

# CDF W mass anomaly from a dark sector with a Stueckelberg-Higgs portal

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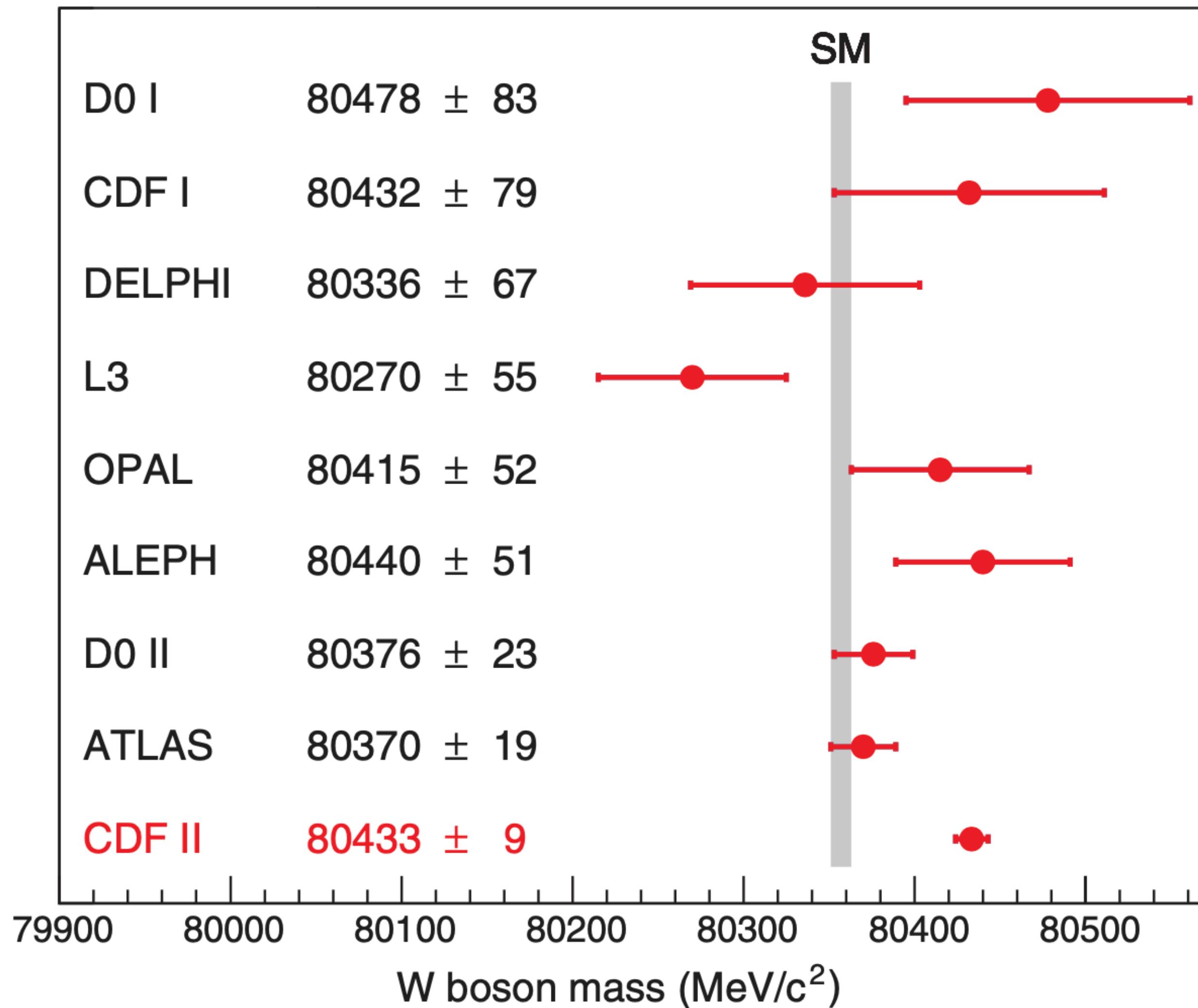
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# CDF W Mass Anomaly

[CDF Collaboration et al., Science 376, 170–176 (2022)]



# CDF W-Mass Anomaly

W mass is heavier than the  
SM expectation by  $7\sigma$

# Gauge boson-Higgs interaction in the SM

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$U(1)_Y$  gauge boson  $B_\mu$  w/ gauge coupling  $g_Y$

$SU(2)_L$  gauge bosons  $A_\mu^a$  w/ gauge coupling  $g_2$

Higgs doublet  $\Phi = \begin{pmatrix} \Phi_1 \\ \Phi_2 \end{pmatrix} \implies \text{VEV } \langle \Phi \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v \end{pmatrix}$

# W boson mass in the SM

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{mass}} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\nu^2}{4} \left[ g_2^2 \left( A_\mu^1 \right)^2 + g_2^2 \left( A_\mu^2 \right)^2 + \left( g_2 A_\mu^3 - g_Y B_\mu \right)^2 \right]$$

charged bosons

neutral bosons

$$W_\mu^\pm = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( A_\mu^1 \mp i A_\mu^2 \right) \text{ w/ } M_W = \frac{1}{2} g_2 \nu$$

# Neutral boson masses in the SM

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{mass}} = \frac{1}{2} V^T M^2 V = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\nu^2}{4} (B, A^3) \begin{pmatrix} g_Y^2 & -g_Y g_2 \\ -g_Y g_2 & g_2^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} B \\ A^3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} Z_\mu \\ A_\mu^\gamma \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\sin \theta_W & \cos \theta_W \\ \cos \theta_W & \sin \theta_W \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} B_\mu \\ A_\mu^3 \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{aligned} M_Z &= \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{g_2^2 + g_Y^2} \nu \\ M_\gamma &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\cos \theta_W = \frac{g_2}{\sqrt{g_2^2 + g_Y^2}}, \quad \sin \theta_W = \frac{g_Y}{\sqrt{g_2^2 + g_Y^2}}$$

# CDF W Mass Anomaly

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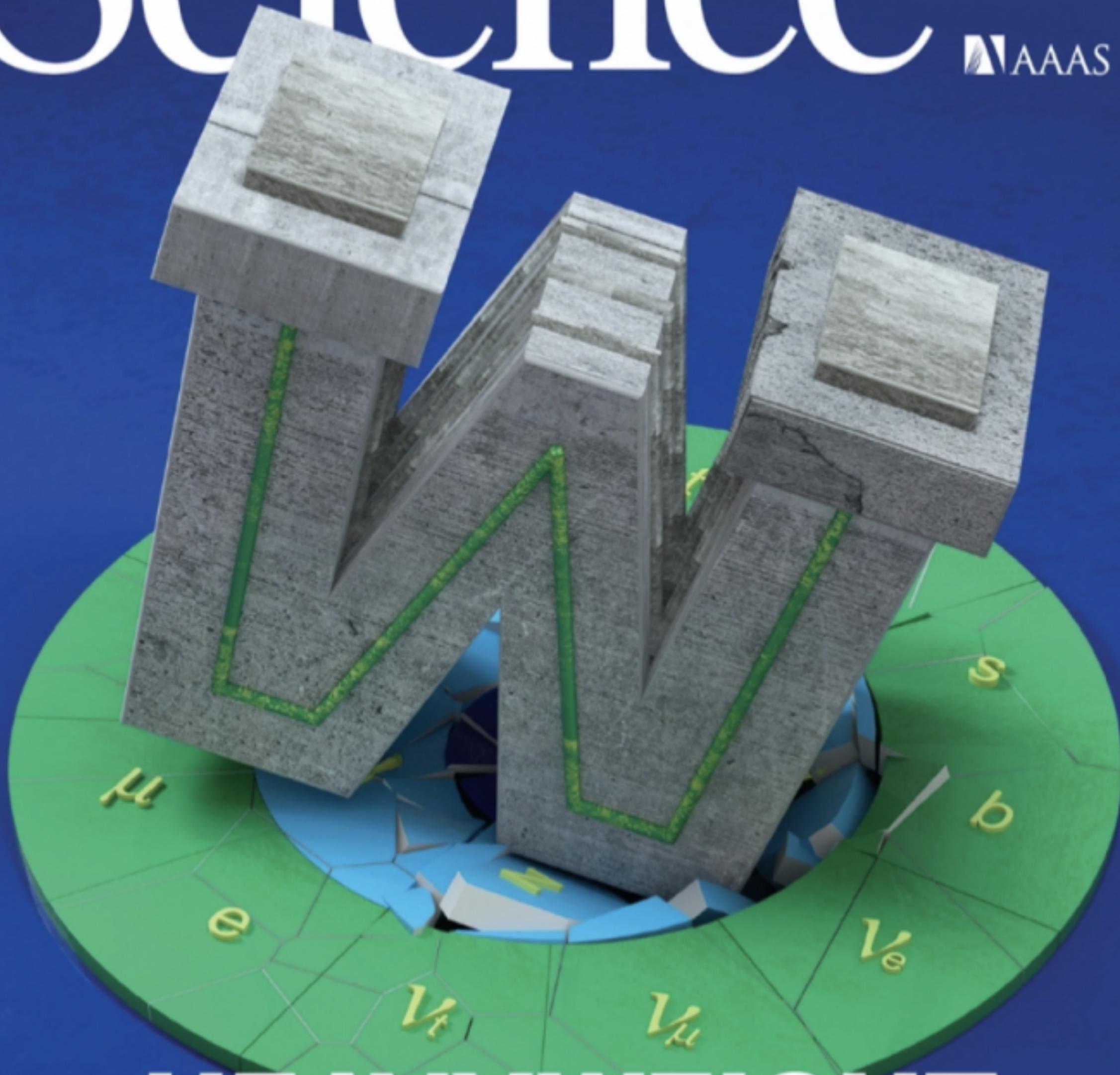
$$= 80,433.5 \pm 9.4 \text{ MeV}$$

$$M_W^{\text{SM}} = 80,357 \pm 6 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\Delta M_W = M_W^{\text{CDF}} - M_W^{\text{SM}} = + 76 \text{ MeV}$$

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## HEAVYWEIGHT

W boson mass measures higher than expected pp. 125, 136, & 170

What are the  
implications  
to the SM?

Quantity	SM tree level	Measurement
$M_W$	$\frac{1}{2} g_2 \nu$	$M_W^{\text{CDF}} = 80,433.5 \pm 9.4 \text{ MeV}$ $\Delta M_W = +76 \text{ MeV}$
$M_Z$	$\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{g_2^2 + g_Y^2} \nu$	<span style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">FIXED</span> $91.1876 \pm 0.0021 \text{ GeV}$
$G_F$	$\frac{g_2^2}{4\sqrt{2}M_W^2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}\nu}$	<span style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">FIXED</span> $1.1663787(6) \times 10^{-5} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$
$\sin^2 \theta_W$	$\frac{g_Y^2}{g_2^2 + g_Y^2} = 1 - \frac{M_W^2}{M_Z^2}$	Z pole asymmetries $\Delta(\sin^2 \theta_W) = -0.00147$

	PDG-2020	LEP		SM-CDF	
		$O^{\text{exp}} \pm \delta O$	$O^{\text{th}}$	$\chi$	$O^{\text{th}}$
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$R_c$	$0.1721 \pm 0.003$	0.1711	0.33	0.1712	0.30
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$A_{\text{FB}}^{(0,s)}$	$0.0976 \pm 0.0114$	0.1034	-0.51	0.1119	-1.25
$A_e$	$0.15138 \pm 0.00216$	0.14733	1.88	0.15928	-3.66
$A_\mu$	$0.142 \pm 0.015$	0.147	-0.36	0.159	-1.15
$A_\tau$	$0.136 \pm 0.015$	0.147	-0.76	0.159	-1.55
$A_b$	$0.923 \pm 0.02$	0.935	-0.58	0.936	-0.63
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$A_s$	$0.895 \pm 0.091$	0.936	-0.45	0.937	-0.46
$\chi^2$			17.3		97.8

# Fits to 19 Z-pole observables

LEP fit [hep-ex/0509008]

SM-CDF fit: same as LEP but w/  
 $\Delta(\sin^2 \theta_W) = -0.00147$

$$\Delta\chi^2 \simeq 98 - 17 = 81 \sim 9\sigma$$

ballpark agreement w/  $7\sigma$

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# Stueckelberg models

# Probing a Very Narrow $Z'$ Boson with CDF and D0 Data

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The CDF and D0 data of nearly  $475 \text{ pb}^{-1}$  in the dilepton channel is used to probe a recent class of models, Stueckelberg extensions of the standard model (StSM), which predict a  $Z'$  boson whose mass is of topological origin with a very narrow decay width. A Drell-Yan analysis for dilepton production via this  $Z'$  shows that the current data put constraints on the parameter space of the StSM. With a total integrated luminosity of  $8 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ , the very narrow  $Z'$  can be discovered up to a mass of about 600 GeV. The StSM  $Z'$  will be very distinct since it can occur in the region where a Randall-Sundrum graviton is excluded.

Stueckelberg mass for  
 $U(1)$  gauge bosons

$$M_{\text{St}}^2 = \begin{pmatrix} M_1^2 & M_1 M_2 & 0 \\ M_1 M_2 & \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{v}^2 g_Y^2 + M_2^2 & -\frac{1}{4} \mathbf{v}^2 g_2 g_Y \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{4} \mathbf{v}^2 g_2 g_Y & \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{v}^2 g_2^2 \end{pmatrix},$$

smaller  $Z$  mass if  $M_1 > M_Z$

extra dimensions. We begin by recalling that in the on-shell scheme the  $W$  boson mass including loop corrections is given by [13]

$$M_W^2 = \frac{\pi\alpha}{\sqrt{2}G_F \sin^2\theta_W (1 - \Delta r)}, \quad (4)$$

$$\sin^2\theta_W = (1 - M_W^2/M_Z^2)$$

$$M_W = 80.425 \pm 0.034 \text{ GeV}$$

that  $\delta \equiv \delta M_Z/M_Z|_{\text{SM}}$  is given by

$$\delta = \sqrt{\left(\frac{1 - 2\sin^2\theta_W}{\cos^3\theta_W} \frac{\delta M_W}{M_Z}\right)^2 + \frac{\tan^4\theta_W (\delta\Delta r)^2}{4(1 - \Delta r)^2}}. \quad (5)$$

# Gauge boson mass via the Stueckelberg mechanism

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Make massive QED gauge invariant by adding axion  $\sigma$

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} - \frac{m^2}{2}A_\mu^2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad -\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}(mA_\mu + \partial_\mu\sigma)^2$$

invariant under gauge transformation

$$\delta A_\mu = \partial_\mu\lambda, \quad \delta\sigma = -m\lambda$$

$\sigma$  : longitudinal mode of the vector boson

[E.C.G. Stueckelberg, Helv. Phys. Acta 11, 225 (1938)]

# Stueckelberg extensions of the SM (StSM)

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$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} - \frac{C_{\mu\nu}C^{\mu\nu}}{4} + g_X C_\mu J_X^\mu - \frac{1}{2} \left( \partial_\mu \sigma + M_1 C_\mu + M_2 B_\mu \right)^2$$

invariant under two U(1) gauge transformations

$$U(1)_X \quad \delta_X C_\mu = \partial_\mu \lambda_X, \quad \delta_X \sigma = -M_1 \lambda_X$$

$$U(1)_Y \quad \delta_Y C_\mu = \partial_\mu \lambda_Y, \quad \delta_Y \sigma = -M_2 \lambda_Y$$

[Kors & Nath, hep-ph/0402047 [hep-ph]]

# Neutral gauge boson masses in StSM

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{mass}} = \frac{1}{2} V^T M^2 V = \frac{1}{2} (C B A^3) \begin{pmatrix} M_1^2 & M_1^2 \epsilon & 0 \\ M_1^2 \epsilon & M_1^2 \epsilon^2 + \frac{\nu^2}{4} g_Y^2 & -\frac{\nu^2}{4} g_Y g_2 \\ 0 & -\frac{\nu^2}{4} g_Y g_2 & \frac{\nu^2}{4} g_2^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} C \\ B \\ A^3 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\epsilon = \frac{M_2}{M_1}$$

3 mass eigenstates:  $Z', Z, \gamma$

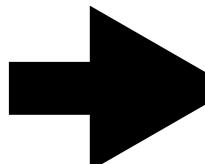
$\text{Det} = 0 \rightarrow$  massless eigenvalue (photon)

$M_1 > M_Z \rightarrow M_Z(\epsilon) < M_Z(\epsilon = 0)$

# Consequences of a “lighter” Z

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$$M_W^2 = \frac{\pi\alpha}{\sqrt{2}G_F \sin^2 \theta_W (1 - \Delta r)} = \frac{\pi\alpha}{\sqrt{2}G_F (1 - \Delta r)} \frac{1}{1 - M_W^2/M_Z^2}$$

a lighter Z mass  a heavier W mass

However, in the parameter space to interpret the CDF W mass anomaly, the total  $\chi^2$  of the **StSM** fit of the 19 Z pole observables is **not better** than the SM-CDF fit.

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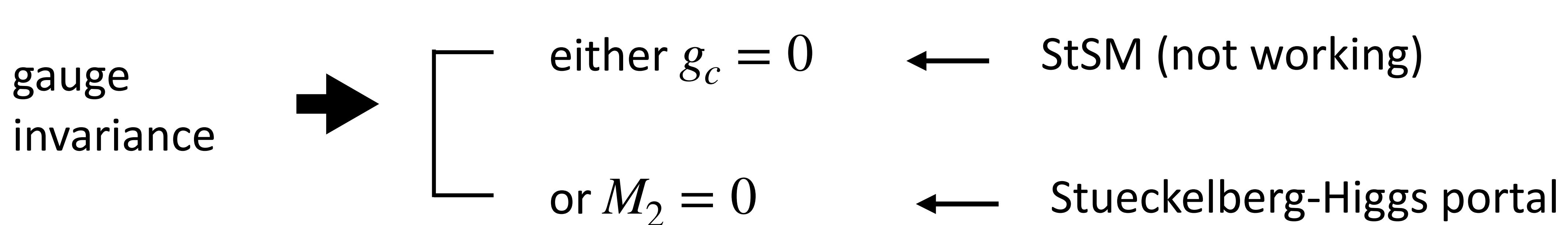
## Stueckelberg-Higgs portal

# Stueckelberg-Higgs portal interaction in StSM

$$\Delta \mathcal{L} = -\frac{C_{\mu\nu}^2}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \left( M_1 \bar{C}_\mu + M_2 B_\mu \right)^2 + J_X^\mu C_\mu + \left( i \frac{g_c}{2} \Phi^\dagger D^\mu \Phi \bar{C}_\mu + \text{h.c.} \right) + \frac{g_c^2}{4} \Phi^\dagger \Phi \bar{C}_\mu^2$$

$$D_\mu \Phi = \left[ \partial_\mu - i \frac{\bar{g}_Y}{2} B_\mu - i \frac{\bar{g}_2}{2} \tau^a A_\mu^a \right] \Phi \quad \bar{C}_\mu = C_\mu + \frac{\partial_\mu \sigma}{M_1}$$

$\bar{g}_2$  and  $\bar{g}_Y$  do not necessarily take the SM values



# New mass matrix in the neutral gauge boson sector

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 C_\mu & B_\mu & A_\mu^3 \\
 \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\
 M^2 = & \left( \begin{array}{ccc}
 M_1^2 + \frac{\nu^2}{4} g_c^2 & M_1^2 \epsilon + \frac{\nu^2}{4} g_c \bar{g}_Y & -\frac{\nu^2}{4} g_c \bar{g}_2 \\
 M_1^2 \epsilon + \frac{\nu^2}{4} g_c \bar{g}_Y & M_1^2 \epsilon^2 + \frac{\nu^2}{4} \bar{g}_Y^2 & -\frac{\nu^2}{4} \bar{g}_Y \bar{g}_2 \\
 -\frac{\nu^2}{4} g_c \bar{g}_2 & -\frac{\nu^2}{4} \bar{g}_Y \bar{g}_2 & \frac{\nu^2}{4} \bar{g}_2^2
 \end{array} \right) & \left. \begin{array}{l}
 \xleftarrow{C_\mu} \quad \epsilon = \frac{M_2}{M_1} = 0 \\
 \xleftarrow{B_\mu} \\
 \xleftarrow{A_\mu^3}
 \end{array} \right)
 \end{array}$$

$$E_i = (Z', Z, A_\gamma)$$

$$E_i = \mathcal{O}_{ji} V_j$$

$$\mathcal{O}^T M^2 \mathcal{O} = \text{diag}(M_{Z'}^2, M_Z^2, 0)$$

# Neutral gauge bosons couplings to fermions

$$\mathcal{L}_{NC} = \bar{f}\gamma^\mu \left[ (\nu_f - \gamma_5 a_f) Z_\mu + (\nu'_f - \gamma_5 a'_f) Z'_\mu \right] f + e \bar{f}\gamma^\mu Q_f A_\mu f,$$

$$a_f = \sqrt{\rho_f}(\bar{g}_Y \mathcal{O}_{22} - \bar{g}_2 \mathcal{O}_{32}) T_f^3 / 2$$

$$\nu_f = a_f - \sqrt{\rho_f} \kappa_f \bar{g}_Y \mathcal{O}_{22} Q_f$$

$$a'_f = (\bar{g}_Y \mathcal{O}_{21} - \bar{g}_2 \mathcal{O}_{31}) T_f^3 / 2$$

$$\nu'_f = a'_f - \bar{g}_Y \mathcal{O}_{21} Q_f$$

$\rho_f$  and  $\kappa_f$  contain  
radiative corrections

[hep-ex/0509008]

[hep-ph/0407097]

Take into account both SM  
corrections & NP corrections

# W mass in the Stueckelberg-Higgs portal model

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The W mass is  $M_W = \frac{\bar{g}_2 v}{2}$

To explain the larger W mass from CDF we increase the gauge coupling such that

$$\bar{g}_2 = g_2 \left( 1 + \frac{\Delta M_W}{M_W} \right) \quad \Delta M_W = +76 \text{ MeV}$$

$\bar{g}_2$  is larger than the canonical SM value  $g_2$  by  $\sim 0.1\%$

# Free parameters in the Stueckelberg-Higgs portal model

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We have 3 free parameters

$M_1$  : Z' mass

$g_c$  : dimensionless Stueckelberg-Higgs coupling

$\bar{g}_Y$  : hypercharge gauge coupling

# Z mass in the Stueckelberg-Higgs portal model

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$$\Delta M_Z^{\text{th}} \simeq -\frac{1}{2} M_Z \frac{M_W^2}{M_1^2 - M_Z^2} \left( \frac{g_c}{g_2} \right)^2$$

$$\Delta M_Z^{\text{exp}} = \frac{\Delta M_W}{\cos \theta_W} \quad \Delta M_W = +76 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\Delta M_Z^{\text{exp}} + \Delta M_Z^{\text{th}} \simeq 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad M_1 > M_Z$$

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# Experimental constraints

# Partial decay width of the Z boson

$$\Gamma_{ff} = N_f^c \mathcal{R}_f \frac{M_Z}{12\pi} \sqrt{1 - 4\mu_f^2} \times \left[ |\nu_f|^2(1 + 2\mu_f^2) + |\alpha_f|^2(1 - 4\mu_f^2) \right]$$

$$N_f^c = (1, 3)$$

$$\mu_f = m_f/M_Z$$

$$\mathcal{R}_f = \left(1 + \delta_f^{\text{QED}}\right) \left(1 + \frac{N_f^c - 1}{2} \delta_f^{\text{QCD}}\right)$$

$$\delta_f^{\text{QED}} = \frac{3\alpha}{4\pi} Q_f^2$$

$$\delta_f^{\text{QCD}} = \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} + 1.409 \left[\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi}\right]^2 - 12.77 \left[\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi}\right]^3 - Q_f^2 \frac{\alpha \alpha_s}{4\pi^2}$$

NP & SM  
radiative  
corrections

# Various Z pole observables

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$$\Gamma_Z = \sum_f \Gamma_{ff}$$

$$\sigma_{\text{had}} \equiv \frac{12\pi}{M_Z^2} \frac{\Gamma_{ee}}{\Gamma_Z} \sum_{q \neq t} \frac{\Gamma_{qq}}{\Gamma_Z}, \quad R_\ell \equiv \frac{\Gamma_{\text{had}}}{\Gamma_{\ell\ell}}, \quad R_q \equiv \frac{\Gamma_{qq}}{\Gamma_{\text{had}}}$$

$$A_f = \frac{2v_f a_f}{v_f^2 + a_f^2}, \quad A_{\text{FB}}^{(0,f)} = \frac{3}{4} A_e A_f$$

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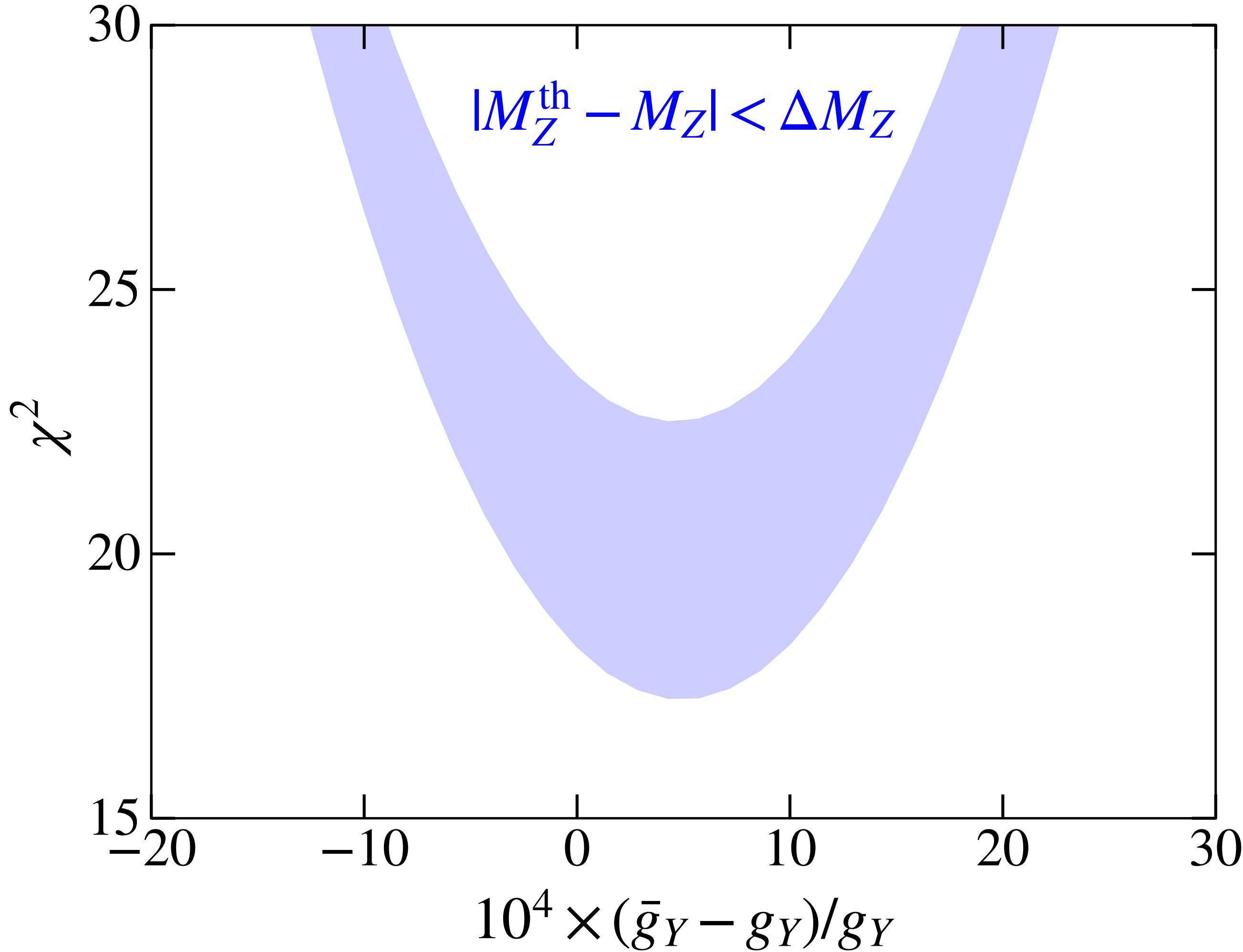
St Fit

$M_1 = 725$  GeV

$g_c = 0.243$

$\bar{g}_Y = g_Y(1 + 0.047\%)$

# The $\chi^2$ of 19 Z-pole fits vs. $\bar{g}_Y$



[Du, ZL, Nath, 2204.09024]

MC scan in the space  
spanned by  $(M_1, g_c, \bar{g}_Y)$

Z mass w/ 2 MeV error  
near the central value

best  $\chi^2$ :  
 $\bar{g}_Y \sim 0.047\%$  larger than  $g_Y$

# (Axial) Vector couplings and asymmetries

SM

$$a_f = \sqrt{\rho_f} T_f^3,$$

$$v_f = a_f - 2\sqrt{\rho_f} \kappa_f \sin^2 \theta_W Q_f$$

$$A_f = \frac{2v_f a_f}{v_f^2 + a_f^2}, \quad A_{\text{FB}}^{(0,f)} = \frac{3}{4} A_e A_f$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{v_f}{a_f}$$

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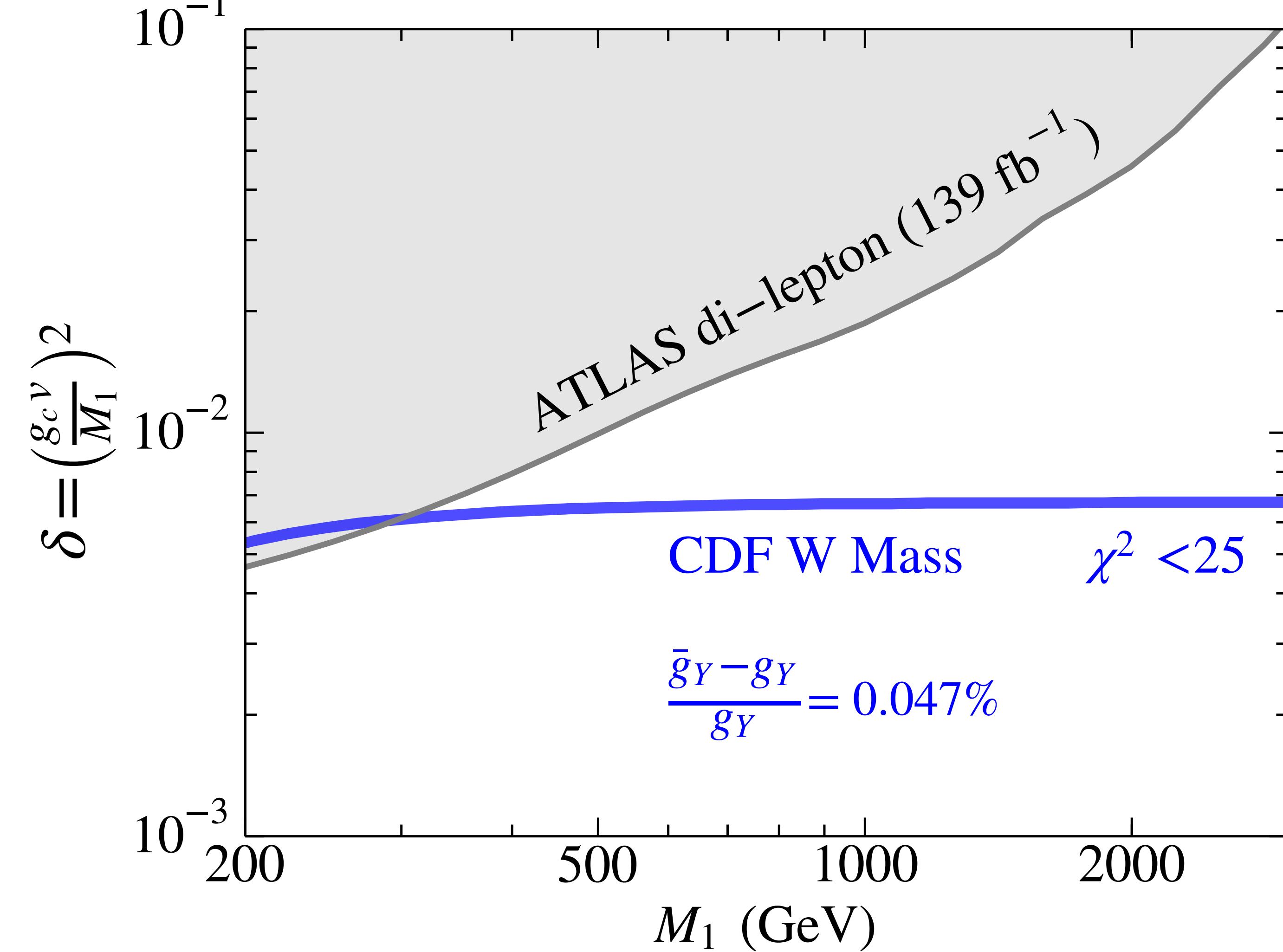
$$\frac{\mathcal{O}_{22}}{\mathcal{O}_{32}} = -\frac{\bar{g}_Y}{\bar{g}_2} \equiv -\tan \theta$$

# Mixing parameter

$\delta$  vs.  $M_1$

Fix  $\bar{g}_Y$

$$\frac{1}{8} \left( \frac{g_c v}{M_1} \right)^2 \approx \frac{\Delta M_W}{M_W}$$



$M_1 \lesssim 300 \text{ GeV}$  excluded  
by ATLAS data

# Summary

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Recently, the W mass measured by CDF is heavier than the SM expectation by  $7\sigma$ , which imposes a great challenge to the electroweak sector

Although a heavy boson that mixes with the hypercharge gauge boson (via the mass mixing terms) can explain the W mass anomaly, it leads to a poor fit to the Z-pole observables

A Stueckelberg-Higgs portal interaction can both explain the W mass anomaly and provide an excellent fit to the various Z-pole observables, which can also be verified by the coming LHC data at Run 3