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HIGGS PHYSICS

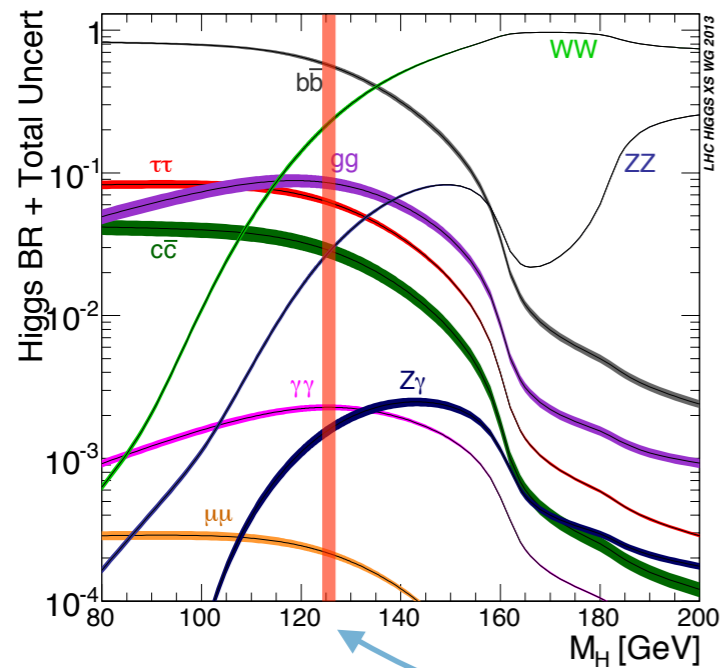
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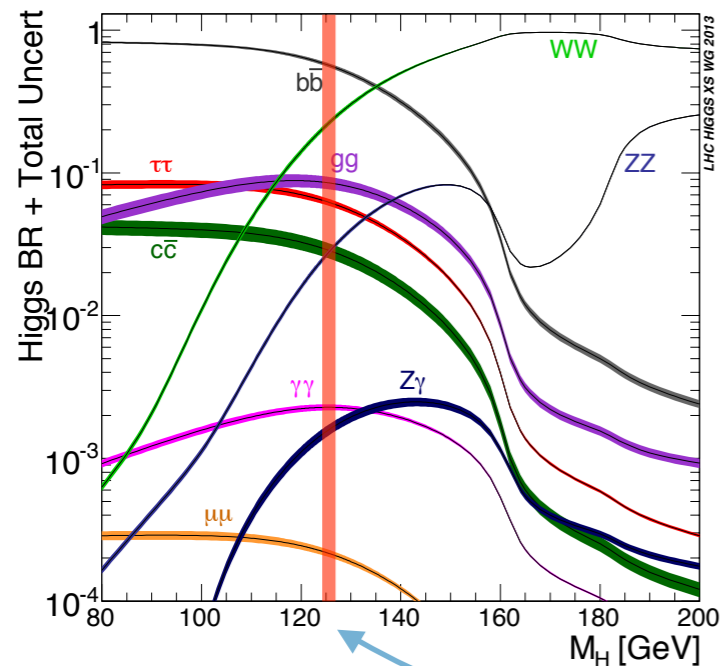


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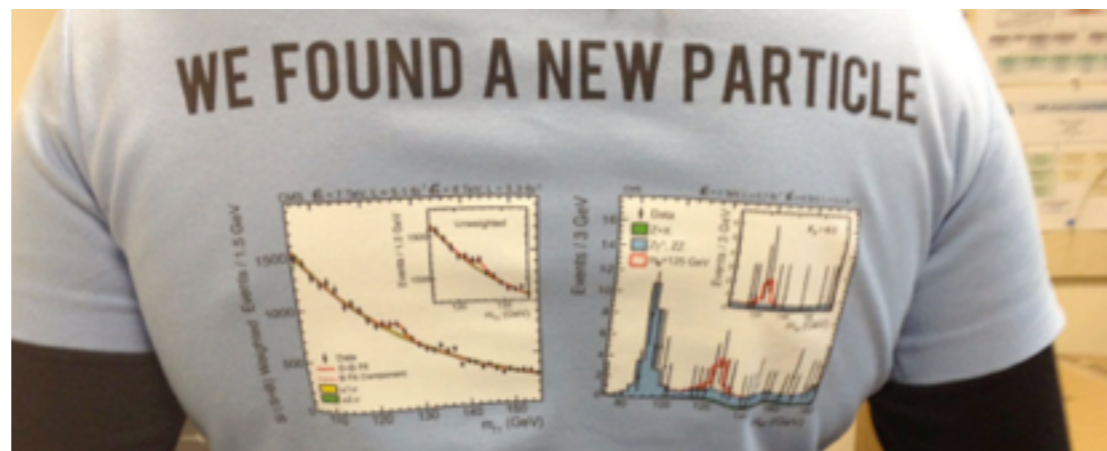


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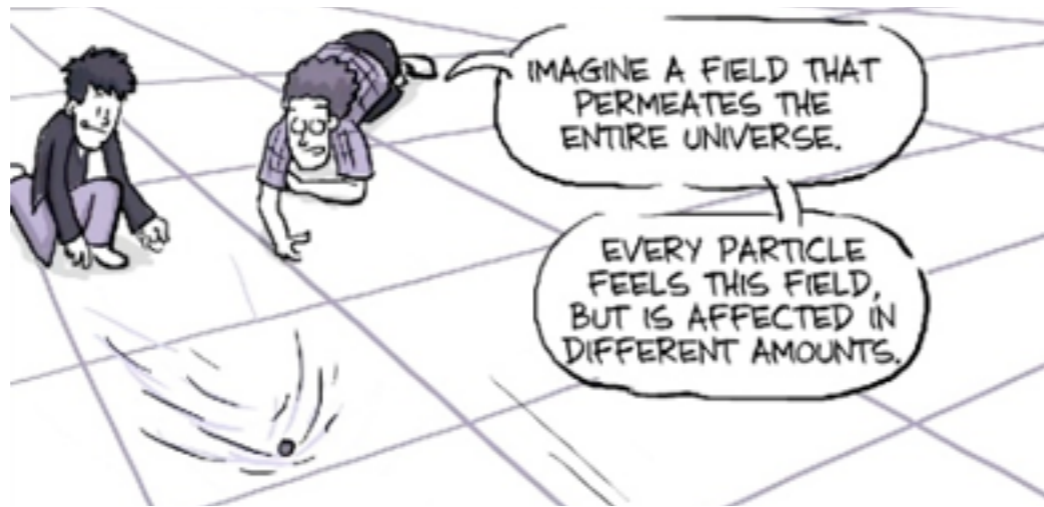
The Higgs boson has been discovered in our lifetime



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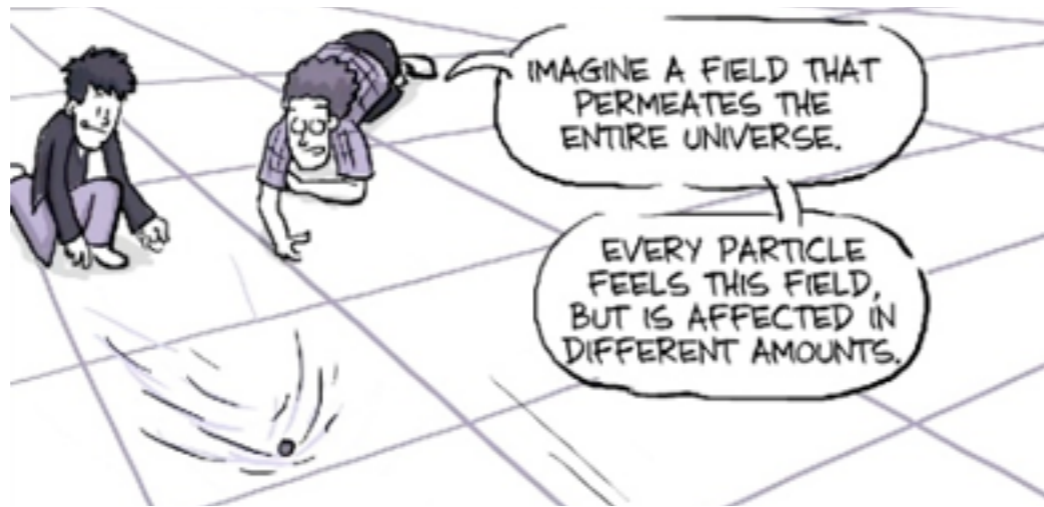
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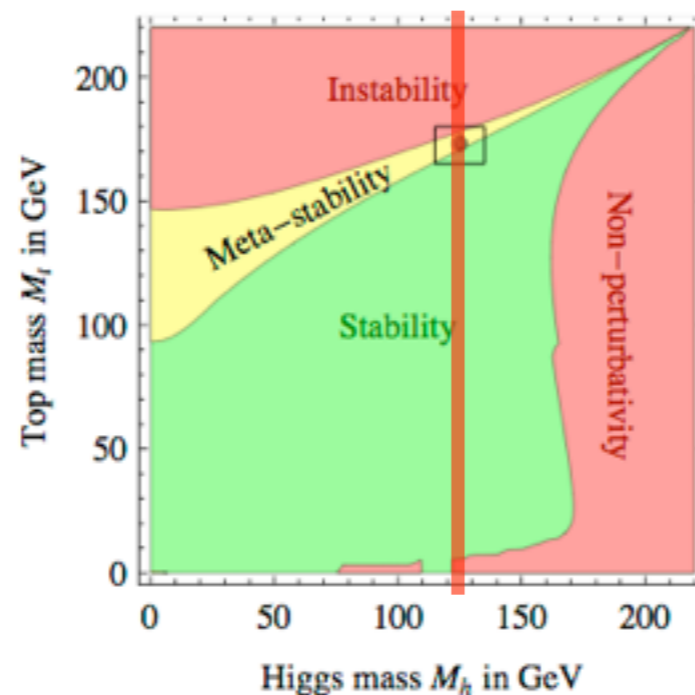


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* From our children's point of view:

The Higgs boson might hold the key for the fate of the universe



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* From a poet's point of view:

Cotton candy!



The Higgs field is like...

A crowded room!

P. Higgs

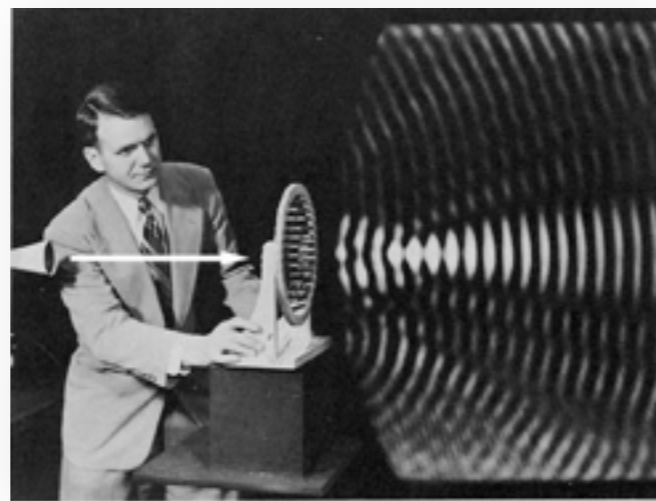


Snow!

Ellis

Henry stands for our Higgs Boson

Paul for a massless photon



Air! Strassler

Water! Giudice



top



electron

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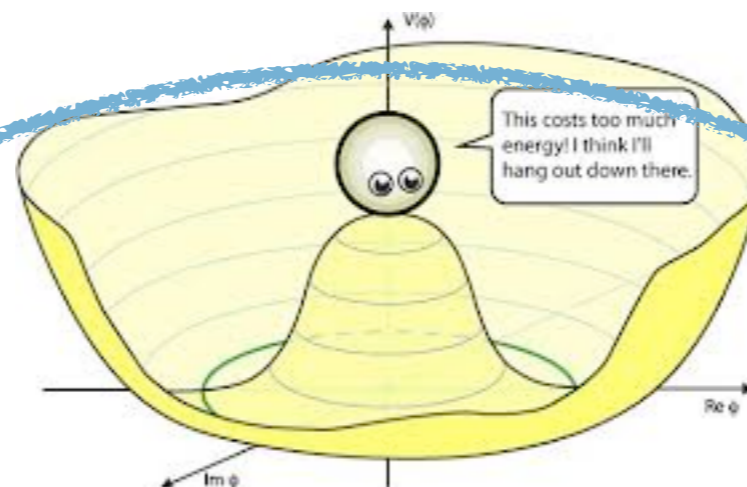
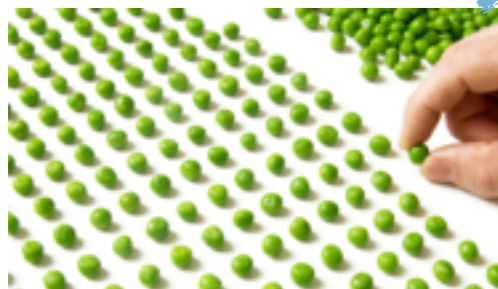
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* From a perfectionist's point of view: The Higgs mechanism shows that things might be more ordered than they look

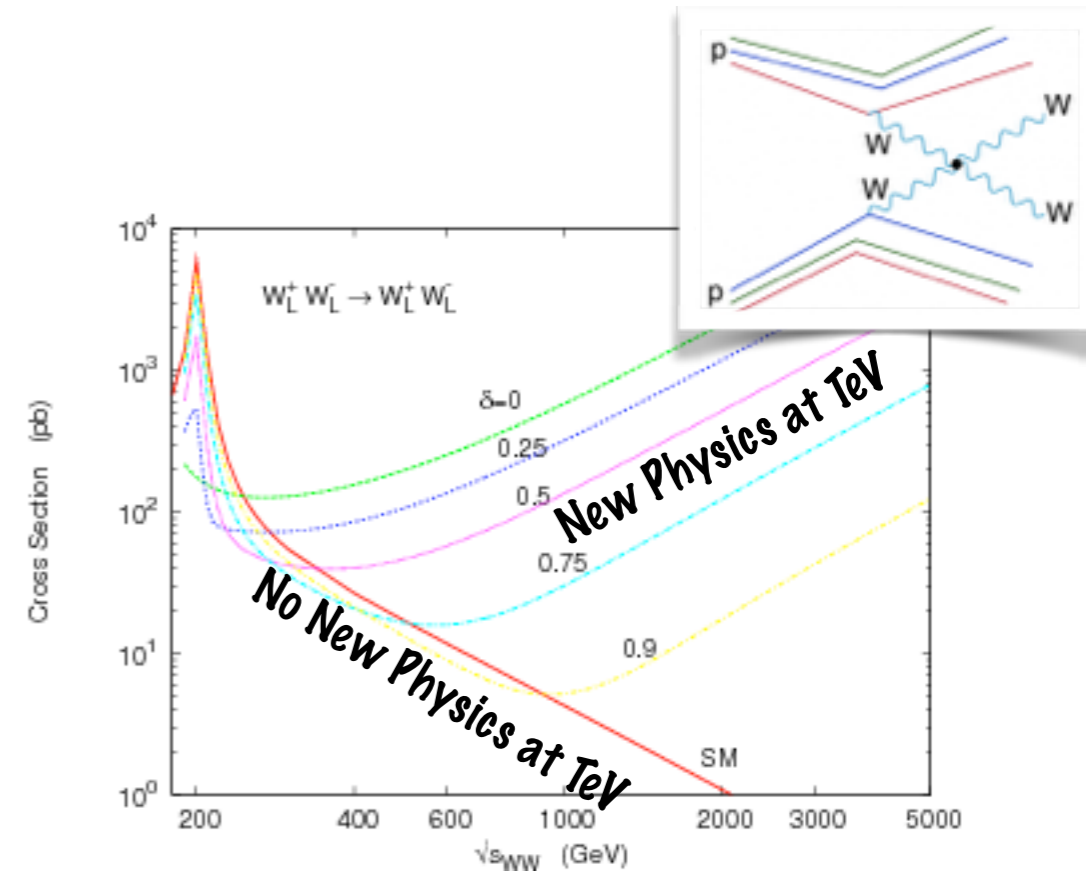


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The Higgs closes the door to what we know...



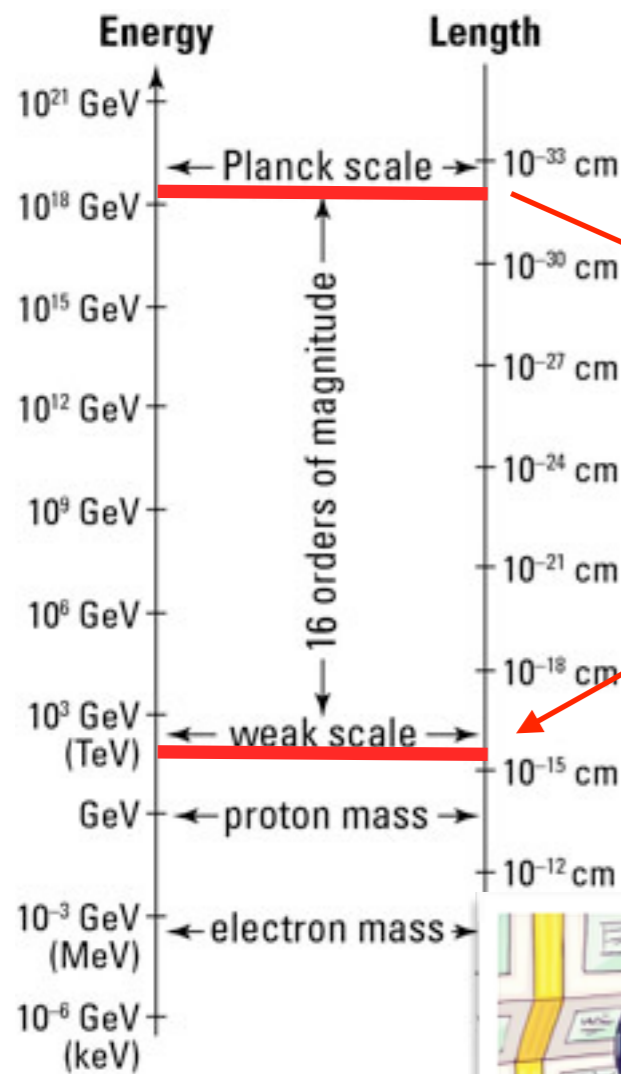
... but perhaps it will leave a window open into the unknown

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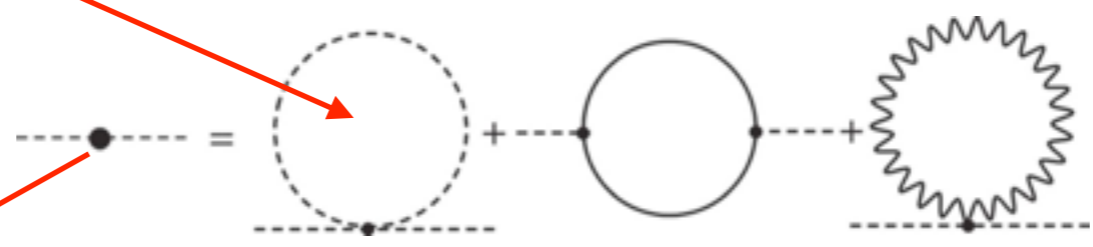
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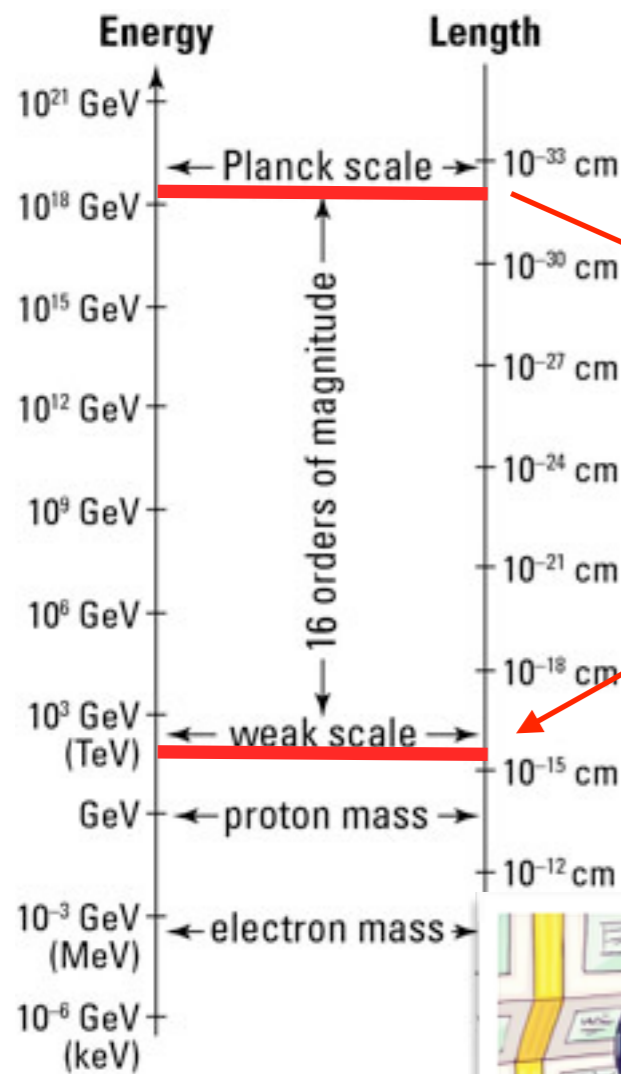


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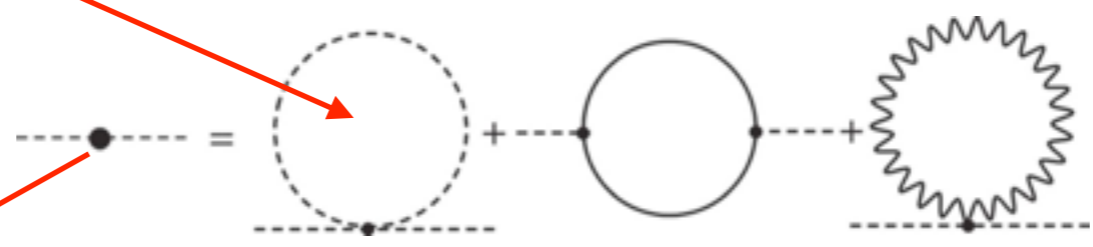
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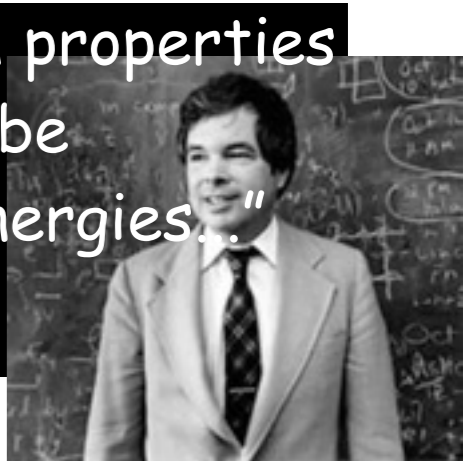
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... "elementary" particles with properties of the Higgs are unlikely to be observable at measurable energies...
Wilson (Nobel 1936)



Outline

1. Before the Standard Model (B^{-1} SM)

What do vectors need to be massive?

The SM without Higgs boson?

Why was LHC built?

2. Standard Model (SM)

How is it defined?

How predictive is it?

How do we search for the Higgs boson?

3. Beyond the Standard Model (BSM)

How has the Higgs discovery changed our picture of BSM?

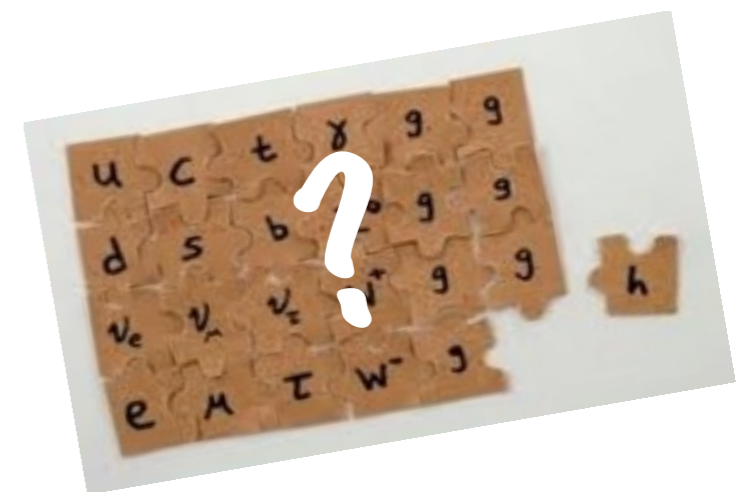
Hierarchy Problem?

How can physics BSM impact Higgs phenomenology?

Part I

Before the Standard Model (B^{-1} SM)

(Higgs: the missing piece of what puzzle?)



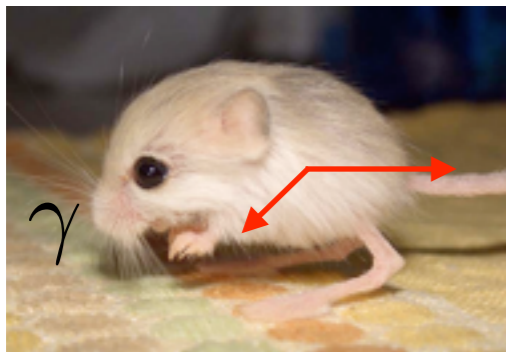
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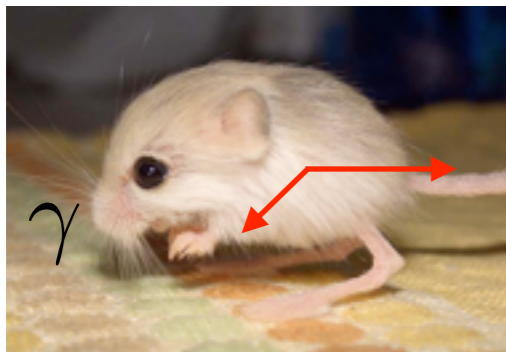
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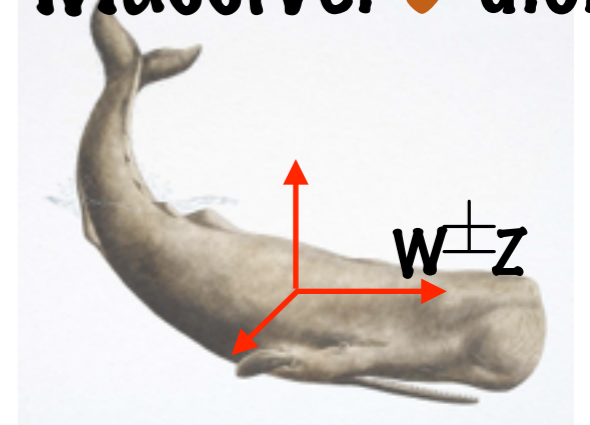
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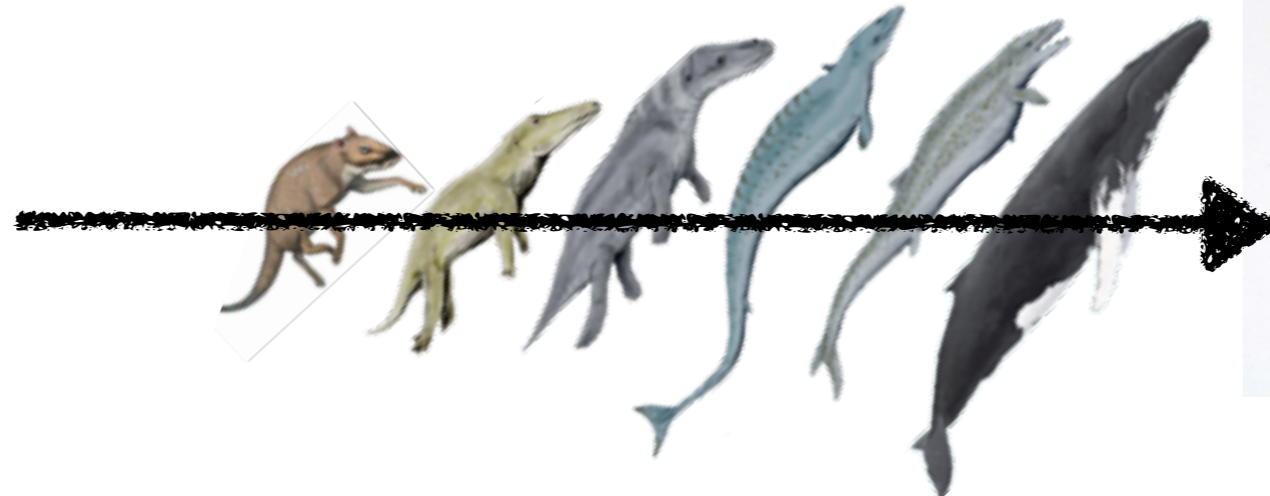
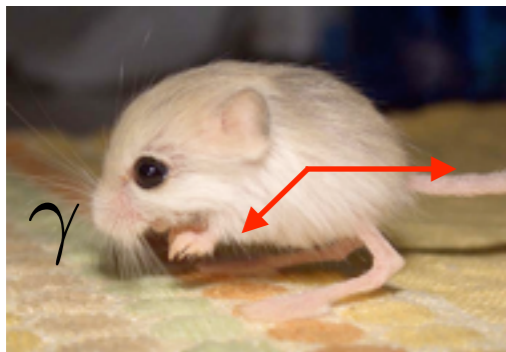
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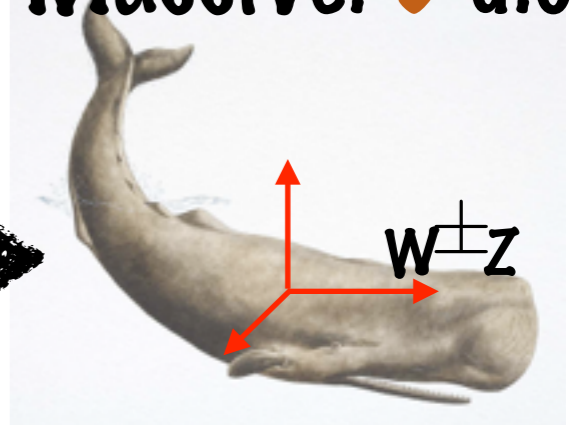
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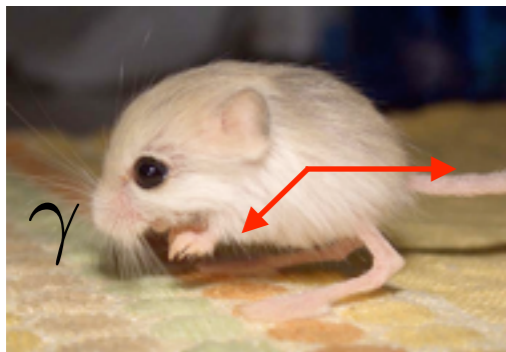
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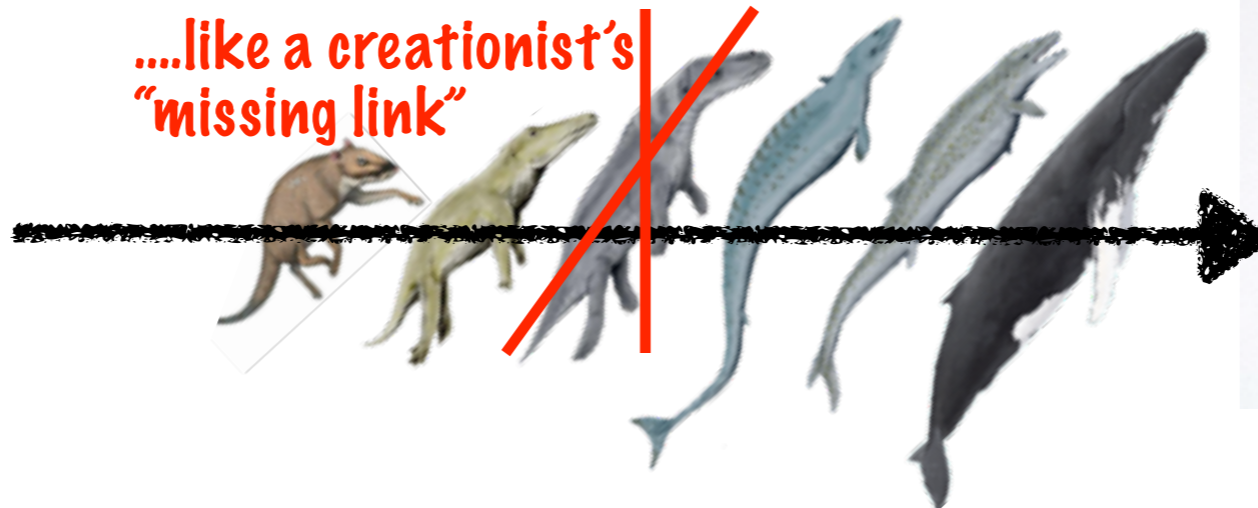
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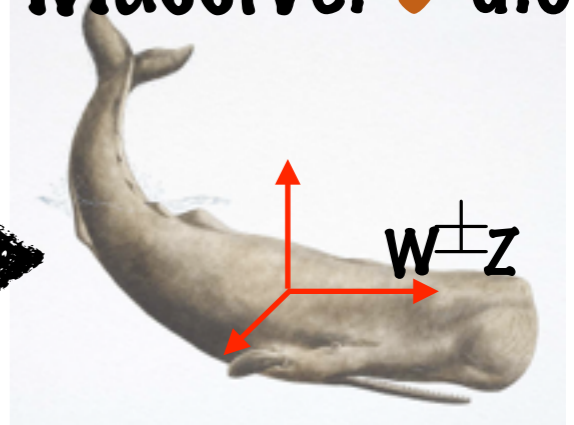
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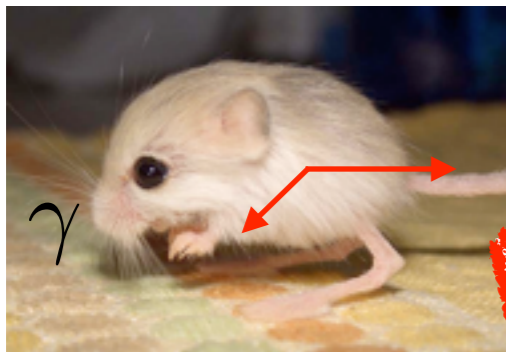
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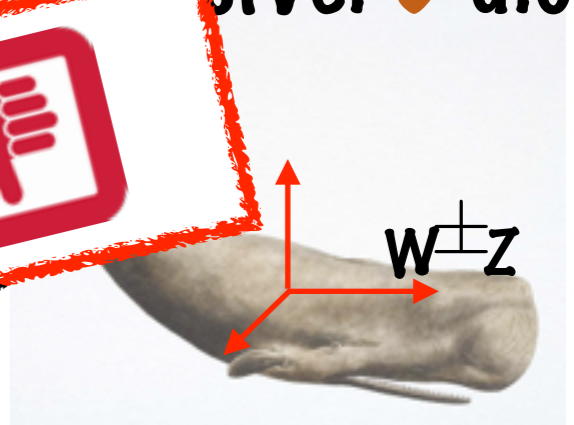
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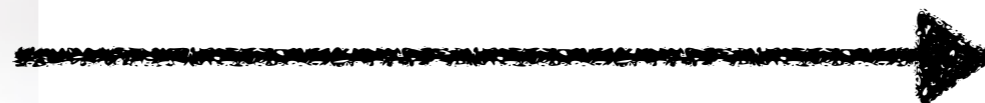
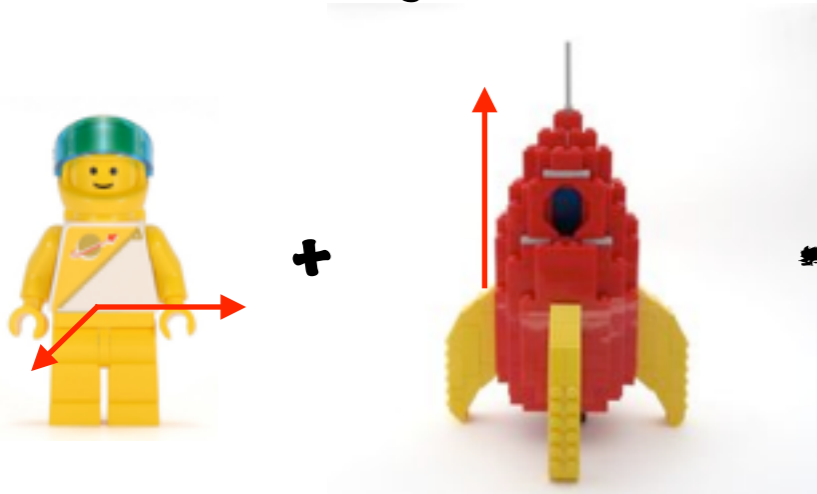
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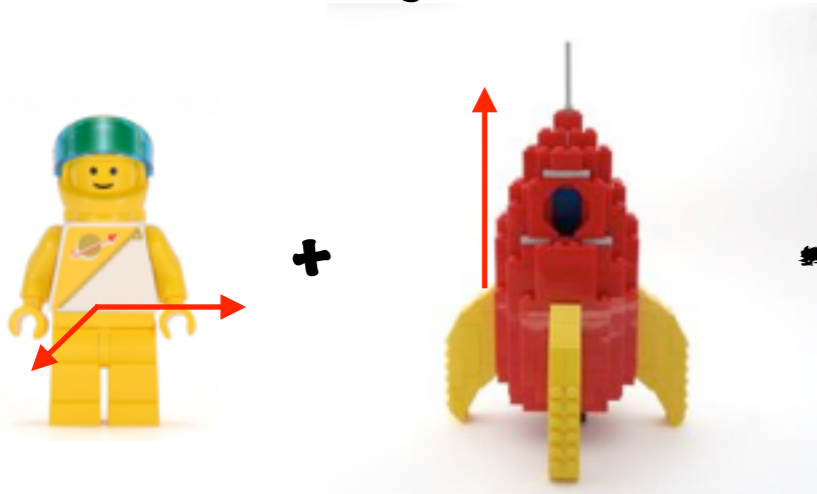
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1 massless vector + 1 scalar d.o.f. (Eaten) = 1 massive vector

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($W_\mu \rightarrow UW_\mu U^{-1} + \partial_\mu U U^{-1}$ for $U \in G$ non-abelian)

(In fact, 1864 Maxwell's equations are gauge-invariant - although initially unnoticed)

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4 → 2 → 3



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A_μ

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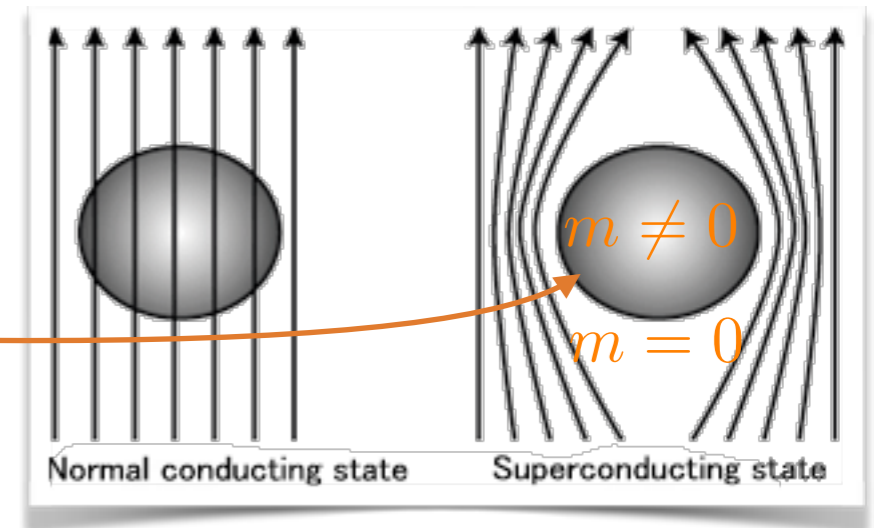
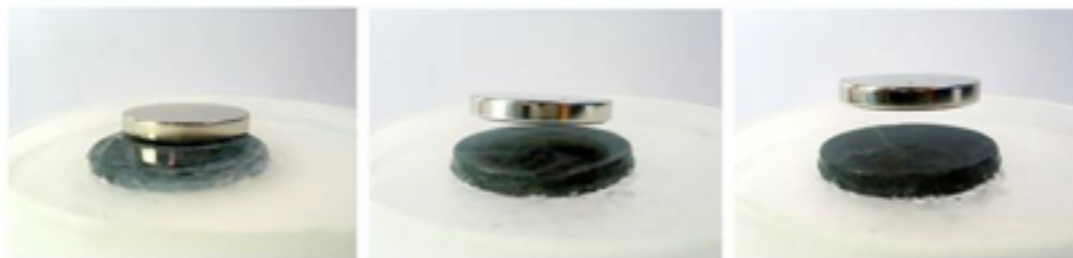
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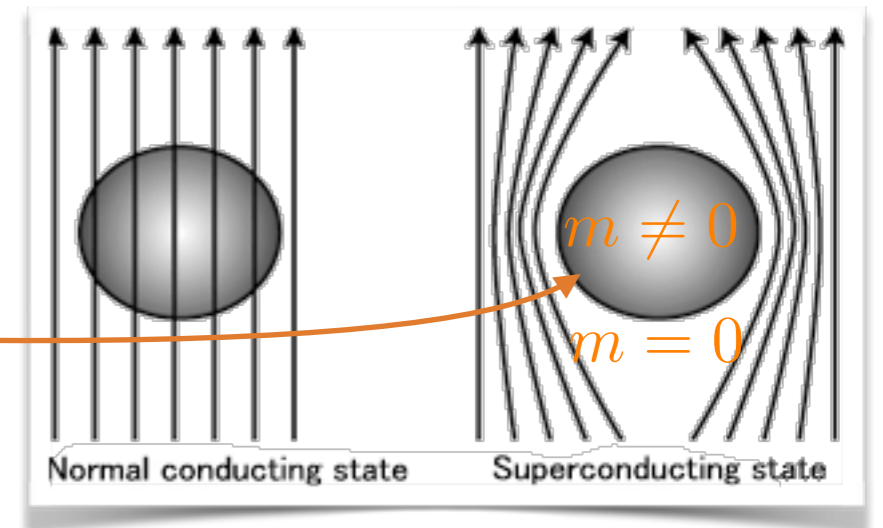
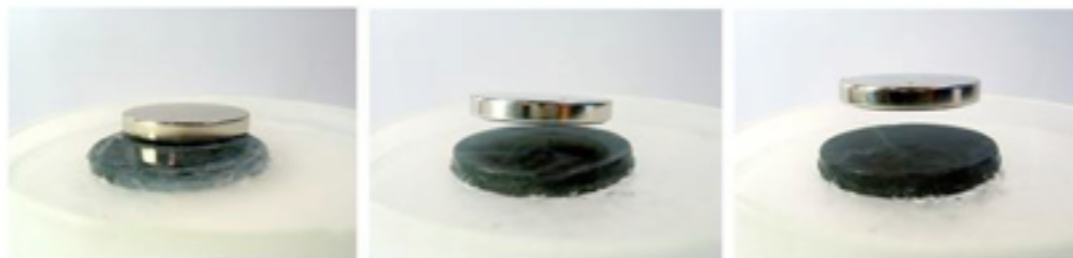
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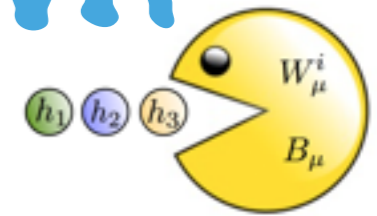
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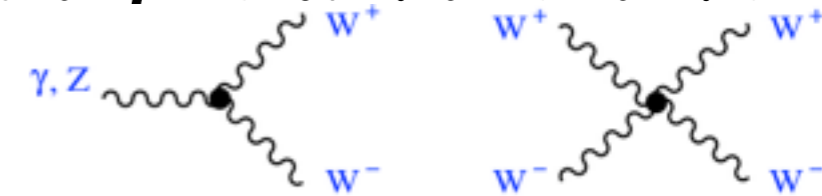
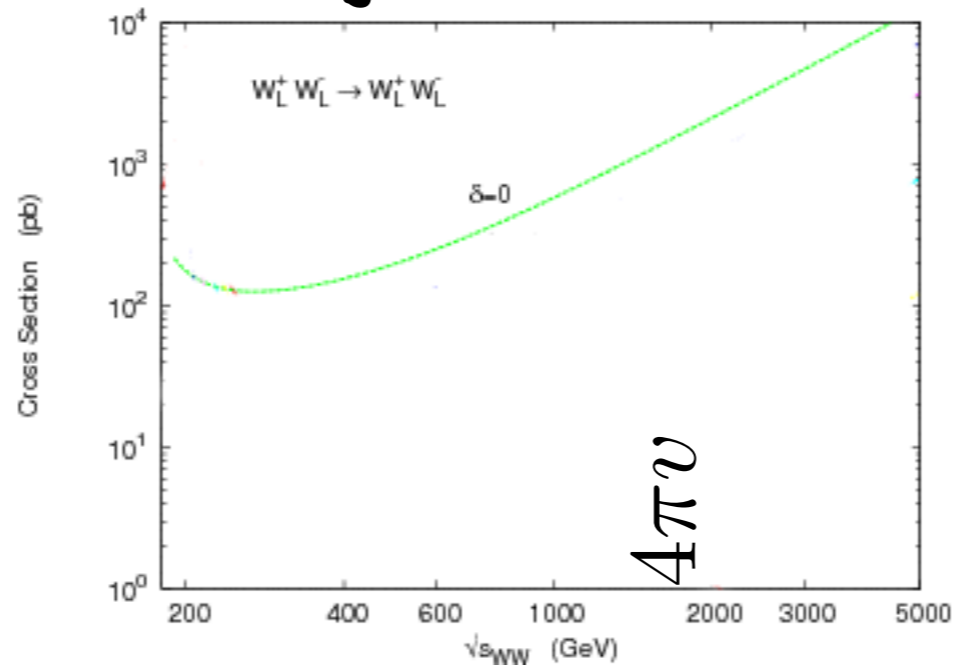
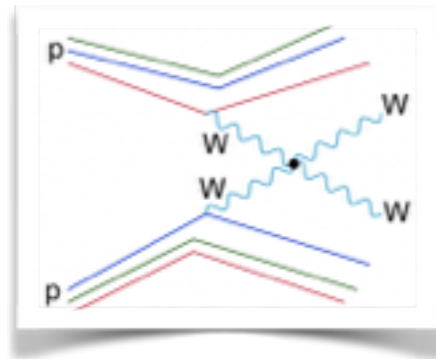
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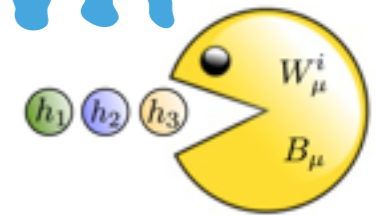


Non-abelian symmetry = self-interactions

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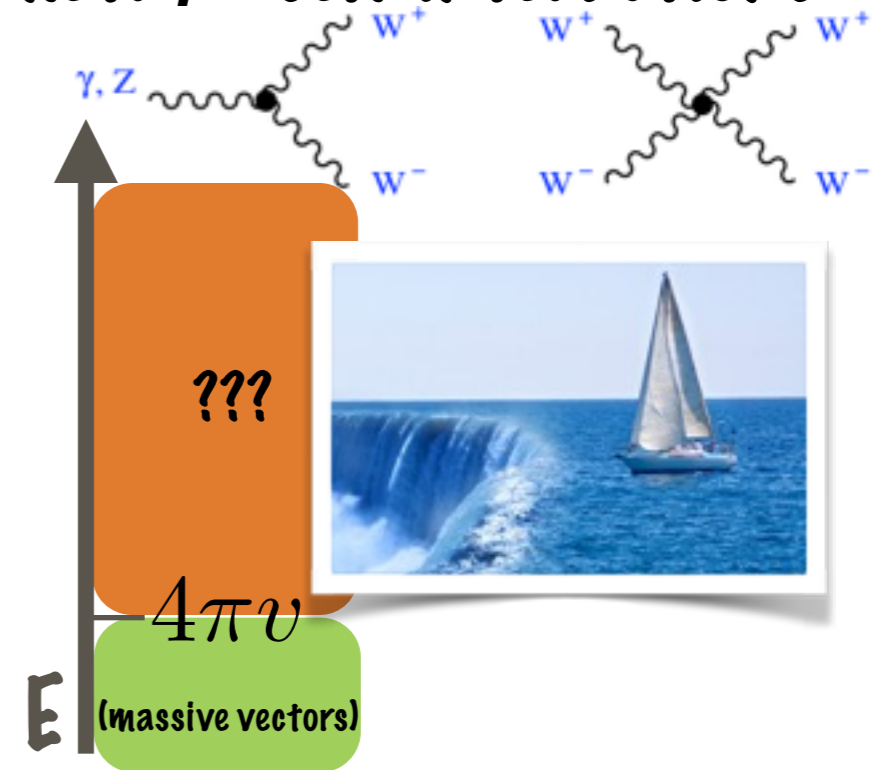
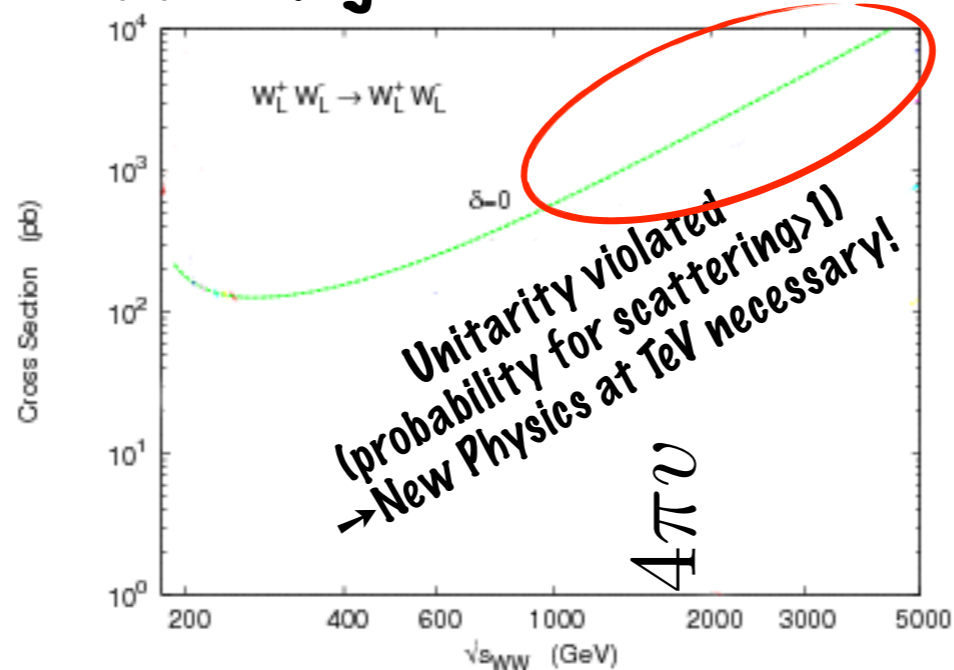
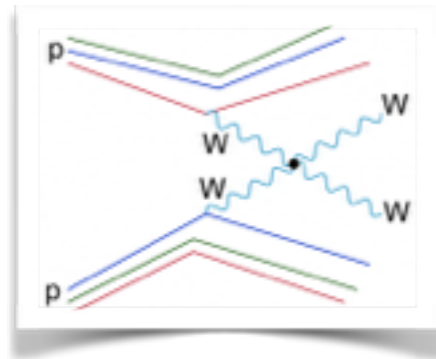
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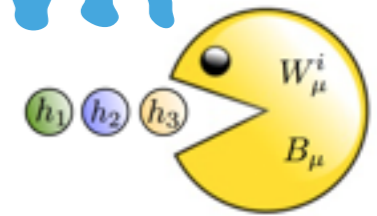
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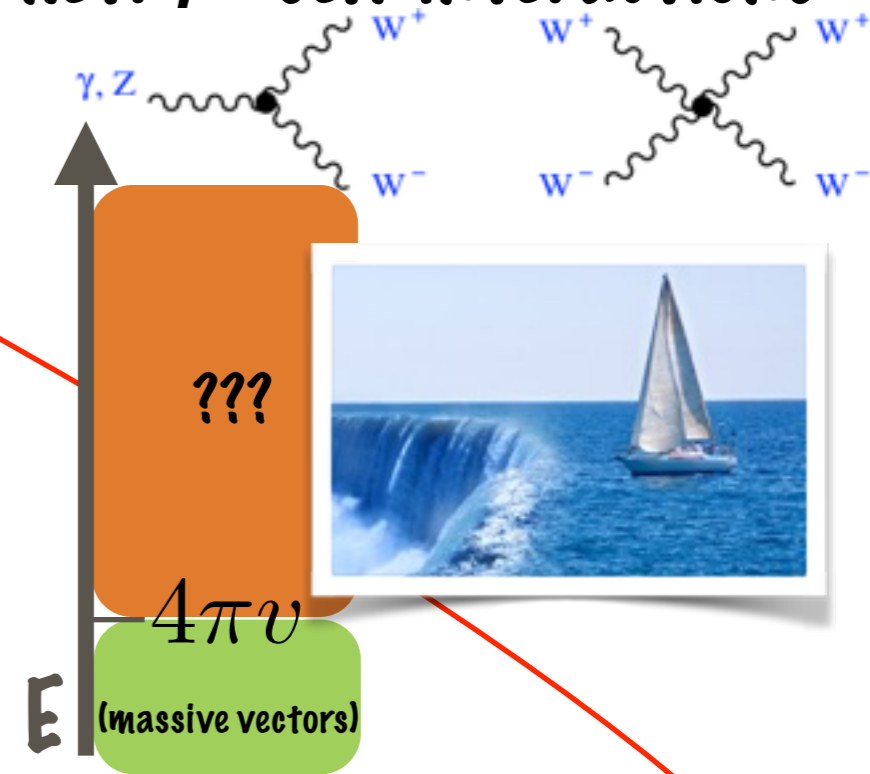
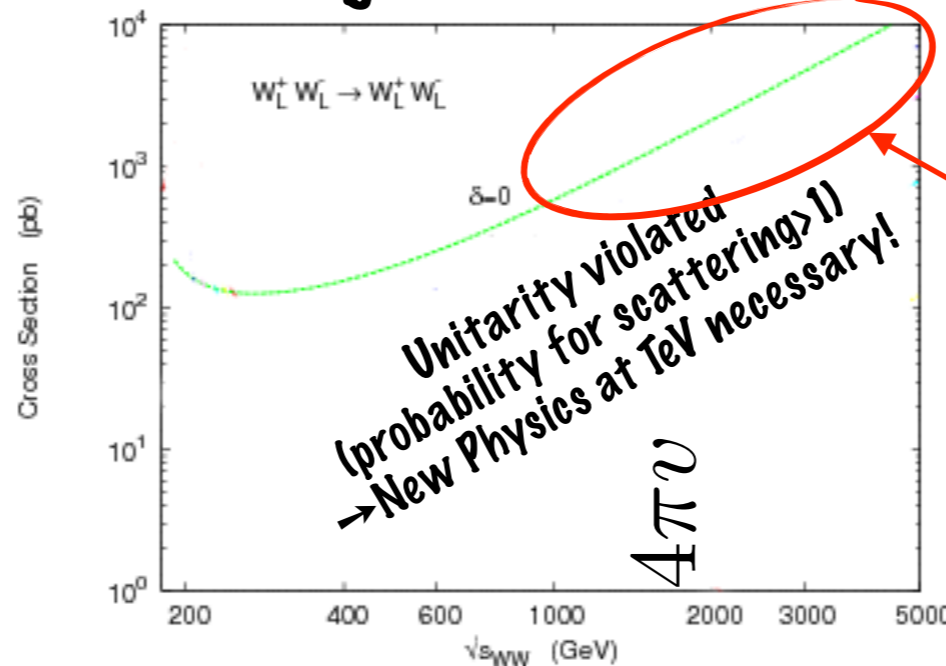
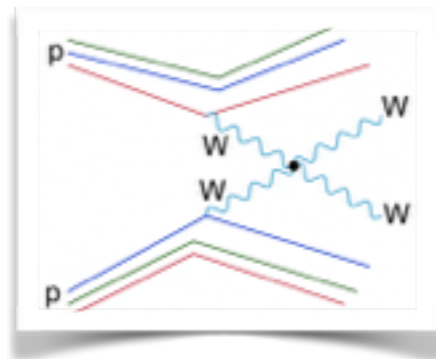
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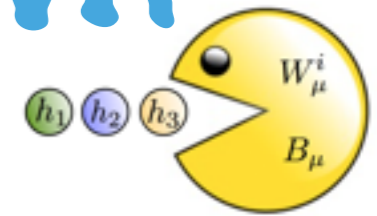


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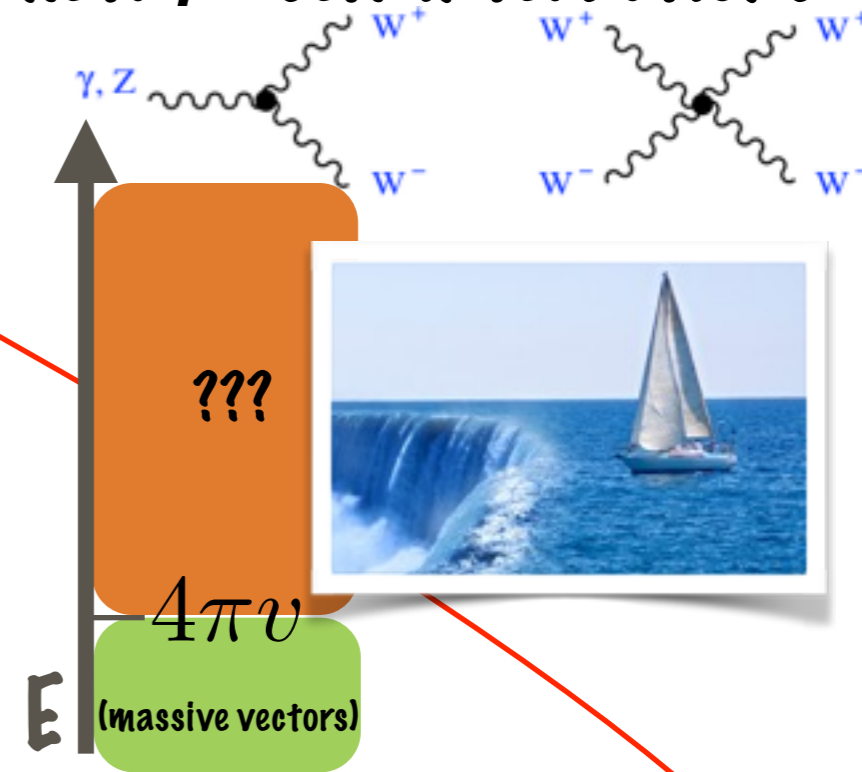
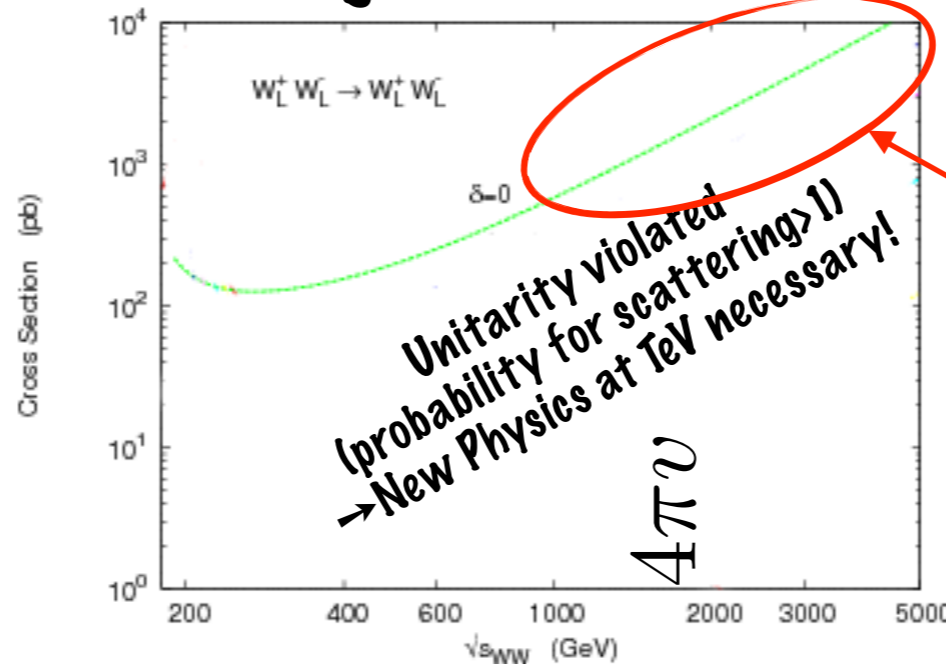
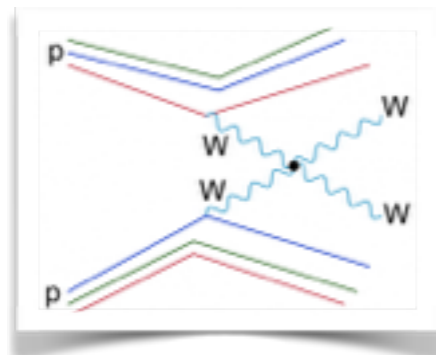
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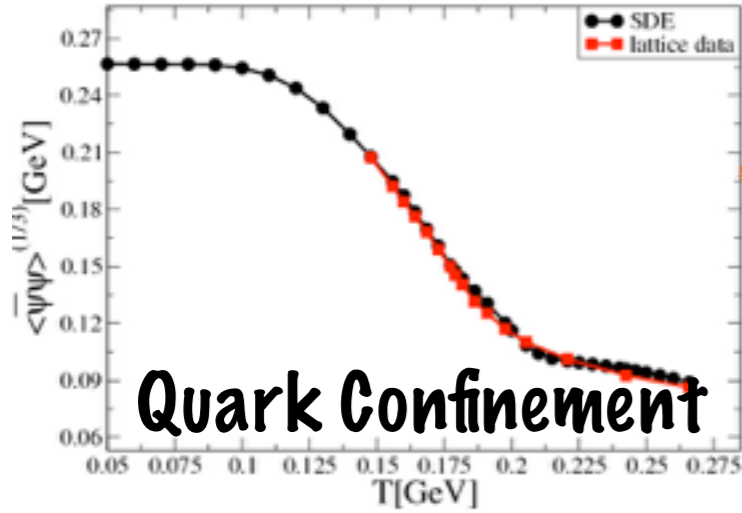
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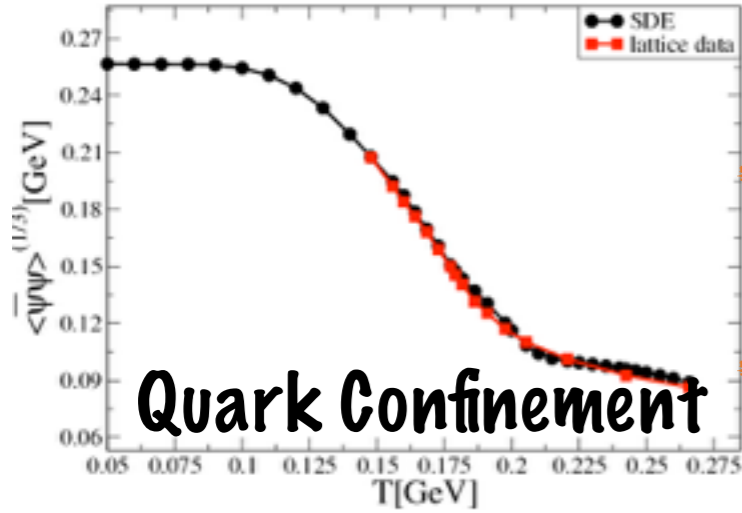
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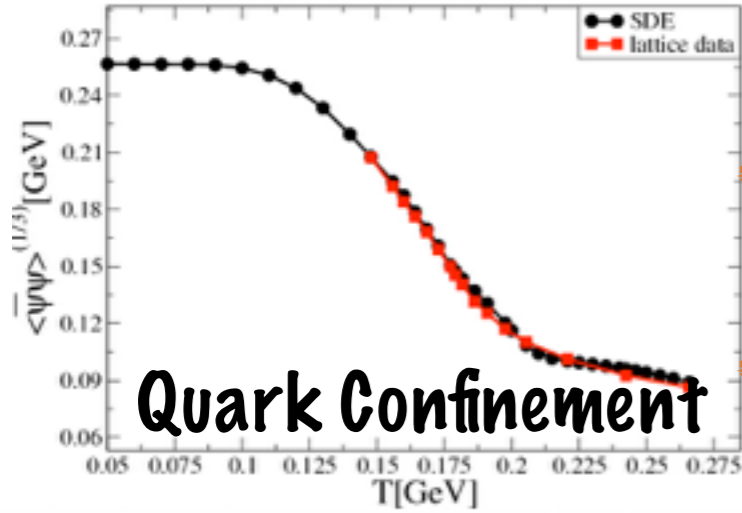
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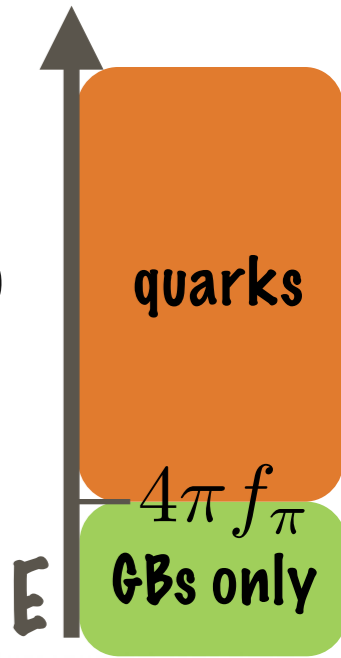
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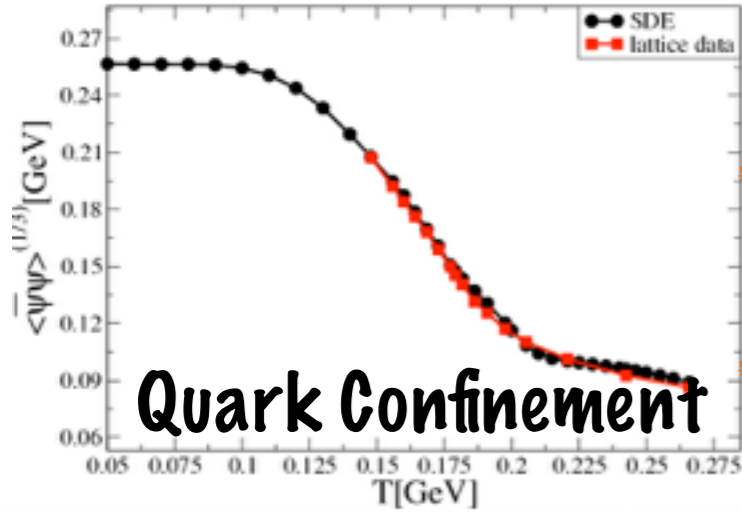


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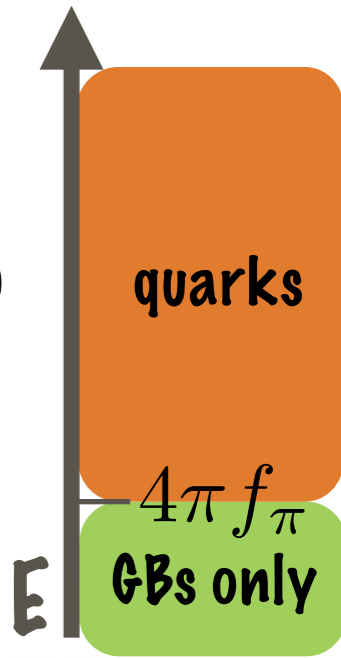
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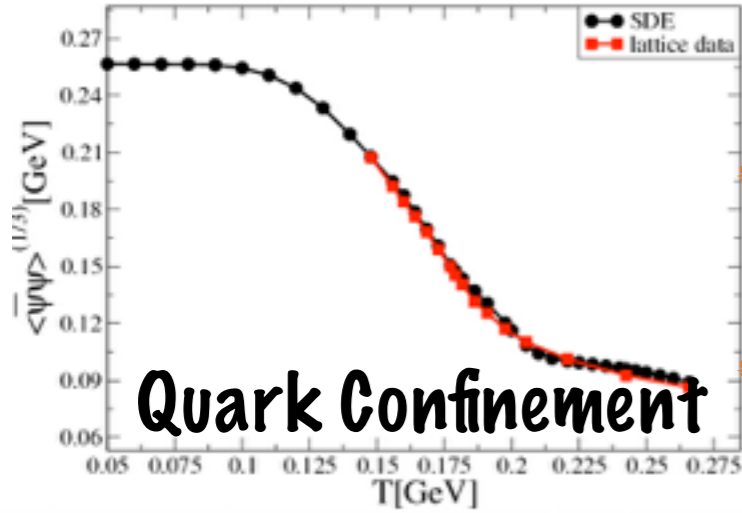
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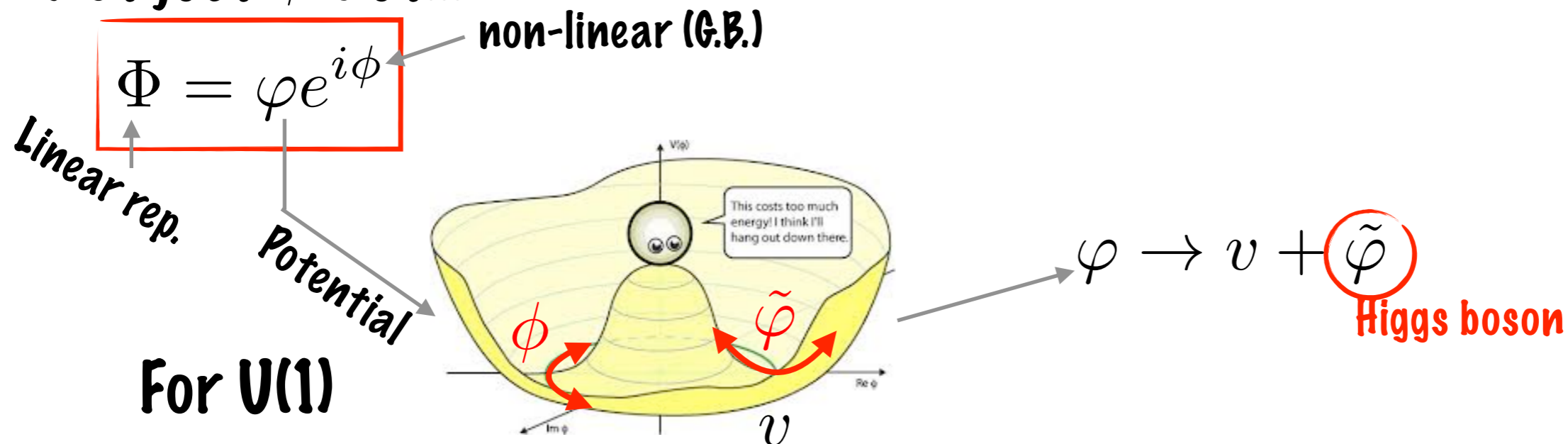
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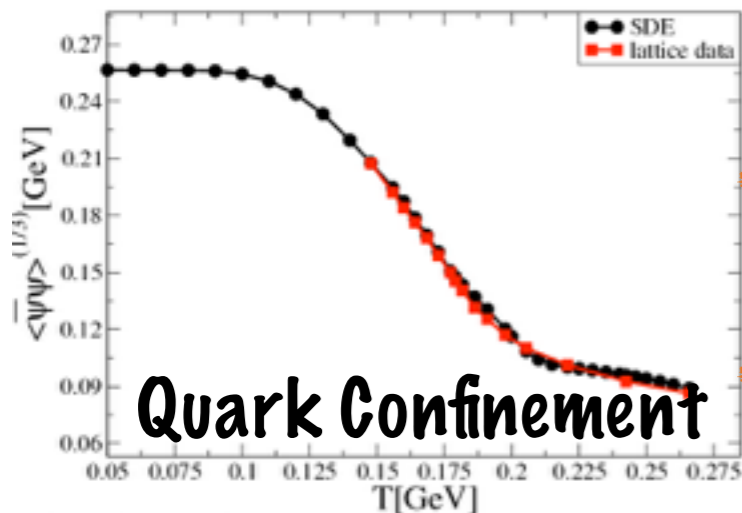
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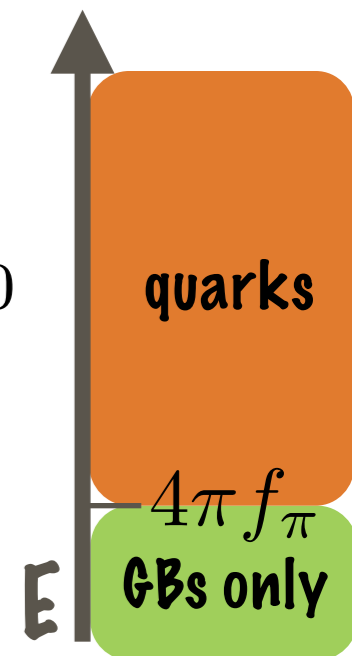
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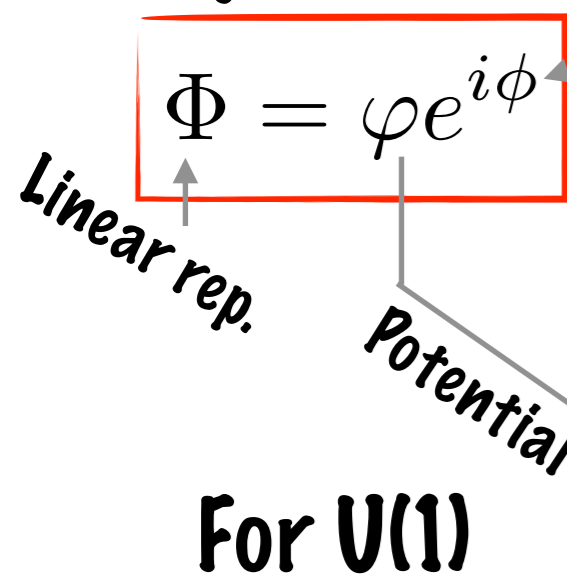
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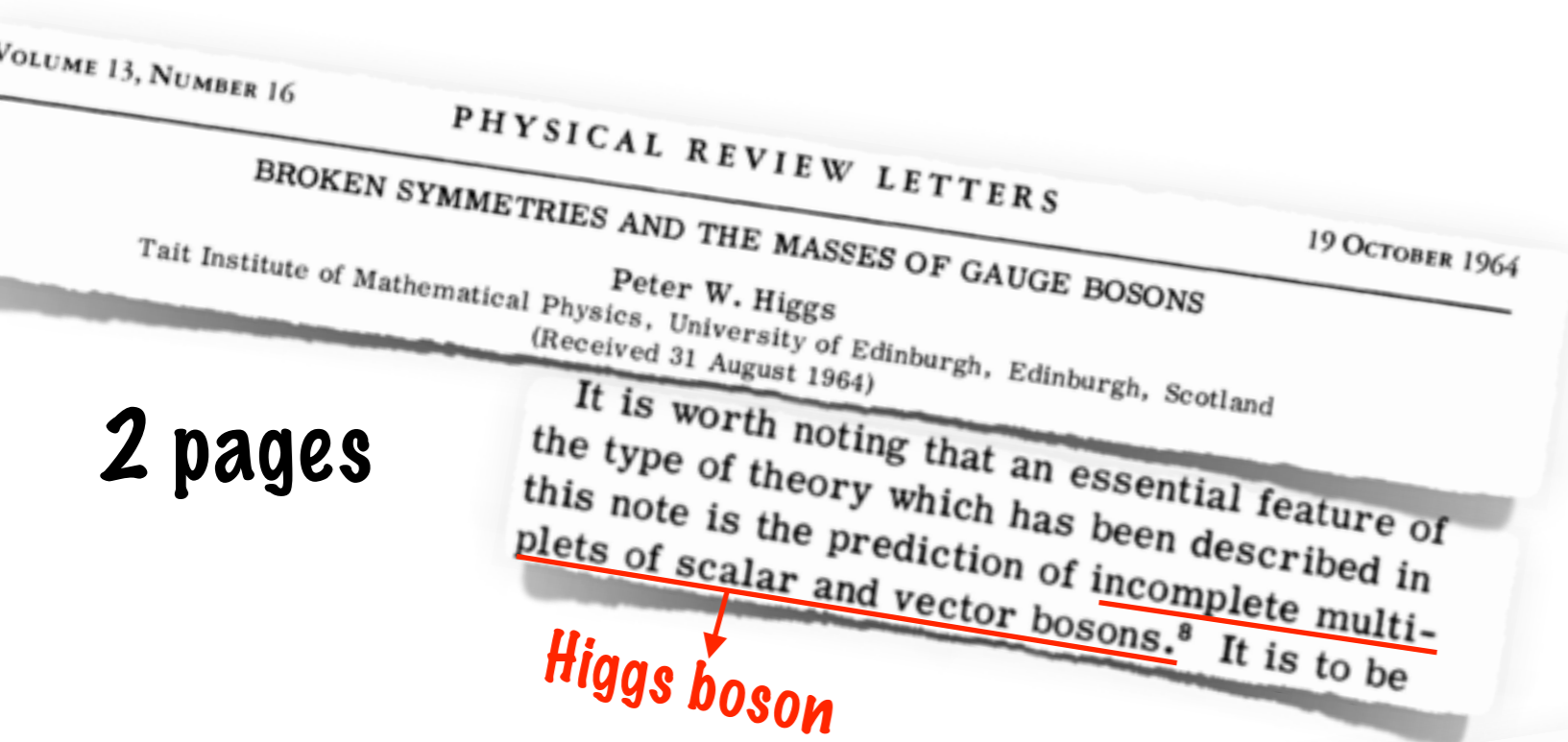
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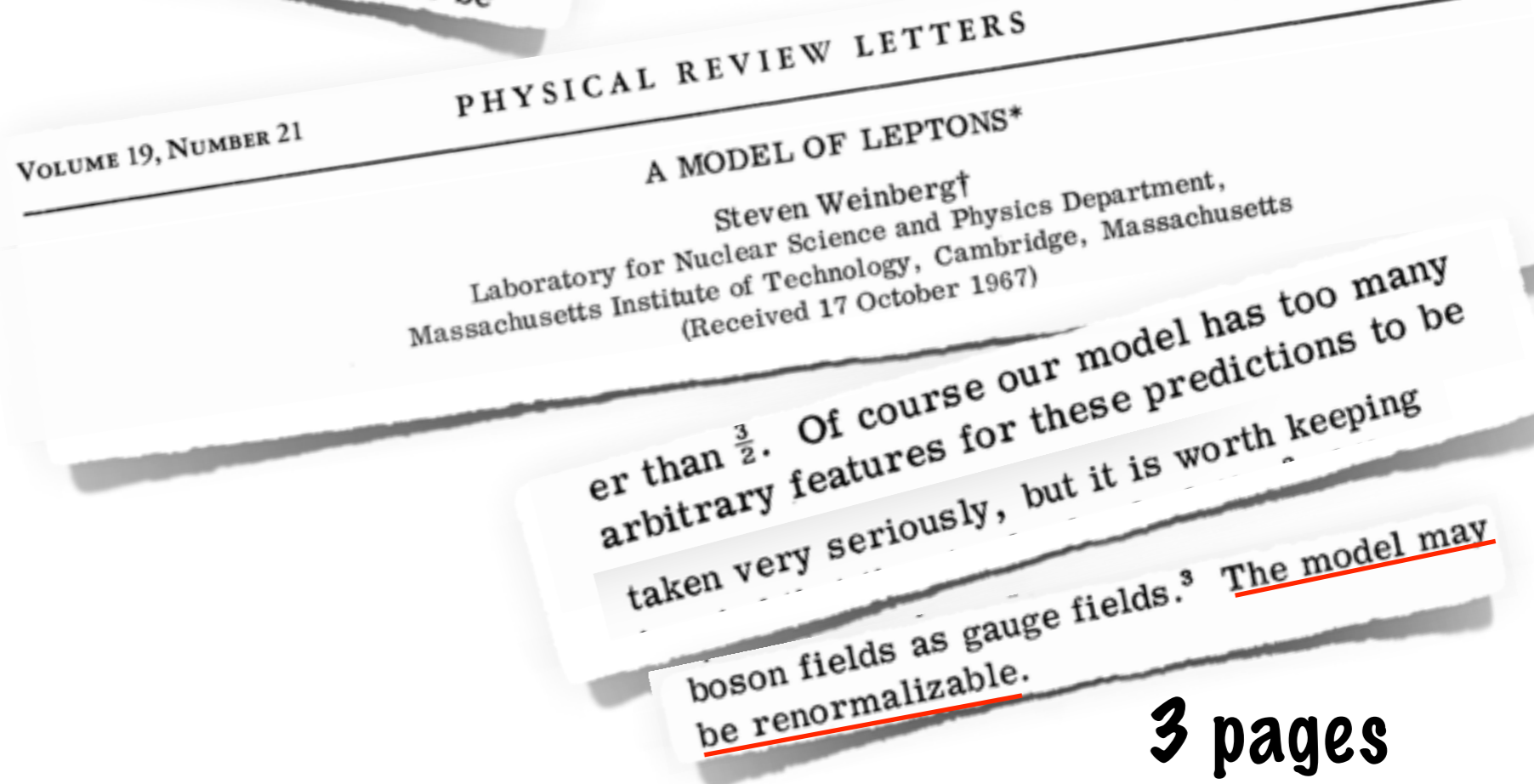
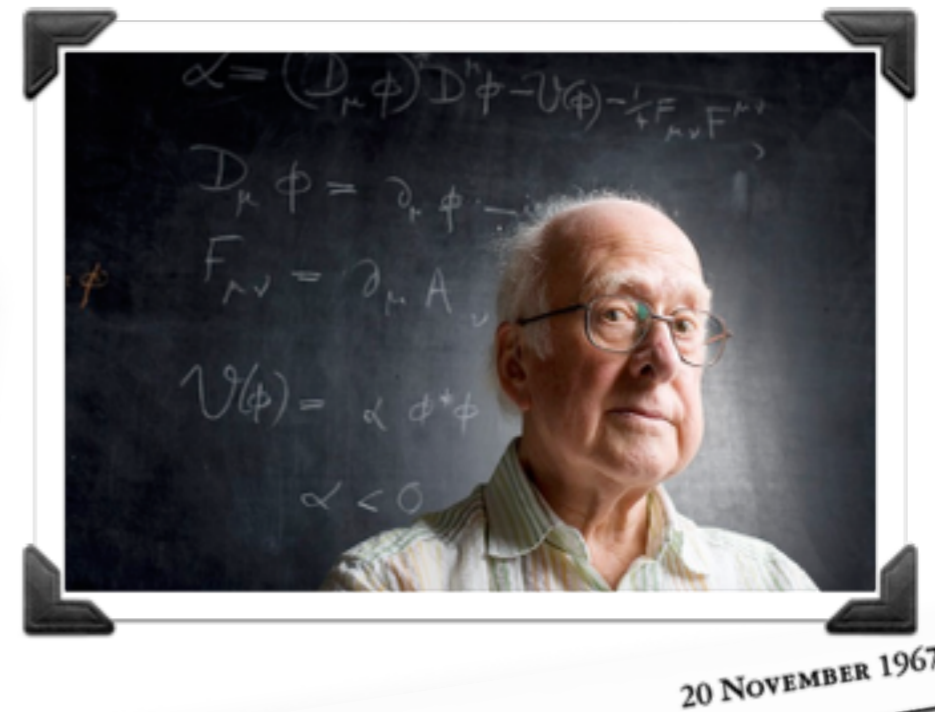


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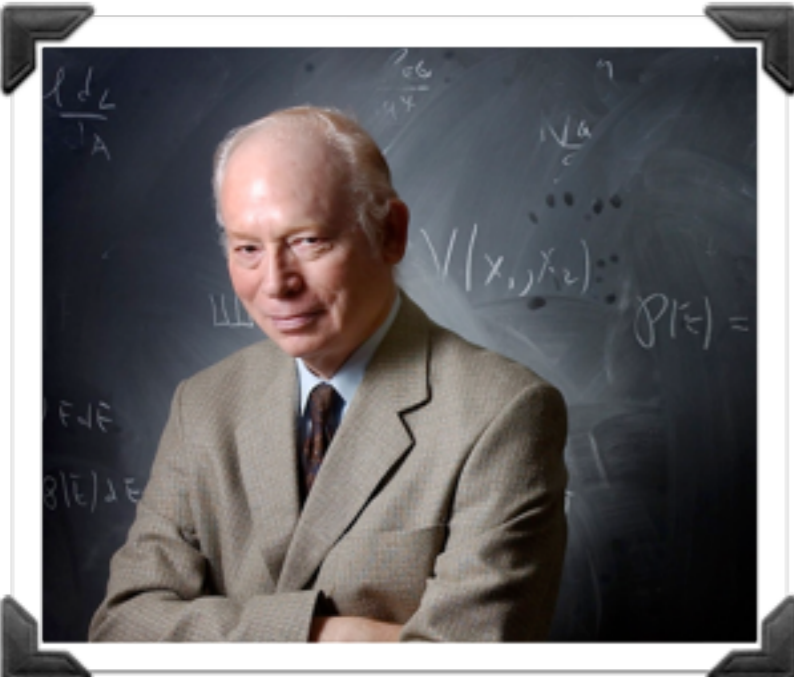
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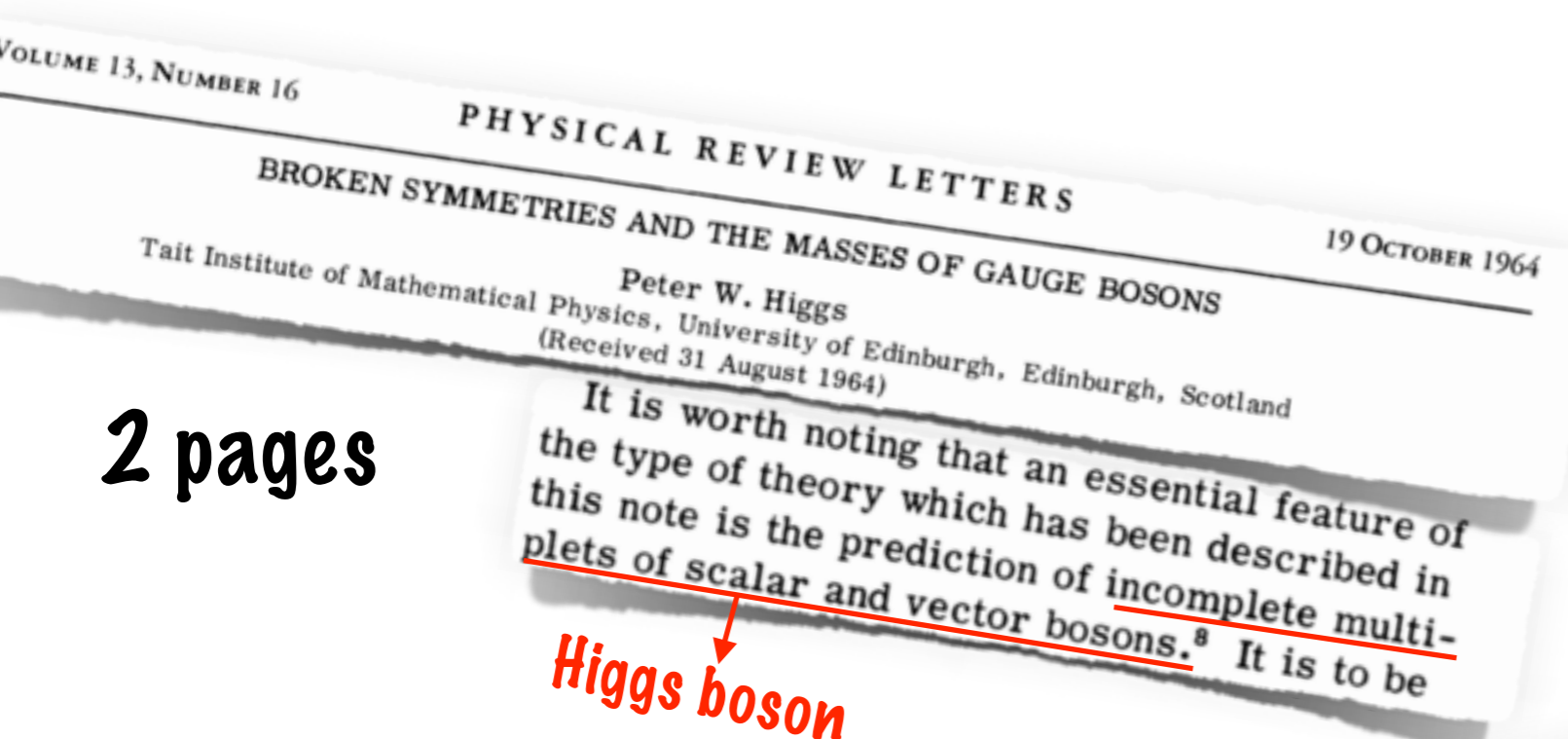


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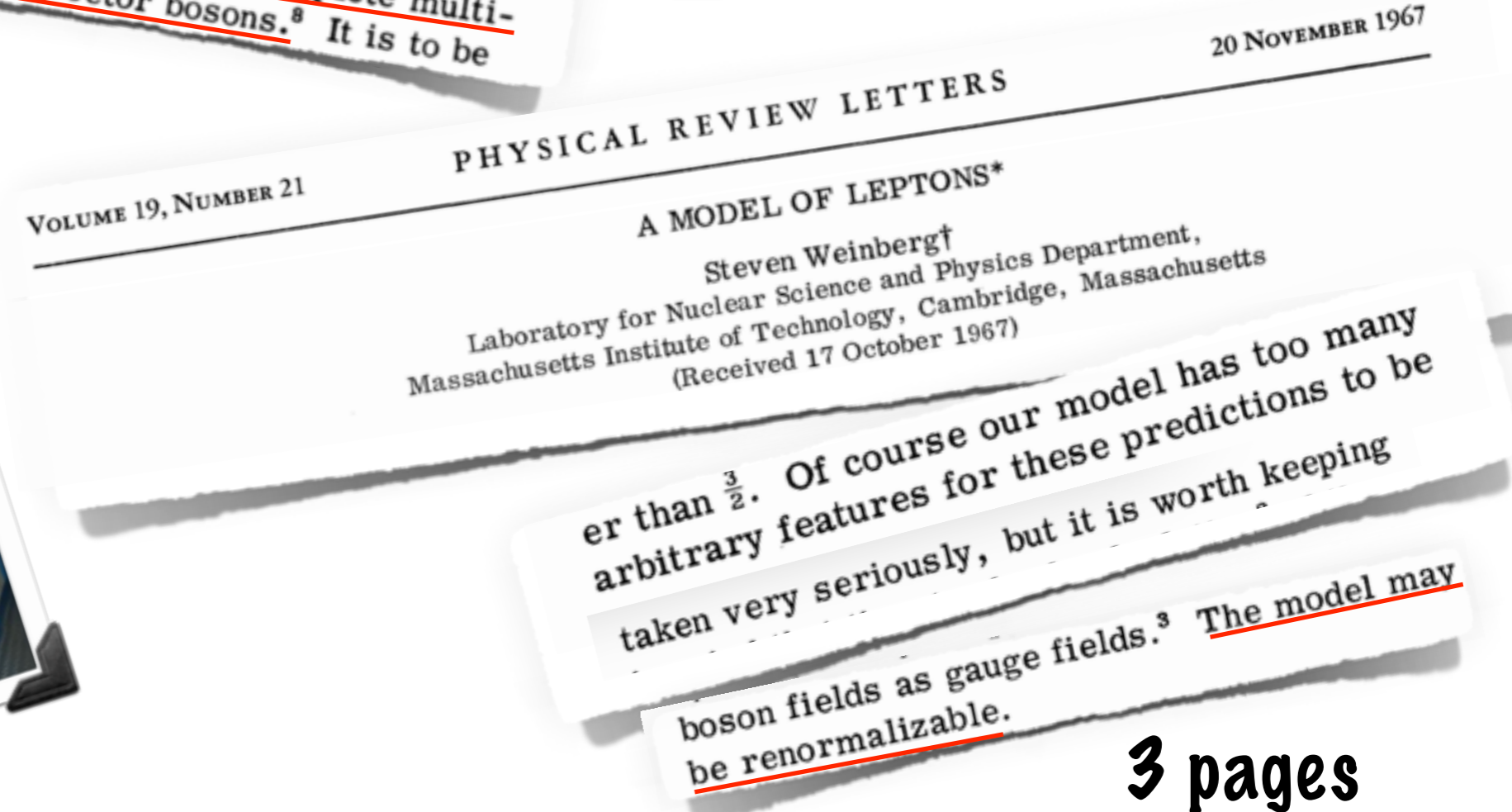
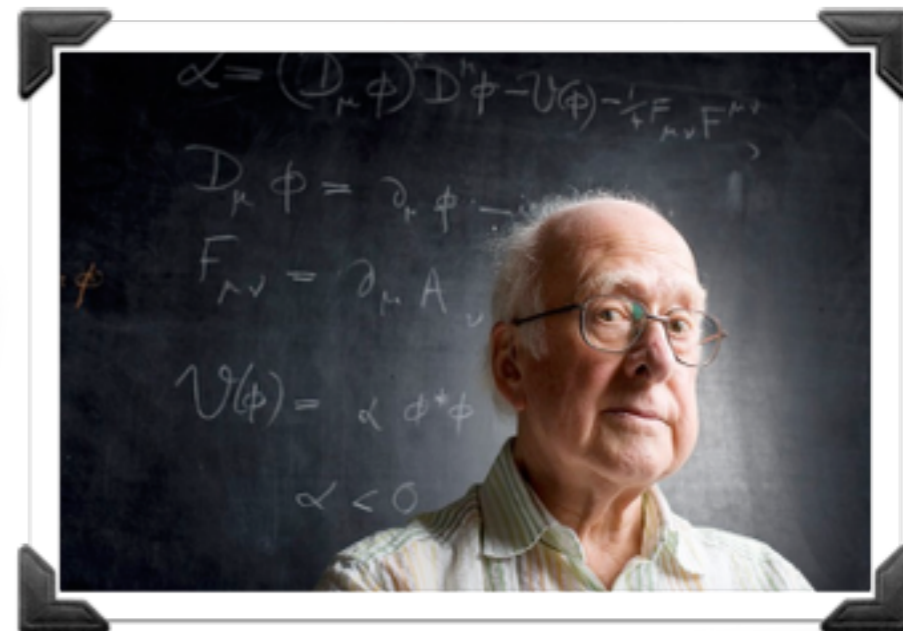
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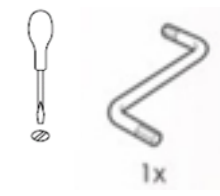


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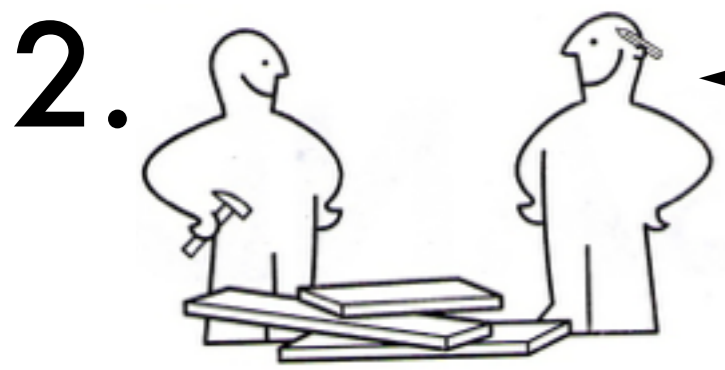


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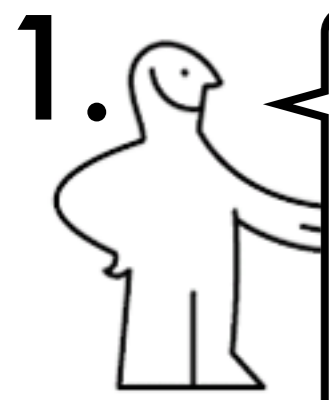
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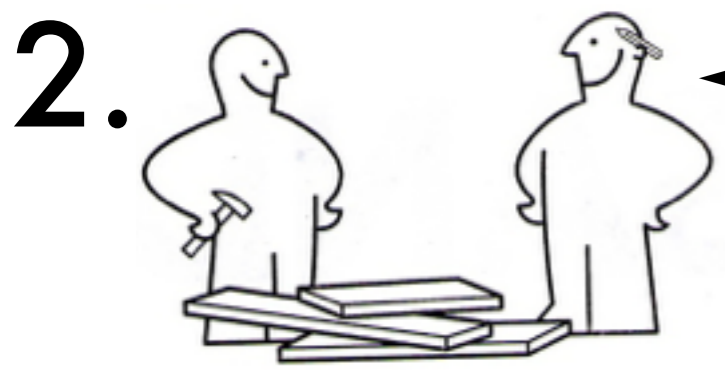


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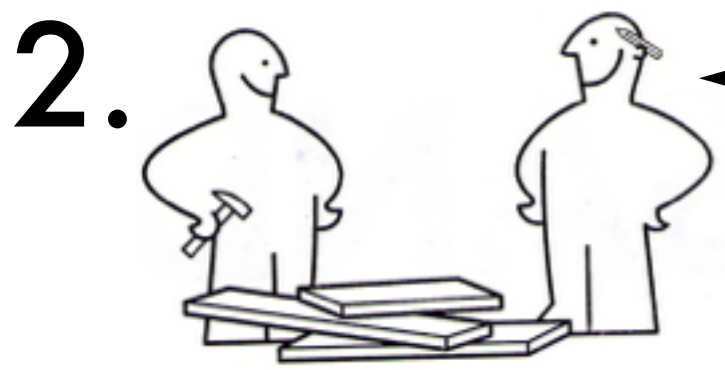
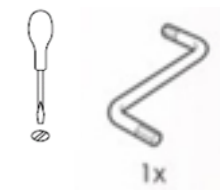
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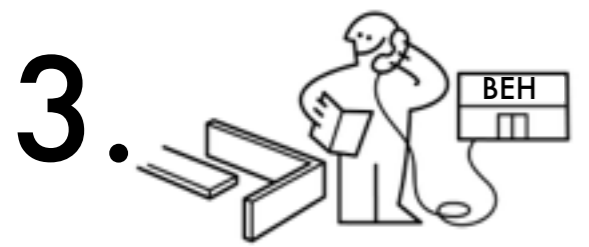
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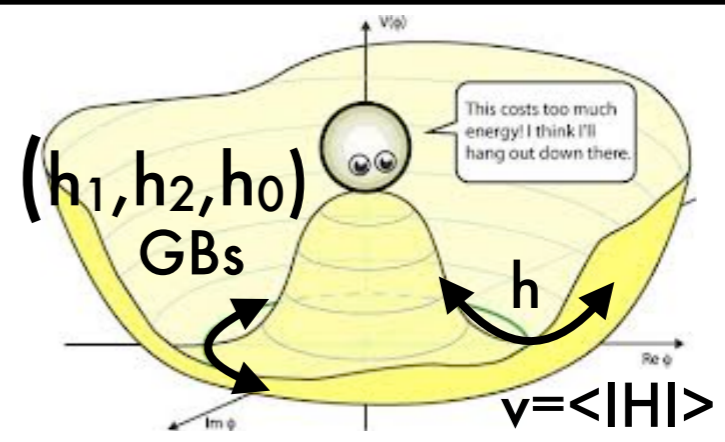
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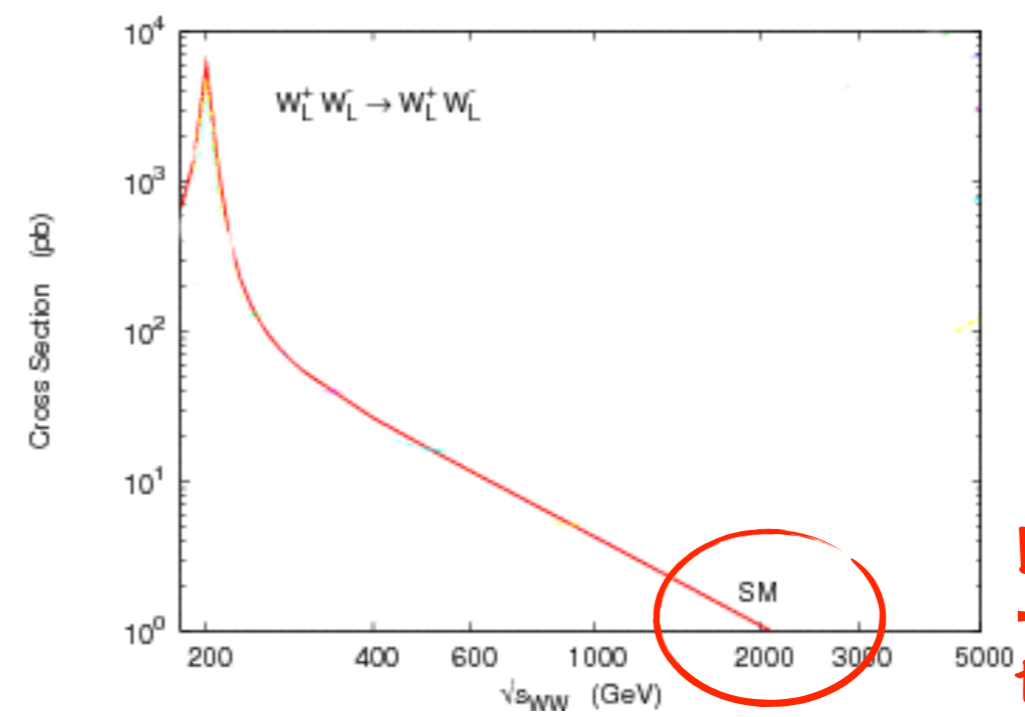
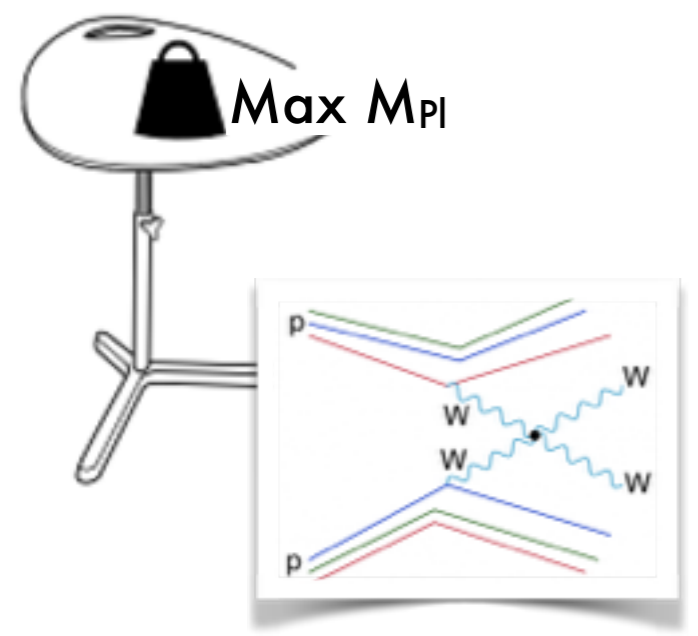


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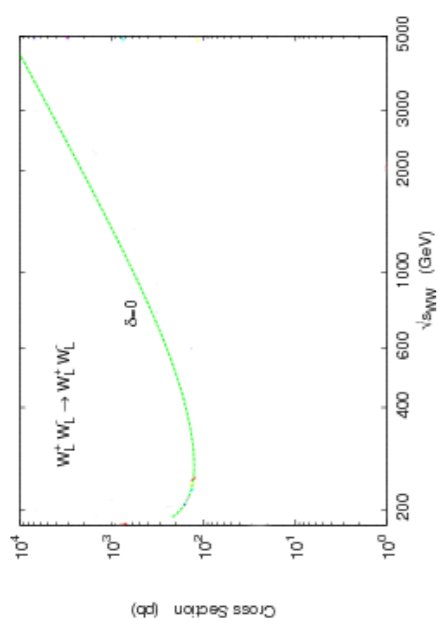
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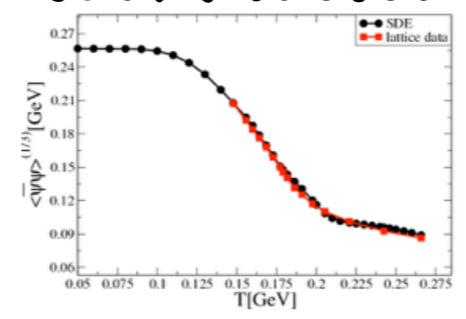
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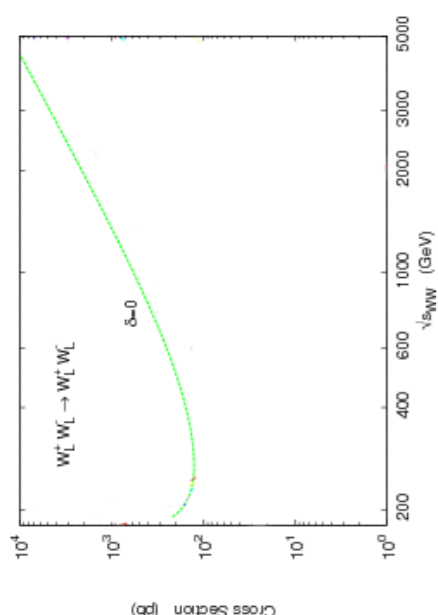
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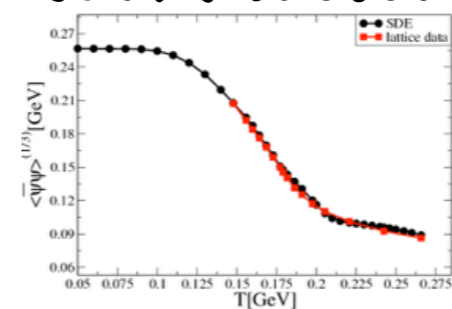
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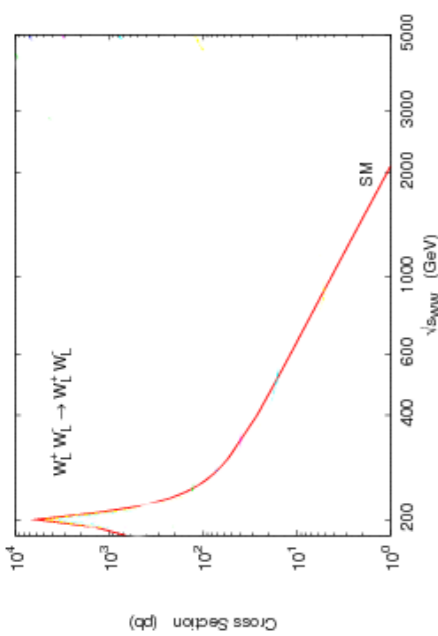
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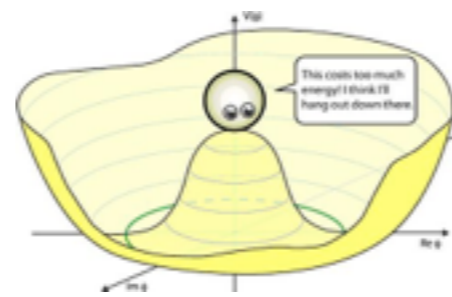
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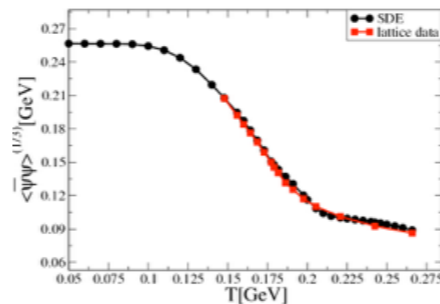
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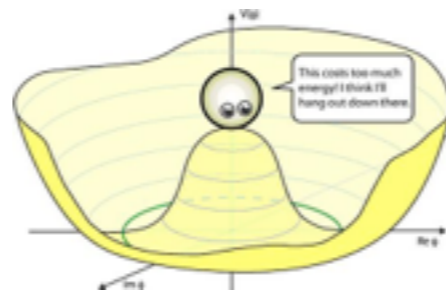


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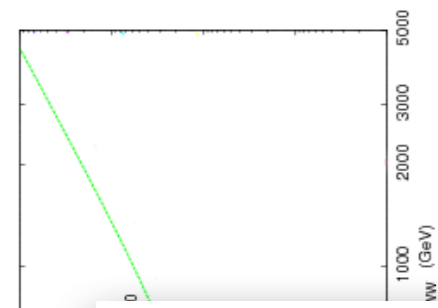
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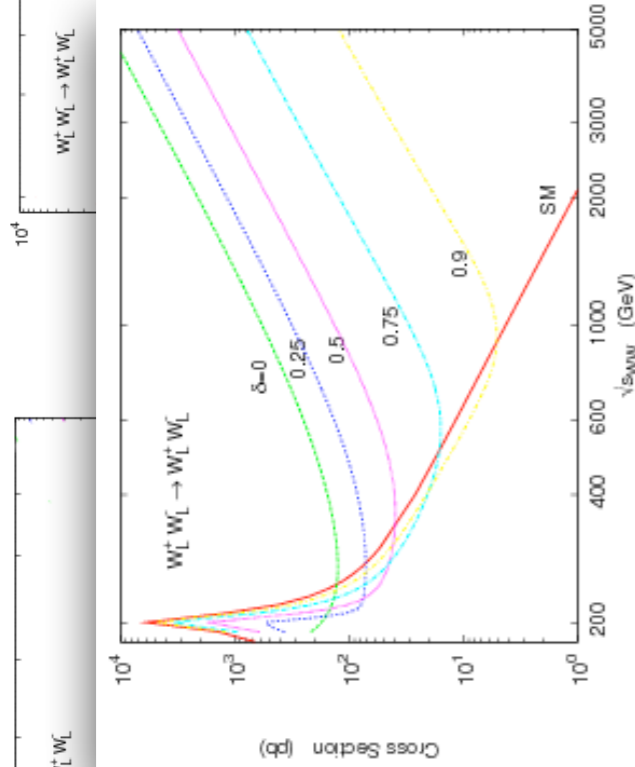
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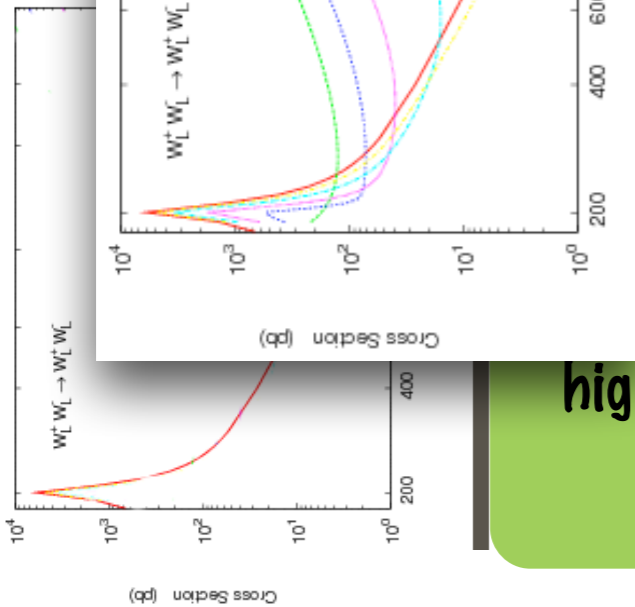
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Summary Part I - B-1SM

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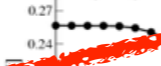
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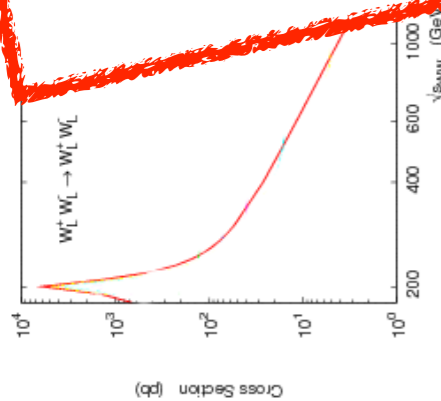
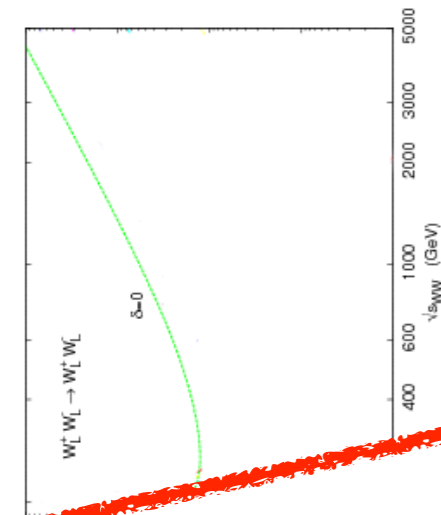
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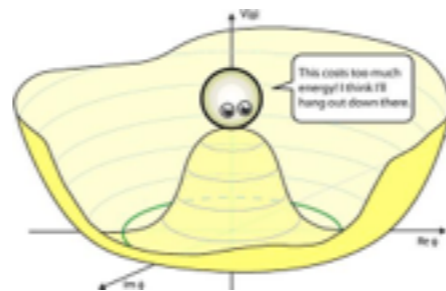


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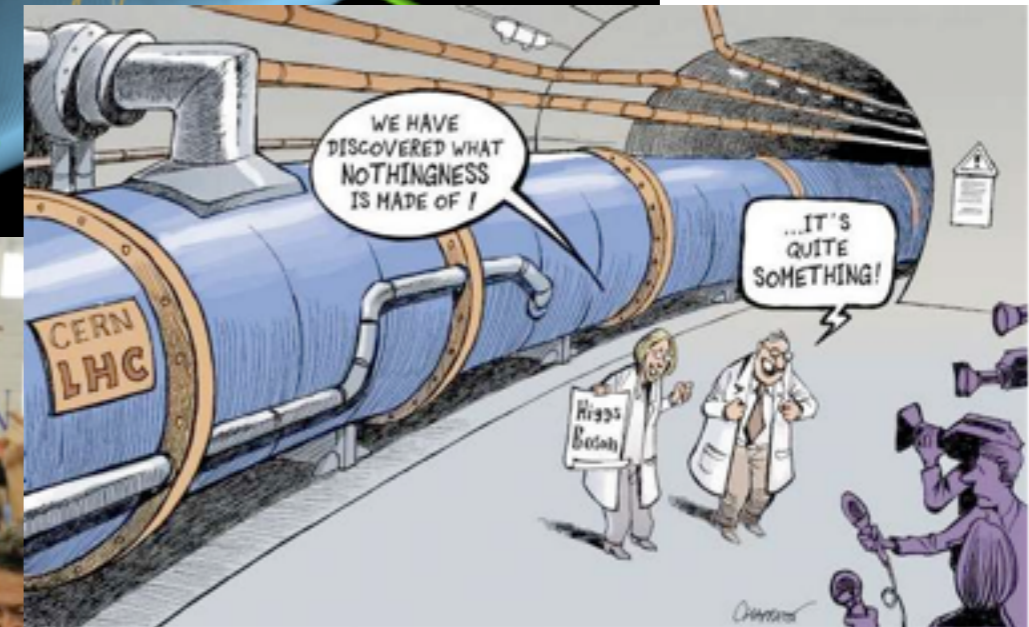
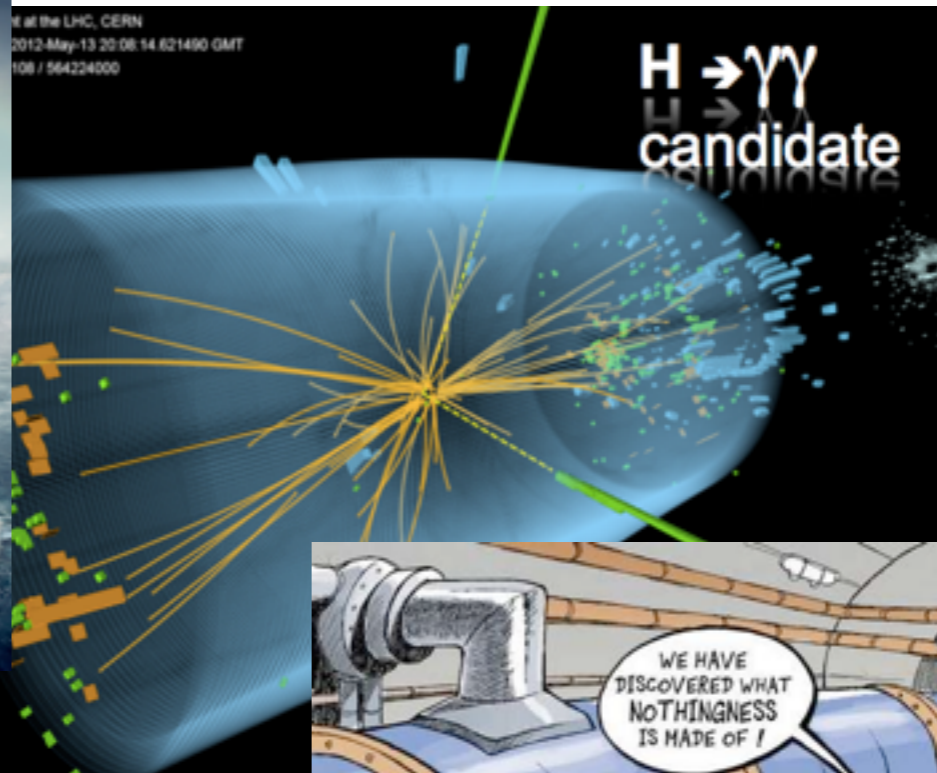
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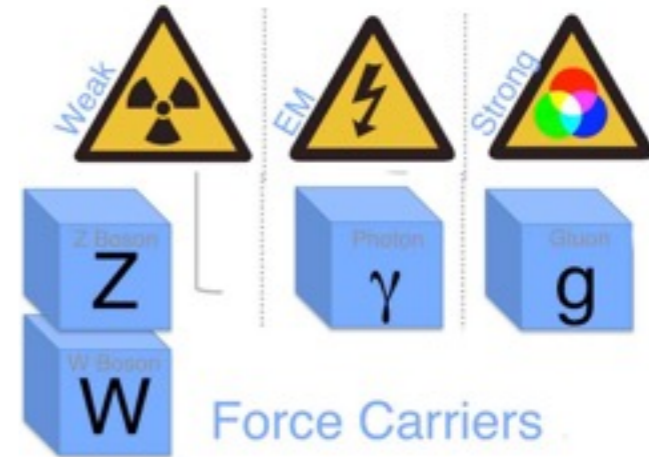
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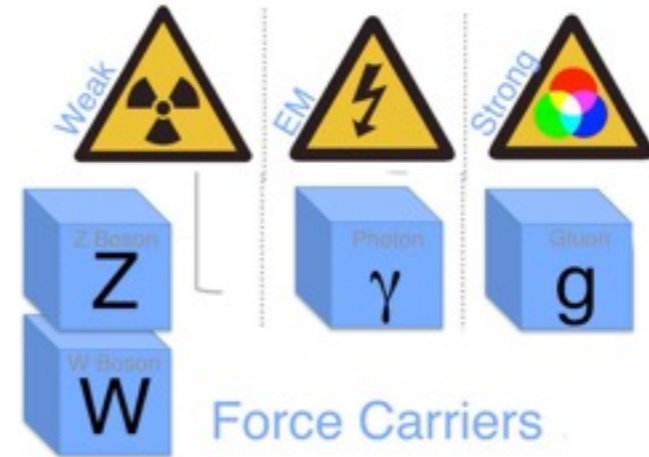
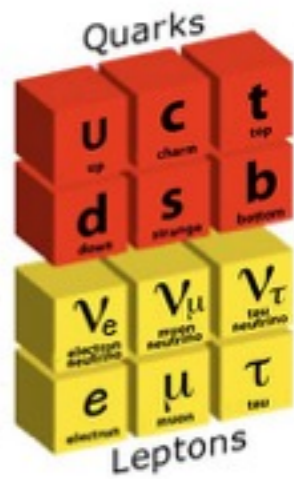
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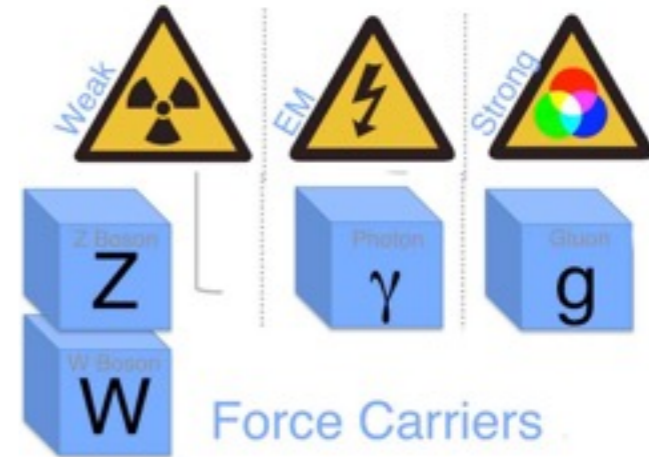
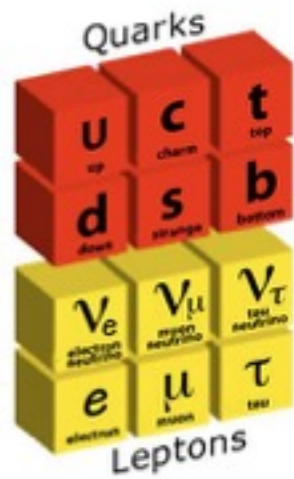
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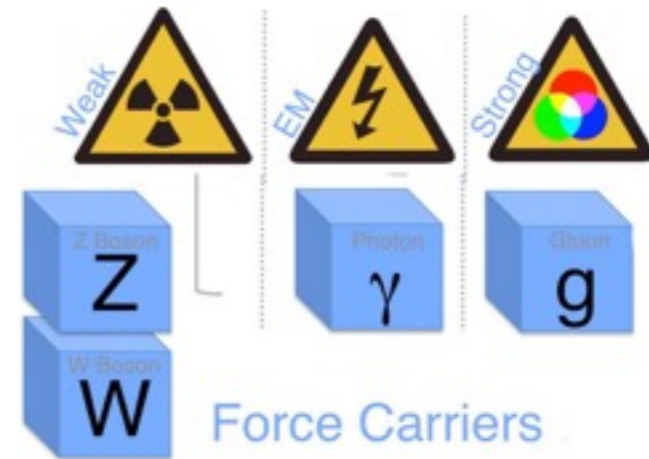
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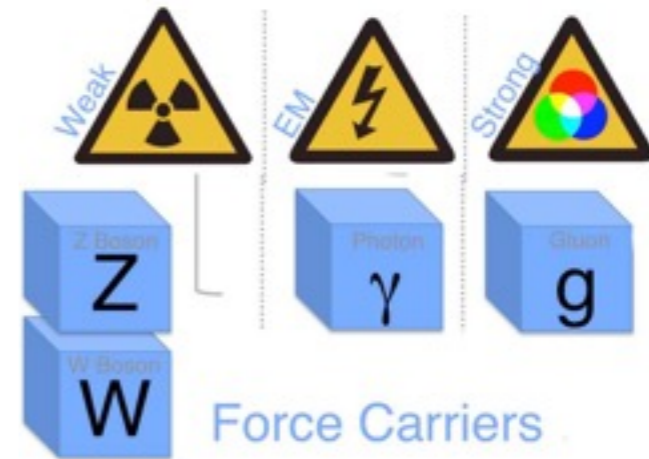
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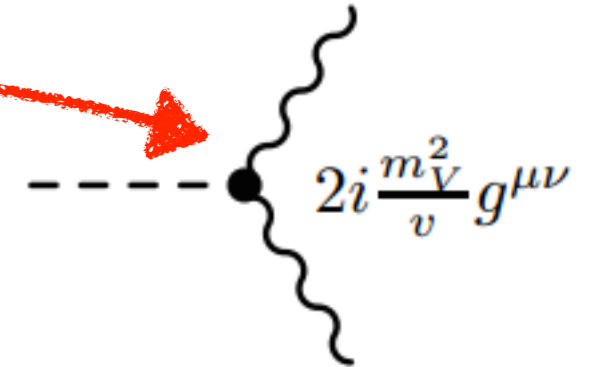
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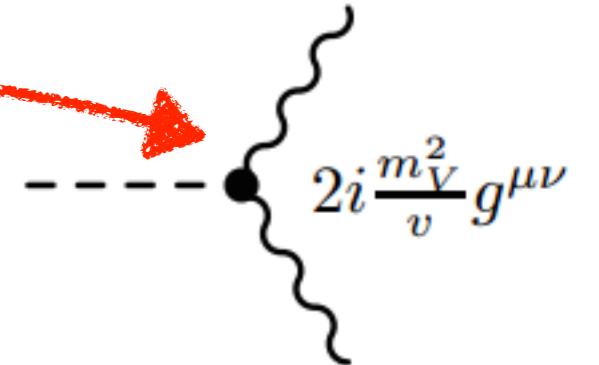
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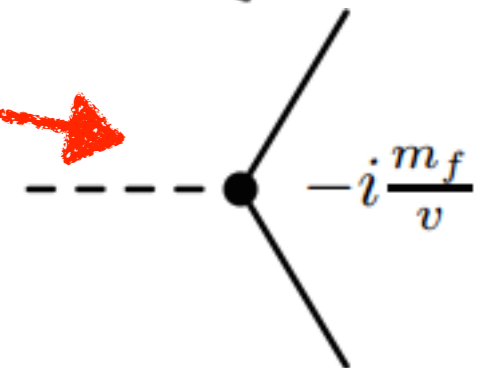
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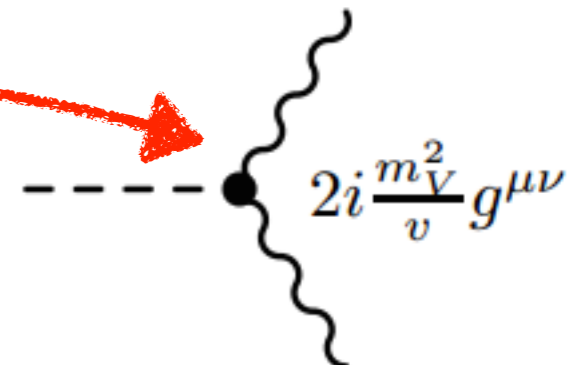
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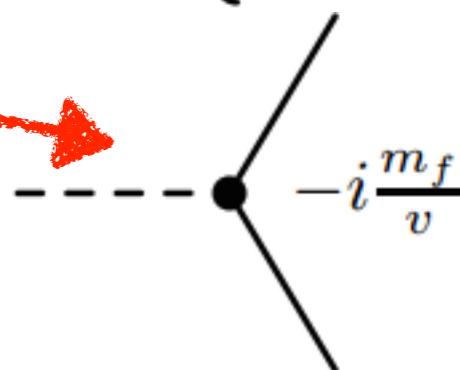
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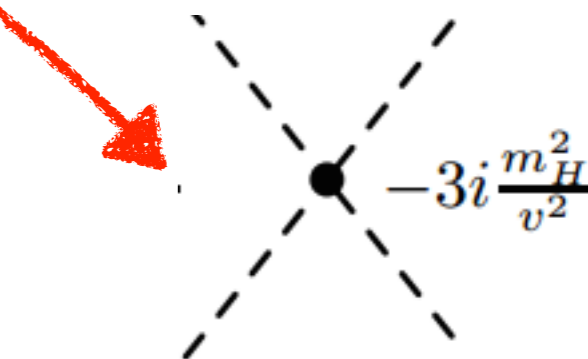
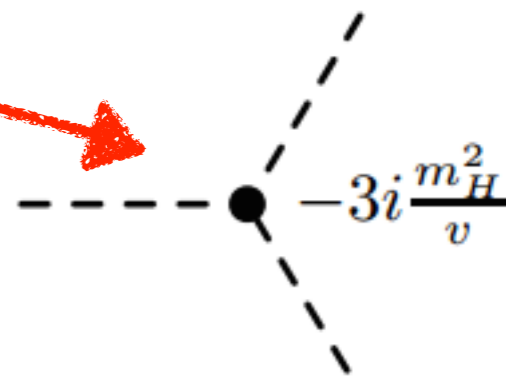
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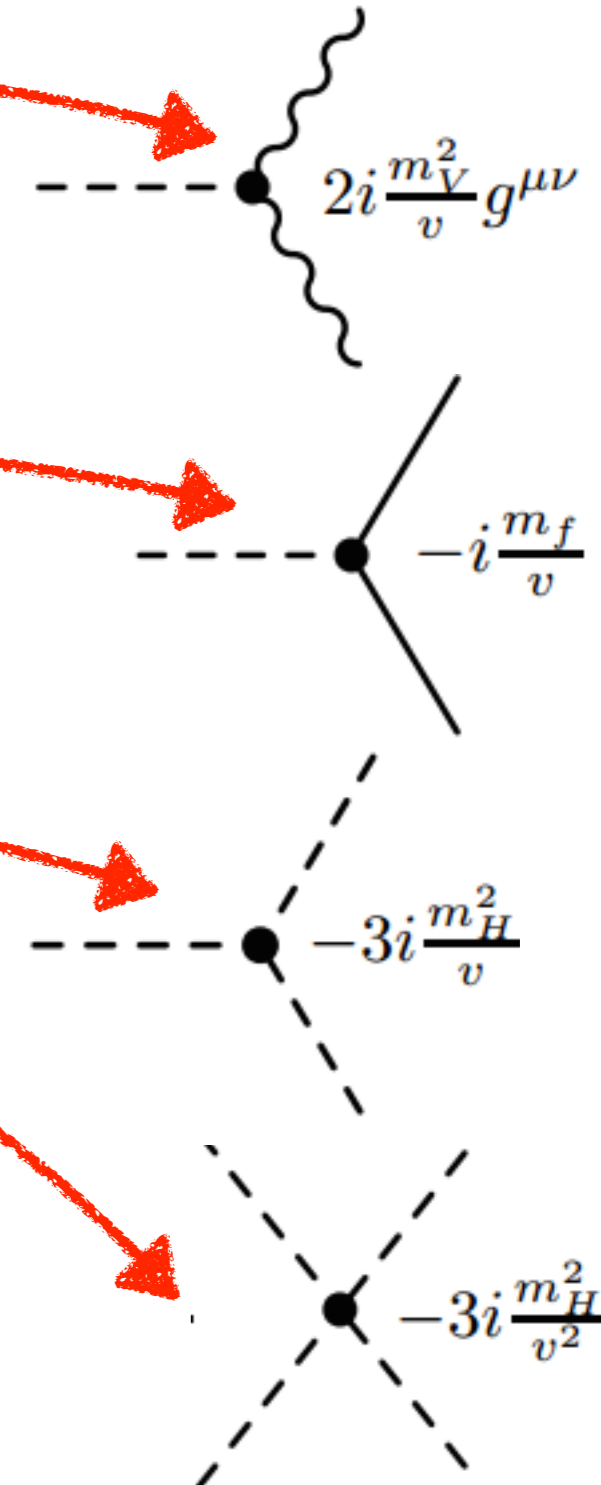
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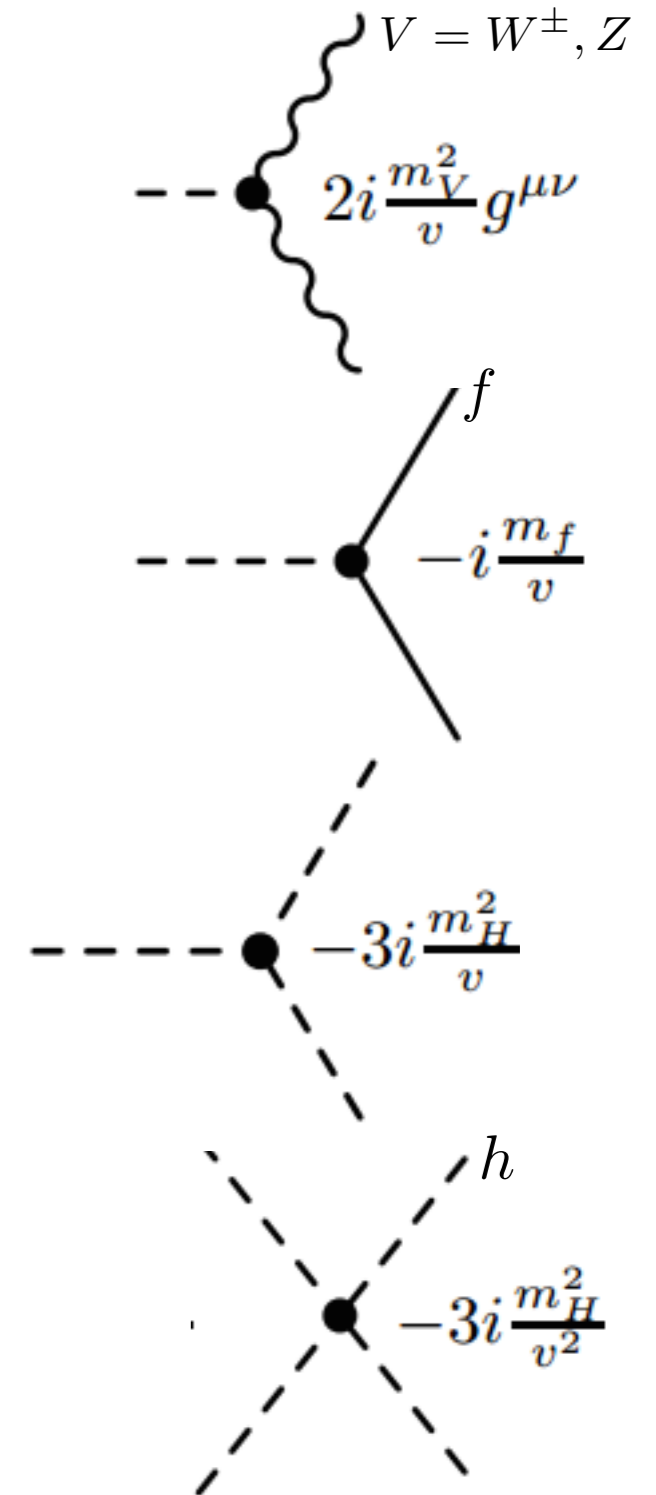
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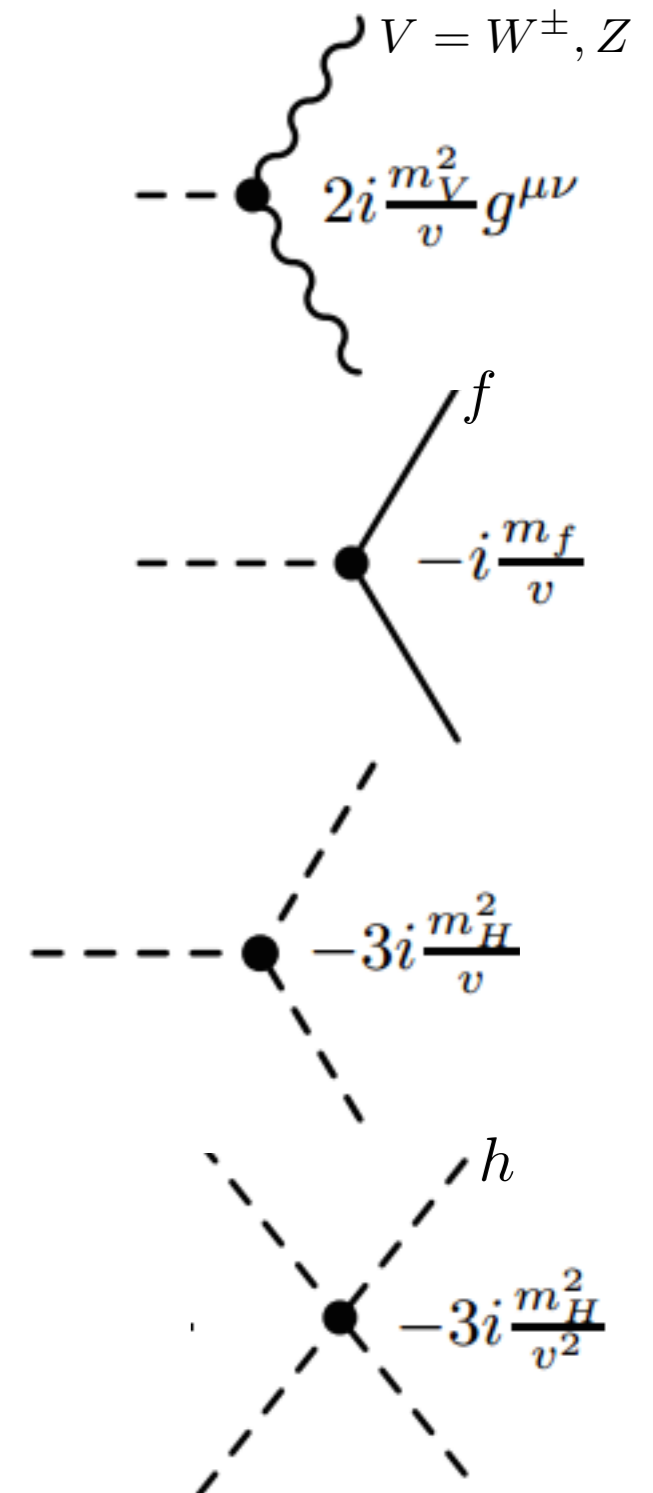
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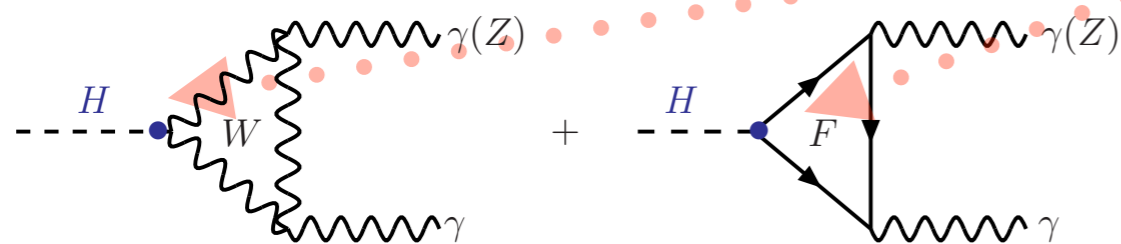
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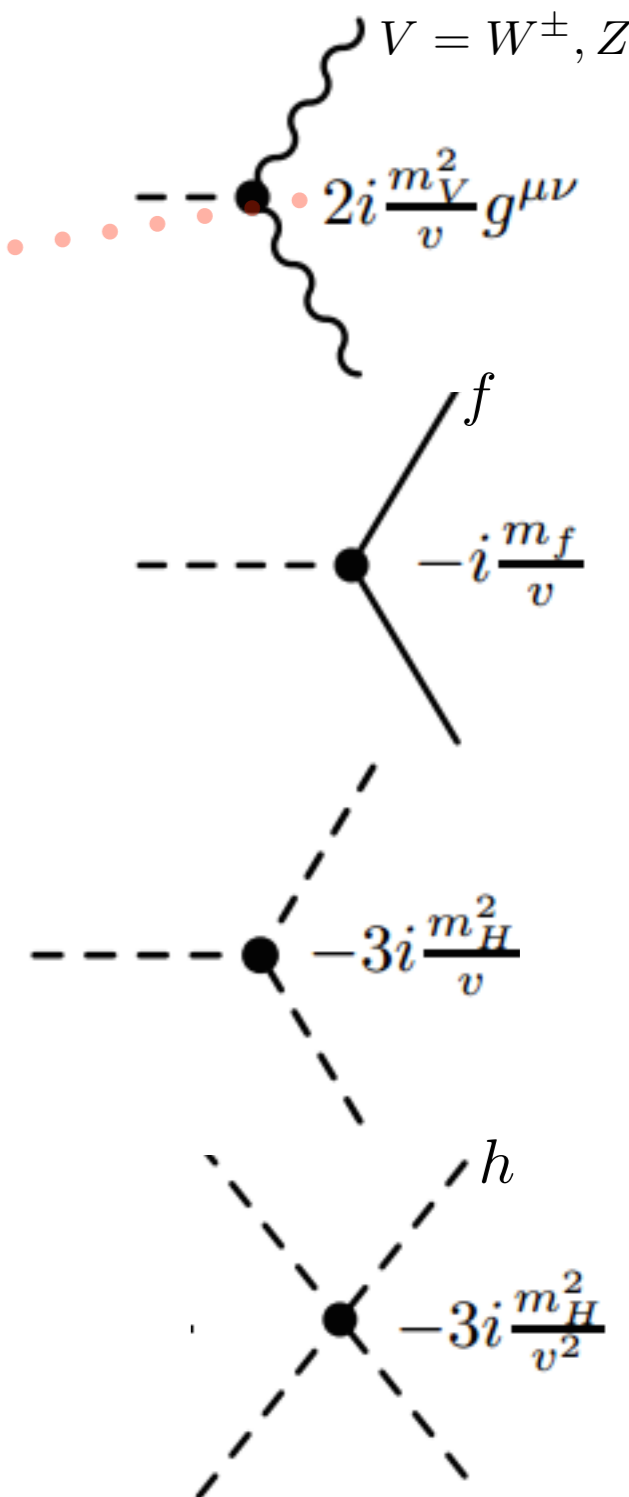
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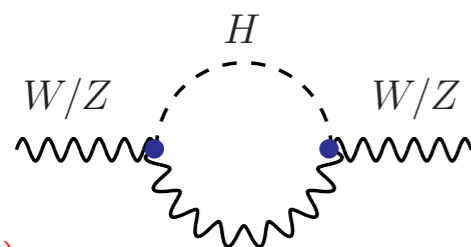
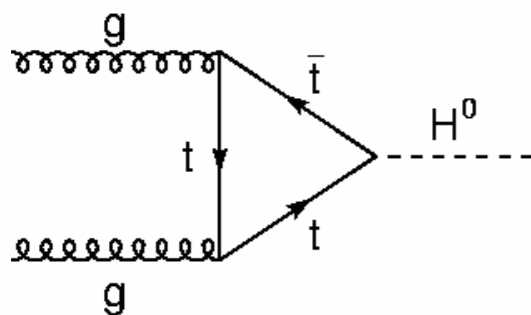
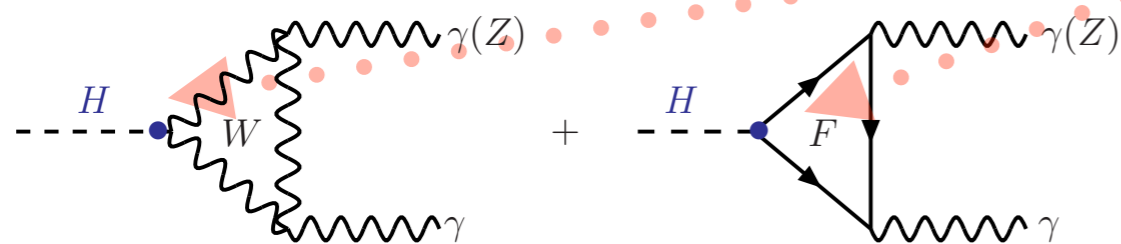
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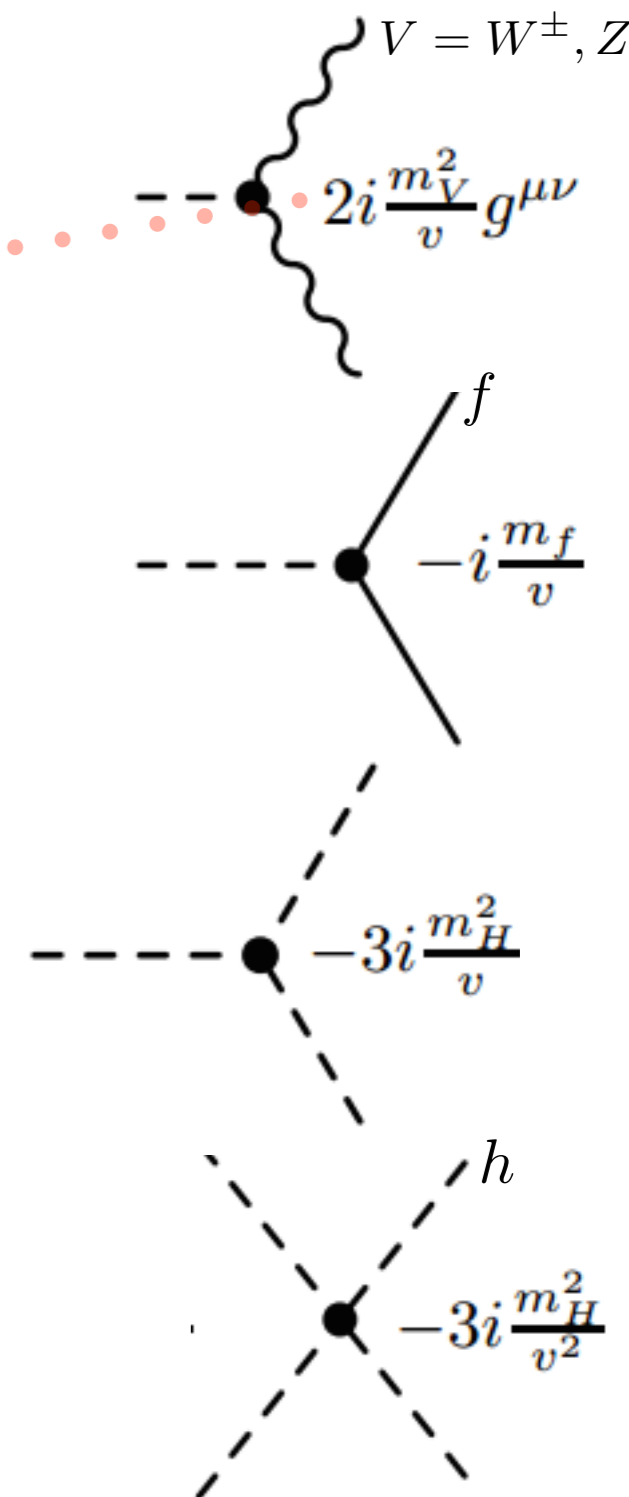
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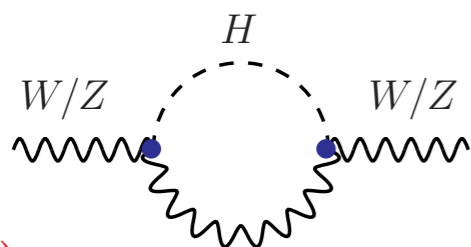
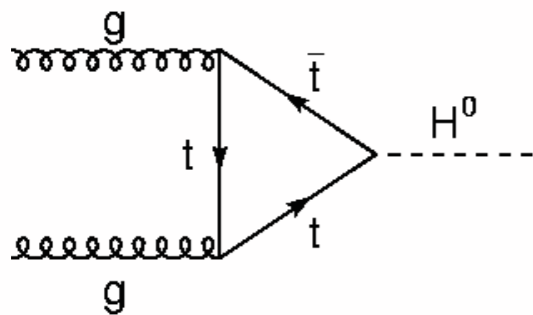
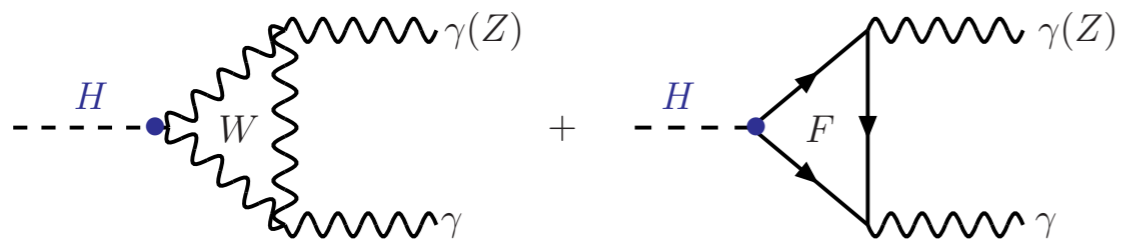
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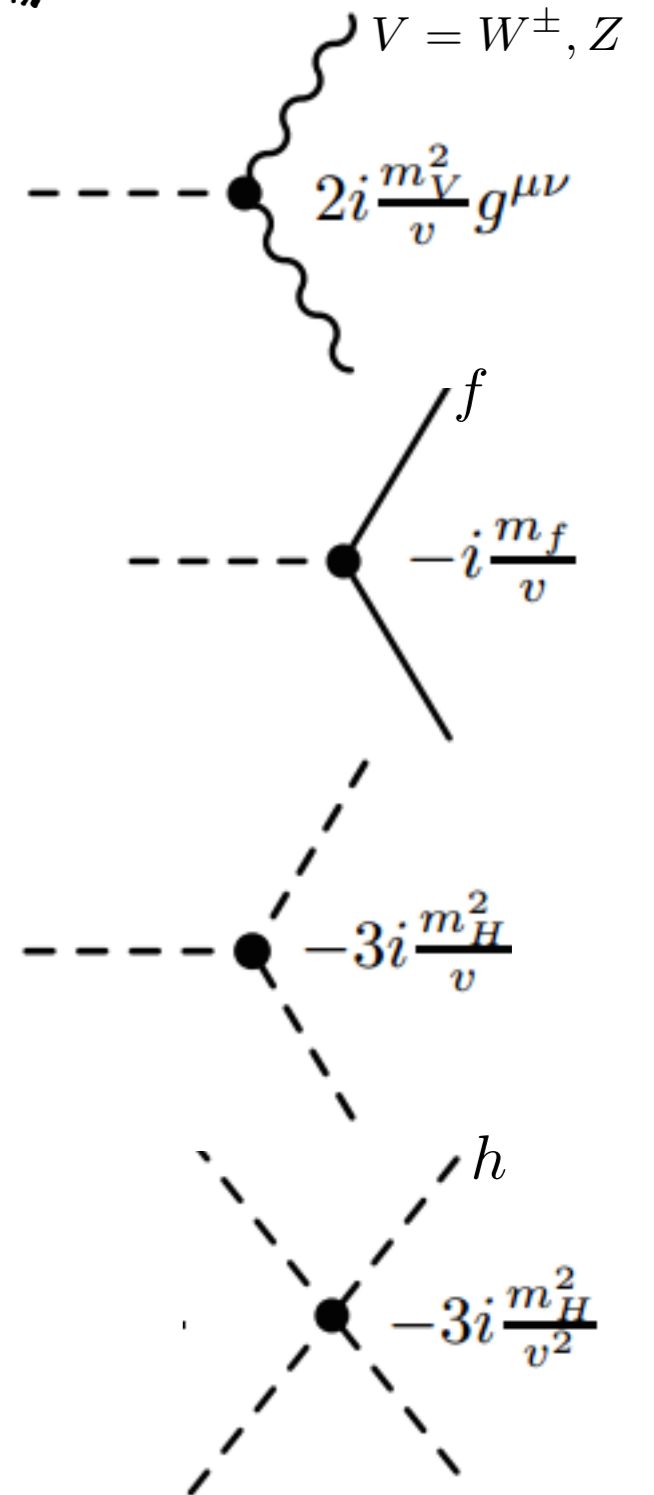
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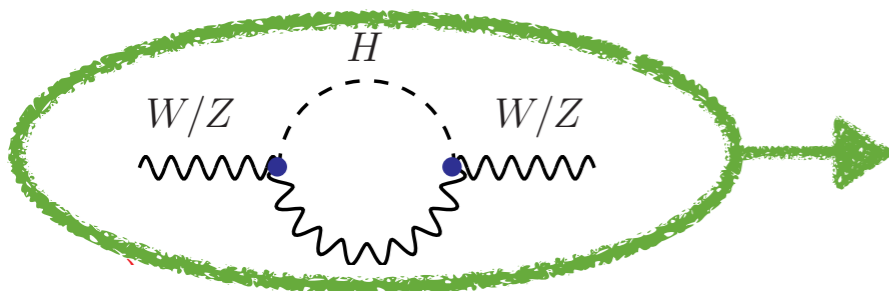
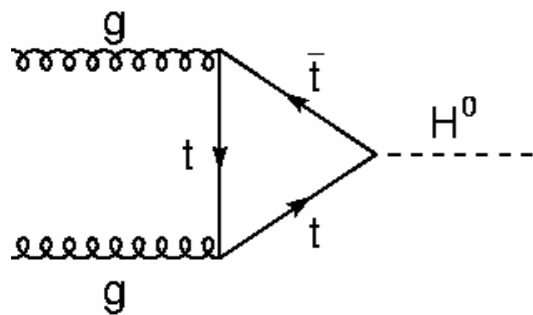
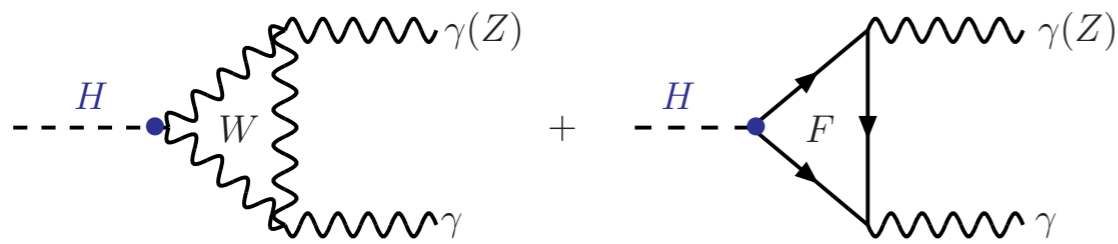
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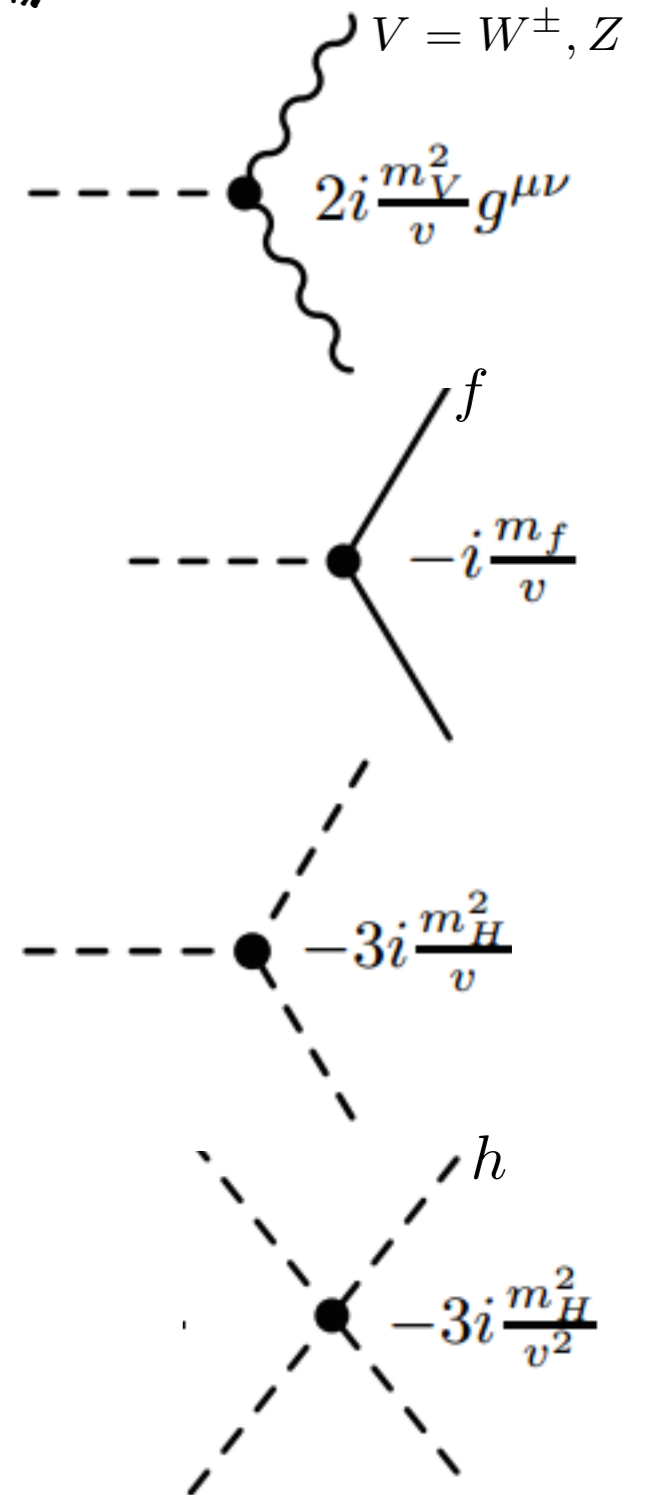
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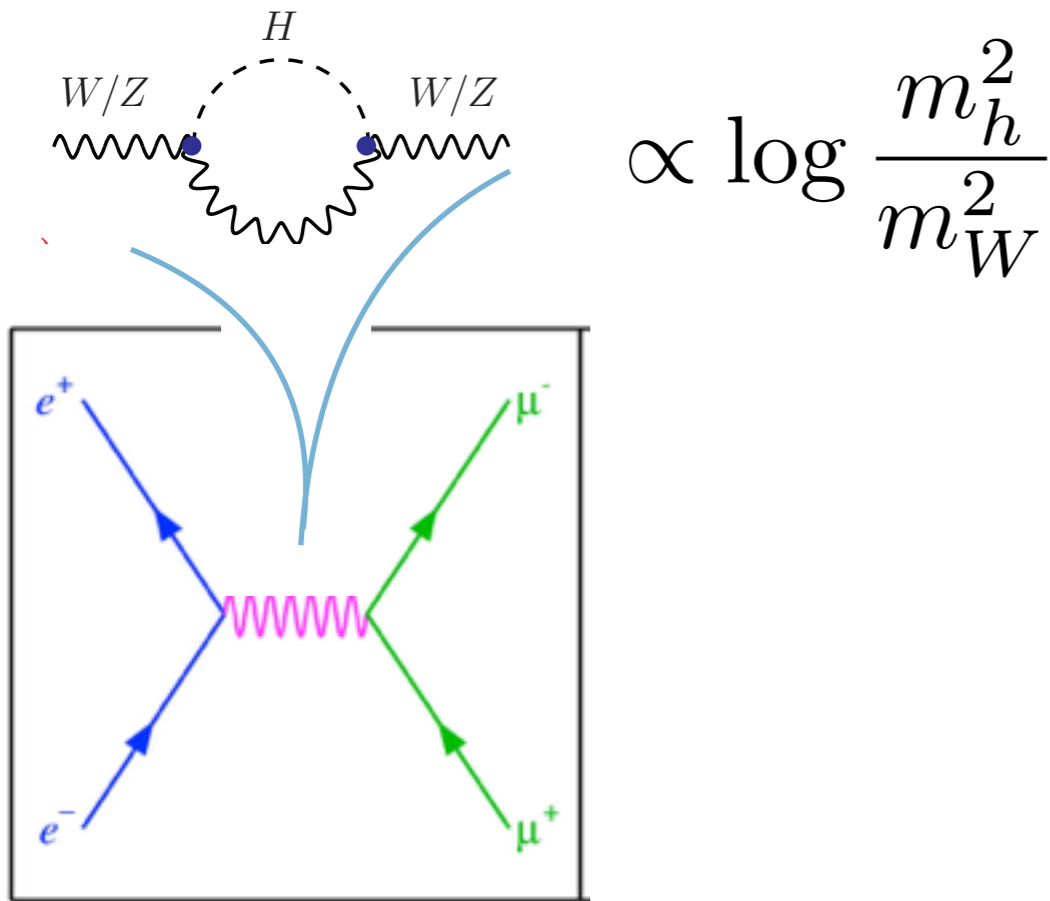
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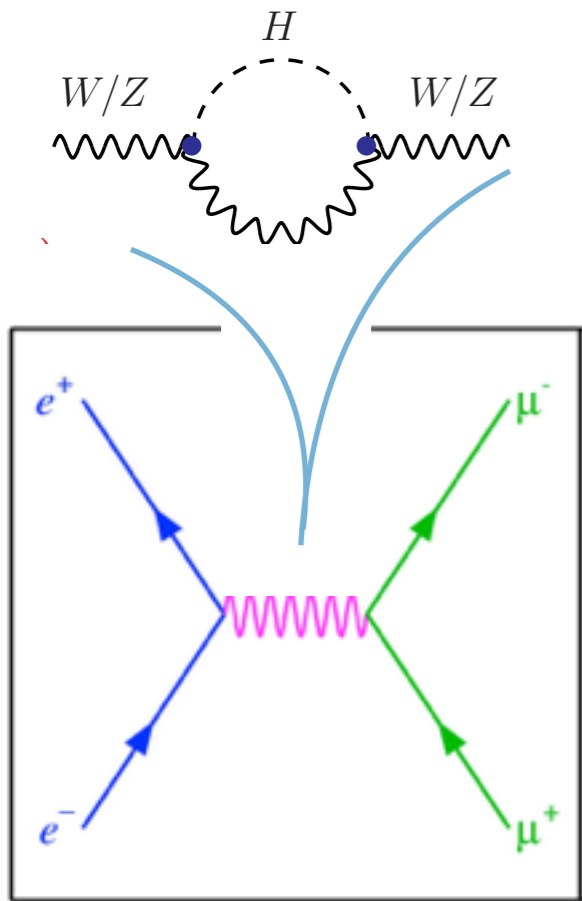
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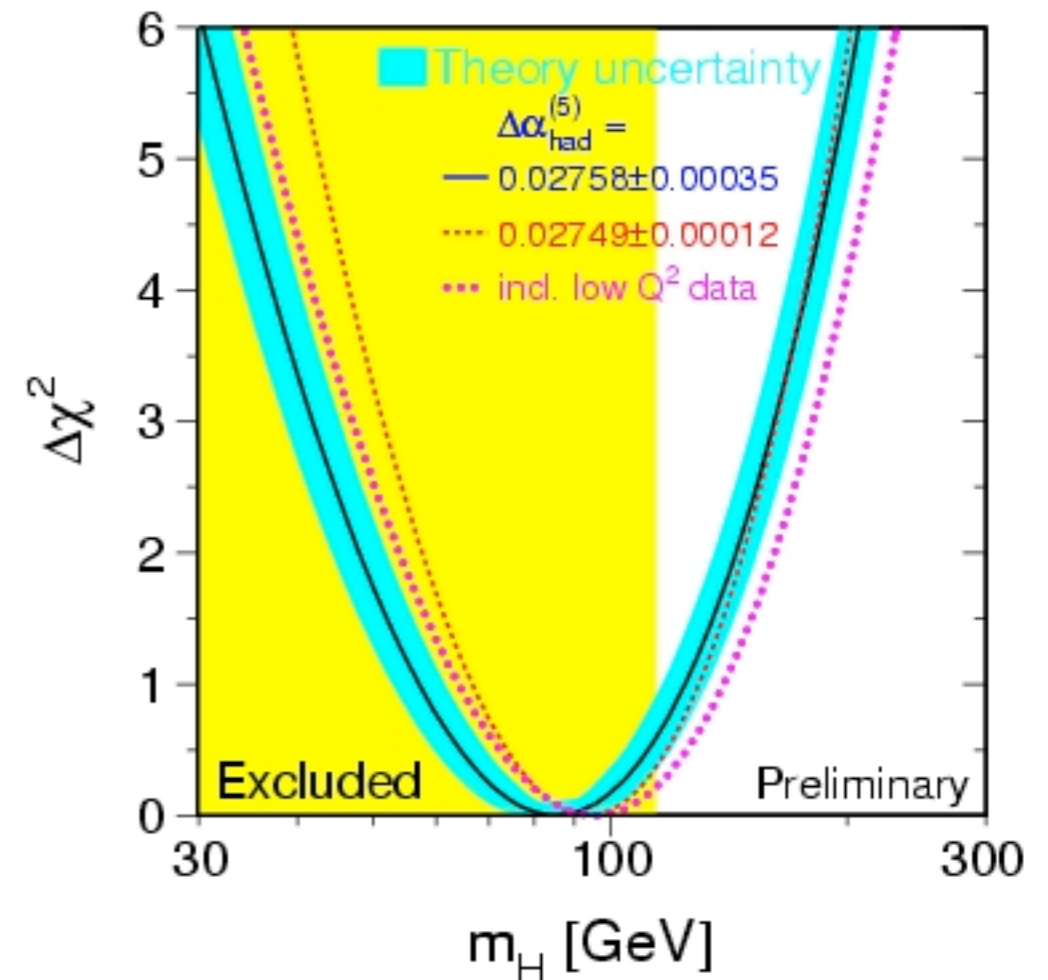
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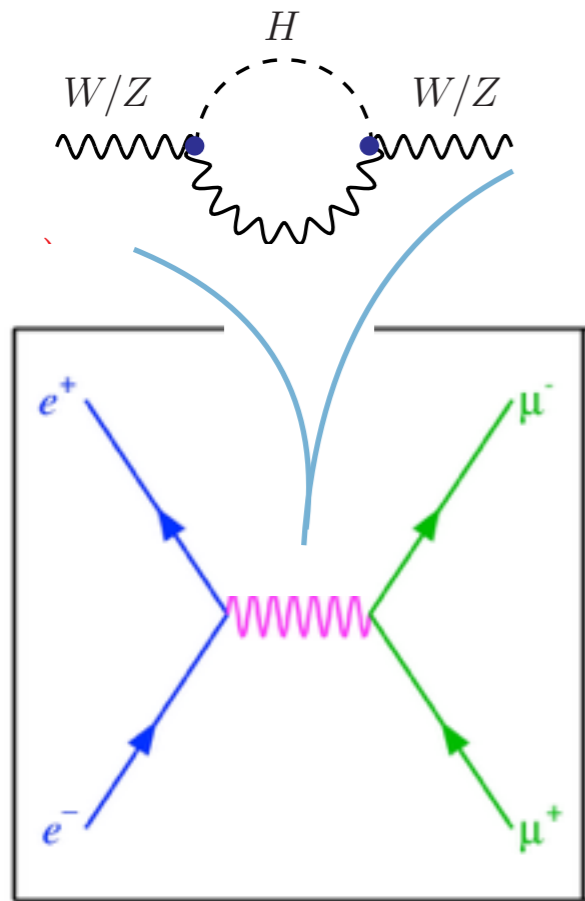
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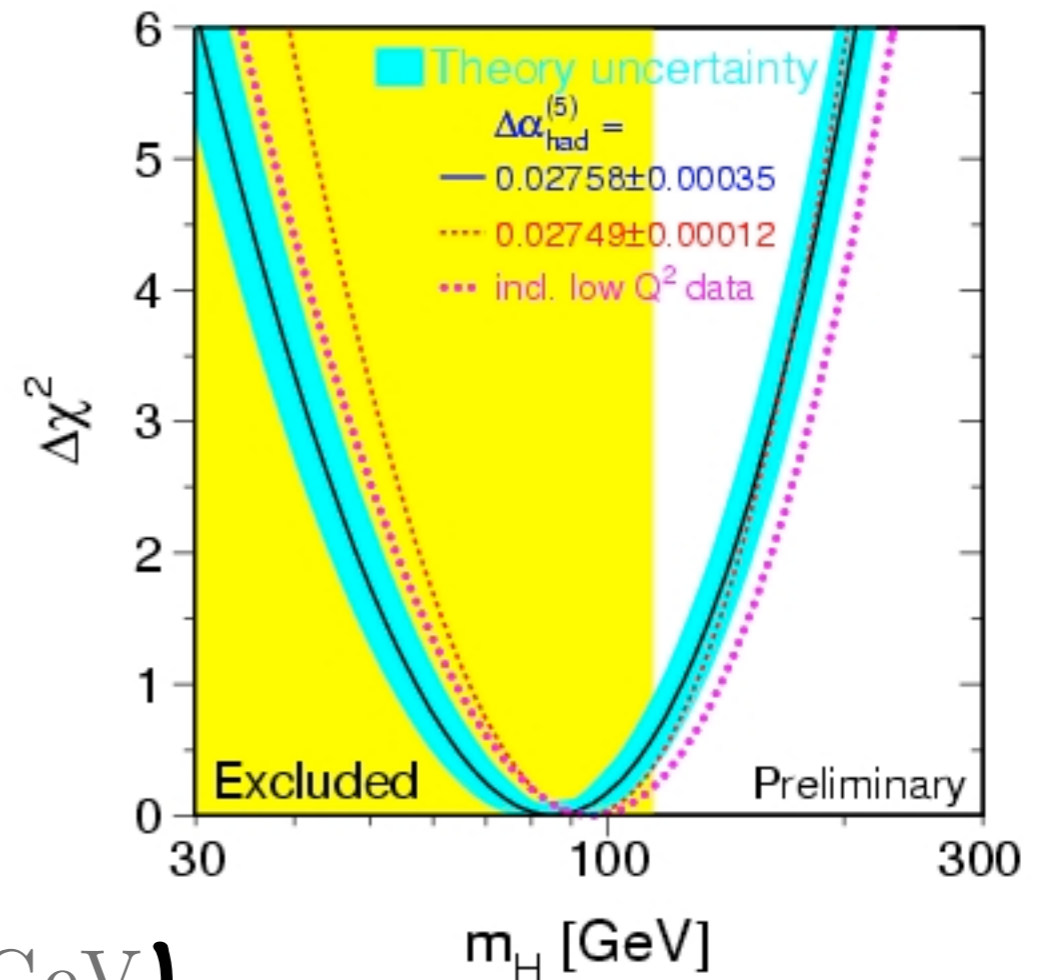
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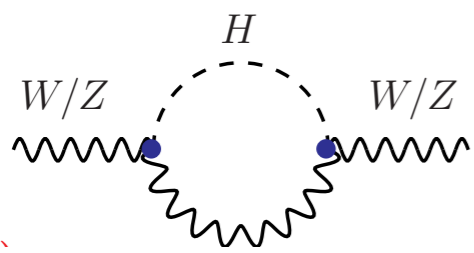
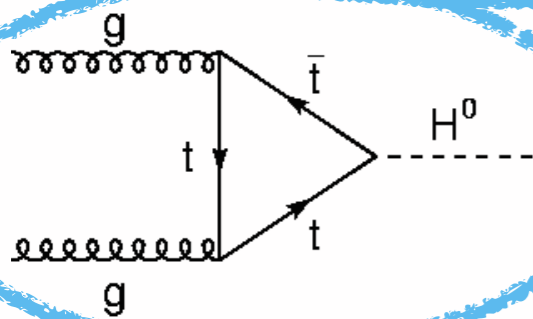
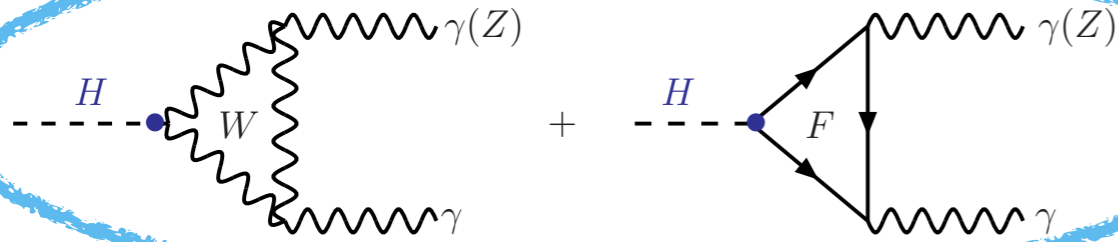
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→ In SM Higgs mass $m_h = 94^{+29}_{-24}$ GeV
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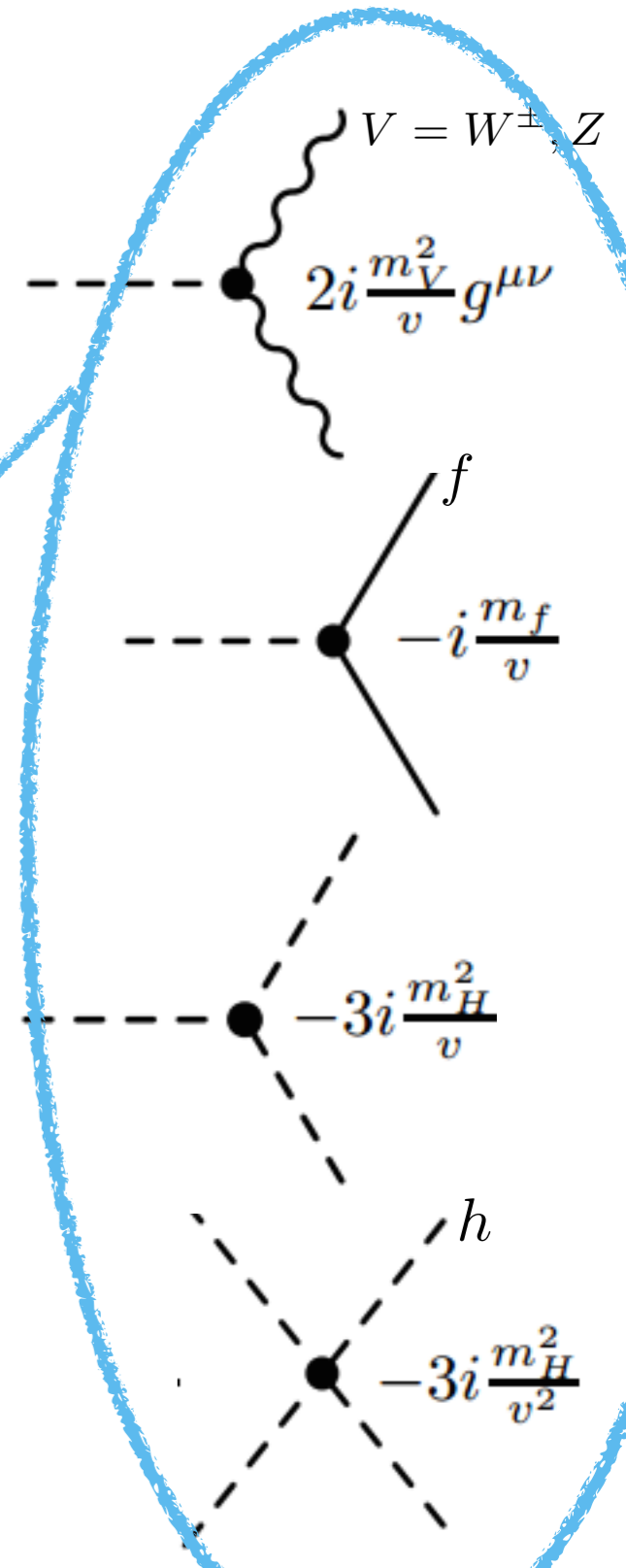
(* = BSM physics at TeV also contributes to EWPT and changes this conclusion)

Predictions for Higgs @ LHC



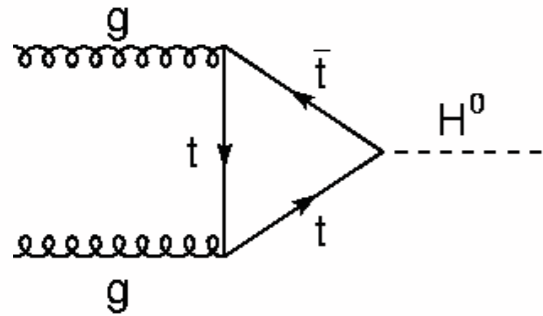
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Given m_h , all Higgs production cross-sections and Branching ratios are fixed in the SM!

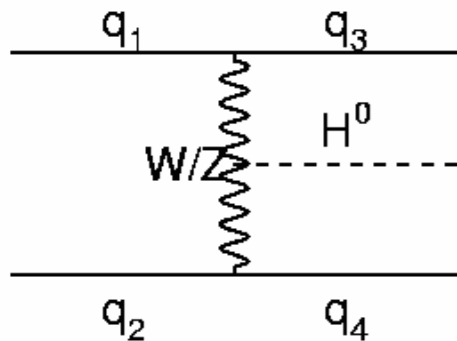


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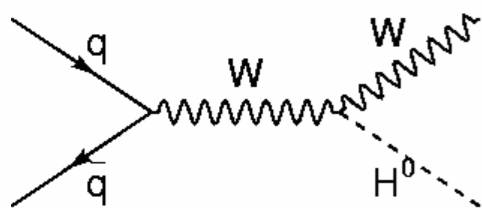
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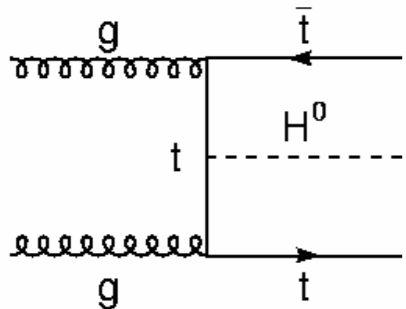
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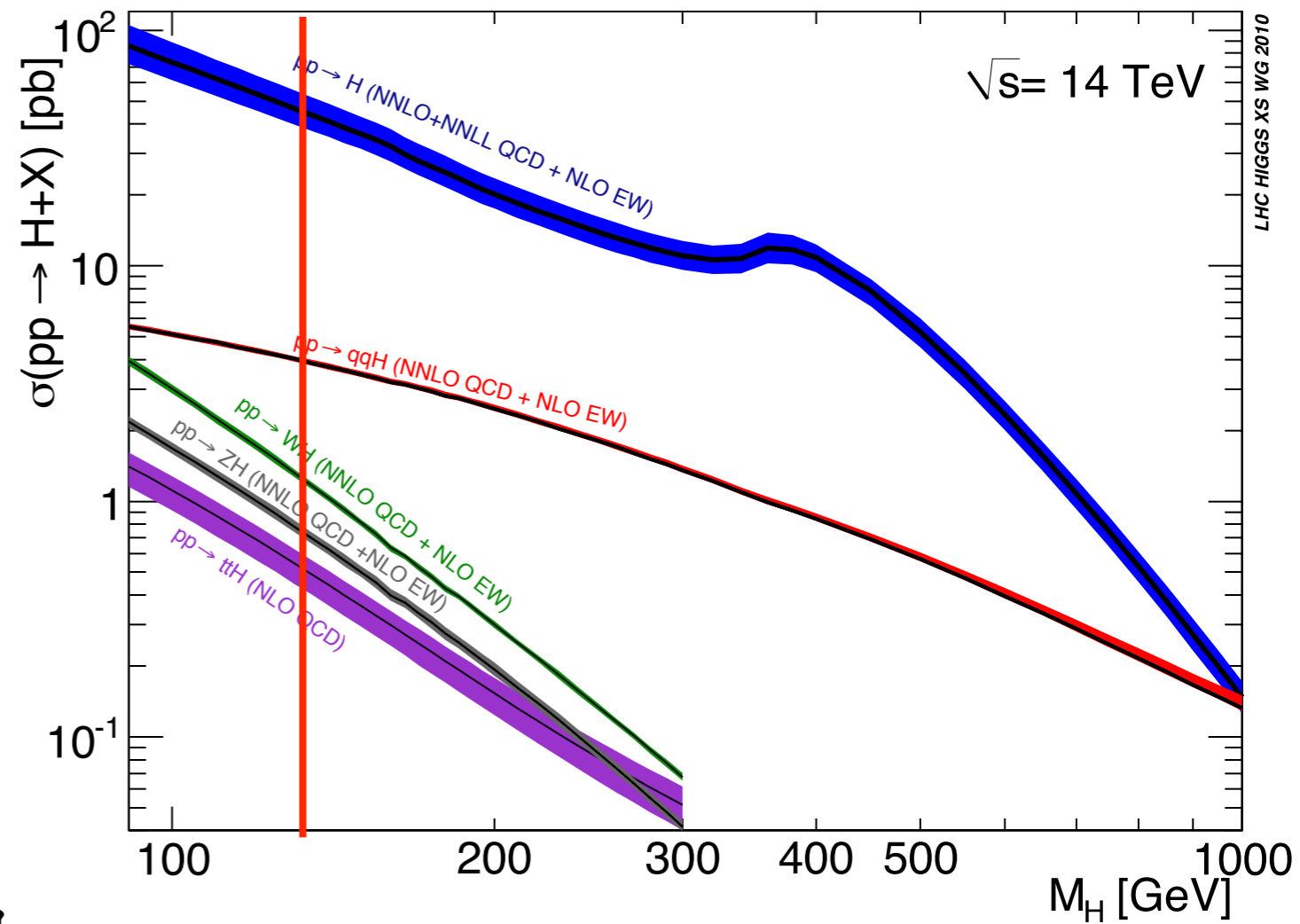
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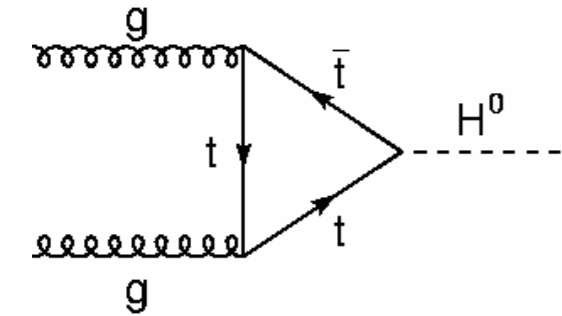


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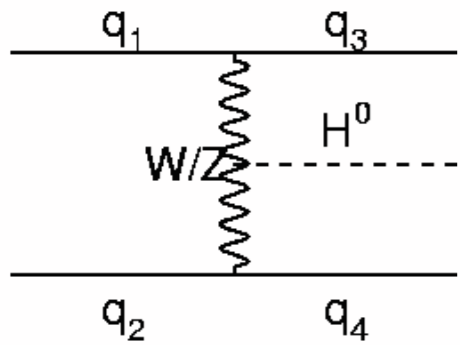


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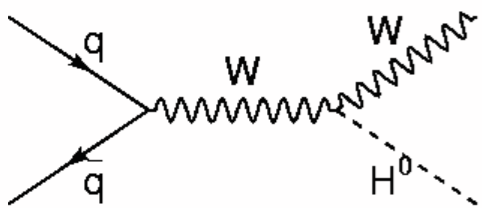
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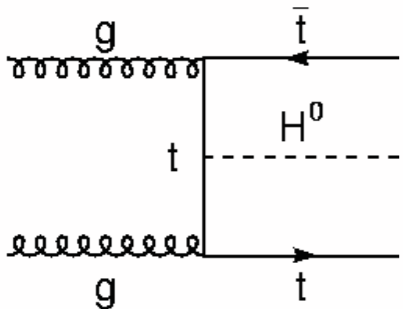
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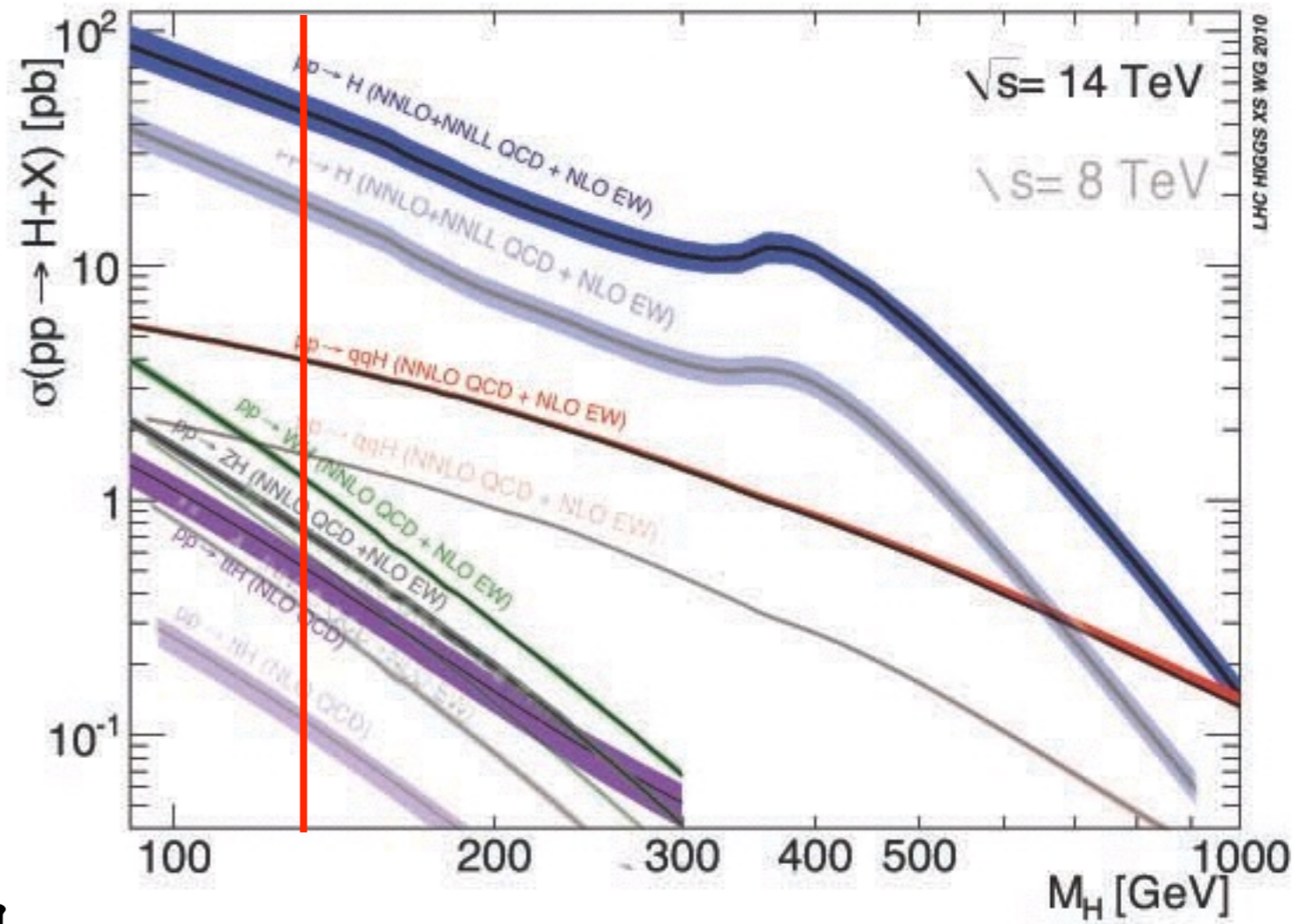
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Associated Production ttH

	8 TeV	13 TeV
ggF	19 pb	44 pb
VBF	1.6 pb	3.7 pb
VH	1.1 pb	2.2 pb
ttH	0.13 pb	0.51 pb
tH	~20 fb	~90 fb

14 vs 8 TeV

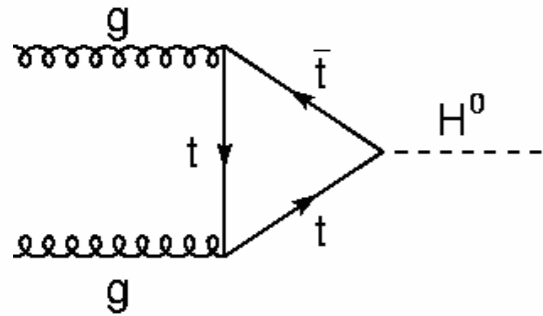


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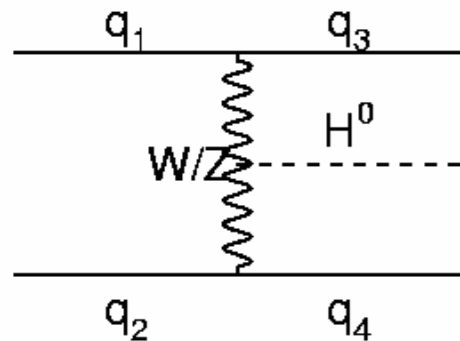


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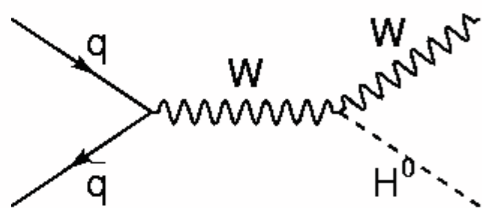
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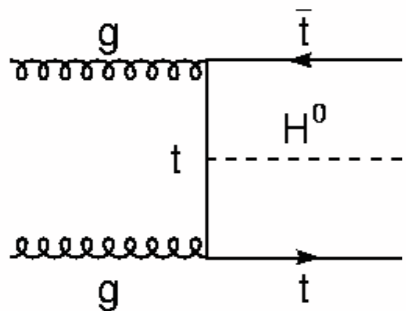
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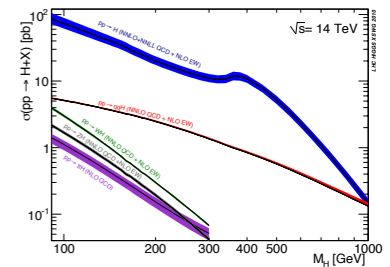
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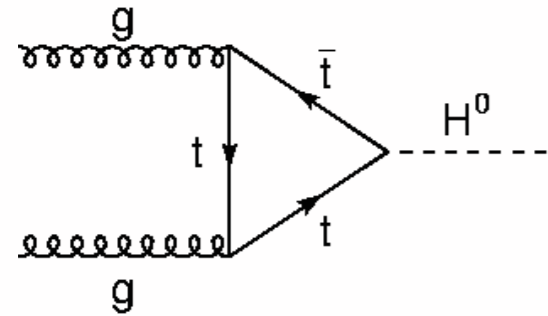
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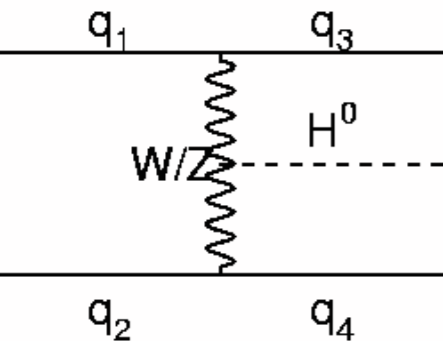
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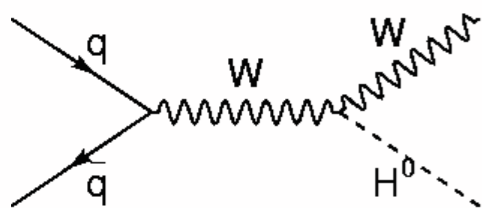
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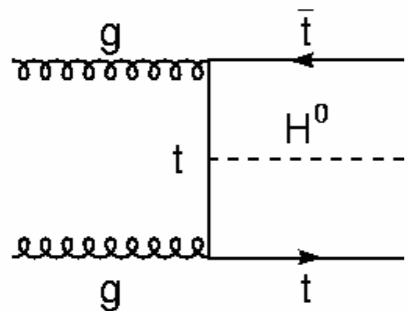
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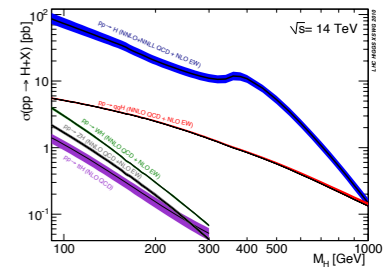


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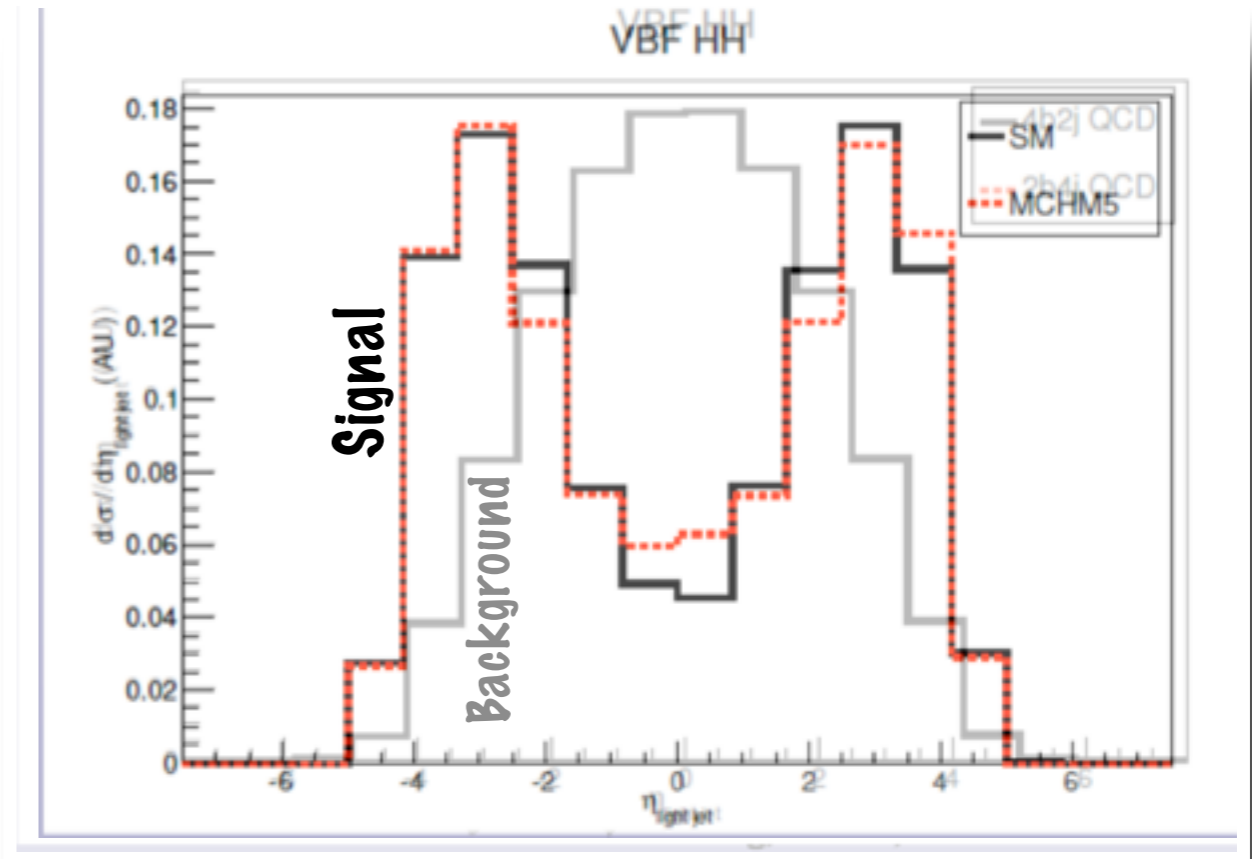


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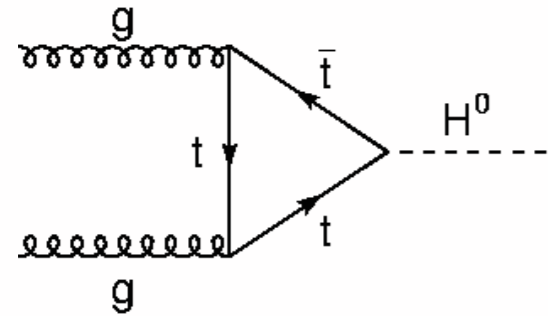
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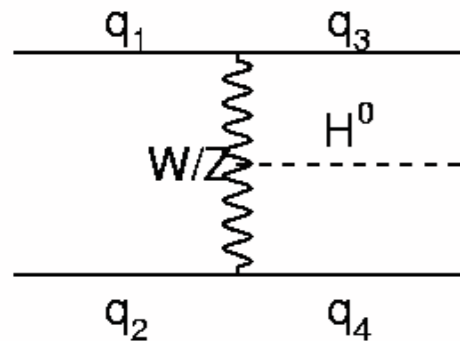
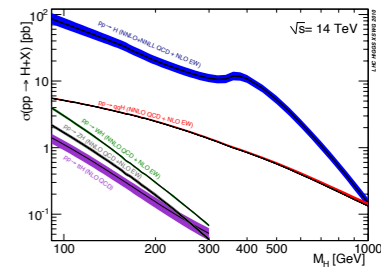


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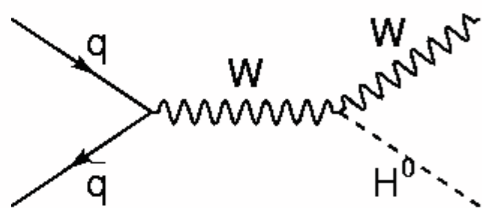
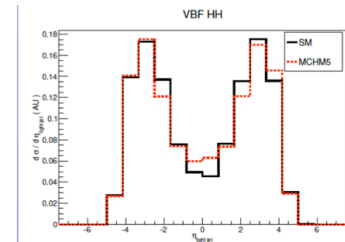
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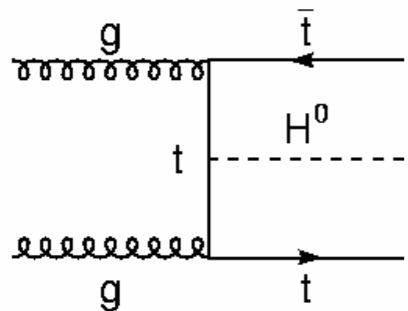
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Leptons in final state
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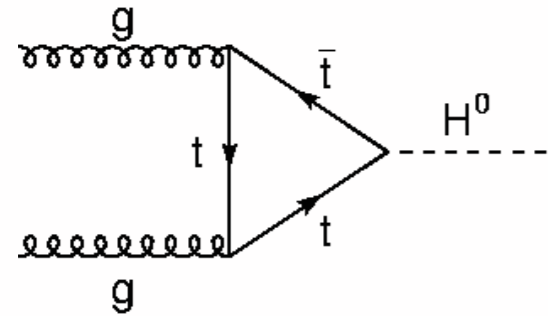


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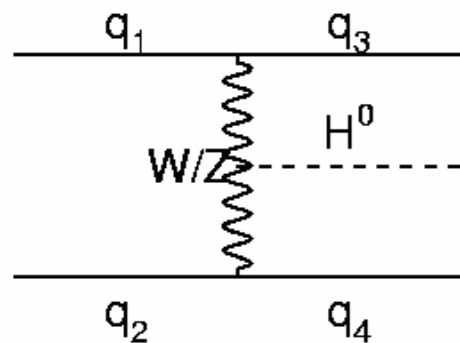
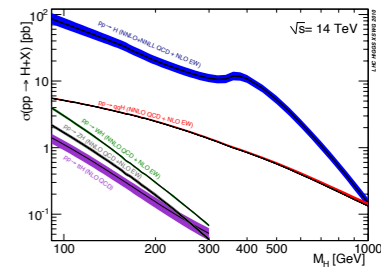


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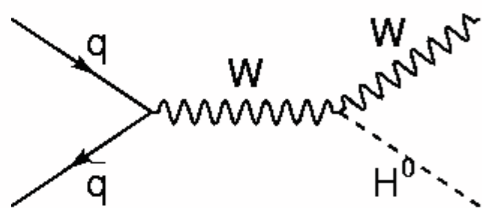
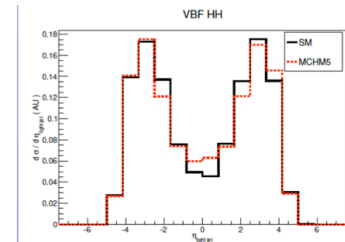
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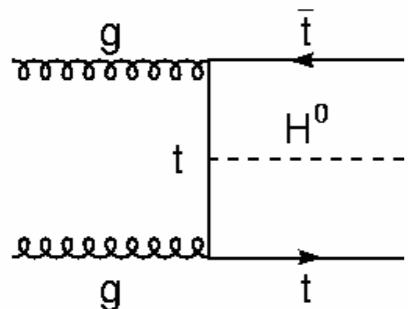
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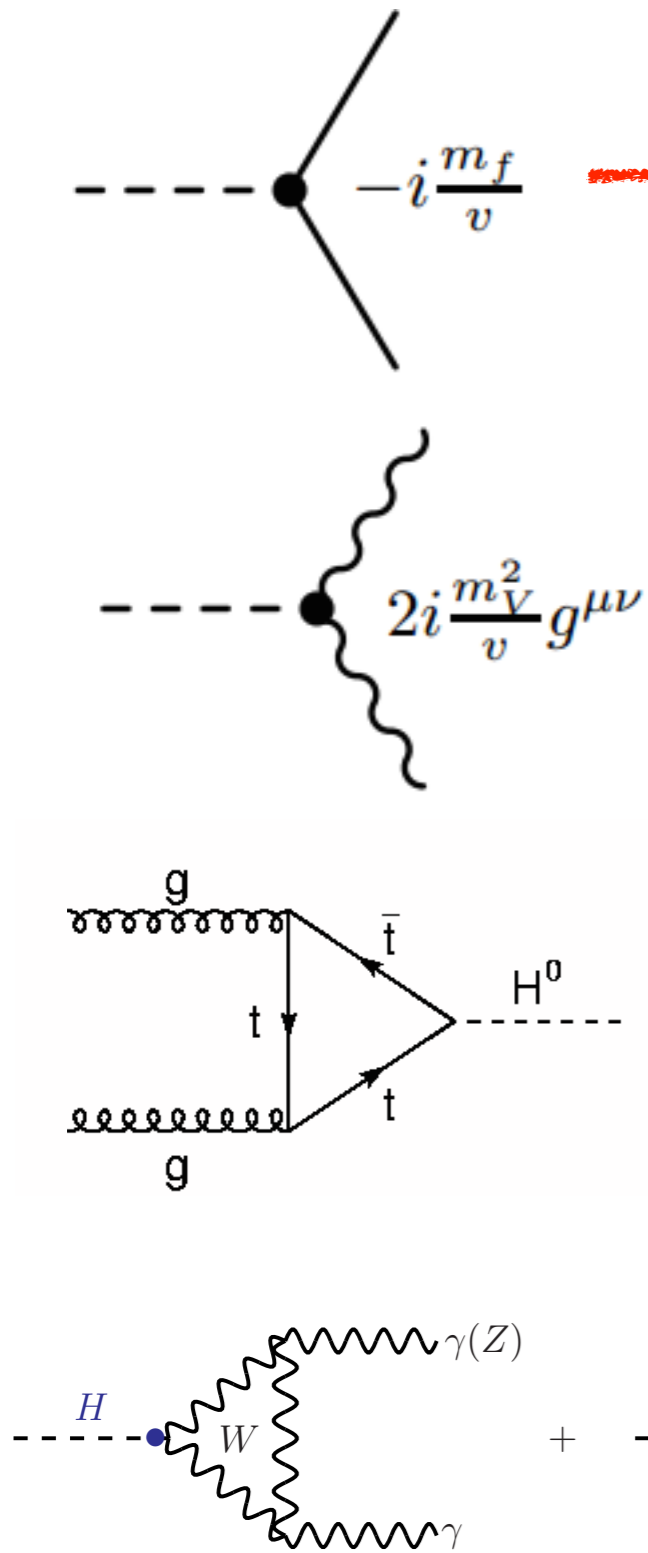


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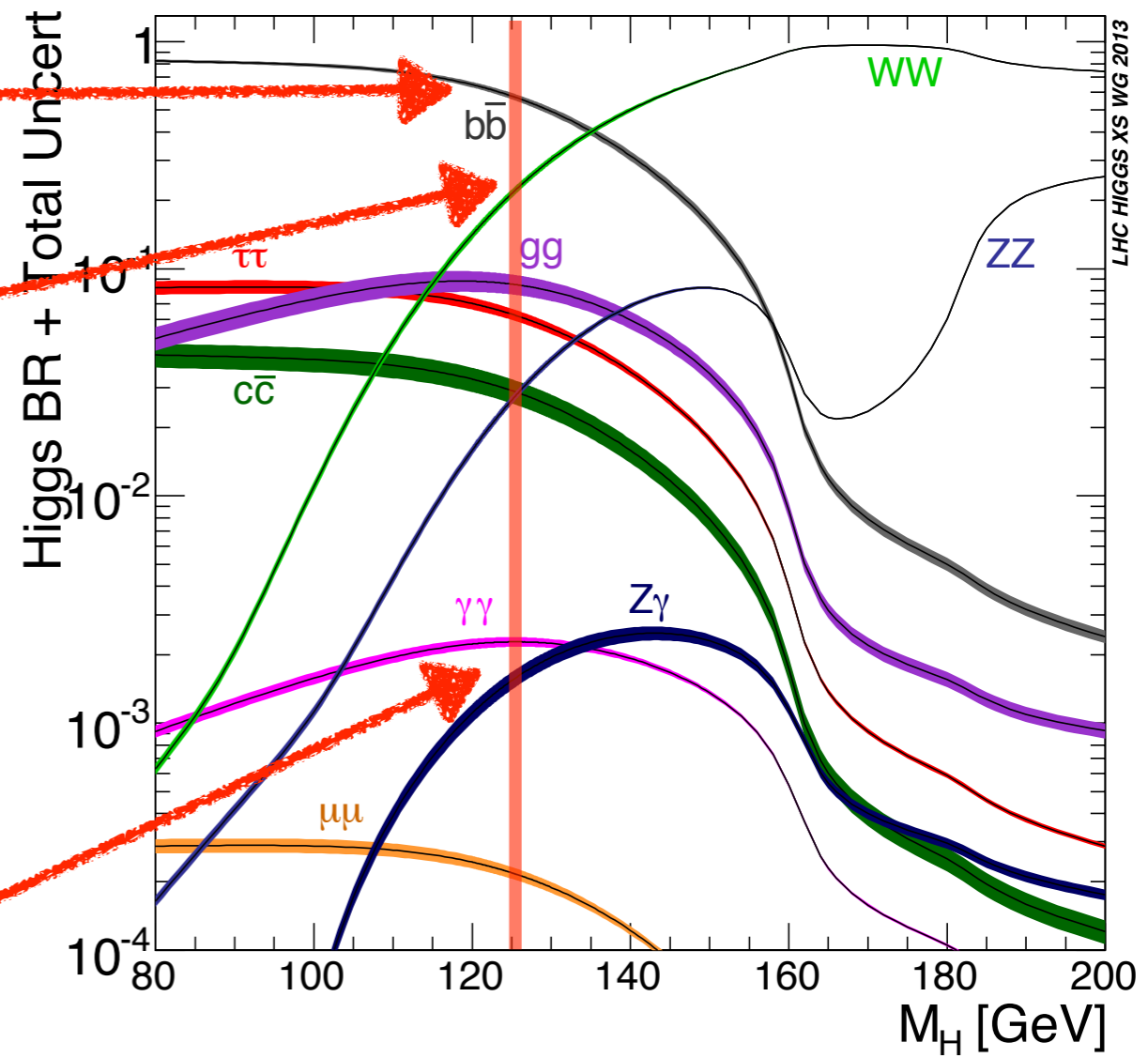
Independent test of $t\bar{t}h$ coupling

Higgs decays

How to see a Higgs boson?



$f = b$ -quark



Higgs decays

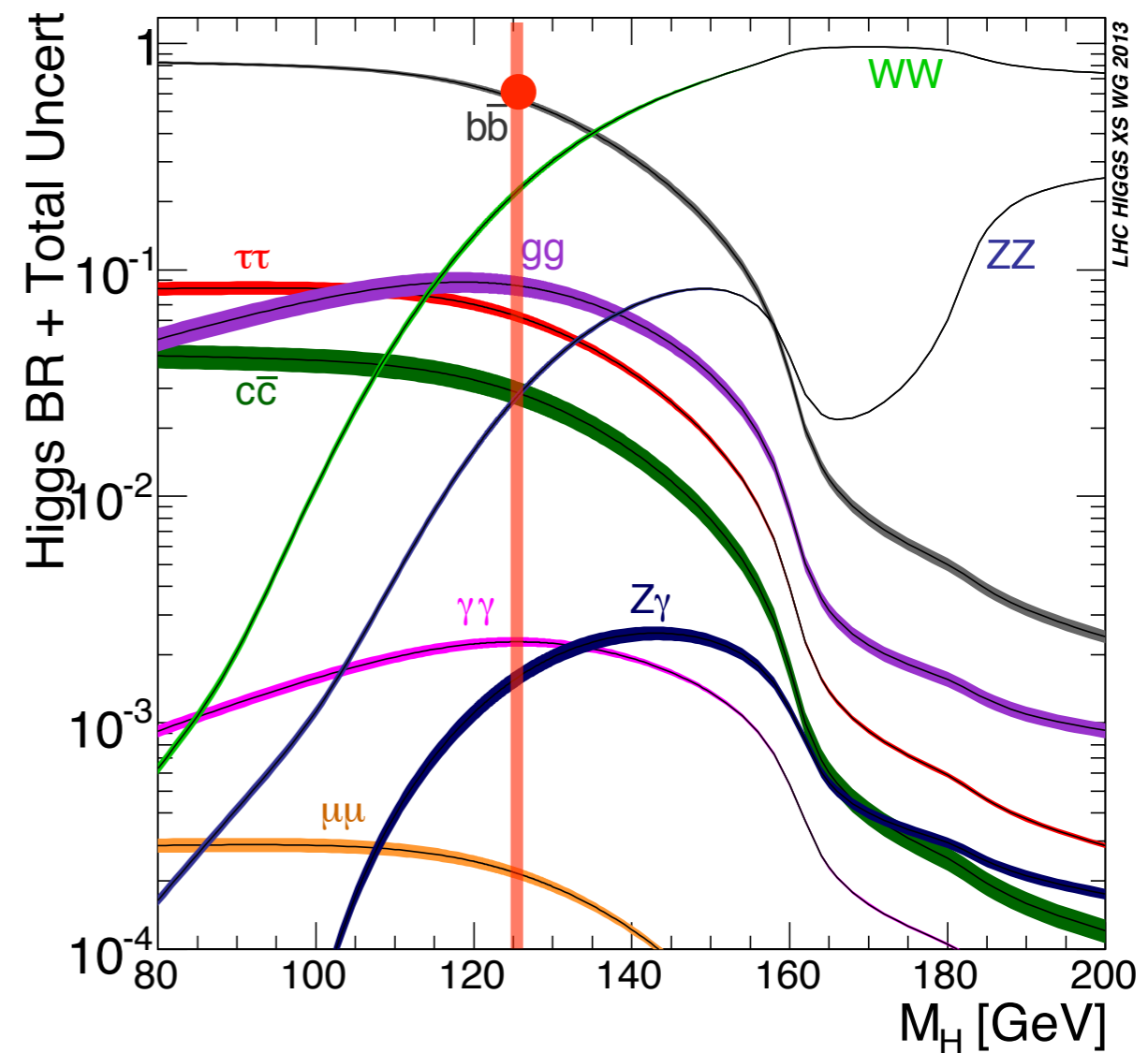
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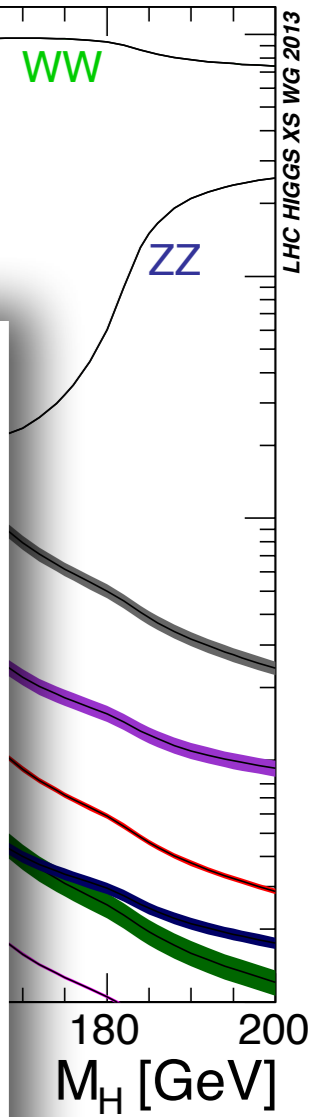
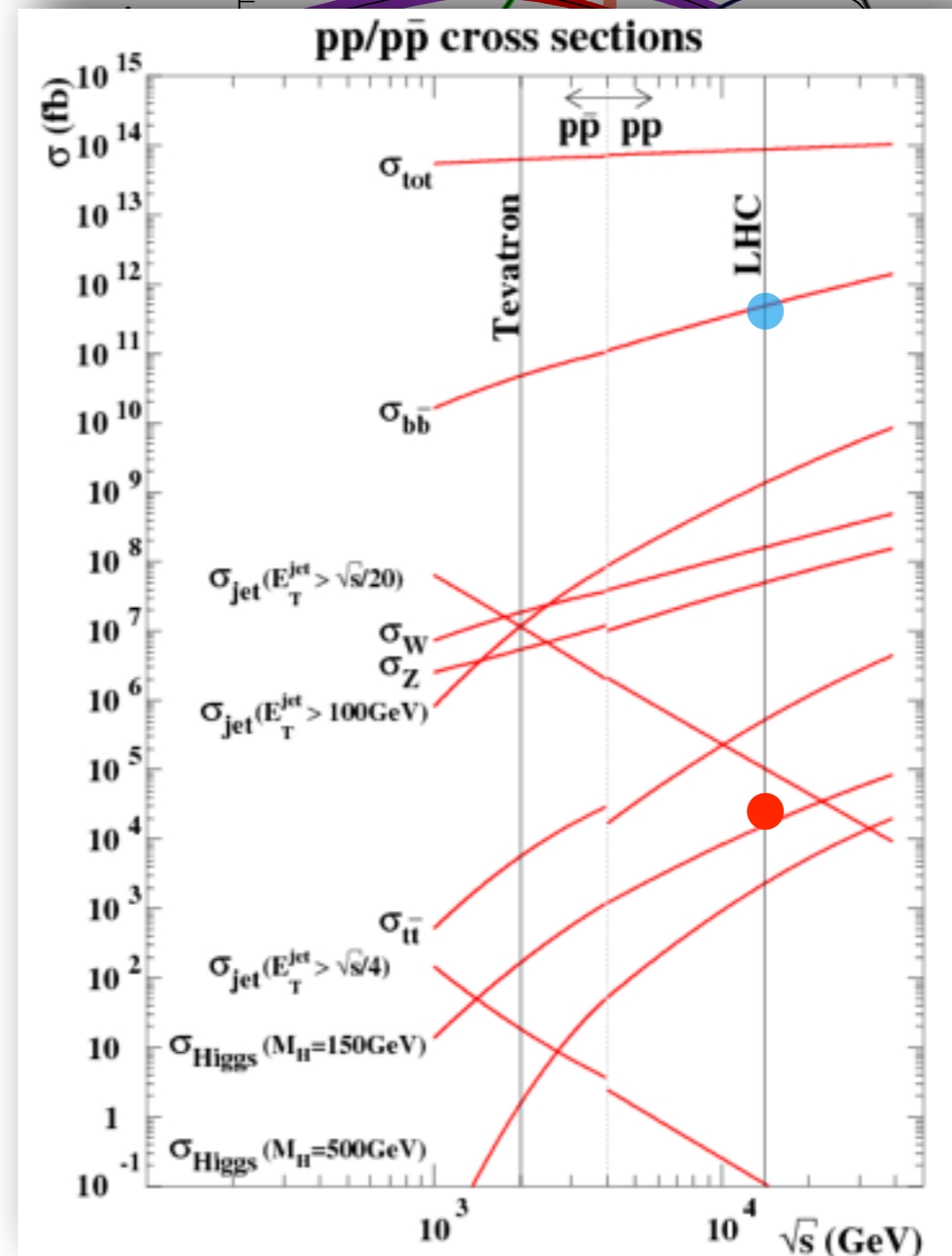
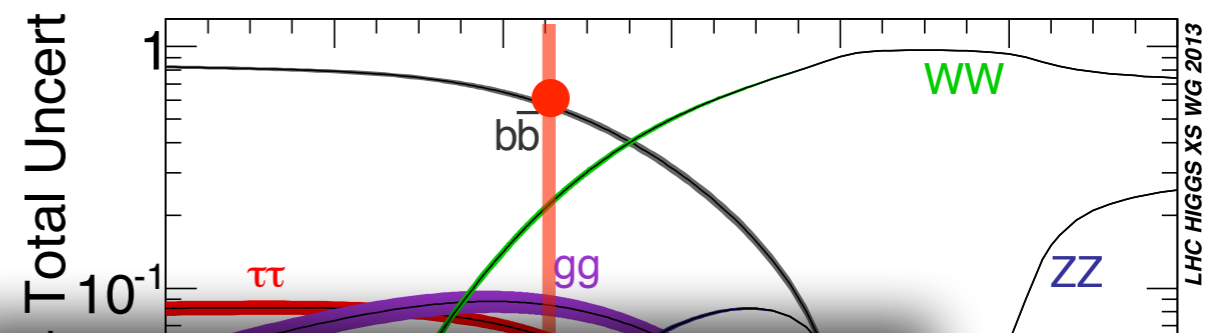
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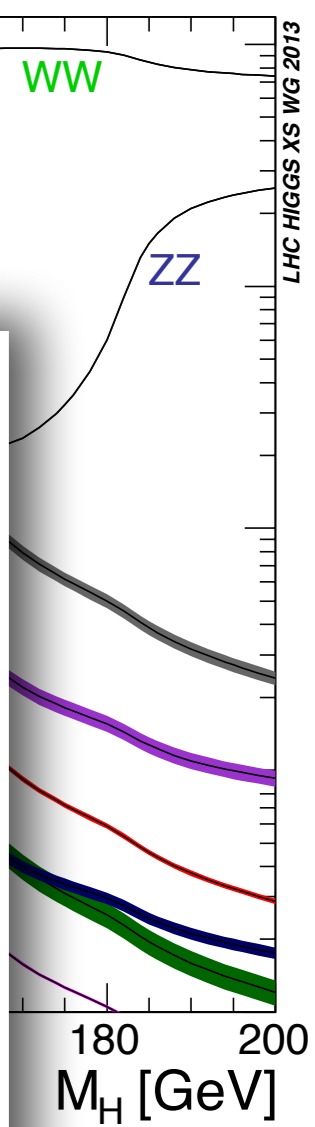
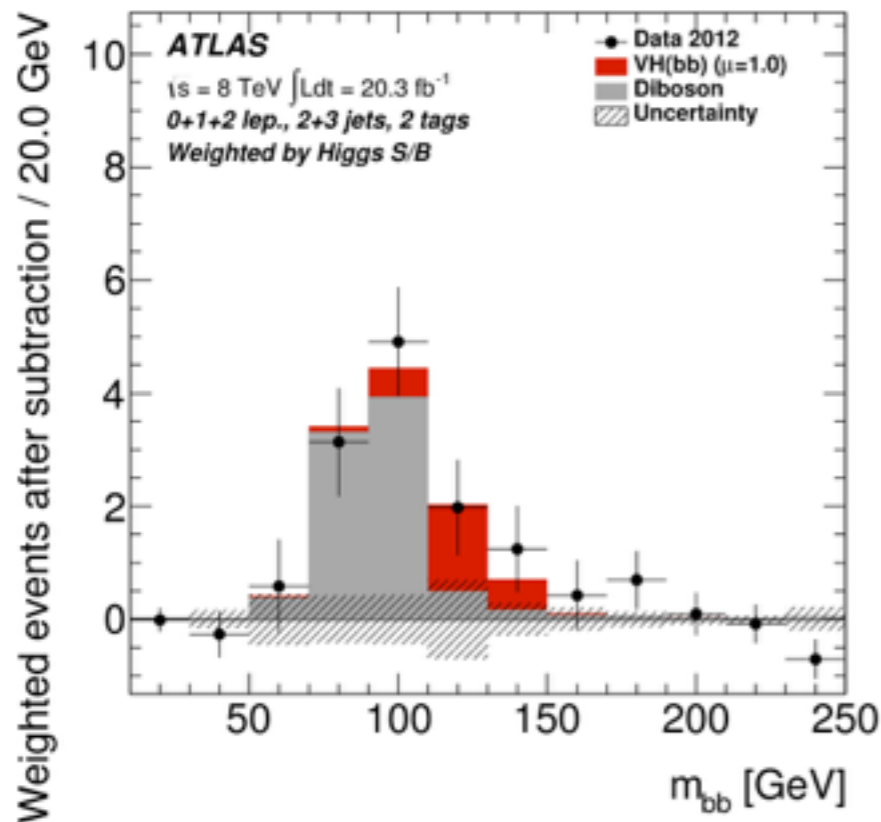
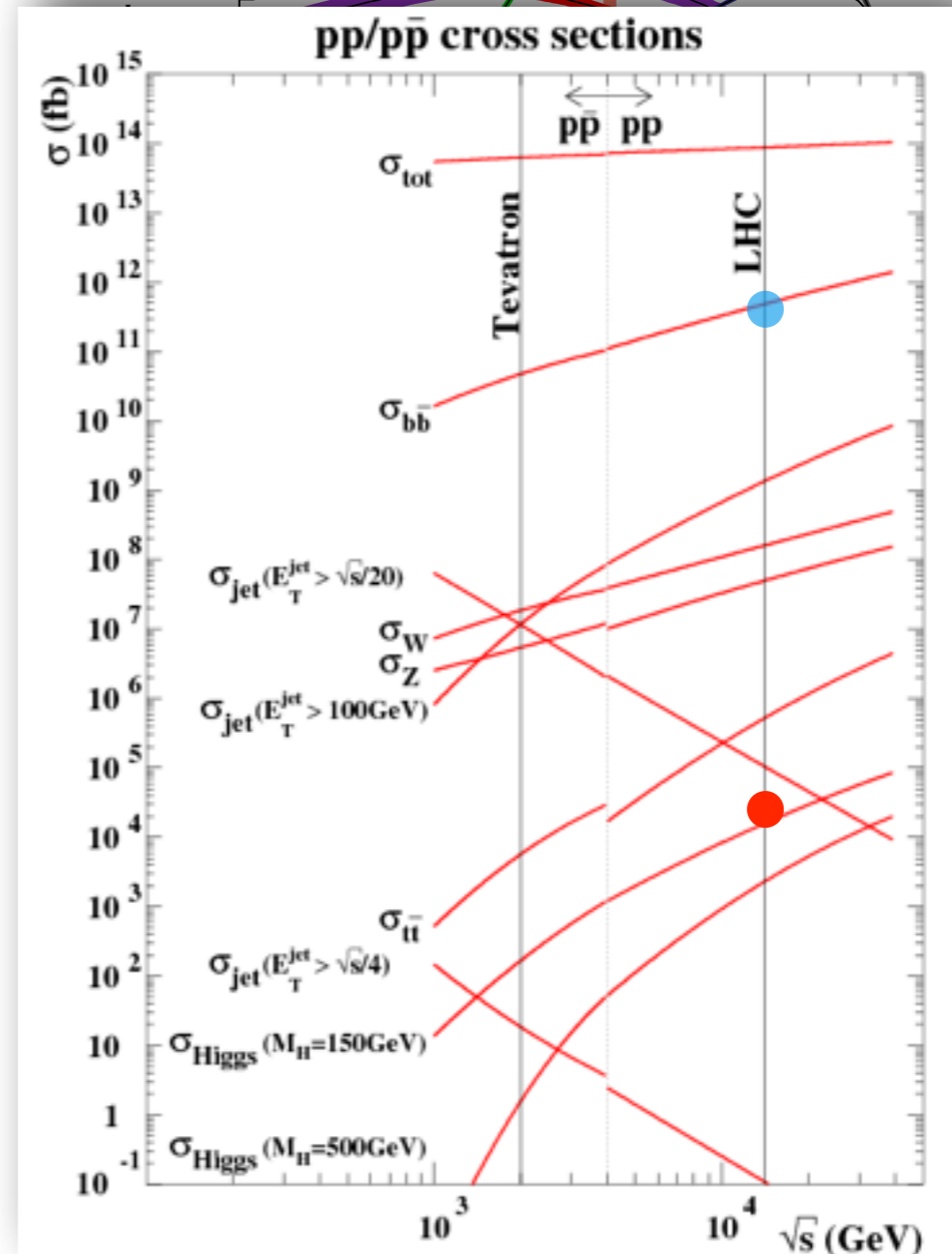
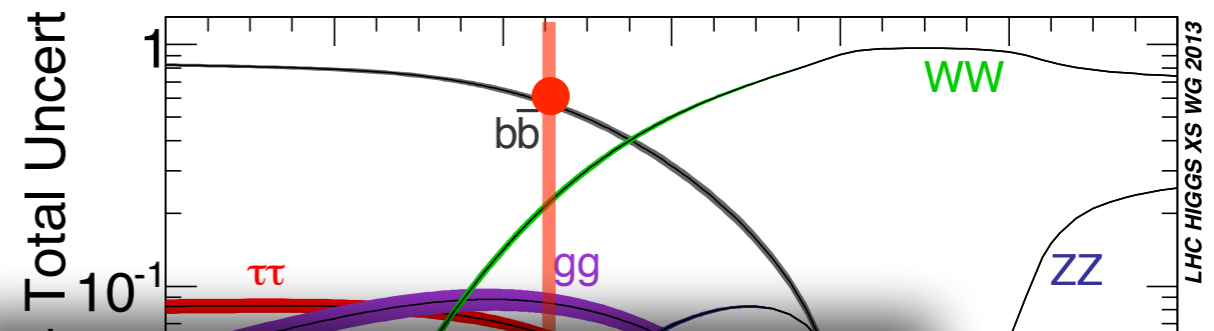
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Can only be used in VBF or VH production modes (to reduce background)

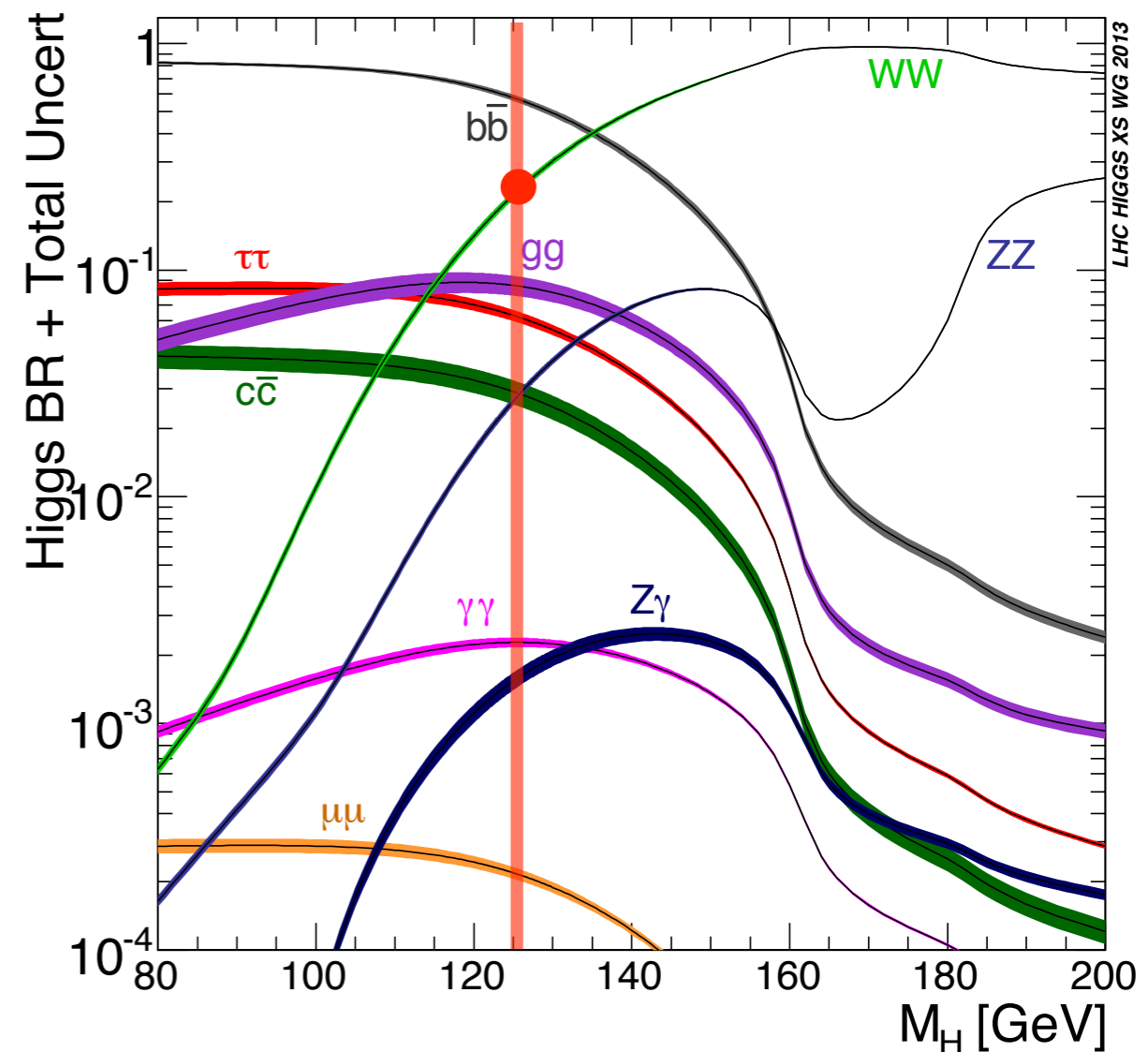


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some kinematic information
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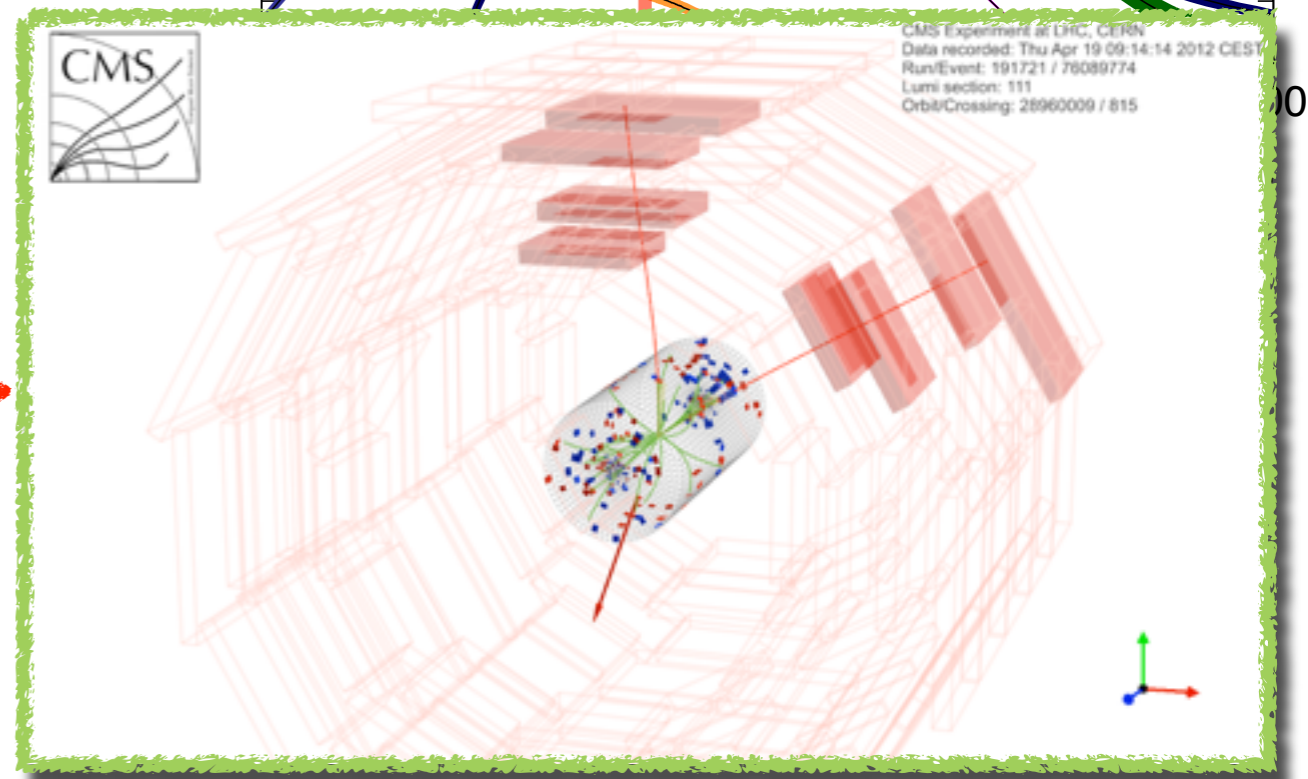
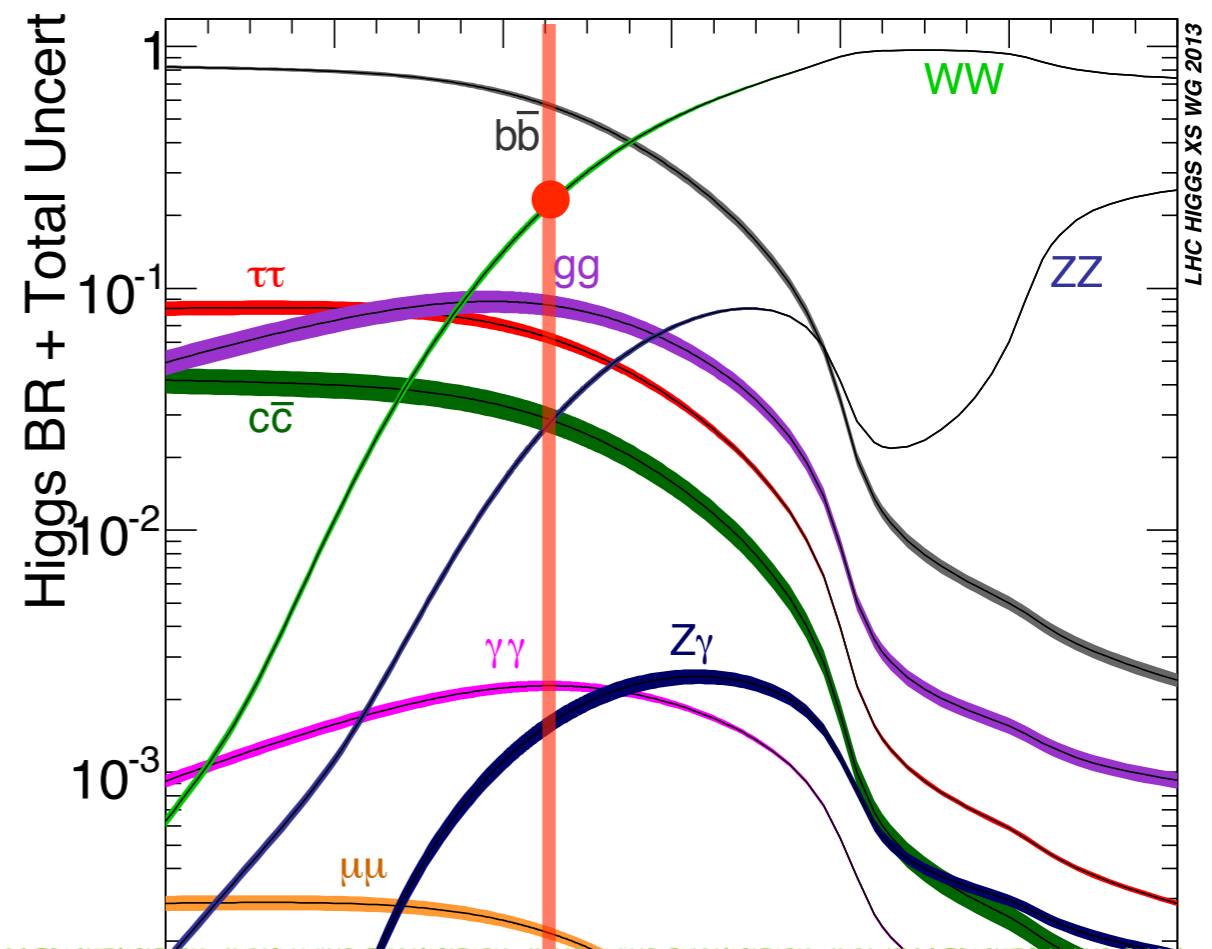
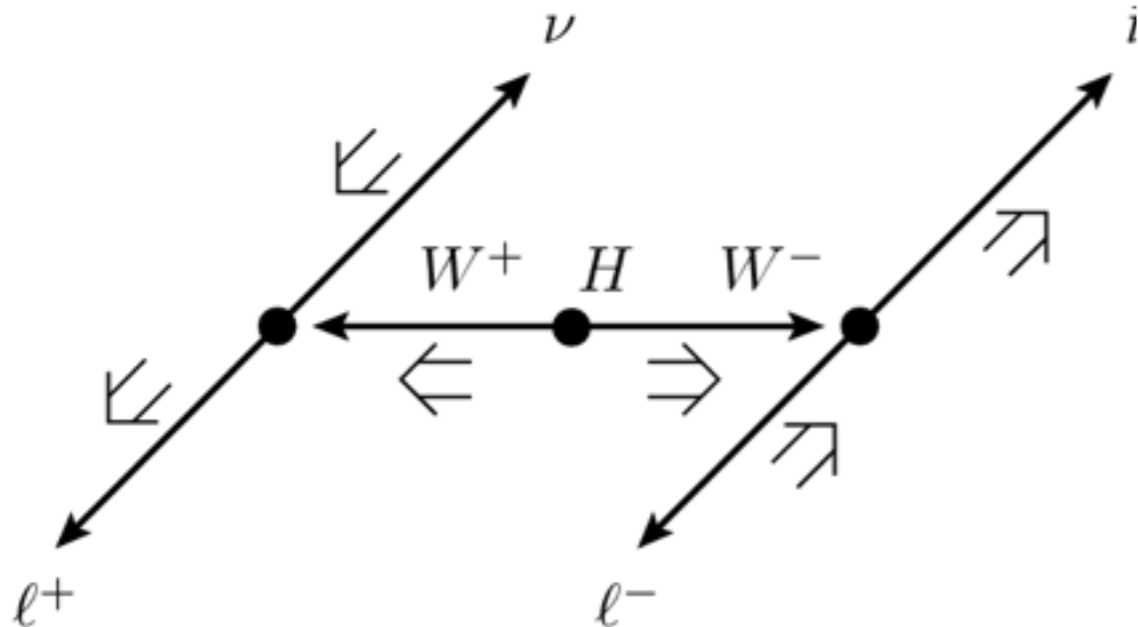
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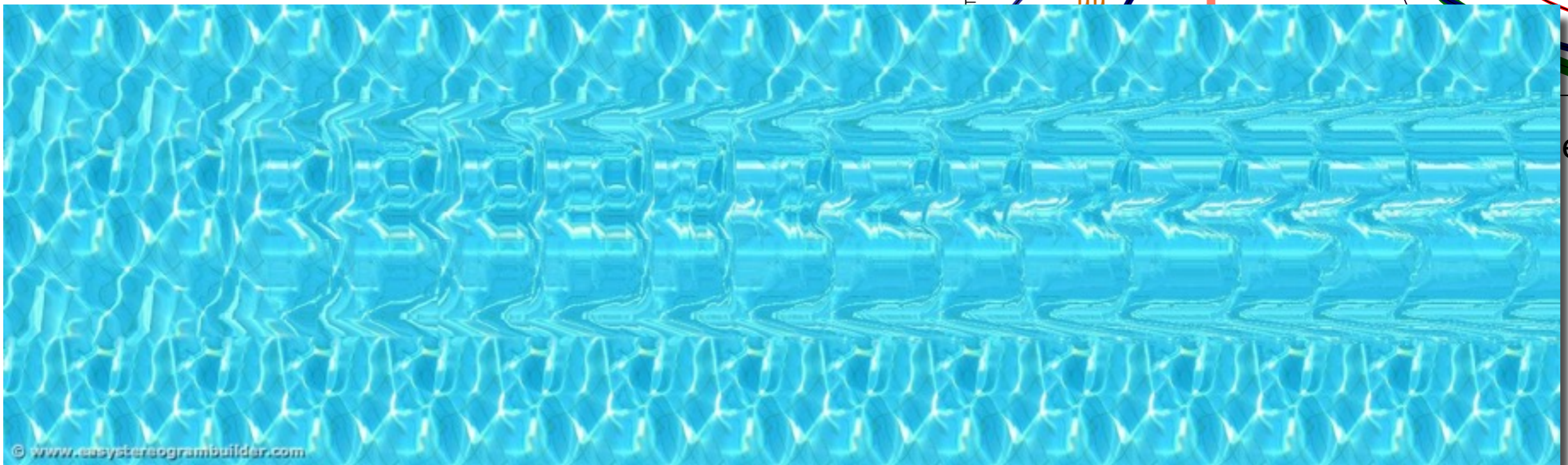
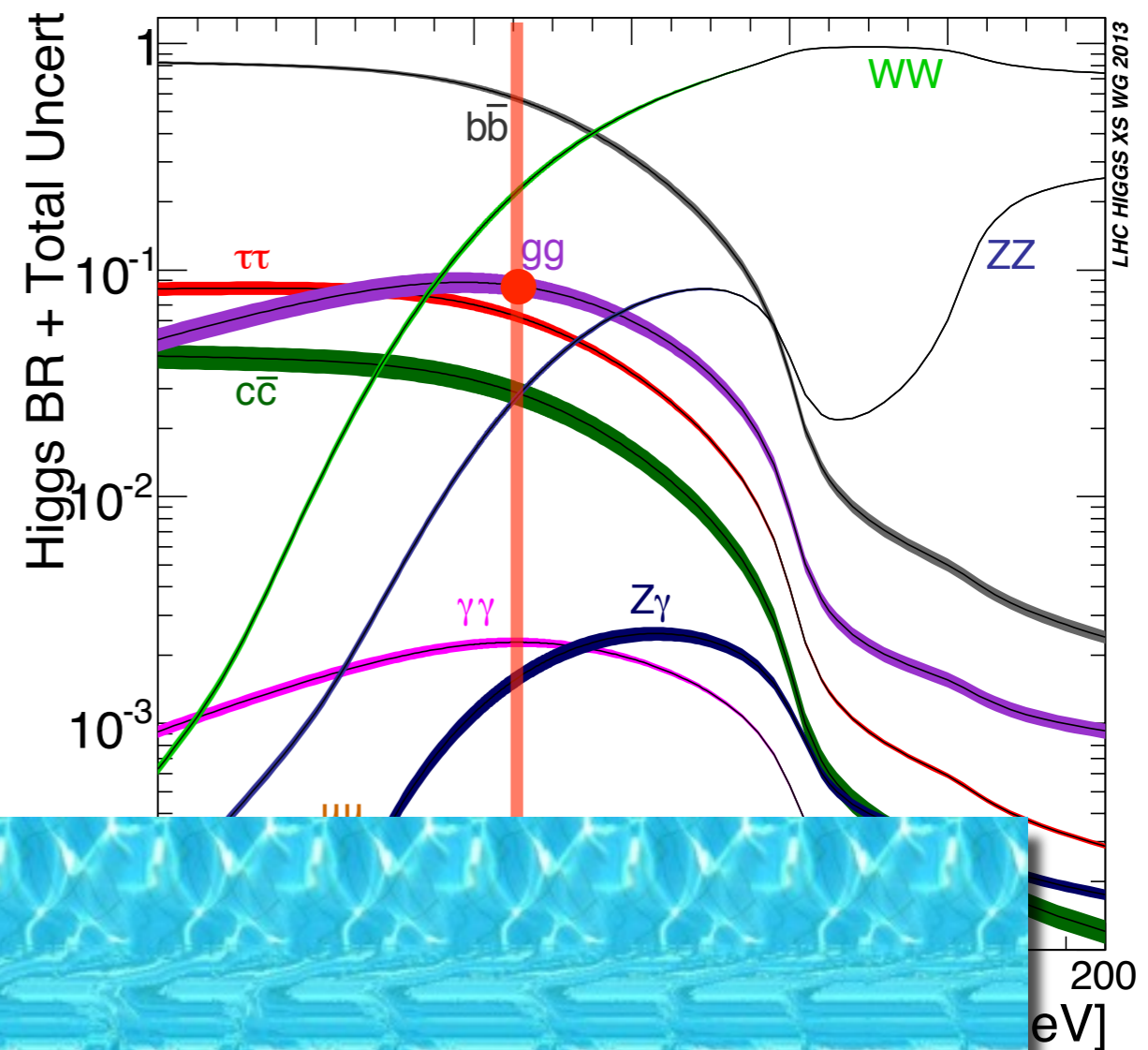
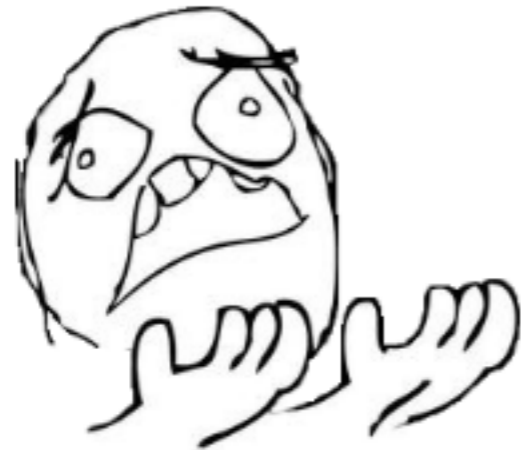
...but distinctive kinematics
 due to chiral W couplings!



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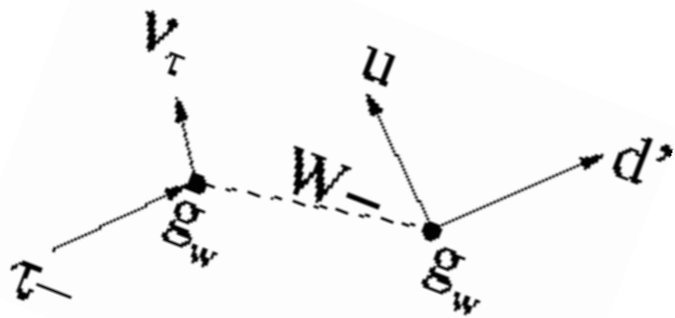


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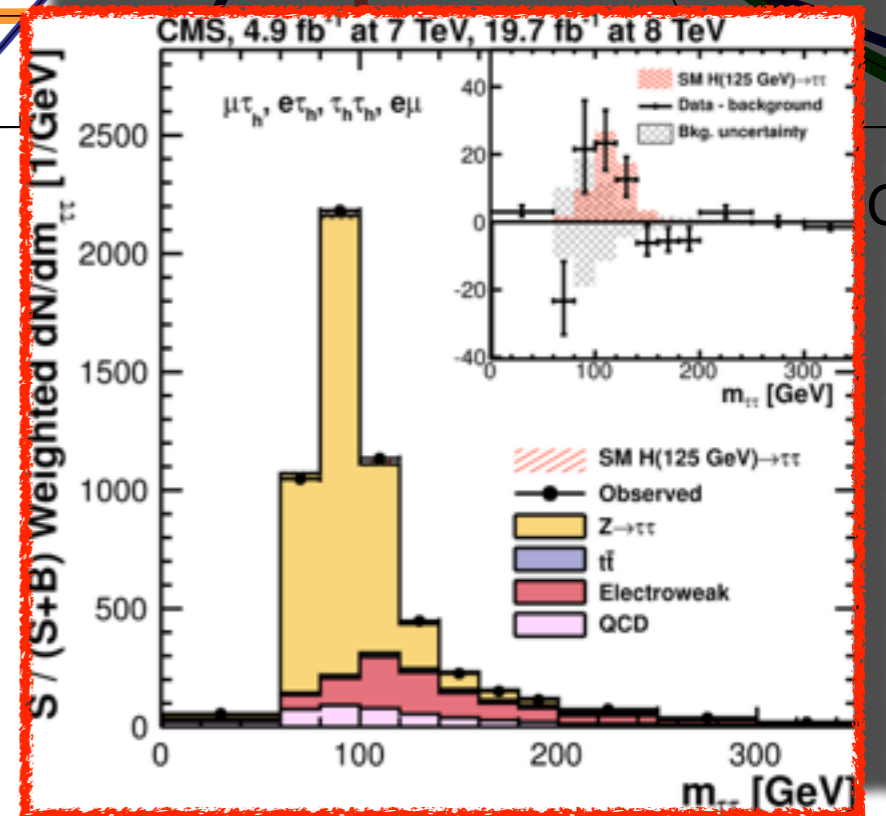
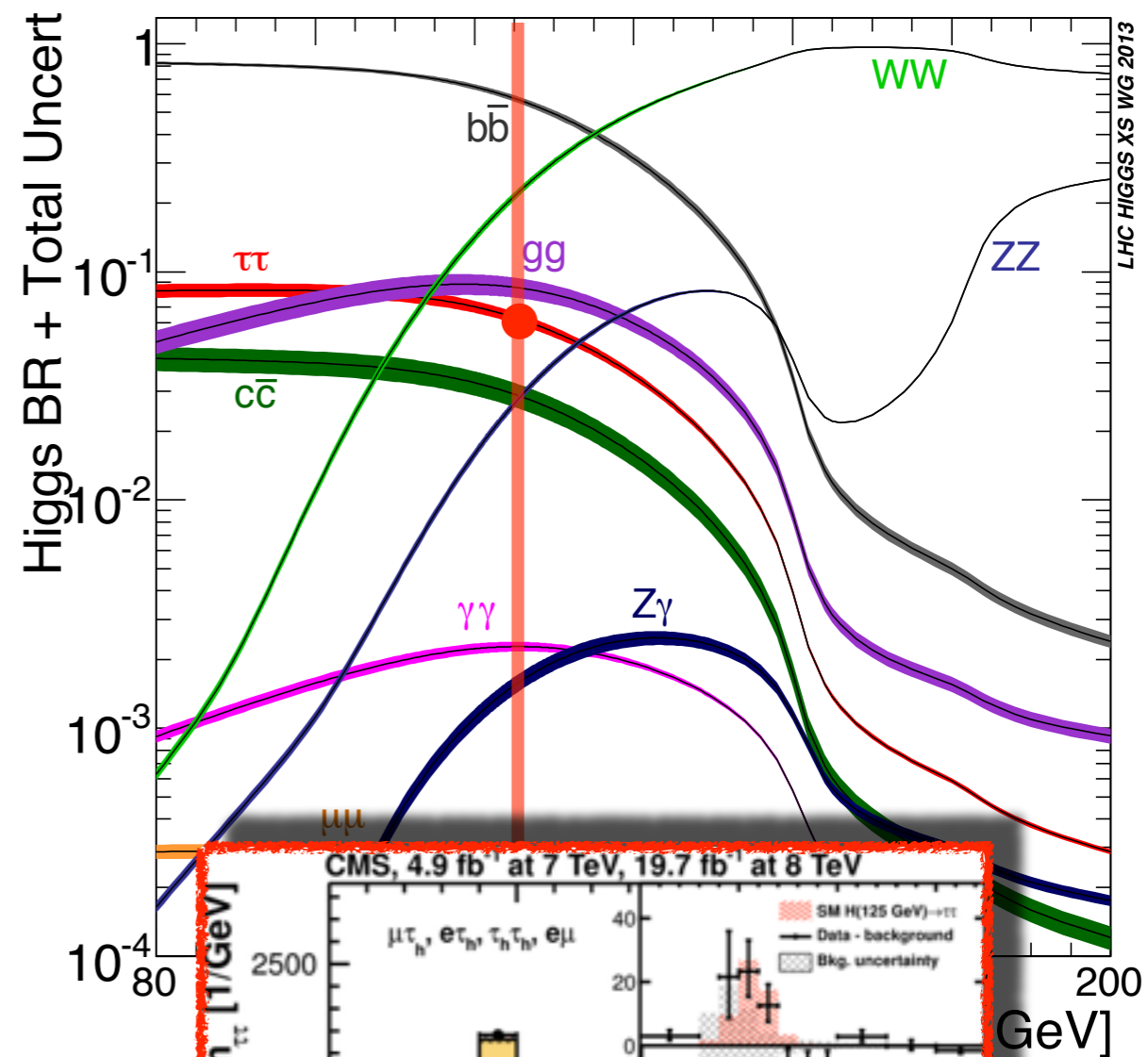
$$h \rightarrow \bar{\tau}\tau$$

Although τ are leptons, for their large mass they decay mainly hadronically (65%)



This channel is similar to bb in terms of discovery potential... but smaller.

Nevertheless, it contains unique information on the $h\bar{\tau}\tau$ coupling



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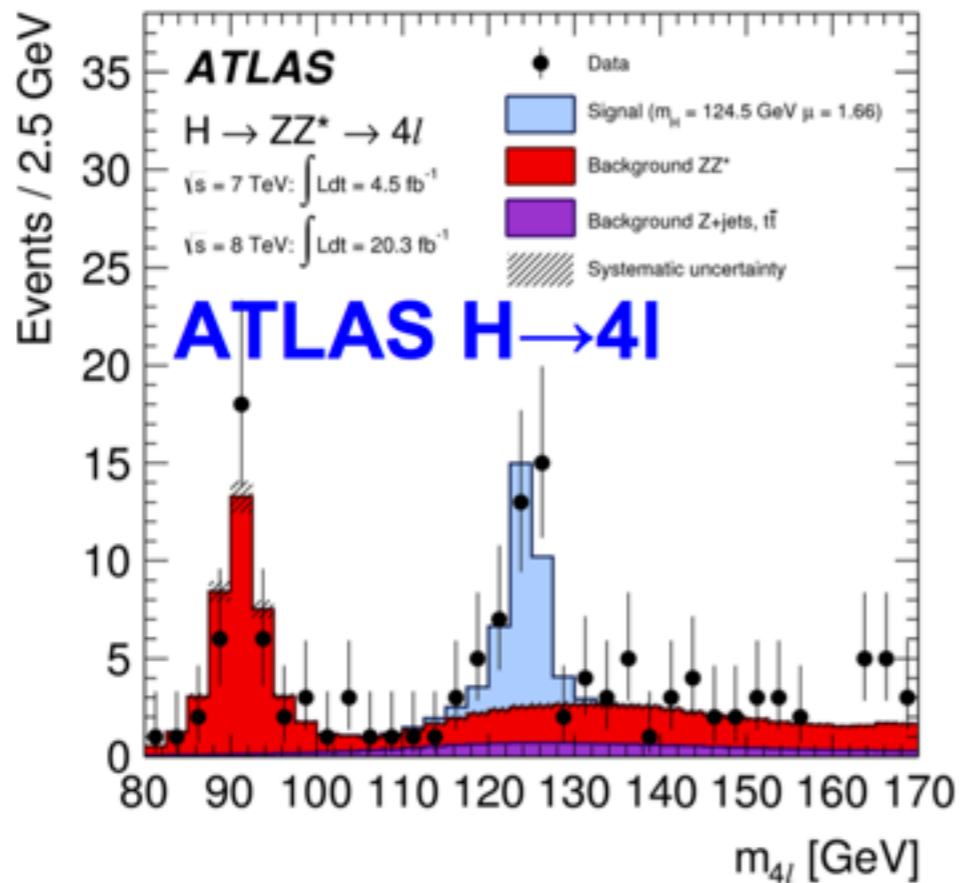
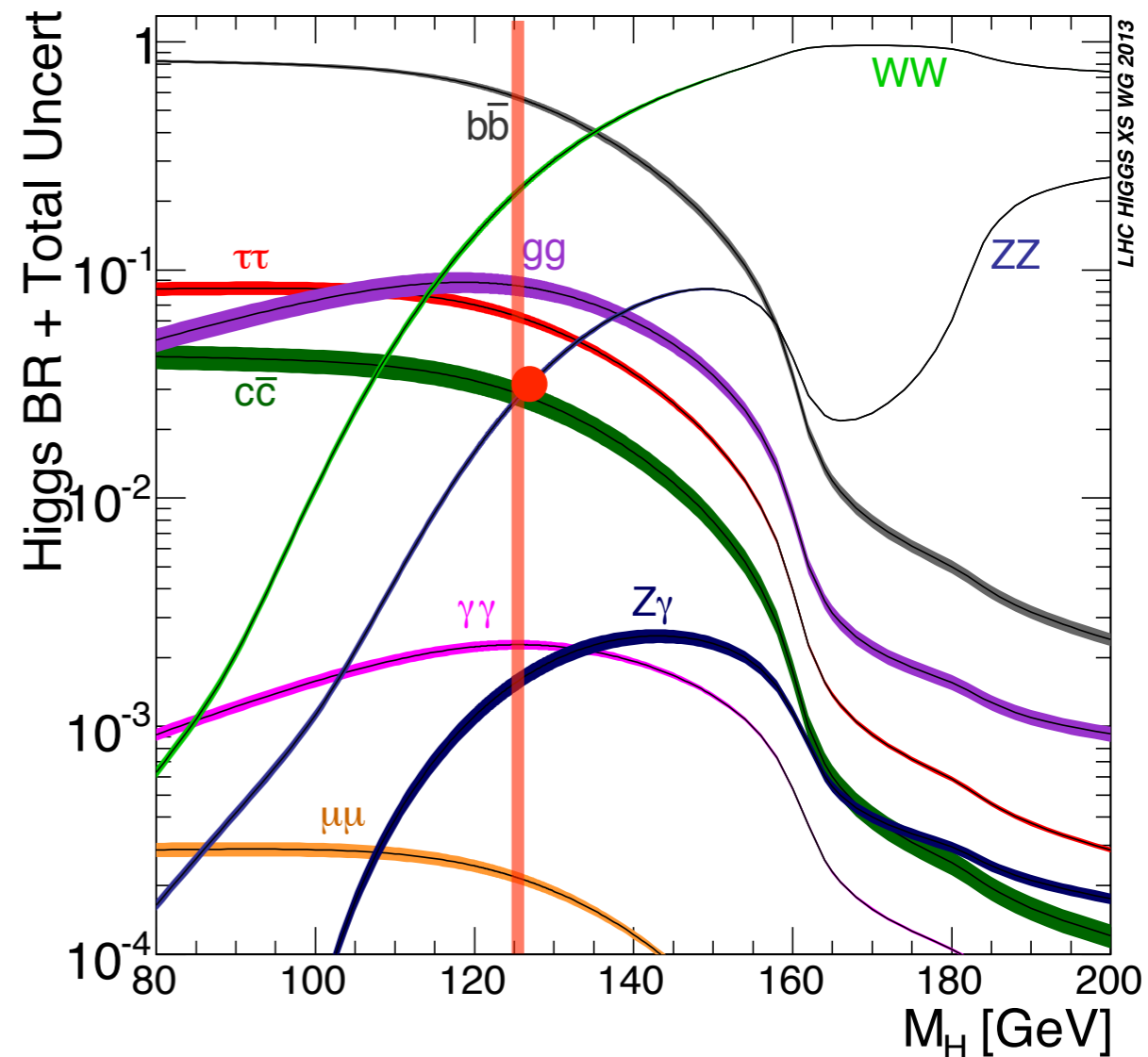
How to see a Higgs boson?

$$h \rightarrow ZZ^*$$

The Golden Channel!

$\approx 7\%$ of the times Z decays to e, μ

- ➔ Very good mass resolution
- ➔ Very good background discrimination
- ➔ At least one Z always off-shell



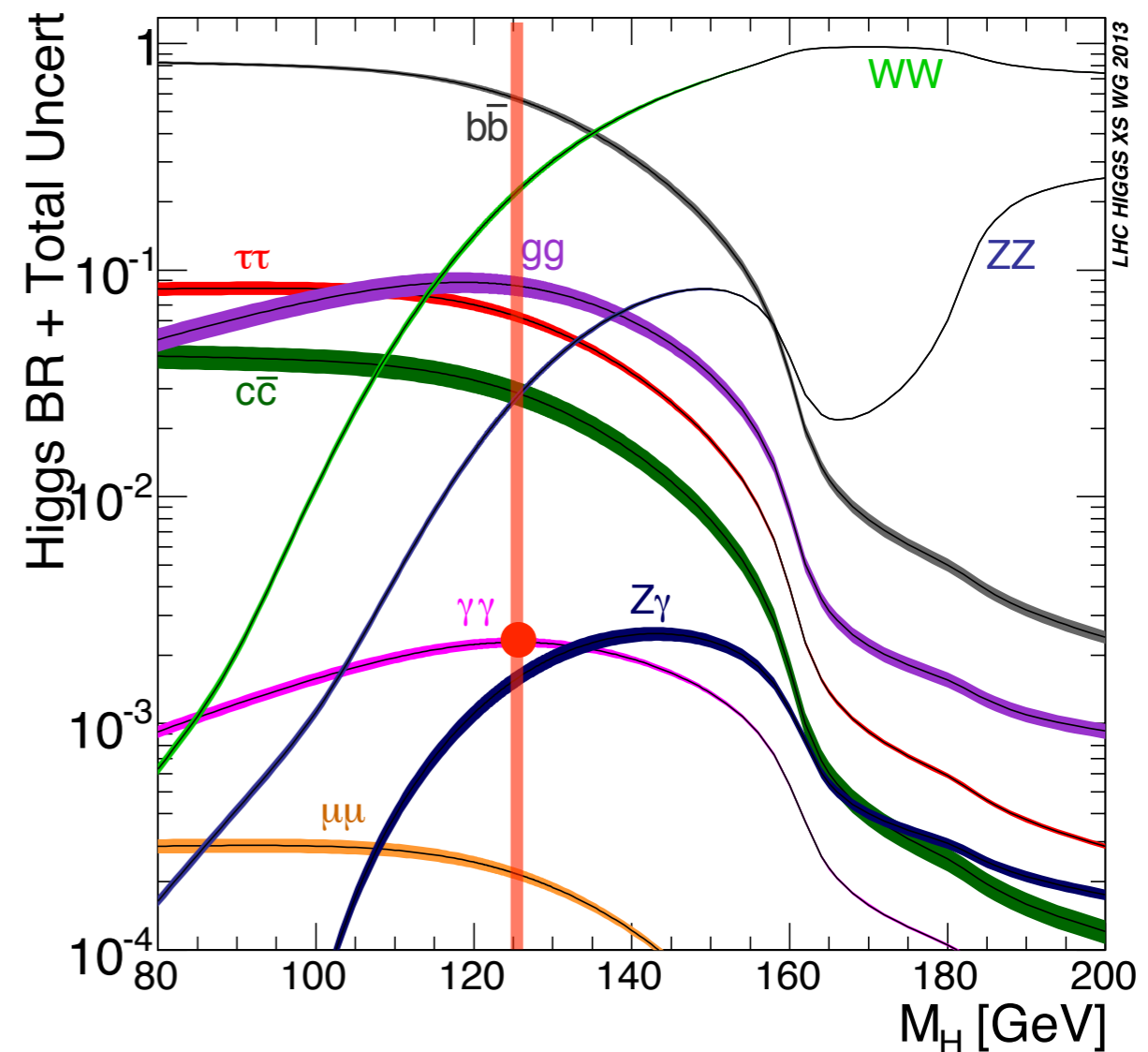
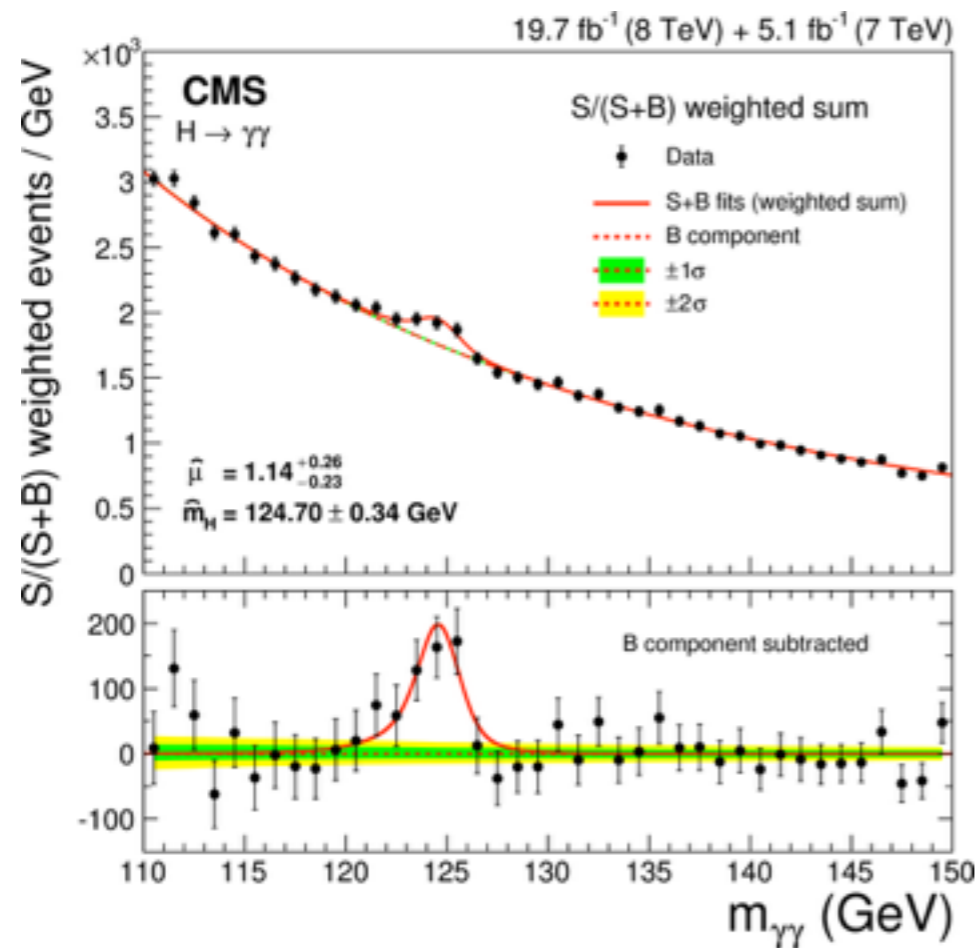
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How to see a Higgs boson?

$$h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$$

Very good mass-reconstruction

Effective BR comparable to ZZ

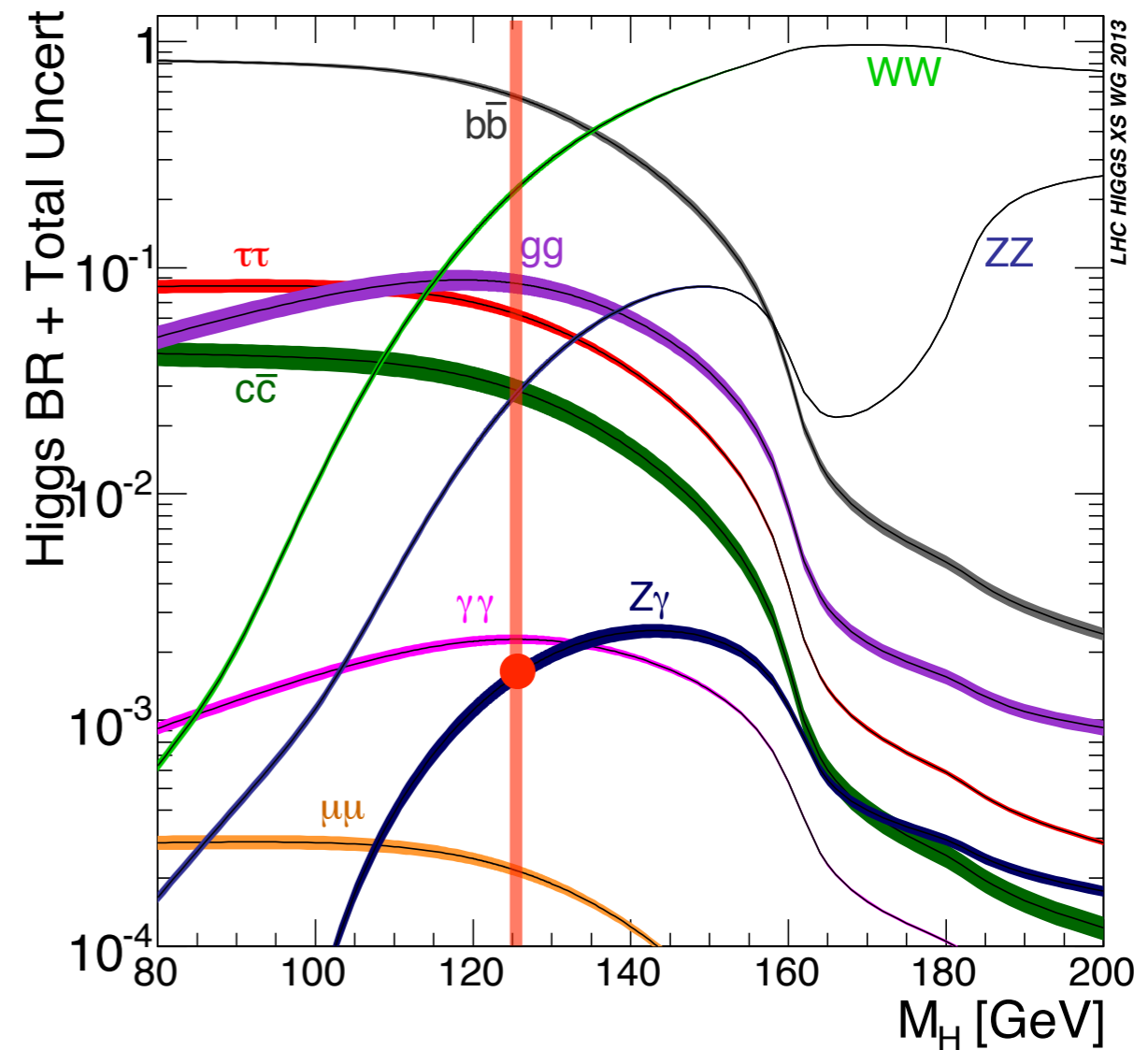


Higgs decays

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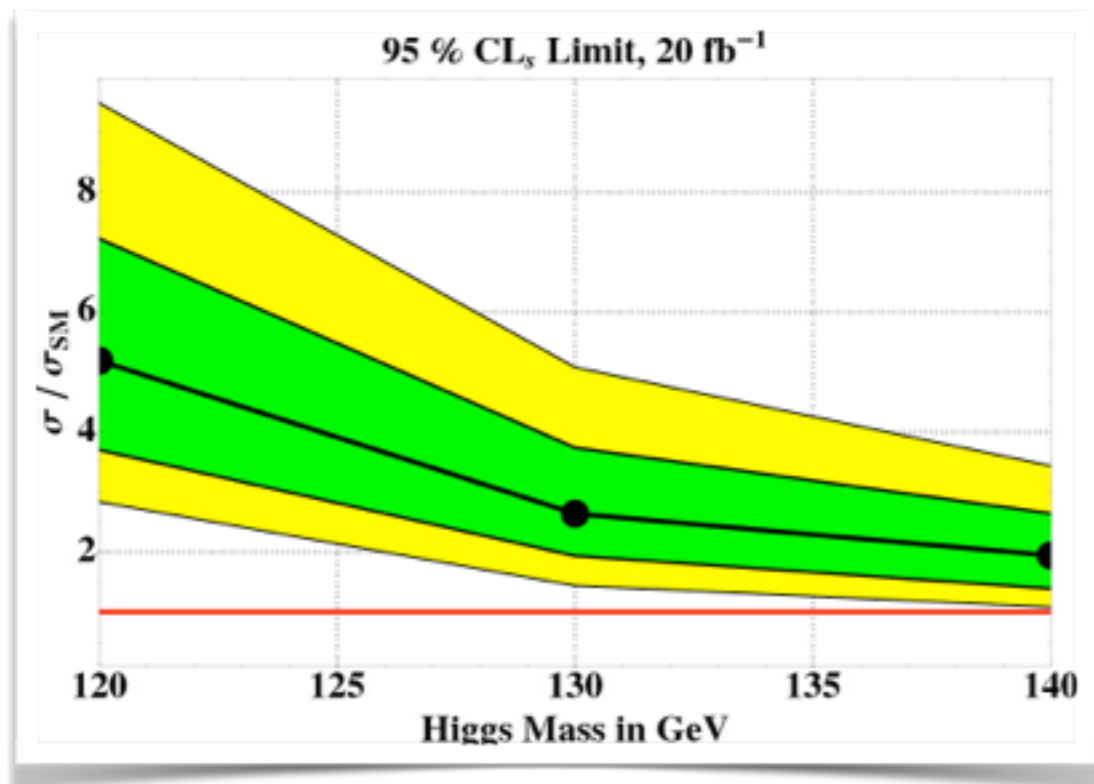


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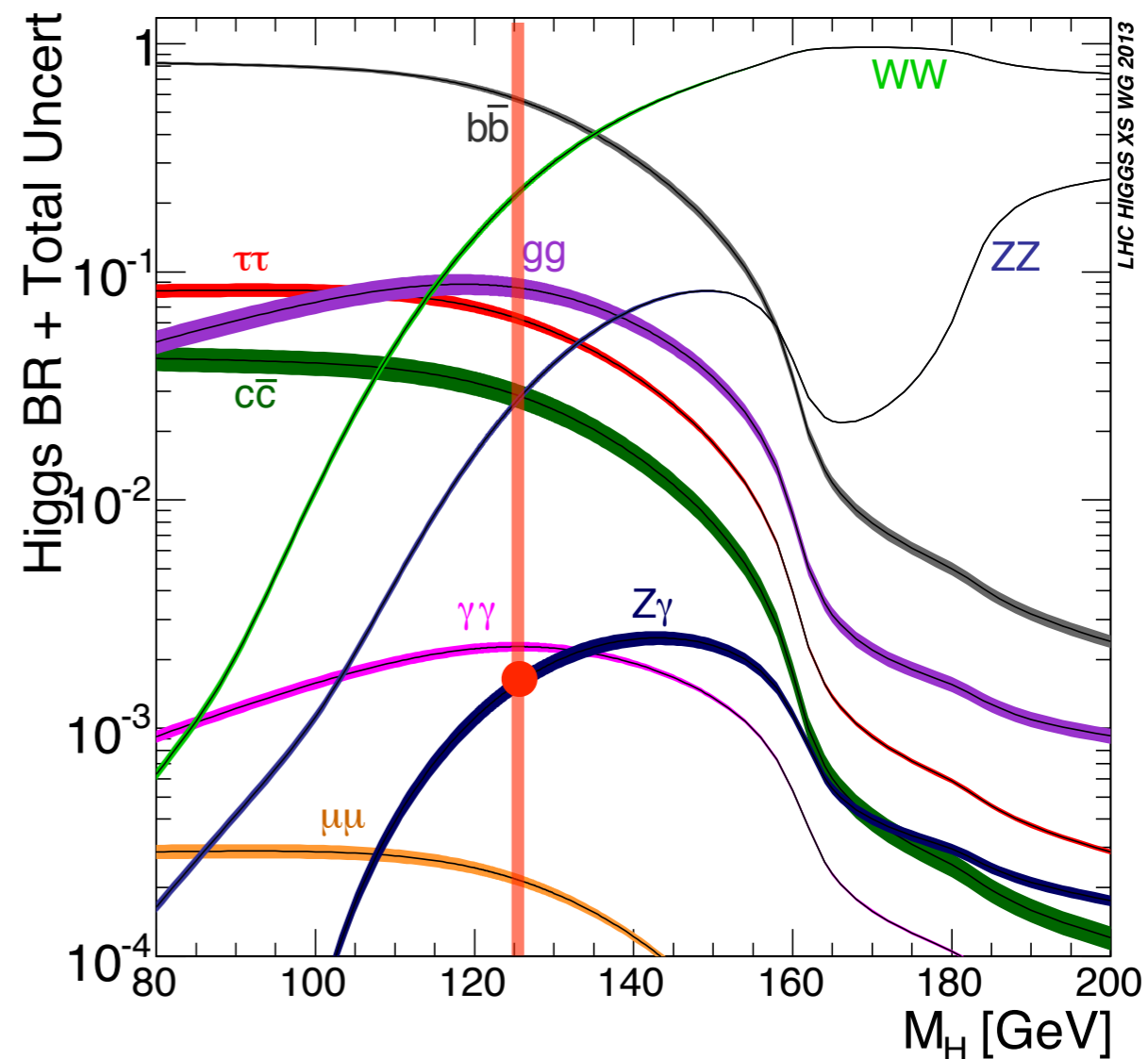
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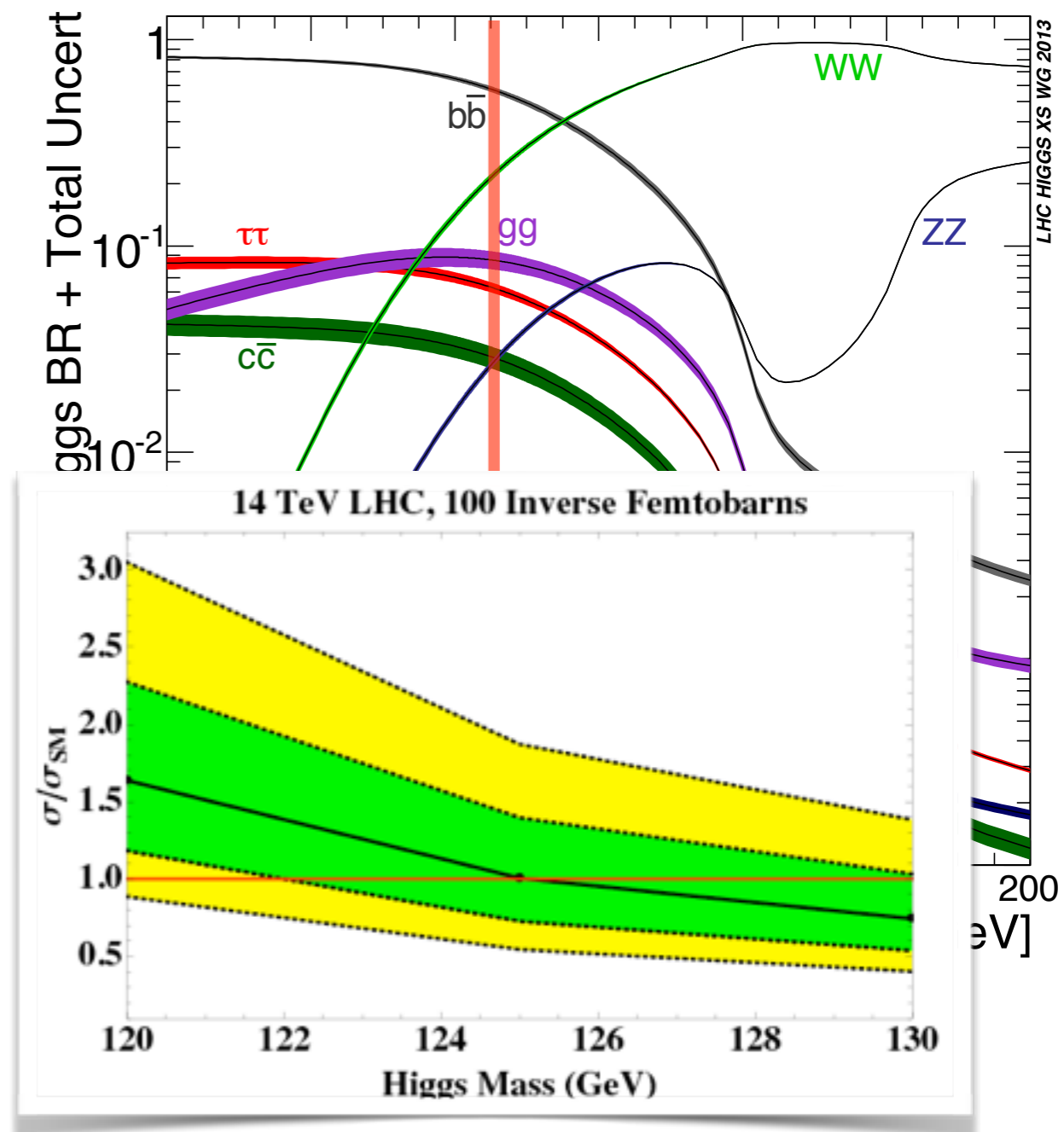
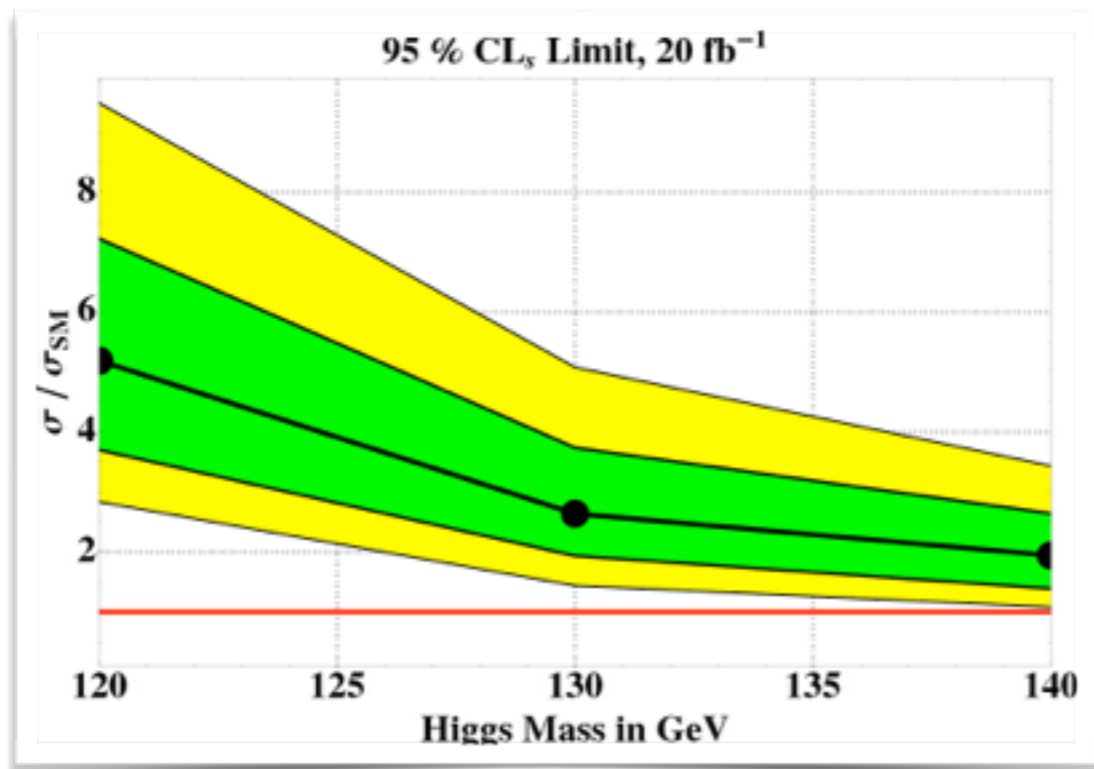


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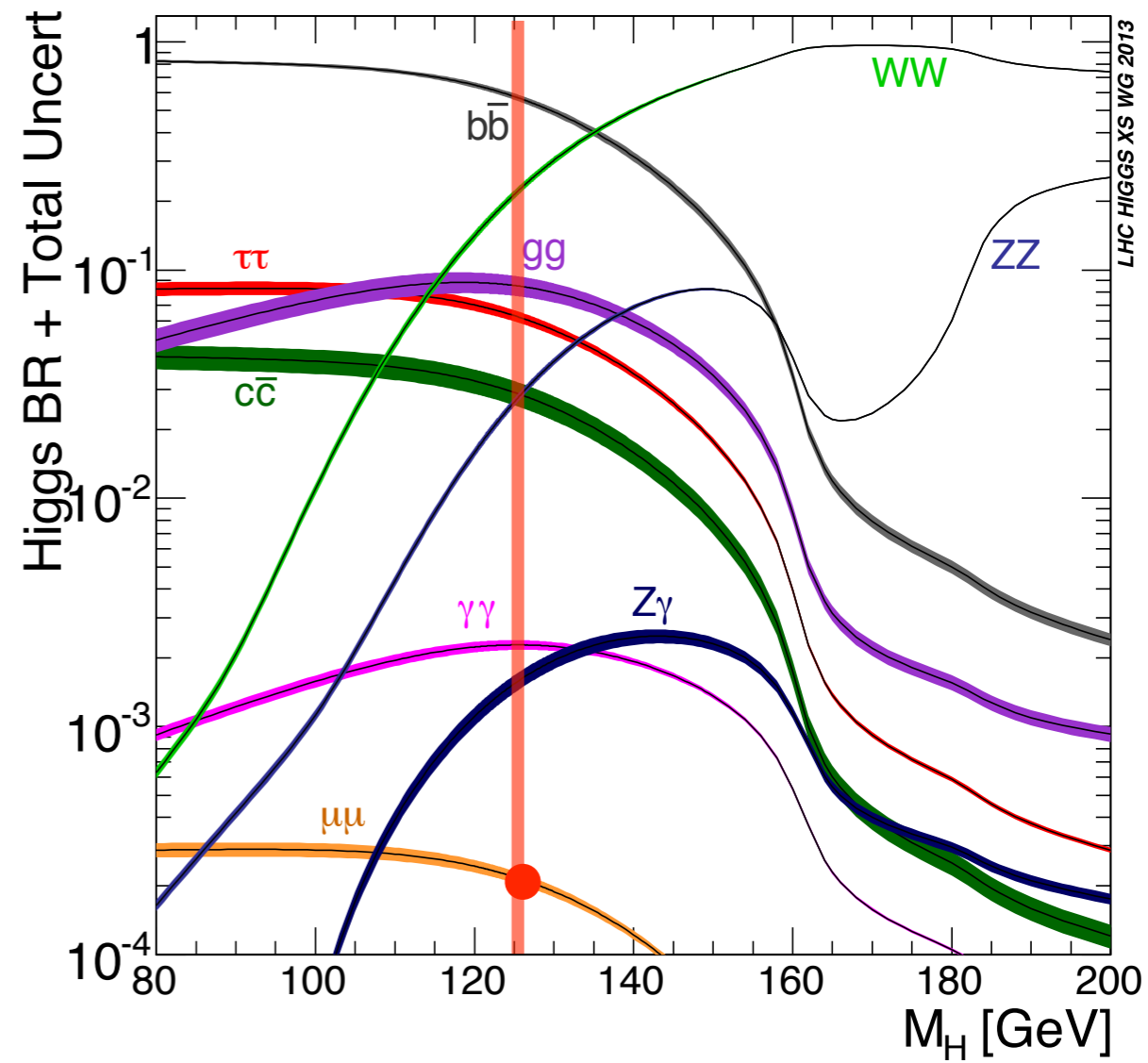
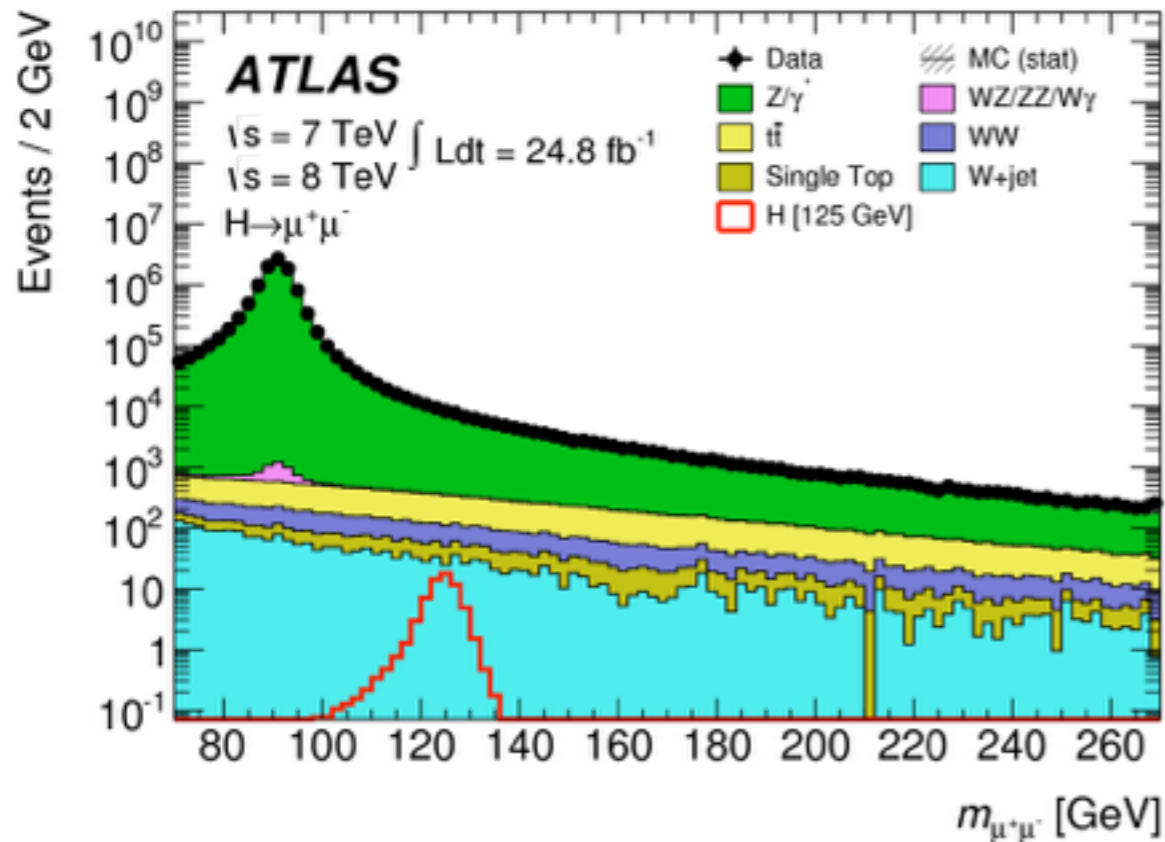
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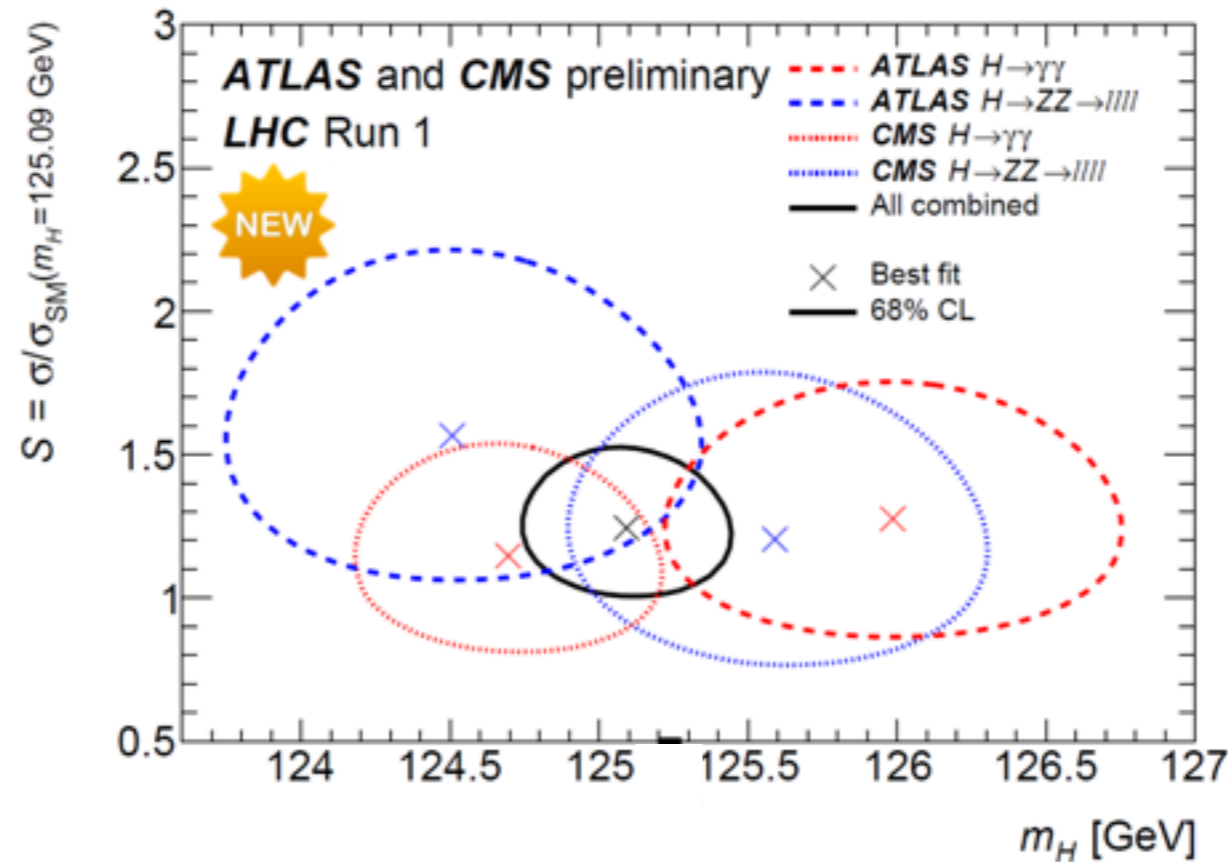
$$h \rightarrow \bar{\mu}\mu$$

Very small rate $\approx 0.02\%$



Summary from RUN 1- mass

Combined Mass measurement:



$$m_h = 125.09 \pm 0.24 \text{ GeV}$$

A very precise measurement: 2%

**This was the only missing piece of information, necessary to complete the SM:
everything else is a prediction within the SM!**

Summary from RUN 1- couplings

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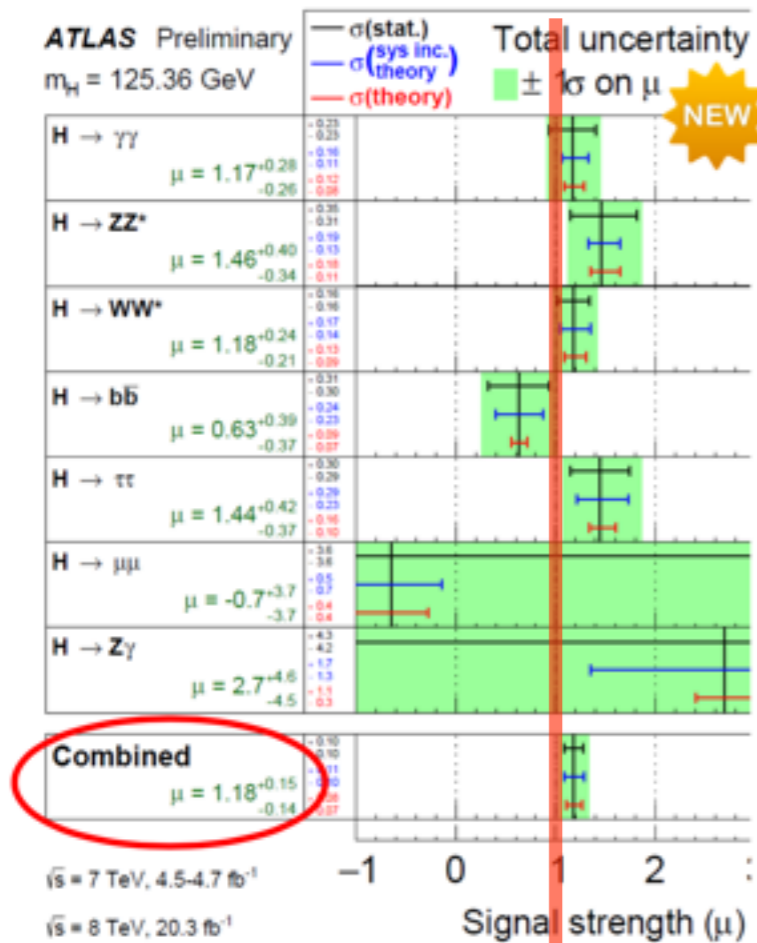
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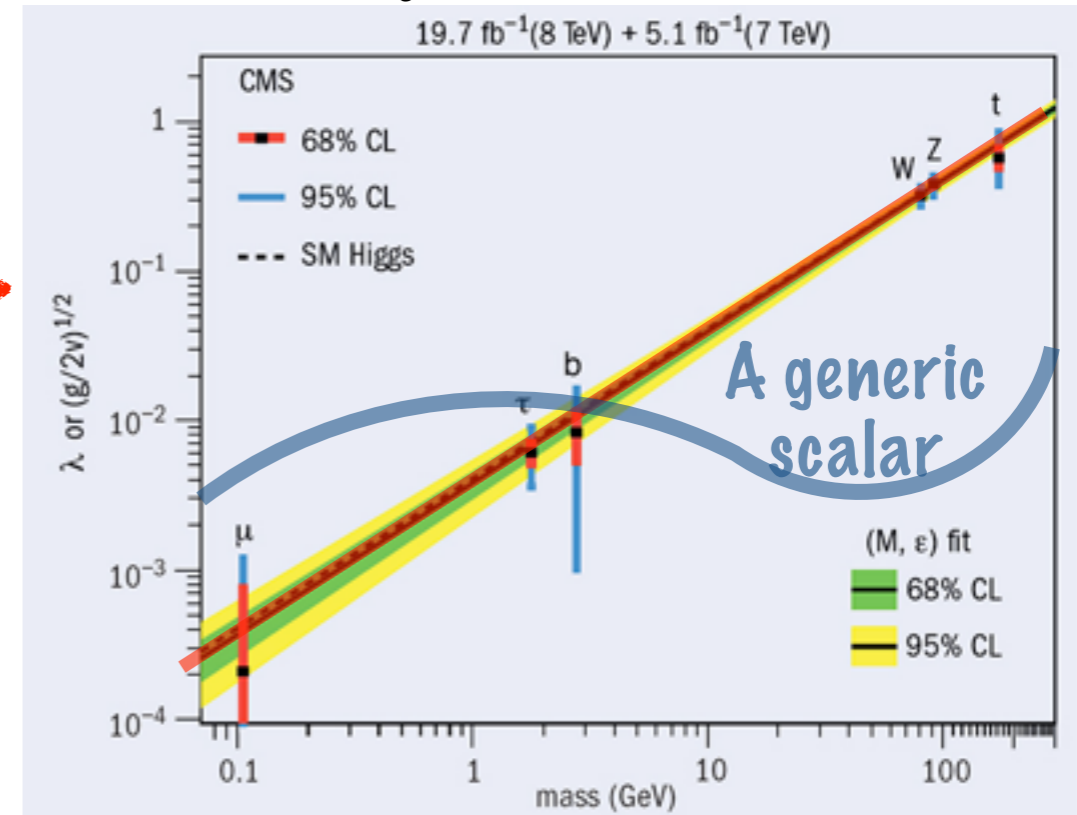
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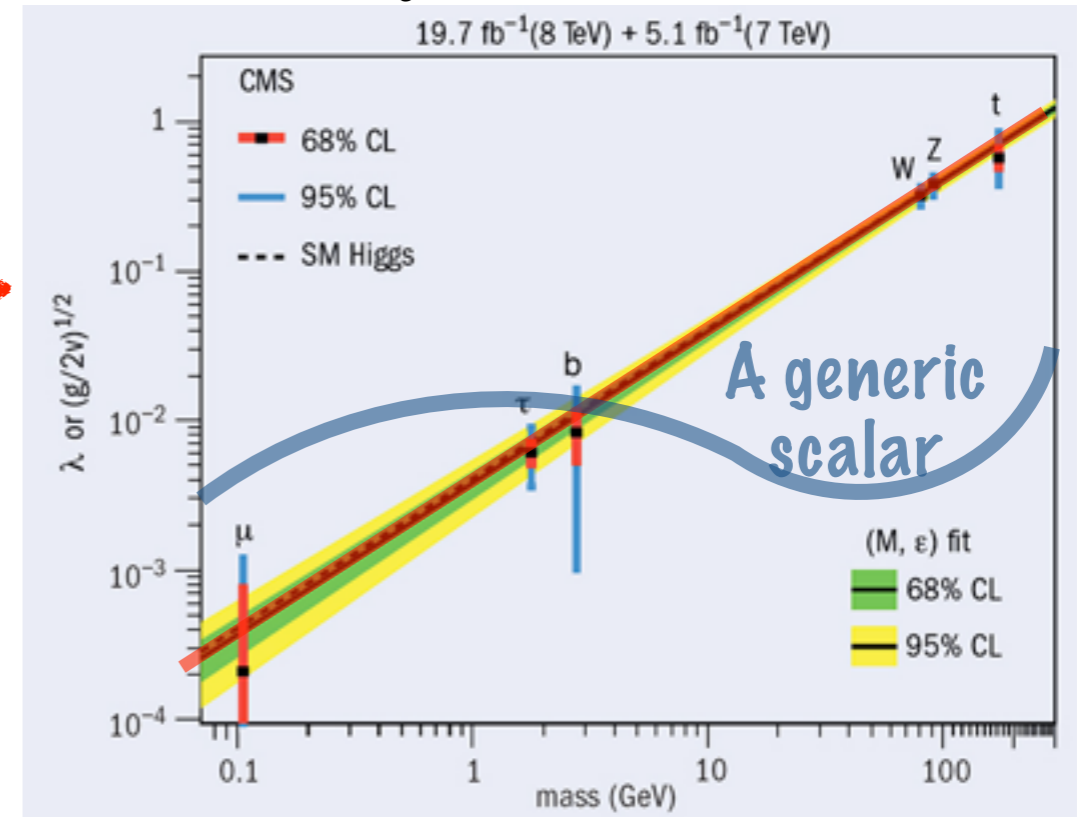
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