# Higgs weighs 125 GeV! Now what?

1) Is Higgs standard? (http://arxiv.org/abs/1203.4254) 2) SM vacuum (in)stability (http://arxiv.org/abs/1205.6497) 3) Higgs & SUSY (http://arxiv.org/abs/1108.6077) 4) Maybe something more (http://arxiv.org/abs/1204.5465)

Alessandro Strumia Talk at CERN, IFAE, Princeton, Planck2012, Mass2012 still improving, updated to June 15, 2012 Slides on-line so photos not needed







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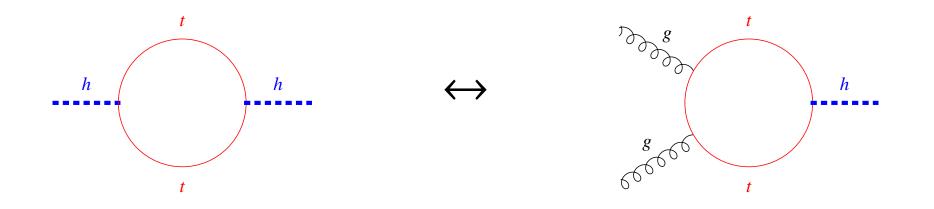
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### Is the Higgs standard?

with P.P. Giardino, K. Kannike, M. Raidal

#### **Motivation**

Naturalness suggests that light stops or similar new physics affect the Higgs



Testing the Higgs is a way to test naturalness

#### **Observables**

 $m_h = 125 \,\text{GeV}$  is a favorable mass for LHC; several BR

 $BR(h \to b\bar{b}) = 58\%, \quad BR(h \to WW^*) = 21.6\%, \quad BR(h \to \tau^+ \tau^-) = 6.4\%, \\BR(h \to ZZ^*) = 2.7\%, \quad BR(h \to gg) = 8.5\%, \quad BR(h \to \gamma\gamma) = 0.22\%$ 

and production mechanisms

$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow h) = (15.3 \pm 2.6) \text{ pb}, \quad \sigma(pp \rightarrow jjh) = 1.2 \text{ pb},$$
  
 $\sigma(pp \rightarrow Wh) = 0.57 \text{ pb}, \quad \sigma(pp \rightarrow Zh) = 0.32 \text{ pb},$ 

allow to disentangle Higgs couplings and test Higgs properties.

Fit needed: e.g. changing the higgs/bottom coupling also changes all BR.

#### **Fermiophobic searches**

We included all data after Moriond2012. In particular these ones are unsafe:

CMS looked for  $pp \rightarrow jj\gamma\gamma$  measuring, at  $m_h \approx 125 \,\text{GeV}$ :

 $[(0.03 \pm 0.02)\sigma(pp \rightarrow h) + \sigma(pp \rightarrow jjh)] \times \mathsf{BR}(h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) = \mathsf{SM} \times (3.3 \pm 1.1)$ 

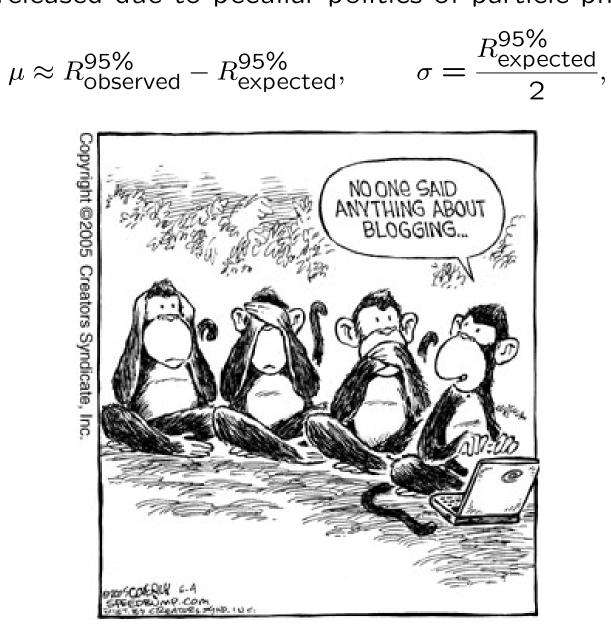
ATLAS looked for  $pp \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$  with  $p_{T\gamma\gamma} > 40 \,\text{GeV}$  measuring

 $[0.3\sigma(pp \to h) + \sigma(pp \to Wh, Zh, jjh)] \times \mathsf{BR}(h \to \gamma\gamma) = \mathsf{SM} \times (3.3 \pm 1.1)$ 

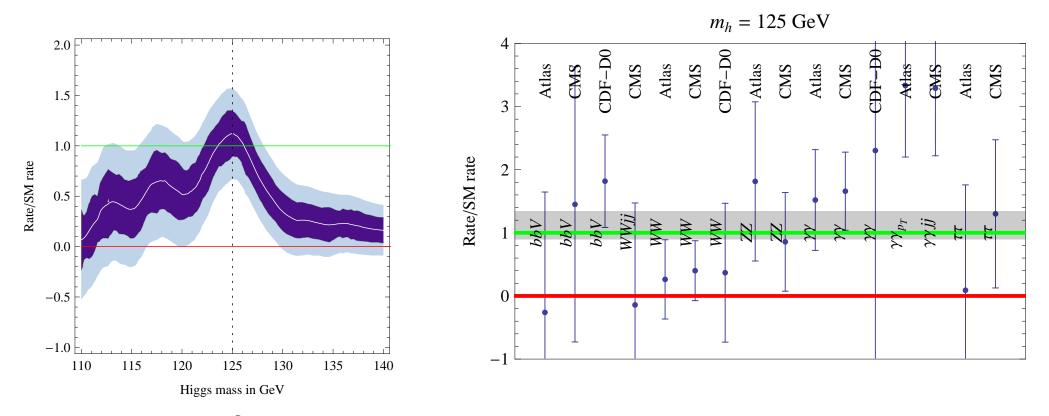
This format would be perfect for future data releases. So far we have to get weights of production channels by asking or doing MC simulations and...

#### Data

Likelihoods not released due to peculiar politics of particle physics. We use:



#### Higgs data: CMS, ATLAS, CDF, D0

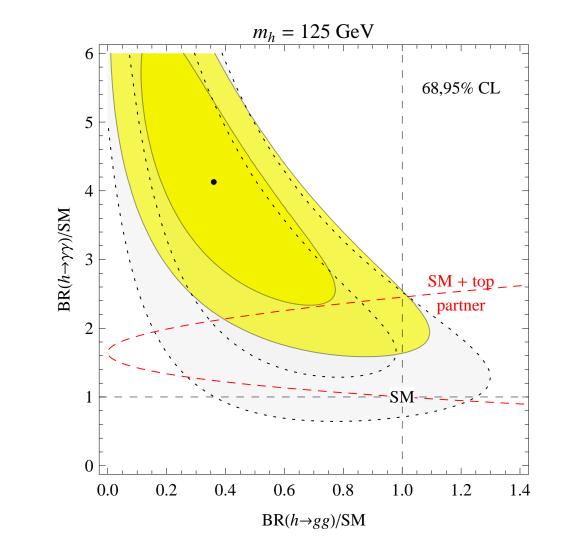


SM fit is good:  $\chi^2 \approx 17$  (15 dof), the average rate is  $1.1 \pm 0.2$ , and

 $\frac{\text{observed rate}}{\text{SM rate}} = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} 2.1 \pm 0.5 & \text{photons} \\ 0.5 \pm 0.3 & \text{vectors: } W \text{ and } Z \\ 1.3 \pm 0.5 & \text{fermions: } b \text{ and } \tau \end{array} \right.$ 

New 2012 data will reduce errors by a factor of  $\sim$  2

#### Non-standard BR for loop processes

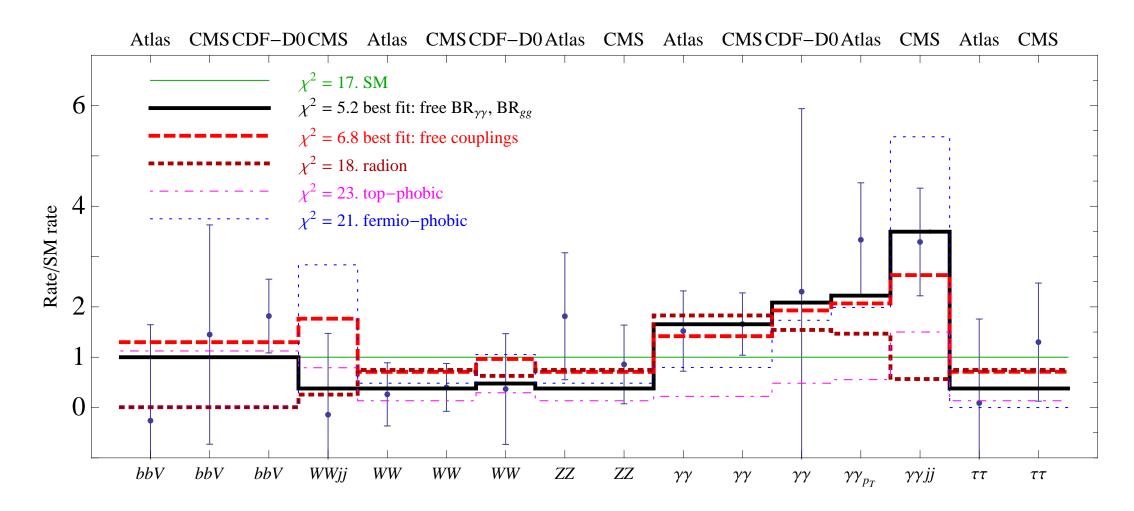


Best fit  $\chi^2 \approx 6$  (13 dof) away from SM and at

$$\frac{\mathsf{BR}(h \leftrightarrow gg)}{\mathsf{BR}(h \rightarrow gg)_{\mathsf{SM}}} \approx 0.3, \qquad \frac{\mathsf{BR}(h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)}{\mathsf{BR}(h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)_{\mathsf{SM}}} \approx$$

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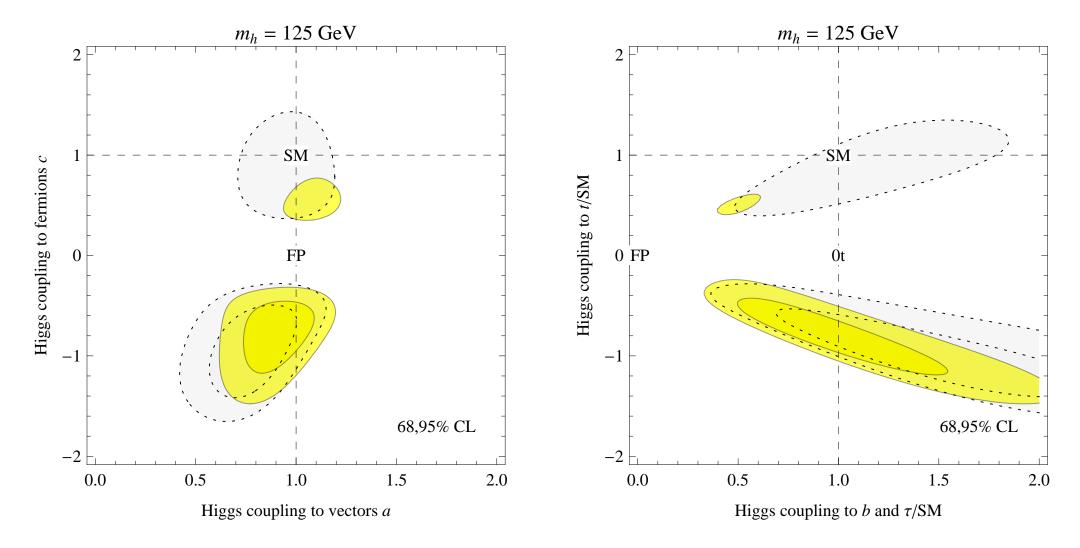
#### Non standard best fits



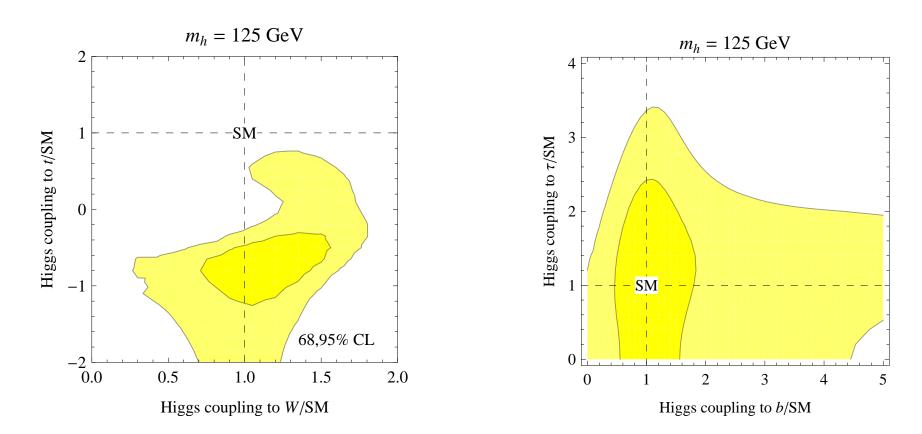
SM  $\chi^2$  is good. BSM fit is better. Maybe too good. Fermiophobia not much worse than SM

#### Fits to Higgs couplings: dysfermiophilia

Latest fermiophobic analyses prefer enhanced  $h \to \gamma \gamma$  obtained for  $y_t \approx -y_t^{SM}$ .



#### **Global fit**



E.g. in the MSSM at tree level

 $\frac{g_{hW}}{\mathsf{SM}} = \frac{g_{hZ}}{\mathsf{SM}} = \sin(\beta - \alpha), \qquad \frac{y_b}{\mathsf{SM}} = \frac{y_\tau}{\mathsf{SM}} = -\frac{\sin\alpha}{\cos\beta}, \qquad \frac{y_t}{\mathsf{SM}} = \frac{\cos\alpha}{\sin\beta},$ 

and at loop level

$$\frac{y_t}{\mathsf{SM}} = 1 + \frac{m_t^2}{4} \left[ \frac{1}{m_{\tilde{t}_1}^2} + \frac{1}{m_{\tilde{t}_1}^2} - \frac{(A_t - \mu/\tan\beta)^2}{m_{\tilde{t}_1}^2 m_{\tilde{t}_1}^2} \right]$$

#### Fitting the Higgs invisible width

A referee believes that this cannot be done:

"Only ratios of couplings can be fitted. I do not see how the authors can rectify their paper without a complete change of analysis strategy. Consequently, a new revised version will be unacceptable as well".



2nd referee says we can go on...

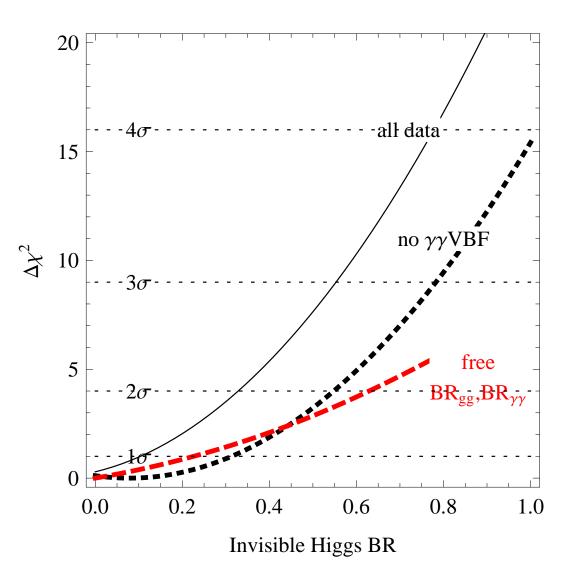
#### Fitting the Higgs invisible width

Data can test and disfavor an invisible width because  $gg \rightarrow h$  and  $h \rightarrow gg$  are related as well known since Breit-Wigner

$$\sigma(gg \to h) \stackrel{\Gamma \ll m}{\simeq} \frac{\pi^2}{8m_h} \Gamma(h \to gg) \delta(s - m_h^2)$$

Result:

$$\label{eq:BRinv} \begin{split} &\mathsf{BR}_{\mathsf{inv}} = 0 \pm 25\% \text{ depending on the fit} \\ &\mathsf{Commonsense: } \mathsf{BR}_{\mathsf{inv}} \text{ cannot be too} \\ &\mathsf{large, otherwise we would not see the} \\ &\mathsf{Higgs.} \end{split}$$



#### **Higgs or radion?**

A 'radion' particle  $\varphi$  coupled to the trace of  $T_{\mu\nu}$  can mimic the Higgs:

$$\frac{\varphi}{\Lambda}T^{\mu}_{\mu} = \frac{\varphi}{\Lambda} \left( \sum_{f} m_{f}\bar{f}f - M_{Z}^{2}Z^{2}_{\mu} - 2M_{W}^{2}W^{2}_{\mu} + A \right)$$

At tree level, it like a Higgs with all couplings rescaled by  $R = \sqrt{2}v/\Lambda$ .

The difference arises at quantum level because scale invariance is anomalous:

$$A = -7\frac{\alpha_3}{8\pi}G^a_{\mu\nu}G^a_{\mu\nu} + \frac{11}{3}\frac{\alpha_{\rm em}}{8\pi}F_{\mu\nu}F_{\mu\nu}$$

So  $\varphi \leftrightarrow gg$  is strongly enhanced and  $\varphi \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$  changed.

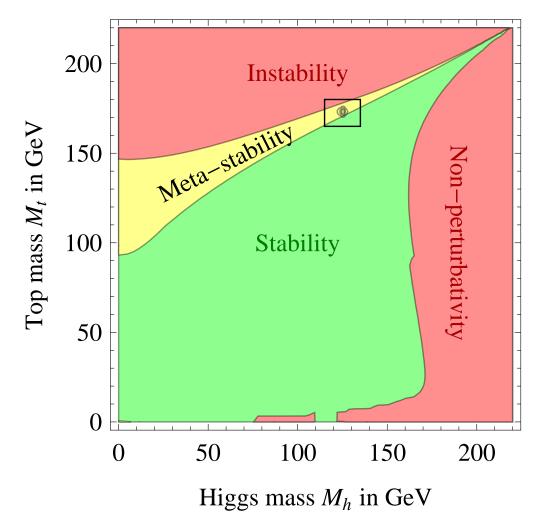
Fit almost as good as the SM Higgs, best at  $R = 0.28 \pm 0.03$  (i.e.  $\Lambda \approx 870$  GeV).

# From the EW scale to the Planck scale

With Degrassi, di Vita, Miró, Espinosa, Giudice, Isidori and the SM

#### $M_h = 125 \text{ GeV. And now?}$

RGE running can make  $\lambda$  negative or non-perturbative



For the measured masses both  $\lambda$  and its  $\beta$ -function vanish around  $M_{\text{Pl}}$ !? (This would be the main message bla bla quantum gravity bla bla) NNLO corrections are like a  $\pm 3$  GeV uncertainty in  $m_h$ : compute them!

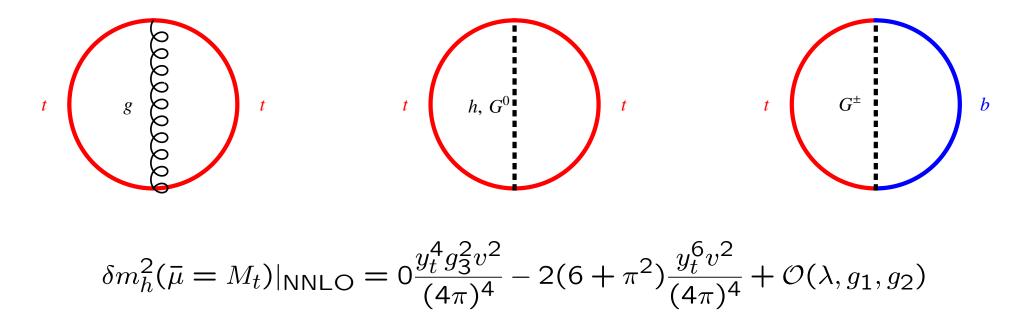
#### NNLO

 $3\log RGE + 2\log POTENTIAL + 2\log POTENTI$ 

 $\lambda \leftrightarrow M_h$  at NNLO is the main effect, because  $g_3$  and  $y_t$  get big at low E:

$$M_h^2 = \left(\lambda + \frac{y_t^4}{(4\pi)^2} + \frac{y_t^4}{(4\pi)^2} \frac{y_3^2 + y_t^2}{(4\pi)^2}\right) v^2$$

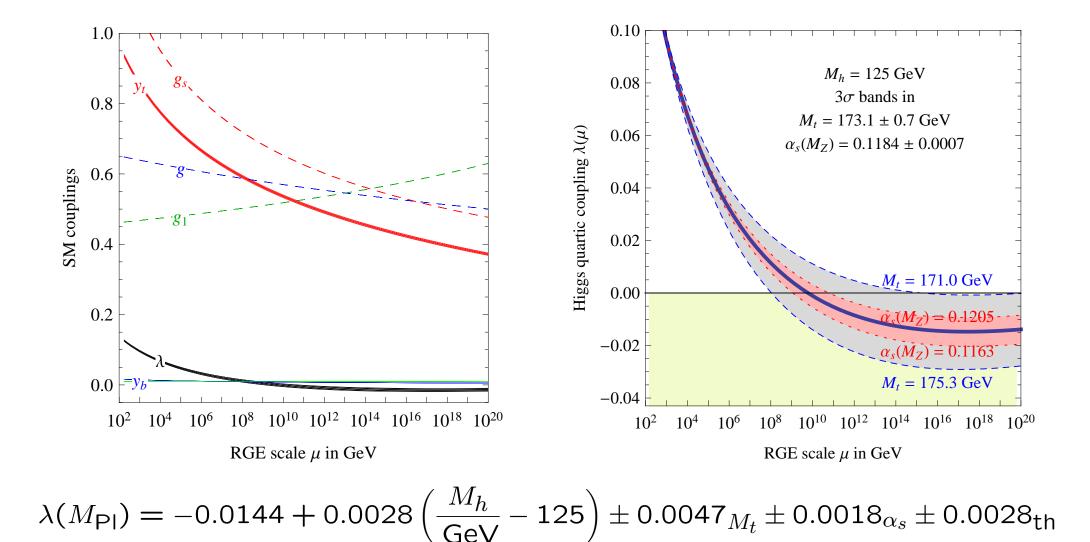
Leading terms in  $M_h^2/4M_t^2$  can be obtained from the known 2 loop potential



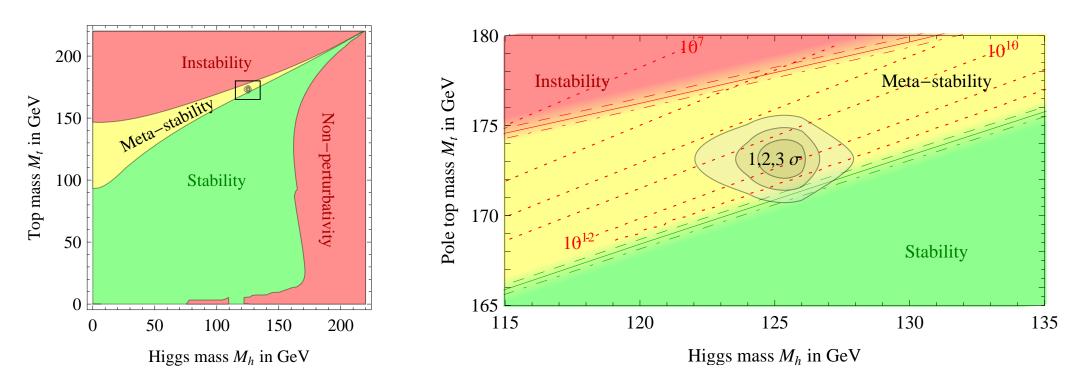
Status now: full  $g_3, y_t, \lambda$  at NNLO, g, g' at NLO: -1 GeV shift towards instability

#### From the EW scale to the Planck scale

$$\lambda(M_t) = 0.12577 + 0.00205 \left(\frac{M_h}{\text{GeV}} - 125\right) - 0.00004 \left(\frac{M_t}{\text{GeV}} - 173.15\right) \pm 0.00140_{\text{th}}$$



#### The SM vacuum is metastable



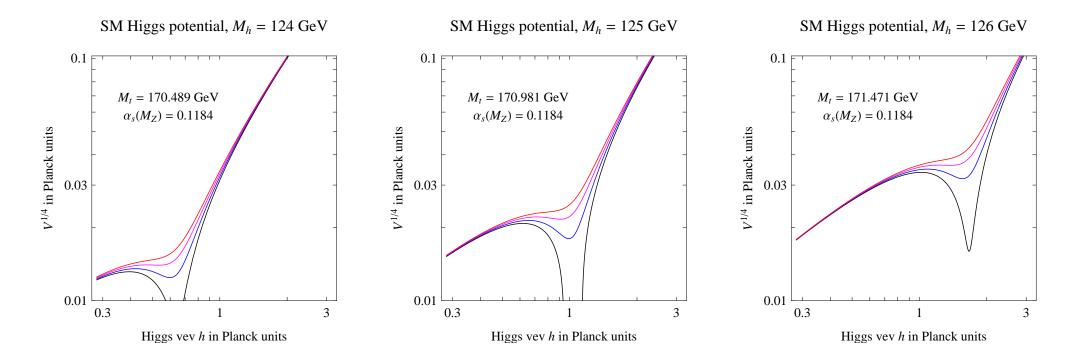
$$M_h \; [\text{GeV}] > 129.4 + 1.4 \left( \frac{M_t \; [\text{GeV}] - 173.1}{0.7} \right) - 0.5 \left( \frac{\alpha_s(M_Z) - 0.1184}{0.0007} \right) \pm 1.0_{\text{th}} \; .$$

Vacuum stability is excluded at  $2\sigma$  (98% C.L. one sided) for  $M_h < 126 \text{ GeV}$ .

The main uncertainty is  $M_t$ , which will **soon** be measured better.

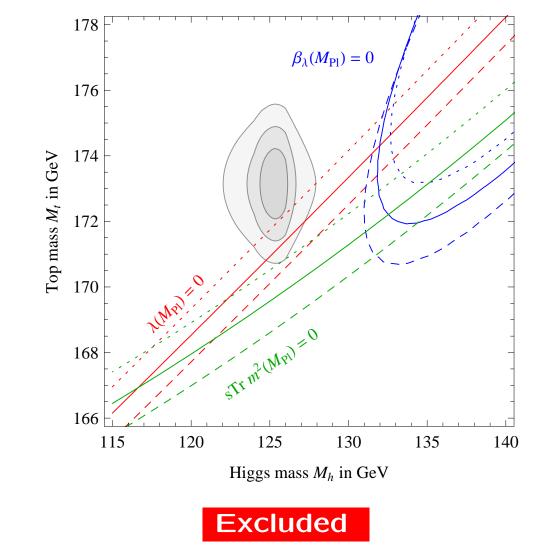
#### **Implications: Higgs inflation?**

A) Criticality allows inflation with a plateau or a second minimum. Needs adjustments. In practice it predicts  $\lambda = \beta_{\lambda} = 0$  and so...



B) Inflation with a non-minimal coupling to gravity,  $|H|^2 R$ . Maybe it allows inflation or maybe the theory is uncontrollable. In practice it predicts  $\lambda > 0$ .

#### Veltman throat at the Planck scale?



Cut-off for  $y_t^2 \Lambda^2$  must be lower than for  $g^2 \Lambda^2$ 

#### **Tree level stabilization**

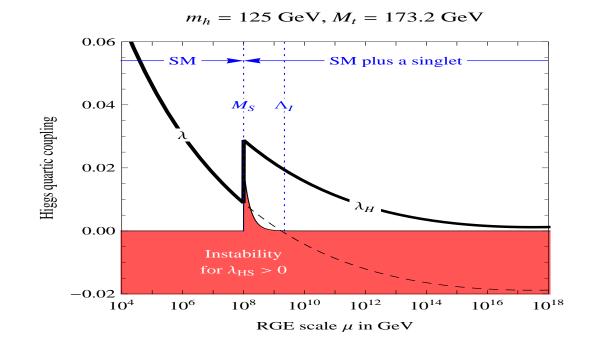
New physics can easily stabilize the SM potential. Lots of possibilities.

The simplest possibility is a singlet S with a vev (possibly the axion):

$$V = \lambda_H \left( H^{\dagger} H - v^2 \right)^2 + \lambda_S \left( S^{\dagger} S - w^2 \right)^2 + 2\lambda_{HS} \left( H^{\dagger} H - v^2 \right) \left( S^{\dagger} S - w^2 \right)$$

Integrating out S at tree level gives a threshold correction that stabilizes V:

$$\lambda_{\text{low energy}} = \lambda_H - \frac{\lambda_{HS}^2}{\lambda_S}$$



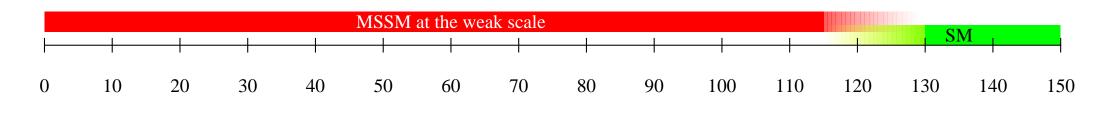
(with J. Elias-Miro, J.R. Espinosa, G. Giudice, H.M. Lee)

## Higgs and SUSY

with G. Giudice

#### 125 GeV is in no man's land

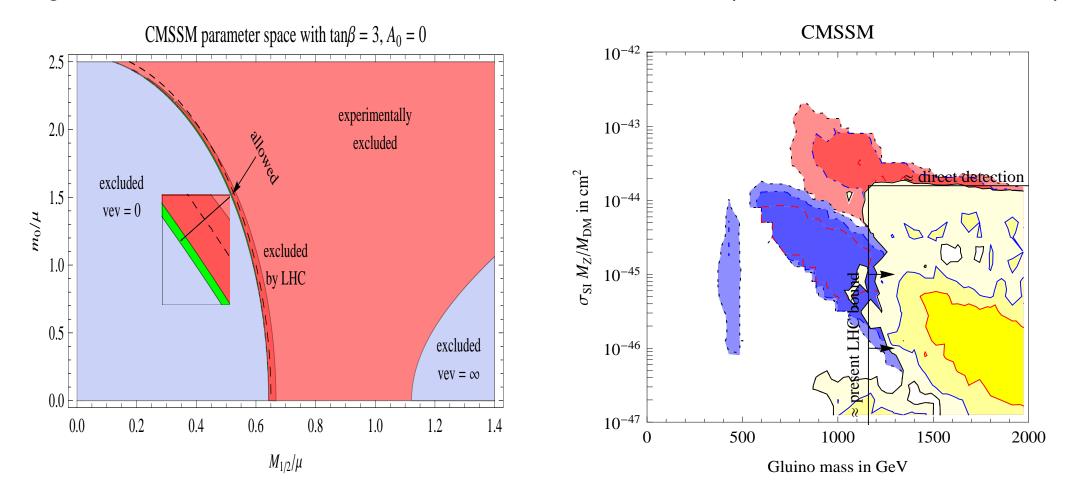
SM is stable up to the Planck scale for  $m_h\gtrsim$  130 GeV but can go down to 115



MSSM with weak scale SUSY likes  $m_h \lesssim$  120 GeV but can go up to 130

#### SUSY is dead...

...  $m_h \approx 125 \text{ GeV}$  needs quasi-maximal stop mixing or beyond-MSSM... ... naturalness of weak scale SUSY is mostly gone (KFT or light  $\tilde{t}, \tilde{b}$ ?) ... g-2 regions are getting excluded in the CMSSM (or LHC-phobic SUSY...)



But SUSY is the king of BSM so...

#### ...Long live SUSY!

Time to consider  $m_{SUSY} \gg M_Z$  and compute  $m_h(m_{SUSY}, \tan \beta)$ :

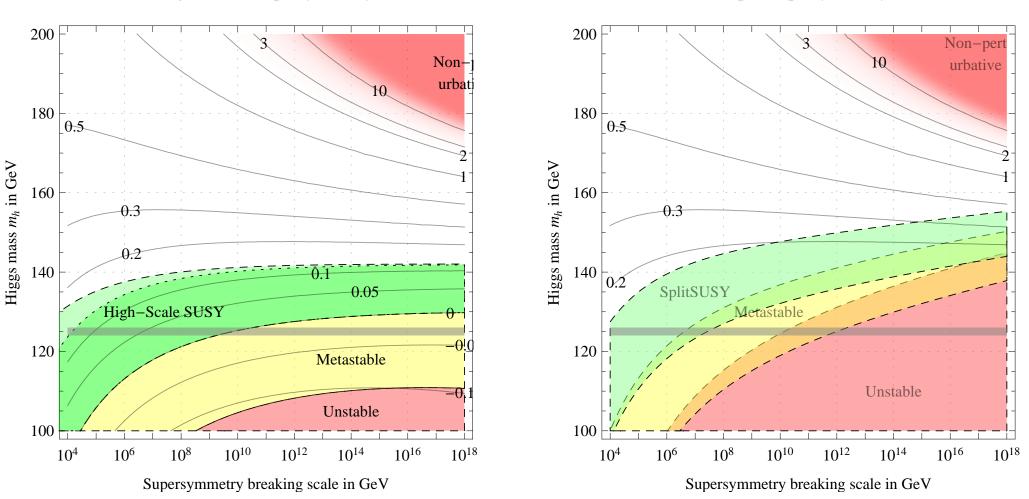
- **Split-SUSY** (SUSY scalars at  $m_{SUSY}$  and SUSY fermions around  $M_Z$ ). Gives good unification and maybe makes theoretical sense.
- High-Scale-SUSY (all sparticles at  $m_{SUSY}$ ) aka "Super-Split-SUSY".

Such a nice joke that its authors forgot to notice that there is one prediction

$$\lambda(m_{\text{SUSY}}) = \frac{1}{4} \left[ g_2^2(m_{\text{SUSY}}) + \frac{3}{5} g_1^2(m_{\text{SUSY}}) \right] \cos^2 2\beta + \text{loops}$$

 $\lambda(m_h, m_{\text{SUSY}})$ 

High-Scale Supersymmetry



Split Supersymmetry

Light green: with maximal stop mixing, which is not possible in Split-SUSY.

#### **Full NLO computation**

The total result does not depend on the regularization scheme: One loop thresholds at the weak scale

One loop thresholds at the SUSY scale

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2 loop Split-SUSY RGE between  $M_Z$  and  $m_{SUSY}$  $\beta_2(g_t) = -12g_t^5 + g_t \Big[ g_b^2 \Big( \frac{5\tilde{g}_{1d}^2}{8} + \frac{5\tilde{g}_{1u}^2}{8} + \frac{15\tilde{g}_{2d}^2}{8} + \frac{15\tilde{g}_{2u}^2}{8} + \frac{5g_\tau^2}{4} + \frac{7g_1^2}{80} + \frac{99g_2^2}{16} + 4g_3^2 \Big) +$  $+g_{1}^{2}(\frac{3\tilde{g}_{1d}^{2}}{16}+\frac{3\tilde{g}_{1u}^{2}}{16}+\frac{9\tilde{g}_{2d}^{2}}{16}+\frac{9\tilde{g}_{2u}^{2}}{16}-\frac{9g_{2}^{2}}{20}+\frac{19g_{3}^{2}}{15})-3\tilde{g}_{1d}\tilde{g}_{1u}\tilde{g}_{2d}\tilde{g}_{2u}+$  $+g_2^2\big(\frac{15\tilde{g}_{1\mathrm{d}}^2}{16}+\frac{15\tilde{g}_{1\mathrm{u}}^2}{16}+\frac{165\tilde{g}_{2\mathrm{d}}^2}{16}+\frac{165\tilde{g}_{2\mathrm{u}}^2}{16}+9g_3^2\big)-\frac{5}{4}\tilde{g}_{1\mathrm{d}}^2\tilde{g}_{1\mathrm{u}}^2-\frac{9}{8}\tilde{g}_{1\mathrm{d}}^2\tilde{g}_{2\mathrm{d}}^2-\frac{9\tilde{g}_{1\mathrm{d}}^4}{16}+\frac{9}{16}\tilde{g}_{1\mathrm{d}}^2\tilde{g}_{1\mathrm{d}}^2-\frac{9}{8}\tilde{g}_{1\mathrm{d}}^2\tilde{g}_{2\mathrm{d}}^2-\frac{9}{16}\tilde{g}_{1\mathrm{d}}^4+\frac{9}{16}\tilde{g}_{1\mathrm{d}}^2\tilde{g}_{1\mathrm{d}}^2+\frac{9}{16}\tilde{g}_{1\mathrm{d}}^2+\frac{9}{16}\tilde{g}_$  $-\frac{9}{8}\tilde{g}_{1u}^{2}\tilde{g}_{2u}^{2} - \frac{9\tilde{g}_{1u}^{4}}{16} - \frac{3}{4}\tilde{g}_{2d}^{2}\tilde{g}_{2u}^{2} - \frac{45\tilde{g}_{2d}^{4}}{16} - \frac{45\tilde{g}_{2u}^{4}}{16} - \frac{g_{b}^{4}}{16} - \frac{g_{b}^{4}}{4} - \frac{9g_{\tau}^{4}}{4} + \frac{9g_{\tau}^{4}}{16} + \frac{9g_{\tau}^{4}}{16} - \frac{9g_{\tau}^{4}}{16} - \frac{9g_{\tau}^{4}}{16} - \frac{9g_{\tau}^{4}}{16} + \frac{9g_{\tau}^{4}}{16} - \frac$  $+\big(\frac{15g_1^2}{8}+\frac{15g_2^2}{8}\big)g_{\tau}^2+\frac{1303g_1^4}{600}-\frac{15g_2^4}{4}-\frac{284g_3^4}{3}+\frac{3\lambda^2}{2}\big]+$  $+g_t^3\big(-\frac{9\tilde{g}_{1\mathrm{d}}^2}{8}-\frac{9\tilde{g}_{1\mathrm{u}}^2}{8}-\frac{27\tilde{g}_{2\mathrm{d}}^2}{8}-\frac{27\tilde{g}_{2\mathrm{u}}^2}{8}-\frac{11g_b^2}{8}-\frac{9g_\tau^2}{4}+\frac{393g_1^2}{80}+\frac{225g_2^2}{16}+36g_3^2-6\lambda\big)$ 

pages and pages and pages of RGE in SplitSusy

#### Uncertain uncertainties at high energy

 $m_{SUSY} \gg M_Z$  allows to get analytic expressions for everything, but one loop thresholds at the SUSY scale depend on unknown heavy sparticle masses:

$$(4\pi)^{2}\delta\lambda(m_{\text{SUSY}}) = -\frac{9}{100}g_{1}^{4} - \frac{3}{10}g_{1}^{2}g_{2}^{2} - (\frac{3}{4} - \frac{\cos^{2}2\beta}{6})g_{2}^{4} + +3g_{t}^{2}[g_{t}^{2} + \frac{1}{10}(5g_{2}^{2} - g_{1}^{2})\cos 2\beta]\ln\frac{m_{Q}^{2}}{m_{\text{SUSY}}^{2}} + \dots + \dots$$

In non-minimal SUSY models one can even have tree level corrections, positive or negative. E.g. in the NMSSM  $\lambda_N NH_uH_d + MN^2/2$ 

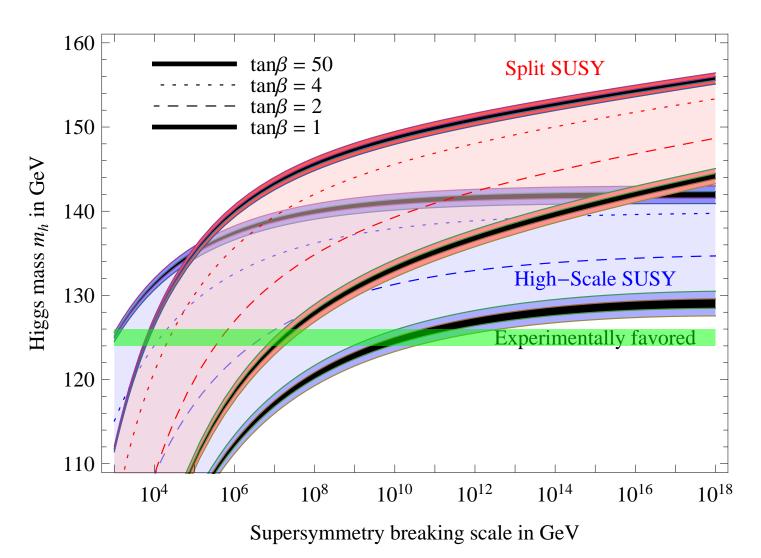
$$\delta \lambda = \lambda_N^2 \sin^2 2\beta \frac{(B - 2A)M + m^2 - A^2}{2(M^2 + m^2 + BM)}$$

Or neutrino Yukawa couplings in see-saw models.

For example, the theory of everything could be N = 1 SUSY with E<sub>6</sub> unification broken at the Planck scale by 3 fundamentals  $27_i$ . The Higgs is one slepton that remains light due to ant\*\*pic. The Yukawa couplings come from:

$$\mathscr{W} = \lambda_{ijk} 27_i 27_j 27_k$$

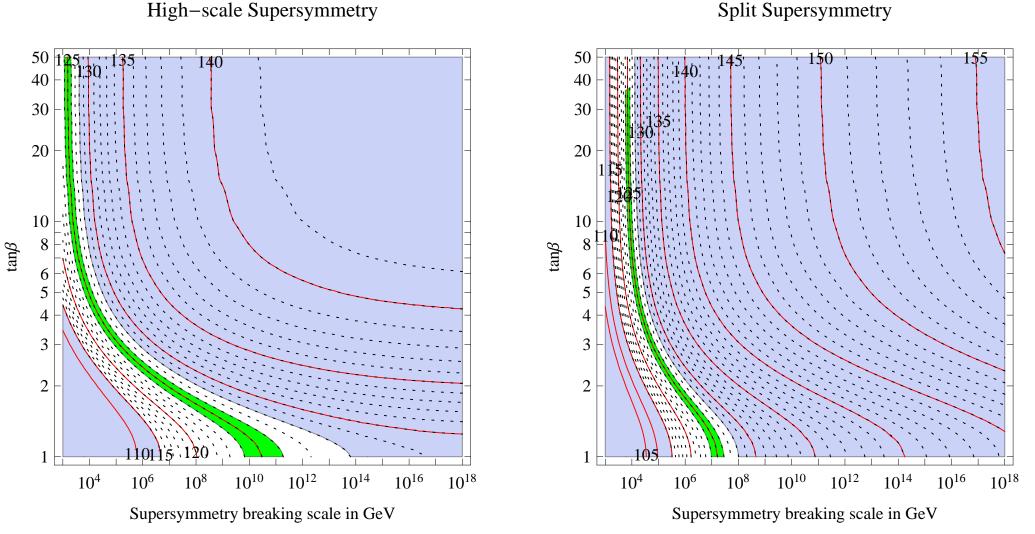
#### **Effect of SM uncertainties**



Predicted range for the Higgs mass

Thickness is  $\pm 1\sigma$  on  $\alpha_3$  and on  $M_t$ . Theory error is now  $\pm 1 \text{ GeV}$ . Extra uncertainties coming from unknown SUSY thresholds are not in the figure.

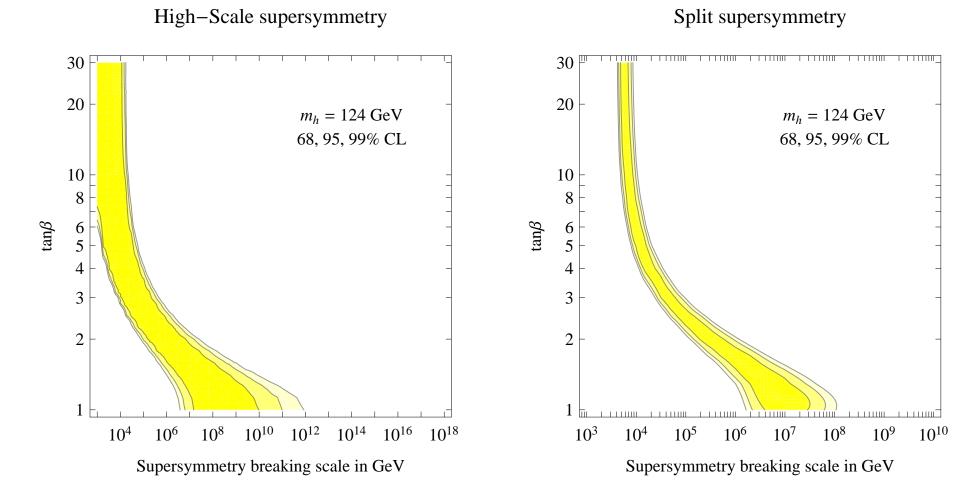
#### "Central values" for $m_{SUSY}$ and $\tan\beta$



Split Supersymmetry

(Assuming degenerate heavy spectrum at  $m_{SUSY}$ ) (Split-SUSY assumes  $M_1 = m_t$ ,  $M_2 = \mu$ , unified gauginos)

#### **Implications for** $m_{SUSY}$ and $\tan\beta$



 $m_{\text{SUSY}} \approx M_Z$  and maximal stop mixing and large  $\tan \beta$ ?  $m_{\text{SUSY}} \approx (4\pi)^2 M_Z$  and moderate  $\tan \beta$ ? Maybe  $M_2 \approx 3 \text{ TeV}$  and  $M_3 =$ ?  $m_{\text{SUSY}} \approx M_{\text{Pl}}$  and  $\tan \beta = 1$ ? Disfavored, unless extra couplings come in

#### Conclusions

- SUSY: at the weak scale, or one loop above, or much above.
- $m_h \approx 125 \text{ GeV}$  means  $\lambda$  small and negative at the Planck scale (98% C.L.).  $m^2 \approx 0, \lambda \approx 0$ : Higgs potential is doubly critical. Accident or hint?
- SM Higgs gives a good fit to data. Reduced  $gg \rightarrow h$  and enhanced  $h \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$  improves the fit. Too good fit is just over-fitting fluctuations?

It could be the last particle. Carpe diem.

#### What next?

#### Time to look outside the 'Higgs hierarchy ideology' lamppost

**Split SUSY**. Keep DM and unification and SUSY.

**Higgs inflation**. Does criticality of the Higgs potential allows inflation?

**Minimal Dark Matter**: DM is one SU(2) multiplet with only gauge couplings. Maybe a 5, which is accidentally stable like the proton: predict mass and  $\sigma_{SI}$ .

g-2 from fermions? can be produced using only new fermions at the weak scale, assuming that  $m_{\mu}$  comes from a see-saw. Predicts a non-standard  $h \rightarrow \mu \mu$ 

**Unificaxion**: assume that axions give SM unification and predict its coupling.

## g – 2 from fermions

Consider models 'charged see-saw models' like

$$\mathscr{L} = M_L \bar{L}' L' + M_E \bar{E}' E' + \lambda_L L' E H^* + \lambda_E L E' H^* + \bar{\lambda}_{LE} \bar{L}' \bar{E}' H + \text{h.c.}$$

where the muon mass comes out by integrating out heavy fermions L', E':

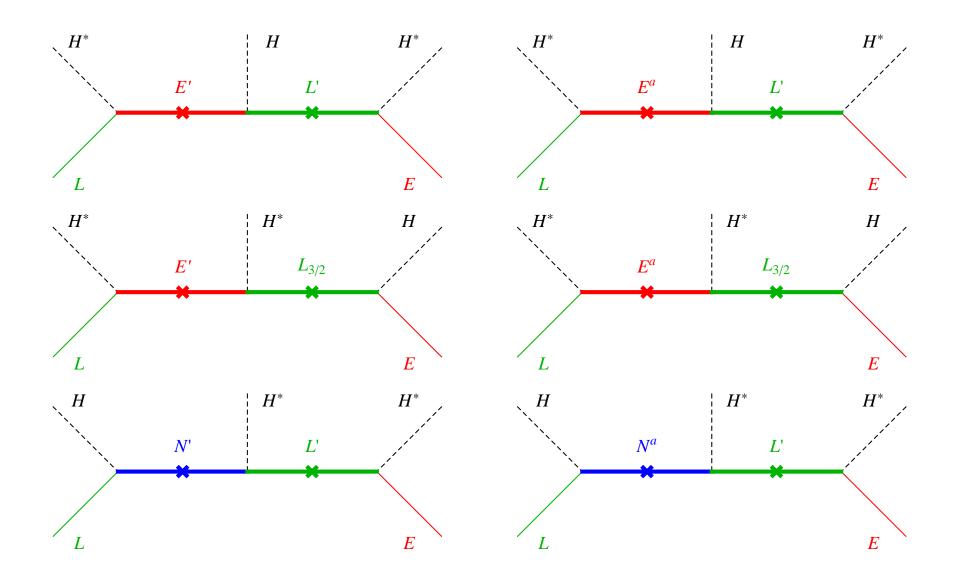
$$m_{\mu} = m_{\mu}^{H} + m_{\mu}^{HHH} = \lambda_{\mu}v + \frac{\lambda_{L}\overline{\lambda}_{LE}\lambda_{E}}{M_{L}M_{E}}v^{3}$$

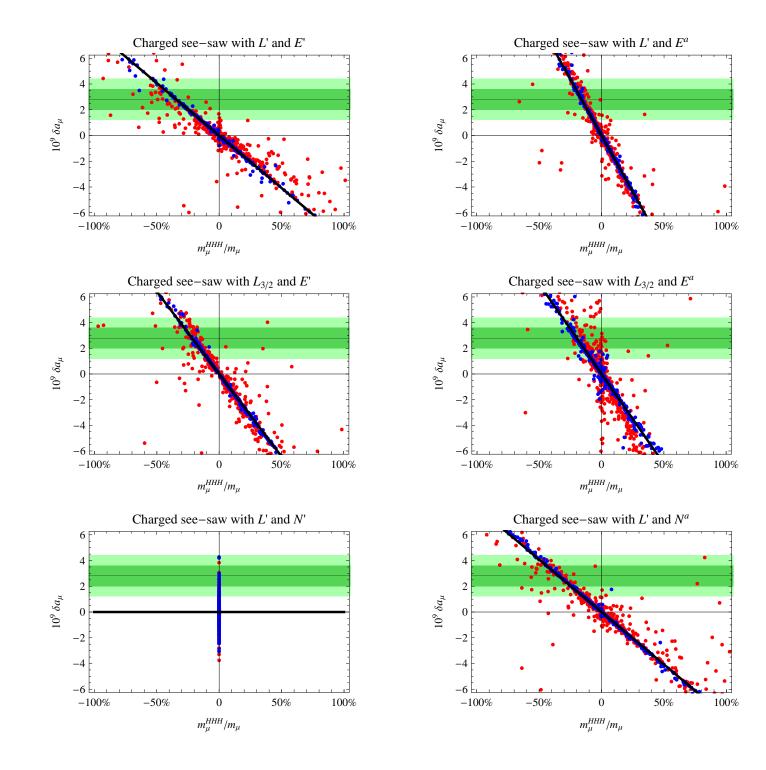
Then

$$\Delta a_{\mu} \simeq c \frac{m_{\mu} m_{\mu}^{HHH}}{(4\pi v)^2} = 0.82 c \frac{m_{\mu}^{HHH}}{m_{\mu}} \times \Delta a_{\mu}^{\exp},$$

where c is a model-dependent order-one number:

$$\frac{c}{\text{see-saw}} \begin{array}{c|c} -\frac{7}{2} & -\frac{15}{2} & -\frac{11}{2} & -6 & -\frac{7}{2} \\ \hline \text{see-saw} & L' \oplus E' & L' \oplus E^a & L_{3/2} \oplus E' & L_{3/2} \oplus E^a & L' \oplus N' & L' \oplus N_a \end{array}$$





# Unification

- 0) Abandon SUSY and naturalness of the weak scale
- **1)** The QCD  $\theta$  problem is non-ant\*\*\*opic: axion
- 2) Realize axion with heavy fermions a la KSVZ
- 3) Assume that such fermions give unification
- 4) Predict axion couplings, test assuming axionic DM (arXiv/1204.5465 with Giudice and Rattazzi)

# SU(5) unification

New fermions at  $M_{\Psi}$  affect RGE running with their  $\beta$ -function coefficients  $\Delta b_i$ :

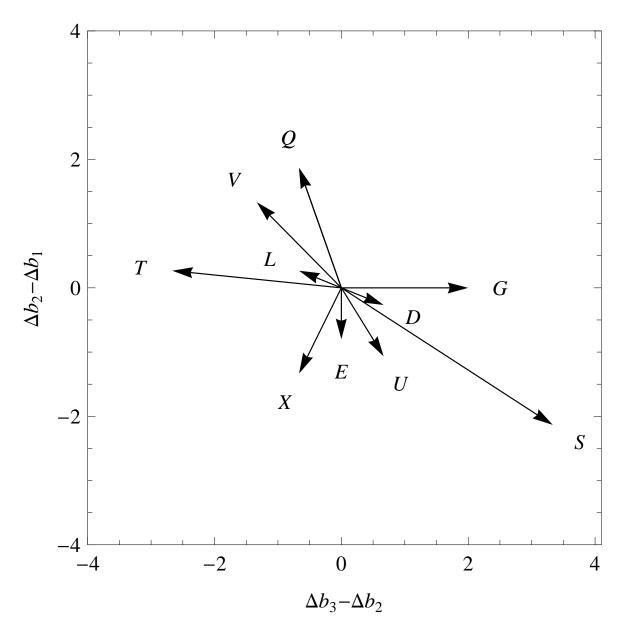
$$\frac{1}{\alpha_{\rm GUT}} = \frac{1}{\alpha_i(M_Z)} - \frac{b_i^{\rm SM}}{2\pi} \ln \frac{M_{\rm GUT}}{M_Z} - \frac{\Delta b_i}{2\pi} \ln \frac{M_{\rm GUT}}{M_{\rm \Psi}}.$$

The simplest SU(5) fragments are:

SU(5)	SU(3) ⊗	SU(2) (	⊗ U(1)	n <sub>3</sub>	$ar{n}_{3}$	$n_2$	z	name	$\Delta b_3$	$\Delta b_2$	$\Delta b_1$
$5 \oplus \overline{5}$	3	1	<sup>1</sup> /3	0	1	0	0	D	2/3	0	4/15
$5\oplus \bar{5}$	1	2	$^{1}/_{2}$	0	0	1	0	L	0	2/3	2/5
$10 \oplus \overline{10}$	3	1	$-\frac{2}{3}$	0	1	0	1	U	2/3	0	16/15
$10 \oplus \overline{10}$	1	1	-1	0	0	0	1	E	0	0	4/5
$10 \oplus \overline{10}$	3	2	<sup>1</sup> /6	1	0	1	0	Q	4/3	2	2/15
$15 \oplus \overline{15}$	3	2	<sup>1</sup> /6	=	=	=	=	Q	=	=	=
$15 \oplus \overline{15}$	1	3	1	0	0	2	0	T	0	8/3	12/5
$15 \oplus \overline{15}$	6	1	$-\frac{2}{3}$	2	0	0	0	S	10/3	0	32/15
24	1	3	0	0	0	2	1	V	0	4/3	0
24	8	1	0	1	1	0	0	G	2	0	0
24	3	2	<sup>5</sup> /6	0	1	1	0	X	4/3	2	10/3

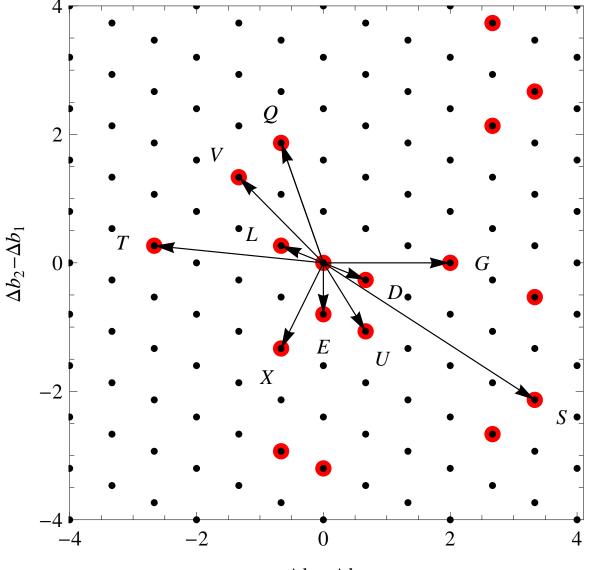
# The SU(5) lattice

Apparently, the  $\Delta b_i$  arising from generic combinations of SU(5) fragments are a hopeless huge number of possibilities



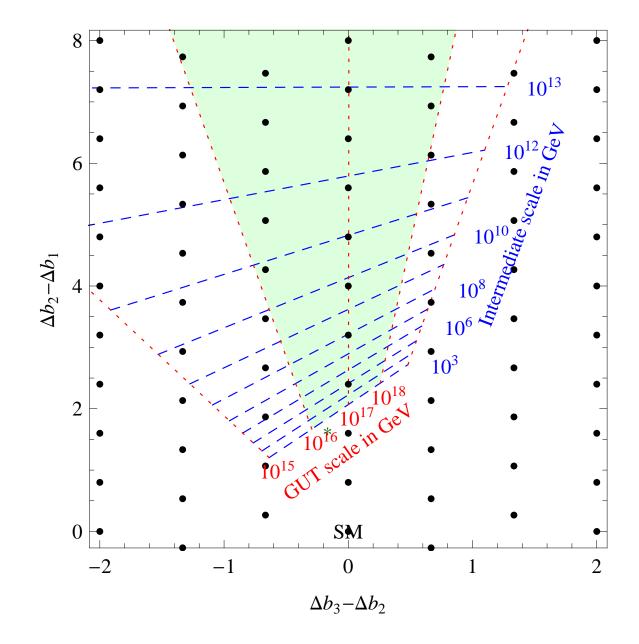
# The SU(5) lattice

Actually, the  $\Delta b_i$  arising from generic combinations of SU(5) fragments form a sparse lattice generated by the simplest 5 and 10 rep.s



 $\Delta b_3 - \Delta b_2$ 

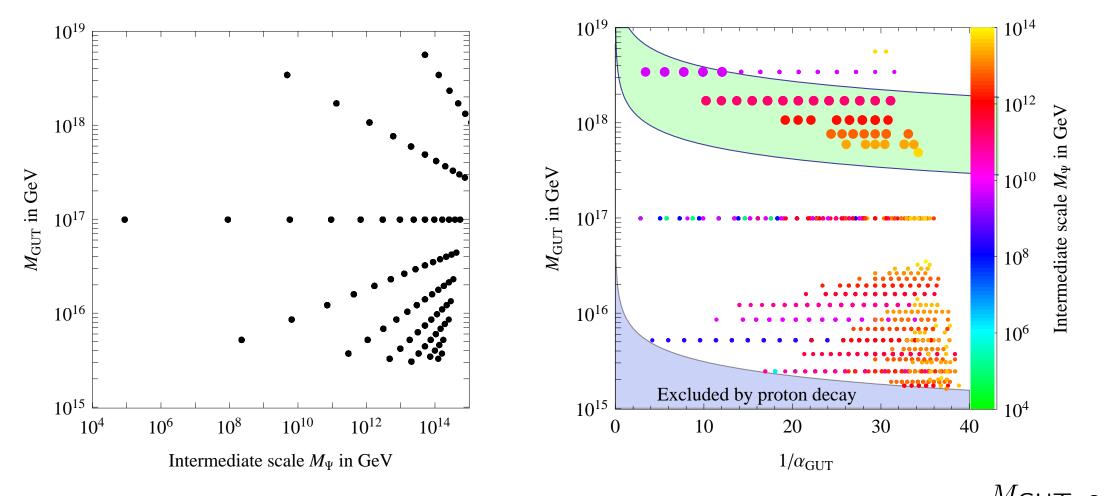
## **Gut GUT**



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### **GUT** collection

Discrete set of values for the GUT scale and for the intermediate scale:



Green thick dots: favored by gauge/gravity unification  $\alpha_{GUT} = (1...43)(\frac{M_{GUT}}{M_{Pl}})^2$ .

#### Simplest GUTs

heavy fermions	α <sub>gut</sub>	$M_{GUT}$	$M_{\Psi}$	E/N	$\begin{bmatrix} 60 \\ 1/\alpha_1 \end{bmatrix}$
Q	1/38	$2 \times 10^{15}  \text{GeV}$	$1  imes 10^{6}  \mathrm{GeV}$	5/3	50
2Q	1/38	$2 imes 10^{15}{ m GeV}$	$5 imes 10^{10}{ m GeV}$	5/3	40
3Q	1/38	$2 imes 10^{15}{ m GeV}$	$2 imes 10^{12}{ m GeV}$	5/3	$1/\alpha_2$
$2Q\oplus D$	1/36	$8 imes 10^{15}{ m GeV}$	$6 imes 10^9{ m GeV}$	22/15	
$2Q\oplus U$	1/34	$5 imes 10^{15}{ m GeV}$	$2 imes 10^8{ m GeV}$	28/15	20
$G\oplus {\sf 2}V$	1/38	$5 imes 10^{15}{ m GeV}$	$2 imes 10^8{ m GeV}$	4/3	
$Q \oplus G \oplus V$	1/35	$9 imes 10^{16}{ m GeV}$	$8 imes 10^7{ m GeV}$	16/15	
$Q\oplus D\oplus L$	1/36	$2  imes 10^{15}  \text{GeV}$	$1 imes 10^{6}{ m GeV}$	2	$\begin{bmatrix} 1/\alpha_3 & Q \\ 0 & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 $
					$10^2  10^4  10^6  10^8  10^{10}  10^{12}  10^{14}  10^{16}$

Energy in GeV

 $\frac{\alpha_{GUT}}{1/24}$  2 × 10<sup>15</sup> GeV

Proton decay could be around the corner:  $M_{GUT} >$ 

#### **Axion basics**

Assume a PQ symmetry that allows for  $\lambda A \bar{\Psi} \Psi$ 

$$\Psi \to e^{i\gamma_5 \alpha} \Psi, \qquad A \to e^{-2i\alpha} A,$$

with equal or comparable  $\lambda$  such that there is one intermediate scale  $M \sim \lambda f_a$ .



The "initial misalignment" mechanism gives a DM axion density

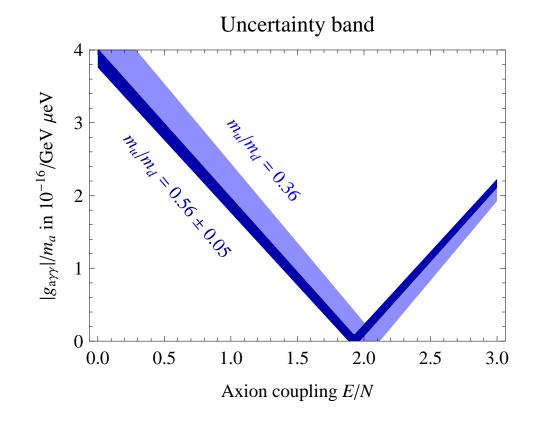
$$\Omega_a \approx 0.15 \left(\frac{f_a}{10^{12}\,\text{GeV}}\right)^{7/6} \left(\frac{a_*}{f_a}\right)^2$$

 $\Omega_{\text{DM}}$  reproduced for  $f_a \sim 10^{12} \,\text{GeV}$  unless the initial axion vev is  $a_* \ll f_a$ .

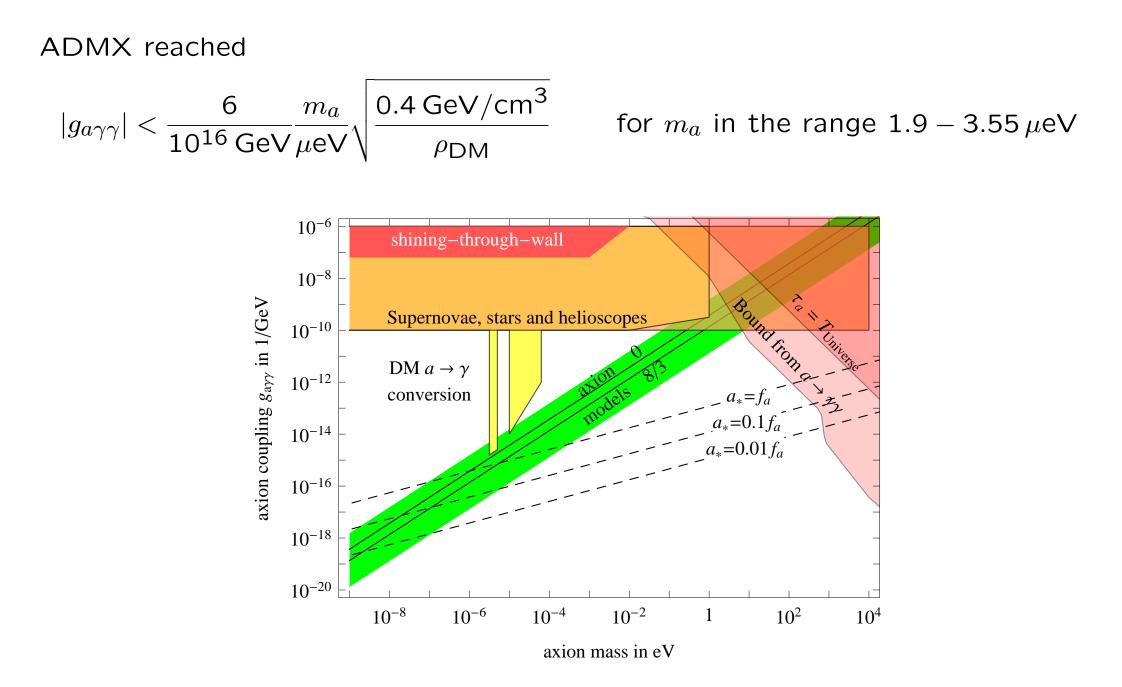
This favors  $m_a \sim \mu eV = 1/20 cm$ 

#### Axion coupling to photons: theory

The coupling  $-g_{a\gamma\gamma}\frac{1}{4}aF_{\mu\nu}\tilde{F}_{\mu\nu}$  is predicted in terms of model coefficients E/N:  $g_{a\gamma\gamma} = \frac{\alpha}{2\pi}\frac{m_a}{2\pi f_\pi m_\pi}\sqrt{(1+\frac{m_d}{m_u})(1+\frac{m_u}{m_d})} \left[\frac{E}{N} - \frac{24+m_u/m_d}{31+m_u/m_d}\right] \approx \frac{2.0 \ (E/N-1.92)}{10^{16} \text{ GeV}} \frac{m_a}{\mu\text{eV}}$   $E = \sum_{\Psi} q^2, \qquad T = \sum_{\Psi} T^2$ 



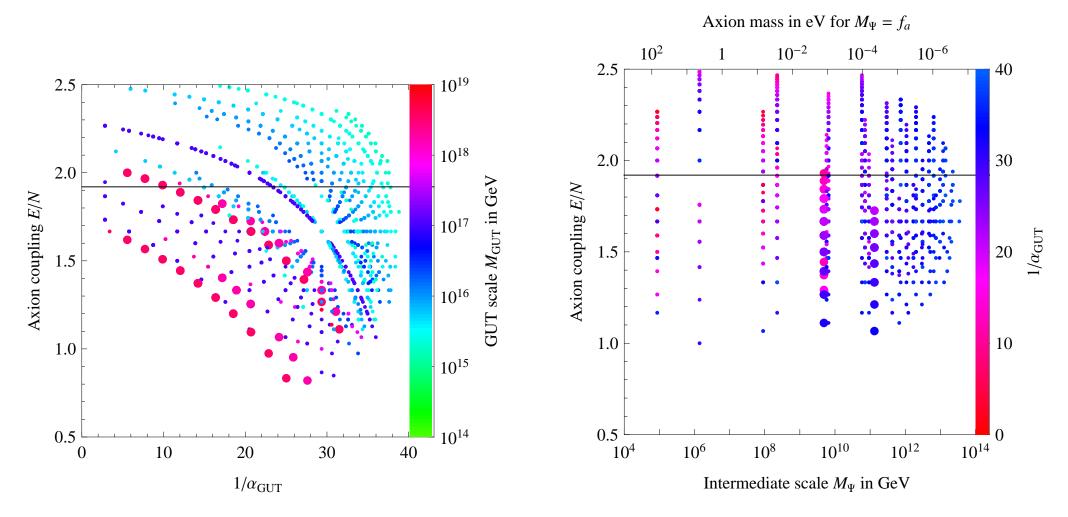
### Axion coupling to photons: data



### Unificaxion

Axion coupling predicted in terms of  $\beta$ -functions restricted by unification:

$$\frac{E}{N} \equiv \frac{\sum q^2}{\sum T^2} = \frac{\Delta b_2 + 5\Delta b_1/3}{\Delta b_3}$$



[Predict 1 < E/N < 2.5] [+ $\alpha_{GUT} \sim 1$ : E/N > 1.6] [+gauge/gravity: E/N < 2]