

# Status of Little Higgs Models in 2014

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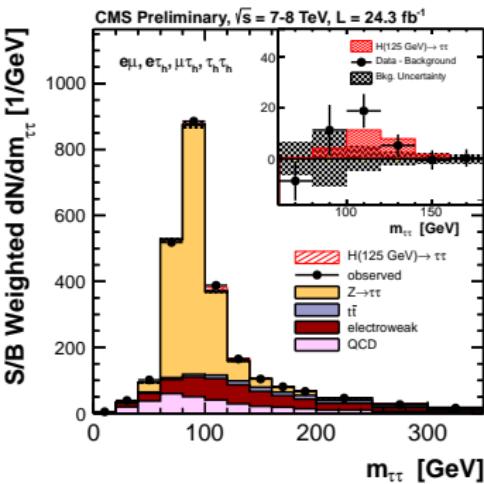
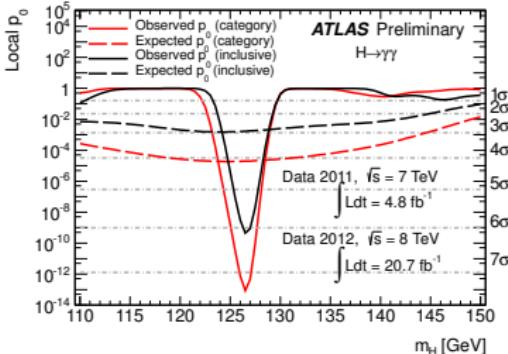
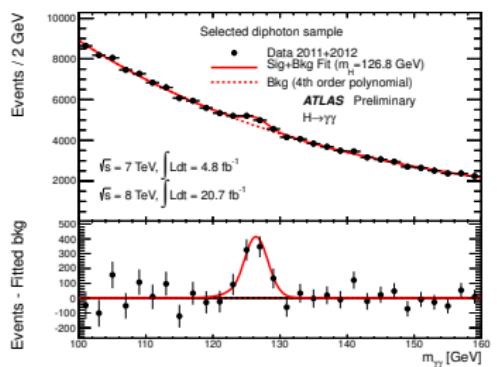


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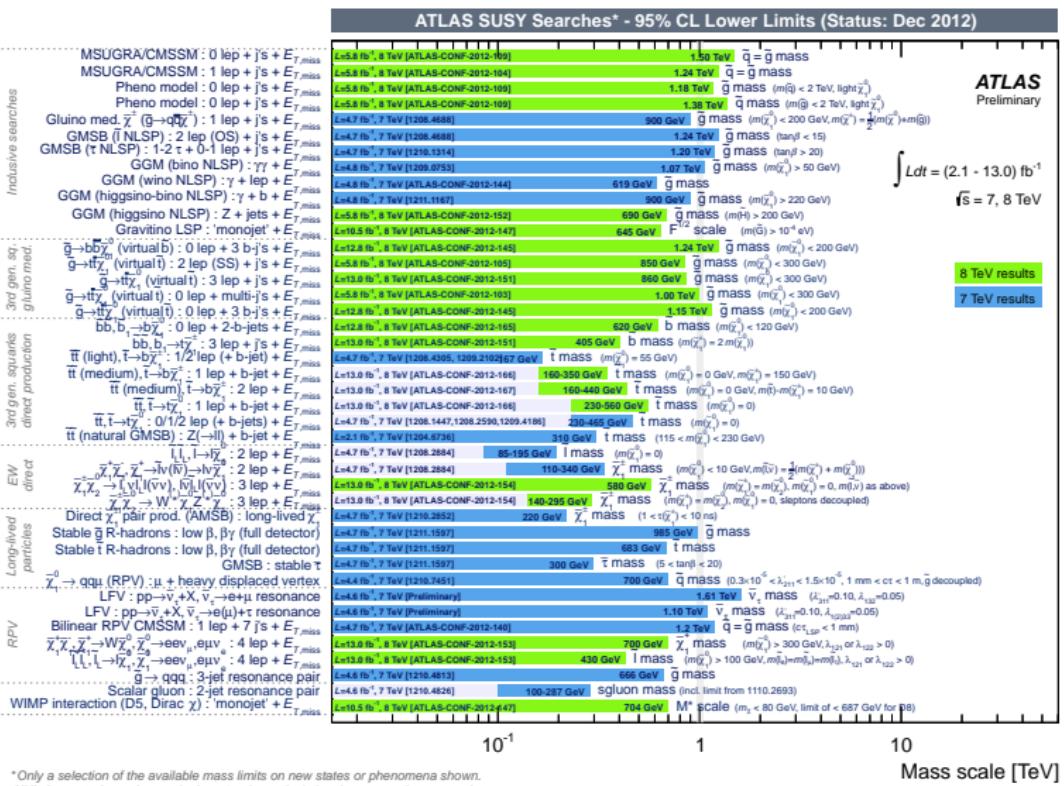
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# Standard Model Triumph:

- 2012: Discovery of a Higgs boson

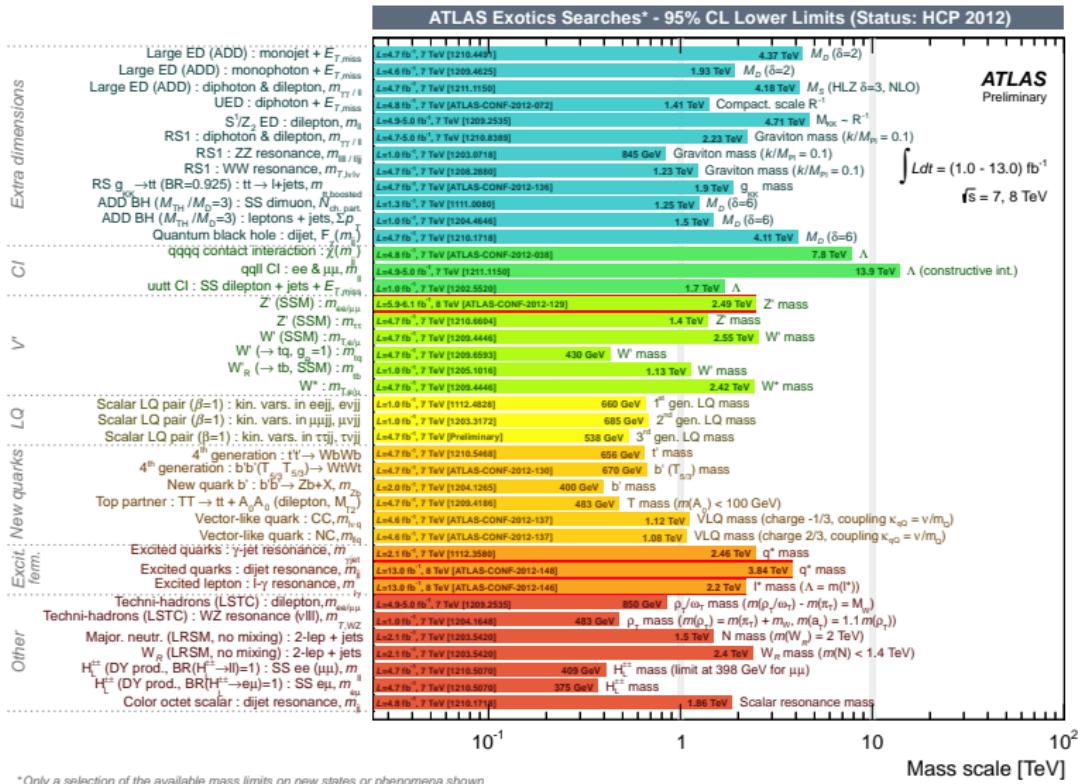


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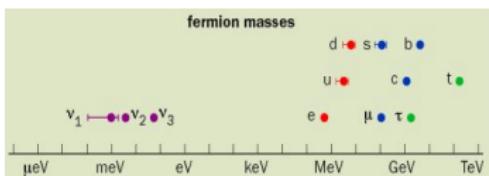
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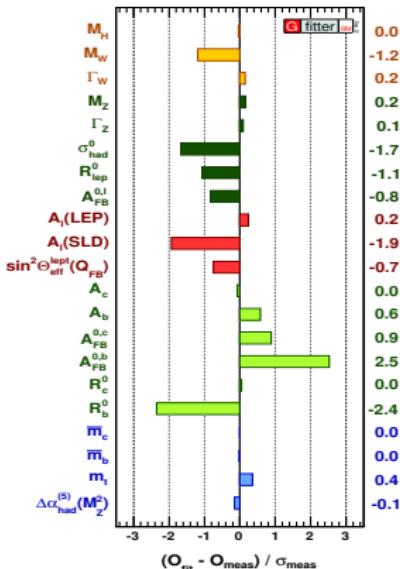
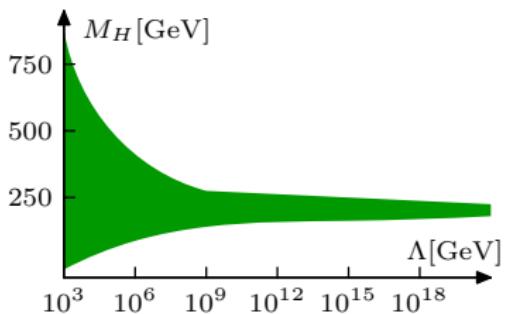


## Doubts on the Standardmodel

- describes microcosm (too good?)
  - 28 free parameters



- Higgs ?, form of Higgs potential ?



# Hierarchy Problem

chiral symmetry:  $\delta m_f \propto v \ln(\Lambda^2/v^2)$

no symmetry for quantum corrections to Higgs mass

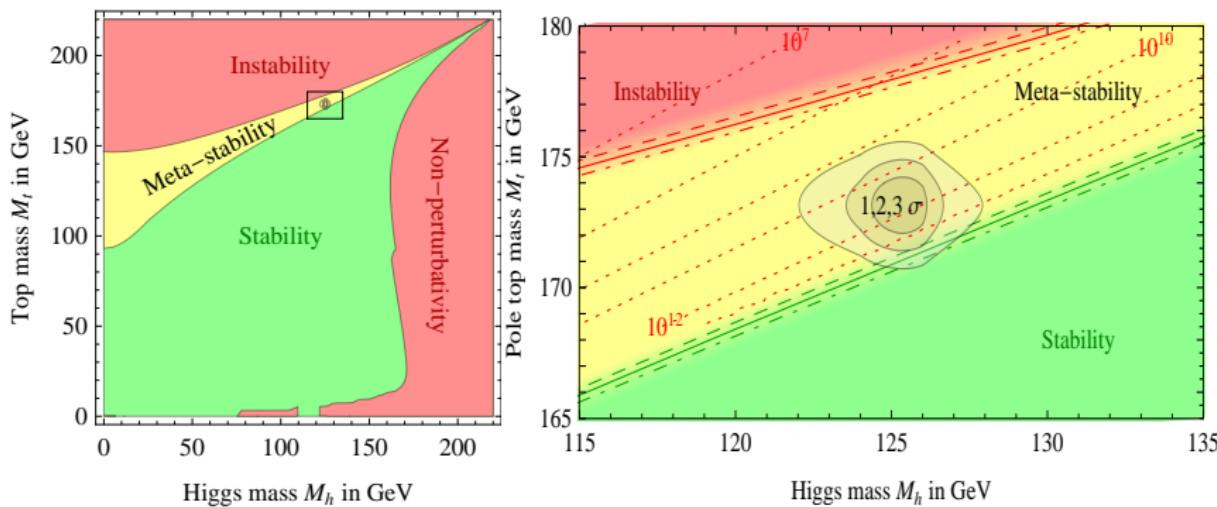
$$\delta M_H^2 \propto \Lambda^2 \sim M_{\text{Planck}}^2 = (10^{19})^2 \text{ GeV}^2$$

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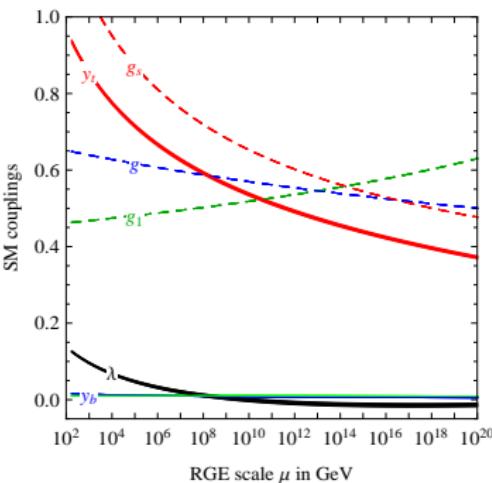
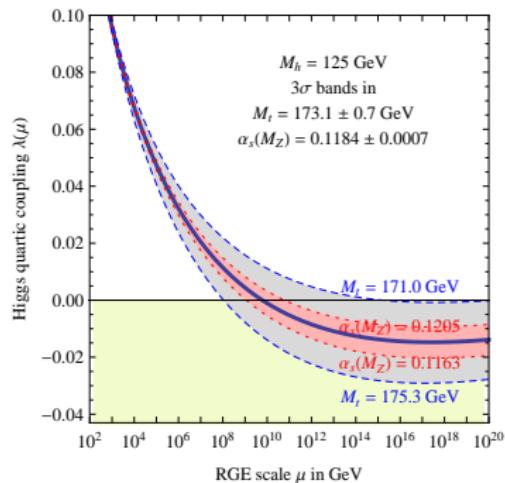
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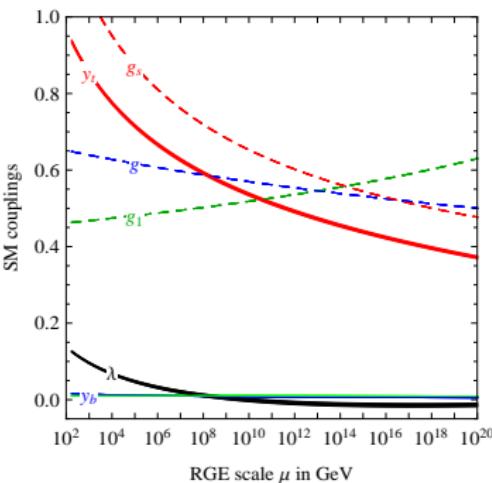
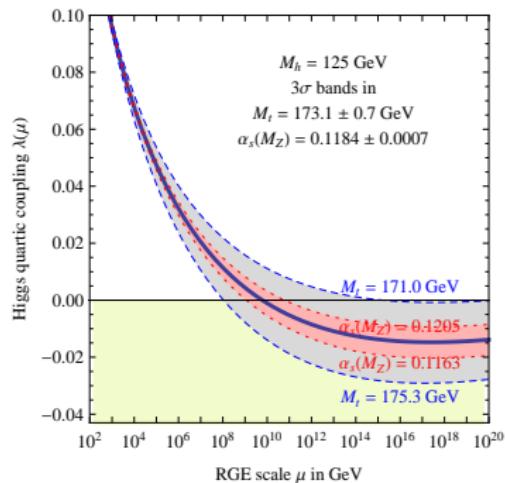
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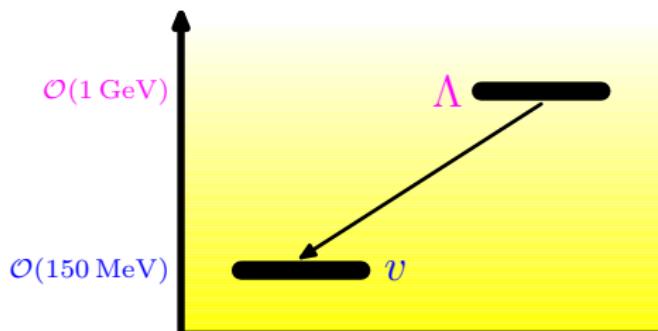
- Could the Higgs field ever have fallen in the correct vacuum?  
Hertzberg, arXiv:1210.3624

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Analogous: QCD

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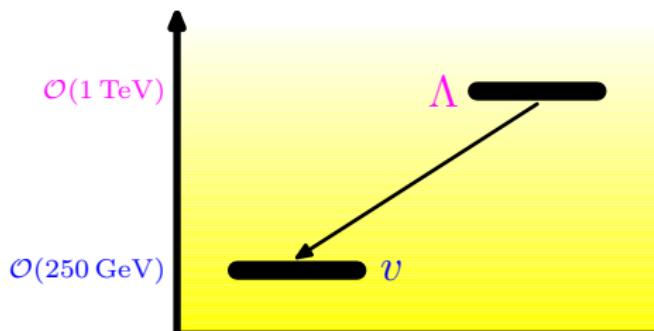
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Without Fine-Tuning: experimentally excluded

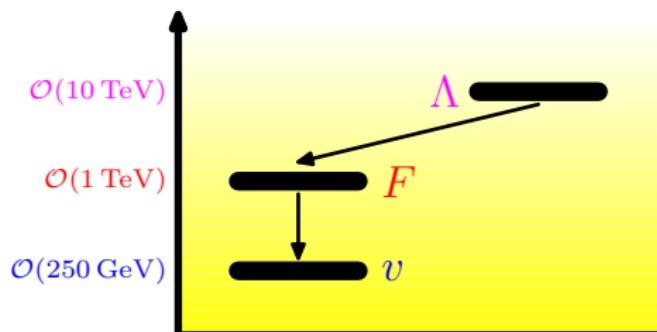
# Collective symmetry breaking and 3-scale models

Collective symmetry breaking: Arkani-Hamed/Cohen/Georgi/Nelson/..., 2001

2 different global symmetries; one of them unbroken  $\Rightarrow$  Higgs exact Goldstone boson

Coleman-Weinberg: boson masses by radiative corrections, but:  $m_H$  only at 2-loop level

$$m_H \sim \frac{g_1}{4\pi} \frac{g_2}{4\pi} \Lambda$$

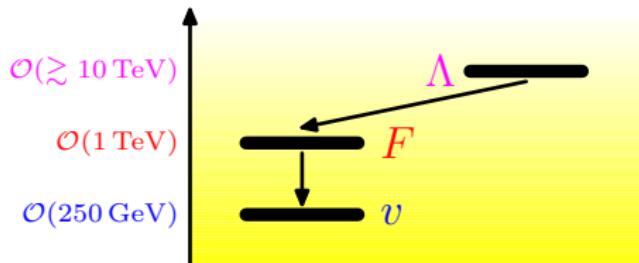


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# Characteristics and Spectra

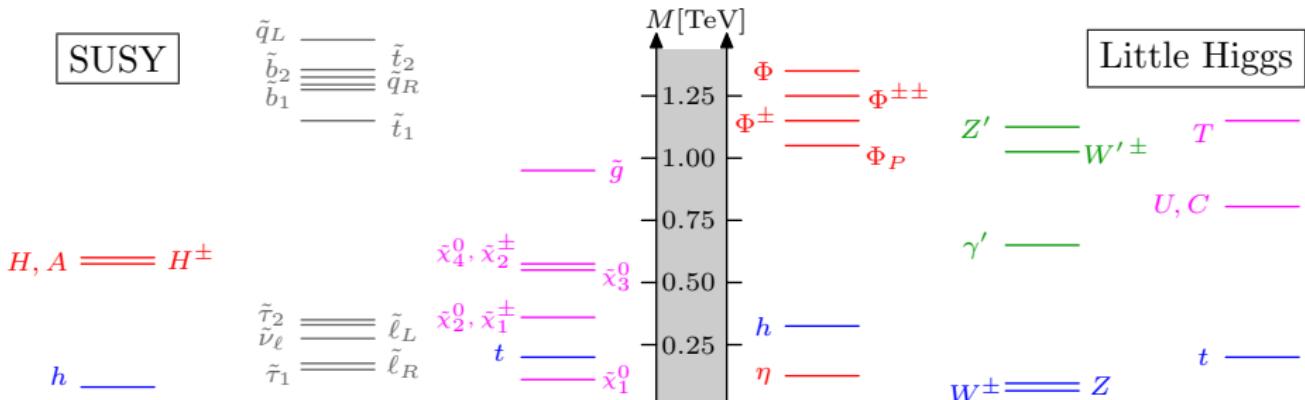


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**Terascale: new particles to stabilize the hierarchy**

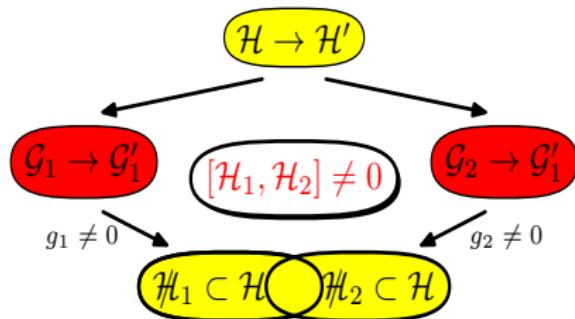


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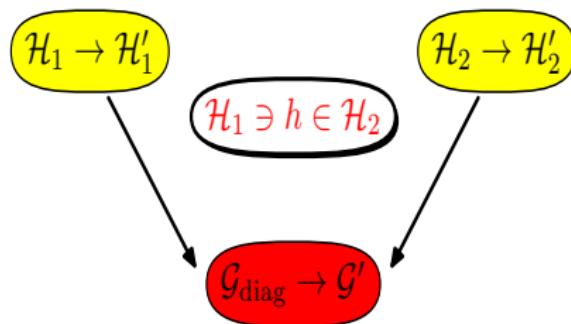
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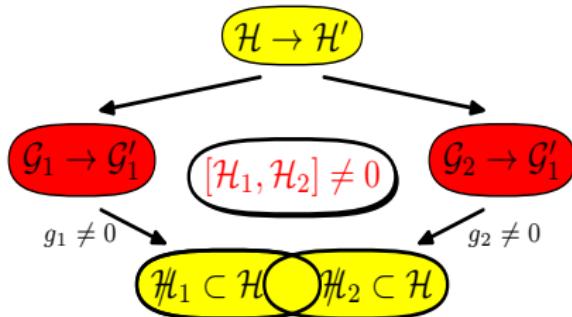
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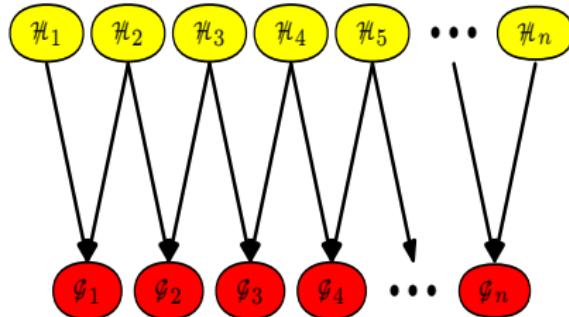
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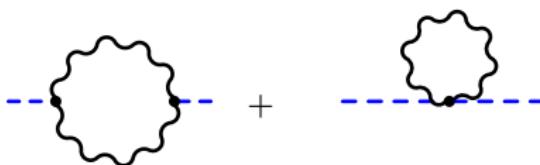
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Coleman-Weinberg mechanism: Radiative generation of potential



The diagram illustrates the radiative generation of the potential. It shows two contributions to the effective action:

- A bare potential term represented by a dashed horizontal line with a wavy circle attached.
- A correction term represented by a dashed horizontal line with a wavy circle attached, plus a correction term where the wavy circle is connected to the dashed line at two points.

The total result is given by the equation:

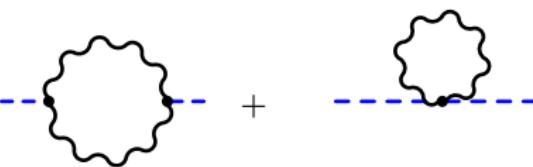
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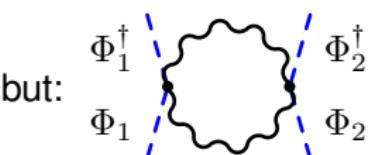
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but:



$$= \frac{g^4}{16\pi^2} \log\left(\frac{\Lambda^2}{\mu^2}\right) |\Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_2|^2 \Rightarrow \frac{g^4}{16\pi^2} \log\left(\frac{\Lambda^2}{\mu^2}\right) f^2 (h^\dagger h)$$

# Cancellations of Divergencies in Yukawa sector

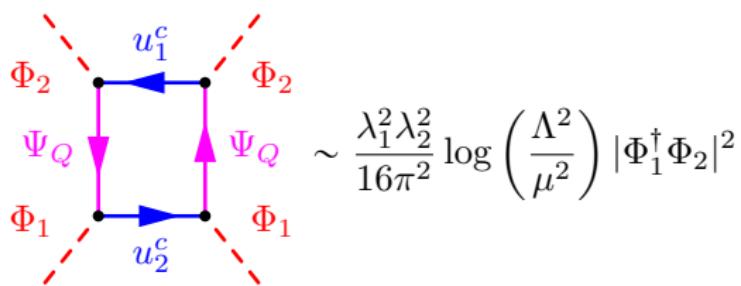


$$\propto \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{k^2(k^2 - m_T^2)} \left\{ \lambda_t^2(k^2 - m_T^2) + k^2 \lambda_T^2 - \frac{m_T}{F} \lambda_T k^2 \right\}$$

**Little Higgs global symmetry** imposes relation

$$\frac{m_T}{F} = \frac{\lambda_t^2 + \lambda_T^2}{\lambda_T} \implies \boxed{\text{Quadratic divergence cancels}}$$

**Collective Symm. breaking:**  $\lambda_t \propto \lambda_1 \lambda_2$ ,  $\lambda_1 = 0$  or  $\lambda_2 = 0 \Rightarrow SU(3) \rightarrow [SU(3)]^2$



# Constraints from Oblique Corrections: $S$ , $T$ , $U$



$$\Delta T \sim \Delta\rho \sim \Delta M_Z^2 \mathcal{Z} \cdot \mathcal{Z}$$



$$\Delta S \sim W^0_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}, \Delta U \sim W^0_{\mu\nu} W^{0\mu\nu}$$

- ◇ All low-energy effects order  $v^2/F^2$  (Wilson coefficients)

$\Delta S, \Delta T$  in the Littlest Higgs model, violation of **Custodial SU(2)**: Csáki et al., 2002; Hewett et al., 2002; Han et al., 2003; Chen/Dawson, 2003; Kilian/JRR, 2003

$$\frac{\Delta S}{8\pi} = - \left[ \frac{c^2(c^2-s^2)}{g^2} + 5 \frac{c'^2(c'^2-s'^2)}{g'^2} \right] \frac{v^2}{F^2} \rightarrow 0 \quad \alpha \Delta T \rightarrow \frac{5}{4} \frac{v^2}{F^2} - \frac{2v^2 \lambda_{2\phi}^2}{M_\phi^4} \gtrsim \frac{v^2}{F^2}$$

Constraints from contact IA: ( $f_{JJ}^{(3)}, f_{JJ}^{(1)}$ )  $4.5 \text{ TeV} \lesssim F/c^2$   $10 \text{ TeV} \lesssim F/c'^2$

- ◇ **Constraints evaded**  $\iff c, c' \ll 1$
- $B', Z', W'^\pm$  superheavy ( $\mathcal{O}(\Lambda)$ ) decouple from fermions

# Motivation

How to constrain a generic model in *HEP*?

- ▶ direct searches of resonances
- ▶ electroweak precision tests
- ▶ flavour constraints
- ▶ nowadays: Higgs sector

Higgs sector is the key to understand EW-scale physics (and beyond?)

# Statistical analysis

We considered the three most popular Little Higgs models:

- ▶ Simplest Little Higgs ( $SLH$ ) [\[Schmaltz\]](#)
- ▶ Littlest Higgs ( $L^2H$ ) [\[Arkani-Hamed et al.\]](#)
- ▶ Littlest Higgs with  $T$ -parity ( $LHT$ ) [\[Low et al.\]](#)

and realized a  $\chi^2$  analysis on their parameter spaces, taking into account the whole set of 7+8 TeV Higgs searches by *ATLAS* and *CMS*, and by fitting 21 different *EW Precision Observables*:

$$\chi^2 = \sum_i \frac{(\mathcal{O}_i - \mathcal{O}_i^{\text{exp}})^2}{\sigma_i^2}$$

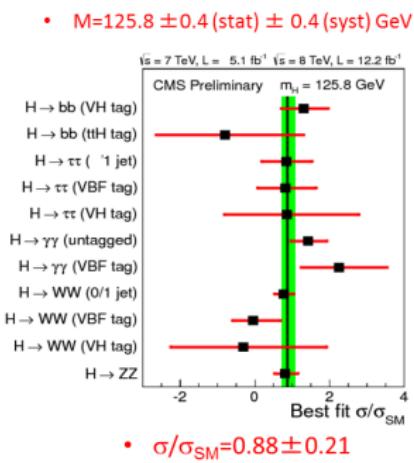
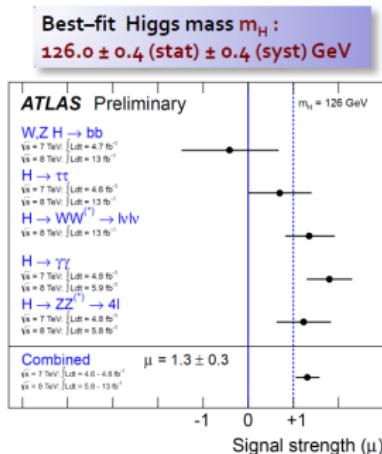
where  $\mathcal{O}_i$  depends on the free parameters of the model considered.

# Data used: Higgs sector

the Higgs results are expressed in terms of a *signal strength modifier*

$$\mu_i = \frac{\sum_p \epsilon_i^p \sigma_p}{\sum_p \epsilon_i^p \sigma_p^{SM}} \cdot \frac{BR(h \rightarrow X_i X_i)}{BR(h \rightarrow X_i X_i)_{SM}}$$

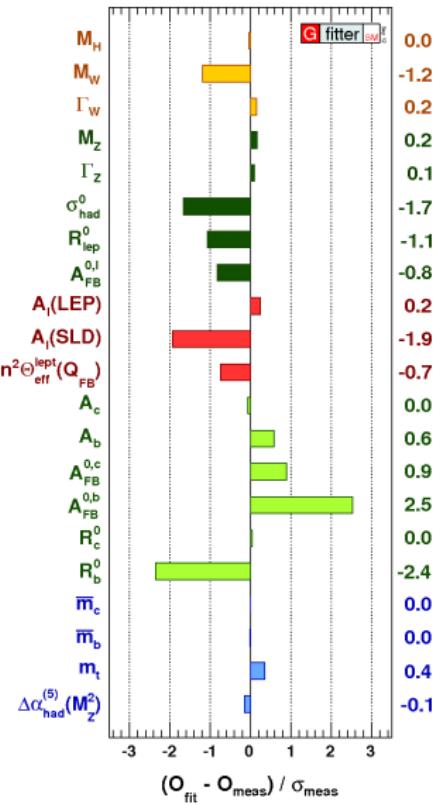
we included in our  $\chi^2$  analysis the best-fit values of  $\mu_i$  reported by the Collaborations for all the different 7+8 TeV channels  $i$ :



# Data used: EWPD

every extension of *SM* has to satisfy at least the precision constraints of the electroweak sector:

- ▶ low-energy observables  
e.g.  $\nu$ -scattering, parity violation observables
- ▶  $Z$ -pole observables  
e.g.  $m_Z$ ,  $\Gamma_Z$ ,  $Z$ -pole asymmetries...



# LH Smoking guns

Where do the *LH* corrections to the *SM* quantities come from?

- ▶ new decay channels of the Higgs, e.g.  $h \rightarrow A_H A_H$  in *LHT*
- ▶ modified Higgs couplings with *SM* fermions and vector bosons

$$\text{e.g. } 2 \frac{m_W^2}{v} y_W h W^+ W^-, \quad y_W = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{SM} \\ 1 + \mathcal{O}(v^2/f^2) & \text{LH} \end{cases}$$

- ▶ interaction terms of Higgs with new fermions/vector bosons

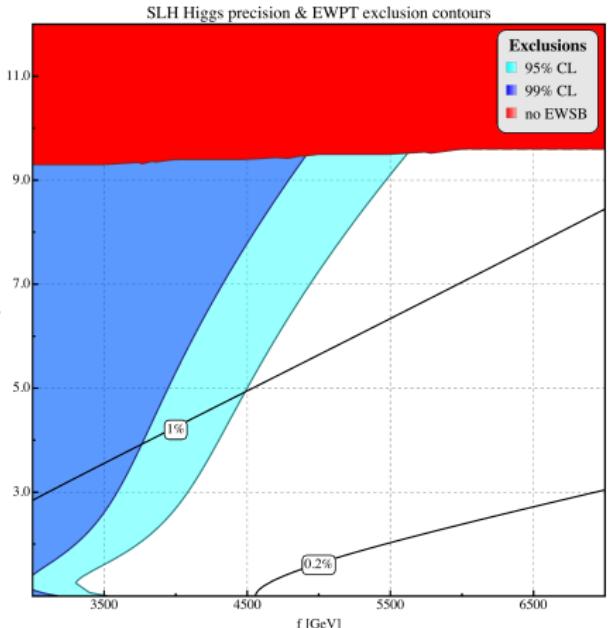
$$\text{e.g. } \frac{m_T}{v} y_T h \bar{T} T \quad m_T \sim f, \quad y_T \sim \mathcal{O}(v^2/f^2)$$

- ▶ modified neutral- and charged-currents

$$\text{e.g. } \frac{g}{c_W} \sum_f \bar{f} \gamma^\mu \left( (g_L^{SM} + \delta g_L) P_L + (g_R^{SM} + \delta g_R) P_R \right) f Z_\mu$$

# SLH results

JRR/Tonini, JHEP 1302 (2013) 077; JRR/Tonini/de Vries, JHEP 1402 (2014) 053



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- $f_{\min}^{99\%} = 2.88$  TeV, translates into lower bounds on new states' masses, e.g.

$$\begin{aligned}m_{W'} &\gtrsim 1.35 \text{ TeV} \\ m_T &\gtrsim 2.81 \text{ TeV}\end{aligned}$$

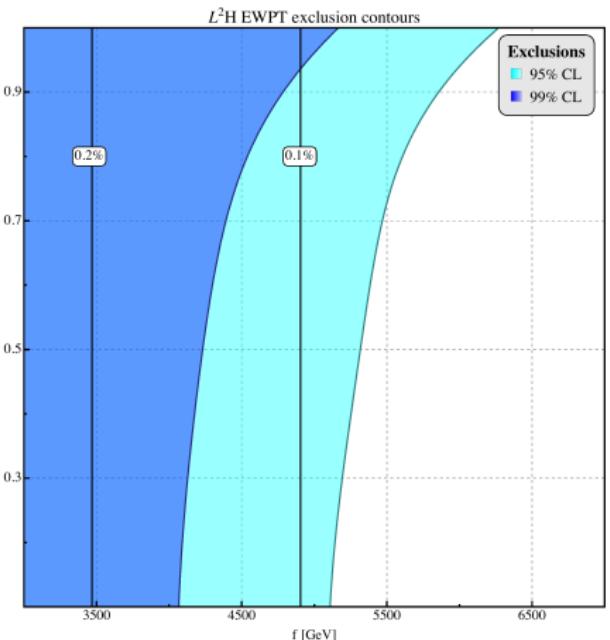
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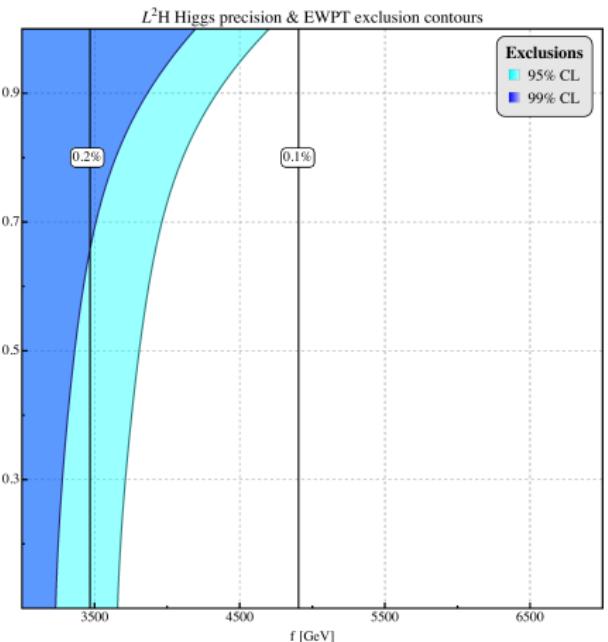
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# Partial decay widths in LH

- ▶ 1-loop decays

$$\Gamma(h \rightarrow gg)_{LH} \sim \frac{\alpha_s^2 m_h^3}{32\pi^3 v^2} \left| \sum_{f,\text{col}} -\frac{1}{2} F_{\frac{1}{2}}(x_f) y_f \right|^2$$

$$\Gamma(h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)_{LH} \sim \frac{\alpha^2 m_h^2}{256\pi^3 v^2} \left| \sum_{f,\text{ch}} \frac{4}{2} F_{\frac{1}{2}}(x_f) y_f + \sum_{v,\text{ch}} F_1(x_v) y_v + \sum_{s,\text{ch}} F_0(x_s) y_s \right|^2$$

where  $x_i = \frac{4m_i^2}{m_h^2}$ ,  $F_i(x_i)$  are loop functions,  $y_i$  the modified Yuk. coupl.

$$\Rightarrow \text{ narrow-width approximation: } \frac{\sigma_{LH}}{\sigma_{SM}}(gg \rightarrow h) = \frac{\Gamma(h \rightarrow gg)_{LH}}{\Gamma(h \rightarrow gg)_{SM}}$$

- ▶ tree-level decays

$$\Gamma(h \rightarrow VV)_{LH} \sim \Gamma(h \rightarrow VV)_{SM} \left( \frac{g_{hVV}}{g_{hVV}^{SM}} \right)^2$$

$$\Gamma(h \rightarrow f\bar{f})_{LH} \sim \Gamma(h \rightarrow f\bar{f})_{SM} \left( \frac{g_{hff}}{g_{hff}^{SM}} \right)^2$$

where  $g_{hVV} = \frac{m_V^2}{v} y_V$  and  $g_{hff} = \frac{m_f}{v} y_f$

# LHT: Littlest Higgs with T parity

- Goldstone boson matrix:

$$\Sigma = e^{2i\Pi/f} \quad \Pi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & H & \sqrt{2}\Phi \\ H^\dagger & 0 & H^t \\ \sqrt{2}\Phi^\dagger & H^* & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \Phi \propto \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2}\phi^{++} & \phi^+ \\ \phi^+ & \phi^0 + i\phi^P \end{pmatrix}$$

- Discrete T parity:

$$T : \quad \Pi \rightarrow -\Omega \Pi \Omega \quad \Omega = \text{diag}(1, 1, -1, 1, 1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} V_{CW} = & \lambda_{\phi^2} f^2 \text{Tr}(\phi^\dagger \phi) + i\lambda_{h\phi h} f \left( H\phi^\dagger H^t - H^* \phi H^\dagger \right) - \mu^2 H H^\dagger + \lambda_{h^4} (H H^\dagger)^2 + \\ & + \lambda_{h\phi\phi h} H\phi^\dagger \phi H^\dagger + \lambda_{h^2\phi^2} H H^\dagger \text{Tr}(\phi^\dagger \phi) + \lambda_{\phi^2\phi^2} \left[ \text{Tr}(\phi^\dagger \phi) \right]^2 + \lambda_{\phi^4} \text{Tr}(\phi^\dagger \phi \phi^\dagger \phi). \end{aligned}$$

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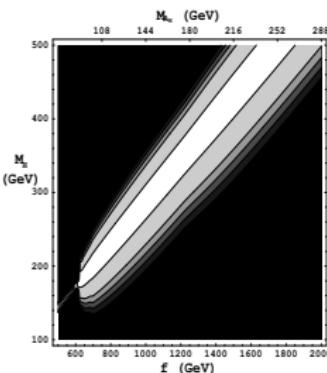
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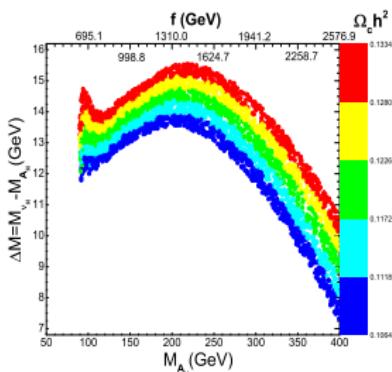
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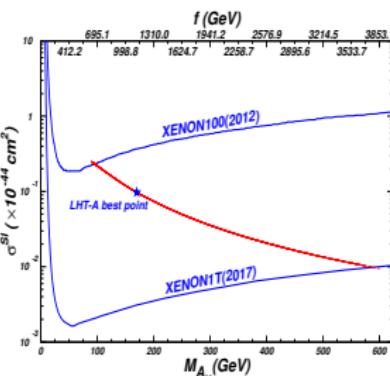
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$Z'$  remains odd: good or bad (?)

Martin, 2006; JRR/Tonini, in prep.

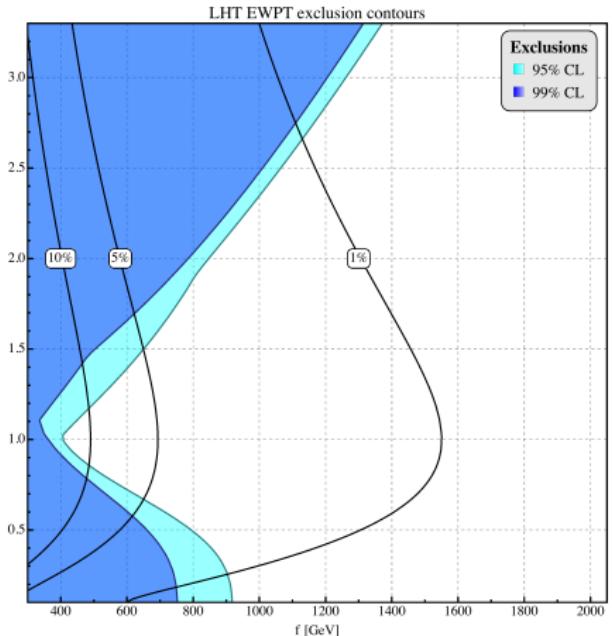
- $T$  parity might be anomalous (???)



Hill/Hill, 2007

# LHT results

JRR/Tonini, JHEP 1302 (2013) 077; JRR/Tonini/de Vries, JHEP 1402 (2014) 053



$$\begin{aligned}\chi^2_{\text{min}}/\text{d.o.f.} &= 1.048 \\ \chi^2_{\text{SM}}/\text{d.o.f.} &= 1.053\end{aligned}$$

- free parameters:  $f$  SSB scale,  $R$  ratio of Yukawa couplings in top sector
- $f_{\text{min}}^{99\%} = 405.9$  GeV, translates into lower bounds on new states' masses, e.g.

$$m_{W'} \gtrsim 269.6 \text{ GeV}$$

$$m_T \gtrsim 553.6 \text{ GeV}$$

- min. required fine tuning:  $\sim 10\%$ , defined as

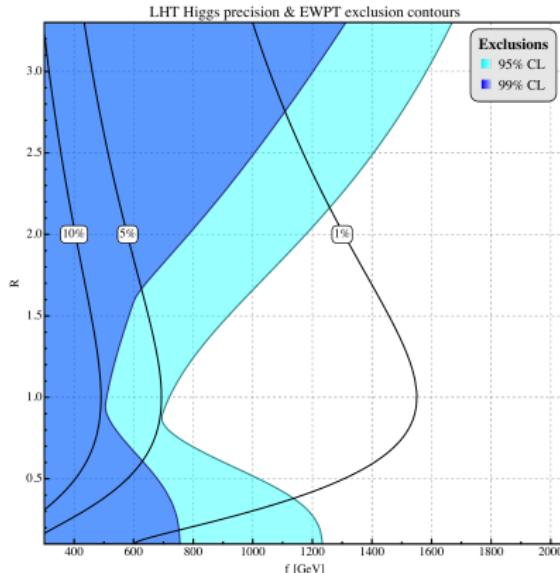
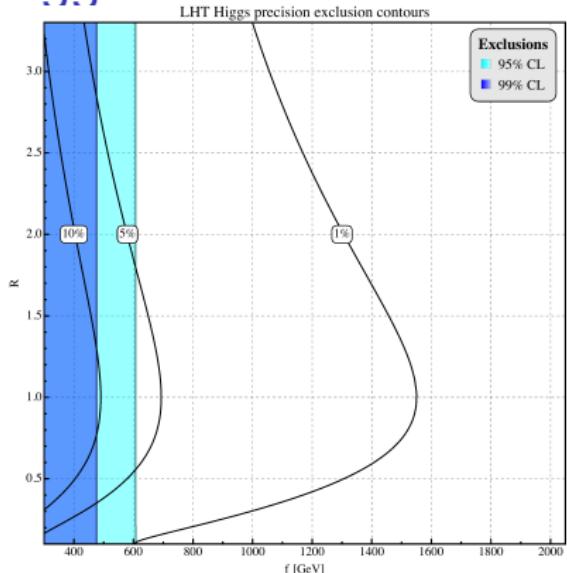
$$\Delta = \frac{|\delta\mu^2|}{\mu_{\text{obs}}^2}$$

- results mainly driven by *EWPD* (see next slide)

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# Higgs data vs. EWPD

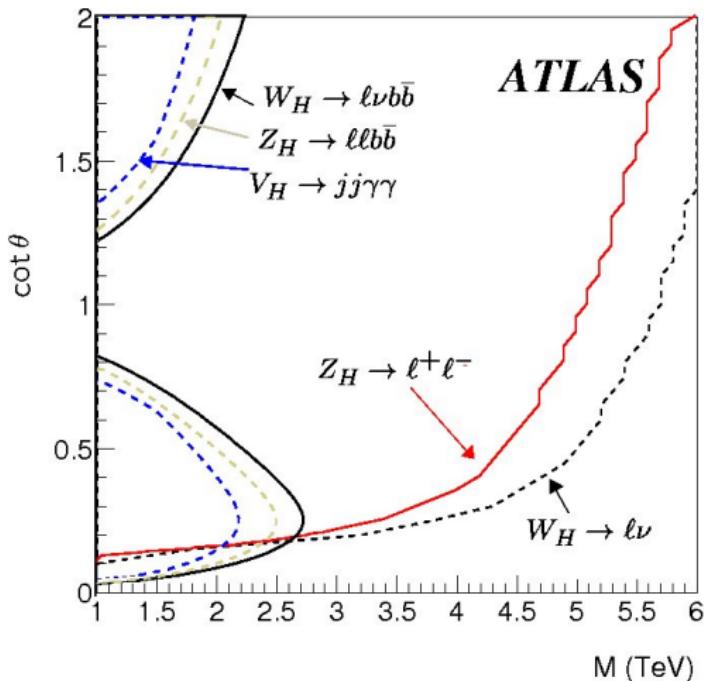


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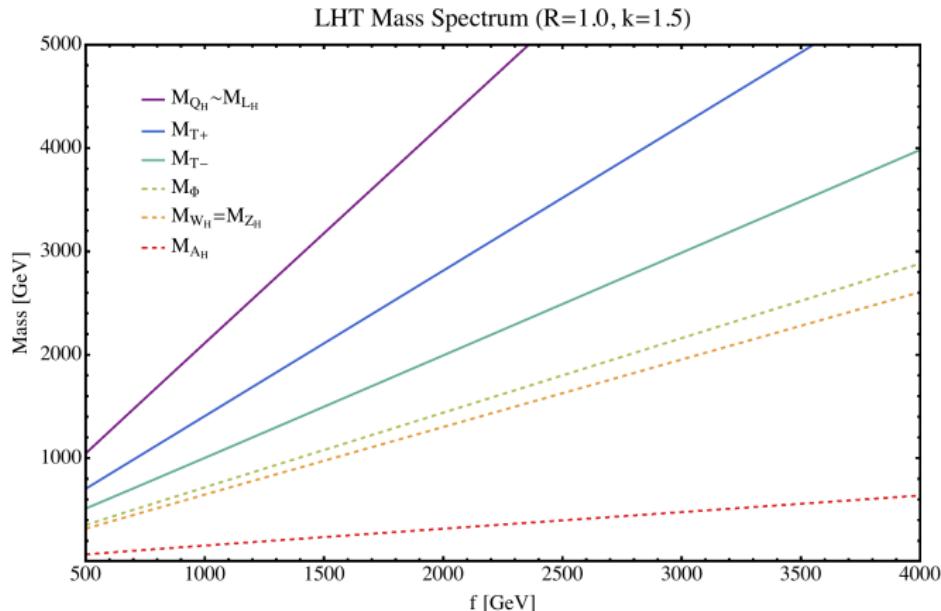
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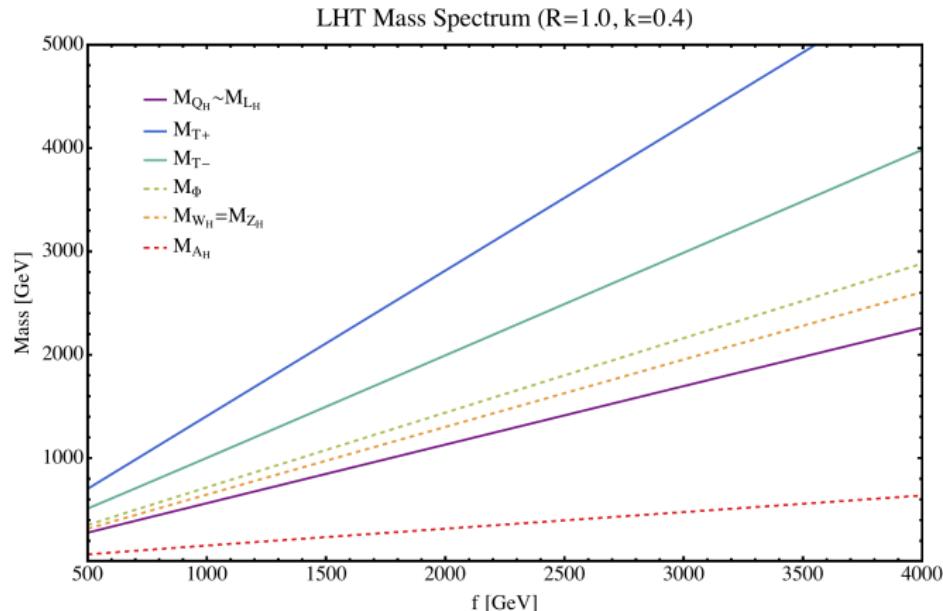
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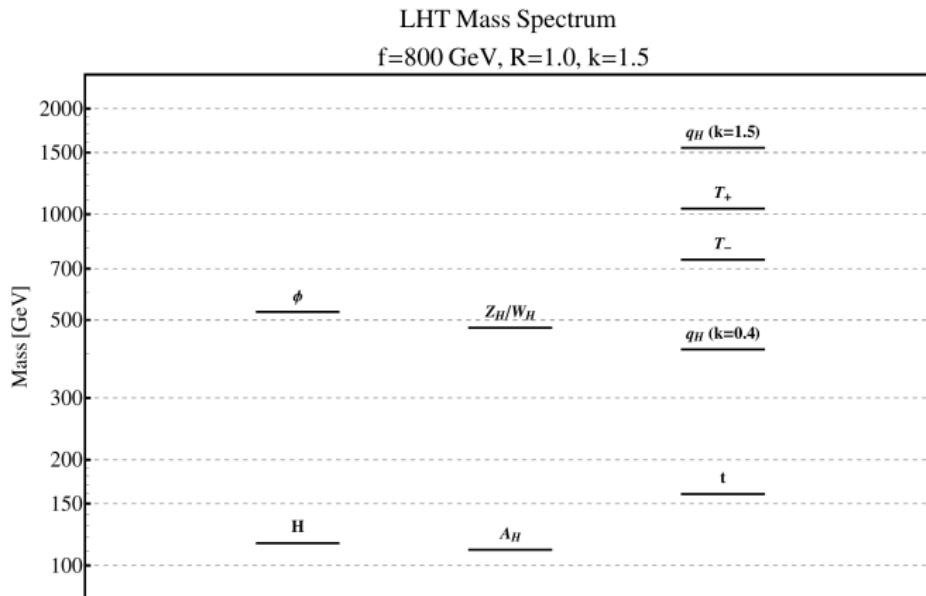
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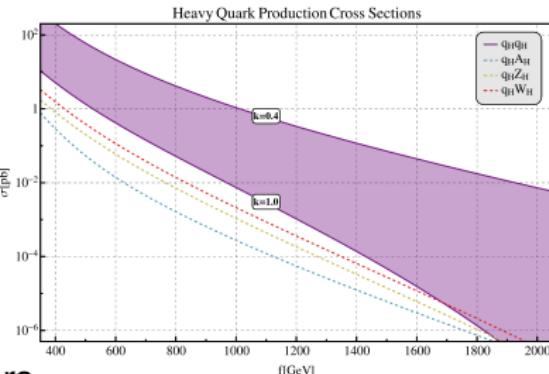
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Particle	Decay	$\text{BR}_{k=1.0}$	$\text{BR}_{k=0.4}$
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	$A_H l^\pm$	6%	100%
$\nu_H^\pm$	$W_H^\pm l^\mp$	61%	0%
	$Z_H \nu$	30%	0%
	$A_H \nu$	9%	100%
$T_H^+$	$W^+ b$	46%	45%
	$Z t$	22%	22%
	$H t$	21%	21%
	$T_H^- A_H$	11%	11%
$A_H$	stable		
$Z_H$	$A_H H$	100%	2%
	$d_H d$	0%	41%
	$u_H u$	0%	30%
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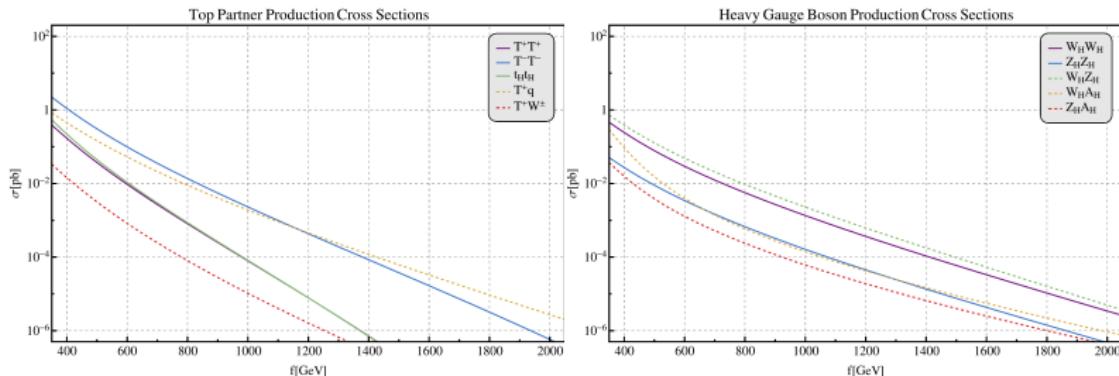
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	$A_H u$	9%	100%
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$\Phi^\pm$	$A_H W^\pm$	100%	100%
$\Phi^{\pm\pm}$	$A_H (W^\pm)^2$	100%	96%
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	$u_H d$	0%	44%
	$d_H u$	0%	27%
	$l_H^\pm \nu$	0%	16.5%
	$\nu_H l^\pm$	0%	16.5%

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0	4	✓	$q_H q_H$	$f, k$				$T^+ q$	$f, k, R$
			$W_H^\pm W_H^\mp$	$f, k$	$l^\pm$	4	✓	$q_H q_H$	$f, k$
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0	5	✓	$q_H W_H^\pm$	$f, k$	$l^+ l^-$	2	✓	$q_H q_H$	$f, k$
0	6	✓	$q_H q_H$	$f, k$	$T^- T^-$				$f, k, R$
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final state			production modes	$\sigma_{8 \text{ TeV}} \times \text{Br (fb)}$		$\sigma_{14 \text{ TeV}} \times \text{Br (fb)}$	
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0	1	✓	$q_H A_H$	0.24	$1.1 \times 10^2$	2.1	$4.5 \times 10^2$
0	2	✓	$q_H q_H$	0.56	$5.6 \times 10^3$	5.2	$3.2 \times 10^4$
0	3	✓	$q_H W_H^\pm$ $q_H Z_H$	0.73 0.76	14 8.6	8.0 8.0	77 49
0	4	✓	$q_H q_H$	4.0	$9.1 \times 10^2$	35	$5.6 \times 10^3$
			$W_H^\pm W_H^\mp$	1.9	low	9.1	low
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			$Z_H Z_H$	0.56	low	3.0	low
0	4	✗	$T^+ q$	2.0	2.0	17	17
0	5	✓	$q_H W_H^\pm$ $q_H Z_H$	5.1 4.1	✗ ✗	54 44	✗ ✗
0	6	✓	$q_H q_H$ $T^- T^-$	1.6 2.5	$9.7 \times 10^2$ 2.5	$1.7 \times 10^2$ 25	$6.0 \times 10^3$ 25

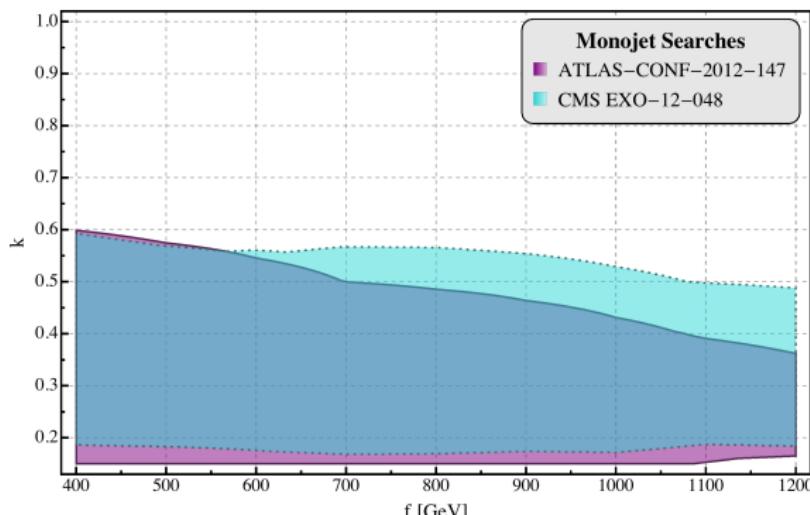
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			$W_H^\pm W_H^\mp$	0.77	low	3.9	low
			$W_H^\pm Z_H$	2.1	low	10	low
			$T^+ q$	1.3	1.2	10	10
$l^\pm$	3	$\checkmark$	$q_H W_H^\pm$	3.5	$\times$	37	$\times$
			$q_H Z_H$	0.99	$\times$	11	$\times$
$l^\pm$	4	$\checkmark$	$q_H q_H$	7.4	$9.7 \times 10^2$	82	$6.0 \times 10^3$
			$T^- T^-$	2.2	2.2	21	21
$l^+ l^-$	0	$\checkmark$	$W_H^\pm W_H^\mp$	0.32	low	1.7	low
$l^+ l^-$	1	$\checkmark$	$q_H W_H^\pm$	0.54	$\times$	5.8	$\times$
$l^+ l^-$	2	$\checkmark$	$q_H q_H$	1.1	$\times$	11	$\times$
			$T^- T^-$	0.47	0.47	4.6	4.6
$l^\pm l^\pm$	2	$\checkmark$	$q_H q_H$	0.37	$\times$	2.7	$\times$

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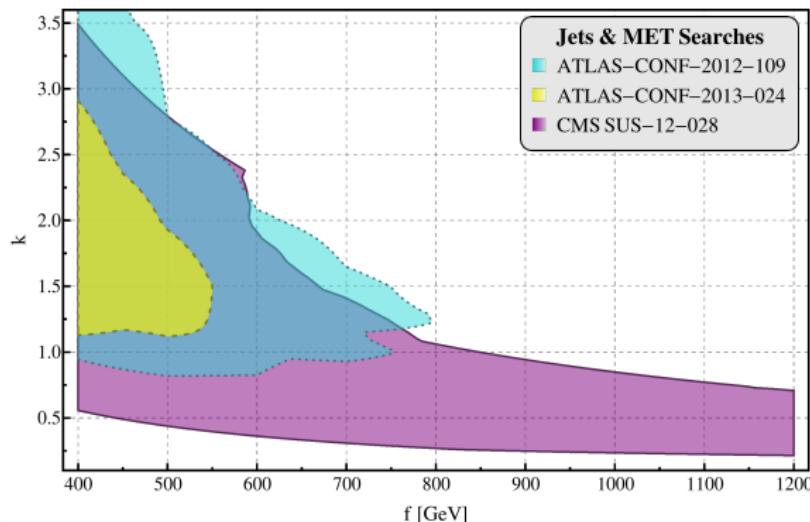
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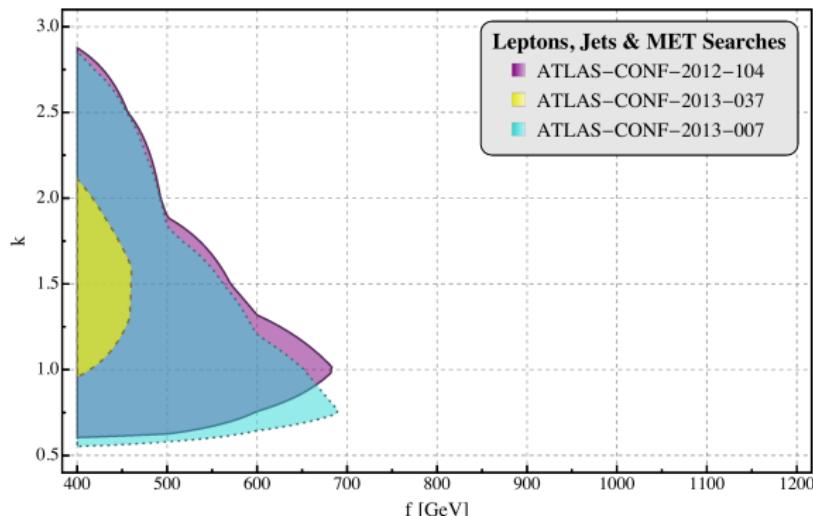
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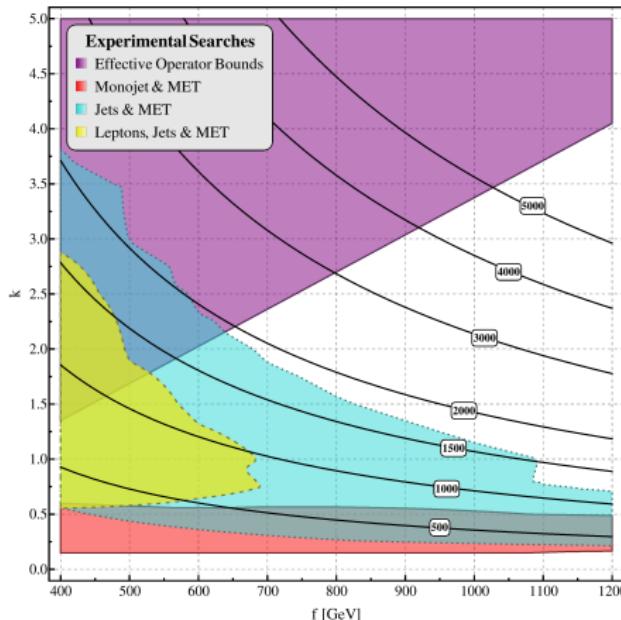
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# Combined analysis

JRR/Tonini/deVries,2013

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Hubisz/Meade/Noble/Perelstein, 2005



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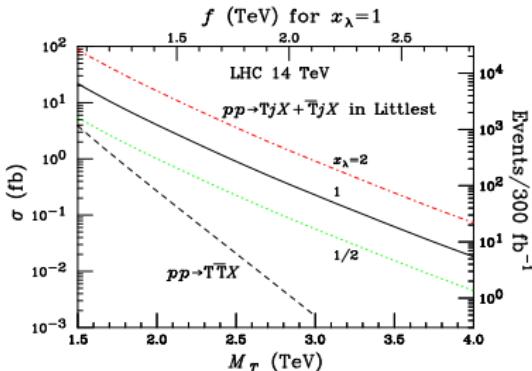
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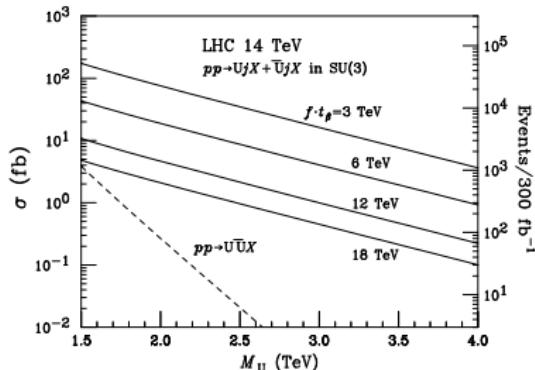
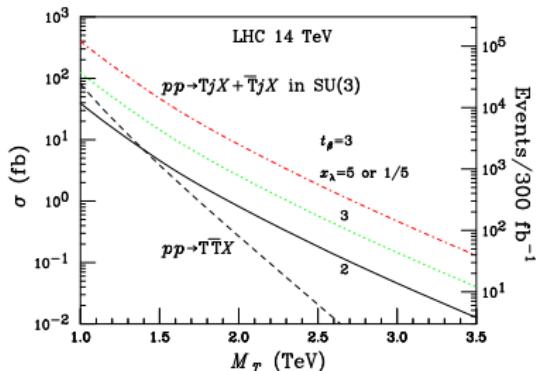
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$$\Gamma(T \rightarrow th) \approx \Gamma(T \rightarrow tZ) \approx \frac{1}{2} \Gamma(T \rightarrow bW^+) \approx \frac{M_T \lambda_T^2}{64\pi}, \quad \Gamma_T \sim 10-50 \text{ GeV}$$

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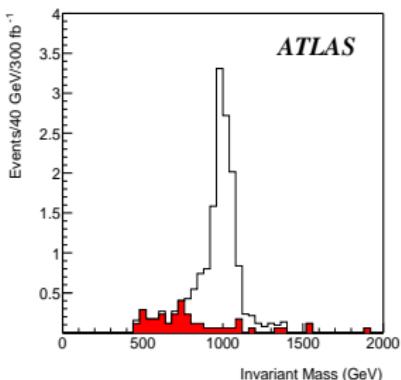
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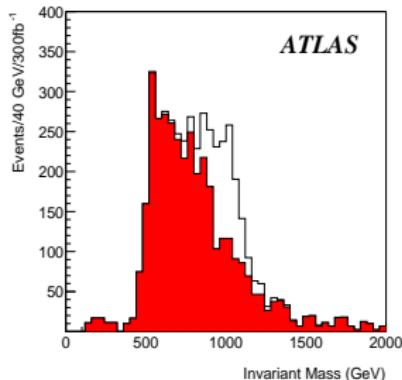
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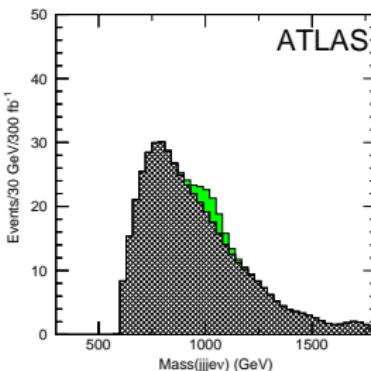
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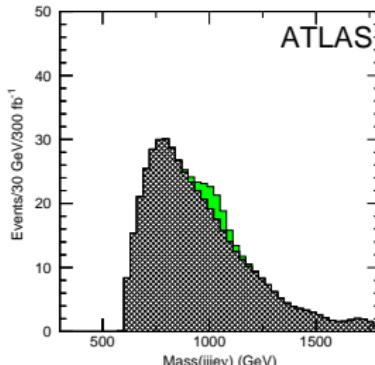
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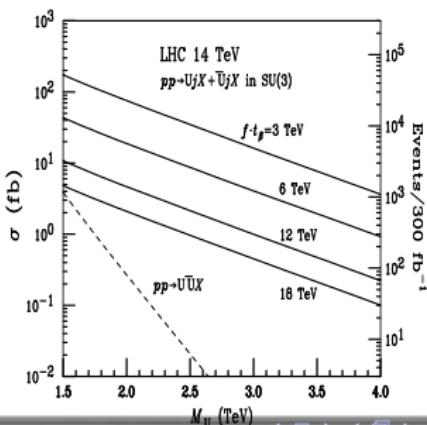
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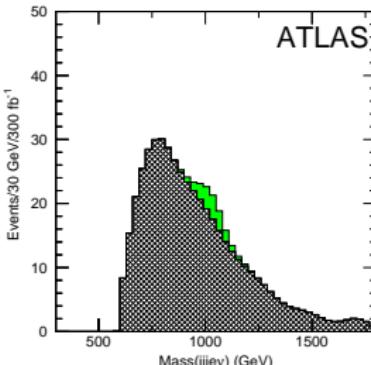
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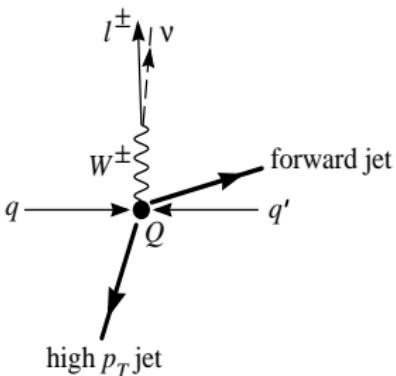
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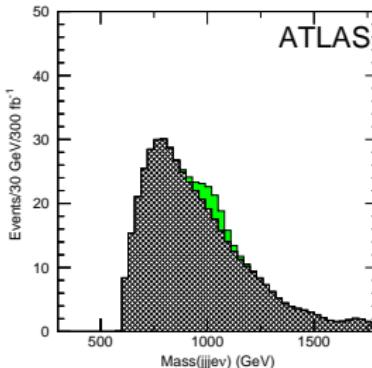
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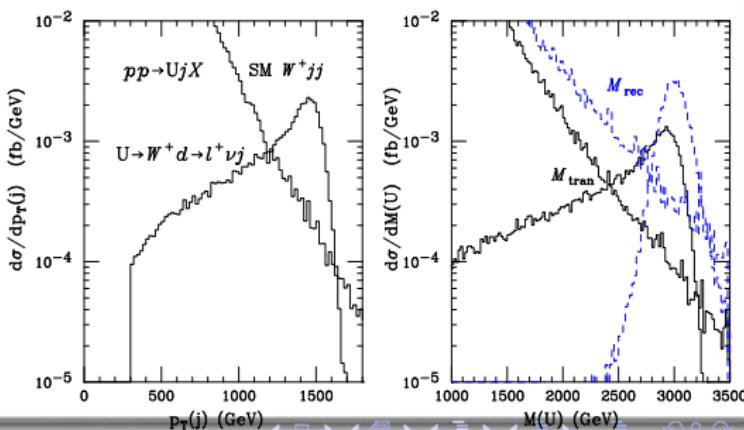
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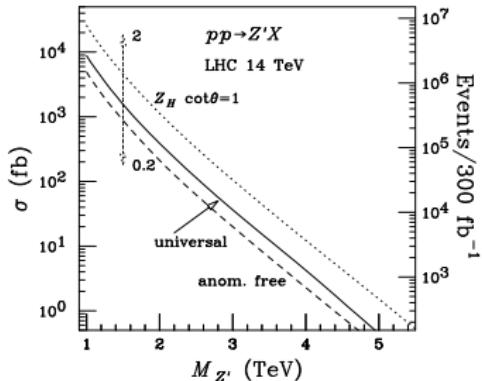
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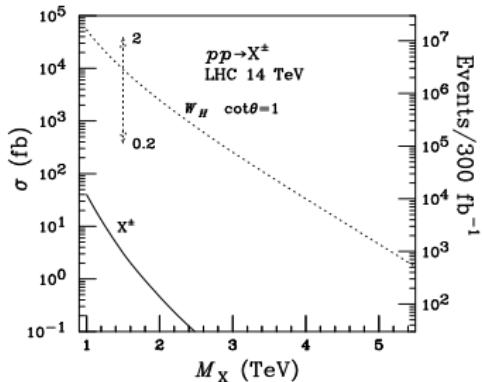
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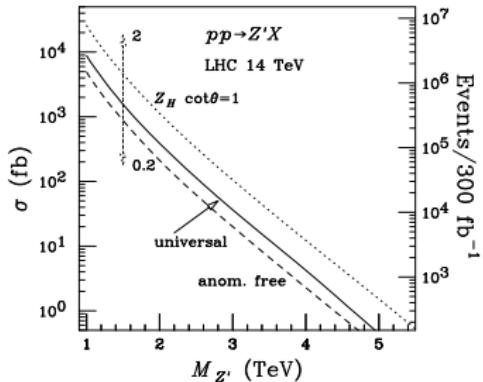
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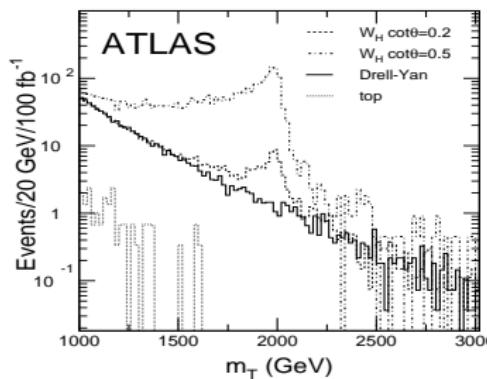
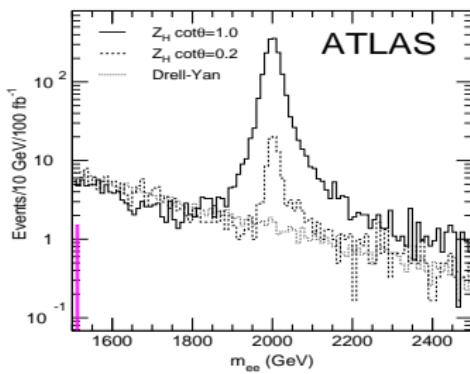
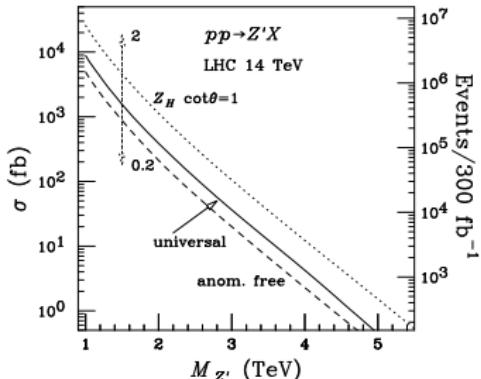
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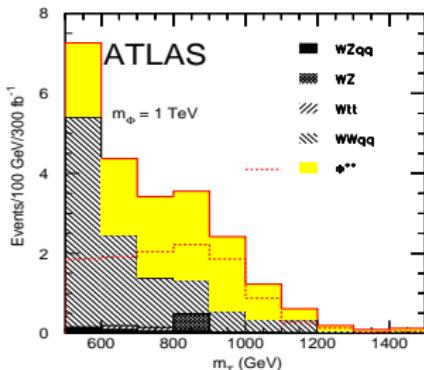


# Direct Searches – Heavy Scalars

Generally: **Large model dependence**

no states    complex singlet    **complex triplet**

- ▶ Littlest Higgs, complex triplet:  
 $\Phi^0, \Phi_P, \Phi^\pm, \Phi^{\pm\pm}$
- ▶ Cleanest channel:  $q\bar{q} \rightarrow \Phi^{++}\Phi^{--} \rightarrow \ell\ell\ell\ell$ :  
 Killer: PS
- ▶ WW-Fusion:  $dd \rightarrow uu\Phi^{++} \rightarrow uuW^+W^+$
- ▶ 2 hard forward jets, hard close  $\ell^+\ell^+$   
 $p_T$ -unbalanced



**Alternative: Model-Independent search in WW fusion:**

ILC: Beyer/Kilian/Krstonosic/Mönig/JRR/Schmidt/Schröder, 2006

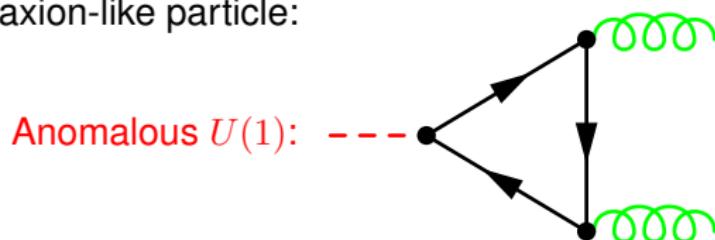
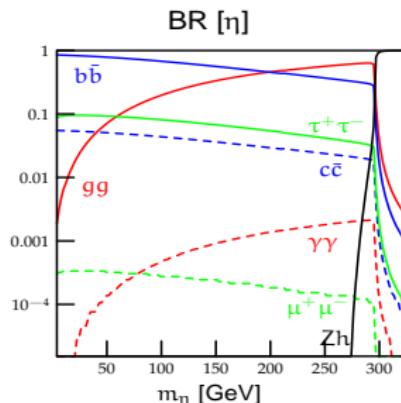
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# Pseudo-Axions in Little Higgs

Kilian/Rainwater/JRR, 2004, 2006; JRR,

2007

- gauged  $U(1)$  group:  $Z' \longleftrightarrow$  ungauged:  $\eta$
- couples to fermions like a pseudoscalar
- $m_\eta \lesssim 400 \text{ GeV}$
- SM singlet, couplings to SM particles  $v/F$  suppressed
- $\eta$  axion-like particle:



- $U(1)$  explicitly broken  $\Rightarrow$  Axion limits from astroparticle physics not applicable

# Classification of Axions in Little Higgs Models

Number of Pseudo-Axions:  $n = g - l$

Mismatch between global ( $g$ ) and local rank reduction ( $l$ )

## Product Group Models

Arkani-Hamed, ...

- ▶ Doubling of electroweak gauge group:  $SU(2) \times SU(2) \rightarrow SU(2)_L$ ,  
 $U(1) \times U(1) \rightarrow U(1)_Y$  (latter not necessary)  $\Rightarrow l = 1$ 
  - ▶ Littlest Higgs, g:  $SU(5) \rightarrow SO(5) \Rightarrow n = (4 - 2) - 1 = 1$
  - ▶ antisymmetric, g:  $Sp(6)/SO(6)$ ,  $n = (3 - 2) - 1 = 0$

## Simple Group Models

Kaplan, Schmaltz, ...

- ▶ Simple gauge group:  $SU(N) \times U(1) \rightarrow SU(2) \times U(1) \Rightarrow l = N - 2$
- ▶ Higgs is distributed over several global symmetry multiplets
- ▶ Simplest Little Higgs, g:  $[SU(3)]^2/[SU(2)]^2 \quad n = g - l = 2 - 1 = 1$
- ▶ Original Simple Group Model, g:  $[SU(4)]^3/[SU(3)^3 \times SU(2)]$ ,  
 l:  $SU(4) \rightarrow SU(2) \quad n = g - l = 4 - 2 = 2$

## Moose Models

Arkani-Hamed, ...

- ▶ “Minimal” Moose: g  $[SU(3)]^4 \rightarrow SU(3)$ , l  $[SU(3) \times SU(2)]/SU(2)$   
 $n = g - l = 6 - 2 = 4$
- ▶ 3-site model: g  $[SU(2)]^4/[SU(2)]^2$ , l  $[SU(2)]^2 \rightarrow SU(2)$ ,  $n = 2 - 1 = 1$

# $ZH\eta$ coupling as a discriminator

Kilian/Rainwater/JRR, 2006

- ▶ pseudo-axion:  $\xi = \exp[i\eta/F]$ ,  $\Sigma = \exp[i\Pi/F]$  non-linear representation of the remaining Goldstone multiplet  $\Pi$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{kin.}} \sim F^2 \text{Tr} \left[ (D^\mu (\xi \Sigma)^\dagger (D_\mu (\xi \Sigma))) \right] = \dots -2F(\partial_\mu \eta) \text{Im} \text{Tr} \left[ (D^\mu \Sigma)^\dagger \Sigma \right] + O(\eta^2)$$

- ▶ Use special structure of covariant derivatives:

$$D_\mu \Sigma = \partial_\mu \Sigma + A_{1,\mu}^a (T_1^a \Sigma + \Sigma (T_1^a)^T) + A_{2,\mu}^a (T_2^a \Sigma + \Sigma (T_2^a)^T),$$

$$\text{Tr} \left[ (D^\mu \Sigma)^\dagger \Sigma \right] \sim W_\mu^a \text{Tr} \left[ \Sigma^\dagger (T_1^a + T_2^a) \Sigma + (T_1^a + T_2^a)^* \right] = 0.$$

- ▶ Little Higgs mechanism cancels this coupling
- ▶ Simple Group Models:  $\Phi = \exp[i\Sigma/F]$ ,  $\zeta = (0, \dots, 0, F)^T$  VEV directing in the  $N$  direction

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{\text{kin.}} \sim F^2 D^\mu (\zeta^\dagger \Phi^\dagger) D_\mu (\Phi \zeta) &= \dots + \frac{i}{F} (\partial_\mu \eta) \zeta^\dagger (\Phi^\dagger (D_\mu \Phi) - (D_\mu \Phi^\dagger) \Phi) \zeta \\ &= \dots + iF (\partial_\mu \eta) (\Phi^\dagger (D_\mu \Phi) - (D_\mu \Phi^\dagger) \Phi)_{N,N} .\end{aligned}$$

$$\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & h \\ h^\dagger & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbb{V}_\mu = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{W}_\mu & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \text{heavy vector fields}$$

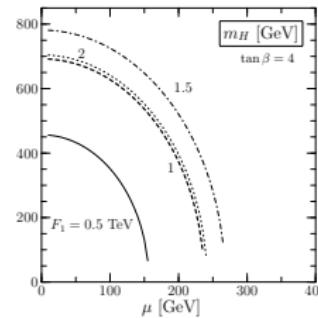
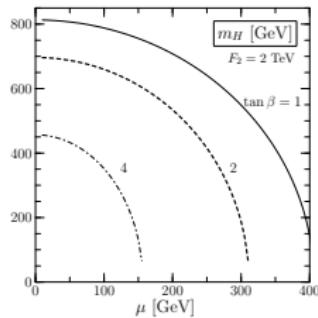
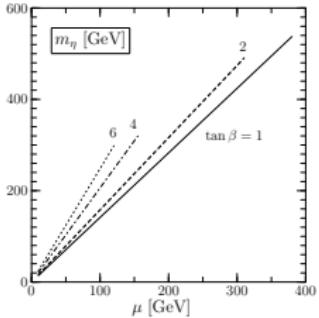
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- ▶ 1st term cancels by multiple Goldstone multiplets
- ▶ 2st term cancels by EW symmetry
- ▶ 3rd term

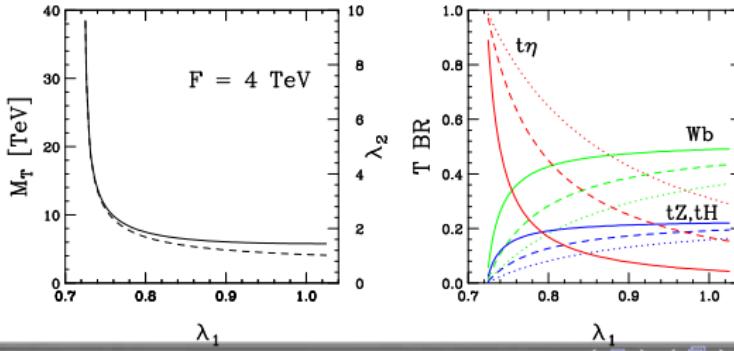
$$(\partial^\mu \eta) h^\dagger \mathbb{W}_\mu h \sim v H Z_\mu \partial^\mu \eta .$$

# More properties of Pseudo-Axions

- Take e.g. one specific model: Simplest Little Higgs Schmaltz, 2004
- Simple Group Model, two Higgs-triplets with a  $\tan \beta$ -like mixing angle



- $\tan \beta \sim 1$ : heavy Higgs, (very) light pseudoscalar
- Heavy top decays: Kilian/Rainwater/JRR, 2006



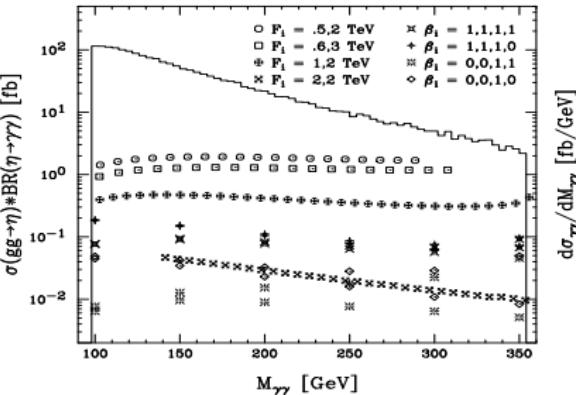
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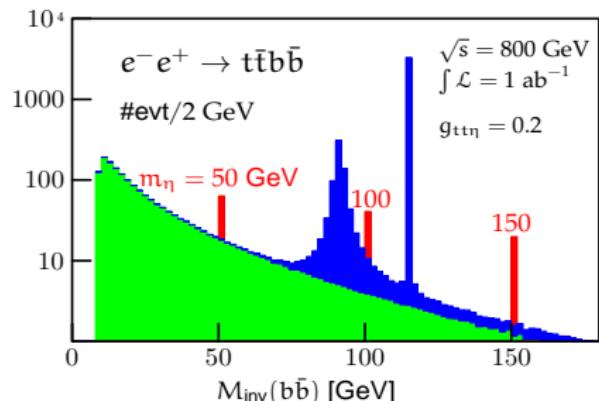
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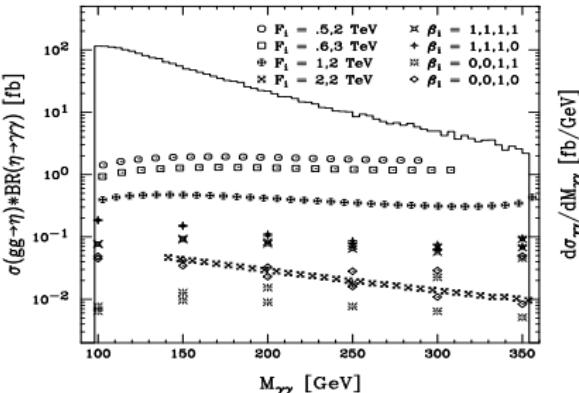
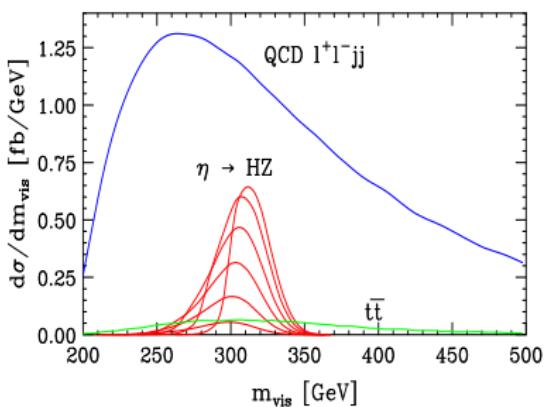
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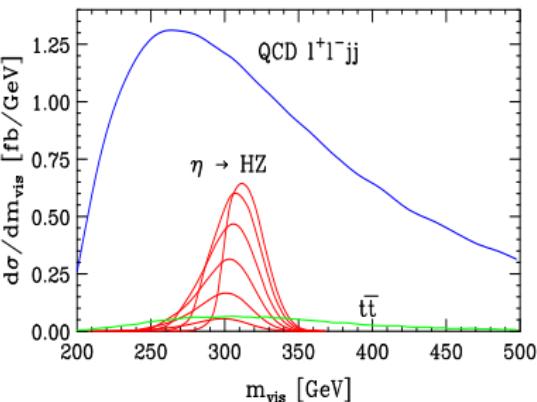
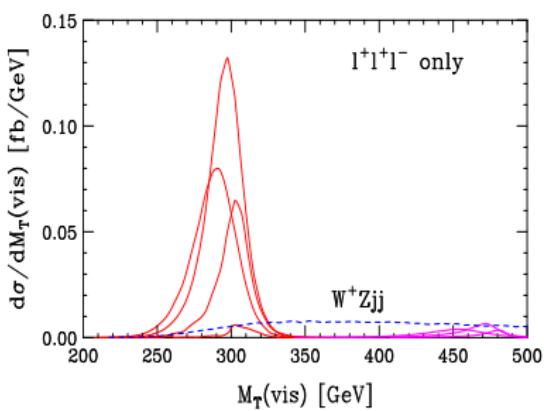
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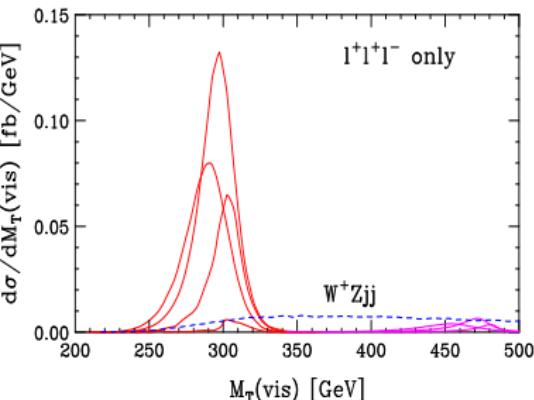
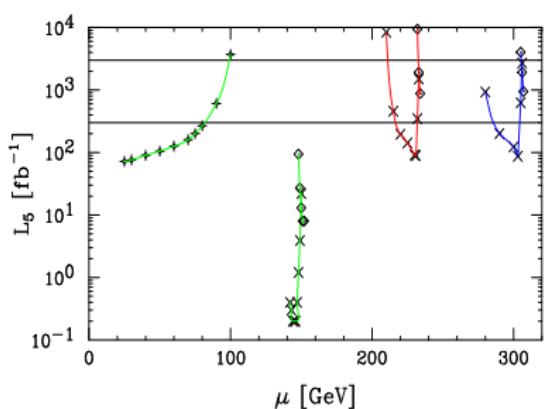
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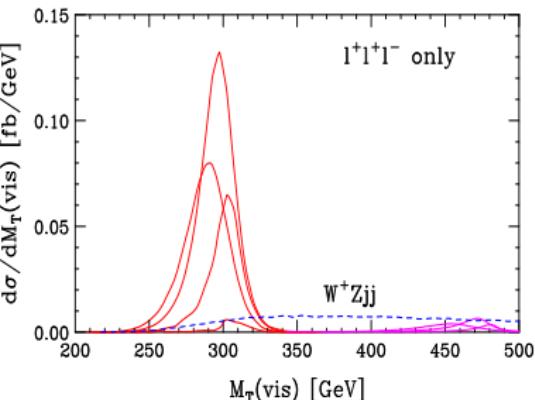
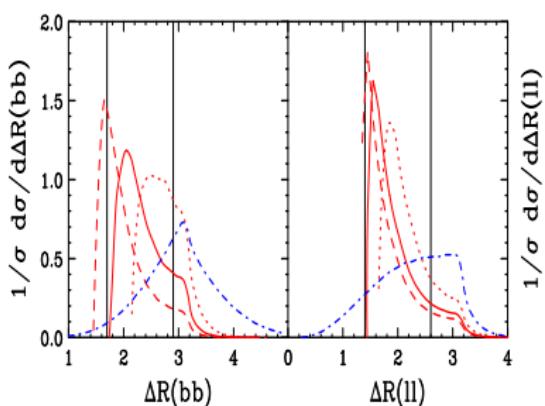
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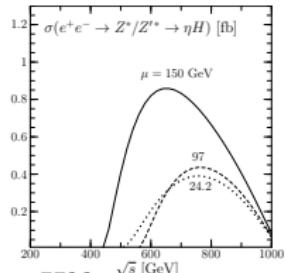
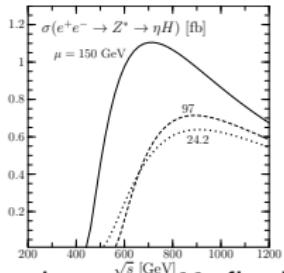
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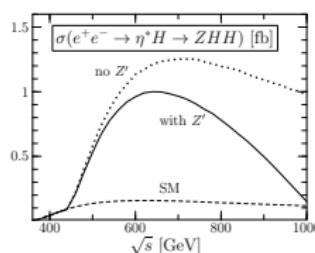
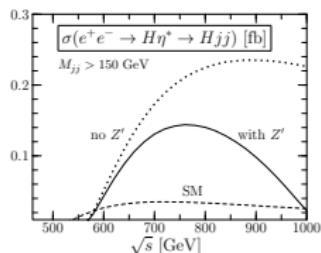
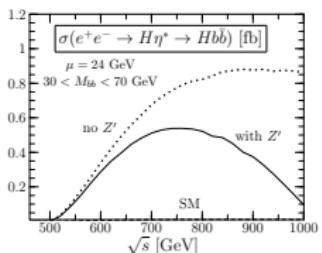
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- $\eta \rightarrow ZH$ :  $ZHH$  final state

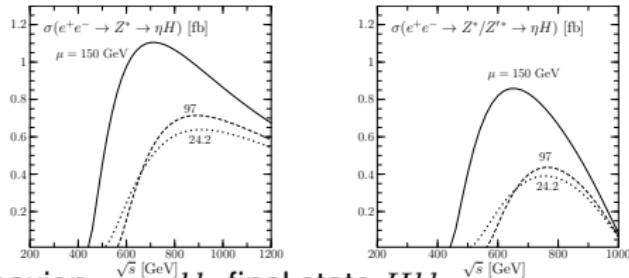


More detailed insights from photon collider option

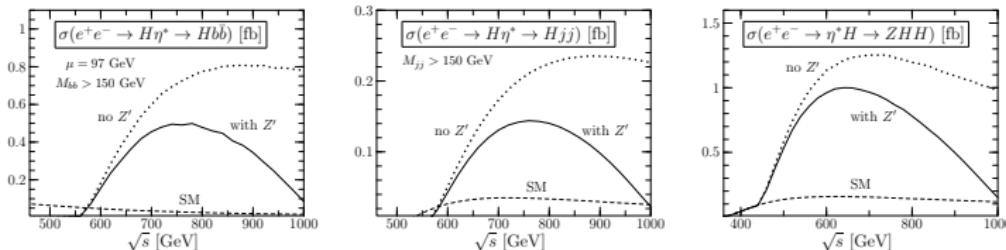
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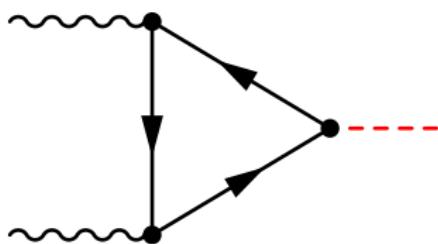
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More detailed insights from photon collider option

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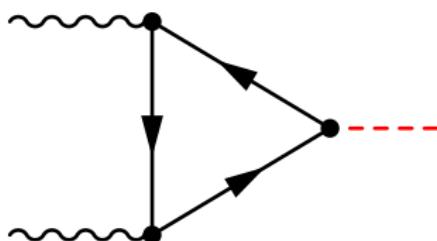
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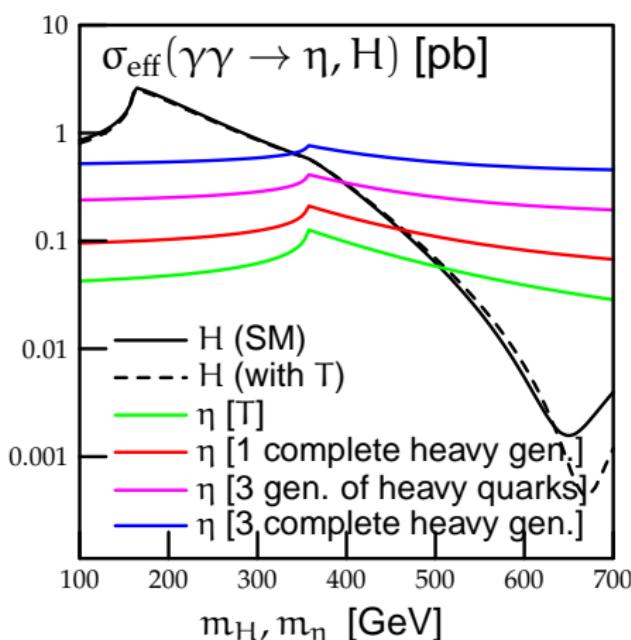
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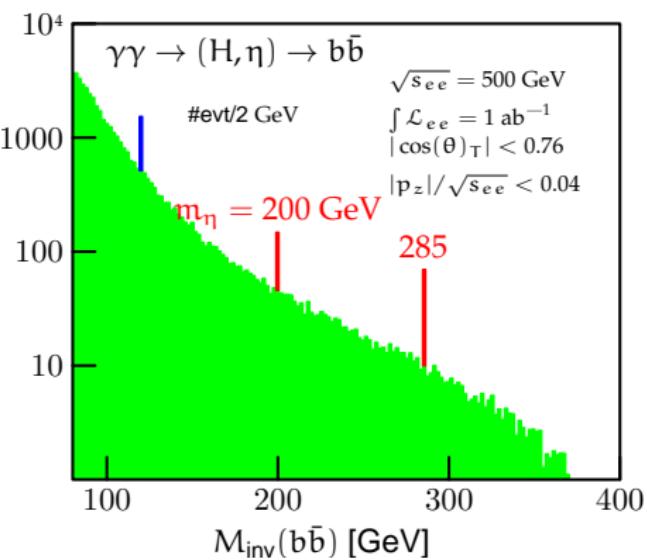
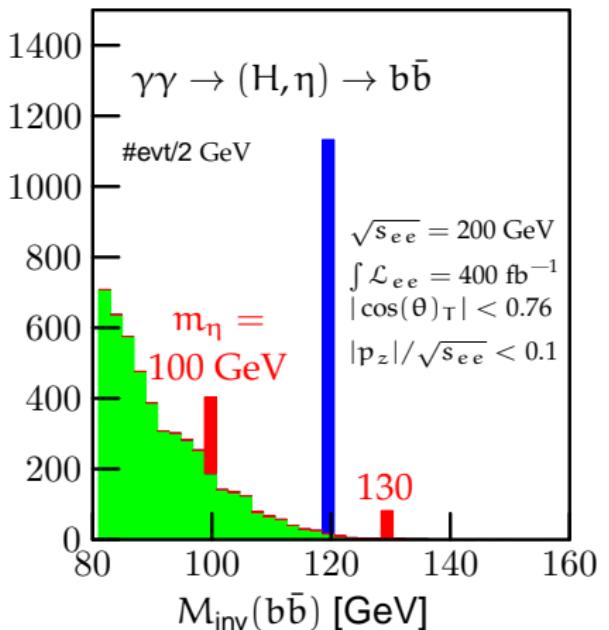


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$$g_{bb\eta} = 0.4 \cdot g_{bbh}$$

$m_\eta$	100	130	200	285
$\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma} [\text{keV}]$	0.15	0.27	1.1	3.6



# Simplest Little Higgs (“ $\mu$ Model”)

Schmaltz '04, Kilian/Rainwater/JRR '04

Field content ( $SU(3)_c \times SU(3)_w \times U(1)_X$  quantum numbers)

$$\begin{array}{lll} \Phi_{1,2} & : (1,3)_{-\frac{1}{3}} & \Psi_\ell \quad : (1,3)_{-\frac{1}{3}} \\ \Psi_Q & : (3,3)_{\frac{1}{3}} & d^c \quad : (\bar{3},1)_{\frac{1}{3}} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ll} u_{1,2}^c & : (\bar{3},1)_{-\frac{2}{3}} \\ e^c, n^c & : (1,1)_{1,0} \end{array}$$

Lagrangian  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{kin.}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{Yuk.}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{pot.}}$        $\Psi_{Q,L} = (u, d, U)_L, \Psi_\ell = (\nu, \ell, N)_L$ :

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Hypercharge embedding       $(\text{diag}(1, 1, -2)/(2\sqrt{3}))$ :

$$Y = X - T^8/\sqrt{3} \quad D_\mu \Phi = (\partial_\mu - \frac{1}{3} g_X B_\mu^X \Phi + ig W_\mu^w) \Phi$$