2022 LHC Days in Split



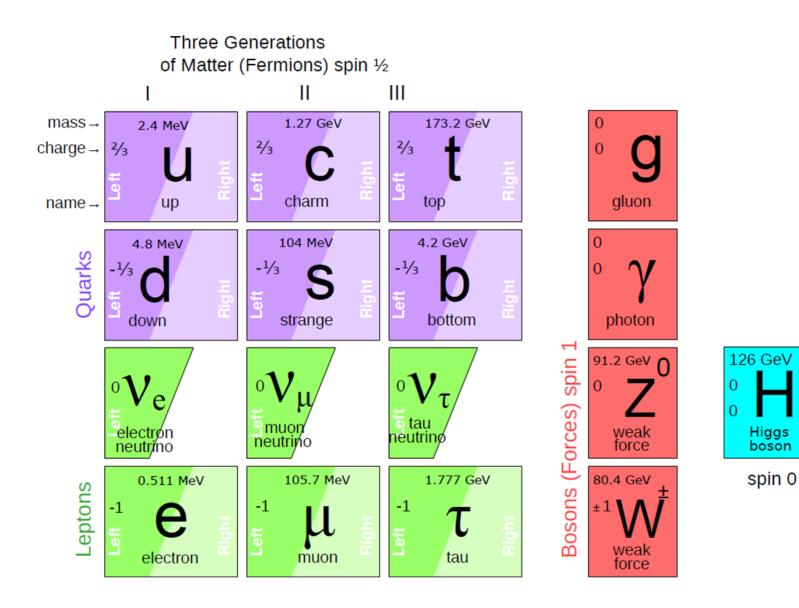


Electroweak Theory

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EW Theory – 10 yrs from Higgs-discovery

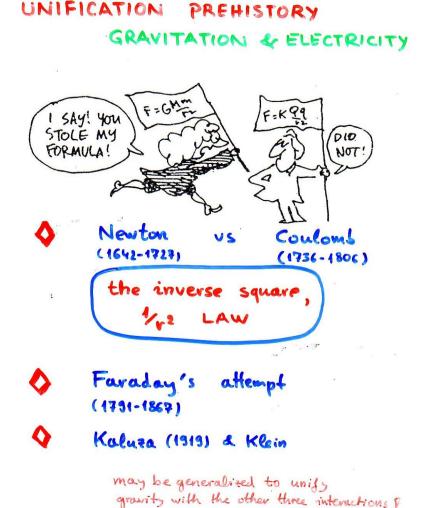


From EW Model to EW Theory

- Discovery of W, Z and Higgs boson at CERN;
- Experiments on front of
- Precision,
- Energy,
- Statistics;

Opened questions require:
 Beyond EW (QCD, DM, DE)
 Use of artificial inteligence
 Need for a jump in thinking.

Unification attempt by M. Faraday (1850) - to relate the gravity to electricity



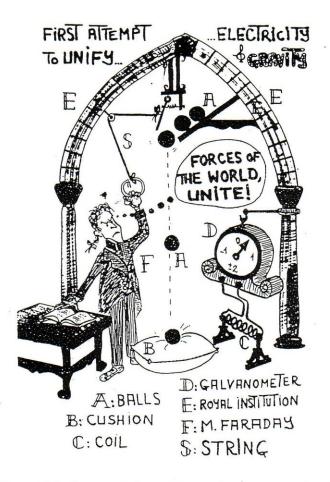
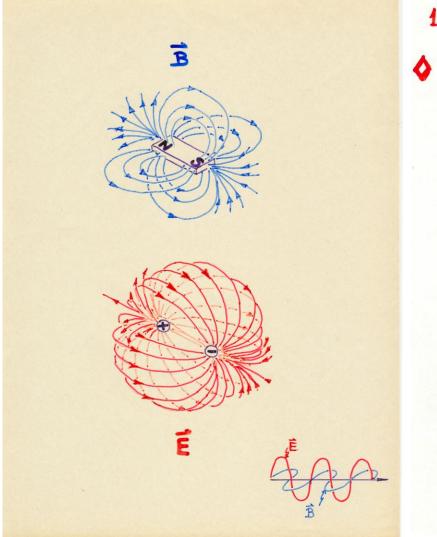
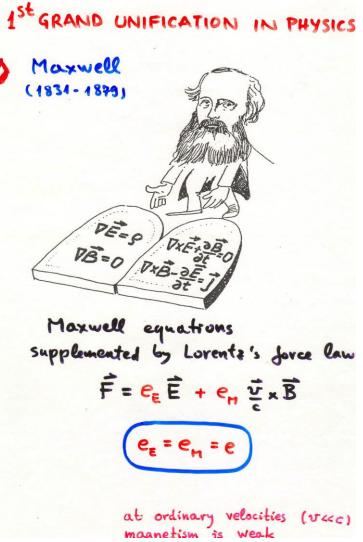


Figure 18.5. Cartoon depicting Michael Faraday at the Royal Institution. Due to A. de Rujula.

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Unification of electricity and magnetism (Maxwell) - ended in Quantum Electro Dynamics (QED)





WEAK FORCE: Fermi theory \rightarrow IVB theory

$$M_{fi} = \left[\frac{g_W}{\sqrt{2}}\overline{\psi}\frac{1}{2}\gamma^{\mu}(1-\gamma^5)\psi\right]\frac{g_{\mu\nu}-q_{\mu}q_{\nu}/m_W^2}{q^2-m_W^2}\left[\frac{g_W}{\sqrt{2}}\overline{\psi}\frac{1}{2}\gamma^{\nu}(1-\gamma^5)\psi\right]$$

which for $q^2 \ll m_W^2$ becomes:
 $M_{fi} = \frac{g_W^2}{8m_W^2}g_{\mu\nu}[\overline{\psi}\gamma^{\mu}(1-\gamma^5)\psi][\overline{\psi}\frac{1}{2}\gamma^{\nu}(1-\gamma^5)\psi]$
 $\longrightarrow \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{g_W^2}{8m_W^2}$

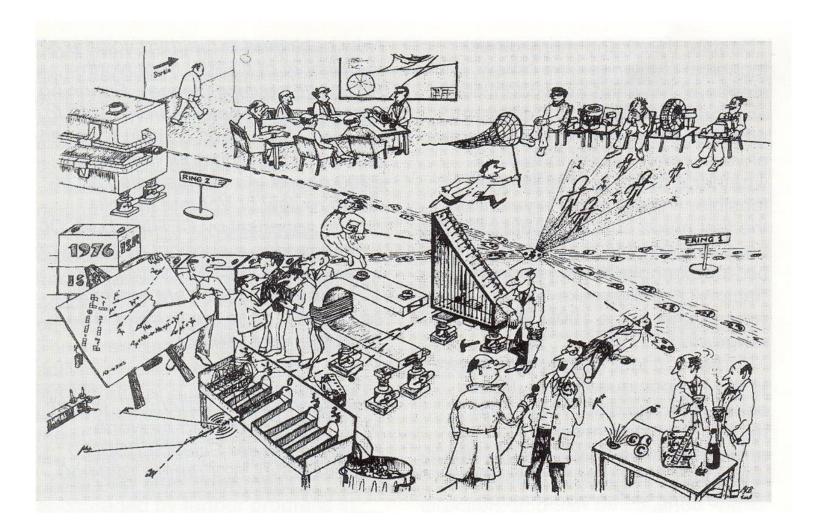
$$m_W = 80.403 \pm 0.029 \,\text{GeV}$$

$$\implies \qquad \alpha_W = \frac{g_W^2}{4\pi} = \frac{8m_W^2 G_F}{4\sqrt{2}\pi} = \frac{1}{30}$$

Road to EW (QED-like) model

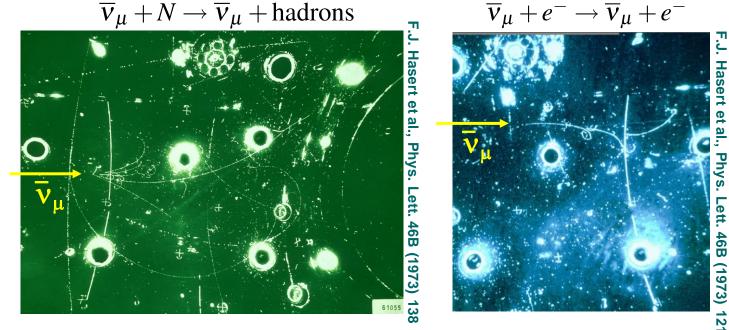
- In 1964: Brout-Englert-Higgs (BEH) & Guralnik-Hagen-Kibble proposed gauge-boson masses trough SSB;
- In 1967: Weinberg's EW "Model of leptons";
- In 1970: Glashow, Iliopoulos & Maiani extended GWS model to quarks; Physics of flavour becomes the flavour of physics;
- In 1971: 't Hooft & Veltman showed that SSB theories are renormalizable

ROLE of CERN: ISR (1971-84) in discovery of the force mediators

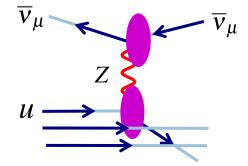


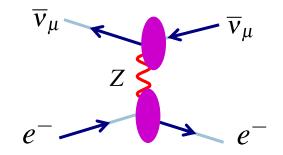
WEAK NEUTRAL CURRENT

Neutrinos also interact via the Neutral Current. First observed in the Gargamelle bubble chamber in 1973. Interaction of muon neutrinos produce a final state muon



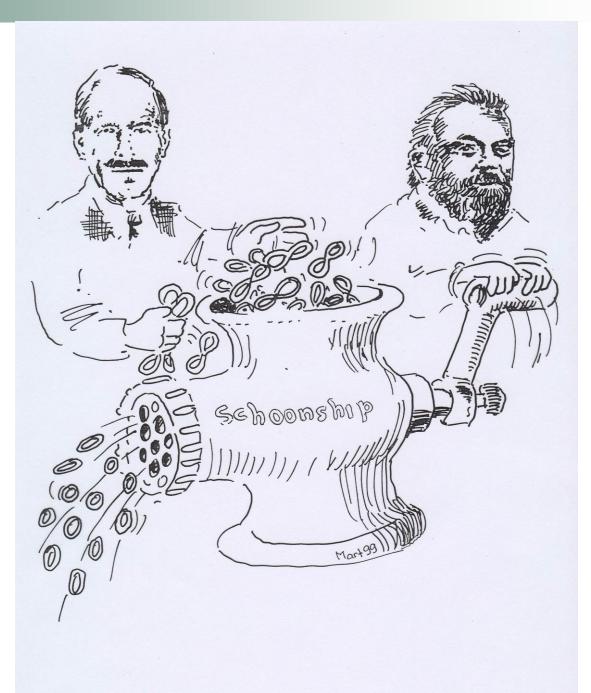
Cannot be due to W exchange - first evidence for Z boson



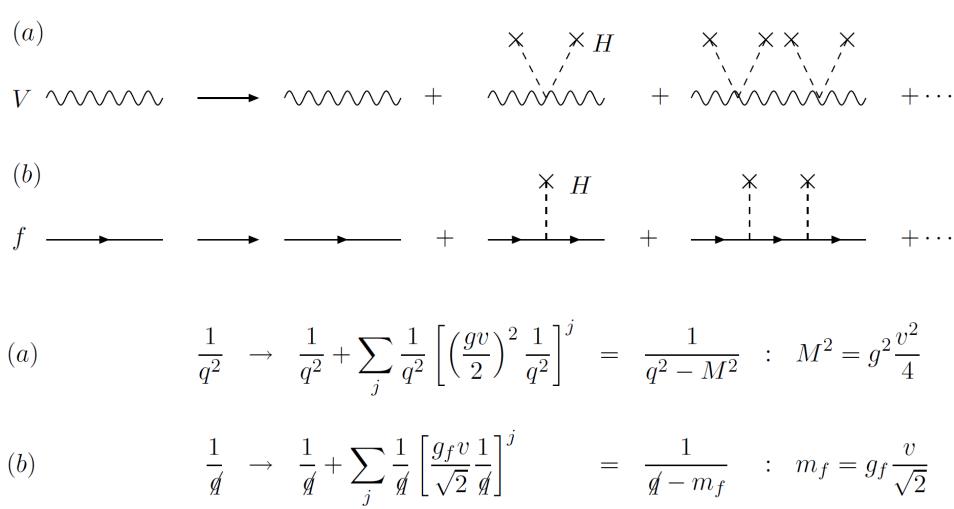


Nobel prize in physics for 1999.

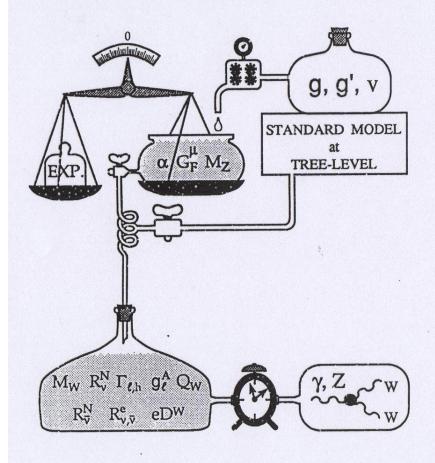
Renormalizability boost: promotes EW model into EW theory ('t Hooft & Veltman)



Massless fields acquire their masses in interaction with the background scalar field passing trough SSB (0 -> v)

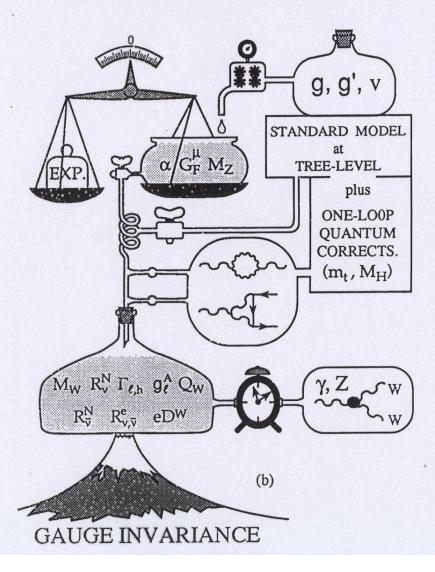


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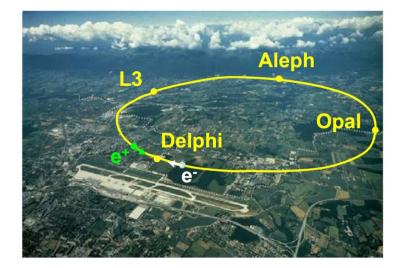


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SU (2) ⊗ U (1) ELECTROWEAK THEORY



EW MEASUREMENTS @ LEP (1989-2000)

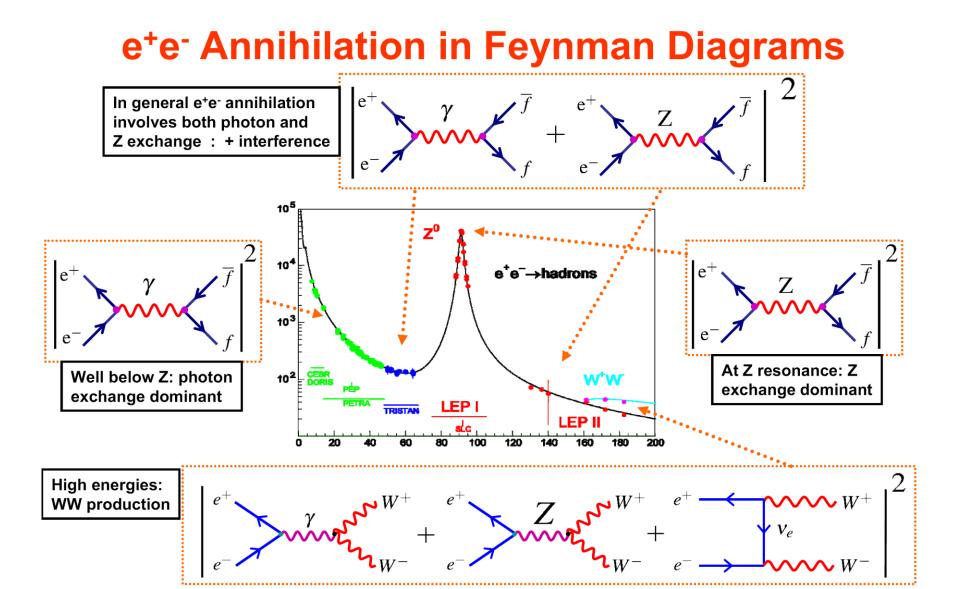


- 26 km circumference accelerator straddling French/Swiss boarder
 Electrons and positrons collided at
- Electrons and positrons collided at 4 interaction points
- •4 large detector collaborations (each with 300-400 physicists):
 - ALEPH, DELPHI, L3, OPAL

Basically a large Z and W factory:

- ★ 1989-1995: Electron-Positron collisions at √s = 91.2 GeV
 - 17 Million Z bosons detected
- ★ 1996-2000: Electron-Positron collisions at √s = 161-208 GeV
 - 30000 W+W- events detected

ELECTRON-POSITRON ANNIHILATION



PRECISELY MEASURED

Basic set:

$$\left(\alpha_{em}^{}, G_{F}^{}, M_{Z}^{} \right)$$

fantastic exp. accuracy:

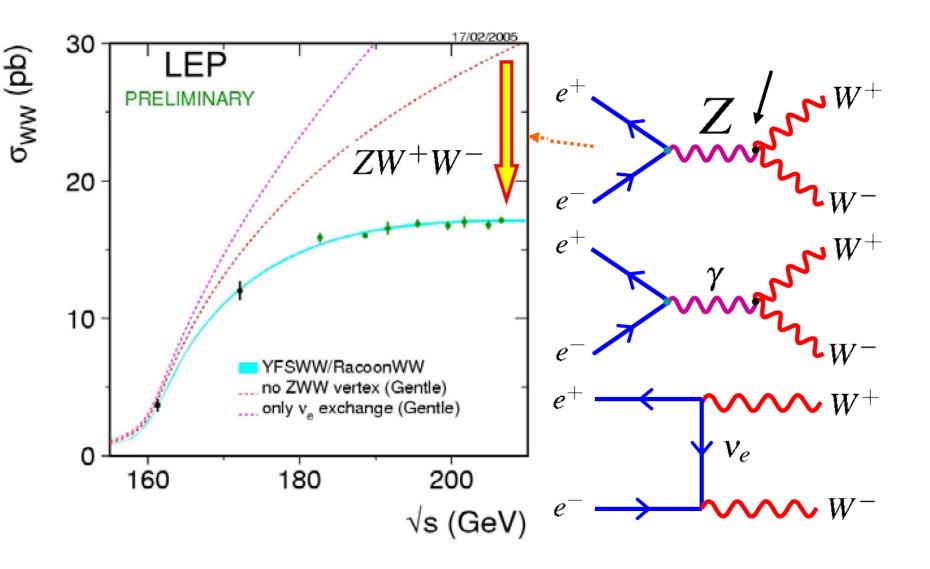
- (g-2)_e
- τ_μ g, g', v
- Z line shape

 $\alpha^{-1} = 137.035\,999\,710\pm 0.000\,000\,096$

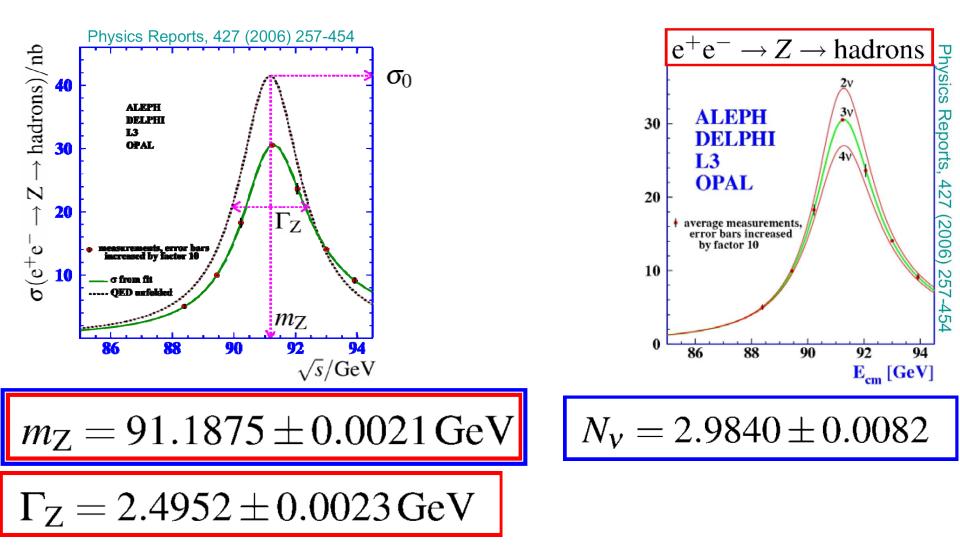
 $G_F = (1.166\,371\pm0.000\,006)\cdot10^{-5}\,\mathrm{GeV}^{-2}$

 $M_Z = (91.1875 \pm 0.0021) \,\mathrm{GeV}$

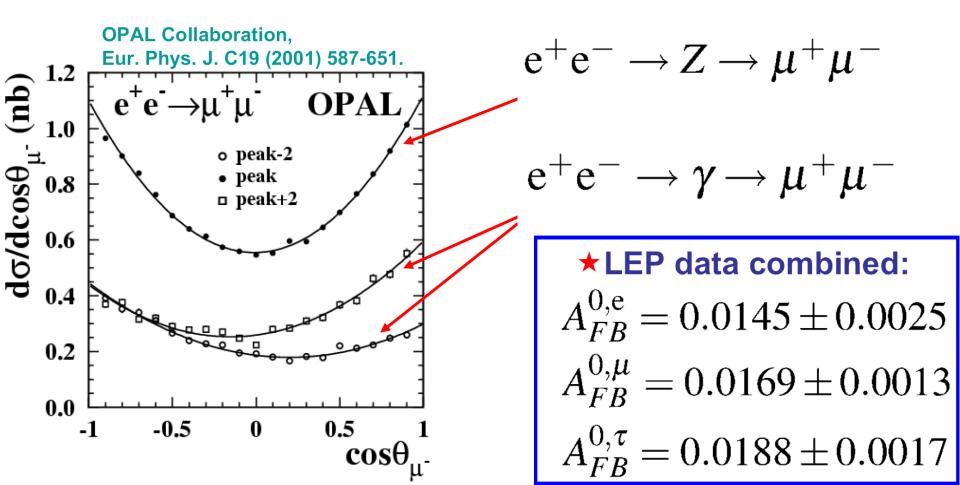
DIRECT ZWW-VERTEX TEST



REZONANCE SHAPE & NEUTRINO NUMBER



MEASUREMENT OF F-B ASYMMETRY on Z-resonance & interferency with γ

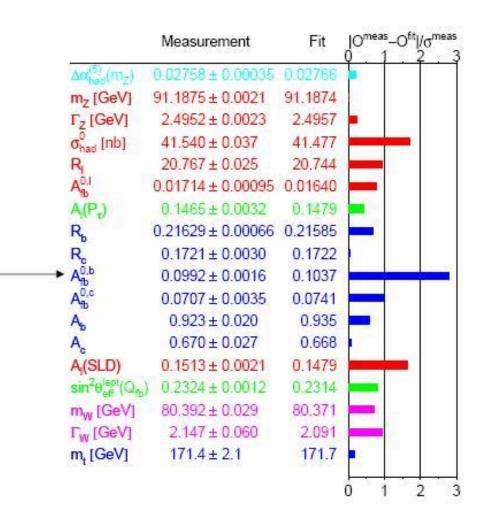


MEASUREMENTS of F-B ASYMMETRIES determine the weak-mixing angle:

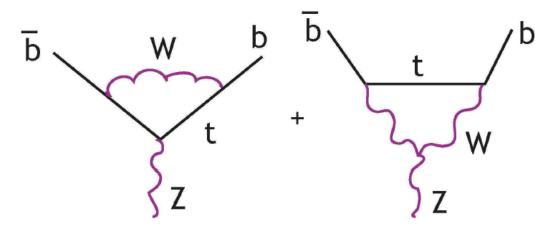
Global fit to EW precision data

χ²/dof=17.8/13 (16.6%)

Largest pull is from LEP b-quark forward/backward asymmetry.



There is a special consideration for the b quark. The diagrams

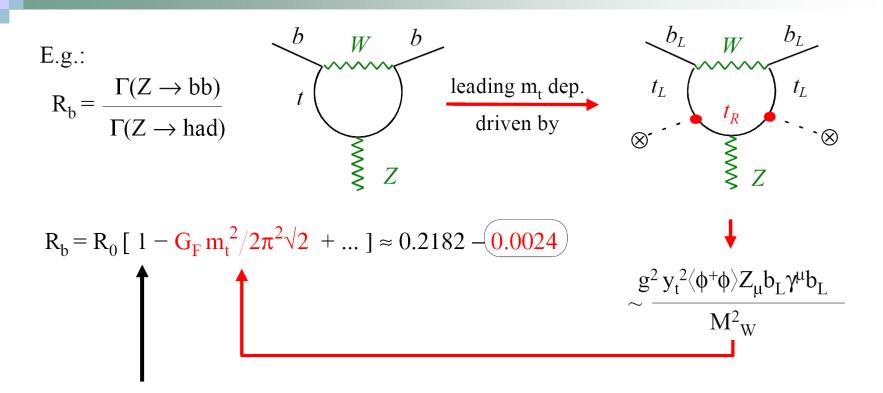


contribute a correction to the b_L Z charge,

$$Q_{ZbL} = -\left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3}s_w^2 - \frac{\alpha}{16\pi s_w^2}\frac{m_t^2}{m_W^2}\right)$$

This is a -2% correction to the partial width. It is easier to measure the quantity $R_b = \frac{\Gamma(Z \to b\overline{b})}{\Gamma(Z \to \text{ hadrons})}$

which is almost independent of s_w^2 and so directly tests the above correction.



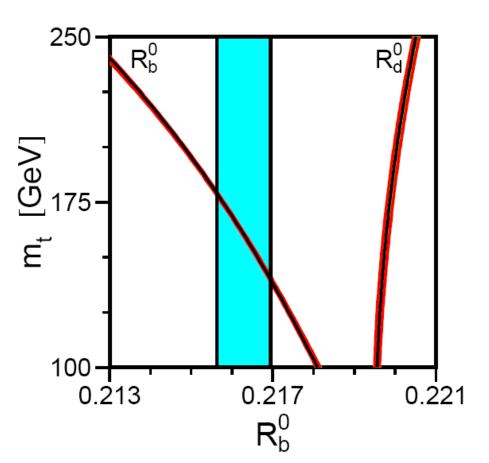
<u>tree-level</u> + flavour-universal corrections

The final result is:

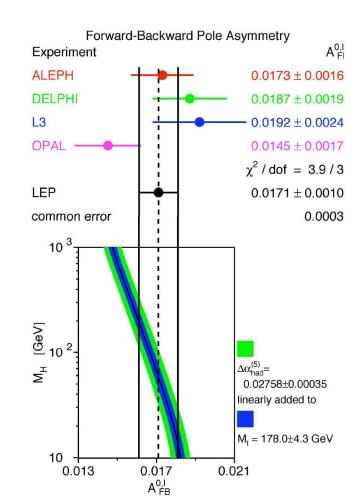
 $R_b = 0.21643 \pm 0.00073$

in excellent agreement with the Standard Model and confirming the -2% shift due to the t-W diagrams.

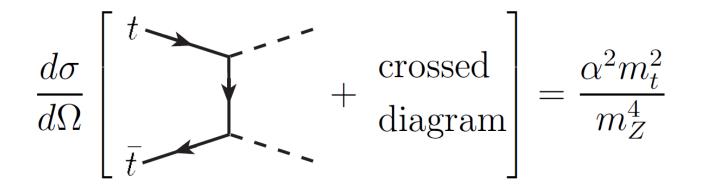
Top mass from Rb measurement (LEP, SLD)

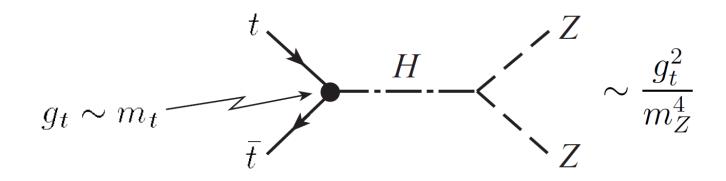


Higgs mass from asymmetry measurement



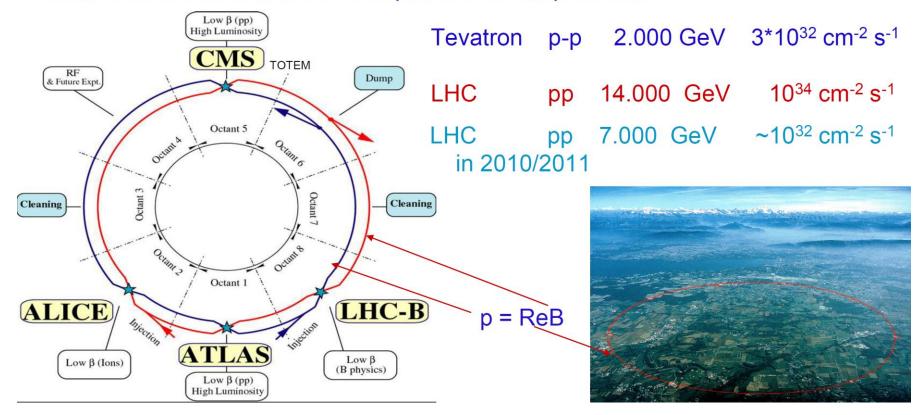
Higgs needed to avoid unitarity violation in top quark annihilation into Z's



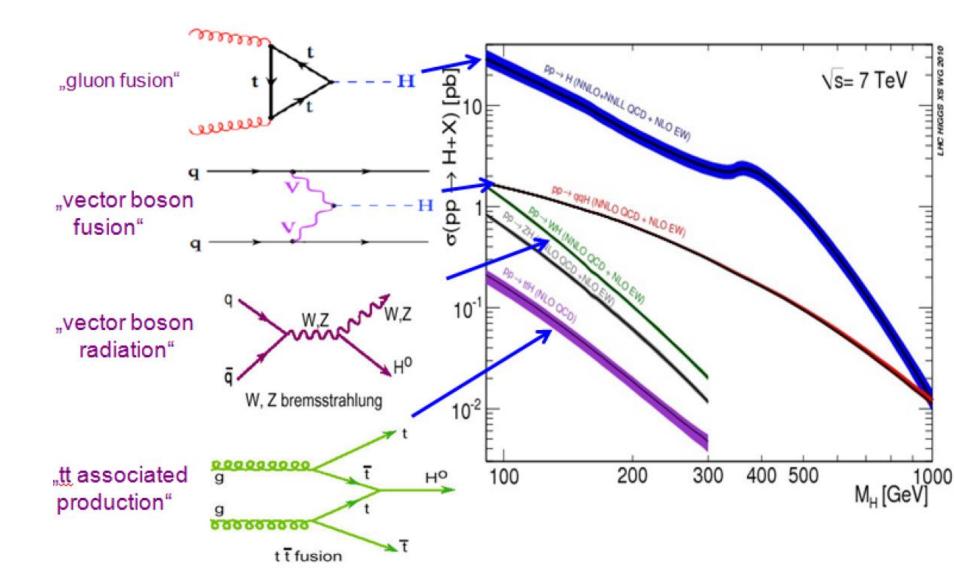


2nd EW MILESTONE – Higgs @ LHC Series of CMS & LHC Days in Split

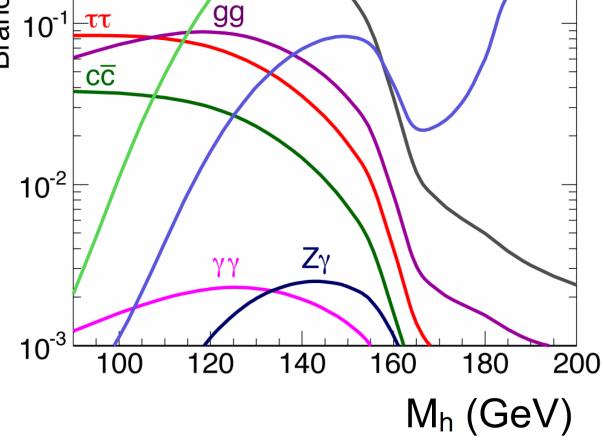
~ 65% of the 27 km long circumference covered with 1232 2-in-1 superconducting dipoles of 14.3m length operated at 1.9 °K giving a field of B = 8.3T, 500 2-in-1 quadrupoles with 215T/m, altogether 1200 tons of superconducting cable and 40.000 tons of material at 1.9 °K superfluid He temperature!



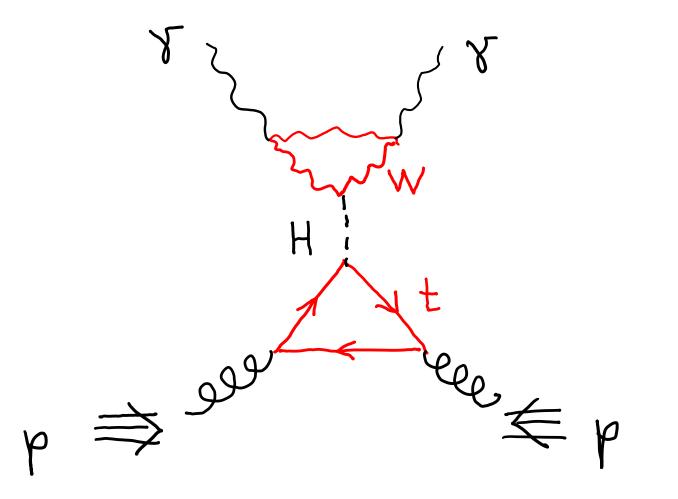
Higgs production @ LHC



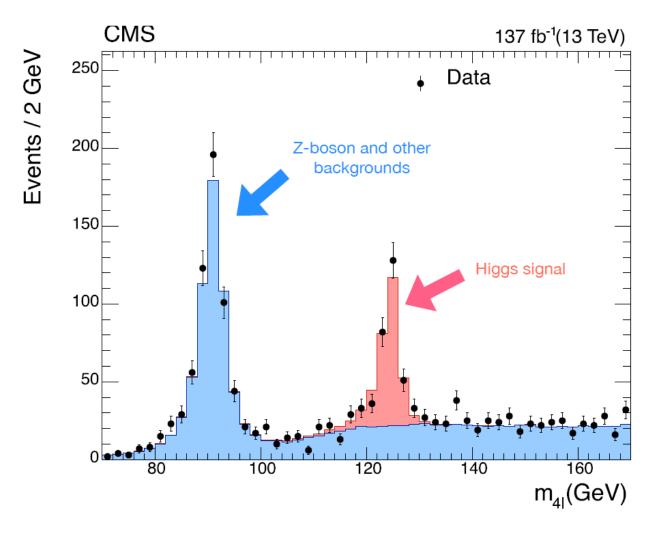
Decay modes of SM Higgs Branching ratios LHC HIGGS XS WG 2010 WW bb ZZ gg 10⁻¹ $-\tau\tau$ cc



Virtual physcs @ LHC: a rare two-photon decay



CM energy of 4-leptons -91.2 and 125 GeV peaks



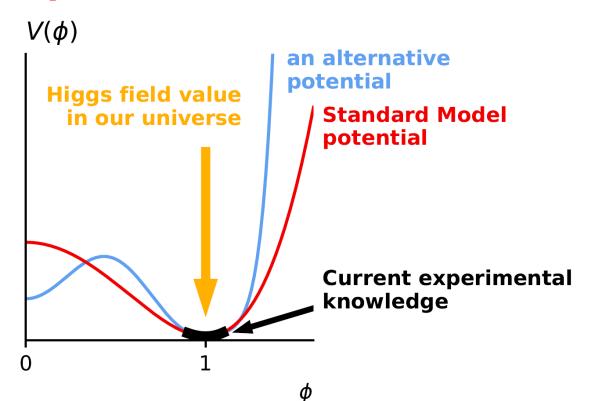
Higgs-boson discovery opens new questions:

- Huge disparity among SM fermion masses
 Lightness of neutrinos
- ctuning in the Higgs potential:

$$V = \text{const.} + m_H^2 |H|^2 + \lambda |H|^4$$

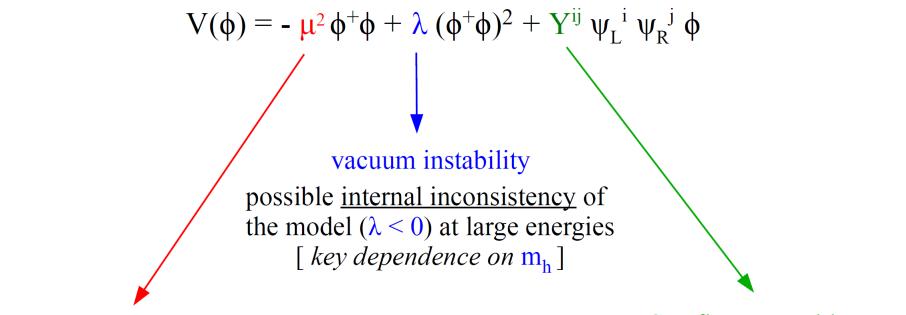
- Cosmological constant problem
- Higgs naturalness problem
- Vacuum stability problem

What happened at the EW phase transition in the early universe – smooth crossover or 1st order PT? Depends on Higgs self-interaction, to be probed at a future collider!



THEORETICAL PROBLEMS

Still, the SM Higgs potential is "ugly" and hides the most serious *theoretical problems* of this highly successful theory:

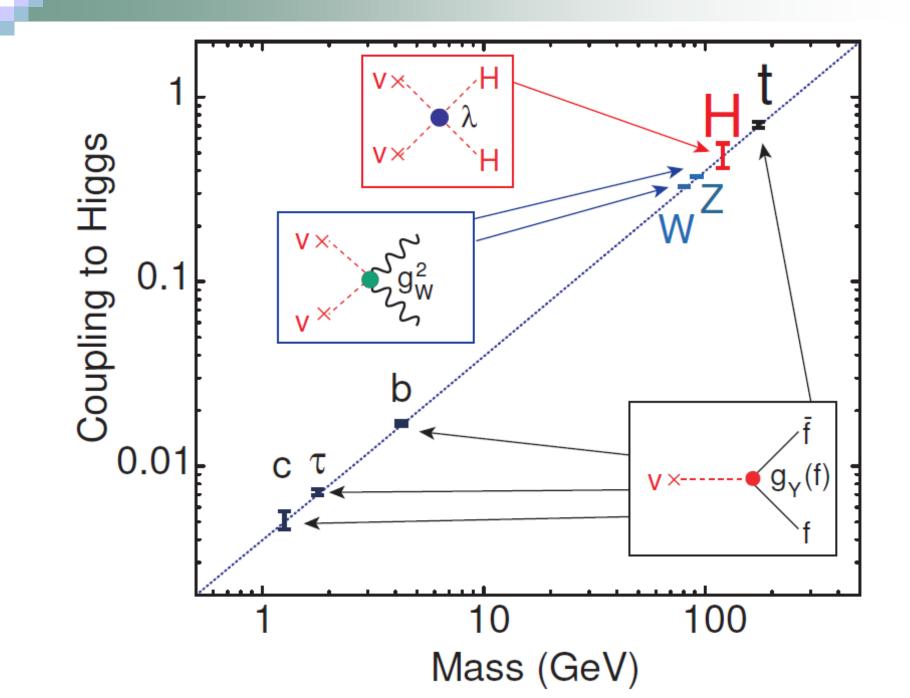


Quadratic sensitivity to the cut-off

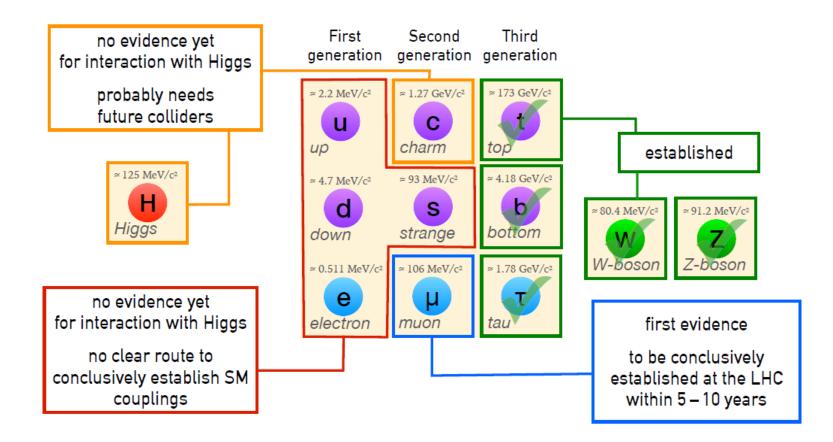
 $\Delta\mu^2\sim\Delta m_h^{~2}\sim~\Lambda^2$

(indication of *new physics* close to the electroweak scale ?)

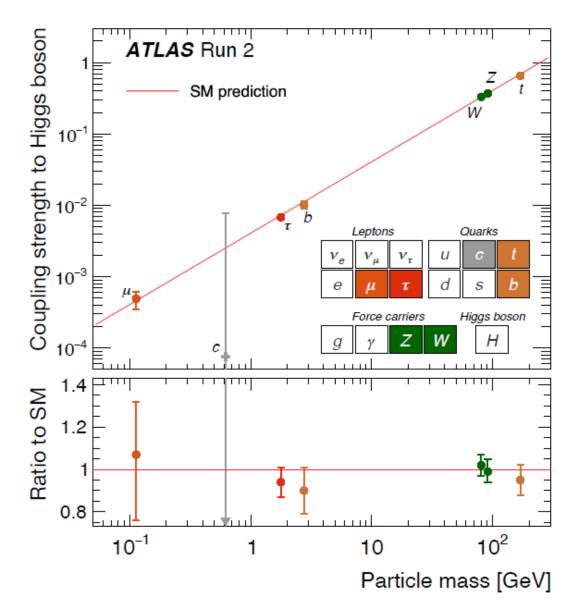
SM flavour problem (unexplained span over 5 orders of magnitude and strongly hierarchical structure of the Yukawa coupl.)



Summary of known Higgs interactions



Higgs interaction strength vs particle mass



Conclusion

- Higgs discovery reveals:
- Spin-zero particle
- SSB mechanism that makes W & Z massive,
- and confirmes that it gives masses to 3rd generation fermions;
- Return of Yukawa force not deduced from a symmetry principle;

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 0
 1/2
 1
 3/2
- Naturalness of light Higgs:
- either new particles are keeping it light, or the universe is fine tuned
- for our existence

