

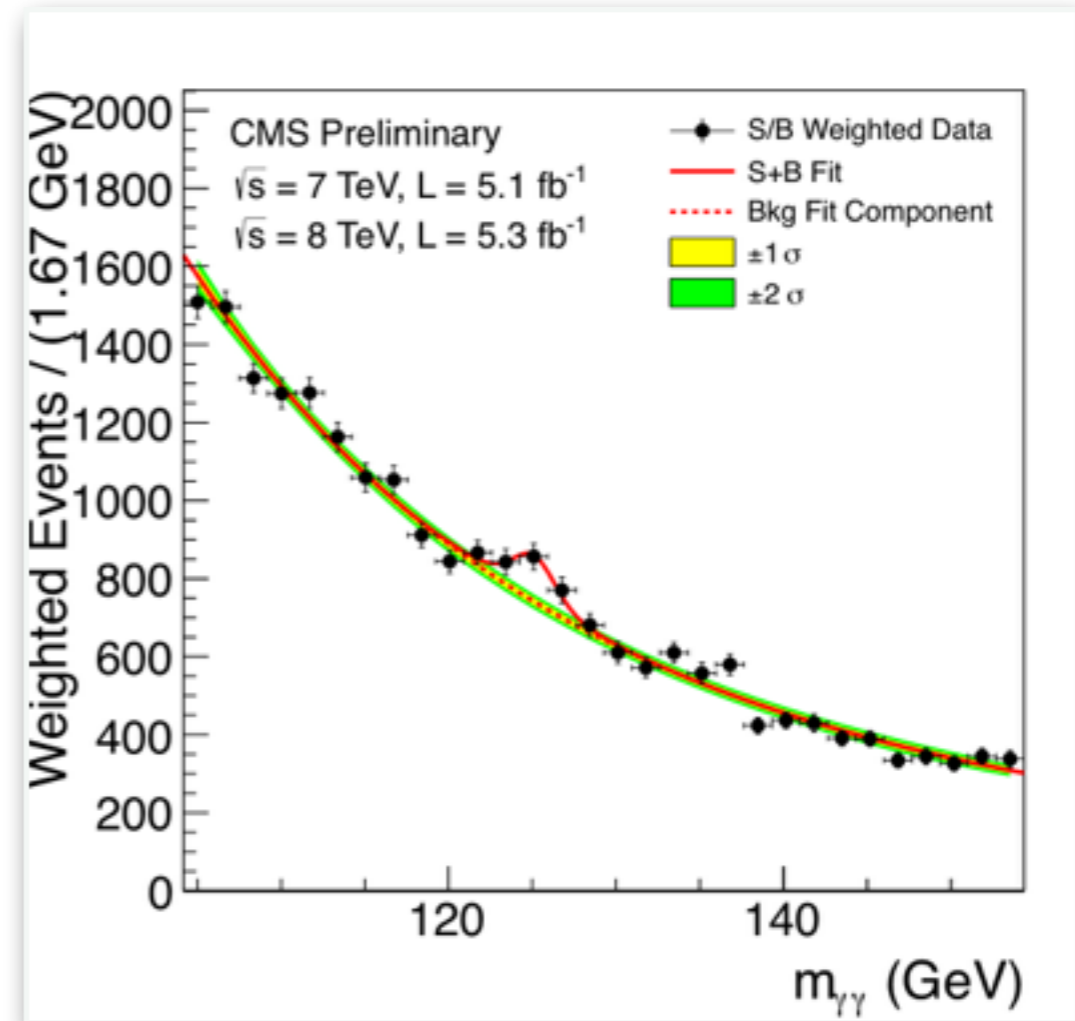
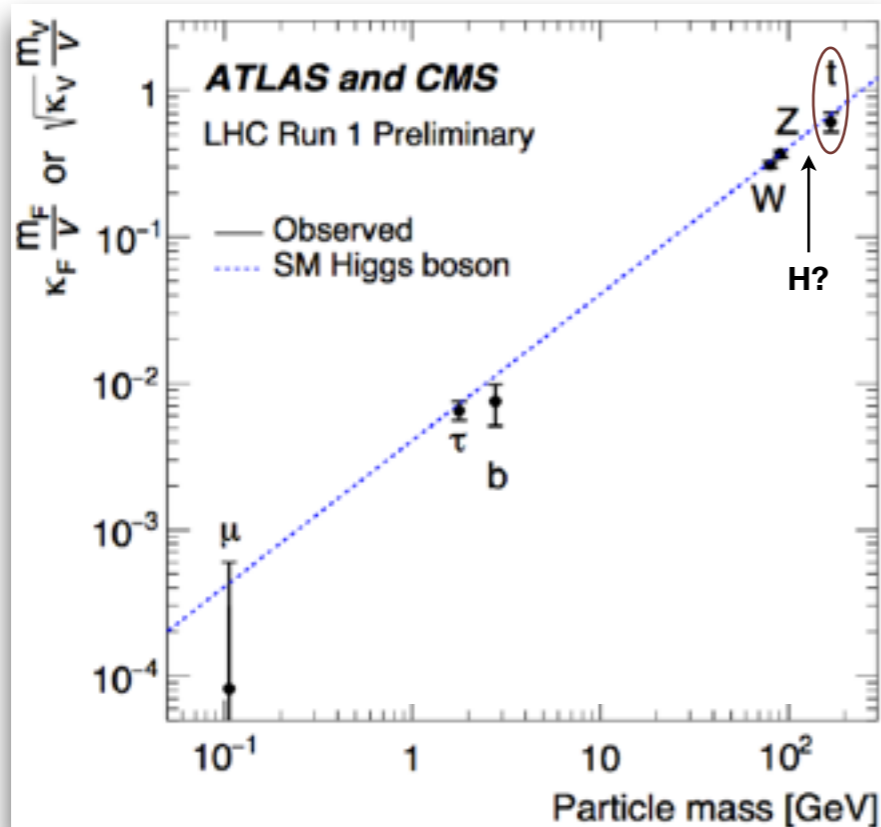
# The LHC challenge

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# The LHC triumph

- $h$  has  $S = 0$  and  $P = 1$
- $h$  is  $SU(3)_c \times U(1)_{em}$  neutral
- $h$  belongs to  $SU(2)_L$  doublet
- $h$  couplings prop. to masses



# Understanding the EW scale

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- $V = \mu^2 |H|^2 + \lambda |H|^4$
- $\mu^2$  Higgs potential parameter (tree level)
- $M^2$  scale of superheavy dofs with **coupling**  $g$  to  $H$ , e.g.  $O(10^{16}\text{GeV})^2$

$$m_H^2 \sim -2\mu^2 + \frac{g^2}{(4\pi)^2} M^2$$

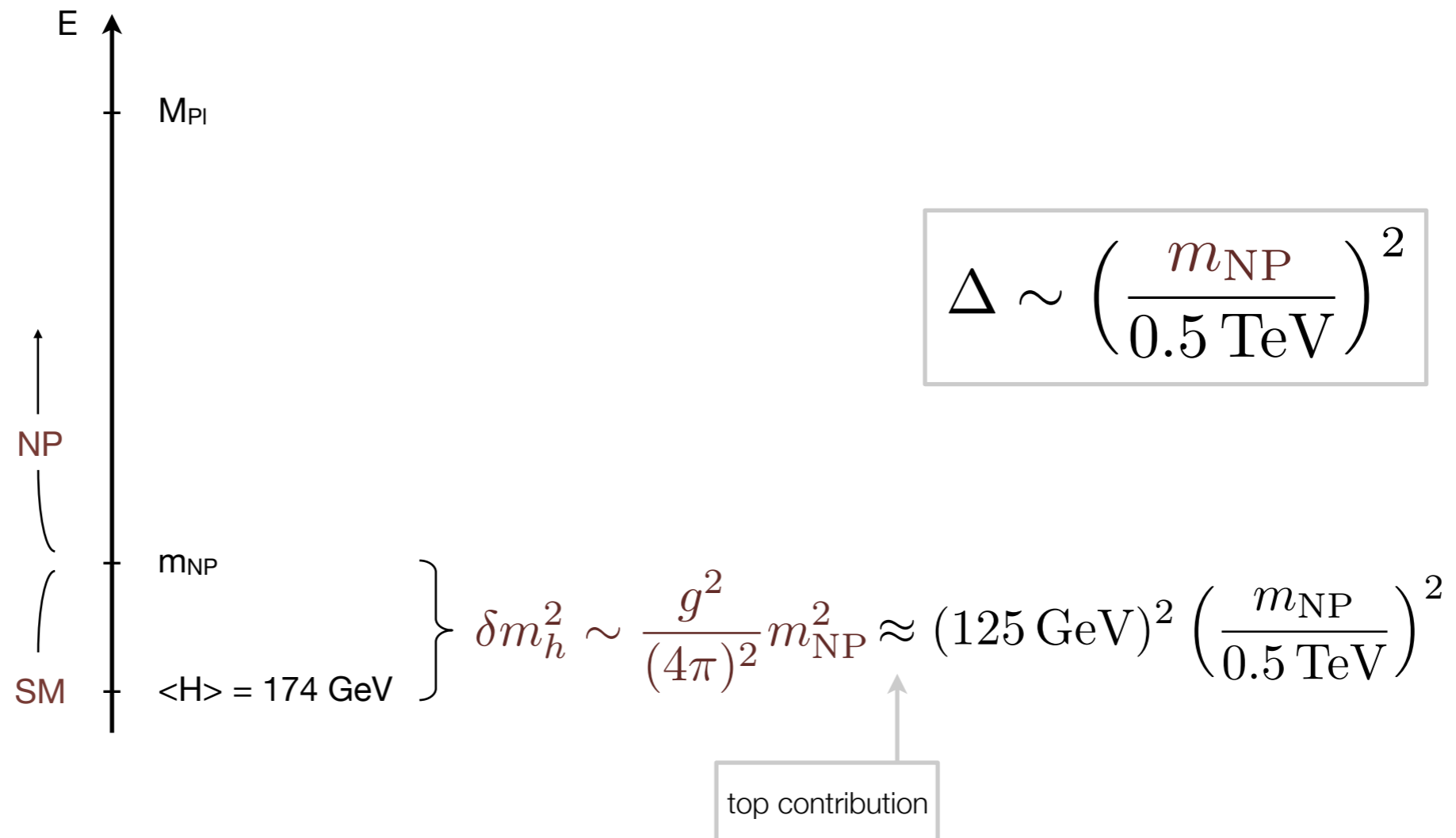
# The LHC challenge (I)

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# The scale of “natural” new physics

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# Example: supersymmetry

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$$\Delta \sim \left( \frac{m_{\text{NP}}}{0.5 \text{ TeV} / \sqrt{\log}} \right)^2 \quad \log = \log \frac{M^2}{m_{\text{NP}}^2}$$

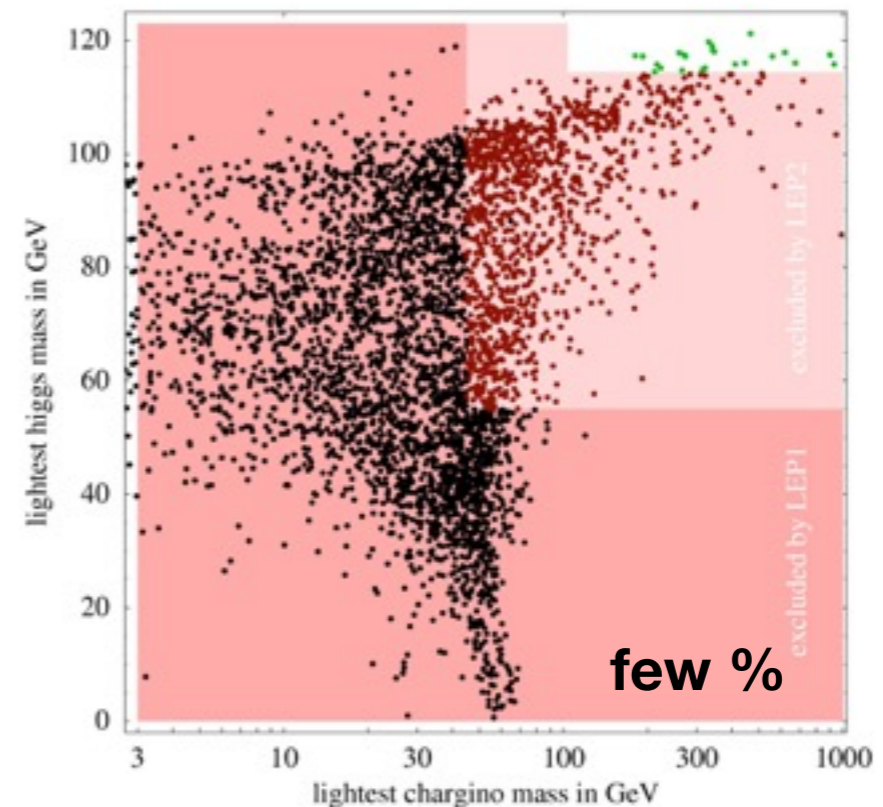
$M$  = mediation scale

Example: supergravity

$$M = M_{\text{Planck}}$$

$$\log \sim 70$$

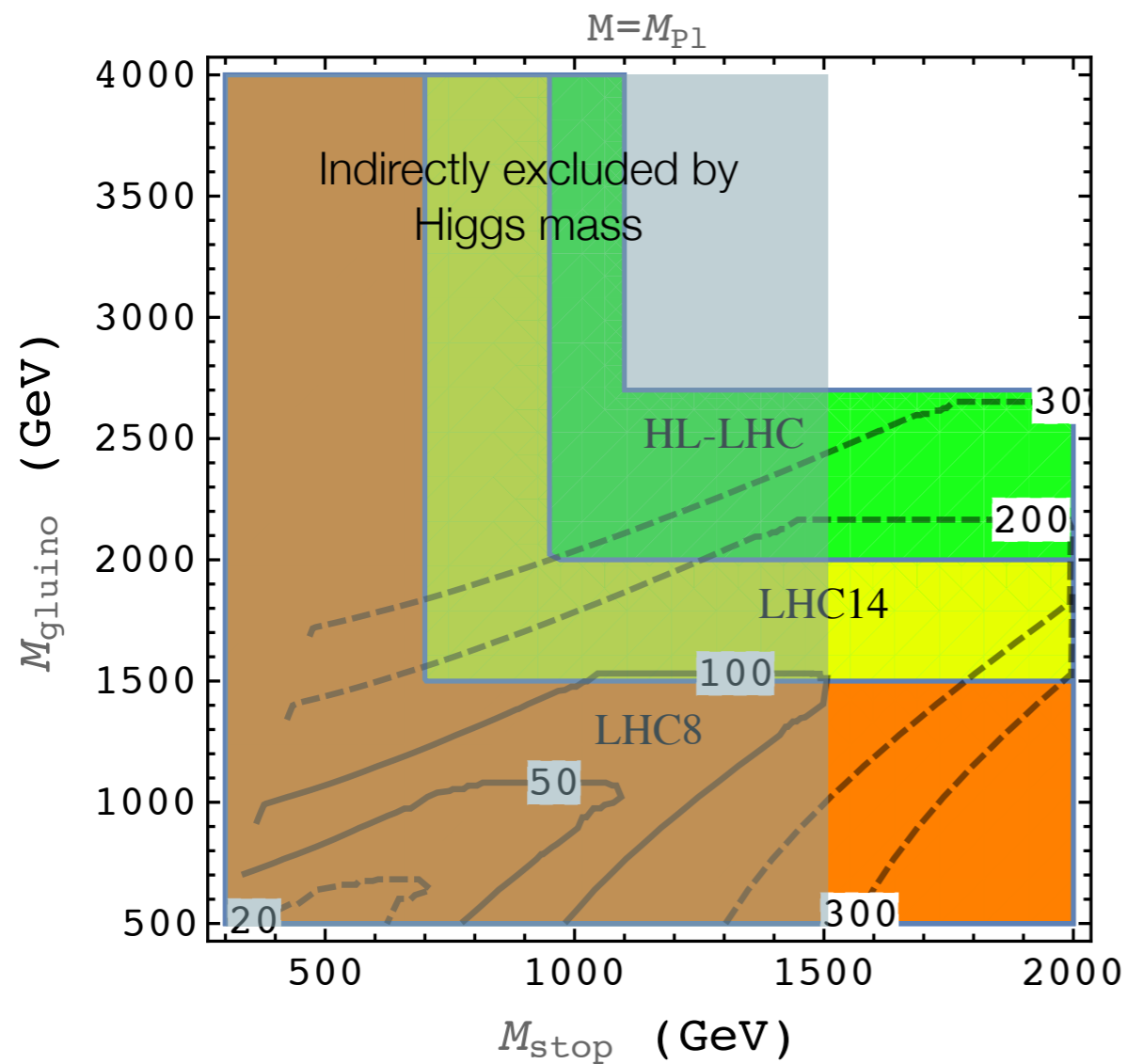
$$\Delta \sim 1 \text{ for } m_{\text{NP}} \sim M_Z$$



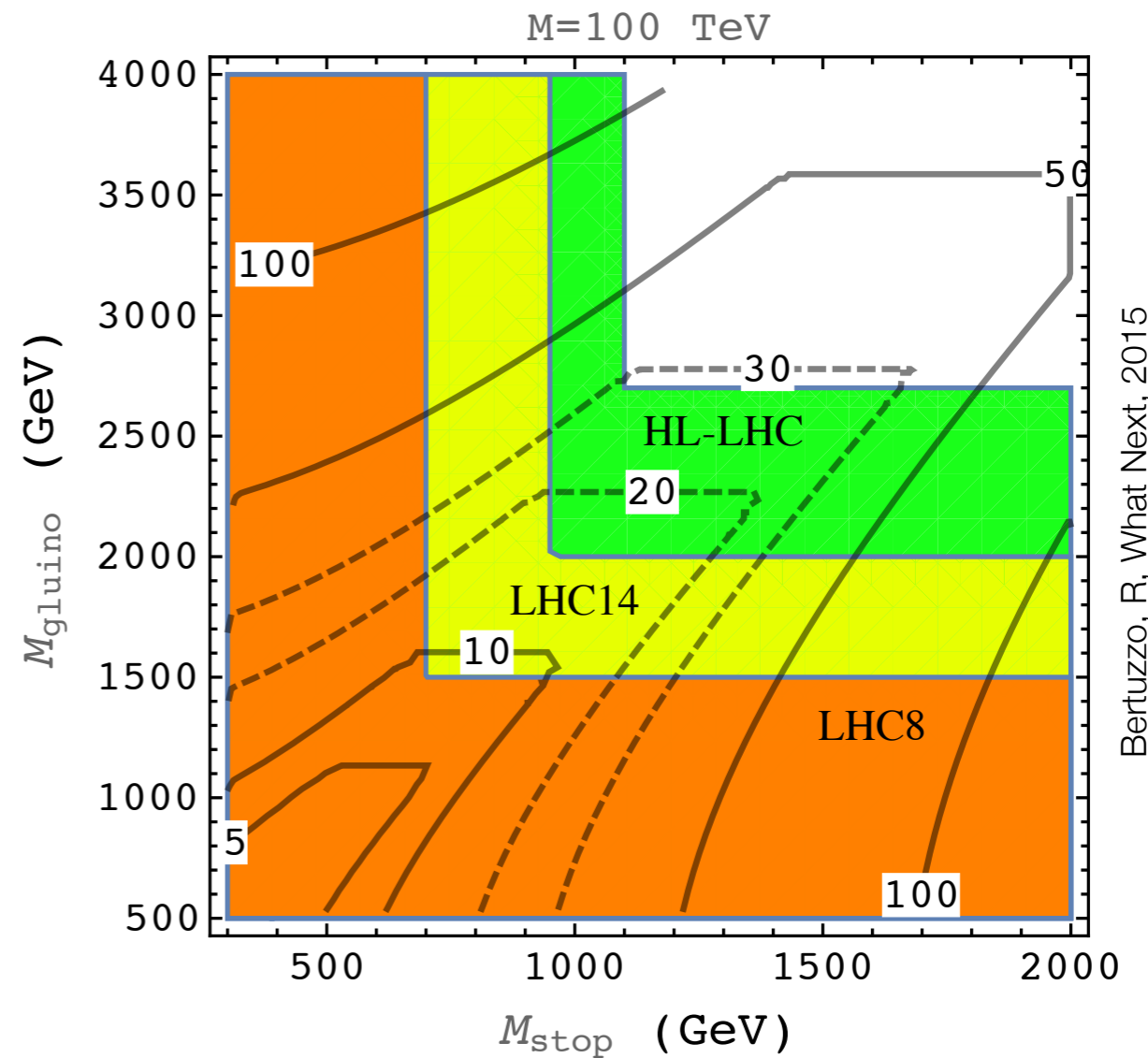
[Giusti R Strumia, 1998]

# Message: low M?

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$M = 100$  TeV + singlet



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# “Hints” of physics MUCH above the EW scale

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- $M_{\text{Pl}} \approx 1.2 \times 10^{19} \text{ GeV}$

who knows

- Quantum number unification



give up

- Neutrino masses

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# Environmental selection

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- Give up reductionist understanding of EW scale
- Assume cosmology populates a landscape of vacua
- Retain the understanding of SM gauge quantum numbers, neutrino masses, success of gauge coupling unification, WIMP miracle

# Cosmological relaxation

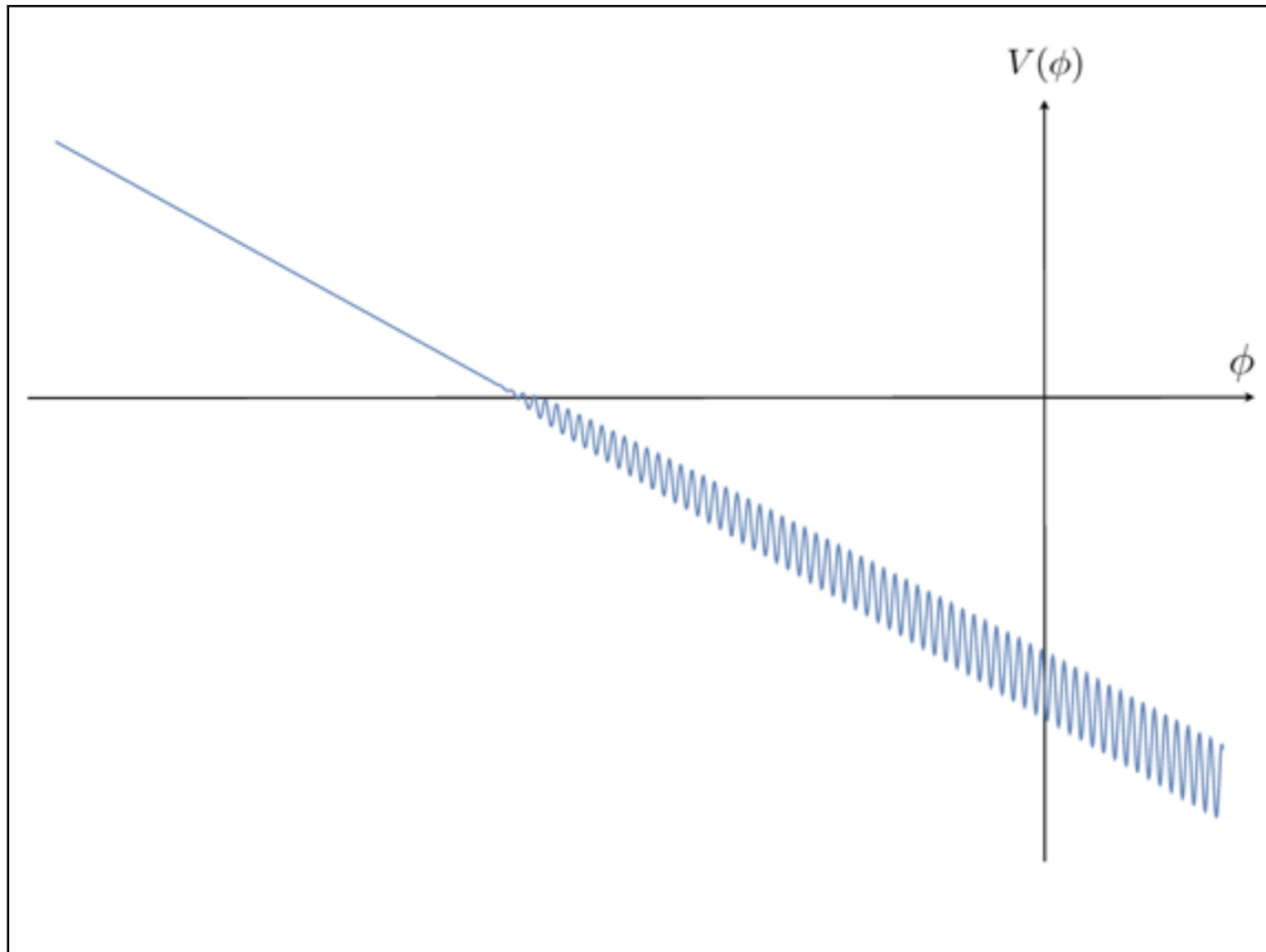
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- Original proposal:
  - Accept field excursion up to  $10^{30}$  GeV  $(M/10\text{TeV})^2$
  - Invoke inflation model with  $N \sim 10^{30}$  e-foldings
  - Non trivial low-E inflation dynamics to avoid  $\theta_{\text{QCD}} \sim 1$
  - Low cutoff anyway  $M \lesssim 30\text{TeV}$
- (a starting point...)

# Relaxion

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$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + (M^2 - \epsilon M \phi) |H|^2 + V(\epsilon \phi) + \Lambda^3 \lambda_q |H| \cos(\phi/f)$$

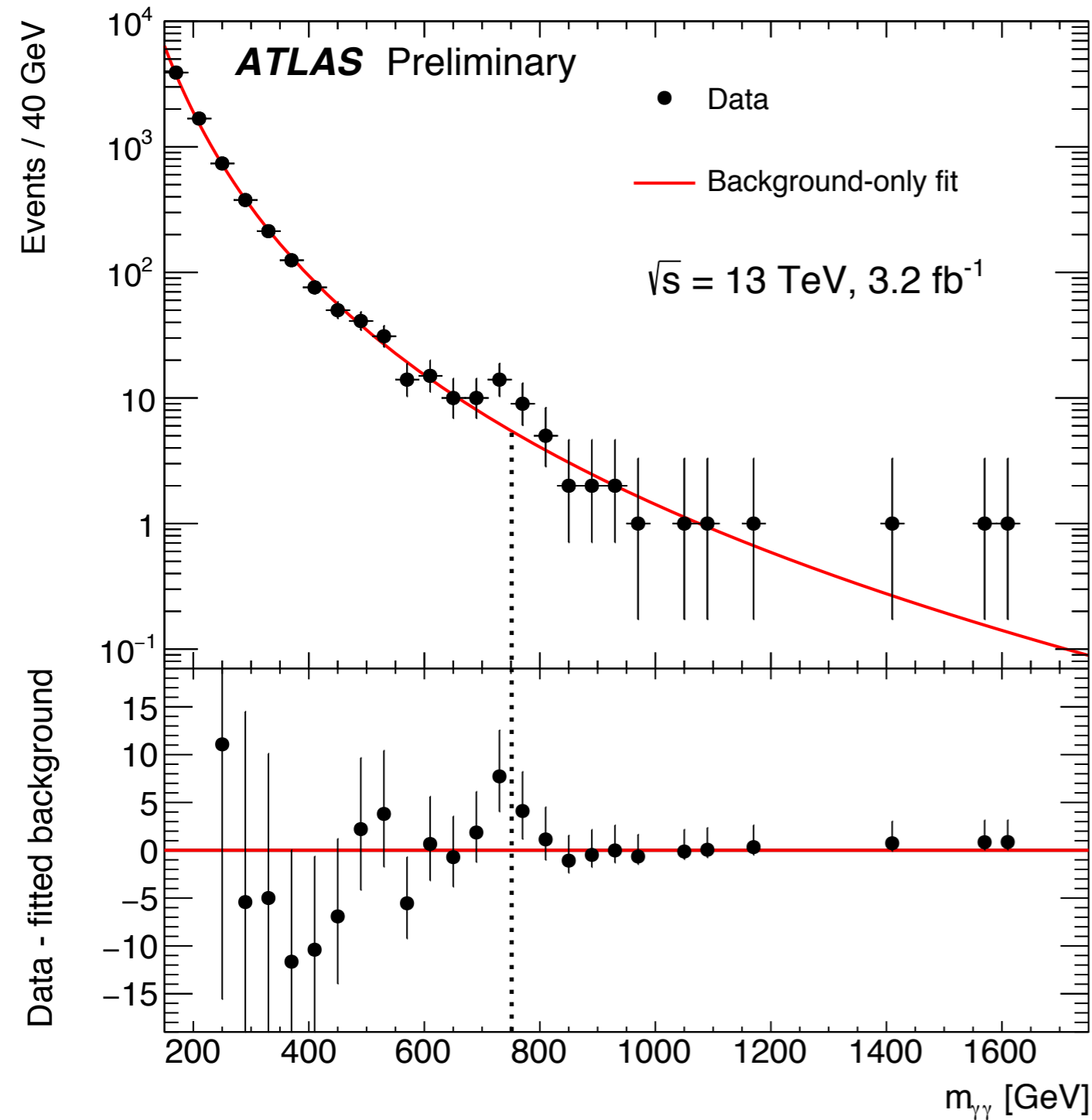


$$|H| \sim \frac{\epsilon}{\lambda_q} \left( \frac{M}{\Lambda} \right)^3 f \Rightarrow \epsilon \lesssim 10^{-27}$$

$$\Delta\phi \sim \frac{M}{\epsilon} \Rightarrow N_e \gtrsim 10^{30}$$

$$\theta_{\text{QCD}} \sim 1$$

# A new resonance in $pp \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ ?

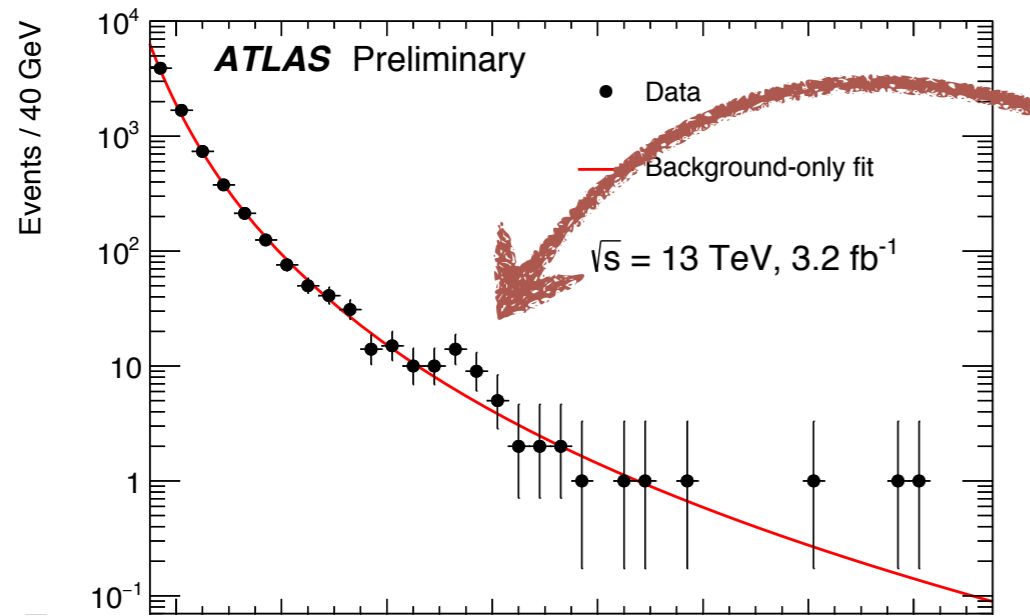


*“Who ordered the rabbit?”*

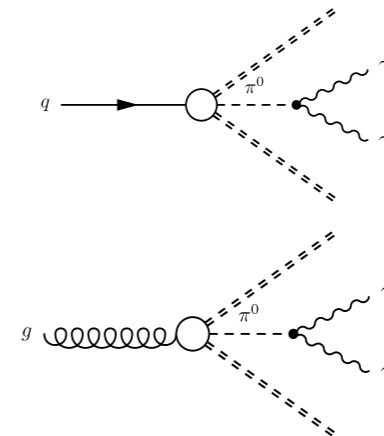
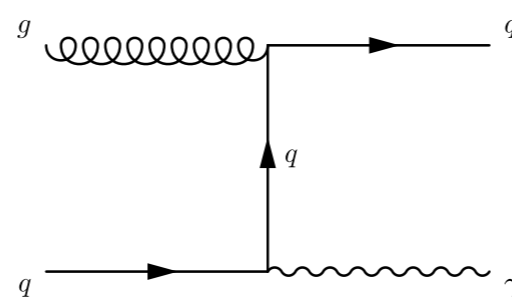
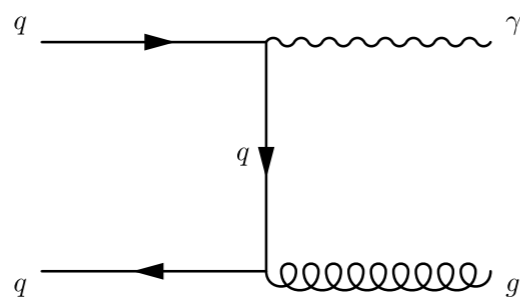
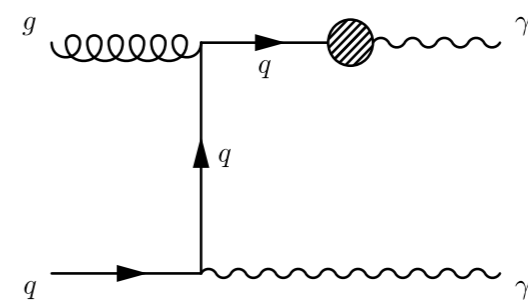
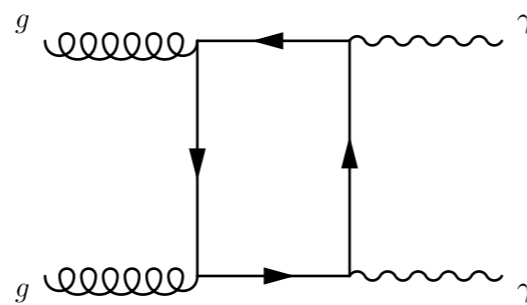
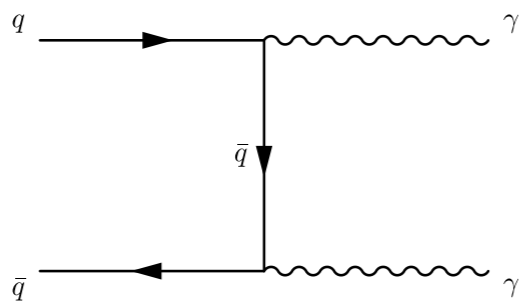
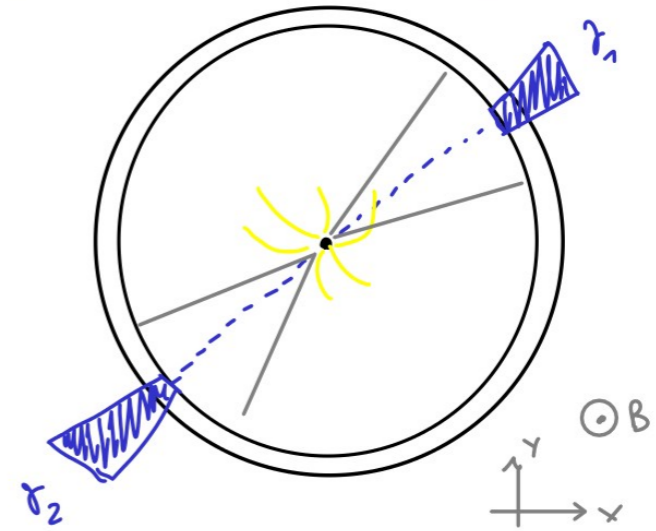
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# Basics

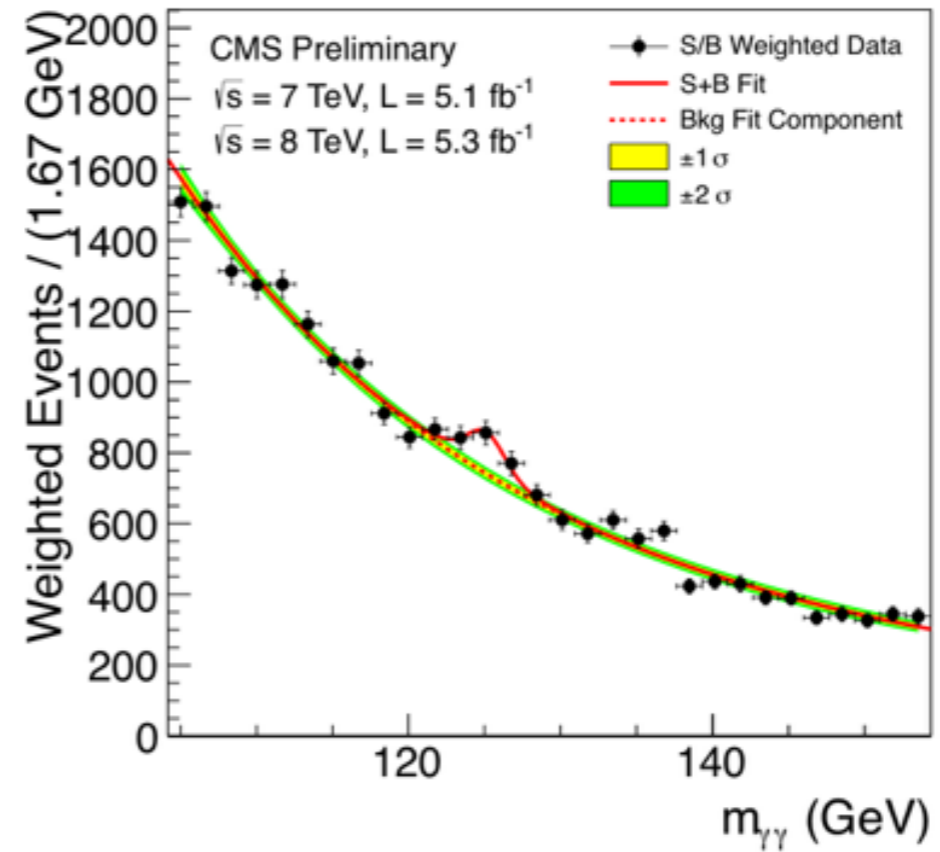
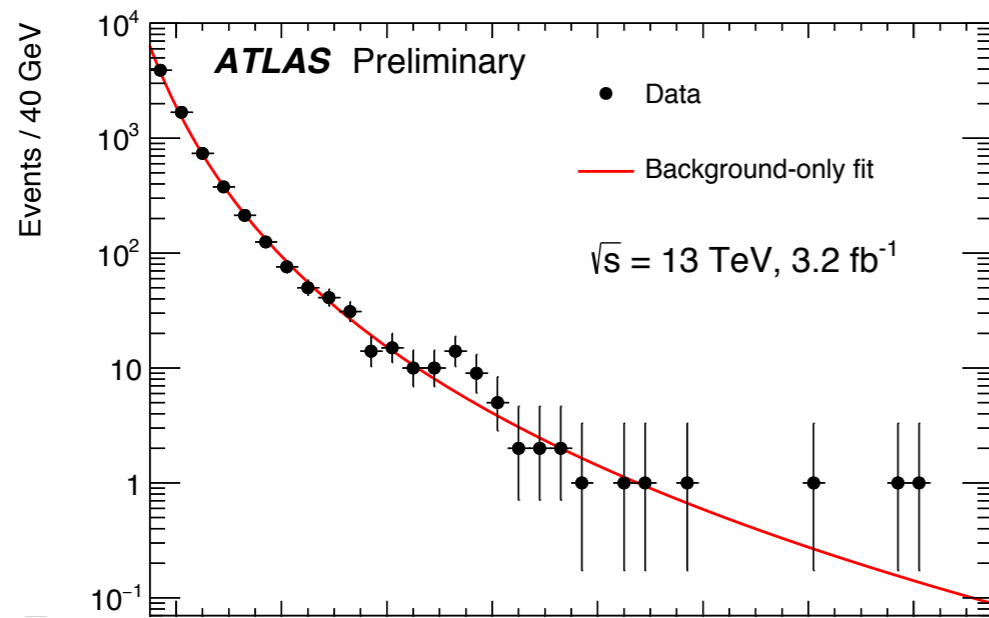


$$pp \rightarrow X \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$$



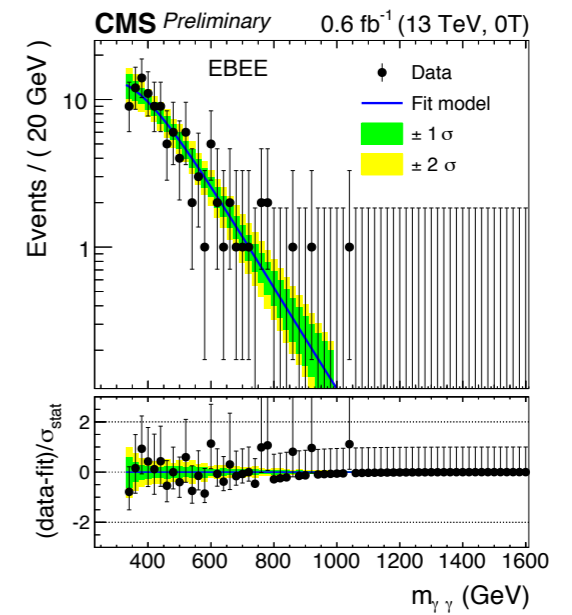
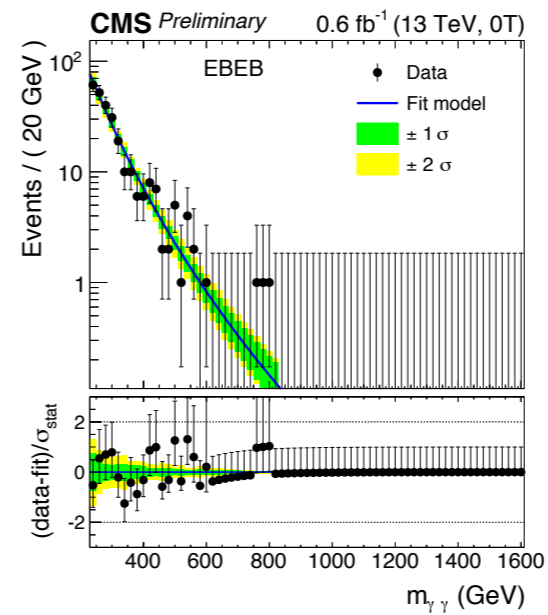
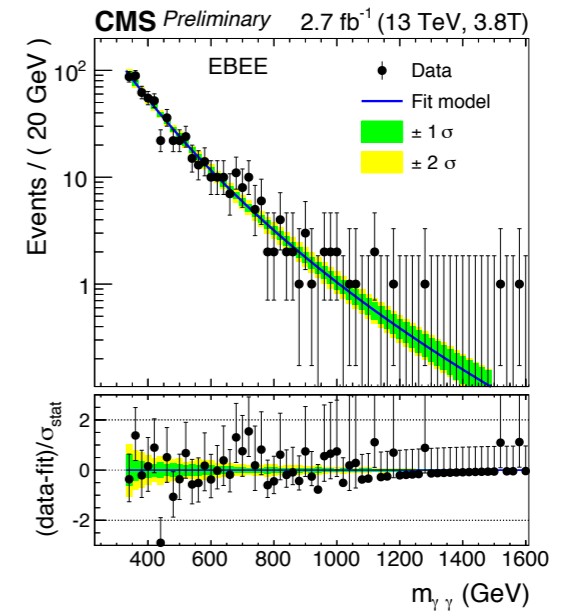
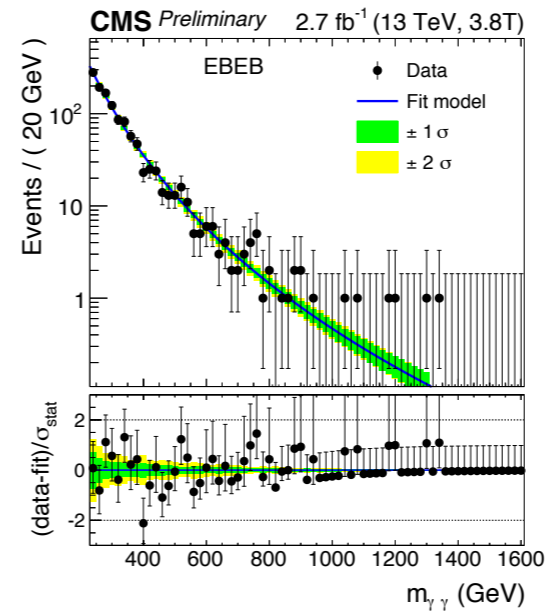
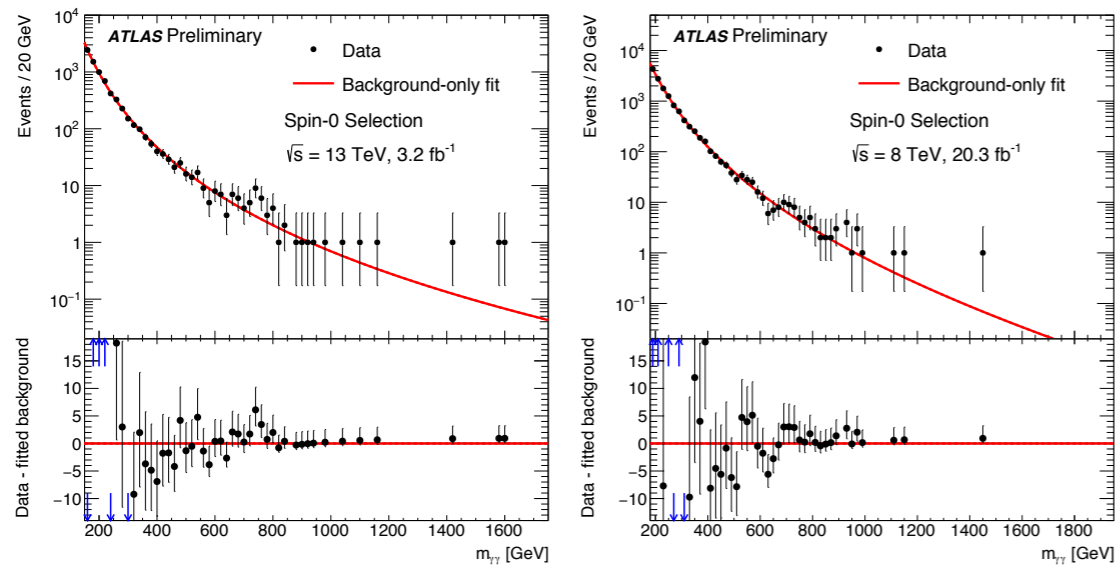
→ talk by  
Leandro Cieri

# Basics





# Significant?

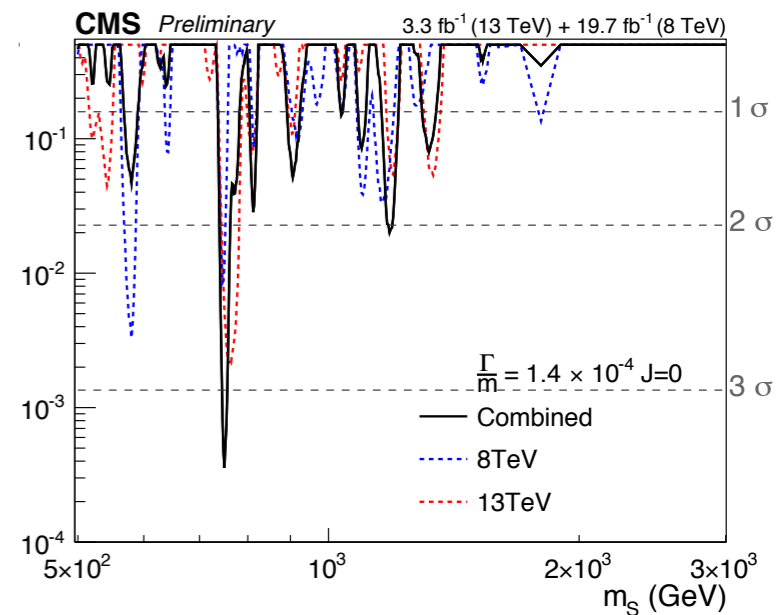
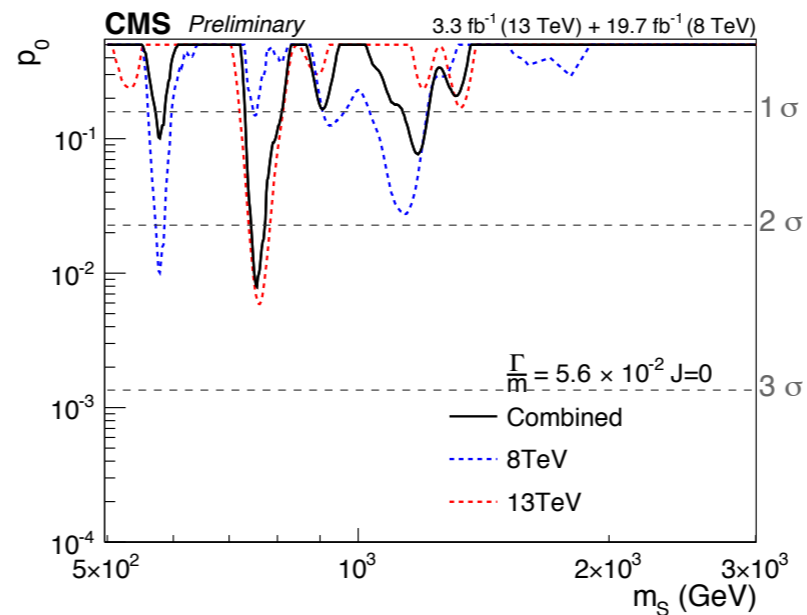
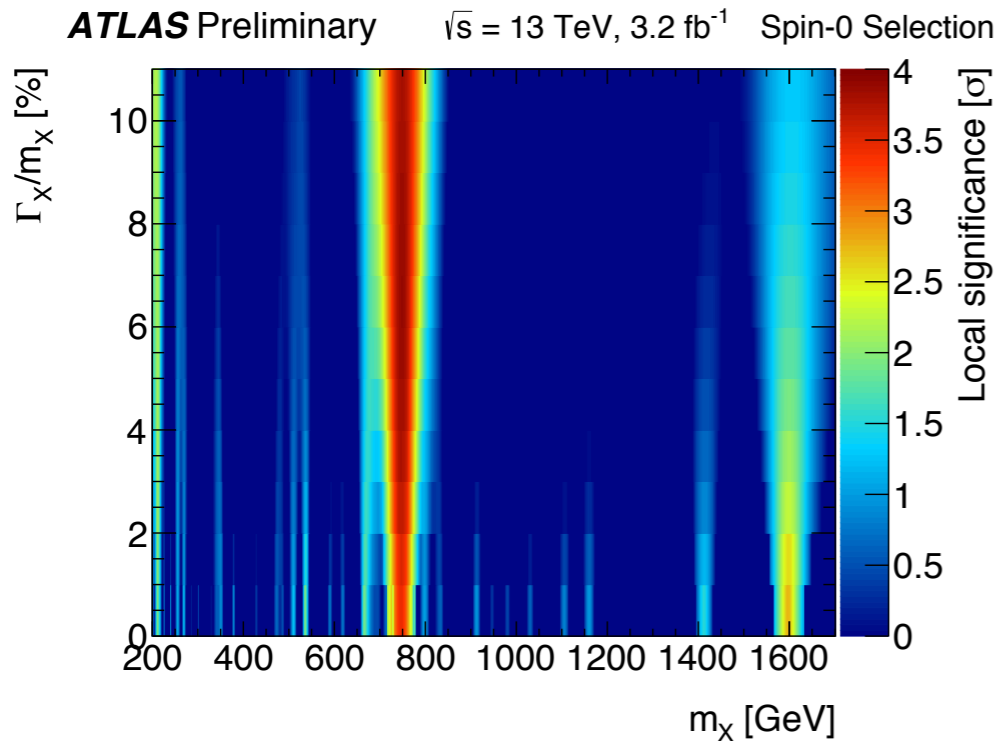


ATLAS 13 TeV 3.2 fb<sup>-1</sup> 3.9 σ

ATLAS 8 TeV 20.3 fb<sup>-1</sup> 1.9 σ

CMS 13 TeV + 8 TeV 3.4 σ

# Significant?



ATLAS 13 TeV only

best fit  $m \approx 750 \text{ GeV}, \Gamma \approx 45 \text{ GeV}$

3.9  $\sigma$  local

Slight preference for large  $\Gamma$

CMS 13 TeV + 8 TeV

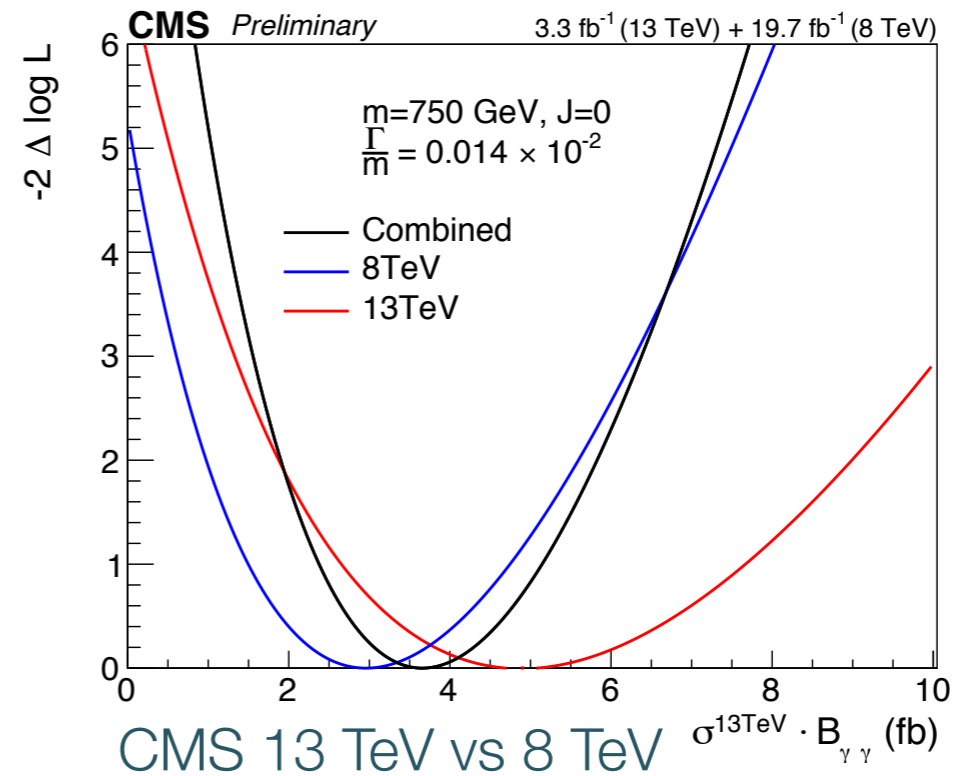
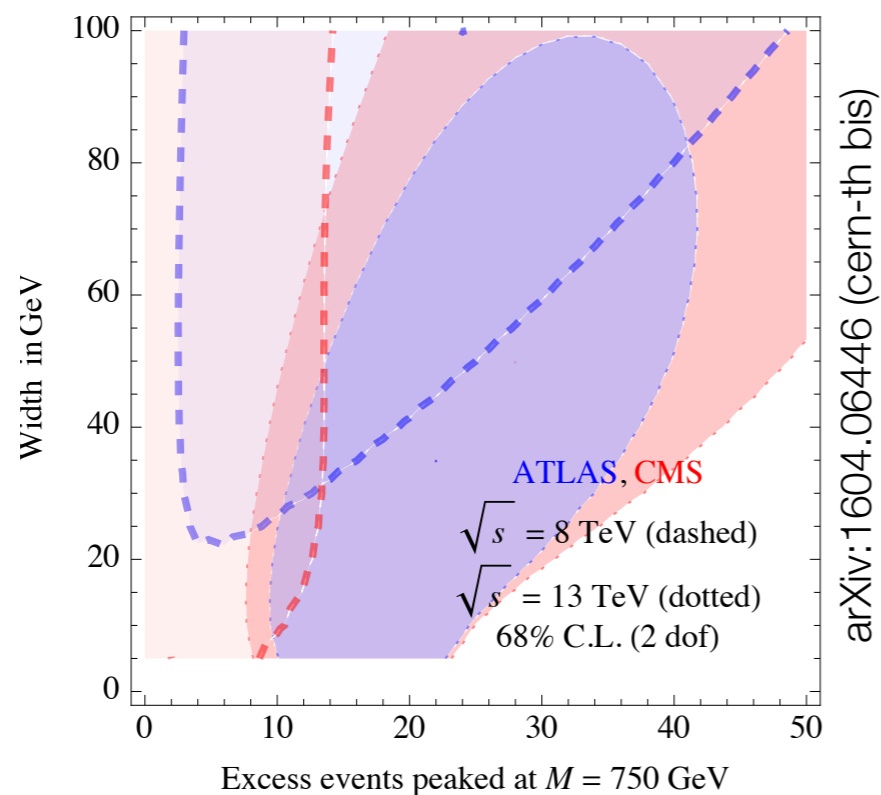
best fit  $m \approx 750 \text{ GeV}, \Gamma \approx \text{narrow}$

3.4  $\sigma$  local

Slightly preference for narrow  $\Gamma$

# Compatible ( $S = 0$ )?

ATLAS 13 TeV vs 8 TeV  
8 TeV has smaller strength  
compatible at  $1.2 \sigma$  with 13 TeV best fit  
for  $S = 0$  and  $gg$  production



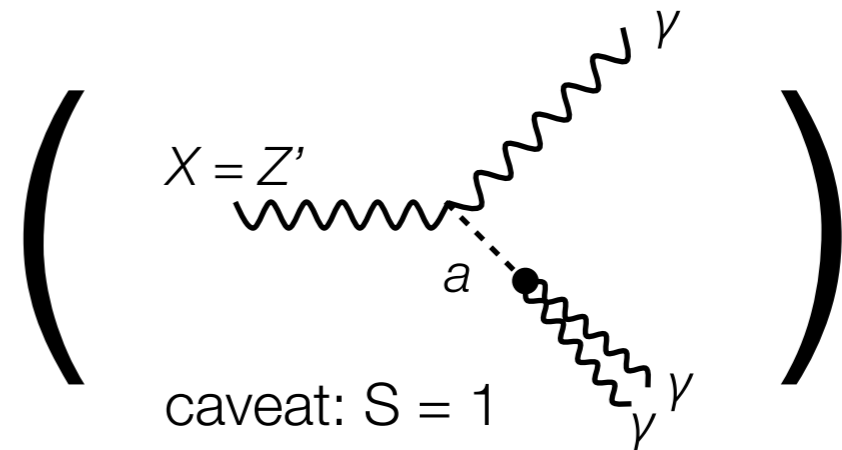
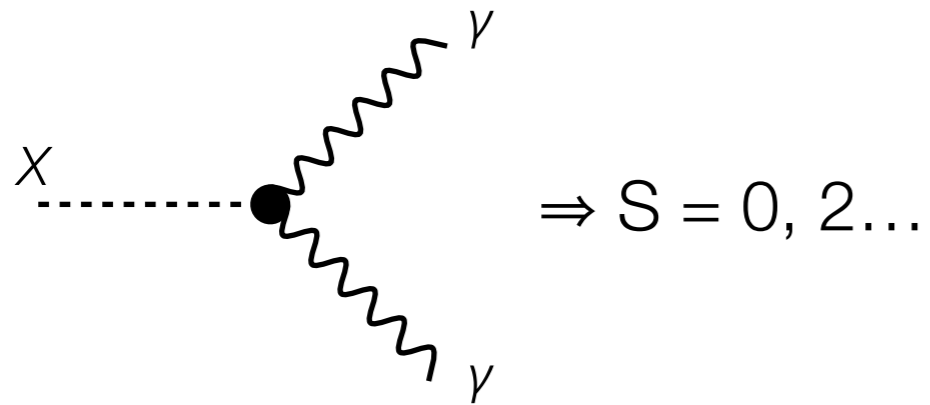
ATLAS vs CMS

# What if $pp \rightarrow X \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

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- Celebrate
- $\mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + ?$ 
  - which field? (spin? SM quantum numbers?)
  - which interaction? (parity? width? production and decay?)
- Who ordered that?

# Spin



ATLAS

$S = 0$      $1.2 \sigma$  (gg)     $2.1 \sigma$  (qq)

$S = 2$      $2.7 \sigma$  (gg)     $3.3 \sigma$  (qq)

8 TeV  $\rightarrow$  13 TeV  
scaling: 4.7

8 TeV  $\rightarrow$  13 TeV  
scaling: 2.7

# Production

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| $\sqrt{s}$             | $C_{gg}$ | $C_{u\bar{u}}$ | $C_{d\bar{d}}$ | $C_{s\bar{s}}$ | $C_{c\bar{c}}$ | $C_{b\bar{b}}$ | $C_{\gamma\gamma}$ |
|------------------------|----------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| 13 TeV                 | 2137     | 1054           | 627            | 83             | 36             | 15.3           | 54                 |
| 8 TeV                  | 174      | 158            | 89             | 7.2            | 2.7            | 1.07           | 11                 |
| $\sigma_{13}/\sigma_8$ | 4.7      | 2.5            | 2.7            | 4.4            | 5.0            | 5.4            | 1.9                |

- Large C allows smaller  $\Gamma(X \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) \equiv \Gamma_{\gamma\gamma}$  (more plausible?)

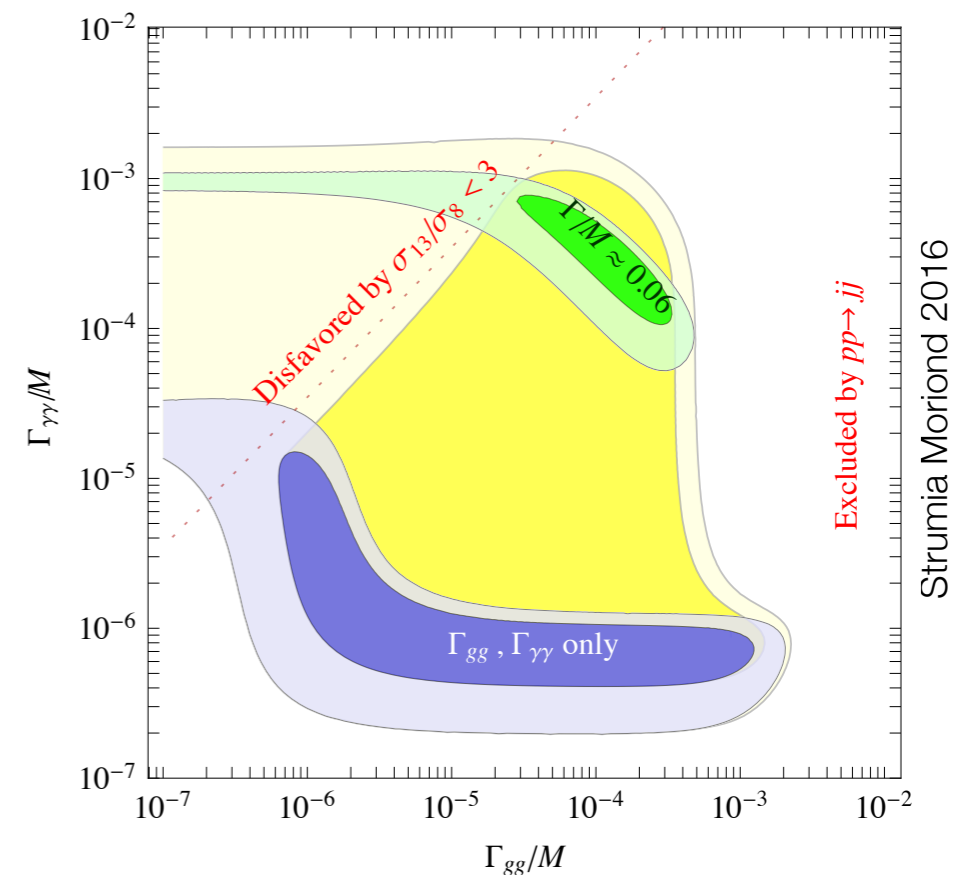
$$\sigma_{\gamma\gamma} \equiv \sigma(pp \rightarrow X \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) \quad \text{determines} \quad C_{\mathcal{P}\mathcal{P}} \frac{\Gamma_{\mathcal{P}\mathcal{P}}}{M_X} \frac{\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma}}{\Gamma} \quad (\text{if parton } \mathcal{P} \text{ dominates})$$

$$\frac{\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma}}{M} \approx \frac{10^{-3}}{C_{\mathcal{P}\mathcal{P}}} \left( \frac{\Gamma}{\Gamma_{\mathcal{P}\mathcal{P}}} \right) \left( \frac{\sigma_{\gamma\gamma}}{6 \text{ fb}} \right)^{gg} \approx 0.5 \cdot 10^{-6} \left( \frac{\Gamma}{\Gamma_{gg}} \right) \left( \frac{\sigma_{\gamma\gamma}}{6 \text{ fb}} \right)$$

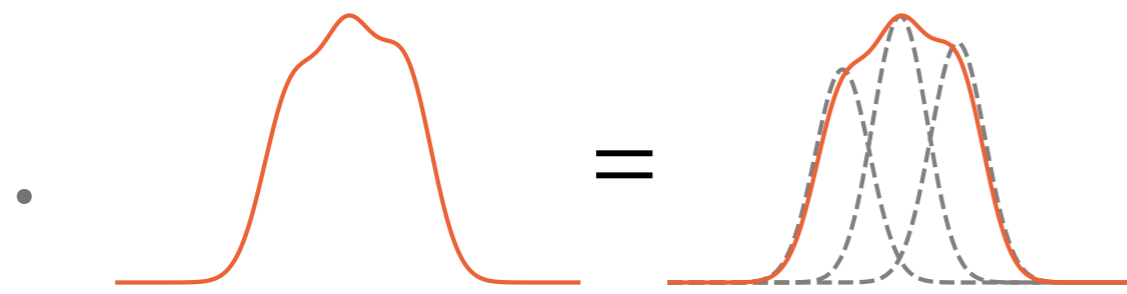
- Large  $\sigma_{13}/\sigma_8$  ratio improves compatibility 13 TeV vs 8 TeV
- Will assume gg production when relevant

# Decay and width

- $\Gamma = \Gamma_{\gamma\gamma} + \Gamma_{gg} + \Gamma_{\text{extra}}$
- large ( $\Gamma/M \sim 0.06$ ) or narrow ( $\Gamma/M \sim \text{few } 10^{-6}$ )?
- $\Gamma/M \sim 0.06$ 
  - $\Gamma/M \sim g^2/(8\pi) \rightarrow g \sim 1$
  - accounted for by  $\Gamma_{\text{extra}}$  (tree level?)
  - experimental bounds  $\Gamma_{\text{extra}} / \Gamma_{\gamma\gamma}$  drag  $\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma}/M \gtrsim 10^{-4}$
  - strongly coupled models?  $\rightarrow$  talk by Elena Vigiani

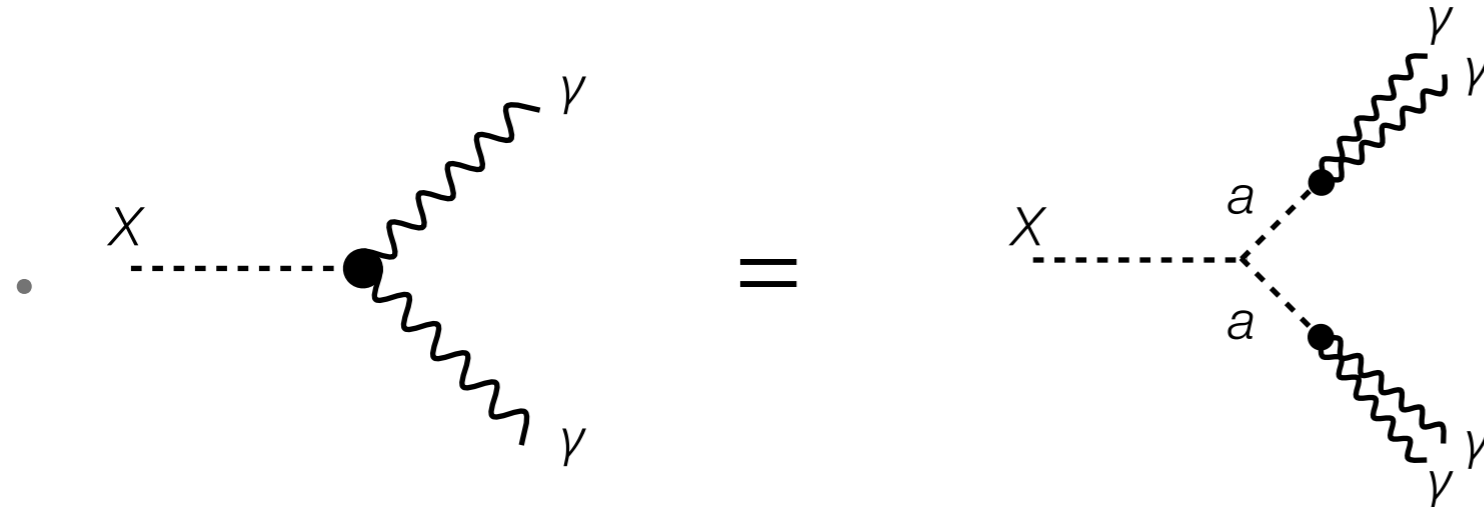


# OR



exp resolution  $\sim 10$  GeV  
 $\Gamma = 0.06 M \approx 45$  GeV

$M_i^2 = M^2 + O(v^2)$   
 $\Delta M_i \sim v^2/2M \approx 20$  GeV



$m_a \ll M \rightarrow \gamma\gamma \sim \gamma$

- width large because of tree level  $X \rightarrow aa$
- signal large because of tree level  $X \rightarrow aa$
- $\Gamma(a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$  "only" affects lifetime of  $a$

Knapen Melia Papucci Zurek 1512.04928  
Agrawal Fan Heidenreich Reece Strassler 1512.05775  
Chang Cheung Lu 1512.06671  
Bi et al. 1512.08497



# $X \rightarrow aa \rightarrow 4\gamma$

- Why  $m_a \ll M$ ?  $\rightarrow a = \text{pNGB of anomalous global U(1)}$

Aparicio Azatov Hardy R 1602.00949

$$\phi = \frac{f + s}{\sqrt{2}} e^{ia/f} \quad \Gamma(s \rightarrow aa) = \frac{M^3}{32\pi f^2}$$

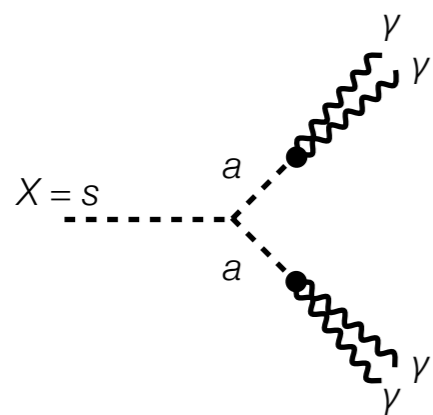
$$|D_\mu \phi|^2 \rightarrow \frac{s}{f} (\partial_\mu a)^2 \quad \Gamma(a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) = \left(\frac{\alpha}{8\pi f}\right)^2 \frac{m_a^3}{\pi} (Q^2 N)^2$$

$f \leftrightarrow \text{U(1) breaking}$

$$\Gamma = 45 \text{ GeV} \leftrightarrow f \approx 300 \text{ GeV}$$

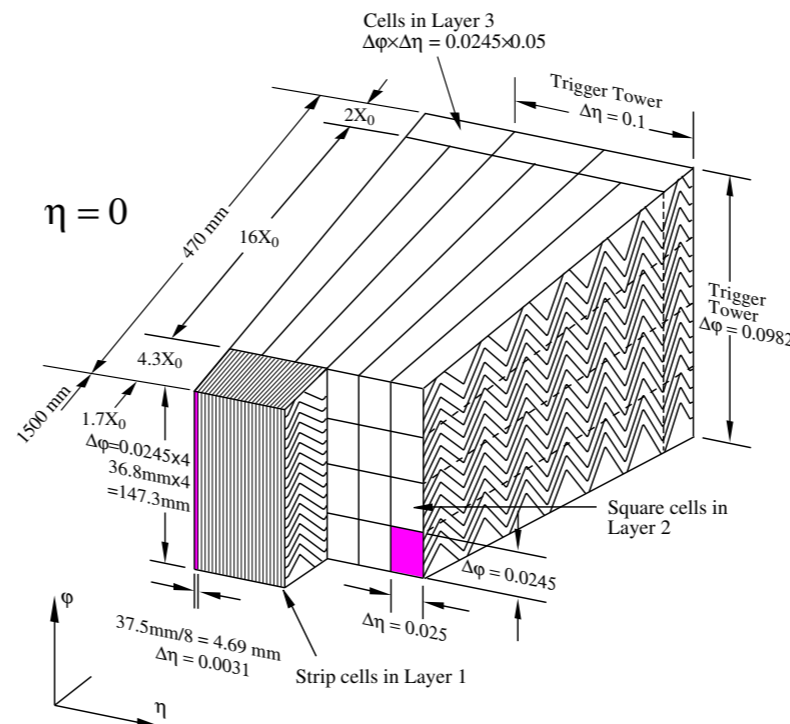
- $m_a \approx 0.2 \text{ GeV} + L_{\text{lab}} \approx 0.6 \rightarrow \text{need } \sqrt{N}Q \gtrsim 4 \left(\frac{0.2 \text{ GeV}}{m_a}\right)$

Caveat:  
mixing with  $\pi$   
 $m_a \approx m_\pi$



$$\Delta\eta = 0.0031$$

$$d \approx 1.3 \text{ m}$$



Prediction:  
**NO  $jj, \gamma Z, ZZ, WW$**

Discrimination:  
photon conversion  
(depends on lifetime)  
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# Narrow width

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- Smallest  $\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma}$  for i) gg production ii) dominant  $\Gamma_{gg}$

$$\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma}/M \approx 0.5 \cdot 10^{-6} \rightarrow \Gamma/M \lesssim 10^{-3}$$

- Then



- Extra charged, colored degrees of freedom! → talk by Dario Buttazzo
  - Who ordered those as well?

# Who ordered X? And $\phi$ ?

- Supersymmetry:  $SM \leftrightarrow \widetilde{SM} \quad \tilde{m} > m$

- Spontaneously broken through  $X = M + \frac{s + ia}{\sqrt{2}} + \theta\psi + F\theta^2$

sgoldstino  
 $m = \tilde{m}$

goldstino  
 $m = 0$   
eaten by  
gravitino

breaks  
supersymmetry

- Gauginos (and sfermions) get mass by coupling to X

$$\frac{M_a}{2F} \int d^2\theta X W_a^\alpha W_\alpha^a = \frac{M_a}{2} \lambda_a \lambda_a + \frac{M_a}{2\sqrt{2}F} \left( s v_a^{\mu\nu} v_{\mu\nu}^a - a v_a^{\mu\nu} \tilde{v}_{\mu\nu}^a \right) + \dots$$

# UV completion?

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- $W = \lambda X \phi \bar{\phi}$  (minimal gauge mediation)

Baratella Elias-Miro Penedo R 1603.05682  
Bardhan Byakti Ghosh Sharma 1603.05251

- couple  $F$  to gluino and photino
- couple  $s$  to gluon and photon

- Numbers:  $\Gamma(s \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) = \frac{M_s^3 M_\gamma^2}{32\pi F^2}$       $M_\gamma = c_W^2 M_1 + s_W^2 M_2$

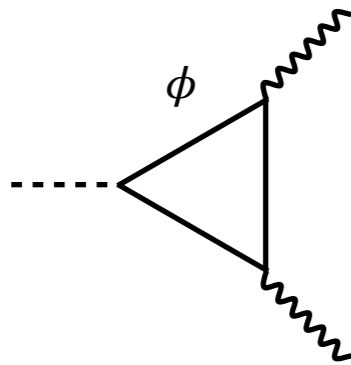
$$\sqrt{F} \lesssim 5 \text{ TeV} \left( \frac{M_\gamma}{200 \text{ GeV}} \right)^{1/2} \left( \frac{4 \text{ fb}}{\sigma_{\gamma\gamma}} \right)^{1/4}$$

- On the other hand:  $M_3 = \frac{\alpha_3}{4\pi} N_3 \frac{F}{M} \rightarrow \lambda N_\gamma N_3 \gtrsim 1500 \frac{M_3}{\text{TeV}} \left( \frac{\sigma_{\gamma\gamma}}{4 \text{ fb}} \right)^{1/2}$



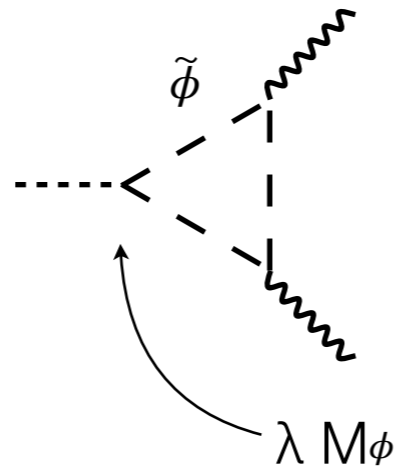
# However

$$M_\phi = \lambda M$$



$$m_\pm^2 = M_\phi^2 \pm \lambda F$$

$$M_\phi > \sqrt{\lambda F}$$



$$g_{\text{eff}} = \frac{\lambda M_\phi}{m_-}$$

non-perturbative  
near the critical point

Veneziano NPB44 (1972)

$$M_\phi \approx \sqrt{\lambda F}$$

(10-100) TeV —————  $\phi, \tilde{\phi}_+$

O(TeV) —————  $s, \tilde{\phi}_-, \tilde{g}$

2 gains - loop suppressed by O(TeV)  
- coupling enhanced by  $g_{\text{eff}}$

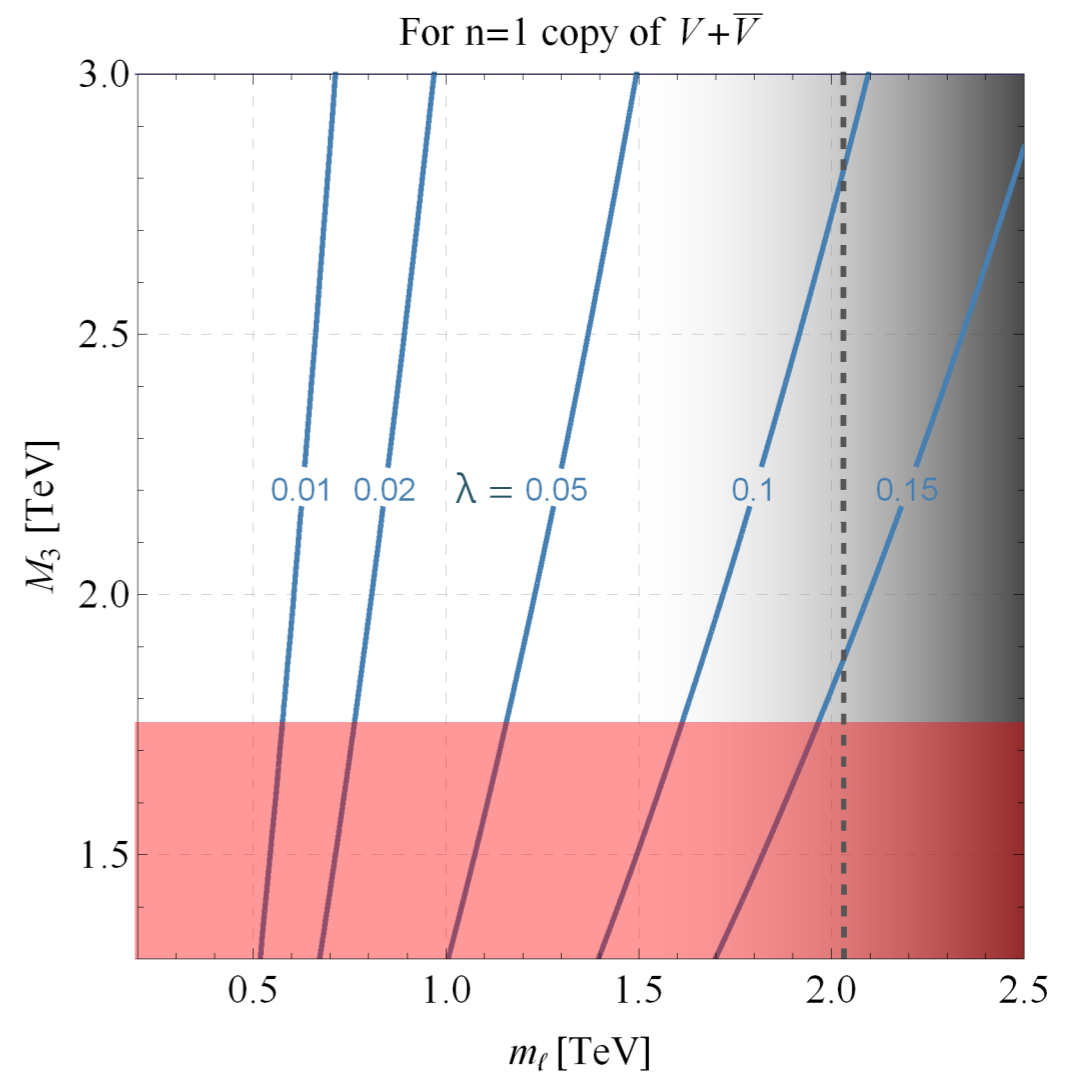
- Supersymmetric effective description fails:  $\lambda M \approx F$
- Fine-tuning  $\sim (g_{\text{eff}}/\lambda)^2$
- For  $g_{\text{eff}} \sim 4\pi$ ,  $\phi$ - bound states can form (and mix with s)
- IR non-perturbativity - does not spoil nice UV properties of supersymmetry
- $M \sim 100$  TeV, as previously argued
- Sfermions heavier than  $O(\text{TeV})$  (tree-level) if  $X$  has  $U(1)_X$  charge

# Example

- $\phi + \bar{\phi} \sim (3, 2, -5/6) + (\bar{3}, 2, -5/6)$  from  $\Sigma$  SU(5) adjoint

- $N = 5$  (barely UV perturbative)

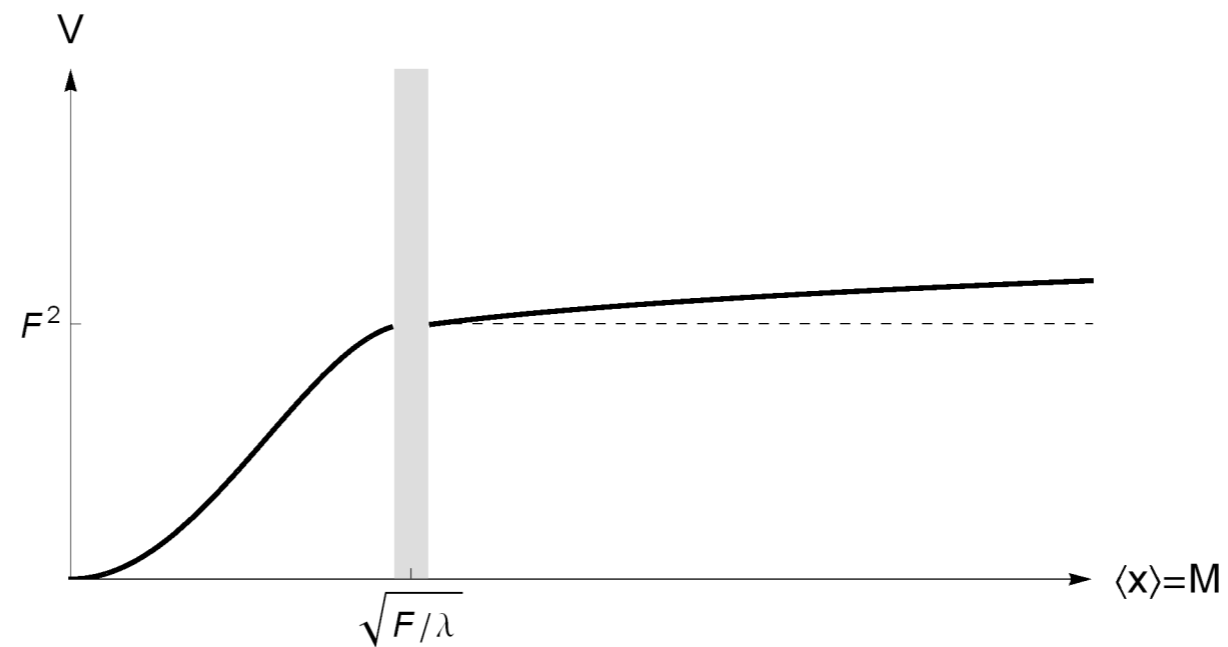
$$\frac{\Gamma_{ZZ}}{\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma}} \approx 1.3 \quad \frac{\Gamma_{Z\gamma}}{\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma}} \approx 0 \quad \frac{\Gamma_{WW}}{\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma}} \approx 2.8$$



# Wild speculations

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$$W = W_{\text{MSSM}} + \lambda X \phi \bar{\phi} + F X$$



$$\frac{|\lambda M^2 - F|}{F} \lesssim \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2}$$

(and an R-axion with  $m_a = O(0.1 \text{ GeV}) \dots$ )



# Conclusions

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- The LHC has confirmed what we thought about the Higgs
- Has provided a puzzle to solve: where is everybody else
- And, IF the diphoton excess turns into a new resonance, an unexpected twist
  - whose interpretation would be tremendously exciting
  - which could be the first of a series of new discoveries