High-Energy Physics Phenomenology

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Plan of the Lectures

- The Standard Model and issues beyond it
- Origin of particle masses: Higgs boson or?
- Supersymmetry
- Searches for supersymmetry
- Neutrinos and Grand Unification
- Extra dimensions and string theory
- The LHC start-up

Beyond the Standard Model for Montañeros

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Summary of the Standard Model

- Particles and SU(3) × SU(2) × U(1) quantum numbers:

L_L	$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ e^- \end{pmatrix}_L , \begin{pmatrix} \nu_\mu \\ \mu^- \end{pmatrix}_L , \begin{pmatrix} \nu_\tau \\ \tau^- \end{pmatrix}_L$	$(\mathbf{1},\mathbf{2},\text{-}1)$
E_R	$e^-_R , \mu^-_R , \tau^-_R$	$(\mathbf{1},\mathbf{1},\text{-}2)$
Q_L	$\begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \end{pmatrix}_L , \begin{pmatrix} c \\ s \end{pmatrix}_L , \begin{pmatrix} t \\ b \end{pmatrix}_L$	$(\mathbf{3},\mathbf{2},+1/3)$
U_R	u_R , c_R , t_R	$(\mathbf{3},\mathbf{1},+4/3)$
D_R	d_R , s_R , b_R	$(\mathbf{3},\mathbf{1},\text{-}2/3)$

- Lagrangian:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} &= -\frac{1}{4} F^a_{\mu\nu} F^{a\ \mu\nu} && \text{gauge interactions} \\ &+ i\bar{\psi}\, \not{D} \psi + h.c. && \text{matter fermions} \\ &+ \psi_i y_{ij} \psi_j \phi + h.c. && \text{Yukawa interactions} \\ &+ |D_\mu \phi|^2 - V(\phi) && \text{Higgs potential} \end{aligned}$$

Gauge Interactions of the Standard Model

- Three separate gauge group factors:
  - $SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)$
  - Strong × electroweak
- Three different gauge couplings:
  - g_3, g_2, g'
- Mixing between the SU(2) and U(1) factors:

$$\begin{pmatrix} Z^\mu \\ A^\mu \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta_W) & \sin(\theta_W) \\ -\sin(\theta_W) & \cos(\theta_W) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} W_3^\mu \\ B^\mu \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sin^2(\theta_W) = \frac{g'^2}{g'^2 + g^2}$$

- Experimental value: $\sin^2\theta_W = 0.23120 \pm 0.00015$

Important clue for Grand Unification

Weak Interactions

- Interactions of lepton doublets: $L = \begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ e^- \end{pmatrix}_L$
- Charged-current interactions:

$$\mathcal{L}_{cc} = \frac{-g}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{\alpha=e,\mu,\tau} \nu_{L\alpha} \gamma_\mu l_{L\alpha} W^\mu \ + \ h.c.$$

- Neutral-current interactions:

$$\mathcal{L}_{nc} = \frac{-g}{2\cos\theta_W} \sum_{\alpha=e,\mu,\tau} \nu_{L\alpha} \gamma_\mu l_{L\alpha} Z^\mu \ + \ h.c$$

- Mixing between quark flavours:

$$\begin{pmatrix} d' \\ s' \\ b' \end{pmatrix} = V_{CKM} \begin{pmatrix} d \\ s \\ b \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} V_{ud} & V_{us} & V_{ub} \\ V_{cd} & V_{cs} & V_{cb} \\ V_{td} & V_{ts} & V_{tb} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} d \\ s \\ b \end{pmatrix}$$

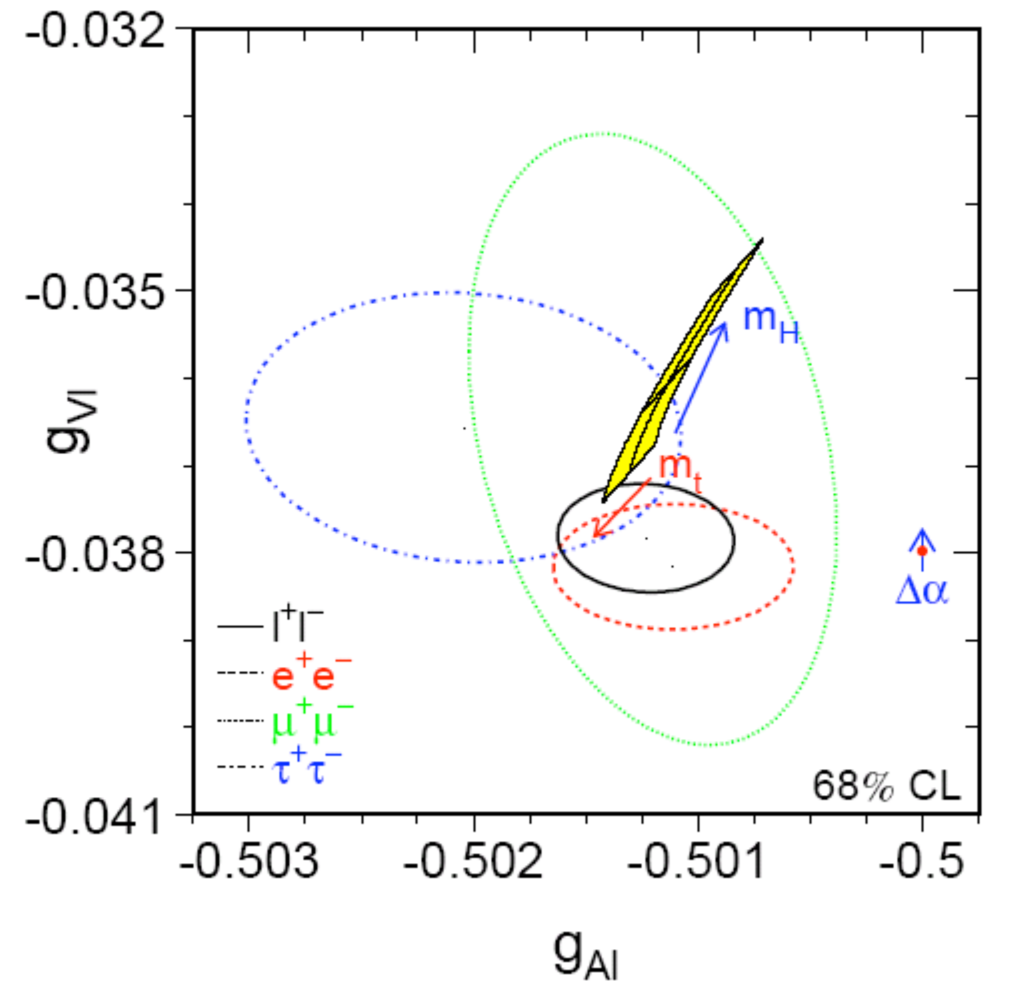
Status of the Standard Model

- Perfect agreement with all *confirmed* accelerator data
- Consistency with precision electroweak data (LEP et al) *only if there is a Higgs boson*
- Agreement seems to require *a relatively light Higgs boson* weighing *< ~ 180 GeV*
- Raises many unanswered questions:

mass? flavour? unification?

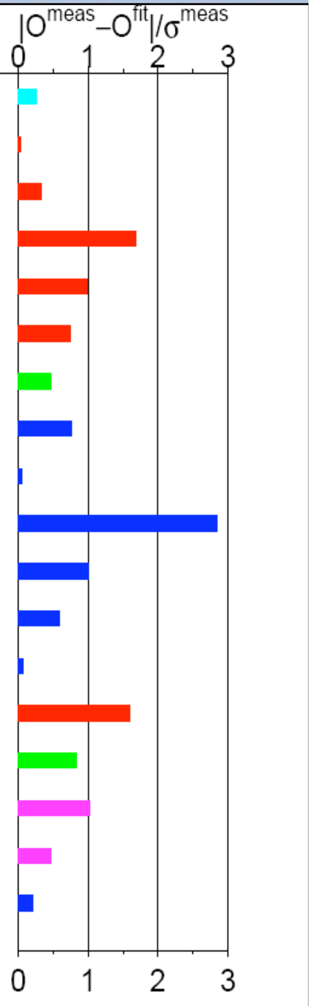
Precision Tests of the Standard Model

Lepton couplings



Pulls in global fit

	Measurement	Fit
$\Delta\alpha^{(5)}_{had}(m_Z)$	0.02758 ± 0.00035	0.02767
m_Z [GeV]	91.1875 ± 0.0021	91.1874
Γ_Z [GeV]	2.4952 ± 0.0023	2.4959
σ^0_{had} [nb]	41.540 ± 0.037	41.478
R_l	20.767 ± 0.025	20.742
$A^{0,l}_{fb}$	0.01714 ± 0.00095	0.01643
$A_l(P_\tau)$	0.1465 ± 0.0032	0.1480
R_b	0.21629 ± 0.00066	0.21579
R_c	0.1721 ± 0.0030	0.1723
$A^{0,b}_{fb}$	0.0992 ± 0.0016	0.1038
$A^{0,c}_{fb}$	0.0707 ± 0.0035	0.0742
A_b	0.923 ± 0.020	0.935
A_c	0.670 ± 0.027	0.668
A_l(SLD)	0.1513 ± 0.0021	0.1480
$\sin^2\theta^{lept}_{eff}(Q_{fb})$	0.2324 ± 0.0012	0.2314
m_W [GeV]	80.410 ± 0.032	80.377
Γ_W [GeV]	2.123 ± 0.067	2.092
m_t [GeV]	172.7 ± 2.9	173.3



Parameters of the Standard Model

- Gauge sector:
  - 3 gauge couplings: g_3, g_2, g'
  - 1 strong CP-violating phase
- Yukawa interactions:
  - 3 charge-lepton masses
  - 6 quark masses
  - 4 CKM angles and phase
- Higgs sector:
  - 2 parameters: μ, λ
- **Total: 19 parameters**

Unification?

Flavour?

Mass?

Open Questions beyond the Standard Model

- What is the origin of particle masses?

  due to a Higgs boson? + other physics?

  solution at energy < 1 TeV (1000 GeV)

  Susy

- Why so many types of matter particles?

  matter-antimatter difference?

- Unification of the fundamental forces?

  at very high energy ~ 10^{16} GeV?

  probe directly via neutrino physics, indirectly via masses, couplings

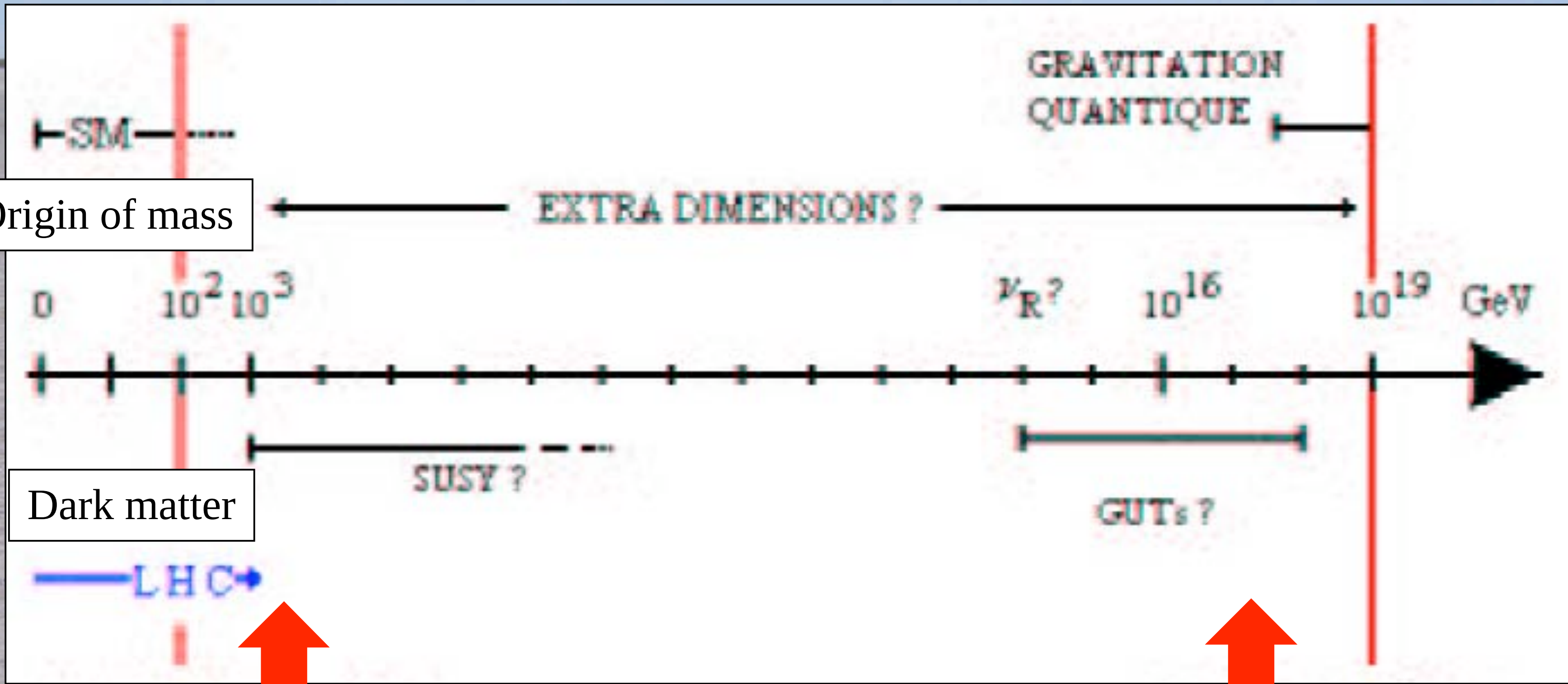
  Susy

- Quantum theory of gravity?

  (super)string theory: extra space-time dimensions?

  Susy

At what Energy is the New Physics?



Origin of mass

Dark matter

A lot accessible to the LHC

Some accessible only indirectly: Astrophysics & cosmology?

Why do Things Weigh?

Newton:

Weight proportional to Mass

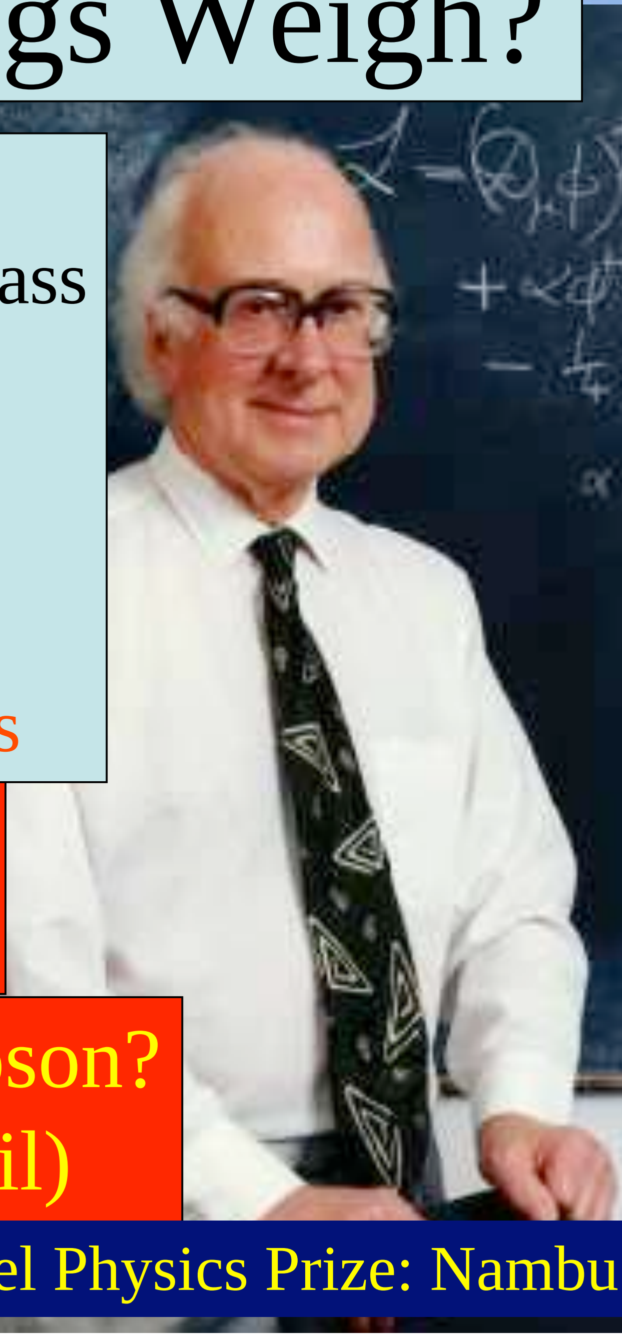
Einstein:

Energy related to Mass

Neither explained origin of Mass

Where do the masses come from?

Are masses due to Higgs boson?
(the physicists' Holy Grail)



2008 Nobel Physics Prize: Nambu

Illustration of the Higgs Idea

The excitation crosses the room = the Higgs boson

Think of a Snowfield

Skier moves fast:
Like particle without mass
e.g., photon = particle of light

Snowshoer sinks into snow,
moves slower:
Like particle with mass
e.g., electron

The LHC will look for the snowflake: The Higgs Boson

Hiker sinks deep,
moves very slowly:
Particle with large mass

The Higgs Mechanism

- Postulated effective Higgs potential:

$$V[\phi] = -\mu^2 \phi^\dagger \phi + \lambda (\phi^\dagger \phi)^2$$

- Minimum energy at non-zero value:

$$\phi_0 = < 0|\phi|0 > = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ +v \end{pmatrix} \quad v = \sqrt{\frac{-\mu^2}{\lambda}}$$

- Non-zero masses: $M_f = y_f \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}}$ $M_W = \frac{g\,v}{2}$
- Components of Higgs field: $\phi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(v + \sigma(x))e^{i\pi(x)}$
- π massless, σ massive: $m_H^2 = 2\mu^2 = 2\lambda v$

Masses for Gauge Bosons

- Kinetic terms for SU(2) and U(1) gauge bosons:

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}\, G^i_{\mu\nu} G^{i\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$$

  where $G^i_{\mu\nu} \equiv \partial_\mu W^i_\nu - \partial_\nu W^i_\mu + i g \epsilon_{ijk} W^j_\mu W^k_\nu$ $F_{\mu\nu} \equiv \partial_\mu W^i_\nu - \partial_\nu W^i_\mu$

- Kinetic term for Higgs field:

$$\mathcal{L}_\phi = -|D_\mu \phi|^2 \quad D_\mu \equiv \partial_\mu - i\, g\, \sigma_i\, W^i_\mu - i\, g'\, Y\, B_\mu$$

- Expanding around vacuum: $\phi = < 0|\phi|0 > + \hat{\phi}$

$$\mathcal{L}_\phi \ni -\frac{g^2 v^2}{2}\; W^+_\mu\, W^{\mu -} - g'^2\, \frac{v^2}{2}\, B_\mu\, B^\mu + g\, g' v^2\, B_\mu\, W^{\mu 3} - g^2\, \frac{v^2}{2}\, W^3_\mu\, W^{\mu 3}$$

- Boson masses:

$$m_{W^\pm} = \frac{gv}{2}$$

$$Z_\mu = \frac{g W^3_\mu - g' B_\mu}{\sqrt{g^2 + g'^2}} \;:\; m_Z = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{g^2 + g'^2}\, v \;;\; A_\mu = \frac{g' W^3_\mu + g B_\mu}{\sqrt{g^2 + g'^2}} \;:\; m_A = 0$$

Constraints on Higgs Mass

- Electroweak observables sensitive via quantum loop corrections: $m_W^2 \sin^2\theta_W = m_Z^2 \cos^2\theta_W \sin^2\theta_W = \frac{\pi\alpha}{\sqrt{2}\mathrm{G}_F}(1+\Delta r)$
- Sensitivity to top, Higgs masses:

$$\frac{3\mathrm{G}_F}{8\pi^2\sqrt{2}} m_t^2 \qquad \frac{\sqrt{2}\mathrm{G}_F}{16\pi^2} m_W^2 \left(\frac{11}{3} \ln \frac{M_H^2}{m_Z^2} + \ldots\right),\ M_H >> m_W$$

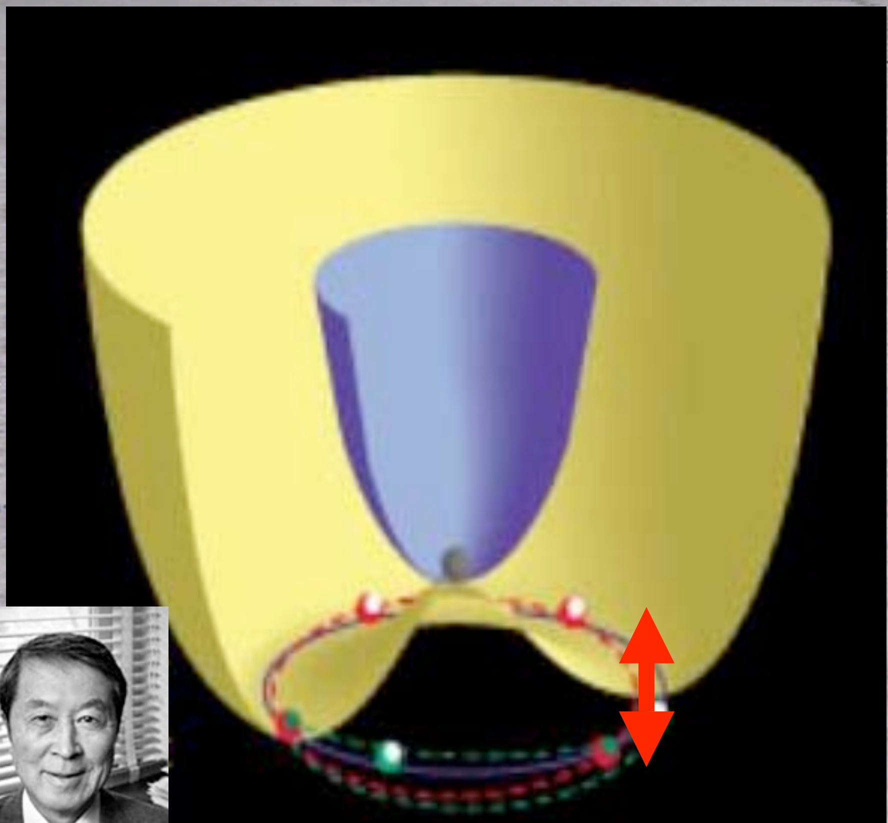
- Preferred Higgs mass: **$m_H \sim 80 \pm 30$ GeV**
- Compare with lower limit from direct searches:

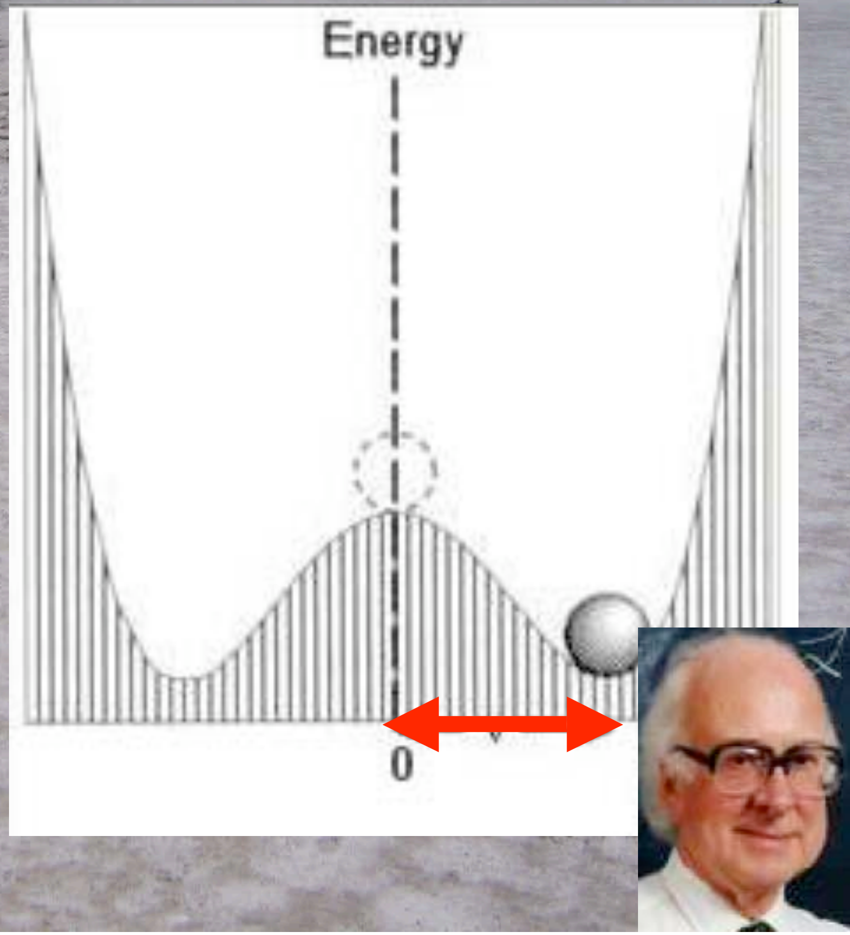
  $m_H > 114$ GeV

- No conflict!

Nambu and Higgs

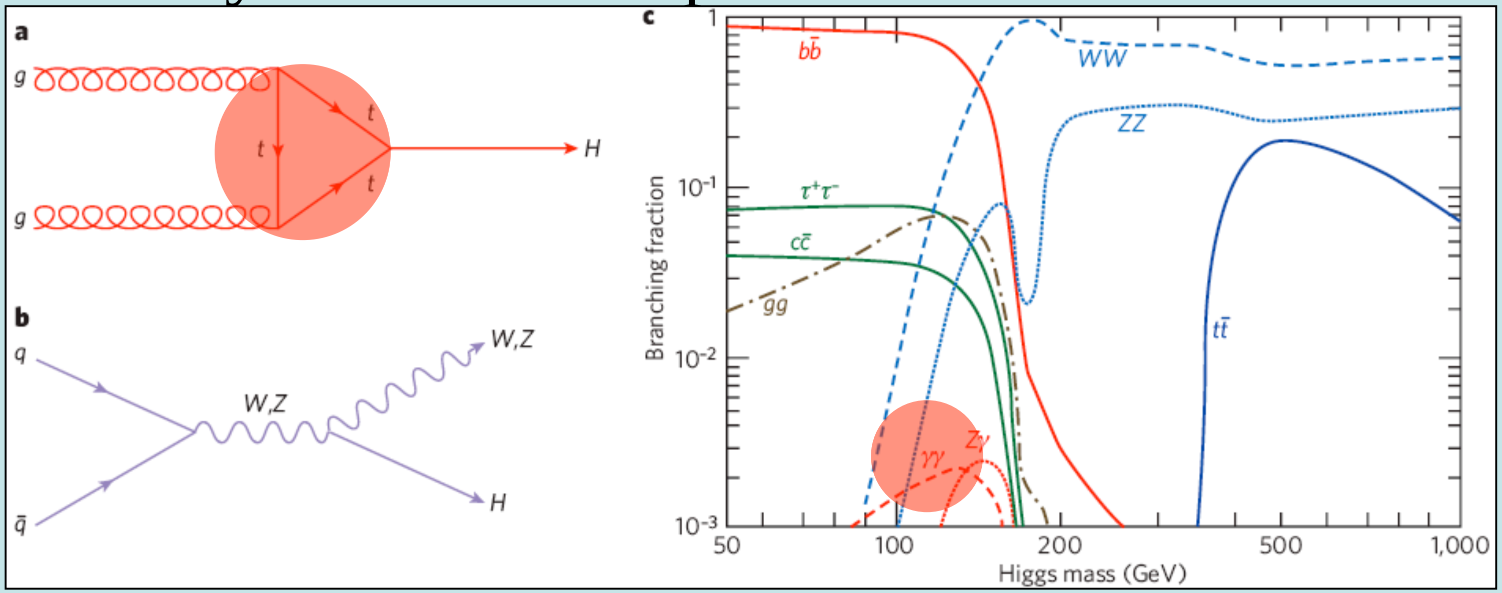
Spontaneous breaking of symmetry





Higgs Decay Branching Ratios

- Couplings proportional to mass:
  - Decays into heavier particles favoured



- But: important couplings through loops:
  - gluon + gluon → Higgs → γγ

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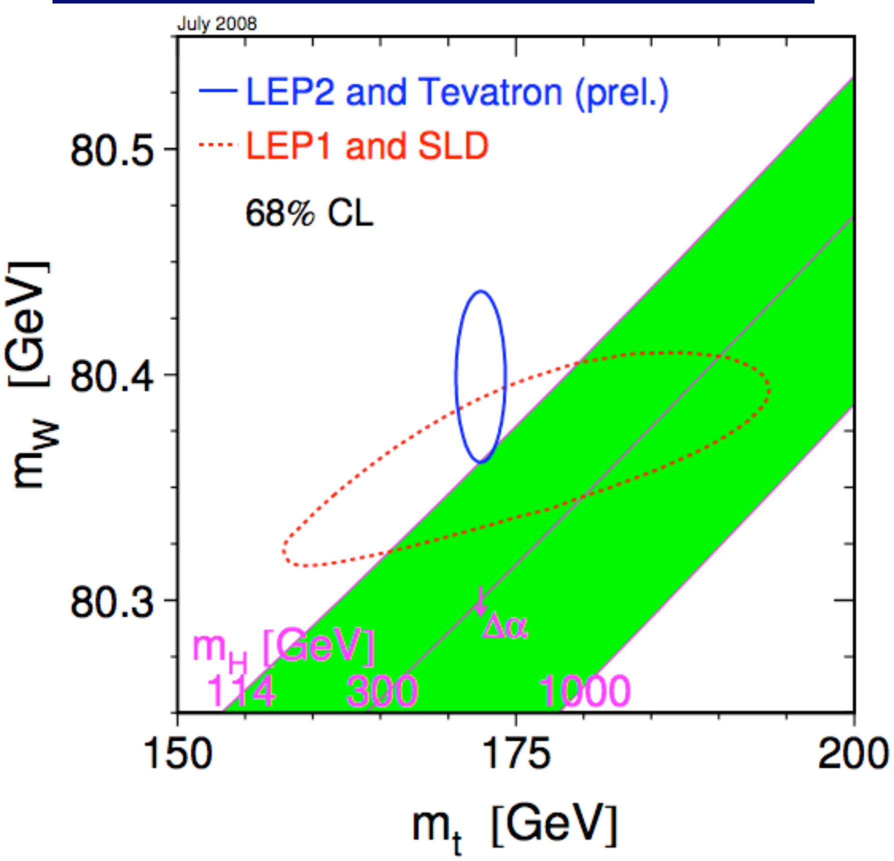
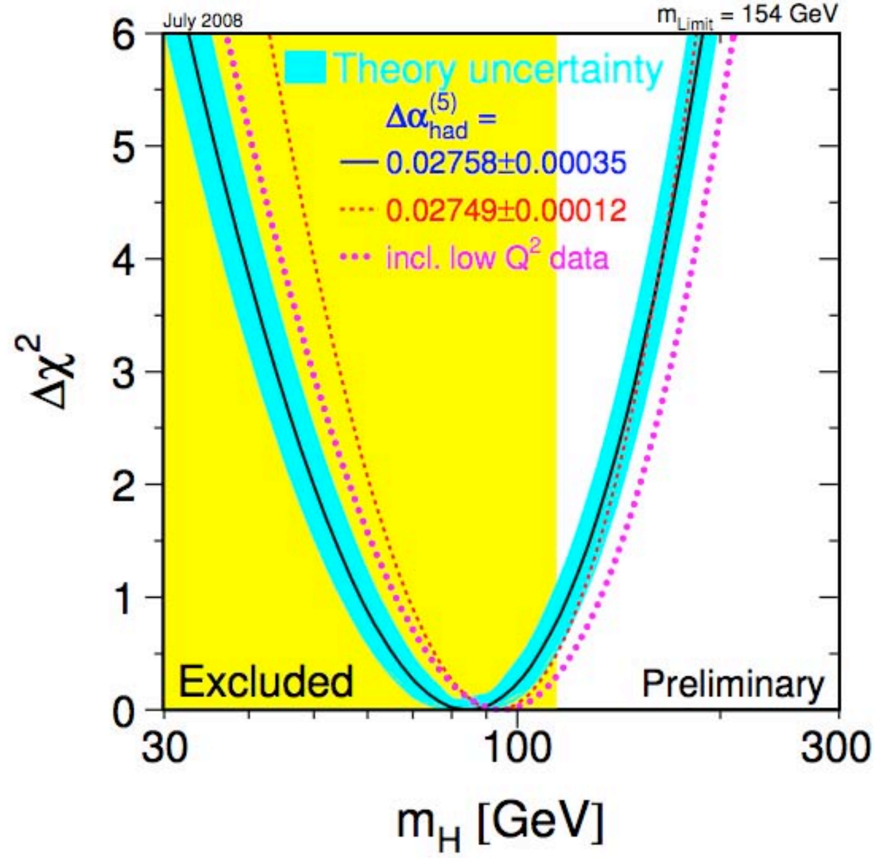
Indications on the Higgs Mass

Sample observable:
W mass @ LEP & Tevatron



Combined information
on Higgs mass



The State of the Higgs: November 2009

- Direct search limit from LEP:

  $m_H > 114.4$ GeV

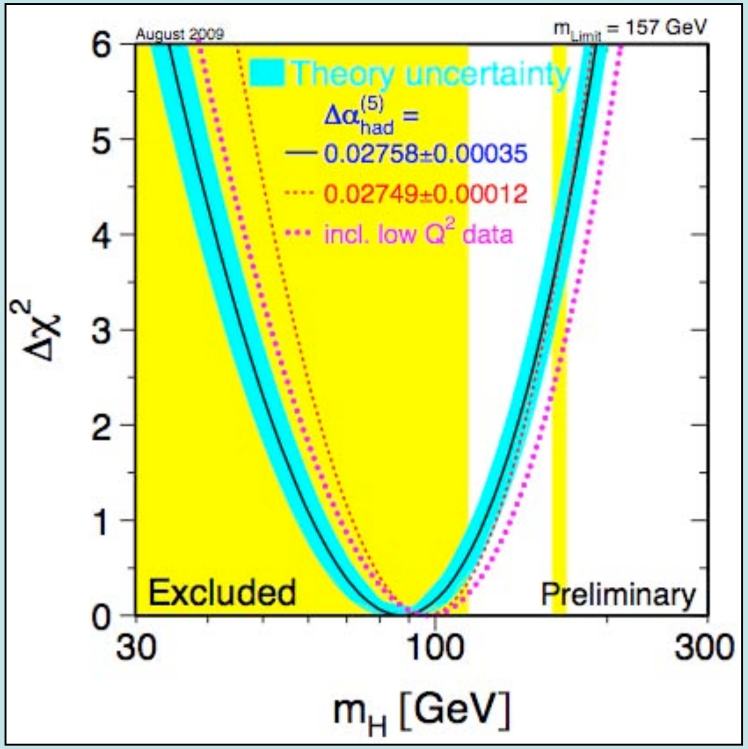
- Electroweak fit sensitive to m_t

  (Now $m_t = 173.1 \pm 1.3$ GeV)

- Best-fit value for Higgs mass:

  $m_H = 89^{+35}_{-26}$ GeV

- 95% confidence-level upper limit:

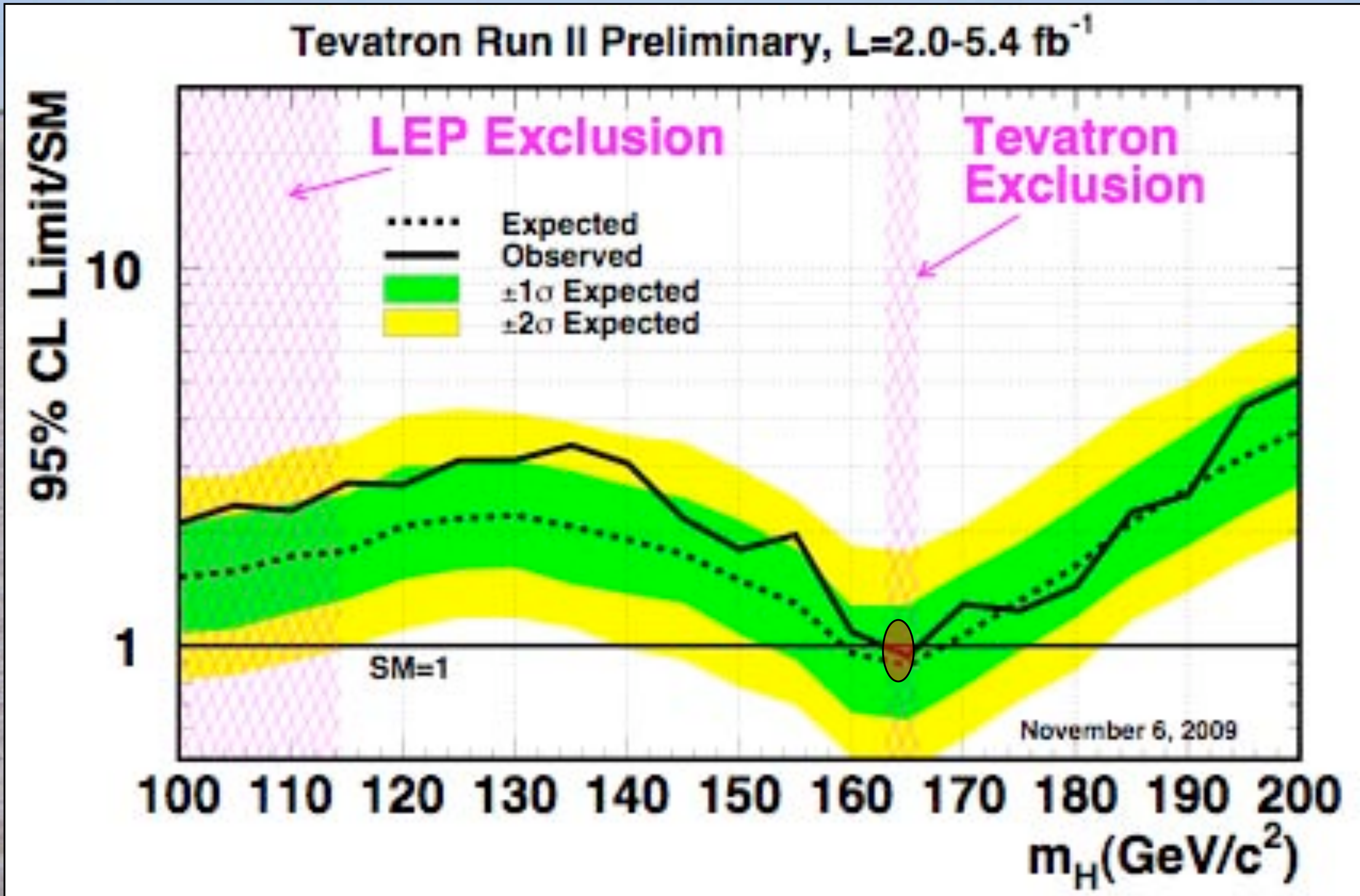


  $m_H < 157$ GeV, or 186 GeV including direct limit

- Tevatron exclusion:

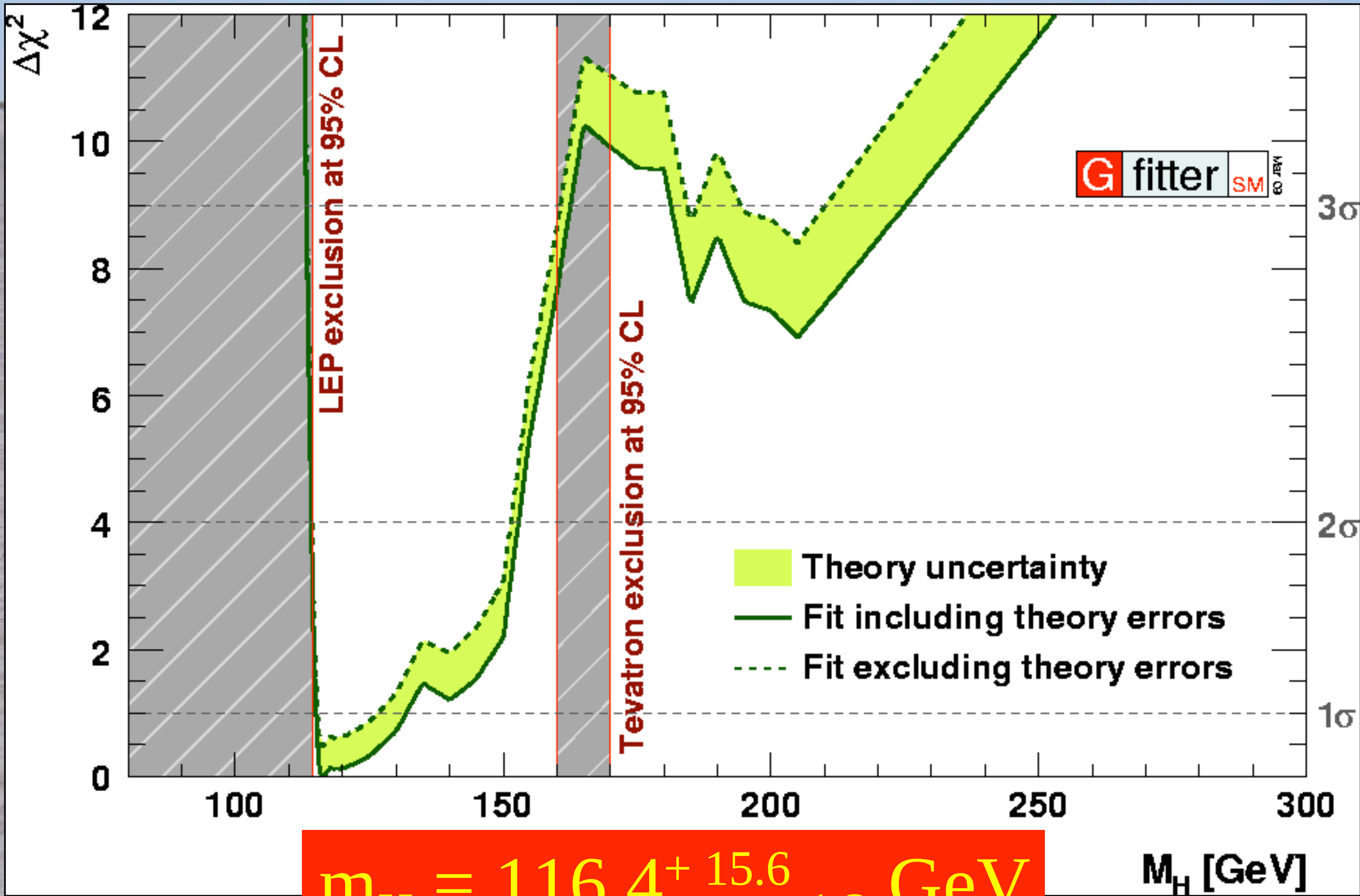
  $m_H < 163$ GeV or > 166 GeV

Higgs Search @ Tevatron



Tevatron excludes Higgs between 163 & 166 GeV

Combining the Higgs Information



$m_H = 116.4^{+15.6}_{-1.3}$ GeV