

Diphoton Anomaly at the LHC

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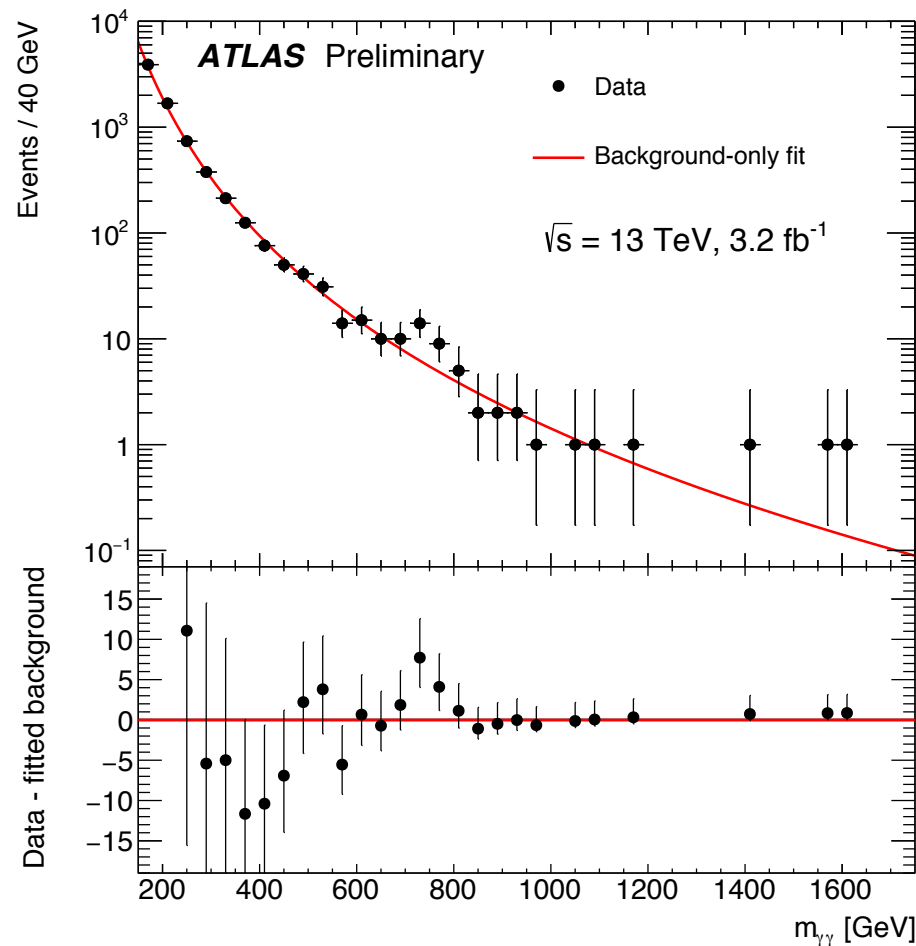


Outline

- General phenomenological aspects
- Weakly coupled extensions
- Strongly coupled extensions
- Conclusions

The Data

[ATLAS-CONF-2015-081] + talk by Christian Ohm

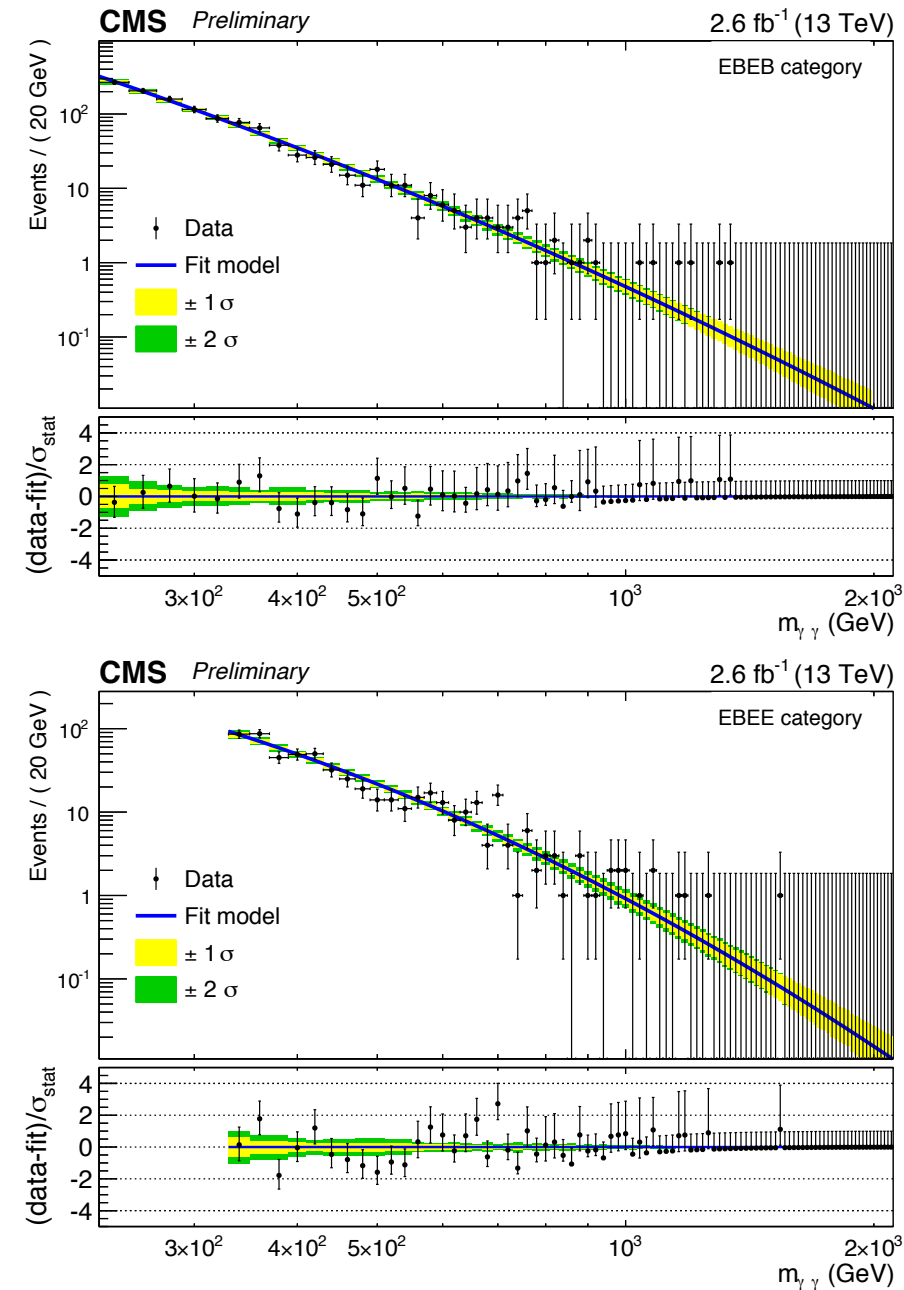


Bin[GeV]	650	690	730	770	810	850
N_{events}	10	10	14	9	5	2
$N_{\text{background}}$	11.0	8.2	6.3	5.0	3.9	3.1

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- ATLAS: local significance of 3.9σ
- ATLAS: best fit is obtained for $\alpha = \Gamma/M = 6\%$
- CMS: local significance of 2.6σ (narrow width)

[CMS-EXO-15-004] + talk by Raffaella Radogna



EBEB
Barrel-Barrel

EBEE
Barrel-Endcaps

Bin[GeV]	700	720	740	760	780	800
N_{events} (EBEB)	3	3	4	5	1	1
$N_{\text{background}}$ (EBEB)	2.7	2.5	2.1	1.9	1.6	1.5
N_{events} (EBEE)	16	4	1	6	2	3
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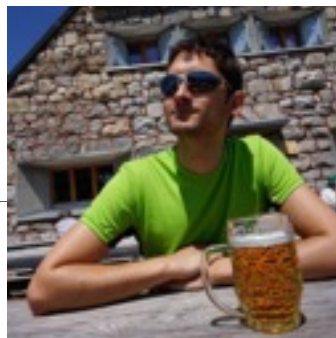
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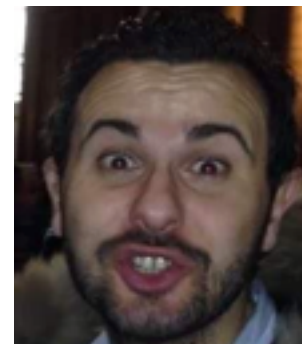
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- Focus on S-channel, 2-body decay, $J=0$
- ($J=1$ forbidden, $J=2$ see backup)

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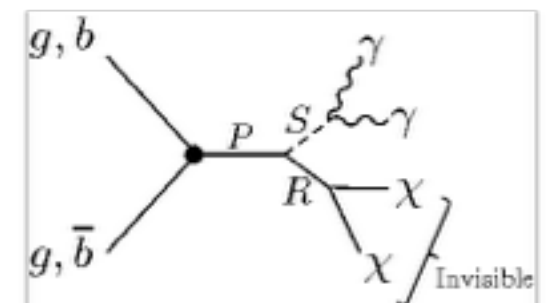
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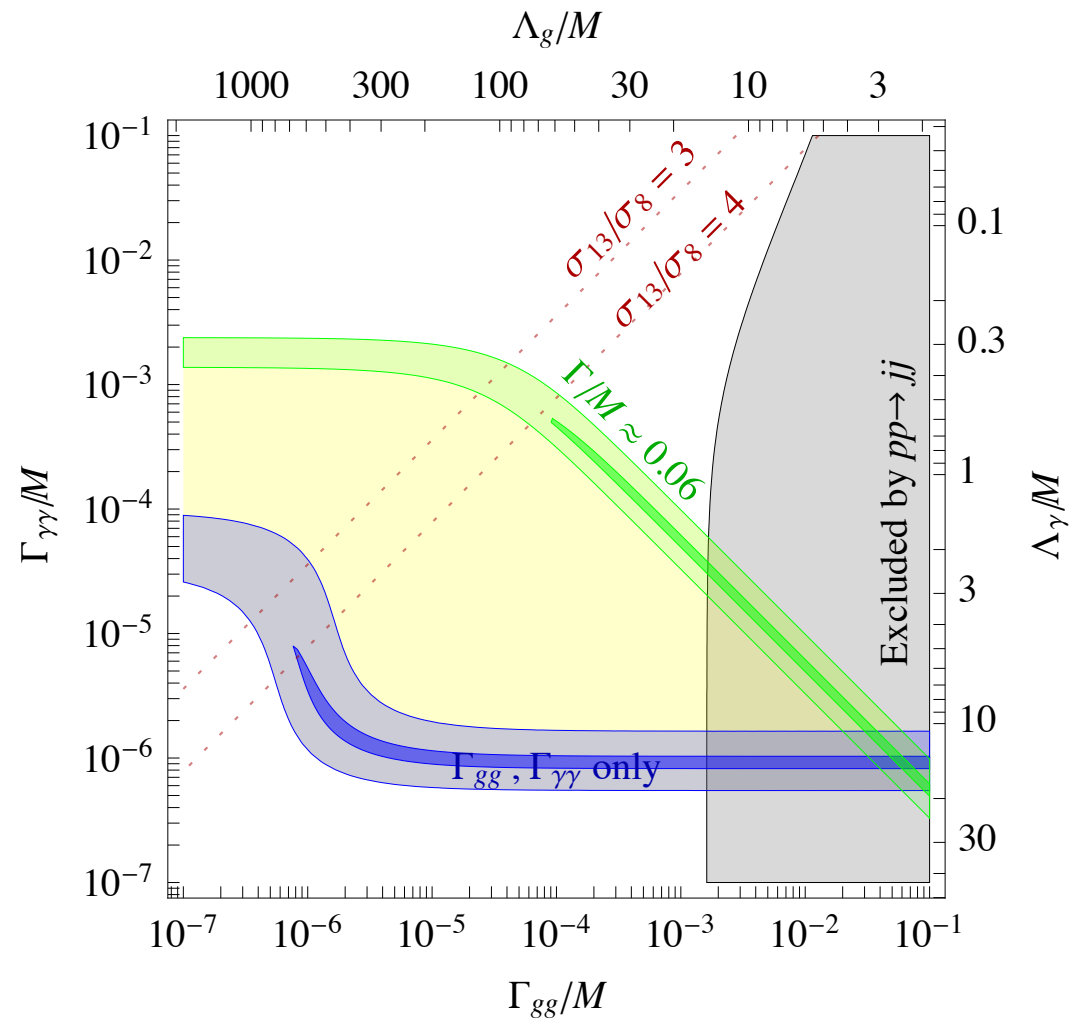
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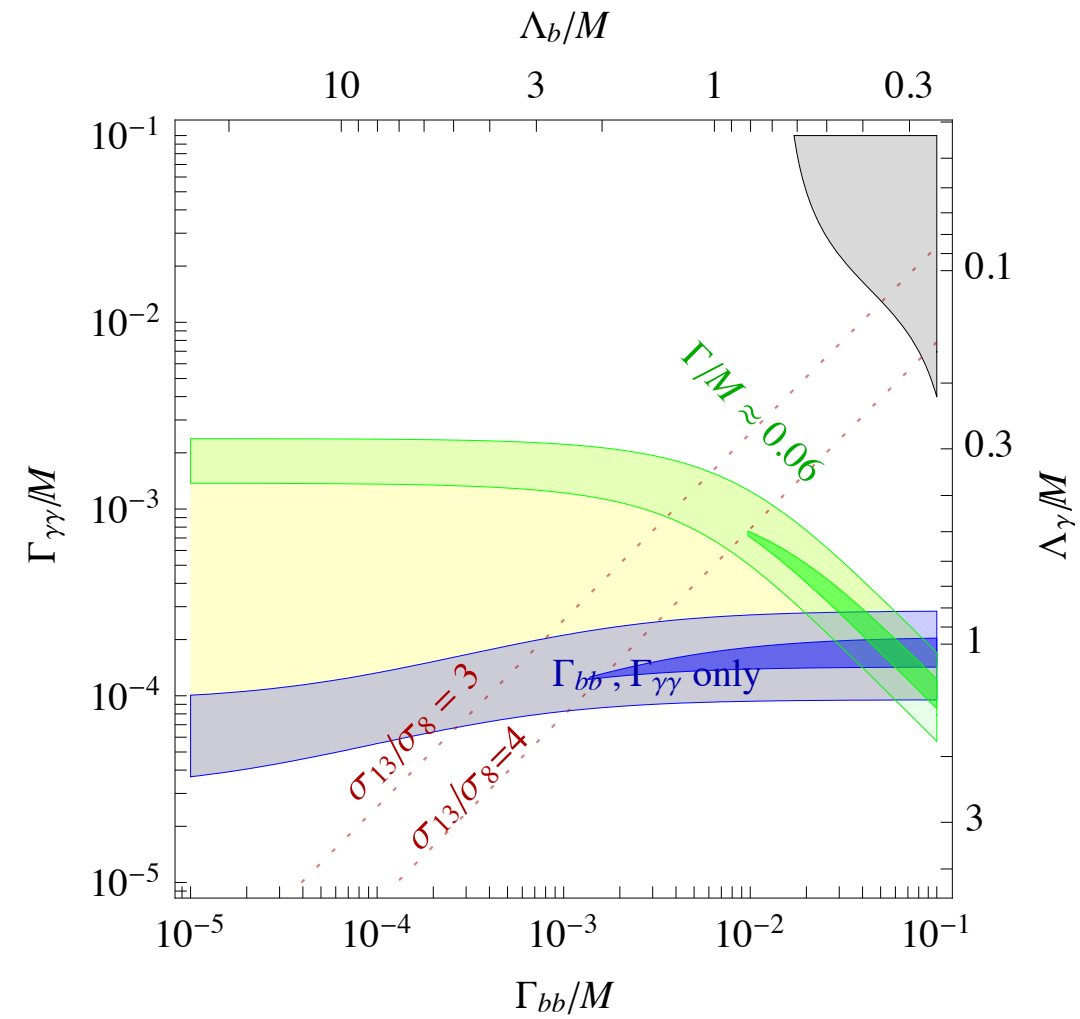


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Production mechanism



$$\frac{\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma}}{M} \frac{\Gamma_{gg}}{M} \approx 1.1 \times 10^{-6} \frac{\Gamma}{M} \approx 6 \times 10^{-8}$$



$$\frac{\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma}}{M} \frac{\Gamma_{b\bar{b}}}{M} \approx 1.9 \times 10^{-4} \frac{\Gamma}{M} \approx 1.1 \times 10^{-5}$$

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- Large partial width in diphoton

$$\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma}/M \gtrsim 10^{-6} \text{ narrow width}$$

$$\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma}/M \gtrsim 10^{-4} \text{ large width}$$

- In the gluon-gluon case, total width (if large) is dominated by decays into other channels

Other decay channels

final state f	σ at $\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$			implied bound on $\Gamma(S \rightarrow f)/\Gamma(S \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)_{\text{obs}}$
	observed	expected	ref.	
$\gamma\gamma$	$< 1.5 \text{ fb}$	$< 1.1 \text{ fb}$	[8, 9]	$< 0.8 \text{ } (r/5)$
$e^+e^-, \mu^+\mu^-$	$< 1.2 \text{ fb}$	$< 1.2 \text{ fb}$	[10]	$< 0.6 \text{ } (r/5)$
$\tau^+\tau^-$	$< 12 \text{ fb}$	$< 15 \text{ fb}$	[11]	$< 6 \text{ } (r/5)$
$Z\gamma$	$< 11 \text{ fb}$	$< 11 \text{ fb}$	[12]	$< 6 \text{ } (r/5)$
ZZ	$< 12 \text{ fb}$	$< 20 \text{ fb}$	[13]	$< 6 \text{ } (r/5)$
Zh	$< 19 \text{ fb}$	$< 28 \text{ fb}$	[14]	$< 10 \text{ } (r/5)$
hh	$< 39 \text{ fb}$	$< 42 \text{ fb}$	[15]	$< 20 \text{ } (r/5)$
W^+W^-	$< 40 \text{ fb}$	$< 70 \text{ fb}$	[16, 17]	$< 20 \text{ } (r/5)$
$t\bar{t}$	$< 450 \text{ fb}$	$< 600 \text{ fb}$	[18]	$< 300 \text{ } (r/5)$
invisible	$< 0.8 \text{ pb}$	-	[19]	$< 400 \text{ } (r/5)$
$b\bar{b}$	$\lesssim 1 \text{ pb}$	$\lesssim 1 \text{ pb}$	[20]	$< 500 \text{ } (r/5)$
$j\bar{j}$	$\lesssim 2.5 \text{ pb}$	-	[7]	$< 1300 \text{ } (r/5)$

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- Electroweak gauge invariance suggests (forces) the presence of other decay channels accessible at the LHC

operator	$\frac{\Gamma(S \rightarrow Z\gamma)}{\Gamma(S \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)}$	$\frac{\Gamma(S \rightarrow ZZ)}{\Gamma(S \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)}$	$\frac{\Gamma(S \rightarrow WW)}{\Gamma(S \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)}$
WW only	$2/\tan^2 \theta_W \approx 7$	$1/\tan^4 \theta_W \approx 12$	$2/\sin^4 \theta_W \approx 40$
BB only	$2 \tan^2 \theta_W \approx 0.6$	$\tan^4 \theta_W \approx 0.08$	0

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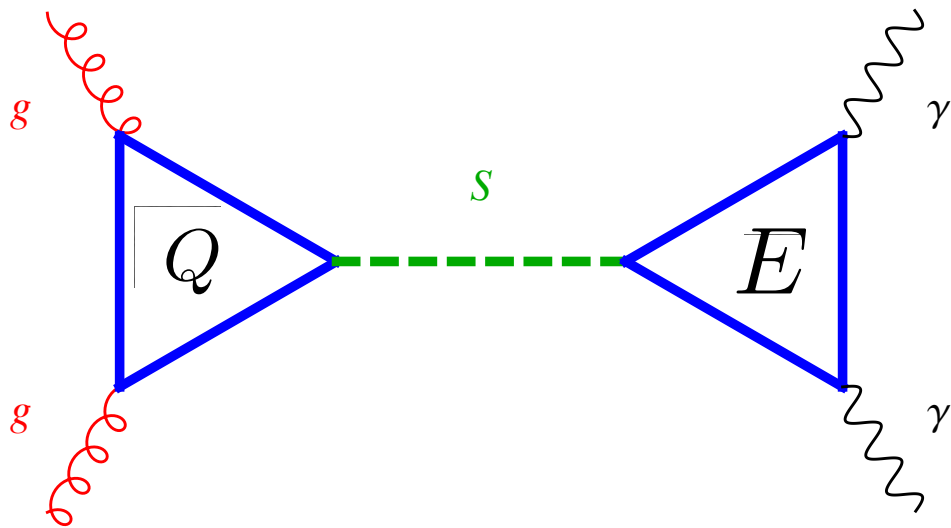
$$g_1^2 S \left(\frac{B_{\mu\nu}^2}{2\Lambda_B} + \frac{B_{\mu\nu} \tilde{B}^{\mu\nu}}{2\tilde{\Lambda}_B} \right)$$

$$-0.3 < \Lambda_B/\Lambda_W, \tilde{\Lambda}_B/\tilde{\Lambda}_W < 2.4$$

- An interesting possibility: S decays into a dark sector

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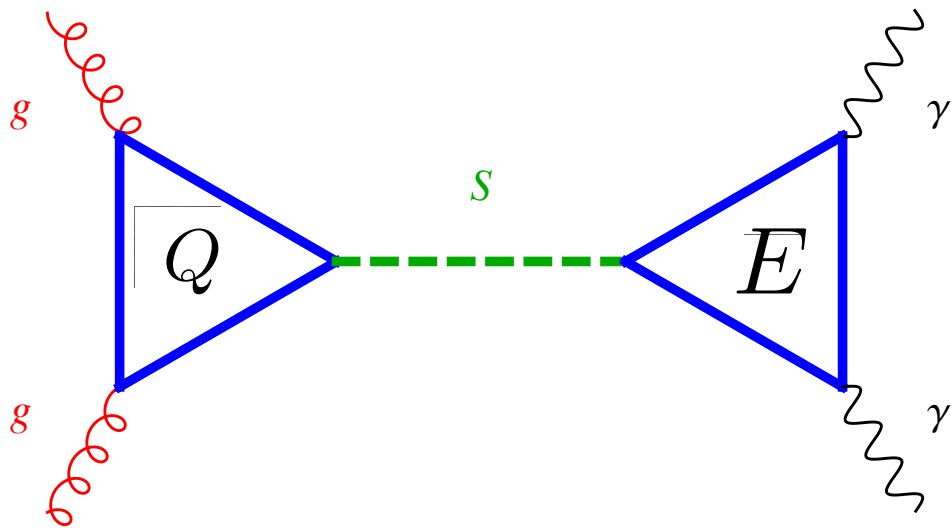
$$Q \sim (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{1}, 0) \times N_Q$$

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- A large diphoton rate is required

$$\Gamma(S \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) = M \frac{\alpha^2}{16\pi^3} Y^4 N_E^2 y_e^2 \tau_E |\mathcal{P}(\tau_E)|^2 \xrightarrow{M_E \rightarrow 400 \text{ GeV}} \frac{\Gamma(S \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)}{M} = 1.1 \cdot 10^{-7} Y^4 y_e^2 N_E^2$$

$\tau_E = 4M_E^2/M^2$

- Narrow** Width $\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma}/M \gtrsim 10^{-6} \longrightarrow Y^4 y_e^2 N_e^2 \gtrsim 10$

$$Y^4 y_e^2 N_e^2 \approx 1.5$$

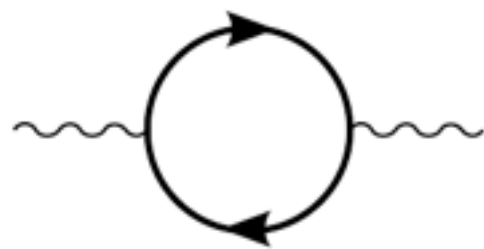
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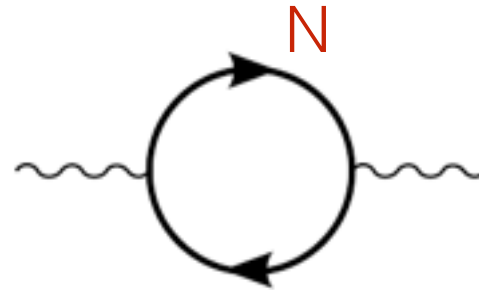


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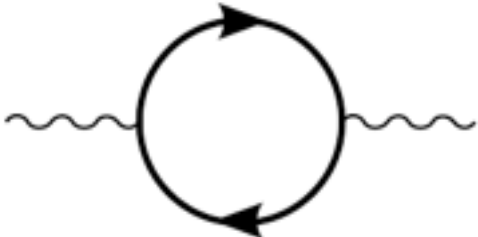
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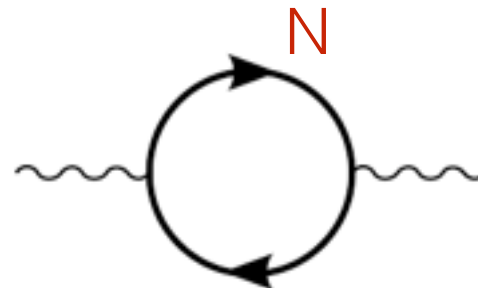
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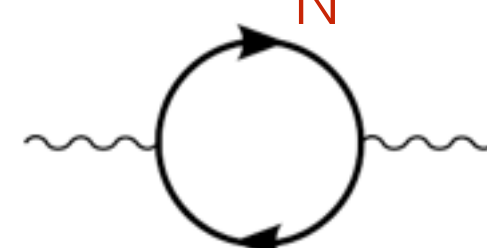
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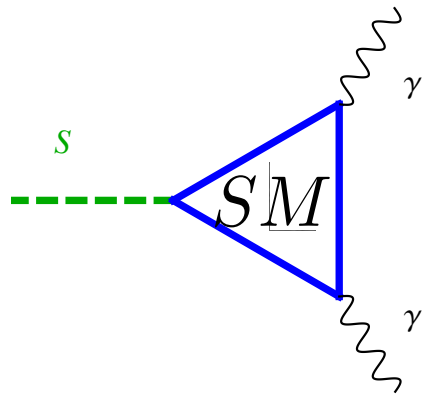
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- Strong constraints, a large width makes the interpretation of this anomaly in terms of weakly coupled models very challenging

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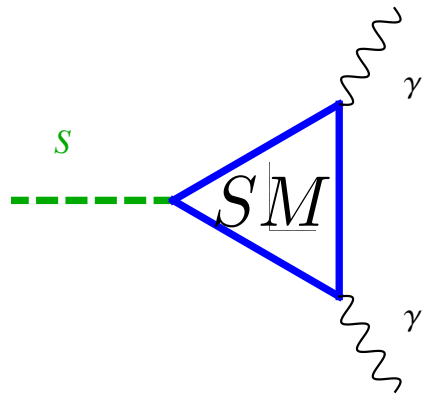
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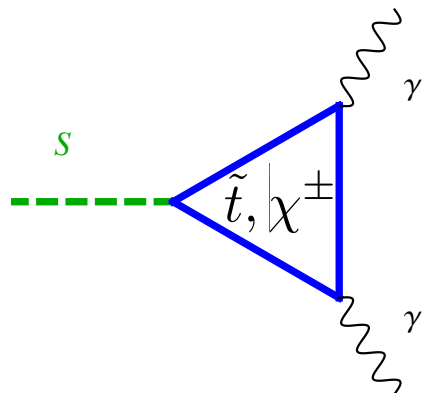
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- **MSSM**: is a special 2HDM + other states (in particular stops and higgsinos)



- Enhancement for **extreme** values of the parameters (large A -terms, low values for soft masses) within the order of magnitude required to fit the diphoton data

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- **RPV-MSSM** has problems too... 1512.07645

- **SUSY is not the MSSM**, extensions can reproduce the effect

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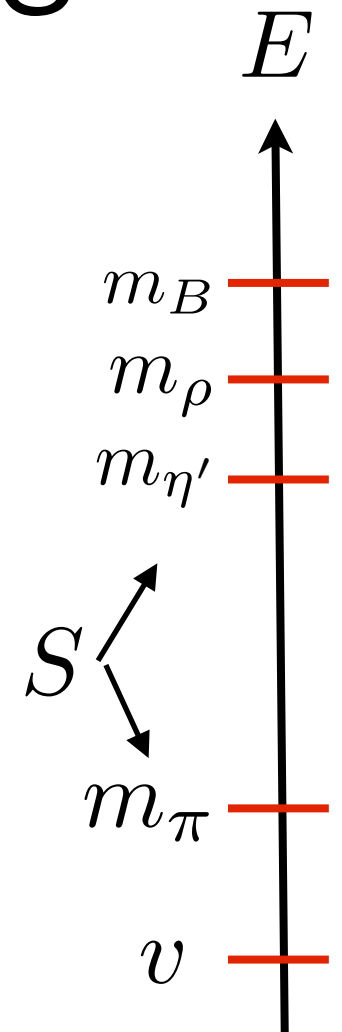
- Di-gluon and Di-photon couplings are generated by WZW terms

$$\frac{N g_3^2}{32\sqrt{15}\pi^2 f} \phi \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} G_{\mu\nu}^a G_{\rho\sigma}^a - \frac{3N g_2^2}{64\sqrt{15}\pi^2 f} \phi \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} W_{\mu\nu}^\alpha W_{\rho\sigma}^\alpha - \frac{N g_1^2}{64\sqrt{15}\pi^2 f} \phi \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} B_{\mu\nu} B_{\rho\sigma}$$

- Same as in QCD $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

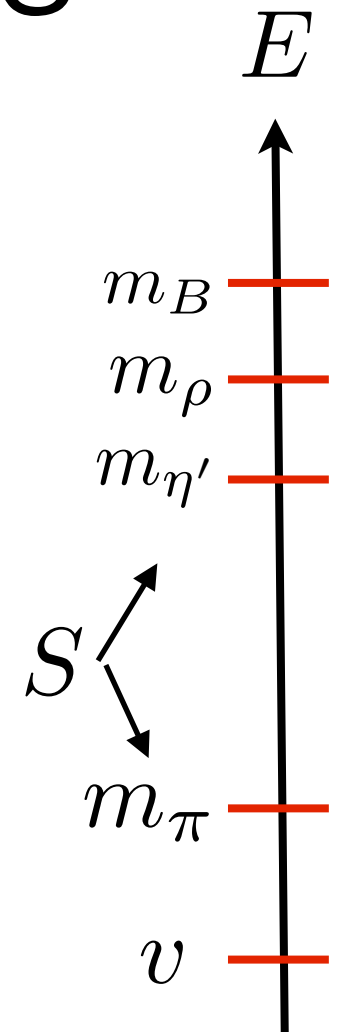
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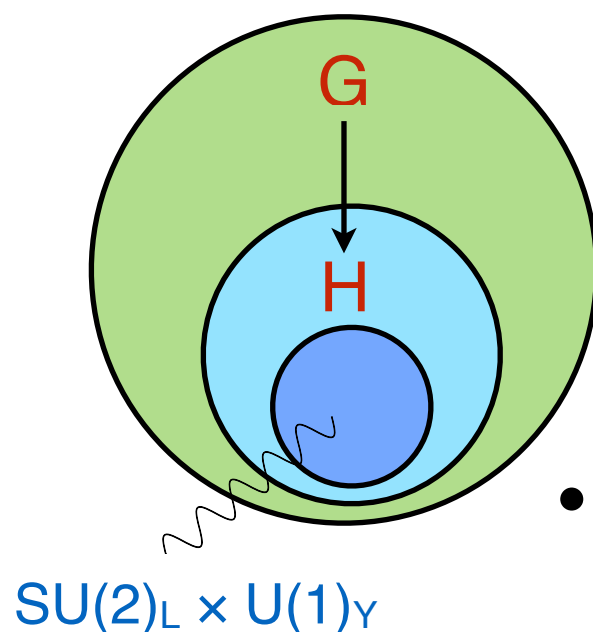


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- The bad side: there is no **direct** link with the EW symmetry breaking. More ambitious idea: Composite Higgs and S from the same strong dynamics



Eg:



- In particular Higgs and S pseudo-NGB
- Non trivial G/H construction: UV realisation?
- Flavour through partial compositeness

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{mix}} = \epsilon_L^i \bar{f}_L^i \Psi_R^i + \epsilon_R^i \bar{f}_R^i \Psi_L^i \Rightarrow y_{\text{SM}}^{ij} \sim \epsilon_L^i \epsilon_R^j g_*$$
- Large width $S \rightarrow \bar{t}t$

[\[1512.04929, 1512.04933, 1512.05330, 1512.07242, ...\]](#)

Conclusions

- Experimental situation needs to be clarified, we need more data
- Information on the width is crucial for model building
- We expect to see more decays channels at the LHC, in particular decays into EW gauge bosons
- It is very plausible to have more states at or below the TeV
- Which is the role of S in connection with other open issues of the SM? (**Naturalness problem** and origin of the EW scale, DM, flavour,)

Backup

Spin 2

- A motivated candidate: KK graviton from a warped extra-dimension

$$\mathcal{L} \sim \frac{1}{M_{\text{Planck}}} T^{\mu\nu} h_{\mu\nu}^{(0)} + \frac{1}{M_{\text{Planck}} e^{-kb}} T^{\mu\nu} \sum h_{\mu\nu}^{(m)}$$

- Massless graviton is Plank suppressed, while the KK modes can have a TeV strength

- Couplings are universal, in particular $\Gamma(h_{\mu\nu}^{(1)} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) = \frac{1}{8} \Gamma(h_{\mu\nu}^{(1)} \rightarrow gg)$

- Diphoton anomaly can be reproduced but now we have also another prediction

$$\Gamma(h_{\mu\nu}^{(1)} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) = 2\Gamma(h_{\mu\nu}^{(1)} \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-)$$

- At the moment, absence of peaks in di-leptons in Run 2 data

$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow S \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-) < 5 \text{ fb} \quad [\text{ATLAS-CONF-2015-081}]$$

$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow S \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-) \lesssim 3 \text{ fb} \quad [\text{CMS-EXO-15-004}]$$

- Another candidate: a resonance from a strongly interacting theory, however difficult to motivate the absence of detection of states with lower spin

- Also, away from the energy-tensor limit, scatterings have very bad UV behaviour