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BSM physics at the LHC

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Preamble: SM/BSM and the LHC

The Standard Model of strong, weak and e.m. interactions, effectively coupled to gravity near flat space, describes almost all known physics.

Even neglecting gravity and nu-oscillations a part of the SM is still under discussion:

its symmetry-breaking sector
(must be disclosed within the TeV scale)
minimal SM: elementary scalar doublet

LHC has been built to settle this point
after the inputs from LEP and Tevatron

neutrino oscillations require only minor modifications
more serious exceptions with gravity and cosmology:
dark matter, dark energy, inflation, baryogenesis, ...
none requires (one suggests) new physics at TeV scale

LHC: machine and experiments

LEP: $e^+ e^-$ collisions at $\sqrt{s} \leq 209$ GeV

Tevatron: $p \bar{p}$ collisions at $\sqrt{s} \simeq 2$ TeV

LHC: pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 14$ TeV

New schedule after 2008 accident being defined today:

- Collisions late 2009 to fall 2010 at 10 TeV, >200 pb⁻¹
- Then 14 TeV in 2011+, up to 10 (or more) fb⁻¹/year

Two general-purpose detectors:

ATLAS: A Toroidal Lhc ApparatuS CMS: Compact Muon Solenoid

Additional dedicated detectors:

LHCB (B physics), ALICE (heavy ions), TOTEM (forward detector)

Plan of the lectures

1. A critical overview of the SM
2. Bottom-up approaches to BSM
3. SUSY: if so, which incarnation?
4. Other BSM ideas for the LHC

SM: particle content and gauge interactions

Gauge group: $G = SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$ [Q=T_{3L}+Y]

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

Fermion content: 3 families of quarks and leptons

$$q_L \sim (3, 2, +1/6) \quad l_L \sim (1, 2, -1/2) \quad u_R \sim (3, 1, +2/3) \quad d_R \sim (3, 1, -1/3) \quad e_R \sim (1, 1, -1)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_F = i\bar{\Psi}\gamma^\mu D_\mu\Psi \quad D_\mu = \partial_\mu - ig_S G_\mu^A \lambda^A - ig W_\mu^I \frac{\tau^I}{2} - ig' B_\mu Y$$

unobserved global flavour symmetry: $SU(3)^5 \times U(1)^4$

The big **OPEN** question is on **symmetry breaking**
minimal SM realization or **alternative one?**

Symmetry breaking in the minimal SM

$$\phi \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \varphi^+ \\ \varphi^0 \end{pmatrix} \sim (1, 2, +1/2) \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Elementary SM} \\ \text{Higgs field} \end{array}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_S = (D_\mu \phi)^\dagger (D^\mu \phi) - V \quad V = \mu^2 \phi^\dagger \phi + \lambda (\phi^\dagger \phi)^2$$

spontaneous breaking of the gauge symmetry:

$$SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y \rightarrow U(1)_Q$$

$$\mathcal{L}_Y = \bar{q}_L Y^U u_R \tilde{\phi} + \bar{q}_L Y^D d_R \phi + \bar{l}_L Y^E e_R \phi + \text{h.c.}$$

$$\tilde{\phi} \equiv (i\sigma^2 \phi^*) = \begin{pmatrix} \varphi^{0*} \\ -\varphi^- \end{pmatrix} \sim (1, 2, -1/2) \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{conjugate} \\ \text{doublet} \end{array}$$

explicit breaking of the global flavour symmetry:

$$SU(3)^5 \times U(1)^4 \rightarrow U(1)_B \times U(1)_{L_e} \times U(1)_{L_\mu} \times U(1)_{L_\tau}$$

(before the modifications to account for neutrino masses)

Spectrum and interactions

$$\lambda > 0 \quad \& \quad \mu^2 < 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \langle \phi \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v \end{pmatrix} \quad v = \sqrt{\frac{-\mu^2}{\lambda}}$$

$$\frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{g^2}{8m_W^2} = \frac{1}{2v^2} \quad \Rightarrow \quad v \simeq 246 \text{ GeV}$$

$$m_W^2 = \frac{g^2 v^2}{4} \quad m_Z^2 = \frac{(g^2 + g'^2)v^2}{4} \quad m_\gamma = 0$$

$$m_h^2 = 2\lambda v^2 = -2\mu^2 \quad \text{undetermined}$$

$$V \Rightarrow -\frac{\lambda}{4}v^4 + \lambda v^2 h^2 + \lambda v h^3 + \frac{\lambda}{4}h^4$$

Crucial property n.1: custodial symmetry

[Sikivie-Susskind-Voloshin-Zakharov, 1980]

Minimal SM
(tree level) $\rho_0 \equiv \frac{m_W^2}{m_Z^2 \cos^2 \theta_W} = 1$ Veltman rho param. $\left(\tan \theta_W = \frac{g'}{g} \right)$

Can be interpreted in terms of a **symmetry** (also BSM)

$$\mathcal{L}_m = \frac{1}{2} m_W^2 (W_{1\mu} W_1^\mu + W_{2\mu} W_2^\mu) + \frac{1}{2} (W_{3\mu} B_\mu) \begin{pmatrix} M^2 & M'^2 \\ M'^2 & M''^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} W_3^\mu \\ B^\mu \end{pmatrix}$$

$$m_\gamma = 0 \Rightarrow M^2 M''^2 = M'^4 \quad M^2 + M''^2 = m_Z^2 \Rightarrow \rho = 1 \leftrightarrow M^2 = m_W^2$$

$V = V(\phi^\dagger \phi)$ invariant under $O(4) \sim SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$
symmetry broken by $\langle \phi \rangle$ to $SU(2)_V \Rightarrow \rho_0 = 1$

Largest SM quantum correction controlled by m_t - m_b
 \rightarrow could estimate m_t before direct top discovery

Crucial property n.2: CKM/GIM (MFV)

$$\mathcal{L}_Y \Rightarrow (\bar{u}_L Y^U u_R + \bar{d}_L Y^D d_R + \bar{e}_L Y^E e_R) \frac{(v+h)}{\sqrt{2}} + \text{h.c.}$$

Move to fermion mass eigenstates

$$u_L \rightarrow V_L^u u_L \quad u_R \rightarrow V_R^u u_R \quad d_L \rightarrow V_L^d d_L \quad \dots$$

$$\mathcal{L}_Y \Rightarrow -(m_t \bar{t}_L t_R + m_b \bar{b}_L b_R + \dots) \left(1 + \frac{g}{2m_W} h\right) + \text{h.c.}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{g.int} = \frac{g}{2\sqrt{2}} (J_W^\mu W_\mu^- + J_W^{\mu\dagger} W_\mu^+) + e J_{EM}^\mu A_\mu + \frac{g^2 + g'^2}{2} J_Z^\mu Z_\mu$$

$$J_W^\mu = 2(\bar{e}_L \gamma^\mu \nu_L + \bar{d}_L \gamma^\mu V_{CKM} u_L) \quad (\text{diagonal } J_{EM}^\mu, J_Z^\mu)$$

$$V_{CKM} = V_L^{d\dagger} V_L^u \quad \text{only source of flavour change/CPV}$$

(in renormalizable operators made of minimal-SM fields)

Precision tests of EW breaking

Electroweak theory tested at the level of quantum corrections by precision measurements at SLC, LEP, Tevatron and more: large number of observables, many with per-mille accuracy

SM radiative corrections vs. m_t and m_h

For fixed values of the remaining SM input parameters:

$$\Delta m_W \simeq -(57 \text{ MeV}) \log X_h - (9 \text{ MeV}) (\log X_h)^2 + (0.54 \text{ GeV}) (X_t^2 - 1)$$

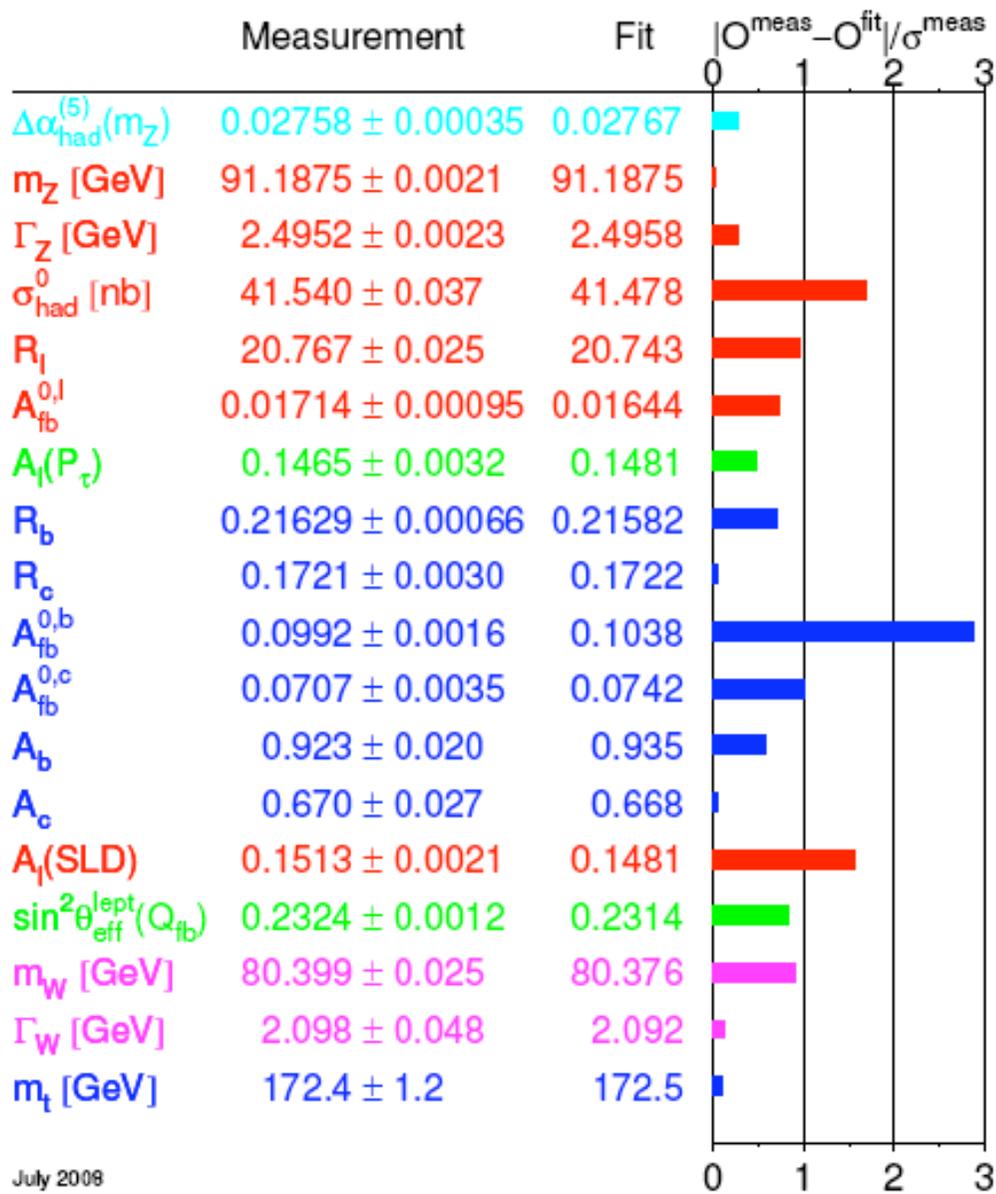
$$\Delta \sin_{eff}^2 \simeq 4.9 \times 10^{-4} \log X_h + 3.4 \times 10^{-5} (\log X_h)^2 - 2.8 \times 10^{-3} (X_t^2 - 1)$$

$$X_h = \frac{m_h}{100 \text{ GeV}} \quad X_t = \frac{m_t}{174.3 \text{ GeV}}$$

Now that m_t is precisely known, indirect constraints on m_h

Correlations: $m_{t\downarrow} \rightarrow m_{h\downarrow}$ $m_{W\downarrow} \rightarrow m_{h\uparrow}$ $s_{2w_l\downarrow} \rightarrow m_{h\downarrow}$

SM fit to EW precision tests [Summer 2008]



July 2008

Recent update:

$$M_t = 172.4 \pm 1.2 \text{ GeV}$$

- SM still fits well at such high precision!
- Indication for light Higgs in the SM

$$M_H = 84^{+34}_{-26} \text{ GeV}$$

$$M_H < 154 \text{ GeV (95\%CL)}$$

Including direct bound
 $M_H > 114.4 \text{ GeV (95\%cl)}$
 $M_H < 185 \text{ GeV (95\%CL)}$

Two non-trivial SM tests in flavour physics

Inclusive $b \rightarrow s$ gamma (top-W loop):

$$BR(B \rightarrow X_S \gamma)_{E_\gamma > 1.6 \text{ GeV}}^{exp} = (3.52 \pm 0.25) \times 10^{-4}$$

[HFAG, 2008]

$$BR(B \rightarrow X_S \gamma)_{E_\gamma > 1.6 \text{ GeV}}^{SM} = (3.15 \pm 0.23) \times 10^{-4}$$

[Misiak 08]

$B_s \rightarrow \mu \mu$ (Z-penguin dominated):

$$BR(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)^{SM} = (3.9 \pm 0.8) \times 10^{-9}$$

[0801.1833]

$$BR(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)^{exp} < 4.7 \times 10^{-8} \text{ (95\%cl)}$$

[CDF]

One of the highlights of LHCb !

Any hints of a SM crisis (at the Fermi scale) ?

- SM incomplete because of quantum gravity
- String theory the most serious line of attack
- No solid prediction so far at the Fermi scale
- At best some plausible “stringy” scenarios

Will address here the problem more concretely:

combination experiment/theory

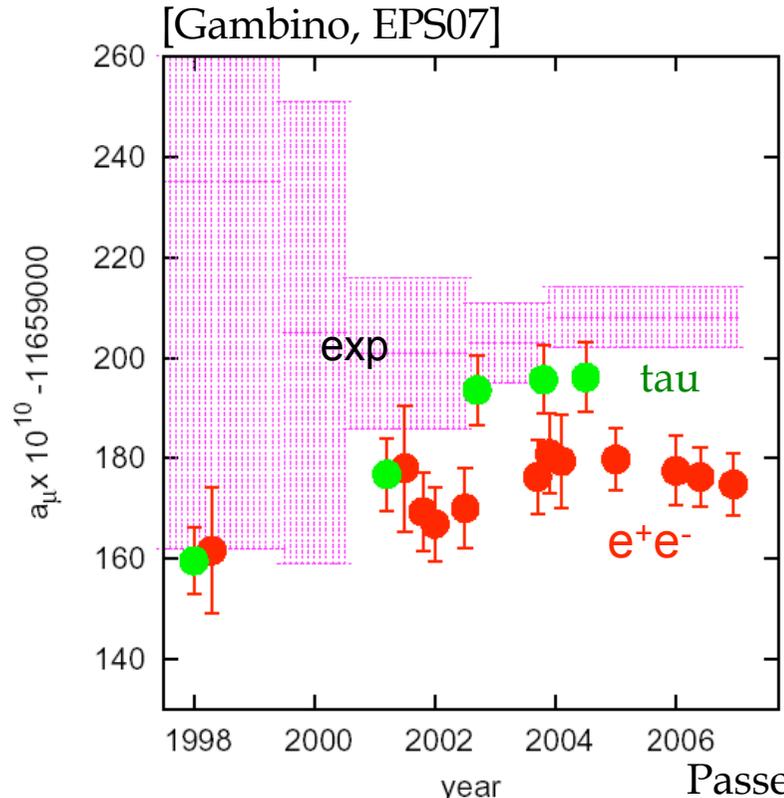
with more weight on experiment for now

- The muon (g-2) puzzle
- Problems with EW precision tests
 - Dark matter

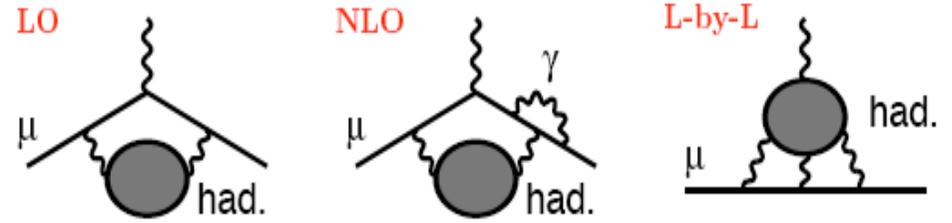
Will add more theoretical bias in lecture 2:

- Naturalness/Hierarchy problem

The muon (g-2) puzzle



dominant TH error: hadronic



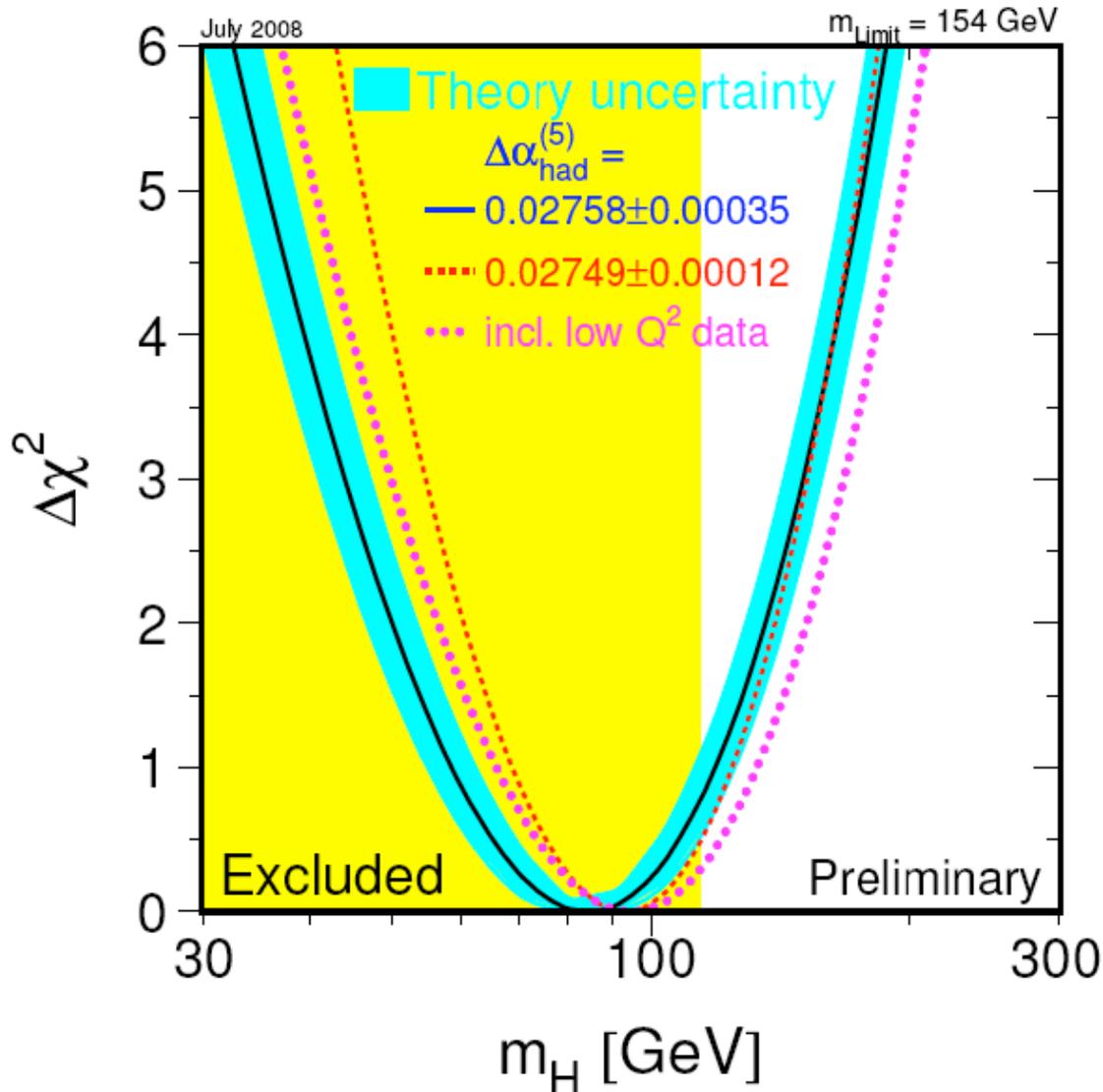
At present, after many years:
~ 3σ discrepancy
 but still evolving...

a_μ : Standard Model vs. measurement. Passera, hep-ph/0702027

	$a_\mu^{\text{SM}} \times 10^{11}$	$\Delta \times 10^{11}$	σ
[68]	116 591 763 (60)	317 (87)	3.7 ⟨3.2⟩
[69]	116 591 748 (61)	332 (88)	3.8 ⟨3.4⟩
[70]	116 591 775 (69)	305 (93)	3.3 ⟨2.8⟩
[71]	116 591 798 (63)	282 (89)	3.2 ⟨2.7⟩
[73]	116 591 961 (70)	119 (95)	1.3 ⟨0.7⟩

New Physics?
 If so, SUSY?
 or
 Underestimated TH
 (QCD) systematics?

Direct vs. Indirect Higgs mass bounds

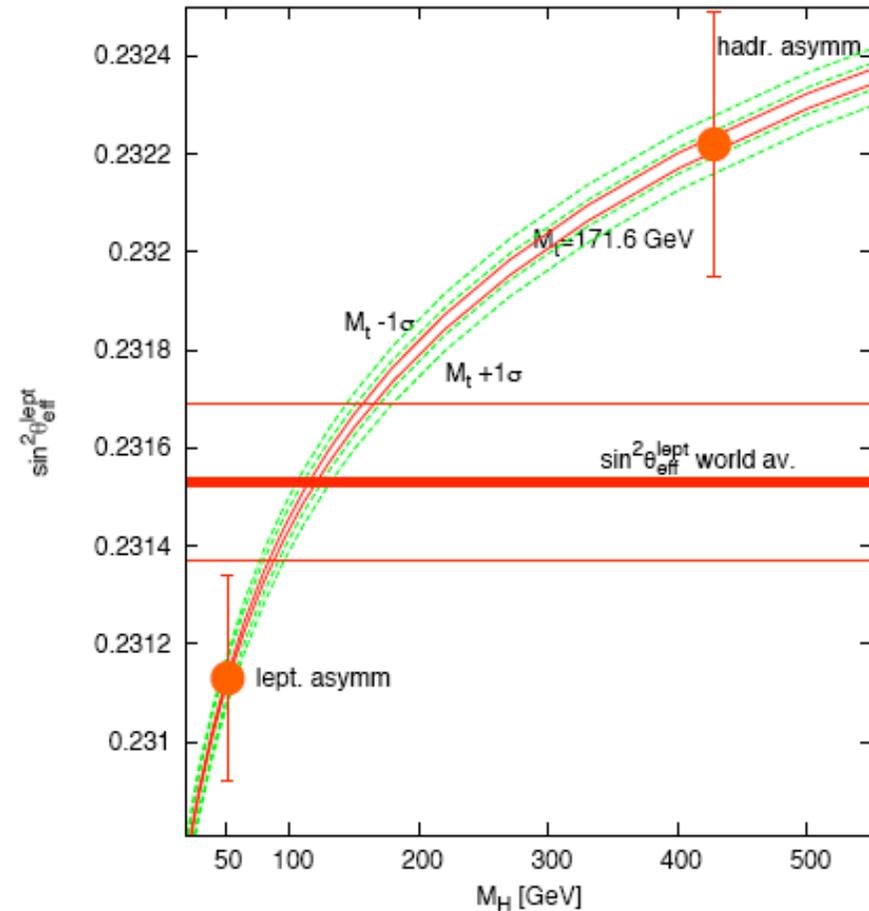
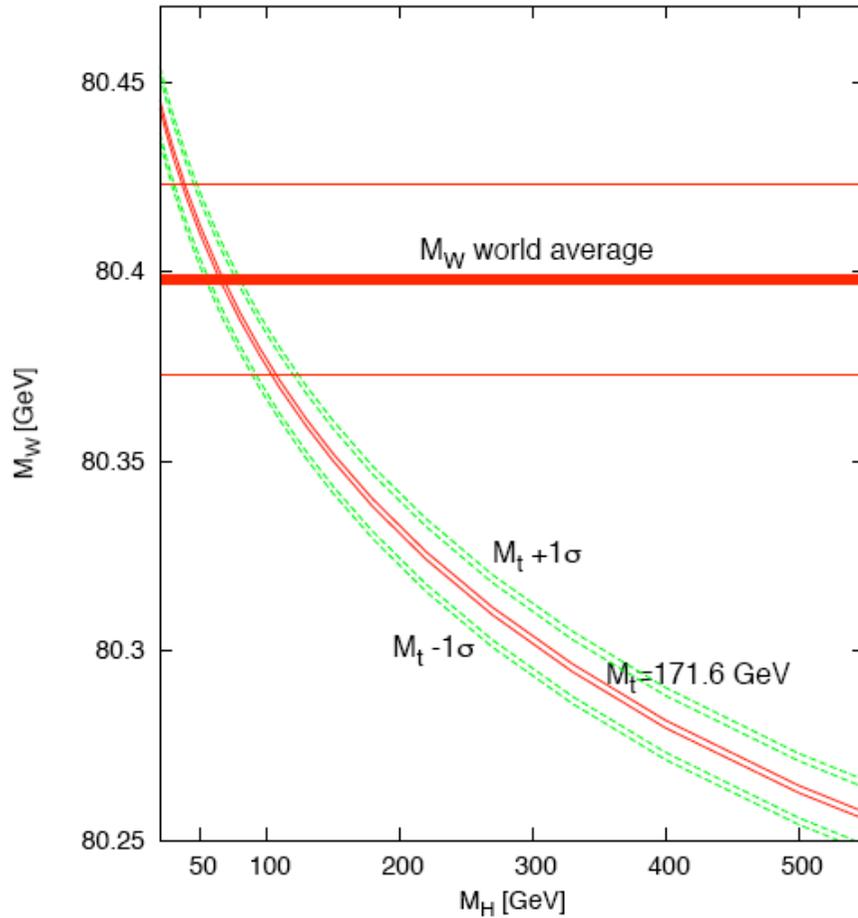


Too small m_{H} from fit?
Probability of
 $M_{\text{H}} > 114 \text{ GeV}$:
 $\sim 20\%$

Nothing dramatic,
but
how does this arise?

What prefers a light Higgs?

[Gambino]



Correlations: $M_{\text{top}} \downarrow \rightarrow m_H \downarrow$ $M_W \downarrow \rightarrow m_H \uparrow$ $s_2w_1 \downarrow \rightarrow m_H \downarrow$

- M_W points to a **light Higgs**, with **good accuracy**
- Some **tension** in leptonic vs. hadronic **asymmetries**

Dark matter

Increasing **evidence for dark matter** over the years:

- Rotational curves of galaxies
- Cosmic microwave background
- Gravitational lensing

Should account for **20-25% of universe energy density**

A possible generic dark matter candidate:

WIMP = Weakly Interacting Massive Particle

(not the only acceptable one, see e.g. the **axion**)

For WIMPs in thermal equilibrium after inflation need

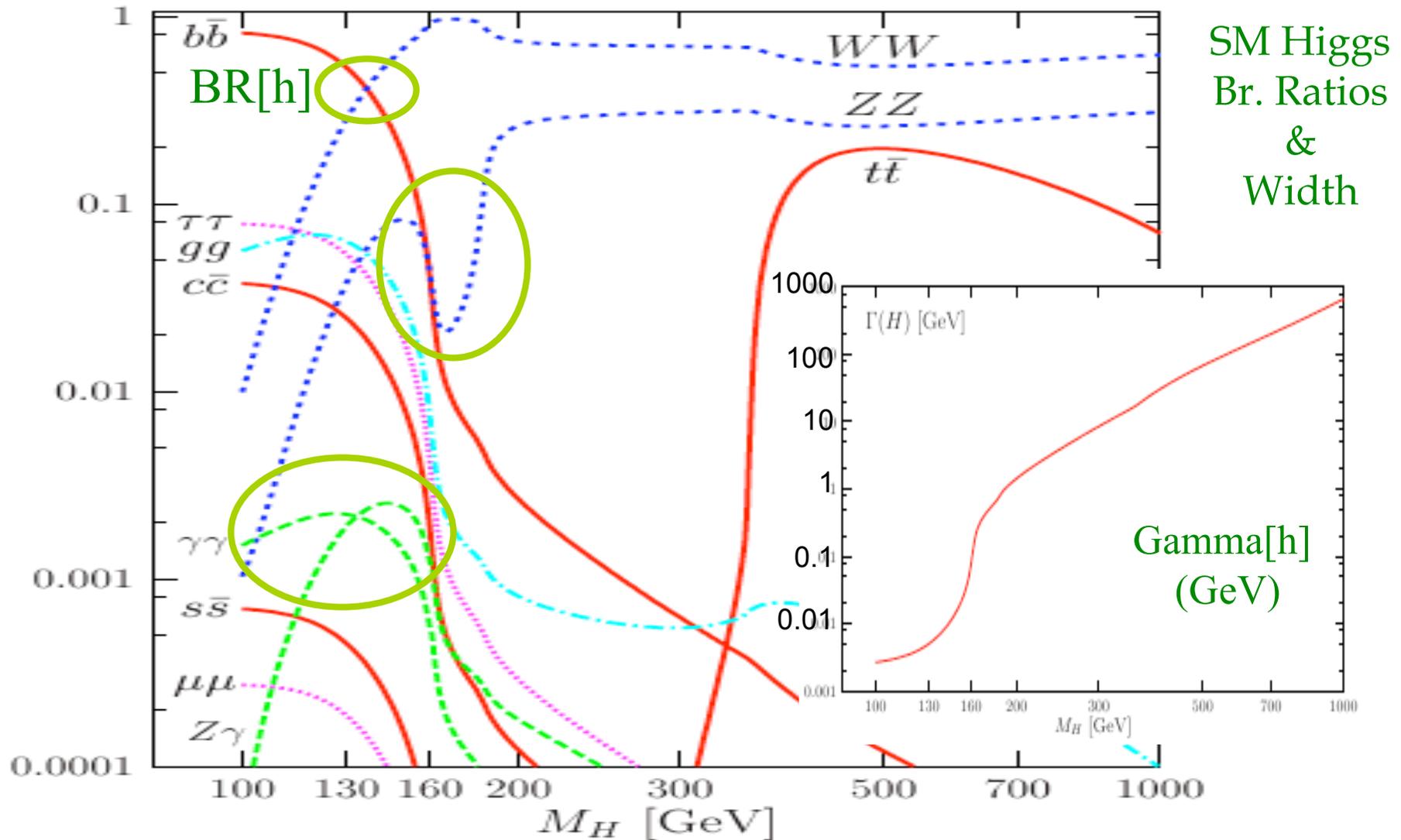
$$\langle \sigma v \rangle \sim 1 \text{ pb}$$

EW-size cross-section for particle with $M = O(10^{2-3} \text{ GeV})$

Another argument for **new physics at the Fermi scale**
(once again, quite **plausible** but not really compelling)

The search for the SM Higgs boson

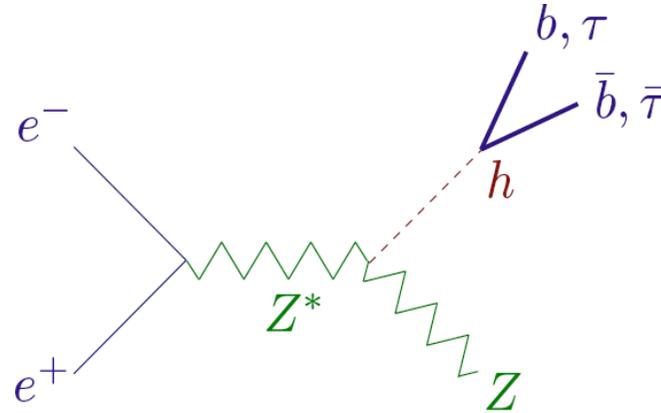
In the SM, the only unknown parameter is m_H



LEP Higgs searches [Aleph, Delphi, L3, Opal]

LEP signals for a SM Higgs

$$e^+ e^- \rightarrow Z^* \rightarrow Z^* H^* \rightarrow f \bar{f} f' \bar{f}'$$



SM: $m_h > 114.4 \text{ GeV}$ at 95% c.l. [4 expts combined]

Slight ALEPH excess, mostly in 4-jets, near 115-6 GeV

Also bounds on HZZ coupling, varying m_h and decay modes

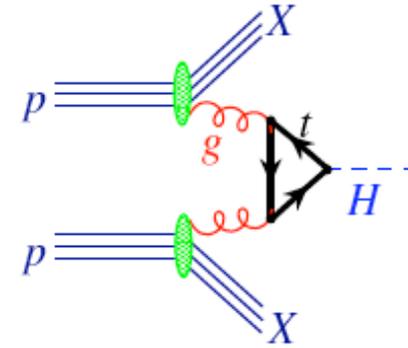
Exotic decays with SM hZZ: 100% hadronic $\rightarrow 112.9 \text{ GeV}$;

100% invisible $\rightarrow 114.4 \text{ GeV}$; Fermiophobic $\rightarrow 108.2 \text{ GeV}$.

Higgs production at hadron colliders

$g g \rightarrow H + X$:
gluon fusion

dominant at Tevatron/LHC

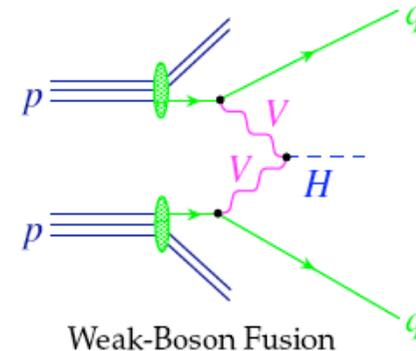


$q q \rightarrow q q H + X$:

weak boson fusion (V=W,Z)

LHC: by far the 2nd cross-section

Tevatron: competes with WH/ZH



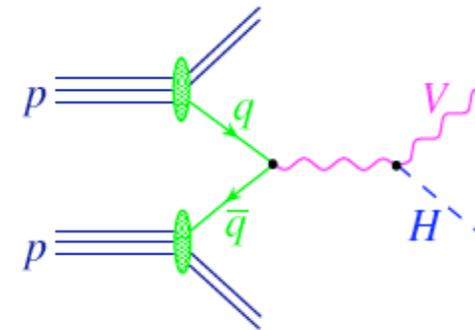
$q q\text{bar} \rightarrow V H + X$:

associated prod. with V=W,Z

Small cross-section

(especially at LHC)

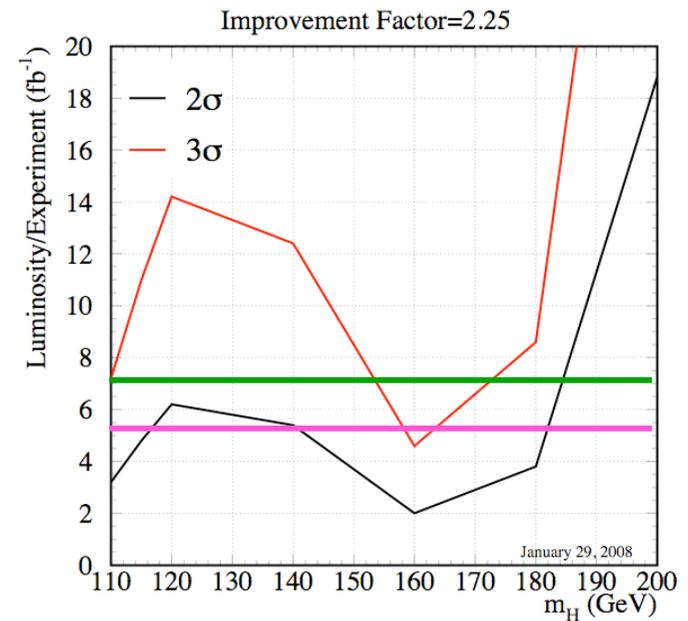
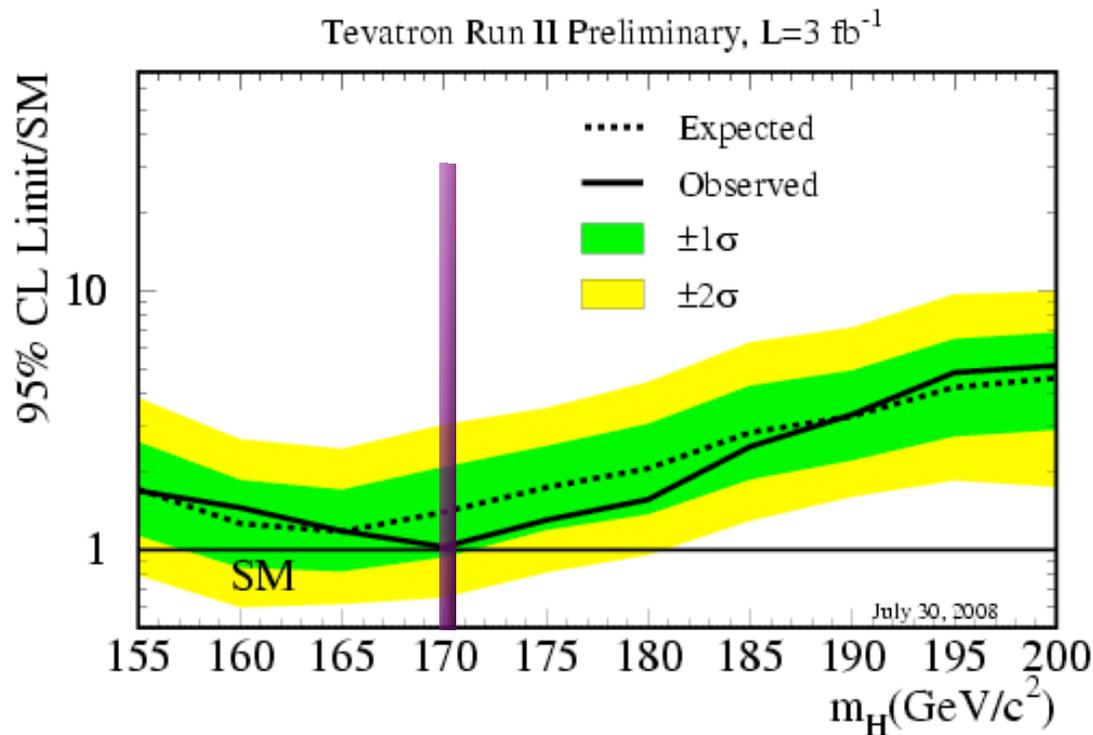
but V-tagged signal!



Tevatron searches [CDF, D0]

Two main branches depending on m_H :

- $pp \rightarrow VH, H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ ($m_H < 135\text{-}140$ GeV)
- $pp \rightarrow HX, H \rightarrow W^+W^- \rightarrow$ dileptons ($135\text{-}140$ GeV $< m_H$)



With 7-8 fb $^{-1}$ (2010)
exclude most masses

With 5.5-6 fb $^{-1}$ (2009)
Exclude 140:180 range

SM Higgs hunting at the LHC

Gold-plated (good for $m_H > 130$ GeV)

$$p p \rightarrow H + X \quad H \rightarrow Z Z \rightarrow l^+ l^- l'^+ l'^- \quad (l, l' = e, \mu)$$

Silver-plated (discovery for $150 < m_H < 180$ GeV)

$$p p \rightarrow H + X \quad H \rightarrow W^+ W^- \rightarrow l^+ \nu l'^- \bar{\nu}' \quad (l, l' = e, \mu)$$

What if there is a SM Higgs with $m_H < 130$ GeV ?

The most difficult region:

will take time! (luminosity, detectors, background)

$$pp \rightarrow H + X \quad H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma \quad (p p \rightarrow qqH \quad H \rightarrow WW/\tau\tau)$$

plus other channels good only at very high luminosity

Luminosity requirements in CMS (similar ATLAS study available)

