

Composite Higgs Models and their Signatures

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Georgi, Kaplan, 1984

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- Higgs: composite + pGB of global invariance (G) of the strong sector

Inspired by QCD- (chiral symmetry)-EW phenomena


$$m_W^{(QCD)} = \frac{g}{2} f_\pi$$

Pion is the pGB of chiral symmetry breaking

$$m_\pi \ll \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$$

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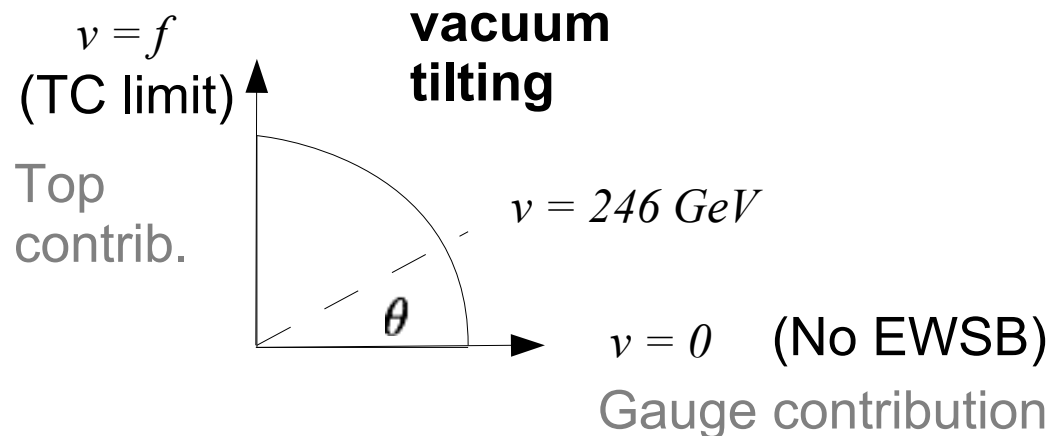
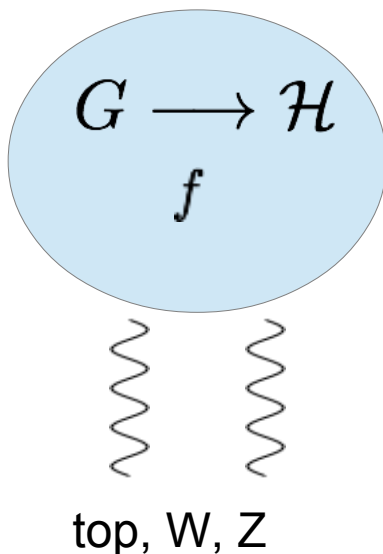
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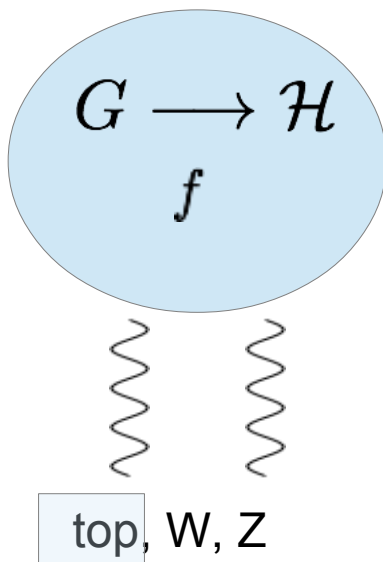
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Interactions of the Strong sector with an “elementary” sector (\approx the SM) explicitly break G. $V(h)$ is generated radiatively

$$V(h) \sim \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \left(-a h^2 + b \frac{h^4}{2f^2} \right)$$

$$v^2 = \frac{a}{b} f^2$$

but $a \sim b$

Fine-tuning
of the order
 $(v/f)^2$

$$m_{t'} \lesssim 1 \text{ TeV}$$

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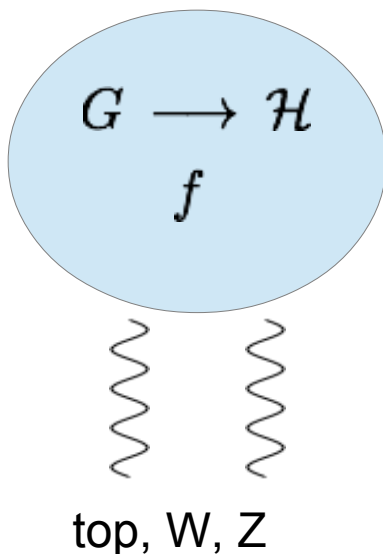
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MCHM Agashe, Contino, Pomarol, NPB 719 (2005)

$$SO(5) \rightarrow SO(4) \sim SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$$

$$4\text{GB} : h + W_L^\pm, Z_L$$

Minimal realization including custodial symmetry

LHC (and other experiments) are already testing the composite Higgs paradigm

directly

Limits on top-partners $m_{t'} \gtrsim 1.4 \text{ TeV}$ $(v/m_{t'})^2 \sim 3\%$
and vector resonances $m_V \gtrsim 3 - 4 \text{ TeV}$

indirectly

EWPD $\Delta S \sim (v/f)^2$

ATLAS + CMS, JHEP 08, 045 (2016)

Modification of Higgs couplings \longrightarrow diboson couplings $\sin \theta < 0.56$

ATLAS, JHEP 11, 206 (2015)

Including modification of the top coupling:
 $g_{htt} = \cos \theta g_{htt}^{SM}$

$\sin \theta < 0.35$

Flavor Physics

A new generation of quarks?

Data already tell us that new quarks are likely to be of **vector-like** type



L-H and R-H components transform in the same way under the symmetry group of the theory

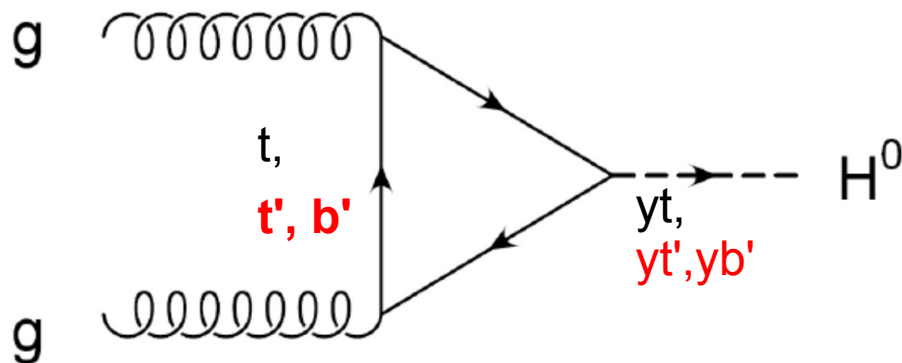
A chiral 4th family of quarks (and leptons) is excluded by LHC Higgs results

also dis-favored by electroweak precision data (S/T) and flavor observables

Chiral 4th generation

$$\begin{pmatrix} t'_L \\ b'_L \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \mathbf{2} \text{ of } \text{SU}(2)_L \quad t'_R, b'_R \rightarrow \mathbf{1} \text{ of } \text{SU}(2)_L$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} y_{t'} \bar{t}'_L H t'_R & \cancel{M_{t'} \bar{t}'_L t'_R} \\ y_{b'} \bar{b}'_L H b'_R & \cancel{M_{b'} \bar{b}'_L b'_R} \end{array}$$



$$\sigma_{\text{SM}} \times \mathcal{O}(10)$$

+ $\mathcal{O}(100)$ suppression to $h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ rate caused by the t', b' destructive interference with the W

$$\sigma \sim \left| \sum \frac{y_{ii}}{M_i} A(m_h^2/M_i^2) \right|^2 \sim \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{v}} \ln(\det \mathcal{M})$$

Higgs measurements completely rule out a chiral 4th generation
[Kuflik *et al.*, ..., PRL 110 (2013)]

VLQ (t')

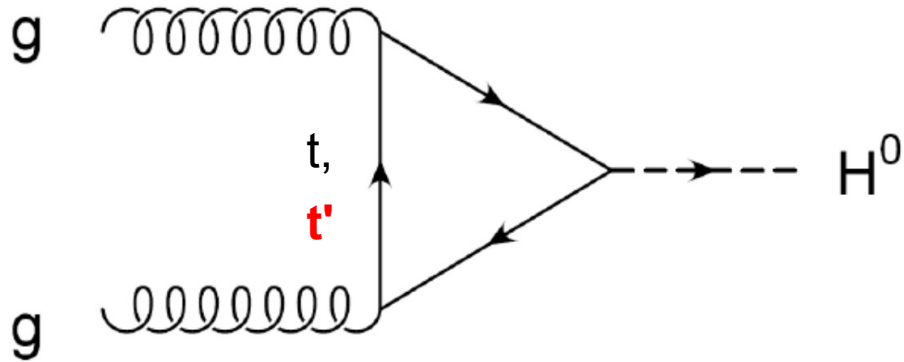
Example:
EW
doublet

$t'_L, t'_R \rightarrow \mathbf{2} \text{ of } \text{SU}(2)_L$

~~$y_{t'} \bar{t}'_L H t'_R$~~

$$M_{t'} \bar{t}'_L t'_R$$

$$\xi \bar{t}'_L H t_R$$

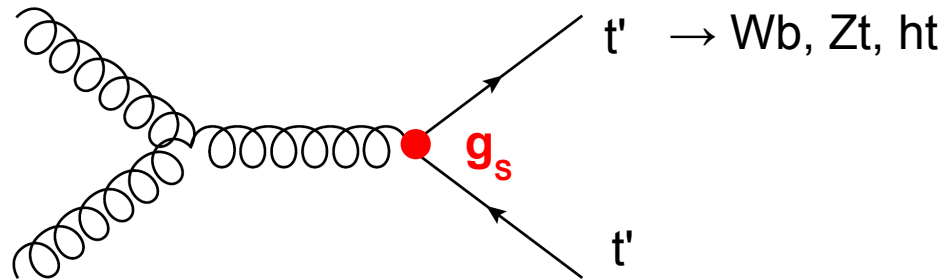


Mixing term gives
off-diagonal
contribution

$$\sigma \sim \left| \sum \frac{y_{ii}}{M_i} \mathbf{A}(m_h^2/M_i^2) \right|^2 \sim \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{v}} \ln(\det \mathcal{M}) \Rightarrow \sigma_{\text{SM}} \times \left(1 + \mathcal{O}(v^2/f^2) \right)$$

Indirect probes on vlqs from Higgs
measurement and EW precision data ⁹

Direct search for VLQs: QCD pair production



BRs dictated by t' EW quantum numbers, in minimal scenarios

but this can change significantly in more complex phenomenological scenarios: for example if new resonances in which t' can decay are sub-threshold

Model-independent production

(the coupling is g_s , it is determined by QCD gauge symmetry)

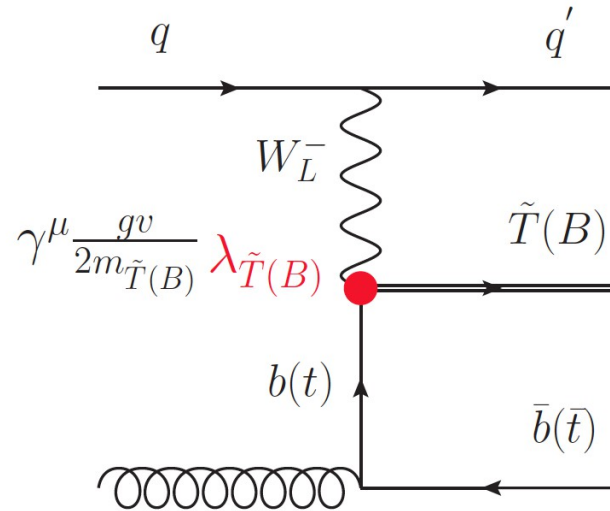


Robust bounds on VLQs

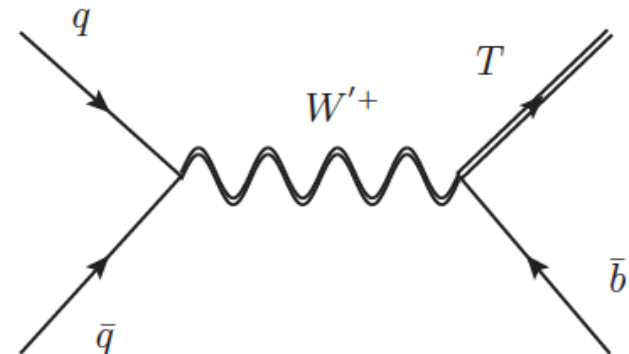
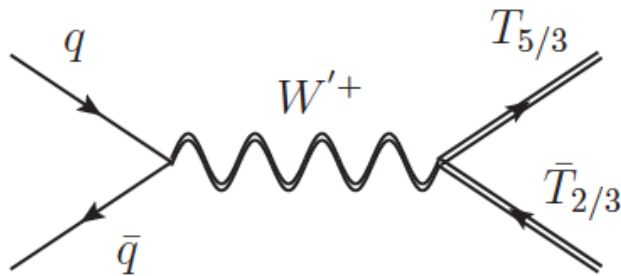
Direct search for VLQs: increasing the LHC reach

VLQ single production

NV, PRD 86 (2012) 075017;
JHEP 1207 (2012) 158



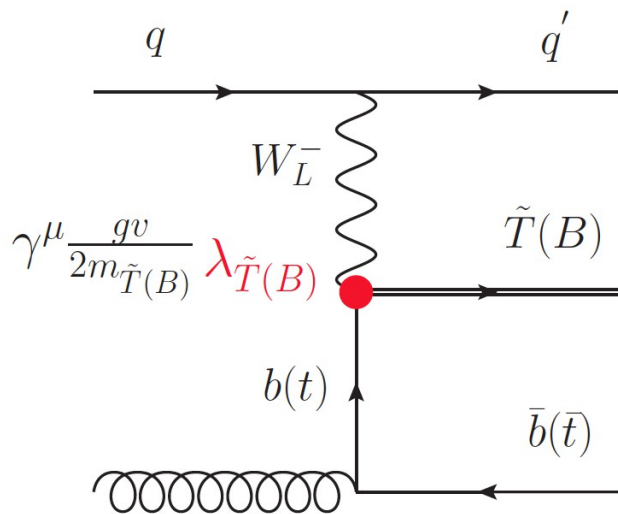
VLQ production through decays of vector resonances



NV PRD 89 (2014) 9, 095027

EW single production

NP effects: Dirac mass terms, new fields with non-SM gauge charges (RH $SU(2)_L$ doublets) lead to EW interactions which are off-diagonal in the mass basis (even for neutral currents: there is no GIM protection) and mix VLQs with SM quarks



PROS

Typically higher cross section, compared to pair production, at high $v_l q$ mass

Peculiar topology

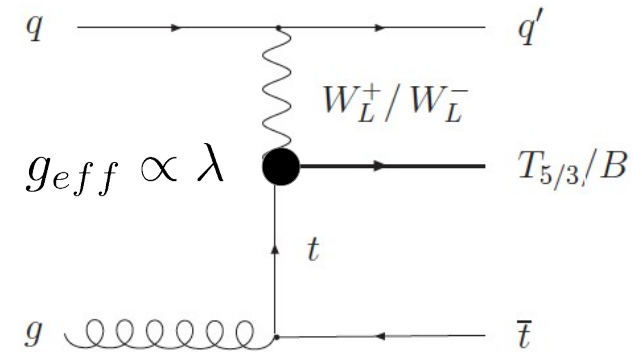
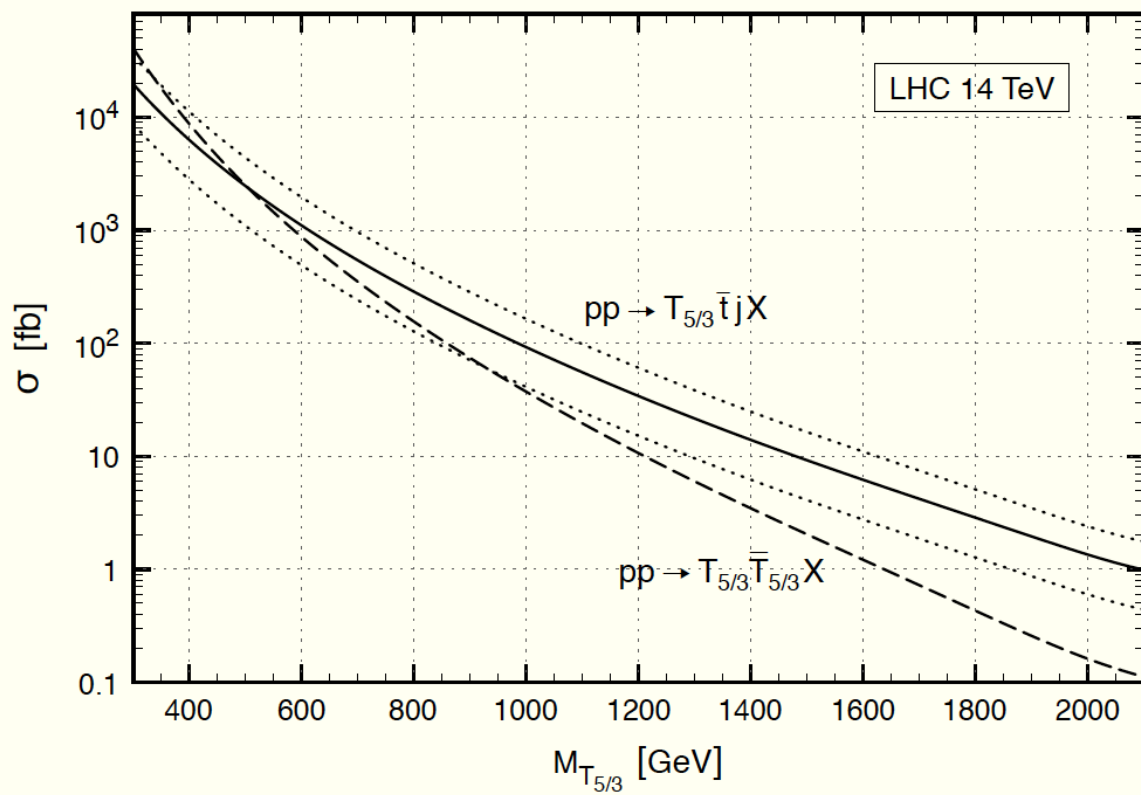
Possibility to measure the coupling \rightarrow information on the EWSB sector

CONS

Model-dependent
(but “under control” in the high mass regime that will be explored at the LHC-13/14)

EW Single production vs QCD pair production

Plot from: R. Contino, G. Servant, arxiv: 0801.1679

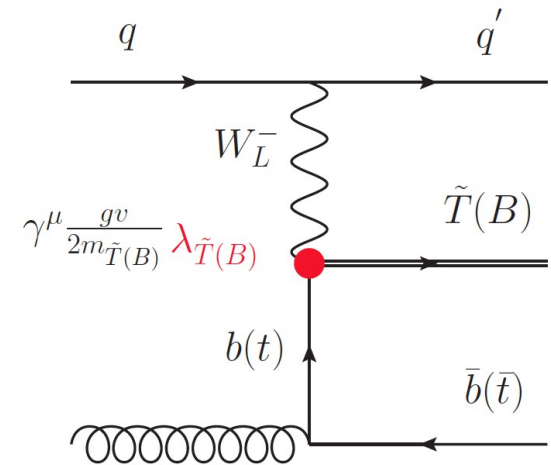
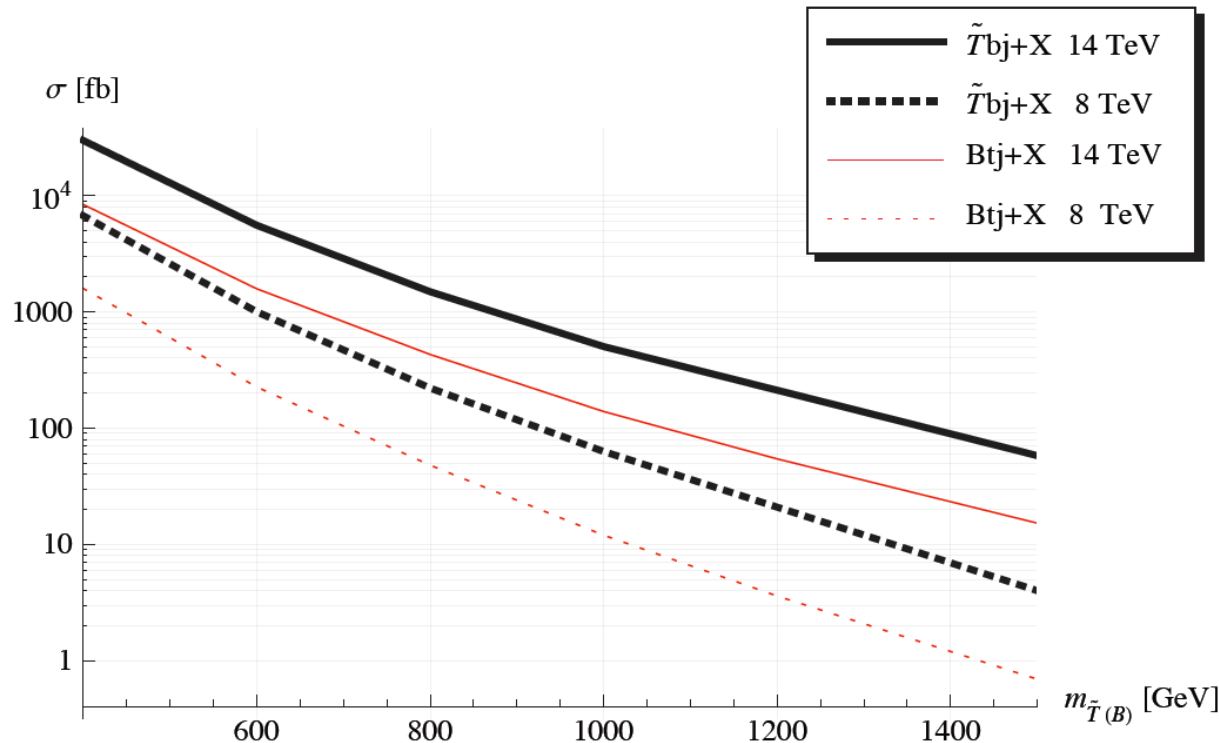


$$\lambda \in [2, 4]$$

Cross sections
scale as $\sim \lambda^2$

t-channel enhancement of the cross-section at high mass

b-mediated vs t-mediated EW Single production



NV, PRD 86 (2012) 075017

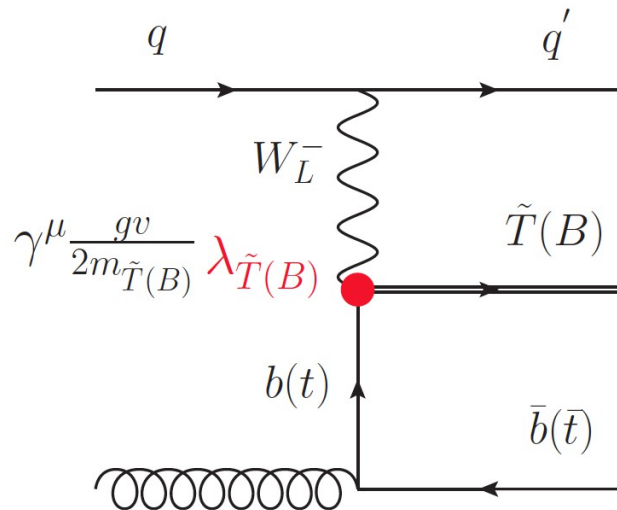
About 4 times larger cross sections for t_R -partners
as an effect of the b (instead of top) intermediate exchange

EW single production kinematics

Same as Single-(SM)top

C.-P. Yuan '90

Stelzer, Sullivan, Willenbrock, '97



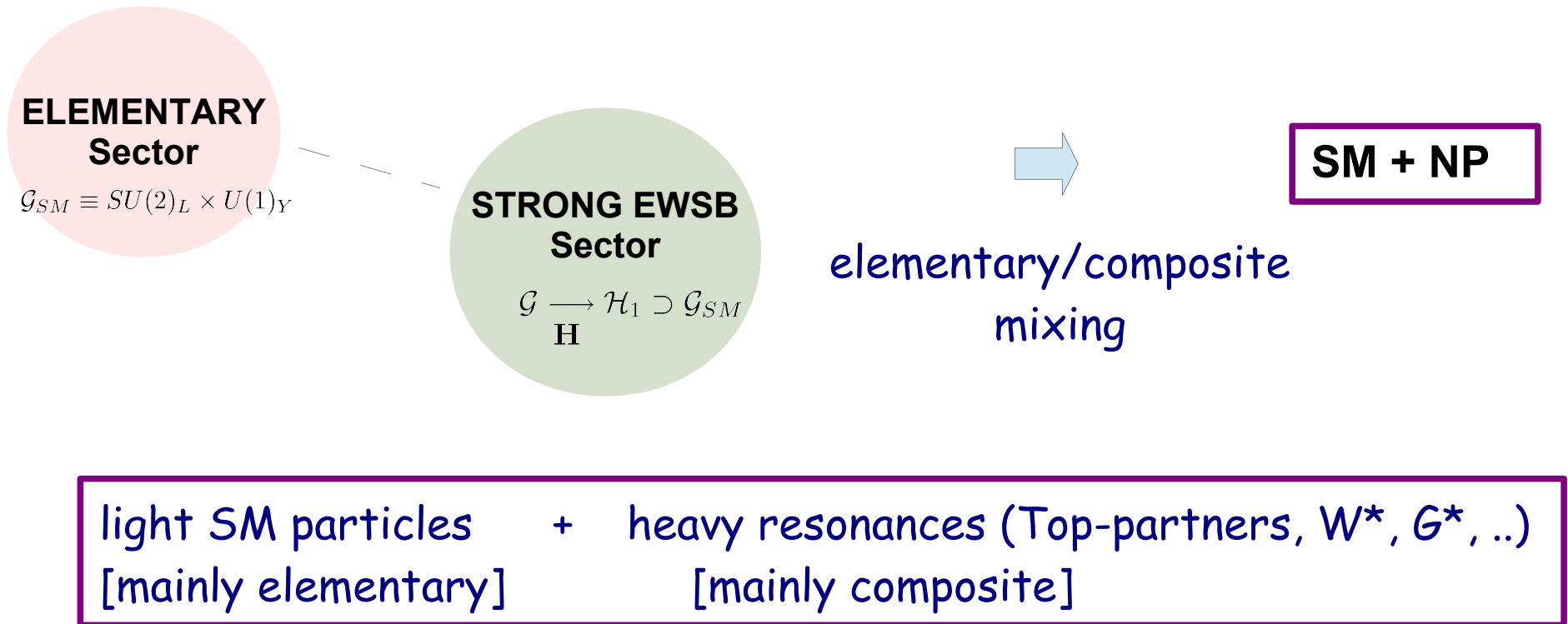
→ Forward-jet tag
(low-virtuality W leads to forward jet)

Possibility of measuring the coupling

Composite Higgs / RS Models

A simple Two-Site description

Contino et al. hep-ph/0612180



top-partners in Composite Higgs / RS Models

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$$m_t \simeq Y_* s_L s_R \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}}$$

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EW VLQ Couplings

Yukawa interactions among composite states: Top partners - Higgs / W_L / Z_L

$$\mathcal{L}^{comp} \propto \mathcal{L}^{YUK} = Y_* \text{Tr}\{\bar{Q}\mathcal{H}\}\tilde{T}$$

◆ Y_* is the Yukawa coupling among composites, which is expected to be large, $1 < Y_* \ll 4\pi$

◆ $\mathcal{H} = \begin{bmatrix} \phi_0^\dagger & \phi^+ \\ -\phi^- & \phi_0 \end{bmatrix}$ Higgs and would-be Goldstone bosons (W_L, Z_L) matrix

◆ $Q = \begin{bmatrix} T & T_{5/3} \\ B & T_{2/3} \end{bmatrix}$ is the matrix of t_L partners (T, B) directly couple to (t_L, b_L); ($T_{5/3}, T_{2/3}$) are effects of the custodial symmetry in the composite sector

◆ \tilde{T} is the EW singlet, partner of t_R

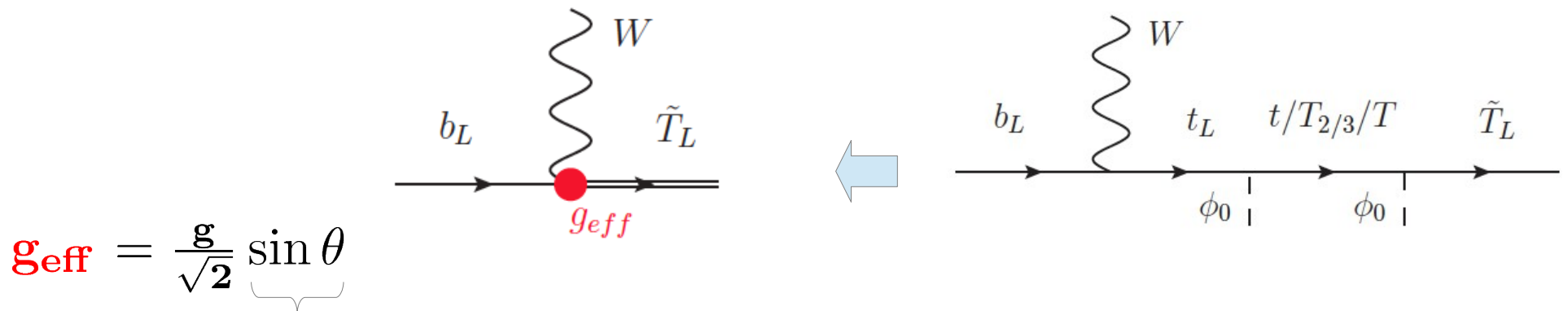
$$\mathcal{L}^{YUK} = Y_* \text{Tr}\{\bar{Q}\mathcal{H}\}\tilde{T}$$

After elementary/composite mixing + EWSB:



Interactions among **SM quarks** - $h (W_L, Z_L)$ - **Top partners**

$$\mathcal{L}^{YUK} = +Y_* \mathbf{s}_L \mathbf{c}_R \left(\bar{t}_L \phi_0^\dagger \tilde{T}_R - \bar{b}_L \phi^- \tilde{T}_R \right) + \dots \quad \lambda_{\tilde{T}} = Y_* \underbrace{\mathbf{s}_L \mathbf{c}_R}_{\text{Ele-composite mixing}}$$

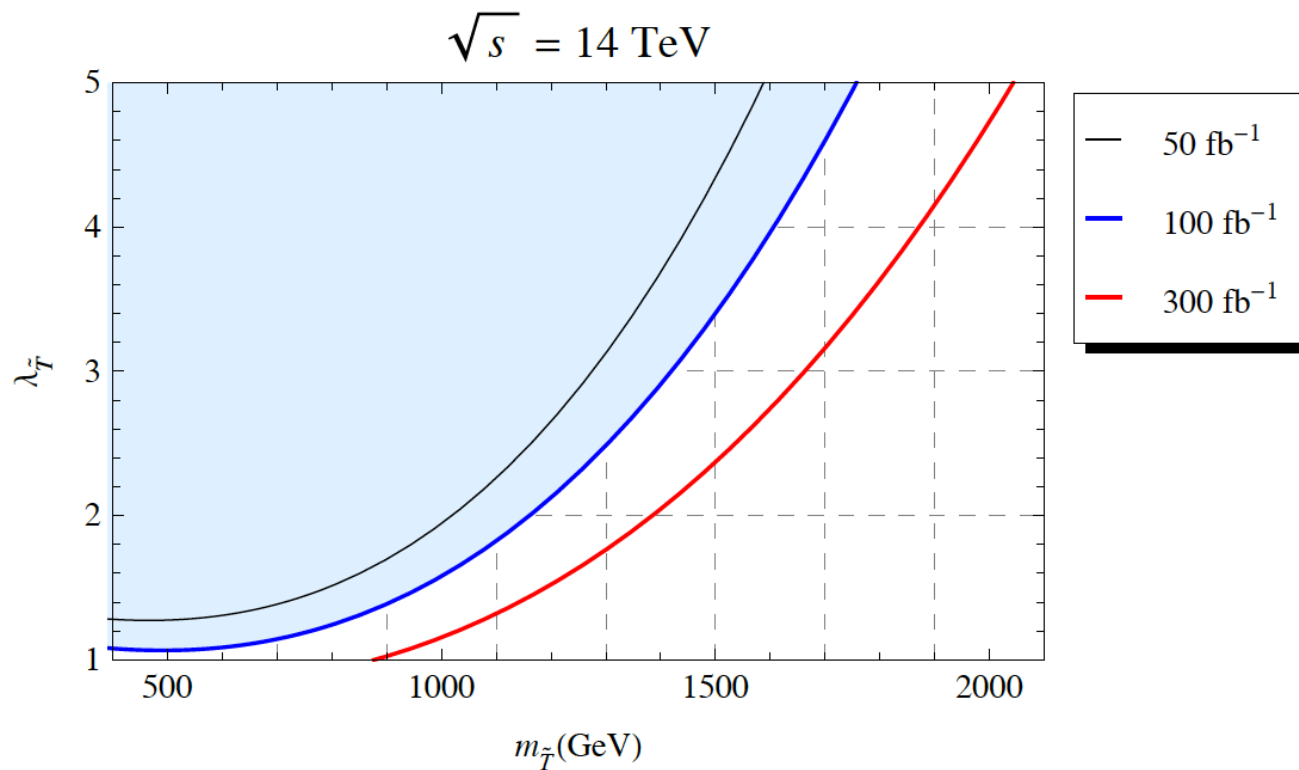
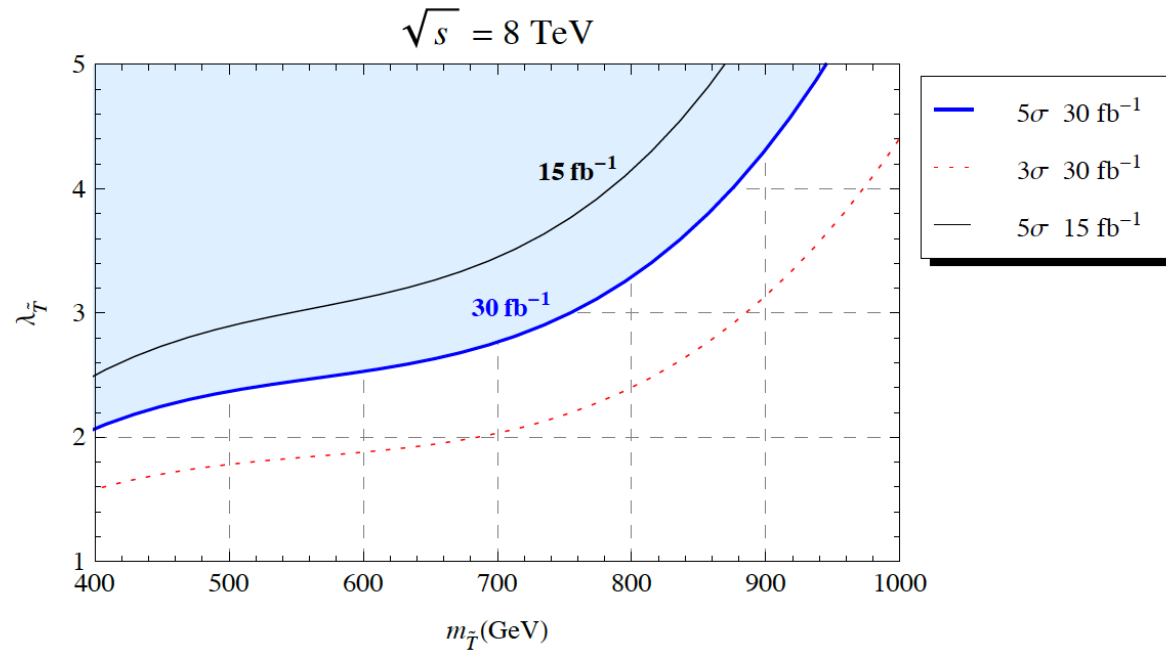
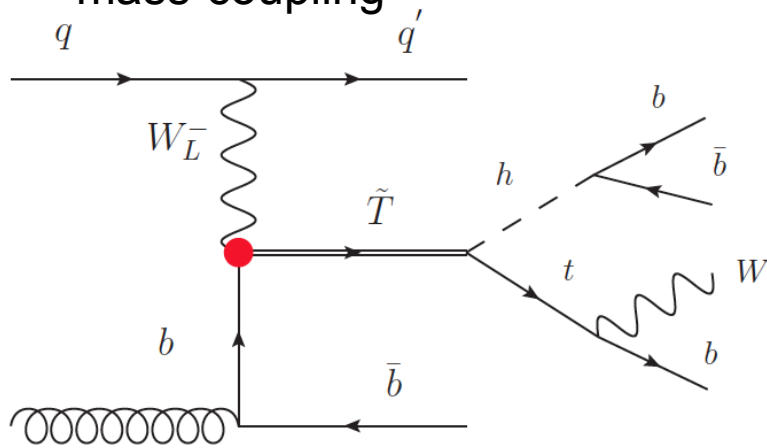


Is the superposition $t_L - \tilde{T}_L$:

$$\sin \theta(\text{LO}) = \frac{\lambda_{\tilde{T}} v}{\sqrt{2} M_{\tilde{T}}}$$

Weak-mixing approximation

Reach on the plane mass-coupling



Estimated
LHC-14 reach,
from NV PRD86

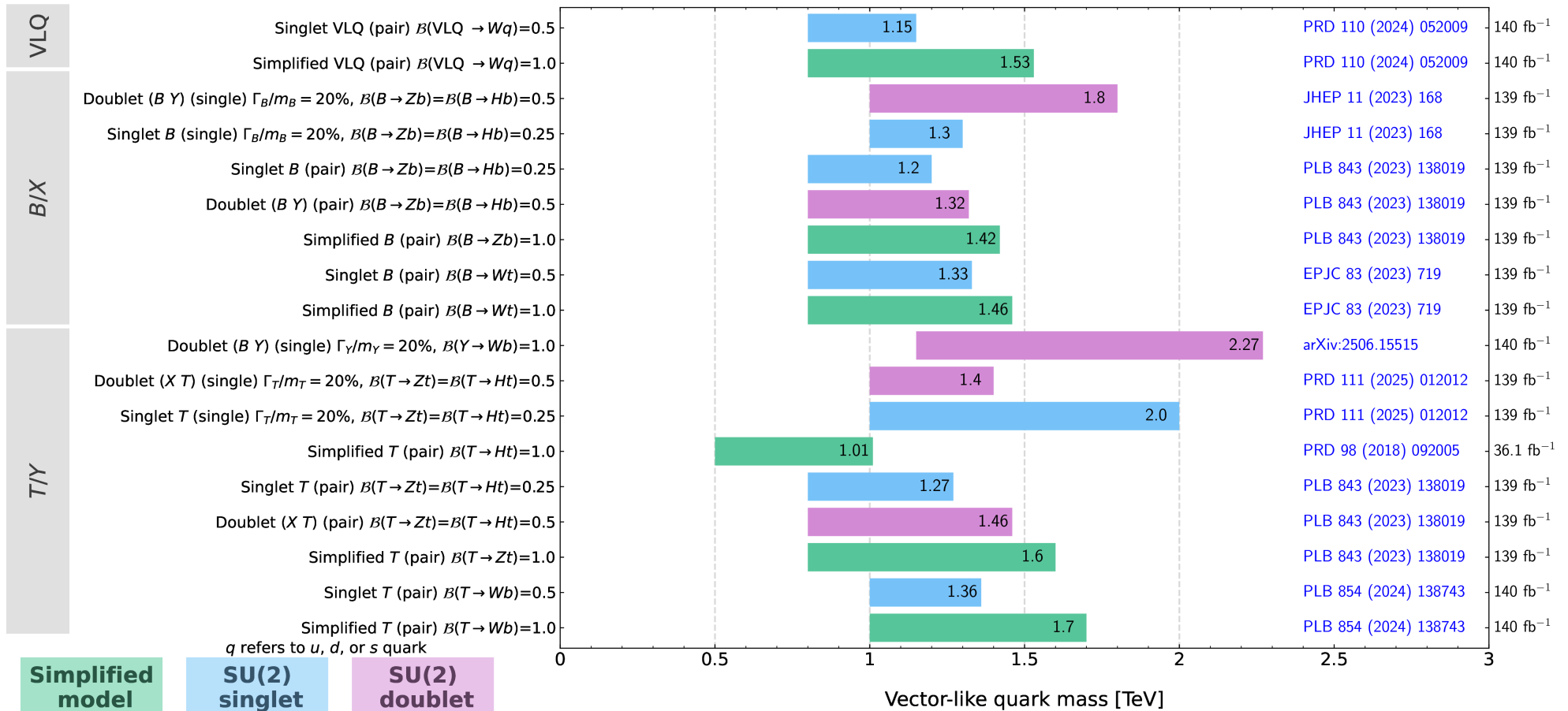
Current LHC bounds on VLQs

ATLAS vector-like quark searches - 95% CL exclusion

Status: June 2025

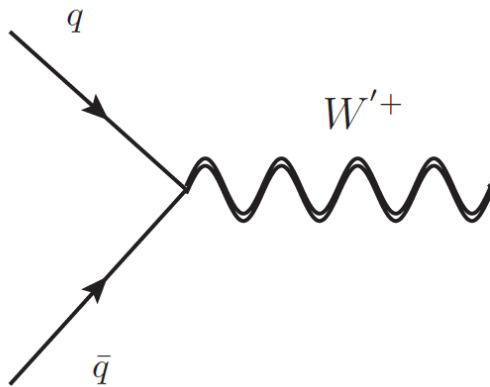
ATLAS Preliminary

$\sqrt{s}=13$ TeV, 36.1 fb⁻¹ - 140 fb⁻¹



Weaker constraints from EWPT (in models with custodial symmetry protection)

Searches for Vector Resonances



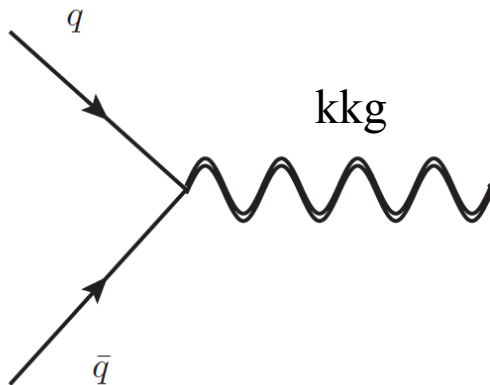
$\rightarrow l\nu$

$\rightarrow jj$

$\rightarrow WZ, Wh$

Benchmarks:

- SSM
- HVT
(more appropriate for diboson channel)



$\rightarrow jj$

$\rightarrow t\bar{t}$

Benchmark:

RS

[Note that MCHM is dual to Warped Extra-Dimensional scenario]

Indirect Constraints on Vector Resonances

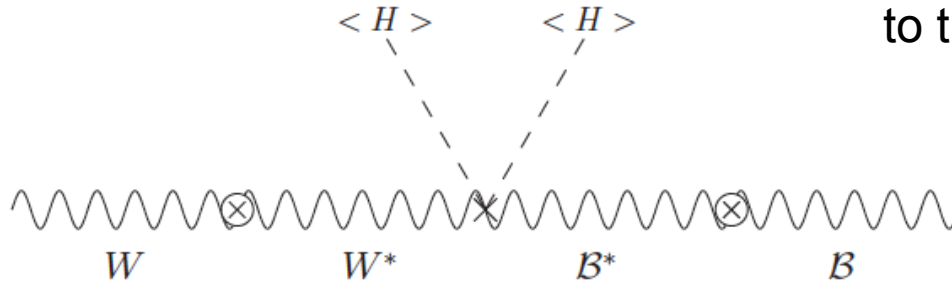
W', Z'



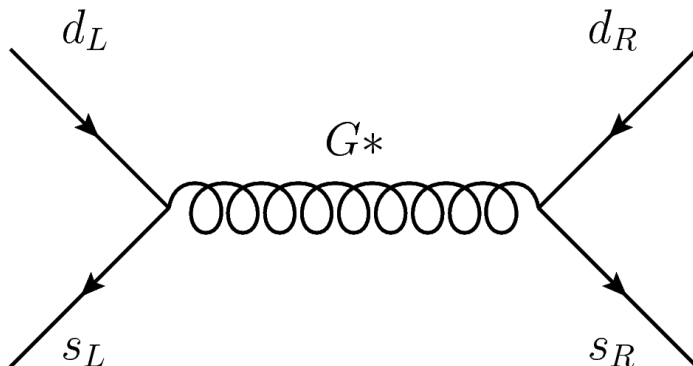
$$m_V \gtrsim 2 \text{ TeV}$$

Tree-level contribution
to the S parameter

M. Ciuchini et al,
[arXiv:1306.4644 [hep-ph]] ...



$k\bar{k}g$



$$m_{G^*} \gtrsim 3 \text{ TeV}$$

Tree-level contribution
to FV processes
(K-Kbar mixing: ϵ_K)

In NMFV composite
flavor structure

(Ex. Barbieri et al JHEP
1305 (2013) 069)

Data+Naturalness suggest to look at “cascade topologies”

naturalness

Top-partners control Higgs mass quantum corrections

A ~ 125 GeV Composite Higgs implies Top-partners below 1 TeV

G. Panico, M. Redi, A. Tesi and A. Wulzer, [arXiv:1210.7114 [hep-ph]]

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EWPT

Flavor Obs.

V-prime above ~ 2 TeV

G above $\sim 2-3$ TeV*

► In the “natural param. space” vector-resonances decay to vector-like top partners

A TS model for the W' pheno, including the decays to VLQs
[NV Phys.Rev. D89 (2014) 9]



W-prime in Composite Higgs / RS Models

$$\text{SU}(2)_L \times \text{U}(1)_Y$$

$$g_2^{\text{el}} \simeq g_2$$

(Small δT)

Custodial symmetry

$$\text{SO}(5) \rightarrow \text{SO}(4) \sim \text{SU}(2)_L \times \text{SU}(2)_R$$

$$g_2^* > 1$$

\sim rho-photon
mixing

$$\mathbf{W}_{\text{el}}^a \in (\mathbf{3}, 1)$$

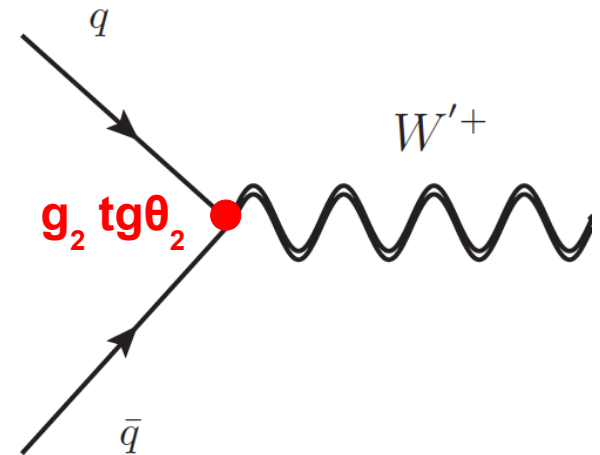


$$\mathbf{W}_{\text{com}}^{\prime a} \in (\mathbf{3}, 1)$$

$$\cot \theta_2 = \frac{g_2^*}{g_2^{\text{el}}}$$

$$g_2 = g_2^{\text{el}} \cos \theta_2 = g_2^* \sin \theta_2$$

$$\mathbf{W}' = \cos \theta_2 \mathbf{W}_{\text{com}}' + \sin \theta_2 \mathbf{W}_{\text{el}}$$



Controls the strength of W' interactions

More strongly-coupled EW sectors correspond to larger $\cot \theta_2$

top-partners in Composite Higgs / RS Models

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Custodial symmetry

[Carena *et al* Nucl.Phys. B759 (2006)]

Custodians

$\mathbf{m}_C = \mathbf{c}_L \mathbf{m}_T$

*Custodians are expected to be lighter than the other VLQs,
 Much lighter in the limit of large top degree of compositeness
 ($s_L \rightarrow 1, c_L \rightarrow 0$)*

Model parameters: W' mass, $\text{ct}\theta_2$, (s_L)

$\text{ct}\theta_2$ controls the production and BR

W' couplings to composite modes
($\mathbf{W}_L \mathbf{h}$, $\mathbf{W}_L \mathbf{Z}_L$, **top-partners**)

$$\propto g_2 \cot \theta_2$$

W' couplings to elementary modes
(**$\mathbf{l}\nu$** , **$\mathbf{j}\mathbf{j}$**)

$$\propto g_2 \tan \theta_2$$

Suppressed decays to leptons and di-jet for more strongly-interacting EW sectors

s_L dependence:

s_L mainly affects the relative importance of the decay channels:

$W' \rightarrow t\bar{b}$ (larger s_L) $W' \rightarrow T\bar{b}$ (smaller s_L)

Results could be presented in the W' mass vs coupling
($\mathbf{m}_{W'}$, $\text{ct}\theta_2$) param. space for some s_L values (i.e. 0.5, 0.9)

Comparison with “standard” benchmarks

Sequential-SM [Altarelli, Mele, Ruiz-Altaba '89] :

W' interactions with SM particles identical to those of the SM W

The SSM is obtained for:

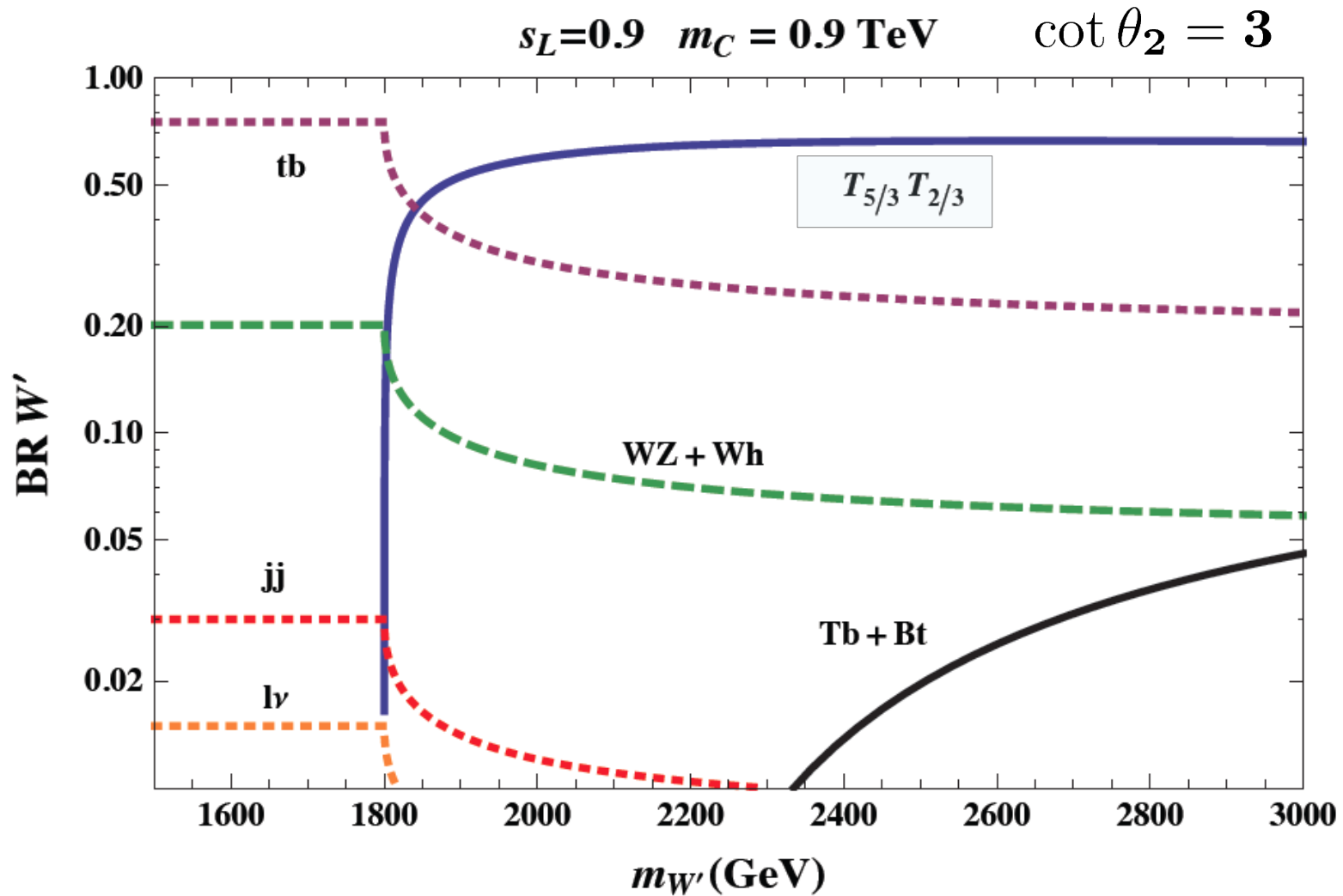
- Decoupled top-partners
- $\text{ct}\theta_2 = 1$
- $s_L = 0$

HVT Model B [Pappadopulo, Torre, Tham, Wulzer '14] :

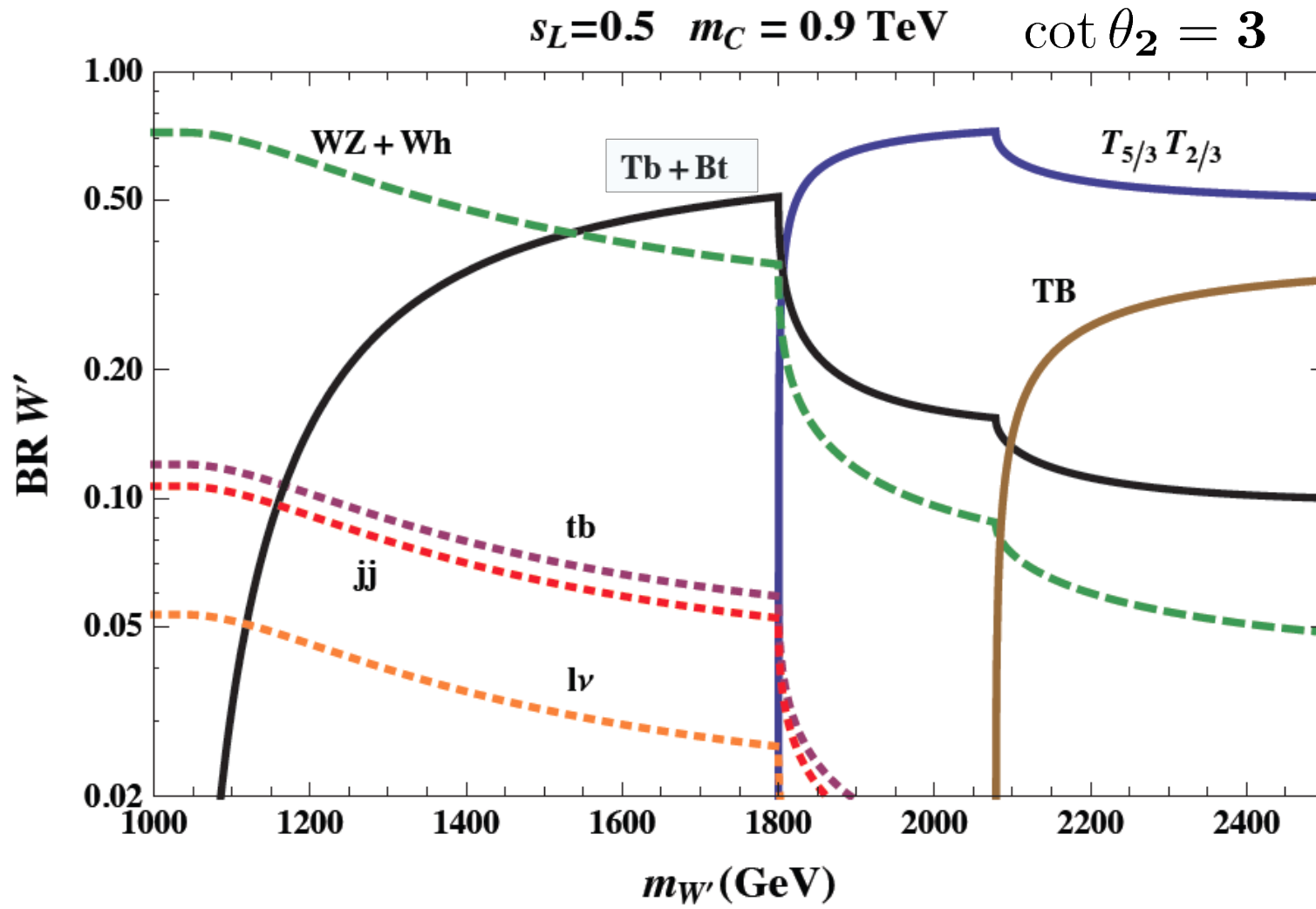
MCHM with decoupled top-partners and universal couplings to fermions

- Decoupled top-partners
- $s_L = 0$

W' BRs as functions of $m_{W'}$



W' BRs as functions of $m_{W'}$



Best W' Search Channels

- At high W' mass (the region favored by EWPT)

$$W' \rightarrow T_{5/3} T_{2/3}$$

- For lighter W'

<p>Larger $\text{ct}\theta_2$ (more natural param. space)</p>	{	<p>$W' \rightarrow tb$ (large s_L), Tb (intermediate s_L)</p> <p>$W' \rightarrow W_L Z_L, W_L h$</p>
<p>Small $\text{ct}\theta_2$</p>	{	<p>$W' \rightarrow l\nu$</p> <p>$W' \rightarrow jj$</p> <p>Channels suppressed in the scenario of strongly-interacting EW sector</p>

LHC-8 LIMITS

Extracted from NV, PRD 89
(2014) 9, 095027

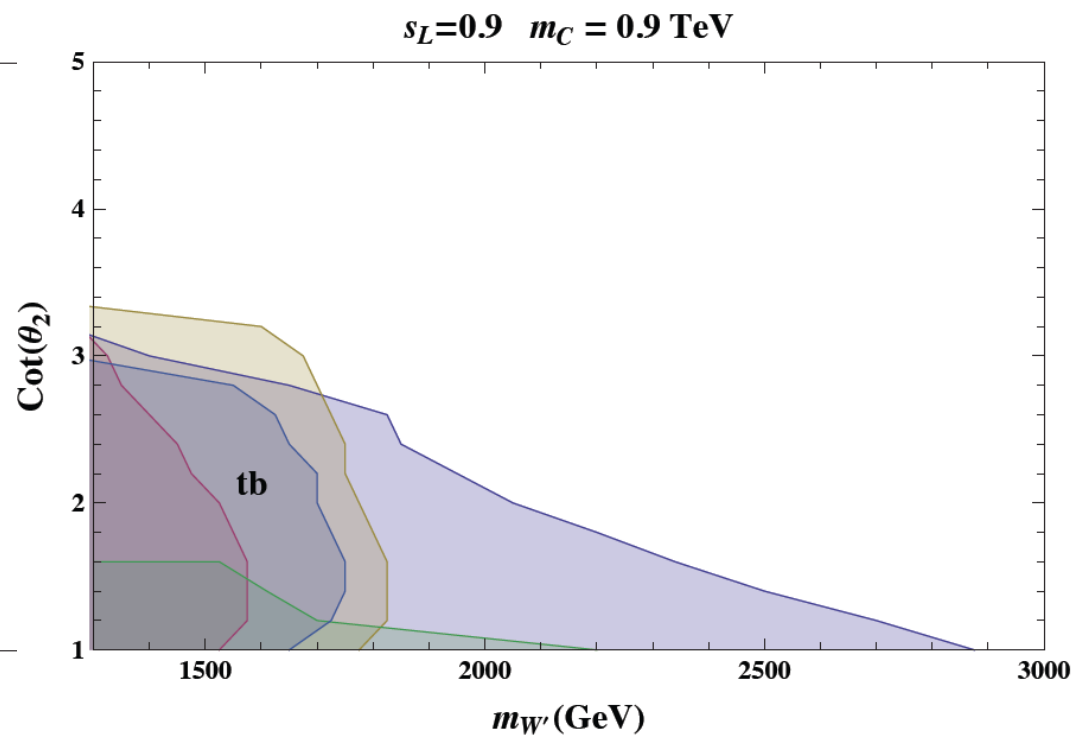
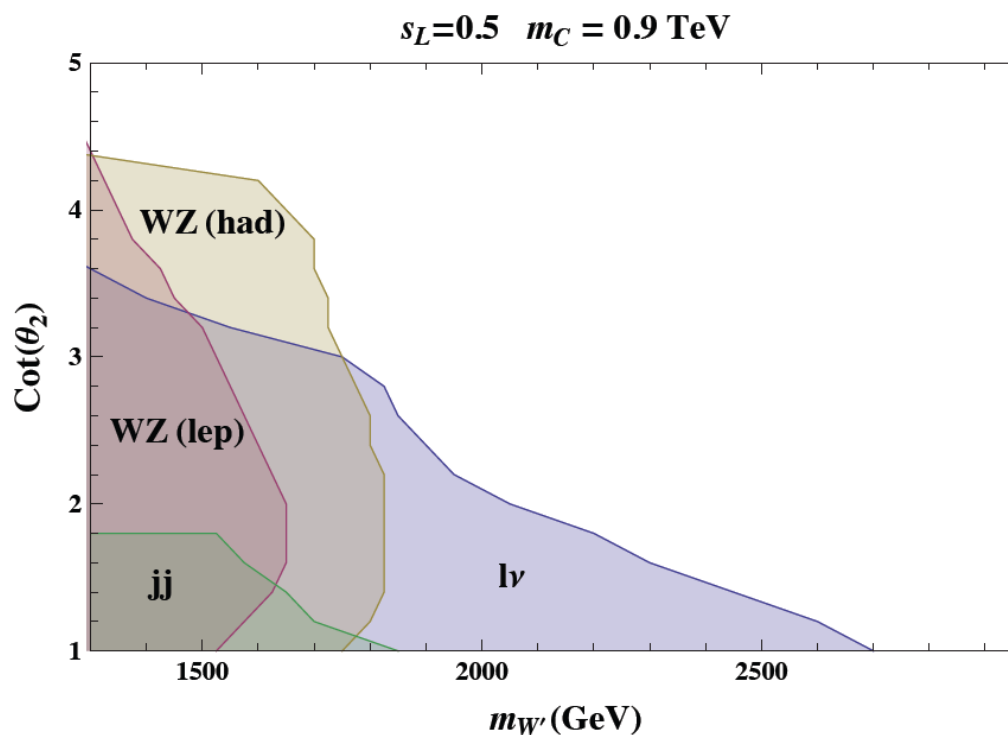
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jj CMS-PAS-EXO-12-059; ATLAS-CONF-2012-148

WZ (fully had) CMS-PAS-EXO-12-024

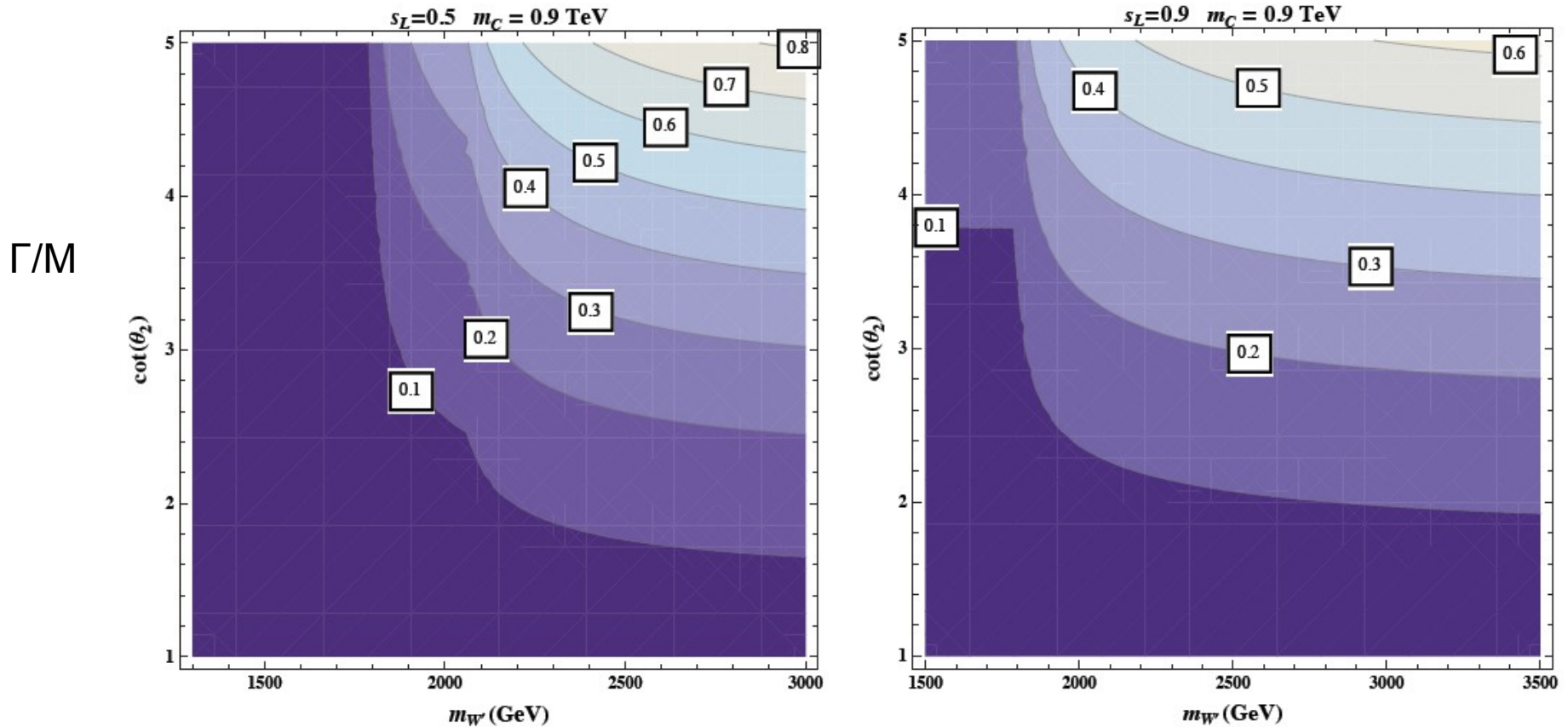
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Limitation of the NWA

- Limits obtained with the NWA from ATLAS and CMS analyses which consider Sequential-Standard-Model cannot be directly applied to the CHM/RS scenario in the (Large Mass , Large coupling) parameter space

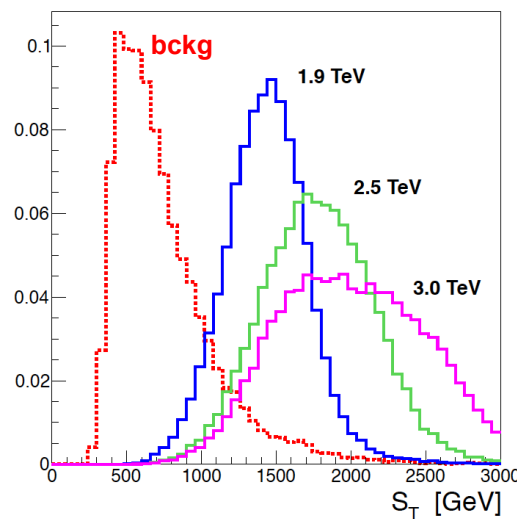
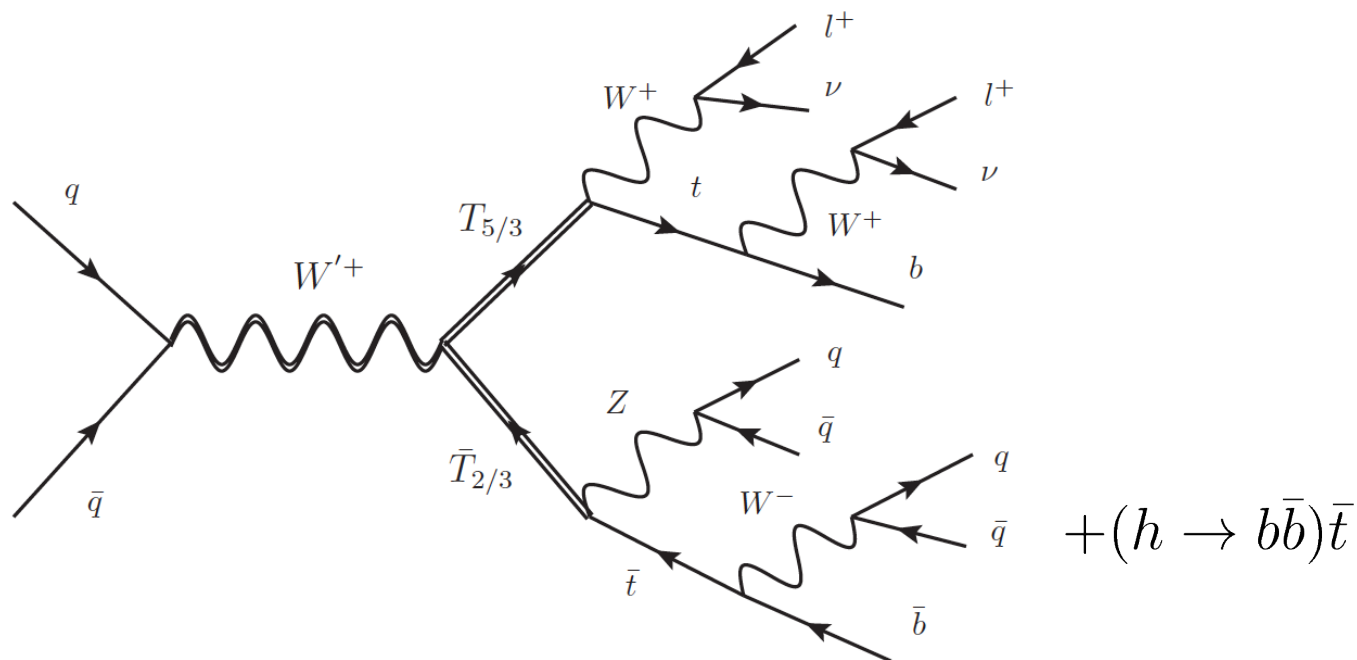


The custodian channel in the same-sign dilepton final state

LHC-14

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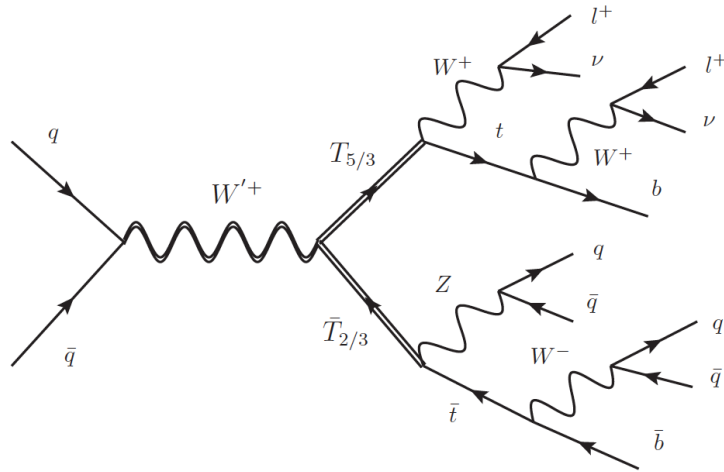
Same-Sign Dilep	acceptance
$m_{W'} = 1.9 \text{ TeV}$	0.82
$m_{W'} = 2.2 \text{ TeV}$	0.52
$m_{W'} = 2.5 \text{ TeV}$	0.29
$m_{W'} = 3.0 \text{ TeV}$	0.11
$m_{W'} = 3.5 \text{ TeV}$	0.041
$W^+ t \bar{t}$	4.1
$W^+ W^+$	1.5
$W^+ W^+ W^-$	0.6
Total background	6.2



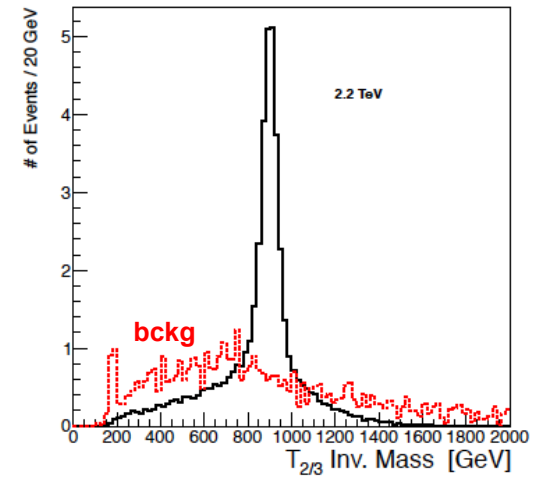
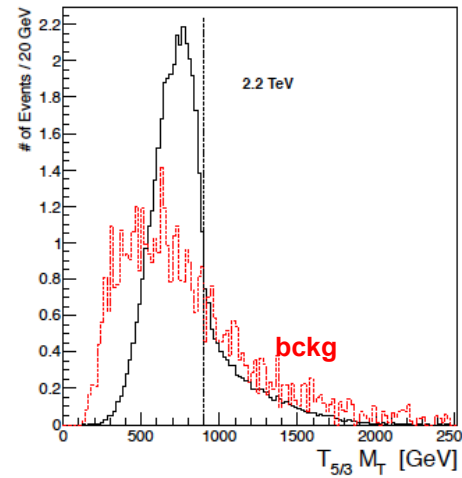
$$S_T \equiv H_T + \not{p}_T$$

	CUT-1	CUT-2
$p_T \ l(1)$	90	
$p_T \ l(2)$	30	
$p_T \ j(1)$	160	
$p_T \ j(2)$	100	
H_T	550	700
S_T	1100	1400

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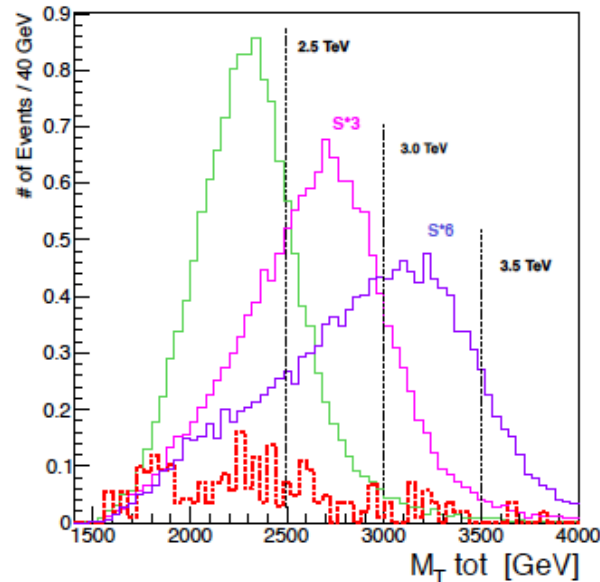
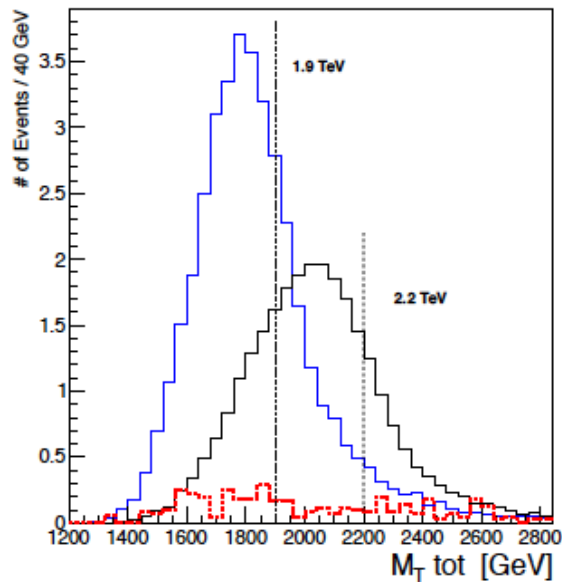


Custodians



Total
transverse
mass

(smearing in
jet momentum
included)



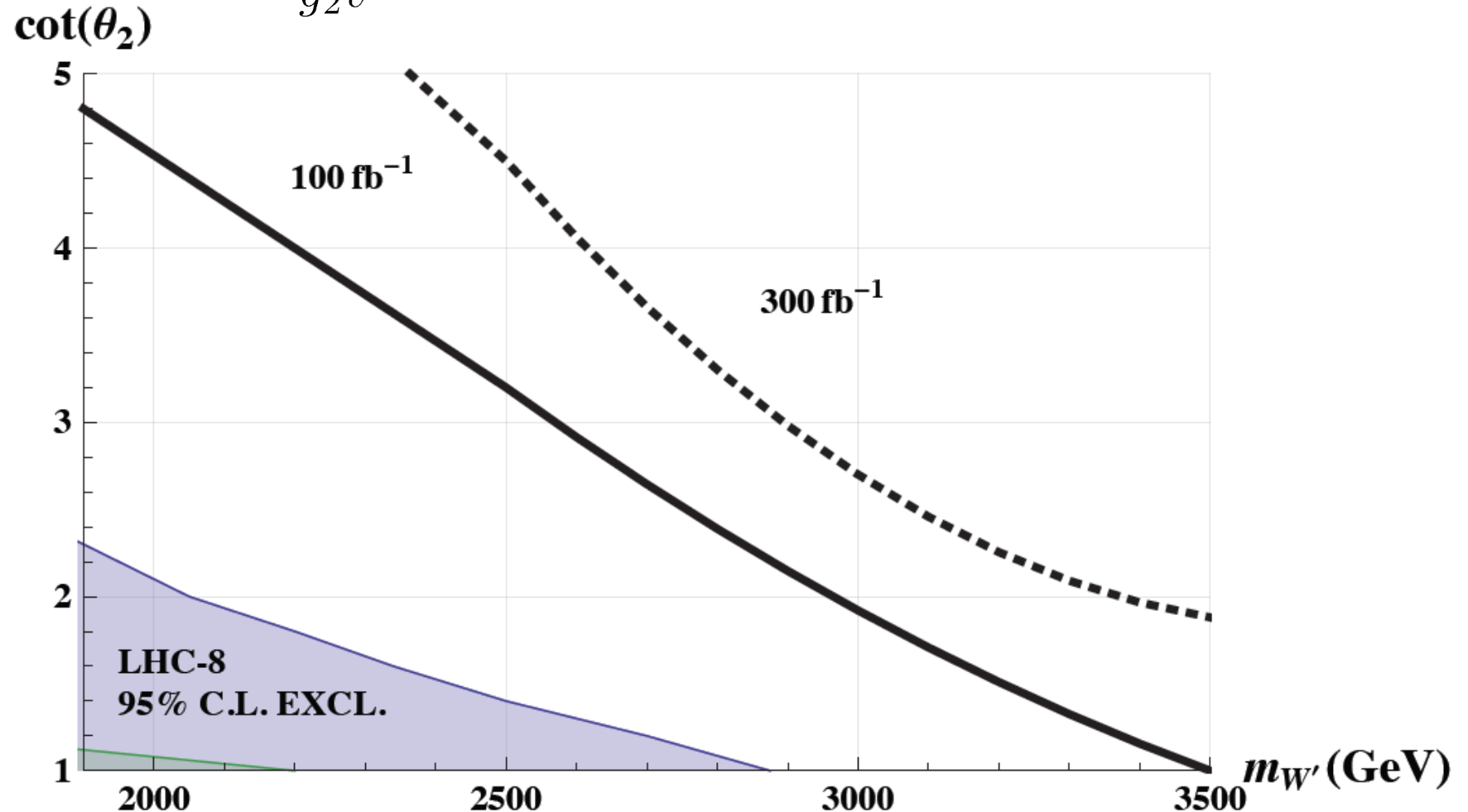
$$M_T(T_{5/3}) > 400 \text{ GeV}$$

$$M_{T_{2/3}} \in [0.8, 1.0] \text{ TeV}$$

The custodian channel in the same-sign dilepton final state

$$(v/f < 1 \rightarrow \cot \theta_2 \lesssim \frac{m_{W'}}{g_2 v})$$

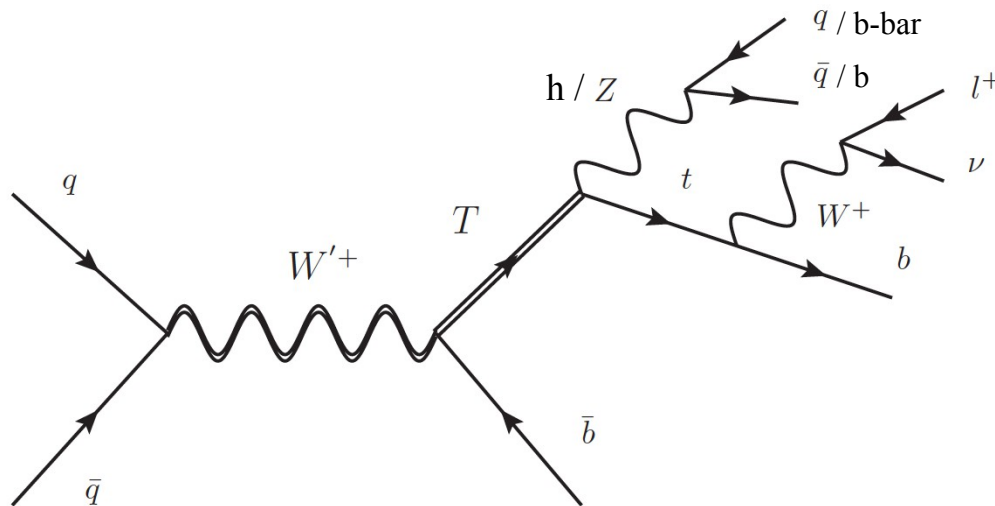
5 σ LHC-14



The heavy-light Tb channel, for $s_L=0.5$

$$pp \rightarrow l^+ + n \text{ jets} + \cancel{E}_T$$

$$n \geq 3, \quad \text{at least 2 } b\text{-tag}$$

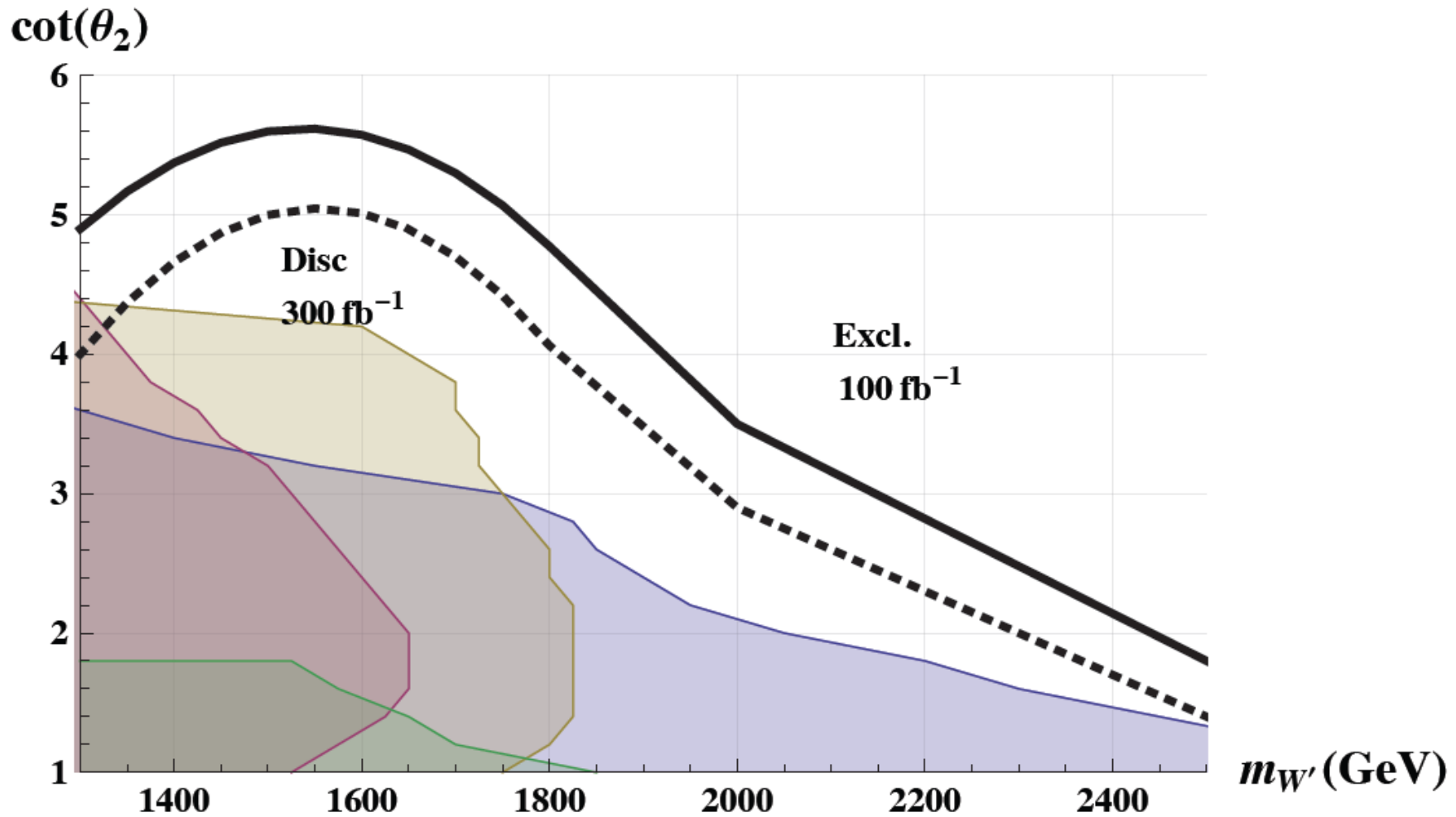


- Neutrino, top and T reconstruction
- $S_T > 1.1 \text{ TeV}$
 $(t, b, Z/h, T) p_T > 150 \text{ GeV}$
- T inv mass cut

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LHC-14	acceptance
$m_{W'} = 1.3 \text{ TeV}$	9.1
$m_{W'} = 1.5 \text{ TeV}$	7.5
$m_{W'} = 1.7 \text{ TeV}$	5.0
$m_{W'} = 2.0 \text{ TeV}$	0.70
$m_{W'} = 2.5 \text{ TeV}$	0.11
$WWbb$	19000
$Wbb + jets$	1600
$W + jets$	560
Total background	21000

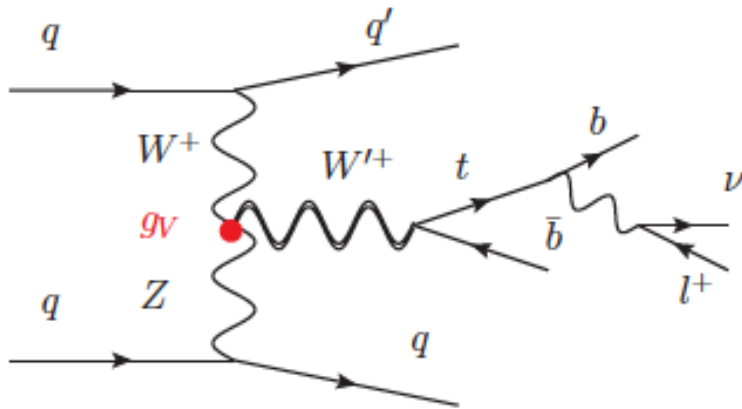
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VBF production

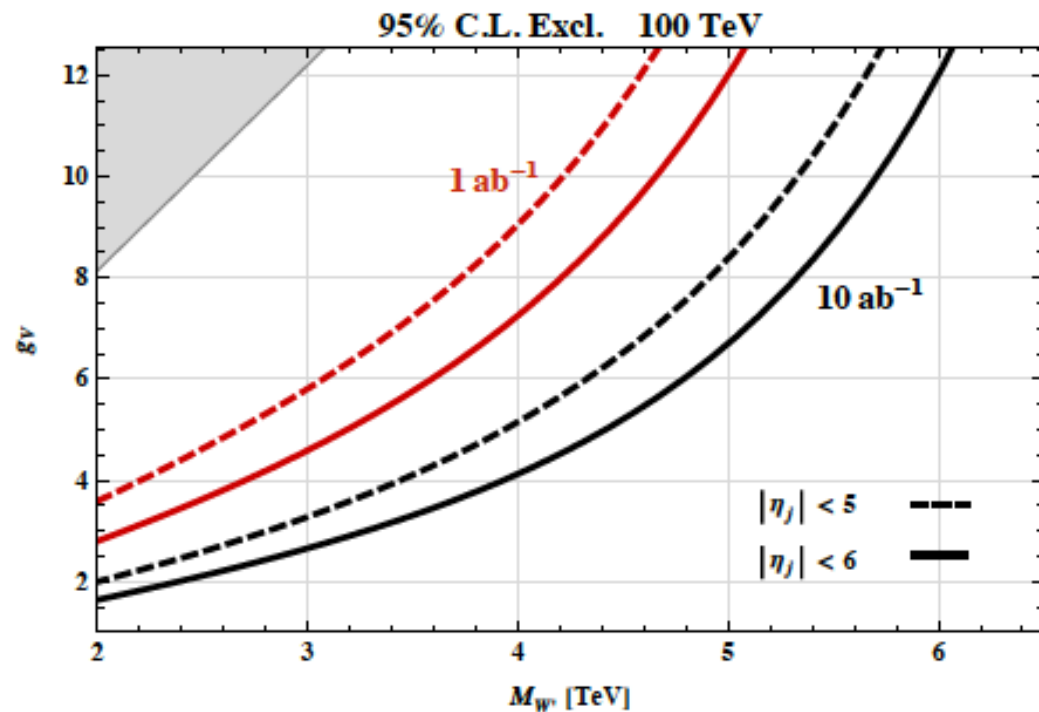
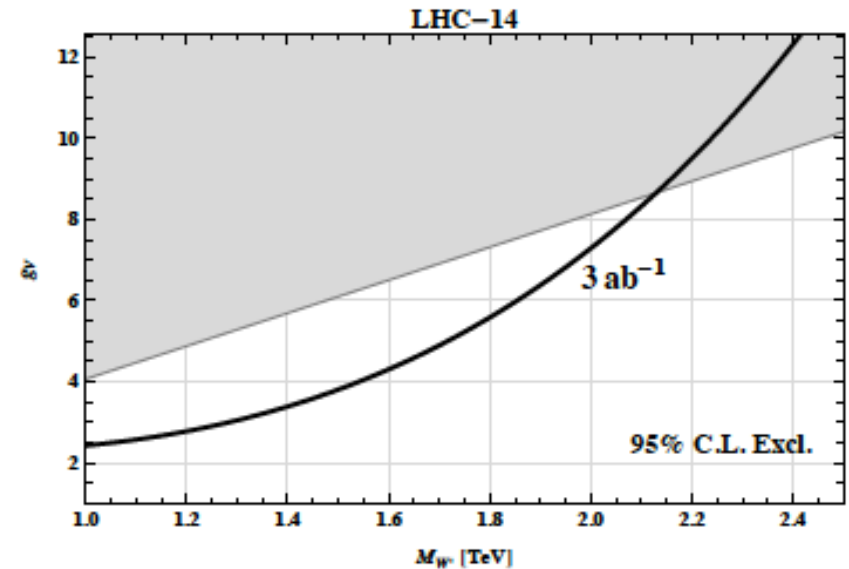
Test the more strongly-coupled regime



$$g_V = g_2 \cot \theta_2$$

important to consider
at future colliders

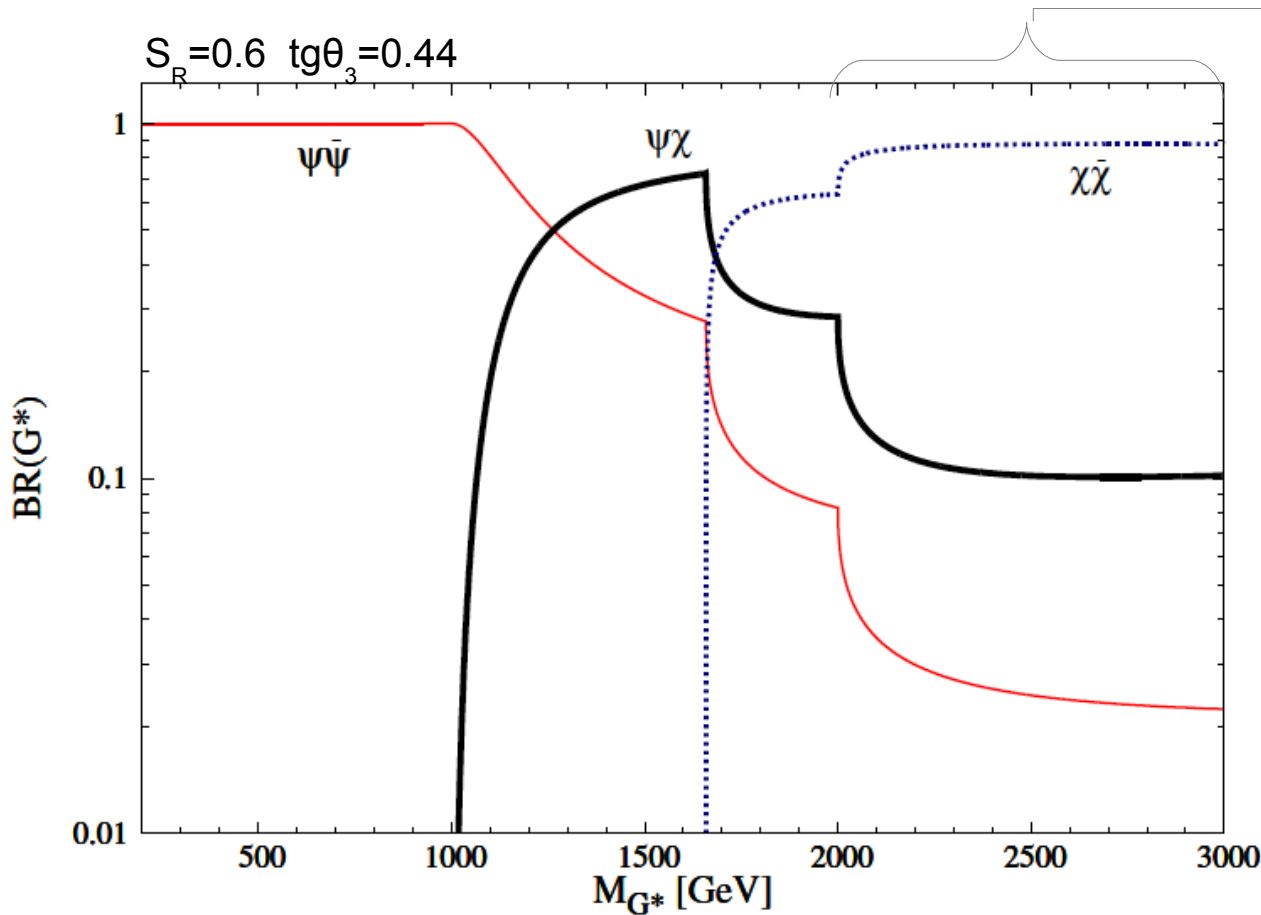
K. Mohan, NV
JHEP 1510 (2015) 031



Similar phenomenology for the G^*

The only relevant difference with the W' is that G^* could be broader, and thus ELUSIVE, in the heavy mass regime (above threshold for decays into pairs of VLQs)

Heavy-light
Topologies
 $G^* \rightarrow Tt, Bb$
 $\rightarrow Wtb, Ztt, Htt$
[1110.6058]

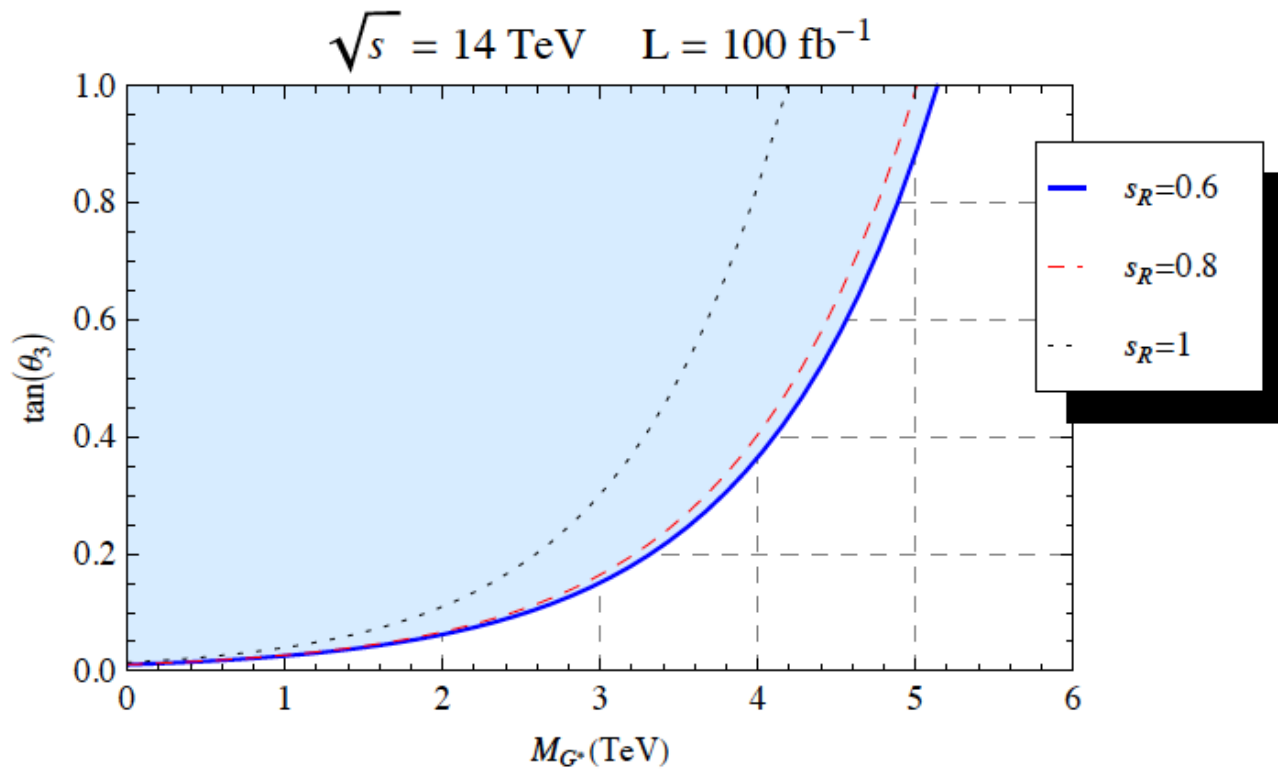
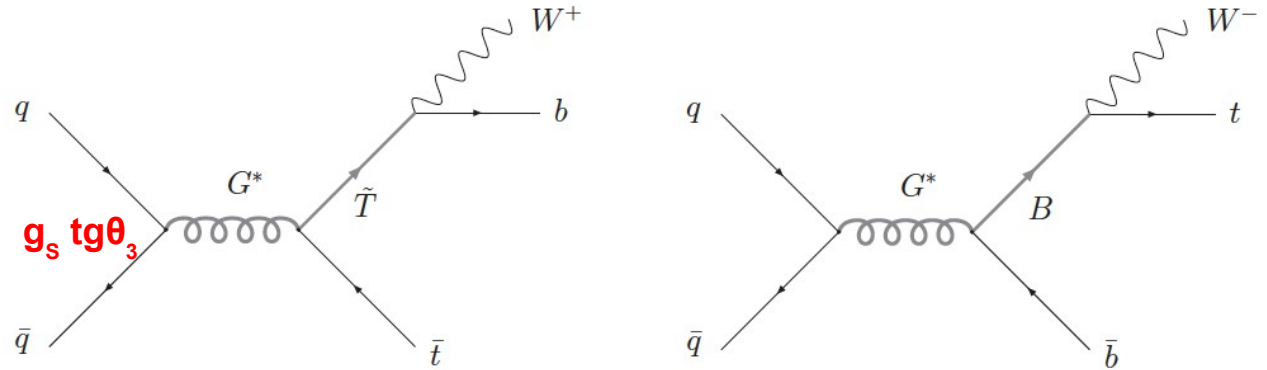


G^* can be elusive
(difficult to see a
bump, but we
could still
measure indirect
 G^* effects in VLQ
pair production)
[1411.1771;
1505.01506]

$G^* \rightarrow$ custodians

The heavy-light decay channel

Bini, Contino, NV
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$$M_{G^*}/m_{\tilde{T}} = 1.5$$

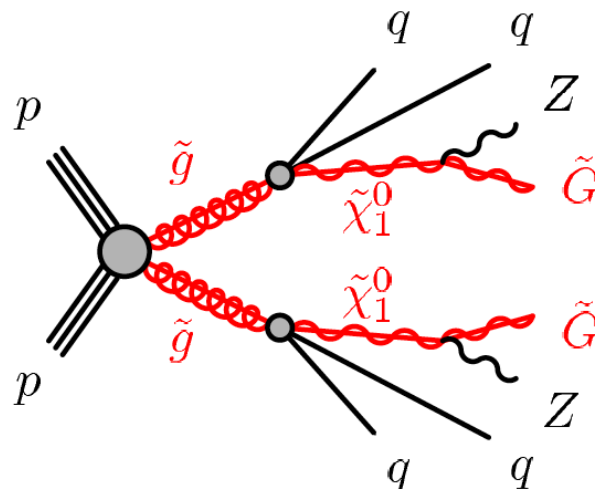
An example of the importance to consider vector resonance decays to VLQs

ATLAS 1503.03290

3 sigma excess in

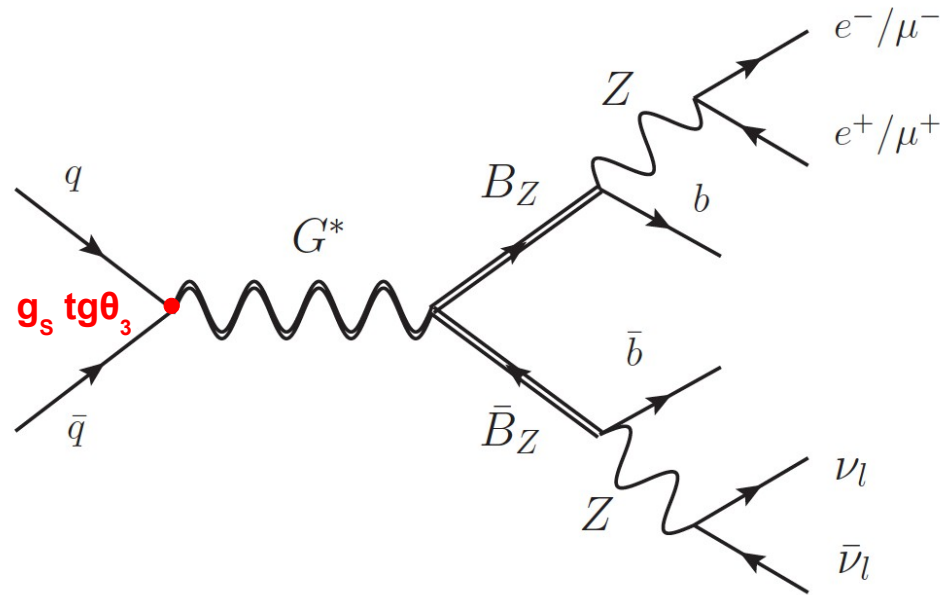
Search for supersymmetry in events containing a same-flavour opposite-sign dilepton pair, jets, and large missing transverse momentum in $\sqrt{s} = 8$ TeV pp collisions with the ATLAS detector

On-Z Region	E_T^{miss} [GeV]	H_T [GeV]	n_{jets}	$m_{\ell\ell}$ [GeV]	SF/DF	E_T^{miss} sig. [$\sqrt{\text{GeV}}$]	f_{ST}	$\Delta\phi(\text{jet}_{12}, E_T^{\text{miss}})$
Signal regions								
SR-Z	> 225	> 600	≥ 2	$81 < m_{\ell\ell} < 101$	SF	-	-	> 0.4



But a **non-susy** explanation is also possible
(GGM does not fit well the observed jet multiplicity distribution)

An example of the importance to consider vector resonance decays to VLQs



NV, 1504.01768

G^* decays to VLQs
(bottom partners)

Bottom partners included to
explain the bottom mass
generation

Custodial symmetry leads to two kinds of
peculiar bottom-partners

$$B_H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(B_{-1/3} + B')$$

100% decays to hb

$$B_Z = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(B_{-1/3} - B')$$

100% decays to Zb

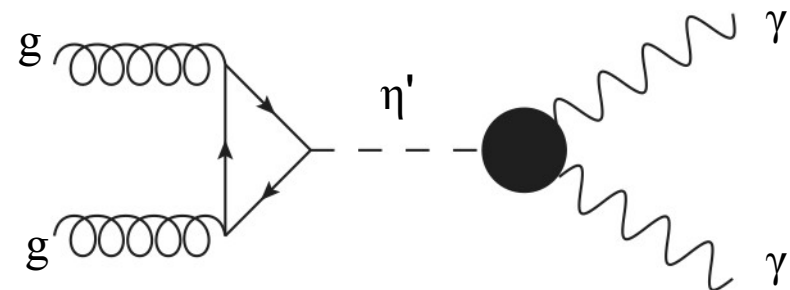
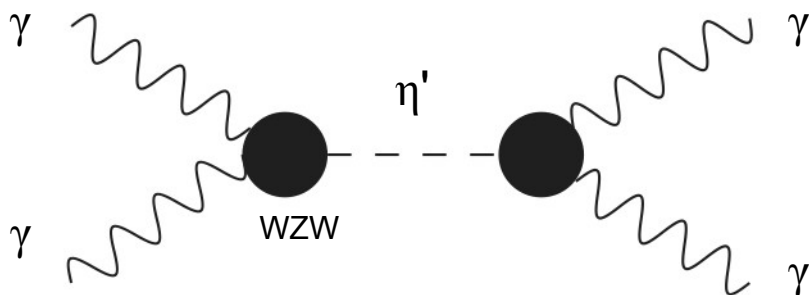
$$Q' = \begin{pmatrix} B_{-1/3} & T' \\ B_{-4/3} & B' \end{pmatrix} = (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{2}, \mathbf{2})_{-1/3}$$

HIGH RATE for
ZZbb hhbb
final states

Composite Scalars and Topological Sectors

- η' -like states (related to U(1) axial anomaly)
- WZW anomalous couplings to EW gauge bosons, in particular to diphoton
- Diphoton channel very powerful to test strong dynamics

E. Molinaro, F. Sannino, NV
Mod. Phys. Lett. A 31 (2016) 26, 1650155
Nucl. Phys. B 911 (2016) 106-126



Minimal models

MCHM Agashe, Contino, Pomarol, NPB 719 (2005)

$$SO(5) \rightarrow SO(4) \sim SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$$

$$(2, 2) \quad 4\text{GB} : h + W_L^\pm, Z_L$$

Minimal realization including custodial symmetry

Cannot be realized
by an underlying
fundamental
fermionic matter
theory

$$SU(4)/Sp(4) \sim SO(6)/SO(5)$$

$$(2, 2) + (1, 1) \quad 5\text{GB} : W_L^\pm, Z_L + h + \eta$$

Includes custodial symmetry

underlying fundamental
fermionic matter theory



$N_f=2$ techni-fermions
in a Pseudo-Real of
the underlying gauge
dynamics.
Condensate in a 2-
index antisymmetric₄₆
rep. of $SU(4)$

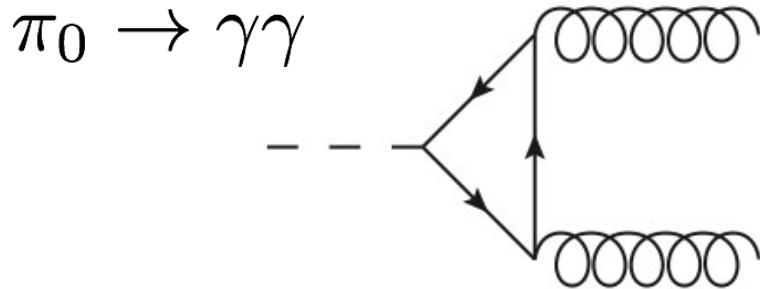
Unveiling a new BSM strong dynamics via anomalous interactions

Molinaro, Sannino, Thomsen, NV, Phys. Rev. D 96 (2017) 7, 075040

ANOMALY: an invariance of the classical theory is no longer present after quantization

► Inspiration from QCD

$$U(2)_L \times U(2)_R \sim SU(2)_V \times SU(2)_A \times U(1)_V \times U(1)_A$$



Broken (spontaneously) by the pion condensate and also by EM ANOMALY

Anomalous (instantons)
 $m_{\eta'}$

$$\partial_\mu J_A^\mu = \frac{e^2 N_C}{96\pi^2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} F_{\mu\nu} F_{\rho\sigma} + \dots$$

$$J_A^\mu = \frac{1}{2} (\bar{u} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 u - \bar{d} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 d)$$

SU(4)/Sp(4)

Sannino, Cacciapaglia,
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Minimal composite model with fermionic UV completion

4 Weyl fermions in $(1, 2)_0 \oplus (1, 1)_{-1/2} \oplus (1, 1)_{+1/2}$ of $SU(3)_c \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$

and in Pseudo-Real of **new strong gauge group** G_{TC}

No gauge anomalies

$$\mathcal{L}_{TC} = -\frac{1}{4} \mathcal{G}_{\mu\nu}^A \mathcal{G}^{A,\mu\nu} + i\bar{\psi}_a \bar{\sigma}^\mu D_\mu \psi^a - \frac{1}{2} (\psi^a m_{ab} \epsilon_{TC} \psi^b + \text{h.c.})$$

$$\langle \psi^a \epsilon_{TC} \psi^b \rangle = f^2 \Lambda \Sigma_0^{ab} \quad SU(4) \rightarrow Sp(4) \quad 5 \text{ NGB} \quad W_L^\pm, Z_L + h + \eta$$

For $m_{ab} \rightarrow 0$

Extra (anomalous) global U(1)
symmetry, with associated particle η'
(QCD analogy)

SU(4)/Sp(4)

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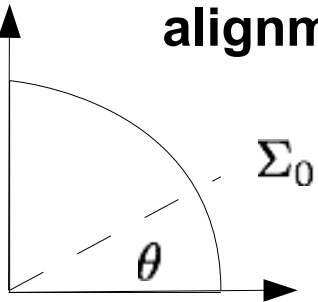
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$\sin \theta = 1$
(TC limit)

vacuum alignment

$$v = 2\sqrt{2}f \sin \theta$$

Top contrib.



$\sin \theta = 0$ (No EWSB)

Gauge contribution

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_0 &= \cos \theta \Sigma_B + \sin \theta \Sigma_H \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} i \sigma_2 \cos \theta & \mathbf{1} \sin \theta \\ -\mathbf{1} \sin \theta & -i \sigma_2 \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

SU(4)/Sp(4)

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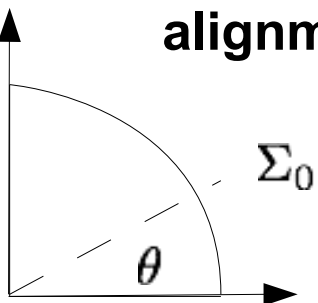
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Top
contrib.



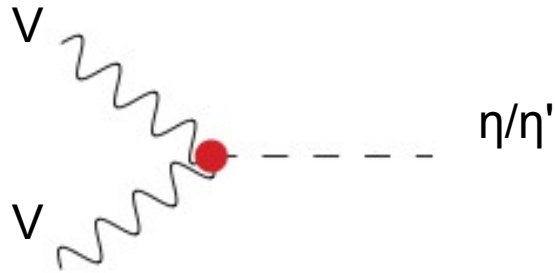
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Gauge contribution

Fine-tuning $\sim \sin \theta$

In the CW potential,
in order to have EWSB
and a light Higgs

WZW terms



Couplings of the anomalous interactions are directly proportional to $d(R)$, the dimension of the technifermion representation under G_{TC} ($\sim N$)



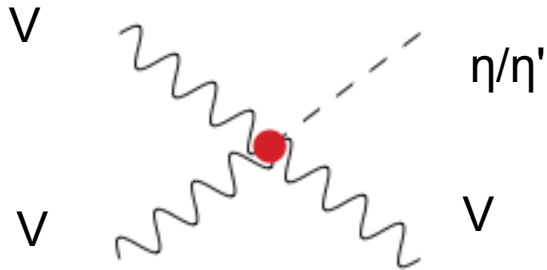
large- N CHM especially interesting for studies of anomalous interactions at future colliders

$$-\frac{d(R)\alpha_{EM}\cos\theta\sin\theta}{32\pi v}\eta\left[\frac{2}{c_ws_w}A_{\mu\nu}\tilde{Z}^{\mu\nu}+\frac{c_w^2-s_w^2}{c_w^2s_w^2}Z_{\mu\nu}\tilde{Z}^{\mu\nu}+\frac{2}{s_w^2}W_{\mu\nu}^+\tilde{W}^{-\mu\nu}\right]$$

$$-\frac{d(R)\alpha_{EM}\sin\theta}{48\pi v}\eta'\left[3A_{\mu\nu}\tilde{A}^{\mu\nu}+3\frac{c_w^2-s_w^2}{c_ws_w}A_{\mu\nu}\tilde{Z}^{\mu\nu}+\frac{3-6c_w^2s_w^2-\sin^2\theta}{2c_w^2s_w^2}Z_{\mu\nu}\tilde{Z}^{\mu\nu}+\frac{3-\sin^2\theta}{s_w^2}W_{\mu\nu}^+\tilde{W}^{-\mu\nu}\right]$$

Note: no EM anomaly for the η

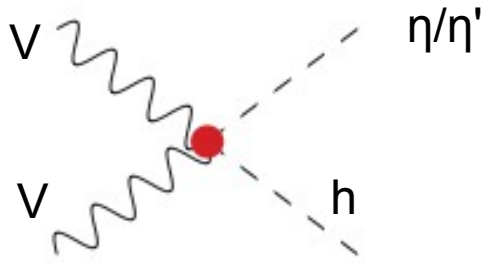
WZW terms



Gauged WZW action also generates η/η' interactions with 3 gauge bosons:

$$-i \frac{d(R) \alpha_{\text{EM}}^{3/2} \cos \theta \sin \theta}{4 \sqrt{\pi} v} \varepsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \partial_\mu \eta \left[\frac{2}{s_w^2} A_\nu + \frac{2c_w^2 - \sin^2 \theta}{c_w s_w^3} Z_\nu \right] W_\rho^+ W_\sigma^-$$

$$-i \frac{d(R) \alpha_{\text{EM}}^{3/2} \sin \theta}{12 \sqrt{\pi} v} \varepsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \partial_\mu \eta' \left[\frac{6 - 2 \sin^2 \theta}{s_w^2} A_\nu + \frac{6c_w^2 - (1 + 2c_w^2) \sin^2 \theta}{c_w s_w^3} Z_\nu \right] W_\rho^+ W_\sigma^-$$



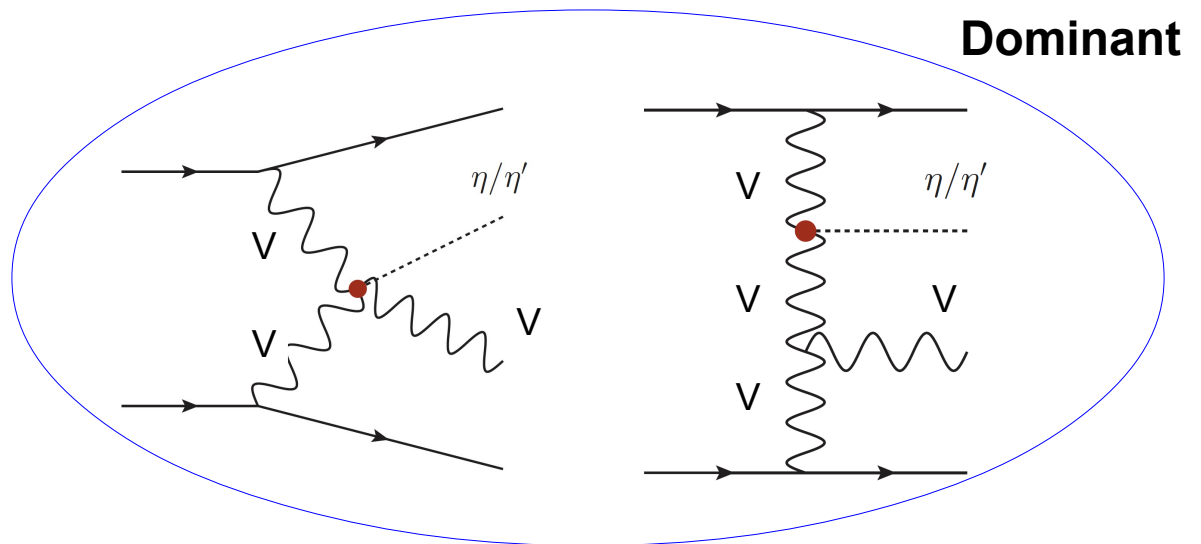
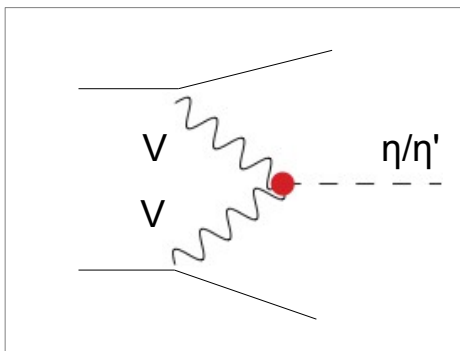
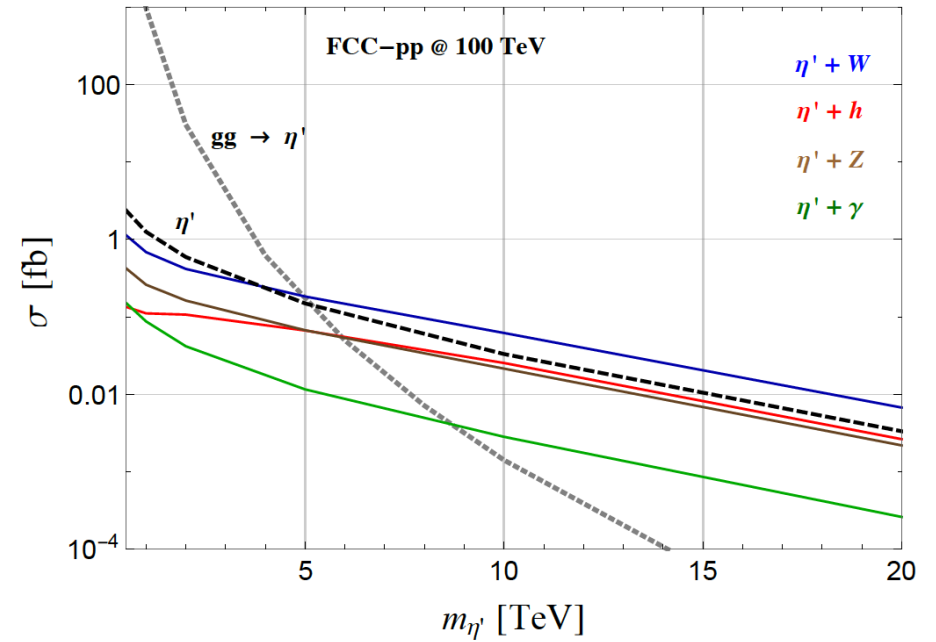
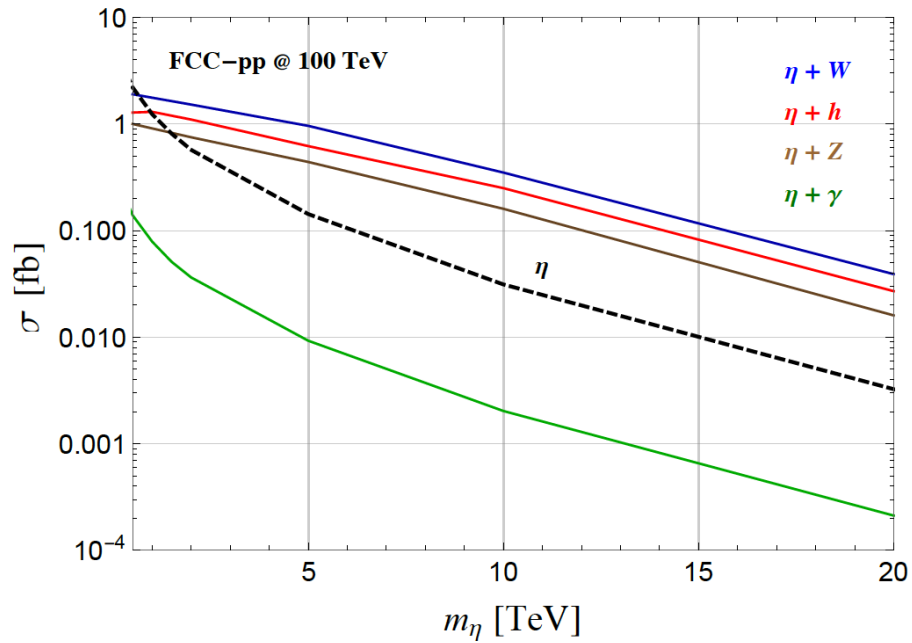
... and with 2 gauge bosons and the Higgs

$$\begin{aligned}
 & - \frac{d(R)\alpha_{\text{EM}} \sin^3 \theta}{16\pi v^2} \varepsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \left[\frac{4}{c_w s_w} \partial_\mu h \partial_\nu \eta A_\rho Z_\sigma \right. \\
 & \left. + h \overleftrightarrow{\partial}_\mu \eta \left(\frac{c_w^2 - s_w^2}{c_w^2 s_w^2} Z_{\nu\rho} Z_\sigma + \frac{1}{s_w^2} (W_{\nu\rho}^+ W_\sigma^- + W_{\nu\rho}^- W_\sigma^+) + \frac{1}{c_w s_w} (A_{\nu\rho} Z_\sigma + Z_{\nu\rho} A_\sigma) \right) \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$- \frac{d(R)\alpha_{\text{EM}} \cos \theta \sin^3 \theta}{24\pi v^2} \varepsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} h \partial_\mu \eta' \left[\frac{1}{c_w^2 s_w^2} Z_{\nu\rho} Z_\sigma + \frac{1}{s_w^2} (W_{\nu\rho}^+ W_\sigma^- + W_{\nu\rho}^- W_\sigma^+) \right]$$

Note: no anomalous triple- quartic-gauge couplings are generated

FCC-pp @ 100 TeV

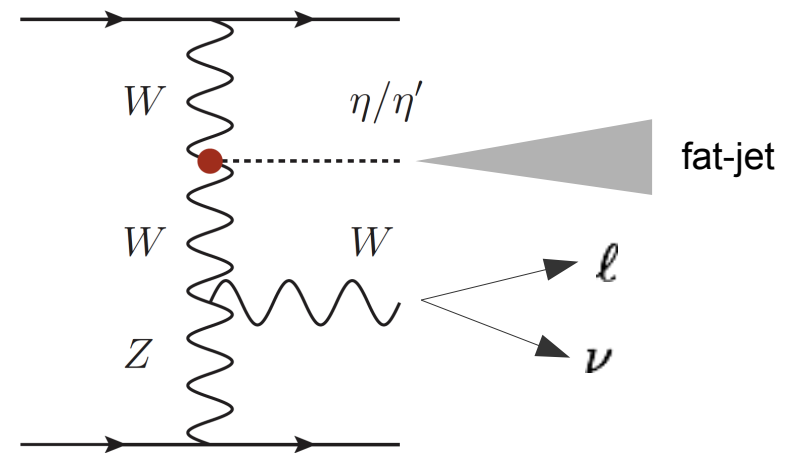
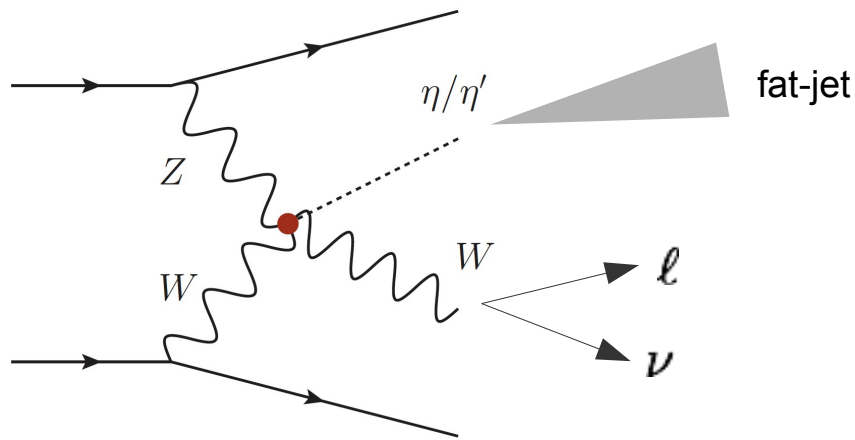


The signal ($\eta/\eta' + W$)

Production via topological interactions (interference between diagrams with 4 and 3 bosons interactions)

$$\eta \rightarrow VV \rightarrow \text{jets}$$

$$\eta' \rightarrow t\bar{t} \rightarrow \text{jets}$$

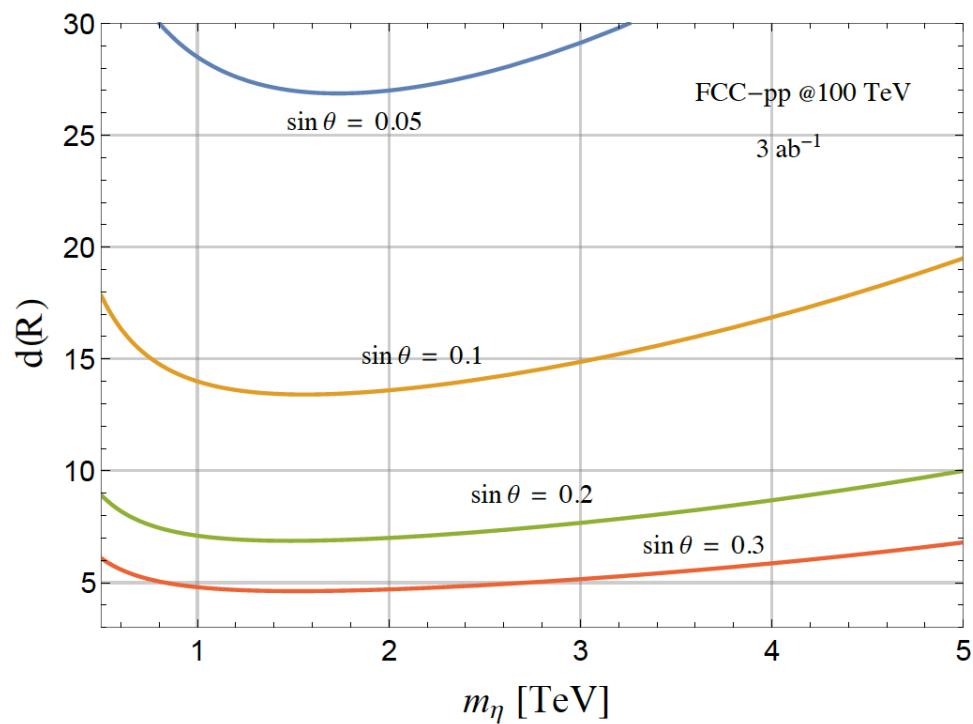
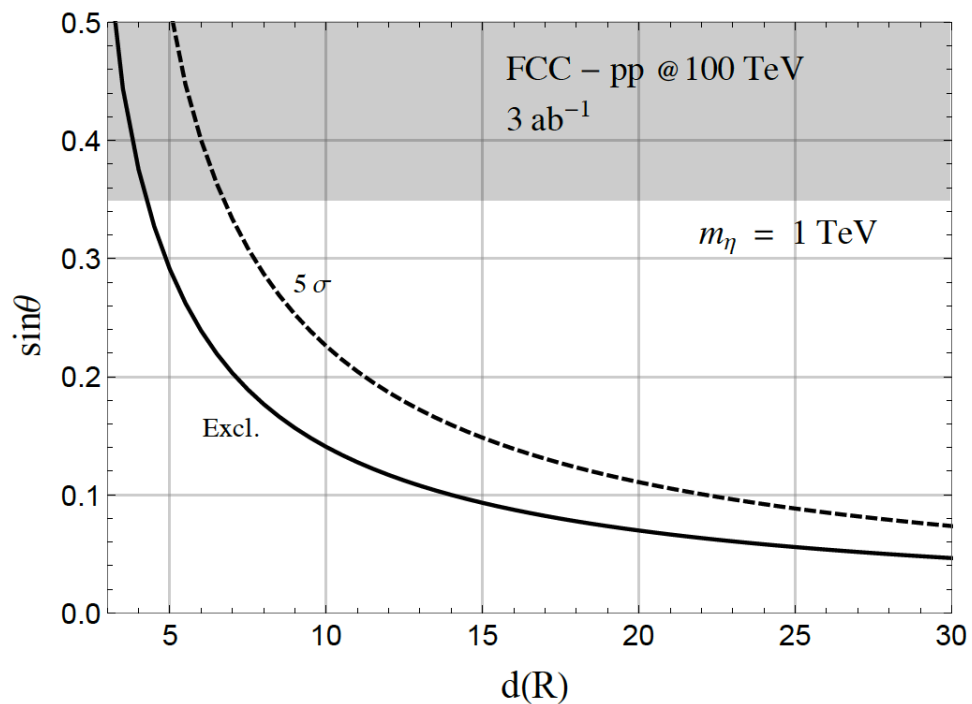


We reconstruct a single fat-jet from the hadronic decays of the η/η' (Jets clustered by FastJet with $R=1.5$)

$$\ell + n \text{ jets} + \cancel{E}_T, \quad n \geq 3, \quad \ell \equiv e, \mu$$

Dominant Background: W +jets

η signal



Wide FCC-pp reach on the fundamental parameters of the composite dynamics ($d(R)$) and the EWSB mechanism ($\sin\theta$)

η' signal

