

Partnerium at the LHC

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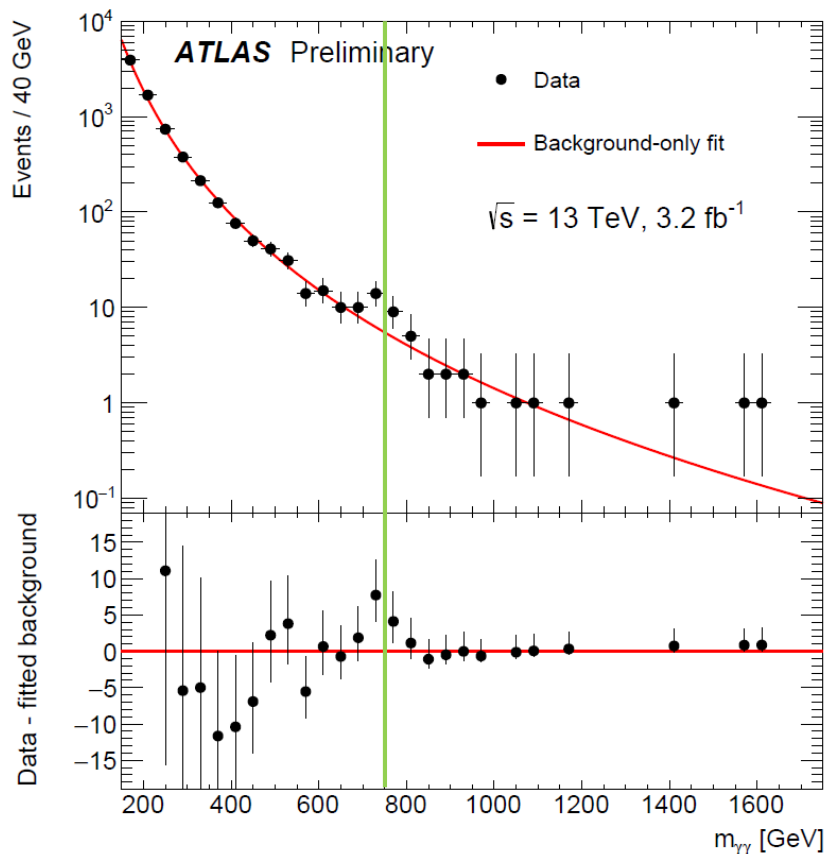
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Motivation and Introduction

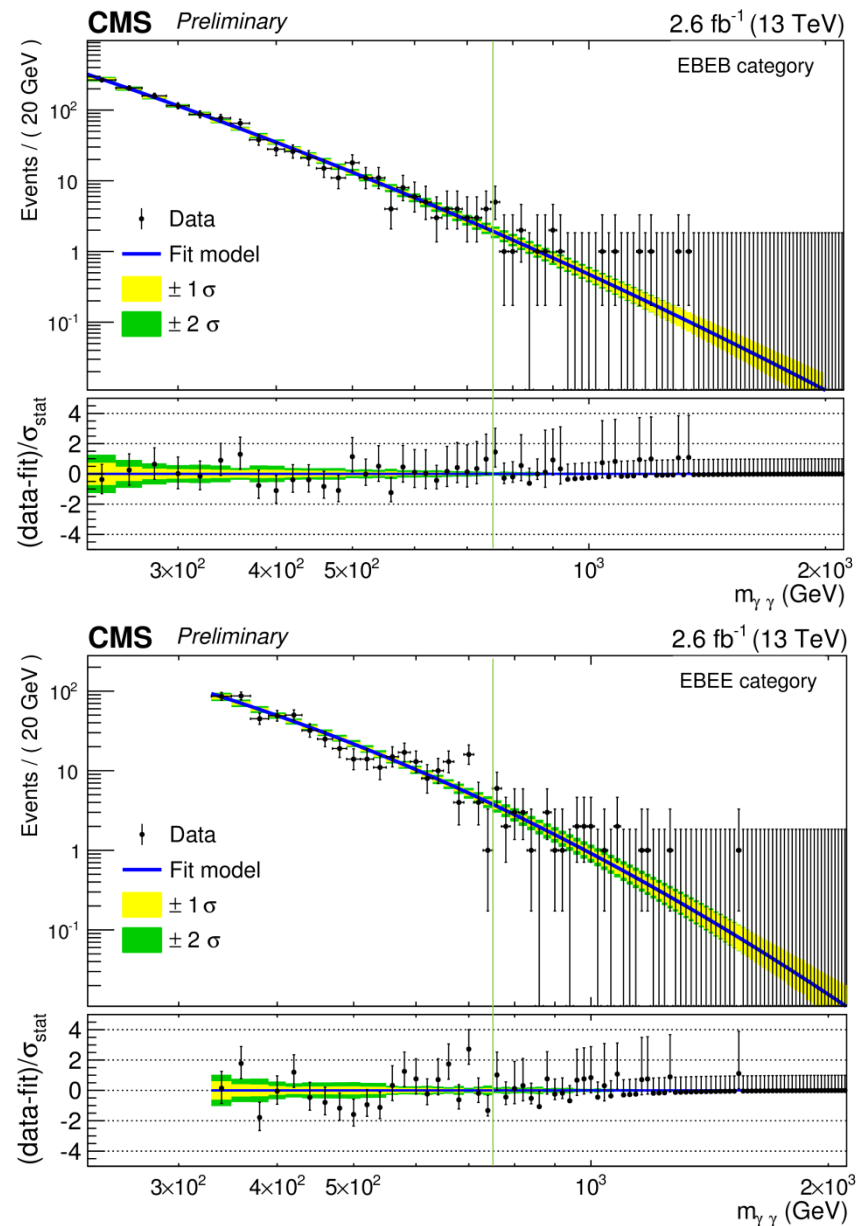
Original motivation

Resonant diphoton excesses in ATLAS and CMS



$$M \approx 750 \text{ GeV}, \Gamma \sim 0-100 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\sigma \times \text{BR}(\gamma\gamma) \sim 3-10 \text{ fb}$$



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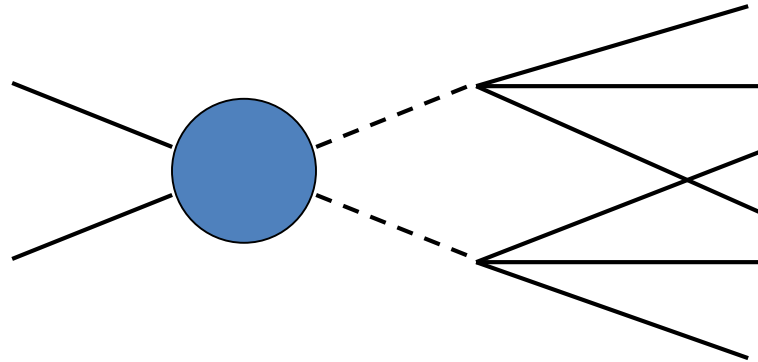
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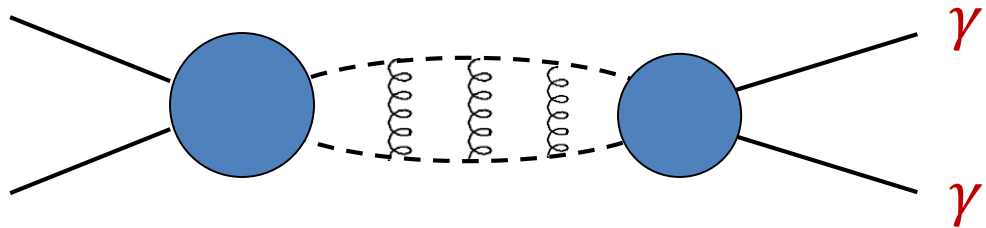
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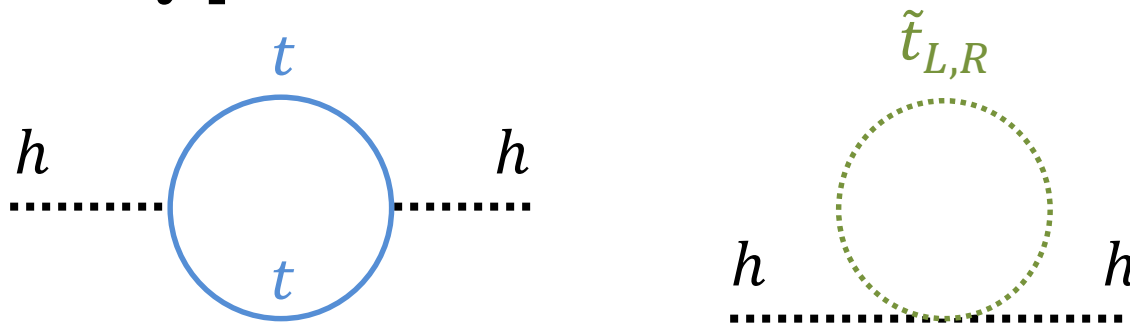
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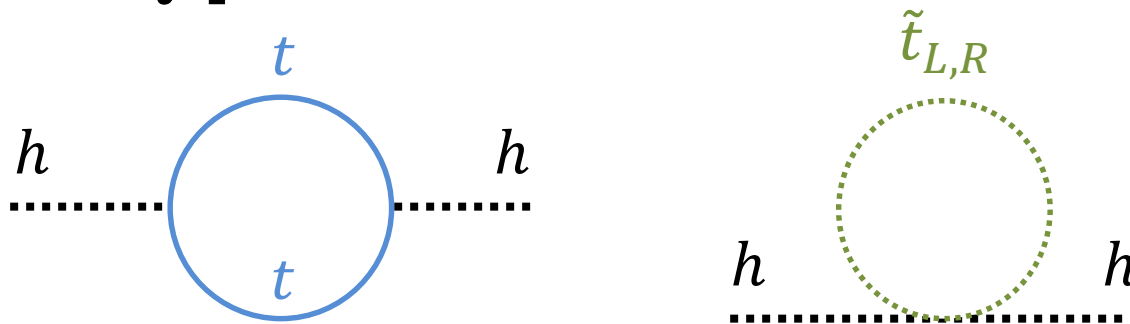
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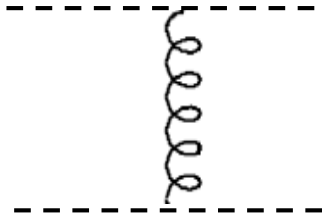
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However, **larger electric charge** was needed
to account for the “signal”.

Bound state physics

Coulomb approximation:



$$V(r) = -C \frac{\bar{\alpha}_s}{r}$$

$$\bar{\alpha}_s \equiv \alpha_s(r_{\text{rms}})$$

For particles in R forming
a bound state in $\mathcal{R} \subset R \otimes \bar{R}$:

$$C = C_R - \frac{1}{2} C_{\mathcal{R}}$$

Assumptions: $r_{\text{rms}} \ll \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^{-1}$, $\bar{\alpha}_s \ll 1$, $v^2 = C^2 \bar{\alpha}_s^2 \ll 1$

Similar to the hydrogen atom, for S-wave ground states:

$$r_{\text{rms}} = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{C\bar{\alpha}_s m} \quad E_b = -\frac{C^2 \bar{\alpha}_s^2}{4} m \quad |\psi(\mathbf{0})|^2 = \frac{C^3 \bar{\alpha}_s^3 m^3}{8\pi}$$

More detailed potential model: $|\psi(\mathbf{0})|^2$ smaller by a factor of ~ 2 .

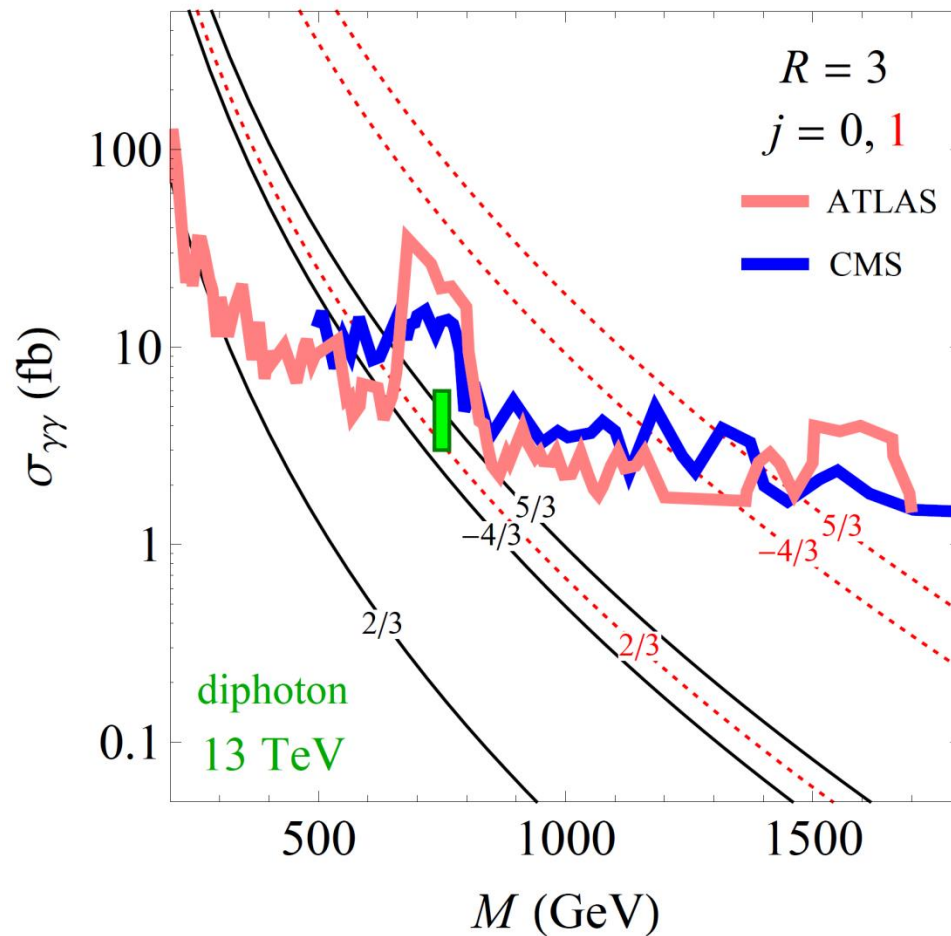
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Lattice QCD: $|\psi(\mathbf{0})|^2$ bigger by a factor of ~ 2 .

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We use the Coulomb approximation; keep factor-of-2 uncertainty in mind.

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ATLAS (13 TeV, 3.2/fb)

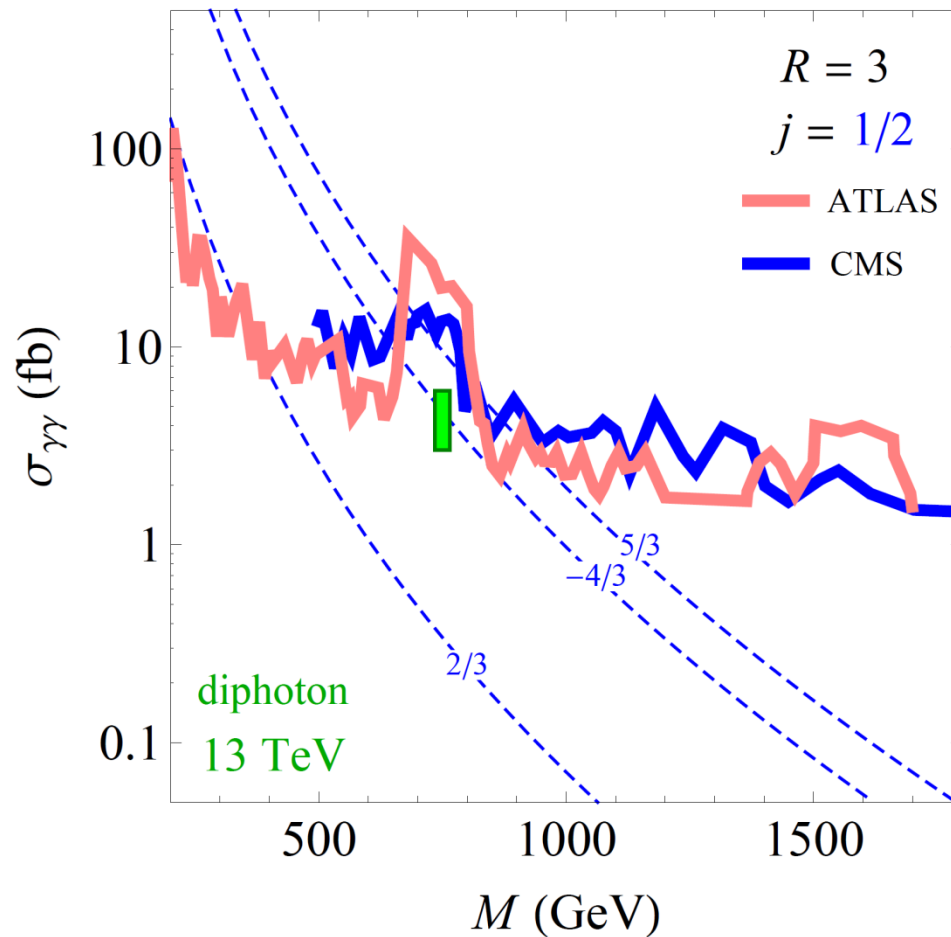
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(In principle, also a vector with $Q = 2/3$.)

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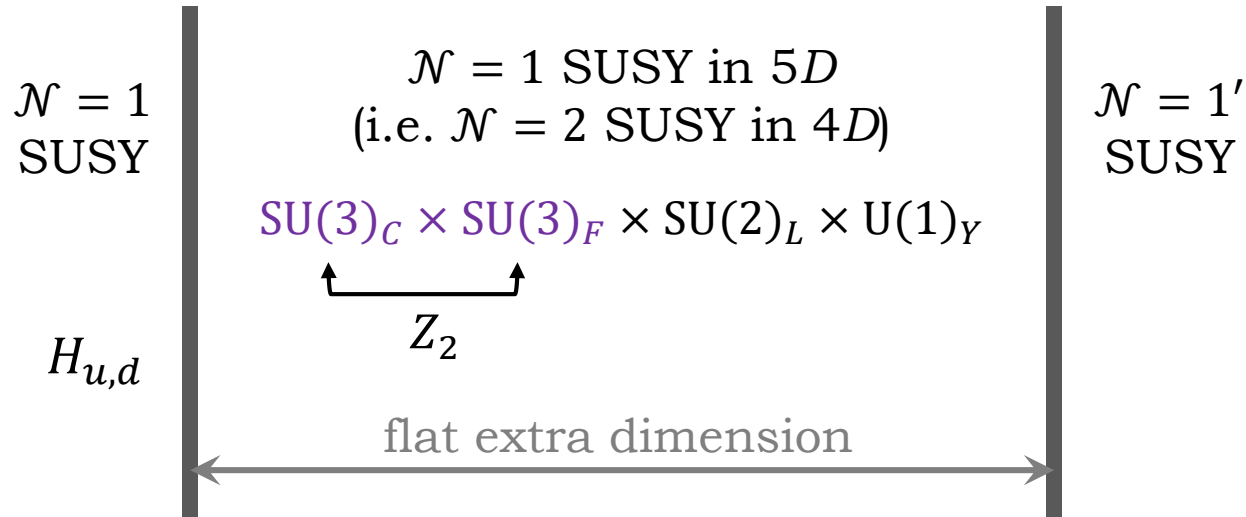
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Maybe it is actually a top partner ;)

**Scalar top partners
with arbitrary electric charges**

Reminder of Folded SUSY

Burdman, Chacko, Goh, Harnik, JHEP 02 (2007) 009 [hep-ph/0609152]



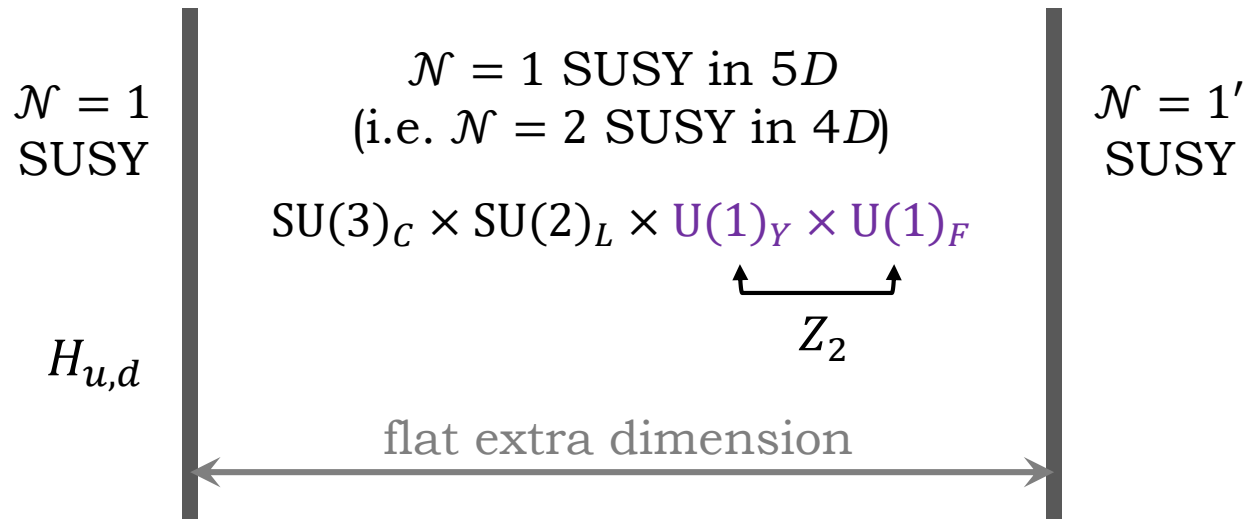
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H_u	1	2	1/2	1/2
H_d	1	2	-1/2	-1/2
Q, Q_F	3	2	$\frac{1}{6}(1, 6q - 3)$	$\frac{1}{6}(6q - 3, 1)$
U^c, U_F^c	$\bar{3}$	1	$\frac{1}{3}(-2, -3q)$	$\frac{1}{3}(-3q, -2)$
D^c, D_F^c	$\bar{3}$	1	$\frac{1}{3}(1, 3 - 3q)$	$\frac{1}{3}(3 - 3q, 1)$
L, L_F	1	2	$\frac{1}{2}(-1, 3 - 6q)$	$\frac{1}{2}(3 - 6q, -1)$
E^c, E_F^c	1	1	$(1, 3q - 1)$	$(3q - 1, 1)$
N^c, N_F^c	1	1	$(0, 3q - 2)$	$(3q - 2, 0)$ ← to avoid gauge anomaly
S, S_F	1	1	$(q_S, 0)$	$(0, q_S)$
S^c, S_F^c	1	1	$(-q_S, 0)$	$(0, -q_S)$

} to break $U(1)_F$

- Folded stops with **any charge** can be obtained by varying q .
Gauge-invariant Yukawas and anomaly cancellation fix the charges of the other fields.
- The charge q_S determines the $U(1)_F$ -allowed operators for **decays**:
 $W \propto S_F \mathcal{O}_F$, where the operator \mathcal{O}_F respects the SM gauge symmetries but not $U(1)_F$.

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The sbottom may also decay via

$$W \supset (H_u Q_F)(QQ)$$

as

$$X \rightarrow W^- \bar{u} \bar{d}$$

Wjj decays are unconstrained
Blum, Efrati, Frugiuele, Nir
JHEP 1702, 104 (2017)
[arXiv:1610.06582]

**Fermionic top partners
with arbitrary electric charges**

– To be skipped –

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An analogous model with custodial protection can be obtained with $\mathrm{SO}(5)_G \times \mathrm{SU}(2)_X \times \mathrm{U}(1)_Z \rightarrow \mathrm{SO}(4) \times \mathrm{SU}(2)_X \times \mathrm{U}(1)_Z$.

See appendix of our paper for details.

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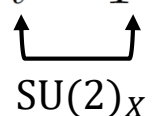
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The top sector:

$$Q \sim (3, 2)_{\frac{Y_T}{2}} = \begin{pmatrix} b & q'_d \\ -t & -q'_u \\ t' & T \end{pmatrix}$$



$\mathrm{SU}(2)_X$

$$Q^c \sim (1, 2)_{-\frac{Y_T}{2} - \frac{1}{3}} = \begin{pmatrix} t^c & -T^c \end{pmatrix}$$

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T	3	1	Y_T	Y_T	} Top partner X with arbitrary charge
T^c	$\bar{3}$	1	$-Y_T$	$-Y_T$	
q'	3	2	$Y_T - 1/2$	$Y_T, Y_T - 1$	} Heavy extra states
q'^c	$\bar{3}$	2	$-(Y_T - 1/2)$	$-Y_T, -(Y_T - 1)$	
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Top partner decays

Since T does not mix with quarks, the **usual decays** to $W / Z / h + \text{quark}$ (which have strong limits) **are absent!**

Instead, the decay may proceed via a high-dimension operator.

For example,

$$\mathcal{L} \propto T^{c\dagger} u_i^{c\dagger} d_j^c d_k^c + \text{h.c.}$$

may give the potentially elusive decays

$$T \rightarrow jjj, tjj$$

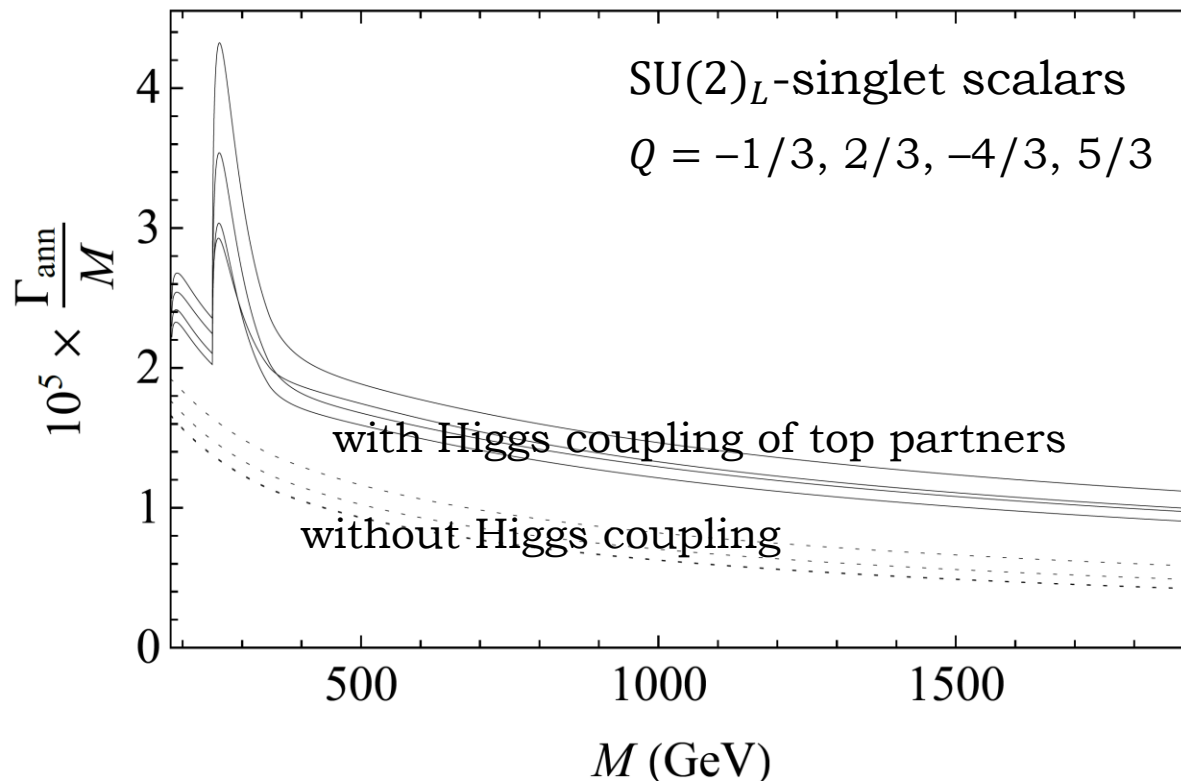
Importantly, **decay rates are suppressed**, so partnerium annihilation signals are a generic feature.

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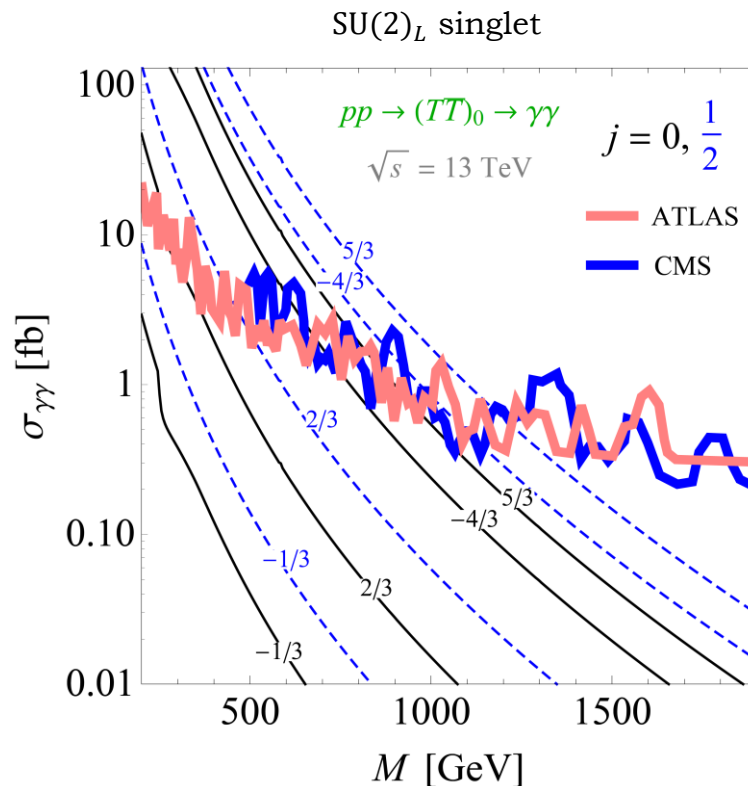
Exotic top partners typically do not have unsuppressed 2-body decays. (Even the naively renormalizable $X \rightarrow \bar{u}\bar{c}, \bar{t}\bar{u}, \bar{t}\bar{c}$ decays of scalars required $U(1)_F$ breaking).

Thus, resonance searches constrain such scenarios in a rather model-independent fashion!

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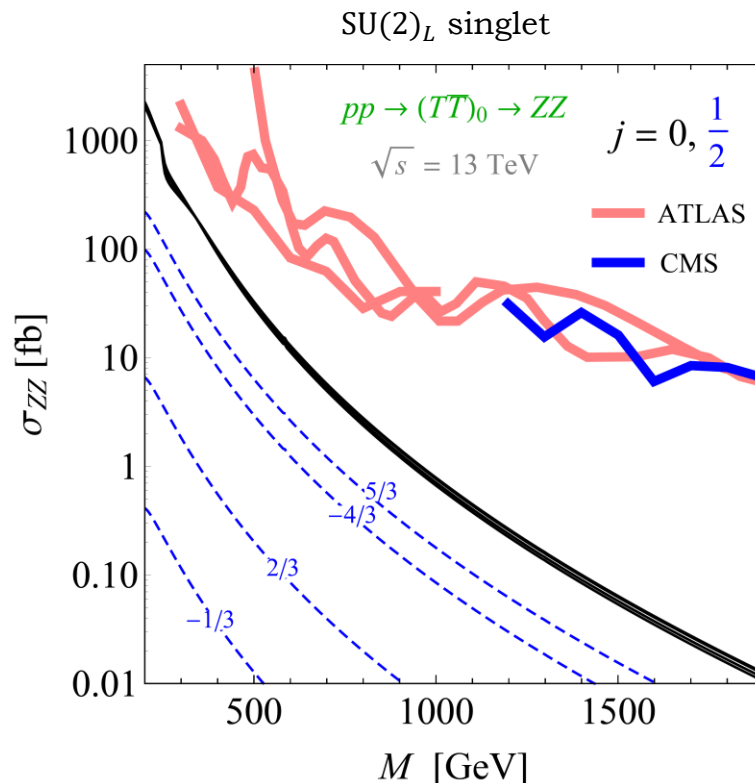
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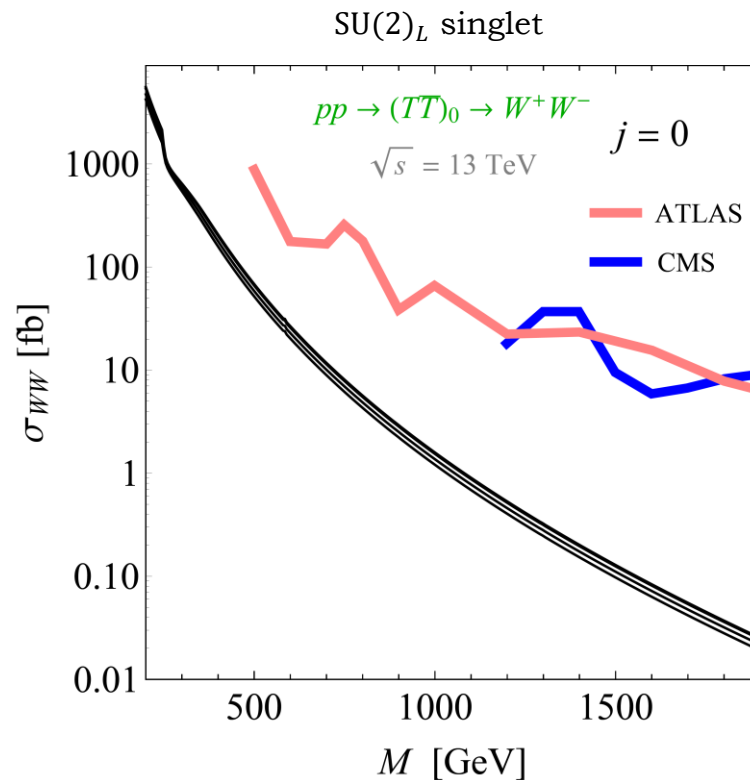
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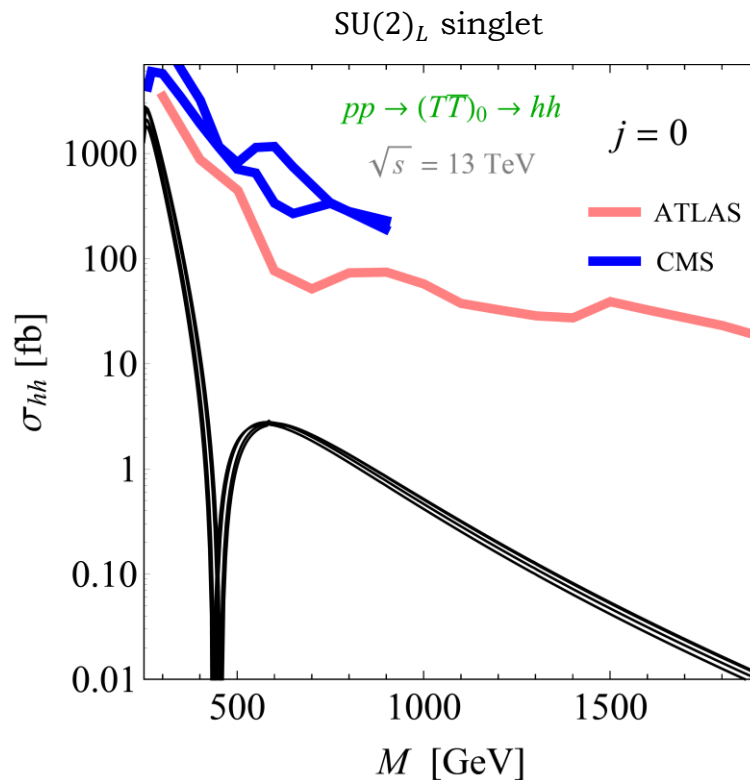
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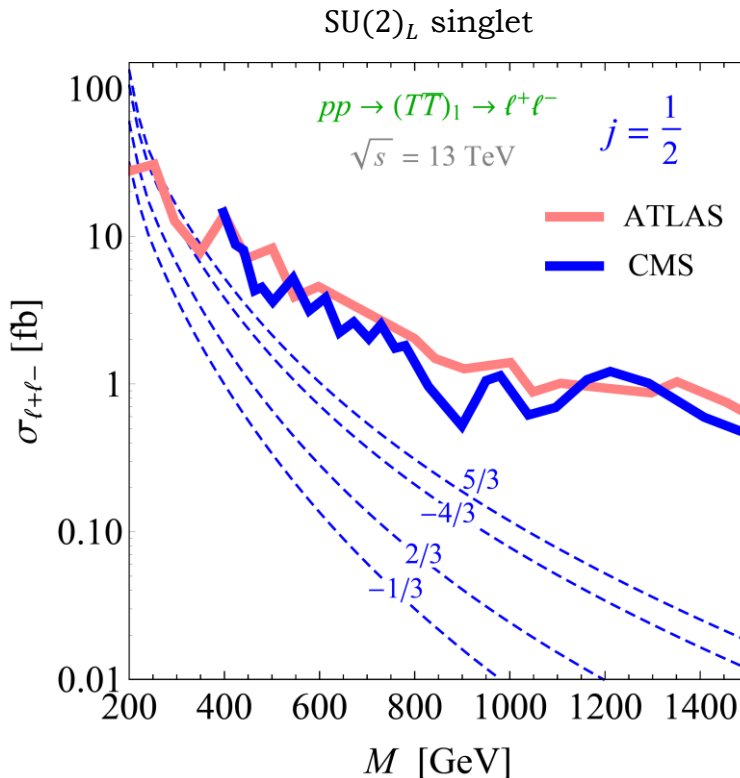
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Partnerium annihilation signals

For fermionic partners, spin-1 S-wave bound states are possible.

- Production from gg in association with a g , γ or Z .
- Electroweak production from $q\bar{q}$.
- Deexcitation of gg -produced P waves.

Interesting signature: dilepton (somewhat suppressed by enhanced Zh decays).



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Conclusions

- Can construct (somewhat complex) models with scalar or fermionic top partners with arbitrary electric charges.
- Partner decays are very model-dependent, not always covered by existing searches.
- Resonant signals from partnerium annihilation are a generic and largely model-independent feature.
- Can be relevant also in other scenarios with new colored particles (outside the context of top partners).
- It would be useful to resolve the discrepancy between the potential model and lattice estimates for $|\psi(\mathbf{0})|^2$.

Thank You!