

# A Higgs Discovery via Exotic Higgs Decays

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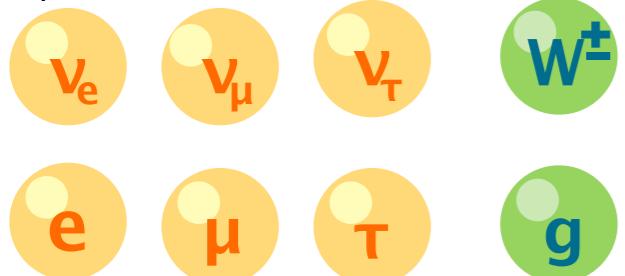


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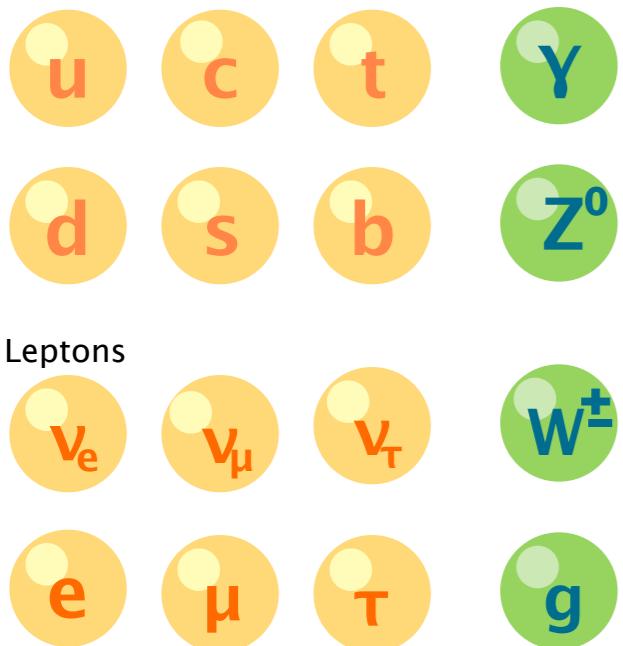
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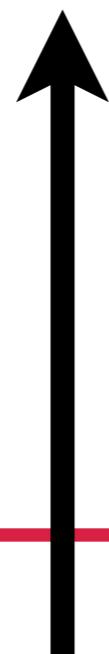
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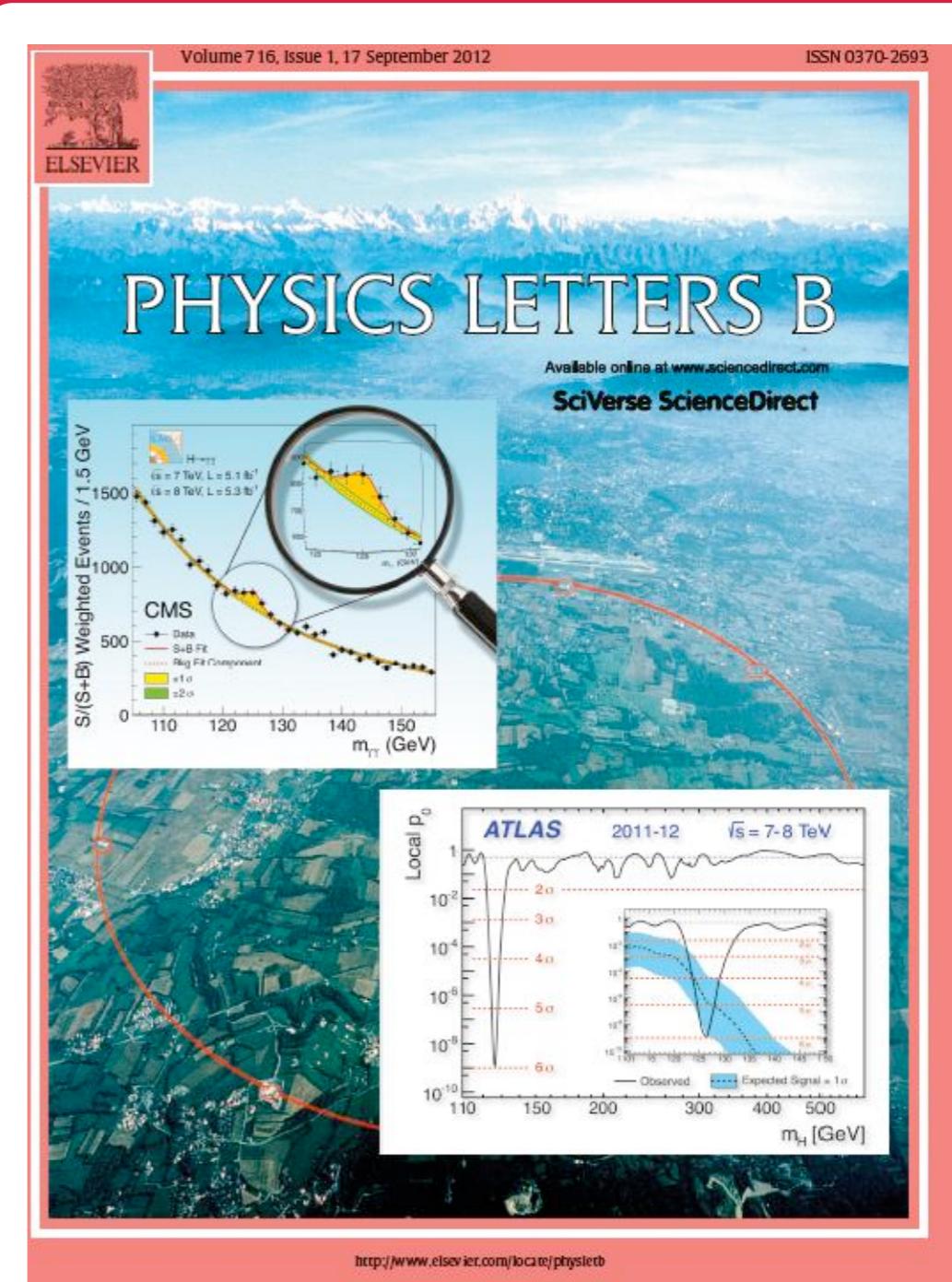


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## Theoretical

Fundamental Spin 0 Particle

Origin of EWSB

Unstable Higgs Mass?

- Quadratically divergent radiative corrections
- additional symmetries?

Naturalness

- Hierarchy Problem
- Fine-tuning ?

Unified Theories

## Experimental

Is it SM Higgs?

- Mass, Spin, Width
- Coupling to other particles
- Unexpected Decays?

What is Dark Matter?

- New Particles?
- Can we find them at LHC?

Deviations from SM?

- Precision Measurements
- Flavor Constraints

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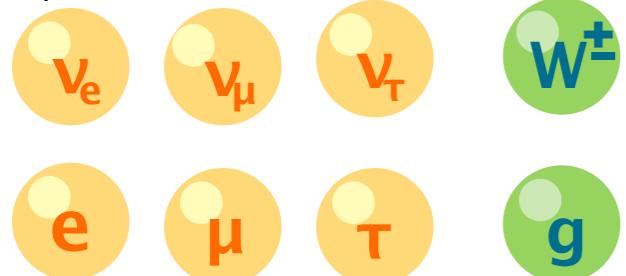
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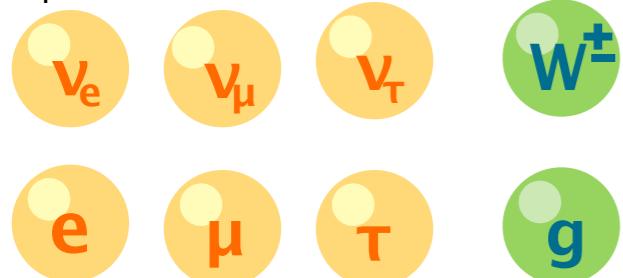
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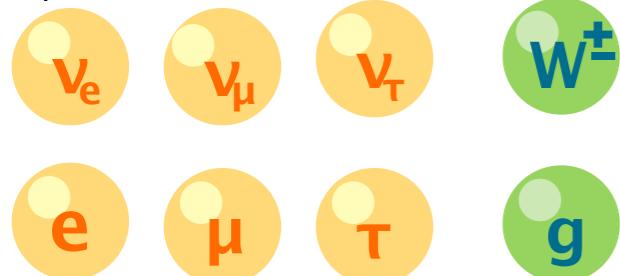
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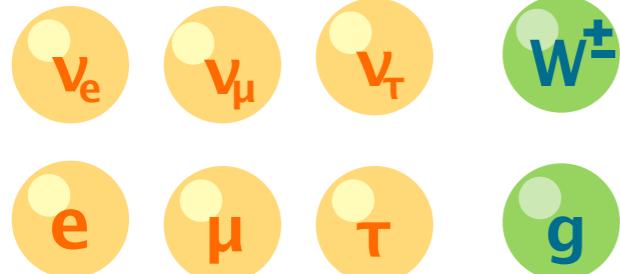


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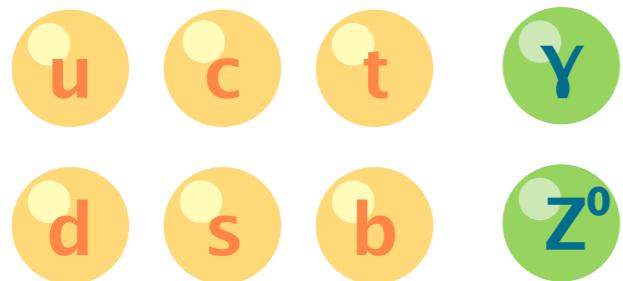
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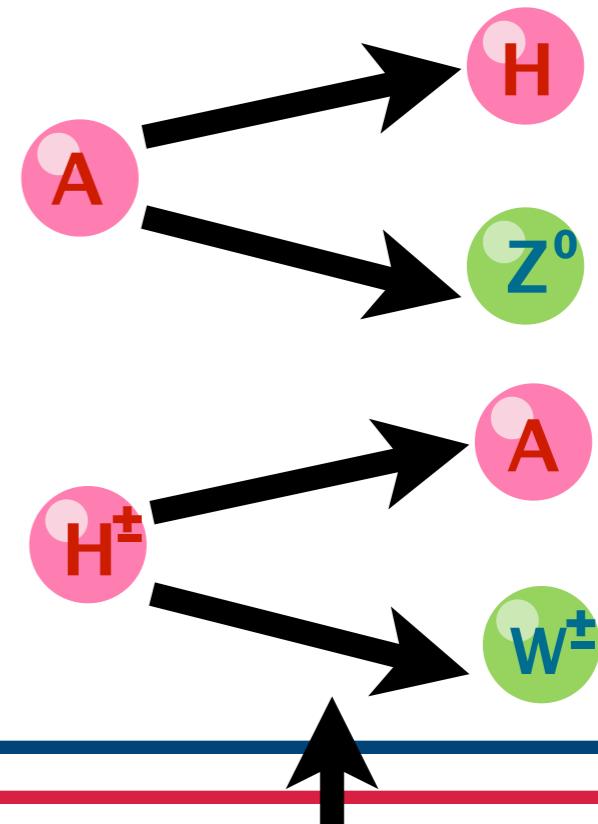
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where we use:

- $v$  vacuum expectation value
- $\phi^0$  physical Higgs boson
- $G, \phi^+, \phi^-$  Goldstone Bosons

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## Couplings for Type II 2HDM:

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up-like quarks couple to  $\Phi_1$

down-like quarks and leptons couple to  $\Phi_2$

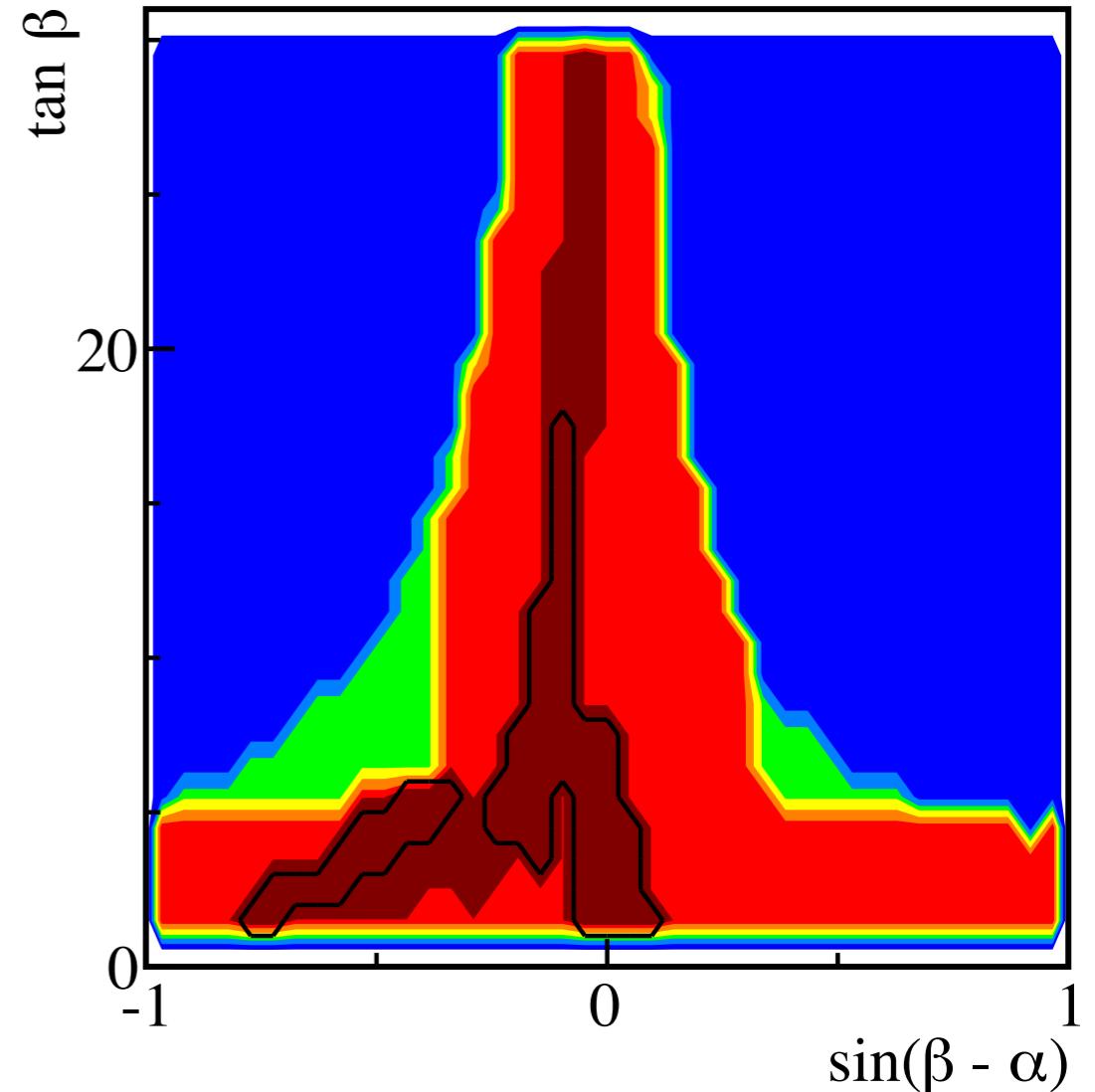
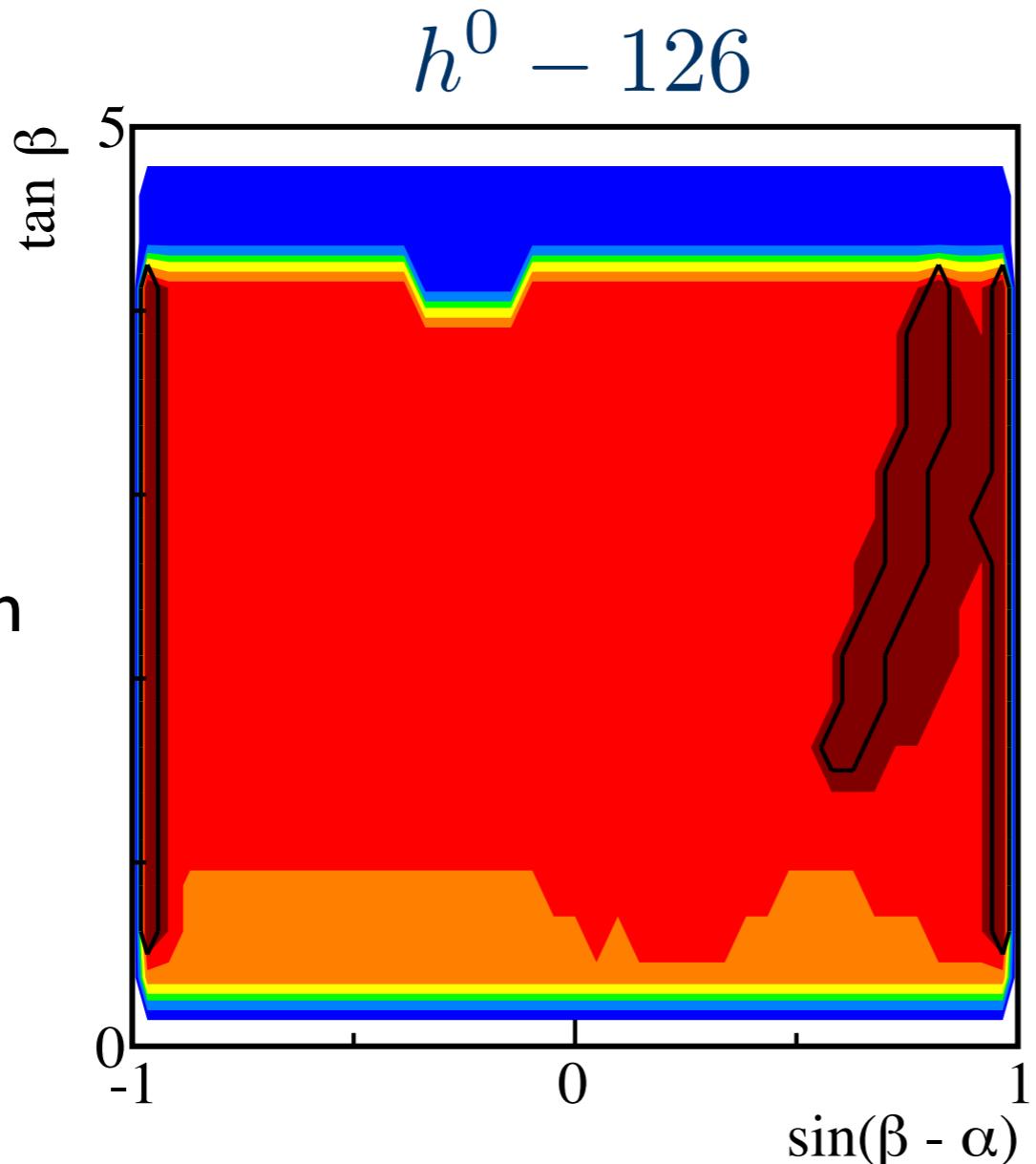
# Constraints on Parameter Space

see arXiv 1305.002  
 $H^0 - 126$

non perturbative

pass exclusion bounds

signal region



SM like region:

$$\sin(\beta - \alpha) = \pm 1$$

$$\sin(\beta - \alpha) = 0$$

extended region:

$$0.5 < \sin(\beta - \alpha) < 1$$

$$-0.8 < \sin(\beta - \alpha) < 0$$

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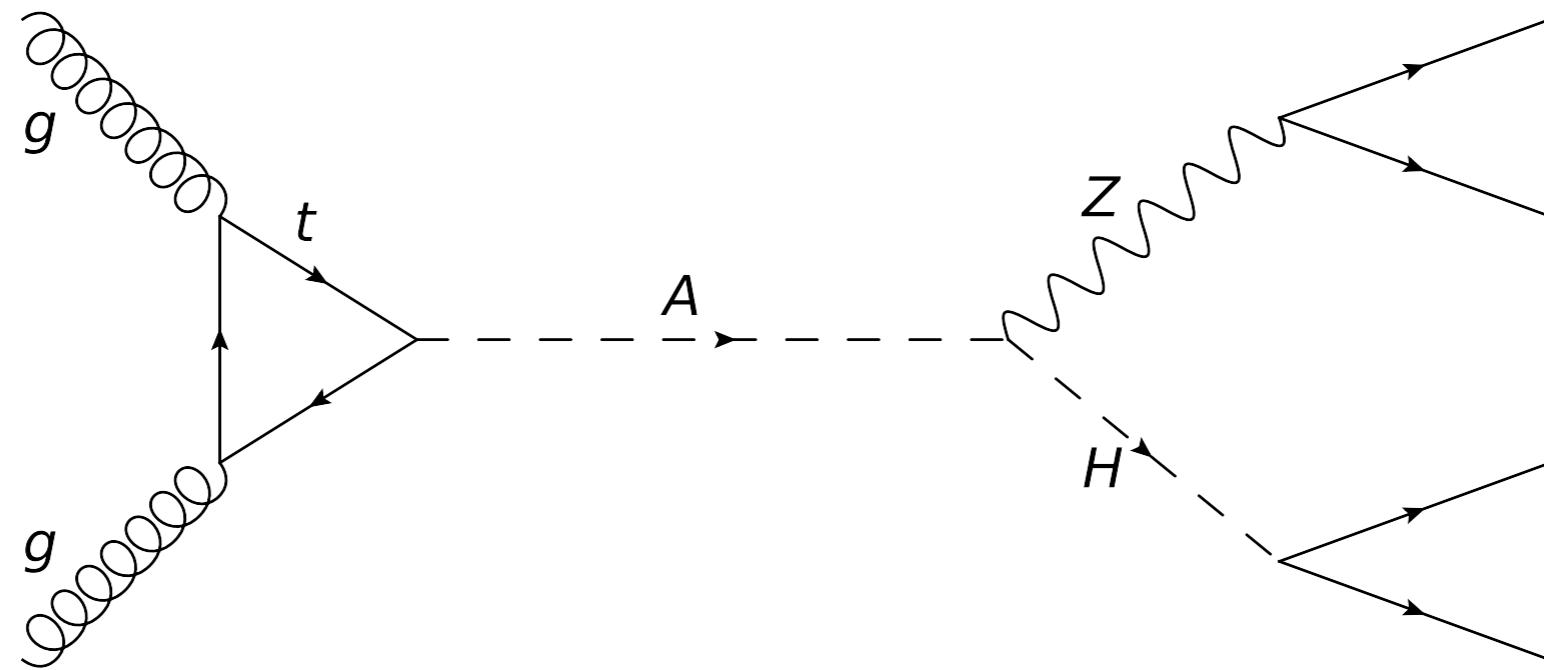
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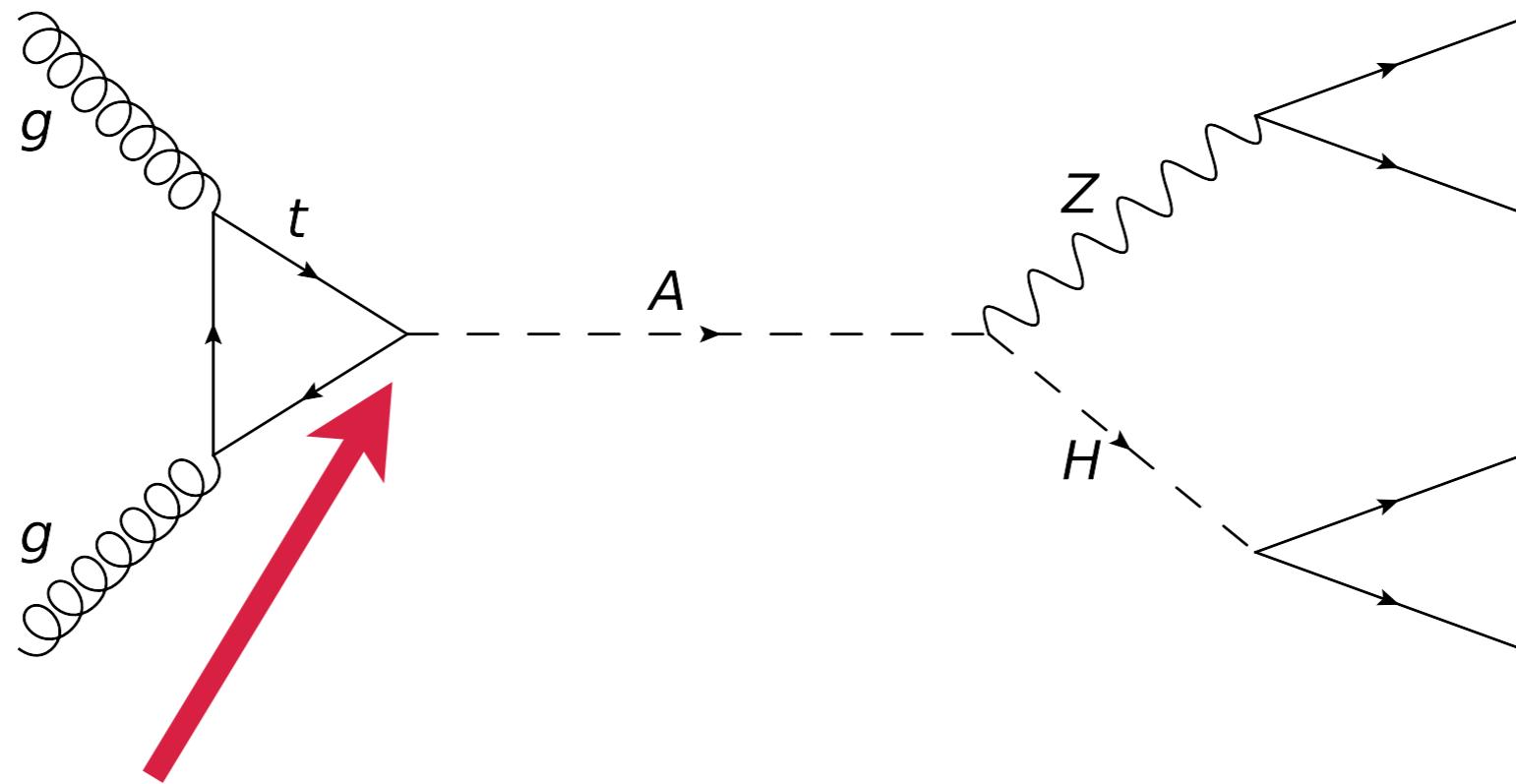
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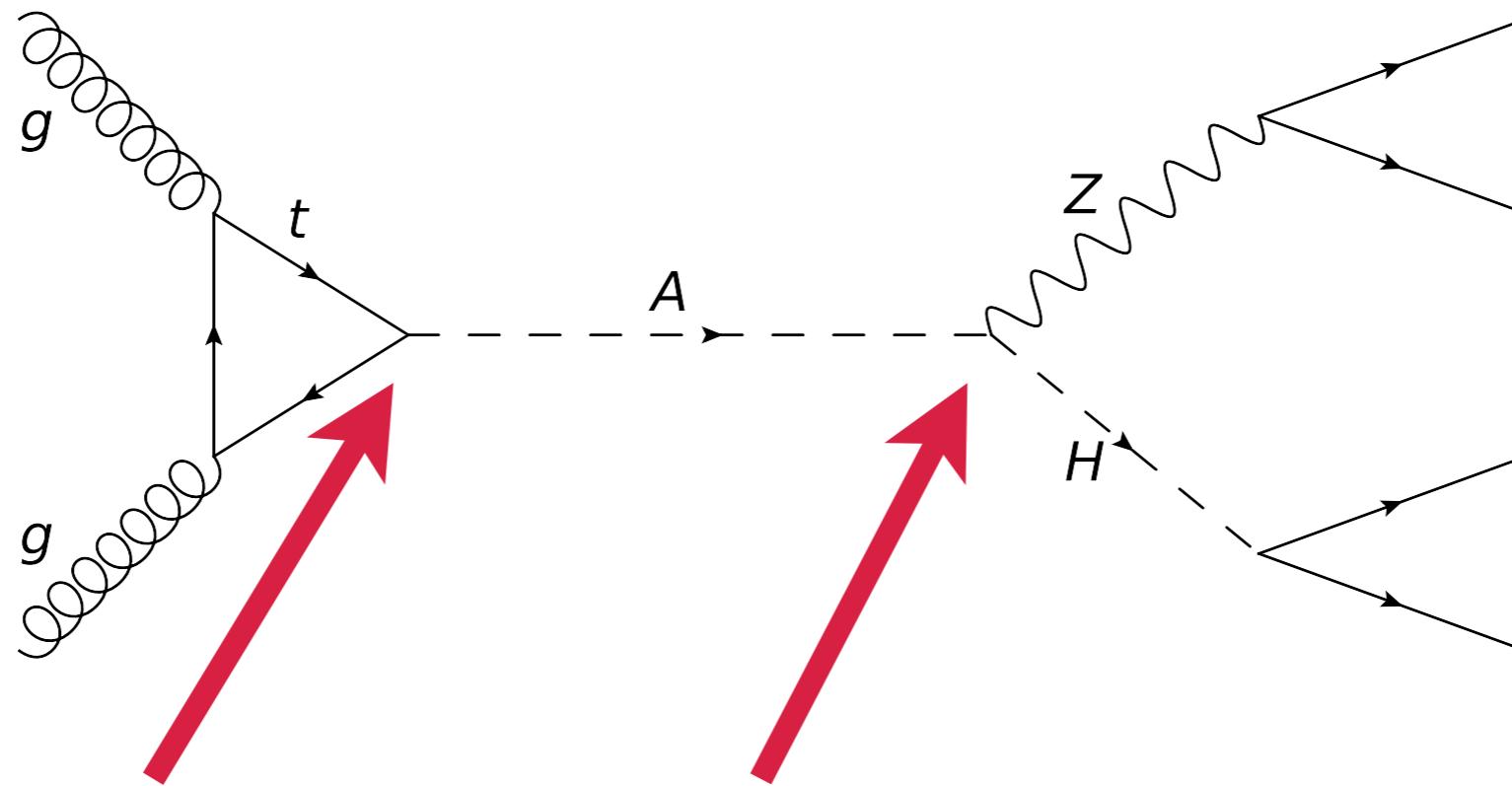
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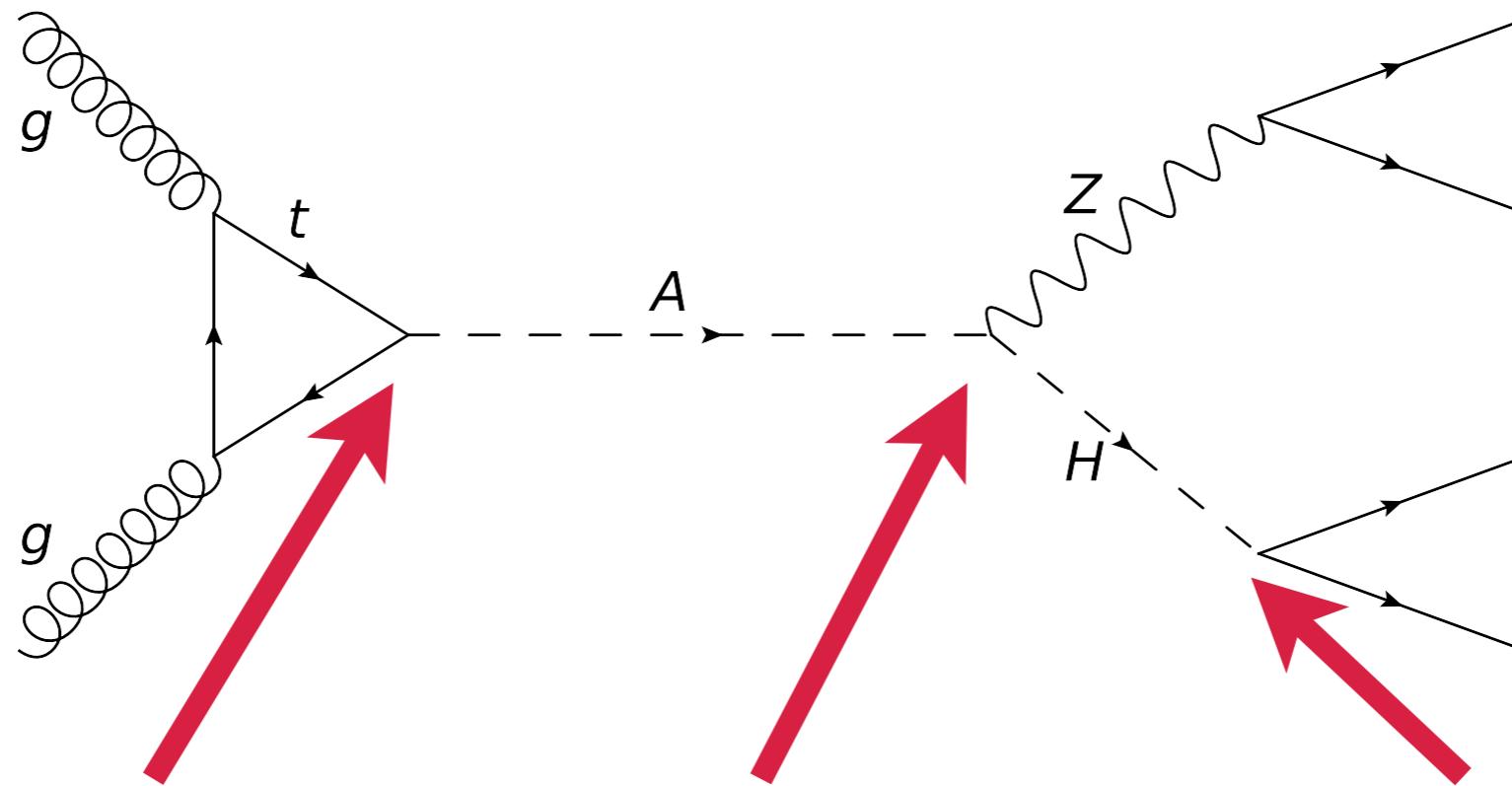
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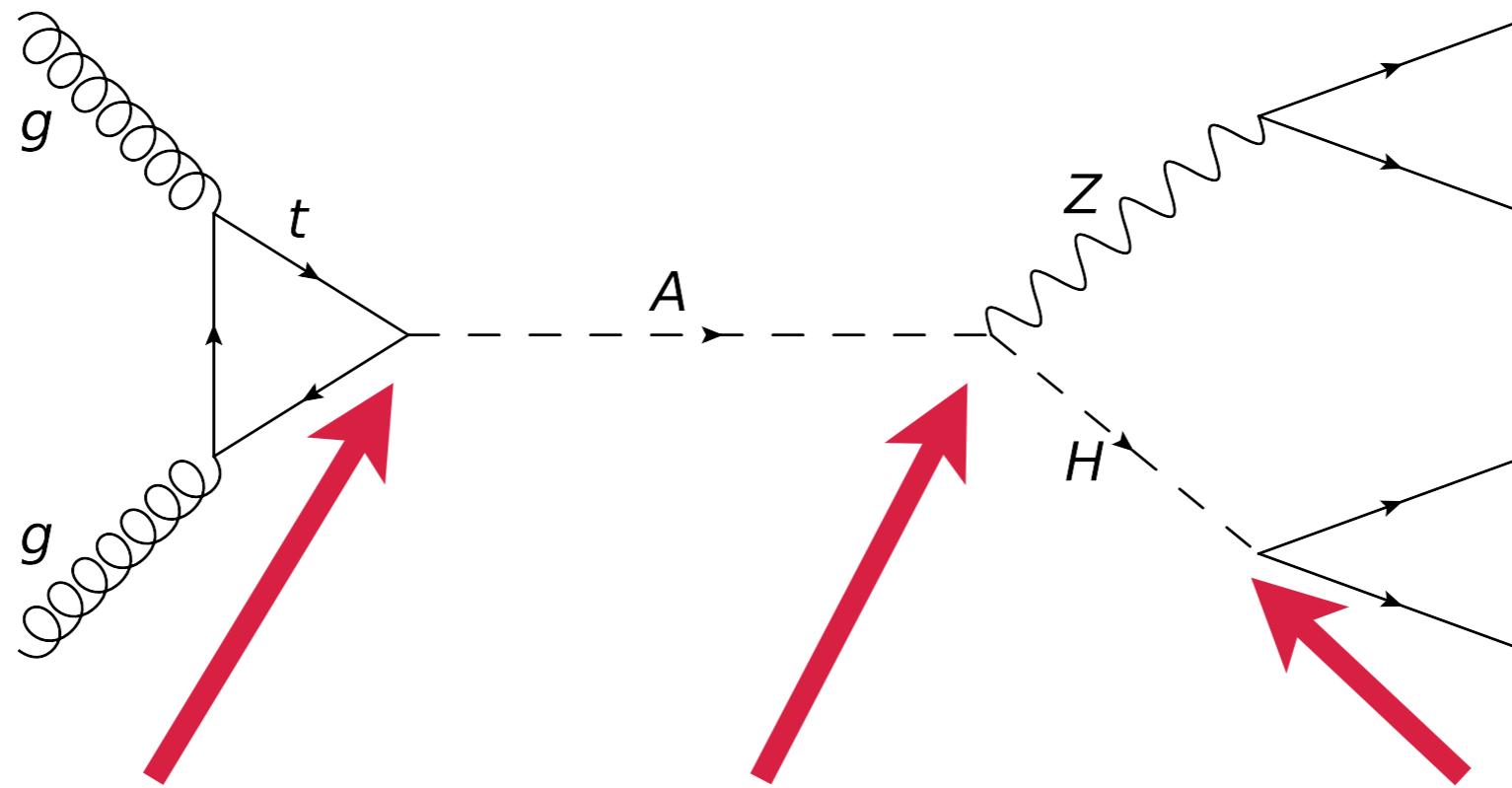
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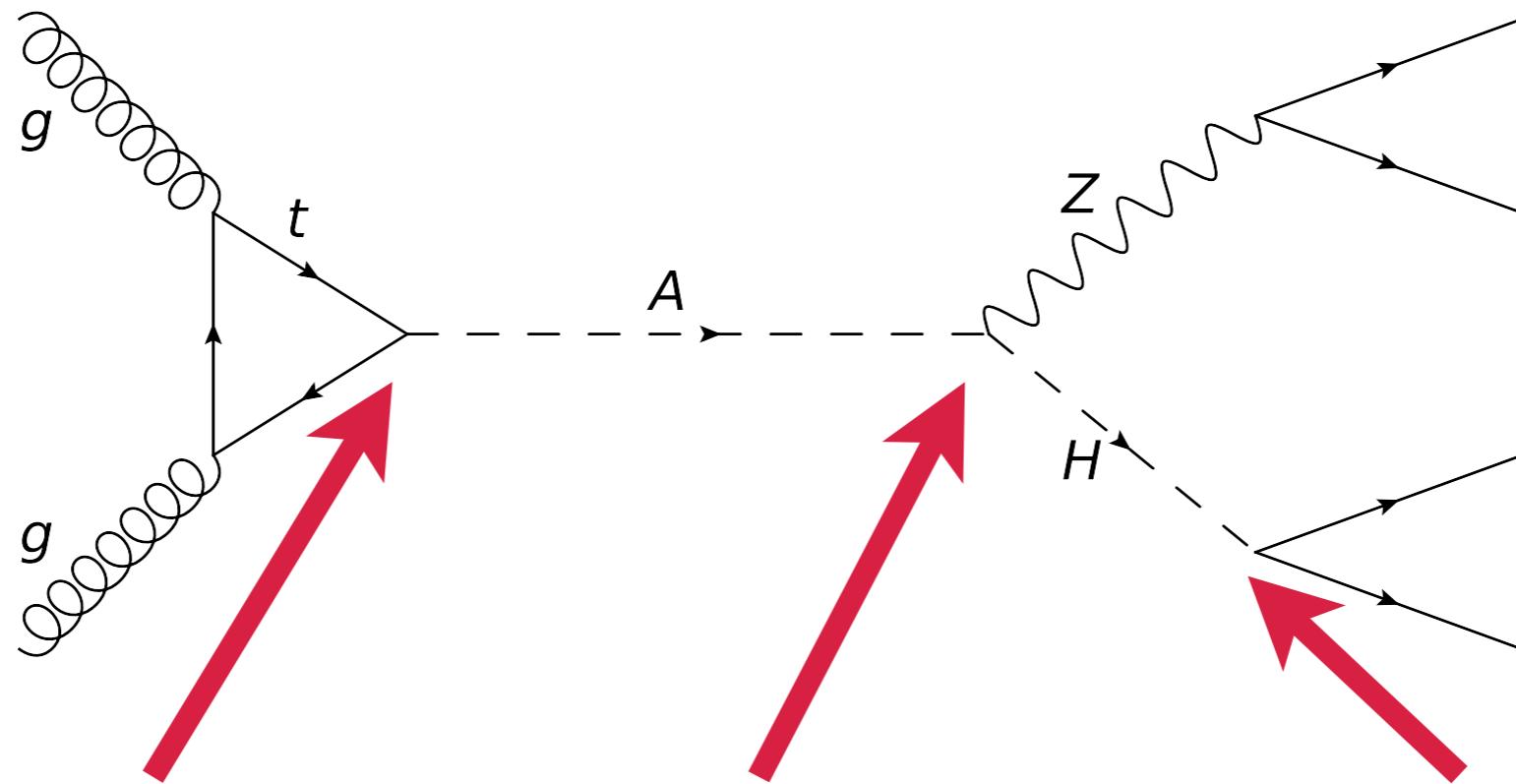
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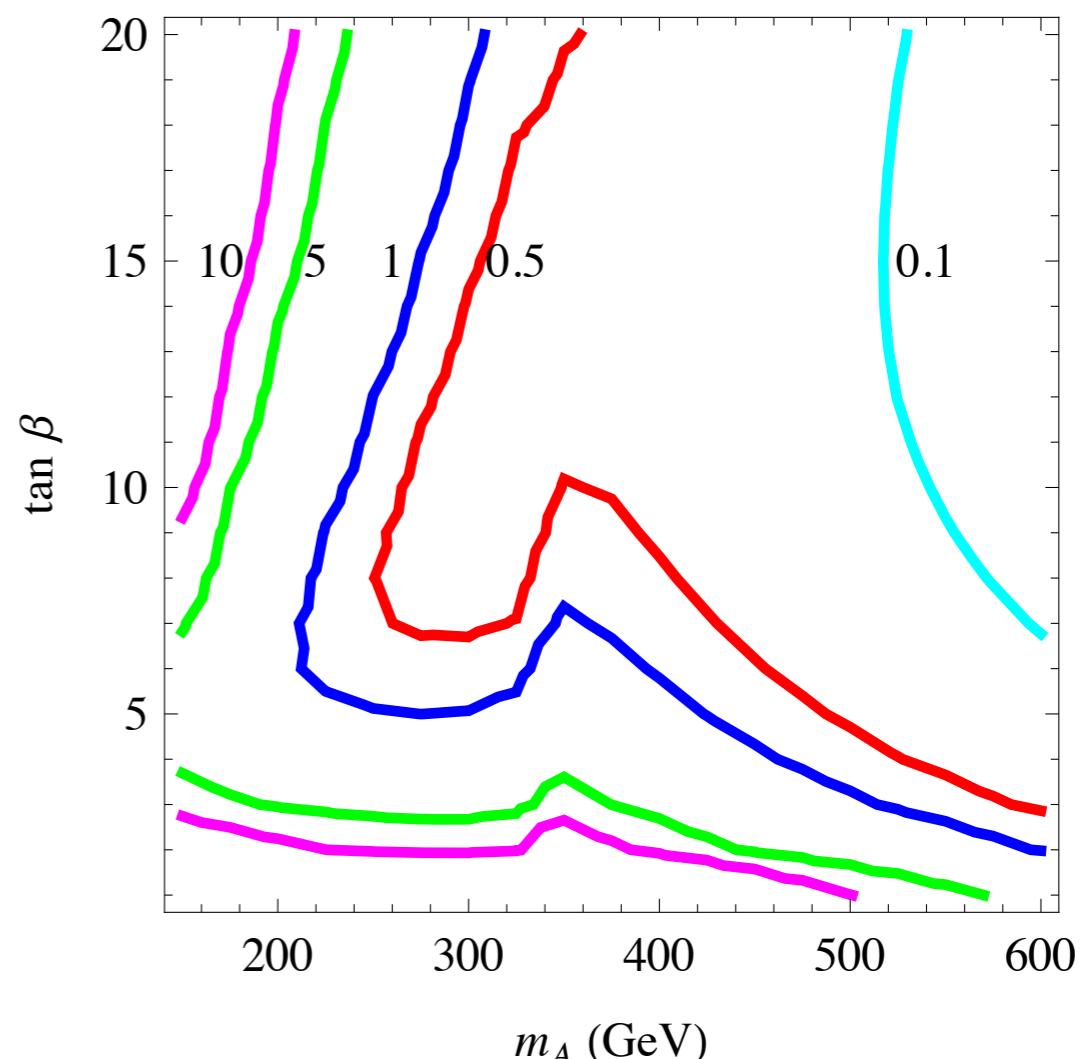
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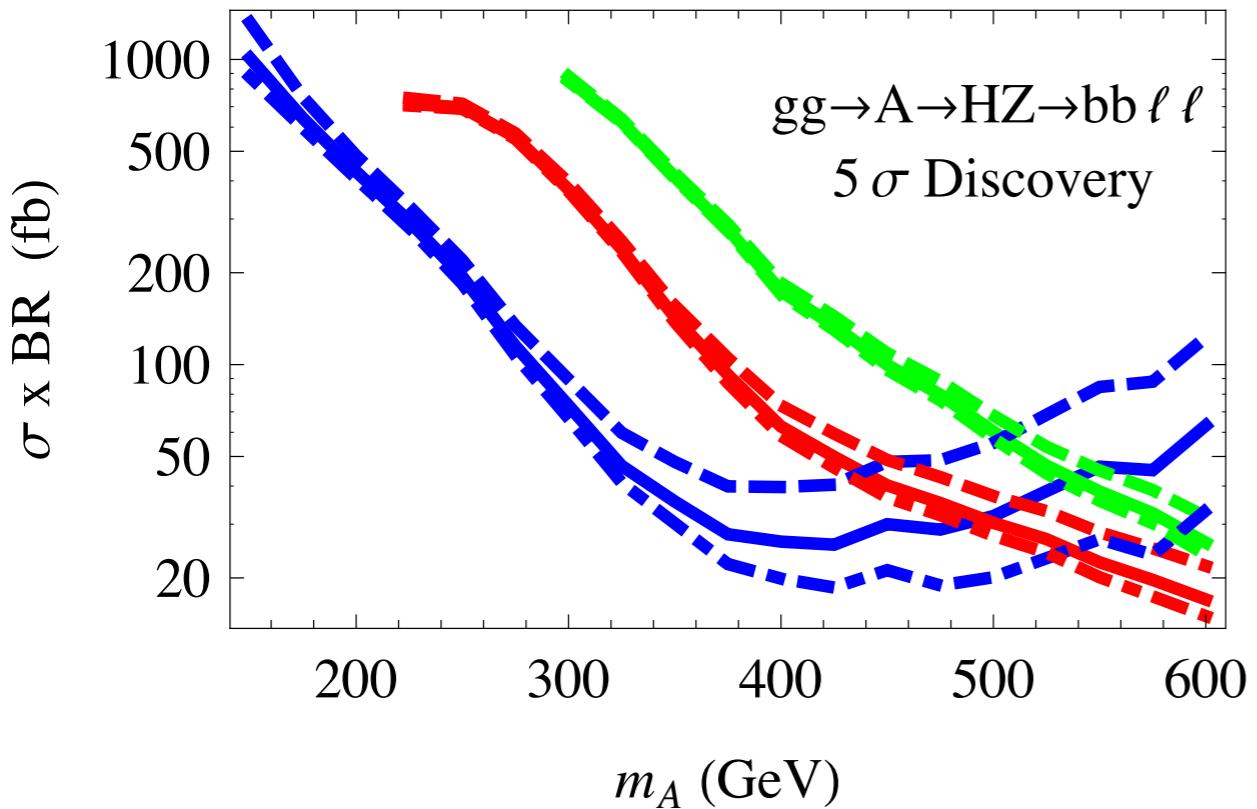
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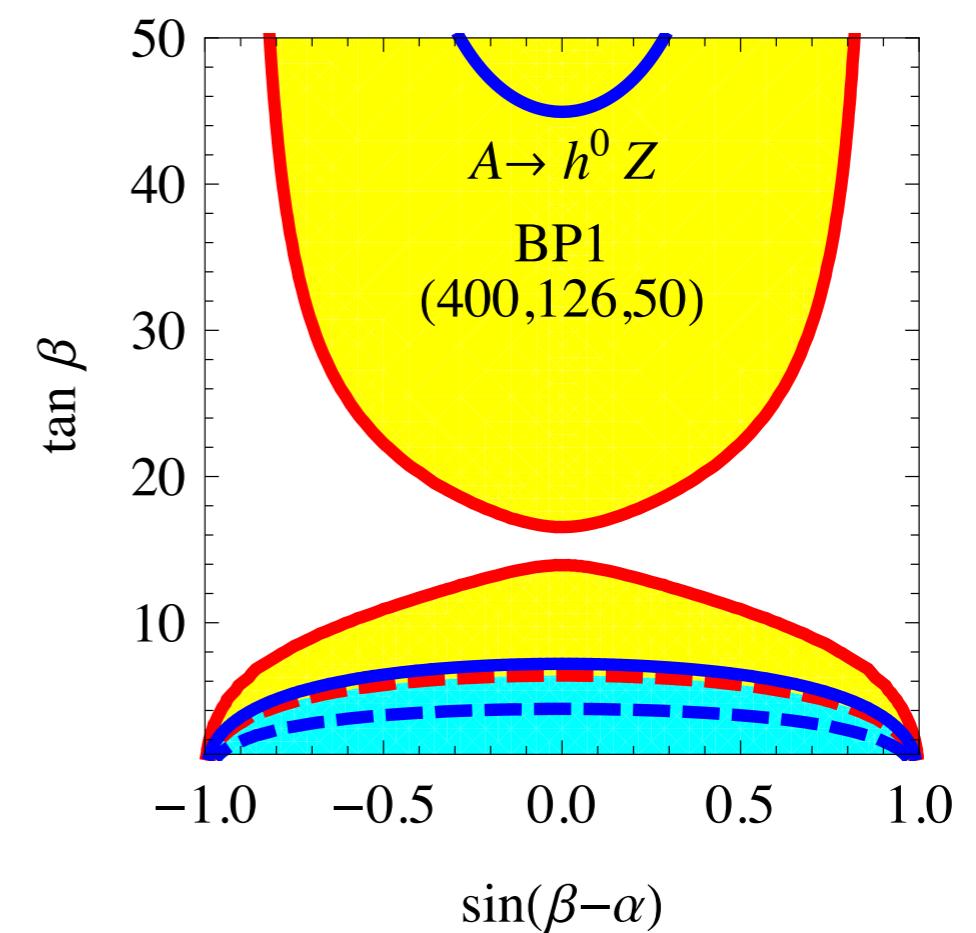
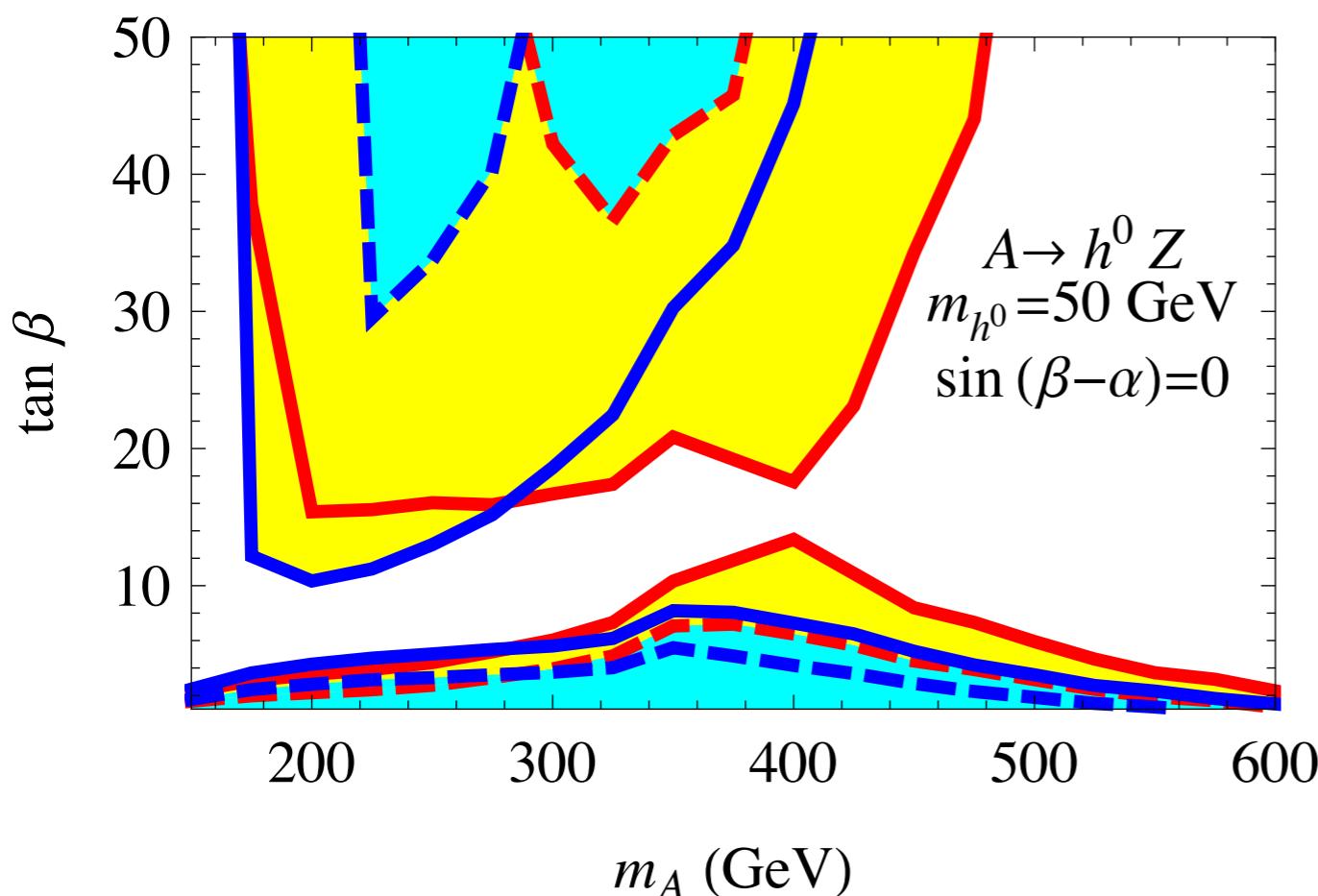
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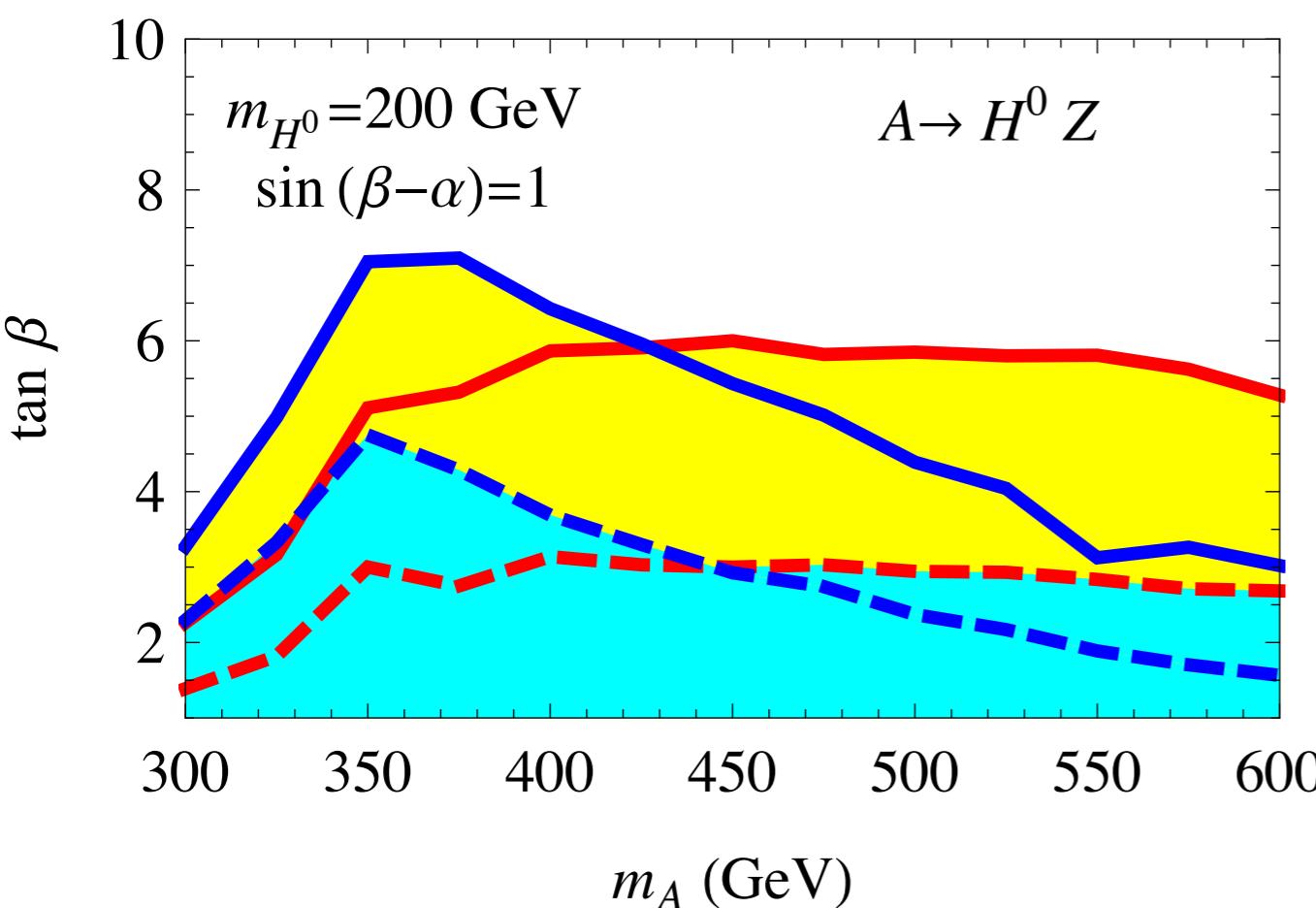
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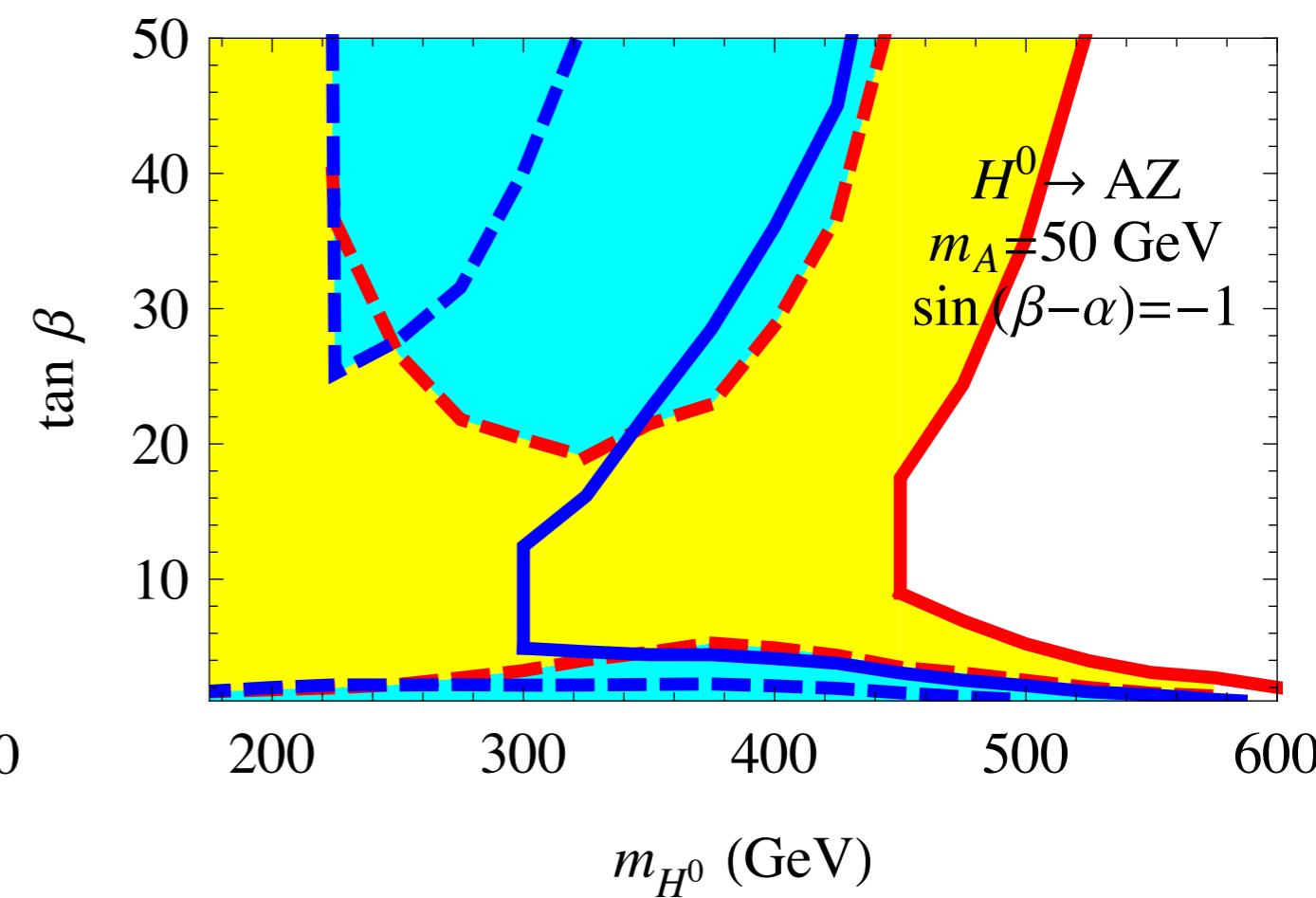
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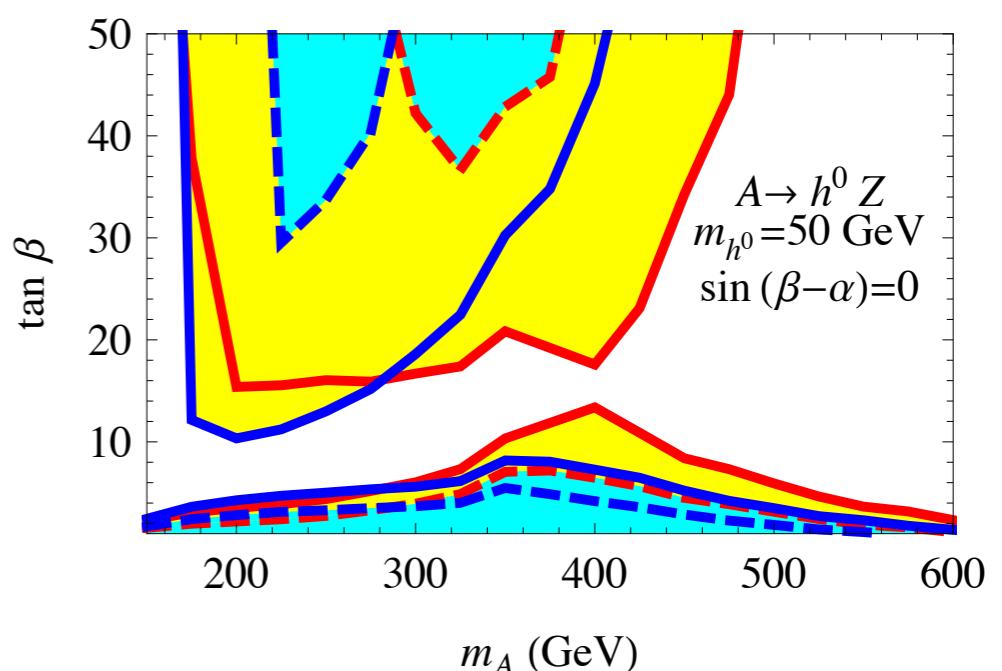
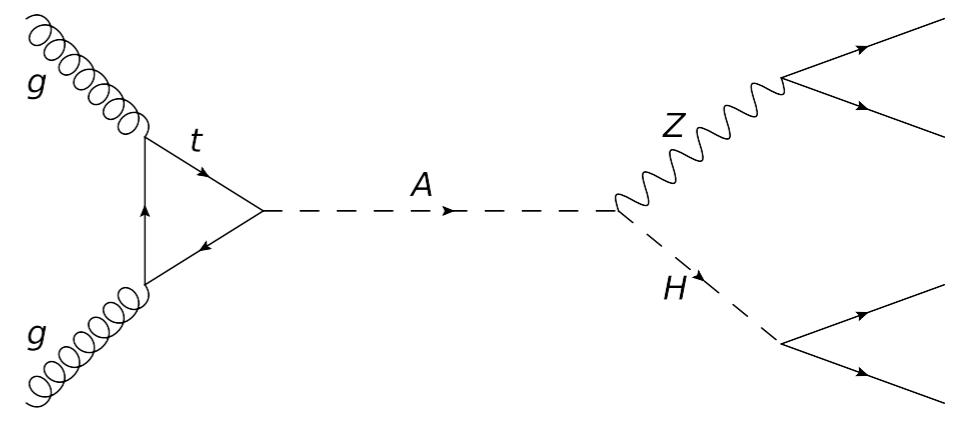
- theoretically well motivated
- most models contain enlarged Higgs sector

## Exotic Higgs Decays:

- possible decay channel:  
 $A/H \rightarrow H/AZ$
- develop search strategy
- obtain model independent exclusion/discovery limits

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- large part of parameter space can be discovered/ excluded

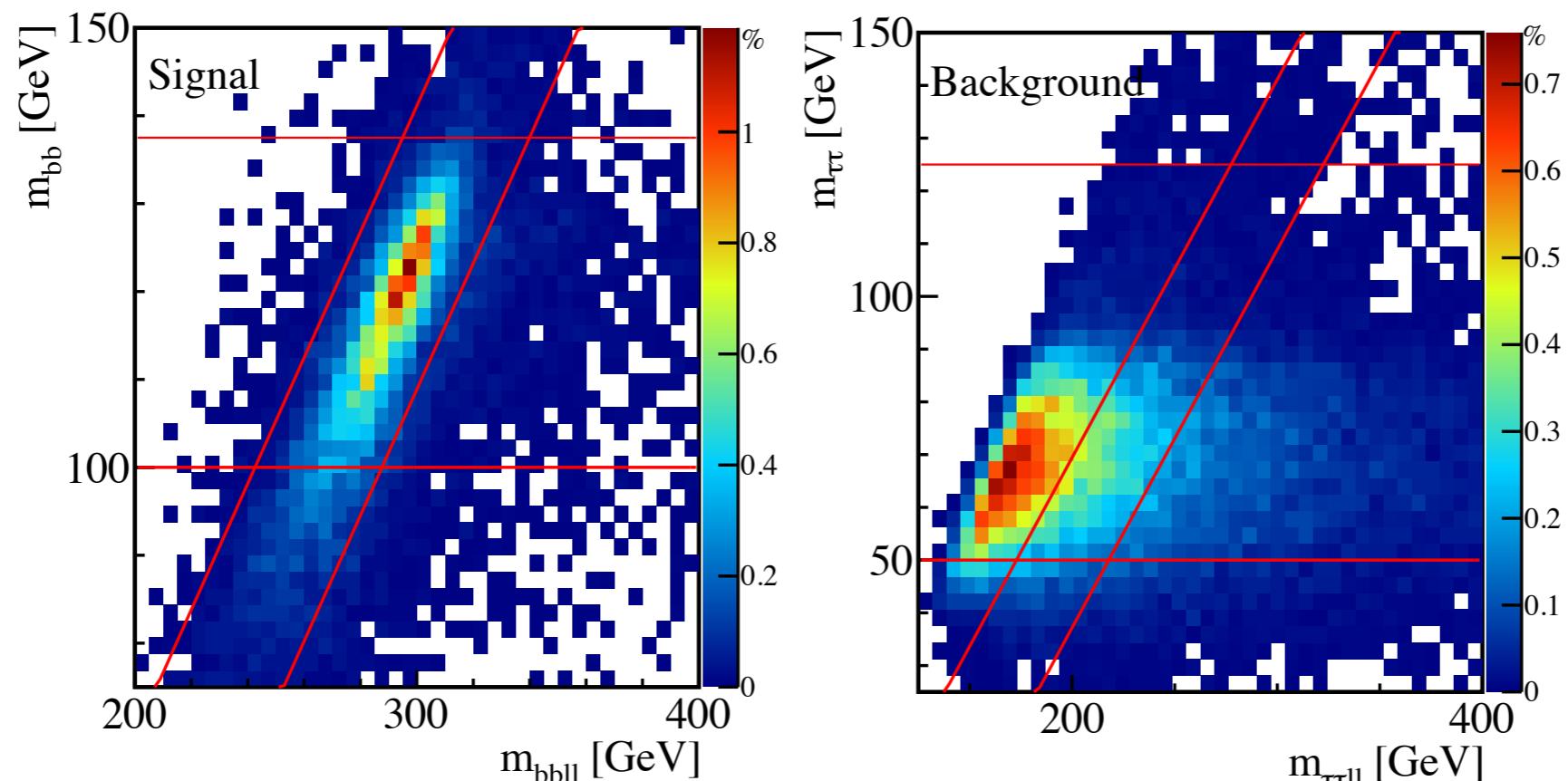


# Search Strategy

**Identification cuts:**  $n_b = 2$ ,  $n_\ell = 2$

**Dilepton mass:**  $80 \text{ GeV} < m_{\ell\ell} < 100 \text{ GeV}$ .

$m_{bb}$  versus  $m_{bbll}$ :

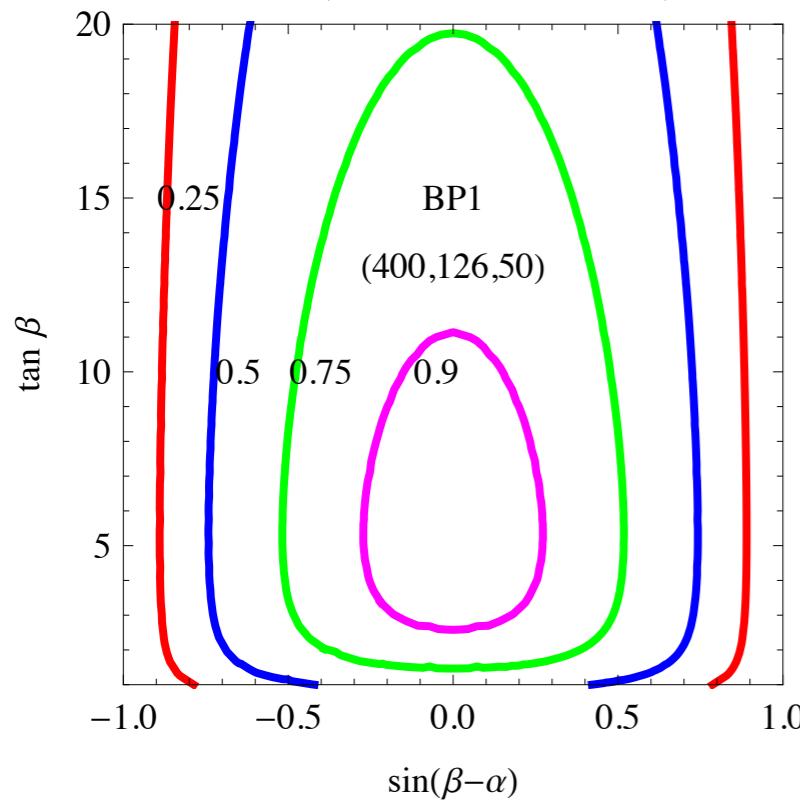


**Transverse momentum cut:**

$$\sum_{b \text{ jets}} p_T > 0.6 \times \frac{m_A^2 + m_H^2 - m_Z^2}{2m_A}, \quad \sum_{\ell, b \text{ jets}} p_T > 0.66 \times m_A$$

# Branching Ratio

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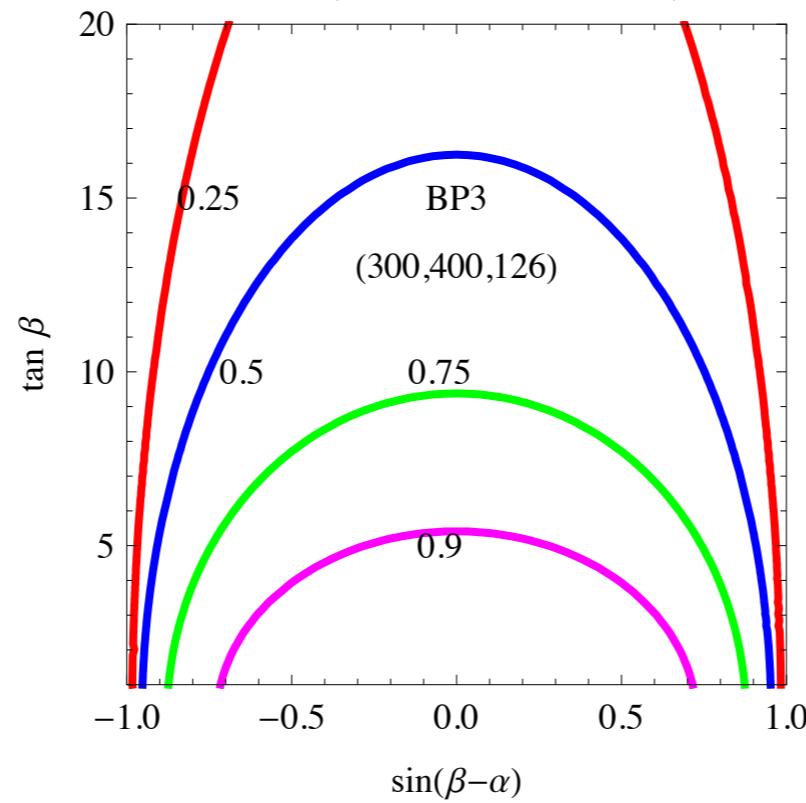
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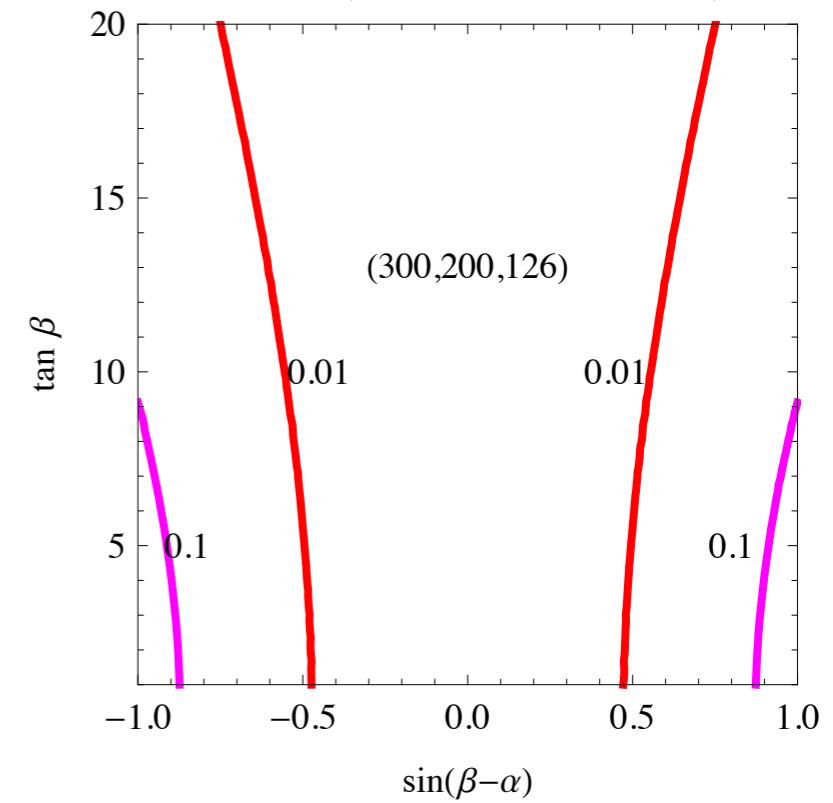
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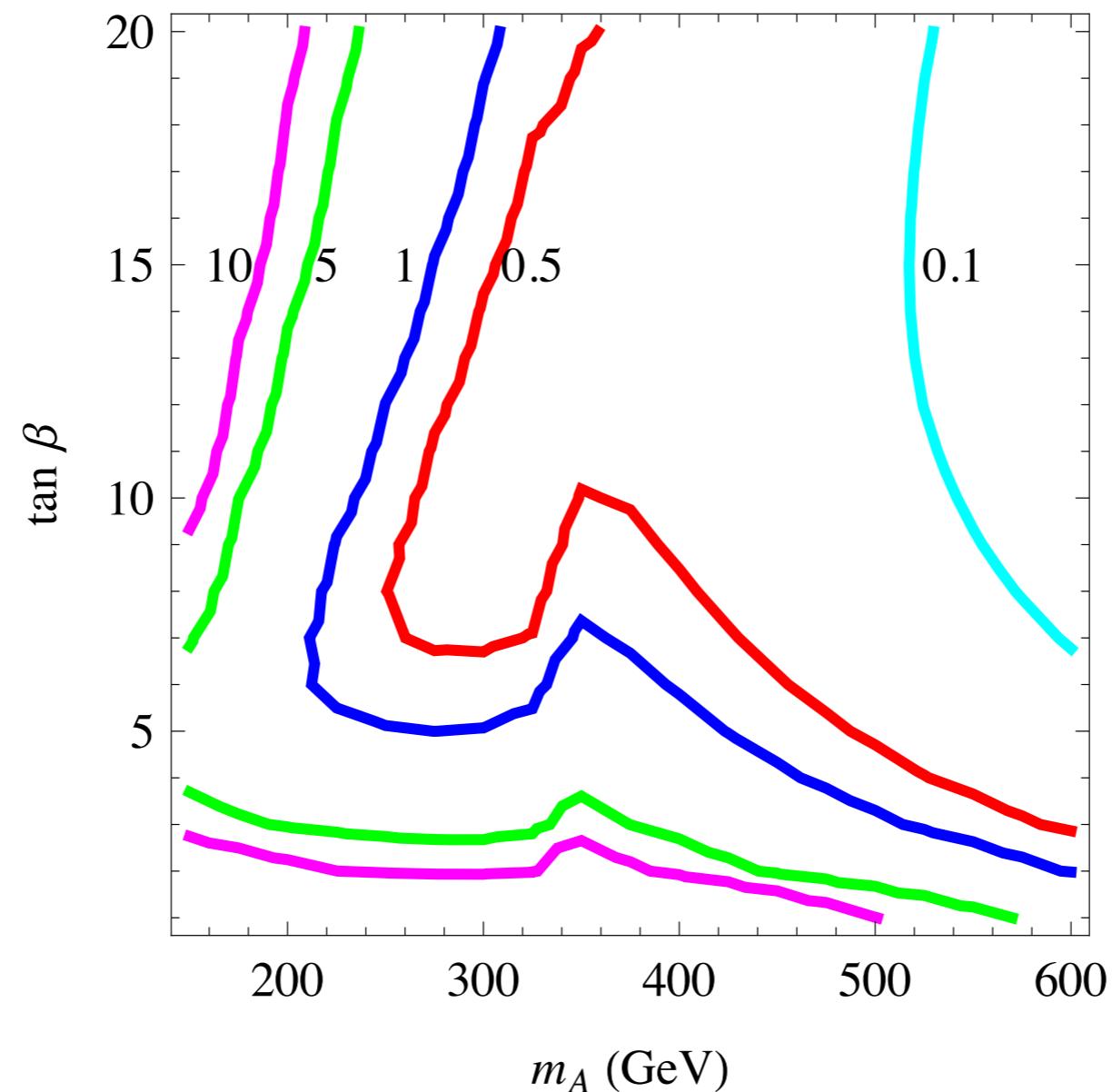
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# Production Cross Section

$$\sigma(gg \rightarrow A)[\text{pb}]$$

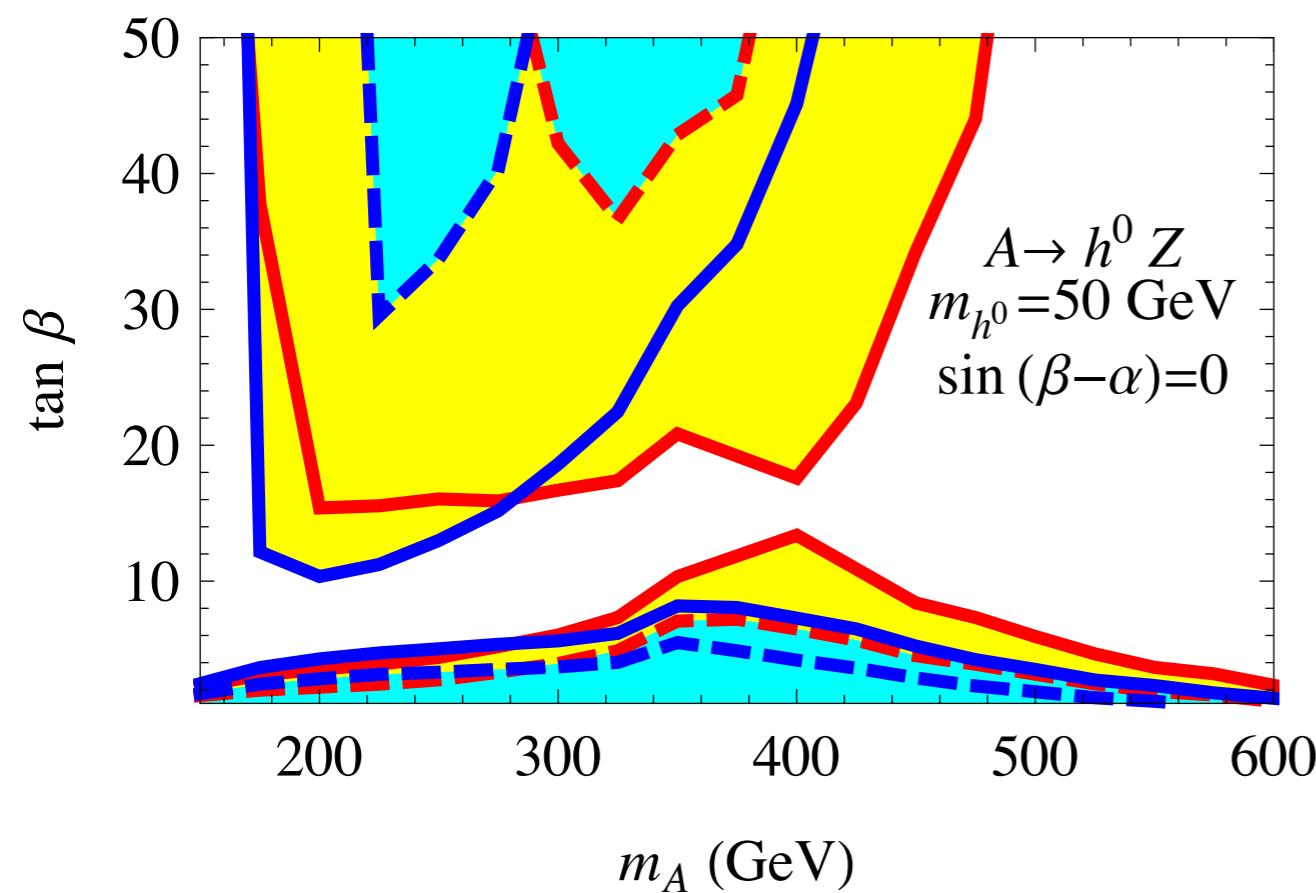


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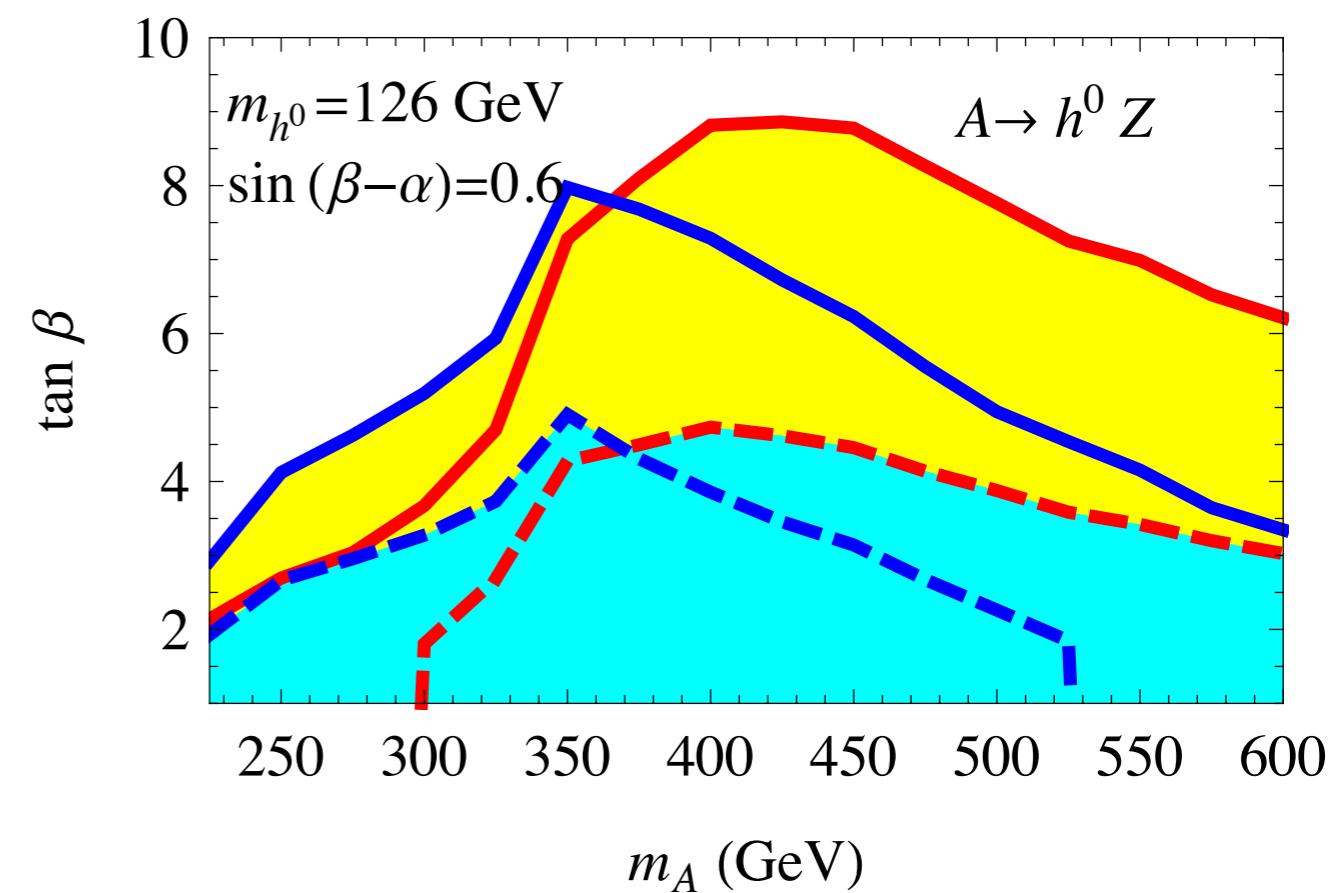
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