



Higgs production in peripheral electromagnetic AA and pp interactions at the LHC

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3. Higgs production in peripheral electromagnetic collisions.

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- $M_H = 185$ GeV, $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow H \rightarrow ZZ$

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1. Peripheral electromagnetic collisions

- **Equivalent photon approximation**

The spectrum of equivalent photons for nuclei is given by

$$N(\omega, b) = \frac{Z^2 \alpha}{\pi^2 b^2 \beta^2} x^2 (K_1^2(x) + \frac{1}{\gamma^2} K_0^2(x)), \quad (1)$$

where $x = \omega b / \gamma v$, $\omega = E_\gamma$, b – impact parameter, $\beta = v/c$ and $\gamma = \sqrt{1 - \beta^2}$ is the Lorentz factor of moving charge.

- **HI cross section**

$$\sigma_{AA \rightarrow AAX} = \int d\omega_1 d\omega_2 N(\omega_1) N(\omega_2) \sigma_{\gamma\gamma \rightarrow X}(\omega_1 \omega_2), \quad (2)$$

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- Luminosity for different nuclei

A	\sqrt{s} , TeV	L , $\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$	L , pb^{-1}	$(\frac{Z}{82})^4 L$, pb^{-1}
Pb ₂₀₈ ⁸²	574	$4.2 \cdot 10^{26}$	0.013	0.013
Sn ₁₂₀ ⁵⁰	350	$7.6 \cdot 10^{27}$	0.24	0.033
Kr ₈₄ ³⁶	252	$3.2 \cdot 10^{28}$	1.01	0.037
Ar ₄₀ ¹⁸	126	$4.2 \cdot 10^{29}$	16.4	0.038
O ₁₆ ⁸	56	$1.4 \cdot 10^{31}$	441.5	0.039
p	7	$1.0 \cdot 10^{34}$	$3.15 \cdot 10^5$	n/a

2. Higgs decay $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$. Effective $H\gamma\gamma$ vertex.

- Higgs decay $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

In SM there is no $H\gamma\gamma$ vertex.

However, there is available interaction via loops:

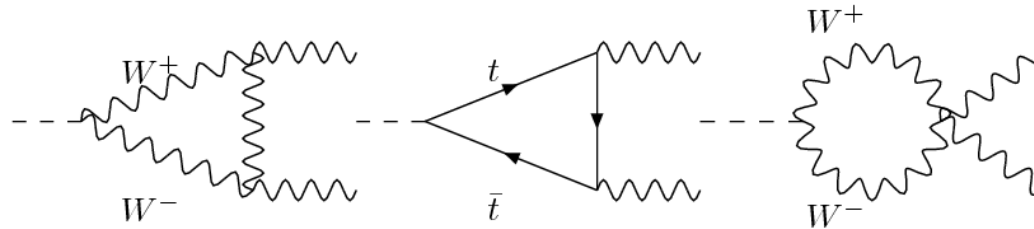
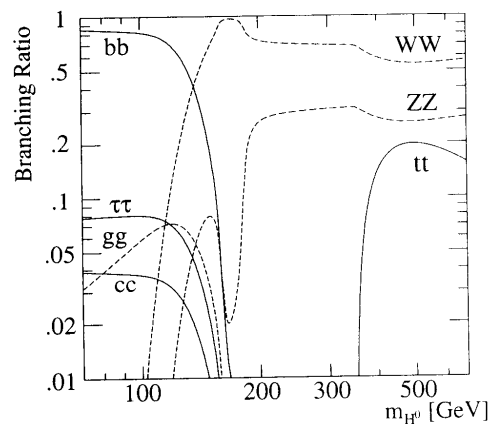


Fig. 1: Effective $H\gamma\gamma$ vertex.

$$\Gamma(H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) = \frac{G_F \alpha^2 M_H^3}{128 \sqrt{2} \pi^3} \left\| \sum_f N_{cf} e_f^2 A_f^H(\tau_f) + A_W^H(\tau_W) \right\|^2 \quad (3)$$

- Effective $H\gamma\gamma$ vertex



Γ, GeV	$M_H = 120 \text{ GeV}$	$M_H = 185 \text{ GeV}$
$\Gamma(H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$	$9.00 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$7.60 \cdot 10^{-5}$
$\Gamma(H \rightarrow gg)$	$1.71 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$1.71 \cdot 10^{-4}$
$\Gamma(H \rightarrow all)$	$4.5 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$8.5 \cdot 10^{-2}$

Fig. 2: Branching ratios for the main decays of the SM Higgs boson (from Journal of Physics G, Particle Data Group, 2006).

3. Higgs production in peripheral electromagnetic collisions.

- Higgs production cross section

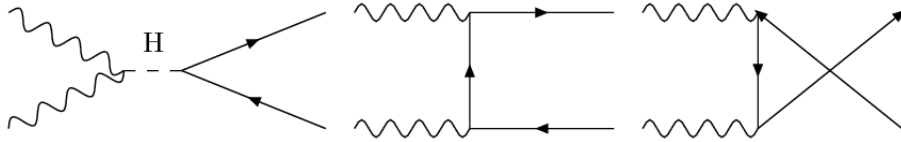


Fig. 3: b -jets production in $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ fusion in EM collisions at LHC.

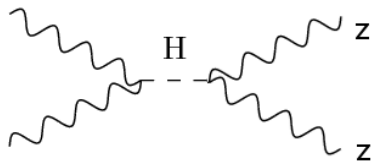
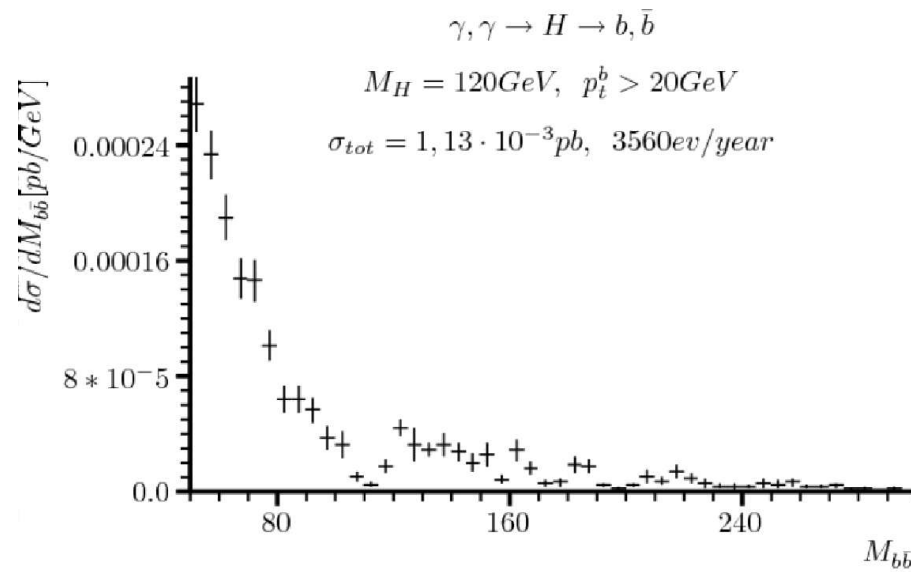


Fig. 4: b -jets production in $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow Z^0 Z^0$ fusion in EM collisions at LHC.

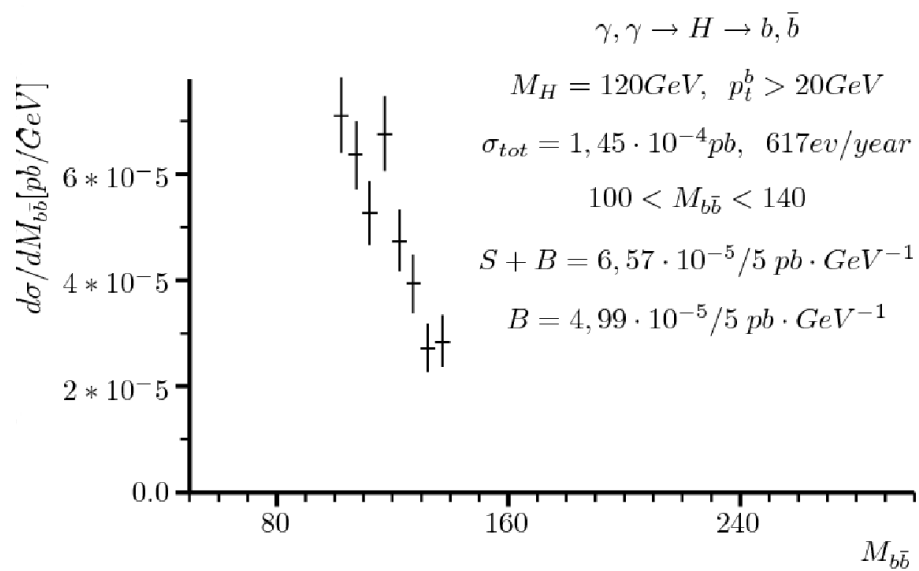
A	$M_H = 120 \text{ GeV}$ $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$		$M_H = 185 \text{ GeV}$ $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow H \rightarrow e^+e^-e^+e^-$	
	σ , pb	ev/year	σ , pb	ev/year
Pb ⁸² ₂₀₈	7.17	0.09	$1.1 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$\ll 1$
Sn ⁵⁰ ₁₂₀	2.98	0.72	$6.7 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$\ll 1$
Kr ³⁶ ₈₄	1.40	1.41	$4.4 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$\ll 1$
Ar ¹⁸ ₄₀	0.221	3.62	$1.0 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$\ll 1$
O ⁸ ₁₆	0.026	11.48	$1.4 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$\ll 1$
p	$1.1 \cdot 10^{-4}$	31.5	$8.7 \cdot 10^7$	0.2

Cross section





Cross section-2





4. Conclusions and problems

• Conclusions

1. For light Higgs ($M_H = 120$ GeV) in EM interactions in pp collisions can be observed Higgs peak with signal/background ration $S/B = 30\%$ in 2 b -jets channel.
2. Its very difficult to discover rather heavy Higgs ($M_H \geq 185$ GeV) in EM interaction in HI and pp collisions.
3. All calculation was made by CompHEP program with some nonstandard extensions for EPA spectrum.

• Problem

How to select EM interaction among all pp interactions? TOTEM?