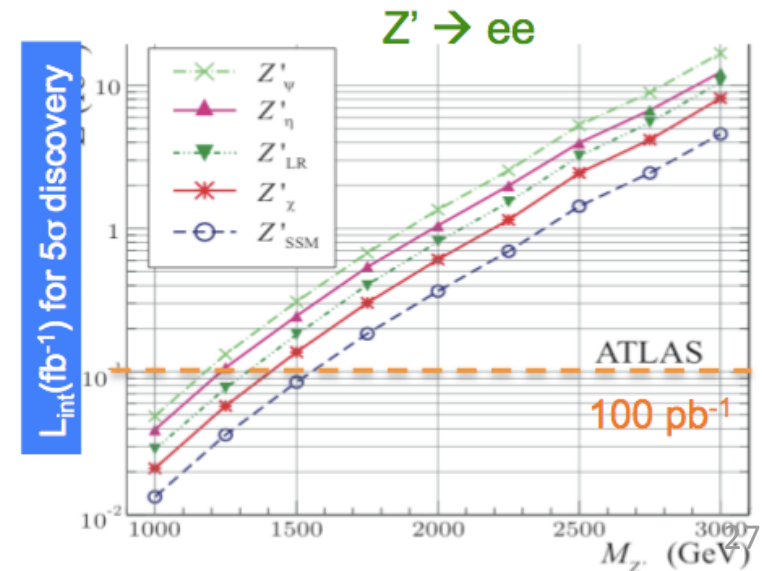
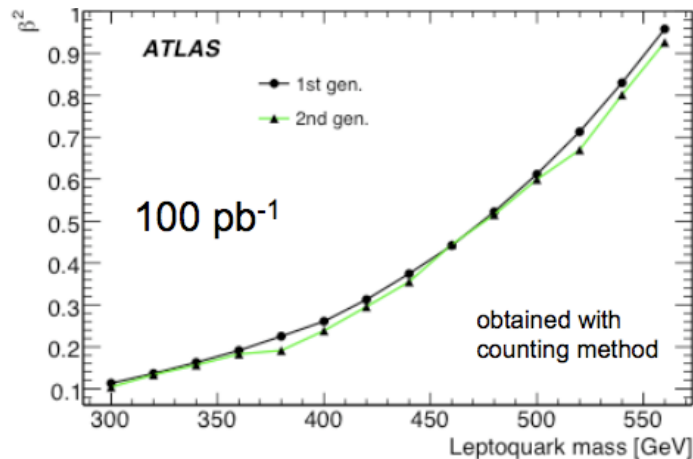
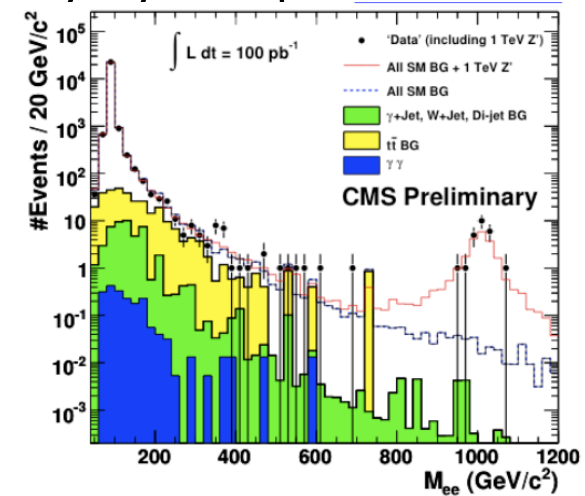


- SUSY particles with masses  $\approx$ TeV are observable with  $\sim 1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
- Typically 2 LSP in the final state: large missing energy
  - Rough determination of SUSY masses and model parameters from the endpoints.
  - Apply kinematical constraints on the chain.
  - Endpoints are function of the particles in the chain
  - Expect to measure  $m_0, m_{1/2}$  at the 1-3 %
  - $\tan\beta, A_0$  only order of magnitude (but  $\tan\beta$  from Higgs width too !)



# Searches for « Exotica »

- Exotica usually refers to beyond SM physics except SUSY.
  - A large number of models. LHC experiments actively try to explore all possibilities. Only a few examples here
- Dilepton resonances: a channel historically important for discoveries
  - Foreseen in many models: grand unification theories (GUT), technicolors, extra dimensions, little Higgs....
- Leptoquarks (GUT): carry both lepton and quark quantum numbers. Striking signature!



- Care has been taken in order not to miss exotic events
  - Good trigger efficiency also for peculiar signatures

- Examples:

- Heavy stable charged particles (HSCP): foreseen in many models

- High  $p_T$ , heavy mass, very low  $\beta$
- Muon trigger has good efficiency except for too slow particles (wrong bunch crossing assignment) and for R-hadrons (charge flipped)
- MET,  $\Sigma(E_T)$  triggers: efficient but model dependent

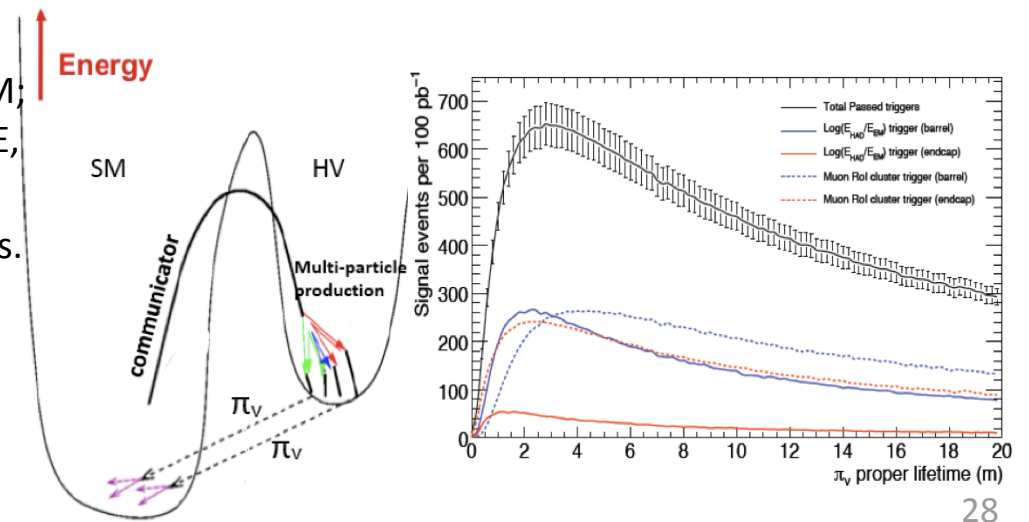
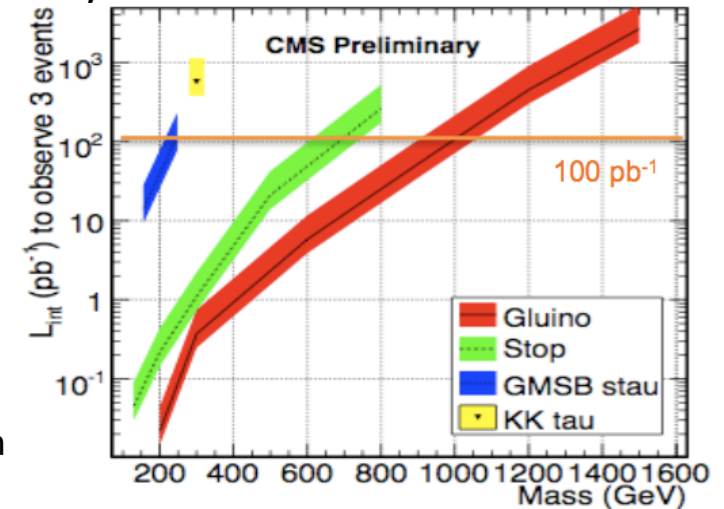
Dedicated trigger ←

- In some models, particles exist that can be trapped in the detector and decay much later

- Search for particles in no-beam periods or in gaps between bunches.

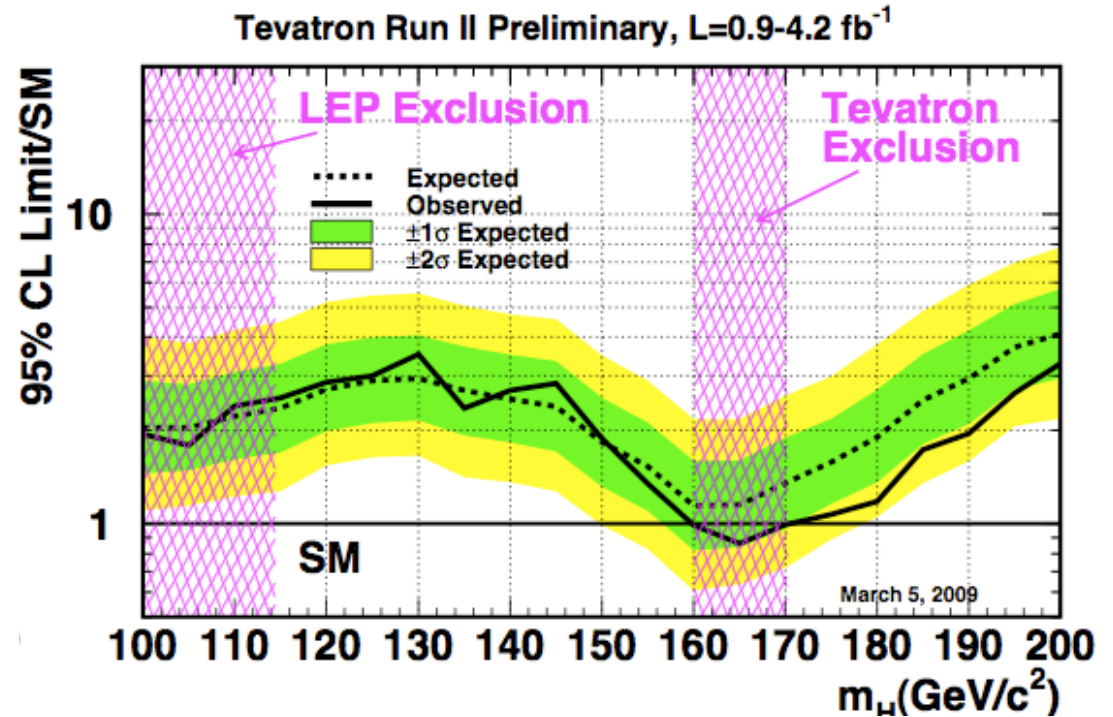
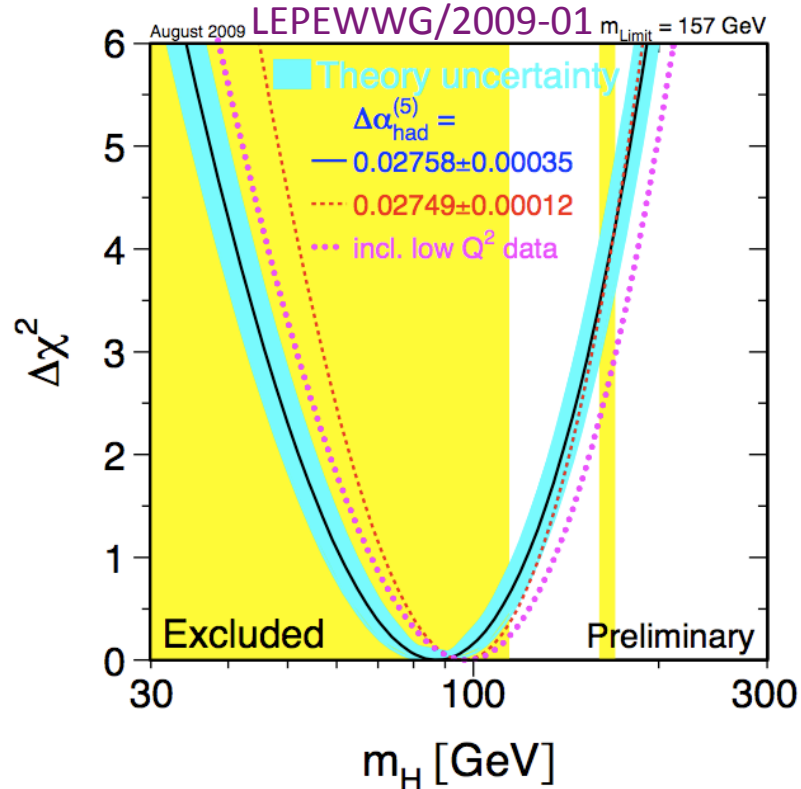
- Hidden valley:

- A hidden sector ( $v$ ) appended to the SM; a barrier makes  $v$ -particles rare at low E, but possible at LHC.
- Some long-lived or even stable particles. Typical decay to  $b$  pairs.
- Highly displaced neutral vertices
- Search for trackless jets with high  $\log(E_{had}/E_{em})$ , trackless jets with associated muon, muon clusters

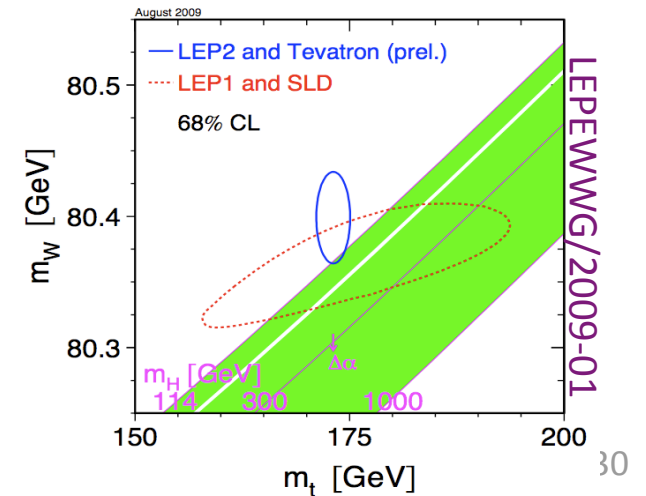


# ***The Higgs Boson***

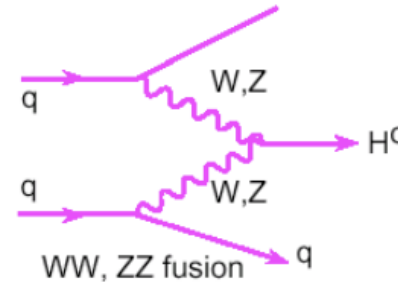
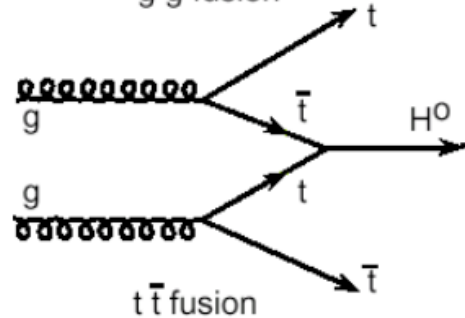
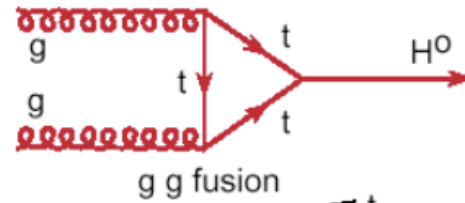
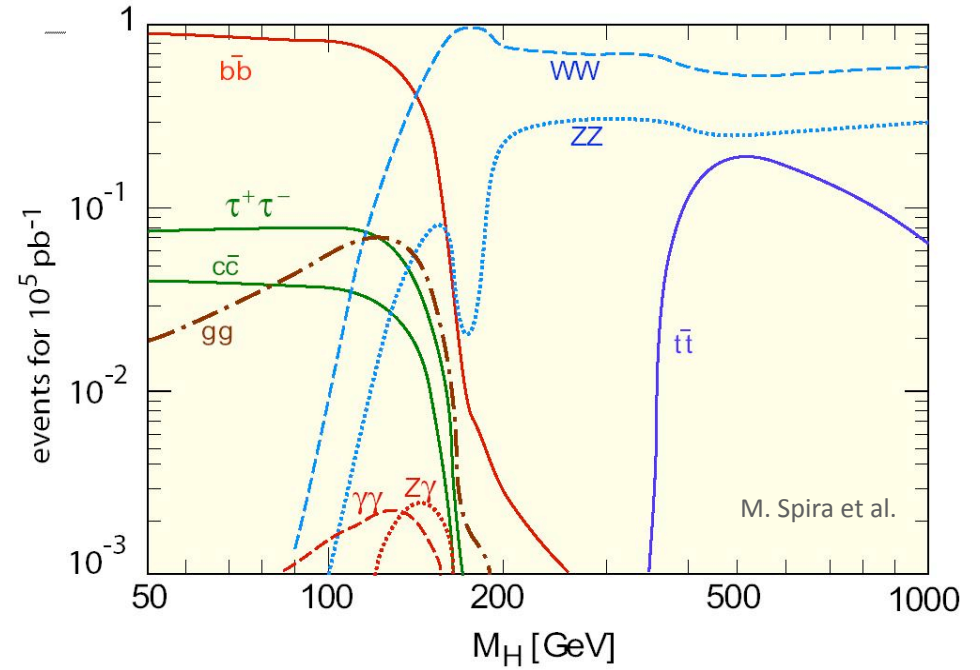
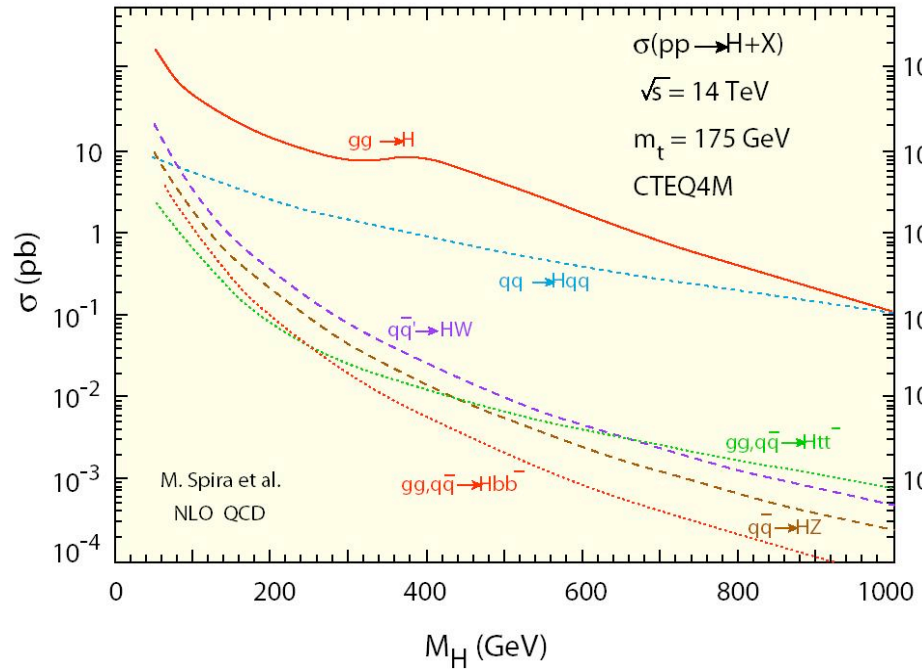
# Searching for the Higgs Boson



- Direct searches at LEP:  $m(H) > 114 \text{ GeV}$  at the 95% C.L.
- Tevatron excluded the range 160-170 GeV
- Precision EW constraints:  $< 157 \text{ GeV}$  ( $< 186$  when adding LEP2 data)

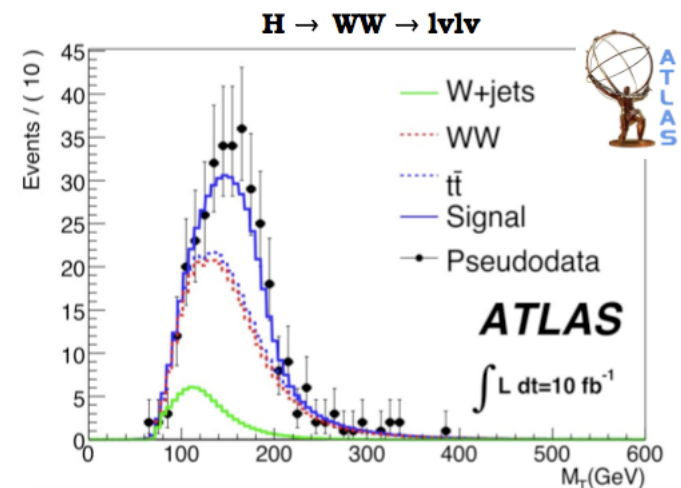
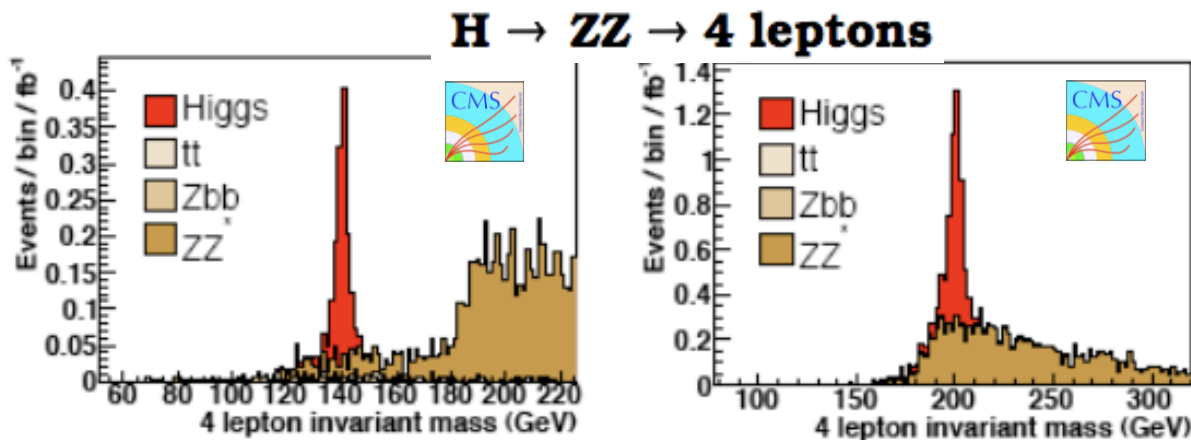


# SM Higgs at the LHC



# Higgs: High Mass Region

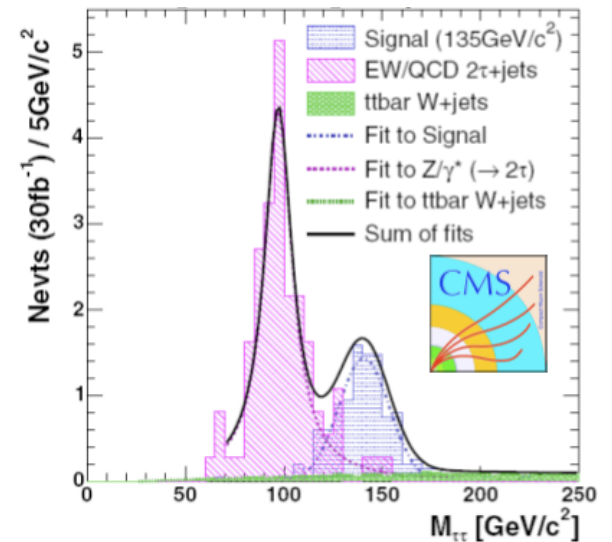
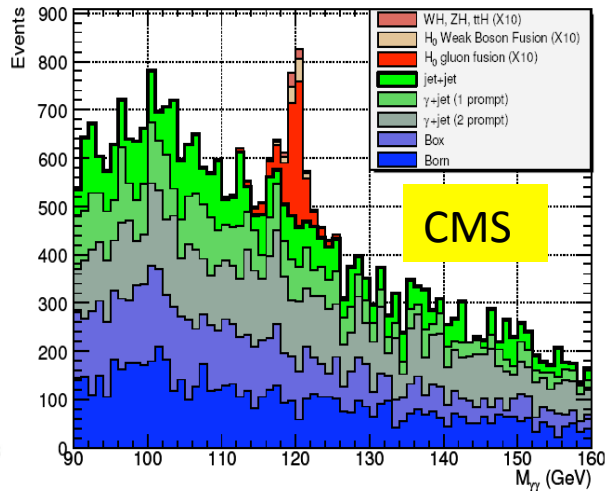
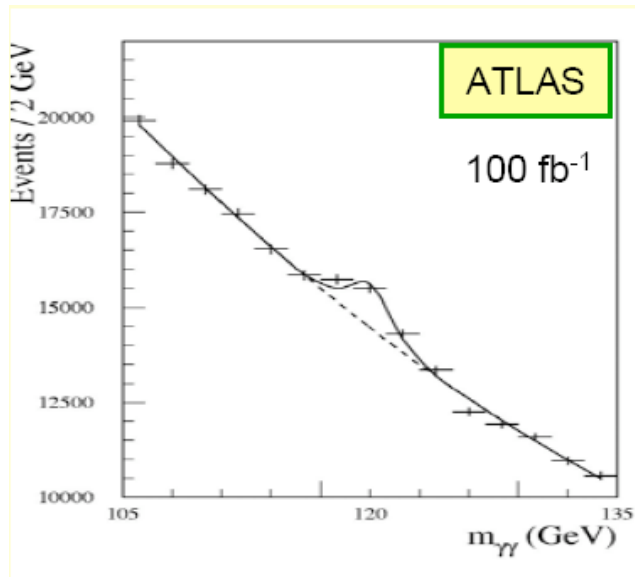
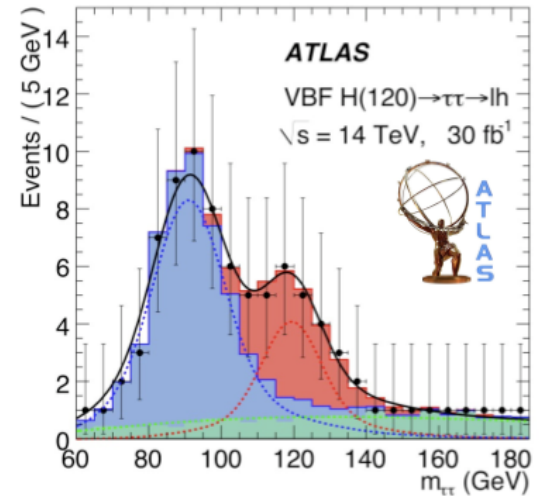
- $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4$  leptons:
  - « golden mode » for masses above  $\sim 130$  GeV
  - CMS and ATLAS have a very good resolution and efficiency
- $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$ :
  - Dominant rate for masses above  $\sim 130$  GeV
  - But missing energy spoils Higgs mass: use transverse mass





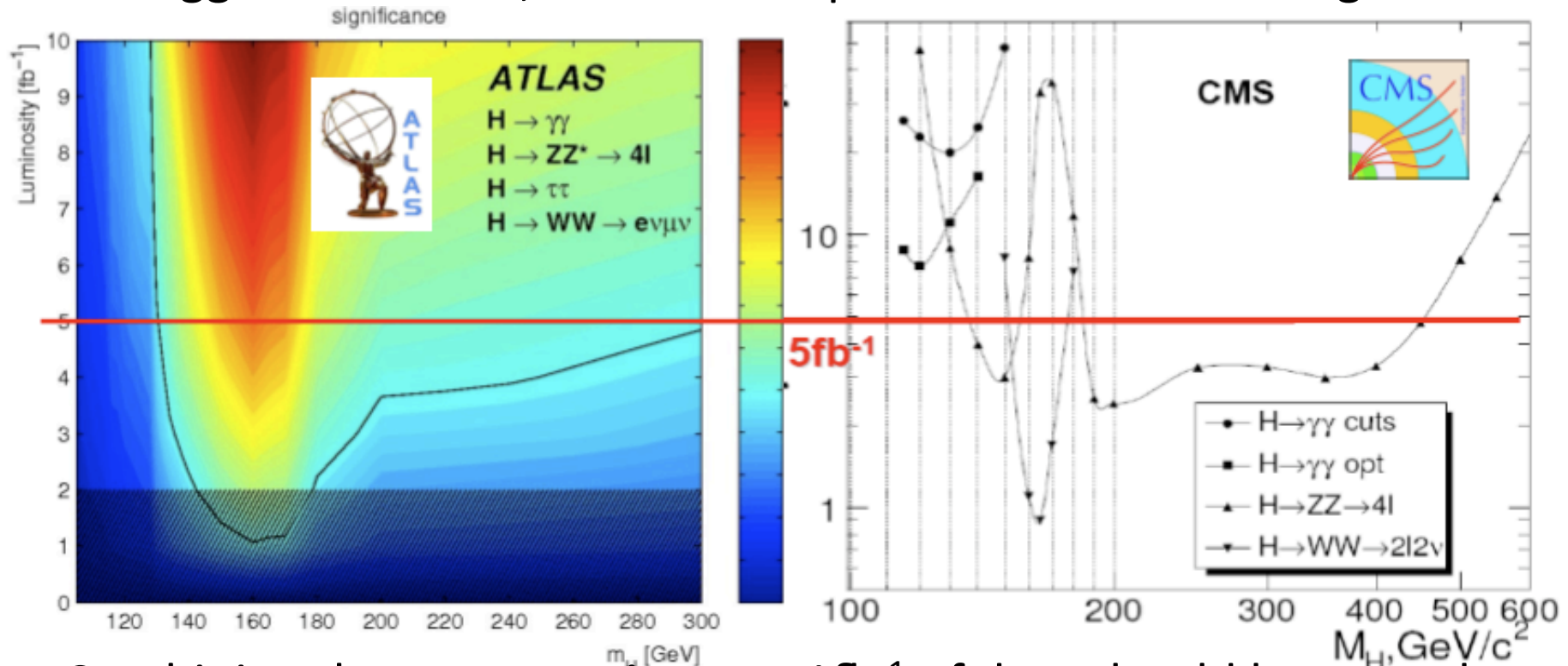
# Higgs: Low Mass Region

- $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$  dominant rate (after  $b\bar{b}$ ) below  $\sim 130$  GeV
  - Production via vector boson fusion provides unique signature to reduce backgrounds.
- $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  most powerful mode for low masses
  - CMS and ATLAS have a very good diphoton mass resolution
  - Important backgrounds to reject:  $\gamma$ +jets and jet+jet.



# Higgs: Discovery Potential

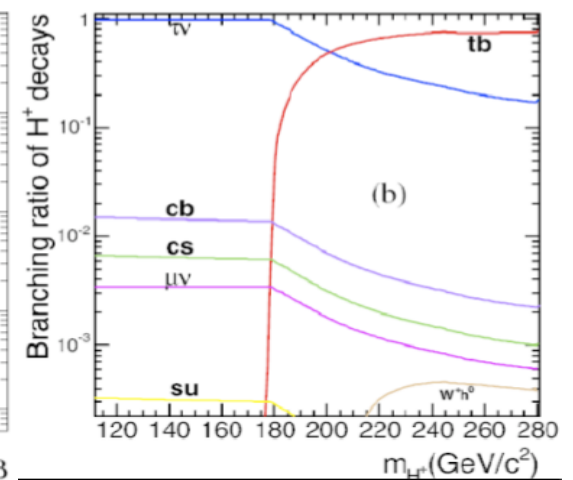
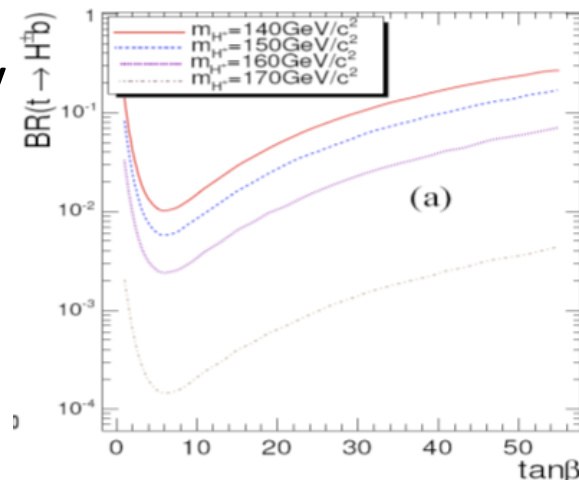
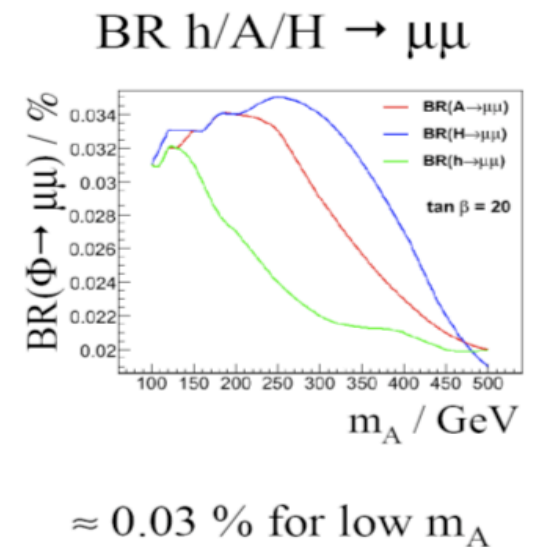
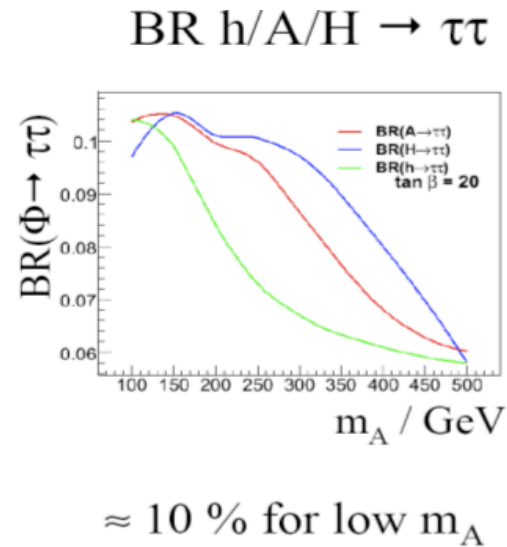
- Broad discovery potentials especially above  $\sim 130$  GeV
- More data needed for masses below 130 GeV
- If Higgs is not there, exclusion requires lower statistics in general.

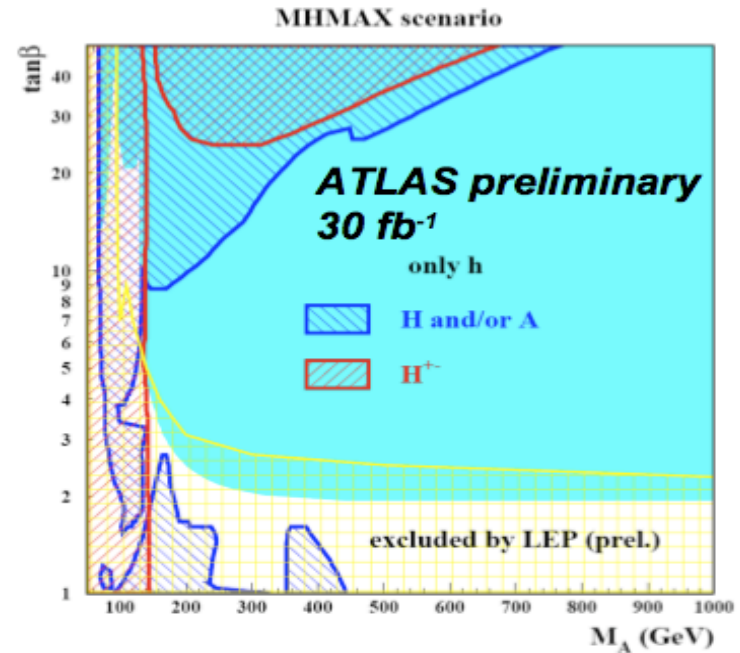
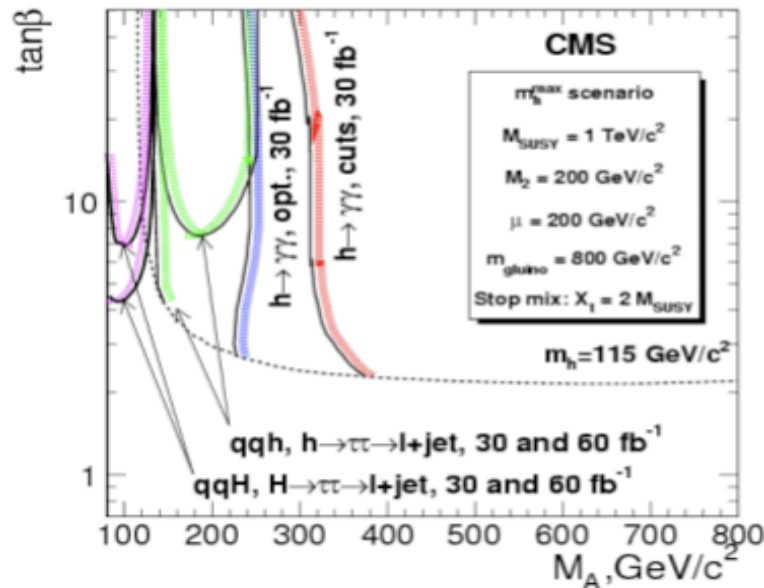
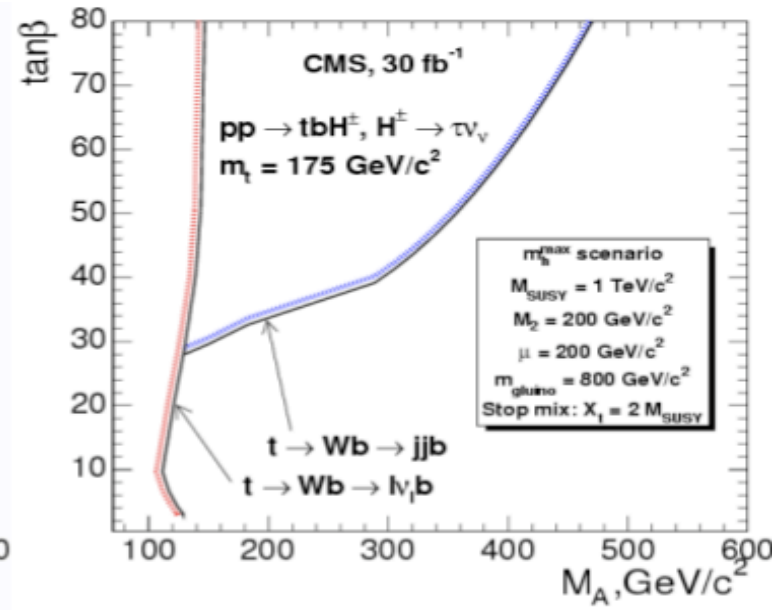
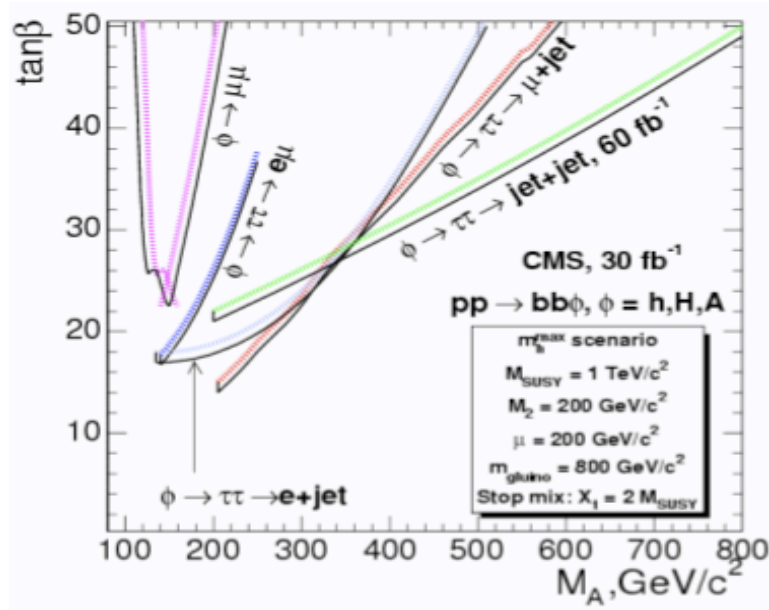


- Combining the two experiments,  $1 \text{fb}^{-1}$  of data should be enough for a discovery above  $\sim 140$  GeV

# MSSM Higgs Bosons

- In minimal extensions of the SM, there are two Higgs doublets:
  - 5 physical states:  $h^0, H^0$  (CP +),  $A^0$  (CP-),  $H^+, H^-$
- At tree level, description using two parameters:  $m(A)$  and  $\tan\beta$ .
- $h^0, H^0$  and  $A^0$  mostly decay to  $b\bar{b}$ 
  - $\tau\tau$  and  $\mu\mu$  are more rare, but easier.
- $H^\pm$  mainly produced by  $t \rightarrow Hb$ ; dominant decay  $\tau\nu$



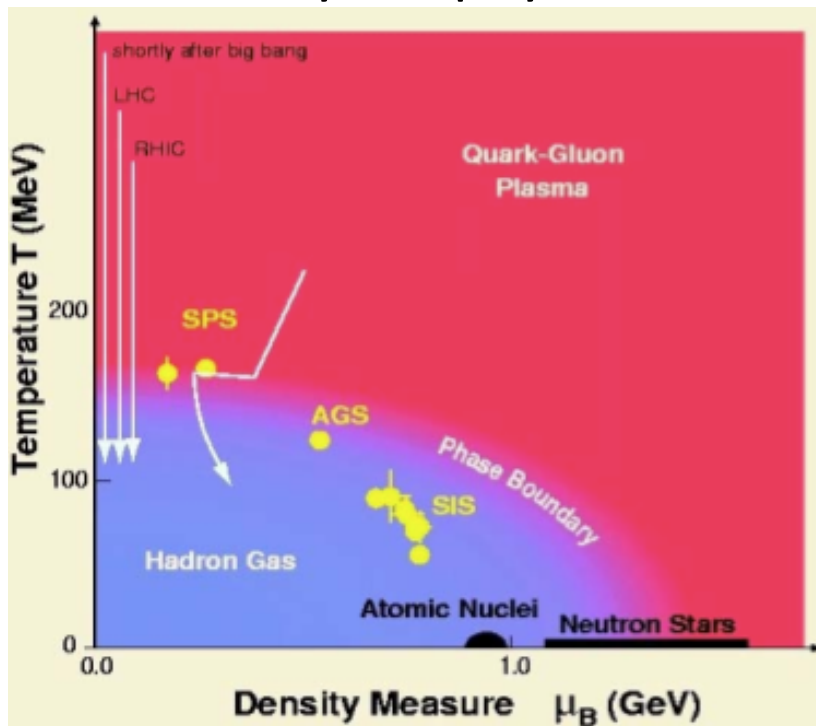


- At least one Higgs boson can be observed at ATLAS and CMS, possibly more than one...

# ***Heavy-Ion Collisions***

# Heavy Ion Collisions

- The LHC will collide not only protons but heavy ions too
  - ~ 1 month per year dedicated to heavy ion runs
- ALICE experiment specialized for heavy ion physics



Beam	$\sqrt{s}$ (TeV)	Lumi ( $\text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ )
proton	14	$10^{34}$
Light nuclei	7	$10^{30} - 10^{31}$
Lead	5.5	$10^{27}$

	Protons	Pb
N. Bunches / ring	2835	608
Distance between bunches	25	125
N. Particles / bunch	$10^{11}$	$6 \cdot 10^7$
N. particles/ ring	$3 \cdot 10^{14}$	$3 \cdot 10^{10}$
Beam current (mA)	530	5
Lumi lifetime (h)	10	10

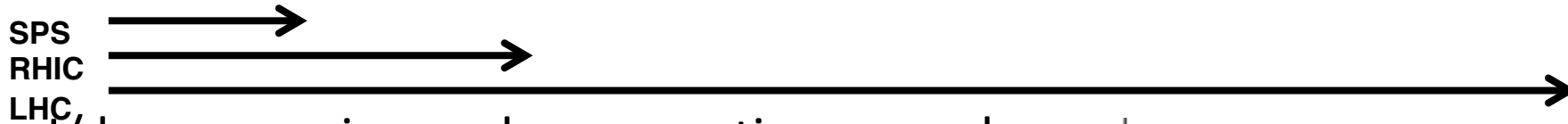
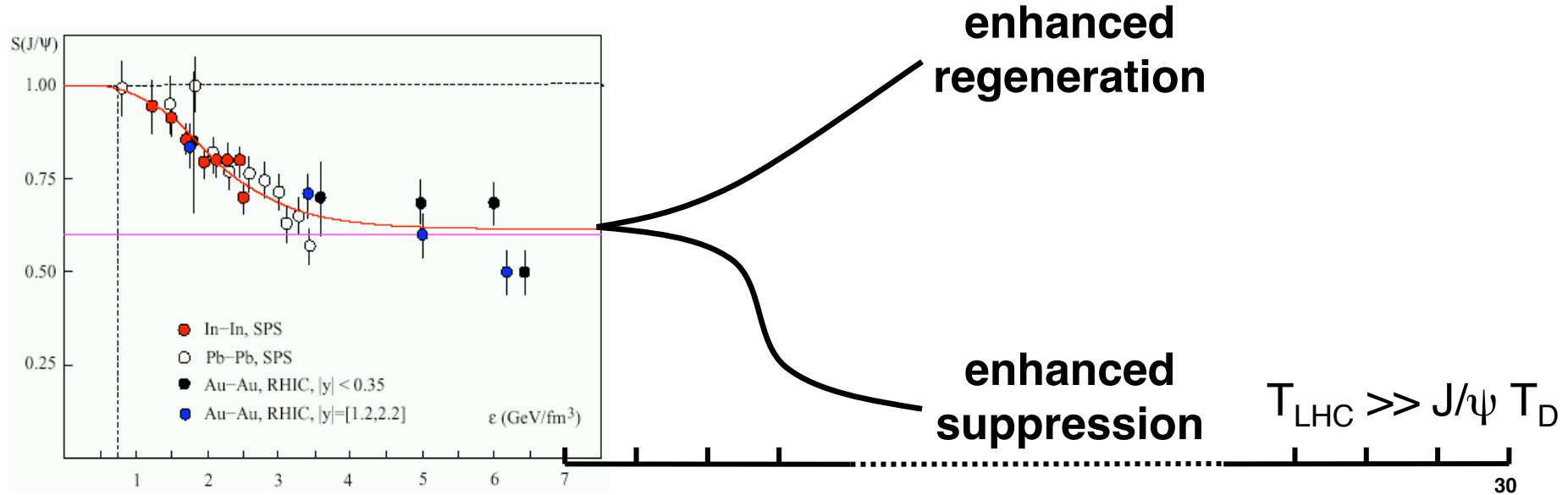
- At very high temperatures and densities, quarks and gluons are not confined inside composite particles: quark-gluon plasma

# Heavy Quarks

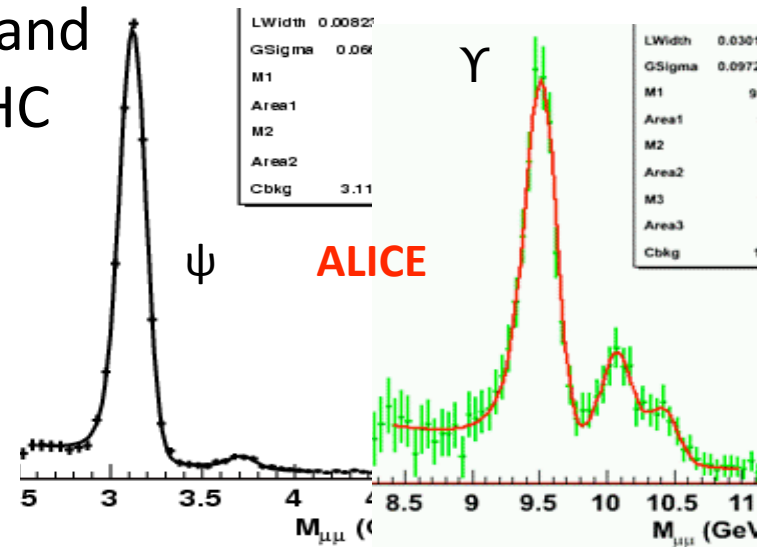
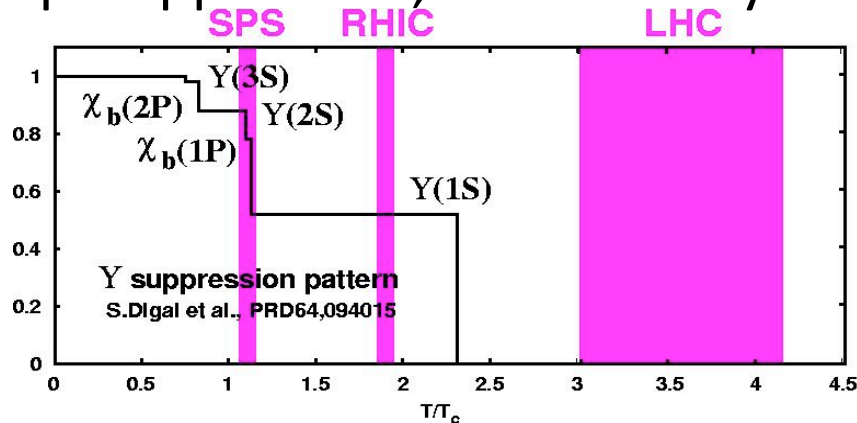
- Heavy quarks ( $c$  and  $b$ ) probe QCD in extreme conditions
  - Production time scale shorter than medium, and lifetime larger.
  - Low  $p_T$ : probe small Bjorken- $x$  structure of  $p$  and nuclei
    - Low-momentum gluons close to saturation
  - Intermediate  $p_T$ : medium thermalisation
  - High  $p_T$ : medium density via energy loss
- Calculable in pQCD; calibration from  $pp$  and  $pA$ .
- Essentially produced in initial impact: probe of the high density phase
- An example: secondary  $J/\psi$  from  $B$  decays
  - Yield reduced and  $\eta$  distribution significantly narrower as a result of  $b$  quenching

- Charmonium and bottomonium are probes of QCD phase transition

- If QGP is produced they may dissolve into the quark soup



- $J/\psi$  suppression and regeneration;  $\chi_c$  and  $\psi'$  suppression;  $\Upsilon$  melts only at the LHC



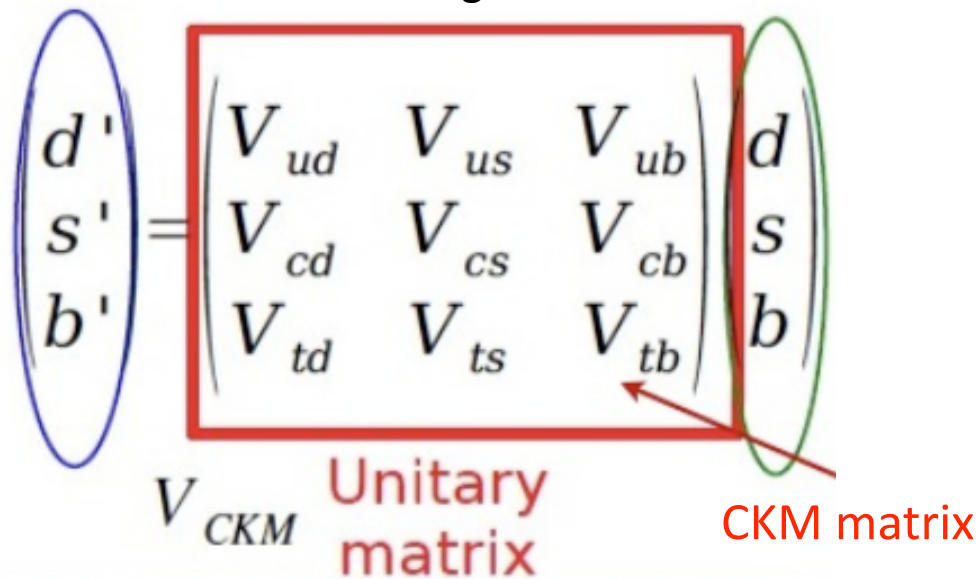


# ***Flavour Physics***

# *b* Physics

- A very large number of *b* hadrons produced at the LHC:  $\sigma(b) \sim \text{mb}$
- LHCb specialized experiment for *b* physics.
- *b*-hadron physics allows to test SM prediction of CP violation and search for indirect NP effects in asymmetries and decay rates.

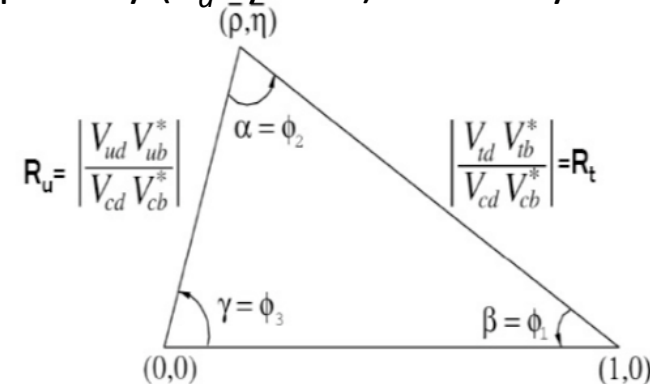
Quark mixing matrix



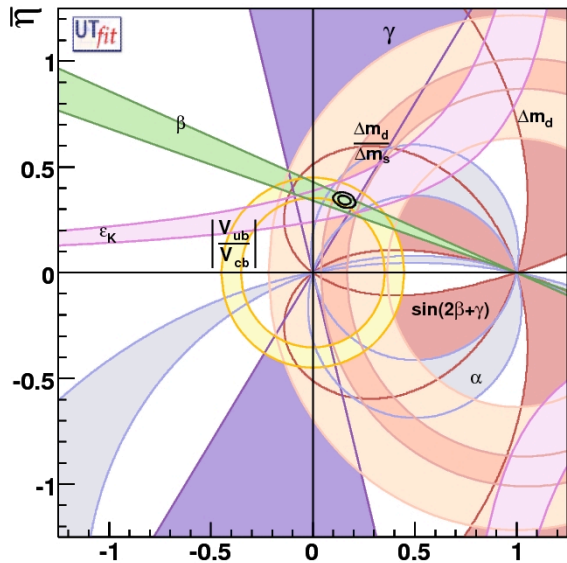
Unitarity condition:

$$V_{ub}^* V_{ud} + V_{cb}^* V_{cd} + V_{tb}^* V_{td} = 0$$

Graphically ( $B_d$  system): Unitarity Triangle

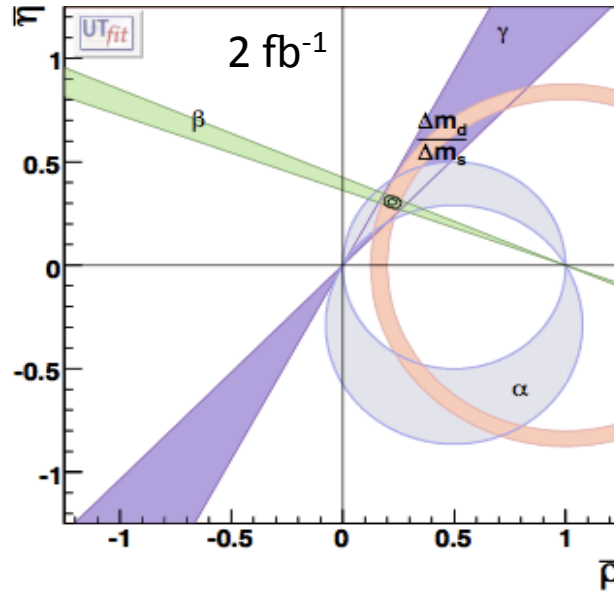


- In the SM, one irremovable phase in the matrix: CP violation.  
Asymmetry between matter and antimatter

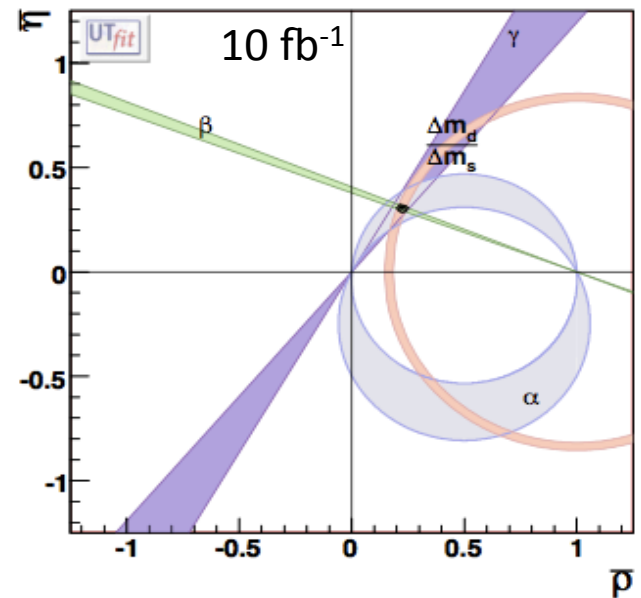


Today:  $\sigma(\bar{\rho})/\bar{\rho} = 14\%$   
 $\sigma(\bar{\eta})/\bar{\eta} = 4\%$

UTfit: <http://www.utfit.org/>

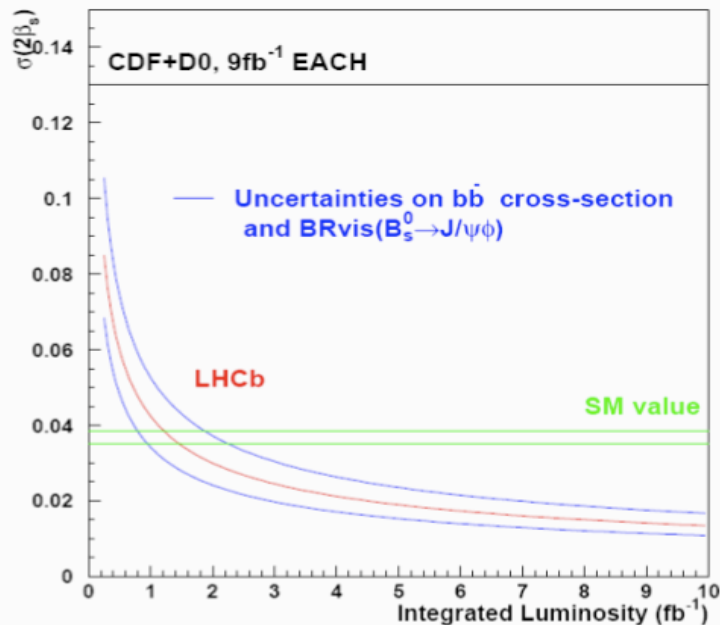


$\sigma(\bar{\rho})/\bar{\rho} = 7.1\%$   
 $\sigma(\bar{\eta})/\bar{\eta} = 3.9\%$



$\sigma(\bar{\rho})/\bar{\rho} = 3.6\%$   
 $\sigma(\bar{\eta})/\bar{\eta} = 1.8\%$

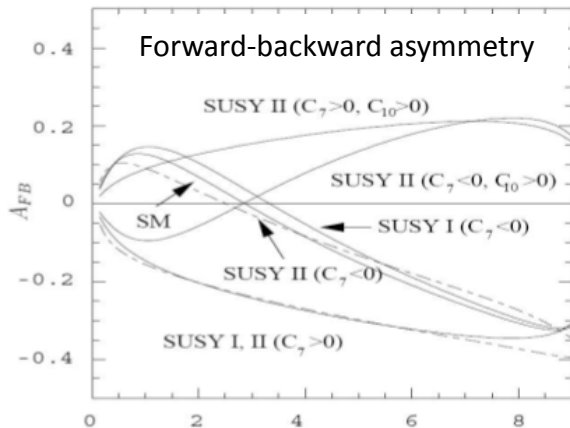
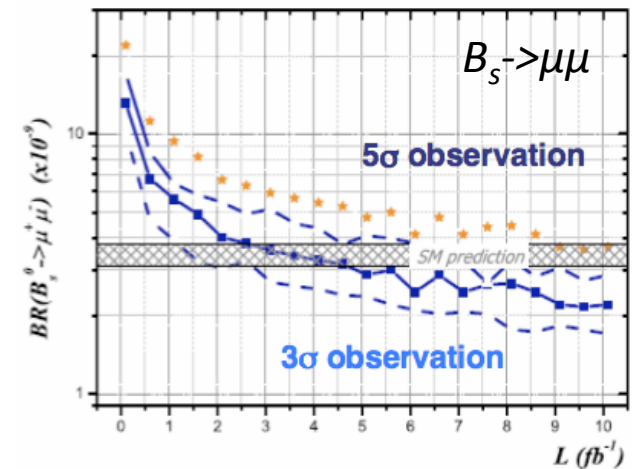
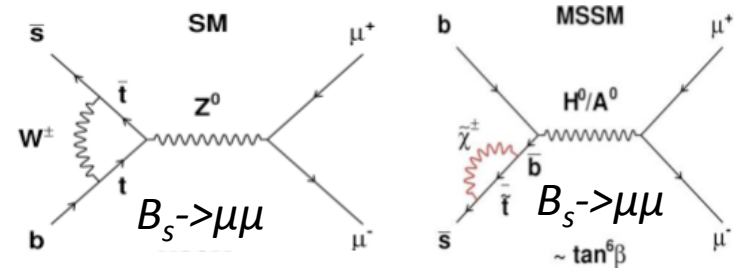
with LHCb alone



- Currently  $B$ -Factories only have access to  $B_d$  and  $B_u$ .
- All  $b$ -hadrons accessible at the LHC.
- At the Tevatron, tension with the SM predictions in the  $B_s$  system:  $2.2\sigma$  from the SM. In the SM  $\beta_s = (1.05 \pm 0.04)^\circ$

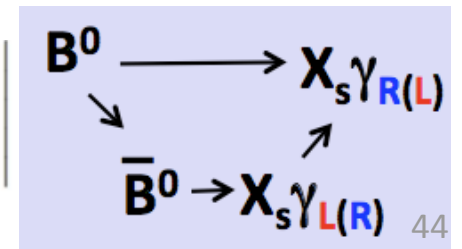
# Rare $b$ -hadron decays

- Rare decays can probe SM.
  - Indirect evidence of NP
- $B_s \rightarrow \mu\mu$  is very rare in the SM  $\sim 3.4 \times 10^{-9}$ 
  - BR enhanced in NP scenarios (models with extended Higgs sector)
  - Current Tevatron limit:  $< 47 \times 10^{-9}$
  - With  $9 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ , LHCb can reach  $20 \times 10^{-9}$
- $b \rightarrow sll$ 
  - NP can modify BR and angular distributions
  - Sensitive to SUSY, extra dimension.
  - With  $2 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ ,  $A_{\text{fb}}$  spectrum



- $b \rightarrow s\gamma$ 
  - With  $2 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ ,  $\sigma(\psi)/\psi \sim 10\%$

$$\tan \psi \equiv \left| \frac{\mathcal{A}(B_{(s)}^- \rightarrow \Phi^{CP} \gamma_R)}{\mathcal{A}(B_{(s)}^- \rightarrow \Phi^{CP} \gamma_L)} \right|$$



# Conclusions

- Many open questions in particle physics
- The LHC is a powerful tool to try and answer as many questions as possible.
- The LHC started to deliver  $p$ - $p$  collisions: a new era in particle physics has began
- Detectors are ready to collect and analyse data !
- First papers on collision data already coming out !
- ... stay tuned !