

# **ELECTROWEAK SYMMETRY BREAKING (EWSB) STATUS/DIRECTIONS**



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**4th of July 2012**

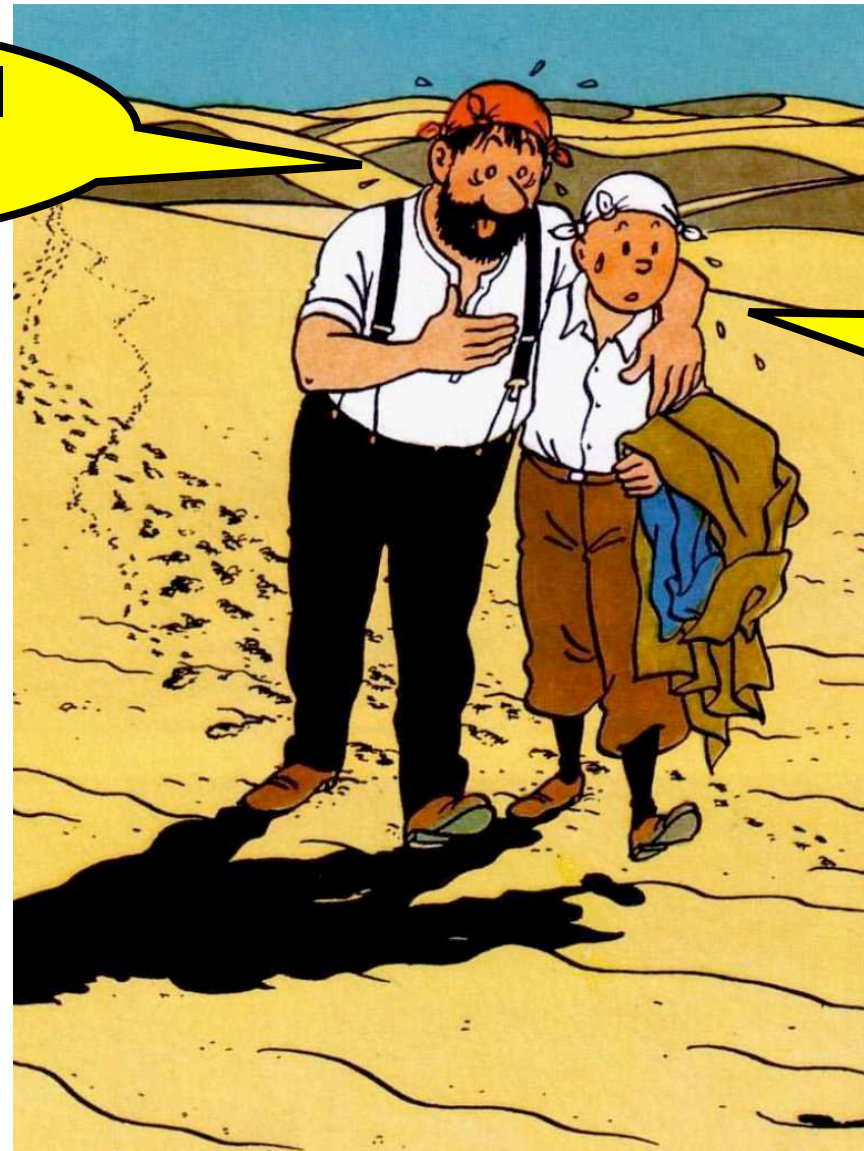
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**We've been more than 40 years  
of mainly wandering in the desert...**

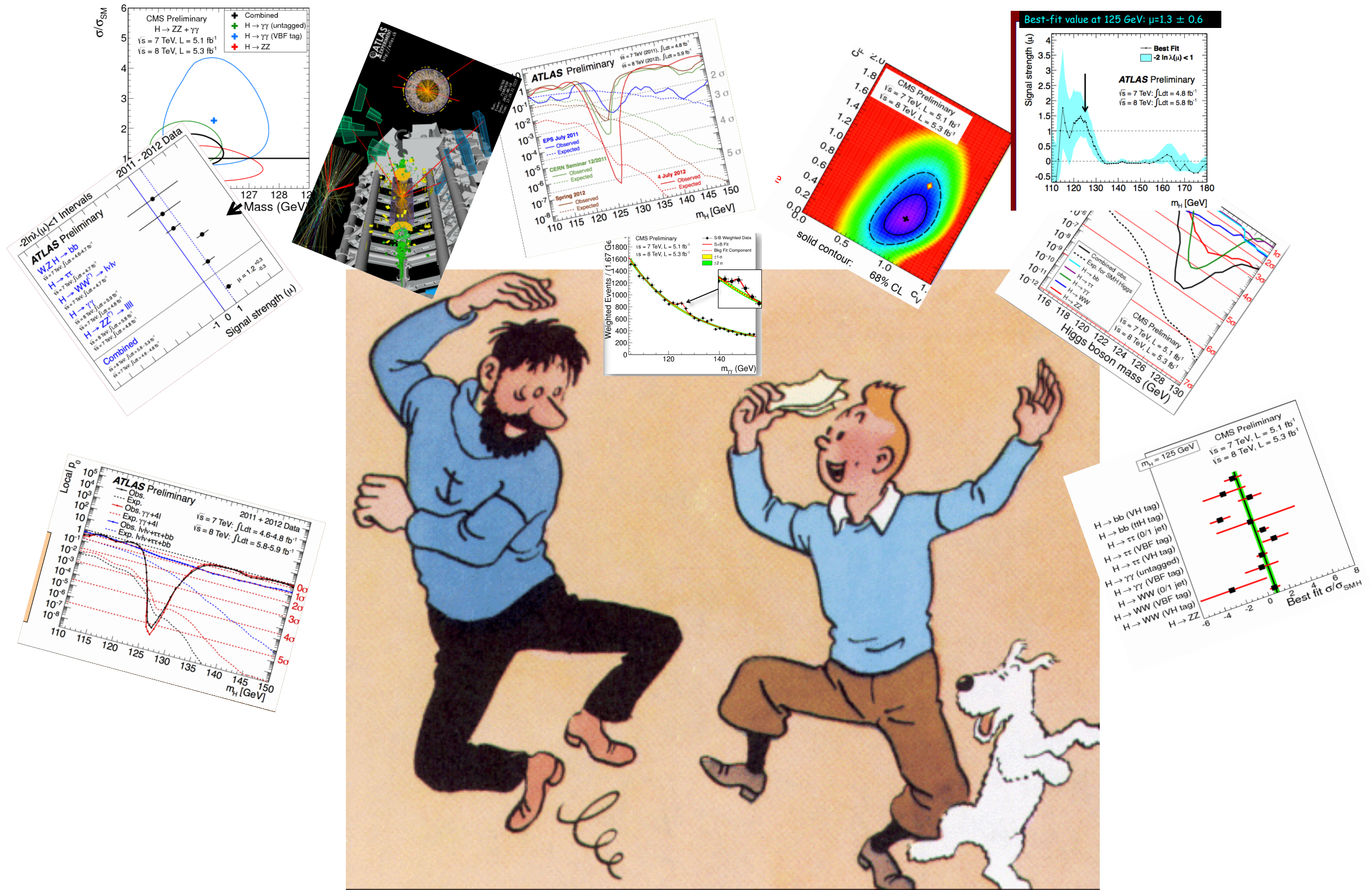
Do you think we'll  
find a Higgs?



I don't know,  
this looks Higgsless



# ... and finally plenty of new relevant data has begun to fall over us!





**Disclaimer:** We have gotten **more data** on EWSB **in one single day** than in more than 40 years

➡ **Not enough time to digest it!**

**many of my theory colleagues  
are at this moment working hard...**



**... be prepared for an outburst of papers  
on the 125 GeV Higgs in the next months**

**What is the **SM Higgs** about?**

**What makes the **SM Higgs** exceptional?**

(As kangaroos are to Australia)



# What makes the Higgs special?

**Not just about finding the the condensate responsible for giving masses**



➡ **Also a condensate exists in Higgsless theories**

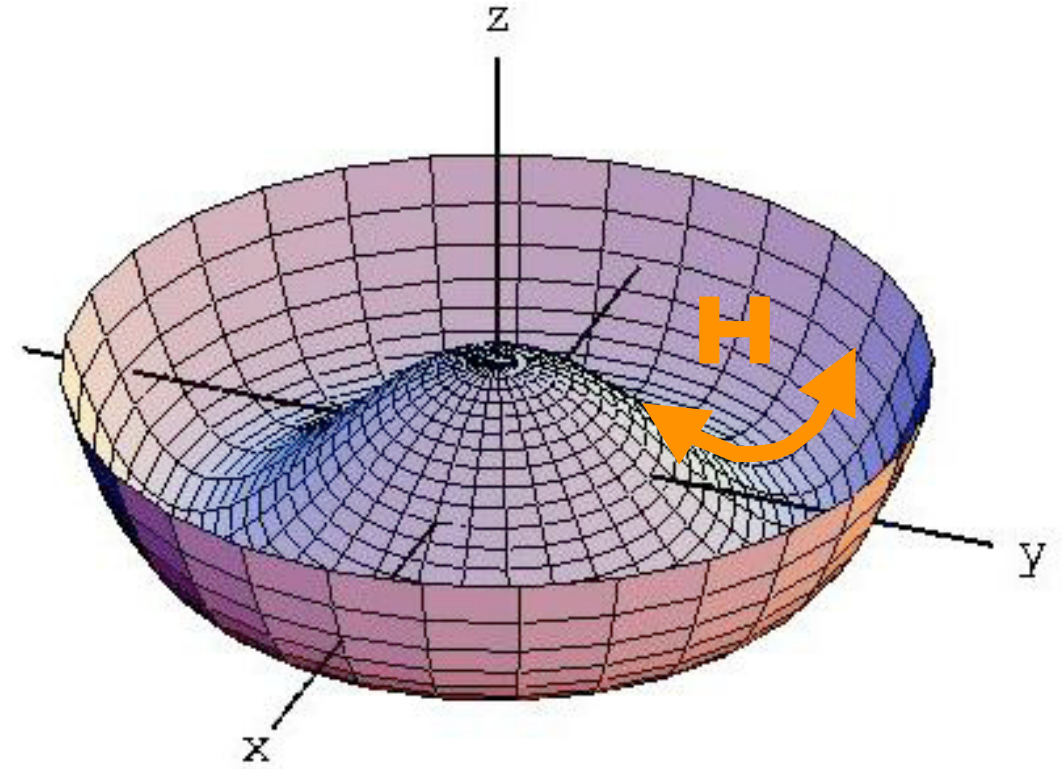
## Examples:

- **QCD: Quark condensation  $\langle q\bar{q} \rangle$  breaks chiral symmetry**
- **Superconductors: Cooper pair  $\langle ee \rangle$  breaks EM**

➡ **none of them have a Higgs excitation**

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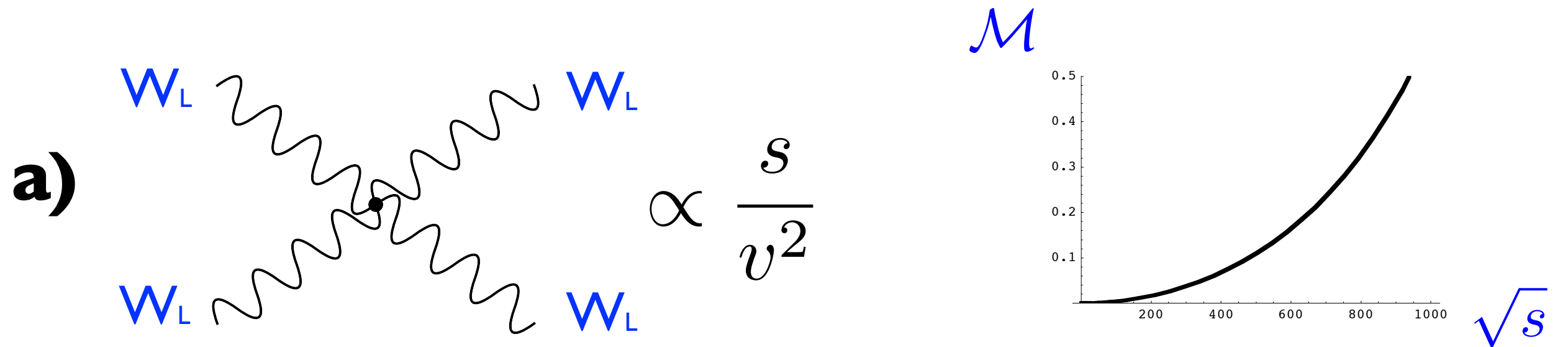
**Not just about  
the radial excitation  
around the vacuum**



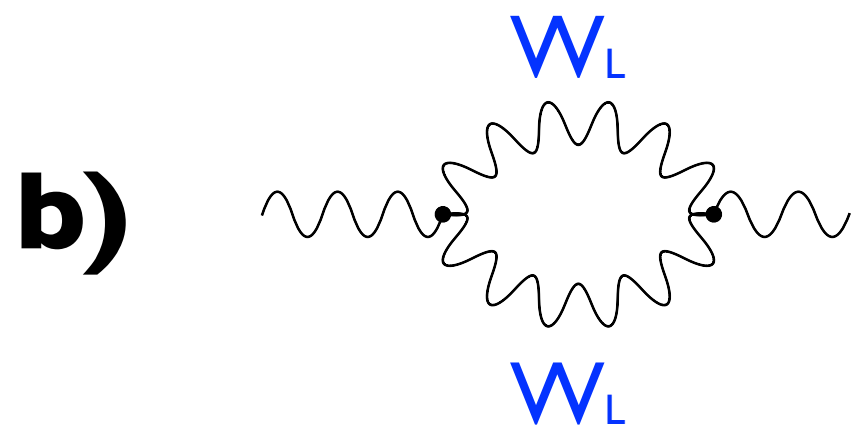
**Higgsless models have also excitations  
around the vacuum (as found in QCD)**

# What makes the Higgs special...

**Without a Higgs**, the states  $W_L$ ,  $Z_L$  **spoil** the nice calculability power of gauge theories



Unitarity is lost at high-energies

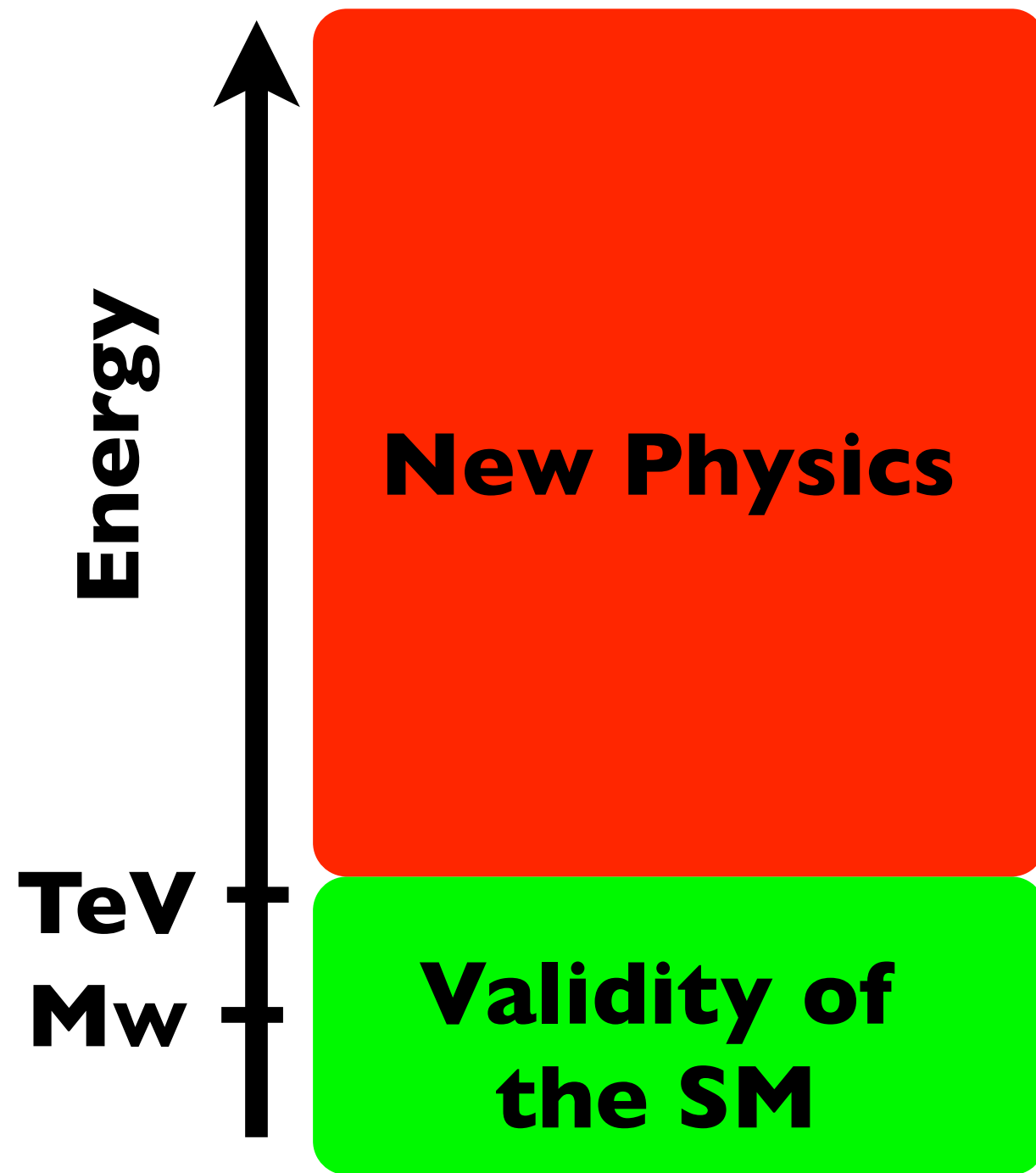


Loops are not finite!

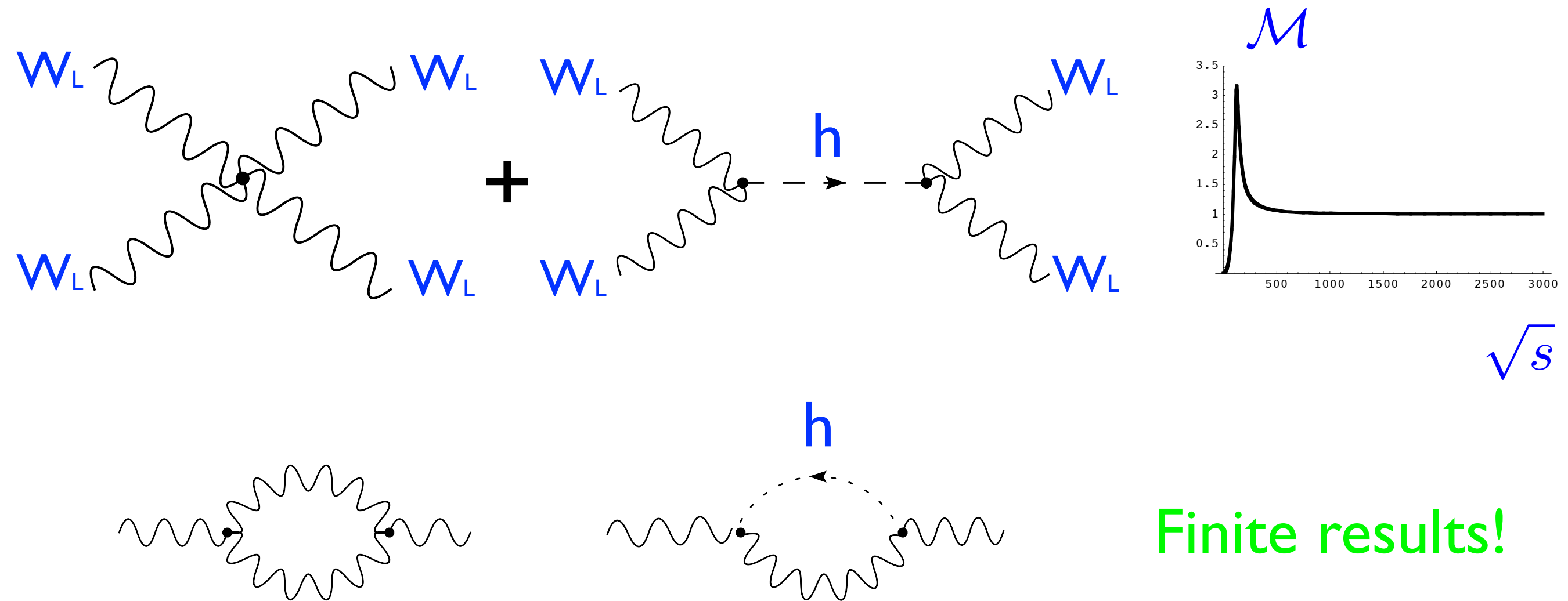
**Do not allow for precision calculations**



# Without a Higgs...

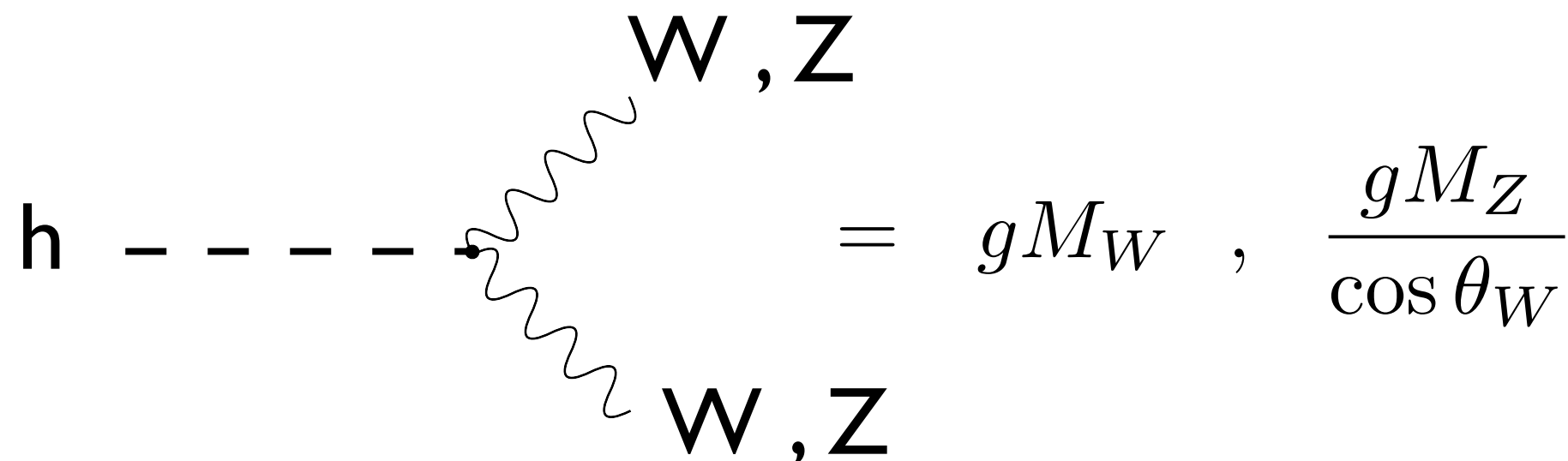


With the Higgs **calculability** is recovered:

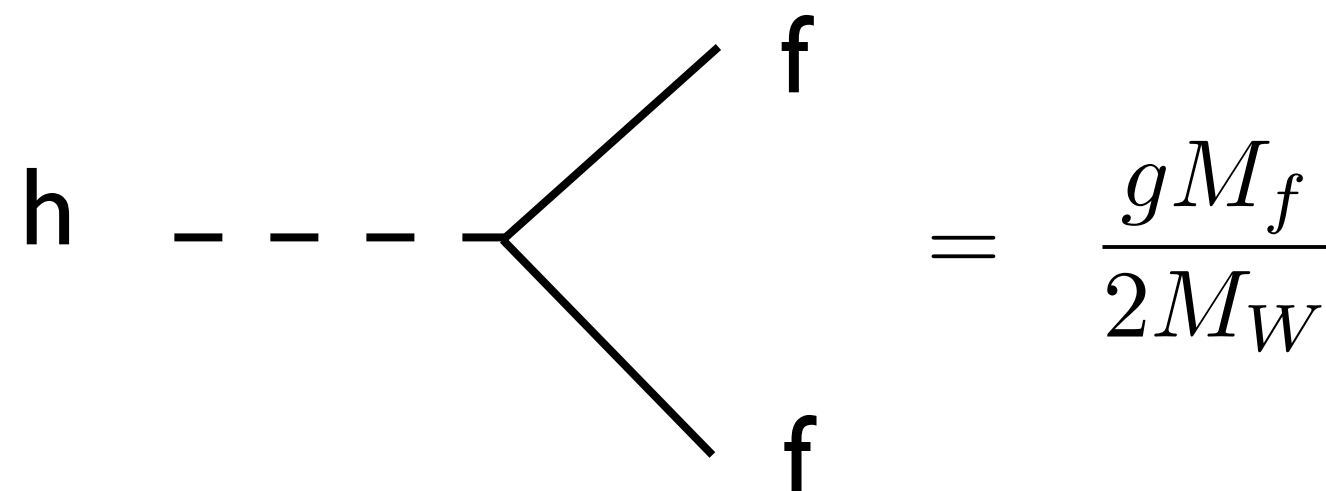


**Back to the prediction era!**

**To do this job, the Higgs couplings must take a particular value:**



$$h \text{ --- } \text{---} \cdot \begin{array}{l} \text{W, Z} \\ \text{wavy line} \\ \text{W, Z} \end{array} = gM_W, \quad \frac{gM_Z}{\cos \theta_W}$$



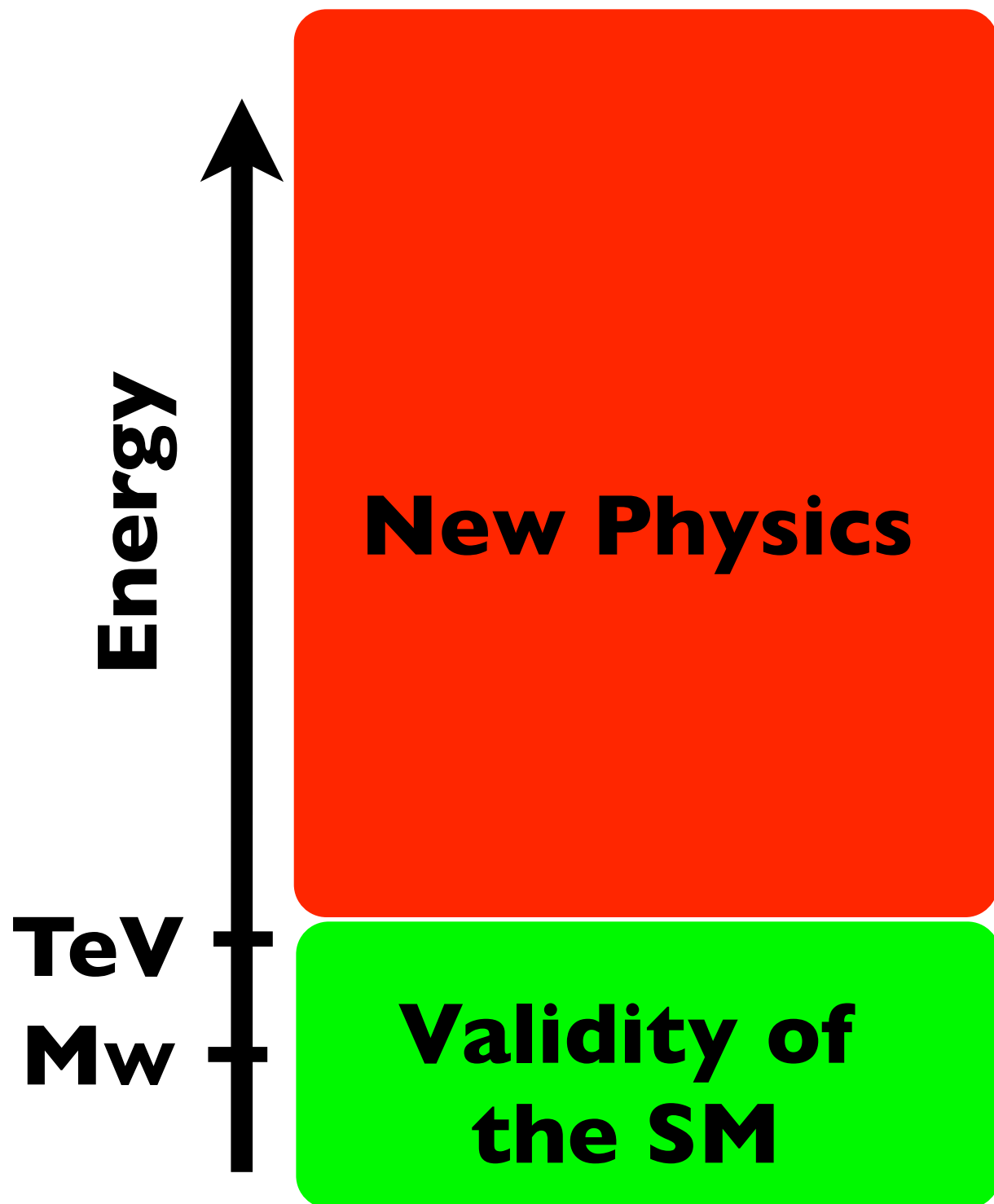
$$h \text{ --- } \text{---} \text{---} \begin{array}{l} \text{f} \\ \text{solid line} \\ \text{f} \end{array} = \frac{gM_f}{2M_W}$$

The couplings must be **exactly** these ones (at tree-level) to make the SM a **consistent** theory

Otherwise this is **NOT** a Higgs = **“Impostor”**

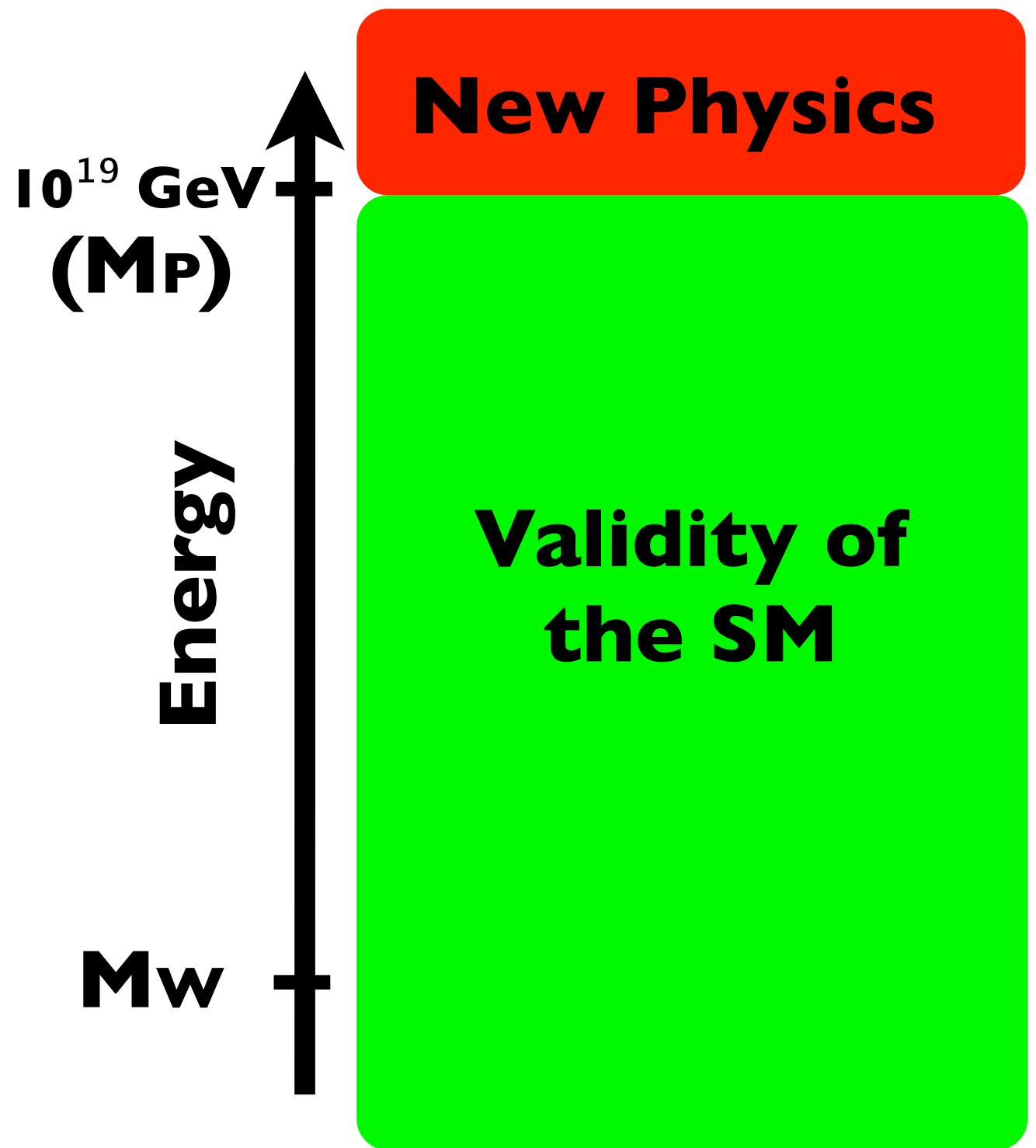


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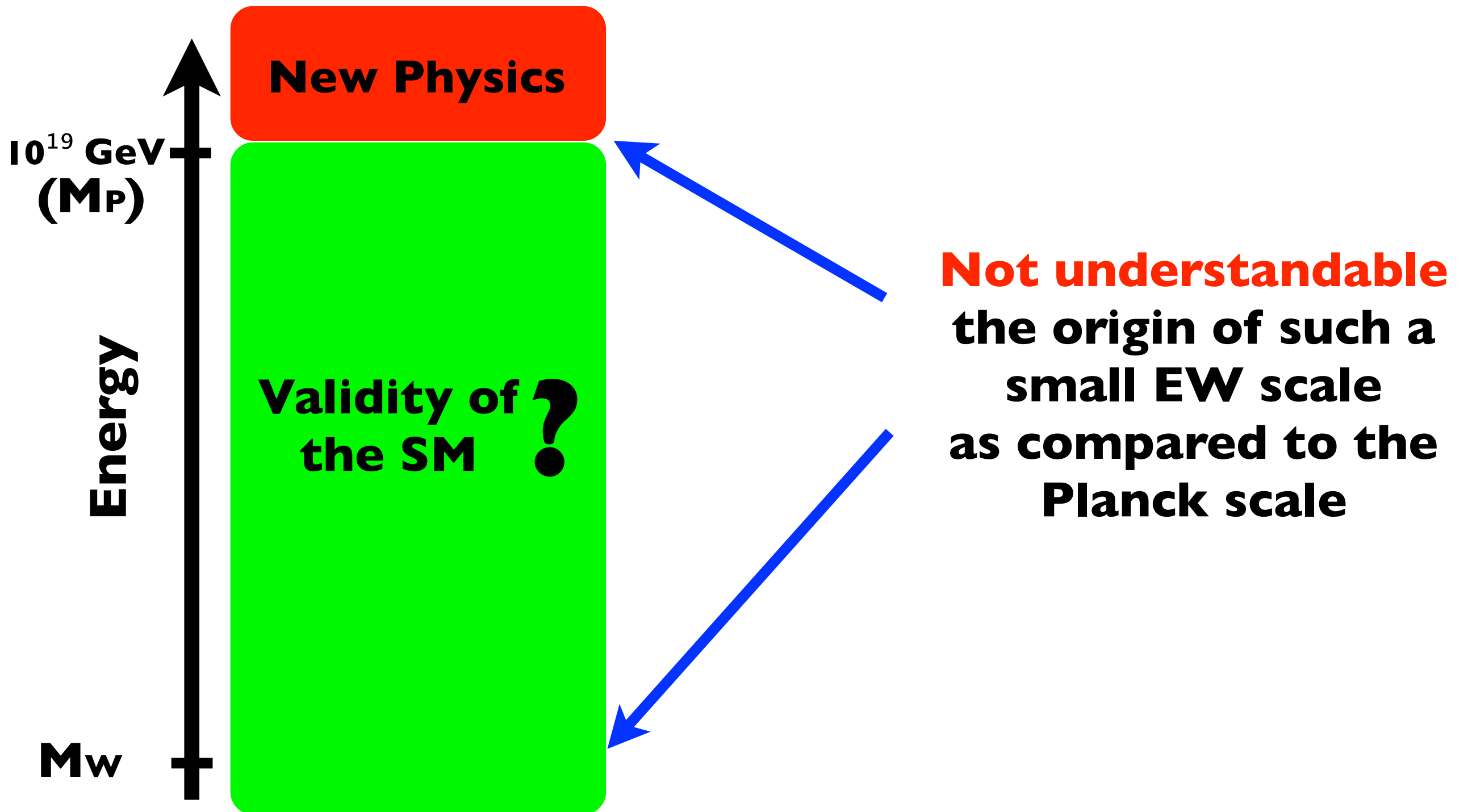
# With a Higgs

(100 GeV < m<sub>h</sub> < 170 GeV)



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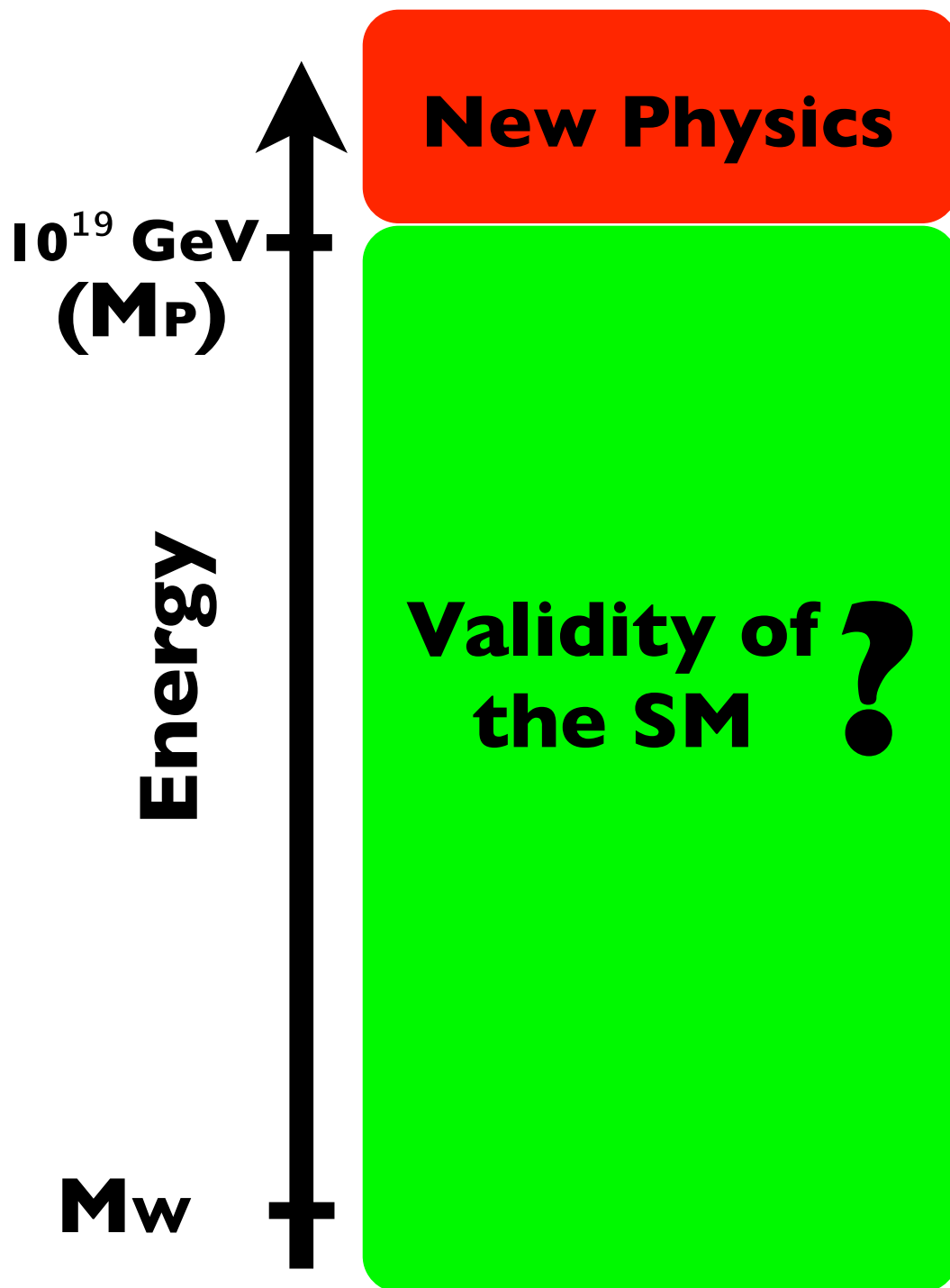
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**At the quantum level  
“slim” scalars cannot survive  
in the presence of “fat” states**



**Heavy states  
Strings/GUT**



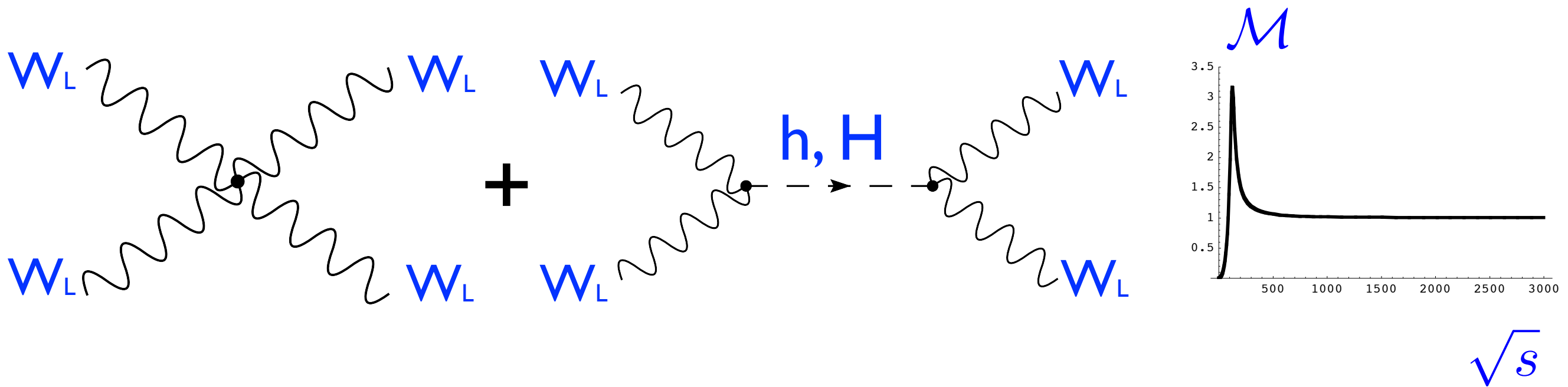
**Higgs = Scalar**

# Possibilities that theorists envisage to tackle this problem:

- 1) Keep the Higgs elementary, but protect it by symmetries: **Supersymmetry**
  - 2) The Higgs is not elementary: **Composite Higgs**
- ➡ Both imply **changes** in the Higgs sector

# Supersymmetry = MSSM

For consistency, an **extra Higgs** (doublet) is needed, sharing the “duties” of the SM Higgs

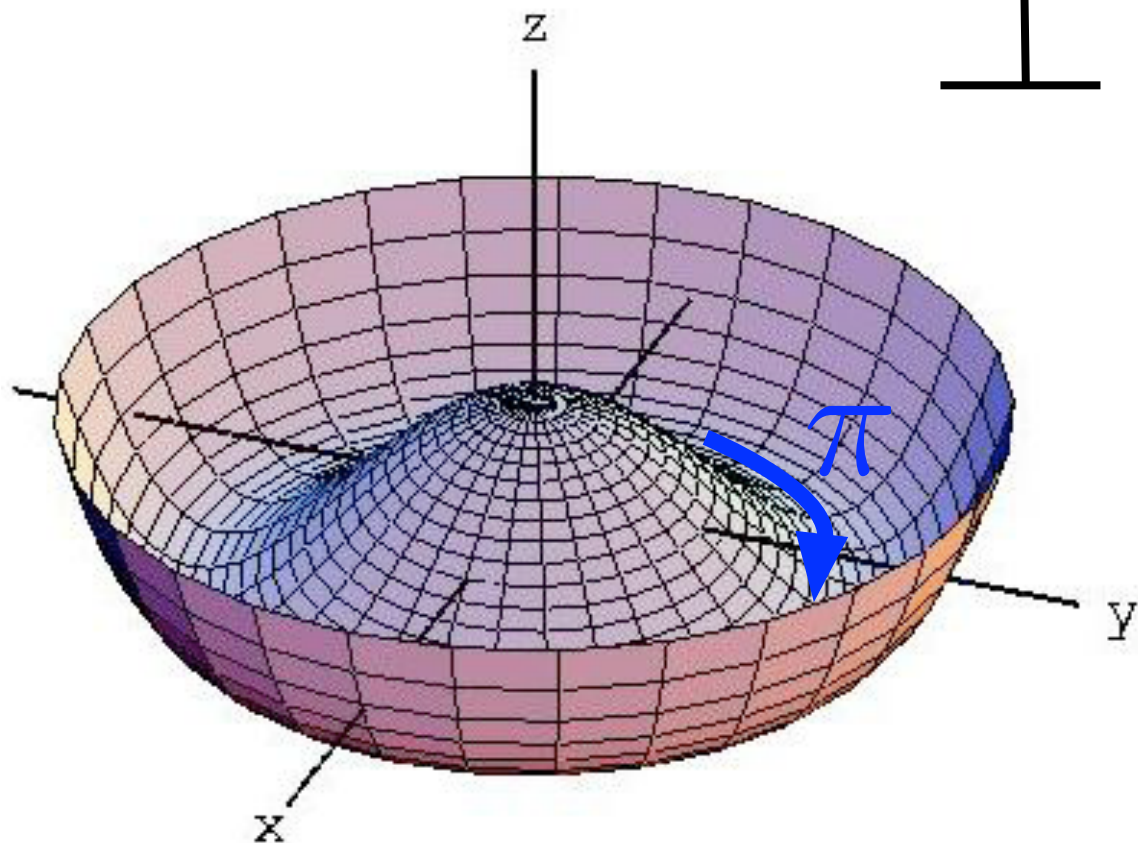
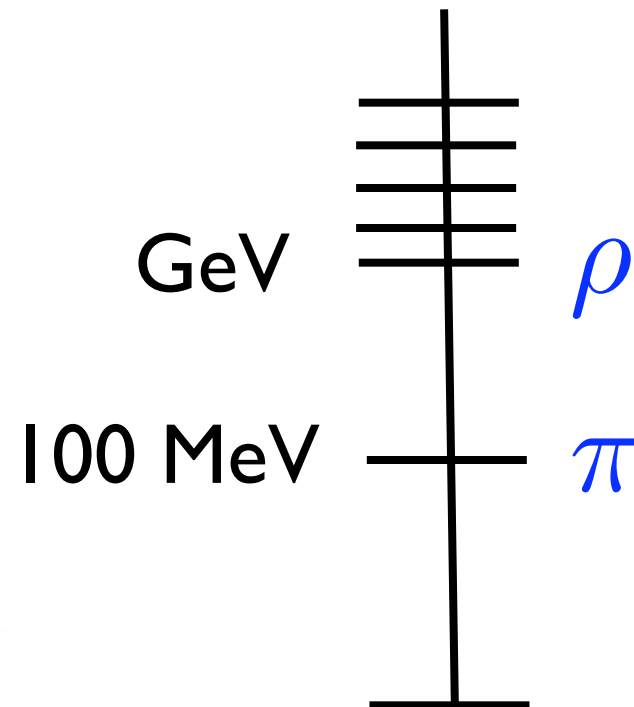


$$g_{hWW}^2 + g_{HWW}^2 = g_{hWW}^{\text{SM}^2} \Rightarrow g_{hWW}, g_{HWW} < g_{hWW}^{\text{SM}}$$

# Composite PGB Higgs

Inspired by QCD where one observes that the (pseudo) scalars are the lightest states

Spectrum:



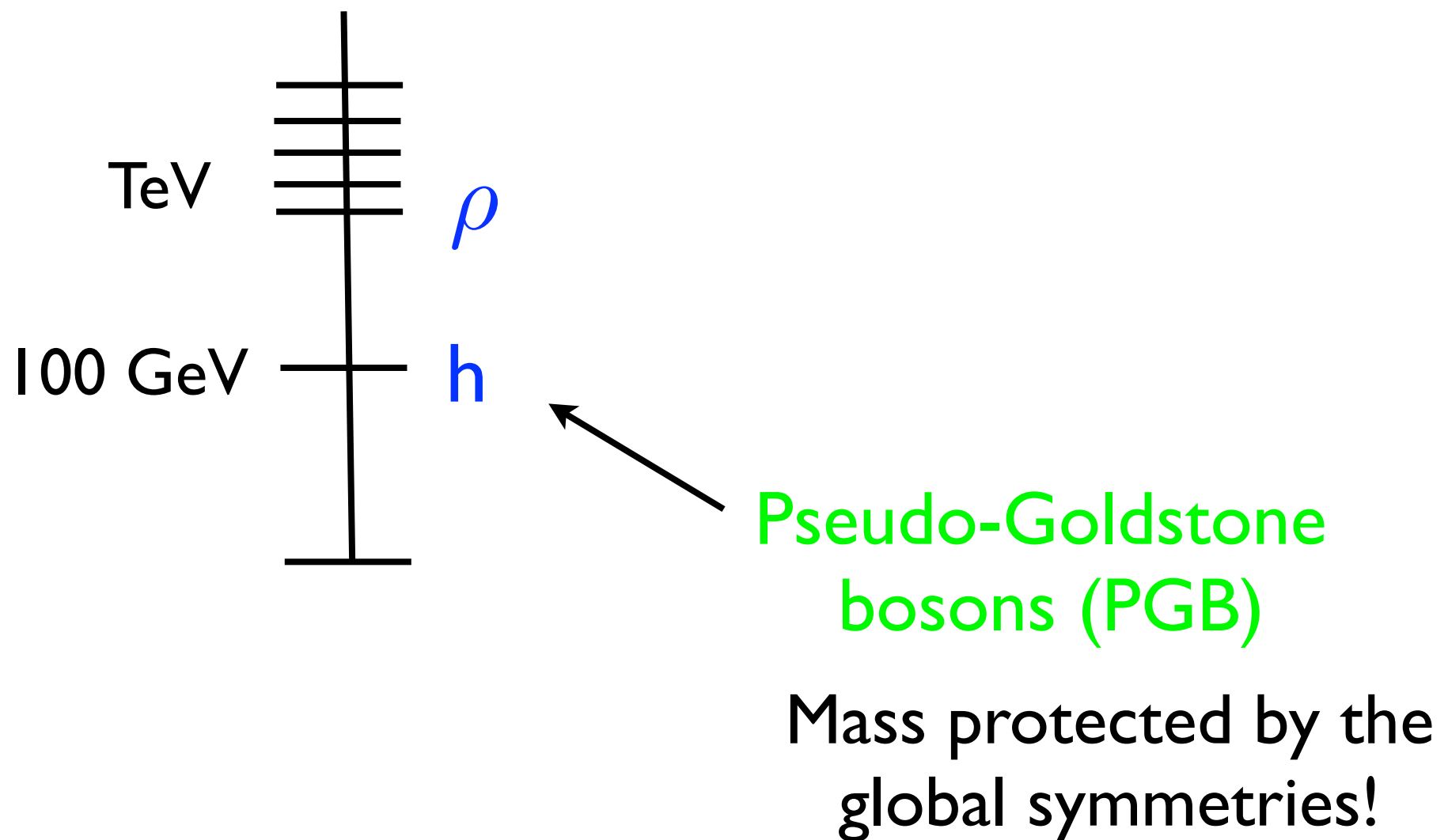
Are Pseudo-Goldstone bosons (PGB)

Mass protected by the global QCD symmetry!

$$\pi \rightarrow \pi + \alpha$$

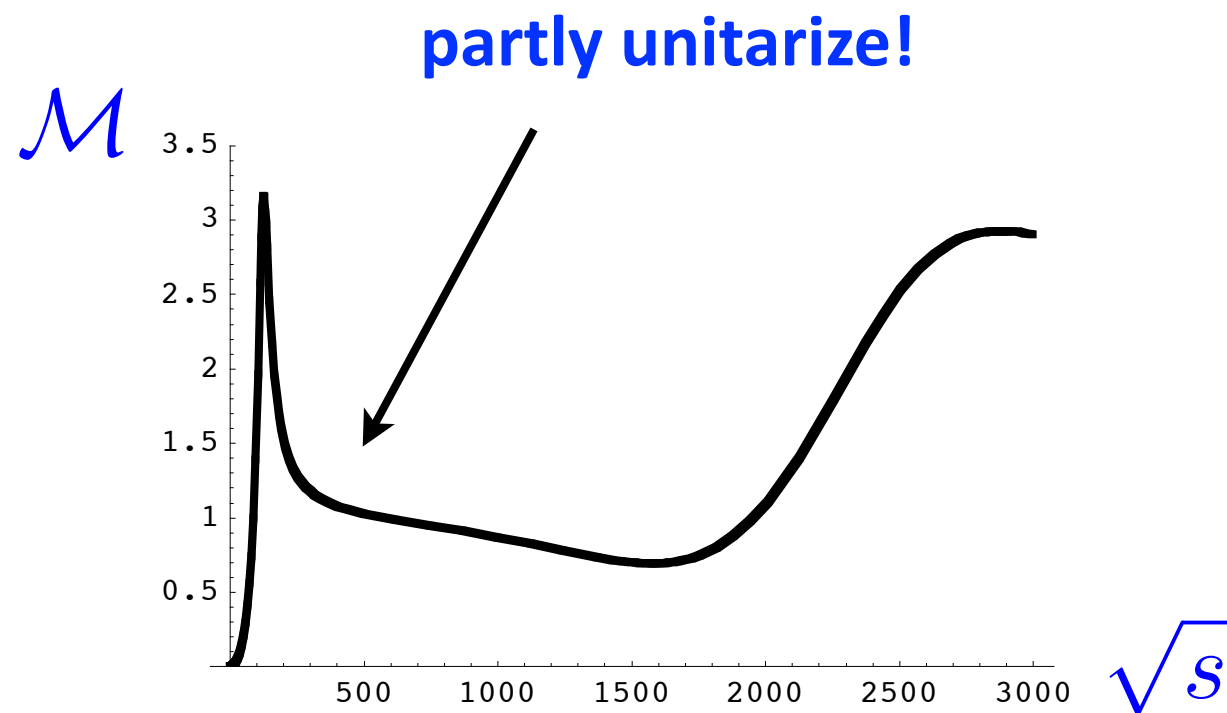
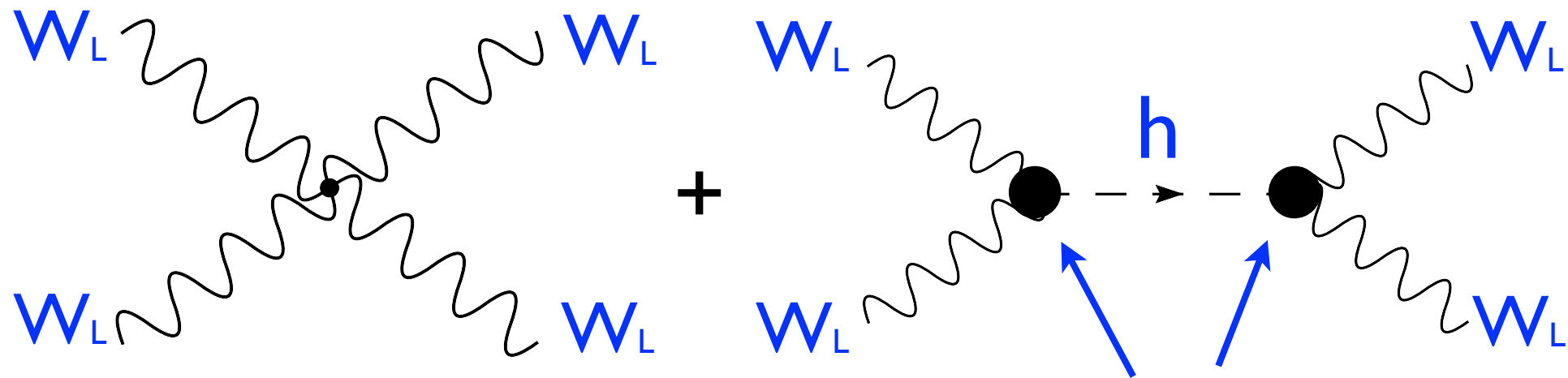
# The light Higgs can be a kind of pion from a new strong sector

The spectrum of the new strong sector could be:



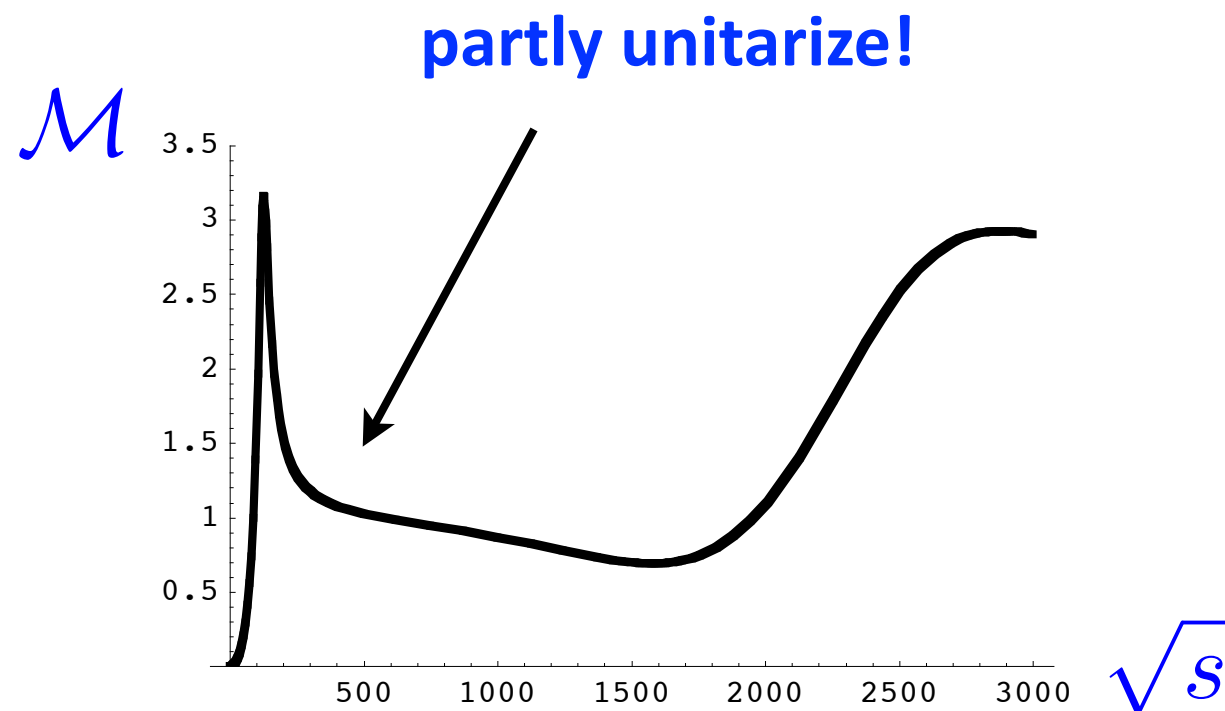
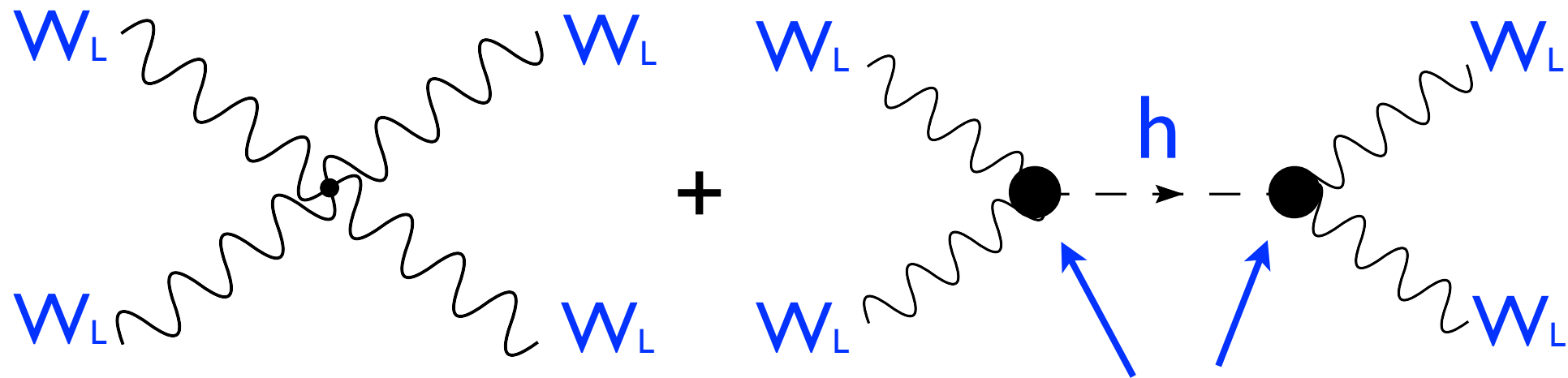


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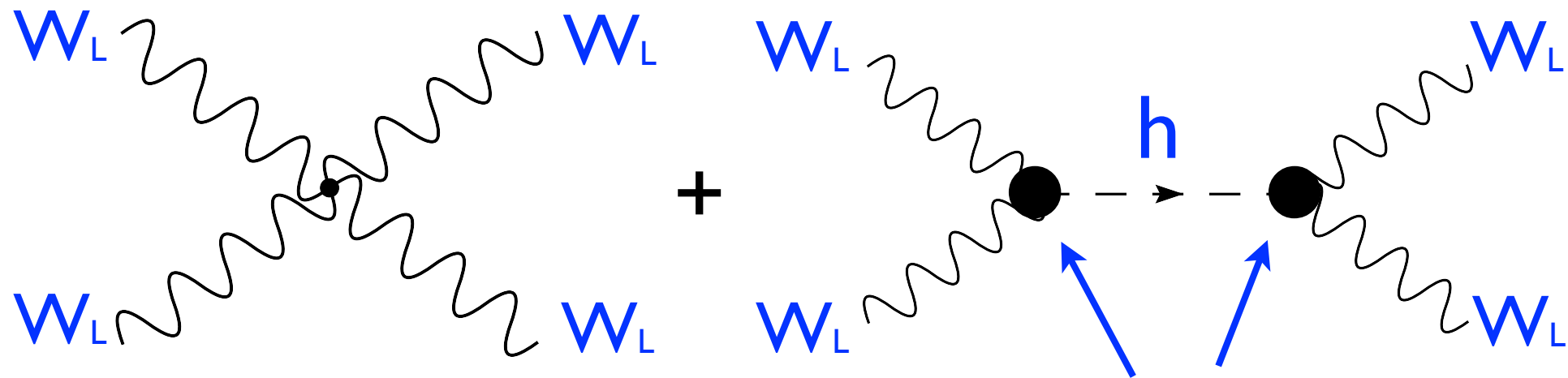


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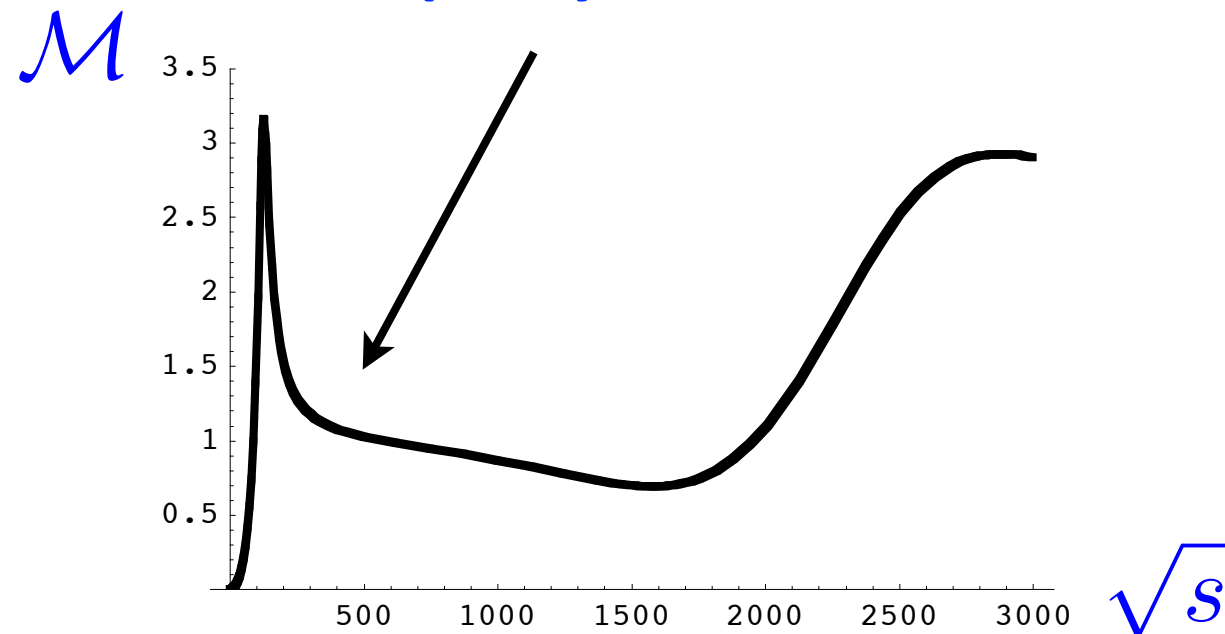
A **Composite Higgs**  
only partly  
does the job of a **true** Higgs

➡ A kind of (mild) impostor

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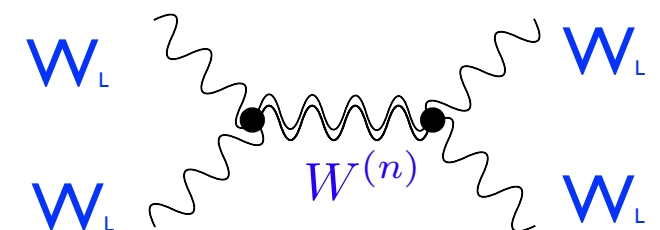


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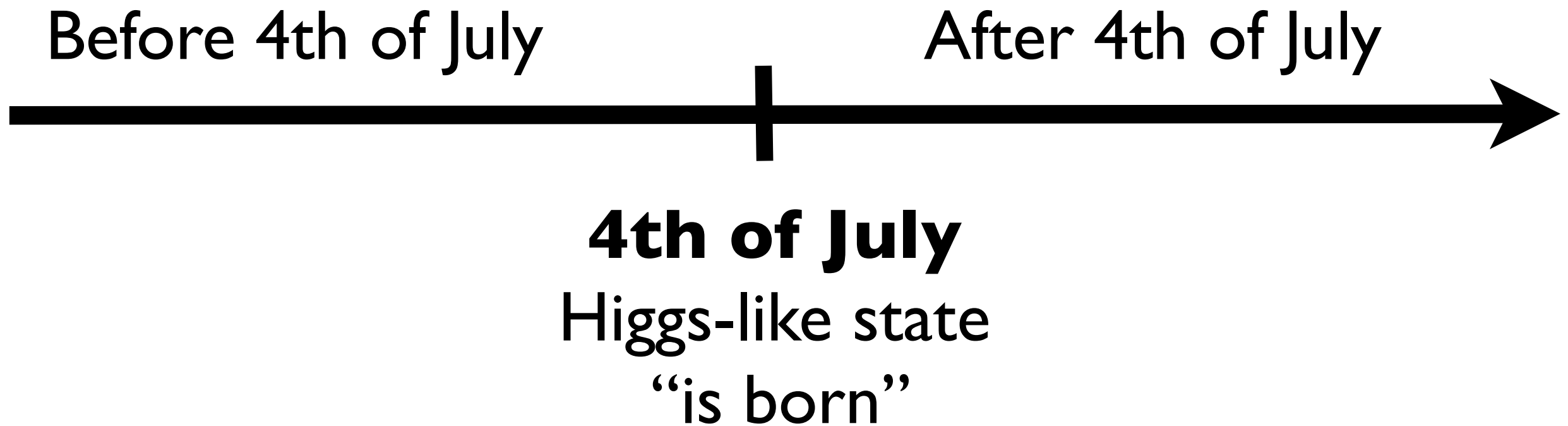
The rest of the **strong sector**  
(states of spin=0,1,2,3,...)  
takes care of the **fully**  
unitarization:



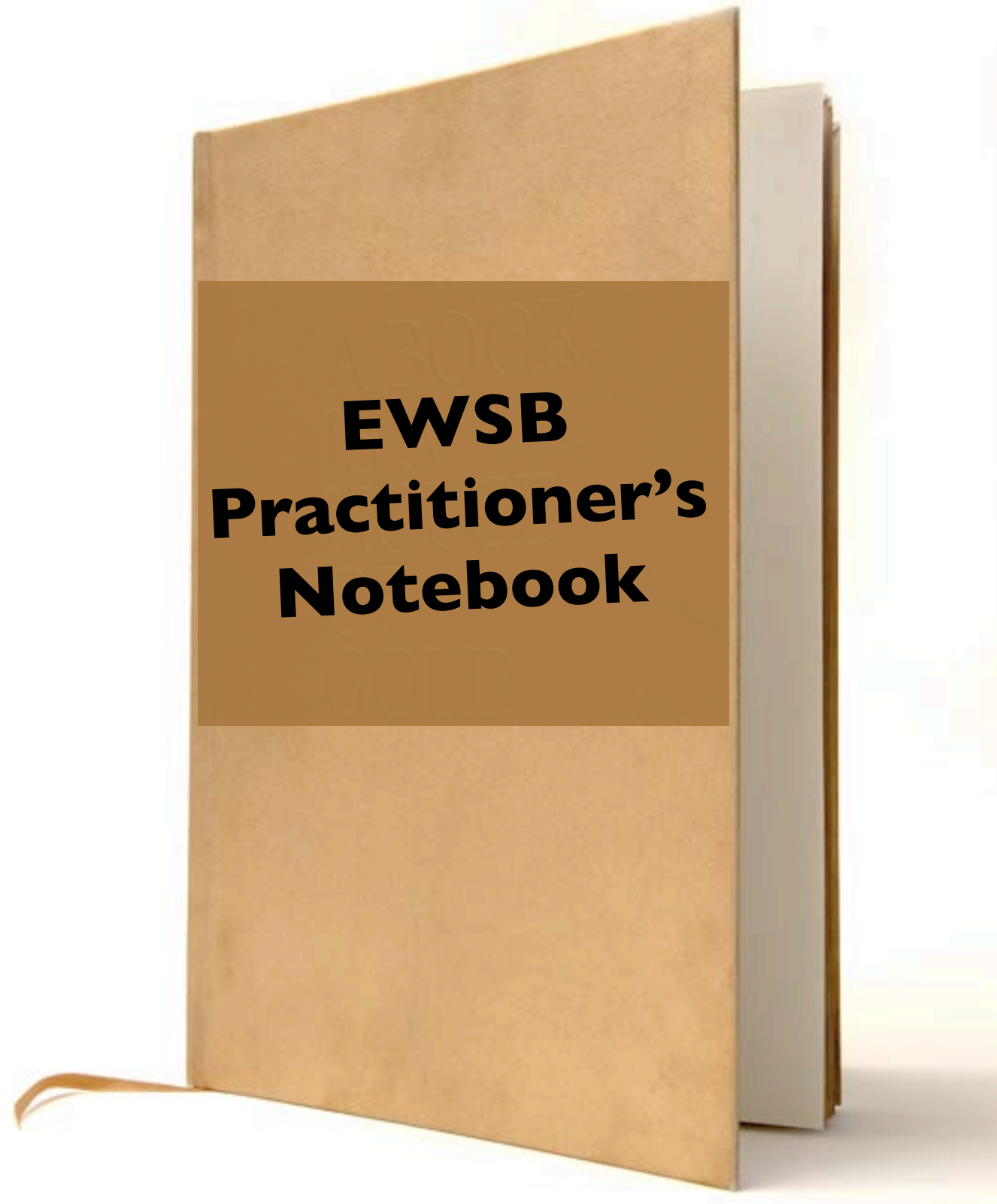
# **What Data tells us?**

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In the new calendar for EWSB practitioners:



**Before the 4th of July 2012**





## T-parameter

A measure of deviations  
on  $M_W^2 - M_Z^2 \cos^2 \theta_W$

Exp (LEP+Tevatron):

$< 0.3 \%$

A custodial  
symmetry is needed:

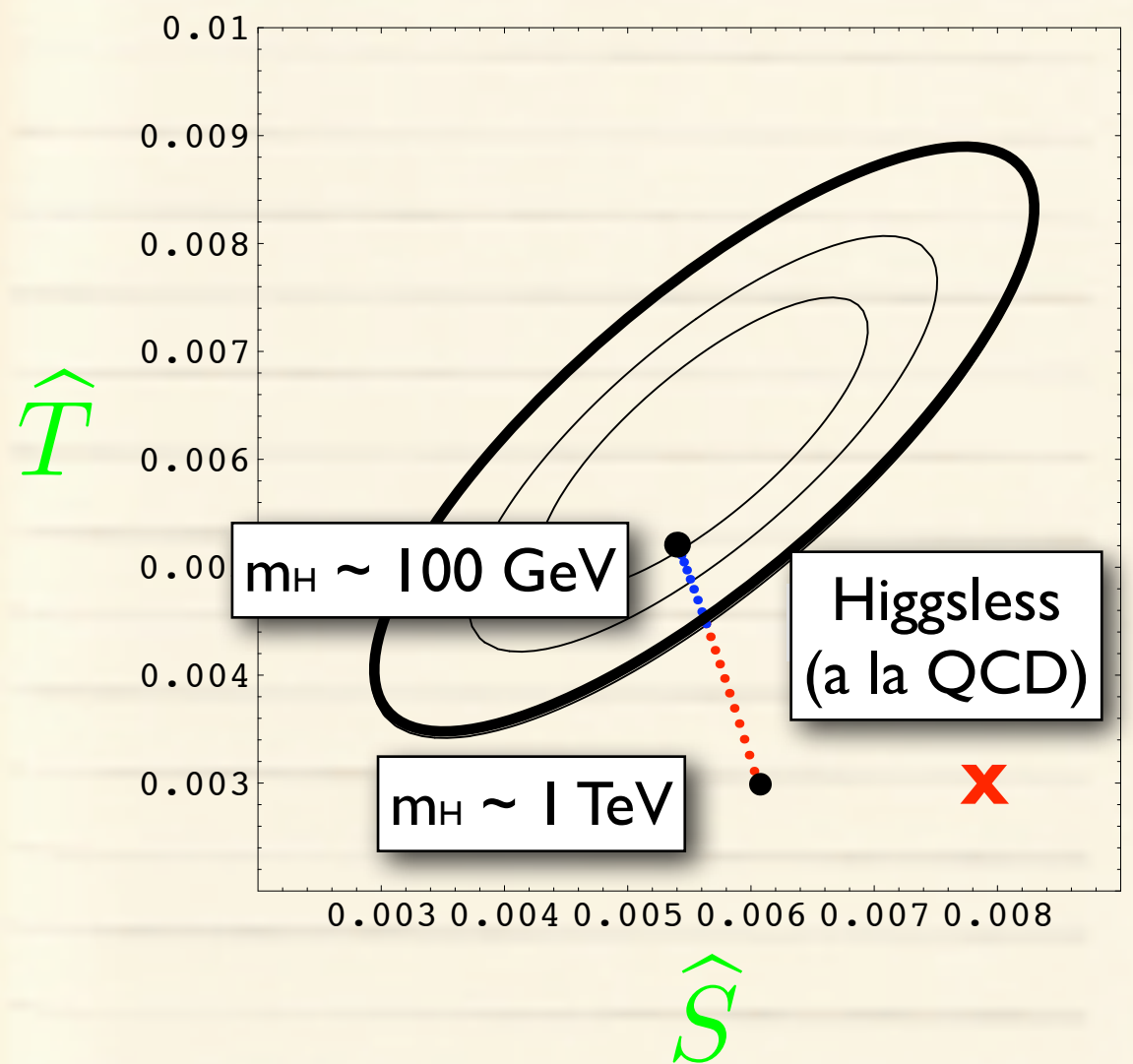
Higgs doublet, **Yes**

Higgs triplet, **No**

...

## S-parameter

A measure of the  
Z $\gamma$ -kinetic mixing

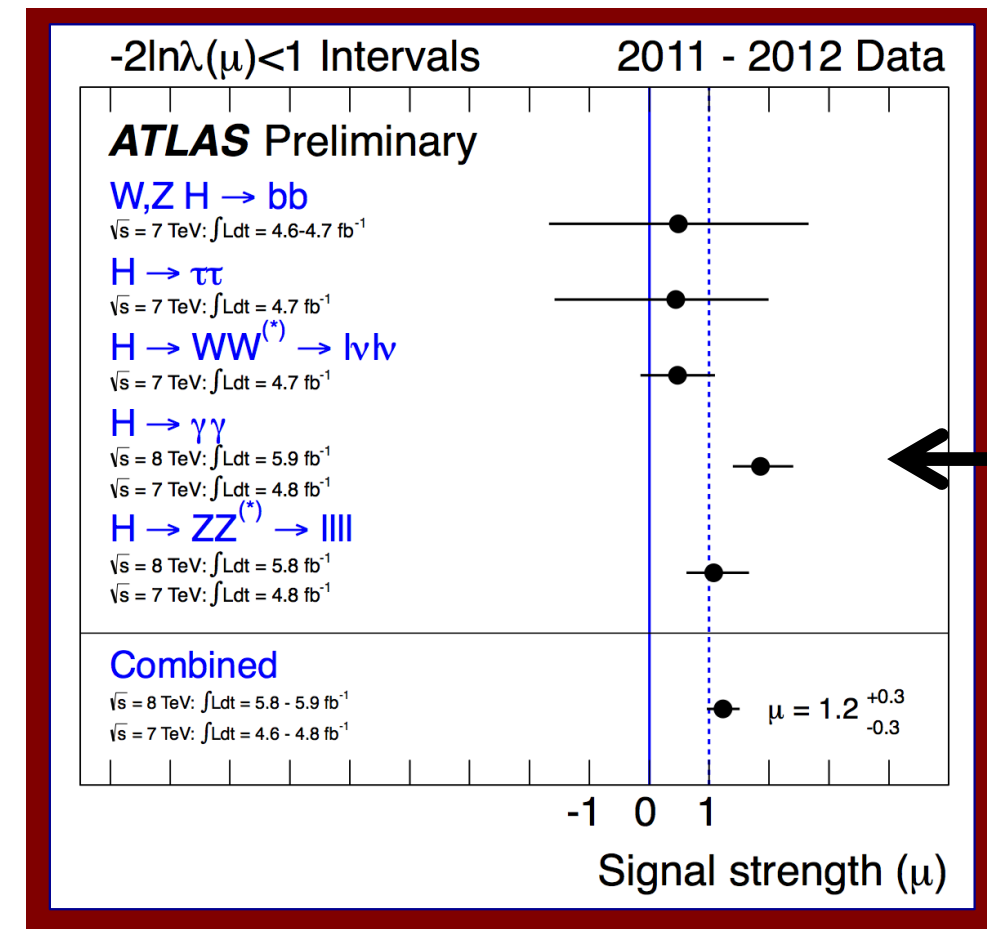
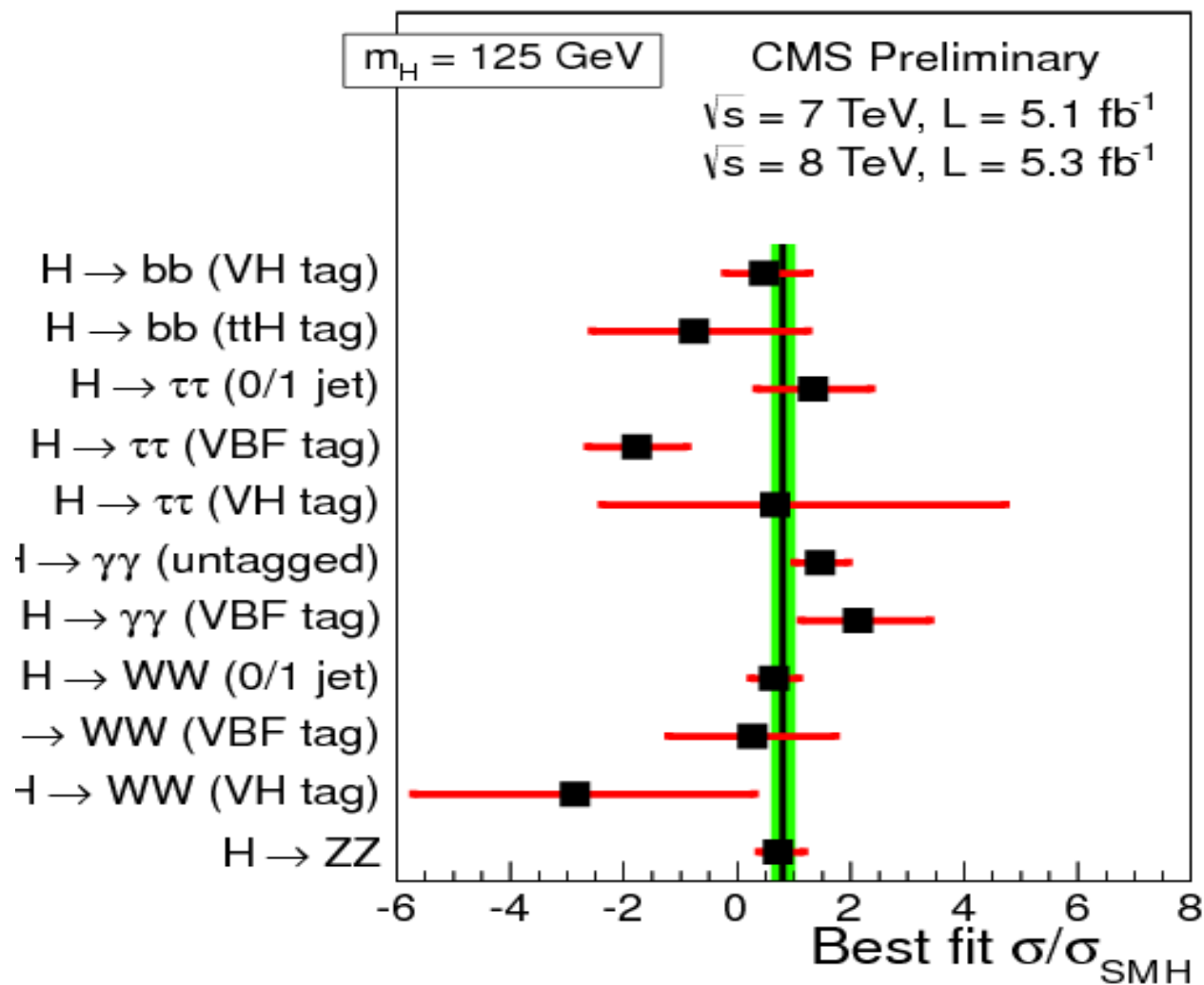


➡ Light Higgs preferred

**After the 4th of July 2012**

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We have a Higgs-like state:

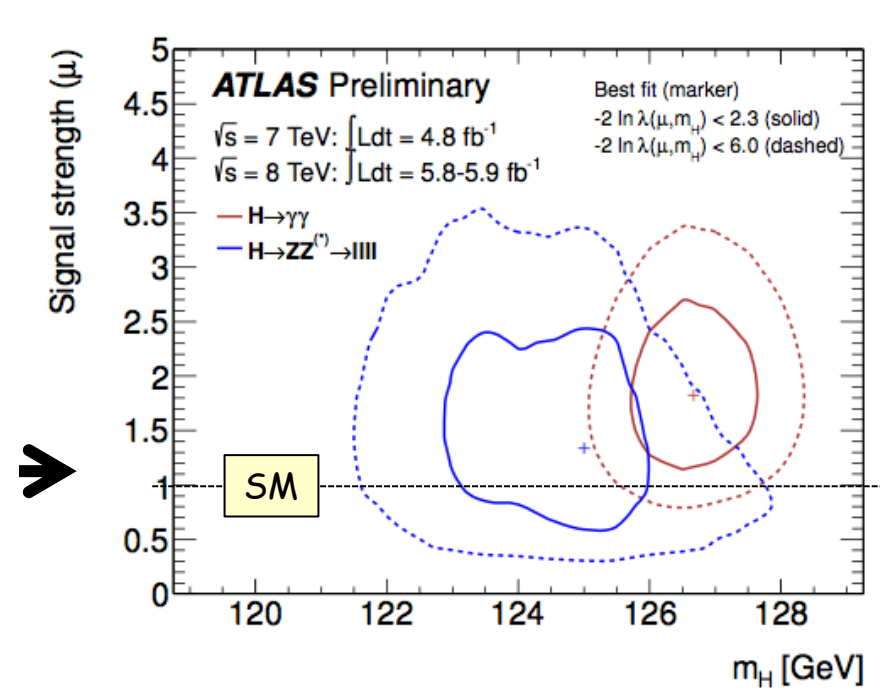


$m_H = 126.5 \text{ GeV}$

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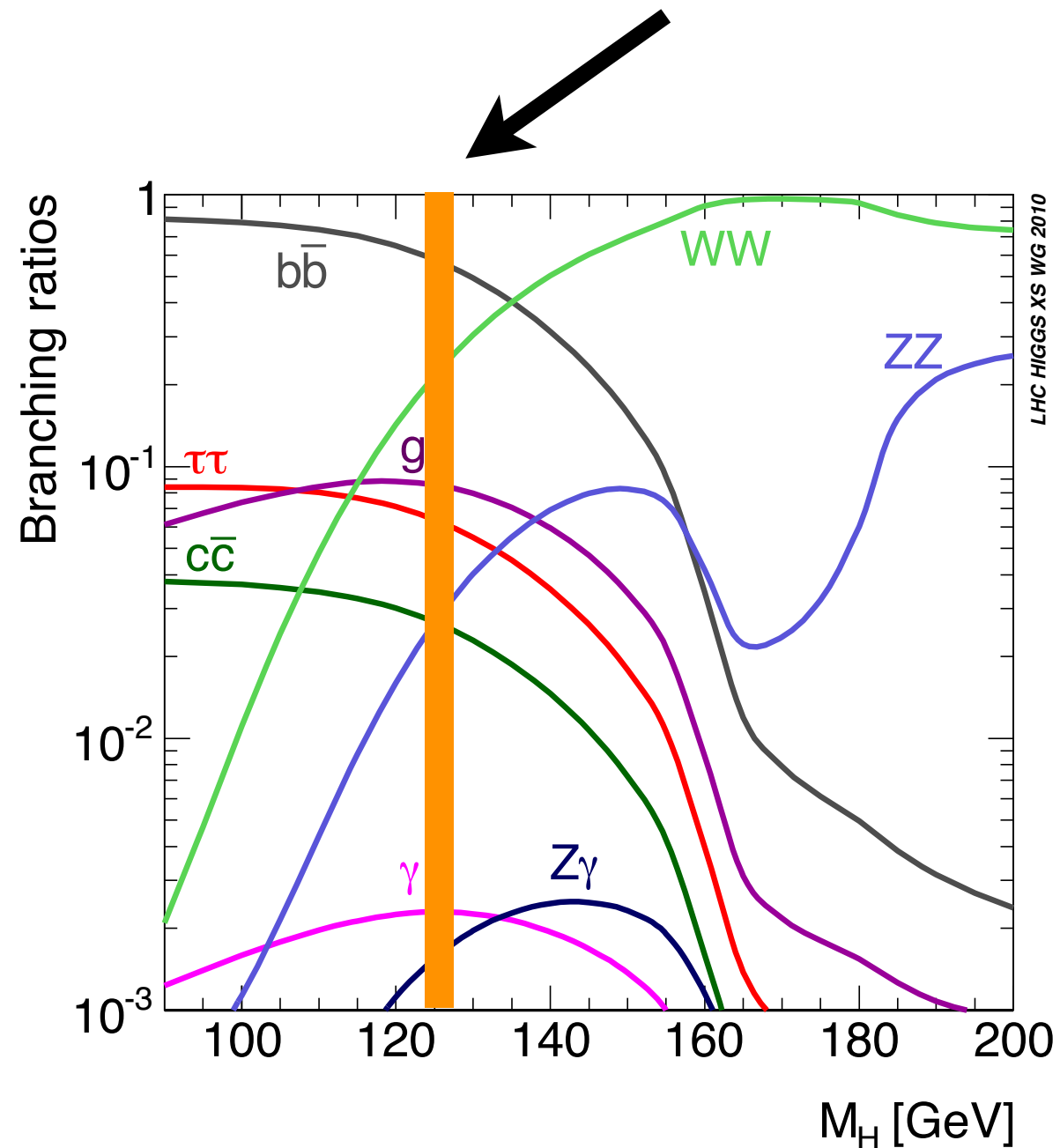
$\searrow$   
 $\sim 0.26$  (perturbative coupling)

Origin of the self-interaction  $\rightarrow$  weakly-coupled theory

# Excellent for experimentalists:

Fabiola Gianotti: “***Nature has been kind to us...***”

Most of decay modes visible:  $m_H \approx 125$  GeV

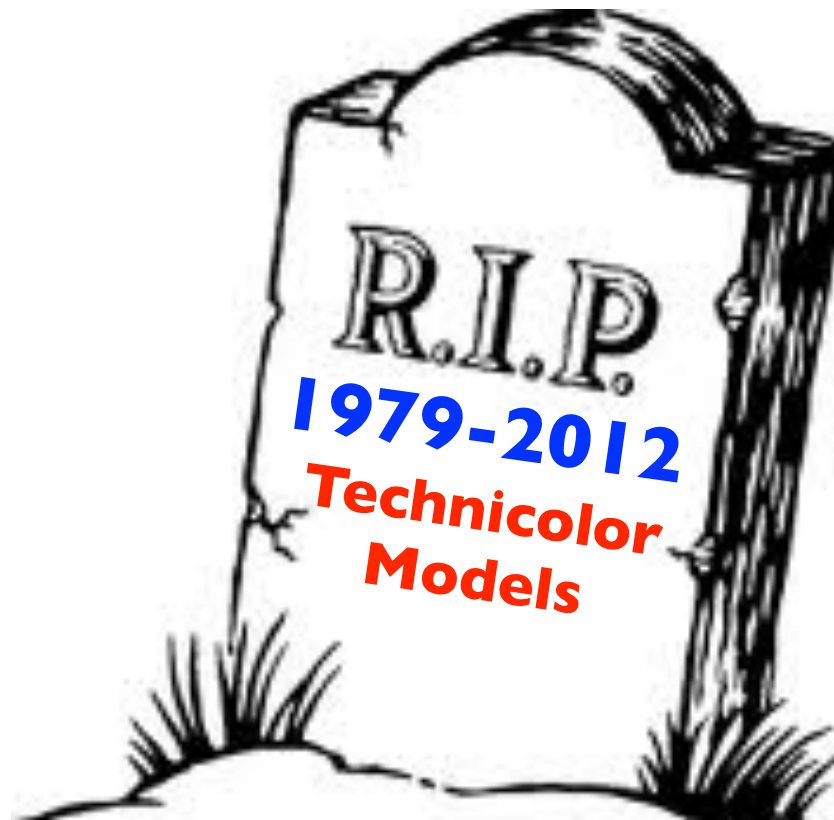




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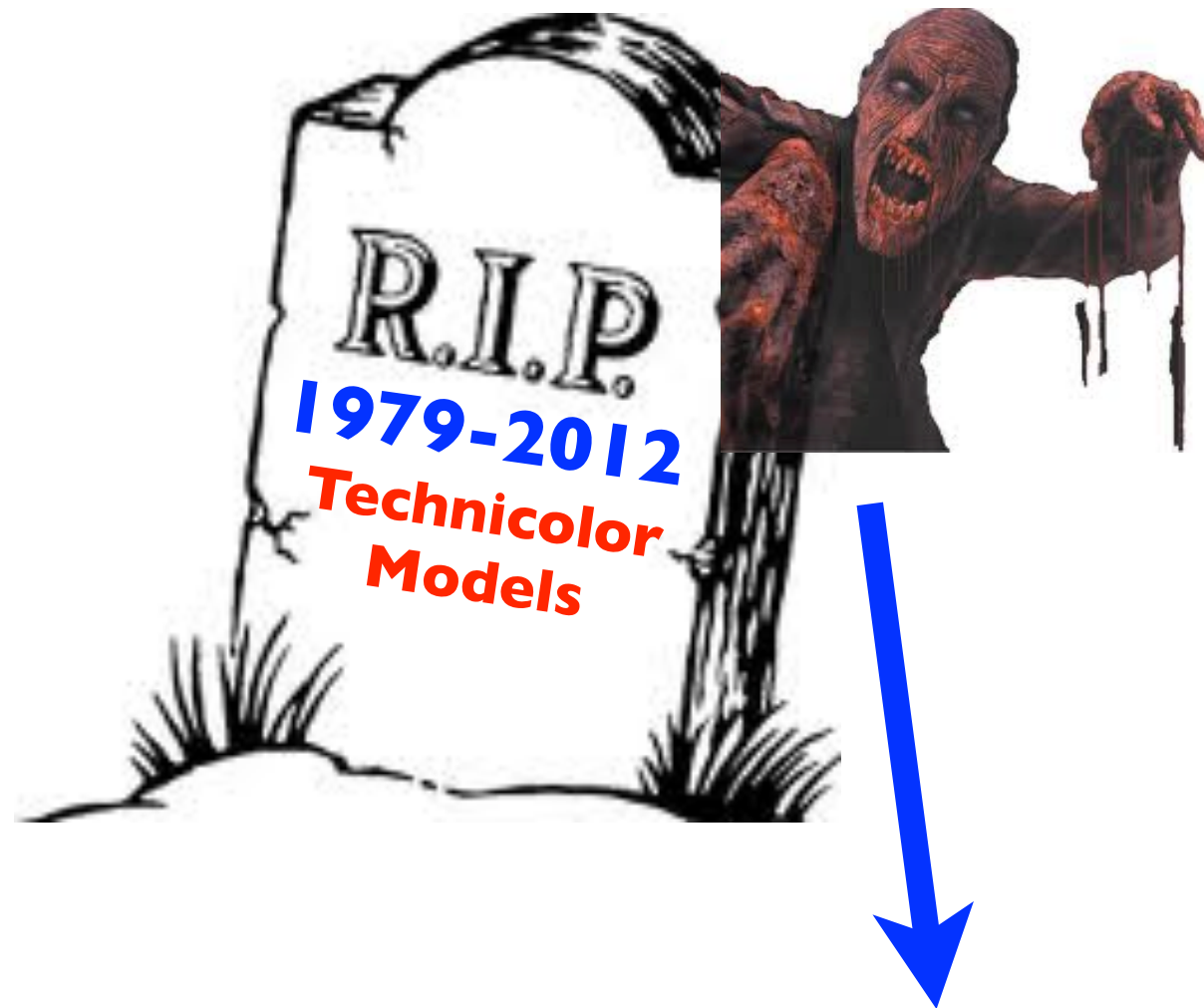
Specially for fans of **Higgsless models:**



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It is *not unconceivable* that a light **dilaton** appears  
in Higgsless theories

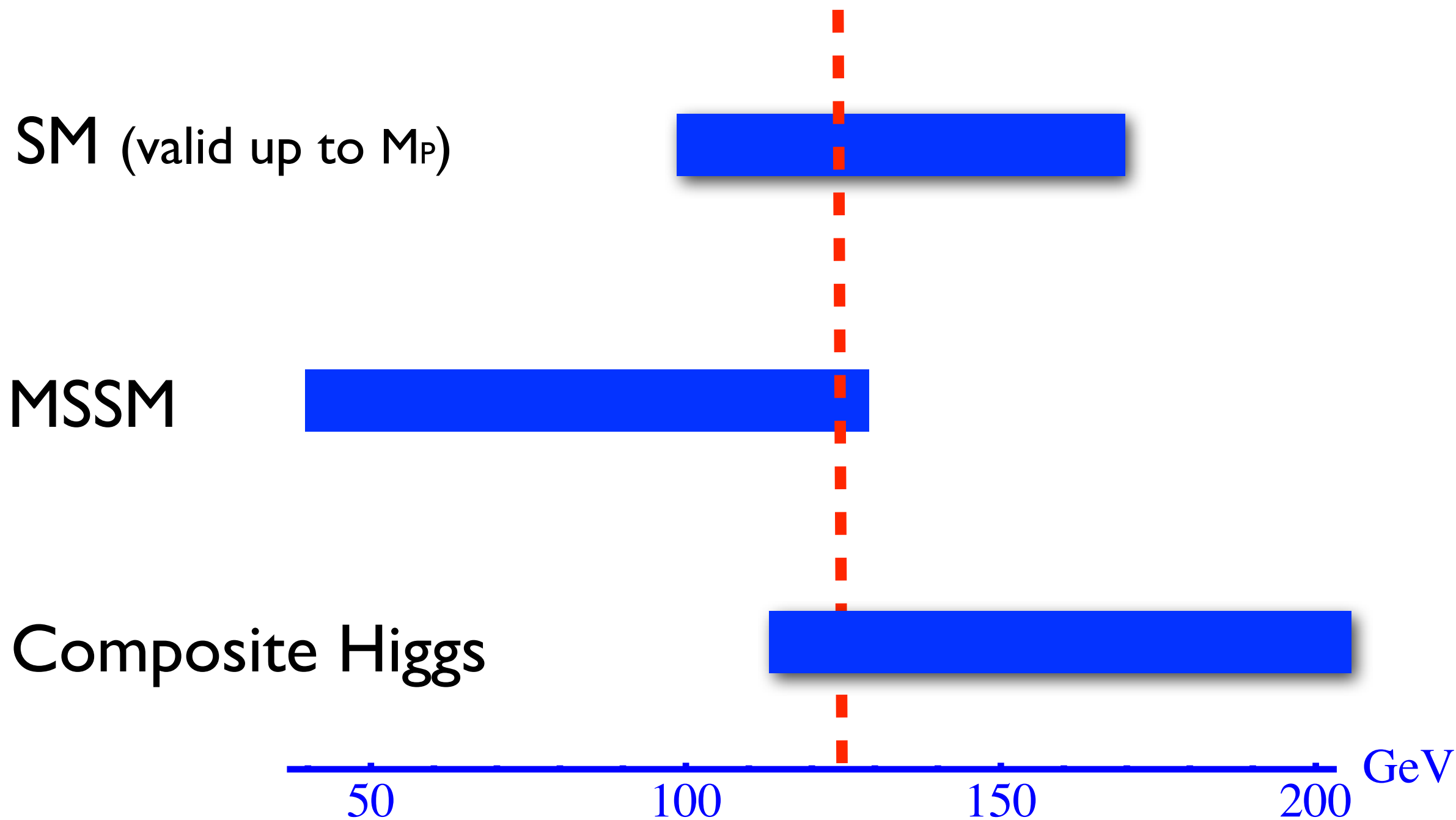


**Dilaton**

(Goldstone of the spontaneous breaking of scale invariance)

Couples as a Higgs up to an overall scale → **A Higgs impostor**

# Higgs mass range



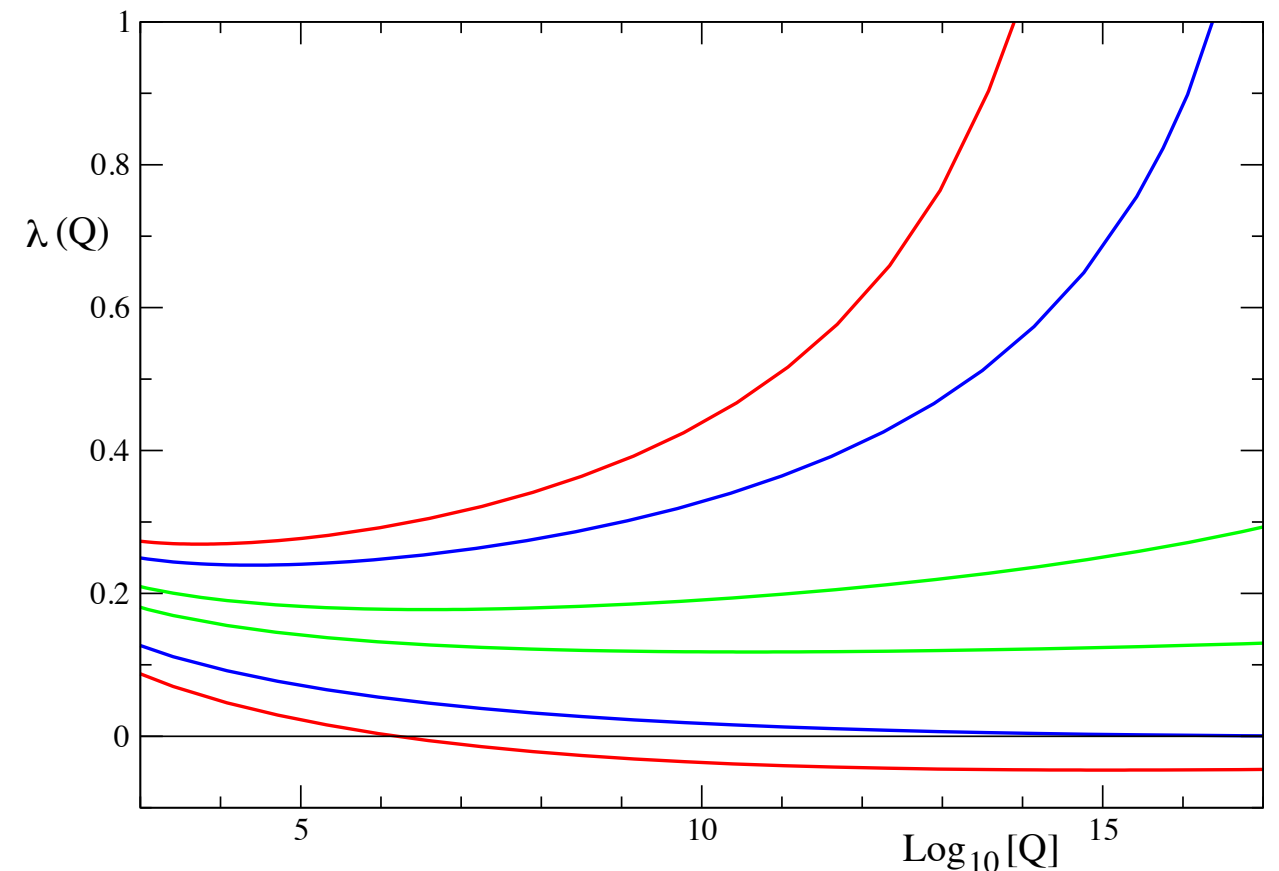
**125 GeV SM Higgs**



In the SM:

$$m_H^2 = \lambda v^2$$

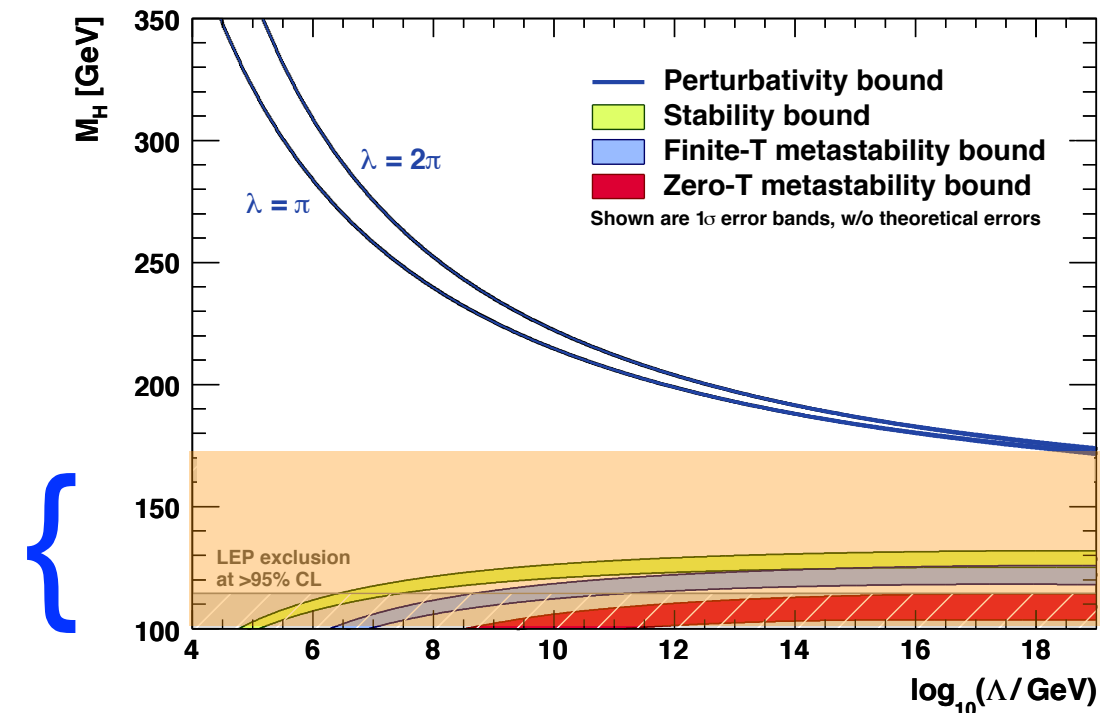
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from Phys.Lett. B679 (2009) 369

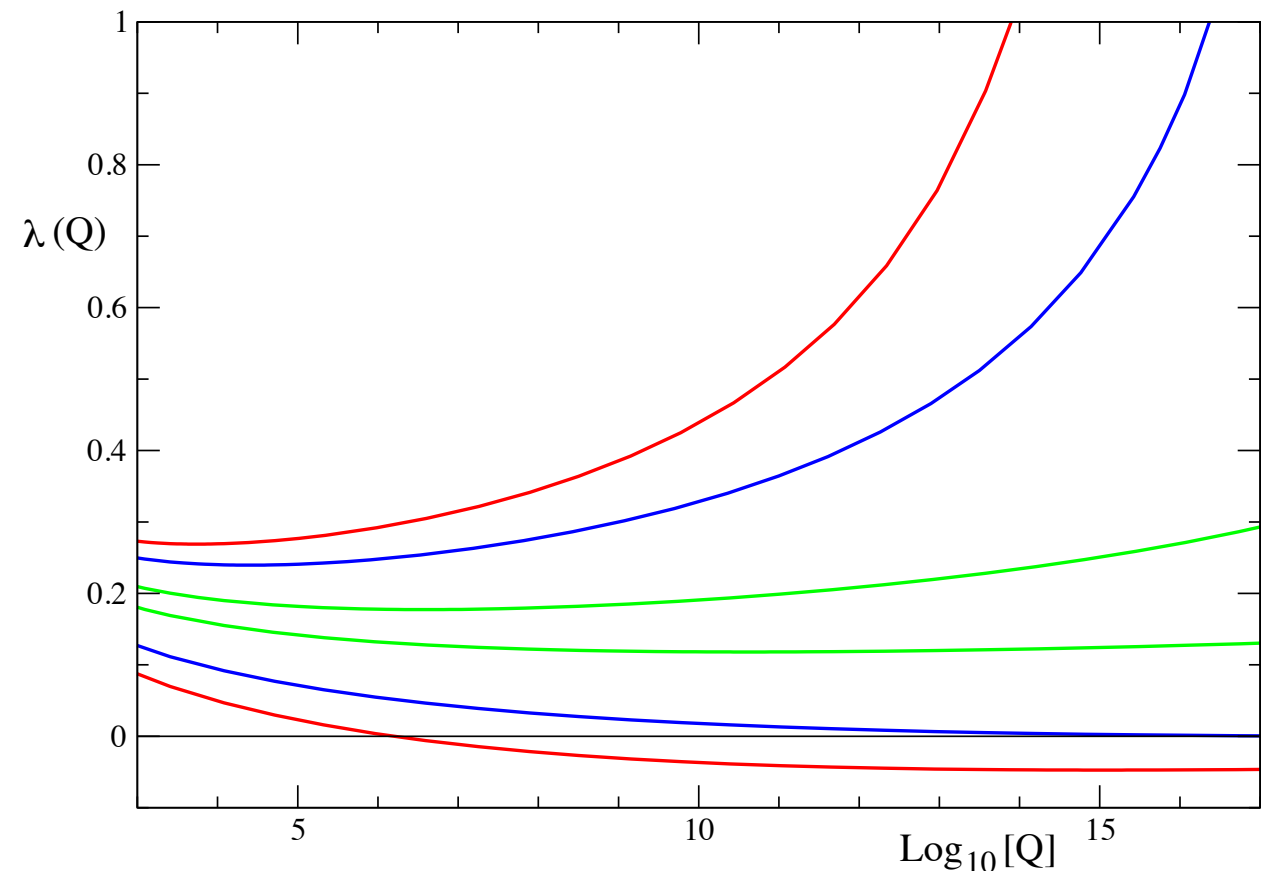
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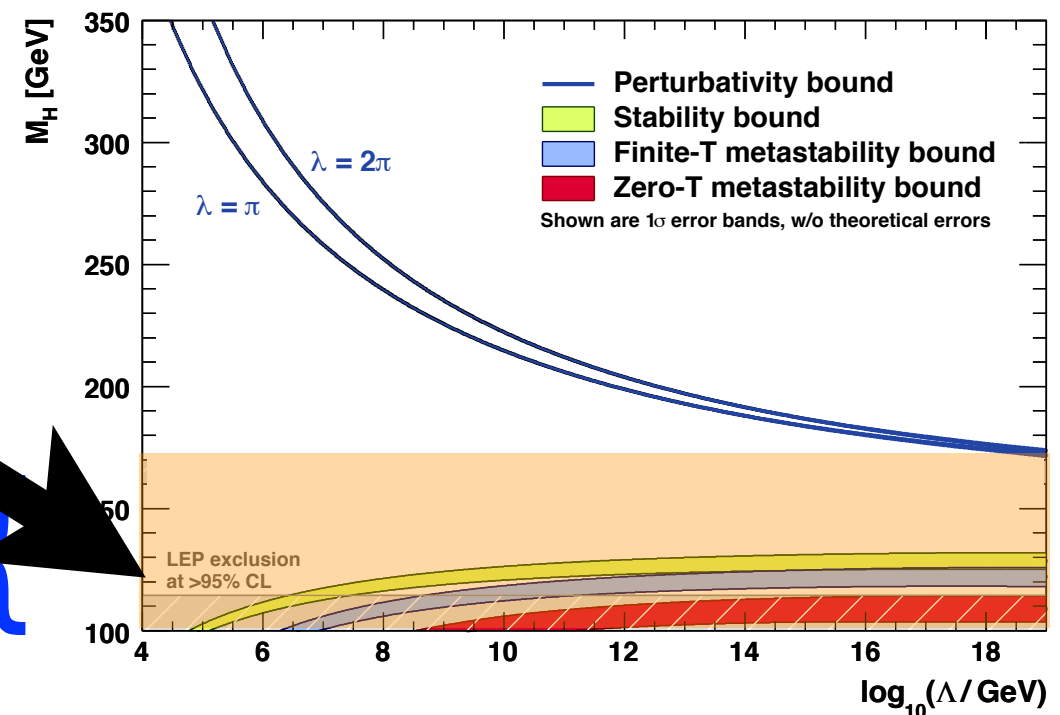


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**A 125 GeV Higgs is  
in this window!**

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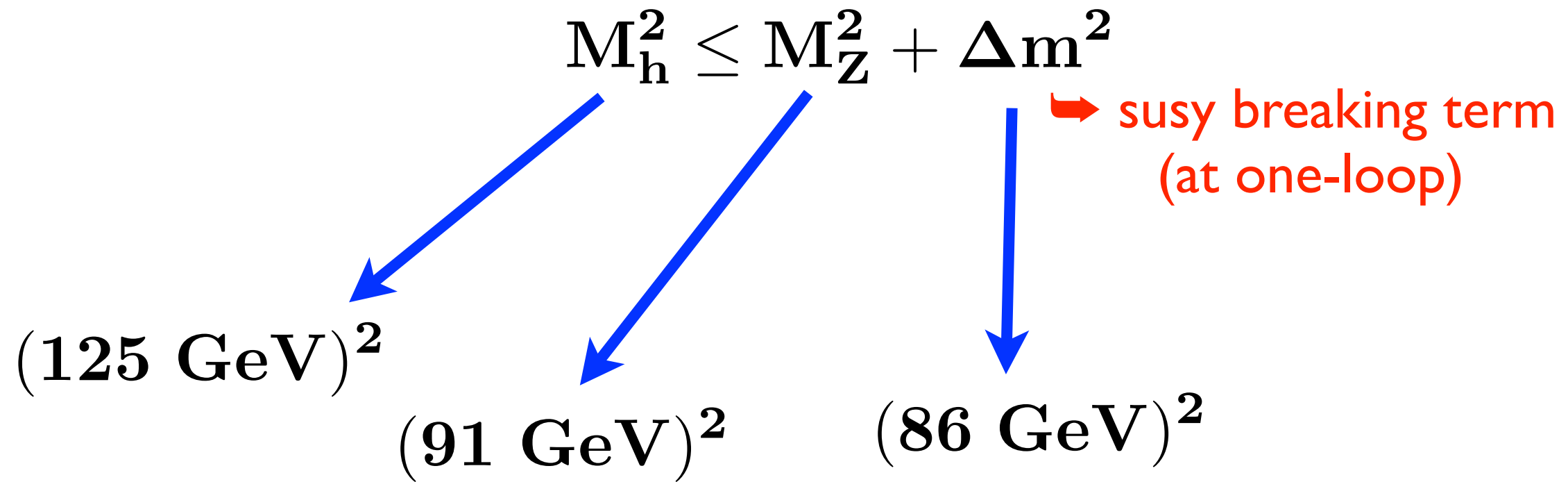
**125 GeV MSSM Higgs**

## In the MSSM:

$$M_h^2 \leq M_Z^2 + \Delta m^2$$

$\rightarrow$  susy breaking term  
(at one-loop)

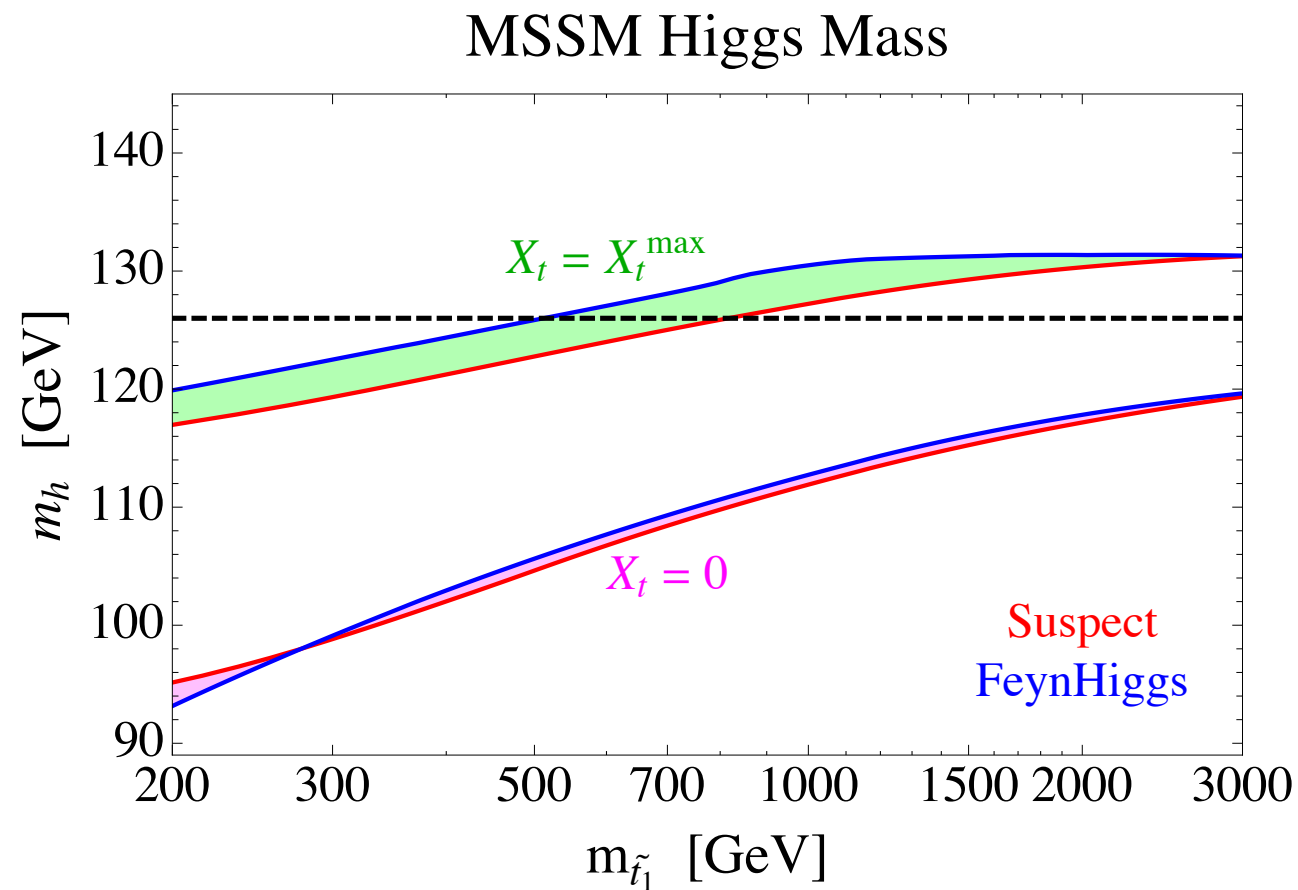
$(125 \text{ GeV})^2$        $(91 \text{ GeV})^2$        $(86 \text{ GeV})^2$



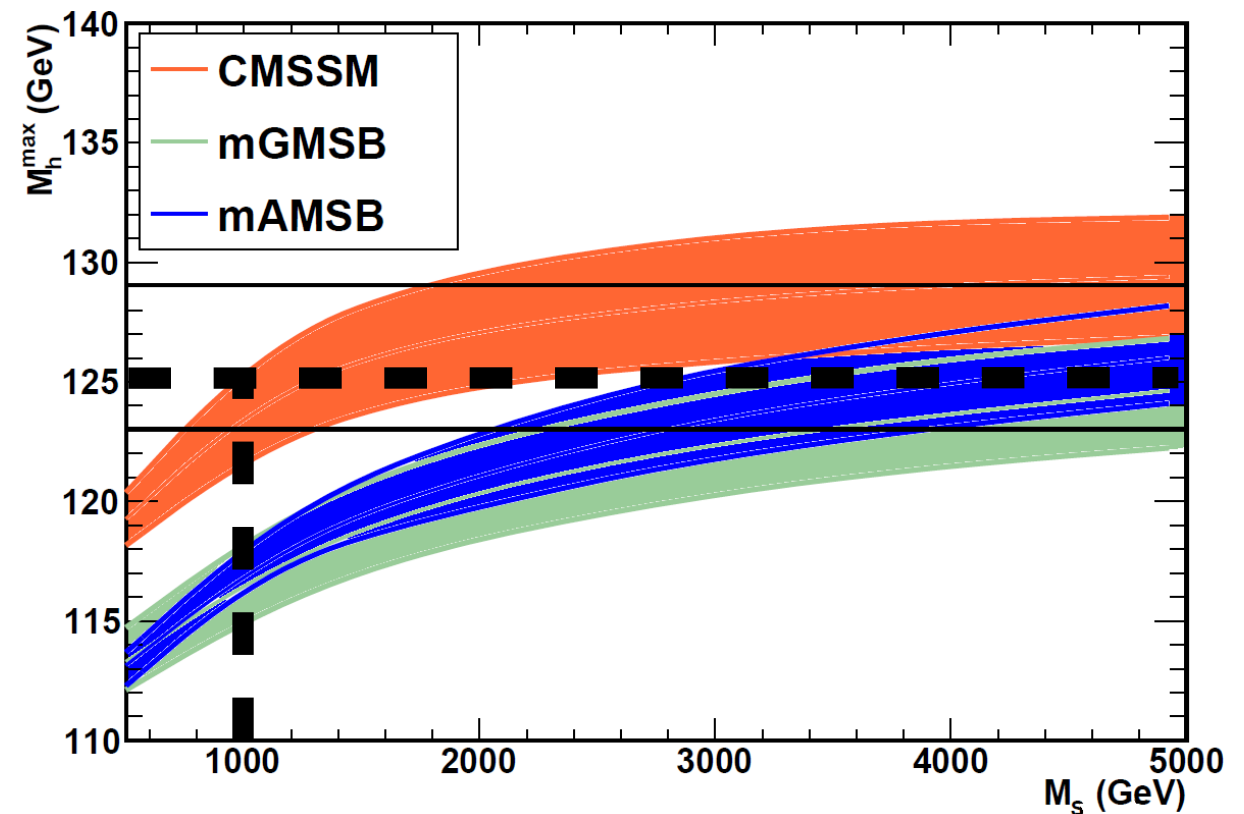
both have similar size:  
Susy must be “badly” broken!

The Higgs bodyguards, the stops, are not so close to the Higgs

from JHEP 1204 (2012) 131



from arXiv:1207.1348



Very heavy stops (beyond LHC reach)  
or large susy-breaking trilinear terms  
➡ **The MSSM is becoming unnatural**  
(>99% parameter space excluded)

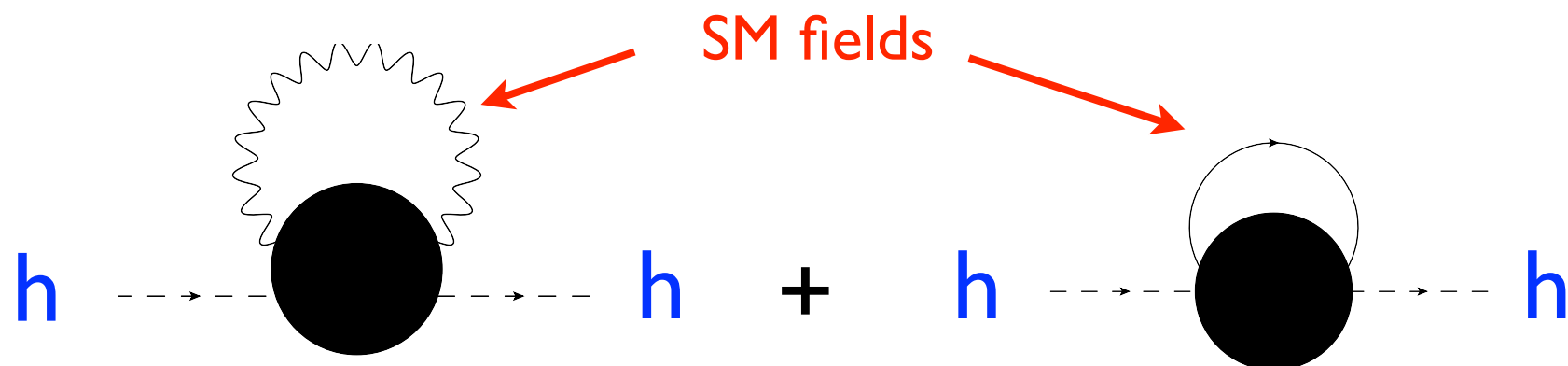
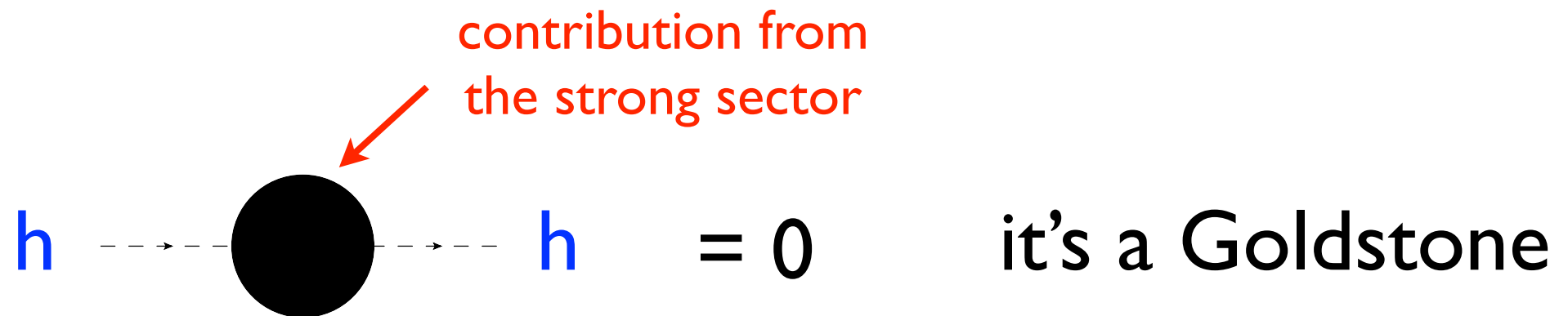
**Directions to go** (see Sundrum's Talk):

**Beyond the MSSM:**

- ▶ Extra states (singlets): **NMSSM**
- ▶ New sources of Susy breaking

# **125 GeV Composite PGB Higgs**

**Light Higgs** since its mass arises from one loop  
(explicit breaking of the global symmetry  
due to the SM couplings):



➔ 
$$V(h) = \frac{g_{SM}^2 m_\rho^2}{16\pi^2} h^2 + \dots$$

Difficult to get predictions  
due to the intractable  
**strong** dynamics!

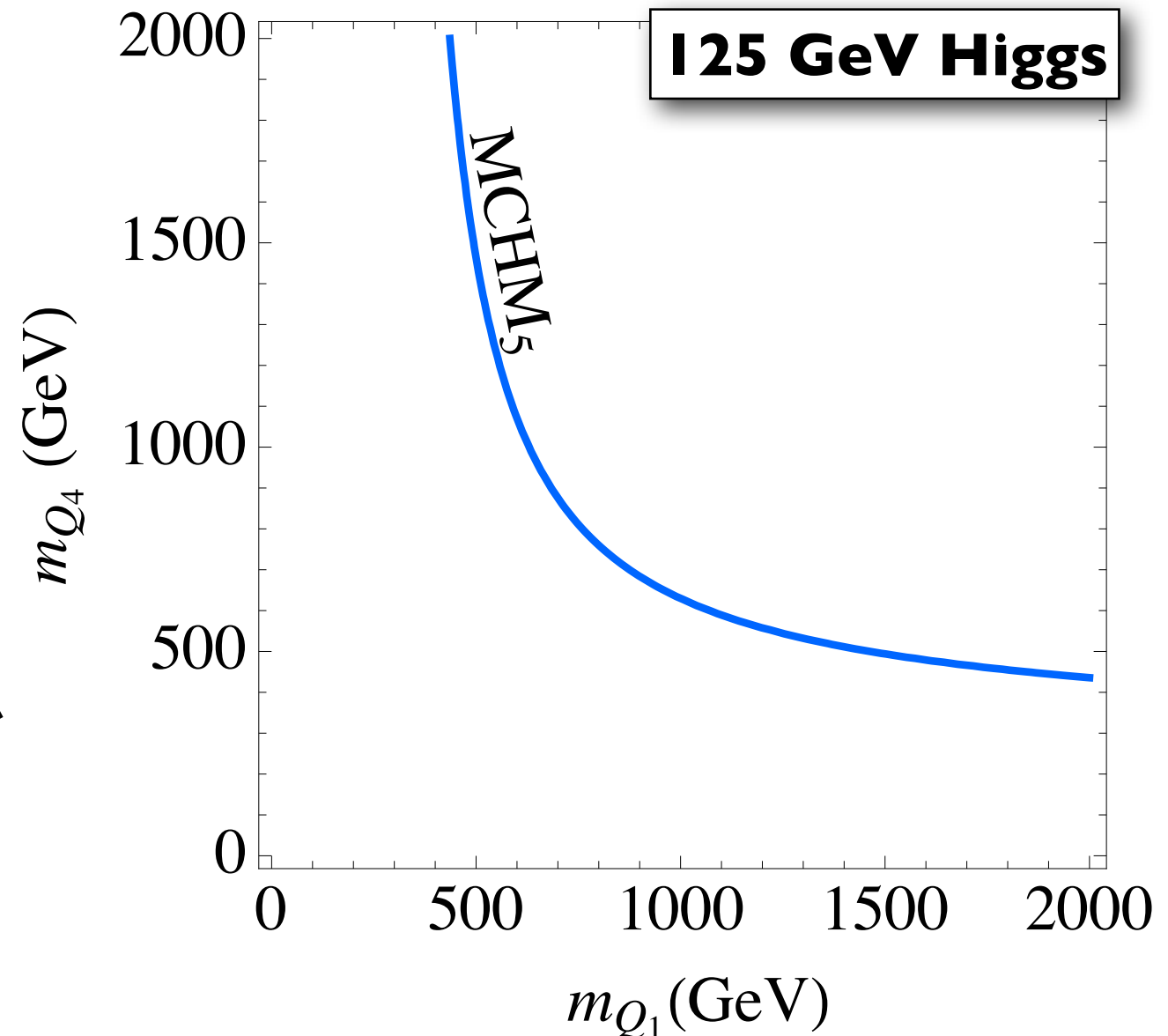


Using similar techniques as in the 60s (Das et al 67)  
to calculate the charged pion mass, one obtains (in the minimal model):

$$m_h^2 \simeq \frac{N_c}{\pi^2} \left[ \frac{m_t^2}{f^2} \frac{m_{Q_4}^2 m_{Q_1}^2}{m_{Q_1}^2 - m_{Q_4}^2} \log \left( \frac{m_{Q_1}^2}{m_{Q_4}^2} \right) \right]$$

arXiv:1205.0770  
arXiv:1205.6434  
see also  
arXiv:1204.6333  
arXiv:1205.0232

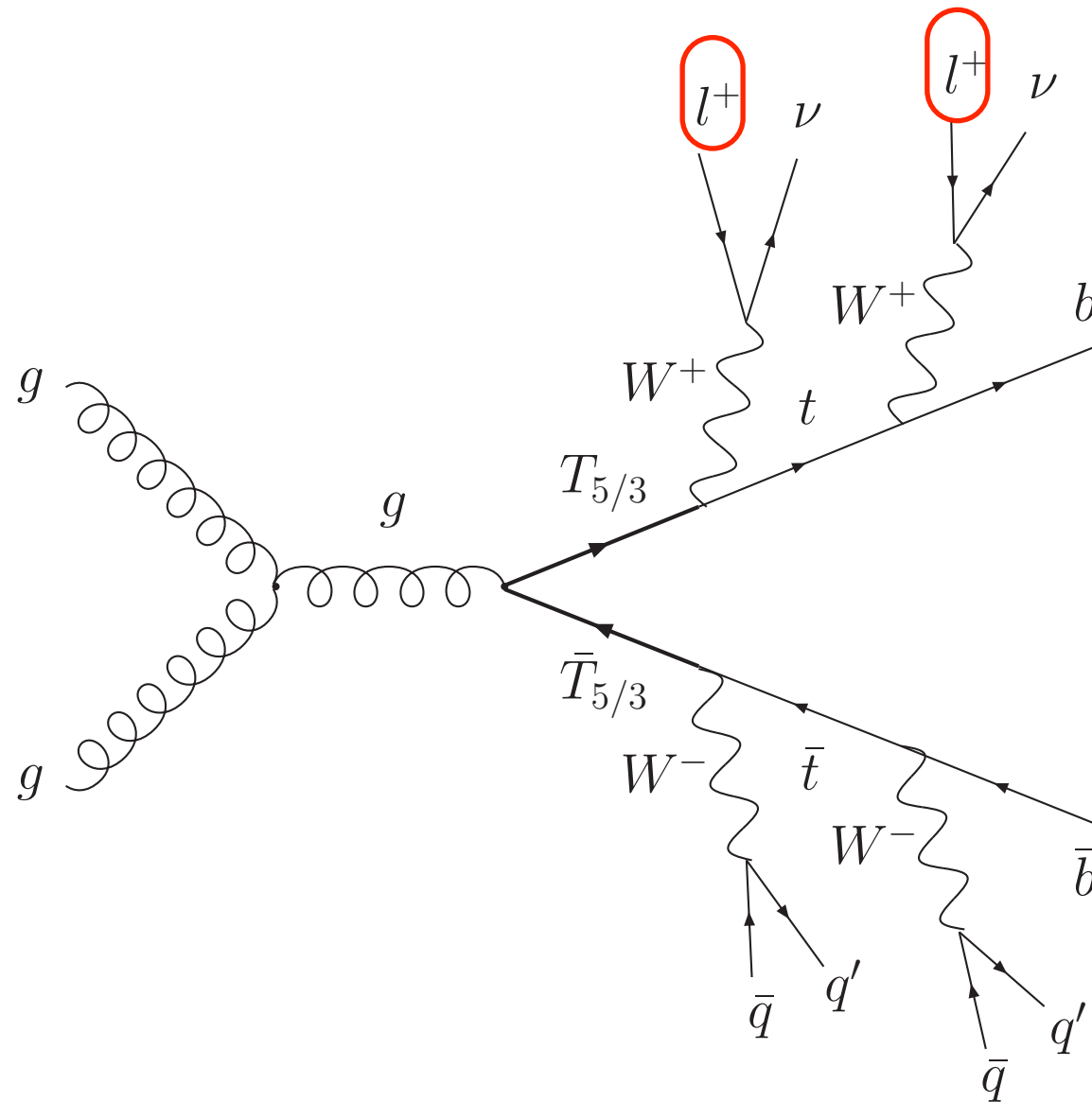
mass of color vector-like fermions  
with EM charges **5/3, 2/3, -1/3**



Fermion resonances  
around 500-700 GeV

# Color vector-like fermions with charge 5/3:

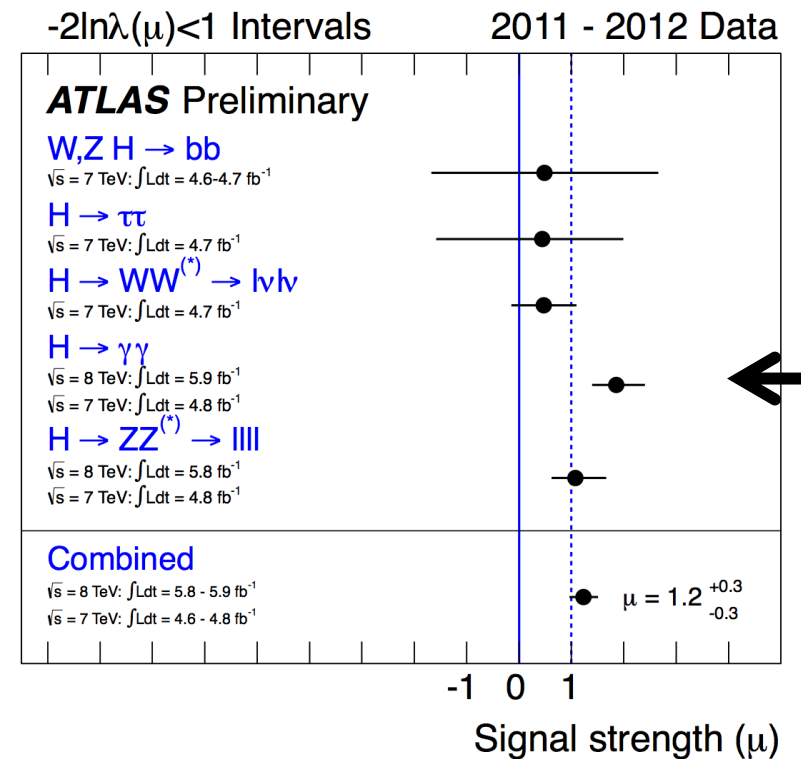
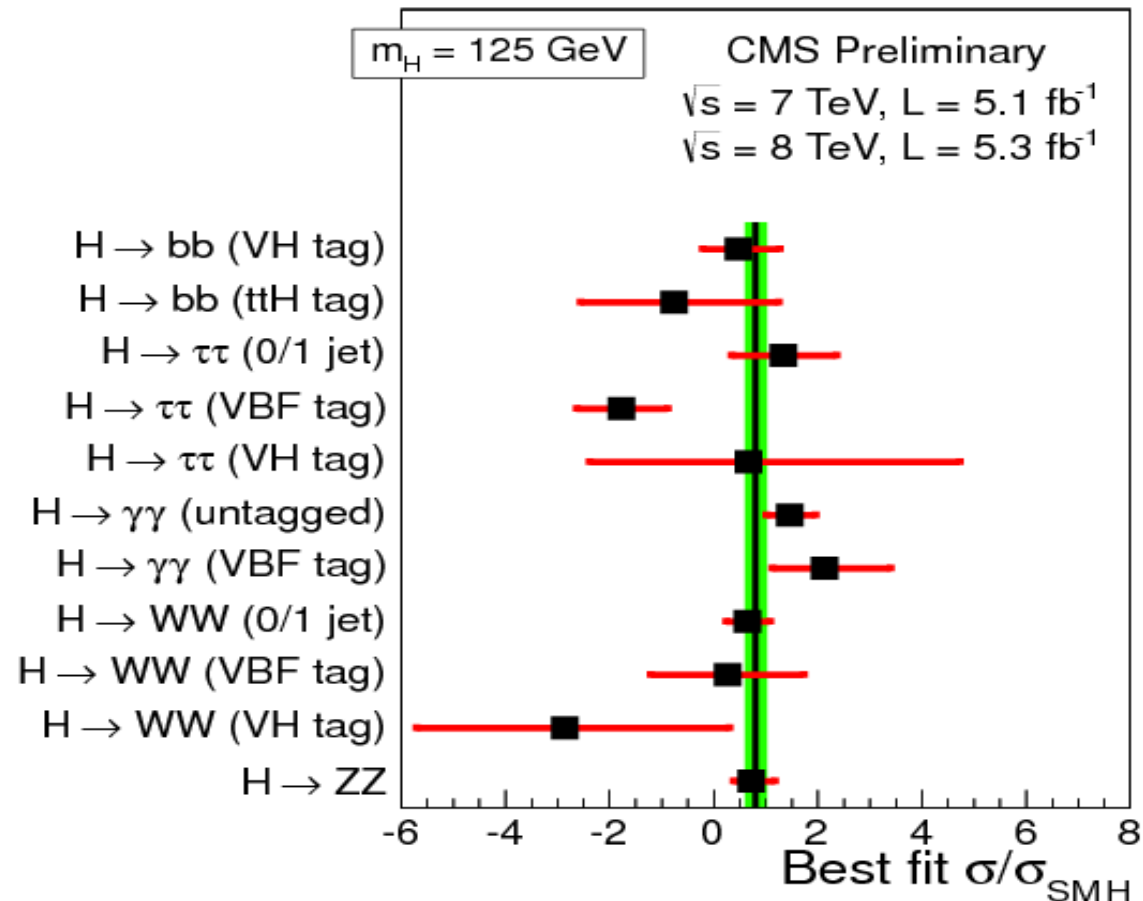
If this fermion is light, it can be double produced:



same-sign di-leptons

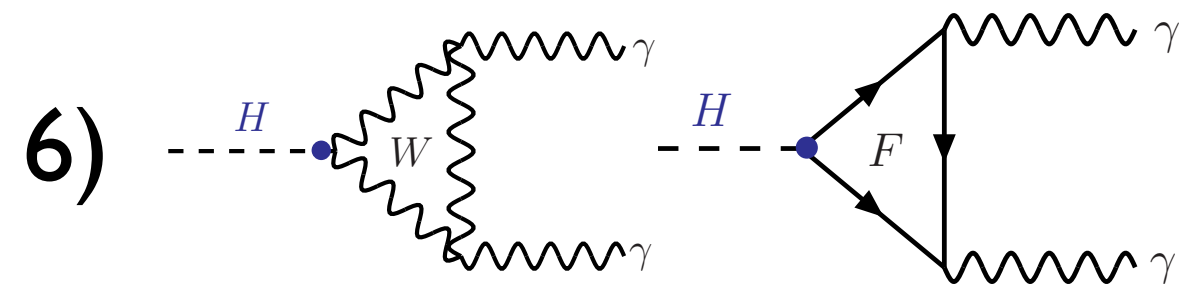
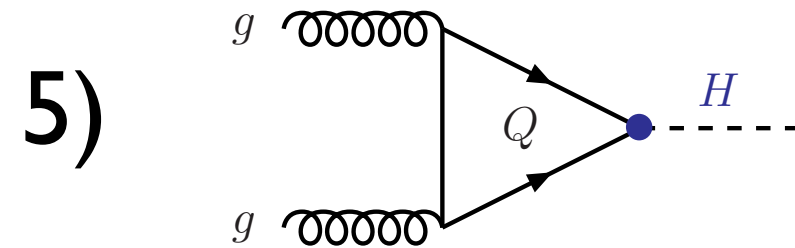
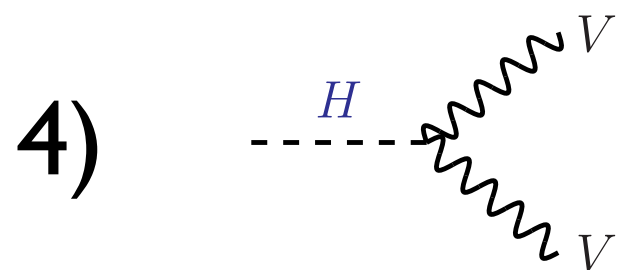
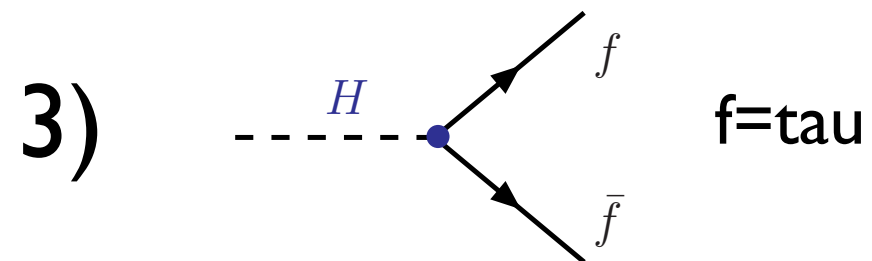
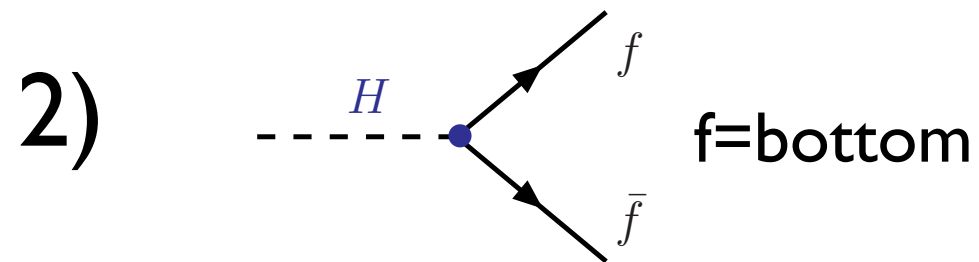
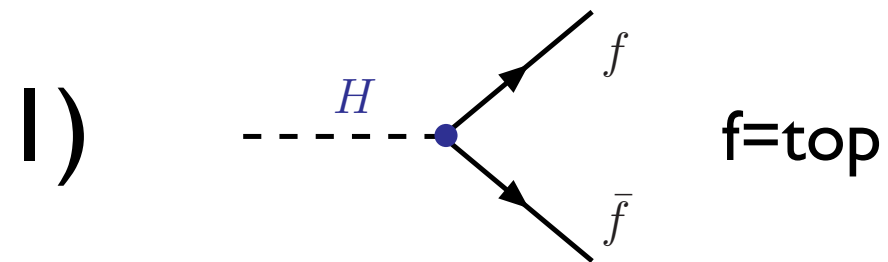
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# What the Higgs couplings tells us?

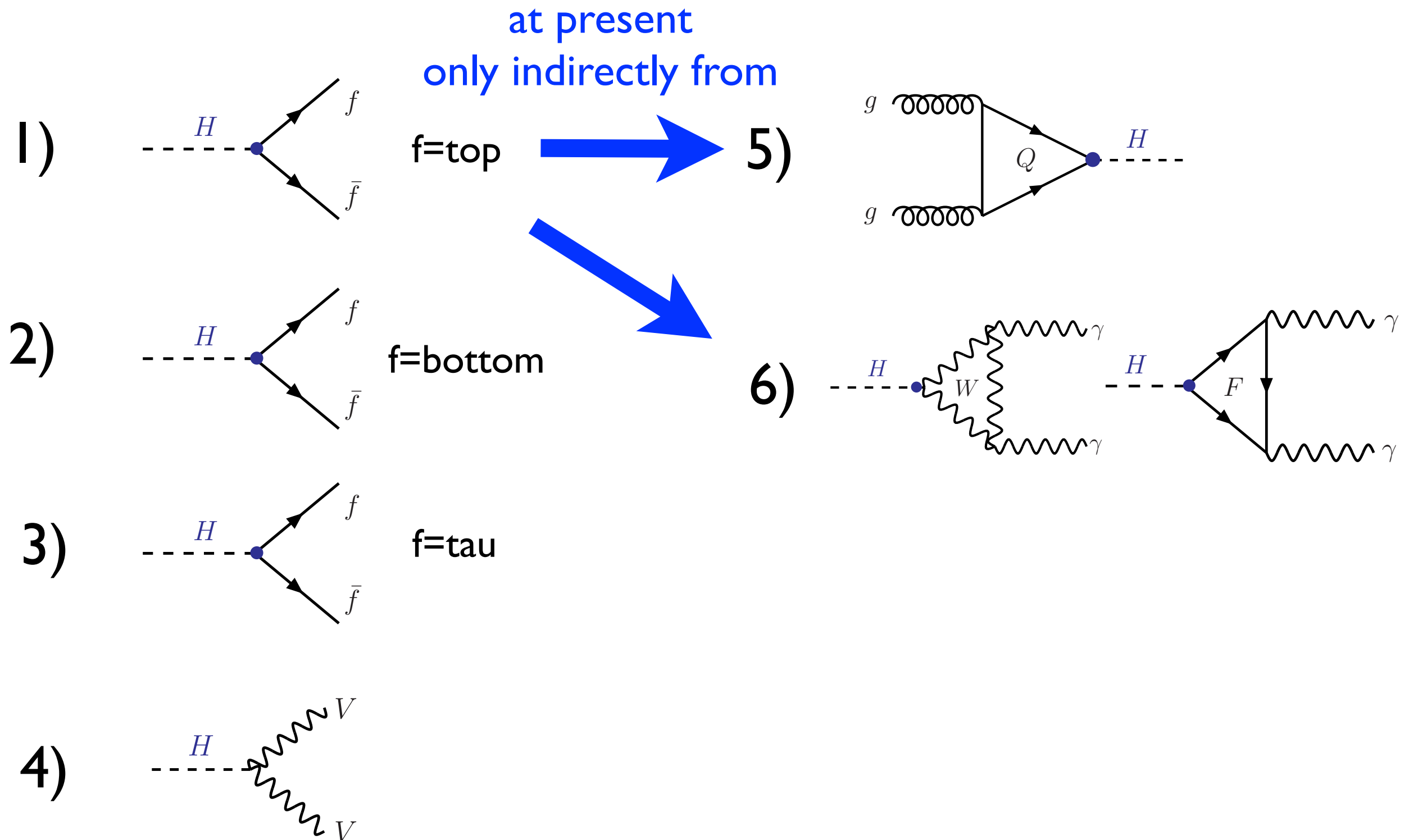


**Not significant deviations from a SM Higgs**  
 (The **more** natural the Higgs sector is,  
 the **more** we expect  
 deviations from the SM Higgs couplings)

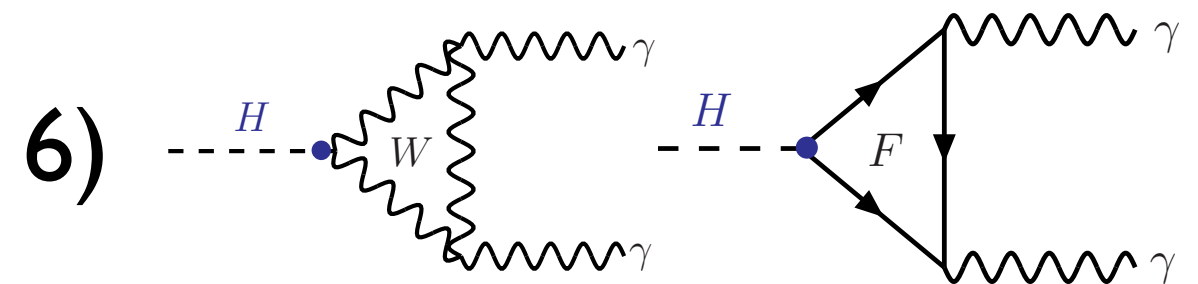
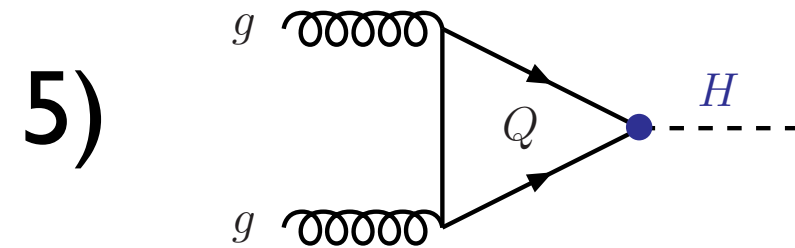
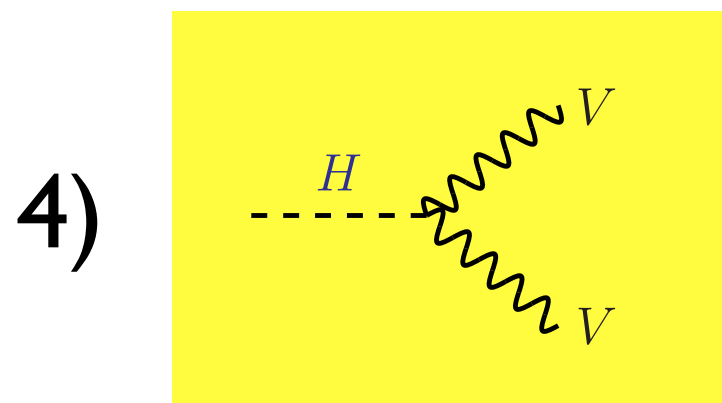
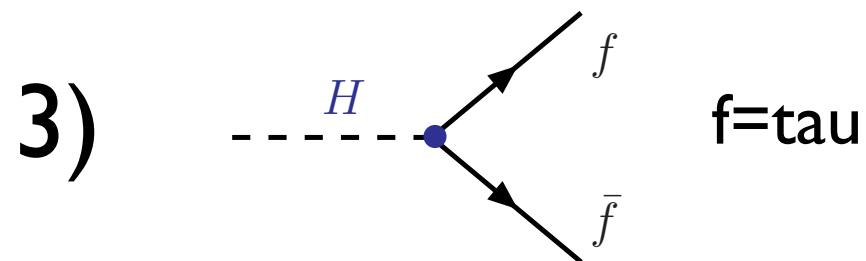
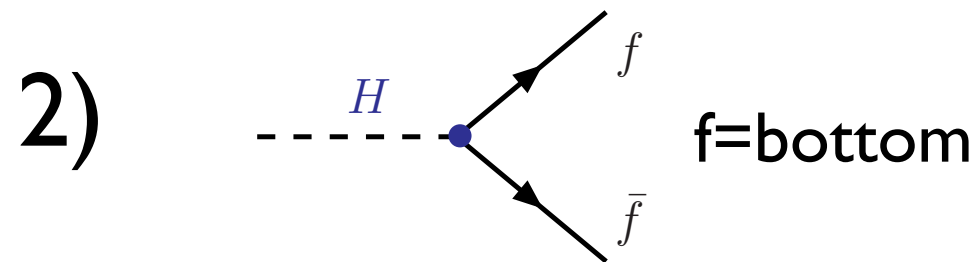
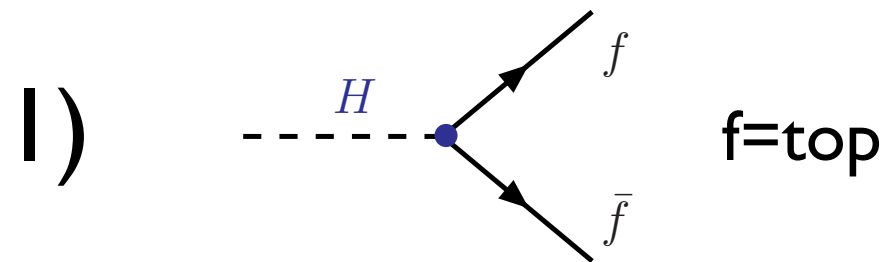
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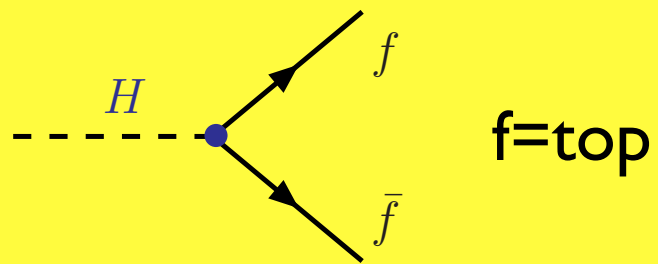
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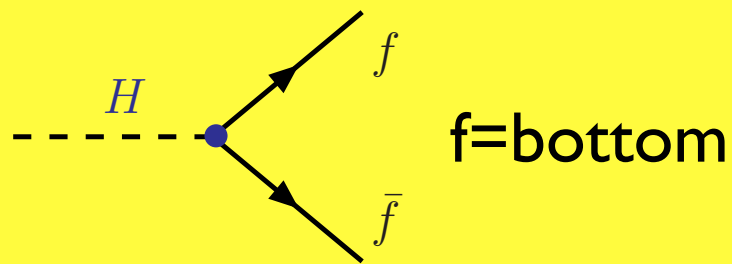
Most genuine Higgs coupling  
(determines its role in EWSB)

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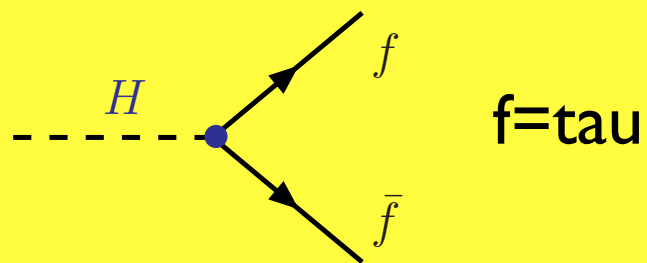
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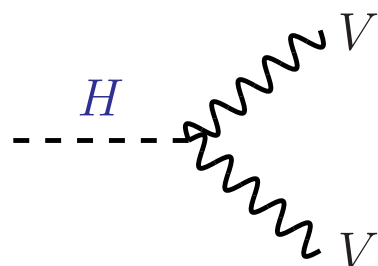
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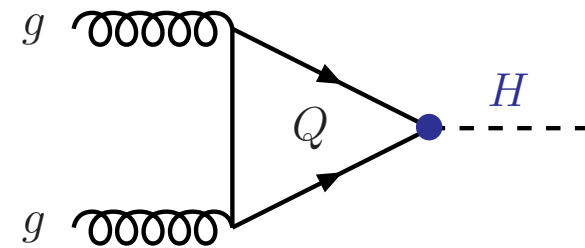
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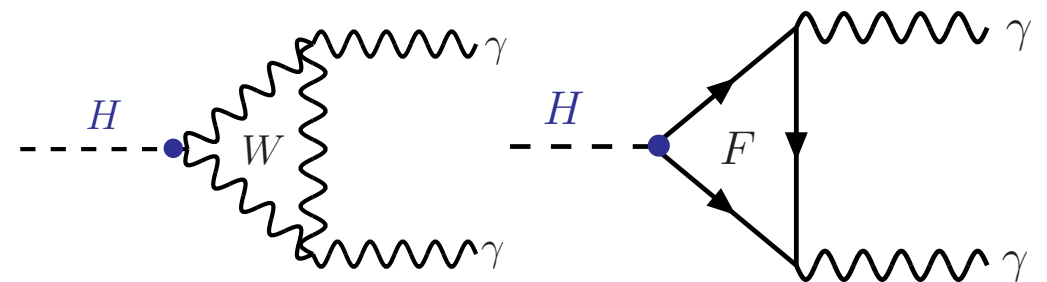
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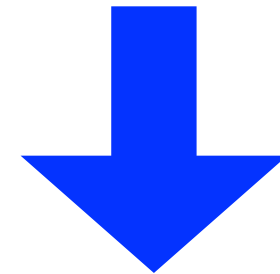
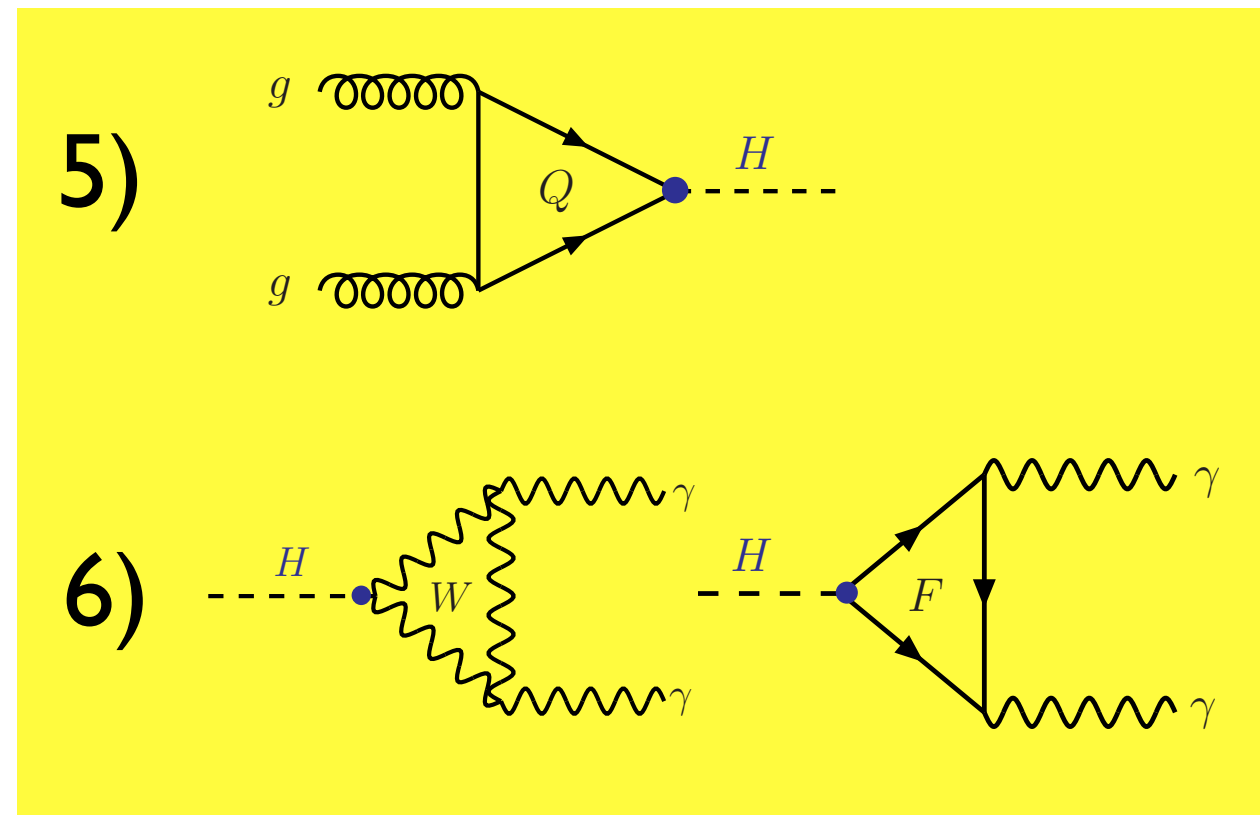
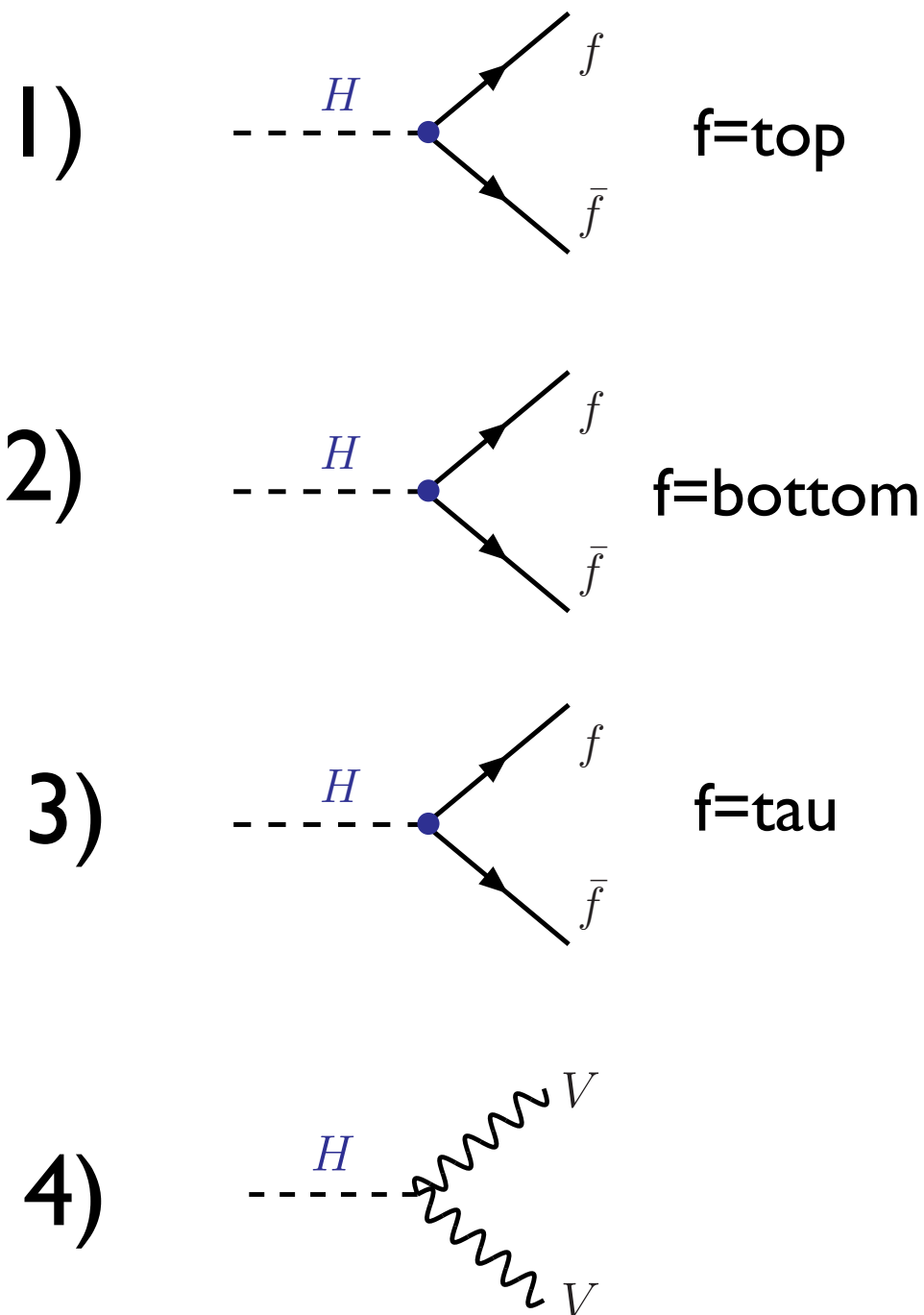


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could also arise from a scalar that has nothing to do with EWSB

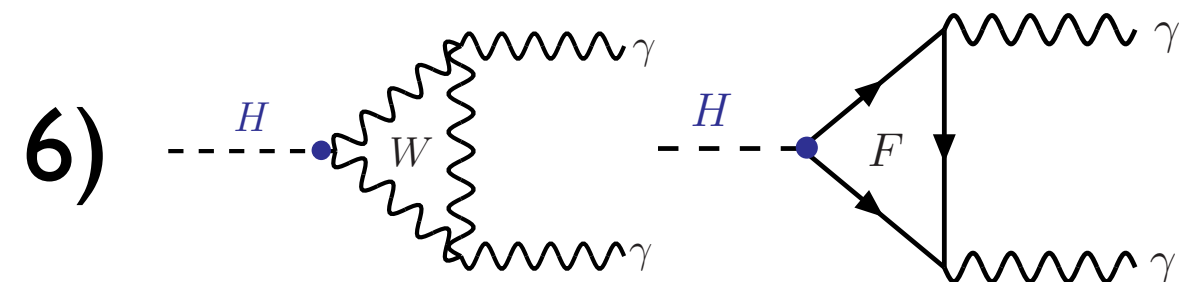
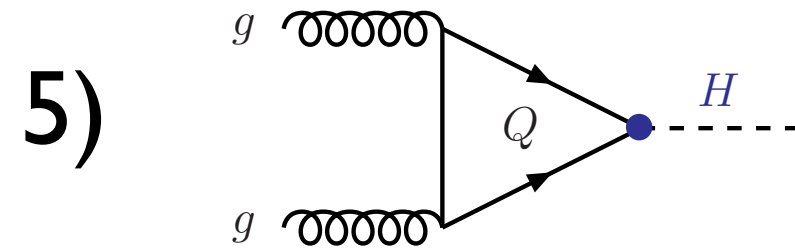
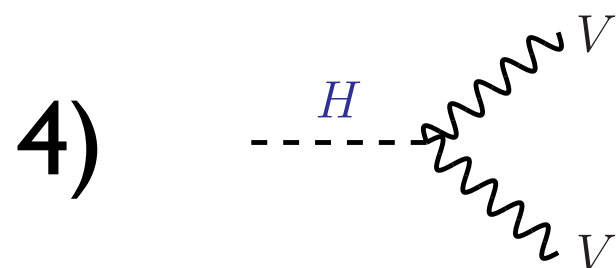
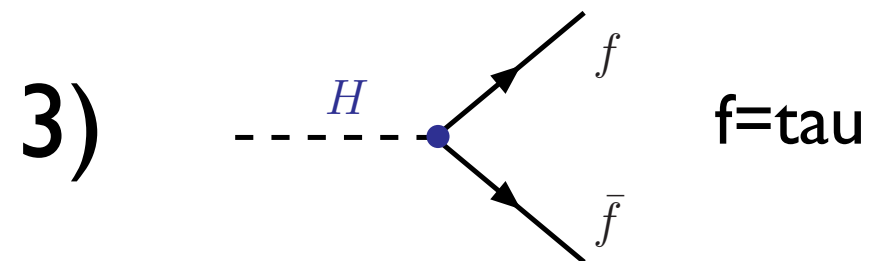
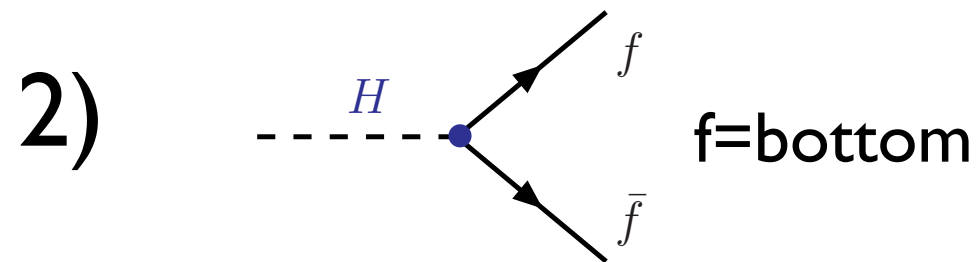
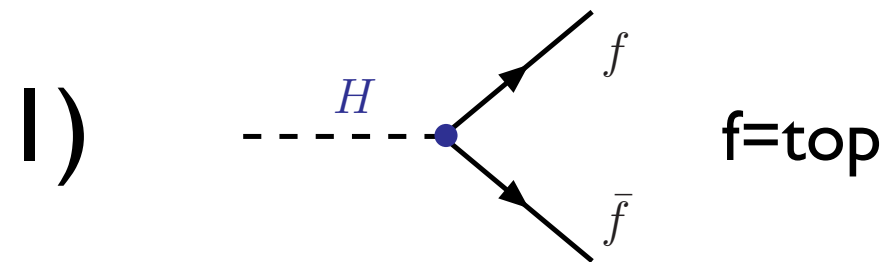
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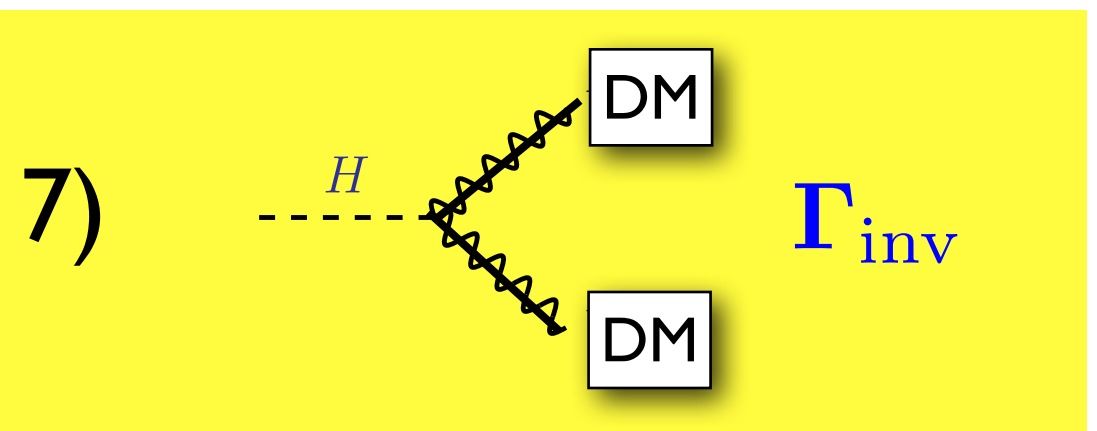
Sensitive to new states  
(not necessary related with EWSB)



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Also indirectly:

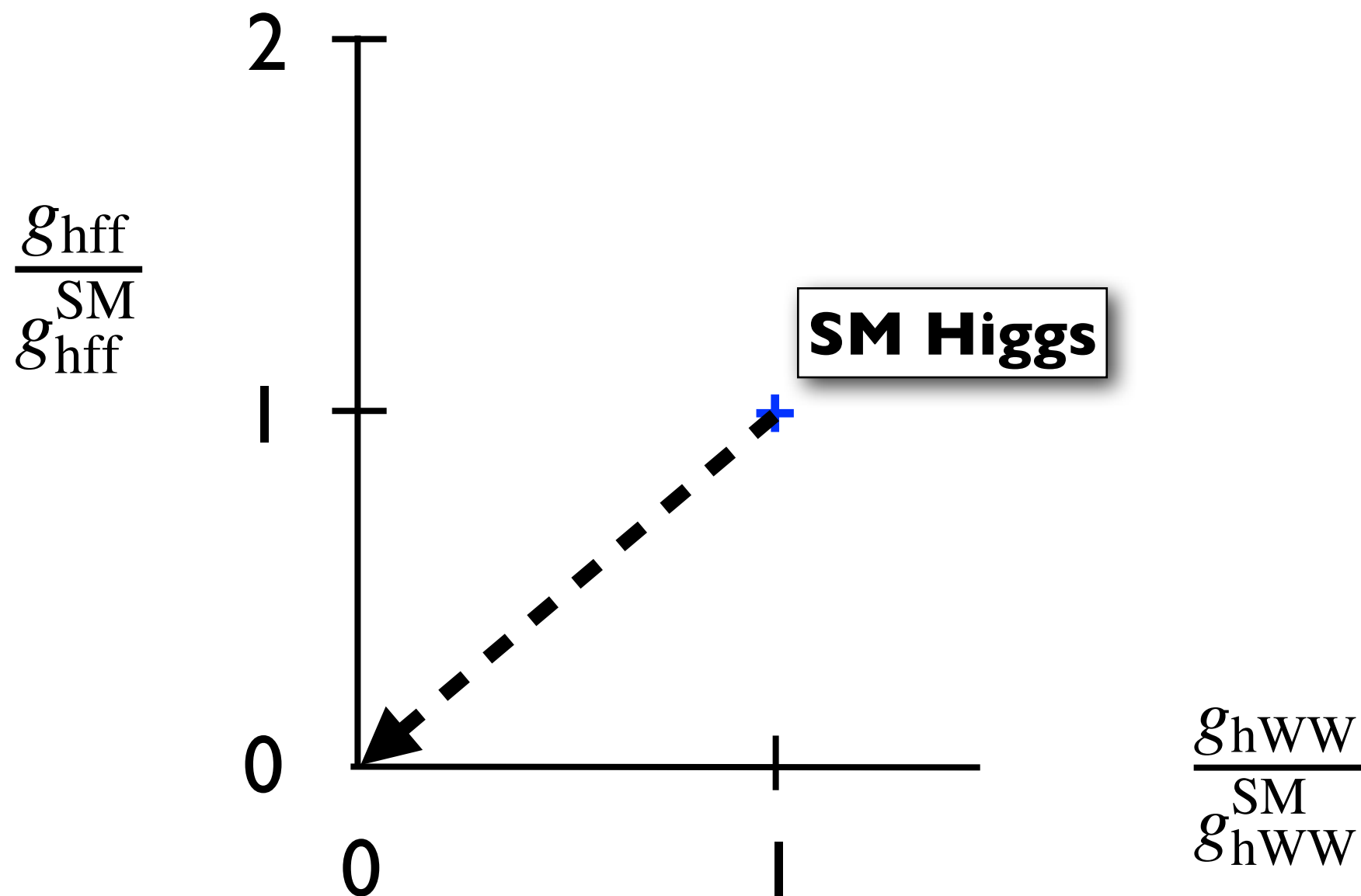


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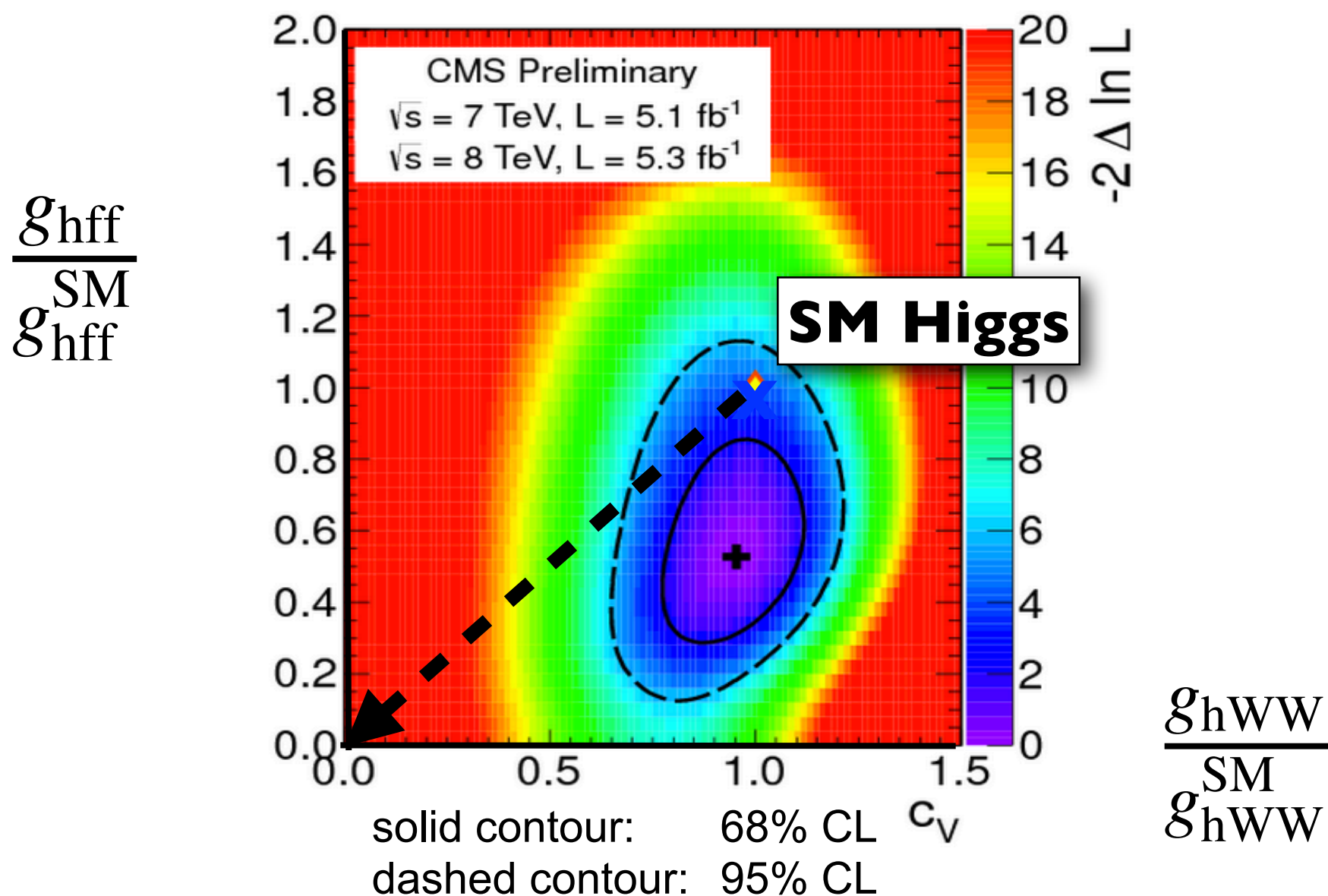
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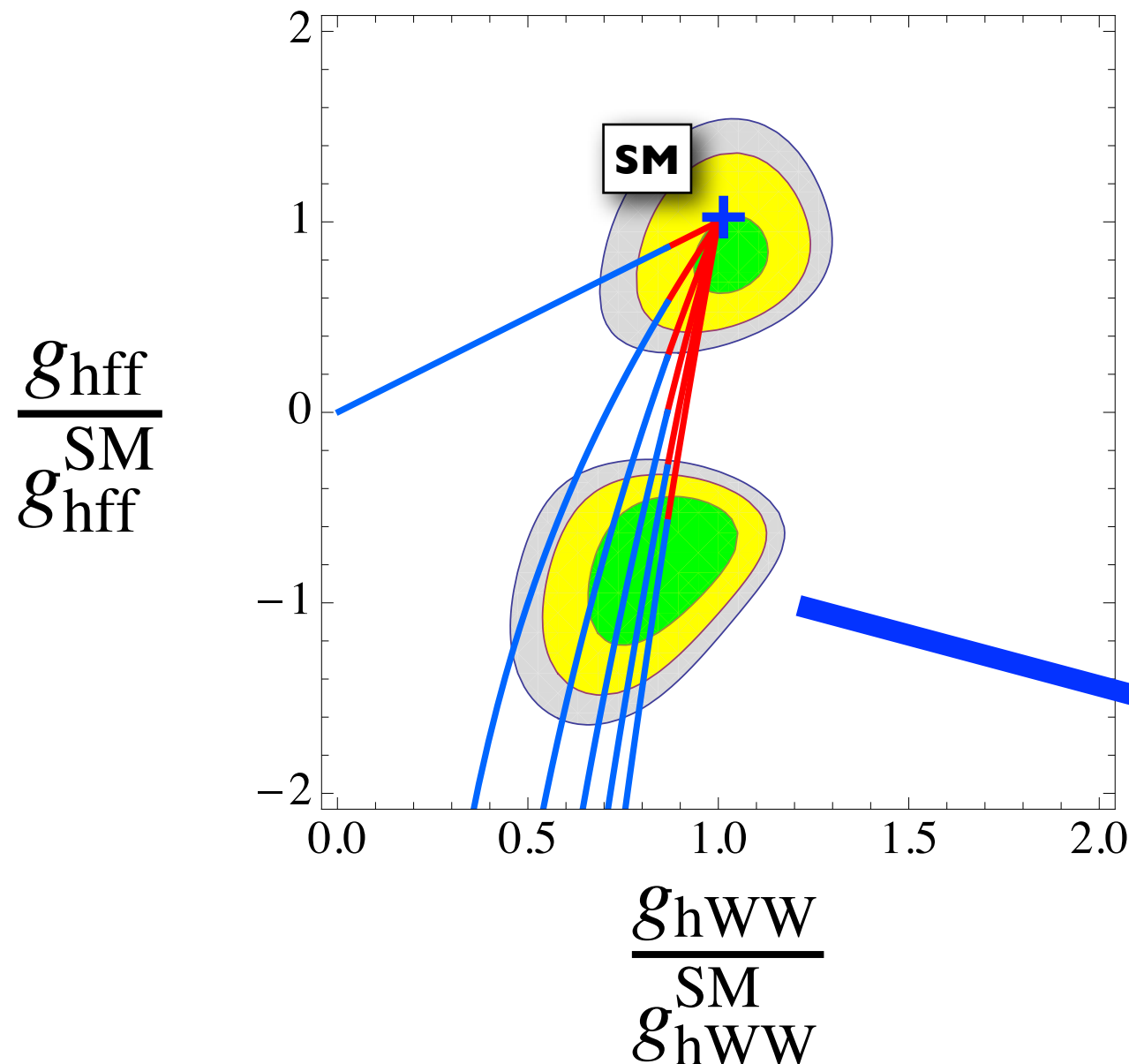
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### 2) Composite Higgs:



Montull, Riva  
(preliminary) using:  
(previous studies:  
JHEP 1204 (2012) 127  
JHEP 1205 (2012) 097)

CMS	Cuts	$\hat{\mu}^7$	$\hat{\mu}^8$
$\gamma\gamma_0$	I	$2.1^{+2.0}_{-1.6}$	$1.5^{+1.3}_{-1.3}$
$\gamma\gamma_1$	I	$0.6^{+1.0}_{-0.9}$	$1.5^{+1.1}_{-1.1}$
$\gamma\gamma_2$	I	$2.2^{+1.5}_{-1.4}$	$1.0^{+1.2}_{-1.2}$
$\gamma\gamma_3$	I	$0.6^{+1.8}_{-1.7}$	$3.8^{+1.8}_{-1.8}$
$\gamma\gamma_{jj}$	VBF <sub>3.3%G</sub>	$3.6^{+2.2}_{-1.6}$	-
$\tau\tau$	I	$0.6^{+1.1}_{-1.3}$	-
$bb$	A	$1.2^{+2.1}_{-1.9}$	-
$WW_{0j}$	G	$0.1^{+0.6}_{-0.6}$	$1.3^{+0.8}_{-0.6}$
$WW_{1j}$	G	$1.7^{+1.2}_{-1.0}$	$0.0^{+0.8}_{-0.8}$
$WW_{2j}$	VBF	$0.0^{+1.3}_{-1.3}$	$1.3^{+1.7}_{-1.3}$
$ZZ$	I	$0.6^{+1.0}_{-0.6}$	-
ATLAS	Cuts	$\hat{\mu}^7$	$\hat{\mu}^8$
$\gamma\gamma$	I	$1.6^{+0.8}_{-0.7}$	-
$\tau\tau$	I	$0.2^{+1.7}_{-1.8}$	-
$bb$	A	$0.5^{+2.1}_{-2.0}$	-
$WW$	I	$0.6^{+0.7}_{-0.7}$	-
$ZZ$	I	$1.4^{+1.3}_{-0.8}$	-
CDF & D0	Cuts	$\hat{\mu}^{1.96}$	-
$\gamma\gamma$	I	$3.6^{+3.0}_{-2.5}$	-
$bb$	A	$2.0^{+0.7}_{-0.6}$	-
$WW$	I	$0.3^{+1.2}_{-0.3}$	-

Allowed area where  
constructive interference  
between top and W loops  
enhancing the  $\gamma\gamma$  channel

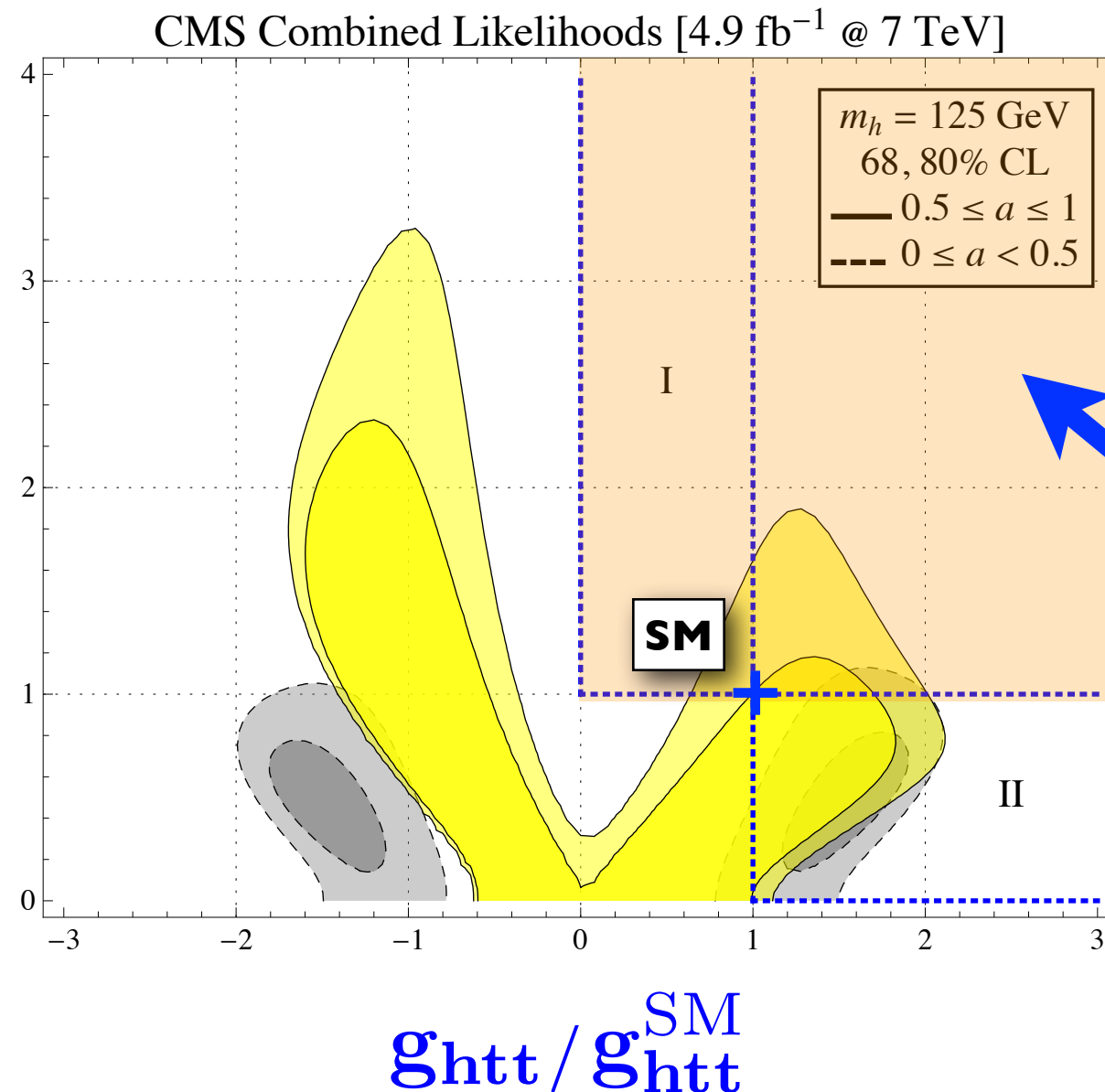
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### 3) MSSM Higgs with heavy spectrum:

arXiv:1206.1058  
(2011 data)

$$\frac{g_{hbb}}{g_{hbb}^{\text{SM}}}$$



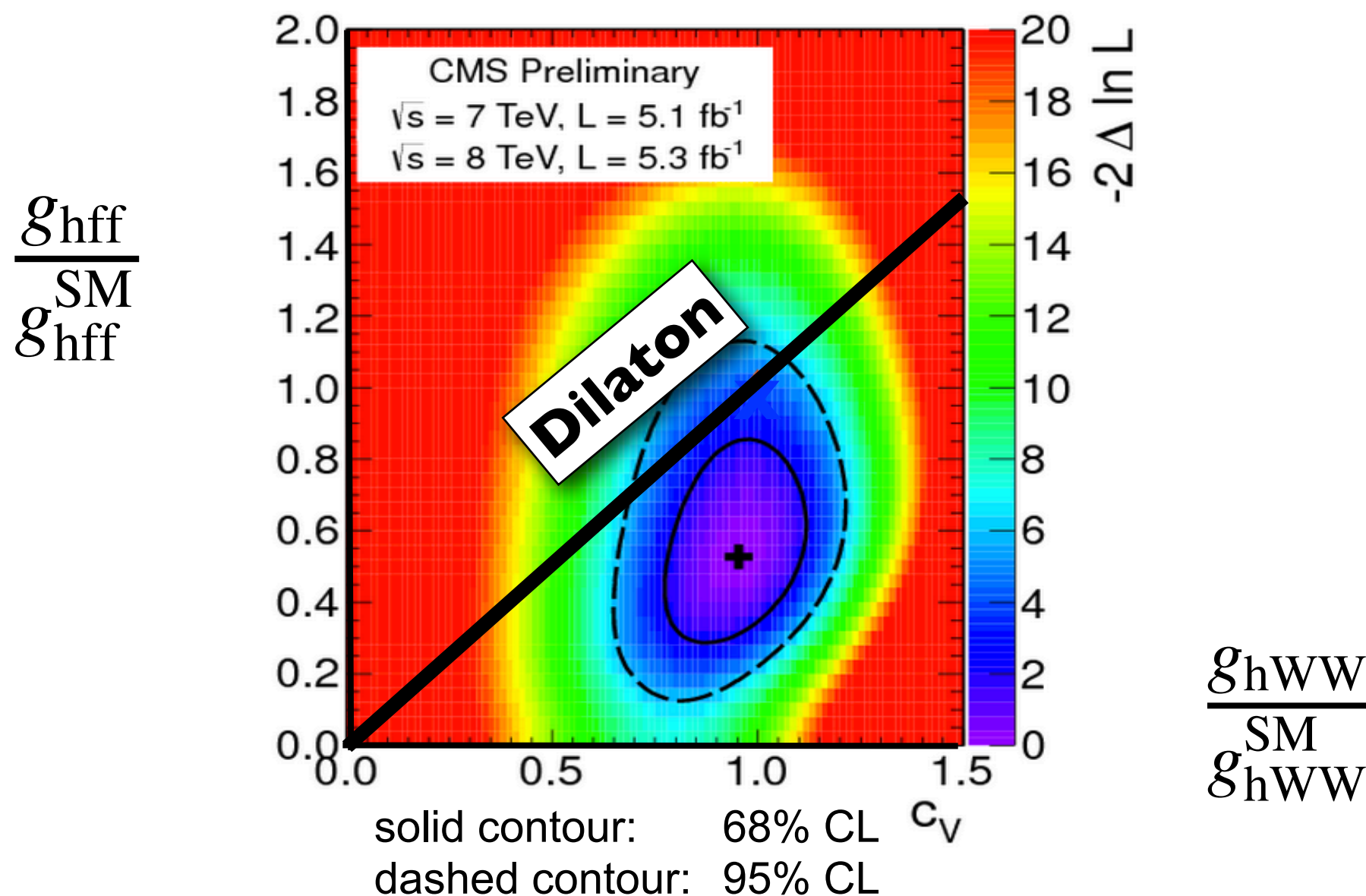
$$a \equiv \frac{g_{hWW}}{g_{hWW}^{\text{SM}}}$$

MSSM  
with  $\tan\beta > 1$

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4) **Dilaton** (that couples as the SM Higgs up to an overall factor)



# Conclusions

**Data is finally here to learn about EWSB**

**A lot of questions to address:**

- Is it the SM Higgs?
- Are there indications for compositeness?
- Are there indications for mixing with other Higgs (sharing the role of EWSB)?
- Is it an impostor?
- Does it decay invisibly?
- ....

**A new era has begun ...**



# Thank you !

"Sit down before fact as **a little child**,  
be prepared to **give up** every preconceived notion,  
follow humbly wherever and to whatever abysses nature leads,  
**or you shall learn nothing**"

**Thomas Henry Huxley**