

# Electroweak and Higgs Physics (Theory)

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# Outline of lectures

- EW symmetry breaking within the SM
- Extension to 2 Higgs Doublet Models (2HDM)
- Kinematics of LHC events (rapidity,  $p_T$ , R separation, invariant mass, phase space)
- Higgs production and decay channels at the LHC
  
- Effective field theory (EFT) parameterization of BSM effects
- Beyond Higgs production: vector boson scattering (VBS)
- Extension of EFT for VBS: dimension 8 operators
- UV complete model(s) with fermions or scalars and their EFT
- Conclusions

# SM of particle physics: basic structure

Interactions are described by gauge theory with gauge group

$$SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)$$

Strong interactions: QCD

$$SU(3)$$

8 massless gluons

Electroweak interactions:

$$SU(2) \times U(1)$$

$\gamma$  massless

$W^\pm, Z$  massive

# EW gauge-boson sector of the SM

Gauge invariance and renormalizability completely determine the kinetic terms for the gauge bosons

$$\mathcal{L}_{YM} = -\frac{1}{4}B_{\mu\nu}B^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4}W_{\mu\nu}^a W_a^{\mu\nu}$$

$$B^{\mu\nu} = \partial^\mu B^\nu - \partial^\nu B^\mu$$
$$W_{\mu\nu}^a = \partial_\mu W_\nu^a - \partial_\nu W_\mu^a + g \epsilon^{abc} W_{b,\mu} W_{c,\nu}$$

The gauge symmetry does **NOT** allow **any mass terms** for  $W^\pm$  and  $Z$ ,  
i.e. forbidden are terms like

$$\mathcal{L}_{Mass} = \frac{1}{2}m_W^2 W_\mu^a W_a^\mu$$

As in QCD, the nonabelian component of the field strength tensor,  $g \epsilon^{abc} W_{b,\mu} W_{c,\nu}$  gives rise to WWZ and WWphoton **triple gauge couplings (TGC)** as well as **quartic gauge couplings (QGC)**, already at tree level

# Spontaneous symmetry breaking

Experimentally, the weak bosons are massive. We give mass to the gauge bosons through the **Higgs mechanism**: generate mass terms from the **kinetic energy** term of a **scalar doublet** field  $\Phi$  that undergoes spontaneous symmetry breaking.

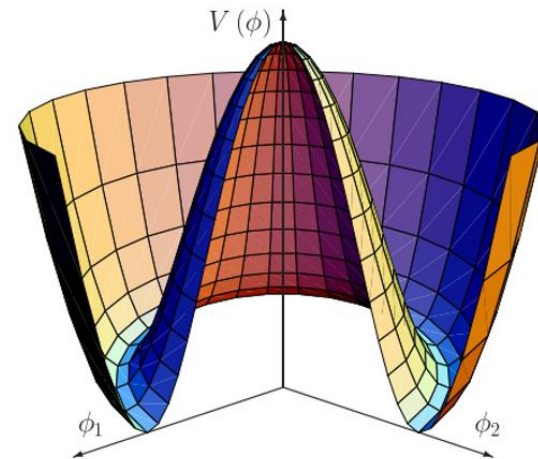
Postulate existence of a complex scalar doublet

$$\Phi = \begin{pmatrix} \phi^+ \\ \phi^0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{v+H}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} + \text{Goldstone terms},$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Higgs}} = (D_\mu \Phi)^\dagger (D^\mu \Phi) - V(\Phi^\dagger \Phi)$$

$$D^\mu = \partial^\mu - igW_i^\mu \frac{\sigma^i}{2} - ig' \frac{Y_\Phi}{2} B^\mu$$

$$V(\Phi^\dagger \Phi) = \lambda \left( \Phi^\dagger \Phi - \frac{v^2}{2} \right)^2$$



$V(\Phi^\dagger \Phi)$  is  $SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$  symmetric.

# Goldstone modes and unitary gauge

Expanding  $\Phi$  around the minimum

$$\Phi = \begin{pmatrix} \phi^+ \\ \phi^0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \phi^+ \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [v + H(x) + i\chi(x)] \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \exp \left[ \frac{i\sigma_i \theta^i(x)}{v} \right] \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v + H(x) \end{pmatrix}$$

We can **rotate away** the fields  $\theta^i(x)$  by an  $SU(2)_L$  gauge transformation

$$\Phi(x) \rightarrow \Phi'(x) = U(x)\Phi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v + H(x) \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $U(x) = \exp \left[ -\frac{i\sigma_i \theta^i(x)}{v} \right]$ .

This gauge choice, called **unitary gauge**, is equivalent to **absorbing the Goldstone modes**  $\theta^i(x)$ .

The **vacuum state** can be chosen to correspond to the vacuum expectation value

$$\Phi_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v \end{pmatrix}$$

Notice that **only a scalar** field can have a **vacuum expectation value**. The **VEV** of a fermion or vector field would break Lorentz invariance.

# Consequences for the scalar field $H$

The scalar potential

$$V(\Phi^\dagger\Phi) = \lambda \left( \Phi^\dagger\Phi - \frac{v^2}{2} \right)^2$$

expanded around the vacuum state

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

becomes

$$V = \frac{\lambda}{4} (2vH + H^2)^2 = \frac{1}{2} (2\lambda v^2) H^2 + \lambda v H^3 + \frac{\lambda}{4} H^4$$

Consequences:

- the scalar field  $H$  gets a mass which is given by the quartic coupling  $\lambda$

$$m_H^2 = 2\lambda v^2 \quad \implies \quad \lambda \approx 0.13 \quad \text{since } m_H \approx 125 \text{ GeV} \quad \text{and} \quad v = 246.22 \text{ GeV}$$

- there is a term of cubic and quartic self-coupling.
- The coupling  $\lambda \approx 0.13$  is small, i.e. perturbation theory is warranted.

# Higgs kinetic term and couplings to W,Z

$$\begin{aligned}
 D^\mu \Phi &= \left( \partial^\mu - igW_i^\mu \frac{\sigma^i}{2} - ig' \frac{1}{2} B^\mu \right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v + H(x) \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \partial^\mu H \end{pmatrix} - \frac{i}{2\sqrt{2}} \left[ g \begin{pmatrix} W_3^\mu & W_1^\mu - iW_2^\mu \\ W_1^\mu + iW_2^\mu & -W_3^\mu \end{pmatrix} + g' B^\mu \right] \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v + H \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \partial^\mu H \end{pmatrix} - \frac{i}{2} (v + H) \begin{pmatrix} g(W_1^\mu - iW_2^\mu) \\ -gW_3^\mu + g'B^\mu \end{pmatrix} \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \partial^\mu H \end{pmatrix} - \frac{i}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{H}{v} \right) \begin{pmatrix} vg W^{\mu+} \\ -v \sqrt{(g^2 + g'^2)/2} Z^\mu \end{pmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$(D^\mu \Phi)^\dagger D_\mu \Phi = \frac{1}{2} \partial^\mu H \partial_\mu H + \left[ \left( \frac{gv}{2} \right)^2 W^{\mu+} W_\mu^- + \frac{1}{2} \frac{(g^2 + g'^2) v^2}{4} Z^\mu Z_\mu \right] \left( 1 + \frac{H}{v} \right)^2$$

(Identification of properly normalized Z field: explained later)



# Consequences

- The  $W$  and  $Z$  gauge bosons have acquired masses

$$m_W^2 = \frac{g^2 v^2}{4} \quad m_Z^2 = \frac{(g^2 + g'^2) v^2}{4} = \frac{m_W^2}{\cos^2 \theta_W}$$

From the measured value of the Fermi constant  $G_F$

$$\frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} = \left( \frac{g}{2\sqrt{2}} \right)^2 \frac{1}{m_W^2} \quad \Rightarrow \quad v = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}G_F}} \approx 246.22 \text{ GeV}$$

- the photon stays massless
- $HWW$  and  $HZZ$  couplings from  $2H/v$  term (and  $HHWW$  and  $HHZZ$  couplings from  $H^2/v^2$  term)

$$\mathcal{L}_{HVV} = \frac{2m_W^2}{v} W_\mu^+ W^{-\mu} H + \frac{m_Z^2}{v} Z^\mu Z_\mu H \equiv gm_W W_\mu^+ W^{-\mu} H + \frac{1}{2} \frac{gm_Z}{\cos \theta_W} Z^\mu Z_\mu H$$

Higgs coupling proportional to mass

- tree-level  $HVV$  ( $V =$  vector boson) coupling requires VEV! e.g.  $gm_W = g^2 v/2$   
Normal scalar couplings give  $\Phi^\dagger \Phi V$  or  $\Phi^\dagger \Phi VV$  couplings only.

# SM fermions and their gauge representations

				<u>SU(3)</u>	<u>SU(2)</u>	<u>U(1)<sub>Y</sub></u>
$Q_L^i =$	$\begin{pmatrix} u_L \\ d_L \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} c_L \\ s_L \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} t_L \\ b_L \end{pmatrix}$	3	2	$\frac{1}{6}$
$u_R^i =$	$u_R$	$c_R$	$t_R$	3	1	$\frac{2}{3}$
$d_R^i =$	$d_R$	$s_R$	$b_R$	3	1	$-\frac{1}{3}$
$L_L^i =$	$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_{eL} \\ e_L \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_{\mu L} \\ \mu_L \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_{\tau L} \\ \tau_L \end{pmatrix}$	1	2	$-\frac{1}{2}$
$e_R^i =$	$e_R$	$\mu_R$	$\tau_R$	1	1	-1
$\nu_R^i =$	$\nu_{eR}$	$\nu_{\mu R}$	$\nu_{\tau R}$	1	1	0

Could add more, e.g. vector-like fermions, if discovered by experiments

# Fermion Lagrangian fixed by renormalizability and gauge quantum numbers

Following the gauge recipe (for one generation of leptons, quarks work the same way)

$$\mathcal{L}_\psi = i \bar{L}_L \not{D} L_L + i \bar{\nu}_{eR} \not{D} \nu_{eR} + i \bar{e}_R \not{D} e_R$$

where

$$D^\mu = \partial^\mu - ig W_i^\mu T^i - ig' Y_\psi B^\mu \quad T^i = \frac{\sigma^i}{2} \quad \text{or} \quad T^i = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, 3$$

$$\mathcal{L}_\psi \equiv \mathcal{L}_{kin} + \mathcal{L}_{CC} + \mathcal{L}_{NC}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{kin} = i \bar{L}_L \not{\partial} L_L + i \bar{\nu}_{eR} \not{\partial} \nu_{eR} + i \bar{e}_R \not{\partial} e_R$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{CC} = g W_\mu^1 \bar{L}_L \gamma^\mu \frac{\sigma_1}{2} L_L + g W_\mu^2 \bar{L}_L \gamma^\mu \frac{\sigma_2}{2} L_L = \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} W_\mu^+ \bar{\nu}_L \gamma^\mu e_L + \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} W_\mu^- \bar{e}_L \gamma^\mu \nu_L$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{NC} = \frac{g}{2} W_\mu^3 [\bar{\nu}_{eL} \gamma^\mu \nu_{eL} - \bar{e}_L \gamma^\mu e_L] + g' B_\mu [Y_L (\bar{\nu}_{eL} \gamma^\mu \nu_{eL} + \bar{e}_L \gamma^\mu e_L) + Y_{\nu_{eR}} \bar{\nu}_{eR} \gamma^\mu \nu_{eR} + Y_{eR} \bar{e}_R \gamma^\mu e_R]$$

with

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

# Weak mixing angle

$W_\mu^3$  and  $B_\mu$  mix to produce two orthogonal mass eigenstates

$$\text{massive partner : } g W_\mu^3 - g' B_\mu = \sqrt{g^2 + g'^2} Z_\mu = \sqrt{g^2 + g'^2} (W_\mu^3 \cos \theta_W - B_\mu \sin \theta_W)$$

$$\text{orthogonal, massless : } g' W_\mu^3 + g B_\mu = \sqrt{g^2 + g'^2} A_\mu = \sqrt{g^2 + g'^2} (W_\mu^3 \sin \theta_W + B_\mu \cos \theta_W)$$

with mixing angle fixed by

$$\cos \theta_W = \frac{g}{\sqrt{g^2 + g'^2}} \quad \sin \theta_W = \frac{g'}{\sqrt{g^2 + g'^2}}$$

Write the NC Lagrangian in terms of these mass eigenstates

$$\mathcal{L}_{NC} = \bar{\psi} \gamma_\mu (g T_3 W_3^\mu + g' Y B^\mu) \psi = \bar{\psi} \gamma_\mu \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{g^2 + g'^2}} (g^2 T_3 - g'^2 Y) Z^\mu + \frac{gg'}{\sqrt{g^2 + g'^2}} (T_3 + Y) A^\mu \right) \psi$$

Must identify electron charge,  $e$ , as

$$e = \frac{gg'}{\sqrt{g^2 + g'^2}} = g \sin \theta_W = g' \cos \theta_W$$

and the charge of a particle, as a multiple of the positron charge, is given by the

**Gell-Mann–Nishijima formula:**  $Q = T_3 + Y$

# The neutral current

It is customary to write the Z coupling to fermions in terms of the electric charge  $Q$  and the third component of isospin ( $T_3 = \pm 1/2$  for left-chiral fermions, 0 for right-chiral fermions)

$$\mathcal{L}_{NC} = \bar{\psi} \gamma_\mu \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{g^2 + g'^2}} (g^2 T_3 - g'^2 Y) Z^\mu + \frac{gg'}{\sqrt{g^2 + g'^2}} (T_3 + Y) A^\mu \right) \psi = e \bar{\psi} \gamma_\mu Q \psi A^\mu + \bar{\psi} \gamma_\mu Q_Z \psi Z^\mu$$

$Q_Z$  is given by

$$Q_Z = \frac{1}{\sqrt{g^2 + g'^2}} (g^2 T_3 - g'^2 (Q - T_3)) = \frac{e}{\cos \theta_W \sin \theta_W} (T_3 - Q \sin^2 \theta_W)$$

This procedure works for leptons and also for the quarks (see more later)

$$Q_L^i = \begin{pmatrix} u_L \\ d_L \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} c_L \\ s_L \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} t_L \\ b_L \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{aligned} u_R^i &= u_R, c_R, t_R \\ d_R^i &= d_R, s_R, b_R \end{aligned}$$

Weak mixing angle from  $W/Z$  mass ratio and from Zff couplings receive different loop corrections, especially from heavy degrees of freedom/fields in the loops (top quark, Higgs boson, sparticles...)

- distinguish source of mixing angle determination
- gain sensitivity to BSM physics
- → perform precision measurement of  $\sin \theta_W$  in all possible ways, and compare....

# Fermion mass generation

A **direct mass term** is **not** invariant under  $SU(2)_L$  or  $U(1)_Y$  gauge transformation

$$m_f \bar{\psi} \psi = m_f (\bar{\psi}_R \psi_L + \bar{\psi}_L \psi_R)$$

since left- and righthanded fields have different gauge quantum numbers

Generate fermion masses through Yukawa-type interactions terms

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{Yukawa}} = & -\Gamma_d \bar{Q}_L \Phi d_R - \Gamma_d^* \bar{d}_R \Phi^\dagger Q_L \\ & -\Gamma_u \bar{Q}_L \Phi_c u_R + \text{h.c.} \\ & -\Gamma_e \bar{L}_L \Phi e_R + \text{h.c.} \\ & -\Gamma_\nu \bar{L}_L \Phi_c \nu_R + \text{h.c.} \end{aligned} \quad \Phi_c = i\sigma_2 \Phi^* = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} v + H(x) \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $Q, L$  are left-handed doublet fields and  $d_R, u_R, e_R, \nu_R$  are right-handed  $SU(2)$ -singlet fields.

Notice: neutrino masses can be implemented via  $\Gamma_\nu$  term. Since  $m_\nu \approx 0$  we neglect it in the following.

# Fermion masses for three generations

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$$m_f \bar{\psi} \psi = m_f (\bar{\psi}_R \psi_L + \bar{\psi}_L \psi_R)$$

Generate fermion masses through Yukawa-type interactions terms

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{Yukawa}} = & -\Gamma_d^{ij} \bar{Q}'_L{}^i \Phi d'_R{}^j - \Gamma_d^{ij*} \bar{d}'_R{}^i \Phi^\dagger Q'_L{}^j \\ & -\Gamma_u^{ij} \bar{Q}'_L{}^i \Phi_c u'_R{}^j + \text{h.c.} \\ & -\Gamma_e^{ij} \bar{L}'_L{}^i \Phi e'_R{}^j + \text{h.c.} \end{aligned} \quad \Phi_c = i\sigma_2 \Phi^* = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} v + H(x) \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $Q'$ ,  $u'$  and  $d'$  are quark fields that are generic linear combination of the mass eigenstates  $u$  and  $d$  and  $\Gamma_u$ ,  $\Gamma_d$  and  $\Gamma_e$  are  $3 \times 3$  complex matrices in generation space, spanned by the indices  $i$  and  $j$ .

$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yukawa}}$  is gauge invariant and renormalizable and thus it can (and should) be added to the Lagrangian

## 3 x 3 mass matrix

In the unitary gauge we have

$$\bar{Q}'_L{}^i \Phi d'_R{}^j = \left( \bar{u}'_L{}^i \quad \bar{d}'_L{}^i \right) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{v+H}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} d'_R{}^j = \frac{v+H}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{d}'_L{}^i d'_R{}^j$$

$$\bar{Q}'_L{}^i \Phi_c u'_R{}^j = \left( \bar{u}'_L{}^i \quad \bar{d}'_L{}^i \right) \begin{pmatrix} \frac{v+H}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} u'_R{}^j = \frac{v+H}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{u}'_L{}^i u'_R{}^j$$

and we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{Yukawa}} &= -\Gamma_d^{ij} \frac{v+H}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{d}'_L{}^i d'_R{}^j - \Gamma_u^{ij} \frac{v+H}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{u}'_L{}^i u'_R{}^j - \Gamma_e^{ij} \frac{v+H}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{e}'_L{}^i e'_R{}^j + \text{h.c.} \\ &= - \left[ M_u^{ij} \bar{u}'_L{}^i u'_R{}^j + M_d^{ij} \bar{d}'_L{}^i d'_R{}^j + M_e^{ij} \bar{e}'_L{}^i e'_R{}^j + \text{h.c.} \right] \left( 1 + \frac{H}{v} \right) \end{aligned}$$

with mass matrices  $M^{ij} = \Gamma^{ij} \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}}$



# Mass matrix diagonalization

It is always possible to **diagonalize**  $M_f^{ij}$  ( $f = u, d, e$ ) with a bi-unitary transformation ( $U_{L/R}^f$  **must be unitary** in order to **preserve** the form of the **kinetic terms** in the Lagrangian)

$$f'_{Li} = (U_L^f)_{ij} f_{Lj}$$

$$f'_{Ri} = (U_R^f)_{ij} f_{Rj}$$

with  $U_L^f$  and  $U_R^f$  chosen such that

$$(U_L^f)^\dagger M_f U_R^f = \text{diagonal}$$

For example:

$$(U_L^u)^\dagger M_u U_R^u = \begin{pmatrix} m_u & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & m_c & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & m_t \end{pmatrix} \quad (U_L^d)^\dagger M_d U_R^d = \begin{pmatrix} m_d & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & m_s & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & m_b \end{pmatrix}$$

# Mass terms

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}_{\text{Yukawa}} &= - \sum_{f',i,j} M_f^{ij} \bar{f}_L'^i f_R'^j \left( 1 + \frac{H}{v} \right) + \text{h.c.} \\
 &= - \sum_{f,i,j} \bar{f}_L^i \left[ (U_L^f)^\dagger M_f U_R^f \right]_{ij} f_R^j \left( 1 + \frac{H}{v} \right) + \text{h.c.} \\
 &= - \sum_f m_f (\bar{f}_L f_R + \bar{f}_R f_L) \left( 1 + \frac{H}{v} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

We succeed in producing **fermion masses** and we got a **fermion-antifermion-Higgs coupling** proportional to the **fermion mass**.

The Higgs Yukawa couplings are flavor diagonal: **no flavor changing** Higgs interactions.

# Mass diagonalization and CKM matrix

The charged current interaction is given by

$$\frac{e}{\sqrt{2} \sin \theta_W} \bar{u}'_L{}^i \mathcal{W}^+ d'_L{}^i + \text{h.c.}$$

After the mass diagonalization described previously, this term becomes

$$\frac{e}{\sqrt{2} \sin \theta_W} \bar{u}_L{}^i \left[ (U_L^u)^\dagger U_L^d \right]_{ij} \mathcal{W}^+ d_L{}^j + \text{h.c.}$$

and we define the Cabibbo-Kobayashi-Maskawa matrix  $V_{CKM}$

$$V_{CKM} = (U_L^u)^\dagger U_L^d$$

- $V_{CKM}$  is **not diagonal** and then it **mixes** the **flavors** of the different quarks.
- It is a **unitary** matrix and the values of its entries must be determined from experiments.

By contrast, the **neutral current** remains flavor diagonal, **no FCNC**, since the unitary matrices of mass diagonalization cancel (GIM mechanism)

# Summary of Higgs-boson Couplings

We have identified the relevant terms in the SM Lagrangian for Higgs boson couplings to gauge bosons:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{kin}}^{\Phi} = (D^{\mu}\Phi)^{\dagger} D_{\mu}\Phi = \frac{1}{2}\partial^{\mu}H\partial_{\mu}H + \left[ m_W^2 W^{\mu+} W_{\mu}^{-} + \frac{1}{2}m_Z^2 Z^{\mu} Z_{\mu} \right] \left( 1 + \frac{H}{v} \right)^2$$

which produces the  $HVV$  coupling term

$$\frac{2m_V^2}{v} V_{\mu} V^{\mu} H = \frac{2m_V^2}{v} g^{\mu\nu} V_{\mu} V_{\nu} H$$

to fermions:

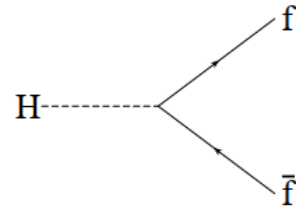
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yukawa}} = -\sum_f m_f \bar{f} f \left( 1 + \frac{H}{v} \right) = -\sum_f m_f \bar{f} f - \sum_f \frac{m_f}{v} H \bar{f} f$$

and the Higgs self-couplings

$$\mathcal{L}_V = -\frac{1}{2}(2\lambda v^2)H^2 - \lambda v H^3 - \frac{\lambda}{4}H^4 = -\frac{1}{2}m_H^2 H^2 - \frac{m_H^2}{2v} H^3 - \frac{m_H^2}{8v^2} H^4$$

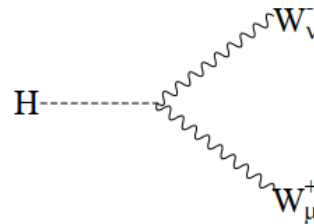
Note that the Higgs couplings increase with the mass of particles the Higgs boson couples to.

# Feynman rules for SM Higgs vertices



A Feynman diagram showing a Higgs boson (H) as a dashed line on the left, which splits into two fermions: a fermion (f) and an antifermion ( $\bar{f}$ ).

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



A Feynman diagram showing a Higgs boson (H) as a dashed line on the left, which splits into two W bosons: a  $W_\nu^-$  and a  $W_\mu^+$ , represented by wavy lines.

$$ig m_W g_{\mu\nu}$$



A Feynman diagram showing a Higgs boson (H) as a dashed line on the left, which splits into two Z bosons: a  $Z_\nu$  and a  $Z_\mu$ , represented by wavy lines.

$$ig \frac{1}{\cos \theta_W} m_Z g_{\mu\nu}$$

Within the Standard Model, the Higgs couplings are completely constrained since the masses of all SM particles<sup>a</sup> have been measured.

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<sup>a</sup>except neutrinos

## 2 Higgs Doublet Models (2HDM): the MSSM case

The SM uses the conjugate field  $\Phi_c = i\sigma_2\Phi^*$  to generate down quark and lepton masses. In supersymmetric models this must be an independent field

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yukawa}} = -\Gamma_d \bar{Q}_L \Phi_1 d_R - \Gamma_e \bar{L}_L \Phi_1 e_R + \text{h.c.} \\ -\Gamma_u \bar{Q}_L \Phi_2 u_R + \text{h.c.}$$

Two complex Higgs doublet fields  $\Phi_1$  and  $\Phi_2$  receive mass and VEVs  $v_1, v_2$  from generalized Higgs potential. Mass eigenstates constructed out of these 8 real fields are

Neutral sector:

2 CP even Higgs bosons:  $h$  and  $H$

1 CP odd Higgs boson:  $A$

1 Goldstone boson:  $\chi_0$

Charged sector:

charged Higgs bosons:  $H^\pm$

charged Goldstone boson:  $\chi^\pm$

The Yukawa Lagrangian above makes the MSSM a 2HDM of type II  
 Type I:  $\Phi_2$  and its charge conjugate generate all SM fermion masses

# Higgs mixing and Higgs mass eigenstates

The Higgs potential leads to general mixing of the 2 doublet fields

$$\Phi_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2}[H^+ \sin \beta - \chi^+ \cos \beta] \\ v_1 + [H \cos \alpha - h \sin \alpha] + i[A \sin \beta + \chi_0 \cos \beta] \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2}H^+ \sin \beta \\ v_1 + \varphi_1 + iA \sin \beta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Phi_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} v_2 + [H \sin \alpha + h \cos \alpha] + i[A \cos \beta - \chi_0 \sin \beta] \\ \sqrt{2}[H^- \cos \beta + \chi^- \sin \beta] \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} v_2 + \varphi_2 + iA \cos \beta \\ \sqrt{2}H^- \cos \beta \end{pmatrix}$$

The angle  $\beta$  is determined by the VEVs:

$$v_1 = v \cos \beta, \quad v_2 = v \sin \beta, \quad \implies \quad \frac{v_2}{v_1} = \tan \beta$$

The mixing angle  $\alpha$  between the 2 CP even scalars and the masses are determined by

$$\tan \beta, \quad m_A, \quad v = \sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2} = 246 \text{ GeV}$$

## Decoupling behavior for large $m_A$

Higgs potential in the MSSM produces distinct mass relations at tree level

$$m_h^2, m_H^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left[ m_A^2 + m_Z^2 \pm \sqrt{(m_A^2 + m_Z^2)^2 - 4m_A^2 m_Z^2 \cos^2 2\beta} \right]$$

$$m_{H^\pm} = \sqrt{m_A^2 + m_W^2} > m_W$$

Mixing angle  $\alpha$  is also fixed by masses and  $\tan \beta$

$$\cos(\beta - \alpha) = \frac{m_h^2(m_Z^2 - m_h^2)}{m_A^2(m_H^2 - m_h^2)}$$

Behaviour for  $m_A \gg m_Z$ :

$$m_{H^\pm}^\pm \approx m_A \approx m_H,$$

$$\cos(\beta - \alpha) \approx \frac{m_Z^4 \sin^2 4\beta}{4m_A^4} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{for } m_A \rightarrow \infty \quad (\text{decoupling limit})$$

- Loop corrections substantially change mass relations, e.g. raise light Higgs mass
- Qualitative features of decoupling limit are preserved



# Coupling to gauge bosons

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L} &= (D^\mu \Phi_1)^\dagger D_\mu \Phi_1 + (D^\mu \Phi_2)^\dagger D_\mu \Phi_2 \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} |\partial_\mu \varphi_1|^2 + \frac{1}{2} |\partial_\mu \varphi_2|^2 + \left( \frac{g_Z^2}{8} Z_\mu Z^\mu + \frac{g^2}{4} W_\mu^+ W^{-\mu} \right) \left[ (v_1 + \varphi_1)^2 + (v_2 + \varphi_2)^2 \right] + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

The  $v_1^2 + v_2^2 = v^2$  term gives same masses to  $W, Z$  as in the SM

$$m_W^2 = \frac{g^2 v^2}{4} \qquad m_Z^2 = \frac{(g^2 + g'^2) v^2}{4} = \frac{m_W^2}{\cos^2 \theta_W}$$

The couplings to the gauge bosons arise from

$$\begin{aligned}
 2v_1 \varphi_1 + 2v_2 \varphi_2 &= 2v \cos \beta [H \cos \alpha - h \sin \alpha] + 2v \sin \beta [H \sin \alpha + h \cos \alpha] \\
 &= 2v [H \cos(\beta - \alpha) + h \sin(\beta - \alpha)]
 \end{aligned}$$

$\implies$  extra coupling factors for  $hVV$  and  $HVV$  couplings as compared to SM

$$hVV \sim \sin(\beta - \alpha) \qquad HVV \sim \cos(\beta - \alpha)$$

**Note:**  $\cos(\beta - \alpha) \rightarrow 0$  for  $m_A \rightarrow \infty \implies H$  decouples from  $WW$  and  $ZZ$ ,  $h$  has SM coupling

# Coupling to quarks and leptons

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}_{\text{Yuk.}} &= -\Gamma_b \bar{b}_L \Phi_1^0 b_R - \Gamma_t \bar{t}_L \Phi_2^0 u_R + \text{h.c.} \\
 &= -\Gamma_b \bar{b}_L \frac{v_1 + H \cos \alpha - h \sin \alpha + iA \sin \beta}{\sqrt{2}} b_R - \Gamma_t \bar{t}_L \frac{v_2 + H \sin \alpha + h \cos \alpha + iA \cos \beta}{\sqrt{2}} t_R + \text{h.c.}
 \end{aligned}$$

The  $v_1, v_2$  terms are the fermion masses

$$m_b = \frac{\Gamma_b v_1}{\sqrt{2}} \quad m_t = \frac{\Gamma_t v_2}{\sqrt{2}} \quad \implies \quad \frac{\Gamma_b}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{m_b}{v \cos \beta} \quad \frac{\Gamma_t}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{m_t}{v \sin \beta}$$

Expressed in terms of masses the Yukawa Lagrangian is

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yuk.}} = -\frac{m_b}{v} \bar{b} \left( v + H \frac{\cos \alpha}{\cos \beta} - h \frac{\sin \alpha}{\cos \beta} - i\gamma_5 A \tan \beta \right) b - \frac{m_t}{v} \bar{t} \left( v + H \frac{\sin \alpha}{\sin \beta} + h \frac{\cos \alpha}{\sin \beta} - i\gamma_5 A \cot \beta \right) t$$

$\implies$  **coupling factors** compared to SM  $hff$  coupling  $-i m_f/v$

# Behavior in decoupling limit

Consider limit  $\sin(\beta - \alpha) \rightarrow 1, \quad \cos(\beta - \alpha) \rightarrow 0$

- $hbb, h\tau\tau$ :

$$-\frac{\sin \alpha}{\cos \beta} = \sin(\beta - \alpha) - \tan \beta \cos(\beta - \alpha) \rightarrow 1$$

- $htt$ :

$$\frac{\cos \alpha}{\sin \beta} = \sin(\beta - \alpha) + \frac{\cos(\beta - \alpha)}{\tan \beta} \rightarrow 1$$

- $Hbb, H\tau\tau$ :

$$\frac{\cos \alpha}{\cos \beta} = \cos(\beta - \alpha) + \tan \beta \sin(\beta - \alpha) \rightarrow \tan \beta$$

- $Htt$ :

$$\frac{\sin \alpha}{\sin \beta} = \cos(\beta - \alpha) - \frac{\sin(\beta - \alpha)}{\tan \beta} \rightarrow \frac{-1}{\tan \beta}$$

In the large  $m_A$  regime

- light  $h$  couplings to fermions approach SM values
- $H\bar{b}b$  (and  $A\bar{b}b, H/A\tau\tau$ ) couplings are enhanced  $\sim \tan \beta \Rightarrow$  potentially large cross sections at LHC

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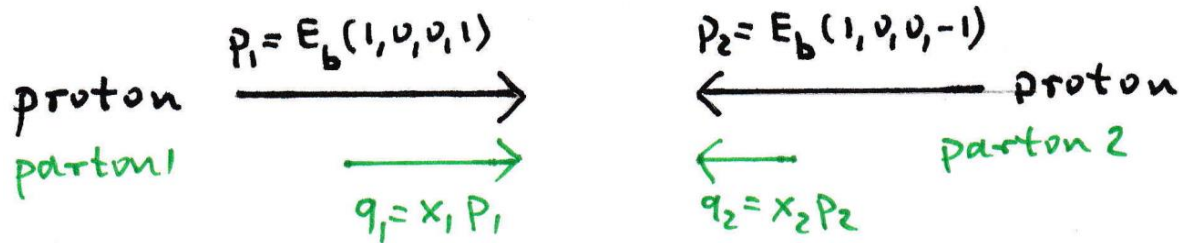
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# Hadron Collider Kinematics

- Collisions are between partons not between incident protons



- Lab frame and center of mass frame are not the same  
 → a boost along the beam axis (taken as z-axis) connects the two

$$\vec{\beta} = \frac{\vec{Q}}{Q^0} = \frac{x_1 - x_2}{x_1 + x_2} \hat{z} \quad \text{with c.m. momentum} \quad Q = q_1 + q_2 = E_b(x_1 + x_2, 0, 0, x_1 - x_2)$$

Described by Lorentz transformation with rapidity  $\gamma_{cm}$

$$\Lambda = \Lambda^M_v = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & 0 & 0 & \gamma\beta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \gamma\beta & 0 & 0 & \gamma \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cosh \gamma_{cm} & 0 & 0 & \sinh \gamma_{cm} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \sinh \gamma_{cm} & 0 & 0 & \cosh \gamma_{cm} \end{pmatrix}$$

- Relation to Feynman x is  $x_1 = \sqrt{\frac{\hat{s}}{s}} e^{\gamma_{cm}}$  and  $x_2 = \sqrt{\frac{\hat{s}}{s}} e^{-\gamma_{cm}}$  ( $\hat{s} = Q^2 = (2E_b)^2 x_1 x_2$ )

# Consecutive boosts along beam axis

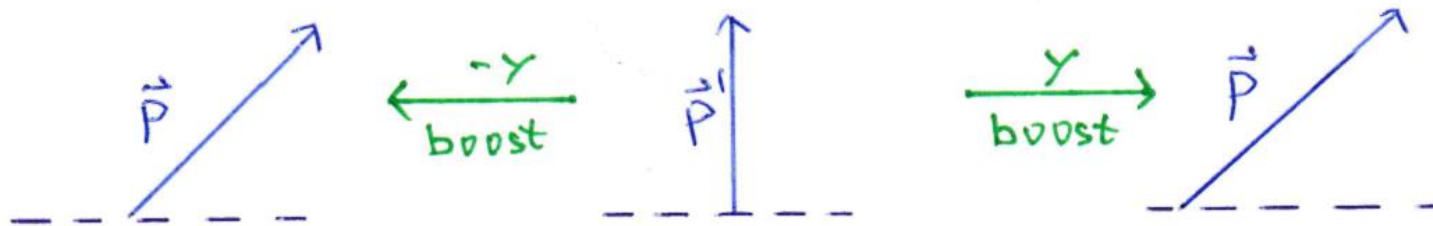
- The generator for boosts along the beam = z-axis is

$$K = \frac{1}{i} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ i.e. boost matrix is } \Lambda = e^{i\gamma K} \text{ with } \gamma \text{ the rapidity of the boost}$$

- As a result, rapidities are additive for boosts along a common direction

$$\Lambda_{\nu}^{\mu}(\gamma_2) \Lambda_{\nu}^{\mu}(\gamma_1) = \Lambda_{\nu}^{\mu}(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2)$$

Now consider the momentum of a particle of mass  $m$  in the lab frame



- Boost with  $e^{-i\gamma K}$  to frame in which momentum is perpendicular to beam axis  
 $p'^{\mu} = (m_T, p_T \cos \varphi, p_T \sin \varphi, 0)$  with transverse energy  $m_T = \sqrt{m^2 + p_T^2}$
- Boost back with rapidity  $+\gamma$  to lab frame

$$p^{\mu} = \Lambda_{\nu}^{\mu}(\gamma) p'^{\nu} = (m_T \cosh \gamma, p_T \cos \varphi, p_T \sin \varphi, m_T \sinh \gamma)$$

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in terms of

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  - **transverse momentum**,  $P_T$  or transverse energy,  $m_T = \sqrt{m^2 + p_T^2}$  (also called transverse mass)
  - the particle's **rapidity**,  $y$
  - its **azimuthal angle**, around the beam axis,  $\varphi$
- Since  $\frac{p_z}{p^0} = \tanh \gamma = \frac{p_z}{E}$  the rapidity in the lab frame is  $\gamma = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{E + p_z}{E - p_z}$

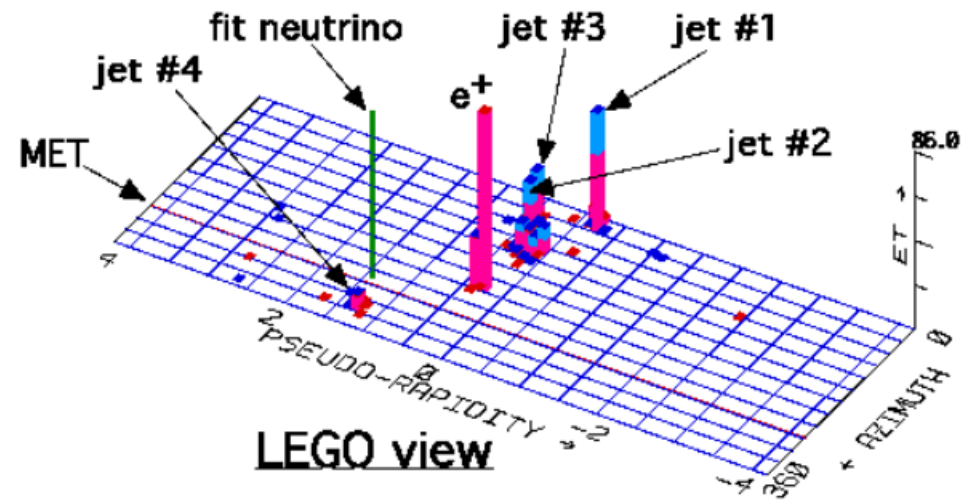
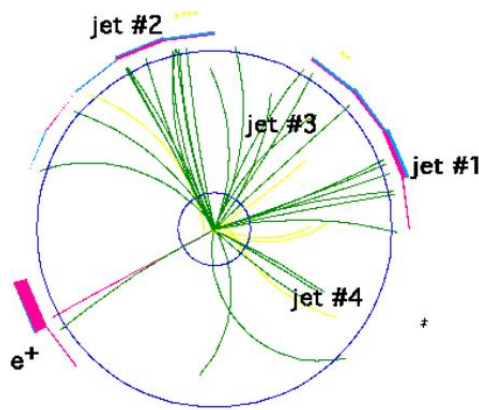
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  - These variables are also called “legoplot variables”



Example: CDF top-pair candidate event



## Massless momenta as special case

- Special case:  $m=0$  (or negligible particle mass), i.e.  $E=|\vec{p}|$ ,  $p_z = |\vec{p}| \cos \theta$

$$\gamma = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{E + p_z}{E - p_z} = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{1 + \cos \theta}{1 - \cos \theta} \equiv \eta$$

- $\eta$  is called pseudo-rapidity, also for massive momenta  
rapidity = pseudo-rapidity only for massless (i.e. light-like) momenta
- Using pseudo-rapidity for massive objects (e.g. jets) can lead to severe distortions in forward/backward region (i.e. high  $\eta$ )

## Rapidity and the invariant mass of two massless objects

2 momenta  $p_i^M = p_{Ti} (\cosh y_i, \cos \varphi_i, \sin \varphi_i, \sinh y_i)$  have invariant mass

$$m_{12}^2 = (p_1 + p_2)^2 = 2 p_1 \cdot p_2 = 4 p_{T1} p_{T2} \left( \sinh^2 \frac{y_1 - y_2}{2} + \sin^2 \frac{\varphi_1 - \varphi_2}{2} \right)$$

- For modest angle between the momenta

$$m_{12}^2 \approx p_{T1} p_{T2} \left( (y_1 - y_2)^2 + (\varphi_1 - \varphi_2)^2 \right) \quad \text{or} \quad m_{ij}^2 \approx p_{Ti} p_{Tj} R_{ij}^2$$

with separation  $R_{ij} = \sqrt{(y_i - y_j)^2 + (\varphi_i - \varphi_j)^2}$  in the lego-plane

# Rapidity and $p_T$ as phase space variables

- Compare momentum parameterizations via polar vs. legoplot coordinates

$$\begin{aligned}
 \vec{p}^M &= (E, p \sin \theta \cos \varphi, p \sin \theta \sin \varphi, p \cos \theta) & \text{with} & \quad \gamma = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{E + p \cos \theta}{E - p \cos \theta} \\
 &= (m_T \cosh \gamma, p_T \cos \varphi, p_T \sin \varphi, m_T \sinh \gamma) & & \quad p_T = p \sin \theta
 \end{aligned}$$

- $m$  and  $\varphi$  are common to both parameterizations,
- The transformation of  $(p_T, \gamma)$  to  $(p, \cos \theta)$  has a very simple Jacobian

$$d\gamma \, dp_T = \frac{p^2}{E p_T} d\cos \theta \, dp$$

which leads to the Lorentz invariant 1-particle measure in legoplot variables

$$\frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3 2E} = \frac{1}{16\pi^2} dp_T^2 d\gamma \frac{d\varphi}{2\pi}$$

- This is used to build the Lorentz-invariant phase space measure (Lips) in e.g. the VBFNLO Monte Carlo

$$d \text{Lips} = (2\pi)^4 \delta(q_1 + q_2 - \sum_i p_i) \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{d^3 \vec{p}_i}{(2\pi)^3 2E_i}$$

## Some further comments

- The rapidity of a particle in the c.m. frame,  $y^*$ , and in the lab frame,  $y$ , are connected by a boost with  $Y_{cm}$  and hence  $y = y^* + Y_{cm}$
- In rapidity differences,  $Y_i - Y_j$ , the dependence on this boost disappears. More generally, rapidity differences are invariant under boosts along the beam axis
- The physics is Lorentz invariant, i.e. we should remember that only rapidity differences matter in the theoretical description at the parton level
- Of course, low vs. high rapidities pose very different challenges at the detector level! But one should (and does!) strive for high, uniform detection efficiency over a wide rapidity range.
- ... and in the theoretical description the c.m. rapidity enters via the parton distribution functions which depend on

$$x_1 = \sqrt{\frac{s}{S}} e^{Y_{cm}} \quad \text{and} \quad x_2 = \sqrt{\frac{s}{S}} e^{-Y_{cm}}$$

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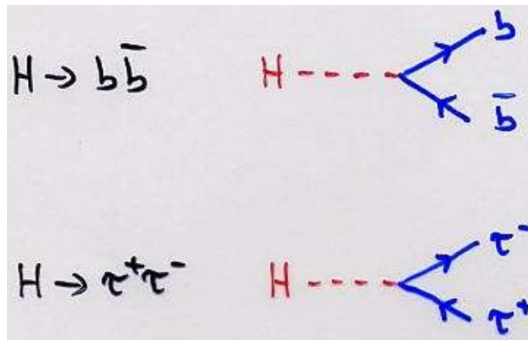
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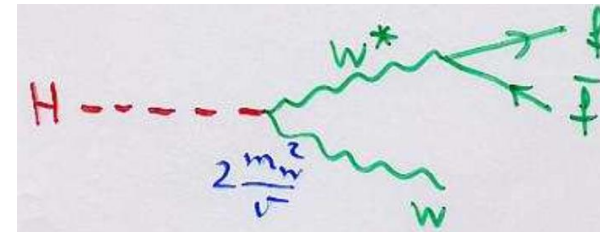
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# Higgs decay in the SM

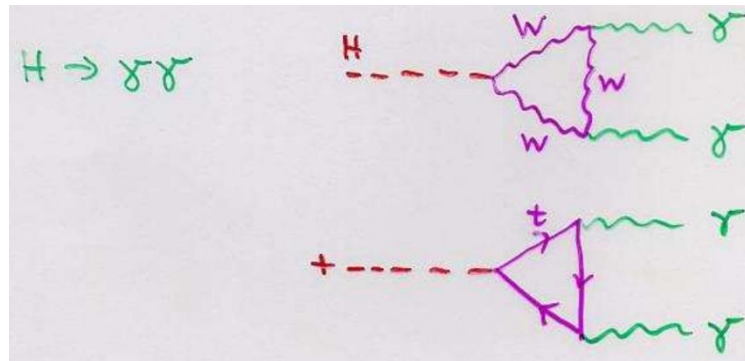
Decay to 3<sup>rd</sup> generation fermions



Due to low Higgs mass,  $H \rightarrow WW$  or  $H \rightarrow ZZ$  require off-shell weak boson

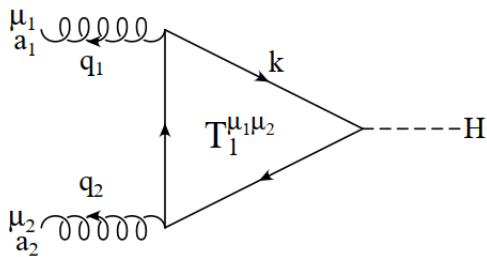


Even though there are no tree-level couplings to gluons or photons, decays into gamma-gamma or glue-gluon proceed via top quark and W loops



# Evaluating the top triangle

Two on-shell gluons. Graph is gauge-invariant i.e.  $q_1^{\mu_1} T_{\mu_1 \mu_2}(q_1, q_2) = q_2^{\mu_2} T_{\mu_1 \mu_2}(q_1, q_2) = 0$



$$T^{\mu_1 \mu_2} = -\frac{\gamma_t g_s^2}{16 \pi^2} \delta^{ab} \int \frac{d^4 k}{i \pi^2} \text{Tr} \left( \frac{1}{\not{k} - m_t} \gamma^{\mu_1} \frac{1}{\not{k} + \not{q}_1 - m_t} \gamma^{\mu_2} \frac{1}{\not{k} + \not{q}_1 + \not{q}_2 - m_t} \right)$$

$$= -\gamma_t m_t \frac{\alpha_s}{4 \pi} \delta^{ab} \left[ A (q_1 \cdot q_2 g^{\mu_1 \mu_2} - q_1^{\mu_2} q_2^{\mu_1}) + B q_1 \cdot q_2 q_1^{\mu_1} q_2^{\mu_2} \right]$$

- The B term does not contribute for light-like gauge bosons, while the SM value of the top Yukawa coupling,  $y_t = m_t/v$  together with

$$A = \frac{4}{3} \frac{1}{m_t^2} \left( 1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{m_H^2}{4 m_t^2}\right) \right)$$

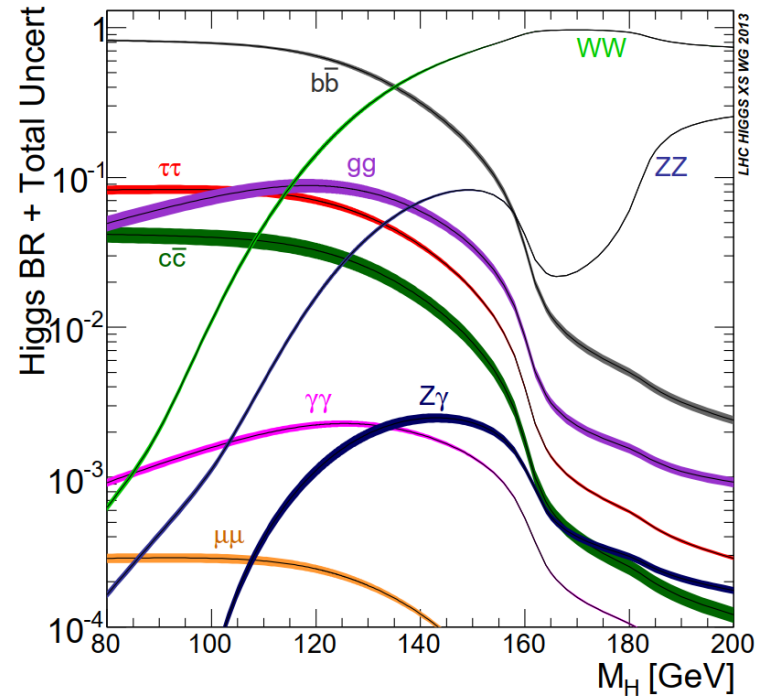
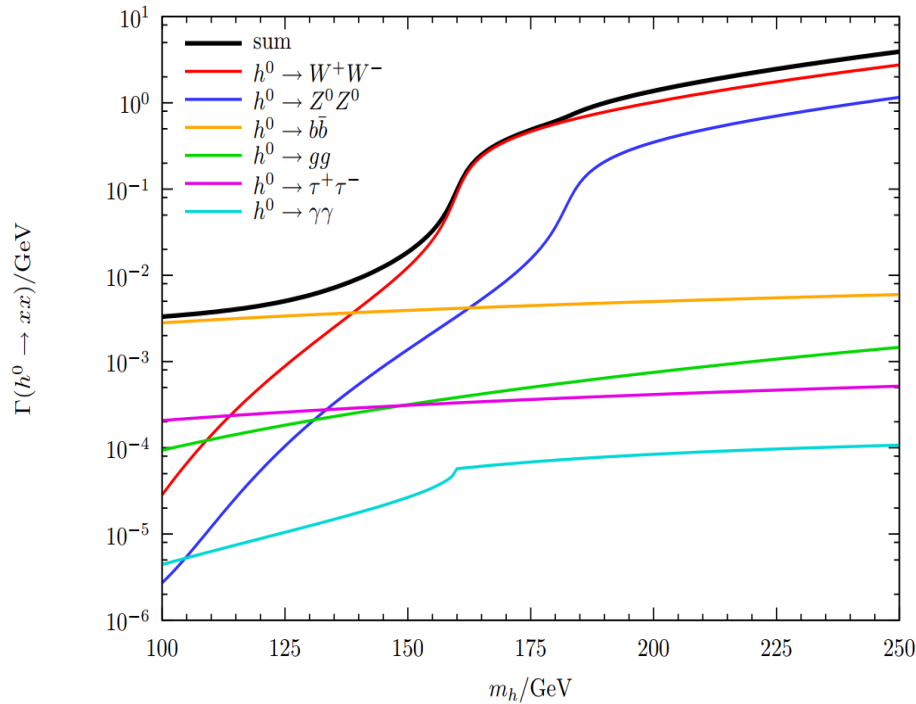
leads to

$$T^{\mu_1 \mu_2} = \frac{\alpha_s}{3 \pi v} \left[ q_1 \cdot q_2 g^{\mu_1 \mu_2} - q_1^{\mu_2} q_2^{\mu_1} \right] \delta^{ab}$$

in the large  $m_t$  limit

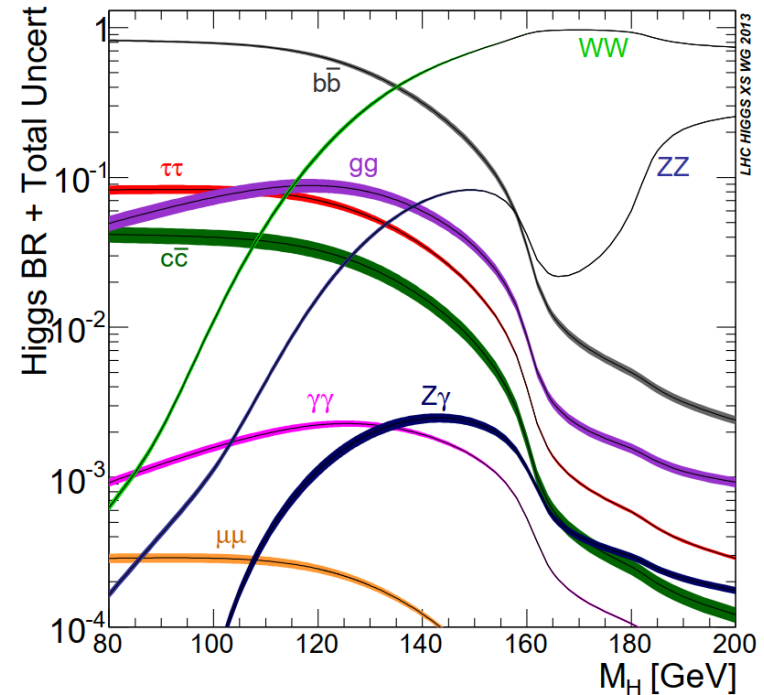
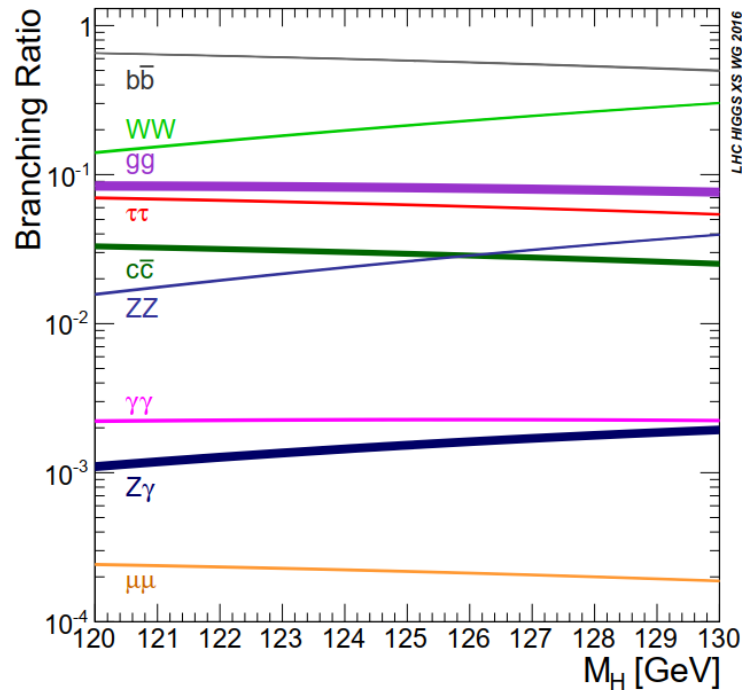
# Decay width of the SM Higgs boson

SM Higgs Decay Width



- Many accessible decay channels at  $m_H=125$  GeV  
(rich physics compared to a universe where the SM Higgs has a mass of e.g. 200 GeV)
- All partial decay widths calculated with loop corrections

# Zeroing in on $m_H = 125$ GeV



- Many accessible decay channels at  $m_H=125$  GeV
- For  $H \rightarrow VV$  channels, one must in addition multiply by (small) leptonic branching ratios of W (11%) and Z (3.4%)



# Tomorrow:

# Higgs production and EFT