

# Higgs Physics

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# What is the Higgs?

The Higgs is an elementary particle

- with spin zero (scalar);
- without electric charge (a priori, it should not see the photons from the electromagnetic interaction...);
- without colour (a priori, it should not see the gluons from the strong interaction...).
- Between 1964 and 2012 the Higgs was not discovered...  
**The Higgs was invented!**  
**It was invented for theoretical reasons!!**

# Higgs invented! Why?

1. to give mass to the particles mediating the weak interaction,  $W^\pm$  and  $Z^0$ ;
2. to give mass to the matter particles, eg. electron.

# Higgs invented! Why?

1. Why don't you just give a mass to  $W^\pm$  and  $Z^0$ ?

**It contradicts gauge invariance.**

- Why do you want gauge invariance?

**A: To keep probabilities smaller than 1!**

**Note:** As a side-dish, there is an elegant way to invent interactions called “**the gauge principle**”.

# Higgs invented! Why?

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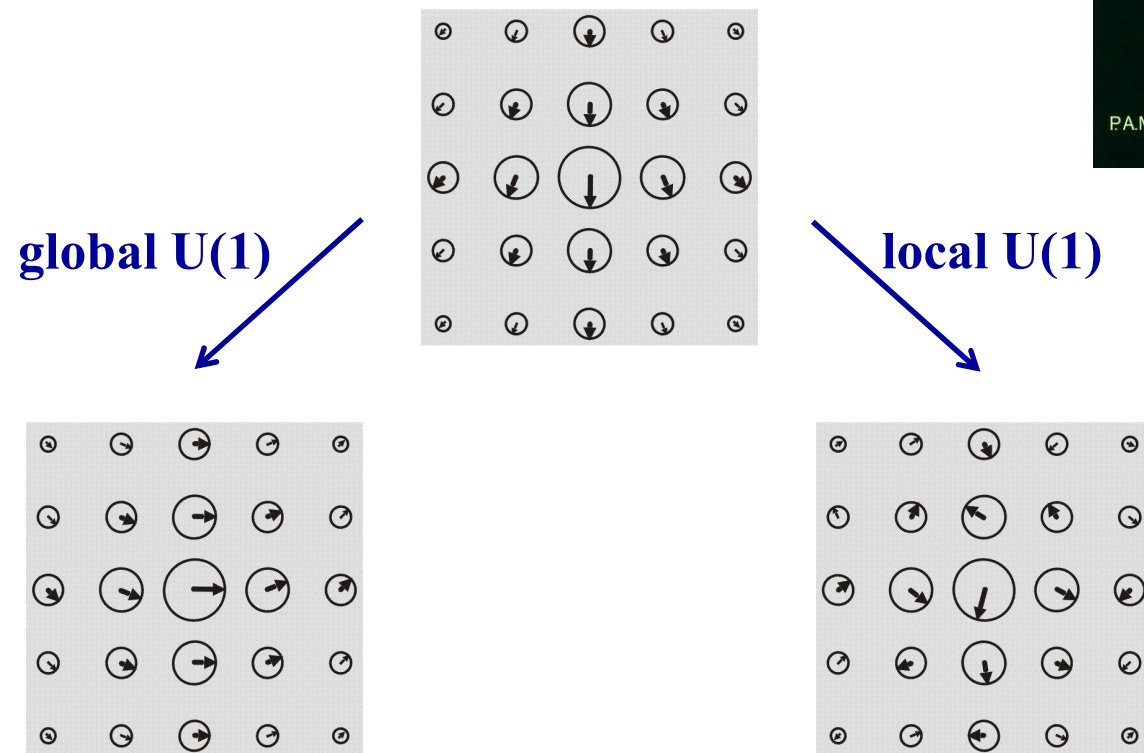
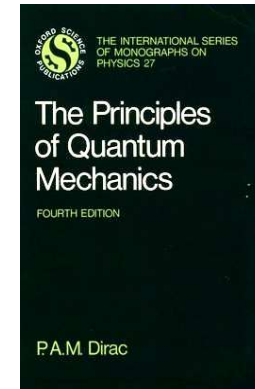
- How does it contradict gauge invariance?

**Answer in steps:**

- electron sees  $W \Rightarrow e_L$  must be in a doublet under  $SU(2)_L$
- $W$  interaction violates parity maximally  $\Rightarrow e_R$  is singlet
- mass links left-handed  $e_L$  and right-handed electron  $e_R$
- cannot make mass term only with  $e_L$  and  $e_R$   
(need **Higgs** help)

# Gauge theories

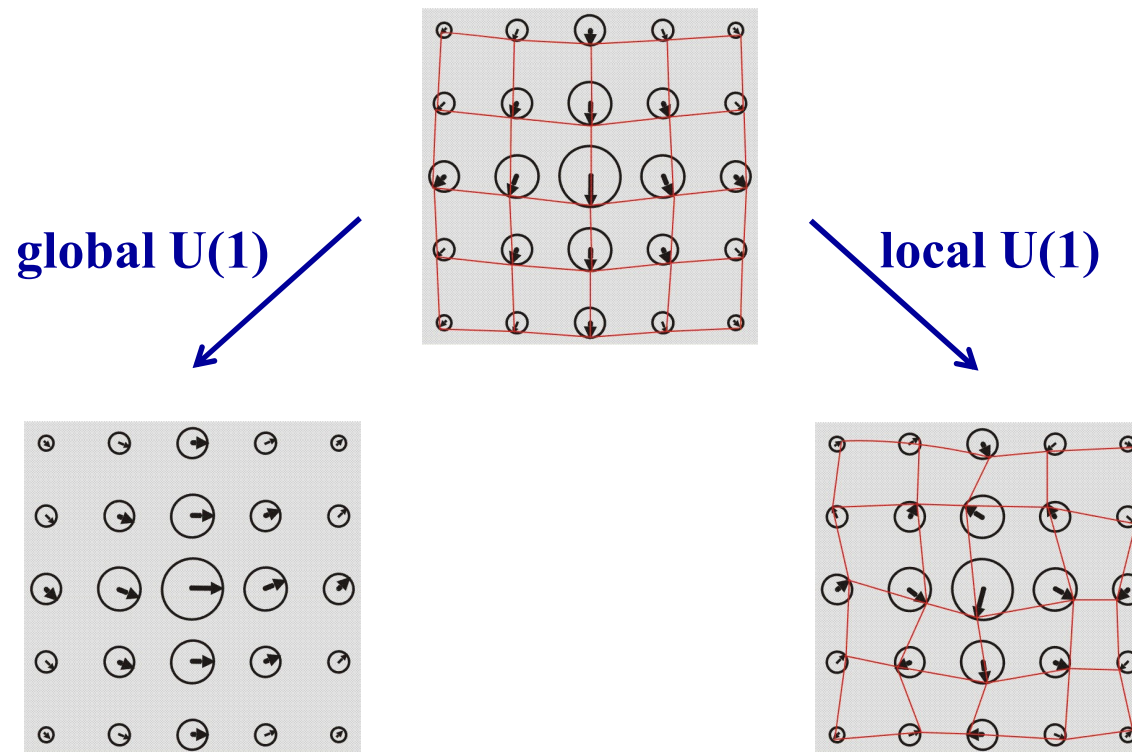
- QM, QFT  $\Rightarrow$  complex wfn/field  
global phase does not matter



# Gauge theories

- QM, QFT ==> local phase matters

connection  $A_\mu$  takes care of it



# Gauge theories

$$\mathcal{L} = (\partial_\mu \phi)^\dagger (\partial^\mu \phi) - V(\phi)$$

$$V(\phi) = m^2 |\phi|^2 \quad \left[ +\lambda |\phi|^4 \right]$$

**Euler-Lagrange:**

$$0 = -\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \phi^\dagger} + \partial_\mu \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu \phi^\dagger)} = (\partial_\mu \partial^\mu - m^2) \phi \quad \textbf{Klein-Gordon}$$



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**global transf. :**  $\phi \rightarrow \phi' = e^{iq\alpha} \phi \Rightarrow \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}$

**local transf. :**  $\phi \rightarrow \phi' = e^{iq\alpha(x)} \phi \Rightarrow \mathcal{L} \rightarrow ?$

$$\partial_\mu \phi'^\dagger = e^{-iq\alpha(x)} [\partial_\mu \phi^\dagger - iq\phi^\dagger \partial_\mu \alpha(x)]$$

$$\partial^\mu \phi' = e^{iq\alpha(x)} [\partial^\mu \phi + iq\phi \partial^\mu \alpha(x)]$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\partial_\mu \phi')^\dagger (\partial^\mu \phi') &= (\partial_\mu \phi)^\dagger (\partial^\mu \phi) - \underline{iq [\phi^\dagger (\partial^\mu \phi) - (\partial^\mu \phi)^\dagger \phi] \partial_\mu \alpha} \\ &\quad + \underline{q^2 |\phi|^2 (\partial_\mu \alpha) (\partial^\mu \alpha)} \end{aligned}$$

# Gauge theories



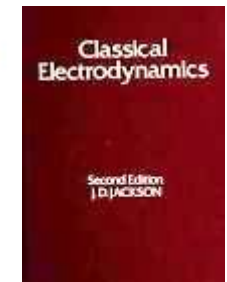
\* charged particle in EM field  $\Rightarrow$  minimal coupling

$$i\partial^\mu \rightarrow i\partial^\mu - qA^\mu \Rightarrow \partial^\mu \rightarrow \boxed{D^\mu} = \partial^\mu + iqA^\mu$$

covariant derivative

\* gauge transformation of gauge field

$$A_\mu \rightarrow A'_\mu = A_\mu - \partial_\mu \alpha$$



$$\begin{aligned} (D_\mu \phi)' &= (\partial_\mu + iq A'_\mu) e^{iq\alpha(x)} \phi \\ &= e^{iq\alpha(x)} [iq (\cancel{\partial_\mu \alpha}) \phi + (\partial_\mu \phi) + iq A_\mu \phi - iq (\cancel{\partial_\mu \alpha}) \phi] \\ &= e^{iq\alpha(x)} D_\mu \phi \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \underbrace{(D_\mu \phi)^\dagger (D^\mu \phi)}_{\substack{\text{kinetic } \phi \\ + \text{ int. w/ gauge fields}}} - \underbrace{V(\phi)}_{\text{self } \phi} - \underbrace{\frac{1}{4} F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu}}_{\substack{\text{Electromagnetism} \\ \text{(for free!)}}} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}$$

# Gauge theories

## the gauge principle

- ask for gauge invariance of matter field
- introduce via the covariant derivative **one gauge field for each group generator**
- include gauge transformations of gauge fields
- include kinetic terms for gauge fields ==> interactions of gauge fields
- ==> gauge fields have no mass

$$m_A^2 A^\mu A_\mu \quad \times \quad m_A^2 A^\mu A_\mu$$

- ==> no longitudinal polarization (only 2 dof)



# Spontaneous Symmetry Breaking

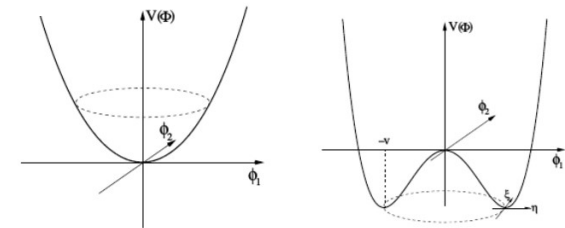
The Lagrangian has a symmetry which is broken by the vacuum.

$$V = \mu^2 |\phi|^2 + \lambda |\phi|^4$$

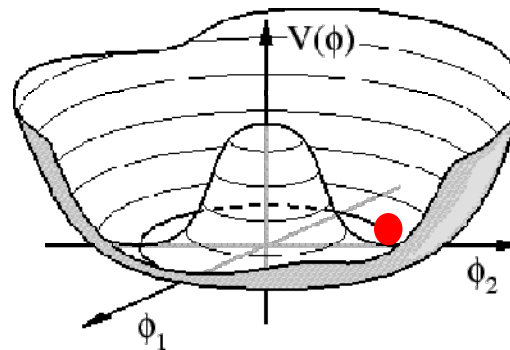
\* **minimum**  $0 = \left. \frac{\partial V}{\partial \phi^\dagger} \right|_{\min} = \phi (\mu^2 + 2\lambda |\phi|^2) \Big|_{\min}$

$\mu^2 > 0$

$\langle \phi \rangle = 0$



$\mu^2 < 0$



$$\frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} = \langle \phi \rangle = \sqrt{\frac{-\mu^2}{2\lambda}}$$

**= 174 GeV**

# Spontaneous Symmetry Breaking

## Homework 1



\* polar parametrization  $\phi(x) = e^{i\xi(x)/v} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [v + h(x)]$

$$V = \mu^2 |\phi|^2 + \lambda |\phi|^4$$

$$\mu^2 + \lambda v^2 = 0$$

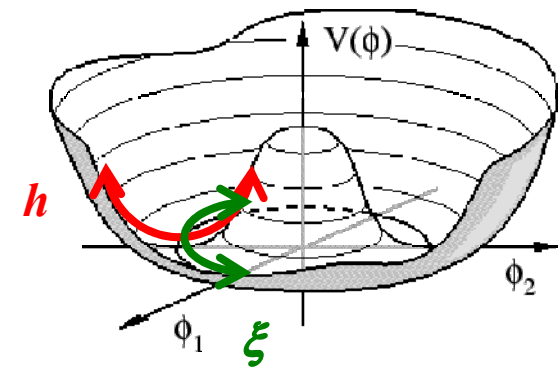
potential

$$V = \underbrace{(-\mu^2)}_{\frac{1}{2}m_h^2} h^2 \left[ 1 + \frac{h}{2v} \right]^2$$

no  $\frac{1}{2}m_\xi^2 \xi^2$  term

### \* Goldstone Theorem

- $\mathcal{L}$  invariant under continuous group
  - vev breaks  $n$  generators
- $\Rightarrow$  there are  $n$  massless Goldstone bosons



# The SSB/gauge miracle

## PROBLEMS

1. Gauge symmetry  $\Rightarrow$  massless Gauge boson

(2  $\perp$  polarizations)

2. SSB  $\Rightarrow$  massless Goldstone boson

(1 dof/broken generator )

2 <sup>solves 1</sup>  
(2  $\perp$  polarizations) + Go b. “eaten” as longitudinal pol.  $\Rightarrow$  massive Gauge boson

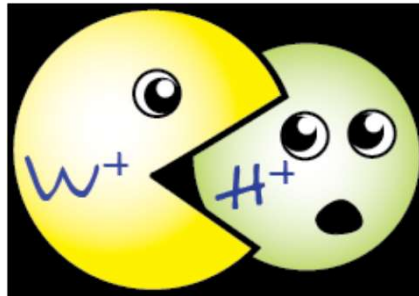
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P. W. Higgs, Phys.Lett. 12 (1964) 132, PRL 13 (1964) 508.

G. Guralnik, C. Hagen, and T. Kibble, PRL 13 (1964) 585.

# The SSB/gauge miracle

The  $W^+$  “eats” the Goldstone boson and makes it its longitudinal dof.



Flip Tanedo:

<https://www.quantumdiaries.org/2011/10/10/who-ate-the-higgs/>.

<http://www.quantumdiaries.org/2011/06/19/helicity-chirality-mass-and-the-higgs/>.



# The SSB/gauge miracle

## Homework 2

\* polar parametrization  $\phi(x) = e^{i\xi(x)/v} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [v + h(x)]$

$$\begin{aligned} (\partial_\mu \phi)^\dagger (\partial^\mu \phi) &\rightarrow |D\phi|^2 = |(\partial + iqA)\phi|^2 = \left| (\partial + iqA) e^{i\xi/v} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [v + h] \right|^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left| (\partial h) + i(v + h) \left[ \frac{(\partial \xi)}{v} + qA \right] \right|^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu h)(\partial^\mu h) + \frac{1}{2} (qv)^2 \underbrace{\left[ A_\mu + \frac{1}{qv} \partial_\mu \xi \right]^2}_{= \mathbf{A}'_\mu \text{ (gauge transf.)}} \left[ 1 + \frac{h}{v} \right]^2 \end{aligned}$$

mass term for  $\mathbf{A}'_\mu$



# The SSB/gauge miracle

- the massless GoB  $\xi$  disappears
- it is absorbed as the longitudinal polarization of  $A'_\mu$   
(dof  $2 + 1 = 3$ )
- $A'_\mu$  gets a mass proportional to  $v$
- there is a new massive scalar field  $h$  “the Higgs boson”
- the coupling of  $hAA$  is proportional to  $m_A^2$
- the fermions also get mass through Higgs
- the couplings  $hff$  are proportional to  $m_f$

# The Higgs Mechanism

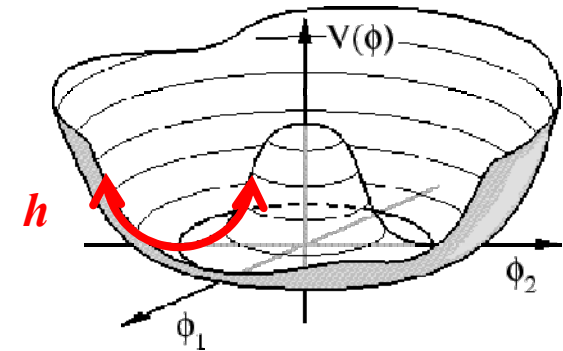
\* **polar parametrization**  $\phi(x) = e^{i\xi(x)/v} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [v + h(x)]$

**kinetic term**  $(\partial_\mu \phi)^\dagger (\partial^\mu \phi) = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu h) (\partial^\mu h) + \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \xi) (\partial^\mu \xi) \left[ 1 + \frac{h}{v} \right]^2$

**potential**  $V = \underbrace{(-\mu^2)}_{\frac{1}{2} m_h^2} h^2 \left[ 1 + \frac{h}{2v} \right]^2$

$$\boxed{\frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} = \langle \phi \rangle = \sqrt{\frac{-\mu^2}{2\lambda}} = 174 \text{ GeV}}$$

$$\boxed{m_h = \sqrt{-2\mu^2} = 125 \text{ GeV}}$$

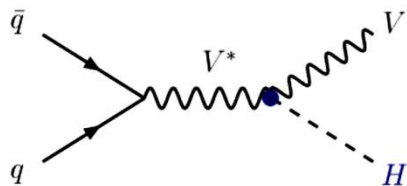


**==> All SM parameters fixed; all predictions**

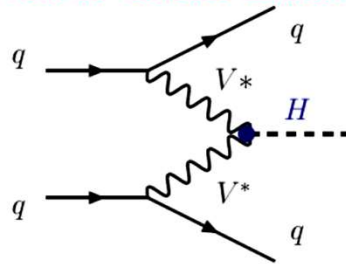
# 1 Higgs: Predictions

## • Production

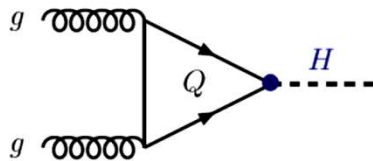
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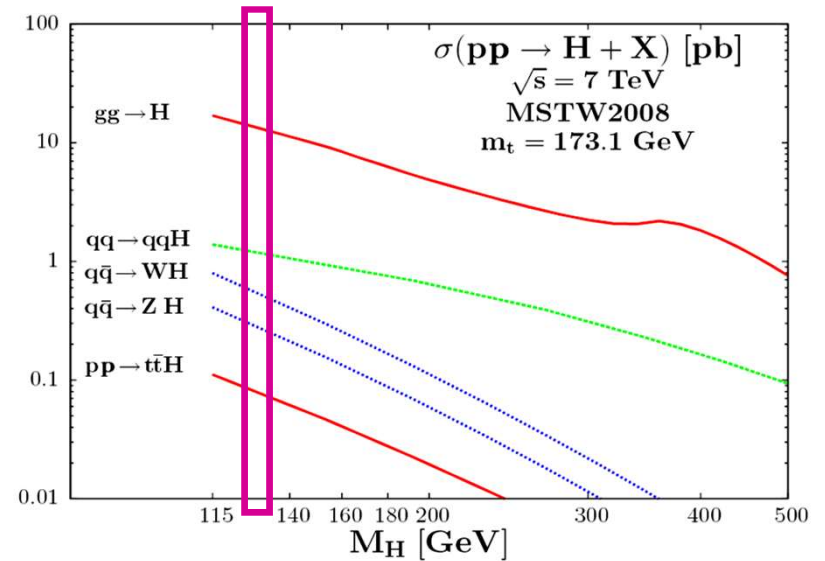
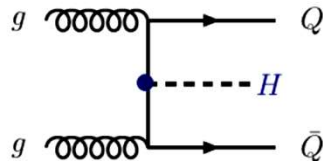
Vector boson fusion



gluon-gluon fusion



in associated with  $Q\bar{Q}$



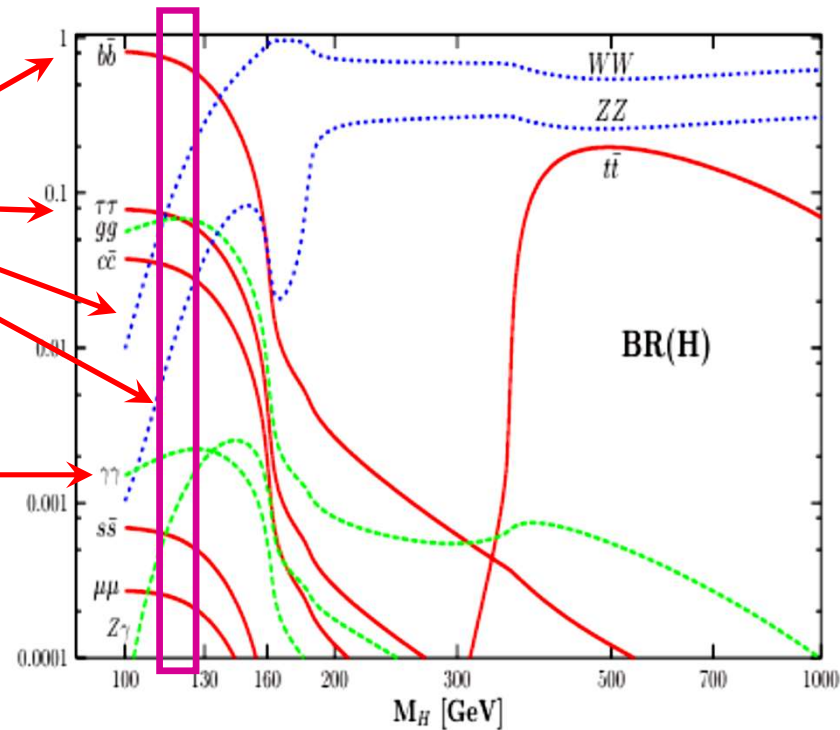
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# 1 Higgs: Predictions

- Decay

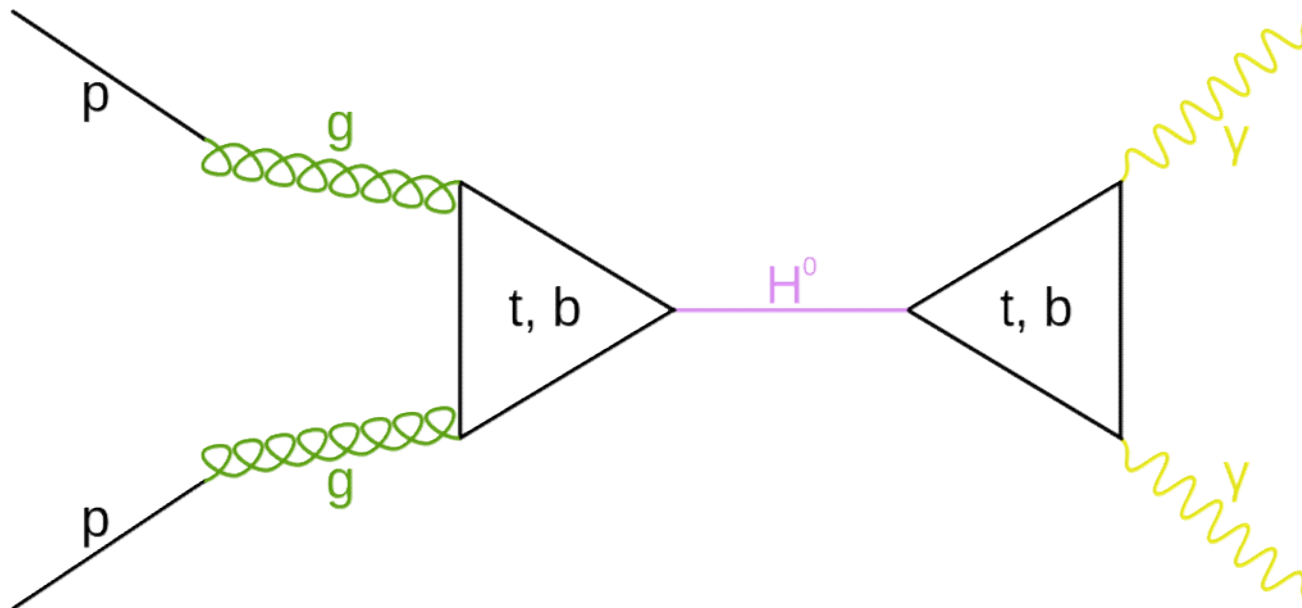
discovered here!!!

also

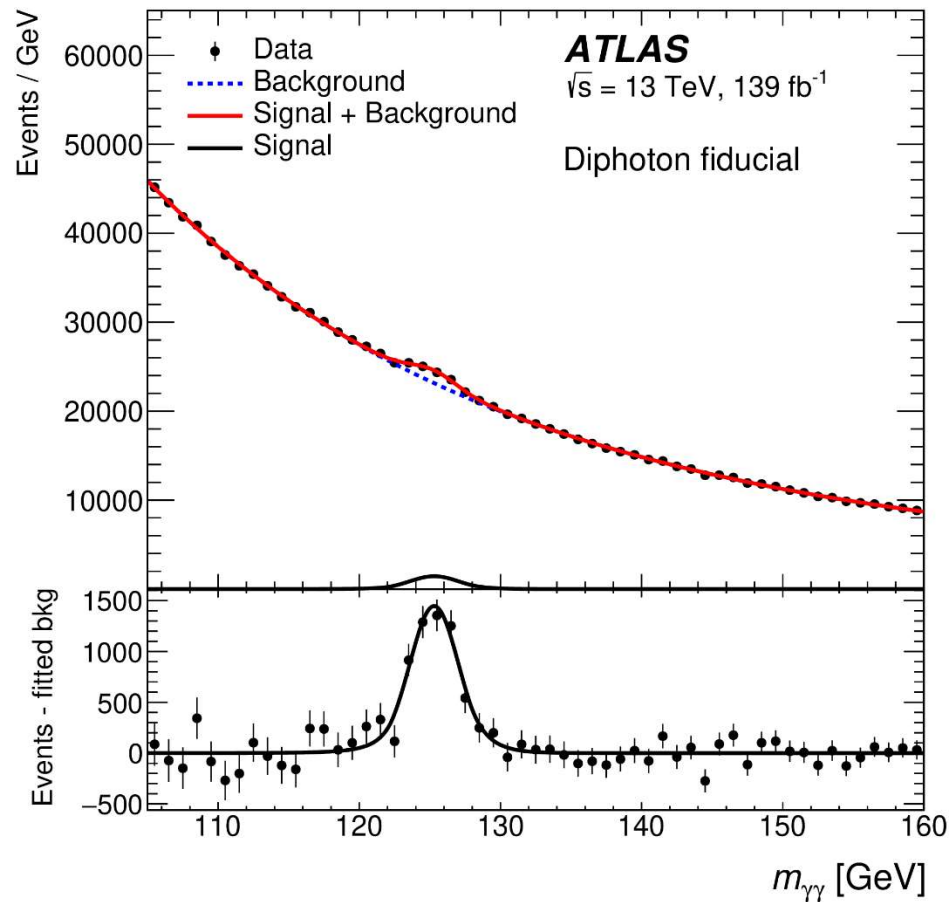


In the SM, rates related to known particle masses.

# Quantum Field Theory is compulsory



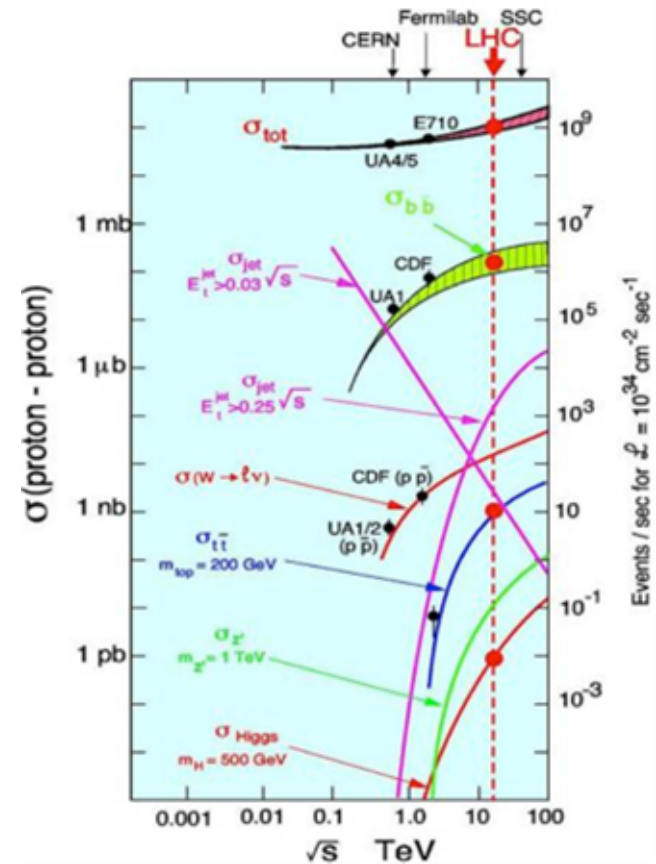
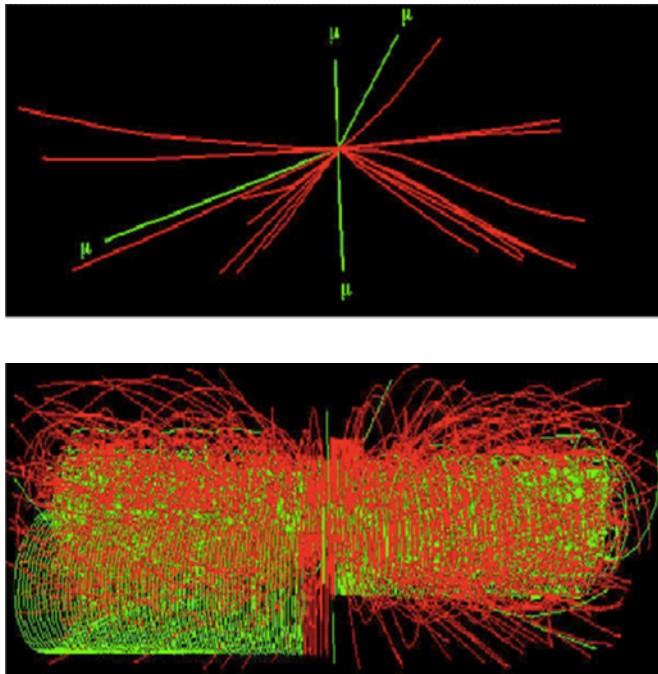
# 1 Higgs: Detection



**ATLAS: 9300  $h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$**

thanks to: Patricia Conde Muno

# 1 Higgs: Detection



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Higgs boson production at the LHC (in Run-2 numbers)

LHC = '*Large Higgs Creator*'

During Run-2, the LHC produced almost **8 million Higgs bosons!**

H(125 GeV) — approximate numbers			
Channel	Produced	Selected	Mass resolution
$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	18,200	6,440	1–2%
$H \rightarrow ZZ^*$	210,000	( $\rightarrow 4\ell$ ) 210	1–2%
$H \rightarrow WW^*$	1,680,000	( $\rightarrow 2\ell 2\nu$ ) 5,880	20%
$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$	490,000	2,380	15%
$H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$	4,480,000	9,240	10%

A. Hoecker, CERN

While this is enormous, the number of selected events is much smaller, due to:

- Need to select final states with small backgrounds (typically require a lepton) and good resolution to measure the small Higgs signal
- Small branching ratios for lepton final states

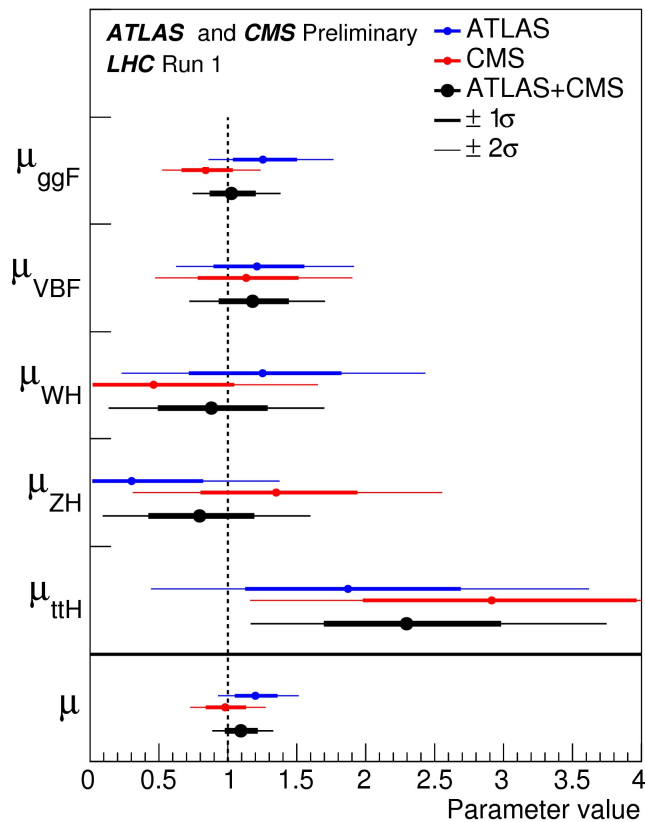
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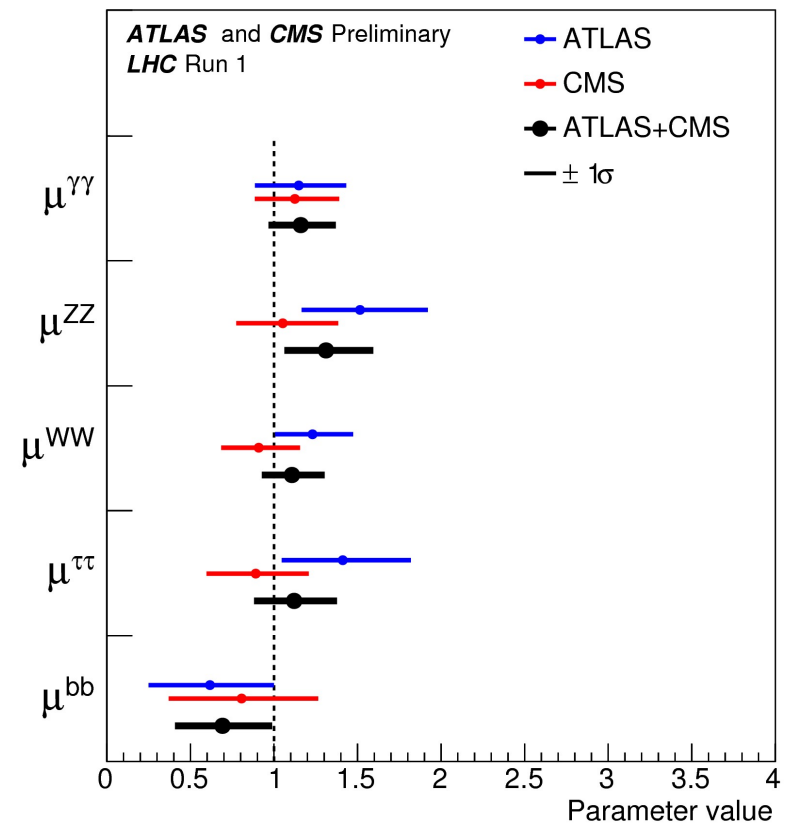


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SM BRs assumed

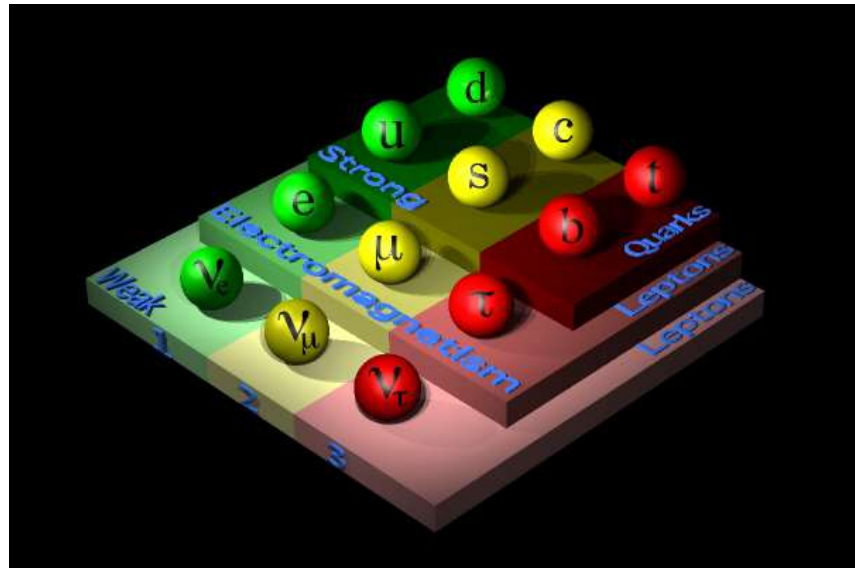


SM production assumed



# Why 1 Higgs?

- # Spin 1 fixed by gauge group:  
 $SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1) \Rightarrow W^\pm, Z^0, \gamma, g_{1..8}$
- Nothing fixes # Spin 1/2:  
Settled by experiment



- Nothing fixes # Spin 0:  
**MUST be settled by experiment**

# Novelties in Multi-Higgs

- Multiple spin-0 particles
  - Neutral:            Scalar    (h, H)  
                         Pseudoscalar    (A)  
                         Mixed    (h1, h2, h3)
  - Charged    ( $H^\pm$ )
- Rich vacuum structure
  - May have charge breaking minimum
  - May have two local minima of unequal depths

# Novelties in Multi-Higgs

- **CP violation in the Higgs sector**
  - **Theory:**               **Explicit**  
                                 **Spontaneous**
  - **Experiment:**       **Scalar-pseudoscalar mixing**  
                                 **Mixing of charged Higgs**  
                                 **Diagonal coupling to fermions**  
                                 **Off-diagonal coupling to fermions**   **(FCNSI)**

# Scalar potential of the 2HDM

$$\begin{aligned} V_H = & m_{11}^2 \Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_1 + m_{22}^2 \Phi_2^\dagger \Phi_2 - \left[ \cancel{m_{12}^2} \Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_2 + \text{H.c.} \right] \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \lambda_1 (\Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_1)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \lambda_2 (\Phi_2^\dagger \Phi_2)^2 + \lambda_3 (\Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_1) (\Phi_2^\dagger \Phi_2) + \lambda_4 (\Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_2) (\Phi_2^\dagger \Phi_1) \\ & + \left[ \frac{1}{2} \lambda_5 (\Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_2)^2 + \cancel{\lambda_6 (\Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_1) (\Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_2)} + \cancel{\lambda_7 (\Phi_2^\dagger \Phi_2) (\Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_2)} + \text{H.c.} \right], \end{aligned}$$

Branco, Ferreira, Lavoura, Rebelo, Sher, JPSilva  
Phys. Rept. 516 (2012)

# Particle content of the 2HDM



- Higgs basis ( $\beta$ )

$$H_1 = \begin{bmatrix} G^+ \\ (v + H^0 + iG^0)/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}, \quad H_2 = \begin{bmatrix} H^+ \\ (R + iI)/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

- 5 physical states

$$H^\pm$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} h \\ H \\ A \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} . & . \\ . & . \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} H^0 \\ R \\ I \end{bmatrix}$$

Lavoura and JPSilva, PRD 50, 4619 (1994)

# Higgs couplings in 2HDM: V

SM production assumed

Standard possibility:  $h = 125$  GeV

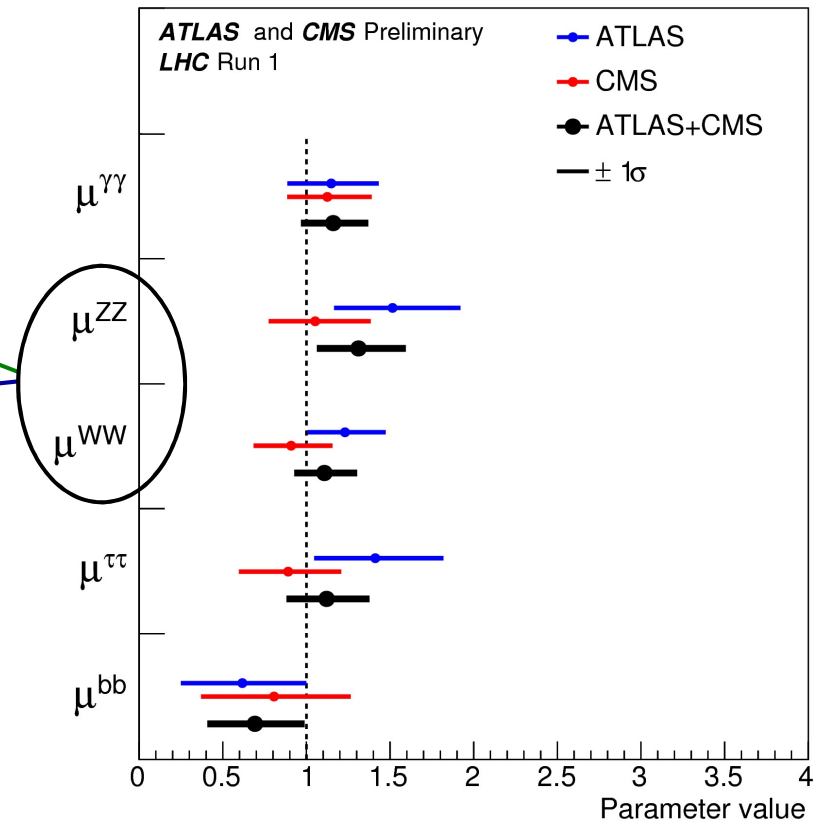
$$g_{hVV} = g_{hVV}^{SM} \sin(\beta - \alpha)$$

$$g_{HVV} = g_{HVV}^{SM} \cos(\beta - \alpha)$$

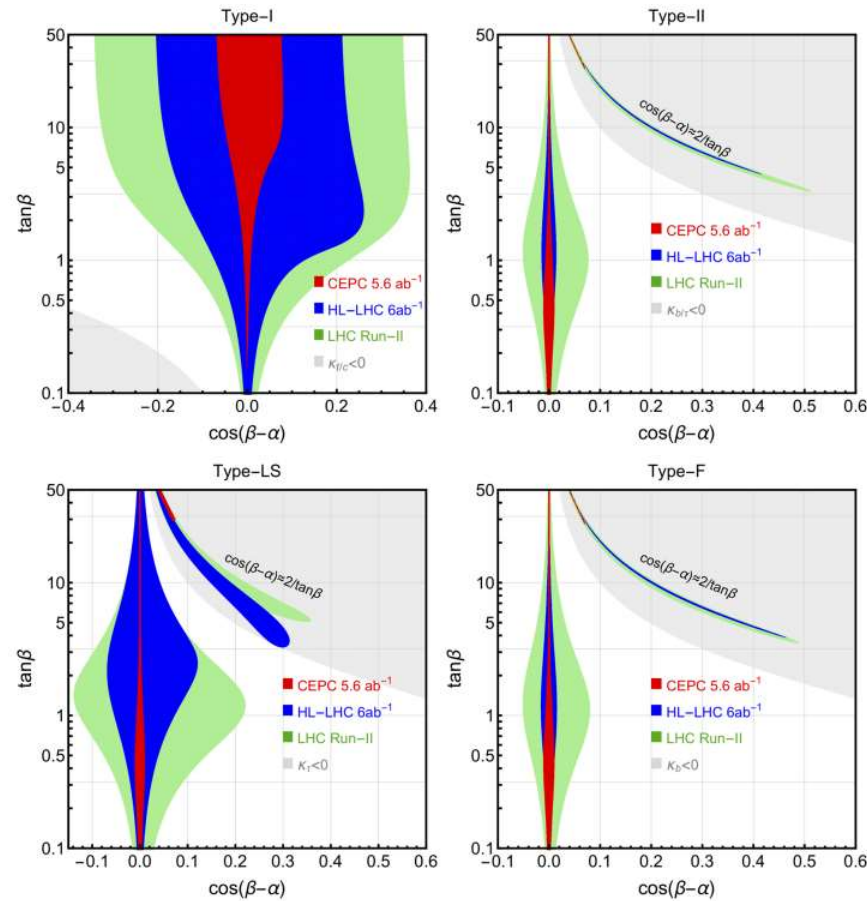
Remarkable possibility:  $H = 125$  GeV  
(still allowed)

$$g_{AVV} = 0$$

Pure pseudoscalar 125 GeV ruled out



# Strong limits from LHC



**Fig. 1** The allowed region in the plane of  $\tan\beta$  -  $\cos(\beta - \alpha)$  at 95% C.L. for the four types of 2HDM, given LHC Run-II (green), HL-LHC (blue) and CEPC (red) Higgs precision measurements. For future measurements, we assume that the measurements agree with SM predictions. The gray represent the wrong-sign Yukawa regions discussed at

Sect. 2.2, with  $\kappa_U/\kappa_V < 0$  for Type-I,  $\kappa_b/\kappa_V < 0$  for Type-II and Type-F,  $\kappa_t/\kappa_V < 0$  for Type-II and Type-LS. The colored “arm” regions for the Type-II, L and F are the allowed wrong-sign Yukawa regions correspondingly

Wei Su, Eur. Phys. J. C (2021) 81:404



# Conclusions

- **We have entered a new phase in the study of Elwk SB: the precision phase**
- **The # of Higgs is to be determined experimentally**
- **Current experiments already constrain the models**

# Conclusions

- **Radical situations still viable: eg. scalar coupling to up and pseudoscalar coupling to down**
- **Beware of panic vacuum**
- **Multi-Higgs models constitute a very exciting and active field**

# Multi-Higgs Workshops

**Workshop on  
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