

# Higgs: theory review

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# The plan

1. Introduction: the **discovery** of a new boson

2. The Higgs in the Standard Model

- ▶ Mass
- ▶ Properties (production and decays)

3. Beyond the Standard Model Higgs bosons

- ▶ Higgs couplings (loop and tree level)
- ▶ Interplay with direct searches of New Physics particles
- ▶ Exotic decays

Focus on  
Supersymmetry

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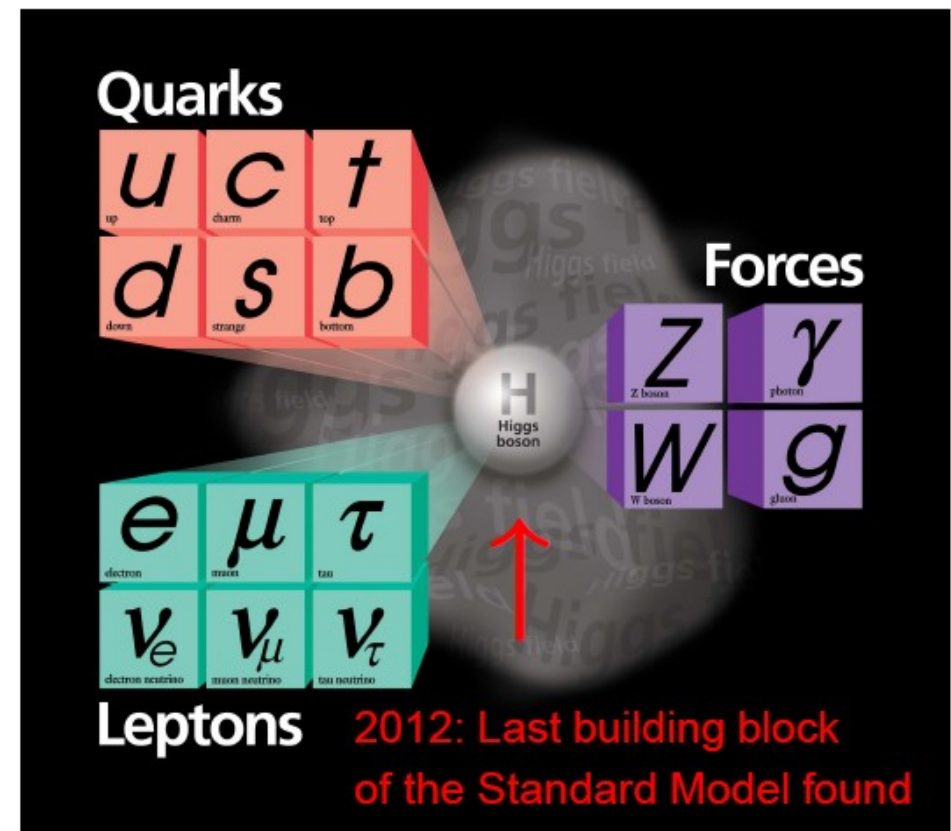


Francois Englert



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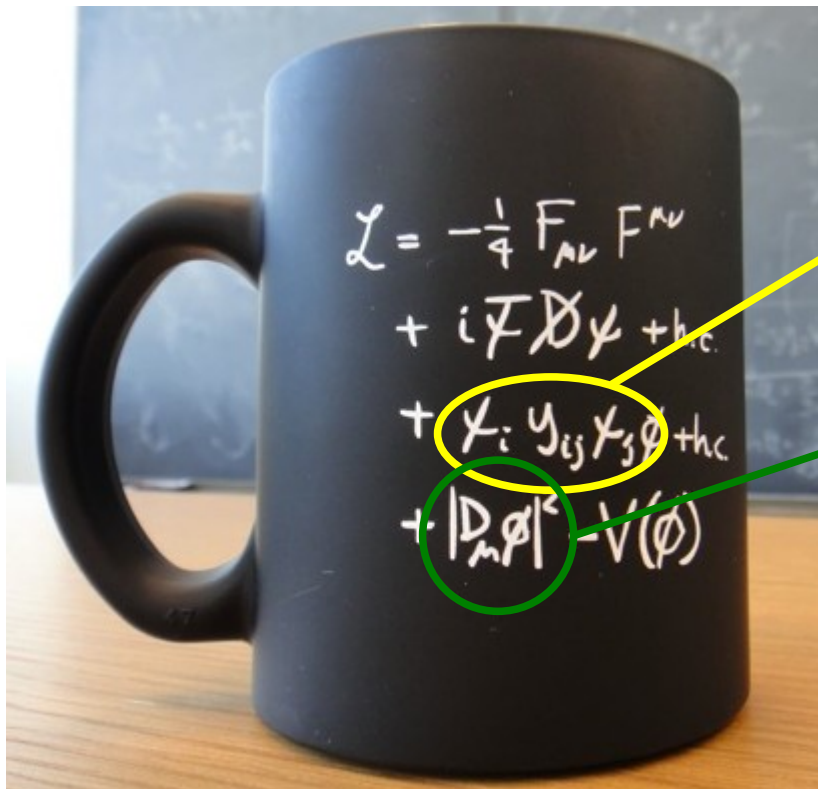
Peter Higgs



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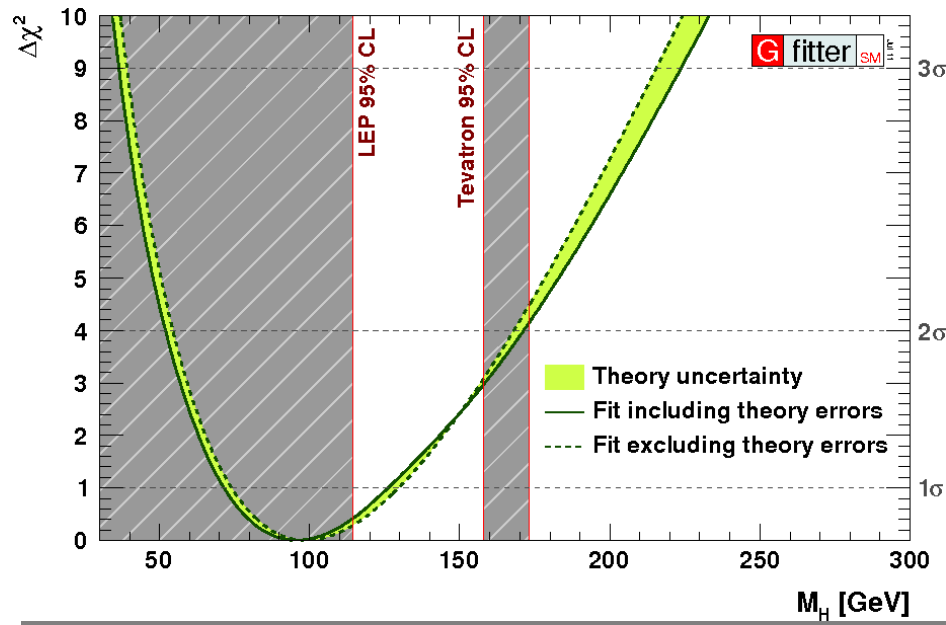
It gives mass to the (massive) gauge bosons  
coupl  $\propto m_V$

The Higgs couples to (almost) everything

# What determines the Higgs characteristics?

The **Higgs mass** is not predicted by the Standard Model (SM)  
However, once it is fixed, the **full phenomenology of the Higgs**  
is **univocally determined**

The SM can only „predict indirectly“ the Higgs mass:



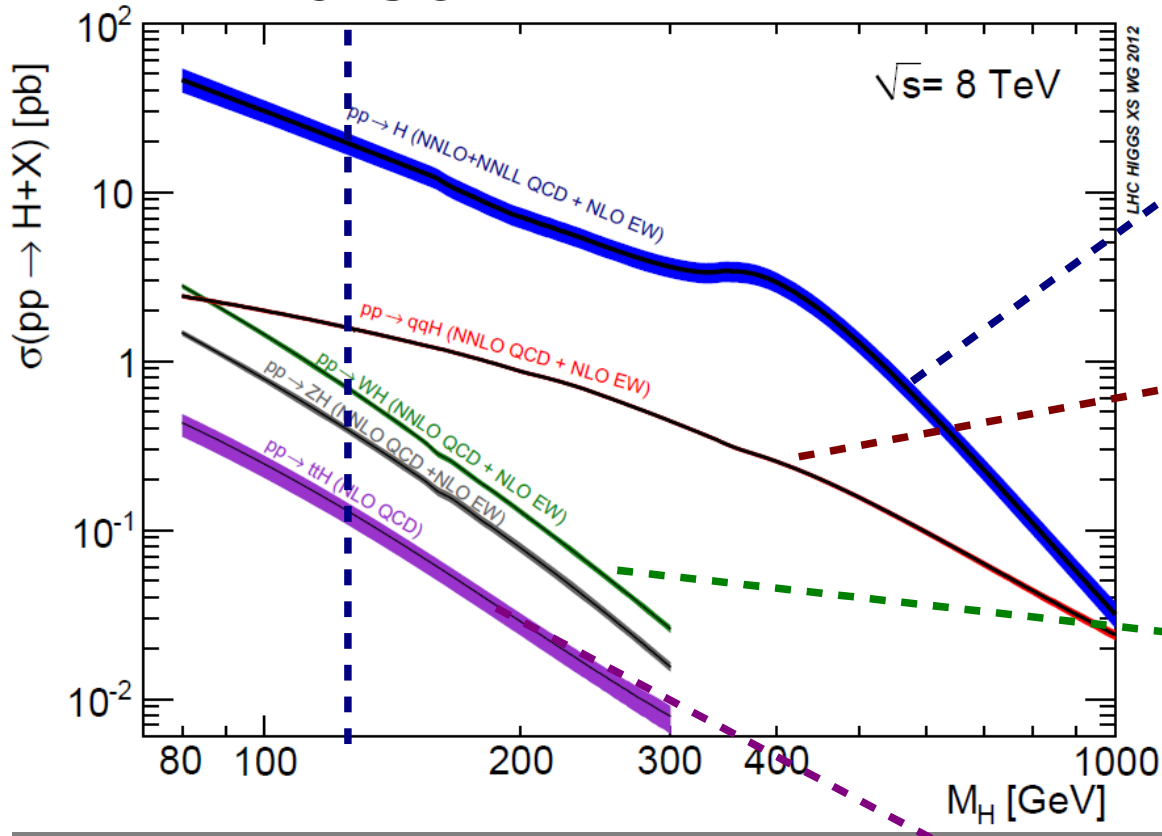
as in 2011

Putting together all the info from  
the measurement at LEP and at Tevatron  
of the electroweak precision observables

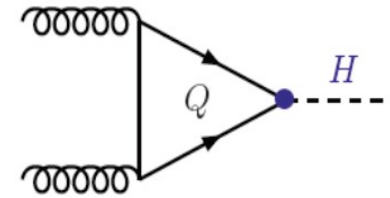
$$m_h = 91^{+30}_{-23} \text{ GeV}$$

# The production of the Higgs...

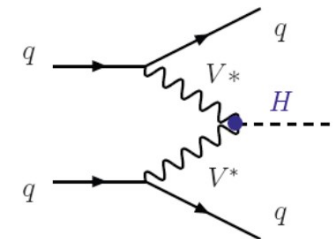
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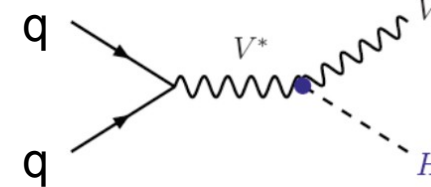
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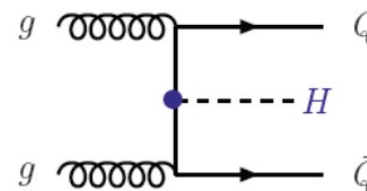
„V boson fusion“



„W,Z bremsstrahlung“

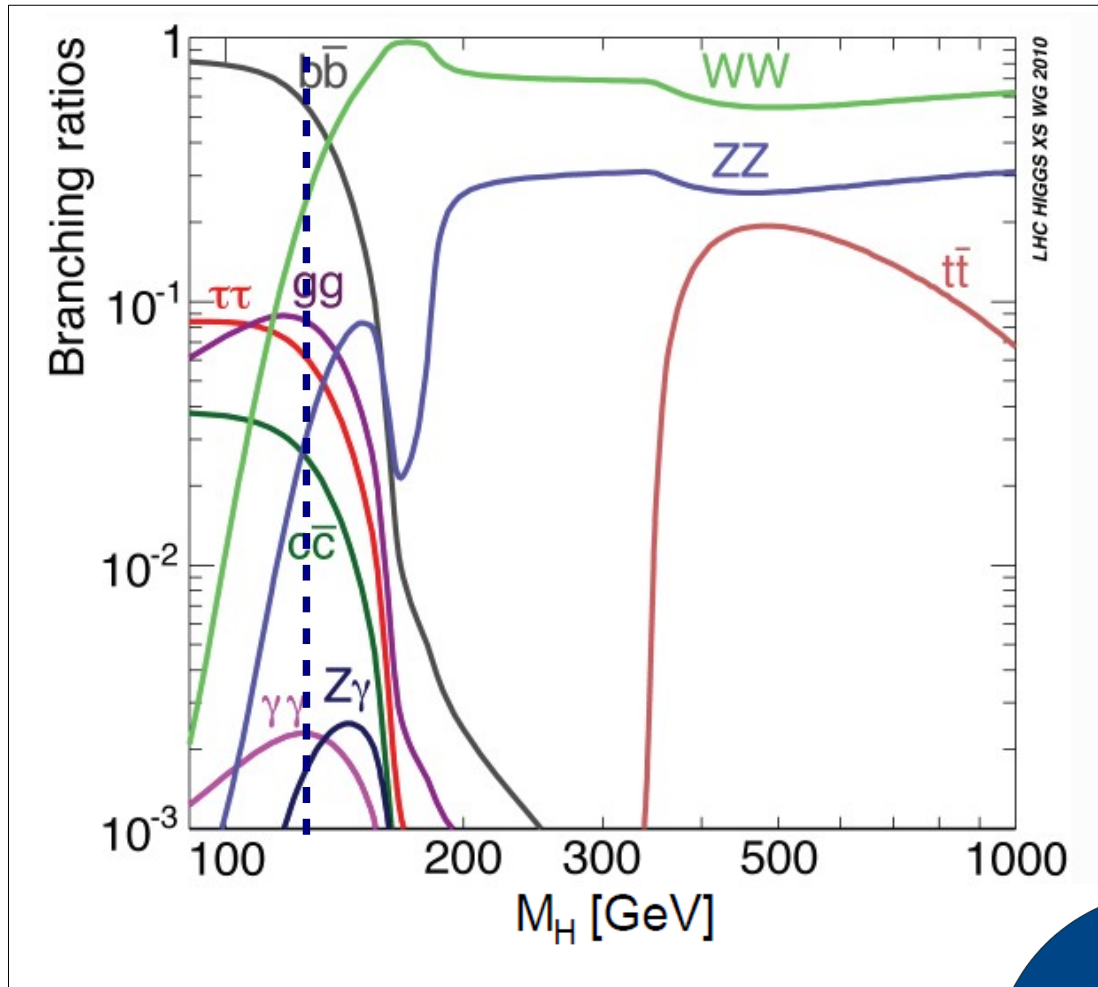


„t-t fusion“



# ...and its decays

125 GeV



The Higgs decays very quickly:

$$\Gamma_h \sim 4 \text{ MeV} \Rightarrow \tau_h \sim 2 \times 10^{-22} \text{ s}$$

A „dreamland“ for experimentalists!

$$\text{BR}(h \rightarrow b\bar{b}) = 58\%,$$

$$\text{BR}(h \rightarrow ZZ^*) = 2.7\%,$$

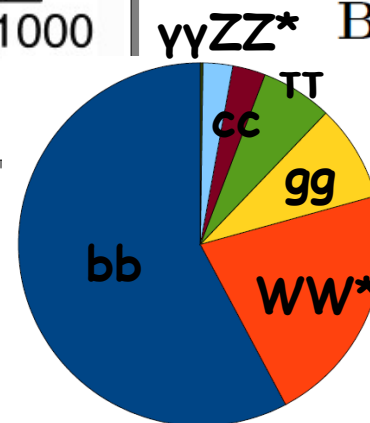
$$\text{BR}(h \rightarrow WW^*) = 21.6\%,$$

$$\text{BR}(h \rightarrow \tau\bar{\tau}) = 6.4\%,$$

$$\text{BR}(h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) = 0.22\%,$$

$$\text{BR}(h \rightarrow \gamma Z) = 0.16\%,$$

$$\text{BR}(h \rightarrow \mu\mu) = 0.022\%$$



# How well do we know?

## State of the art for the SM computation

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Parametric + theoretical uncertainty of BRs

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$m_h = 126$ GeV	Uncertainties		NLO/NNLO/NNLO+	
	scale	PDF4LHC	QCD	EW
ggF	8 – 10%	8%	> 100%	5%
VBF	1%	2 – 3%	5%	5%
Wh	1%	4%	25%	7%
Zh	2%	4%	30%	5%
tth	9%	9%	5%	?

Numbers for the 7 TeV LHC:

# The Higgs as a portal to New Physics

The discovery of the Higgs is the manifestation of the hierarchy problem


$$m_h^2 \sim \mu^2 + c\Lambda^2, \quad c = \mathcal{O}(0.01)$$

$$V(H) = -\mu^2 H^\dagger H + \lambda(H^\dagger H)^2$$

**Fundamental scale** beyond the SM:  
 $\Lambda \approx M_{\text{Pl}} = 10^{19}$  GeV (Planck scale)

Needed a cancellation to the precision of  $10^{-32}$   
to have  $m_h$  (physical)  $\approx 125$  GeV

$$14884157194850192375385501928538182559 - \\ 14884157194850192375385501928538166934 = 125^2$$

Whatever cancels the quadratic sensitivity of the Higgs mass to the high energy scale must:

- ♦ couple to the Higgs
- ♦ be relatively light (TeV-scale?)

Testing the Higgs  
to discover New Physics (NP)

# Beyond the Standard Model Higgs

UnHiggs

Littlest Higgs

Private Higgs

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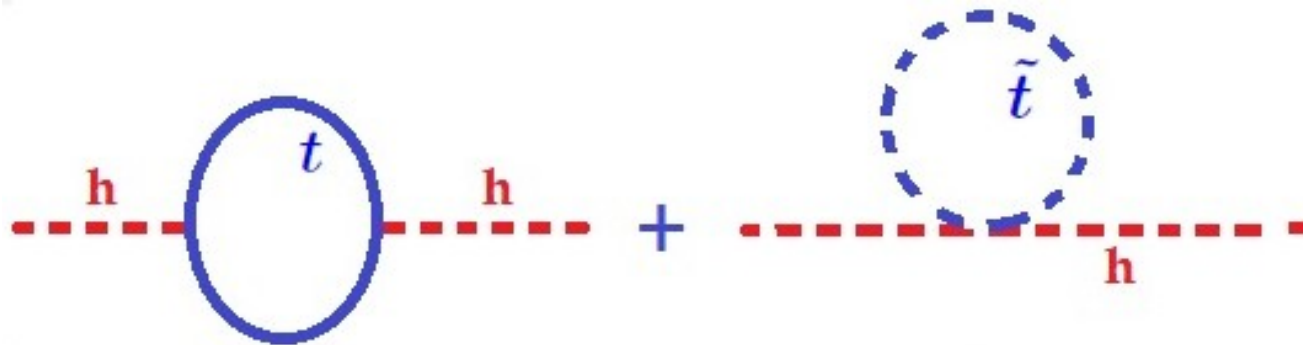
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# Supersymmetry and the hierarchy problem

An elegant way to keep quantum corrections to the Higgs mass under control



$$m_h^2 = m_{h0}^2 + c\Lambda^2, \quad \text{Quadratic corrections cancelled}$$

$$\delta m_h^2 = m_{\text{SUSY}}^2 \left( \frac{y_t^2}{8\pi^2} \log \left( \frac{\Lambda}{m_{\text{SUSY}}} \right) + \dots \right)$$

The mass scale of the NP (susy) particles should be relatively low

# What are the implications?

The mass of the Higgs is predicted in concrete SUSY models

Example: in the Minimal Supersymmetric Standard Model (**MSSM**)

MSSM: a two Higgs doublet model.

In total: 2 scalar Higgs bosons, 1 pseudoscalar and 1 charged Higgs

$$m_h^2 \simeq \underbrace{M_Z^2 \cos^2 2\beta}_{\text{tree level}} + \frac{3}{4\pi^2} \frac{m_t^4}{v^2} \left[ \frac{X_t^2}{M_{\text{Susy}}^2} \left( 1 - \frac{X_t^2}{12M_{\text{Susy}}^2} \right) + \log \frac{M_{\text{Susy}}^2}{m_t^2} \right]$$

At the tree level, the MSSM predicts a quite low Higgs mass

Stop loop contributions

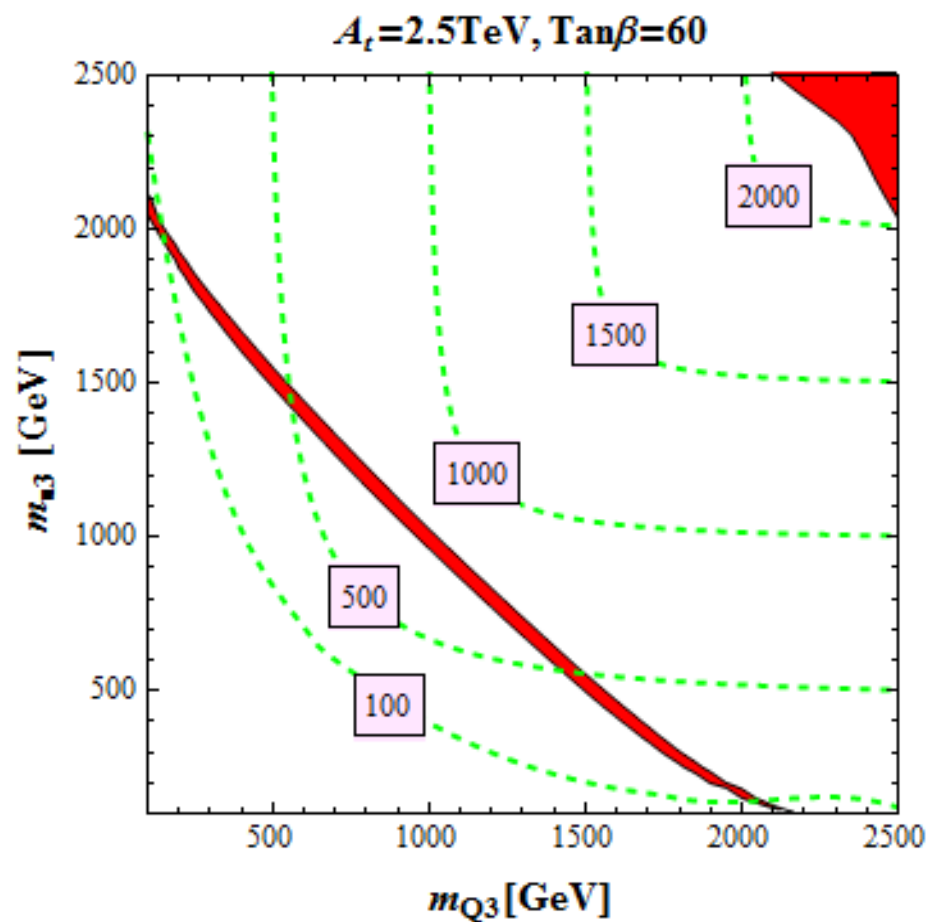
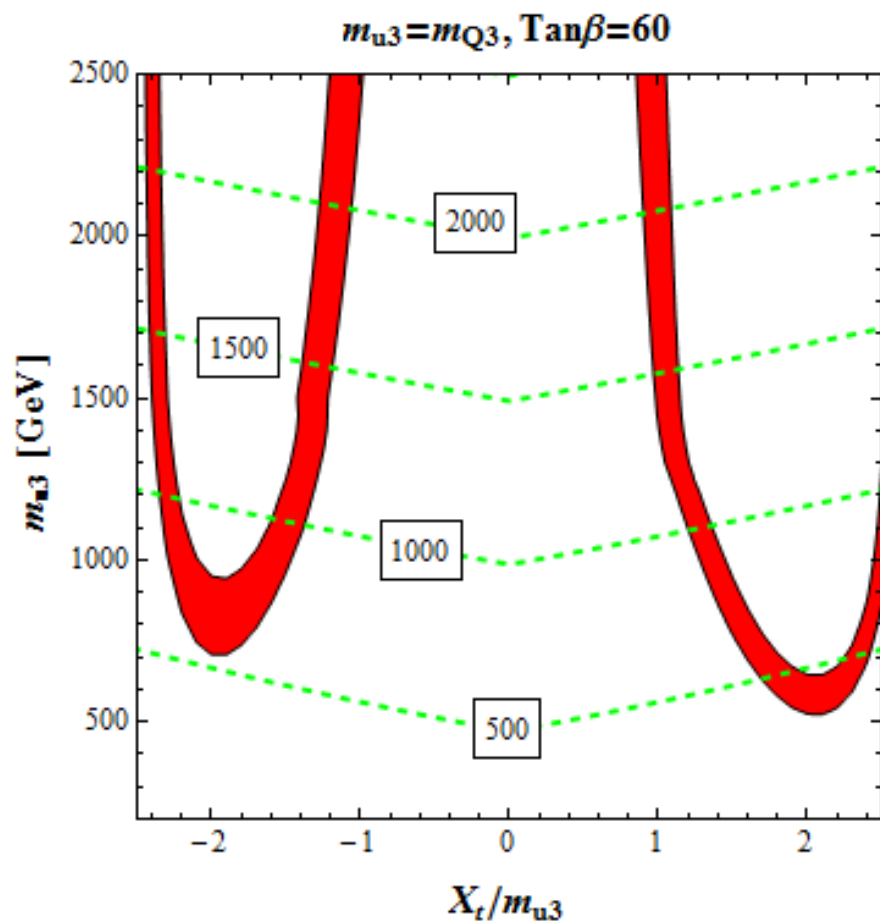
$$\mathcal{M}_{\text{stop}}^2 = \begin{pmatrix} m_{Q_3}^2 + m_t^2 + D_L & m_t X_t \\ m_t X_t & m_{u_3}^2 + m_t^2 + D_R \end{pmatrix}$$

Higgs mass directly connected to the stop spectrum

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Different implications if we consider Susy models beyond the MSSM

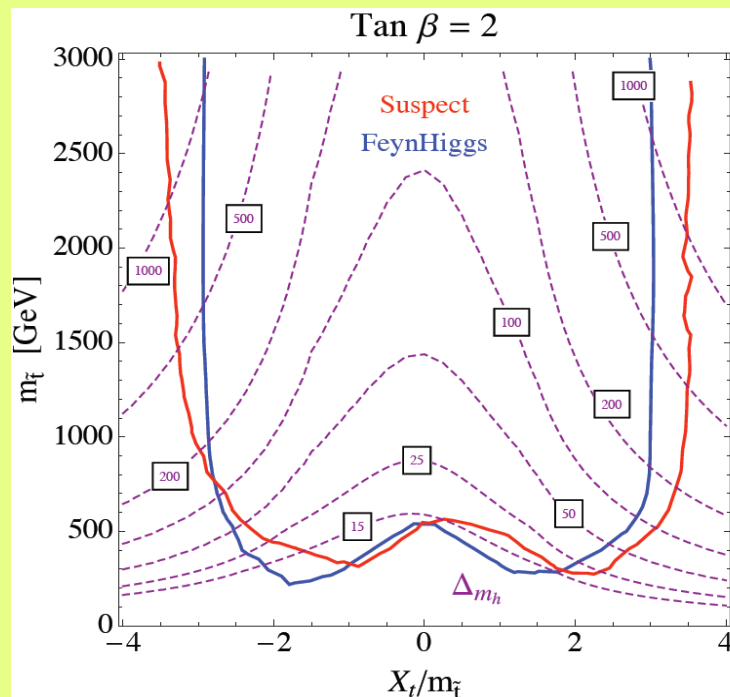
Example:

**The NMSSM:** a two Higgs doublet + 1 singlet model.  $\mathcal{W} \supset \lambda S H_1 H_2$

In total: 3 scalar Higgs bosons, 2 pseudoscalar and 1 charged Higgs

$$(m_h^2)_{\text{tree}} \lesssim m_Z^2 \cos^2 2\beta + \lambda^2 v^2 \sin^2 2\beta$$

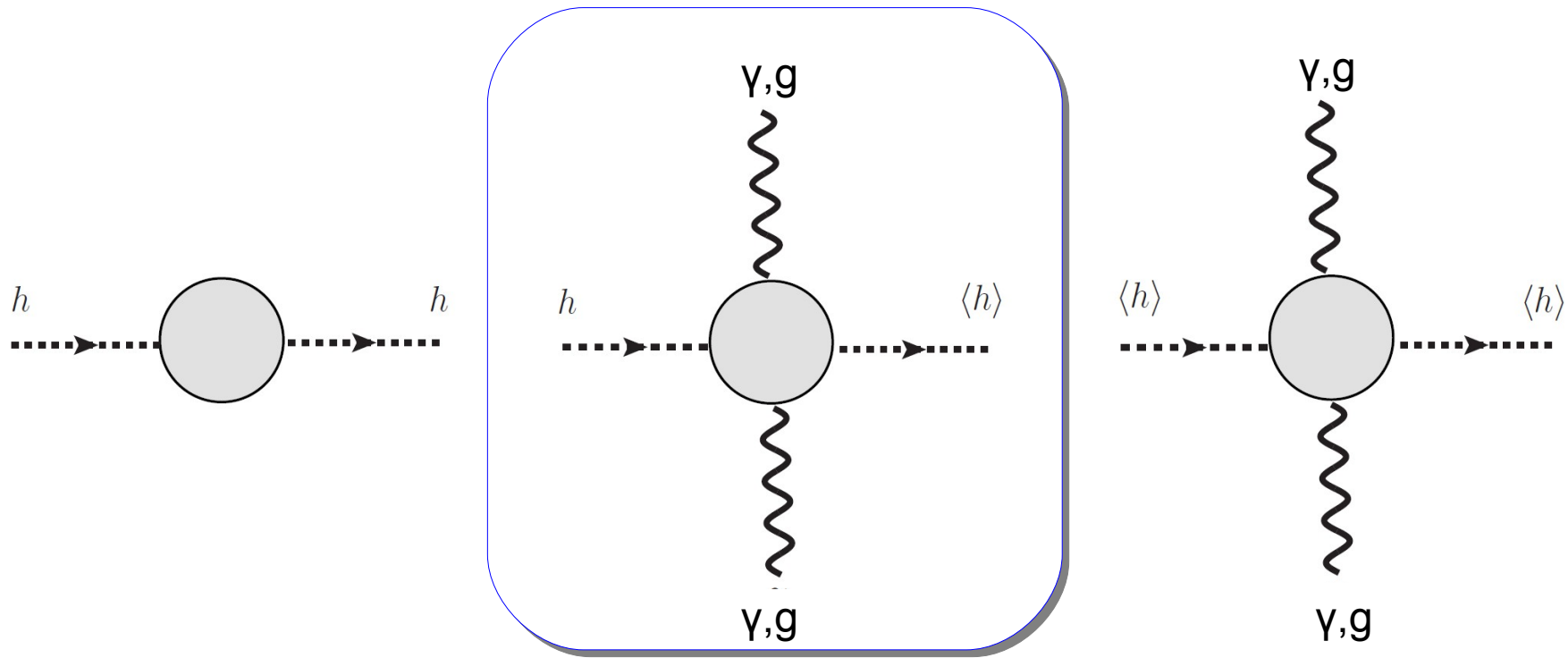
$m_{H_3}$  [GeV]



Hall, Pinner, Ruderman, 1112.2703



# Higgs couplings (loop)



Hierarchy problem

Higgs pheno

QED (QCD)  
beta functions

Indirect probe of Naturalness

recent studies:

Farina, Perelstein, Rey-Le Lorier, 1305.6068  
Craig, Englert, McCullough, 1305.5251

Low energy Higgs theorem

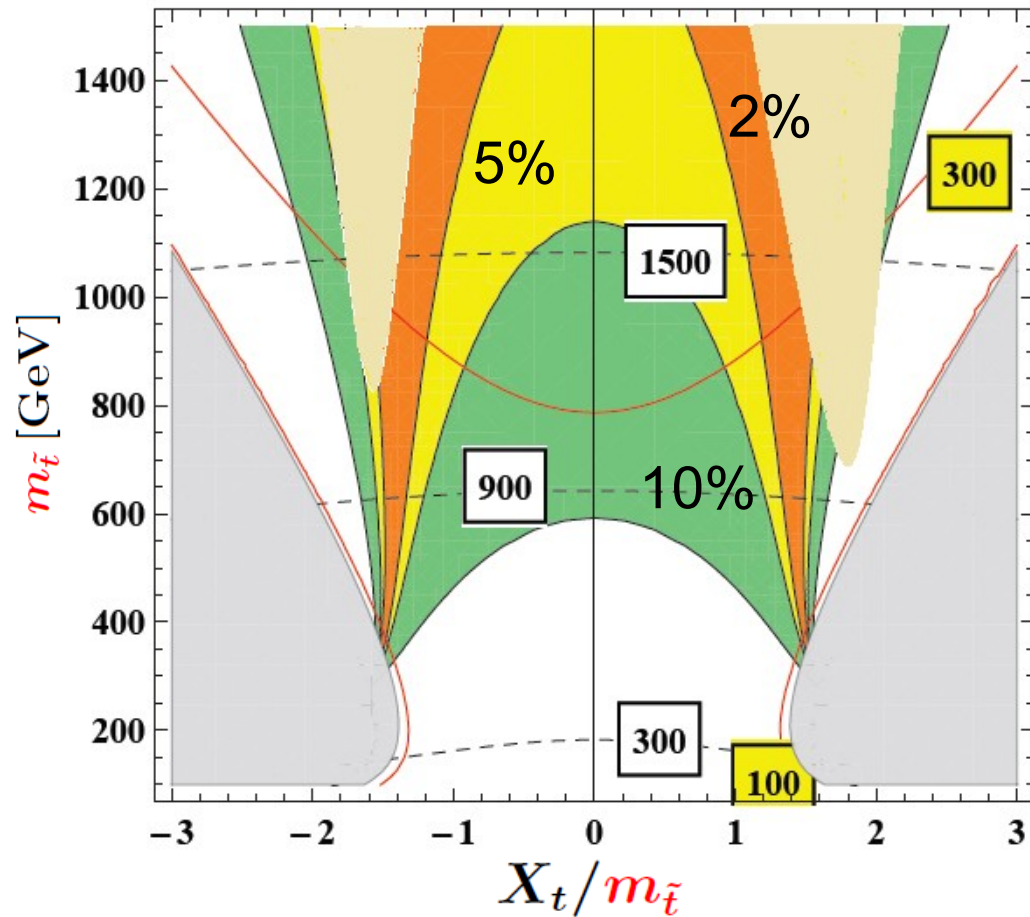
Ellis, Gaillard, Nanopoulos, 1976

Shifman, Vainshtein, Voloshin, Zakharov, 1979

# Higgs di-gluon/di-photon coupling

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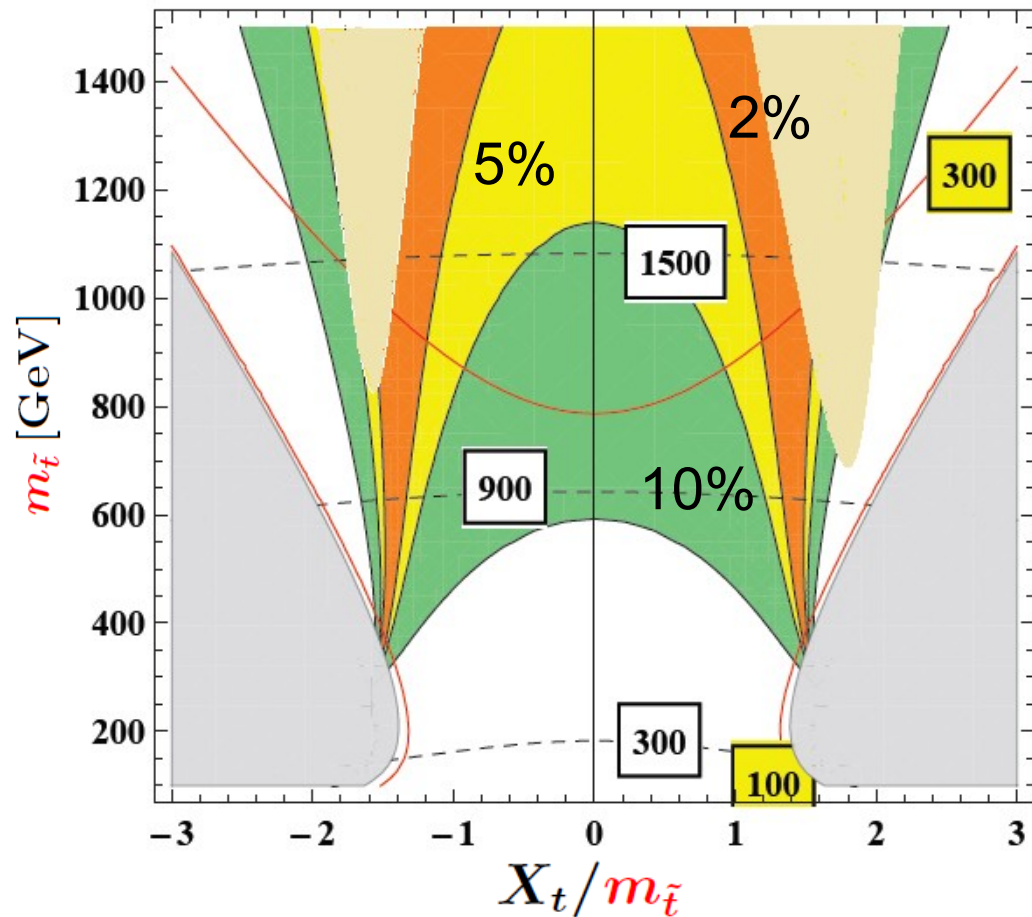


$$m_{\tilde{S}}^2 = \frac{m_L^2 + m_R^2}{2}, \quad r = \frac{m_L^2 - m_R^2}{m_L^2 + m_R^2}$$

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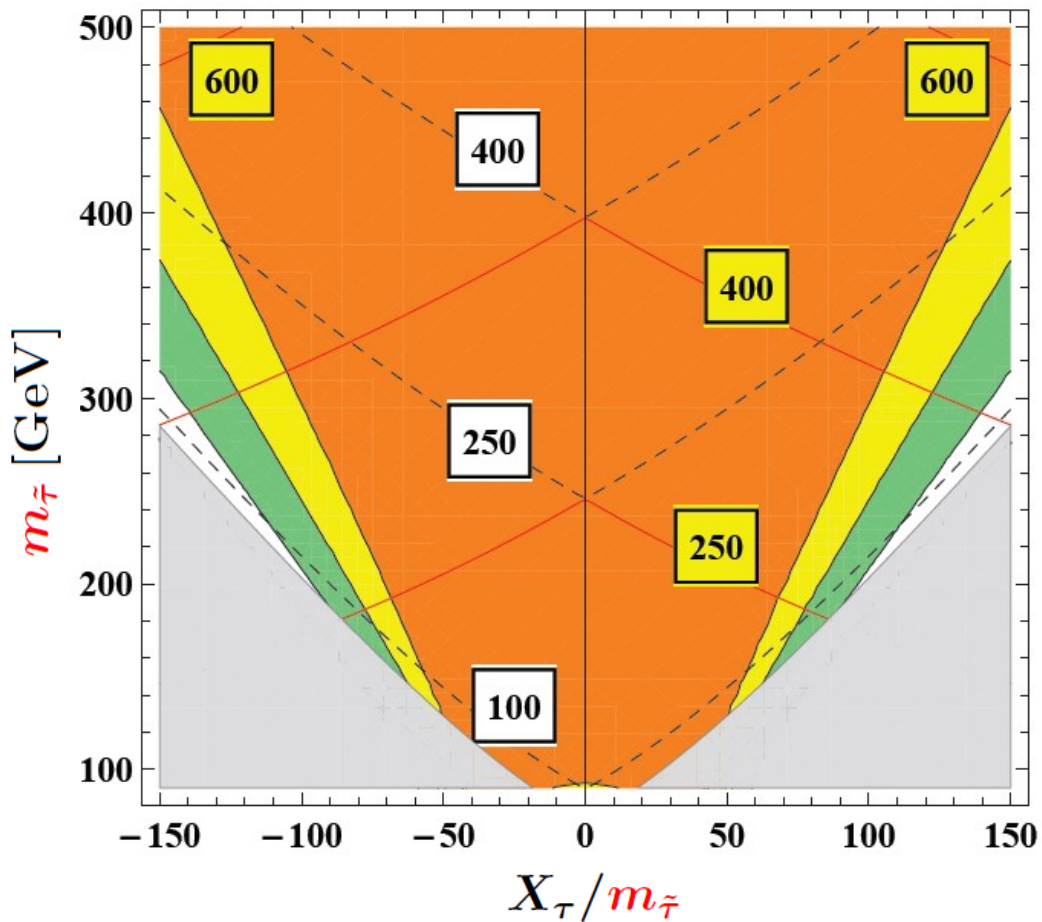
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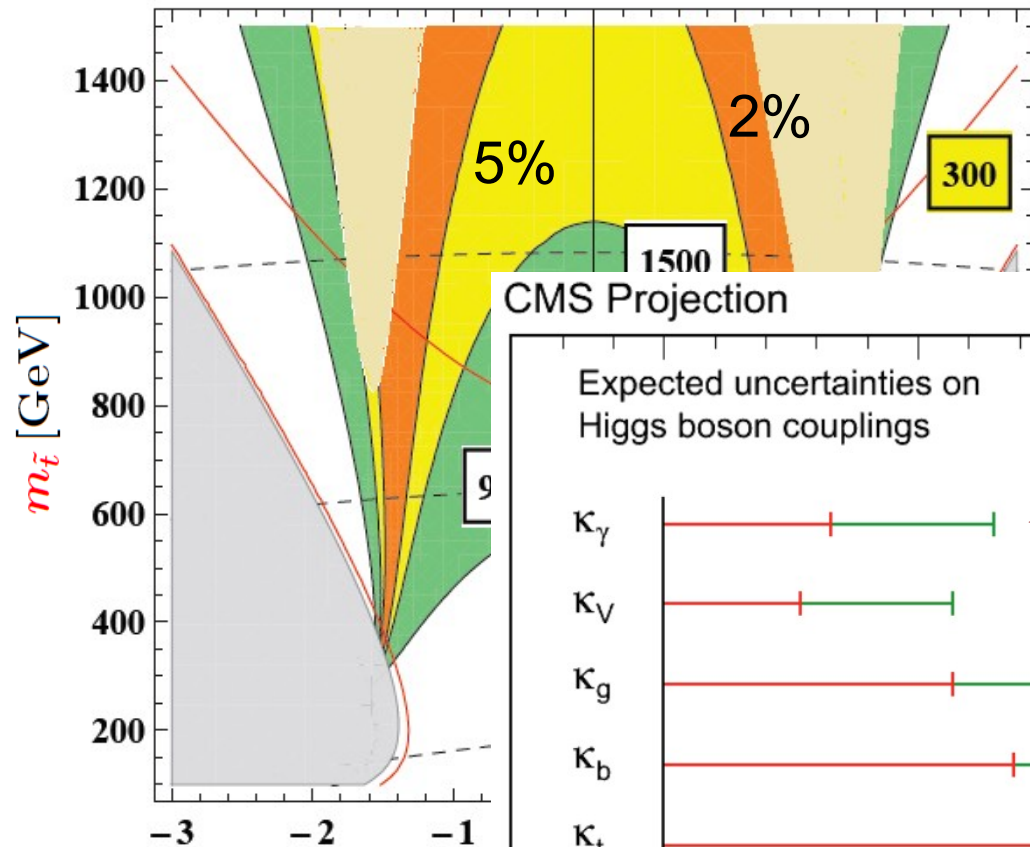


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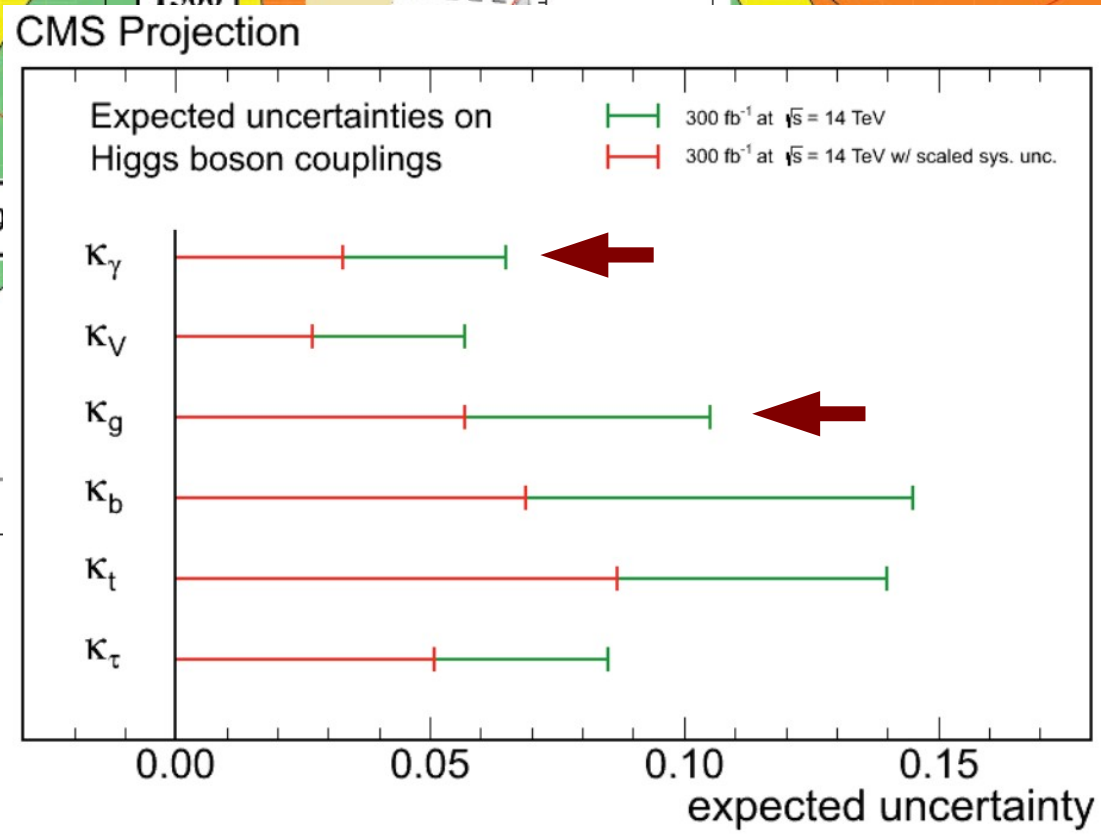
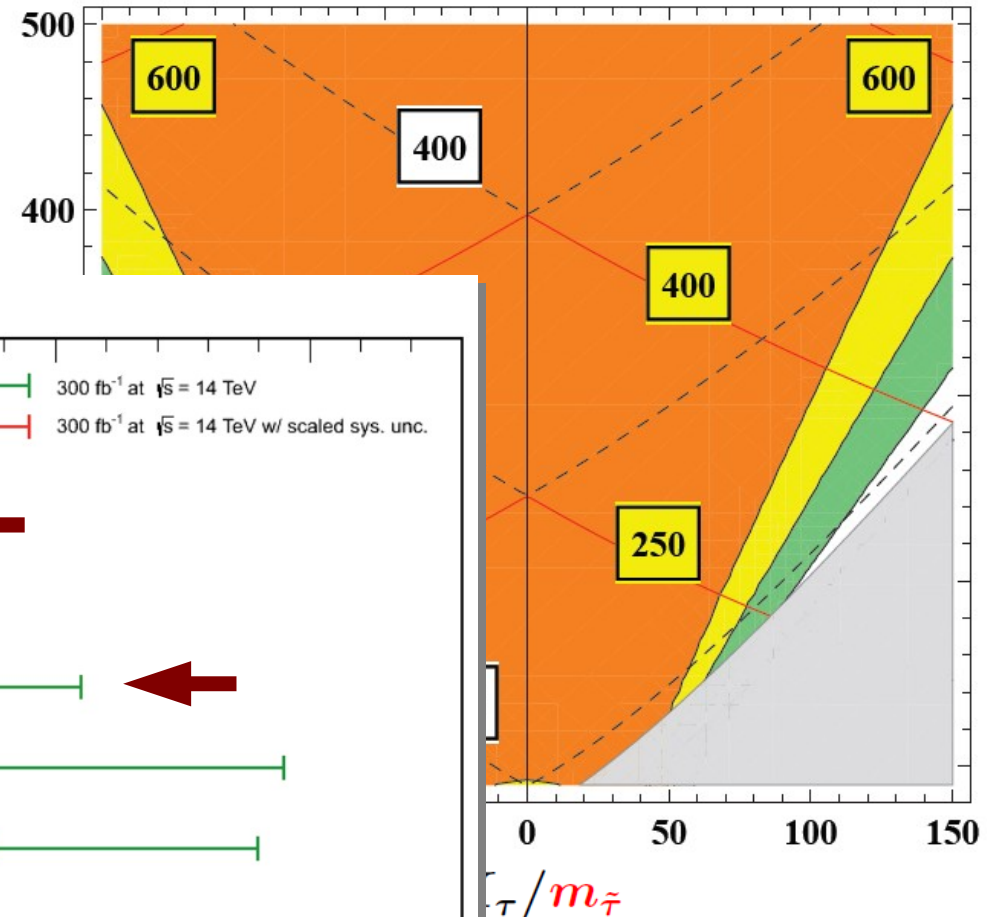
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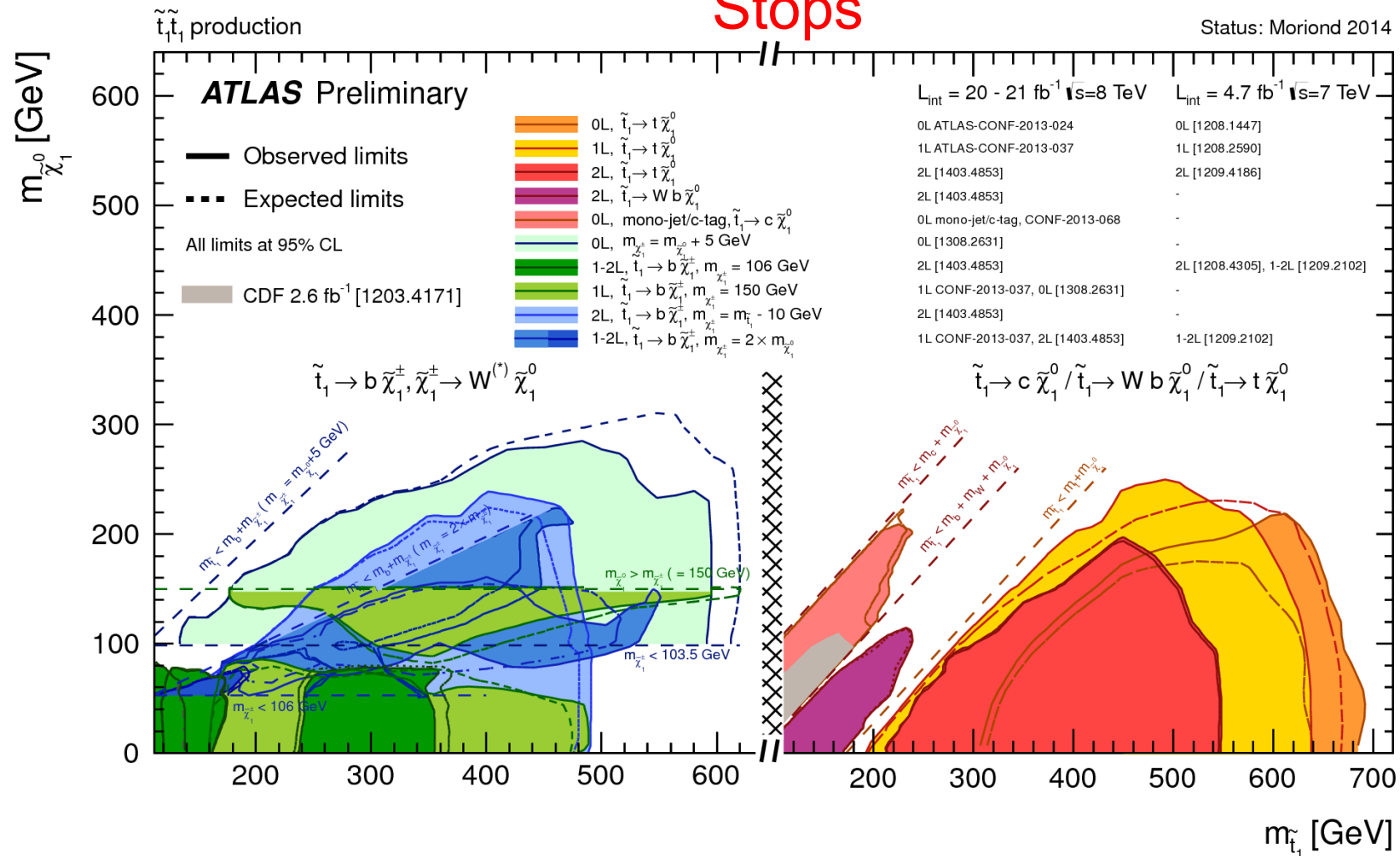
# Complementarity with direct searches

Measuring more and more precisely the coupling of the Higgs to gluons and photons gives us info on the Susy (stop/stau) spectrum

Complementarity with direct searches:

**Stops**

**Staus**



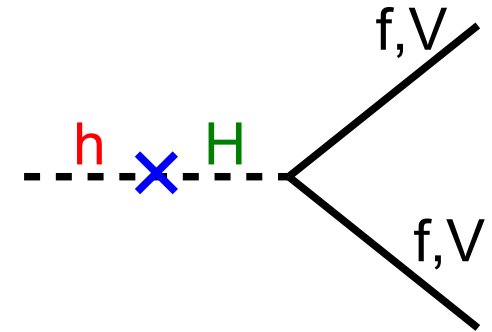
No bounds from direct searches of Drell-Yan produced staus

(if promptly decaying)

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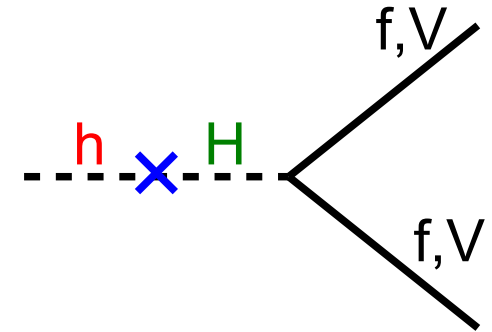
$$\xi_d^h \sim \xi_l^h \sim \frac{-\sin \alpha}{\cos \beta} \Rightarrow 1 - \frac{2m_Z^2}{m_H^2}$$

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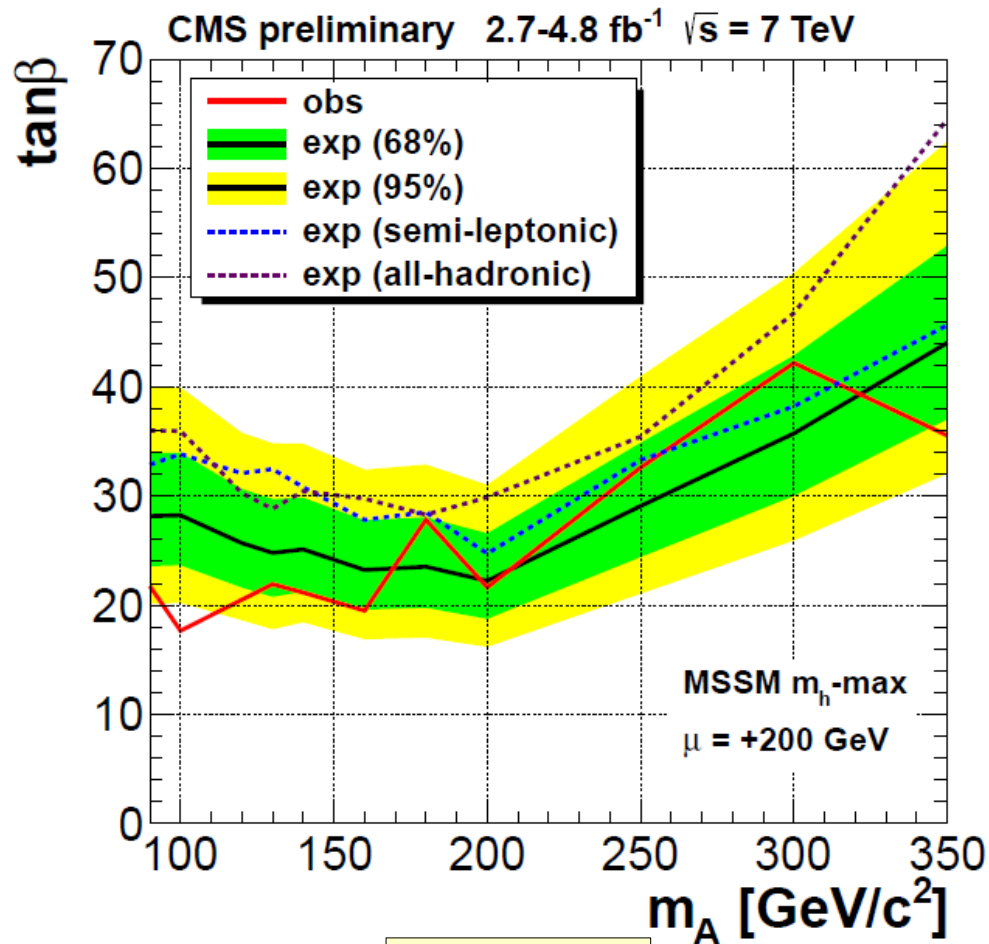
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The measurement of these couplings give information about the spectrum of the **additional Higgs bosons**

# Looking for additional Higgs bosons

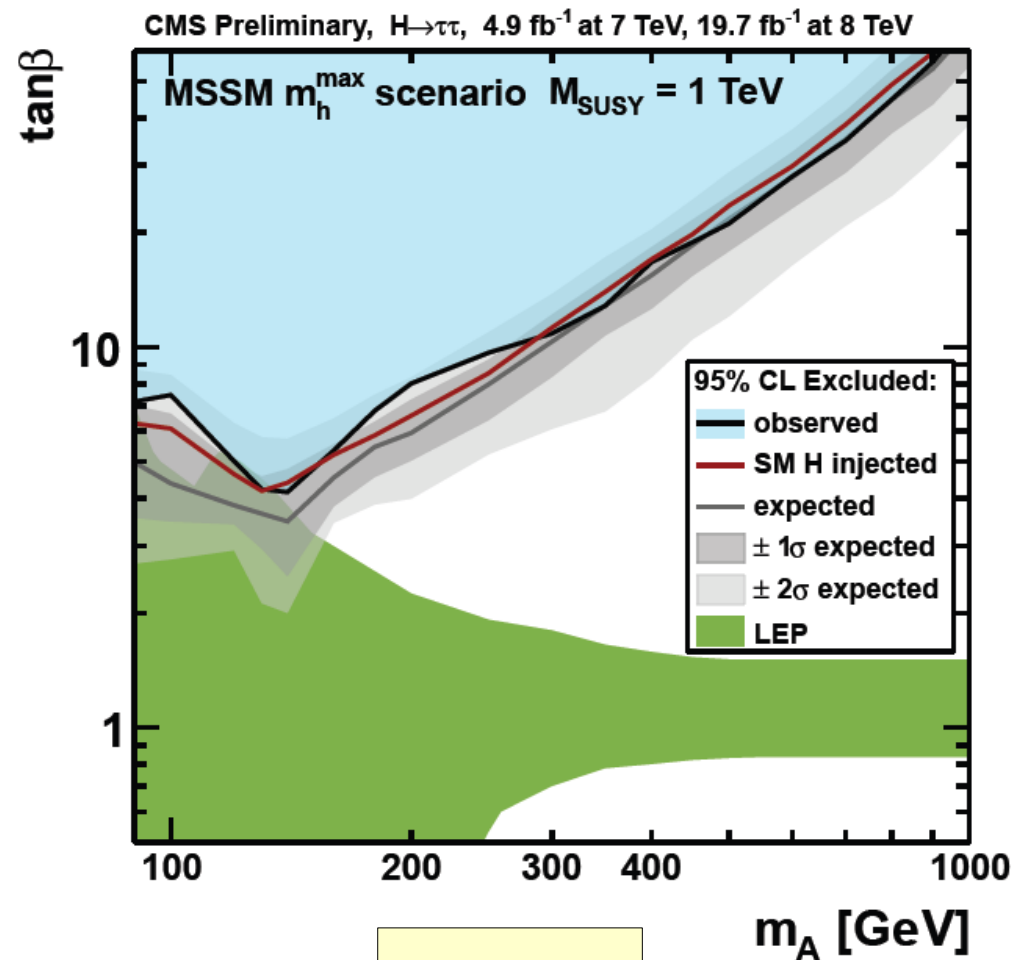
Complementarity with direct searches of additional Higgs bosons:

CMS-PAS-HIG-12-033



$H \rightarrow bb$

CMS-PAS-HIG-13-021



$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$



# Non-SM Higgs couplings: invisible Higgs

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Searches for an „invisible Higgs boson“ are already performed at ATLAS and CMS

- Higgs produced in **VBF**:  $\text{BR}(h \rightarrow \text{inv}) \leq 69\% (53\%)$   
CMS PAS HIG-13-013
- Higgs produced in association with a **leptonic Z**:  
 $\text{BR}(h \rightarrow \text{inv}) \leq 75\% (91\%)$  CMS PAS HIG-13-018  
 $\text{BR}(h \rightarrow \text{inv}) \leq 75\% (62\%)$  ATLAS 1402.3244
- Higgs produced in association with a **Z decaying to bottom quarks**:  
 $\text{BR}(h \rightarrow \text{inv}) \leq 1.82 (1.99)$  CMS PAS HIG-13-028

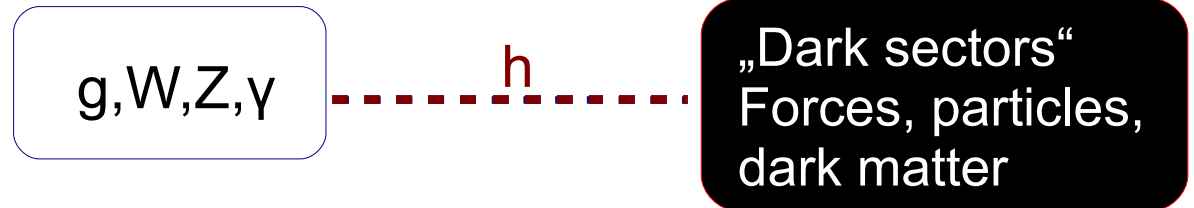
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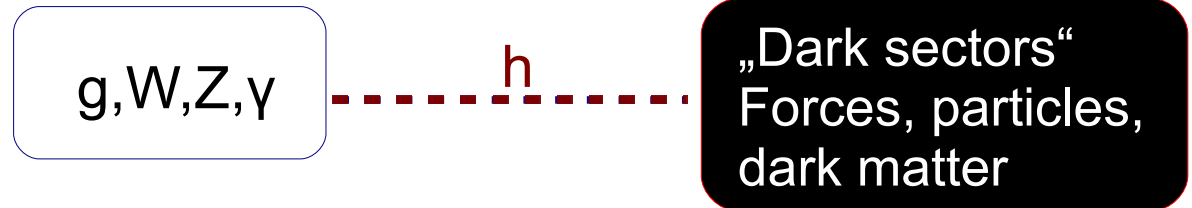
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## 3. Experimentally hidden if we do not look for them with dedicated searches

Projections for the 13 TeV LHC show that, with  $300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  data, we will not determine the width of the Higgs with an accuracy better than  $\sim 10\%$

**Exotic Decays of the 125 GeV Higgs Boson, 1312.4992**

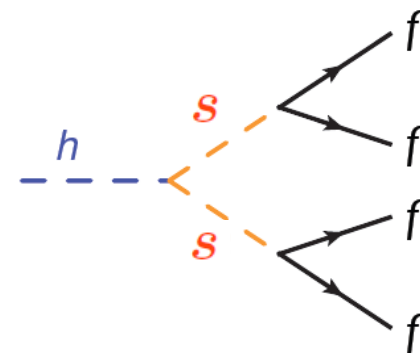
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J. Shelton, M. Strassler, Z. Surujon, B. Tweedie, Y-M. Zhong

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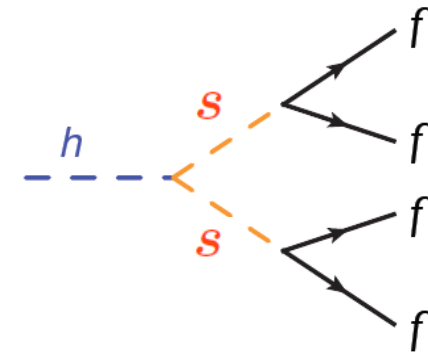


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(experiment)  
 $h \rightarrow 4b$

(theory)  
 $aa \rightarrow 4b$

Decay Mode $\mathcal{F}_i$	Projected/Current $2\sigma$ Limit on $\text{BR}(\mathcal{F}_i)$ 7/8 [14] TeV	Production Mode	quarks allowed		quarks suppressed	
			$\frac{\text{BR}(\mathcal{F}_i)}{\text{BR}(\text{non-SM})}$	Limit on $\frac{\sigma}{\sigma_{\text{SM}}} \cdot \text{BR}(\text{non-SM})$ 7/8 [14] TeV	$\frac{\text{BR}(\mathcal{F}_i)}{\text{BR}(\text{non-SM})}$	Limit on $\frac{\sigma}{\sigma_{\text{SM}}} \cdot \text{BR}(\text{non-SM})$ 7/8 [14] TeV
$b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$	$0.7^R [0.2^L]$	$W$	0.8	0.9 [0.2]	0	—
$b\bar{b}\tau\tau$	$> 1 [0.15^L]$	$V$	0.1	$> 1 [1]$	0	—
$b\bar{b}\mu\mu$	$(2 - 7) \cdot 10^{-4} T$ $[(0.6 - 2) \cdot 10^{-4} T]$	$G$	$3 \times 10^{-4}$	0.6 - 1 [0.2 - 0.7]	0	—
$\tau\tau\tau\tau$	$0.2 - 0.4^R [U]$	$G$	0.005	40 - 80 [U]	1	0.2 - 0.4 [U]
$\tau\tau\mu\mu$	$(3 - 7) \cdot 10^{-4} T [U]$	$G$	$3 \times 10^{-5}$	10 - 20 [U]	0.007	0.04 - 0.1 [U]
$\mu\mu\mu\mu$	$1 \cdot 10^{-4} R [U]$	$G$	$1 \cdot 10^{-7}$	1000 [U]	$1 \cdot 10^{-5}$	10 [U]

# Conclusions & Outlook

## The Higgs is a unique laboratory to test New Physics

Not discussed in this talk,  
but of crucial importance:

**BSM  $\rightarrow$  Higgs**  
Exotic production modes

**Higgs & flavor**



**Higgs  $\rightarrow$  BSM**  
Exotic decay modes

**Higgs mass measurement**

**Higgs SM coupling measurement**  
(including those couplings that are very suppressed in the SM e.g.  $Z\gamma$ )

# Staus direct searches

At the LHC, direct searches for promptly decaying staus are difficult

- Strong production** {
  - ◆ Searches for **staus NLSP** produced from gluino & squark **cascade decays**. (GMSB models) At least one tau, jets and missing energy. [ATLAS-CONF-2013-026](#), [CMS-SUS-12-004](#)
- EW production** {
  - ◆ ATLAS: searches for **staus NLSP** produced from neutralino/chargino **cascade decays**. At least 2 taus and missing energy. [ATLAS-CONF-2013-028](#)
  - ◆ **Multilepton searches**. 2 or more leptons and missing energy. [ATLAS-CONF-2013-049](#), [ATLAS-CONF-2013-035](#), [ATLAS-CONF-2013-036](#), [CMS-PAS-SUS-13-002](#), [CMS-PAS-SUS-13-006](#).

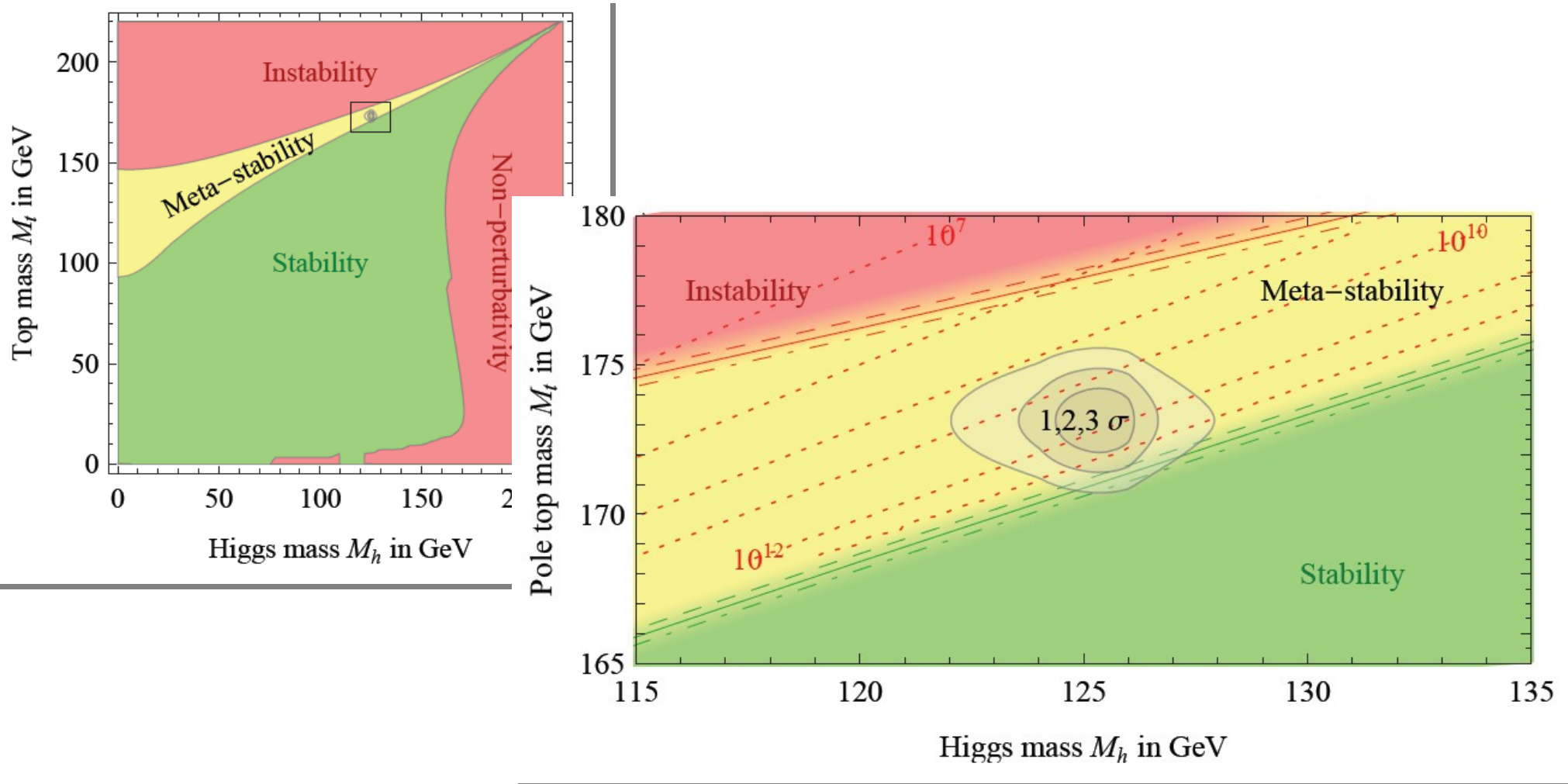
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# Vacuum stability in the SM

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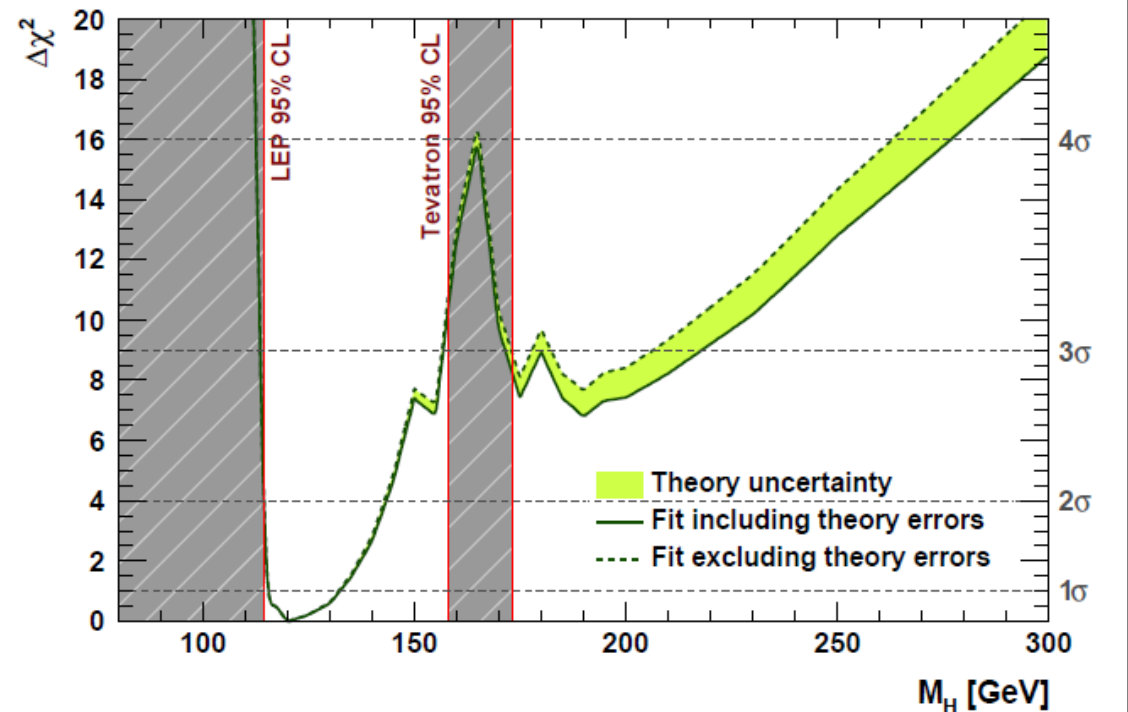
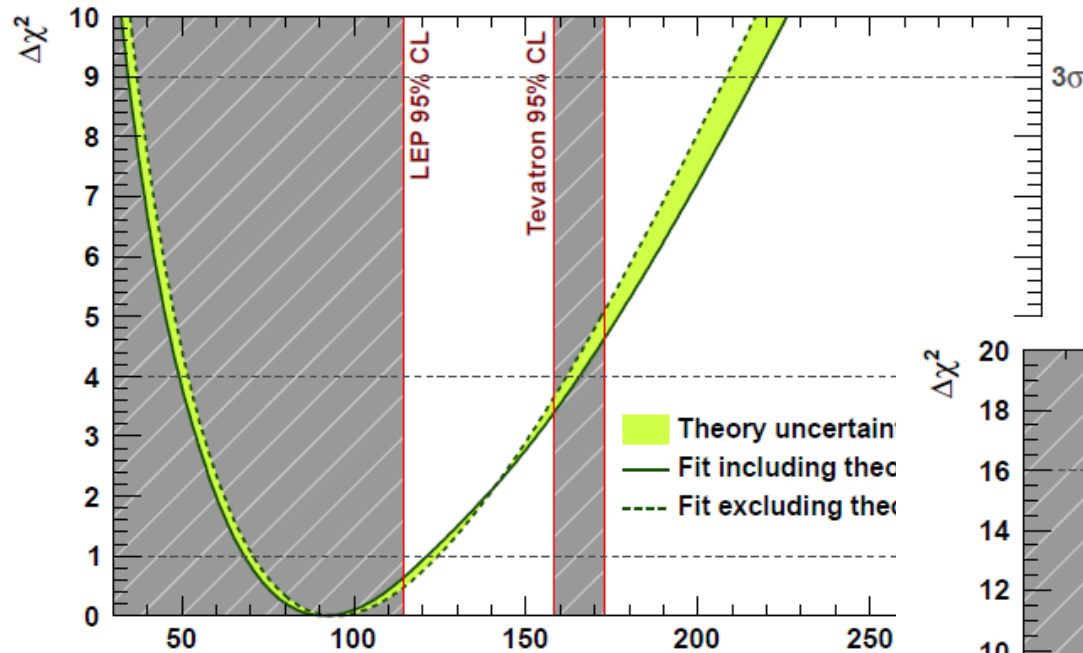
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We live in a metastable minimum

# The mass of the Higgs

A mass that one could have expected?



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