

Lectures on The Standard Model and Beyond

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Day 1

The Standard Model

Status of the Standard Model

The Standard Model (SM) is the best theory in describing the nature of elementary particle physics, which is in excellent agreement with almost of all current experimental results (including LHC results) as of TODAY

However,

There are problems that the SM cannot answer

Physics beyond the SM (BSM Physics) is strongly suggested by both experimental & theoretical points of view

General features of BSM: New particles
New Interactions

The Standard Model

The best theory that we know in describing elementary particle phenomena at the energy scale up to $O(1 \text{ TeV})$

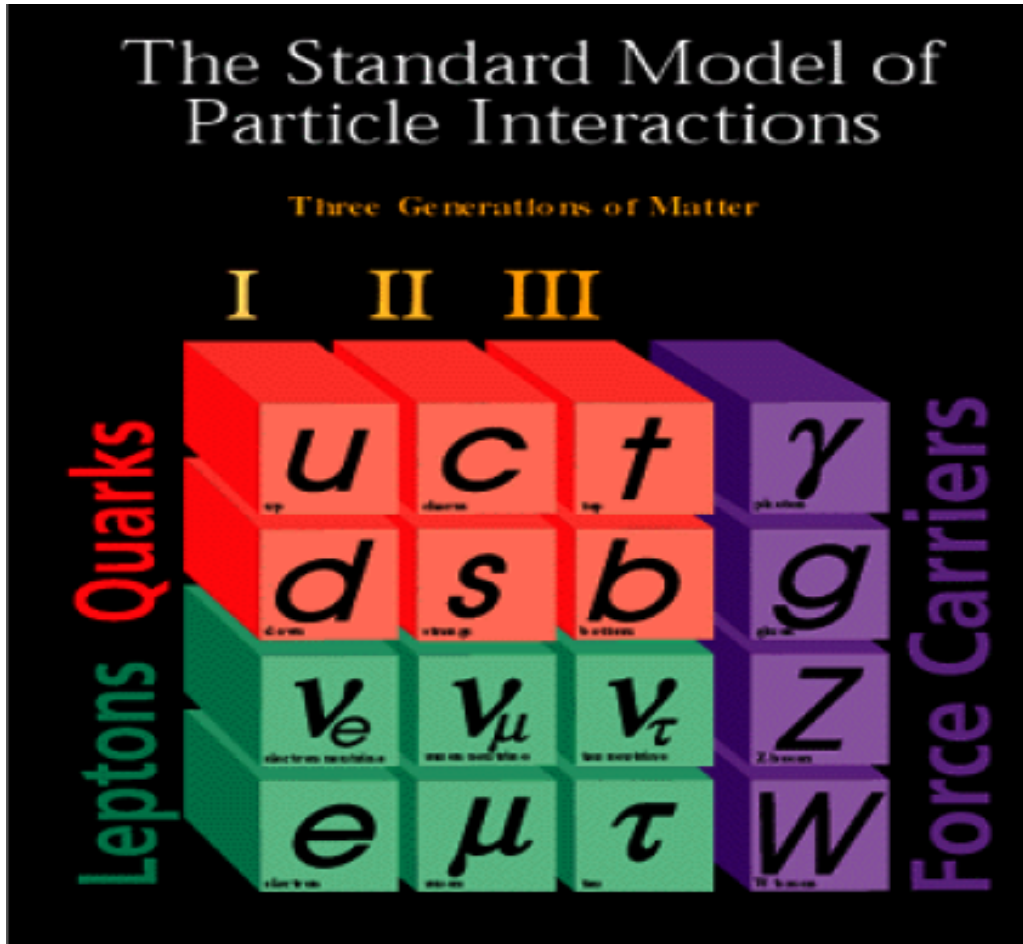
Elementary particles (*as of today*)

- Matters: **quarks & leptons**
- Gauge bosons**: mediate interactions
(**gauge interactions**)
- Higgs boson**: origin of mass

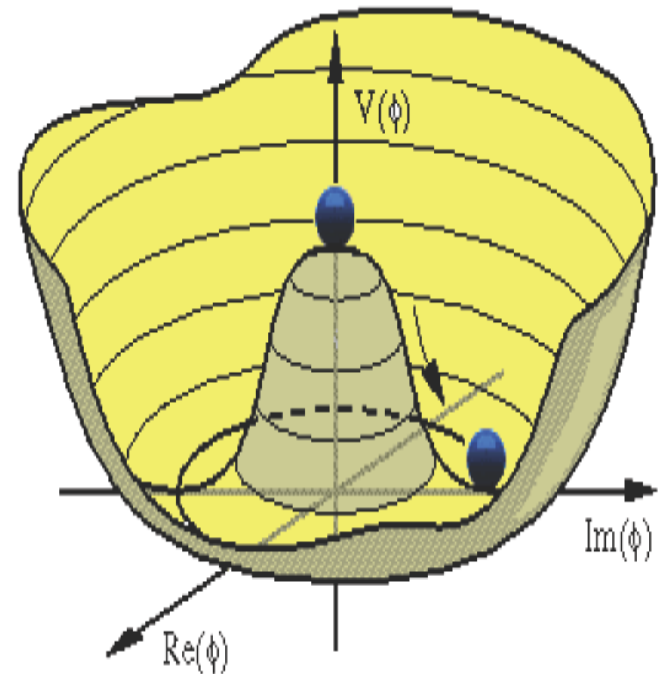
Theoretical Tech: Gauge Field Theories
(Quantum Field Theory + Gauge Invariance)

The Standard Model

Fermions & Gauge Bosons



Higgs field & Higgs potential



The Standard Model

⊂ Spontaneously Broken Chiral Gauge Theory

“Spontaneously Broken”: Spontaneous gauge symmetry breaking
Higgs mechanism

“Chiral gauge theory”:

Chiral fermions involved

Left-handed and right-handed fermions interact differently

Chiral symmetry forbids fermion masses

General definition of a model of gauge field theory

1. Define Gauge Group (U(1), SU(N) etc.)
2. Fix Particle Contents

Particle content of the SM

Gauge group: $SU(3)_c \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$

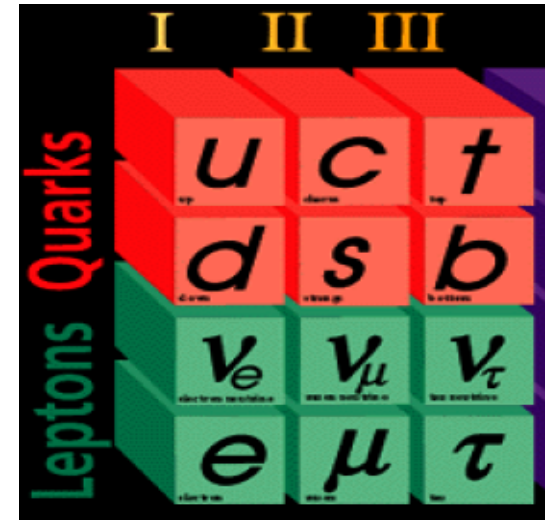
QCD int.

Electroweak int.

Gauge fields: **gluon**

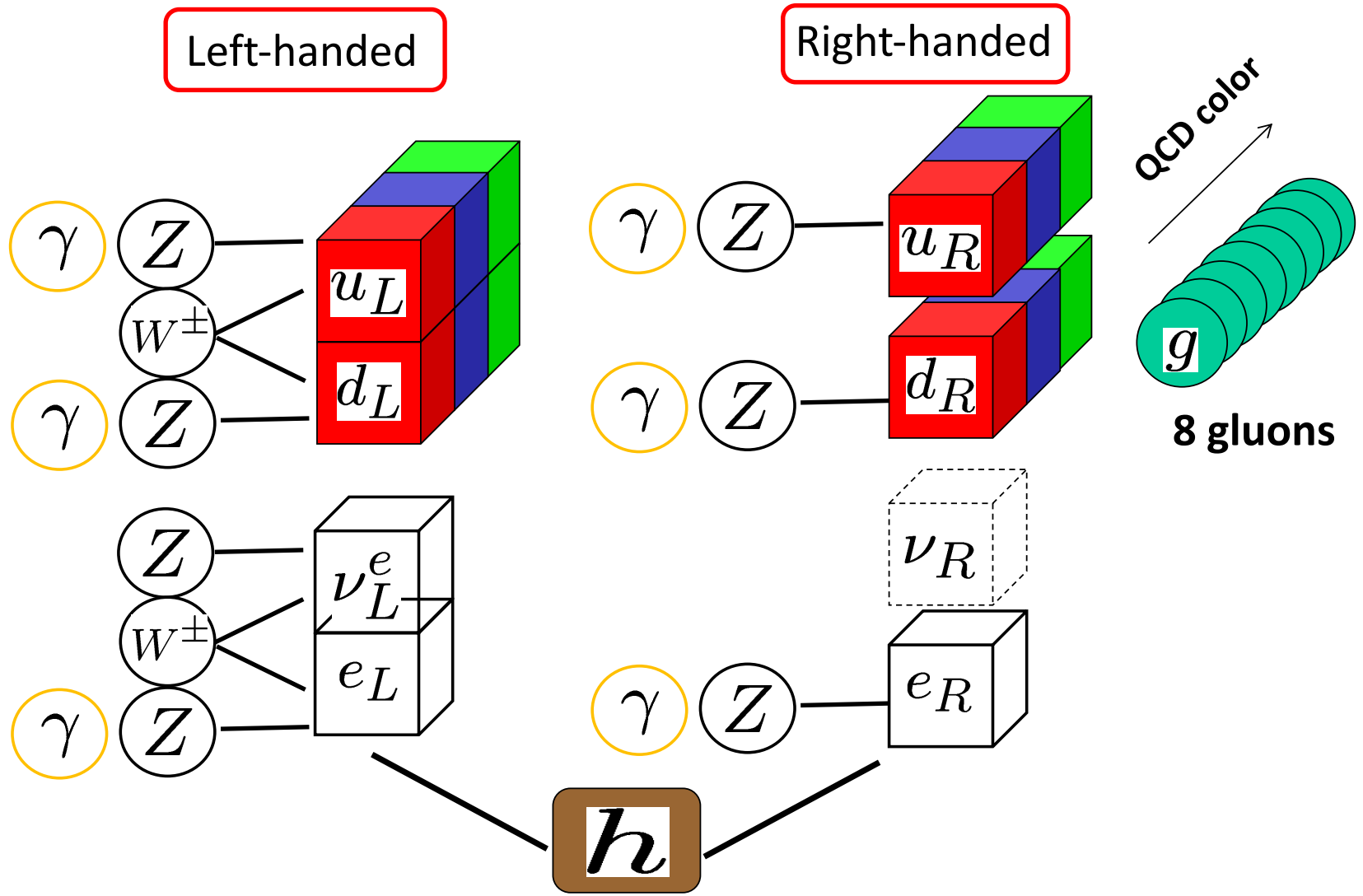
W, Z, γ

$i = 1, 2, 3$	$SU(3)_C$	$SU(2)_L$	$U(1)_Y$
$q_L^i = \begin{pmatrix} u_L^i \\ d_L^i \end{pmatrix}$	3	2	1/6
u_R^i	3	1	2/3
d_R^i	3	1	-1/3
$l_L^i = \begin{pmatrix} \nu_L^i \\ e_L^i \end{pmatrix}$	1	2	-1/2
e_R^i	1	1	-1
$H = \begin{pmatrix} H^0 \\ H^- \end{pmatrix}$	1	2	-1/2



Electric charge operator: $Q_L = \frac{1}{2}\sigma^3 + Y_L, Q = Y_R$

The structure of the SM (1st generation)

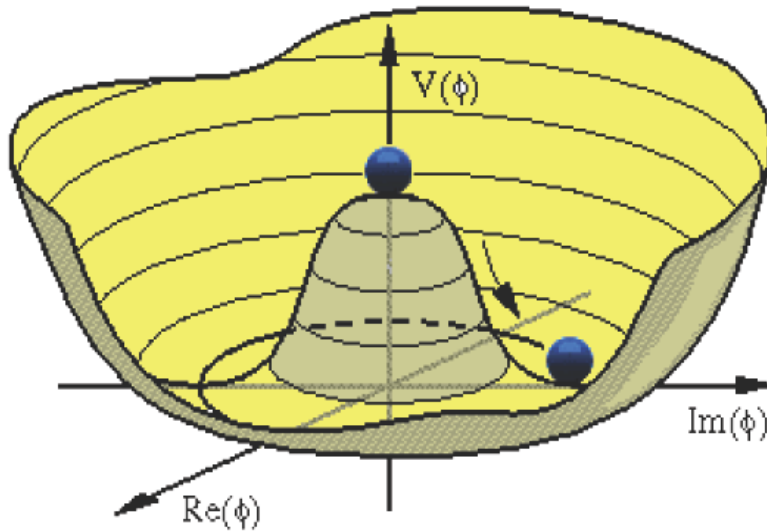


Higgs field

The Higgs scalar field plays the crucial role in the SM to generate particle masses (Higgs Mechanism)

Higgs potential

$$V = -\mu^2 (\phi^\dagger \phi) + \lambda (\phi^\dagger \phi)^2$$



$$\langle \phi \rangle = \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} = 174 \text{ GeV}$$

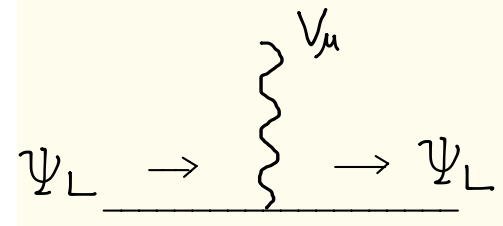
Vacuum of the SM, Higgs field condenses with non-zero vacuum expectation value

→ **generating masses for particles coupling to the Higgs VEV**

Interactions in the SM

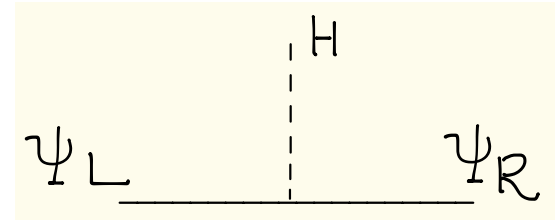
1. Gauge interactions (strong, weak, electromagnetic)

Chirality conserving: $g \overline{\psi_{L,R}} \gamma^\mu \psi_{L,R} V_\mu$



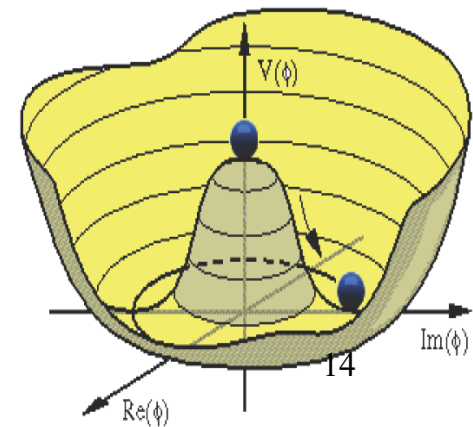
2. Yukawa interaction

Chirality flipping: $Y \overline{q_R} H^\dagger Q_L$



3. Self-interaction of Higgs

Higgs potential: $V = \lambda \left(H^\dagger H - \frac{v_{EW}^2}{2} \right)^2$



Fundamental forces in Nature

4 fundamental forces

Gravity interaction
Strong interaction (QCD)
Weak interaction
Electromagnetic int. (QED)

Very precisely
measured & checked

More interactions in the SM

Yukawa interaction

crucial for generating fermion masses

Higgs self-interaction

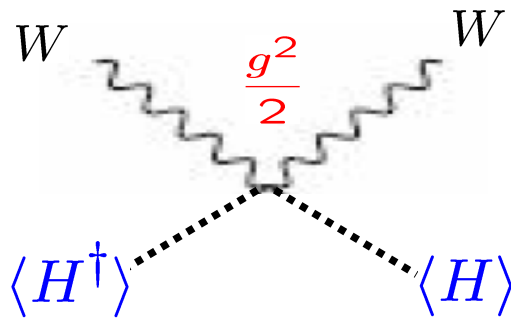
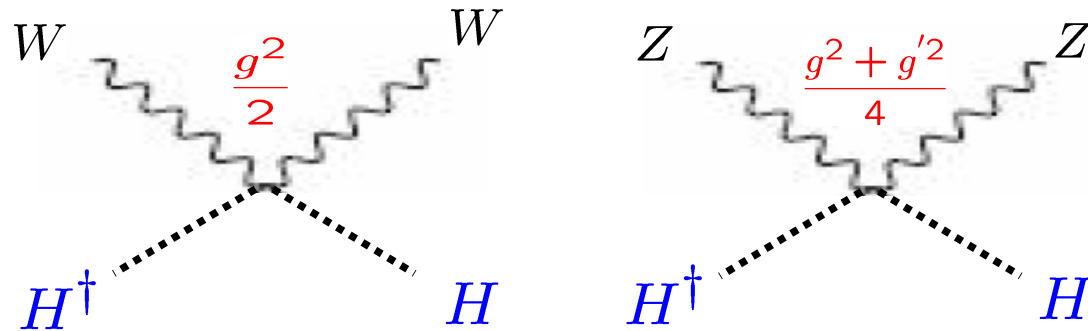
crucial for Higgs potential and VEV

Need experimental confirmations!

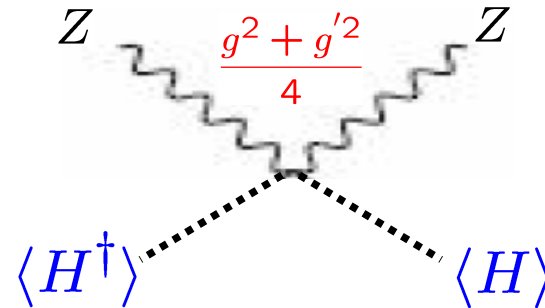
EW symmetry breaking and mass generation mechanism

W & Z bosons get masses through gauge coupling

Gauge interaction
of Higgs doublet



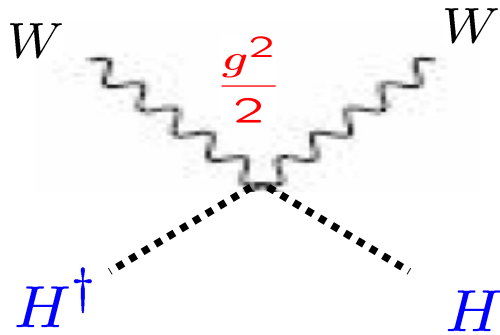
$$M_W^2 = \frac{1}{4}g^2v^2$$



$$M_Z^2 = \frac{1}{4}(g^2 + g'^2)v^2$$

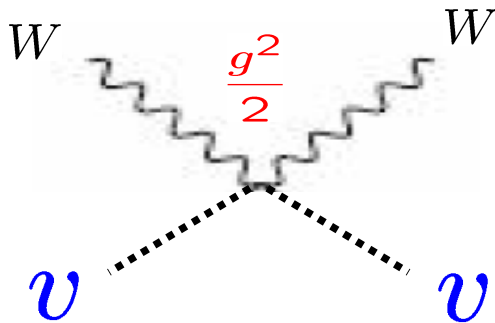
Gauge interaction of Higgs doublet

Unitary Gauge



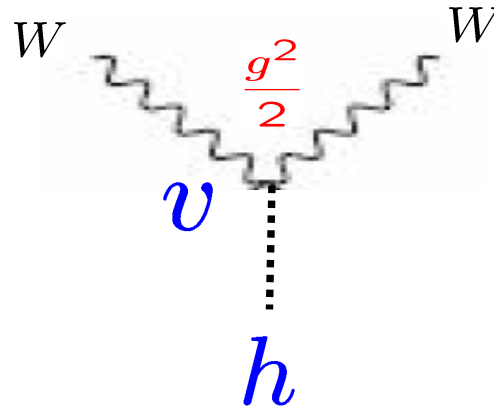
$$H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} v+h(x) \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Pick up Two VEVs



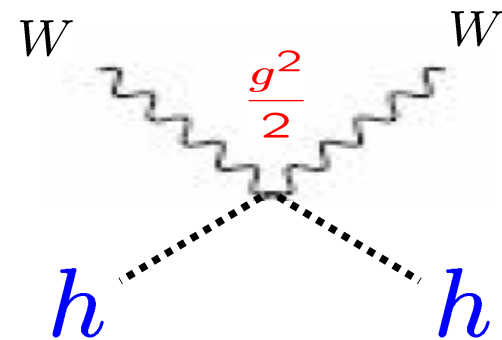
W boson mass

Pick up one VEV



3 point interaction

Pick up NO VEV

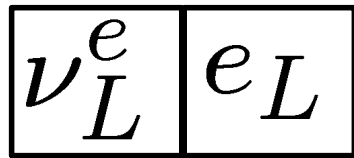


4 point interaction

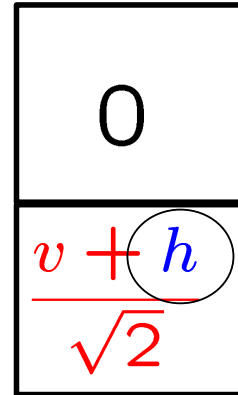
Fermions get masses through Yukawa coupling

Example: electron mass

$$\tilde{H} = i\sigma^2 H^\dagger$$

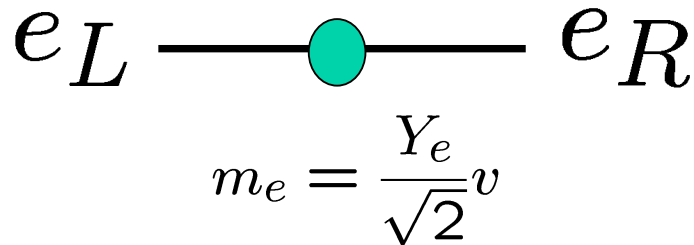


e_R

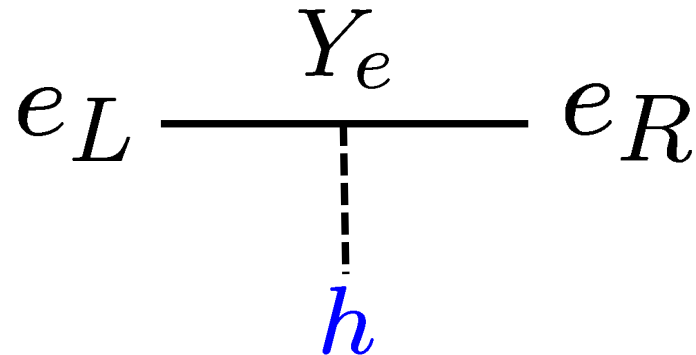


$$m_e = \frac{Y_e}{\sqrt{2}}v$$

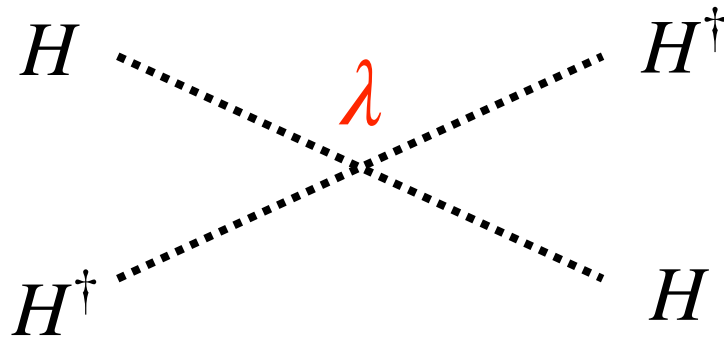
Pick up one VEV



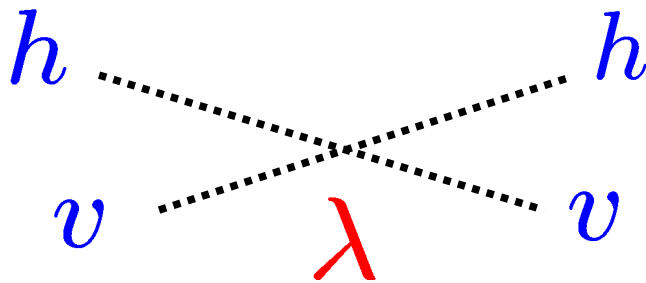
Pick up NO VEV



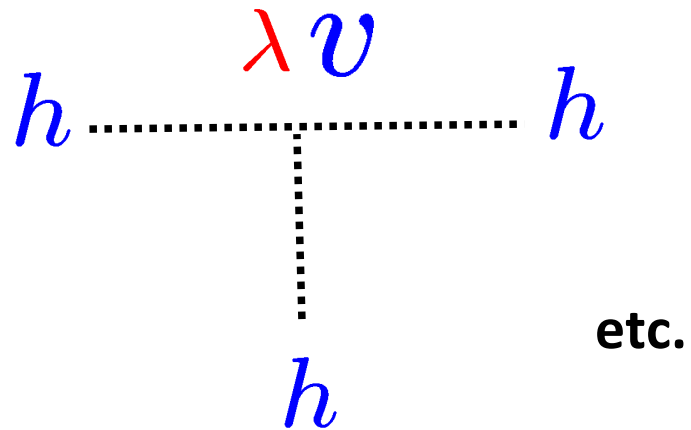
Higgs boson mass via the Higgs quartic coupling



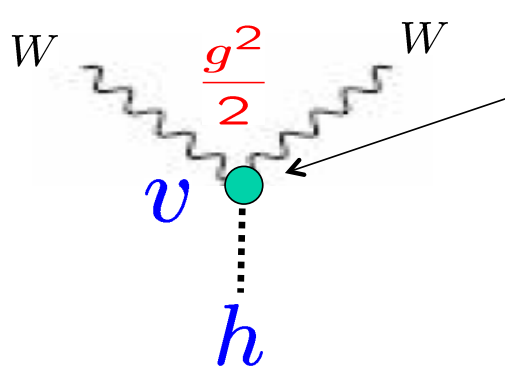
$$H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} v+h(x) \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$m_h^2 = \lambda v^2$$

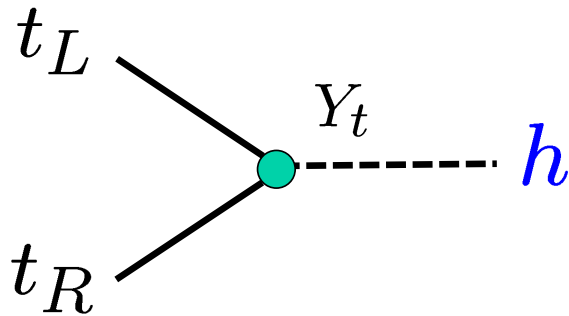


Towards experimental confirmation of the mass generation mechanism

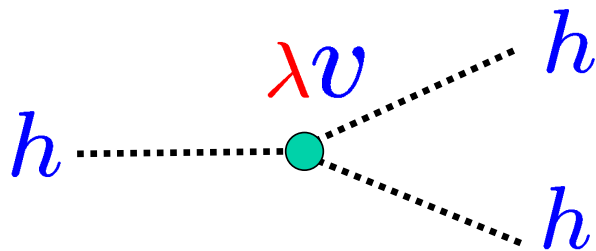


Measure the coupling precisely and compare it to the theory prediction

$$C_{exp} = ??? = \frac{m_W^2}{2v}$$



$$Y_{exp} = ??? = \frac{m_t}{v}$$



$$\lambda_{exp} = ??? = \frac{m_h^2}{v^2}$$

More details on Higgs Mechanism

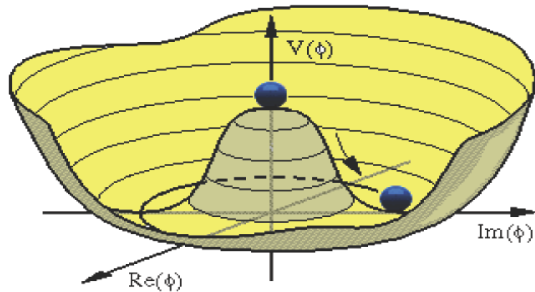
$$H(x) = \begin{pmatrix} H^0(x) \\ H^-(x) \end{pmatrix} \text{ with Electric charge operator: } Q = \frac{1}{2}\sigma^3 + Y$$

- $SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$ transformation

$$H(x) \rightarrow \exp\left(i\alpha^a(x)\frac{\sigma^a}{2}\right) \exp\left(i\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)\beta(x)\right) H(x)$$

- Higgs potential

$$V(H) = -\mu^2 H^\dagger H + \lambda (H^\dagger H)^2, \quad (\mu^2 > 0, \lambda > 0)$$



$$\langle H \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad v = 246 \text{ GeV}$$

For **Unitary Gauge** discussion, Non-Linear/Polar parametrization is more convenient:

$$H(x) = \begin{pmatrix} H^0(x) \\ H^-(x) \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow H(x) = \exp\left(i \frac{\pi^a(x)\sigma^a}{2v}\right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} v + h(x) \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$h(x) = \sqrt{2} \operatorname{Rm} H^0(x)$$

$$\pi^1(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(H^-(x) + H^{-*}(x) \right)$$

$$\pi^2(x) = \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \left(H^{-*}(x) - H^-(x) \right)$$

$$\pi^3(x) = \sqrt{2} \operatorname{Im} H^0(x)$$

These π^a are **would-be Nambu-Goldstone bosons**:

They are massless NG modes associated with

$SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y \rightarrow U(1)_{EM}$ symmetry breaking in the global limit.

Unitary Gauge: Remove the would-be NG modes by suitable choice of $\alpha(x)^a$ and $\beta(x)$

Matching the degree of freedom before/after symmetry breaking?

Symmetric Case

$$W_\mu^a \quad (a = 1, 2, 3), \quad B_\mu$$

H

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all massless: $3 \times 2 + 1 \times 2 = 8$

Complex doublet: $2 \times 2 = 4$

Broken Case

$$W_\mu^\pm = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(W_\mu^1 \mp i W_\mu^2 \right)$$

$$Z_\mu = c_W W_\mu^3 - s_W B_\mu$$

$$A_\mu = s_W W_\mu^3 + c_W B_\mu,$$

h

3 massive vector bosons: $3 \times 3 = 9$

$$m_W = \frac{1}{2} g v, \quad m_Z = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{g^2 + g'^2} v$$

$$\tan \theta_W = g'/g$$

1 massless photon: $1 \times 2 = 2$

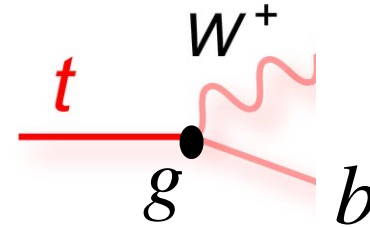
1 real scalar (Higgs boson): 1

Higgs Mechanism: 3 would-be NG modes are “eaten”
by the longitudinal modes of W and Z

Theoretical observation of this structure

example 1: top quark decay ($t \rightarrow bW^+$) if $m_t \gg m_W$

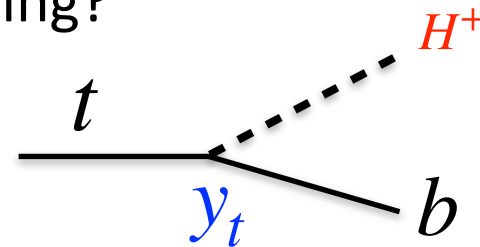
top quark decays to $W+b$
through SU(2) gauge interaction



$$\Gamma(t \rightarrow bW) = \frac{m_t^3}{16\pi v^2} \left(1 - \frac{m_W^2}{m_t^2}\right)^2 \left(1 + 2\frac{m_W^2}{m_t^2}\right) \rightarrow \frac{m_t^3}{16\pi v^2}$$

Independent of SU(2) gauge coupling?

$$\Gamma(t \rightarrow bW) \rightarrow \frac{m_t^3}{16\pi v^2} = \frac{y_t^2}{32\pi} m_t$$

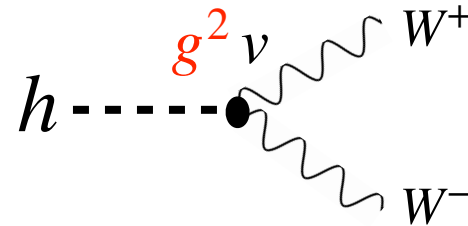


Top quark decays to would-be NG boson through
Yukawa coupling

Theoretical observation of this structure

example 2: Higgs boson decay ($h \rightarrow W^+W^-$) if $m_h \gg m_W$

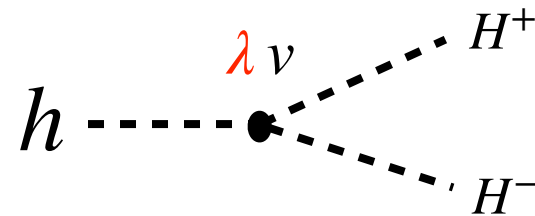
Higgs boson decays to W^+W^-
through SU(2) gauge interaction



$$\Gamma(h \rightarrow W^+W^-) = \frac{m_h^3}{16\pi v^2} \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_W^2}{m_h^2}} \left(1 - \frac{4m_W^2}{m_h^2} + \frac{12m_W^4}{m_h^4} \right) \rightarrow \frac{m_h^3}{16\pi v^2}$$

Independent of SU(2) gauge coupling?

$$\Gamma(h \rightarrow W^+W^-) \rightarrow \frac{m_h^3}{16\pi v^2} = \frac{\lambda^2 v^2}{64\pi m_h}$$

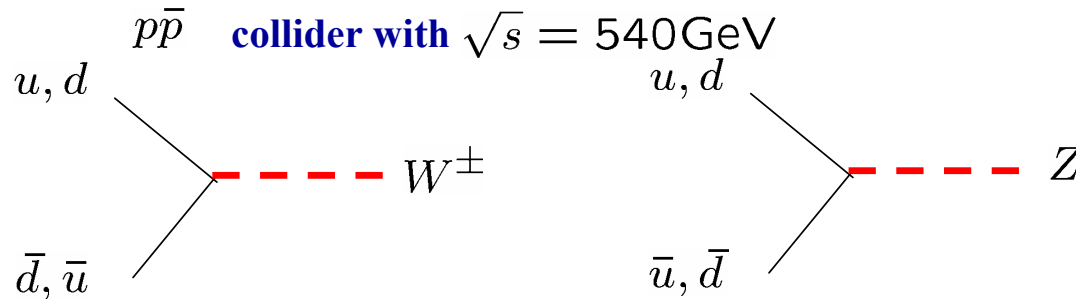


Higgs decays to would-be NG bosons through
self-quartic coupling

Success of the SM [before LHC](#)

(i) Direct evidence of weak bosons

Weak gauge bosons were discovered at CERN in 1983



Exp.) $M_W = 80.33 \pm 0.15 \text{ GeV}$

$$\Gamma(W^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu) = 224 \pm 15 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\Gamma(W^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu) = 215 \pm 19 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\Gamma(W^+ \rightarrow \tau^+ \nu) = 226 \pm 127 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\Gamma(W^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu) = \Gamma(W^- \rightarrow e^- \bar{\nu})$$

Theory) $\Gamma(W^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu_e) = \frac{G_F M_W^3}{6\sqrt{2}\pi} = 226 \text{ MeV}$

Consistency (numerical), Coupling universality

(ii) More precise measurements of EW gauge interactions

LEP e^+e^- collider

Exp.) $M_Z = 91.187 \pm 0.007 \text{ GeV}$

$$\Gamma(Z \rightarrow e^+e^-) = 83.82 \pm 0.30 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\Gamma(Z \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) = 83.83 \pm 0.39 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\Gamma(Z \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-) = 83.67 \pm 0.44 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\Gamma(\text{total}) = 2490 \pm 7 \text{ MeV}$$

Th.) $\Gamma(Z \rightarrow e^+e^-) = \frac{G_F M_Z^3}{12\sqrt{2}\pi} (1 - 2 \sin^2 \theta_w)^2 + 4 \sin^4 \theta_w$
 $= 83.4 \text{ MeV}$

for $\sin^2 \theta_w = 0.2315$

Number of neutrinos

Exp.) $\Gamma(\text{invisible}) = 498.3 \pm 4.2 \text{ MeV}$

$$\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) = \frac{3\pi}{m_Z^2} \frac{\Gamma_{ee}\Gamma_{\mu\mu}}{(E - M_Z)^2 + \Gamma_t^2/4}$$

$$\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons}) = \frac{3\pi}{m_Z^2} \frac{\Gamma_{ee}\Gamma_{\text{had}}}{(E - M_Z)^2 + \Gamma_t^2/4}$$

$$\Gamma(\text{invisible}) = \Gamma_t - 3\Gamma_{ee} - \Gamma_{\text{had}}$$

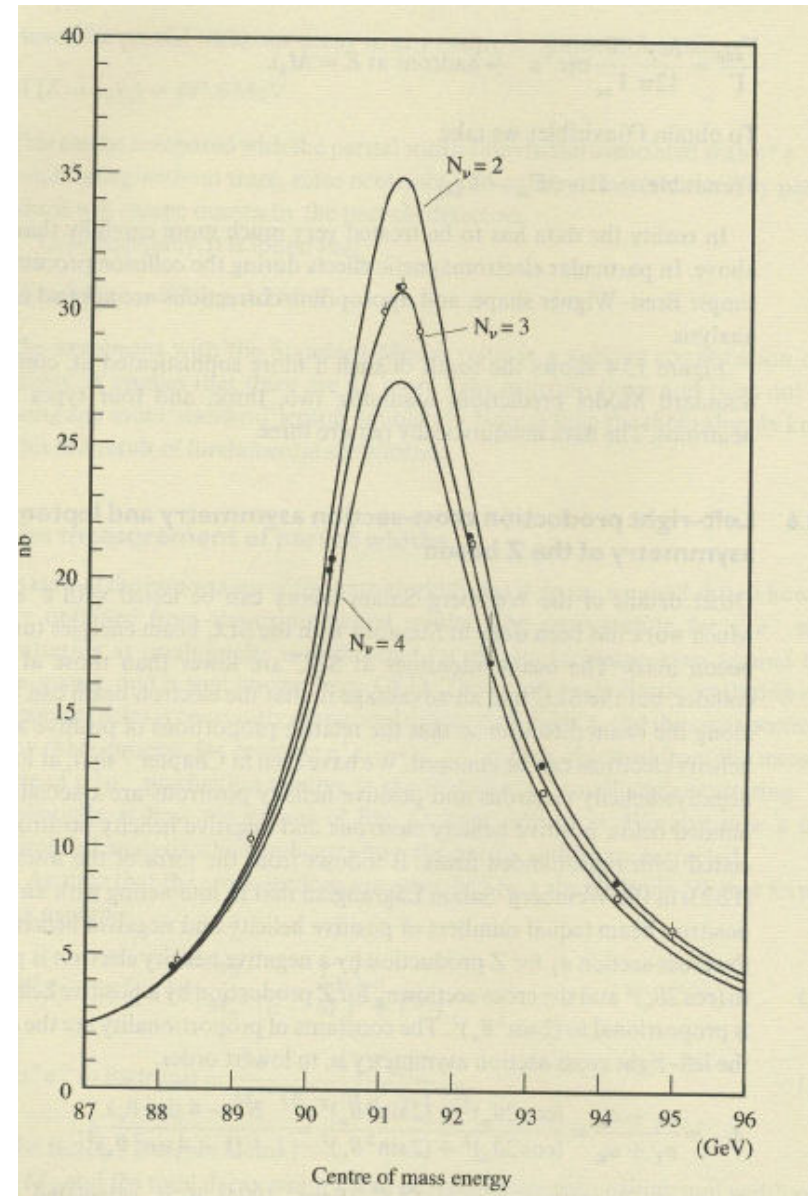
**i) Z mass & total decay width from
the position & width of the peak**

ii) Measure cross sections at Z-pole

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Th.) } \Gamma(Z \rightarrow \nu_e \bar{\nu}_e) &= \Gamma(Z \rightarrow \nu_\mu \bar{\nu}_\mu) = \Gamma(Z \rightarrow \nu_\tau \bar{\nu}_\tau) \\ &= \frac{G_F m_Z^3}{12\sqrt{2}\pi} = 165.9 \text{ MeV} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Gamma(\text{invisible}) = 497.6 \text{ MeV}$$

Number of neutrinos = 3



Left-right production cross section asymmetry & lepton decay asymmetry
of the Z-boson

SLC @ Stanford e^- **polarization beam**

$$A_{LR} = \frac{\sigma_L - \sigma_R}{\sigma_L + \sigma_R} = \frac{2(1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta_w)}{1 + (1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta_w)^2}$$

Exp.) $A_{LR} = 0.1628 \pm 0.0099$
 $\rightarrow \sin^2 \theta_w = 0.2292 \pm 0.0013$

Independent of $\frac{m_W^2}{m_Z^2} = \cos^2 \theta_w$

Hadronic decays of the Z and W bosons

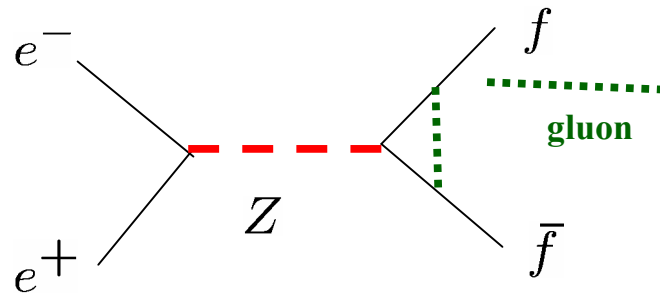
Exp.) $\Gamma(\text{hadron}) = 1.741 \pm 0.006 \text{ GeV}$

Th.) $\Gamma(d_k \bar{d}_k) = \frac{G_F m_Z^3}{4\sqrt{2}\pi} \left(1 - \frac{4}{3} \sin^2 \theta_w + \frac{8}{9} \sin^4 \theta_w \right) = 0.3677 \text{ GeV}$

$$\Gamma(u_k \bar{u}_k) = \frac{G_F m_Z^3}{4\sqrt{2}\pi} \left(1 - \frac{8}{3} \sin^2 \theta_w + \frac{32}{9} \sin^4 \theta_w \right) = 0.2583 \text{ GeV}$$

$\Gamma(\text{hadron}) = 1.6737 \text{ GeV}$ **for** $\sin^2 \theta_w = 0.2315$

Consider QCD corrections:

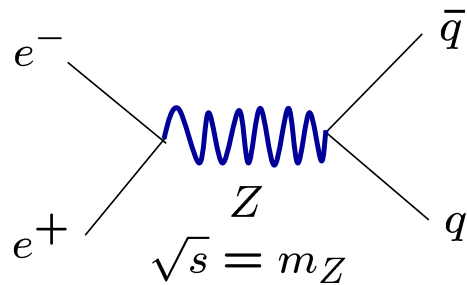


$$f = 1 + \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} + 1.411 \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \right)^2 - 12.8 \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \right)^3 \simeq 1.038$$

$\Gamma(\text{hadron}) \rightarrow f\Gamma(\text{hadron}) = 1.737 \text{ GeV}$ **← more consistent**

(ii) More precise measurements of EW gauge interactions

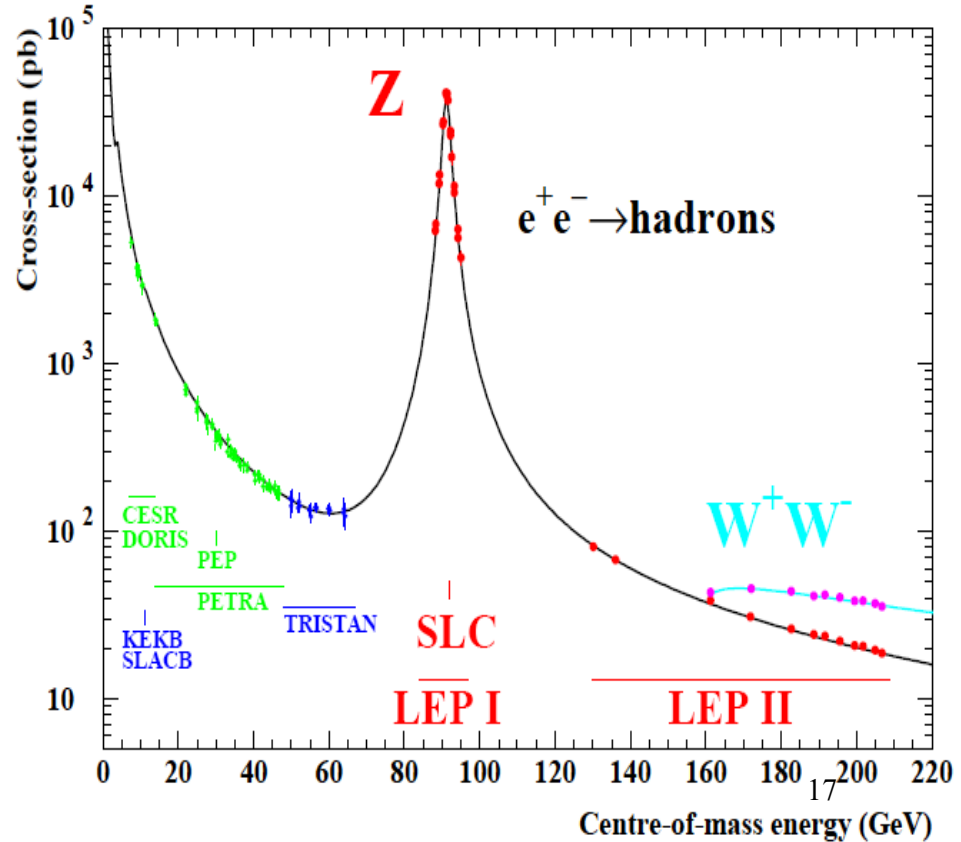
(Ex) LEP Experiment



Z-boson production @Z-pole

Huge number of Z bosons

→ Very precise measurements



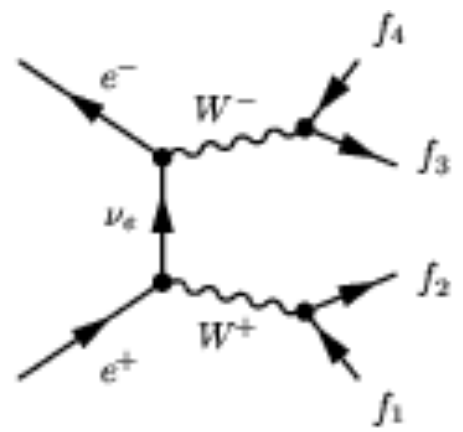
i) Test of non-Abelian nature of SM gauge sector

ii) Probe for new physics \leftarrow anomalous coupling \leftarrow not exists in SM

3-gauge couplings: SM $W^+W^-\gamma$ W^+W^-Z
anomalous $Z\gamma\gamma$, $ZZ\gamma$, ZZZ

4-gauge couplings: SM $W^+W^-\gamma\gamma$, $W^+W^-\gamma Z$,
 W^+W^-ZZ , $W^+W^-W^+W^-$,
anomalous $ZZ\gamma\gamma$

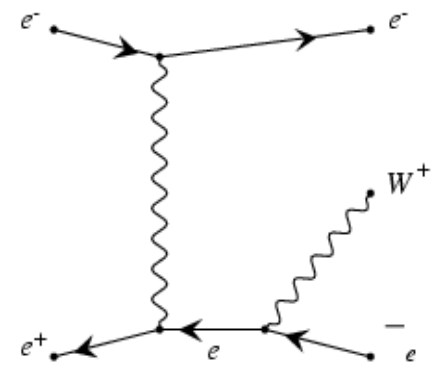
$$e^+e^- \rightarrow W^+W^-$$



188.6 GeV

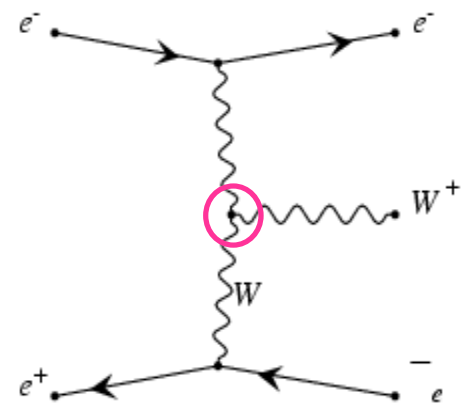
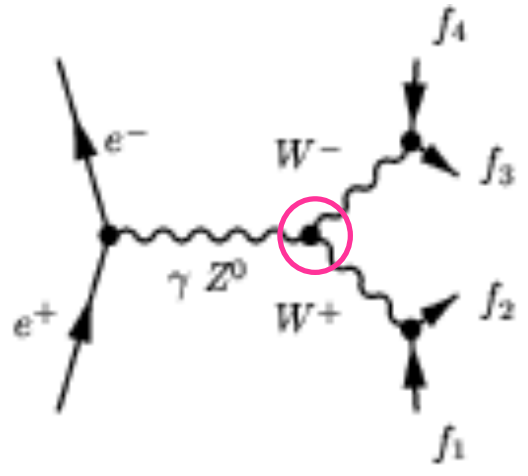
$\sigma=15.98\pm0.23$ pb

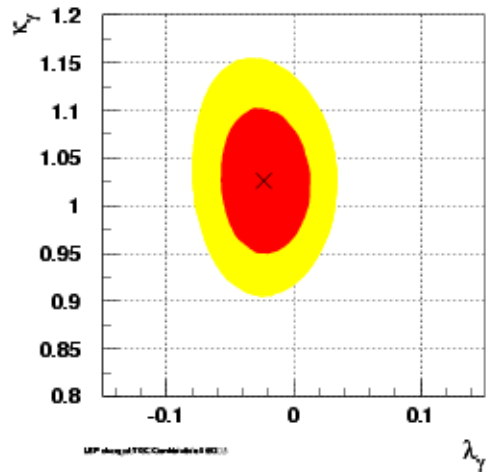
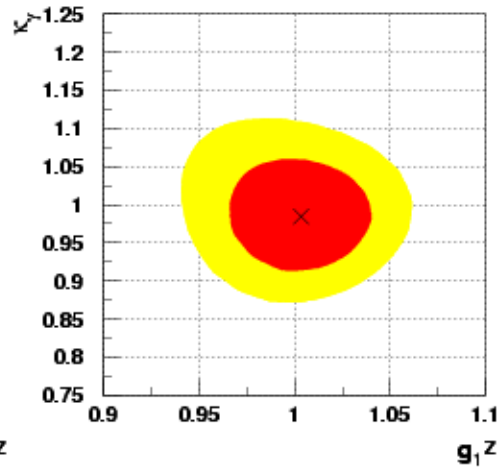
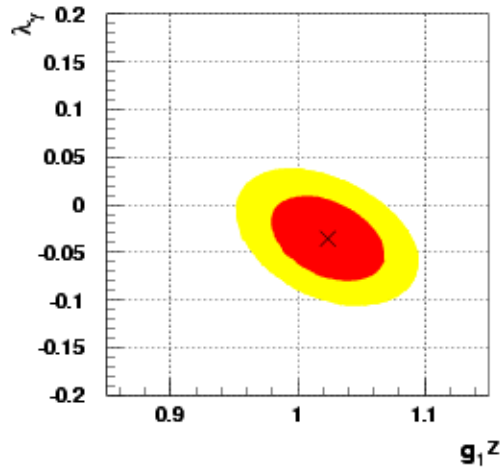
$$e^+e^- \rightarrow W\nu_e$$



188.6 GeV

$\sigma=0.60\pm0.09$ pb





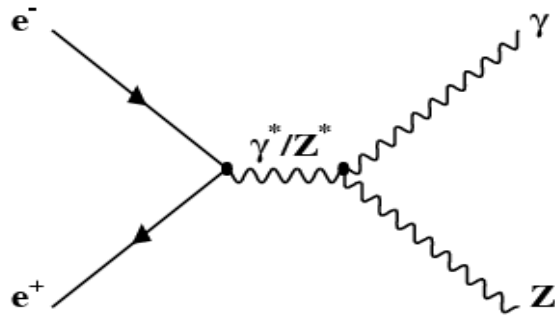
LEP Preliminary

- 95% c.l.
- 68% c.l.
- × 2d fit result

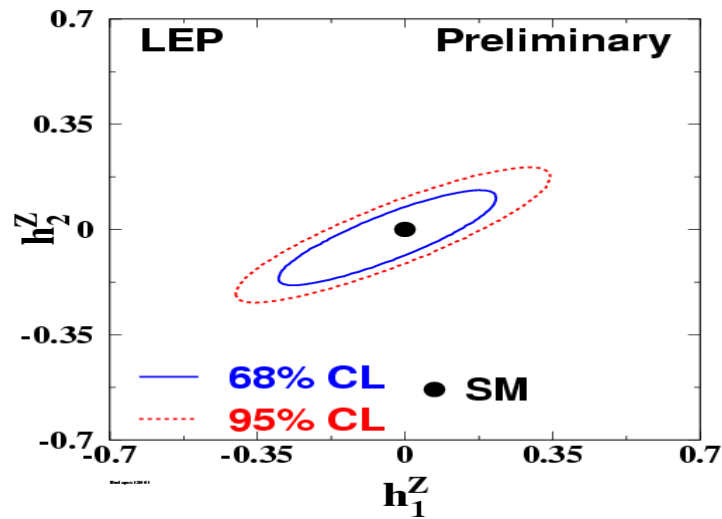
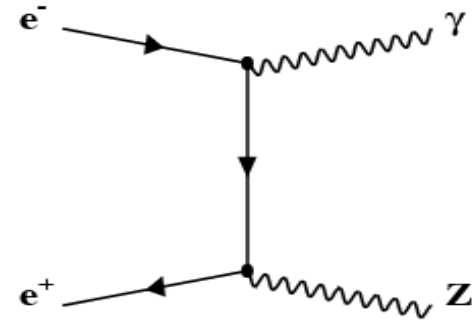
Consistent with the SM
with 5%-10% accuracy

Neutral triple gauge couplings ← not exist in the SM

Search



SM background

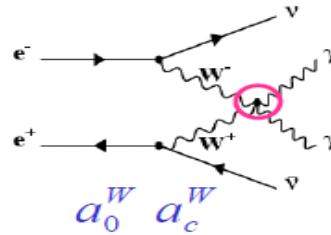
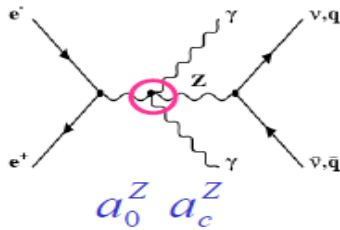


Consistent with the SM

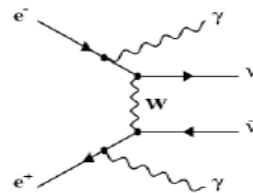
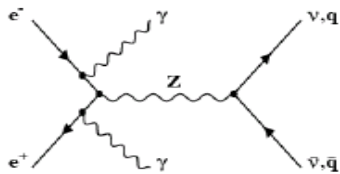
Quartic gauge couplings

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu}\gamma\gamma, q\bar{q}\gamma\gamma$$

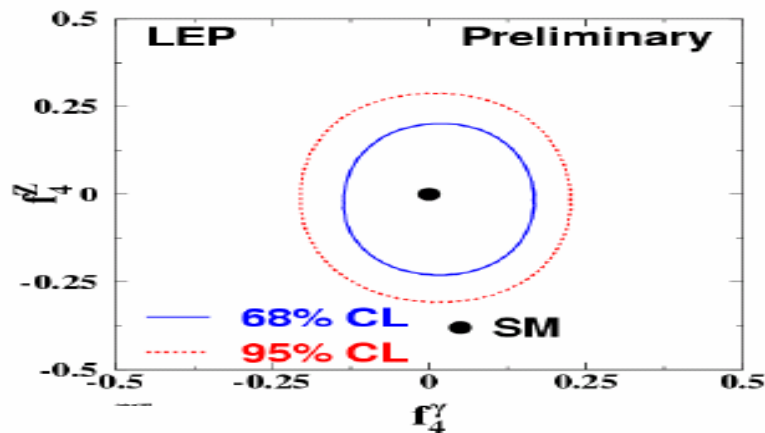
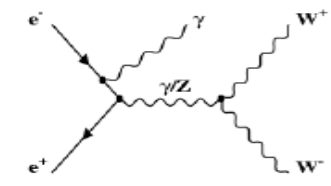
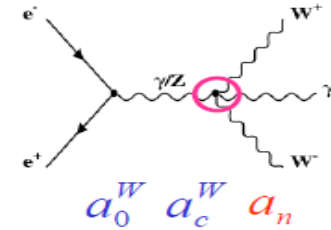
- Anomalous couplings



- Main diagrams



$$e^+e^- \rightarrow W^+W^-\gamma$$

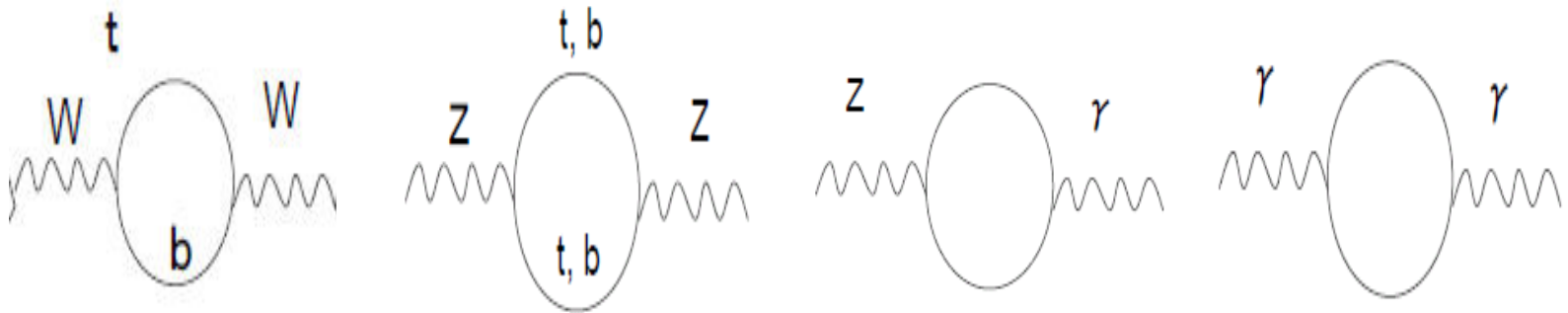


No anomalous coupling

Beyond Tree level

LEP precision measurements → beyond % level

→ level of quantum corrections

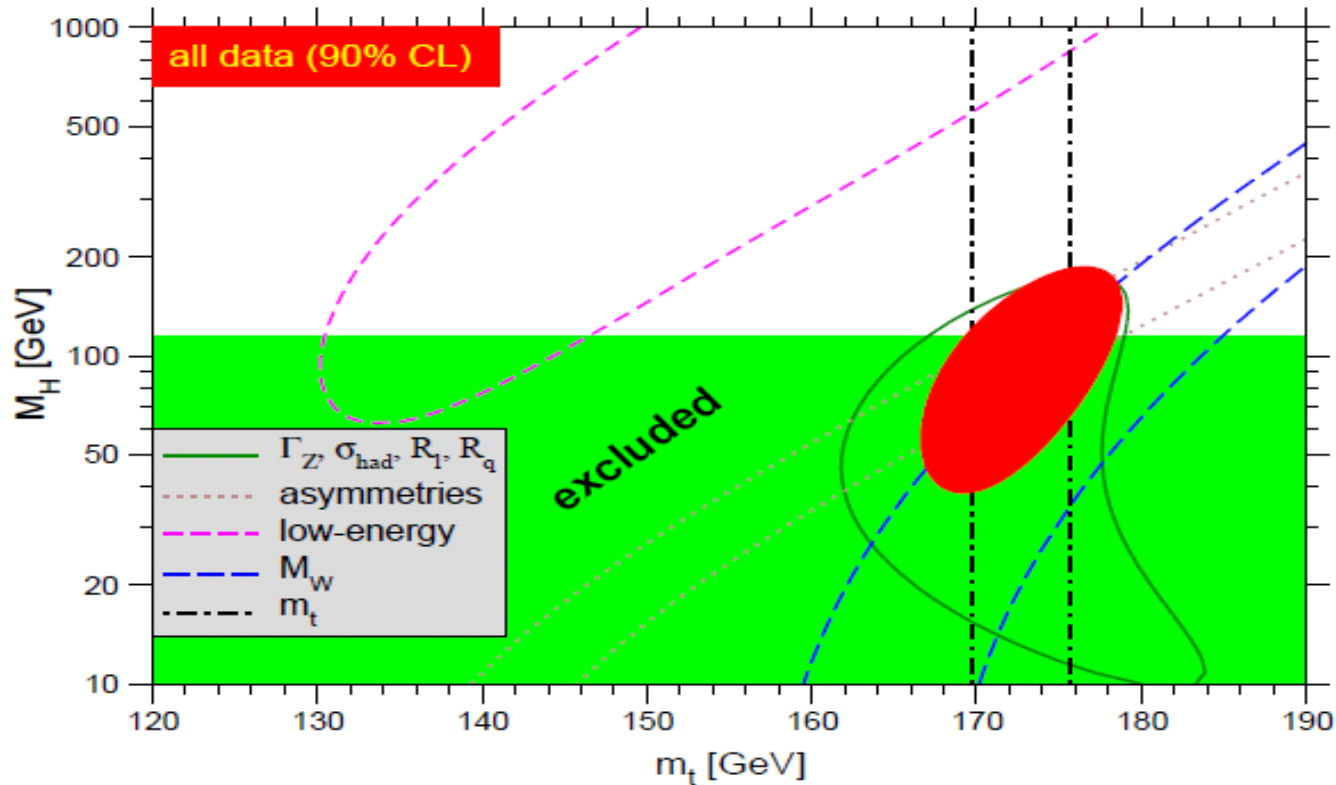


Mass ratio:
$$m_Z^2 = (g^2 + g'^2) \frac{v^2}{4} + \Pi_{ZZ}(m_Z^2) \quad 91.1876 \pm 0.0021 \text{ GeV}$$

$$m_W^2 = g^2 \frac{v^2}{4} + \Pi_{WW}(m_W) \quad 80.454 \pm 0.059 \text{ GeV}$$

ρ parameter

$$\begin{aligned} \rho - 1 &= \frac{m_W^2}{m_Z^2 \cos^2 \theta_w} - 1 = \frac{e^2}{s_w^2 c_w^2 m_Z^2} [\Pi_{11} - \Pi_{33}] \\ &= \frac{3G_F}{8\sqrt{2}\pi^2} \left[m_t^2 + m_b^2 - \frac{2m_t^2 m_b^2}{m_t^2 - m_b^2} \ln \left(\frac{m_t^2}{m_b^2} \right) + m_W^2 \ln \left(\frac{m_H^2}{m_W^2} \right) - m_Z^2 \ln \left(\frac{m_H^2}{m_Z^2} \right) \right] \end{aligned}$$



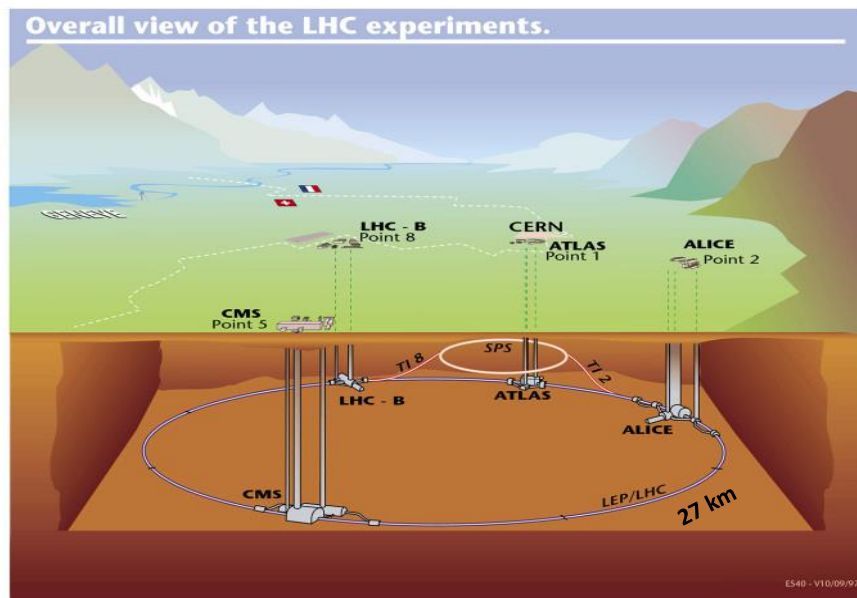
Before LHC:

All particles have been observed (**except Higgs boson**)

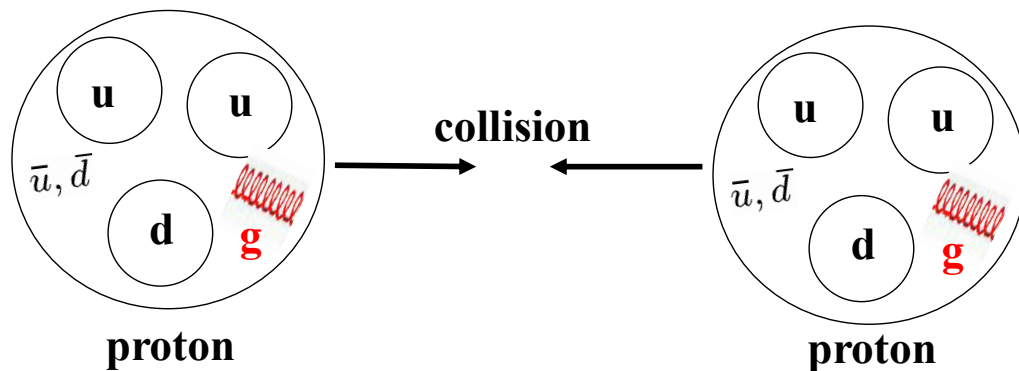
The nature of the gauge interaction has been **precisely checked**

After LHC?

New particle search at Large Hadron Collider (LHC)



Proton-Proton collider $\sqrt{s} = 13 - 14 \text{ TeV}$



Initial states:
 $gg, gq, g\bar{q}, q\bar{q}, qq', \dots$

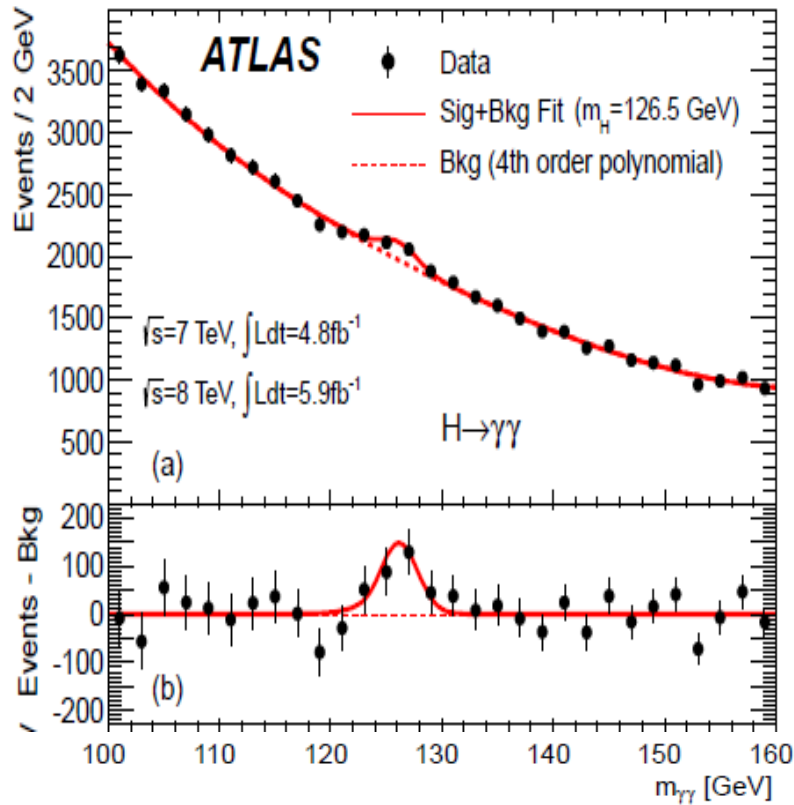
Discovery of a new scalar particle (Higgs boson)!

- A new scalar particle, most likely the Higgs boson, has been discovered independently by ATLAS and CMS collaborations
- First announcement on July 4th, 2012

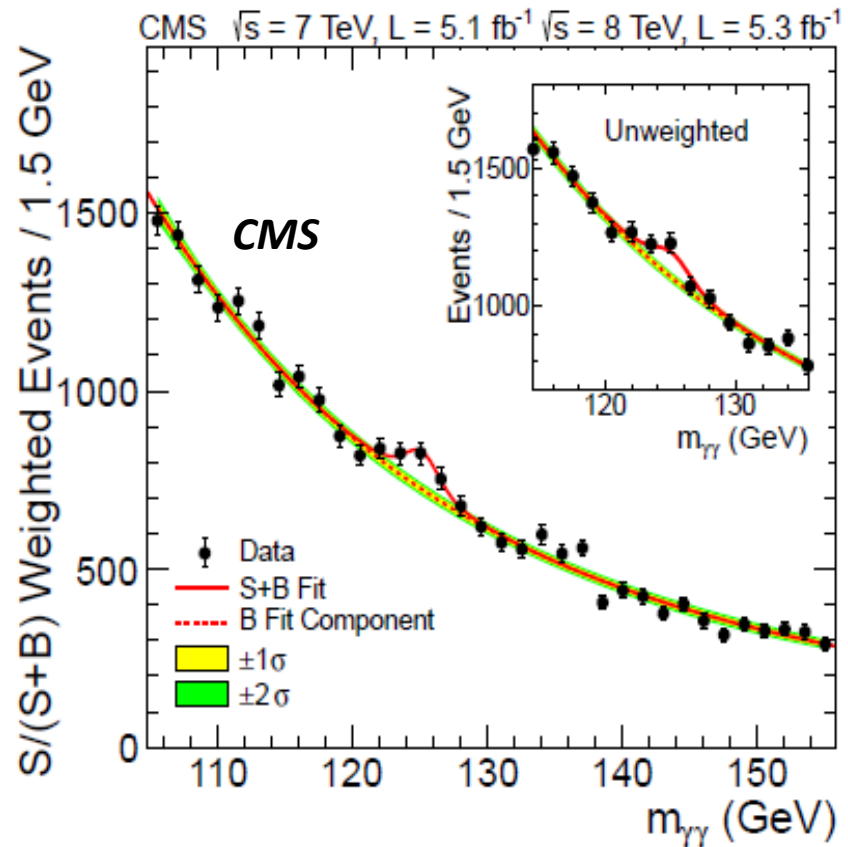
“Higgsdependence” Day



A new scalar particle, most likely Standard Model Higgs boson has been discovered at LHC through a variety of decay modes.



$$m_h = 126.0 \pm 0.4(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.4(\text{syst.}) \text{ GeV}$$

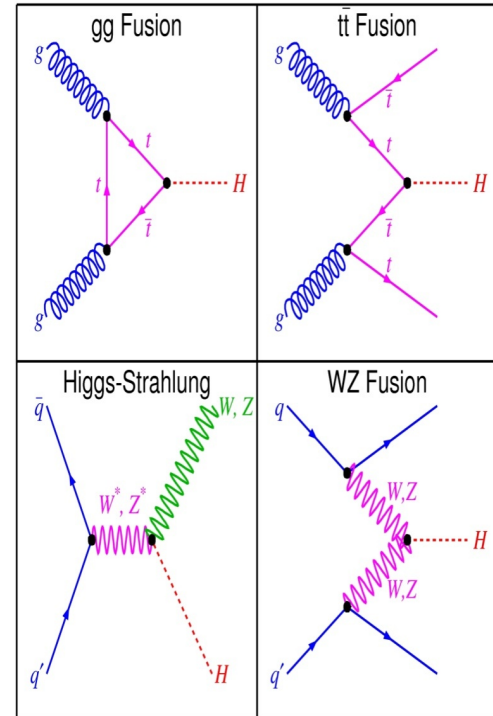
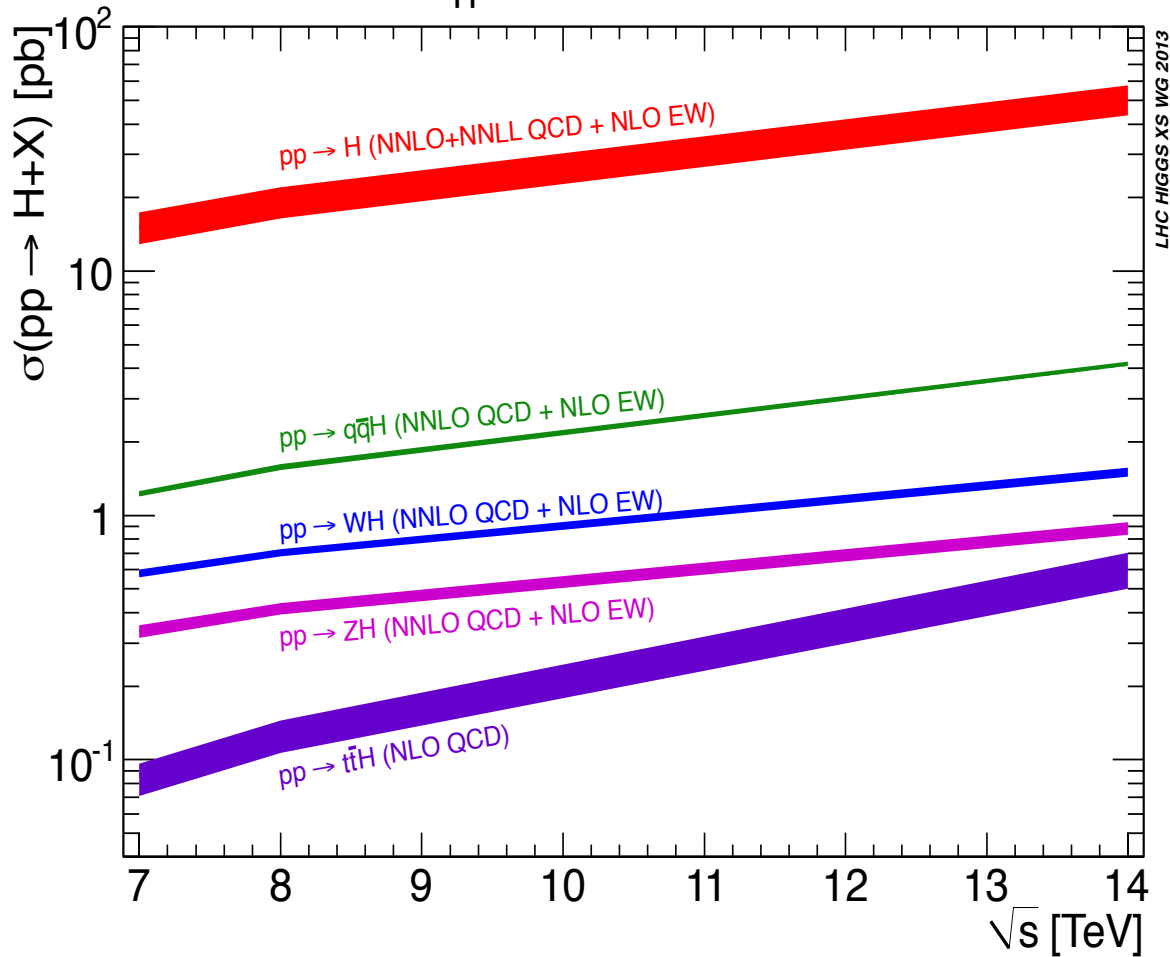


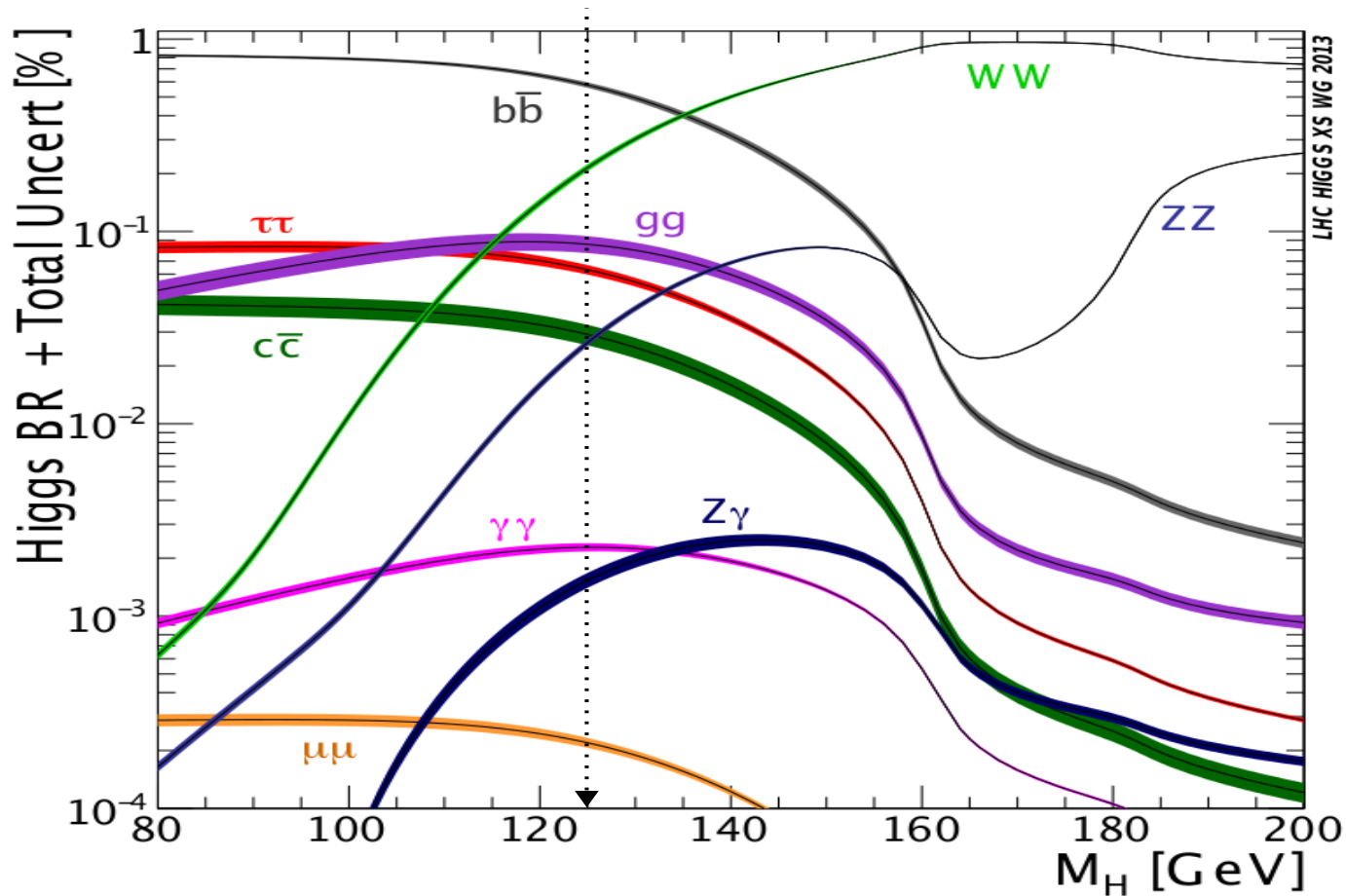
$$m_h = 125.3 \pm 0.4(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.5(\text{syst.}) \text{ GeV}$$

Measurements of Higgs boson couplings

➤ Variety of productions processes & decay modes

For $m_h=125.5$ GeV



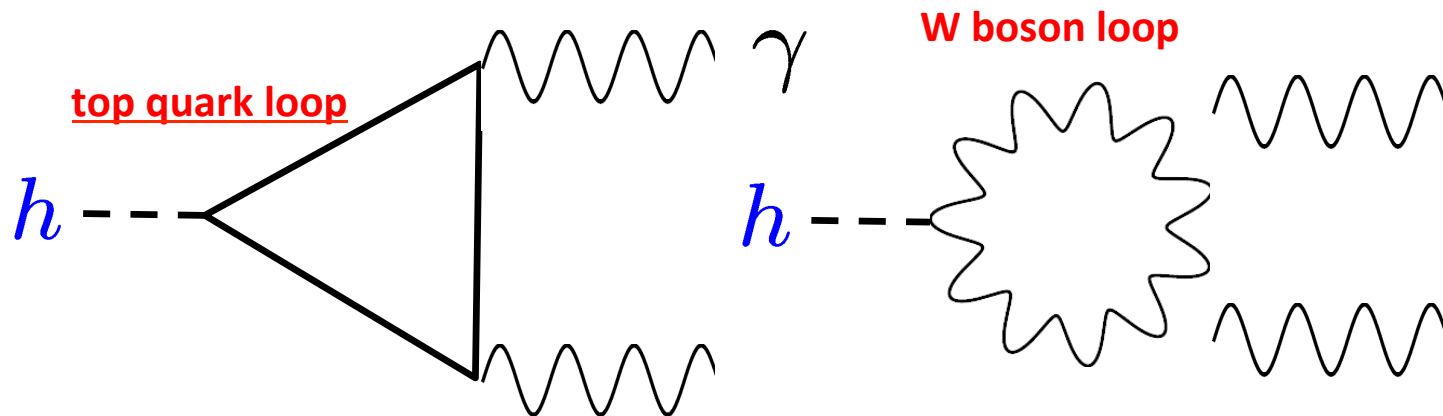
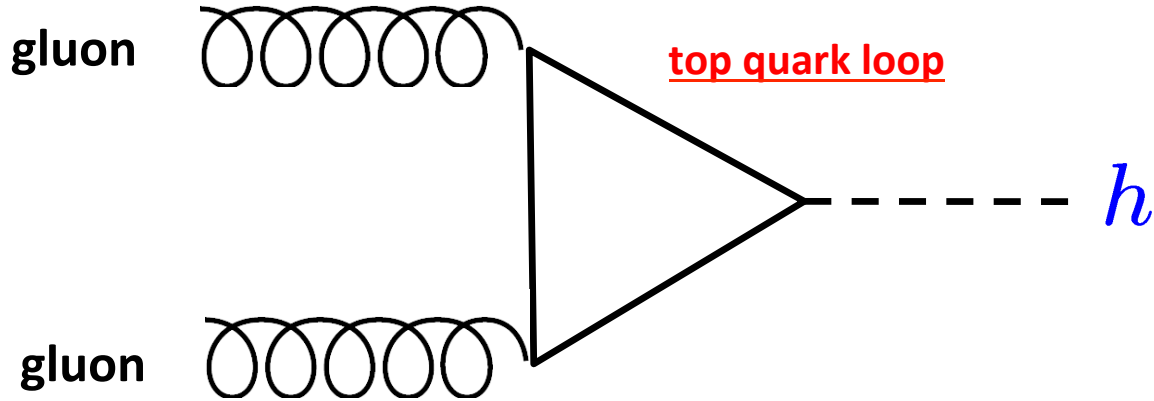


Observed $m_h=125-126$ GeV is ideal to explore Higgs boson properties with variety of decay modes!

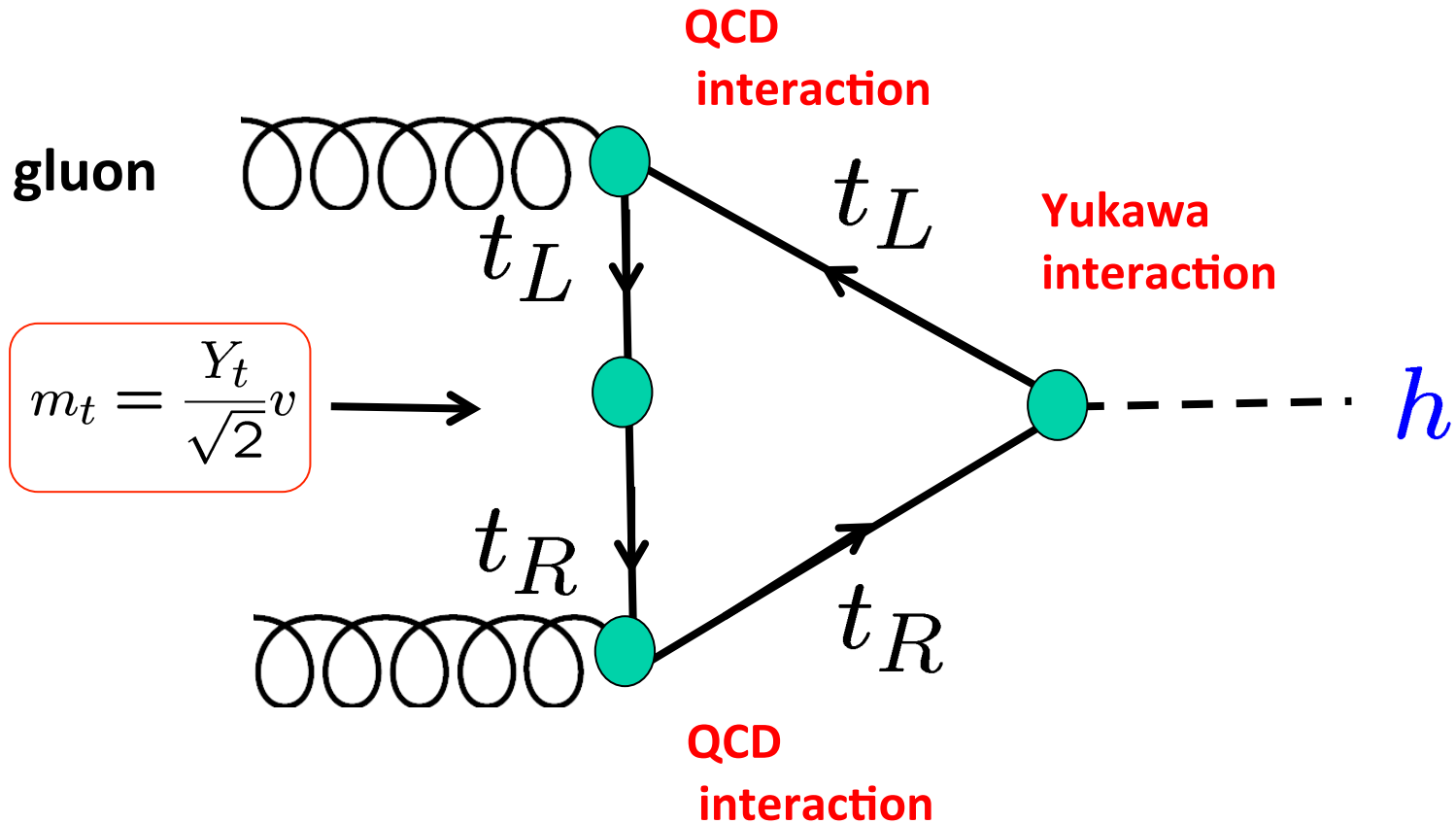
* Imagine what if $m_h > 160$ GeV

Early stage of Higgs physics at LHC

1. Main production mode: gluon fusion
2. Primary discovery mode: Higgs decay to diphoton

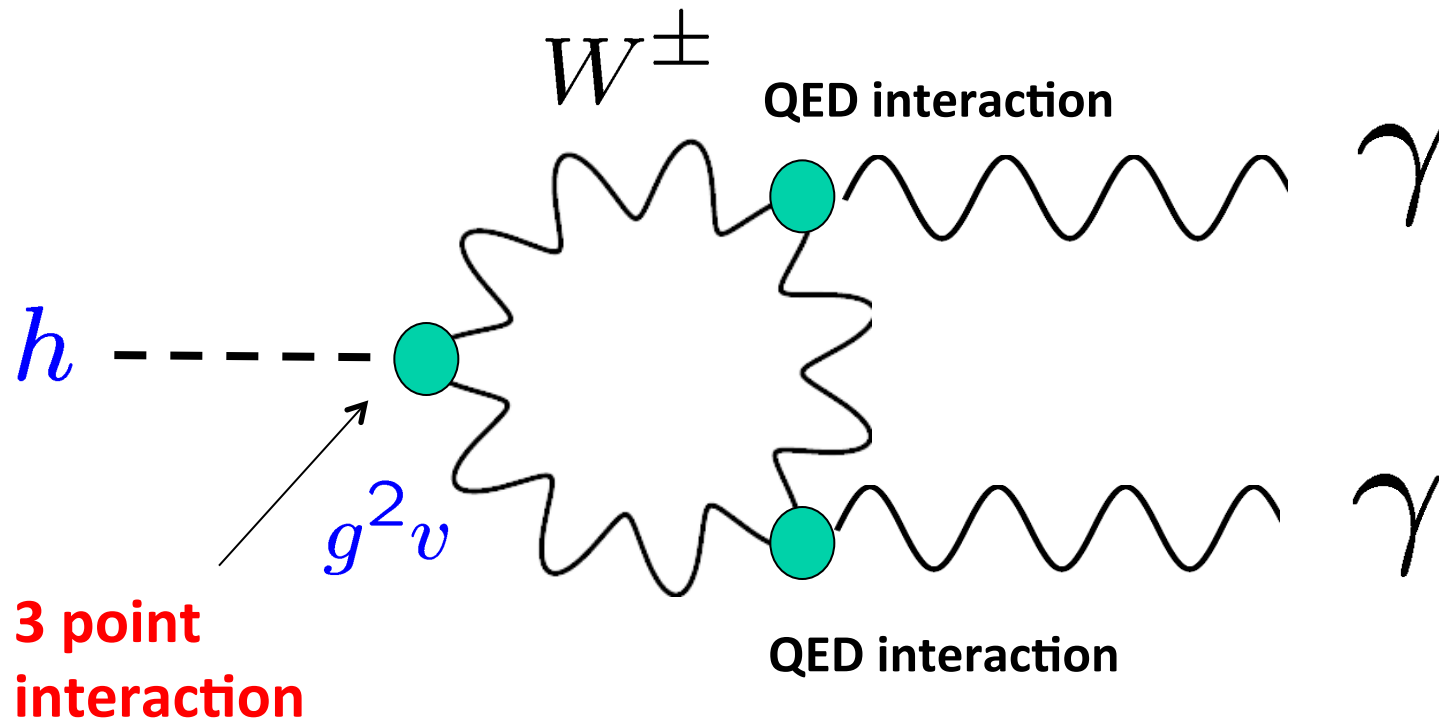


More theoretical description



We need a mass insertion (Symmetry Breaking) to close the loop!

W boson loop

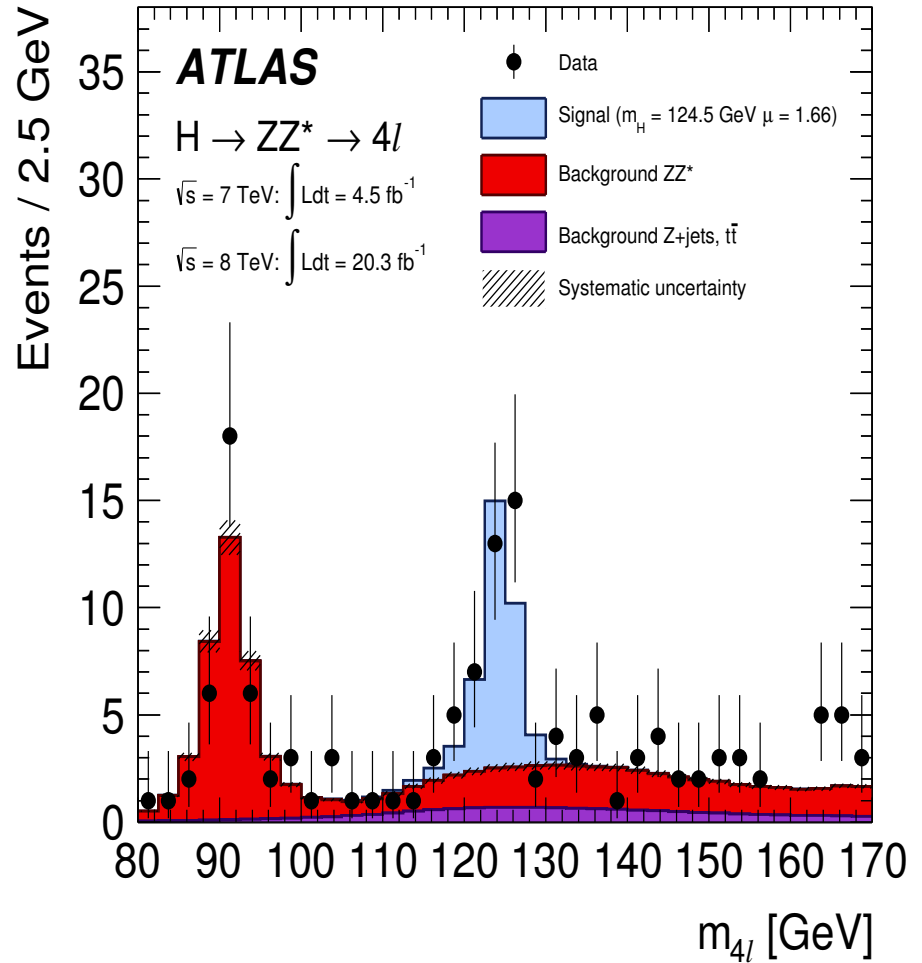
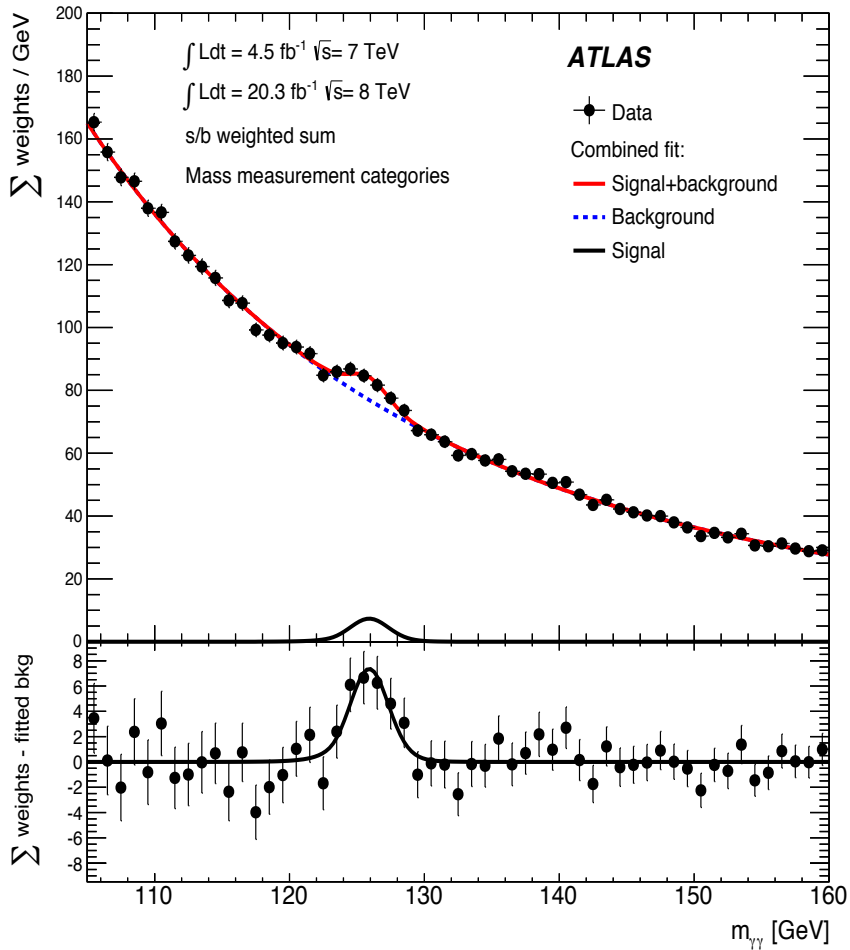


We need a VEV insertion (Symmetry Breaking) to close the loop!

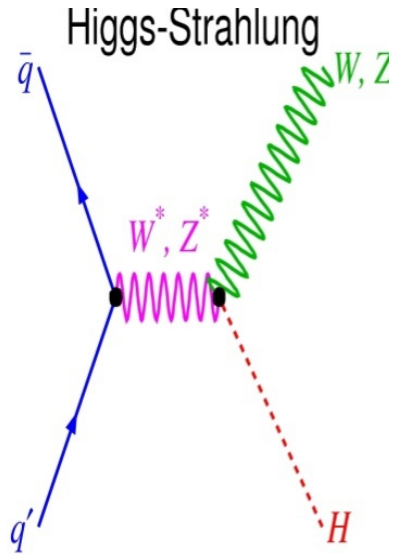
- Without EW symmetry breaking, the loop diagrams cannot be induced.
- The new particle discovered at LHC is a particle which has something to do with EW symmetry breaking.
- It is most likely the long-sought Higgs boson of the Standard Model

Higgs boson mass measurement via $h \rightarrow$ diphoton, $ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$

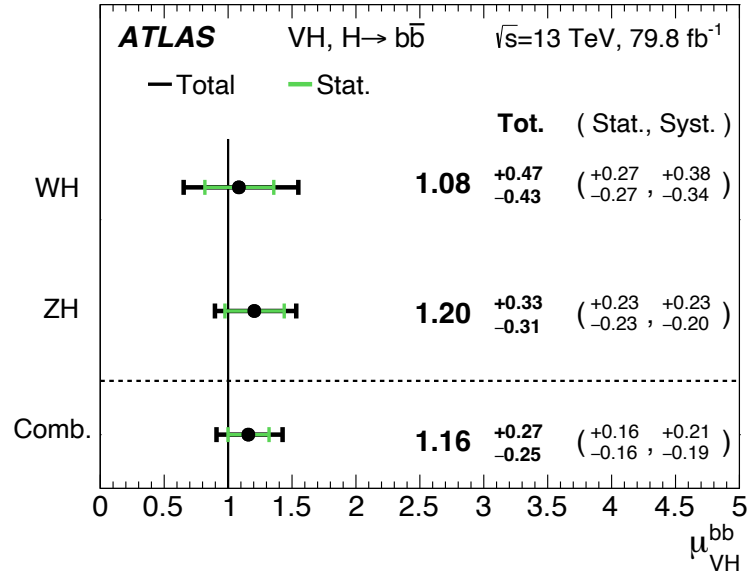
ATLAS results (arXiv: 1406.3827)



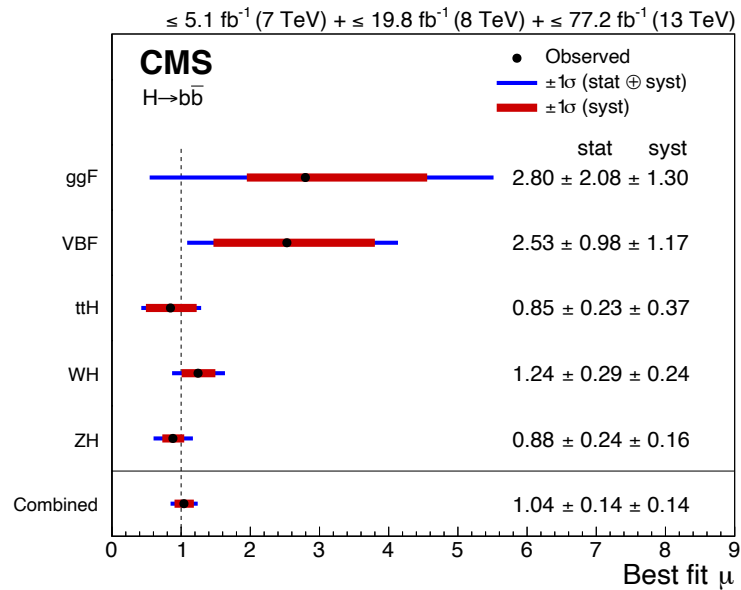
Observation of $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ decay



arXiv:1808.08238v2



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Future of the Standard Model

The gauge structure of the Standard Model was tested with high precision even before the LHC

The final missing particle of the Standard Model, the Higgs boson, was discovered at the LHC

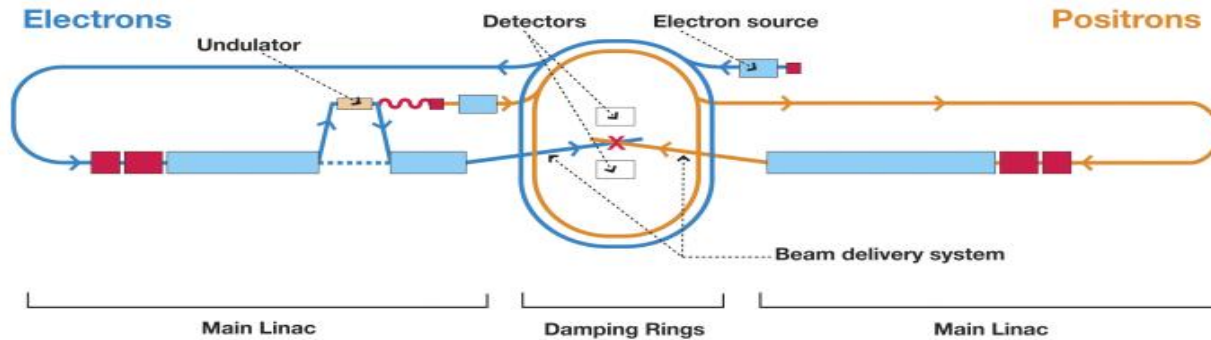
To complete and stress test the Standard Model, we must measure Higgs properties with much higher precision

This is one of the most important directions in particle physics for the coming decades

What do we need to achieve this goal?

Higgs Factory!

International Linear Collider (ILC) from 20XX ?



Lepton collider

Initial states: e^+e^- elementary particle

colliding particle energy is fixed and tunable

$$\sqrt{s} = 250 \text{ GeV} - 1 \text{ TeV}$$

polarized beam option

ILC: more precise measurements

→ Higgs boson properties, **discriminate** New Physics Models

For details, see Junping's lecture (Lecture I)!

Summary

Status of the Standard Model

The Standard Model (SM) is the best theory in describing the nature of elementary particle physics, which is in excellent agreement with almost of all current experimental results (including LHC Run results) as of TODAY

Discussion Day 1 completed!
Let's continue to Day 2

However,

There are problems that the SM cannot answer

Physics beyond the SM (BSM Physics) is strongly suggested by both experimental & theoretical points of view

*Thank you
for your attention!*