

Higgs

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Two important observations:

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- But vector-like theories allows mass term for fermions because left handed fermions have the same charge as right handed fermions.

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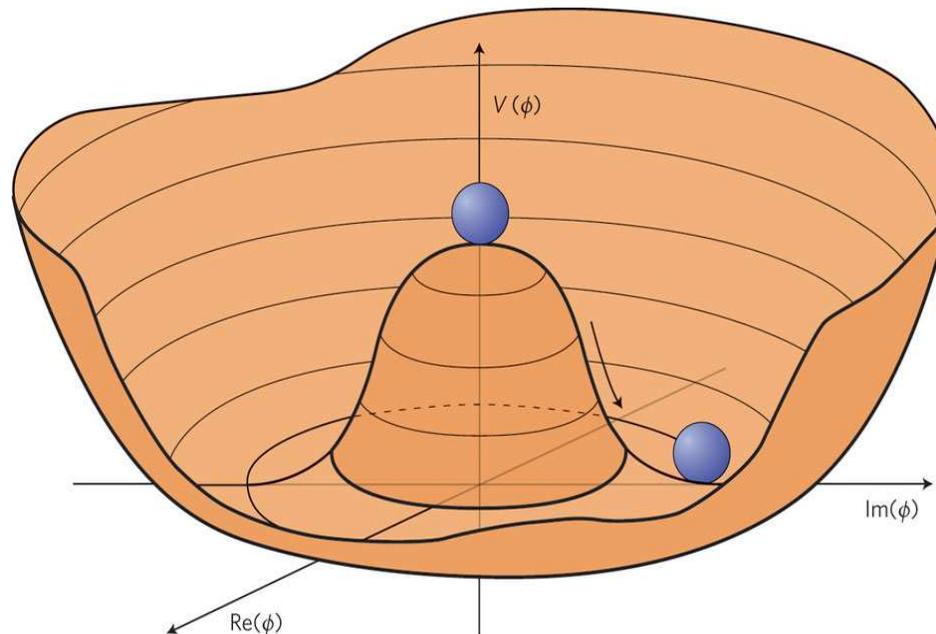
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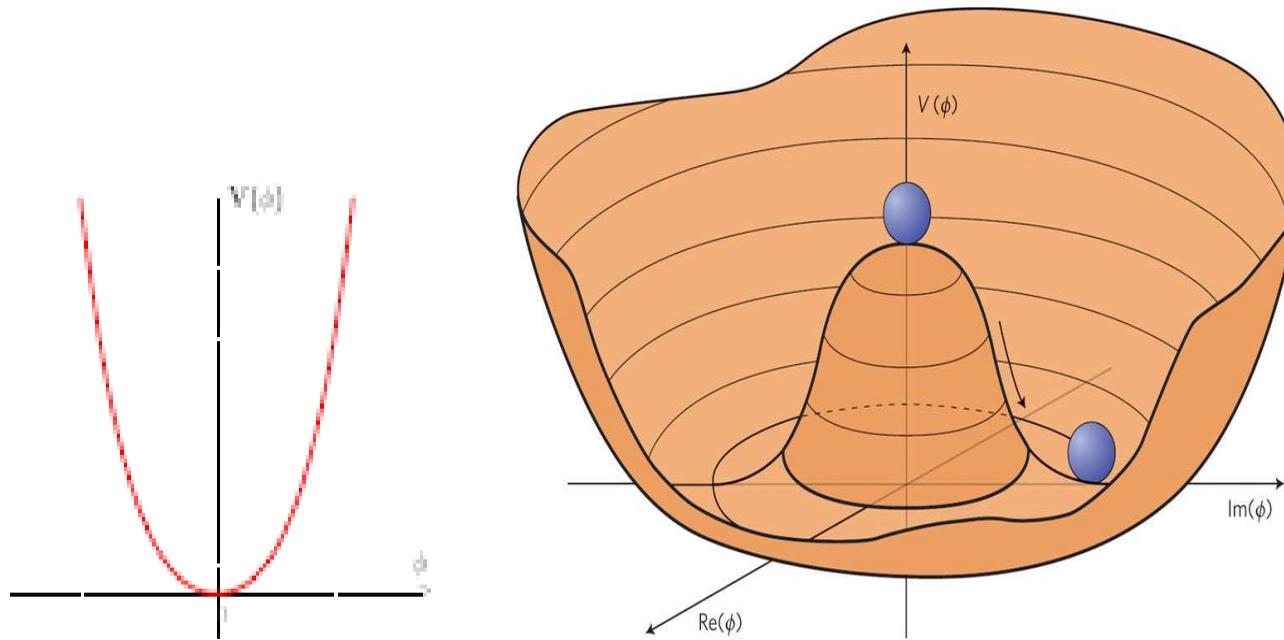
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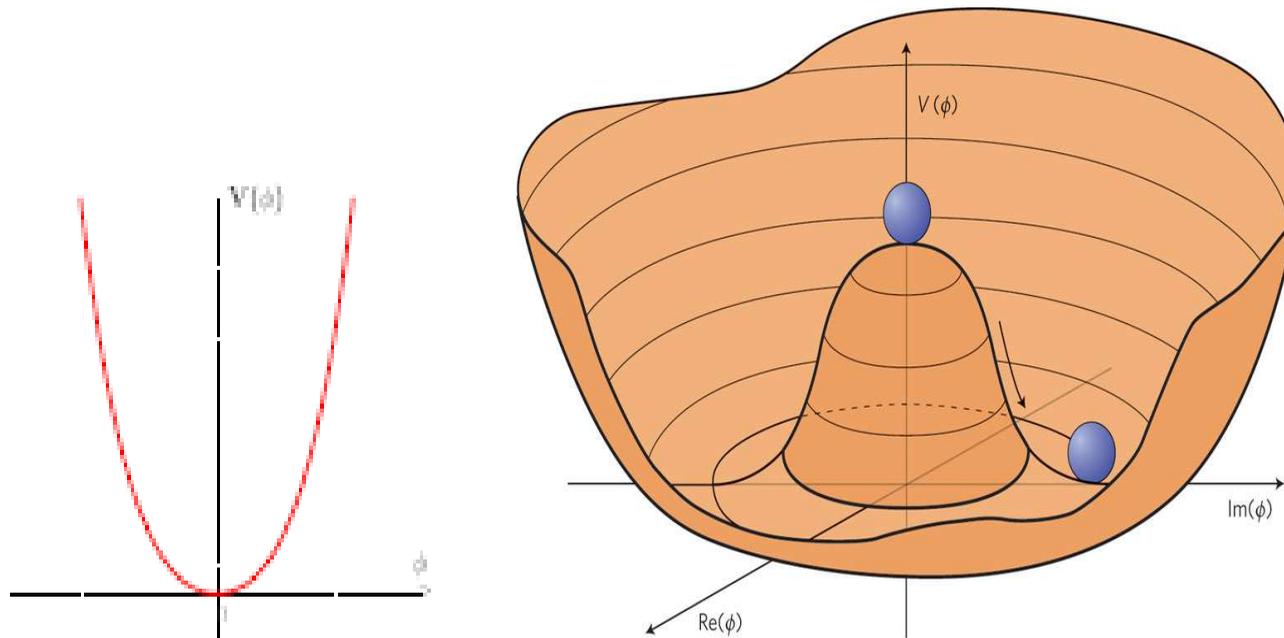


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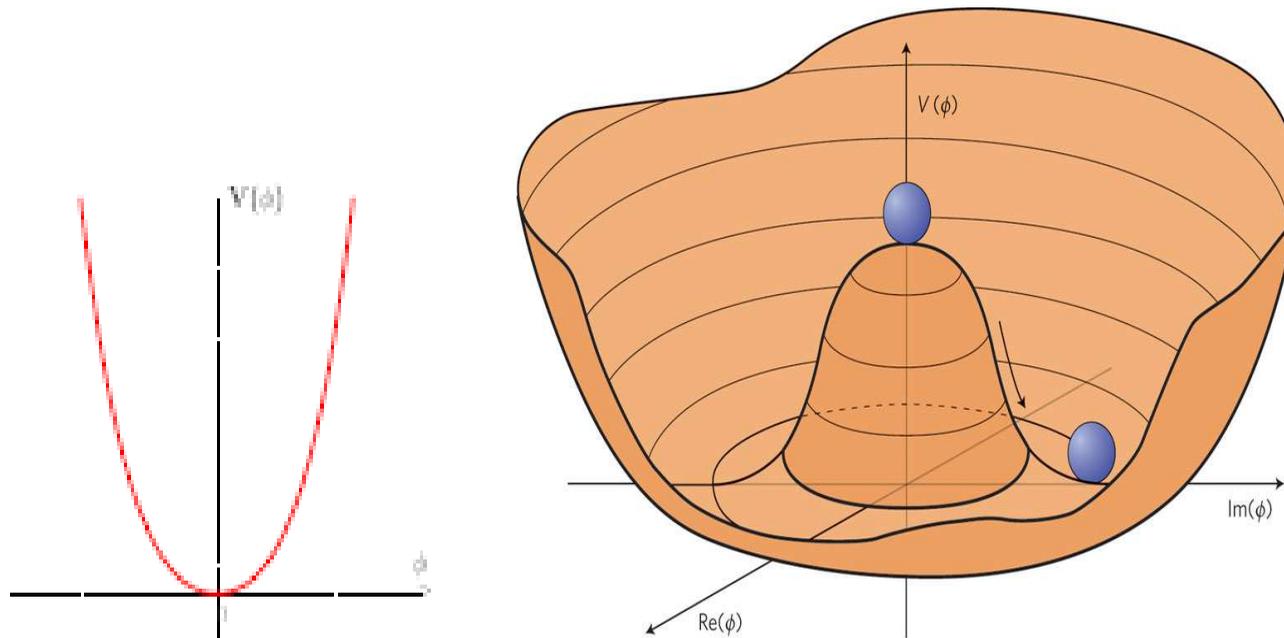
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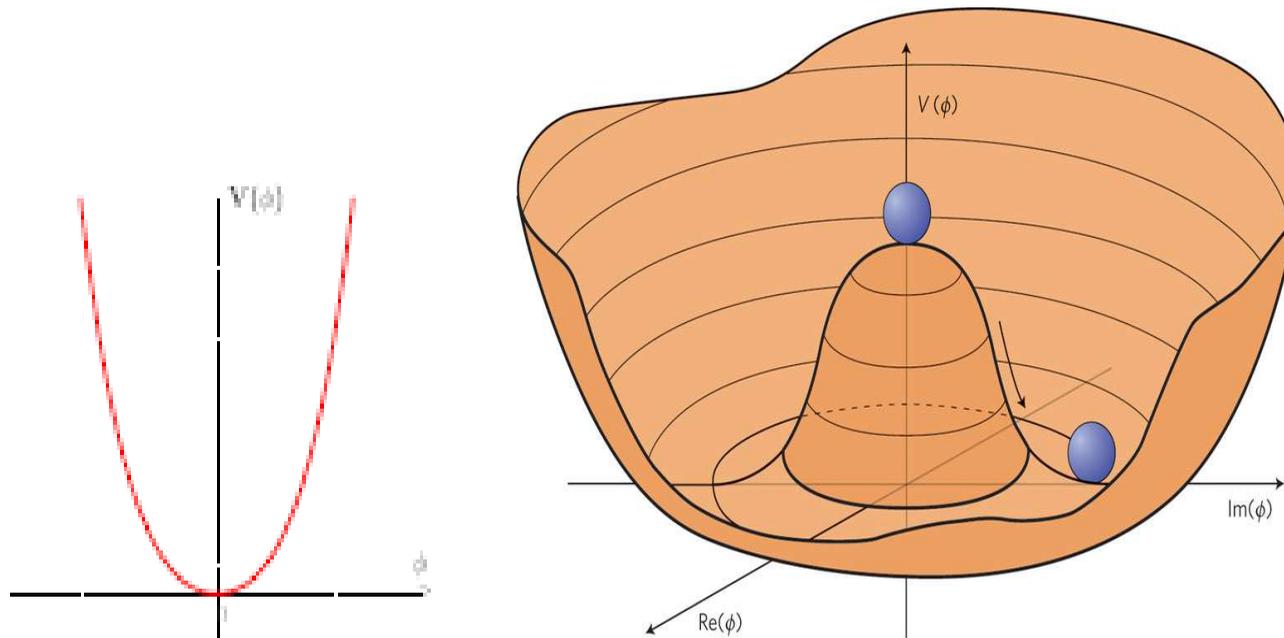
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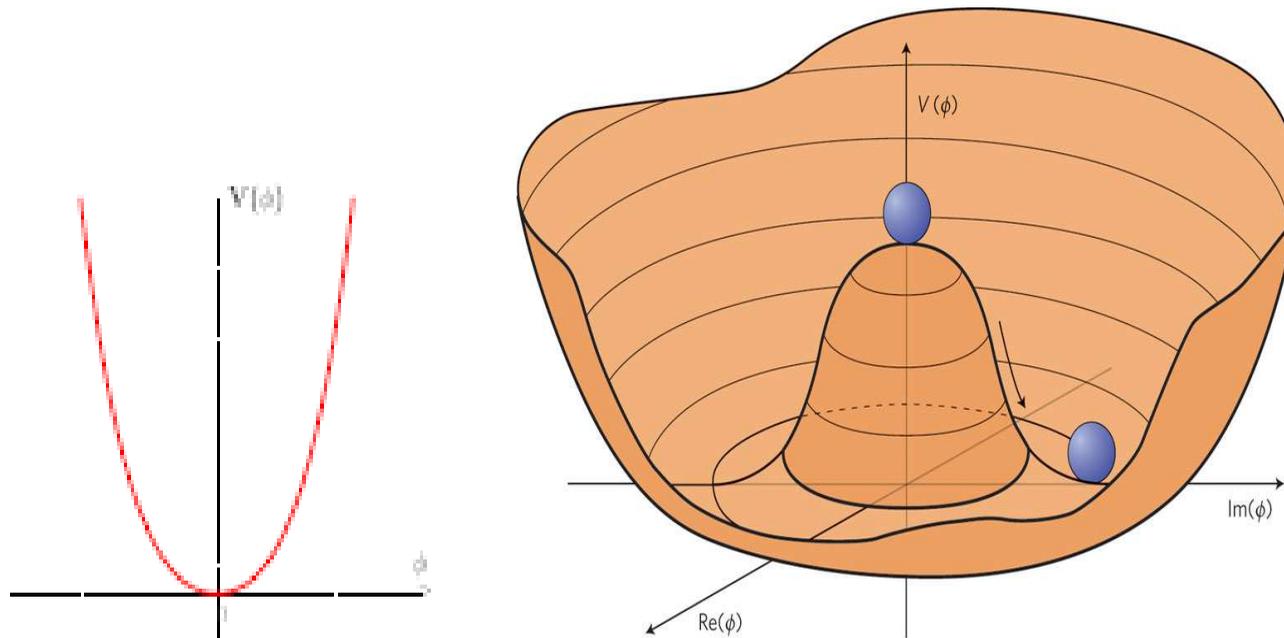
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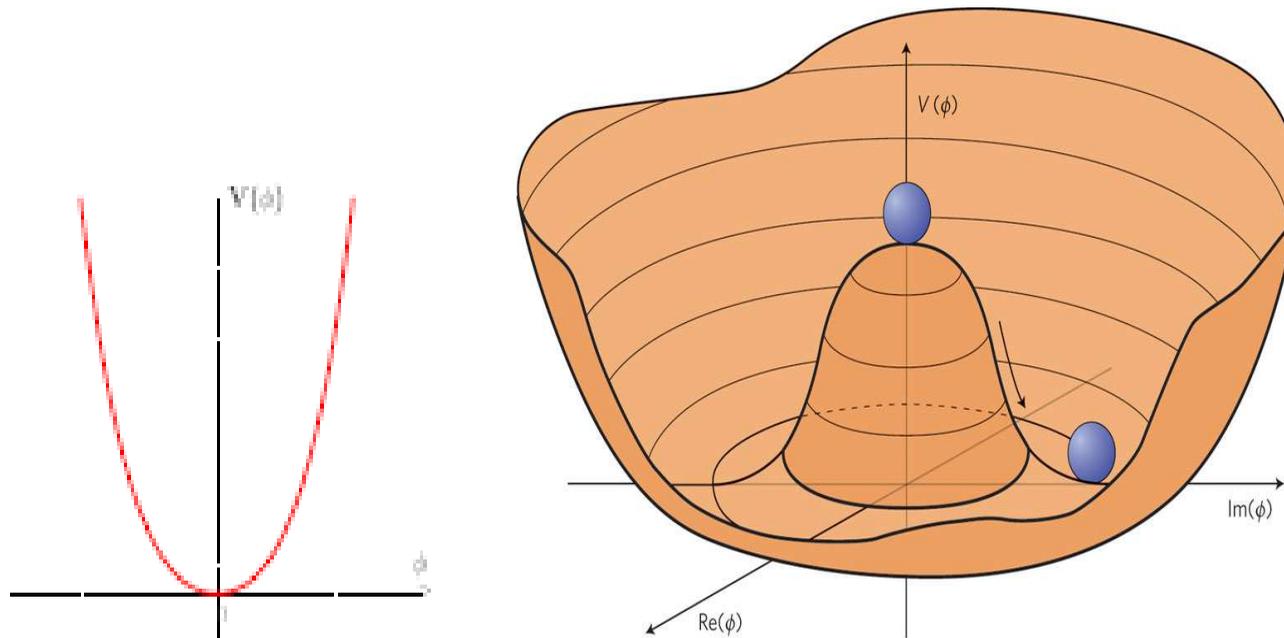
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The gauge boson now becomes massive with the mass $M_A = gv$ $\begin{matrix} \nearrow \text{gauge} \\ \searrow \text{vev} \end{matrix}$ coupling

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- Goldston theorem: spontaneous symmetry breaking implies existence of massless spinless particle. The number of spontaneously broken generators = number of massless fields.
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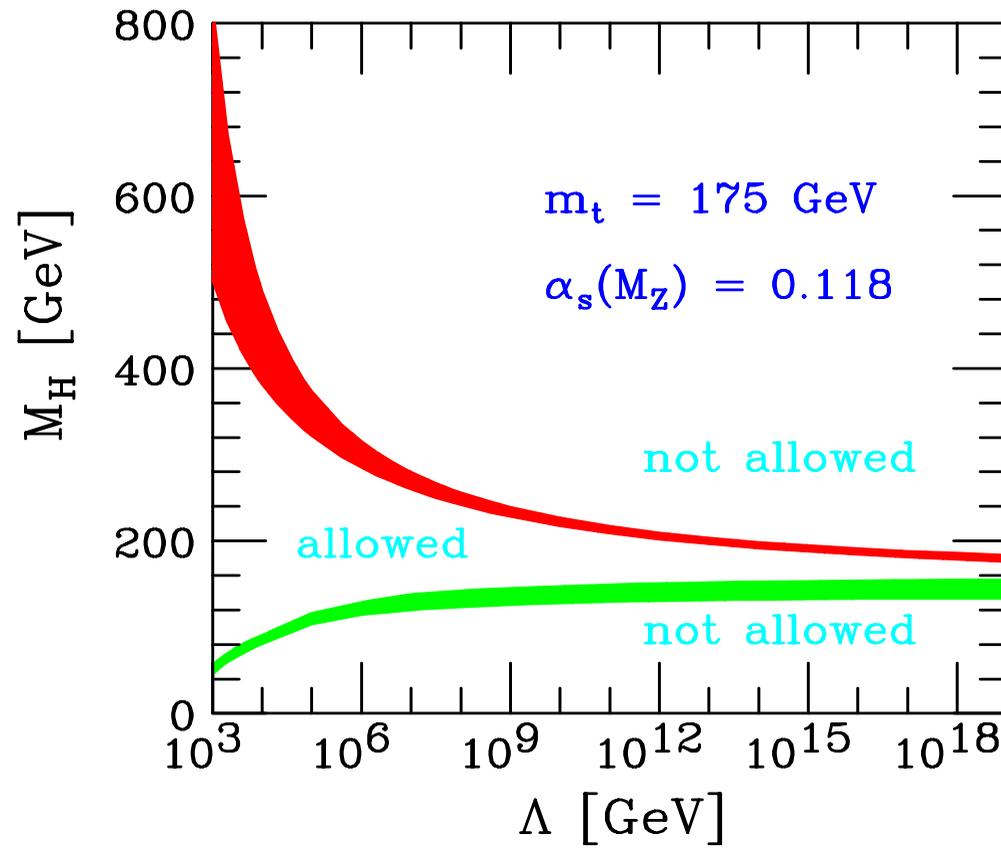
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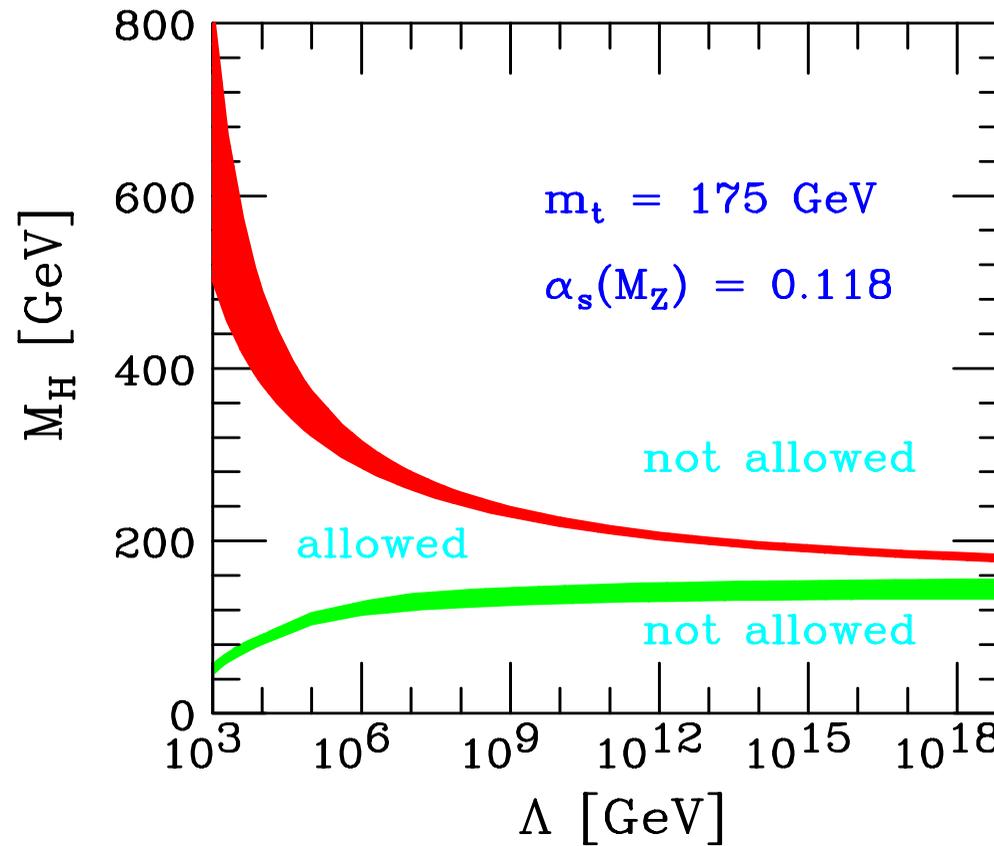
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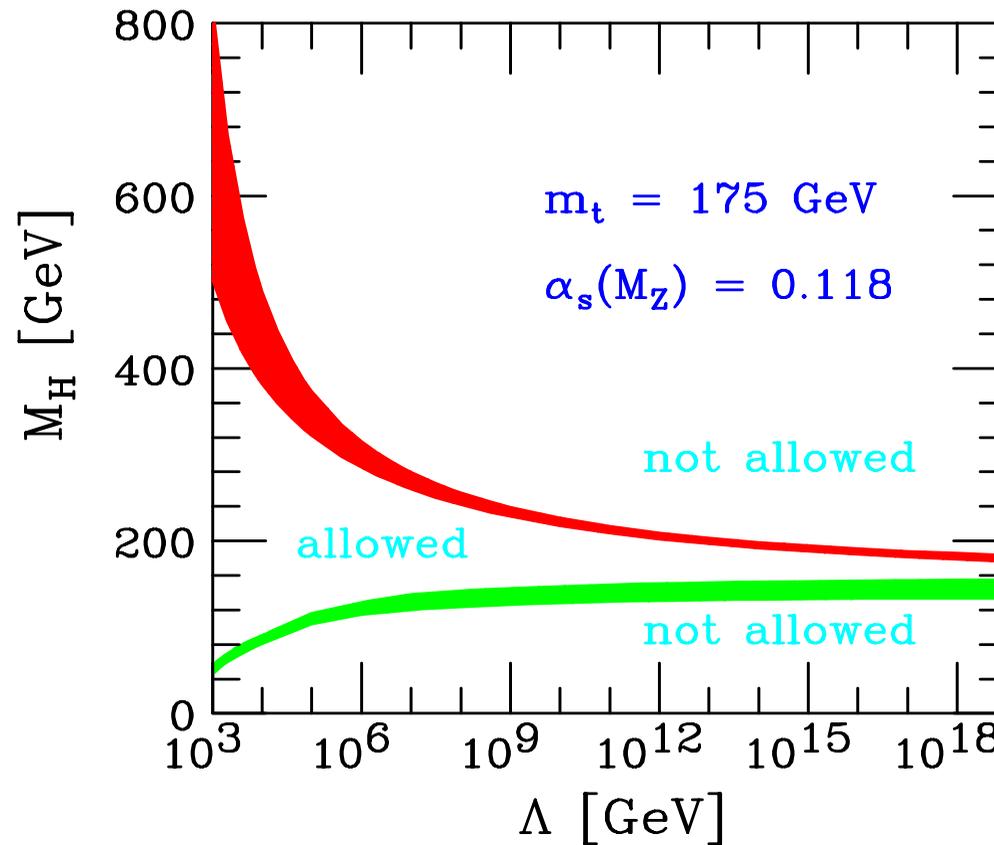


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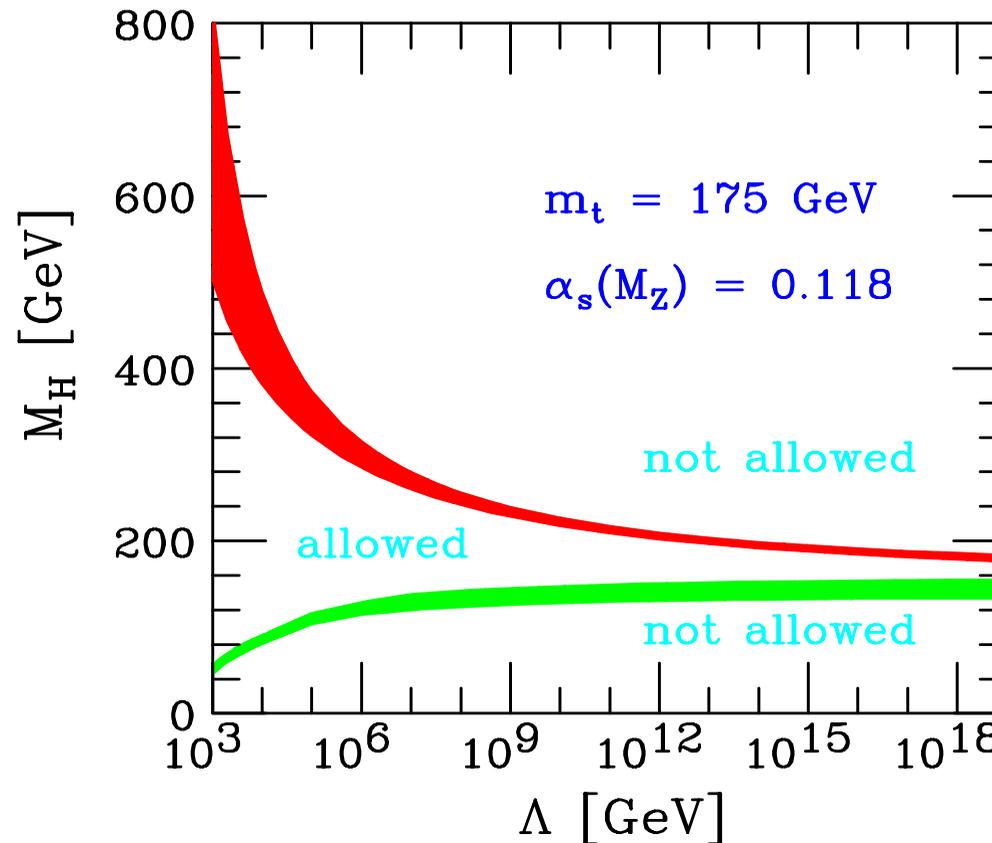
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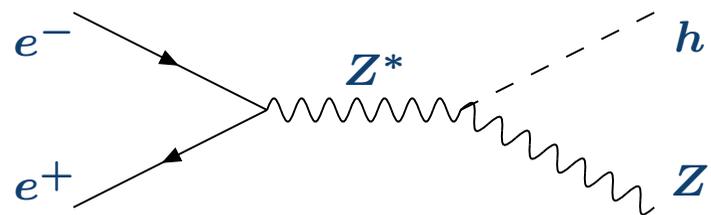
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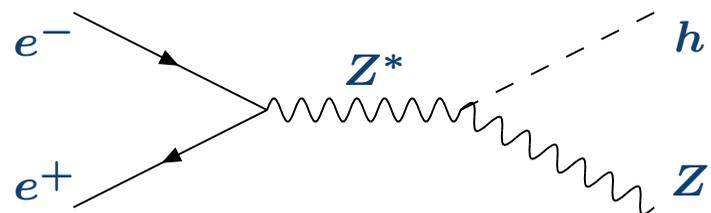


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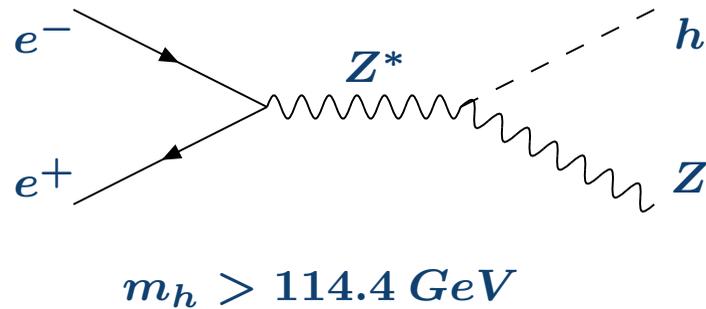


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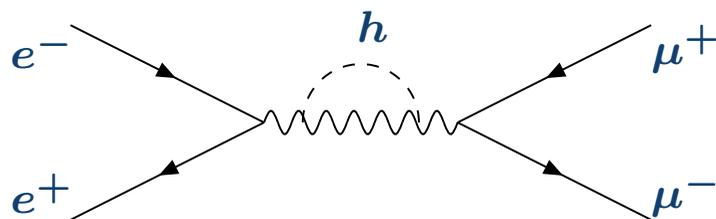
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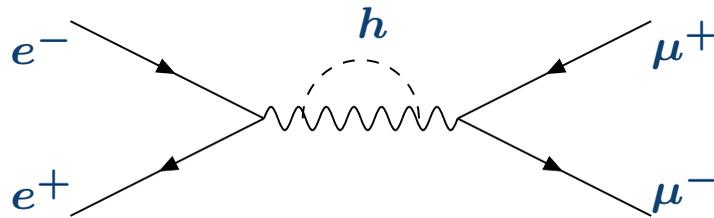


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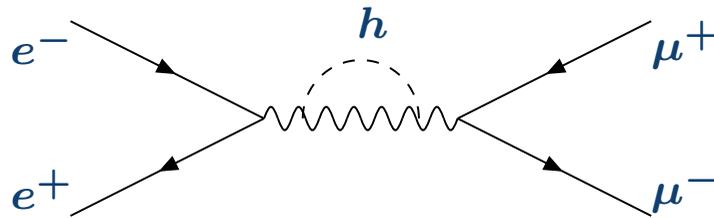
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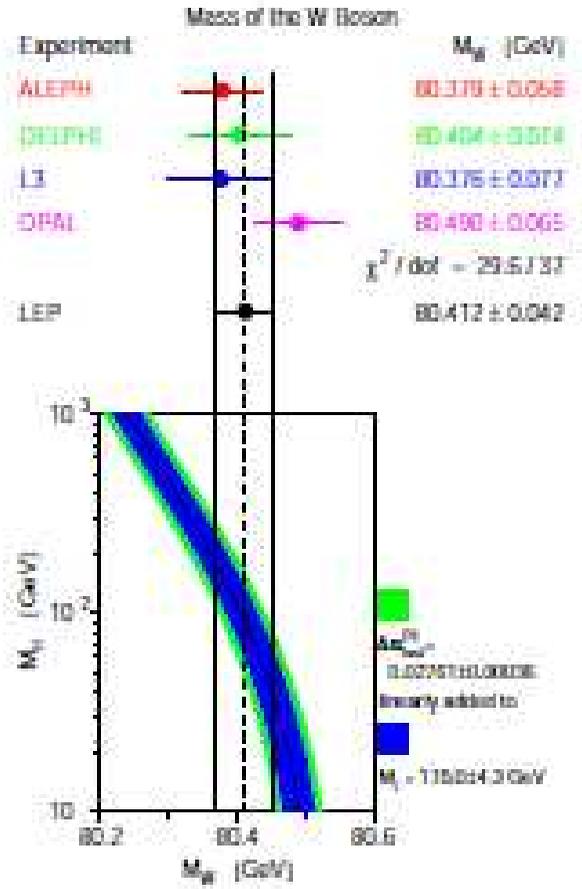
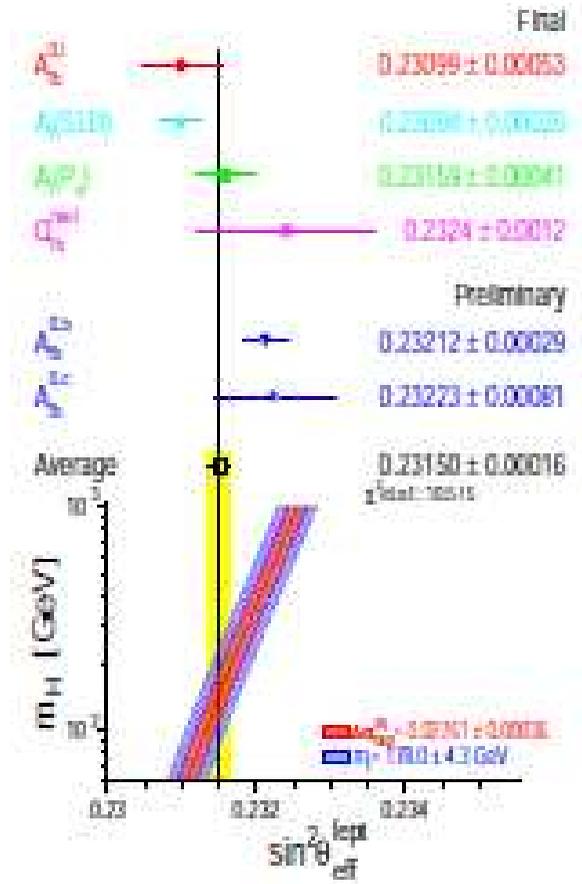


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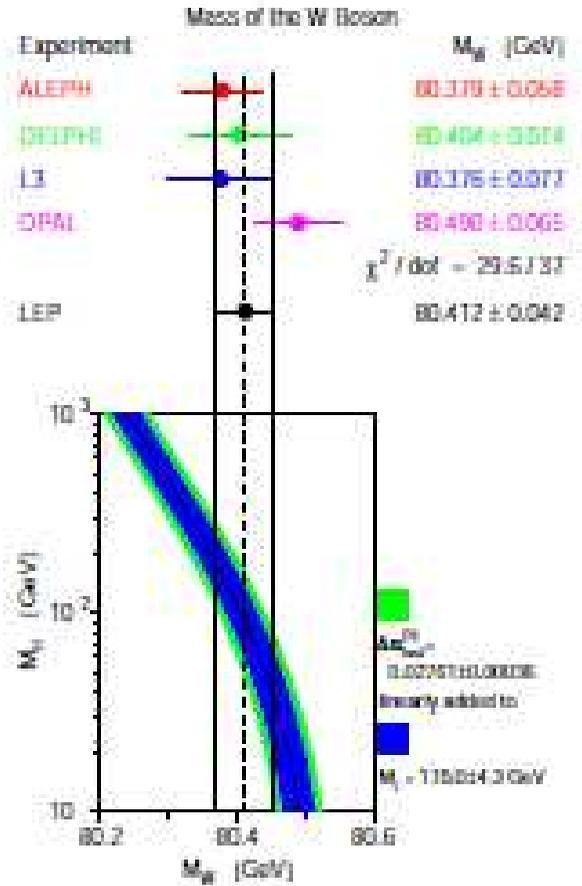
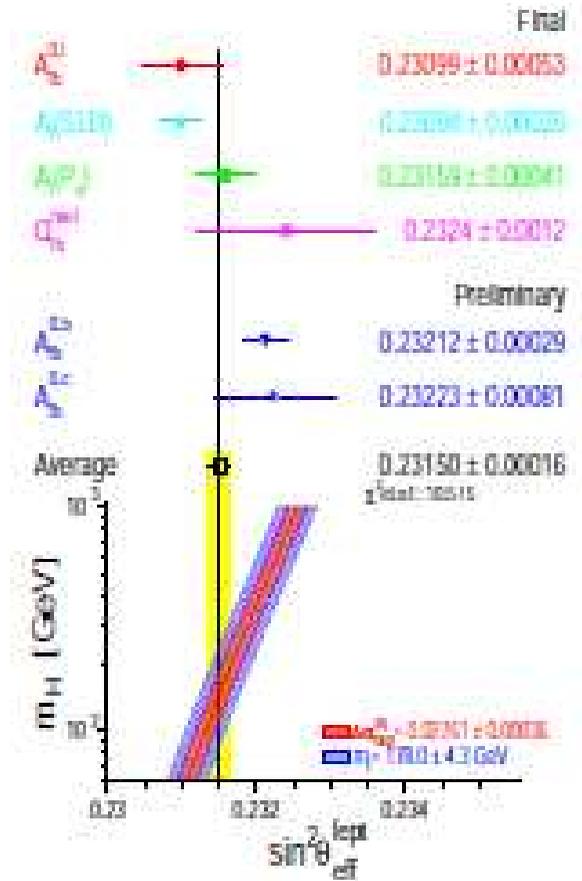
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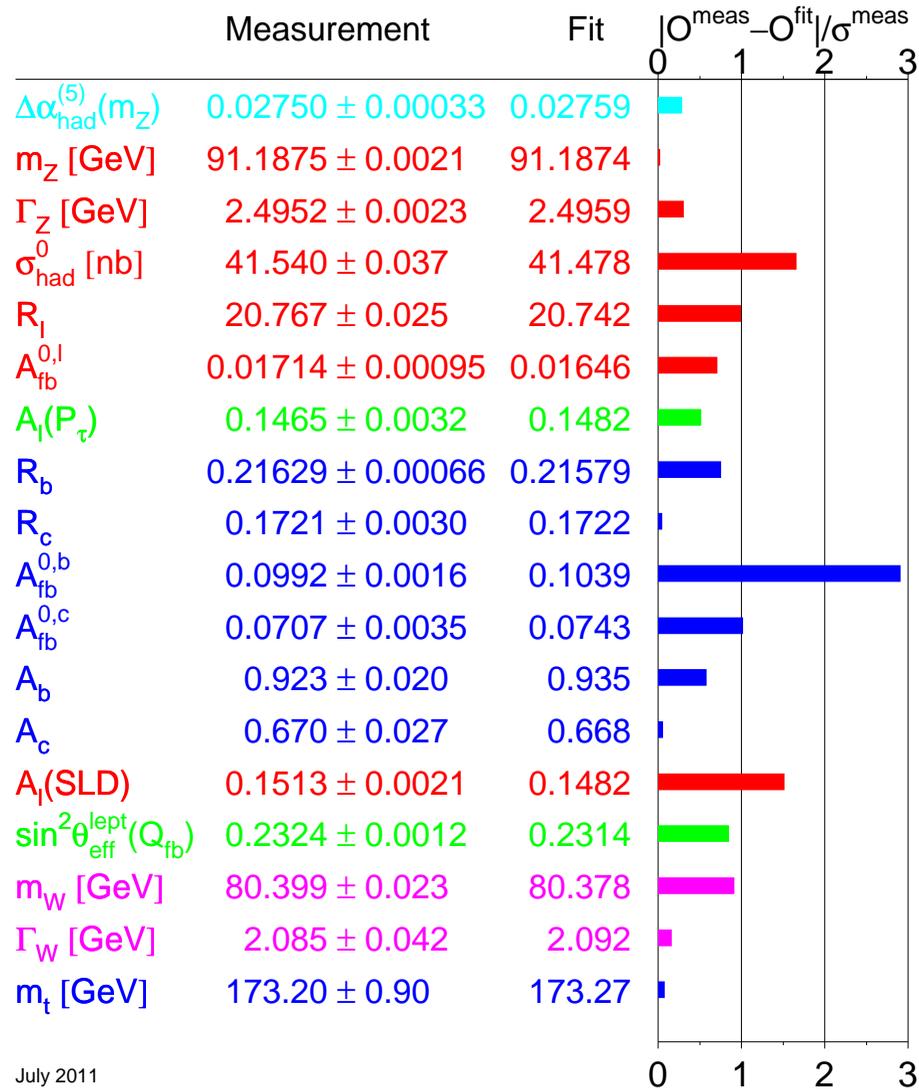
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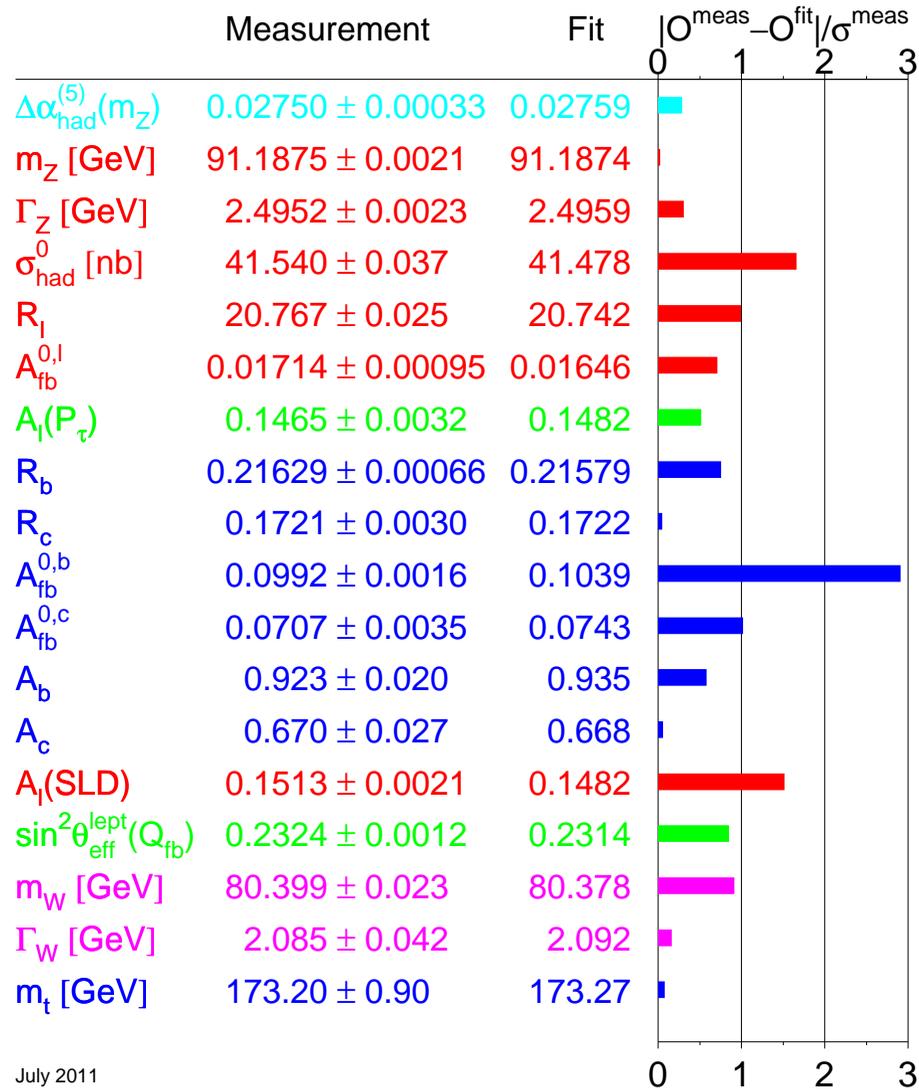
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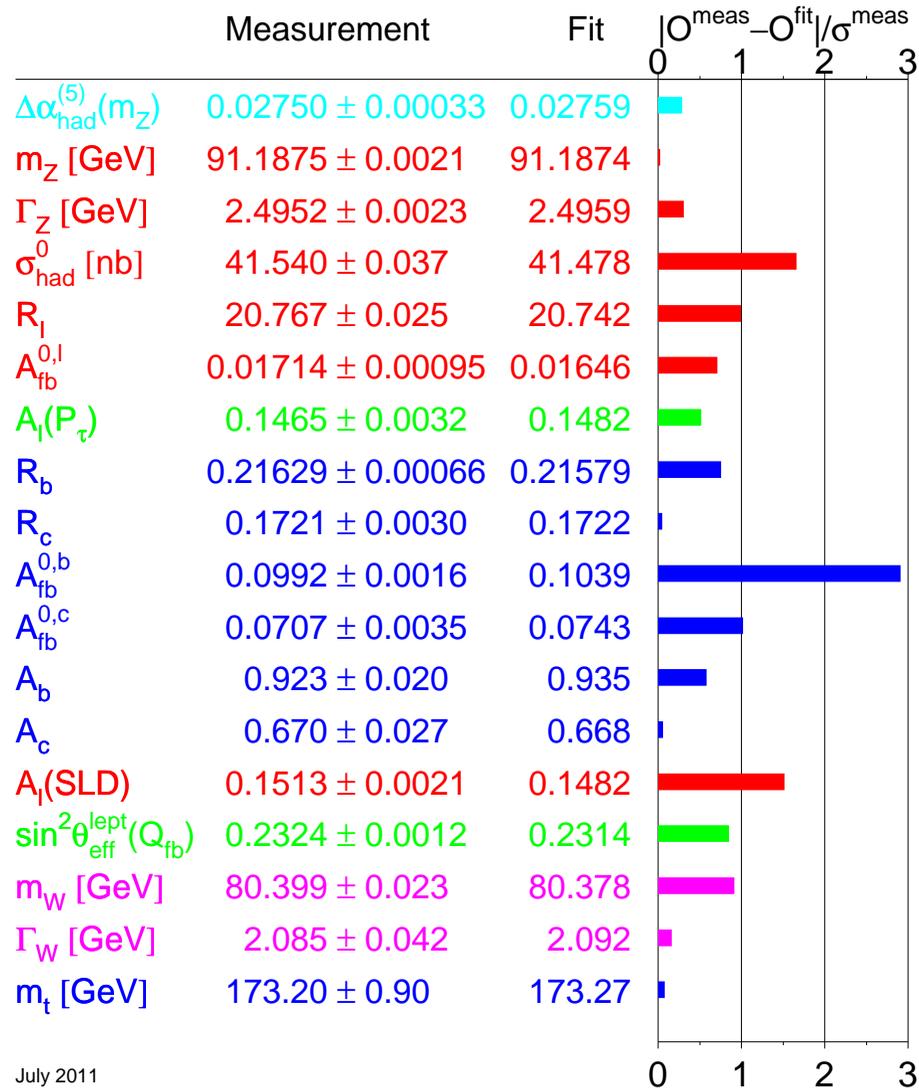
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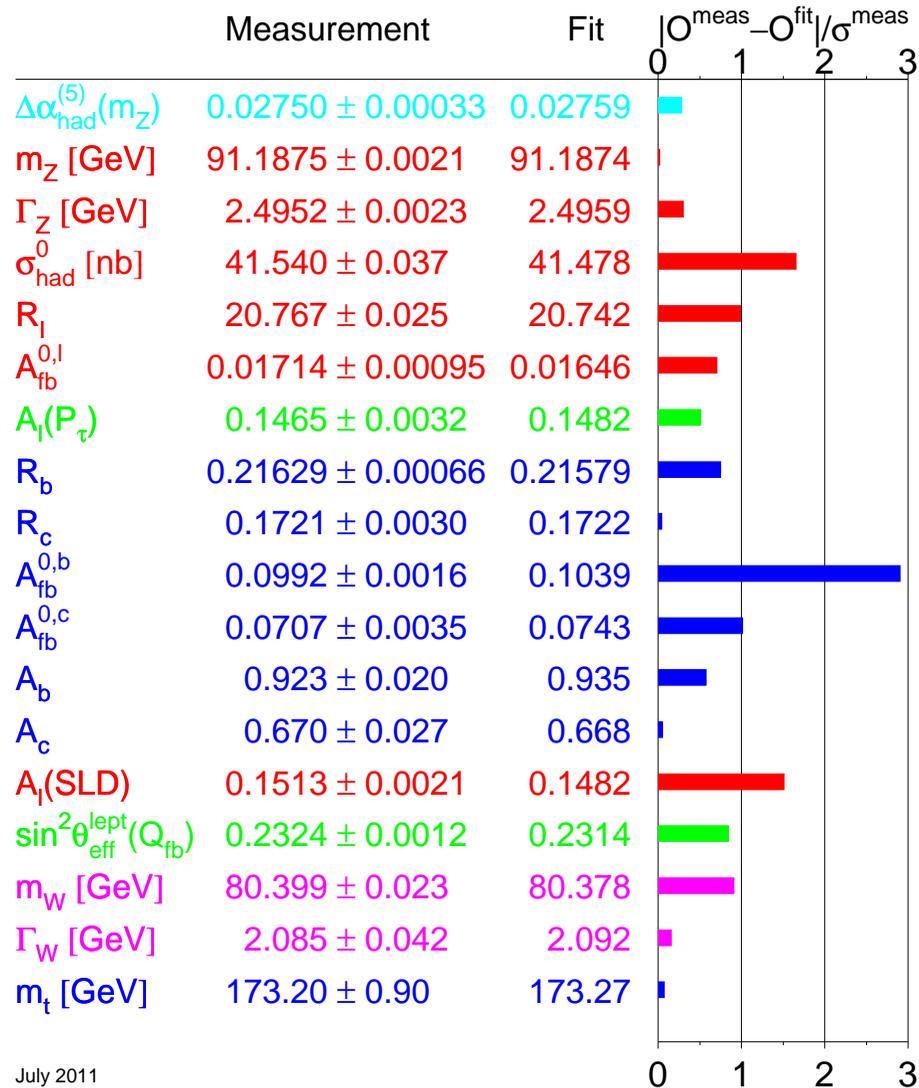
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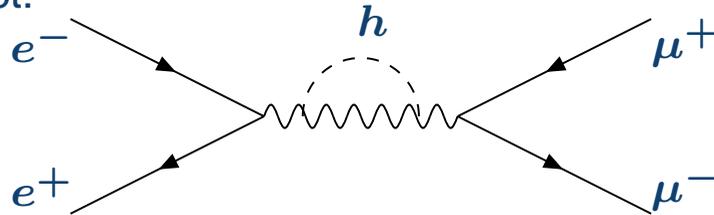
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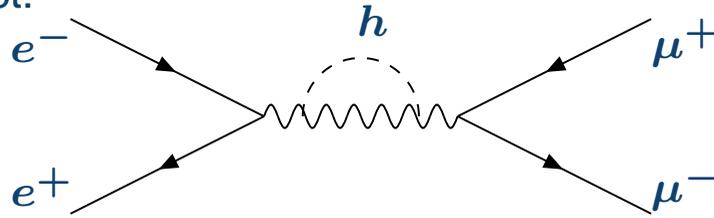
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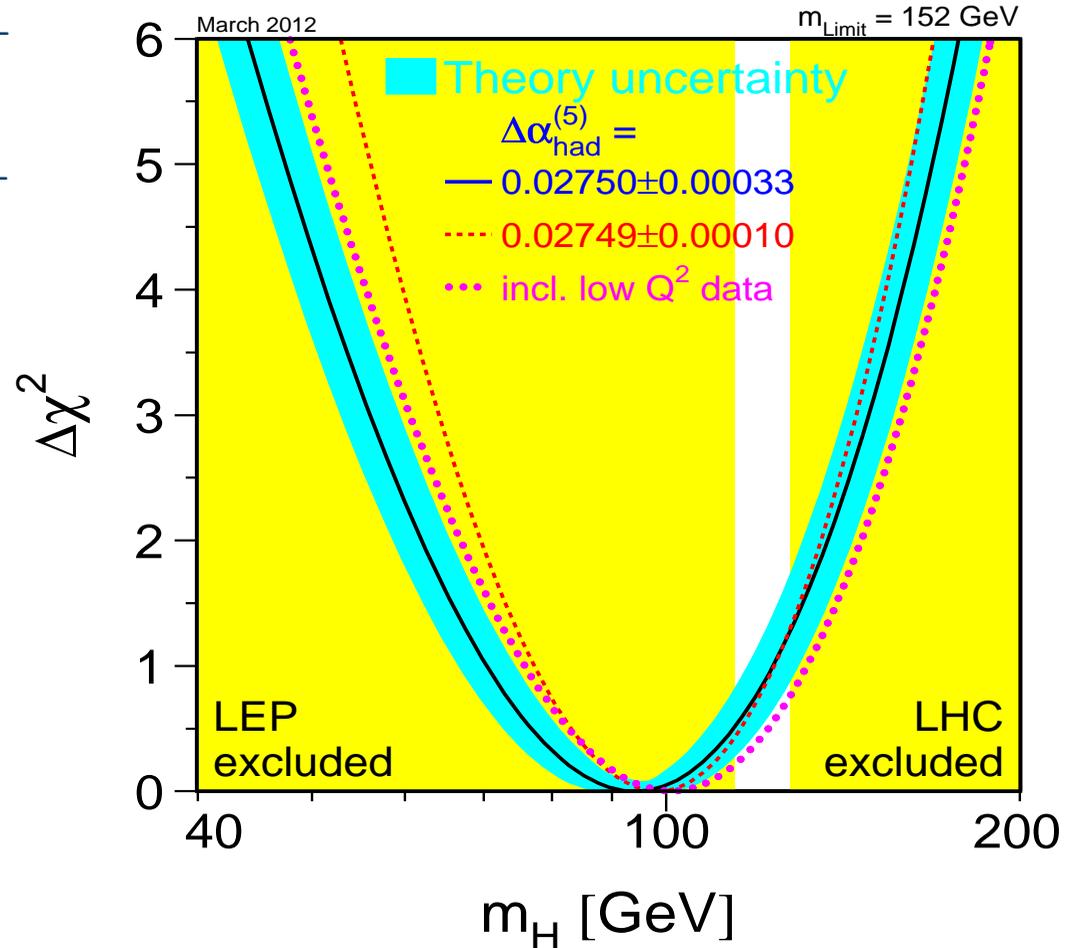
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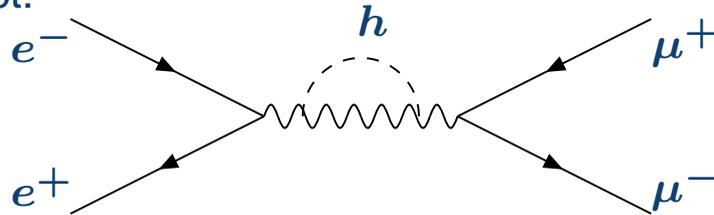
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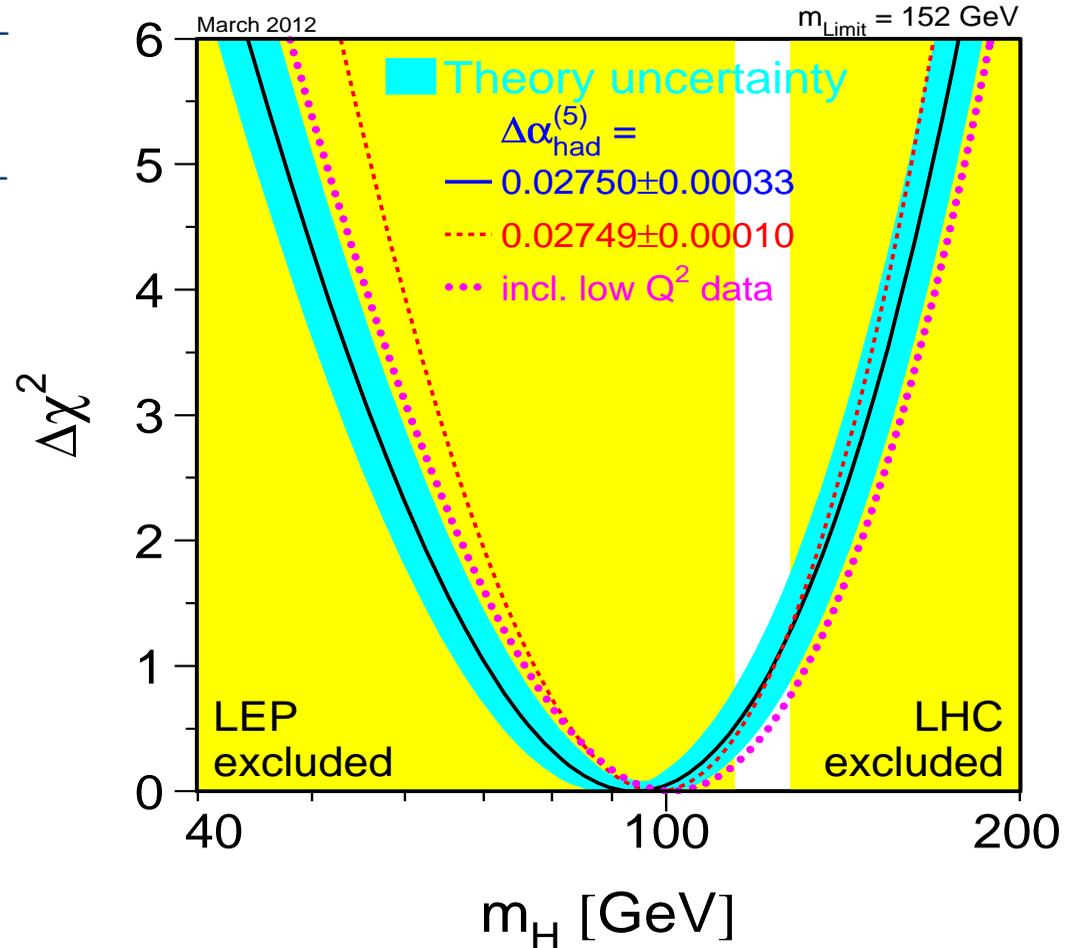
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