

The fourth Standard Model family and the competition in Standard Model Higgs boson search at Tevatron and LHC

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Abstract The impact of the fourth Standard Model family on Higgs boson search at Tevatron and LHC is reviewed. The enhancement due to a fourth SM family in the production of Higgs boson via gluon fusion already enables the Tevatron experiments to become sensitive to Higgs masses between 140 and 200 GeV and could increase this sensitivity up to about 300 GeV until the LHC is in shape. The same effect could enable the LHC running even at 7 TeV center of mass energy to scan Higgs masses between 200 and 300 GeV only with a few hundred pb⁻¹ of integrated luminosity.

1 Introduction

Recent changes in the schedule of the LHC operation has resulted in an additional two years extension of Tevatron discovery challenges in the search for the Higgs boson (H), the fourth Standard Model family and so on (including SUSY). The fourth family is a natural consequence of the Standard Model (SM) basic principles and the actual patterns of the first three family fermion masses and mixings [1–3] (for reviews see [4–10]). We should once again note that, in contrast to the widespread opinion, electroweak precision data does not exclude the fourth family [11–14]. The fourth family matters were discussed in detail during the topical workshop held in September 2008 at CERN [15] (see [10] for resume of the workshop).

Concerning the Higgs boson, the existence of the fourth Standard Model family has a strong impact on the search

strategies of Tevatron and LHC [13, 16–24] mainly due to the essential enhancement of the $gg \rightarrow H$ production channel. In this paper, SM-4 (SM-3) denotes Standard Model with 4 (3) families.

2 Fourth SM family effects on the Higgs boson

The crucial contribution of the new heavy quarks to the $gg \rightarrow H$ vertex via the triangular loop has been realized many years ago [25]. Additional quark loops introduced by the fourth SM family quarks strengthens the $gg \rightarrow H$ vertex by a factor of about 3, hence causing an enhancement in the cross section by about 9. The actual values depend on the mass of the Higgs boson and fourth SM family fermions. Figures 1–5 demonstrate this dependence for different scenarios. As seen from these figures, the choice of infinitely heavy fourth SM family quarks corresponds to the most conservative scenario which will be the assumption in the rest of this work.

The fourth SM family fermions will affect a number of other vertices [13, 16–24, 26, 27] along with $gg \rightarrow H$ resulting in new branching ratio values of the Higgs decays. Figure 6 illustrates Higgs decay branching ratios in SM-3 and Fig. 7 in SM-4 with infinitely heavy fourth family. In principle if the neutrino has Majorana nature, ν_4 could be essentially lighter than the other members of the fourth family and the Higgs boson could decay into the fourth family neutrinos; this scenario is considered in [26, 27].

3 The Tevatron perspective

$gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow \ell\nu\nu$ (where ℓ denotes e or μ) is the most promising channel in SM-4 case. Figures 8 and 9 show recent results [28, 29] on this channel where we add the

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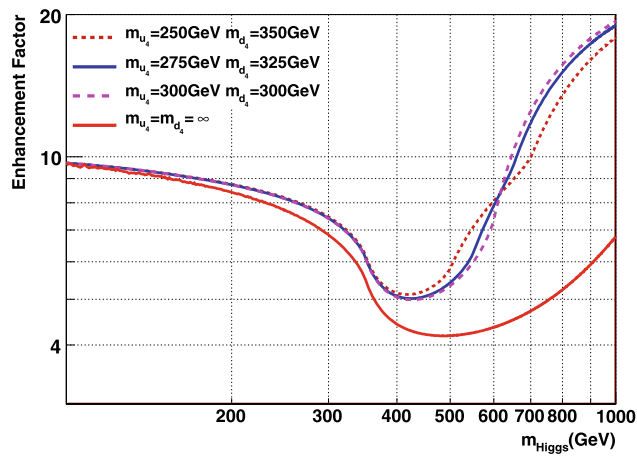


Fig. 1 Enhancement factors for the SM Higgs production via gluon fusion when the fourth SM family quark masses are around 300 GeV. Enhancement factors in the infinite mass limit are also shown for comparison

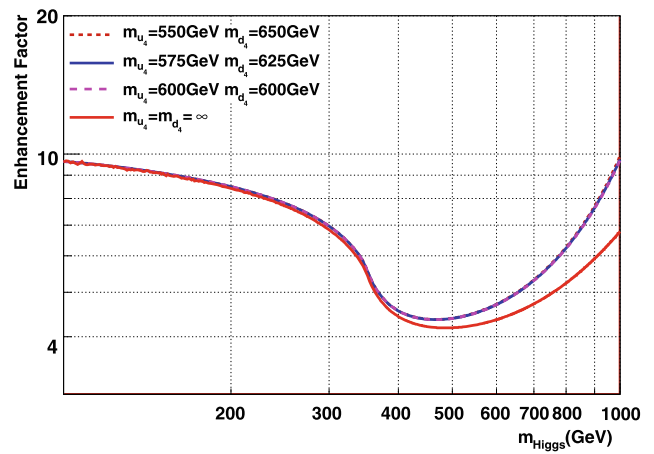


Fig. 4 The same as Fig. 1 but for fourth SM family quark masses around 600 GeV

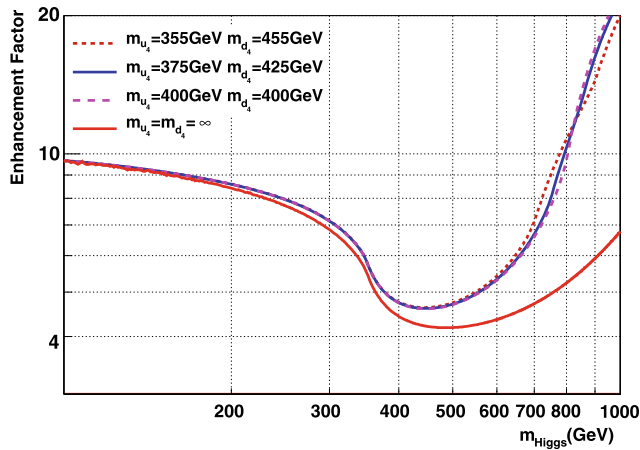


Fig. 2 The same as Fig. 1 but for fourth SM family quark masses around 400 GeV

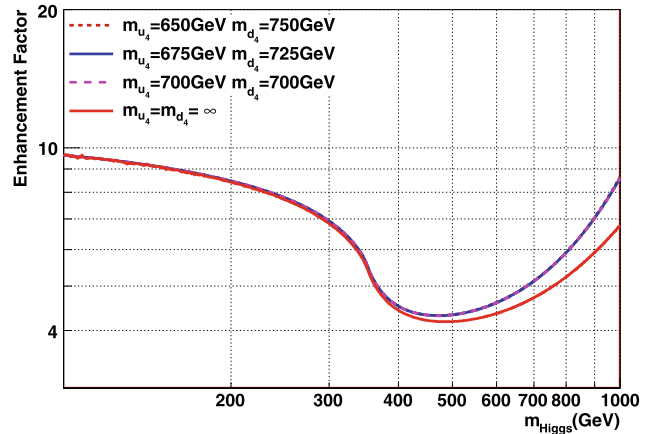


Fig. 5 The same as Fig. 1 but for fourth SM family quark masses around 700 GeV

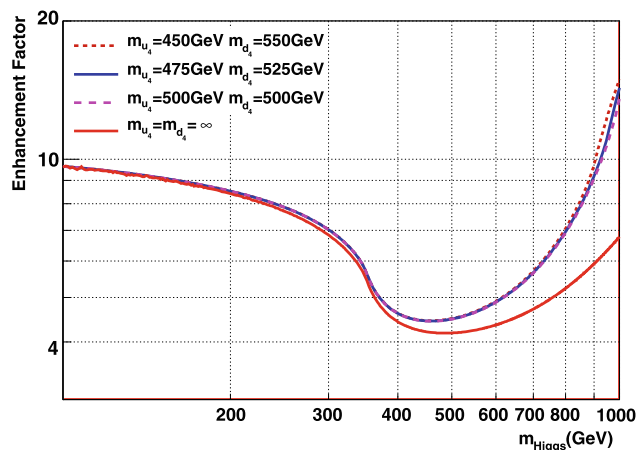


Fig. 3 The same as Fig. 1 but for fourth SM family quark masses around 500 GeV

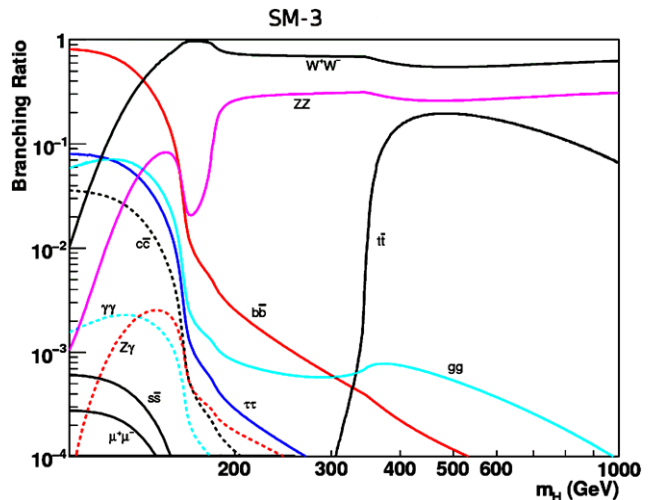


Fig. 6 Higgs branching ratios in SM-3

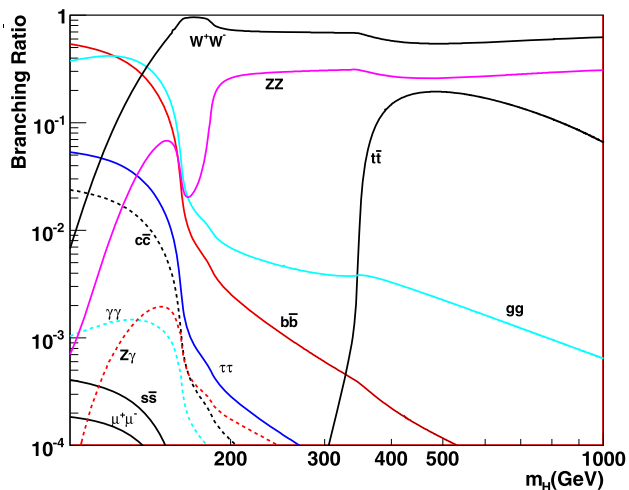


Fig. 7 Higgs branching ratios in SM-4 where fourth family fermions are assumed to be infinitely heavy

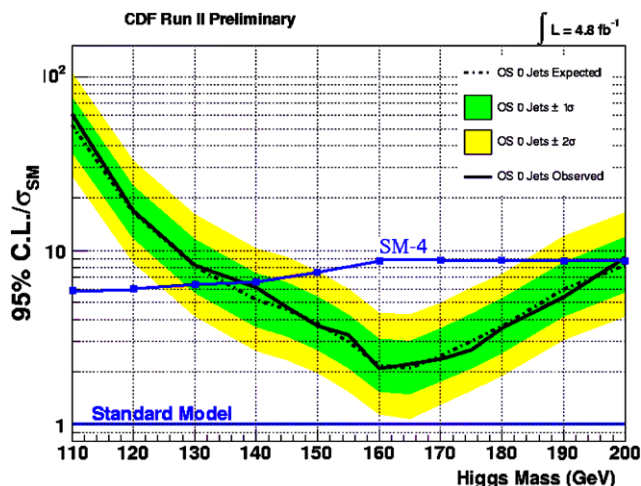


Fig. 8 Exclusion plot from CDF [28] experiment

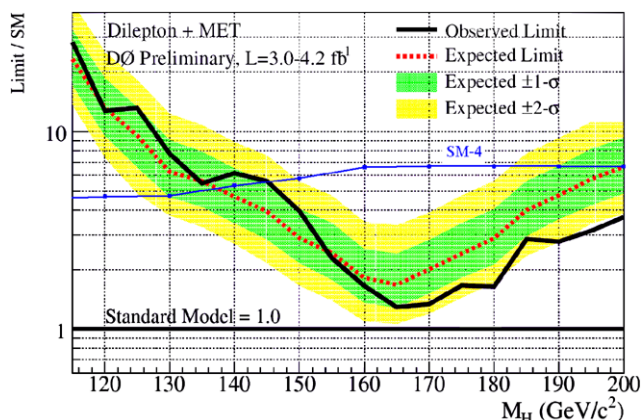


Fig. 9 Exclusion plot from D0 [29] experiment

curves corresponding to SM-4. It is clear that Higgs boson with mass 140–200 GeV is excluded if a fourth SM family exists while only the 160–170 GeV region is excluded in the SM-3 case. As seen from Fig. 9, D0 actually excludes even higher Higgs masses (presumably up to 240 GeV) in SM-4, however the analysis ends at 200 GeV.

Although the contribution from WH, ZH and VBF processes is about one fourth of the total production cross section, the zero jet final state results of CDF presented in Fig. 8 can practically be assumed to be composed of the $gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow WW$ channel. The DO analysis, however, does not eliminate the jet events, hence in Fig. 9 the SM-4 approximation is calculated accordingly.

Taking into account the fact that nature could prefer the SM-4 case, both D0 and CDF should extend the horizontal axis up to 300 GeV and, moreover, combine their results on the WW channel. Furthermore, combined analysis of all channels and both experiments done for SM-3 should be repeated for SM-4. Examples of proper approach are [30–39].

4 The LHC perspective

As an example for the LHC perspectives, we restrict ourselves to a detailed consideration of the *Golden Mode* at the ATLAS experiment [40, 41]. A similar analysis can be carried out for CMS as well. Moreover, a combined analysis of both LHC experiments could be useful.

The design center of mass energy of 14 TeV is the basic scenario, in addition, we also consider 10 TeV and 7 TeV cases for early phase operation. As input parameters, we use the most recent ATLAS simulation results for 14 TeV published in [41]. The analysis for 10 and 7 TeV cases is performed using the Higgs production cross section ratio given in Fig. 10a (calculations are performed using HIGLU [42]). The backgrounds considered in [41] are rescaled using the calculations performed in COMPHEP [43, 44] in a similar manner. It is recently shown in [45] that the theoretical uncertainties on the SM background via two weak boson production is around 5–20%. This uncertainty merely effects the significance results presented in this section.

4.1 $\sqrt{s} = 14$ TeV case

The ATLAS simulation results for the $gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 4\ell$ signature are presented in column 2 and 4 of Table 1 where we add the SM-4 case in column 3. Using these foreseen reconstructed signal and background cross sections and the statistical significance (SS) formula [46]

$$\sqrt{2(s + b) \ln(1 + s/b) - 2s}$$

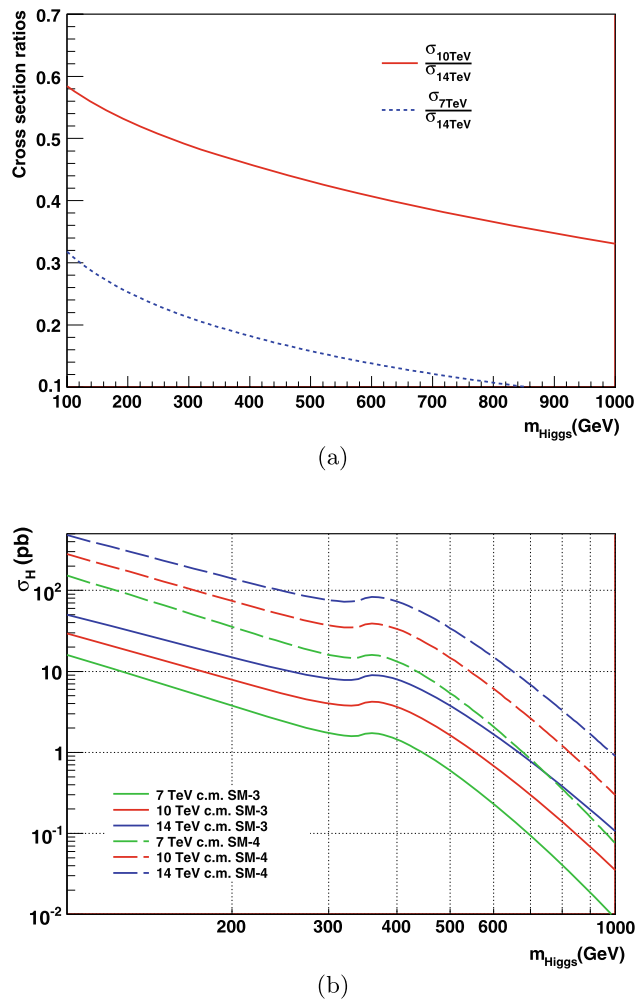


Fig. 10 (a) Ratios of the Higgs production cross sections via gluon fusion at 10 and 7 TeV center of mass energies to 14 TeV center of mass energy; (b) Higgs production cross section via gluon fusion at different center of mass energies for SM-3 and SM-4 cases

we calculate SS for different integrated luminosities (L_{int}) as shown in Table 2. The necessary L_{int} values to achieve 3σ and 5σ significance are also shown in Table 3 and plotted in Fig. 11.

It is clear that with only 500 pb^{-1} Higgs boson will be observed at 3σ level in the golden mode for the SM-4 case if the mass of the Higgs is between 130–500 GeV. An integrated luminosity of 100 pb^{-1} will be more than enough to scan 200–300 GeV Higgs at 3σ level. One should note that 130–200 GeV Higgs in SM-4 is already excluded by Tevatron.

4.2 $\sqrt{s} = 10 \text{ TeV}$ case

Table 4 shows expected cross sections after reconstruction of $gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 4\ell$ channel and its backgrounds. Corresponding statistical significance for various integrated luminosities are shown in Table 5 and L_{int} needed for 3σ

Table 1 Expected cross sections of the reconstructed $gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 4\ell$ channel and its total background at 14 TeV

$gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 4\ell$ at 14 TeV			
m_H (GeV)	Cross section (fb)		
	Signal		Background
	SM-3	SM-4	SM-3 & SM-4
120	0.281	1.658	0.198
130	0.816	4.902	0.197
140	1.511	9.885	0.189
150	1.94	14.214	0.172
160	1.03	8.692	0.223
165	0.484	4.197	0.253
180	1.32	11.339	0.951
200	6.68	55.935	3.09
300	4.21	28.697	1.65
400	3.34	14.747	1.21
500	1.66	6.937	1.14
600	0.76	3.308	0.914

Table 2 Expected statistical significance for various integrated luminosity values at 14 TeV

$gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 4\ell$ at 14 TeV								
m_H (GeV)	0.3 fb^{-1}		1 fb^{-1}		3 fb^{-1}		10 fb^{-1}	
	SM-3	SM-4	SM-3	SM-4	SM-3	SM-4	SM-3	SM-4
120	0.29	1.22	0.53	2.23	0.92	3.87	1.68	7.07
130	0.71	2.65	1.29	4.83	2.24	8.37	4.10	15.29
140	1.15	4.25	2.10	7.77	3.65	13.45	6.66	24.56
150	1.42	5.45	2.59	9.95	4.48	17.23	8.19	31.45
160	0.82	3.81	1.50	6.95	2.60	12.05	4.76	21.99
165	0.42	2.27	0.78	4.14	1.35	7.17	2.46	13.08
180	0.62	3.47	1.14	6.34	1.98	10.98	3.62	20.06
200	1.65	8.42	3.02	15.37	5.23	26.63	9.55	48.61
300	1.39	5.98	2.53	10.92	4.39	18.92	8.02	34.55
400	1.27	3.98	2.31	7.27	4.01	12.59	7.33	22.98
500	0.71	2.31	1.30	4.21	2.26	7.30	4.13	13.32
600	0.39	1.15	0.71	2.51	1.23	4.35	2.25	7.94

and 5σ significance are given in Table 6 and plotted in Fig. 12.

It is seen that 200–250 GeV Higgs will be covered by 100 pb^{-1} and an additional 100 pb^{-1} will increase the reach up to 350 GeV.

Table 3 Integrated luminosity needed for 3σ and 5σ significance at 14 TeV

m_H (GeV)	Luminosity (fb^{-1})			
	for 3σ		for 5σ	
	SM-3 (14 TeV)	SM-4 (14 TeV)	SM-3 (14 TeV)	SM-4 (14 TeV)
120	31.65	1.80	87.92	5.00
130	5.34	0.38	14.83	1.06
140	2.02	0.15	5.62	0.41
150	1.34	0.01	3.72	0.25
160	3.97	0.19	11.03	0.52
165	14.80	0.52	41.11	1.46
180	6.85	0.22	19.03	0.62
200	0.98	0.04	2.73	0.10
300	1.39	0.07	3.88	0.21
400	1.67	0.17	4.65	0.47
500	5.25	0.51	14.60	1.41
600	17.78	1.42	49.40	3.97

Table 4 Expected cross sections of the reconstructed $gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 4\ell$ channel and its total background at 10 TeV

m_H (GeV)	Cross section (fb)		
	Signal		Background
	SM-3 (10 TeV)	SM-4 (10 TeV)	SM-3 & SM-4 (10 TeV)
120	0.160	0.948	0.100
130	0.460	2.763	0.100
140	0.844	5.521	0.096
150	1.07	7.840	0.087
160	0.56	4.726	0.113
165	0.263	2.280	0.128
180	0.71	6.099	0.484
200	3.52	29.475	1.572
300	2.05	13.974	0.839
400	1.53	6.755	0.615
500	0.71	2.967	0.580
600	0.31	1.349	0.465

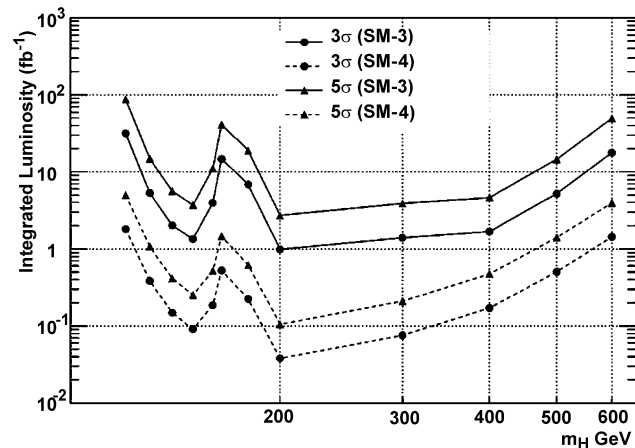


Fig. 11 Integrated luminosity needed at 14 TeV for 3σ and 5σ for $gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 4\ell$ channel considering SM-3 and SM-4 cases

4.3 $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV case

Table 7 shows expected cross sections after reconstruction of $gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 4\ell$ channel and its backgrounds. Corresponding statistical significance for various integrated luminosities are shown in Table 8 and L_{int} needed for 3σ and 5σ significance are given in Table 9 and plotted in Fig. 13. 200 pb^{-1} will scan 200–250 GeV Higgs whereas an additional 200 pb^{-1} will scan up to 300 GeV.

Table 5 Expected statistical significance for various integrated luminosity values at 10 TeV

m_H (GeV)	$gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 4\ell$ at 10 TeV							
	0.1 fb^{-1}		0.2 fb^{-1}		0.3 fb^{-1}		0.5 fb^{-1}	
	SM-3	SM-4	SM-3	SM-4	SM-3	SM-4	SM-3	SM-4
120	0.13	0.55	0.19	0.78	0.23	0.95	0.30	1.23
130	0.31	1.17	0.45	1.65	0.55	2.02	0.71	2.61
140	0.51	1.86	0.72	2.63	0.88	3.22	1.14	4.16
150	0.62	2.36	0.88	3.34	1.07	4.09	1.39	5.28
160	0.35	1.64	0.50	2.32	0.62	2.84	0.80	3.67
165	0.18	0.98	0.26	1.38	0.32	1.69	0.42	2.18
180	0.27	1.49	0.38	2.10	0.47	2.57	0.61	3.32
200	0.70	3.55	0.99	5.02	1.21	6.15	1.57	7.94
300	0.55	2.39	0.78	3.37	0.95	4.13	1.23	5.34
400	0.48	1.52	0.68	2.15	0.83	2.63	1.07	3.39
500	0.25	0.83	0.36	1.17	0.44	1.43	0.57	1.85
600	0.13	0.47	0.18	0.67	0.23	0.81	0.29	1.05

4.4 300 GeV Higgs with 500 GeV fourth family

If the common Yukawa coupling constant is equal to SU(2) gauge coupling g_w then flavour democracy predicts the mass value about 500 GeV for fourth family quarks. It is interest-

Table 6 Integrated luminosity needed for 3σ and 5σ significance at 10 TeV

$gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 4\ell$ at 10 TeV				
m_H (GeV)	Luminosity (fb^{-1})			
	for 3σ		for 5σ	
	SM-3 (10 TeV)	SM-4 (10 TeV)	SM-3 (10 TeV)	SM-4 (10 TeV)
120	50.88	2.97	141.35	8.26
130	8.91	0.65	24.76	1.83
140	3.46	0.26	9.61	0.72
150	2.33	0.16	6.49	0.45
160	7.02	0.33	19.50	0.93
165	25.91	0.94	72.00	2.61
180	12.22	0.40	33.95	1.13
200	1.82	0.07	5.07	0.20
300	2.95	0.16	8.21	0.44
400	3.91	0.38	10.87	1.08
500	14.01	1.30	38.91	3.62
600	52.39	4.01	145.53	11.15

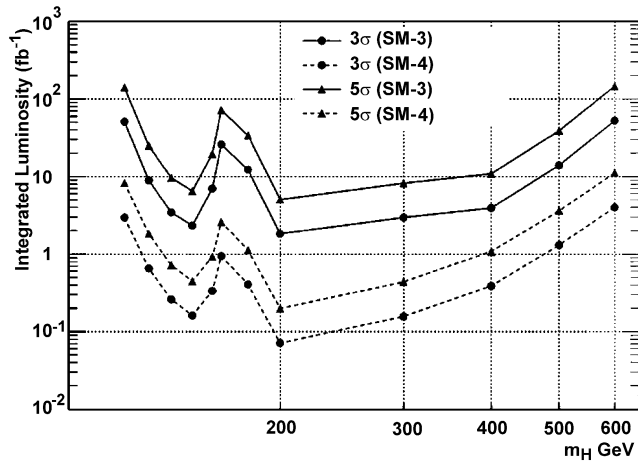


Fig. 12 Integrated luminosity needed at 10 TeV for 3σ and 5σ for $gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 4\ell$ channel considering SM-3 and SM-4 cases

ing to note that this mass value also allows to explain several “anomalies” in B , B_s mixings and decays involving CP observables [47, 48]. If one considers the quartic coupling constant of the Higgs self interaction also to be equal to g_w , the Higgs boson mass is predicted to be around 300 GeV. In such a case the enhancement factor in $gg \rightarrow H$ production is 7 (Fig. 3) and the $H \rightarrow ZZ$ branching ratio is 0.3 (Fig. 7). The integrated luminosity to achieve 3σ and 5σ significance in such a situation at different center of mass energies are shown in Table 10.

Table 7 Expected cross sections of the reconstructed $gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 4\ell$ channel and its total background at 7 TeV

$gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 4\ell$ at 7 TeV			
m_H (GeV)	Cross section (fb)		
	Signal		Background
	SM-3	SM-4	SM-3 & SM-4
120	0.085	0.502	0.053
130	0.240	1.44	0.053
140	0.434	2.84	0.051
150	0.544	3.99	0.046
160	0.282	2.39	0.060
165	0.131	1.14	0.068
180	0.347	2.99	0.255
200	1.689	14.14	0.830
300	0.892	6.08	0.443
400	0.608	2.69	0.325
500	0.262	1.096	0.306
600	0.105	0.457	0.245

Table 8 Expected statistical significance for various integrated luminosity values at 7 TeV

$gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 4\ell$ at 7 TeV								
m_H (GeV)	0.1 fb^{-1}		0.2 fb^{-1}		0.3 fb^{-1}		0.5 fb^{-1}	
	SM-3	SM-4	SM-3	SM-4	SM-3	SM-4	SM-3	SM-4
120	0.097	0.400	0.137	0.566	0.167	0.693	0.216	0.894
130	0.229	0.843	0.323	1.192	0.396	1.460	0.511	1.885
140	0.363	1.330	0.514	1.880	0.629	2.303	0.812	2.974
150	0.438	1.677	0.620	2.371	0.759	2.904	0.980	3.749
160	0.251	1.157	0.355	1.637	0.435	2.004	0.561	2.587
165	0.129	0.684	0.182	0.967	0.223	1.184	0.288	1.529
180	0.184	1.024	0.261	1.449	0.320	1.774	0.413	2.291
200	0.471	2.416	0.666	3.417	0.815	4.184	1.053	5.402
300	0.341	1.514	0.482	2.141	0.590	2.623	0.762	3.386
400	0.274	0.897	0.388	1.268	0.475	1.553	0.614	2.005
500	0.134	0.455	0.189	0.644	0.232	0.789	0.299	1.019
600	0.063	0.237	0.089	0.335	0.109	0.411	0.141	0.530

5 Conclusions

Assuming that nature prefers the SM-4 case, Fermilab already excludes Higgs masses up to 200 GeV. In contrast to SM-3, in SM-4 case electroweak precision data favors a heavier Higgs [13]. Hence, during the next couple of

Table 9 Integrated luminosity needed for 3σ and 5σ significance at 7 TeV

m_H (GeV)	Luminosity (fb^{-1})			
	for 3σ		for 5σ	
	SM-3	SM-4	SM-3	SM-4
120	96.4	5.62	268	15.6
130	17.2	1.27	47.8	3.52
140	6.82	0.51	18.9	1.41
150	4.68	0.32	13.0	0.89
160	14.3	0.67	39.7	1.87
165	54.0	1.92	150	5.35
180	26.4	0.86	73.4	2.38
200	4.06	0.15	11.3	0.43
300	7.75	0.39	21.5	1.09
400	11.9	1.12	33.2	3.11
500	50.3	4.34	140	12.1
600	227	16.0	632	44.4

Table 10 Integrated Luminosities (in fb^{-1}) needed to achieve 3 or 5 σ significance at different center of mass energies

Energy	L_{int} (fb^{-1}) for 3σ	L_{int} (fb^{-1}) for 5σ
14 TeV	0.07	0.21
10 TeV	0.16	0.44
7 TeV	0.39	1.09

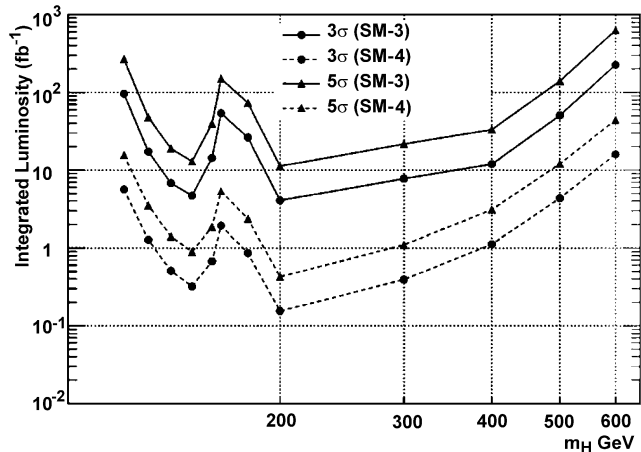


Fig. 13 Integrated luminosity needed at 7 TeV for 3σ and 5σ for $gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 4\ell$ channel considering SM-3 and SM-4 cases

years we will experience tough competition between the two hadron colliders: running Tevatron and soon to run LHC. In our opinion, corresponding experiments at both machines should seriously consider SM-4 predictions.

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