

Higgs Physics and Naturalness

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Discovery of a Higgs boson

- Discovery of a new particle with 134 X heavier than proton has been announced by ATLAS and CMS on 4th of July 2012
- Subsequent measurements of properties (couplings, spin) of this new particle showed that it is some sort of Higgs boson
- This is one of the major scientific discoveries with important implications for our understanding of the origin of mass in the universe

Outline

- What makes a Higgs a Higgs?
 - Gauge invariance
 - Perturbative unitarity
- Properties of the 125-126 GeV LHC resonance
 - Couplings
 - Spin/parity
 - Heavy resonances
- If it's the Higgs boson...
 - Vacuum stability
 - Higgs inflation
- Naturalness
- Conclusions

What makes a Higgs a Higgs?

- Standard Model is an extremely successful theory in describing elementary particles (quarks and leptons) and their electromagnetic, weak and strong interactions.
- An important theoretical input is **gauge invariance** – the only known way to describe interacting force-carrier (spin 1) quantum fields – gluons, photon and W/Z.

- Consider a free (linearized) massless vector field $A_\mu(x)$

$$\mathcal{L}_A = -\frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu A_\nu [\partial^\mu A^\nu - c \partial^\nu A^\mu]$$

- Canonical variables: $A_\mu(x)$, $\pi^\mu(x) = -\partial^0 A^\mu + c \partial^\mu A^0$

- Hamiltonian density:

$$\mathcal{H} = \frac{1}{2} \pi_i^2 + (\partial_i A_j - \partial_j A_i)^2 - \frac{1}{2} \pi_0^2 + \frac{c(c-1)}{2} (\partial_0 A_0)^2 + \frac{1-c}{2} (\partial_i A_j)^2$$

$$\mathcal{H} \geq 0 \longrightarrow c = 1 \longrightarrow \mathcal{H} = \frac{1}{2} (E_i^2 + B_i^2)$$

- Redundancy in the description (**gauge invariance**)

$$A'_\mu = A_\mu + \frac{1}{g} \partial_\mu \alpha(x)$$

What makes a Higgs a Higgs?

- Quantisation: $\left[\hat{A}_\mu(x), \hat{\pi}_\nu(x') \right] \Big|_{t=t'} = -i\hbar \eta_{\mu\nu} \delta^3(\vec{x}' - \vec{x})$
- $\hat{A}_0(x), \hat{\pi}_0(x)$ -- describe “inverted” oscillators --> negative norm states
- Consistent quantum theory of vector (tensor) fields requires **gauge invariance!**
- Potential problem: mass term violates gauge invariance (massive W/Z bosons)

$$\mathcal{L}_{m_A} = \frac{1}{2} m_A^2 A_\mu A^\mu$$

$$\delta \mathcal{L}_{m_A} = m_A^2 A_\mu \frac{1}{g} \partial^\mu \alpha \neq 0$$

What makes a Higgs a Higgs?

- Nonlinear realisation $\mathcal{L}_{m_A}^{\text{NLR}} = \frac{1}{2} m_A^2 \left(A_\mu - \frac{1}{g} \partial_\mu \theta \right)^2$

$$\delta\theta = \alpha \rightarrow \delta\mathcal{L}_{m_A}^{\text{NLR}} = 0$$

- Higgs mechanism $\Phi = \frac{\rho(x)}{\sqrt{2}} e^{i\theta(x)}$

$$\mathcal{L}_H = (D\Phi)^\dagger (D\Phi) - V(\Phi^\dagger \Phi) = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \rho)^2 + \frac{g^2 \rho^2}{2} \left(A_\mu - \frac{1}{g} \partial_\mu \theta \right)^2 = \dots + \frac{g^2}{2} (v + 2vh(x) + h^2(x)) A_\mu A^\mu + \dots$$

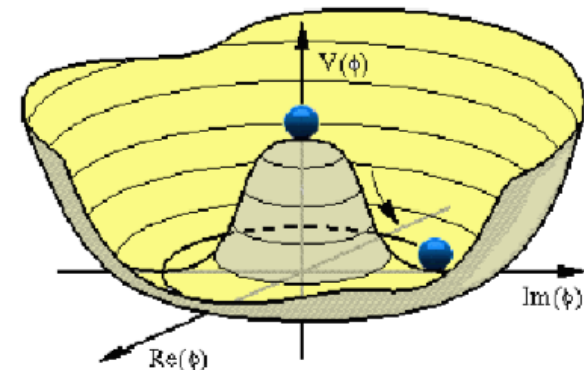
$$\rho(x) = v + h(x) , \quad \langle 0 | \rho | 0 \rangle = v$$

Anderson – 1962 (nonrelativistic)

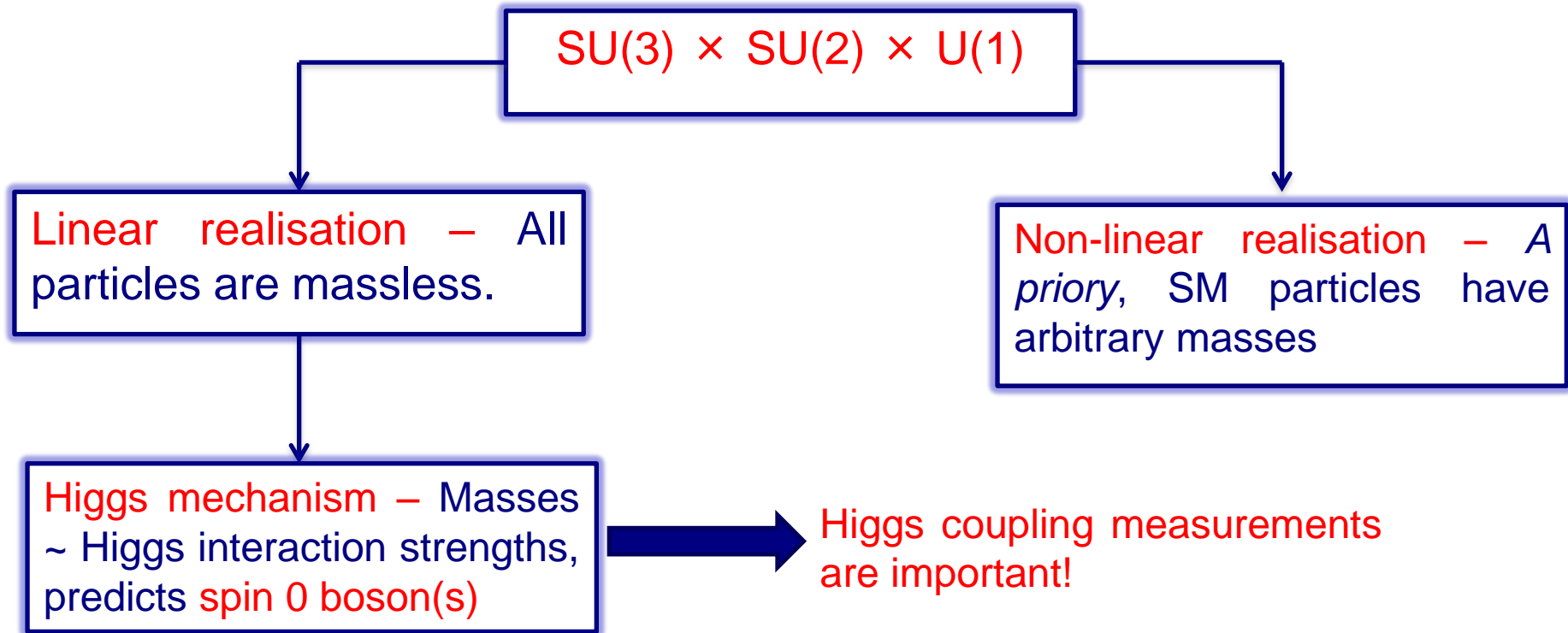
Higgs; Brout & Englert; Guralnik, Hagen, Kibble – 1964

Weinberg – 1968 (Standard Model)

Ellis, Gaillard, Nanopoulos – 1975 (pheno)

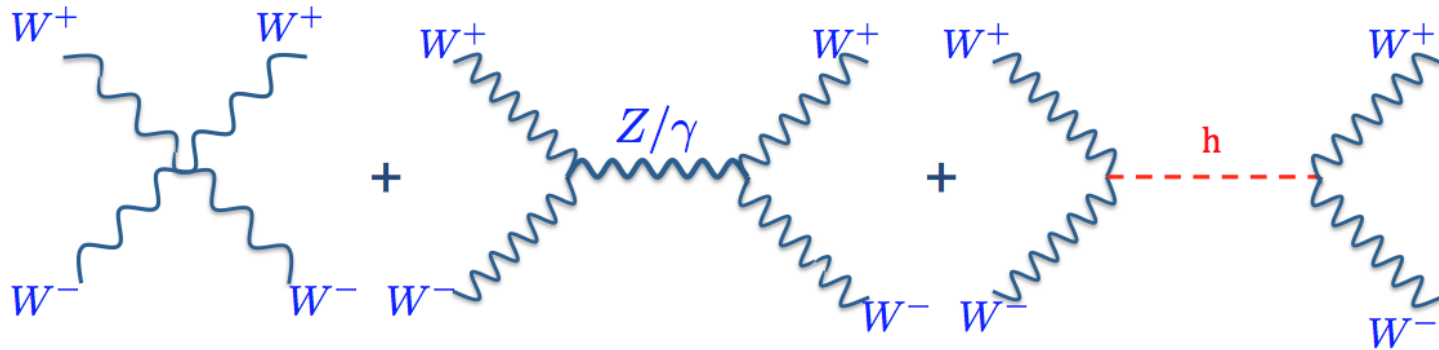


What makes a Higgs a Higgs?



What makes a Higgs a Higgs?

- Higgs mechanism of spontaneous electroweak symmetry breaking and mass generation automatically ensures perturbative unitarity of processes involving massive electroweak gauge bosons, W/Z.
- **Higgs W/Z couplings.** Consider $WW \rightarrow WW$ scattering:

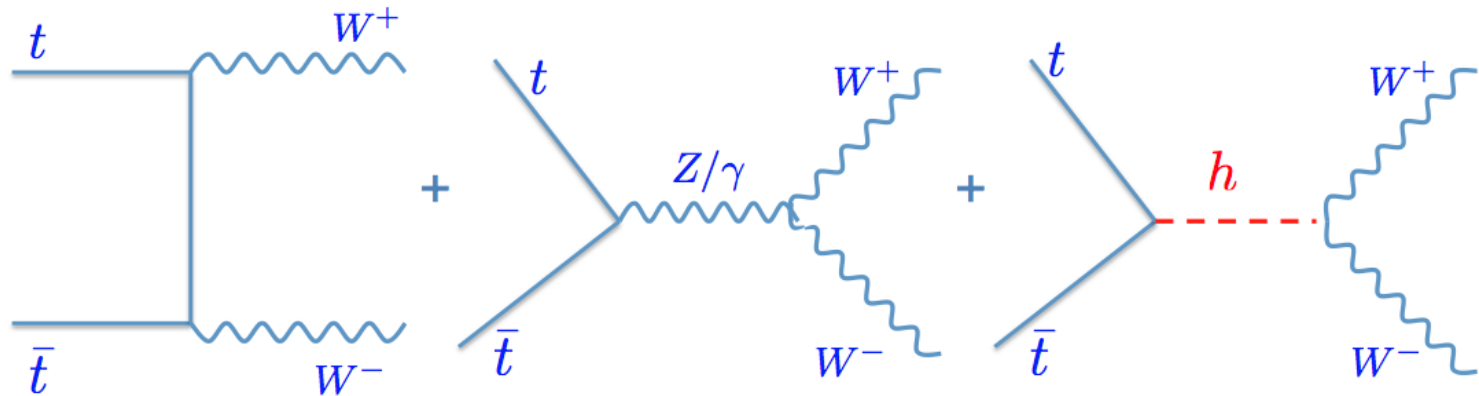


$$\mathcal{A}(WW \rightarrow WW) = \mathcal{A}_4 \frac{E^4}{v_{EW}^4} + \mathcal{A}_2 \frac{E^2}{v_{EW}^2} + \mathcal{A}_0 + \mathcal{O}(v_{EW}^2/E^2)$$

- $\mathcal{A}_4 = 0$ - due to the gauge invariance!
- No Higgs: perturbative unitarity is violated at $E_* \approx (4\pi)^{1/2} v_{EW} \sim 900 \text{ GeV}$
- $\mathcal{A}_2 = 0$ - due to the Higgs mechanism!

What makes a Higgs a Higgs?

- **Higgs-fermion couplings.** Consider $t\bar{t} \rightarrow WW$ scattering:



$$\mathcal{A}(t\bar{t} \rightarrow WW) = \mathcal{B}_2 \frac{E^2}{v_{EW}^2} + \mathcal{B}_1 \frac{E}{v_{EW}} + \mathcal{B}_0 + \mathcal{O}(v_{EW}/E)$$

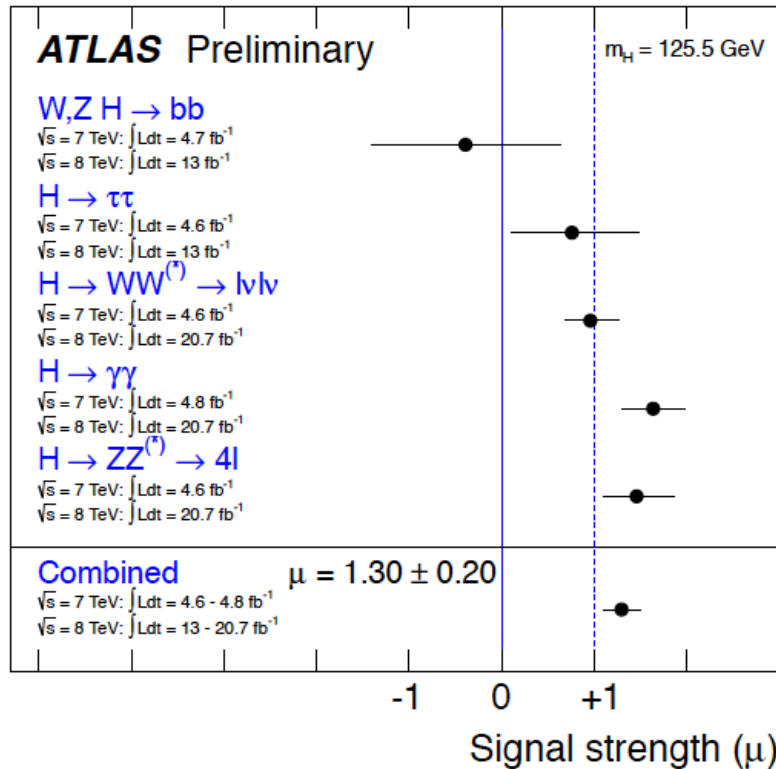
- $\mathcal{B}_2 = 0$ - due to the gauge invariance!
- No Higgs-top coupling: $E_* \approx 16\pi^2 v_{EW}^2 / m_t \sim 10 \text{ TeV}$ (Appelquist & Chanowitz, 1987)
- $\mathcal{B}_1 = 0$ - due to the Higgs mechanism!

What makes a Higgs a Higgs?

- We would like to know whether the 125-126 GeV particle discovered at LHC is the Higgs boson of spontaneous electroweak symmetry breaking and fermion mass generation
- Note that the Standard Model Higgs boson is a particular and the simplest case of more general Higgs mechanism. Non-Standard Model properties of the resonance will indicate that more field are involved in the electroweak symmetry breaking or/and it is realised in a different way
- New particles can manifest in:
 - (i) non-standard couplings to photons and gluons (radiative processes);
 - (ii) non-standard couplings to fermions;
 - (iii) invisible decays

Higgs couplings - 2013

$$m_h = 125.5 \pm 0.2(\text{stat.})_{-0.6}^{+0.5}(\text{syst.}) \text{ GeV}$$



$$m_h = 125.7 \pm 0.3(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.3(\text{syst.}) \text{ GeV}$$

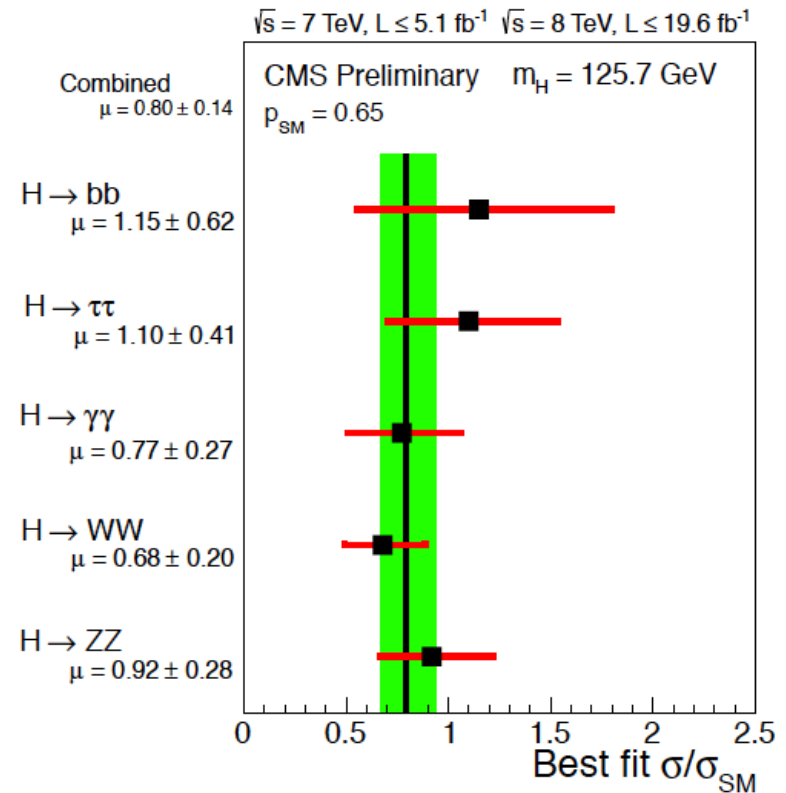
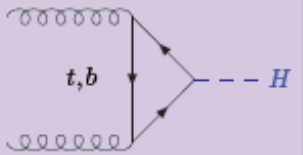
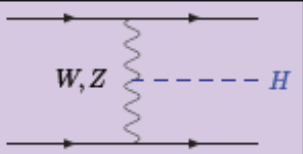


Fig. 1: The signal strength for the individual channel and their combination. The values of μ are given for $M_H = 125.5 \text{ GeV}$ for ATLAS and for $M_H = 125.7 \text{ GeV}$ for CMS.

Higgs couplings - 2013

	$\gamma\gamma$	ZZ	WW	$Z\gamma$	gg	bb	$\tau\tau$
					difficult	difficult	
				not yet	difficult	difficult	
				not yet	difficult		
	not yet	not yet	not yet	not yet	difficult	not yet	not yet

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not yet

difficult

Spin/parity of the resonance

- We know that the resonance is boson, hence spin can be 0,1,2,...
- Spin 1 is excluded due to the observation of $h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ (Landau-Yang theorem)
- To discriminate between spin 0 and spin 2 we need to study angular distribution of decay products.
- Decay products of spin 0 resonance must be distributed isotropically over 2-sphere, so one expects flat distribution as a function $\cos\theta^*$ (θ^* is an angle between of decay products relative to beam axis in the rest frame of decaying particle)
- In contrast, spin 2 decay is not isotropic:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \sim \frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{2} \cos^2 \theta^* + \frac{1}{4} \cos^4 \theta^*$$

- E.g., look at (J. Ellis et al, arXiv:1210.5229)

$$pp \rightarrow X_{0,2}(\rightarrow \gamma\gamma) + (0, 1, 2) \text{ jets}$$

Spin/parity of the resonance

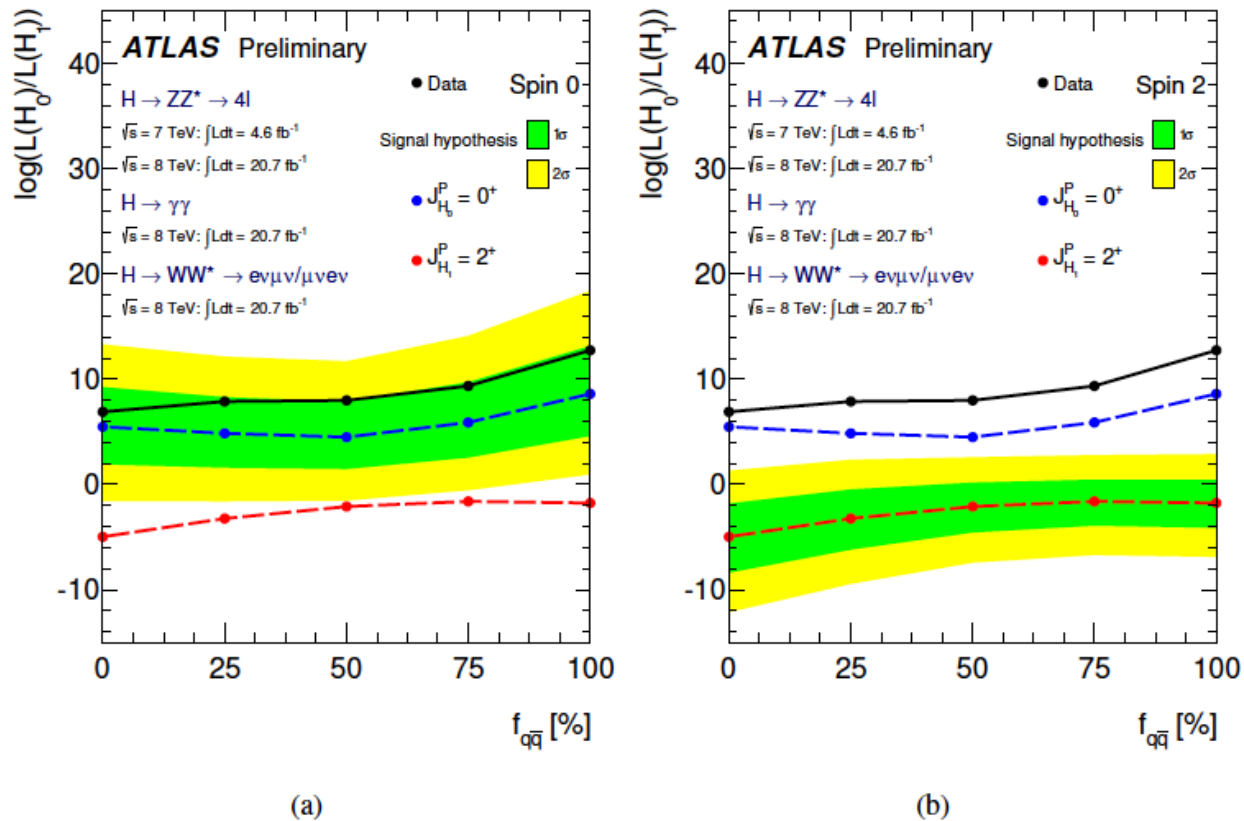
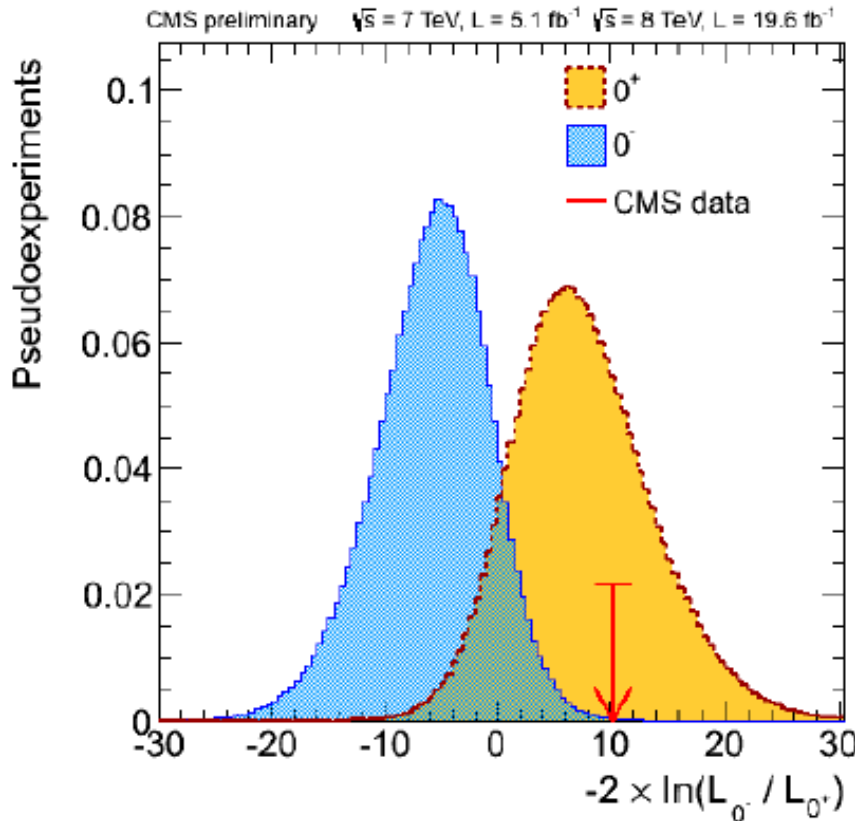


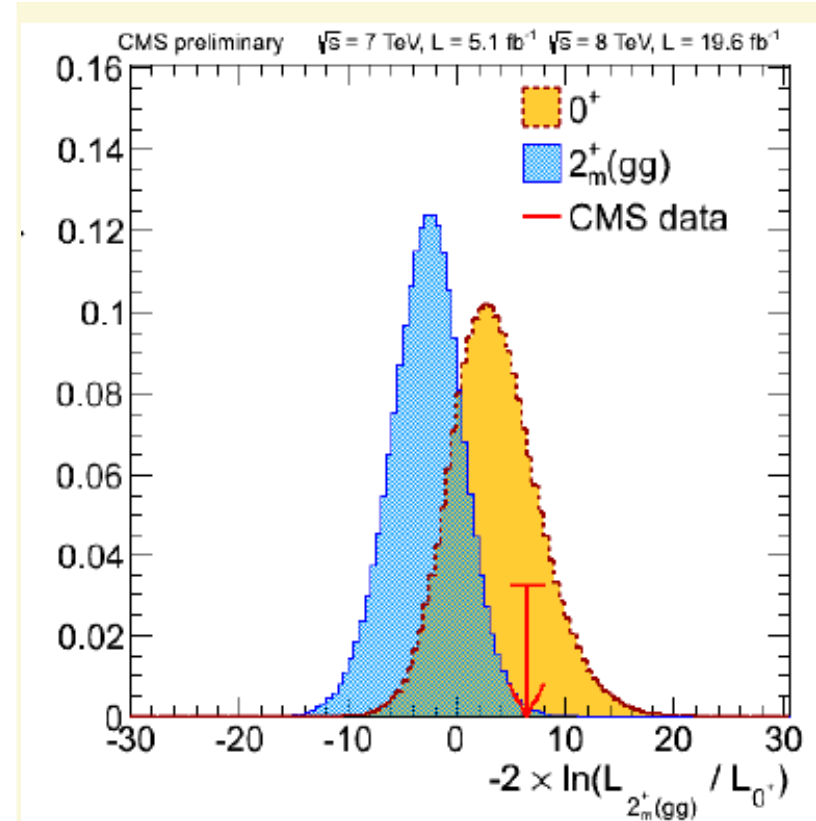
Figure 2: Expected and observed ratio of profiled likelihoods for the combination of channels as a function of the fraction of the $q\bar{q}$ spin-2 production mechanism. The green and yellow bands represent, respectively, the one and two standard deviation bands for the $J^P = 0^+$ (a) and for the $J^P = 2^+$ (b) hypotheses.

Spin/parity of the resonance

CMS: H→ZZ



$$CL_s(0^-) : 0.16\%$$



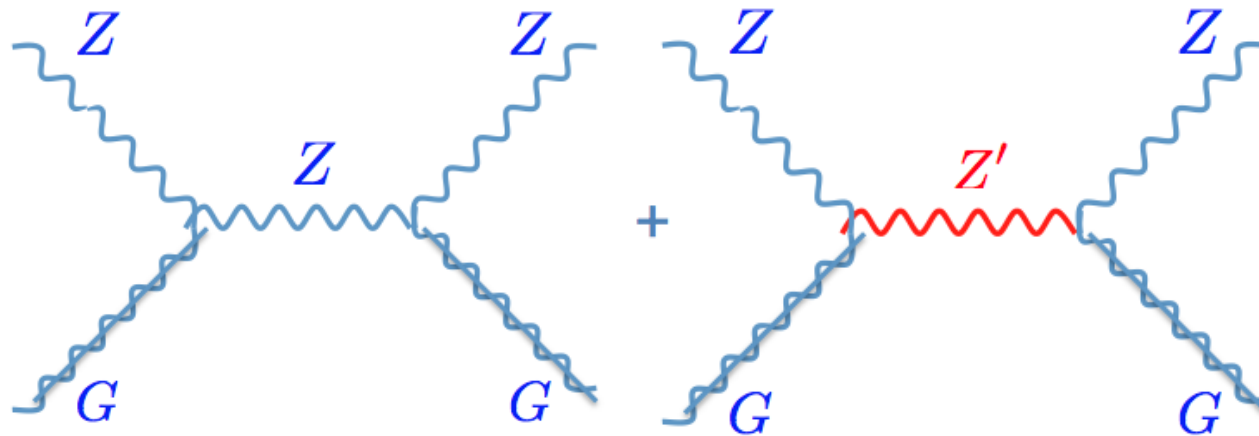
$$CL_s(2_m^+) : 1.5\%$$

Spin/parity and unitarity (A.K., J.Yue, work in progress)

- Linearized effective theory of massive spin-2

$$\mathcal{L}_{int} = -\frac{c_i}{M_{eff}} G^{\mu\nu} T_{\mu\nu}^i, \quad T_{\mu\nu}^V = -F_\mu^\rho F_{\rho\nu} + (\mu \leftrightarrow \nu) - m_V^2 V_\mu V_\nu$$

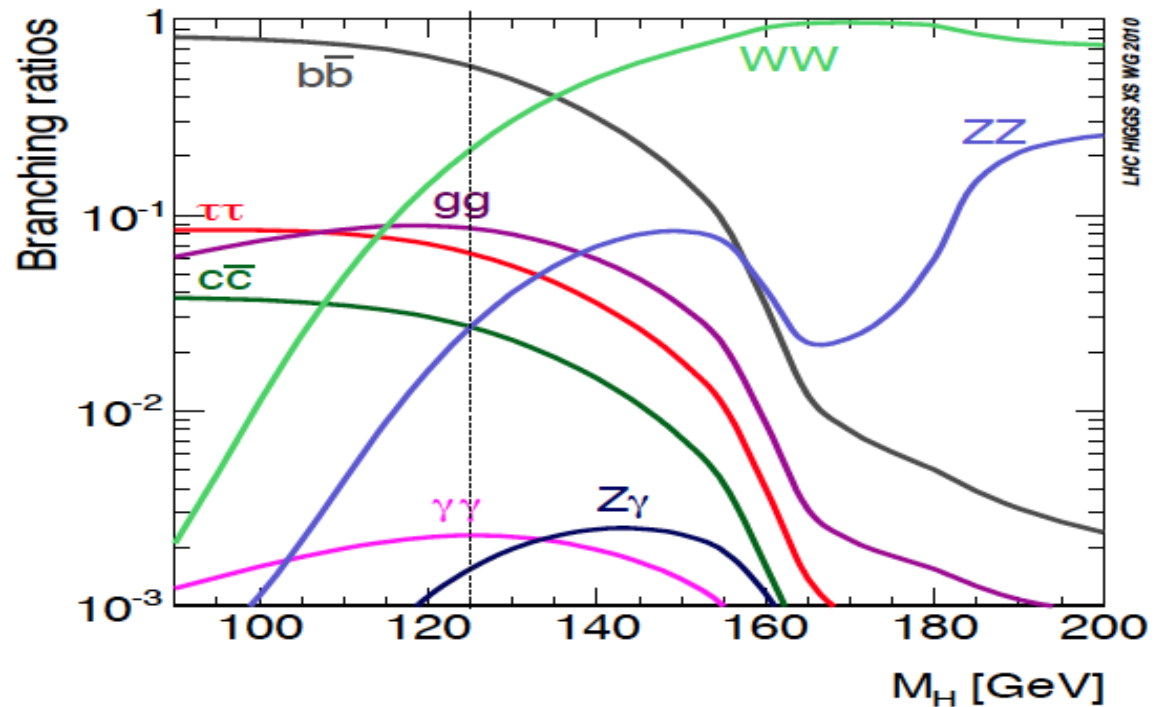
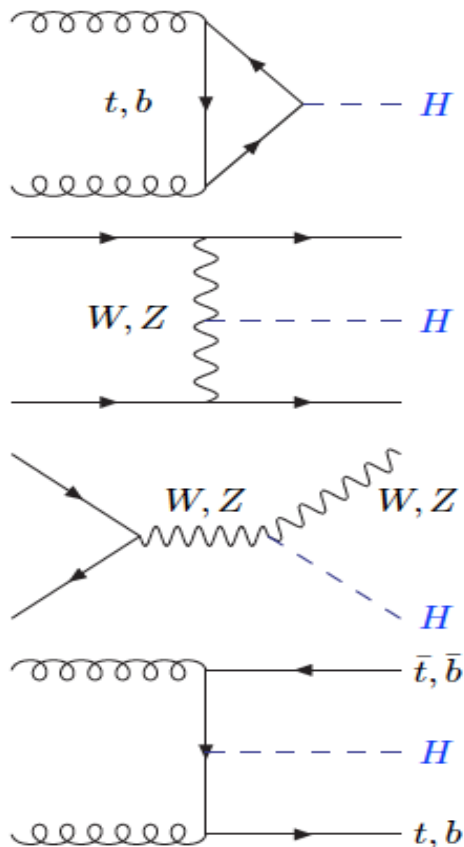
- Consider GZ → GZ scattering:



- Perturbative unitarity is violated at $E_* \approx (4\pi)^{1/6} (m_h^4 v_{EW}^2)^{1/6} \sim 300 \text{ GeV}$
- Properties of Z' resonance can be extracted from K-matrix formalism and confronted with experiments

The Standard Model Higgs with $m_h = 125-126 \text{ GeV}$

- The Standard Model Higgs mass in the range **125-126 GeV** is extremely favourable for experimentalists,



...but it's a pain in the neck for theoretists!

Vacuum stability

- The Standard Model vacuum state $|0\rangle_{EW}$

$${}_{EW}\langle 0|h|0\rangle_{EW} = v_{EW} \approx 246 \text{ GeV}$$

is a false (local) vacuum. The true vacuum state

$$\langle 0|h|0\rangle \sim M_P \approx 10^{18} \text{ GeV} ,$$

and it carries large negative energy density $\sim - (M_P)^4$.

- How long does the electroweak vacuum live?

EW vacuum lifetime: flat spacetime estimate

- Electroweak Higgs doublet (in the unitary gauge): $H = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ h(x)/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$

$$V_H^{(0)}(h) = \frac{\lambda}{8} (h^2 - v_{EW})^2$$

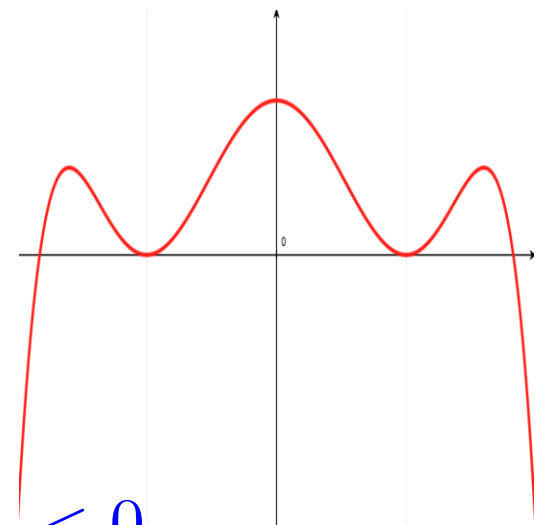
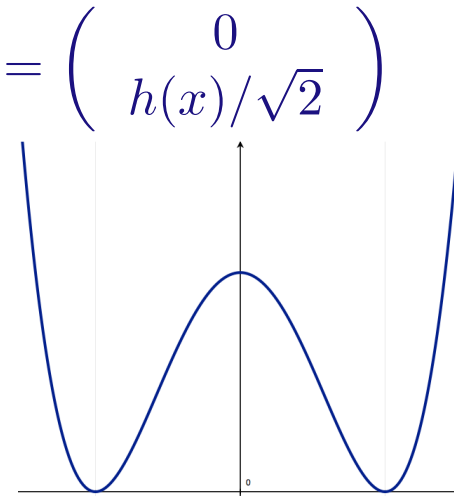
- Effective (quantum-corrected) potential

$$V_H^{(1-\text{loop})}(h) = \frac{\lambda(h)}{8} (h^2 - v_{EW})^2 ,$$

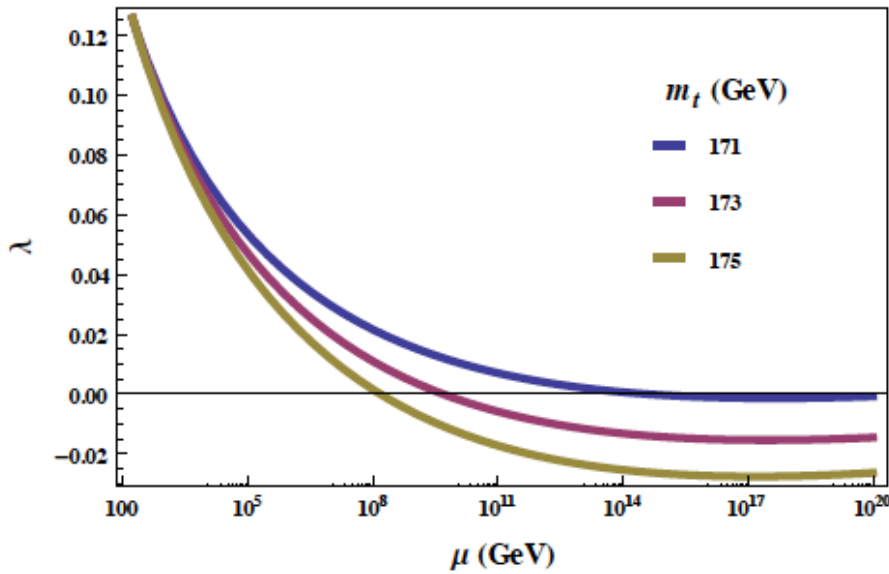
$$\lambda(h) = \lambda(\mu) + \beta_\lambda \ln(h/\mu)$$

$$(4\pi)^2 \beta_\lambda = -6y_t^4 + 24\lambda^2 + \dots$$

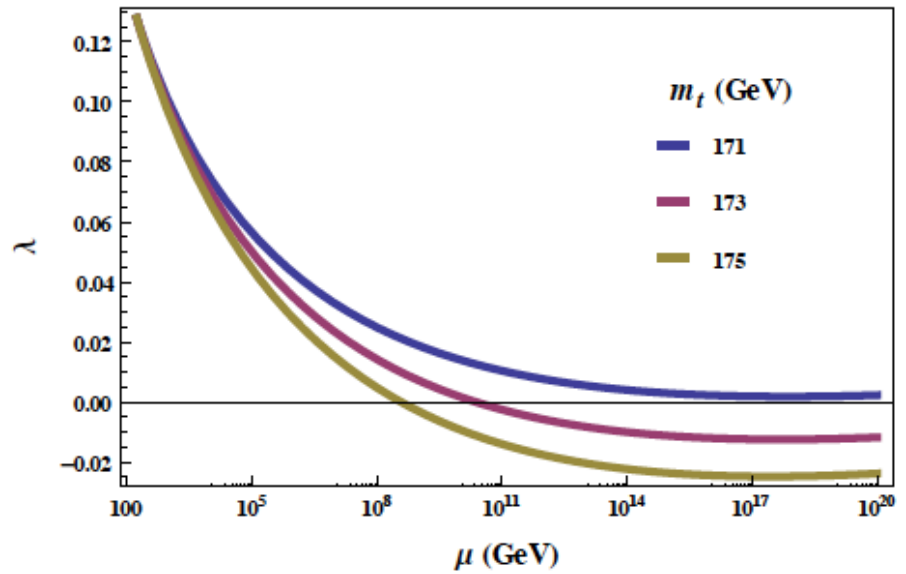
$$y_t(m_t) \approx 1 , \quad \lambda(m_h) \approx 0.13 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \beta_\lambda < 0$$



Vacuum stability



(a) $m_h = 125$ GeV



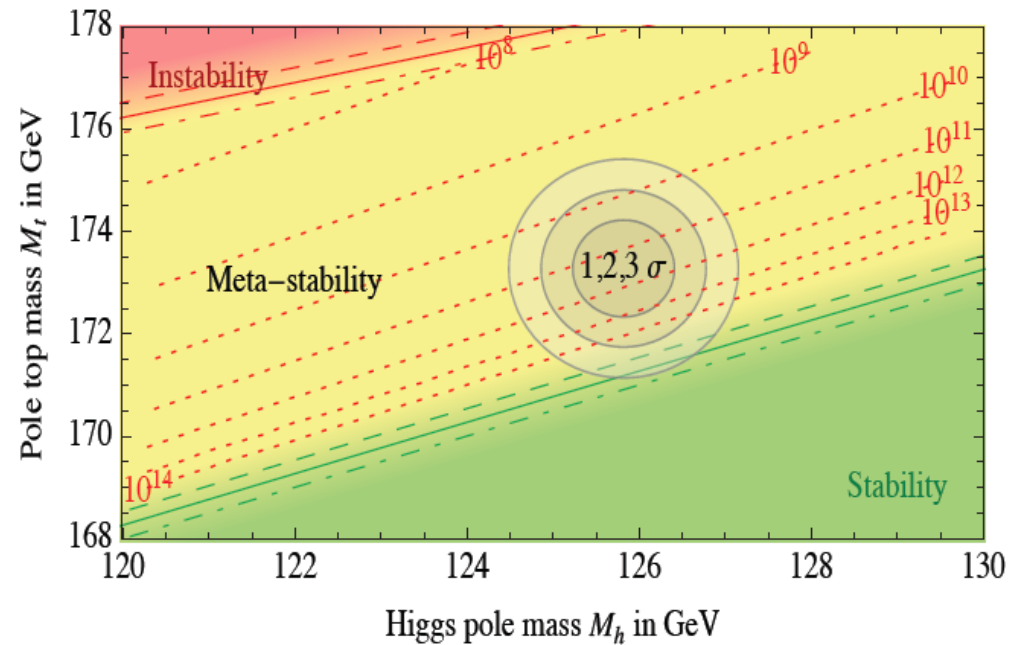
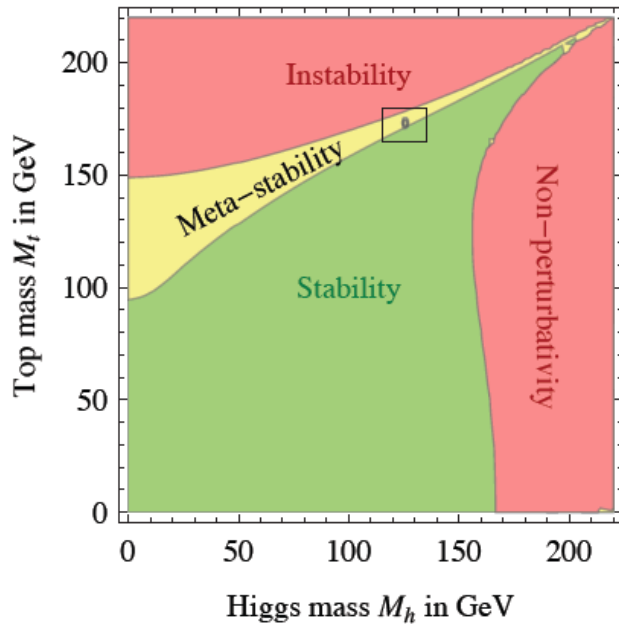
(b) $m_h = 126$ GeV

Figure 1: Two loop running of the Higgs quartic coupling in the SM.

AK & A. Spencer-Smith, arXiv:1305.7283

Instability scale $\lambda(\mu_i) = 0, \mu_i \approx 10^{10}$ GeV

Vacuum stability



$$M_h \text{ [GeV]} > 129.8 + 1.4 \left(\frac{M_t \text{ [GeV]} - 173.1}{0.7} \right) - 0.5 \left(\frac{\alpha_s(M_Z) - 0.1184}{0.0007} \right) \pm 1.0_{\text{th}}$$

$$M_h = 125.8 \pm 0.4 \text{ GeV} \quad (\text{naive average of latest results})$$

For $m_h < 126$ GeV, stability up to the Planck mass is excluded at 98%

C.L. – J. Elias-Miro, et al, JHEP 1206 (2012) 031 [arXiv:126497]

Vacuum stability

- The main uncertainty is in M_t

$$M_t = \begin{cases} 173.2 \pm 0.9 \text{ GeV} & \text{Tevatron} \\ 173.2 \pm 0.94 \text{ GeV} & \text{CMS} \\ 174.5 \pm 2.4 \text{ GeV} & \text{ATLAS} \end{cases}$$

- Hard to measure accurately at LHC – Monte Carlo reconstruction of M_t from top decay products that contain jets, neutrinos and initial state radiation
- Top-quark is not a free particle, hence strictly no pole mass exists! This introduces uncertainties $\pm \Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \approx 0.3 \text{ GeV}$
- More promising is to improve accuracy of theoretical calculations, e.g., running in 2-loop mass-dependent renormalization scheme (A. Spencer-Smith, work in progress)

Vacuum stability

- Large field limit:

$$V_H = \frac{\bar{\beta}_\lambda \ln(h/\mu_i)}{4} h^4, \quad \bar{\beta}_\lambda = \beta_\lambda|_{\mu=\mu_i}$$

$$h_* = \mu_i e^{-1/4}$$

- Using Coleman's prescription, one can calculate that the decay of electroweak vacuum is dominated by small size Lee-Wick bounce solution,

$$R \sim 1/\mu_m \approx 10^{-17}/\text{GeV}, \quad \beta_\lambda|_{\mu=\mu_m} = 0$$

$$S_{\text{LW}} = \frac{8\pi^2}{3|\lambda(\mu_m)|}, \quad |\lambda(\mu_m)| \approx 0.01 - 0.02$$

$$P_{\text{EW}} = e^{-p} \approx 1, \quad p = (\mu_m/H_0)^4 \exp(-S_{\text{LW}}) \ll 1$$

Electroweak vacuum in the Standard Model is metastable!

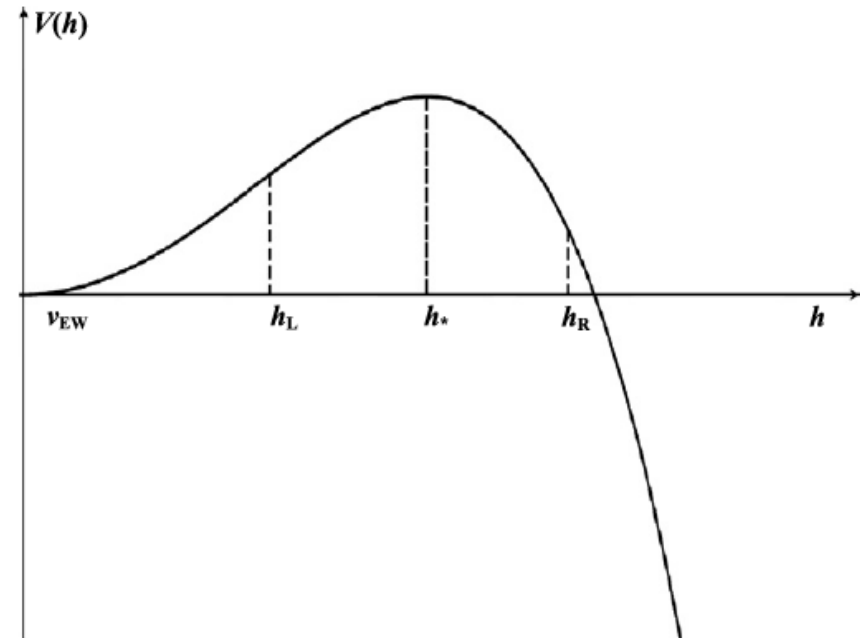


Fig. 1. The Higgs potential. For large values of the Higgs field h , the electroweak vacuum configuration is regarded as trivial, $v_{\text{EW}} \approx 0$.

Vacuum stability

- Electroweak vacuum decay may qualitatively differ in cosmological spacetimes:

(i) Thermal activation of a decay process, $T_r < \mu_i$

(ii) Production of large amplitude Higgs perturbations during inflation,

$$H_{\text{inf}} < \mu_i \quad [\text{J.R. Espinosa, G.F. Giudice, A. Riotto, JCAP 0805 (2008)}$$

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The bound that follows from the above consideration can be avoided, e.g., in curvaton models, or when $m_h^{\text{eff}} > H_{\text{inf}}$

- Actually, the dominant decay processes are due to instantons, (Hawking-Moss, or more generic CdL) [AK & A. Spencer-Smith, Phys Lett B 722 (2013) 130 [arXiv:1301.2846]]

$$V(h, \phi) = V_{\text{H}}(h) + V_{\text{inf}}(\phi) + V_{\text{H-inf}}$$

$$V_{\text{inf}}(\phi) = \mathcal{V}_{\text{inf}} + V'_*(\phi - \phi_{\text{inf}}) + 1/2V''_*(\phi - \phi_{\text{inf}})^2 + \dots$$

$$\epsilon = \frac{M_P^2}{2} \left(\frac{V'_*}{\mathcal{V}_{\text{inf}}} \right)^2 \ll 1, \quad -1 \ll \eta = M_P^2 \frac{V''_*}{\mathcal{V}_{\text{inf}}} \ll 1$$

Vacuum stability

- Fixed background approximation: $\phi = \phi_{\text{inf}}, ds^2 = d\chi^2 + \rho^2(\chi)d\Omega_3,$

$$\rho(\chi) = H_{\text{inf}}^{-1} \sin(H_{\text{inf}}\chi), \quad \chi = t^2 + r^2, \quad \chi \in [0, \pi/H_{\text{inf}}], \quad H_{\text{inf}}^2 = \mathcal{V}_{\text{inf}}/3M_P^2$$

- EoM for Higgs field:

$$\ddot{h} + 3H_{\text{inf}} \cot(H_{\text{inf}}\chi)\dot{h} = \frac{\partial V(\phi_{\text{inf}}, h)}{\partial h}$$

$$\dot{h}(0) = \dot{h}(\pi/H_{\text{inf}}) = 0$$

$$h_L(x_*) = h_R(x_*)$$

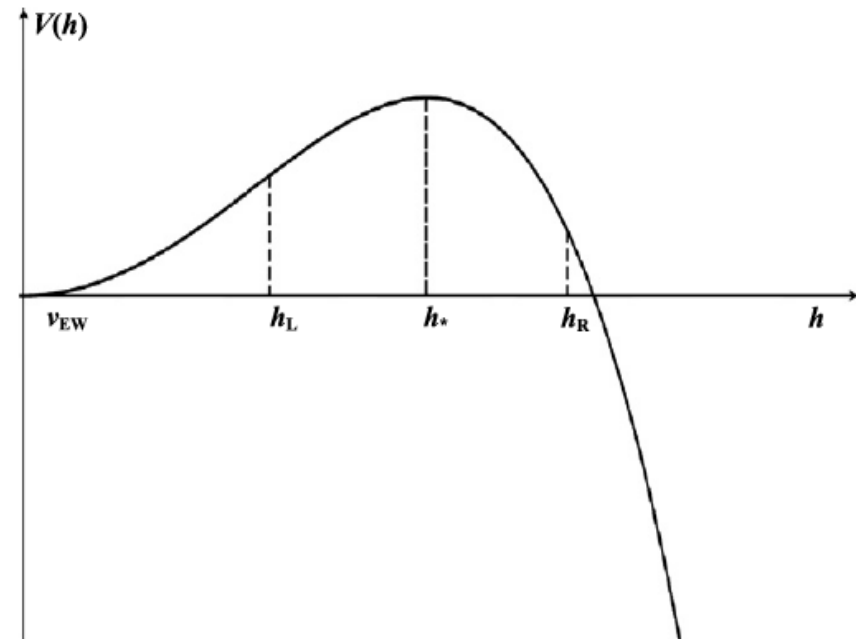


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Vacuum stability

- Hawking-Moss instanton: $\frac{\partial V}{\partial h} = 0, h(x) = h_*$,

$$p \approx \exp \left\{ -\frac{8\pi^2}{3} \frac{V_H(h_*) + V_{H-\text{inf}}(\phi_{\text{inf}}, h_*)}{H_{\text{inf}}^4} \right\}$$

- For $V_{H-\text{inf}}(\phi_{\text{inf}}, h_*) \ll V(h_*)$,

HM transition generates a fast decay of the electroweak vacuum, unless

$$H_{\text{inf}} < 10^9 (10^{12}) \text{ GeV}$$

$$m_h = 126 \text{ GeV}, \quad m_t = 174(172) \text{ GeV}$$

- Together with $n_s < 1$, this implies that only small-field inflationary models are allowed with a negligible tensor/scalar:

$$r < 10^{-11} (10^{-5})$$

Vacuum stability

- Consider, $V_{H-\text{inf}} = \frac{\alpha}{2} h^2 \phi^2$ ($\alpha > 0$), $m_h^{\text{eff}} = \alpha^{1/2} \phi_{\text{inf}} > H_{\text{inf}}$
[O. Lebedev & A. Westphal Phys.Lett. B719 (2013) 415]

$$h_* = (-\alpha/\lambda)^{1/2} \phi_{\text{inf}} > \mu_i, \quad (\lambda(h_*) < 0)$$

- Large-field chaotic inflation [$V_{\text{inf}} = 1/2 m_\phi^2 \phi^2$, $m_\phi = 10^{-5} M_{\text{P}}$], with

$$\alpha > 1.4 \sqrt{|\lambda|} (H_{\text{inf}}/\phi_{\text{inf}})^2 > 6 \cdot 10^{-12} .$$

- Naturalness constraint:

$$\alpha < 64\pi^2 (m_\phi/m_h)^2 \approx 2 \cdot 10^{-20}$$

Tuning is needed!

Vacuum stability

- In the limit $m_h^{\text{eff}} \gg H_{\text{inf}}$

$$h'' + 3h'\chi = \frac{\partial V(\phi_{\text{inf}}, h)}{\partial h}, \quad [x = m_h^{\text{eff}} \chi]$$

$$h(x) = \begin{cases} 8h_R \left(8 + \left(\frac{h_R}{h_*} \right)^2 x^2 \right)^{-1}, & 0 \leq x < x_* \\ \frac{x_* h_*}{x(J_1(ix_*) + iY_1(-ix_*))} (J_1(ix) + iY_1(-ix)), & x_* < x < \infty \end{cases},$$

$$x_* = \frac{2\sqrt{2}h_*}{h_R} \left(\frac{h_R}{h_*} - 1 \right)^{1/2}.$$

$$B_{\text{CdL}} = -\frac{2\pi^2}{\lambda} I < 0, \quad I = \int_0^\infty x^3 dx \left[h^2(x) \left(1 - \frac{h^2(x)}{2h_*^2} \right) \right] < 0, \quad \lambda(\mu > \mu_i) < 0.$$

$$p \propto \exp\{-B_{\text{CdL}}\} \gg 1 \quad \text{EW vacuum is unstable!}$$

Vacuum stability

- Fast decay of EW ceases inflation globally (no eternal inflation)

$$e^{3H_{\text{inf}}\tau} e^{-(\tau H_{\text{inf}})^4/p}$$

$$\tau_{\text{stop}} \approx (3/p)^{1/3} H_{\text{inf}}^{-1} < 1.4 H_{\text{inf}}^{-1}$$

- The above considerations applies to models with curvaton

Vacuum stability

- For the ‘unperturbed’ SM potential the condition of vacuum metastability rules out all large scale models.
- All models with sizeable Higgs-inflaton interactions are ruled out.
- An observation of tensor perturbations in the CMB by the Planck satellite would provide a strong indication of new physics beyond the Standard Model.

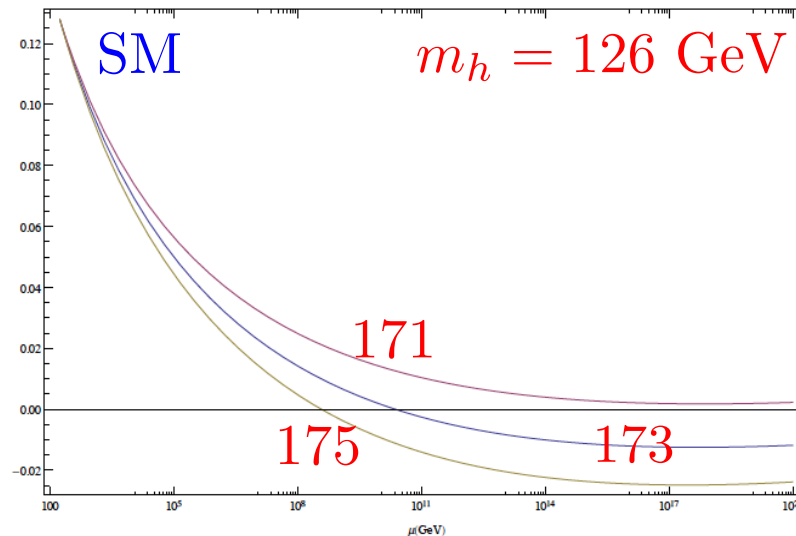
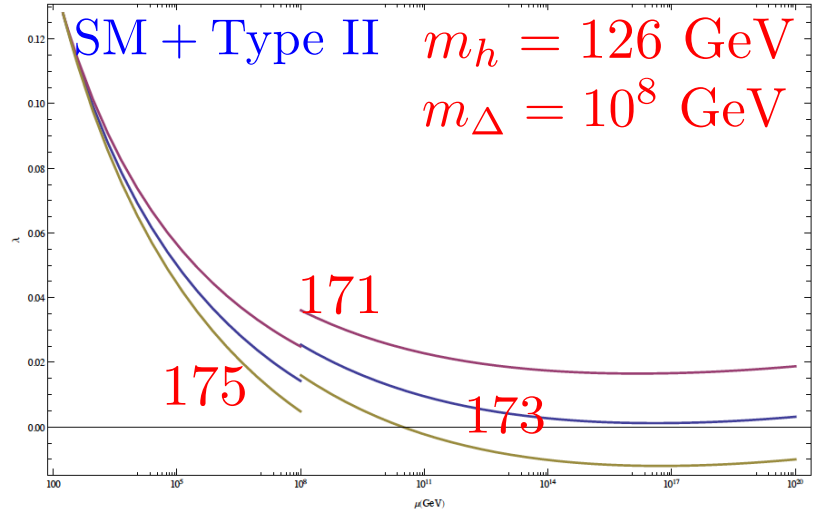
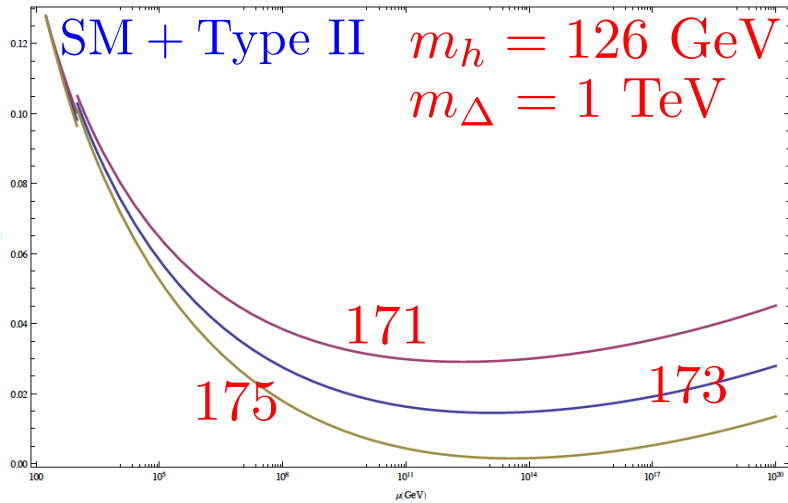
Vacuum stability and neutrino masses

(A.K., A. Spencer-Smith, JHEP, 2013 in press [arXiv:1305.7283])

- Oscillation experiments show that neutrinos are massive. Massive neutrinos cannot be accommodated within the Standard Model
- Type I see-saw mechanism – new heavy right-handed neutrinos – worsens vacuum stability
- Type III see-saw mechanism – new electroweak triplet fermions – light triplet fermions are required
- Type II see-saw – new electroweak triplet boson – capable to solve the stability problem:
 - (i) threshold (classical) correction to Higgs self-interaction coupling;
 - (ii) positive contribution to β_λ

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Higgs inflation?

Suppose $M_t < 171$ GeV, then EW vacuum is stable and Higgs can drive inflation

A) Higgs slowly rolls down (tunnels) from the plateau (local minimum), where

$$\lambda(M_P) = \beta_\lambda(M_P) \approx 0$$

and produces inflation (Masina, Notari). In tension with data.

B) Higgs has large non-minimal coupling to gravity, $\xi(H^\dagger H)R$, which effectively flattens the Higgs potential (Bezrukov, Shaposhnikov) [Needs an extra scalar to avoid strong coupling regime]

C) New particles can postpone the instability scale. Higgs can roll from the local maximum down to the electroweak minimum (Blanco-Pillado, A.K.)

Higgs inflation is highly predictive scenario which can be falsified in precision cosmological measurements

Naturalness

- Higgs with $m_h=125-126$ GeV is somewhat heavy than in typical supersymmetric models (see, P. Athron's & A. Medina's talks, however) and somewhat light than typical prediction of technicolour models (see, T. Sankar's talk, however).
- People started to question the validity of the naturalness principle
- My personal point of view: The naturalness principle has adopted as a guiding principle for new physics not because to produce more papers or/and to fool experimentalists. It reflects our current understanding of basics of QFT. A failure of naturalness would mean that these basics must be fundamentally reviewed.

Naturalness

- P. Dirac was the first who recognised importance of naturalness in quantum physics. He asserted that all the dimensionless parameters of a theory must be of the same order of magnitude (**strong naturalness principle**) – why? – because in quantum theory all the parameters are related to each other via quantum corrections!
- Dirac's Large (Small) Number Hypothesis:

$$\text{EM / Gravity: } \alpha \left(\frac{m_e}{M_P} \right) \left(\frac{m_p}{M_P} \right) \approx 10^{-40} \text{ is } = \left(\frac{m_p}{M_U} \right)^{1/2} \approx 10^{-40}$$

Predicts time-variation of microscopic constants, which turned out to be wrong!

- **Lesson:** The principle applies to microscopic parameters. Macroscopic parameters, such as mass of the universe M_U can be random (maybe CC is the same?).

Naturalness

- G. t'Hooft: Dimensionless parameter can be small if it is supported by a symmetry (**technical naturalness**).

$$\left(\frac{m_e}{M_P} \right) \ll 1 \text{ -- chiral symmetry}$$

$$\left(\frac{m_p}{M_P} \right) \ll 1 \text{ -- dimensional transmutation in QCD, aka scale invariance}$$

- Naturalness of EWSB:

$$\left(\frac{m_h}{M_P} \right) \ll 1 \text{ -- ???}$$

Naturalness

- Consider an effective theory with a ‘physical’ cut-off Λ , which contains scalars, S, fermions, F, and vector fields, V.

- 1-loop scalar mass terms:

$$m_S^2(\mu) = m_S^2(\Lambda) + \frac{1}{32\pi^2} \text{STr } g_A \left[\Lambda^2 - M_A^2 \log(\Lambda^2/\mu^2) \right]$$

$$\text{STr} \equiv (-1)^{2J_A} (2J_A + 1)$$

- $m_S^2 \ll \Lambda^2$ is unnatural (hierarchy problem)
- According to t’Hooft, we need a symmetry to remove quadratic dependence on UV scale

Naturalness

- **Supersymmetry:**

Non-renormalization theorem: $\text{STr } g_A = 0$ (holds in softly-broken SUSY!)

$$\text{STr } g_A M_A^2 = 0$$

Quadratic divergences are absent in softly-broken SUSY

- **Scale invariance:**

$$m_S^2(\mu = \Lambda) = 0 \longrightarrow \bar{m}_S^2(\Lambda) + \text{Str } g_A \Lambda^2 = 0$$

Scale invariance is broken spontaneously and explicitly by logarithmic

quantum corrections $\Gamma_\mu^u = \sum_i \beta_i \mathcal{O}_i$, - dimensional transmutation

Interesting model building/pheno [R. Foot, A.K., K.L. McDonalds, R.R. Volkas]

Conclusion

- The LHC resonance at 125-126 GeV looks as SM-like Higgs boson. There is still room for 30 to 50% (large!) deviations
 - Measurement of couplings
 - Spin/parity (non-minimal spin 2, mixed parity)
 - Constraints from unitarity (VV-scattering) on heavy resonances
- Interesting interplay between Higgs physics and cosmology: The electroweak vacuum stability may also be hinting towards physics beyond the Standard Model (e.g., associated with neutrino mass generation, strong CP problem, dark matter, etc...). PLANCK satellite may provide a crucial information soon.
 - More precise calculations of SM running parameters
 - New physics model building
 - Higgs inflation
- Naturalness is important
 - New physics model building (scale invariance, composite models alternative SUSY)
 - Collider phenomenology

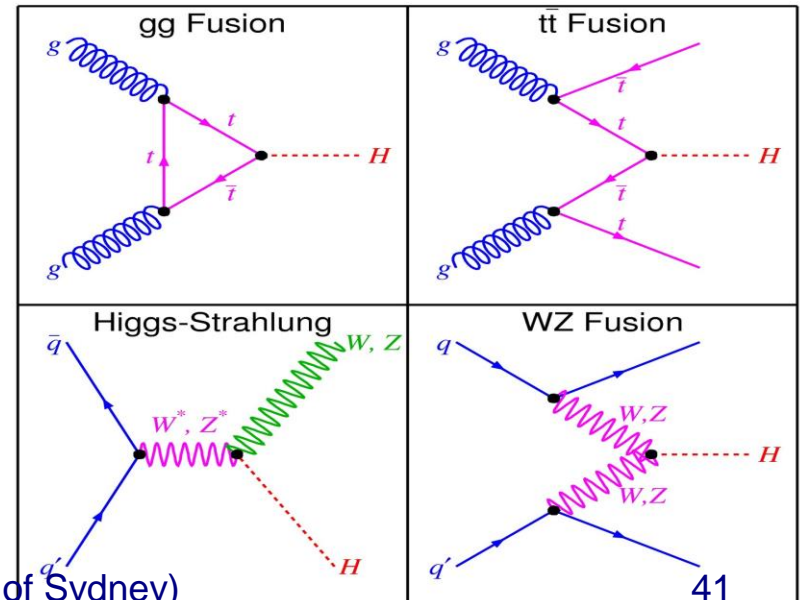
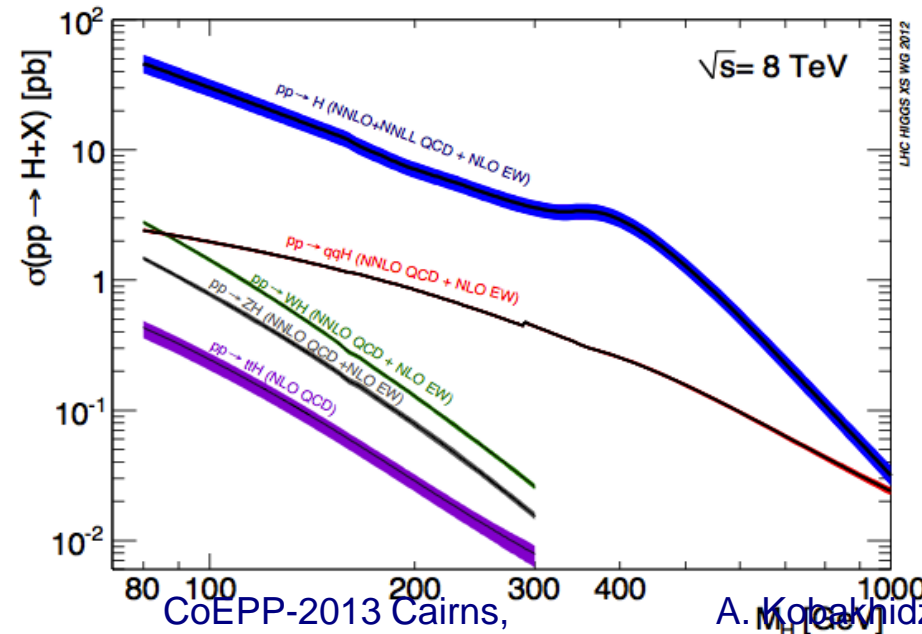
BACKUP SLIDES

Couplings to SM fields

- Couplings are SM-like, but still there is a room for 30 to 50% deviations!
- Suppose, $\mu_{WW} = \mu_{ZZ} = 1$ and $\mu_{\gamma\gamma} \cong 1.5$. What does this imply?

$$\mu_{XX} = \frac{\sigma(pp \rightarrow h)}{\sigma_{SM}(pp \rightarrow h)} \frac{\Gamma(h \rightarrow XX)}{\Gamma_{SM}(h \rightarrow XX)} \frac{\Gamma_{SM}(h \rightarrow all)}{\Gamma(h \rightarrow all)}$$

$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow h) \approx \sigma(gg \rightarrow h) \stackrel{\Gamma \ll m_h}{\approx} \frac{\pi^2}{8m_h} \Gamma(h \rightarrow gg) \delta(s - m_h^2)$$



Couplings to SM fields

- Can we explain the data within the SM without new particles, just modifying tree-level couplings, y_t and g_{hVV} ?

$$\frac{\mu_{yy}}{\mu_{VV}} = \left(1.28 - 0.28 \frac{r_t}{r_V} \right)^2 \approx 1.5 - 2.$$

$$\frac{r_t}{r_V} \sim 0.2 \quad \wedge \quad \frac{r_t}{r_V} \sim 9$$

- Theory: **linearly realised** SU(2)XU(1) gauge symmetry implies that coupling constants are proportional to masses, e.g. $y_t \sim M_t$ and $g_{hVV} \sim M_V$ and $|r_t|, |r_V| \leq 1$.

Couplings to SM fields

- **Conclusion:** $\mu_{\gamma\gamma}$ can be enhanced only by introducing new charged particles, X^{YY}_{other}
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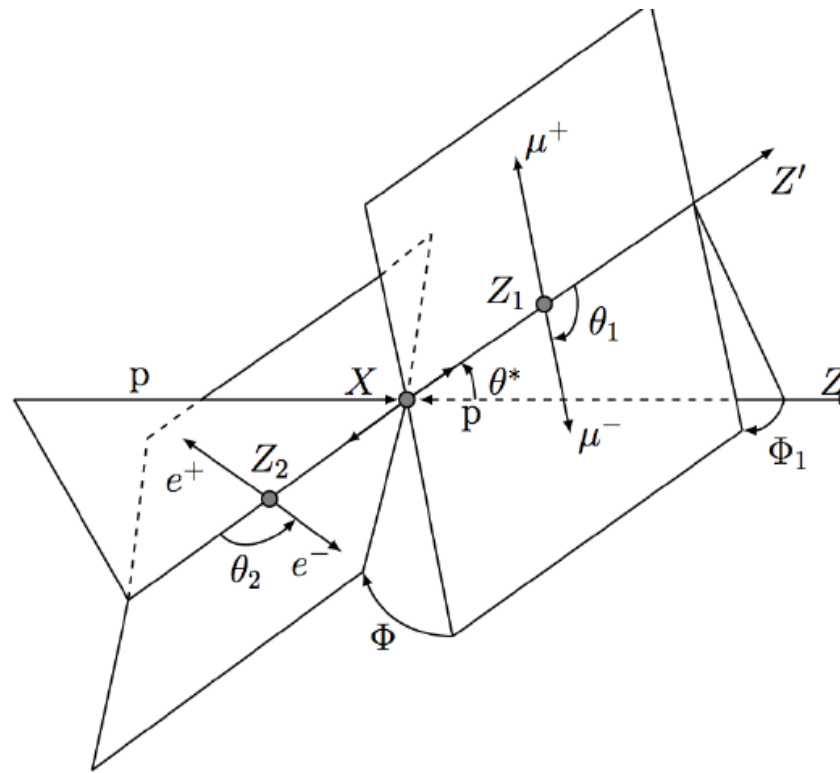


Figure 13: Definition of the production and decay angles in an $X \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 4\ell$ decay. The illustration is drawn with the beam axis in the lab frame, the Z_1 and Z_2 in the X rest frame and the leptons in their corresponding parent rest frames (see text for further description).

Naturalness and the scale invariance

- Wilsonian effective theory with cut-off scale Λ :

$$Z_\Lambda[J_S] = \int DS \exp \left(i \int d^4x [\mathcal{L}_\Lambda + J_S S] \right)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_\Lambda = \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu S)^2 - \frac{1}{2}m^2(\Lambda)S^2 - \frac{\lambda(\Lambda)}{4}S^4 + \dots$$

- Compute quantum corrections:

$$m_R^2(\mu) = m^2(\Lambda) + \frac{3\lambda}{16\pi^2} \left[\Lambda^2 - m^2(\Lambda) \log(\Lambda^2/\mu^2) \right]$$

- Thus, a light scalar,

$$m_R^2 \ll \Lambda^2$$

is “unnatural” (**hierarchy problem**)

Naturalness and the scale invariance

- Suppose the underline theory is scale-invariant:

$$Z[J_S, J_H] = \int [DS DH] \exp \left(i \int d^4x [\mathcal{L} + J_S S + J_H H] \right)$$

$$\mathcal{L}[tS, tH] = t^4 \mathcal{L}[S, H]$$

- Then

$$m_R^2(\Lambda) = 0 = m^2(\Lambda) + \frac{3\lambda}{16\pi^2} \Lambda^2$$

is a natural **renormalization condition** which is imposed due to the absence of a mass parameter in the scale-invariant bare Lagrangian [Foot, A.K., Volkas; Meissner, Nicolai, 2007].

- (Anomalous) Ward-Takahashi identity [W.A. Bardeen, 1995]:

$$T_\mu^\mu = \sum_i \beta_i(\lambda) \mathcal{O}_i$$

- Masses are generated from spontaneous breaking of scale invariance through the mechanism of **dimensional transmutation**.

Scale-invariant models

- Minimal scale-invariant Standard Model [R. Foot, A. K., R.R. Volkas, Phys. Lett. B655 (2007)156-161]:

$$V_0 = \frac{\lambda_1}{2} (\phi^\dagger \phi)^2 + \frac{\lambda_2}{4} S^4 + \frac{\lambda_3}{2} (\phi^\dagger \phi) S^2 = \frac{r^4}{8} (\lambda_1 \cos^4 \theta + 2\lambda_2 \sin^4 \theta + 2\lambda_3 \sin \theta \cos \theta)$$

- Demanding cancellation of the cosmological constant the dilaton mass is generated at 2-loop. A light dilaton is a generic prediction of such class of models [R. Foot, A. K., arXiv:1112.0607].

$$V_{\min} = -2B = 0 \implies m_r^2 = 8C \langle r \rangle^2$$

$$m_r \approx 7 - 10 \text{ GeV}$$

- Higgs mass prediction: $m_h \approx 12^{1/4} m_t \approx 300 \text{ GeV}$

Excluded by LHC

Dark matter: Scale-invariant mirror world

- Scale-invariant scalar potentials are automatically invariant under discrete Z_2 symmetry. If Z_2 is unbroken some heavy scalar states are stable and can play the role of dark matter.
- However, some recent experiments (DAMA/LIBRA, CoGeNT) provide evidence for light (7-15 GeV) dark matter particles. The best explanation of these experiments is provided by the mirror dark matter models [R. Foot, H. Lew and R. R. Volkas, Phys. Lett. B272, (191) 67; R. Foot, Phys. Rev. D 78 (2008) 043529; Phys. Lett. B692 (2010)].
- Scale-invariant mirror world models are discussed in: R. Foot, A.K. and R. R. Volkas Phys. Lett. B655 (2007)156-161; Phys. Rev. D82 (2010) 035005 and R. Foot, A. K., arXiv:1112.0607. Extended scalar sector has further motivation due to the mirror symmetry doubling.
- Higgs sector, besides the light dilaton, contains two neutral Higgs scalars:

$$m_H = (24m_t^4 - m_h^4)^{1/4} \approx 355 \text{ GeV}$$

Neutrino masses in scale-invariant models

- Different possibilities of neutrino mass generation is discussed in R. Foot, A. K., K.L. McDonald, R.R. Volkas, Phys. Rev. D76 (2007) 075014.
- One particular model contains extra electroweak triplet scalar particle Δ (type II see-saw) [R. Foot, A. K., arXiv:1112.0607]:

$$m_{\Delta} = (2m_t^4 - m_h^4/6)^{1/4} \approx 190 \text{ GeV}$$