

# Can the Higgs be supersymmetric and composite?

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# Introduction: Models for EWSB

- Particle physics can be described with great **accuracy** with the SM.
- On the other hand EWSB is just accomplished with an **ad-hoc** potential:

$$V(\phi) = -\mu^2\phi^2 + \lambda\phi^4$$

- This fundamental scalar **Higgs** introduces a problem in the theory: **the hierarchy problem**.
- A complete description of EWSB should explain both the mechanism and the nature of the Higgs.

- There has been different suggestions to complete the SM in order to give a description to the EW/SB sector:
  - Dynamical generation of the weak scale:  
Strongly interacting theories.
  - Radiative stable symmetry breaking:  
Supersymmetry.
- Let me briefly review the reasons why the first possibility is disfavoured with respect to the second.

- The idea of a dynamical origin of the **EWS** is natural in the sense that the rest of the spontaneous symmetry breaking of nature can be described in this way, e.g. **BCS**, **chiral symmetry breaking in QCD**,....
- There are two different approaches:
  - **Strong dynamics that generate EWWSB:**  
**Technicolour**
  - **Dynamical generation of a Higgs: PGB**
- Let me discuss a bit both possibilities.

## Technicolour

- The basic set-up is a theory analogous to QCD that condenses at  $\Lambda_{TC}$ , and due to that condensation EWS is broken.
- Unitarity of  $W^+W^-$  requires  $\Lambda_{TC} \sim 1 \text{ TeV}$ , whereas LEP bounds on EW observables tell us that any contribution to those observables with  $O(1)$  coefficients should be suppressed by a much bigger scale.
- This problems plus the lack of a complete model for flavour were the reasons why technicolour was abandoned.

# Higgs as PGB

- Using the knowledge of the case of the pions in QCD the SM is embedded in a bigger global structure:

$$SM \subset G$$

- With the Higgs belonging to the coset of those two groups. When  $G$  is broken to the  $SM$  the Higgs arises as the **goldstone** of the broken generators.
- In order to give a potential to the Higgs,  $G$  should not be exact.

- These theories have their bigger problems in generating a viable quartic for the Higgs.
- The advantage of **PSB** with respect to **technicolour** is that one can postpone the scale of new physics to higher values so contributions to the **EW parameters** are in general smaller than in technicolor.
- This type of approach to the **EW/SB** is being revisited recently thanks to the **RS** and the **AdS/CFT** correspondence.

# MSSM: Blessings and curses

- The MSSM has been the most studied possibility of physics beyond SM because:
  - It provides a solution to the hierarchy problem
  - It naturally accomodates unification
  - It has a DM candidate
  - It has a relatively small impact on EW observables
  - EWSB can be triggered radiatively
  - It does not need a UV completion

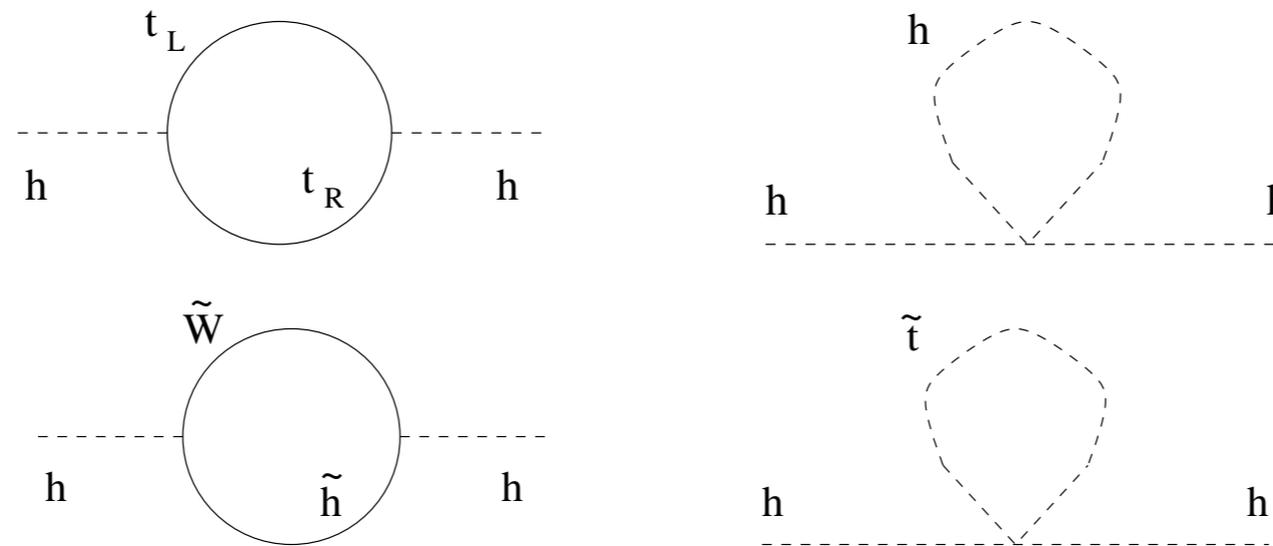
- But not everything is as desired in the MSSM:
  - SUSY must be broken and there is no an unique way of doing it. Moreover none of the mechanism available in the market is a complete satisfaction.
  - Flavour is a big issue because most scenarios within the MSSM tend to predict to much FCNCs.
  - The amount of free parameters  $O(100)$  makes the model difficult to work with.

- But the bigger problem of the MSSM comes from the fact that neither the **Higgs nor any sparticle** has been discovered and the fine-tuning that this fact introduces in the theory.
- The **physical mass of the Higgs** is given in the MSSM by this formula:

$$m_h^2 = m_z^2 \cos^2 2\beta + \frac{3m_t^4}{8\pi^2 v^2} \log \frac{\tilde{m}^2}{m_t^2}$$

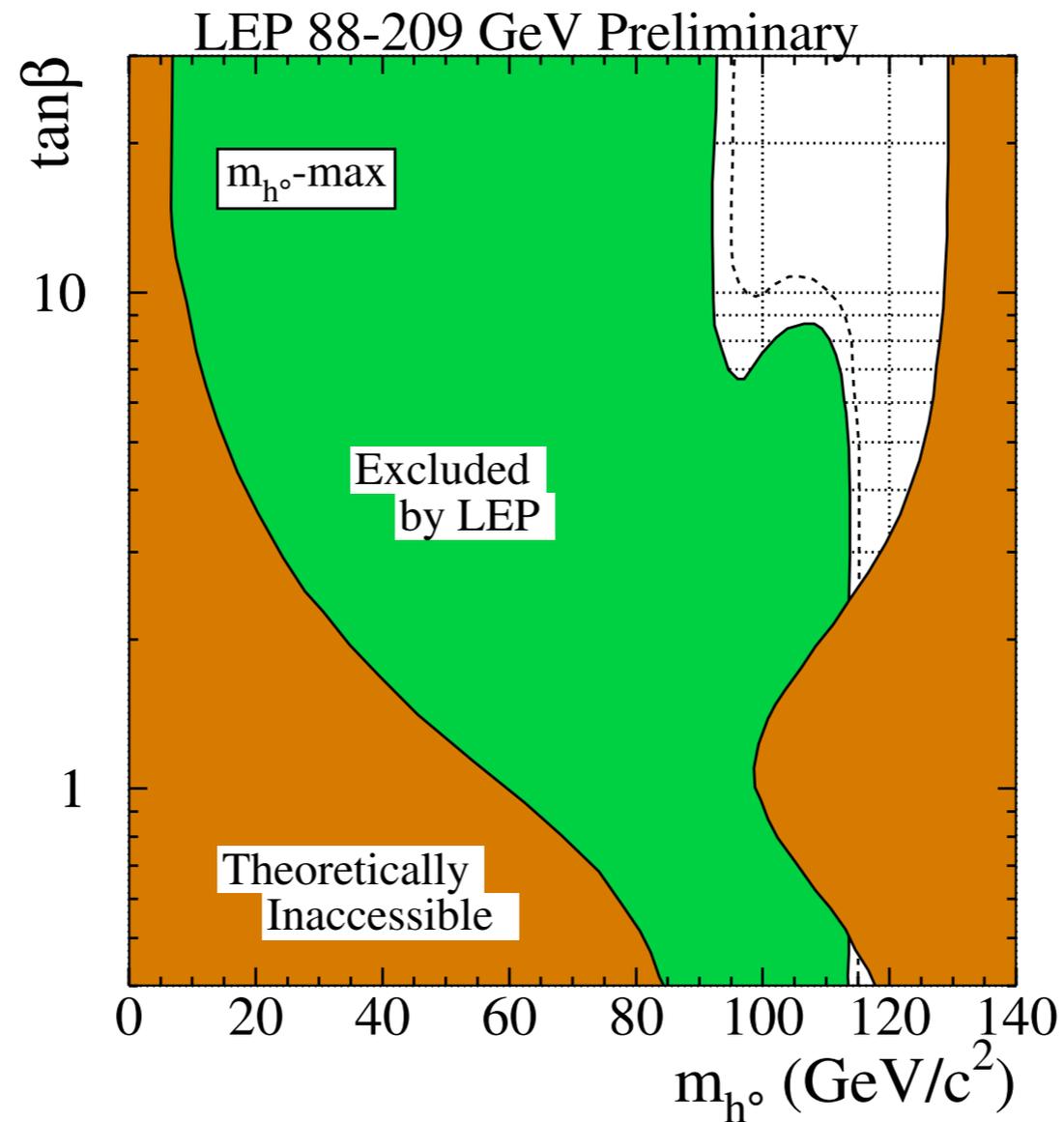
- Where  $\tilde{m}$  is the mass of the stops.

- On the other hand **susy particles (stops)** play the rôle of cutting-off the quadratic divergence of the **SM**:



$$m_h^2 \sim (m_h^2)_0 + \frac{g^2}{16\pi^2} \tilde{m}^2$$

- So a big  $\tilde{m}$  will make the physical mass higher, but inducing a bigger fine-tuning.

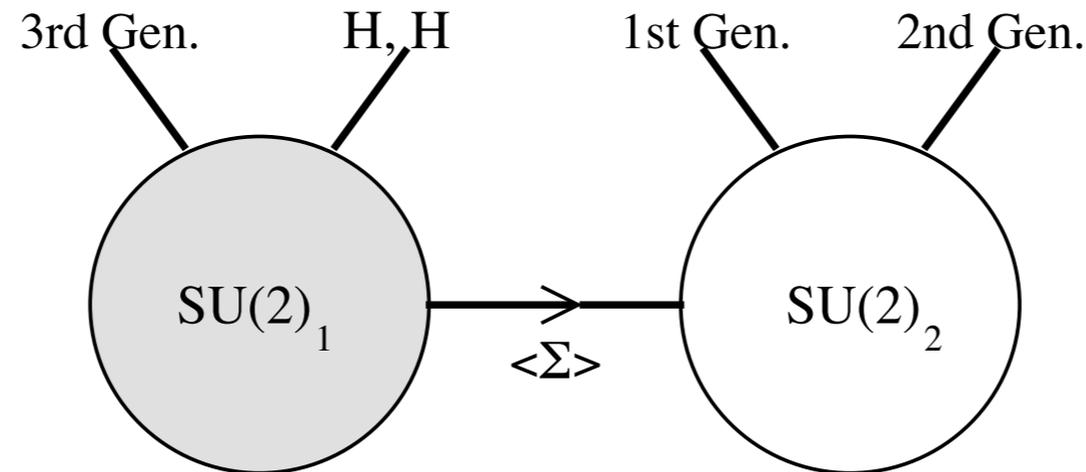


- The above plot supposes that  $\tilde{m} \leq 1 \text{ TeV}$  which for the upper bound already gives something like 1% fine-tuning.

# Raising the Higgs mass: D and F terms

- One way to try to alleviate that fine-tuning is to find a way to make the **tree-level** contribution to the Higgs mass bigger not to rely on the loop contribution to overcome the LEP bound so that **stops** can be lighter.
- I am going to present two models, one based on a new **D-term** contribution and the second one on a new **superpotential** contribution.

# D-term (gauge extension)



- The model is based on a  $SU(2)_1 \times SU(2)_2$  model broken to the diagonal at a similar scale where SUSY is broken.
- The matter content is such that the first  $SU(2)$  is asymptotically free.
- Additional higgses are needed for yukawas in the second  $SU(2)$ .

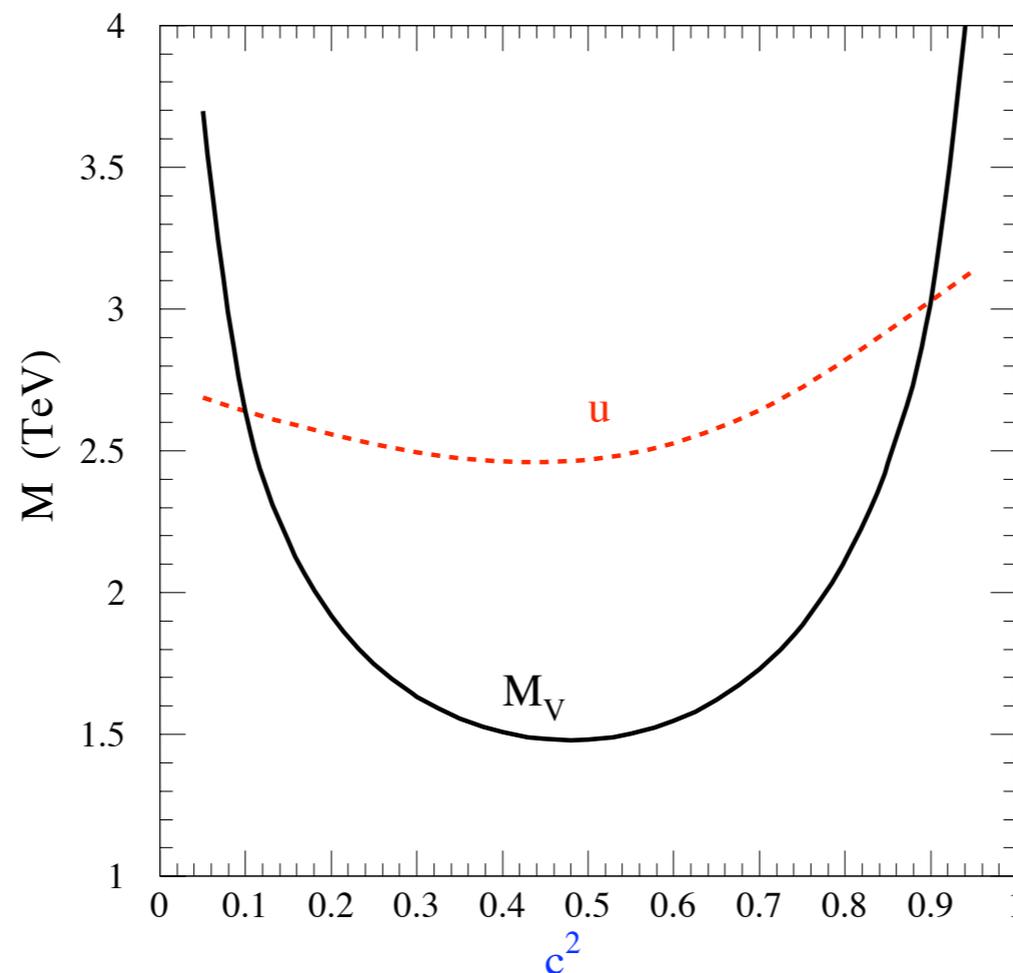
- Below the scale of SUSY(m) and diagonal(u) breaking, integrating out massive fields, the following quartic is generated:

$$\frac{g^2}{8} \Delta \left( H^\dagger \vec{\sigma} H - \overline{H} \vec{\sigma} \overline{H}^\dagger \right)^2 + \frac{g_Y^2}{8} \left( |\overline{H}|^2 - |H|^2 \right)^2$$

$$\Delta = \frac{1 + \frac{2m^2}{u^2} \frac{1}{g_2^2}}{1 + \frac{2m^2}{u^2} \frac{1}{g_1^2 + g_2^2}} \quad \frac{1}{g^2} = \frac{1}{g_1^2} + \frac{1}{g_2^2}$$

- Upon EW/SB the following tree-level mass is obtained:

$$m_{h^0}^2 < \frac{1}{2} \left( g^2 \Delta + g_Y^2 \right) v^2 \cos^2 2\beta$$



- A possible choice of parameters consistent with the EW fit, perturbativity and fine-tuning:

$$g_1(u) = 1.80, \quad g_2(u) = .70, \quad u = 2.4 \text{ TeV} \quad M_{W'}, M_{Z'} \sim 4.5 \text{ TeV} \quad m = 10 \text{ TeV}$$

- Leading to the following mass:

$$\Delta = 6.97 \implies m_h = 214 \text{ GeV}$$

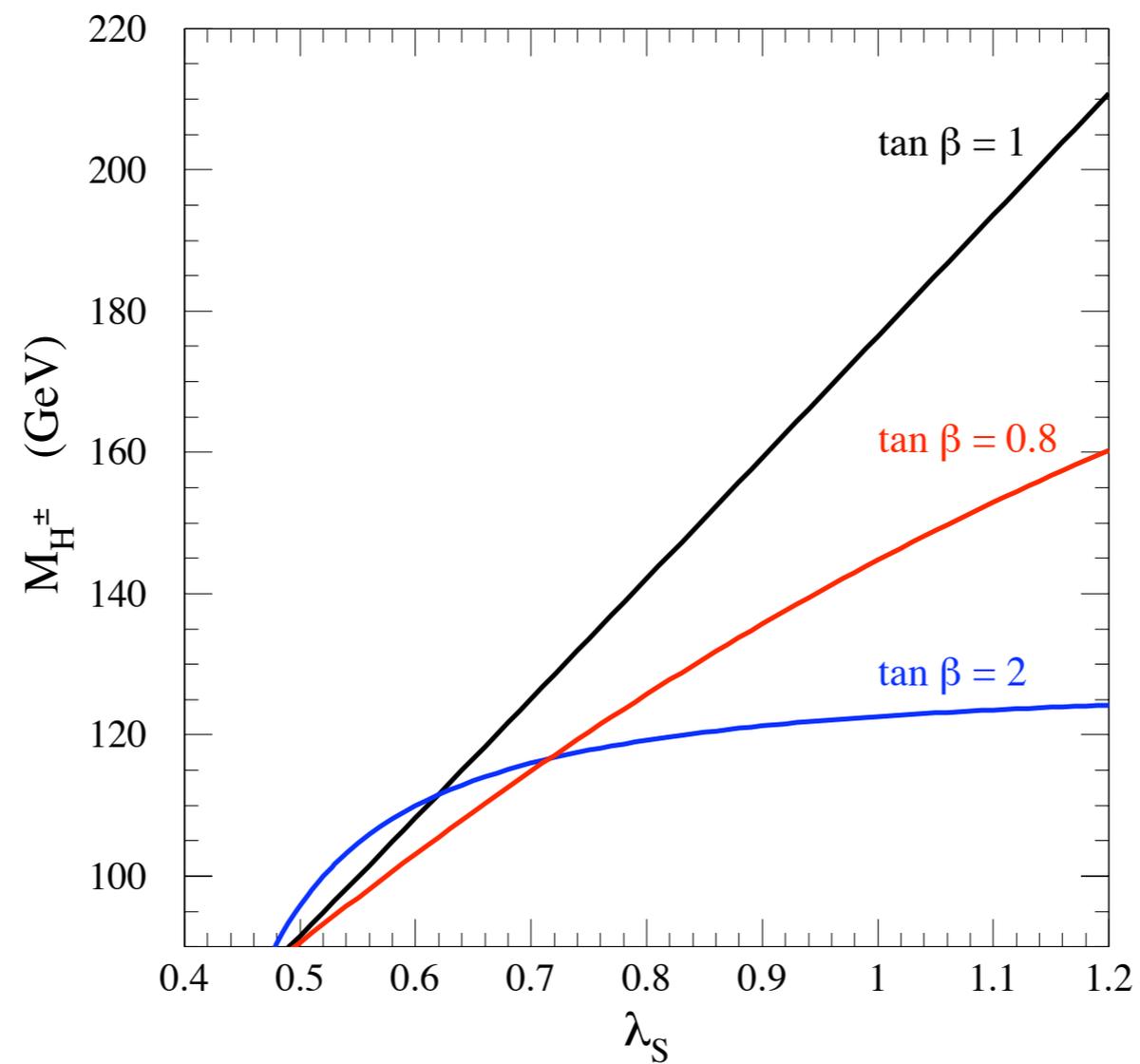
## F-Term (NMSSM)

$$\Delta W = \lambda S \bar{H} H$$

- The usual NMSSM has a relatively small effect  $\sim 150 \text{ GeV}$ , due to perturbativity.
- We can make use of the previous set-up to increase the maximum value for  $\lambda$  since now runs with the strong SU(2).
- Imposing perturbativity up to  $M_G$ , with similar parameters:

$$\lambda \leq 1.4$$

$$m_h^2 = m_z^2 \cos^2 2\beta + \lambda^2 v^2 \sin^2 2\beta \implies m_h \sim 250 \text{ GeV}$$



- Other interesting features of this asymptotically free NMSSM, is the opening of parameter space  $\tan \beta < 1$  or charged higgs the lightest.

# Composite Higgs?

- Having worked with strong interactions to increase the Higgs mass one may ask: what happens if we let the group confine?.
- I am going to present a model where the Higgs and the top quark are composites.
- With this set-up the large yukawa of the top can be explain due to the compositeness of those particle and thus related to the strong dynamics.
- EWVSB is aided by a singlet and is generated at tree-level.

- The model is based on the gauge structure:

$$SU(3)_s \times SU(3)_c \times SU(2)_W \times U(1)_Y$$

- Where the  $SU(3)_s$  will eventually condense and produce some of the SM particles as composites
- The preons of that groups are summarized in the following table:

	$SU(3)_s$	$SU(3)_c$	$SU(2)_W$	$U(1)_Y$	$Z_2$
$P_3$	$\square$	$\square$	1	0	+
$P_1$	$\square$	1	1	-2/3	-
$\bar{P}_2$	$\bar{\square}$	1	$\square$	+1/6	-
$\bar{P}_1$	$\bar{\square}$	1	1	+2/3	+
$\bar{P}_{\bar{1}}$	$\bar{\square}$	1	1	-1/3	-
$P'$	$\square$	1	1	+1/3	-
$\bar{P}'$	$\bar{\square}$	1	1	-1/3	-

- This model has anomalies with respect to the SM gauge group which simply show that NOT ALL of the SM fields are composite.
- We have the following fundamental fields:

	$SU(3)_s$	$SU(3)_c$	$SU(2)_W$	$U(1)_Y$	$Z_2$
$L_i$	1	1	$\square$	$-1/2$	-
$e_i$	1	1	1	+1	-
$Q_{1,2}$	1	$\square$	$\square$	$+1/6$	-
$d_i$	1	$\bar{\square}$	1	$+1/3$	-
$u_{1,2}$	1	$\bar{\square}$	1	$-2/3$	-
$\bar{q}_1$	1	$\bar{\square}$	1	$-2/3$	+
$\bar{q}_2$	1	$\bar{\square}$	1	$+1/3$	-
$H'$	1	1	$\square$	$+1/2$	+
$\bar{H}'$	1	1	$\square$	$-1/2$	+

- The **strong group** has 3 colours and 5 flavours so is in the **conformal window**, but if we include the following superpotential:

$$W = M\bar{P}'P'$$

- Below the scale **M** the theory will condense and can be described with the following fields:

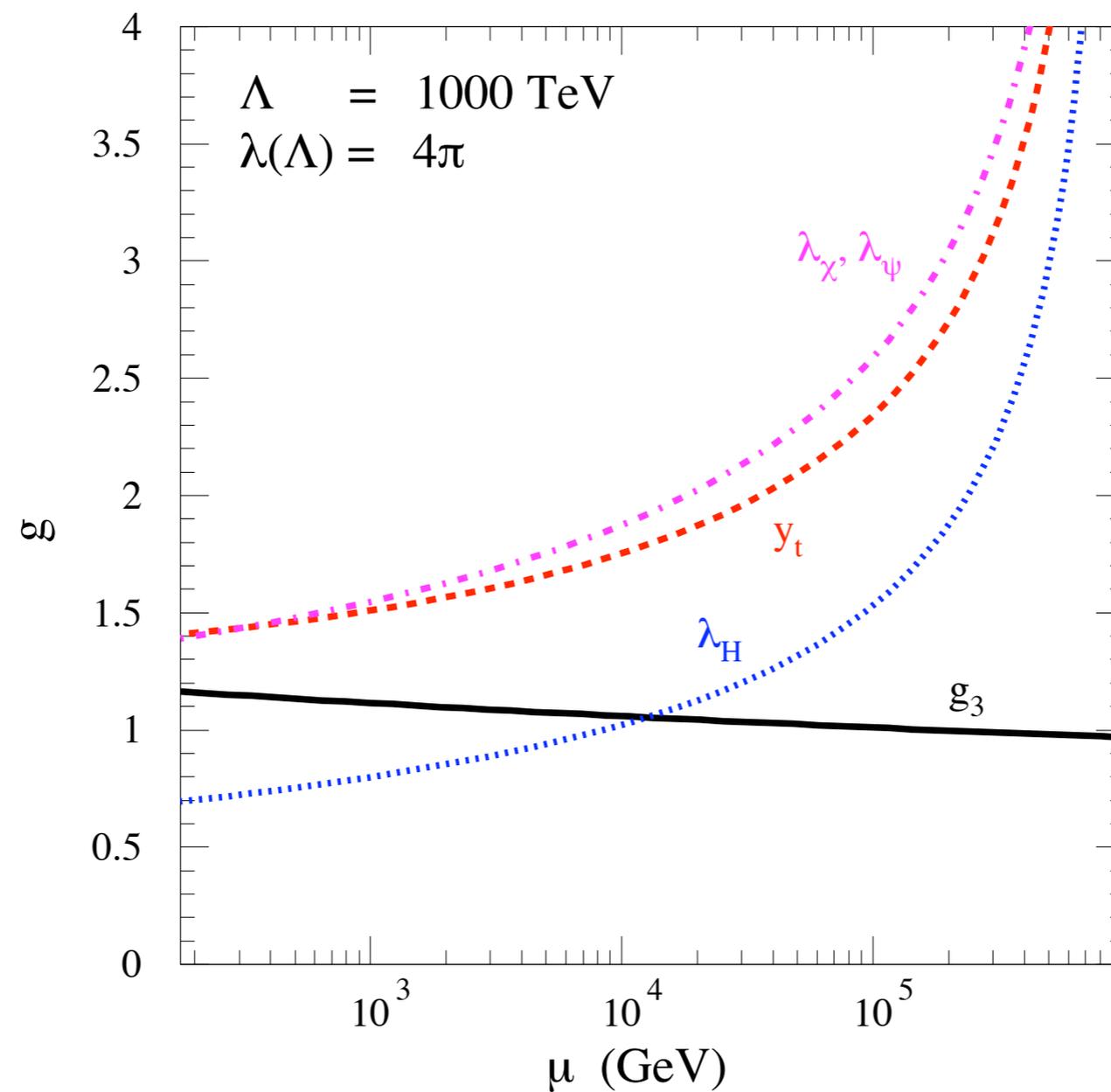
		$SU(3)_c$	$SU(2)_W$	$U(1)_Y$	$Z_2$
$B_1 \leftrightarrow t_R$	$P_3 P_3 P_1$	$\bar{\square}$	1	-2/3	-
$B_2 \leftrightarrow S$	$P_3 P_3 P_3$	1	1	0	+
$\bar{B}_1 \leftrightarrow H$	$\bar{P}_2 \bar{P}_1 \bar{P}_{\tilde{1}}$	1	$\square$	+1/2	+
$\bar{B}_2 \leftrightarrow \psi$	$\bar{P}_2 \bar{P}_2 \bar{P}_1$	1	1	+1	+
$\bar{B}_3 \leftrightarrow \chi$	$\bar{P}_2 \bar{P}_2 \bar{P}_{\tilde{1}}$	1	1	0	-
$M_1 \leftrightarrow Q_3$	$P_3 \bar{P}_2$	$\square$	$\square$	+1/6	-
$M_2 \leftrightarrow q_1$	$P_3 \bar{P}_1$	$\square$	1	+2/3	+
$M_3 \leftrightarrow q_2$	$P_3 \bar{P}_{\tilde{1}}$	$\square$	1	-1/3	-
$M_4 \leftrightarrow \bar{H}$	$P_1 \bar{P}_2$	1	$\square$	-1/2	+
$M_5 \leftrightarrow \bar{\chi}$	$P_1 \bar{P}_1$	1	1	0	-
$M_6 \leftrightarrow \bar{\psi}$	$P_1 \bar{P}_{\tilde{1}}$	1	1	-1	+

- Upon condensation the following **superpotential** is dynamically generated:

$$W = \frac{1}{\Lambda^3} (\bar{B} M B - \det M)$$

$$\rightarrow \lambda (H Q_3 t_R + H \bar{H} S + \dots)$$

- So among some other terms we generate both the yukawa for the top and a quartic coupling for the Higgs.
- We are left to calculate the value of the condensation scale.



- For  $\Lambda = 1000 \text{ TeV}$  we manage to reproduce the observed top mass.

- EWSB is not radiative but **tree-level** adding the following superpotential coupling:

$$W_s = -y_s \epsilon_{\alpha\beta\gamma} P_3^\alpha P_3^\beta P_3^\gamma$$

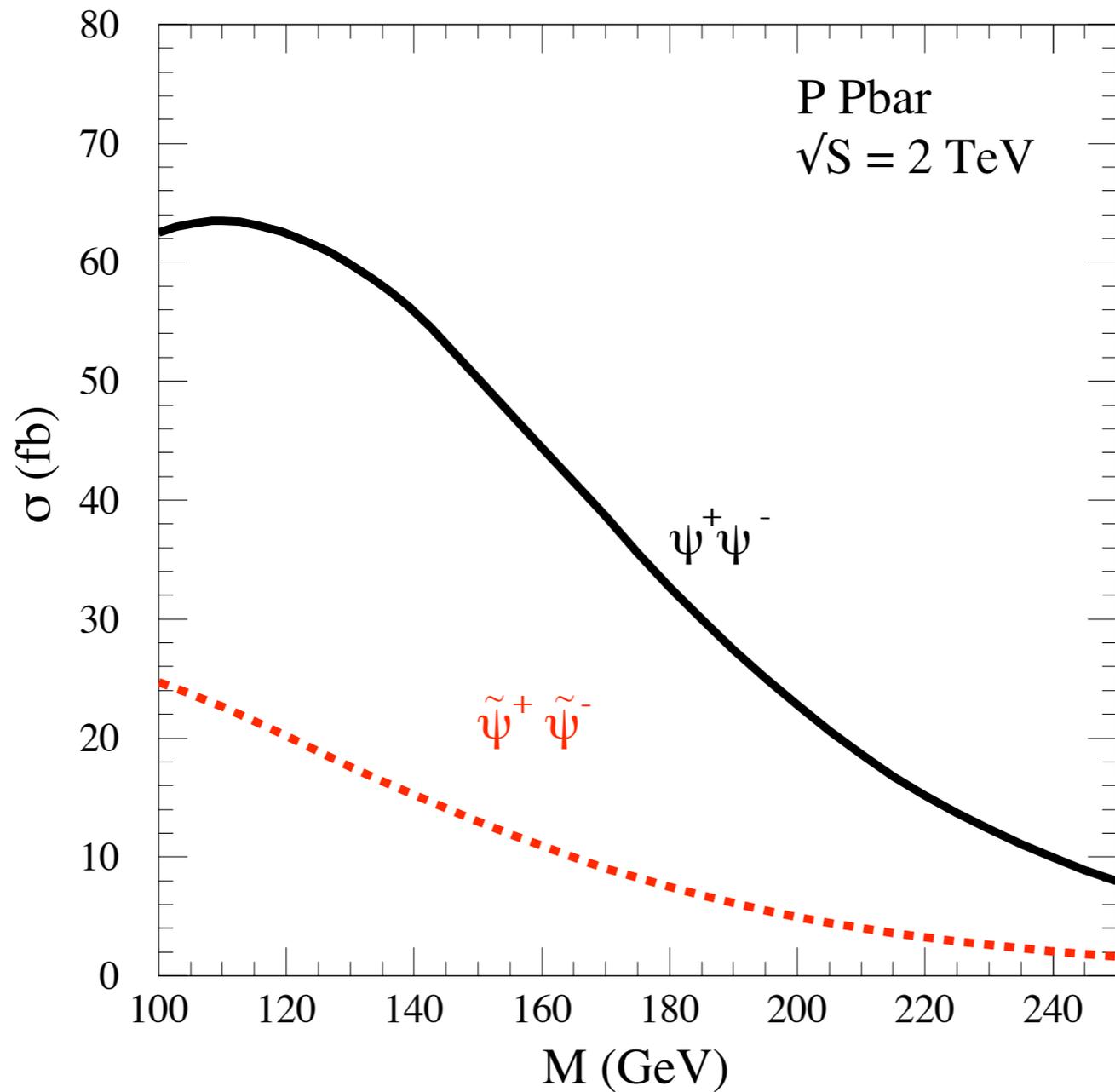
$$\rightarrow - \left( \frac{y_s}{4\pi} \Lambda^2 \right) S$$

- This will add up to the following Higgs potential:

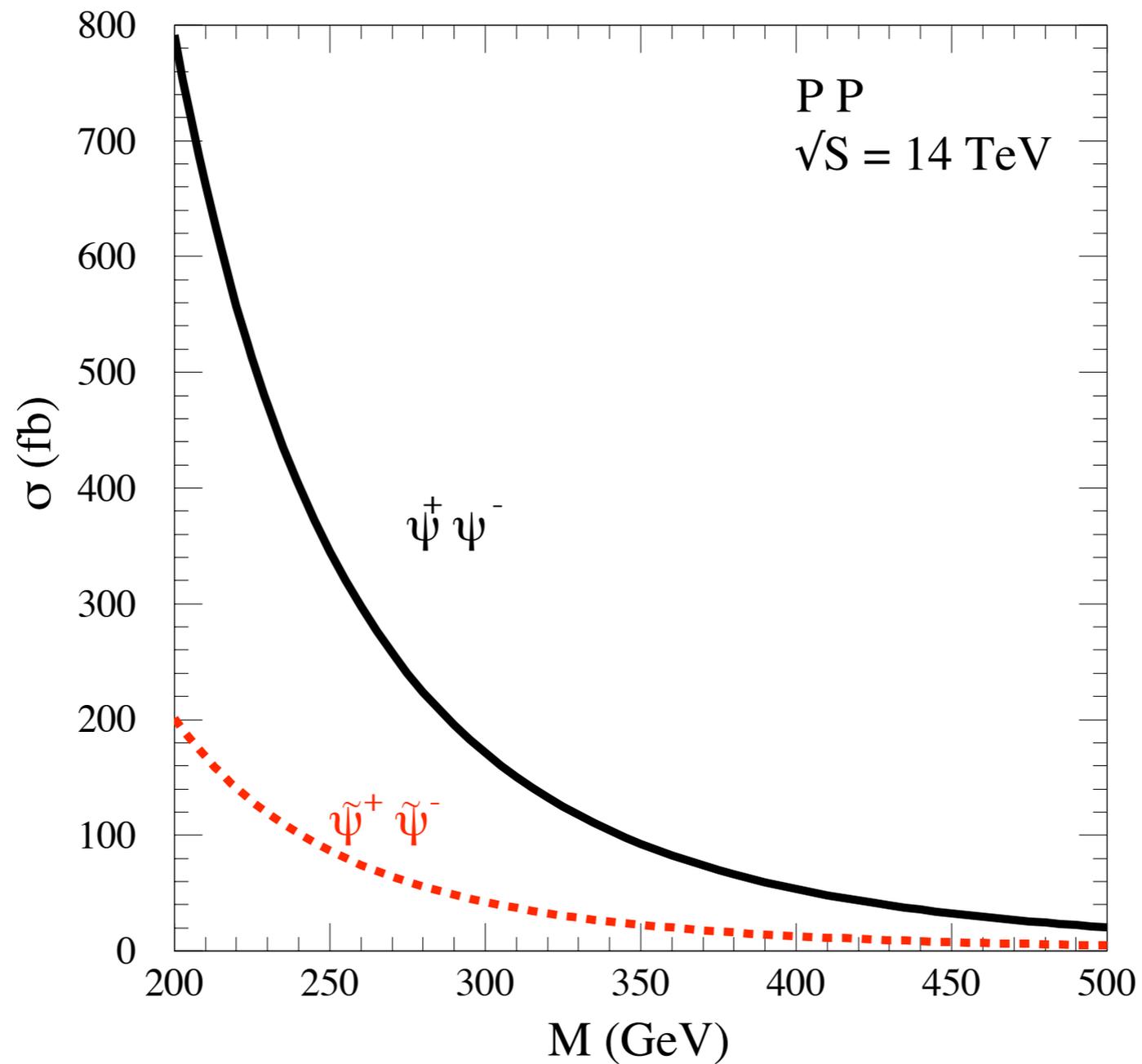
$$V = \lambda_H S (H\bar{H} - v_0^2)$$

- Where  $v_0^2 = \frac{y_s}{16\pi^2} \Lambda^2$

- The rest of **yukawa couplings** for the fundamental fermions are generated through superpotential couplings between **preons**, they are naturally **smaller** than the yukawa coupling of the top.
- Phenomenology of the model include an extra **stable particle** apart from the LSP, and a **long lived one**.
- The Higg mass is naturally greater than the **LEP** bound.
- Unification can be accomodated but not in a **GUT**.



- Here we have the cross-section for production of the charged **quasi-stable** particle for the **TEVATRON**



- Here we have the cross-section for production of the charged quasi-stable particle for LHC

# Conclusions

- The breaking of EW symmetry remains as the only ingredient left to be discovered within the SM.
- Although the real mechanism of generation of that breaking is part of the realm of physics BSM.
- There has been during the last decades different possibilities to explain the origin of that breaking.
- Among them perhaps SUSY has been the most studied, but nowadays the MSSM is not in the healthy shape it was before LEP-II.

- In this sort of review talk I have tried to go through the different possibilities in the market.
- **NONE** of them is complete, and moreover if we allowed for 10% fine-tuning **MANY** of them are allowed.
- I have also showed how the fine-tuning of SUSY theories related to the Higgs mass can be reduced in theories with enhanced gauge symmetries.
- Even maybe the Higgs can be both composite and supersymmetric getting benefits from both worlds.