# W Pair Production Cross Section



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# The Higgs Boson A short introduction ...



# Nobel Prize 2013 ...





The Nobel Prize in Physics 2013 was awarded jointly to

#### **François Englert and Peter W. Higgs**

"for the theoretical discovery of a mechanism that contributes to our understanding of the origin of mass of subatomic particles, and which recently was confirmed through the discovery of the predicted fundamental particle, by the ATLAS and CMS experiments at CERN's Large Hadron Collider"

# The Standard Model A particle physicist's view of the world ...



# The Standard Model A theorist's view of the world ...



+ Higgs terms

# The SM Lagrangian [massless particles]



SM Lagrangian without Higgs

where:

But:  $SU(2)_{I} \times U(1)_{Y}$  symmetry forbids "ad hoc" introduction of extra masses terms:





 $eA_{\mu} = \frac{g_s}{2}\lambda_{\nu}G_{\mu}^{\nu} + \frac{g}{2}\vec{\tau}\,\vec{W}_{\mu} + \frac{g'}{2}YB_{\mu}$ 

 $F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} = G_{\mu\nu}G^{\mu\nu} + W_{\mu\nu}W^{\mu\nu} + B_{\mu\nu}B^{\mu\nu}$ 

# The Higgs Mechanism

Introduce:

New doublet of complex scalar fields [4 degrees of freedom; 'mexican hat' potential]

$$\begin{split} V(\phi) &= -\mu^2 |\phi^{\dagger}\phi| + \lambda |\phi^{\dagger}\phi|^2 \\ & \text{with } \mu, \lambda > 0 \end{split}$$

Lagrangian of scalar field:

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

Coupling to bosons via transition to covariant derivative. Coupling to fermions via "ad-hoc" introduction of "Yukawa" coupling.

 $\mathcal{L}_{\phi} = (D_{\mu}\phi^{\dagger})(D^{\mu}\phi) - V(\phi) \quad \text{with} \quad D_{\mu} = \partial_{\mu} + ieA_{\mu}$  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yuk}} = c_f(\bar{\psi}_L\psi_R\phi + \bar{\psi}_R\psi_L\phi) \quad \text{Introduction into SM Lagrangian maintains} \\ \text{Introduction into SM Lagrangian maintains}$ 



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Spontaneous symmetry breaking:

System falls in to minimum of V at  $\phi \neq 0$ .

This results in:

- Three massless excitations along valley  $\rightarrow$  3 longitudinal d.o.f. for W<sup>±</sup> and Z
- One massive excitation out of valley  $\rightarrow$  1 d.o.f. for "physical" Higgs boson

Higgs field has two components:  $\phi = "v + H"$ .

- 1. omnipresent, constant background condensate v = 246 GeV
- 2. Higgs boson H with unknown mass  $M_H = \mu \cdot \sqrt{2} = (2\lambda)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot v$



# Mass generation and Higgs couplings



 $= (\sqrt{2})^{-1} \cdot \left[ c_f(\bar{\psi}_L \psi_R H + \bar{\psi}_R \psi_L H) + m_f \bar{\psi} \psi \right]$ 

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Fermions: $g_f \sim m_f/v$ W/Z bosons: $g_V \sim M_V^2/v = g^2 \cdot v$ 





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# Higgs Production Mechanisms



## **Higgs Production Cross Sections**



# Higgs Couplings – Examples



# Higgs Boson Decays



For M < 135 GeV: H  $\rightarrow$  bb,  $\tau\tau$  dominant For M > 135 GeV: H  $\rightarrow$  WW, ZZ dominant



# Direct Higgs Channels

Channel	LHC Potential
gg → H → bb	Huge QCD background (gg → bb); extremely difficult
gg → H → ττ	Higgs with low p⊤, hard to discriminate from background; problematic
gg → H → γγ	Small rate, large combinatorial background, but excellent determination of m <sub>H</sub> (CMS: crystal calorimeter)
gg → H → WW	Large rate, but 2 neutrinos in leptonic decay, Higgs spin accessible via lepton angular correlations
gg → H → ZZ	ZZ → 4µ: "gold-plated" channel for high-mass Higgs (ATLAS: muon spectrometer)

# Vector Boson Fusion

Channel	LHC Potential
qq → qq H	Very large QCD background (gg/qq → bbqq);
[with H → bb]	still very difficult
qq → qq H [with H → ττ]	Higher $p_T$ than direct channel; interesting discovery channel for $m_H < 135$ GeV
qq → qq H	Most likely combined with gg → H → γγ
[with H → γγ]	to inclusive diphoton signal
qq → qq H [with H → WW]	Additional background suppression w.r.t. direct channel; interesting discovery channel for $m_H > 135$ GeV
gg → ttH	Top-associated production; Seemed very promising,
[with H → bb]	but overwhelmed by SM ttbb production

# Higgs Searches @ LHC: Examples



# Two Omni-Purpose Detectors

# ATLAS: A Toroidal LHC ApparatuS

#### CMS: Compact Muon Solenoid









# The ATLAS Detector



# ATLAS October 2005



# ATLAS July 2006



# ATLAS August 2006



# The CMS Detector



# CMS June 2002



# CMS September 2005



# LHC: Higgs Discovery Potential



ATLAS estimates 2005:

Full mass range can already be covered after a few years at low luminosity

Several channels available over a large range of masses

Low mass discovery requires combination of three of the most demanding channels

Comparable situation for the CMS experiment

# The Discovery Channel



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### **Basic Analysis Principle**





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## Datenanalyse Zeitliche Entwicklung des Higgssignals



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# ATLAS Result Observation of a New Particle [ $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ ]

[Summer 2012]



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# Measuring the Higgs couplings



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