

Higgs Properties at the LHC

Short and Long Term

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Overview

- In the context of SM Higgs boson searches,
a new heavy boson has been observed at a mass of around 125 GeV.
- Having established that *something* exists there, the most natural question is now *what* is it:
shift of focus from searches to measurements.
- Of course we're also still searching for

SM Higgs-centric measurements

- The H125 boson was observed relying on searches specifically tuned for the SM Higgs:
 - *Signal kinematic taken from SM Higgs prediction.*
 - *Use of specific production modes: VBF, VH, ttH*
 - *Selection of decay modes searched*
- Most measurements of properties are made by reinterpreting the results of these searches.
- Therefore, the measurements of the properties depend to some extent on SM Higgs assumptions.
- The validity of these measurements is therefore dependent on how close H125 is to

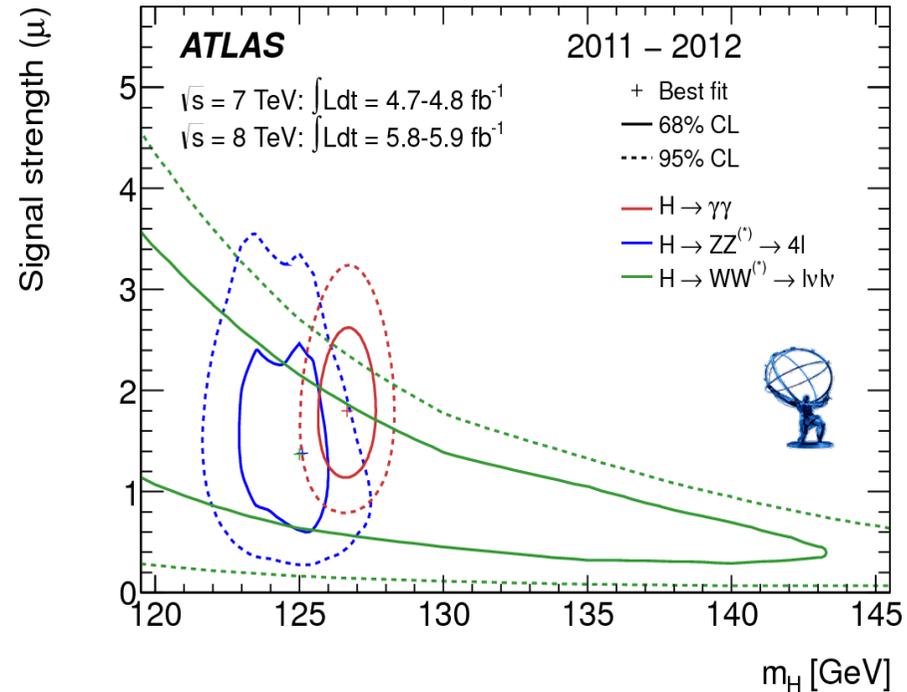
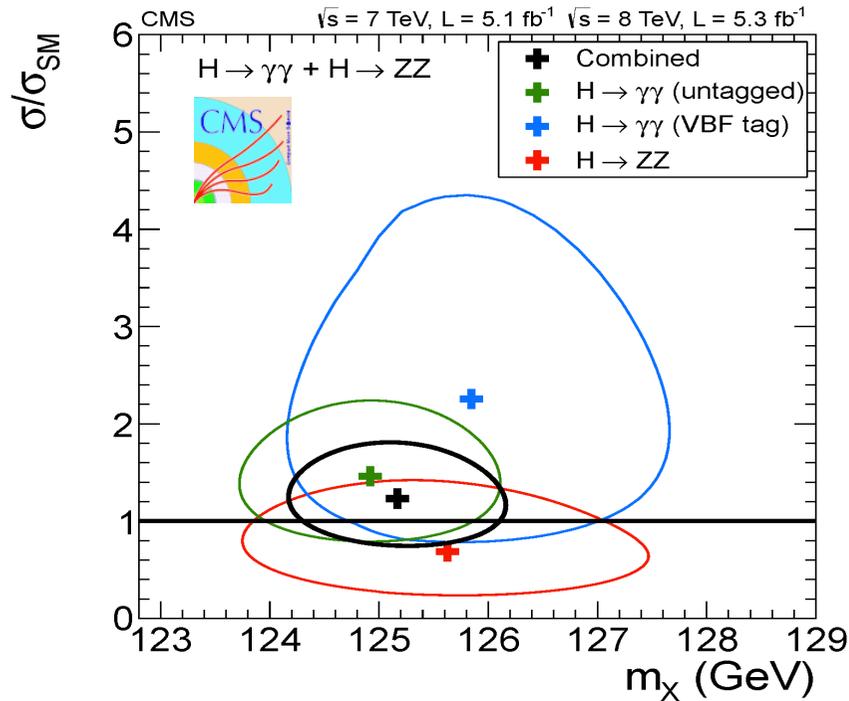
Mass measurement

- The first and most natural thing to measure.
- Experimentally accessible in $\gamma\gamma$, $4l$ decays
- Well defined theoretically, at least down to the natural width of H125 (tiny, in most models)
- If no assumption is made on the expected signal yield, the measurement is model independent, except for some effects:
 - *the modelling of the signal kinematic , which enters in the overall calibration of the mass scale from MC.*
 - *the relative weights given to the events in the measurement, which depends on the expected*

Mass: experimental challenges

- The dominant systematical uncertainty on the mass measurement is from the knowledge of the energy scales for photons and leptons:
 - *Extrapolation from the standard candles (e.g. Z) to the kinematic of a H125 signal (p_T, η)*
 - *Extrapolation from electrons to photons.*
- The control of the energy resolution on data

Results with Summer'12 data



$$125.3 \pm 0.4^{(\text{stat})} \pm 0.5^{(\text{syst})} \quad 126.0 \pm 0.4^{(\text{stat})} \pm 0.4^{(\text{syst})}$$

Mass: looking in the future

- By the end of 2012 run, we expect $\sim x3$ data.
 - *Statistic term from about 0.4 GeV to about 0.2 GeV*
 - *Can gain also from further analysis improvements*
- The systematic can also be reduced with better calibrations, better tuning of the simulation, ...
- The ATLAS and CMS uncertainties are totally uncorrelated, also in the systematic part, so get a factor $\sqrt{2}$ from combining the two.
- Total uncertainty below 0.2 GeV by 2013?
- Unclear to me how useful it is to go beyond

Tests of the Couplings

- For a SM Higgs, there's nothing to measure besides the mass: all the rest is well known.

As a consequence, all production cross sections and decay rates are predicted from them.

- However, SM Higgs predictions are all that we have readily and accurately available now.

- So, rather than “measure” the couplings,

Measurement vs Test

- *Starting point*: a model, dependent on some parameters, that can be fitted to the data.
- *Measurement*: all parameter values are sensible; we search for the one best describing the data.
e.g. measure the Z mass, combining $\mu\mu$ and ee .
- *Test*: only some parameter values are sensible; If the result is not compatible with those, taking into account the uncertainties, the model is rejected.
e.g. measure the Z mass in $\mu\mu$ and ee as if

Tests of the couplings

1. Introduce a set of parameters $\{X\}$, intuitively related to the couplings of the Higgs
2. Compute the production cross sections in each topology and all the BRs, rescaling the SM predictions by functions of $\{X\}$

$$\sigma(\mathbf{xx} \rightarrow \mathbf{H} \rightarrow \mathbf{yy}) \sim \sigma_{\mathbf{xx}} \Gamma_{\mathbf{yy}} / \Gamma_{\text{tot}}$$

3. Fit the data and the allowed regions of $\{X\}$, or the allowed region for one X allowing all the others X 's to take arbitrary values.

A set of benchmark models have been defined to probe various BSM scenarios:

[arxiv:1209.0040](https://arxiv.org/abs/1209.0040)

Universal vector & fermion couplings

“Rescale universally the Higgs boson couplings to fermion by κ_F and couplings to vector boson by κ_V ”

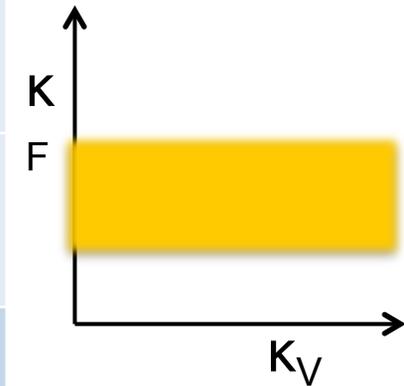
- $\sigma_{\text{VBF}}, \sigma_{\text{VH}}, \Gamma_{\text{WW}}, \Gamma_{\text{ZZ}}$ scale as κ_V^2
- $\sigma_{\text{ttH}}, \Gamma_{\text{ff}}$ scale as κ_F^2
- $\sigma_{\text{ggH}}, \Gamma_{\text{gg}}$ scale as κ_F^2
(assume they're just the SM quarks in the loop)
- Γ_{YY} scale as $|\alpha \cdot \kappa_V + \beta \cdot \kappa_F|^2$
(assume W, t, b in the loop, as in the SM)
- $\Gamma_{\text{tot}} = \sum \Gamma_X$ for all X decays in the SM
(assume no other BSM decay mode)

Predictions in K_V, K_F model

Prod	Decay	Signal yield scale	Approx
VH	bb	$K_V^2 K_F^2 / [3/4 K_F^2 + 1/4 K_V^2]$	K_V^2
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ggH	TT	$K_F^2 K_F^2 / [3/4 K_F^2 + 1/4 K_V^2]$	K_F^2
ggH	WW, ZZ	$K_F^2 K_V^2 / [3/4 K_F^2 + 1/4 K_V^2]$	K_V^2
VBF	WW	$K_V^2 K_V^2 / [3/4 K_F^2 + 1/4 K_V^2]$	K_V^4 / K_F^2

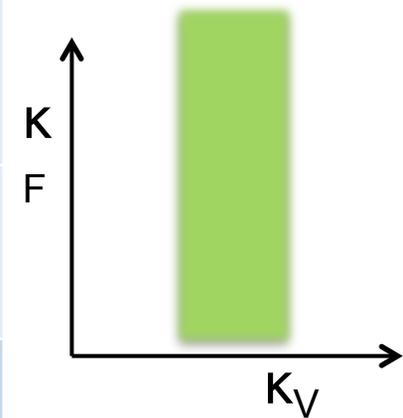
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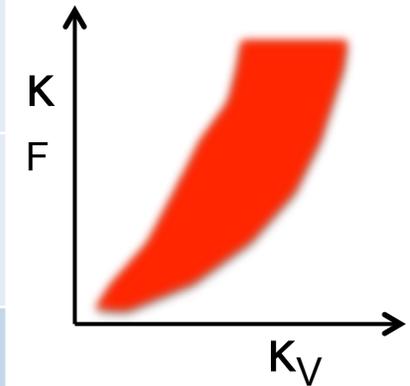
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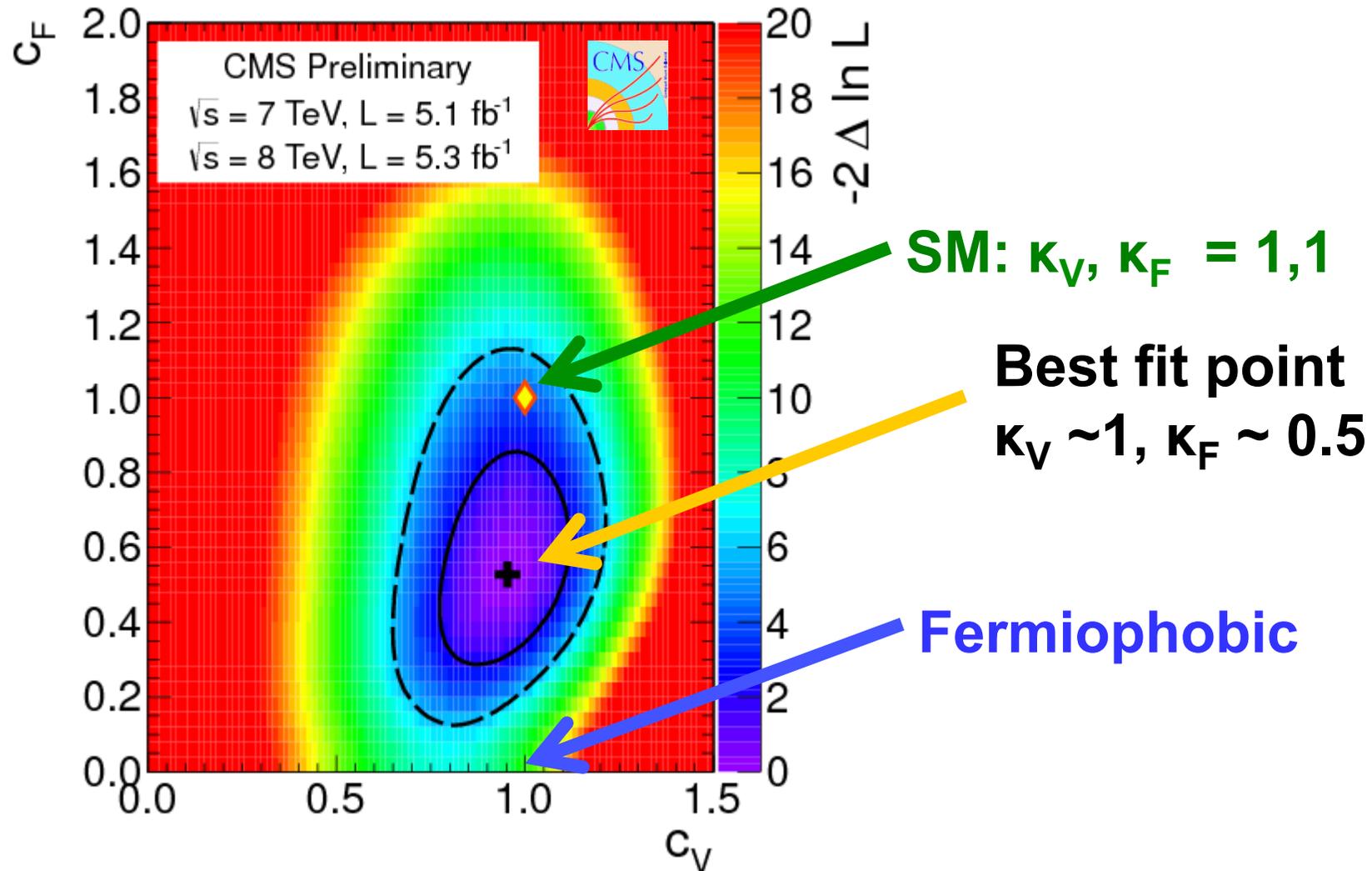


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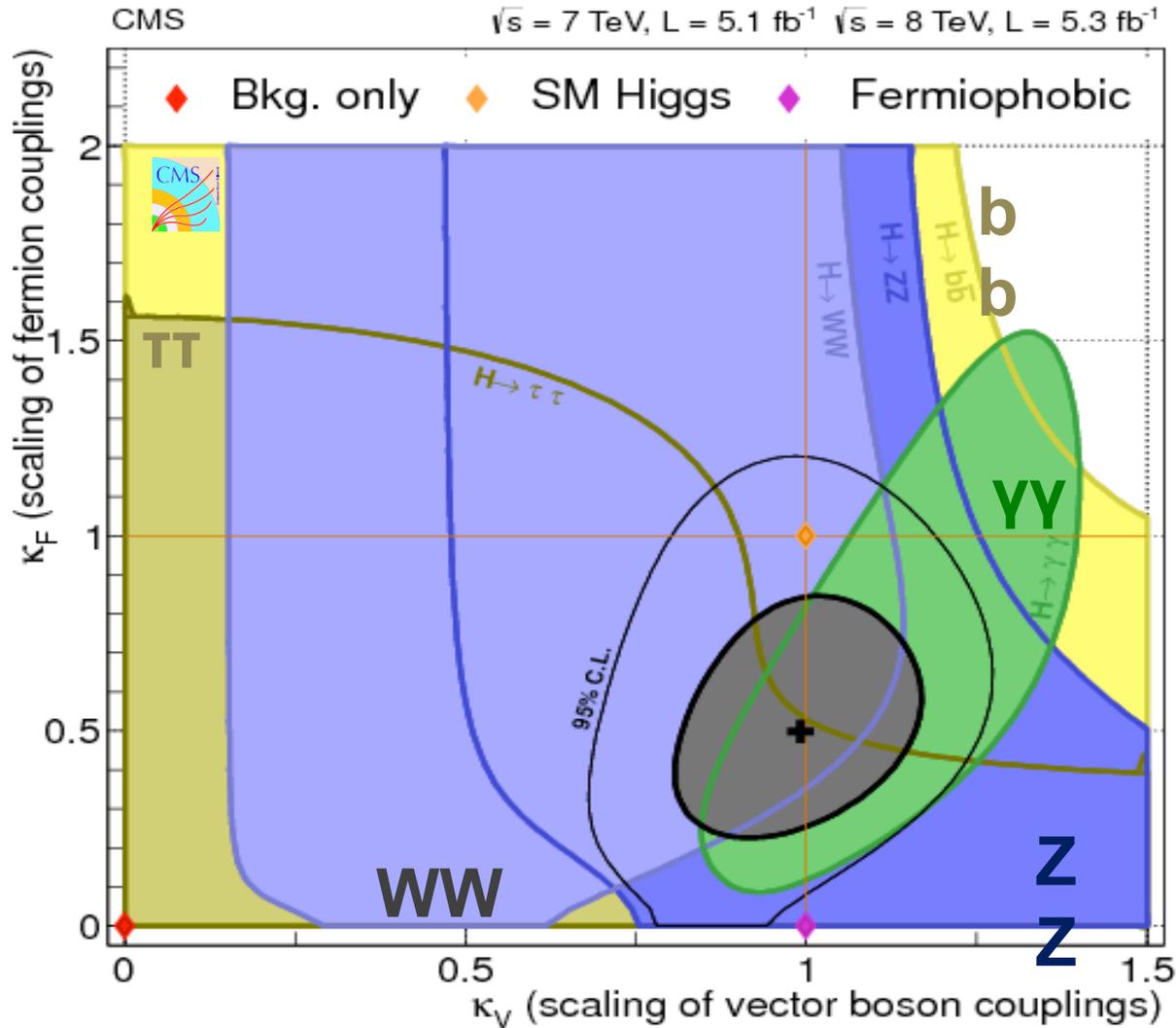
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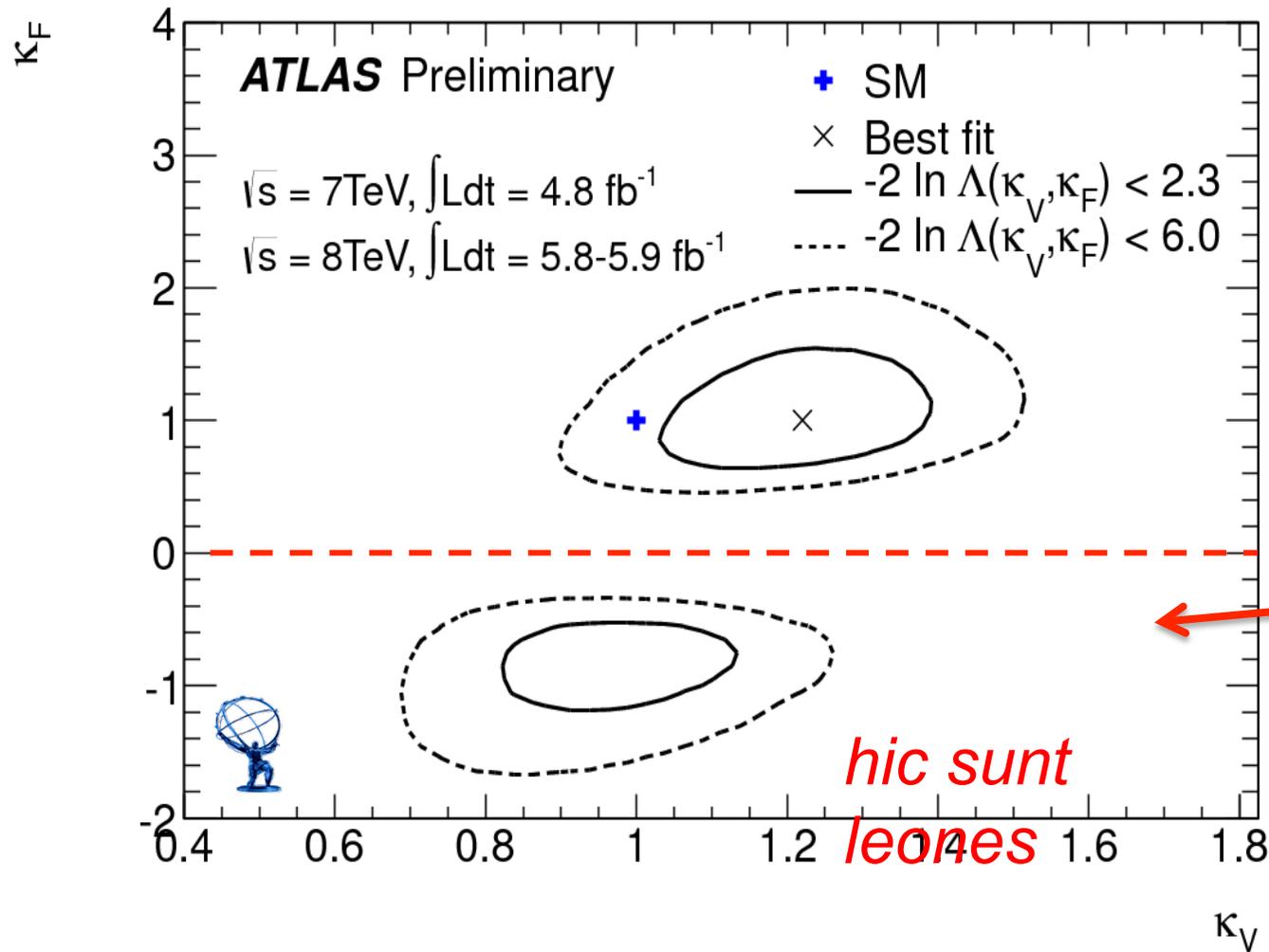
K_V, K_F results: CMS



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K_V, K_F results: ATLAS



← $K_V \cdot K_F < 0$: allow fermions and bosons to interfere constructively in the $\gamma\gamma$ loop.

Testing custodial symmetry

- In most alternative models to the SM, the ratio of the Higgs-like boson couplings to W and Z is fixed to the SM value.
- Two ways of probing it:
 - *Directly from the the measured WW , ZZ yields*
 - *From a fit to the full dataset , as in κ_V , κ_F but with independent parameters for W and Z*
- Each approach has its merits

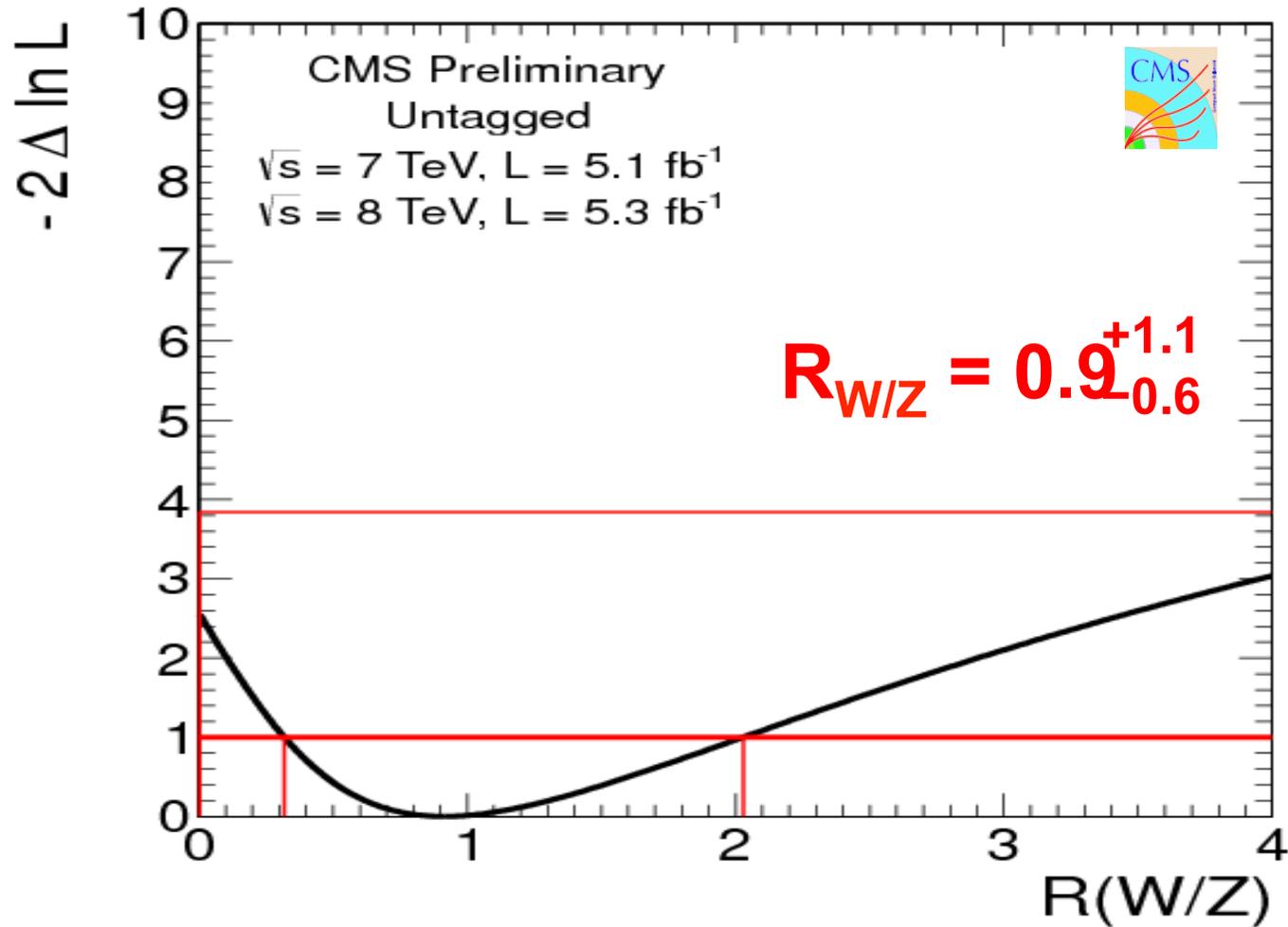
W/Z from event yields

- Ideally one would like to select WW, ZZ decays from the same ggH production mode, so that the ratio of yields depends only on the BRs.
- However, both CMS and ATLAS have an inclusive ZZ analysis, with with an O(10%) contamination from VBF and VH.

$$N_{WW}/N_{ZZ} = BR_{WW} / BR_{ZZ} \cdot (1 + \sigma_{VBF+VH}/\sigma_{ggH})^{-1}$$

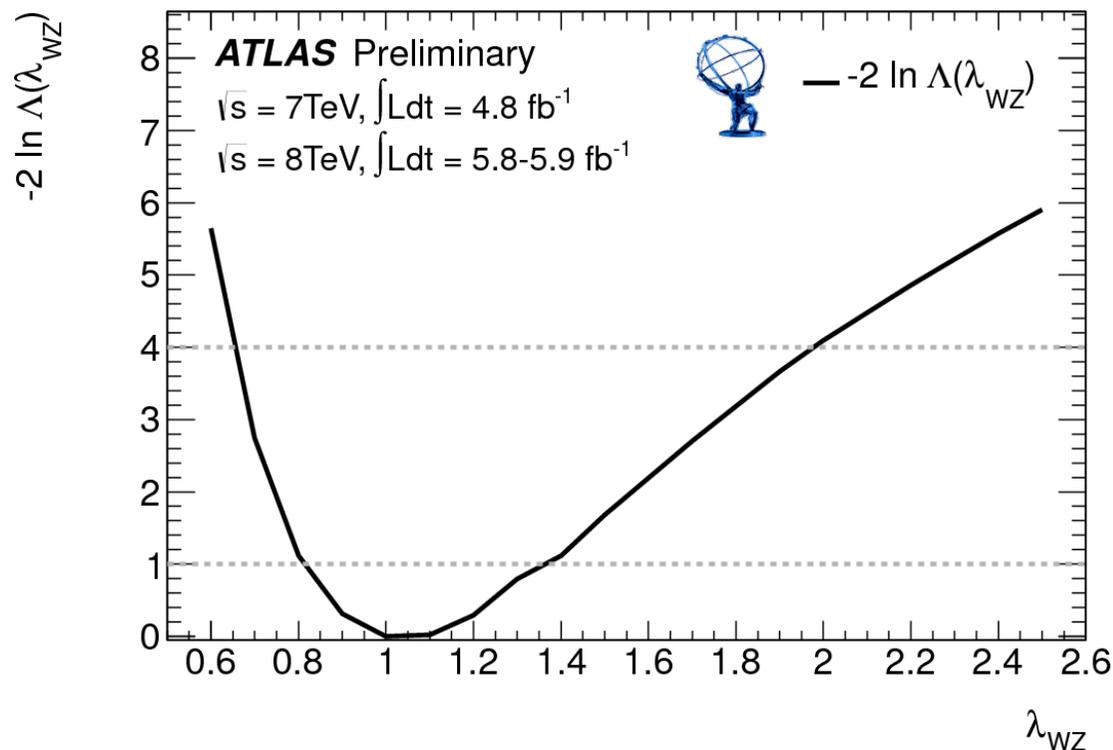
- If $\sigma_{VBF+VH}/\sigma_{ggH}$ is different from the SM value, the ratio of yields can depart from 1.0 even if the ratio of W and Z couplings is as in the SM.

W/Z from event yields



W/Z from couplings

- Three parameter fit: κ_F , κ_Z , $\lambda_{WZ} := \kappa_W / \kappa_Z$
- Leave κ_F , κ_Z float freely, get a constraint



$$\lambda_{WZ} = 1.07^{+0.35}_{-0.27}$$

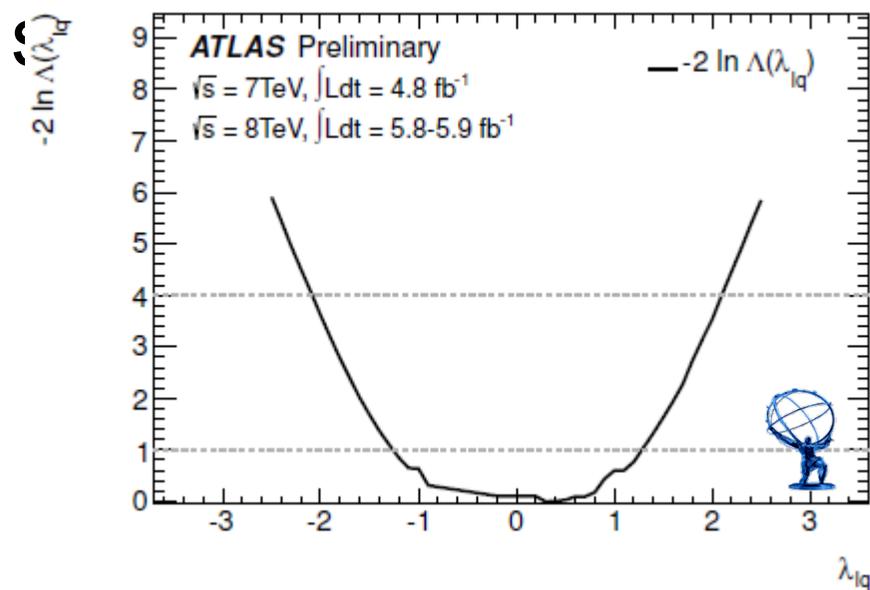
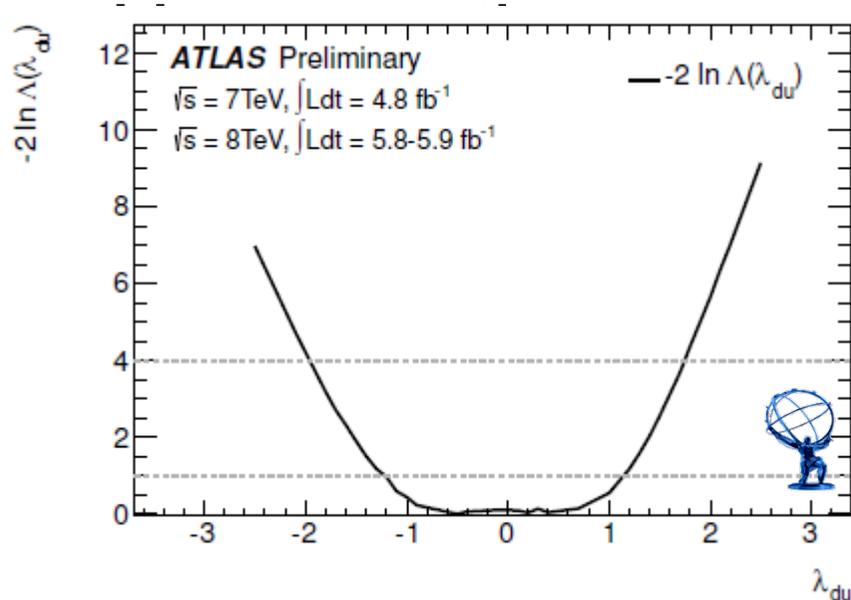
Note: $R_{W/Z} \sim (\lambda_{WZ})^2$
 $\Delta R/R \sim 2 \Delta \lambda/\lambda$

Fermion non-universality

- Several BSM models predict different couplings for the Higgs to different fermion kinds.
- Two benchmark models devised to probe this:
 - *Allow separate couplings for up-type and down-type fermions : separate t vs from b, τ*
 - *Allow separate couplings to quarks and leptons*
- In both cases, the coupling to the top is measured only from the ggH production cross section,

Fermion non-universality

- Due to the deficits observed bb and $\tau\tau$ at LHC compared with the SM Higgs predictions, the fits prefers values of λ_{du} , λ_{lq} close to zero.



Search for BSM physics in loops

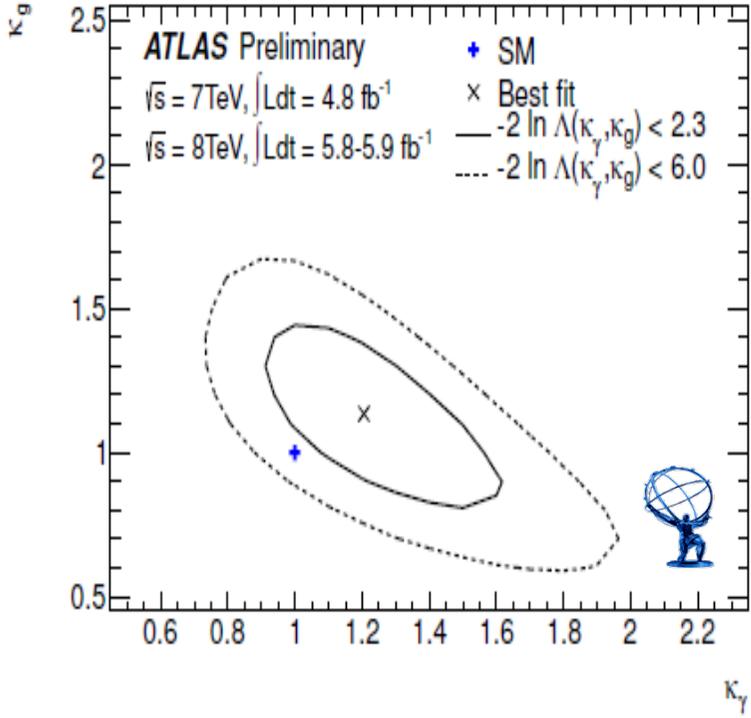
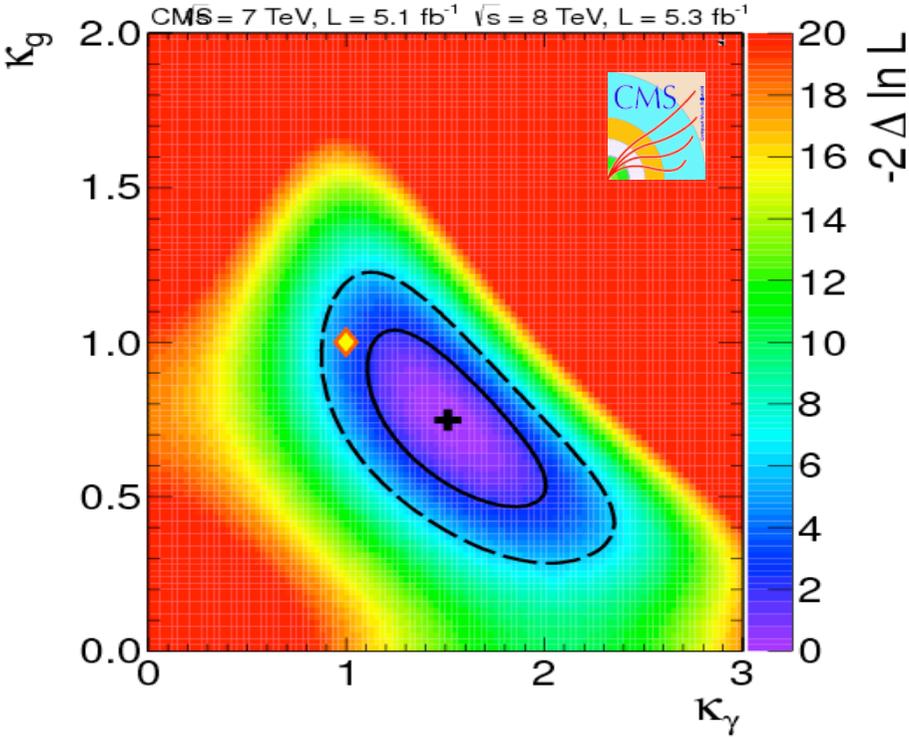
Alternative benchmark model:

- Assume the tree-level couplings between Higgs and the other particles are as in the SM
- However, allow extra contributions to the loops that give the effective gluon and γ couplings:

treat $\mathbf{\kappa}_g$, $\mathbf{\kappa}_\gamma$ as free parameters and scale

$$\sigma_{ggH} \sim \mathbf{\kappa}_g^2 \quad \Gamma_{gg} \sim \mathbf{\kappa}_g^2 \quad \Gamma_{\gamma\gamma} \sim \mathbf{\kappa}_\gamma^2$$

Search for BSM physics in loops



Note anti-correlation from $\sigma \cdot \text{BR}(gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) = \kappa_g^2 \kappa_\gamma^2$

Search for BSM physics in decays

- As the previous model, but allow also for BSM decays of the Higgs boson in modes not searched for.
- Constrain BSM decays through the total width

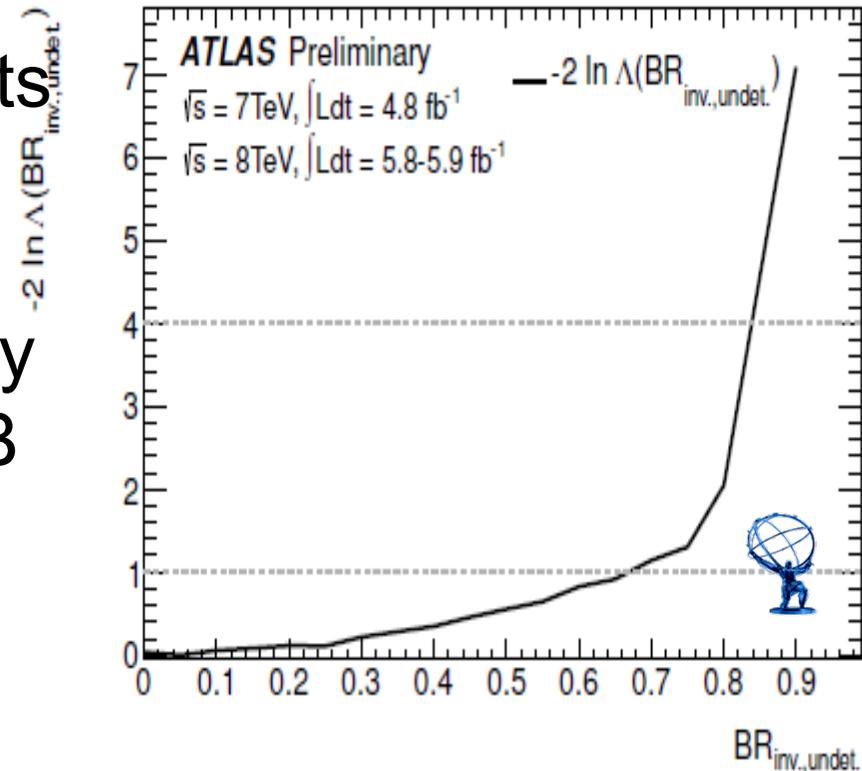
$$\Gamma_{\text{tot}} = \Gamma_{\text{SM}} + (\kappa_g^2 - 1) \cdot \Gamma_{\text{gg}} + \Gamma_{\text{BSM}}$$

- Hard to do for unconstrained κ_g , κ_γ values, as most of the really sensitive modes rely on ggH production or on $\gamma\gamma$ decay.

Search for BSM physics in decays

For now can only constrain BR_{BSM} to be below $\sim 90\%$

Expect larger improvements when non-ggH modes become more sensitive: currently they're statistically limited, but have better S/B

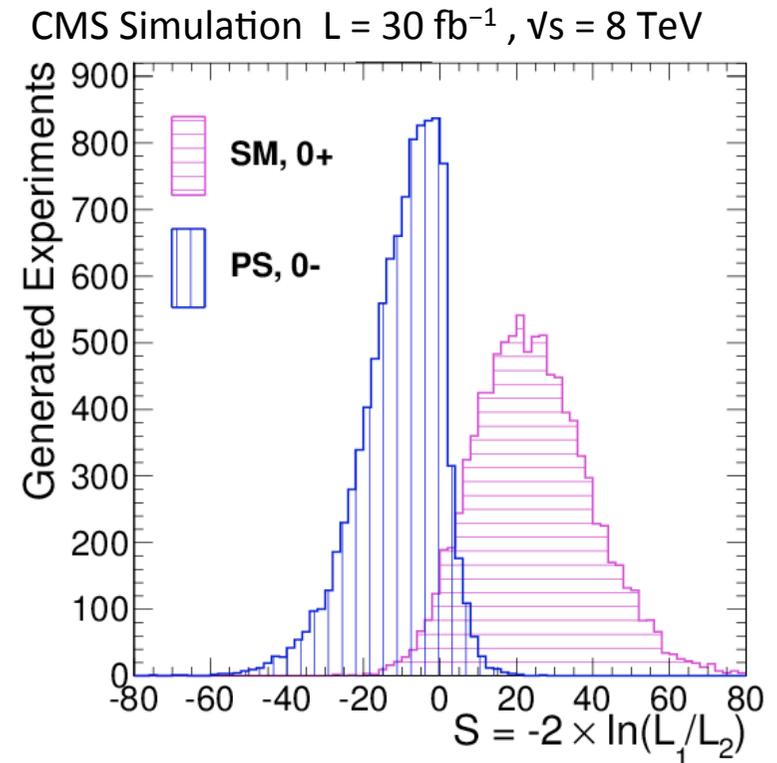


Spin and parity

- Previous coupling tests all assumed $J^{CP} = 0^+$
- The picture becomes increasingly more complex if this requirement is dropped. Especially true for $J=2$, where there are potentially many tensor couplings to consider.
- So far, studies done only trying to separate between SM H and another fixed alternative hypothesis (e.g. minimal 0^-). However, we might be dealing with a mixed parity state, or with non-minimally coupled particle.

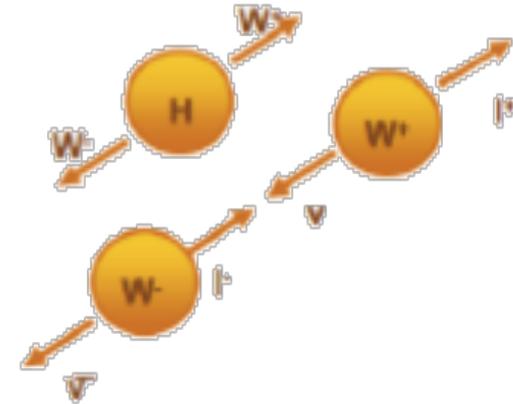
Spin and parity: ZZ

- From angular distribution of ZZ decay products: full analysis done at CMS, expect 2-3 σ separation between SM Higgs and a minimal pseudo-scalar Higgs model.
- Spin 2 case more complex.
For a graviton-like H, expect little or no separation with this year data.

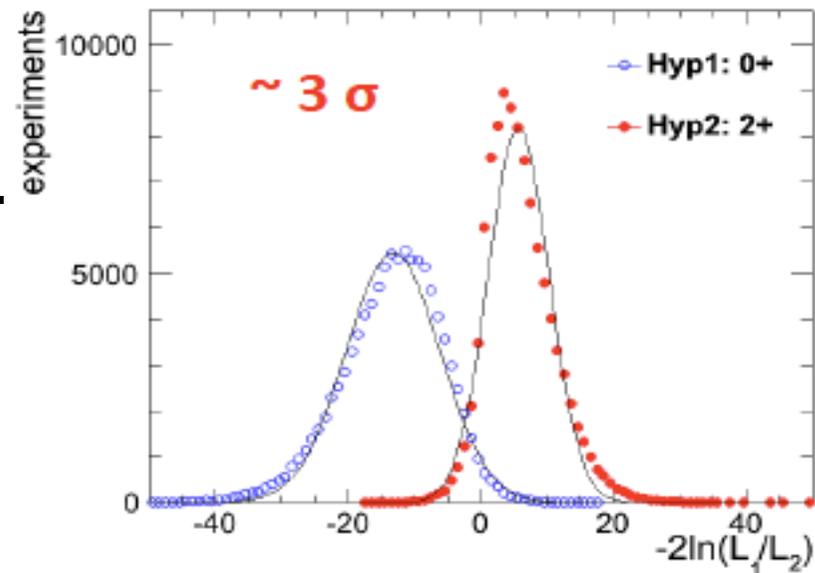


Spin and parity: WW

- Spin alignment is already used in the WW search: the fact we see a signal supports $J=0$ vs $J=2$.
- No full analysis done yet, but from generator-level studies one expects $2-3\sigma$ separation of $J=0$ vs $J=2$ with this year data.



JHU Generator $L = 10 \text{ fb}^{-1}$, $\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$



Spin parity: $\gamma\gamma$ and VH modes

- Other ways of testing the spin and parity have been proposed:
 - *from angular distribution in $\gamma\gamma$, inclusive and VBF*
 - *from transverse mass distribution of $V+H$ system*
- However, it will likely take a while before results from this approach will be ready. Maybe first results for Moriond?

Beyond this LHC run

- Some first projections have been done to estimate the sensitivity of the LHC with higher integrated luminosity and beam energy.
- Improvement expected in two directions:
 - *The sensitivity in the currently explored decay modes will be increase: larger event yields in signal region, larger control and calibration samples, ...*
 - *New modes with low yield but good S/B will start to be accessible.*

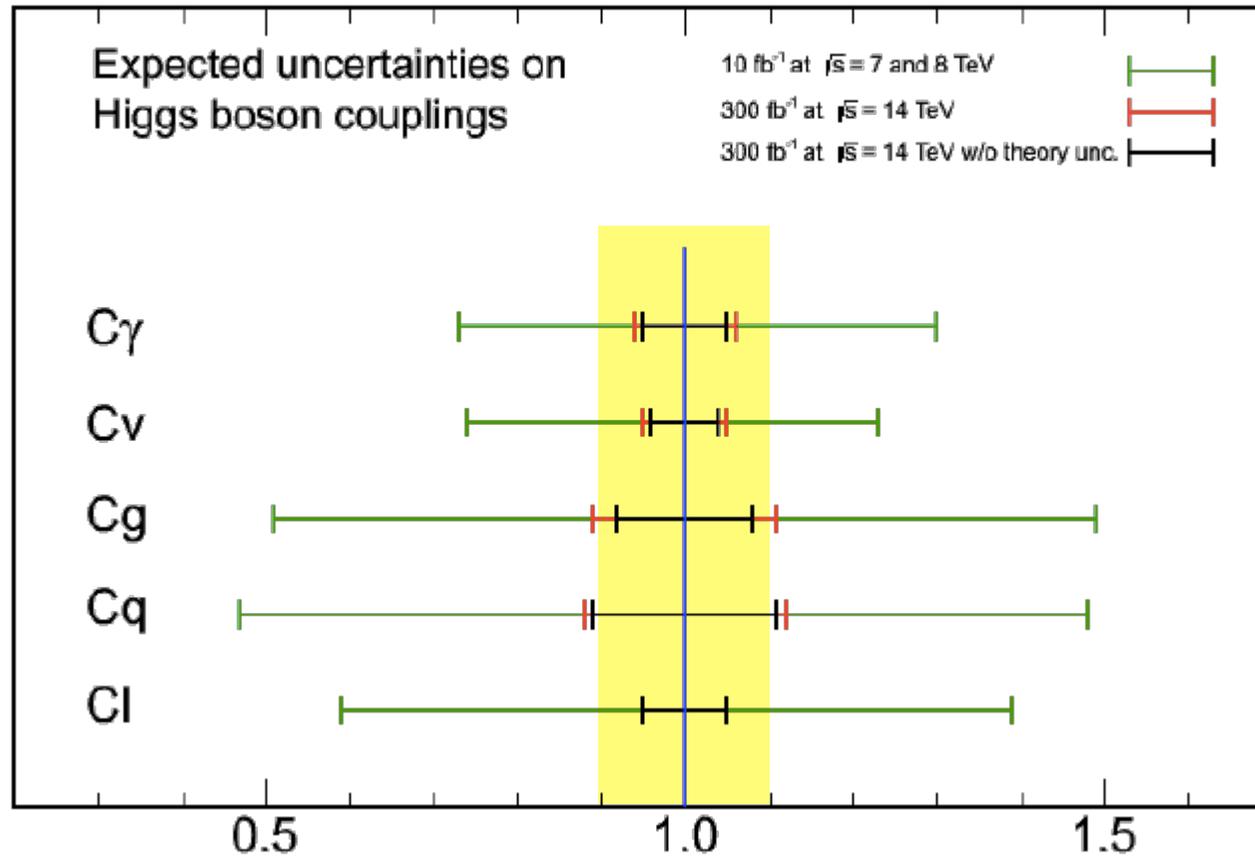
More precision

Naïve rescaling of uncertainties on $\sigma \times \text{BR}$ with $\sqrt{\sigma \times L}$,
NOT AN OFFICIAL CMS PROJECTION

Decay	Prod.	30+30 fb ⁻¹ @ 8 TeV	300fb ⁻¹ @ 14 TeV
H → bb	VH	30%	10%
H → bb	ttH	60%	10%
H → ττ	ggH	40%	10%
H → ττ	qqH	40%	10%
H → γγ	ggH	20%	6%
H → γγ	qqH	40%	10%
H → WW	ggH	16%	5%
H → WW	qqH	60%	16%
H → ZZ	ggH	16%	5%

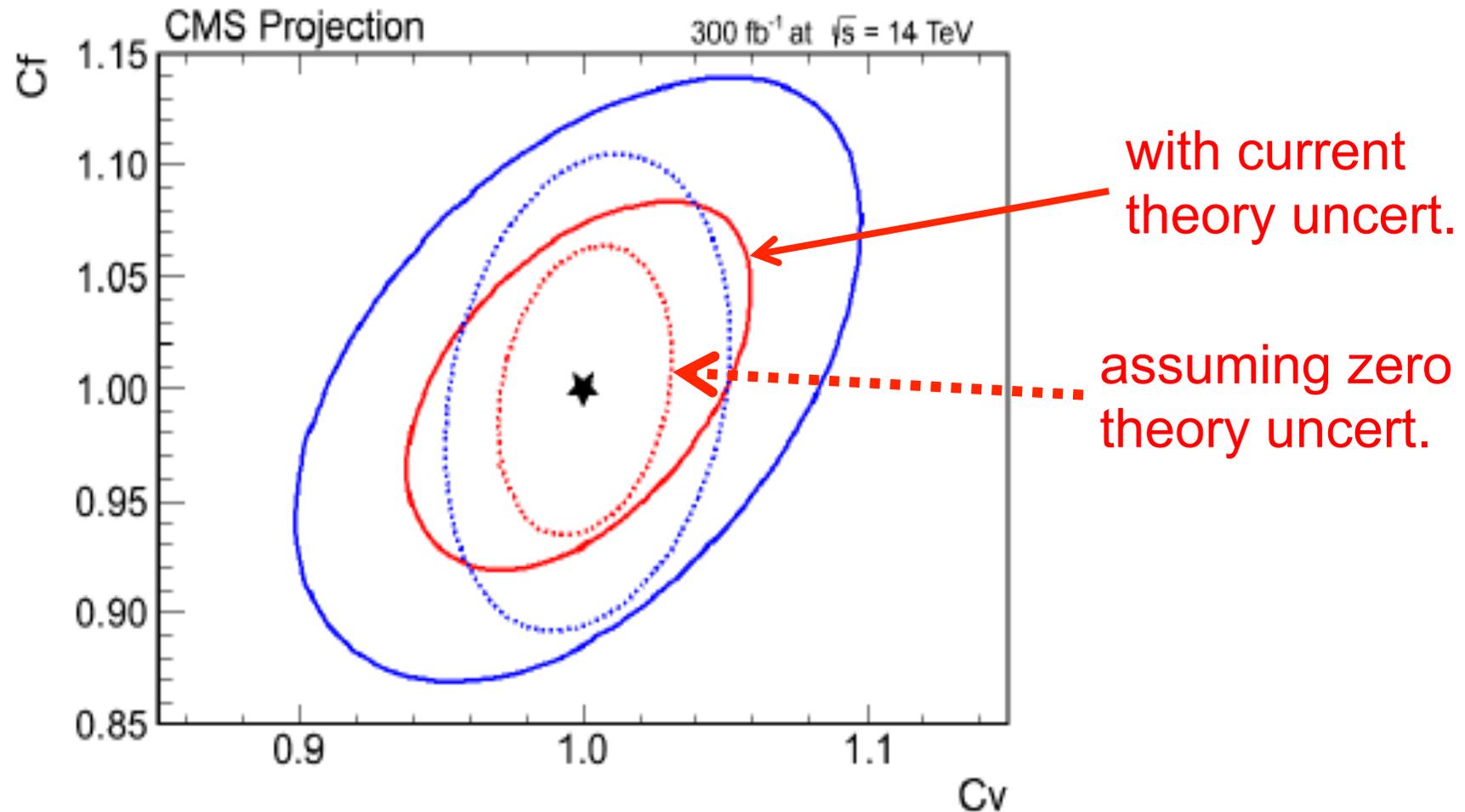
Measure couplings at 10%

CMS Projection



<http://indico.cern.ch/contributionDisplay.py?contribId=144&confId=175067>

Theory uncertainties become important



More modes

- ttH , $H \rightarrow bb$: expect to reach $\Delta\sigma/\sigma \sim 100\%$ with this year data, and σ grows fast with energy. Important to probe top coupling at tree level.
- VBF, VH to ZZ: expect just ~ 1 event with 30 fb^{-1}
- $H \rightarrow Z\gamma$: another constraint to BSM $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
- $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$: 3σ evidence in reach with $\sim 3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$?
- $H+H \rightarrow bb+\gamma\gamma$: ??? Still to be studied.
- Note: some of these measurements are not trivial to do at a low-luminosity linear e^+e^-

Conclusions

- After the observation of H125, now we are focusing on measuring its properties.
- Mass already measured to better than 0.5%
- Started to probe the couplings: currently with O(50%) uncertainties, but could gain a factor 2 this year, and reach ~10% with 300fb⁻¹ @14TeV
- Effort also ongoing for J^{CP} measurements. Some results expected on this year data.