

Introduction to the Standard Model of ElectroWeak interactions

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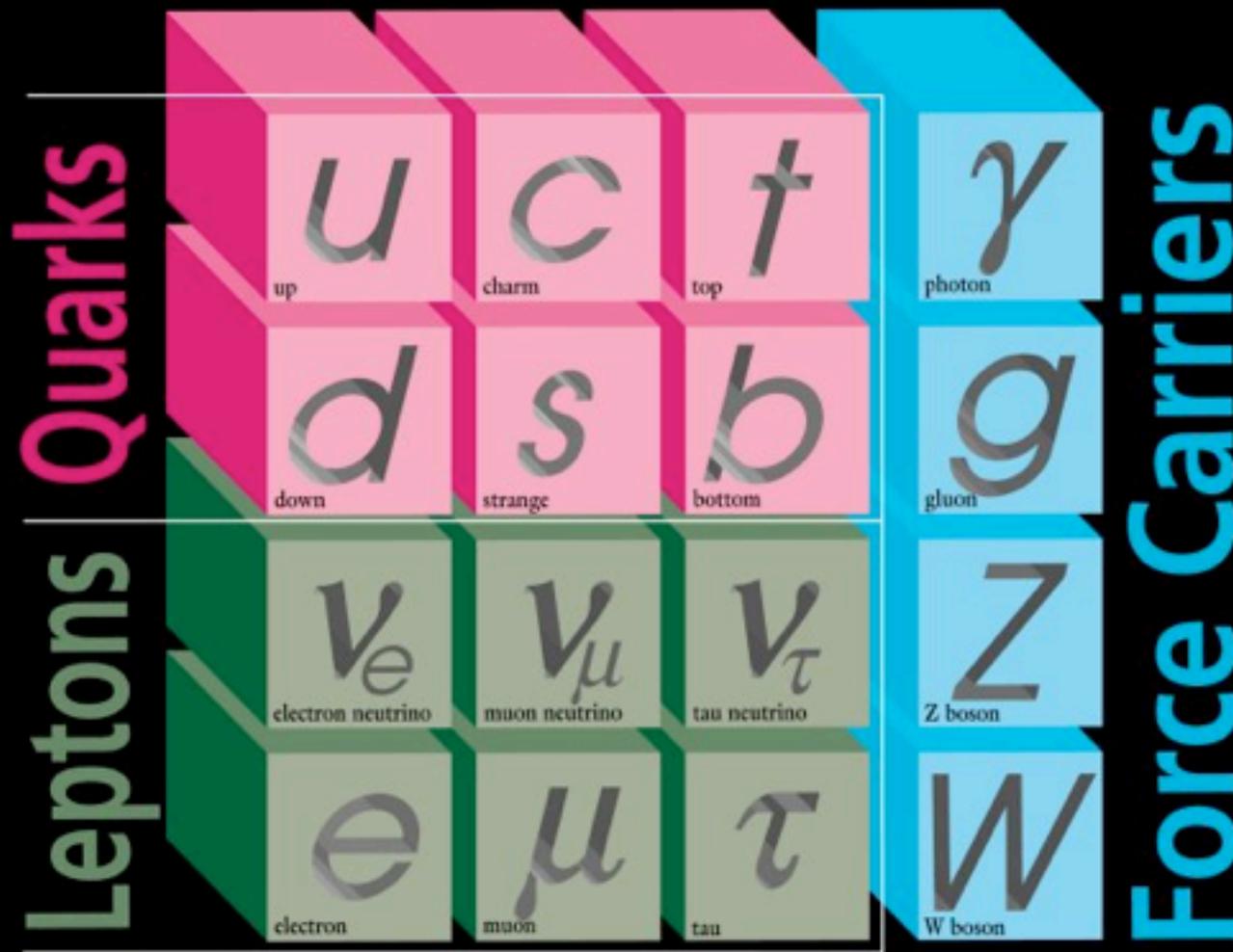
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*ElectroWeak
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ELEMENTARY PARTICLES



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Three Generations of Matter

Outline of the lectures

- 1) The origin of particle masses in the SM
- 2) The hunt for the Higgs boson
- 3) Beyond the Standard Model [?]

I) The origin of particle masses in the SM

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The gauge sector of the Standard Model

The Standard Model is based on local gauge invariance w.r.t. the group

$$G_{\text{SM}} \equiv SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$$

Each subgroup is characterized by its own coupling constant and vector bosons

| Group | charge | coupling | boson |
|-----------|--------------|----------|---|
| $SU(3)_C$ | color | g_s | G_μ^a ($a = 1 \dots 8$) |
| $SU(2)_L$ | weak isospin | g | W_μ^i ($i = 1 \dots 3$) |
| $U(1)_Y$ | hypercharge | g' | B_μ |

Gauge invariance fixes the Yang-Mills part of the SM Lagrangian

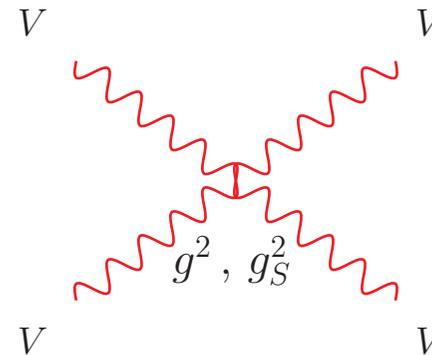
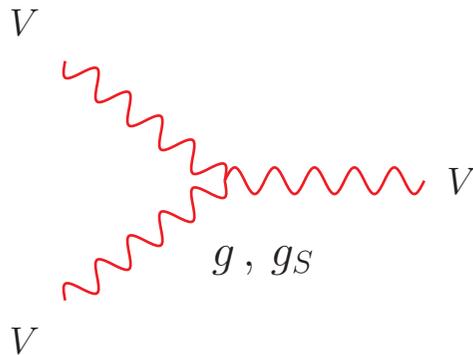
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{YM}} = -\frac{1}{4} G^{\mu\nu a} G_{\mu\nu}^a - \frac{1}{4} W^{\mu\nu i} W_{\mu\nu}^i - \frac{1}{4} B^{\mu\nu} B_{\mu\nu}$$

$$G_{\mu\nu}^a = \partial_\mu G_\nu^a - \partial_\nu G_\mu^a + g_S f_{abc} G_\mu^b G_\nu^c$$

$$W_{\mu\nu}^i = \partial_\mu W_\nu^i - \partial_\nu W_\mu^i + g f_{ijk} W_\mu^j W_\nu^k$$

$$B_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu B_\nu - \partial_\nu B_\mu$$

This determines the kinetic terms and the self-interactions of the gauge bosons



The fermions come in three generations and belong to different representations of G_{SM}

$$q_L^i \equiv \begin{pmatrix} u_L^i \\ d_L^i \end{pmatrix} \sim (3, 2, +1/6), \quad \ell_L^i \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \nu_L^i \\ e_L^i \end{pmatrix} \sim (1, 2, -1/2),$$

$(i = 1 \dots 3)$

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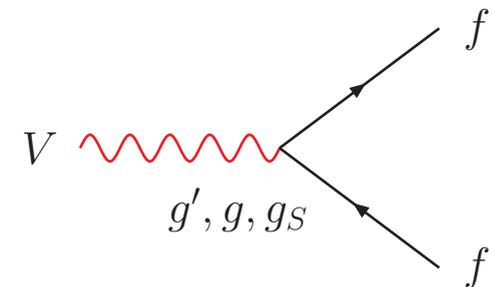
The *flavors* of quarks and leptons are:

$$u^i = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ c \\ t \end{pmatrix}, \quad d^i = \begin{pmatrix} d \\ s \\ b \end{pmatrix}, \quad e^i = \begin{pmatrix} e \\ \mu \\ \tau \end{pmatrix}, \quad \nu^i = \begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix}$$

Gauge invariance also fixes the interaction of the fermions with the gauge bosons

$$\mathcal{L}_F = i \bar{\Psi} \gamma^\mu D_\mu \Psi$$

$$D_\mu = \partial_\mu - i g_S G_\mu^a \lambda^a - i g W_\mu^i T^i - i g' B_\mu Y$$



The electromagnetic group $U(1)_{em}$ is contained in $SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$

Rotate the neutral gauge fields:

$$\begin{aligned} B^\mu &= A_\mu \cos \theta_W - Z_\mu \sin \theta_W \\ W_\mu^3 &= A_\mu \sin \theta_W + Z_\mu \cos \theta_W \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} \supset & \bar{\Psi} \gamma^\mu (g \sin \theta_W T^3 + g' \cos \theta_W Y) \Psi A_\mu \\ & + \bar{\Psi} \gamma^\mu (g \cos \theta_W T^3 - g' \sin \theta_W Y) \Psi Z_\mu \end{aligned}$$

The first term corresponds to the electromagnetic interaction $e \bar{\Psi} \gamma^\mu Q \Psi A_\mu$ if:

$$Q = T^3 + Y, \quad g \sin \theta_W = g' \cos \theta_W = e$$

A is the photon; the weak gauge bosons are Z and $W^\pm = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (W^1 \mp W^2)$

Long before the weak bosons were found, the strength of the interactions they mediate (e.g. muon decay) suggested that they must have masses of the order of 100 GeV

Also, quark and leptons have masses ranging from \sim MeV to 170 GeV

The problem with particle masses

Mass terms for fermions and vector bosons **break** the gauge symmetry of the Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{mass}} = -m_\psi \bar{\psi}\psi + \frac{1}{2} m_V^2 V^{\mu a} V_\mu^a$$

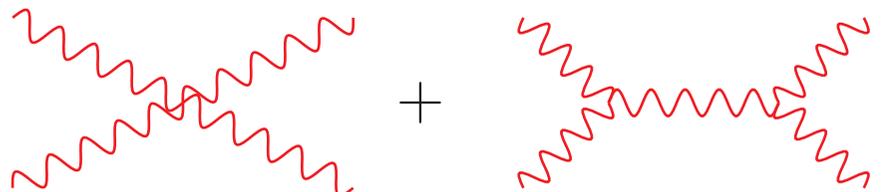
$$m_\psi \bar{\psi}\psi = m_\psi (\bar{\psi}_L \psi_R + \bar{\psi}_R \psi_L), \quad \psi_{L,R} = P_{L,R} \psi = \frac{1 \mp \gamma_5}{2} \psi$$

ψ_L and ψ_R belong to different representations of the gauge group (*chiral fermions*)

Also, mass terms for the vector bosons make the theory non-renormalizable...

$$\Delta^{\mu\nu} = \frac{i}{k^2 - m_V^2} \left(-g^{\mu\nu} + \frac{k^\mu k^\nu}{m_V^2} \right) \xrightarrow[k \rightarrow \infty]{} \text{const}$$

...and they violate the unitarity of the scattering matrix. E.g., consider $V V$ scattering:



The image shows two Feynman diagrams for vector boson (V) scattering. The first diagram shows two incoming wavy lines (representing vector bosons) that cross each other and then emerge as two outgoing wavy lines. The second diagram shows two incoming wavy lines that meet at a central vertex, from which two outgoing wavy lines emerge. Both diagrams are drawn with red wavy lines.

$$+ \dots \quad \mathcal{M} \propto \frac{s}{m_V^2} \quad \text{for } s \gg m_V^2$$

The Higgs mechanism

The Brout-Englert-Higgs (BEH) mechanism

The Anderson-Higgs mechanism

The LGABEHGHKMPWS'tH mechanism

The Higgs mechanism

The Higgs mechanism and the Higgs boson

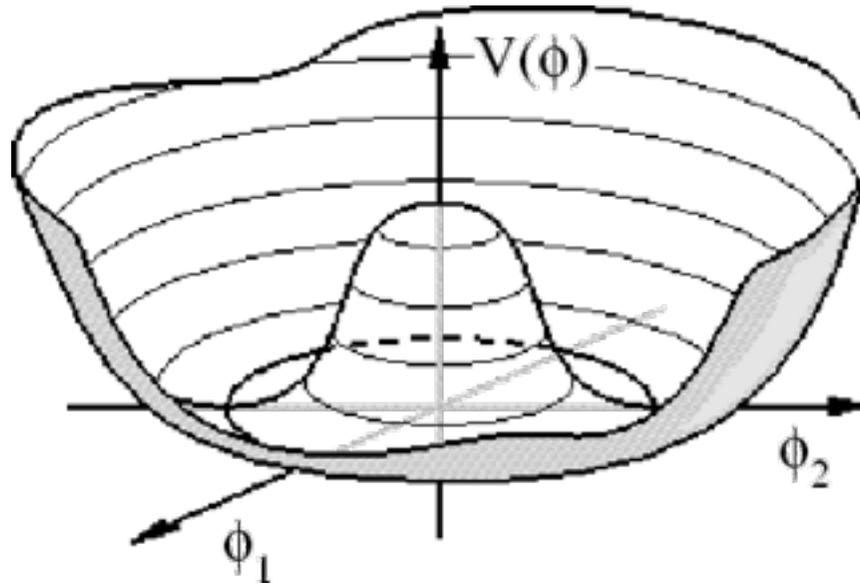
Spontaneous symmetry breaking

The Lagrangian of the theory respects a symmetry, but the vacuum state breaks it

Consider a single complex scalar with a “mexican hat” potential (*Goldstone model*)

$$\phi \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\phi_1 + i \phi_2), \quad \mathcal{L} = \partial^\mu \phi^* \partial_\mu \phi - V(\phi), \quad V(\phi) = m^2 |\phi|^2 + \lambda |\phi|^4$$

$$m^2 < 0, \quad \lambda > 0$$



The potential has an infinite number of equivalent minima for $|\phi|^2 = -\frac{m^2}{2\lambda}$

The system will choose one specific minimum, breaking the global rotational symmetry

E.g., we can expand the scalar field around a *real* vacuum expectation value (vev)

$$\phi \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [v + H(x) + i G(x)] , \quad v = \sqrt{-\frac{m^2}{\lambda}}$$

At the minimum of the scalar potential (= the vacuum state) we have $\langle \phi \rangle = \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}}$

Up to an irrelevant constant, the scalar potential becomes

$$V = (m^2 v + \lambda v^3) H + \frac{1}{2} (m^2 + 3\lambda v^2) H^2 + \frac{1}{2} (m^2 + \lambda v^2) G^2 \\ + \lambda v H(H^2 + G^2) + \frac{\lambda}{4} (H^2 + G^2)^2$$

Inserting the value of v the linear term vanishes, and the masses of the scalars become

$$m_H^2 = -2 m^2 = 2 \lambda v^2 , \quad m_G^2 = 0$$

G is the *Goldstone boson* associated with the spontaneous breaking of a continuous global symmetry

The Higgs mechanism: spontaneous breaking of a local symmetry

Consider a U(1) gauge theory with a complex scalar field (*scalar QED*)

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + (D_\mu \phi)^* D^\mu \phi - m^2 |\phi|^2 - \lambda |\phi|^4 \quad (D_\mu = \partial_\mu - i e A_\mu)$$

Parameterize the complex scalar as modulus and phase: $\phi = \rho e^{i\theta}$

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + \rho^2 (\partial_\mu \theta - e A_\mu)^2 + \partial_\mu \rho \partial^\mu \rho - m^2 \rho^2 - \lambda \rho^4$$

$$B_\mu \equiv A_\mu - \frac{1}{e} \partial_\mu \theta \quad \text{is gauge invariant, and} \quad F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu = \partial_\mu B_\nu - \partial_\nu B_\mu$$

Again, for $m^2 < 0$ and $\lambda > 0$ the symmetry is broken and the scalar gets a vev

$$\rho = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (v + H)$$

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} e^2 v^2 B_\mu B^\mu + e^2 v H B_\mu B^\mu + \frac{1}{2} e^2 H^2 B_\mu B^\mu + \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu H \partial^\mu H - V(H)$$

In this “unitary gauge”, the massless field A_μ “eats” the phase and becomes the *massive* field B_μ

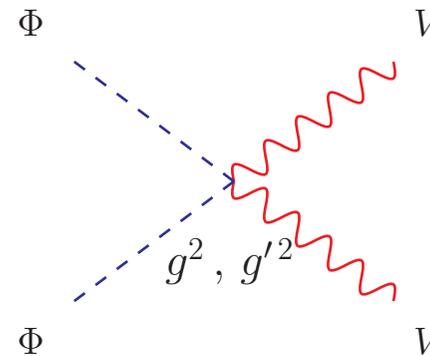
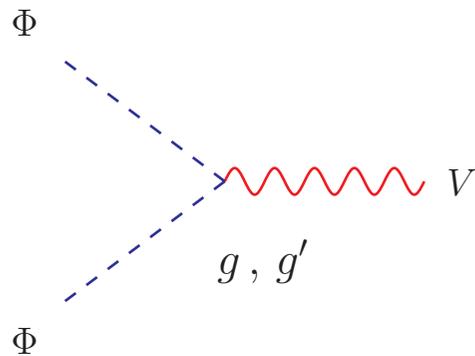
The remaining scalar H is also massive, and interacts with the gauge field

Spontaneous breaking of the SU(2)xU(1) gauge symmetry

Introduce a SU(2) doublet of complex scalars: $\Phi \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \varphi^+ \\ \varphi^0 \end{pmatrix} \sim (1, 2, +1/2)$

$$\mathcal{L}_S = (D_\mu \Phi)^\dagger (D^\mu \Phi) - m^2 \Phi^\dagger \Phi - \lambda (\Phi^\dagger \Phi)^2 \quad \left(D_\mu = \partial_\mu - i \frac{g}{2} W_\mu^i \tau^i - i \frac{g'}{2} B_\mu \right)$$

The kinetic term determines the interactions between scalars and gauge bosons:



If $m^2 < 0$ and $\lambda > 0$ the mexican-hat potential induces a vev v for the doublet

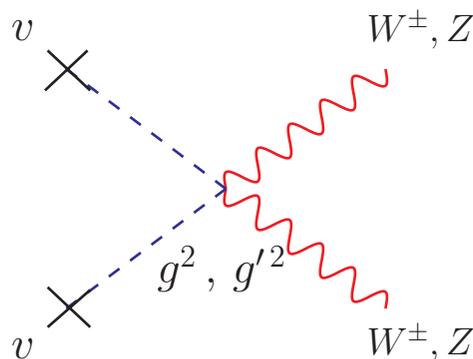
We can parameterize the complex doublet as: $\Phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{i\tau^i \theta^i(x)} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v + H(x) \end{pmatrix}$

Gauge symmetry allows us to rotate away the θ^i via a SU(2) transformation (*unitary gauge*)

$$V = \frac{1}{2}(2\lambda v^2)H^2 + \lambda v H^3 + \frac{1}{4}\lambda H^4$$

The kinetic term for the doublet contains mass and interaction terms for the weak gauge bosons

$$(D_\mu \Phi)^\dagger (D^\mu \Phi) = \frac{1}{2} \partial^\mu H \partial_\mu H + \left[\frac{1}{4} g^2 W^{\mu+} W_\mu^- + \frac{1}{8} (g^2 + g'^2) Z^\mu Z_\mu \right] (v + H)^2$$



(the photon remains massless)

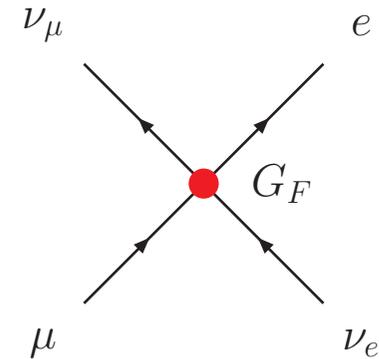
$$m_W^2 = \frac{1}{4} g^2 v^2 \quad m_Z^2 = \frac{1}{4} (g^2 + g'^2) v^2$$

Note: $\frac{m_W^2}{m_Z^2 \cos^2 \theta_W} = 1$

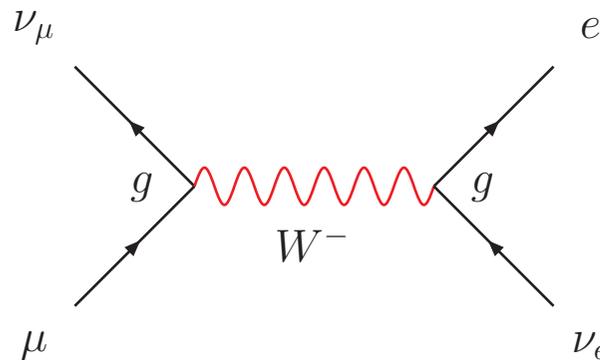
The value of v can be related to the constant G_F in the low-energy effective Lagrangian (four-fermion interaction) that describes the muon decay process $\mu^- \rightarrow e^- \nu_\mu \bar{\nu}_e$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} \supset -\frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{\nu}_\mu \gamma^\alpha (1 - \gamma_5) \mu \bar{e} \gamma^\alpha (1 - \gamma_5) \nu_e$$

$$\mathcal{A} = -\frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad \Gamma = \frac{G_F^2 m_\mu^5}{192 \pi^3} + \mathcal{O}(m_e^2/m_\mu^2)$$



In the Standard Model the muon decay is mediated by the exchange of a W boson



$$\mathcal{A} \simeq -\frac{g^2}{2m_W^2}$$

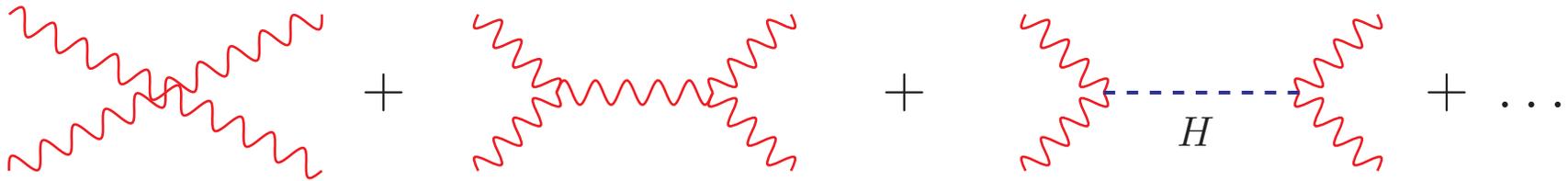
Equating the amplitudes and inserting $m_W = \frac{gv}{2}$ we get: $v = (\sqrt{2} G_F)^{-1/2} \simeq 246 \text{ GeV}$

This also allows us to derive another relation among measurable quantities:

$$m_W^2 (1 - m_W^2/m_Z^2) = \frac{\pi \alpha}{\sqrt{2} G_F}$$

The inclusion of diagrams with exchange of a scalar H restores the unitarity of $V V$ scattering at high energy:

$$\mathcal{M} \propto \frac{m_H^2}{v^2}$$



The scalar mass cuts off the divergence. But unitarity is again at risk if m_H is too large

$$\mathcal{M} = 16\pi \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} (2\ell + 1) P_{\ell}(\cos \theta) a_{\ell}$$

Unitarity conditions on the partial-wave decomposition of the amplitude:

$$|\text{Re}(a_{\ell})| < \frac{1}{2}$$

For $m_W^2 \ll m_H^2 \ll s$ $a_0(W_L W_L \rightarrow W_L W_L) \approx -\frac{m_H^2}{8\pi v^2}$

Thus, $m_H < 870 \text{ GeV}$ (even stronger bounds by considering several processes at once)

Counting the bosonic degrees of freedom in the unbroken and broken phases:

unbroken symmetry: $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{A complex doublet } (\Phi) \\ \text{Four massless vector bosons } (B, W^i) \end{array} \right.$ $4+(4 \times 2) = 12$
d.o.f.

broken symmetry: $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{One real scalar } (H): \text{ the } \textit{Higgs boson} \\ \text{Three massive vector bosons } (Z, W^+, W^-) \\ \text{One massless vector boson } (\gamma) \end{array} \right.$ $1+(3 \times 3)+2 = 12$
d.o.f.

The degrees of freedom corresponding to the three *would-be-Goldstone bosons* have been absorbed in the longitudinal components of the massive vector fields

The renormalizability of the theory is still hidden in this *unitary* gauge, but it becomes manifest with different gauge choices ('t Hooft, 1971)

The propagator of the massive vector boson depends on the choice of gauge:

Unitary gauge:

(no would-be-Goldstone boson)

$$\Delta^{\mu\nu} = \frac{i}{k^2 - m_V^2} \left(-g^{\mu\nu} + \frac{k^\mu k^\nu}{m_V^2} \right)$$

Renormalizable gauge:

$$\Delta^{\mu\nu} = \frac{i}{k^2 - m_V^2} \left(-g^{\mu\nu} + (1 - \xi) \frac{k^\mu k^\nu}{k^2 - \xi m_V^2} \right)$$

$$\Delta^G = \frac{i}{k^2 - \xi m_V^2}$$

The contributions of the unphysical would-be-Goldstone boson combine with those of the gauge boson, and we find the same results as in the unitary gauge

(also, predictions for physical observables must not depend on the arbitrary parameter ξ)

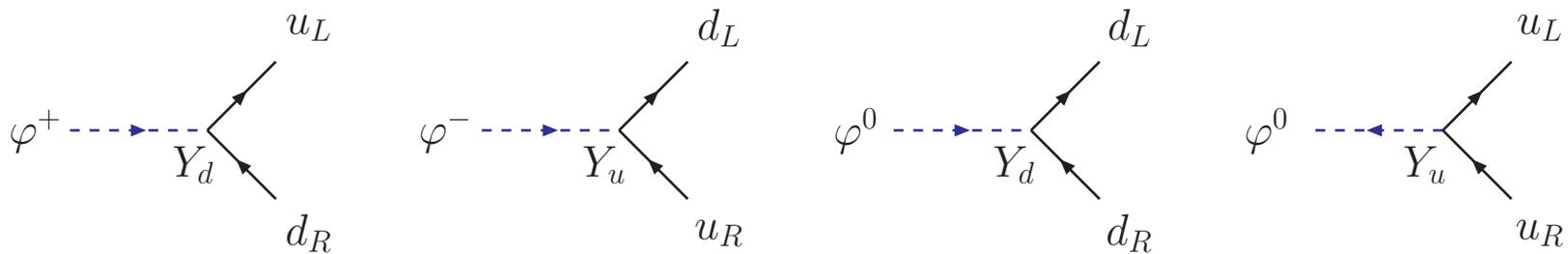
Fermion masses and flavor mixing

We can generate the quark masses by building gauge-invariant interactions with the Higgs

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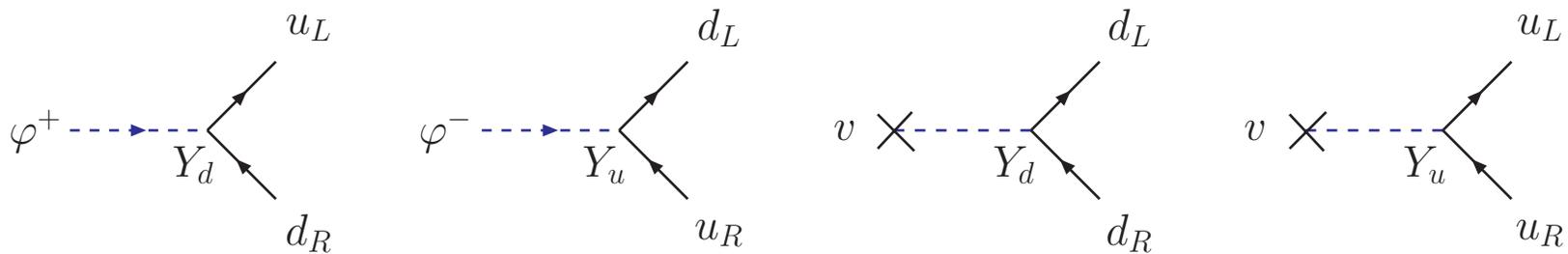
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The matrices of Yukawa couplings can be diagonalized by bi-unitary transformations

$$\text{diag}(Y_u, Y_c, Y_t) = V_u^\dagger Y_U U_u, \quad \text{diag}(Y_d, Y_s, Y_b) = V_d^\dagger Y_D U_d$$

$$u_L \rightarrow V_u u_L, \quad u_R \rightarrow U_u u_R,$$

Applying the same rotations to the quark fields:

$$d_L \rightarrow V_d d_L, \quad d_R \rightarrow U_d d_R$$

the Yukawa interaction Lagrangian becomes (in the unitary gauge):

$$\mathcal{L}_Y = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (v + H) (Y_u \bar{u}u + Y_c \bar{c}c + Y_t \bar{t}t + Y_d \bar{d}d + Y_s \bar{s}s + Y_b \bar{b}b)$$

Therefore the masses of the quarks are: $m_q = \frac{Y_q v}{\sqrt{2}}$

The *neutral current* couplings of the quarks to photon and Z are not affected by the rotation

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \sum_{q_i} e_i \left(\bar{q}_L^i \gamma^\mu q_L^i + \bar{q}_R^i \gamma^\mu q_R^i \right) A_\mu + \sum_{q_i} \left(g_L^i \bar{q}_L^i \gamma^\mu q_L^i + g_R^i \bar{q}_R^i \gamma^\mu q_R^i \right) Z_\mu$$

e.g. $\bar{u}_L \gamma^\mu u_L \longrightarrow \bar{u}_L V_u^\dagger \gamma^\mu V_u u_L = \bar{u}_L \gamma^\mu u_L$ (and so on)

On the other hand, the *charged current* couplings of the quarks to the W boson are affected:

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \sum_i \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{u}_L^i \gamma^\mu d_L^i W_\mu^+ + \text{h.c.} \longrightarrow \sum_{i,j} \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{u}_L^i \gamma^\mu V_{ij}^{\text{CKM}} d_L^j W_\mu^+ + \text{h.c.}$$

Therefore, charged interactions mix quarks of different flavor (neutral interactions don't)

$$V_{ij}^{\text{CKM}} \equiv V_u^\dagger V_d \quad \text{is the so-called } \textit{Cabibbo-Kobayashi-Maskawa} \text{ matrix}$$

The CKM matrix can be represented in terms of four independent parameters
(e.g., three independent rotation angles and one complex phase)

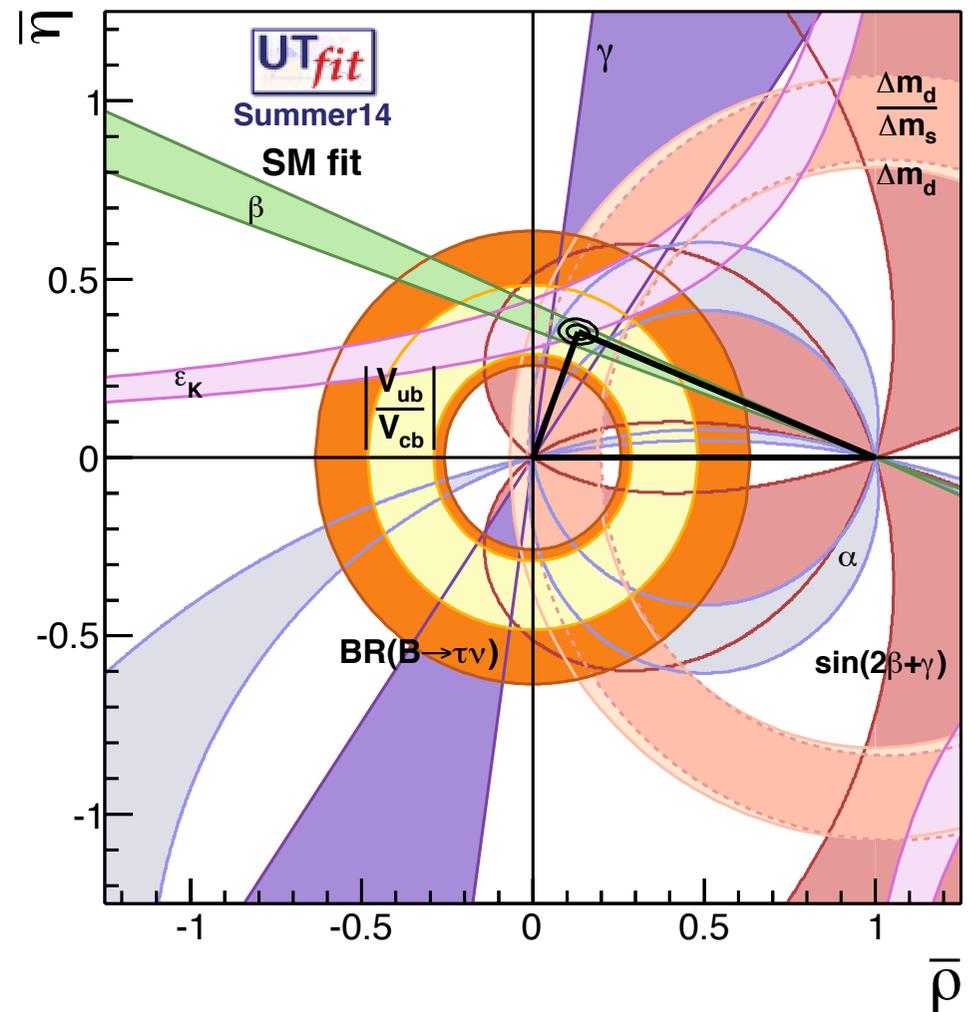
An alternative representation of the CKM matrix is the so-called “Wolfenstein parametrization”:

$$V^{\text{CKM}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \frac{\lambda^2}{2} & \lambda & A\lambda^3(\rho - i\eta) \\ -\lambda & 1 - \frac{\lambda^2}{2} & A\lambda^2 \\ A\lambda^3(1 - \rho - i\eta) & -A\lambda^2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^4)$$

A large number of flavor-violating processes allow for the determination of the Wolfenstein parameters $\bar{\rho}, \bar{\eta}$

The good agreement between many different measurements provides a consistency check of the CKM picture

(plot from UTfit collaboration)



Among the SM leptons, there are no ν_R^i :

$$l_L^i \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \nu_L^i \\ e_L^i \end{pmatrix} \sim (1, 2, -1/2),$$

$$e_R^i \sim (1, 1, -1)$$

The only gauge-invariant Yukawa interaction that we can build gives a mass term for charged leptons:

$$\mathcal{L}_Y = - (Y_E)_{ij} \bar{l}_L^i \Phi e_R^j + \text{h.c.}$$

Again, we can diagonalize the Yukawa matrix with a bi-unitary transformation

$$\text{diag}(Y_e, Y_\mu, Y_\tau) = V_e^\dagger Y_E U_e, \quad m_l = \frac{Y_l v}{\sqrt{2}}$$

but now we are free to rotate the ν_L parallel to the e_L :

$$\nu_L \rightarrow V_e \nu_L,$$

$$e_L \rightarrow V_e e_L, \quad e_R \rightarrow U_e e_R$$

Therefore, the charged interaction does not mix leptons of different flavors:

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \sum_i \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{\nu}_L^i \gamma^\mu e_L^i W_\mu^+ + \text{h.c.} \longrightarrow \text{itself}$$

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After EWSB, the mass matrix for the neutrinos becomes (schematically):

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For $M \gg m_D$, this gives both light, almost-left neutrinos and heavy, almost-right neutrinos:

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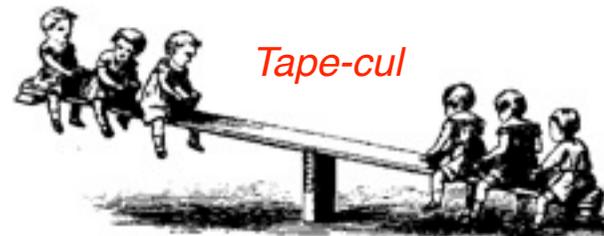
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Constraints on non-minimal Higgs sectors

A single SU(2) doublet is the minimal option. Several scalars could contribute to EWSB

However, constraints from precision observables, e.g.:

$$\rho \equiv \frac{m_W^2}{m_Z^2 \cos^2 \theta_W} \approx 1$$

The contribution to the rho parameter from a given Higgs field depends on its SU(2) properties:

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{1}{2} m_W^2 (W^{1\mu} W_\mu^1 + W^{2\mu} W_\mu^2) + \frac{1}{2} (W_3^\mu \ B^\mu) \begin{bmatrix} M^2 & M'^2 \\ M'^2 & M''^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} W_{3\mu} \\ B_\mu \end{pmatrix}$$

$$m_\gamma = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \tan \theta_W = \frac{M''}{M}, \quad m_Z^2 = M^2 + M''^2 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \rho = \frac{m_W^2}{M^2}$$

For a set of Higgs fields Φ_i :

$$\rho = \frac{\sum_i v_i^2 [I_i(I_i + 1) - (I_{3i})^2]}{2 \sum_i v_i^2 (I_{3i})^2}$$

Doublets are OK. Other SU(2) representations would change rho (*then v_i must be small!*)

The simplest non-minimal case: two-Higgs-doublet model

$$\begin{aligned}
 V = & m_{11}^2 \Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_1 + m_{22}^2 \Phi_2^\dagger \Phi_2 - \left[m_{12}^2 \Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_2 + \text{h.c.} \right] \\
 & + \frac{\lambda_1}{2} (\Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_1)^2 + \frac{\lambda_2}{2} (\Phi_2^\dagger \Phi_2)^2 + \lambda_3 (\Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_1)(\Phi_2^\dagger \Phi_2) + \lambda_4 (\Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_2)(\Phi_2^\dagger \Phi_1) \\
 & + \left\{ \frac{\lambda_5}{2} (\Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_2)^2 + \left[\lambda_6 (\Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_1) + \lambda_7 (\Phi_2^\dagger \Phi_2) \right] (\Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_2) + \text{h.c.} \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

Two complex SU(2) doublets
 \Rightarrow 8 degrees of freedom:

$$\Phi_i = \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_i^+ \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(v_i + \varphi_i^R + i \varphi_i^I) \end{pmatrix}$$

After EWSB: 5 physical states (3 neutral, 2 charged H^\pm)
 and 3 would-be-Goldstone bosons (G^0, G^\pm)

If the potential does not break CP, the neutral states
 are one pseudoscalar A and two scalars (h, H)

$$\begin{pmatrix} H \\ h \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha & \sin \alpha \\ -\sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_1^R \\ \varphi_2^R \end{pmatrix}$$

Generating particle masses in many-Higgs-doublet models

The gauge-boson masses receive a contribution from each Higgs vev

$$m_W^2 = \frac{g^2}{4} \sum_i v_i^2, \quad m_Z^2 = \frac{g^2 + g'^2}{4} \sum_i v_i^2$$

Also, each Higgs doublet has its own set of matrices for the couplings to the fermions:

$$-\mathcal{L}_Y = \sum_i \bar{q}_L \tilde{\Phi}_i y_i^U u_R + \sum_i \bar{q}_L \Phi_i y_i^D d_R, \quad M^{U,D} = \sum_i y_i^{U,D} v_i$$

Rotating the fields to a basis where one Higgs (Φ_{SM}) gets the vev and the others (Φ_i) don't

$$-\mathcal{L}_Y = \bar{q}_L \tilde{\Phi}_{SM} Y^U u_R + \bar{q}_L \Phi_{SM} Y^D d_R + \sum_i \bar{q}_L \tilde{\Phi}_i y_i^U u_R + \sum_i \bar{q}_L \Phi_i y_i^D d_R$$

In general, the matrices $y_i^{U,D}$ are **not** diagonal in the basis where $Y^{U,D}$ are diagonal

→ The non-SM doublets mediate Flavor-Changing Neutral Currents!!!

Natural Flavor Conservation:

FCNC in Higgs-quark interactions are *absent* when only one doublet couples to each species of quarks

e.g., in THDMs:

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FCNC can be *suppressed* if the matrices of non-SM Higgs couplings are made up of combinations of Y^U and Y^D

$$y_i^U = A_u^i (1 + \epsilon_u Y^U Y^{U\dagger} + \dots) Y^U, \quad y_i^D = A_d^i (1 + \epsilon_d Y^U Y^{U\dagger} + \dots) Y^D$$

Only *two* sets of $SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)$ quantum numbers are allowed for an additional scalar whose Yukawa couplings transform like Y^U and Y^D under rotations in flavor space

(1,2)_{1/2} The usual THDMs

(8,2)_{1/2} The additional scalar is a color octet (*Manohar & Wise, hep-ph/0606172*)

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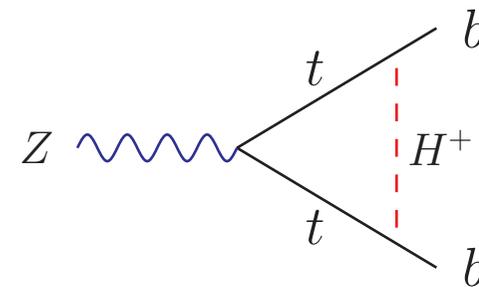
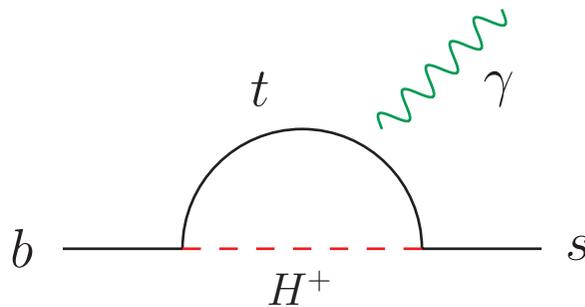
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Interlude: who ordered this particle?

Three PRL papers in 1964 described the mechanism that gives mass to gauge bosons:

BROKEN SYMMETRY AND THE MASS OF GAUGE VECTOR MESONS*

F. Englert and R. Brout

Faculté des Sciences, Université Libre de Bruxelles, Bruxelles, Belgium

(Received 26 June 1964)

(does not mention
a physical scalar)

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BROKEN SYMMETRIES AND THE MASSES OF GAUGE BOSONS

Peter W. Higgs

Tait Institute of Mathematical Physics, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland

(Received 31 August 1964)

(cites BE , mentions a massive scalar as an essential feature of the mechanism)

GLOBAL CONSERVATION LAWS AND MASSLESS PARTICLES*

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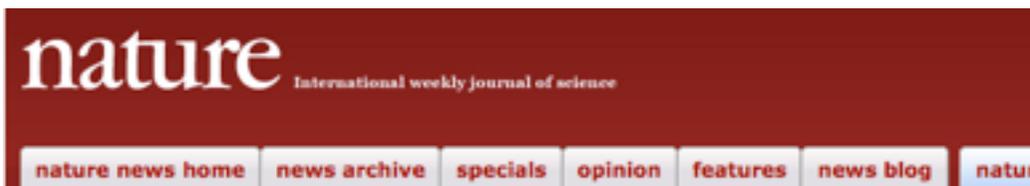
Department of Physics, Imperial College, London, England

(Received 12 October 1964)

(cites BE and H, mentions a scalar
which is *massless and decoupled*)

Then Weinberg (1967) and Salam (1968) incorporated the mechanism in the EW theory and 't Hooft (1971) proved that spontaneously broken gauge theories are renormalizable

“Nobelitis”



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News

Physicists get political over Higgs

A storm is brewing round the scientists in line to win the Nobel prize for predicting the elusive particle.

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The History of the Guralnik, Hagen and Kibble development of the Theory of Spontaneous Symmetry Breaking and Gauge Particles

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Five authors alive,
only three Nobel slots...

The Nobel Prize in Physics 2013

*The ending was
unexciting...*



Photo: A. Mahmoud
François Englert
Prize share: 1/2



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Peter W. Higgs
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...but some people just wouldn't let go:

Where Have All the Goldstone Bosons Gone?

[arXiv:1401.6924]

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“(...) the Nobel Committee [5] stated ‘The Goldstone theorem holds in the sense that that Nambu-Goldstone mode is there but it gets absorbed into the third component of a massive vector field.’ (...) **It is shown in what follows that that is not a valid view** and that a massless gauge particle necessarily remains in the theory.”

II) The hunt for the Higgs boson

The main contenders:

- **Large Electron-Positron Collider (LEP)** at CERN (1989-2000):
circular e^+e^- collider, center-of-mass energy up to 209 GeV;
- **Tevatron** at Fermilab (1983-2012):
circular $p\bar{p}$ collider, c.o.m. energy up to 2 TeV;
- **Large Hadron Collider (LHC)** at CERN (2011-2012, 2015-?):
circular pp collider, c.o.m. energy up to 8 TeV (designed for 14 TeV).

Higgs boson couplings to the other SM particles

The interaction Lagrangian contains $(v + H)$, thus HPP couplings are controlled by m_P/v

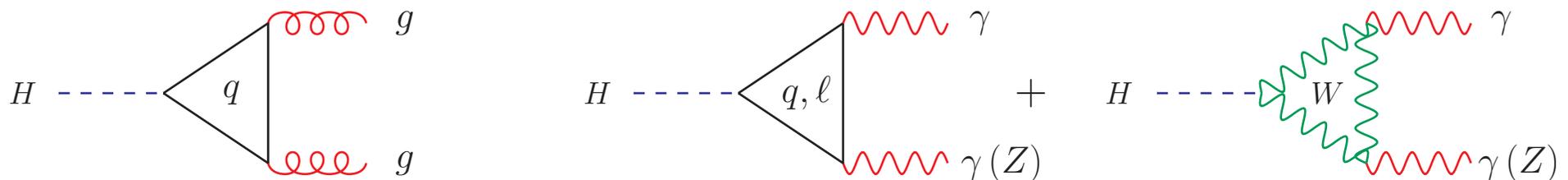
$$H \bar{f} f : i \frac{m_f}{v}, \quad H W_\mu^+ W_\nu^- : 2i \frac{m_W^2}{v} g^{\mu\nu}, \quad H Z_\mu Z_\nu : 2i \frac{m_Z^2}{v} g^{\mu\nu},$$

Feynman rules:

$$HH W_\mu^+ W_\nu^- : 2i \frac{m_W^2}{v^2} g^{\mu\nu}, \quad HH Z_\mu Z_\nu : 2i \frac{m_Z^2}{v^2} g^{\mu\nu}$$

(among fermions, only top, bottom and tau have sizable couplings to the Higgs)

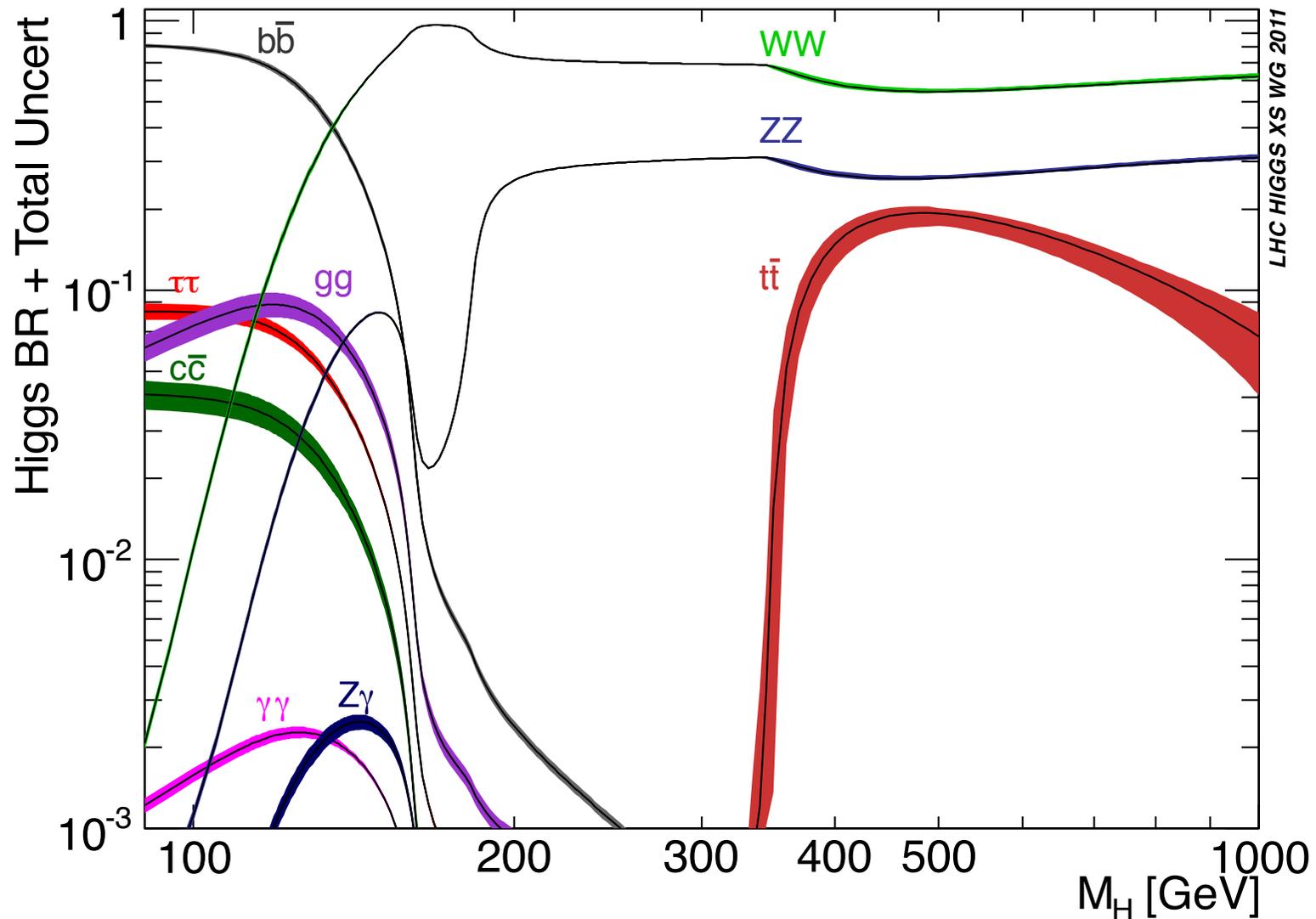
Loops of charged particles also induce Higgs-boson couplings to gluons and photons:



$$\mathcal{L} \supset - C_g \frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi v} H G^{a\mu\nu} G_{\mu\nu}^a - C_\gamma \frac{\alpha}{8\pi v} H A^{\mu\nu} A_{\mu\nu} - C_{\gamma Z} \frac{\alpha}{8\pi v} H A^{\mu\nu} Z_{\mu\nu}$$

(in practice, only the top, bottom and W contributions to the loops are relevant)

The decay rates of the Higgs boson depend only on its mass (the couplings are all fixed)



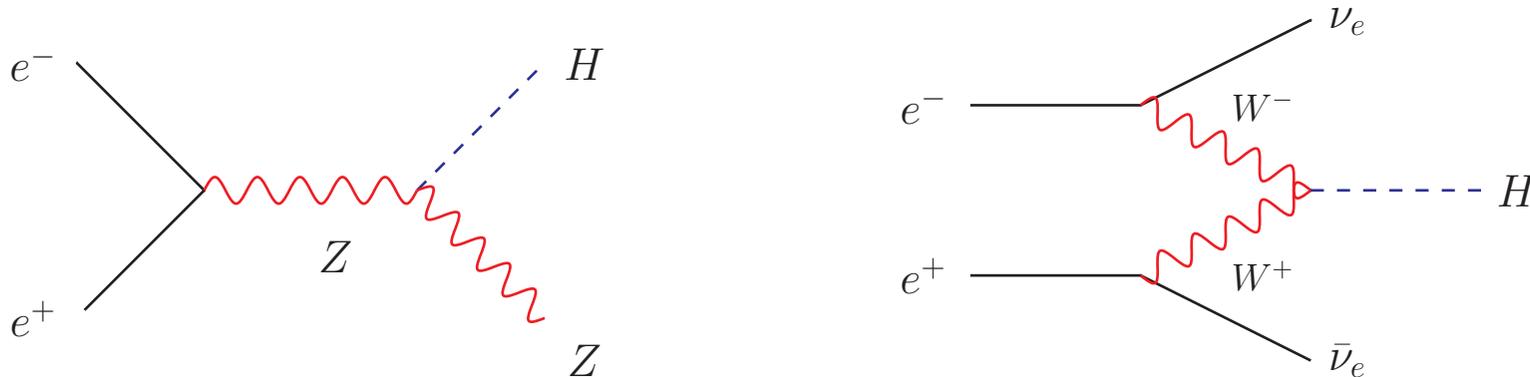
Decays to bottom quarks dominate at low mass, then WW (and ZZ) for $m_H > 140$ GeV

Decays to two photons are loop-suppressed but easy to detect

LEP & Tevatron corner it

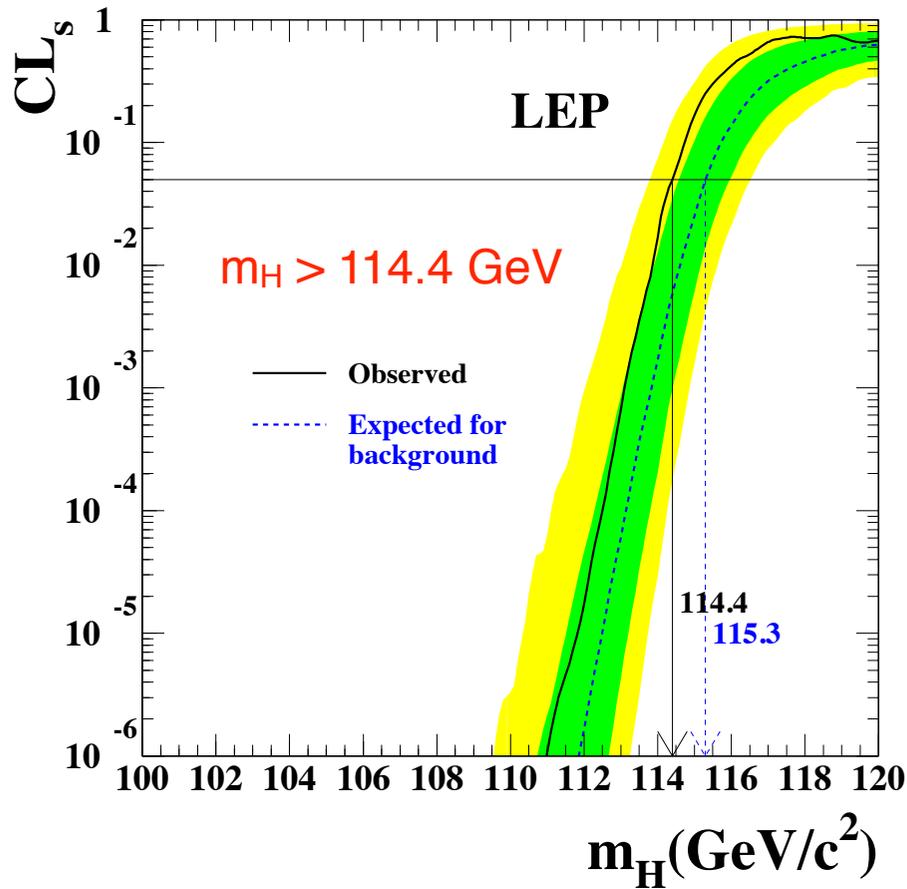
Higgs boson production at e^+e^- colliders

The dominant processes are Higgs-strahlung and WW fusion:

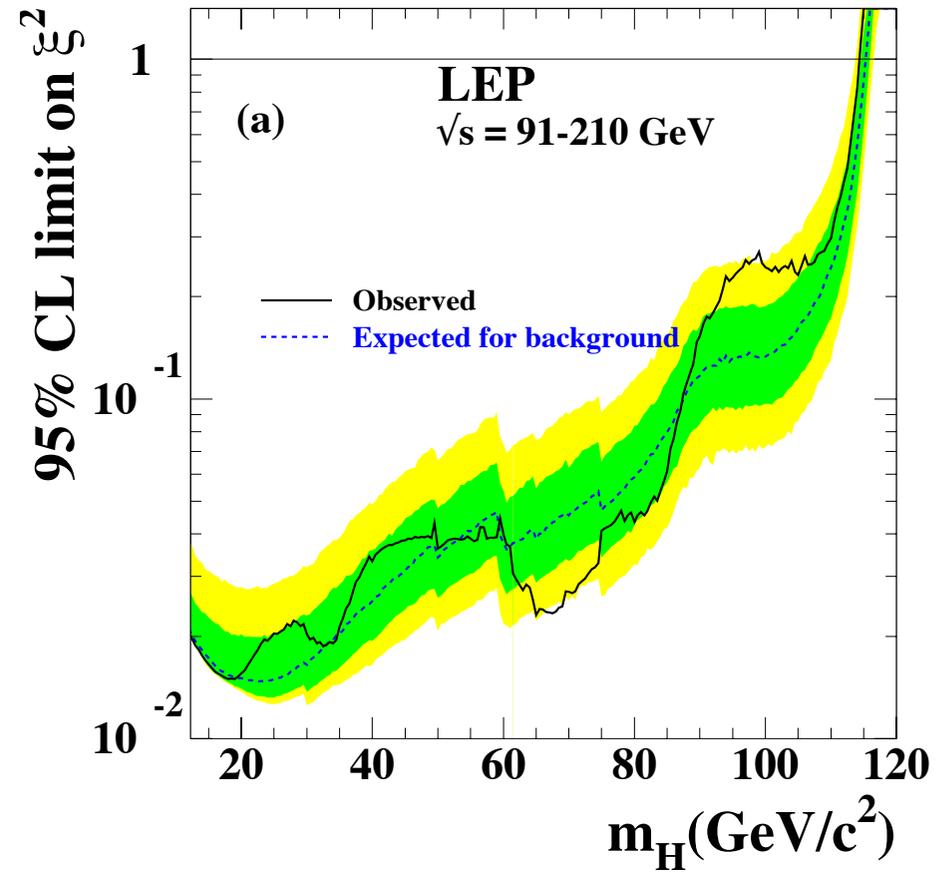


- ✓ Well-defined energy and momentum in the initial state
- ✓ “Clean” experimental environment (no QCD background)
- ✓ Allows for precision studies of the Higgs boson properties (couplings, spin, parity...)
- The cross section is small and it decreases with energy, high luminosity required
- Synchrotron radiation makes circular machines unpractical above LEP2 energy
- ◆ The International Linear Collider (~ 500 GeV) could be the next Higgs factory

At LEP, the dominant channel was Higgs-strahlung followed by decay in bottom or tau pairs

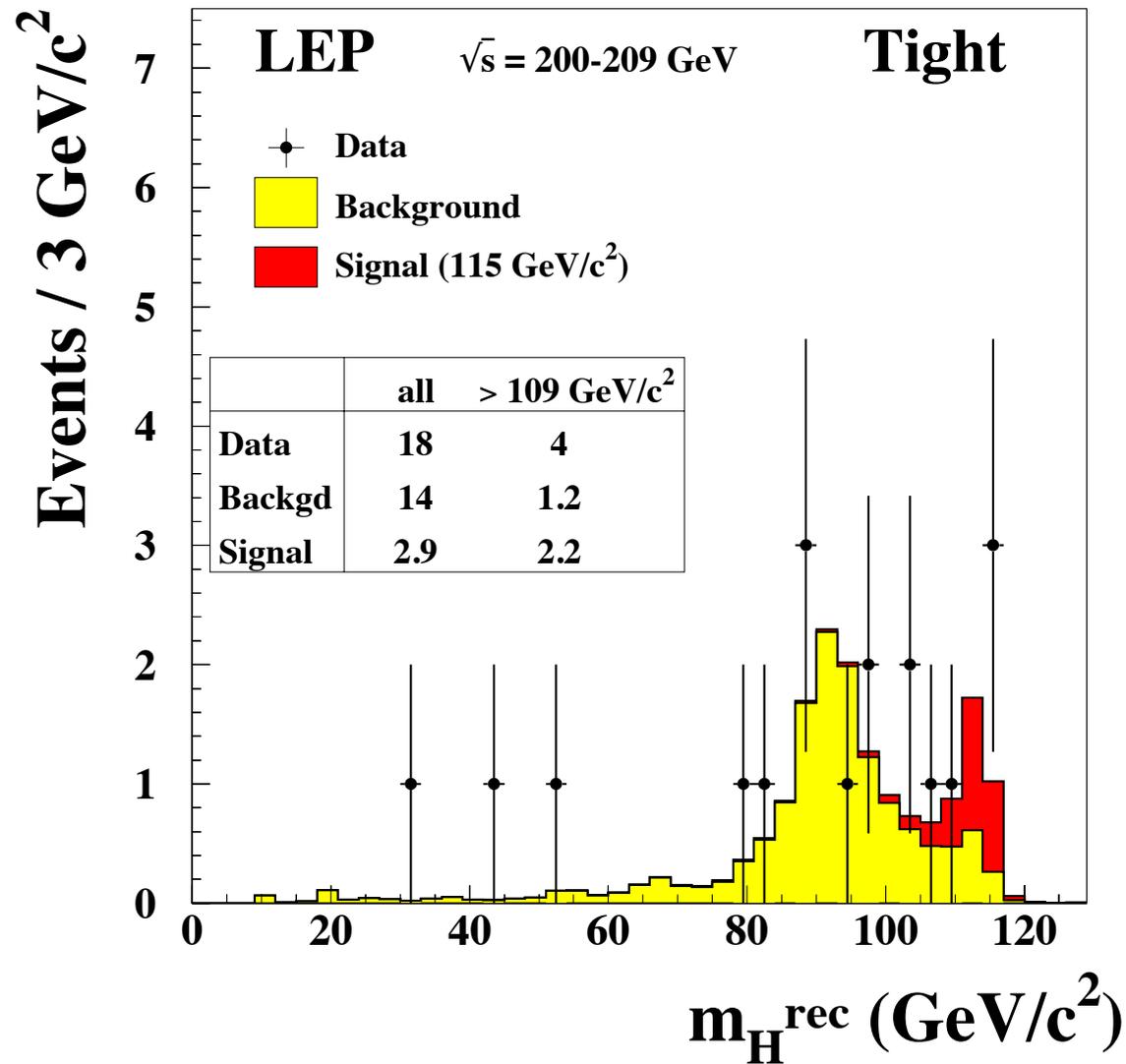


$$(CL_s = CL_{s+b} / CL_b)$$



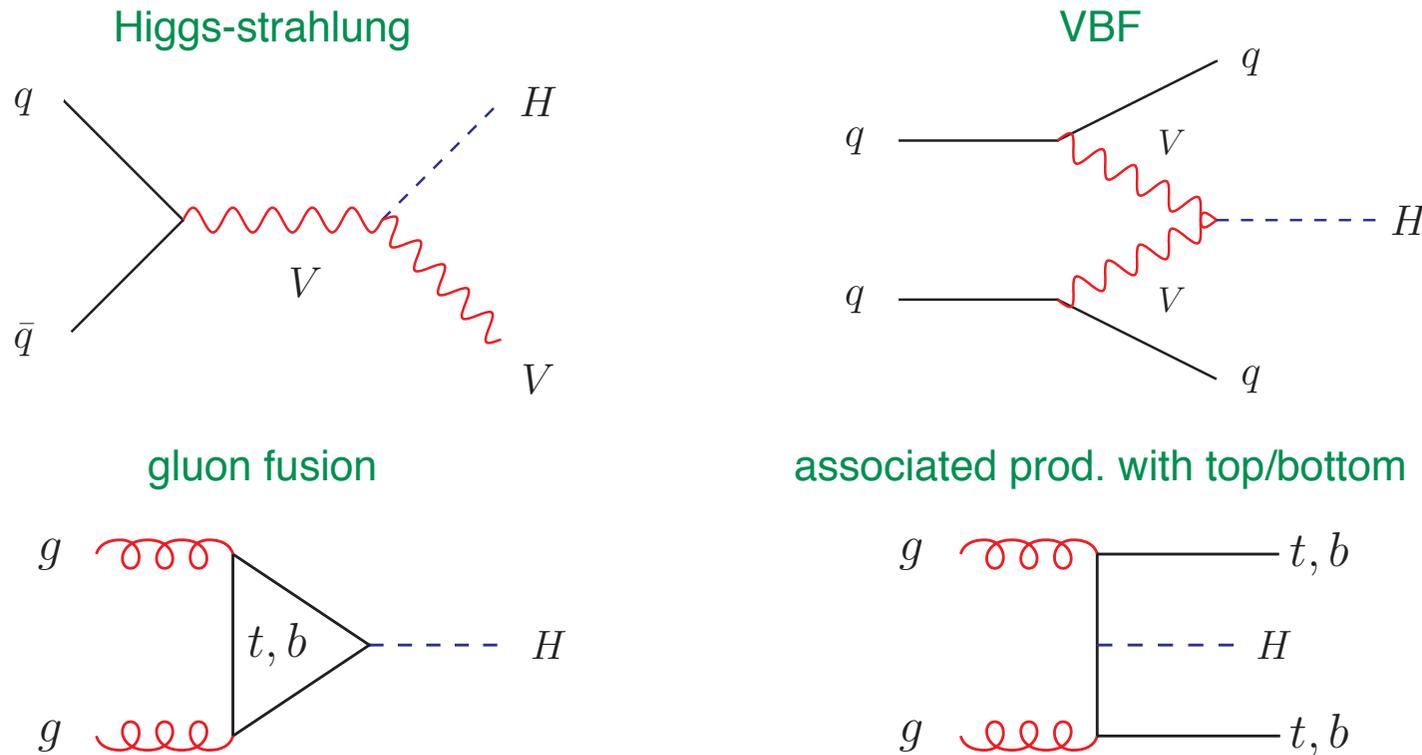
$$\xi^2 = (g_{HZZ}/g_{HZZ}^{\text{SM}})^2$$

LEP's parting shot: $\sim 1.7\sigma$ excess for $m_H \approx 115$ GeV

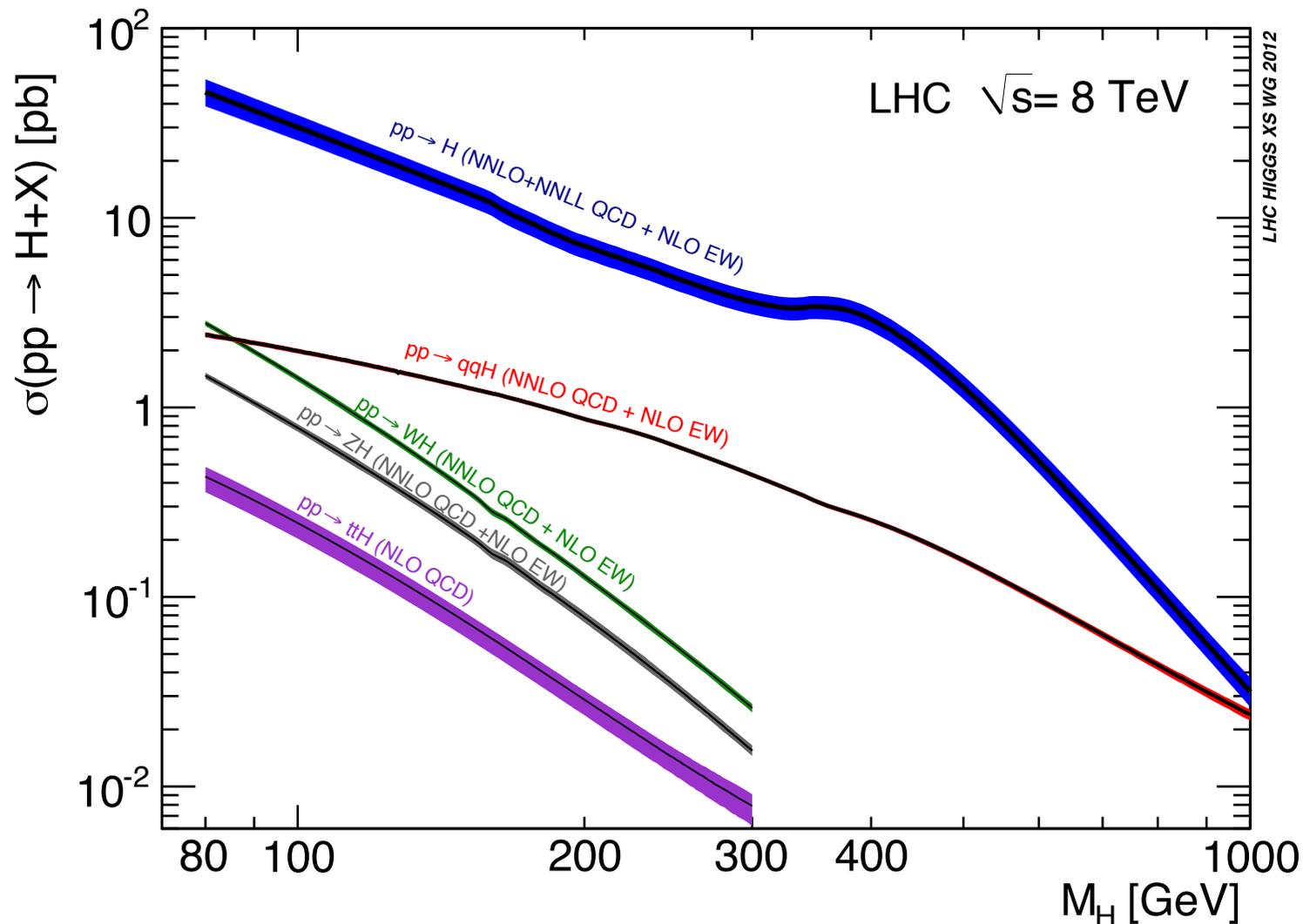


Was it the real thing? People kept arguing about it until the start of the LHC...

Higgs boson production at hadron colliders

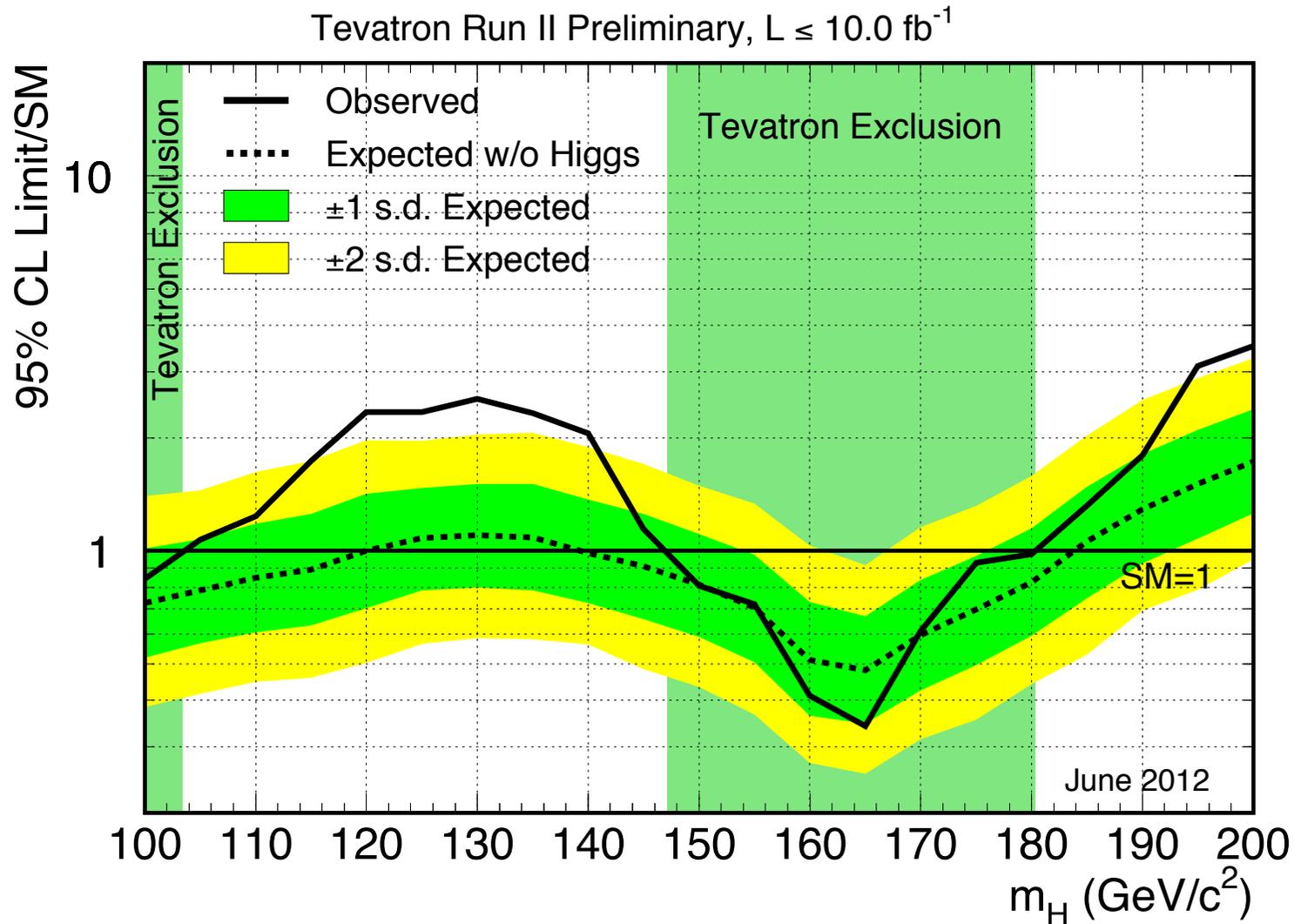


- ✓ Synchrotron radiation negligible: high energies viable with circular machines
- ✓ Colored particles in initial state: large cross section due to the strong interaction
- Energy and momentum of the initial-state partons not known event-by-event (PDFs)
- Large QCD backgrounds, “messy” experimental environment



- Gluon fusion is the dominant production mechanism both at the Tevatron and the LHC
- VBF is the second-largest mechanism and can be easily separated from the background
- Higgs-strahlung is the main channel for light Higgs at the Tevatron
- Associated Higgs production with a top pair is rare and has difficult backgrounds

Tevatron experiments did their best, but it wasn't enough



Excluded at 95% CL: $147 \text{ GeV} < m_H < 180 \text{ GeV}$

Broad excess (mostly from bb) for $115 \text{ GeV} < m_H < 140 \text{ GeV}$

Constraints on the Higgs mass from EW precision observables

An exercise: let's start from a set of well-measured electroweak (*pseudo*)-observables

- fine-structure constant
(from Thomson scattering) $\alpha = 1/137.03599911(46)$
- Fermi coupling constant
(from muon decay) $G_F = 1.16637(1) \times 10^{-5} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$
- Z-boson mass
(from LEP data) $m_Z = 91.1876(21) \text{ GeV}$
- leptonic width of the Z
(from LEP data) $\Gamma_{\ell+\ell^-} = 83.984(86) \text{ MeV}$
- W-boson mass
(from LEP+Tevatron data) $m_W = 80.385(15) \text{ GeV}$
- effective leptonic Weinberg angle (from LEP+SLC data) $s_{\text{eff}}^2 = 0.23153(16)$

$$A_{LR} \equiv \frac{\sigma_L - \sigma_R}{\sigma_L + \sigma_R} \equiv \frac{(1/2 - s_{\text{eff}}^2)^2 - s_{\text{eff}}^4}{(1/2 - s_{\text{eff}}^2)^2 + s_{\text{eff}}^4}$$

At **tree level**, all of the observables can be expressed in terms of *three* parameters of the SM Lagrangian: v, g, g' or, equivalently, $v, e, s \equiv \sin \theta_W$ (also $c \equiv \cos \theta_W$)

$$\alpha = \frac{e^2}{4\pi}, \quad G_F = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}v^2}, \quad m_Z = \frac{ev}{\sqrt{2}sc}, \quad m_W = \frac{ev}{\sqrt{2}s}, \quad s_{\text{eff}}^2 = s^2,$$

$$\Gamma_{\ell+\ell^-} = \frac{v}{48\sqrt{2}\pi} \frac{e^3}{s^3c^3} \left[\left(-\frac{1}{2} + 2s^2 \right)^2 + \frac{1}{4} \right]$$

Is this consistent with the experimental data? To check, we compute the three Lagrangian parameters in terms of the best-measured observables α, G_F, m_Z

$$e^2 = 4\pi\alpha, \quad v^2 = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}G_F}, \quad s^2 = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{1 - \frac{2\sqrt{2}\pi\alpha}{G_F m_Z^2}}$$

and we plug the resulting values of v, e, s in the expressions for $m_W, s_{\text{eff}}^2, \Gamma_{\ell+\ell^-}$

| <i>tree-level predictions</i> | <i>experimental values</i> |
|---|--------------------------------|
| $m_W = 80.939 \text{ GeV}$ | $80.385 \pm 0.015 \text{ GeV}$ |
| $s_{\text{eff}}^2 = 0.21215$ | 0.23153 ± 0.00016 |
| $\Gamma_{\ell+\ell^-} = 80.842 \text{ MeV}$ | $83.984 \pm 0.086 \text{ MeV}$ |

Off by many standard deviations!!!

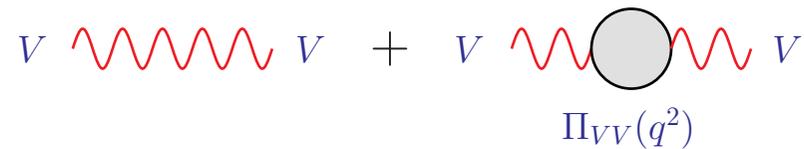
What happened? We tried to use the SM relations at tree level to predict some observables in terms of other observables, and we failed badly

 Obviously the tree level is not good enough!

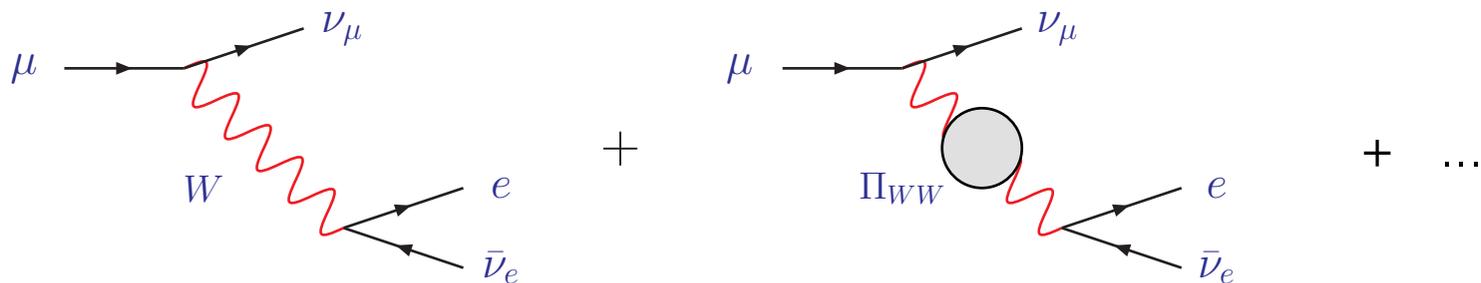
Radiative corrections to the relations between physical observables and Lagrangian params:

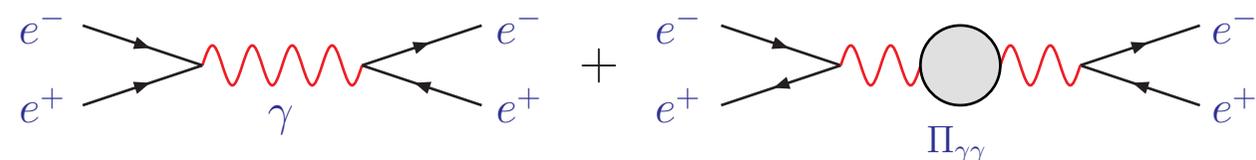
$$m_Z^2 = \frac{e^2 v^2}{2 s^2 c^2} + \Pi_{ZZ}(m_Z^2)$$

$$m_W^2 = \frac{e^2 v^2}{2 s^2} + \Pi_{WW}(m_W^2)$$



$$G_F = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}v^2} \left[1 - \frac{\Pi_{WW}(0)}{m_W^2} + \delta_{\text{VB}} \right]$$



$$\alpha = \frac{e^2}{4\pi} \left[1 + \lim_{q^2 \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Pi_{\gamma\gamma}(q^2)}{q^2} \right]$$


this one is tricky: the hadronic contribution to $\Pi'_{\gamma\gamma}(0)$ cannot be computed perturbatively

We can however trade it for another experimental observable: $R_{\text{had}}(q^2) = \frac{\sigma_{\text{had}}(q^2)}{\sigma_{\ell^+\ell^-}(q^2)}$

$$\alpha(m_Z) = \frac{e^2}{4\pi} \left[1 + \frac{\Pi_{\gamma\gamma}(m_Z)}{m_Z} \right] = \frac{\alpha}{1 - \Delta\alpha(m_Z)}$$

$$\Delta\alpha(m_Z) = \underbrace{\Delta\alpha_{\ell}(m_Z) + \Delta\alpha_{\text{top}}(m_Z)}_{\text{calculable}} + \Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(m_Z)$$

$$\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(m_Z) = -\frac{m_Z^2}{3\pi} \int_{4m_\pi^2}^{\infty} \frac{R_{\text{had}}(q^2) dq^2}{q^2 (q^2 - m_Z^2)} = 0.02758 \pm 0.00035$$

(This hadronic contribution is one of the biggest sources of uncertainty in EW studies)

All these corrections can be combined into relations among physical observables, e.g.:

$$m_W^2 = m_Z^2 \left[\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{1 - \frac{2\sqrt{2}\pi\alpha}{G_F m_Z^2} (1 + \Delta r)} \right]$$

Δr can be parameterized in terms of two universal corrections and a remainder:

$$\Delta r = \Delta\alpha(m_Z) - \frac{c^2}{s^2} \Delta\rho + \Delta r_{\text{rem}}$$

The leading corrections depend quadratically on m_t but only logarithmically on m_H :

$$\Delta\rho = \frac{\Pi_{ZZ}(0)}{m_Z^2} - \frac{\Pi_{WW}(0)}{m_W^2} \approx \frac{3\alpha}{16\pi c^2} \left(\frac{m_t^2}{s^2 m_Z^2} + \log \frac{m_H^2}{m_W^2} + \dots \right)$$

$$\frac{\delta m_W^2}{m_W^2} \approx \frac{c^2}{c^2 - s^2} \Delta\rho, \quad \delta \sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}} \approx -\frac{c^2 s^2}{c^2 - s^2} \Delta\rho$$

In the SM the predictions for m_W and $\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}$ have been fully computed at the two-loop order, plus some leading (top/strong) corrections at three and four loops

The radiative corrections bring along a dependence of the experimental observables on all the parameters of the SM Lagrangian

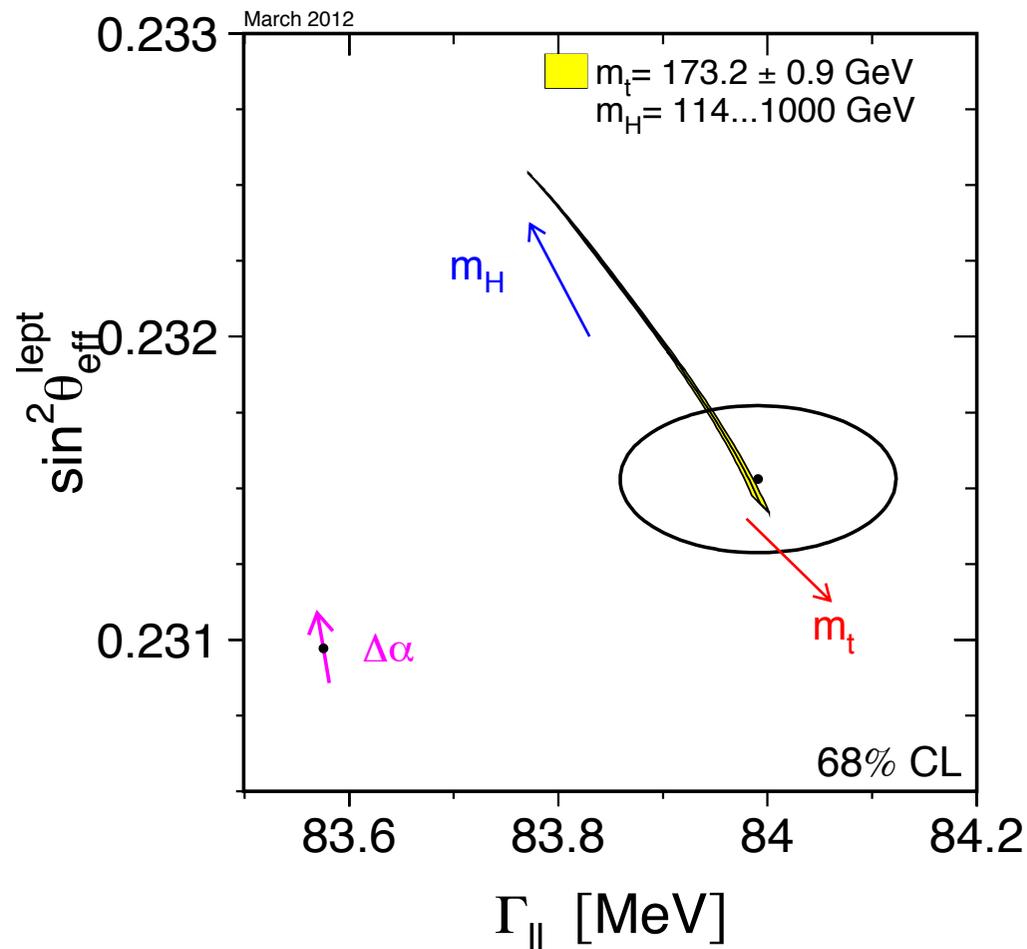
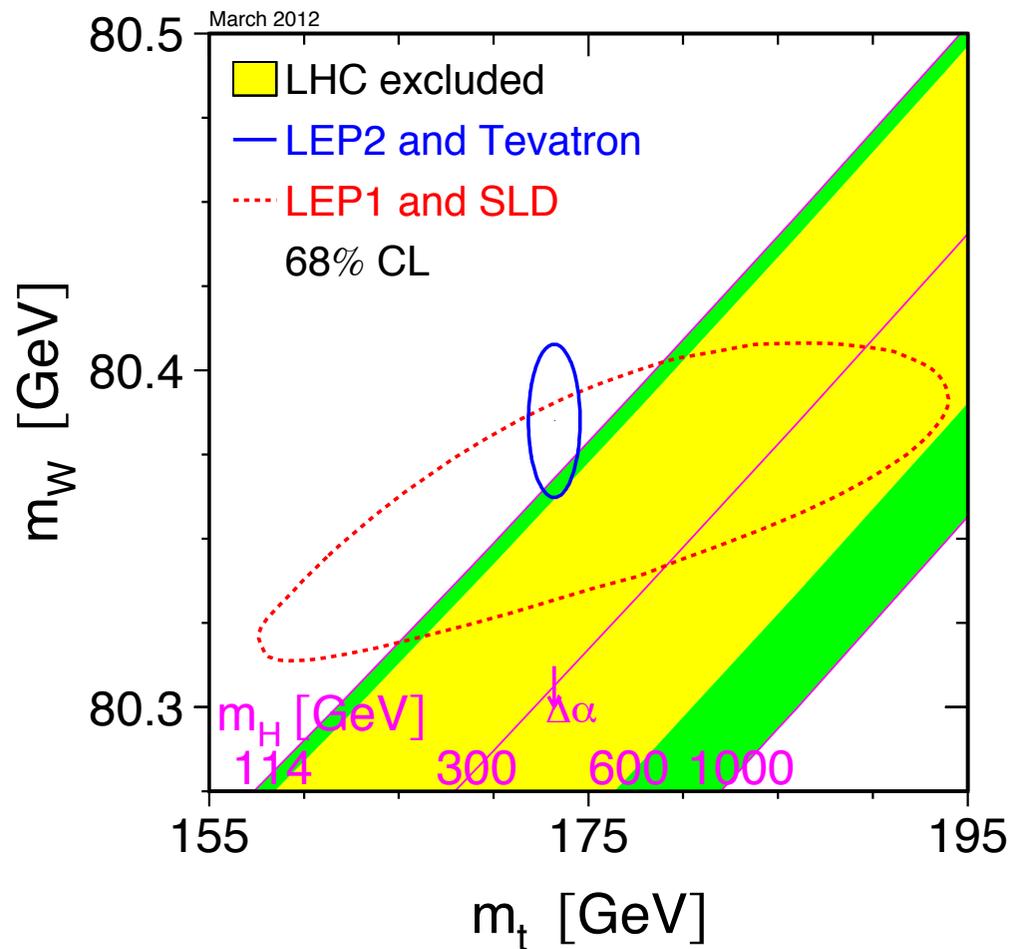
It is no longer possible to invert analytically the relations between observables and Lagrangian parameters. But we can still perform a statistical analysis:

- compute radiative corrections to all of the SM observables
- fit the experimental data and determine the most likely set of Lagrangian parameters
- compute predictions for all the observables in terms of the “best fit” Lagrangian
- compare the predictions with the experimental data and see if they are all consistent

(LEP/TEV EWWG, 2012)

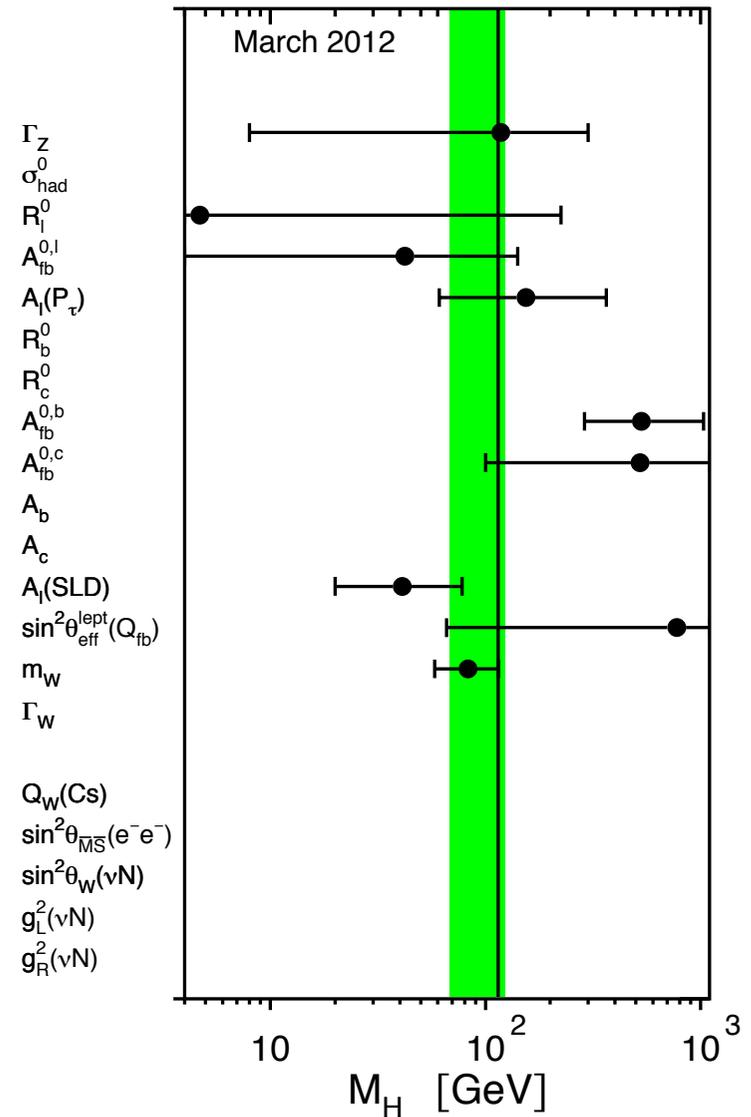
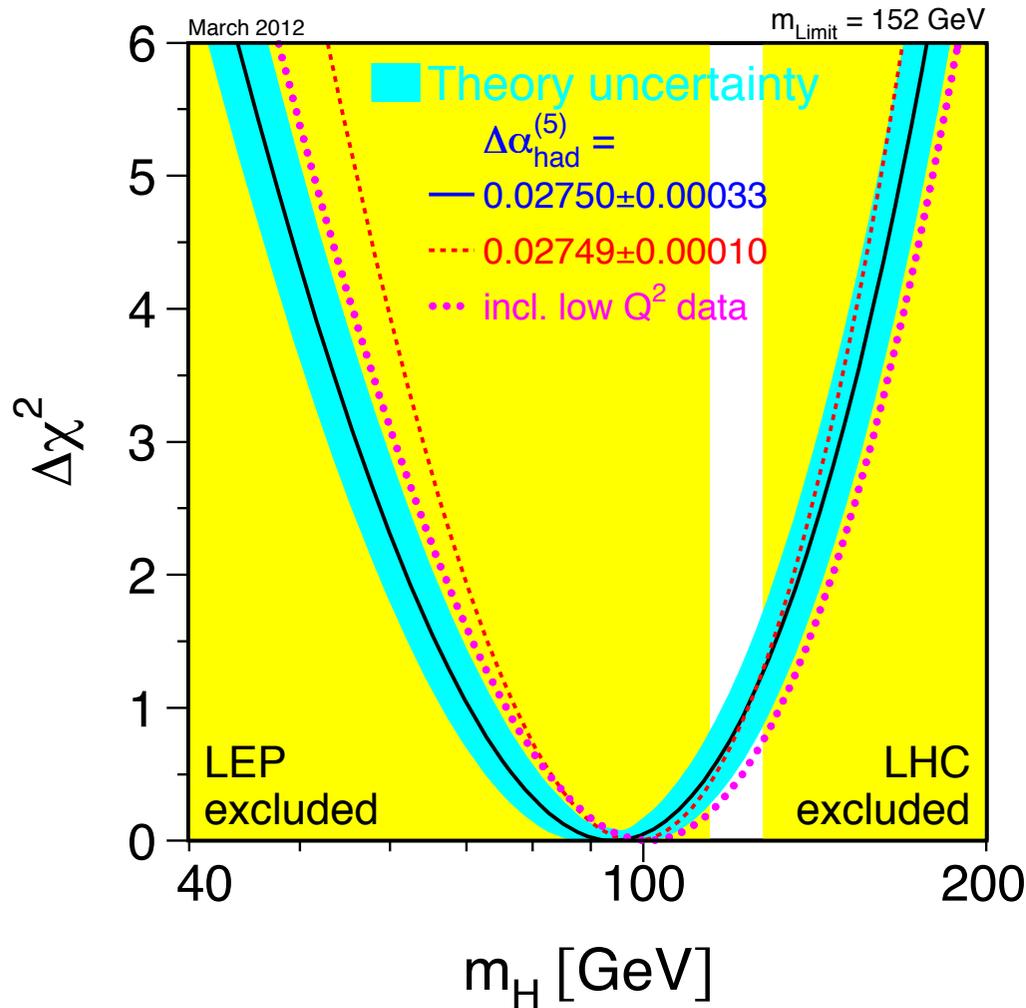


Comparing predictions and experiment (LEP/TEV EWWG 2012)



(the LEP/Tevatron results favor a light Higgs boson)

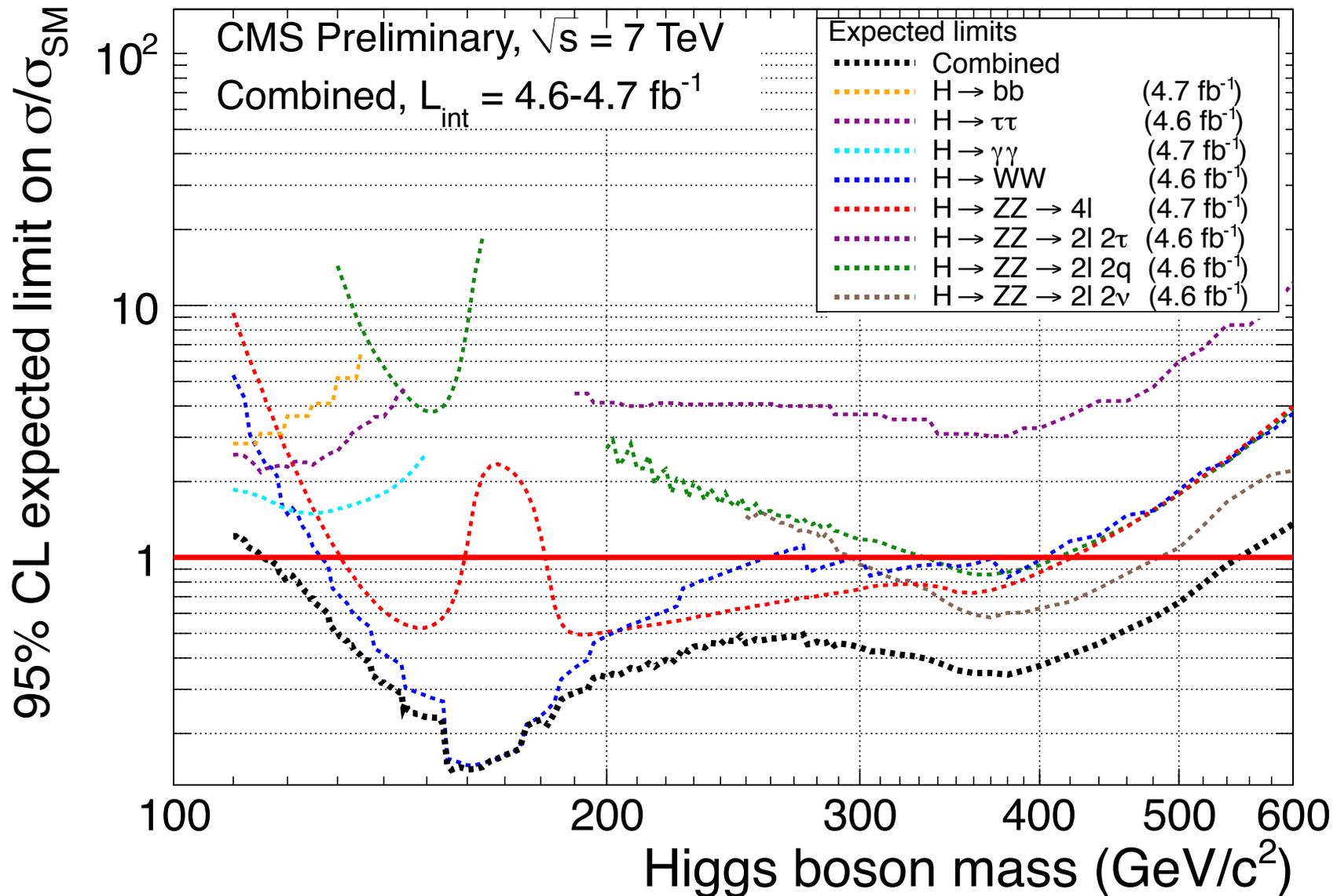
Constraining the SM Higgs mass (LEP/TEV EWWG 2012)



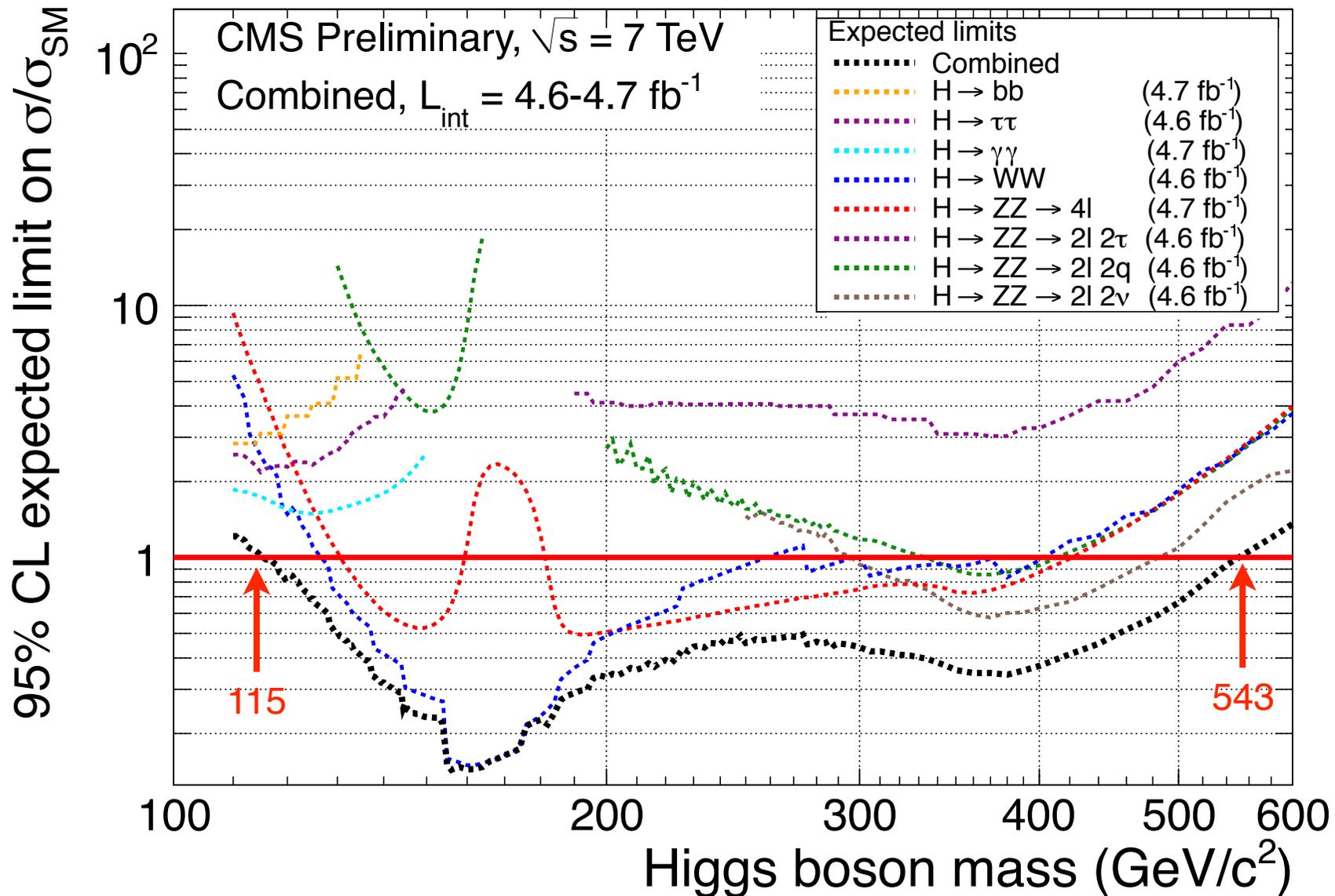
In March 2012, consistency of the SM required $m_H < 152 \text{ GeV}$ at 95% C.L.

The LHC nails it

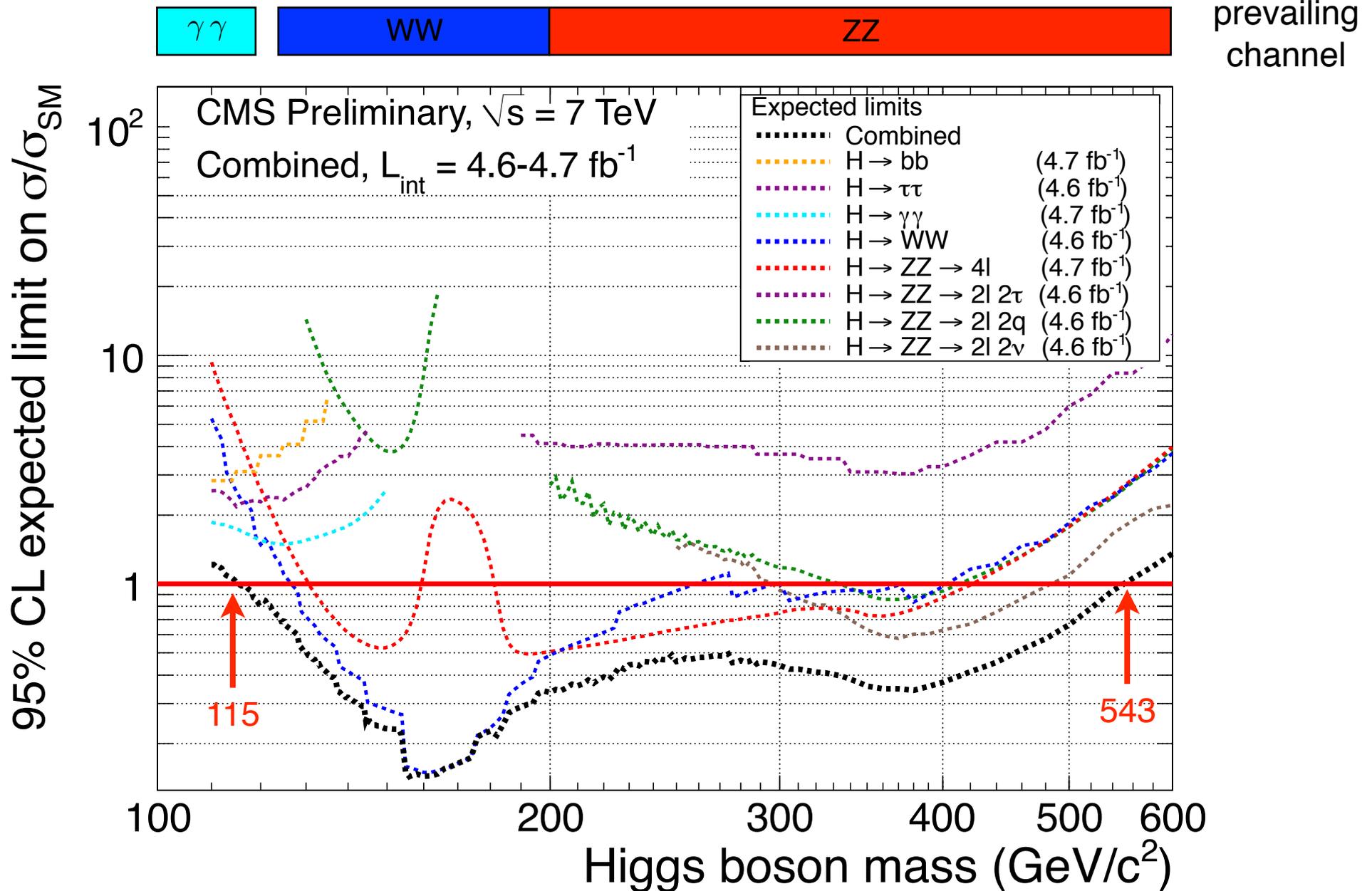
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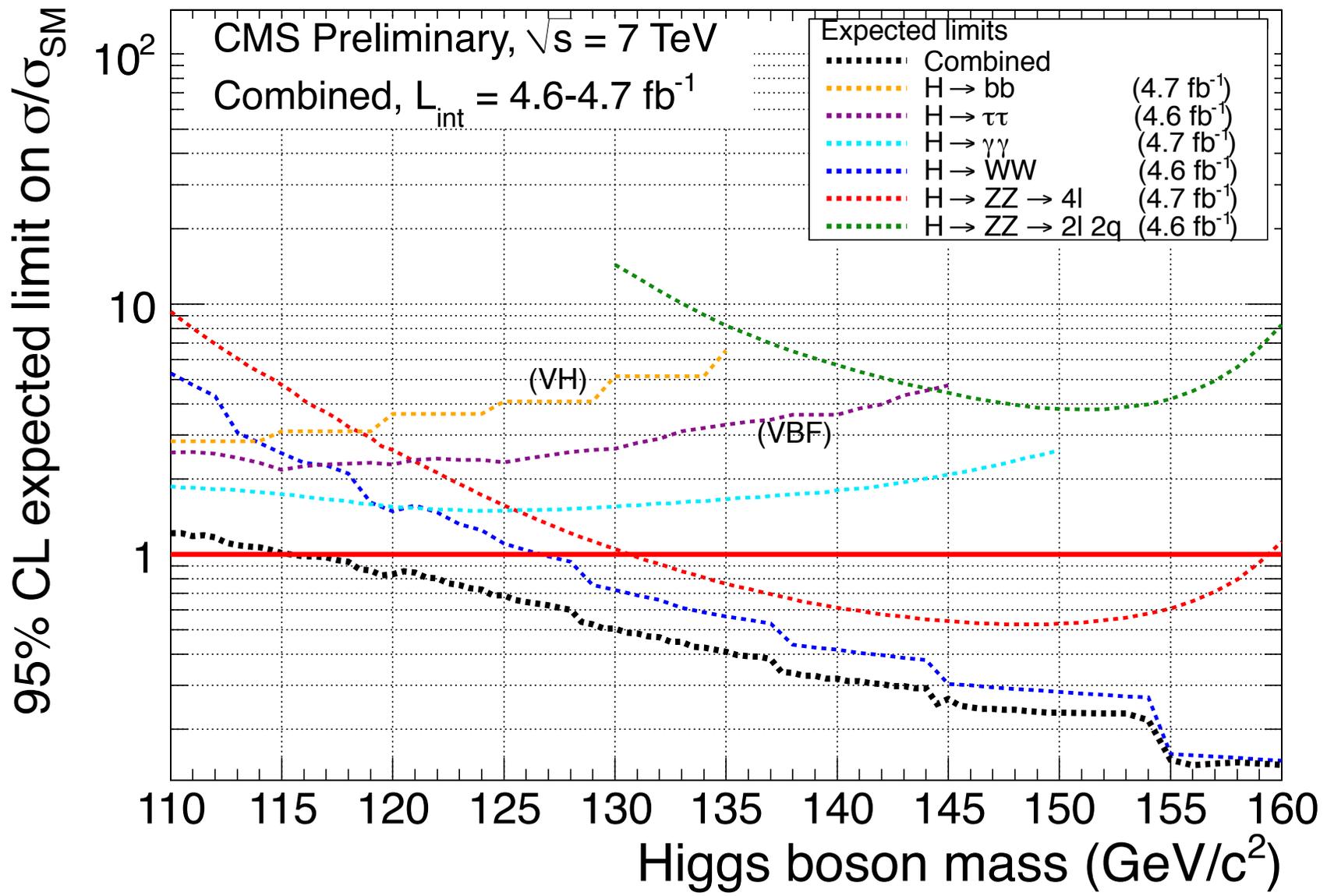
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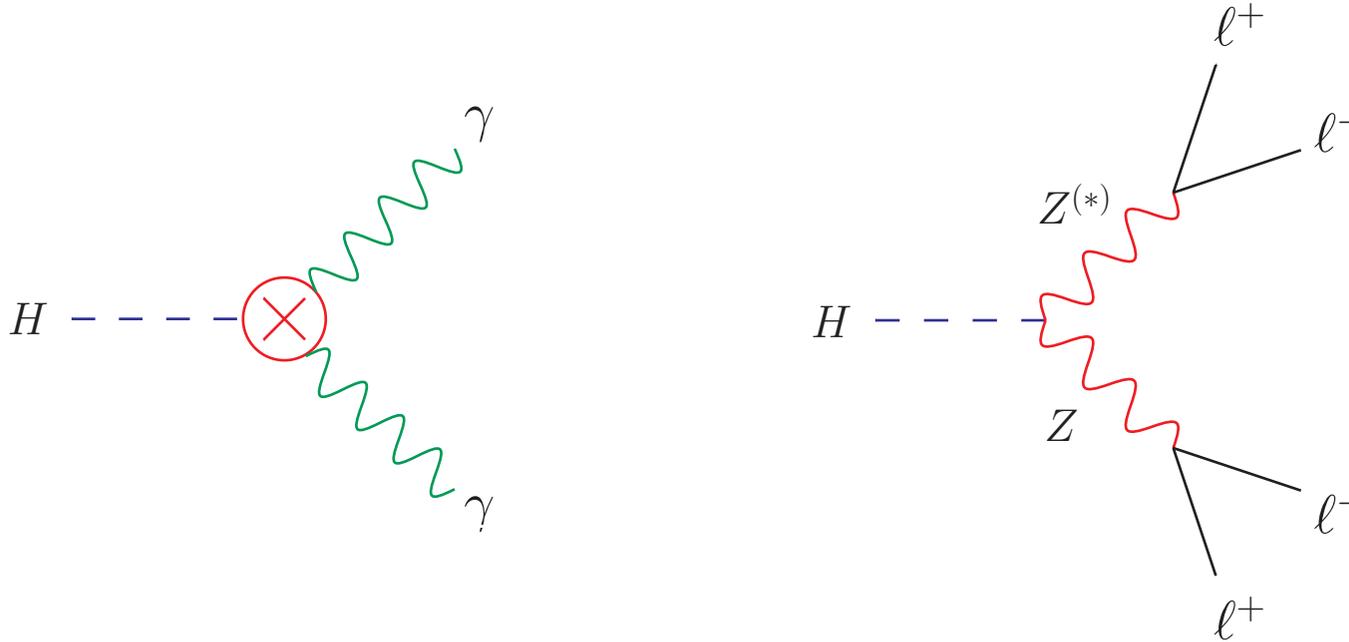
Note how large rates for production and/or decay are not the end of the story:

$gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ dominant for light Higgs, but swamped by QCD background

Needs leptons in the final state: $q\bar{q}' \rightarrow VH \rightarrow \ell\ell' b\bar{b}$



The high-resolution channels: two photons and four leptons



Both suppressed!!!

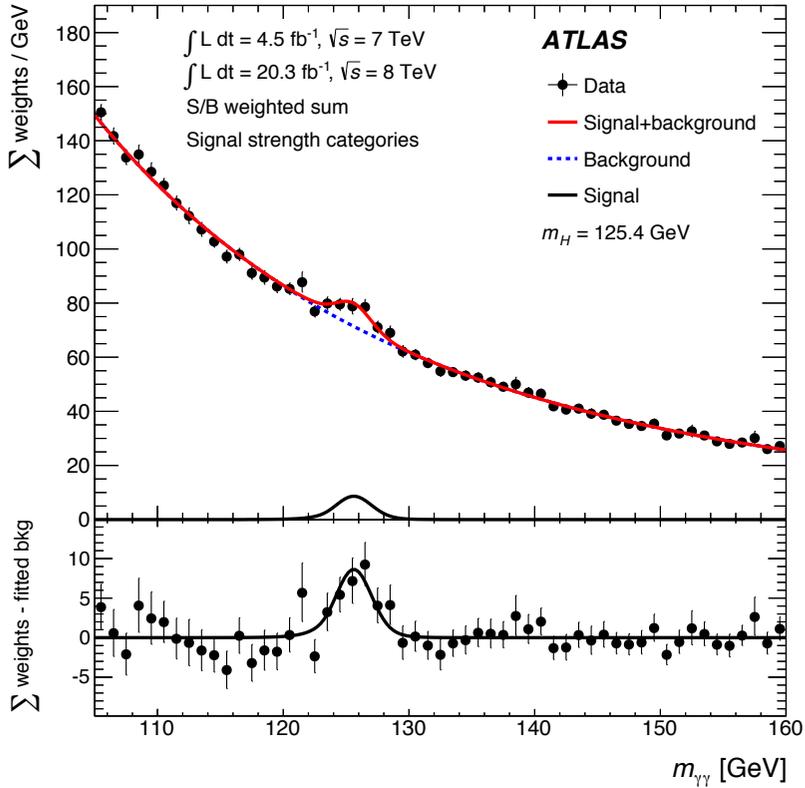
(respectively by a loop factor and, for $m_H < 180$ GeV, by the virtuality of the Z)

However, the precise reconstruction of the momenta of the particles in the final state produces a narrow peak around m_H in the invariant-mass distribution

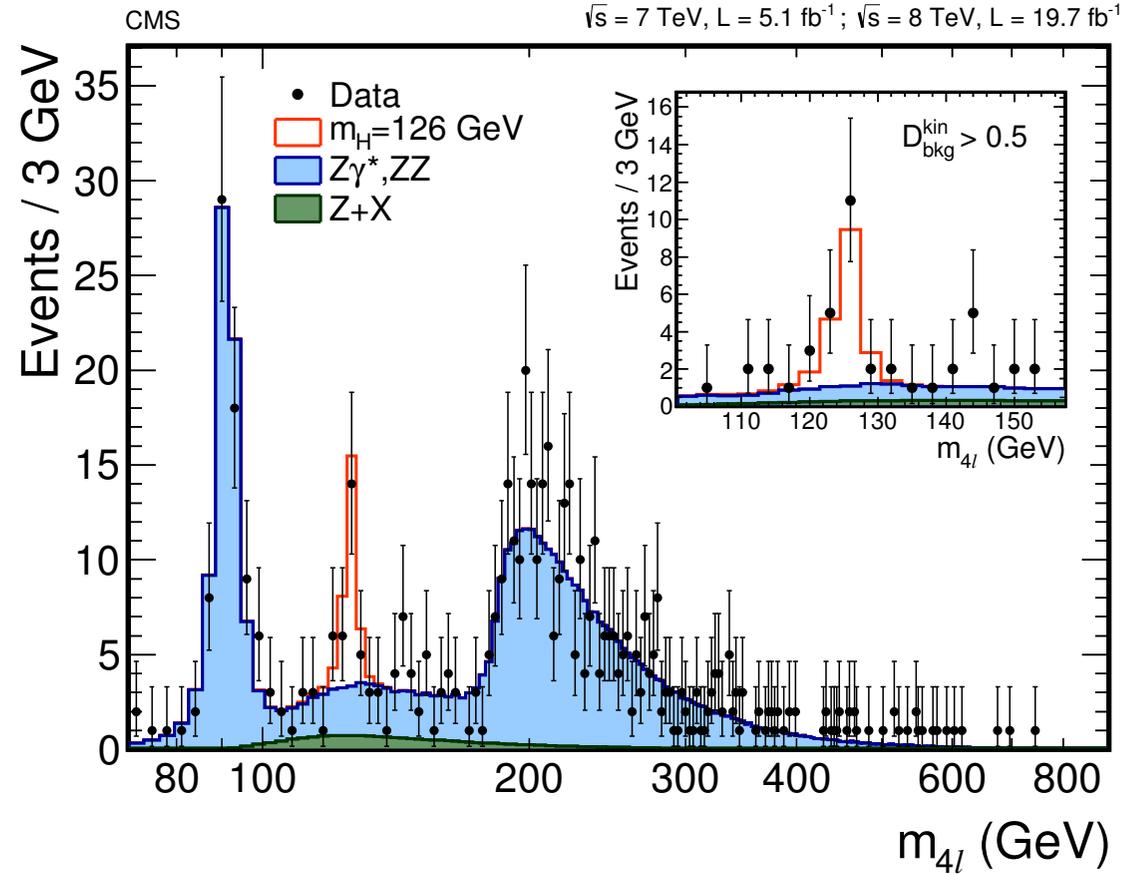
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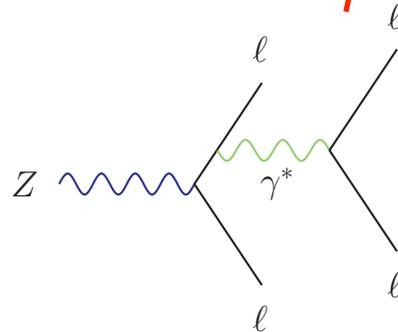
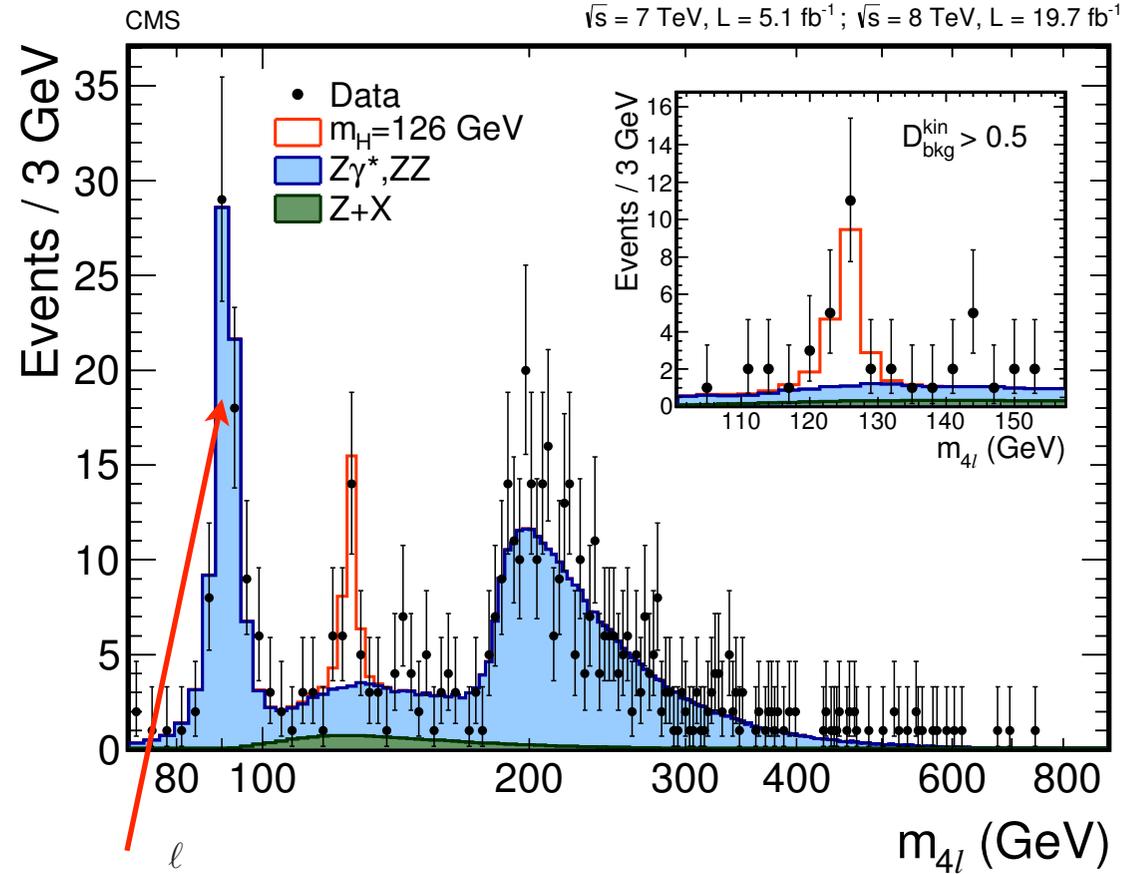
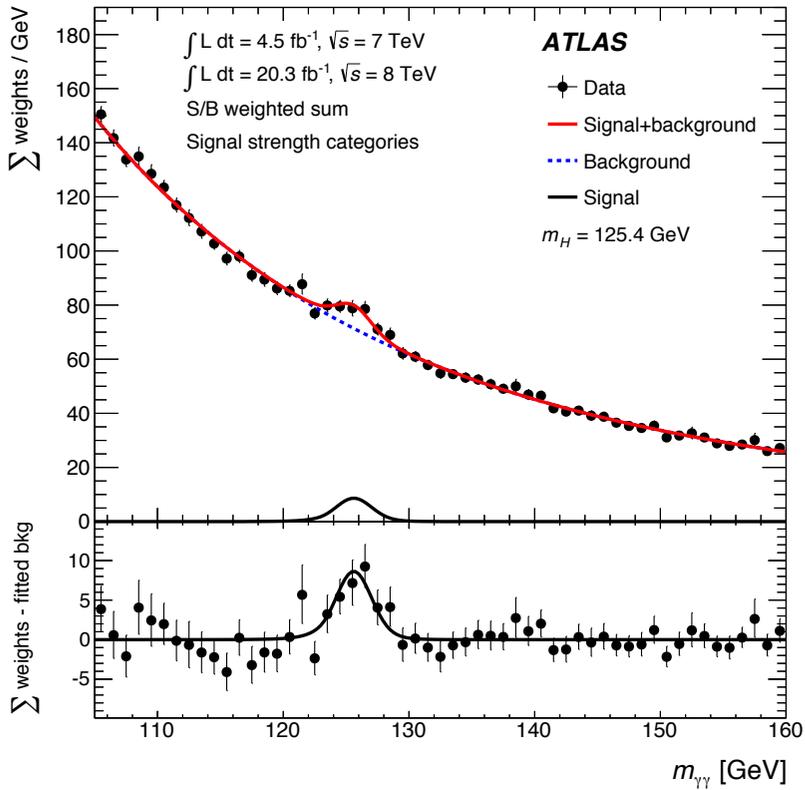


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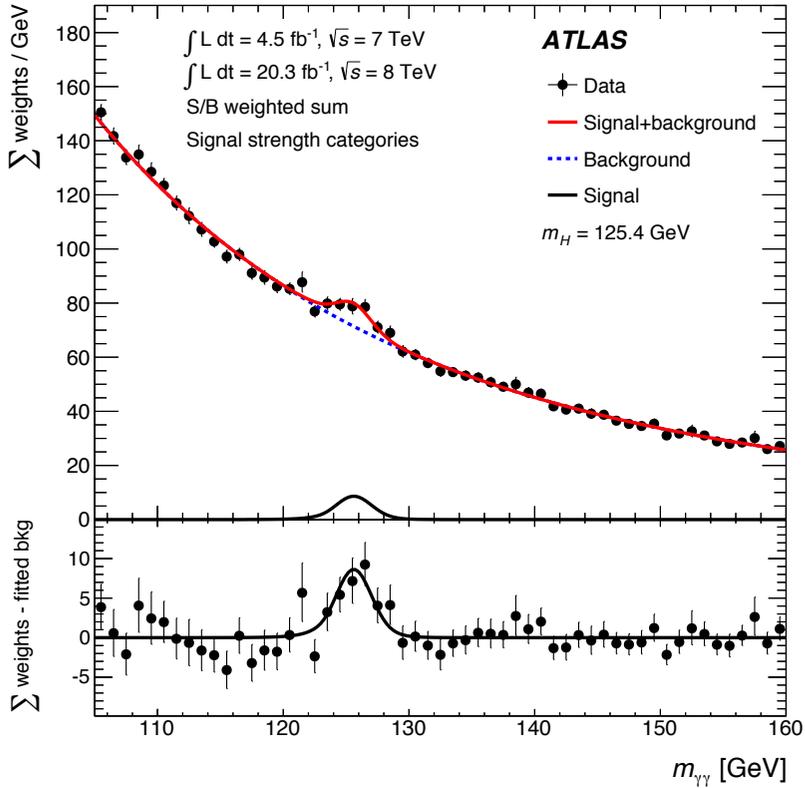
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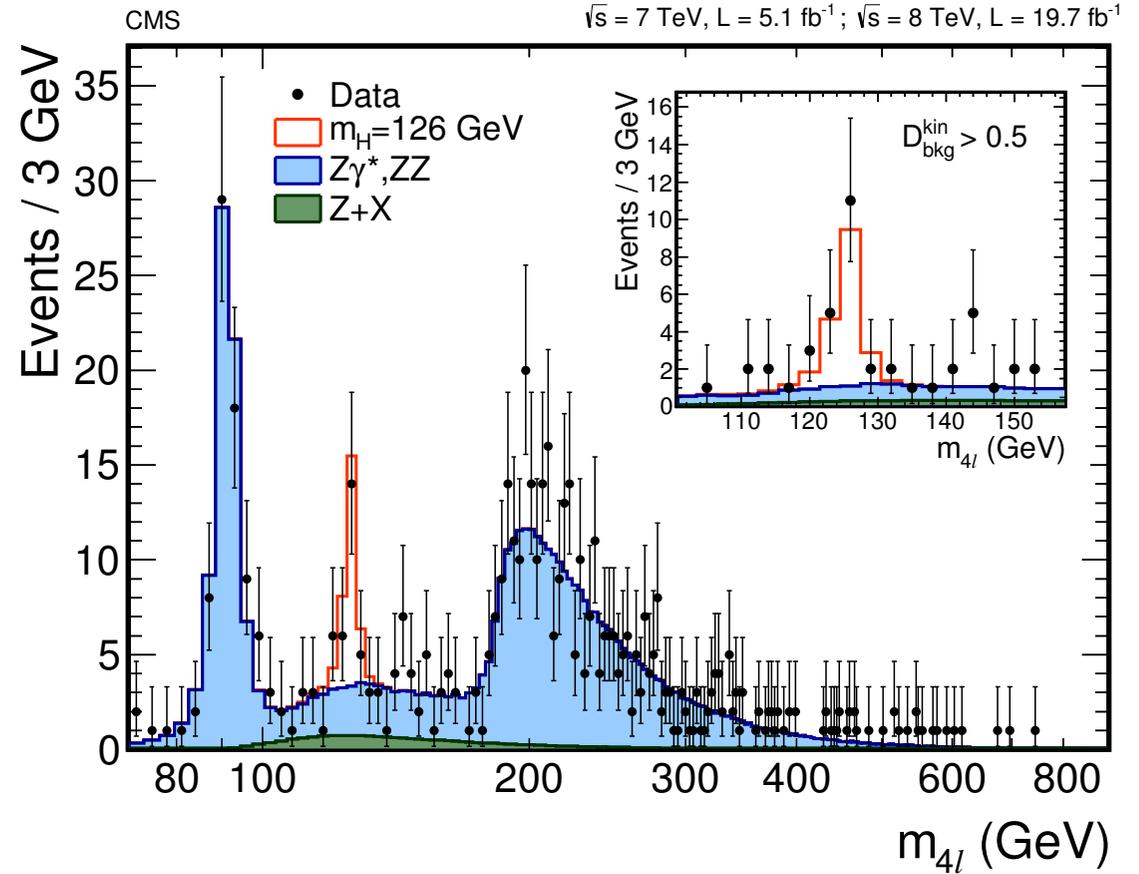
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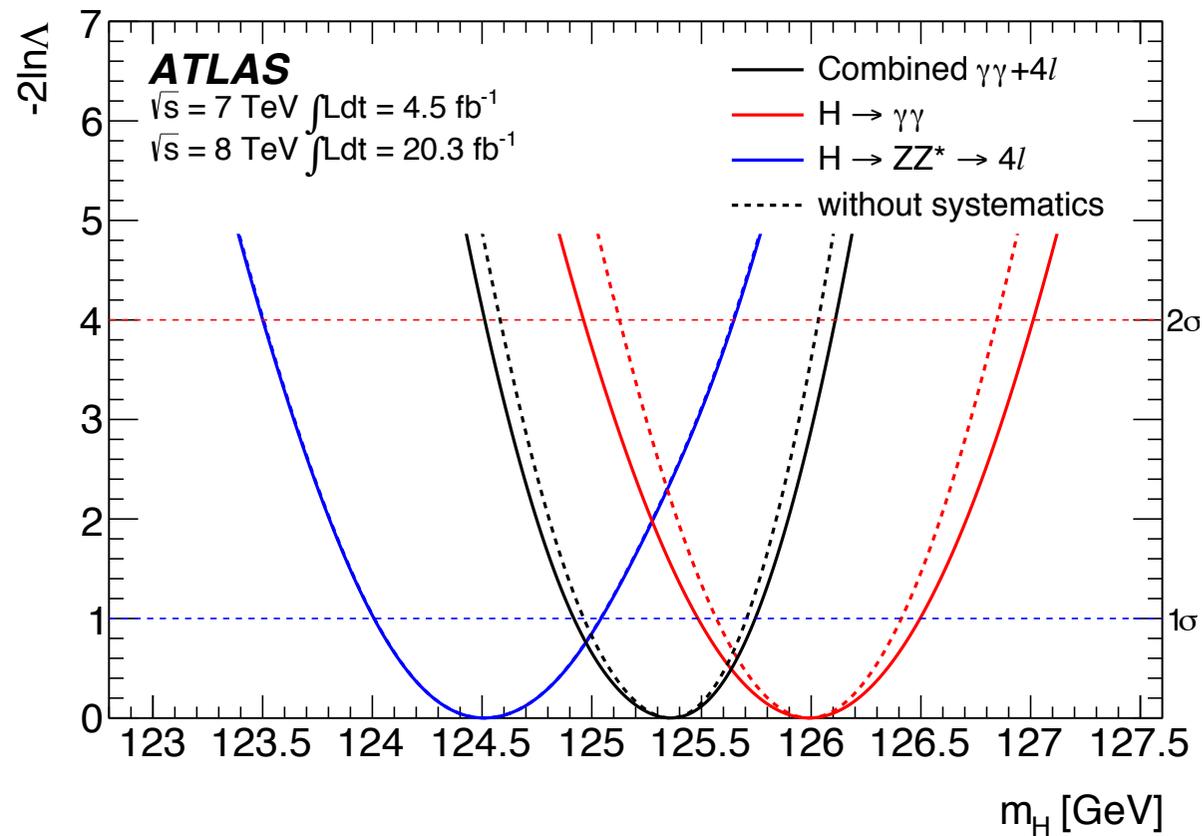
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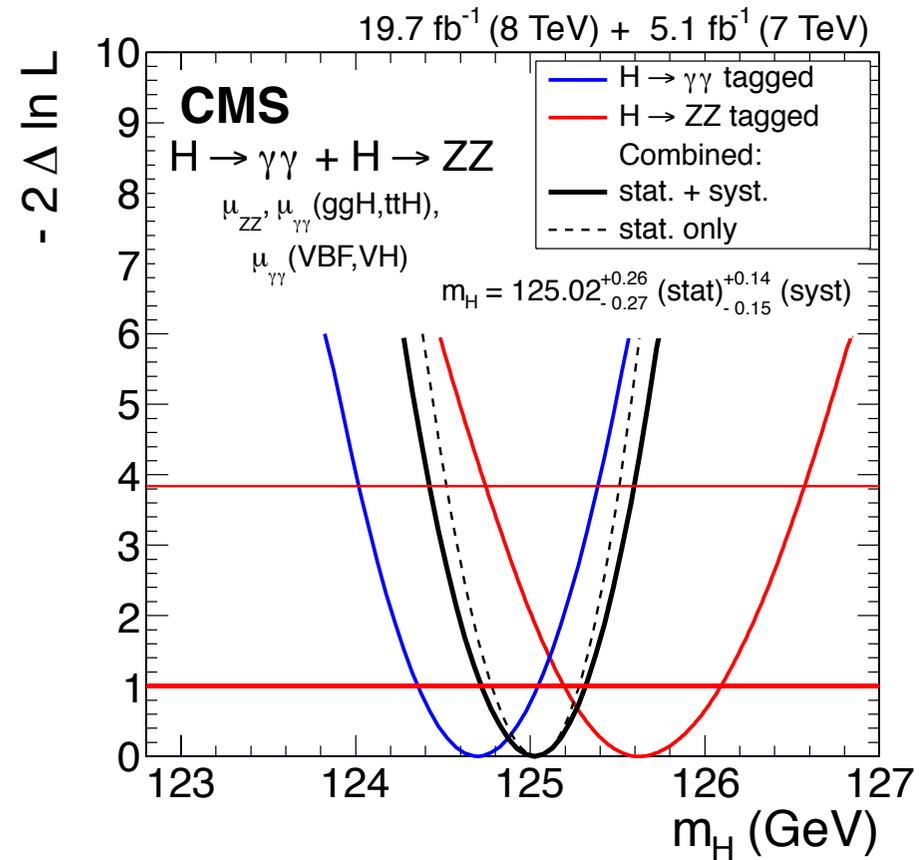
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Determination of the Higgs mass by ATLAS and CMS



$m_H = 125.4 \pm 0.4 \pm 0.2 \text{ GeV}$
 [ATLAS, 1406.3827]



$m_H = 125.0 \pm 0.27 \pm 0.15 \text{ GeV}$
 [CMS, 1412.8662]

Profile of a 125-GeV Higgs boson at the LHC with 8 TeV

Theory predictions from the LHC Higgs cross-section Working Group, arXiv:1307.1347

$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow H) = 19.3_{-8\% -7\%}^{+7\% +8\%} \text{ pb}, \quad \sigma(pp \rightarrow jjH) = 1.6_{-0.2\% -2.4\%}^{+0.2\% +2.6\%} \text{ pb}$$

$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow WH) = 0.70_{-1\% -2.3\%}^{+1\% +2.3\%} \text{ pb}, \quad \sigma(pp \rightarrow ZH) = 0.42_{-3.1\% -2.5\%}^{+3.1\% +2.5\%} \text{ pb}$$

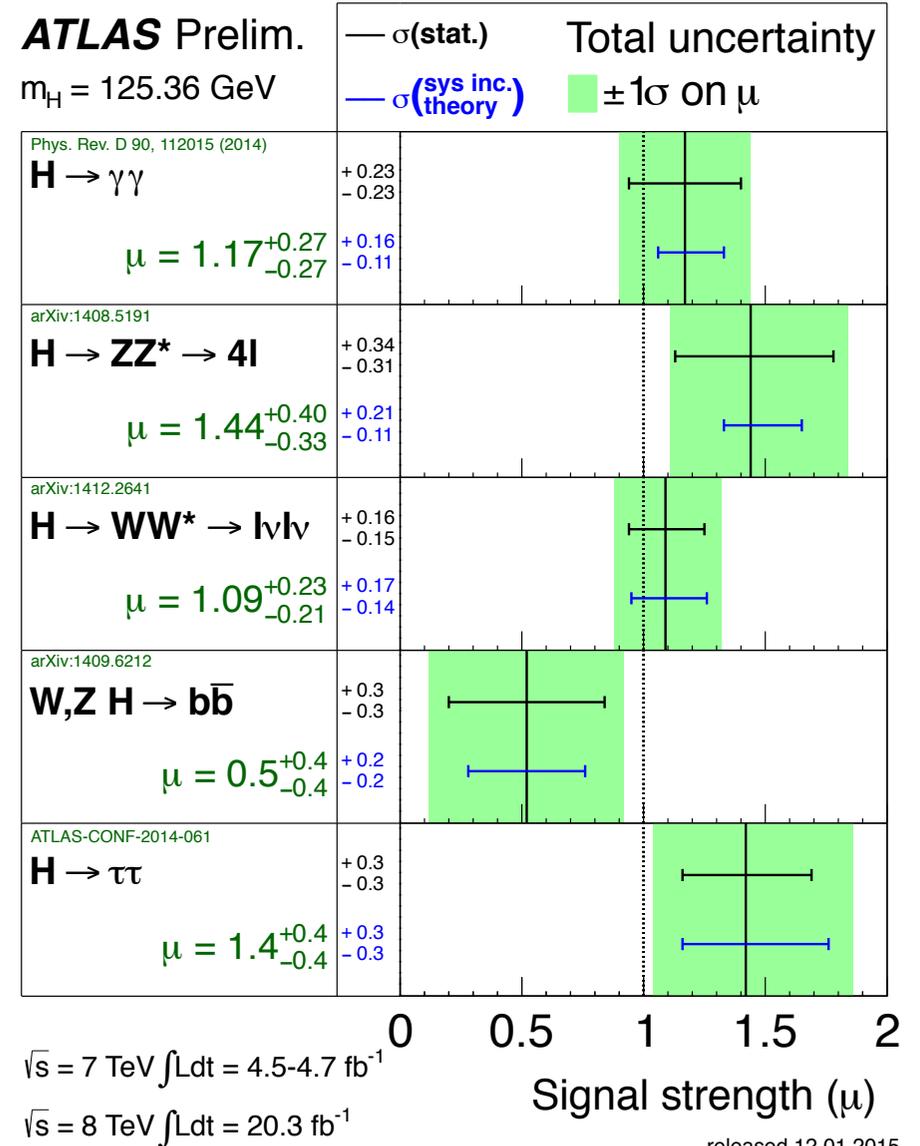
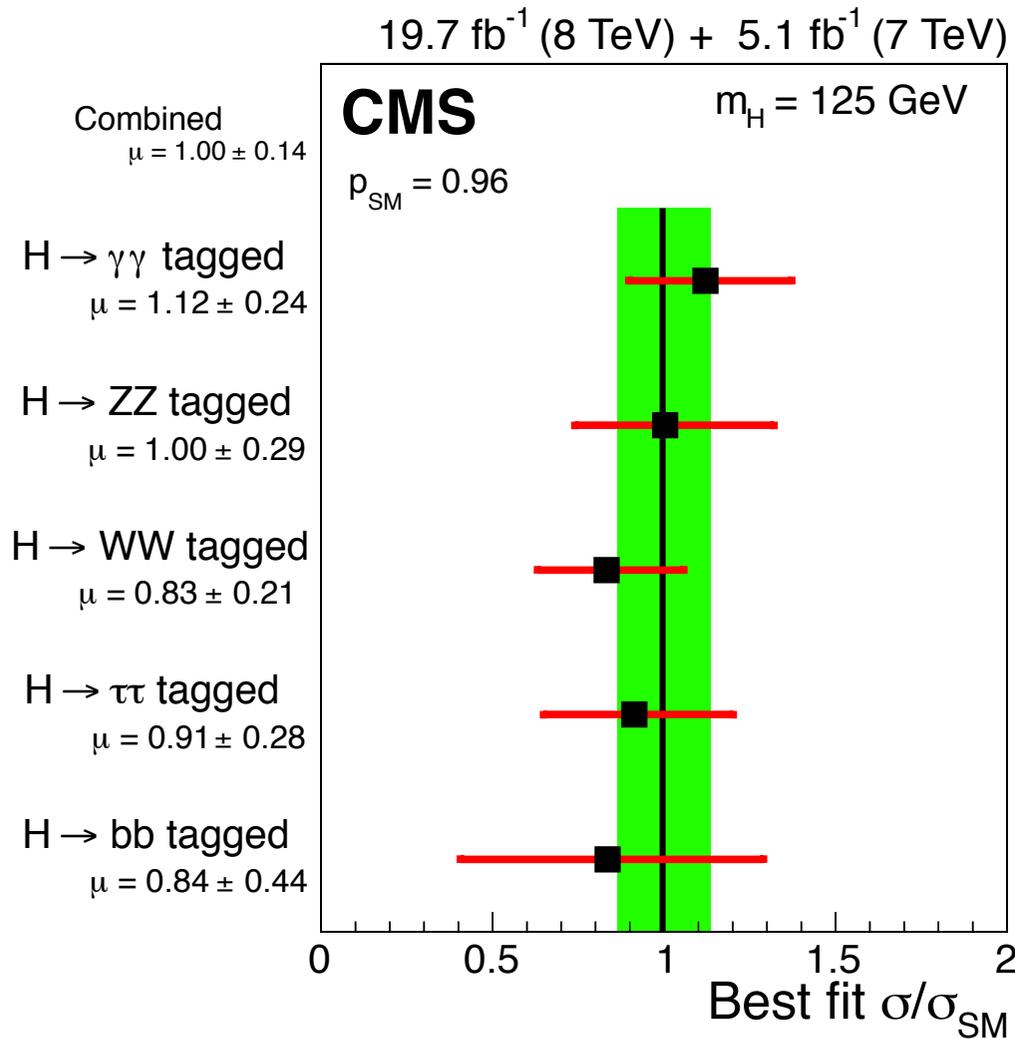
$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow ttH) = 0.13_{-9.3\% -8.1\%}^{+3.8\% +8.1\%} \text{ pb}$$

$$\text{BR}(H \rightarrow b\bar{b}) = 57.7\%, \quad \text{BR}(H \rightarrow WW^*) = 21.5\%, \quad \text{BR}(H \rightarrow ZZ^*) = 2.6\%,$$

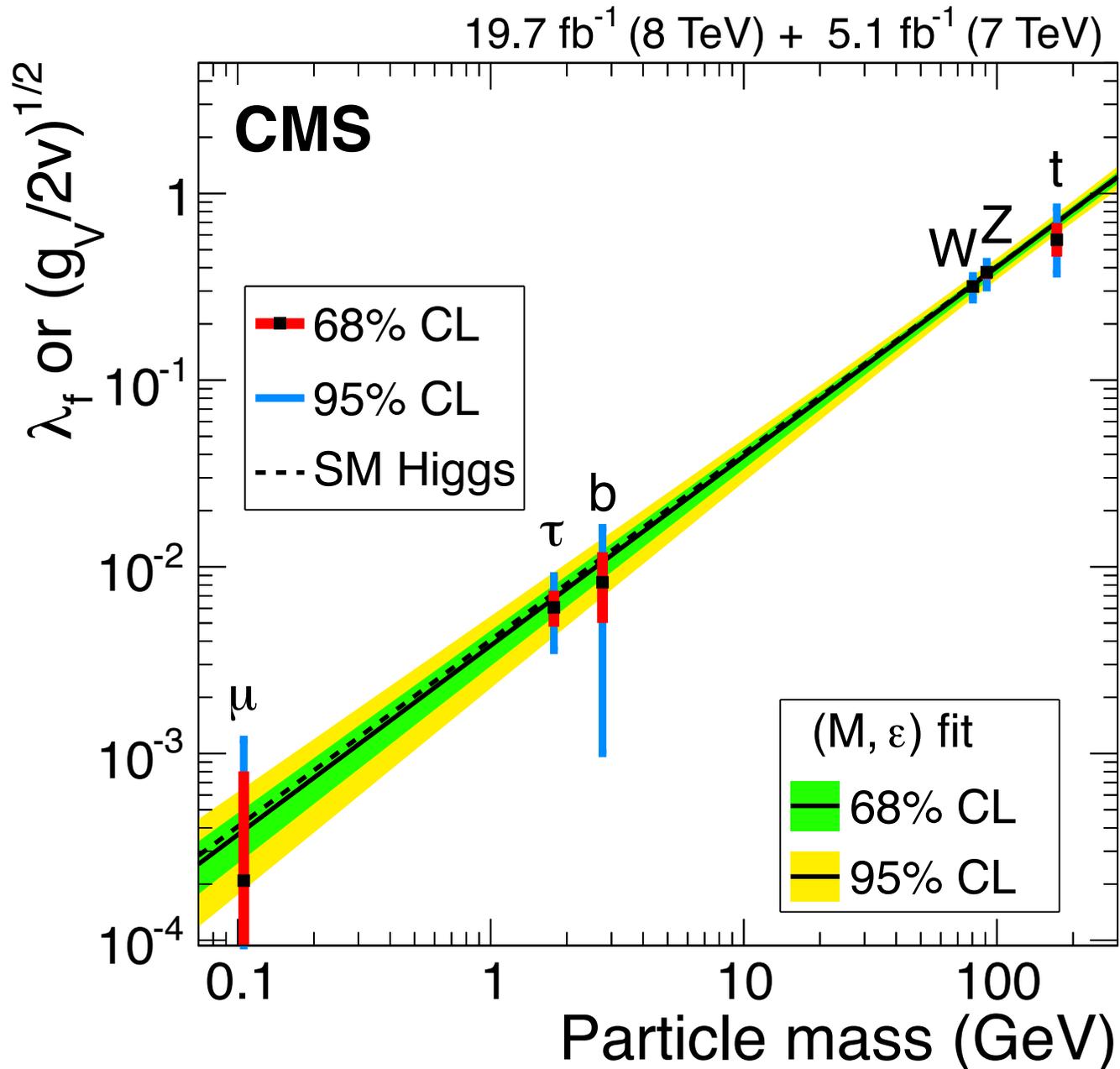
$$\text{BR}(H \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-) = 6.3\%, \quad \text{BR}(H \rightarrow gg) = 8.6\%, \quad \text{BR}(H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) = 0.23\%$$

(relative errors on the BRs range from 3% for $b\bar{b}$ to 10% for gg)

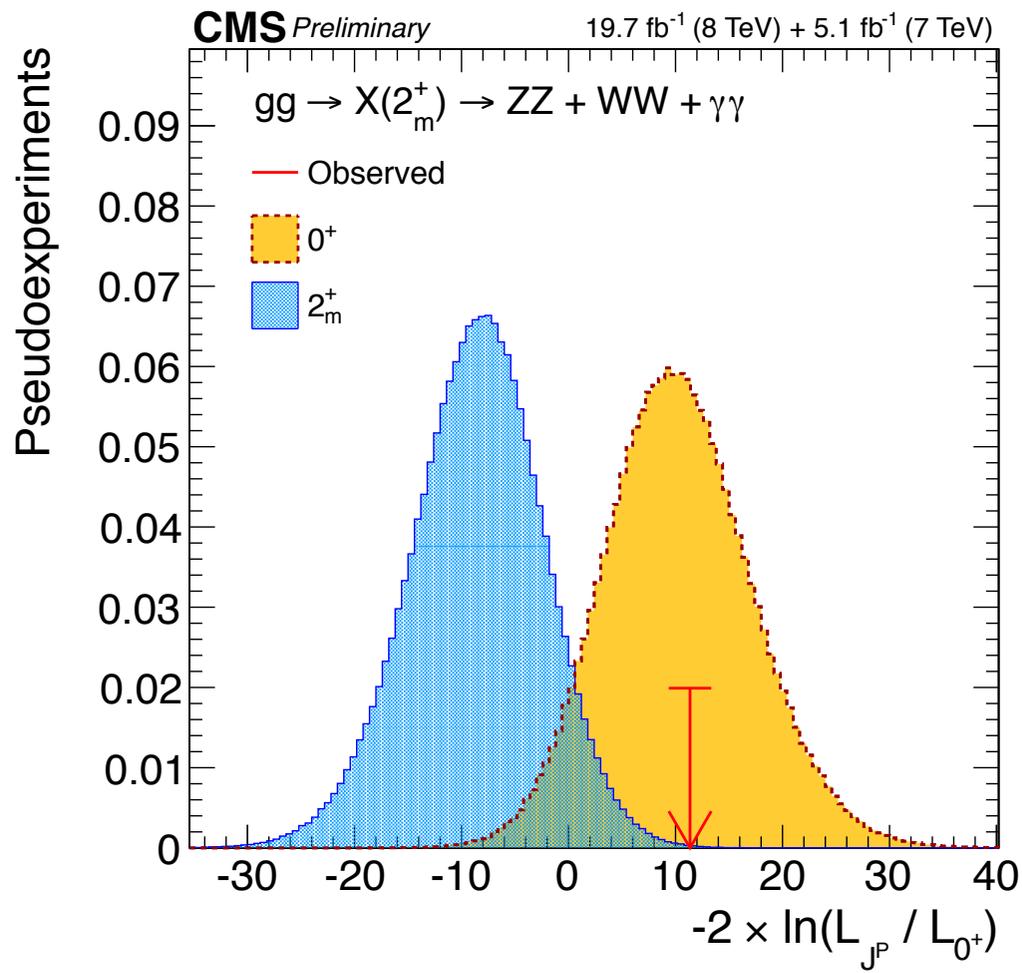
125 GeV is a lucky mass, several decays accessible



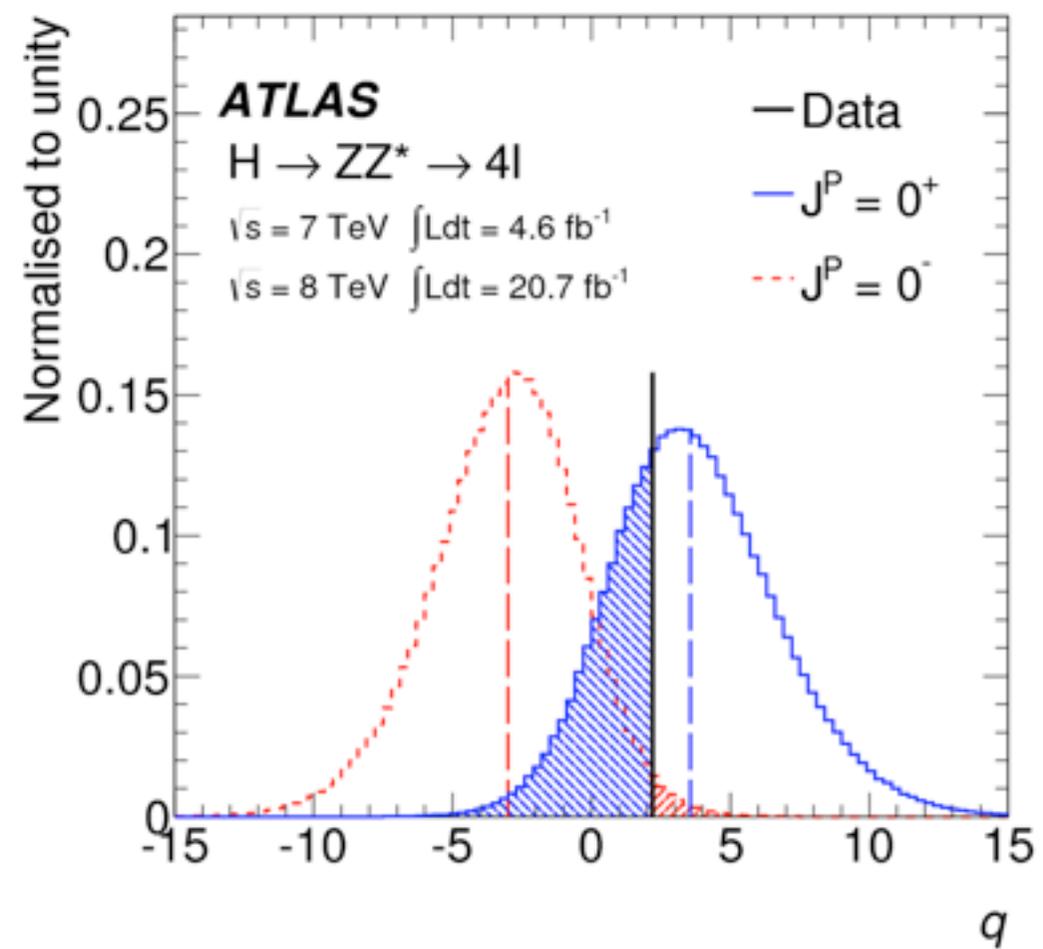
The Higgs couplings to the other SM particles are proportional to their masses:



The angular distribution of the decay products allows to test spin and parity:



(spin 2 disfavored)



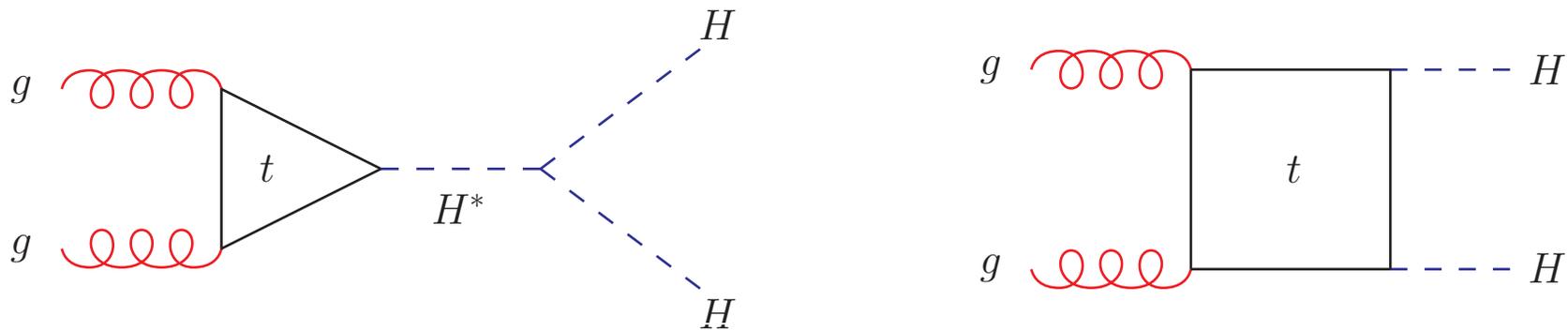
(pseudoscalar disfavored)

The ultimate test of the Higgs mechanism: self-couplings

The Higgs potential includes trilinear and quartic self-couplings:

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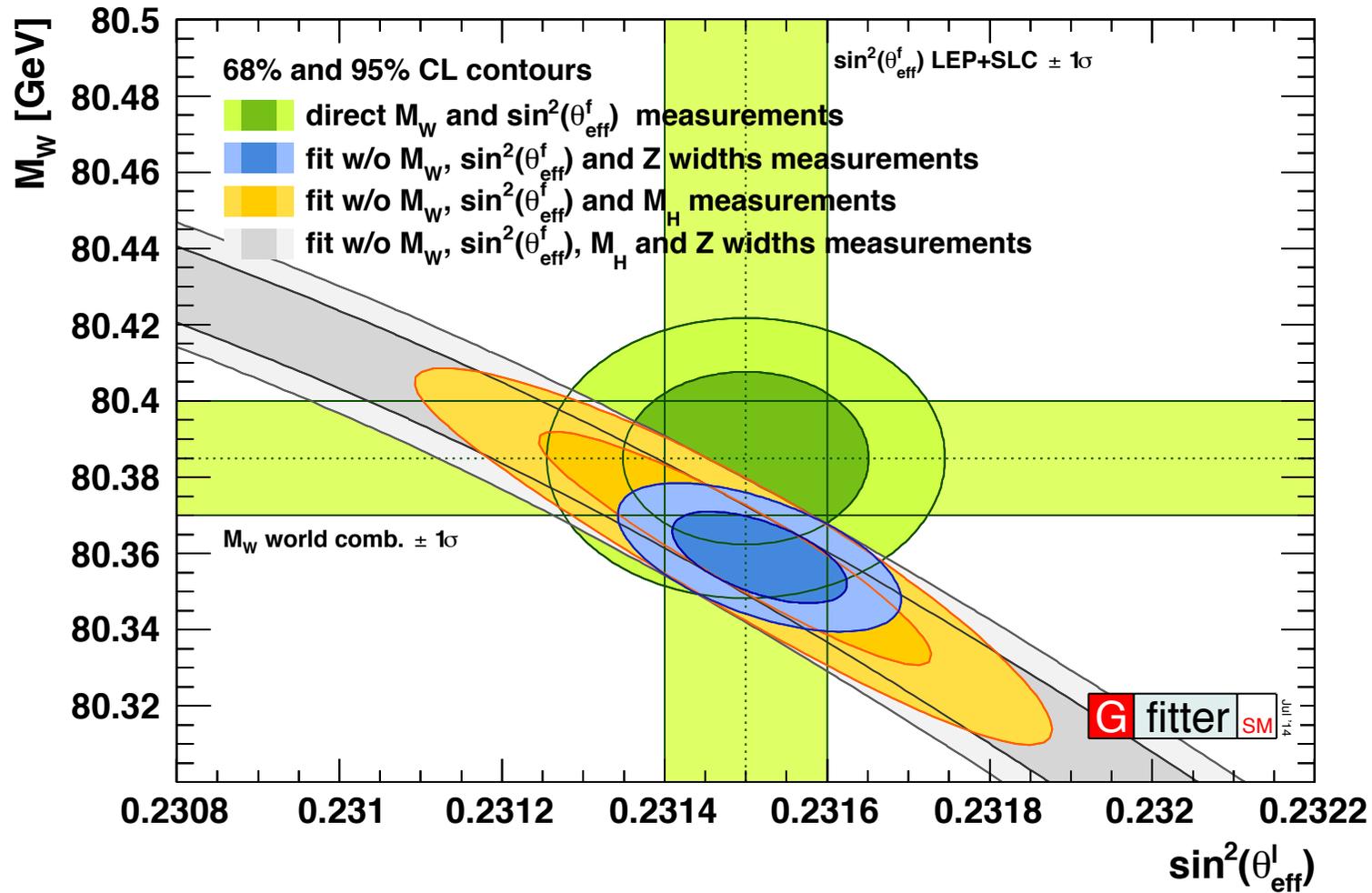
The three-Higgs coupling can be extracted from Higgs pair production. However, suppressed by phase space and diluted by other topologies. E.g.,



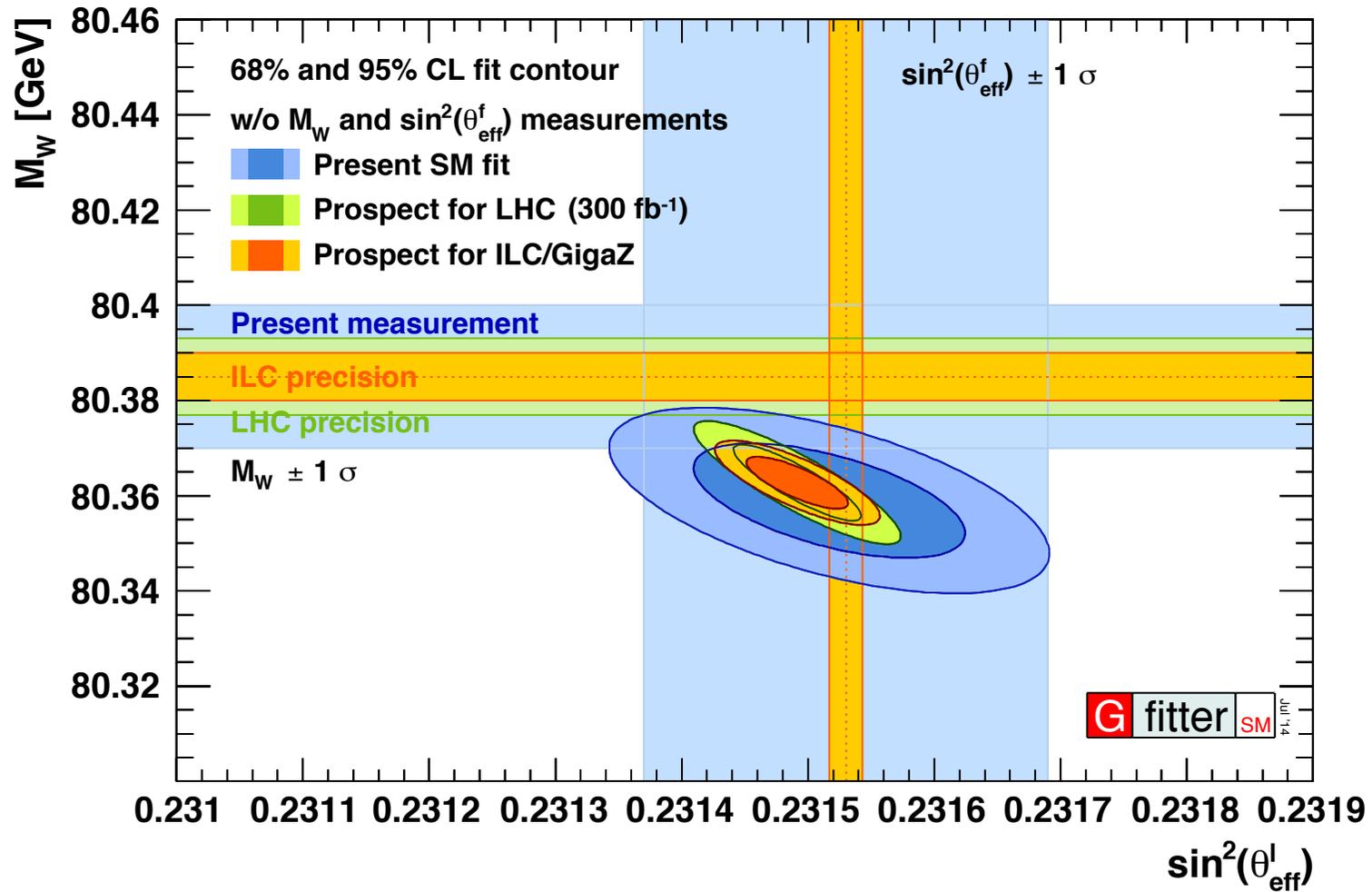
The coupling could be measured with $\sim 50\%$ accuracy in a high-luminosity LHC run and with 10%-20% accuracy at the ILC with 1 TeV

No hope to measure directly the four-Higgs coupling via three-Higgs production

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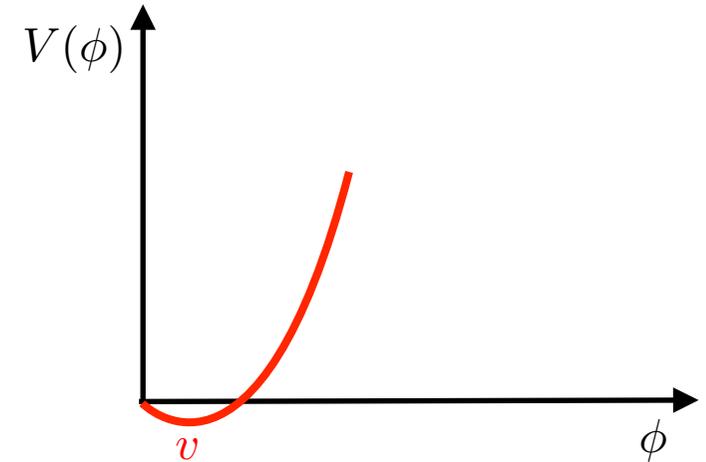


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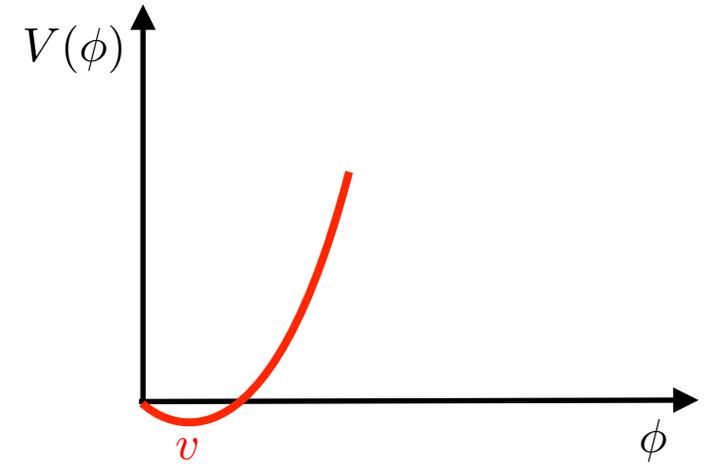
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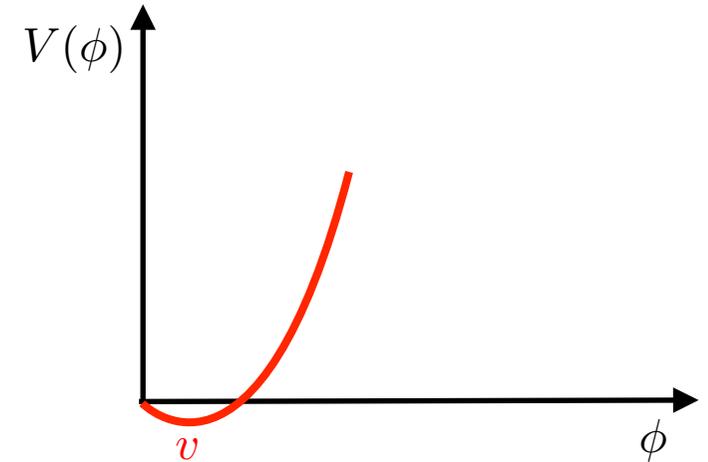
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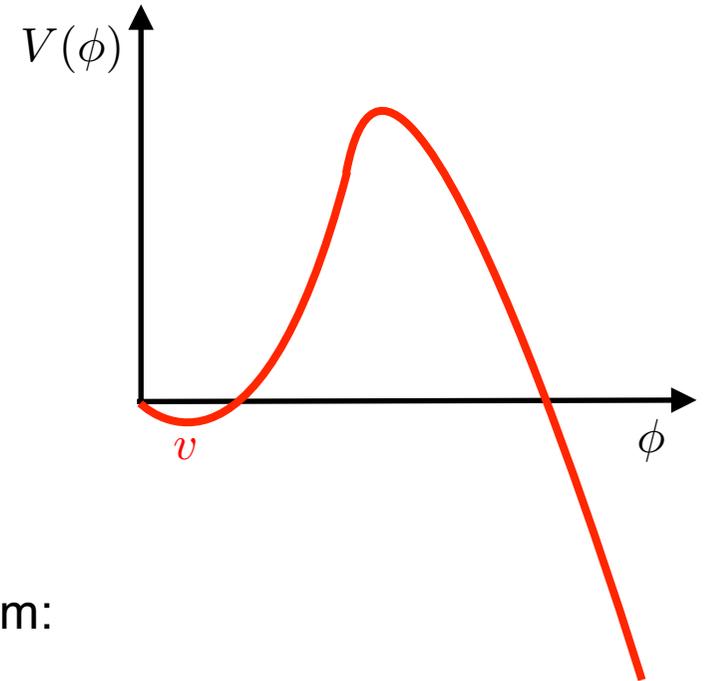
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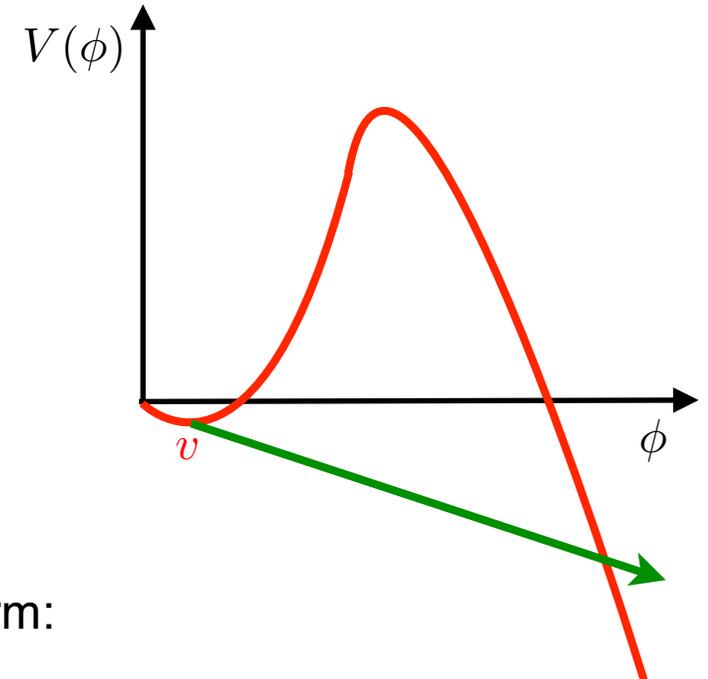
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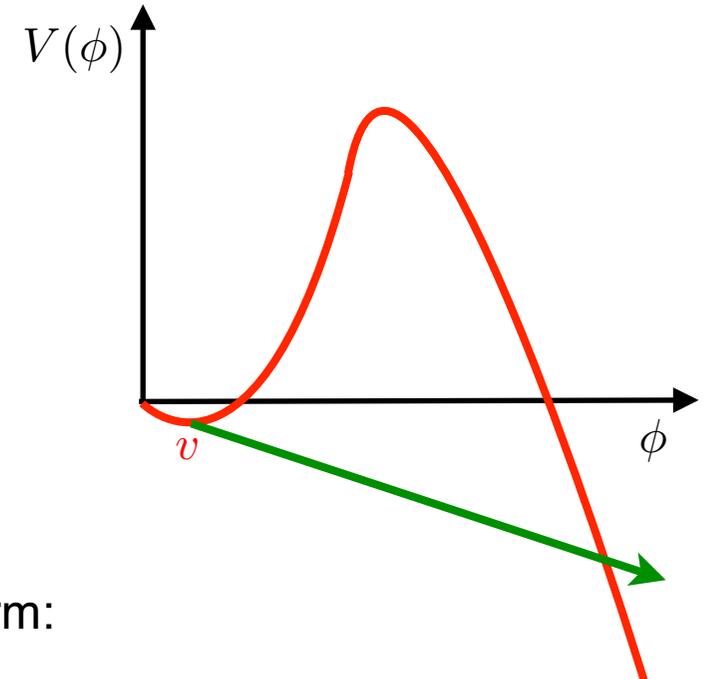
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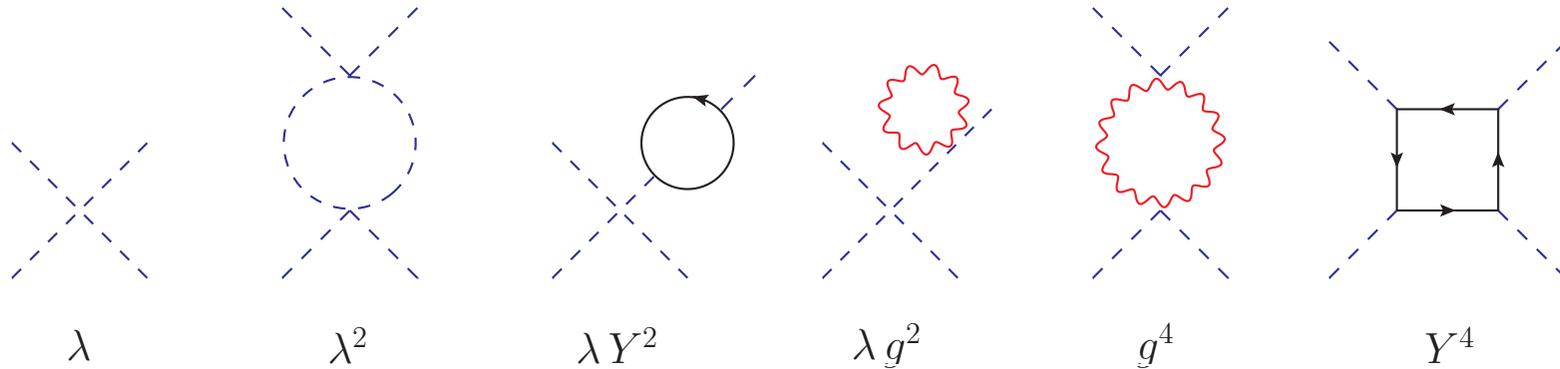
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The lifetime of the EW vacuum must be longer than the age of the Universe (*metastability*)



We can extract the weak-scale value of λ from $m_H^2 = 2\lambda v^2 + \text{higher orders}$

Loops of SM particles determine the dependence of λ on the renormalization scale μ



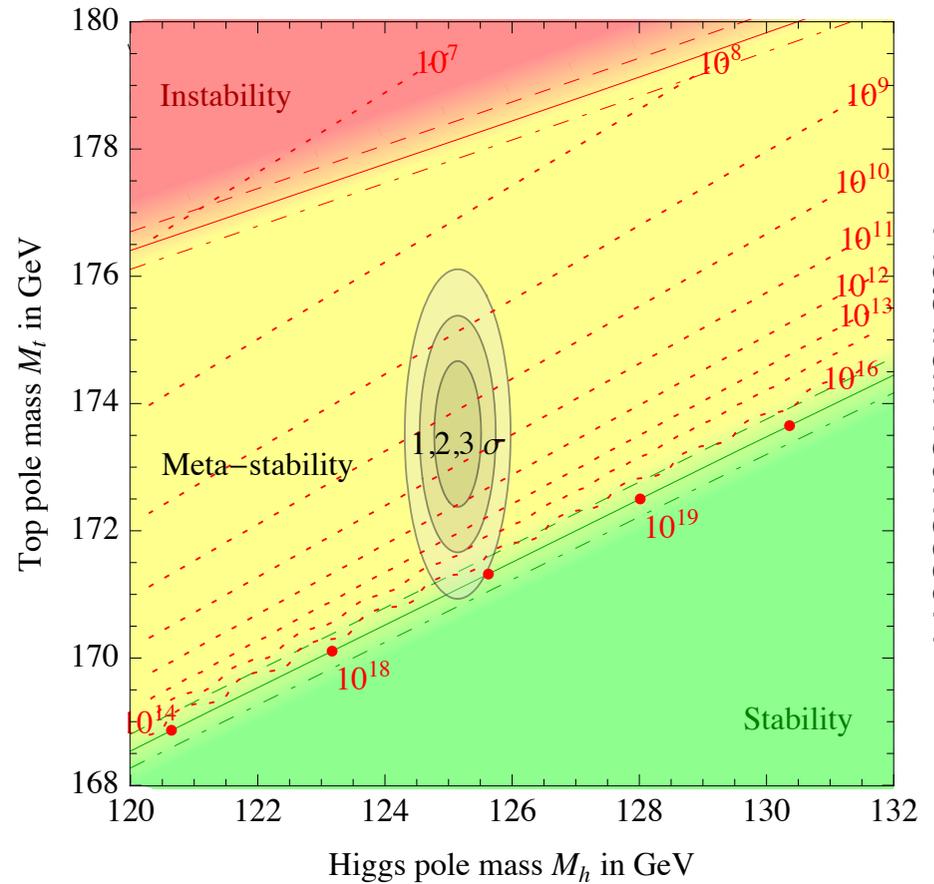
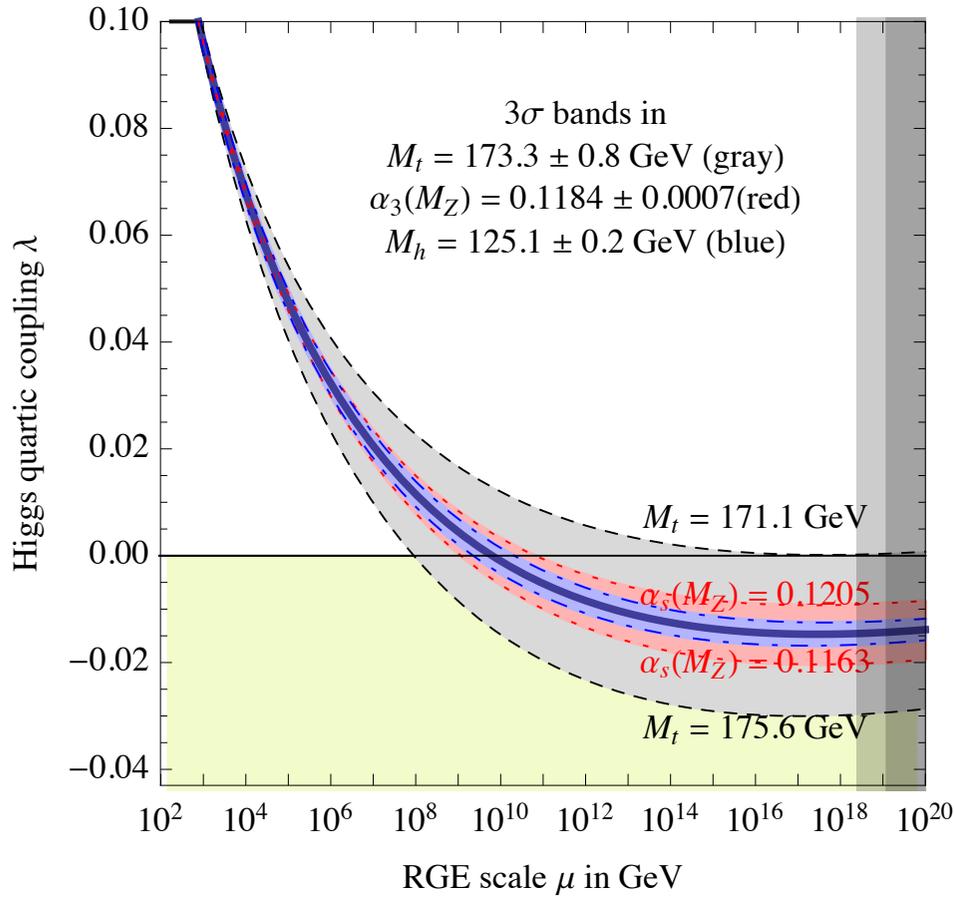
$$\frac{d\lambda}{d \log \mu} = \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \left\{ 24\lambda^2 + \lambda [12Y_t^2 + 12Y_b^2 + 4Y_\tau^2 - 9g^2 - 3g'^2] + \frac{9}{8}g^4 + \frac{3}{8}g'^4 + \frac{3}{4}g^2g'^2 - 6Y_t^4 - 6Y_b^4 - 2Y_\tau^4 \right\} + \text{higher orders}$$

Large m_H : λ^2 prevails, λ grows with μ until it blows up at some scale Λ (Landau pole)

Small m_H : $-Y_t^4$ prevails, λ decreases with μ until it turns negative at Λ (vacuum instability)

Λ is the scale at which new physics must rescue the SM (anyway, $\Lambda \leq \Lambda_{\text{Planck}}$)

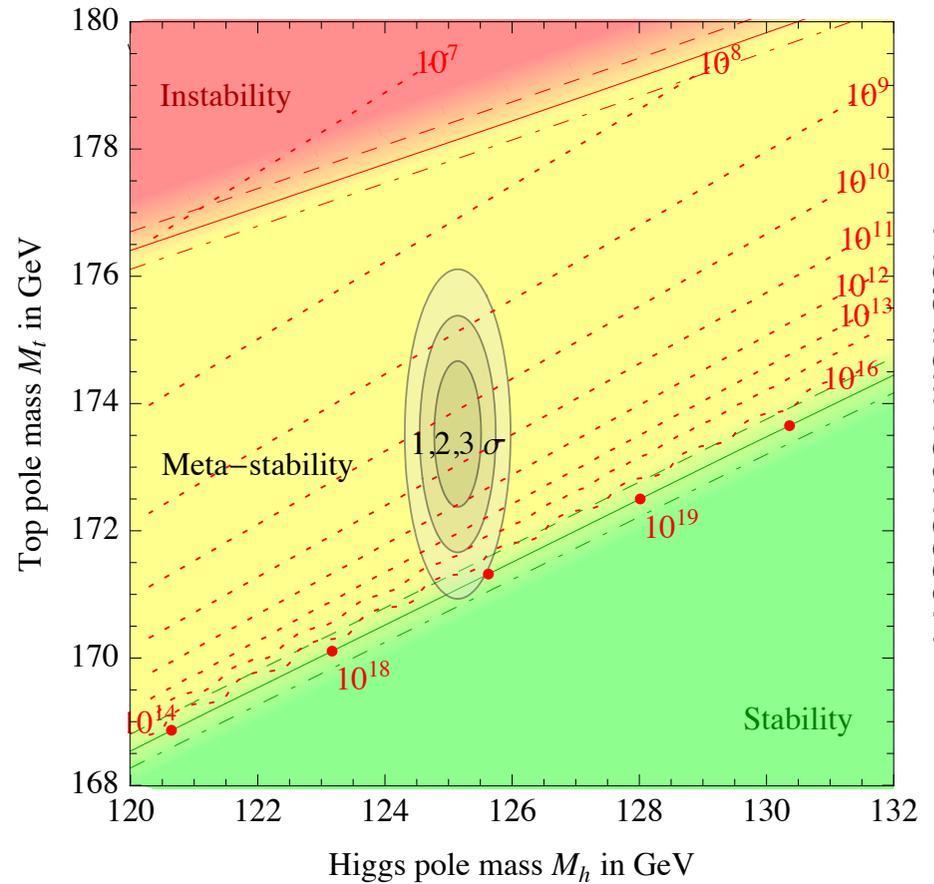
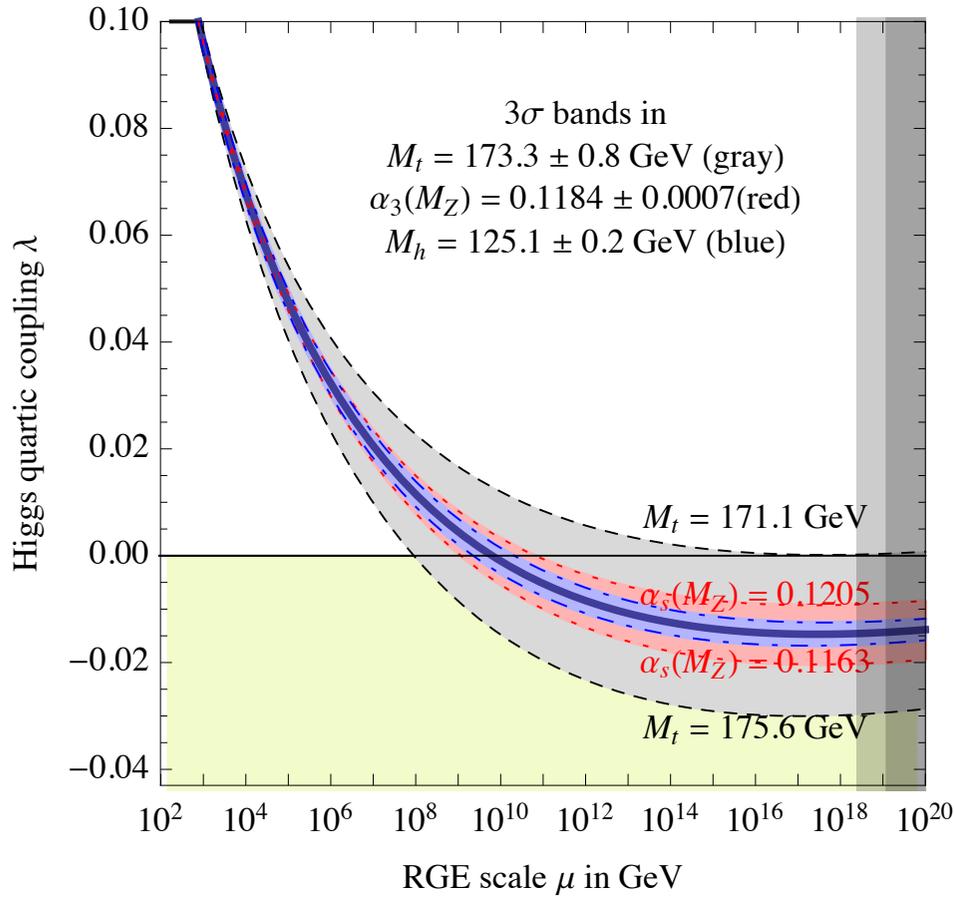
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But should we really buy that "IF"?

III) Beyond the Standard Model

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Still, it is unlikely that it is valid all the way up to the scale of quantum gravity

Observational arguments for BSM physics

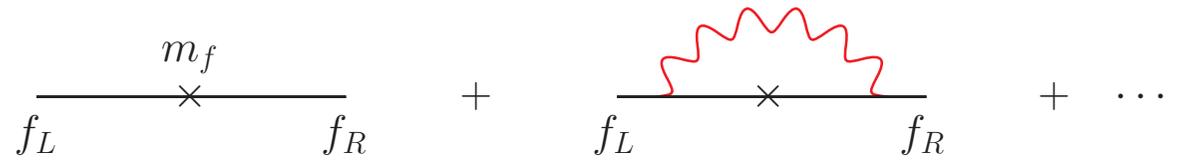
- The SM does not account for neutrino oscillations (this, however, can easily be fixed by adding heavy and sterile right-handed neutrinos to the theory)
- The SM does not include a suitable candidate for Dark Matter, and cannot justify the matter-antimatter asymmetry in the Universe

Theoretical arguments for BSM physics

- The SM has many (>20) arbitrary parameters, and a rather complicated structure (“odd” gauge group, generation mixing, large mass hierarchies among fermions). It would be nice to embed it in a simpler and more predictive theory (e.g., a GUT).
- Quantum corrections destabilize the Higgs mass inducing a quadratic dependence on the cutoff scale that regularizes the loop integrals (*the hierarchy problem*)

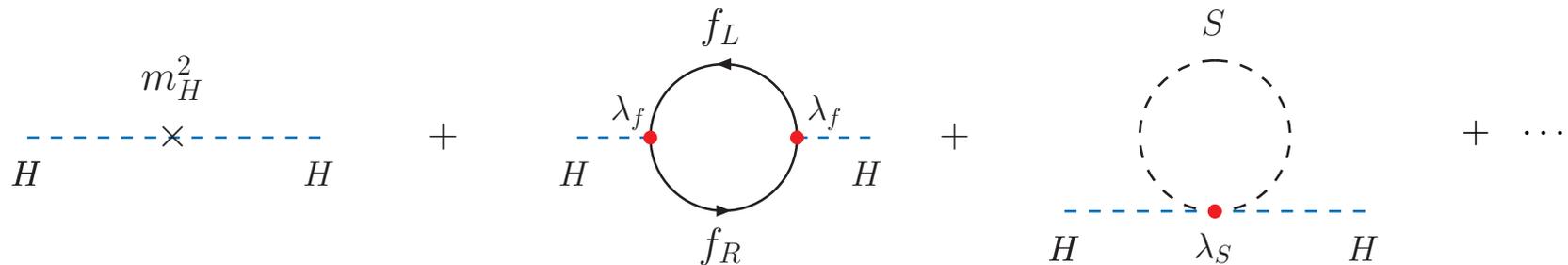
The *hierarchy problem* of the Standard Model

The SM fermion masses are protected by chiral symmetry:



$\delta m_f \propto m_f$, thus if m_f is small it stays so even after including quantum corrections

There is no analogous mechanism to protect the scalar mass term:



The radiative corrections depend quadratically on the cutoff scale where New Physics kicks in:

$$\Delta m_H^2 \supset \frac{3 G_F \Lambda^2}{4\sqrt{2}\pi^2} (2 m_W^2 + m_Z^2 + m_H^2 - 4 m_t^2)$$

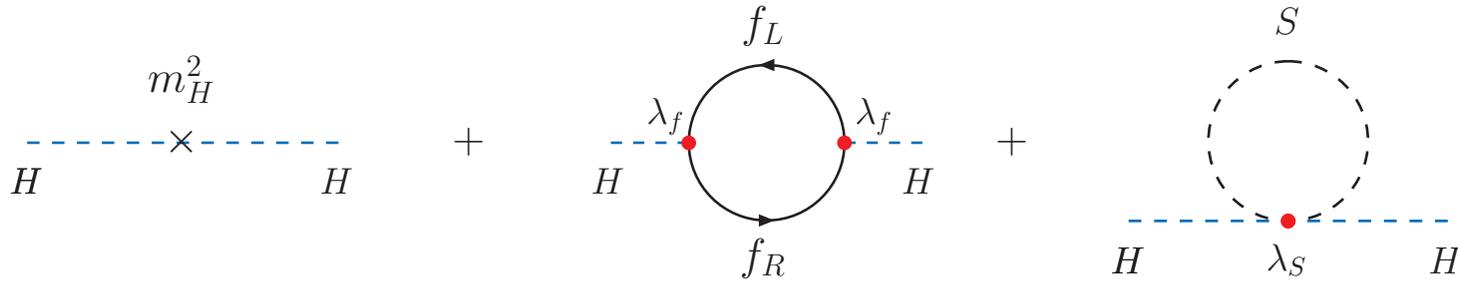
If the validity of the SM extends up to the Planck scale (or the GUT scale) we need an extremely fine-tuned cancellation between the tree-level mass and the radiative corrections

Different approaches are possible:

- **New physics intervenes at the TeV scale** (supersymmetry, composite Higgs models, ...)
- **The scale of quantum gravity is itself at the TeV** (models with large extra dimensions)
- **Tough luck, live with fine tuning** (SM up to high scales: “nightmare” scenario for LHC?)

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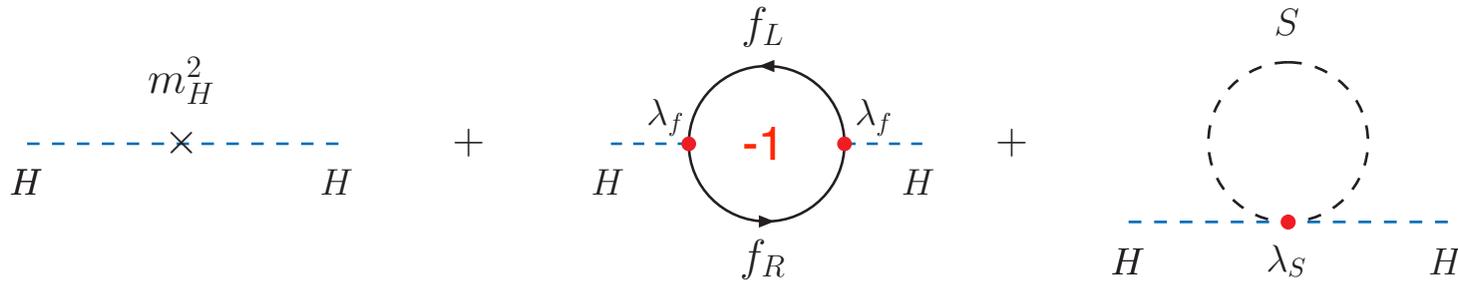
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Composite Higgs models

The hierarchy problem originates from the fact that the SM Higgs is an *elementary* scalar (therefore its mass cannot be protected by chiral or gauge symmetries)

The classical alternative to the SM Higgs mechanism, i.e. dynamical symmetry breaking such as in **Technicolor** models, is disfavoured by flavour and electroweak precision tests

An intermediate approach is possible:

There *is* a light Higgs scalar (to satisfy the electroweak precision observables) but it is *composite*, the light remnant of a new strong dynamics responsible for EWSB

To preserve EW observables, the particles of the strong sector should be above the TeV scale

The composite Higgs can be lighter than the rest if it is a pseudo-Goldstone boson of a global symmetry of the strong sector (e.g. *Little Higgs, Holographic Higgs, ...*)

Even if the new states are heavy, the composite nature of the Higgs should appear at the LHC:

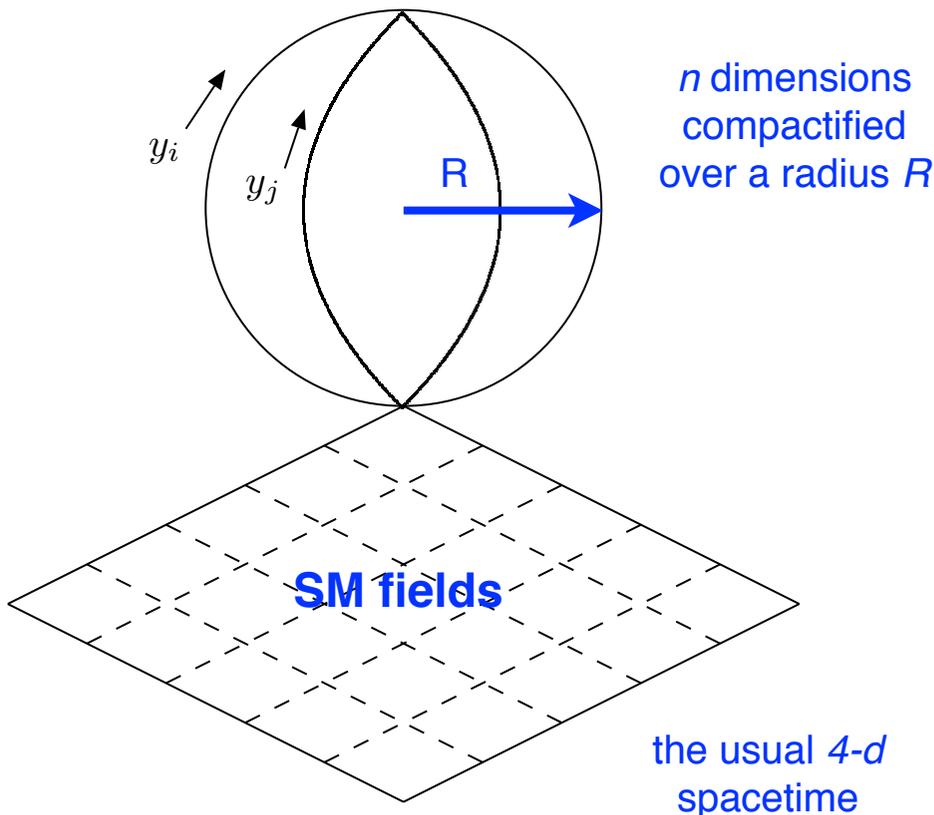
- high-energy growth of the $V V \longrightarrow V V$ cross sections
- modified couplings of the Higgs to SM particles

Models with Large Extra Dimensions

Supersymmetry helps the Higgs boson cross the “desert” between M_{EW} and M_{Planck}

An alternative paradigm: there is no desert, and $M_{Planck} \sim M_{EW}$!!!

The simplest scenario:
Arkani-Hamed *et al.*, hep-ph/9803315



The SM fields live on a 4-d “brane” but gravity propagates in the “bulk”

The “true” scale of quantum gravity can be lower than the apparent 4-dim Planck scale:

$$M_{Pl}^2 = M_*^{n+2} (2\pi R)^n$$

$$n = 1, \quad M_* = 10 \text{ TeV} \longrightarrow R \approx 10^{10} \text{ m}$$

$$n = 2, \quad M_* = 10 \text{ TeV} \longrightarrow R \approx 0.1 \text{ mm}$$

Gravity is untested below 0.1 mm.
For $n = 2$ the scale of quantum gravity could be as low as 10 TeV (and even lower for larger n !!!)

From a 4d perspective, fields that live in the $(4+n)d$ bulk look like a *tower* of “Kaluza-Klein” states

E.g., a massless scalar living in 5 dimensions can be Fourier-decomposed along the compact dimension:

$$\Phi(x_\mu, Z) = \Phi(x_\mu, Z + 2\pi R)$$

$$\Phi(x_\mu, Z) = \sum_{k=0, \pm 1 \dots} \phi_k(x_\mu) e^{ikZ/R}$$

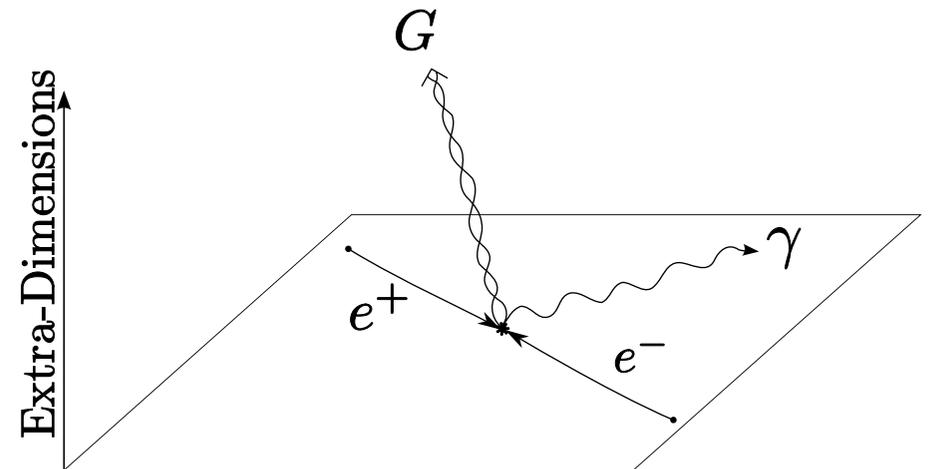
$$\square_5 \Phi(x_\mu, Z) = 0 \longrightarrow \left(\square_4 + \frac{k^2}{R^2} \right) \phi_k(x_\mu) = 0$$

The zero mode remains massless, the other modes have increasing masses $m_k = \frac{|k|}{R}$

A typical signature of extra-dim models is the production of gravitons that escape in the bulk

Each KK graviton couples to SM matter like $1/M_{Pl}$, but the sum over the whole tower goes like $1/M_*$.

The collider signature is a photon (or a jet) plus missing energy

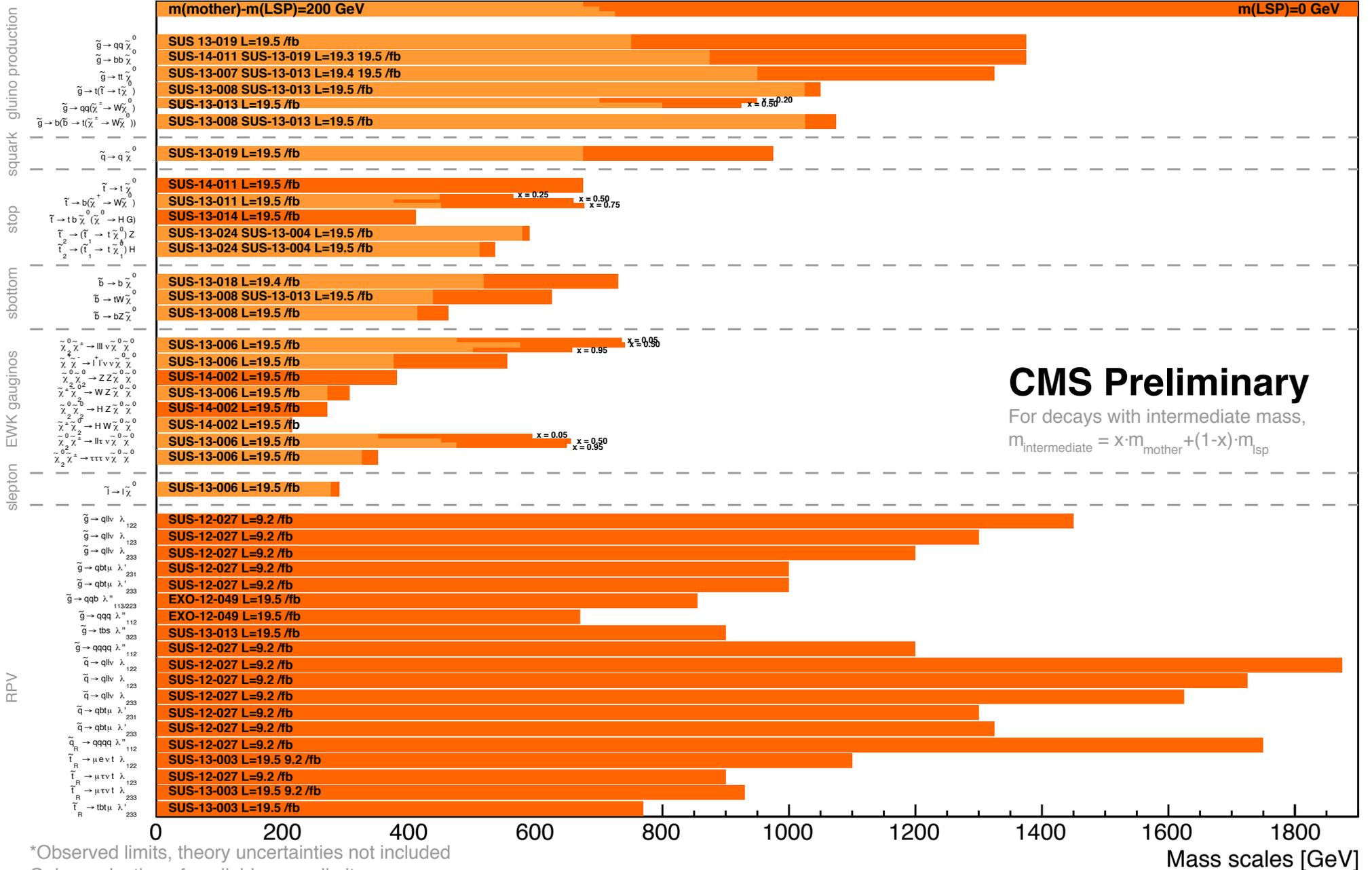


Depending on the specific model, other particles may live in the bulk and have KK excitations

After the first two-year run of the LHC with c.o.m. energy of 7-8 TeV, all we got from BSM searches is bounds on the new-particle masses

Summary of CMS SUSY Results* in SMS framework

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ATLAS Exotics Searches* - 95% CL Exclusion

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ATLAS Preliminary

$$\int \mathcal{L} dt = (1.0 - 20.3) \text{ fb}^{-1} \quad \sqrt{s} = 7, 8 \text{ TeV}$$

| Model | ℓ, γ | Jets | E_T^{miss} | $\int \mathcal{L} dt [\text{fb}^{-1}]$ | Mass limit | Reference | |
|----------------------------------|--|--------------------|-----------------------|--|----------------------------------|--|---|
| Extra dimensions | ADD $G_{KK} + g/q$ | - | 1-2 j | Yes | 4.7 | M_D 4.37 TeV | $n = 2$ 1210.4491 |
| | ADD non-resonant $\ell\ell$ | $2e, \mu$ | - | - | 20.3 | M_S 5.2 TeV | $n = 3$ HLZ ATLAS-CONF-2014-030 |
| | ADD QBH $\rightarrow \ell q$ | $1e, \mu$ | 1 j | - | 20.3 | M_{th} 5.2 TeV | $n = 6$ 1311.2006 |
| | ADD QBH | - | 2 j | - | 20.3 | M_{th} 5.82 TeV | $n = 6$ to be submitted to PRD |
| | ADD BH high N_{trk} | 2μ (SS) | - | - | 20.3 | M_{th} 5.7 TeV | $n = 6, M_D = 1.5 \text{ TeV}$, non-rot BH 1308.4075 |
| | ADD BH high $\sum p_T$ | $\geq 1e, \mu$ | $\geq 2j$ | - | 20.3 | M_{th} 6.2 TeV | $n = 6, M_D = 1.5 \text{ TeV}$, non-rot BH 1405.4254 |
| | RS1 $G_{KK} \rightarrow \ell\ell$ | $2e, \mu$ | - | - | 20.3 | G_{KK} mass 2.68 TeV | $k/\overline{M}_{Pl} = 0.1$ 1405.4123 |
| | RS1 $G_{KK} \rightarrow WW \rightarrow \ell\nu\ell\nu$ | $2e, \mu$ | - | Yes | 4.7 | G_{KK} mass 1.23 TeV | $k/\overline{M}_{Pl} = 0.1$ 1208.2880 |
| | Bulk RS $G_{KK} \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow \ell\ell qq$ | $2e, \mu$ | 2 j / 1 J | - | 20.3 | G_{KK} mass 730 GeV | $k/\overline{M}_{Pl} = 1.0$ ATLAS-CONF-2014-039 |
| | Bulk RS $G_{KK} \rightarrow HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$ | - | 4 b | - | 19.5 | G_{KK} mass 590-710 GeV | $k/\overline{M}_{Pl} = 1.0$ ATLAS-CONF-2014-005 |
| | Bulk RS $g_{KK} \rightarrow t\bar{t}$ | $1e, \mu$ | $\geq 1b, \geq 1J/2j$ | Yes | 14.3 | g_{KK} mass 2.0 TeV | BR = 0.925 ATLAS-CONF-2013-052 |
| S^1/Z_2 ED | $2e, \mu$ | - | - | 5.0 | $M_{KK} \approx R^{-1}$ 4.71 TeV | 1209.2535 | |
| UED | 2γ | - | Yes | 4.8 | Compact. scale R^{-1} 1.41 TeV | ATLAS-CONF-2012-072 | |
| Gauge bosons | SSM $Z' \rightarrow \ell\ell$ | $2e, \mu$ | - | - | 20.3 | Z' mass 2.9 TeV | 1405.4123 |
| | SSM $Z' \rightarrow \tau\tau$ | 2τ | - | - | 19.5 | Z' mass 1.9 TeV | ATLAS-CONF-2013-066 |
| | SSM $W' \rightarrow \ell\nu$ | $1e, \mu$ | - | Yes | 20.3 | W' mass 3.28 TeV | ATLAS-CONF-2014-017 |
| | EGM $W' \rightarrow WZ \rightarrow \ell\nu \ell'\ell'$ | $3e, \mu$ | - | Yes | 20.3 | W' mass 1.52 TeV | 1406.4456 |
| | EGM $W' \rightarrow WZ \rightarrow qq\ell\ell$ | $2e, \mu$ | 2 j / 1 J | - | 20.3 | W' mass 1.59 TeV | ATLAS-CONF-2014-039 |
| | LRSM $W'_R \rightarrow t\bar{b}$ | $1e, \mu$ | 2 b, 0-1 j | Yes | 14.3 | W' mass 1.84 TeV | ATLAS-CONF-2013-050 |
| LRSM $W'_R \rightarrow t\bar{b}$ | $0e, \mu$ | $\geq 1b, 1J$ | - | 20.3 | W' mass 1.77 TeV | to be submitted to EPJC | |
| CI | CI $qqqq$ | - | 2 j | - | 4.8 | Λ 7.6 TeV | $\eta = +1$ 1210.1718 |
| | CI $qq\ell\ell$ | $2e, \mu$ | - | - | 20.3 | Λ 21.6 TeV | $\eta_{LL} = -1$ ATLAS-CONF-2014-030 |
| | CI $uutt$ | $2e, \mu$ (SS) | $\geq 1b, \geq 1j$ | Yes | 14.3 | Λ 3.3 TeV | $ C = 1$ ATLAS-CONF-2013-051 |
| DM | EFT D5 operator (Dirac) | $0e, \mu$ | 1-2 j | Yes | 10.5 | M_* 731 GeV | at 90% CL for $m(\chi) < 80 \text{ GeV}$ ATLAS-CONF-2012-147 |
| | EFT D9 operator (Dirac) | $0e, \mu$ | 1 J, $\leq 1j$ | Yes | 20.3 | M_* 2.4 TeV | at 90% CL for $m(\chi) < 100 \text{ GeV}$ 1309.4017 |
| LQ | Scalar LQ 1 st gen | $2e$ | $\geq 2j$ | - | 1.0 | LQ mass 660 GeV | $\beta = 1$ 1112.4828 |
| | Scalar LQ 2 nd gen | 2μ | $\geq 2j$ | - | 1.0 | LQ mass 685 GeV | $\beta = 1$ 1203.3172 |
| | Scalar LQ 3 rd gen | $1e, \mu, 1\tau$ | 1 b, 1 j | - | 4.7 | LQ mass 534 GeV | $\beta = 1$ 1303.0526 |
| Heavy quarks | Vector-like quark $TT \rightarrow Ht + X$ | $1e, \mu$ | $\geq 2b, \geq 4j$ | Yes | 14.3 | T mass 790 GeV | T in (T,B) doublet ATLAS-CONF-2013-018 |
| | Vector-like quark $TT \rightarrow Wb + X$ | $1e, \mu$ | $\geq 1b, \geq 3j$ | Yes | 14.3 | T mass 670 GeV | isospin singlet ATLAS-CONF-2013-060 |
| | Vector-like quark $TT \rightarrow Zt + X$ | $2/\geq 3e, \mu$ | $\geq 2/\geq 1b$ | - | 20.3 | T mass 735 GeV | T in (T,B) doublet ATLAS-CONF-2014-036 |
| | Vector-like quark $BB \rightarrow Zb + X$ | $2/\geq 3e, \mu$ | $\geq 2/\geq 1b$ | - | 20.3 | B mass 755 GeV | B in (B,Y) doublet ATLAS-CONF-2014-036 |
| | Vector-like quark $BB \rightarrow Wt + X$ | $2e, \mu$ (SS) | $\geq 1b, \geq 1j$ | Yes | 14.3 | B mass 720 GeV | B in (T,B) doublet ATLAS-CONF-2013-051 |
| Excited fermions | Excited quark $q^* \rightarrow q\gamma$ | 1γ | 1 j | - | 20.3 | q^* mass 3.5 TeV | only u^* and d^* , $\Lambda = m(q^*)$ 1309.3230 |
| | Excited quark $q^* \rightarrow qg$ | - | 2 j | - | 20.3 | q^* mass 4.09 TeV | only u^* and d^* , $\Lambda = m(q^*)$ to be submitted to PRD |
| | Excited quark $b^* \rightarrow Wt$ | 1 or $2e, \mu$ | 1 b, 2 j or 1 j | Yes | 4.7 | b^* mass 870 GeV | left-handed coupling 1301.1583 |
| | Excited lepton $\ell^* \rightarrow \ell\gamma$ | $2e, \mu, 1\gamma$ | - | - | 13.0 | ℓ^* mass 2.2 TeV | $\Lambda = 2.2 \text{ TeV}$ 1308.1364 |
| Other | LSTC $a_T \rightarrow W\gamma$ | $1e, \mu, 1\gamma$ | - | Yes | 20.3 | a_T mass 960 GeV | to be submitted to PLB |
| | LRSM Majorana ν | $2e, \mu$ | 2 j | - | 2.1 | N^0 mass 1.5 TeV | $m(W_R) = 2 \text{ TeV}$, no mixing 1203.5420 |
| | Type III Seesaw | $2e, \mu$ | - | - | 5.8 | N^\pm mass 245 GeV | $ V_e =0.055, V_\mu =0.063, V_\tau =0$ ATLAS-CONF-2013-019 |
| | Higgs triplet $H^{\pm\pm} \rightarrow \ell\ell$ | $2e, \mu$ (SS) | - | - | 4.7 | $H^{\pm\pm}$ mass 409 GeV | DY production, BR($H^{\pm\pm} \rightarrow \ell\ell$)=1 1210.5070 |
| | Multi-charged particles | - | - | - | 4.4 | multi-charged particle mass 490 GeV | DY production, $ q = 4e$ 1301.5272 |
| Magnetic monopoles | - | - | - | 2.0 | monopole mass 862 GeV | DY production, $ g = 1g_D$ 1207.6411 | |

$\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$ $\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$

10⁻¹ 1 10 Mass scale [TeV]

*Only a selection of the available mass limits on new states or phenomena is shown.

*After a two-year shutdown, the LHC is about to restart at 13-14 TeV.
Let's hope for new exciting discoveries...*

Thank you!!!