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# EW Symmetry Breaking: Where are we?

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# Fermi Model

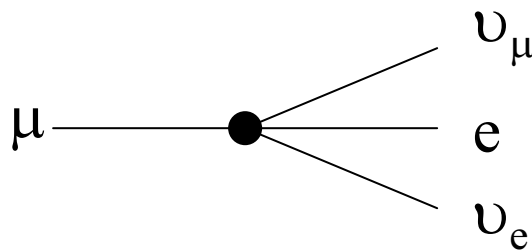
- Current-current interaction of 4 fermions

$$L_{FERMI} = -2\sqrt{2}G_F J_\rho^+ J^\rho$$

- Consider just leptonic current

$$J_\rho^{lept} = \bar{\nu}_e \gamma_\rho \left( \frac{1-\gamma_5}{2} \right) e + \bar{\nu}_\mu \gamma_\rho \left( \frac{1-\gamma_5}{2} \right) \mu + hc$$

- Only left-handed fermions feel charged current weak interactions
- This induces muon decay



This structure known since Fermi

$$G_F = 1.16637 \times 10^{-5} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$$

# Fermion Multiplet Structure

- $\Psi_L$  couples to  $W^\pm$  (cf Fermi theory)
  - Put in  $SU(2)$  doublets
- $\Psi_R$  doesn't couple to  $W^\pm$ 
  - Put in  $SU(2)$  singlets
- Fix weak hypercharge to get correct couplings to photon

Put this in by hand

# Leptons

- Include an SU(2) doublet of left-handed leptons

$$\Psi_L = \begin{pmatrix} \nu_L = \frac{1}{2}(1-\gamma_5)\nu \\ e_L = \frac{1}{2}(1-\gamma_5)e \end{pmatrix}$$

$$I_3 = \pm 1$$

- Right-handed electron is SU(2) singlet,  $e_R = (1+\gamma_5)e/2$ 
  - No right-handed neutrino
- Define weak hypercharge, Y, such that  $Q_{em} = (I_3 + Y)/2$ 
  - $Y_{eL} = -1$
  - $Y_{eR} = -2$

To make charge come out right

*\*Standard Model has massless neutrinos—discovery of non-zero neutrino mass evidence for physics beyond the SM*

# Fermions come in generations

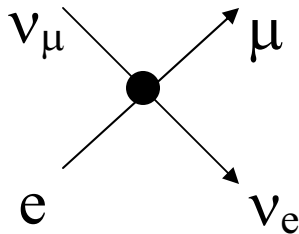
$$\begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \end{pmatrix}_L, \quad u_R, \quad d_R, \quad \begin{pmatrix} \nu \\ e \end{pmatrix}_L, \quad e_R$$
$$\begin{pmatrix} c \\ s \end{pmatrix}_L, \quad c_R, \quad s_R, \quad \begin{pmatrix} \nu \\ \mu \end{pmatrix}_L, \quad \mu_R$$
$$\begin{pmatrix} t \\ b \end{pmatrix}_L, \quad t_R, \quad b_R, \quad \begin{pmatrix} \nu \\ \tau \end{pmatrix}_L, \quad \tau_R$$

Except for masses, the generations are identical

$$\psi_{L,R} = \frac{1 \mp \gamma_5}{2} \psi$$

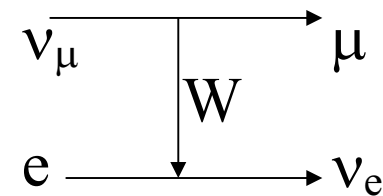
# Muon decay

- Consider  $\nu_\mu e \rightarrow \mu \nu_e$
- Fermi Theory:



$$-i2\sqrt{2}G_F g_{\mu\nu} \bar{u}_\mu \gamma^\mu \left(\frac{1-\gamma_5}{2}\right) u_{\nu_\mu} \bar{u}_{\nu_e} \gamma^\nu \left(\frac{1-\gamma_5}{2}\right) u_e$$

- EW Theory:



$$\frac{ig^2}{2} \frac{1}{k^2 - M_W^2} g_{\mu\nu} \bar{u}_\mu \gamma^\mu \left(\frac{1-\gamma_5}{2}\right) u_{\nu_\mu} \bar{u}_{\nu_e} \gamma^\nu \left(\frac{1-\gamma_5}{2}\right) u_e$$

$$\text{For } |k| \ll M_W, 2\sqrt{2}G_F = g^2/2M_W^2$$

# Higgs Parameters

- $G_F$  measured precisely

$$\frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{g^2}{8M_W^2} = \frac{1}{2v^2} \quad v^2 = (\sqrt{2}G_F)^{-1} = (246\text{GeV})^2$$

- Higgs potential has 2 free parameters,  $\mu^2$ ,  $\lambda$

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

- Trade  $\mu^2$ ,  $\lambda$  for  $v^2$ ,  $M_h^2$

$$V = \frac{M_h^2}{2}h^2 + \frac{M_h^2}{2v}h^3 + \frac{M_h^2}{8v^2}h^4$$

$$v^2 = -\frac{\mu^2}{2\lambda}$$
$$M_h^2 = 2v^2\lambda$$

- Large  $M_h \rightarrow$  strong Higgs self-coupling
- A priori, Higgs mass can be anything



## What about fermion masses?

- Fermion mass term:

$$L = m\bar{\Psi}\Psi = m(\bar{\Psi}_L\Psi_R + \bar{\Psi}_R\Psi_L)$$



Forbidden by  
SU(2)xU(1) gauge  
invariance

- Left-handed fermions are SU(2) doublets

$$Q_L = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \end{pmatrix}_L$$

- Scalar couplings to fermions:

$$L_d = -\lambda_d \bar{Q}_L \Phi d_R + h.c.$$

- Effective Higgs-fermion coupling

$$L_d = -\lambda_d \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\bar{u}_L, \bar{d}_L) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v+h \end{pmatrix} d_R + h.c.$$

- Mass term for down quark:

$$\lambda_d = \frac{M_d \sqrt{2}}{v}$$

## Fermion Masses, 2

- $M_u$  from  $\Phi_c = i\sigma_2 \Phi^*$  (not allowed in SUSY)

$$\Phi_c = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\phi}^0 \\ -\phi^- \end{pmatrix}$$

$$L = -\lambda_u \bar{Q}_L \Phi_c u_R + hc$$

$$\lambda_u = \frac{M_u \sqrt{2}}{v}$$

- For 3 generations,  $\alpha, \beta=1,2,3$  (flavor indices)

$$L_Y = -\frac{(v+h)}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{\alpha, \beta} \left( \lambda_u^{\alpha\beta} \bar{u}_L^\alpha u_R^\beta + \lambda_d^{\alpha\beta} \bar{d}_L^\alpha d_R^\beta \right) + h.c.$$

## Fermion masses, 3

- Unitary matrices diagonalize mass matrices

$$\begin{array}{ll} u_L^\alpha = U_u^{\alpha\beta} u_L^{m\beta} & d_L^\alpha = U_d^{\alpha\beta} d_L^{m\beta} \\ u_R^\alpha = V_u^{\alpha\beta} u_R^{m\beta} & d_R^\alpha = V_d^{\alpha\beta} d_R^{m\beta} \end{array}$$

- Yukawa couplings are **diagonal** in mass basis
- No flavor changing effects in Higgs sector
- Not necessarily true in models with extended Higgs sectors

# Review of Higgs Couplings

- Higgs couples to fermion mass

- Largest coupling is to heaviest fermion

$$L = -\frac{m_f}{v} \bar{f}f h = -\frac{m_f}{v} (\bar{f}_L f_R + \bar{f}_R f_L) h$$

- Top-Higgs coupling plays special role?

- No Higgs coupling to neutrinos

- Higgs couples to gauge boson masses

$$L = gM_W W^{+\mu} W_{\mu}^{-} h + \frac{gM_Z}{\cos \theta_W} Z^{\mu} Z_{\mu} h + \dots$$

- Only free parameter is Higgs mass!

# Review of Higgs Boson Feynman Rules

- Couplings to EW gauge bosons ( $V = W, Z$ ):

$$\begin{array}{c}
 V^\mu \\
 \text{wavy} \\
 \text{---} \\
 V^\nu \\
 \text{wavy} \\
 \text{---} \\
 \text{---} \text{H} = 2i \frac{M_V^2}{v} g^{\mu\nu}
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{c}
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 \text{---} \text{H} = 2i \frac{M_V^2}{v^2} g^{\mu\nu}
 \end{array}$$

- Couplings to fermions ( $f = l, q$ ):

$$\begin{array}{c}
 f \\
 \text{---} \\
 \text{---} \\
 \bar{f} \\
 \text{---} \\
 \text{---} \text{H} = -i \frac{m_f}{v}
 \end{array}$$

- Self-couplings:

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{---} \text{H} \\
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- Higgs couples to heavy particles

- No tree level coupling to photons ( $\gamma$ ) or gluons ( $g$ )**

- $M_h^2 = 2v^2\lambda \Rightarrow$  large  $M_h$  is strong coupling regime

# Recap

- Standard model is *predictive* theory
- Only missing piece is Higgs boson
- Can test predictions *experimentally*
- *Bottom line: everything hangs together*

# Basics

- Four free parameters in gauge-Higgs sector ( $g, g', \mu, \lambda$ )
  - Conventionally chosen to be
    - $\alpha=1/137.0359895(61)$
    - $G_F = 1.16637(1) \times 10^{-5} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$
    - $M_Z = 91.1875 \pm 0.0021 \text{ GeV}$
    - $M_h$
  - Express everything else in terms of these parameters

$$\frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{g^2}{8M_W^2} = \frac{\pi\alpha}{2\left(1 - \frac{M_W^2}{M_Z^2}\right)M_W^2} \quad \Rightarrow \text{Predicts } M_W$$

# Inadequacy of Tree Level Calculations

- Mixing angle is predicted quantity
  - On-shell definition  $\cos^2\theta_W = M_W^2/M_Z^2$
  - Predict  $M_W$

$$M_W^2 = \pi\sqrt{2} \frac{\alpha}{G_F} \left( 1 - \sqrt{1 - \frac{4\pi\alpha}{\sqrt{2}G_F M_Z^2}} \right)^{-1}$$

$$s_W^2 c_W^2 = \frac{\pi\alpha}{G_F M_Z^2}$$

- Plug in numbers:
  - $M_W$  predicted = 80.939 GeV
  - $M_W$  experimental = 80.399  $\pm$  0.023 GeV
- Need to calculate beyond tree level



## Modification of tree level relations

$$G_F = \frac{\pi\alpha}{\sqrt{2}M_W^2 \sin^2 \theta_W} \frac{1}{(1 - \Delta r)}$$

- $\Delta r$  is a physical quantity which incorporates 1-loop corrections
- Contributions to  $\Delta r$  from top quark and Higgs loops

$$\Delta r^t = -\frac{3G_F m_t^2}{8\sqrt{2}\pi^2} \left( \frac{\cos^2 \theta_W}{\sin^2 \theta_W} \right)$$

$$\Delta r^h = \frac{11G_F M_W^2}{24\sqrt{2}\pi^2} \left( \ln \frac{M_h^2}{M_W^2} \right)$$

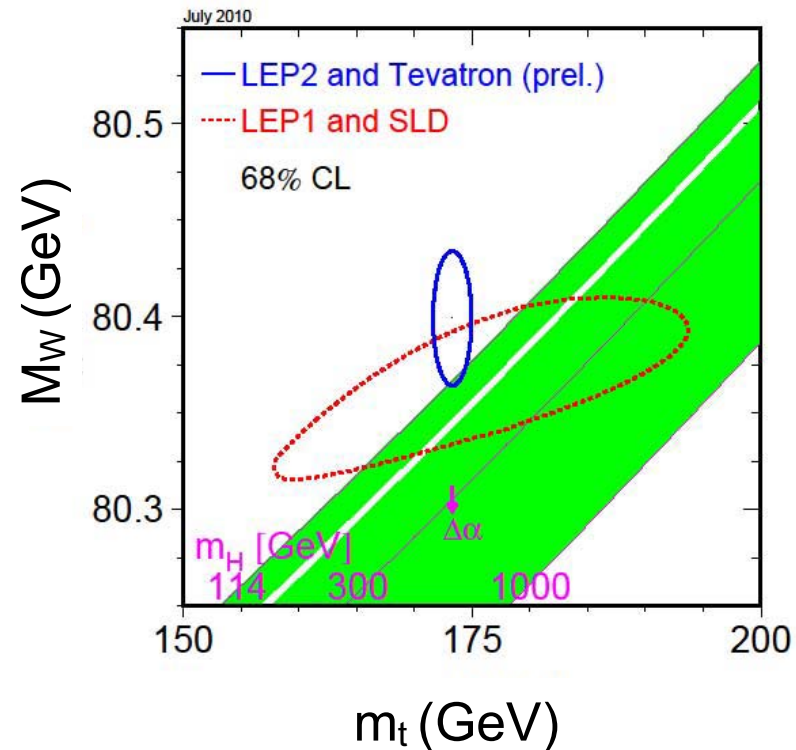
Extreme sensitivity of precision measurements to  $m_t$

# $M_W$ vs $m_t$

- Logarithmic dependence on  $M_h$

Direct measurement  
of  $W$  and top masses

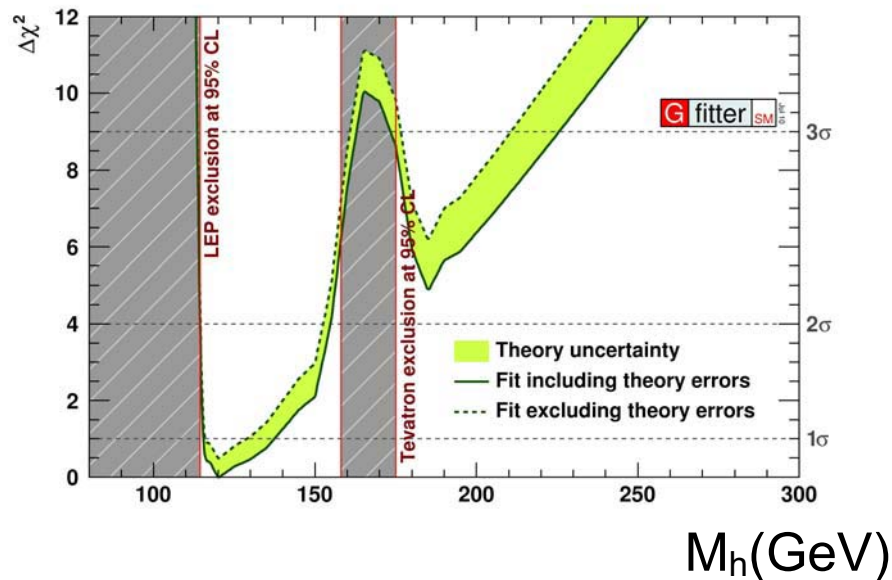
Masses inferred  
from precision  
measurements



Higgs boson wants to be light

# Higgs Boson

- Standard Model Higgs expected to be light



Note importance of theory uncertainties

- This assumes the Standard Model!

Standard Model prefers light ( $M_h < 158$  GeV) Higgs boson

# Quantum Corrections

- Relate tree level to one-loop corrected masses

$$-i\Pi_{XY}^{\mu\nu} = \text{wavy line} \text{---} \text{circle} \text{---} \text{wavy line}$$

$$\Pi_{XY}^{\mu\nu}(k^2) = g^{\mu\nu}\Pi_{XY}(k^2) + k^\mu k^\nu B_{XY}(k^2)$$

$$M_{V0}^2 = M_V^2 + \Pi_{VV}(M_V^2)$$

- Majority of corrections at one-loop are from 2-point functions

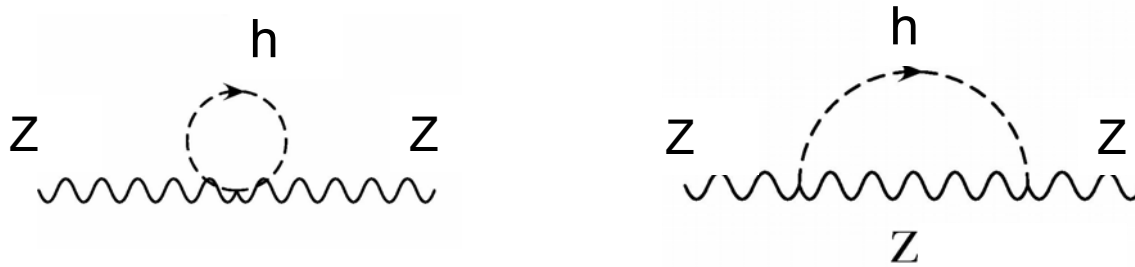
# Example of Quantum Corrections

- Example: 
$$\rho = \frac{M_W^2}{M_Z^2 \cos^2 \theta_W} = 1 + \delta\rho$$

$$\delta\rho = \frac{\Pi_{WW}(0)}{M_W^2} - \frac{\Pi_{ZZ}(0)}{M_Z^2}$$

Experimentally,  $\rho \sim 1$

## Higgs Contribution to $\delta\rho$



- Higgs contributions have divergences which are cancelled by contributions of gauge boson loops
- Higgs contributions alone aren't gauge invariant
- Keep only terms which depend on  $M_h$

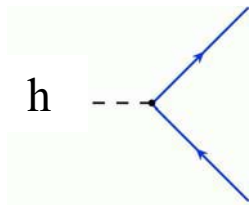
$$\delta\rho = \frac{-3\alpha}{16\pi c_W^2} \log\left(\frac{M_h^2}{M_W^2}\right)$$

# Looking for the Higgs Boson

- Standard Model Higgs boson expected to be light,  $< 150$  GeV
- But.... Limits assume Standard Model, so look for Higgs boson in all mass regions
- Higgs couplings are absolute prediction, so for a given Higgs boson mass, we can calculate everything

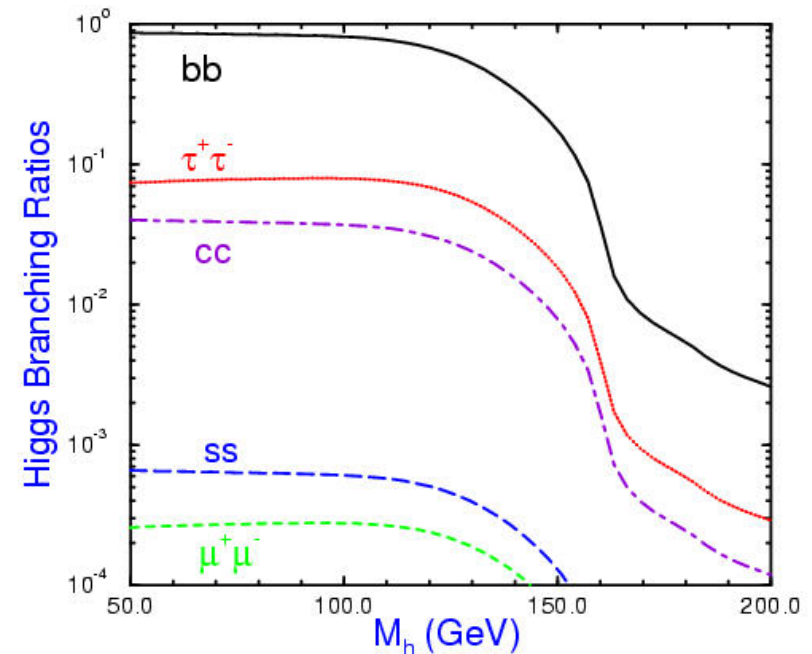
# Higgs Decays

- $h \rightarrow f\bar{f}$  proportional to  $m_f^2$



$$\frac{BR(h \rightarrow b\bar{b})}{BR(h \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-)} \approx N_c \left( \frac{m_b^2}{m_\tau^2} \right)$$

- Identifying b quarks important for Higgs searches



For  $M_h < 2M_W$ , decays to  $b\bar{b}$  most important

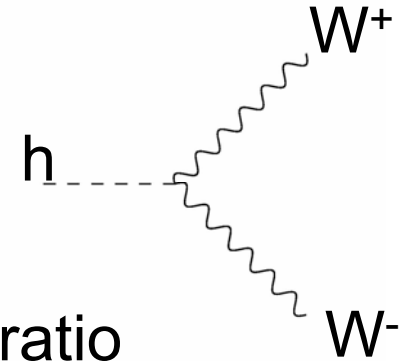


# Higgs Decays to W/Z

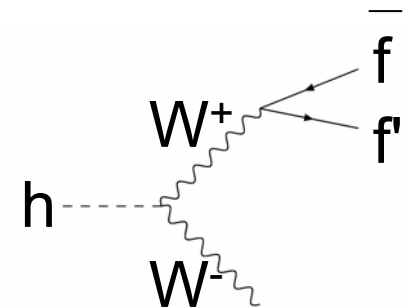
- Tree level decay

$$\Gamma(h \rightarrow W^+W^-) = \frac{\alpha}{16s_W^2} \frac{M_h^3}{M_W^2} \sqrt{1-x_W} \left( 1-x_W + \frac{3}{4}x_W^2 \right)$$

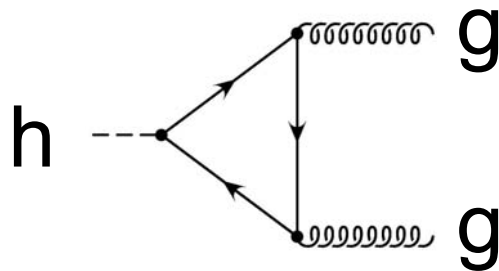
- Below threshold,  $h \rightarrow WW^*$  with branching ratio  $W^* \rightarrow ff'$  implied
- Final state has both transverse and longitudinal polarizations



$$x_W = 4 \frac{M_W^2}{M_h^2}$$



# Higgs Decays to Gluons



- Top quark contribution most important
- Doesn't decouple for large  $m_t$
- Decoupling theorem doesn't apply to particles which couple to mass (ie Higgs!)
- Decay sensitive to extra generations

$$\Gamma(h \rightarrow gg) \approx \frac{\alpha_s^2 \alpha}{72\pi^2 s_W^2} \frac{M_h^3}{M_W^2} + O\left(\frac{M_h^2}{M_t^2}\right)$$

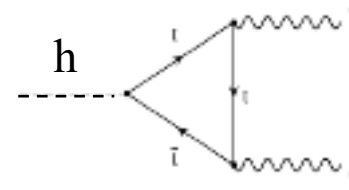
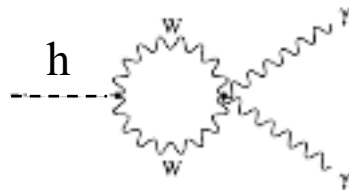
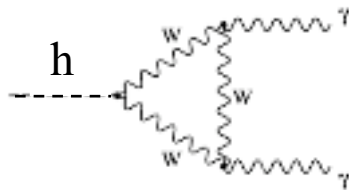
# Higgs Decays to Photons

- Dominant contribution is W loops
- Contribution from top is small

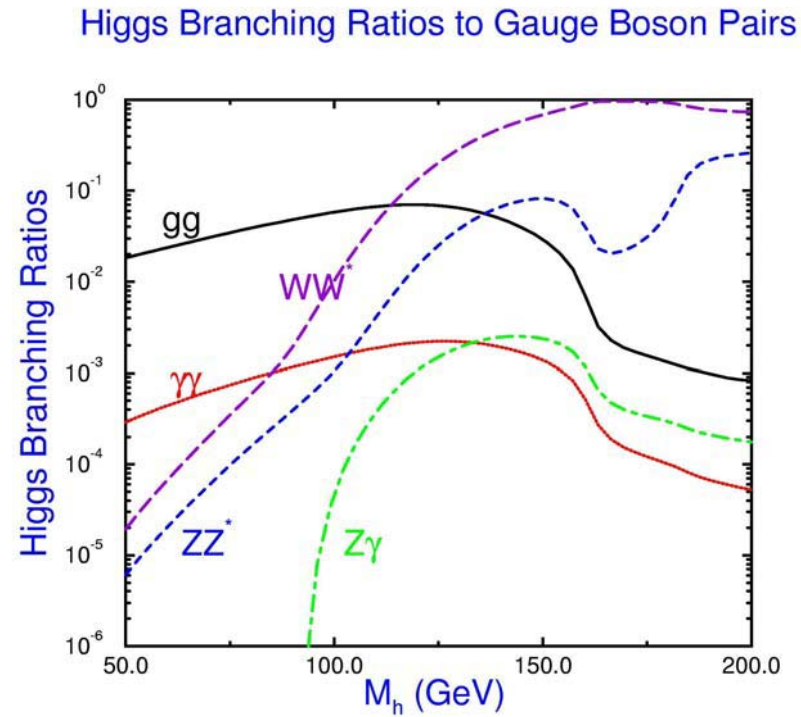
$$\Gamma(h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) \approx \frac{\alpha^3}{256\pi^2 s_W^2} \frac{M_h^3}{M_W^2} \left| 7 - \frac{16}{9} + \dots \right|^2$$

W

top

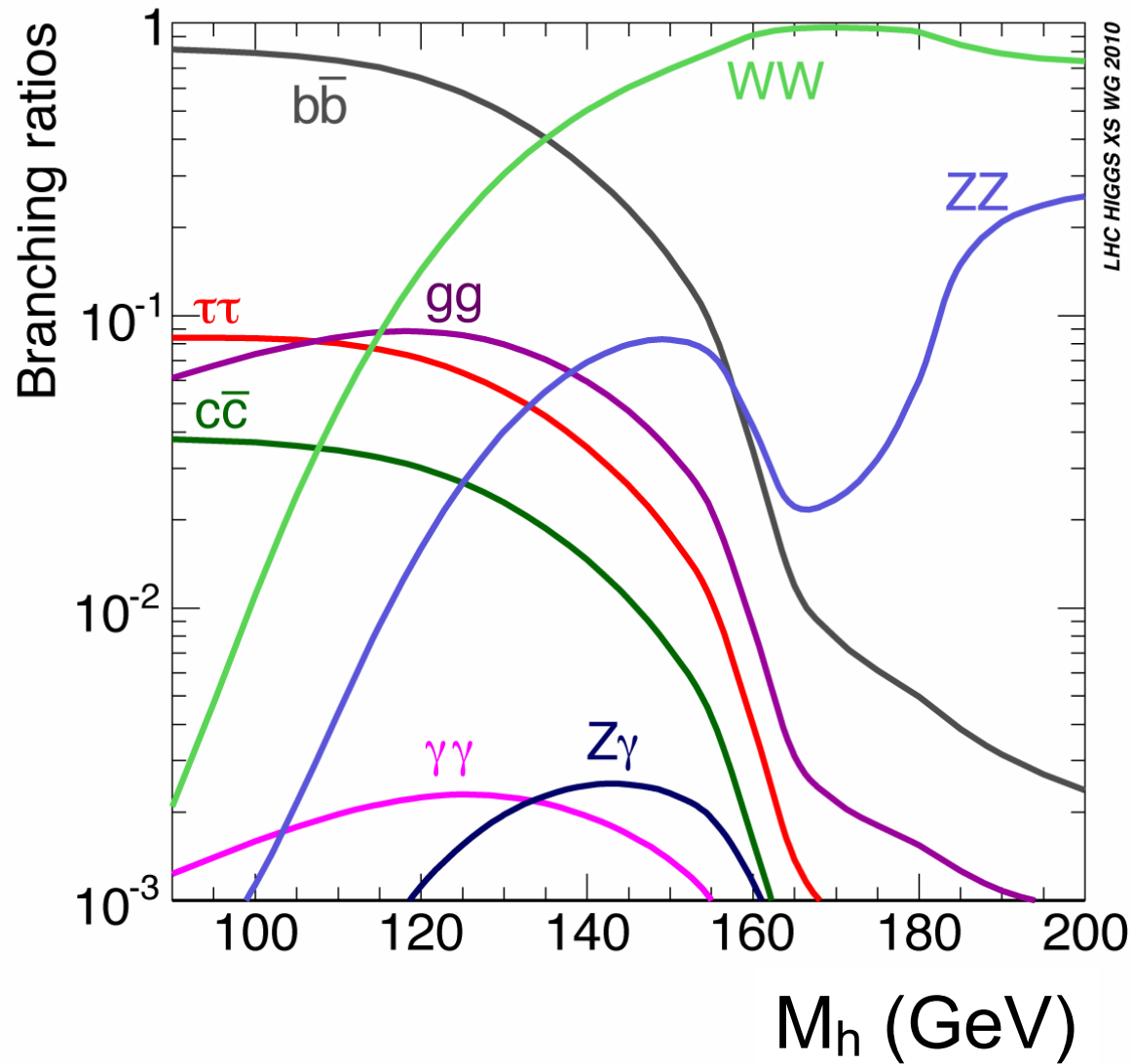


# Higgs decays to gauge bosons



For any given  $M_h$ , not all decay modes observable

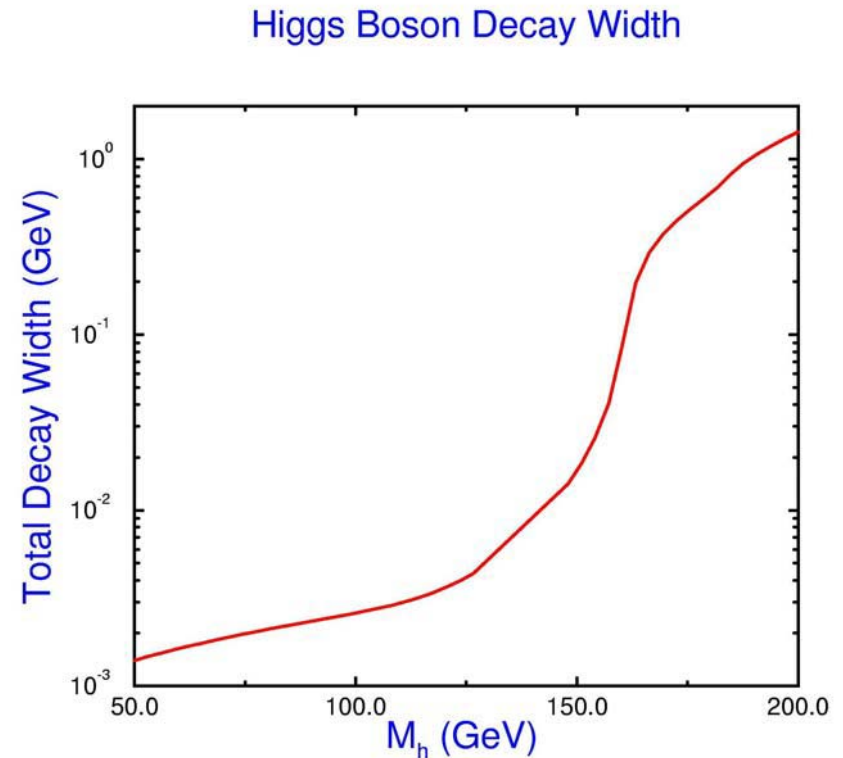
# Higgs Branching Ratios



# Total Higgs Width

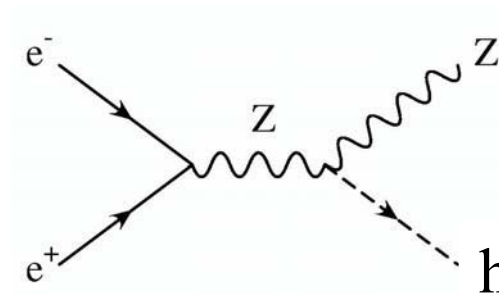
- Small  $M_h$ , Higgs is narrower than detector resolution
- As  $M_h$  becomes large, width also increases
  - No clear resonance
  - For  $M_h \sim 1.4$  TeV,  
 $\Gamma_{\text{tot}} \sim M_h$

$$\Gamma(h \rightarrow W^+W^-) \approx \frac{\alpha}{16 \sin^2 \theta_w} \frac{M_h^3}{M_W^2}$$
$$\approx 330 \text{ GeV} \left( \frac{M_h}{1 \text{ TeV}} \right)^3$$



# Higgs Searches at LEP2

- LEP2 searched for  $e^+e^- \rightarrow Zh$
- Rate turns on rapidly after threshold, peaks just above threshold,  $\sigma \sim \beta^3/s$
- Measure recoil mass of Higgs; **result independent of Higgs decay pattern**
  - $P_{e^-} = \sqrt{s}/2(1, 0, 0, 1)$
  - $P_{e^+} = \sqrt{s}/2(1, 0, 0, -1)$
  - $P_Z = (E_Z, p_Z)$
- Momentum conservation:
  - $(P_{e^-} + P_{e^+} - P_Z)^2 = P_h^2 = M_h^2$
  - $s - 2\sqrt{s}E_Z + M_Z^2 = M_h^2$



LEP2 limit,  $M_h > 114.1 \text{ GeV}$

# Higgs production at Hadron Colliders

- Many possible production mechanisms; Importance depends on:
  - Size of production cross section
  - Size of branching ratios to observable channels
  - Size of background
- Importance varies with Higgs mass
- Need to see more than one channel to establish Higgs properties and verify that it is a Higgs boson



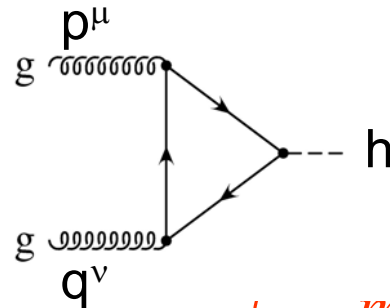
# Production Mechanisms in Hadron Colliders

- Gluon fusion
  - Largest rate for all  $M_h$  at LHC and Tevatron
  - Gluon-gluon initial state
  - Sensitive to top quark Yukawa  $\lambda_t$



In Standard Model, b-quark loop contribution small

# Gluon Fusion (in detail!)



$$p \cdot q = \frac{M_h^2}{2}$$

$$iA = -(-ig_s)^2 \text{Tr}(T_A T_B) \left( -i \frac{m}{v} \right) \int \frac{d^n k}{(2\pi)^n} \frac{T^{\mu\nu}}{D} (i)^3 \varepsilon_\mu(p) \varepsilon_\nu(q)$$

$$D = (k^2 - m^2)((k + p)^2 - m^2)((k - q)^2 - m^2)$$

Combine denominators

$$\frac{1}{ABC} = 2 \int_0^1 dx \int_0^{1-x} dy \frac{dy}{(1 - Ax + By + C(1 - x - y))^3}$$

$$\frac{1}{D} \rightarrow 2 \int dx dy \frac{1}{(k^2 - m^2 + 2k \cdot (px - qy))^3}$$

Shift momentum

$$k' = k + px - qy$$

$$\frac{1}{D} \rightarrow 2 \int dx dy \frac{1}{(k'^2 - m^2 + M_h^2 xy)^3}$$

## Gluon Fusion

- Numerator  $T^{\mu\nu} = \text{Tr}[(k + m)\gamma^\mu (k + p + m)(k - q + m)\gamma^\nu]$

$$T^{\mu\nu} \rightarrow 4m \left[ g^{\mu\nu} (m^2 - k^2 - \frac{M_h^2}{2}) + 4k^\mu k^\nu + p^\nu q^\mu \right]$$

- Shift momenta, drop linear terms, use  $\int d^n k' \frac{k'^\mu k'^\nu}{(k'^2 - A)^r} = \frac{1}{n} g^{\mu\nu} \frac{k'^2}{(k'^2 - A)^r}$

$$iA = -\frac{2g_s^2 m^2}{v} \delta_{AB} \int \frac{d^n k'}{(2\pi)^n} \int dx dy \left\{ g^{\mu\nu} \left( m^2 + k'^2 \left[ \frac{4}{n} - 1 \right] + M_h^2 \left[ xy - \frac{1}{2} \right] \right) + p^\mu q^\nu [1 - 4xy] \right\} \frac{2 dx dy}{(k'^2 - m^2 + M_h^2)^3} \varepsilon_\mu(p) \varepsilon_\nu(q)$$

- Dimension regularization:  $\frac{d^n k'}{(2\pi)^n} \frac{k'^2}{(k'^2 - A)^3} = \frac{i}{32\pi^2} (4\pi\mu^2)^\varepsilon \frac{\Gamma(1+\varepsilon)}{\varepsilon} (2-\varepsilon) A^{-\varepsilon}$   
 $\frac{d^n k'}{(2\pi)^n} \frac{1}{(k'^2 - A)^3} = -\frac{i}{32\pi^2} (4\pi\mu^2)^\varepsilon \Gamma(1+\varepsilon) A^{-1-\varepsilon}$

# Gluon Fusion

- Answer:

$$A(gg \rightarrow h) = -2 \frac{\alpha_s^2 m^2}{2\pi v} \delta_{AB} \left( g^{\mu\nu} \frac{M_h^2}{2} - p^\nu q^\mu \right) \int dx dy \frac{1-4xy}{m^2 - M_h^2 xy} \varepsilon_\mu(p) \varepsilon_\nu(q)$$

2 diagrams  $\nearrow$

- Gauge invariant form:

$$A(gg \rightarrow h) = \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi v} \delta_{AB} F_{1/2} \left( \frac{4m^2}{M_h^2} \right) \left( g^{\mu\nu} \frac{M_h^2}{2} - p^\nu q^\mu \right) \varepsilon_\mu(p) \varepsilon_\nu(q)$$

$$F_{1/2} \left( \frac{4m^2}{M_h^2} \right) = -4 \int dx dy \frac{1-4xy}{1 - \frac{M_h^2}{m^2} xy}$$

# Gluon Fusion

- Turn it into a partonic cross section

$$\hat{\sigma}_{gg \rightarrow h}(\hat{s}) = \frac{1}{4 \cdot 64} \frac{1}{2\hat{s}} |A|^2 d\Phi_1$$

Spin & color average 

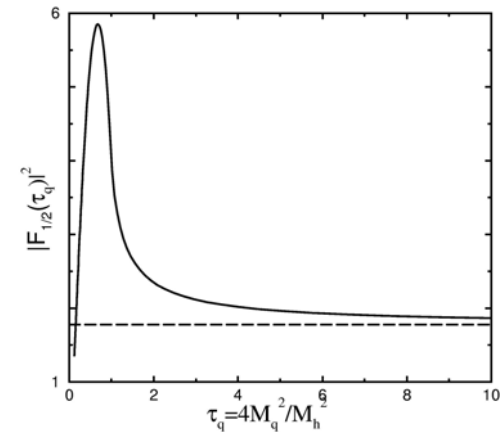
$$d\Phi_1 = \frac{2\pi}{M_h^2} \delta\left(1 - \frac{M_h^2}{\hat{s}}\right)$$

$$\hat{\sigma}_{gg \rightarrow h}(\hat{s}) = \frac{\alpha_s(\mu_R)^2}{1024\pi v^2} \left| F_{1/2}\left(\frac{4m^2}{M_h^2}\right) \right|^2 \delta\left(1 - \frac{M_h^2}{\hat{s}}\right)$$

# Gluon Fusion

- Lowest order cross section:
  - $\tau_q = 4m_q^2/M_h^2$
  - Light Quarks:  $F_{1/2} \rightarrow (m_b/M_h)^2 \log^2(m_b/M_h)$
  - Heavy Quarks:  $F_{1/2} \rightarrow -4/3$

$$\hat{\sigma}_{gg \rightarrow h}(\hat{s}) = \frac{\alpha_s(\mu_R)^2}{1024\pi v^2} \left| \sum_q F_{1/2}(\tau_q) \right|^2 \delta\left(1 - \frac{M_h^2}{\hat{s}}\right)$$



- Rapid approach to heavy quark limit: Counts number of heavy fermions
- NNLO corrections calculated in heavy top limit