

Title: The Higgs as a portal to New Physics

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Abstract: <p>The discovery of the Higgs boson at the Large Hadron Collider marks the culmination of a decades-long hunt for the last ingredient of the Standard Model. At the same time, this discovery has started a new era in the search for more fundamental physics. In this talk, I will discuss what we have learned from the Higgs discovery about the mechanism of electroweak symmetry breaking and the implications for the existence of additional Higgs bosons. I will then highlight the future prospects of the Higgs boson in shedding light on New Physics and in particular on the nature of Dark Matter.</p>

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The first elementary particle discovery of 21st century



CERN, July 4th 2012, ~11am

After ~30 years of experimental searches
(LEP, SLC, Tevatron, LHC)

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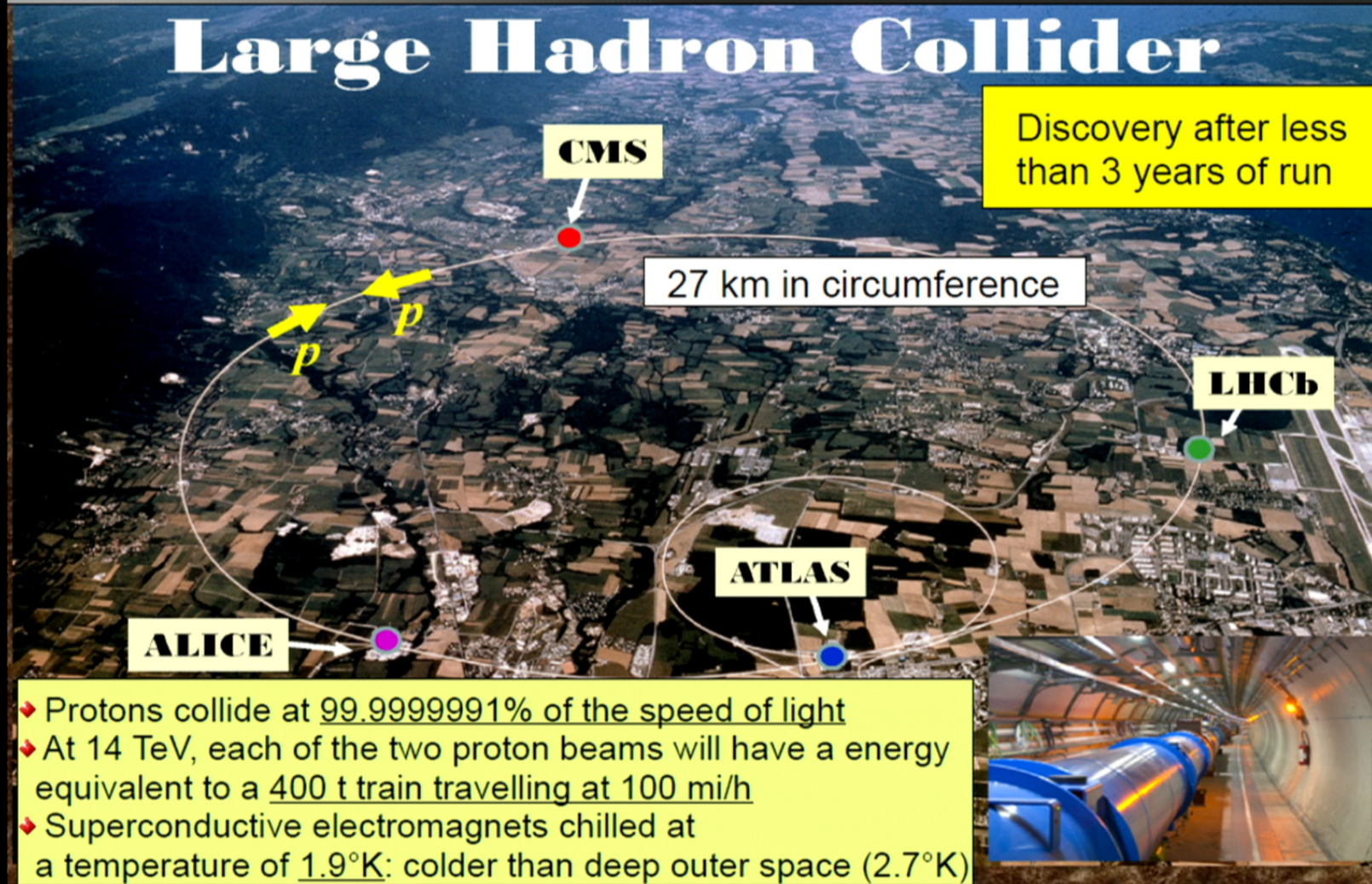
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~6000 experimentalists involved

What lead to the discovery?

Large Hadron Collider



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Still many big questions in particle physics

♦ Particle content of the Standard Model



PART I.

♦ Hierarchy problem



♦ Dark matter



♦ Flavor problem



♦ Matter-antimatter
asymmetry



♦ Neutrino masses

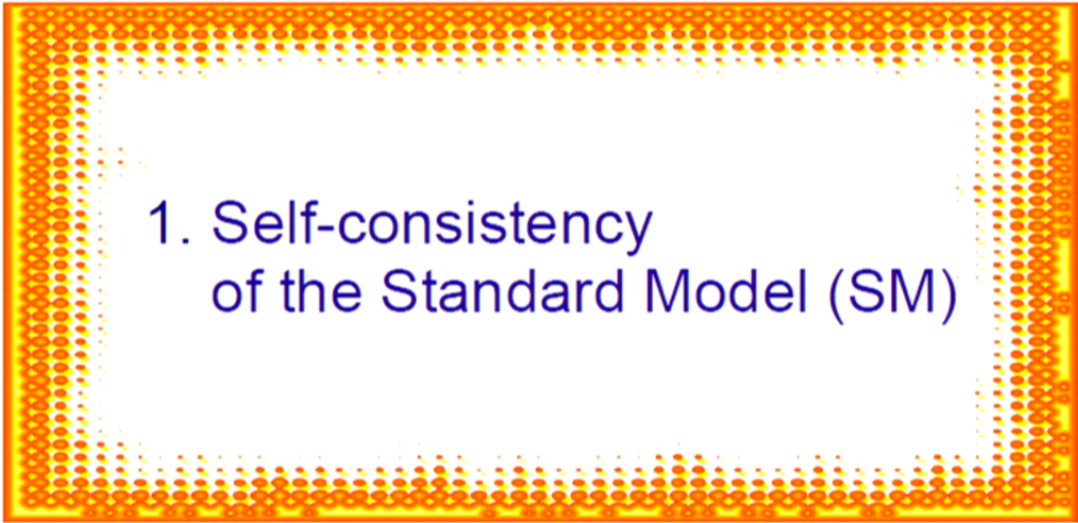


♦ Dark energy



♦ ...

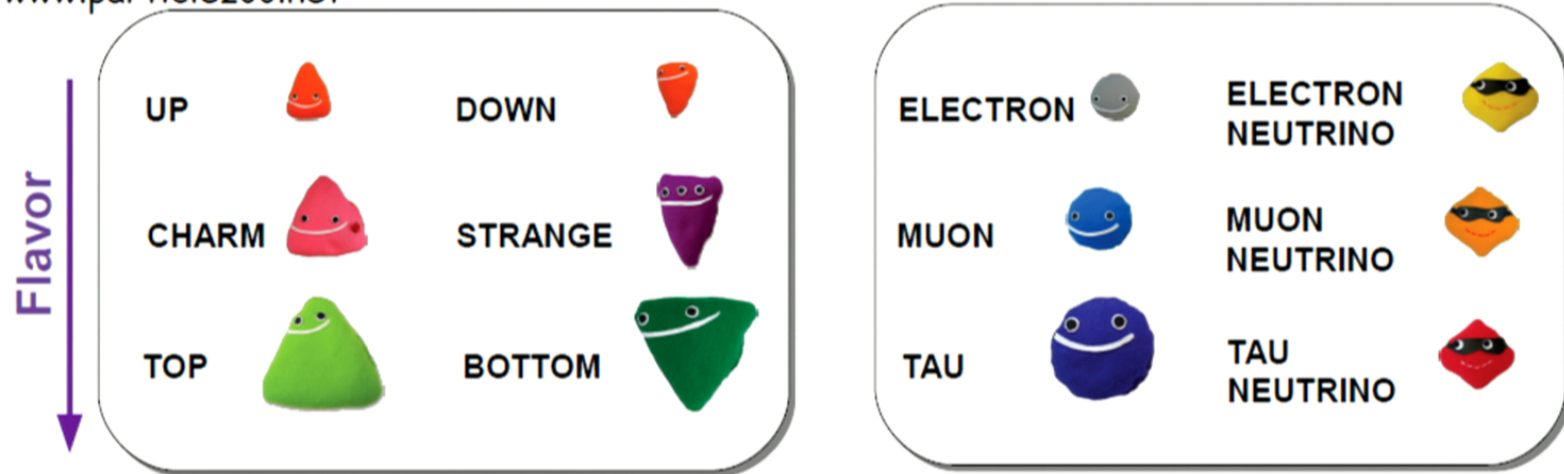
PART I



1. Self-consistency of the Standard Model (SM)

The Standard Model particles (pre 2012)

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Quarks

Leptons

Gauge bosons



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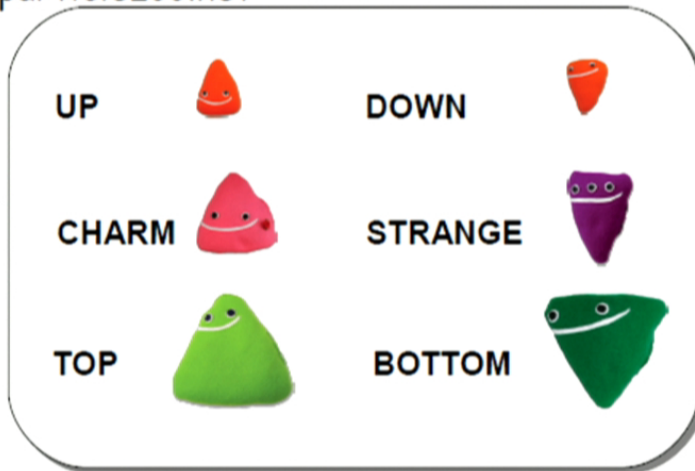
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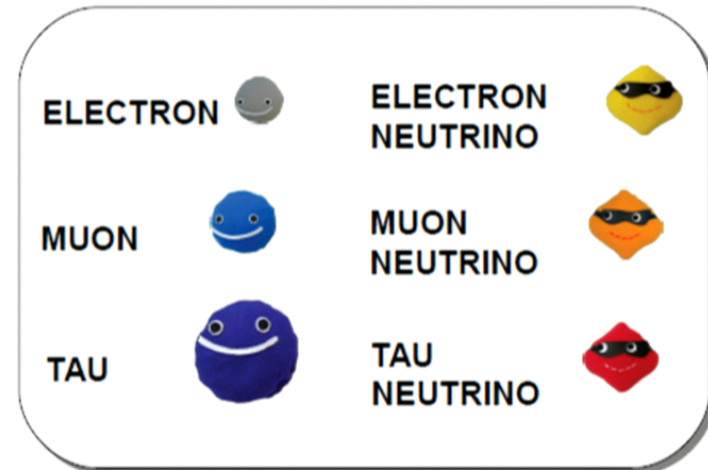
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Testing the Electroweak Theory



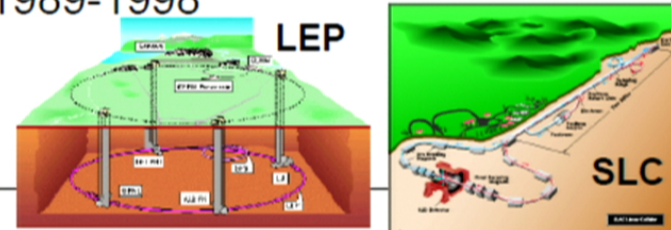
Discovery

- ♦ Hint for the existence of the Z boson at Gargamelle bubble chamber, at CERN in 1973.
- ♦ Discovery of Z and W bosons at Super Proton Synchrotron, at CERN in 1983.

Precision measurements

- Z boson properties at the
- ♦ Large Electron–Positron Collider at CERN in 1989–2000
- ♦ Stanford Linear Collider in 1989–1998

Experiments



Z properties depend on the Higgs mass

Standard Model Prediction

The Higgs mass in the Standard Model

A PHENOMENOLOGICAL PROFILE OF THE HIGGS BOSON

John Ellis, Mary K. Gaillard ^{*)} and D.V. Nanopoulos ⁺⁾

CERN -- Geneva

Nucl. Phys. B 106, 292 (1976)

We should perhaps finish with an apology and a caution. We apologize to experimentalists for having no idea what is the mass of the Higgs boson, unlike the case with charm ^{3),4)} and for not being sure of its couplings to other particles, except that they are probably all very small. For these reasons we do not want to encourage big experimental searches for the Higgs boson, but we do feel that people performing experiments vulnerable to the Higgs boson should know how it may turn up.

We need to measure the Higgs mass!

Higgs: not the easiest search

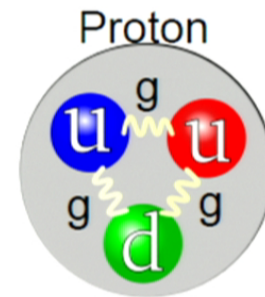
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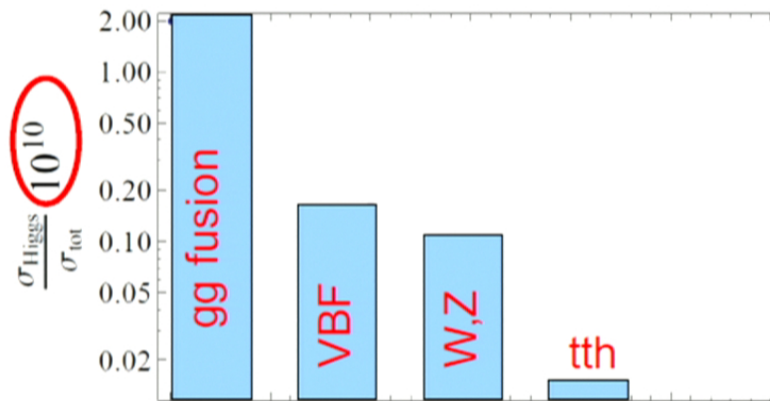
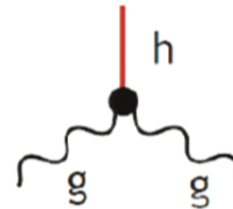
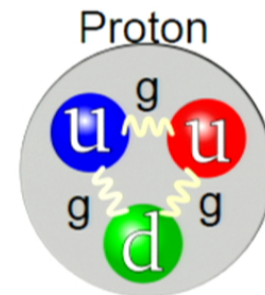
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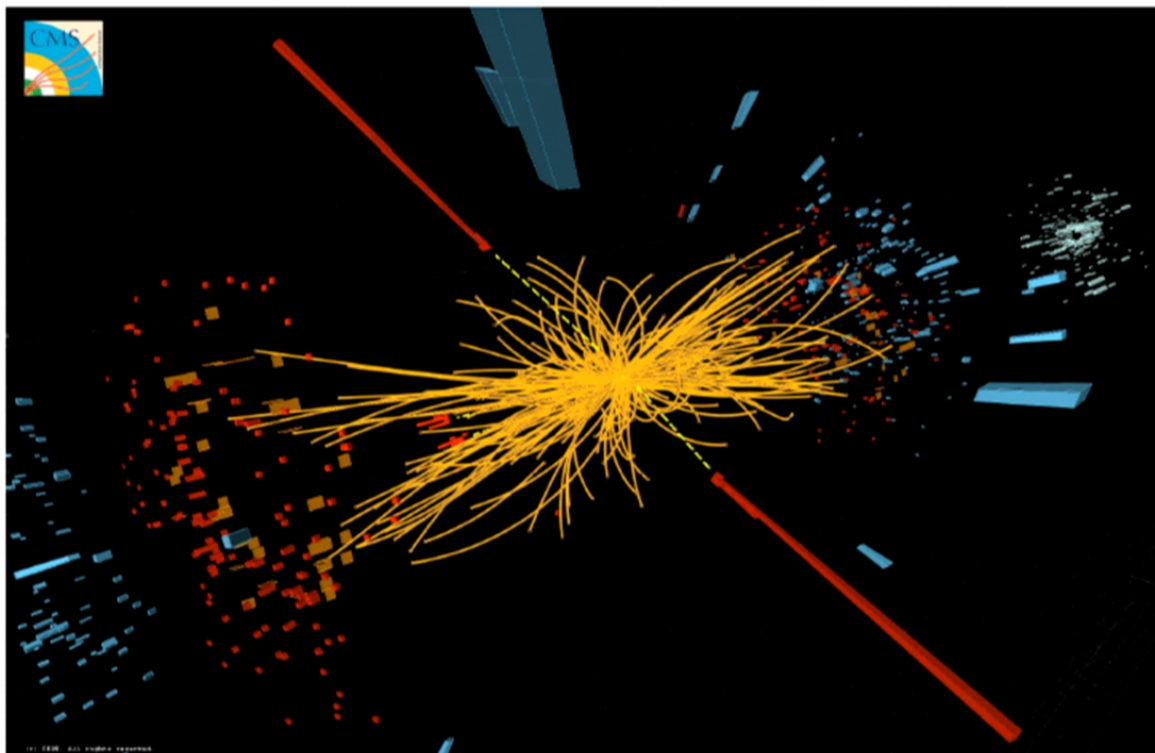
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Gluons can react through the higher-order **ggh** coupling to produce the Higgs boson.



What do we see?

The Higgs decays in 10^{-22} s



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Self-consistency!

Higgs mass
Z properties

If the Higgs is the one of the SM...

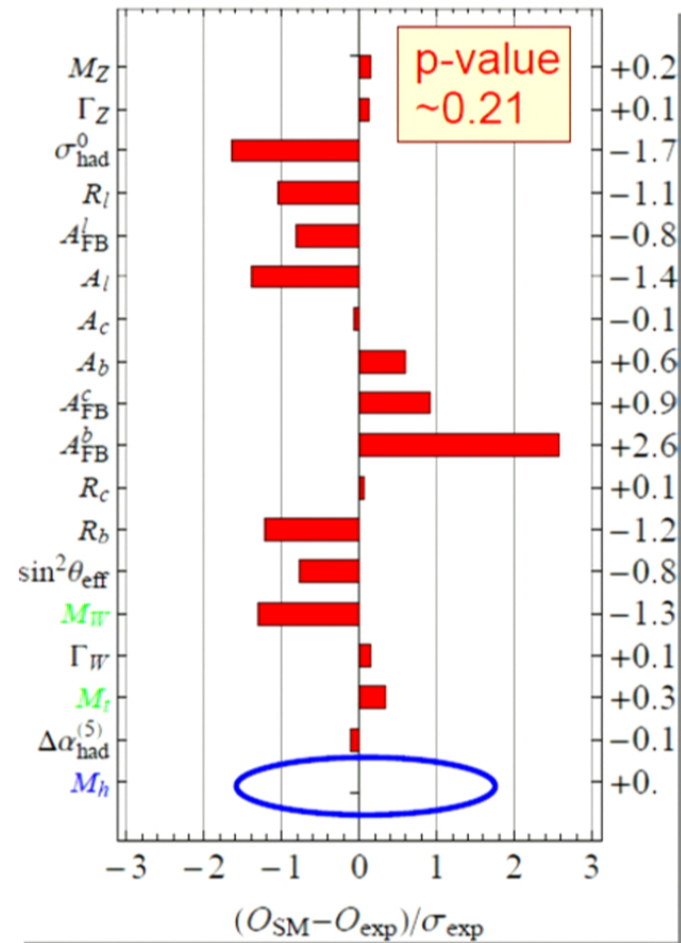
For the first time we have
the measurement of
a self-consistent electro-weak sector

Batell, SG, Wang, 1209.6382

It would not be the case if
the Higgs was heavier:

eg. $M_h = 300 \text{ GeV} \Rightarrow p_{\text{value}} \sim 3 \times 10^{-5}$

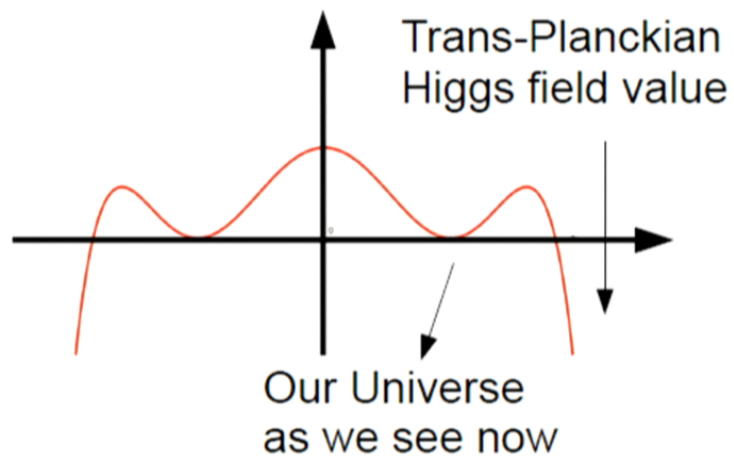
Result of decades of
experimental & theory efforts



The stability of our Universe

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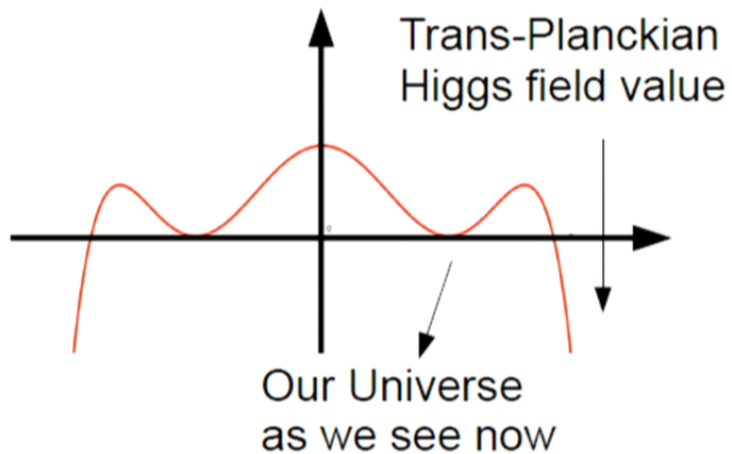
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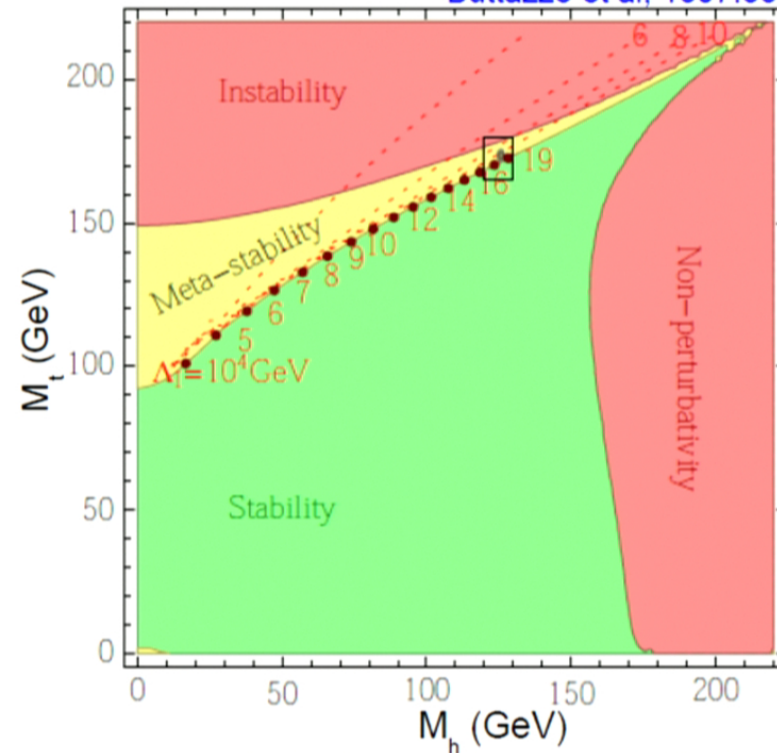
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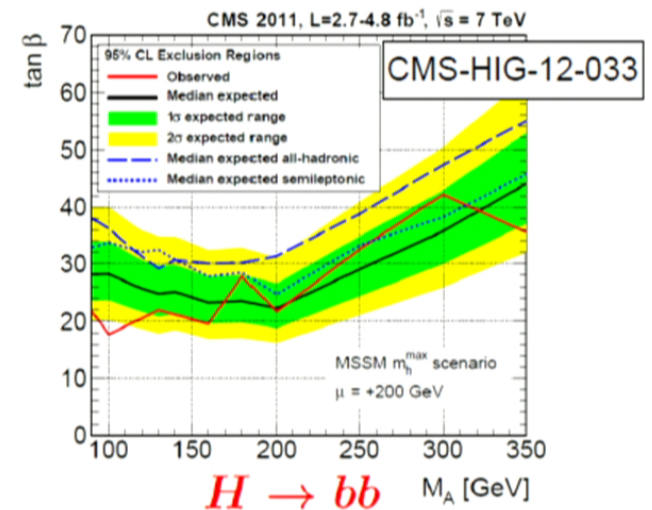
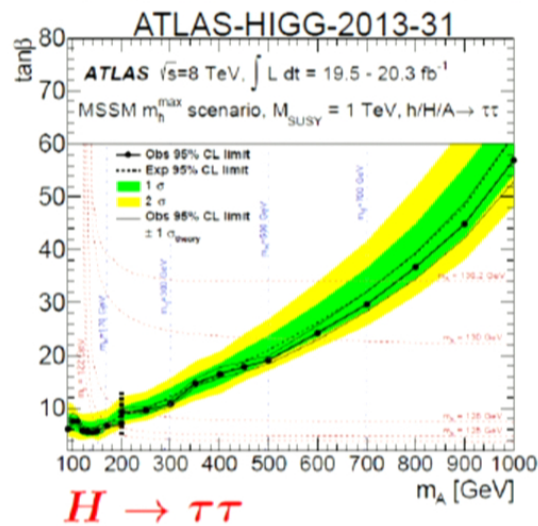
The Universe
on a "knife-edge"

Buttazzo et al, 1307.3536



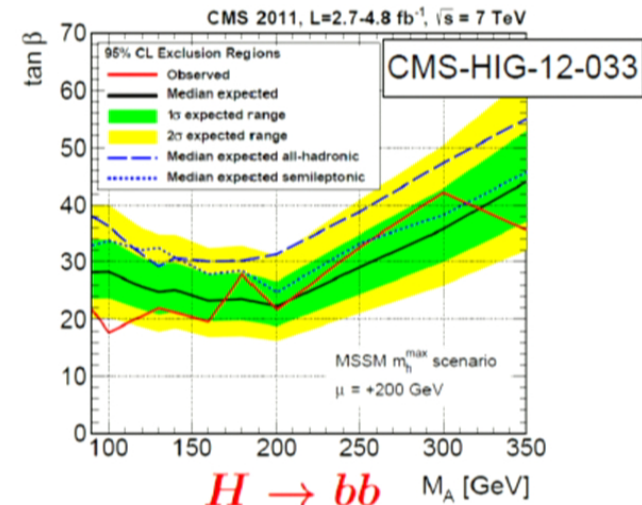
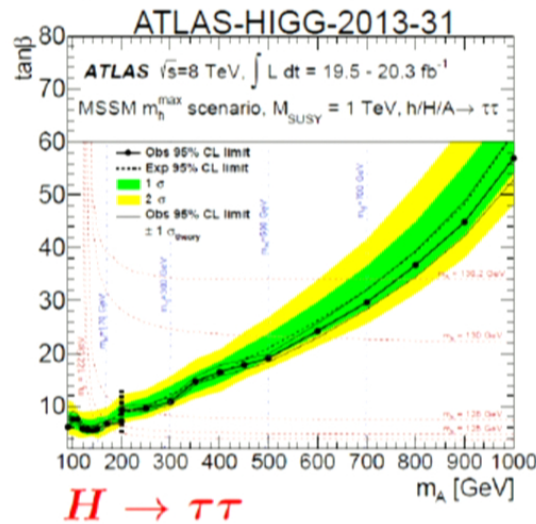
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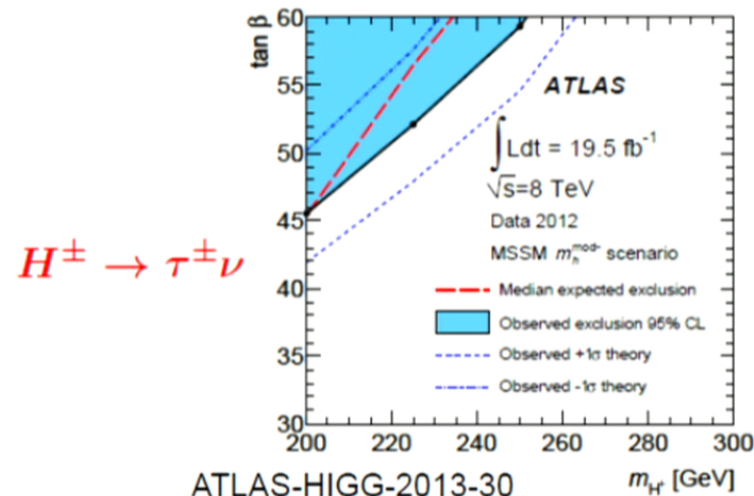
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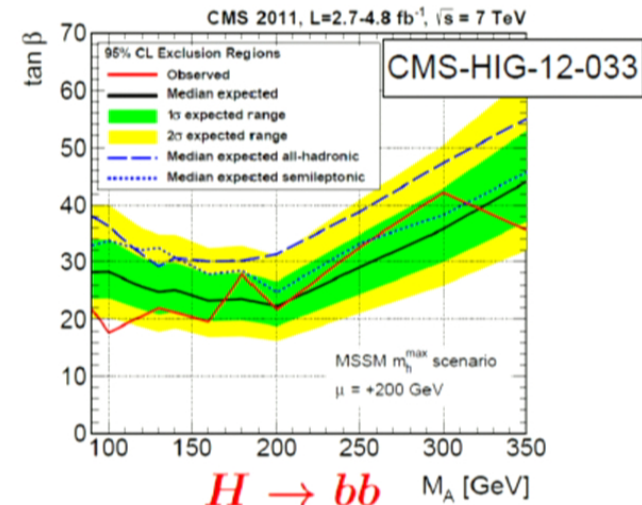
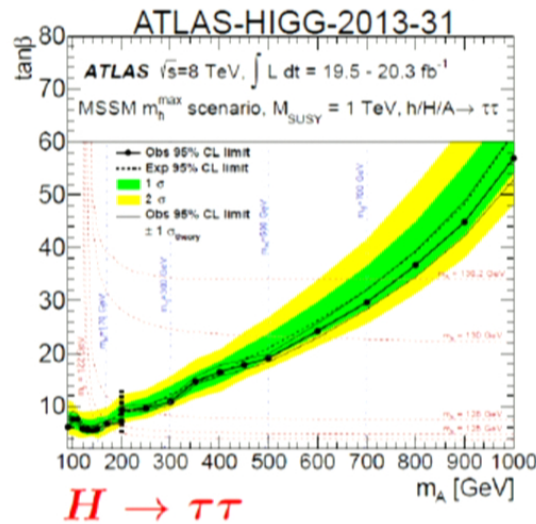


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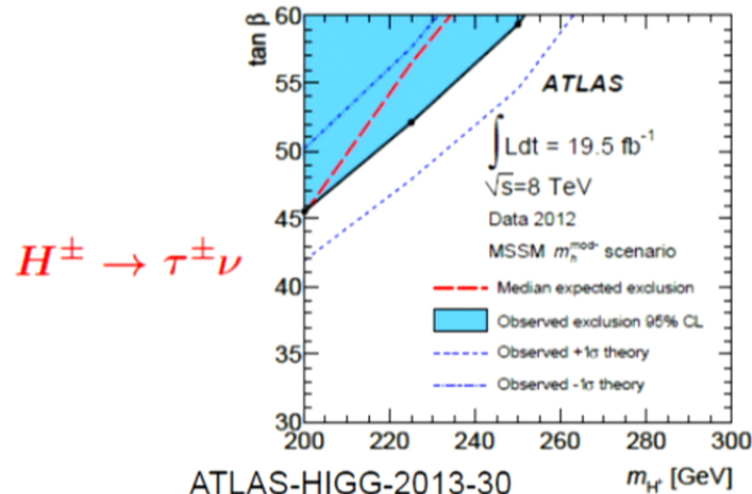
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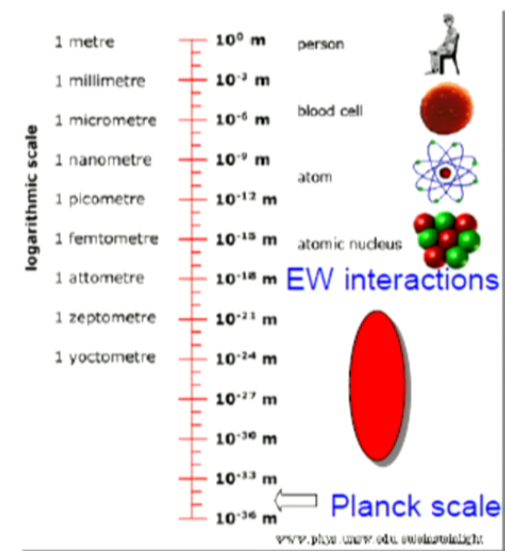
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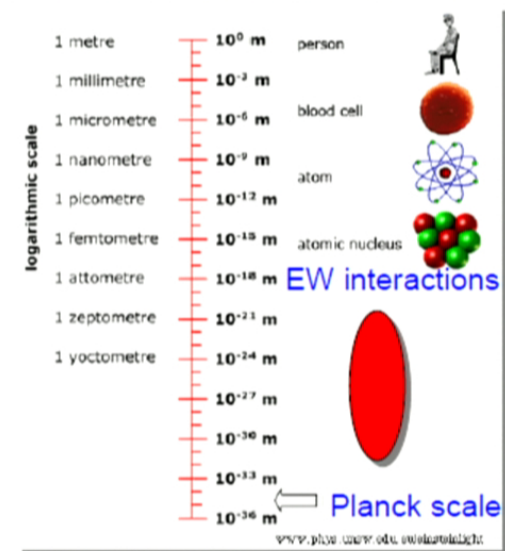
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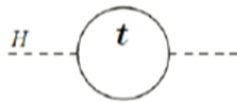


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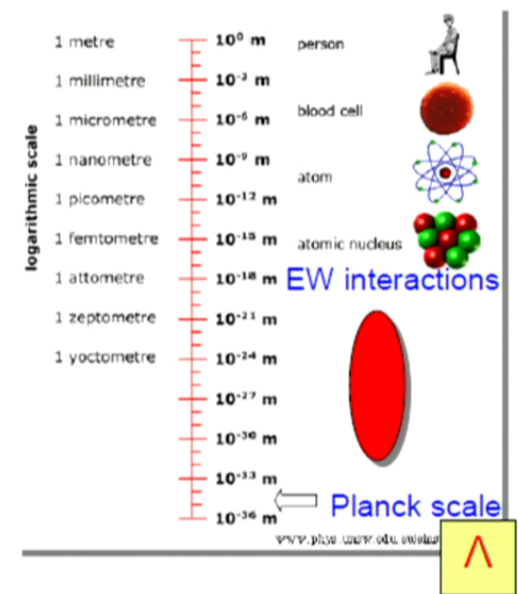
↪ $m_h^2 \sim \mu^2 + c \Lambda^2, \quad c = \mathcal{O}(0.01)$

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



What is Λ ?

↪ Some **fundamental scale** beyond the Standard Model. Ex. $\Lambda \approx M_{\text{Pl}} = 10^{19} \text{ GeV}$



Global symmetries & the hierarchy problem

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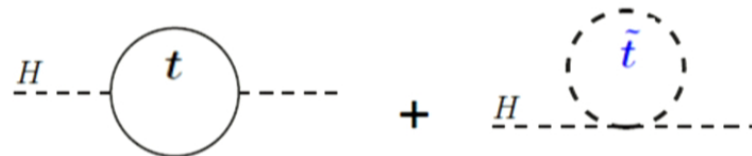
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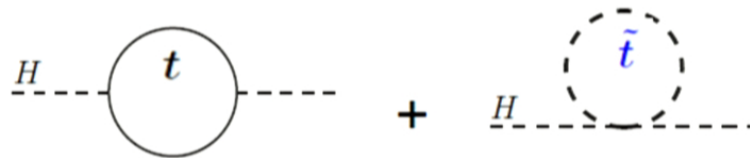
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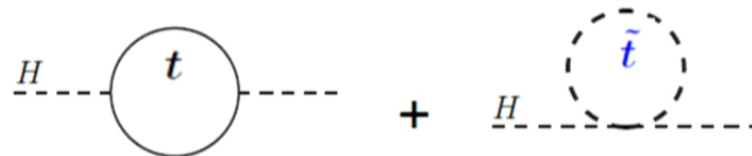
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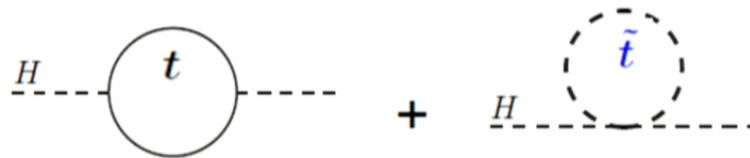
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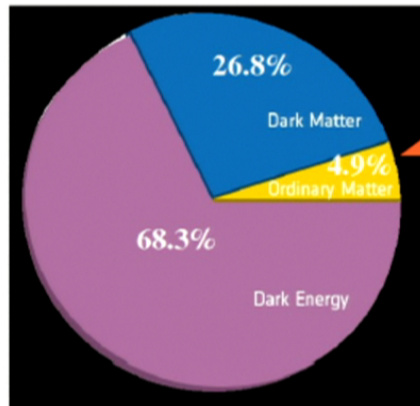


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2. "Observational" problem: Dark Matter



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Plenty of evidence for the existence of a new form of matter: **Dark Matter (DM)**

(Galactic Rotation Curves, Galaxy Clusters, Cosmic Microwave Background, Bullet Cluster, Large-Scale Structure Formation, ...)

No particle of the Standard Model can be Dark Matter

To summarize...

We have two deep problems in fundamental particle physics

Theoretical:

The hierarchy problem

Both of them might be telling us
that we have more particles
at around the electroweak scale

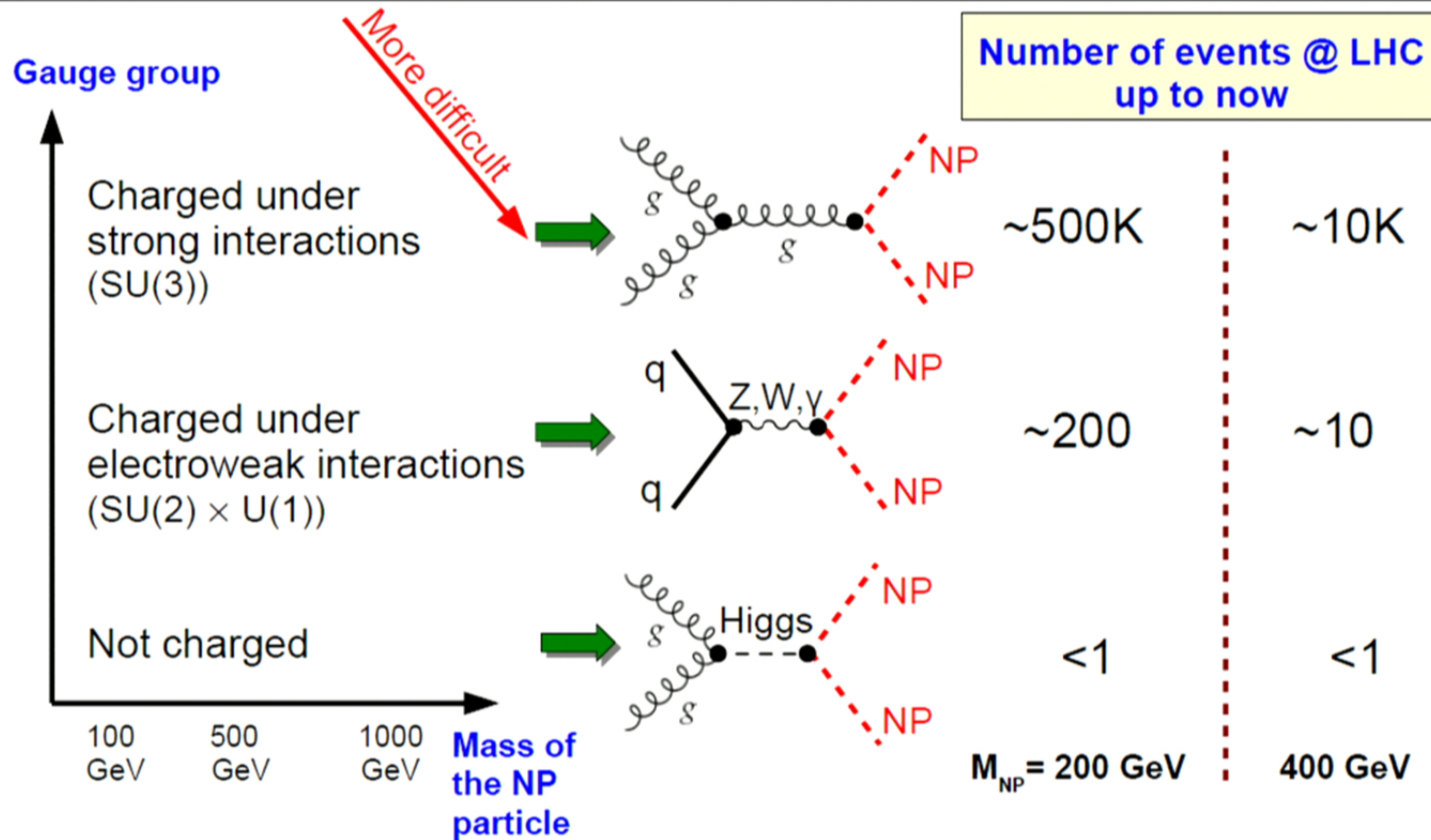
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How do we see these particles?

The Higgs is at the electroweak scale:
It might be The Key to open the door
to our understanding ...

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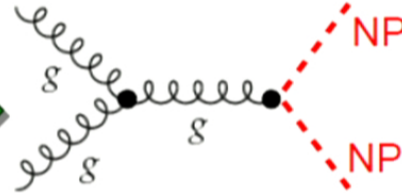


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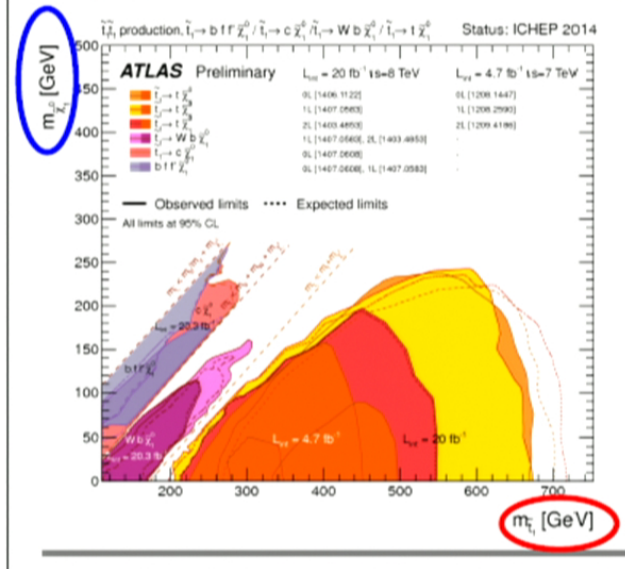


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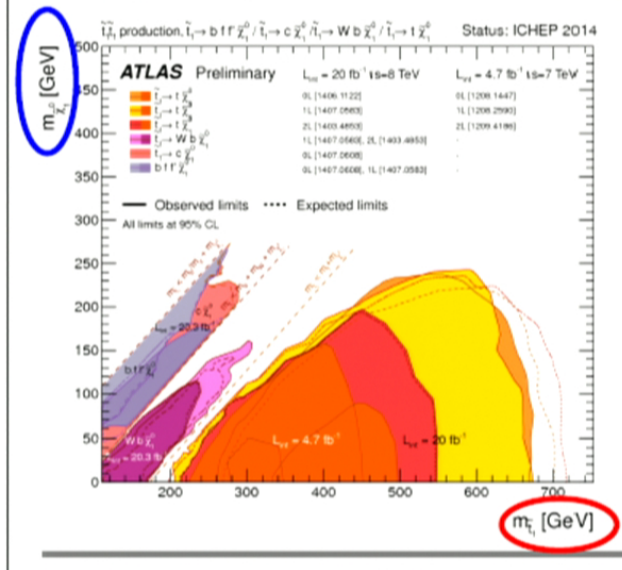


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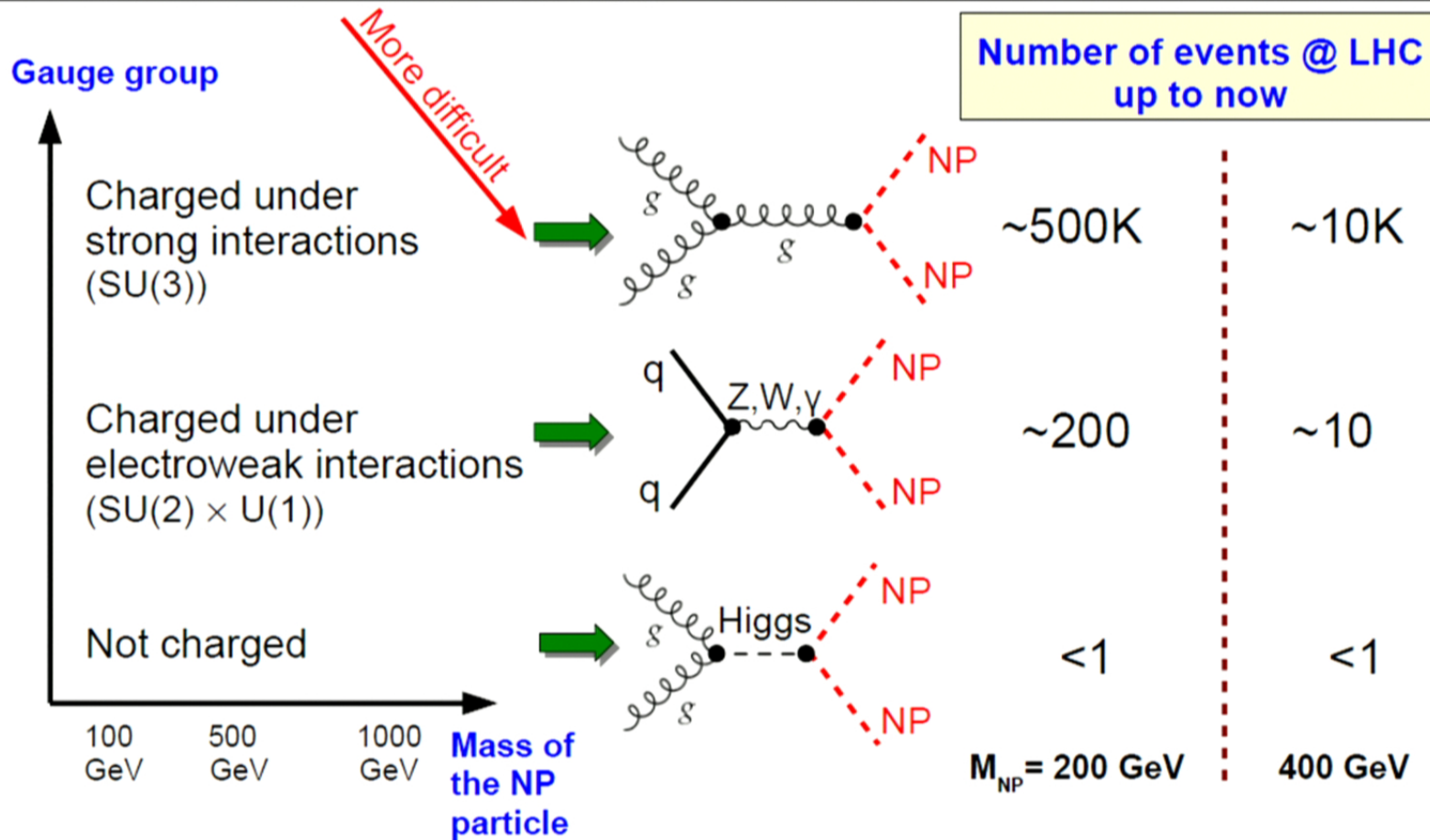
Caveat: 100% branching ratios.

The bound will be weaker in theories with "more complicated" decay modes

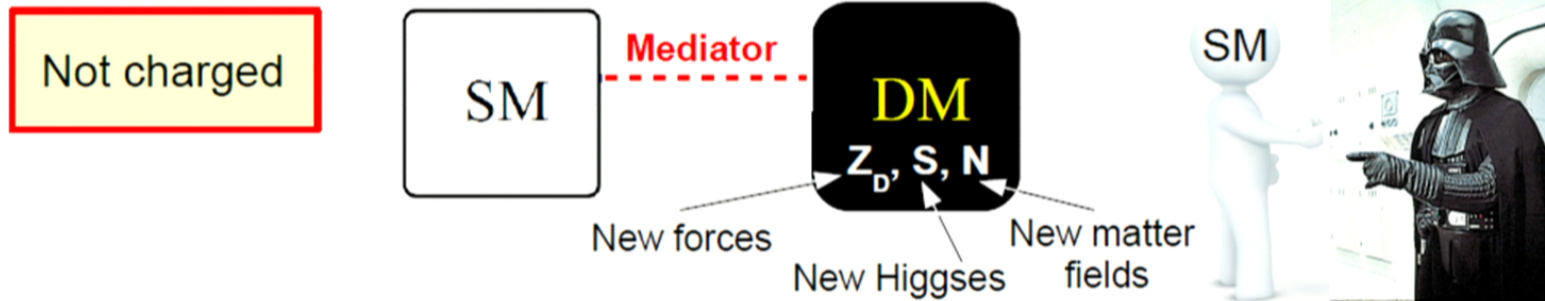
- Ex. $\tilde{t} \rightarrow \tilde{\tau} \nu b$ Carena, SG, Shah, Wagner, Wang, 1303.4414
- R-parity violation

Role of the theorists in the LHC era: improve on the coverage, identifying new characteristic signatures of NP particles

LHC produces them!



The most hidden New Physics particles



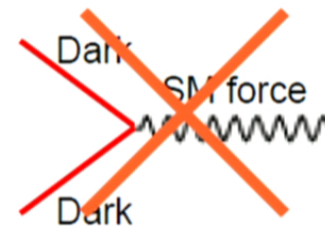
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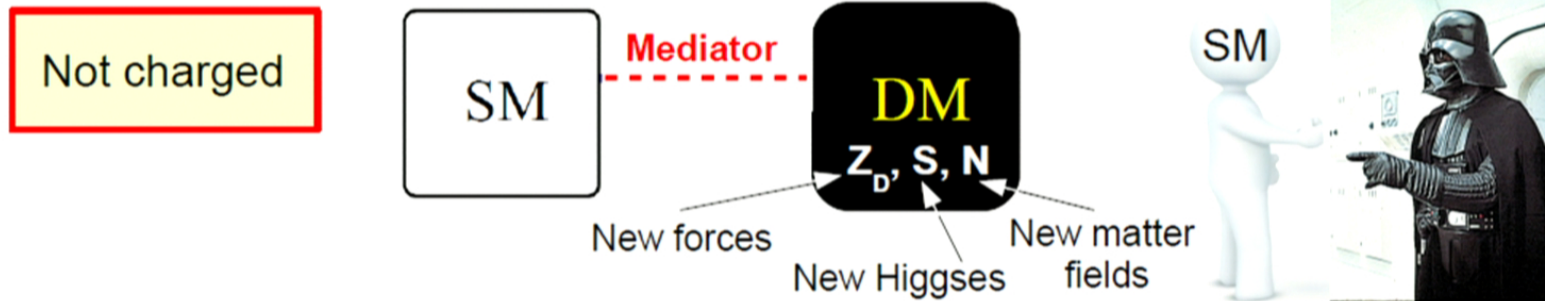
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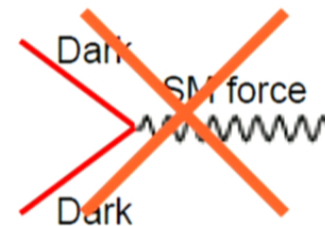
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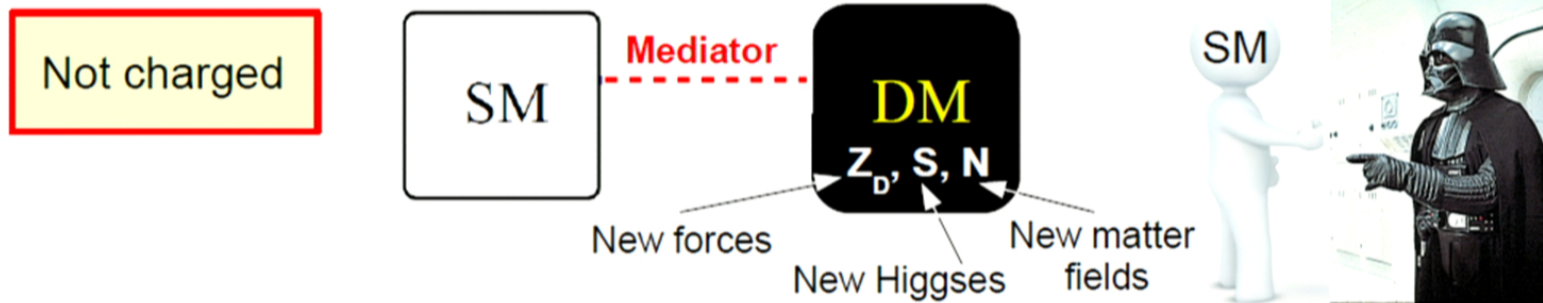
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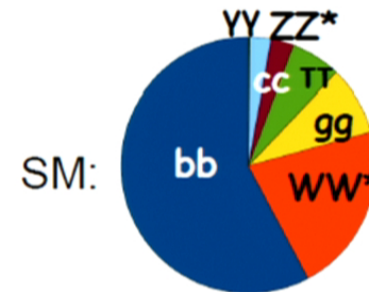
The Higgs offers a unique opportunity to probe these new particles!

Completely new decay modes of the Higgs

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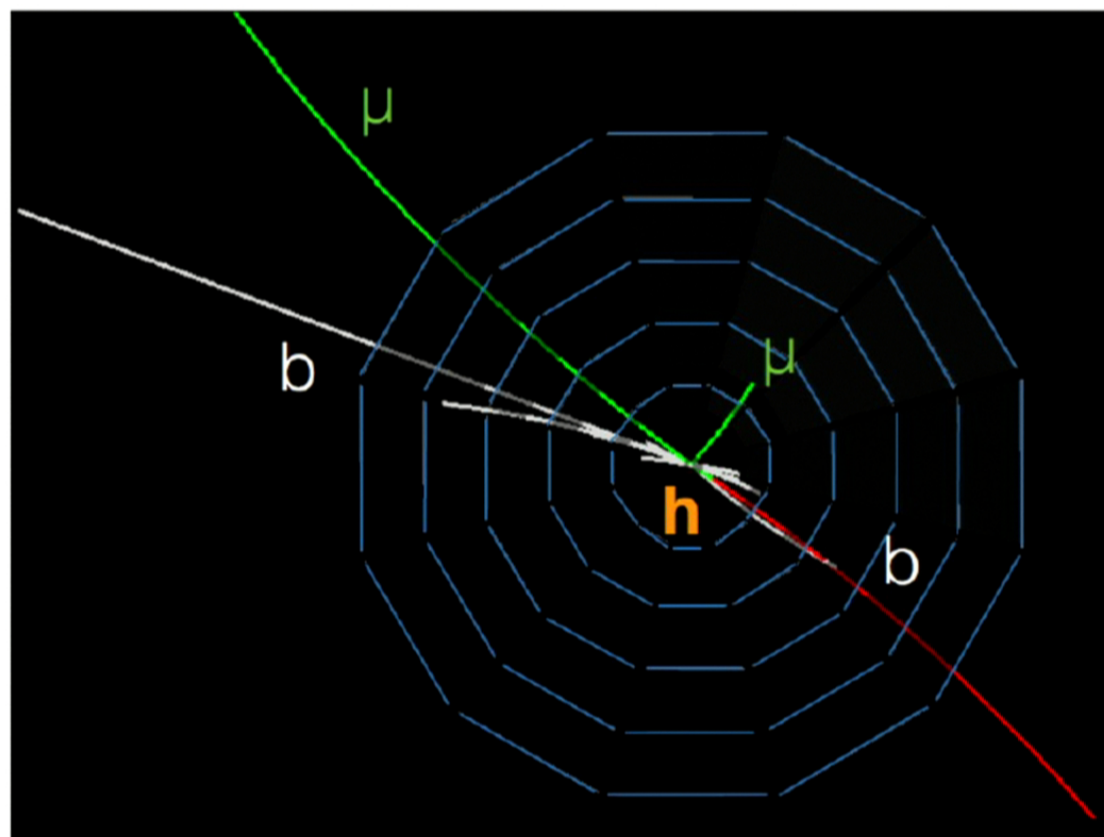
$$|H|^2 |S|^2 \Rightarrow H \rightarrow ss$$

$$HLN \Rightarrow H \rightarrow LN$$



Almost no searches in the first three years of the LHC!

New events to be seen



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PART III



3. Indirect searches for new particles

A bit of history...

Historically,
several measurements of rare processes
led to the **indirect discovery of new particles**

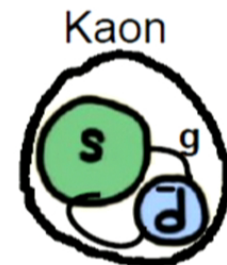
e.g.

- Measurement of the tiny branching ratio of the decay $K_L \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$

→ **prediction of the charm quark** to suppress the process
(Glashow, Iliopoulos, Maiani, 1970)



- Observation of CP violation in kaon anti-kaon oscillations
- **prediction of the 3rd generation of quarks**
(Kobayashi, Maskawa, 1973)

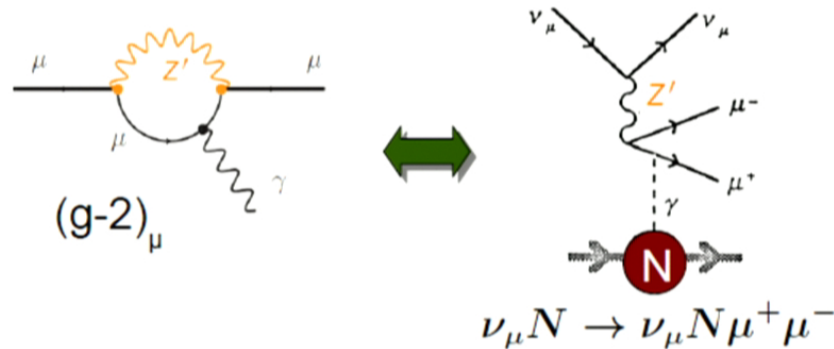


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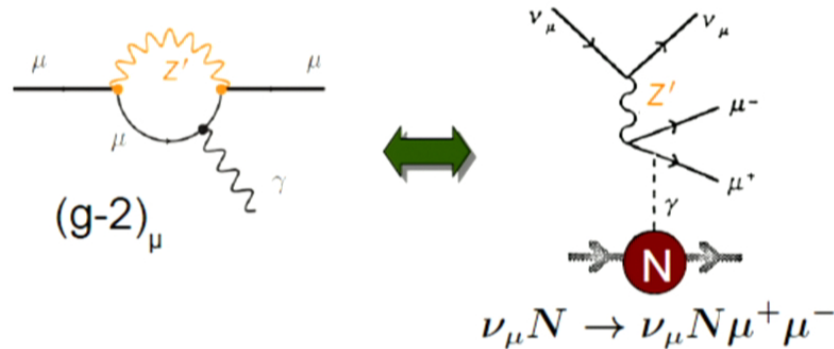
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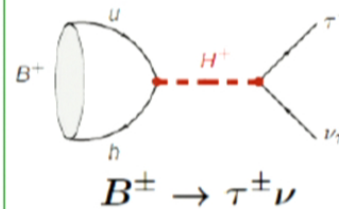
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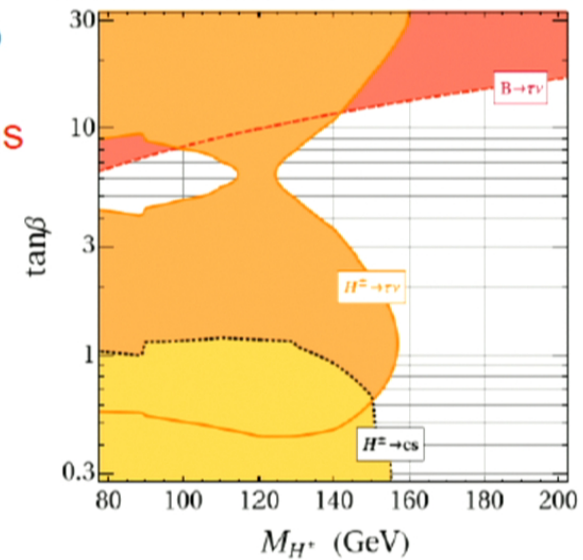
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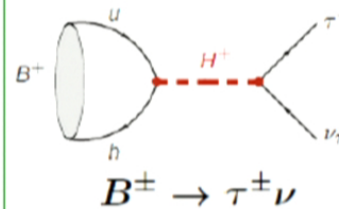


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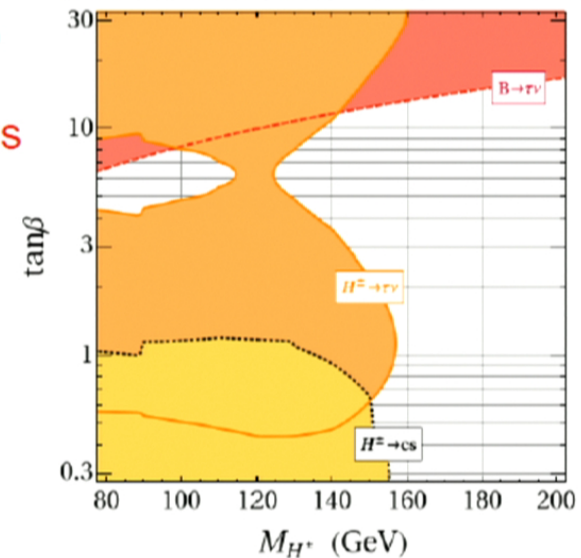
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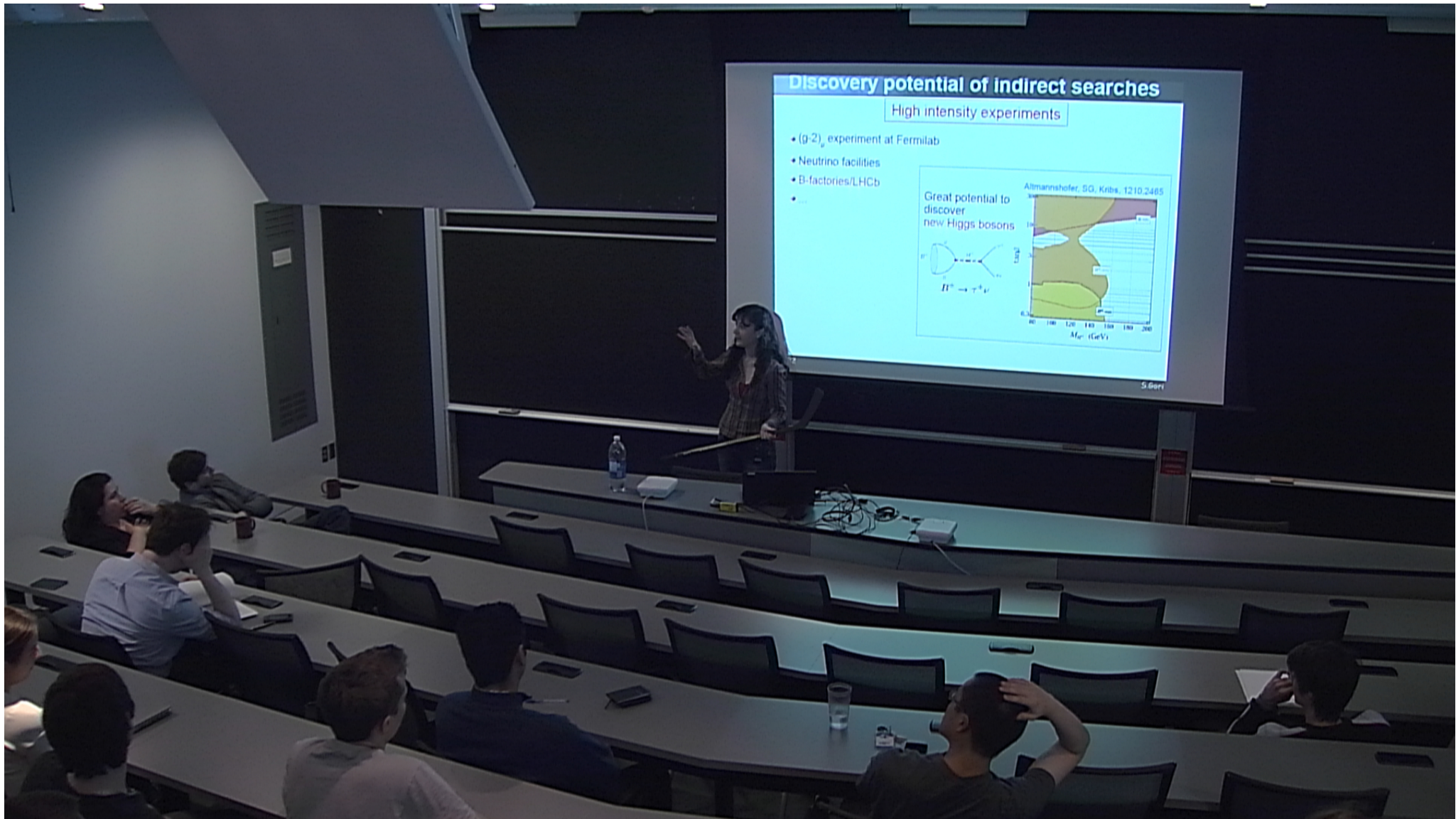
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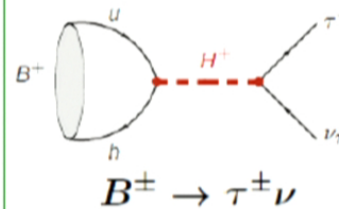


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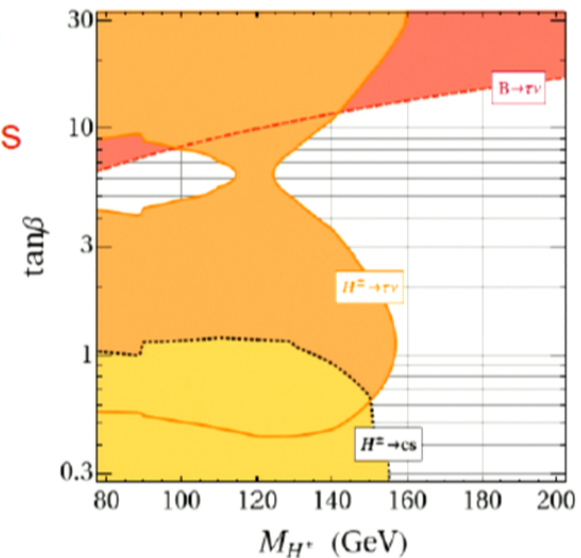
High intensity experiments

- $(g-2)_\mu$ experiment at Fermilab
- Neutrino facilities
- B-factories/LHCb
- ...

Great potential to
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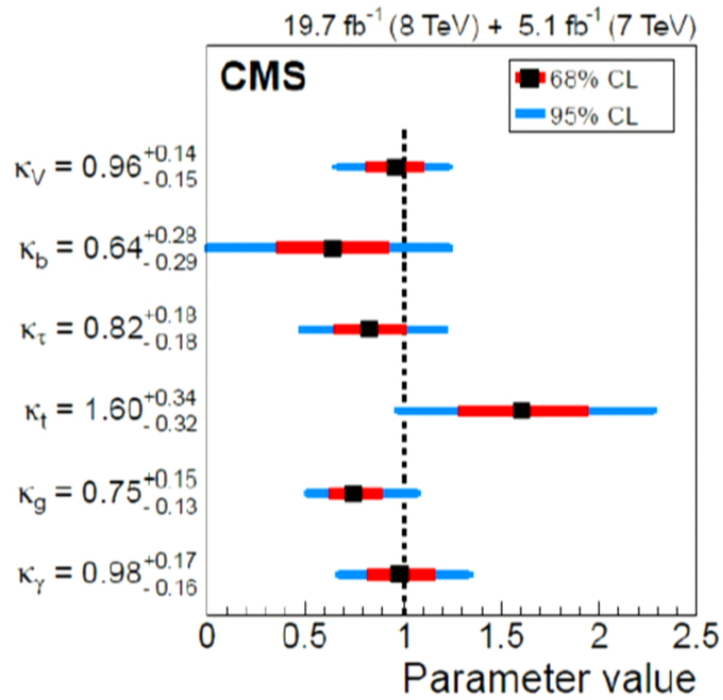


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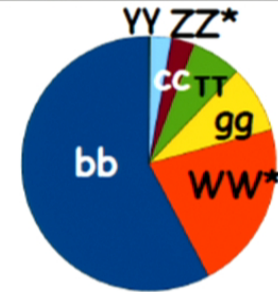
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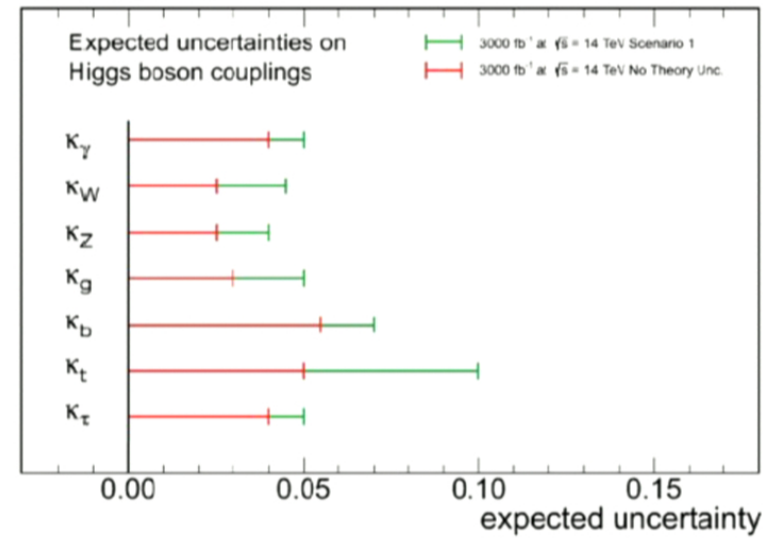


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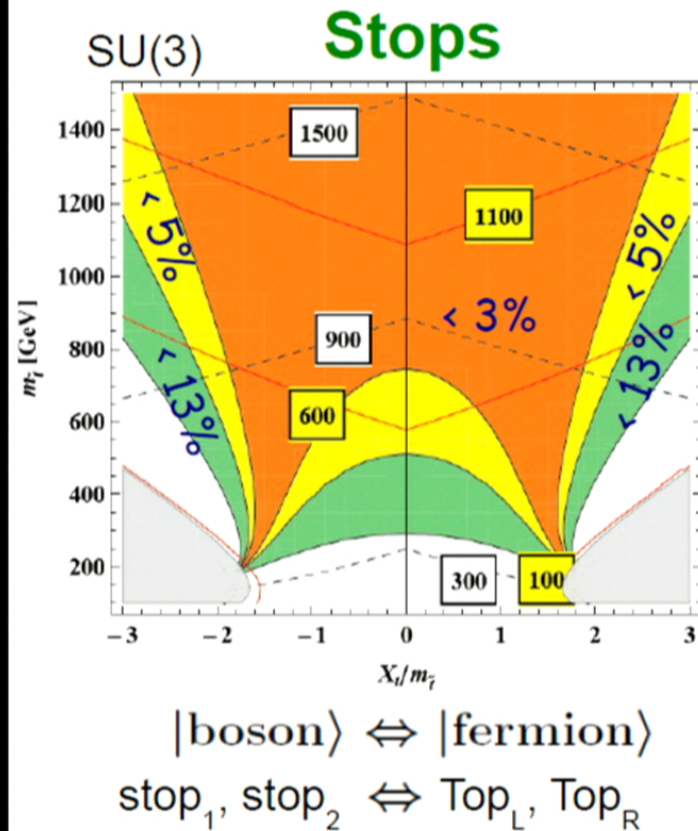
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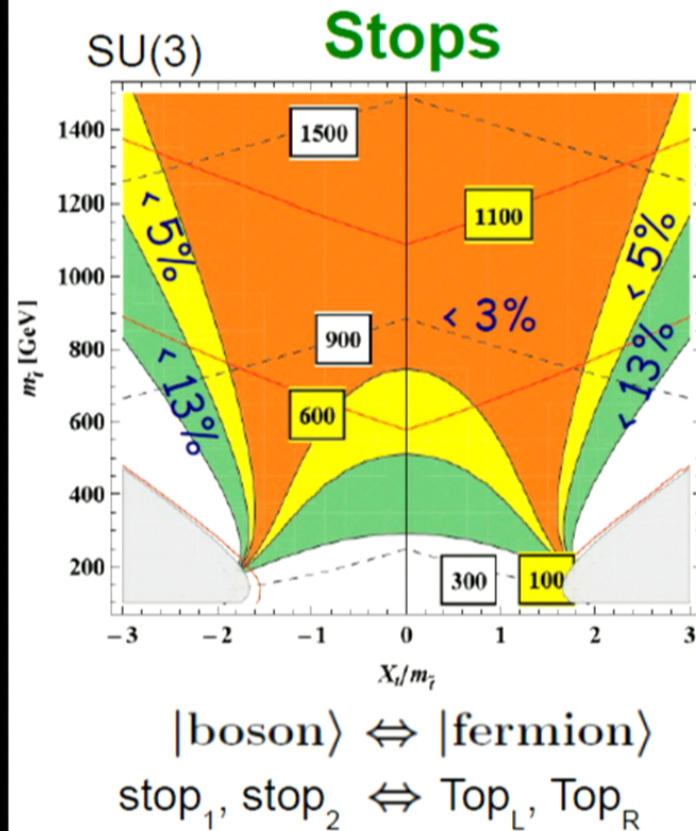
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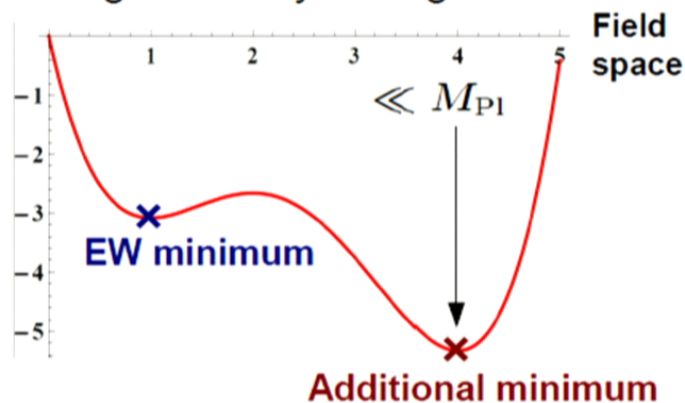
Deep connection to the vacuum structure

It is not just a matter of measuring the properties of the newly discovered particle ...

Suppose in the coming couple of years, we measure a deviation from the SM prediction for the $h\gamma\gamma$ coupling

➡ hint for (some) new light particle

The structure of the universe will generically change:

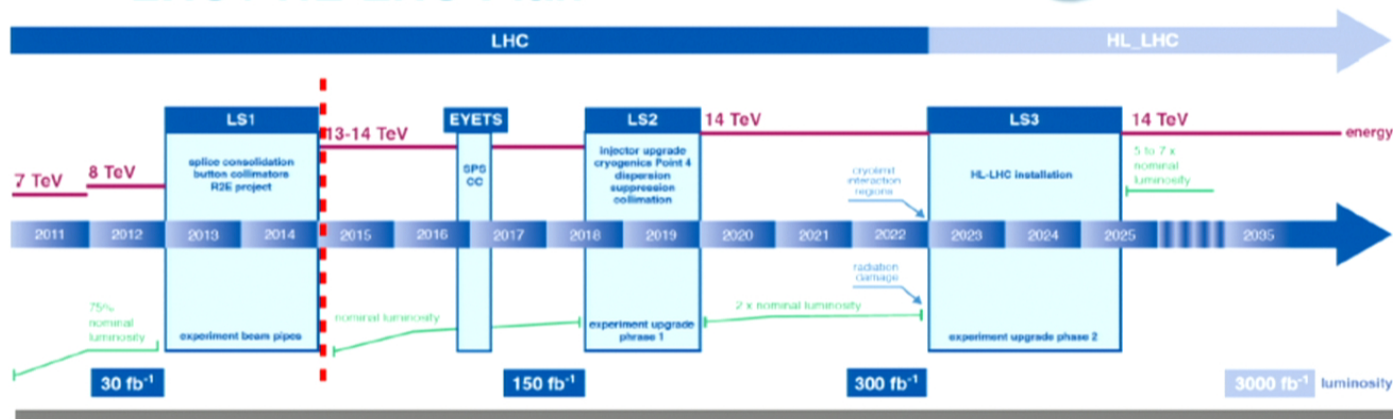


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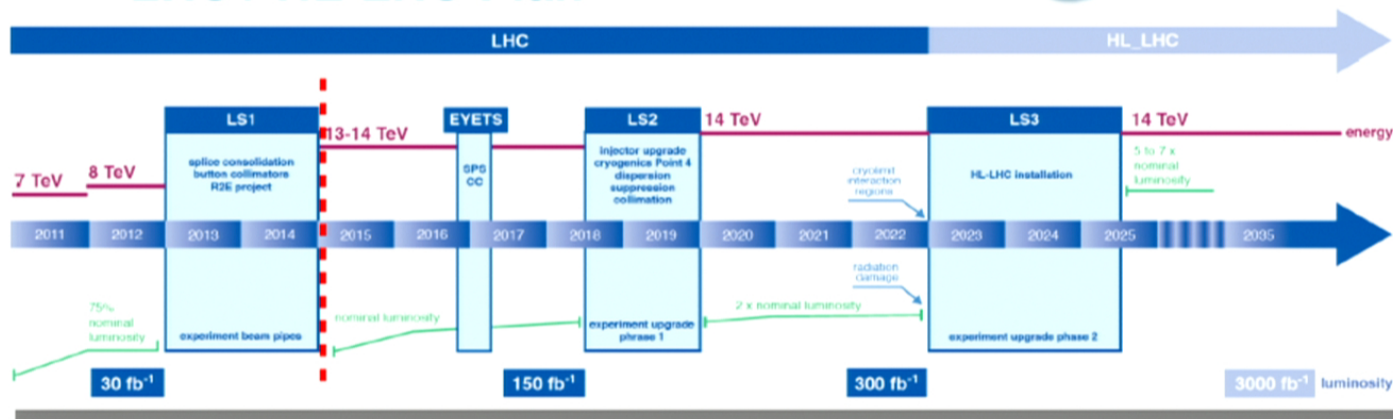


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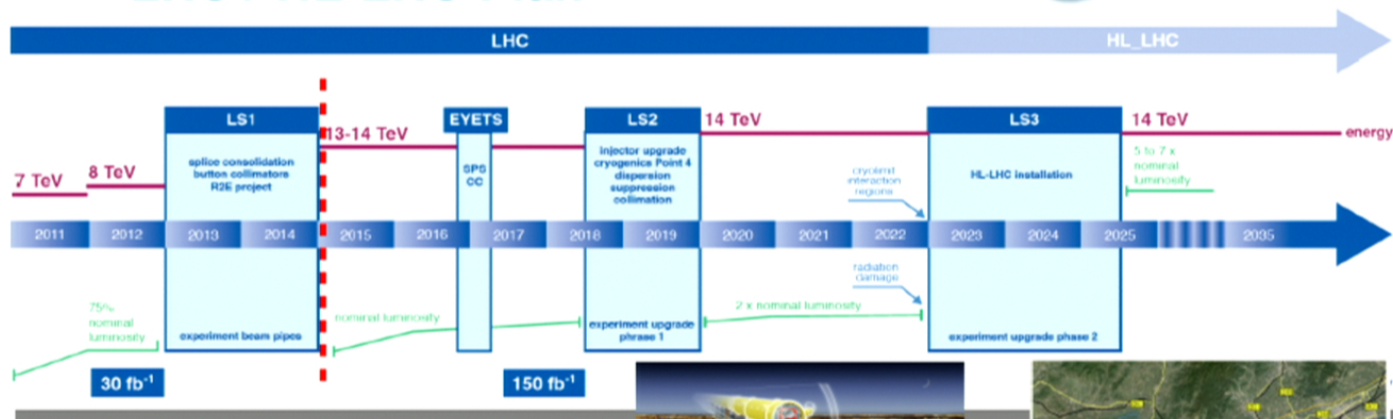


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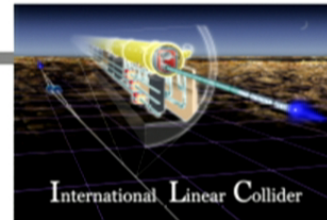
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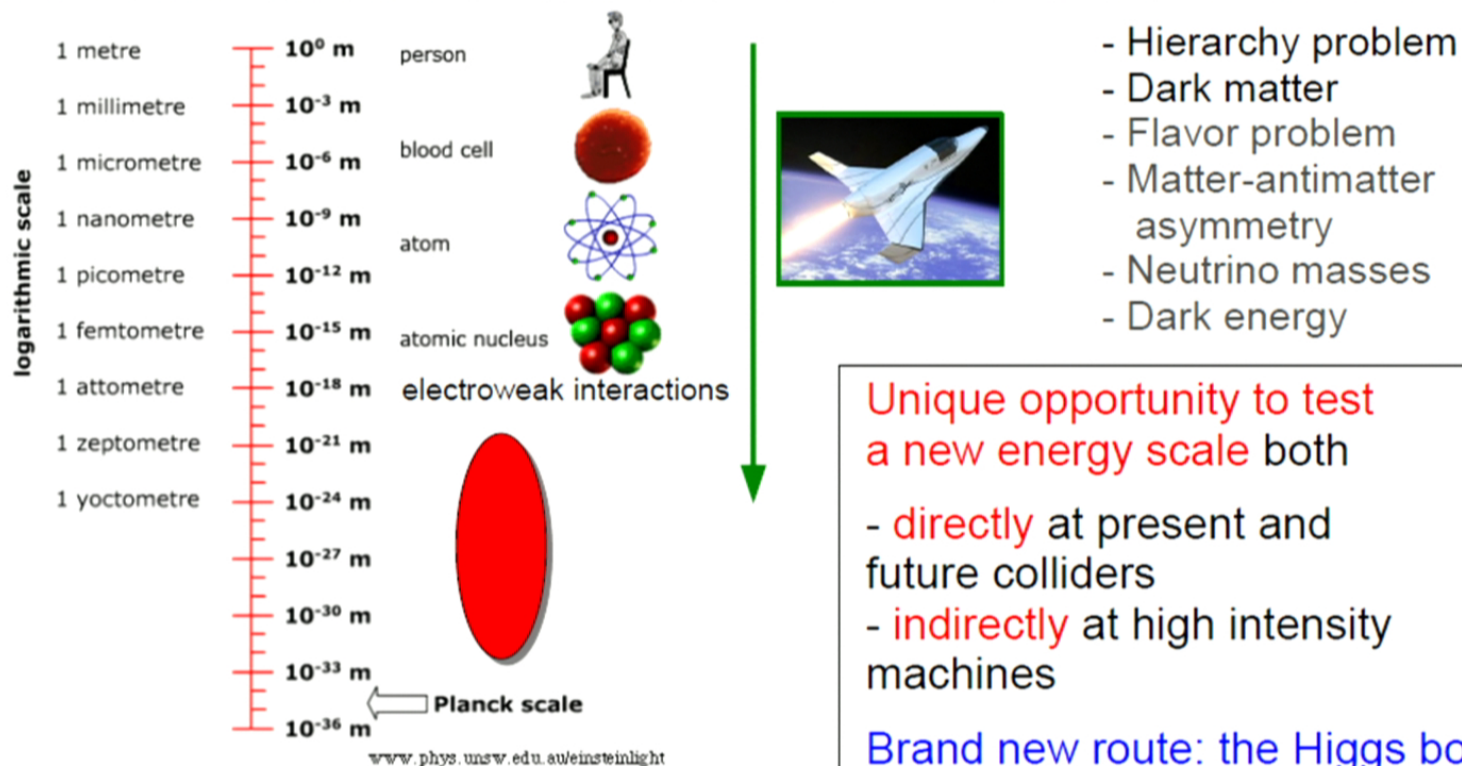
International Linear Collider



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The expedition to the next physics scale



My role:

- ♦ Propose new solutions to these outstanding theoretical problems
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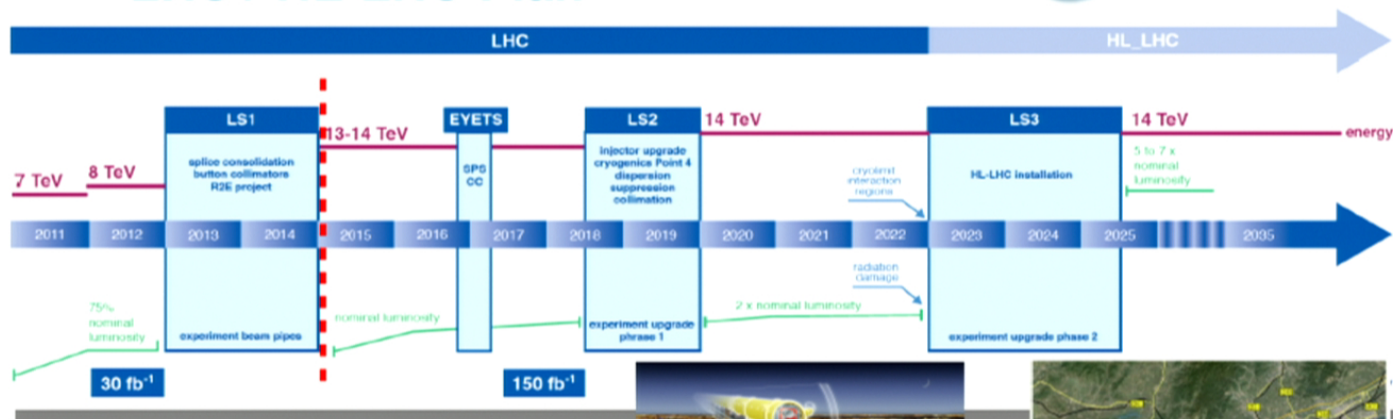


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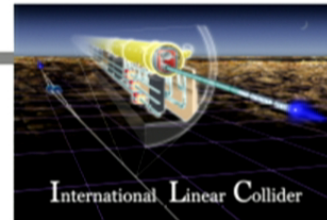
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