

Status of Little Higgs Models in 2015

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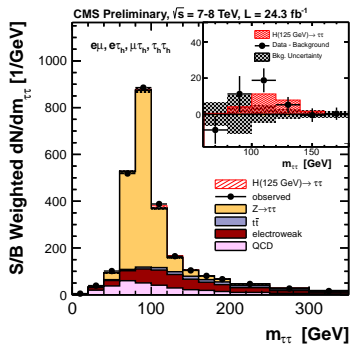
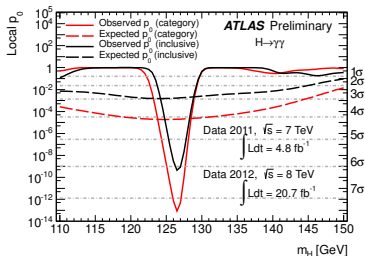
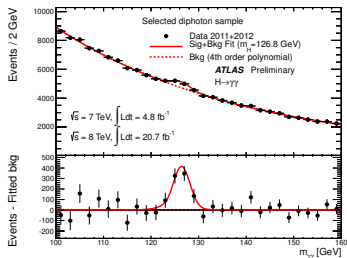


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Kilian/JRR **PRD 70** (2004), 015004

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Standard Model Triumph:

- ▶ 2012: Discovery of a Higgs boson



No evidence beyond SM ... and what now?

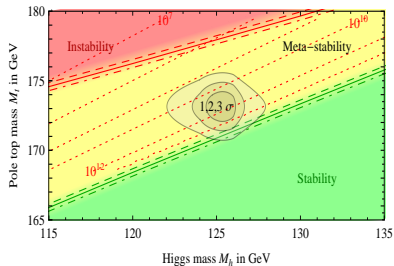
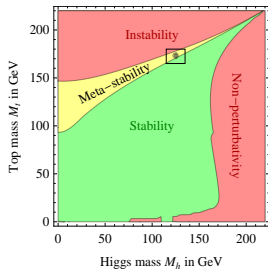


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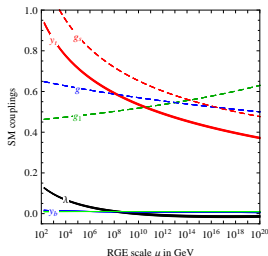
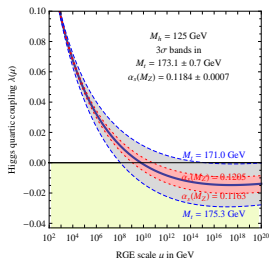
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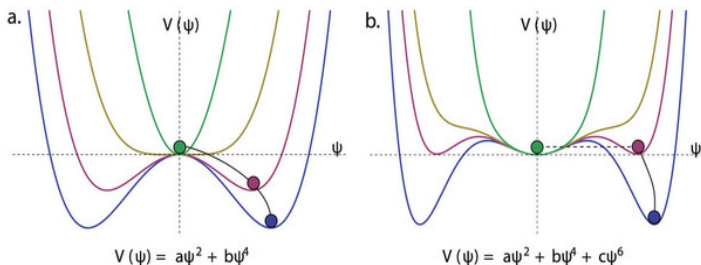
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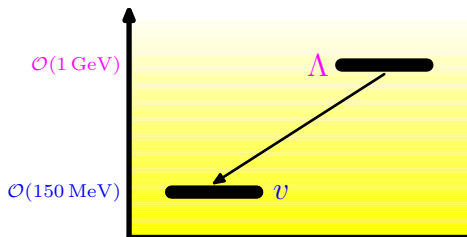
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Analogous: QCD

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Scale ν : pions, kaons, ...

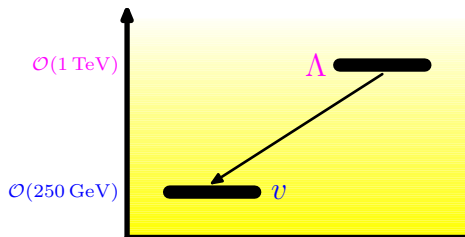
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Without Fine-Tuning: experimentally excluded

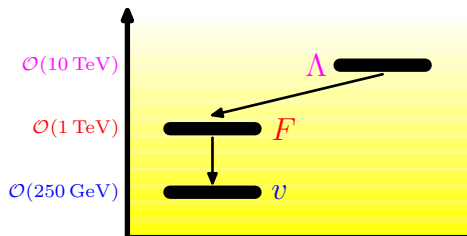
Collective symmetry breaking and 3-scale models

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

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

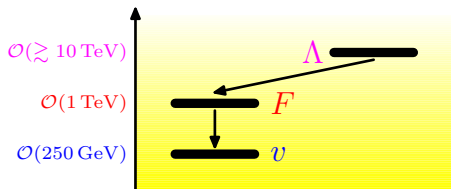
Coleman-Weinberg: boson masses by radiative corrections, but: m_H only at 2-loop level

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



Scale Λ : global SB, new IA
Scale F : Pseudo-Goldstone bosons, new vectors/fermions
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Characteristics and Spectra



Scale Λ : “hidden sector”,
symmetry breaking

Scale F : new particles

Scale v : $h, W/Z, \ell^\pm, \dots$

Terascale: new particles to stabilize the hierarchy

SUSY

\tilde{q}_L —
 \tilde{b}_2 —
 \tilde{b}_1 —
 \tilde{t}_2 —
 \tilde{q}_R —
 \tilde{t}_1 —

$H, A \equiv H^\pm$

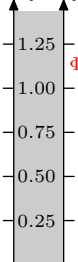
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$M[\text{TeV}]$



Φ —
 Φ^\pm —
 Φ_P —

h —
 η —

Little Higgs

Z' —
 W'^\pm —

γ' —

$W^\pm \equiv Z$

T —
 U, C —

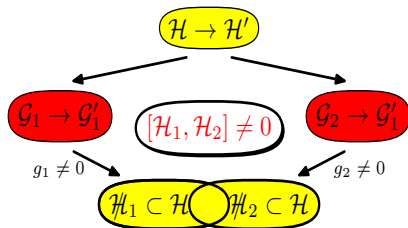
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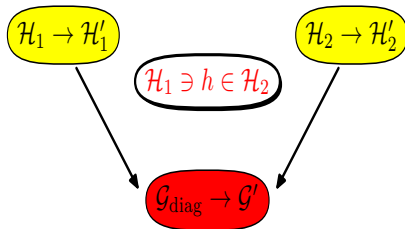
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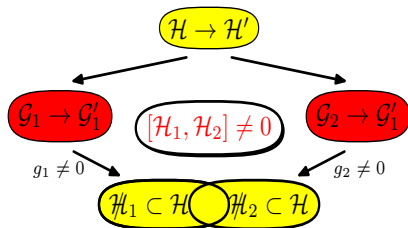
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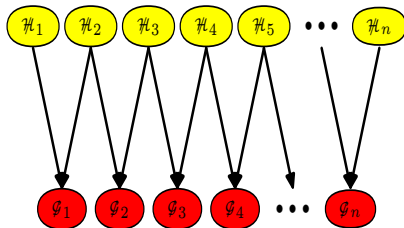
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Coleman-Weinberg mechanism: Radiative generation of potential

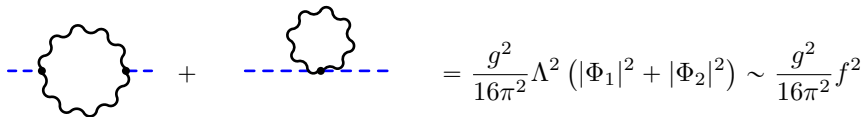
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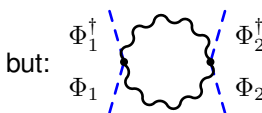
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but:



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

Indirect constraints: Higgs/EW precision

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 (*L²H*) [Arkani-Hamed et al.]
- ▶ Littlest Higgs with *T*-parity (*LHT*) [Low et al.]

and realized a χ^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:

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

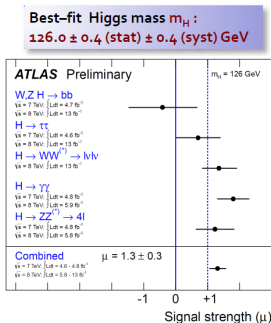
where \mathcal{O}_i depends on the free parameters of the model considered.

Data used: Higgs sector

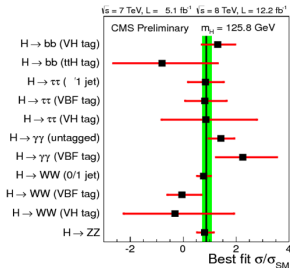
the Higgs results are expressed in terms of a *signal strength modifier*

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

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



- $M = 125.8 \pm 0.4$ (stat) ± 0.4 (syst) GeV



- $\sigma/\sigma_{SM} = 0.88 \pm 0.21$

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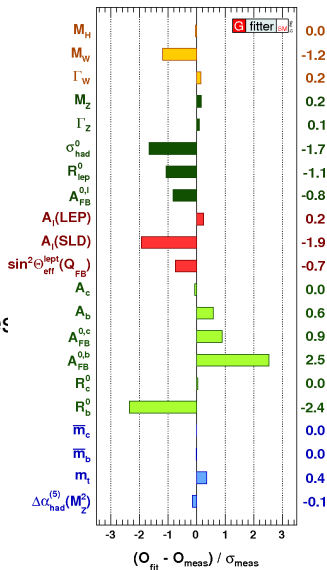
every extension of *SM* has to satisfy at least the precision constraints of the electroweak sector:

- ▶ low-energy observables

e.g. ν -scattering, parity violation observables

- ▶ Z -pole observables

e.g. m_Z , Γ_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

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

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

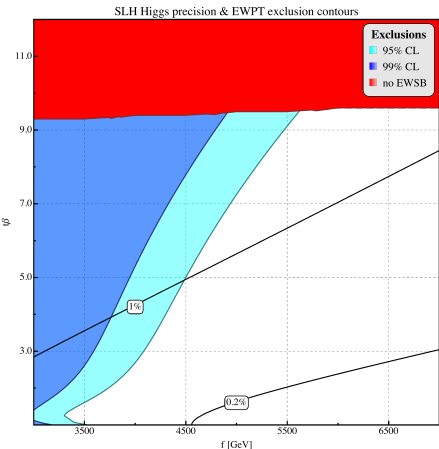
$$\text{e.g. } \frac{m_T}{v} y_T h \bar{T} T \quad m_T \sim f, y_T \sim \mathcal{O}(v^2/f^2)$$

- ▶ 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



$$\chi_{\min}^2/\text{d.o.f.} = 1.043$$

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- ▶ free parameters: f SSB scale, t_β ratio of vevs of scalar fields $\phi_{1,2}$
- ▶ $f_{\min}^{99\%} = 2.88$ TeV, translates into lower bounds on new states' masses, e.g.

$$m_{W'} \gtrsim 1.35 \text{ TeV}$$

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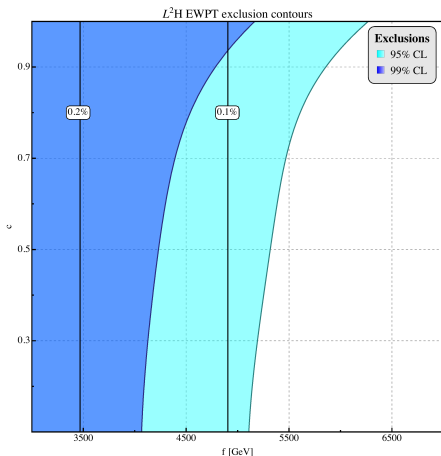
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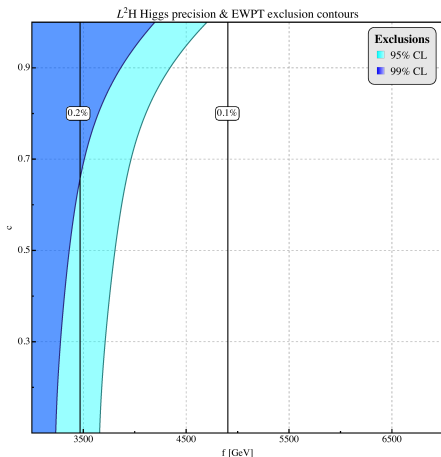
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LHT: Littlest Higgs with T parity

- ▶ 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:

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

- ▶ Yukawa couplings $k, R \equiv \lambda_1/\lambda_2$

$$\mathcal{L}_k = -kf \left(\bar{\Psi}_2 \xi \Psi_c + \bar{\Psi}_1 \langle \Sigma \rangle \Omega \xi^\dagger \Omega \Psi_c \right) - m_q \bar{u}'_c u_c - m_q \bar{d}'_c d_c - m_\chi \bar{\chi}'_c \chi_c + \text{h.c.}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_t = -\frac{\lambda_1 f}{2\sqrt{2}} \epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{xy} \left[(\bar{\Psi}_{1,t})_i \Sigma_{jx} \Sigma_{ky} - (\bar{\Psi}_{2,t} \langle \Sigma \rangle)_i \Sigma'_{jx} \Sigma'_{ky} \right] t'_R - \lambda_2 f (\bar{T}_{L1} T_{R1} + \bar{T}_{L2} T_{R2})$$

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Cheng/Low, 2003; Hubisz/Meade, 2005; Wang/Yang/Zhu, 2013

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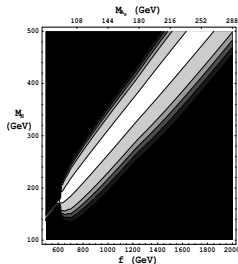
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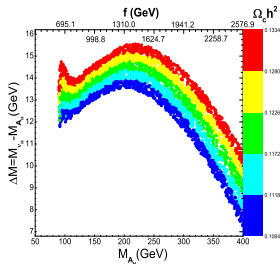
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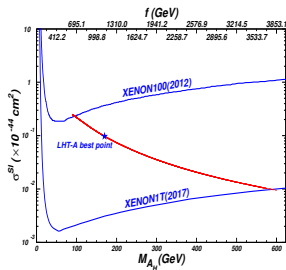
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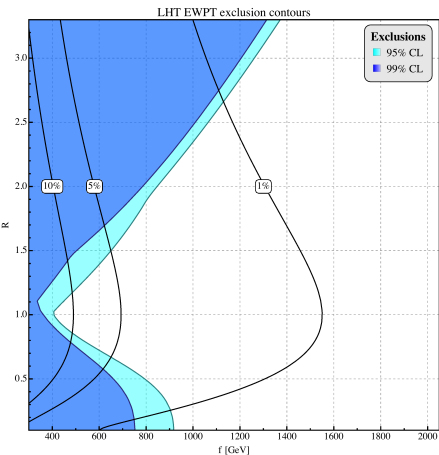
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- ▶ T parity Simplest LH: **Pseudo-Axion η LTP**
 Z' remains odd: good or bad (?) Martin, 2006
- ▶ T parity might be anomalous (???) Hill/Hill, 2007



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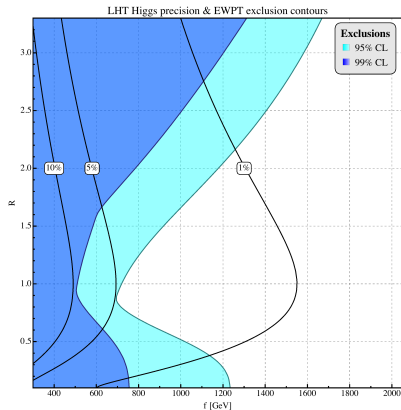
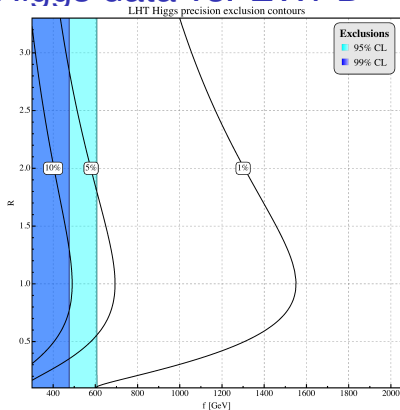
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EWPT \Rightarrow

$$f \gtrsim 405 \text{ GeV}$$

Higgs data vs. $EWPD$

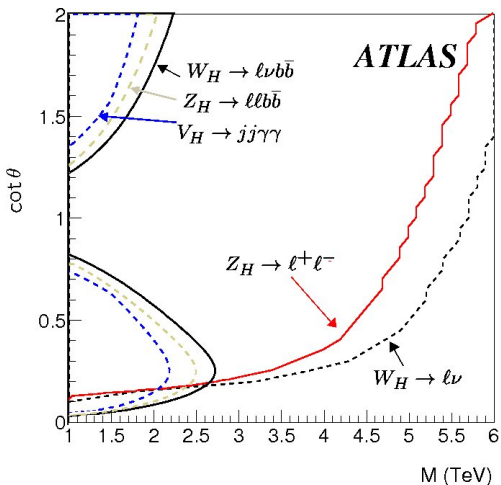


- ▶ the shape of result driven by EW constraints (much smaller uncertainties)
- ▶ Higgs data only: for $v/f \gtrsim 0.6$ decay $h \rightarrow A_H A_H$ open and dominant
- ▶ Higgs data only: subdominant dependence on R w.r.t. f is a consequence of the Collective Symmetry Breaking mechanism

EWPT and Higgs data \Rightarrow

$$f \gtrsim 694 \text{ GeV}$$

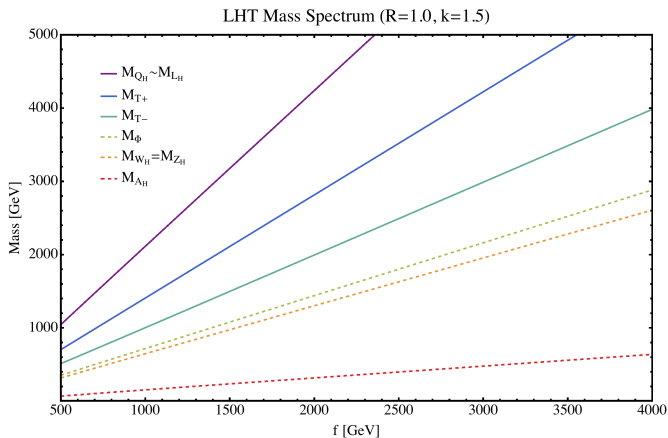
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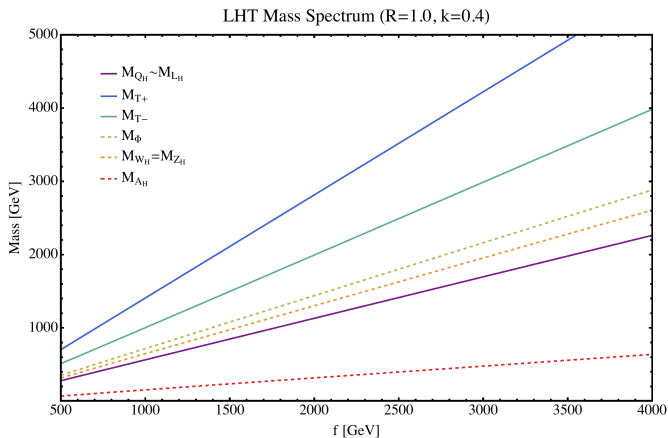
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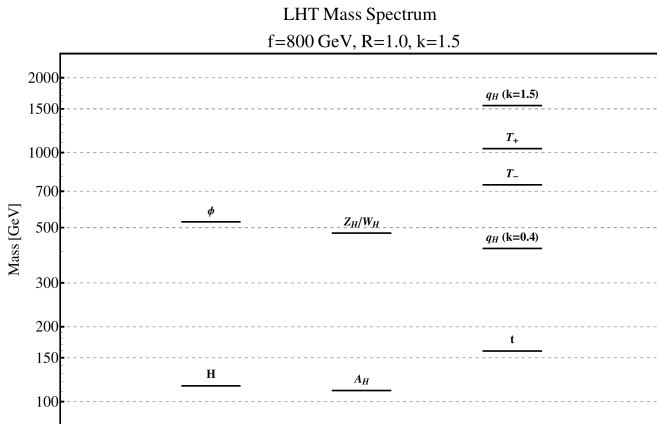
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Branching Ratios

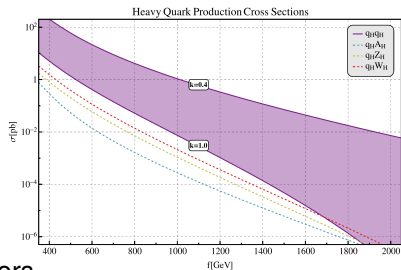
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Particle	Decay	BR _{k=1.0}	BR _{k=0.4}
l_H^\pm	$W_H^\pm \nu$	62%	0%
	$Z_H l^\pm$	31%	0%
	$A_H l^\pm$	6%	100%
ν_H^\pm	$W_H^\pm l^\mp$	61%	0%
	$Z_H \nu$	30%	0%
	$A_H \nu$	9%	100%
T_H^+	$W^+ b$	46%	45%
	$Z t$	22%	22%
	$H t$	21%	21%
	$T_H^- A_H$	11%	11%
A_H	stable		
Z_H	$A_H H$	100%	2%
	$d_H d$	0%	41%
	$u_H u$	0%	30%
	$l_H^\pm l^\mp$	0%	14%
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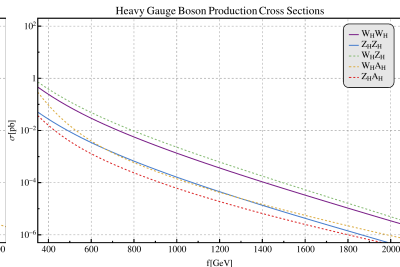
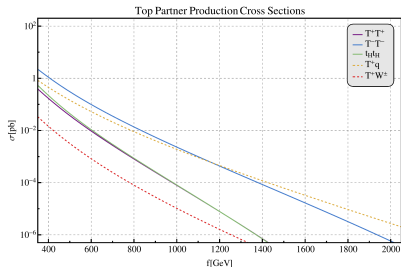
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	$A_H u$	9%	100%
T_H^-	$A_H t$	100%	100%
	$Z_H t$	0%	0%
$\Phi^{0/P}$	$A_H H$	100%	100%
Φ^\pm	$A_H W^\pm$	100%	100%
$\Phi^{\pm\pm}$	$A_H (W^\pm)^2$	100%	96%
W_H^\pm	$A_H W^\pm$	100%	2%
	$u_H d$	0%	44%
	$d_H u$	0%	27%
	$l_H^\pm \nu$	0%	16.5%
	$\nu_H l^\pm$	0%	16.5%

Cross Sections (I)

► Heavy Quarks



► Heavy Top and Vectors



Channels and signatures: Parameters

final state			modes	params	final state			modes	params
leptons	# jets	\cancel{E}_T			leptons	# jets	\cancel{E}_T		
0	1	✓	$q_H A_H$	f, k	l^\pm	2	✓	$W_H^\pm W_H^\mp$ $W_H^\pm Z_H$ $q_H q_H$	f, k f, k f, k
0	2	✓	$q_H q_H$	f, k	l^\pm	3	✓	$q_H W_H^\pm$ $T^+ q$	f, k f, k, R
0	3	✓	$q_H W_H^\pm$	f, k	l^\pm	4	✓	$q_H q_H$ $T^- T^-$	f, k f, k, R
0	4	✓	$q_H q_H$ $W_H^\pm W_H^\mp$ $W_H^\pm Z_H$ $Z_H Z_H$	f, k f, k f, k f, k	$l^+ l^-$	0	✓	$W_H^\pm W_H^\mp$	f, k
0	4	✗	$T^+ q$	f, k, R	$l^+ l^-$	1	✓	$q_H W_H^\pm$	f, k
0	5	✓	$q_H W_H^\pm$	f, k	$l^+ l^-$	2	✓	$q_H q_H$ $T^- T^-$	f, k f, k, R
0	6	✓	$q_H q_H$ $T^- T^-$	f, k f, k, R	$l^\pm l^\pm$	2	✓	$q_H q_H$	f, k

Channels and signatures (I)

final state			production modes	$\sigma_{8\text{ TeV}} \times \text{Br (fb)}$		$\sigma_{14\text{ TeV}} \times \text{Br (fb)}$	
$\# l^\pm$	$\# \text{jets}$	\cancel{E}_T		$k = 1.0$	$k = 0.4$	$k = 1.0$	$k = 0.4$
0	1	✓	$q_H A_H$	0.24	1.1×10^2	2.1	4.5×10^2
0	2	✓	$q_H q_H$	0.56	5.6×10^3	5.2	3.2×10^4
0	3	✓	$q_H W_H^\pm$	0.73	14	8.0	77
			$q_H Z_H$	0.76	8.6	8.0	49
0	4	✓	$q_H q_H$	4.0	9.1×10^2	35	5.6×10^3
			$W_H^\pm W_H^\mp$	1.9	low	9.1	low
			$W_H^\pm Z_H$	4.8	low	23	low
			$Z_H Z_H$	0.56	low	3.0	low
0	4	✗	$T^+ q$	2.0	2.0	17	17
0	5	✓	$q_H W_H^\pm$	5.1	✗	54	✗
			$q_H Z_H$	4.1	✗	44	✗
0	6	✓	$q_H q_H$	1.6	9.7×10^2	1.7×10^2	6.0×10^3
			$T^- T^-$	2.5	2.5	25	25

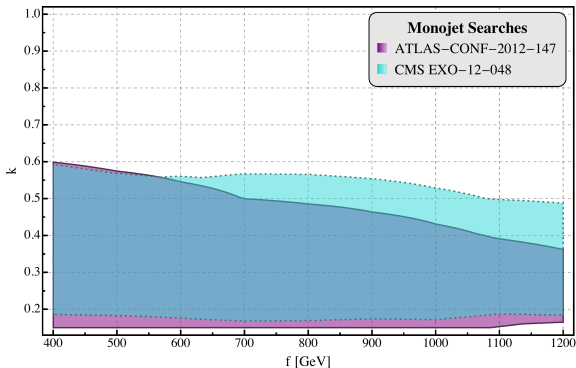
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l^\pm	2	✓	$q_H q_H$	0.058	9.0×10^2	1.1	5.6×10^3
			$W_H^\pm W_H^\mp$	0.77	low	3.9	low
			$W_H^\pm Z_H$	2.1	low	10	low
			$T^+ q$	1.3	1.2	10	10
l^\pm	3	✓	$q_H W_H^\pm$	3.5	✗	37	✗
			$q_H Z_H$	0.99	✗	11	✗
l^\pm	4	✓	$q_H q_H$	7.4	9.7×10^2	82	6.0×10^3
			$T^- T^-$	2.2	2.2	21	21
$l^+ l^-$	0	✓	$W_H^\pm W_H^\mp$	0.32	low	1.7	low
$l^+ l^-$	1	✓	$q_H W_H^\pm$	0.54	✗	5.8	✗
$l^+ l^-$	2	✓	$q_H q_H$	1.1	✗	11	✗
			$T^- T^-$	0.47	0.47	4.6	4.6
$l^\pm l^\pm$	2	✓	$q_H q_H$	0.37	✗	2.7	✗

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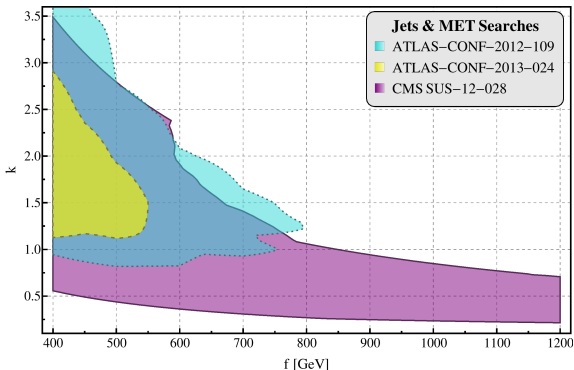
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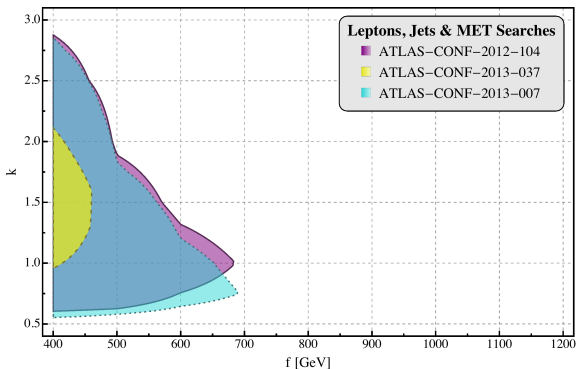
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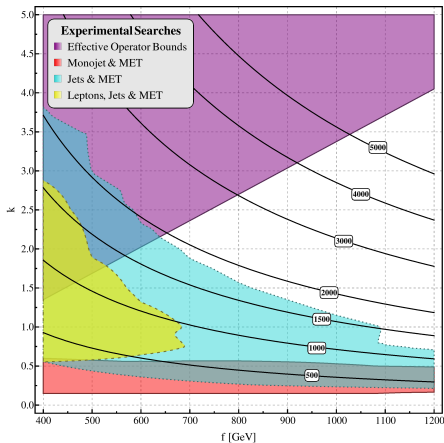
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- single isolated lepton, ≥ 2 hard jets, \cancel{E}_T ,
- signal regions: ATLAS $\cancel{E}_T > 200/300/350$ GeV
- Cuts: $\cancel{E}_T > 250$ GeV, $m_T(l, \cancel{E}_T) > 250$ GeV, $\cancel{E}_T/m_{\text{eff}} > 0.2$, $m_{\text{eff}}^{\text{inc}} > 800$ GeV
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Combined analysis

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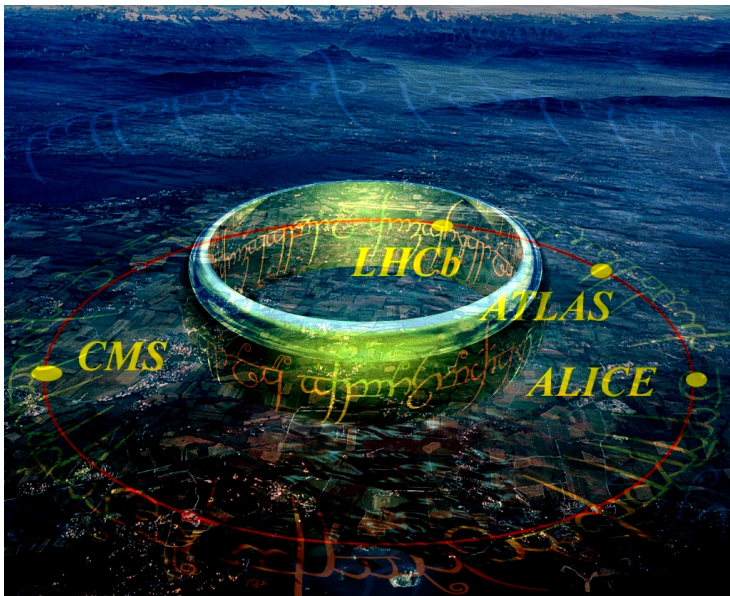
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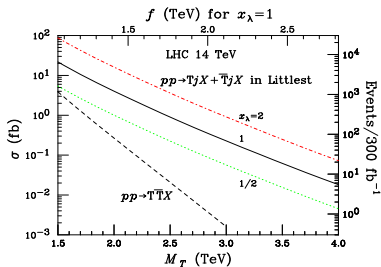
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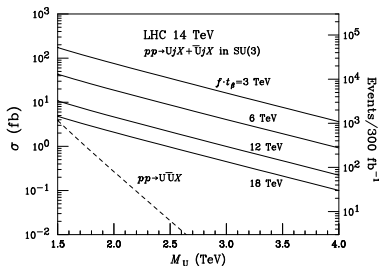
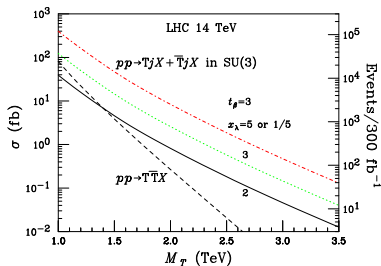
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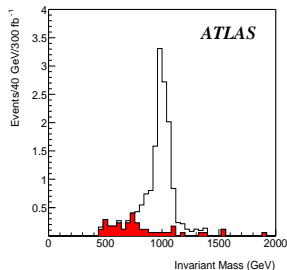
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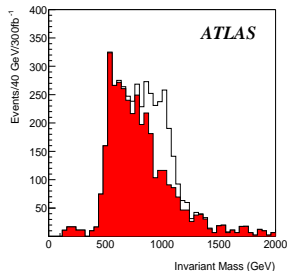
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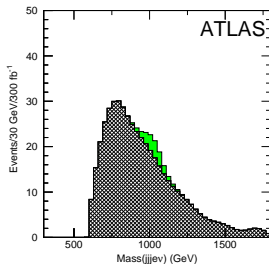
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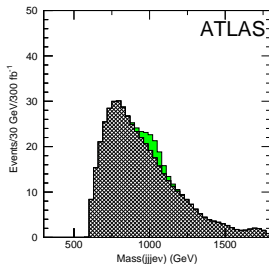
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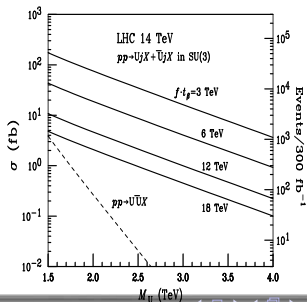


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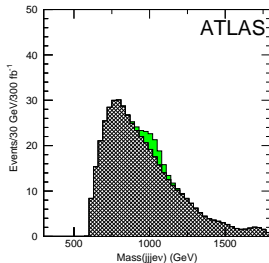
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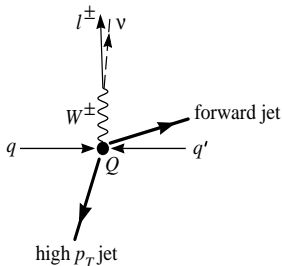


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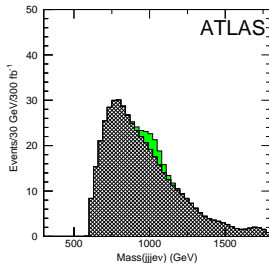
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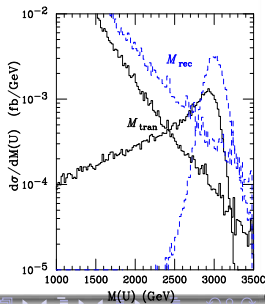
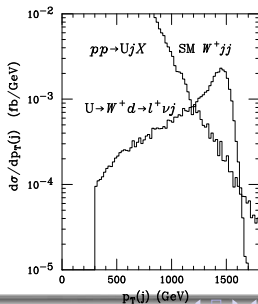


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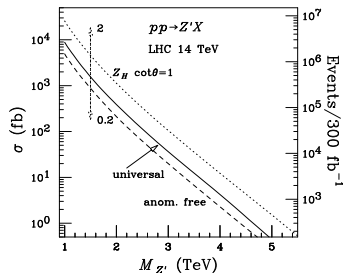
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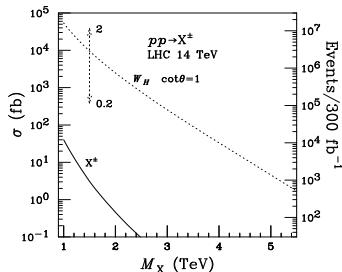
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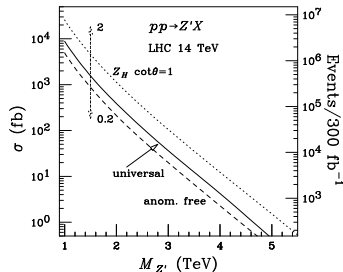
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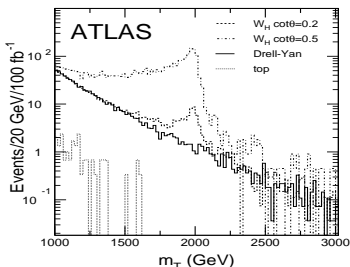
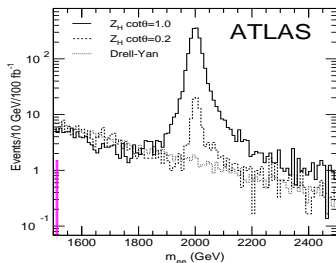
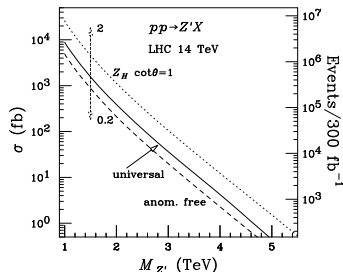
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 Simple group: $Z' \rightarrow qq, \quad X \rightarrow fF$
- ▶ **Discovery channel:** $Z' \rightarrow \ell\ell, W' \rightarrow \ell\nu$
- ▶ $\Gamma_{Z'} \sim 10 - 50$ GeV, $\Gamma_X \sim 0.1 - 10$ GeV

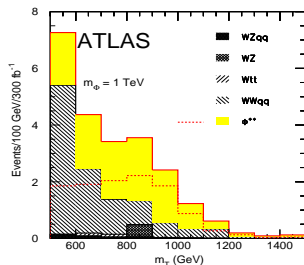


Direct Searches – Heavy Scalars

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: $q\bar{q} \rightarrow \Phi^{++}\Phi^{--} \rightarrow llll$:
 Killer: PS
- ▶ WW -Fusion: $dd \rightarrow uu\Phi^{++} \rightarrow uuW^+W^+$
- ▶ 2 hard forward jets, hard close l^+l^+
 p_T -unbalanced



Alternative: Model-Independent search in WW fusion:

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

LHC: Alboteanu/Kilian/JRR, 2008; Kilian/JRR/Sekulla, 2013

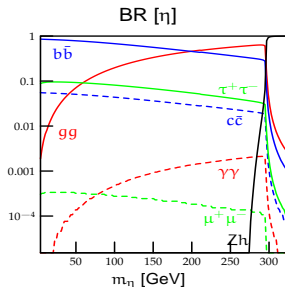
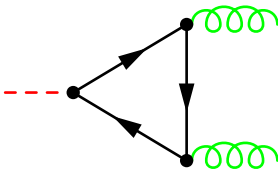
Pseudo-Axions in Little Higgs

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

2007

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

Anomalous $U(1)$: - - -



$$\longrightarrow \frac{1}{F} \frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi^2} \eta F_{\mu\nu} F_{\rho\sigma} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}$$

- $U(1)$ 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, $g: [SU(3)]^2/[SU(2)]^2$ $n = g - l = 2 - 1 = 1$
- ▶ Original Simple Group Model, $g: [SU(4)]^3/[SU(3)^3 \times SU(2)]$,
 $l: SU(4) \rightarrow SU(2)$ $n = g - l = 4 - 2 = 2$

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 Π

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

- ▶ Use special structure of covariant derivatives:

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

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

- ▶ 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

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

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

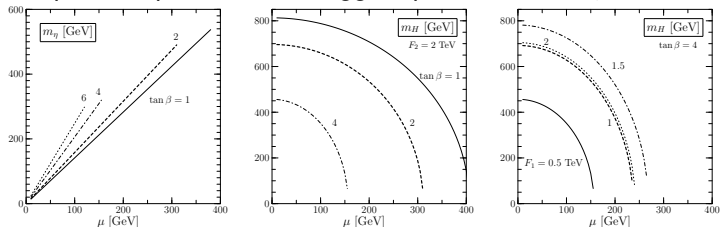
$$\begin{aligned}&\mathbb{V}_\mu + \frac{i}{F} [\Sigma, \mathbb{V}_\mu] - \frac{1}{2F^2} [\Sigma, [\Sigma, \mathbb{V}_\mu]] + \dots \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{W}_\mu & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{i}{F} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\mathbb{W}_\mu h \\ h^\dagger \mathbb{W}_\mu & 0 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{1}{2F^2} \begin{pmatrix} hh^\dagger \mathbb{W} + \mathbb{W} h h^\dagger & 0 \\ 0 & -2h^\dagger \mathbb{W} h \end{pmatrix} + \dots\end{aligned}$$

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

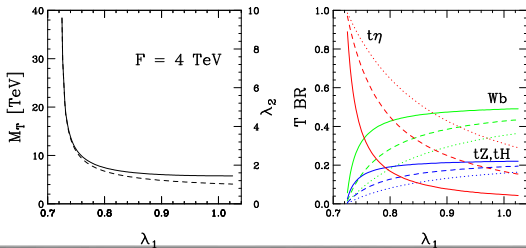
$$(\partial^\mu \eta) h^\dagger \mathbb{W}_\mu h \sim v H Z_\mu \partial^\mu \eta .$$

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



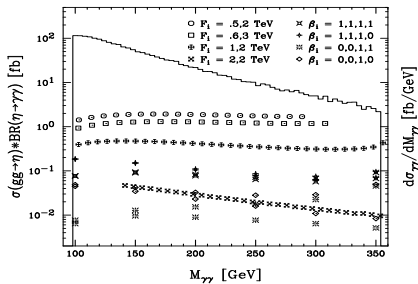
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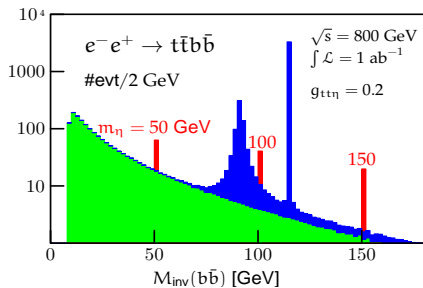
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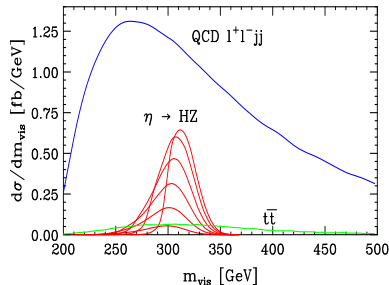
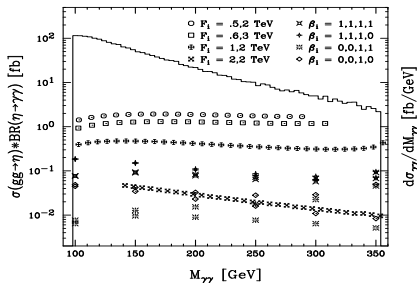
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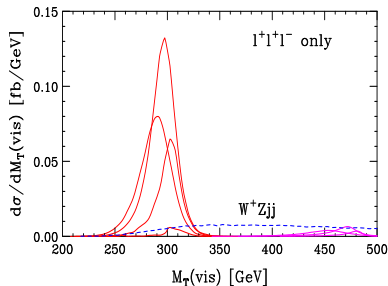
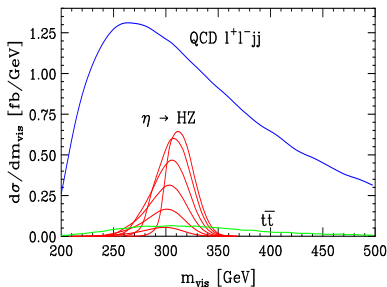
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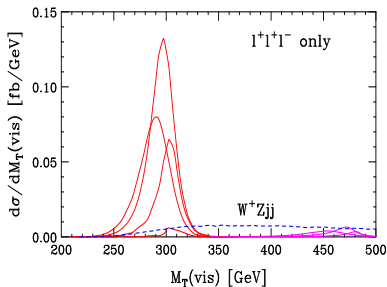
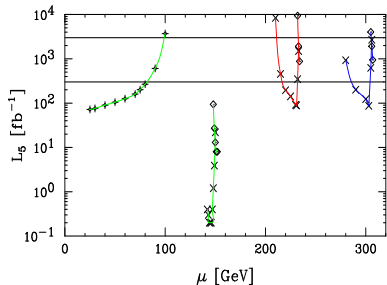
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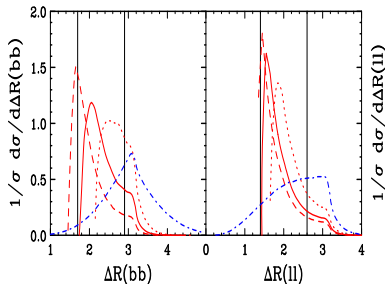
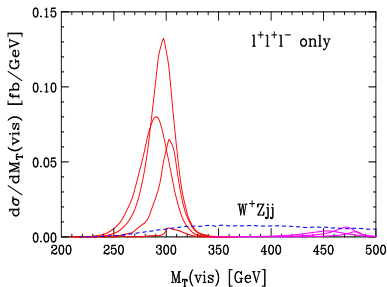
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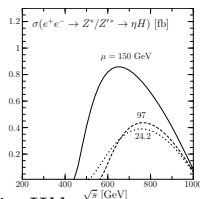
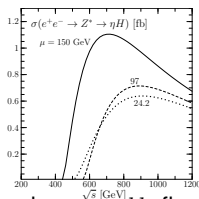
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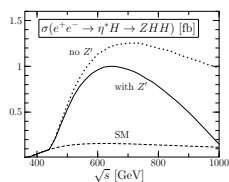
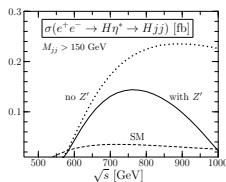
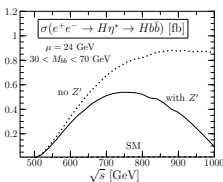
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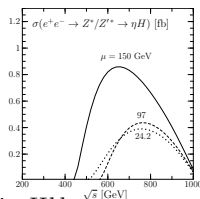
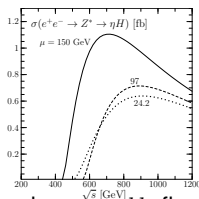


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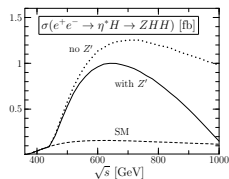
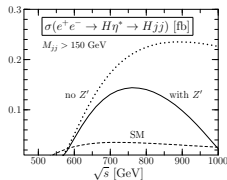
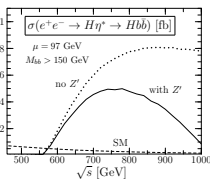
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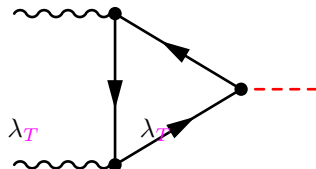
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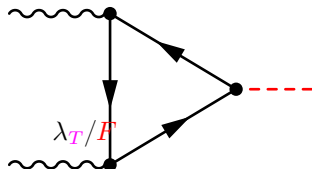
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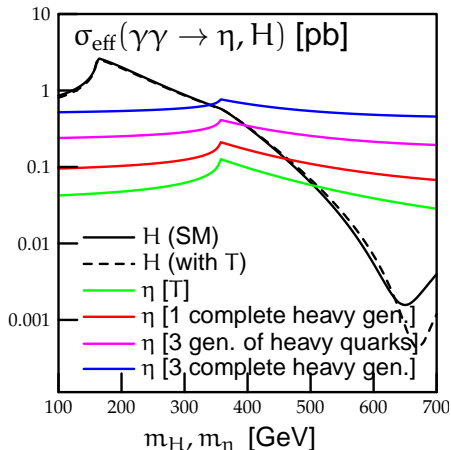
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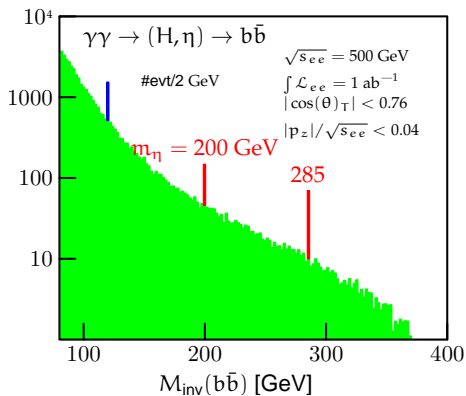
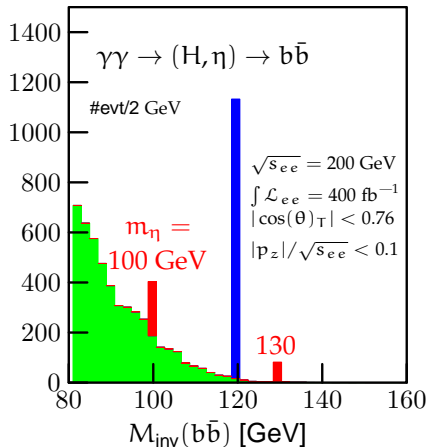


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$$g_{bb\eta} = 0.4 \cdot g_{bbh}$$

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



Simplest Little Higgs (“ μ Model”)

Schmaltz '04, Kilian/Rainwater/JRR '04

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

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

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}_{\text{Yuk.}} = & -\lambda_1^u \bar{u}_{1,R} \Phi_1^\dagger \Psi_{T,L} - \lambda_2^u \bar{u}_{2,R} \Phi_2^\dagger \Psi_{T,L} - \frac{\lambda^d}{\Lambda} \epsilon^{ijk} \bar{d}_R^b \Phi_1^i \Phi_2^j \Psi_{T,L}^k \\
 & - \lambda^n \bar{n}_{1,R} \Phi_1^\dagger \Psi_{Q,L} - \frac{\lambda^e}{\Lambda} \epsilon^{ijk} \bar{e}_R \Phi_1^i \Phi_2^j \Psi_{Q,L}^k + \text{h.c.},
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{pot.}} = \mu^2 \Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_2 + \text{h.c.}$$

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

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

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 $g_{hff} = \frac{m_f}{v} y_f$

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

$$\frac{m_T}{F} = \frac{\lambda_t^2 + \lambda_T^2}{\lambda_T}$$

 \Rightarrow

Quadratic divergence cancels

Collective Symm. break-

ing: $\lambda_t \propto \lambda_1 \lambda_2$, $\lambda_1 = 0$
 or $\lambda_2 = 0 \Rightarrow SU(3) \rightarrow [SU(3)]^2$

$$\sim \frac{\lambda_1^2 \lambda_2^2}{16\pi^2} \log \left(\frac{\Lambda^2}{\mu^2} \right) |\Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_2|^2$$

Constraints from Oblique Corrections: S, T, U

$$\Delta T \sim \Delta\rho \sim \Delta M_Z^2 Z \cdot Z$$

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

◇ 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

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

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

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