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Trilinear Higgs coupling at the LHC

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Simplest solution is a complex scalar field which spontaneously breaks the SM
 $SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)$: the Brout-Englert-Higgs-Kibble field

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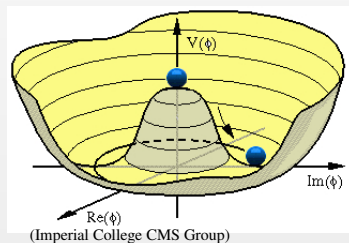
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$$\text{VEV } \langle 0 | \phi | 0 \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \phi = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{v + H(x)}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} :$$

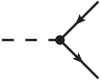
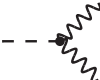
mass terms for weak bosons through v
one Higgs boson in the spectrum



[Higgs (1964); Brout, Englert (1964); Hagen, Kibble, Guralnik (1964)]

Higgs boson couplings

After EWSB: Higgs boson couples to fermions and gauge bosons:

	$g_{Hff} = \frac{M_f}{v} \times (-i)$		$g_{HHVV} = \frac{2M_V^2}{v^2}$
	$g_{HVV} = 2 \frac{2M_V^2}{v} \times (ig_{\mu\nu})$		$g_{HHHH} = \frac{3M_H^2}{v^2}$
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$Hff \propto m_f$: Higgs couples mostly to **top** and **bottom** quarks in **fermion loops**
 ggH and $\gamma\gamma H$ couplings occur at one-loop level

Theory bounds and precision measurements

Higgs boson mass not predicted by the SM but **constrained**:

- Triviality and unitarity $\Rightarrow$ upper bound on M_H

[Marciano *et al* (1989),...; Cabibbo *et al* (1979); Dashen, Neuberger (1983),...]

Stability of the vacuum $\Rightarrow$ lower bound on M_H

[Lindner, Sher (1989); Casas, Espinosa, Quiros (1995); Hambye, Riesselmann (1996),...]

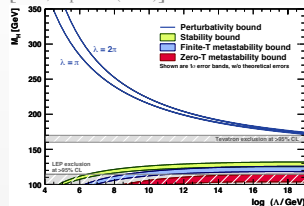
$$\Lambda_{\text{CUT}} = 1 \text{ TeV: } 50 \text{ GeV} \lesssim M_H \lesssim 750 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\Lambda_{\text{CUT}} = 10^{16} \text{ GeV: } 130 \text{ GeV} \lesssim M_H \lesssim 180 \text{ GeV}$$

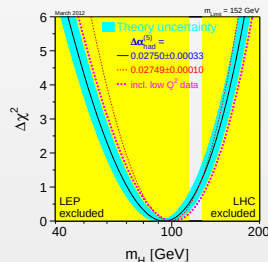
- Precision data fit ($M_Z, \Gamma_Z, M_W, \Delta^{\text{had}}\alpha_s$, etc):

$$M_H \leq 152 \text{ GeV @ 95\% CL}$$

[Ellis, Espinosa (2009)]



[LEP EWG (2012)]



Direct searches at LEP and Tevatron

[LEPHWG (2003)]

- Direct LEP2 searches ($\sqrt{s} = 209$ GeV):

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow Z(H \rightarrow b\bar{b}, \tau^+\tau^-)$$

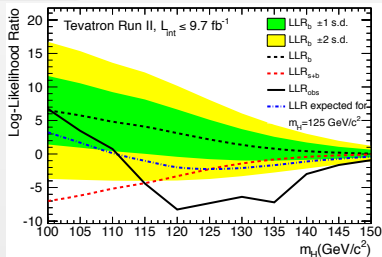
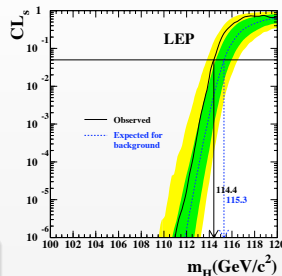
$$M_H > 114.4 \text{ GeV @ 95\% CL}$$

- Latest Tevatron run II result:

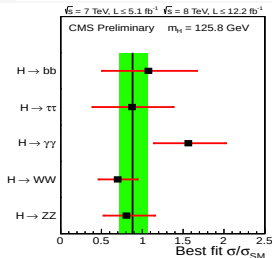
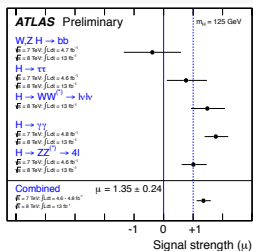
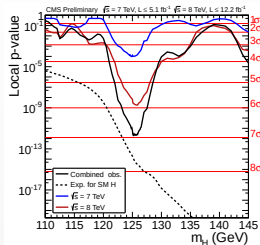
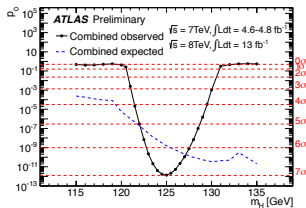
Broad $\geq 2\sigma$ excess in $115 \leq M_H \leq 140$ GeV

[TEVNPHWG, Phys.Rev.Lett. 109, 071804 (2012)]

(not updated since HCP 2012)



Higgs status at the LHC: observation of a scalar particle



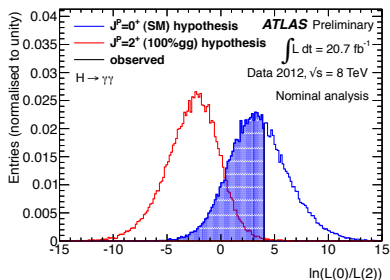
$$M_H = 125.5 \pm 0.2(\text{stat}) \pm 0.6(\text{sys}) [\text{ATLAS}]$$

$$M_H = 125.8 \pm 0.4(\text{stat}) \pm 0.4(\text{sys}) [\text{CMS}]$$

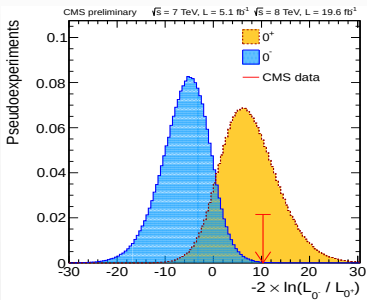
[ATLAS, Phys.Lett. B716 (2012) 1-29; CMS *ibid* 30-61; ATLAS-CONF-2013-014; CMS-HIG-12-045]

Higgs status at the LHC: spin/parity early measurements

Spin/parity measured through angular correlations in $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ and $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4\ell$ channels



$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ analysis [ATLAS-CONF-2013-029]



$H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4\ell$ analysis [CMS PAS HIG-13-002]

Latest results point towards the observation of 0^+ boson with couplings to fermions and gauge bosons $\Leftrightarrow$ SM Higgs boson

SM Higgs pair production at the LHC

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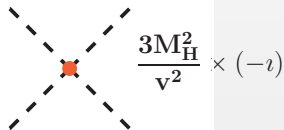
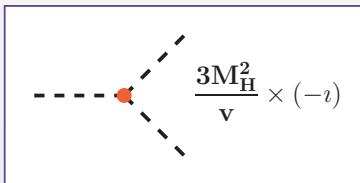
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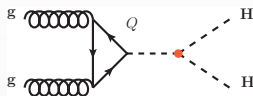
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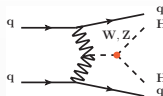
The main production channels

- gluon fusion



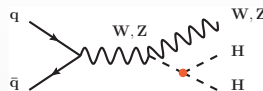
NLO in QCD

- vector boson fusion

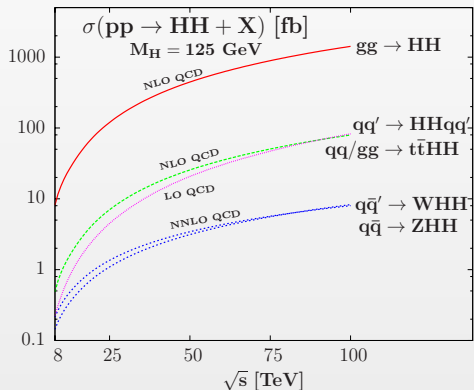


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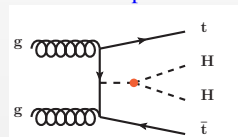
- double Higgs-strahlung



NNLO in QCD (new!)



- associated production with top quark



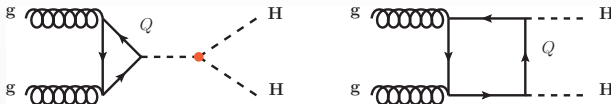
LO in QCD

~ 1000 times smaller than
single Higgs cross section

[J.B., Djouadi, Gröber, Mühlleitner, Quevillon, Spira (2012)]

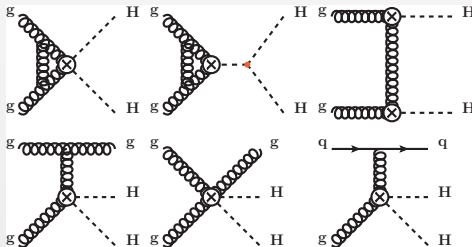
Gluon fusion: the largest cross section

pp $\rightarrow$ **gg** $\rightarrow$ **HH**: the largest production channel at hadron colliders



LO inclusive cross section known exactly (*t* + *b* loops) [Eboli *et al* (1987); Glover, v.d. Bij (1988); Dicus, Kao, Willenbrock (1988); Jikia (1994)]

QCD corrections to inclusive rate: **NLO** corrections in the low energy limit $\sqrt{\hat{s}} \ll m_t$
[Dawson, Dittmaier, Spira (1998)]



K-factor $\simeq 2$

$\sqrt{s}$ [TeV]	σ^{NLO} [fb]
8	8.2
14	33.9
33	207.3
100	1417.8

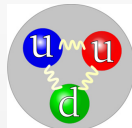
Interlude: parton distribution functions (PDF)

Parton Distribution Functions (PDFs)

Probability density of a given parton (quarks, gluons) to be extracted from the (anti)proton with a fraction x of the (anti)proton momentum

Non-perturbative quantity, fitted on data by different collaborations

⇒ different sets on the market: MSTW, CTEQ, ABKM, HERA, etc



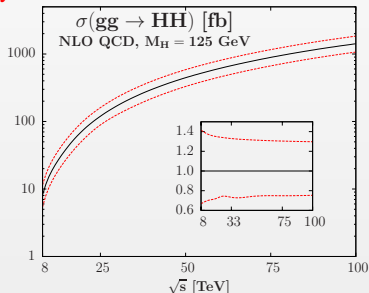
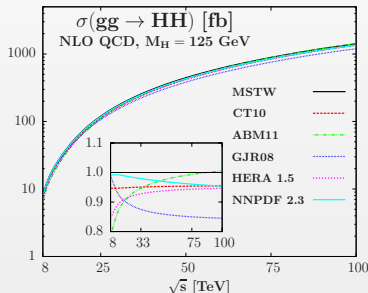
Hadronic cross section

$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow AB) = \sum_{i,j=g,q} \int_0^1 dx_1 \int_0^1 dx_2 f_i(x_1) f_j(x_2) \hat{\sigma}_{ij}(\hat{s} = x_1 x_2 S) \Theta(\hat{s} \geq (M_A + M_B)^2)$$

Gluon fusion: theoretical uncertainties

$gg \rightarrow HH$ affected by sizeable uncertainties:

- **Scale uncertainty:** calculated at NLO with $\frac{1}{2}\mu_0 \leq \mu_R, \mu_F \leq 2\mu_0$, $\mu_0 = M_{HH}$;
 $\Delta^{\text{scale}} \simeq +20\%(+12\%)/-17\%(-10\%)$ at $\sqrt{s} = 8(100)$ TeV
- **PDF uncertainty:** gluon PDF at high- x less constrained, $\alpha_s(M_Z^2)$ uncertainty
 $\Rightarrow$ large discrepancy between PDFs predictions
 $\Delta_{90\%CL}^{\text{PDF}+\alpha_s} \simeq \pm 9\%$ ($\simeq \pm 6\%$ at 100 TeV) uncertainty
- **EFT approximation:** NLO correction only known in the $\sqrt{s} \ll m_t$ approximation
conservative estimate of $\Rightarrow \pm 10\%$ uncertainty

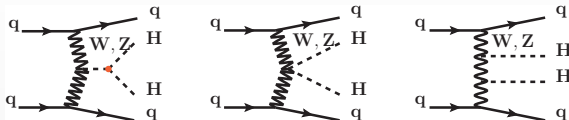


Total uncertainty: $\simeq \pm 40\%$ ($\simeq \pm 30\%$ at 100 TeV)

[J. B., Djouadi, Gröber, Mühlleitner, Quevillon, Spira (2012)]

Vector boson fusion at NLO

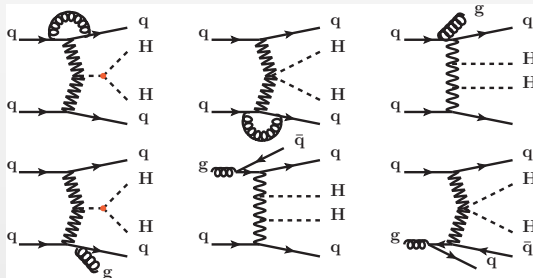
$pp \rightarrow qq \rightarrow qq WW/ZZ \rightarrow qqHH$: the second production channel at the LHC



LO inclusive cross section known for a while [Keung (1987); Eboli *et al* (1987); Dicus, Kao, Willenbrock (1988); Dobrovolskaya, Novikov (1991)]

QCD corrections to inclusive rate: **new NLO corrections in the structure function approach**

[J.B., Djouadi, Gröber, Mühlleitner, Quevillon, Spira (2012)] **implemented in VBFNLO** [Zeppenfeld *et al* (2008)]



$\simeq +7\%$ correction
(similar to single Higgs case)

$\sqrt{s}$ [TeV]	σ^{NLO} [fb]
8	0.49
14	2.01
33	12.05
100	79.55

Interlude: handling infrared singularities in VBFNLO

- How to handle singularities in cross-section calculation? UV divergences treated with **renormalization**, e.g. usually **$\overline{\text{MS}}$ -scheme** for QCD corrections
- What about Infrared singularities? Soft and collinear singularities may arise, notably cumbersome as arising in different phase-spaces $\Rightarrow$ **subtraction method to handle them!**

$$\sigma^{\text{NLO}} = \int_{\phi_n} d\sigma^{\text{Born}} + \int_{\phi_n} d\sigma^{\text{virt}} + \int_{\phi_{n+1}} d\sigma^{\text{real}}$$

with each contribution divergent $\Rightarrow$ cancel soft & collinear singularities before Monte-Carlo integration:

$$\sigma^{\text{NLO}} = \int_{\phi_{n+1}} \left(d\sigma^{\text{real}}|_{\varepsilon=0} - d\sigma^{\text{A}}|_{\varepsilon=0} \right) + \int_{\phi_n} \left(d\sigma^{\text{Born}} + d\sigma^{\text{virt}} + \int_{\phi_1} d\sigma^{\text{A}} \right) |_{\varepsilon=0}$$

where $d\sigma^{\text{A}}$ a subtraction term with the following properties:

- ▶ $d\sigma^{\text{A}}$ cancels soft & collinear divergences of $d\sigma^{\text{real}}$
- ▶ $\int_{\phi_1} d\sigma^{\text{A}}$ done (partially) analytically in d dimensions $\Rightarrow$ **I, P, K operators**, left-over collinear singularities absorbed into PDFs

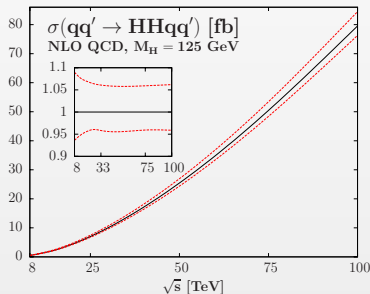
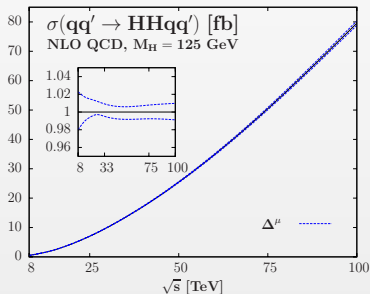
The calculation has been done in VBFNLO with **Catani-Seymour dipoles**

[Catani, Seymour, Nucl.Phys. B485 (1997) 291]

Vector boson fusion: theoretical uncertainties

$qq \rightarrow HHqq$ is a clean process:

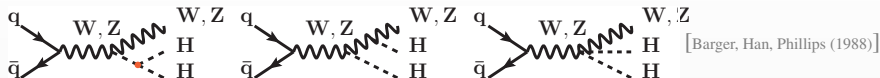
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Good precision compared to LO $\Delta^{\text{scale}} \simeq \pm 10\%$
- **PDF uncertainty:** total $\Delta_{90\%CL}^{\text{PDF}+\alpha_s} \simeq +7\%/-4\%$
($\simeq +5\%/-4\%$ at 33 TeV)



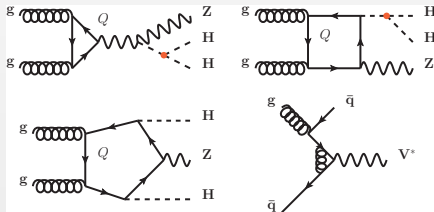
Total uncertainty: $\simeq +8\%/-5\%$ (14 TeV) [J. B., Djouadi, Gröber, Mühlleitner, Quevillon, Spira (2012)]

Associated W/Z + Higgs pair production

$pp \rightarrow Z^*/W^* \rightarrow Z/W + HH$: clean but very small rates



- **NLO QCD corrections:** Drell-Yan $\sigma(pp \rightarrow V^*)$ corrections $\simeq +20\%$
[J.B., Djouadi, Gröber, Mühlleitner, Quevillon, Spira (2012)]
- **new NNLO QCD corrections:** Drell-Yan $\simeq +4\%$ [J.B., Djouadi, Gröber, Mühlleitner, Quevillon, Spira (2012)]
- **new NNLO QCD corrections (II):** specific $gg \rightarrow ZHH$ channel $\Rightarrow \simeq +20 - 30\%$, sharp contrast with $\simeq +5\%$ in ZH production [J.B., Djouadi, Gröber, Mühlleitner, Quevillon, Spira (2012)]



$\sqrt{s}$ [TeV]	$\sigma_{WHH}^{\text{NNLO}}$ [fb]	$\sigma_{ZHH}^{\text{NNLO}}$ [fb]
8	0.21	0.14
14	0.57	0.42
33	1.99	1.68
100	8.00	8.27

Theoretical uncertainties in double Higgs–strahlung

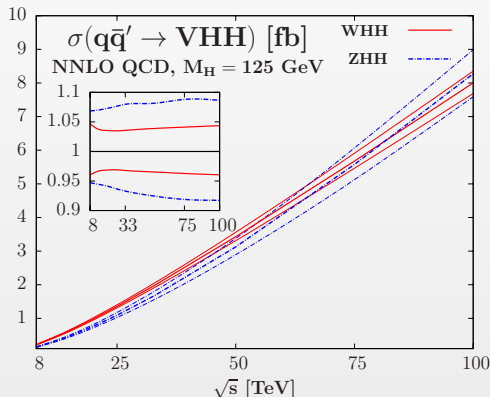
$pp \rightarrow VHH$ is also a very clean process:

- **Scale uncertainty:** calculated at NNLO with $\frac{1}{2}\mu_0 \leq \mu_R, \mu_F \leq 2\mu_0$, $\mu_0 = M_{VHH}$;

$\Delta^{\text{scale}} < 1\%$ in WHH channel

In ZHH channel, worse due to $gg \rightarrow ZHH$: $\Delta_{ZHH}^{\text{scale}} \simeq \pm 3\%$

- **PDF uncertainty:** total $\Delta_{90\%CL}^{\text{PDF}+\alpha_s} \simeq \pm 4\%$ ($\simeq \pm 3\%$ at 100 TeV)



Total uncertainty:

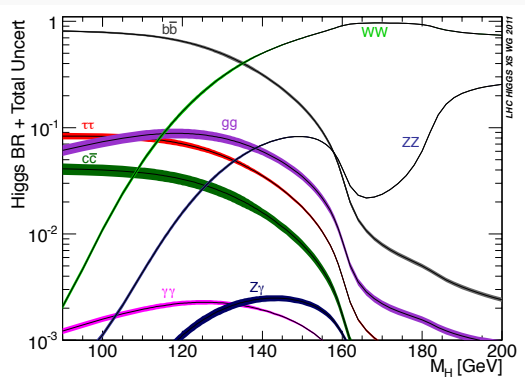
$$\Delta_{WHH}^{\text{tot}} \simeq \pm 4\%, \Delta_{ZHH}^{\text{tot}} \simeq \pm 7\%$$

[J. B., Djouadi, Gröber, Mühlleitner, Quevillon, Spira (2012)]

Parton level analysis at the 14 TeV LHC

Parton level analysis: overview of the main channels

Where to look for HH production? production cross section small $\Rightarrow$ use $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ decay channel at least once to retain some signal



3 interesting final states *a priori*:

- $b\bar{b}W(\rightarrow \ell\nu)W(\rightarrow \ell\nu)$: difficult because of MET, not promising [J. B., Djouadi, Gröber, Mühlleitner, Quevillon, Spira (2012)]
- $b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$: rates very small, lots of fake photon identification, still promising?
- $b\bar{b}\tau\tau$: clean leptonic channel, rates small, but promising

Signal analysis in $b\bar{b}\tau\tau$ final state

Our parton level analysis: Pythia 6 using $gg \rightarrow HH$ matrix elements from HPAIR, rates rescaled to (N)NLO through K -factors, tag efficiency of 70% (b) and 50% (τ)

	HH	$b\bar{b}\tau\tau$	$t\bar{t}$	ZH [NNLO]
LHC 14 TeV K -factor	1.88	1.21	1.35	1.33

Main backgrounds considered:

- ▶ continuum production: $pp \rightarrow b\bar{b}\tau\tau$; $b\tau^+\nu_\tau \bar{b}\tau^-\bar{\nu}_\tau$ (mainly from $t\bar{t}$ production)
- ▶ $ZH \rightarrow b\bar{b}\tau\tau$ production

Cut strategy: kinematic acceptance cuts + boosted topology cuts:

- $p_T(b/\tau) > 30$ GeV, $|\eta(b/\tau)| < 2.4$, $112.5 \text{ GeV} < M_{b\bar{b}} < 137.5 \text{ GeV}$
- $M_{HH} > 350 \text{ GeV}$, $p_T(H) > 100 \text{ GeV}$, $100 \text{ GeV} < M_{\tau\tau} < 150 \text{ GeV}$
- Optimistic scenario: $112.5 \text{ GeV} < M_{\tau\tau} < 137.5 \text{ GeV}$

	HH	$b\bar{b}\tau\bar{\tau}$	$b\bar{b}\tau\bar{\tau}\nu_\tau\bar{\nu}_\tau$	ZH	S/B	$S/\sqrt{B}$
$\sigma_{(N)NLO}$ [fb]	2.47	2.99×10^4	8.17×10^3	2.46×10^1	6.48×10^{-5}	6.93×10^{-1}
Higgs from $\tau\tau$	2.09×10^{-1}	8.35×10^1	1.58×10^2	5.70×10^{-1}	8.63×10^{-4}	7.36×10^{-1}
Higgs from $b\bar{b}$	1.46×10^{-1}	6.34×10^{-1}	1.43×10^1	3.75×10^{-2}	9.75×10^{-3}	2.07
Cut on M_{HH}	1.30×10^{-1}	1.37×10^{-1}	1.74	1.26×10^{-2}	6.88×10^{-2}	5.18
Cut on $p_T(H)$	1.10×10^{-1}	7.80×10^{-2}	7.17×10^{-1}	1.15×10^{-2}	1.36×10^{-1}	6.71
Optimistic	1.10×10^{-1}	3.41×10^{-2}	3.76×10^{-1}	3.15×10^{-3}	2.67×10^{-1}	9.37

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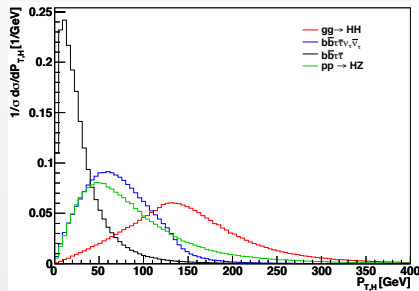
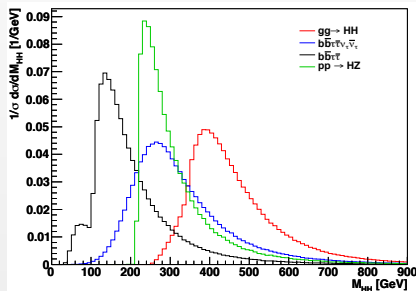
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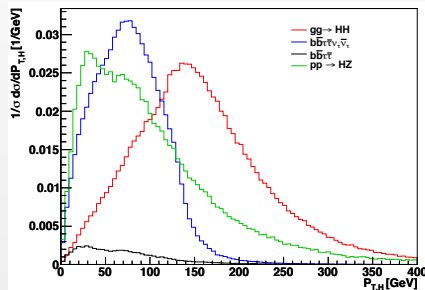
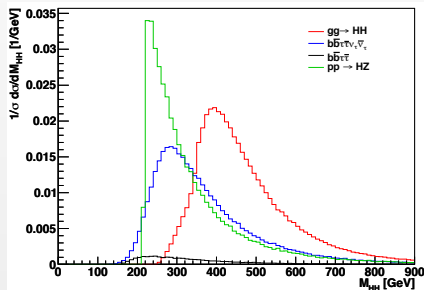
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Cut strategy: kinematic acceptance cuts + boosted topology cuts:

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- 120 GeV $< M_{\gamma\gamma} < 130$ GeV, 112.5 GeV $< M_{b\bar{b}} < 137.5$ GeV
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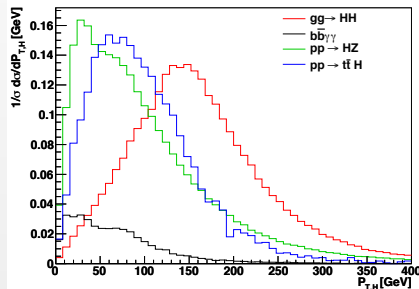
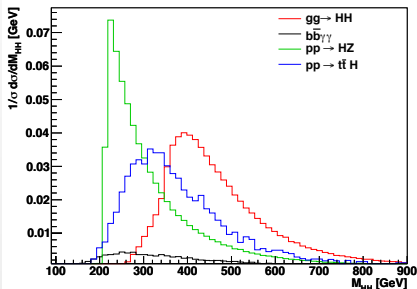
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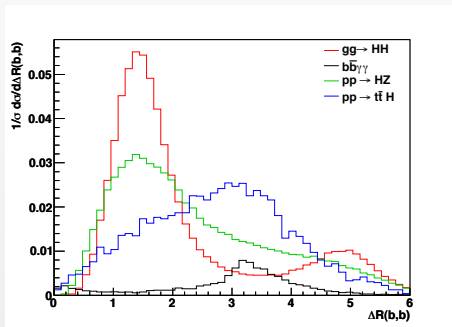
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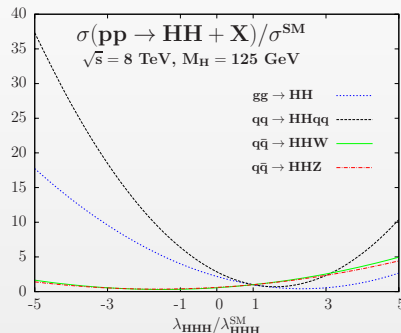
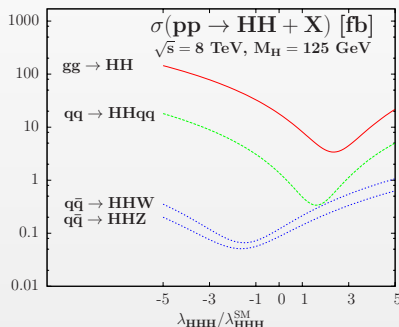
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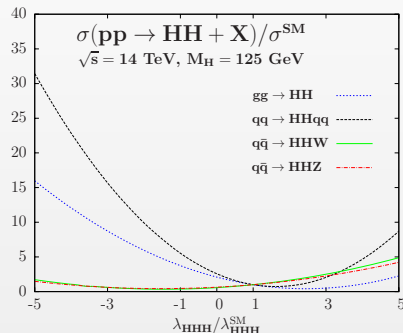
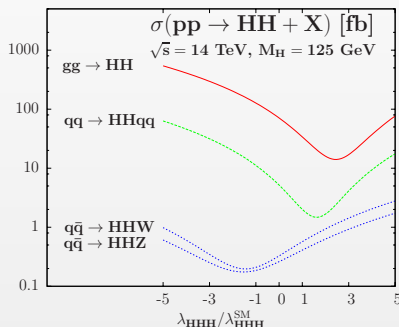
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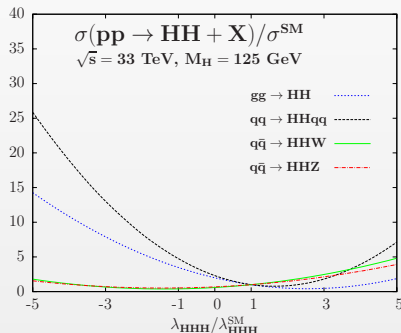
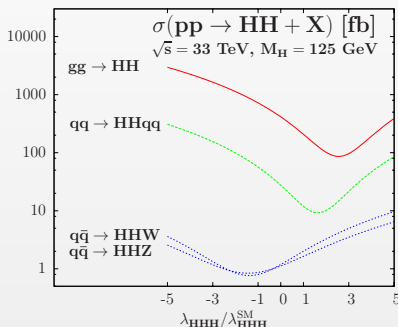
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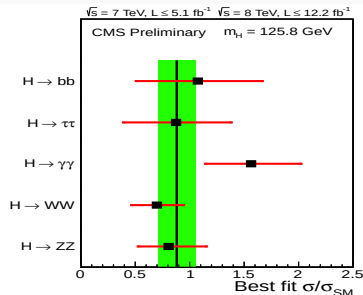
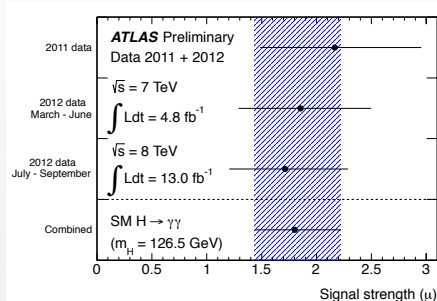
Higgs Boson
(or something like it)

[P. Tanedo, Quantum Diaries blog]

But which Higgs boson have been observed?

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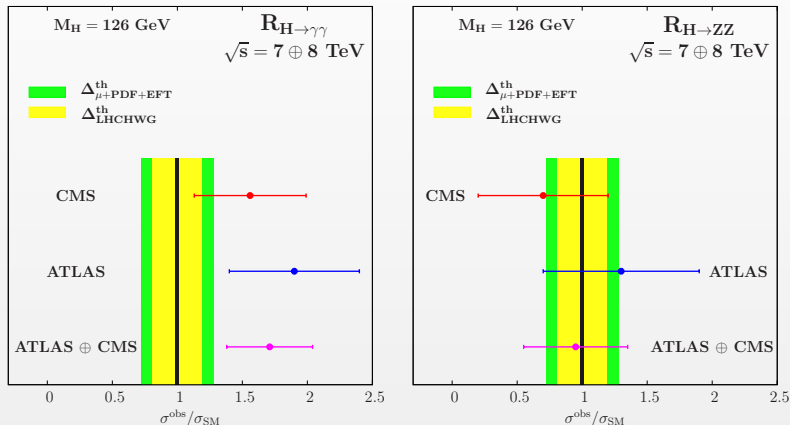
The observed scalar particle is fairly SM-like, but...



Data seems to indicate a **2σ deviation** w.r.t SM Higgs boson expectation in $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ channel

Beyond the SM Higgs?

What about QCD uncertainties? Compare data with theoretical prediction including theoretical uncertainty:



Deviation **reduced to 1σ level**, still there though... [J.B., Djouadi, Godbole (2012)]

Beyond the SM Higgs?



Trilinear Higgs coupling at the LHC:

- **Major news from 2012: the observation of a scalar particle at the LHC compatible with the SM Higgs boson**
 - After the Higgs discovery, the next step is the Higgs couplings measurements:
HHH coupling of utmost importance for the scalar potential measurement
 - **Update of the major HH production channels to include higher order effects in the inclusive calculations:** VBF process now at NLO, Higgs-strahlung at NNLO
 $\Rightarrow$ **uncertainties $< 10\%$ in VHH and VBF channels**
- a thorough analysis of **$gg \rightarrow HH$** NLO uncertainties leads to
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Backup

Unitarity bound on the Higgs boson mass

Unitarity: a severe upper constraint on the Higgs boson mass

unitarity $\equiv$ quantum probability $P \leq 1$

Consider scattering of longitudinal Z bosons $Z_L Z_L \rightarrow Z_L Z_L$:

$$\mathcal{A} = - \left[3 \frac{M_H^2}{v^2} + \left(\frac{M_H^2}{v} \right)^2 \frac{1}{s - M_H^2} + \left(\frac{M_H^2}{v} \right)^2 \frac{1}{t - M_H^2} \right]$$

with $s \gg M_Z^2$ (direct Goldstone scattering), s, t the usual Mandelstam variables

perturbativity unitarity of $J = 0$ partial wave $\Rightarrow \left| \int_{-s}^0 dt \mathcal{A}(t) dt \right| < 8\pi s$

$$M_H^2 < \frac{8\pi v^2}{3} \Rightarrow M_H \lesssim 710 \text{ GeV}$$