



# Higgs width at LHC

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A black silhouette of a clock tower with a large clock face and a tall, pointed spire. To the left and right of the tower are smaller silhouettes of city buildings. The background is split: white on the left and dark grey on the right.

# Introduction to Higgs Physics

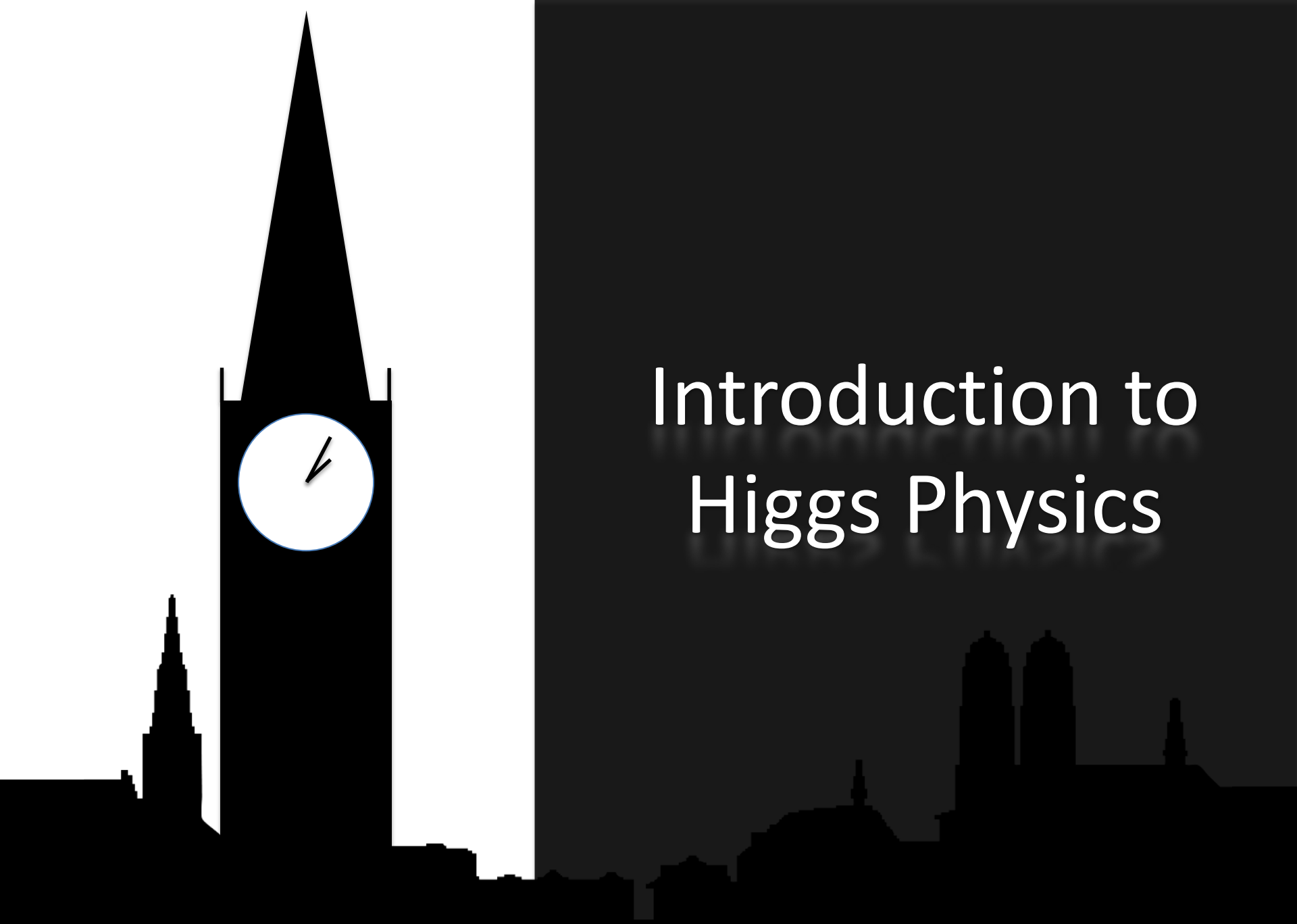
## Run-2 News

### Higgs boson width

### Higgs boson width: experimental results

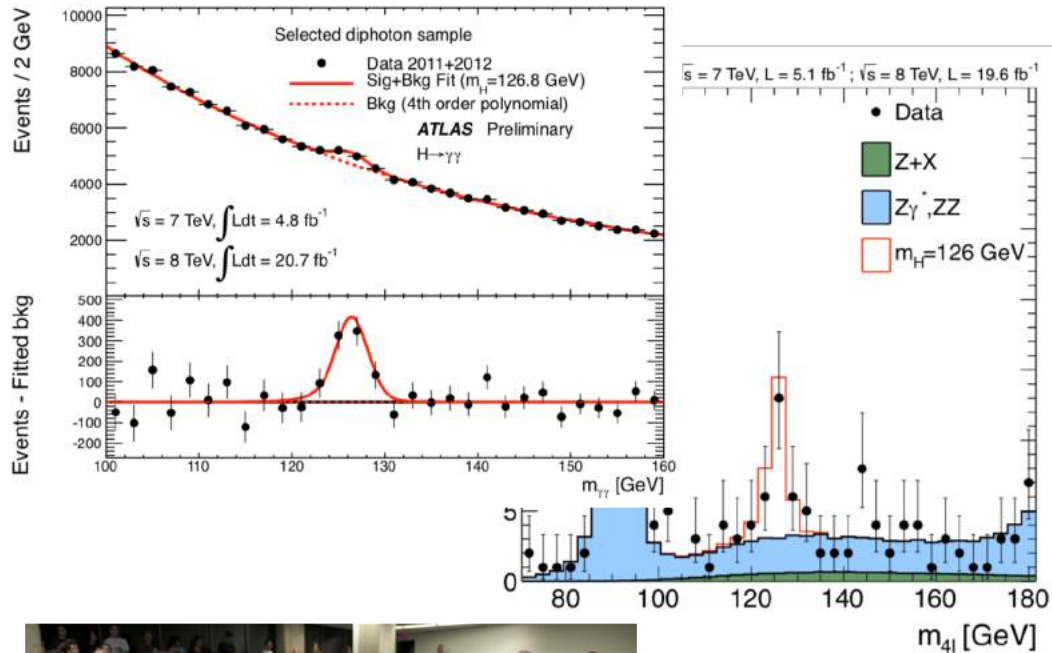
## Conclusions

Disclaimer: Inspired by chats/talks with/by F. Caola, C. Vernieri  
and C. Williams



# Introduction to Higgs Physics

# 4<sup>th</sup> July 2012: a Nobel birthday!



- We have just recently celebrated the 6<sup>th</sup> Higgs birthday
- Peter W. Higgs and Francois Englert: the 2013 Nobel Prize in physics



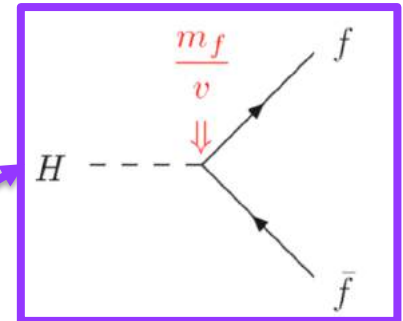


# The Higgs boson in the SM

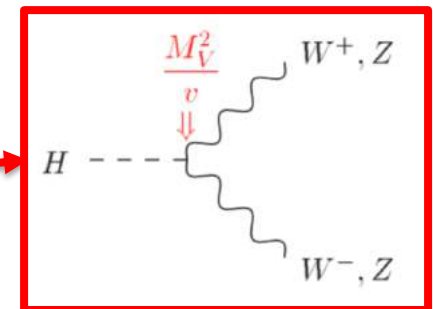
- By interacting with all the SM particles, the Higgs field gives them mass
  - Two different types of tree-level couplings

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L} = & -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} \\ & + i \bar{\Psi} \not{D} \Psi + \text{h.c.} \\ & + \bar{\Psi}_i y_{ij} \Psi_j \phi + \text{h.c.} \\ & + \left[ \frac{1}{2} D_\mu \phi^\dagger D^\mu \phi - V(\phi) \right]\end{aligned}$$

Fermions

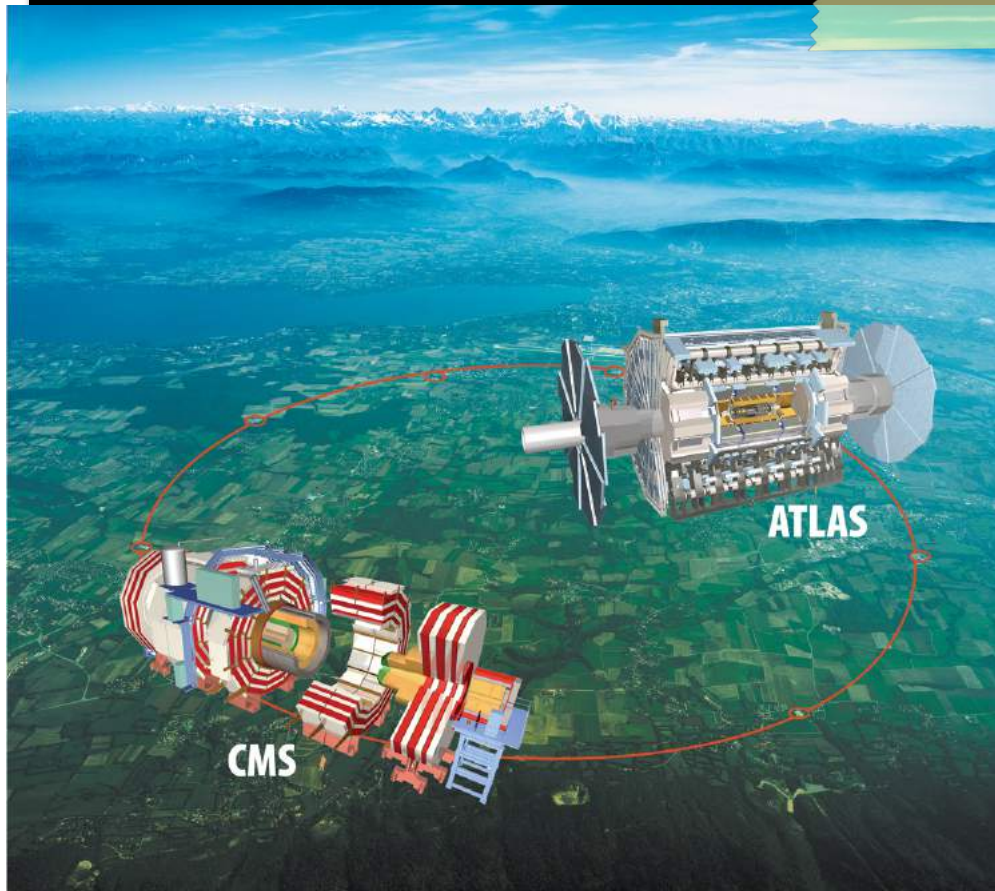


BOSONS



# The Large Hadron Collider, LHC

- Proton-proton collider with four interaction points: ATLAS, CMS, LHCb and ALICE



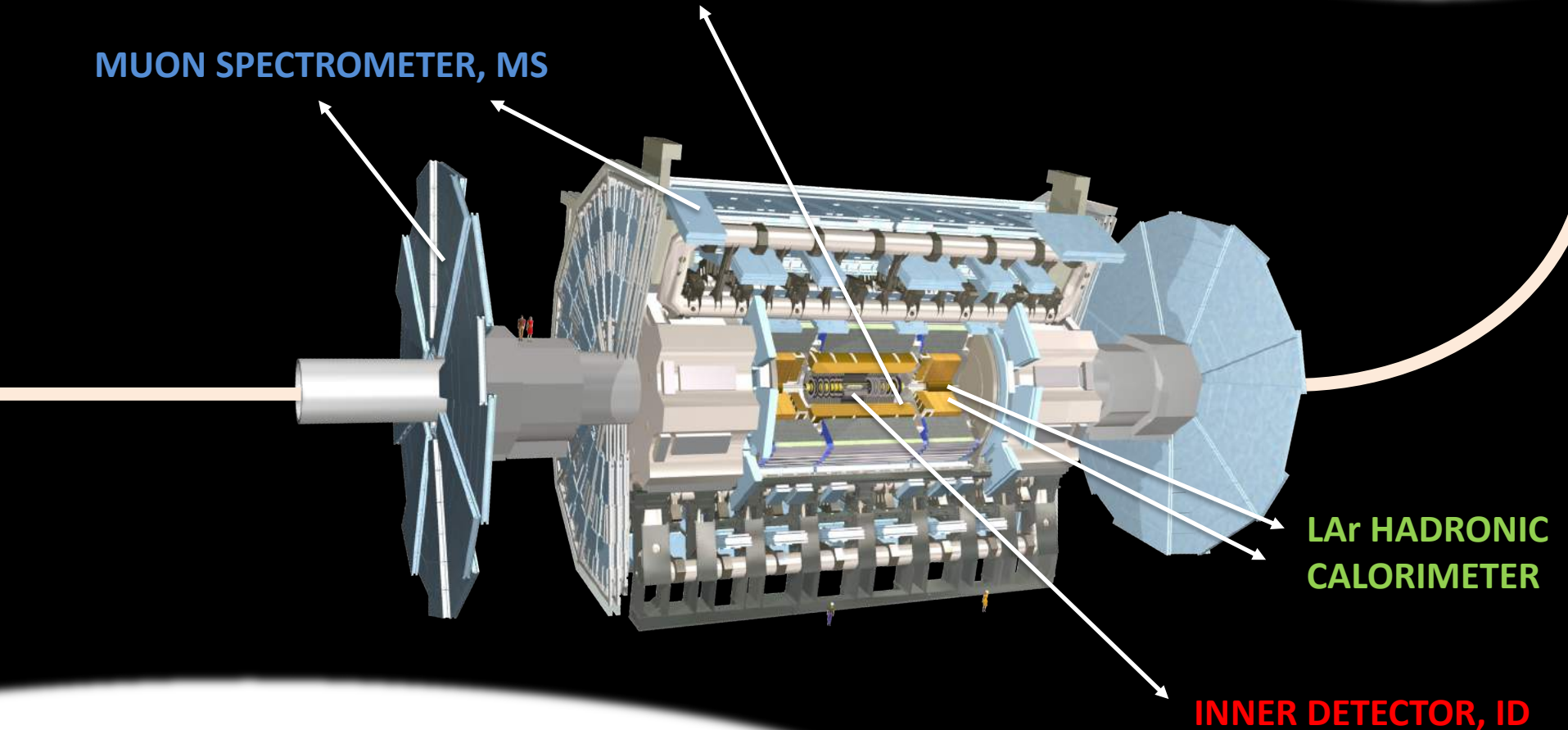
- Peak Luminosity:  $2 \cdot 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ 
  - Design Lumi. exceeded by a factor of two!
- 27-km ring of superconducting magnets
- Two phases at  $\sqrt{s}$ :
  - 7,8 TeV Run 1
  - 13 TeV Run 2

# The ATLAS detector

- Two-magnet detector:
  - Solenoid 2 T (tracker)
  - Toroid 0.5 T (MS)

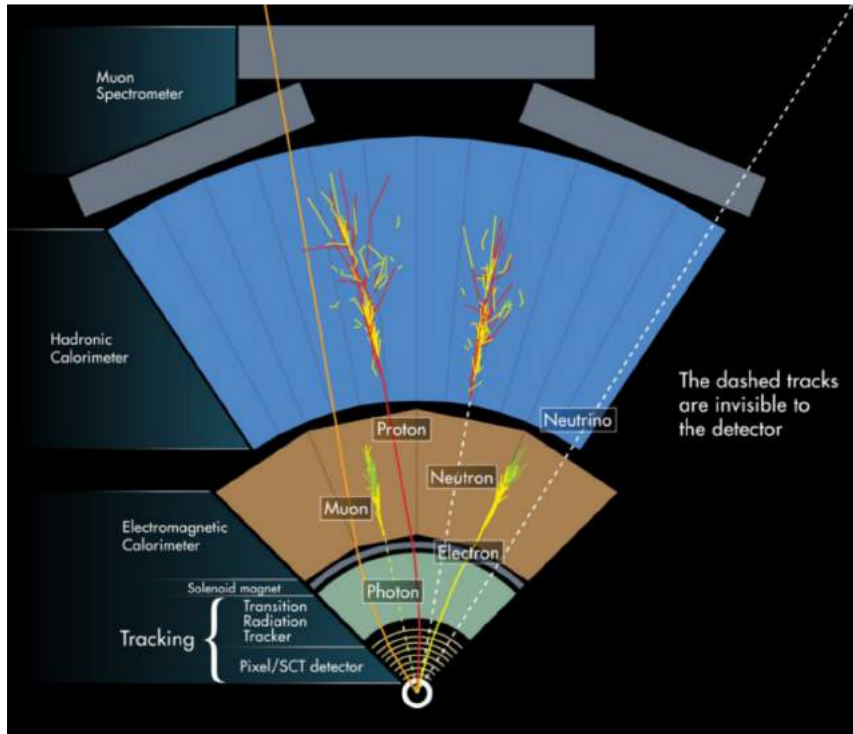
LAr ELECTROMAGNETIC CALORIMETER

MUON SPECTROMETER, MS



- Multi-purpose detector with onion shape
- During the shutdown before Run 2, initial design completed

# From the detector to the paper



- The typical HEP detector layout:
  - **Tracking detectors** to reconstruct charged particles and the production and decay vertices
  - **Electromagnetic and hadronic calorimeters** to measure energy of  $e$ ,  $\gamma$  and jets
  - **Muon spectrometer** to detect muons through the detector

## IDEAL PHYSICS OBJECTS:

- Electrons, photons and muons:
  - good resolution and reconstruction efficiency
  - Good vertex matching

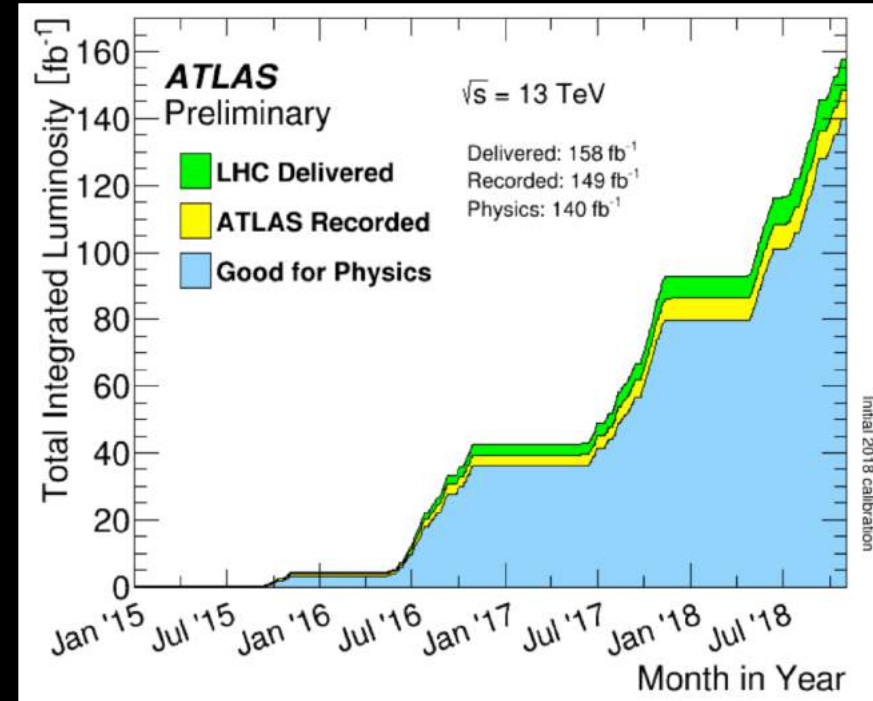
## CHALLENGING PHYSICS OBJECTS:

- Jets, Missing Transverse Energy ( $\nu_s$ ):
  - Low resolution and recon. efficiency
  - Partial vertex matching

# Higgs physics at LHC

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  - **28 fb<sup>-1</sup>** at 7/8 TeV  
**Higgs discovery!**
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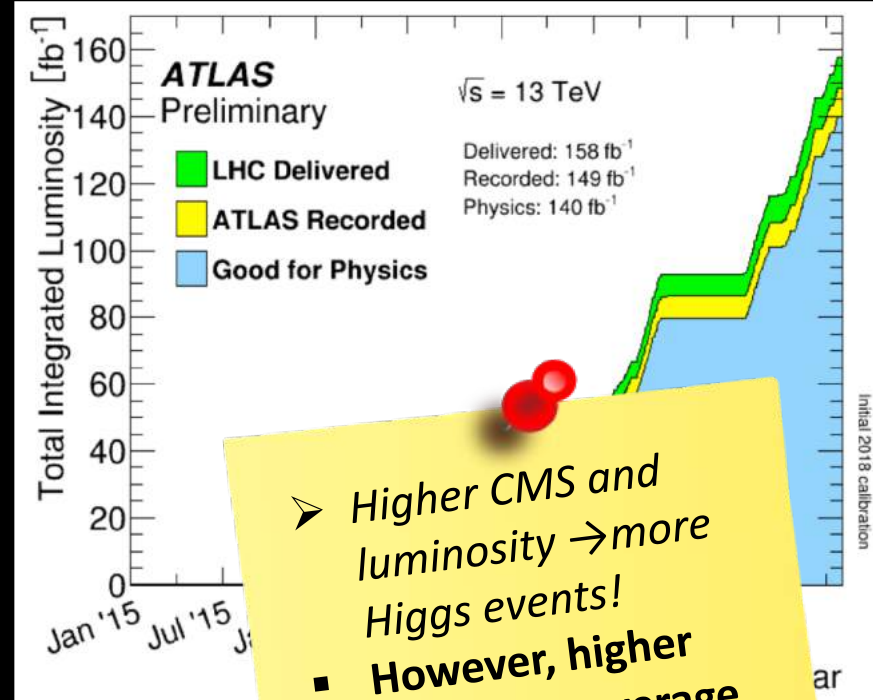
- **ATLAS recorded 149 fb<sup>-1</sup>**
  - **140 fb<sup>-1</sup> are GOOD for physics**
  - **36.1 fb<sup>-1</sup> in 2015-2016**
- **We successfully reached the Run-2 goal of 150 fb<sup>-1</sup>!**



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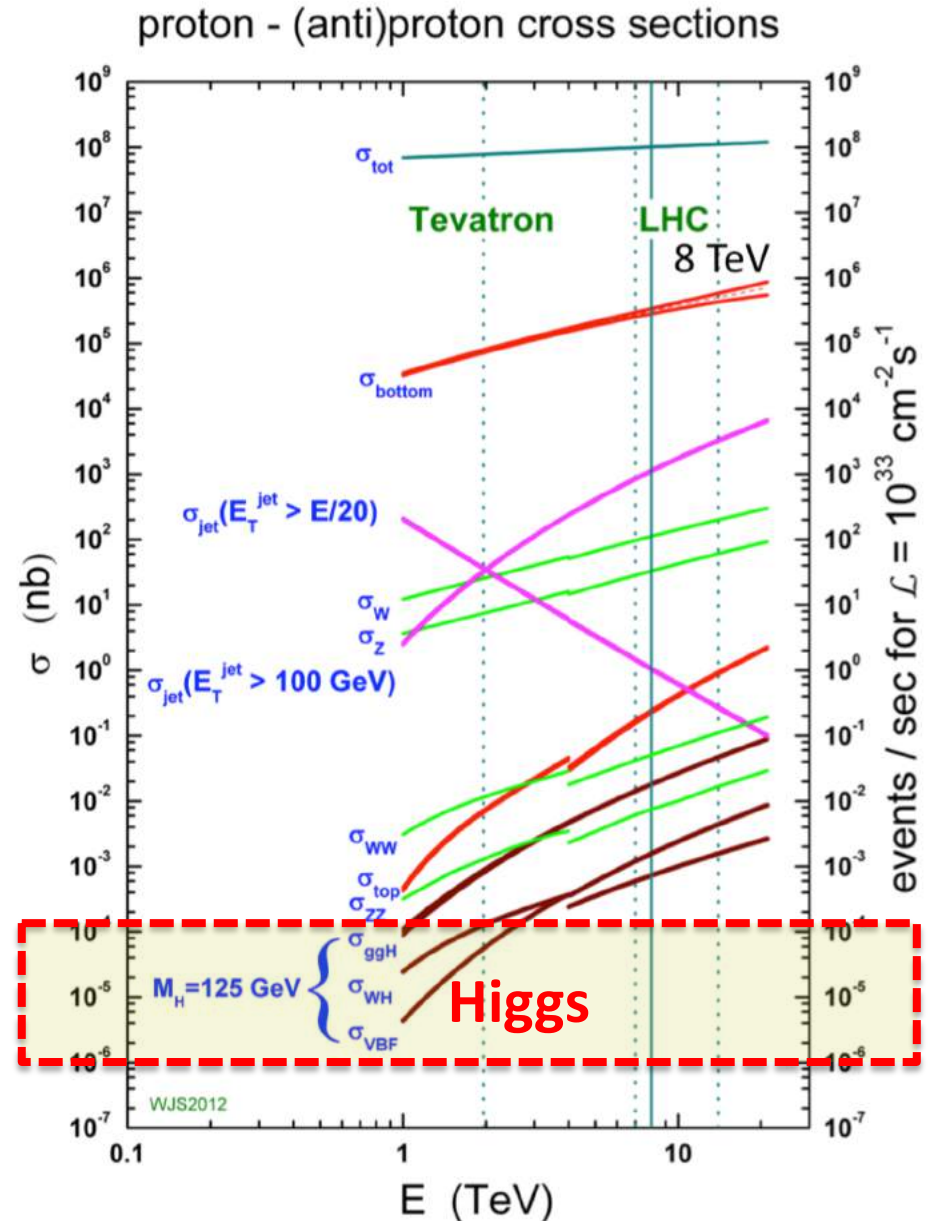
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# LHC pp collisions

- QCD background dominant
  - 5 orders of magnitude higher compared to single boson production
  - Higgs boson decays involving leptons or photons in the final state are our smoking gun against abundant background

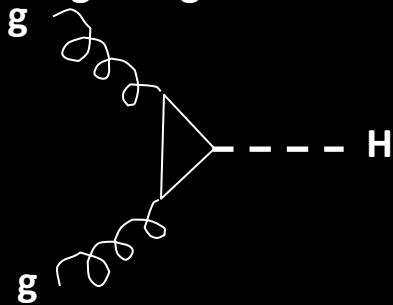




# Higgs boson production at LHC

**ggF: 88%**

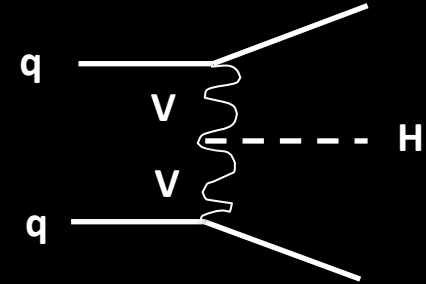
gluon gluon Fusion



**~ 6.8M Higgs\***

**VBF: 7%**

Vector Boson Fusion



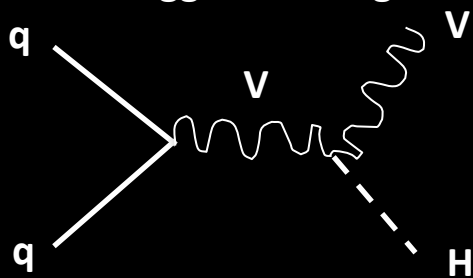
**~ 530k Higgs**

How should I  
show up at LHC  
this time?



**VH: 4%**

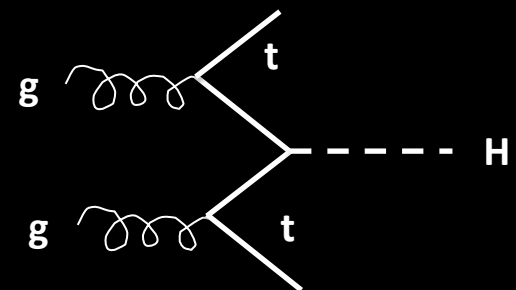
Higgs strahlung



**~ 320k Higgs**

**ttH: 1%**

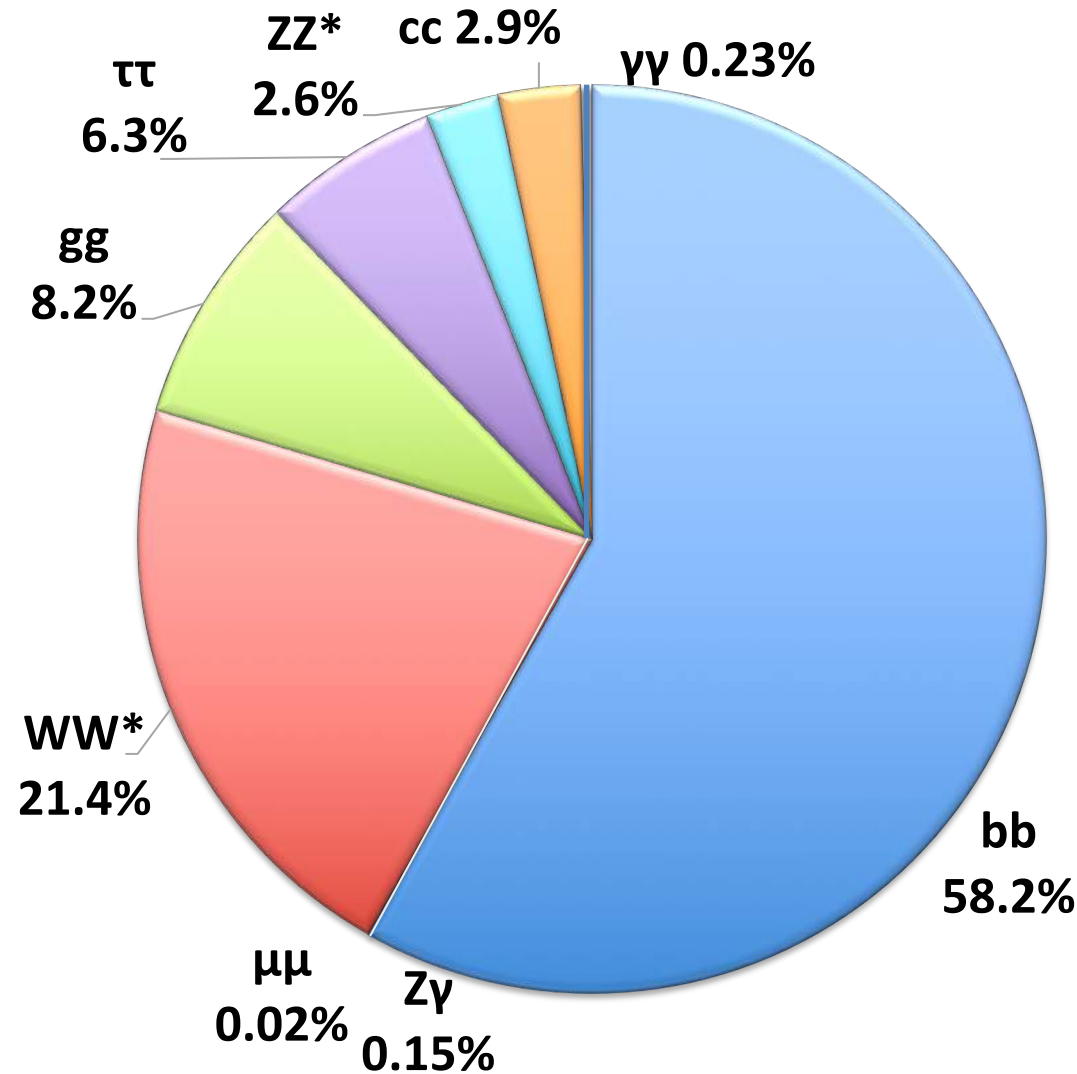
Top Fusion



**~ 70k Higgs**

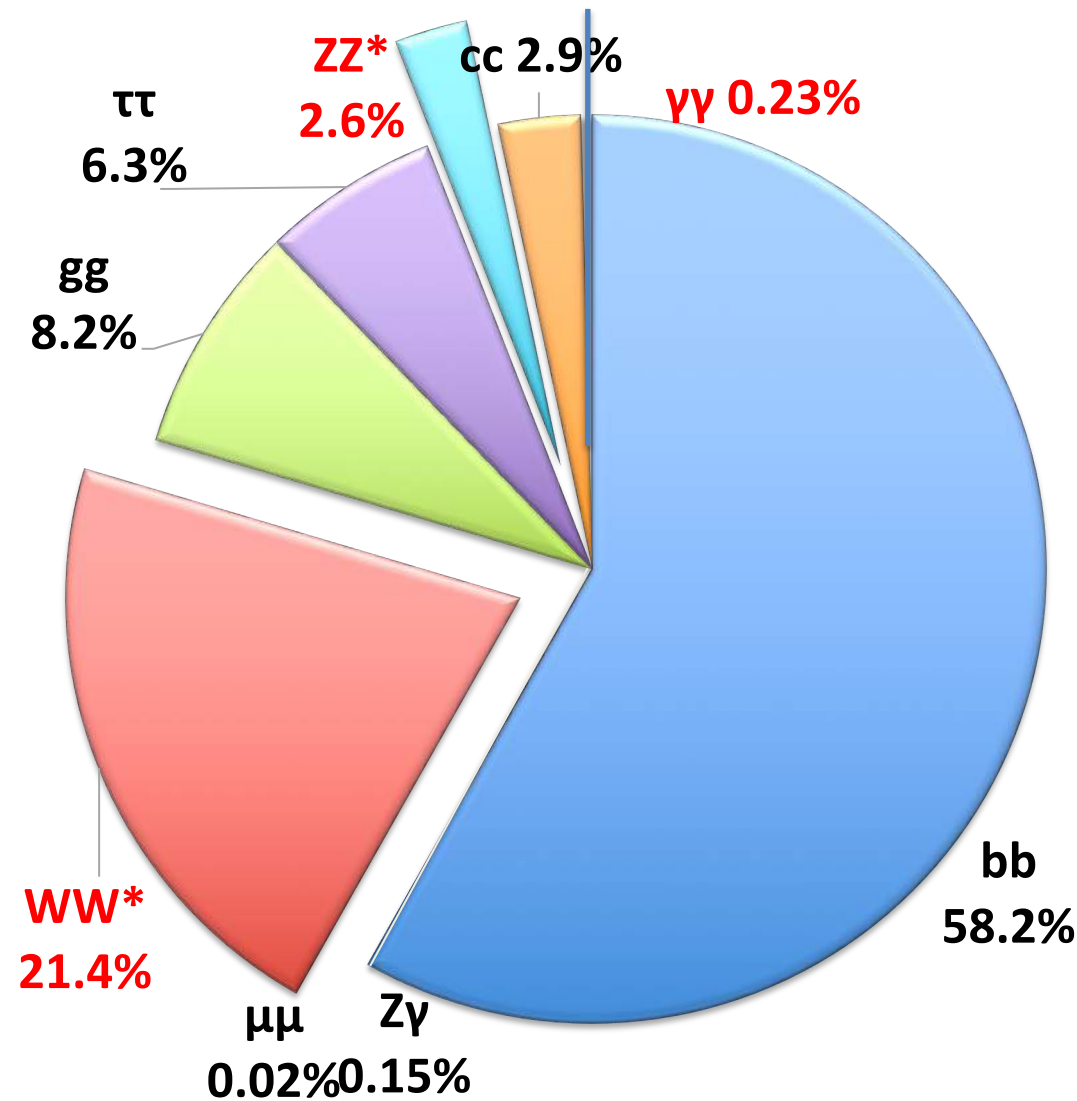
\*Higgs candidates in Run 2

# Higgs boson decays



- Various decay channels
  - Analyses ongoing in all the main channels, directly or indirectly
- Combination of all the channels is crucial
  - to increase sensitivity
- No couplings measurements without theory assumptions

# Higgs to Bosons



$ZZ^*$ ,  $\gamma\gamma$



Good mass resolution

- Ideal for precision measurements since well modelled background and clear signatures



Low BR, especially  $ZZ^*$ , 0.012% in 4l

$WW^*$

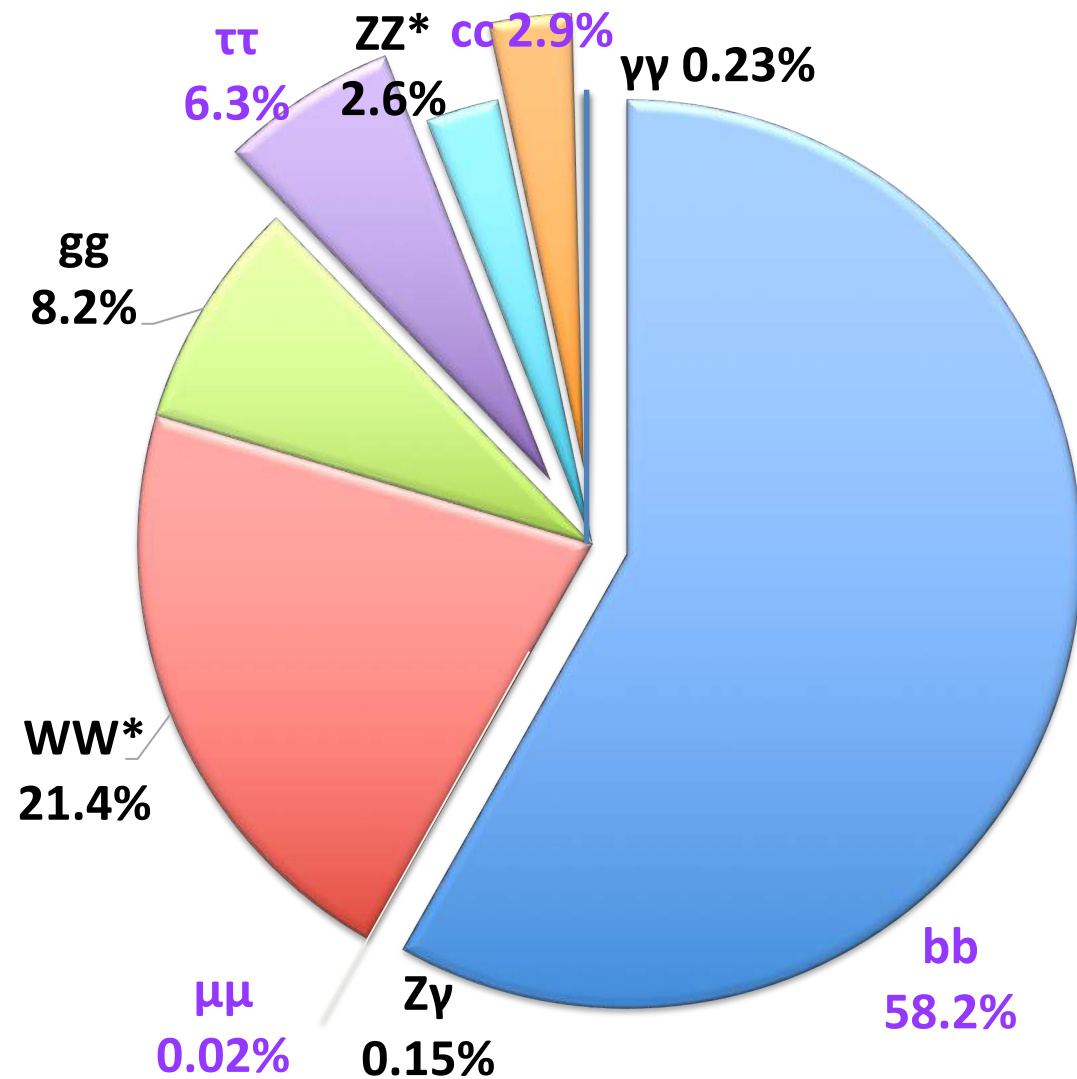


High BR, but reduced in the dilepton mode, 1.1%



Low mass resolution because of  $\nu_s$  in final states

# Higgs to Fermions



$bb, \tau\tau, cc$



Significant BR

- Allow direct probe to fermions



Low S/B, challenging measurement

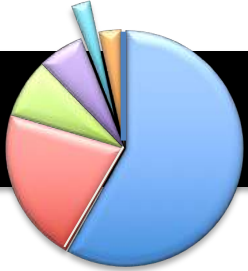
$\mu\mu$



It allows couplings measurements to 2<sup>nd</sup> generation



Very small BR



# H → ZZ\* Golden channel



Because of the extremely good mass resolution,  $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$ :

- was one of the golden channels for the Higgs discovery
- is now used for precision measurements (Higgs boson mass ...)

*Let's compare it with the so popular Hbb ...*

Branching Ratio

$H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$

0.012%

$H \rightarrow bb$

58%

Mass resolution

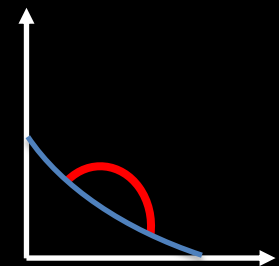
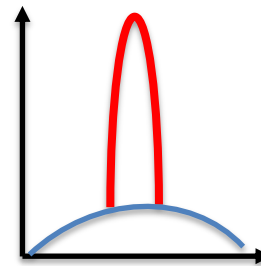
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10%

S/B

2

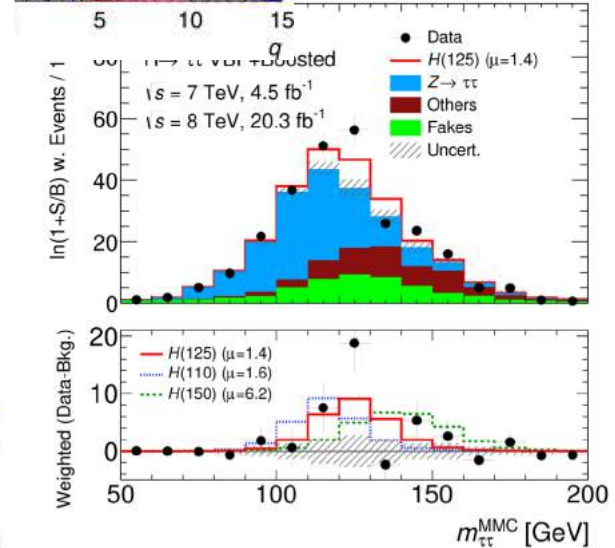
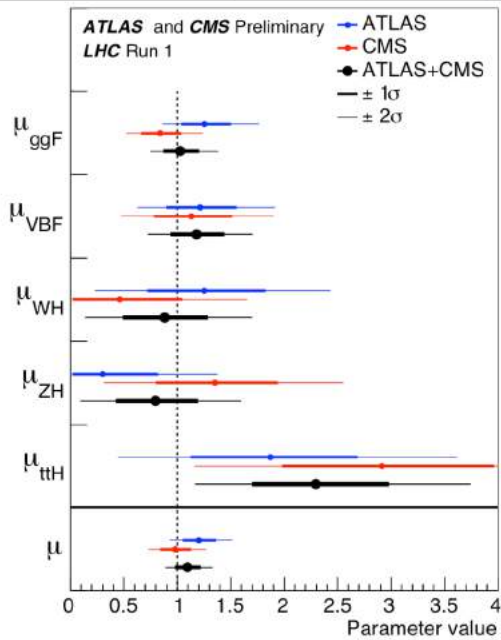
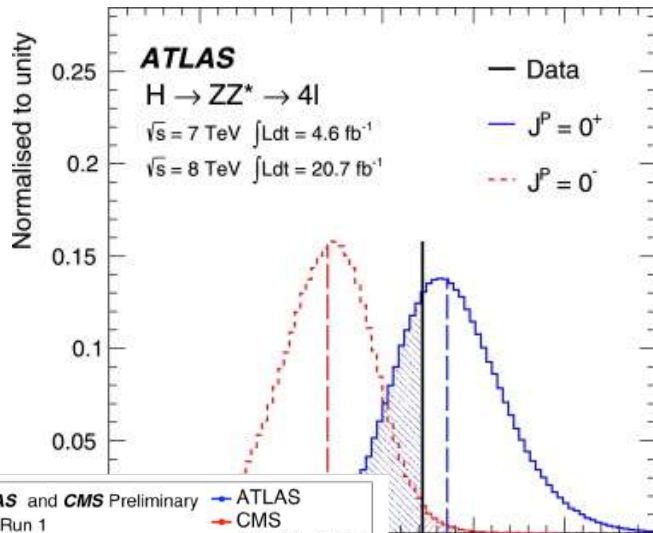
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*More is not always better!*

# The Run-1 lesson

# What did we learn in Run 1?

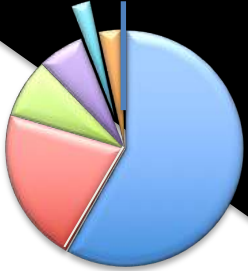


- Narrow resonance with a mass of 125 GeV (ATLAS with CMS 1.9 permille) and Spin/Parity  $0^+$
- Two production modes observed: VBF and ggF
- Decays observed: vector bosons and  $\tau_s$  (ATLAS+CMS)
- Couplings agree within 10% with SM



# Run-2 News

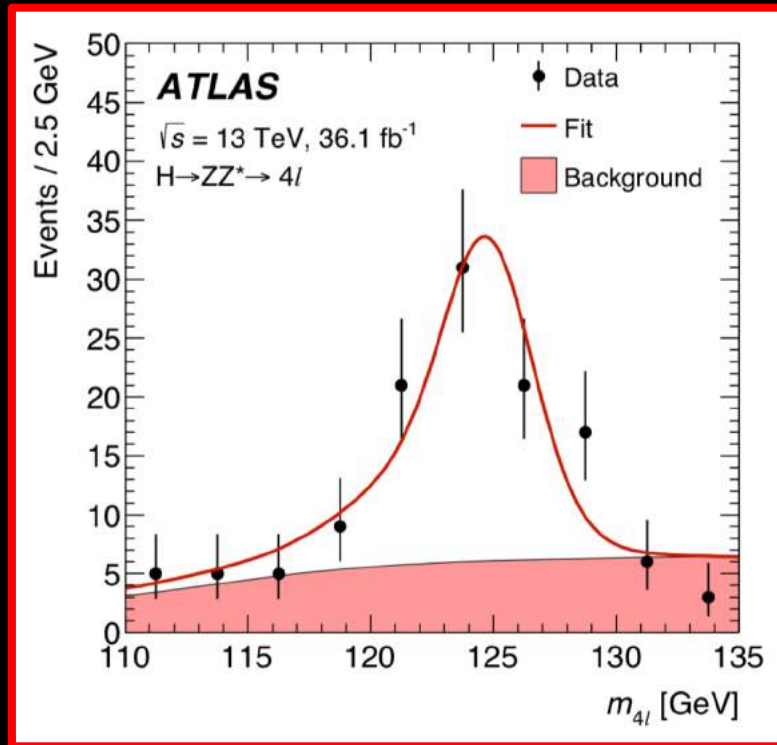




# Higgs boson mass

Extraction  
from a fit to the  
di-photon inv.mass

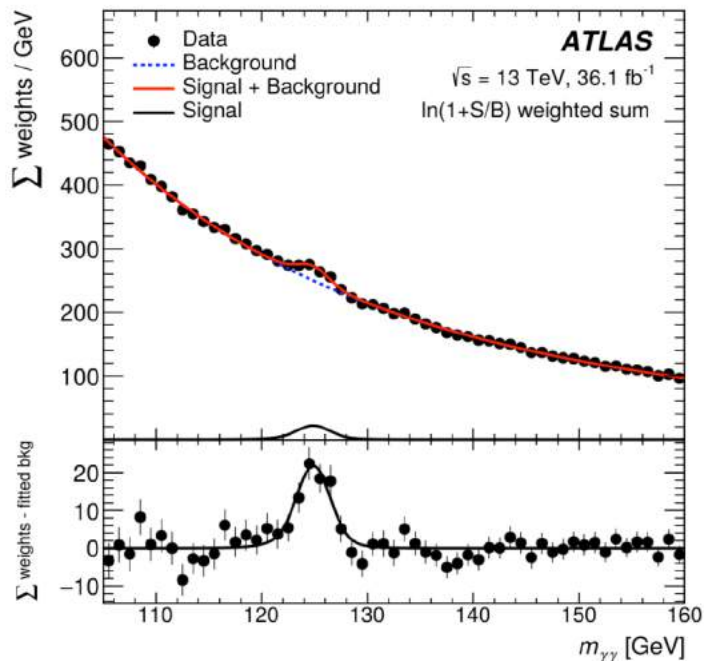
Extraction from a fit  
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4l inv.mass



[Phys. Lett. B 784 \(2018\) 345](#)

Run-2 result based  
on the 2015-16  
dataset

**ATLAS  
Combination  
with Run 1:  
 $m_H = (124.97 \pm 0.24) \text{ GeV}$   
In Run 1 the 1.9 permille  
precision was achievable only  
when combining with CMS results!**



# VH and Hbb Observation



## H → bb combination

Run-1 and Run-2 analyses:

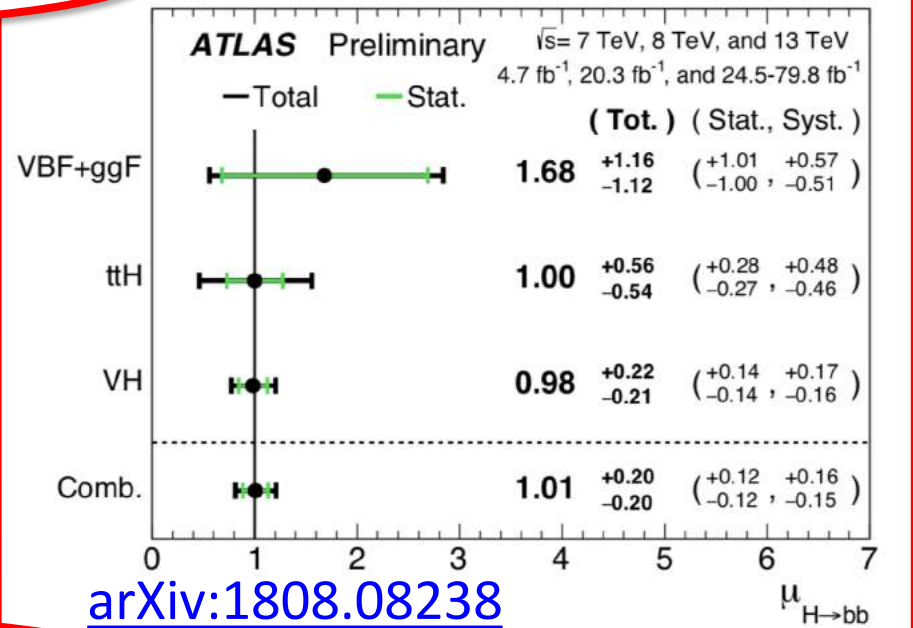
- VH, H → bb
- VBF(+ggF), H → bb
- ttH, H → bb



Significance :

5.4σ obs. (5.5σ exp.)

Observation of H → bb !



## VH combination

Run-2 analyses:

- VH, H → bb
- VH, H → γγ
- VH, H → ZZ\*



Significance : [arXiv:1808.08238](https://arxiv.org/abs/1808.08238)

5.3σ obs. (4.8σ exp.)

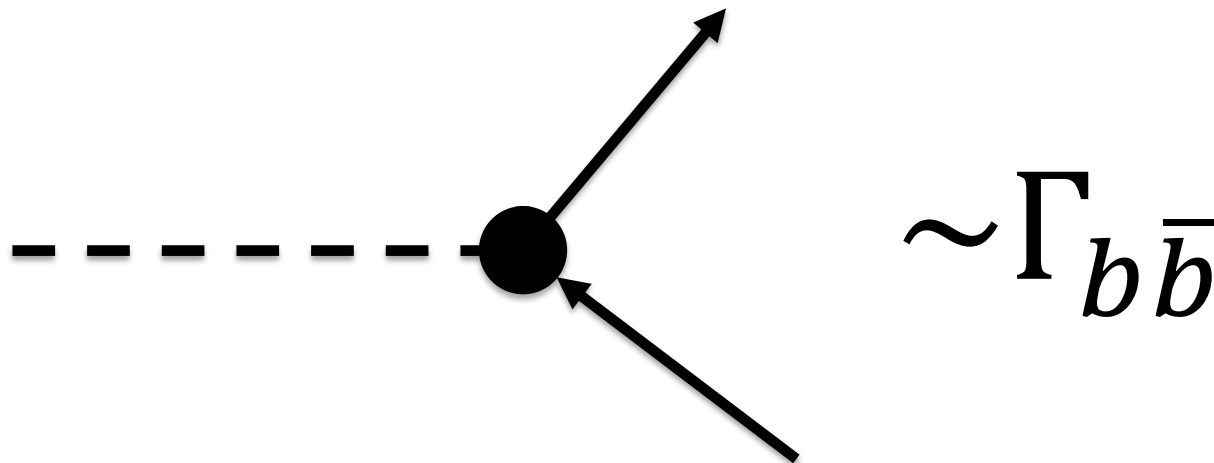
Observation of VH production !



# Higgs boson width

# From partial widths ...

- The Higgs boson is unstable
  - We just observe its decay products in the LHC detectors
- The rate for each open decay is defined by partial widths:

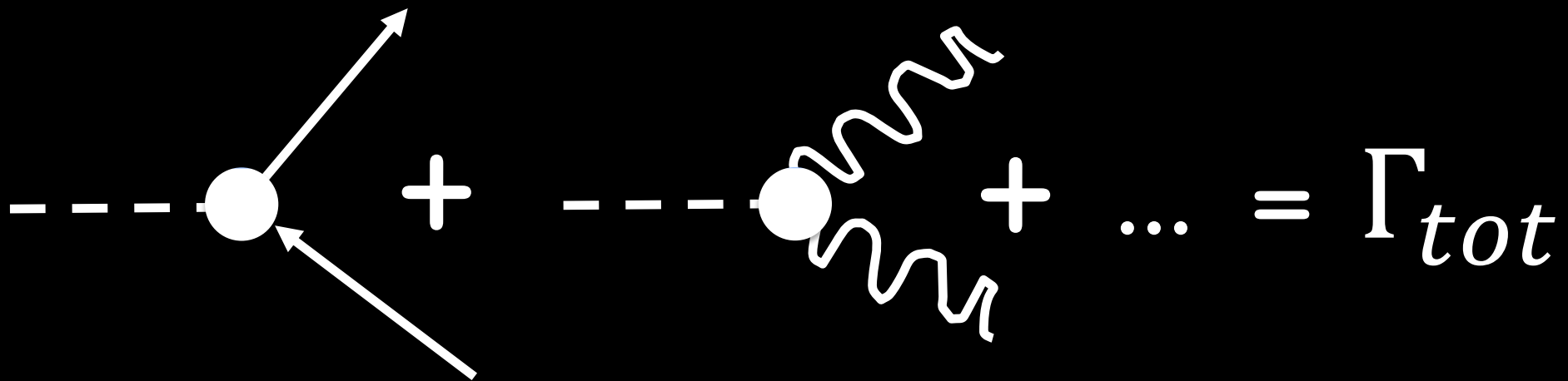


$$\sim \Gamma_{b\bar{b}}$$

$$\text{with } BR(H \rightarrow b\bar{b}) = \frac{\Gamma_{b\bar{b}}}{\Gamma_{tot}}$$

# From partial widths ... to total width

- The Higgs boson is unstable
  - We just observe its decay products in the LHC detectors
- The total width is the sum of all the partial widths:



# What can we measure at LHC?

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$$\sigma_{i \rightarrow H \rightarrow f} = \sigma_{i \rightarrow H} \times BR_{H \rightarrow f} = \frac{\sigma_{i \rightarrow H} \Gamma_{H \rightarrow f}}{\Gamma_H} \propto \frac{g_i^2 g_f^2}{\Gamma_H}$$

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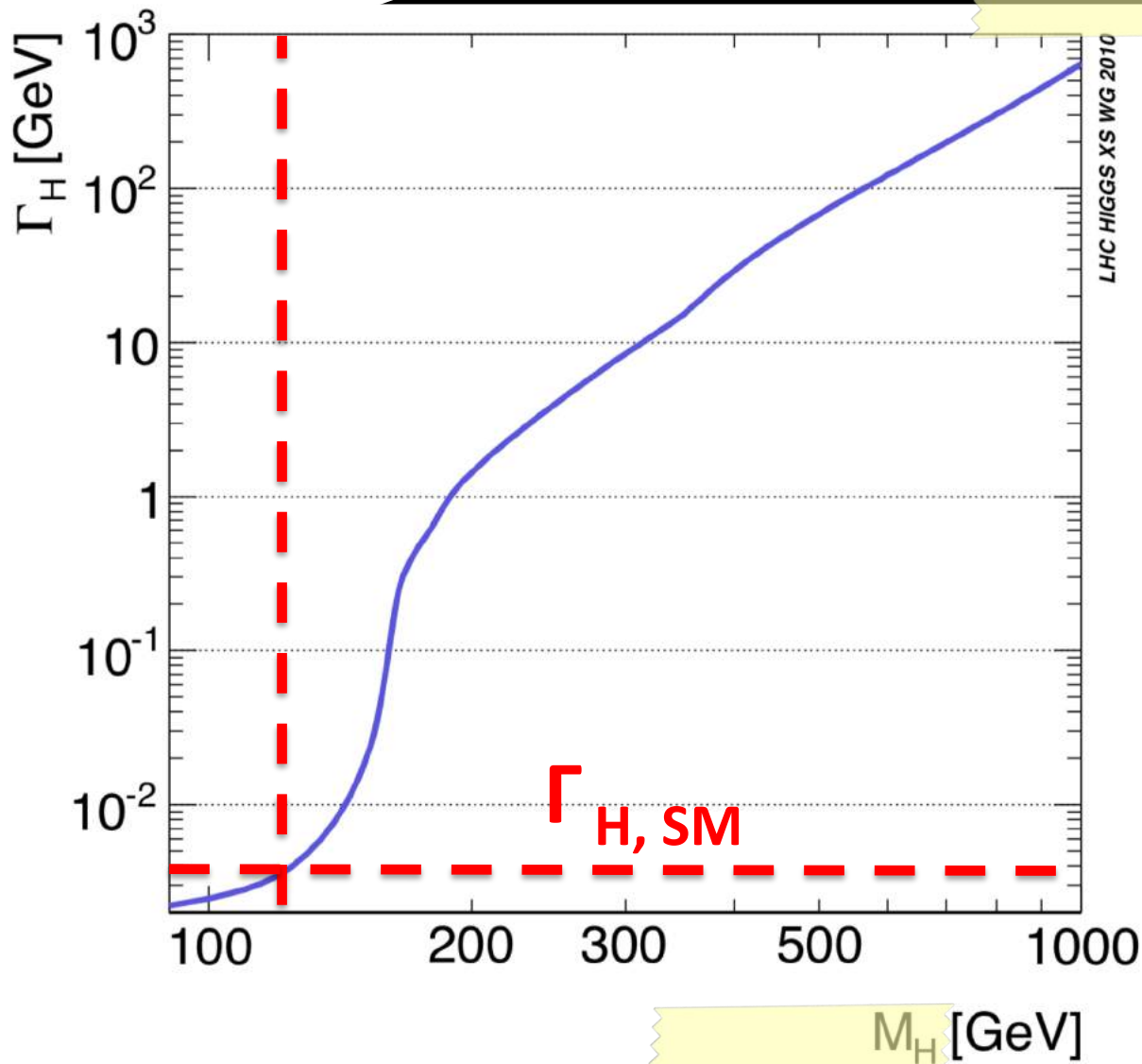
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- How can we measure the Higgs boson width?

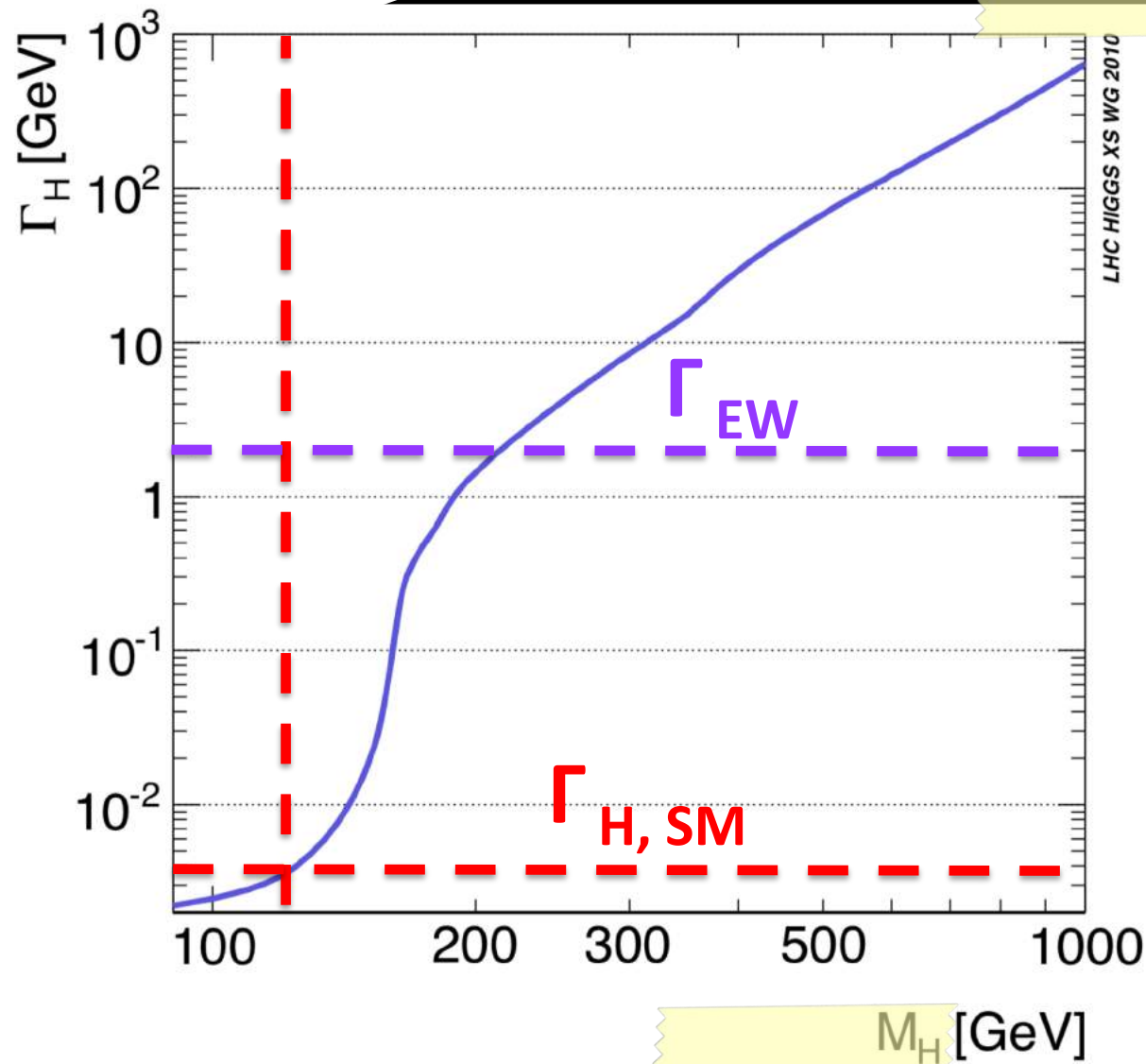


# The Higgs boson width



The SM expectation for  $\Gamma_H$  for  $m_H \sim 125$  GeV is  **$\sim 4$  MeV** ...  
... extremely small!

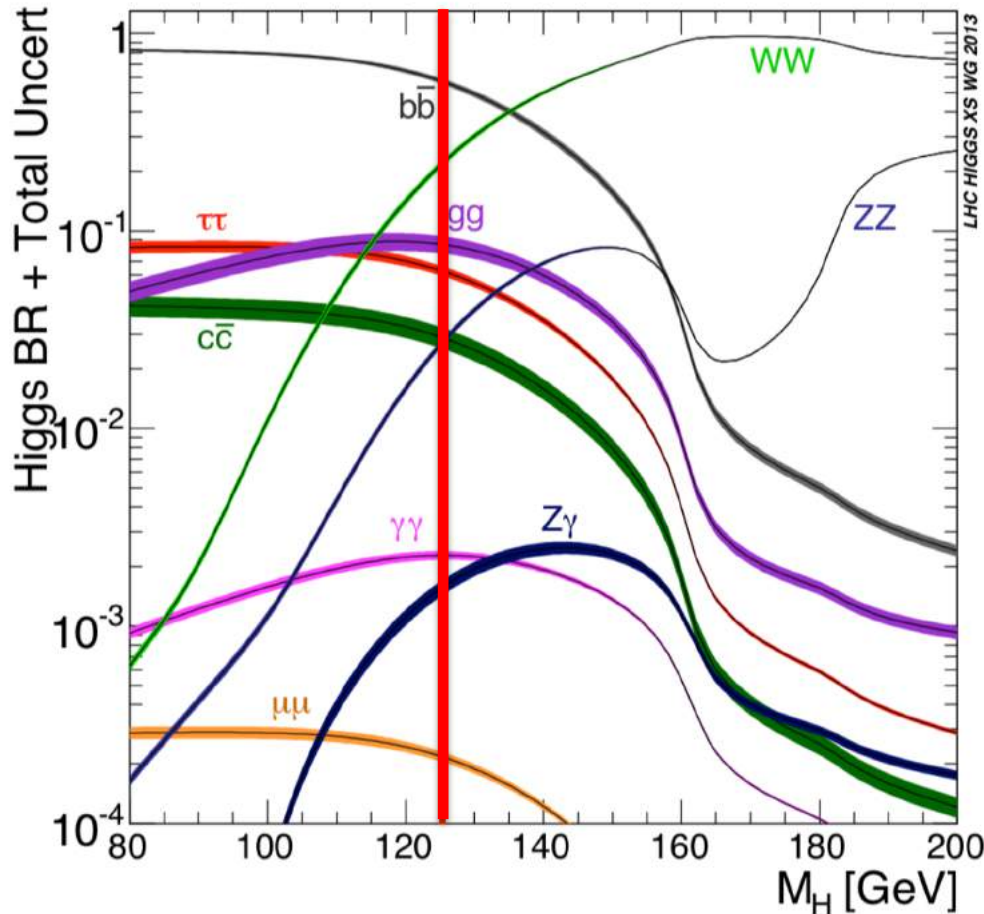
# And the other EW bosons?



We have long experience with heavy EW bosons (W and Z). However, their width is  $\sim 2$  GeV ...

# A narrow peak

- As said, the total width is the sum of all the partial widths



- The Higgs boson prefers decays to  $b$  quarks
- You do the math ...

$$\Gamma_H \sim \frac{m_b^2}{m_{EW}^2} \Gamma_{EW}$$



# Higgs boson width: experimental results



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  - From the on-shell mass peak
  - From the lifetime



# How about a Higgs pizza?

## Higgs Boson Pizza at CERN

What's happening on my Ham & Cheese pizza?

A two asparagus (proton-proton) collision produces a spicy Higgs boson (chorizo) decaying into two high-energy salami (photon) clusters and a lot of charged (sliced ham) and neutral (olive) particles that are detected in the pizza (detector) entirely covered with mozzarella sensors.



**Recipe: Rising crust Higgs pizza**

**Ingredients**

- ¼-inch thick dough

Bake it and wait ... the oven makes the miracle: a rising crust pizza!

*oven* → *LHC, crust thickness* → *width*

The direct measurement is like making a rising crust Higgs pizza!




-  Asparagus Proton
-  Cherry tomato Higgs boson
-  Artichoke Neutrino
-  Pepper Charged particles
-  Cheese Detector

Renzo Fermi and Pierluigi Paducci, INFN





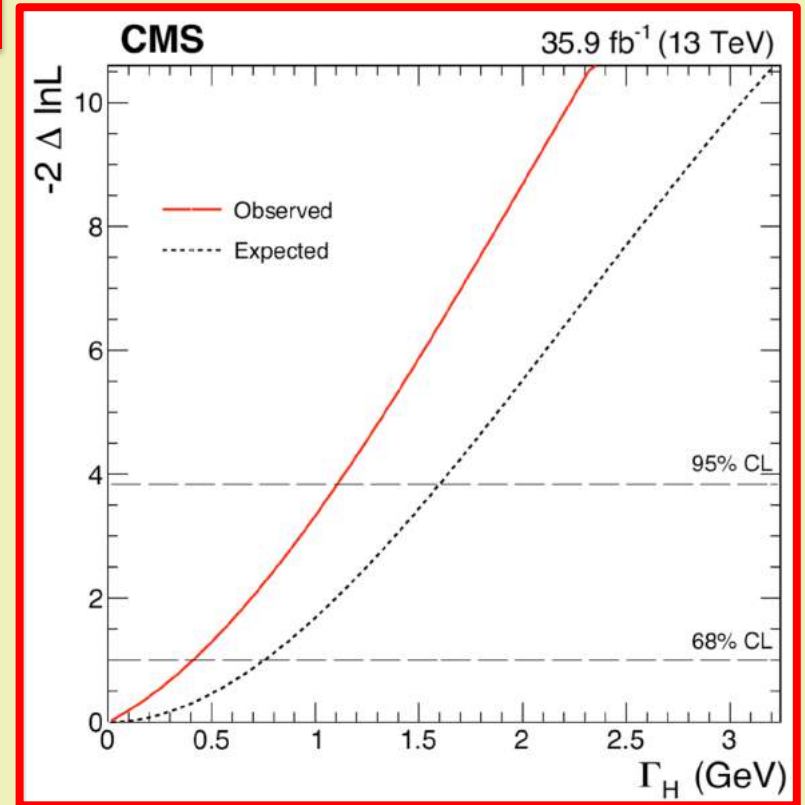
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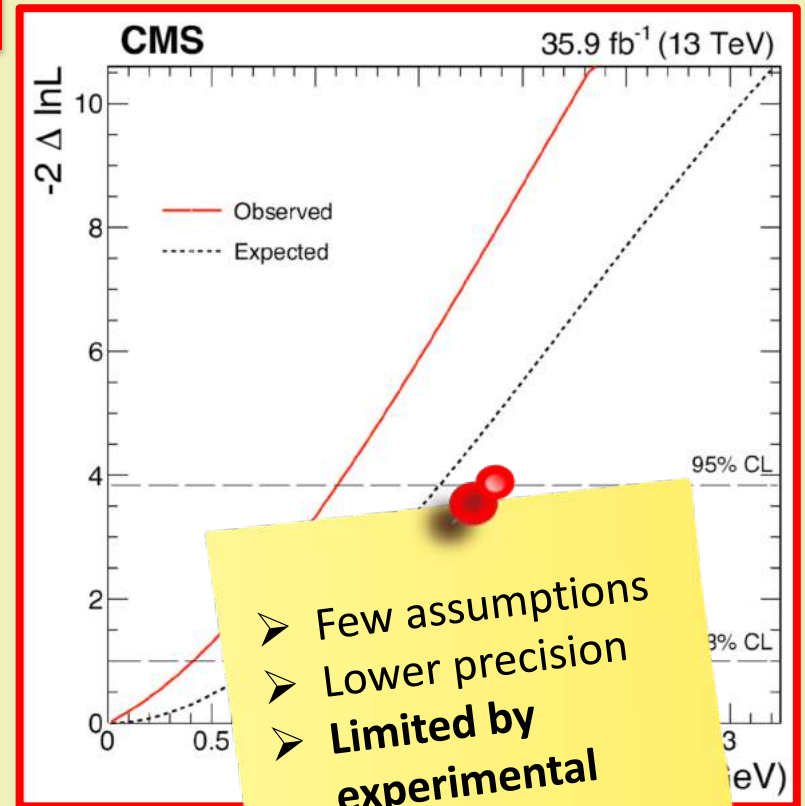
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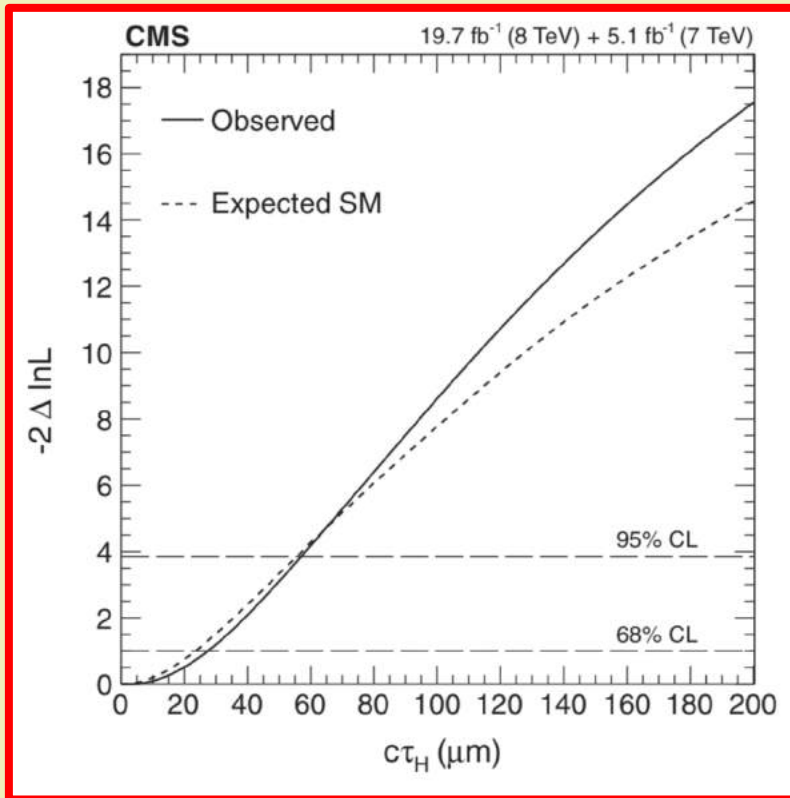
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# Direct strategies

## From the lifetime



- Using the Higgs lifetime we can set a direct lower bound
- $\Gamma_H = \hbar / \tau_H$  with  $c\tau_H = 48$  fm
  - Far away from the exper. sensitivity of  $\sim 10$   $\mu\text{m}$
- $H \rightarrow 4l$  ideal channel to extract the lifetime using the **flight distance**
  - Displacement between the production and decay vertices

CMS Run1:  $c\tau_H < 57$   $\mu\text{m} \rightarrow \Gamma_H > 3.5 \cdot 10^{-3}$  eV at 95% CL



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- Direct and **indirect strategies** have been considered
  - From the on-shell mass peak
  - From the lifetime
  - From couplings
    - From off-shell to on-shell production ...**Best proxy to-date!**



# Sometimes it's just a matter of bon-ton!

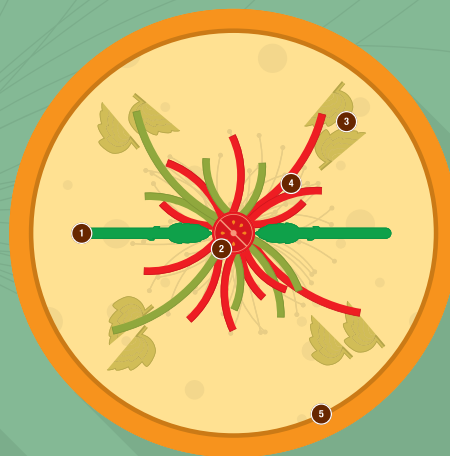
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### What's happening on my Vegetarian pizza?

A two asparagus (proton-proton) collision produces a juicy Higgs boson (cherry tomato) decaying into four high-energy peppers producing a tasty signal in the artichoke (muon) chambers and a lot of charged (red and green peppers) particles that are detected in the pizza (detector) entirely covered with mozzarella sensors.



-  Asparagus  
Proton
-  Cherry tomato  
Higgs boson
-  Artichoke  
Muon
-  Pepper  
Charged particles
-  Cheese  
Detector

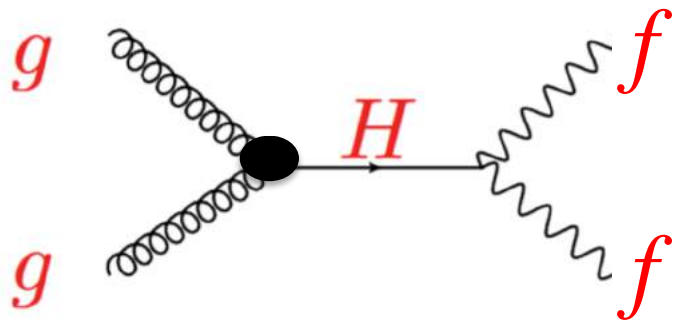
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$gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 2l2\nu$   
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# On-shell Higgs production

- Constraints on the total Higgs boson width,  $\Gamma_H$ , can be determined using the relative on-shell and off-shell production
- Let's consider the ggF production:



## Production cross section

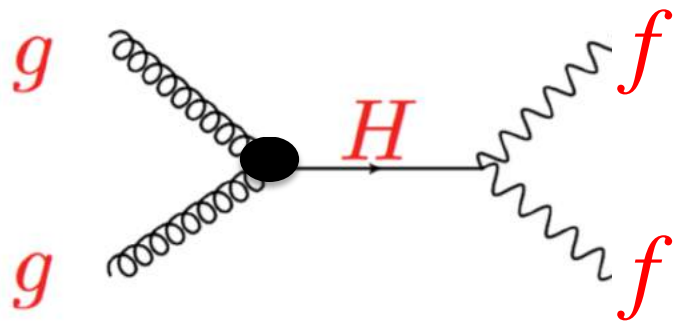
$$\frac{d\sigma_{gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow ff}}{dm^2} \sim \frac{g_i^2 g_f^2}{(m^2 - m_H^2)^2 + m_H^2 \Gamma_H^2}$$

- On-shell production  $\sigma_{gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow ff}^{on-shell} \sim \frac{g_i^2 g_f^2}{m_H \Gamma_H}$
- No way to measure the Higgs couplings and width separately



# Off-shell Higgs production

➤ Why off-shell production?



Production cross section

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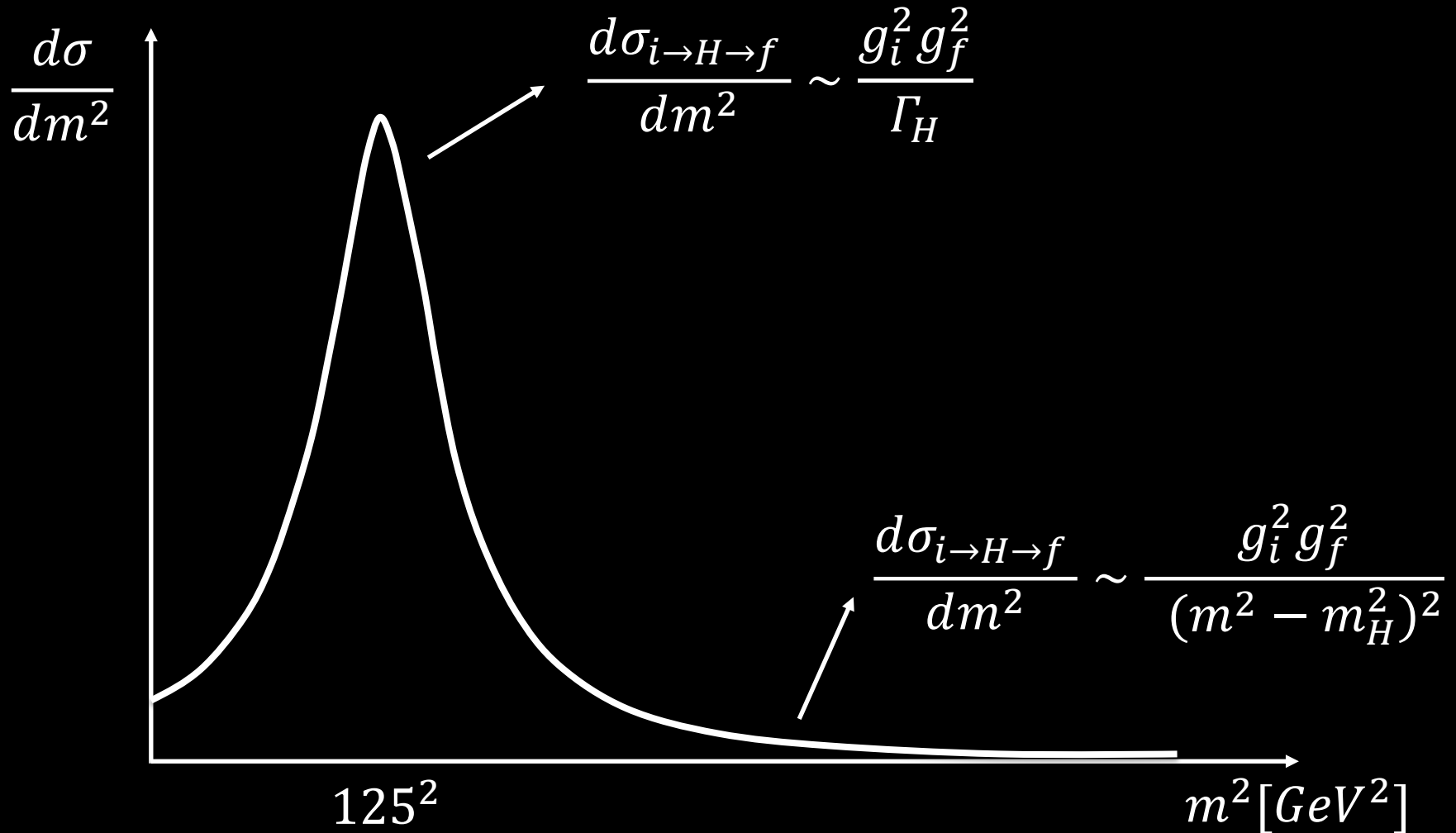
➤ Off-shell production (for  $m > 2m_Z$ )  $\sigma_{gg \rightarrow H^* \rightarrow ff}^{off-shell} \sim \frac{g_i^2 g_f^2}{(m^2 - m_H^2)^2}$

- **Width-independent: width-couplings ambiguity resolved**
- Unfortunately, the off-shell contribution is expected to be extremely small ...



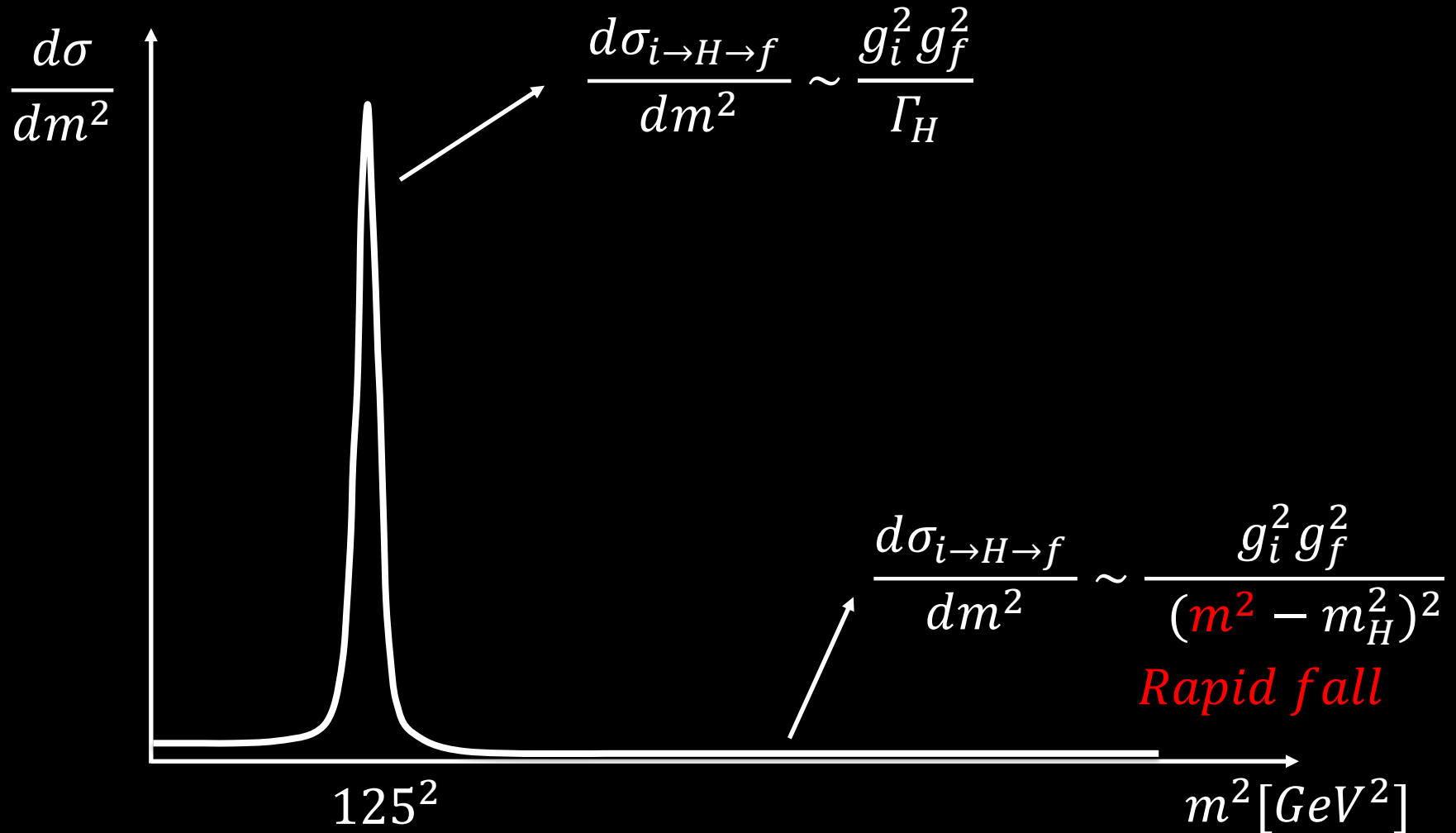


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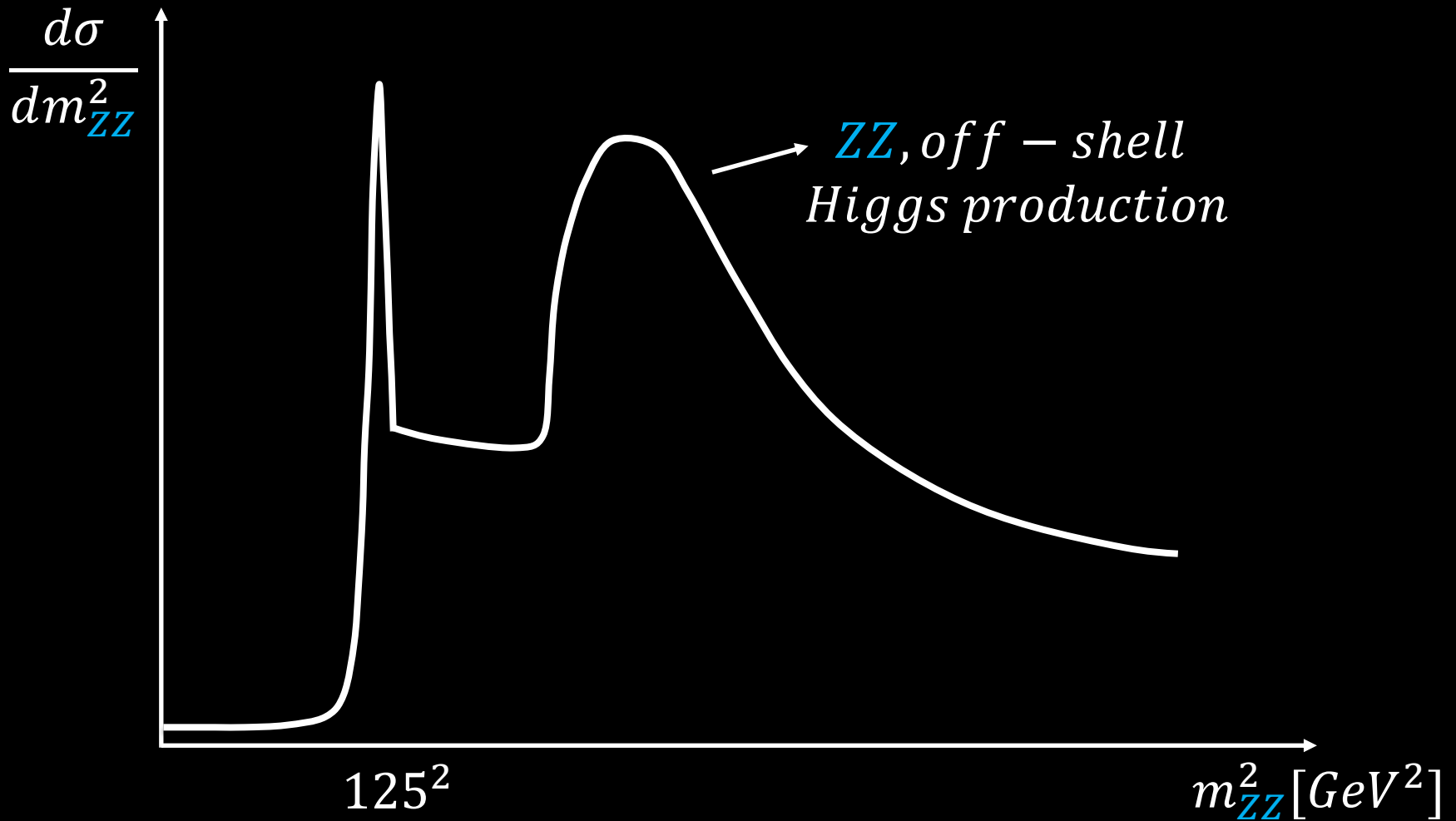


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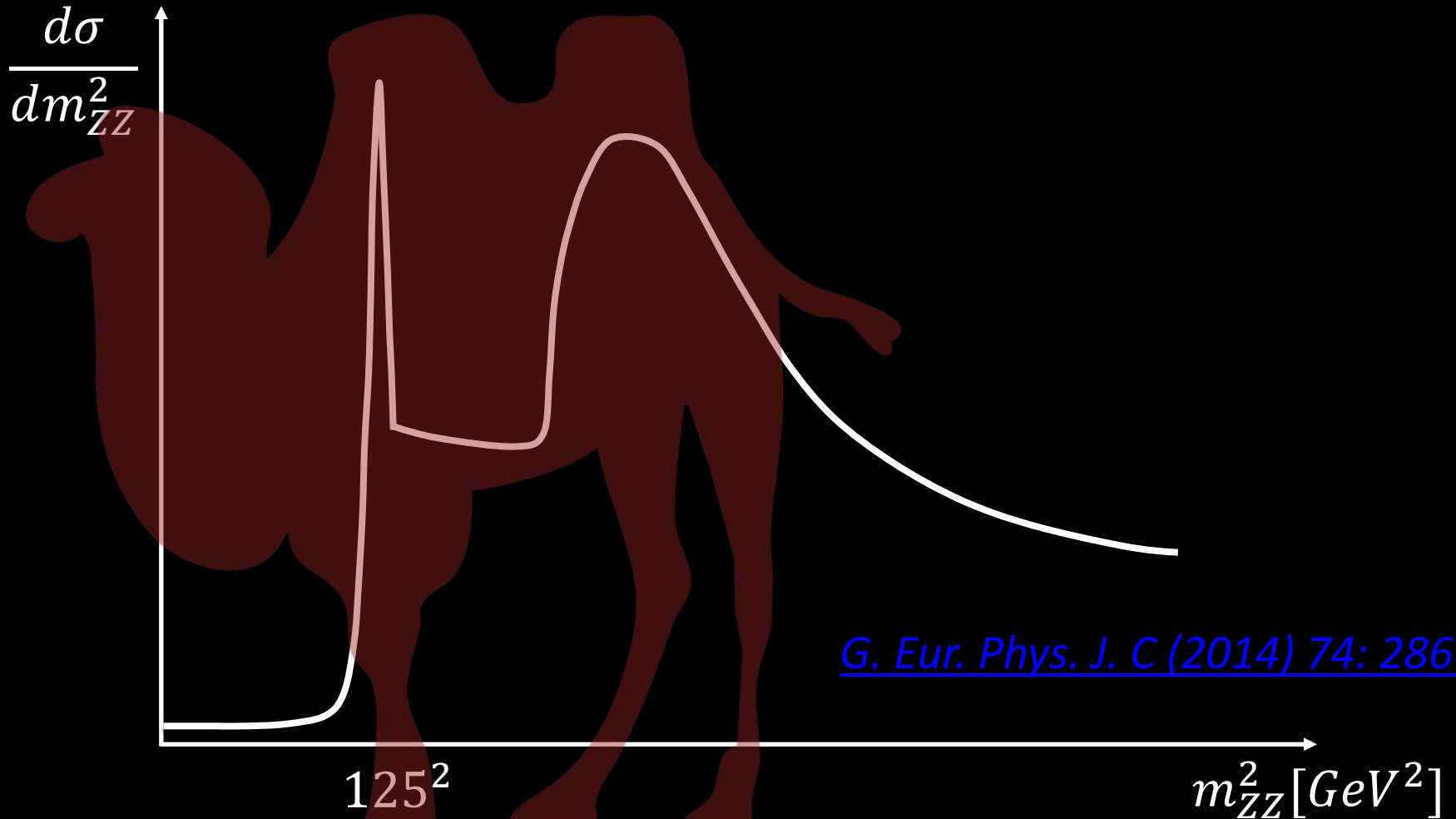
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# A camel-shaped mass-line

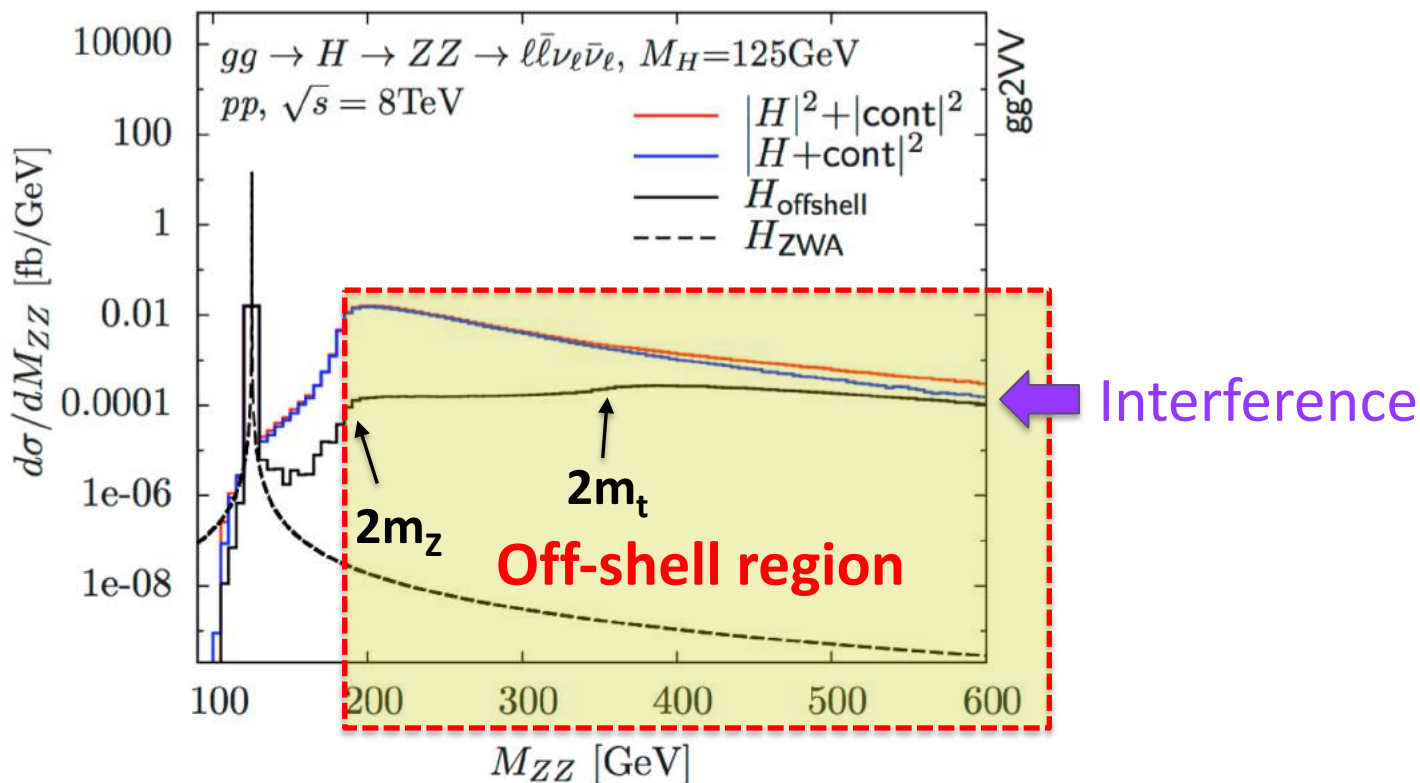
*There is so much physics in a camel hump!*



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# Once upon a paper ...

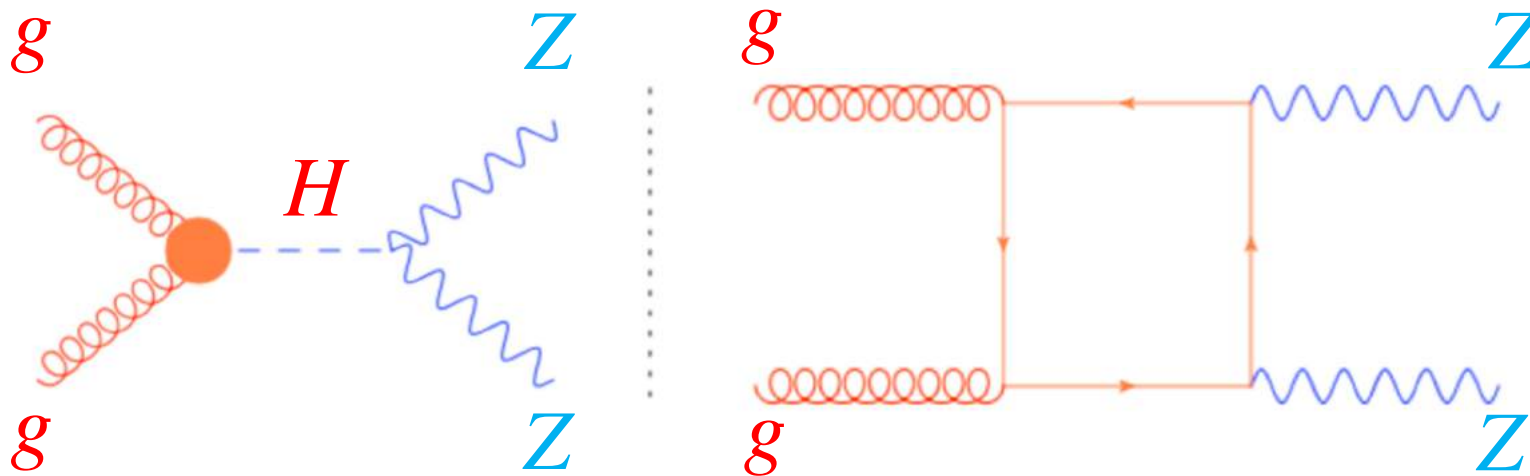


- In 2013 [Kauer](#) and Passarino pointed out that a significant enhancement in the off-shell production exists with two jumps
  - at the  $ZZ$  – *threshold*
  - at the  $\bar{t}t$  – *threshold*



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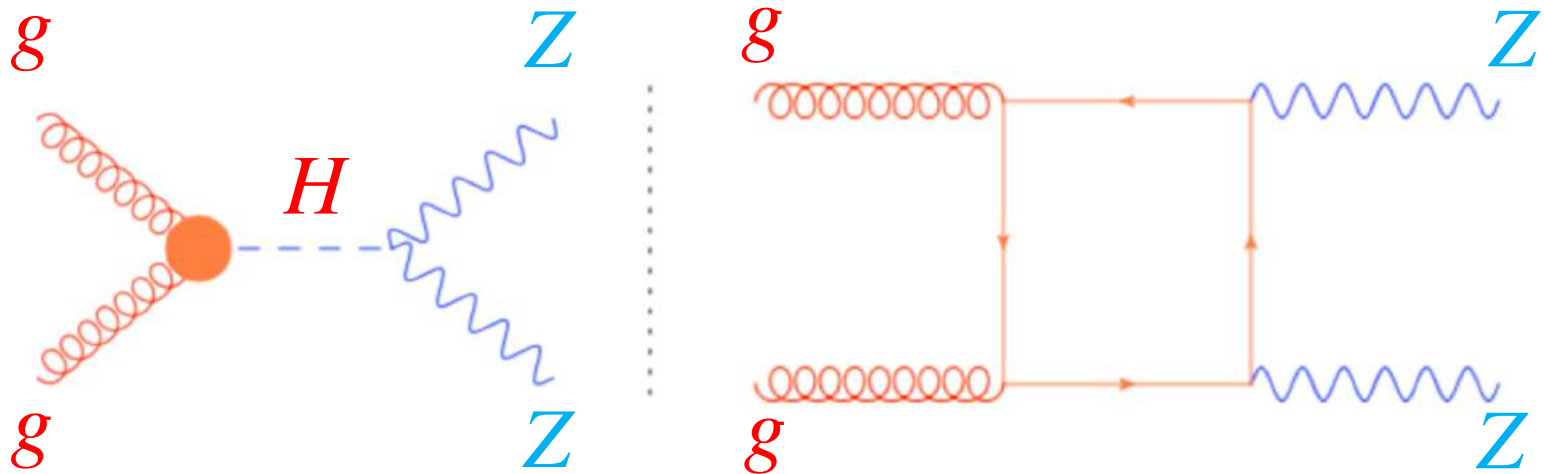


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$\sim \mu_{off-shell}$ 
 $\sim \sqrt{\mu_{off-shell}}$





# Analysis idea

- Using the relative on-shell and off-shell production, we can indirectly constrain the Higgs boson total width

$$\mu_{off-shell}^{ggF} = \frac{\sigma_{off-shell}^{ggF}}{\sigma_{off-shell, SM}^{ggF}} = k_{g,off-shell}^2 \cdot k_{V,off-shell}^2$$

$$\mu_{on-shell}^{ggF} = \frac{\sigma_{on-shell}^{ggF}}{\sigma_{on-shell, SM}^{ggF}} = \frac{k_{g,on-shell}^2 \cdot k_{V,on-shell}^2}{\frac{\Gamma_H}{\Gamma_H^{SM}}}$$

$$\frac{\mu_{off-shell}}{\mu_{on-shell}} = \frac{\Gamma_H}{\Gamma_H^{SM}}$$

From an independent analysis



- This strategy is assuming identical on-shell and off-shell couplings
  - No new physics alters the Higgs couplings in the off-shell regime

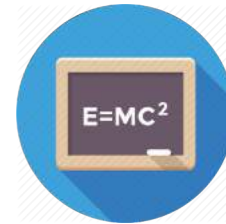
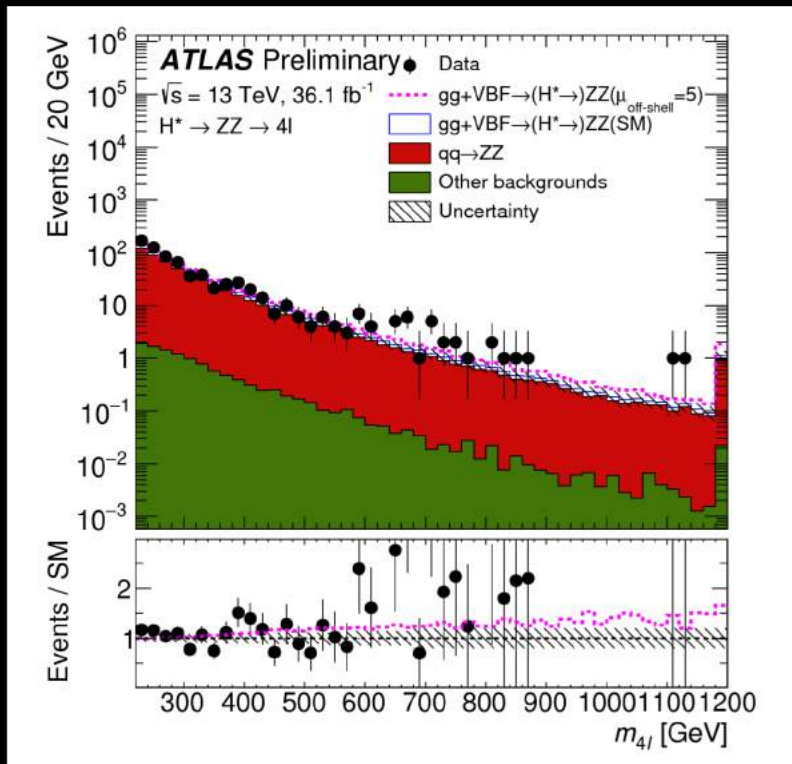


# Analysis strategy

- Two decay channels,  $H^* \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$  and  $H^* \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 2l2v$
- Analysis performed inclusively, ggF+VBF

$220 < m_{4l} < 2000 \text{ GeV}$

ATLAS 4l invariant mass



## Theory Corr.

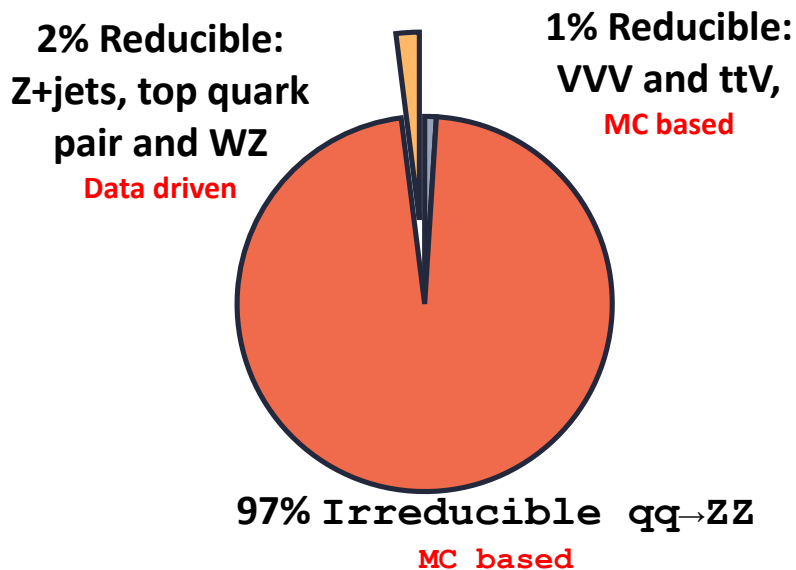
- NLO corrections finally available for Interference and background for  $gg \rightarrow (H^*) \rightarrow ZZ$  as a function of  $m(ZZ)$
- Significant improvement w.r.t. the Run-1 results, still leading systematics at 20%



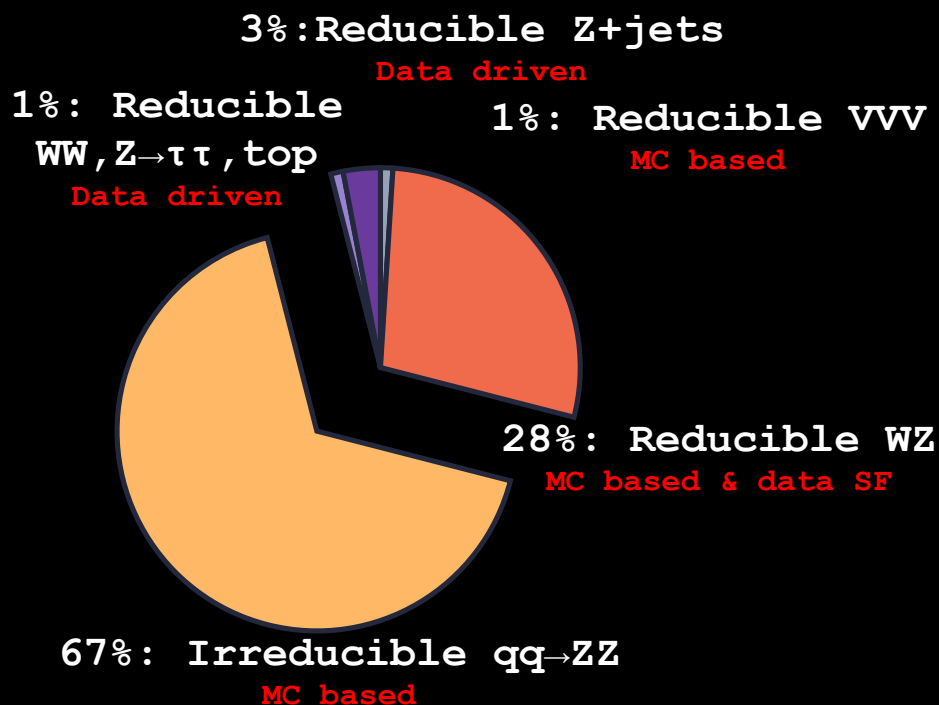
# Background contributions

- In both the channels, the leading background is  $qq \rightarrow ZZ$

## Background composition in $4l$



## Background composition in $2l2\nu$

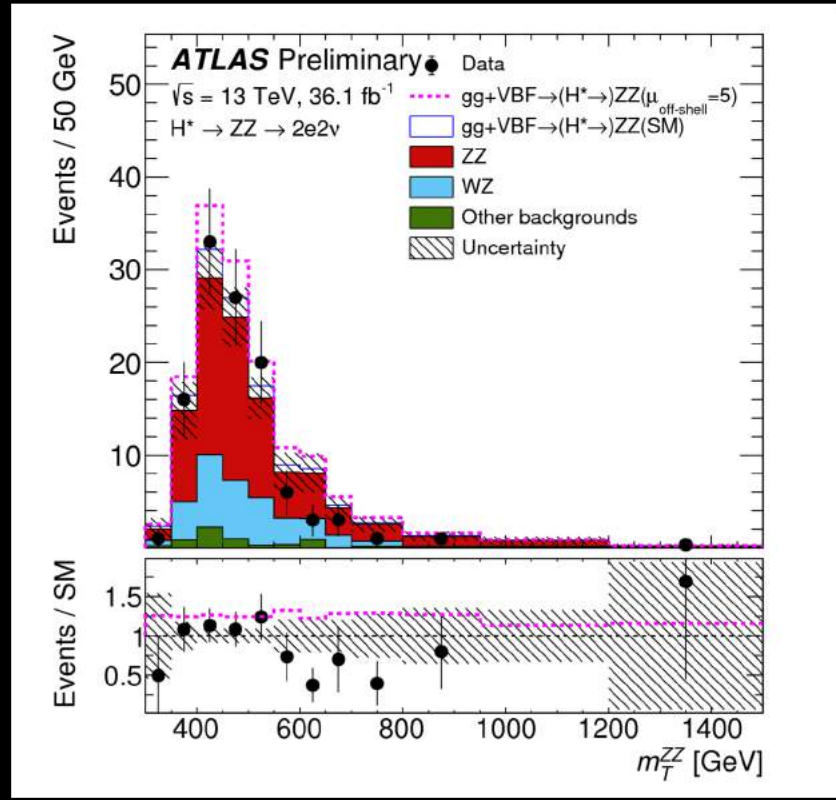




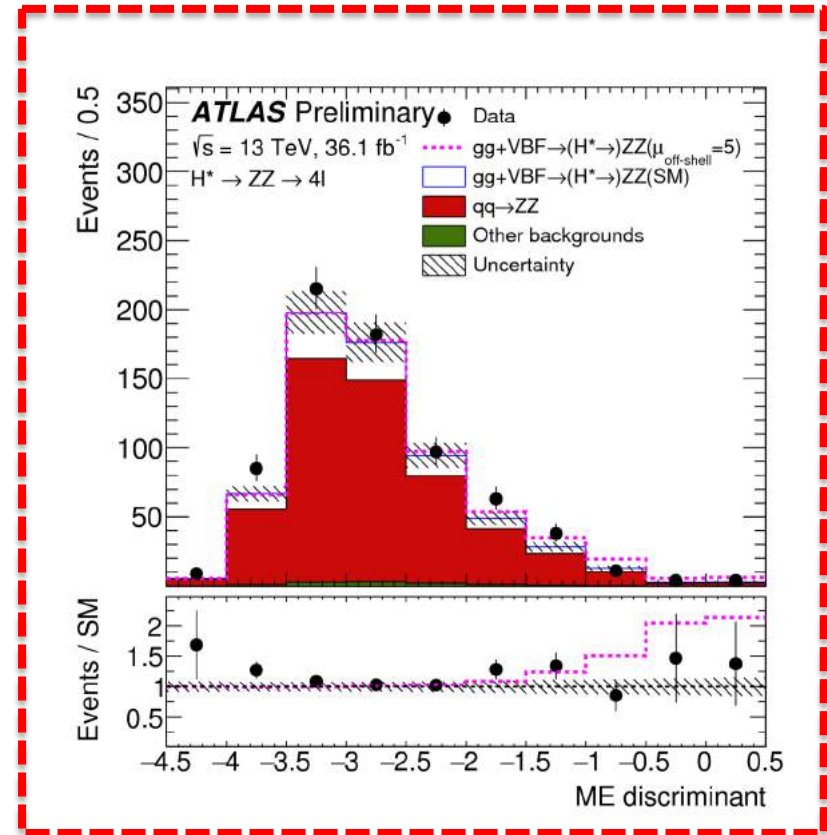
# Discriminants

- Maximum likelihood fit to the Matrix-Element (ME) based discriminant distribution (4l) and the transverse-mass,  $m_T(ZZ)$ , distribution (2l2v)

2e2v discriminant



4l discriminant





# Analysis combination

➤ Two-step strategy:

1

## *Off-shell signal strength constraints*

➤ Combination of the 2l2v and 4l channel fixing the ratio of the signal strength in ggF and VBF to the SM

$$\text{prediction: } \frac{\mu_{off-shell}^{ggF}}{\mu_{off-shell}^{VBF}} = 1$$

2

## *Higgs boson total width constraints*

➤ Combination with the on-shell result assuming the same

- on-shell signal strength in VBF and ggF:  $\frac{\mu_{on-shell}^{ggF}}{\mu_{on-shell}^{VBF}} = 1$
- on-shell and off-shell couplings

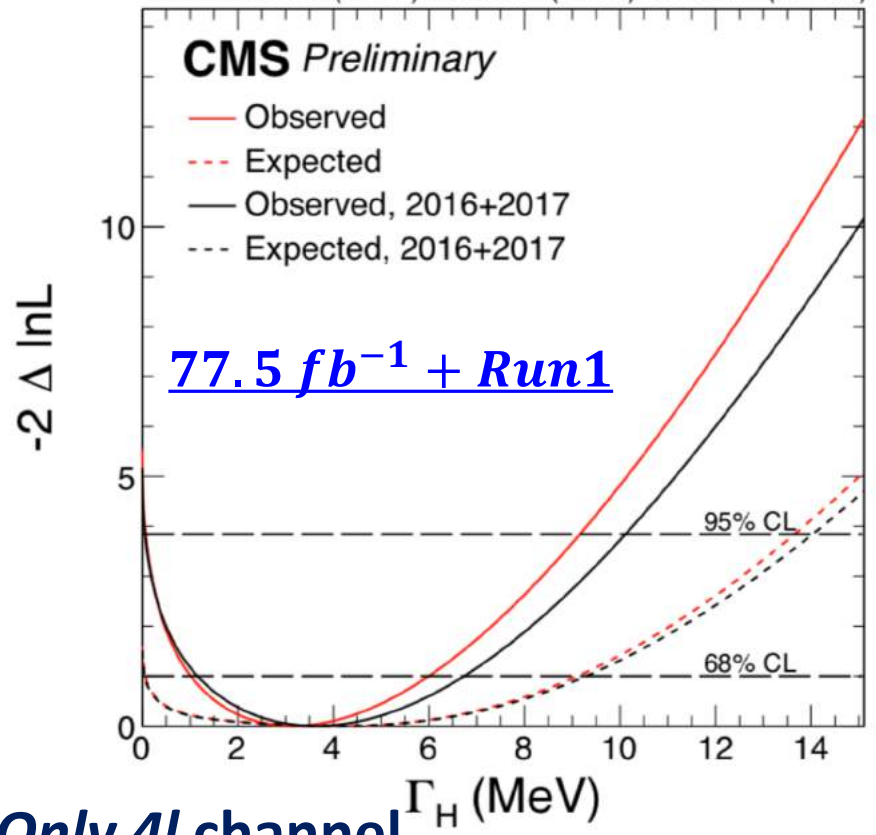


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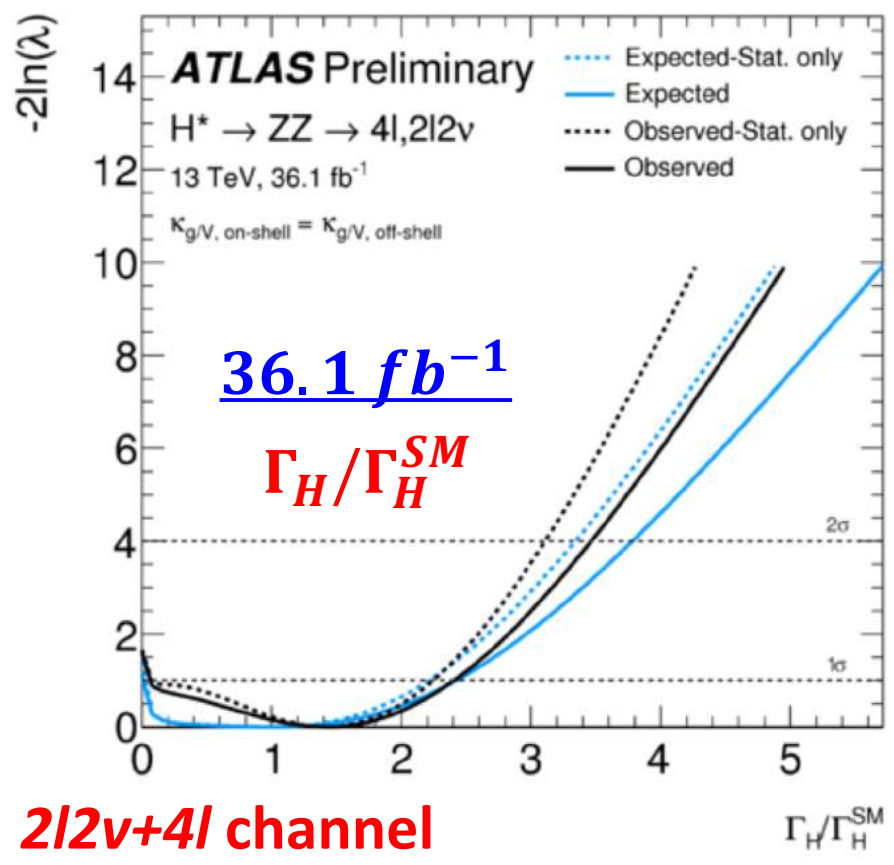
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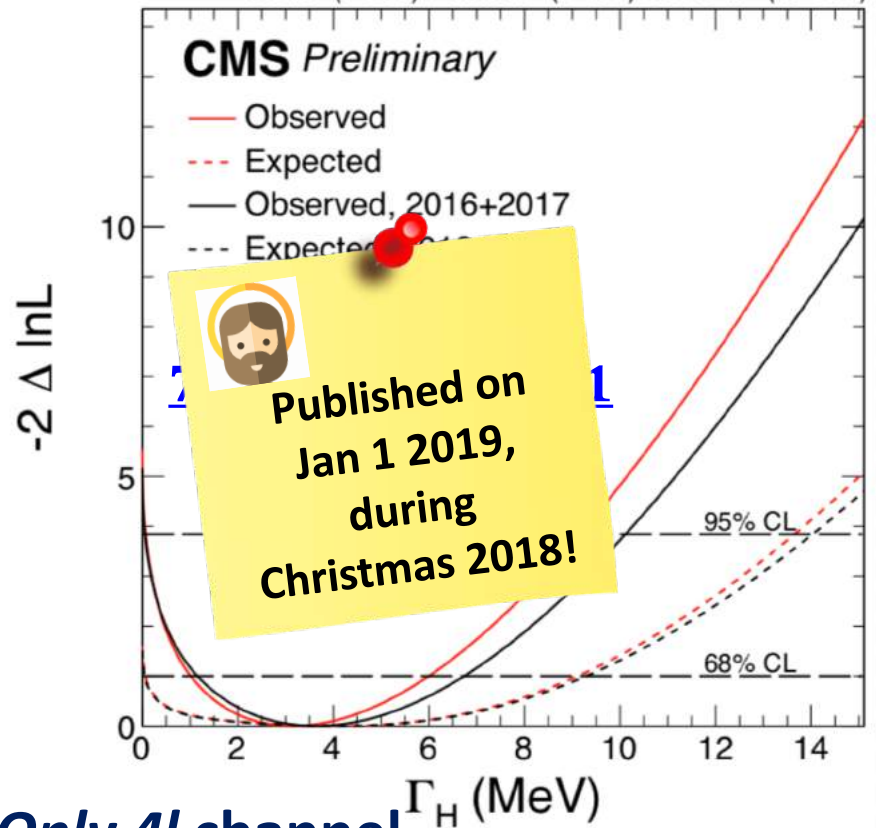


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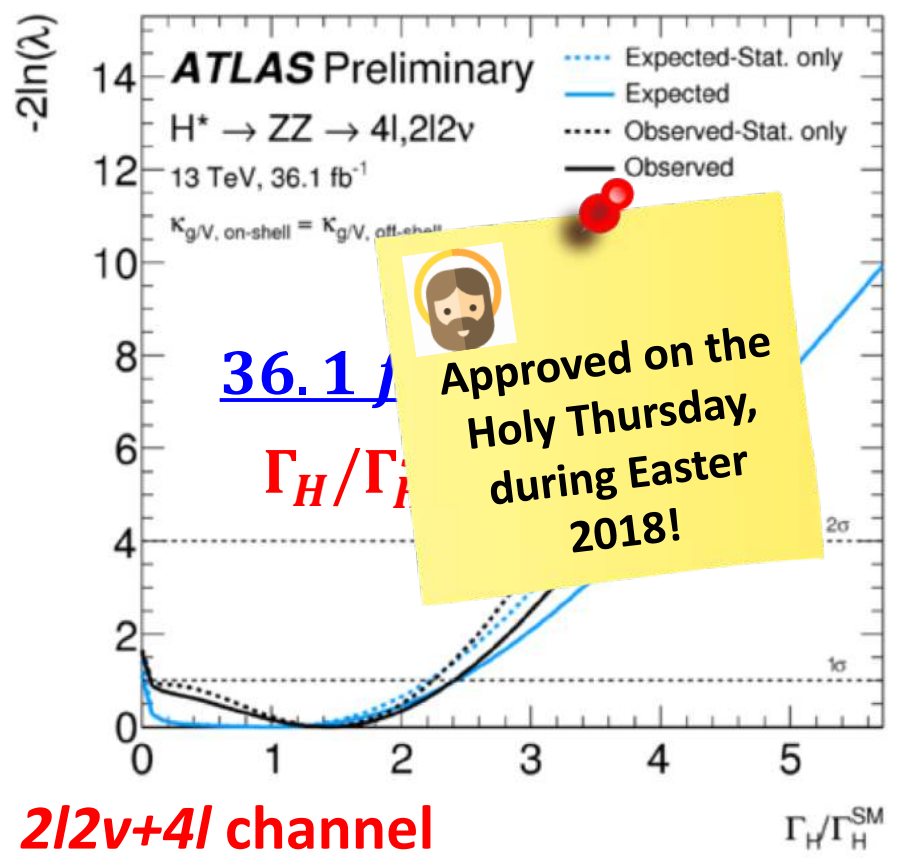
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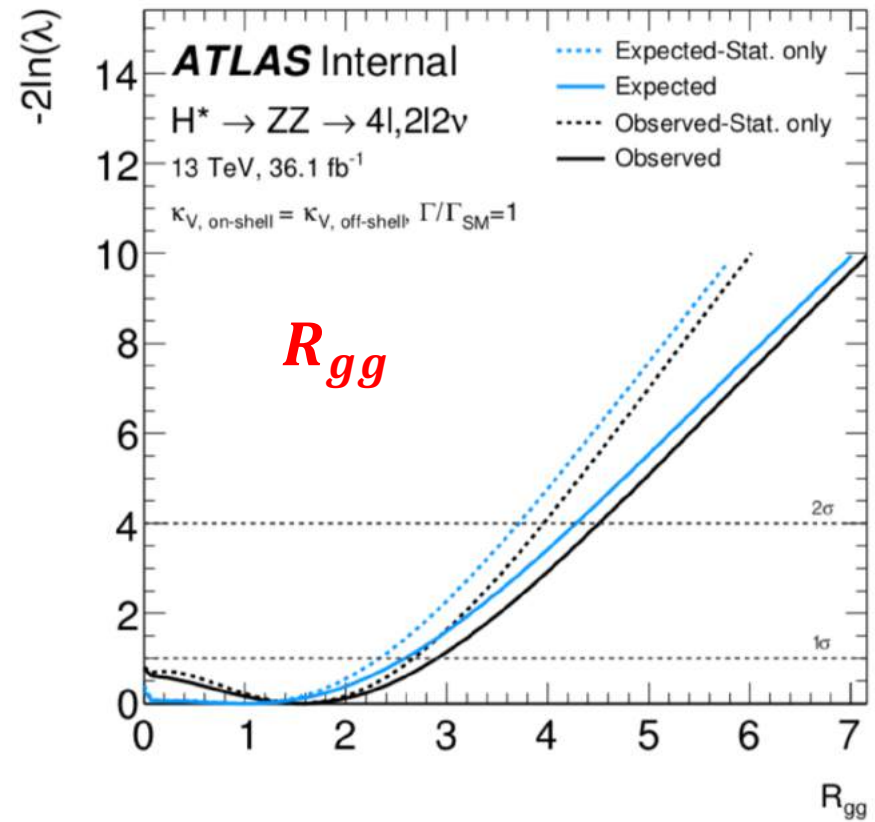
➤ In a second combination, ATLAS considers a  $gg$ -interpretation of the results

➤ The parameter of interest is

$$R_{gg} = \frac{k_{g,off-shell}^2}{k_{g,on-shell}^2}$$

➤ The total width is assumed to be the SM prediction

➤ We are assuming the same on-shell and off-shell coupling scale factors  $k_V$





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- At ILC the accuracy achievable is 1.7%

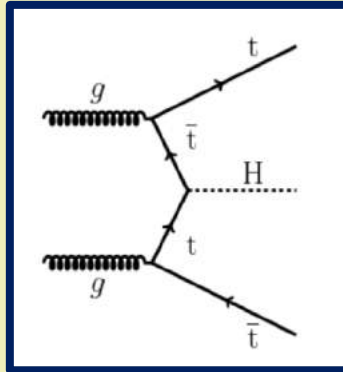


# Back-up

# Higgs couplings



## DIRECT PROBES *at tree level*

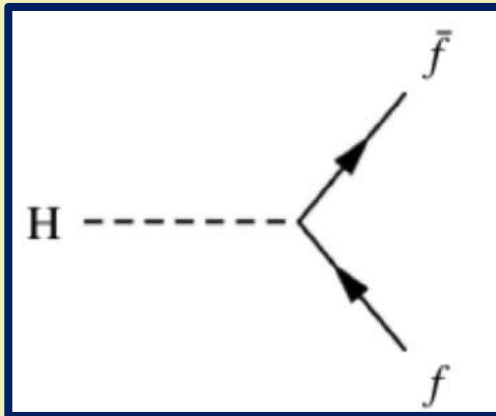


ttH

Different

generations:

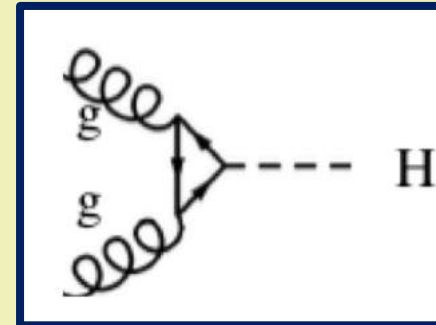
- Leptons
- Up-type quarks
- Down-type quarks



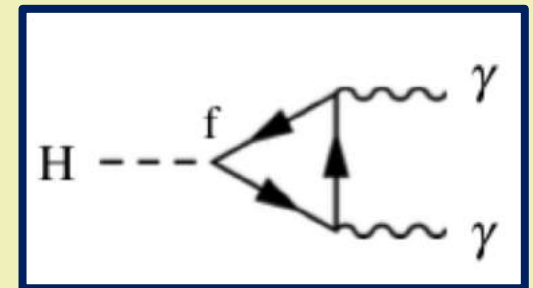
## INDIRECT PROBES



## *via loop diagrams*

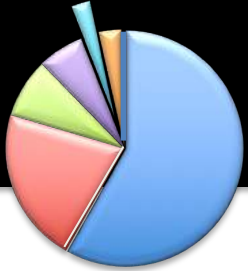


gluons



photons





# Higgs boson mass in the 4l channel

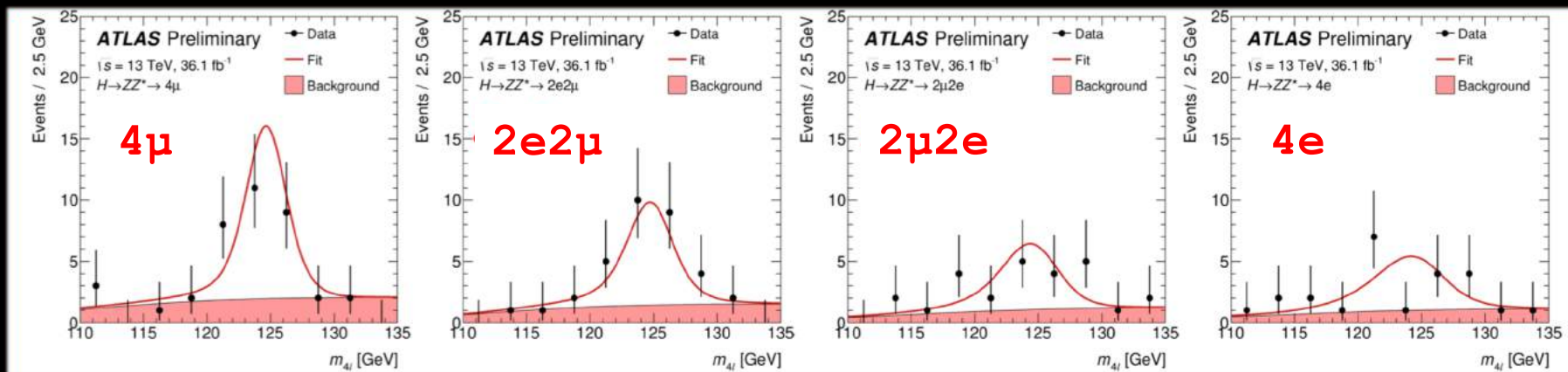
- Event selection and categorization as in other  $HZZ^*$  analyses:  
2 same-flavour opposite-sign leptons organized in 4 categories  
 **$4\mu, 2e2\mu, 2\mu 2e$  and  $4e$**

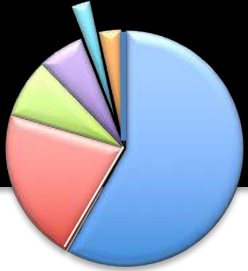


Strategy:  $BDT(p_T^{4l}, \eta^{4l}, \mathcal{D}_{ZZ^*})$  to distinguish  $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$  from  $ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$ , (dominant background) with  $\mathcal{D}_{ZZ^*} = \log |m_{H \rightarrow ZZ^*}| / |m_{ZZ^*}|$

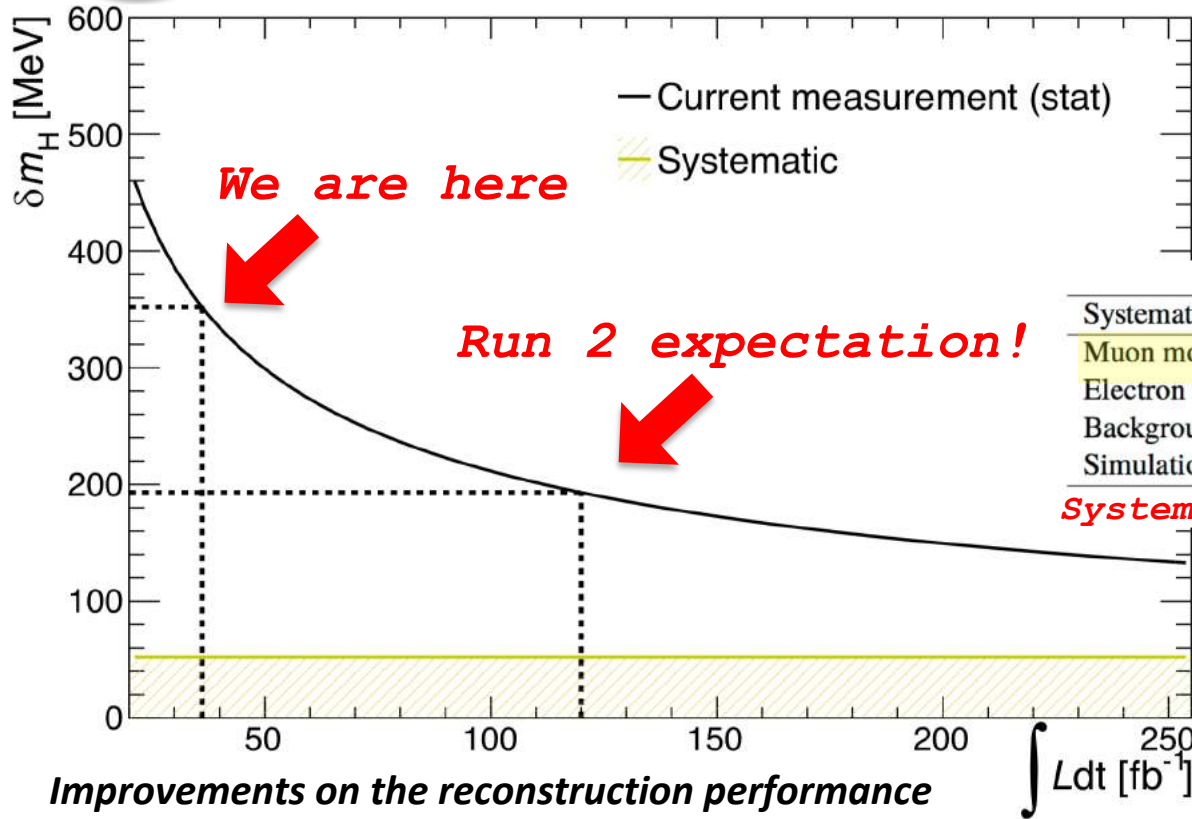
- Higgs boson mass determined from a simultaneous profile likelihood fit to 16 data categories:

4 final states  $\times$  4 BDT bins





# Higgs boson mass: Run-2 prospects



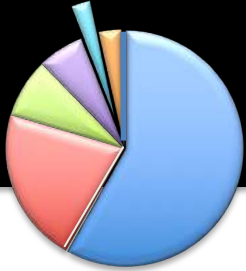
Systematic effect	Uncertainty on $m_H^{ZZ^*}$ [MeV]
Muon momentum scale	40
Electron energy scale	20
Background modelling	10
Simulation statistics	8

*Systematics breakdown (2015-2016)*

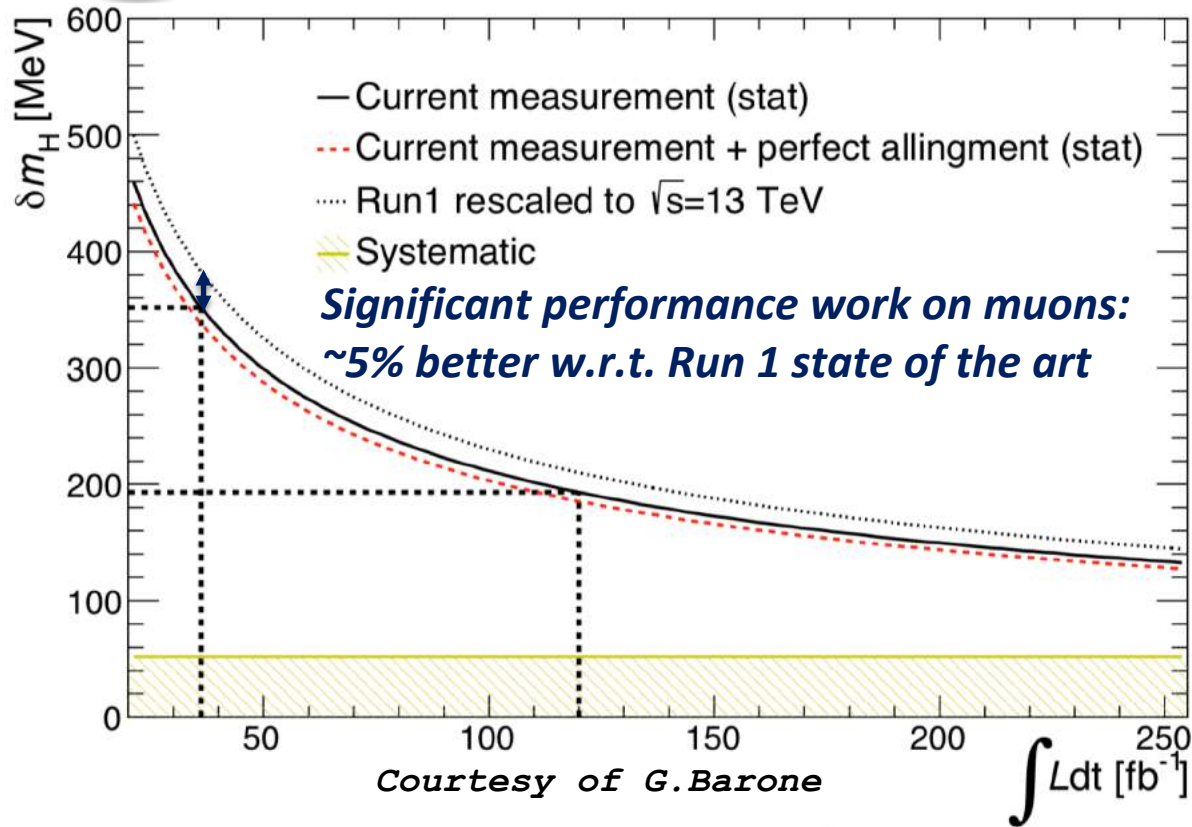
*Improvements on the reconstruction performance of muons/electrons*

$$\delta m_H = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{N_{Sig} \text{ events}}}$$

- Statistically limited
- $\delta m_H$  scales linearly with resolution improvements

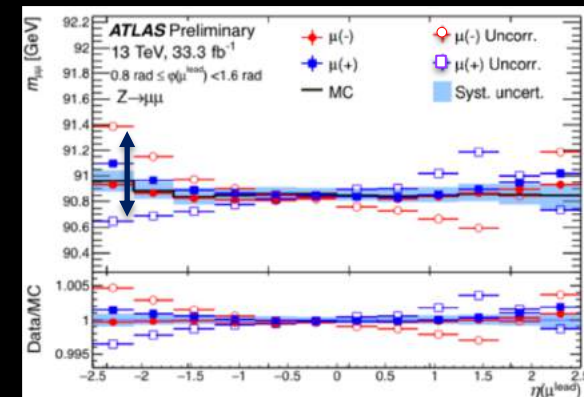
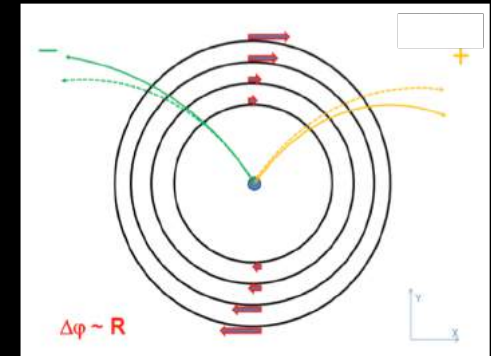


# Higgs boson mass: performances



## ID DISTORTIONS

*ID Deformations induce local scale biases and degrade resolution in a charge asymmetric way*

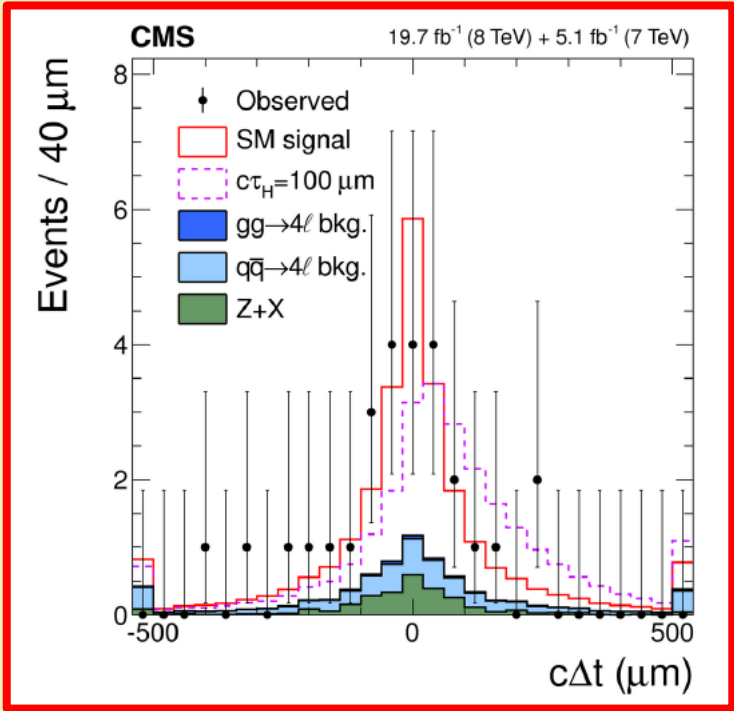


Key to precise Higgs boson mass measurement is the calibration of the ATLAS detector



# Direct strategies

## From the lifetime



➤ Using the Higgs lifetime we can set a direct lower bound

➤ 
$$\Delta t = \frac{m_{4l}}{p_T} (\Delta \vec{r}_t \cdot \widehat{p}_T) \rightarrow$$

➤ 
$$\langle \Delta t \rangle = \tau_H = \hbar / \Gamma_H$$

Lifetime of each H candidate

- $\Delta \vec{r}_t$  Displacement between the production and decay vertices in the transverse plane

➤ Observables:

$$\Delta t \text{ and } D_{bkg} (m_{4l} \text{ and } D^{kin})$$



# Indirect strategies: from couplings

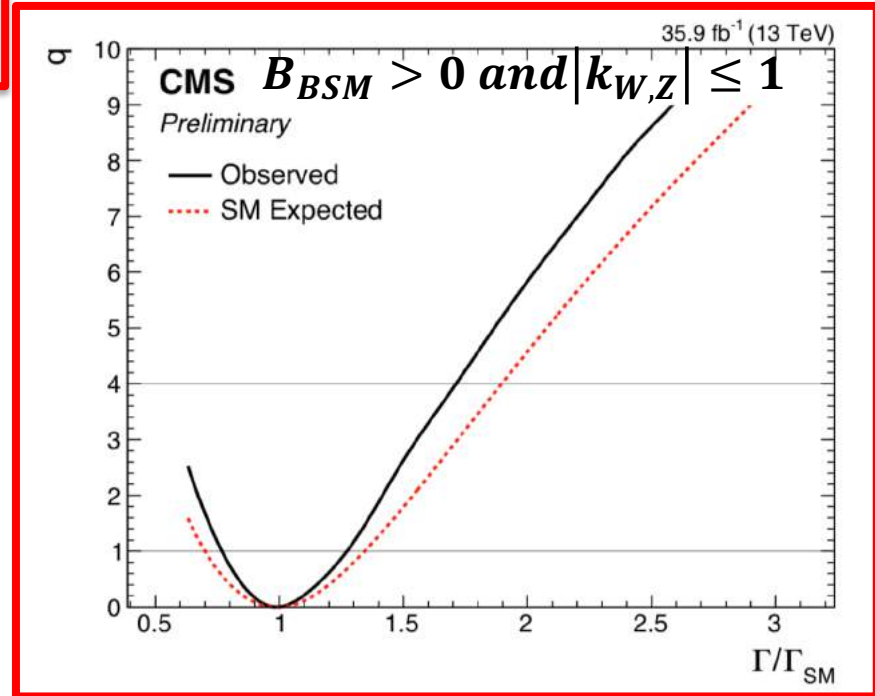
➤ Using the [coupling analysis framework](#) we can constrain  $\Gamma_H$ :

$$\Gamma_i = \Gamma_i^{SM} \cdot k_i^2 \text{ and so } \Gamma_H = \frac{k_H^2 \cdot \Gamma_H^{SM}}{1 - B_{BSM}}$$

Two possible interpretations:

- $B_{BSM} = 0$
- $B_{BSM} > 0 \text{ and } |k_{W,Z}| \leq 1$

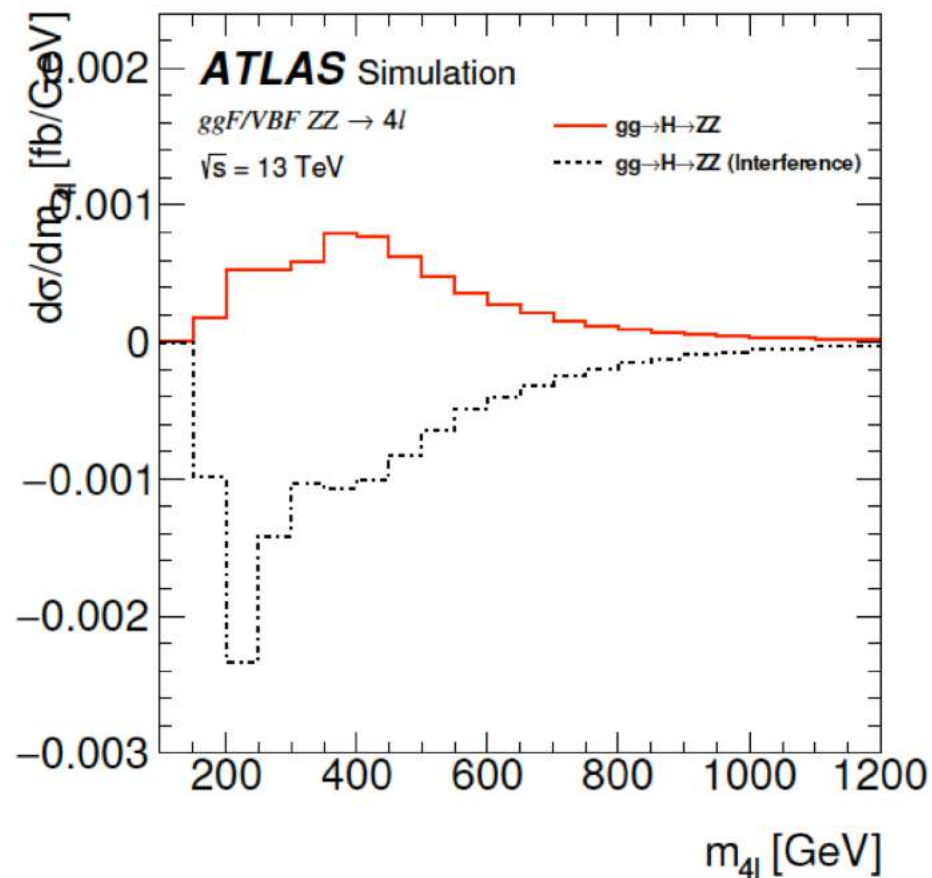
Production	Loops	Interference	Effective scaling factor	Resolved scaling factor
$\sigma(\text{ggH})$	✓	b-t	$\kappa_g^2$	$1.04 \cdot \kappa_t^2 + 0.002 \cdot \kappa_b^2 - 0.038 \cdot \kappa_t \kappa_b$
$\sigma(\text{VBF})$	-	-	-	$0.73 \cdot \kappa_W^2 + 0.27 \cdot \kappa_Z^2$
$\sigma(\text{WH})$	-	-	-	$\kappa_W^2$
$\sigma(\text{qq/qg} \rightarrow \text{ZH})$	-	-	-	$\kappa_Z^2$
$\sigma(\text{gg} \rightarrow \text{ZH})$	✓	Z-t	-	$2.46 \cdot \kappa_t^2 + 0.47 \cdot \kappa_b^2 - 1.94 \cdot \kappa_t \kappa_b$
$\sigma(\text{ttH})$	-	-	-	$\kappa_t^2$
$\sigma(\text{gb} \rightarrow \text{WtH})$	-	W-t	-	$2.91 \cdot \kappa_t^2 + 2.40 \cdot \kappa_b^2 - 4.22 \cdot \kappa_t \kappa_W$
$\sigma(\text{qb} \rightarrow \text{tHq})$	-	W-t	-	$2.63 \cdot \kappa_t^2 + 3.58 \cdot \kappa_b^2 - 5.21 \cdot \kappa_t \kappa_W$
$\sigma(\text{bbH})$	-	-	-	$\kappa_b^2$
Partial decay width				
$\Gamma_{ZZ}$	-	-	-	$\kappa_Z^2$
$\Gamma_{WW}$	-	-	-	$\kappa_W^2$
$\Gamma_{\tau\tau}$	✓	W-t	$\kappa_\tau^2$	$1.59 \cdot \kappa_W^2 + 0.07 \cdot \kappa_t^2 - 0.67 \cdot \kappa_W \kappa_t$
$\Gamma_{\mu\mu}$	-	-	-	$\kappa_\mu^2$
$\Gamma_{bb}$	-	-	-	$\kappa_b^2$
Total width for $\text{BR}_{\text{BSM}} = 0$				
$\Gamma_H$	✓	-	$\kappa_H^2$	$0.58 \cdot \kappa_b^2 + 0.22 \cdot \kappa_W^2 + 0.08 \cdot \kappa_g^2 + 0.06 \cdot \kappa_t^2 + 0.026 \cdot \kappa_Z^2 + 0.029 \cdot \kappa_\tau^2 + 0.0023 \cdot \kappa_t^2 + 0.0015 \cdot \kappa_Z^2 + 0.00025 \cdot \kappa_t^2 + 0.00022 \cdot \kappa_b^2$





# Interference

- Negative contribution of the interference term







# Off-shell: analysis selection

## 4l channel

Event Selection	
QUADRUPLET SELECTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Require at least one quadruplet of leptons consisting of two pairs of same-flavour opposite-charge leptons fulfilling the following requirements:</li> <li>- <math>p_T</math> thresholds for three leading leptons in the quadruplet: 20, 15 and 10 GeV</li> <li>- Maximum one calo-tagged or stand-alone muon or silicon-associated forward per quadruplet</li> <li>- Select best quadruplet (per channel) to be the one with the (sub)leading dilepton mass (second) closest the Z mass</li> <li>- Leading di-lepton mass requirement: <math>50 &lt; m_{12} &lt; 106</math> GeV</li> <li>- Sub-leading di-lepton mass requirement: <math>12 &lt; m_{34} &lt; 115</math> GeV</li> <li>- <math>\Delta R(\ell, \ell') &gt; 0.10</math> (0.20) for all same (different) flavour leptons in the quadruplet</li> <li>- Remove quadruplet if alternative same-flavour opposite-charge di-lepton gives <math>m_{\ell\ell} &lt; 5</math> GeV</li> </ul>
ISOLATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Contribution from the other leptons of the quadruplet is subtracted</li> <li>- Muon track isolation (<math>\Delta R \leq 0.30</math>): <math>\Sigma p_T/p_T &lt; 0.15</math></li> <li>- Muon calorimeter isolation (<math>\Delta R = 0.20</math>): <math>\Sigma E_T/p_T &lt; 0.30</math></li> <li>- Electron track isolation (<math>\Delta R \leq 0.20</math>): <math>\Sigma E_T/E_T &lt; 0.15</math></li> <li>- Electron calorimeter isolation (<math>\Delta R = 0.20</math>): <math>\Sigma E_T/E_T &lt; 0.20</math></li> </ul>
IMPACT PARAMETER SIGNIFICANCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Apply impact parameter significance cut to all leptons of the quadruplet</li> <li>- For electrons: <math>d_0/\sigma_{d_0} &lt; 5</math></li> <li>- For muons: <math>d_0/\sigma_{d_0} &lt; 3</math></li> </ul>
VERTEX SELECTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Require a common vertex for the leptons:</li> <li>- <math>\chi^2/\text{ndof} &lt; 6</math> for <math>4\mu</math> and <math>&lt; 9</math> for others.</li> </ul>

## 2l2v channel

Event Selection
Two same flavour opposite-sign leptons ( $e^+e^-$ OR $\mu^+\mu^-$ )
Veto of any additional lepton with Loose ID and $p_T > 7$ GeV
$76 < M_{\ell\ell} < 106$ GeV
$E_T^{miss} > 175$ GeV
$\Delta R_{\ell\ell} < 1.8$
$\Delta\phi(Z, E_T^{miss}) > 2.7$
Fractional $p_T$ difference $< 0.2$
$\Delta\phi(\text{jet}(p_T > 100 \text{ GeV}), E_T^{miss}) > 0.4$
$E_T^{miss}/H_T > 0.33$
b-jet veto



# Off-shell: analysis strategy in 4l

- On-shell event selection used as a baseline in the **off-peak region**:  
 $220 \text{ GeV} < m_{4l} < 2000 \text{ GeV}$

- Shape fit to ME(Matrix Element)-based kinematic discriminant:

$$ME = \log_{10} \left( \frac{P_H}{P_{gg} + c \cdot P_{q\bar{q}}} \right)$$

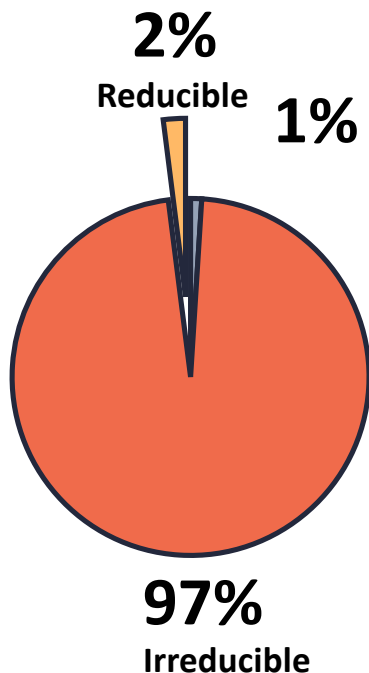
ME is based on 8 variables which defines the event kinematics in the centre-of-mass frame of the  $4l$ -system

- $P_H =$  matrix element for on-shell  $gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$
- $P_{qq} =$  matrix element for  $qq \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$
- $P_{gg} =$  matrix element for  $gg \rightarrow H^* \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$
- $c = 0.1$ , empirical constant





# Irreducible background in 4l



## ➤ *qq* → *ZZ* background

1. Simulated with Sherpa 2.2.2(0, 1 jets at NLO, 2, 3 jet at LO)
2. NNPDF3.0 NNLO PDF set, Sherpa PS with MePs at NLO prescription
3. NLO EW corrections applied as a function of  $m_{ZZ}$

### **Systematic uncertainties**

1. *Theoretical*: QCD scale variation (10% in high mass), PDF variation (2%), additional syst. on EW correction (<2%)
2. *Experimental*: mainly from lepton reconstruction efficiency (few percent)

## ➤ *gg* → *ZZ* background

1. Simulated with Sherpa 2.2.2, merging with Sherpa PS using MePs at NLO prescription
2. Normalisation from MCFM with NLO or NNLO QCD corrections applied

### **Systematic uncertainties**

1. *Theoretical*: From QCD HO corrections (20%), PDF variation (2%)
2. *Experimental*: negligible

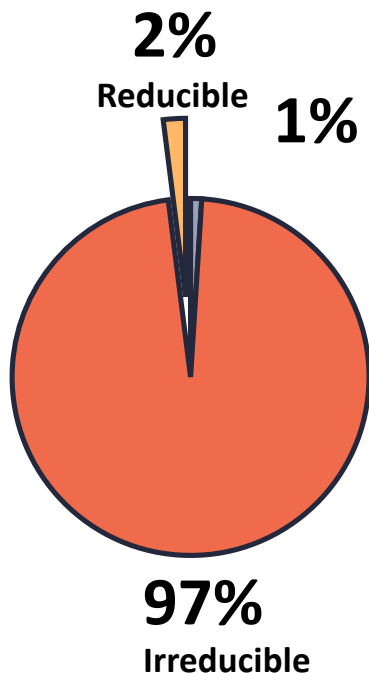
## ➤ Predictions are checked using two data Control Regions:

*RegionA*:  $160 \text{ GeV} < m_{4l} < 220 \text{ GeV}$  and *RegionB*:  $220 \text{ GeV} < m_{4l} < 1200 \text{ GeV}$  and  $ME < -1.5$

## ➤ Overall good agreement with data $1.1\sigma$ above expectations



# Reducible background in 4l



- Data-driven estimation
  - except for tribosons and  $t\bar{t}$  contributions
- Contributions from  **$Z$ +jets (light and heavy flavour jets),  $t\bar{t}$  and  $WZ$**  processes, entering the SR due to fake and non-isolated leptons
- **$Z + ee$ : misidentified electrons from light jets, photon conversion or heavy quark**
  - Background yields from data and shape from MC
- **$Z + \mu\mu$ : non prompt muons from  $t\bar{t}$  and  $Z$  decays**
  - Normalised in data and shape from MC

Analysis channel	Estimated reducible background events
4e	$1.14 \pm 0.18$
2e2 $\mu$	$1.49 \pm 0.19$
4 $\mu$	$0.42 \pm 0.04$



# Off-shell: analysis strategy in 2l2v

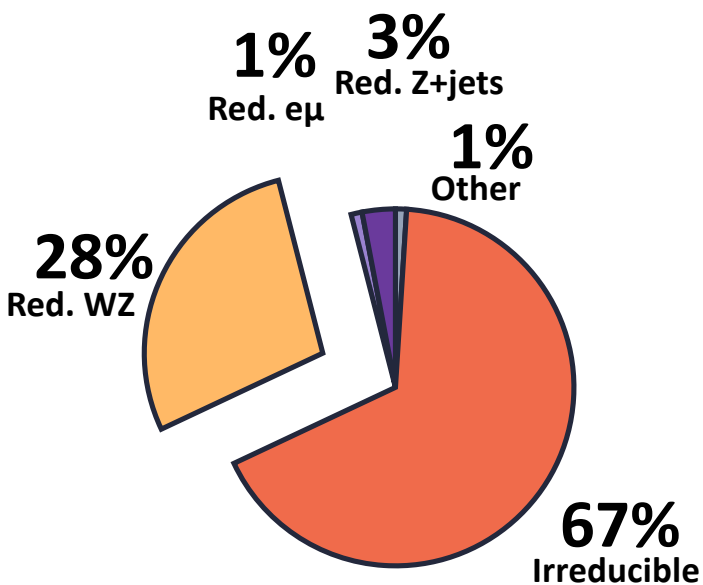
- High-Mass- $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow ll\nu\nu$ -analysis event selection used as baseline in the off-peak region with further re-optimisation :
  - MET cut  $120 \text{ GeV} \rightarrow 175 \text{ GeV}$
  - MET/ $H_T$  cut  $0.4 \rightarrow 0.33$  with  $H_T$  scalar sum of lepton and jet  $p_T$

- Shape fit to the transverse mass  $m_T(ZZ)$  distribution

$$(m_T^{ZZ})^2 = \left( \sqrt{m_Z^2 + |p_T^{ll}|^2} + \sqrt{m_Z^2 + |E_T^{miss}|^2} - \left| \vec{p}_T^{ll} + \vec{E}_T^{miss} \right|^2 \right)$$



# Irreducible background in 2l2v



## ➤ $qq \rightarrow ZZ$ background

1. Simulated with Sherpa 2.2.2(0, 1 jets at NLO, 2, 3 jet at LO)
2. NNPDF3.0 NNLO PDF set, Sherpa PS with MePs at NLO prescription
3. NLO EW corrections applied as a function of  $m_{ZZ}$

### **Systematic uncertainties**

1. *Theoretical:* QCD scale variation (10% in high mass), PDF variation (2%), additional syst. on EW correction (<2%)
2. *Experimental:* mainly from lepton reconstruction efficiency (3,4%) and JER(3%)

## ➤ $gg \rightarrow ZZ$ background

1. Simulated with Sherpa 2.2.2, merging with Sherpa PS using MePs at NLO prescription
2. Normalisation from MCFM with NLO or NNLO QCD corrections applied

### **Systematic uncertainties**

1. *Theoretical:* From QCD HO corrections(20%), PDF variation (2%)
2. *Experimental:* negligible



# Reducible background in 2l2v: WZ

- $WZ, W \rightarrow l\nu, Z \rightarrow ll$  is the second leading background
- Third lepton not reconstructed or outside the acceptance, hadronic  $\tau$  decays contribution
- Normalised to data from a 3l Control Region
  - MC prediction corrected with a normalisation factor
- MET shape from simulation

## 3l Control Region

- $ee, \mu\mu$  + additional  $e, \mu$  with  $p_T > 7 \text{ GeV}$
- $m_{ll} \sim m_Z$  as in SR
- $m_T(W) > 60 \text{ GeV}$
- non - WZ background subtracted from data

$$N_{WZ,data}^{2\ell SR} = N_{WZ,MC}^{2\ell CR} \cdot \frac{N_{WZ,data}^{3\ell CR}}{N_{WZ,MC}^{3\ell CR}} = N_{WZ,data}^{3\ell CR} \cdot \frac{N_{WZ,MC}^{2\ell SR}}{N_{WZ,MC}^{3\ell CR}}$$

NF      CR→SR transfer factor

**1.29 ± 0.03 (stat.)**

systematics on TF assessed from  
 1) QCD/PDF variations (negligible)  
 2) exp. uncertainties (~4%)

$ee$	$32.76 \pm 1.30 \pm 1.62$
$\mu\mu$	$34.94 \pm 1.36 \pm 1.73$



# Reducible background in 2l2v: $e\mu$

- Contribution of  $t\bar{t}$ ,  $WW$ ,  $Z\tau\tau$  and  $Wt$  events
  - estimated from  $e\mu$  events by exploiting the flavour symmetry  $ee : \mu\mu : e\mu = 1 : 1 : 2$
- Data driven estimate with MC shape
- Due to lack of statistics, we release MET cut down to 120 GeV, Loose Control Region

$$N_{ee}^{SR} = \frac{1}{2} \times \epsilon \times N_{e\mu}^{data,sub} \quad N_{\mu\mu}^{SR} = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{\epsilon} \times N_{e\mu}^{data,sub} \quad \text{where} \quad N_{e\mu}^{data,sub} = N_{e\mu}^{data} - \sum_i^{non-e\mu} N_i^{MC}$$

$$\epsilon^2 = \frac{N_{ee}}{N_{\mu\mu}} \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} \epsilon \text{ accounts for } e/\mu \\ \text{difference in} \\ \text{trigger/reconstruction/} \\ \text{ID efficiency} \end{array} \right.$$

- Since it was introduced a Loose CR, the  $m_T(ZZ)$  shape was extrapolated to the SR through a  $m_T$ -Transfer Function

Data Estimate	Binned ( $p_T, \eta$ )
$N_{ee}$	$1.3 \pm 0.5 \pm 0.5$
$N_{\mu\mu}$	$1.3 \pm 0.5 \pm 0.5$

Systematics breakdown

	MC closure	shape	Transfer Function	Total
$ee$	12%	10%	38%	41%
$\mu\mu$	12%	10%	38%	41%



# Reducible background in 2l2v: Z+jets

- $Z + jets$  background has no real MET
  1. Events passing the ll+MET selection due to jets mismeasurements
  2. Data driven estimate (expected at 2-3%)
- Normalisation taken from data CR, built inverting MET/HT cut
- Extrapolation to SR through MC-based transfer factor
- Due to low statistics, shape is taken from MC, but DD shape extracted and used to assess shape systematic

$$N_{SR}^{est} = N_{CR}^{data} \times \underbrace{\frac{N_{SR}^{MC}}{N_{CR}^{MC}}}_{\text{Transfer Factor}} = N_{CR}^{data} \times \underbrace{\left( \frac{N_{SR}^{MC}}{N_{SR-\Delta\phi(jet, MET)-bveto}^{MC}} \right)}_{\text{Acceptance Factor}} \frac{1}{N_{CR}^{MC}}$$

➔

Channel	Sideband estimate	MC expected
$ee$	$4.3 \pm 1.9(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.8(\text{sys.})$	$3.0 \pm 1.2(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.4(\text{sys.})$
$\mu\mu$	$1.7 \pm 0.8(\text{stat.}) \pm 1.1(\text{sys.})$	$1.8 \pm 0.7(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.6(\text{sys.})$



# On- Off- shell: combination

➤ Determination of  $\mu_{off-shell}$  when fixing the ratio of the signal strength in ggF and VBF to the SM prediction:  $\frac{\mu_{off-shell}^{ggF}}{\mu_{off-shell}^{VBF}} = 1$

- We can define the coupling ratios

$$R_{gg} = \frac{k_{g,off-shell}^2}{k_{g,on-shell}^2} \quad R_{VV} = \frac{k_{V,off-shell}^2}{k_{V,on-shell}^2}$$

- The relationships between the *on-* and *off-shell* signal strength are:

$$\mu_{off-shell}^{ggF} = R_{gg} \cdot R_{VV} \cdot \mu_{on-shell}^{ggF} \frac{\Gamma_H}{\Gamma_H^{SM}} \quad \mu_{off-shell}^{VBF} = R_{VV}^2 \cdot \mu_{on-shell}^{VBF} \frac{\Gamma_H}{\Gamma_H^{SM}}$$





# On- Off- shell: combination

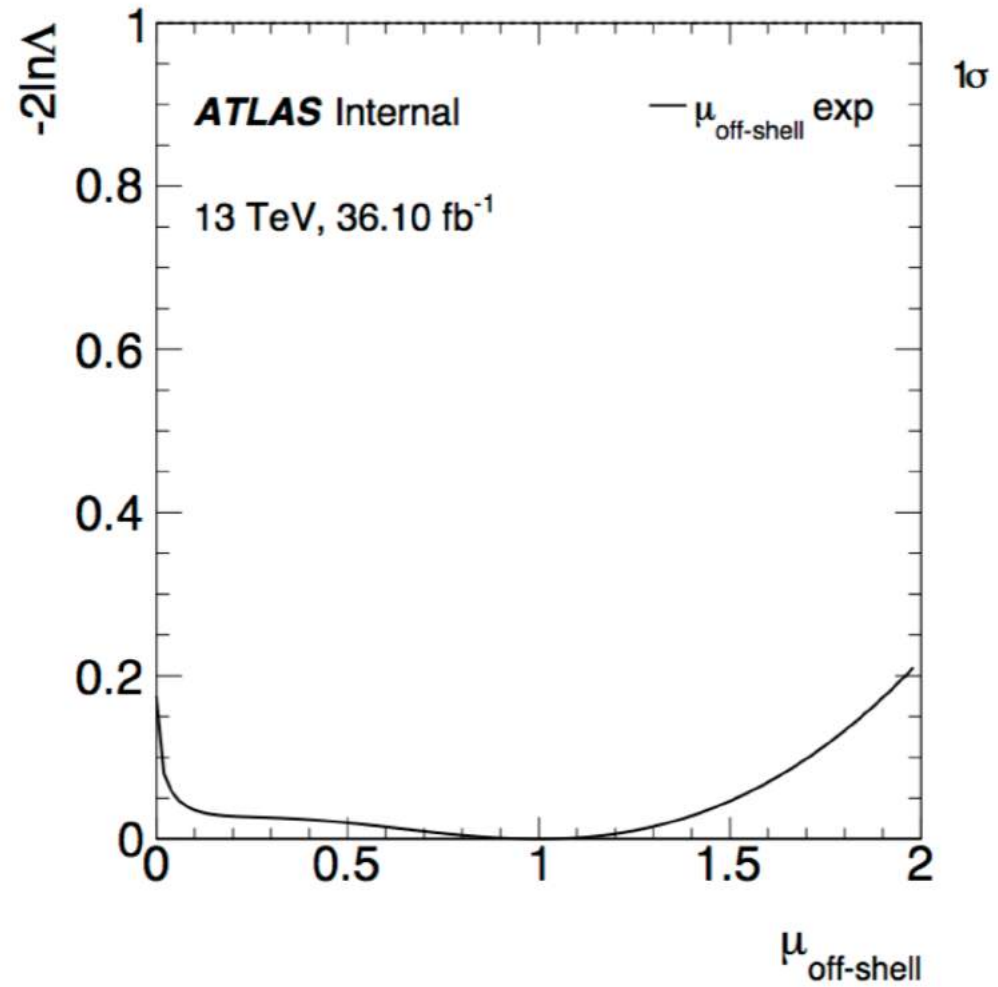
$$\mu_{off-shell}^{ggF} = R_{gg} \cdot R_{VV} \cdot \mu_{on-shell}^{ggF} \frac{\Gamma_H}{\Gamma_H^{SM}}$$

$$\mu_{off-shell}^{VBF} = R_{VV}^2 \cdot \mu_{on-shell}^{VBF} \frac{\Gamma_H}{\Gamma_H^{SM}}$$

- We can assume  $R_{gg} = 1 = R_{VV}$  and  $\mu_{on-shell}^{ggF} = \mu_{on-shell}^{VBF} = \mu_{on-shell}$
- We scan  $\frac{\Gamma_H}{\Gamma_H^{SM}}$ , our Parameter of Interest, POI
- We profile the common  $\mu_{on-shell}$



# Likelihood around 0





# Run 2 – Run 1 results

- Using the CLs method, we derive the Observed (Expected) limits at 95% C.L.

## Run-2 results: (ZZ only, 4l only for CMS)

- *ATLAS*:  $\Gamma_H < 14.4(15.2)MeV$
- *CMS*:  $\Gamma_H < 9.16(13.7)MeV$

## Run-1 results: (ZZ+WW)

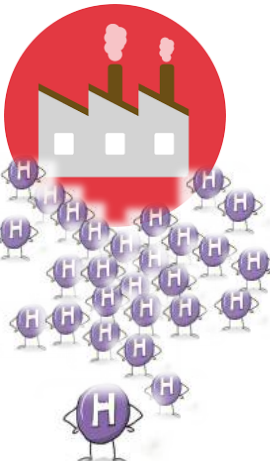
- *ATLAS*:  $\Gamma_H < 22.7(33) MeV$
- *CMS*:  $\Gamma_H < 22(33)MeV$



- Similar strategies
- More data for ATLAS:
  - $20.3 fb^{-1} \sqrt{s} = 8 TeV$  vs  $36.1 fb^{-1} \sqrt{s} = 13 TeV$
- Less assumptions on HO QCD corrections for ggZZ
  - NLO k-factors for  $gg \rightarrow (H^* \rightarrow)ZZ$  available for Signal, Background and Interference

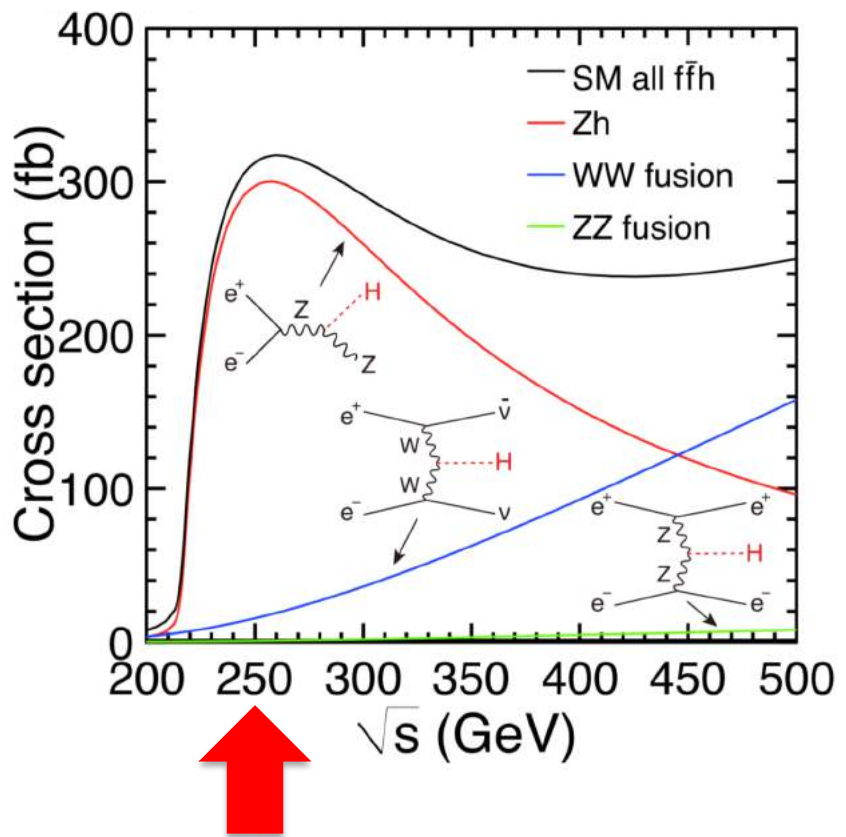


**Improvement on Run-1 expected limits by almost a factor 2 !**



# ILC: the future Higgs factory?

- At ILC the total Higgs production cross section could be measured ➡ measurement of  $\Gamma_H$
- Depending on  $\sqrt{s}$  different production modes



- The **Higgs-strahlung production is maximum at 250 GeV**
- 2000 fb<sup>-1</sup> in 20 years of data acquisition (H20 program):
  - ZH ➡ ~500 K Higgs
  - WW-fusion ➡ ~15 K Higgs

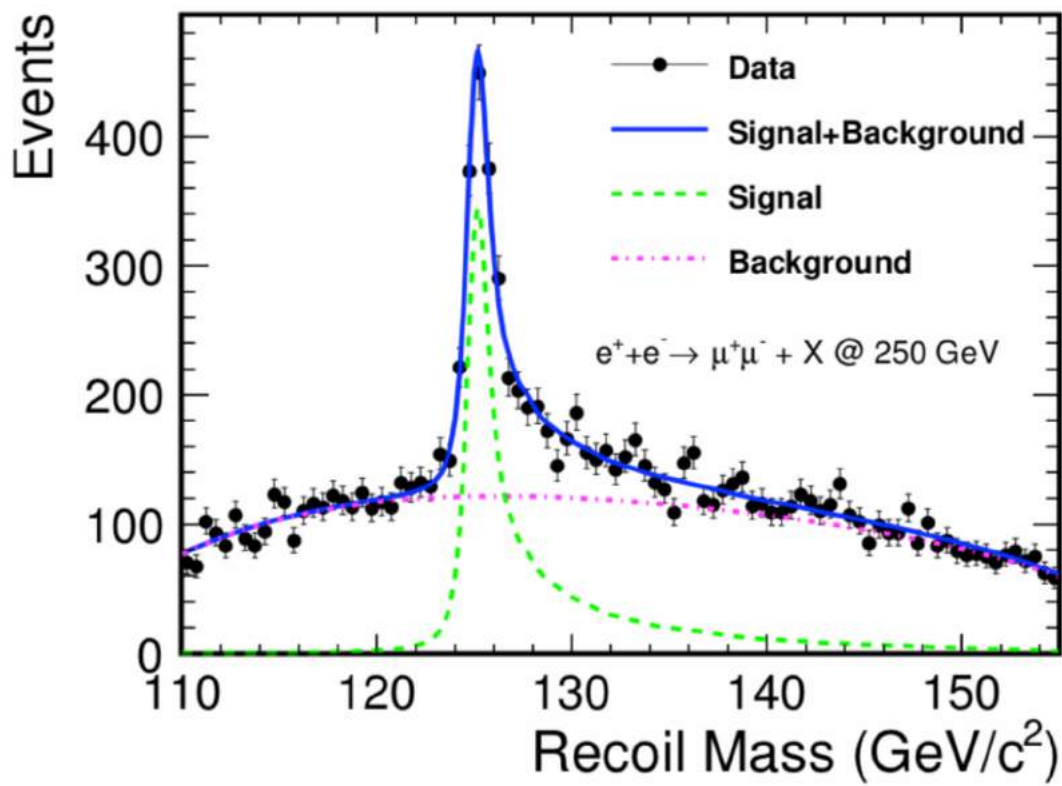
➤ ZH cross section measurable at 1.0%

➤ From the HZ sample, measurement of  $g_{HZZ}$ :  $\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow ZH) \propto g_{HZZ}^2$



# Measuring the HZ coupling at ILC

- Unique opportunity for a model-independent measurement of the HZ coupling from the recoil mass distribution in  $e^+e^- \rightarrow ZH$



$$M_{rec}^2 = (\sqrt{s} - E_{ll})^2 - |\vec{p}_{ll}|^2$$

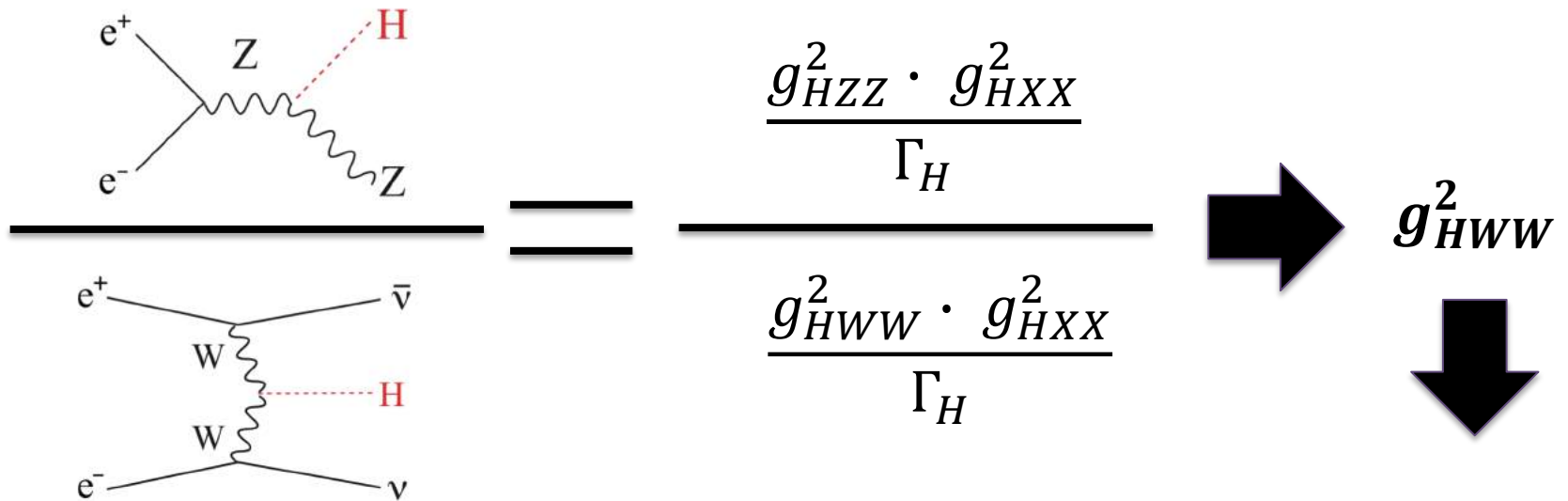
- Higgs events are tagged with the Z boson decays, independently of the Higgs decay mode
- From the HZ sample, measurement of  $g_{HZZ}$ :

$$\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow ZH) \propto g_{HZZ}^2$$



# $g_{HZZ}$ : key to the ILC scientific program

- From the ratio of the Higgs-strahlung and WW-fusion cross sections for the same exclusive Higgs boson final-state  $H \rightarrow X\bar{X}$  :



Measuring  $\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow ZH) \times BR(H \rightarrow WW^*) \propto \frac{g_{HZZ}^2 \cdot g_{HWW}^2}{\Gamma_H}$

**$\Gamma_H$**  Accuracy achievable 1.7%(ILC250+ILC500)